

hsa-miR-126 的靶基因预测及功能分析

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[摘要] **目的** 检测 hsa-miR-126 在各个组织器官中的表达情况, 通过生物信息学预测 hsa-miR-126 的靶基因, 进一步分析其可能功能, 为研究 hsa-miR-126 的功能和机制奠定基础. **方法** 通过 miRgator v3.0 数据库查看 hsa-miR-126 在各个组织器官中的表达丰度情况; 应用 TargetScan、DIANA-microT-CDS 及 miRanda 预测 hsa-miR-126 的靶基因; 将预测所得靶基因和已证实的靶基因交集组成的基因集合分别进行功能富集分析(GO analysis)和信号转导通路富集分析, 分析 hsa-miR-126 的可能功能. **结果** hsa-miR-126 在胃肠道, 心脏, 肾脏, 肝胆系统, 肺, 干细胞, 睾丸, 胸腺, 甲状腺, 子宫中表达丰度较高; 结合已被证实靶基因得到 40 个候选靶基因; 靶基因主要参与细胞迁移调控以及腺体发育相关生物过程, 涉及数个癌症通路和与癌症发生相关的信号通路, 以及神经营养因子信号通路, ErbB 信号通路, 趋化因子信号通路和 VEGF 信号通路等. **结论** hsa-miR-126 预测的靶基因集合富集于多个生物学过程, 与肿瘤和血管性疾病密切相关, 生物信息预测结果为今后的研究奠定了基础.

[关键词] hsa-miR-126; 微小 RNA; 生物信息学; 靶基因; 功能

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Prediction of hsa-miR-126 Target Genes and Its Function Analysis

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[Abstract] **Objective** To investigate hsa-miR-126 expression levels in human organs, then predict the target genes and functions of hsa-miR-126 by bioinformatics analysis for further study. **Methods** The expression levels of has-miR-126 in human organs were checked by miRgator v3.0 database. TargetScan, DIANA-microT-CDS and miRanda were used to predict the target genes of hsa-miR-126. The functions of the target genes were predicted via Gene ontology (GO) analysis and Pathway analysis. **Results** Higher expression of hsa-miR-126 was observed in gastrointestinal tract, heart, kidney, liver and biliary system, lung, stem cell, testis, thymus, thyroid and uterus. 40 candidate target genes were collected. The functions of the target genes were enriched in regulation of cell migration, locomotion, cell motion and gland development. Neurotrophin signaling pathway, insulin signaling pathway, ErbB signaling pathway, aldosterone-regulated sodium reabsorption, chemokine signaling pathway, VEGF signaling pathway and many cancer related pathways were significantly enriched. **Conclusion** The target genes set of hsa-miR-126 was enriched in multiple biological process which was related with many tumors and vascular diseases, and the prediction results can provide a basis for the further research.

[Key words] hsa-miR-126; miRNA; Bioinformatics; Target genes; Function

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miRNA (microRNA) 是一类约 22 个核苷酸的非编码小分子 RNA, 进化上高度保守, 由长约 70nt 可形成发夹结构的前体经 dicer 酶剪切而来. 通过与同源靶信使 RNA (mRNA) 3' 端非翻译区 (UTR) 结合, 对基因进行转录后的调控. miRNA 参与生命过程的一系列重要进程, 在细胞的增殖、分化、凋亡等生理或病理过程中起着重要作用^[1-3]. 特别是在肿瘤疾病中, 不同条件下, miRNA 可扮演癌基因或抑癌基因的角色, 也可通过对癌基因或抑癌基因的调控来发挥其促进或抑制作用. 然而, miRNA 的调控机制非常复杂, 在不同病理环境中, 只有很少的一部分靶基因验证被一些 miRNA 所调节, miRNA 涉及到的生物学过程和通路还有很大一部分不清楚.

hsa-miR-126 位于染色体 9q34.3, 起源于 EGFL7 基因的前体结构, 与其宿主基因 EGFL7 一起被转录因子 Ets1 调控^[4], 在成熟前血管内皮细胞中与 EGFL7 一致, 呈高表达^[5]. hsa-miR-126 部分靶标已鉴定, 但其具体调控机制和生物学功能还不完全清楚. 本研究综合多种生物信息学工具预测 hsa-miR-126 的靶基因, 对其进行表达分析、功能富集分析 (GO analysis) 和信号转导通路富集分析 (Pathway analysis), 进一步挖掘数据中的生物学知识, 为后续 hsa-miR-126 的功能研究提供理论依据和数据支持.

