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miR-625-5p通过靶向调控PRKACA促进肺腺癌细胞的增殖和侵袭

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[摘要] **背景与目的:** 肺腺癌是非小细胞肺癌的一种亚型, 虽在诊断和治疗方面已经取得了很大进展, 但晚期肺腺癌临床预后和总生存仍较差。近年来多项研究表明, miRNA在多种癌症中发挥作用, 并在细胞增殖、转移、炎症等生物学过程中发挥重要作用。探究miR-625-5p对肺腺癌细胞增殖和侵袭能力的影响及分子机制, 旨在为后续肺腺癌的诊断和治疗提供新的思路。**方法:** 利用GEO数据库查找肺腺癌组织中差异表达的miRNA。采用实时荧光定量聚合酶链反应 (real-time fluorescence quantitative polymerase chain reaction, RTFQ-PCR) 检测miR-625-5p在各肺腺癌细胞系中的表达情况, 采用EdU细胞增殖实验和transwell侵袭实验研究miR-625-5p对肺腺癌细胞增殖和侵袭能力的影响; 通过生物信息学预测miR-625-5p靶向结合的关键基因; 采用蛋白质印迹法 (Western blot) 检测对蛋白激酶cAMP激活催化亚基 α (protein kinase cAMP-activated catalytic subunit alpha, PRKACA) 在肺腺癌细胞中的表达情况进行验证, 采用双荧光素酶报告基因实验和Western blot分析miR-625-5p与PRKACA之间的靶向关系。Western blot检测共转染敲低PRKACA质粒和敲低miR-625-5p质粒后各组细胞PRKACA的表达情况。采用EdU细胞增殖实验和transwell侵袭实验检测共转染以后各组肺腺癌细胞增殖和侵袭能力的改变。**结果:** miR-625-5p在肺腺癌组织 ($P<0.0001$) 和各组肺腺癌细胞 ($P<0.0001$) 中表达上调。EdU细胞增殖实验和transwell侵袭实验结果显示, miR-625-5p能够促进肺腺癌细胞的增殖 ($P=0.0023$) 和侵袭 ($P=0.0003$) 能力。双荧光素酶报告基因实验结果显示, miR-625-5p能与PRKACA靶向结合 ($P=0.0008$)。在肺腺癌细胞中, miR-625-5p与PRKACA的表达呈负相关 ($P<0.0001$)。miR-625-5p下调能够逆转敲低PRKACA对A549细胞增殖 ($P=0.0119$) 和侵袭 ($P=0.0015$) 能力的促进作用。**结论:** miR-625-5p在肺腺癌组织和细胞中表达上调, 并通过负向调控PRKACA促进肺腺癌细胞增殖和侵袭。

[关键词] miR-625-5p; 蛋白激酶cAMP激活催化亚基 α ; 增殖; 侵袭; 肺腺癌

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[Abstract] **Background and purpose:** Lung adenocarcinoma is a subtype of non-small cell lung cancer. Although much progress has been made in the diagnosis and treatment of lung adenocarcinoma, the clinical prognosis and overall survival of advanced lung

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adenocarcinoma are still poor. In recent years, a number of studies have shown that miRNA can play a role in a variety of cancers, and play an important role in cell proliferation, metastasis, inflammation and other biological processes. This study aimed to explore the effect of miR-625-5p on the proliferation and invasion ability of lung adenocarcinoma cells and its molecular mechanism, so as to provide a new idea for the diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer. **Methods:** GEO database was used to search for differentially expressed miRNA in lung adenocarcinoma. Real-time fluorescence quantitative polymerase chain reaction (RTFQ-PCR) was used to detect the expression of miR-625-5p in various lung adenocarcinoma cell lines. The effects of miR-625-5p on the proliferation and invasion of lung adenocarcinoma cells were investigated by EdU cell proliferation assay and transwell invasion assay. Key genes of miR-625-5p targeted binding were predicted by bioinformatics. Western blot experiment validated the expression of protein kinase cAMP-activated catalytic subunit alpha (PRKACA) in lung adenocarcinoma cells. The targeted relationship between miR-625-5p and PRKACA was analyzed by double luciferase assay and Western blot. Western blot assay was used to detect the expression of PRKACA after co-transfection of si-PRKACA and si-miR-625-5p in each group. The effect of miR-625-5p on the proliferation and invasion ability of lung adenocarcinoma cells by targeting PRKACA was observed by EdU cell proliferation assay and transwell invasion assay. **Results:** The expression of miR-625-5p was up-regulated in lung adenocarcinoma tissues ($P < 0.000 1$) and cells ($P < 0.000 1$). The results of EdU cell proliferation assay and transwell invasion assay showed that miR-625-5p promoted the proliferation ($P = 0.002 3$) and invasion ($P = 0.000 3$) of lung adenocarcinoma cells. Double luciferase assay showed that miR-625-5p could target and bind to PRKACA ($P = 0.000 8$). In lung adenocarcinoma cells, miR-625-5p was negatively correlated with PRKACA expression ($P < 0.000 1$). Down-regulation of miR-625-5p reversed the promotion of the proliferation ($P = 0.011 9$) and invasion ($P = 0.001 5$) ability of A549 cells by knockout of *PRKACA*. **Conclusion:** MiR-625-5p is up-regulated in lung adenocarcinoma and promotes proliferation and invasion of lung adenocarcinoma tissues and cells by negatively regulating PRKACA.

