Advance Molecular and Cell Biology II

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I think photosynthetic eukaryotes !

After consuming all the nutrients such as nitrogen, how cells can keep their life?

Life cycle of a green alga, Chlamydomonas reinhardtii



Under nitrogen-deficient conditions, cells accumulate triacylglycerol (TAG) and starch. Starch less mutant stores much more TAG

Wild type





(Li, Y. et al. Metabolic Engineering 2010)

The green alga *Chlamydomonas* is classified in both animal and plant kingdims



- (Q.1) What kinds of proteins are included in the group (A)?
- (Q.2) What kinds of proteins are included in the group (B)?
- (Q.3) What kinds of proteins are included in the group (C)?

Two teps in photosynthesis



Aquatic photosynthetic organisms can acclimate to CO₂-limiting stress by inducing CO₂-concentrating mechanism





C3 photosynthesis

Nobel Prize 1961: Melvin Calvin 3

No CCM



CCM to overcome the CO₂-limiting stress





ABC-transporters

in cyanobacteria

Carbon concenbtrating mechanism in a Cyanobacterium, *Synechocystis* PCC6803





Four systems for inorganic carbon acquisition in a cyanobacterium, *Synechocystis* PCC6803



ABC-transporters

in human and eukaryotic algae

ABC-transporters function as an importer as well as an exporter and are evolutionally conserved among bacteria, animals and plants.



Internal Duplication and Homology with Bacterial Transport Proteins in the *mdr*1 (P-Glycoprotein) Gene from Multidrug-Resistant Human Cells

Chang-jie Chen,* Janice E. Chin,* Kazumitsu Ueda,[†] Douglas P. Clark,^{†‡} Ira Pastan,[†] Michael M. Gottesman,[†] and Igor B. Roninson* ous lipophilic compounds from multidrug-resistant cells (Dano, 1973). Other mechanisms for multidrug resistance have been proposed, including decreased drug influx



Figure 7. Model for the Transmembrane Orientation of P-Glycoprotein The transmembrane segments, predicted by the algorithm of Eisenberg et al. (1984), are as follows: 1, residues 52–72; 2, residues 120– 140; 3, residues 189–209; 4, residues 216–236; 5, residues 297–317; 6, residues 326–346; 1a, residues 711–731; 2a, residues 757–777; 3a, residues 833–853; 4a, residues 854–874; 5a, residues 937–957; and



Structures of ABC transporters known to confer anti-cancer drug resistance in human.

- Multidrug resistance of cancer cells is a potentially surmountable obstacle to effective chemotherapy of cancer.
- ATP-binding cassette (ABC) transporters, including MDR1 (ABCB1), MRP1 (ABCC1) and ABCG2, can confer multidrug resistance to cancer cells *in vitro*.
- Inhibitors of ABC transporters such as MDR1/P-glycoprotein have been tested in clinical trials.



Crystal structures of a eukaryotic P-glycoprotein homolog, CmABCB1 from a thermophilic red alga, *Cyanidioschyzon merolae*



| Gene Name | Synechocystis ORF | Function | Co-regulatory Metabolites | Reference |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---|---------------------------------|---------------|
| ndhR (ccmR) | sll1594 | Repressor high affinity C _i uptake (genes for CupA, SbtA, Na ⁺ -NDH-1) | α -KG, NADP ⁺ | [31,32,89,97] |
| cmpR | sll0030 | Activator of ABC-type bicarbonate transporter (<i>cmp</i> operon and <i>psbA</i> genes) | RuBP, 2PG | [32,35,89,97] |
| ycf30, <i>rbcR</i> | sl10998 | Activation of CBB genes | NADPH, 3PGA, RuBP | [89,97,98] |
| ntcB | slr0395 | Activation of nitrate assimilation genes | nitrite | [99] |

Table 1. LysR-type regulators in Synechocystis sp. PCC 6803.

