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- 1 뉴로셀텍**은 호모시스테인 농도를 낮추는 엽산과 비타민B₁₂ 함유로 심혈관¹⁾ 및 신부전 환자의 동맥경화증 발생 위험²⁾을 낮추어 줍니다.

1) J Am Diet Assoc. 97(1997) 167-173

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- 2 뉴로셀텍**은 당뇨병 치료제(Metformin) 장기 복용 시 엽산과 비타민B₁₂ 결핍으로 인한 말초신경병증(Peripheral Neuropathy) 발생위험을 낮추어 줍니다³⁾.

3) British medical journal 340(2010) 1177-1183

- 3 뉴로셀텍**은 골다공증 골절 위험을 유발하는⁴⁾ 호모시스테인의 농도를 낮추고 비타민D는 필요한 혈중 칼슘 농도 유지로 골대사에 도움을 줍니다⁵⁾.

4) N Engl Med 2004 350 2033-41

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- 4 뉴로셀텍** 함유 비타민류를 복용 시 비만 여성의 HDL-C와 휴식기 에너지 소비량은 증가하고 지방량과 LDL-C는 감소하여 고지혈증 위험을 감소 시킵니다⁶⁾.

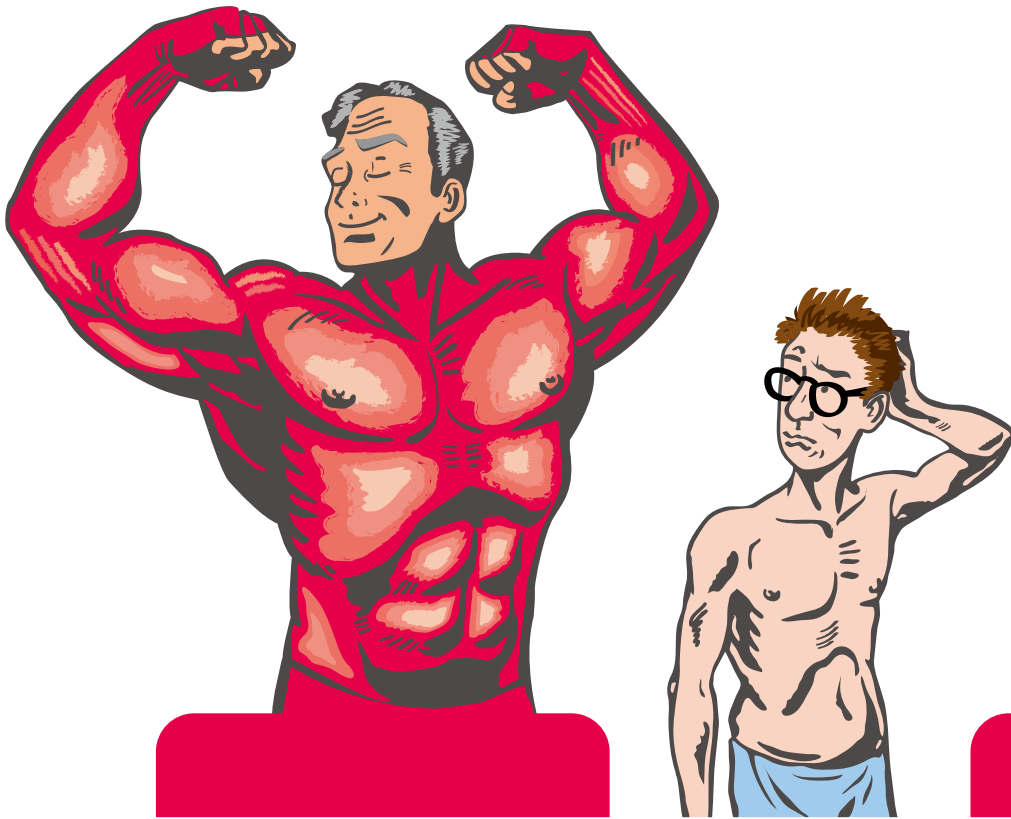
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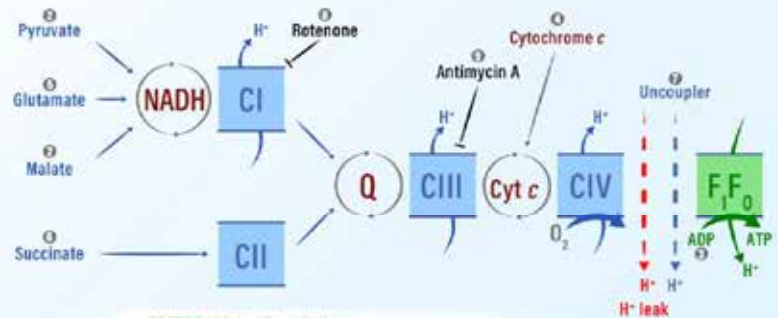
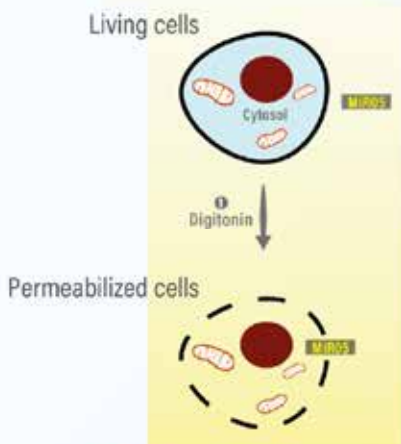
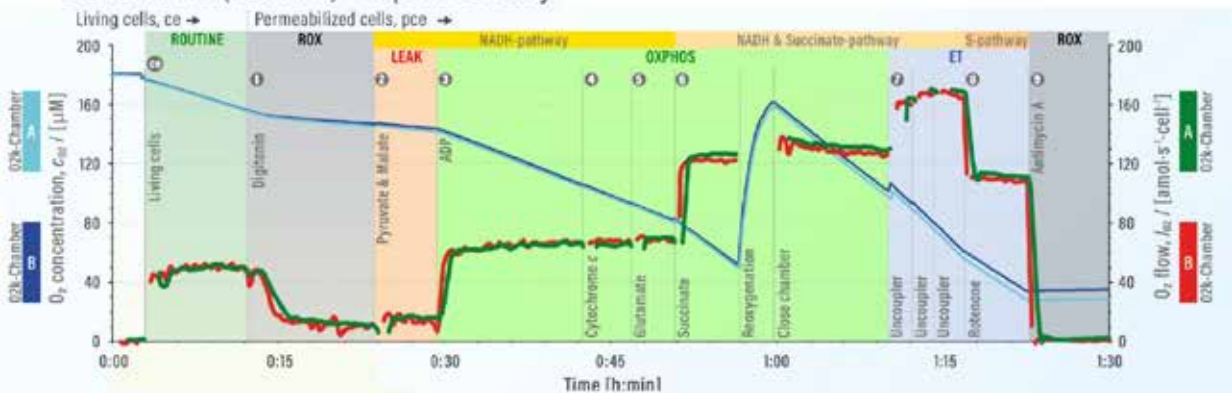
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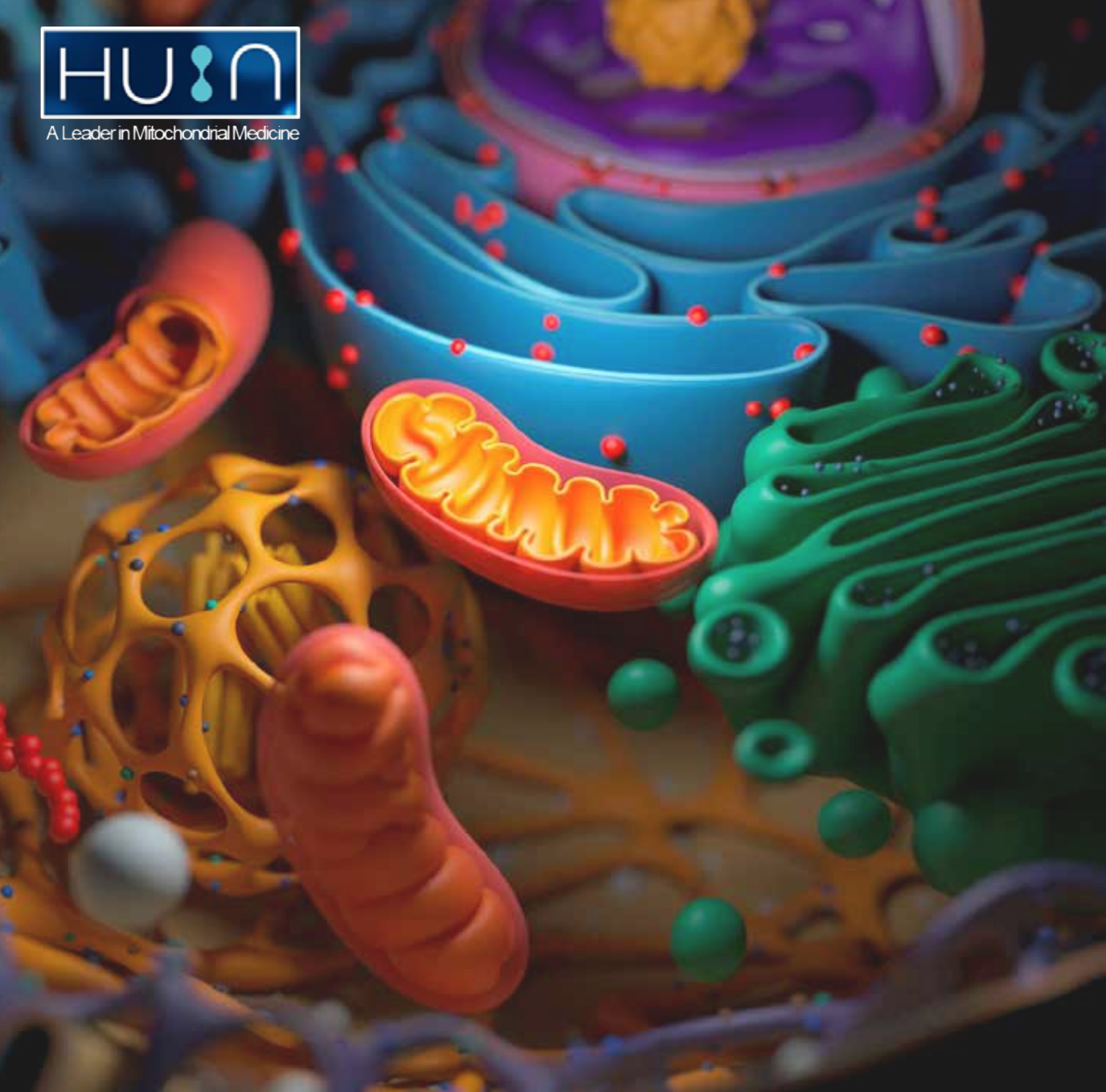
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GREETING


Dear colleagues and friends,

Welcome to the KSMRM·KSMCB 2020! On behalf of the organizing committee, it is my great pleasure to share with you the most updated mitochondrial festival under the theme on “Ongoing Voyage of Exciting Research Communications On Mitochondrial Enigma (OVERCOME)” in the 14th Conference of the Korean Society for Mitochondrial Research and Medicine (KSMRM 2020) in conjunction with 11th Symposium of the Mitochondrial Section of Korean Society for Molecular and Cellular Biology (KSMCB 2020), which will be held on October 8th, 2020 at the Grand Josun Busan, Korea. The KSMRM·KSMCB 2020 is a joint venue between the KSMRM and the Mitochondrial section of KSMCB, and is held annually. It is our goal to expose participants to ground breaking mitochondrial research from renowned international scientists while providing a platform for young researchers to interact with the larger scientific community. This year’s program will focus on molecular aspects of mitochondria and diseases, mitochondria in inter- and intra-cellular communications, recent progress on mitochondria in biology and medicine and mitochondria as clinical focal points. The conference will consist of the main talk sessions combined with the presidential lecture by professor Minho Shong (Mitochondrial proteostasis), and poster sessions. All speakers are the top experts in the field of mitochondrial research and medicine. Your participation through exchanging ideas and in-depth discussions will be a great contribution to the success of the KSMRM·KSMCB 2020. I would like to strongly encourage young researchers to join our conference and enjoy this exciting ‘OVERCOME’.

Particularly, we are now on the global COVID-19 pandemic and fighting against it. Interestingly, the localization of viral RNA and proteins in mitochondria is important in SARS-CoV-2 pathogenesis and a hot issue of COVID-19 pathologies. An investigation into interaction between SARS-CoV-2 and host mitochondria will provide critical insights into to OVERCOME COVID-19.

I and the organizing committee will try to make it a memorable, scientific and social experience. I look forward to seeing you at the KSMRM·KSMCB 2020.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in Korean, which reads "진한" (Jin Han).

