

研究论文

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摘要 该文探讨肿瘤坏死因子 α (TNF α)活化信号转导和转录激活因子3(STAT3)的分子机制。采用流式细胞术(FACS)检测TNF受体TNFR1在鼻咽癌细胞5-8F和宫颈癌细胞HeLa中的蛋白表达水平; qRT-PCR检测TNF α 对其受体*TNFR1*和*TNFR2*的mRNA水平的影响; ELISA检测细胞因子白细胞介素8(IL-8)的蛋白水平; Western blot检测受体和信号转导分子的总蛋白水平及蛋白磷酸化水平。结果显示, 5-8F和HeLa细胞表达功能性的TNF受体和表皮生长因子受体(EGFR); TNF α 处理细胞可诱导STAT3的活化, 且呈时间和剂量依赖性; TNF α 也能活化EGFR, 用EGFR的抑制剂进行处理, 逆转了TNF α 诱导的EGFR(Y1068)的磷酸化, 也逆转了STAT3的磷酸化; 进一步研究结果显示, TNF α 可活化促癌酪氨酸蛋白激酶SRC, 用SRC抑制剂处理, 逆转了TNF α 诱导的EGFR活化及其下游STAT3的磷酸化。总之, 在肿瘤细胞中存在TNF α -SRC-EGFR-STAT3信号转导通路, 提示EGFR可能是炎症诱导肿瘤的桥梁。

关键词 肿瘤坏死因子 α ; 信号转导和转录激活因子3; 表皮生长因子受体; SRC; 信号转导

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Abstract This study explored the molecular mechanism of STAT3 signal transduction induced by TNF α (tumor necrosis factor α). FACS was employed to determine the expression of TNF receptor TNFR1 in 5-8F nasopharyngeal carcinoma cells and HeLa cervical cancer cells. qRT-PCR was used to measure the mRNA levels of *TNFR1* and *TNFR2* induced by TNF α . ELISA was used to measure the protein levels of cytokine IL-8. Western blot was used to detect the total and phosphorylated protein levels of receptors and signal molecules. The results showed that 5-8F and HeLa cells expressed functional TNF receptor and EGFR. The treatment of cells with TNF α induced the activation of STAT3 in a time-dependent and dose-dependent manner. TNF α could also activate EGFR. Treatment with EGFR inhibitors reversed the phosphorylation of EGFR (Y1068) induced by TNF α and also reversed the phosphorylation of STAT3. Furthermore, TNF α activated the pro-cancer tyrosine protein kinase SRC. After treatment with SRC inhibitors, TNF α -induced EGFR activation and downstream STAT3 phosphorylation were reversed.

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In conclusion, in certain cancer cells, the signal transduction pathway TNF α -SRC-EGFR-STAT3 is existed, and EGFR may be a bridge for linking inflammation with cancer.

Keywords TNF α ; STAT3; EGFR; SRC; signal transduction

肿瘤与炎症的关系一直是研究的热点问题, 研究发现: 高达20%的癌症与慢性炎症有关^[1]。急性炎症转变为慢性炎症有可能导致肿瘤, 许多肿瘤与微生物的持续存在有关, 如: 鼻咽癌与EB病毒, 宫颈癌与HPV病毒。但慢性炎症引起肿瘤发生的具体信号机制尚未完全清楚。

肿瘤坏死因子 α (tumor necrosis factor α , TNF α)是慢性炎症发生过程中最重要的炎症因子之一, 具有促肿瘤功能^[2]。TNF α 与其受体结合, 活化一系列的信号通路, 如核因子- κ B(nuclear factor kappa B, NF- κ B)通路、丝裂原激活的蛋白激酶(mitogen-activated protein kinase, MAPK)通路等, 参与肿瘤发生发展^[3]。

信号转导和转录激活因子3(signal transducer and activator of transcription 3, STAT3)是一种参与细胞生长、凋亡、癌变等多种生命活动的信号转录蛋白^[4-5], 它作为多条致癌途径的汇合点, 对肿瘤发生发展起至关重要的作用。研究表明, TNF α 能直接或间接诱导STAT3激活, 促进肿瘤发生发展^[3,6]。此外, 有研究表明, 表皮生长因子受体(epidermal growth factor receptor, EGFR)可诱导STAT3的激活^[7]。本文研究鼻咽癌和宫颈癌中存在的重要信号转导通路, 旨在为临床治疗提供新的思路。

1 材料与方法

1.1 实验材料和试剂

重组人TNF α 购自美国Peprotech公司; EGFR特异性酪氨酸激酶抑制剂AG490和AG1478、SRC酪氨酸激酶抑制剂PP2购自英国Tocris Bioscience公司; pEGFR(Y992、Y1045和Y1068)和EGFR抗体, ERK, JNK, P38, I κ B- α 和STAT3抗体、鼠抗人GAPDH抗体均购自美国Cell Signaling Technology公司; HeLa和5-8F细胞购自美国ATCC公司。

1.2 实验方法

1.2.1 细胞培养 复苏HeLa细胞和5-8F细胞, 用含有10% FCS和1%青-链霉素的DMEM培养基, 于37 °C、5% CO₂培养箱中培养, 待细胞生长至对数期, 用胰蛋白酶消化, 铺于24孔板中。加入各种试剂处理细胞, 收集细胞以用于后续检测。

