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研究成果

1. Acetyl-seryl-aspartyl-lysyl-proline is a novel natural cell cycle regulator of renal cells.

A natural tetrapeptide, acetyl-seryl-aspartyl-lysyl-proline (AcSDKP) is a physiological negative regulator of hematopoiesis. The precursor of AcSDKP, thymocin β_4 , is expressed in many tissues including kidney. The present study examined the antiproliferative effect of AcSDKP in two renal cell lines, namely, renal interstitial fibroblasts cell line (NRK 49F) and renal proximal tubular epithelial cells (LLC-PK1). An addition of AcSDKP for 48 hours in these cells resulted in a concentration-dependent attenuation in the proliferation rate (significant difference to non-treated cells was observed at 10^{-9} to 10^{-5} M AcSDKP) determined by a colorimetry of alamar blue oxidation. The cell cycle analysis of NRK 49F cells treated with AcSDKP showed that AcSDKP significantly reduced the ratio of S-phase to G2/M-phases. Thus, physiological concentrations of AcSDKP is capable of altering cell cycle to inhibit the proliferation of renal cells.

2. Regulation of renal cell proliferation by a natural tetrapeptide acetyl-seryl-aspartyl-lysyl-proline

N-acetyl-seryl-aspartyl-lysyl-proline (AcSDKP) is a natural peptide that inhibits proliferation of hematopoietic stem cells. We tested if the peptide regulates proliferation of renal cells. AcSDKP concentration-dependently attenuated growth of NRK49F cells, a cell line of renal fibroblasts. Captopril which blocks the N- and C-terminals of angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE), augmented the antiproliferative activity of AcSDKP, while lisinopril which selectively blocks the C-terminal showed no effect. Treatment with AcSDKP and ACE inhibitors did not change mRNA expressions of ACE and the precursor of the peptide, thymosin β_4 . The antiproliferative activity of AcSDKP was also demonstrated in glomerular mesangial cells but not in U937 cells, a monocytic cell line. Thus, AcSDKP may be a novel regulatory factor of renal cell proliferation. An inhibition of AcSDKP degradation may constitute the anti-proliferative effect of ACE inhibitors that block the ACE N-terminal active site.

3. Other findings of the project

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