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2007. 11. 16-17	2nd Conference of KSMRM, Busan
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2010. 06. 19	4th Conference of KSMRM in conjunction with 1st Symposium of Mitochondrial Section of KSMCB (Korean Society for Molecular and Cellular Biology), Daejeon
2010. 09. 15	KSMRM Symposium, Seoul
2010. 10. 19	KSMRM Symposium, Busan
2011. 01. 10	KSMRM Symposium, Seoul
2011. 01. 15	Symposium of Mitochondrial Section of KSMCB, Suwon
2011. 03. 15	KSMRM Symposium, Seoul
2011. 05. 17	KSMRM Symposium, Busan
2011. 06. 07	KSMRM Symposium, Daegu
2011. 06. 18	5th Conference of KSMRM in conjunction with 2nd Symposium of Mitochondrial Section of KSMCB, Daegu
2012. 03. 10	KSMRM-Mitochondrial Section of KSMCB Joint Symposium, Seoul
2012. 05. 10	KSMRM-Mitochondrial Section of KSMCB- Korean Diabetes Association (KDA) Joint Symposium, Daegu
2012. 11. 23	6th Conference of KSMRM in conjunction with 3rd Symposium of Mitochondrial Section of KSMCB, Seoul
2013. 05. 09	KSMRM-Mitochondrial Section of KSMCB- Korean Diabetes Association (KDA) Joint Symposium, Jeju
2013. 05. 25	KSMRM-Mitochondrial Section of KSMCB Joint Symposium, Seoul
2013. 07. 11	Mitochondrial Section of KSMCB-Cardiovascular Metabolic Disease Center, Inje University Joint Symposium, Busan
2013. 11. 04-05	7th Conference of KSMRM in conjunction with 4th Symposium of Mitochondrial Section of KSMCB & 10th Conference of ASMRM, Seoul
2014. 05. 23	8th Conference of KSMRM in conjunction with 5th Symposium of Mitochondrial Section of KSMCB, Busan
2015. 06. 11	IMPACT (Integrative Medicine: Physical Activity is a Core Tip) 2015 Symposium of Mitochondrial Section of KSMCB, Suwon
2015. 11. 20	9th Conference of KSMRM in conjunction with 6th Symposium of Mitochondrial Section of KSMCB, Daejeon

2016. 12. 09-10	10th Conference of KSMRM in conjunction with 7th Symposium of Mitochondrial Section of KSMCB, Hoengseong
2017. 11. 09	11th Conference of KSMRM in conjunction with 8th Symposium of Mitochondrial Section of KSMCB, Daejeon
2018. 11. 07-08	12th Conference of KSMRM in conjunction with 9th Symposium of Mitochondrial Section of KSMCB & 15th Conference of ASMRM, Busan
2019. 06. 19	13th Conference of KSMRM in conjunction with 10th Symposium of Mitochondrial Section of KSMCB, Daejeon
2020. 10. 08	14th Conference of KSMRM in conjunction with 11th Symposium of Mitochondrial Section of KSMCB, Busan



PROGRAM

09:20 - 09:30	Opening Address Jin Han (President of KSMRM / Chair of Mitochondrial Section of KSMCB)
Session 1	Molecular Aspects of Mitochondria and Diseases Chairperson: Dongryeol Ryu (Sungkyunkwan University)
09:30 - 09:50	Mapping the Mitochondrial Proteome in Aging and Disease Jae Myoung Suh (KAIST)
09:50 - 10:10	Mitochondrial Glutamine Transport and Cancer Jung Min Han (Yonsei University)
10:10 - 10:30	Mitochondria and Innate Host Defense Eun-Kyeong Jo (Chungnam National University School of Medicine)
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break (+Poster Viewing)
Session 2	Mitochondria in Inter-and Intra-Cellular Communications Chairperson: Joo-Yeon Yoo (Pohang University of Science and Technology)
11:00 - 11:20	Nuclear-encoded N-formylmethionyl Proteins in Cancer Cells Cheol-Sang Hwang (Pohang University of Science and Technology)
11:20 - 11:40	Caspase 9 is Essential for Autophagosome Maturation through Regulation of Mitochondrial Homeostasis Seong-Woon Yu (DGIST)
11:40 - 12:00	Evolutionary Relationship between Two Endosymbiotic Organelles, Mitochondria and Chloroplasts, Elucidated by the Protein Targeting Mechanisms Inhwan Hwang (Pohang University of Science and Technology)
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch
Session 3	Presidential Lecture Chairperson: Myung-Shik Lee (Yonsei University College of Medicine)
13:30-14:10	Cell Autonomous and Non-autonomous Regulation of Mitochondrial Proteostasis in Mammal Minho Shong (Chungnam National University School of Medicine)

Session 4	
Recent Progress on Mitochondria in Biology and Medicine	
	In-Kyu Lee (Kyungpook National University)
14:10 - 14:30	Stem Cells and Mitochondrial Diseases
	Jae Ho Kim (Pusan National University)
14:30 - 14:50	Lacation Improves Pancratic β Cell Mass and Function through Serotonin Production
	Hail Kim (KAIST)
14:50 - 15:10	Growth Differentiation Factor 15 Protects against Aging-mediated Systemic Inflammatory Response in Humans and Mice
	Hyon-Seung Yi (Chungnam National University School of Medicine)
15:10 - 15:40	Coffee Break (+Poster Viewing)

Session 5	
Mitochondria as Clinical Focal Points	
	Chairperson: Young-Mock Lee (Yonsei University College of Medicine)
15:40 - 16:00	Mitochondrial Diabetes and Mitochondrial DNA Mutant Load in MELAS
	Hyun-Wook Chae (Yonsei University College of Medicine)
16:00 - 16:20	Mitochondrial DNA Mutant Load of A3243G Mutation and Clinical Correlation in Neurology
	Ha Neul Lee (Yonsei University College of Medicine)
16:20 - 16:40	Effectivity and Safety of Corpus Callosotomy to Intractable Epilepsy of Mitochondrial Dysfunction
	Ji-Hoon Na (Ewha Womans University College of Medicine)
16:40 - 17:00	Closing Remarks
	Chairperson: Hong Kyu Lee (Honorary President of KSMRM, Advisor at PAEAN Biotechnology Inc.)



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Aging entails a multifactorial sequence of changes across developmental time at the level of molecules, organelles, cells, tissues and systems. Within this complexity, metabolic alterations arise as a pervasive feature within the hierarchy of age-associated changes. Mitochondria stand at the center of metabolism and increasing evidence points to mitochondrial dysfunction as a driver of the aging process. As such, understanding the molecular changes that underlie mitochondrial dysfunction during aging is essential to clarify the link between aging and metabolism. However, robust methods to dissect molecular changes in mitochondria during organismal aging are lacking. Here we report the development of an *in vivo* tool to profile mitochondrial proteomes utilizing proximity labeling techniques. We generated transgenic mice which ubiquitously express mitoAPEX, an engineered peroxidase containing a mitochondrial matrix targeting sequence. Upon label activating conditions, mitoAPEX rapidly (<1 min) catalyzes production of biotin radicals which biotinylate proteins within a 20 nm radius. mitoAPEX transgenic mice expressed APEX in the mitochondrial matrix compartment of multiple tissues. Spot-ID analysis of biotinylated proteomes from proximity labeled mitoAPEX mouse tissues confirmed specific and efficient labeling of the mitochondrial proteome and tissue-specific patterns of the matrix proteome. We next characterized changes in the mitochondrial proteome during the aging process focusing on muscle tissues. Muscle mitochondrial proteome analysis from old and young mitoAPEX mice revealed significant changes in the quantity and composition of protein species. Of these, Reticulon 4 interacting Protein 1 (RTN4IP1), previously reported to be localized to the mitochondrial outer membrane, was found to be downregulated in muscle tissue of old mice. Furthermore, we have confirmed RTN4IP1 is present in the mitochondrial matrix and not in the outer membrane. We are currently characterizing the molecular function of RTN4IP1 in mitochondria along with its physiological role in muscle aging. Taken together, we have generated and validated the mitoAPEX mouse as a new tool to map dynamic changes of the mitochondrial proteome *in vivo*. The mitoAPEX mice will allow for detailed characterization of the aging mitochondrial proteome to gain new insight into the relationship between mitochondrial function, metabolism, and aging.

Keywords

mitochondria, proximity labeling, proteomics, muscle aging



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Mitochondrial Glutamine Transport and Cancer

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Glutamine has a versatile role in cell metabolism, participating in ATP energy production, tricarboxylic acid (TCA) cycle supplementation and the biosynthesis of nucleotides, glutathione (GSH), and other nonessential amino acids. As knowledge of cancer metabolism has advanced, glutamine has been considered an important amino acid that supplies carbon and nitrogen to fuel biosynthesis. Thus, glutamine deprivation suppresses cancer growth and even induces cell death in many cancers. This metabolic dependency of transformed cells on glutamine constitutes the recently defined glutamine addiction. Despite the importance of mitochondrial glutamine metabolism, the mitochondrial glutamine transporter, encoded by a transcript variant of the SLC1A5 gene, which encodes a well-known plasma membrane glutamine transporter, was only recently discovered. A recent study provided a new perspective on mitochondrial glutamine metabolism, offering mechanistic insights into metabolic adaptation during tumor hypoxia, the emergence of drug resistance, and glutaminolysis-induced metabolic reprogramming, and presenting metabolic strategies to target glutamine metabolism in cancer cells. In this talk, we introduce the various biosynthetic and bioenergetic roles of glutamine based on mitochondrial compartmentalization of glutamine metabolism to explain why cells exhibit metabolic reliance on glutamine.

Keywords

mitochondria, glutamine, glutamine transport, metabolic reprogramming, Warburg effect





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Autophagy and innate immune responses in mycobacterial infection

Identification of new regulators and their molecular mechanisms in innate immune signaling

Development of therapeutic modalities to control infection and inflammation

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Mitofusin-2 in Innate Host Defense against Bacterial Infection

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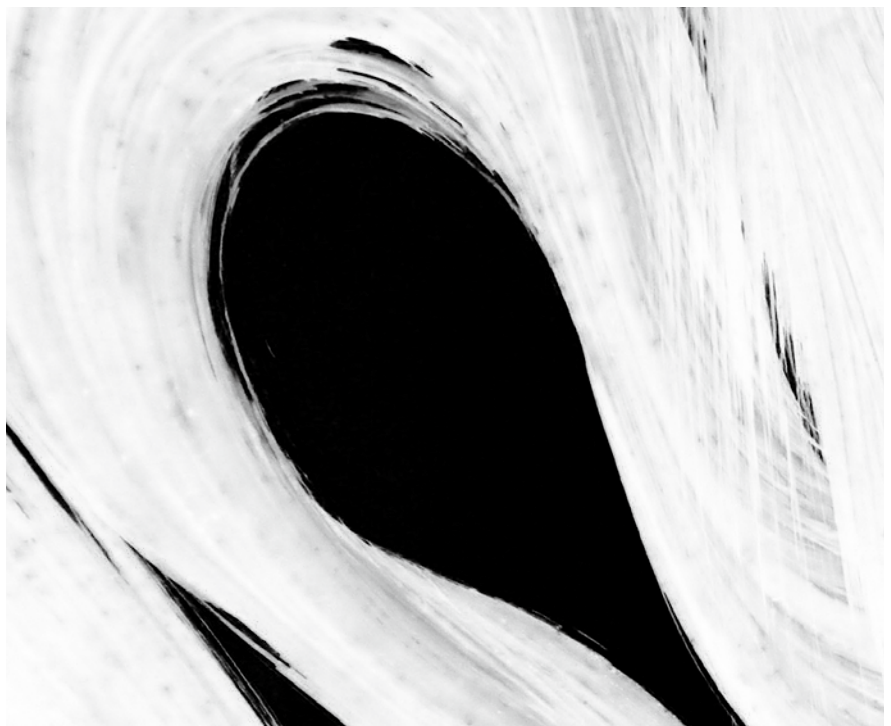
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Mitochondria are the major energy powerhouses and orchestrate a variety of intracellular biological functions including metabolic homeostasis, inflammation, and innate immunity. Mitochondrial morphological changes by coordinated fission and fusion processes are critical for the removal of damaged mitochondria and keeping mitochondrial quality control. Mitochondrial dynamics is tightly controlled by the dynamin-related GTPases which constitute the core system of mitochondrial fusion and fission cycle. Imbalance of mitochondrial dynamics between fusion and fission is associated with various pathological responses and diseases including type 2 diabetes, Alzheimer disease, heart failure, and etc. Despite this, it remains largely unknown the functions/mechanisms of mitochondrial shaping proteins in modulating host antimicrobial innate defenses. Among the mitochondria-shaping proteins, we focused on the function of mitofusin 2 (Mfn2), because it was transcriptionally regulated by estrogen-related receptor- α , a crucial regulator of controlling inflammation and host defense. In this talk, I'll introduce our recent findings that Mfn2 plays a critical role in antimicrobial immune responses through regulation of immunometabolism and xenophagy during intracellular bacterial infection.

Keywords

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N-terminal acetylation and the N-degron pathways

New ubiquitin code and signaling

Formyl-methionine-mediated protein synthesis and degradation in eukaryotes

Proteostasis in health and diseases

Representative Publications

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Cytosolic Ribosomes of Eukaryotes Produce N-Terminally Formylated Proteins

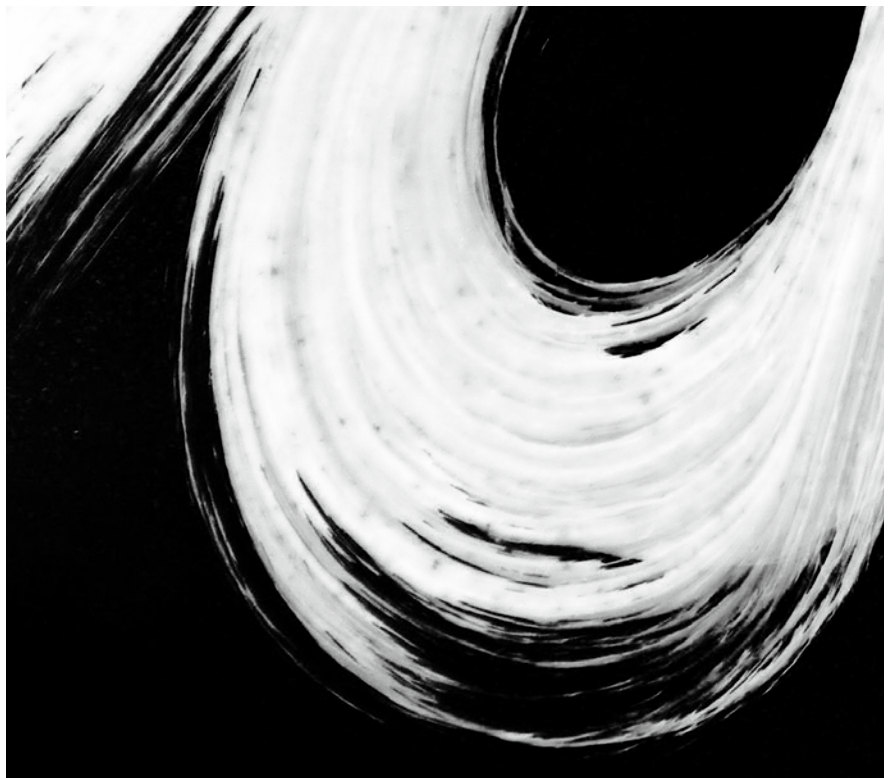
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Formyl-methionine (fMet) of newly-made proteins is pre-created by methionyl-tRNA formyltransferases that attach a formyl group from 10formyltetrahydrofolate (10-fTHF) to the initiator Met-tRNAⁱ. The fMet-driven protein synthesis was long-known to be confined to bacteria and eukaryotic mitochondria and plastids, whereas eukaryotic proteins are produced with unformylated Met by cytosolic ribosomes. Unlike this well-established assumption (without supporting unambiguous evidence), our previous study uncovered that the fMet-mediated protein synthesis also takes place even in the cytosol of the eukaryotic budding yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, due to a cytosolic location of mitochondrial Fmt1 formyltransferase upon stressful conditions including nutrient deprivation, and subsequent fMet-tRNAⁱ production, which mediates the synthesis of Nt-formylated proteins in the cytosol. Despite the evident occurrence of fMet-mediated protein synthesis in the eukaryotic cytosol, its molecular details have not been explored thus far. Here we identify and characterize key components for the fMet-mediated translation by the cytosolic ribosomes in yeast and mammalian cells.

