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In Brief

The transcription factor TFEB has recently emerged as a critical regulator of host defense, but the upstream pathway that leads to its activation during infection was unknown. Najibi et al. demonstrate an evolutionarily conserved pathway involving phospholipase C and protein kinase D that is necessary and sufficient for TFEB activation in infected nematodes and macrophages.

Highlights

- Protein kinase D (PKD) is necessary and sufficient for TFEB activation
- Phospholipase C (PLC) acts upstream of PKD and TFEB in response to infection
- Nematode Gaq functions upstream of PLC
- Knockdown of the gene encoding PKD1 results in defective **TFEB** activation





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SUMMARY

The mechanisms that tightly control the transcription of host defense genes have not been fully elucidated. We previously identified TFEB as a transcription factor important for host defense, but the mechanisms that regulate TFEB during infection remained unknown. Here, we used C. elegans to discover a pathway that activates TFEB during infection. Gene dkf-1, which encodes a homolog of protein kinase D (PKD), was required for TFEB activation in nematodes infected with Staphylococcus aureus. Conversely, pharmacological activation of PKD was sufficient to activate TFEB. Furthermore, phospholipase C (PLC) gene plc-1 was also required for TFEB activation, downstream of Gag homolog egl-30 and upstream of dkf-1. Using reverse and chemical genetics, we discovered a similar PLC-PKD-TFEB axis in Salmonella-infected mouse macrophages. In addition, PKCa was required in macrophages. These observations reveal a previously unknown host defense signaling pathway, which has been conserved across one billion years of evolution.

INTRODUCTION

Host defense against infection relies on the transcriptional induction of genes that encode antimicrobial proteins and systemic signaling factors (Medzhitov and Horng, 2009). Great strides have been made in understanding the functions of antimicrobials, such as antimicrobial peptides and C-type lectins, and of cytokines and chemokines, such as tumor necrosis factor α (TNF- α), interleukin 1 β (IL-1 β), and IL-6 (Bhatt et al., 2012; Gallo and Hooper, 2012). In contrast, less is understood about the regulatory networks that control their expression during infection, except for a few examples, such as NF- κ B (Amit et al., 2009; Shapira and Hacohen, 2011). Host defense gene expression is tightly regulated, and their misexpression can cause chronic inflammation and autoimmunity (Medzhitov and Horng, 2009). Therefore, understanding transcriptional control of host defense is of great relevance to infectious and inflammatory diseases.

We previously showed that transcription factor EB (TFEB) is an important and evolutionarily conserved transcriptional regulator of the host response to infection (Visvikis et al., 2014). *Caenorhabditis elegans* TFEB, known as helix-loop-helix domain (HLH)-30, is necessary and sufficient for host defense gene expression. HLH-30 becomes rapidly activated during infection, as revealed by its relocalization from the cytosol to the nucleus of most cells in the organism. Furthermore, TFEB rapidly relocalizes to the nucleus in murine macrophages, where it also is necessary and sufficient for the expression of downstream defense genes. The mechanisms by which nematode and murine TFEB are activated during infection remained unknown.

Previous studies showed that phosphorylation of TFEB by mTORC1 or extracellular signal-regulated kinase (ERK) 2 results in its cytoplasmic retention (Peña-Llopis et al., 2011; Roczniak-Ferguson et al., 2012; Sardiello et al., 2009; Settembre et al., 2011). Such inhibition is lifted by nutritional deprivation in nematodes and mammalian cells (Lapierre et al., 2013; Martina et al., 2012; O'Rourke and Ruvkun, 2013; Settembre et al., 2013). Activated TFEB drives the expression of lysosomal and autophagy genes that are part of the Coordinated Lysosomal Expression and Regulation (CLEAR) regulatory network (Palmieri et al., 2011), which also includes lipid catabolism genes that are important for cellular metabolic reprogramming (Settembre et al., 2013). Activation of TFEB is much less understood. In nutrientdeprived cells, it entails Ca²⁺-mediated calcineurin activation, resulting in dephosphorylation of TFEB at mTORC1 target sites and its nuclear import (Medina et al., 2015). Whether this mechanism is involved in TFEB regulation during infection is not known.

Here, we report the discovery of an evolutionarily conserved upstream pathway dependent on protein kinase D (PKD) for the positive regulation of TFEB during infection. In *C. elegans*, PKD homolog DKF-1 is essential for HLH-30 activation during infection. In murine macrophages, we find that PKD activity is also required for TFEB activation during infection, as is that of PKC α . Thus, our study identifies a role for PKD in innate immune signaling via TFEB in nematodes and mammals, and suggests that PKD and TFEB may perform wider and more central roles in host defense than previously appreciated.





Figure 1. DKF-1/PKD Is Necessary and Sufficient for HLH-30/TFEB Activation

(A) HLH-30::GFP animals were reared on *E. coli* carrying empty vector (EV), *dkf-1* RNAi, or *dkf-2* RNAi, and subsequently fed with *E. coli* OP50 (top row) or infected with *S. aureus* (middle row). Shown are representative epifluorescence micrographs. Hatched boxes indicate areas enlarged in detail (bottom row).

(B) Quantitative analysis. Data are mean \pm SEM (two biological replicates, n \geq 50 per condition). ***p \leq 0.001 (two-sample t test).

(C) Survival of wild-type and *hlh-30* mutant animals reared on *E. coli* carrying *dkf-1* RNAi or empty vector control prior to infection with *S. aureus*. *** $p \le 0.001$ (log-rank test).

(D) Animals were treated with dkf-1 RNAi as in (A) and subsequently incubated with 1 μ g/ml PMA for 30 min. Shown are representative epifluorescence micrographs (middle row). Hatched boxes indicate areas enlarged in detail (bottom row). Top row shows animals treated with vehicle.

(E) Quantitative analysis. Data are mean \pm SEM (two biological replicates, n \geq 50 per condition). **p \leq 0.01 (two-sample t test).

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RESULTS

C. elegans DKF-1/Protein Kinase D Is Necessary and Sufficient for the Activation of HLH-30/TFEB

C. elegans possess a TFEB ortholog named HLH-30 (Lapierre et al., 2013; Visvikis et al., 2014). GFP-tagged HLH-30 (HLH-30::GFP) is expressed throughout the body in uninfected animals feeding on nonpathogenic Escherichia coli, where it distributes equally between the cellular cytosol and nucleus. In contrast, HLH-30::GFP concentrates in the cell nucleus throughout the entire organism during infection with Staphylococcus aureus, indicating that HLH-30 is activated by infection. We observed similar behavior for murine TFEB in macrophages (Visvikis et al., 2014). To clarify upstream regulation of TFEB, we sought to identify candidate signaling molecules that are required for TFEB activation during infection. We used C. elegans as a gene discovery tool, with which we screened a library containing RNAi constructs that target most protein kinases and phosphatases in the C. elegans genome (Manning, 2005). For the screen, animals were reared on E. coli clones expressing doublestranded RNA (dsRNA) to each gene individually (see Experimental Procedures). The screen consisted of visual examination of HLH-30::GFP nuclear localization by epifluorescence microscopy after 30 min of S. aureus exposure. In this manner, we found that inhibition of gene dkf-1 prevented HLH-30 nuclear localization during S. aureus infection (Figures 1A and 1B).

