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Granulocyte Macrophage-Colony Stimulating Factor Signaling in Development of Mouse Embryos

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Objective: Present study was aimed to verify the effect of granulocyte macrophage-colony stimulating factor (GM-CSF) in the preimplantation development of mouse embryos and the involvement of the mitogen activated protein kiase (MAPK) in the GM-CSF signaling.

Methods: Two-cell embryos were cultured for 96 h in the presence or absence of GM-CSF (0, 0.4, 2, 10 ng/ml) and PD98059, a MEK inhibitor (10 μM). Morphological development, cell number per blastocyst, and apoptotic nuclei, were examined. MAPK activity of embryonic immunoprecipitate by MAPK (ERK1/2) antibody was measured by in vitro phosphorylation of myelin basic protein.

Results: At post hCG 122 h the embryonic development among the experimental groups was significantly different (p=0.018). The rate of blastocyst development and cell number per embryo were the highest in 2 ng/ml GM-CSF treatment group. The percent of apoptotic cells of the GM-CSF-treated embryos was the lowest among the group. In blastocysts, GM-CSF treatment transiently increased MAPK activity. PD098059 attenuated the effect of GM-CSF on the morphological development, increase in cell number per blastocyst, down regulation of apoptosis, and upregulation of MAPK activity, suggesting that activation of MAPK cascade possibly mediated the embryotropic effect of GM-CSF.

Conclusion: This result suggested that GM-CSF potentiated the development of preimplantation mouse embryos by activation of MAPK.

Key Words: GM-CSF, Signaling, Development, Apoptosis, MAPK, Mouse embryos

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Granulocyte macrophage-colony stimulating factor (GM-CSF) T-lymphocytes

oestrous cycle

rine epithelial cells oestradiol progesterone

inner cell mass

GM-CSF α subunit β subunit heterodimeric receptor complex

GM-CSF low affinity β subunit (IL-5) interleukin (IL)-5 IL-3 receptor

GM-CSF α subunit high affinity

a subunit β subunit

Ras / Raf / MEK / MAPK cascade p90Rsk CREB, Elk-1

kinase transcription factors

extracellular stimuli

apoptosis

p38 MAPK

extracellular signal-regulated kinase (ERK)

MAP kinase

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3.

5 IU pregnant mare's serum gonadotropin (PMSG) (Sigma, St. USA)

48 h human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG) (Sigma, St, USA) 5 IU

35-39 GM-CSF 가

2-, 4 가

9-13 ,⁴⁰ 1-cell, 2-cell, 8-cell GM-

CSF mRNA가⁴¹ GM-CSF , apoptosis

GM-CSF apoptosis GM-CSF 가

GM-CSF

GM-CSF MEK , apoptosis

MAP kinase

1. (Osan, Korea) ICR strain 6 12 12

h

2. human tubal fluid media (HTF) 가 BSA insulin-free BSA (Sigma, U.S.A) . Recombinant mouse GM-CSF (Sigma, USA) MEK inhibitor PD98059 (Sigma, USA) . MAPK immunoprecipitation kinase assay kit Upstate Biotechnology Institute (USA) , [³²P]ATP Amersham Pharmacia , apoptosis Apoptaq kit Intergen (U.S.A)

3. 5 IU pregnant mare's serum gonadotropin (PMSG) (Sigma, St. USA) 48 h human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG) (Sigma, St, USA) 5 IU

copulation plug
 hCG 48 h
 2-
 (plastic dish, 60 mm × 15 mm, falcon 3002) mineral
 oil (light, Sigma) 30 µl
 , 37 , 5% CO₂ 95% 가
 (Forma Scientific, Model 3546)
 0.4% insulin-free BSA
 (Sigma, U.S.A) 가 HTF (human tubal fluid)
 (Quinn et al., 1985) , hCG 122
 h GM-CSF (0, 0.2, 2, 10 ng/ml)
 PD98059 (10 µM)
 12 h 2-, 4-, 8-cell,
 morula (M), early blastocyst (EB), late blastocyst (LB),
 hatching and hatched (H), degeneration (D)
 post-hCG 122 h
 8-cell (<8C), M, EB, LB, H, D
 MAPK hCG
 96 2
 ng/ml GM-CSF MAPK
 PD98059
 MAPK
 4.

post-hCG 122 h ,
 ,
 0.1% polyvinyl pyrrolidone
 (PVP, Sigma) 가 0.8% sodium citrate (Sigma)
 5 , Canno's (acetic acid :
 ethanol = 1 : 3)
 . Phosphate buffered saline (PBS)
 1 Hoechst 33258 (1 µg/ml in
 PBS) 30 PBS wet
 mount . Epifluorescence microscope (O
 ympus BX50)

