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Effects of Glucocorticoid Receptor Activation on the Expression of Intercellular Adhesion Regulatory Genes in Breast Cancer Cells In Vitro †

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Abstract: Combinations of anticancer chemotherapeutics with glucocorticoids (GCs) are usually used to broaden therapeutic range of main cytostatic and to diminish side effects of chemotherapy. However, long-term GC administration leads to tumor resistance and metastasis promotion. GC effects are mediated by glucocorticoid receptor, regulating gene expression via DNA-dependent transactivation associated with GC side effects, and therapeutically important transrepression. We aimed to find out molecular markers associated with GC-stimulated motility and migration of breast cancer cells. We showed that GCs stimulate the invasion and metastasis of breast cancer cells after 120 h of treatment and determined markers of GC-associated adhesion loss.

Keywords: glucocorticoids; breast cancer; cell adhesion; metastasis

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