Hepatitis G virus

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Recently, two groups reported independently on the isolation of new positive-strand RNA viruses, designated hepatitis G virus (HGV) & GB virus C (GBV-C). Sequence analysis revealed that both genomes are different isolates of the same virus & represent a new genus of Flaviviridae.

The prevalence of HGV ranges from 0.9 to 10% among blood donors throughout the world. A high prevalence of HGV RNA has been found in subjects with frequent parenteral exposure, including intravenous drug users, patients on hemodialysis, patients with hemophilia and patients with anemia.

HGV is a blood borne virus that is parenterally transmitted. Vertical transmission has also been reported. HGV commonly occurs as a coinfection with another hepatitis virus such as HCV or HBV. However, HGV coinfection usually does not alter the clinical course or level of biochemical marker and the response to antiviral therapy of chronic hepatitis B or C in these patients. Acute HGV infection rarely causes acute hepatitis and is unlikely to be a major cause of chronic non-A-E hepatitis or fulminant viral hepatitis.

HGV infection can be diagnosed by PCR assay to detect the viral RNA in serum. An enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) for detection of antibodies to recombinant HGV putative envelope protein E2 was recently available. But antibodies to E2 appears to be a serological marker for diagnosing recovery from HGV infection. Since the role of HGV as a etiologic agent of liver disease is unclear, therapy is not recommended at this point.

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B , C , D , E

A

GBV-C HGV가 9%,
 41%가 E2 [8].
 [1]. Muerhoff [5] HGV 5'-untranslated region Ross [9] HGV E2
 (UTR) sequence GBV-C genotype 가
 type 1 , 10.9%~15.3%, 20.3%, Brazil 19.5%,
 type 2a 2b , type 3 가 2.7%~6.3%
 HGV
 HGV HCV HGV anti-E2
 anti-E2
 [9].
 가 HGV RNA
 HGV RNA가
 가 HGV
 HGV
 가
 PCR HGV RNA HGV [10].
 HGV RT-PCR
 HGV RNA nest 가
 PCR ethidium bromide HGV
 HGV
 HGV
 가
 oligonucleotide HGV RNA [6,7] 0.9~10% (Table 1)
 PCR 가 PCR protocol HCV 1.7% HGV가 [4].
 HGV RNA RNA가 HGV (parenterally)
 (blood borne) virus
 HGV
 PCR Kit가 PCR
 viral RNA 5.4~18.6% 18% HGV가
 가 [1]. HGV RNA [1].
 HGV envelope HCV (75%)
 E2 HGV RNA 33%,
 (ELISA)가 HGV 35%, 43%
 HGV RNA 124 12 (9.6%)
 HCV

Table 1. Prevalence of Serum HGV/GBV-C RNA Among Blood Donors

Country	%
Japan	0.9
Spain	1.4-4.6
UK	3.2
Taiwan	4.2
Brazil	10
Australia	
Normal SGPT	4
Raised SGPT	5
US	
Accepted donations	1.7
Rejected donations (SGPT >45 IU/ml)	1.5

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가 . virus가
 HGV RNA
 HCV
 가 [11](Table 1). HCV
 가 HGV 가 [1].
 가
 Liver disease HGV
 HGV
 가
 load, virus ,
 , PCR ,

Table 2. Prevalence of Serum HGV/GBV-C RNA in Patients With Various Liver Disease

Liver disease	%
Posttransfusion non-A-E hepatitis	12.5-15
Community-acquired acute non-A-E hepatitis fulminant hepatitis	0-35
Cryptogenic cirrhosis	0-50
Hepatocellular carcinoma	14-36
HGV alone	8
HGV/HBV or HCV/HBV coinfection	4-12
Coinfection	
HGV/HBV	10-17
HGV/HCV	11-19

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Table 2

HGV RNA

1. (posttransfusion hepatitis : PTH):

HGV가

PTH가

HCV가

HCV [1,12]. Canada PTH -A-C PTH

15%(3/20)가 PCR HGV ,

HGV 3

HGV 0.46%

PTH HCV HGV가 HCV

가 [1,12]. HGV

HGV가 PTH

2. -A-E

CDC A B

82% HCV PTH

-A-E virus

HBV hepatitis D Hepatitis E virus

-A, -B, -C -A-E

CDC Sentinel Counties

HGV -A-E

B, C HGV A

-A-E 45 4 HGV RNA

1-9

HGV RNA 3

[10].

HCV 60%

HCV/HGV 61% HGV

1-9 0.3%

HGV [1]. HGV

-A-E

A-C 29

HGV RNA

3.

HGV

가

HGV 0~50%

HGV PCR

PCR RNA HGV RNA

4.

HGV

가 B C

26 HGV RNA 32

2 (6%) HGV RNA 가

14 2 (14%) HGV RNA

HGV RNA [1]. 16~36%

5. (Hepatocellular carcinoma, HCC)

HCC 3.6~10% HGV RNA가

HCC 8% HGV가 virus

HBV HCV HCC 가

HGV HCC HGV

6. HGV

HGV HGV

16-36%

54-71% 가

HGV 가 HGV

negative replicative strand가
 positive sense viral genome
 [4].
 HGV가 38
 18 (47%) HGV RNA
 HGV
 [17]
 HGV가 [18,19].
 MT-2C PH5CH 2가 human cell
 lines HCV 가
 HGV
 HCV HGV 1B-3
 HCV HGV RNA가 30
 RT-nest PCR HGV
 HGV
 [20].
 HGV [21] A-E
 30 HGV RNA RT PCR
 (hybridization) 가 .
 , HGV GBV-C
 positive-strand RNA virus
 . sequence genomes
 virus Flaviviridae
 . HCV
 0.9~10%가 HGV RNA . HGV가
 , ,
 . HGV
 HGV HCV HBV
 가 HGV가 C B
 . HGV HGV
 -A-E
 [2].
 HGV RT-PCR HGV RNA
 . HGV E2
 ELISA 가
 E2 HGV
 . HGV가
 interferon .

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