5. TUNEL

Post-hCG 122 h ,
 0.1% PVP가 가 0.8%

sodium citrate 15 slide
 glass . Canno's (acetic acid :
 ethanol = 1 : 3) PBS 5
 15 protease K (20 µg/ml)
 . Endogenous peroxidase
 3% hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂) 5
 PBS 5 2 .
 Apoptaq equilibration buffer 5 ,
 terminal deoxynucleotidyl transferase (TdT) enzyme
 (TdT enzyme solution : reaction buffer = 3 : 7)
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 37 1 . TdT enzyme
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 PBS 1 4 . Anti-digoxigenin IgG
 (peroxidase conjugate) , cover glass
 humidity chamber 30
 . PBS 2 3 . Peroxi-
 dase substrate 3,3'diaminobenzidine substrate (DAB,
 Dako, U.S.A) 1 . PBS
 , hematoxyline
 (Sigma, U.S.A) counter staining . PBS
 70, 80, 90, 100% ethanol series 10
 , xylene 10 2 canada
 balsam .

apoptotic nuclei apoptotic
 nuclei index (no. of TUNEL-positive nuclei / total no.
 of nuclei) .

6. Immunoprecipitation MAPK

HTF (0.1% PVP) 10
 µl assay dilution buffer (ADB, 20 mM MOPS pH 7.2,
 25 mM β-glycerophosphate 5 mM EGTA, 1 mM Na-
 orthovanadate, 1 mM DTT) . Protein A-
 agarose bead (Santacruz, CA, USA) slurry 30 µl 1 µg
 Erk1/2 (Upstate, NY, USA) 가 4
 1 buffer A (50 mM Tris,
 pH 7.5, 1 mM EDTA, 1 mM EGTA, 0.5 mM sodium
 orthovanadate, 0.1% 2-mercaptoethanol, 1% Triton X-
 100, 50 mM sodium fluoride, 5 mM sodium pyropho-
 sphate, 10 mM sodium β-glycerophosphate and 0.1%

Table 1. The effect of GM-CSF on the morphological development of 2-cell embryos *in vitro*

| Post-hCG | GM-CSF (ng/ml) | No. of embryos | No. of embryos (%) | | | | | | |
|----------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | | | <8C | M | EB | LB | H | >B | D |
| 122 hr | 0 | 65 | 4 (6.16) | 10 (15.38) | 6 (9.23) | 29 (44.61) | 5 (7.69) | 40 (61.54) | 11 (16.92) |
| | 0.4 | 63 | 0 | 9 (14.29) | 8 (12.70) | 34 (53.97) | 7 (11.11) | 49 (77.78) | 5 (7.93) |
| | 2* | 67 | 0 | 9 (13.43) | 2 (2.99) | 37 (55.22) | 14 (20.90) | 53 (79.11) | 5 (7.46) |
| | 10 | 69 | 0 | 16 (23.19) | 5 (7.25) | 29 (42.03) | 11 (15.94) | 45 (65.22) | 8 (11.59) |

The embryonic development among the experimental groups was significantly different (p=0.018) by Pearson chi square test. *, Significantly different from other groups by one way ANOVA and Duncan test

complete TM) 2
 4 2 buffer A
 2 . Immune complex-protein A-agarose
 bead ADB 3 , 14,000 rpm, 4 1.
 15 . immuno- GM-CSF (0, 0.4, 2, 10 ng/ml) 가
 complex , ADB, MAPK subst- 2- post-hCG 122 h
 rate cocktail (2 mg/ml myelin basic protein in ADB), Chi square test
 protein kinase inhibitor cocktail (Upstate, NY, USA), 가 (p=0.018). (EB, LB,
 Mg-ATP cocktail (75 mM magnesium chloride 500 H) 2 ng/ml GM-CSF
 μM ATP in ADB) [³²P]-ATP (specific activity 5 79.1% (64.6%), 0.4 ng/ml
 μCi/mol, Amersham, USA) 가 30 20 (77.8%), 10 ng/ml (65.1%)
 2 ng/ml
 phosphocellulose paper . 1% phosphoric GM-CSF 20.9% (7.7%), 0.4 ng/
 acid 3 , ethanol 2 ml (11.1%), 10 ng/ml (15.9%)
 PC paper scintillation counter . 2 ng/ml GM-
 가 . Kinase 가 - CSF 7.5% (16.9%), 0.4 ng/ml
 (7.9%), 10 ng/ml (11.6%)
 7. (Table 1). GM-CSF
 2 ng/ml
 square test (χ²-test) , Chi GM-CSF 가 MEK
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 (<8C, EB, LB, H, D) one 98059 (2 ng/ml with 0.1% DMSO), PD-
 way ANOVA CSF (10 μM with 0.1% DMSO), GM-
 post hoc Duncan test CSF PD98059 0.1% DMSO . Post-
 , apoptotic hCG 122 h
 index, MAP kinase one way ANOVA Dun- Chi square test
 can test . p< 가 (p=0.006) (Table 2).
 0.05 . GM-CSF 75.3%