Gene dkf-1 encodes one of two C. elegans homologs of PKD (Feng et al., 2006; Fu and Rubin, 2011). Knockdown of dkf-1 specifically reduced dkf-1 mRNA by ~50%, but not that of paralagous gene dkf-2 (Figure S1A). Furthermore, dkf-2 RNAi did not affect HLH-30 activation (Figures 1A and 1B), suggesting that dkf-1 specifically controls HLH-30 activation during infection. Consistent with this result, dkf-1 RNAi knockdown severely compromised host survival of S. aureus infection (Figure 1C). Interestingly, dkf-1 knockdown in the hlh-30 mutant background did not impair host survival beyond that of the control hlh-30 mutant alone (p > 0.01, log-rank test), which suggested that dkf-1 and hlh-30 may function in the same pathway. Non-infected control experiments revealed that inhibition of dkf-1 resulted in shortened lifespan (Figure S1B), such as has been shown for hlh-30 (Lapierre et al., 2013; Settembre et al., 2013; Visvikis et al., 2014). In contrast, dkf-1(ok2695), a partial lossof-function allele of dkf-1 that is sufficient to cause posterior body paralysis (Feng et al., 2007) resulted in non-significant reduction of host survival of infection (p = 0.1277), likely because paralysis is insufficient to compromise host defense (Figure S1C).

Together these results suggested that DKF-1 performs functions that are essential for HLH-30 activation during infection.

DKF-1 was previously shown to be activated by the second messenger 1,2-diacylglycerol (DAG) in a PKC-independent manner and can be activated using the DAG analog phorbol 12-myristate 13-acetate (PMA) (Feng et al., 2007). Exogenous addition of PMA was sufficient to induce HLH-30 translocation (Figures 1D and 1E) and induction of HLH-30-dependent gene *ilys-2* (Visvikis et al., 2014) (Figures 1F and 1G) in the absence of infection. Such effects were diminished as a result of *dkf-1* knockdown (Figures 1D, 1E, and 1G), demonstrating that PMA-triggered HLH-30 activation is DKF-1-dependent. Together, these results show that activation of PKD homolog DKF-1 is necessary and sufficient to induce HLH-30 activation.

PMA can also activate protein kinase C (PKC). To test whether PKC might also be involved in HLH-30 activation during infection, we examined the effect of chemical inhibition of PKC on HLH-30 nuclear translocation. Animals that were treated with vehicle alone or with PKC inhibitor bisindolylmaleimide IV (Jirousek et al., 1996) were indistinguishable (Figures 1H and 1I). In stark contrast, treatment with PKD inhibitor kb-NB142-70 (Harikumar et al., 2010) resulted in a 75% inhibition of HLH-30 translocation, supporting the findings with *dkf-1* RNAi. Furthermore, individual loss of PKC paralagous genes *pkc-1*, *pkc-2*, and *tpa-1* did not affect HLH-30 translocation (Figures 1J and 1K) or *ilys-2* induction (Figure S1D). Together, these results support a key role for *dkf-1*, but not *dkf-2* or PKC, in the activation of HLH-30 during infection.

C. elegans EGL-30/G α_q and PLC-1/PLC ϵ Are Necessary for the Activation of HLH-30

We hypothesized that infection may result in increased cellular DAG levels, thus causing PKD activation. A common endogenous source of DAG is phosphatidyl inositide 4,5-bisphosphate (PIP₂), which is hydrolyzed to inositol trisphosphate (IP₃) and DAG by phospholipase C (PLC) (Kadamur and Ross, 2013). PLC can be activated by interaction with α subunits of heterotrimeric Gq proteins, or $G\alpha_q$ (Taylor et al., 1991). Furthermore, previous work showed that the *C. elegans* $G\alpha_q$ homolog EGL-30 can activate PLC β homolog EGL-8 for host defense against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* or *Microbacterium nematophilum* infection (Kawli et al., 2010; McMullan et al., 2012). In addition, activation of EGL-30 during fungal infection triggers EGL-8 and Ca²⁺ release to activate dual oxidase, or Duox (Zou et al., 2013). With this precedent in mind, we investigated the role of the EGL-30/EGL-8 axis in HLH-30 activation by infection.

(I) Quantitative analysis. Data are mean \pm SEM (two biological replicates, n \geq 50 per condition). **p \leq 0.01 (two-sample t test).

(J) HLH-30::GFP animals were reared on *E. coli* carrying empty vector (EV), *pkc-1*, *pkc-2*, or *tpa-1* RNAi and subsequently infected with *S. aureus* (top row). Shown are representative epifluorescence micrographs. Hatched boxes indicate areas enlarged in detail (bottom row).

(K) Quantitative analysis. Data are mean \pm SEM (three biological replicates, n \geq 50 per condition). See also Figure S1.

⁽F) qRT-PCR of *ilys-2* in wild-type or *hlh-30* mutants. Animals were incubated with 1 μ g/ml PMA for 8 hr. Results are normalized to control wild-type animals. Data are mean \pm SEM (three biological replicates, three technical replicates, $n \geq 3,000$ per condition).

⁽G) qRT-PCR of *ilys-2* in worms reared on *E. coli* carrying empty vector control or *dkf-1* RNAi. Animals were incubated with 1 μ g/ml PMA for 8 hr. Results are normalized to empty vector control. *p \leq 0.05 (two-sample t test).

⁽H) HLH-30::GFP animals were treated with kb-NB142-70 or bisindolylmaleimide IV and subsequently fed with *E. coli* OP50 (top row) or infected with *S. aureus* (middle row). Shown are representative epifluorescence micrographs. Hatched boxes indicate areas enlarged in *detail* (bottom row).



Figure 2. A $G\alpha_q$ -PLC ϵ -PKD Pathway Controls TFEB in *C. elegans*

(A) HLH-30::GFP animals were reared on *E. coli* carrying empty vector or *egl-30* RNAi, and subsequently infected with *S. aureus*. Shown are representative epifluorescence micrographs. Hatched boxes indicate areas enlarged in detail. EV, empty vector control RNAi.

(B) Quantitative analysis. Data are mean \pm SEM (two biological replicates, n \geq 50 per condition). ***p \leq 0.001 (two-sample t test).

(C) Survival of wild-type and egl-30 mutant animals infected with S. aureus. ***p \leq 0.001 (log-rank test).

(D) HLH-30::GFP animals were reared on *E. coli* carrying empty vector or *plc-1*, *plc-2*, *plc-3*, *plc-4*, or *egl-8* RNAi and subsequently infected with *S. aureus*. Shown are representative epifluorescence micrographs.