1.2.2 Western blot分析 将收集好的细胞用100 μ L细胞裂解液充分裂解后提取蛋白质, 加入5 \times 上样缓冲液, 100 °C煮沸5 min, 用10% SDS-PAGE凝胶分离, 将蛋白转移至PVDF膜上, 用5%的脱脂奶粉于37 °C封闭2 h, 一抗(1:1 000) 4 °C孵育过夜, 二抗(1:2 000) 37 °C孵育2 h, 用ECL化学发光法进行显色、显影。

1.2.3 qRT-PCR分析 Trizol法提取细胞总RNA, 按照试剂盒说明书将其逆转录成cDNA, 以1 μ L的cDNA为模板进行PCR扩增, PCR的反应体系: 1 μ L cDNA模板, 上下游引物各1 μ L, 7 μ L灭菌纯水, 10 μ L 2 \times Taq Master Mix。PCR反应的条件: 94 °C预变性1 min; 95 °C变性30 s, 60 °C退火30 s, 68 °C延伸1 min, 根据需要选择扩增20~30个循环(内参基因GAPDH进行20个循环, 其他目的基因进行25个循环); 68 °C终末延伸10 min。PCR产物在1%的琼脂糖凝胶中电泳, 用GelRed显色并拍照。GAPDH引物序列如下: 上游引物5'-AAT CCC ATC ACC ATC TTC CA-3', 下游引物5'-CCT GCT TCA CCA CCT TCT TG-3', 扩增长度为262 bp; TNFR1引物序列如下: 上游引物5'-TCA GGC ACC ACA GTG CTG TT-3', 下游引物5'-TGG AGG TGA AGG TGG AAC TG-3', 扩增长度为265 bp; TNFR2引物序列如下: 上游引物5'-TGA CCA GAC AGC TCA GAT GTG-3', 下游引物5'-ACT GCA TCC A TG CTT GCA TT-3', 扩增长度为459 bp。

1.2.4 ELISA分析 收集细胞培养上清, 依照ELISA试剂盒说明书进行检测。主要步骤为: 取出酶标板, PBS洗3次, 设置空白对照孔、阳性对照孔、待测样品孔和标准品孔, 每孔加入100 μ L样品, 4 °C过夜, PBS洗3次, 加入二抗(1:1 000), 37 °C孵育1 h, PBS洗3次, 加入酶标试剂, 37 °C孵育30 min, PBS洗3次, 加入显色剂, 37 °C避光显色15 min, 加入终止液, 测吸光度(D)值, 绘制标准曲线并计算样品中IL-8的浓度。每个样品设置3个重复孔。

1.2.5 流式细胞仪检测TNFR1蛋白水平 收集细胞, 用FACS缓冲液(由5 mmol/L EDTA、0.1% NaN₃和1%胎牛血清配制而成)洗涤。加入抗人TNFR1的抗体, 冰上孵育30 min, 加入FITC标记的

二抗(1:1 000), 室温放置30 min, 流式细胞仪检测荧光强度。每个样品计数10 000个细胞。

1.3 统计学分析

实验结果数据均采用均数 \pm 标准差($\bar{x}\pm s$)表示。作图和统计分析分别采用Excel、GraphPad Prism 8软件, 两组间的差异显著性统计使用双尾Student's *t* 检验, Western blot条带和PCR凝胶电泳条带用Image J软件定量。 $P<0.05$ 为差异具有统计学意义(对于每个qRT-PCR和ELISA实验样品, 重复数 $n=3$)。

2 结果

2.1 5-8F和HeLa细胞表达功能性的TNF受体

鼻咽癌与EBV相关^[8], 宫颈癌与HPV相关^[9]。利用FACS方法, 首先检测5-8F鼻咽癌细胞和HeLa宫颈癌细胞中TNF受体的表达, 结果显示5-8F和HeLa细胞表达TNFR1(图1A); 用20 ng/mL TNF α 处理细胞后, qRT-PCR结果显示在HeLa细胞中, TNF α 小幅上调

*TNFR1*和*TNFR2*的mRNA水平(图1B); 用不同浓度的TNF α 处理细胞24 h, ELISA结果显示TNF α 显著上调IL-8的蛋白水平, 并具有剂量依赖性(图1C)。这些结果表明, 5-8F和HeLa细胞表达功能性TNF受体。

