

Transforming Growth Factor- β 1

Study of plasma transforming growth factor- β 1 level as a useful tumor marker in various cancers

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Background : Many investigators have found transforming growth factor- β 1 (TGF- β 1) to be elevated in tumors. Changes in responsiveness to TGF- β 1 have been linked to malignant transformation, tumor progression and tumor regression. Many malignant cell lines of epithelial or hematopoietic origin are refractory to the antiproliferative effects of TGF- β 1. However, a little is known about the association of TGF- β 1 with progression of malignant tumor. **Methods** : In this study, we measured the plasma level of TGF- β 1 in various cancer patients and evaluated the utility of plasma TGF- β 1 as a possible tumor marker. Plasma TGF- β 1 levels were measured using enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay in cancer patients and normal controls. Carcinoembryonic antigen (CEA) and alpha-fetoprotein (AFP) as tumor marker were compared with TGF- β 1 in the aspects of sensitivity and specificity. **Results** : The mean of plasma TGF- β 1 levels was 1.219 ± 0.834 ng/ml in normal controls, 5.491 ± 3.598 ng/ml in breast cancer, 12.670 ± 10.386 ng/ml in lung cancer, 5.747 ± 3.228 ng/ml in hepatocellular carcinoma and 10.854 ± 7.996 ng/ml in cervical cancer. In comparison with CEA and AFP, TGF- β 1 is more sensitive. **Conclusion** : We conclude that the high levels of TGF- β 1 are common in the plasma of cancer patients. These results suggest that the plasma TGF- β 1 level can be a potent tumor marker in various cancer patients.

Key Words: carcinoembryonic antigen (CEA), alpha-fetoprotein (AFP), cervical cancer, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA), transforming growth factor- 1 (TGF- β 1), tumor marker

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2. TGF-β1, AFP, CEA 가

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β1 3. ROC (Receiver Operating Characteristic) curve cut-off value (sensitivity) 1- (specificity) (24). ROC curve TGF-β1 가

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Table . Cut-off value of TGF-β1 concentrations in various cancer patients using ROC curve analysis.

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Table I

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Fig. 1

	TGF-β1 Cut-off value (ng/ml)	Sensitivity	Specificity
Breast cancer	1.5	0.868	0.817
Lung cancer	2.5	0.978	0.952
Cervical cancer	2.0	0.963	0.934
Hepatocellular carcinoma	2.0	0.952	0.934

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Table II

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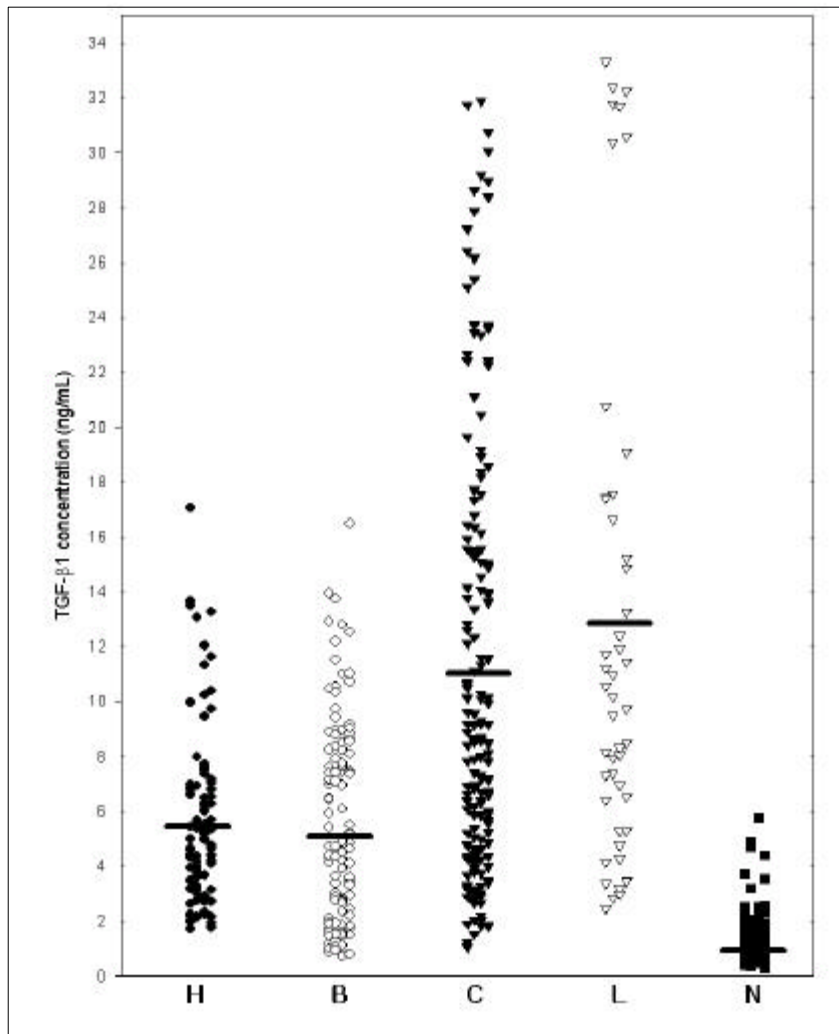
Table . TGF-β1 concentrations in the plasma of various cancer patients and normal controls.

	Plasma TGF-β1 concentration (Mean ± Standard Deviation, ng/ml)	Number of patients
Breast cancer	5.491 ± 3.598	121
Lung cancer	12.670 ± 10.386	45
Cervical cancer	10.854 ± 7.996	190
Hepatocellular carcinoma	5.747 ± 3.228	84
Normal	1.219 ± 0.834	290

Table . Comparison of sensitivity and specificity with CEA and AFP in various cancer patients and normal controls.

Tumor marker	CEA	AFP	TGF-β1
Breast cancer (50 case)	1/50 (2.0%)	-	50/50 (100.0%)
Lung cancer (45 case)	11/45 (24.4%)	-	44/45 (97.8%)
Cervical cancer (49 case)	2/49 (4.1%)	-	49/49 (100.0%)
Hepatocellular carcinoma (50 case)	-	38/50 (76.0%)	50/50 (100.0%)
Specificity (Normal 50 case)	50/50 (100.0%)	50/50 (100.0%)	50/50 (100.0%)

Cut-off value : CEA < 4.5 ng/ml, AFP < 15 ng/ml, TGF-β1 < 2.0 ng/ml



H : Hepatocellular carcinoma, B : Breast cancer, C : Cervical cancer, L : Lung cancer, N : Normal control

Fig. 1. Distribution of TGF-β1 concentration in the plasma of various cancer patients and normal controls. Solid bars represent mean values.

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