Keywords

formyl-methionine, formyltransferase, mitochondria, ribosome, translation



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Caspase 9 is essential for autophagosome maturation through regulation of mitochondrial homeostasis

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CASP9 (caspase 9) is a well-known initiator caspase which triggers intrinsic apoptosis. Recent studies also suggest various non-apoptotic roles of CASP9, including autophagy regulation. However, the involvement of CASP9 in autophagy and its molecular mechanisms are not well understood. Here we report the non-apoptotic function of CASP9 in positive regulation of autophagy through maintenance of mitochondrial homeostasis. Growth factor or amino acid deprivation-induced autophagy activated CASP9, but without apoptotic features. Pharmacological inhibition or genetic ablation of CASP9 decreased autophagy flux, while ectopic expression of CASP9 rescued autophagy defects. In CASP9 knockout (KO) cells, initiation and elongation of phagophore membranes were normal, but sealing of the membranes and autophagosome maturation were impaired, and the lifetime of autophagosomes was prolonged. Ablation of CASP9 caused an accumulation of inactive ATG3 and decreased lipidation of the Atg8-family members, most severely that of GABARAPL1. Moreover, it resulted in abnormal mitochondrial morphology with depolarization of the membrane potential, reduced reactive oxygen species production, and aberrant accumulation of mitochondrial fusion-fission proteins. CASP9 expression or exogenously added H₂O₂ in the CASP9 KO cells corrected the ATG3 level and lipidation status of Atg8-family members, and restored autophagy flux. Of note, only CASP9 expression but not H₂O₂ rescued mitochondrial defects, revealing regulation of mitochondrial homeostasis by CASP9. Our findings suggest a new regulatory link between mitochondria and autophagy through CASP9 activity, especially for the proper operation of the Atg8-family conjugation system and autophagosome closure and maturation.

Keywords

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Evolution of chloroplasts and mitochondria: a new look through a window of the cellular system, protein targeting mechanism

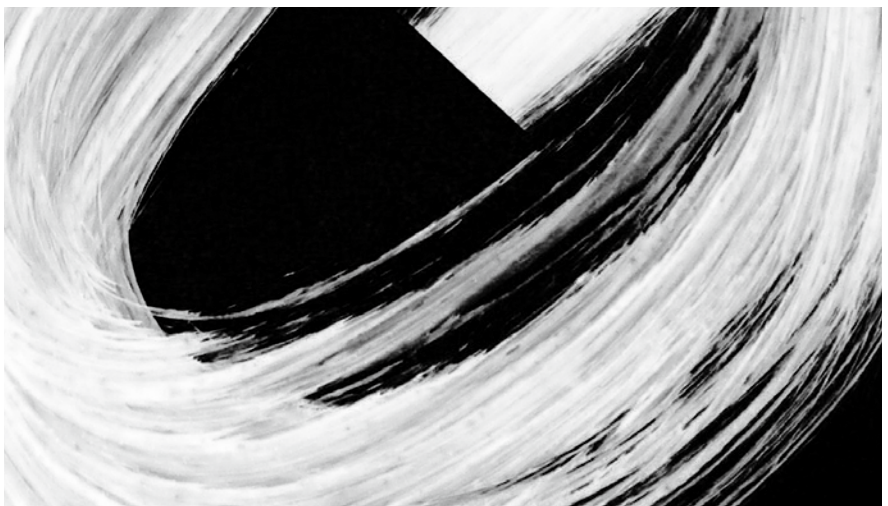
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One of most fascinating questions in biology is how the current form of eukaryotic cells with many different types of organelles has arisen during evolution. Of these organelles, chloroplasts and mitochondria are thought to be derived from two bacteria, cyanobacterium and α -proteobacterium, respectively. For their conversion to organelles, the most critical event for successful endosymbiosis should have been the establishment of protein targeting mechanisms from the host cell to the endosymbionts. These mechanisms should have been established after reflecting cellular conditions of the host cell to ensure specific targeting of proteins to new organelles, implying that protein targeting mechanisms may contain a clue to reveal the evolutionary process of the target organelles. In this talk, I will present evidence that the targeting signals of outer membrane proteins have a hierarchical ranking of the ER, chloroplasts and mitochondria. The targeting signal, presequence, of mitochondrial proteins might have been generated by fusion of the targeting signal, transit peptide, of chloroplasts with a bacterial targeting signal. This kind of relationship in the targeting signals was conserved among three different types of organisms, animals, plants and yeasts.

Keywords

Evolution of eukaryotic cells, chloroplast and mitochondria, endosymbiotic conversion, targeting mechanism, organelles





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Interorgan Coordination of Organ-specific Mitoribosomal Stress Response

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Mitoribosome is essential in cell viability, growth, differentiation and function.(Greber and Ban, 2016; Ott et al., 2016). Loss or mutations of any of the 78 proteins in mitoribosomal components might affect the mitoribosomal RNA processing and produce human mitochondrial disorders (Sylvester et al., 2004). In fact, the expression of genes encoding for mitoribosomal proteins (MRPs), mitoribosome assembly factors and mitochondrial translation factors is modified in numerous diseases (De Silva et al., 2015) (Kim et al., 2017a). Mutations of the single component of MRPs frequently do not fully inactivate mitoribosomal function resulting diminished oxidative phosphorylation capacity. Although all of the MRPs genes are candidate for primary mitochondrial disease, but only a small numbers of MRPs mutations (MRPL9, MRPL27, MRPL45) manifest diabetes (Sylvester et al., 2004). These findings indicate that the mutations of MRPs may also manifest in a tissue-specific manner that give rise to a spectrum of disorders including diabetes. Surprisingly, it has been demonstrated that linkage of MRPs with organismal lifespan (Houtkooper et al., 2013). These observations suggest that functional expression level of MRPs may affect tissue homeostasis and organismal health.

Reduced mitochondrial electron transport chain activity promotes longevity and improves energy homeostasis via cell-autonomous and –non-autonomous factors in multiple model systems. This mitohormetic effect is thought to involve the mitochondrial unfolded protein response (UPR^{mt}), an adaptive stress-response pathway activated by mitochondrial proteotoxic stress. Using mice with skeletal muscle-specific deficiency of Crif1 (muscle-specific knockout [MKO]), an integral protein of the large mitoribosomal subunit (39S), we identified growth differentiation factor 15 (GDF15) as a UPR^{mt}-associated cell–non-autonomous myomitokine that regulates systemic energy homeostasis. MKO mice were protected against obesity and sensitized to insulin, an effect associated with elevated GDF15 secretion after UPR^{mt} activation.

To identify the differential effects of mitokines, GDF15 and FGF21 on the metabolic phenotype of adipocyte-specific Crif1 (also known as Gadd45gip1) knockout (AdKO) AdKO mice, we generated AdKO mice with global Gdf15 knockout (AdGKO) or global Fgf21 knockout (AdFKO). Under high-fat diet conditions, AdKO mice were resistant to weight gain and exhibited higher EE and improved glucose tolerance. In vivo genetic inhibition of OxPhos in adipocytes significantly upregulated mitochondrial unfolded protein response-related genes and secretion of mitokines such as GDF15 and FGF21. We evaluated the metabolic phenotypes of AdGKO and AdFKO mice, revealing that GDF15 and FGF21 differentially regulated energy homeostasis in AdKO mice. Both mitokines had beneficial effects on obesity and insulin resistance in the context of decreased adipocyte OxPhos, but only GDF15 regulated EE in AdKO mice.

Our data from AdGKO mice fed an HFD for 8 weeks revealed that long-term induction of GDF15 in AdKO mice attenuated progression of obesity in this context through increased EE. Our findings in AdFKO mice suggested that prolonged induction of FGF21 in AdKO mice did not affect EE, but remarkably ameliorated HFD-induced obesity and insulin resistance. The present study demonstrated that the muscle and adipose tissue adaptive mitochondrial stress response affected systemic energy homeostasis via cell-autonomous and non-cell-autonomous pathways.





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RECENT PROGRESS ON MITOCHONDRIA IN BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE

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Stem cells and mitochondrial diseases

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Mitochondrial dysfunction is known to be responsible for a number of human diseases. Recent studies have shown that direct transfer of healthy mitochondria can restore the function of cells with mitochondrial dysfunction. Therefore, preparation of healthy mitochondria is great significance for therapy of mitochondrial diseases. In order to isolate a large number of mitochondria, in this study, human mesenchymal stem cells (MSC) and human embryonic stem cells-derived cardiomyocytes (hESC-CM) were used as donor cells for mitochondria transfer. MSC was isolated from human tonsil tissues, and hESC-CM was produced by inducing differentiation of H9 human embryonic stem cells. The mitochondria in hESC-CM exhibited highly organized tubular structures containing elongated cristae compared with that in MSC. The mitochondria isolated from hESC-CM and MSC could be transferred to recipient MSC in vitro. The mitochondria-transferred recipient MSC exhibited increased mitochondrial number and membrane potential. These results suggest that MSC and hESC-CM could be good donor cells for mitochondria transfer and therapy of mitochondrial diseases.

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Lactation improves pancreatic β cell mass and function through serotonin production

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Pregnancy imposes a substantial metabolic burden on women through weight gain and insulin resistance. Lactation reduces the risk of maternal postpartum diabetes, but the mechanisms underlying this benefit are unknown. Here, we identified long-term beneficial effects of lactation on β cell function, which last for years after the cessation of lactation. We analyzed metabolic phenotypes including β cell characteristics in lactating and non-lactating humans and mice. Lactating and non-lactating women showed comparable glucose tolerance at 2 months after delivery, but after a mean 3.6 years, glucose tolerance in lactated women had improved compared to non-lactated women. In humans, the disposition index, a composite insulin secretory function of β cells considering the degree of insulin sensitivity, was higher in lactated women at 3.6 years after delivery. In mice, lactating mice had improved glucose tolerance and increased β cell mass compared to non-lactating mice at 3 weeks after delivery. During lactation, increased plasma prolactin induces serotonin production in β cells. Secreted serotonin stimulated β cell proliferation through serotonin receptor 2B in an autocrine/paracrine manner. Amelioration of glucose tolerance and insulin secretion was maintained up to 4 months after delivery in lactated mice. Glucose tolerance and insulin secretion was impaired in β cell-specific Tph1 or Htr2b knockout (KO) mice during lactation. In addition, intracellular serotonin acted as an antioxidant to mitigate oxidative stress and improved β cell survival. Taken together, our results suggest that serotonin mediates the long-term beneficial effects of lactation on female metabolic health by increasing β cell proliferation and reducing oxidative stress in β cells.



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Growth differentiation factor 15 protects against the aging - mediated systemic inflammatory response in humans and mice

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Mitochondrial dysfunction is associated with aging - mediated inflammation. Growth differentiation factor 15 (GDF15) is a major mitokine generated in response to mitochondrial stress and dysfunction; however, the implications of GDF15 to the aging process are poorly understood in mammals. In this study, we identified a link between mitochondrial stress - induced GDF15 production and protection from tissue inflammation on aging in humans and mice. We observed an increase in serum levels and hepatic expression of GDF15 in elderly subjects. In the BXD mouse reference population, mice with metabolic impairments and shorter survival were found to exhibit higher hepatic Gdf15 expression. Mendelian randomization links reduced GDF15 expression in human blood to increased body weight and inflammation. GDF15 deficiency promotes tissue inflammation by increasing the activation of resident immune cells in metabolic organs, such as in the liver and adipose tissues of 20 - month - old mice. Aging also results in more severe liver injury and hepatic fat deposition in Gdf15 - deficient mice. Although GDF15 is not required for Th17 cell differentiation, GDF15 contributes to regulatory T - cell - mediated suppression of conventional T - cell activation and inflammatory cytokines. Taken together, these data reveal that GDF15 is indispensable for attenuating aging - mediated local and systemic inflammation, thereby maintaining glucose homeostasis and insulin sensitivity in humans and mice.

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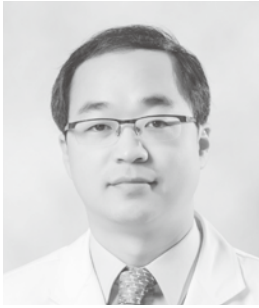
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Mitochondrial diabetes and mitochondrial DNA mutation load in MELAS syndrome

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Mitochondrial myopathy, encephalopathy, lactic acidosis, and stroke-like episodes (MELAS) syndrome is a very rare condition; it encompasses a diverse group of disorders including diabetes. Phenotypic variability can be attributed to heteroplasmy along with varying proportions of mutant and wild type mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA). To examine the clinical relationship between mitochondrial diabetes and mutational load, we analyzed the mtDNA of children and young adolescents with MELAS syndrome using next generation sequencing (NGS).

