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Notch 接受子對於生物的發育過程扮演很重要的調控角色。Notch1 接受子的活化是經由 Notch1 接受子細胞外區域與鄰近細胞的 ligand 結合而				
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The Notch signal pathway plays important roles in proliferation, apoptosis, and differentiation. Abnormalities in Notch signaling are linked to many human diseases. After ligand binding, Notch signaling is activated through the cleavage of Notch receptors to release and translocate the Notch intracellular domain into the nucleus. The Notch1 receptor intracellular domain (N1IC), the activated form of the Notch1 receptor, can modulate downstream target genes via both CBF1-dependent and -independent pathways. To further dissect the Notch1 signaling pathway, we screened the N1IC-associated proteins using a yeast two-hybrid system and identified nuclear .beta.II-tubulin as a candidate for the N1IC-associated proteins. It was suggested that the presence

of .beta.II-tubulin in nuclei might be correlated with the cancerous state of cells. However, the function of .beta.II-tubulin locating in the nucleus is still unknown. Herein, we show that the complex of .alpha.- and .beta.II-tubulin is associated with N1IC in cancer cells by a co-immunoprecipitation analysis. The ankyrin (ANK) domain of the Notch1 receptor alone was sufficient to associate with .beta.II-tubulin. Furthermore, .alpha.- and .beta.II-tubulin were localized in the nucleus and formed a complex with N1IC. Treatment with taxol increased the amounts of nuclear .alpha.- and .beta.II-tubulin in K562 and HeLa cells and promoted the CBF1-dependent transactivation activity of N1IC. We also demonstrate that nuclear .beta.II-tubulin was bound on the CBF1-response elements via the association with N1IC. These results suggest that nuclear .beta.II-tubulin can modulate Notch signaling through interaction with N1IC in cancer cells.