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Introduction

Cell integrity and morphogenesis mechanisms under stress conditions

Positionning of Knr4 protein in these mechanisms

Knr4 protein structural information

New Results

Role of N-term in -protein localization during mitosis and shmoo formation -Morphogenesis / cell cycle control

Connections with the Calcineurin Pathway

Effect on the Morphogenesis Checkpoint



Introduction :

Cell integrity and morphogenesis mechanisms under stress conditions



SIt2/Mpk1 and calcineurin dependant pathways sha at least one essential function ... But wich one ???



Figure 1 Cross-talk between calcineurin and MAP kinase signalling pathways in *S. cerevisiae*.

(from Sugiura et al., Genes to Cells, 7, 619-627, 2007)

A common function of Slt2/Mpk1 and calcineurin, essential in case of cell wall stress, the « Morphogenesis checkpoint »

Upon cell wall synthesis or actin polarization defect, this checkpoint maintains cells in G2 until they adapt and become able to bud correctly.



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In silico Structure Predictions

3 Identified Domains in Knr4p :

| 1 8 | 0 | 340 | 505 |
|----------------------|-------------------------|--------|---------|
| Poorly structured | Structured and globular | Unstru | ictured |

C-H Plot

PONDR Analysis



These *in silico* predictions have been confirmed by *in vitro* experiments.

Collaboration with Pr. Vladimir_Uversky (F. Durand et al. Yeast, 2008)

Knr4 N-term is required for its localization during vegetative growth

Knr4 full (1-505)-GFP



Knr4 without C-term (1-340)-GFP

GFP alone

Knr4 without N-term (80-505)

Knr4 N-term is required for its localization at the shmoo tip

Knr4 full (1-505)-GFP





Knr4 without C-term (1-340)-GFP

GFP alone

Knr4 N-term is required for cell cycle arrest and shmoo formation kinetics

| % Unbudded Shmoos | cells | % Budding cel | ls % | |
|---|-------|---------------|------|----|
| <i>Knr4</i> ∆-pRS315 | 5 | 77 | 18 | |
| <i>Knr4</i> ∆ <i>-</i> pRS315- <i>KNR4</i> (1-505) | 7 | | 17 | 76 |
| <i>Knr4</i> ∆ <i>-</i> pRS315- <i>KNR4</i> (1-340) | 9 | 16 | 75 | |
| <i>Knr4</i> ∆ <i>-</i> pRS315- <i>KNR4</i> (80-505) | 4 | 75 | 21 | |

KNR4 and the Calcineurin pathway

- KNR4 and calmodulin were first isolated together by Fishel et al., 1993, and they show similar cellular localization.

- Knr4 and several of its homologs from other species (*Aspergillus fumigatus, Kluveromyces lactis, Cryptococcus neoformans,...*) share a « Calcineurin like phosphoesterase » domain.

- *Knr4*∆ is SL with *PKC1/SLT2* pathway members and with those of the calcineurin signalling pathway, as well as with drugs that inhibit calcineurin.



Figure 5 Overlap between the chemical-genetic profiles of FK506 and CsA and the genetic interaction profile of *CNB1*. Edges indicate either a chemical-genetic or a genetic interaction and nodes represent either compounds or genes, with the gene nodes color-coded from a defined subset of GO functional attributes. (a) Network of the chemical-genetic interactions of FK506 and CsA and the genetic interactions with *CNB1*. (b) Venn diagram summarizing that 35 genes showed a chemical-genetic interaction with FK506, 28 genes showed a chemical genetic interaction with CSA and 38 genes showed a genetic interaction with *CNB1*, with 24 interactions common to all three screens. Red bracketed numbers indicate the number of genes, in each group, classified as multidrug resistant.

A « Chemical-genetic » screen closely links *KNR4* and Calcineurin

Parsons *et al.,* 2004, Nature Biotech, 22(1) 37-8

pGAD2f / pOBD2 (negative control) pGAD2f / pOBD2-*KNR4*(1-505) pGAD2f-*CNB1* / pPOBD2 pGAD2f-*CNB1* / pPOBD2-*KNR4* (1-505) pGAD2f-*CNA1* / pOBD2 **pGAD2f-CNA1** / pOBD2-KNR4 (1-505) Positive control



β- galactosidase activity (nM of ONPG /min/mg proteins)

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pGAD2f / pOBD2 (negative control) pGAD2f / pOBD2-KNR4(1-505) pGAD2f-CNB1 / pPOBD2 pGAD2f-CNB1 / pPOBD2-KNR4 (1-505) pGAD2f-CNA1 / pOBD2 pGAD2f-CNA1 / pOBD2-KNR4 (1-505) pGAD2f / pOBD2-KNR4(80-505) pGAD2f-CNA1 / pOBD2-KNR4 (80-505) pGAD2f / pOBD2-KNR4(1-340) pGAD2f-CNA1 / pOBD2-KNR4 (1-340) pGAD2f / pOBD2-KNR4(1-80) pGAD2f-CNA1 / pOBD2-KNR4 (1-80) **Positive control**



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Upon cell wall synthesis or actin polarization defect, this checkpoint maintains cells in G2 until they adapt and become able to bud correctly.

Is this checkpoint functioning in the *knr4*∆ mutant? (cf : several cell cycle defect phenotypes in this mutant...)

> → Tested in Tokyo, in the lab of Pr Yoshikazu Ohya.

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Knr4 participates in the morphogenesis checkpoint



Conclusions : *Knr4 links two parallel signalling pathways*



Conclusions :

Two disordered domains with very different properties

(most of the protein biological function)



Essential:

- for protein localization
- when PKC1 pathway is disrupted,
- for interaction with calcineurin,
- and calcineurin activity.

Interactions inhibition, PEST sequences.

Thank you for your attention !

For more data :

- Poster session.
- Dagkessamanskaia et al., 2010. Yeast, July 2. Knr4 N-terminal domain controls its localization and function during sexual differentiation and vegetative growth,
- Dagkessamanskaia et al., 2010. Protein Science, 19(7):1376-85.

Functional dissection of an intrinsically disordered protein: understanding the roles of different domains of Knr4 protein in proteinprotein interactions. Crz1 transcriptional activity upon CFW induction is reduced in the absence of Knr4 protein or its N-terminal domain.

BY4741+ pSG2 BY4741 + pSG2 / CFW $crz1\Delta + pSG2$ $crz1\Delta$ + pSG2 / CFW $knr4\Delta + pSG2$ knr4∆ + pSG2 / CFW *knr4*∆ + p*KNR4*(1-505) + pSG2 *knr4*∆ + p*KNR4*(1-505) + pSG2 / CFW *knr4*∆ + p*KNR4*(1-340) + pSG2 *knr4*∆ + p*KNR4*(1-340) + pSG2 / CFW *knr4*∆ + p*KNR4*(80-505) + pSG2 *knr4*∆ + p*KNR4*(80-505) + pSG2 / CFW







Knr4 (1-505)-GFP, α factor 2 hours



Knr4 (1-505)-GFP, α factor 3 hours



*knr4*Δ mutant + pRS315 Knr4 1-505, α-factor 1h30



knr4∆ mutant + pRS315 1h30



knr4∆ mutant + pRS315 Knr4 1-340, 1h30

