

c- myc

=Abstract=

Correlation between Amplification of c- myc Oncogene and Histopathologic Prognostic Factors in Endometrial Cancer

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The c-myc oncogene encodes a 62,000 daltons nuclear transcriptional factor and is believed to regulate cellular proliferation. Although its mechanism of action is incompletely understood, oncogene amplification followed by increased expression and ultimately the production of large amounts of specific protein seem to play a central role in the oncogene mediated progression of certain solid tumor, including breast and uterine cervical cancer.

We used an Southern blot hybridization to explore the relationship between c-myc oncogene and prognostic factors of endometrial cancer and analysed the tissues from the 21 patients with endometrial cancer and 4 control cases.

Six of 21 patients (29%) with endometrial cancer had at least two fold gene amplification and none of the four normal controls revealed amplified sequences. Three of the four poorly differentiated specimens (75%) demonstrated c-myc gene amplification, whereas only three of 17 low and moderately differentiated specimens (17.6%) showed c-myc oncogene amplification. Thus tumor grade was significantly associated with c-myc oncogene amplification ($p=0.002$). The other known prognostic factors including stage, histologic cell type, myometrial invasion and lymph node metastases showed no statistically significant association with c-myc oncogene amplification, although they were correlated with increased amplification rate of c-myc oncogene.

A much larger number of patients must be studied to determine the prognostic significance of c-myc oncogene amplification in endometrial carcinoma, although these preliminary data suggest that it may predict biologically aggressive behavior of endometrial carcinoma.

Keywords: C-myc oncogene, Endometrial cancer, Prognostic factor

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1960

10

(9.9%), 1970

21 (20.8%), 1980

28

- c- myc -

(A260/A280)가 phenol/chloroform 가 1.8 DNA 가

3) Southern blot

DNA 30 μ g

c-myc DNA EcoRI (Bae-
hringer Mannheim, Germany) 37 2

0.8% agarose gel loading
buffer(0.25% bromophenol blue, 0.15% xylene cyanol,
15% ficoll 400) 40 volt, 50 mA

ethidium bromide 21
(transilluminator TR-302,

) DNA
. Gel 0.25M HCl 15 depurination
1.5M NaCl/0.5M NaCH 15
0.5M Tris(pH 8.0)/1.5M NaCl
15 . Blotting 3P가
c-myc DNA (probe) 42 16 20

X-ray 가
- 70 2 5 가
(Fig. 2). lane
internal control human -globin 268
bp .

Fig. 2. Autoradiograph of Southern blot hybridization. By means of intensity of -globin in band (268bp) as standard, patients D, E, J, N, S, and T demonstrate c-myc gene amplification of at least tow fold.

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C-myc lane -

globin 가 가

myc x2

p value가 0.05 가

c-myc
Southern blot hybridization

Table 1

Table 1. Patients characteristics at study entry

Characteristics	No. of cases(%)
Age(years)	
median	49
range	27 65
Histology	
Adenocarcinoma	16(76.2)
Adenoacanthoma	2(9.5)
Papillary adenocarcinoma	3(14.3)
Histologic grade	
	12(57.1)
	5(23.8)
	4(19.0)
Myometrial invasion	
none	9(42.9)
less than 1/2	8(38.1)
more than 1/2	4(19.0)
LN Metastasis	
absent	19(90.5)
present	2(9.5)
Stage	
	14(66.6)
	3(14.3)
	3(14.3)
	1(4.8)

1. c- myc
(p=0.022).

C-myc 4
21
가 6 29%

2. c- myc
C-myc
21.4%, 66.7% 가 가
(Table 2),
(p=0.172).

Table 2. C- myc gene amplification according to stage in patients with endometrial cancer

Stage	No. of cases	c-myc amplification	
		Present(%)	Absent
	14	3(21.4)	11
	3	0(0)	3
	3	2(66.7)	1
	1	0(0)	1

p=0.172 (, vs. ,)

3. c- myc
c-myc
22.2% 66.7%
가 가
(Table 3)
(p=0.115).

4. c- myc
c-myc
8.3%, 40%, 75%
가
(Table 4) - ,

Table 3. C- myc gene amplification according to cell type in patients with endometrial cancer

Cell type	No. of cases	c-myc amplification	
		Present(%)	Absent
Adenocarcinoma	16	4(25)	12
Adenoacanthoma	2	0(0)	2
Papillary serous adenocarcinoma	3	2(66.7)	1

p=0.115(Adeno vs. Papillary)

Table 4. C- myc gene amplification according to grade in patients with endometrial cancer

Grade	No. of cases	c-myc amplification	
		Present(%)	Absent
I	12	1(8.3)	11
II	5	2(40)	3
III	4	3(75)	1

p=0.022(, vs.)

5. c- myc
c-myc
1/2
가 23.5% 1/2
가 50% 가
(Table 5)
(p=0.292).

Table 5. C- myc gene amplification according to myometrial invasion in patients with endometrial cancer

Myometrial invasion	No. of cases	c-myc amplification	
		Present(%)	Absent
None	9	2(22.2)	7
Less than 1/2	8	2(25)	6
More than 1/2	4	2(50)	2

p=0.292(None or < 1/2 vs. > 1/2)

c- myc			
6.	.223) C-myc		
c- myc	21 가 2	21)	,19) ,20)
가	c-myc	.	.
26.3%	가	m-RNA	가 , ,89)
(p=0.481).	(Table 6)	,13) ,7)	,14) ,15,16)
Table 6. C- myc gene amplification according to lymph node involvement in patients with endometrial cancer		10) c-myc	m-RNA
		.	estrogen
LN involvement	No. of cases	c- myc amplification	
		Present(%)	Absent
Negative	19	5(26.3)	14
Positive	2	1(50)	1
p=0.481(Positive vs. Negative)			
		HER-2/neu	
		가 .223)	
			c-myc
			c-myc
			27
	DNA	67%,17,18)	13 14%24,26)
	DNA	(Table 7).	21 6
		c-myc	29%
(peptide growth factors)		4	c-myc
가	가	. Bai27)	22
		, 43	26
	myc	c-myc	
가		c-myc	
		가	(p < 0.001). c-myc

Table 7. Studies investigating c-myc gene amplification and RNA or protein overexpression in primary uterine cancer

Author	Year	Method of analysis	No. of overexpressed or amplified(%)
Monk et al.	1994	Southern blot	10/37(27)
Milde et al.	1991	Northern blot	1/8(13)
Borst et al.	1990	Southern blot	10/15(67)
Sasano et al.	1990	Southern blot	1/3(33)
Kacinskin et al.	1988	In situ(RNA)	2/14(14)

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c-myc 가 21 4 c-myc

Southern blot hybridization

c-myc

1. C-myc 4 21

가 6 29%

2. C-myc

21.4%, 66.7% 가 가

가 가

, c-myc

Monk18 37 (p=0.172).

c-myc HER-2/neu

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27% 11%

c-myc

가 c-myc

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c-myc

c-myc 가 가

(p=0.022).

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가 c-myc

가 가 ,

가 가 ,

가 가 , c-myc

c-myc

(aggressive biological behavior)

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(p=0.115).

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(p=0.022).

5. c-myc

1/2

가 23.5% 1/2

가 50% 가

(p=0.292).

6. 21 가 2 c-myc

가 c-myc

26.3%

(p=0.481).

c-myc

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