

# Electronic Cloning and Validating of the Suppression Subtractive Hybridization EST ES274070 of Human Colorectal Adenocarcinoma

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**Abstract Objective** To study the structure and function of the differently expressed EST sequences from suppression subtractive hybridization combining with cDNA microarray. **Methods** From the cDNA suppression subtractive library combining with cDNA microarray, collecting a EST sequence (accession number ES274070) and utilizing the bioinformatics to extend EST sequence in order to acquire full-length cDNA sequence. And then one pair of primer was designed to amplify its ORF according to full-length cDNA sequence. Besides, the other primers were made out from ES274070 combined with 5'RACE-PCR technique to amplify really full-length cDNA sequence. **Results** ES274070 was validated expressing in HT-29 cell line and its ORF was cloned successfully by PCR. Two fragments of EF611099 and EF606874 were cloned successfully by 5' RACE PCR technique, which were new sequences located at human chromosome. **Conclusion** The method offers new thoughts and ways in experimental aspect of cloned novel genes.

**Key words** Bioinformatics; Expression sequence; Tag contig; Colorectal adenocarcinoma (CRA); HT-29 cell line

The initiation and development of colorectal adenocarcinoma is multisteps process which involves multi-gene change. During the process, cell division and differentiation are abnormally regulated by the many genes. It will be benefit to the early diagnosis, effective treatment and prevention that molecular pathological mechanism of human colorectal adenocarcinoma continues to be researched. With the accomplishment of human genome program, Genome research has entered into a new phase of gene abstraction and data analysis. Cloning novel genes by means of bioinformatics has become a new strategy. This study aims to screen and to clone the genes related to genesis of human colorectal carcinoma. On the basis of the EST sequence (accession number ES274070) of human colorectal adenocarcinoma cDNA, bioinformatics was utilized to extend EST sequence in

order to acquire full-length cDNA and validating express by PCR<sup>[1]</sup>. It is being predicted that the EST's chromosome locate, tissue distribute and protein function, furthermore, we also got open reading frame of ES274070 by PCR-sequence.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Reagents

HT-29 cell line was purchased from the ATCC Company, 1640 Culture medium was purchased from the Bao Xing Company, TRIzol Reagent and SupperScript III enzyme was purchased from Invitrogen Company, 5'RACE-PCR kit and LA-Taq DNA polymerase was purchased from TaKaRa Company; The primers were synthesized by Bao Sheng Wu Company; DNA sequencing was performed by Bao Sheng Wu Company.

### Obtaining full-length cDNA

Draw one differential expressed EST fragment from the cDNA suppression subtractive library (accession number ES274070). The first step is to choose this EST

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as seeded sequence and to find its matching sequence. According to American Genetics Research Institute, if two ESTs' alkali bases overlap beyond 40bp and share 95% similarity in their overlapping zone, they are matching sequences. The second step is to extend this EST as long as possible through the extension method of matching sequences blast cycling. That is, assembling these matching sequences together to form a longer EST and then using the new EST to conduct blast retrieval to find more matching sequences. Repeat such process until no more matching sequences can be found. Thus, a contig is obtained.

### Predict protein function

We analyze the obtained full –length cDNA sequence by softwares of bioinformatics and databases on network.<sup>[3-6]</sup>(1)Search with the ORF Finder program: (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gorf/gorf.html>) offered

by NCBI to carry on the open read –frame ORF identification of contig sequence. (2) Directly use genome sequence to do genetic electron location, Net to (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genome/seq/page.cgi?F=HsBlast.html&&ORG=Hs>)in order to acquire chromosome location. (3)Took the assembled full –length cDNA sequence as a probe and used the virtual Northern program (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/SAGE/>) provided by CGAP in NCBI as a tool. The expression quantum analysis was done by drawing genetic representative tag form the SAGE library. (4) The prediction and analysis of the protein structural domain and functional site were performed through Prosite software (<http://www.expasy.org/prosite/>).

