

Upregulated miR-96-5p inhibits cell proliferation by targeting HBEGF in T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia cell line

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Abstract

Introduction. microRNAs (miRNAs) are critical for tumorigenesis and progression of T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia (T-ALL). MiR-96-5p has been shown to play important roles in the development of many cancers, but its roles in T-ALL have yet not been studied.

Materials and methods. miR-96-5p expression was detected in T-leukemic cells from peripheral blood of 30 patients with T-ALL using real-time quantitative PCR (RT-qPCR). TargetScan database was utilized to identify the target genes for miR-96-5p, and their target relationship was verified by western blot, dual luciferase reporter assay and RT-qPCR. The effects of miR-96-5p on the viability and proliferation of T-leukemic cells (Jurkat cells) were respectively determined using MTT and BrdU incorporation assays.

Results. miR-96-5p presented low expression levels by qPCR in peripheral blood of T-ALL patients compared to healthy volunteers. Upregulated miR-96-5p by miR-96-5p mimic transfection markedly inhibited the viability and proliferation of Jurkat cells. Furthermore, miR-96-5p negatively regulated the expression of its target gene, *HBEGF*. The decreased viability and proliferation of Jurkat cells caused by miR-96-5p over-expression was suppressed after the introduction of *HBEGF* plasmid.

Conclusions. The presented study showed that upregulation of miR-96-5p inhibited the viability and proliferation of Jurkat T-leukemic cells through suppressing *HBEGF* expression. Our study provides a novel sight for understanding the pathological mechanism of T-ALL and suggests that miR-96-5p may be a potential biomarker for the therapy and diagnosis of T-ALL. (*Folia Histochemica et Cytobiologica* 2020, Vol. 58, No. 3, 219–226)

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Introduction

Acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) is a hematologic malignancy in which the bone marrow produces large numbers of lymphoid progenitor cells. It represents the most common cancer in children, with approximately 60% of ALL cases in people younger than 20 years [1]. The risk factors for ALL include environmental factors (e.g. X-rays, radiation, alcohol use), genetic factors (e.g. Down syndrome, Bloom syndrome), and infection [2]. ALL cases arise from B-cell or T-cell

precursors, and are defined as B-cell ALL (B-ALL) and T-cell ALL (T-ALL) [3], respectively. T-ALL accounts for 25% of ALL cases in adults, and 10–15% of ALL cases in children [4]. Despite small numbers, T-ALL has achieved lots of attention due to its highly aggressive behavior [5]. Recently, advancements of therapeutic protocols have improved the 5-year overall survival (OS) rate to more than 80% in children with T-ALL, however, the OS rate in adult T-ALL patients is still low (approximately 50%) [6]. Furthermore, recurrence is still a huge challenge for all age groups, leading to poor prognosis [6, 7]. Hence, further improvements of therapy for T-ALL patients are required.

MicroRNAs (miRNAs) are a class of small (about 22 nucleotides), single-stranded noncoding RNAs [8, 9]. MiRNAs directly bind to the 3'-untranslated regions (3'-UTRs) of target mRNAs through base-pairing with complementary sequences, thereby regulating gene expression [10]. MiRNAs are relevant to a wide range of cellular functions such as cell differentiation, proliferation, migration, and invasion [11]. Dysfunction of miRNAs has been widely identified in many cancers, including B-ALL and T-ALL [12, 13]. For instance, miR-101 targets CXCR7 to suppress T-ALL cell invasion and proliferation *in vitro* and reduce tumor metastasis and growth *in vivo* [14]. MiR-708 can target CD47 on macrophages to promote phagocytosis, thereby eradicating T-ALL cells [15]. MiR-96-5p can target the caspase-9 gene to inhibit cell apoptosis in hepatocellular carcinoma [16]. Besides, miR-96-5p functions as an oncogenic factor to promote the proliferation of ovarian cancer cells through regulating caveolae1 [17]. MiR-96-5p also serves as a tumor suppressor to repress the breast cancer cell growth and metastasis through modulating the Wnt/ β -catenin pathway [18]. Nevertheless, the role of miR-96-5p in T-ALL have yet not been described.

