

Nitric Oxide Synthase

Nitric Oxide Synthase (NOS) Expression in Breast Cancer

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Purpose: NO, a diatomic free radical, plays a diverse physiological and pathophysiological roles in the vascular, neuronal and immune systems. It is produced by nitric oxide synthase (NOS) which consists of three different isoforms. In this study we investigated NOS expression in 84 human breast carcinomas and its associations to other clinicopathological factors.

Methods: The immunohistochemical staining for NOS expression in 84 human breast carcinomas were performed and their medical records were reviewed retrospectively.

Results: iNOS expression in tumor cells was observed in 48.2% and eNOS expression was detected in 51.9%. iNOS expression in tumor cells has positive correlation with eNOS expression in tumor and is associated with iNOS expression in stroma and endothelial cells. Although iNOS expression in tumor cells has negative correlation with tumor size (P=0.047) and lymph node metastasis (P=0.002), it has no effects on 5 year overall and disease free survivals. iNOS expression in stroma also has negative correlation with tumor size (P=0.016) and nuclear grade (P=0.025). No significant correlation between eNOS expression and clinicopathological factors was observed but eNOS expression in tumor cells contributed to worse 5 year overall survivals (92.1% vs 77.0%) in marginal significance (P=0.053).

Conclusion: These data suggest that iNOS expression in tumor may have an inhibitory effect in tumor growth and lymph node metastasis. These results may be further investigated. (J Korean Surg Soc 2002;63:105-111)

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Nitric oxide (NO) free radical free radical
(1,2) NO Nitric oxide synthase (NOS) L-arginine NOS가
가 NOS isoform eNOS (endothelial) nNOS (neuronal) constitutive NOS NO iNOS (inducible)
NO
(3-5) NO NOS

(6,7) NOS 가 (8-10) NOS 1995 Thomsen iNOS NOS grade 가 NO NOS가 (12) NOS NOS (eNOS & iNOS) 가

Tris buffer 5 3 Normal Goat Serum (DAKO, 1 : 30) 40 . Tris buffer , Blocking (Seytek kit; Streptoavidin Biotin Universal Detection System) Tris buffer . 1 (iNOS, eNOS, nNOS; 1 : 1000, BD bioscience) 4°C overnight . 1 Biotinylate secondary antibody 10 Tris buffer , Strepto-avidin peroxidase reagent 10 Tris buffer DAB 3 5 가 Mayer hematoxyline negative 1, 2, 3 negative 1 , 2 3 . stroma fibroblast 1 : 0 2/HPF, 2 : 2 10/HPF, 3 : 10 /HPF 1 , 2 3

1) 1995 1996 NOS 가 84 84

3) student t-test, Chi-Square test, Fisher's exact test , Kaplan-Meier test . P 0.05 SPSS 10.0

2) NOS 2 4 μm H₂O₂ (3% H₂O₂ in Metanol) 30

1) NOS (1) iNOS: 48.2%, 21.7%, 31.3% (Fig. 1, 2). ductal structure acinar structure

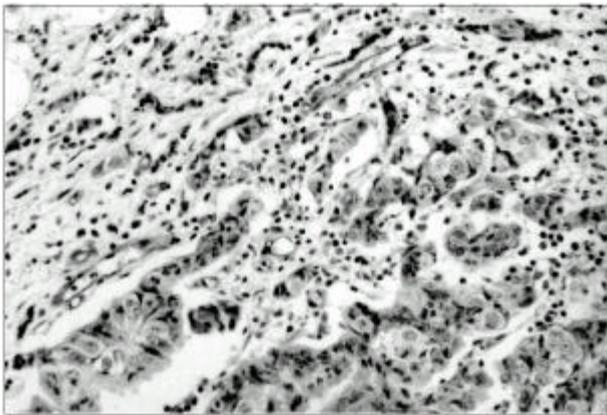


Fig. 1. Tumor cells and the vessels within tumor show strong eNOS immunoreactivity (×200).

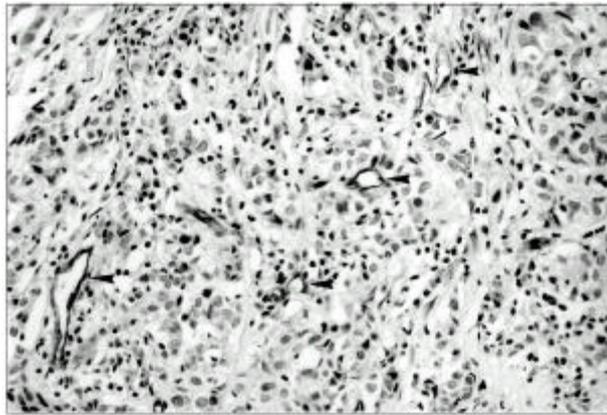


Fig. 2. Tumor cells show faint eNOS immunoreactivity but the vessels (arrows) within the tumor show strong eNOS immunoreactivity (×200).

