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Improving the bioavailability of the drugs in GI tract by modulating the epithelial targets

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The role of gastrointestinal functions mediated by epithelial targets and their further implication on reducing the inflammation by increasing the bioavailability of the drugs in inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD) is poorly understood. Patients with active inflammation have been associated with reduced expression as well as function of drug transporter proteins so its capacity to fight the xenobiotic challenges. More over this problem is potentiated when the patients are administered with the medications and several those medications are the substrates of these drug transporter proteins. Previously we reported that Jak3, a non-receptor tyrosine kinase expressed in the intestinal epithelial cells interact with the actin binding protein villin in a IL2 dependent manner and facilitates the wound repair process in GI tract. Here we determined the post translational modification of the drug transporter protein breast cancer resistant protein (BCRP) by Jak3 that responsible for enhancing its surface expression and to improve its capacity to fight xenobiotic challenges during inflammation. For this we used the Jak3-, BCRP- and β-catenin-expressing Intestinal epithelial cell line HT-29 CL19a and Caco-2 (which duplicate the intestinal model) as well as the wild type and Jak3 knockout mice model. Our results show that drug transporter protein BCRP is phosphorylated by Jak3 and this modulation at post translational level increases its surface expression as well as function restoring the bioavailability of the drugs. Overall, our study will address the major disease-selective mechanisms that could be utilized to develop novel therapeutic strategies to prevent inflammation and improve wound healing in IBD.

Biography

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