Objective: This study aims to evaluate circulating tumor cells isolated by high gradient magnetic separation of circulating endothelial cells (CECs) as a diagnostic tool for ovarian cancer.

Methods: Thirty-six newly diagnosis with pelvic mass who were scheduled for surgery were included in this study. Blood samples were obtained from patients. CECs were identified with fluorescent microscopy by expert cytologists. The diagnostic performance of CECs was compared with the histopathological results.

Results: Definite diagnosis showed that twenty-six patients were later diagnosed as having malignant ovarian cancer (69.4%), 5 cancerous patients (19.2%) had metastatic ovarian tumor from gastrointestinal origin, and 10 patients were diagnosed as benign ovarian tumor (30.6%). Serum from patients were extracted for CECs were found in 10 patients. CECs demonstrated modest diagnostic performance for malignant ovarian cancer with accuracy, sensitivity and specificity of 38.9%, 26.9%, and 70.0%, respectively.

Conclusion: CECs has low sensitivity. However, the clinical value of CECs in borderline ovarian tumor cases must be further investigated. This technique needs more development to improve sensitivity for diagnostic for ovarian cancer.

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Knockdown of E2F4 suppresses the growth of ovarian cancer cells via cell cycle pathway

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Objective: Ovarian cancer is one of the leading causes of death from gynecological cancer in the developed countries. The E2F family is a group of transcription factors that play decisive roles in the control of cell proliferation and cell cycle progression through the transcriptional activation of target genes in higher eukaryotes. However, the carcinogenic role of E2F transcription factor 4 (E2F4) remains unclear in ovarian cancer. In this study, we investigated the underlying molecular mechanism of E2F4 in human ovarian cancer cells (OCC).

Methods: The expression levels of E2F4 were demonstrated by quantitative real-time polymerase chain reaction (qRT-PCR). Small interfering RNA was used to suppress E2F4 expression. The effects of suppressing E2F4 on cell proliferation, migration and differentiation were evaluated by cell proliferation assay, wound healing assay and colony formation assay in vitro. The expression level of cyclins in OCC influenced by E2F4 was

detected by Western blot.

Results: The expression of E2F4 mRNA and protein showed a significant higher level in OCC lines compared with controls. Depletion of E2F4 inhibited the cell proliferation and suppressed the cell migration and colony formation ability compared to control. Moreover, Western blot analysis showed that the expression of cyclin A, cyclin D and CDK2 was upregulated after the knockdown of E2F4.

Conclusion: Our study was consistent with the concept that E2F4 might contributed to proliferation and migration of OCCs by regulating the expression of cell cycle component in epithelial ovarian cancer.

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Multimodality active prehabilitation in patients undergoing surgery for epithelial ovarian cancer: a tertiary cancer center experience from Eastern India

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Objective: This study aimed to determine if a multimodality active prehabilitation (MAP) program improves postoperative outcomes in patients undergoing surgery for epithelial ovarian cancer (EOC).

Methods: This was a prospective observational study over 6 months including 52 patients of EOC who underwent cytoreductive surgeries after MAP. These patients were compared with 51 patients with similar clinical characteristics at the same institution in the 6 months preceding the implementation of a MAP program (non-MAP group) by comparing frequency of complications with Clavien-Dindo (CD) score, median length of hospital stay, median time to chemotherapy, and 30-day-readmission rates.

Results: Twenty-nine patients (55.8%) with interval debulking surgery, 13 with interval debulking surgery-hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy (25.0%), 6 (11.5%) with primary debulking surgery, 3 (5.8%) with completion surgery, and 1 patient (1.9%) with secondary cytoreduction were included in the MAP group (n=52). CD ≥ 3 complications were similar in the 2 groups. Median length of hospital stay was significantly shorter in the MAP group compared to the non-MAP group (8 vs. 10 days, p=0.006). Median time to chemotherapy was significantly reduced (26 days vs. 30 days, p=0.007) and 30-day-