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Effect of C2C12 Myotubes Function after Electrical Stimulation at Different Time

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Objective To study the effect of different time of electrical stimulation on C2C12 myotubes function, and further explore its molecular mechanism.

Methods An electrical stimulation was given 7 days after C2C12 myotubes differentiation, of which intensity was 30ms, 3Hz, and the stimulation time was 60mins, 120mins, and 180mins, respectively. A total of four experimental groups, including Con (control group), E60 (60 mins group), E120and E180. Microscope was used to observe the muscular myotubes form; Kits were to detect MDA and ROS; Western blot was used to detect the expression of autophagy proteins and mechanism proteins, including PGC1, p-ULK, SIRT1 and SIRT3.

Results Compared with the control group, MDA, ROS, SIRT3 increased significantly in E60 (p<0.05), p-ULK and PGC1 increased significantly (p<0.01), SIRT1 decreased significantly (p<0.05). In E120, MDA、ROS、SIRT3 and PGC1 increased significantly (p<0.01), SOD decreased significantly (p<0.05). In E180, MDA and ROS increased significantly (p<0.01), SOD decreased significantly (p<0.01). **Conclusions** Moderate electrical stimulation can significantly activate oxidative stress, and further promote SIRT3, PGC1 and p-ULK expression, while excessive stimulation has the opposite effects.