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miRNA 与蛛网膜下腔出血关系的研究进展

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蛛网膜下腔出血(subarachnoid hemorrhage, SAH)是临床上常见的脑血管病,具有高病死率和高致残率的特点^[1]。从分子角度研究SAH的发病机制是近年来SAH研究的热点。研究表明,微小RNA(microRNA, miRNA)作为重要的调节因子,与SAH的发病密切相关。本文就miRNA在SAH中的研究进展做一综述。

1 miRNA与SAH的关系

miRNA是内源性非编码RNA,长度在18~25 bp,可通过结合mRNA的3'-UTR,调节基因的表达^[2]。miRNA依赖序列互补性的两个原理负调控靶基因表达:①miRNA与靶基因mRNA完全互补,导致其降解;②miRNA与靶基因mRNA不完全互补,在蛋白质翻译水平抑制靶基因的表达。目前,已发现1 000个以上的miRNA,它们可调节30%以上的基因表达,并形成复杂的调控网络。

研究证实miRNA与SAH的发病存在着紧密联系。miRNA不但参与SAH后神经细胞凋亡、炎症发生、神经突触重塑和其它细胞功能,而且SAH病人血液、脑脊液及大鼠SAH模型大脑中动脉均检测到miRNA的差异性表达。研究表明,miR-15a升高可能导致血管表型的改变,从而导致脑血管痉挛(cerebral vasospasm, CVS)。持续高水平的miR-502-5p与动脉瘤性蛛网膜下腔出血(aneurysmal subarachnoid hemorrhage, aSAH)病人的预后不良有关^[3]。上调miRNA-24能够抑制内皮型一氧化氮合酶的表达,可导致SAH后CVS^[4]。

2 SAH后miRNA的差异性表达

研究发现,SAH病人或动物模型存在差异性表达的miRNA,与SAH发生相关的信号通路受miRNA的调节^[5]。

2.1 SAH动物模型异常表达的miRNA 目前,SAH大鼠模型大脑中动脉miR-30a和miR-143显著上调^[6]。Yang等^[7]在小鼠SAH模型中发现褪黑素通过调控H19/miR-675/p53/细胞凋亡和H19/let-7a/神经生长因子/细胞凋亡信号通路,对SAH后早期脑损伤(early brain injury, EBI)有保护作用。Yu等^[8]在SAH小鼠模型中发现p53/miR-22的神经保护作用可能调节SAH后炎症反应和细胞凋亡。

2.2 SAH病人异常表达的miRNA Su等^[9]发现SAH病人外周血miR-132和miR-324上调。研究发现SAH病人脑脊液66个miRNA表达增加,含miR-21和miR-221^[10]。还有研究发现,动脉瘤性SAH病人脑脊液miR-92a和let-7b表达随着时间延长明显降低,而miR-491随着时间延长明显增加^[11]。最近,Stylli等^[12]发现13个miRNA与SAH后CVS有关,包括miR-27a-3p、miR-516a-5p、miR-566和miR-1197。

3 与SAH相关的几种主要miRNA的作用机制

3.1 miR-24 属于miR-23~27~24家族,在血管内皮细胞(vascularendothelialcells, VECs)中高表达,调控VECs特异性基因的表达。研究发现,miR-24与内皮型一氧化氮合酶(nitric oxide synthase 3, NOS3)mRNA 3'-UTR结合,抑制NOS3的表达;SAH病人血miR-24和NOS3的表达水平呈负相关;而且,CVS病人miR-24表达水平升高,而NOS3则相反^[12]。在线miRNA数据库分析显示,NOS3为miR-24的靶点。

3.2 miR-206 研究显示,卡英酸(kainic acid, KA)诱导的癫痫大鼠模型海马组织miR-206的表达明显降低;过表达miR-206,可作用于靶基因CCL2,降低癫

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痫发作活性,减少神经元丢失^[13]。研究表明,脑源性神经营养因子是 miR-206 的靶基因,调控焦虑相关行为和慢性收缩损伤引起的神经性疼痛^[14]。Zhao 等^[15]研究发现,应用 SAH 大鼠模型,敲低 miR-206,通过靶向作用脑源性神经营养因子,显著改善神经功能缺损、脑水肿和抑制神经元凋亡,从而减轻 EBI。

3.3 miR-502-5p 研究显示,miR-502-5p 能够促进肿瘤细胞的凋亡,抑制肿瘤细胞的增殖。Lai 等^[16]研究表明,miR-502-5p 可能是 SAH 的一个潜在的标志物。miR-502-5p 作为 SAH 潜在有价值的诊断指标的机制尚不清楚,有待进一步研究。

3.4 miR-15a 研究表明,miR-15a 参与缺血诱导的脑血管内皮损伤或后肢缺血中内皮细胞(endothelial cells, ECs)和 VSMCs 的血管生成或增殖。此外,miR-15a 还与缺血后的脑血管保护密切相关。Zheng 等^[17]研究发现,miR-15a 通过诱导 KLF4 上调,抑制 ECs 和 VSMCs 的增殖和血管生成。最近,Kikawa 等^[18]研究显示,SAH 后 3~5 d 脑脊液和血浆 miR-15a 显著升高,而 KLF4 表达显著降低。

4 miRNA 在治疗应用方面的局限性

尽管,miRNA 及其相关的信号通路在 SAH 发病过程中具有重要作用,但能否用于临床并发症的治疗靶点还需很长路要走。一个特定的 miRNA 可以有数百个靶基因,而一个单独的基因通常有多个靶向 miRNA。但多个靶基因具体到哪一个才是被 miRNA 所影响并参与 SAH 发病,仍未有效解决。从治疗方面讲,miRNA 可以同时调控多种蛋白质的表达,但是这既有利亦有弊:一方面,miRNA 能够调控同 SAH 相关的蛋白质表达;另一方面,与疾病无关的 mRNA 可能也同时受到影响,产生不可预知的副作用。除此之外,对于 miRNA 抑制剂的应用,抑制剂是否能够作用除 miRNA 外的其它靶点,这也是一个问题。因此,miRNA 做为应用于 SAH 的诊治,仍需要解决以下几个问题:①精确下游的靶 mRNA;②如何有效避免 miRNA 治疗所带来的副作用;③促进剂与抑制剂作用的具体靶点;④抑制剂通过血脑屏障率低;⑤抑制剂与已进入临床药物药理学相互影响的问题;⑥miRNA 的脱靶问题。

综上所述,miRNA 在 SAH 发病过程中具有重要的作用。但是,从技术角度来说,因组织含量少,特异性要求高等,使 miRNA 的检测并不十分容易。目前,miRNA 的检测方法主要是 Northern blot、PCR 和芯片检测。随着技术的发展和研究的深入,会有更

多的 miRNA 被证实参与 SAH 的发生、发展过程。

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