### HT–29 cell line and culture

HT –29 cell line was grown and routinely maintained in 1640 medium and was incubated in a

**Table 1** PCR amplification and sequencing

Name	Oligo	Sequence
EST	Forward prime	5'–CAGAGATGGATGGGTAAATGGT–3'
	Reverse primer	5' –TGGAAACAGTCACTTGGAGAGC–3'
ORF	Forward primer	5' –TTGGAGCCCTGAGTATCTGTG–3'
	Reverse primer	5' –TAATGGAACCTGGTGCTAAGTC–3'
5'RACE–PCR	RT primer	5' –(P)TAAGTCACCCCGTA–3'
	Forward primer 1	5' –CTGCTGCTTGCTTGTTTCTCC–3'
	Reverse primer 1	5' –GTCTGATTCCCTCCTTCCCAA–3'
	Forward primer 2	5' –TACCCATCCATCTCTGTCCCT–3'
	Reverse primer 2	5' –GCATGGGTAGTCCTCACAGTTCT–3'

Name	PCR CYCLE
EST	94°C 3 min; 94°C 30 sec, 55°C 30 sec, 72°C 1 min, 30 cycles; 72°C 5 min
ORF	94°C 3 min; 94°C 30 sec, 55°C 30 sec, 72°C 1min, 30 cycles; 72°C 5 min
5'RACE–PCR	
1st pcr	94°C 4 min; 94°C 30 sec, 57°C 30 sec, 72°C 2 min, 35 cycles; 72°C 7 min
2nd pcr	94°C 4 min; 94°C 30 sec, 57°C 30 sec, 72°C 2 min, 25 cycles; 72°C 7 min

37°C humidified atmosphere (95% air and 5% CO<sub>2</sub>). When cells grew to 80% confluence of Petri dish, it was digested with 0.2% trypsin to make single cell suspension; cells were passaged into new dishes.

### RNA isolation and Synthesis of first strand cDNA

Total RNA was isolated through the Invitrogen system of RNA isolation according to the manufacturer's instructions. A reaction mixture of the synthesis cDNA containing 10µl ribonuclease-free water, 1µl 10mM dNTP, 1µl total RNA (0.1g/L) and 1µl oligo (dT) primer, the reaction eppendorf was incubated at 65°C for 3min and chilled on ice. Then added 4µl 5 ×reaction buffer, 1µl DTT, 1ul ribonuclease inhibitor and 1µl SupperScript III reverse transcriptase (200U/µl). The mixture was incubated at 50°C for 60min. The reaction was terminated by heat at 70°C for 15 min and then the mixture was kept at 4°C.

The PCR products were separated on 1.0% agarose gel and analyzed, these PCR fragments were cloned into PMD18T vectors and sequenced.

## RESULTS

### EST sequence assembling

Software DNASTar assemble the matching sequences together to form a 1721bp cDNA sequence.

### ORF identification

A 1721bp sequence is obtained by assembling

together the matching EST sequences. Search with ORF Finder program to discover that initiation codon ATG exist in the location of 948–950bp of the sequence; a termination codon TGA exist in the location of 1281–1283bp of the low reaches. Which constitutes the longest ORF at 948–1283bp, with a length of 336bp. Termination codon TAA exist in the location of 885–887bp of the upper reaches; all the three codons are in the same read-frame. There is poly A site signal AAAATAAATA at the 3' end.

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1 ATGACTTGGCCTT 13
1 M T W P
14
CAGATGCTTCCTACTCTGGCCTCCCTTTTTTC
TCCTAGGAATTGTTTCCAGGTAACCT 73
5 S D A S Y S G L L L F S P R N C F
Q V T
74
ACCATGTGCACTTCTCAGCGCTTCGCCACCTT
TGCCACCTTCCCGTGACCCTGAGAG 133
25 Y H V H F S A A L L T F A H L P
V T L R
134
TACAGATCCGAATAATGTGGCCTGTGCAGAGC
TCAGAGAACTGTGAGGACTACCCATGCC 193
45 V Q I R I M W P V Q S S E N C E
D Y P C
194
TGTCAGACTCTGCTCAGGGACAGAGATGGATG
GGTAAATGGTGCTGTTGGAGACATTT 253

