

Table 1 Association analyses of haplotype tag SNPs

SNP	Block	Method of genotyping	GRR	Allelic distribution ^a			Genotypic distribution ^a				
				M	m	P value	M/M	M/m	m/m	P value	
rs2765	I	TaqMan	SCZ	1.33	411	345	0.685	114	183	81	0.861
			CONT		401	351		112	178	87	
rs3796977	II	TaqMan	SCZ	1.41	611	153	0.471	249	113	20	0.79
			CONT		598	164		240	120	22	
rs3796974	II	TaqMan	SCZ	1.34	502	264	0.992	165	172	46	0.563
			CONT		493	259		169	156	52	
rs12641703	III	TaqMan	SCZ	1.35	506	260	0.669	167	172	44	0.536
			CONT		485	261		164	157	52	
rs3796972	IV	PCR-RFLP	SCZ	1.33	406	350	0.45	106	195	78	0.397
			CONT		414	330		121	177	77	
rs11725038	V	TaqMan	SCZ	1.37	556	210	0.899	204	149	31	0.954
			CONT		548	210		201	146	33	
rs12649621	VI	TaqMan	SCZ	1.33	430	336	0.284	127	178	79	0.53
			CONT		407	355		113	183	87	
rs233976	VI	TaqMan	SCZ	1.44	639	123	0.833	270	100	12	0.614
			CONT		642	120		269	106	8	
rs1564613	Non-block	TaqMan	SCZ	1.66	710	52	0.799	331	48	2	0.793
			CONT		705	49		332	43	3	

CONT, control; GRR, genotype relative risk; M, major allele; m, minor allele; SCZ, schizophrenia; SNP, single nucleotide polymorphism.

^aIn absolute numbers.

Table 2 Haplotype analyses

Block	SNP	Haplo-type	SCZ ^a	CON ^a	P value ^b	Global P value ^b
		AT	0.455	0.44	0.558	
2	rs3796977- rs3796974	AC	0.345	0.344	0.993	0.734
		CT	0.2	0.215	0.467	
		GG	0.439	0.466	0.284	
6	rs12649621- rs233976	AG	0.4	0.377	0.348	0.531
		AA	0.161	0.157	0.837	

CONT, control; SCZ, schizophrenia; SNP, single nucleotide polymorphism.

^aEstimated frequencies.

^bP values were calculated by log-likelihood ratio test.

more than four participants given a lifetime morbidity risk of 1% will eventually develop schizophrenia. Second, we selected htSNPs so as to cover 90% of the haplotypes within each LD block. It is, however, possible that the htSNPs used in this study did not capture all haplotypes in the gene, as the LD block structure of *TACR3* was not tight. In other words, there may be SNPs not found in the LD, for which we did not investigate the possible association with schizophrenia. Thus, further analysis based on more comprehensive and detailed SNP coverage of *TACR3* is required to make conclusive results.

Conclusion

The present results suggest that *TACR3* itself is unlikely to be related to the development of schizophrenia in the Japanese population. Further studies including pharmacogenetic investigations are required, however, for conclusive results on the exact roles of *TACR3* in the pathophysiology of schizophrenia.

Acknowledgements

The authors thank R. Ishihara and Y. Nakamura for their technical support. This work was supported in part by

research grants from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology of Japan, the Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare of Japan, and the Japan Health Sciences Foundation (Research on Health Sciences Focusing on Drug Innovation).

References

- Almeida TA, Rojo J, Nieto PM, Pinto FM, Hernandez M, Martin JD, et al. Tachykinins and tachykinin receptors: structure and activity relationships. *Curr Med Chem* 2004; 11:2045-2081.
- Humpel C, Saria A, Regoli D. Injection of tachykinins and selective neurokinin receptor ligands into the substantia nigra reticulata increases striatal dopamine and 5-hydroxytryptamine metabolism. *Eur J Pharmacol* 1991; 195:107-114.
- Keegan KD, Woodruff GN, Pinnock RD. The selective NK3 receptor agonist senktide excites a subpopulation of dopamine-sensitive neurons in the rat substantia nigra pars compacta *in vitro*. *Br J Pharmacol* 1992; 105:3-5.
- Stoessl AJ, Szczutkowski E, Glenn B, Watson I. Behavioural effects of selective tachykinin agonists in midbrain dopamine regions. *Brain Res* 1991; 565:254-262.
- Spooren W, Riemer C, Meltzer H. Opinion: NK3 receptor antagonists: the next generation of antipsychotics? *Nat Rev Drug Discov* 2005; 4:967-975.
- Stoessl AJ, Dourish CT, Young SC, Williams BJ, Iversen SD, Iversen LL. Senktide, a selective neurokinin B-like agonist, elicits serotonin-mediated behaviour following intracisternal administration in the mouse. *Neurosci Lett* 1987; 80:321-326.
- Stoessl AJ, Dourish CT, Iversen SD. The NK-3 tachykinin receptor agonist senktide elicits 5-HT-mediated behaviour following central or peripheral administration in mice and rats. *Br J Pharmacol* 1988; 94:285-287.
- Meltzer HY, Arvanitis L, Bauer D, Rein W. Placebo-controlled evaluation of four novel compounds for the treatment of schizophrenia and schizoaffective disorder. *Am J Psychiatry* 2004; 161:975-984.
- Barrett JC, Fry B, Maller J, Daly MJ. Haploview: analysis and visualization of LD and haplotype maps. *Bioinformatics* 2005; 21:263-265.
- Motsinger AA, Lee SL, Mellick G, Ritchie MD. GPNN: power studies and applications of a neural network method for detecting gene-gene interactions in studies of human disease. *BMC Bioinformatics* 2006; 7:39.
- Sumiyoshi T, Matsui M, Yamashita I, Nohara S, Kurachi M, Uehara T, et al. The effect of tandospirone, a serotonin(1A) agonist, on memory function in schizophrenia. *Biol Psychiatry* 2001; 49:861-868.