

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.

서론

Angiotensin receptor

ACE

가

Renin - angiotensin system(RAS)

ACE

an -

ACE mRNA

endocrine system

giotensin

Northern blotting

(salt and volume homeostasis)

RAS

ACE mRNA

autocrine, paracrine

-PCR(Reverse Transcription - Polymerase

Chain Reaction ; RT - PCR)

1).

RNA

가 가

Angiotensin

ACE

angiotensinogen renin deca -

peptide angiotensin . Angiotensin

mRNA

angiotensin converting enzyme(ACE)

RNA

RAS

octapeptide, (recombinant RNA ; rcRNA) internal

angiotensin . angio - standard

tensin angiotensin receptor RT - PCR(Quantitative

RT - PCR ; QRT - PCR)

Angiotensin converting enzyme(ACE) RAS

enzymatic cascade, angiotensin rateli -

miting step ACE ACE

가 angiotensin

tissue RAS가 local tissue an -

giotensin

ACE 가 angiotensin

, ACE 가

angiotensin angiotensin

가 angiotensin 가

실험재료 및 방법

1. QRT-PCR을 위한 표준 RNA의 제작 및 primer 합성

Heuvel ²⁾ Internal standard

ACE primer rcRNA

180bp GSTM(glutathione transfe -

rase) 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

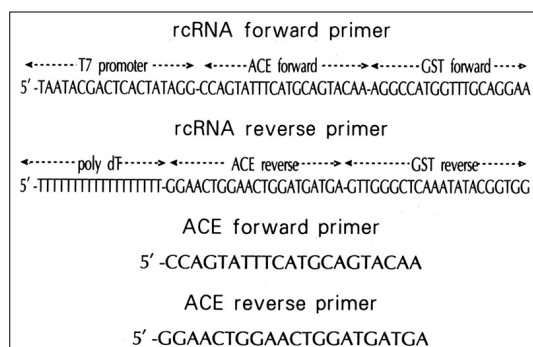


Fig. 1. Recombinant PCR primer and ACE primer sequences.

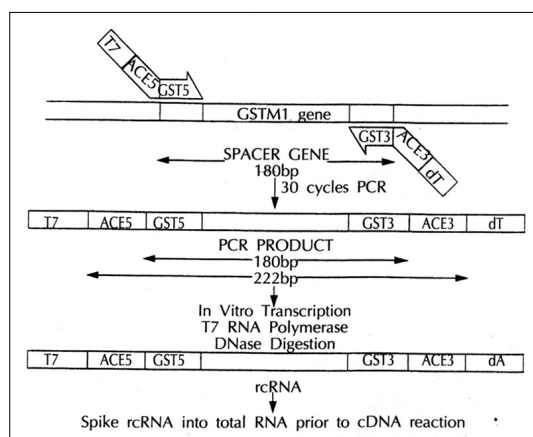


Fig. 2. Scheme for the synthesis of rcRNA internal standard.
Abbreviations : T7 = T7 promoter sequence, ACE5 = ACE sequence forward primer, GST5 = Spacer gene forward primer, GST3 = Spacer gene reverse primer, ACE3 = ACE sequence reverse primer, dT = d(T) 18 tail, dA = d(A) 18 tail

denaturation , 60 1 annealing
72 1 30 extention 35
. glass milk(BIO 101 kit, Boehringer Man -
nheim) , T7 RNA polymerase
in vitro transcription(Riboprobe in vitro tran -
scription system, Promega, USA) rcRNA

2. 배양된 세포나 조직에서 total RNA의 분리

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

1.5ml . 50ul 2M so -
dium acetate(pH4.0), 500 μl water - saturated
phenol(pH4.2), 170 μl 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 tran - scription) 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 -
nition , 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-PCR)이라 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)
RT - PCR 259bp
222bp (Fig. 3A). Rat RNA
RNA PCR
Fig. 3B rat RNA
200bp

