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Signaling via the Tgf-Î² type I receptor Alk5 in heart development

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Abstract

Trophic factors secreted both from the endocardium and epicardium regulate appropriate growth of the myocardium during cardiac development. Epicardially-derived cells play also a key role in development of the coronary vasculature. This process involves transformation of epithelial (epicardial) cells to mesenchymal cells (EMT). Similarly, a subset of endocardial cells undergoes EMT to form the mesenchyme of endocardial cushions, which function as primordia for developing valves and septa. While it has been suggested that transforming growth factor-Î²s (Tgf-Î²) play an important role in induction of EMT in the avian epi- and endocardium, the function of Tgf-Î²s in corresponding mammalian tissues is still poorly understood. In this study, we have ablated the Tgf-Î² type I receptor Alk5 in endo-, myo- and epicardial lineages using the *Tie2-Cre, Nkx2.5-Cre,* and *Gata5-Cre* driver lines, respectively. We show that while Alk5-mediated signaling does not play a major role in the myocardium during mouse

cardiac development, it is critically important in the endocardium for induction of EMT both *in vitro* and *in vivo*. Moreover, loss of epicardial *Alk5*-mediated signaling leads to disruption of cellâ€“cell interactions between the epicardium and myocardium resulting in a thinned myocardium. Furthermore, epicardial cells lacking *Alk5* fail to undergo Tgf-Î²-induced EMT *in vitro*. Late term mutant embryos lacking epicardial *Alk5* display defective formation of a smooth muscle cell layer around coronary arteries, and aberrant formation of capillary vessels in the myocardium suggesting that Alk5 is controlling vascular homeostasis during cardiogenesis. To conclude, Tgf-Î² signaling via Alk5 is not required in myocardial cells during mammalian cardiac development, but plays an irreplaceable cell-autonomous role regulating cellular communication, differentiation and proliferation in endocardial and epicardial cells.

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