

## Homocysteine Methylenetetrahydrofolate Reductase

### The Analysis of Interrelationship between Homocysteine and Methylenetetrahydrofolate Reductase Mutation in Patients with Recurrent Spontaneous Abortion

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**Objective:** To analyze the interrelationship between homocysteine and methylenetetrahydrofolate reductase (MTHFR) mutation in patients with recurrent spontaneous abortion.

**Material and Method:** Homocysteine and MTHFR mutation were tested by fluorescent polarizing immunoassay and PCR-RFLP method, respectively.

**Results:** In patients with homocysteine level less than 5  $\mu$ mol/L, there was no case of normal group but there were four cases of heterozygosity and one case of homozygosity. In patients with homocysteine level 5~10  $\mu$ mol/L, the number of normal, heterozygosity and homozygosity group were eleven, eighteen and eight, respectively. In patients with homocysteine level 10~15  $\mu$ mol/L, the number of normal, heterozygosity and homozygosity group were four, one and one, respectively. In patients with homocysteine level more than 15  $\mu$ mol/L, there was no case of normal and heterozygosity group but there were two cases of homozygosity.

**Conclusions:** Hyperhomocysteinemia due to MTHFR mutation is a cause of recurrent spontaneous abortion. And there was a significant relationship between homocysteine and MTHFR mutation.

**Key Words:** Recurrent spontaneous abortion, Homocysteine, MTHFR mutation

Homocysteine  
20  
homocysteine  
(thromboembolism)  
homocysteine  
가  
Homocysteine  
methionine  
sulfhydryl  
가  
homocysteine-homocysteine

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homocysteine-cysteine disulfide homocysteine homocysteine MTHFR

ine homocysteine steine

cysteine methionine 가 Homocysteine

(remethylation)가 cysteine

가 (trans-sulfuration)

Methionine synthase 1.

cobalamin (cofactor) 1999 3 2001 2

Methyl 5-methyltetrahydrofolate 50

rofolate 가 5-methyltetrahydrofolate 2.

5,10-methylenetetrahydrofolate가 Methylenetetrahydrofolate reductase (MTHFR) (reduction)

MTHFR (thermolabile variant) (nucleotide) 677 cytosine

thymine alanine valine EDTA 가

1,000 g 15

-70 가 가

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betaine methyl donor betaine-homocysteine methyltransferase Homocysteine FPIA

homocysteine methyltransferase (fluorescent polarizing immunoassay) IMx

synthase (CBS) homocysteine cystathionine ?-cystathionine (Abbott, USA)

2) MTHFR

B<sub>6</sub> pyridoxal-5-phosphate가 B<sub>6</sub> cystathionine DNA DNA (extraction column, QIAmp blood kit, Qiagen)

nine cysteine alpha-ketobutyric acid

Homocysteine DNA (primer set)

cobalamin B<sub>6</sub> sense primer (5'-TGAAGGAGAAGGTGTCTGCGGGA-3')

가 antisense primer (5'-AGGACGGTGCGG-TGAGAGTC-3')

가 GeneAmp PCR machine (Perkin Elmer 2400) 198 bp

homocysteine 가 95 60

B<sub>6</sub> methionine 61 60

homocysteine 72 120

가 35

가 B<sub>6</sub>가 677 C T

가 37 3~4

homocysteine A (Ala) (allele)

0.5 mg cobalamin 198 bp *Hinf*I

lamin (neuropathy) V (Val)

B<sub>6</sub> B<sub>12</sub> 가 175 bp 23 bp

MTHFR homocysteine *Hinf*I 2.5% agarose gel

ethidium bromide

**Table 1.** MTHFR gene mutation according to different homocysteine levels in patients with recurrent spontaneous abortion

| Homocysteine    | CC | CT | TT | Total |
|-----------------|----|----|----|-------|
| 5 ? mol / L     |    | 4  | 1  | 5     |
| 5~10 ? mol / L  | 11 | 18 | 8  | 37    |
| 10~15 ? mol / L | 4  | 1  | 1  | 6     |
| 15 ? mol / L    |    |    | 2  | 2     |

**Table 2.** The analysis of interrelationship between homocysteine and MTHFR reductase mutation in patients with recurrent spontaneous abortion by Cochran-Mantel-Maenszel statistics

| Statistic | Alternative Hypothesis | DF | Value   | Prob   |
|-----------|------------------------|----|---------|--------|
| 1         | Nonzero Correlation    | 1  | 0.0089  | 0.9249 |
| 2         | Row Mean Scores Differ | 2  | 6.0689  | 0.0481 |
| 3         | General Association    | 6  | 12.9491 | 0.0439 |

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homocysteine MTHFR  
Cochran-Mantel-Maenszel

Homocysteine 가 5 ? mol/L  
(heterozygosity)가

4 , (homozygosity)가 1 . Homocysteine 가 5~10 ? mol/L ,

가 11 , 18 , 8 .

Homocysteine 가 10~15 ? mol/L , 가 4 , 1 , 1 .

Homocysteine 가 15 ? mol/L 가

가 2 (Table 1).

p value = 0.048 homocysteine MTHFR 가

(Table 2).

homocysteine homocysteine  
5~15 ? mol/L ! , ,

homocysteine 16~30 ? mol/L, 31~100 ? mol/L, 100 ? mol/L . ,

가 40%

homocysteine 가 .

Homocysteine

methionine (demethylation)  
sulfur

0.9 g

2.0 g

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Homocysteine

가 methionine S-adenosylmethionine  
homocysteine

(trans-sulfuration) (remethylation)

Methionine B<sub>6</sub>

cystathionine ?-synthase (CBS)가

가

CBS가 homocysteine

4,5

B<sub>12</sub>가

(cofactor) homocysteine methi-

onine homocysteine

6

homocysteine

homocysteine 가 homocysteine

homocysteine 가 homocysteine

homocysteine homocysteine

homocysteine homocysteine

homocysteine homocysteine

homocysteine disulfide

peptide bond 가

homocysteine

homocysteine

Homocysteine

homocysteine

7~10

B<sub>6</sub> B<sub>12</sub>

homocysteine





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