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DNA (methylation) ,
 promoter CpG island 가 ,
 . promoter DNA 가
 , 가
 . DNA 가
 (microsatellite instability, MSI)
 (MSI-) DNA *hMLH1*
 가 , 가
 .
 MSI- *hMLH1* promoter 가
 , MSI-
hMLH1 4 (*p16*, *E-*
cadherin, *Rb*, *VHL*) methylation-specific PCR (MSP) DNA
 , CpG
 island methylator phenotype (CIMP) .
 20 MSI- 18 MSI-
 . MSI- *hMLH1* 가
 (80%), *p16* 10% , *E-cadherin*, *Rb*, *VHL*

가 . MSI- *hMLH1* *p16*
 , *E-cadherin* (11.1%) *Rb* (22.2%) 가
 . CIMP ,
 38 3 가 (CIMP+)가 2
 (5.2%), 2 가 (CIMP-I)가 7 (18.4%),
 1 가 (CIMP-)가 29 (76.4%)
 , 2 CIMP+ MSI- .
 MSI- DNA *hMLH1*

: , *hMLH1*, MSI, CIMP

< >

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¹⁻³,

가

⁴⁻⁵ DNA

(methylation)

(epigenetical modification)

dinucleotide)

0.5 kb-3 kb

promoter

70% 가

, guanosine 5' cytosine (CpG

CpG dinucleotide

cluster (CpG island)

.

, promoter

methyl-binding protein (MBP)

,

X-

,⁷ embryonic development,⁸ aging,⁹ imprinting¹⁰

가 ,

가 ,

(unmethylation) promoter

CpG island 가 11-13 .

가 (tumor suppressor gene)

promoter ,

가

.¹³ 가

가 , *Rb*

(*retinoblastoma*) *VHL* (*von Hippel Lindau*) promoter

가 ¹⁴ 가 ¹⁵ , MSI-

(microsatellite instability-positive) (sporadic colorectal carcinoma) *hMLH1* promoter ,

5-aza-2'-deoxycytidine *hMLH1*

.¹⁶⁻²⁰ ,

(allele) ,

가 ,

.²¹

p16^{INK4A} 가 promoter ,

p16^{INK4A} 가 ,²¹⁻²³ *BRAC1* , 가

가

가 , *BRAC1* promoter
 가 ²⁴⁻²⁷ , DNA
 ,
 .
 DNA DNA
 (mismatch repair gene)가 DNA
¹²⁻¹³ DNA
 DNA
 (microsatellite) MSI- ¹³ MSI-
p53, K-ras, APC
 ,
hMLH1, hMSH2, hMSH3, hMSH6, hPMS2 DNA
*transforming growth factor 1 receptor type II (TGF- RII), insulin-like
 growth factor type II receptor (IGF-RII), BAX*
²⁸⁻³⁰ MSI- HNPCC (hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal carcinomas)
 70%가 *hMLH1, hMSH2* (germ line mutation)가 ,
 , *hMLH1*
 DNA , 70-80%
 가 promoter , *hMLH1*
¹⁶⁻²⁰ DNA
 가 ,

promoter CpG island

, MSI- MSI-
, MSI- 가 DNA

, MSI-
가 (CpG island methylator phenotype-positive;