2.2 TNF α 激活MAPK和NF- κ B信号通路

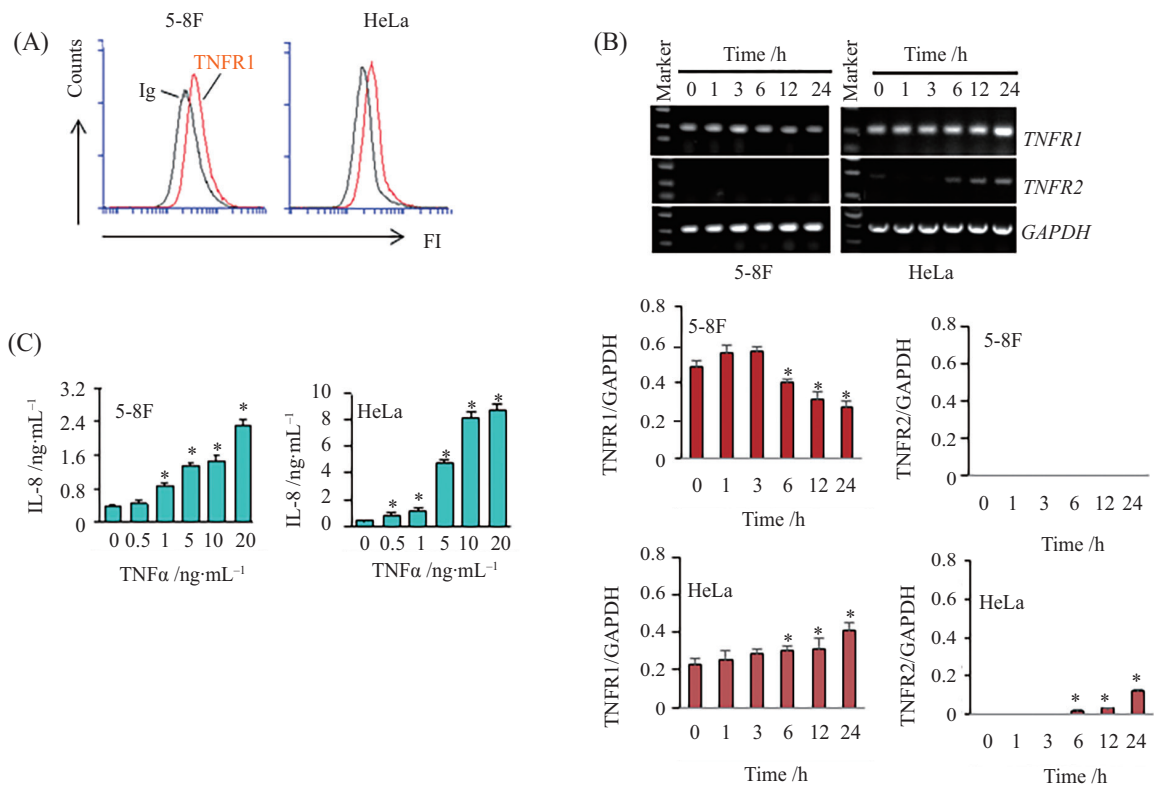
Western blot结果显示在5-8F和HeLa细胞中, TNF α 可诱导ERK、JNK、P38磷酸化, 下调NF- κ B抑制I κ B- α 的蛋白水平, 并具有时间和剂量依赖性(图2A和图2B); 这些结果表明在5-8F和HeLa中, TNF α 可激活MAPK通路和NF- κ B信号通路。

2.3 5-8F和HeLa细胞表达功能性EGFR

以20 ng/mL EGF处理细胞不同时间后, Western blot实验结果显示与空白组相比, EGF诱导了EGFR(Y992、Y1045和Y1068)磷酸化(图3), 表明5-8F和HeLa细胞表达功能性的EGFR。

