Breast Cancer in Adolescent and Young Women: Investigating Breast Microbiota, Estrogen, and Bacteria Impact on Biomarker Discovery

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Background

- Breast cancer incidence among adolescent and young adult (AYA) women in the United States has notably increased over the past decades and remains one of the leading causes of cancer-related deaths in AYA women
- The surge in breast cancer cases cannot be solely attributed to genetic changes in this demographic.
- Breast cancer is linked to estrogen and changes in the breast microbiome are confirmed in breast cancer patients.
- Microorganisms(such as bacteria) inhabit the breast microbiome
- Estrogen receptors can be found in the breast tissue, and may interact with the breast microbiome.

Background- Effect of Estrogen on Breast Tissue and the Breast Microbiome

- Estrogen plays a crucial role in developing and growing breast tissue, especially during puberty and pregnancy.
- Imbalance in the breast microbiome is linked to breast cancer.
- Estrogen can influence the immune response in breast tissue, affecting both microbiome composition and activity.
- Changes in estrogen levels may influence immune cell function, potentially affecting how the immune system interacts with bacteria in the breast.



Motive

This study aims to understand the roles of the breast microbiome and estrogen in breast cancer with the goal of a biomarker discovery. With an expansion of knowledge about breast cancer, there is an aspiration for rapid diagnosis.

Method and Result

E. coli, B. cereus, L. plantarum

Assessing and analyzing bacterial properties, investigating AHL communication, examining estrogen effects on growth.

Techniques: Optical density, incubation periods, estradiol concentrations, spectrophotometry.

Additional Findings: Bacteria effects on each other, diagnostic potentials, growth changes, dosage variations, product functionality.

Bacterial Growth by N-acyl-homoserine lactones(AHL) Inducing QS



Bacterial Growth due to Estradiol



Product of L. plantarum by estradiol in various media



Growth of L. plantarum Product and B. cereus According to Concentration (dosage) of Estradiol



Estradiol exposure time following the growth of L. plantarum product and B. cereus



Exposure of L. plantarum to Estradiol and Property of the Product



Conclusion

- Estradiol increases the growth of L. plantarum.
- L. Plantarum antibiotic material is produced when the amount of bacteria is large.
- Protein degradation in L. plantarum exposed to estradiol is reduced.
- L. plantarum can be used as a biomarker for breast cancer.
- Future study: How L. plantarum can be used as a biomarker.

