



CSF3R mutations were associated with an unfavorable prognosis in patients with acute myeloid leukemia with *CEBPA* double mutations

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Abstract

The aim of this study was to explore the clinical features and prognostic significance of *CSF3R* mutations in AML patients with *CEBPA* double mutations (*CEBPA*^{dm}). One hundred one AML patients with *CEBPA*^{dm} were retrospectively analyzed in this study. Mutation status of *CSF3R* gene, clinical features, and long-term outcomes were analyzed. The frequency of *CSF3R* mutations in patients with *CEBPA*^{dm} was 19.80% (20/101). Patients with *CSF3R* mutations were associated with a lower platelet ($u = 2.728$, $P = 0.006$) and higher leukocytes ($u = 3.178$, $P = 0.001$) compared with those with wide-type *CSF3R* gene. The 5-year relapse-free survival (RFS) was 18.7% in patients with *CSF3R* mutations, which was significantly lower than those with wide-type *CSF3R* (31.8%) ($P = 0.015$). The 5-year overall survival (OS) was also significantly different between patients with and without *CSF3R* mutations (17.5% versus 57.4%, $P = 0.019$). The prevalence of *CSF3R* mutations was high in AML patients with *CEBPA*^{dm}, which indicated a poor prognosis, and *CSF3R* mutations may be a new potential candidate for prognostically re-stratifying AML patients with *CEBPA*^{dm}.

Keywords Acute myeloid leukemia · *CEBPA* double mutations · *CSF3R* mutations · Prognoses · Chinese population

Introduction

Acquired genetic abnormalities have an essential role in the pathogenesis of acute myeloid leukemia (AML). Systemic studies of the genomic landscape of AML, such as the data from the Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA), revealed AML as a heterogeneous disease with nearly 2000 somatically mutated genes observed across 200 patients [1]. Cytogenetic and sequencing analyses of AML patients have revealed at least 11 genetic classes with distinct diagnostic features and clinical outcomes [2]. AML mutational status was reported to be associated with drug sensitivity in a recent study from the Beat AML program [3]. Deep sequencing of AML showed that the frequency of *CCAAT/enhancer-binding protein α* (*CEBPA*) gene mutations was less than 10% [1–3]. However, we found a relatively high incidence rate of

CEBPA mutations (18.99%) by next-generation sequencing analysis of 553 consecutive AML patients [4]. The subgroup of *CEBPA*^{dm} in AML patients has now been acknowledged in “The 2016 revision to the World Health Organization classification of myeloid neoplasms and acute leukemia” as a definite entity, given its distinct biological and clinical features, as well as its prognostic significance [5]. AML with *CEBPA*^{dm} was also identified as one of the 11 genomic subgroups proposed by Papaemmanuil and colleagues [2]. Although patients with *CEBPA*^{dm} were associated with favorable outcomes [2, 6, 7], in recent years, the heterogeneity of patients with *CEBPA*^{dm} was reported [4, 8]. However, how to re-stratify those patients was unclear.

Acquired mutations in granulocyte colony-stimulating factor receptor (*CSF3R*) gene are present in a majority of chronic neutrophilic leukemia and atypical chronic myeloid leukemia [9]. The frequency of *CSF3R* mutations was reported to be 1–3% in AML [10, 11]. However, in patients with *CEBPA*^{dm}, the incidence rate of *CSF3R* mutations increased to approximately 16–30%, but the prognostic significance was not clear [4, 10, 11]. In this study, the clinical characteristics and prognostic value of *CSF3R* mutations in AML patients with *CEBPA*^{dm} were explored.

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Patients and methods

Patients and treatment

From January 1, 2012, to December 31, 2018, 101 AML patients with *CEBPA*^{dm} from our hospital were retrospectively analyzed, which were categorized into FAB subtypes (M0–M7) based on morphological diagnoses. Patients were treated with the standard “3 + 7” regimen (darubicin/idarubicin + cytarabine) or CAG (acliarubicin + cytarabine + G-SCF) regimen for induction therapy. The response was assessed by bone marrow aspiration performed on days 14 and 28. The first consolidation therapy was the same as that generally used to achieve CR. Three to four courses of scheduled, high-dose cytarabine, at 1.5–3.0 g/m², were administered for consolidation therapy. All the patients gave informed consent prior to enrolment in the study. This study was approved by the ethics committee of Jilin University and conducted in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki.

