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An oxidative stress during laproscopic surgery is a possible triggering factor of cancer cell metastasis

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Objective: To study the impact of oxidative stress acute hypoxia and reperfusion on HeLa cervical cancer cell attachment, survival and invasion capacities.

Summary background data: Many hypotheses have been proposed to explain the mechanism of port-site metastases (PSM). We presumed that CO₂ exposure results in hypoxia and reperfusion with subsequent oxidative stress of cancer cells being a triggering mechanism of PSM.

Methods: Two CO₂-pneumoperitoneum conditions were created: the hypoxic standard model (HSM) and oxidative stress model (OSM) upon CO₂ insufflation and reperfusion by means of in vitro cell culture tools and non-exposed cells were served as intact control. HeLa cervical cancer cells were exposed under these CO₂ insufflation conditions. Subsequently, HeLa cell attachment, viability and proliferation capacities were evaluated in duplicate samples as series I and II by the MTT and SRB assays and invasion by the Matrigel invasion assay and repeated in triplicate experiments. The impact of different CO₂-pneumoperitoneum conditions on cancer cell attachment was evaluated immediately after exposure, whereas invasion capacity after 48 h of incubation and survival and proliferation every 24 h for 72 h.

Results: Both CO₂ insufflation models significantly affected HeLa cell attachment activity ($p < 0.001$) in comparison with that of non-exposed cells. CO₂ insufflation by HSM resulted in significantly pronounced weakening of HeLa cell attachment as compared to exposure of these cells to insufflation by OSM ($p < 0.001$). Both pneumoperitoneum regimes significantly weakened HeLa cell invasion capacity in comparison with those of controls ($p < 0.001$ and $p < 0.05$), whereas HSM profoundly decreased HeLa cell invasion capacity in comparison with that of OSM ($p < 0.05$).

Conclusion: An in vitro model of oxidative stress during CO₂-pneumoperitoneum increased HeLa cancer cell invasion capacity in comparison with standard CO₂-pneumoperitoneum condition with continuous CO₂ insufflation. Oxidative stress followed by acute hypoxia and reperfusion during deflations can increase cancer cell attachment and survival capacity, and may trigger cancer cell invasion and metastasis. These data suggest that a regime of laparoscopic procedures may affect attachment and

invasion of cancer cells and hence can explain the occurrence of port-site cancer metastasis.

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Components of the metabolic syndrome in patients with colorectal cancer: case-control study

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Obesity, associated with metabolic syndrome, is considered a significant risk factor for colorectal cancer (CRC).

Purpose: To compare the levels of metabolic syndrome (MS) components in persons with CRC and control in the frame of nested "case-control" design.

Materials and Methods: The study was carried out on the basis of a comparison of databases from epidemiological study The HAPIEE project and CRC register. The patients examined in the HAPIEE project, who had developed CRC during 10-year follow-up period according to the register of cancer ($n = 92$, men-48, women-44, mean age 60.7 ± 6.9 years) were included in analysis. The control group, matched by sex and age, was also formed from the HAPIEE database ($n = 184$, men-96, women-88, mean age 60.7 ± 6.8 years). We used MS criteria's according to NCEP ATP – III (2001). The data was processed using statistical program SPSS 13.0.

Results: Body mass index (BMI) and waist circumference (WC) had no significant differences in the studied groups, the average BMI value in CRC group was 28.6 ± 5.3 kg/m² vs 28.4 ± 5.6 kg/m² in control ($p = 0.70$) and WC value in CRC group was 94.1 ± 11.7 cm vs 94.1 ± 13.6 cm in control ($p = 0.90$). The percentage of patients with abdominal obesity was 41.3% in patients with CRC vs 42.9% in the control group ($p = 0.70$).

The average value of total cholesterol was equally high in both groups (246.8 ± 52.5 mg/dL in patients with CRC and 239.8 ± 47.0 mg/dL in the control group), with large individual variation but no significant difference ($p = 0.27$). The average level of HDL cholesterol in CRC group was within normal limits and also did not differ from control ($p = 0.60$). The average level of TG in CRC patients was slightly lower than in the control group: 127.2 ± 58.5 mg/dl vs 144.6 ± 80.8 mg/dL ($p = 0.07$). The average level of glucose did not differ in patients with CRC and in control: 5.9 ± 1.2 mmol/l vs 6.1 ± 2.1 mmol/L ($p = 0.40$). In patients with CRC systolic blood pressure was significantly lower than in control group: 142.1 ± 21.3 mmHg vs 150.4 ± 23.7 mmHg ($p = 0.005$). The level of diastolic blood pressure was slightly lower than in the control group compared to CRC (88.9 ± 11.2 mmHg vs 91.9 ± 13.4 mmHg, $p = 0.06$). The proportions of patients with low HDL cholesterol, hypertriglyceridemia and hyperglycemia