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PROTEOMICS OF KETAMINE CYSTITIS AND INTERSTITIAL CYSTITIS – A WAY TO SEARCH FOR DIFFERENT PATHOPHYSIOLOGY BETWEEN DISEASES WITH SIMILAR BLADDER SYMPTOMS

Hypothesis / aims of study
Although similar suburothelial inflammation and histological symptoms in interstitial cystitis/painful bladder syndrome (IC/PBS) and ketamine cystitis (KC) were found, the level of urothelial dysfunction and apoptosis are different. More severe urothelial dysfunction and increased apoptosis, which correlated with more severe clinical symptoms, was found in KC. Besides, some KC progressed into the end-stage bladder manifested with contracted bladder and bilateral obstructive uropathy which were rarely observed in IC/PBS. This study was designed to identify significantly differentially expressed proteins between patients with IC/PBS and KC with the use of proteomic techniques.

Study design, materials and methods
Three patients each with KC and IC/PBS undergoing partial cystectomy and augmentation enterocystoplasty were enrolled consecutively. In the same time, 3 patients with bladder cancer or prostate cancer undergoing radical surgery who never had episode of urinary tract infection or irritative bladder symptoms were also included and serve as controls. The bladder wall specimens obtained during partial cystectomy and augmentation enterocystoplasty (IC/PBS and KC) or radical operations (radical cystectomy or radical prostatectomy, AC) was harvested and sent for pathological examination and urological laboratory for investigations. A proteomic approach was used to study the proteins associated with KC and IC/PBS and bioinformatics was used to construct the protein network.

Results
A total of 62 proteins were significantly different between IC/PBS and KC bladders (Table 1 and Fig. 1) and these proteins were connected by protein-protein interaction network (Fig. 2). 27 of these proteins were up-regulated in KC and 35 of these proteins were down-regulated in KC. From the protein-protein interaction network, CFL1, GSN, Lmna, MYL, and CNN1 are associated with caspase 3 which is an apoptosis associated protein. Furthermore, CNN1 is also associated with necrosis and leads to inflammation.

Interpretation of results
This study demonstrated that the etiology of IC/PBS and KC might be mediated by multiple signalling pathways. The identified proteins contributing to the spectrum of IC/PBS and KC bladders may be used to elucidate the etiology of IC/PBS and KC and as candidate biomarkers for diagnostic test.

Concluding message
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Table 1. Differentially expressed proteins in KC bladders (dark blue: up-regulated, light blue: down-regulated)
Fig. 1. Selective enlarged 2D gel image of differentially expressed proteins in IC/PBS and KC.

Fig. 2. The protein-protein interaction network of the identified differentially expressed proteins.

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