

Current Knowledge on the Skin Barrier Characteristics of Hidradenitis Suppurativa

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Introduction

Hidradenitis suppurativa (HS) is a recurring habitual seditious skin complaint primarily affecting hair follicles in apocrine gland-rich (AGR) skin regions. The estimated frequency of HS, which oppressively impairs the quality of life of affected individuals, is roughly 0.4 (1). HS has multifactorial origins, including both inheritable (dysregulation of the γ -secretase/Notch pathway) and environmental factors (life, hormonal status, vulnerable and microbiota dysregulation)(3). Although the pathogenesis of the complaint isn't completely understood, it has been revealed that HS is a Th1/Th17-mediated complaint characterized by aberrant adaptive and innate immune responses with pronounced increase in proinflammatory cytokines (IL-1, IL-17, IL-23 and TNF- α), T and B lymphocytes, T cells and dendritic cells. Lately, the vital part of keratinocytes (KCs) in the development of this vulnerable-mediated inflammation has surfaced(5). Also, it has been demonstrated that KCs play an important part indeed in the inauguration of HS, as KCs in non-lesional HS skin produce not only antimicrobial peptides and IL-1 β but also TNF- α and IL-23, supporting the driving part of KCs in the pathogenesis of HS(5). Still, it remains unclear how the activation of KCs is touched off. In addition to the endogenous γ -secretase mutations present in 6 of HS cases, the main exogenous factors associated with KC activation can be altered microbiota, skin temperature, humidity, pH or hedge damage. Thus, we aimed to determine whether hedge revision is present in HS.

Description

One of the numerous skin functions is to form and maintain a permeability hedge, furnishing the primary line of defence against colorful exogenous physical, natural and chemical stressors. At the same time, the permeability hedge prevents loss of endogenous water. The SC subcaste and the TJ network located in the stratum granulosum are substantially responsible for the permeability hedge function of the skin.

In several habitual seditious skin conditions, similar as atopic dermatitis (announcement) and presumably papulopustular rosacea (PPR), permeability hedge damage is allowed to spark the primary way of the complaint through the activation of KCs. In announcement, both inheritable and acquired hedge damage were proven to be suitable to spark KCs, and cytokine product (TSLP, IL-33, IL-25) by KCs initiates DC activation and, accordingly, type 2 adaptive vulnerable response and inflammation. Lately a veritably analogous permeability hedge impairment of facial skin was demonstrated in PPR, and the part of this hedge revision was indicated in the inauguration of the complaint,

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although this has not been proven. In HS, the part of KCs as primary vulnerable activators has been suggested, but the part of hedge damage in KC activation has not been delved completely. Thus, we explored the characteristics of the permeability hedge in HS-L and HS-NL skin samples and compared them with healthy AGR skin. We aimed to probe the SC and TJ, as the two major hedge rudiments of the permeability hedge. Motes related to cornified envelope conformation, corneocyte desquamation, intercellular lipid plates conformation and (corneo) desmosome association, along with TJ motes, and hedge alarmins were anatomized at the mRNA and protein situations.

According to our findings, in HS-NL skin, neither the mRNA nor the protein expressions of the delved motes were significantly different from normal skin. In HS-L skin, we detected significantly different mRNA situations for 11 motes compared to AGR skin; still, at the more applicable protein situations, these differences couldn't be strengthened. HS-L showed only slight, bidirectional differences at the protein position (KRT1 and KLK5 dropped, KLK7, KRT6 and DSG1 increased). Among them, only KRT6 displayed high fold changes in the same direction both at the mRNA and the protein position with significant increase in HS-L. The pronounced expression of KRT6 in HS has been reported by other exploration groups. Since KRT6 is a marker of largely actuated and proliferative KCs under pathological conditions rather than a hedge-forming patch, our finding indicates abnormal KC proliferation/inflammation rather than a hedge disfigurement.

Our functional and confocal microscopy examinations strengthened our immunohistochemical results, since severe hedge abnormalities were absent in both HS-L and HS-NL samples; the TEWL and confocal microscopy results indicated no significant damage in the function of the permeability hedge or the expression of junction structures. To date, only a few studies delved the permeability hedge in HS. These papers didn't apply contemporaneous RNA- and protein-grounded examinations or confocal styles and didn't cover all main hedge rudiments(). Likewise, former studies included only lesional skin and non-lesional skin. In HS, the healthy-looking non-lesional skin, which represents an intermediate stage between healthy and lesional skin of cases, is frequently used to describe early events (early intercessors and cellular factors) in the pathogenesis of the complaint. Thus, HS-NL skin samples were included in our disquisition.

Among the available studies examining hedge motes, the CE structural factors, FLG and LOR, were delved by Navrazhina et al., and their results were analogous to ours; no significant differences between the HS-L and control groups were detected. Of note, protein situations weren't quantified in this publication. The results of the two publications that delved the expression situations of desmosome-composing motes in HS were in agreement with our study, as DSG1 was increased in inflamed HS skin. Still, they didn't examine DSG1 mRNA situations, and no HS-NL samples were assessed. To the best of our knowledge, changes in TJ motes in HS haven't been preliminarily delved [1-5].

Conclusion

In conclusion, our findings indicate that the permeability barrier is not significantly affected in HS, and that barrier damage does not play a significant role in its initiation. Because HS is a follicular disease, our protein-level investigations (by IHC and confocal microscopy) were carried out in both the interfollicular and follicular epidermis, and none of them caused severe barrier damage. Based on these findings, we conclude that other triggers, such as

mutations, mechanical stress, hormonal changes, altered sweat production or pH, and dysregulated microbiota, may activate genetically sensitive KCs and initiate innate and subsequent adaptive immune inflammation, leading to the clinical development of HS.

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