2. PCR cycle 수에 따른 변동

PCR cycle 가 가 가
PCR exponential 가

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

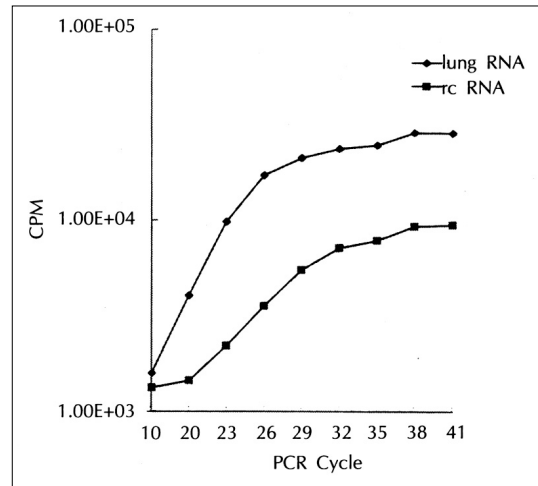


Fig. 4. Graph showing RT-PCR of target RNA and rcRNA. Total RNA from rat lung 1 μ g and rcRNA 20 pg were coamplified for various numbers of PCR cycles.

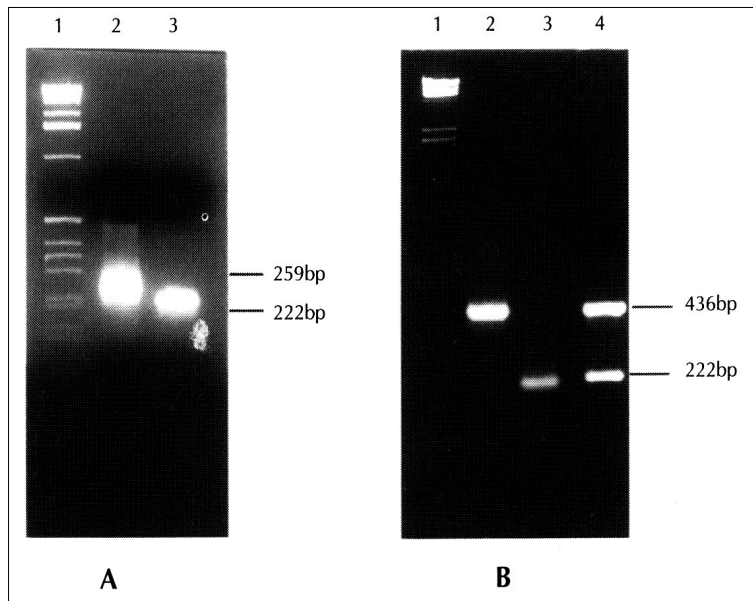


Fig. 3. Generation of recombinant spacer gene and recombinant standard RNA.
A : Generation of recombinant spacer gene and its reverse-transcription PCR with ACE primers. Lane 1 : 1kb DNA ladder. Lane 2 : Genomic DNA was PCR-amplified with recombinant PCR primers of spacer gene. The band corresponds to 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 가 RNA
 35cycle PCR plot
 teau RNA RNA
 32cycle (equimolar point)

3. 목표 RNA와 표준 RNA의 등전점

1ng rat RNA 1ng RNA 1/3
 RNA
 cDNA PCR
 (Fig. 5). RNA 가 222bp
 RNA 1mole 645g

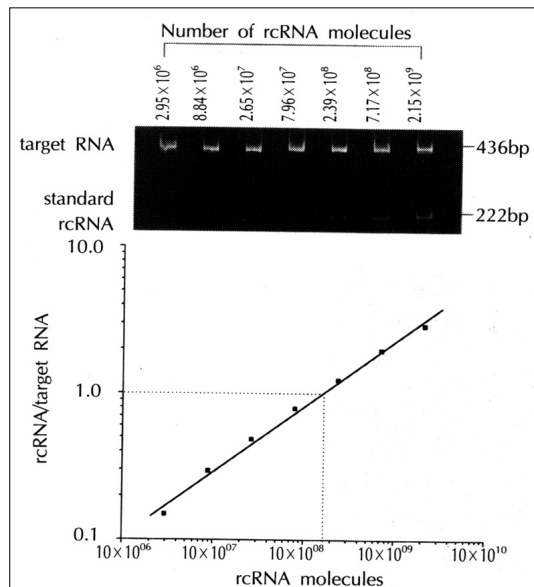


Fig. 5. Quantitation of ACE RNA molecules from rat lung. A : Varying copy numbers of synthetic recombinant RNA(rcRNA) molecules were coreverse transcribed with constant amount of the target RNA (rat lung 1 ng). After reverse-transcription, the cDNA reaction mixture was amplified using ACE primers. PCR 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
 RNA plot
 (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

