## DPP4 Regulates Hematopoietic Stem Cell Activation in Response to Chronic stress

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# Cardiovascular risk factors



# Chronic stress (night shift on ICU) increases peripheral blood leukocytes



Heidt et al. Nat Med. 2014

### Chronic stress accelerates atherosclerotic plaque growth



Lei and Cheng et al. Inter J Cardiol 2017:243:412-20



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BRIEF DEFINITIVE REPORT

### CXCR4 is required for the quiescence of primitive hematopoietic cells

Yuchun Nie, Yoon-Chi Han, and Yong-Rui Zou

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Tzeng et al. Blood 2012

HEMATOPOIESIS AND STEM CELLS

Loss of Cxcl12/Sdf-1 in adult mice decreases the quiescent state of hematopoietic stem/progenitor cells and alters the pattern of hematopoietic regeneration after myelosuppression

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Given that interaction between the psyche and the immune system provides potential mechanism linking stress and disease initiation and progression, we investigated DPP4 inhibition-mediated benefits in chronic stress model with a special focus on HSC activation.

# Protocol-Exp (1-1)

#### 8-week-old male C57BL/6J mice



Control group : left undisturbed
 Stress group : immobilized

 (n = 10 for each group)

#### Methods

- Morphological analysis
- Biological and immunohistological assays
- Western blotting
- FACS
- ELISA

### Stress decrease blood and tissue DPP4 levels



## Chronic stress increased lin<sup>-</sup>c-Kit<sup>high</sup>sca-1<sup>high</sup>CD48<sup>-</sup>/CD150<sup>+</sup> HSC proliferation

#### LSK: lineage<sup>-</sup>c-Kit<sup>+</sup>sca-1<sup>+</sup>

Black : Control Gray: Stress



# Chronic stress increased BM and PB neutrophils and Ly6c<sup>high</sup>monocytes



BM: Bone-marrow PB: Peripheral blood

# Chronic stress affects proliferation and targeted protein expression BM c-Kit<sup>+</sup> cells



### DPP4 inhibitor mitigates BM lin<sup>-</sup>c-Kit<sup>high</sup>sca-1<sup>high</sup>CD48<sup>-</sup>/CD150<sup>+</sup> HSC proliferation



## DPP4 inhibition ameliorated BM neutrophils and Ly6c<sup>high</sup>monocytes productions



Propidum iodide (Invitrogen)

### Exenatide mitigates BM lin<sup>-</sup>c-Kit<sup>high</sup>sca-1<sup>high</sup>CD48<sup>-</sup> /CD150<sup>+</sup> HSC proliferation



# Exenatide mitigates Adrβ3 and GLP-1R protein expressions in BM lin<sup>-</sup>c-Kit<sup>high</sup>



# DPP4KO inhibits BM proliferating CD150<sup>+</sup> cells and AdrβR3 and GLP-1R protein expression



Proposed mechanism of how DPP4 inhibition and GLP-1R activation prevent HSC activation and leukocytosis in response to chronic stress





This study demonstrated that DPP4 inhibition

appears to improve BM HSC activation in response

to chronic stress via Adrβ3/Cxcl12-dependent

mechanism that is mediated GLP-1/GLP-1R axis,

suggesting a novel therapeutic strategy for the

management of stress-related cardiovascular disease.

