## **Chemical Proteomics-based Approach for Drug Target Discovery in Living Systems**



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### **Drug Discovery Pipeline**



## **High-throughput Screening**



### The Nature of Drug Target



Who came first ? Drug or target



### **Bead-based Chemical Proteomics**

#### (1) Prepare affinity column



### Why living systems ?



Triptolide is a traditional Chinese medicine-derived inhibitor of polycystic kidney disease



*Chem Biol.* 2005; 12(12): 1259-1268 *Nat Biotechnol.* 2005; 23(10): 1303-1307 *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA.* 2007; 104(11): 4389-4394



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### Intracellular protein target in vivo



Identification of Drug Targets In Vitro and in Living Cells by Soluble-Nanopolymer-Based Proteomics Lianghai Hu, W. Andy Tao, et al. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2011, 50(18):4133-4136 (Selected as "hot paper" by the editor)



### **Dendrimer-based Nanomedicine**

### 1. Excellent solubility

- 2. High structural/chemical homogeneity
- **3.** Compact spherical shape
- 4. High branching
- 5. Controlled surface functionalities
- 6. Ability to permeate cells
- 7. Low cytotoxicity



### In vivo characterization of protein targets



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### **Identification of the therapeutic protein targets**



### **Choose Dendrimer Generation**



### **MTX-DHFR System: A Case Study**



DHFR: required for the *de novo* synthesis of purines, thymidylic acid and certain amino acids

Deficiency of DHFR is linked to *megaloblastic anemia* disease`

MTX: an antifolate drug in treatment of cancer by inhibiting the metabolism of folic acid







### Capture of the endogenous DHFR *in vitro* from cell lysate using dendrimer-MTX





### **Identification of DHFR by MS/MS**



In-gel digestion for MS analysis

32.44% coverage of the whole sequence of DHFR

VDMVWIVGGSSVYK LLPEYPGVLSDVQEEK NGDLPWPPLR LTEQPELANK EAMNHPGHLK TWFSIPEK SLDDALK MTTTSSVEGK

# SILAC quantification for the differentiation of protein target and non-specific binding



Combine the heavy with light together and then on-bead digest for MS analysis

# Classification of all the proteins identified by mass spectrometry



Known targets:
1. Dihydrofolate reductase
2. Deoxycytidine kinase
Potential targets:
1. Aspartate aminotransferase
2. Trifunctional purine biosynthetic protein adenosine-3
High abundant non-specific binding proteins:
1. Tubulin beta-2C chain
2. 40S ribosomal protein S3

- 3. Elongation factor
- 4. Heat shock protein

# Flow cytometry for the deliver efficiency of the dendrimer reagent into living cells

0 h
1 h
2 h
3 h
4 h
5 h



Human B cell-DG 75

HeLa cell

106 106.6

### Fluorescence microscopy imaging analysis



### In vivo characterization of protein targets



### Two known target DHFR and Deoxycytidine kinase can be successfully identified from living cells



MS/MS spectrum of a peptide—LLPEYPGVLSDVQEEK from DHFR which is identified *in vivo* 

### **ITAM: Immunoreceptor Tyrosine-based Activation Motif**

DQL

Υ

CD3<sub>Y</sub> CD3δ CD3ε TCRζ₁ TCR<sub>2</sub> TCRζ<sub>3</sub> **lg**β (hB29)

DQV Y QP L RDRDDAQ-YSHL GGN Y SG L NQR NPD Y EP I RKGQRDL-NQL Y NE L NLGRREE-Y DV L DKR EGLYNEL QKDKMAEA YSEI GMK DGL Y QG L STATKDT-Y DA L HMQ ENL Y EG L NLDDCSM-YEDI SRG  $lg\alpha$  (hMB-1) DHT Y EG L DI DQTAT-YEDI VTL DRV Y EE L NI YSAT- -Y SE L EDP FcεRI-β TG L STRNQET-KHE FcεRI-γ DGV ET Consensus

QP L KDREDDQ-

Υ

SH

QGN

Tandem phosphorylated tyrosine residues of ITAM will bind to the Src Homology 2 (SH2) domain of other receptor proteins associated with activation, survival, and differentiation

### **Catalog of SH2-containing proteins**







#### **Chromatin Remodeling**



#### **Small GTPase Signaling**



### Syk (spleen tyrosine kinase) as a model study



Kuil J, et al. Adv. Exp. Med. Bio., 2009, 611, 81-82

Recruitment of Syk to the diphosphorylated γ-ITAM of high affinity IgE receptor (FcεRI) results in activation of its kinase domain

### Biphosphorylated ITAMs induce protein tyrosine phosphorylation in B cells



<u>J Immunol.</u> 1995 Nov 15;155(10):4596-603.

# Affinity enrichment ability of ITAM peptide to Syk protein

DG 75 cells w and w/o stimulation of pervanadate



WB: 4G10

### SILAC quantification for the differentiation of non-specific bindings and protein targets



Crk-like protein (coding a protein exhibiting the SH2 domain)	100
Tyrosine-protein kinase CSK	100
1-phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate phosphodiesterase gamma-1	100
Tyrosine-protein kinase SYK	100
Phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase regulatory subunit alpha	100
Tyrosine-protein kinase ZAP-70	100
Phosphatidylinositol-3,4,5-trisphosphate 5-phosphatase 1	100

## **Traditional competitive assay**



# Quantitative proteomics for competitive binding assay by mass spectrometry



### **Physiological condition & high throughput**



### Protein digest as the internal standard

# Determination of the binding affinity of ITAM peptide to multiple proteins

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### Relative binding affinity can be got by fitting the target protein concentration with different amount of free ITAM competitor

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## **Tyrosine kinase/phosphatase substrate**

Pi

PHOSPHATASE

PROTEIN

![](_page_36_Figure_1.jpeg)

### **In vitro** Kinase Substrate Screening

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Fig. 1 Strategy for detections of on-chip phosphorylation. (A) Peptide immobilization method. (B) Outline of the detection of on-chip phosphorylation.

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141 tyrosine-phosphorylated peptides from 63 proteins in 3 mg of whole human B cell DG75 cell extract

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### **Confirmation of Syk kinase substrates**

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A) Centrosomal co-localization of GFP fused Syk with tubulin **B)** The subcellular location of GFP-Syk fusion protein under oxidation stress.

## **JAK2/PTP substrate**

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### Both pY1007 and pY1008 can be dephosphorylated

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### Single dephosphorylation site was found short time reaction

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Mass (m/z)

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Does PTP recognize the phosphosite specifically ?

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# Summary

PTP can dephosphorylate both pY1007 and pY1008.

♦ PTP prefer to catalyze the 1008 site.

PY1008 enhance the dephosphorylation of pY1007 by binding to the PTP domain.

## Investigation of PTP substrates by proteomics

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**PV treatment** Phosphoprotein enrichment Vehicle ↓ PTP digest Quantitative analysis

PTP(-/-)

pY WB

# **Thanks for your attention !**

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