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Research Abstract

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We revealed two points as follows. 1)Among proteinases, matrix metalloproteinases(MMPs)are thought to play a key role in the tumor progression through the degradation of extracellular matrix. We examined th role of MMP-2(gelatinase A)and membrane type 1-MMP(MT1-MMP, an activator of the zymogen of MMP-2=proMMP-2)together with their inhibitors, tissue inhibitors of metalloproteinases(TIMP-1 and TIMP-2), in the invasion of human astrocytic tumors. The investigations were performed using sandwich enzyme immunoassay systems, quantitative reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction(RT-PCR), gymography, Immunohistochemistry and cell transfection. The results suggest that MT1-MMP may contribute to the invasion and CSF dissemination of glioblastoma cells on the basis of an imbalance to TIMP-2. 2)Ets transcription factors are associated with tumor malignancy. We analyzed effects of Ets-DN-expression on cell adhesion, migration and phosphorylation of focal adhesion kinase(FAK). U251 cells expressing Ets-DN(U251-DN)showed reduced cell adhesion, spreading and extension of actin stress fibers on dishes coated with fibronectin but not on dishes coated with collagen. Phosphorylation levels of FAK in U251-DN cells were also attenuated on dishes coated with fibronectin. Reduced expression level of integrin a5 subunit in U251-DN cells was demonstrated by semi-quantitative RT-PCR analysis. Furthermore, down-regulation of transcription from the integrin a5 promoter by expression of Ets-DN was shown by luciferase reporter assay. Semi-quantitative RT-PCR of surgical samples of brain tumors revealed that the expression level of Ets-1 mRNA correlated with that of integrin a5 mRNA in glioma. These results suggest that Ets-1 contributes to glioma malignancy by upregulating expression and migration.

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