

Chinese (6.0%), and Japanese (1.6%). It is known that most Caucasian and Negroid males examined so far completely lack the LY1 retroposon insertion, but present it at high frequency in the south of China. Two possible explanations would be migration from the south of China to Korea, or drift within Korean population. The dual patterns of the distribution of LY1 insertion is compatible with our earlier report that the Korean population may have evolved from two different waves of East Asians.

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Effect of Ultraviolet Radiation or 3-Aminobenzamide on Apoptosis in Chinese Hamster Ovary Cells

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The present study has performed to elucidate the effect of ultraviolet radiation(UV) or 3-aminobenzamide(3AB) on apoptosis in Chinese hamster ovary(CHO) cells. Four assays were employed in this study : Gel electrophoresis of isolated DNA, quantitative assay of fragmented DNA, morphological assay of apoptotic cells and western blot analysis. Alteration of DNA level on apoptosis was determined by DNA ladder pattern. DNA ladder pattern in the cells irradiated with UV was observed from 12 hrs until 24 hrs after incubation. Whereas the DNA ladder pattern was not shown in the cells with 3AB. Expression of Hsp70 and poly(ADP-ribose)polymerase(PARP) pretreated with low-dose of UV and subsequently treated with high-dose of UV was higher than treated with high-dose of UV. Whereas Hsp70 and PARP expression treated with 50 J/m² UV and incubated with 5 mM 3AB was lower than without 5 mM 3AB.

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Characterization of a New Polycomb Group Mutation

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The *Polycomb* group (PcG) genes are responsible for the transmission through the rest of development of the early homeotic gene pattern determined by the transient expression of the maternal and segmentation genes. *pleiohomeotic* gene, which is a PcG gene, was found to encode a DNA binding protein. It is only a DNA binding protein among 13 PcG proteins so far discovered. So the *pho* was expected to play a main role among PcG group. But its mutant showed very weak phenotypes, which implied an requirement of another partner. A new PcG mutant was discovered as an enhancer of *pleiohomeotic (pho)* mutation. It is embryonic lethal, showing homeotic transformation at embryonic and adult stage. It synergistically interacts with other PcG mutation. Unlike other PcG mutation, C11 mutant showed an abnormal wing and leg pattern. These suggest that although C11 is a member of PcG gene, it has its own unique role.

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Isolation of Early-flowering Mutants by Activation Tagging Mutagenesis

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Floral induction is regulated by environmental factors. The major environmental factors are temperature and

photoperiod. Photoperiod induction pathway is relatively well studied at molecular level but vernalization pathway is not. To understand more about the flowering mechanism, we adopted activation tagging mutagenesis strategy using late flowering ecotype *Arabidopsis*(FRI-Col). The inserted 35S enhancer would cause the activation of nearby gene and give gain-of-function mutants phenotype. Using this strategy, we isolated two early flowering mutants and one morphological mutant which showed defect in leaf morphology. The genetic and physiological characteristics of these mutants are currently analyzed.

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Genetic Variation of Apolipoprotein CII Gene in Korean Population

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Apo CII(Apolipoprotein CII) plays an important role in lipoprotein metabolism as a cofactor for lipoprotein lipase(EC 3. 1. 1. 34), the enzyme which hydrolyzes the triglycerides on plasma chylomicrons and very low density lipoproteins. The aims of this study were to identify mutations in the apo CII gene and investigate the genotype/phenotype relationship using AvaII RFLP as a genetic marker. In order to identify the presence of mutation, SSCP analysis was used following exon amplification of the apo CII gene. However, any mutation was not detected in Korean samples. In the second result of our study, AvaII RFLP of apo CII gene was significantly associated with plasma TG level (one-way ANOVA test, $P < 0.05$). Also, A2A2

homozygote indicated significantly lower plasma TG level than that of other genotypes in this RFLP study. Therefore, our results suggest that AvaII RFLP of apo CII gene may be useful as a protective genetic marker for cardiovascular disease in Korean population.

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Functional Analysis of a Novel *Drosophila* Learning Gene *gomdanji* (*gom*) Using Yeast Two-Hybrid Assay

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Mushroom bodies of *Drosophila barin* are believed to be the principle sites for learning/memory. From the previous study of P-element mediated enhancer detection screen, a novel learning mutant *gomdanji* (*gom*) was isolated. It was expressed preferentially in mushroom bodies, suggesting some roles of behaviors. The courtship conditioning behavioral assay showed that the mutant was significantly defective in learning. Sequence analysis of the 1.3 kb *gom* cDNA showed that it encodes a novel protein containing a proline-rich domain and a large KEKE motif. The KEKE motifs have been suggested as a domain responsible for Ca²⁺-binding activity as well as protein-protein interaction. In the present study, the protein-protein interaction partners of *gom* product were identified using the yeast two-hybrid assay. For the assay, two kinds of bait vector, pGBK7-Gom (containing full coding region) and pGBK7-KEKE (containing only KEKE motif region) were constructed. We have screened approximately 1×10^6 cfu of *Drosophila* adult pACT2 cDNA library. From the screen, about 400 positive yeast colonies were first isolated.