In Vitro Study of Fluorescence Detection for Protoporphyrin IX induced from 5-aminolevulinic acid in Cancerous and Normal Cells

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Abstract

To clarify the usefulness of fluorescent diagnosis for lung cancer, we investigated the optimal method of administrating 5-aminolevulinic acid(5-ALA) by analyzing fluorescence signal of Protoporphyrin-IX(PpIX) in the cultured normal and cancer cells. 5-ALA was injected as a photosensitizer to the cervico-uterine cancer cell line(HeLa) and in normal liver cells(Chang). Chang and HeLa cells were incubated with various concentrations of 5-ALA(0-800 μ g/m ℓ). The accumulation of PpIX induced by 5-ALA was in HeLa and Chang cells. The optimal concentration of ALA that induced maximum levels of PpIX was 200 μ g/m ℓ in HeLa cell cured for 24 hours after 5-ALA injection. Fluorescence of PpIX in HeLa cell was excited at a wavelength(λ = 404 nm) and showed an emission spectrum at 614 nm which could be related to the PpIX generation induced by the applied 5-ALA. The experimental results showed that fluorescence signal of PpIX was proportional to the concentration of 5-ALA in tumor cells, but not measured in normal cells.

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