1 材料与方法

1.1 hsa-miR-126 的表达情况

将 hsa-miR-126 输入 miRgator v3.0^[6]数据库, 查看 hsa-miR-126 在各个组织器官中的表达情况. miRgator v3.0 汇编了 GEO, SRA, TCGA 等机构发布的 73 个人类 microRNA 深度测序数据集, 包含着 41 亿条短序列和 25 亿条匹配过的序列. 使用者可以快速的检索自己感兴趣的 miRNA 的序列和表达情况.

1.2 hsa-miR-126 的靶基因预测

通过 TargetScan 6.2^[7]、DIANA-microT-CDS^[8]、miRanda^[9]三种工具预测 hsa-miR-126 的靶基因, 并取三者预测结果的交集. 从 miRTarBase^[10]数据库中提取已证实的靶标基因加入交集作为进一步分析的基因集合.

1.3 hsa-miR-126 靶基因的功能注释分析

将 hsa-miR-126 的靶基因集合用 Gene Ontology^[11]和通路信息进行功能富集分类, 通过 DAVID^[12,13]分析工具对 hsa-miR-126 的靶基因进行基于 GO 的功能富集和基于 KEGG 的生物通路富集分析.

2 结果

2.1 hsa-miR-126 的表达情况

hsa-miR-126 在各个组织器官中的表达情况见图 1, 其中在胃肠道, 心脏, 肾脏, 肝胆系统, 肺, 干细胞, 睾丸, 胸腺, 甲状腺, 子宫中表达丰度较高.

