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Definition of the peptide mimotope of cellular receptor for hepatitis C virus E2 protein using random peptide library

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= Abstract =

Background: Hepatitis C virus(HCV), a family of Flaviviridae, has a host cell-derived envelope containing a positive-stranded RNA genome, and has been known as the major etiological agent for chronic hepatitis, hepatic cirrhosis, and hepatocellular carcinoma. There remains a need to dissect a molecular mechanism of pathogenesis for the development of therapeutic and effective preventive measure for HCV. Identification of cellular receptor is of central importance not only to understand the viral pathogenesis, but also to exploit strategies for prevention of HCV. This study was aimed at identifying peptide mimotopes inhibiting the binding of E2 protein of HCV to MOLT-4 cell. **Methods:** In this study, phage peptide library displaying a random peptides consisting of 7 or 12 random peptides was employed in order to pan against E2 protein. Free HCV particles were separated from the immune complex forms by immunoprecipitation using anti-human IgG antibody, and used for HCV-capture ELISA. To identify the peptides inhibiting E2-binding to MOLT-4 cells, E2 protein was subject to bind to MOLT-4 cells under the competition with phage peptides. Results: Several phage peptides were selected for their specific binding to E2 protein, which showed the conserved sequence of SHFWRAP from 3 different peptide sequences. They were also able to recognize the HCV particles in the sera of HCV patients captured by monoclonal antibody against E2 protein. Two of them, showing peptide sequence of HLGPWMSHWFOR and WAPPLER SSLFY respectively, were revealed to inhibit the binding of E2 protein to MOLT-4 cell efficiently in dose dependent mode. However, few membrane-associated receptor candidates were seen using Fasta3 programe for homology search with these peptides. Conclusion: Phage peptides containing HLGPWMSHWFQR and WAPPLERSSLFY respectively, showed the inhibition of E2-binding to MOLT-4 cells. However, they did not reveal any homologues to cellular receptors from GenBank database. In further study, cellular receptor could be identified through the screening of cDNA library from MOLT-4 or hepatocytes using antibodies against these peptide mimotopes.

Key Words: Hepatitis C virus, E2 protein, Phage peptide library, Peptide mimotope, Cellular receptor

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HCV (host factor) 가 가 C (HCV) flaviviridae peptide filamentous phage 9.5 kb 가 (positive strand) RNA phage display 1). HCV non-A, non-B 3 ligand 70%가 (binding pocket) (discontinuous determinants) HCV type II, III (linear structure) cryoglobulinemia, B-lymphocyte proliferative disorder peptide (mimicking) ligand-7 HCV . Goodson urokinase ⁴⁾ in HCV peptide mimotope thrombin 1989 thrombopoietin , vascular endothelial vitro HCV growth peptide mimotope life cycle factor 가 HCV가 В peptide mimotope ligand , T , monocyte ligand tropism 가 HCV phage peptide library E2 HCV 31-35 kDa E 1 58-74 kDa peptide mimotope E2가 E2 E2 E2 가 HCV E2 peptide library biopanning E2 E2 (gD-E2) E2 , B T . gD-E2 herpes simplex Pileri gD HCV E2 CHO E2-T A2R anti-gD affinity column 가 HCV tropism . BSA, gD, gD-E2 cDNA library $5 \mu g/m1$ coating buffer (0.1 M NaHCO3, pH transfection E2 , tetraspanin superfamily CD81 8.6) microtiter plate (Maxisorb, Nunc, Denmark) 가 E2 T well 16 HCV 3% BSA/PBS well В , monocyte, blocking . 7- mer 12-mer random peptide가 В peptide library (Ph.D.7 (HBV) asialogly copropIII tein receptor (ASGPR), endonexin II, hepatitis B virus Ph.D.12, NEB) 10 µl 40 µl 3% BSA/TBS [50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 150 mM NaCl] 가 binding factor, transferrin receptor, preS1-BP35 **BSA** gD phage peptide

