Ovarion Cancer in an Era of Precision Medicine

From Mechanisms to New Insights in Early Diagnosis and Therapeutic Strategy



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Ovarian cancer (OVCA) is the most lethal gynecological cancer, due mainly to late diagnosis, recurrence and chemoresistance. Although combined cytoreductive surgery and chemotherapy is initially a successful treatment, chemoresistance remains a major hurdle for long term therapeutic success. OVCA is considered a cold tumor and has poor immune cell infiltration, rendering immunotherapy ineffective to date. In this lecture, Professor Ben Tsang will elaborate on the role of plasma gelsolin (pGSN), a calcium-dependent actin-binding protein, in the molecular and cellular basis of chemoresistance in OVCA. Specifically, pGSN secretion is involved in exosome-mediated signaling in the ovarian tumor microenvironment, resulting in subtype-specific T cell anergy, apoptosis and chemoresistance. The clinical significance of his studies is pGSN could serve as a new biomarker for diagnosis of stage 1 disease, in the prognostication in residual disease and a possible target for immunomodulation in chemoresistant OVCA patients.

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