The aim of this study was to detect the role and molecular mechanisms of miR-96-5p in T-ALL cells. Here, we firstly determined the expression level of miR-96-5p in T-ALL patients and measured its effects on the proliferation of T-ALL cells. Then, a target gene of miR-96-5p, *HBEGF* (Heparin-binding epidermal growth factor (EGF)-like growth factor) was identified by the TargetScan database. Next, the interaction of *HBEGF* gene with miR-96-5p in T-ALL cells was further explored. These experiments may contribute to a better understanding on the pathological mechanism of T-ALL.

Materials and methods

T-ALL patient blood samples. This experiment was approved by the Ethical Committee of Ningbo First Hospital. Peripheral blood samples from 20 healthy volunteers and

Table 1. The clinicopathologic features of acute lymphoblastic leukemia

Characteristics	Number of patients
Number	30
Gender (Male/Female)	9/21
Age (years)	22.5 (16–58)
Karyotype (Normal/Aberrant/No data available)	12/16/2
White blood cell count [$\times 10^9/L$]	12.8 (0.4–97)
Platelet count [$\times 10^9/L$]	215.6 (12–587)
Hemoglobin levels [g/L]	9.25 (3.8–18.5)

Data present median values and ranges.

30 patients with T-ALL were collected at Ningbo First Hospital after obtaining all patients' informed consents.

The diagnosis of T-ALL was based on molecular genetics, cytochemistry, immunology, cytomorphology, and multiparameter flow cytometry. The clinical characteristics of the patients with T-ALL are presented in Table 1.

Isolation of T-leukemic cells. Peripheral blood was collected in tubes with EDTA and separated using the Ficoll density gradient centrifugation method (Ficoll-Histopaque[®]-1077, Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO, USA). After removing the upper layer, PBMCs (peripheral blood mononuclear cells) were collected and used for the purification of T-leukemic cells. Briefly, PBMCs were resuspended in isolation buffer, heat-inactivated fetal calf serum (FCS, Sigma-Aldrich) was added and incubated with biotinylated anti-human CD235a, CD123, CD56, CD16, CD123, CD19, and CD14 antibodies for 20 min at 4°C. Besides, Dynabeads (Dynabeads[™] Untouched[™] Human T Cells Kit, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) were washed before use according to the manufacturer's protocol. Next, the cells were centrifuged at 300 g at 4°C for 8 min, resuspended in isolation buffer, pre-washed Depletion Dynabeads (Thermo Fisher Scientific) were added and the cells were incubated at 25°C for 15 min, followed by placing in the magnet to obtain the supernatant containing human T cells.

Cell culture and transfection. The isolated T cells were cultured in RPMI 1640 medium with 15% FCS, 100 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ streptomycin, 100 Units/ml penicillin, 10 ng/ml PMA (phorbol 12-myristate 13-acetate), 20 mM HEPES, 2 mM glutamine, 2-ME (mercaptoethanol) (all from Sigma-Aldrich) and 10 ng/ml interleukin-2 (Peprotech, Rocky Hill, NI, USA) at 37°C and in the atmosphere of 5% CO₂.

Jurkat T-leukemia cells were obtained from Cell Bank of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (Shanghai, China). These cells were incubated in RPMI 1640 medium (Gibco) supplemented with 10% FCS, 100 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ streptomycin, 100 Units/ml penicillin, and glutamine (4 mM) at 37°C, 5% CO₂.

Table 2. Primer sequences

Primer	Sequences (5'-3')
miR-96-5p forward	ACGATGCACCTGTACGATCA
miR-96-5p reverse	TCTTTCAACACGCAGGACAG
HBEGF forward	CTGTCTTCGGTCTGCCTCCT
HBEGF reverse	AGACCGAAGACAGACCA
U6 forward	GCTTCGGCAGCACATATACTAAAAT
U6 reverse	CGCTTCACGAATTTGCGTGTTCAT
β -actin forward	TCACCCACACTGTGCCCATCTACGA
β -actin reverse	CAGCGGAACCGCTCATTGCCAATGG

MiRNA negative control (miR-NC), miR-96-5p mimic, inhibitor control (NC-inh) and miR-96-5p inhibitor were purchased from Thermo Fisher Scientific. HBEGF plasmid and scramble plasmid were obtained from HANBIO (Shanghai, China). For transfection, Jurkat cells were suspended in Resuspension Buffer R (Neon® Kits, Thermo Fisher Scientific) and mixed with 1 μ g plasmid, 150 nM miRNA mimics or inhibitor. The mix was taken up into the Neon Pipette tip, plugged into the pipette holder and electroporated by the Neon Transfection System (Thermo Fisher Scientific) based on the protocol from the manufacturer. Then, the cells were added to 24-well plates with medium and cultured for 24 h in a humidified 5% CO₂ incubator at 37°C for further analysis.