[Key words] miR-625-5p; Protein kinase cAMP-activated catalytic subunit alpha; Proliferation; Invasion; Lung adenocarcinoma

在过去的几十年里, 肺癌已经成为全球常见的癌症之一^[1]。而非小细胞肺癌发生率约占肺癌的85%, 其中肺腺癌是非小细胞肺癌最常见的亚型^[2]。癌症防治的进展使得近年来肺癌的死亡率大幅下降, 但肺腺癌仍然是影响癌症死亡率的重要因素^[3-4]。因此, 研究探讨肺腺癌增殖和侵袭的分子机制, 寻找靶向治疗肺腺癌的指标, 对肺腺癌的治疗具有重要意义。

miRNA是一种约22 nt的非编码RNA。在癌症中, 基因组的不稳定性、表观遗传修饰和转录因子的改变影响miRNA, 从而在影响细胞发育、分化、增殖、生存和死亡的许多基因中起调控作用^[5-6]。miRNA的失调与多种人类癌症有关, 作为典型的癌基因或抑癌基因发挥作用, 在癌症的发生、发展中起着重要作用^[7]。前期相关研究^[7-10]证明, miR-625-5p可以影响多种类型的癌症细胞的增殖和侵袭。但是, miR-625-5p在肺腺癌发展进程中产生的作用尚不清楚。

*PRKACA*基因位于人类第19号染色体p13.1, 长约26 000个核苷酸, 是环磷酸腺苷依赖性蛋白激酶A催化亚基的编码基因^[11]。蛋白激酶A在细

胞信号转导中第二信使cAMP的关键效应中起到核心作用, 是为了应对由多种激素和神经递质引起的G蛋白偶联受体激活而产生的^[12]。已有研究^[13-14]证明, *PRKACA*在多种癌症的发生、发展中起到重要作用, 但是*PRKACA*与miR-625-5p之间的关系及其影响肺腺癌发生、发展的分子机制仍不清楚, 需要我们进行深入的研究与探索。

本研究旨在探索miR-625-5p对肺腺癌细胞增殖和侵袭能力的影响及分子机制, 为后续肺腺癌的诊断和治疗提供新的思路。

1 材料和方法

1.1 主要试剂和仪器

人正常肺上皮细胞BEAS-2B, 肺腺癌细胞系A549、H1299购自美国典型培养物保藏中心(American Type Culture Collection, ATCC), RPMI-1640培养基、DMEM培养基、胎牛血清、新生牛血清购自美国HyClone公司, F12-K培养基购自美国Sigma公司。 β -actin(ab8226)、*PRKACA*(ab32376)抗体购自英国Abcam公司, LipofectamineTM2000购自美国Invitrogen公司, miR-625-5p敲低及对照质粒、蛋白激酶

cAMP激活催化亚基 α (protein kinase cAMP-activated catalytic subunit alpha, PRKACA) 基因敲低及对照质粒、荧光素酶报告基因载体均购自上海吉凯基因医学科技股份有限公司。

