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结核分枝杆菌 Rv2647 蛋白对肺组织损伤效应的初步研究

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[摘 要] 目的: 通过噬菌体重组技术分别构建结核分枝杆菌 Rv2647 基因的敲除株和回补株以及过表达 Rv2647 的耻垢分枝杆菌(*Mycobacterium smegmatis*, Ms), 评估结核分枝杆菌 Rv2647 蛋白对模型鼠肺组织的损伤效应。方法: 构建同源交换位点并整合到结核分枝杆菌噬菌体基因组, 获取噬菌粒并将其导入 Ms, 构建具有同源交换位点的重组噬菌体。体外扩增获得高滴度重组噬菌体并转染结核分枝杆菌(H37Rv), 37 °C 静置培养 28 d, 挑取单克隆进行 PCR 验证, 获得 Rv2647 基因敲除株(H37RvΔRv2647)。PCR 扩增 Rv2647 基因并通过无缝克隆分别将其整合到载体 pMV361 和 pMV261 多克隆位点处, 获得阳性质粒后分别电转化 H37RvΔRv2647 和 Ms, 获得结核分枝杆菌回补株(H37RvΔRv2647::Rv2647)及过表达 Rv2647 的耻垢分枝杆菌(Ms::Rv2647)。分别以 H37Rv、H37RvΔRv2647、H37RvΔRv2647::Rv2647、Ms 及 Ms::Rv2647 的菌液经气管攻击 C57BL/6 小鼠, 分别比较 H37Rv (30 d) 与 Ms (7 d) 模型鼠的存活率、肺组织细菌负荷及肺组织病理损伤程度。结果: PCR 结果显示, H37RvΔRv2647 中 Rv2647 基因缺失, 而 H37RvΔRv2647::Rv2647 及 Ms::Rv2647 中 Rv2647 基因皆存在。H37RvΔRv2647、H37Rv 及 H37RvΔRv2647::Rv2647 组模型鼠 30 d 存活率分别为 100.00%、83.33% 及 83.33%; Ms 和 Ms::Rv2647 组模型鼠的 7 d 存活率分别为 100.00% 和 83.33%; H37RvΔRv2647 组模型鼠肺组织细菌负荷(IgCFU)为(3.40±0.18), 显著低于 H37Rv 组(3.86±0.15, $P < 0.001$)和 H37RvΔRv2647::Rv2647 组(3.80±0.16, $P < 0.01$); H37RvΔRv2647 组模型鼠肺组织炎症面积(%)为(4.37±3.06), 显著低于 H37Rv 组(62.76±14.24, $P < 0.001$)和 H37RvΔRv2647::Rv2647 组(67.37±0.45, $P < 0.001$); Ms 组模型鼠肺组织 IgCFU 为(2.53±0.16), 显著低于 Ms::Rv2647 组(2.81±0.13, $P < 0.01$); Ms 组模型鼠肺组织炎症面积(%)为(5.71±1.29), 显著低于 Ms::Rv2647 组(33.13±13.84, $P < 0.05$)。结论: 成功构建了结核分枝杆菌 Rv2647 基因敲除株(H37RvΔRv2647)及回补株(H37RvΔRv2647::Rv2647)以及过表达 Rv2647 的耻垢分枝杆菌(Ms::Rv2647)。Rv2647 蛋白可能通过抑制宿主对结核分枝杆菌的清除, 加重了模型鼠肺组织病理损伤。

[关键词] 结核分枝杆菌; 差异区域; Rv2647 蛋白; 噬菌体重组技术; 肺组织损伤

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Preliminary study on the effect of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* Rv2647 protein on lung injury

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[Abstract] **Objective:** To construct the Rv2647-deleted strain and Rv2647-complemented strain of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (*M. tb*) and Rv2647-overexpressing *Mycobacterium smegmatis* (Ms::Rv2647) by phage recombination technique, and to evaluate the effect of