2.4 TNF α 活化STAT3

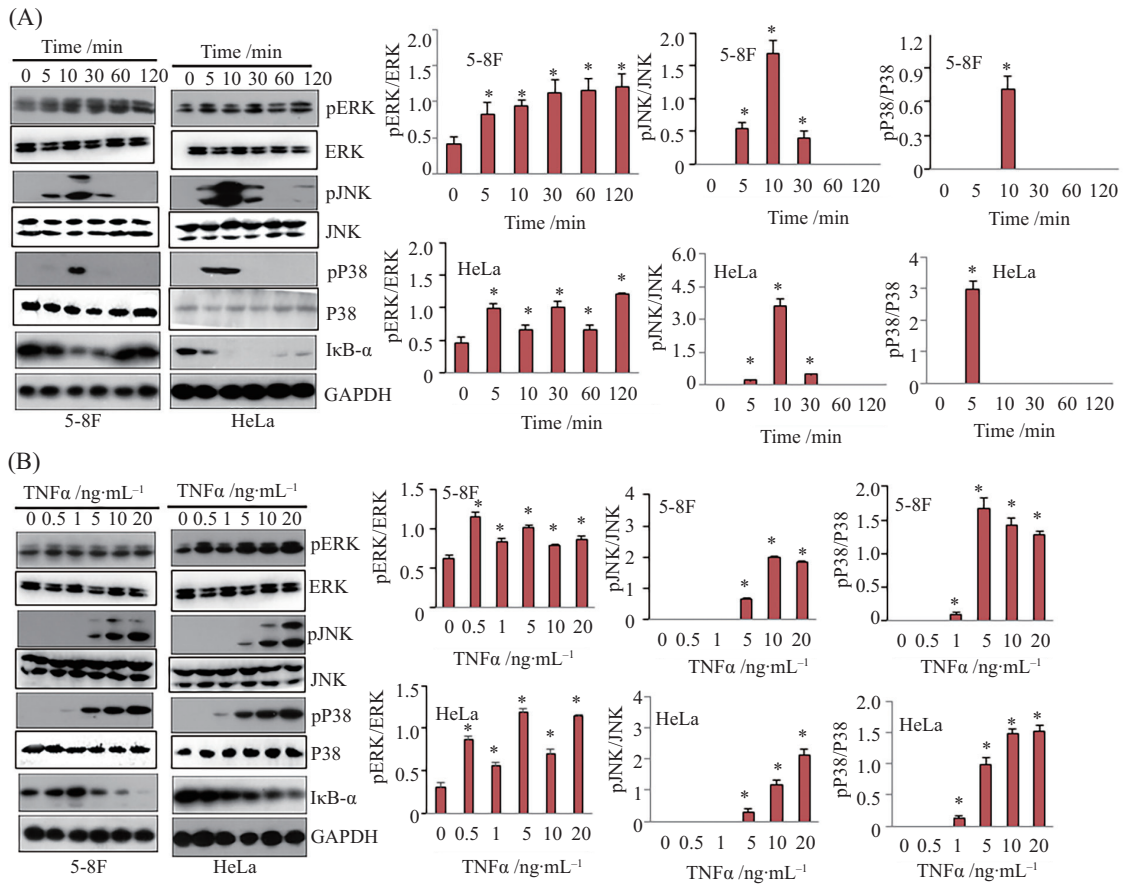
用20 ng/mL的TNF α 处理细胞, Western blot



A: FACS analysis of the TNFR1 expression in 5-8F and HeLa cells. B: qRT-PCR analysis of the mRNA levels of *TNFR1* and *TNFR2* in 5-8F and HeLa cells treated with 20 ng/mL TNF α for the indicated time periods. C: ELISA analysis of the IL-8 protein levels in 5-8F and HeLa cells treated with the indicated concentrations of TNF α for 24 h. * $P<0.05$ compared with control group.

图1 5-8F和HeLa细胞表达功能性的TNF受体

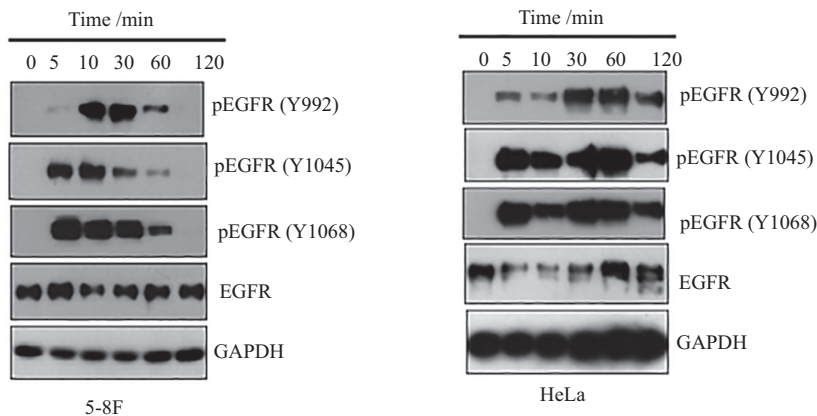
Fig.1 5-8F and HeLa cells express functional TNF receptor



A: Western blot检测5-8F和HeLa细胞经20 ng/mL TNFα处理不同时间后的磷酸化ERK、JNK、P38, 总ERK、JNK、P38以及IκB-α的蛋白质表达水平。B: Western blot检测5-8F和HeLa细胞经不同浓度TNFα处理10 min后的磷酸化ERK、JNK、P38, 总ERK、JNK、P38以及IκB-α的蛋白质表达水平。以GAPDH总蛋白水平作为内对照。*P<0.05, 与空白对照组相比。

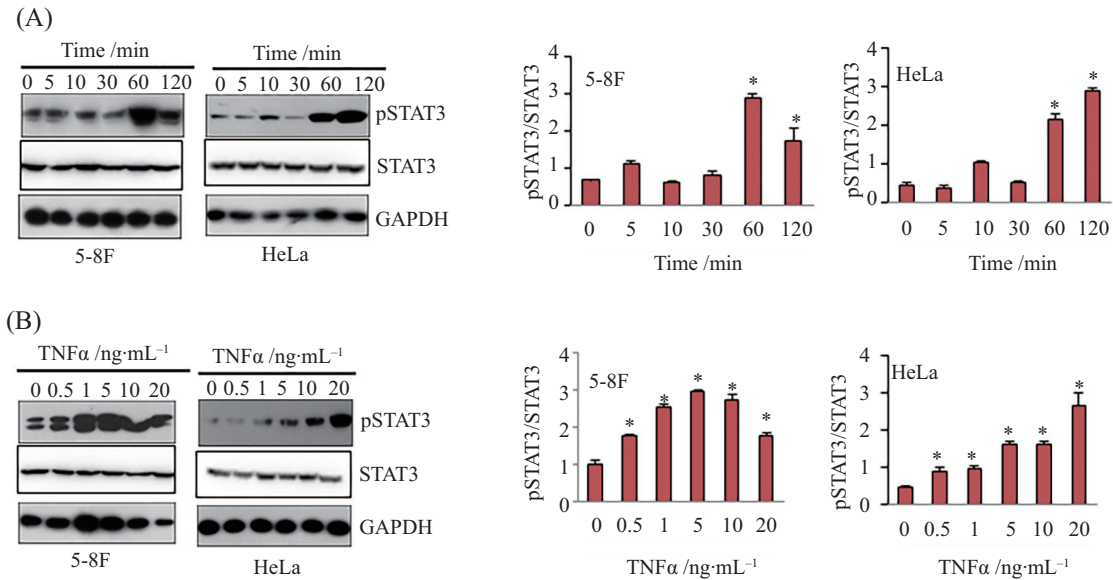
A: Western blot analysis of the phosphorylated and total levels of ERK, JNK, P38, and the protein levels of IκB-α in 5-8F and HeLa cells treated with 20 ng/mL TNFα for the indicated time periods. B: Western blot analysis of the phosphorylated and total levels of ERK, JNK, P38, and the protein levels of IκB-α in 5-8F and HeLa cells treated with the indicated concentrations of TNFα for 10 min. GAPDH protein levels were measured as loading controls. *P<0.05 compared with control group.