Of 57 subjects with suspected MELAS syndrome, 32 children and young adolescents were diagnosed as MELAS syndrome with mtDNA A-to-G transition at nucleotide 3243. Mutation load studies and NGS were performed for 25 subjects. The mean mutation load was $60.4 \pm 18.4\%$ (range 22.5–100). Of the 25 subjects with NGS results, 15 (60%) were diagnosed with DM and 2 (8%) were diagnosed with impaired glucose tolerance (IGT). The mutational load of subjects inversely correlated with first symptom onset, age at diagnosis of MELAS syndrome, and DM ($P < 0.001$). However, mutational load did not correlate with the clinical severity or progression of DM/IGT. There was no significant difference in insulin resistance or sensitivity indices between the low- and high-mutation load groups. During the 3.7 years of follow-up, insulin resistance indices were not significantly different between baseline and follow-up.

We can infer that the mutation load in the MELAS syndrome is significantly associated with the onset of symptoms and associated diseases, including mitochondrial diabetes. However, it may not influence disease progression.

Keywords

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Background: Mitochondrial disorders are a group of genetically and clinically heterogeneous disorders resulting from mutations in the nuclear or mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA), causing dysfunction, and resultant defective energy production. Among them, mitochondrial encephalomyopathy, lactic acidosis, and stroke-like episodes (MELAS) is one of the most commonly inherited types of encephalopathy of maternal origin; that occurs through mutation in mtDNA. MELAS is characterized by ongoing and degenerative disease course because of recurrent stroke-like episodes and associated neurologic sequelae, involvement of other non-neurologic organs including the heart, kidney, gastrointestinal system, endocrine system, and even psychological issues. Around ~80% of MELAS patients harbor one specific mutation in mtDNA, A to G transition of tRNA gene for leucine (UUR) at nucleotide position 3243. Disease-causing mtDNA mutations are heteroplasmic, which implies that normal and mutant mitochondria are mixed within the same cells. The level of heteroplasmy, or in other words, mutant load, can vary in affected individuals, which contributes to extreme clinical variability. Several previous studies have investigated the natural history and disease progression of the MELAS syndrome, yet correlation between mtDNA mutant load and disease progression in MELAS is not completely understood. Therefore, I aimed to investigate the levels of blood mtDNA A3243G mutant load at the time of genetic diagnosis via next generation sequencing (NGS) technology of patients confirmed to have pathogenic A3243G mutation, and then to investigate the correlation of blood mtDNA mutant load and functional scale changes over time to reflect disease progression in MELAS. I also investigated the correlation, especially with respect to the neurological and muscular aspects in consideration of recurrent stroke-like episodes.

Methods: I performed whole mitochondrial DNA sequencing by NGS on samples from 57 patients with clinical suspicions of MELAS syndrome. Among them, 32 patients were confirmed to have mtDNA A3243G mutation. Finally, 25 patients who met the clinical criteria for MELAS, had mtDNA A3243G mutation and blood samples available for mtDNA mutant load analysis at the same time, were recruited for final inclusion. I collected the demographics and clinical data by retrospective electronic medical chart review. I applied functional scales that were previously published and validated in several other studies, including modified Rankin Scale (mRS), The Newcastle Paediatric Mitochondrial Disease Ratings Scale (NPMDS), and The Newcastle Mitochondrial Disease Adult Scale (NMDAS). As these scales contain large number of questions and with wide score range, especially NPMDS and NMDAS,

I modified and simplified the questions from these questionnaires and designed functional scales for the current study. Function_total, Neuromuscular_total, and Non-neuromuscular_total are 3 simplified and modified versions. I applied these 6 functional scales for 25 MELAS patients at 4 different time points during the disease progression – symptom onset, first year, second stroke-like episode and the last visit. Then I analyzed the correlation between the mtDNA mutant load at genetic diagnosis and obtained changes in functional scale over time. P-value <.05 was considered statistically significant.

Results: Quantitative analysis of mtDNA mutant load at genetic diagnosis via NGS method revealed the mean mutant load of $60.2 \pm 18.8\%$ (22.5-100). I investigated the association between the mtDNA mutant load at genetic diagnosis and clinical variables, and functional scale changes at 4 different time points to reflect the degenerative disease course of MELAS. This study revealed that the mutant load at genetic diagnosis inversely correlated with age of symptom onset, age at seizure onset, and age at first clinical and MRI-confirmed stroke-like episode (all $P < .0001$, respectively). The mtDNA mutant load also negatively correlated with worse abnormality in MRS study and maximal serum lactic acidosis level ($P = 0.0032$ and $P = 0.0007$, respectively). When I analyzed the correlation between mtDNA mutant load and functional scales, the mtDNA mutant load did not significantly correlate with any of the 6 functional scales. When I looked further into each time point, Function_total correlated positively at symptom onset ($r = 0.5476$, $P = 0.0046$) but this trend did not persist through disease progression. Neuromuscular_total did not correlate significantly at symptom onset but it correlated positively with significance at the last visit ($r = 0.4418$, $P = 0.027$). Therefore, I further investigated the changes in functional scales in between each time point and their correlation with the mutant load, and I found that the changes in Neuromuscular_total (Δ) during disease progression (symptom onset – year 1- 2nd stroke-like episode – last visit or symptom onset – year 1 – last visit or symptom onset – 2nd stroke-like episode – last visit) all correlated positively with significance ($r = 0.5075$, $P = 0.0096$; $r = 0.532$, $P = 0.0062$; and $r = 0.4698$, $P = 0.0178$, respectively). When I investigated further to examine if this trend continued with increase in disease duration by 1 month, the trend was consistent with statistical significance ($r = 0.4284$, $P = 0.0326$, $r = 0.428$, $P = 0.0328$, $r = 0.4012$, $P = 0.0468$, respectively).

Conclusion: In conclusion, the blood mtDNA mutant load obtained at the time of genetic diagnosis (earlier in the disease course and close to first clinical stroke-like episode) in clinically symptomatic patients who were confirmed to have a mtDNA A3243G pathogenic mutation with a genetic diagnosis, the higher mutant load the earlier symptom onset, seizure onset, and stroke-like episode age, reflected worse clinical severity from the beginning. In addition, even though previously validated functional scales of mRS, NPMDs, and NMDAS reflect changes with time in these population with significance, yet they do not correlate with blood mutant load at genetic diagnosis. However, modified and simplified versions of Neuromuscular_total reflected disease progression with significant correlation with blood mutant load, which may enable better clinical decision making and provisions for expected counseling in these patients. The current study data was limited by the lack of validity of the modified and simplified versions of our functional scales which need further validation with a larger number of mitochondrial disease patients, and not only those with MELAS.

Keywords

MELAS; mitochondrial disease; A3243G mutation; mutant load; heteroplasmy; neuromuscular function

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Effective application of corpus callosotomy in intractable epilepsy patients with mitochondrial dysfunction

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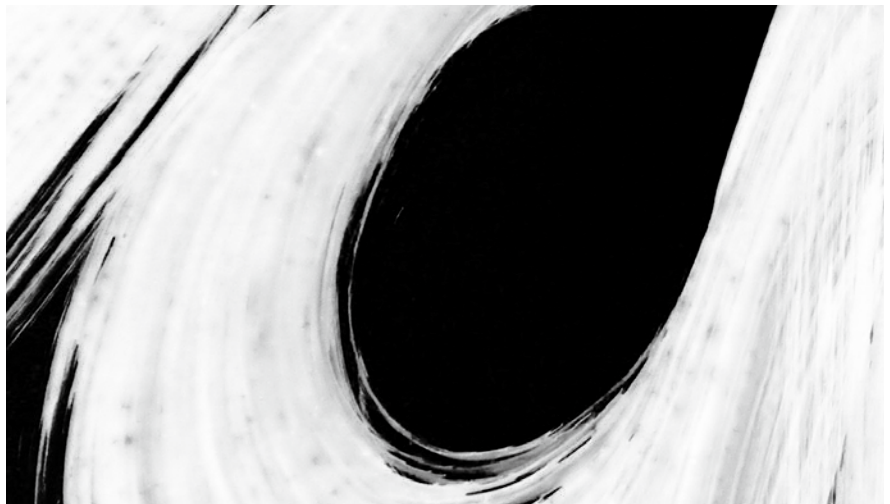
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Whether epilepsy surgery such as corpus callosotomy is effective in patients with intractable epilepsy with mitochondrial dysfunction is controversial and there is rare literature about this issue. This study aimed to assess and describe the effective application of corpus callosotomy for treating patients with intractable epilepsy with mitochondrial dysfunction in a single institution in Korea. This was a retrospective study of patients with intractable epilepsy with mitochondrial dysfunction who underwent corpus callosotomy in a single tertiary care center. Ten patients with intractable epilepsy with mitochondrial dysfunction were included and ten patients with intractable epilepsy with non-mitochondrial dysfunctions were included as a control group. Outcomes of corpus callosotomy of the two groups were evaluated and compared. Corpus callosotomy was safely performed and was efficacious in reducing seizure frequency in both groups. The group with non-mitochondrial dysfunction showed slightly better treatment outcomes, with greater reductions in overall seizures, traumatic falling seizures, and EEG improvements, but the differences in treatment effects were not statistically significant. Our study is meaningful as it identified the use of corpus callosotomy as a means to save lives and improve quality of life by reducing the frequency of seizures and those associated with traumatic falling in patients with intractable epilepsy with mitochondrial dysfunction. Larger and multicenter studies are necessary to confirm the efficacy of the procedure.

Keywords

corpus callosotomy, mitochondrial dysfunction, epilepsy, epilepsy surgery, seizure





POSTER PRESENTATION

Tetrahydrobiopterin regulated cardiac energy metabolism in diabetic hearts

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Diabetic cardiomyopathy (DCM) is a major cause of mortality/morbidity in diabetes mellitus patients. Although tetrahydrobiopterin (BH4) shows therapeutic potential as an endogenous cardiovascular target, its effect on myocardial cells and mitochondria in DCM and the underlying mechanisms remain unknown. Here, we determined the involvement of BH4 deficiency in DCM and the therapeutic potential of BH4 supplementation in a rodent DCM model. We observed a decreased BH4:total biopterin ratio in heart and mitochondria accompanied by cardiac remodeling, lower cardiac contractility, and mitochondrial dysfunction. Prolonged BH4 supplementation improved cardiac function, corrected morphological abnormalities in cardiac muscle, and increased mitochondrial activity. Proteomics analysis revealed oxidative phosphorylation (OXPHOS) as the BH4-targeted biological pathway in diabetic hearts as well as BH4-mediated rescue of downregulated peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor- γ coactivator 1- α (PGC-1 α) signaling as a key modulator of OXPHOS and mitochondrial biogenesis. Mechanistically, BH4 bound to calcium/calmodulin-dependent protein kinase kinase 2 (CaMKK2) and activated downstream AMP-activated protein kinase/cAMP response element binding protein/PGC-1 α signaling to rescue mitochondrial and cardiac dysfunction in DCM. These results suggest BH4 as a novel endogenous activator of CaMKK2.

Keywords

CaMKK2 / diabetic cardiomyopathy / mitochondria / PGC-1 α / tetrahydrobiopterin

Dual modulation of the mPTP and redox signaling synergistically promotes cardiomyocyte differentiation from pluripotent stem cells

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Concomitant increase of myofibrils and mitochondria is a key process of cardiomyocyte differentiation from pluripotent stem cells (PSCs). Specifically, development of mitochondrial oxidative metabolic capacity in cardiomyocytes is essential to providing the energy necessary to sustain the beating function. Therefore, the connection between transcriptional and metabolic regulation is important for cardiomyocyte specification and differentiation, and a nucleus-mitochondria interaction is required to translate signals that regulate cardiomyogenesis. Although previous studies reported that mitochondrial function and oxidative metabolism have some correlation with the differentiation of cardiomyocytes, the mechanism by which mitochondrial oxidative metabolism is regulated and the link between cardiomyogenesis and mitochondrial function are still poorly understood. Additionally, reactive oxygen species modulate the differentiation of cardiomyocytes from embryonic stem cells (ESCs), but the exact role of redox signaling in PSC-derived cardiomyocyte differentiation remains controversial.

In this study, we demonstrate that Cyclosporin A (CsA) promotes differentiation of functional cardiomyocytes from mouse ESC-derived Flk1+ mesodermal precursor cells (MPCs) by inhibition of mitochondrial permeability transition pore (mPTP). This increase in differentiation appears to result from activation of mitochondrial oxidative metabolism. In addition, we found that antioxidant treatment augmented the cardiomyogenic effect of CsA. These data thus constitute novel evidence that activation of mitochondrial oxidative metabolism via inhibition of mPTP and subsequent changes in redox signaling pathways are contributing factors in PSC fate determination toward the cardiac lineage.

Keywords

mitochondria, oxidative, cardiomyocyte, differentiation, mPTP, CsA

Oligosaccharyl transferase in *C. elegans* that maintains ER homeostasis and p38-dependent immunity against pathogenic bacteria

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The oligosaccharyl transferase (OST) protein complex regulates stability, activity, and localization of substrate proteins in the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) by modulating the N-linked glycosylation of its substrates. Although many OST substrate proteins have been identified, the physiological role of the OST complex is relatively unexplored. Here we show that the OST complex in *C. elegans* maintains ER protein homeostasis and immunity against pathogenic bacteria *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (PA14), via immune-regulatory p38 MAP kinase. We found that genetic inhibition of components in the OST complex compromised protein processing in the ER, which subsequently boosted ER unfolded protein response (UPRER). We discovered vitellogenin VIT-6 as an OST-dependently glycosylated immune protein. In addition, we showed that the OST complex was required for upregulation of p38 MAP kinase signaling after PA14 infection. Our study demonstrates that a conserved OST complex is crucial for ER homeostasis and regulates host immune responses against pathogenic bacteria.

Keywords

oligosaccharyl transferase, endoplasmic reticulum, p38 MAP kinase, *C. elegans*, aging

Loops of HIF1a and Cyclophilin D promote cancer metastasis through long-term ROS signaling.