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M. tb Rv2647 protein on lung injury in model mice. **Methods:** A homologous exchange site was constructed and integrated into the phage genomes of *M. tb*, producing phagemids that were introduced into *Mycobacterium smegmatis* (Ms) to create a recombinant phage with a homologous exchange site. High-titer recombinant phages were amplified *in vitro* and transfected into *M. tb* (H37Rv), followed by static culture at 37 °C for 28 d. The single clone was selected and verified by PCR, yielding the Rv2647 - deleted strain (H37RvΔRv2647). The Rv2647 gene was amplified by PCR and was integrated into the multiple clone sites of vector pMV361 and pMV261 through seamless cloning to obtain the positive plasmids, which were transfected into H37RvΔRv2647 and Ms to obtain the Rv2647 - complemented strain (H37RvΔRv2647: : Rv2647) and Rv2647 - overexpressing Ms (Ms: : Rv2647), respectively. The suspension of H37Rv, H37RvΔRv2647, H37RvΔRv2647: : Rv2647, Ms, and Ms: : Rv2647 were used to infect C57BL/6 mice via tracheal injection. The survival rates, lung tissue bacterial load, and pathological damage of lung tissue in model mice were compared at 7 d and 30 d, respectively. **Results:** The PCR showed that Rv2647 gene was missing in the H37RvΔRv2647, while it was present in the H37RvΔRv2647: : Rv2647 and Ms: : Rv2647. The 30-day survival rates of model mice infected with H37RvΔRv2647, H37Rv, and H37RvΔRv2647: : Rv2647 were 100.00%, 83.33%, and 83.33%, respectively; The 7-day survival rates of model mice infected with Ms and Ms: : Rv2647 were 100.00% and 83.33%, respectively. The lung bacterial load (lgCFU) of model mice in the H37RvΔRv2647 group (3.40 ± 0.18) was significantly lower than that of the H37Rv group (3.86 ± 0.15), $P < 0.001$ and the H37RvΔRv2647: : Rv2647 group (3.80 ± 0.16), $P < 0.01$; The inflammation area (%) in lung tissues of the H37RvΔRv2647 group (4.37 ± 3.06) was significantly lower than that of the H37Rv group (62.76 ± 14.24), $P < 0.001$ and the H37RvΔRv2647: : Rv2647 group (67.37 ± 0.45), $P < 0.001$. The lung bacterial load (lgCFU) of the Ms group (2.53 ± 0.16) was significantly lower than that of the Ms: : Rv2647 group (2.81 ± 0.13), $P < 0.01$; The inflammation area (%) in lung tissue of the Ms group (5.71 ± 1.29) was significantly lower than that of the Ms: : Rv2647 group (33.13 ± 13.84), $P < 0.05$. **Conclusion:** The Rv2647 - deleted strain (H37RvΔRv2647) and Rv2647 - complementary strain (H37RvΔRv2647: : Rv2647) of *M. tb* and Rv2647 - overexpressing Ms (Ms: : Rv2647) were successfully constructed. Rv2647 protein may aggravate lung injury *via* inhibiting host clearance of *M. tb*.

[Key words] *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*; regions of difference; Rv2647 protein; phage recombination technique; lung injury

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结核病是结核分枝杆菌(*Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, *M. tb*)导致的严重传染性疾病, 目前仍在全球范围内广泛流行。在感染宿主的过程中, *M. tb* 可通过进化方式逃避宿主免疫反应使之长期存活^[1]。卡介苗(bacillus calmette-guerin, BCG)是目前唯一可用的 *M. tb* 疫苗, 对儿童播散性结核病可发挥有效预防作用, 但对成人的长期保护效应有限^[2]。比较基因组学研究发现, 与野生株相比, BCG 丢失了 100 多个基因编码序列, 即所谓差异区域(regions of difference, RD), 其包含了 16 个区域(RD1-RD16)^[3]。研究表明, RD 可通过编码潜在效应蛋白在结核病发病过程中发挥重要作用^[4-5]。有关 RD13 区 Rv2647 基因编码蛋白对宿主的致病性研究既往未见报道。本研究运用噬菌体介导的基因重组技术分别构建了 H37Rv 的 Rv2647 基因敲除株(H37RvΔRv2647)和回补株(H37RvΔRv2647: : Rv2647); Ms 被广泛用于表达分枝杆菌蛋白, 是研究 *M. tb* 致病机制的良好模型^[6]。Rv2647 基因在 Ms 中缺失, 本研究也构建了过表达 Rv2647 的 Ms(Ms: : Rv2647); 通过构建 *M. tb* 和 Ms 攻击模型评估 Rv2647 蛋白对模型鼠的肺组织

损伤效应, 为深入研究该蛋白在 *M. tb* 对宿主致病性中的作用奠定基础。

1 材料和方法

1.1 材料

胰蛋白胨、酵母提取物、琼脂粉(北京索莱宝生物科技有限公司); 氯化钠、甘油(上海生工生物工程有限公司); Middlebrook 7H9、Middlebrook 7H10 及 OADC (BD 公司, 美国); 潮霉素 B(hygromycin B, HYG)、Tween-80(Sigma 公司, 美国); Trans2KPlusII DNA Marker、Trans15K DNA Marker(北京全式金生物技术有限公司); T4 DNA 连接酶、限制性内切酶 *Pac* I、Phusion High Fidelity DNA Polymerase(Thermo Scientific 公司, 美国); 质粒提取试剂盒(北京天根生化科技有限公司); 胶回收试剂盒、细菌基因组提取试剂盒(Omega 公司, 美国); MaxPlax™ Lambda 噬菌体包装提取物(Epicentre 生物技术公司, 美国)。

