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Redox-mediated kick-start of mitochondrial energy metabolism drives resource-efficient seed germination

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Nature | www.nature.com | 1 Article A reference map of the human binary protein interactome Katja Luck Calderwood 1,2,3
Global insights into cellular organization and genome function require comprehensive understanding of the interactome networks that mediate genotype–phenotype relationships 1,2. Here we present a human ‘all-by-all’ reference interactome map of human binary protein interactions, or ‘HuRI’. With approximately 53,000 protein–protein interactions, HuRI has approximately four times as many such interactions as there are high-quality curated interactions from small-scale studies. The integration of HuRI with genome3, transcriptome4 and proteome5 data enables cellular function to be studied within most physiological or pathological cellular contexts. We demonstrate the utility of HuRI in identifying the specific subcellular roles of protein–protein interactions. Inferred tissue-specific networks reveal general principles for the formation of cellular context-specific functions and elucidate potential molecular mechanisms that might underlie tissue-specific phenotypes of Mendelian diseases. HuRI is a systematic proteome-wide reference that links genomic variation to phenotypic outcomes. The reference human genome sequence has enabled systematic study of genetic6 and expression4 variability at the organism6, tissue4, cell type7 and single-cell level8. Despite advances in sequencing genomes, transcriptomes and proteomes, we still understand little about the cellular mechanisms that mediate phenotypic and tissue or cell type variability. A mechanistic understanding of cellular function and organization emerges from studying how genes and their products, primarily proteins, interact with each other, forming a dynamic interactome that drives biological function. Analogous to the reference human genome sequence9,10, a reference map of the human protein interactome, generated systematically and comprehensively, is needed to provide a scaffold for the unbiased proteome-wide study of biological mechanisms, generally and within specific cellular contexts. It remains infeasible to assemble a reference interactome map by systematically identifying endogenous protein–protein interactions (PPIs) in thousands of physiological and pathological cellular contexts11,12. However, systematic affinity purification of exogenously expressed bait proteins in immortalized-cell contexts13 as well as binary PPI detection assays in cell models2,14 have generated biophysical human protein interactome maps of demonstrated high functional relevance. Specifically, yeast two-hybrid (Y2H) represents the only binary PPI assay that can be operated at sufficient throughput to systematically screen the https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-020-2188-x Received: 19 April 2019 Accepted: 14 February 2020 Published online: xx xx Research Article

Horizontal gene transfer of *Fhb7* from fungus underlies *Fusarium* head blight resistance in wheat

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Abstract

Fusarium head blight (FHB), a fungal disease caused by *Fusarium* species that produce food toxins, currently devastates wheat production worldwide, yet few resistance resources have been discovered in wheat germplasm. Here, we cloned the FHB resistance gene *Fhb7* based on assembling the genome of *Thinopyrum elongatum*, a species used in wheat distant hybridization breeding. *Fhb7* encodes a glutathione S-transferase (GST) and confers broad resistance to *Fusarium* species by detoxifying trichothecenes via de-epoxidation. *Fhb7* GST homologs are absent in plants, and our evidence supports *Th. elongatum* has gained *Fhb7* via horizontal gene transfer (HGT) from an endophytic *Epichloë* species. *Fhb7* introgressions in wheat confers resistance to both FHB and crown rot in diverse wheat backgrounds without yield penalty, providing a solution for *Fusarium* resistance breeding.

Plant Journal

FLOURY ENDOSPERM11-2 encodes plastid HSP70-2 involved with temperature-dependent chalkiness of rice (*Oryza sativa* L.) grains

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Plant gene editing through de novo induction of meristems

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Plant gene editing is typically performed by delivering reagents such as Cas9 and single guide RNAs to explants in culture. Edited cells are then induced to differentiate into whole plants by exposure to various hormones. The creation of edited plants through tissue culture is often inefficient, time-consuming, works for only limited species and genotypes, and causes unintended changes to the genome and epigenome. Here we report two methods to generate gene-edited dicotyledonous plants through de novo meristem induction. Developmental regulators and gene-editing reagents are delivered to somatic cells of whole plants. This induces meristems that produce shoots with targeted DNA modifications, and gene edits are transmitted to the next generation. The de novo induction of gene-edited meristems sidesteps the need for tissue culture and promises to overcome a bottleneck in plant gene editing.