图2 TNFα激活MAPK信号通路
Fig.2 TNFα activates MAPK signaling pathway



Western blot检测5-8F和HeLa细胞经EGF(20 ng/mL)处理不同时间后的pEGFR(Y992、Y1045和Y1068)表达情况。检测GAPDH总蛋白水平作为内对照。Western blot analysis of the phosphorylated levels of EGFR in 5-8F and HeLa cells treated with 20 ng/mL EGF for indicated time periods. GAPDH protein levels were measured as loading controls.

图3 5-8F和HeLa细胞表达功能性的EGFR
Fig.3 5-8F and HeLa cells express functional EGFR



A: Western blot检测5-8F和HeLa细胞经20 ng/mL TNF α 处理不同时间的p-STAT3的表达水平。B: Western blot检测5-8F和HeLa细胞经不同浓度TNF α 处理1 h的p-STAT3的表达水平。以GAPDH总蛋白水平作为内对照。* $P < 0.05$, 与空白对照组相比。

A: Western blot analysis of the phosphorylated levels of STAT3 in 5-8F and HeLa cells treated with 20 ng/mL TNF α for the indicated time periods. B: Western blot analysis of the phosphorylated levels of STAT3 in 5-8F and HeLa cells treated with the indicated concentrations of TNF α for 1 h. GAPDH protein levels were measured as loading controls. * $P < 0.05$ compared with control group.

图4 TNF α 激活5-8F和HeLa细胞中的STAT3

Fig.4 TNF α activates STAT3 in 5-8F and HeLa cells

检测STAT3的磷酸化,结果显示处理细胞60 min至120 min后, p-STAT3水平显著增加(图4A)。再用不同浓度的TNF α 处理细胞60 min,结果显示TNF α 呈剂量依赖性地诱导STAT3的磷酸化(图4B),表明TNF α 可活化STAT3。

2.5 TNF α 活化STAT3与EGFR有关

有文献报道TNF α 能转移活化EGFR^[10]。为了确定TNF α 活化STAT3是否与EGFR有关,先用TNF α 处理细胞,然后检测EGFR的磷酸化水平,Western blot结果显示TNF α 可活化EGFR(Y1068),且呈时间和剂量依赖性(图5A和图5B)。用EGFR的抑制剂AG490或AG1478预处理细胞1 h,然后再加入TNF α 处理细胞1 h,Western blot结果显示AG490逆转了TNF α 诱导的EGFR(Y1068)的磷酸化(图5C),也逆转了STAT3的磷酸化(图5D);同样,用EGFR的抑制剂AG1478预处理细胞1 h,然后再加入TNF α 处理细胞1 h,Western blot结果显示AG1478逆转了TNF α 诱导的EGFR(Y1068)的磷酸化(图5E),也逆转了STAT3的磷酸化(图5F)。这些结果表明,EGFR参与了TNF α 诱导的STAT3活化。