Cytogenetic and molecular mutation screening

Standard-culturing and chromosome-banding techniques were used to analyze the karyotypes. Their clonal abnormalities were defined and described according to the International System for Human Cytogenetic Nomenclature [12]. A sensitive next-generation sequencing was performed to screen molecular mutations in AML patients as described in our previously published study [4].

Statistics

Statistics Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) software (Version 17.0, SPSS Inc., Chicago, IL, USA) was used to calculate the statistical difference. For continuous variables, independent samples *t* test or Mann-Whitney *U* test was used to compare the differences between groups. The chi-square test or Fisher’s exact test was used to assess the statistical significance of differences between groups for categorical variables. The Kaplan-Meier method was employed for survival analysis, and the log-rank test was used to compare the differences between groups. $P < 0.05$ was considered significant.

Results

General characteristics of the patients

This cohort of AML patients was comprised of 53 male and 48 female patients with *CEBPA*^{dm}. The median age was 43 years (9–79 years). Based on FAB classification, M2 had the highest frequency of 54.46% (55/101). The frequencies of M1, M4, M5, and M6 were 5.94% (6/101), 29.70% (30/101),

5.94% (6/101), and 3.96% (4/101), respectively. Seventy-eight patients successfully completed cytogenetic analysis; 72 cases (92.31%) presented with normal karyotype.

The characteristics of *CEBPA* mutations

Of the 101 patients with *CEBPA*^{dm}, three patients presented with three mutation sites, two with two sites in the N-terminal, and the other one with two sites in the C-terminal. Totally, 205 genetic mutations, classifiable into 134 different kinds, were detected in the *CEBPA* gene. The most common mutated site was c.68dupC (7.32%, 15/205), followed by c.939_940insAAG (5.85%, 12/205) and c.936_937insCAG (4.88%, 10/205). The top ten mutation types were listed in Fig. 1.

The most common *CEBPA* mutation type was in-frame insertions (35.12%, 72/205), followed by frame-shift insertions (31.22%, 64/205). The frequencies of frame-shift deletions and in-frame deletions were 17.07% (35/205) and 9.27% (19/205), respectively. The occurrence rates of missense mutations and stop-gain mutations were 5.13% (11/205) and 3.85% (4/205), respectively. A majority of *CEBPA*^{dm} patients (79.21%, 80/101) showed a combination of an N-terminal frame-shift and a C-terminal in-frame mutation.

The characteristics of *CSF3R* mutations

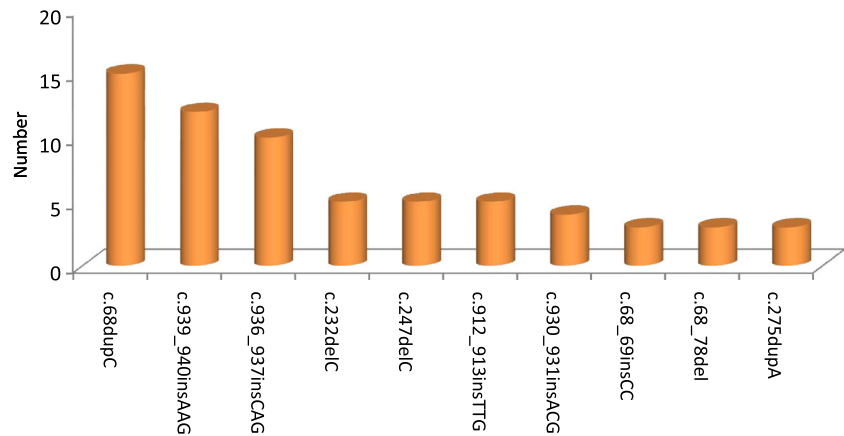
CSF3R mutations were detected in 20 patients, in which 15 patients (75.00%) carried T618I mutation. Four patients presented with two kinds of mutations (no. 4, no. 5, no. 9, and no. 19). The mutation information of *CSF3R* gene was summarized in Table 1.

Clinical characteristics of patients with *CSF3R* mutations

The clinical characteristics of patients with mutated and wide-type *CSF3R* gene were listed in Table 2. Compared with patients with wide-type *CSF3R*, those with mutated *CSF3R* presented with higher white blood cell counts ($u = 3.178$, $P = 0.001$) and lower platelet ($u = 2.728$, $P = 0.006$) in peripheral blood (Table 2).

