CCND1 G870A polymorphism contributes to the risk of esophageal cancer: An updated systematic review and cumulative meta-analysis

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Abstract. The common functional cyclin D1 (CCND1) G870A polymorphism may influence the risk of esophageal cancer. However, the conclusions of previous studies have been inconsistent for the association between the CCND1 G870A polymorphism and esophageal cancer risk. A meta-analysis of 11 published case-control studies was performed, including 2,111 patients with esophageal cancer and 3,232 controls, to investigate the association between the CCND1 G870A polymorphism and esophageal cancer risk. The odds ratio (OR) with a 95% confidence interval (CI) was applied to assess the association between the CCND1 G870A polymorphism and esophageal cancer risk. A significant association between the CCND1 G870A polymorphism and esophageal cancer risk was observed for the allele contrast (A vs. G: OR, 1.23; 95% CI, 1.02-1.48; P=0.029), codominant (AA vs. GG: OR, 1.58; 95% CI; 1.06-2.35; P=0.024) and recessive models (AA vs. GG + GA: OR, 1.33, 95% CI, 1.03-1.73; P=0.030). However, in the stratified analysis by ethnicity, study design and pathology, there was no significant association detected in these genetic models. In conclusion, results of the meta-analysis suggested that the CCND1 G870A polymorphism is a potential risk factor in the development of esophageal cancer.

Introduction

Esophageal cancer is one of the most common types of malignant disease, with ~16,980 new cases and 14,710 mortalities in the United States in 2011 (1). Esophageal

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cancer is a multifactorial disease, which is considered to be a result of complex interactions between environmental and genetic factors. Diet has been hypothesized to play a role in the etiology of esophageal cancer. A number of studies have found that consuming large quantities of red or processed meat is associated with an increase in the risk of esophageal cancer (2-4).

Aberrant cell proliferation is an important factor for the development of numerous types of common cancer. Cyclin families are involved in cell-cycle progression, and in particular, cyclin D1 (CCND1) is the major regulatory protein that plays a key role in the transition from G1 to S phase by binding to cyclin-dependent kinases 4 and 6 to promote the progression of the cell cycle during cell division (5,6). The overexpression of CCND1 has always been observed in numerous types of malignant cancer and indicates a poor clinical outcome (7-9).

Single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) may change the functions of the gene and alter the protein expression, potentially affecting cell proliferation and increase the susceptibility of developing cancer. The synonymous SNP (rs603965) of a G to A polymorphism at codon 242 (G870A) in exon 4, is the most important mutation of the CCND1 gene. The A allele creates a greater frequency of alternate splicing during transcription, which was postulated to have a longer half life than the G allele to bypass the G1/S checkpoint and resulted in an increased CCND1 level, leading to abnormal cell proliferation and circumvention of apoptosis (10,11).

Although a number of epidemiological studies have been conducted to assess the association between the CCND1 G870A polymorphism and esophageal cancer susceptibility, the conclusions have been inconsistent. Thus far, two related meta-analyses were conducted by Cai *et al* (12) and Zhou *et al* (13), which demonstrated various associations between the CCND1 G870A polymorphism and esophageal cancer risk. Notably, the meta-analyses by Cai *et al* (12) only included eight published studies, and the study by Zhou *et al* (13) was conducted with a focus on Asian populations only. In the present study, 11 case-control studies on the CCND1 G870A polymorphism and esophageal cancer risk that were previously published were analyzed by performing a meta-analysis to examine a more specific association between the CCND1 G870A polymorphism and esophageal cancer risk and various published observational studies.