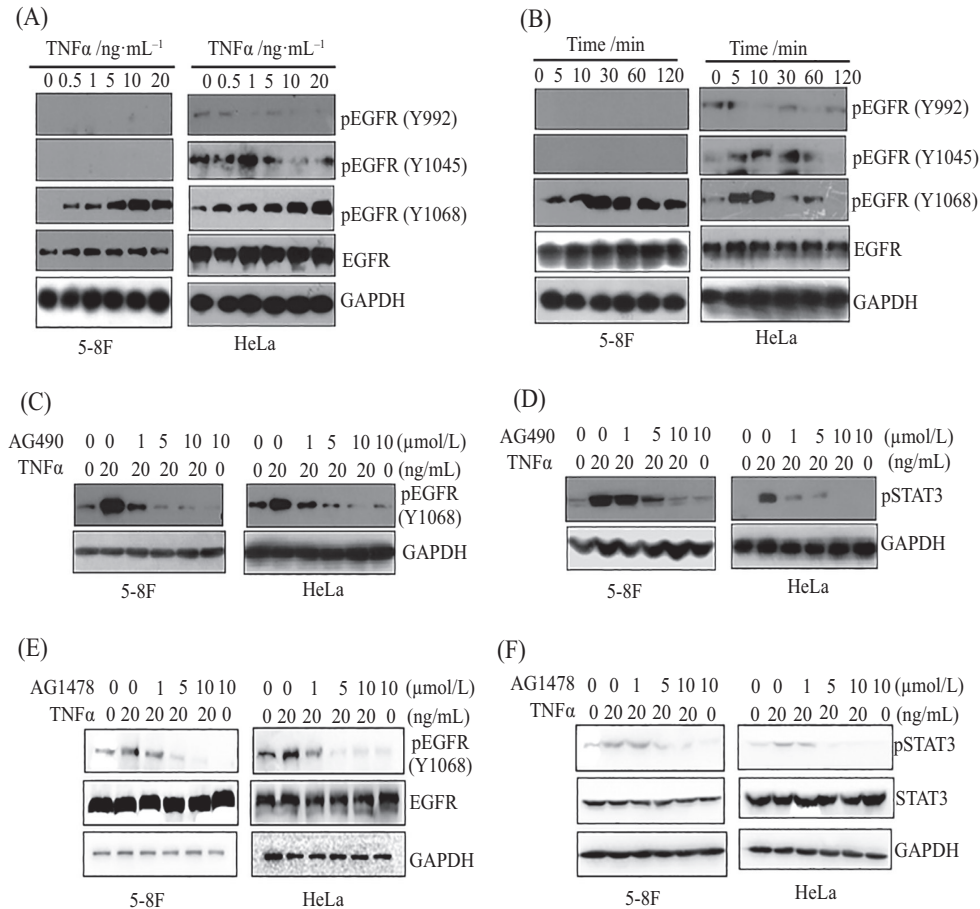
2.6 TNF α 活化STAT3与SRC有关

EL-HASHIM等^[11]研究发现, SRC参与活化EGFR。用20 ng/mL的TNF α 处理细胞,Western blot

检测SRC的磷酸化,结果显示TNF α 呈时间依赖性地诱导SRC的活化(图6A);用不同浓度的TNF α 处理细胞10 min,Western blot检测SRC的磷酸化,结果显示TNF α 呈剂量依赖性地诱导SRC的活化(图6B);进一步用SRC抑制剂PP2预处理细胞1 h,再用TNF α 处理细胞10 min,Western blot结果显示PP2预处理逆转了TNF α 诱导的EGFR活化(图6C);同样用SRC抑制剂PP2预处理细胞1 h,再用TNF α 处理细胞1 h,Western blot结果显示PP2预处理逆转了TNF α 诱导的STAT3活化(图6D)。这些结果表明, SRC参与了TNF α 活化STAT3。

3 讨论

STAT3位于17号染色体(17q21.2)上,有24个外显子,它包括6个功能区: N-端结构域、螺旋结构域、DNA结合域、链接区、Src同源结构2区、C-端转录激活结构域^[12-13]。受体酪氨酸激酶(receptor tyrosine kinase, RTK)如EGFR、非受体酪氨酸激酶、生长因子以及干扰素(interferon, IFN)等配体均可催化STAT3的酪氨酸磷酸化。如: IL-6与IL-6的受体(IL-6R)结合,通过一系列反应激活JAK/STAT3信号通路,活化的STAT3与酪氨酸磷酸化位



A: Western blot检测5-8F和HeLa细胞经不同浓度TNF α 处理10 min后的pEGFR(Y992、Y1045和Y1068)表达情况。B: Western blot检测5-8F和HeLa细胞经20 ng/mL TNF α 处理不同时间后的pEGFR(Y992、Y1045和Y1068)表达情况。C: Western blot检测5-8F和HeLa细胞经AG490预处理1 h后,用20 ng/mL TNF α 再处理1 h后的pEGFR(Y1068)表达情况。D: Western blot检测5-8F和HeLa细胞经AG490预处理1 h后,用20 ng/mL TNF α 再处理1 h后的pSTAT3表达情况。E: Western blot检测5-8F和HeLa细胞经AG1478预处理1 h后,用20 ng/mL TNF α 再处理1 h后的pEGFR(Y1068)和EGFR表达情况。F: Western blot检测5-8F和HeLa细胞经AG1478预处理1 h后,用20 ng/mL TNF α 再处理1 h后的pSTAT3和STAT3表达情况。检测GAPDH总蛋白水平作为内对照。

