

Study on the Expression of Insulin-like Growth Factor II (IGF-II) in Hepatocellular Carcinoma Cells and Developing Rat Embryos

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Purpose: The insulin-like growth factor II (IGF-II) gene expresses a family of transcripts in embryonic/fetal tissue, and also highly was expressed during hepatocellular carcinogenesis. In this study, we showed that IGF-II mRNA and protein levels are detected in rat embryo, HepG2 human hepatoma cells and Chang liver cells.

Materials and Methods: This study included sections of rat embryos 7-17 days post coitum (d.p.c), HepG2 cells and Chang liver cells. Using immunohistochemistry, Northern blotting and Western blotting, we observed the expression of IGF-II in the rat embryo, HepG2 cells and Chang liver cells.

Results: We localized IGF-II gene products in sections of rat embryo 7-17 d.p.c by performing immunohistochemistry. The IGF-II was mainly expressed in the proximal endoderm and ectoplacental cone between 7

and 9 d.p.c. At 10 d.p.c. the expression was localized at the heart primodium as well as the proximal endoderm, and at 11 d.p.c. the IGF-II was expressed in the liver and heart. After 12 d.p.c. and 14 d.p.c., the expression was also detected in the brain, muscle and bone, and head mesenchyme, respectively. While the expression of IGF-II protein was not detected in the normal adult liver, intense staining was detected in the heart, liver and choroids plexus at 17 d.p.c.

Conclusion: These results suggest that IGF-II may act as an oncofetal protein during hepatocellular carcinogenesis and embryogenesis. (*Cancer Research and Treatment 2001;33:256-263*)

Key Words: IGF-II, Hepatocellular carcinogenesis, Embryogenesis, HepG2

(3-8).

IGF-II mesodermal origin

(4,5),

(9,10),

가 ,

Insulin-like growth factor II (IGF-II) proinsulin

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(1). IGF-II insulin

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IGF-II 가 /

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IGF-II가

somatomedin

(2), IGF-II가 DNA

(16).

vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF),

basic fibroblast growth factor (bFGF), transforming growth

factor 1 (TGF 1) 가

(11-15), IGF-II

가

가 가 (16).
가 IGF-II



Fig. 1. The location of promoters within IGF-II gene (P: promoter, E: exon).

가
(vas-
culogenesis)
angioblast
de novo
(17).

(21,22). P3 IGF-II mRNA 6.0 kb
oncofetal
, IGF-II

가
IGF-II
oncofetal
HepG2 IGF-II
mRNA Northern
conditioned media IGF-II
Western blotting
IGF-II

IGF-II
oncofetal
HepG2 IGF-II
mRNA Northern
conditioned media IGF-II
Western blotting
IGF-II

oncofetal (18 20).
IGF-II mRNA가
(21).
IGF-II가
가
IGF-II
IGF-II type-I, II receptor
insulin receptor 6 IGF binding
protein (1). IGF-II
IGF
4 (P1-P4)
(21). IGF-II
, 4
IGF-II mRNA
(Fig. 1). P2, P3, P4

1) HepG2 Chang liver
American Type Culture Collection HepG2 cell
(HB-8065) Gibco BRL fetal bovine serum
(FBS) 가 Minimal Essential Medium (MEM)
2 1 L
sodium bicarbonate 2.2 g 가 HCl pH 7.2
. 0.22 μm Millipore filter
10% FBS 1% penicillin-streptomycin (P-S) 가
. Chang liver cell (CCL-13) American Type Cul-
ture Collection Gibco BRL FBS
가 Dulbeco's modified eagle's medium (DMEM)
2 1 L
sodium bicarbonate 3.7 g 가 HCl pH 7.2
0.22 μm Millipore filter
10% FBS 1% penicillin-streptomycin (P-S) 가

2) Northern blot analysis(23)

(Molecular Research Center, Inc.) 5×10^6 1 ml
 , 1.5 ml
 . 0.2 ml chloroform 가
 10 .
 4°C, 15 12,000 g .
 , 0.5 ml
 isopropanol 가 10
 12,000 g 4°C, 15 .
 RNA pellet 75% 1 ml 가 7,500 g 5
 4°C .
 pellet diethyl pyro-
 carbonate (DEPC) -70°C
 . RNA 20 µg 1% formaldehyde agarose
 gel , Gel 50 mM
 NaOH, 1X SSC 30 , Zeta probe
 membrane transfer . RNA가 18
 S 28 S rRNA UV crosslinker
 crosslinking . DNA fragment
 5 (Rediprime kit, Amersham)
 가 ^{32}P 3 µl 가 ,
 37°C 1 random primer labelling mixture
 5 isotope
 cDNA hybridization . RNA가
 Zeta probe membrane prehybridization
 , 42°C 4 24 ,
 가 42°C 16
 24 . filter 2X
 SSC, 0.1% SDS 4 X-ray
 IGF-II .

