

복막중피세포에서 상피-중간엽 세포이행에 있어서 렙틴의 효과

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Leptin-induced Epithelial-mesenchymal Transition in Human Peritoneal Mesothelial Cell

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Epithelial-mesenchymal transition (EMT) is an important problem in the maintenance of peritoneal dialysis. Some studies have reported that higher levels of leptin is a cause of tumor progression and involved in EMT. We investigated the effects of leptin on human peritoneal mesothelial cells (HPMCs). In vitro, HPMCs were exposed to median (control), media+TGF- β , media+TGF- β +leptin (50 ng/mL), and media+TGF- β +leptin (100 ng/mL). Cell morphology was analyzed under an inverted phase-contrast microscope. Protein expression of EMT markers such as α -SMA and E-cadherin were evaluated by western blot assay. The cobblestone-like appearance of mesothelial cells were converted to a fibroblast-like morphology after treatment with TGF- β and/or leptin. E-cadherin expression was significantly decreased in HPMCs exposed to TGF- β . E-cadherin expression in HPMCs treated with TGF- β and leptin was lower than in those exposed to only TGF- β . The trend for α -SMA expression was reverse to that in the E-cadherin. This study demonstrated that leptin-induced EMT may be applicable to HPMCs.

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