

Relationship between level of circulating endothelial progenitor cells and severity of ischemic chronic heart failure with preserved left ventricular ejection fraction

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Objectives: Traditional endothelial progenitor cells (EPC) populations, such as phenotypes CD34+VEGFR-2+ and CD34+VEGFR-2+CD133+ are not related to the extent of CAD or clinical outcome in patients with ischemic chronic heart failure. The concentrations of EPCs with phenotypes CD14+CD309+ and CD14+CD309+Tie2+ reflect the extent of vascular injury and risk of heart failure related outcomes in this patient population^{1,2}. The aim of this study was to evaluate circulating endothelial progenitor cells (EPC) level phenotyped as CD45-CD34 +, CD14 + CD309 + and CD14 + CD309 + Tie2+ in patients with ischemic chronic heart failure with preserved left ventricular ejection fraction.

Patients and Methods: 126 patients (54 men) aged 48–62 years with angiographically proven coronary artery disease in the presence of stenotic lesions of at least one coronary artery >50%, and 25 healthy volunteers were included in the study. Ischemic chronic heart failure (CHF) was determined in 82 patients (65.0%) using traditional criteria in accordance with current clinical guideline. Phenotyping of mononuclear cells was performed by flowcytometry using monoclonal antibodies labeled with fluorochromes³. Circulating EPC were defined as CD45-CD34 +. In order to identify subpopulations of EPA co-expressing CD14 antigen is further defined antigens both CD309 (VEGFR2) and Tie-2 antigens.

Results: Circulating levels of proangiogenic mononuclear cells with the phenotype CD14 + CD309 + and CD14 + CD309 + Tie2 + is more dependent on the presence of chronic heart failure and the number of cardiovascular risk factors than on the severity and extent of coronary athero-

sclerosis in patients cohort with angiographically determined coronary artery disease. The most important independent predictors of lower circulating levels of EPC with the phenotype CD14 + CD309 + Tie2 + are CHF (OR = 1.45, 95% CI = 1.12-1.88; P = 0.004), type 2 diabetes (OR = 1.21, 95% CI = 1.10-1.40; P = 0.008), NT-pro-BNP > 154 fmol / mL (OR = 1.13, 95% CI = 1.04-1.18; P = 0.003), hyperlipidemia (OR = 1.12, 95% CI = 1.05-1.23; P = 0.005), as well as the presence of three or more traditional cardiovascular risk factors (OR = 1.31, 95% CI = 1.12-1.49; P = 0.008).

Conclusion: The negative impact of cardiovascular risk factors in respect of the manifestation of ischemic CHF may be mediated by non-hematopoietic deficiency of circulating EPC, whose mobilization from peripheral tissues is reduced in the early stages of myocardial dysfunction.

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