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КАРТИРОВАНИЕ РЕГУЛЯТОРНЫХ ЭЛЕМЕНТОВ
В 5'- И 3'-НЕТРАНСЛИРУЕМЫХ ОБЛАСТЯХ мРНК SIGLEC-15
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Siglec-15 – иммунный супрессор, активируемый в различных типах злокачественных опухолей, рассматривается как новая потенциальная мишень для иммунотерапии опухолей. Однако неясно, каким образом экспрессия *Siglec-15* контролируется в нормальных и опухолевых клетках. С использованием репортерного анализа оценили влияние 5'- и 3'-UTR мРНК *Siglec-15* на экспрессию гена. Обнаружено, что 3'-UTR сильно снижает продукцию репортерного белка, тогда как 5'-UTR проявляет умеренное ингибирующее действие. Количественное определение стационарного уровня мРНК выявило хорошее соответствие между количеством белка и представленностью мРНК, содержащей 3'-UTR. Напротив, 5'-UTR слабо влияла на уровень мРНК по сравнению с контролем. Измерение времени полужизни мРНК показало, что 3'-UTR способствует деградации мРНК. Тестирование шести укороченных фрагментов 3'-UTR выявило заметную ингибирующую активность пяти из них в четырех проверенных линиях клеток, а шестой – перекрывающий область 993–1317 – обладал более сильной активностью. Интересно, что область 993–1317 содержит предсказанную структуру стебель–петля из 43 н., проявляющую выраженную ингибирующую активность в четырех линиях клеток. Эти результаты свидетельствуют, что 3'-UTR подавляет экспрессию репортерного гена, вызывая ускоренный распад мРНК, возможно, с использованием нескольких *cis*-регуляторных элементов, а 5'-UTR репрессирует экспрессию гена, ингибируя трансляцию. Таким образом, наши данные дают ключ к пониманию механизмов регуляции экспрессии гена *Siglec-15*.

Ключевые слова: *Siglec-15*, 5'-UTR, 3'-UTR, деградация мРНК, трансляция

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MAPPING REGULATORY ELEMENTS WITHIN 5' AND 3' UTRs OF *SIGLEC15* WITH A USE OF REPORTER SYSTEM

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Siglec-15 is an immune suppressor with broad upregulation on various cancer types and has emerged as a potential target for cancer immunotherapy. However, it remains unclear how *SIGLEC15* expression is controlled in normal or cancer cells. In this work, we utilized reporter assays to evaluate the impact of the 5' UTR and the 3' UTR of *SIGLEC15* mRNA on gene expression. We found that the 3' UTR dramatically reduced reporter protein production, whereas the 5' UTR showed modest inhibitory effect. Quantification of steady-state mRNA revealed the good coupling of protein amount and mRNA abundance that was associated with the 3' UTR. In contrast, the 5' UTR had little effect on mRNA abundance compared with the empty control. By measuring mRNA half-life, we showed that the 3' UTR markedly promoted mRNA degradation. Testing shortened 3' UTR fragments demonstrated five out of the six having notable inhibitory effect, with the one spanning 993–1317 had the most robust activity. More interestingly, the 993–1317 region contains a predicted 43-nt stem-loop structure that showed apparent inhibitory activity in four cell lines tested. These results suggested that the 3' UTR inhibited reporter gene expression by accelerating mRNA decay possibly via multiple *cis*-regulatory elements, but the 5' UTR repressed gene expression by inhibiting translation. Thus, our findings provided a clue to the molecular mechanism underlying the regulation of *SIGLEC15* expression.

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