Burnap et al. Life 5, 348-371 (2015)

BIOENERGY AND BIOFUELS

Impacts of CO₂ concentration on growth, lipid accumulation, and carbon-concentrating-mechanism-related gene expression in oleaginous *Chlorella*

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Chlorella pyrenoidosa grew well under CO₂ concentrations ranging from 1 to 20 %. The highest biomass and lipid productivity were 4.3 g/L and 107 mg/L/day under 5 % CO₂ condition. Switch from high (5 %) to low (0.03 %, air) CO_2 concentration showed significant inhibitory effect on growth and CO₂ fixation rate. The amount of the saturated fatty acids was increased obviously along with the transition. Low CO₂ concentration (0.03 %) was suitable for the accumulation of saturated fatty acids. Reducing the CO₂ concentration could significantly decrease the polyunsaturated degree in fatty acids. Moreover, the carbon-concentrating mechanism-related gene expression revealed that most of them, especially CAH2, LCIB, and HLA3, had remarkable change after 1, 4, and 24 h of the transition, which suggests that *Chlorella* has similar carbon-concentrating mechanism with Chlamydomonas

A model for CO₂-resposive regulation of CCM-related genes





Chloroplast envelope bicarbonate channel. Plasma membrane bicarbonate transporter.

CO₂-requiring mutant H82 induces low-CO₂ resposive proteins including LCIB except for two membrane proteins, HLA3 and LCIA





Wang et al. Photosynth Res (2014)

The high-CO₂ (HC)-requiring phenotype of the mutant H82 was complemented by intact CAS gene



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Expression of transporters, LCIA and HLA3 was regulated at the mRNA level by CAS



What is CAS?

In Arabidopsis,

-controls stomatal closure as a low-affinity / high-capacity Ca²⁺-binding protein in

guard cell. Han et al. Nature (2003), Nomura et al. Plant J. 53:988 (2008)

•involved in chloroplast-mediated activation of plant immune signalling.

Nomura et al. Nat Commun 26; 926 (2012)

In Chlamydomonas,

•Required for photoacclimation by inducing LHCSR3i (Light-harvesting complex stress-related protein), in calcium-dependent manner.

Petroutsos et al. Plant Cell 23: 2950-63 (2011)

Down-regulation results in <u>inhibition of photosynthetic cyclic electron transfer</u>.
Forms supercomplex with ANR1 and PGRL1 (PGR5-Like 1).

Terashima et al. PNAS 109: 17717-22 (2012)

Thylakoid-localized CAS protein is reported to function in calcium-dependent regulation of cyclic electron transfer with PGRL1 and ANR1 in photosynthesis



ferredoxin-plastoquinone reductase Hetle et al. Mol. Cell 49: 511-523 (2013)

Effects of *cas- and pgrl1-mutations* on expression of LHCSR3 and Ci-transporters



Although CAS Is reported to be required for photoacclimation, CAS is not essential to induce LHCSR3 (Light-Harvesting Complex Stress-Related protein 3) and non-photochemical quenching (NPQ).

•Ci-transporters, HLA3 and LCIA, are not controled by PRGL1.

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Expression of LCIA and HLA3 was induced by switching the nitrogen source from NH_4^+ to NO_3^- , under the H82 background. Overexpression both of LCIA and HLA3 results in 76% recovery of the photosynthetic Ci affinity. However, The $K_{0.5}$ (Ci) value of AH1 was 7.6 times higher than that of WT, suggesting that the defect in accumulation of LCIA and HLA3 was not the only reason for the HC-requiring phenotype of H82.



Summary

- 1) High-CO₂ requiring phenotype of H82 was complemented by introducing genomic DNA containing intact CAS gene.
- 2) expression of nuclear-encoded genes, LCIA and HLA3 as well as relocalization of LCIB are regulated by Chloroplast CAS.
- 3) Overexpression of LCIA and HLA3 partially restored the photosynthetic Ci affinity of the CAS mutant.

Based on these findings and the following scheme, draw a possible model of the CO_2 -sensing regulatory network in the Chlamydomonas cells.

Previous model of CO₂-dependent regulatory pathway



A model of CO₂-dependent regulatory network



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5. Chloroplast Ca²⁺-sensor homologue is necessary for induction CCM.