3) HepG2 Chang liver conditioned medium

HepG2 Chang liver 70 80% confluent
 , 10% FBS가 가
 , serum-free 가 24
 .
 5,000 rpm, 4°C 10
 . 가 13,000 rpm, 4°C
 5 .
 conditioned media Millipore
 (Ultrafree-15) , 2,000 g
 . conditioned
 media Western blot analysis . 0.3%

4) Western blot analysis

conditioned media 50 µg gel loading buffer 20
 µl 3 boiling SDS-PAGE . Gel
 NC filter transfer transfer kit
 transfer가 filter 3% BSA가 PBS buffer
 blocking washing .
 filter anti-rat IGF-II primary antibody (Upstate
 Biotechnology Inc., New York, NY) (1 :
 1,000) 가 1 2
 . washing anti-mouse
 secondary antibody 1 2
 . PBS-T (PBS/0.1% Tween 20) washing
 filter Amersham ECL Western blotting detection
 reagent X-ray film signal

5) Immunoprecipitation (IP)

HepG2 conditioned media anti-rat IGF-II anti-
 body (Upstate Biotechnology Inc., New York, NY) 12
 protein A-agarose (Sigma chemical Co., St
 Louis, MO) immunoprecipitate .
 immunoprecipitate Western blotting .

6)

(SPF) Sprague Dawley (SD)
 1 : 1 .
 (vaginal plug) 가
 0
 , $23 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ $55 \pm 5\%$
 1 12 .

7) Embryo fetus

7 19 (cervical
 dislocation) embryo
 fetus (pH 7.4) .

8) IGF-II

4 µm 60°C
 가

blocking antibody 30 anti-rat
 IGF-II antibody (Upstate Biotechnology Inc., New York, NY) mRNA
 30 3-amino-9-ethylcarbazole liver cell IGF-II mRNA
 (AEC) chromogen 10
 Mayer hematoxylin



1) Northern blotting HepG2 cell IGF-II

HepG2 RNA
 IGF-II mRNA (Fig. 2). IGF-II P3

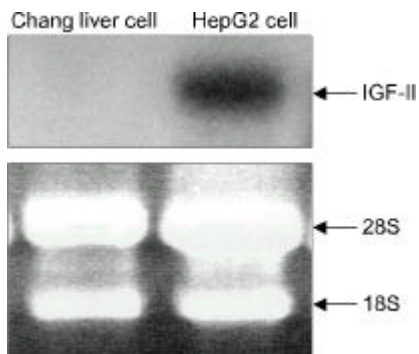


Fig. 2. Expression of IGF-II mRNA in the HepG2 human hepatocellular carcinoma cell lines. RNAs were isolated and Northern blot analysis was performed as described under Materials and Methods. 18S and 28S rRNA were depicted at the bottom of the figure.

2) Western blotting HepG2 conditioned media IGF-II

HepG2 conditioned media IGF-II
 HepG2 conditioned media IGF-II
 Western blot analysis HepG2 conditioned media IGF-II
 media IGF-II, Chang liver cell conditioned media IGF-II HepG2 condi-

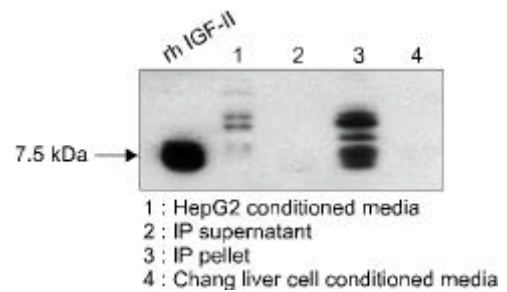


Fig. 3. Identification of IGF-II protein in the conditioned media of HepG2 and Chang liver cell cultures by Western blot analysis. IP pellet and supernatant indicated the immunoprecipitated conditioned media of HepG2 cell cultures by anti-IGF-II monoclonal antibody. Recombinant human IGF-II (rh IGF-II, 7.5 kDa) was used as a positive control and is indicated by arrow.