Materials and methods

Search strategy. The Pubmed database was searched using the terms 'CCND1', 'cyclin D1', 'esophageal cancer', 'polymorphism', and the combined phrases for all genetic studies on the association between the CCND1 G870A polymorphism and esophageal cancer risk between 2003 and March 7, 2014. Furthermore, the search was complemented with a examination of the references of the retrieved studies and reviews. The following criteria were used to select the studies for the meta-analysis: i) Observational (case-control or prospective) studies of the CCND1 G870A polymorphism and esophageal cancer risk; ii) sufficient published data for estimating an odds ratio (OR) with a 95% confidence interval (CI); and iii) if studies had partly or overlapping data, only the largest or most recent sample was selected, according to Little et al (14). A total of 11 case-control studies, including 2,111 patients with esophageal cancer and 3,232 controls, were included in this meta-analysis.

Data extraction. Data were extracted independently by two investigators (Wen and Hu) from all the selected studies. The data included the first author's name, publication data, country of origin, sources of controls, ethnicity of the study population (categorized as Asian, Caucasian and Mixed) and number of different genotype, tumor pathology and Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium (HWE) in controls.

Statistical analysis. The allele contrast (A vs. G) and codominant (AA vs. GG, GA vs. GG), dominant [(AA+GA) vs. GG) and recessive models (AA vs. (GG+GA)] were evaluated using ORs with 95% CI to assess the strength of the association between the CCND1 G870A polymorphisms and esophageal cancer risk. Subgroup statistical analyses were conducted for ethnicity, study design and pathology. Otherwise, heterogeneity and cumulative analysis were assessed by χ^2 -based Q-test (15). OR estimation was calculated with the fixed-effect model (Mantel-Haenszel method) when statistical heterogeneity did not exist (P>0.10) (16). Otherwise, the random-effects model (DerSimonian and Laird method) was selected (17). Publication bias was evaluated by the Begg's funnel plot and linear regression asymmetry test by Egger et al (18,19). Statistical analysis was performed using STATA versions 10.0 and 11.0 (StataCorp, College Station, TX, USA), and two-sided P-values (P<0.05) were considered to indicate a statistically significant difference.

Results

Study characteristics. A total of 73 relevant studies were identified (Fig. 1). Following a careful review, 10 published studies with 11 case-control studies were identified, with 2,111 patients esophageal cancer patients and 3,232 controls (20-29). The distribution of the various genotypes of each study in different populations is shown in Table I. The diverse genotyping methods were polymerase chain reaction-restriction fragment length polymorphism, highly parallel SNP genotyping

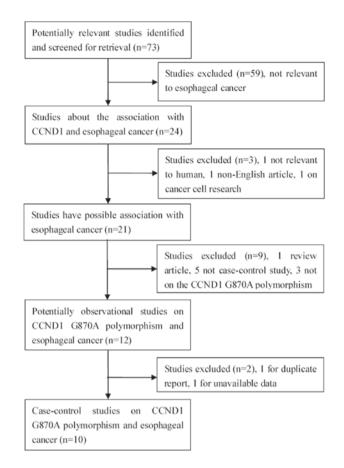


Figure 1. Flow diagram of the study selection process.

assay and Taqman techniques. No study deviated from Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium (HWE) in control populations.

Meta-analysis. The main results of the meta-analysis and the heterogeneity test are shown in Table II. Overall, there was a significant association between the CCND1 G870A polymorphism and esophageal cancer risk was observed for the allele contrast (A vs. G: OR, 1.23; 95% CI, 1.02-1.48; P=0.029 $P_{heterogeneity}$ <0.01), codominant (AA vs. GG: OR, 1.58; 95% CI, 1.06-2.35; P=0.024, $P_{heterogeneity}$ <0.01) and recessive models [AA vs. (GG + GA): OR, 1.33, 95% CI, 1.03-1.73; P=0.030, $P_{heterogeneity}$ <0.01; Fig. 2]. Simultaneously, a borderline significant increased risk was found in the dominant model [(AA + GA) vs. GG: OR, 1.30, 95% CI, 0.96-1.76; P=0.092, $P_{heterogeneity}$ <0.01]. No significant risk effect was found in the subgroup analysis by ethnicity, study design and pathology.

