

The expression of BAG-1 and its clinical significance in human lung cancer

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摘要

Background and objective BAG-1 is a multifunctional anti-apoptotic protein that binds to a variety of cellular proteins and affects their functions. It has been proven that overexpression of BAG-1 was observed in a number of human malignancies and correlated with their prognosis. The aim of this study is to determine BAG-1 mRNA expression in human lung cancer tissues and its clinical significance. Methods The expression of BAG-1 was detected by real-time PCR in formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded human lung cancer tissues of 156 cases. Results ? The median survival time (MST, 33.5 months) in BAG-1 low-expression group was significantly higher than that (20.5 months) in BAG-1 high-expression group ($P < 0.005$); ? The 3-year and 5-year survival rates (44.74%; 26.32%) in BAG-1 low-expression group were dramatically higher than that in BAG-1 high-expression group (32.5%; 21.25%) ($P < 0.05$), respectively. The survival curves in BAG-1 low-expression group was also significantly better than that in BAG-1 high-expression group ($P = 0.045$); ? The further analysis indicated that the survival curves in BAG-1 low-expression group were much better than that in BAG-1 high-expression group in the lung cancer patient with TNM stage I, or with squamous cell carcinoma, or without any metastasis, respectively ($P < 0.05$). Conclusion BAG-1 may be a biomarker for the prognosis of lung cancer patients, especially for the lung cancer patients with stage I or squamous cell carcinoma.

关键词

Lung neoplasms; BAG-1; Prognosis

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