Real-time quantitative PCR (RT-qPCR). TRIzol reagent (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA, USA) was used to extract total RNA. The isolated RNAs were reverse transcribed into cDNAs as PCR templates with a QuantiTect Reverse Transcription Kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany). Each PCR reaction including PCR templates, 1 \times SYBR Master Mix (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA, USA) and primers was carried out using an ABI Prism 7500 fast real-time PCR system (Applied Biosystems). The sequence of the primers was listed in Table 2. β -actin and U6 was used as internal controls. The relative expression of the original target transcript was presented as $2^{-\Delta\Delta Ct} = \frac{(C_{t, target gene, case group} - C_{t, reference gene, case group})}{(C_{t, target gene, control group} - C_{t, reference gene, control group})}$

MTT (3-(4,5-Dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide) assay. After transfection, the viability of Jurkat cells was evaluated using MTT assay. Jurkat cells (1×10^6 /ml) were inoculated in 96-well plates, followed by incubated for 24 h. Next, MTT (3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide) (5 mg/ml, 10 μ L) was added to the plates followed by incubation with the cells for another 4 h. After centrifugation for 10 min at 300g, the supernatant was removed carefully, and DMSO (100 μ L) was added to each well. The sample's absorbance was assessed at 570 nm using a microplate spectrophotometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific). % viable cells = $\frac{(ABS_{sample} - ABS_{blank})}{(ABS_{control} - ABS_{blank})} \times 100\%$; ABS: Absorbance.

Cell proliferation assay. Jurkat cells after transfection were inoculated in 96-well plates at a density of 1×10^5 cells per ml and cultured in RPMI 1640 medium with 10% FCS for 72 h. Subsequently, the proliferation of Jurkat cells was evaluated by the colorimetric method using a BrdU Cell Proliferation ELISA kit (Roche, Merck Millipore, Burlington, MA, USA) based on the instruction. The sample's absorbance was examined at 450 nm in a microplate reader.

Dual luciferase reporter assay. The TargetScan website (http://www.targetscan.org/vert_72/) was utilized to identify the potential binding sites between HBEGF and miR-96-5p. The fragment of HBEGF gene containing wild-type miR-96-5p binding sites or the corresponding mutant fragment of HBEGF was cloned into pMIR-REPOR™ Luciferase vectors (Promega Madison, WI, USA), named as the HBEGF-WT reporter vector or the HBEGF-MUT reporter vector. These vectors with miRNA negative control (miR-NC) or miR-96-5p mimic were co-transfected into Jurkat cells by electroporation. In the stage of the pre-experiment, the mRNA expression of HBEGF detected by qPCR was used to present the efficiency of transfection, and the efficiency was high. Next, Jurkat cells were incubated at 37°C for 48 h, and subsequently the firefly luciferase activity and Renilla luciferase activity were determined with a Dual-Luciferase® 1000 Assay kit (Promega). The relative luciferase intensity = firefly luciferase activity/Renilla luciferase activity.

Western blot. After transfection, Jurkat cells were lysed with RIPA lysis buffer (Beyotime, Shanghai, China) on ice and centrifuged at 13000 \times g to obtain total protein. A BCA Protein Assay Kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific) was applied to assess the protein concentration. Proteins (20 μ g) were separated on 10% SDS-PAGE gels through electrophoresis and then electro-transferred onto PVDF membranes. 5% non-fat milk was utilized to block the membranes at 25°C for 1 h. Subsequently, the membranes were incubated with primary antibodies against HBEGF (ab92620, 1/1000 dilution, ABCAM) and β -actin (ab179467, 1/5000 dilution, ABCAM) at 4°C, washed using TBS buffer with 0.05% Tween-20, and next cultured with HRP-conjugated secondary antibodies (Goat Anti-Rabbit IgG, #7074, 1:1000, Cell Signaling Technology Danvers, MA, USA) for 1 h at room temperature. Protein bands were visualized with a chemiluminescence detection kit (Aidlab Biotechnology, Beijing, China). The semi-quantification of proteins was applied using the ImageJ software, and the relative expression = the protein expression of HBEGF/the protein expression of β -actin was determined.