CIMP+) (CIMP-intermediate; CIMP-I, CIMP-negative; CIMP-

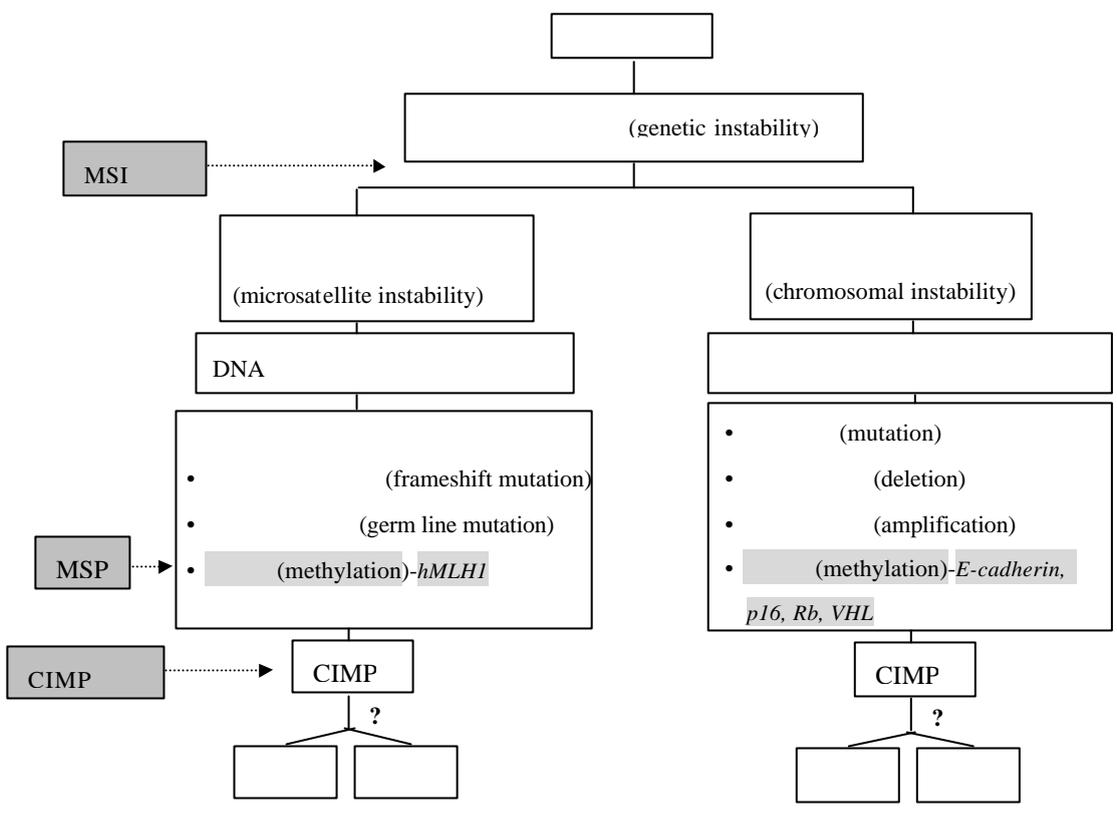
)³¹⁻³³ CIMP+ , DNA

, CIMP+ CIMP-I CIMP-

가 가

1.

1996 9 1999 12
210
, 1



1.

2.

가. DNA

, 500 µl lysis buffer (100 mM Tris, pH 8.0, 150 mM NaCl, 0.5% SDS, 200 µg/ml proteinase K, 50 mM EDTA) 가 , 50 10 .

, phenol:chloroform:isoamylalcohol (25:24:1) 가

, 13,000 rpm 5

isopropanol 0.2 10 M ammonium acetate

가 30 . 13,000 rpm 5

DNA , DNA TE buffer, pH 8.0 ,

. DNA

-20 .

. MSI

MSI- 1997 NCI (National Cancer Institute)

Consensus Meeting 23 5 (BAT26, BAT25, D2S123,

D5S346, D17S250)³⁴ (polymerase chain reaction, PCR) (1).

1. MSI		5	34
Locus	Primer sequence	Chromosome	Repeat
BAT 26	F: 5'-ACTACTTTTGACTTCAGCC-3'	2p16-2p16	(A) ₂₆
	R: 5'-AACCATTCAACATTTTAAACCC-3'		
BAT 25	F: 5'-TCGCCTCCAAGAATGTAAGT-3'	4q11-13	(A) ₂₅
	R: 5'-TCTGCATTTTAACTATGGCTC-3'		
D2S123	F: 5'-AAACAGGATGCCTGCCTTTA-3'	2p16-21	(CA) ₁₄
	R: 5'-GGACTTTCCACCTATGGGAC-3'		
D17S250	F: 5'-GGAAGAATCAAATAGACAAT-3'	17q11.2-q12	(CA) ₂₄
	R: 5'-GCTGGCCATATATATATTTAAACC-3'		
D5S346	F: 5'-ACTCACTCTAGTGATAAATCGGG-3'	5q21	(CA) ₂₆
	R: 5'-CAGATAAGACAGTATTACTAGTT-3'		

F: forward primer

R: reverse primer

PCR 20 µl 가 50 ng DNA, 0.2 mM dNTP, 1.5 mM MgCl₂, 1 pmol/µl sense antisense primer, 1 µCi [-P³²]dCTP (3000 Ci/mmol; NEN DuPont, Boston, MA, USA), 1 unit *Taq* polymerase (GIBCO-BRL, Grand Island, NY, USA), 10 X PCR buffer . thermocycler (Perkin Elmer, Foster City, CA, USA) 95 2 , 55~58 30 , 72 15 25 ,

72 5 1 . PCR 6% polyacrylamide gel 50
 W 2 , gel dryer gel
 , X-ray film .

MSI- , NCI
 2 MSI-H (MSI-
 high), 1 MSI-L (MSI-low),
 MSS (Microsatellite stable) ,³⁴ MSI-H MSI-
 , MSI-L MSS MSI-

. Sodium bisulfite modification DNA

CIMP MSP DNA , MSI- , MSI-
 DNA sodium bisulfite modification ,

. Sodium bisulfite modification DNA 1 µg 가 50 µl
 가 , 5.6 µl 5 N NaOH 가 , 37

15 . 30 µl 10 mM hydroquinone, 520 µl 4
 M sodium bisulfite, pH 5.0 가 .¹⁶ Mineral oil

, 55 16 . Sodium bisulfite

DNA Wizard DNA purification resin (Promega, Madison, WI, USA)

. 50 µl DNA , 5.6 µl
 5 N NaOH 가 37 15 . ,

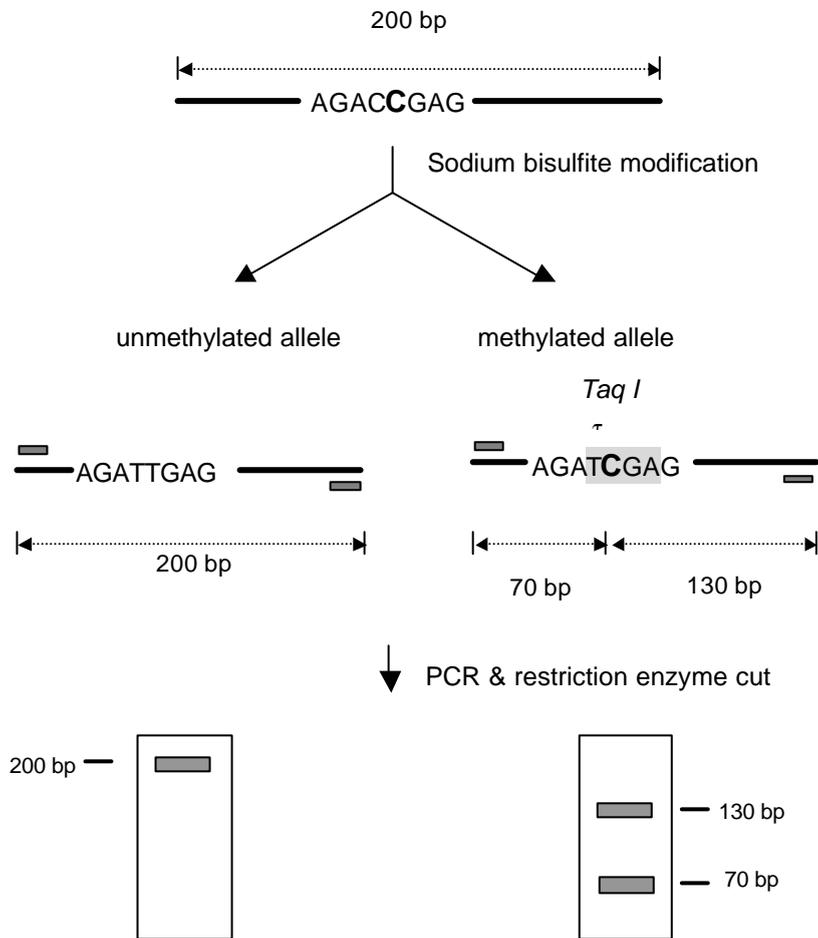
5.5 μ l 10 M ammonium acetate 125 μ l ethanol 가 -20 30
 . 13,000 rpm, 4 15
 DNA . 20 μ l
 , -20 .¹⁶

. CIMP

가 5 clone (MINT 1, 2, 12, 25, 31)
 Toyota ³³ Bisulfite-PCR (
 2) 3 clone CIMP+, 2
 CIMP-I, 1 CIMP- .
 CIMP

primer 5 MINT clone
 . MINT clone
<http://www.mdanderson.org/leukemia/methylation> (2). Sodium
 bisulfite DNA , 가 20 μ l 가
 100 ng DNA, 0.2 mM dNTP, 1.5 mM MgCl₂, 1 pmol/ μ l primer set, 1 unit
Taq polymerase (GIBCO-BRL), 10 X PCR buffer PCR .
 clone
 (2)

.³³



2. CIMP

. Sodium bisulfite

DNA

가 ,

2. Bisulfite-PCR		primer sequence	
Clone	Number of CpG	Primer set	
MINT 1	25	F: 5'-GGGTTGGAGAGTAGGGGAGTT-3' R: 5'-CCATCTAAAATTACCTCRATAACTTA-3'	<i>Taq I</i>
MINT 2	26	F: 5'-YGTTATGATTTTTTTGTTTAGTTAAT-3' R: 5'-TACACCAACTACCCAACCTC-3'	<i>Taq I</i> <i>BstU I</i>
MINT 12	19	F: 5'-YGGGTTATGTTTTATTTTTGTGTTT-3' R: 5'-CTCAAAAAAATCAAACAACCAACCAA-3'	<i>Mae II</i>
MINT 25	37	F: 5'-TYGGTGTGTTGTAAGGGTTGGAAT-3' R: 5'-CCCRAACTAAAACTAACTCRATA-3'	<i>Rsa I</i>
MINT 31	52	F: 5'-GAYGGYGTAGTAGTTATTTTGT-3' R: 5'-CATCACCACCCTCACTTAC-3'	<i>Mae II</i> <i>BstU I</i>

F: forward primer

R: reverse primer

MINT : methylated in tumors

. MSP

Sodium bisulfite DNA , *hMLH1*, *p16*, *E-cadherin*, *Rb* *VHL*
 primer (3) PCR , (3).

3. MSP primer sequence

Gene		Primer set	Annealing Temp ()	Genomic position
<i>hMLH1</i> ¹⁷	U	F 5'-AGTTGAAGGAAGAATGTGAGTAT-3'	61	-711
		R 5'-CAAATAACCCCTACCACAAACA-3'		
	M	F 5'-GAATAACCCCTACCACGAACG-3'	63	-711
		R 5'-GAATAACCCCTACCACGAACG-3'		
<i>p16</i> ³⁵	U	F 5'-TTATTAGAGGGTGGGGTGGATTGT-3'	60	+167
		R 5'-CAACCCCAAACCACAACCATAA-3'		
	M	F 5'-TTATTAGAGGGTGGGGCGGATCGC-3'	65	+167
		R 5'-GACCCCGAACCGCGACCGTAA-3'		
<i>E-cadherin</i> ³⁵	U	F 5'-TAATTTTAGGTTAGAGGGTTATTGT-3'	53	-210
		R 5'-CACAACCAATCAACAACACA-3'		
	M	F 5'-TTAGGTTAGAGGGTTATCGCGT-3'	57	-205
		R 5'-CACAACCAATCAACAACACA-3'		
<i>Rb</i> ³⁶	U	F 5'-GGGAGTTTTGTGGATGTGAT-3'	55	-141
		R 5'-ACATCAAAACACACCCCA-3'		
	M	F 5'-GGGAGTTTCGCGGACGTGAC-3'	55	-141
		R 5'-ACGTCGAAACACGCCCCG-3'		
<i>VHL</i> ³⁵	U	F 5'-GTTGGAGGATTTTTTGTGTATGT-3'	60	-118
		R 5'-CCCAAACCAAACACCACAAA-3'		
	M	F 5'-TGGAGGATTTTTTGCGTACGC-3'	60	-116
		R 5'-GAACCGAACGCCGCGAA-3'		

U: unmethylated-specific primer

M: methylated-specific primer

F: forward primer

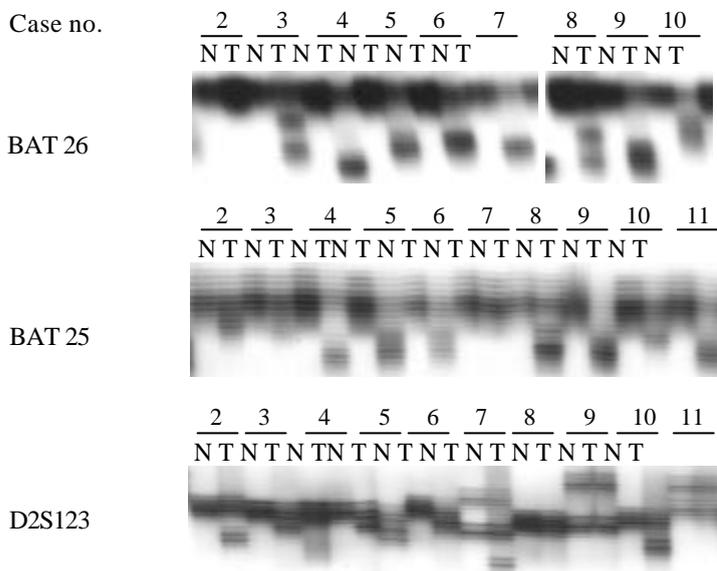
R: reverse primer

III.

1. MSI-

210 5 , 20

(9.5%) MSI- (4).



4. MSI . genomic DNA

, 5 (BAT26, BAT25, D2S123, D5S346, D17S250)

PCR , PCR 6% polyacrylamide gel .

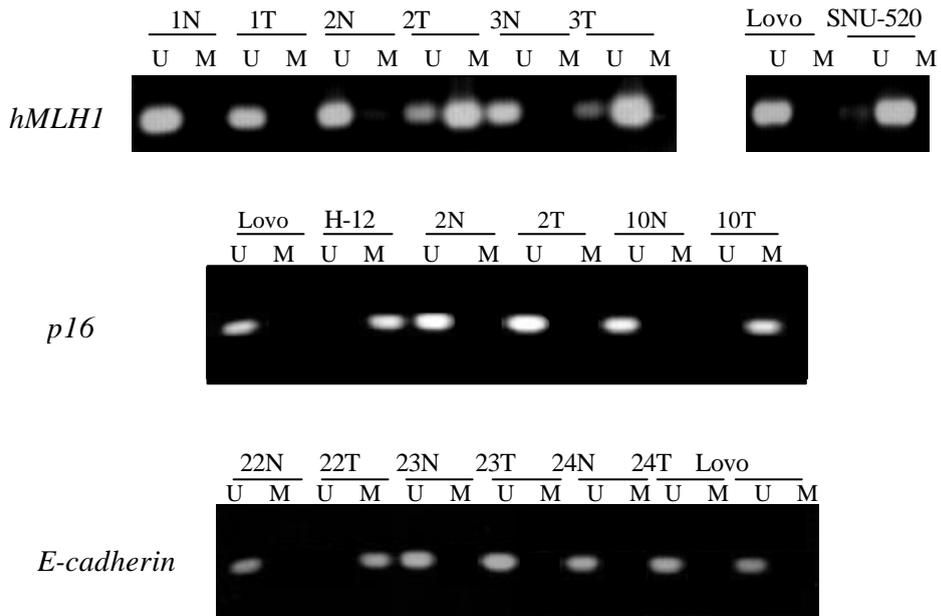
(N) (T)

, MSI- .

2. MSI

hMLH1, p16, E-cadherin, Rb, VHL

MSP



5. MSP

Sodium

bisulfite

DNA

(U; unmethylated)

(M; methylated)

primer

PCR

, PCR

2% agarose gel

(LoVo) *hMLH1, E-cadherin, p16*

(SNU-520) *hMLH1*

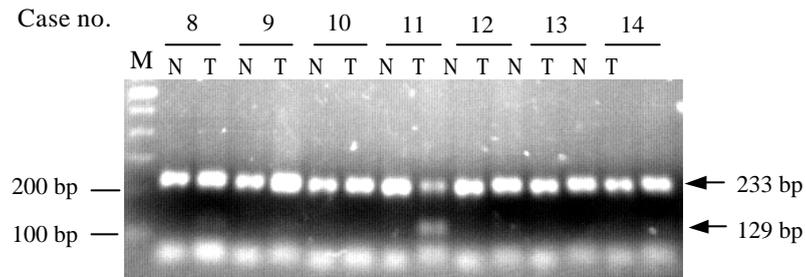
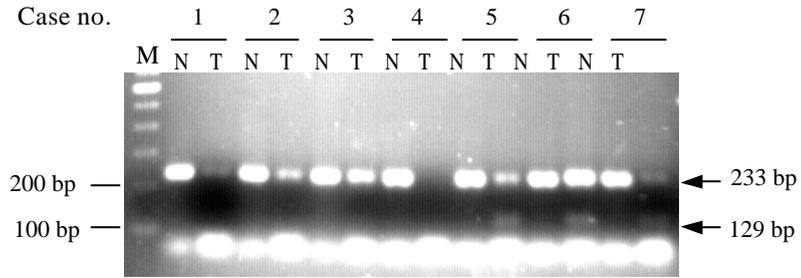
, H-12 *p16*

MSI MSP
 , MSI- , *hMLH1* 가 (80%,
 16/20), *p16* 10% (2/20) , *E-cadherin*, *Rb*, *VHL*
 가 . , MSI-
 , MSI- *E-cadherin*
 (11.1%, 2/18) *Rb* (22.2%, 4/18) 가 (5,
 4). *hMLH1* *p16* 가
 [*hMLH1* (17%, 3/18), *p16* (5.5%, 1/18)], *VHL* MSI

3. CIMP

, MSI- 20
 MSI- 18 PCR
 5 MINT clone .
 DNA sodium bisulfite , cytosine
 , cytosine uracil
 ,
 (2). , clone
 (MINT 1, 2, 12, 25, 31) PCR .
 , 38 2 (5.2%) CIMP+, 7 (18.4%)

CIMP-I, 29 (76.4%) CIMP- (6, 4).



6. MINT 25 Bisulfite-PCR CIMP
. Sodium bisulfite modification (N) (T) DNA
Bisulfite-PCR MINT 25 clone , , *Rsa* I
2% agarose gel . Case no. 5, 6, 7, 8, 11
129 bp ,

2 CIMP+ *p16* *hMLH1* (50%)

가 (4). CIMP-I
 CIMP- *hMLH1* 가 50% 71.4% , *hMLH1*
 가 CIMP .

4.

Tumor Phenotype	Number of positive cases (%)				
	<i>hMLH1</i>	<i>p16</i>	<i>E-Cadherin</i>	<i>Rb</i>	<i>VHL</i>
<u>CIMP status</u>					
CIMP + (n=2)	1 (50)	1 (50)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
CIMP-I (n=7)	5 (71.4)	1 (14.3)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)
CIMP - (n=29)	13 (44.8)	1 (3.4)	2 (6.9)	3 (10.3)	0 (0)
<u>MSI status</u>					
MSI-positive					
(n=20)	16 (80)	2 (10)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
MSI-negative					
(n=18)	3 (17)	1 (5.5)	2 (11.1)	4 (22.2)	0 (0)

n : number of cases

38 , MSI status
 CIMP 5 .

5.

Case no.	<i>hMLH1</i>	<i>p16</i>	<i>E-cadherin</i>	<i>Rb</i>	<i>VHL</i>	MSI status	CIMP status
1	μ	l	μ	μ	μ	+	-
2	l	μ	μ	μ	μ	+	-
3	l	μ	μ	μ	μ	+	-
4	μ	μ	μ	μ	μ	+	-
5	μ	μ	μ	μ	μ	+	-
6	l	μ	μ	μ	μ	+	-
7	l	μ	μ	μ	μ	+	-
8	l	μ	μ	μ	μ	+	-
9	l	μ	μ	μ	μ	+	I
10	l	l	μ	μ	μ	+	I
11	l	μ	μ	μ	μ	+	-
12	l	μ	μ	μ	μ	+	+
13	l	μ	μ	μ	μ	+	-
14	l	μ	μ	μ	μ	+	-
15	l	μ	μ	μ	μ	+	I
16	μ	μ	μ	μ	μ	+	+
17	l	μ	μ	μ	μ	+	I
18	l	μ	μ	μ	μ	+	-
19	l	μ	μ	μ	μ	+	-
20	l	μ	μ	μ	μ	+	-
21	μ	μ	μ	l	μ	-	-
22	μ	μ	l	μ	μ	-	-
23	l	μ	μ	μ	μ	-	-
24	μ	μ	μ	l	μ	-	I
25	μ	μ	μ	μ	μ	-	-
26	l	μ	l	μ	μ	-	-
27	μ	μ	μ	l	μ	-	-
28	μ	μ	μ	l	μ	-	-
29	μ	μ	μ	μ	μ	-	-
30	μ	l	μ	μ	μ	-	-
31	μ	μ	μ	μ	μ	-	-
32	l	μ	μ	μ	μ	-	-
33	μ	μ	μ	μ	μ	-	-
34	μ	μ	μ	μ	μ	-	-
35	μ	μ	μ	μ	μ	-	-
36	μ	μ	μ	μ	μ	-	I
37	μ	μ	μ	μ	μ	-	-
38	μ	μ	μ	μ	μ	-	I

○: unmethylated case ●: methylated case I: intermediate case

4. CIMP MSI MINT clone

5 clone

, CIMP+ 2 3 clone

CIMP- 29 6 clone

23 5 clone

6. 5 MINT clone

Tumor Phenotype	Number of positive cases (%)				
	MINT 1	MINT 2	MINT 12	MINT 25	MINT 31
CIMP status					
CIMP + (n=2)	2 (100)	2 (100)	1 (50)	1 (50)	0 (0)
CIMP-I (n=7)	5 (71.4)	1 (14.3)	1 (14.3)	4 (57.1)	1 (14.3)
CIMP - (n=29)	3 (10.3)	1 (3.4)	0 (0)	2 (6.9)	1 (3.4)
MSI status					
MSI-positive (n=20)	7 (35)	4 (20)	2 (10)	5 (25)	1 (5)
MSI-negative (n=18)	3 (16.7)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (11.1)	1 (5.6)

n : number of cases

clone, 26.3% (10/38, MINT 1), 10.5% (4/38, MINT 2), 5.3% (2/38, MINT 12), 21.1% (8/38, MINT 25), 5.3% (2/38, MINT 31), MINT 1 MINT 25 가 (6)., CIMP MSI, 2 CIMP+가

MSI- , 7 CIMP-I 5 가 MSI- , 2 가 MSI- ,
MSI- MSI- 가 .

IV.

(modification) (genetic modification)
(epigenetic modification) ,
,
가
,
,
2,4,5
MSI- 10% , *p53, ras*
, DNA
가 ³⁷⁻³⁸ *RBI,*
p15, p16, BRCA1, VHL, H19, HIC-1, GSTP E-cadherin
DNA *hMLH1, MGMT* (O6-methyl guanine-DNA
methyl transferase), *THBS1,*
ER, PGR 가 ^{14,15,21-23,36,39-43} MSI-
hMLH1 가 , *hMLH1*
(microsatellite) 가
,
¹⁶⁻²⁰
, MSI- 가
hMLH1 ,

. ,
 , MSI-
 ,³⁷⁻³⁸
 . MSI- DNA
 ,
 CIMP
 , MSI- *hMLH1* (80%, 16/20)
 가 , 가
 , MSI- *hMLH1* *p16* ,
E-cadherin (11.1%, 2/18) *Rb* (22.2%, 4/18) 가 .
 MSI- *hMLH1* [(70%),⁴⁵ (90%),⁴⁶ (80%)⁴⁷]
 . MSI- *E-cadherin*^{32,48} *p16*^{2,32,49} 가
 , *E-cadherin* , *p16*
 10% 15%³² 50%⁴⁹
 . MSI- *hMLH1*
 .
 가 가
 가 ³¹⁻³³ , CpG island

가 6 clone (MINT 1, 2, 12, 17, 27, 31)
 , 6 clone 3 CIMP+,
 2 CIMP-³²
 5 clone (MINT 1, 2, 12, 25, 31)
 , CIMP (CIMP+, CIMP-I,
 CIMP-)³³, *p53*, *K-ras*, *p16*
 , CIMP

가³²
 CIMP *p16*
 , *p16* 가 50% (CIMP+), 14.3% (CIMP-I), 34% (CIMP-)

CIMP+ *p16* 가
 , 가

, 38 (MSI- 20 , MSI- 18) , 2
 CIMP+ , CIMP MSI , 2 CIMP+가
 MSI- , MSI- *hMLH1* 가 가
 (80%). CIMP *hMLH1* ,

CIMP *hMLH1* 가 MSI-
hMLH1
 MSI 가 . MSI-

MSI- , MSI- DNA
hMLH1 가 , MSI-
DNA
, MSI- *hMLH1* 가
MSI- 16,17,19,20
.
, *hMLH1* 70%
, CIMP MSI-
, ^{32,33} CIMP
.
, Ueki ⁵⁰
, MSI- pancreatic adenocarcinoma 50% *hMLH1*
, *hMLH1* 가 MSI- 가 CIMP+ , *hMLH1* 가
CIMP . , Toyota ³²
, 5 MSI- 3 *hMLH1* , 3
CIMP+ , 2 MSI- CIMP-
.
, *hMLH1* , MSI-
CIMP
CIMP+ 가 MSI-
, *hMLH1* 가 MSI- CIMP
.
, *hMLH1* 가 MSI-

가 , CIMP
가 ,
가
DNA 가
가
,
(alkylating agent) ,⁵¹
가 demethylating agent ,

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V.

- 38 (20 MSI-, 18 MSI-) ,
DNA promoter
, CIMP
, MSI- 가
1. MSI- 9.7% .
 2. MSI- *hMLH1* 가 (80%, 16/20),
 3. MSI- .
 4. MSI- MSI- CIMP 가 .
 5. MSI- *hMLH1* CIMP
.
hMLH1 promoter MSI-
hMLH1
가 MSI-

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Abstract

DNA methylation of cancer-related genes in gastric cancer with microsatellite instability

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DNA methylation is one of the epigenetic modifications, and cancers often exhibit an aberrant methylation of gene promoter regions that is associated with loss of transcriptional activity. Recently aberrant methylation is found in many tumors and can be associated with the inactivation of tumor suppressor gene expression. As an example for the role of DNA methylation in carcinogenesis, studies of sporadic gastric cancer exhibiting microsatellite instability demonstrated a high frequency of promoter region hypermethylation of *hMLH1*, a member of mismatch repair genes. However, it remains to be determined whether this methylation is only gene specific - methylation rather than a global methylation of the genome.

To characterize the mechanism responsible for frequent methylation of *hMLH1*

promoter in gastric cancer exhibiting MSI, we examined the promoter regions coding for *hMLH1* and tumor suppressor genes (*p16*, *E-cadherin*, *Rb*, *VHL*) by methylation - specific PCR (MSP) method. In addition, CpG island methylator phenotype (CIMP) was determined to define the methylation status of the genome in 38 cases of gastric cancers (20 cases of MSI-positive, 18 cases of MSI-negative).

In MSI-positive tumors, most frequent methylation was observed in *hMLH1* (80%) and *p16* (10%) but no methylation was found in *E-cadherin*, *Rb*, *VHL*. In MSI-negative tumors, *hMLH1* and *p16* methylation showed rare but frequent methylation was observed in *Rb* (22.2%), *E-cadherin* (11.1%). In addition, of the 38 cases, 2 cases (5.2%) were CIMP+, 7 cases (18.4%) were CIMP-I, and 29 cases (76.4%) were CIMP-, and all of the CIMP+ cases were MSI-positive. In conclusion, these results suggest that *hMLH1* methylation was gene specific event in gastric cancer with MSI.

Key Words : methylation, *hMLH1*, MSI, CIMP