1.2 方法

1.2.1 P0004S-ΔRv2647 质粒构建

以结核分枝杆菌 H37Rv 全基因组 DNA 为模板,

根据 Rv2647 基因序列,构建 Rv2647 基因的上游序列(左臂,L)及下游序列(右臂,R),分别设计左臂上、下游引物(LFP、LRP)、右臂上、下游引物(RFP、RRP),即 Rv2647-LFP(5'-TTTTTTTTCACAAAGTG-GACTCCCTGCCTAAGGTGCG-3'), Rv2647-LRP(5'-TTTTTTTTCACTTCGTGGCGTGTTCGGAGCGTT-3'), Rv2647-RFP(5'-TTTTTTTTCACAGAGTGGA-CAACGCAACCCGCAGC-3'), Rv2647-RRP(5'-TTTTTTTTCACCTTGTGCCGACAGGCCGAGTTTG-3')。通过聚合酶链反应扩增 Rv2647。使用限制性内切酶 *Van91 I* 酶切 P0004S 质粒及 Rv2647 的左臂、右臂,连接酶切后的片段并导入 DH5 α 感受态细胞,挑取单克隆菌落,抽提质粒并验证。

1.2.2 PhAE159- Δ Rv2647 穿梭质粒构建

Pac I 酶切 P0004S- Δ Rv2647 质粒和 PhAE159 质粒并连接。使用噬菌体包装试剂盒构建 PhAE159-Rv2647 穿梭质粒。转化 HB101 感受态细胞,挑取单克隆菌落抽提质粒并验证。

1.2.3 筛选噬菌斑

PhAE159- Δ Rv2647 穿梭质粒电转入 Ms 感受态

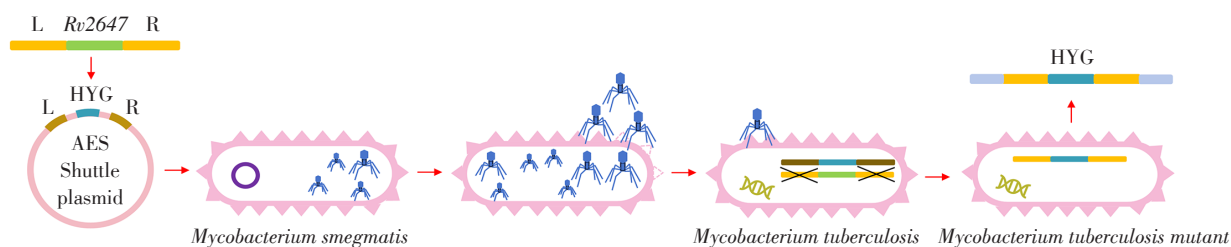


图1 *M. tb* 的 Rv2647 基因敲除株构建示意图

Figure 1 Schematic diagram of Rv2647-deleted strain of *M. tb*

和 *Hind* III 酶切 Rv2647 质粒和 pMV361 质粒,连接酶切产物,并将重组质粒导入 DH5 α 感受态细胞,挑取单克隆测序验证 pMV361-Rv2647 质粒。取适量 pMV361-Rv2647 质粒电转化 H37Rv Δ Rv2647 感受态菌株,于 Middlebrook 7H10(HYG, 75 μ g/mL, 卡那霉素, 30 μ g/mL) 培养 28 d 后,挑取单克隆接种于 Middlebrook 7H9 液体培养基(HYG, 75 μ g/mL, 卡那霉素, 30 μ g/mL), 37 $^{\circ}$ C 培养 28 d 后,收集菌体并进行 PCR 验证(图2)。

1.2.7 过表达 Rv2647 的耻垢分枝杆菌(Ms::Rv2647)的构建

PCR 扩增 Rv2647 基因,回收目的 DNA 片段与线性化的双酶切 pMV261 质粒(*Eco*RI 和 *Hind* III)重组并转化 DH5 α 感受态细胞,挑取单克隆测序验证 pMV261-Rv2647 质粒。取适量 pMV261-Rv2647 质

粒电转至 Ms 感受态细胞,涂布于 7H10 固体培养基(卡那霉素, 30 μ g/mL), 37 $^{\circ}$ C 培养 3~4 d,挑取单克隆接种至 7H9 液体培养基(卡那霉素, 30 μ g/mL), 37 $^{\circ}$ C 培养 3~4 d,收集菌体,PCR 验证。

1.2.4 噬菌体扩增

适量高滴度噬菌体裂解液与生长至对数期的分枝杆菌(MP buffer 预先洗涤)混匀, 37 $^{\circ}$ C 孵育过夜,离心弃上清,加入适量 Middlebrook 7H9(HYG, 75 μ g/mL), 37 $^{\circ}$ C 孵育过夜,离心弃上清液,收集菌体涂布于 Middlebrook 7H10(HYG, 75 μ g/mL), 37 $^{\circ}$ C 培养 28~42 d。

1.2.5 Rv2647 基因敲除株(H37Rv Δ Rv2647)的构建

高滴度噬菌体感染 H37Rv 后,涂布于 Middlebrook 7H10(HYG, 75 μ g/mL), 37 $^{\circ}$ C 培养 28 d 后,挑取单克隆接种于 Middlebrook 7H9(HYG, 75 μ g/mL), 37 $^{\circ}$ C 培养 28 d 后,提取基因组,PCR 验证(图1)。