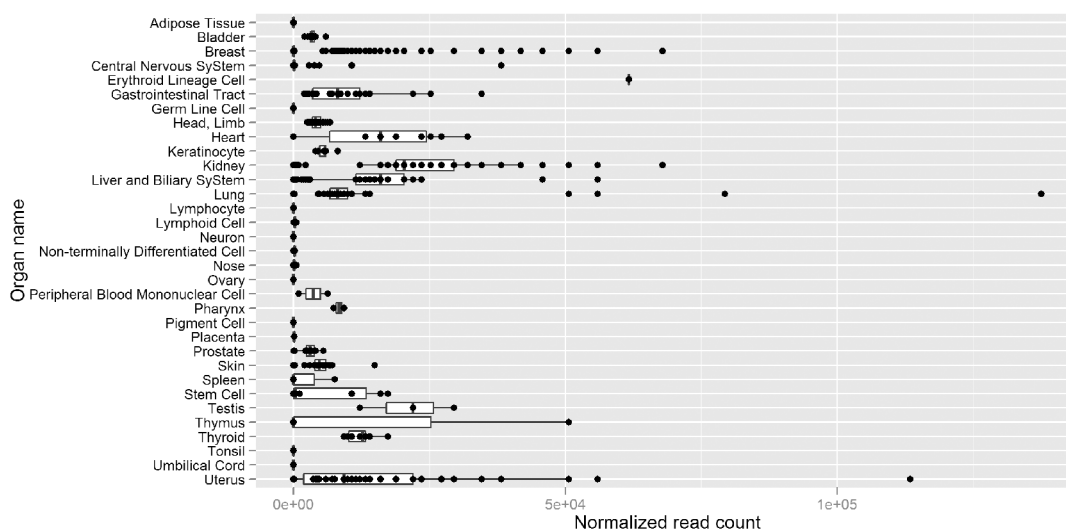


图 1 hsa-miR-126 在各个组织器官中的表达情况

Fig. 1 Expression abundance of hsa-miR-126 in organs

2.2 hsa-miR-126 的靶基因预测

TargetsCan、DIANA-microT-CDS 及 miRanda 预测的 hsa-miR-126 靶基因数量分别为 25、20、

815 个, 3 种预测方法结果的交集并结合 miRTarBase 数据库中已证实的 32 个靶标共获得 40 个候选靶基因 (见表 1)。

表 1 hsa-miR-126 候选靶基因
Tab. 1 Candidate target genes of hsa-miR-126

基因名	基因号	基因描述
ADAM9	8 754	ADAM metallopeptidase domain 9 (meltrin gamma)
CAMSAP1	157 922	calmodulin regulated spectrin-associated protein 1
CCNE2	9 134	cyclin E2
CRK	1 398	v-crk sarcoma virus CT10 oncogene homolog (avian)
CRKL	1 399	v-crk sarcoma virus CT10 oncogene homolog (avian)-like
CXCL12	6 387	chemokine (C-X-C motif) ligand 12 (stromal cell-derived factor 1)
DIP2C	22 982	DIP2 disco-interacting protein 2 homolog C (Drosophila)
DNMT1	1 786	DNA (cytosine-5-)-methyltransferase 1
E2F1	1 869	E2F transcription factor 1
EFHD2	79 180	EF-hand domain family, member D2
EGFL7	51 162	EGF-like-domain, multiple 7
FBXO33	254 170	F-box protein 33
HOXA9	3 205	homeobox A9
IGFBP2	3 485	insulin-like growth factor binding protein 2, 36kDa
IRS1	3 667	insulin receptor substrate 1
KANK2	25 959	KN motif and ankyrin repeat domains 2
KRAS	3 845	v-Ki-ras2 Kirsten rat sarcoma viral oncogene homolog
MERTK	10 461	c-mer proto-oncogene tyrosine kinase
MMP7	4 316	matrix metallopeptidase 7 (matrilysin, uterine)
PGR	5 241	progesterone receptor
PIK3CG	5 294	phosphoinositide-3-kinase, catalytic, gamma polypeptide
PIK3R2	5 296	phosphoinositide-3-kinase, regulatory subunit 2 (beta)
PITPNC1	26 207	phosphatidylinositol transfer protein, cytoplasmic 1
PLK2	10 769	polo-like kinase 2 (Drosophila)
PLXNB2	23 654	plexin B2
PTPN7	5 778	protein tyrosine phosphatase, non-receptor type 7
PTPN9	5 780	protein tyrosine phosphatase, non-receptor type 9
RBMX	27 316	RBMX RNA binding motif protein, X-linked
RGS3	5 998	regulator of G-protein signaling 3
SLC45A3	85 414	solute carrier family 45, member 3
SLC7A5	8 140	solute carrier family 7 (amino acid transporter light chain, L system), member 5
SOX2	6 657	SRY (sex determining region Y)-box 2
SPRED1	161 742	sprouty-related, EVH1 domain containing 1
TEK	7 010	TEK tyrosine kinase, endothelial
TOM1	10 043	hypothetical LOC100128526; target of myb1 (chicken)
TWF1	5 756	twinfilin, actin-binding protein, homolog 1 (Drosophila)
TWF2	11 344	twinfilin, actin-binding protein, homolog 2 (Drosophila)
VCAM1	7 412	vascular cell adhesion molecule 1
VEGFA	7 422	vascular endothelial growth factor A
ZNF219	51 222	zinc finger protein 219

2.3 hsa-miR-126 靶基因的 GO 分析

将 hsa-miR-126 的靶基因通过 GO 注释描述得到其生物学过程注释信息, 功能富集分析显示, 主要集中在细胞迁移调控以及腺体发育相关生物过程 (表 2)。

2.4 hsa-miR-126 靶基因的生物信号通路分析

对基因集合中的 40 个候选靶基因进行生物通路富集分析. 结果显示, 在经典通路数据库 KEGG

中 hsa-miR-126 靶基因预测靶基因集合显著富集于数个癌症通路和与癌症发生相关的信号通路中, 以及神经营养因子信号通路 (Neurotrophin signaling pathway), ErbB 信号通路 (ErbB signaling pathway), 趋化因子信号通路 (Chemokine signaling pathway), VEGF 信号通路 (VEGF signaling pathway), 黏着斑 (Focal adhesion) 通路等, 见表 3.

表 2 hsa-miR-126 候选靶基因 GO 分析结果

Tab. 2 GO analysis of candidate target genes of hsa-miR-126

收录号	名称	P 值	校正后 P 值 ^a	基因数
GO:0051270	regulation of cell motion	1.12E-04	0.026	6
GO:0040012	regulation of locomotion	1.09E-04	0.038	6
GO:0030334	regulation of cell migration	5.95E-05	0.041	6
GO:0048732	gland development	3.49E-04	0.059	5

表 3 hsa-miR-126 候选靶基因集合的信号转导通路富集分析结果

Tab. 3 Pathway analysis of candidate target genes of hsa-miR-126

收录号	通路	P 值	校正后 P 值 ^a	基因数
hsa05211	Renal cell carcinoma	3.19E-06	1.75E-04	6
hsa05220	Chronic myeloid leukemia	4.50E-06	1.24E-04	6
hsa04722	Neurotrophin signaling pathway	5.28E-05	9.68E-04	6
hsa05200	Pathways in cancer	7.46E-05	0.001	8
hsa04910	Insulin signaling pathway	7.94E-05	8.74E-04	6
hsa05212	Pancreatic cancer	9.73E-05	8.92E-04	5
hsa04012	ErbB signaling pathway	2.04E-04	0.002	5
hsa05215	Prostate cancer	2.22E-04	0.002	5
hsa04960	Aldosterone-regulated sodium reabsorption	3.65E-04	0.002	4
hsa04062	Chemokine signaling pathway	3.70E-04	0.002	6
hsa05223	Non-small cell lung cancer	8.25E-04	0.004	4
hsa05214	Glioma	0.001	0.006	4
hsa05218	Melanoma	0.002	0.008	4
hsa04370	VEGF signaling pathway	0.002	0.008	4
hsa05222	Small cell lung cancer	0.003	0.011	4
hsa04914	Progesterone-mediated oocyte maturation	0.003	0.011	4
hsa04666	Fc gamma R-mediated phagocytosis	0.004	0.014	4
hsa04510	Focal adhesion	0.005	0.014	5
hsa04810	Regulation of actin cytoskeleton	0.006	0.017	5
hsa04670	Leukocyte transendothelial migration	0.008	0.021	4
hsa05219	Bladder cancer	0.009	0.024	3
hsa04360	Axon guidance	0.010	0.024	4
hsa04930	Type II diabetes mellitus	0.012	0.028	3
hsa05213	Endometrial cancer	0.014	0.032	3
hsa04150	mTOR signaling pathway	0.014	0.032	3
hsa05221	Acute myeloid leukemia	0.017	0.038	3

