

MiR-146a and miR-155 polymorphisms in Egyptian patients with Behcet's disease

Abstract

Introduction

Background: The current study designed to analyze whether polymorphisms of miR-146a and miR-155 are related to Behçet's disease (BD) in Egyptian population.

Material and methods

Methods: A total of 96 unrelated BD patients and 100 healthy subjects were genotyped for miR-146a (rs2910164) and miR-155(rs767649) using real-time polymerase chain reaction.

Results

Results: the results showed significant elevation in the frequency of rs2910164 GG and CC genotypes in BD patients compared with controls (adjusted OR = 22.156, 95% CI (4.728-103.818); $P < 0.001$ and adjusted OR = 40.358, 95% CI (8.928 -182.440); $P < 0.001$, respectively). Also, rs2910164 G allele conferred a higher risk of developing BD (adjusted OR = 3.665, 95% CI (2.013-6.671); $P < 0.001$). MiR-146a (rs2910164) polymorphism was a risk factor for susceptibility to BD in dominant, recessive and additive models of inheritance(All $P < 0.001$), while, the miR-155(rs767649) polymorphism was a risk factor in recessive model only ($P = 0.021$). GG and CG genotypes of rs2910164 were associated with higher BDCAI activity and ocular involvement compared with CC genotype ($P = 0.005$ and $P = 0.004$, respectively). Genotype AT of rs767649 was related to higher BDCAI activity ($P = 0.026$) compared with TT or AA genotypes.

Conclusions

Conclusion: The miR-146a (rs2910164) and miR-155(rs767649) were likely to play an important role in Egyptian population to develop BD and also influence disease severity.