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### Carbohydrates are pervasive and involved in many

#### cellular interactions





Holgersson et al, *Immuno Cell Biol*, 2005 Baskin et al, *PNAS*, 2007

# Nucleic acids and proteins are synthesized with a defined template and dedicated polymerases



Macromolecule: Nucleic acid

**Polymerase: DNA Pol or RNA Pol** 

**Template: DNA strand** 

Macromolecule: polypeptide

**Polymerase: Ribosome** 

**Template: mRNA strand** 

#### <u>Glycan biosynthesis lacks a dedicated polymerase</u> and genetic template



#### **Consortium for Functional Glycomics (CFG) Notation**



Rakus and Mahal, Ann Rev Anal Chem, 2011



Functions: protein folding and trafficking; signaling ligand

**Glycolipids** 



Functions: Cell surface receptors; membrane composition

#### **O-linked glycosylation**



Functions: protein folding and trafficking; ECM composition

**C-linked glycosylation** 



Functions: Unknown (stabilization?)

#### **Carbohydrate synthetic regulation**



- Synthesizing a glycome requires a large commitment of cellular resources
- Many glycosylation enzymes (glycosyltransferases and glycosidases), sugar transporter and metabolic proteins, and regulation elements (over 120 identified as of 2011)
- Can we study the genome-wide regulation of this process?

#### EGFR: core α1,6-fucosylation activiates cell growth

#### pathways through EGF binding



Wang et al, *J Biol Chem*, 2006 Matsumoto et al, *Cancer Sci*, 2008

### <u>...but terminal α1,3 fucosylation inhibits signaling</u> <u>activation by preventing EGFR dimerization</u>



Liu *et al, PNAS*, 2011

### **Differential core fucosylation in cancer**

Increase in core fucosylation has been observed in...

- Prostate cancer (Saldova et al, *Glycobiology*, 2011)
- Pancreatic cancer (Sarrats et al, Proteomics Clin Appl, 2010)
- Stomach cancer (Bones et al, J Proteome Res, 2011)

Decrease in core fucosylation has been observed in...

- Lung cancer (Arnold et al, *J Proteome Res*, 2011)

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#### Model System: The NCI-60 Cell Panel

• NCI-60: 60 cell lines for screening of potential cancer therapeutics

• Vary in tissue type, metastasis, individual of origin

 CellMiner.org: open source database containing mRNA, miRNA and protein array data, genetic mapping, pharmacological and mutational analysis

#### **Experimental Strategy**



#### **Lectins**

- <u>Lectins</u>: non-enzymatic, non-immunological carbohydrate-binding proteins
- Found in all domains of life and demonstrate a wide range of structural design and biological function
- Lectins are often modified post-translationally (particularly in higher organisms)
- Many are readily available commercially
- Some have very broad specificities (WGA) some are extremely restricted (PSA)

#### **Generation of Lectin Microarrays**



- Lectins are printed on NHS-ester coated glass slides in high spatial density at 10°C and ambient humidity
- Protein lysine residues react with esters to form amide-bound conjugates
- Unreacted esters are blocked with ethanolamine
- Slides can be stored for up to two months

### <u>Ratiometric lectin microarray analysis for semi-</u> <u>quantitative analysis of the dynamic glycome</u>



Pilobello et al, *PNAS*, 2007 Rakus and Mahal, *Ann Rev Anal Chem*, 2011

#### Lectin Microarray Analysis: NCI-60



- 90 usable lectin probes (two were misprinted)
- Two lung cell lines were discarded due to technical error (NCI-H226, NCI-H460)
- One colon line was not included due to inability to culture (HCC 2998)
- Biological replicates of KM12 and MOLT-4 were included

#### **Cell lines cluster based on their glycosylation**



COLON (5/6, p=0.39) LEUKEMIA (4/6, p=0.39) CNS (4/5, p=0.44) LUNG (4/7, p=0.44) MELANOMA (8/9, p=0.60)



#### Lectin histology confirms glycan presence







**KM12** 









#### **Glycosylation signatures: Sialic acid**



#### **Glycosylation signatures: Gal/GalNAc**



**CELL LINES** 

#### **Glycosylation signatures: Mannose**



#### **Maturation of N-linked glycans**



- Glc<sub>3</sub>Man<sub>9</sub>GlcNAc<sub>2</sub> precursor is transferred to nascent polypeptide in ER
- Upon proper folding, glycan is trimmed to high-mannose and, potentially further modified to hybrid/complex

**Essentials of Glycobiology** 

#### **Experimental Strategy**



#### **Principal Component Analysis**

- Method to decompose a matrix into an orthogonally transformed set of variables
- This method can be used to identify significant, co-varying patterns in large data sets
- Can be applied to either lectin or mRNA array data individually or both data sets combined for SYSTEMS BIOLOGY examination of glycosylation pathways