(E) Quantitative analysis. Data are mean \pm SEM (two biological replicates, $n \ge 50$ per condition). ***p ≤ 0.001 (two-sample t test).

(F) Animals were treated with *dkf-1*, *plc-1*, or *egl-30* RNAi and subsequently incubated with 1 μ g/ml PMA for 30 min. Shown are representative epifluorescence micrographs (top row). Hatched boxes indicate areas enlarged in detail (bottom row).

(G) Quantitative analysis. Data are mean \pm SEM (two biological replicates, n \geq 50 per condition). ***p \leq 0.001 (two-sample t test).

(H) Proposed hypothetical model for HLH-30 regulation by infection.

Unexpectedly, *plc-1* RNAi conferred enhanced survival of infection (Figure S1E). In contrast, *plc-1* RNAi caused shortened lifespan on nonpathogenic *E. coli* (Figure S1F); thus, the observed resistance to infection is not explained by an extended lifespan. Loss of *plc-1* has been reported to cause pleiotropic defects in multiple processes, including

First, we tested whether EGL-30 might be important for HLH-30 activation. RNAi knockdown of gene *egl-30* resulted in severely defective HLH-30 nuclear localization after infection (Figures 2A and 2B). In addition, loss of function *egl-30* mutants were highly susceptible to *S. aureus* infection compared with wild-type (Figure 2C), consistent with the putative role of EGL-30 upstream of PLC.

Next, we addressed whether EGL-8 might also participate in HLH-30 regulation. In this case, RNAi knockdown of gene *egl-8* did not affect HLH-30 (Figures 2D and 2E), suggesting that another PLC homolog may be involved. To identify the hypothetical phospholipase that may function upstream of HLH-30 during infection, we performed RNAi-mediated knockdown of additional PLC genes *plc-1*, *plc-2*, *plc-3*, and *plc-4*. While animals treated with *plc-2*, *plc-3*, or *plc-4* RNAi were indistinguishable from empty vector controls, *plc-1* knockdown abrogated HLH-30::GFP nuclear localization (Figures 2D and 2E).

fertilization (Kovacevic et al., 2013) and morphogenesis (Vázquez-Manrique et al., 2008). In addition, *plc-1* RNAi causes defects in chromosome condensation and embryonic lethality (Vázquez-Manrique et al., 2008). Because PLC-1 participates in numerous organismal functions, the observed lifespan phenotypes could be affected in a complex manner by *plc-1* RNAi. Nonetheless, our finding that PLC-1 is required for HLH-30 nuclear import suggests that PLC-1 is specifically required for HLH-30 activation by infection.

To examine whether EGL-30 and PLC-1 might function upstream of DKF-1, we tested the ability of PMA to suppress the phenotypes caused by their loss of function in terms of HLH-30 activation. PMA caused HLH-30 translocation in animals treated with RNAi against *plc-1* or *egl-30*, but not in those treated *with dkf*-1 RNAi (Figures 2F and 2G). This result suggested that DAG produced downstream of EGL-30 and PLC-1 can activate DKF-1 and HLH-30 translocation. Together, these data suggest a hypothetical model whereby infection triggers an unknown G protein-coupled receptor (GPCR X; Figure 2H), which could activate PLC-1 via EGL-30 (although more complex indirect scenarios are also possible). PLC-1 generates DAG, which recruits DKF-1 to the membrane, resulting in its activation. Directly or indirectly, activated DKF-1 causes HLH-30 to concentrate in the nucleus, where it can drive the expression of host defense genes such as *ilys-2*. Because HLH-30 and its mammalian homolog TFEB are both regulated by infection, we hypothesized that a similar pathway might operate in mammalian innate immune cells.

Murine PKD1 Is Necessary and Sufficient for TFEB Activation in Macrophages

To test whether PKD regulates TFEB also in macrophages, we incubated TFEB-GFP RAW264.7 cells with PKD inhibitors. Compounds kb-NB142-70 and CRT0066101 were previously identified as specific PKD antagonists (Harikumar et al., 2010; LaValle et al., 2010). Preincubation with either compound prevented TFEB nuclear translocation upon subsequent Salmonella infection (Figures 3A-3C', 3G, 3H, S2A-S2C', S2F, and S2G), indicating that PKD is required for TFEB activation. In addition, CRT0066101 caused ectopic localization of TFEB to unknown structures resembling vesicles (Figures S2C and S2C'). Furthermore, short hairpin RNA (shRNA)-mediated knockdown showed that genes Prkd2 and Prkd3, encoding PKD2 and PKD3 respectively, were dispensable for TFEB activation by Salmonella, while Prkd1, encoding PKD1, was absolutely required (Figures 3I-3O). Control experiments showed that Prkd1 shRNA specifically reduced expression of PKD1 by ~80% (Figures 3P and 3Q). Together, these results suggested that PKD1 activity is required for TFEB activation during infection.

As mentioned, we found that PMA can activate HLH-30 in C. elegans, in a manner dependent on PKD homolog DKF-1. To test whether PMA can also activate TFEB through PKD in macrophages, we incubated TFEB-GFP RAW264.7 cells with PMA. Such treatment was sufficient to induce TFEB nuclear translocation in the absence of infection (Figures 4A-4B', 4G, and 4H). Furthermore, inhibition of PKD using compounds kb-NB142-70 or CRT0066101 completely abrogated this effect (Figures 4C-4D', 4G, and 4H). TFEB electrophoretic mobility changes due to phosphorylation (Visvikis et al., 2014). We noticed subtly altered electrophoretic mobility of TFEB as soon as 10 min after PMA incubation, which reverted after 30 min (Figures 4I and 4J). In addition, we observed a slight increase in TFEB levels after PMA incubation. Although they do not ascribe the slower mobility to direct phosphorylation of TFEB by PKD, these observations indicate that PKD activation is necessary and sufficient for TFEB nuclear translocation during infection.

Murine PKC Is Necessary and Sufficient for TFEB Activation in Macrophages

DKF-1 was previously shown to become activated by DAG in a PKC-independent manner (Feng et al., 2007). In contrast, in mammalian cells, PKD can also be activated by PKC (Rozengurt, 2011). To test the importance of PKC for TFEB activation, we preincubated TFEB-GFP RAW264.7 cells with selective PKC inhibitors and subsequently infected them with *Salmonella*. Incu-

bation with Gö 6983 and bisindolylmaleimide IV, which inhibit all PKC isozymes (Gschwendt et al., 1996; Smith and Hoshi, 2011), abrogated TFEB activation (Figures 3D, 3D', 3G, 3H, S2D, S2D', S2F, and S2G). Furthermore, incubation with HBDDE, which inhibits PKC α and PKC γ (Kashiwada et al., 1994), also prevented TFEB activation (Figures 3E, 3E', 3G, and 3H), whereas incubation with LY333531, which inhibits PKCβ (Jirousek et al., 1996), or PKCε inhibitor peptide (Johnson et al., 1996) did not (Figures 3F–3H and S2E–S2G). Similar results were obtained in TFEB-FLAG-expressing RAW264.7 cells infected with live or dead S. aureus (Figure S3). These results suggested that neither PKC β , which was previously shown to control TFEB abundance in osteoclasts (Ferron et al., 2013), nor PKCε, which is required for phagocytosis in macrophages (Castrillo et al., 2001; Larsen et al., 2000), was required for TFEB activation by infection. In contrast, PKCa and/or PKCy are required for TFEB activation during infection.

