NT5C2 germline variants alter thiopurine metabolism and are associated with acquired NT5C2 relapse mutations in childhood acute lymphoblastic leukaemia

The antileukaemic drug 6-mercaptopurine is converted into thioguanine nucleotides (TGN) and incorporated into DNA (DNA-TG), the active end metabolite. In a series of genome-wide association studies, we analysed time-weighted means (\(\text{wm} \)) of erythrocyte concentrations of TGN (Ery-TGN) and DNA-TG in 1009 patients undergoing maintenance therapy for acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL). In discovery analyses (454 patients), the propensity for DNA-TG incorporation (\(\text{wm} \text{DNA-TG}/\text{wm} \text{Ery-TGN} \)) was significantly associated with three intronic SNPs in NT5C2 (top hit: rs72846714; \(P = 2.09 \times 10^{-10} \), minor allele frequency 15%). In validation analyses (555 patients), this association remained significant during both early and late maintenance therapy (\(P = 8.4 \times 10^{-6} \) and \(1.3 \times 10^{-3} \), respectively). The association was mostly driven by differences in \(\text{wm} \text{Ery-TGN} \), but in regression analyses adjusted for \(\text{wm} \text{Ery-TGN} \), rs72846714-A genotype was also associated with a higher \(\text{wm} \text{DNA-TG} \) (\(P = 0.029 \)). Targeted sequencing of NT5C2 did not identify any missense variants associated with rs72846714 or \(\text{wm} \text{Ery-TGN}/\text{wm} \text{DNA-TG} \). rs72846714 was not associated with relapse risk, but in a separate cohort of 180 children with relapsed ALL, rs72846714-A genotype was associated with increased occurrence of relapse-specific NT5C2 gain-of-function mutations that reduce cytosol TGN levels (\(P = 0.03 \)). These observations highlight the impact of both germline and acquired mutations in drug metabolism and disease trajectory.

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