1.2 网上在线数据库

采用GEO数据库 (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>) 查找肺腺癌组织与正常肺组织差异表达的miRNA, GSE74190数据集是包含36例肺腺癌组织和44例相邻正常组织的miRNA表达谱, 运用GEO2R进行分析, 以 $\log_2FC > 1$ 、 $P < 0.05$ 为筛选阈值, 选出差异表达的上调miRNA。采用Starbase数据库 (<http://starbase.sysu.edu.cn/index.php>) 分析miR-625-5p在肺腺癌组织中的表达情况, 查找与miR-625-5p相关的靶蛋白并分析hub基因在肺腺癌中的表达情况。

1.3 细胞培养及转染

所有细胞均按照ATCC提供的培养条件进行培养。细胞培养24 h后进行转染, 饥饿细胞30 min, 将对照质粒NC及敲低miR-625-5p质粒用Lipofectamine™2000转染细胞。将细胞分组: ① si-NC/A549组, 转染敲低miR-625-5p质粒的对照质粒的A549细胞; ② si-miR-625-5p/A549组, 转染敲低miR-625-5p质粒的A549细胞; ③ si-control/A549组, 转染敲低PRKACA质粒的对照质粒的A549细胞; ④ si-PRKACA/A549组, 转染敲低PRKACA质粒的A549细胞; ⑤ si-PRKACA+si-NC/A549组, 共转染敲低PRKACA质粒和敲低miR-625-5p质粒的对照质粒的A549细胞; ⑥ si-PRKACA+si-miR-625-5p/A549组, 共转染敲低PRKACA质粒和敲低miR-625-5p质粒的A549细胞。相关质粒由上海吉凯基因医学科技股份有限公司构建获得, miR-625-5p敲低质粒序列si-miR-625-5p: 5'-GGACTATAGA ACTTTCCCCCT-3'; miR-625-5p敲低对照质粒序列si-NC: 5'-AGGUCTAAGUUCUAUGCACC-3'; PRKACA敲低质粒序列si-PRKACA: 5'-GATAATCAGAGGGACAGAAAC-3'; PRKACA敲低对照质粒序列si-control: 5'-TTCTCCGAACGTGTCACGT-3'。

1.4 实时荧光定量聚合酶链反应 (real-time fluorescence quantitative polymerase chain reaction, RTFQ-PCR) 检测

将各组生长良好的细胞培育24 h, TRIzol提取细胞总RNA, 并合成cDNA, 以cDNA为模板, 采用U6作为内参, 检测细胞中miR-625-5p表达量。RTFQ-PCR反应条件为95 °C 30 s, 95 °C 5 s, 65 °C 30 s, 72 °C 30 s, 循环35次。miR-625-5p上游引物为5'-CGCGAGGGGAAAGTTCTA-3', 下游引物为5'-AGTGCAGGGTCCGAGGTATT-3', 茎环结构为5'-GTCGTATCCAGTGCAGGGTCCGAGGTATTCGCACTGGATACGACGGACTA-3'。运用 $2^{-\Delta\Delta C_t}$ 计算结果。

1.5 EdU细胞增殖实验

整个实验按照BeyoClick™EdU-594细胞增殖检测试剂盒说明书进行操作, 于显微镜下随机选取5个视野拍照计数, 计算结果。

1.6 Transwell侵袭实验

取转染后的细胞悬液200 μ L, 4×10^4 个细胞, 分别添加到铺有Matrigel基质胶的小室上室中, 下室加入含有10%胎牛血清的培养液500 μ L, 培养24 h。24 h后用甲醇固定20 min, PBS清洗3次, Giemsa染液染色35 min, PBS清洗3次, 吸弃PBS晾干后于显微镜下随机选取5个视野拍照计数, 取平均值为最终结果。

1.7 蛋白质印迹法 (Western blot) 检测

将转染后的各组细胞裂解, 收集悬液, 提取总蛋白质, 检测蛋白质浓度并进行SDS-PAGE、转膜、封闭、一抗4°C过夜、 $1 \times$ TBST洗膜、二抗常温温育1 h、显影、曝光, 分析灰度值, 计算结果。抗体配制如下: PRKACA抗体 (1 : 500), 采用 β -actin (1 : 1 000) 作为内参。

1.8 双荧光素酶报告基因实验

将A549细胞接种于24孔板中培养24 h, 饥饿30 min后, 将miR-625-5p过表达质粒及对照质粒和PRKACA的野生型质粒PRKACA-3'-UTR-Wt、突变型质粒PRKACA-3'-UTR-Mut共转染入A549细胞, 培养48 h后, PLB裂解液裂解15 min提取悬液, 测定荧光素酶活性, 分析相对荧光强度,