#### PCA Analysis of the glycome



Projection correlation = l | ec

Gene/lectin vector across cell types (l) Eigen-celltype (ec) <u>PCA Matrix</u> Lani Pilobello  $M = U V^T$ 

#### **Glycomic Signatures**

Component 2	APA, Con A, DSA, GNA, LcH, LPA, NPA, PAA, SNA (vector), UDA, HHL, MAL-II, CVN, SVN, GRFT, ACA, PSL, TJA-I, AMA, Calsepa, IRA, RS-IIL	High mannose, α2,6 sialic acid (N-linked)
Component <b>3</b>	VRA, PTL-II, HAA	Terminal GalNAc ( <i>O</i> -linked)
Component <b>4</b>	TKA, PapGII	Glycolipid

#### **Patterns of NCI-60 Gene Expression Regulation**

• mRNA and miRNA expression patterns investigated across entire NCI-60 (Liu et al, *Mol Biol Cell*, 2010)

#### **OBSERVATION OF HIGHLY EXPRESSED AND DIVERSE PROBES**

-<u>Melanoma</u> (8/9 mRNA, 9/9 miRNA) and <u>leukemia</u> (6/6 mRNA and miRNA) lines cluster together based on expression patterns

-<u>Renal</u> (8/8 mRNA, 6/8 miRNA) and <u>colon</u> (6/7 mRNA and miRNA) also show strong correlation

-CNS and lung cancer show little correlation

### microRNAs (miRNA)



- miRNA are genomically encoded short (~22 nt) molecules involved in repressing expression of mRNA
- Upon processing, miRNAs recruit a post-transcriptional silencing complex to inhibit expression
- This mechanism regulates a myriad of cellular functions, including glycosylation

#### **Integration of miRNA and mRNA data**



- Lectin and miRNA/mRNA array data sets integrated and clustered without PCA analysis

#### **Analysis of miRNA and mRNA data**



Clustering of transcript data shows additional mannosidase targets

### PCA integration of glycome and miRNA



-Integration of lectin and miRNA arrays

-high mannose lectins cluster with and co-vary with four miRNAs across six principal components

-miRNAs co-vary with αmannosidase I isoforms

-MAN1A1, MAN1A2, MAN1B1 predicted targets of these miRNAs

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- α-mannosidase I controls all hybrid/complex maturation steps

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### PCA Analysis: Implications for regulation of N-linked pathway

- The <u>lectin microarray</u> data shows distinct separation of high mannose and complex/hybrid structures are cell-type dependent
- The <u>mRNA array</u> data shows that α-mannosidase I expression co-varies with mannose lectins
- The <u>miRNA array</u> data shows that four miRNAs also co-vary with mannose lectins and α-mannosidase I
- <u>Hypothesis</u>: *N*-linked maturation pathway is regulated by miRNA transcriptional control of α-mannosidase I

miRNA Expression	Increased	Decreased
MAN1 expression	Decreased	Increased
N-linked glycome	High Mannose	Complex/Hybrid

#### **Strategy**

Use high mannose (mel, ren) and complex (mel, col) lines

Modulate miRNA expression



Analyze glycome (lectin microarray)

### <u>miRNAs affect expression of α-mannosidase I in</u> <u>complex-expressing renal cancer line SN12C</u>

#### miRNA inhibitors

miRNA overexpression









#### **Praveen Agrawal**

#### A model for cell-type specific carbohydrate expression?



Expression of hybrid/complex glycans (renal)



#### A model for cell-type specific carbohydrate expression?



#### **Future Directions**

• Fucose and galactose primary component analysis suggests further subcategories of glycome regulation

• Evidence suggests Golgi transport structural proteins also map to our lectin microarray observations

Investigate the glycome's role in melanocyte to melanoma cancer transition

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#### **Background:** C-linked glycosylation

- First identified in human RNaseB by Edman degradation, NMR and MS (Hofsteenge et al, *Biochemistry*, 1994)
- Mannose is transferred from dolichyl-phosphate-mannose (not GDPmannose) by an endoplasmic reticulum-associated protein (Doucey et al, *Mol Biol Cell*, 1998)
- Several dozen human proteins confirmed to be *C*-mannosylated; over 2500 candidates contain <u>W</u>-x-x-W consensus sequence (Julenius, *Glycobiology*, 2007)
- Present in insects and *C. elegans*, not in yeast or *E. coli* (Krieg et al, *J Biol Chem*, 1997)
- The glycosyltransferase responsible for this modification is not known