3 讨论

miRNA 参与各种各样的调节途径,包括发育、造血过程、器官形成、细胞增殖和凋亡、脂肪代谢等,具有重要的基因表达调控作用.与多种疾病的发生、发展密切相关,已经有关于其与恶性肿瘤、心脏病、糖尿病、肝炎、帕金森病、唐氏综合征等疾病相关的研究证据.miRNA 在人类疾病中的异常表达成为近年来研究的热点之一.

miRNA 的表达具有显著的时序性和组织特异性,即在发育、疾病的不同阶段,或在不同的组织、细胞类型中具有特异的表达特征.功能研究的结果证实 miRNA 是基因转录后表达的重要调控因子^[14-17],与信号通路和调控因子相互作用形成网络调控系统.Harris 等^[18]在研究内皮细胞功能时,首次阐述了 miR-126 的表达,miR-126 主要在内皮细胞中表达,在肺脏、心脏和肝脏等血管高度丰富的组织中,miR-126 的表达水平也很高^[19].

Kane^[21]等在 miRNA 与血管新生的研究中发现,人胚胎干细胞定向分化为内皮细胞,在分化时血管新生相关的线粒体 miRNA 表达增加,miR-126 尤为显著.Jin^[22]等在 miRNA 分级群聚试验中发现造血干细胞中 miR-126 高度表达.此外,研究发现 miR-126 在凋亡小体中含量丰富,miR-126 通过调节 CXCL12 对血管内皮细胞凋亡进行调控^[23].

Landgraf 等^[24]报道 has-miR-126 对于造血系统、呼吸系统、消化系统、生殖系统及胚胎组织有一定特异性,尤其对于心血管系统特异性最高,与在 miRgator 数据库中得到的结果一致.

hsa-miR-126 在乳腺癌^[25]、宫颈癌^[26,27]、肺癌^[28,29]、慢性淋巴细胞白血病^[30]、结直肠肿瘤^[31]、酒精相关性肝细胞癌^[32]等肿瘤组织中呈低表达,起到类似抑癌基因的作用.与我们的疾病相关通路分析的部分结果一致.在非小细胞肺癌的癌细胞中,肺癌细胞株转染 miR-126 后,其黏附、迁移和侵袭能力降低^[33].Liu 等通过实验发现 hsa-miR-126 可下调肺癌细胞中 VEGF 的表达,抑制肺癌细胞增殖,进一步证明了其具有抑癌基因的作用^[34],与我们分析的生物学过程吻合.抑癌作用的机制主要是通过作用于肿瘤细胞本身抑制肿瘤细胞的生长,调节参与细胞信号传导蛋白的合成,抑制细胞周期,减少肿瘤细胞的增殖.

在急性巨核细胞白血病细胞^[35]、急性髓性白血病细胞^[36,37]、食管腺癌组织^[38]、转移性肺肿瘤^[39]等

肿瘤中 hsa-miR-126 高表达.这些类似促癌基因的作用,可能与 hsa-miR-126 的促进血管生成作用有关,特别是肿瘤血管的生成,促进了肿瘤的生长转移.已有大量实验表明 hsa-miR-126 在正常内皮细胞血管生成过程中发挥着重要的调控作用,但是在肿瘤和缺血缺氧引起的新生血管的血管内皮细胞中,hsa-miR-126 在基因表达、细胞表型和功能特性上都不同于正常组织的血管内皮细胞^[40].

目前,生物信息学已成为研究 miRNA 最重要的工具之一.尽管准确预测和鉴定 miRNA 靶基因的难度都很大,但不同软件预测的结果有可能不一样,采用多个软件进行预测,取其交集部分,可提高预测结果的可靠性,减小假阳性率.综合三种 miRNA 作用靶基因的预测结果,采用多种生物信息学方法对 hsa-miR-126 的表达情况以及靶基因功能富集分析和信号转导通路富集分析,为阐明 hsa-miR-126 的生物学功能提供了数据支持和理论指导.

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