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## TRP channels in uterine pathophysiology- A short review

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### Abstract

Calcium ions are major upstream signalling molecules to initiate myogenic contraction. TRP (Transient receptor potential) proteins belong to cation channel protein family and are localized in the cell membrane. The most perform of TRPC is to control the inflow of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  /  $\text{Na}^{+}$  betting on PKC pathway activation evoked by G-protein-coupled receptors (GPCR). TRPV6, is mostly expressed in pregnant uterus in human, mouse, rat and pig. TRPV6 and TRPC1 are related to embryo implantation. Upregulated TRPC3 urged to play an important role in LPS-induced preterm labor. TRPC1 and TRPM7 are rumoured to related to abnormal uterine fibroid contraction. TRPV4 channels are present within the pregnant and nonpregnant mouse uteri, and their activation by prostaglandin increases myometrial contractility. TRPA1 over activity could also be related to pre-eclampsia and connected cardiovascular diseases. So with growing evidences of upregulation of varied TRP proteins in several pathological conditions of the uterus in human and experimental animals signifies TRP proteins rising as a new therapeutic target in uterine pathophysiology.

**Keywords:**  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$ , TRPC, TRPV, TRPM, TRPA, TRPP, Uterus

### 1. Introduction

$\text{Ca}^{+2}$  ion in uterine smooth muscle cells (SMCs) may be a major determinant of uterine contractility (Parkington *et al.*, 1999) [16]. Before uterine contractions, cytoplasmic calcium will increase considerably. Recently, varied investigations tested the impact of L-type calcium channels in uterine contraction in mammals as well as human and animals. calcium ions are major upstream signalling molecules to initiate myogenic contraction. The calcium channel proteins are molecular switches in signal transduction pathway and are concerned in cell contraction as well as cell cycle regulation. TRP (Transient receptor potential) proteins belong to cation channel protein family and are localized within the cell membrane. There are regarding twenty eight homologous proteins discovered in mammalian cells until date and that they are in six subfamilies: TRPC, TRPV, TRPM, TRPA, TRPP and TRPML. the most perform of TRPC is to control the inflow of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  /  $\text{Na}^{+}$  betting on PKC pathway activation elicited by the G-protein-coupled receptors (GPCR) (Berridge MJ, 2008) [2]. RT-PCR analysis have shown TRPC1, TRPC3, TRPC4, TRPC5, TRPC6 and TRPC7 mRNA whereas western blot analysis and immunolocalization have unconcealed the presence of proteins TRPC1, C3, C4 and C6 in each primary cultured human myometrial SMC (Dalrymple *et al.*, 2002) [7] and immortalized pregnant human myometrial smooth muscle cells (PMH1) (Yang *et al.*, 2002) [21]. In rat myometrium, mRNA for TRPC1, TRPC2, TRPC4-C7 were expressed and TRPC4 was the foremost abundant (Babich *et al.*, 2004) [1]. So during this minireview an effort is created to insight the role of various TRP channels in several pathophysiological conditions of uterus.

### 2. Significance of TRP channel in uterine smooth muscle contraction

Uterine smooth muscle contraction is mainly regulated by two signalling pathways. one amongst that is calcium signalling. In smooth muscle fibre contraction, the cytosolic  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  is elevated by 2 ways in which. the primary one is by the activation of transmembrane proteins to induce the calcium ion of factor IV. There are 2 varieties of transmembrane calcium channel proteins: calcium transient receptor potential channel (TRPC), and calcium channel delay (long-lasting potential channel, LPC). The activation of G protein-coupled receptor (GPCR) is regulated by the activation of calcium channel proteins. The second one is that the release of intracellular calcium from the endoplasmic reticulum (ER). GPCRs activate PLC (Phospholipase C) and hydrolyze PIP2 (Phosphoinositol diphosphate) within the plasma

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membrane and generate DAG (Diacyl glycerol) and IP3 (Inositol triphosphate) that binds to IP3 receptors (IP3R) on the endoplasmic reticulum, inflicting calcium release.