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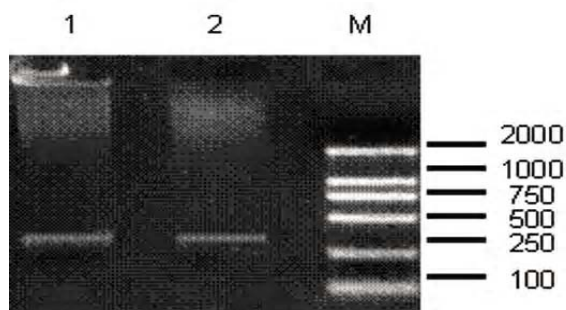


Fig.2A

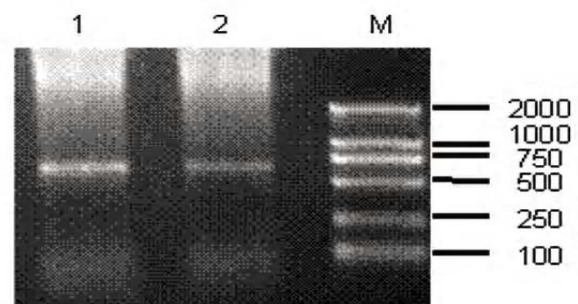


Fig.2B

Fig.2A : RT-PCR of EST, 315bp; Fig.2B: RT-PCR of ORF, 616bp; M:Marker(DNA Ladder 2000)

65 L S D S A Q G Q R W M G K W C  
 C W R H F  
 254  
 ATCTTCATAACCAGGCTCTGTTTCATCCCTGCA  
 CCCCCGACCCCCACTCACTCCCCTGAGG 313  
 85 Y L H T R L C F I P A P R T P T  
 H S P E  
 314 GGGTAAAATGCAGAGGTGGTTGA  
 105 G V K C R G G \*

**Fig.1** ORF of clone full-length sequence

### RT-PCR of EST and ORF

The PCR products were separated on 1.0% agarose gel.

### EST-sequencing

Seeded sequence ES274070 was obtained from colorectal adenocarcinoma tissue. We amplified EST sequence of ES274070 from colorectal adenocarcinoma cell line HT-29 and validated the result by sequencing. It is being found that it is as identical as the original sequence. The result is as Fig.3

1  
 TCTTCATAACCAGGCTCTGTTTCATCCCTGCAC  
 CCCGCACCCCCACTCACTCCCCTGAGGG  
 61  
 GGTAAAATGCAGAGGTGGTTGACCTGAAGGGT  
 CTGATTCCCTCCTTCCAAGCCTTAGGG  
 121  
 CCTACCCTGGAGTGCTGCAGTGTGTGAGAGCT  
 GCTGCTTGCTTGTTTCTCCACTAGGCCT  
 181  
 GCTCCAAATGCTTAGCCAATCTCTGGAGCCGA  
 CACAGTTGCCTACGGGGTGACTIONTAGCAC  
 241  
 CAGGTTCCATTAGCTCTCCAAGTGACTGTTTC  
 CAA

**Fig.3** Results of EST-sequencing

### Results of ORF-sequencing

We also acquired the longest encoded sequence cloned by RT-PCR, then sequencing, it is being found that

