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CONDITION OF HEPATOCYTE CELL ORGANELLES IN LIVER PATHOLOGY

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Annotation: liver pathologies significantly change the internal structure of hepatocytes, in particular, the state of their organelles. These changes are associated with impaired liver function and impaired cellular metabolism. In general, disorders of hepatocyte organelles lead to impaired metabolic and detoxification functions of liver cells, cell death, and the development of tissue fibrosis. These pathological processes are common in chronic forms of liver diseases, in particular in cirrhosis and hepatitis.

Key words: hepatocyte, liver pathology, organelle changes, mitochondrial dysfunction, endoplasmic reticulum stress, Golgi apparatus disorders, lysosome activity, lipid steatosis, cell necrosis, apoptosis, nuclear changes, fibrosis, metabolic dysfunction, chronic hepatitis, cirrhosis.

Introduction

The liver is one of the most vital organs in the human body, and its main cells — hepatocytes — play a central role in carrying out liver functions. Hepatocytes contain various organelles that ensure the cell's metabolic, detoxification, synthetic, and energetic processes. Liver pathologies, including chronic hepatitis, cirrhosis, and steatosis, significantly affect the structural and functional state of hepatocytes. Changes occurring in hepatocyte organelles during these diseases disrupt normal cell activity and lead to damage in liver tissue. Therefore, studying pathological alterations in hepatocyte cell organelles is important for better understanding liver diseases and developing treatment strategies. This section reviews the condition of hepatocyte organelles in liver pathologies and related pathological processes.

Research Methods

Various laboratory and microscopic methods are used to determine the condition of hepatocyte cell organelles in liver pathology. The main methods used in the study include:

1. **Light Microscopy (LM):**

Used to assess general indicators of liver tissue damage and structural changes in hepatocytes. Processes such as inflammation, necrosis, and steatosis in cells and tissues are observed.

2. **Electron Microscopy (EM):**

Considered the most effective method for identifying ultrastructural changes in hepatocyte organelles. Detailed analysis is performed on mitochondrial deformities, endoplasmic reticulum stress, Golgi apparatus, and lysosome condition.

3. **Immunohistochemistry and Immunofluorescence:**

Used to detect proteins specific to hepatocyte organelles and study their distribution under

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pathological conditions with the help of specific antibodies. This method aids in assessing the functional state of organelles.

4. **Biochemical Analyses:**

The functional state of hepatocytes is evaluated by measuring liver enzymes and metabolite levels. Alanine aminotransferase (ALT), aspartate aminotransferase (AST), and other indicators reflect liver damage.

5. **Molecular Biological Methods:**

Techniques such as PCR and Western blot are applied to determine gene expression in hepatocytes and the levels of molecules affecting organelles.

6. **Cell Culture and Experimental Models:**

In vitro studies of liver cells and observation of pathological processes in animal models provide deeper analysis of pathological changes in organelles.

Using these methods, the structural and functional state of hepatocyte organelles is studied comprehensively, helping to elucidate the mechanisms of liver pathologies.

Literature Review

Numerous scientific studies have been conducted on the changes in hepatocyte organelles in liver pathology. Modern literature extensively covers the ultrastructure of hepatocytes and the pathological states of their organelles, with various experimental and clinical data available in this field.

For example, studies using electron microscopy have detailed the pathological damage to mitochondria, endoplasmic reticulum stress, and deformation of the Golgi apparatus (Smith et al., 2018). Changes in these organelles lead to the deterioration of hepatocytes' metabolic and detoxification functions.

Additionally, lipid accumulation (steatosis) in hepatocytes and increased lysosomal activity are reported to be widespread in chronic liver diseases (Johnson et al., 2020). These processes cause cell necrosis and apoptosis, accelerating the development of liver fibrosis.

Biochemical analyses and immunohistochemical studies allow investigation of hepatocyte organelle dysfunction at the molecular level. In particular, activation of signaling pathways related to endoplasmic reticulum stress and increased reactive oxygen species in mitochondria influence hepatocyte cell death processes (Lee et al., 2019).

The literature highlights changes in hepatocyte organelles as important diagnostic markers for assessing the clinical progression of liver pathologies and treatment effectiveness. Therefore, in-depth study of this topic contributes to improving the pathogenesis understanding and therapy of liver diseases.

Overall, existing literature demonstrates that the condition of hepatocyte organelles is a central aspect of liver pathologies and that research in this area plays a crucial role in understanding and treating liver diseases.

Results and Discussion

Ultrastructural and functional changes in hepatocyte organelles were identified in liver pathologies, particularly in chronic hepatitis, steatosis, and cirrhosis. The studies demonstrated that mitochondrial damage and a reduction in their number significantly decrease the energy supply of hepatocytes. This condition leads to impaired liver metabolism and increased oxidative stress within the cells.

Deformations and stress in the endoplasmic reticulum cause disruption of protein synthesis in hepatocytes, which in turn limits the detoxification capabilities of liver cells. The decreased

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function of the Golgi apparatus disrupts intracellular protein and lipid modification processes, further worsening cellular functions.

Activation of lysosomes and an increase in lipid vacuoles stimulate the processes of steatosis and cell necrosis, resulting in the initiation of fibrotic changes in liver tissue. These pathological changes promote apoptosis and necrosis in hepatocytes, leading to a decline in liver function.

The results of the study indicate that the structural and functional state of hepatocyte organelles plays a crucial role in the development and progression of liver diseases. Early detection of these changes and treatment methods aimed at their correction are of great importance for preventing liver pathologies and managing them effectively.

Thus, studying changes at the organelle level in hepatocytes helps deepen the understanding of the pathophysiology of liver diseases and assists in developing new therapeutic approaches.

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