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The majority of cancer cells have elevated basal reactive oxygen species (ROS), which is a cellular signal transduction that leads to tumor development and progression. Because mass ROS production can lead to cell death, a delicate ROS balance is required for survival and proliferation in cancer cells. Mitochondria are major organelles in ROS production, ATP production, cellular calcium homeostasis, and release of apoptosis factors, which ultimately determine metabolic changes and cell death. Cyclophilin D (CypD) is one of the well-known mitochondrial permeability transition pore components and is upregulated in human tumors, but a potential role in cancer cell is not understood. We have found for the first time that hypoxic conditions reduce the expression of CypD in various cancer cell lines. Loss or depletion of CypD in cancer cells increase basal ROS level and HIF1a stability, thereby promoting cancer cell metastasis through HIF-1 α signaling. These results demonstrate that a novel function of CypD against mitochondrial retrograde signaling in cancer metastasis.

Keywords

mitochondria, Cyclophilin D, HIF1a, ROS, cancer metastasis

A Golgi protein MON-2/MON2 promotes longevity via upregulating autophagy in mitochondrial respiration mutants

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Golgi apparatus is a crucial organelle for post-translational modification and trafficking of macromolecules, including proteins and lipids. Inhibition of Golgi proteins is associated with various diseases. However, the role of Golgi proteins in organismal longevity remains unclear. Here, we showed that a Golgi protein MON2, an Arf-GEF known to regulate endosome-to-Golgi trafficking, promoted longevity conferred by mitochondrial respiration mutations. By performing quantitative proteomics, we identified 65 proteins whose levels were altered over 2-fold in the mitochondrial respiration mutants. In a subsequent RNAi-based lifespan screen, we found that MON2 was required for the longevity of mitochondrial respiration mutants. We further demonstrated that MON2 upregulated autophagy and thereby promoted longevity of the mitochondrial respiration mutants. We found that MON2 was required for long lifespan conferred by other interventions, including dietary restriction and reduced insulin/IGF-1 signaling, both of which display enhanced autophagy. Altogether our study provides insights into the roles of organelle communications among mitochondria, Golgi and autophagosome in the regulation of longevity.

Keywords

Aging, mitochondria, MON2, autophagy, Golgi protein

A Protein Kinase VRK-1 Functions as an Anti-aging factor that Activates AMPK

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Vaccinia virus-related kinase 1 (VRK-1) a nuclear serine-threonine protein kinase that is highly conserved across species. *Caenorhabditis elegans* VRK-1 functions to regulate cell division and germline proliferation. However, the post-mitotic functions of VRK-1 has not been investigated. Here we demonstrated that somatic VRK-1 extends lifespan through activating AMP-activated protein kinase (AMPK), a longevity-promoting cellular energy sensor, via phosphorylation. We first found that VRK-1 was expressed in the post-mitotic somatic cells in multiple tissues throughout lifetime and was localized in the nucleus. Importantly, somatic overexpression of vrk-1 increased lifespan, whereas disruption of vrk-1 by null mutation reduced lifespan. By conducting RNA seq analysis, we found that the transcriptomic changes regulated by VRK-1 overlapped with those regulated by AMPK. Furthermore, AMPK was required for the increased lifespan by vrk-1 overexpression. These data suggest that VRK-1 and AMPK functions in same genetic pathway. We demonstrated that both *C. elegans* VRK-1 and human VRK1 directly phosphorylated AMPK, showing that VRK-1 acts upstream of AMPK. Together, our data suggest that VRK-1 is an evolutionarily conserved AMPK-activating upstream kinase and activated VRK-1-to-AMPK signaling promotes longevity.

Keywords

mitochondria, VRK-1, AMPK, *C. elegans*, aging, lifespan

A PTEN Variant Uncouples Longevity from Impaired Fitness in *C. elegans* via Calibrating the Activity of FOXO and NRF

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Insulin/IGF-1 signaling modulates multiple physiological aspects in various organisms. In *Caenorhabditis elegans*, mutations in InsR/insulin/IGF-1 receptor dramatically increase lifespan and pathogen resistance, but generally cause defects in various fitness parameters. Whether these pleiotropic effects can be dissociated at specific steps in the insulin/IGF-1 signaling pathway remains largely unknown. Here we show that a specific amino acid change in PTEN phosphatase retains longevity and enhanced pathogen resistance in InsR(-) mutants compared to wild-type animals without defects in development and motility. Through a mutagenesis screen, we identified a missense mutation in PTEN [PTEN(yh1)], which suppressed developmental defects in InsR(-) mutants with small impacts on pathogen resistance. PTEN(yh1) caused a reduction in PTEN function, but maintained longevity, motility span, and resistance against various stresses in InsR(-) mutants. We further found that PTEN(yh1) retained the activity of FOXO transcription factor but suppressed the harmful activation of NRF transcription factor, for exerting beneficial physiological outputs. Our study will provide insights into how a single component in an evolutionarily conserved insulin/IGF-1 signaling pathway, PTEN, coordinates healthy longevity and fitness.

Keywords

C. elegans, insulin/IGF-1 pathway, PTEN, aging, fitness

Reliably Lifespan-Extending S6 kinase/rsks-1 Mutant *C. elegans*

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S6 kinase (S6K) acting downstream of mechanistic target of rapamycin (mTOR) regulates cellular processes such as energy metabolism and translation, which lead to changes in growth and aging in organisms. Reduction-of-function mutations in S6K lengthen lifespan in various organisms, including the nematode *Caenorhabditis elegans*. However, the lifespan extension phenotypes of previously characterized *C. elegans* S6K mutants are variable and greatly affected by environmental factors, such as temperatures. Here, we functionally examined several previously uncharacterized S6K mutant *C. elegans* strains. We found that the sterility phenotype caused by RNAi knock down of mTOR was partially restored by mutations altering two amino acids, T379E and S439D, in S6K, while not affecting that of control animals. We then showed that a point mutation causing E255K change in *C. elegans* S6K, reproducibly and substantially extended lifespan with little or no gross phenotypes. Thus, these newly characterized S6K mutant *C. elegans* can serve as a new reliable model for animals displaying longevity conferred by reduced mTOR signaling.

Keywords

S6 kinase, *C. elegans*, aging, lifespan

mRNA Quality Control Systems Are Crucial for Longevity in *C. elegans*

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Maintenance of protein and DNA homeostasis is crucial for promoting longevity. However, the role of RNA homeostasis in longevity remains relatively unknown. We recently reported that nonsense-mediated mRNA decay (NMD), a key mRNA quality control system, contributes to longevity in *C. elegans*. However, the roles of other mRNA quality control systems, no-go decay (NGD) and nonstop decay (NSD), in longevity remain elusive. Here, we aimed at determining the functions of NGD and NSD in aging. By utilizing NSD and NGD reporters, we found that NSD and NGD functions decrease with age. We showed that Ski2/SKIV2L and Dom34/Pelota, which encode key factors for NGD and NSD, were required for long lifespan caused by various interventions, including reduced insulin/IGF-1 signaling (IIS) and defective mitochondrial respiration. In addition, mutations in Ski2/SKIV2L and Dom34/Pelota increased protein aggregation. Together these results suggest that NSD and NGD are crucial for longevity and healthy aging in *C. elegans*. Our study will help uncovering mechanisms by which mRNA quality control contributes to extending healthspan and lifespan.

Keywords

Caenorhabditis elegans, aging, RNA quality control, lifespan

Crosstalk between ER Unfolded Protein Response and Insulin/IGF-1 Signaling for Modulating *C. elegans* Physiology

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Inositol-requiring enzyme 1 (IRE1) is an endoplasmic reticulum (ER) transmembrane receptor that is required for ER unfolded protein response (UPRER). In *Caenorhabditis elegans*, IRE1 plays a crucial role in various physiological processes, including longevity, immunity, development, metabolism, and starvation responses. However, the regulators of IRE1 remain largely unknown. Here, we performed a well-established genetic screen in *C. elegans*. We identified mutations that suppressed the starvation-induced arrest phenotype in *ire1(ok799)* mutant worms. Through an EMS mutagenesis screen, we obtained six mutants that suppressed starvation-induced arrest phenotype, named as *sira* (suppressor of *ire-1(-)* arrest) which potentially provides insights into novel mechanisms of the effects of IRE1 on physiology. Among these six mutations, we found that *sira-1* mutation induced a constitutive dauer (a hibernation-like developmental stage) phenotype, at high temperatures. Based on the phenotypic similarity, it raises the possibility that *sira-1* is a reduction-of-function mutation in a gene encoding a factor of insulin/IGF-1 signaling. Our data suggest that ER homeostasis coordinates distinct physiological processes such as longevity mediated by evolutionarily conserved insulin/IGF-1 signaling.

Keywords

UPR^{ER}, IRE1, *C. elegans*, aging, insulin/IGF-1 pathway

Regulation of systemic energy metabolism in mice with hepatic mitochondrial stress response

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Perturbation of mitochondrial proteostasis provokes the cell autonomous and the cell non-autonomous responses which contribute to achievement of the homeostatic adaptation. Here, we explore the influence of hepatomitokines induced by mitochondrial stress response (MSR) on systemic energy metabolism through the mice with genetic ablation of CR6-interacting factor-1 (Crif1) in liver. Liver-specific Crif1 deficient mice (LKO) caused hepatic mitochondrial OXPHOS dysfunction and typical mitochondrial unfolded protein response. Moreover, LKO mice resulted in improved insulin sensitivity and energy expenditure. We revealed that the representative hepatokines, growth differentiation factor 15 (GDF15) and fibroblast growth factor (FGF21), were highly produced in LKO mice. We evaluated the metabolic effects of hepatokines through the LKO mice with global deficiency of Gdf15 or Fgf21 respectively, suggesting that GDF15 plays a protective role in weight gain and high-fat diet-induced hepatic steatosis, whereas FGF21 regulates acute glucose disposal, energy expenditure, and UCP1-dependent thermogenesis in white adipose tissue.

Keywords

Mitochondria, Hepatokine, Mitochondrial stress response, CRIF1

P12 miR-351-5p/Miro2 axis induces hippocampal neural progenitor cell death through mitochondrial fission: pathophysiological implications of neurogenesis decline in Alzheimer's disease

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Adult hippocampal neurogenesis supports the structural and functional plasticity of the brain, while declines in newly forming neurons are associated with cognitive deficits and neurodegeneration common in Alzheimer's disease (AD). Although the dysregulation of certain microRNAs (miRNAs) in AD have been observed, the effects of miRNAs on hippocampal neurogenesis are unknown.

RNA sequencing data of Allen Brain Institute was utilized to investigate the association between miRNA-351-5p/Miro2 axis with AD. MiRNA-351-5p mimic, siRNA of Miro2, and recombinant adenovirus expressing Miro2, were applied to hippocampal neural progenitor cells to investigate cell viability, mitochondrial morphology and functions, as well as autophagy induction.

Here, we demonstrated miRNA-351-5p as a causative factor in hippocampal neural progenitor cell death through modulation of the mitochondrial GTPase, Miro2. Expression of miRNA-351-5p increased whereas the level of Miro2 decreased in the hippocampus of AD model mice, emulating expression in AD patients. In addition, downregulation of Miro2 by siMiro2 induced cell death, similar to miRNA-351-5p, whereas ectopic Miro2 expression using an adenovirus abolished these effects. Excessively fragmented mitochondria and dysfunctional mitochondria indexed by decreased mitochondrial potential and ATP production and increased reactive oxygen species were identified in miRNA-351-5p induced cell death. Moreover, subsequent induction of mitophagy via Pink1 and Parkin was observed by expression of miRNA-351-5p and siMiro2 in hippocampal neural progenitor cells. The suppression of mitochondrial fission by Mdivi-1 completely inhibited cell death induced by miRNA-351-5p, indicating that mitochondrial fission and the accompanying mitophagy was critical in hippocampal neural progenitor cell death. Collectively, the data indicates that the reduction of Miro2 by miRNA-351-5p provoked aberrant mitochondrial fission and excessive mitophagic stress, which subsequently lead to hippocampal neural progenitor cell death. It may thus be involved in the decline of hippocampal neurogenesis which characterizes Alzheimer's disease.

Keywords : Hippocampal neural progenitor cells, cell death, autophagy, mitophagy, miRNA-351-5p, Miro GTPase, Alzheimer's disease

Isothiazolinone biocides induced the BBB dysfunction via disturbing the bioenergetic function of mitochondria

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Isothiazolinone (IT) biocide is the potent anti-bacterial substance commonly used as a preservatives or disinfectants. These chemicals can be absorbed by oral/dermal routes during the personal and industrial use, and internalized biocides can circulate in the blood, posing a human health risk. However, the effects of these compounds in the vascular system are poorly understood. To investigate the effects of IT biocides (OIT, BIT, and DCOIT) on the vascular system, we treated IT biocides to in vitro blood-brain barrier (BBB) model of b.End3 cells. BBB tightly limits the transport of molecules to the brain region and plays a crucial role in maintaining cardiovascular and neurological homeostasis. The effects of three IT biocides (OIT, BIT, and DCOIT) on the cell metabolic activity and bioenergetic parameters were examined in b.End3 cells. Mitochondrial damage and the disturbance of redox status were found to mediate IT-induced BBB damage. Moreover, functional integrity measured by transendothelial electrical resistance (TEER) was significantly impaired by IT biocides. In this study, we demonstrated that IT biocides might induce oxidative stress and mitochondrial damage leading to BBB dysfunction, and we hope that this finding gives an insight into the understanding of the hazardous effects of biocides.

Keywords

isothiazolinone biocide, BBB, bioenergetic disturbance, oxidative stress

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Lipin 1 Moderates the

Lifespan - shortening Effects of

Dietary Glucose by Maintaining

ω - 6 polyunsaturated Fatty Acids

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Excessive glucose causes diseases and shortens lifespan by altering metabolic processes, but how high glucose diets shorten lifespan remains incompletely understood. Here we found that Lipin1, a phosphatidic acid phosphatase and a putative transcriptional coregulator, prevents life - shortening effects of glucose-rich diets. Thus, we showed that depletion of Lipin1 decreased overall fat levels, despite increasing the expression of genes that promote fat synthesis and desaturation, and downregulation of lipolysis. We then showed that knockdown of Lipin1 altered the composition of various fatty acids in the opposite direction of that altered by dietary glucose. In particular, the levels of two ω -6 polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFAs), linoleic acid and arachidonic acid, were increased by knockdown of Lipin1 but decreased by glucose-rich diets. Importantly, these ω -6 PUFAs protect Lipin1-deficient worms against the effects of glucose-rich diets. Our study indicates that the metabolic processes that produce ω -6 PUFAs are crucial for protecting animals from living very short on glucose-rich diets.