计算结果。

1.9 统计学处理

每个实验重复3次,用SPSS 17.0软件对数据进行统计学分析,计量结果使用 $\bar{x} \pm s$ 表示,两组间均数比较采用独立样本 t 检验, $P < 0.05$ 为差异有统计学意义。

2 结果

2.1 miR-625-5p在肺腺癌组织及细胞中表达上调

通过分析GSE74190数据集,筛选其中符合 $\log_2FC > 1$ 、 $P < 0.05$ 条件的miRNA,发现miR-625-

5p的 $\log_2FC = 1.93$ ($P < 0.0001$),在肺腺癌组织与正常肺组织中的表达差异明显(图1A),因此我们选择miR-625-5p为研究对象。运用Starbase数据库分析miR-625-5p的表达情况,发现在20例正常肺组织和512例肺腺癌组织中,miR-625-5p在肺腺癌组织中表达明显上调(图1B)。RTFQ-PCR显示,miR-625-5p在肺腺癌细胞A549、H1299中的表达(3.20 ± 0.12 、 2.18 ± 0.01)相比在BEAS-2B细胞中显著升高(图1C, $P < 0.0001$),结果表明,miR-625-5p在肺腺癌的发展中可能起着癌基因的作用。由于在A549细胞的表达差异更为明显,故采用A549细胞进行后续研究。

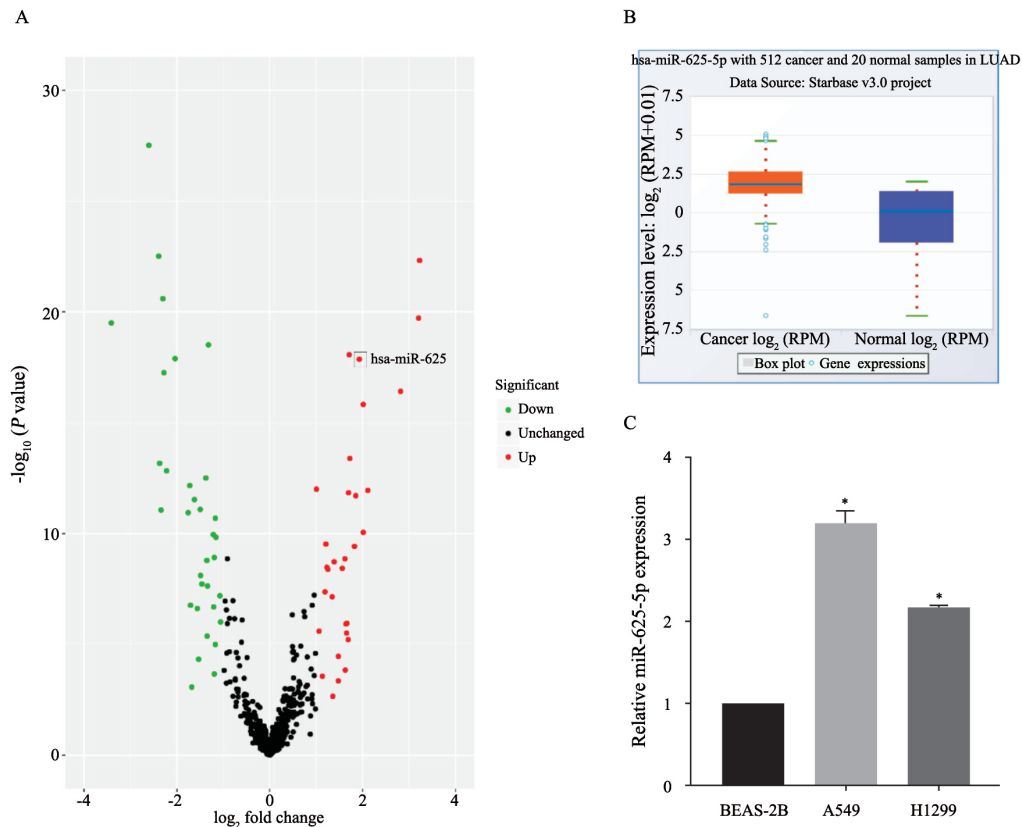


图1 miR-625-5p在肺腺癌组织及细胞中的表达情况

Fig. 1 The expression of miR-625-5p in lung adenocarcinoma tissues and cells

A: The volcano map of GSE74190; B: The expression of miR-625-5p in lung adenocarcinoma tissues was analyzed by the Starbase database; C: The expression of miR-625-5p in various lung adenocarcinoma cells and BEAS-2B cells; *: $P < 0.05$, compared with BEAS-2B cells