Similar to PKD, PKC can be activated using PMA (Lin and Chen, 1998). As with PKD inhibitors, HBDDE prevented TFEB activation by PMA, whereas LY333531 did not (Figures 4E–4H). Taken together, these data suggest that DAG generated during infection may result in the activation of PKC α (or PKC γ , but not PKC β) and PKD1, both of which are required for TFEB nuclear translocation.

$\mbox{PKC}\alpha$ and \mbox{PKD} Are Quickly Activated by Infection in Macrophages

Our results thus far suggested that PKC α/γ and PKD1 were important for TFEB activation during infection. However, it was not clear whether they played a permissive role for TFEB activation, or if they might actively transduce a signal that triggers TFEB translocation. PKC isozymes are constitutively phosphorylated on specific Ser and Thr residues following translation, in a process known as "maturation" (Wu-zhang and Newton, 2013). C-terminal Ser916 phosphorylation of PKD isozymes results in their activation (Kunkel and Newton, 2015). Thus, phosphorylation of specific residues can be used as a measure of PKC maturation and of PKD activation. To address whether PKC and PKD might be differentially regulated during infection, we performed western blot analysis of lysates from infected RAW264.7 cells. We used antibodies that specifically recognize phosphorylated PKC α/β , PKC δ , PKC δ/θ , PKC ζ/λ , and all three PKD isozymes (see Experimental Procedures).

PKCδ and PKCδ/θ phosphorylation did not vary considerably over a 2-hr time course (Figures 5A–5C). In contrast, PKCζ/λ phosphorylation decreased 5-fold (Figures 5A, 5D, and 5E). Furthermore, PKCα/β phosphorylation increased 4-fold just 10 min after infection and remained 2-fold higher than baseline after 2 hr (Figures 5A, 5F, and 5G). In addition, PKD became phosphorylated by 10 min and reached a further 3-fold higher level after 2 hr (Figures 5A and 5H). In contrast, total PKD diminished over time, about 10-fold after 2 hr (Figures 5A and 5I). TFEB levels remained steady throughout, but its electrophoretic mobility appeared to slightly increase with time (Figures 5A, 5J, and S4A), consistent with decreased phosphorylation previously observed upon activation and nuclear import (Medina et al., 2015; Visvikis et al., 2014). Furthermore, preincubation with PKD inhibitor kb-NB142-70 resulted in increased mobility even



Figure 3. PKD1 and PKC α/γ Are Necessary for Activation of TFEB by Infection

TFEB-GFP RAW264.7 cells were preincubated with PKC and PKD inhibitors for 1 hr previous to infection with *S. enterica* (MOI = 100) for 2 hr. Shown are representative images from one replicate and quantification of three biological replicates of three technical replicates each. (A) DMSO control.

- (A') Detail.
- (B) S. enterica SL1344.
- (B') Detail.
- (C) 10 µM kb-NB142-70 (PKD inhibitor).
- (C') Detail.

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at early times of infection (Figures 5K, 5L, and S4B). Considered together with our previous chemical inhibition results, these experiments suggested that PKC α and PKD are promptly activated after infection and are required for downstream TFEB activation.

Salmonella enterica Must Be Alive to Activate the PKD-TFEB Pathway in Macrophages

Pattern recognition receptors (PRRs), such as Toll-like receptors (TLRs), recognize molecules that form part of bacterial cells, such as lipopolysaccharide (LPS). To investigate the potential for such receptors to be involved in TFEB activation, we examined dead *Salmonella*, which possess such molecules and thus should trigger PRRs as well as live *Salmonella*. To our surprise, we found that heat-killed *Salmonella* did not increase PKD phosphorylation (Figures 6A–6C) and thus would not activate PKD. Consistent with this finding, we did not observe TFEB activation during incubation with either heat-killed or antibiotic-killed *Salmonella* (Figures 6D–6I). Therefore, we concluded that under these conditions, the PKD-TFEB pathway specifically responds to live *Salmonella*.

PC-PLC Is Required for TFEB Activation in Macrophages

PKCα and PKD are activated by DAG. As mentioned previously, intracellular DAG is generated by the action of PLC. Therefore, we hypothesized that PLC may be required for activation of PKCα and PKD upstream of TFEB. In support of this hypothesis, we had found that the C. elegans PLC homolog PLC-1 is required for the activation of the TFEB homolog HLH-30, as mentioned previously. To further test this hypothesis, we examined the effect of PLC inhibitors on TFEB activation by infection. Inhibition of phosphoinositide (PI)-PLC using U-73122 (Bleasdale et al., 1990), or of phospholipases D1 and 2 (PLD1 and PLD2) using VU0359595, CAY10594, FIPI, or halopemide (Lewis et al., 2009; Monovich et al., 2007; Scott et al., 2009; Su et al., 2009), did not affect TFEB activation (Figures 7D-7J). In contrast, inhibition of phosphatidylcholine (PC)-PLC using D609 (Amtmann. 1996) effectively prevented TFEB nuclear translocation (Figures 7A-7C', 7I, and 7J). Therefore, PC-PLC activity is required for TFEB activation during infection, presumably by generating DAG and thus activating PKCa and PKD. To further test this idea, we measured PKD activation by Salmonella in D609treated macrophages by anti-phospho-PKD immunoblot. Unfortunately, inhibition of PC-PLC resulted in constitutive phosphorylation of PKD, even in the absence of infection (t = 0 min; Figures 7K and 7L). Thus, it was not possible to assess the effect of D609 during infection-induced phosphorylation of PKD. Taken together, these observations suggest that the activity of mammalian TFEB is controlled by a PLC-PKD cascade, as discovered using *C. elegans* (Figure 7M). By analogy with nematodes, it is possible that $G\alpha_q$ mediates activation of this cascade by an unknown GPCR in macrophages.