### 3. TRP Channels in impaired endometrial receptiveness and/or implantation failure.

TRPV6, a member of TRP family is expressed within the luminal and glandular epithelia in human, mouse, rat and pig endometrium. TRPV6 undergoes cyclic changes throughout the ovarian cycle subject to E2 (estrogen) or progesterone regulation. In humans and mice, the maximal mRNA level of TRPV6 was detected in the oestrus phase, because of predominance of E2 (Lee and Jeung, 2007; rule *et al.*, 2011) [13]. However, in distinction to human and mouse, rat endometrium showed highest TRPV6 mRNA expression at dioestrus (Kim *et al.*, 2006) [12]. TRPV6 is additionally highly expressed within the endometrium throughout gestation. In mice, TRPV6 mRNA was detected ranging from day seven of gestation and peaked at mid-gestation (Lee and Jeung, 2007) [13]. In rats and pigs, the maximal mRNA level of TRPV6 was detected at implantation (Choi *et al.*, 2009) [5]. TRPC1, a member of the TRP family, has been reportable to be expressed in ESCs (Endometrial smooth muscle cells). Kawarabayashi *et al.* (2012) [11] incontestable that the E2/progesterone-induced decidualization *in vitro* was in the course of up-regulation of TRPC1 and will increase in TRPC1-mediated SOC activity in human ESCs (hESCs).

### 4. TRP channels and pre-term labour

In term labor women TRPC3 was detected in higher intensity than in term non-labor woman and in a lot of beyond in unpregnant women (Dalrymple *et al.*, 2003) [8]. Senadheera *et al.* (2013) [17] incontestable that TRPC3 was vital in control uterine contraction in rats, with the mechanism increased in gestation. TRPC3, L-type Cav1.2, T-type Cav3.1, and Cav3.2 localized within the uterine radial artery smooth muscle act synergistically (Senadheera *et al.*, 2013) [17]. A study by Zheng *et al.*, 2016 [22] recommended that upregulated TRPC3 might play a crucial role in LPS-induced preterm delivery.

### 5. TRP channels and uterine cancer

Uterine fibroid is that the commonest nonmalignant tumor of feminine reproductive organs with a clinical incidence of 20%-40% (Ciarmela *et al.*, 2011) [6]. The common symptoms related to it embrace abnormal uterine hemorrhage, infertility, and pelvic mass which can cause a heavy threat to women's health and quality of life. Reports say TRPC1 and TRPM7 calcium channel proteins are related to abnormal uterine fibroid contraction. Abnormal TPRC expressions are exhibited in numerous human neoplasm tissues. several studies show that TRPC proteins are related to the proliferation of breast cancer (Ouadid-Ahidouch *et al.*, 2012) [15], prostate cancer (Vanden Abele *et al.*, 2003) [19], brain tumor cell proliferation (Bomben *et al.*, 2010) [3] and brain tumor cell migration (Bomben *et al.*, 2011) [4]. It's been urged that the upregulation of TRPC1 expression enhance intracellular Ca<sup>2+</sup> concentration, promoted cell proliferation and suppressed programmed cell death. Meanwhile, cell migration may be a vital step of tumor metastasis and invasion. during this method, TRPC1 plays a really necessary role by increasing the Ca<sup>2+</sup> gradient and affecting cell migration (Fabian *et al.*, 2008) [10]. TRPM7 (Transient receptor potential cation channel, subfamily M, member 7) may be a recently discovered dual function protein acting as

an ion channel and protein kinase concerned in uterine fibrosis (Fabian *et al.*, 2008) [10].

### 6. TRP channel and pre-eclampsia

Preeclampsia/eclampsia/hypertension in gestation may be a perinatal/reproductive condition which will considerably increase the danger of death for a pregnant or early postpartum woman and might increase the danger of prematurity and low birth weight for infants. The condition happens in 5-8% of pregnancies within the U.S. and internationally. many members of an outsized family of nonselective cation entry channels, e.g., transient receptor potential (TRP) canonical (TRPC), vanilloid (TRPV), and melastatin (TRPM) channels, are related to the event of cardiovascular diseases and cardiovascular disease. TRPV4 might regulate the vascular tone of rat carotid artery through associate degree attenuated NO pathway and stimulation of the discharge of contractile prostanoids in the DOCA hypertensive rats (Dash *et al.*, 2019) [9]. Thus, disruption of TRP channel expression or perform might account for the determined increased cardiovascular risk in metabolic syndrome patients. TRPV4 channels are present within the pregnant and nonpregnant mouse uteri, and their activation by endogenous ligands like autacoid will increase myometrial contractility. Thus, the TRPV4 channel are often a crucial target in reducing myometrial contractility in preterm labor (Singh *et al.*, 2015) [18]. Pre-eclampsia might involve over-activity of the TRPA1 channel. it's investigated that TRPV1 regulates adipogenesis and inflammation in fat tissues, whereas TRPC3, TRPC5, TRPC6, TRPV1, and TRPM7 are concerned in constriction and regulation of blood pressure (Liu *et al.*, 2008) [14].

### 7. Conclusion

With growing evidences of upregulation of varied TRP proteins in numerous pathological conditions of the uterus in human and experimental animals signifies TRP proteins rising as a brand-new therapeutic target in female internal reproductive organ pathophysiology.

### 8. Conflict of interest- none

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