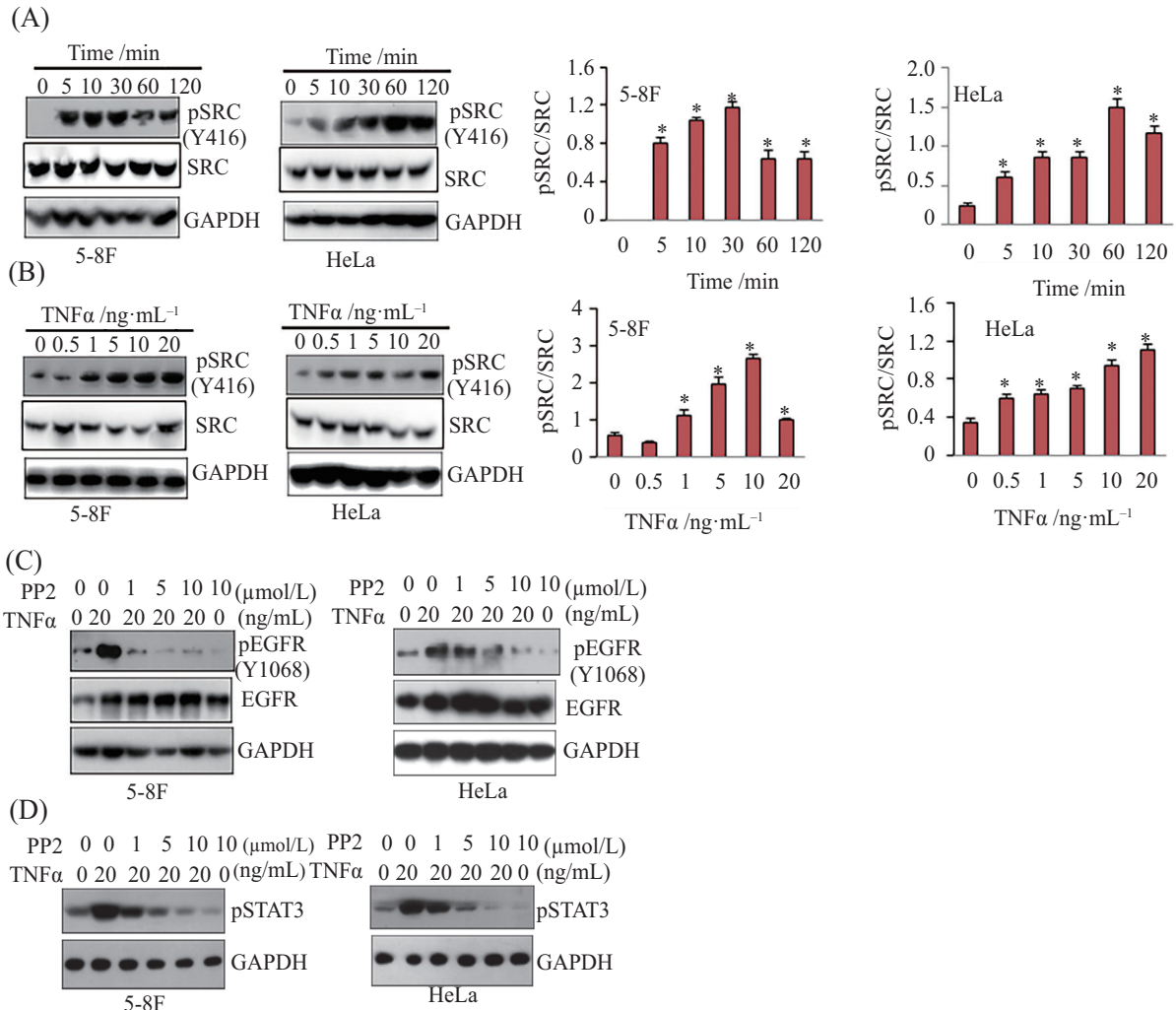
A: Western blot analysis of the phosphorylated levels of EGFR (Y992, Y1045, and Y1068) in 5-8F and HeLa cells treated with the indicated concentrations of TNF α for 10 min. B: Western blot analysis of the phosphorylated levels of EGFR (Y992, Y1045, and Y1068) in 5-8F and HeLa cells treated with 20 ng/mL TNF α for the indicated time periods. C: Western blot analysis of the phosphorylated levels of EGFR (Y1068) and in 5-8F and HeLa cells pretreated with the indicated concentrations of AG490 for 1 h and retreated with 20 ng/mL TNF α for 1 h. D: Western blot analysis of the phosphorylated levels of STAT3 in 5-8F and HeLa cells pretreated with the indicated concentrations of AG490 for 1 h and retreated with 20 ng/mL TNF α for 1 h. E: Western blot analysis of the phosphorylated and total levels of EGFR (Y1068) in 5-8F and HeLa cells pretreated with the indicated concentrations of AG1478 for 1 h and retreated with 20 ng/mL TNF α for 1 h. F: Western blot analysis of the phosphorylated and total levels of STAT3 in 5-8F and HeLa cells pretreated with the indicated concentrations of AG1478 for 1 h and retreated with 20 ng/mL TNF α for 1 h. GAPDH protein levels were measured as loading controls.

图5 EGFR参与TNF α 诱导的STAT3活化

Fig.5 EGFR involves in the activation of STAT3 induced by TNF α

点结合形成二聚体后进入细胞核,引起靶基因发生转录,从而产生相应的效应^[14-17],参与调节细胞增殖、分化、凋亡,血管生成,炎症和免疫反应等多种生理过程。STAT3异常激活会引发致癌基因的表达,促进肿瘤的发生发展。例如在肺癌、乳腺癌、宫颈癌和卵巢癌等肿瘤中STAT3的表达水平显著增高;STAT3激活也参与细胞增殖和生存;

如:STAT3的持续激活可诱导CyclinD1和c-Myc上调,促进肾脏和结肠癌的细胞周期进程^[18]。在肝癌中,TNF α 可以通过NF- κ B、JNK和STAT3等信号通路促进肿瘤的发生发展^[19-20];在胰腺癌患者的血浆及组织中也能检测到低水平的TNF α 以及激活的NF- κ B通路^[21];结肠癌患者高表达TNF α ^[22];同时有研究发现,TNF α 诱导蛋白8(tumor necrosis factor-