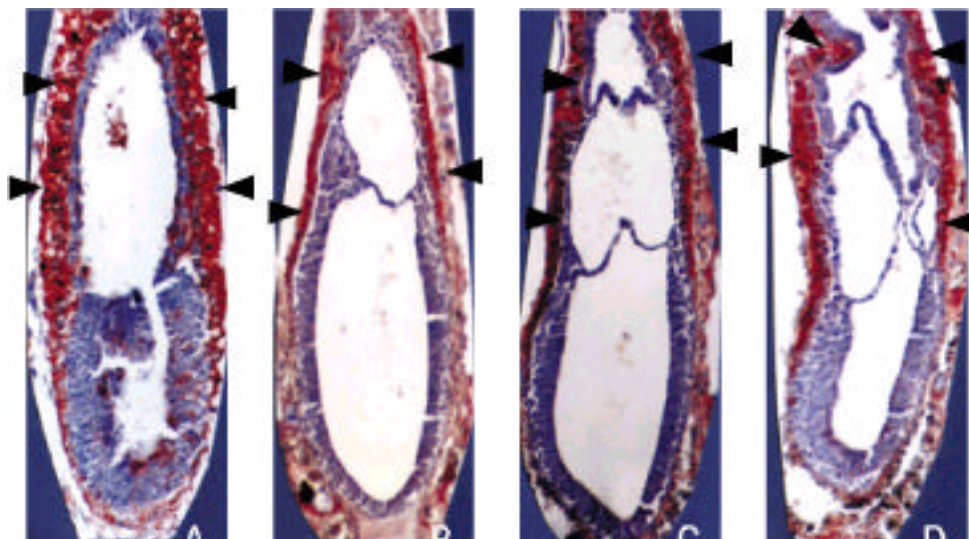


Fig. 4. Immunohistochemical staining of rat embryo using anti-IGF-II monoclonal antibody. A: rat embryonic day 7, B: rat embryonic day 8, C: rat embryonic day 9, D: rat

tioned media IGF-II 7.5 kDa positive somite , ,
 control recombinant IGF-II . , ,
 hypoglycemia 가
 10 kDa IGF-II IGF-II
 IGF-II IGF-II IP . 17
 conditioned media IGF-II가 sagittal section , IGF-II
 , IP pellet IGF-II Fig. 5 ()
 IGF-II가 HepG2 IGF-II가 Fig. 5
 IGF-II가 (Fig. 3). IGF-II
 17
3) Rat IGF-II
 myocardium . IGF-
 IGF-II 7, 8, 9, 10 II 17
 egg cylinder IGF-II (Fig. 5).
 (Fig. 4). IGF-II , Table 1
 IGF-II가 7 9 ectoplacental cone proximal
 . Egg cylinder 7 IGF-II endoderm IGF-II , 10
 proximal endoderm ectoplacental cone me- 11
 soderm embryonic ectoderm (Fig. 19 . 12
 4). Post amniotic fold가 ectoplacental cavity가 mesenchyme ()
 8 proximal endoderm)
 ectodermal cone
 (Fig. 4). Neural plate가 chorion 9
 8 (Fig. 4). 10
 foregut IGF-II
 (Table 1). 11 somite (24) IGF-II mRNA
 가 12 head mesenchyme, IGF-II가

Table 1. Tissue distribution of IGF II embryonic rat

Age (day)	Ectoplacental cone	Proximal endoderm	Brain	Head mesenchyme	Muscle & bone	Liver	Lung	Heart
7	+	+						
8	+	+						
9	+	+						
10	+	+						+
11						+		+
12			+		+	+		+
13			+		+	+		+
14			+	+	+	+	-	+
15			+	+	+	+	-	+
16			+	+	+	+	-	+
17			+	+	+	+	+	+
18			+	+	-	+	+	+
19			+	+	-	+	+	+

