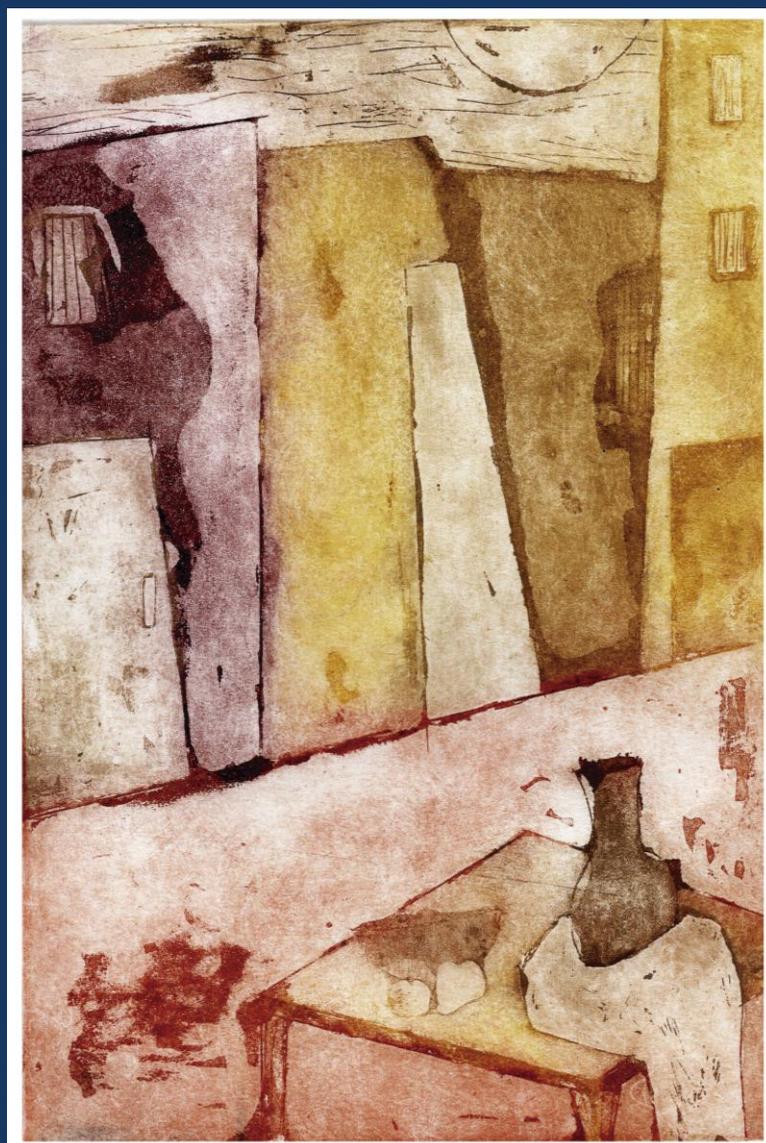


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significant changes in mTOR and Bax protein levels between groups. In summary, dexamethasone-induced IUGR is associated with placental changes in epigenetic marks, particularly we found an increase in H3K9 acetylation. In addition, dexamethasone treatment led to a decrease in the anti-apoptotic protein Bcl2 in placentas on day 15 of pregnancy. Furthermore, signs of augmented autophagy were found in placentas at term.

0437 - ENRICHMENT OF MATERNAL ENVIRONMENT PROTECTS THE OFFSPRING THROUGH CHANGES IN THE AMNIOTIC FLUID.

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Maternal lifestyle affects both pregnancy outcome and maternal health. We previously demonstrated that the exposition to an enriched environment (EE), a non-invasive stimulus of the sensory pathway combined with voluntary physical activity, prevented from preterm birth induced by the administration of bacterial lipopolysaccharide (LPS) in a mouse model. Furthermore, mothers exposed to EE presented less perinatal death when compared to control environment (CE, standard cages) and EE also reverted some of the deleterious effects of the LPS during development. The amniotic fluid (AF) exerts several functions during pregnancy. It protects the fetuses by not only cushioning it from outside pressures but also having immunological functions. The aim of this work was to analyze physiological changes in the AF, associated to the protective effects of the EE on the offspring exposed to LPS. Animals were housed in EE (or CE) cages during 6 weeks and then mated with CE males. On day 15 of pregnancy, LPS was administered and 8h later, amniotic fluid was collected to evaluate several cytokines expression and cellular profile by flow cytometry. We found higher levels of IL-10, an anti-inflammatory cytokine, in AF from EE exposed females when compared to controls ($p < 0.05$). It was not modified in any group by LPS treatment. In contrast, LPS induced a significant increase of IL-6 levels ($p < 0.05$) (a pro-inflammatory cytokine) in AF from both groups. However, it was 3.6 times higher in CE exposed group when compared to EE. Furthermore, IL-22, involved in protective response against inflammation, was significantly increased by LPS in both groups ($p < 0.05$), but it was 6.7 times higher in EE group. We analyzed the presence of B cells in the AF and found a higher percentage of this population in EE exposed mice compared to controls ($p < 0.05$). Our results suggest that the enrichment of maternal environment modulates the AF components and response to systemic LPS-administration, protecting the offspring.

