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Introduction

The National Institute of Genetics (NIG) was established in 1949 as the central institute to study various aspects of genetics. It was reorganized in 1984 as an inter-university research institute to promote collaborations with researchers at universities. Since 1988, NIG has been participating in graduate education as the Department of Genetics of the Graduate University for Advanced Studies (SOKENDAI). NIG also serves as a center for various genetic resources such as mutant strains, clones and vectors, and houses DDBJ, the DNA Data Bank of Japan, and a DNA sequencing center.

The history of NIG overlaps the period of a revolution in the field of life science. Genetics is no longer a discipline to study the rules and mechanisms of heredity, but has become the basis for all fields of life science. Molecular techniques now allow us not only to decipher the entire genome sequence of organisms including humans, but also to understand the details of higher biological phenomena: cell differentiation, morphogenesis, brain function, and evolution --- the history of life itself. Currently, 36 research groups are actively performing pioneering and cutting-edge researches in these fields at NIG.

Recent generation of massive information on biological systems and their environment calls for new directions in life sciences, such as bioinformatics, system-level analysis, and theoretical approaches to extract knowledge from databases. To this end NIG and three other national institutes, the National Institute of Informatics, The Institute of Statistical Mathematics and the National Institute of Polar Research have formed a new organization, the Research Organization of Information and Systems (ROIS) since April 2004, as a part of the reform of national universities and research institutes in Japan. Inter-institutional collaborations within the new organization are in progress.

We welcome your comments and suggestions on our research activities and endeavors.

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Tatsuo Fukagawa

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Identification and characterization of the CENP-H-I complex proteins in higher vertebrate cells.

Masahiro Okada, Tetsuya Hori, Mi-Sun Kwon, Aussie Suzuki, Mayumi Takahashi, and Tatsuo Fukagawa

The centromere plays a fundamental role in accurate chromosome segregation during mitosis and meiosis in eukaryotes. Its functions include sister chromatid adhesion and separation, microtubule attachment, chromosome movement and mitotic checkpoint control. Although chromosome segregation errors cause genetic diseases including some cancers, the mechanism by which centromeres interact with microtubules of the spindle apparatus during cell division is not fully understood.

To understand the function of the centromere, we were led to develop a genetic method that utilizes the hyper-recombinogenic chicken B lymphocyte cell line DT40. The high level of homologous recombination in DT40 cells permit efficient targeted disruption of genes of interest. We have improved this system and have created several cell lines with conditional knockouts of several centromere proteins to investigate the molecular mechanism of centromere assembly and function. We have proposed a model for kinetochore assembly in vertebrate cells (Fukagawa et al., EMBO J., 2001; Nishihashi et al., Dev. Cell, 2002; Fukagawa, Exp. Cell Res., 2004; Regnier et al., Mol. Cell. Biol., 2005; Mikami et al., Mol. Cell. Biol., 2005). In this model we explained that many unidentified proteins could be involved in kinetochore assembly. Therefore, we tried to identify new centromere proteins that associate with CENP-H or CENP-I using the proteomics approach. We prepared DT40 cell lines in which expression of CENP-H was replaced by expression of CENP-H-Flag or CENP-H-GFP (Mikami et al., Mol. Cell. Biol., 2005). We also prepared DT40 cell lines in which expression of CENP-I was replaced by expression of CENP-I-Flag or CENP-I-GFP. We extracted chromosome fraction from these cell lines and performed immunoprecipitation with anti-Flag or anti-GFP antibodies. Proteins co-precipitated with antibodies were analyzed by mass spectrometry, and we identified several polypeptides and cloned the corresponding cDNAs. As we confirmed that these proteins constitutively localize to centromeres in DT40 cells, we named them CENPs. We also performed immunoprecipitation experiments with human cells and identified similar proteins. In total, our purifications in chicken and human cells identified 11 interacting proteins (CENP-K, CENP-L, CENP-M, CENP-N, CENP-O, CENP-P, CENP-Q, CENP-R, CENP-50 (U), CENP-H and CENP-I) that localize constitutively to centromeres as components of the CENP-H-I associated complex. Our analysis of these proteins using chicken DT40 knockouts and RNAi analysis in human cells demonstrates that the CENP-H-I complex can

be divided into three functional sub-complexes, each of which is required for chromosome alignment and faithful chromosome segregation. Interestingly, newly expressed CENP-A is not efficiently incorporated into centromeres in knockout mutants of a subclass of CENP-H-I complex proteins, indicating that the CENP-H-I complex may function in part as a mark directing CENP-A deposition to centromeres.

Functional analysis of CENP-O-class proteins that are required for recovery from spindle damage.

Tetsuya Hori, Masahiro Okada, Tomoko Motohashi, Kazuko Suzuki, and Tatsuo Fukagawa

We previously identified a multi-subunit complex (CENP-H/I complex) at kinetochores from human and chicken cells. We showed that the CENP-H/I complex can be divided into three functional classes. Among them, we investigated CENP-O class-proteins, which include CENP-O, -P, -Q, -R, and -50 (U). We created chicken DT40 cell knockouts of each of these proteins and found that all knockout lines were viable but showed slow proliferation and mitotic defects. Phenotype analysis showed that all proteins except for CENP-R were required for recovery from spindle damage. Kinetochores localization of CENP-O, -P, -Q, and -50 was interdependent, but kinetochores localization of these proteins was observed in CENP-R-deficient cells, and CENP-R localization was abolished in CENP-O, -P, -Q, or -50 knockouts. A coexpression assay in bacteria showed that CENP-O, -P, -Q, and -50 proteins form a stable complex, which can associate with CENP-R. These results indicate that CENP-O-class proteins are tightly associated, and this complex contributes to kinetochores function.

Although the CENP-50 knockout was not lethal at cellular level, it is interesting to investigate function of CENP-50 at individual level. Therefore, we are making and characterizing knockout mice of CENP-50. We also discovered that expression of a brain specific gene was reduced in CENP-50-deficient cells.

Functional analysis of the CENP-C complex, which associates with the Mis12 complex.

Mi-Sun Kwon, Masahiro Okada, Tetsuya Hori, and Tatsuo Fukagawa

CENP-C is a conserved inner kinetochores component. To understand the precise roles of CENP-C in the kinetochores, we created a cell line with a conditional knockout of CENP-C with the tetracycline-inducible system, in which the target protein is inactivated at the level of transcription. We found that CENP-C inactivation causes mitotic delay. However, observations of living cells showed that CENP-C-knockout cells progressed to the next cell cycle without normal cell division following mitotic delay. Interphase cells with two nuclei before subsequent cell death were sometimes observed. We also found that ~60% of CENP-C-deficient cells had no Mad2 signals even after treatment with nocodazole, suggesting that lack of CENP-C impairs the Mad2 spindle checkpoint pathway. We also observed significant reductions in the signal intensities of Mis12 complex proteins at centromeres in CENP-C-deficient cells. CENP-C signals were also weak in interphase nuclei but not in mitotic chromosomes of cells with a knockout of CENP-K, a member of CENP-H complex proteins. These results suggest that centromere localization of CENP-C in interphase nuclei occurs upstream of localization of the Mis12 complex and downstream of localization of the CENP-H complex (Kwon et al., Mol. Bio. Cell in press).

Functional roles of Ago family proteins in vertebrate centromeres

Tomoko Motohashi, and Tatsuo Fukagawa

RNAi-mediated silencing of gene expression occurs when double-stranded RNAs (dsRNAs) are cleaved by Dicer into 21- to 23-nt small interfering RNAs (siRNAs). These siRNAs guide a multicomponent nuclease, RNA-induced silencing complex (RISC), to

degrade specific mRNAs. Although the Dicer-mediated gene-silencing is evolutionarily conserved system, the biological functions of the RNAi machinery are not fully understood. Genetic strategies have been used to examine the biological functions of the RNAi machinery in *C. elegans*, *Arabidopsis*, *Drosophila* and fungi. There are also many reports that the RNAi machinery via RNA-induced initiation of transcriptional silencing (RITS) complex is related to heterochromatin formation and chromosome segregation in fission yeast. However, it was unclear whether the RNAi machinery is associated with chromosome segregation in vertebrate cells. To examine the biological function of the RNAi-related pathway in vertebrate cells, we generated and characterized a conditional loss-of-function mutant of Dicer in a chicken-human hybrid DT40 cell line that contains human chromosome 21 (Fukagawa et al, *Nature Cell Biol.*, 2004). Loss of Dicer leads to cell death with accumulation of abnormal mitotic cells that show premature sister chromatid separation. Aberrant accumulation of transcripts from α -satellite sequences, which consist of human centromeric repeat DNAs, was detected in Dicer-deficient cells. We then started to examine expression profile of non-coding region using high-density DNA-microarray, when expression of Dicer was lost. We identified several non-coding RNAs from this method. We are characterizing biological function these RNAs. We also created conditional knockout cells for other components involved in RNAi machinery such as Ago-family proteins. Phenotype analyses of Ago-deficient cells were started. We found several genes whose expression are increased or decreased upon Ago knockouts. We are characterizing these genes how these are related to functions of Ago family proteins.

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- 3 . 深川竜郎 高等動物のセントロメア構築 岡山大学・医学部 11/9

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Replication factor required for centromeric structures and functions in fission yeast.

T. Natsume, Y. Tsutsui, H. Iwasaki and F. Yamao

The chromatin is assembled into a various higher order structures that are essential for its functional regulation and expression. It is maintained via a variety of the post-translational modifications. The preservation of the chromatin structure during duplication of the chromosome is another aspect of the epigenetic inheritance of the structural information. To address this issue, we focused a replication factor, the dysfunction of which caused defect in chromosomal integrity shown in chromosomal segregation and heterochromatin maintenance as well as those in DNA replication and damage repair.

Fission yeast Mcl1, a conserved protein through mammalian cells, strongly interacts with Swi7, a largest subunit of DNA polymerase α , and factors involved in processing of Okazaki fragment, suggesting that Mcl1 is concerned with lagging strand DNA synthesis. Cells mutated in *mcl1* gene show premature separation of sister centromeres, indicating that Mcl1 is required for sister chromatid cohesion (SCC), especially in centromere region. As SCC depends on the heterochromatin structure, the possible involvement of Mcl1 in the integrity of heterochromatin was examined by the alleviation of transcriptional silencing on the spot. The gene silencing in three typical heterochromatin regions in fission yeast, centromere, telomere regions and mating type locus, were all disrupted. However, Swi6 protein, a HP1 homologue in fission yeast, was still associated in the heterochromatin regions. Thus, Mcl1 seems to function in Swi6-independent pathway in maintaining heterochromatin structure. Coincidentally, *mcl1* and *swi6* mutations showed synergistic sensitivity to TBZ, an inhibitor of microtubule attachment to kinetochore.

mcl1 as well as *swi7* mutation caused sensitivity to histone deacetylase inhibitor, implicating the involvement of Mcl1 in HDAC-related processes. This was confirmed by the accumulation of acetylated histone H4 at the outer centromere region as well as mat locus and telomere region. Interestingly, in *mcl1* mutant cells, the acetylated histone H4 accumulated in not only outer centromere but also central kinetochore domains. The transcriptional silencing was deficient in the central domain of centromere. Thus, Mcl1 seems to be required for integral maintenance of kinetochore structure and function. Indeed, in *mcl1* mutant cells, unequal chromosomal segregation was frequently observed. A specific structure of at the central domain of centromere was disrupted, and association of central domain-specific SpCENP-A protein to kinetochore was abolished in *mcl1* mutant cells.

Mcl1 seems to play a pivotal role in kinetochore structure and function through histone acetylation on the spot though the precise processes are still unclear. Most interestingly,

however, these processes are likely linked with DNA replication machinery, providing a novel insight into mechanism of epigenetic inheritance of chromosomal structures.

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RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

One feature of organisms is the ability to adapt to the environment. Thanks to this ability, organisms could survive on the earth in changeable conditions. Such an ability is supported by flexibility of the genome. On the other hand, the genome determines the design of life. Therefore, changing of genomic information, if it occurs randomly, is likely to be toxic for organisms. Indeed, it is known that genomic instability causes cancer and premature senescence. We are studying how cells change the genome safely. One attractive mechanism for this change is gene amplification. Gene amplification makes it possible to create new genes and modify them without destroying the original one.

We have been analyzing amplification of the ribosomal RNA gene repeats (rDNA) as a model system.

(1) Mechanisms to maintain the stability of rDNA

-Analysis of the relationship between replication and gene amplification-

Austen R.D. Ganley, and Takehiko Kobayashi

The ribosomal RNA gene repeats (rDNA) is one of the most characteristic regions in eukaryotic chromosomes. The repeats consist of more than 100 tandem units occupying large regions of the chromosome(s) in most organisms. Cells are known to deal with this "unusual domain" in a unique manner. In particular, repeated genes families such as rDNA are one of the most fragile sites for deletional recombination. Even though the rDNA is susceptible to this kind of instability, each organism is known to maintain a specific repeat copy number of rDNA, thereby indicating the presence of a mechanism for maintenance of copy number. We have been studying this mechanism and found a unique amplification system that uses replication fork blocking activity. The replication fork barrier site (RFB) inhibits the replication fork and causes DNA double strand breaks (DSBs). These DSBs are then repaired by recombination. If the broken end recombines with an unequal sister-chromatid, some copies are replicated twice and the copy number increases. In this way, amplification takes place.

In the above "RFB-dependent rDNA amplification model", replication initiation is also expected to affect RFB activity and change the amplification rate. In fact, replication origins are often found in mammalian repeated genes such as DHFR and c-myc. These

observations suggest a strong relationship between replication origins and gene amplification, though there is no direct evidence for this.

To address this relationship, we used a yeast strain that has two rDNA copies instead of the usual wild-type 150 copies. In this strain we modified the replication origin sequence to change its efficiency and monitored the amplification rate. We found that reduced replication initiation resulted in reduced amplification.

It is also known that rDNA recombination produces circular DNA molecules called ERC (extrachromosomal rDNA circles). ERC accumulation promotes cellular aging. We looked at the effect of rDNA replication initiation-modification on ERC production and found that these modifications change ERC number. Now we are analyzing the mechanism.

(2) Evolutionary study of repetitive genes

-Analysis of concerted evolution in the ribosomal DNA repeats-

Austen R.D. Ganley and Takehiko Kobayashi

Repeat families within genomes are often maintained with similar sequences. Traditionally this has been explained by concerted evolution, where repeats in an array evolve “in concert” with the same sequence by continual recombination between the repeats. Another form of evolution, birth-and-death evolution, can also explain this pattern, although in this case selection is the critical force. The level of intragenomic variation is the key difference between these two forms of evolution. The huge size and repetitive nature of large repeat arrays have made it difficult to determine the total level of intragenomic variation, so there is little evidence to support concerted evolution over birth-and-death evolution for many large repeat arrays.

We used whole genome shotgun sequence data from five fungal species genome projects to show total levels of sequence variation within the ribosomal RNA gene repeats (rDNA). The level of sequence variation was remarkably low. Furthermore, the polymorphisms that were detected were not functionally-constrained and exist beneath the level of selection. These results suggest the rDNA is evolving via concerted evolution. Comparisons with a repeat array undergoing birth-and-death evolution provide a clear contrast in the level of repeat array variation between these two forms of evolution, confirming that the rDNA does evolve via concerted evolution. These results suggest that concerted evolution is very rapid and efficiently maintains highly-similar repeat arrays.

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RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

We have been studying on eukaryotic chromosomal DNA replication and its regulation by the cell cycle. For this purpose, we have employed budding yeast, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, as a model system of eukaryotic cells. Using strong genetics of budding yeast, we have identified novel factors involving in chromosomal DNA replication and revealed their functions in chromosomal DNA replication.

(1) CDK targets in the initiation of DNA replication

Seiji Tanaka, Toshiko Umemori, Kazuyuki Hirai, Sachiko Sakamoto and Hiroyuki Araki

Cyclin-dependent kinase (CDK) is essential in the initiation of chromosomal DNA replication in eukaryotes. Although yeast Sld2 is known as an essential target, its phosphomimetic form alone does not confer DNA replication in the absence of CDK activity. We show that a *JET1* mutation of *CDC45* or high copy *DPB11*, in combination with the phosphomimetic form of Sld2, confers CDK-independent DNA replication. Sld3, which associates with Cdc45, is phosphorylated by CDK and then binds to the N-terminal pair of BRCT domains in Dpb11, which has two pairs of tandem BRCT domains. Cdc45 enhances this binding, and the *JET1* mutation as well as high copy *DPB11* bypasses the requirement of Sld3 phosphorylation. Because phosphorylated Sld2 binds to the C-terminal pair of BRCT domains in Dpb11, we argue that when CDK phosphorylates the replication proteins, Sld2 and Sld3, two pairs of BRCT domains in Dpb11 connect them to initiate DNA replication.

(2) The pre-Landing complex of replication proteins formed in a CDK-dependent manner

Sachiko Sakamoto, Kazuyuki Hirai, Yoichiro Kamimura, and Hiroyuki Araki

As described above, we revealed that the interactions between Dpb11 and phosphorylated Sld2 and Sld3, promotes the initiation of DNA replication. However, we do not know how these interactions promotes the initiation step of DNA replication. At replication origins in eukaryotes, the pre-Replicative Complex (pre-RC) forms from late M to G1 phases in the absence of CDK (Cyclin-dependent kinase) activity and other replication proteins including DNA polymerases assemble when CDK activity increases from G1/S boundary. We have found that a complex containing at least four replication factors, Dpb11, Sld2, GINS and Pol ϵ , is formed in a CDK-dependent dependent manner. To elucidate how this complex is formed, we purified these factors to near homogeneity and examined whether they interact each other *in vitro*. It is revealed that they bind each other and form a complex *in vitro*. This result suggests that they can form a complex without any other factor. Thus, this complex

formation is one of the key steps to promote the initiation of DNA replication.

(3) Functional analysis of Sld7

Tamon Tanaka and Hiroyuki Araki

sld7 was isolated as a novel *sld* (synthetic lethality with *dpb11*). Although the *SLD7* gene is not essential, cells deleting this gene (Δ -*ld7*) showed sensitivity to hydroxyurea (inhibitor of DNA replication) and MMS (DNA-damaging agent). Moreover, Δ -*ld7* cells replicate chromosomal DNA slower than wild-type cells. Furthermore, Δ -*ld7* is synthetic lethal with temperature-sensitive alleles of replication proteins, such as Sld3, Cdc45 and Sld2. These results suggest that Sld7 plays an important role for DNA replication. To know function of Sld7, we tried to isolate factors interacting with Sld7 and found that Sld7 forms a complex with Sld3. These proteins expressed in *Escherichia coli* actually formed a complex. In Δ -*ld7* cells, the protein level of Sld3 decreased and high copy *SLD3* suppressed defect of Δ -*ld7* cells. Moreover, high copy *SLD7* suppressed the growth defect of one of temperature allele of *SLD3*. Thus, all the results suggest that Sld7 functions for DNA replication through Sld3.

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(1) Role of histone modifications and chromatin remodeling in epigenetic gene expression

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Epigenetic maintenance of the expression state of the genome appears to be crucial for development. *Drosophila Trithorax-like (Trl)* gene is a member of *trithorax* group and encodes the GAGA factor that binds to a GAGAG sequence on DNA. The GAGA factor directs chromatin remodeling to its binding sites. We have shown that *Drosophila* FACT, a heterodimer of dSSRP1 and dSPT16, associates with the GAGA factor, binds to a nucleosome, and facilitates GAGA factor-directed chromatin remodeling. Physical and functional interactions between the GAGA factor and FACT implicated the GAGA factor-FACT complex in the modulation of chromatin structure for the maintenance of gene expression (Nakayama *et al.* 2006).

Previous study from this laboratory has shown that the GAGA factor recruits the SWI/SNF-type chromatin remodeling factor PBAP complex to the regulatory regions of *Hox*. Consistent with this finding, we observed genetic interactions between *Trl* and *polybromo* encoding a unique subunit of the PBAP complex.

Previously we found that the GAGA factor directs chromatin remodeling and replacement of histone H3 by its variant H3.3, and maintains *white* expression against the heterochromatin spreading. In good agreement with this finding, we demonstrated that the GAGA factor recruits HIRA, a specific chaperone for histone H3.3, to the *white* locus, and also found that a *hira* mutation enhances PEV (Nakayama *et al.* 2007).

RSF is a chromatin remodeling factor consisting of a regulatory subunit RSF1 and a catalytic subunit ISWI. We found that RSF1 contributes to *Polycomb*-dependent silencing in addition to PEV.

(2) Chromatin transcription

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Biochemical studies have shown that Spt6 is a transcriptional elongation factor. To understand *in vivo* role of Spt6 in metazoans, we isolated mutants of *Drosophila spt6* through imprecise excision of a P-element inserted in the coding region of *spt6*, and started genetic studies on the factor.

Drosophila Ash1 encoding a SET domain protein is a member of *trithorax* group, but its function remains unknown. We are trying to isolate a *Drosophila Ash1* complex from a transgenic fly line expressing epitope-tagged Ash1.

Much of the genome is transcribed into long noncoding RNAs (ncRNAs). Previous data suggested that *bithoraxoid (bxd)* ncRNAs of the *Drosophila bithorax* complex (BX-C) prevent silencing of *Ultrabithorax (Ubx)* and recruit activating proteins of the trithorax group (trxG) to their maintenance elements (MEs). We found that, surprisingly, *Ubx* and several *bxd* ncRNAs are expressed in nonoverlapping patterns in both embryos and imaginal discs, suggesting that transcription of these ncRNAs is associated with repression, not activation, of *Ubx*. Our data rule out siRNA or miRNA-based mechanisms for repression by *bxd* ncRNAs. Rather, ncRNA transcription itself, acting in *cis*, represses *Ubx*. The Trithorax complex TAC1 binds the *Ubx* coding region in nuclei expressing *Ubx*, and the *bxd* region in nuclei not expressing *Ubx*. We propose that TAC1 promotes the mosaic pattern of *Ubx* expression by facilitating transcriptional elongation of *bxd* ncRNAs, which represses *Ubx* transcription (Petrucek *et al.*, 2006).

(3) Role of DNA topology in the formation of active chromatin

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Supercoiling factor (SCF) forms a complex with DNA topoisomerase II and generates negative supercoils into DNA. Previous studies from this laboratory have indicated that approximately twice activation of the male X chromosome in *Drosophila* is achieved through a balance between SCF forming an open and active chromatin and ISWI working toward a compact and silent chromatin (Furuhashi *et al.*, 2006). To elucidate the mechanism underlying dosage compensation of the X chromosome, we started ChIP on chip analyses to examine distribution of SCF along the male X chromosome.

Based on the preferential binding of psoralen to negatively supercoiled DNA, we have succeeded in visualization of negatively supercoiled DNA domains within a cell. Using the method, strong signals have been detected on heat shock puffs of *Drosophila* salivary gland polytene chromosomes. The *scs* and *scs'* sequences are required for detection of the strong signals on the *hsp70* genes upon heat shock. Consistent with this finding, genetic studies revealed requirement of BEAF32 and ZW-5 proteins, that bind to *scs* and *scs'*, to detect the strong signals on *hsp70*.

(4) Functional cooperation between FACT and the MCM helicase complex facilitates initiation of chromatin DNA replication

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Chromatin is suppressive in nature to cellular enzymes that metabolize DNA, mainly due to the inherent inaccessibility of the DNA template. Despite extensive understanding of the involvement of chromatin-modifying factors in transcription, roles of related activities in DNA replication remain largely elusive. Here we show that the heterodimeric transcriptional elongation factor FACT is functionally linked to DNA synthesis. Its involvement in DNA replication is partly mediated by the stable association with the replicative helicase

complex, MCM, and further by the coexistence with MCM on replication origin. Furthermore, relying on its nucleosome-reorganizing activity, FACT can facilitate chromatin unwinding by the MCM complex, which is otherwise inert on the nucleosomal template. As a consequence, the physical and functional interaction between FACT and MCM is an important determinant in the normal initiation of DNA replication and conserved component of the endogenous replication machinery, and support a model in which the concerted action of helicase and chromatin-modifying activities promotes chromosome replication (Tan *et al.*, 2006).

(5) The heterotrimeric G protein signaling organizes cell movements during *Drosophila* gastrulation

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Gastrulation is a common developmental process and creates germ layers by dynamic morphogenetic movements. In gastrulation of a *Drosophila* embryo, the ventral cells acquire the mesodermal cell fate and undergo sequential cell movements. It has been shown that the *concertina* (*cta*) gene, encoding a G α subunit of the heterotrimeric G proteins (G proteins), is required for an initial event of the cell movements. However, mechanisms underlying other cell movements and the G protein signaling *in vivo* are largely unknown. To address these issues, we characterize the G protein signaling in the gastrulation process.

Since Cta and other G α subunits are expressed ubiquitously at the gastrulation stage, we examined mutants for these G α subunits. Among them, the *Gai* mutant embryos showed gastrulation defects, which are distinct from the phenotypes of the *cta* mutant, suggesting that two G α subunits regulate different cell movements.

Ric-8 has been thought to be an activator for the G protein signaling, however the role of Ric-8 *in vivo* is still controversial. We identified a missense mutant for Ric-8, *abortex*, which has been isolated as a female sterile mutant before. In the *abortex* mutant gastrulae, cell movements were perturbed and the Cta signaling was compromised. These results suggest that Ric-8 is involved in the turning of the G protein signaling to organize cell movements during gastrulation.

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Ape Genome Project Silver

Saitou Naruya, Sumiyama Kenta

In search of genetic changes responsible for human uniqueness, we are determining genomic sequences of chimpanzee and gorilla that are phylogenetically close to human, and do molecular evolutionary analyses. In 2006, we have two publications on this subject.

(i) We compared nucleotide sequences of chimpanzee and human Y chromosomes and described their evolutionary uniqueness (Kuroki et al., 2006).

(ii) We examined human Endogenous Retrovirus (HERV)-R family in primates, and described their chromosomal location, gene expression, and evolution (Kim et al., 2006).

Molecular evolution of developmental regulation

Sumiyama Kenta, Kim Hyung-Cheol, Ishibashi Minaka, Saitou Naruya

We are studying cis-control elements of the developmental genes by sequence analysis and gene transfer experiments of large scale genomic clones, in order to elucidate relationship between evolution of cis-elements and body plan.

Human population genetics

Saitou Naruya, Ishibashi Minaka

We are mainly interested in evolutionary relationship of various human populations. In 2006, we had two publications on this subject.

(i) ABCC12 was discovered to be earwax (cerumen) gene (Yoshiura et al., 2006).

(ii) We discussed relationship between genetic and linguistic differentiation of people in Eurasia, in particular Japanese Archipelago (Saitou, 2006).

Evolution of blood group genes

Saitou Naruya

Blood group antigens are expressed on cell surface, and have a higher chance of being affected by bacteria or virus. Therefore, their genes may have undergone positive selection. We are studying evolution of ABO and Rh blood group genes for humans and non-human primates with collaboration of Dr. Kitano Takashi of Yamagata University School of Medicine and Professor Antoine Blancher of Paul Sabatier University at Toulouse, France.

Genome scale evolutionary analysis

Saitou Naruya, Kawai Yosuke, Kim Hyung-Cheol, Masuyama Waka, Suzuki Rumiko,

Takahashi Mahoo

We do genome-wide comparison of many protein coding and non-protein coding nucleotide sequences among various organisms to elucidate evolutionary patterns. In 2006, we conducted systematic analysis of SNP data (mainly done by Kawai), ultra-conserved elements (mainly done by Kim and Takahashi), protein domains (mainly done by Masuyama), and synonymous substitution (mainly done by Suzuki).

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RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

(1) A novel long-range enhancer to specify the Sonic hedgehog (Shh) expression in the oral cavity morphogenesis

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Shh is a secreted glycoprotein that is essential for the fundamental morphogenesis in vertebrate embryogenesis. In developing embryos, Shh expresses in various organogenesis processes including head, lung, heart and limbs formation. Mutant mice in which normal Shh expression is affected in the organogenesis exhibit severe defects in the relevant organs. The Shh expression in a particular organogenesis is controlled by specific cis-acting regulatory elements. Recently, such several long-range enhancers have been identified by cross species comparison of genome sequences and exploration of conserved sequences among evolutionary remote species. A noncoding sequence, MFCS1, localized in the 1Mb upstream of the Shh coding sequence is one of such cis-acting elements, which includes limb bud-specific Shh enhancer (Sagai et al., 2005).

Here we report another novel long-range enhancer involving in morphogenesis of mouse oral cavity. MFCS4 is a phylogenetically conserved noncoding sequence residing in the 800kb upstream region of the Shh coding. In order to test whether the sequence acts as cis-acting regulatory element, first we carried out transgenic assay with a LacZ-reporter gene flanked by the MFCS4 fragment. In the transgenic mice, we found that MFCS4 induces expression of the reporter gene specifically in the oral epithelium of palate, epiglottis and arytenoid. Next, we conducted ES targeting to generate MFCS4 knockout (KO) mice. The mice heterozygous for the MFCS4 KO did not show any defect. By contrast, the KO homozygotes caused hypoplastic defects in the palate and epiglottis surrounding the nasopharyngeal opening. Because of this defect, airway of the homozygotes was disturbed, and eventually it resulted in neonatal lethality.

In the oral cavity of wild-type embryos, endogenous Shh expression was detected in palatal and tongue epithelium and partially overlapped the expression domain of the reporter gene in the transgenic mice. Then, we examined the Shh expression in the MFCS4 KO homozygotes. Section in situ hybridization with a Shh riboprobe showed that in the MFCS4 KO homozygotes, Shh did not express in the oral epithelium where the signal of transgenic reporter gene was detected. Finally, in order to confirm that MFCS4 is a cis-acting element, we carried out a test cross of the Shh-coding KO and the MFCS4 KO mice. From the above cross, we generated compound heterozygotes of the both KO alleles. We observed that all compound heterozygotes exhibited the phenotype almost identical to that of the single MFCS4 KO homozygotes. Thus, all data demonstrated that MFCS4 is a cis-acting element including glossopharyngeal specific long-range enhancer of Shh.

(2) Chromatin dynamism of a long-range cis-regulator for limb bud-specific Shh expression

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MFCS1 (mammal-fish conserved sequence) is located at the intron 5 of *Lmbr1* locus, which is 1 Mb apart from the *Shh* coding sequence. We have reported that elimination of MFCS1 causes a defect of *Shh* expression and distal truncation of skeletal elements of mouse limb. It is suggested that MFCS1 is a limb bud-specific cis-acting regulatory element of *Shh* (Sagai et al., 2005). This fact raises a question of how MFCS1 controls a transcription of *Shh* beyond such a long distance. To address this question, we paid attention on higher-order chromosomal structure surrounding the *Shh* locus.

To examine topological relationship of the *Shh* coding region and MFCS1, we performed 3D-FISH analysis using fluorescent-labeled probes that hybridize with these two genomic regions. We dissected anterior, intermediate and posterior portions of developing limb buds at E10.5 embryos. The posterior portion of limb bud is referred to as zone of polarizing activity (ZPA) and it expresses *Shh* exclusively in wild-type mice. We immediately prepared single cell suspension from the each dissected specimen, and used for the FISH analysis. After capturing 3D images of the two fluorescent signals, physical distance between the *Shh* coding region and MFCS1 was computationally calculated. This result clearly indicated that the mean distance in the posterior limb bud cells was significantly shorter than that in the intermediate limb bud cells, suggesting that MFCS1 tends to approach the *Shh* locus in the *Shh*-expressing cells. Notably, the mean *Shh*-MFCS1 distance in the anterior limb bud cells was somewhat smaller than that in the posterior limb bud cells, but the value was close to that in the posterior limb bud cells. It is known that many mouse mutants exhibit ectopic *Shh* expression at the anterior margin of limb buds, and it lead to preaxial polydactyly. It is, therefore, conceivable that the anterior limb bud cell potentially has a competence to express *Shh*. Thus, adjoining of physically distant two regions, MFCS1 and the *Shh* coding, implies that the cells have a competence for expressing *Shh*.

To further investigate the chromatin dynamism surrounding the *Shh* coding and MFCS1 regions, we adopted a method of chromosome conformation capture (3C). Limb buds from E10.5 embryos, which express *Shh* at very high level, were used for the analysis. We used limb buds from E12.5 embryo, in which *Shh* expression already ceased, as a control. As a result, we captured an expected positive signal only in the limb buds from E10.5 embryos, suggesting that MFCS1 physically interacts with the *Shh* coding region in *Shh*-expressing cells.

(3) Molecular mechanisms of epithelium formation of skin and gastrointestinal tract in mice

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Epithelial cells are tightly connected to one another in sheets and tubes, and form epidermis and mucosal epithelium of gastrointestinal tracts. Homeostasis of the epithelial linings is controlled by the balance between proliferation of the stem cells and apoptosis following terminal differentiation. Disruption of this balance may cause abnormal cell proliferation and several diseases like as cancers. However, our knowledge on the molecular basis underlying the epidermis development and homeostasis is still limited. We have overcome this problem using the forward and reverse genetics approaches. We performed three fundamental studies: (i) Screening and phenotype analysis of mutant mice, which exhibit abnormal epidermal development; (ii) identification of causative gene of these mutant mice; (iii) analysis of these gene functions using the transgenic and gene knockout technique. We identify five novel genes during the analysis of just one mutant mouse. Four of five these genes are clustering in the mouse chromosome 15, and these genes have several

conserved sequences and novel functional motifs. Each of these genes is expressed in the epidermis and gastrointestinal tract (GI) in a tissue specific manner, and expression patterns and levels were depended heavily on proximal-distal axis in the GI tract. We are now examining the function of these genes using the reverse genetics approach.

(4) Transgenesis with a modified-BAC DNA harboring the Rim3-type GsdmA3 mutation recaptures the mutant skin phenotype

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In our previous study, we showed that a spontaneous dominant skin mutant, Rim3, has a point mutation in Gasdermin A3 (GsdmA3). The Rim3 mutation has a single base substitution, 1124 G to A, which results in a missense change, alanine 348 threonine. To confirm that the genetic alteration found in the GsdmA3 gene causes the mutant phenotype, in this study we carried out transgenesis using a modified-BAC DNA containing the Rim3-type GsdmA3 mutation (alanine 348 threonine). A BAC clone RP23-438D7 contains 160 kb genomic region that includes GsdmA cluster except for GsdmA1 and most likely contains the promoter and the cis-regulatory elements of GsdmA3 gene within its 115 kb upstream fragment of GsdmA3. We introduced the Rim3-type mutation into the exon 9 of GsdmA3 in the RP23-438D7 clone by means of BAC modification technology. The modified BAC construct was transferred into genome of wild-type (DBA/2J x C57BL/6J)F1 mice. We selected transgenic mice by genotyping for the vector sequence, and established three transgenic founder lines carrying the Rim3-type GsdmA3 mutation. We found that these all three lines exhibit skin phenotype similar to that of Rim3. Histological analysis revealed that the transgenic mice have degenerated hair follicles at 10 months of age as was observed in Rim3 mutant mice. In contrast, transgenic mice that express wild-type GsdmA3 did not exhibited any phenotype in the skin. The result clearly demonstrated that GsdmA3 is the causative gene for Rim3.

(5) Disruption of genetic interaction between two autosomal regions and the X chromosome causes hybrid breakdown in a mouse intersubspecific cross

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Reproductive isolation that initiates speciation is likely caused by incompatibility between multiple loci in organisms belonging to genetically diverging populations. Laboratory C57BL/6J mice, which predominantly originated from *Mus musculus domesticus*, and a MSM/Ms strain derived from Japanese wild mice (*M. m. molossinus*) are reproductively isolated. These two strains exhibit hybrid breakdown: F1 hybrids are fertile, but succeeding intercrosses result in male sterility. A consomic strain, C57BL/6J-ChrXMSM, which carries the X chromosome of MSM/Ms in the C57BL/6J background, shows male sterility, suggesting genetic incompatibility of the MSM/Ms X chromosome and other C57BL/6J chromosome(s). In this study, genome-wide linkage analysis and subsequent QTL mapping successfully detected significant QTLs on chromosomes 1 and 11 that interact with the X chromosome and are responsible for the hybrid breakdown. This was confirmed by the observation that introduction of the MSM/Ms chromosomes 1 and 11 into the C57BL/6J-ChrXMSM background partially restored fertility. Thus, genetic interactions between the two autosomal regions and the X chromosome have a crucial role in proper sperm differentiation, and their disruption causes hybrid breakdown. Intracytoplasmic sperm injection and zona-free in vitro fertilization showed that the C57BL/6J-ChrXMSM spermatozoa have a defect in penetration of the extracellular zona pellucida. Moreover, two-

dimensional electrophoretic proteome study of whole proteins from sperms provided considerable candidates responsible for the sterility of C57BL/6J-ChrXMSM males.

(6) QTL analysis of hereditary predisposition of obesity based on inter-subspecific cross of C57BL/6J and MSM/Ms strains

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Obesity is a highly heritable and genetically complex trait with hundreds of potential loci identified. In order to elucidate the genetic determinants of this disease, we are taking approach to use mouse models for heritable obesity. In this study, we conducted genetic analysis of obesity-related quantitative traits based on the cross between a standard laboratory mouse strain C57BL/6J (B6) and a Japanese wild mouse-derived strain MSM/Ms (MSM). The quantitative traits that we analyzed in this study are followings: body weight, body weight that excludes total fat pat weight (lean body weight), percentage of fat pat surrounding each of three visceral tissues (gonad, retroperitoneum and mesenterium) to lean body weight, percentage of sum of the above three visceral fad pat weight to lean body weight, percentage of subcutaneous fad pat weight to lean body weight and total fat pat weight to lean body weight (adiposity index: A.I.).

MSM has higher A.I. value than that of B6 at ten weeks of age, and this tendency became more prominent as age proceeded. This suggests that MSM shows higher predisposition to obesity as compared with B6. For the quantitative trait loci (QTL) analysis, we crossed B6 and MSM mice and generated F1 hybrids, and subsequently intercrossed the F1 mice and obtained totally 272 F2 progeny. Then, we carried out QTL analysis to identify loci responsible for eight obesity-related traits described above. First, single-locus genome scans analysis identified four QTLs on Chr 2, 6, 9 and 13, all of which control A.I. value. All these QTLs showed sex-dependent effect. For the three QTLs on Chr 6, 9 and 13, MSM alleles increase A.I. value, while B6 allele increases the A.I. value for the QTL on Chr 2. Because all four QTLs explain relatively small proportion of the variance observed in the F2 progeny (only 9 to 11% of the total variance), many other minor QTLs and epistatic interaction of two independent loci were expected to be contributed to the genetic variance. Therefore, we implemented pairwise genome scan analysis for the same data set of the 272 F2 progeny. As a result, we identified a significant epistatic interaction between two loci on Chr 9 and 13.

QTL analyses with Multiple Interval Mapping (MIM) and Bayesian Interval Mapping (BIM) are thought to be more suitable for the cases in which multiple QTLs are responsible complex traits. We need further studies using the above analyses to reveal hidden QTLs that were not detected in this study.

(7) Genetic dissection of obesity using mouse consomic strains

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Obesity is a common disease and a major risk to develop type 2 diabetes mellitus and metabolic syndrome. Genetic obesity is generally thought to be multifactorial disease, which is caused by multiple genetic determinants and influence of environmental factors. To understand pathology of obesity, genetic analysis of responsible genes for this complex trait has been prominent issue as in many common human diseases. We are taking approach to use mouse models for obesity. C57BL/6J-ChrMSM consomic strains were constructed by transferring individual chromosomes from MSM/Ms strain, derived from Japanese wild mouse, *Mus musculus molossinus*, into the genetic background of a standard laboratory strain C57BL/6J, which was derived from west European wild mouse, *M. m. domesticus*. These consomic strains are strikingly useful for chromosome mapping of various phenotypes, because above two mouse strains showed extremely large extent of phenotypic variations based on vast amount of genomic differences (~ 1% SNP). Our preliminary phenotyping of the consomic strains indicated a variety of range in susceptibility or resistance to obesity or obesity-related phenotypes among the strains. Based upon the

strain difference, we intend to explore genes and genetic pathways underlying the polygenic obesity. At the first step, now we are conducting more detailed characterization of the phenotype of each consomic strain using following tests: 1) measurement of consumption of foods (normal chow and high fat diet, etc.) and body weight, 2) detection of metabolism-related parameters (activity, body fat content, blood and hepatic lipid content, plasma insulin and leptin levels, etc), 3) radiographical measurement of adipose tissue mass using computer tomography (CT) scanning, 4) transcriptome analysis of metabolism-related tissue of all consomic strains.

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(1) Molecular mechanism of somite segmentation

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We have been investigating the *in vivo* function of the bHLH transcription factor, *Mesp2*, for which the periodic expression of both mRNA and protein appears in the anterior PSM. *Mesp2* plays key roles in the anterior PSM, at the point of transition of the paraxial mesodermal cells from the PSM to somites. In addition, we have previously shown that *Mesp1* is a closely related member of the *Mesp*-family of genes, which share significant sequence homology in their bHLH regions. We have attempted to define the functional domains of the *Mesp2* protein by focusing on the vertebral development reflecting rostro-caudal properties of somites *in vivo*. We find that *Mesp2* contains a degradation domain, which acts as a target of proteasome-mediated proteolysis and appears to play this role *in vivo*. We have also defined the nuclear localization signals (NLS) and constructed a minimum *Mesp2* protein (P2-HD) composed of the NLS, bHLH and the degradation domains. The ability of the P2-HD as a transcription factor *in vivo* was examined. Some of the defects that had been previously observed in the *Mesp2*-null mice were rescued in the knock-in mice but only in the posterior half of the body, indicating differential effects of P2-HD along the anterior-posterior (AP) axis. In addition, quantitative analysis of the expression along the AP-axis revealed that the relative levels of *Mesp2* increased, whereas *Mesp1* is down-regulated in the later stages of development by the activities of *Mesp2* in the wild-type embryo. Moreover, we have found that somitogenesis in the early stages is more susceptible to changes in the *Mesp* gene dosage, indicating that a threshold level of *Mesp* activity must be required for the progression of normal somitogenesis.

(2) Regulation of *Mesp2* gene expression

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The transcription factor, *Mesp2* plays essential roles in the segmental border formation and establishing rostral-caudal patterning within somites. A possible *Mesp2* target gene, *Ripply2* is identified by microarray analysis as one of genes down-regulated in the *Mesp2*-null mouse. *Ripply2* encodes a possible transcriptional co-repressor containing WRPW motif. We find that *Mesp2* could bind to the enhancer of *Ripply2* gene, indicating that *Ripply2* is a direct target of *Mesp2*. We asked whether the *Ripply2* is responsible for the repression of genes under the control of *Mesp2* by generating the *Ripply2* knockout mouse. Unexpectedly, *Ripply2*-null embryo showed rostralized phenotype that is contrastive to that of *Mesp2*-null mice. Gene expression studies together with genetic analyses revealed that *Ripply2* turned out to be a negative regulator of *Mesp2*. The lack of *Ripply2* results in the

prolonged expression of *Mesp2*, which leads to the rostralized phenotype via suppressing Notch signaling. The *Mesp2/Ripply2* double-null mutant shows almost similar phenotype to that of *Mesp2*-null mutant, confirming that *Ripply2* functions exclusively through suppression of *Mesp2*.

(3) Functional analyses of *Hesr1* and *Hesr2* in the cardiovascular development

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The establishment of chamber specificity is an essential requirement for cardiac morphogenesis and function. *Hesr1* and *Hesr2* are specifically expressed in the atrium and ventricle, respectively, implicating these genes in chamber specification. In our current study, we show that the forced expression of *Hesr1* or *Hesr2* in the entire cardiac lineage results in the reduction or loss of the atrioventricular (AV) canal. In the *Hesr1*-misexpressed heart, the boundaries of the AV canal have a poorly defined appearance, and the expression levels of specific markers of the AV myocardium, *Bmp2* and *Tbx2*, are weakened or undetectable. More potent effects could be observed in *Hesr2*-misexpressed embryos, in which the AV canal appears to be absent entirely. These data suggest that *Hesr1* and *Hesr2* may prevent cells from expressing the AV canal specific genes that lead to the precise formation of the AV boundary. Our current findings further indicate the possibility that *Tbx2* expression is directly suppressed by *Hesr1* and *Hesr2*. Furthermore, we find that the expression of *Hesr1* and *Hesr2* is independent of Notch2 signaling. Taken together, our data thus demonstrate that *Hesr1* and *Hesr2* play crucial roles in AV boundary formation through a Notch independent pathway.

(4) Functional redundancy between *Nanos2* and *Nanos3*

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The mouse *Nanos* proteins, *Nanos2* and *Nanos3*, are required for germ cell development and share a highly conserved zinc finger domain. The expression patterns of these factors during development, however, differ from each other. *Nanos3* expression in the mouse embryo commences in the primordial germ cells (PGCs) just after their formation and a loss of this protein results in the germ cell-less phenotype in both sexes. In contrast, *Nanos2* expression begins only in male PGCs after their entry into the genital ridge and a loss of this protein results in a male germ cell deficiency, irrespective of the co-expression of *Nanos3* in these cells. These results indicate that these two *Nanos* proteins have distinct functions, depending on the time and place of their expression. To further elucidate this, we have generated transgenic mouse lines that express *Nanos2* under the control of the *Oct4*ΔPE promoter and examined *Nanos2* function in a *Nanos3*-null genetic background. We find that ectopically produced *Nanos2* protein rescues the *Nanos3*-null defects as the germ cells fully develop in both sexes in the transgenic mice. This result indicates that *Nanos2* can substitute for *Nanos3* during early PGC development. In contrast, our current data show that *Nanos3* does not rescue the defects in *Nanos2*-null mice. Our findings thus indicate that there are redundant functions of the *Nanos* proteins in early PGC development but that *Nanos2* has a distinct function during male germ cell development in the mouse.

(5) Functional analysis of *nanos3*

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In the *Nanos3*-null mice, the number of PGCs rapidly decreased during their migration, indicating that *Nanos3* is responsible for the maintenance of PGCs rather than their generation. There are two possibilities for the loss of PGCs, apoptotic cell death or abnormal differentiation to somatic cells. By the immunostaining, we detected apoptosis in migrating PGCs in *Nanos3*^{-/-} mice. In addition, we have generated the *Nanos3*-cre mouse in which the cre recombinase gene is knocked in the endogenous *Nanos3* locus. By crossing with the *Rosa26* reporter mouse, we are able to visualize *Nanos3* expressing PGC cells by β -gal staining. In the presence of *Nanos3*, β -gal positive cells were incorporated into the genital ridge, indicating that these cells were PGCs. In addition, we observed β -gal positive cells in the tail bud. These cells were lost during development since they failed to enter PGC program. In the absence of *Nanos3*, although some cells in the tail bud showed β -gal activity, we could not observe any β -gal positive cells in the genital ridge. Importantly

we did not observe expansion of β -gal positive somatic cells in any other cell lineages, which strongly indicates that Nanos3 is required for maintaining PGCs by preventing apoptosis and the lack of Nanos3 does not result in the cell fate change into the somatic cells.

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RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

(1) Single-molecule dynamics of translation termination.

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Single-molecule analysis has not been much applied to translation, although it can provide critical conclusions to several important problems such as order of association/dissociation of components. Therefore, we are challenging to solve a long-standing problem in termination: whether mRNA dissociates from 70S or from 30S subparticle. If it dissociates from 70S, genes on the same mRNA can be translated in cis by sliding of 70S, but if not, the whole initiation process has to be repeated. Furthermore, the growth-phase control of conversion from 70S into 100S inactive particles should have different pathways depending on the termination mechanism.

At first, we have developed a surface treatment of glass sides that has NTA residues but does not adsorb nonspecific substance in an extract prepared from *E. coli*. Next, we tethered ribosome at its 30S through the binding between NTA and his tag introduced in an Rps protein. The 50S of this ribosome has an Rpl protein fused with GFP and thus the locations of ribosome molecules were identified by its fluorescence. The tethering of individual ribosome molecules was shown by a single-step photo bleaching of the GFP. We prepared an mRNA encoding Lumio-his-tag, and the RNA is labeled with ca. 10 Texas Red moieties at its 5'-end. The translational product was fixed on the NTA surface and detected by Lumio Green, proving the activity of the tethered ribosome molecules. The movements of GFP and Texas Red spots should yield the conclusion. A preliminary experiment showed the presence of dissociation of mRNA from 70S, and now the fraction of that from 30S are under examination.

(2) Construction of DNA library by PCR with a single primer.

Hideki NAKAYAMA, Ryusuke FUJITA and Nobuo SHIMAMOTO

For studies of bacterial infection and cloning from an environment, there are cases where only an amount of DNA as small as direct PCR is available to target DNA segments in constructing a DNA library. PCR with primers of random sequences are used in such a case but is often unsatisfactory because of poor and/or biased amplification. We have developed a complementary method of PCR to use a single primer. This method was

successful for 0.1-1 ng of *E. coli* DNA and examination at 30 loci showed less than 100-fold differences in amplification. The core heart of this method is the selection of the primer. We screened the best 10 base primer and found that the 6 base at 3'-end must reflect the most frequent hexamer sequences in the genome, while the 4 base at 5'-end does not affect the amplification in our PCR condition. The drawback of this efficient construction of library is the formation of recombinants of two or more loci during the amplification. However, this is not very harmful for the search for positive functions or if the genome information of itself or a close relative is rich enough to indicate the recombination.

(3) Genetic and biophysical study on σ^{70} of *E. coli* RNA polymerase.

Suganthan Rajan Babu, Akiko Hatakeyama, and Nobuo Shimamoto

σ^{70} is a subunit of *E. coli* RNA polymerase and mainly interact with a promoter. Its fusion with GFP tends to be cleaved in cells and thus GFP must be inserted in σ^{70} . One of such mutant σ^{70} showed a distinct cleavage at the middle of Region 2.4 of σ^{70} , leaving the N-terminus fragment containing GFP and Regions from 1.1 to 2.3. The C-terminus fragment was not significantly accumulated in the cell. We quantitative analyses of the activity of the purified enzyme and the fraction of the cleavage fragment, there is possibility that the N-terminus fragment is bound to core RNA polymerase. We are analyzing the activity of the enzyme harboring the N-terminus fragment.

We have found that an *E. coli* strain with *rpoD* (the gene encoding σ^{70}) can grow 2°C higher temperature than the wild type, when it harbor on a plasmid a chimeric *rpoD* with its Region 4.2 is replaced that of *sigA* of *T. thermophilus*. To clarify the relationship with *rpoD* and upper limit of the growing temperature of an *E. coli* strain, we have constructing mutants of *rpoD*.

(4) Immobilization of protein and nucleic acid on diamond needle.

Yosuke Amemiya and Nobuo Shimamoto

To inject a substance in a cell, glass capillaries are conventionally used and its technology has been matured to show clear limitations on the size of cells and the size of needles. Only large eukaryotic cells like oocytes are available to the technique and the cells cannot stand for multiple injections. The finer the needles, the better the viability of cells after injection. Therefore, finer needles are expected to give better results but the material is limited because of the stiffness. Diamond is the hardest material and biologically inactive, and thus expected to a new material for finer needles to carry a substance in or take a biological materials out of the cells. Therefore, it is essential to develop a good surface of diamond that can immobilize various biological molecules. We are challenging to make such surface in collaboration with the Diamond Group of AIST and a Group of Olympus.

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RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

(1) Enhancement of chemotaxis by pre-exposure to odorants and food in the nematode *C. elegans*

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We have found that *C. elegans* specifically enhances chemotaxis to butanone, but not to benzaldehyde, by pre-exposure to butanone and food. This odor-specific plasticity, which we call butanone enhancement, is different from the already known inhibition of olfactory adaptation by food. In the latter case, the chemotaxis index never exceeds that of naive animals, and food can be replaced by serotonin, which is not true for butanone enhancement. To elucidate the molecular mechanism, we isolated ten mutants that showed abnormality in this plasticity. Of these mutants, *olm-1(ut305)* and *olm-2(ut306)* were studied in detail. The *olm-1* gene encoded a novel protein containing predicted transmembrane domains and acted in AWC olfactory neurons for butanone enhancement and for the AWC neuronal asymmetry. Namely, while the wild-type animal is known to express *str-2* gene in only one of the two AWC neurons, the *olm-1(ut305)* mutant expressed *str-2* in neither of them. We then hypothesized that the absence of the *str-2*-expressing AWC neuron (AWC^{ON} neuron) is the reason for the defect in butanone adaptation, and proved it by various experiments, including the butanone enhancement assay of AWC^{ON}-killed wild type animals. We also cloned the *olm-2* gene and found that it was allelic to *bbs-8*, one of the Bardet-Biedl syndrome (*bbs*) genes. The *olm-2(ut306)* mutant showed the wild-type phenotype in the AWC asymmetry, and the *olm-2* gene was required in the AWC^{ON} neuron for butanone enhancement. The *olm-2(ut306)* mutant showed structural defects in sensory cilia like known *bbs* mutants. We therefore tested many cilium structure mutants for butanone enhancement. The results revealed that all the Bardet-Biedl syndrome mutants tested were abnormal, while other cilium structure mutants were normal in butanone enhancement. Besides butanone enhancement, we found similar plasticity with isoamyl alcohol.

In 2006, we found that pre-exposure to butanone and the odor of food enhances chemotaxis to butanone. This result shows that AWC neurons are strong candidates of neurons that sense food for butanone enhancement, because butanone enhancement was not impaired by mutations that block the sensation of other known olfactory neurons (*lim-4* for AWB and *osm-9* for AWA, ASH, and ADL). We also found behavioral plasticity similar to butanone

enhancement with 2,3-pentanedione. We are now investigating the relationship between this plasticity and the plasticity with butanone and isoamyl alcohol.

(2) Genetic analysis of the plasticity of avoidance behaviors in *C. elegans*

Kotaro KIMURA and Isao KATSURA

We have recently discovered a novel type of plasticity in the avoidance response of *C. elegans*: The avoidance response of the animal to repellent odors was enhanced, rather than being reduced, after preceded exposure to the odor. It was somewhat surprising because almost all of the previously known stimuli (including other repellent stimuli) to the animals cause adaptation, i.e., the reduction of the sensory response after preceded exposure. In general, adaptation has been extensively studied in various sensory systems. However, the enhancement of the sensory response has been far less studied, particularly at the molecular level, with an exception of mammalian pain sensation and gill-withdrawal reflex in *Aplysia*. Therefore, analyzing the enhancement of the avoidance response of *C. elegans* may lead to the identification of a novel regulatory mechanism of the sensory response enhancement in general.

To gain insight into the molecular mechanism of the enhancement of 2-nonanone avoidance behavior, we have carried out a candidate screening and found that several mutants showed specific defects in the enhancement of avoidance behavior. We are currently analyzing the details of the phenotypes of the mutants.

In addition, we are developing a quantitative analysis system for the animals' movement. Preliminary results suggest that there are differences in the direction and in the speed between the avoidance behaviors to 2-nonanone and 1-octanol, two repulsive odors mainly sensed by different types of sensory neurons, AWB and ADL, respectively.

(3) Class 1 *flr* mutants of the nematode *Caenorhabditis elegans*

Yuri KOBAYASHI, Kotaro KIMURA and Isao KATSURA

Class 1 *flr* mutants of *C. elegans*, which map in *flr-1*, *flr-3* and *flr-4*, were isolated originally by resistance to 0.4 mg/ml NaF (Katsura, I. *et al.*: Genetics **136**, 145-154, 1994). They also showed many other phenotypes including slow growth, short defecation cycle periods (Dec-s), frequent skip of the expulsion step of defecation, synthetic abnormality in dauer larva formation, weak tendency to stay on food, and hypersensitivity to serotonin. The *flr-1* gene encoded a cation channel of the DEG/ENaC superfamily, while *flr-4* and *flr-3* coded for a novel Ser/Thr protein kinase and a kinase-like molecule, respectively, both having a hydrophobic domain at the carboxyl terminus. They were expressed essentially in the intestinal cells, except that *flr-4* was expressed also in the isthmus of the pharynx and in a pair of head neurons called AUA. We consider that class 1 *flr* genes constitute a regulatory system that acts in differentiated intestinal cells.

In 2006 we continued the following experiments. To reveal the mechanism of the regulation of defecation cycle periods, we looked for genes, the RNAi of which suppress the Dec-s phenotype of the *flr-1(ut11)* mutant or the Dec-I phenotype of animals expressing the FLR-1 ion channel lacking the C-terminal cytoplasmic domain (FLR-1ΔC). We also investigated the role of the C-terminal cytoplasmic domain by making various deletion mutants in this region. The C-terminal domain is exceptionally large for an ion channel of the DEG/ENaC family and contains many putative phosphorylation sites.

(4) Class 2 *flr* mutants of the nematode *Caenorhabditis elegans*

Akane OISHI, Kotaro KIMURA, Takeshi ISHIHARA¹ and Isao KATSURA (¹Kyushu University)

Class 2 *flr* mutations were isolated first as a weak fluoride-resistant mutation and then as suppressors of the slow growth or serotonin-hypersensitivity of class 1 *flr* mutations. Besides these phenotypes, they also suppressed the dauer larva formation abnormality and weak tendency to stay on food, but not the defecation abnormalities or strong fluoride-resistance. The phenotypes suggest two possibilities on the relationship between class 1 and class 2 *flr* genes. (a) Class 2 *flr* genes may act downstream of the class 1 regulatory pathway. At the downstream, the regulatory pathway may bifurcate into two branches, the growth/dauer/chemosensory branch and the defecation/fluoride sensitivity branch, while class 2 genes act in the former branch and not the latter. (b) Class 2 *flr* genes may act antagonistically to class 1 genes, while the threshold is different for the growth/dauer/chemosensory phenotypes and the defecation/fluoride sensitivity phenotypes. Class 2 mutations mapped in four genes, *flr-2*, *flr-5*, *flr-6* and *flr-7*, of which only *flr-2* has been cloned. *flr-2* encoded a secretory protein belonging to the gremlin/DAN/cerberus family. A functional *flr-2::GFP* fusion gene was expressed in some neurons in the head and the tail as well as many pharyngeal neurons. We found that FLR-2 interacts in vitro with a secretory protein encoded by the ZK20.1 gene and isolated a deletion mutant in this gene. A ZK20.1::GFP fusion gene was expressed in the intestine and body wall muscles.

In 2006, we continued the study on the role of ZK20.1 in defecation cycle length regulation. Both the deletion mutation and RNAi of ZK20.1 did not change defecation cycle length of wild type animals, but they increased that of *flr-2;flr-4* double mutants and a weak *flr-4* mutant (*n2259*). We are also trying to clone *flr-6* and *flr-7* despite the technical difficulty of the rescue experiments.

(5) Analysis of synthetic dauer-constitutive mutants in the nematode *Caenorhabditis elegans*

Norio SUZUKI¹, Takeshi ISHIHARA² and Isao KATSURA (¹Riken CDB, ²Kyushu University)

If newly hatched larvae of *C. elegans* are in a crowded state and given a limited food supply, they sense the environmental signal of pheromone and food with a head sensory organ called amphid, and deviate from the normal life cycle, ending in non-feeding larvae called dauer larvae. We are investigating synthetic dauer-constitutive (*synDaf*) mutants, i.e., mutants that form dauer larva in a certain mutant background even in the presence of plenty food and at low population density. We found that mutations in more than 50 known neural genes show *synDaf* phenotypes. We are studying the combinations of mutations for the *synDaf* phenotype and the pattern of suppression of the *synDaf* phenotype by various suppressor mutations. In this way we hope to elucidate the detailed regulatory pathway for dauer larva formation.

Furthermore, to identify new genes for the regulation of dauer larva formation, we have isolated and mapped 44 mutations that show the *synDaf* phenotype in the *unc-31(e169)* background, where *unc-31* gene encodes CAPS protein, which is thought to act in the secretion of biogenic amines and peptides. These mutations mapped at least to 17 genes, of which *sdf-9*, *sdf-13*, and *sdf-14* have been cloned. *sdf-9* encoded a protein tyrosine phosphatase-like molecule, was expressed in a pair of neuron-associated cells called XXXL/R, and regulated dauer larva formation in the steroid hormone signaling pathway. *sdf-13* encoded a homologue of the transcription factors Tbx2 and Tbx3 and controlled olfactory adaptation in AWC and dauer larva formation in cells other than AWC (possibly ASJ) neurons. *sdf-14* was allelic to *mrp-1*, a homolog of the MRP1 (multidrug resistance-associated protein 1) gene, which acted in neurons, pharyngeal muscles and intestinal cells for dauer regulation. Interestingly, human MRP1 could substitute for *C. elegans* MRP-1 in

dauer larva regulation, and an inhibitor of the human MRP1 export activity impaired this function, showing that the export activity is required for normal dauer larva regulation.

In 2006, we examined a huge amount of data on the synDaf phenotypes of known mutations to find rules. We plan to write a paper using these data and those on the mapping and initial characterization of the mutants we isolated.

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RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Wide scale gene family analysis under the point of view of expression.

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In order to discover new details about how the mechanism of transcription works, a wide-scale analysis of heterogeneous data regarding gene families in both human and mouse has been performed. Studying different kinds of data (such as expression data, sequences data, transcription starting site distributions, etc.), can reveal important relationship between the characteristic of the genes and of their promoters. These relationships can then give us some new information about the complex regulation of the transcriptional process.

Preliminary result showed that genes with similar distribution and number of transcription starting site have also a similar profile of expression. Further analysis revealed that there's no apparent relationship between the similarity of the aminoacidic sequence of the genes and the similarity of their expression profiles. From this preliminary result, it is possible to assume that the evolutionary process of the promoter and the coding regions is independent.

The sensory apparatus of hydra.

Hwang Jung Shan, Yasuharu Takaku, Kazuho Ikeo and Takashi Gojobori

Nematocyte is the stinging cell present in all cnidarians. They are specialized for the prey capture, the defense and the attachment on substances. Nematocyte can be triggered and releases its 'explosive' nematocyst that subsequently kills its preys. Early investigations indicated that ciliary structures on the apical surface of nematocyte react to the mechanical stimuli and it was later named cnidocil apparatus. To understand the molecular structures of cnidocil apparatus and its evolutionary perspective, we collected genes with expressions at the late differentiation of nematocyte (the stage when cnidocil apparatus is assembled). As a result, we identified four genes expressed at the late differentiation by whole mount in situ hybridization. We also performed immuno-fluorescent method with antibodies raised against these gene products. Two proteins are structurally crucial for the formation of cnidocil apparatus and they both contain intermediate filament domains. The other two are cytoplasmic proteins which interact with calcium ions. Homologues of these calcium-binding proteins were found to express in the vertebrate inner ear hair cell and play a role in calcium-dependent signal transduction. This leads us to the conclusion that cnidarians and vertebrates might share a common origin of mechanosensory apparatus and likely both mechanosensory systems play similar roles in response to external stimuli.

The Evolutionary Origin of Mammalian Neocortex

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Neocortex of the mammalian brain is known to control highly integrated functions such as logical consideration and speech of a language. Because only mammals including humans

have a laminated structure of the neocortex, this well-organized structure may be needed for constructing the neural circuits by which enormously complex information can be precisely processed. However, the molecular backgrounds of how mammalian laminated neocortex evolved have been totally unknown. With the aim of elucidating the evolutionary origin and process of the mammalian laminated neocortex at the molecular level, I conducted a comparative study of developmental processes between the mammalian neocortex and the non-mammalian corresponding region, the pallium. In the present study, I took a chick pallium as a non-mammalian model, because the chick brain is relatively easy to handle experimentally. In order to know the cellular organization, I examined the expression patterns of several molecular markers in the chick pallium. The molecular markers were chosen from the genes specifically expressed in particular cellular layers of mammalian neocortex. As a result, the expression patterns of those molecular markers in chickens did not show any obvious layer structure as seen in mammals, though they clearly indicated regional distinctions. The expressions of markers for mammalian upper cortical layer were located in the mesopallium of the chick telencephalon and those for the deep layer were in the hyperpallium. From this kind of study, I would speculate the developmental program of the common ancestor's pallium and the evolutionary events, which make the uniqueness of the mammalian neocortex.

Evolutionary origin of sex-related genes in the mouse brain

Kazuya Yuge, Kazuho Ikeo and Takashi Gojobori

With the aim of elucidating the evolutionary process of sexual dimorphism in the brain at the molecular level, we conducted genomic comparisons of a set of genes expressed in a sexually different manner in the mouse brain with all genes from other species of eukaryotes. First, we obtained the protein-coding genes whose levels of mRNA expression in the brain differed between male and female mice according to the currently available microarray data, and designated these genes operationally as "sex-related genes in the mouse brain". Next, we estimated the time when these sex-related genes in the mouse brain emerged in the evolutionary process of eukaryotes by examining the presence or absence of the orthologues in the eukaryotic species whose genome sequences are available. As a result, we found that about 60-75% of sex-related genes in the mouse brain emerged after the divergence of urochordates and mammals whereas about 50% of all the mouse genes emerged during the same period of time. In particular, about 30% of these sex-related genes in the mouse brain emerged just before the evolutionary appearance of bony fish. It looks apparent that the orthologues of these sex-related genes in the mouse brain appeared with a larger amount at almost the same time as the emergence of phenotypic sex differences in the brain. Moreover, 30% of sex-related genes in the mouse brain that emerged after the divergence of urochordates showed protein binding functions, compared to none of these genes that emerged before the divergence of urochordates. These findings therefore suggest that the formation of new protein-protein interactions through binding functions in vertebrates may have influenced the evolution of sexual dimorphism in the brain at the molecular level.

Transcriptional interferences in *cis* natural antisense transcripts of human and mouse

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For a significant fraction of mRNAs, their expression is regulated by other RNAs including *cis* natural antisense transcripts (*cis*-NATs) that are complementary mRNAs transcribed from opposite strands of DNA at the same genomic locus. The regulatory mechanism of mRNA expression by *cis*-NATs is unknown, though a few possible explanations have been proposed. To understand this regulatory mechanism, we conducted a large-scale analysis of the currently available data and examined how the overlapping arrangements of *cis*-NATs

affect their expression level. Here, we show that for both human and mouse the expression level of *cis*-NATs decreases as the length of the overlapping region increases. In particular, the proportions of the highly expressed *cis*-NATs in all *cis*-NATs examined were about 36% and 47% for human and mouse, respectively, when the overlapping region was less than 200 bp. However, both proportions decreased virtually to zero when the overlapping regions are more than 2,000 bp in length. Moreover, the distribution of the expression level of *cis*-NATs changes according to different types of the overlapping pattern of *cis*-NATs in the genome. These results are consistent with the transcriptional collision model for the regulatory mechanism of gene expression by *cis*-NATs.

Evolutionary analysis of the blind cavefish of Mexican tetra, *Astyanax mexicanus*, by cDNA microarrays

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Mexican tetra (*Astyanax mexicanus*), a single species with eyed surface (surface fish) and eyeless cave (cavefish) dwelling forms, gives unique opportunities for studying the genetics of speciation processes because the direction of evolutionary processes is known with certainty: cavefish are derived from surface-dwelling ancestors. In this study, to extensively find genes that can differentiate evolutionary changes between the surface fish and the cavefish, we conducted cDNA microarray analyses. Each of the microarrays has 3,070 non-redundant genes from an entire body of an adult surface fish. Target genes for the microarrays were made from an entire body of each a surface fish and a cavefish. As a result of four-time array analyses, 209 genes out of the 3,070 genes were found with significant differential expression (p -value < 0.01): 122 genes and 87 genes were under-expressed genes and over-expressed genes in the cavefish, respectively. Functional information on the differentially expressed 209 genes suggested behavioral, physiological, and morphological changes between the surface fish and the cavefish. The differentially expressed genes with functional information could be candidates for further analyses to understand a mechanism of the differences of gene expression pattern between the two dwelling forms. This is the first report that differences of gene expression between the surface fish and the cavefish are extensively examined throughout a whole body.

Compensatory change of interacting amino acids in the coevolution of transcriptional coactivator MBF1 and TATA-box binding protein TBP

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To elucidate the transcriptional regulation in eukaryotic genome network, it is important to understand coevolution of transcription factors, transcriptional coactivators and TATA-box binding protein TBP. In this study, coevolution of transcriptional coactivator MBF1 and its interacting target TBP was first evaluated experimentally by examining if compensatory amino acid changes took place at interacting sites of both proteins. The experiments were conducted by identifying interaction sites and comparing the amino acids at these sites among different organisms. Here we provide evidence for compensatory changes of transcription coactivator and its interacting target, presenting the first report that transcription coactivator may have undergone coevolution with TBP.

Functional analysis of *Drosophila* TDF during the neuronal development

Qing-Xin Liu, Kazuho Ikeo, Yasushi Hiromi, Susumu Hirose and Takashi Gojobori

In *Drosophila*, the *tracheas defective* (*tdf*) gene encodes a bZIP protein that required for the development of trachea, heart, head and neural system. TDF is highly expressed in the cells of the morphogenetic furrow (MF) region. Loss of TDF function causes defects in the eye development. Overexpression of TDF in the eye disc induced abnormal eyes. Moreover, overexpression of TDF in the leg disc resulted in lack of tarsus. The targets of *tdf* responsible for these responses have not been identified. To identify *tdf* downstream genes in a comprehensive manner, we used genome-wide oligonucleotide arrays and analyzed differential gene expression in wild-type embryos versus *tdf* mutant embryos. Upon knockout of *tdf* function, expression of 340 genes decreased and 338 genes increased.

Many of these genes can be assigned to specific aspects of the tracheal and neural system development. We also discovered *tdf* target genes that are likely to play specific roles in eye morphogenesis.

Functional importance of pathfinding of neurons inferred from evolutionary conservation of Tbx20

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The T-box transcription factors are a family of developmentally regulated DNA-binding proteins that play an important role in organogenesis. In fact, they are involved with developmental processes such as cell lineage choices, terminal differentiation and proliferation. However, the function of T-box transcription factors in neural development is poorly understood. With the aim of examining functional significance of Tbx20 in the process of pathfinding of neurons, we have first identified the *midline* gene, a *Drosophila* ortholog of Tbx20, which is a master control gene for neuronal pathfinding. We then determined the binding sequence of Midline using the in vitro binding site selection method. As a result, we found that the binding sequence of Midline existed in the upstream regions or an intron of *slit*, *frazzled* and *robo*. Chromatin immunoprecipitation also showed that Midline directed binding of Midline to the binding sites of all three genes. Using comparative genomics, the binding sequence of Midline was also found in the regulating regions of *slit*, *frazzled* and *robo* in the genomes of zebrafish, mouse and human. Thus, the role of Tbx20 in the pathfinding of neurons is very much important, because its orthologs of human, mouse and zebrafish are also expressed in motor neurons.

Search for the evolutionary origin of protozoan lens-eye

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The dinoflagellates (division Pyrrhophyta, class Dinophyceae) are a group of unicellular phytoplankton in marine and fresh waters, which are composed of more than 2,000 species. More than a half of them are photosynthetic while the rest of them are heterotrophic. One of families in dinoflagellates, Warnowiaceae, consists of three heterotrophic genera, *Warnowia*, *Erythropsis* and *Nematodinium*, which are identified by distinct structures such as cingulum, sulcus and "ocellus". In particular, "ocellus" is an organelle of the lens-like structure which exists only in this family. With the aim of examining if this protozoan lens-eye is actually the evolutionary origin of human camera-eyes, we attempted to identify the genes that may be involved with the formation and function of the ocellus. In practice, we collected samples of the species for the three genera of Warnowiaceae, which were carefully identified by morphological traits, from the sea near Japan as well as the Mediterranean Sea. Isolating DNAs from those samples, we first confirmed species identification by constructing molecular phylogenetic tree of SSU rDNAs and mitochondrial genes. Then, we constructed cDNA libraries and sequenced cDNA clones. When we made the annotation on those clone sequences, we found that there were homologues for photoreceptor-related genes such as rhodopsin and plastid-targeting proteins. More interestingly, we also found a number of gene homologues that can be apparently related to morphogenesis of the ocellus and retina. From these reasons, we think it reasonable to conclude that at least some genes in protozoan ocellus shared the common ancestry with mammalian camera-eyes. The coming issue will be to know by which mechanisms this can be brought, straightforward evolution or horizontal gene transfer.

To search the origin of neural tube: Gene expression analysis of ciliary band in sea urchin embryo

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Sea urchin, a member of echinoderm, has radial nervous system although it is close relatives of vertebrates that have centralized nervous system. It is being accepted that neural tube, the central nervous system (CNS) of vertebrates, originated from protostome CNS because of the similarity of Hox genes expression between vertebrates and protostomes. However, this theory

cannot explain how echinoderm establishes its unique nervous system. Because molecular mechanism of nervous system of sea urchin is largely unknown, first we investigated the genes concerning nervous system of sea urchin. We constructed cDNA library of ciliary band, a nervous system of sea urchin larva, and sequenced around 5,000 expressed sequence tags (ESTs) so far. For the 1,000 ESTs, annotation via homology search was conducted and 40% of ESTs matched to known genes. More than half of matched genes were mitochondrial genes. In the remaining matched genes, there were actin and tubulin that relate to ciliary movement. In addition, we found ESTs that shows high similarity with BAC clone of sea urchin that contain Hox cluster genes. At the current situation, there are few genes functionary annotated enough and 60% of ESTs did not match any known genes. Further we would like to conduct more detail annotation.

Ancient positive selection on CD155 as a possible cause for susceptibility to poliovirus infection in simians

Yoshiyuki Suzuki

Poliovirus is the etiological agent of poliomyelitis. From the observations that only simians are susceptible to poliovirus infection and that 37 amino acid sites (the poliovirus-binding associated [PBA] sites) in the domain D1 of CD155 are involved in the binding to poliovirus, it is considered that the susceptibility to poliovirus infection evolved through amino acid substitutions that occurred at the PBA sites on the ancestral branch of simians. Here it is shown that positive selection has operated on these substitutions by analyzing the nucleotide sequences encoding almost the entire region of D1 in humans, non-human hominoids (chimpanzees and gorillas), Old World monkeys (African green monkeys), New World monkeys (brown capuchins, squirrel monkeys, and marmosets), prosimians (ring-tailed lemurs), and non-primate mammals (rabbits). Positive selection is unlikely to have operated on the susceptibility to poliovirus infection, but possibly on the binding to another molecule. Elimination of susceptibility to poliovirus infection in simians may be difficult, because it also requires elimination of advantageous effects that have been exerted by CD155.

Natural selection on the influenza virus genome

Yoshiyuki Suzuki

Influenza viruses are the etiological agents of influenza. Although vaccines and drugs are available for the prophylaxis and treatment of influenza virus infections, the generation of escape mutants has been reported. To develop vaccines and drugs that are less susceptible to the generation of escape mutants, it is important to understand the evolutionary mechanisms of the viruses. Here natural selection operating on all the proteins encoded by the H3N2 human influenza A virus genome was inferred by comparing the numbers of synonymous (dS [DS]) and nonsynonymous (dN [DN]) substitutions per site. Natural selection was also inferred for the groups of functional amino acid sites involved in B-cell epitopes (BCEs), T-cell epitopes (TCEs), drug resistance, and growth in eggs. The entire region of PB1-F2 was positively selected, and positive selection also appeared to operate on BCEs, TCEs, and growth in eggs. The frequency of escape mutant generation appeared to be positively correlated with the dN/dS (DN/DS) values for the targets of vaccines and drugs, suggesting that the amino acid sites under strong functional constraint are suitable targets. In particular, TCEs may represent candidate targets, since the dN/dS (DN/DS) values were small and negative selection was inferred for many of them.

Statistical properties of the methods for detecting positively selected amino acid sites

Yoshiyuki Suzuki

Parsimony and Bayesian methods have been developed for detecting positively selected amino acid sites. It has been reported that the parsimony method is generally conservative. In contrast, the Bayesian method is known to identify more positively selected sites than the parsimony method, especially when the number of sequences analyzed is small, although the interpretation of results obtained from the former method is controversial. Here I show that the likelihood-ratio test (LRT) of the Bayesian method corresponds to the parsimony method with window analysis, by analyzing the nucleotide sequences encoding the trans-activator (tax) gene of human T-cell lymphotropic virus type I (HTLV-I). It is also indicated that in the parsimony method, the test of selective neutrality using the binomial probability tends to be conservative, but the Monte Carlo simulation is useful for solving this problem. In addition, in the Bayesian method, the bootstrap method appears to produce similar results to the LRT. This information may be useful for improving the methods for detecting positively selected amino acid sites.

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RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

(1) Intrinsically disordered loops inserted into the structural domains of human proteins

Fukuchi, S., Homma, K., Minezaki, Y. and Nishikawa, K.

Much attention has been paid recently to proteins with partially or fully disordered structures, which are found to exist mostly in eukaryotes and are involved mainly in pivotal cellular processes such as transcriptional regulation, translation and cellular signal transduction. Long disordered sequences are sometimes inserted within the single structural domains of proteins, forming loops from the molecular surface. Such intrinsically disordered loops (IDLs) either are invisible in X-ray crystallography, or hamper protein crystallization itself due to great flexibility. Perhaps because of this, such long disordered sequences have not been characterized adequately. Here, we propose an informational method that stringently identifies IDLs in the structural domains of proteins using the amino acid sequence alone. A genome-wide survey of human proteins conducted with the method identified 50 IDL-containing proteins, several of which have experimentally determined 3D structures. Similar searches in other entirely sequenced organisms revealed that IDLs are prevalent in eukaryotes, while they are much less so in prokaryotes. As there is a statistically significant coincidence between the boundaries of IDLs and those of exons, we suggest that IDLs were produced mainly by exon addition in eukaryotes. IDLs are almost always located at the surface of proteins and are enriched with hydrophilic residues, and IDL-containing proteins tend to be intracellular. Some of the well-characterized proteins with IDLs illustrate that IDLs play pivotal roles in the switching of intracellular signaling or regulatory functions, suggesting that IDL insertion is an effective way to create functionally different domain variants.

(2) Human transcription factors contain a high fraction of intrinsically disordered regions essential for transcriptional regulation

Minezaki, Y., Homma, K., Kinjo, A.R. and Nishikawa, K.

Human transcriptional regulation factors, such as activators, repressors, and enhancer-binding factors are quite different from their prokaryotic counterparts in two respects: the average sequence in human is more than twice as long as that in prokaryotes, while the fraction of sequence aligned to domains of known structure is 31% in human transcription factors (TFs), less than half of that in bacterial TFs (72%). