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### (一)摘要

Fas/FasL is a well known pathway to regulate cell death and it is the receptor and ligand of the tumor necrosis factor family. Apoptotic gene alteration may increase cancer risk mediated through the cytolytic activity of killer cells and/or individual susceptibility to environmental carcinogens. Previous studies indicated that Fas polymorphism play a role in the prognostic value in various human cancers including lung carcinomas. The association between Fas polymorphism and cancer risk and clinical outcome has been extensively studied. In this study, we will ask whether the polymorphism of Fas gene could contribute to lung cancer risk and patients' clinical outcome in Taiwanese. Results showed Fas -670 AA genotype carriers had a 1.67 fold excess risk of NSCLC compared with Fas -670GG. This result demonstrates that Fas -670A/G polymorphism is associated with NSCLC risk.

### (二)研究動機與研究問題

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in the world. Moreover, the incidence rate of lung cancer is high and the overall 5-year survival is less than 16% (Sugimura et al., 2006). Apoptotic cell death is the common mechanism to kill the unwanted cells including cancer. Fas receptor (Fas, CD95, APO-1) and Fas ligand (FasL, CD95L) are well known in cell death pathway belong to the tumor necrosis factor family of receptors and ligands, respectively. Functional single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNP) of Fas -670A/G is located in the enhancer region (Huang et al., 1997). Studies have shown that SNP of Fas -670A/G is associated with cancer risk in lung cancer (Park et al., 2006; Zhang et al., 2005). In addition, their prognostic significance in esophageal cancer (Jain et al., 2007), T cell leukemia (Farre et al., 2007), and cervical cancer (Lerma et al., 2008) are estimated previously. However, no report demonstrates the role of Fas -670A/G in non-small-cell lung cancer (NSCLC) in Taiwan. In this study, we evaluated whether Fas -670A/G polymorphisms were associated with NSCLC.

### (三)研究方法及步驟

#### Patients and Healthy Individuals

This case-control study consisted of 308 lung cancer patients and 308 cancer-free controls. All subjects were unrelated ethnic Chinese and residents in central Taiwan. Lung cancer patients were diagnosed as adenocarcinoma (162; 52.6%) or squamous cell carcinoma (146; 47.4%) at division of thoracic surgery, Taichung Veterans General Hospital between 1993 and 2004. All patients and controls were informed and ask for written consent approved by

the Institutional Review Board.

#### Genomic DNA Extraction

Genomic DNA was extracted from peripheral blood cells of all healthy control subjects by conventional methods. Samples of patients from surgically resected normal tissue adjacent to the lung tumor were prepared by using proteinase K digestion and phenol-chloroform extraction followed by ethanol precipitation.

#### PCR-RFLP Analysis for Fas -670A/G Genetic Polymorphism

Genotypes of Fas -670A/G was distinguished by PCR-RFLP as described by Lee et al (Lee et al. 2001). Samples were loaded onto 3 percent agarose gel, stained with ethidium bromide, and visualized under ultraviolet illumination. After digestion, Fas -670A/G genotype was determined with A allele by 232 bp (232bp and 99 bp) and G allele by 188 bp (188 pb, 99 bp and 44 pb) fragment length patterns.

#### (四)結果與討論

Distribution of overall case-control characteristics are summarized in Table 1. There was no significantly difference between patients and controls in gender and smoking habit distribution. The average age of both case and control group were 64.3 years. Among these lung cancer patients, 162 (52.6%) patients were diagnosed as adenocarcinoma and 146 (47.4%) were squamous cell carcinoma.

The genotypic and allelic frequencies of Fas -670A/G polymorphism and its association with the risk of NSCLC are described in Table 2. Genotypic frequencies of Fas -670 AA was significantly higher in patients than that in controls ( $p = 0.03$ ). Multiple logistic regression analysis showed that the Fas -670AA genotype carriers had a 1.67 and 1.62 fold excess risk of lung cancer development compared with Fas -670GG and Fas -670GG/AA carriers, respectively (adjusted OR 1.67, 95% CI 1.04 to 2.69; adjusted OR 1.62, 95% CI 1.16 to 2.27). Moreover, higher NSCLC risk in males (adjusted OR 1.58, 95% CI 1.06 to 2.36), nonsmokers (adjusted OR 1.80, 95% CI 1.15 to 2.82), and patients with adenocarcinoma (adjusted OR 1.70, 95% CI 1.14 to 2.54) were found. These results indicate that Fas -670AA carriers might associate with high NSCLC risk especially in males, nonsmokers and adenocarcinomas.

It is well known that Fas is expressed in many tissues, but FasL is naturally produced by activated cytotoxic T cells and natural killer cells. The interaction of Fas and FasL recruits

Fas associated death domain (FADD) and results in the molecular mechanism of activation induced cell death (Depraetere et al., 1997; Ju et al., 1995). Cancer development needs kinds of mechanisms to get tumor growth forward and keep immunosurveillance (Hanahan et al., 2000). Many cancer cells are found to express FasL and may contribute to the immune privilege of tumors, including lung cancer (Niehans et al., 1997; Viard-Leveugle et al., 2003). In addition, it has been reported that only apoptosis-resistant cancer cells express FasL (Igney et al., 2002). In this case, T cells with sensitivity to Fas-mediated cell death may be eliminated (Restifo et al., 2001). Consequently, FasL, derived from tumors, extends immune evasion from tumor site to peripheral sites and results in malignant progression and metastasis (Kim et al., 2006; Kim et al., 2007). In our result, higher NSCLC risk of Fas -670AA carriers might due to higher Fas expression on T cell which resulting in T cell apoptosis. However, we need cellular evidences to support our suggestion.

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(六)表格

Table 1. Distributions of select characteristics by case-control status.

| Parameter                | Case<br>n(%) | Control<br>n(%) | P value <sup>1</sup> | OR value <sup>2</sup><br>(95%CI) |
|--------------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Total                    | 308          | 308             |                      |                                  |
| <b>Age (yr ±SD)</b>      | 64.3±10.3    | 64.3±10.7       | 0.68                 | 1.00(0.99-1.02)                  |
| <b>Gender</b>            |              |                 |                      |                                  |
| Male                     | 213(69.2)    | 213(69.2)       | 0.99                 | 1.00(0.71-1.40)                  |
| Female                   | 95(30.8)     | 95(30.8)        |                      |                                  |
| <b>Smoking status</b>    |              |                 |                      |                                  |
| Smoker                   | 129(41.9)    | 129(41.9)       | 0.99                 | 1.00(0.73-1.38)                  |
| Nonsmoker                | 179(58.1)    | 179(58.1)       |                      |                                  |
| <b>Histological type</b> |              |                 |                      |                                  |
| adenocarcinoma           | 162(52.6)    |                 |                      |                                  |
| squamous cell carcinoma  | 146(47.4)    |                 |                      |                                  |

<sup>1</sup>Two sided Chi-square test, <sup>2</sup> Multiple logistic regression analysis.



Table 2. Genotypic frequencies of FAS -670A/G polymorphism among patients and controls and their associations with the risk of lung cancer

| FAS polymorphism      | Case n(%) | Control n(%) | P value <sup>1</sup> | OR <sup>2</sup> (95%CI) |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>All subject</b>    | 308       | 308          |                      |                         |
| G/G                   | 47(15.3)  | 57(18.5)     | 0.02                 | 1.00                    |
| A/G                   | 141(45.8) | 164(53.2)    |                      | 1.04(0.67-1.63)         |
| A/A                   | 120(39.0) | 87(28.2)     |                      | 1.67(1.04-2.69)         |
| G/G+G/A               | 188(61.0) | 221(71.8)    | 0.01                 | 1.00                    |
| A/A                   | 120(39.0) | 87(28.2)     |                      | 1.62(1.16-2.27)         |
| <b>Female</b>         | 95        | 95           |                      |                         |
| G/G                   | 13(13.7)  | 11(11.6)     | 0.15                 | 1.00                    |
| A/G                   | 47(49.5)  | 60(63.2)     |                      | 1.61(0.57-4.53)         |
| A/A                   | 35(36.8)  | 24(25.3)     |                      | 1.69(0.60-4.77)         |
| G/G+G/A               | 60(63.2)  | 71(74.7)     | 0.09                 | 1.00                    |
| A/A                   | 35(36.8)  | 24(25.3)     |                      | 1.73(0.93-3.22)         |
| <b>Male</b>           | 213       | 213          |                      |                         |
| G/G                   | 34(16.0)  | 46(21.6)     | 0.06                 | 1.00                    |
| A/G                   | 94(44.1)  | 104(48.8)    |                      | 1.15(0.54-2.44)         |
| A/A                   | 85(39.9)  | 63(29.6)     |                      | 1.00(0.47-2.14)         |
| G/G+G/A               | 128(60.1) | 150(70.4)    | 0.03                 | 1.00                    |
| A/A                   | 85(39.9)  | 63(29.6)     |                      | 1.58(1.06-2.36)         |
| <b>Smoking</b>        | 129       | 129          |                      |                         |
| G/G                   | 22(17.1)  | 30(23.3)     | 0.31                 | 1.00                    |
| A/G                   | 57(45.7)  | 59(44.2)     |                      | 1.32(0.68-2.55)         |
| A/A                   | 50(38.8)  | 40(31.0)     |                      | 1.71(0.86-3.40)         |
| G/G+G/A               | 79(61.2)  | 89(69.0)     | 0.19                 | 1.00                    |
| A/A                   | 50(38.8)  | 40(31.0)     |                      | 1.41(0.84-2.36)         |
| <b>Nonsmoking</b>     | 179       | 179          |                      |                         |
| G/G                   | 25(14.0)  | 27(15.1)     | 0.03                 | 1.00                    |
| A/G                   | 84(46.9)  | 105(58.7)    |                      | 0.86(0.47-1.60)         |
| A/A                   | 70(39.1)  | 47(26.3)     |                      | 1.61(0.83-3.11)         |
| G/G+G/A               | 109(60.9) | 132(73.7)    | 0.01                 | 1.00                    |
| A/A                   | 70(39.1)  | 47(26.3)     |                      | 1.80(1.15-2.82)         |
| <b>Adenocarcinoma</b> | 162       | 308          |                      |                         |
| G/G                   | 20(12.3)  | 57(18.5)     | 0.02                 | 1.00                    |
| A/G                   | 77(47.5)  | 164(53.2)    |                      | 1.34(0.75-2.38)         |
| A/A                   | 65(40.1)  | 87(28.2)     |                      | 2.13(1.17-3.89)         |
| G/G+G/A               | 97(59.9)  | 221(71.8)    | 0.01                 | 1.00                    |
| A/A                   | 65(40.1)  | 87(28.2)     |                      | 1.70(1.14-2.54)         |

| <b>Squamous cell carcinoma</b> | 146      | 308       |      |                 |
|--------------------------------|----------|-----------|------|-----------------|
| G/G                            | 27(18.5) | 57(18.5)  | 0.10 | 1.00            |
| A/G                            | 64(43.8) | 164(53.2) |      | 0.82(0.48-1.42) |
| A/A                            | 55(37.7) | 87(28.2)  |      | 1.34(0.76-2.36) |
| G/G+G/A                        | 91(62.3) | 221(71.8) | 0.04 | 1.00            |
| A/A                            | 55(37.7) | 87(28.2)  |      | 1.54(1.01-2.33) |

<sup>1</sup>Two sided Chi-square test, <sup>2</sup> Multiple logistic regression analysis.