

Effects of 17 β -estradiol on endometrial cancer cell proliferation and HOTAIR expression

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Context: Endometrial cancer is the fourth most commonly diagnosed cancer among women, and the role of estrogen in the maintenance and development of endometrial cancer is well established. HOTAIR is the first-found antisense transcription long chain non coding RNA, which has been found to be highly expressed in many kinds of malignant cancers.

Objective: To investigate the role of 17 β -estradiol in regulating HOTAIR gene expression and cell proliferation in Ishikawa cells?

Patients: None

Interventions: Endometrial cancer Ishikawa cells were divided into three groups: estradiol (E2) group, HOTAIR-siRNA+E2 group and control group.

Main Outcome Measures: We measured the expression of HOTAIR, the expression of PRC2, and the cell proliferation ability.

Methods: Ishikawa cells were hormone-starved then treated or not with 17 β -estradiol. HOTAIR expression was measured by qPCR. The role of HOTAIR in cell proliferation was measured following HOTAIR silencing using siRNA. The expression of PRC2 (polycomb repressive complex 2), a histone H3 lysine27 (H3K27) specific methyl-transferase complex that interacts with HOTAIR, was measured by immunoblot analyses.

Result: 17 β -estradiol significantly induced cell proliferation in Ishikawa cells. Accordingly, 17 β -estradiol significantly increased HOTAIR mRNA expression in Ishikawa cells compared to untreated cells. 17 β -estradiol increased PRC2 expression. The siRNA silencing of HOTAIR blocked 17 β -estradiol-induced cell proliferation and PRC2 expression.

Conclusion: This study illustrates that estrogen induces HOTAIR expression in endometrial carcinoma cells. These results support HOTAIR as a therapeutic target in endometrial cancer.

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