IMAGING MOLECULAR PROCESSES IN CELLS BY POLARIZATION-RESOLVED FLUORESCENCE MICROSCOPY

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MOLECULES ARE LIKE ANTENNAS

LINEAR DICHROISM REPORTS ON MOLECULAR ORIENTATION

LINEAR DICHROISM IS UBIQUITOUS

Lazar J. & al., Nature Methods 2011

IMAGING CONFORMATIONAL CHANGES IN MEMBRANE PROTEINS

ArcLight: a genetically encoded fluorescent voltage sensor

- a ratiometric voltage sensor, should allow determining absolute voltages

Lei J. & al., PLoS One 2013

Activation of heterotrimeric G-proteins:

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- A single fluorescent label
- Off-the-shelf constructs
- Imaging an inhibitory signal

Gai2 (GAP43-CFP-Gai2, G β 1, G γ 2, a2-AR-YFP)

A. Bondar & al., JBC 2015 (Gαi dissociation vs. rearrangement) A. Bondar & al., JBC 2017 (Receptor/G-protein pre-coupling)

QUANTITATION OF LINEAR DICHROISM

Doubly lipidated eGFP

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C-terminally lipidated eGFP

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Linear dichroism quantitation:

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Linear dichroism structural interpretation:

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Rational genetically encoded probe development

DIRECTIONALITY OF FP ABSORPTION

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Myšková J. & al., PNAS 2020

with published experimental determination

mTurquoise2

eGFP

mCherry

mEos4b

mTurquoise2 eGFP mCherry mEos4b

Myšková J. & al., PNAS 2020

FP ORIENTATION WITH RESPECT TO THE CELL MEMBRANE

 180° rotation 180° rotation

Work in progress: Two indistinguishable possible orientations

Probe K1:

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In presence of activated $G\alpha i1$

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Probe K2:

Probe K1:

In presence of activated $G\alpha il$

Probe K2:

In presence of activated $G\alpha i1$

Probe K1:

In presence of activated Gai1

Probe K2:

In presence of activated Gail

Nowadays:

sensitive probes of activation of Gai1, Gas, Ga12, G $\beta\gamma$, RhoA, Rac1, β 2-adrenergic receptor, μ -opioid receptor, others

POLARIZATION MICROSCOPY

- Molecules behave like antennas
- Needs a single fluorescent label
- Allows multiplexing
- Ratiometric
- Can be quantitated
- Direction of TDM with respect to the cell membrane can be determined
- Orientation of an FP with respect to the cell membrane should soon be determinable (with some ambiguity?)
- Compatible with confocal/2P biological imaging
- Detecting conformational changes in proteins
- Detecting protein-protein interactions
- Can use existing constructs
- Allows easy, rapid, rational development of genetically encoded probes
- Allows observation of many important molecular processes
- Ample room for growth: HALO-, SNAP-, CLIP-tags, ...

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- marketing/sales

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