Table 2. Blastocyst development of mouse embryos in the presence or absence of GM-CSF and PD98059

| Post-hCG | Treatment | No. of embryos | No. of embryos (%) | | | | | | |
|----------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | <8C | M | EB | LB | H | >B | D |
| 122 hr | Control | 92 | 2 (2.2) | 10 (10.9) | 7 (7.6) | 32 (34.8) | 15 (16.3) | 54 (58.7) | 26 (28.3) |
| | GM-CSF ^{#,*} | 97 | 4 (4.2) | 6 (6.2) | 9 (9.3) | 34 (35.1) | 30* (30.9) | 73 (75.3) | 14 (14.4) |
| | PD98059 ^{##} | 73 | 6 (8.2) | 4 (5.5) | 4 (5.5) | 19 (26.0) | 9 (12.3) | 32 (43.8) | 31 (42.5) |
| | PD + GM | 86 | 4 (4.7) | 8 (9.3) | 6 (7.0) | 30 (34.9) | 10 (11.6) | 46 (53.5) | 28 (32.6) |

The embryonic development among the experimental groups was significantly different (p=0.006) by Pearson chi square test. *, Significantly different from others by one way ANOVA and Duncan test. #, 2 ng/ml; ##, 10 μM. 0.1% DMSO was included in all groups

Table 3. The effect of GM-CSF on the cell number of blastocysts

| Treatment | No. of embryos | No. of blastomere per blastocyst |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Control | 24 | 73.8 ±10.4 |
| GM-CSF (0.4 ng/ml) | 26 | 75.4 ±10.7 |
| GM-CSF (2 ng/ml) | 24 | 83.5 ±9.5* |
| GM-CSF (10 ng/ml) | 25 | 77.2 ±10.3 |

The cell number per embryo among the experimental groups was significantly different by one way ANOVA (p=0.01). *, Significantly different from others by Duncan test. Data are mean ± SD

Table 4. The effect of GM-CSF and PD98059 on the cell number of blastocysts

| Treatment | No. of embryos | No. of blastomere per blastocyst |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Control | 33 | 86.85 ±15.01 |
| GM-CSF [#] | 31 | 98.42 ±16.01* |
| PD98059 ^{##} | 29 | 82.76 ±16.57 |
| PD + GM | 30 | 85.50 ±14.75 |

The cell number per embryo among the experimental groups was significantly different by one way ANOVA (p=0.001). *, Significantly different from others by Duncan test. #, 2 ng/ml; ##, 10 μM. 0.1% DMSO was included in all groups. Data are mean ± SD

PD98059 43.8% 가 . GM-CSF PD98059

GM-CSF 가 , 14%

. GM-CSF PD98059 (Table 3).

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GM-CSF 2 ng/ml 가 가 (Table 3).

MEK GM-CSF, ,

GM-CSF + PD98059, PD98059

GM-CSF (Table 4).

Table 5. The effect of GM-CSF and PD98059 on the apoptosis of blastocysts

| Treatment | No. of embryos | Apoptotic index |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Control | 8 | 22.55 ±10.06 |
| GM-CSF [#] | 9 | 11.20 ±9.35* |
| PD98059 ^{##} | 10 | 34.72 ±9.66 |
| PD + GM | 5 | 25.41 ±8.22 |

The apoptotic index was calculated by TUNEL positive nuclei / total number of nuclei. Apoptotic index among the experimental groups was significantly different by one way ANOVA (p=0.001).

#, 2 ng/ml; ##, 10 μM. 0.1% DMSO was included in all groups. *, Significantly different from others by Duncan test. Data are mean ± SD

3. Apoptosis

, GM-CSF , PD98059 ,

(10 ng/ml) GM-CSF
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 GM-CSF
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 autocrine paracrine
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 insulin MAPK
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