

**Regulatory mechanism of fibrinolytic activity in plasma and on vascular endothelial cells (VECs): Unique secretory dynamics of tissue plasminogen activator and the expression of its activity on VECs**



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Vascular endothelial cells (VECs) contribute to keep the patency of vasculature by expressing anti-coagulatory and pro-fibrinolytic activities. Tissue-type plasminogen activator (tPA), an enzyme which catalyzes the initial step of fibrinolysis, is secreted from VECs as an active form and directly enhances fibrinolytic potential. Recently, we succeeded to visualize its secretory dynamics in GFP-tagged tPA (tPA-GFP) expressing VECs using total internal reflection fluorescence microscopy. tPA-GFP appeared to have a unique secretory dynamics and to remain on the cell surface after exocytosis from its secretory granules. Studies using mutants of tPA-GFP suggested that the binding to the cell surface heavy-chain- as well as catalytic activity-dependent. The retained active tPA-GFP on cell-surface effectively activated plasminogen, which accelerated further accumulation of plasminogen on cell surface as well as intercellular/matrix adhesive area, and effectively lysed fibrin network formed on VECs. PA inhibitor-1 (PAI-1) facilitated dissociation of cell surface-retained tPA-GFP by forming a high molecular weight complex, and suppressed the expression of fibrinolytic activity. Thus, PAI-1 appeared to control fibrinolytic activity not only in plasma but also on the surface of VECs. We also analyzed micro-thrombus formation and its lysis on laser-induced injury site of VECs using intra-vital confocal microscopy. These processes appeared to be well controlled by spatiotemporal regulatory system of platelets activation as well as the activation of coagulation cascade. The involvement of fibrinolytic system from the very early phase of thrombus formation was also proved. In addition to these our experimental data, I also demonstrate two distinct cases of genetically characterized PAI-1-deficient Japanese subject, and discuss their molecular bases as well as unique phenotypes which are largely different from those of PAI-1 deficient mice.

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