

利用重組大腸桿菌生產玻尿酸 = The production of hyaluronan by recombinant escherichia coli

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摘要

玻尿酸(hyaluronan或hyaluronic acid ; HA)又稱為透明質酸，由D-葡萄糖醛酸(D-glucuronic acid ; GlcA)與N-乙醯葡萄糖胺(N-acetylglucosamine ; GlcNAc)為雙糖單位，重複聚合而成的直鏈式多糖體。具有特殊生物相容性、保濕能力、潤滑等特性，已廣泛被應用於生物醫學、化妝品工業等領域。其傳統生產方式由動物組織萃取，產量低且價格昂貴；現今則利用微生物發酵生產，主要生產菌種為A型與C型鏈球菌(streptococci)。野生型的鏈球菌雖具有豐富的玻尿酸莢膜(capsule)，但也會產生β-溶血素等致病性的外毒素，所以應用於工業化生產時會篩選不具致病力的突變株為生產菌種，但突變株往往合成玻尿酸的能力也大為降低。在A型鏈球菌玻尿酸合成是由一組玻尿酸合成操縱組(hyaluronic acid synthase operon; has operon)所調控。因此本研究使用安全性較高且長期被用來生產重組蛋白的大腸桿菌(Escherichia coli ; E. coli) DH5α送入構築化膿性鏈球菌(Streptococcus pyogenes ; S. pyogenes)的玻尿酸合成(hyaluronic acid synthase; Has)基因操縱組及持續性表現的啟動子(constitutive promoter) ace的表現質體，做為生產玻尿酸的菌株。經不同的構築、培養基成份及轉形處理，探討對玻尿酸產量之影響。實驗結果得知經pACE-spHasABC轉形後之菌株，並未能於菌體外產生玻尿酸莢膜；經pACE-spHasBC轉形後，於胞內的glucuronic acid產量為27.22 mg/L遠高於pACE-spHasABC的17.74 mg/L。在培養基中添加輔因子MgCl₂與受質glucosamine對於玻尿酸的產量與未添加並無顯著差異。在轉形作用時，添加小片段玻尿酸或共轉染具小片段玻尿酸合成活性之質體，玻尿酸產量比未添加的高出30%。由以上資料推測，欲利用大腸桿菌生產玻尿酸，除了has operon外，尚須要短鏈的玻尿酸作為引子及其它有利於輸送玻尿酸到胞外之蛋白質。

關鍵詞：玻尿酸；化膿性鏈球菌；操縱組；持續性表現啟動子

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