Statistical analysis. Each experiment involving Jurkat cells was repeated three times. Experimental data were expressed as mean \pm SD. The statistics were evaluated by the GraphPad Prism 7 software (San Diego, CA, USA). Student's t test was utilized to identify differences between two groups.

One-way ANOVA with Bonferroni *post hoc* comparison test was used for analysis with multiple groups. The significant difference was defined as $p < 0.05$.

Results

Upregulated miR-96-5p inhibits the viability and proliferation of T-leukemic cells

Firstly, miR-96-5p expression in T-ALL was examined using RT-qPCR. Figure 1 showed that the levels of miR-96-5p in T-leukemic cells from peripheral blood of T-ALL patients were significantly lower compared with that from normal volunteers (** $p < 0.01$).

Secondly, we detected the effects of miR-96-5p on Jurkat cells. RT-qPCR showed the transfection of miR-96-5p mimic in Jurkat cells considerably up-regulated miR-96-5p expression level as compared to miRNA negative control (miR-NC) (Fig. 2A, *** $p < 0.001$). MTT assay suggested that miR-96-5p mimic obviously decreased the viability of Jurkat cells in comparison to miR-NC (Fig. 2B, ** $p < 0.01$).

Furthermore, the proliferation of Jurkat cells was measured by BrdU incorporation assay. The results suggested that transfection of miR-96-5p mimic in Jurkat cells caused an obvious reduction in proliferation as compared to miR-NC transfection (Fig. 2C, * $p < 0.05$). Thus, miR-96-5p mimics inhibited the viability and proliferation of Jurkat cells.

HBEGF is a target gene of miR-96-5p

To explore the molecular mechanism of miR-96-5p effects on Jurkat cells, we applied the TargetScan database to predict the potential target genes for miR-96-5p. HBEGF (heparin binding EGF like growth factor) was chosen as a candidate gene based on the

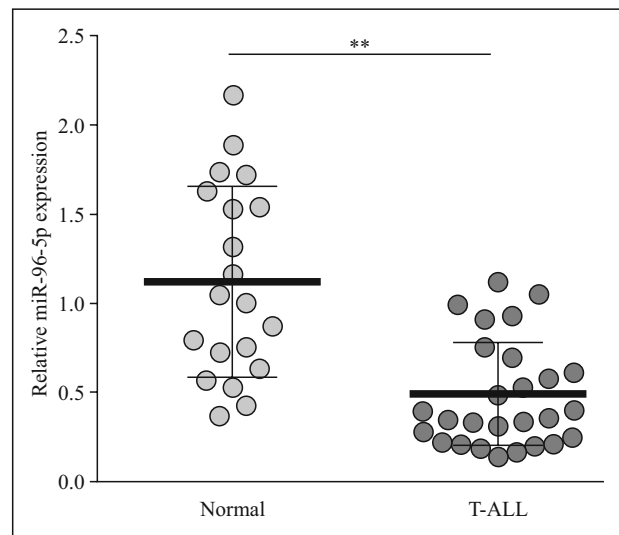


Figure 1. The down-regulated expression of miR-96-5p in T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia (T-ALL). RT-qPCR was used to detect the expression of miR-96-5p in T-leukemic cells from peripheral blood of T-ALL patients and healthy volunteers (normal control). ** $p < 0.01$.

high ranking in prediction results from the TargetScan database and its critical roles in various cancers [19, 20]. The putative binding sites were listed in Figure 3A. The interaction of HBEGF with miR-96-5p was validated via dual luciferase reporter assay. The luciferase activity in the HBEGF-WT group was down-regulated by miR-96-5p mimic in comparison to miR-NC (** $p < 0.01$), whereas the activity in the HBEGF-MUT group showed no significant difference (Fig. 3B). Thus, miR-96-5p was proved to directly target HBEGF. After Jurkat cells were transfected with in-

