

葛根素通过TGF- β /Smads信号通路促进前列腺癌细胞凋亡的机制

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摘要: 目的: 探讨葛根素(puerarin)通过TGF- β /Smads信号通路促进前列腺癌细胞凋亡的机制。方法: 将不同浓度葛根素(0、25、50、75和100 $\mu\text{mol/L}$)分别孵育前列腺癌PC3细胞, 并采用台盼蓝染色(trypan blue)检测细胞增殖情况; 流式细胞术方法检测不同剂量葛根素对细胞凋亡率的影响; 使用RT-PCR和Western blot检测葛根素对TGF- β 1和Smad3的影响; 采用TGF- β 1抑制剂P144抑制TGF- β 1活性, 使用Western blot验证P144对TGF- β 1表达含量的影响并检测其对细胞凋亡蛋白Caspase3、Bcl-2表达水平的影响。结果: 葛根素以时间和剂量依赖的方式抑制PC3细胞的生长($P < 0.05$); 25、50、75和100 $\mu\text{mol/L}$ 葛根素对细胞存活的抑制率分别为25.7%、28.9%、32.5%和56.3%; 流式细胞术检测结果指出25、50、75和100 $\mu\text{mol/L}$ 葛根素对PC3细胞的凋亡率分别为(4.36 \pm 2.62)%、(9.86 \pm 3.64)%、(15.95 \pm 5.22)%、(19.65 \pm 7.34)%, 随着剂量的增长, PC3细胞凋亡率逐渐上升($P < 0.05$); RT-PCR和Western blot检测提示随着葛根素浓度的升高, TGF- β 1、Smad3和Caspase3在mRNA和蛋白水平表达含量显著升高, 而Bcl-2则显著降低($P < 0.05$); 与葛根素单独处理组相比, 葛根素+P144共处理组细胞, TGF- β 1、Smad3和Caspase3蛋白表达水平显著下降, Bcl-2蛋白表达水平显著升高($P < 0.05$)。随后的流式细胞术检测结果指出, 与葛根素单独处理组比, 使用葛根素+P144共处理组细胞凋亡水平显著下降($P < 0.05$)。结论: 葛根素可能通过激活TGF- β /Smad受体信号通路诱导Bcl-2下调和促进Caspase3的上调, 从而诱导前列腺癌PC3细胞凋亡。

Abstract: Objective: To investigate the mechanism of puerarin promoting apoptosis of prostate cancer cells through TGF- β /Smads signaling pathway. Methods: Different concentrations of puerarin(0, 25, 50, 75 and 100 $\mu\text{mol/L}$) were incubated with prostate cancer PC3 cells, respectively, and trypan blue staining was used to detect cell proliferation. Flow cytometry was used to detect different doses of puerarin. The effect of puerarin on TGF- β 1 and Smad3 was detected by RT-PCR and Western blot. The expression of TGF- β 1 was inhibited by TGF- β 1 inhibitor P144, and the expression of TGF- β 1 by P144 was confirmed by Western blot. The effect of the content and its effect on the expression levels of the apoptotic proteins Caspase3 and Bcl-2 were detected. Results: Puerarin inhibited the growth of PC3 cells in a time- and dose-dependent manner($P < 0.05$). The inhibition rates of 25, 50, 75 and 100 $\mu\text{mol/L}$ puerarin were 25.7%, 28.9%, 32.5% and 56.3%, respectively. The results of flow cytometry indicated that the apoptosis rates of puerarin on PC3 cells were (4.36 \pm 2.62)%, (9.86 \pm 3.64)%, (15.95 \pm 5.22)%, (19.65 \pm 7.34)%. With the increase of dose, the apoptosis rate of PC3 cells increased gradually($P < 0.05$). RT-PCR and Western blot showed that with the concentration of puerarin elevated, TGF- β 1, Smad3 and Caspase3 were highly expressed at mRNA and protein levels significantly, while Bcl-2 was

significantly decreased($P<0.05$). Compared with puerarin alone, the expression of TGF- β 1, Smad3 and Caspase3 protein was significantly decreased in puerarin+P144 co-treatment group, Bcl-2 protein expression level was significantly increased($P<0.05$). The results of subsequent flow cytometry showed that the apoptosis level of cells treated with puerarin+P144 was significantly lower than that of puerarin alone($P<0.05$). Conclusion: Puerarin can induce apoptosis of PC3 cells by inducing down-regulation of anti-apoptotic protein and activation of Caspase3 by activating TGF- β /Smad receptor signaling pathway.

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