

안지오텐신전환효소의 mRNA 정량분석을 위한 정량적 역전사 PCR 방법의 개발*

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= Abstract =

Development of Quantitative Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction for the Measurement of Angiotensin Converting Enzyme mRNA

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Background : The analysis of ACE gene expression is vital to study the role of angiotensin converting enzyme(ACE) in the pathogenesis of cardiovascular disease. Traditionally, levels of individual mRNA expression have been analyzed by semiquantitative Northern blotting, which requires a large quantity of tissue. Therefore, gene expression of a little biopsy specimen from the human heart or atherectomy specimen from the blood vessel cannot be measured easily. Reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction(RT-PCR) is very effective, sensitive and rapid method of detecting the expression of mRNA, but it is only used in qualitative analysis. Therefore, we established the method of quantitative RT-PCR(QRT-PCR) using recombinant RNA template as internal standard to measure the expression of ACE.

Method : Recombinant RNA(rcRNA) was designed to yield PCR product which differs in size by about 200bp from that of the target RNA. Initially, spacer gene, which was composed of ACE sense primer, antisense primer, T7 promoter and poly(dT) tail with glutathione transferase(GSTM) gene of 180bp in the middle, was constructed. Then, standard rcRNA was obtained by in vitro transcription. Target RNA was mixed with rcRNA and amplified by PCR, together with ³²P-dCTP. PCR products were analyzed by gel electrophoresis. For quantitation, either gel was cut and radioactivity was counted or gel was dried and exposed to X-ray film and density was measured using image densitometer. We carried out semiquantitative RT-PCR to study the modulation of ACE expression in vascular smooth muscle cell(VSMC) by dexamethasone and basic FGF(bFGF).

Result : The size difference of PCR products from the standard RNA and the extracted target RNA was matched as designed. By using QRT-PCR, there was 1.7×10^8 ACE mRNA molecules in 1ng of rat lung total RNA. bFGF and dexamethasone upregulated ACE mRNA expression in cultured VSMC.

Conclusion : These results suggest that RT-PCR using rcRNA as internal standard is a very useful method for quantitation or semiquantitation of ACE mRNA from a small amount of tissue or cultured cells. Expression of ACE in VSMC can be modulated by various stimuli such as basic FGF and dexamethasone. QRT-PCR could be widely used in the studies of expression of specific human genes.

KEY WORDS : Quantitative reverse transcription-PCR · Angiotensin converting enzyme · RNA · Gene expression.

서 론

Renin - angiotensin system(RAS) endocrine system, angiotensin, (salt and volume homeostasis), RAS, autocrine, paracrine, Angiotensin, angiotensinogen, renin, deca-peptide, angiotensin, angiotensin converting enzyme(ACE), RAS, octapeptide, angiotensin, angiotensin receptor, Angiotensin converting enzyme(ACE) enzymatic cascade, limiting step, ACE, angiotensin, tissue RAS가 local tissue, ACE, angiotensin, ACE, angiotensin, angiotensin, angiotensin 가

angiotensin receptor, ACE, ACE mRNA, Northern blotting, ACE mRNA, -PCR(Reverse Transcription - Polymerase Chain Reaction ; RT - PCR), RNA, ACE mRNA, ACE mRNA, (recombinant RNA ; rcRNA) internal standard, RT - PCR(Quantitative RT - PCR ; QRT - PCR)

실험재료 및 방법

1. QRT-PCR을 위한 표준 RNA의 제작 및 primer 합성
- 2). Internal standard rcRNA (180bp GSTM(glutathione transferase) ACE specific primer sequence T7 promoter, poly(dT) tail spacer gene recom -

binant PCR primer
 (Fig. 1). 5' - primer 5' - (T7 promoter sequence) - (ACE 5' primer sequence) - (GSTM 5' primer sequence) - 3', 3' - primer 5' - (poly dT) - (ACE 3' primer sequence) - (GSTM 3' primer sequence) - 3'. Target RNA ACE primer 436bp
 , spacer gene ACE primer 222bp 가 200bp 가 , electrophoresis gel (Fig. 2). genomic DNA recombinant PCR primer PCR spacer gene PCR 94 1 가

