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Key findings:

- Gravitational mechanical unloading (MU) significantly alters endothelial cell (EC) phenotype.

- MU leads to a decrease in adhesion molecules (ICAM-1, VCAM-1, E-Selectin) and pro-inflammatory cytokines (IL-6, TNF-a).

- MU increases eNOS (endothelial nitric oxide synthase) expression and nitrite concentration.

- Caveolin-1 and Caveolin-2 expression increase under MU.

- MU causes a decrease in cell length and width.

- Addition of mechanical loading (ML) reverses the changes triggered by MU.

- Caveolins are gravity-sensing elements involved in inflammation and cell-cell interaction.

- MU alters the actin cytoskeleton, leading to disorganization and redistribution of actin filaments.

- MU leads to an increase in eNOS and nitric oxide production.

- MU promotes angiogenesis.

- MU has a protective effect on inflammation and atherosclerosis.

- MU leads to an anti-inflammatory phenotype.

- MU has a beneficial impact on cardiovascular diseases.

- MU affects endothelial cell function, which is involved in pathogenesis of cardiovascular diseases.

- MU has implications for orthostatic intolerance in spaceflight.

- MU has a protective effect on endothelial cells, which are crucial for cardiovascular health.

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