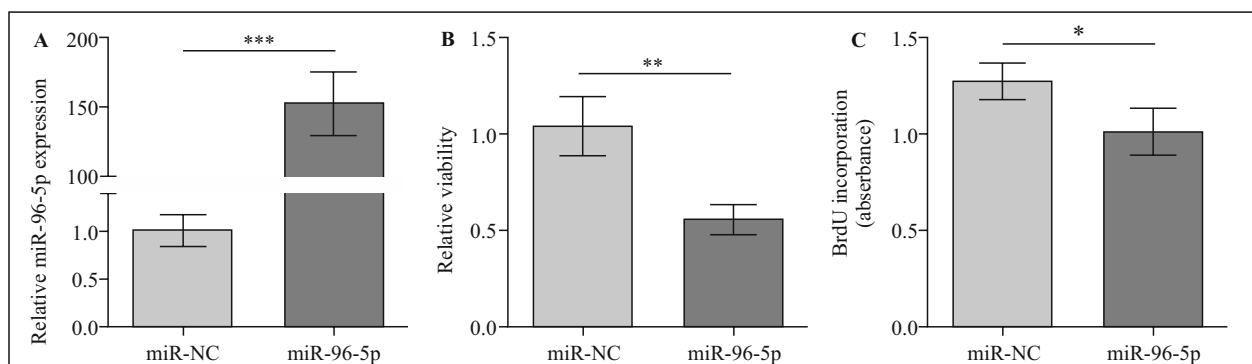


Figure 2. The effect of miR-96-5p on the viability and proliferation of Jurkat cells. **A.** RT-qPCR showed the expression of miR-96-5p was enhanced by transfection of miR-96-5p mimic as compared to miRNA negative control (miR-NC). **B.** MTT assay showed that miR-96-5p mimic suppressed the viability of Jurkat cells compared with miR-NC. **C.** BrdU incorporation assay suggested that the proliferation of Jurkat cells was inhibited by the transfection of miR-96-5p mimic as compared to miR-NC. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$.

