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### Mechanism of Angiogenesis in the Damaged Heart

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#### Number of Heart Failure Patients in USA



National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey III 1980 and, US Bureau of the Census data and projections In Hayflick L:Ballantine Books, 1994. より改変



## Adaptive and Maladaptive Phases of Cardiac Hypertrophy



### Number of Vessels in Hearts



### Inhibition of Angiogenesis



Angiogenesis is necessary for development of cardiac hypertrophy and maintenance of cardiac function

## Promotion of Angiogenesis



Angiogenesis is enough for development of cardiac hypertrophy and maintenance of cardiac function

## Angiogenic Factors and HIF-1



#### Western Blot Analysis



HIF-1



**EMSA** 

#### Chk2 activation before p53 Expression



# Expression of HIF-1 and VEGF in p53 KO Mice



## Cardiac Function is preserved in p53 KO Mice

#### 4 weeks after TAC (maladaptive phase)



#### p53 is expressed in human failing heart



# miR-192,194,34a are increased in serum of patients with heart failure after MI

Serum miRNA levels



CHF (+) within 1 y after MI

CHF (-) within 1 y after MI

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Circulation Research Matsumoto et al. 2013

# miR-194 and 34a levels at discharge are well-correlated with left ventricular size



#### miR-194 and -34a are predictive markers for heart failure



### Comet Assay

Comet assay is a method for measuring DNA damages in eukaryotic cells. The intensity of the comet tail relative to the head reflects the number of DNA breaks.



Tail moment = (%DNA in Tail X Tail length)/100 http://www.cometassayindia.org/index.htm



#### DNA SSBs acculmulate in the failing heart





\*P<0.05; \*\*p<0.01 by Steel-Dwass analysis

#### vH2AX positive CMs increased after pressure overload



#### Molecular mechanisms of Heart Failure



### How we would induce angiogenesis?

## Erythropoietin (EPO)





# EPO (10000u/kg) s.c 5days after MI

UCG





control







control



LVEDD (mm)

FS (%)

\*

EPO







#### EPO promotes angiogenesis in infarcted hearts



vessels

vessels

#### EPO induces mature vessel formation



#### aSMA-positive vessels (/mm<sup>2</sup>)



## Sonic hedgehog (Shh)

Carbamylated EPO (CEPO) promotes neural progenitor cell proliferation through an upregulation of Shh expression

Wang L et al. J.Bio.Chem 2007



Shh is a critical regulator of cardiac growth and vasculature during embryogenesis

Tsukui et al. PNAS 1999



Shh +/- Shh-/-

#### EPO upregulates Shh expression in cardiomyocytes and infarcted hearts



# Shh signaling is critical for angiogenic effects of EPO (in vitro)



cyclopamine (cyclo): a specific inhibitor of Shh signaling

#### aMHC-MerCreMer; Shh<sup>fl/fl</sup> mice (Shh-MCM mice)



Shh is deleted only in cardiomyocytes after tamoxifen treatment

#### Cardiomyocyte-specific Shh deletion abolishes EPO-induced angiogenesis



MI+EPO

#### Cardiomyocyte-specific Shh deletion abolishes EPO-induced cardioprotection

FS (%)

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LVEDD (mm)





G-CSF protects heart from MI through Stat3-mediated antiapoptotic effects



Harada M. et al. Nat. Med. 2005

## Stat3 activation is *not* involved in EPO-induced cardioprotection



**cDNA** 

dnSTAT3 hGH polyA

α-ΜΗС

promoter



Infarct size (%)



### Mechanism of EPO-induced cardioprotection at MI



We have been conducting a clinical study using epo for AMI, EPO-AMI II.

Ueda K et al. J Clin Invest 2010

#### Cardiac Nonmyocytes in the Hub of Cadiac Hypertrophy



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