In search for obesogens

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Obesogens-an environmental link to obesity

Obesogens (B. Blumberg 2006)- a subset of endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs) that activate PPARγ

PPARy is one of the nuclear receptors' ligandactviated transcription factor that mediates adipogenesis and maintenance of mature adipocytes



Adipose tissue energy homeostasis



MEHP and rosiglitazone bind similarly to the PPAR ligandbinding domain



Feige JN, et al. The endocrine disruptor monoethyl-hexyl-phthalate is a selective peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor g modulator that promotes adipogenesis. JBC 282:26:19152-19166 (2007)

MEHP regulates only a subset of genes compared with rosiglitazone



MEHP induces adipogenesis through PPARy



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Obesogens selection

Compound	Concentrations µM	Product
Rosiglitazone (positive control)	$1.10^{5} > 1.10^{-3} \mu\text{M}$	Anti Diabetes
15d-PGJ2 prostaglandin (positive control)	$1.10^{6} > 1.10^{5} \mu\text{M}$	Natural agonist of PPARy
Flavone (positive control)	$2 \cdot 10^5 > 2 \cdot 10^1 \mu M$	Natural compound
Ethinyl-Estradiol (negative control)	1·10 ⁵ > 3, 1 μM	Hormone
DDT (dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane)	4·10 ⁴ > 2 μM	Organochlorine, insecticide
DDE (Dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene)	1·10 ⁴ > 2 μM	Product of DDT
β HCH (β-hexachlorocyclohexane)	1·10 ⁵ >1·10 ⁻³ μM	Pesticide product, organochloride
DES (Diethylstilbestrol)	4·10 ⁴ > 2 μM	Synthetic estrogen
Bisphenol A/B/C	$1.10^{5} > 1.10^{-3} \mu\text{M}$	Plasticizers
PCB 153 2,2',4,4',5,5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	$1.10^{5} > 1.10^{-3} \mu\text{M}$	Environmental contaminant
DEHP (Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate)	$1.10^{5} > 1.10^{-3} \mu\text{M}$	Plasticizer
MEHP (mono-2-ethylhexyl phthalate)	$1.10^{5} > 1.10^{-3} \mu\text{M}$	Plasticizer
TPTC tri-n-propyltin chloride	$1.10^{5} > 1.10^{-3} \mu\text{M}$	Biocides, organotin
TBTC Tributyltin chloride	0.1 > 0.00000001%	Biocides, organotonin
HCB β-hexachlorocyclohexane	$1.10^{5} > 1.10^{-3} \mu\text{M}$	Fungicide, organochloride, insecticide

PPARy2 CALUX





DEHP, PCB, Flavone-PPARy CALUX



Bisphenol A - PPARy CALUX



Obesogens beyond PPARy



Casals-Calas C, Desvergne B. 2011 Annu. Rev. Physiol.73:135-62

Human Simpson-Golabi-Bhemel-Syndrome (SGBS) cells

Advantages:

- Human
- More efficient to differentiate
- Unlimited source





No direct effect of TCDD on PPARy



No antagonistic effect



Cytotoxicity



Relative cell viability



Conc. TCDD (nM)



Dose dependent acute effect of TCDD on gene expression in undifferentiated SGBS cells



TCDD target genes: AhR, CYP1A1, CYP1B1

Inflammatory genes: MCP1, IKKβ, Serpin B2, IL-6, IL-1β, TNFα



TCDD target gene expression





100nM TCDD down-regulates AhR expression and up-regulates CYP1A1 and CYP1B1 expression



Inflammatory gene expression





1nM TCDD and higher induces dose-dependent up-regulation of inflammatory marker gene expression



Chronic effect of 10nM TCDD on gene expression during differentiation



TCDD target genes

Inflammatory marker genes

Adipogenic (metabolic) genes: PPARy, Adiponectin, Leptin, LPL, FABP4



TCDD target gene expression





TCDD down-regulates AhR expression and up-regulates CYP1A1 and CYP1B1 expression



Inflammatory gene expression



TCDD up-regulates most of the inflammatory marker gene expression



Adipogenic (metabolic) gene expression





Oil Red O staining



Dose dependent decrease of TCDD on the amount of lipid droplets



Oil Red O quantification





Conclusion

 TCDD despite clear toxicity significantly alters gene expression

 These changes could lead to functionally altered adipocytes that are predisposed to metabolic disorders





Conclusion

 PPARg CALUX is successful to identify subset of obesogens

• SGBS cell line can be used to identify larger number of obesogens/EDCs





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