BSA가 well phage peptide 50 µl library 50 µl well 3 1 gD가 well . PBST gD-E2가 HRP-conjugated anti-M 13 (Pharmacia, USA) well 3 1:5,000 가 100 µl 0.1% Tween 20 PB ST ABTS (Pierce, USA) TBS(TBST) buffer 50 µl elution 50 µl 2% SDS buffer [0.1 M glycine-HCl (pH 2.2), 0.1% BSA] 가 . 405 nm B SA gD-E2 가 가 phage peptide gD 1 M Tris-HCl (pH 9.1) phage peptide panning panning Peptide sequencing phage (input pahge) phage (output phage) (ratio, O/I ratio) phage peptide . 500 µl E2-binder 가 200 µl 5X PEG/NaCl 10 . 10,000 X $OD_{600} nm = 0.5$ ER2537 20 ml phage peptide 40 µl phage peptide 37 20 . 10 µ1 100 ml SB iodide buffer (4 M Sodium iodide in TE 가 [30 g Bacto-tryptone, 20 g Yeast extract, 10 g MOPS buffer) pellet phage DNA 가 (pH 7.0), per 1 liter] 37 16 250 µl 10,000 X g, 20 , 4 . 10,000 X g 10 15 30 ml 5X PEG/NaCl [20% 80% 30 µl TE buffer phage DNA PEG (w/v), 15% NaCl (w/v)] 가 30 PEG DNA dideoxynucleotide chain termination (ABI, USA) 1 ml 3% BSA/TBS phage peptide pellet 2 biopanning . 2 panning . sequencing primer vector sequence 5'-GCC CTC ATA GTT AGC GTA ACG-3' gD-E2 panning 2, 5, 10, 20 1, $0.5 \, \mu g/m1$ 가 free form HCV E 2 phage peptide C HCV가 free O/I ratio가 가 anti-HCV biopanning form phage peptide ER2537 plaque가 (immune complex) 400 µl plate 100-200 plating HCV RNA (+) PBS 1:4 1:43 plaque 1 ml ER2537 10,000 X g 5 37 goat anti-human IgG (1:1,000)100 µl . 10,000 X SB 900 µl 37 16 free form HCV가 16 . 10,000 X g 15 phage peptide pellet RT-nested PCR HCV BSA, gD, gD-E2가 $1 \mu g/m1$

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microtiter plate well 3% BSA/PBS blocking

RT-nested PCR 3 pellet 200 µl (Neutralization of binding (NOB) assay) 4 RNA zol B solution 가 (TEL-Test. Inc, USA) gD-E2 가 chloroform: isoamylalcohol (24:1) 200 µl E2 . E2 4 , 12,000 rpm 14 Tisopropanol 500 µl tRNA (50 µg/ml) 2 µl MOLT-4 가 HCV RNA 10% 75% pellet RPMI 1640 5% CO₂가 30 µl diethyl pyrocarbonate (DEPC)가 . RNA . 1 μg gD-E2 37 17 µl HCV 5"-UTR 2 X 10⁹, 6 X 10⁹, 1.8 X 10¹⁰, 5.4 X 10¹⁰ primer 1 RT-PCR kit (Bioneer, Korea) 가 57 phage peptide 40 µl 10 , 42 60 . 94 5 5 X 10⁵ MOLT-4 가 cDNA 30 , E-tube 55 30 , 72 1 35 PB ST 3 pellet 1X cycle sample buffer [60 mM Tris-HCl (pH 6.8), 2% SDS, 25% **PCR** $2 \mu l$ nested primer 3 glycerol, 14.4 mM 2-mercaptoethanol, 0.1% bromophenol PCR kit (Bioneer, Korea) 가 bluel 10% polyacrylamide gel DNA 2% agarose gel gel nitrocellulose E2 H52 primer membrane HRP-conjugated anti-mouse IgG Primer 1: 5'-CTGTGAGGAACTACTGTCTT-3', western blot **ECL** , X-Omat film (Kodak, Primer 2: 5'-GTCTCGTAGACCGTGCACCATG-3' (Amersham, USA) Primer 3: 5'-TTCACGCAGAAAGCGTCTAG-3' USA) Primer 4: 5'-GCCTGATAGGGTGCTTGCGAGTG-3' HCV-capture ELISA HCV solid phase E 2 biopanning phage peptide capture ELISA . Capturing 7 mer-, 12 mer peptide library gD-E2 HCV E2 antibody biopanning panning H25 phage peptide output phage/input phage coating buffer µg/m1 microtiter (ratio) . 7-mer library plate 100 µl 16 panning 가 12-mer . DW 0.4% B SA/PB S blocking library , panning 가 O/I ratio가 free form HCV 1:64 가 가 ratio well 1 1A). . PBST 3 $1 \times 10^{12} \text{ pfu}$ E2-binder phage peptide 2 E2 phage library panning O/I ratio가 가 3 peptide (7-mer library) 5 (12-mer library) phage peptide plaque plaque

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Fig. 1. Biopanning of phage peptide. (A) Output phage / Input phage (O/I) ratio. From each biopanning step, E2-binding phage peptides were eluted with 0.1 M glycine-HC1 (pH 2.2), amplified and concentrated for subsequent panning. Enrichment of specific phages from either 7-mer or 12-mer is described as a ratio of eluted phages (output phage) over phages applied into reaction (input phage). (B) ELISA of phage peptides selected from either 7-mer or 12-mer phage peptide library. Phage peptides from each plaques were infected and amplified into E.coli ER2537. ELISA against E2 protein was performed using phages concentrated with PEG. Bound phages were detected using HRP-conjugated anti-M13 antibody and OPD as a color reagent.

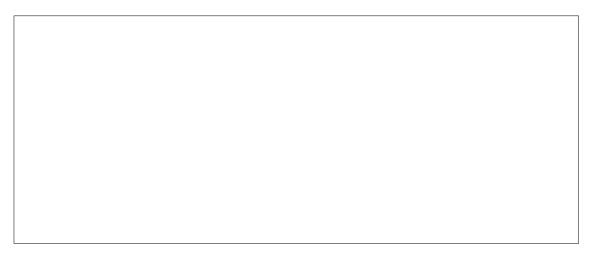


Fig. 2. Specificity of phage peptides. (A) Phage peptide sequences are determined. Conserved sequences are indicated as bold letters. (B) Phage peptides of indicated number were added and incubated into E2-coated wells of microtiter plate. Bound phages were detected using HRP-conjugated anti-M13 antibody and OPD as a color reagent.

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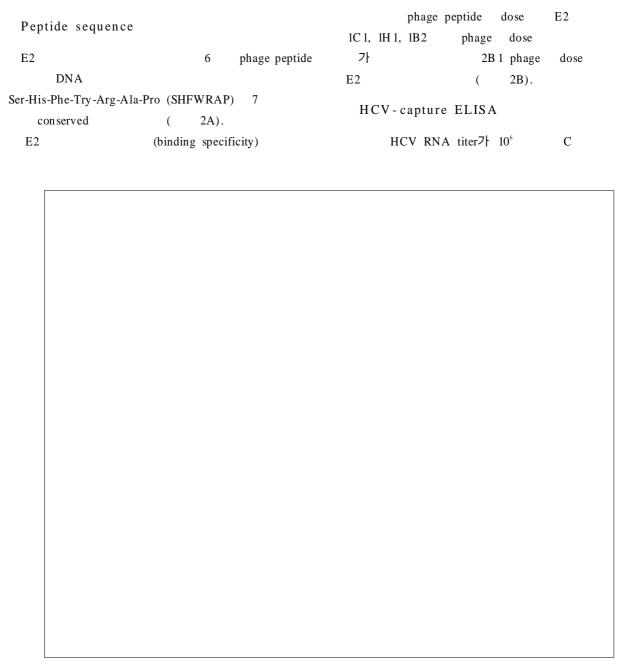
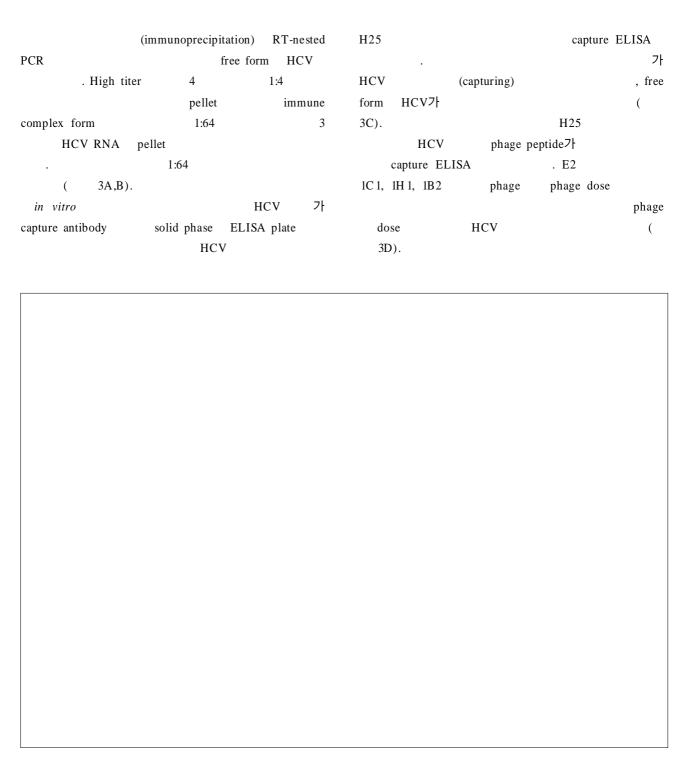


Fig. 3. Detection of HCV particles using phage peptides. (A) Diagram of strategy for amplification of 5'UTR of HCV RNA genome using nested primers. (B) The sera from patients with hepatitis C diluted to 1:4 or 1:4³ were incubated with anti-human IgG antibody, centrifuged to restore pellets and supernatant fractions. Each fraction was treated with RNA zol B solution for purification of RNA, and subjected to RT-nested PCR for amplification of RNA genome (P: pellet, S: supernatant). (C) The sera of patients with hepatitis C were incubated in wells of microtiter plate coated with anti-E2 rabbit sera (Rbt) and anti-E2 monoclonal antibody (H25), respectively. The captured viral particles with antibodies as indicated above were detected with anti-E2 monoclonal antibody and HRP-conjugated anti-mouse IgG antibody, or anti-E2 rabbit antibody and HRP-conjugated anti-rabbit IgG antibody, respectively. (D) Phage peptides of indicated numbers from each clone were added into the wells coated with H25 monoclonal antibody of microtiter plate where the patient's serum were preincubated. After washing with PBST, bound phage peptides were detected using HRP-conjugated anti-M13 antibody and OPD as a color reagent.



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Fig. 4. Neutralization of binding of E2 protein to MOLT-4 cells. (A) gD-E2 of indicated amount was allowed to react with 0.5 μg gD, then mixture was added into MOLT-4 cells. After washing with PBST, the cells were treated with sample buffer and subjected to SDS-PAGE and Western blot. E2 protein bound to MOLT-4 cells was detected using anti-E2 monoclonal antibody as a primary antibody and HRP-conjugated anti-mouse IgG as a secondary antibody and ECL as a color reagent. (B) E2 protein was mixed with phage peptides of indicated numbers from each clone, and incubated with 5 X 10⁵ MOLT-4 cells. After washing in PBST, the cells were treated with sample buffer and subjected to SDS-PAGE and Western blot. E2 protein bound to MOLT-4 cells was detected as described elsewhere. (C) Graph describing a densitometric analysis based on the (A), in which the signal of each phage peptide was compared with that of control phage peptide and the results were indicated as percentage.

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