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**ABSTRACT**

Recent studies have found alterations to clock genes in several forms of cancer. *Period* (*Per*) gene plays an important role in the circadian system, the cell cycle, the induction of apoptosis, and DNA damage. However, the functions of *Per* in pancreatic cancer have not yet been elucidated. Here, we show that tumor necrosis factor- $\alpha$  (TNF- $\alpha$ ) suppressed the expression of both *Per1* and *Per3* in MIA-PaCa2 cells, a human pancreatic cancer cell line. The levels of these proteins were 10% lower in the cells treated with 10 ng/mL TNF- $\alpha$ . Cell proliferation showed a 15%, 14%, and 16% decrease at 0.4, 2.0, and 10 ng/mL of TNF- $\alpha$ , respectively. In MTS-assays, MIA-PaCa2 cells transfected with siRNA against *Per1* showed a 19% reduction in proliferation. However, the knockdown of *Per3* did not significantly inhibit cell proliferation. The results suggest *Per1* to be involved in the inhibition of the proliferation of MIA-PaCa2 cells by TNF- $\alpha$ .

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