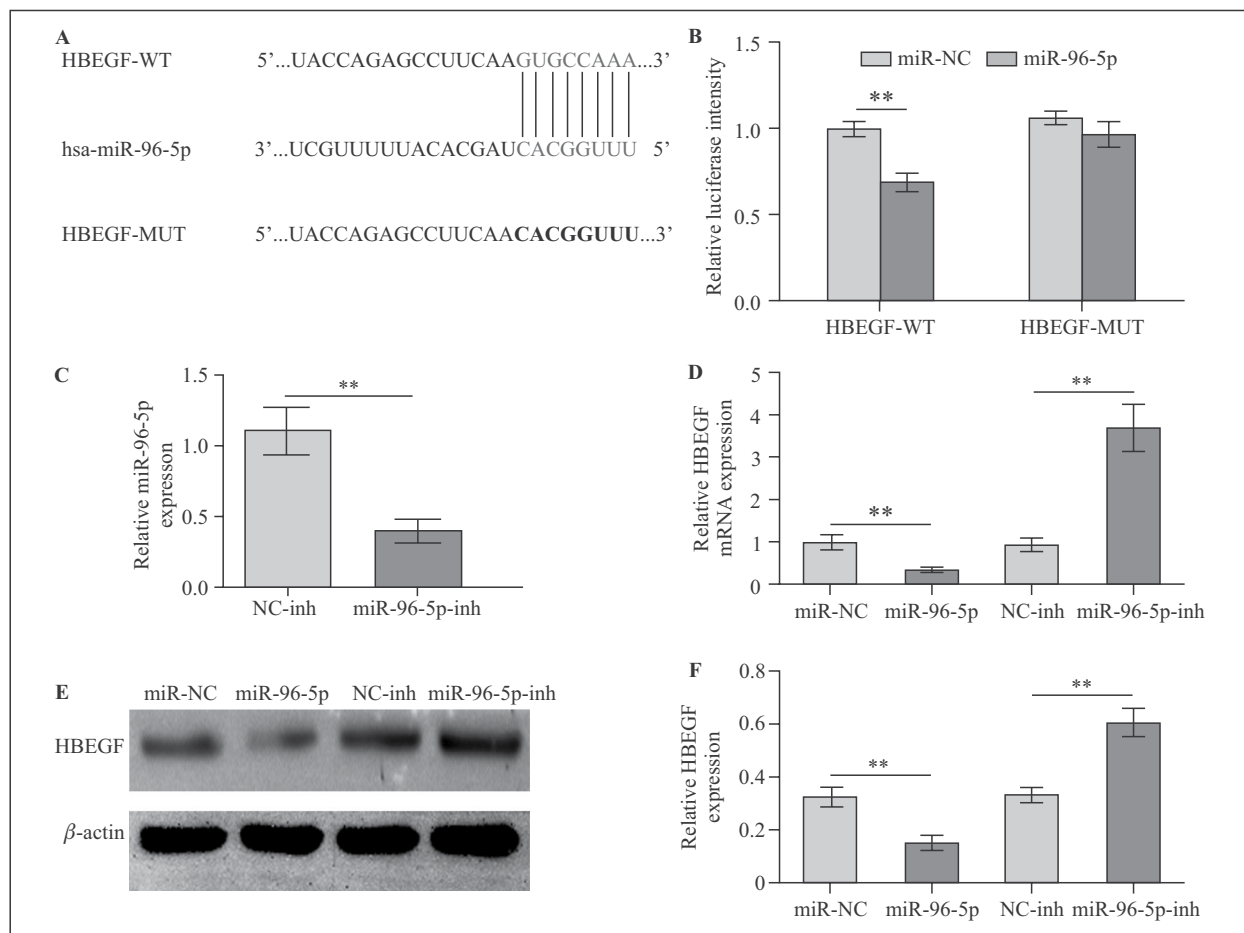


Figure 3. The relationship between miR-96-5p and HBEGF in Jurkat cells. **A.** The image of the putative binding sites between miR-96-5p and HBEGF. **B.** Dual luciferase reporter assay was used to verify the target relationship between miR-96-5p and HBEGF. Compared with miR-NC, the interaction between HBEGF-WT vector and miR-96-5p mimic decreased the luciferase activity, whereas the activity had no significant change in the HBEGF-MUT group. **C.** RT-qPCR suggested the decrease of miR-96-5p expression caused by miR-96-5p inhibitor (miR-96-5p-inh) compared with inhibitor control (NC-inh). After Jurkat cells were transfected with miR-96-5p mimic, miRNA control (miR-NC), miR-96-5p-inh or NC-inh. **D.** RT-qPCR showed HBEGF expression decreased by miR-96-5p mimic compared with miRNA control (miR-NC), but increased by miR-96-5p-inh as compared to NC-inh. **E, F.** The changing trends of HBEGF expression were further validated by western blot. $**p < 0.01$.

inhibitor control (NC-inh) or miR-96-5p inhibitor, miR-96-5p inhibitor greatly decreased miR-96-5p expression in comparison to NC-inh (Fig. 3C, $**p < 0.01$). As shown in Figure 3D, compared with miR-NC, miR-96-5p mimic markedly down-regulated the mRNA expression levels of HBEGF ($**p < 0.01$), and yet miR-96-5p inhibitor up-regulated HBEGF mRNA expression in comparison to NC-inhibitor ($**p < 0.01$). Additionally, the protein expression of HBEGF was decreased by miR-96-5p mimic as compared to miR-NC ($**p < 0.01$), while the protein level of HBEGF was increased by miR-96-5p inhibitor compared with NC-inhibitor ($**p < 0.01$, Figs. 3E and 3F). Collectively, miR-96-5p could directly target HBEGF and negatively regulate HBEGF expression.

Upregulated miR-96-5p inhibits the viability and proliferation of T lymphocytes through regulating HBEGF

To detect the effects of miR-96-5p/HBEGF on T lymphocytes, Jurkat cells were transfected with miR-96-5p mimic combined with or without HBEGF plasmid. As shown in Figure 4A, compared with miR-NC+vector, miR-96-5p mimic obviously down-regulated the mRNA expression of HBEGF ($**p < 0.01$) and HBEGF plasmid up-regulated HBEGF expression ($**p < 0.01$). Besides, the co-transfection of miR-96-5p mimic with HBEGF plasmid significantly decreased the expression of HBEGF compared with the transfection of HBEGF plasmid alone ($**p < 0.01$). Furthermore, western blot further confirmed that the

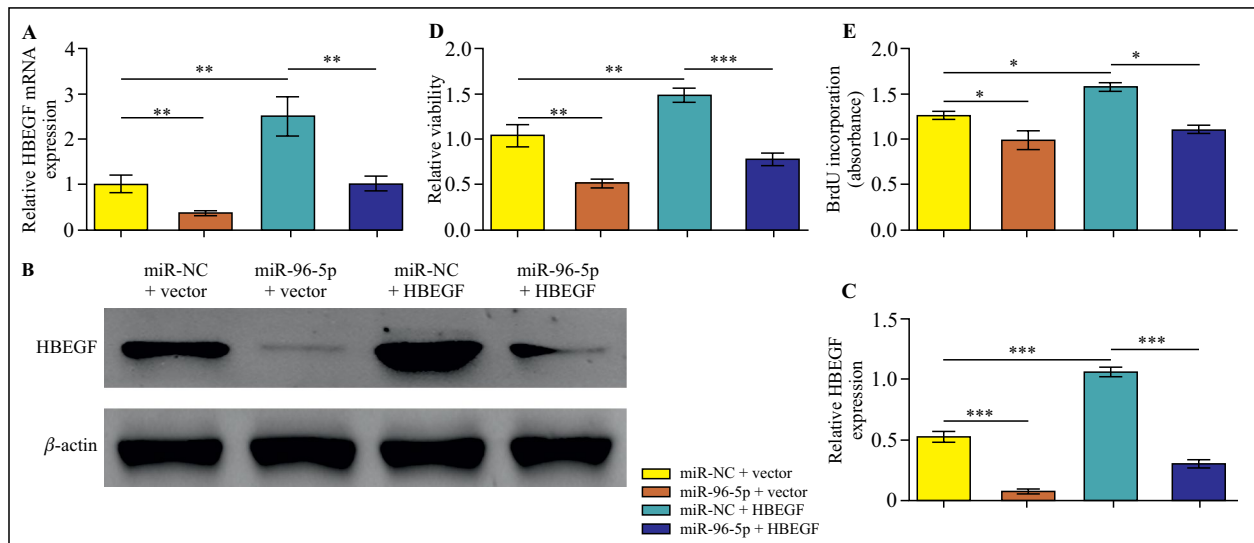


Figure 4. miR-96-5p targets HBEGF to regulate the viability and proliferation of Jurkat cells. Jurkat cells were transfected with miR-96-5p mimic + HBEGF plasmid, miR-96-5p mimic + scramble plasmid (vector), miRNA control (miR-NC) + HBEGF plasmid, or miR-NC + vector. **A.** RT-qPCR revealed HBEGF expression was increased by HBEGF plasmid and decreased by miR-96-5p mimic compared with miR-NC + vector, and the increase of HBEGF expression induced by HBEGF plasmid was changed by the co-transfection of miR-96-5p mimic with HBEGF plasmid. **B, C.** The changing trends of HBEGF expression were further validated by western blot. **D.** MTT assay showed the viability of Jurkat cells was inhibited by miR-96-5p mimic and enhanced by HBEGF plasmid compared with miR-NC + vector, and the enhancement in the cell viability caused by HBEGF plasmid was weakened by the co-transfection of miR-96-5p mimic with HBEGF plasmid. **E.** BrdU incorporation assay indicated that the cell proliferation had the same change tendency with (D) after Jurkat cells were transfected with those vectors. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$.

increase of HBEGF protein expression induced by HBEGF plasmid was weakened by the introduction of miR-96-5p mimic (** $p < 0.01$, Figs. 4B and 4C). Moreover, the viability of Jurkat cells was markedly enhanced by HBEGF plasmid compared with miR-NC+vector (** $p < 0.01$), which was weakened by the introduction of miR-96-5p mimic (Fig. 4D). Furthermore, HBEGF plasmid promoted the proliferation of Jurkat cells as compared to miR-NC+vector (* $p < 0.05$), and yet this promotive effect was suppressed by the co-transfection of miR-96-5p mimic with HBEGF plasmid (* $p < 0.05$) (Fig. 4E). Therefore, upregulated miR-96-5p inhibited the viability and proliferation of T lymphocytes through suppressing HBEGF expression.

