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CRYPT-VILLUS DYNAMICS POST-DSS EXPOSURE IN MURINE COLITIS MODEL OF INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE

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A mouse model study of DSS-induced colitis recovery found that regenerating colon mucosa showed increased absorptive epithelial cells and decreased goblet cells, suggesting altered cell differentiation in the stem cell zone during mucosal healing.

KEY POINTS

- In DSS-exposed mice after 6 days recovery, HES1-expressing absorptive epithelial cells significantly increased within crypts of regenerative mucosa compared to water-only controls, while goblet cell populations decreased.
- A statistically significant difference in goblet cell presence was observed between regenerative and non-inflamed mucosa in the DSS-treated group.
- The proportion of goblet cells in non-inflamed mucosa of DSS-treated animals remained unchanged compared to controls, but HES1-positive cells increased.
- The authors conclude this shift from secretory to absorptive cell lineage in regenerating crypts may reduce epithelial protection due to decreased mucus-producing goblet cells and suggest the findings parallel pathological changes observed in human ulcerative colitis.

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