

GS01-1 **Role of two-pore domain K⁺ channel K_{2p}5.1 and effect of pre-mRNA splicing inhibitor on K_{2p}5.1 expression and activity by pre-mRNA inhibitor**

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Two-pore domain K⁺ channel K_{2p}5.1 plays an important role in the regulation of Ca²⁺ signaling, and contributes to various cell functions such as proliferation, differentiation and cytokine production in T cells. We have reported that K_{2p}5.1 is upregulated in CD4⁺ T cells of the inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) model mice and the knockout of K_{2p}5.1 in mice suppressed the disease responses implicated in the IBD model. We identified a novel splicing isoform of K_{2p}5.1, K_{2p}5.1B lacking the N-terminus of full-length K_{2p}5.1A from human and murine lymphoid tissues. Overexpression of K_{2p}5.1B suppressed K_{2p}5.1 activity by inhibition of K_{2p}5.1A membrane trafficking in HEK293 cells. The pre-mRNA splicing inhibitor, Pladienolide B (PB) upregulated K_{2p}5.1B expression, resulting in decrease in the K_{2p}5.1 activity in human leukemia K562 cells. In mouse splenic CD4⁺ T cells stimulated by concanavalin A, PB significantly inhibited K_{2p}5.1 activity by preventing K_{2p}5.1A transcription, resulting in decrease in inflammatory cytokine production. These findings may provide a novel insight into therapeutic strategy for treating K_{2p}5.1-related diseases like autoimmune diseases.