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Expression of IRE1 β is downregulated in azoxymethane/dextran sulfate sodium-induced mouse colonic tumor

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Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) is a risk factor for the colon cancer. The endoplasmic reticulum (ER) stress is associated with IBD and cancer. We used azoxymethane (AOM) and dextran sulfate sodium (DSS)-induced mouse colonic tumor model to analyze the expressions of ER stress chaperone molecules. C57BL/6 female mice were given an intraperitoneal injection of AOM 1mg/ml (12mg/kg) on day one, a week later drunk 1.0% DSS for 7 days, and then normal drinking water for 14 days. The cycle of 7 day DSS plus 14-day water was repeated for two times. At the end of the study, the tumors were found in the distal colon. IL-6, IL-8, and TNF- α mRNA was significantly higher in mice of tumor group compared with that in mice of the control group; There was no significant difference in the expression of IRE1 α mRNA and protein between the two groups although XBP1s mRNA was increased; the expression levels of IRE1 β and MUC2 mRNA were significantly lower, only 42% and 30% of the control group. IRE1 β and MUC2 protein were mainly expressed in colonic epithelial cells, and their expression was decreased in the tumor group. The downregulation of IRE1 β and MUC2 might reduce the ability to resist inflammation, so as to promote the occurrence and development of the colonic tumor.

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