Effects of Antioxidants on the Antioxidant and Apoptosis Genes Expression of IVM/IVF Hanwoo Embryos

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To investigate the effects of two antioxidants, aesculeitin and taurine, expression of apoptosis related genes and antioxidant enzyme gene in preimplantation Hanwoo embryos was determined by modified semi-quantitative single cell RT-PCR.

Hanwoo embryos derived from \textit{in vitro} maturation \textit{in vitro} fertilization were cultured in 5\% CO\textsubscript{2} and 5\% O\textsubscript{2} in CR\textsubscript{1}aa medium at 37\degree C. Aesculeitin and taurine were added to medium at concentration of 1ug/ml and 2.5mM, respectively. The expression of each gene was analyzed using modified semi-quantitative single cell RT-PCR.

Expression of \textit{cox-2}, \textit{p53}, and \textit{bax} mRNA was inhibited after addition of antioxidant. Expression of catalase, Cu-Zn-superoxide dismutase \textit{(Cu-Zn-SOD)}, Mn-superoxide dismutase \textit{(Mn-SOD)}, and glutathione peroxidase\textit{(GPx)} mRNA was induced in antioxidant treatment.

These results suggest that various apoptosis and antioxidant genes play a crucial roles in \textit{in vitro} culture of Hanwoo IVM/IVF embryos.

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