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Meta-analysis of the CYP1A2 -163C>A Polymorphism and Lung Cancer Risk

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Abstract

Many published studies have concerned associations between the CYP1A2 -163 C>A polymorphism and risk of lung cancer, but the results have been inconsistent. Therefore, we performed a meta-analysis to obtain a more precise estimate. We searched the PubMed database up to March 1, 2013 for relevant cohort and case-control studies. Supplementary search was conducted manually by searching the references of the included studies and relevant meta-analyses. A meta-analysis was performed using RevMan 5.2 software for calculation of pooled odds ratios (ORs) and relevant 95% confidence intervals (CIs) after data extraction. Finally, seven case-control studies and one nested case-control study involving 1,675 lung cancer patients and 2,393 controls were included. The meta-analysis showed that there was no association of CYP1A2 -163 C>A polymorphism with risk of lung cancer overall [(OR=0.89, 95% CI= 0.74-1.07) for C vs. A; (OR=0.73, 95% CI= 0.50-1.07) for AA vs. CC; (OR=0.82, 95% CI= 0.62-1.09) for AC vs. CC; (OR=0.93, 95% CI= 0.58-1.07) for AA vs. CC; and (OR=0.87, 95% CI= 0.67-1.13) for CC vs. CC]. Subgroup analysis indicated that there was an association between CYP1A2 -163C>A polymorphism and lung cancer risk for population-based controls, a trend risk for SCCL (squamous cell carcinoma of lung) and Caucasians. These results suggested that -163 C>A polymorphism is likely to be associated with risk of lung cancer compared with population-based controls.

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Introduction

The cytochromes P450 (CYPs) gene polymorphisms played an important role in the development of various cancers (Jin et al., 2011; Leng et al., 2012; Niu et al., 2012). Cytochrome P450 1A2 (CYP1A2) is one enzyme of the CYPs and it is a key enzyme in the activation of major classes of indirect carcinogens (Boobis et al., 1994). CYP1A2 gene has been mapped on chromosome 15q24.1 and is highly polymorphic (Zhou et al., 2009). According to NCBI dbSNP database, there are more than 200 polymorphisms existed in CYP1A2 gene region. CYP1A2 -163 C>A polymorphism (CYP1A2*1F; rs762551) is located in the intron1 of CYP1A2 (Sachse et al., 1999), there are many studies focused on this polymorphism and risk of cancer have been published (Wang et al., 2012). In 2012, a meta-analysis by Wang et al (Wang et al., 2012) identified 19 eligible case-control studies on the association between CYP1A2 -163 C>A polymorphism and risk of cancer, which suggested that CYP1A2 -163 C>A polymorphism is likely to be associated with susceptibility to cancer in Caucasians. Lung cancer is one of the six different cancers in this meta-analysis; however, there are histopathological types of lung cancer and different cancer site of body has its histological properties. In addition, there are three studies (Zienolddiny et al., 2008; Pavanello et al., 2012; Gervasini et al., 2013) investigate CYP1A2 -163 C>A polymorphism and risk of lung cancer have been searched since the meta-analysis (Wang et al., 2012).

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Materials and Methods

Search strategy

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Substantial heterogeneity existed and the fixed effect model was used; otherwise the random-effects model was used. We also performed subgroups analysis based on the ethnicity, source of controls, cancer types, study design, and HWE for controls. The sensitive analysis was conducted by omitting any single included study each time, and the publication bias was detected by funnel plot analysis. All the analysis was performed using the RevMan 5.2 software.

**Results**

**Study section and characteristics**

The electronic searching yielded 19 studies and the hand searching yielded 11 studies initially. After deleted duplicate and non-relevant studies, finally seven case-control studies (Gemignani et al., 2007; Osaka et al., 2007; Zienolddiny et al., 2008; Aldrich et al., 2009; B’Chir et al., 2009; Singh et al., 2010; Gervasini et al., 2013) and one nested case-control study (Pavanello et al., 2012) involving 1675 lung cancer patients and 2393 controls were included.

The main characteristics and genotype distribution of the included studies are shown in Table 1. Of these, one is a multicenter study focus on Caucasians contained six European countries (Gemignani et al., 2007), the others are single center study.

**Overall and subgroups analysis**

Table 2 presented the overall and subgroups results of CYP1A2 -163 C>A polymorphism and lung cancer.

Discussion

Our meta-analysis based on eight studies shows that there is no association between CYP1A2 -163 C>A polymorphism and lung cancer risk, this is similar with the study by Wang et al. (2012). However, our meta-analysis conducted more subgroups analysis and the results are unlike their study. The previously meta-analysis (Wang et al., 2012) indicated that CYP1A2 -163 C>A polymorphism is likely to be associated with susceptibility to cancer in Caucasians, but our meta-analysis do not support this. In addition, our result indicates the CYP1A2 -163 C>A polymorphism is associated with risk of lung cancer when the controls are population-based and the histopathological type is squamous cell carcinoma. The reason why the results of subgroups analysis are different may because of our analysis only focuses on the lung cancer and included more studies.

Sensitivity analysis indicated the overall result was influenced by the study of B’Chir et al. (2009), we found the sample size was the fewest of all included studies. As we know, single study often failed to provide convincing evidence of linkage and have resulted in contradicting findings, especially the small sample size studies (Lohmueller et al., 2003). Meta-analysis provided a popular method for combining worldwide literatures across studies to resolve the statistical power and discrepancy problem in of genetic association studies (Munafo et al., 2004). In addition, we found the source of controls were hospital-based of B’Chir et al. (2009) and this study failed to identify a significant association between CYP1A2 -163 C>A polymorphism and lung cancer risk of overall population (p>0.5); however, when they divided the cases into SCC and adenocarcinoma, a significant association was found of SCC (p<0.01) but remain no significant of adenocarcinoma (p>0.1). The result is similar with our subgroup analysis according to source of control and cancer type.

To knowledge, this meta-analysis is firstly available for comprehensively evaluating the associations between CYP1A2 -163 C>A polymorphism and lung cancer risk. However, there are also some limitations should demonstrate. First, although the no obviously publication bias was detected, our meta-analysis only included published studies, publication bias may have occurred. At the same time, we try our best to search but the number of included studies is not enough, for the limiting of the languages and permission of databases to use. Second, our meta-analysis could not escape from the inherent source of control and cancer type.

In conclusion, our meta-analysis indicated that there is no association of CYP1A2 -163 C>A polymorphism with risk of lung cancer [(OR=0.89, 95%CI=0.74-1.07) for A vs. C; (OR=0.73, 95%CI=0.50-1.07) for AA vs. CC. Figure 1; (OR=0.82, 95%CI=0.62-1.09) for AC vs. CC; (OR=0.79, 95%CI=0.58-1.07) for (AC+AA) vs. CC; and (OR=0.87, 95%CI=0.67-1.13) for AA vs. (CC+AC)]. Subgroups analysis showed that there is an associations between CYP1A2 -163 C>A polymorphism and lung cancer risk for population-based controls, a trend risk for SCC (squamous cell carcinoma of lung) and Caucasians.

Sensitivity analysis and publication bias

We conducted a leave-one-out sensitivity analysis and found a significant association in the comparisons of C vs. A (OR = 0.84, 95% CI = 0.71-0.99; F=65%), as well as AA vs. CC (OR = 0.64, 95% CI: 0.52-0.80; F=46%) and AA vs. (CC+AC) (OR = 0.78, 95% CI=0.68-0.90; F=31%) in the overall analysis when omitting the study by B’Chir et al. (2009).

The funnel plot showed a relatively symmetric distribution, which means there may be no publication bias existed (Figure 2).

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