DISCUSSION

Our previous work established that TFEB is activated during infection in nematodes and macrophages, suggesting that TFEB is an evolutionarily ancient component of host defense (Visvikis et al., 2014). TFEB activation was required for the induction of host defense genes in both nematodes and mammals (Visvikis et al., 2014). Subsequent independent work showed that LPS can stimulate TFEB, with important consequences for antigen presentation by dendritic cells (DCs) (Samie and Cresswell, 2015). Furthermore, activation of TFEB was shown to be important for host defense against staphylococcal pore-forming toxins (Maurer et al., 2015). Thus, the question of how TFEB is regulated during infection is relevant to many aspects of host defense and inflammation. Previous work established that phosphorylation of TFEB by mTORC1 and ERK2 resulted in its cytoplasmic retention (Martina et al., 2012; Peña-Llopis et al., 2011; Sardiello et al., 2009) and that such negative regulation was lifted during starvation stress by the action of protein phosphatase calcineurin (Medina et al., 2015). However, to date, no positive regulatory interaction had been described. Furthermore, the upstream pathways important for TFEB activation specifically during infection were unknown.

Here, we showed that a PLC-PKD pathway is necessary and sufficient for TFEB activation in nematodes and mouse macrophages infected with *Salmonella* or *S. aureus*. An unbiased in vivo reverse genetic screen performed using *C. elegans* revealed the requirement of PKD homolog DKF-1 for HLH-30 activation by infection, which led us to discover that PLC ϵ homolog PLC-1 and G α_q homolog EGL-30 are also required.

These results suggest a hypothetical model in which infection activates $G\alpha_q$, presumably via an unidentified G protein coupled receptor (GPCR X; Figure 7K). $G\alpha_q$ activates PLC ϵ , which

(0) GFP intensity in nucleus compared to cytoplasm (N/C ratio). ** $p \le 0.01$, *** $p \le 0.001$ (one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's post hoc test).

(P) Anti- PKD1, PKD2, PKD3, and β -actin immunoblots of lysates from sh-PKD1, sh-PKD2, sh-PKD3, and scrambled control cells.

(Q) Quantitative analysis of PKD1 immunoblot, normalized to β-actin loading control.

See also Figure S2.

⁽D) 5 μM Gö 6983 (pan-PKC inhibitor).

⁽D') Detail.

⁽E) 1 mM HBDDE (selective inhibitor of PKC α and PKC γ).

⁽E') Detail.

⁽F) 10 μ M LY333531 (selective inhibitor of PKC β 1 and PKC β 2).

⁽F') Detail.

⁽G) Percentage of cells with nuclear translocation was measured with Gen5 analysis software.

⁽H) GFP intensity in nucleus compared to cytoplasm (N/C ratio) was measured using CellProfiler. See Experimental Procedures for details. ** $p \le 0.01$, *** $p \le 0.001$ (one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's post hoc test). Scale bars, 100 μ m.

⁽I–M') TFEB-FLAG RAW264.7 cells were infected with Salmonella after shRNA treatment. Shown are anti-FLAG immunofluorescence micrographs. Scale bars, 100 μm. (I) scrambled shRNA control with PBS. (I') Detail. (J) Scrambled shRNA control with *S. enterica* SL1344. (J') detail. (K) PKD1 shRNA with *S. enterica* SL1344. (K') detail. (L) PKD2 shRNA with *S. enterica* SL1344. (L') detail. (M) PKD3 shRNA with *S. enterica* SL1344. (M') detail.

⁽N) Percentage of cells with nuclear translocation.





Figure 4. Activation of PKC or PKD Is Sufficient for TFEB Activation

TFEB-GFP RAW264.7 cells were preincubated with inhibitors for 1 hr previous to addition of 100 ng/ml PMA for 30 min. Shown are representative images from one replicate and quantification of three biological replicates of three technical replicates each.

(A) DMSO control.

(A') Detail.

(B) DMSO plus PMA.

(B') Detail.

(C) 10 μM kb-NB142-70 (specific PKD inhibitor).

(C') Detail.

(D) 5 μM CRT0066101 (specific PKD inhibitor).

(D') Detail.

(E) 1 mM HBDDE (selective inhibitor of PKC α and PKC γ).

(E') Detail.

(F) 10 μM LY333531 (PKC $\beta 1$ and PKC $\beta 2$ inhibitor). (F') Detail.

Scale bars, 100 µm.

(G) Percentage of cells with nuclear translocation was measured with Gen5 analysis software.

(H) GFP intensity in nucleus compared to cytoplasm (N/C ratio) was measured using CellProfiler. Please see Experimental Procedures for more detail. **p \leq 0.01, ***p \leq 0.001 (one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's post hoc test).

(I) Images from immunoblot following addition of 100 ng/ml PMA. Primary antibodies are indicated on the left.

(J) Quantitative analysis of TFEB immunoblot, normalized to β -actin loading control.

See also Figure S3.

well (Kunitomo et al., 2013). We observed a complex phenotype for knockdown of plc-1. The products of PLC-1 activity, IP3 and DAG, feed into many pathways, complicating the evaluation of the relationship between the observed survival phenotypes and HLH-30. This area reguires further exploration. However, the one phenotype that is specific to HLH-30, its nuclear localization during infection, is clearly dependent on PLC-1. This pathway resembles a previously described pathway for epidermal transcription of antimicrobial peptides following infection by fungal pathogen Drechmeria coniospora. In such pathway, a GPCR-Gα12-PLCγ-PKCδ pathway controls a STAT-type transcription factor (Dierking et al., 2011; Ziegler et al., 2009; Zugasti et al., 2014). C. elegans Gag also has known roles upstream of PLC β for the

generates DAG, resulting the activation of PKD. PKD activation is required for TFEB nuclear translocation and downstream transcription of host defense genes. Recent evidence supports a role for PLC-1 downstream of EGL-30 for salt chemotaxis as regulation of host defense against *P. aeruginosa* and oxidative stress (Kawli et al., 2010) and for the upregulation of transcription factor DAF-16 in the epidermis during *D. coniospora* infection (Zou et al., 2013). Furthermore, *C. elegans* $G\alpha_q$ was recently



Figure 5. PKD and PKCa Are Quickly Activated after Infection

(A–L) RAW264.7 cells were infected with S. enterica SL1344 (MOI = 100) for 0 (control), 10, 20, 30, 60, and 120 min, lysed, and subjected to immunoblot analysis. Shown are representative results from three biological replicates.

(A) Images from immunoblots. Primary antibodies are indicated on the left.

(B–J) Quantitative analysis, normalized to β -actin loading control.

(K) Images from immunoblots after Salmonella infection plus 10 μ M kb-NB142-70 (specific PKD inhibitor). Primary antibodies are indicated on the left.

(L) Quantitative analysis, normalized to β -actin loading control.

shown to control both innate immunity and infection avoidance behavior against *M. nematophilum* (McMullan et al., 2012). In addition, DKF-2, which is paralogous to DKF-1, is controlled by PKC δ and is important in the intestine for p38 mitogen-activated protein kinase (MAPK)-mediated defense against *Enterococcus faecalis* and *P. aeruginosa* through dual oxidase (Duox) BLI-3 (Feng et al., 2007; Hoeven et al., 2011; van der Hoeven et al., 2012; Ren et al., 2009). Whether DKF-1 is also important for HLH-30 activation in animals infected with *Enterococcus faecalis* or *P. aeruginosa*, or whether this might be dependent on DKF-2 instead, remains to be determined. Activation of DAF-16 by *D. coniospora* in the epidermis also requires Ca²⁺ release and BLI-3 (Zou et al., 2013). Thus, the potential involvement of Ca²⁺ and Duox in TFEB activation during infection deserves further investigation in nematodes and mammals.

