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Title

A Novel lung explant model to study the effects of tracheal occlusion for congenital diaphragmatic hernia

Background

Fetal tracheal occlusion (TO) improves survival in fetuses with severe congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH). To better understand TO, many animal models have been developed, but each model requires fetal operation and the survival rates are low. Here, we aimed to establish a novel tracheal occlusion model using lung explants.

Objective

We extracted lungs from two rats with nitrofen-induced CDH on embryonic day 18.

Methods

We mimicked TO in the lung explants by tying the trachea with a surgical suture. We checked lung weight, air spaces of lungs, and immunofluorescence using anti-Ki-67 and anti-Active caspase-3 antibodies. We also evaluated the expression of prosurfactant protein C (SPC). The % Ki-67/DAPI+ and active caspase-3/DAPI+ were calculated. SPC protein abundance was defined as the mean gray value of the immunostained images.

Results

Lung weight gain was significantly higher on day1 (1.12 vs. 1.19, p=0.030) and significantly lower on day2 (1.09 vs. 0.97, p=0.013) in TO lungs (TO+) than non-TO lungs (TO¬), and air spaces of lungs were significantly higher in TO+ than TO– (34.3% vs. 44.1%, p=0.0258 for day1, 30.7% vs. 39.1%, p=0.0172 for day2, 27.2% vs. 39.6%, p=0.0115 for day3, respectively). % Ki-67/DAPI+ were significantly higher in TO+ than TO– (p=0.009 for day1, p=0.004 for day2, p=0.044 for day3, respectively), and % Active caspase-3/DAPI+ were significantly higher in TO+ than TO– on day2 and day3 (p<0.001 for day2, p=0.008 for day3, respectively). However, SPC protein abundance was significantly lower in TO+ than TO¬ (p=0.033 for day1, p=0.038 for day2, p=0.009 for day3, respectively).

Conclusion

The TO model in lung explants is easier to use with comparable outcomes to other current animal models of TO. Further studies with this model can reveal the cellular and molecular effects of TO in CDH lungs.

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