Publication bias. The Begg's funnel plot and Egger's test were used to estimate the publication bias in the five models. The shape of the funnel plots appeared to be symmetrical in the GA vs. GG and (AA + GA) vs. GG models, but not in the A vs. G, AA vs. GG and AA vs. (GG + GA) models (Fig. 3), indicating that there was a certain amount of publication bias. Egger's test was applied to provide further statistical evidence [(P=0.001 for A vs. G; P<0.001 for AA vs. GG; and P<0.001 for AA vs. (GG + GA)].

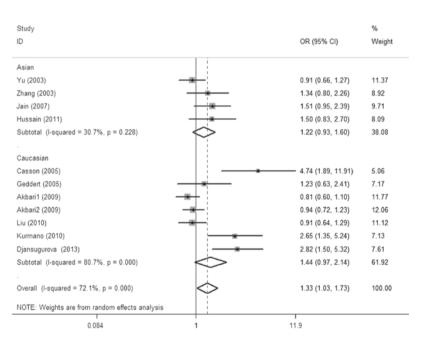
Cumulative and sensitivity analysis. Each study that was involved in the meta-analysis was deleted separately to assess

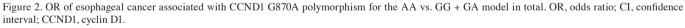


Table I. Characteristics of the case-control studies included in the meta-analysis.

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Jain	2007	India	Asian	Hospital-based	151	201	22	76	53	37	111	53	0.114	Mixed
Akbari ^b	2009	Iran	Caucasian	NA	279	807	72	126	81	161	376	270	0.149	ESCC
Akbari ^c	2009	Iran	Caucasian	NA	465	561	97	97 238 130 107 290 164				0.290	ESCC	
Liu	2010	USA	Caucasian	Hospital-based	299	450	79	79 154 66 128 215 107			0.369	EA		
Kurmanov	2010	Kazakhstan	Caucasian	Population-based	98	86	19	19 42 37 24 46 16		0.463	ESCC			
Hussain	2011	India	Asian	Population-based	151	151	20	99	32	56	72	23	0.986	ESCC
Djansugurova	2013	Kazakhstan	Caucasian	Healthy-based	115	100	22	49	44	28	54	18	0.363	ESCC

^aHWE in controls; ^bstudy 1; ^cstudy 2. HWE, Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium; ESCC, esophageal squamous cell carcinoma; EA, esophageal adenocarcinoma; Mixed, ESCC and EA; NA, not available.





the influence of the individual dataset to the pooled ORs. The analysis results demonstrated a slightly decreased effect each time. In the cumulative meta-analysis, the results did not become significant until the last study by Djansugurova *et al* (29) was accumulated (Fig. 4). Furthermore, the analysis results demonstrated that there was no significant association when the study of Djansugurova *et al* (29) was removed.

Discussion

CCND1 has been mapped to chromosome 11q13, encoding a key cell cycle regulatory protein with 295 amino acids. CCND1 regulates the transition from the G1 to S phase

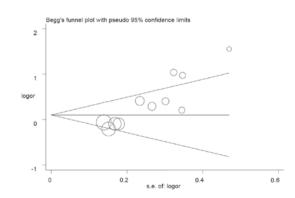


Figure 3. Begg's funnel plot analysis was used to detect publication bias for the AA vs. GG + GA model. Each point represents a separate study.

Table I. Summary ORs and 95% CI of CCND1 G870A polymorphism and esophageal cancer risk.	

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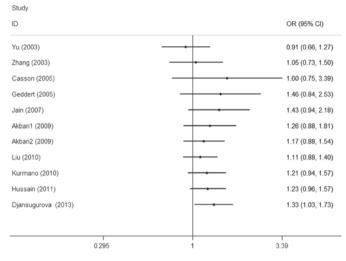


Figure 4. Cumulative meta-analyses according to the publication year in AA vs. GG + GA model.

during cell division. A high activity of CCND1 results in the premature cell passage through the G1-S transition, which leads to the generation of unrepaired DNA damage and the accumulation of genetic errors (30). The protein overexpression of CCND1 has been found in numerous types of cancer, and has also been regarded as the malignant characterization of cancer. There are various polymorphisms in CCND1, but the G to A mutation is well known and does not result in any amino acid alteration within the protein sequence. However, the CCND1 A allele results in an alternatively spliced transcript of CCND1 with a longer half life than the CCND1 G allele. This mutation helps the variant cell pass through the G1/S checkpoint easily and results in abnormal perforation, leading to cancer development (31). Findings of previous studies have shown that the CCND1 A allele may increase the risk of breast, prostate, colorectal and other types of cancer in different ethnicities (32-36).