Keywords

glucose, aging, LPIN-1, ω -6 polyunsaturated fatty acids, C. elegans

Beta-guanidinopropionic acid (b-GPA), a creatine analogue, as a mitokines inducer

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Creatine is known to regulate energy metabolism in high-energy demands by storing energy in the form of phosphorylcreatine (PCr) in vivo. Recently, it is known that creatine metabolism is involved in metabolic homeostasis by not only regulating the immune system but also involved in the thermogenesis of brown adipose tissue. B-GPA is an analogue of creatine that inhibit overall creatine metabolism through inhibition of creatine synthesis, transport, and creatine phosphorylation. Previous studies have shown that b-GPA reduces body weight, but how bGPA controls body weight is not poorly understood. We found that b-GPA regulates mitochondria-related signaling pathways by regulating cellular energy. Treatment of bGPA significantly reduced the oxygen consumption rate in primary hepatocytes of mice. To elucidate the role of b-GPA in vivo, we inject the b-GPA to mice. In these results, B-GPA-treated mice showed increased gene expression of oxphos complex, mitochondria unfolded protein response(UPRmt), and mitokines(GDF15 and FGF21) in the liver and skeletal muscle compared to control mice. In addition, an increase in the concentration of mitokines was observed in serum. To observe whether the function of GDF15 known in previous studies is exhibited by bGPA treatment, bGPA was treated in high-fat diet mice. In this experiment, it was observed that the mice treated with bGPA showed a decrease in body weight change and food intake compared to the control mice, similar to the previously known function of GDF15. Therefore, our results show the possibility that bGPA induces mitokines by regulating cellular energy homeostasis.

Keywords

mitochondria, creatine metabolism, mitokine, mitohormesis

Exogenous putrescine induces adipocyte differentiation

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Polyamines are crucial for fundamental cellular processes including cellular proliferation and differentiation. It has been shown that intracellular polyamine metabolism is involved in adipocyte differentiation. However, the effects of exogenous polyamines on adipocyte differentiation have not been studied. In this study, we demonstrated that the treatment of exogenous putrescine significantly stimulates the adipocyte differentiation of 3T3-L1 preadipocytes. Exogenous putrescine increased intracellular lipid accumulation in a concentration-dependent manner without cell toxicity. We also investigated that putrescine induces the expression of both adipogenic and lipogenic genes. Moreover, putrescine regulates adipocyte differentiation in the early and intermediate stages. These data suggest that the putrescine might be involved in adipogenesis.

Keywords

polyamine, putrescine, adipocyte, differentiation

Mitochondrial Adenine Nucleotide Translocase 2 Regulates Adipocyte Differentiation

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Adenine nucleotide translocase (ANT) are mitochondrial proteins that facilitates the exchange of ADP and ATP across the mitochondrial inner membrane for cellular energy metabolism. However, the function of ANT2 on adipocyte differentiation is not fully studied. Here we observed that the reduction of ANT2 significantly reduces adipocyte differentiation with ANT2 siRNA knockdown. In addition, the similar results also observed in the stromal vascular cells isolated from the sWAT of ANT2 flox mice. The expression of the master adipogenic transcription factors, peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor gamma, CCAAT/enhancer-binding protein alpha, and CCAAT/enhancer-binding protein beta, was markedly decreased. The reduction of adipocyte marker genes, fatty acid binding protein 4 and adiponectin, was also observed. In addition, the mRNA expression of lipogenic genes including fatty acid synthase, stearoyl-CoA desaturase 1, and sterol regulatory element-binding transcription factor 1c, was also decreased in the cells reduced ANT2 expression. These results suggest that mitochondrial ANT2 may be involved in adipocyte differentiation.

Keywords

Adenine nucleotide translocase, adipocyte, differentiation

HNL Methanol Extract Regulates 3T3-L1 Adipocyte Differentiation

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HNL originated Eurasia and is cultivated for pharmaceutical purposes. HNL is used in traditional herbal medicine for diseases including rheumatism, asthma, nervous diseases, and stomach pain. However, the effect of HNL have not been studied on adipocyte differentiation. Here, we observed that methanol extract of HNL activates adipocyte differentiation and intracellular lipid accumulation during adipogenesis in a concentration-dependent manner. We also observed that methanol extract of HNL promotes not only the expression of adipogenic genes such as peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor γ , fatty acid-binding protein and adiponectin but the expression of lipogenic genes such as fatty acid synthase and acetyl CoA carboxylase. These results indicated that methanol extract of HNL positively regulates adipocyte differentiation.

Keywords

adipocyte, differentiation, 3T3-L1, natural extract

Mitochondrial E3 Ubiquitin ligase MARCH5 is essential for NLRP3 inflammasome activation.

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The inflammasome is a macromolecular signaling complex in the immune response against pathogen infections and damage. Among these pattern recognition receptors (PRRs), NLRP3 (pyrin domain-containing protein 3) inflammasome can be activated by a variety of pathogen-associated molecular patterns (PAMPs) and promote caspase-1 dependent production of IL-1 β . Recent studies report that PTMs (Post Translational Modification), such as ubiquitination and phosphorylation, are essential to the regulation of NLRP3 inflammasome activation. It is reported that NLRP3 mitochondrial localization is important for inflammasome activation. Previous studies, MARCH5 (a mitochondria-resident E3 ubiquitin ligase), are important to mitochondria quality control and play a role in the immune response. However, the mechanism of the NLRP3 inflammasome activation at mitochondria still remains unknown. Here, we found that MARCH5 KO mice reduced the IL-1 β secretion in response to NLR. Together, our data demonstrate that ubiquitination mediated by MARCH5 associate with the NLRP3 inflammasome activation. These results indicate the MARCH5 plays the role of an innate immune regulator to NLRP3 inflammasome activation.

Keywords

mitochondria, E3 ubiquitin ligase, Inflammasome

Methanol Extract of *Iris Bungei* Maxim. Stimulates 3T3-L1 Adipocyte Differentiation

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Iris bungei Maxim., which is native to China and Mongolia, is used as a traditional medicine for conditions such as inflammation, cancer, and bacterial infections. However, the effects of *Iris bungei* Maxim. on adipocyte differentiation have not been studied. In the present study, we first demonstrated the molecular mechanisms underlying the adipogenic activity of the methanol extract of Mongolian *I. bungei* Maxim. (IB). IB significantly enhanced intracellular lipid accumulation and adipocyte differentiation in 3T3-L1 preadipocytes in a concentration-dependent manner. Moreover, IB markedly stimulated the expression of genes related to adipogenesis such as peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor, adiponectin, and aP2. We also observed that IB induces lipogenic genes such as fatty acid synthase, sterol regulatory element binding protein 1c, stearoyl-CoA desaturase, and acetyl-CoA carboxylase. In addition, IB regulated adipocyte differentiation in both the early and middle stages. Taken together, these adipogenic and lipogenic effects of IB suggest its efficacy for the prevention and/or treatment of type 2 diabetes.

Keywords

Iris bungei Maxim., adipocyte, differentiation, 3T3-L1

The Expanding World of SUMO: from Epigenetics to Adaptive Mechanisms and Cellular Aging

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Environmental changes induce many acute and long-term adaptive cellular responses. Mammals have diverse adaptive mechanisms for stress resistance, such as immune responses to pathogens or hormone-mediated homeostatic processes. At the cellular level, acute changes in the local microenvironment, such as changes of pH or temperature, oxidative stress, or nutrient limitation, may induce programmed cell death or trigger adaptive changes that include gene mutation, aneuploidy, changes in gene expression or epigenetic alterations. The small ubiquitin-like modifier (SUMO) protein is a conserved post-translational modifier that regulates a host of proteins in eukaryotic cells and maintains cell homeostasis when the cell encounters endogenous or environmental stress, such as osmotic stress, hypoxia, heat shock, genotoxic stress, and nutrient stress. In response to acute loss of the Ulp2 SUMO-specific protease, yeast become disomic for chromosome I (ChrI) and ChrXII. Here we report that ChrI disomy, which creates an adaptive advantage in part by increasing the dosage of the Ccr4 deadenylase, was eliminated by extended passaging. Loss of aneuploidy is often accompanied by mutations in essential SUMO-ligating enzymes, which reduced polySUMO-conjugate accumulation. The mRNA levels for almost all ribosomal proteins increase transiently upon initial loss of Ulp2, but elevated Ccr4 levels limit excess ribosome formation. Notably, extended passaging leads to increased levels of many small nucleolar RNAs (snoRNAs) involved in ribosome biogenesis, and higher dosage of three linked ChrXII snoRNA genes suppressed ChrXII disomy in *ulp2Δ* cells. Our data reveal that aneuploidy allows rapid adaptation to Ulp2 loss, but long-term adaptation restores euploidy. Cellular evolution restores homeostasis through countervailing mutations in SUMO-modification pathways and regulatory shifts in ribosome biogenesis.

Keywords

SUMO, aneuploidy, adaptive mechanisms, ribosome biogenesis

Function of mitochondrial HSP90 in tumor angiogenesis

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Mitochondrial Heat shock protein 75 (HSP75), TRAP1 was initially identified as binding with tumor necrosis factor receptor-1. TRAP1 is one of the HSP90 family including GRP94, heat shock protein 90kDa beta which located in endothelial reticulum (ER), and molecular chaperone. In many tumor cells demonstrate that TRAP1 is over expressed compared with normal tissue. High level of TRAP1 expression has correlation with tumor progression stages.²⁴ Therefore, TRAP1 is attractive biomarker for malignant tumor. Thus, inhibition of TRAP is potential for reduce hypoxic adaptation which is critical for resistant of cancer treatment.

Glioblastoma (GBM) is known as glioblastoma multiforme or grade IV astrocytoma. GBM is usually found in the cerebral hemispheres of brain, but can be found anywhere in brain. GBM is the most malignant primary tumor because these cells reproduce quickly and they are supported by a huge network of blood vessels. Brain tumor loss their blood-brain barrier (BBB) integrity also shows severe hypoxia and tumor necrosis. These tumors rapidly generate the new blood vessel through diverse angiogenic factors such as vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF), angiopoietinlike4 (ANGPTL4) and platelet-derived growth factor(PDGF) etc.⁵⁶⁻⁶⁰ In the process of glioblastoma growth, cancer cells migrate to around the blood vessels and squeeze them to burst. As a result, vessels are reduced perfusion and cause hypoxic environment. So far, study about angiogenesis in brain tumors especially in low oxygen condition shows highly malignant phenotype and increased mortality.

We observed that TRAP1 regulates hypoxia inducible factor-1 α (HIF-1 α) under acute hypoxic condition. We also found targeting TRAP1 in GBM suppress angiogenesis through vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF), a major factor of new blood vessel formation and HIF-1 α target gene, in mouse xenograft model.

Keywords

mitochondria, TRAP1,GBM, angiogenesis

Inhibition of fine particulate matter-induced senescence of skin keratinocytes by Korean red ginseng

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In this study, we investigated whether Korean red ginseng may attenuate fine particulate matter -induced senescence of skin keratinocytes. The human keratinocyte cell lines and normal human epidermal keratinocytes were treated with fine particulate matter. Fine particulate matter-treated cells showed characteristics of cellular senescence, including an enlarged and flattened cell shape and irregular size, and decreased colony-forming ability, however, Korean red ginseng suppressed these characteristics of cellular senescence in both cell types. And fine particulate matter-treated cells exhibited β -galactosidase activity in the cytosol, a characteristic of cellular senescence, as evidenced by higher levels of green signal in fine particulate matter-treated cells than in untreated cells, however, Korean red ginseng suppressed the β -galactosidase activity in both cell types. Chromatin in senescent cells undergoes large-scale rearrangements, forming dense nuclear domains called senescence-associated heterochromatin foci. Fine particulate matter-treated cells displayed significantly more senescence-associated heterochromatin foci in the nuclei than the controls, however, Korean red ginseng decreased the number of senescence-associated heterochromatin foci. Moreover, the expression of cyclin dependent kinase inhibitor and senescence inducer, was strongly increased in fine particulate matter-treated cells compared to the corresponding untreated cells, however, Korean red ginseng decreased the expression of cyclin dependent kinase inhibitor. These results suggest that Korean red ginseng has the protective effects against fine particulate matter-induced senescence of skin keratinocytes.

Keywords

Fine particulate matter, senescence, red ginseng

SC compound and ascorbic acid enhance mitochondrial respiration and improve cognition of mice

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Cognitive decline is observed in aging and neurodegenerative diseases, including Alzheimer's disease (AD) and dementia. Intracellular energy produced via mitochondrial respiration is used in the regulation of synaptic plasticity and structure, including dendritic spine length and density, as well as for the release of neurotrophic factors involved in learning and memory. Importantly, mitochondrial activity declines with aging, which is known to be involved with cognitive dysfunction. Mitochondrial dysfunction is also prominent in Alzheimer's disease (AD) model mice. To date, few synthetic agents have been developed for improving mitochondrial function and cognitive function. However, natural compounds that modulate synaptic plasticity by directly targeting mitochondria have not yet been developed. Here, we demonstrate that a mixture of SC compound and ascorbic acid (AA) increased the mitochondrial oxygen consumption rate in embryonic mouse hippocampal mHippoE-14 cells. Injection of the SC-AA mixture in mice significantly increased expression of postsynaptic density protein 95 (PSD95), an increase that was correlated with enhanced brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF) expression. We also found that mice injected with the SC-AA mixture showed enhancing learning and memory. Our results demonstrate that a mixture of SC and AA improves mitochondrial function and memory, suggesting that this natural compound mixture could be used to alleviate Alzheimer's disease and aging-associated memory decline. (2017R1A5A2015385, 2019R1F1A1059586, 2019M3E5D1A02068575, HR20C0025, 2020R11A1A01061771)\

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Palmitoyl protein thioesterase 1 is essential for myogenic autophagy of C2C12 skeletal myoblast

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Skeletal muscle differentiation is an essential process for maintenance of muscle development and homeostasis. Reactive oxygen species (ROS) are critical signaling molecules involved in muscle differentiation. Palmitoyl protein thioesterase 1 (PPT1), a lysosomal enzyme, is involved in removing thioester-linked fatty acid groups from modified cysteine residues in proteins. However, the role of PPT1 in muscle differentiation remains to be elucidated. Here, we found that PPT1 plays a critical role in the differentiation of C2C12 skeletal myoblasts. The expression of PPT1 gradually increased in response to mitochondrial ROS during muscle differentiation, which was attenuated by treatment with antioxidants. Moreover, we revealed that PPT1 transactivation occurs through nuclear factor erythroid 2-regulated factor 2 (Nrf2) binding the antioxidant response element (ARE) in its promoter region. Knockdown of PPT1 with specific siRNA disrupted lysosomal function by increasing its pH. Subsequently, it caused excessive accumulation of autophagy flux, thereby impairing muscle fiber formation. In conclusion, we suggest that PPT1 is factor a responsible for myogenic autophagy in differentiating C2C12 myoblasts.