2.2 miR-625-5p促进肺腺癌细胞的增殖和侵袭

RTFQ-PCR检测结果显示,转染干扰质粒后的A549细胞中miR-625-5p表达(0.30 ± 0.05)明显下调(图2A, $P < 0.0001$),提示转染成

功。EdU细胞增殖实验结果显示,si-miR-625-5p/A549组的EdU细胞增殖比为 0.30 ± 0.03 ,与si-NC/A549组(0.60 ± 0.05)相比显著降低,证明

下调miR-625-5p对A549细胞具有增殖抑制作用(图2B, $P=0.0023$)。Transwell侵袭实验结果显示,与si-NC/A549组的细胞数(348.00 ± 7.26)相比,si-miR-625-5p/A549组穿

膜的细胞数(237.67 ± 10.62)明显减少(图2C, $P=0.0003$),证明敲低miR-625-5p后,A549细胞侵袭能力降低。以上结果表明,miR-625-5p能够促进A549细胞的增殖和侵袭能力。

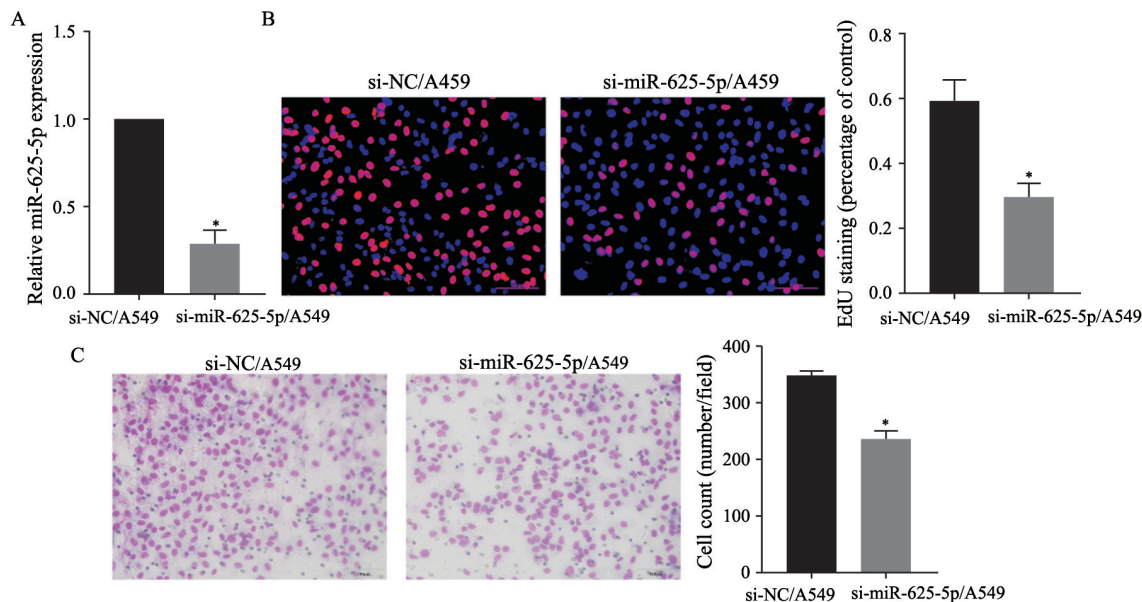


图2 miR-625-5p促进肺腺癌细胞增殖和侵袭

Fig. 2 miR-625-5p promoted the proliferation and invasion of lung adenocarcinoma cells

A: RT-qPCR assay detected the transfection efficiency of miR-625-5p interfering plasmid; B: EdU assay was used to detect the proliferation ability of different groups of cells ($\times 20$); C: Knockdown of miR-625-5p inhibited the invasion of lung adenocarcinoma cells ($\times 20$); *: $P < 0.05$, compared with each other, scale bar=100 μm

