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研究成果の概要(和文)：線維化疾患病変部の培養線維芽細胞を用いてDNA microarray法にて過剰発現する分子、発現低下する分子を検討し、micro RNA arrayにて過剰発現するmicro RNA、発現低下するmicro RNAを同定した。正常皮膚線維芽細胞を用いてintegrin  $\alpha 5$  stable transfectant作成し、細胞外マトリックスの過剰発現、MMP-1などのproteaseの発現低下を確認した。COL1A2 enhancer、promoterをベクターとして用いて線維芽細胞特異的integrin  $\alpha 5$  transgenic mouseを作成し、phenotypeを解析した。

研究成果の概要(英文)：We identified up-regulated or down-regulated genes using DNA microarray analysis and identified up-regulated or down-regulated microRNAs using microRNA array analysis in fibrosis. We made integrin  $\alpha 5$  stable transfectants using normal dermal fibroblasts and confirmed overexpression of extracellular matrix genes and down-regulation of proteases, such as MMP-1. We examined the phenotype of fibroblast-specific integrin  $\alpha 5$  transgenic mice.

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### 1. 研究開始当初の背景

線維化は全身性強皮症、肺線維症、肝硬変、腎硬化症、動脈硬化などの諸臓器において認められ、各臓器の線維化には共通の機序が存在するものと考えられている。線維化は血管障害やリンパ球活性化に始まり、各種サイトカイン、インテグリンによる線維芽細胞の活性化による細胞外マトリックス過剰沈着を特徴とし、TGF- $\beta$  の関与が考えられている。しかしながらその病態はいまだ明らかではなく、有効な治療もまだない。

### 2. 研究の目的

本研究では、線維化に関与する分子の同定、サイトカインやインテグリンとの相互作用の解明を目的とする。

我々は線維化における autocrine TGF- $\beta$  loop 仮説 (TGF- $\beta$  の発現は変化せず TGF- $\beta$  情報伝達系が活性化して線維化が形成される) を提示し、integrin  $\alpha$ V $\beta$ 5 とトロンボスポンジン-1 (TSP-1) 過剰発現の線維化の病因への関与を証明したが、線維化の病因はまだまだ明らかとなっていない。そのため線維化の病因を更に明らかにするため、線維化に関与する分子の同定、サイトカインやインテグリンとの相互作用の解明を目的としたい。

### 3. 研究の方法

全身性強皮症、肝硬変、肺線維症の組織、病変部の培養線維芽細胞、integrin  $\alpha$ V $\beta$ 5 stable transfectant (線維化のモデルとしてエレクトロポレーション法を用いて線維芽細胞に integrin  $\alpha$ V $\beta$ 5 を恒常的に過剰発現させた細胞)、TSP-1 stable transfectant、collagen promoter/ enhancer を用いた線維芽細胞特異的 integrin  $\alpha$ V transgenic mouse、TSP-1 transgenic mouse を用いて DNA microarray 法にて過剰発現する分子、発現低下する分子を検討し、また realtime PCR を用いた micro RNA array によって過剰発現する micro RNA、発現低下する micro RNA を同定し、さらには情報伝達に関しては情報伝達 protein array を行い、それぞれ同定された分子の発現量、線維化におけるその機能、サイトカインやインテグリンとの相互作用について検討する。

この検討により、線維化の原因の解明に繋がり、新たな治療法および分指標的薬などの医薬品の開発に繋がると考えられる。

### 4. 研究成果

全身性強皮症、肺線維症の組織および病変部の培養線維芽細胞において DNA microarray 法にて過剰発現する分子、発現低下する分子を検討し、また realtime PCR を用いた micro RNA array によって過剰発現する micro RNA、発現低下する micro RNA を同定した。

正常皮膚線維芽細胞を用いて integrin V 5 stable transfectant 作成し、integrin

V 5 の過剰発現を確認した。

COL1A2 enhancer、promoter をベクターに組み込んで作成した transgene を用いて線維芽細胞特異的 integrin V 5 transgenic mouse を作成し、phenotype を解析したが、予想に反して皮膚の線維化は認められず、正常マウスと比較して皮膚厚の減少を認めた。integrin V 5 stable transfectant を用いて DNA microarray 法、realtime PCR を用いた micro RNA array 法、情報伝達 protein array を行い、線維化 phenotype を形成しているか、すなわち TGF- $\beta$  受容体が過剰発現しているか、TGF- $\beta$  情報伝達経路 (Smad2、Smad 3、Smad4、p300/CBP、p38 MAPK、PI3 kinase) が過剰リン酸化しているか、I 型コラーゲンをはじめとする細胞外マトリックス蛋白および遺伝子が過剰発現しているか、MMP-1 などの protease の発現が低下しているか、TIMP-1 などの protease inhibitor の発現が亢進しているか詳細に検討し、autocrine TGF- $\beta$  signaling により I 型コラーゲンをはじめとする細胞外マトリックス蛋白および遺伝子が過剰発現し、MMP-1 などの protease の発現が低下していることを確認した。

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