Keywords

palmitoyl protein thioesterase 1, mitochondrial reactive oxygen species, autophagy, muscle differentiation, mammalian target of rapamycin complex

Novel Metabolic Stress Indices including Mitochondrial Biomarkers for Non-invasive Diagnosis of Hepatic Steatosis and Fibrosis

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Mitochondrial dysfunction with oxidative stress participates in non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) progression. Here, we investigated the steatosis and fibrosis predictive efficacy of a novel non-invasive diagnostic panel including mitochondrial stress biomarkers. A total of 343 participants randomly selected from a population-based general cohort underwent clinical and laboratory assessments and abdominal ultrasound. Liver fat content and stiffness were measured by magnetic resonance (MR) imaging-proton density fat fraction and MR elastography, respectively. Serologic stress biomarkers were quantitated by ELISA. By univariate logistic regression, fibroblast growth factor 21 (FGF21) correlated with liver steatosis with a high significance coefficient. Multivariate regression showed that waist-to-hip ratio, FGF21, FGF19, adiponectin-to-leptin ratio, insulin, albumin, triglyceride, total-cholesterol and alanine-aminotransferase were independent predictors for steatosis (rank-ordered by Wald). The area under receiver-operator characteristics curve (AUROC) of the metabolic stress index for steatosis (MSI-S) was 0.886. MSI-S had higher diagnostic accuracy (81.1%) than other steatosis indices. For hepatic fibrosis, growth differentiation factor 15 (GDF15) correlated to stiffness with a high coefficient. Waist-to-height ratio, GDF15, γ -glutamyltransferase, decorin and alkaline-phosphatase were independent predictors for fibrosis (rank-ordered). The MSI for fibrosis (MSI-F) had higher AUROC (0.912) and diagnostic accuracy (85.4%) than other fibrosis indices. MSI-S and MSI-F differentiated the severities of steatosis and fibrosis, respectively, while other indices showed less discrimination. Finally, both MSI-S and MSI-F are more effective to reduce unnecessary invasive examinations than other currently-available indices. Taken together, novel non-invasive indices based on mitochondrial stress biomarkers FGF21 and GDF15 showed strong predictive power to evaluate steatosis and fibrosis, suggesting that MSI-S and MSI-F may be efficient tools for prediction of NAFLD progression in a clinical setting inaccessible to MR equipment or invasive approach.

Keywords

mitochondrial stress, FGF21, GDF15, liver steatosis, liver fibrosis, non-invasive diagnosis

Ca²⁺ inhibition on proteasomal degradation of mitochondrial proteins in mouse brown adipocytes

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Brown fat mass declines with ageing, while thermogenic induction in brown adipose tissue (BAT) improves insulin sensitivity and adiposity. We investigated the mechanism of acute sympathetic regulation on BAT thermogenesis. norepinephrine (NE) activated mitochondrial respiration with upregulations of uncoupling protein 1 (UCP1) and mitochondrial calcium uniporter (MCU) within 1 hour, whilst the transcriptional level of mitochondrial proteins remained unchanged. BAT has an active mitochondrial protein turnover rate. In the presence of MG132 and lactacystin, proteasome inhibitors, UCP1 and MCU maintained high protein levels without further increases by NE. Forskolin, an activator of adenylate cyclase, or dibutyryl-cyclic AMP (db-cAMP), a membrane permeable cAMP derivative, mimicked the NE-induced upregulations of mitochondrial proteins and respiration, all of which were blocked by inhibition of protein kinase A. However, neither NE- nor db-cAMP-induced activation was affected by the inhibition of mitochondrial fatty acid uptake. NE acutely increased cytosolic Ca²⁺ and inhibited proteasome activities. Intriguingly, Ca²⁺ chelator (BAPTA-AM) abolished NE-induced mitochondrial activities and protein abundance as well as NE-reduced proteasomal activities. Taken together, we suggest a novel molecular mechanism of sympathetic stimulation on acute thermogenesis of brown and beige adipocytes, which may provide significant implications for therapeutic application in obesity and various metabolic diseases.

Keywords

Brown adipose tissue (BAT), browning, thermogenesis, mitochondria, uncoupling protein 1 (UCP1), sympathetic stimulation, norepinephrine (NE), mitochondrial calcium uniporter (MCU).

Ca²⁺-activated mitochondrial biogenesis and functions improve stem cell fate in Rg3-treated human mesenchymal stem cells

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Although mitochondrial functions are essential for cell survival, their critical roles in stem cell fate, including proliferation, differentiation, and senescence, remain elusive. Ginsenoside Rg3 exhibits various biological activities and reportedly increases mitochondrial biogenesis and respiration. Herein, we observed that Rg3 increased proliferation and suppressed senescence of human bone marrow-derived mesenchymal stem cells. Osteogenic, but not adipogenic, differentiation was facilitated by Rg3 treatment. Rg3 suppressed reactive oxygen species production and upregulated mitochondrial biogenesis and antioxidant enzymes, including superoxide dismutase. Consistently, Rg3 strongly augmented basal and ATP synthesis-linked respiration with high spare respiratory capacity. Rg3 treatment elevated cytosolic Ca²⁺ concentration contributing to mitochondrial activation. Reduction of intracellular or extracellular Ca²⁺ levels strongly inhibited Rg3-induced activation of mitochondrial respiration and biogenesis. Taken together, Rg3 enhances capabilities of mitochondrial and antioxidant functions mainly through a Ca²⁺-dependent pathway, which improves the proliferation and differentiation potentials and prevents the senescence of human mesenchymal stem cells.

Keywords

mesenchymal stem cells, ginsenoside Rg3, cellular senescence, oxidative stress, mitochondria

Evogliptin prevents cardiomyopathy via improvement of mitochondrial function and reduction of cardiac fibrosis in type 2 diabetic mice

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Dipeptidyl peptidase-4 (DPP-4) inhibitors are popularly used antihyperglycemic drugs for the treatment of type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2D). Currently, the pleiotropic effects of DPP-4 inhibitors have drawn much attention. Our investigation aimed to examine whether evogliptin, a recently developed DPP-4 inhibitor, could protect against T2D-induced cardiomyopathy. Eight-week-old diabetic and obese db/db mice received evogliptin treatment (100mg and 300mg/kg/day), db/db control mice and db/m control mice received with equal amounts of vehicle daily for 12 weeks. Body weight and feeding weight was measured every week. Cardiac function was assessed using echocardiography at before and after feeding 12 weeks. Histological and molecular markers of cardiac fibrosis were assessed in the left ventricle (LV) at 20 weeks old. The results showed that evogliptin improved T2D-induced cardiac dysfunction, as shown by analysis of 2D and doppler echocardiography (LV ejection fraction, fractional shortening was higher, E/A and e'/a' ratios increased, E/e' ratio and deceleration time decreased in evogliptin - treated groups compared to db/db control group). Evogliptin also attenuated interstitial fibrosis and reduced mitochondrial damage. Our data suggest that evogliptin might be of benefit in cardio-dysfunction patients with type 2 diabetes.

Keywords

Dipeptidyl peptidase-4, evogliptin, type 2 diabetes mellitus, cardiac fibrosis, diabetic cardiomyopathy

NecroX-5 preserves PGC1 α expression levels during hypoxia/reoxygenation injury and protects phosphorylation capacity during mitochondrial oxidation

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The action of NecroX-5 on the mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation system remains unclear even with the demonstration of antioxidant and cardioprotective effects of NecroX-5 on various in vitro and in vivo models. Here, the role of NecroX-5 in protecting mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation capacity during hypoxia-reoxygenation (HR) is verified. Isolated rat hearts were subjected to 10 μ M NecroX-5 treatment during hypoxia/reoxygenation treatment using an ex vivo Langendorff system. Proteomic analysis was performed using liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LC-MS) and non-labeling peptide count protein quantification. Real-time PCR, western blot, citrate synthases and mitochondrial complex activity assays were then performed to assess heart function. Treatment with NecroX-5 during hypoxia significantly preserved electron transport chain proteins involved in oxidative phosphorylation and metabolic functions. NecroX-5 also improved mitochondrial complex I, II, and V function. Additionally, markedly higher peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor-gamma coactivator-1 α (PGC1 α) expression levels were observed in NecroX-5-treated rat hearts. These novel results provide convincing evidence for the role of NecroX-5 in protecting mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation capacity and in preserving PGC1 α during cardiac HR injuries.

Keywords

Hypoxia; Mitochondria; NecroX; Oxidative phosphorylation; PGC1 α

Pharmacological inhibition of AKT by novel inhibitor HS1793 in relapsed multiple myeloma

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Multiple myeloma (MM) is a neoplastic plasma cell disorder with high disease recurrence rates. Novel therapeutic approaches capable of improving outcomes in patients with MM are urgently required. The AKT signaling plays a critical regulatory role in MM pathophysiology, including survival, proliferation, metabolism, and has emerged as a key therapeutic target. Here, we identified a novel AKT inhibitor, HS1793, and defined its mechanism of action and clinical significance in MM. HS1793 disrupted the interaction between AKT and heat shock protein 90, resulting in protein phosphatase 2A-modulated phosphorylated-AKT (p-AKT) reduction. Moreover, we observed reductions in the kinase activity of the AKT downstream target, I κ B kinase α , and the transcriptional activity of nuclear factor κ B, which induced mitochondria-mediated cell death in MM cells exclusively. We confirmed the cytotoxicity and specificity of HS1793 via PET-CT imaging of a metastatic mouse model generated using human MM cells. We also evaluated the cytotoxic effects of HS1793 in primary and relapsed MM cells isolated from patients. Thus, HS1793 offers great promise in eliminating MM cells and improving therapeutic responses in primary and relapsed/refractory MM patients.

Keywords

AKT, anti-cancer drug, HS1793, HSP90, multiple myeloma

GSK-3 β inhibition renders cardioprotection in ischemic/reperfusion heart injury

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Sponges belonging to the genus *Neopetrosia* contain diverse bioactive metabolites. In a previous study we observed that Neopetroside A (NPS A), a natural pyridine nucleoside that contains α -glycoside bond, could upregulate mitochondrial functions without cytotoxicity. In this study, we examined the physiological effects of NPS A on mitochondrial metabolism and heart function and its role in cardioprotection against ischemia/reperfusion (I/R) injury. NPS A reduced ex vivo I/R-induced damage in hearts of 8-week-old male Sprague Dawley rats by preserving hemodynamics and mitochondrial respiration capacity. In an in vivo model, NPS A also exhibited significantly smaller infarct size of 8-week-old C57BL6 mice subjected to left coronary artery ligation myocardial infarction surgery. The effects in in vivo and ex vivo could be attributed to the increased cellular and mitochondrial functions such as increased glycolysis, oxidative phosphorylation, and metabolic processes which were observed using rat H9c2 cells. Interestingly, NPS A increased mitochondrial function and NAD⁺/NADH ratio. Using in vitro kinase activity assays, we showed that NPS A inhibits the GSK-3 β . A docking simulation study demonstrated that NPS A could interact with GSK-3 β . Furthermore, NPS A increased the NAD⁺/NADH ratio via the NRF2-NQO1 pathway, which is how NPS A can exert its effect on metabolic and cellular processes. NPS A, a natural marine compound, can enhance mitochondrial metabolism and protect the heart against I/R-damage via inhibition of GSK-3 β without toxicity. The combined effects regulated by NPS a treatment can protect the heart against acute I/R damage and chronic myocardial infarction.

Keywords

Neopetroside A, marine pyridine a-nucleoside, mitochondria, ischemia/reperfusion injury, GSK-3 inhibition

CRBN-induced mitochondrial dysfunction reverses multiple myeloma drug resistance

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Cereblon (CRBN) is a thalidomide-binding protein that induces anti-myeloma effects through the action of immunomodulatory drugs (IMiDs) and serves as a potential biomarker in predicting patient response to IMiDs. In cancer cells, mitochondrial biogenesis is essential to control mitochondrial metabolism. However, the correlation between CRBN and mitochondria is yet to be reported. Here we established the inverse relationship between CRBN and mitochondrial function in multiple myeloma. Survivability of multiple myeloma patients is correlated with high expression of PGC-1 α and ERR α . In in vitro, thalidomide resistance or susceptibility depends on the CRBN level. Mitochondrial function and protein expressions were unchanged in thalidomide-resistant KMS20 cells, which exhibited lower CRBN expression levels, than thalidomide-sensitive KMS26 cells which had higher CRBN expression. CRBN overexpression in drug-resistant KMS20 cells during thalidomide treatment effectively killed the cells. Conversely, CRBN knockdown rendered KMS26 cells thalidomide resistant. CRBN overexpression in a KMS20 xenograft model increased thalidomide susceptibility and decreased tumor growth and significantly prolonged survival. These findings suggest the novelty of CRBN in overcoming thalidomide resistance in multiple myeloma by regulating mitochondrial function.