1.2.6 Rv2647 基因回补株(H37Rv Δ Rv2647::Rv2647)的构建

PCR 扩增 Rv2647 基因,限制性内切酶 *Eco*RI

粒电转至 Ms 感受态细胞,涂布于 7H10 固体培养基(卡那霉素, 30 μ g/mL), 37 $^{\circ}$ C 培养 3~4 d,挑取单克隆接种至 7H9 液体培养基(卡那霉素, 30 μ g/mL), 37 $^{\circ}$ C 培养 3~4 d,收集菌体,PCR 验证。

1.2.8 Rv2647 蛋白对肺组织病理损伤效应的体内研究

分别用 H37Rv、H37Rv Δ Rv2647 和 H37Rv Δ Rv2647::Rv2647(2×10^6 CFU/只)以及 Ms 和 Ms::Rv2647(1×10^7 CFU/只)气管攻击 C57BL/6 小鼠^[7-8],腹腔注射三溴乙醇麻醉小鼠并固定于操作台,充分消毒后切开颈部皮肤,钝性分离气管旁肌肉组织,暴露气管,使用 1 mL 注射器通过气管注射上述菌液,注射结束后立即竖直放置小鼠,轻轻摇晃,缝合颈部皮肤后再次消毒。监测模型鼠 30 d(H37Rv、H37Rv Δ Rv2647 及 H37Rv Δ Rv2647::Rv2647)和 7 d(Ms 和 Ms::

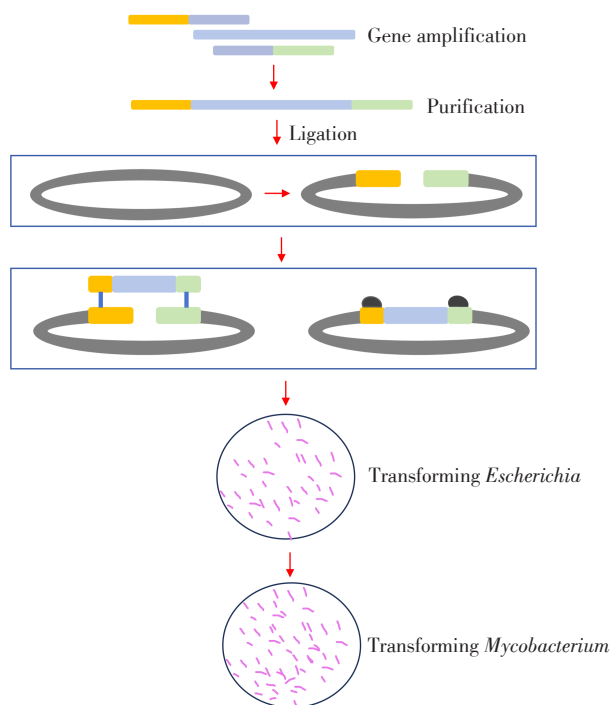


图2 *M. tb* 的 Rv2647 基因回补株构建示意图

Figure 2 Schematic diagram of Rv2647-complementary strain of *M. tb*

Rv2647) 的存活情况, 分别于 30 d 和 7 d 后, 颈椎脱臼法处死模型鼠, 无菌条件下取出模型鼠肺组织, 无菌 PBS 漂洗后匀浆, 梯度稀释后涂布于 Middlebrook 7H10, 分别于培养 28 d 和 5 d 后进行菌落计数, 评估模型鼠肺组织细菌负荷。肺组织固定于 4% 多聚甲醛, 常规脱水后石蜡包埋, 5 μ m 连续切片。二甲苯脱蜡后利用梯度酒精水化, 苏木精染色后流水冲洗, 用 1% 盐酸乙醇进行分化, 伊红复染, 流水冲洗, 梯度酒精脱水, 二甲苯透明, 树脂封片, 镜下观察, 使用 Image-Pro Plus 软件进行肺组织炎症评分, 评估肺组织病理损伤程度^[9-10]。

1.3 统计学方法

采用 Graphpad prism 9.0 进行统计分析, 数据表示为均值 \pm 标准差($\bar{x} \pm s$)。两组间差异比较采用独立样本 *t* 检验。多组间差异分析采用单因素方差分析。 *P* < 0.05 为差异有统计学意义。

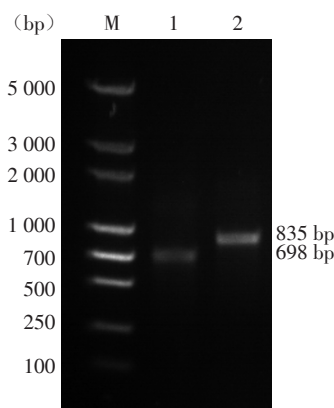
2 结果

2.1 PCR 扩增 Rv2647 基因左、右臂 DNA 片段

使用高保真 DNA 聚合酶扩增 H37Rv 的 Rv2647 基因左臂 DNA 片段 (698 bp), 右臂 DNA 片段 (835 bp), PCR 可见明显条带 (图 3)。