Therapeutic response and long-term outcomes

Of the 101 AML patients with *CEBPA*^{dm}, 22 refused chemotherapy. Totally, 79 patients received one course of induction therapy, 63 (79.75%) achieved complete remission (CR), 14 (17.72%) achieved a partial remission (PR), and the remaining two cases were evaluated as non-remission (NR). The CR rate was not significantly different between patients with and without *CSF3R* mutations (88.89% versus 77.05%; $\chi^2 = 0.585$, $P = 0.445$).

Fig. 1 The top ten mutation sites of *CEBPA* gene

A total of 72 patients who received at least two courses of high-dose cytarabine consolidation entered long-term follow-up. The follow-up time ranged from 3 to 78 months (median, 18.5 months). Seven patients received allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (one was core-blood transplantation). Five patients carried mutated *CSF3R*, and the remaining 2 cases were determined as wide-type *CSF3R*. Finally, 27 patients relapsed, and 20 patients died.

The 1-year, 3-year, and 5-year relapse-free survival (RFS) were 95.4%, 85.4%, 50.7%, respectively (Fig. 2a). The 1-year, 3-year, and 5-year overall survival (OS) were 97.1%, 93.6%, and 61.8%, respectively (Fig. 2b). The 5-year RFS was 18.7% in patients with *CSF3R* mutations ($n = 18$), which was

significantly lower compared with those with wide-type *CSF3R* (31.8%) ($n = 54$) (median RFS, 11 months versus 44 months) ($P = 0.015$) (Fig. 3a). The 5-year OS was also significantly different between patients with and without *CSF3R* mutations (17.5% versus 57.4%, $P = 0.019$) (median RFS, 27 months versus not reaching) (Fig. 3b).

Discussion

Genetic mutations can reveal the etiology of AML to some extent and offer some beneficial information for selecting therapeutic regimens and evaluating prognoses. Genomic landscapes of de novo AML showed that recurring coding mutations were discovered in 98.5% of patients, and 2585 validated somatic mutations in coding regions of the genome were discovered, with an average of 13 mutations per sample [1]. The Beat study also confirmed that a median of 13 somatic variants could be detected in patients with AML [3]. Papaemmanuil et al. reported that 96% of the samples had at least 1 driver mutation, and 86% of the samples carried at least 2 driver mutations [2]. The top 33 most common mutated genes across Beat AML and TCGA showed general similar frequencies, with higher occurrence of mutations in serine- and arginine-rich splicing factor 2 (*SRSF2*) observed in the Beat study [1, 3]. Our unpublished data demonstrated similar frequencies of these mutated genes, but there were some differences existed. Furthermore, the incidence rate of *CEBPA* mutations was higher in our cohort than those in Beat and TCGA AML studies (~6%) [1, 3]. The frequency of *CEBPA*^{dm} was 4.29% in the German-Austrian AML study group [2], which was significantly lower than that in our cohort of patients. Patients with *CEBPA*^{dm} are ascribed as a favorable group in both the NCCN guideline and European Leukemia Net. However, the heterogeneity of patients with *CEBPA*^{dm} was also reported by some studies [4, 8]. As a result, increasing researchers have paid their attention to re-stratifying AML patients with *CEBPA*^{dm}.

A combination of an N-terminal frame-shift and a C-terminal in-frame mutation was present in a high

Table 1 *CSF3R* mutations information in 20 AML patients with *CEBPA*^{dm}

Patient number	Genetic mutation	Amino acid changes
1	1919C>A	Thr640Asn
2	1853C>T	Thr618Ile
3	1853C>T	Thr618Ile
4	1853C>T; 2346delC	Thr618Ile; Pro782fs
5	1853C>T; c.1919C>A	Thr618Ile; Thr640Asn
6	1919C>A	Thr640Asn
7	2360dupA	Y787_E788delinsX
8	1853C>T	Thr618Ile
9	1853C>T; c.1919C>A	Thr618Ile; Thr640Asn
10	1853C>T	Thr618Ile
11	1853C>T	Thr618Ile
12	2346dupC	Ser783fs
13	1853C>T	Thr618Ile
14	1853C>T	Thr618Ile
15	1853C>T	Thr618Ile
16	1919C>A	Thr640Asn
17	1853C>T	Thr618Ile
18	1853C>T	Thr618Ile
19	1853C>T; c.1919C>A	Thr618Ile; Thr640Asn
20	1853C>T	Thr618Ile