2.3 miR-625-5p靶向结合PRKACA

运用Starbase数据库预测与miR-625-5p结合相关的靶基因,使用Cytoscape 3.6.1软件对相关靶基因进行分析,根据cytoHubba计算各节点degree得分筛选hub基因并构建蛋白互作网络图(图3A)。Western blot检测结果显示,肺腺癌细胞A549中PRKACA的表达(0.47 ± 0.04)明显低于正常肺上皮细胞BEAS-2B(1.00 ± 0.05 ,图3B, $P=0.0004$),证明PRKACA在肺腺癌细胞中表达下调。因此,我们考虑PRKACA可能为miR-625-5p靶向结合的关键基因。Western blot检测结果显示,si-miR-625-5p/A549组中PRKACA的表达(2.40 ± 0.09)明显高于si-NC/A549组(1.00 ± 0.06 ,图3C, $P < 0.0001$),证实miR-625-5p与PRKACA在A549细胞中表达呈负相关。双荧光素酶报告基因实验结果显示,PRKACA-3'-UTR-Wt/miR-625-5p组A549细胞的相对荧光素酶活性(0.48 ± 0.06)明显低于PRKACA-3'-UTR-Wt/

miR-NC组(1.00 ± 0.05 ,图3D, $P=0.0008$),而PRKACA-3'-UTR-Mut/miR-625-5p组和PRKACA-3'-UTR-Mut/miR-NC组之间差异无统计学意义($P=0.9279$)。该结果表明,PRKACA-3'-UTR区是miR-625-5p的结合位点。以上结果表明,miR-625-5p通过靶向结合PRKACA负向调控肺腺癌细胞。

2.4 miR-625-5p靶向调控PRKACA促进肺腺癌细胞的增殖

Western blot检测结果显示,与si-control/A549组相比,si-PRKACA/A549组PRKACA的表达明显下调($P=0.0053$),而与si-PRKACA+si-NC/A549组相比,si-PRKACA+si-miR-625-5p/A549组PRKACA的表达显著上调($P=0.0015$),结果证实,敲低miR-625-5p能抑制PRKACA干扰质粒对A549细胞PRKACA表达的抑制作用(图4A)。EdU细胞增殖实验检测发现,si-PRKACA/A549组EdU细胞增殖(0.52 ± 0.04)比si-control/A549组(0.37 ± 0.02)明显增多($P=0.0097$),而

si-PRKACA+si-miR-625-5p/A549组EdU细胞增殖 (0.36 ± 0.02) 比si-PRKACA+si-NC/A549组 (0.46 ± 0.03) 明显减少 (图4B, $P=0.0119$)。结果表明, PRKACA下调能够促进A549细胞增

殖, 而miR-625-5p下调能够逆转敲低PRKACA对肺腺癌细胞A549增殖能力的促进作用。由此可见, miR-625-5p负向调控PRKACA促进肺腺癌细胞增殖。