A: Western blot检测5-8F和HeLa细胞经20 ng/mL TNF α 处理不同时间后的pSRC(Y416)表达情况。B: Western blot检测5-8F和HeLa细胞经不同浓度TNF α 处理10 min的pSRC(Y416)表达情况。检测GAPDH总蛋白水平作为内对照。C: Western blot检测5-8F和HeLa细胞经SRC抑制剂PP2预处理1 h后,用20 ng/mL TNF α 再处理1 h观察pEGFR(Y1068)表达情况。D: Western blot检测5-8F和HeLa细胞经SRC抑制剂PP2预处理1 h后,用20 ng/mL TNF α 再处理1 h观察pSTAT3表达情况。检测GAPDH总蛋白水平作为内对照。* P <0.05,与空白对照组相比。

A: Western blot analysis of the phosphorylated levels of SRC in 5-8F and HeLa cells treated 20 ng/mL TNF α for the indicated time periods B: Western blot analysis of the phosphorylated levels of SRC in 5-8F and HeLa cells treated with the indicated concentrations of TNF α for 10 min. GAPDH protein levels were measured as loading controls.C: Western blot analysis of the phosphorylated levels of EGFR in 5-8F and HeLa cells treated with the indicated concentrations of SRC inhibitor PP2 for 1 h and retreated with 20 ng/mL TNF α for 1 h. D: Western blot analysis of the phosphorylated levels of STAT3 in 5-8F and HeLa cells pretreated with the indicated concentrations of PP2 for 1 h and retreated with 20 ng/mL TNF α for 1 h. GAPDH protein levels were measured as loading controls. * P <0.05 compared with control group.

图6 SRC参与TNF α 诱导的STAT3激活

Fig.6 SRC involves in the activation of STAT3 induced by TNF α

alpha-induced protein 8, TNFAIP8)可促进鼻咽癌的发生^[23]; YU等^[24]发现, TNF α 是引起鼻咽癌的原始因子,当TNF α 表达增高时,鼻咽癌预后不良。因此, TNF α 具有促进肿瘤发生发展的作用。在本研究中,我们使用TNF α 处理5-8F和HeLa细胞后发现, STAT3的磷酸化水平随着TNF α 的剂量增加而上调,提示TNF α 刺激可能激活STAT3信号转导。此结果与XU等^[25]在乳腺癌中的研究结果一致,该研究发

现用TNF α 处理HeLa细胞能激活STAT3,促进肿瘤发生与生长。同时我们的研究发现,5-8F和HeLa细胞表达功能性的TNF受体,这一结果与大量文献所述一致^[26-29]。

EGFR也被称为HER1或ErbB1,是酪氨酸激酶受体ErbB系列的第一个成员,它是一种170 kDa的跨膜糖蛋白^[25,30],具有3个不同的结构域,分别为:(1)胞外区,与配体结合;(2)疏水性跨膜区,参与受

体之间的二聚化; (3) 胞内酪氨酸激酶结构域, 使底物蛋白的酪氨酸磷酸化, 从而启动一系列下游信号通路, 参与调节细胞增殖、分化和存活^[31]。据文献报道, EGFR在结肠癌、肺癌、乳腺癌和头颈癌等恶性肿瘤中均过表达^[25]。SABBAH等^[32]发现, EGFR过表达会促进癌症的发生发展。同时ESKILSSON等^[33]发现, EGFR vIII促进胶质母细胞瘤增殖。CHEN等^[34]发现, EGFR-PKM2信号通路促进鼻咽癌的发生。PENG等^[35]发现, EGFR会促进EB病毒感染鼻咽癌细胞。此外, EGFR活化后会影晌鼻咽癌细胞增殖、细胞周期、血管生成、入侵和转移等过程。由此可见, EGFR与肿瘤发生发展有关。LIU等^[36]在小鼠肺组织模型中发现, EGFR突变的小细胞肺癌(non-small cell lung cancer, NSCLC)高表达TNF α 。我们研究证实实在宫颈癌和鼻咽癌细胞中, TNF α 能激活EGFR, 表明TNF α 可能通过活化EGFR发挥其促肿瘤作用。

SRC属于SRC激酶家族(Src family kinases, SFKs)。该家族由11个成员组成, 其中SRC、Yes和Fyn在哺乳动物中均表达^[37]。SRC有4个不同的结构域, 分别为N-端结构域, 与细胞质膜相互作用; SH3结构域, 特异性识别富含脯氨酸序列的蛋白质; SH2结构域和SH1结构域。在肿瘤细胞中, SRC激酶过表达会促进肿瘤细胞增殖和迁移、新血管生成和转移^[38]。据大量文献报道, G蛋白偶联受体可以转移活化EGFR, 而SRC是转移活化EGFR的中心环节^[39-41]。我们研究发现, 抑制SRC可逆转TNF α 诱导的EGFR磷酸化及其下游的STAT3磷酸化, 提示TNF α 通过SRC活化EGFR进而诱导STAT3信号转导, 表明TNF α 活化STAT3也需要SRC的参与。

长期感染微生物会引起慢性炎症的发生发展, 从而导致TNF α 表达水平升高。有核细胞高表达TNF受体和EGFR, TNF α 与受体结合可转移激活EGFR, 并活化其下游促癌分子STAT3, 导致肿瘤发生。因此, 推断EGFR是慢性炎症诱导肿瘤发生的桥梁。

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