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Review

The physiology of plant responses to drought

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Drought alone causes more annual loss in crop yield than all pathogens combined. To adapt to moisture gradients in soil, plants alter their physiology, modify root growth and architecture, and close stomata on their aboveground segments. These tissue-specific responses modify the flux of cellular signals, resulting in early flowering or stunted growth and, often, reduced yield. Physiological and molecular analyses of the model plant *Arabidopsis thaliana* have identified phytohormone signaling as key for regulating the response to drought or water insufficiency. Here we discuss how engineering hormone signaling in specific cells and cellular domains can facilitate improved plant responses to drought. We explore current knowledge and future questions central to the quest to produce high-yield, drought-resistant crops.



Harnessing rhizosphere microbiomes for drought-resilient crop production

By Franciska T. de Vries, Rob I. Griffiths, Christopher G. Knight, Oceane Nicolitch, Alex Williams

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A PAMless base editor

CRISPR-Cas DNA base editing typically requires a specific motif for targeting known as a protospacer-adjacent motif (PAM). This requirement limits the sequences within a genome that can be targeted. Walton *et al.* engineered specific variants of the *Streptococcus pyogenes* Cas9 enzyme named SpG and SpRY that could recognize and edit a wider array of PAMs. Using SpRY, the authors were able to correct previously uneditable mutations associated with human disease. Although off-target effects were observed for these engineered Cas enzymes at levels similar to those of the wild-type enzyme, depending on the context, these engineered enzymes widen the potential applications of precision genome editing.

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Unconstrained genome targeting with near-PAMless engineered CRISPR-Cas9 variants

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Probing metabolism in time and space

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Signs of a metabolon in action

Eukaryotic cells have a heterogeneous cytoplasm, with compartments large and small, membrane bound or not. Enzymes that catalyze the de novo synthesis of purine nucleotides, which are needed in rapidly dividing cells, are known to assemble into loosely associated, multienzyme structures called purinosomes, but the extent to which these structures are metabolically active has been less certain. Pareek *et al.* performed metabolomics to trace how purines are synthesized

within purinosomes and used sophisticated mass spectrometry imaging to directly observe hotspots of metabolic activity within frozen HeLa cells (see the Perspective by Alexandrov). They found evidence for metabolic channeling between enzymes, which limits equilibration of intermediates formed in purinosomes with the bulk cellular metabolite pool. This process occurs specifically within purinosomes associated with mitochondria, because the input metabolites, glycine, aspartate, and formate, come from mitochondrial metabolism. Such channeling may help cells control the ratio and abundance of purine nucleotides.

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[Metabolomics and mass spectrometry imaging reveal channeled de novo purine synthesis in cells](#)

By Vidhi Pareek, Hua Tian, Nicholas Winograd, Stephen J. Benkovic

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Channeled de novo purine biosynthesis intermediates within an *in vivo* metabolon are examined.

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Coupling translation and mRNA decay

Gene expression requires messenger RNAs (mRNAs)—DNA-derived blueprints of genes—to be translated by protein-producing ribosomes. The levels of mRNAs are tightly regulated, in part by controlling their half-lives. In eukaryotic cells, mRNA half-life is largely linked to translational efficiency, but the mechanism underlying this link has remained elusive. Buschauer *et al.* used cryo-electron microscopy and RNA sequencing to show how a key regulator of mRNA degradation, the Ccr4-Not complex, monitors the ribosome during mRNA translation. They found that the Not5 subunit directly binds to a ribosomal site exposed specifically during inefficient decoding, thereby triggering mRNA degradation. Analysis of mutants revealed the importance of this sensing mechanism for mRNA homeostasis.