2.2 构建 H37Rv Δ Rv2647

酶切并回收 Rv2647 基因左、右臂 PCR 产物, 与

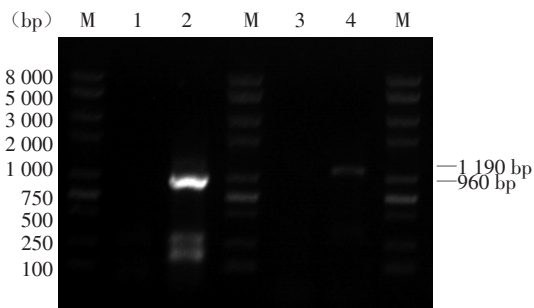


M: DNA marker; 1: Left arm of DNA fragment; 2: Right arm of DNA fragment.

图3 PCR 扩增 Rv2647 基因左、右臂片段

Figure 3 The left and right arm fragments of Rv2647 gene were amplified by PCR

Van91 I 酶切的质粒 p0004S 转化 DH5 α 感受态细胞。筛选阳性克隆子并测序。 *Pac* I 酶切并回收, 与 *Pac* I 酶切的质粒 pHAE159 连接、包装并转化 HB101 感受态细胞, 筛选阳性噬菌粒并电转化感受态 *Ms*, 涂板, 培养 3 d 后筛选噬菌斑, 扩增制备高滴度噬菌体并感染 H37Rv, 涂板, 37 $^{\circ}$ C 培养 28 d 后, 挑取单克隆, 接种于 Middlebrook 7H9, 37 $^{\circ}$ C 培养 28 d 后, 提取基因组, PCR 验证。以 H37Rv Δ Rv2647 基因组为模板, 可见大小约 960 bp 和 1 190 bp 的 DNA 片段。以 H37Rv 基因组为模板, 未见目的 DNA 片段 (图 4)。



M: DNA marker; 1 and 3: wild type strain (H37Rv), primer pair LYZFP/LYZRP (1) and RYZFP/RYZRP (3); 2 and 4: Rv2647-deleted strain (H37Rv Δ Rv2647), primer pair LYZFP/LYZRP (2) and RYZFP/RYZRP (4).

图4 PCR 验证 H37Rv Δ Rv2647

Figure 4 Verification of H37Rv Δ Rv2647 by PCR

2.3 构建 H37Rv Δ Rv2647::Rv2647

PCR 扩增 Rv2647 基因左、右臂并回收, 与 *EcoR* I 和 *Hind* III 双酶切的 pMV361 质粒重组并转化 DH5 α 感受态细胞, 挑取单克隆测序验证 pMV361-Rv2647

质粒。pMV361-Rv2647质粒电转化 H37RvΔRv2647 感受态菌株,涂板,37 ℃培养 28 d后,挑取单克隆接种于 Middlebrook 7H9,37 ℃培养 28 d后,收集菌体提取基因组,PCR 验证,可见大小约 675 bp 的条带(图5)。

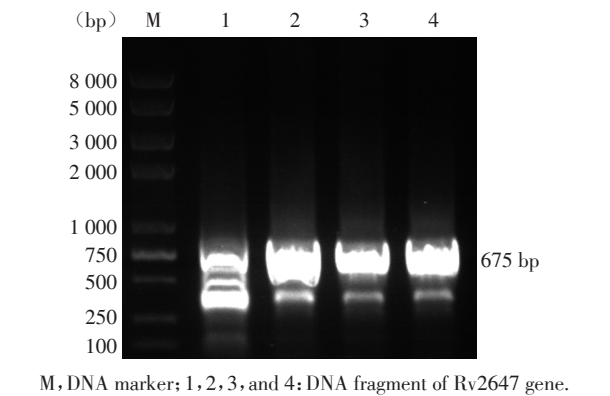


图5 PCR 验证 H37RvΔRv2647::Rv2647
Figure 5 Verification of H37RvΔRv2647::Rv2647 by PCR

2.4 构建 Ms::Rv2647

PCR 扩增 Rv2647 基因,与 pMV261 质粒重组并转化 DH5α 感受态细胞,挑取 pMV261-Rv2647 质粒电转化 Ms 感受态细胞,涂板培养,挑取单克隆接种至 7H9 液体培养基,37 ℃培养 3~4 d,收集菌体,提取基因组,PCR 验证,电转成功的菌体基因组可见大小约 675 bp 的条带(图6)。