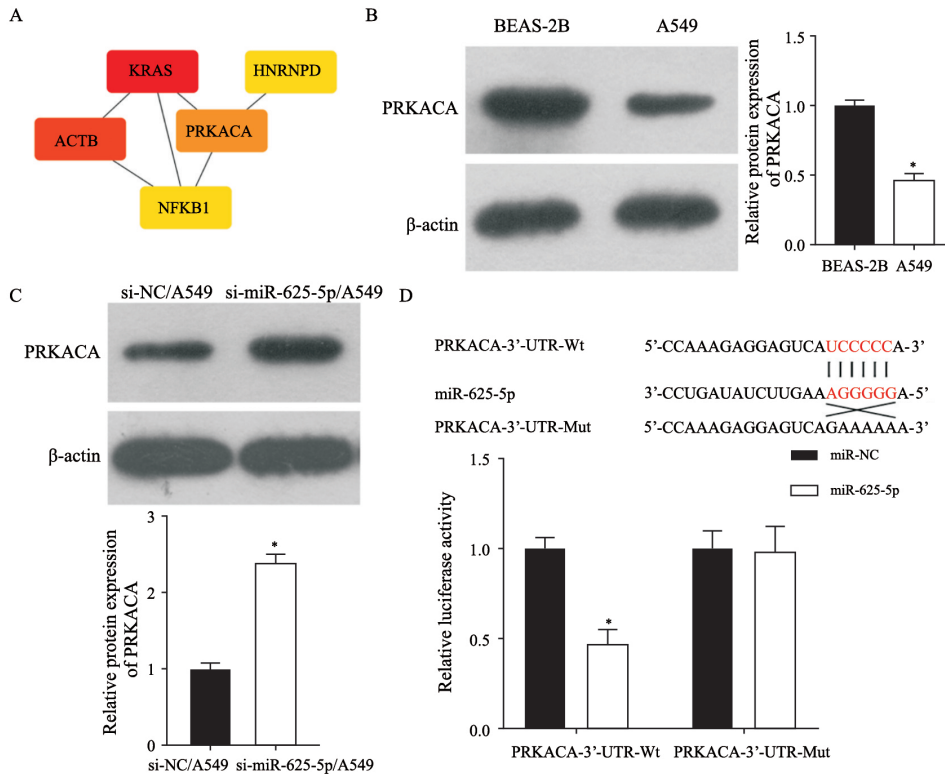


图 3 miR-625-5p靶向结合PRKACA

Fig. 3 miR-625-5p targeted PRKACA

A: The protein interaction network of top 5 target genes associated with miR-625-5p; B: Western blot analysis showed the expression of PRKACA in A549 cells and BEAS-2B cells; C: The expression of PRKACA in different groups of cells; D: Luciferase activity was detected in different groups of cells. *: $P<0.05$, compared with each other

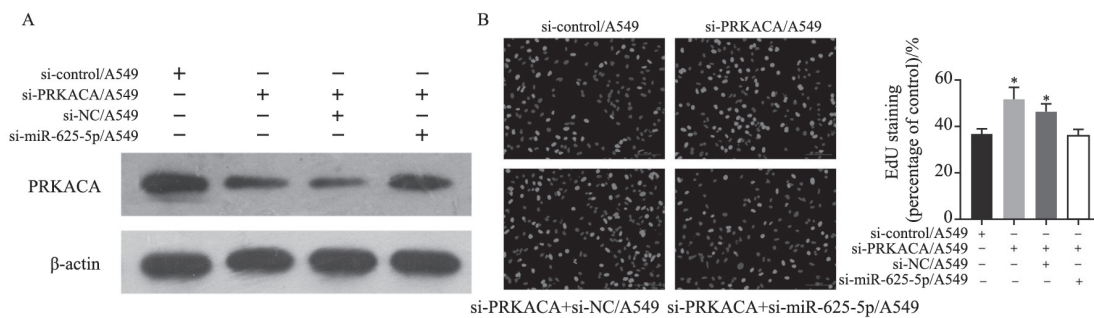


图 4 miR-625-5p靶向调控PRKACA促进肺腺癌细胞的增殖

Fig. 4 miR-625-5p promoted the proliferation of lung adenocarcinoma cells by targeting PRKACA

A: Western blot analysis showed the expression of PRKACA in different groups of cells; B: The effect of miR-625-5p and PRKACA co-transfection on the proliferation ability of lung adenocarcinoma cells ($\times 20$); *: $P<0.05$, compared with each other, scale bar=100 μm

2.5 miR-625-5p靶向调控PRKACA促进肺腺癌细胞的侵袭

通过transwell侵袭实验检测miR-625-5p通过靶向结合PRKACA对肺腺癌的侵袭

能力的影响, 结果显示, 与si-control/A549组 (265.33 ± 16.21) 相比, si-PRKACA/A549组穿膜的细胞数 (345.00 ± 17.28) 明显增多 ($P=0.0047$), 而与si-PRKACA+si-

NC/A549组 (339.67 ± 10.78) 相比, si-PRKACA+si-miR-625-5p/A549组穿膜的细胞数 (233.67 ± 0.04) 明显减少 (图5, $P=0.0015$), 证实下调PRKACA对A549细胞具有侵袭促进作用,