We find that key aspects of the proposed *C. elegans* GPCR- $G\alpha_q$ -PLC ϵ -PKD-TFEB pathway are conserved in mouse macrophages, where PLC, PKD1, and PKC α are all required for TFEB activation by *Salmonella*. Murine PKC α and PKD are rapidly activated following *Salmonella* infection, and PMA-mediated stimulation of PKC and/or PKD is sufficient to activate TFEB and downstream gene transcription in nematodes. These results are consistent with previous observations that PKC is quickly acti-

vated in infected macrophages (von Knethen and Brüne, 2005). that PKCa is required for the respiratory burst (Larsen et al., 2000), and that PKD can induce autophagy (Eisenberg-Lerner and Kimchi, 2012). Previous observations that PMA activates TFEB in HEK293 cells lend further support (Huan et al., 2005). We were unable to use PC-PLC inhibitor D609 to test whether PKD activation is PLC dependent, because D609 incubation led to constitutive PKD phosphorylation. Although the exact mechanism is unknown, we suspect that a compensatory mechanism is activated by tonic PC-PLC inhibition, which could lead to constitutive PKD S916 phosphorylation (but not TFEB translocation). Because inhibition of C. elegans gene plc-1 also yielded unexpected results, this topic is of great interest for future study. Taken together, our findings demonstrate a PKD- and TFEB-dependent mechanism of transcriptional regulation in response to infection, which is evolutionarily ancient. It will be interesting to determine under what other circumstances TFEB mediates PKD signaling.

PKC and PKD have been shown to regulate each other in other systems (Rozengurt, 2011). Furthermore, recent studies have implicated PKD1 as an important signaling molecule downstream of TLR signaling through scaffold protein MyD88 in macrophages and dendritic cells (Kim et al., 2010; Park et al., 2008, 2009). After stimulation with TLR ligands such as LPS and flagellin, the



production of TNFa requires PKD1. In cells depleted of PKD1, TRAF6 fails to become ubiquitylated, effectively interrupting signal transduction to transcription factor NF-κB (Park et al., 2009). Our results indicate that in addition to this known role in TLR-MyD88-NF-kB signaling, PKD plays an important role in signaling to TFEB. Our results are consistent with direct signaling to TFEB by PKD1. In addition, TFEB phosphorylation is PKD-dependent in cytotoxic T cells (Navarro et al., 2014), and our bioinformatic analysis of the TFEB amino acid sequence revealed a putative PKD consensus phosphorylation site in the TFEB N terminus. However, we cannot presently rule out intermediate steps linking PKD1 to TFEB. For example, PKD can activate the MAPK ERK in endothelial cells (Wong and Jin, 2005). Nonetheless, in our system, MAPK/ ERK kinase (MEK) inhibitors did not prevent TFEB activation by infection (M.N. and J.E.I., unpublished data), suggesting that ERK signaling may not be required. Still, some other unknown signaling component could link PKD to TFEB.

Figure 6. Salmonella enterica Must Be Alive to Activate the PKD-TFEB Pathway in Macrophages

(A) Anti-phospho-PKD immunoblot. RAW264.7 cells were incubated with live or dead S. *enterica* SL1344 (MOI = 100) for 0 (control), 10, 20, 30, 60, and 120 min, then lysed and subjected to immunoblot analysis.

(B and C) Quantitative analysis, normalized to β -actin loading control.

(D–G) TFEB-GFP RAW264.7 cells were incubated with live or dead *S. enterica* (MOI = 100) for 2 hr. For the heat-killed condition, bacteria were heated to 75°C for 1 hr and 100% killing was confirmed by culture for 48 hr on LB-streptomycin agar at 37°C. For antibiotic-killed bacteria, gentamicin (100 μ g/ml) was added to washed bacteria in PBS for 2 hr and 100% killing was confirmed by culture for 48 hr on LB-streptomycin agar at 37°C. Shown are representative images from one replicates of three technical replicates each. (D) PBS control. (E) Live *S. enterica* SL1344. (F) Heat-killed *S. enterica*.

(H) Percentage of cells with nuclear translocation was measured with Gen5 analysis software.

(I) GFP intensity in nucleus compared to cytoplasm (N/C ratio) was measured using CellProfiler. **p \leq 0.01, ***p \leq 0.001 (one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's post hoc test).

Exactly how TFEB becomes activated during infection is not well understood. TFEB abundance is positively regulated through C-terminal phosphorylation by PKC β in differentiated osteoclasts, as part of a pathway downstream of RANKL signaling (Ferron et al., 2013). However, in that study, phosphorylation by PKC β did not affect TFEB localization. Furthermore, we directly tested the role of PKC β in activation of TFEB by infection. Inhibition of PKC β using LY333531 did

not prevent TFEB activation by *Salmonella* or PMA, indicating that PKC β is not required in these scenarios. Thus, TFEB abundance, subcellular localization, and transcriptional activity are subject to complex regulation in different cell types under distinct circumstances. Further study is required to test the relevance of such regulatory interactions in the context of host-pathogen interactions and to elucidate the mechanistic basis of TFEB activation during infection. Answering these questions will provide important insights into what are likely to be fundamental mechanisms of host-microbe interaction in many organisms.

EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES

Bacterial Strains

E. coli OP50 was a gift from Gary Ruvkun, Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) Research Institute. *S. enterica* serovar *Typhimurium* SL1344 was a





gift from Brian Coombes (McMaster University). S. aureus NCTC8325 and SH1000 (a functional rsbU⁺ derivative of 8325-4 rsbU⁻) were gifts from Fred Ausubel, MGH Research Institute.

C. elegans Strains

C. elegans were grown on nematode-growth media (NGM) plates seeded with E. coli OP50 according to standard procedures (Powell and Ausubel, 2008). C. elegans strains used in this study include N2 Bristol wild-type (Caenorhabditis Genetics Center [CGC]), VT1584 hlh-30(tm1978)IV (CGC), RB2037 dkf-

Figure 7. PC-PLC Activity Is Required for **TFEB Activation by Infection**

TFEB-GFP RAW264.7 cells were preincubated with PLC inhibitors for 1 hr prior to infection with S. enterica (MOI = 100) for 2 hr. Shown are representative images from one replicate, and quantification of three biological replicates of three technical replicates each. Scale bars, 100 $\mu m.$ (A) DMSO control.

(A') Detail.

(B) S. enterica SL1344.

(B') Detail.

(C) 50 µM tricyclodecan-9-yl-xanthogenate (D609), which inhibits phosphatidylcholine-specific phospholipase C (PC-PLC).

(C') Detail.

(D) 50 μ M U-73122, which inhibits phosphoinositide-specific phospholipase C (PI-PLC).

(D') Detail

(E) 10 µM VU0359595, which inhibits phospholipase D1 (PLD1).

(E') detail.

(F) 10 µM CAY10594, which inhibits phospholipase D2 (PLD2).

(F') Detail.

(G) 10 μ M FIPI, which inhibits PLD1 and PLD2.

(G') Detail

(H) 10 µM halopemide, which inhibits PLD1 and PI D2

(H') Detail.

(I) Percentage of cells with nuclear translocation was measured with Gen5 analysis software.

(J) GFP intensity in nucleus compared to cytoplasm (N/C ratio) was measured using CellProfiler. ** $p \leq 0.01$, *** $p \leq 0.001$ (one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's post hoc test).

(K and L) RAW264.7 cells were incubated with 50 μ M D609 for 1 hr and then infected with S. enterica SL1344 (MOI = 100) for 0 (control), 10, 20, 30, 60, and 120 min, lysed, and subjected to immunoblot analysis. Shown are representative results from three biological replicates. (K) Images from immunoblots. Primary antibodies are indicated on the left. (L) Quantitative analysis, normalized to β -actin loading control.

(M) Proposed genetic pathways for signal transduction and activation of TFEB in C. elegans and mammals by infection. Asterisk denotes mammalian steps proposed by analogy with C. elegans.

1(ok2695)I (CGC), JIN1693 hlh-30(tm1978); jinls10 [hlh-30p::hlh-30::gfp,rol-6(su1006)].

C. elegans qRT-PCR

After infection, C. elegans were washed twice in cold water and lysed in TRI Reagent (Molecular Research Center). cDNA was obtained with SuperScript III (Invitrogen) and analyzed as in Irazoqui et al. (2008). Data analysis was performed using the Pfaffl method (Pfaffl, 2001).

C. elegans Infection

S. aureus SH1000 was grown overnight in tryptic soy broth (TSB) containing 50 µg/ml kanamycin (KAN). 10 µl overnight (ON) cultures was uniformly spread on the entire surface of 35-mm trypticase soy agar (TSA) plates with 10 µg/ml KAN and incubated 4–6 hr at 37°C. RNAi-treated L4 larvae were first transferred onto new HT115 RNAi plates supplemented with 80–100 µg/ml 5-fluoro-2'-deoxyuridine (FUDR) for 24 hr at 15°C before transfer to *S. aureus* plates. After FUDR treatment, 25–40 infertile animals ware transferred to each of three replicate infection plates per strain. Animals that died of bursting vulva, matricidal hatching, or crawling off the agar were censored. Experiments were performed at least twice.

RNAi by Feeding

RNAi was carried out using bacterial feeding RNAi (Timmons et al., 2001). HT115 RNAi clones were obtained from the Ahringer genomic RNAi library or the Vidal library when absent in the former. Clone identity was confirmed by sequencing, and absence of off-target effects was verified against predictions by the *C. elegans* genomic database resource, WormBase (http://www. wormbase.org), and by qRT-PCR. For *dkf-1* gene knockdown, young adults were incubated 4 days at 15°C on *E. coli* HT115 RNAi plates, so that the progeny was exposed to dsRNA from embryo to L4 stage.

PMA Treatment of C. elegans

PMA treatment was performed on NGM plates supplemented with 1 μ g/ml PMA (Sigma). HLH-30::GFP animals were treated at the young adult stage and incubated at room temperature with and without PMA. After 30 min, the animals were harvested and prepared for imaging.

Longevity Assays

All assays were performed at 25°C as described previously (Powell and Ausubel, 2008). Animals were transferred by picking to NGM + OP50 plates supplemented with 80–100 μ g/ml FUDR and incubated at 25°C. Experiments were performed at least twice. Kaplan-Meier survival analyses were performed using software Prism 5 (GraphPad). Survival data were compared using the logrank significance test.

C. elegans Preparation for Imaging

L4 animals expressing HLH-30::GFP were grown on NGM plates for 24 hr at 15°C, then kept for 2 hr at room temperature, before transfer 30 min prior to imaging onto *S. aureus* killing assay plates, PMA plates, or NGM plates used as control. Animals were harvested by washing with M9W buffer (Powell and Ausubel, 2008) and paralyzed with 10% NaN₃ in 96-well plates. Image acquisition was automatically performed using a Cytation 3 Imaging Plate Reader (BioTek Instruments).

Statistical Analysis

Statistical analyses were performed using Prism 5 software (GraphPad). Survival data were compared using the log-rank test. Data are presented as median survival (MS), as defined by Kaplan-Meier analysis, or time to 50% death (LT₅₀), as defined by nonlinear regression. A p value \leq 0.05 was considered significantly different from control. For qRT-PCR, two-sample, two-tailed t test statistical analyses were performed to evaluate differences among pooled Δ Ct values according to Pfaffl (Pfaffl, 2001) using Excel. A p value \leq 0.05 was considered significant. For imaging quantification, two-sample, two-tailed t test statistical analyses were performed. Before use of the t test, all values were confirmed for normal distribution by the Agostino Pearson omnibus test.

Cell Culture and Transfection

RAW264.7 macrophages were grown in DMEM high glucose, GlutaMAX (Life Technologies, 10566-024) containing 10% FBS (Life Technologies, 10082147) and 1% antibiotic-antimycotic (Life Technologies, 15240-062). Cells were passage 4 to 11. RAW264.7 TFEB-GFP stably transfected cells were created using pEGFP-N1-TFEB (a gift from Shawn Ferguson, Addgene plasmid # 38119), Lipofectamine LTX Reagent with PLUS Reagent (Life Technologies, A12621) according to manufacturer's instructions, and G418 sulfate (Life Technologies, 10131). Ten days after selection, stable GFP+ cells were separated by fluores-

cence-activated cell sorting (FACS). RAW264.7 cells stably expressing TFEB-FLAG were a gift from Mathieu Ferron (Institut de Recherches Cliniques de Montréal) (Ferron et al., 2013). For drug screening, we used ViewPlate-96 well black opaque plates (Perkin Elmer, 6005182). 6×10^4 cells were seeded in each well. At the end of the experiments, cells were fixed using 4% paraformaldehyde (Sigma-Aldrich, 158127) and incubated with Hoechst stain (Anaspec, AS-83218) at room temperature for 20 min as nuclear staining. Image acquisition was automatically performed using a Cytation 3 Imaging Plate Reader (BioTek Instruments).

shRNA Knockdown

Lentiviral shRNA plasmids were purchased from Dharmacon RNAi Technologies (PKD1: gene set, GIPZ Prkd1; shRNA, RMM4532-EG18760; PKD2: gene set, GIPZ Prkd2; shRNA, RMM4532-EG101540; and PKD3: gene set, GIPZ Prkd3; shRNA, RMM4532-EG75292). After plasmid preparation and diagnostic restriction enzyme digest, we used Lipofectamine 3000 (Thermo Fisher Scientific) for transfection according to manufacturer's instructions. For selection, we used 3 μ g/ml puromycin (Sigma-Aldrich) based on previously preformed killing curves. Transfected cells were further purified using FACS. We confirmed knockdown efficiency by western blot.

Quantification of Nuclear Localization in Cells

Quantification of nuclear localization percentage was performed automatically using BioTek Gen5 Data Analysis Software. First, we measured total cell numbers by finding objects positive for the nuclear dye (Hoechst). Next, we identified cells that exhibited higher GFP intensity in the nucleus than in the cytosol, and thus calculated the percent of cells that exhibited nuclear localized TFEB (nuclear localization %). We reckon that this method likely provides an underestimate of nuclear localization, because nuclear GFP was harder to detect automatically in cells that express low levels of TFEB-GFP. The N/C ratio was measured using CellProfiler version 2.1.1 (Broad Institute), as in (Carpenter et al., 2006; Han et al., 2011; Jones et al., 2008).

Infection In Vitro

Bacteria were grown overnight at 37°C in LB medium (Difco, BD) with 100 μ g/ml streptomycin for *Salmonella* and Columbia medium (Difco, BD) with 10 μ g/ml Nalidixic acid for *S. aureus*. The following day, cultures were diluted 1:50 in the same medium and grown at 37°C for 3 hr to late-exponential phase, washed twice in cold PBS, and cells were infected at MOI 10 for *S. aureus and* MOI 100 for *S. enterica*, as in (Trieu et al., 2009; Van Engelenburg and Palmer, 2010; Visvikis et al., 2014). For experiments using heat-killed pathogen, bacteria were heated to 75°C for 1 hr and 100% killing was confirmed by culture for 48 hr on LB-streptomycin agar at 37°C. For gentamicin (100 μ g/ml) was added to washed bacteria in PBS for 2 hr, and 100% killing was confirmed by culture for 48 hr on LB-streptomycin agar at 37°C. The appropriate amount of bacteria was resuspended in DMEM 10% FBS without antibiotic, and cells were infected with indicated amounts of bacteria.

Immunofluorescence

RAW264.7 TFEB-FLAG cells were seeded in 12-well plates containing NUNC Thermanox coverslips. After treatment, cells were fixed with 4% paraformal-dehyde (PFA) (pH 7.4) at room temperature for 10 min and washed three times in PBS (Gibco Life Technologies,10010) for 5 min each. PFA was neutralized with 50 mM NH₄Cl in PBS at room temperature for 10 min with agitation. After three washes with PBS, cells were permeabilized with 0.1% Triton X in PBS at room temperature on agitator for 5 min and then blocked with 5% BSA (Sigma-Aldrich, A9647) in PBS for 1 hr. After three washes with PBS, cells were incubated with 1:400 monoclonal anti-FLAG antibody (Sigma-Aldrich, F1804) in a humid chamber for 1 hr. Cells were washed three times in PBS and incubated with the fluorescent secondary antibody plus Hoechst stain (Anaspec, AS-83218) at room temperature in a humid chamber for 1 hr. After using prolong anti-fade reagent (Life Technologies, P7481) as mounting media, coverslips were stored at 4° C until image acquisition using a Cytation 3 imaging plate reader.

Immunoblotting

After time course of infection with S. enterica serovar Typhimurium SL1344, RAW264.7 cells were washed three times with PBS, harvested, and lysed with 1× SDS sample buffer Blue Loading Pack (Cell Signaling, 7722) at 100 µl per well of a six-well plate. Lysates were heated at 100°C for 5 min and then centrifuged for 5 min. The supernatant was collected and sonicated, gel electrophoresis was performed using NuPAGE Novex 4%-12% Bis-Tris protein gels (Life Technologies, NP0327), and then gels were transferred onto nitrocellulose (Life Technologies, LC2009). After washing with TBS (Life Technologies, 28358) for 5 min, membranes were soaked in blocking buffer containing 1 × TBS with 5% BSA for 1 hr at room temperature. After 3 washes with TBS-Tween (Life Technologies, 28360), membranes were incubated overnight at 4°C with primary antibodies and gentle agitation. Next membranes were washed three times with TBS-Tween and incubated with HRP-conjugated secondary antibody (Cell Signaling, 7074 1:2,000) for 1 hr at room temperature with gentle agitation. Membranes were then washed with TBS-Tween and incubated with LumiGLO (Cell Signaling Technology, 7003) for 1 min and exposed to X-ray film (Denville Scientific, E3012). Quantification of western blotting was performed by ImageJ software (NIH). The total level of protein of interest was normalized to β -actin protein as control. Primary antibodies and dilutions were as follows: β -actin antibody (1:1,000; Cell Signaling Technology, 4967), TFEB antibody (1:2,000; Bethyl Laboratories, A303-673A), PKD1 + PKD2 + PKD3 antibody (1:1,000; Life Technologies, PA5-36113), phospho-PKD (Ser916) antibody (1:1,000; Cell Signaling Technology, 2051), phospho-PKCα/β II (Thr638/641) antibody (1:1,000; Cell Signaling Technology, 9375), PKCα antibody (1:1,000; Cell Signaling Technology, 2056), phospho-PKCζ/λ (Thr410/403) antibody (1:1,000; Cell Signaling Technology, 9378), Phospho-PKCô (Thr505) antibody (1:1,000; Cell Signaling Technology, 9374), and phospho-PKCô/0 (Ser643/676) antibody (1:1,000; Cell Signaling Technology 9376).

Drugs and Reagents

Drugs and reagents used included bisindolylmaleimide IV (5 μ M; Cayman Chemical, 13299); pan-PKC inhibitor, HBDDE (1 mM; Abcam, ab141573); selective PKC α and PKC γ inhibitor, kb-NB142-70 (10 μ M; Abcam, ab141773); selective PKD inhibitor, CRT0066101 (5 μ M; Abcam, ab144637); selective PKD inhibitor, LY333531 (10 μ M; Cayman Chemical, 13964); selective inhibitor of PKC β 1 and PKC β 2, PKC ϵ inhibitor petide (10 μ M; Cayman Chemical, 13964); selective PKC ϵ inhibitor, D609 (50 μ M; Cayman Chemical, 13307); phosphatidylcholine-specific phospholipase C (PC-PLC) inhibitor, U-73122 hydrate (50 μ M; Sigma-Aldrich, U6756); phosphonisitde-specific phospholipase D2 (PL-PLC) inhibitor, CAY10594 (10 μ M; Cayman Chemical, 13207); selective phospholipase D2 (PLD2) inhibitor, VU0359595 (10 μ M; Cayman Chemical, 13205); and phospholipase D1 and phospholipase D2 inhibitor.

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