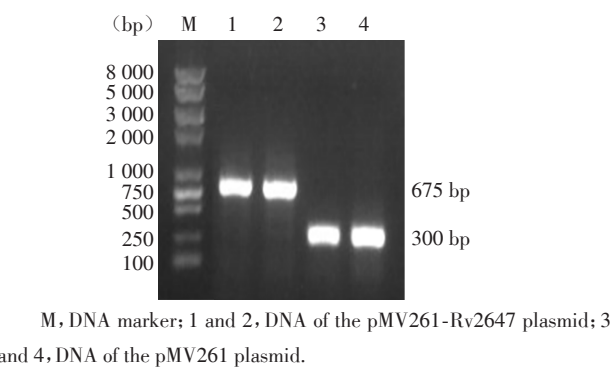
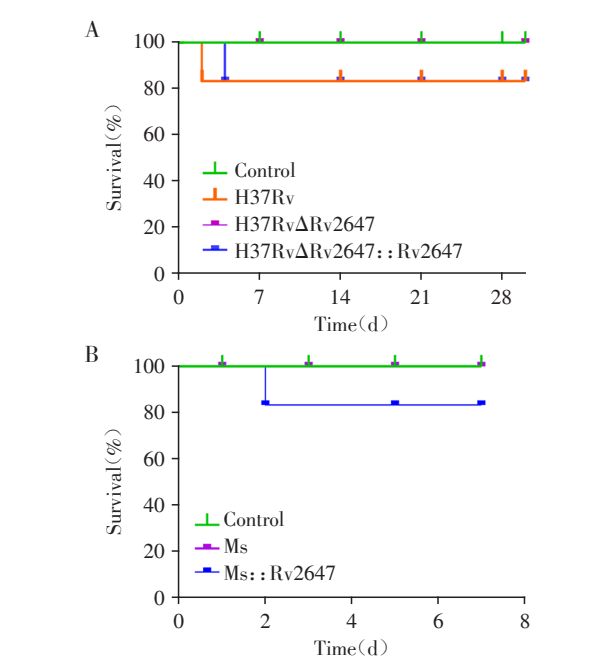


图6 PCR 验证 Ms::Rv2647
Figure 6 Verification of Ms::Rv2647 by PCR

2.5 Rv2647 蛋白对模型鼠生存率的影响

分别用 H37Rv、H37RvΔRv2647 及 H37RvΔRv2647::Rv2647 经气管攻击 C57BL/6 小鼠(2×10^6 CFU/只),感染后 30 d 内连续监测模型鼠存活情况,结果示 H37RvΔRv2647 组模型鼠的 30 d 存活率为 100.00%,高于 H37Rv 组(83.33%)和 H37RvΔRv2647::Rv2647 组(83.33%)(图7A);用 Ms 和 Ms::Rv2647 经气管攻击

C57BL/6 小鼠(1×10^7 CFU/只),感染后 7 d 内连续监测模型鼠存活情况,结果示 Ms 组模型鼠的 7 d 存活率为 100.00%,高于 Ms::Rv2647 组(83.33%)(图7B)。



A: Survival of C57BL/6 mice 30 days after tracheal infection with H37Rv, H37RvΔRv2647, and H37RvΔRv2647::Rv2647 (2×10^6 CFU/mouse) ($n=6$). B: Survival of C57BL/6 mice 7 days after tracheal infection with Ms and Ms::Rv2647 (1×10^7 CFU/mouse) ($n=6$).

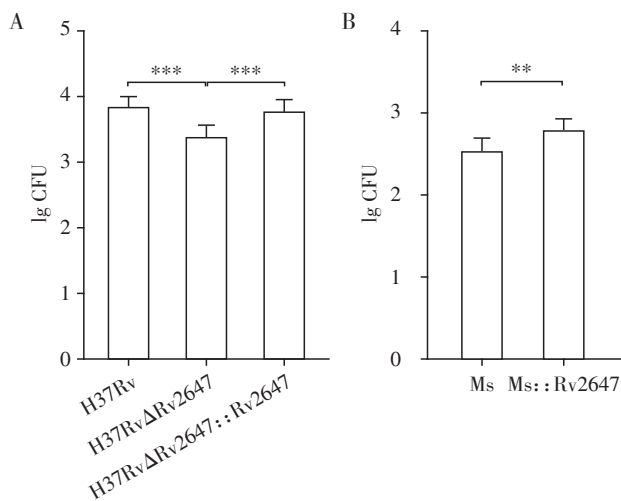
图7 模型鼠生存曲线
Figure 7 Survival curve of model mice

2.6 Rv2647 蛋白抑制模型鼠对 M. tb 的清除

分别取感染 H37Rv、H37RvΔRv2647、H37RvΔRv2647::Rv2647 以及 Ms、Ms::Rv2647 的模型鼠肺组织,匀浆后梯度稀释并涂布于 Middlebrook 7H10,37 ℃静置培养,进行菌落计数。结果显示 H37RvΔRv2647 组模型鼠肺组织细菌负荷(lgCFU)为(3.40 ± 0.18),显著低于 H37Rv 组(3.86 ± 0.15 , $P<0.001$)和 H37RvΔRv2647::Rv2647 组(3.80 ± 0.16 , $P<0.01$,图8A);Ms 组模型鼠肺组织细菌负荷(lgCFU)为(2.53 ± 0.16),显著低于 Ms::Rv2647 组(2.81 ± 0.13 , $P<0.01$,图8B)。