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[The Ccr4-Not complex monitors the translating ribosome for codon optimality](#)

By Robert Buschauer, Yoshitaka Matsuo, Takato Sugiyama, Ying-Hsin Chen, Najwa Alhusaini, Thomas Sweet, Ken Ikeuchi, Jingdong Cheng, Yasuko Matsuki, Risa Nobuta, Andrea Gilmozzi, Otto Berninghausen, Petr Tesina, Thomas Becker, Jeff Coller, Toshifumi Inada, Roland Beckmann

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A protein complex binds to ribosomes that lack bound tRNAs, thus connecting translation elongation problems and mRNA decay.

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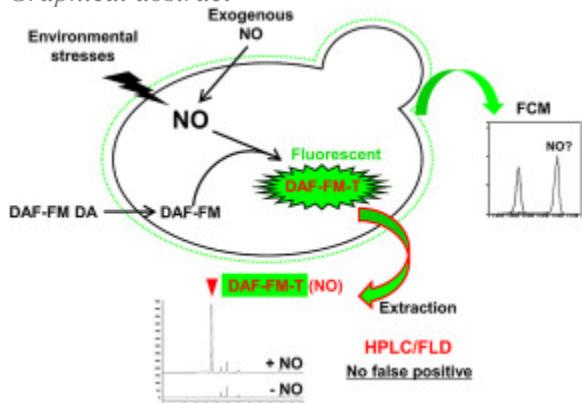
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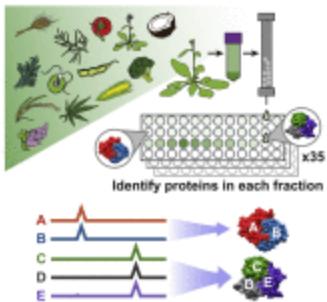
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Detection system of the intracellular nitric oxide in yeast by HPLC with a fluorescence detector

Ryo Nasuno, Seiya Shino, Yuki Yoshikawa, Natsuko Yoshioka, ... Hiroshi Takagi

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[Glutathione-dependent denitrosation of GSNOR1 promotes oxidative signalling downstream of H₂O₂](#)

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The present study investigates the roles of GSNOR and glutathione in regulating the SA pathway triggered by photorespiratory H₂O₂ in Arabidopsis. Up-regulation of GSNOR is required for the activation of SA pathway downstream

of H₂O₂. Glutathione-dependent denitrosation is necessary to maintain the up-regulation of GSNOR activities and may coordinate GSNOR activities with protein SNO levels to ensure appropriate signalling strength through the SA pathway in response to H₂O₂.

VIPP2 interacts with VIPP1 and HSP22E/F at chloroplast membranes and modulates a retrograde signal for *HSP22E/F* gene expression

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The VIPP2 protein from *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* localizes predominantly to chloroplast membranes under stresses inducing protein mistargeting and misfolding. VIPP2 interacts with VIPP1 as major partner and with HSP22E/F as minor partner and modulates a retrograde signal for HSP22E/F gene expression in high light.

Foundations of ER-phagy regulation

In their study in *Cell* Liang et al. identify 200 regulators of ER-phagy and specifically dissect the role of mitochondrial oxidative metabolism and protein UFMylation in promoting ER-phagy.

The functions of short ORFs and their microproteins

Many ‘non-coding’ RNAs contain different types of coding sequences, which are translated into functional microproteins or peptides.

Eytan Zlotorynski

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DNA 6mA in times of mitochondrial stress

A new study in *Molecular Cell* shows that human mitochondrial DNA is enriched for the DNA modification N⁶-methyldeoxyadenosine, which can repress mitochondrial gene expression and regulate the transcriptional response to mitochondrial stress.

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Same structure, different mechanisms?

Francis TF Tsai, Christopher P Hill

Two interpretations of similar structures for the same molecular machine illustrate the limits of inferring biochemical mechanism from protein structure.

This is a commentary about AAA+ATPases.

Current Biology

Selecting for Altered Substrate Specificity Reveals the Evolutionary Flexibility of ATP-Binding Cassette Transporters

Pages 1689-1702.e6 Sriram Srikant, Rachelle Gaudet, Andrew W. Murray

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