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Delineation of HIF1 α mediated transcription program and the oncogenic signaling pathways in gastric tumors

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Abstract

HIF1 α is a transcription factor activated under hypoxic condition in many cancer types and has been implicated in cancer cell proliferation, invasion and energy metabolism. Towards understanding the role of HIF1 α mediated transcription in gastric cancer, the HIF1 α gene signatures established to date were analyzed for their expression across the mRNA profiles of gastric tumors. HIF1 α regulated genes were identified to involve and associated with the signaling pathways and processes such as integrin signaling, Wnt, P53, EGF, FGF, VEGFA, PI3K, TGF β and NF κ B signaling pathways. The HIF1 α genes were identified to play a significant role in energy metabolism including glycolysis, drug resistance due to epithelial to mesenchymal transition and cancer cell survival. In gastric tumors, the HIF1 α regulated genes were observed to express in diffuse, poorly differentiated and stage-3 tumors. The analyses reveal i) activation of HIF1 in a sub-set of gastric tumors, ii) the pathways associated with the HIF1 activation in gastric tumors, and iii) genes involved in HIF1 α mediated transcription in gastric cancer. We are further investigating the drugs that would best suit for this sub-set of tumors with activated HIF1 α .

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