

论著

## 细胞内游离钙在辛伐他汀诱导大鼠血管平滑肌细胞凋亡中的作用

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**摘要** 目的 研究3-羟-3-甲戊二酰辅酶A(HMG-CoA)还原酶抑制剂辛伐他汀诱导血管平滑肌细胞(VSMC)凋亡的机制。方法 以荧光染料Fura-2/AM负载后荧光分光光度计法检测细胞内游离钙浓度, 以DNA琼脂糖凝胶电泳、流式细胞仪PI/膜联蛋白(annexin)V染色及半胱天冬酶-3激活来检测细胞凋亡。结果 辛伐他汀 $30 \mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$ 孵育VSMC后, 细胞内游离钙浓度显著升高, 6 h时达对照的3倍以上( $P<0.01$ ), 维拉帕米 $80 \mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$ 与辛伐他汀 $30 \mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$ 共同孵育VSMC

6 h后细胞内游离钙浓度为 $(144 \pm 34) \text{nmol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$ ( $P<0.01$ )。辛伐他汀可诱导细胞凋亡率增高、“DNA梯状”样改变及半胱天冬酶-3的激活, 这些变化均可被维拉帕米所逆转。结论 辛伐他汀通过使细胞外钙大量内流而诱导VSMC凋亡。

**关键词** [辛伐他汀](#) [肌, 平滑, 血管](#) [凋亡](#) [钙, 细胞内](#)

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## Effect of intracellular free calcium on simvastatin induced vascular smooth muscle cells apoptosis in rats

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### Abstract

**AIM** To investigate the mechanisms involved in simvastatin induced apoptosis in vascular smooth muscle cells(VSMC).

**METHODS** Cultured VSMC was treated with simvastatin. Intracellular free calcium concentration ( $[Ca^{2+}]_i$ ) was measured by fluorescent  $Ca^{2+}$ -sensitive probe fura-2 acetoxyethyl ester(Fura-2/AM), apoptotic changes were distinguished by annexin V binding, DNA fragment and caspase-3 activation. **RESULTS** When incubated with  $30 \mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$  simvastatin,  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  in VSMC increased with time and reached to  $(336 \pm 52) \text{nmol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$  at 6 h, more than 3-fold of control ( $P<0.01$ ,  $n=5$ ). Verapamil ( $80 \mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$ ), a membrane voltage-dependent  $Ca^{2+}$  channel blocker, inhibited the increase of free calcium concentration induced by simvastatin from  $(336 \pm 52) \text{nmol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$  to  $(144 \pm 34) \text{nmol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$ ( $P<0.01$ ). Caspase-3 also activated by simvastatin after 12 h. Verapamil could efficiently inhibit simvastatin induced caspase-3 activation. Furthermore,  $80 \mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$  verapamil could decreased simvastatin induced apoptosis rate from  $(24.2 \pm 1.7)\%$  to  $(7.9 \pm 0.6)\%$  ( $P<0.01$ ) and also prevented simvastatin induced DNA laddering. **CONCLUSION** Simvastatin could increase  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  mainly through calcium influx from extracellular solution and then induces apoptosis.

**Key words** [simvastatin](#) [muscle](#) [smooth](#) [vascular](#) [apoptosis](#) [calcium](#) [cytosolic](#)

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