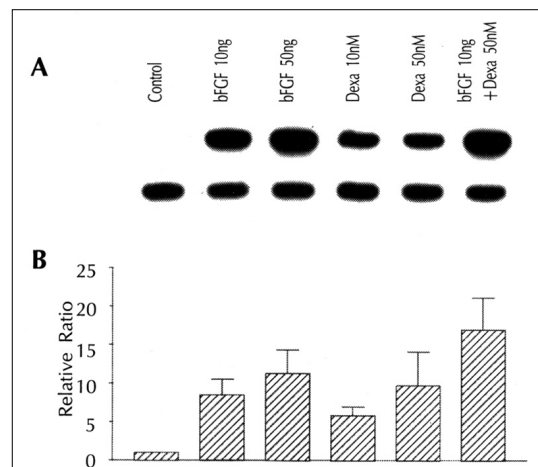


Fig. 6. Semiquantitative analysis of the modulation of ACE expression by basic FGF and dexamethasone. A : Growth-arrested vascular smooth muscle cells were stimulated with basic FGF and dexamethasone for 12 hours. $1 \mu\text{g}$ of total RNA and 50pg of recombinant RNA was reverse-transcribed and PCR-amplified 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.

50 ng ; 11.3 가, $p < 0.05$, dexamethasone 10 nM ; 5.8 가, $p < 0.05$, dexamethasone 50nM ; 9.7 가, $p < 0.05$), bFGF 10ng dexamethasone 50nM 가 (17.0 internal standard가 가)
($p > 0.05$) , RNA RNA
(Fig. 6).

고 찰
Northern blotting rc
dot blotting RNA internal standard
RNA가 . 1989 Wang ⁹⁾ PCR
mRNA RNA RNA
가 . mRNA RNA se -
in situ hybridization nse primer antisense primer
mRNA 가 . DNA plasmid
mRNA cloning , T7 RNA *in vitro*
RT - PCR Northern blotting transcription . RNA RNA
가 가 PCR
가 template가 100 RNA RNA
RNA 가 RNA 가
RNA 가 RNA 가
Mg⁺⁺ deoxynucleo - DNA
tides , , cycle
⁵⁾ 가 RNA
PCR
RT - PCR internal stan - QRT - PCR 가
dard 가 mRNA Wang PCR
Heuvel ²⁾ ,
genomic DNA RNA PCR primer
spacer gene , T7 RNA
polymerase *in vitro* transcription
rcRNA RNA
RNA PCR competitor
RNA , internal standard RNA RNA
RNA PCR primer cDNA
PCR product 가 RNA PCR pro -
duct cDNA primer cDNA가 PCR

ACE mRNA

, PCR ^{32}P -dCTP 가 mRNA

Rat RNA RNA

RNA cDNA PCR

가

mRNA RNA ACE mRNA molecule

PCR

ethidium

bromide agarose gel polaroid film densitometer

gel band 가

sample mRNA molecule mRNA

가

Northern blotting RNase protection assay PCR

PCR band

housekeeping gene PCR primer

RNA ACE

bFGF dexamethasone VSMC ACE mRNA^{10,11)}

가

agarose gel 가

gel x-ray film densitometry

결 과:

1) PCR RNA primer

2) Rat total RNA 1ng 1.7×10^8

ACE mRNA

mRNA

요 약

연구배경 :

Angiotensin

Converting Enzyme(ACE)

ACE 가

ACE mRNA Northern blotting

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

RNA

가 가

ACE RNA recombinant RNA(rcRNA) internal standard

Quantitative RT - PCR(QRT - PCR)

방 법:

ACE primer ACE RT - PCR

200bp rcRNA

180bp GSTM(glutathione transferase)

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

gene , in vitro transcription

rcRNA internal standard

PCR ^{32}P -dCTP

PCR band gel

agarose gel 가

gel x-ray film densitometry

결 과:

1) PCR RNA primer

2) Rat total RNA 1ng 1.7×10^8

ACE mRNA 가 .
 3) VSMC ACE mRNA bFGF dexamethasone 가 .

결 론 :

1) Spacer gene QRT - PCR mRNA

2) VSMC ACE

3) RNA PCR

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