而miR-625-5p下调则可以逆转敲低PRKACA对A549细胞侵袭能力的影响。由此可见, miR-625-5p通过负向调控PRKACA促进肺腺癌细胞侵袭。

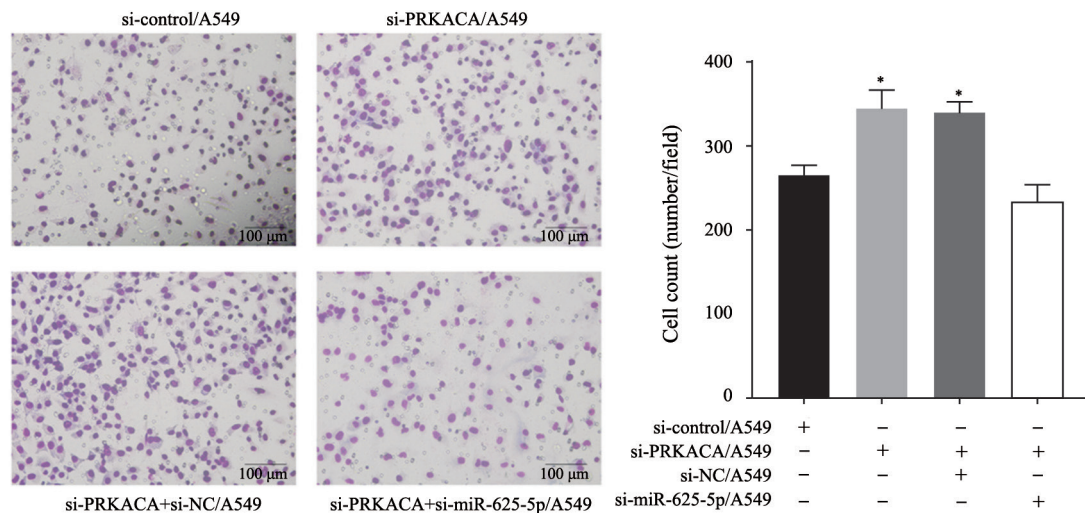


图5 miR-625-5p靶向调控PRKACA促进肺腺癌细胞侵袭、迁移

Fig. 5 miR-625-5p promoted the invasion and migration of lung adenocarcinoma cells by targeting PRKACA vs si-control ($\times 20$)

*: $P < 0.05$, compared with each other, scale bar=100 μm

3 讨论

大量研究表明, miRNA控制多种生物学功能, 如细胞增殖、分化和凋亡^[15-17]。miRNA是可以在外周血中发现和测量的稳定分子, 显示出作为检测、分类、预后的生物标志物的潜力^[18]。miR-625-5p已被证实与癌症密切相关, 能够抑制宫颈癌和胶质瘤细胞增殖、迁移和侵袭^[19-20]。本研究通过GEO数据库确定miR-625-5p为研究对象。上述实验表明, miR-625-5p在肺腺癌细胞中表达升高并促进肺腺癌细胞的增殖与侵袭能力, 证实miR-625-5p能促进肺腺癌细胞A549增殖和侵袭, 是参与肺腺癌发生、发展的关键分子。

PRKACA是蛋白激酶催化亚单位的一种主要的亚型, 在大多数组织中表达^[11]。许多研究^[14, 21-22]表明, PRKACA可在某种程度上影响癌症的发展。由此我们可以推断PRKACA可用作癌症的生物标志物及预后预测工具^[23]。近年来已经进行了大量涉及miRNA治疗剂的临床

前研究, 但到目前为止, 只有少数miRNA治疗剂进入了临床开发。开发基于miRNA的治疗药物的最大挑战之一是为每种疾病类型确定最佳的miRNA靶标。本研究通过生物信息学预测与miR-625-5p结合的相关靶基因。双荧光素酶报告基因实验显示, PRKACA与miR-625-5p靶向结合, 并通过实验证明miR-625-5p可通过靶向调控PRKACA促进肺腺癌的增殖和侵袭, 提示PRKACA基因为miR-625-5p靶向结合的关键基因。前期相关研究表明, miR-625可以通过靶向HOXB5激活Wnt/ β -catenin途径来抑制非小细胞肺癌的进展^[24]。本研究中, 我们了解到miR-625-5p影响肺腺癌增殖和侵袭的分子机制, 但是miR-625-5p靶向PRKACA究竟通过哪种信号转导通路影响肺腺癌的发生、发展过程尚未可知。为了更加深入地了解miR-625-5p对肺腺癌发展进程的影响, 对信号转导通路的研究将成为我们后续研究的重点。

综上所述, miR-625-5p在肺腺癌中表达上调, 通过负向调控PRKACA促进肺腺癌的增殖和侵袭。

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