Table 2 Clinical characteristics of patients with mutated and wide-type *CSF3R*

	Mutated <i>CSF3R</i> (n = 20)	Wide-type <i>CSF3R</i> (n = 81)
Age	38.70 ± 12.56	40.27 ± 15.46
Gender		
Male	13	40
Female	7	41
FAB classifications		
M1	0	6
M2	11	44
M4	8	22
M5	1	5
M6	0	4
Cytogenetic karyotype		
Normal	15	57
Abnormal	2	4
Peripheral blood		
Leukocytes (× 10 ⁹ /L)	41.55 (28.76, 102.47)*	14.16 (6.83, 38.14)
Hemoglobin (g/L)	91.80 ± 22.74	94.98 ± 27.77
Platelets (× 10 ⁹ /L) [#]	12.00 (10.00, 23.75) [#]	23.00 (14.00, 45.00)
Bone marrow blasts (%)	57.45 ± 20.28	62.69 ± 20.33

Compared with patients with wide-type *CSF3R*: * $u = 3.178$, $P = 0.001$; [#] $u = 2.728$, $P = 0.006$

proportion of patients in this study, which was consistent with previous study [13]. Fasen et al. reported that the most frequent mutation site of *CEBPA* gene was p.Lys313del, followed by p.His24Alafs and p.Gln312del [13]. The most commonly mutated sites in this study were p.Pro23fs (7.32%, 15/205), p.Lys313_Val314insLys (5.85%, 12/205), and p.Gln312_Lys313insGln (4.88%, 10/205). This difference may be derived from ethnic backgrounds and geographic factors.

The frequency of *CSF3R* mutations was approximately 1~3% in the entire cohort of AML patients [10, 11]. We

observed that the incidence rate of *CSF3R* mutations was significantly high (19.80%) in AML patients with *CEBPA*^{dm}. Lavallée et al. analyzed 415 patients in their study and found 7 patients with *CSF3R* mutations (1.69%). Of 14 patients with *CEBPA*^{dm}, four carried *CSF3R* mutations (28.57%, 4/14) [10]. In a cohort of 787 pediatric AML patients, 19 were detected with *CSF3R* mutations (2.41%). Of 53 patients with *CEBPA*^{dm}, nine carried *CSF3R* mutations (16.98%, 9/53) [11]. Accordingly, both this and the previous studies indicated that the prevalence of *CSF3R* mutations was high in AML patients with *CEBPA*^{dm}.