0523 - DIRECT EFFECT OF METFORMIN ON HEALTHY OVARIAN CELLS.

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Metformin (MET) is an oral antihyperglycemic drug introduced in the treatment of polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) to manage hyperglycemia. PCOS is a common disorder that affects women in reproductive age. MET improves ovulation, pregnancy and live birth rates in patients with PCOS. The mechanism by which MET of these effects are not fully understood. MET primary mechanism of action is through the activation of the AMP-activated protein kinase (AMPK), which acts as an energy sensor within the cell. The aims of the present work were to analyze a possible effect of MET on healthy rat ovary and on granulosa cells (GCs) in culture. Methods: For in vivo experiments, 21 d old female Sprague Dawley rats received MET (300 mg/kg) dissolved in the drinking water for 15 days (MET group). The control group received drinking water alone. Rats were killed on day 16 and the ovaries removed. Proteins were extracted for western blot analysis. For in vitro experiments,

Sprague Dawley rats (21 d) were injected subcutaneously with diethylstilbestrol (1mg/rat) daily for three days. GCs were isolated by percoll gradient. GCs were stimulated with MET (0.01 ng/ml) with or without the organic cation transporter (OCT) inhibitor cimetidine (CIM). Cells were harvested 48 h later and proteins extracted. One Way ANOVA or t-test were used. p-AMPK was increased in the rat ovaries ($p < 0.05$) and in GCs after stimulation with MET ($p < 0.05$) while VEGF was decreased ($p < 0.05$). Inhibition of OCTs by CIM reversed these effects ($p < 0.05$ compared with MET). No changes in Angiopoietin 1 and 2 were found either in vivo or in vitro. Our results suggest that MET acts directly on ovarian cells regulating cell metabolism and VEGF expression, entering the cells through OCTs. Our findings are relevant to optimize PCOS fertility treatment and to explore direct ovarian MET actions in other female pathologies. These results provide new evidence to explain the effect of MET on infertility treatments.

0691 - ROLE OF VALOSIN CONTAINING PROTEIN (VCP/P97) IN MOUSE SPERM CAPACITATION

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Capacitation is a process that prepares mammalian sperm to undergo an exocytotic event called acrosome reaction (AR) which in turn, is an essential step of fertilization. The study and characterization of the proteins involved in these events is extremely important in order to understand the dynamics of the whole process. In the present work we evaluated the role of Valosin Containing Protein (VCP/p97) in mouse sperm. We found that VCP is localized in the equatorial segment and along the flagellum. In addition, we observed that VCP is cleaved and released during AR. In contrast to human sperm, VCP is not phosphorylated in tyrosine residues. To elucidate how VCP is involved in the capacitation process we used a pharmacological approach. Mouse sperm were incubated in capacitating conditions with or without VCP inhibitors. Several aspects of the capacitation such as phosphorylation of PKA substrates, tyrosine phosphorylation, AR or motility were evaluated. In these experiments, we used four VCP inhibitors: NMS-873, DBeg, CB-5083 and ML-240. By Western blot, we observed no significant differences in the levels of phosphorylation of PKA substrates. Surprisingly, we noticed that all four inhibitors completely abolished tyrosine phosphorylation although this inhibition could be bypassed by using cAMP analogs. Next, we evaluated AR using transgenic EGFP sperm and flow cytometry. We observed that the AR induced by progesterone is strongly inhibited by NMS-873. Finally, we study sperm motility using CASA with different concentrations of this inhibitor and in neither of these, the motility was significantly changed. Taken together, these results indicate that VCP plays an important role in mouse sperm capacitation and if inhibited, these cells cannot undergo AR. On the other hand, motility does not appear to be modified by VCP inhibition.

0853 - DEVELOPMENT OF A LC-MS/MS METHOD TO MEASURE SIMULTANEOUSLY 10 SEXUAL STEROIDS IN PEDIATRIC ENDOCRINOLOGY

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Mass spectrometry (MS) allow the determination of a panel of steroids in small sample volume with superior specificity than immunoassays, important advantages in pediatric samples. To develop LC-MS/MS method to measure concomitantly Cortisol (F), Androstenedione (d4-A), Dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA),