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miR-204过表达抑制成视网膜细胞瘤细胞的增殖与侵袭及其可能的机制

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[摘要] 目的: 观察miR-204对成视网膜细胞瘤(retinoblastoma, RB)细胞增殖与侵袭的影响, 探讨其可能的调控机制。方法: 应用实时荧光定量PCR(qRT-PCR)检测RB细胞系Y79、SO-RB50、HKO-Rb44和人正常视网膜色素上皮细胞系hTERT RPE-1中miR-204的表达水平。将Y79细胞系分成阴性对照组和miR-204组, 分别应用脂质体转染法转染NC-mimics和miR-204 mimics, CCK-8增殖实验检测miR-204表达对Y79细胞增殖的影响, 细胞划痕实验和Transwell小室法检测miR-204对Y79细胞迁移和侵袭的影响, 应用生物学信息法预测miR-204的可能作用靶基因, 应用qRT-PCR和Western blotting检测miR-204对靶基因高迁移率族蛋白A2(high mobility group AT-hook 2, HMGA2)mRNA和蛋白表达的影响。结果: miR-204在RB细胞系Y79、SO-RB50、HKO-Rb44中的表达较人正常视网膜色素上皮细胞系hTERT RPE-1明显降低($P<0.01$)。转染miR-204 mimics后, Y79细胞中miR-204表达明显升高($P<0.01$)、细胞增殖能力明显下降($P<0.01$)、迁移及侵袭能力明显降低($P<0.01$), miR-204的靶基因HMGA2 mRNA和蛋白的表达明显下降($P<0.01$)。结论: miR-204在RB细胞系中低表达, 过表达miR-204能够抑制RB细胞的增殖、迁移及侵袭能力, 其机制可能与下调HMGA2基因的表达有关。

[关键词] 成视网膜细胞瘤; miR-204; 增殖; 迁移; 侵袭; 高迁移率族蛋白A2

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Over-expression of miR-204 suppresses proliferation and invasion of retinoblastoma cells and its possible mechanism

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[Abstract] Objective: To observe the effects of miR-204 on the proliferation and invasion of retinoblastoma (RB) cells and to explore the potential regulatory mechanism. Methods: The expression level of miR-204 in RB cell lines (Y79, SO-RB50, and HKO-Rb44) as well as in normal human retinal pigment epithelial cell line hTERT RPE-1 was detected using qRT-PCR. The Y79 cells were divided into two groups (negative control group and miR-204 group) by respectively transfecting Y79 cells with NC-mimics and miR-204 mimics using liposome transfection method. The effects of miR-204 on Y79 cell proliferation was detected with CCK-8 assay; while the effect of miR-204 on migration and invasion of Y79 cells were determined by cell scratch assay and Transwell assay, respectively. Besides, the potential target gene of miR-204 was predicted by bioinformatics; and the influence of miR-204 on the expression of high mobility group AT-hook 2 gene (HMGA2) at both mRNA and protein levels was detected using qRT-PCR and Western blotting, respectively. Results: miR-204 expression in RB cell lines Y79, SO-RB50 and HKO-Rb44 was remarkably lower than that in normal human retinal pigment epithelial cell line hTERT RPE-1 ($P<0.01$). miR-204 expression in Y79 cells was markedly up-regulated after transfection with miR-204 mimics ($P<0.01$) along with significantly reduced cell proliferation, migration and invasion capacities (all $P<0.01$), and mRNA and protein expressions of HMGA2 were also outstandingly reduced ($P<0.01$). Conclusion: miR-204 is lowly expressed in RB cell lines; in addition, miR-204 over-expression can suppress RB cell proliferation, migration and invasion, the mechanism of which might be related to down-regulation of the expression of HMGA2.

[Key words] retinoblastoma; miR-204; proliferation; migration; invasion; high mobility group AT-hook 2 gene (HMGA2)

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成视网膜细胞瘤(retinoblastoma, RB)是起源于视网膜上皮层的恶性肿瘤,是最常见的婴幼儿眼内恶性肿瘤,恶性程度高、预后差,如不能及时治疗往往会导致患儿生命^[1]。至今RB的致病及进展机制尚不清楚,手术和放化疗等传统的治疗方式效果欠佳。microRNA(miRNA)是一类由21~24个核苷酸组成的高度保守的非编码单链RNA,通过与靶基因不完全或完全互补结合来调控靶基因的表达,在机体基因调控网络中发挥着重要的作用^[2-3]。近年来发现miRNA作为癌基因或抑癌基因在恶性肿瘤发生进展中发挥重要作用^[4]。在RB中也发现了许多与RB密切相关的miRNA异常表达^[5]。miR-204是miRNA家族重要成员之一,其定位于人类第9号染色体,在人视网膜色素上皮细胞中表达极为丰富^[6],参与视网膜色素上皮细胞的分化^[7]。近期研究^[8]显示,miR-204在包括RB在内的许多恶性肿瘤中表达异常,参与肿瘤细胞的增殖、迁移及侵袭等生物学行为,但作用机制尚不明确。本研究观察miR-204在RB细胞系中的表达变化以及其对RB细胞增殖、迁移和侵袭能力的影响,并探讨其可能的作用机制。

1 材料与方法

1.1 主要试剂

miR-204 mimics、阴性对照NC-mimics购自上海吉玛制药公司,TRIZol试剂、LipofectamineTM2000购自美国Invitrogen公司, RNA反转录试剂盒、qRT-PCR试剂盒购自大连宝生生物公司, miR-204、U6与高迁移率族蛋白A2(high mobility group AT-hook 2, HMGA2)、GAPDH引物购自广东锐博生物公司, Transwell小室购自美国Corning公司, 基质胶购自美国BD公司, HMGA2和GAPDH一抗购自美国CST公司, HRP标记的二抗购自美国Santa Cruz公司。

1.2 细胞系及其培养

人正常视网膜色素上皮细胞系hTERT RPE-1和人RB细胞系Y79、SO-RB50、HXO-Rb44均购自美国ATCC。Y79、SO-RB50和HXO-Rb44细胞在RPMI 1640培养基(含10%胎牛血清、100 U/ml青霉素和100 μg/ml链霉素)中培养,人正常视网膜色素上皮细胞hTERT RPE-1在含10%胎牛血清和0.01 mg/ml潮霉素B的DMEM/F12培养基中培养,均置于37℃、5% CO₂的饱和湿度恒温箱中常规培养,细胞用0.05% EDTA消化传代,取生长状态良好的对数生长期细胞进行后续实验。

1.3 miR-204 mimics转染Y79细胞

取对数生长期Y79细胞,接种于6孔细胞培养板,常规调节下培养,细胞汇合度达60%~70%时进

行细胞转染操作。Y79细胞分为两组,NC-mimics组(对照组)和miR-204 mimics组(实验组),严格按LipofectamineTM2000说明书操作分别将NC-mimics和miR-204 mimics转染至Y79细胞,转染后24 h, qRT-PCR检测miR-204的表达,确定转染效率后再进行后续细胞实验。

1.4 qRT-PCR法检测Y79细胞中miR-204和HMGA2基因的表达水平

按照TRIzol试剂说明书提取Y79细胞总RNA,鉴定纯度和含量后,反转录合成cDNA。cDNA合成参照反转录试剂盒说明书操作。以cDNA为模板,按照qRT-PCR试剂盒说明书配置反应体系进行PCR反应。miR-204基因PCR反应条件:94℃ 2 min; 40个循环(94℃ 20 s, 55℃ 30 s); HMGA2基因PCR反应条件:94℃ 2 min; 40个循环(94℃ 30 s, 58℃ 30 s, 72℃ 30 s)。miR-204以U6作为内参基因, HMGA2以GAPDH作为内参基因, 相对表达水平采用 $2^{-\Delta\Delta Ct}$ 法计算。实验重复3次。

1.5 CCK-8法检测miR-204过表达对Y79细胞增殖的影响

具体操作参照CCK-8试剂盒说明书进行。收集转染后的各组细胞按 $5 \times 10^3/\text{孔}$ 的密度分别种于96孔板上,每组设3个复孔,每24 h加入10 μl CCK-8反应液37℃继续孵育4 h,在Spectra Max 190酶标仪上测定波长450 nm处测定各孔不同时点的光密度(D)值,绘制增殖曲线。

1.6 细胞划痕实验检测miR-204过表达对Y79细胞迁移的影响

取转染后24 h的各组细胞,接种培养于6孔板中,孔板底部预先画好标记线,待细胞长到完全融合后,用10 μl的灭菌枪头垂直培养孔底面中央用力划直线沿直线划痕,PBS冲洗2次后继续培养,划痕后即刻和24 h后于显微镜下观察并测量划痕宽度,划痕愈合率(%)=[(0 h时刻划痕宽度-24 h时刻划痕宽度)/0 h时刻划痕宽度]×100%。实验重复3次。

1.7 Transwell小室法检测miR-204过表达对Y79细胞侵袭的影响

基质胶均匀涂抹Transwell小室上室,过夜成膜。收集转染后24 h的各种Y79细胞以无血清培养基重悬制备单细胞悬液,取200 μl含 2×10^5 个细胞的单细胞悬液加入Transwell小室上室,下室加入500 μl含10%胎牛血清的DMEM培养基,继续培养24 h后取出小室,棉签轻轻擦弃上室内的细胞,4%多聚甲醛固定,染色,风干,显微镜下观察,并随机取5个高倍视野计算穿膜细胞数。实验重复3次。

1.8 Western blotting检测miR-204过表达对Y79细



胞中HMGA2表达的影响

取对数生长期各组Y79细胞,常规提取细胞总蛋白,以BCA法定量蛋白浓度。每个样本取200 μl样品,蛋白经10% SDS-PAGE分离后电转移至PVDF膜,5%封闭液4℃封闭4 h,TBS缓冲液漂洗3遍,加入HMGA2和GAPDH一抗,4℃孵育过夜,TBS缓冲液漂洗3遍,加入HRP标记的二抗,室温孵育2 h,ECL显影液显影,Quality One软件分析条带灰度,以HMGA2与GAPDH灰度的比值表示相对表达量。实验重复3次。

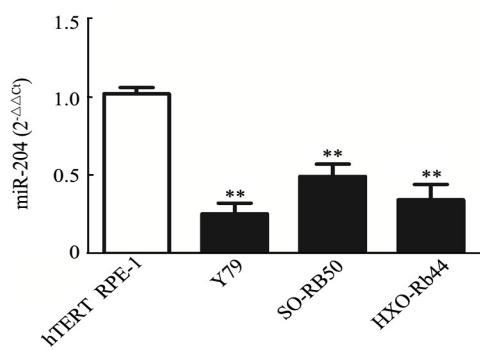
1.9 统计学处理

采用SPSS 20.0软件进行数据分析,计量资料以 $\bar{x}\pm s$ 表示,差异比较采用t检验或单因素方差分析。以 $P<0.05$ 或 $P<0.01$ 表示差异有统计学意义。

2 结果

2.1 miR-204在RB细胞中低表达

qRT-PCR结果(图1)显示,miR-204在RB细胞系Y79、SO-RB50、HXR-Bb44中的表达较人正常视网膜色素上皮细胞系hTERT RPE-1明显降低(均 $P<0.01$)。



$**P<0.01$ vs hTERT RPE-1 cell

图1 miR-204在RB细胞和人正常视网膜色素上皮细胞中的表达

Fig.1 Expression of miR-204 in RB cells and normal human retinal pigment epithelial cells hTERT RPE-1

2.2 转染后各组Y79细胞miR-204的表达

qRT-PCR检测结果(图2)显示,miR-204 mimics组细胞miR-204的表达明显高于NC-mimics组(14.50 ± 1.45 vs 1.01 ± 0.06 , $P<0.01$),表明miR-204 mimics转染效率较高。

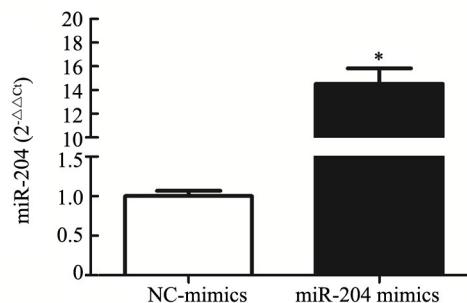
2.3 miR-204过表达抑制Y79细胞的增殖活性

CCK-8增殖实验结果(图3)显示,miR-204 mimics组细胞转染后48、72和96 h时增殖活性明显低于NC-mimics组($P<0.01$)。

2.4 miR-204过表达抑制Y79细胞的迁移能力

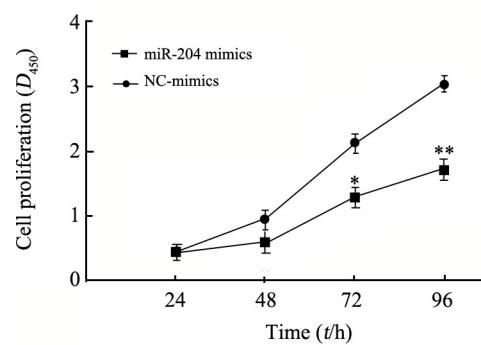
划痕实验结果(图4)显示,与NC-mimics组比较,

miR-204 mimics组细胞的划痕愈合率明显下降 [$(31.3\pm 3.8)\%$ vs $(60.7\pm 4.9)\%$, $P<0.01$],提示miR-204 mimics组细胞的迁移能力明显降低。



$*P<0.01$ vs NC-mimics group

图2 转染miR-204 mimics后Y79细胞中miR-204高水平表达
Fig.2 High level of miR-204 expression was detected in Y79 cells after transfection with miR-204 mimics



$*P<0.05$, $**P<0.01$ vs NC-mimics group

图3 miR-204过表达抑制Y79细胞的增殖
Fig.3 Over-expression of miR-204 inhibits the proliferation of Y79 cells

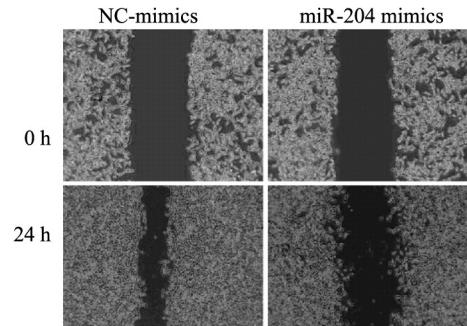
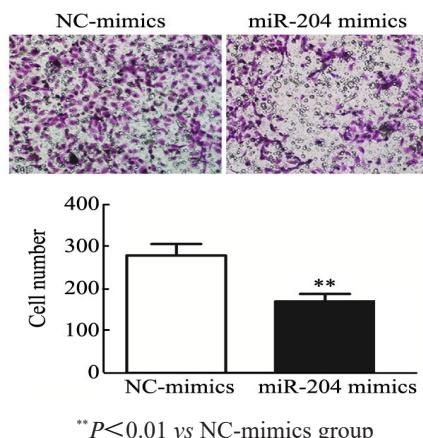


图4 miR-204过表达抑制Y79细胞的迁移($\times 10$)

Fig.4 Over-expression of miR-204 inhibits the migration of Y79 cells ($\times 10$)

2.5 miR-204过表达抑制Y79细胞的侵袭能力

Transwell侵袭实验检测结果(图5)显示,miR-204 mimics组穿膜细胞数明显低于NC-mimics组($P<0.01$),提示miR-204 mimics组细胞的侵袭能力明显下降。

图5 miR-204过表达抑制Y79细胞的侵袭($\times 200$)Fig. 5 Over-expression of miR-204 inhibits the invasion of Y79 cells ($\times 200$)

2.6 HMGA2是miR-204的靶基因

应用生物学信息法预测miR-204可能靶基因,查阅miRanda(<http://www.microrna.org>)及相关文献^[9-11],预测HMGA2可能是miR-204的作用靶基因,miR-204与HMGA2的3'UTR区存在种子序列互补的结合位点,见图6。

2.7 miR-204过表达抑制Y79细胞的HMGA2 mRNA和蛋白的表达

qRT-PCR检测结果(图7A)显示,miR-204 mimics组细胞HMGA2 mRNA的表达明显低于NC-mimics组(0.35 ± 0.10 vs 1.00 ± 0.06 , $P<0.01$)。Western blotting检测结果(图7B)显示,miR-204 mimics组细胞HMGA2蛋白的表达明显低于NC-mimics组(0.18 ± 0.06 vs 0.64 ± 0.10 , $P<0.01$)。



图6 miR-204和HMGA2的3'UTR区的结合序列

Fig.6 The binding sequence of the 3'UTR region of miR-204 and HMGA2

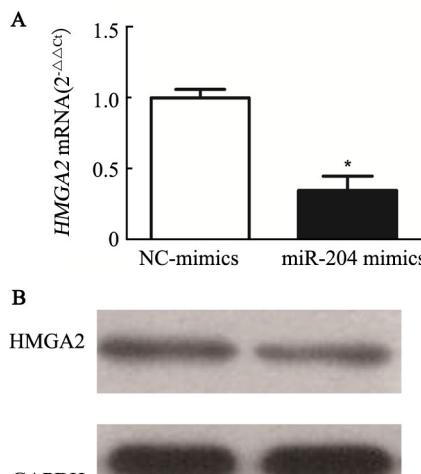


图7 miR-204过表达抑制Y79细胞的HMGA2 mRNA(A)和蛋白(B)的表达

Fig.7 Over-expression of miR-204 inhibits mRNA (A) and protein (B) expression of HMGA2 in Y79 cells

3 讨论

目前已发现上百种miRNA在人类视网膜、角膜、晶状体等眼部组织中表达,通过对下游靶基因的调

控,在维持眼部组织的正常功能方面发挥着重要的作用。目前研究^[4,12]证实,机体组织器官中miRNA表达水平的改变与包括肿瘤、炎症等在内的众多疾病的发生发展密切相关。

RB是儿童最常见的眼内恶性肿瘤,许多miRNA在RB的发生发展中发挥着重要的作用。miRNA通过对其靶基因的调控参与肿瘤细胞的侵袭、迁移、增殖以及肿瘤的发生发展。miR-138-5p^[13]、miR-200c^[14]、miR-320^[15]等在RB中表达下调,被认为是类似于抑癌基因在RB的发生发展中发挥重要作用,而miR-498^[16]、miR-655^[17]、miR-106b^[18]等在RB中表达上调,被认为是类似于癌基因发挥作用。miR-204定位于人类第9号染色体,在人视网膜色素上皮细胞表达极为丰富^[6]。近期研究显示,miR-204在子宫颈癌^[19]、成胶质细胞瘤^[20]、肝细胞癌^[21]、胃癌^[22]等众多恶性肿瘤中表达下调,起抑癌基因的作用。但目前有关miR-204在RB中的研究较少,并且其作用机制尚不清楚。本研究通过qRT-PCR检测RB细胞系Y79、SO-RB50、HKO-Rb44和人正常视网膜色素上皮细胞系hTERT RPE-1中miR-204的表达水平发现,miR-204在RB细胞系中表达明显降低,在miR-204在其他恶性肿瘤中的研究一致,提示miR-204在RB发生发展中可能也起着抑癌基因的作用。



细胞无限增殖、侵袭与转移是恶性肿瘤的基本生物学特性,在其他众多恶性肿瘤的研究中均发现miR-204能够抑制肿瘤细胞的增殖、迁移及侵袭等恶性生物学行为^[19-22]。本研究发现,上调Y79细胞中miR-204的表达能够明显抑制Y79细胞的增殖、迁移和侵袭能力,进一步证实miR-204作为抑癌基因能够抑制RB的进展。

miR-204抑制肿瘤细胞增殖、侵袭及迁移能力的下游分子通路尚不完全明确。为了研究miR-204调控RB细胞的下游靶基因,本研究应用生物学信息法预测发现HMGA2可能是miR-204的作用靶基因,因为miR-204与HMGA2的3'UTR区存在种子序列互补的结合位点。近期WU等^[23]研究发现,miR-204通过靶向调控HMGA2抑制甲状腺癌细胞的增殖。在口腔癌^[24]和结肠癌^[25]中也证实,miR-204可以通过靶向HMGA2调控肿瘤细胞的恶性生物学行为。本研究发现,上调Y79细胞中miR-204表达后,Y79细胞HMGA2 mRNA和蛋白的表达水平明显下降,提示miR-204在RB中的作用对HMGA2基因的靶向调控有关,上调miR-204的表达能够明显抑制HMGA2基因的表达。HMGA2是一种非组蛋白染色体蛋白,是高迁移率族蛋白超家族成员之一,在胚胎组织中高表达,在正常的成熟组织中几乎检测不到^[26]。HMGA2可以上调细胞周期蛋白的表达,加速G2/M期转化促使肿瘤发生发展^[27],已公认为作为一种癌基因参与恶性肿瘤的发生发展,能够促进肿瘤细胞的增殖、侵袭和迁移能力^[26-31]。较多的研究也已经证实HMGA2在RB中表达明显增高,抑制HMGA2的表达能够明显抑制RB细胞的增殖、侵袭和迁移能力^[32-34]。

综上所述,miR-204在RB细胞系中低表达,miR-204能够抑制RB细胞的增殖、迁移及侵袭能力,其机制可能与下调HMGA2基因的表达有关,为进一步探索miR-204在RB进展过程中的作用机制提供了实验基础。

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