

## عنوان مقاله:

Diagnosis of genetic defects through parallel assessment of PLC $\zeta$  and CAPZA $\alpha$  in infertile men with history of failed oocyte activation

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## خلاصه مقاله:

Objective(s): Phospholipase C  $\zeta$  (PLC $\zeta$ ) is considered as a nominee for sperm associated oocyte activating factors and is located back-to-back with CAPZA $\alpha$ , an actin-capping protein controlling actin polymerization during spermiogenesis. They contain a common bidirectional promoter. The objective of this study was to identify individuals with parallel low expression of PLC $\zeta$  and CAPZA $\alpha$  mRNA, in hope of detecting genetic defects in this bidirectional promoter. Materials and Methods: Semen samples were collected from 24 fertile and 59 infertile individuals with total failed, low and high fertilization rate post intra-cytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI), as well as globozoospermic individuals. Expression of PLC $\zeta$  and CAPZA $\alpha$  were assessed by Real time PCR. In addition, PLC $\zeta$  was assessed by Western blot. Results: Significant correlations between PLC $\zeta$  with CAPZA $\alpha$  and also between these two genes with fertilization were observed. Individuals with low fertilization presented significantly lower expression of these two genes. Low expression of PLC $\zeta$  was also verified by Western analysis. Sequence analysis of bidirectional promoter of these two genes in an individual with parallel low expression of both PLC $\zeta$  and CAPZA $\alpha$ , revealed a mutation within the CAPZA $\alpha$  predicted promoter, known as human regulatory factor X4 which is a testis-specific dimeric DNA-binding protein. In the opposite stand, in the same location, the mutation appears to be outside but in the vicinity of PLC $\zeta$ , in a binding region predicate by Genomatix. Conclusion: Parallel assessment of CAPZA $\alpha$  with PLC $\zeta$  at mRNA level in individuals with inability to induce oocyte activation may help researcher to identify genetic defects associated with

## کلمات کلیدی:

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