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X -
                                 가
   В
        : B X (HB X) - 가
            : B
                 X -
                                     가 42
                                                        10 - 12
       MHz
        - 20
               14
                         42 16
                                           20
                1.5 - 15 mm ( 4.7 mm) .
                                                   20
                                                          17
        가
                85%, 96%, 0.94,
                                                    90%
                                            0.90,
        26
                                                          0.3 -
       1.2 mm
                                              가
                                                    가 .
                 HBX -
                            가
        :
                                    가
 В
               . B
c - myc, c - Ha - ras, c - Ki - ras
                                    가
                                               가
     가
                           가
                                   (4).
(1).
(HB X- )
              В
                           Χ-
                  가
HB X-
                                                           2.0 cm
                              HB
X - 가
                                                  98.3% CT MRI
       (2). Yu (3) HB X -
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                                              (5).
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                                         가
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           HB X-
                                                          HB X -
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: B X-가

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42
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  1999
                 1999
                                HB X-
                                               가 42
                                                             20
                                                                4.7 mm)
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8 - 20
                14
                                  22
                                              20
                                                                               8
            25 - 40 g
                         . HB X-
                                           가
                                                                                (0\%), 12 - 14
        Yu (3)
                                                               (31\%)
                                                                         10
                                                                                                   , 15 - 20
                  . HB X-
                                                                        7
                                                 DNA
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                                                                             (87\%)
                                                                                        10
                (C57BL/6 X DBA)
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                                                           (Table 1).
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                                                              , 12 - 14
                                                                             20
                                                                                      3
                                                                                                0.3 - 1.2 mm
 ) Southern - blot
                                              National
                                                                                  , 15 - 20
Institute of Health
                                                           1.0 mm
                                                                                                   0% (0/5), 12 -
                                                          14
                                                                       41% (12/29), 15 - 20
                        Ketamine hydrochrolide 0.3 mL
                             (ATL Inc., Bothell, WA,
                                                                                                 17 가
            HDI 5000
                                                                                     20
U.S.A.) 10 - 12 MHz
                                                                               (Fig. 1, 2),
                     В-
                                                          96%,
                                                                           0.94,
                                                                                          0.89,
                                                                                  17
                                                                                                    가
                                                          3).
                                                                                                   (Fig. 1).
  3 mm
                                                                                              (Fig. 1).
    10%
                                                                       (sinusoid)
                              (HE)
      (proliferative cell nuclear antigen)
                                                          Table 1. Incidence of Hepatocellular Carcinoma in Transgenic
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Mice Expressing the Hepatitis B Virus X-Protein

(38%)

29

100%(8/8)

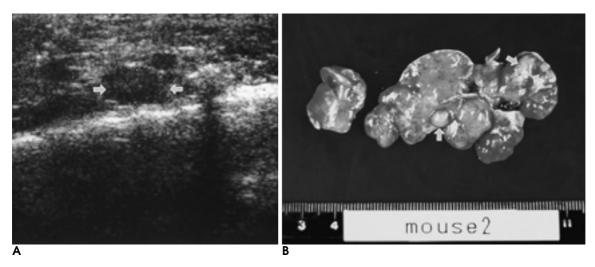
85%,

91%

(Fig.

1.5 - 15 mm

Age of mice		Grossly identified HCC			Microscopic HCC	
	(months)	Incidence No	of tumor	Diameter	No. of tumor	Diameter
	8	0/ 5 (0%)	0	No lesion	0	No lesion
	12 - 14	9/29 (31%)	10	2 - 13 mm	3 (0.3 - 1.2 mm
	15 - 20	7/8 (87%)	10	3 - 15 mm	1	1.0 mm
	Total	16/42 (38%)	20		4	



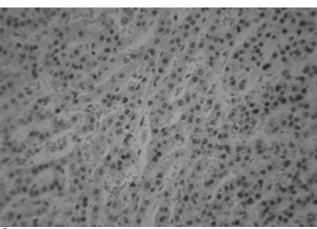


Fig. 1. A. Transverse scan of high-resolution ultrasonogram in the HB X-trangenic mouse at the age of 17 months shows an well-definded hypoechoic nodule (arrows) at the right lobe of the liver.

- **B.** Gross photograph of the liver in the same mouse show two grossly identified nodules at the left lobe (12×8 mm in diameter, arrows) and at the right lobe (5×5 mm in diameter, arrowhead) of the liver, respectively.
- **C.** Microscopic photograph shows well-differentiated tumor cells, which are arranged with trabecular pattern (H & E stain, × 200).

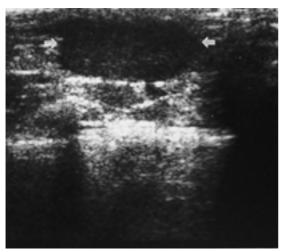


Fig. 2. High-resolution ultrasonogram at the 15 months-aged HBx-transgenic mouse shows an well-definded hypoechoic nodule (arrows) measured 10 × 8 mm in diameter is seen at the surface of the liver.



Fig. 3. Power Doppler ultrasonogram at the 15 months-aged HBx-trangenic mouse shows a hypoechoic nodule with strong flow signals in the central (arrow) and peripheral area of the tumor.

(proliferative cell nuclear antigen) , HB X - 가

: B X-가 HBV -가 가 , HB X-가 c - myc 가 가 (6). HB X -가 38% 가 가 가 가 8 , 12 - 14 31% , 15 87% HBx -Yu (3) 20 11 가 가 가 가 가 (7). 가 가 가 가 가 가가 가 (8). HB X-가 25 - 40 g 5 g CT 가 MRI 가 가 가 가 가 가 가 (solid) (trabec -가 ular) 가 가 20 가 가 가 가 HBX -가 가 가 가 가

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Usefulness of High-Resolution Sonography for Assessement of Hepatocellular Carcinoma in the Transgenic Mice Expressing Hepatitis B Virus X-protein: A Preliminary Study¹

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Purpose: To determine the value of high resolution ultrasonography (US) for the detection of hepatocellular carcinoma in the HBx transgenic mice.

Materials and Methods: Forty-two HBx transgenic mice aged 8-20 (mean, 14) months underwent high-resolution ultrasound using a 10 - 12 MHz linear transducer. US findings indicating the presence or absence, number, size and echogenicity of each hepatic tumor were analyzed, and inaddition, color or power Doppler US was used to analyse tumoral vascularity. In each animal, sacrificed less than five hours after US examination, sonographic and pathologic findings were correlated.

Results: On gross pathologic examination, 20 hepatocellular carcinomas measuring 1.5 - 15 (mean, 4.7) mm in diameter were found in 16 mice; US revealed that 17 of the tumors were homogeneous hypoechoic nodules. With regard to tumor detection, sensitivity was 85%, specificity 96%, positive predictive value 0.944, negative predictive value 0.897, and overall accuracy 90%. Doppler US revealed that in three nodules, intratumoral vessels were present. In the other 26 mice, gross examination showed that no mass was present; microscopically, however, four nodules measuring 0.3 - 1.2 mm were found in four of these animals. Tumoral vascularity detected by color Doppler US corresponded to the intratumoral vessel within the nodules. One peritoneal nodule, confirmed as a metastatic tumor, was found at the greater omentum.

Conclusion: In HBx transgenic mice, high-resolution US is valuable for the detection of hepatocellular carcinoma.

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