Table 2. Association between eNOS expression and clinical parameters

Parameter	eNOS expression					
	Tumor (%)	P value	Stroma (%)	P value	Endothelium (%)	P value
Tumor size 2 cm	17/33 (51.5)	1.000	17/33 (51.5)	1.000	33/33 (100.0)	0.511
> 2 cm	25/48 (52.1)		24/48 (50.0)		46/48 (95.8)	
LN (-)	19/43 (44.2)	0.183	22/43 (51.2)	1.000	43/43 (100.0)	0.217
LN (+)	23/38 (60.5)		19/38 (50.0)		36/38 (94.7)	
ER (-)	13/25 (52.0)	0.794	13/25 (52.0)	1.000	24/25 (96.0)	0.410
ER (+)	21/36 (58.3)		19/36 (52.8)		36/36 (100.0)	
PR (-)	9/17 (52.9)	1.000	8/17 (47.1)	0.776	17/17 (100.0)	1.000
PR (+)	25/44 (56.8)		24/44 (54.5)		43/44 (97.7)	
C-erbB2 (-)	10/19 (52.6)	1.000	10/19 (52.6)	0.758	19/19 (100.0)	
C-erbB2 (+)	12/22 (54.5)		13/22 (59.1)		22/22 (100.0)	
P53 (-)	13/25 (52)	1.000	14/25 (56.0)	1.000	25/25 (100.0)	
P53 (+)	9/16 (56.3)		9/16 (56.3)		16/16 (100.0)	
NG I	0/3 (0.0)	0.187	1/3 (33.3)	0.437	3/3 (100.0)	0.799
NG II	13/24 (54.2)	0.647*	10/24 (41.7)	0.244*	23/24 (95.8)	1.000*
NG III	29/54 (53.7)		30/54 (55.6)		53/54 (98.1)	

*I-II/III

Table 3. Association of iNOS expression according to location

	iNOS in stroma		iNOS in endothelial cell	
	Negative	Positive	Negative	Positive
iNOS in tumor (-)	43 (100%)	0 (0%)	38 (88.4%)	5 (11.6%)
iNOS in tumor (+)	22 (55.0%)	18 (45.0%)	19 (47.5%)	21 (52.5%)
P value	0.000		0.000	

invasive component
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2) NOS

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, eNOS (Table 2).

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Table 4. Correlation of iNOS and eNOS expression in tumor

	eNOS in tumor	
	(-)	(+)
iNOS in tumor (-)	24 (57.1%)	18 (42.9%)
iNOS in tumor (+)	14 (36.8%)	24 (63.2%)
P value	0.078	

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zyme (eNOS & iNOS) (Table 4).
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Table 5. Overall survival rate according to NOS expression (Kaplan-Meier)

	5 year survival (%)	P value (log rank)
iNOS-T (-)	85.5	0.558
iNOS-T (+)	83.3	
iNOS-S (-)	85.5	0.737
iNOS-S (+)	81.6	
iNOS-E (-)	83.8	0.723
iNOS-E (+)	87.5	
eNOS-T (-)	92.1	0.053
eNOS-T (+)	77.0	
eNOS-S (-)	84.6	0.343
eNOS-S (+)	79.2	
eNOS-E (-)	50.0	0.116
eNOS-E (+)	85.2	

T = tumor; S = stroma; E = endothelium.

Table 6. Disease free survival rate according to NOS expression (Kaplan-Meier)

	5 year survival (%)	P value (log rank)
iNOS-T (-)	75.7	0.403
iNOS-T (+)	83.0	
iNOS-S (-)	78.8	0.849
iNOS-S (+)	80.0	
iNOS-E (-)	78.3	0.724
iNOS-E (+)	81.0	
eNOS-T (-)	86.7	0.120
eNOS-T (+)	70.5	
eNOS-S (-)	82.1	0.449
eNOS-S (+)	75.0	
eNOS-E (-)	50.0	0.000
eNOS-E (+)	80.7	

Disease = Locoregional recurrence, distant metastasis & contralateral breast cancer; T = tumor; S = stroma; E = endothelium.

4) NOS

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 37† isoform nitric oxide synthase (NOS)
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 senger, , cytotoxic species .
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 iNOS .

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 Duenas-Gonzales (13) iNOS
 가 (antimetastatic gene)
 nm23 iNOS
 가 iNOS
 . Vakkala (14)
 iNOS가 apoptotic index microvessel
 density가 , iNOS
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 iNOS
 . Tschugguel (15)
 iNOS
 가 Thomsen
 . Reveneau (12) NOSII
 (tumor grade) (proliferation rate)
 가 , NOSII 가
 (progesterone receptor) 가
 (21.7%)
 (48.2%) (31.3%)
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 가 (P=0.047), 가
 (P=0.002) iNOS
 . iNOS
 가 (P=0.016), (P=0.025)
 iNOS

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 eNOS 77%, eNOS 92.1%
 (P=0.053).
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 51.9%
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 (P=0.047) (0.002)
 iNOS
 가
 iNOS
 eNOS

eNOS 5
 (P=0.053) (92.1% vs 77.0%)
 iNOS
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