it is as coincident as predicted sequence. The result is as Fig.4

1  
 GTTGACTGTAAGAGGAGAGCGGCCTTCTTAAT  
 TTTGCATTTCTTAATTTTTGTTTTTCTCC  
 61  
 ATTCCTGTTTTATGACTTGGCCTTCAGATGCT  
 TCCTACTCTGGCCTCCTCCTTTTTTCTC  
 121  
 CTAGGAATTGTTTCCAGGTAACCTACCATGTG  
 CACTTCTCAGCTGCTCTGCTCACCTTTG  
 181  
 CCCACCTTCCCGTGACCCTGAGAGTACAGATC  
 CGAATAATGTGGCCTGTGCAGAGCTCAG  
 241  
 AGAACTGTGAGGACTACCCATGCCTGTCACAG  
 ACTCTGCTCAGGGACAGAGATGGATGGGTA  
 301  
 AATGGTGCTGTTGGAGACATTTTTATCTTCAT  
 ACCAGGCTCTGTTTCATCCCTGCACCCC  
 361  
 GCACCCCCACTCACTCCCCTGAGGGGGTAAAA  
 TGCAGAGGTGGTTGACCTGAAGGGTCTG  
 421  
 ATTCCCTCCTTCCCAAGCCTTAGGGCCTACCC  
 TGGAGTGCTGCAGTGTGTGAGAGCTGCT  
 481  
 GCTTGCTTGTTTCTCCACTAGGCCTGCTCCAA  
 ATGCTTAGCCAATCTCTGGAGCCGACAC  
 541  
 AGTTGCCTACGGGGTGACTIONTAGCACCAGGTTT  
 CATTAA

**Fig. 4** Results of ORF-sequencing

### 5'RACE-PCR sequencing

We getted two sequences cloned by RACE-PCR, then sequencing, it is being found that they are not as expected. The result is as Fig.5.

1  
 TTTCTCCTTCCTTGACAGCAACATTCCGGTATA  
 GCTATGTGCACAAAAAGCTCTCCACTT  
 61  
 CTGCAGTCTACACTTCCCTCCTTGACCTACCAC

CACCACCTAGCTTTCCTCTCACTGAGAC  
 121  
 CGTGACACCACAGTCATCAACAATTTTCTGTA  
 CAATTTTCTGTAGCCAGATCCATGGGAACTT  
 CTTTATTC  
 181  
 TCAATCTCTTGGGCCACTCAGCTACATTTTAC  
 CCCATTGGCACCTCCTCTGTTCCAAAGC  
 241  
 ATTGCTTTTCTTGGTTTCTATGACCTCATTCC  
 TCTTGATTCTTATTCTACCTGTTTGCT  
 301  
 CTTCAATCTCTTTGCATAGACTCCTTTTCTAC  
 AGACCCTTTCAACTCTGATTTATATTAT  
 361  
 ATCATTTTGTCAATTGTGCATTTATGTTTTTAT  
 GTGTCATGAGTGGACTGCATTCATCTCA  
 421  
 ACCTCCGTGGCAATTAGCACAGGGATTGAGAA  
 TATCCTAATGAGTGAATGAATAGAGGGA  
 481  
 TGAATGAATACACAAATGGATACACTTAGCAC  
 TGCTCATGAAGTTTTGGCCGATGAAAGA  
 541  
 GGGTGGAAGGCAAGGCTAGTATTGAAGGTGAC  
 AACTCACTCACATGTGAAGTACTCGGAC  
 601  
 ACTTTCTTGACTAATGTGAAAAATTTCCAGG  
 AGGAGGTGGTAGAACCTGGGAGCGGGAA  
 661  
 GGAGGAAACCTGAATAGAACCAGACTAGGATC  
 TTGGCTTAGTCTTCAGGGCTCCTGATTC  
 721  
 TTTTCAGAATCTCAGTTTCTATCATGTCCAA  
 TTTACCACAGTTAAGAAAGGAAAGGGAA  
 781  
 AGATGGACACAAAGAGGATCATTAGAGGAAAA  
 AGATGATAAGATGAAGAAGAGGGGAGAA  
 841 AC

**Fig. 5A** Results of RACE-PCR sequencing

1  
 TTAGCAATAAGGAGAGTAAAGCCTTAACAAAA  
 CTGGATACAGTTTGTTAAGCCCTCCAAA

61  
 CTGACATGTTAAGATGGAGATGTTTACCAGAC  
 ATCCAAGTCAAAAATATCAAATAAGCAAT  
 121  
 TTAATGACTACAGCTCAAGAGAAATGGGTTTG  
 AGATAGAAATTTGGGTCTTCAGTATAGG  
 181  
 TAATAAAGCCTGGAAATGAATGTGGTCTCACT  
 AATAGAATGTTAGAGAAGTCCAAGAACA  
 241  
 AAACCTTGGTGATATGGTTTGGCTGTGTCCCC  
 ACCCAAGCCTCAACTTCAATTGCATCTC  
 301  
 CCAGAATTCCCGCGTGTTGTGGGAAGGACCAA  
 GGGGGAGGTAATTGAATCATGGGGGTCA  
 361  
 GTCTTTCCTGTGCTGTTCTCATGATAGTGAAT  
 AAGCCTCACGAGATCTGATAGATTTATC  
 421  
 AGGCTGCTTTTGGCTTCTTCTCATTTTCACTT  
 GCCTCCACCATGTAAGAAGTGCCTTTCA  
 481  
 CCTCCTGCCATGATTCTGAGACCTCCTCAGCC  
 ATGTGGAAGTGAAGTCCAATTAACC  
 541  
 TCTTTTCTTCCCAGTATCAGGTATGTCTTTA  
 TCAGCCGCATGAAAACGGACTGATACAG  
 601  
 TATATTGGTACCAGGAGTGGGGTGCTGCTAAA  
 AAGATAACCAAAAATGTGGAAGCAACCT  
 661  
 TGGAAGTGGGTAACAGGTAGAGGTTGGAACAG  
 TTTGGAGGGCTCAGAGGAAGACAGGAAA  
 721  
 ATGTGGGGAAGTTTGAATTTCCCAGAGACTT  
 GTTGAATGGCTTTGCCCAAAATGCTGAT  
 781  
 ACCAATATGAACAATAAGGTCCAGGCTGAGGT  
 GGTCTCAGATGGAGATGAGGAAC

**Fig. 5B** Results of RACE-PCR sequencing

## **DISCUSSION**

Colorectal adenocarcinoma is one of the most common malignant cancer, which is harmful to people's health and its incidence is being grown year by year, but its pathogenesis is still not completely clear. Most studies indicated there was multi-gene and multi-stage change in the process of occurrence and development of human colorectal adenocarcinoma. Although it has been found that there are some proto-oncogene's activation and anti-oncogene's inactivation. For example some had known genes such as p53, DCC, APC inactivation and c-myc, k-ras activation, the many new genes and new pathologically steps were needed to be clarified. It is useful to study the molecular mechanism of occurrence and development of colorectal adenocarcinoma. So we first study differential expression gene fragments in the colorectal adenocarcinoma. Furthermore, we will clone and isolate some genes that is possibly related to the human colorectal adenocarcinoma.<sup>[1,2]</sup>

Bioinformatics has become a kind of frontier research method with the development of life science. During tumor research, bioinformatics is applied to establish tumor related database, and to develop new tumorous drugs and research. With bioinformatics, we could scan and screen related genes for colorectal adenocarcinoma in genomic level, we also could find out susceptible and invasive genes related to the varieties of diseases.

In this study, bioinformatics' method were utilized, EST fragment from suppression subtractive hybridization library of colorectal adenocarcinoma was taken as seeded sequence and electronic clone to get full-length cDNA 1721bp. genomic sequence was inquested and it is being found that it locates in human chromosome 17q21.2, and it has no homology with other chromosomes. The ORF was predicted and its product is human hypothetical protein LOC90110 containing 111 amino acids, its molecular weight is 12817.7 Da, PI is 8.79. The SAGE (Serial analysis of gene expression) indicates that there is expression in oligodendroglioma, astrocytoma, prostatic carcinoma, ovarian cancer, and breast cancer, carcinoma of testis, sarcoenchondroma, and high expression in brain tumor tissue.

The two sequences were cloned by RACE-PCR, then sequencing, it is being found that it is completely

different sequence as expected, but is really locates at the human chromosome and it is being shown that they are new human mRNA sequence. It is not found that same sequences as the two sequences mentioned above in GeneBank Nucleic Acid Database, so the two new sequences were submitted to the NCBI database and were validated by NCBI, the accession number is EF611099 and EF606874, it is shown that it is a new approach to find new genes. It is failed to acquire the full-length cDNA sequence for ES274070. Probably, there are non-specificity of primer in 5' race and the shortcomings of the RACE-PCR kit itself.

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