

## **THE ROLE OF OXIDATION IN FSL-1 INDUCED SIGNALING PATHWAYS OF ATOPIC DERMATITIS MODEL IN HACAT KERATINOCYTES**

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Background: FSL-1 (deacylated lipoprotein) is known to induce secretion of thymic stromal lymphopietin (TSLP), IL33 and IL25 (interleukins 33 and 25) in HaCat keratinocytes. These cytokines' expression increase is a typical reaction in atopic dermatitis (AD).

Nuclear factor  $\kappa$ B (NF $\kappa$ B) and p38 mitogen activated protein kinase (MAPK) were shown to be activated by FSL-1 and involved in the expression of the above cytokines.

Oxidative stress is common in inflammatory conditions and may be important in disease etiology.

Methods: Revealing the oxidation involvement in signaling pathways leading to expression of AD typical cytokines in HaCat keratinocytes, was performed by using the stimulator FSL-1 and inhibitor to oxidative stress N-actylcysteine (NAC). Cytokines' expression was studied by real time PCR, NF $\kappa$ B and p38 MAPK activation was studied by western blot and oxidative state of cells was determined by Dichlorofluorescein (DCF) assay.

Results: HaCat Keratinocytes endogenous oxidative stress appeared 4 hours after FSL-1 administration and probably was not caused directly by FSL-1 stimulation. This oxidation activated NF- $\kappa$ B, but not p38 MAPK. After 4 hours of FSL-1 stimulation, NAC was able to reduce IL33 mRNA expression and after 6 hours of stimulation mRNA expression of TSLP and TNF $\alpha$  were also reduced.

Conclusion: Although the appearance of oxidative stress in FSL-1 induced reaction is probably a secondary event, it effects the expression of specific AD typical cytokines. Nevertheless, its role in the inflammatory response of FSL-1 induced NF- $\kappa$ B activation and the implications to the progress of AD like reaction, needs further investigation.