

Characterization of a novel “DNA Maintenance Complex” (DMC) for genome integrity

[1] 組織 (Research group)

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[2] 研究経過 (Research setup)

The goal of the proposed study is to demonstrate that mitochondrial dysfunction affects nuclear DNA damage responses and thereby significantly increases the risk of genomic instability and cellular senescence.

Mitochondria houses rate-limiting enzymes essential for *de novo* synthesis of pyrimidines. In case of dysfunction of the mitochondrial respiration, the cytosolic levels of especially pyrimidines, but also purines in the form of deoxyribonucleotide phosphates (dNTPs) are decreased. We hypothesize that this decrease will prevent the formation of a proposed DNA maintenance complex (DMC) and in turn constrict the cells ability to perform nuclear DNA bypass repair. As a result, DNA damages will be sought salvaged by recombination repair, and the risk of chromosomal instability will increase.

Aim 1: To identify and characterize the DMC from human cells in respect to protein components, interaction with DNA and functionality at sites with DNA damage (Akaira Yasui, IDAC).

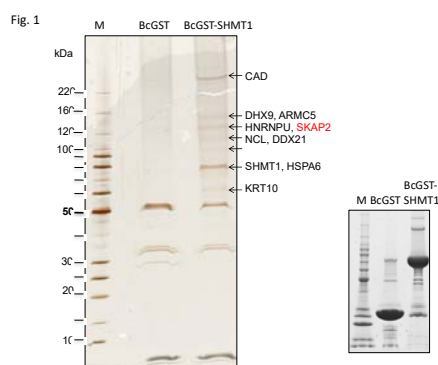
Aim 2: To demonstrate that dysfunction of the mitochondrial respiration, in human cells constricts synthesis of cellular dNTP, which in turn propagates a signal comparable to a cellular starvation signal,

which prevents the formation of the DMC and as a result restricts the cells ability to perform DNA bypass repair (Lene Juel Rasmussen, UCPH).

[3] 成果 (Research outcomes)

(3-1) 研究成果 (Results)

We have established a preliminary DMC containing REV1, SHMT1, SHMT2, and SKAR2. The preliminary results are based on proteomic analysis of proteins interacting with known DMC proteins such as Rev1. Fig. 1 depicts the results of an affinity chromatography by using GST-tagged SHMT1 purified from insect cells and mass-spectrometry to determine interacting proteins. The results are very promising and the experimental strategy will be continued.



(3-2) 波及効果と発展性など (Future perspectives)

If mitochondrial dysfunction is linked to dNTP anabolism via the DMC, it could have implications for understanding many aspects of human aging and age-associated human disease. The results of the proposed studies will also contribute to basic understanding of DNA repair, carcinogenesis, nucleotide metabolism, and mitochondrial dysfunction. In the long term, the proposed studies could also stimulate development of novel diagnostic and therapeutic agents for treating human disease.

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