Discussion

Despite the remarkable improvements in the treatment of T-ALL, approximately 20% children with T-ALL and 50% adult T-ALL patients still fail first-line therapy [6]. Especially, the recurrence result in a very poor prognosis in T-ALL patients [7]. It is reported that T-ALL is relevant to large numbers of genetic abnormalities, which facilitate the development of

malignant lymphoid progenitors [21]. Thus, exploring the detailed molecular mechanism of T-ALL is important for improving therapeutic methods. MiRNAs have been applied to many clinical and preclinical studies in various diseases, among which some miRNAs have been proved to be closely associated with the pathogenesis of T-ALL [22]. For instance, miR-96-5p functions as a potential oncogenic factor or tumor suppressor in several cancers [16–18]. Gao *et al.* have shown that miR-96-5p can target CTNND1 to affect the activation of Wnt/ β -catenin signaling resulting in the inhibition of the proliferation and invasion of breast cancer cells [18]. Zhang *et al.* have indicated that miR-96-5p negatively regulates SFRP4 to inhibit cervical cancer cell apoptosis and facilitate the cell viability and metastasis [23]. miR-96-5p has important functions in the proliferation and survival of B-cell malignancies [24, 25]. Nevertheless, there is no data regarding the roles of miR-96-5p in T-ALL. Thus, our study determined miR-96-5p expression levels in T-leukemic cells from peripheral blood of T-ALL patients and found the patients with aberrantly low expression of miR-96-5p as compared to that from healthy volunteers. Moreover, we used miR-96-5p mimic to upregulate the expression of

miR-96-5p, which markedly repressed the viability and proliferation of T-leukemic cells. Thus, miR-96-5p, as a new and potent biomarker, might be used for the therapy and diagnosis of T-ALL.

To further explore the molecular mechanisms of miR-96-5p in T-leukemic cells, TargetScan database was used to identify the potential target genes of miR-96-5p, among which HBEGF was chosen as a candidate. Despite the fact that HBEGF had a high ranking in prediction results of the TargetScan database, HBEGF, as a heparin-binding member of the EGF family [26], has been found to be a potent growth factor associated with tumorigenesis [19]. For instance, HBEGF stimulates EGFR expression and induces angiogenesis of bone marrow endothelial cells in multiple myeloma mouse model [27]. HBEGF over-expression promotes the invasion of gastric cancer cells [28]. Moreover, HBEGF has been observed to be over-expressed in T-ALL cells and associate with the cell survival [20]. In the present study, the direct target relationship between HBEGF and miR-96-5p was confirmed by dual luciferase reporter assay. In addition, miR-96-5p was observed to negatively regulate HBEGF expression.

MiRNAs are proved to mediate posttranscriptional regulation of genes to participate in a wide range of biological processes [29]. MiR-96-5p can target CTNND1 to regulate Wnt/ β -catenin signaling and thus inhibit the invasion and proliferation of breast cancer [18]. MiR-212 represses the metastasis and growth of epithelial ovarian cancer through controlling HBEGF [26]. Regulation of HBEGF by miR-1192 affects the C2C12 cell osteogenic differentiation [30]. Our study also revealed that the promotive effects on the viability and proliferation of T-leukemic cells induced by HBEGF plasmid transfection were suppressed by the introduction of miR-96-5p mimic. Therefore, miR-96-5p could target HBEGF expression to regulate the viability and proliferation of T-leukemic cells.

In conclusion, our study found the aberrantly low expression of miR-96-5p in peripheral blood mononuclear cells of T-ALL patients. Additionally, upregulated miR-96-5p repressed the viability and proliferation of T-leukemic Jurkat cells through controlling HBEGF expression. Thus, miR-96-5p may be a potential biomarker. These findings contribute to a better understanding of the molecular mechanism of the functional role of miR-96-5p in T-ALL.

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