2.7 Rv2647 蛋白加重模型鼠肺组织病理损伤

分别取感染 H37Rv、H37RvΔRv2647、H37RvΔRv2647::Rv2647 以及 Ms、Ms::Rv2647 的模型鼠的肺组织进行 HE 染色,H37RvΔRv2647 组模型鼠肺组织结构相对完整,肺泡腔结构较清晰,少量炎性细胞浸润,炎症面积为(4.37 ± 3.06)%;H37Rv 组和 H37RvΔRv2647::Rv2647 组模型鼠肺组织结构破坏明显,肺泡腔塌陷,肺泡间隔增厚或破坏,大量炎性细



A: C57BL/6 mice were intratracheally infected with the H37Rv, H37RvΔRv2647, and H37RvΔRv2647::Rv2647 (2×10^6 CFU/mouse), and CFU in lung of model mice in each group were evaluated on day 30 ($n=6$). B: C57BL/6 mice were intratracheally infected with Ms and Ms::Rv2647 (1×10^7 CFU/mouse), and CFU in lung of model mice in each group were evaluated on day 7 ($n=6$). ** $P < 0.01$, *** $P < 0.001$.

图8 模型鼠肺组织细菌负荷

Figure 8 Lung bacterial load of model mice

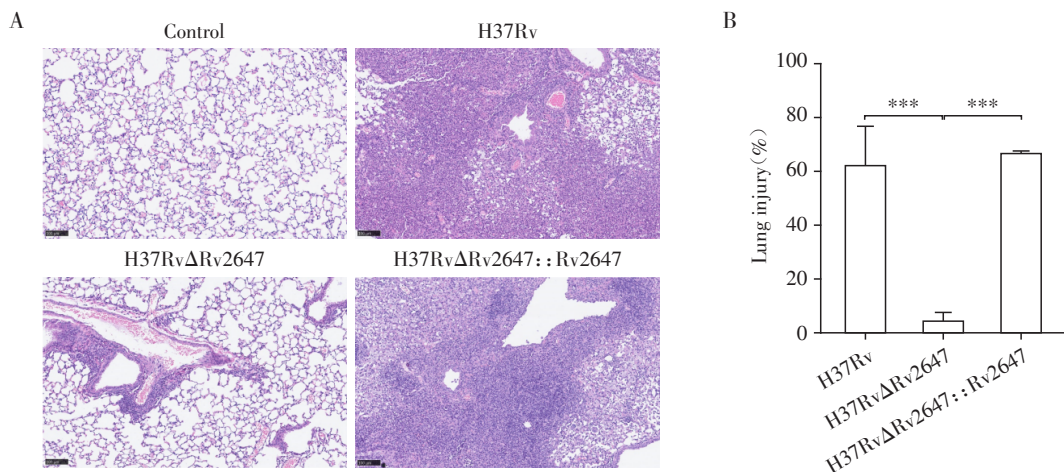
胞浸润,炎症面积[H37Rv: $(62.76 \pm 14.24)\%$, $P < 0.001$; H37RvΔRv2647::Rv2647: $(67.37 \pm 0.45)\%$, $P < 0.001$]均显著高于H37RvΔRv2647组(图9)。同样地,Ms组模型鼠肺组织结构较完整,肺泡腔结构相对清晰,炎症面积为 $(5.71 \pm 1.29)\%$; Ms::Rv2647组模型鼠肺组织结构破坏明显,肺泡间隔破坏,炎症面积为 $(33.13 \pm 13.84)\%$ ($P < 0.05$,图10)。

3 讨论

结核病是除新冠肺炎外全球第一大因单一病原感染导致的致死性传染病^[11]。目前,BCG的预防效果不佳,且多耐药菌株及泛耐药菌株的流行进一步加剧了结核病的防治形势。因此,迫切需要深入研究 *M. tb* 的关键致病机制以开发新型疫苗与药物。大量研究表明,*M. tb* 的RD区含有众多毒力因子及特异性抗原,在结核病的发生发展中发挥重要作用^[12-16]。

Rv2647基因位于RD13区,该区域共包含16个阅读框(Rv2645-Rv2660c)。研究显示,该区Rv2645基因编码的假想蛋白,可诱导强烈的抗*M. tb*特异性IFN- γ 应答,与BCG联合可显著增强免疫保护效应^[17];另有研究发现,Rv2654c和Rv2659c分别编码噬菌体蛋白和噬菌体整合酶,可诱导结核病特异性的T细胞应答,显著提高结核病诊断的特异性和敏感性^[18-19];此外,Rv2660c编码的相关蛋白,在*M. tb*潜伏感染状态下表达显著上调,可通过TLR2介导TNF- α 、IFN- γ 等炎症因子的分泌,利于*M. tb*潜伏感染^[20]。Rv2647基因编码蛋白在*M. tb*感染及致病中的作用尚不清楚。

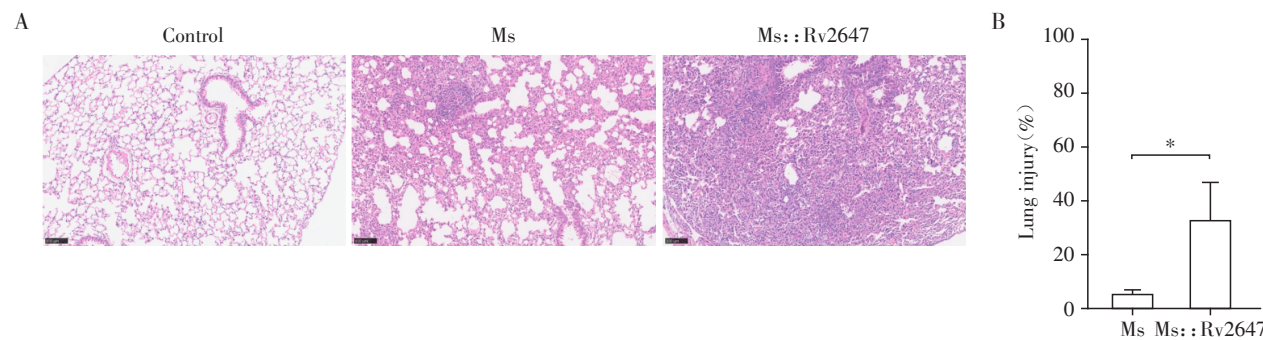
基因编辑技术是研究*M. tb*基因功能的有效手段。目前,应用于*M. tb*的基因敲除技术主要有依赖于同源重组的基因敲除技术和不依赖于同源重组的基因沉默技术。其中,噬菌体介导的同源重组技术可显著提高转染效率及同源重组效率而被广泛应用。本研究采用具有高DNA传递效率的含温敏



A: The HE staining of lung tissues were observed under microscope 30 days after tracheal infection with the H37Rv, H37RvΔRv2647, and H37RvΔRv2647::Rv2647 (2×10^6 CFU/mouse) in C57BL/6 mice (scale bar=100 μ m). B: Comparison of lung tissue inflammation area (%) 30 days after tracheal infection with the H37Rv, H37RvΔRv2647, and H37RvΔRv2647::Rv2647 (2×10^6 CFU/mouse) in C57BL/6 mice. *** $P < 0.001$ ($n=3$).

图9 感染*M. tb*后模型鼠肺组织损伤

Figure 9 Lung injury of model mice infected with *M. tb*



A: The HE staining of lung tissues were observed under microscope 30 days after tracheal infection with the Ms and Ms: Rv2647 (1×10⁷ CFU/mouse) in C57BL/6 mice (scale bar=100 μm). B: Comparison of lung tissue inflammation area (%) 7 days after tracheal infection with the Ms and Ms: Rv2647 (1×10⁷ CFU/mouse) in C57BL/6 mice. *P<0.05(n=3).

图10 感染Ms后模型鼠肺组织损伤
Figure 10 Lung injury of model mice infected with Ms

型噬菌体元件的穿梭质粒 phAE159, 构建了 phAE159-ΔRv2647 噬菌粒, 在 Ms 内扩增后导入 H37Rv, 获得 H37RvΔRv2647, 并进一步构建 H37RvΔRv2647::Rv2647 和 Ms::Rv2647, 为深入研究 Rv2647 基因的功能奠定了基础。

本研究中分别以 H37Rv、H37RvΔRv2647、H37RvΔRv2647::Rv2647、Ms 及 Ms::Rv2647 经气管攻击 C57BL/6 小鼠, H37RvΔRv2647 组模型鼠 30 d 生存率高于 H37Rv 组和 H37RvΔRv2647::Rv2647 组; Ms 组模型鼠 7 d 生存率也高于 Ms::Rv2647 组; H37RvΔRv2647 组模型鼠的肺组织细菌负荷和肺组织病理损伤程度均显著低于 H37Rv 组和 H37RvΔRv2647::Rv2647 组; 同样地, Ms 组模型鼠的肺组织细菌负荷和肺组织病理损伤程度亦显著低于 Ms::Rv2647 组。本研究提示, Rv2647 蛋白在 *M. tb* 感染的致病过程中可能通过削弱模型鼠对 *M. tb* 的清除效应而加重了肺组织的病理损伤, 其具体致病机制值得进一步探究。

本研究成功构建了 *M. tb* 的 Rv2647 基因敲除株 (H37RvΔRv2647) 和回补株 (H37RvΔRv2647::Rv2647) 以及过表达 Rv2647 的 Ms (Ms::Rv2647); 初步探明了 Rv2647 蛋白可能通过抑制模型鼠对 *M. tb* 的清除, 加重肺组织病理损伤。

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