Mutation survey and genotype-phenotype analysis of COL2A1 and COL11A1 genes in 18 Chinese patients with Stickler Syndrome

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Purpose: To conduct a survey spectrum of COL2A1 and COL11A1 genes and reveal the genotype-phenotype correlation in Chinese patients with Stickler syndrome.

Methods: A total of 18 Chinese probands with Stickler syndrome were recruited, including nine with a family history of an autosomal dominant pattern and nine sporadic cases. All of the patients underwent full ocular and systemic examinations. Sanger sequencing was used to analyze all of the coding and adjacent regions of the COL2A1 and COL11A1 genes. Multiplex ligation-dependent probe amplification was performed to detect the gross indels of COL2A1 and COL11A1. Bioinformatics analysis was performed to evaluate the pathogenicity of the variants.

Results: Five mutations in COL2A1 were identified in five of the 18 probands, including three novel (c.85C>T, c.3356delG, c.3401delG) mutations and two known mutations (c.1693C>T, c.2710C>T). Of the five mutations, three were truncated mutations and the other two were missense mutations. Putative pathogenic mutations of the COL11A1 gene were absent in this cohort of patients. Gross indels were not found in COL2A1 or COL11A1 in any of the probands. The genotype-phenotype correlation analysis showed that Chinese patients with a family history had more serious ocular phenotypes than the sporadic cases. High myopia was the most frequent initial ocular phenotype of Stickler syndrome. In this study, fourteen Chinese probands lacked obvious systemic phenotypes.

Conclusions: In this study, three novel and two known mutations in the COL2A1 gene were identified in five of 18 Chinese Stickler patients. The results expand the mutation spectrum of the COL2A1 gene. Analysis of the genotype-phenotype correlation showed that patients with a family history had more serious visual prognoses than those of the sporadic cases. Early-onset high myopia with vitreous abnormalities may be a key indicator of Stickler syndrome. Chinese patients had milder systemic symptoms than Caucasians with the same mutation.

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