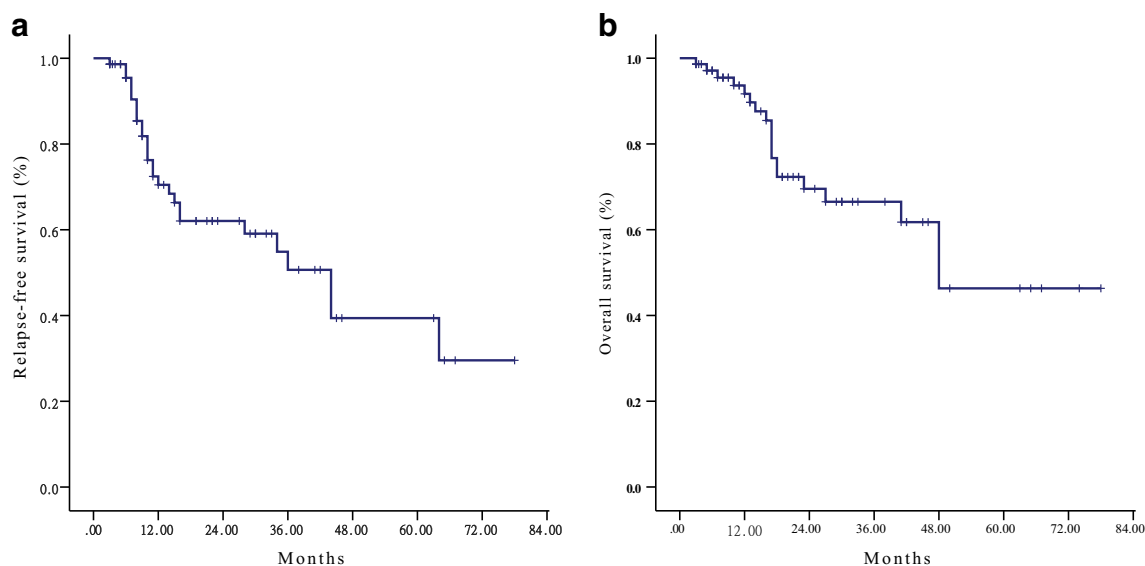


Fig. 2 The RFS and OS in AML patients with *CEBPA*^{dm}

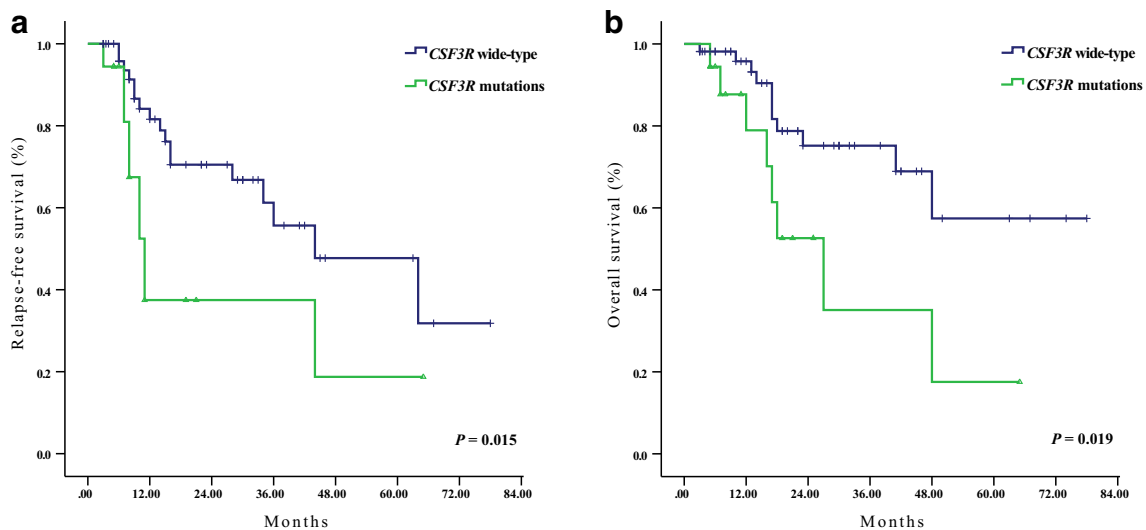


Fig. 3 The RFS and OS in patients with mutated and wide-type *CSF3R* gene

Of the 20 patients with *CSF3R* mutations, the majority of cases ($n = 15$, 75.00%) were determined as T618I mutation, which was also the most common mutation of *CSF3R* gene reported in the previous study [11]. Considering such fact and aberrant activation of the JAK-STAT signaling pathway, Lavallée et al. explored the sensitivity of these leukemia cells to JAK inhibitors. They found that leukemia cells with *CSF3R* mutations showed the most sensitivity to JAK inhibitor, ruxolitinib [10]. Hence, T618I was the major mutation type of *CSF3R* gene, and JAK inhibitors were the potential drugs to treat these patients.

CSF3R mutations occurred in higher rates in male than in female patients, and the frequency of M5 was lower in *CSF3R*-mutated patients than in those with wide-type *CSF3R* [11]. Patients with *CSF3R* mutations presented with lower bone marrow blasts compared with those without mutation [11]. In this study, we found that platelet was significantly lower in patients with *CSF3R* mutations compared with those without mutation. However, the white blood cell counts were significantly higher in *CSF3R*-mutated patients than in those without mutation. Further study is still needed to explore the clinical characteristics of patients with *CSF3R* mutations due to a relatively small number of participates included in both this and previous studies.

Prognostic re-stratification of AML patients with *CEBPA*^{dm} has been reported in some studies [4, 14, 15]. *GATA2* mutation was one of the most common mutations in patients with *CEBPA*^{dm}, but its prognostic significance was controversial [13, 14]. In patients with *CEBPA*^{dm}, the prognostic significance of *CSF3R* mutations was not clear. In our previous study, we found that *CSF3R* mutation was associated with an inferior RFS, but had no influence on OS [4]. After prolonging the follow-up time and increasing patient sample, in the present study, we found that *CSF3R* mutations were

related to unfavorable outcomes for patients with *CEBPA*^{dm} in terms of RFS and OS.

In conclusion, this study suggested that the prevalence of *CSF3R* mutations was high in AML patients with *CEBPA*^{dm}. Patients with *CSF3R* mutations presented with a lower platelet and higher white blood cells in peripheral blood compared with those without mutation. Patients with mutated *CSF3R* had inferior RFS and OS compared with those with wide-type *CSF3R*. Accordingly, *CSF3R* mutations may be a new potential marker for prognostic re-stratification in AML patients with *CEBPA*^{dm}.

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Compliance with ethical standards

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