学位論文抄録

HIV-1 Nef-induced activation of the Src kinase Hck and its altered trafficking to the Golgi apparatus affecting the protein glycosylation process (HIV-1 NefによるSrc kinase Hck の活性化とゴルジ体での局在がタンパク質の 糖鎖付加過程に影響を及ぼす)

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Abstract of the thesis

[Background]

Human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1) Nef accelerates the progression to AIDS by binding with and activating a Src tyrosine kinase Hck, but underlying molecular basis is not understood. A recently reported specific output of Nef-Hck binding was the inhibition of the function of a macrophage-specific cytokine M-CSF through inhibition of glycosylation maturation/intracellular trafficking of its receptor Fms, a possible trigger of uncontrolled immune system.

[Purpose and methods]

In this study, we attempted to clarify the underlying molecular mechanism of the new function of HIV-1 pathogenetic protein Nef, i.e. the inhibition of host cell protein trafficking and glycosylation machinery, by using mutants of Nef and Hck, and chemicals, in particular, a newly-identified Nef-targeting small-molecule compound.

[Results and discussions]

A striking change in Hck induced by Nef other than activation was its skewed localization to the Golgi due to predominant Golgi-localization of Nef. Studies with different Nef alleles and their mutants showed a clear correlation among higher Nef-Hck affinity, stronger Hck activation, severe Golgi-localization of Hck and severe Fms maturation arrest. Studies with a newly-discovered Nef-Hck binding blocker 2c more clearly showed that skewed Golgi-localization of active Hck was indeed the cause of Fms maturation arrest. 2c blocked Nef-induced skewed Golgi-localization of an active form of Hck (Hck-P2A) and Fms maturation arrest by Nef/Hck-P2A, but showed no inhibition on Hck-P2A kinase activity. These results indicated that aberrant dual regulation of Hck, activation/localization at Golgi, was the direct cause of Fms maturation arrest by Nef. Our finding also establishes an intriguing link between the pathogenesis of Nef and a newly emerging concept that the Golgi-localized Src kinases regulate the Golgi function.