Tohoku University's Invention

Method for predicting of sensitivity to chemotherapy for colorectal cancer



Capable of selecting anti EGFR antibody-sensitive/resistant patient from Ras wild-type group

Abstract

Example (ref: Cancer Sci. 2015 Dec; 106(12): 1722-9)

Anti-EGFR treatment for colorectal cancer is effective for patients without RAS mutation. However, response rate of the treatment is no more than 30%. This inventor analyzed the DNA methylation status of tissue samples from patients treated by anti-EGFR antibody. The result showed that highly methylated colorectal cancer (HMCC) has higher drug resistance than low methylated colorectal cancer (LMCC).

Effect & Application

- Progression-free survival of HMCC is shorter than LMCC on cohort A and B.
- Progression-free survival and overall survival of HMCC is similar to RAS mutant.
- \rightarrow This invention makes it possible to avoid side effects and unnecessary drug administration in the drug-resistant patients, and to predict sensitivity to chemotherapy independently of cancer stage or sample condition.

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