The Role of ER Stress and Translation in Cell Death

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The Endoplasmic Reticulum:

Calcium storage and gated release Oxidative protein folding Quality control ER-associated protein degradation Core oligosaccharide biosynthesis Lipid and sterol biosynthesis



Chinese hamster ovary cell



Factor VIII Expression Induces ER Stress



Activation of the Unfolded Protein Response

Calcium depletion Altered glycosylation Nutrient deprivation (GRP) Reductive/oxidative stress Growth arrest / DNA damage (GADD) Protein expression thapsigargin, ionophore
tunicamycin, castanospermine
glucose, hypoxia
DTT, homocysteine
etoposide, UV
wild-type / mutant / subunits



Activation of the Unfolded Protein Response

Pathological conditions:

Viral infection, tumorigenesis, DNA damage, diabetes, atherosclerosis, ischemic injury, conformational diseases

Physiological responses: Glucose regulation of insulin production (β cells) Response to a misfolded protein (hepatocytes)

The Unfolded Protein Response



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UPR Signaling Responses



ER Stress-Induced Apoptosis



ER perturbation by mild stress

NT

25 ng/ml Tm overnight

25 ng/ml Tm 2 weeks







All stress pathways are activated during mild stress

IRE1α



Differential outcomes for UPR pathways during persistent stress



Selective instability of mRNAs in the PERK-CHOP axis



Cells pretreated to induce UPR and ActD added to block transcription

Selective instability of proteins in the PERK-CHOP axis



Cells pretreated to induce UPR and CHX added to block translation

UPR-induced Alterations in Gene Expression



Rutkowski et al. PLOS Biol. (In Press)

Translation Initiation Response to External Stimuli



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elF2α phosphorylation is required for translation attenuation upon ER stress



elF2 α A/A mice die within 24 hr after birth



Glucose Rescue of elF2 α A/A Mouse



A/A islets have reduced β -cells and insulin content

S/S

A/A





Glucagon

Scheuner et al. 2001 Mol. Cell 7: 1165

Translational control is required to prevent ER distension/stress in pancreatic β cells





Wolcott-Rallison Syndrome

Rare autosomal recessive disorder Diabetes mellitus in early infancy Multiple epiphyseal dysplasia/osteoporosis **Growth retardation** Due to mutations in PERK/PEK Delépine et al. 2000 Nat. Gen. 25: 406

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DIET ENVIRONMENTAL STRESS GENETIC FACTORS

Partial loss of UPR ? Diabetes

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High-Fat or db/db

Partial loss of UPR (eIF2α S/A) ? Diabetes

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Heterozygous *eIF2\alpha S/A* mice become obese upon high-fat diet



Heterozygous elF2 α S/A mice are glucose intolerant with impaired insulin secretion *in vivo*



Scheuner et al. 2005 Nat. Med. 11: 757

High-fat diet induces ER stress in beta cells of $eIF2\alpha$ S/A mice

LF S/A



500 nm

Increased Association of Proinsulin with BiP in HF-Fed S/A Mice



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CHOP deletion increases HF-induced obesity in elF2 α ^{S/A} mice





wt-S/A vs ko-S/A * P<0.05; ** P<0.01

CHOP deletion prevents HF diet-induced glucose intolerance in elF2 $\alpha^{S/A}$ mice



*** P<0.001

Blood glucose levels (mg/dL)

CHOP deletion promotes islet hyperplasia in high fat $eIF2\alpha^{S/A}$ mice



CHOP deletion restores insulin granules and secretion in HF-fed $eIF2\alpha^{S/A}$ mice

Chop+/+ S/S

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Does expression of a malfolded protein induce the UPR, oxidative stress, and apoptosis *in vivo*? Does expression of a malfolded protein induce the UPR, oxidative stress, and apoptosis *in vivo*?

Clotting factor VIII inefficiently secreted due to misfolding.

Does factor VIII expression activate the UPR and apoptosis *in vivo*?

FVIII expression after hydrodynamic DNA injection



* Miao et al., 2004 Blood 103:3412

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FVIII Expression Induces Apoptosis in Mouse Liver



CHOP is required for FVIII induced apoptosis

Vect

Chop-/-



Nomarski

TUNEL



FVIII Expression Induces ER Stress in Liver

Vect FVIII BDD 226/N6



ER Stress-Induced Oxidative Stress



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ER Stress-Induced Apoptosis



ER Stress-Induced Apoptosis



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