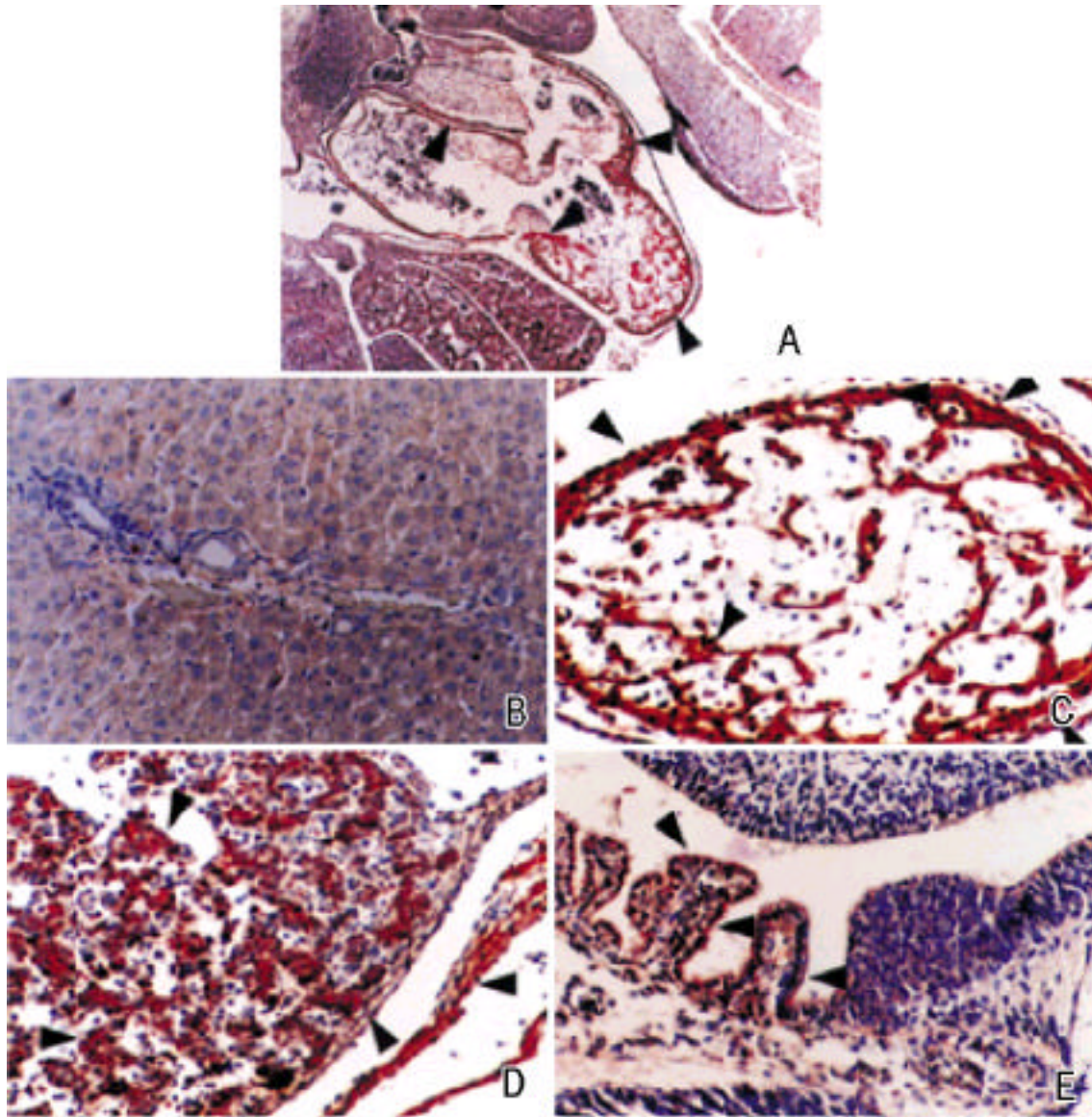




Fig. 5. Immunohistochemical staining of rat embryo using anti-IGF-II monoclonal antibody at rat embryonic day 17. A: Sagittal section of trunk region, B: Normal adult liver, C: Heart, D: Liver, E: Choroid plexus

(1). IGF-II 가 IGF-II IGF-II 가 (25).
 가 IGF-II 가 (9,16).
 IGF-II

가 . (18 20), oncogene (18). , 가 oncofetal , 가 HepG2 IGF-II mRNA Northern blotting analysis HepG2 conditioned media IGF-II Western blotting IGF-II Fig. 2 HepG2 RNA IGF-II Chang liver cell IGF-II mRNA (Fig. 2). , IGF-II 가 가 가 가 가 가 Nothern blotting analysis IGF-II HepG2 conditioned media 가 . IGF-II 3가 가 (1). IGF-II 가 HepG2 condi- IGF-II Chang liver cell IGF- II (Fig. 3). IP IGF-II IGF-II가 Western blot- ting IGF-II

가 IGF-II 가 (Fig. 3). IGF-II IGF-II 가 IGF-II 가 HepG2 가 IGF-II IGF-II IGF-II가 IGF-II mRNA 4 IGF-II mRNA IGF-II가 IGF-II가 IGF-II oncofetal IGF-II가 IGF-II가 IGF-II가 IGF-II

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