Keywords

mitochondria, CRBN, IMiDs, multiple myeloma, drug resistance

Mitochondrial biogenesis is increased by cyclic stretch in a mouse cardiac cell line

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In this study, we assessed the effect of mimetic cyclic stretch on mitochondria in a cardiac cell line, as mitochondria play an essential role in maintaining heart function by producing biological energy molecules. To mimic the geometric and biomechanical conditions surrounding cells in vivo, cyclic stretching was performed on HL-1 murine cardiomyocytes seeded onto an elastic micropatterned substrate (10% elongation, 0.5 Hz, 4 h/day). The expression of mitochondria biogenesis-related genes and mitochondria oxidative phosphorylation-related genes and respective protein levels were increased in the cyclic stretch stimulated cell lines as opposed to the non-stimulated controls. Consequently, cyclic stretch increased mitochondrial mass and ATP production in treated cells. Our results suggest that cyclic stretch transcriptionally enhanced mitochondria biogenesis and oxidative phosphorylation without detrimental effects in the cultured cardiac cell line.

Keywords

Cyclic stretch, Mouse cardiac cell line, Mitochondria biogenesis

Exercise Training Protects against Atorvastatin-Induced Skeletal Muscle Dysfunction and Mitochondrial Dysfunction in the Skeletal Muscle of Rats

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Statins are used to prevent and treat atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, but they also induce myopathy and mitochondrial dysfunction. Here, we investigated whether exercise training prevents glucose intolerance, muscle impairment, and mitochondrial dysfunction in the skeletal muscles of Wistar rats treated with atorvastatin (5 mg kg⁻¹ day⁻¹) for 12 weeks. The rats were assigned to the following three groups: the control (CON), atorvastatin-treated (ATO), and ATO plus aerobic exercise training groups (ATO+EXE). The ATO+EXE group exhibited higher glucose tolerance and forelimb strength and lower creatine kinase levels than the other groups. Mitochondrial respiratory and Ca²⁺ retention capacity was significantly lower in the ATO group than in the other groups, but exercise training protected against atorvastatin-induced impairment in both the soleus and white gastrocnemius muscles. The mitochondrial H₂O₂ emission rate was relatively higher in the ATO group and lower in the ATO+EXE group, in both the soleus and white gastrocnemius muscles, than in the CON group. In the soleus muscle, the Bcl-2, SOD1, SOD2, Akt, and AMPK phosphorylation levels were significantly higher in the ATO+EXE group than in the ATO group. In the white gastrocnemius muscle, the SOD2, Akt, and AMPK phosphorylation levels were significantly higher in the ATO+EXE group than in the ATO group. Therefore, exercise training might regulate atorvastatin-induced muscle damage, muscle fatigue, and mitochondrial dysfunction in the skeletal muscles.

Keywords

exercise, mitochondria, myopathy, skeletal muscle, statin

Deciphering the mechanism of the loss of cell identity in mouse model for early diabetes

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Loss of cell identity is thought to be an early event of functional β cell mass decrement during the development of type 2 diabetes. However, the mechanism how cells lose their identity has been poorly understood. Here, we propose a novel mouse model generated by knocking out Prmt1 in adult β cells (Prmt1 iKO) as an early diabetes model. This model recapitulates early and progressive diabetic phenotype. Importantly, cells in Prmt1 iKO mouse were functionally immature and the protein level of mature cell markers were decreased. Single cell transcriptomic analysis of Prmt1 β iKO β cells revealed groups of β cell subpopulations that serially ranged from transcriptomic normal β cells to the stressed β cells and immature β cells. Stressed β cells were increased in mRNA expression of both Insulin and ER stress-related genes whereas immature β cell population were decreased in mRNA expression of insulin, insulin biosynthesis gene and β cell transcription factors. Metabolic challenge in β iKO mice resulted in robust 'loss of identity' in β cells with profound proteomic and transcriptomic change. Pseudotemporal analysis revealed a biological meaningful wave of transcriptomic changes. Single cell transcriptomic analysis of Prmt1 iKO cells revealed groups of cell subpopulations that serially ranged from transcriptomic normal cells to the stressed cells-immature cells-bihormonal endocrine cells. Stressed cells were increased in mRNA expression of both Insulin and ER stress-related genes whereas immature cell population were decreased in mRNA expression of insulin and cell transcription factors. These results can provide a new insight into how cells lose their identity in type 2 diabetes.

Inhibiting serotonin signaling through HTR2B in visceral adipose tissue improves obesity related insulin resistance

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Serotonin (5-hydroxytryptamine, 5-HT) is a bioamine and has diverse functions. 5-HT plays a distinct role depending on whether it is synthesized in the brain or in the periphery. Recent studies demonstrated that peripheral 5-HT has a significant role in regulation of systemic energy homeostasis. It induces lipid accumulation in liver and inhibits the UCP1 dependent thermogenesis in brown adipose tissue. However, it has not been completely elucidated how 5-HT influences visceral white adipose tissue dysfunction although visceral white adipose tissue is a major player in the development of obesity-related insulin resistance.

In this study, we found that the expression of serotonin receptor 2b (Htr2b) was increased in visceral adipose tissue upon high fat diet (HFD) feeding. Additionally, adipocyte specific Htr2b knockout mice showed improved insulin sensitivity, attenuated hepatic steatosis, inflammation and adipocytes hypertrophy. Most of all, HTR2B promotes adipocyte lipolysis via phosphorylation of HSL in obesity. We also reveal that pharmacological inhibition of HTR2B improves HFD-induced metabolic dysfunction. Furthermore, in human study, HTR2B expression in omental visceral adipose tissue correlates with BMI, AST level and ALT level in obese patients. These data suggested that 5-HT signaling through HTR2B can play an important role in visceral adipose tissue dysfunction and systemic insulin resistance. Therefore, unveiling the mechanism of 5-HT signaling through HTR2B in adipose tissue can broaden our understanding of the pathophysiological insight in obesity.

Gut-derived serotonin regulates hepatic steatosis and ER stress in alcoholic liver disease

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Serotonin (5-hydroxytryptamine (5-HT)) is a monoamine neurotransmitter that has various functions in central and peripheral tissues. Upon high-fat diet (HFD), gut-derived serotonin (GDS) synthesized by enterochromaffin cells has been reported to travel to the liver through portal vein and regulate hepatic steatosis via serotonin receptor 2A (HTR2A) signaling. However, the role of GDS in alcoholic liver disease remains to be elucidated. Here, we demonstrate that inhibition of GDS synthesis ameliorates alcoholic liver disease through the reduction in HTR2A signaling. Plasma serotonin concentrations were increased in both ethanol-fed mice and human with alcoholic liver disease. Gut-specific Tph1 knockout (Tph1 GKO) mice fed a Lieber-DeCarli diet containing 5% ethanol for 4 weeks exhibited improved steatosis and decreased expression of genes involved in lipogenic pathway. Also, liver-specific Htr2a knockout (Htr2a LKO) mice phenocopied Tph1 GKO mice. Moreover, endoplasmic reticulum (ER) stress markers were decreased in both Tph1 GKO and Htr2a LKO mice. Thus, these data suggest that GDS plays a crucial role in alcoholic liver disease and that inhibition of serotonin to HTR2A signaling can afford attractive approach to treat alcoholic liver disease.

Skeletal muscle mitochondrial dysfunction in mice is linked to bone loss via the bone marrow immune microenvironment

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Mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation (OxPhos) is a critical regulator of skeletal muscle mass and function. Although muscle atrophy due to mitochondrial dysfunction is closely associated with bone loss caused by reduction of mechanical loading, questions remain about the biological characteristics in the relationship between muscle and bone. Here, we have shown that muscle atrophy caused by skeletal muscle-specific Crif1 knockout (MKO) modulates the bone marrow inflammatory response, leading to bone loss. Transcriptome analysis of the extensor digitorum longus revealed that local mitochondrial stress increased serum levels of fibroblast growth factor 21 (FGF21) in mice. However, we have shown by Fgf21 knockout in MKO mice that FGF21 is dispensable for muscle atrophy-mediated bone loss. RNA sequencing in MKO mice indicated that mitochondrial stress response in skeletal muscles induces an inflammatory response and adipogenesis in the bone marrow. We also found, using transcriptomic analysis of bone marrow, that the CXCL12–CXCR4 axis is important for T-cell homing to the bone marrow, which is an immunological mediator of muscle-bone communication. CXCR4 antagonism attenuated bone marrow inflammation and bone loss in MKO mice. Together, these data highlight the role that muscle mitochondrial dysfunction plays in triggering bone marrow inflammation via the CXCL12–CXCR4 signaling axis, which is critical for inducing bone loss.

Keywords

mitochondria, inflammation, bone marrow, bone loss

Aerobic exercise decrease the levels of CRBN in the skeletal muscle of type 1 diabetes rats

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Cereblon (CRBN) has been reported as a negative regulator of adenosine monophosphate-activated protein kinase (AMPK). Aerobic exercise training has been shown to increase AMPK, which resulted in glucose regulation in skeletal muscle. However, the expression level of CRBN and its association with the physiological modulation of glucose are still unclear. Male Sprague-Dawley rats (5-week-old, n 1/4 18) were assigned to control, streptozotocin (STZ, 65 mg/kg)-induced diabetic group, and STZ þ exercise (STZ þ EXE) group with six rats in each group. Rats in the STZ þ EXE group exercised by treadmill running (20 m/min, 60 min, 4 times/week) for 8 weeks. Compared with the STZ group, blood glucose was significantly decreased in the STZ þ EXE group. The skeletal muscle of rats in the STZ þ EXE group showed a significant decrease in CRBN levels and an increase in AMPK, protein kinase B, peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor gamma coactivator 1-alpha, fibronectin type III domain-containing protein 5, glucose transporter type 4, superoxide dismutase 1, and uncoupling protein 3 levels. These results suggest that CRBN is a potential regulator of glucose homeostasis in the skeletal muscle. Moreover, our results suggest that aerobic exercise training may provide an important physiological treatment for type 1 diabetes by decreasing CRBN and increasing AMPK signaling in skeletal muscle.

Keywords

Aerobic exercise, CRBN, AMPK, Type 1 diabetes, Skeletal muscle, FNDC5

Functional Nanosome for Enhanced Mitochondria-targeted Gene Delivery and Expression

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Mitochondria dysfunction plays a role in many human diseases. Therapeutic techniques for these disorders require novel delivery systems that can specifically target and penetrate mitochondria. In this study, we report a novel nanosome composed of dequalinium-DOTAP-DOPE(1,2 dioleoyl-3-trimethylammonium-propane-1,2-dioleoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphoethanolamine) (DQA80s) as a potential mitochondria-targeting delivery vector. The functional DQAsome, DQA80s, showed enhanced transfection efficiency compared to a vector DQAsomes in HeLa cells. In addition, DQA80s/pDNA complexes exhibited rapid escape from the endosome into the cytosol. We observed the delivery of pDNA to mitochondria in living cells using flow cytometry, confocal microscopy, and TME imaging. More specifically, we confirmed our results by co-localization of hmtZsGreen constructs to mitochondria when delivered via DQAsomes and DQA80s in living cells. The mitochondria-targeting DQAsomes and DQA80s induced mitochondrial dysfunction through depolarization of mitochondrial membrane potential. Our data demonstrate that DQA80s show promise for use as a mitochondria-targeted carrier system for treatment of mitochondria diseases in vivo.

Keywords

nanosome, DQAsome, Mitochondria-targeted gene, DQA80s

Zbtb7c and SIRT1 repression: implications in high-fat diet and agedependent obesity

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The aging or high-fat diet-fed mice showed an increase in Zbtb7c expression in liver and white adipose tissues. The knockout of the Zbtb7c gene caused a significant decrease in fat tissues in aging mice. The knockdown of Zbtb7c mRNA in 3T3-L1 preadipocyte resulted in potent inhibition of adipocyte differentiation. SIRT1 mRNA is increased in those tissues of Zbtb7c KO mice, suggesting Zbtb7c may repress SIRT1. Indeed, Zbtb7c interacted with p53 and bound to the p53REs to repress the SIRT1 gene. Zbtb7c made p53 interact with the corepressor mSin3A-HADC1 complex at the downstream p53RE. Both the p53 binding at the p53RE1 and the Zbtb7c binding at the p53RE2 is critical in SIRT1 repression. In particular, the mutation in the downstream p53RE changed the regulation of the SIRT1 gene by p53 and Zbtb7c. p53 no longer repressed the SIRT1 and Zbtb7c potentially activated transcription. By repressing the SIRT1 gene, Zbtb7c increased the acetylation of the two major regulators of lipid metabolism and adipogenesis, Pgc-1 α and Ppar γ , which resulted in repression of Pgc-1 α target genes and activation of the Ppar γ target genes. Our study provided a molecular target that can overexpress SIRT1 protein in the liver, pancreas, adipose tissues, which can be beneficial in the treatment of diabetes, obesity, longevity, etc.

Keywords

ZBTB7C, SIRT1, Lipid metabolism, beta oxidation, Histone acetylation

Simulation of substrate-dependent changes of mitochondrial function using a computational mitochondria model

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Mitochondrial substrates are essential for generation of ATP in the process of oxidative phosphorylation. They enter the citric acid cycle to generate NADH and FADH₂ which are the source of electrons in the oxidative phosphorylation. A set of substrates which can maximize the mitochondrial respiration, however, is still in pursuit. We constructed a computational interface to simulate the effects of substrate composition. The model of mitochondria includes the citric acid cycle, electron transport system, substrate transporters, and malate-aspartate shuttle. We tested the effects of substrate combination in the cytosolic space on the mitochondrial generation of NADH and membrane potential. In case of single substrate, none of them was effective. In case of double substrates, the combination of malate and glutamate was most effective. In case of triple substrate, the combination of malate, glutamate, and succinate or malate, pyruvate, and glutamate was equally effective in increasing NADH and membrane potential. Addition of inorganic phosphates amplified the generation of NADH in all cases. Our computational model and its interface would be very useful as both the educational tool and research aid

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