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Natural killer (NK) cells were assessed in patients with hyperthyroxinemia due to Graves' disease or treatment with thyroxine (T₄). Cytolytic activity was measured with ⁵¹Cr-labeled K562 tumor cells and NK enumeration was by flow cytometry using NKH-1 monoclonal antibody to identify the relevant surface marker. Activity was uniformly decreased in association with hyperthyroxinemia, regardless of the underlying pathology; however, there was no reduction in the number of NKH-1+ cells. NK activity was enhanced by addition of interleukin 2 (IL-2) in both control and patients' cells although the value in the latter instance failed to reach the basal control level. Production of IL-2 by lymphocytes from hyperthyroxinemic subjects, in response to phytohemagglutinin, was also reduced. Since NK cells are thought to act as a defense against viral infections and some malignancies and may play a role in autoregulation of the immune system, this effect of T₄ may have significant biological implications.

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Suppression of Prostaglandin Synthase (COX) Activity by Resveratrol Inhibits

Cellular Proliferation and Induces Apoptosis in Human Colon Cancer Cells

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Introduction

Prostaglandin synthase (COX) is a membrane-bound enzyme that catalyzes the conversion of arachidonic acid to prostaglandins. It is a key enzyme in the synthesis of prostaglandins, which are known to promote cell growth and survival. Inhibitors of COX activity have been shown to have anticancer properties. Resveratrol, a natural polyphenolic compound, has been shown to inhibit COX activity in various cell lines, including human colon cancer cells. In this study, we investigated the effect of resveratrol on the proliferation and apoptosis of human colon cancer cells. The results show that resveratrol significantly inhibits the proliferation of these cells and induces apoptosis. The mechanism of action involves the inhibition of COX activity, which leads to a decrease in the levels of prostaglandins. Additionally, resveratrol was found to increase the levels of pro-apoptotic factors, leading to the activation of the caspase cascade and the subsequent fragmentation of DNA and nuclear condensation. These findings suggest that resveratrol may be a potential chemopreventive agent for colon cancer.

Materials and Methods

Human colon cancer cells were cultured in the presence of resveratrol at various concentrations. Cell proliferation was measured by counting the number of cells. Apoptosis was measured by DNA fragmentation and nuclear condensation. COX activity was measured by the release of ¹⁴C-labeled prostaglandin G2/H. The results are presented as mean ± SD. Statistical significance was determined by Student's t-test.

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Figure 1 shows the effect of resveratrol on cell proliferation and apoptosis. The graph shows that resveratrol significantly inhibits cell proliferation and induces apoptosis in a dose-dependent manner. The inhibition of cell proliferation is accompanied by an increase in the percentage of apoptotic cells. The mechanism of action involves the inhibition of COX activity, which leads to a decrease in the levels of prostaglandins. Additionally, resveratrol was found to increase the levels of pro-apoptotic factors, leading to the activation of the caspase cascade and the subsequent fragmentation of DNA and nuclear condensation. These findings suggest that resveratrol may be a potential chemopreventive agent for colon cancer.

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