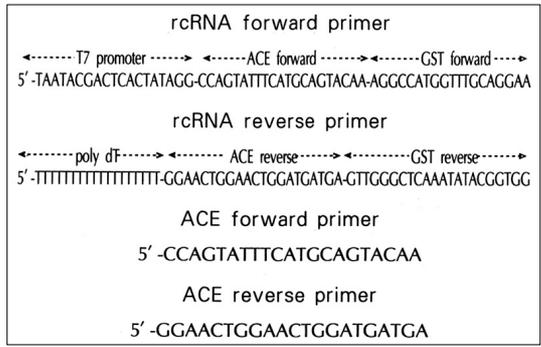


Fig. 1. Recombinant PCR primer and ACE primer sequences.

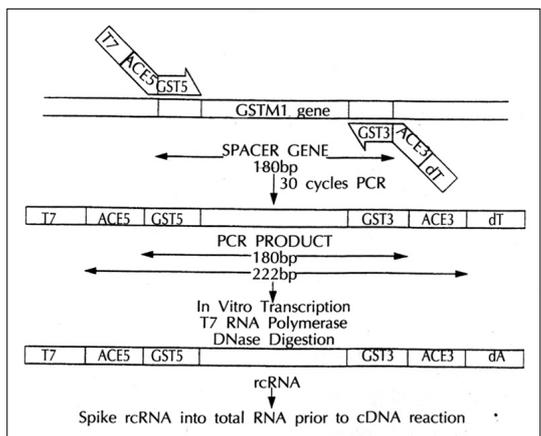


Fig. 2. Scheme for the synthesis of rcRNA internal standard. Abbreviations : T7 = T7 promoter sequence, ACE5 = ACE sequence forward primer, GST5 = Spacer gene forward primer, GST3 = Spacer gene reverse primer, ACE3 = ACE sequence reverse primer, dT = d(T) 18 tail, dA = d(A) 18 tail

denaturation , 60 1 annealing 72 1 30 extension 35 . glass milk(BIO 101 kit, Boehringer Mannheim) , T7 RNA polymerase in vitro transcription(Riboprobe in vitro transcription system, Promega, USA) rcRNA

2. 배양된 세포나 조직에서 total RNA의 분리

Total RNA acid guanidinium isothiocyanate - phenol - chloroform 3). cold PBS , 4M guanidinium isothiocyanate 25nM sodium citrate (pH7.0), 0.5% sarcosyl, 0.1M 2 - mercaptoethanol (denaturing solution)

1.5ml . 50ul 2M sodium acetate(pH4.0), 500ul water - saturated phenol(pH4.2), 170ul chloroformisoamyl alcohol (49 : 1) 10 . 4 15 12,000rpm , (aqueous phase) , 2

isopropanol 가 , 16 - 20 . 4 12,000rpm 30 , RNA pellet 75% ethanol 2 , , 0.1% diethyl pyrocarbonate(DEPC) - 70 . RNA

homogenization RNA . RNA 1.5% formamide denatured agarose gel RNA integrity .

3. QRT-PCR을 위한 역전사(reverse transcription) 및 PCR

1ug total RNA RNA MMLV reverse transcriptase (Promega, USA) 37 60 single stranded cDNA , 99

5 , 5
 . cDNA 2
 , 10mM Tris(pH8.3), 50mM KCl, 1.5mM
 MgCl₂, 200 μM dNTP 25pmol sense
 primer antisense primer가 PCR
 . Hot start 95
 5 가 , 85 5
 2.5unit Taq DNA (Boehringer
 Mannheim, FRG) 가 . PCR
 95 1 가 denaturation , 58
 1 annealing 72 1 30 exte-
 ntion , PCR cycle amplification
 exponential phase DNA
 . cDNA RNA
 PCR .