In 2003, Yu et al (20) conducted the first study between the CCND1 G870A polymorphism and esophageal cancer, however, no significant association was found in a Chinese population. Thus far, conflicting conclusions on the association of the CCND1 G870A polymorphism and esophageal cancer susceptibility exist. The study by Zhang et al (21) found an increased risk for developing esophageal cancer with the CCND1 870A allele, and ~2.0-fold increased risk was found among the AA genotype compared to the GG and GA genotypes in a Northern Chinese population. The study by Casson et al (22) found that the apparently elevated risk of esophageal cancer was associated with the AA genotype compared to the GG genotype (OR, 5.99; 95% CI, 1.89-18.96) in a Canadian population. In the study by Jain et al (24), the AA genotype was marginally associated with esophageal cancer (OR, 1.5; 95% CI, 0.98-2.4), and there was a higher risk in the upper location (OR, 3.8; 95% CI, 1.6-9.3) in an Indian population. Kurmano et al (26) reported a significantly increased association in Kazakhstan with the variant homozygous AA genotype (OR, 2.66; 95% CI, 1.35-5.24). Hussain et al (27) also indicated that the Indian individuals carrying the GA and AA genotype had a 2.8-fold increased risk for the development of esophageal cancer, and the higher risk was observed in



individuals with smoking and drinking habits. Conversely, the study by Akbari et al (28) found that the G allele was associated with a 1.5-fold increased risk of esophageal cancer under the recessive model (OR, 1.50; 95% CI, 1.14-2.16; P=0.02). Furthermore, no significant association between the CCND1 G870A polymorphism and esophageal cancer in a German population was found in the study by Geddert et al (23). A similar conclusion was also found in the study by Liu et al in an American population (25), and Djansugurova et al (29) in Kazakhstan. Recently, two meta-analyses were conducted by Cai et al (37) and Zhou et al (38), which demonstrated different conclusions in regards to the CCND1 G870A polymorphism with limited published data. Therefore, it is assumed that the reason for the contrary results may be the sample sizes. Thus far, a number of other studies (28,38) regarding this focus have been published. Therefore, the meta-analysis was performed to clarify the results on the association. In the meta-analysis, including 11 case-control studies with 2,111 esophageal cancer patients and 3,232 controls, certain possible risks were explored between the potential function of the CCND1 G870A polymorphism and esophageal cancer.

There were several limitations for the analysis in the present study. Firstly, the results were based on the unadjusted estimates with unavailable original data of these collected studies, which limited the evaluation with certain covariates, including age, smoking, drinking and other environmental factors. Secondly, the sample size was relatively small in the analysis, which may have induced the bias of the results and the disability of drawing more detailed conclusions. Thirdly, the controls of several studies were hospital-based individuals with other diseases, which may result in specific selection biases. Fourthly, a certain amount of publication bias was always present until the subgroup analyses were conducted, similar to the sensitivity analysis. These deviations influenced the preciseness and reliability of the results. Additionally, the majority of the included studies were conducted on Caucasians and Asians, but there were no studies of African populations. Therefore the variation in ethnicity may have generated biases.

Taken together, despite these limitations, the meta-analysis suggests that the CCND1 G870A polymorphism is a potential elevated risk in the development of esophageal cancer. These findings may be helpful in increasing the understanding of the CCND1 G870A polymorphism in the etiology of esophageal cancer. In the future, large and well-designed case-control studies are required to verify these findings.

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