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# 正弦波电磁场对大鼠椎间盘纤维环细胞的生物学影响

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**【摘要】目的** 研究低频正弦波电磁场对大鼠椎间盘纤维环细胞增殖和细胞外基质的生物学影响。**方法** 体外培养大鼠生长良好的椎间盘纤维环细胞,取生长良好的第3代细胞,随机分为实验组和对照组,实验组采用75 Hz正弦波电磁场的间断刺激,对照组置于同样培养条件下但不暴磁。通过流式细胞术和四甲基偶氮唑蓝(MTT)法检测细胞周期和增殖活性,逆转录聚合酶链反应(RT-PCR)检测椎间盘细胞胶原和蛋白聚糖(aggre-can)的表达情况,Alcian Blue法检测糖胺多糖(sGAG)含量。**结果** 暴磁刺激初期细胞增殖效果不明显,刺激天数>4 d时能显著促进细胞增殖( $P<0.05$ ),与对照组相比,实验组细胞I、II型胶原、蛋白聚糖的表达水平均显著上调( $P<0.05$ ),GAG含量也增加。**结论** 正弦波电磁场可以促进纤维环细胞的增殖,上调正常椎间盘细胞外基质I、II型胶原、蛋白聚糖的表达水平和GAG含量,可望为治疗椎间盘退变提供一种新的思路。

**【关键词】** 电磁场; 椎间盘; 纤维环细胞

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**[Abstract]** **Objective** To study the biological effects of sinusoidal electromagnetic fields (EMFs) on proliferation and extracellular matrix (ECM) formation by annulus fibrosus (AF) cells in rats. **Methods** AF cells isolated from rats were randomly divided into a control group and an experimental group. The cells in the experimental group were stimulated with an EMF, while those in the control group were held under the same culture conditions but with no EMF. Flow cytometry and MTT were performed to observe the effects on the cell cycle and proliferation. Collagen and aggrecan expression were examined after amplification with a reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR). Sulfated glycosaminoglycan (sGAG) content was detected by applying the Alcian blue method. **Results** AF cell proliferation was not significant until after 4 days of stimulation. Compared with the control group, the expression of type I and II collagen and Aggrecan were up-regulated, and sGAG content was increased in the experimental group. **Conclusion** AF cell proliferation was enhanced by EMF. Gene expression of collagen type I and II and Aggrecan increased, as well as sGAG levels. The results suggest an approach for treating of intervertebral disc degeneration.

**【Key words】** Electromagnetic fields; Intervertebral disc; Annulus fibrosus cells

椎间盘退变是引起腰痛及继发性脊柱疾病的重要原因。椎间盘由软骨板、纤维环和髓核构成,对维持人体生理功能有重要作用。椎间盘退变后,纤维环和髓核含水量下降、胶原和蛋白聚糖减少、原纤维变性及胶原纤维沉积增加<sup>[1]</sup>。如何诱导其正常基因的表达,维持细胞外基质成分的合成和分泌,从而适应机体正常的负荷和运动要求,对延缓椎间盘退变可能有积极意义。

电磁场对很多组织和细胞都有一定的生物学效应,尤其是基因表达及其信号传导通路等作用已经成为目前研究的热点<sup>[2-4]</sup>。有研究表明,电磁场(electromagnetic fields, EMF)可以刺激间充质干细胞、软骨细

胞相关基因的表达,调节其细胞外基质的分泌<sup>[5-7]</sup>,但其对椎间盘细胞的作用还没有具体研究。本实验旨在初步研究电磁场对体外培养的椎间盘细胞的生物学影响。

## 材料与方法

### 一、主要试剂及仪器

1. 主要试剂:达尔伯克改良伊格尔/F12培养基(Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium/F12, DMEM/F12)(美国Gibco公司);噻唑蓝(methyl thiazolyl tetrazolium, MTT),N-2-羟乙基哌嗪-N-2-乙磺酸(hydroxyethyl piperazine ethanesulfonic acid, HEPES),Triton X-100(美国Ameresco公司);二甲基亚砜(dimethyl sulfoxide, DMSO),胰酶,II型胶原酶,Trizol试剂(Trizol

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得了较好疗效。不少文献报道,PEMF 可以通过影响软骨细胞及其细胞外基质的情况,干预骨关节炎的进展<sup>[12-15]</sup>。其机制包括可以上调 TGF-beta 超家族的基因表达水平,保护软骨外基质的完整性并促进其分泌,增加 GAG 水平,抑制 IL-1, MMP 等来干预软骨代谢,另外电磁场还可以通过对细胞周围环境的改变,进而间接影响细胞增殖等效应。我们设想 PEMF 是否可以通过同样机制来延缓椎间盘的退变。经过复习文献我们没有发现 PEMF 对椎间盘影响的报道,于是我们设计了本实验来初步了解 PEMF 对椎间盘纤维环细胞的细胞外基质合成的影响。

本研究中,我们选择 75 Hz,2 mT 的正弦波 PEMF 来刺激椎间盘细胞。与对照组相比,PEMF 干预能促进椎间盘纤维环细胞的增殖,其效应是随着时间的延长而增加的,干预 4 d 后,2 组的差异有统计学意义。流式细胞术的结果进一步说明,细胞的增殖可能是由于 PEMF 使 S 期细胞含量相对增加,促进 DNA 合成引起。同时我们发现,实验组中 I,II 型胶原,蛋白聚糖的表达和 sGAG 含量也均有不同程度的上升。提示 PEMF 可以促进椎间盘的胶原和糖蛋白成分的分泌,维持其含量的相对稳定。这些结果对缓解椎间盘退变是有意义的。

综上所述,电磁场作为一种外源性刺激手段,对椎间盘纤维环细胞的增殖和细胞外基质保护过程中有积极作用,但其确切机制还不清楚,有待进一步实验证实。

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