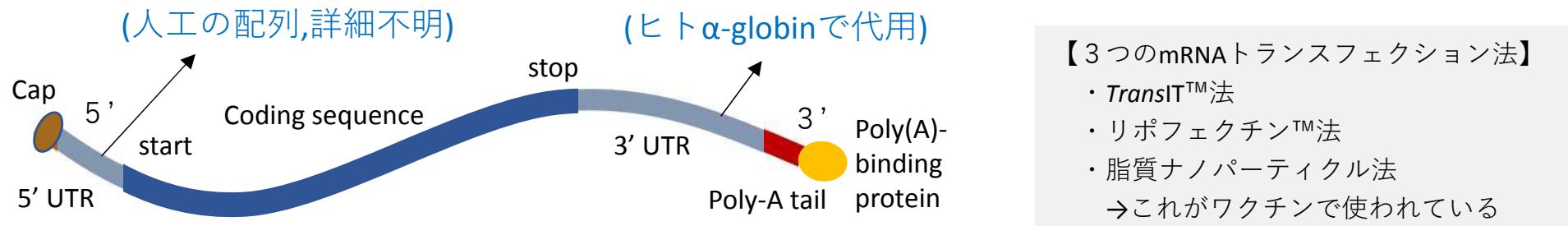


ファイザー社とモデルナ社のワクチンで使われているmRNA改造法

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本来のRNA	改造後のRNA
Cap: RNAの先頭を示すキャップ(帽子)構造	2'-O-methyltransferaseでcap1に改変
5' UTR, 3' UTR: 非翻訳領域	？？
Coding sequence: 遺伝子情報	ウリジンをpseudouridine(Ψ)に置換 →免疫 機構が回避でき、蛋白合成が2～10倍に
Poly-A tail: 尾部を示す200個前後のアデニン鎖	130個のアデニン鎖

【改造RNAは体内で何をするのか?】

- ・自然のRNAでは：
 - ウイルス感染 → OAS(酵素)活性化 → 2'-5A(核酸分子)合成
 - RNase L活性化 → RNA分解が進行
- ・改造RNAでは：
 - OASを活性化しない → コロナmRNAは分解されず細胞内に残る。マウス実験では1回の注射で中和抗体が9週まで増加。memory B cellsの消長は不明。T follicular helper cells ↑ → germinal center ↑ → 中和抗体↑。PKRを抑制。

(青字は、その後、別の研究者が発表したデータ)

【改造RNAは逆転写されるか?】

細胞内で逆転写が起こることが確認された

【Spike蛋白のコーディング】

full-length S protein with deleted furin cleavage site
とした場合、CD4+ T cellの反応が最良

【免疫反応】

CD4+, CD8+↑ → Th1↑ → IFN-γ↑ (つまりTh1細胞優位のため再感染時にアレルギー反応は起きない)

【改造の効果】

培養細胞実験で2倍長く残る。ラット実験12～78倍蛋白合成が増強。ヒトでの研究から60日間残ることが確認された

ワイズマン、カリコ両氏の名前が含まれた学術文献の一覧

全部で32編ありますが、そのすべてを参照した上で当サイトの執筆を行っています。内容は多岐にわたり、かつ専門的です。個々の文献についてご質問があれば、メールにてお知らせください。

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