#### **Identification and characterization strategy**



#### Non-Leloir Transferases utilize dolichyl-phosphate mannose



#### Transfer of α–Mannose from Dolichyl-Phosphate-Mannose to Hydroxyl Acceptor



Transfer of α–Mannose from Dolichyl-Phosphate-Mannose to Tryptophan



#### **Topology of Non-Leloir Mannosyltransferases**



Loop 1: Contains N-terminal acidic domain (DE/EE/DD). Work on POMT1/2 family suggests this is the catalytic domain

Loop 2: Homologous throughout dolichyl-phosphate-carbohydrate utilizing enzymes

#### **PHI-BLAST Method to Identify Potential C-MT Sequences**

Step 1: Query human non-redundant protein database with Alg3 sequence, PHI-BLAST loop 2



Step 3: a.) Repeat search with 7 other human DPM transferase sequences

- b.) Pool and align search results
- c.) Query C. elegans and S. cerevisiae for presence of candidate



#### Methods to identify C-man-Trp

- GC-MS (Zanetta et al, Anal Biochem, 2004)
  - Can identify modified Trp residue from peptide or protein samples
  - Cannot identify site of modified tryptophan or be used for kinetic analysis

- End point assay (Doucey et al, Mol Biol Cell, 1998)
  - Can be used to determine reaction kinetic information
  - Requires radioactive substrates (<sup>3</sup>H or <sup>14</sup>C)
  - Non-continuous assay increases measurement error

#### **Proposed Development of Coupled-Enzyme Assay for C-MT** activity Coupled Assay: C-MT Activity Ac-NKPPQFAWAQWFE-NH<sub>2</sub> Ac-NKPPQFAW\*AQWFE-NH<sub>2</sub> C-MT Dolichyl-Phos-Mannose Dolichyl-Phosphate **Purpose: Monitor enzyme** Dolichol Phosphatase activity spectrophotometrically A generalized assay for Dolichol glycosyltransferases was ╋ developed Phosphate This assay detects the release of inorganic phosphate Reagent B Reagent A

### Proposal: Investigation of C-mannosylation in innate immune responses

- <u>Complement Cascade</u>: An encoded response to extracellular stimulus
- Stimuli include bacterial cell surface, antigen molecules
- Effectors: pathogen opsonization, release of pore-forming toxins
- Activators (properdin) and effectors (membrane attack complex) are C-mannosylated

### Membrane Attack Complex (MAC): Pore-forming

#### **Effector of Innate Immunity**



- Complement system is activated by external stimulus, such as bacteria
- C6-C9 contain at least one C-mannosylated tryptophan residue (Hofsteenge et al, J Biol. Chem., 1999)

#### **C-mannosylated TSR domains in C6 and C8**



C6 (cyan), Aleshin *et al*, *J. Biol. Chem.*, 2012 (pdb: 3t5o) C8 (purple), Lovelace *et al.*, *J. Biol. Chem.*, 2011 (pdb: 3ojy)

### Question: What role does C-mannosylation have in MAC function?

- <u>Hypothesis</u>: C-man-Trp on complement proteins is involved in MAC formation and function
- <u>Strategy</u>: Determine what contribution C-man-Trp plays by making non-modified mutants and assaying interactions
- <u>Approach</u>: Determine protein-protein binding affinities using known assay strategies (surface plasmon resonance, native gel electrophoresis)

### Proposal: in vivo identification of C-mannosylated proteins

- Over 2500 mammalian proteins may be *C*-mannosylated
- Nearly all remain unconfirmed
- What stimuli enhance *C*-mannosylation?
- Innate immune system activation results in several Cmannosylated proteins

### Proposal: Role for C-linked glycosylation in lipopolysaccharide-induced TNFα activation

<u>KNOWN</u>: Stimulation of macrophages with LPS and *C*-mannosylated peptides induces TNFα signaling (Muroi et al, *Glycobiology*, 2007) via interaction with Hsc70 (Ihara et al, *Glycobiology*, 2010)

Question 1: What role does *C*-mannosylation have in co-activating this response?

**Question 2: What proteins are involved?** 

Proposal: Utilize metabolic labeling strategy to identify response of *C*-mannosylated proteins upon immune challenge.

#### <u>Isotopically Coded Affinity Tags (ICAT): A strategy to</u> <u>identify and quantify peptides</u>



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#### Strategy to identify C-mannosylated proteins in vivo



#### **Requirements for Innate Immunity Project**

- 1. Culturable hepatocyte cell line (Gibco)
- 2. Confirm ICAT-like strategy can differentially identify induced proteins
- 3. Access to LC/MS-MS (either on site, or in collaboration with CCRC or academic lab)
- 4. Access to deuterated DPM
  - Commercially available (Omicron)
  - Enzymatically synthesized from GDP-Man

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