

Gene Section

Short Communication

RARRES3 (retinoic acid receptor responder (tazarotene induced) 3)

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Identity

Other names: HRASLS4, MGC8906, PLA1/2-3, RIG1, TIG3

HGNC (Hugo): RARRES3

Location: 11q12.3

Note: Reported at 11q23 (DiSepio et al., 1998) but more recent results suggest TIG3 is at 11q12 (Auer et al., 2002).

DNA/RNA

Description

DNA size: 9658 bp with 4 exons.

Transcription

mRNA size: 779 bp, processed: 495 bp.

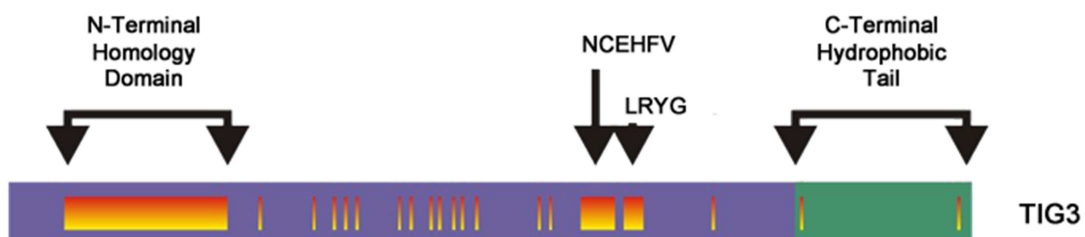
Protein

Note

The C-terminus of TIG3 is believed to be a membrane-anchoring domain which is involved in driving membrane localization and is also required for centrosome localization. Removal of this domain from TIG3 causes it to distribute diffusely throughout the cytoplasm and reduces its ability to decrease cell survival (Deucher et al., 2000; Sturniolo et al., 2003; Sturniolo et al., 2005; Jans et al., 2008; Tsai et al., 2009).



Schematic of the TIG3 gene. Thick red boxes indicate exons.



Schematic of the TIG3 protein. The purple indicates the hydrophilic N-terminus (amino acids 1-134) and green indicates the hydrophobic C-terminus (amino acids 134-164). The orange regions represent conserved elements with the H-rev107 family. Highly conserved regions are labeled.

Description

164 amino acids; 18 kDa protein; contains a hydrophilic N-terminus (1-134) and hydrophobic, membrane-anchoring domain (134-164).

Expression

Ubiquitously expressed; expression is reduced in hyperproliferative diseases including cancer.

Localisation

Cell membrane, centrosome (Scharadin et al., 2011).

Function

TIG3 is a type II tumor suppressor gene which regulates cell proliferation and survival (DiSepio et al., 1998).

Loss of TIG3 expression leads to hyperproliferative diseases including psoriasis and cancer.

Restoration of TIG3 expression to cancer cell lines decreases cell cycle progression and induces apoptosis causing an overall decrease in viable cells (DiSepio et al., 1998; Huang et al., 2002; Higuchi et al., 2003; Tsai et al., 2009; Scharadin et al., 2011).

Localization of TIG3 to the centrosome is believed to be responsible for this decrease in cell survival, which leads to an increase in p21 level, a G1/S phase block, an activation of the caspase cascade, and a reorganization of the microtubule network (Scharadin et al., 2011).

In contrast, expression of TIG3 in normal keratinocytes induces a process of terminal differentiation through the binding to and activation of type I transglutaminase and increase in cornified envelope formation to decrease cell survival (Sturniolo et al., 2003; Sturniolo et al., 2005; Jans et al., 2008). Localization of TIG3 to the cell membrane in keratinocytes is necessary for it to bind type I transglutaminase.

Homology

TIG3 shares homology with the H-rev107 family of class II tumor suppressors and the NlpC/P60 superfamily (Hajnal et al., 1994; DiSepio et al., 1998; Husmann et al., 1998; Anantharaman and Aravind, 2003; Jahng et al., 2003).

Mutations**Note**

No known mutations.

Implicated in**Various cancers****Note**

TIG3 expression is reduced in several cancer including breast, skin, lymphoma, leukemia, kidney, ureter, colorectal, liver, biliary tract, ovary, and uterine.

Disease

Cancer is a disease characterized by uncontrolled cell proliferation.

Prognosis

Cancer prognosis is dependent upon several tumor-specific conditions, including location, size, and metastasis.

Oncogenesis

Loss of TIG3 mRNA and protein expression is observed in several cancers and may be necessary for oncogenesis (DiSepio et al., 1998; Casanova et al., 2001; Duvic et al., 2003; Shyu et al., 2003; Jiang et al., 2005; Lotz et al., 2005; Shyu et al., 2005). Tazarotene treatment of skin cancers leads to increased TIG3 expression and reduced proliferation (Duvic et al., 2000; Duvic et al., 2003). The loss of TIG3 is associated with increased cell proliferation and TIG3 loss may be necessary for cancer progression.

Hyperproliferative diseases**Note**

Loss of TIG3 expression is associated with hyperproliferative diseases including psoriasis and cancer.

TIG3 mRNA and protein levels are reduced in psoriatic lesions.

Treatment with tazarotene leads to an increase in TIG3 levels and restoration of the normal epidermal condition (Duvic et al., 2000). Hypermethylation of the TIG3 promoter is a possible mechanism for reduced expression in psoriasis (Kwong et al., 2005).

Disease

Psoriasis is a common disorder of the skin which is characterized by inflammation and hyperproliferation of the epidermis.

Prognosis

Psoriasis is a non-fatal, chronic disorder that can be controlled with treatment.

Breakpoints**Note**

No breakpoints known.

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