4. PCR 산물의 정량

PCR 0.02uCi/ul ³²P - dCTP 가
 PCR 2% agarose gel 6% poly-
 crylamide gel . PCR
 gel x - ray film densi-
 tometer band
 , band speedvac
 scintillation beta counter
 (Beckman LS5801, Palo Alto, CA) radioactivity
 . RNA 가 RT - PCR
 ba-
 ckground target RNA
 rcRNA ³²P - dCTP incorpo-
 ration G/C
 rcRNA 2.6 .

5. Rat의 대동맥에서 혈관평활근세포(vascular smooth muscle cell : VSMC)의 배양

Male Sprague - Dawley rat(6wk old)
 . loose connective
 tissue enzyme dissociation mixture
 (DM EM/F12 medium, 1mg/ml type 2 collagenase,
 0.25 mg/ml elastase, 1mg/ml soybean trypsin
 inhibitor, 2mg/ml bovine serum albumin)
 37 10
 adventitia media

. Dissecting microscopy fine forceps
 adventitia media media
 VSMC . Media 2 3mm
 enzyme dissociation mixture
 gyratory shaker 37 60
 . VSMC enzyme dissociation mi-
 xture가 fetal bovine serum 가
 20% 가 enzyme
 gauze digestion
 . 4 1000rpm 5
 (DMEM/F12 supplemented with 10%
 FBS, 100mg/ml penicillin, 0.1mg/ml strepto-
 mycin) 25cm² flask 2 5
 × 10³ /cm² plating .
 37 humidified 5% CO₂/95% air
 24 48
 48 72
 . 1 : 3 1 : 5
 5 10
 . 6 well plate confluence
 defined serum - free medium(DSF ;
 DMEM/F12 medium containing insulin 5 × 10⁻⁷ M,
 transferrin 5mg/ml, ascorbic acid 0.2mM)
 48 quiescent
 . VSMC
 quiescent, noncatabolic, differentiated
 VSMC
 4) .

6. VSMC의 ACE mRNA 발현의 반정량적 RT-PCR(semiquantitative RT-PCR ; 이하 SQRT-PCR이라 약함

6 well plate VSMC 가 confluent
 DSF 48
 72 bFGF dexamethasone 가 12
 RNA ACE mRNA
 . 1 μg RNA
 rcRNA 50pg QRT - PCR
 rcRNA/target RNA ratio DSF
 ACE mRNA 1 .
 Mann - Whitney U test .

결 과

1. 표준 RNA의 합성 및 이를 이용한 RT-PCR

genomic DNA spacer gene
 RNA(rcRNA) 259bp
 (Fig. 3A). Rat RNA
 RT - PCR
 222bp
 RNA
 Fig. 3B
 rat
 200bp
 PCR
 RNA

2. PCR cycle 수에 따른 변동

PCR cycle 가 가 가
 PCR exponential 가

QRT - PCR PCR
 exponential 가 cycle
 Fig. 4 1 μg rat RNA 20pg

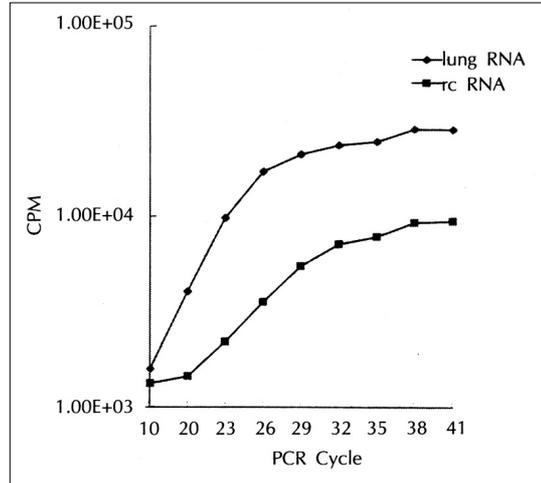


Fig. 4. Graph showing RT-PCR of target RNA and rcRNA. Total RNA from rat lung 1 μg and rcRNA 20 pg were coamplified for various numbers of PCR cycles.

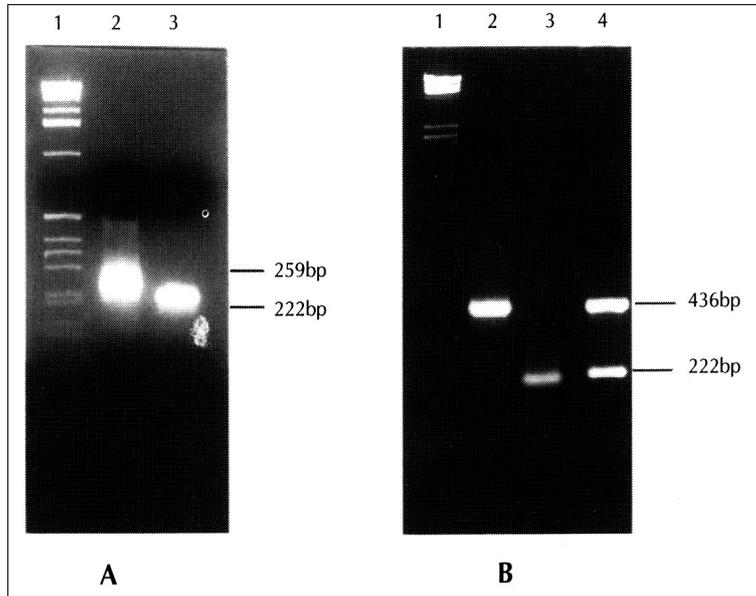


Fig. 3. Generation of recombinant spacer gene and recombinant standard RNA.
 A : Generation of recombinant spacer gene and its reverse-transcription PCR with ACE primers. Lane 1 : 1kb DNA ladder. Lane 2 : Genomic DNA was PCR-amplified with recombinant PCR primers of spacer gene. The band corresponds to the expected size of 259 bp. Lane 3 : Recombinant spacer gene was *in vitro* transcribed and resultant recombinant RNA was reverse-transcribed and PCR-amplified with ACE primers. The band corresponds to the expected size of 222 bp.
 B : Reverse-transcription PCR of target RNA and rcRNA. Lane 1 : Lambda/HindIII DNA size marker. Lane 2 : Rat lung total RNA was reverse-transcribed and PCR-amplified with ACE primers. The band corresponds to the expected size of 436 bp. Lane 3 : Recombinant RNA was reverse-transcribed and PCR-amplified with ACE primers. The band corresponds to the calculated size of 222 bp. Lane 4 : Rat lung total RNA and recombinant RNA were mixed, reverse-transcribed and PCR-amplified with ACE primers.

rcRNA PCR ^{32}P - dCTP 가
 gel band
 beta - counter
 35cycle PCR pla -
 teau
 32cycle

3. 목표 RNA와 표준 RNA의 등전점
 1ng rat RNA 1ng RNA 1/3
 RNA
 cDNA PCR
 (Fig. 5). RNA 가 222bp
 RNA 1mole 645g

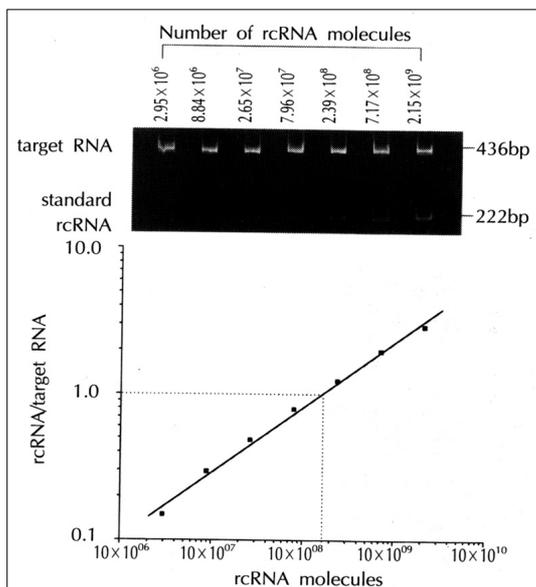


Fig. 5. Quantitation of ACE RNA molecules from rat lung. A : Varying copy numbers of synthetic recombinant RNA(rcRNA) molecules were coreverse transcribed with constant amount of the target RNA (rat lung 1 ng). After reverse-transcription, the cDNA reaction mixture was amplified using ACE primers. PCR products were electrophoresed in 6% polyacrylamide gel and bands were visualized by ethidium bromide staining. B : To determine the competition equivalence point, each bands were cut and radioactivity was counted. The ratio of radioactivity of the PCR product bands from recombinant RNA and target RNA was plotted against the number of recombinant RNA molecules added. As shown, the equimolar point(horizontal dashed line), corresponds to 1.7×10^8 molecules of recombinant RNA, which means that 1 ng of rat lung RNA contains 1.7×10^8 molecules of ACE RNA.

RNA 1ng 2.15×10^9 molecule
 RNA RNA PCR
 가 RNA
 plot
 RNA RNA
 (equimolar point)
 rat RNA 1ng 1.7×10^8 ACE
 mRNA가

4. 배양된 VSMC에서 ACE mRNA 발현의
 반정량적 측정
 VSMC bFGF dexamethasone
 12 RNA
 PCR ACE mRNA
 SQRT - PCR DSF
 VSMC bFGF dexamethasone
 ACE mRNA 가 (DSF
 bFGF 10ng ; 8.5 가, $p < 0.05$, bFGF

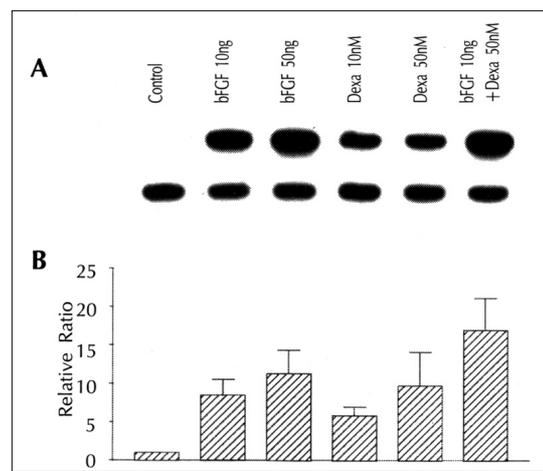


Fig. 6. Semiquantitative analysis of the modulation of ACE expression by basic FGF and dexamethasone. A : Growth-arrested vascular smooth muscle cells were stimulated with basic FGF and dexamethasone for 12 hours. $1 \mu\text{g}$ of total RNA and 50pg of recombinant RNA was reverse-transcribed and PCR-amplified with ACE primers. PCR products were electrophoresed in 2% agarose gel. Gel was dried and exposed to x-ray film. B : Density of each bands was measured using densitometer. Ratio of target RNA to rcRNA was calculated. The value of negative control was normalized to 1 arbitrary unit for quantitative comparisons. The values given are the mean \pm SEM for four separate samples.

ACE mRNA

PCR ³²P - dCTP 가 mRNA

Rat RNA RNA 요약

cDNA PCR 연구배경 : Angiotensin

mRNA RNA ACE mRNA molecule ACE mRNA Northern blotting

PCR sample ACE mRNA Reverse Transcription - Polymerase Chain Reaction(RT - PCR)

bromide agarose gel polaroid film ethidium RNA 가 가

densitometer ACE RNA recombinant RNA(rcRNA) internal standard

gel band 가 Quantitative RT - PCR(QRT - PCR)

sample mRNA molecule mRNA

Northern blotting RNAse protection assay ACE primer ACE RT - PCR

PCR band 200bp rcRNA

housekeeping gene PCR 180bp GSTM(glutathione transferase)

PCR primer ACE specific primer sequence T7 promoter, poly(dT) tail spacer

RNA ACE RNA rcRNA internal standard

bFGF dexamethasone VSMC ACE mRNA agarose gel 가

가 10,11) gel x - ray film densitometry

결 과 :

1) PCR RNA RNA

2) Rat total RNA 1ng 1.7 × 10⁸

PCR

ACE mRNA 가
 3) VSMC ACE mRNA bFGF dexamethasone 가

결론:

1) Spacer gene QRT-PCR mRNA

2) VSMC ACE

3) RNA PCR

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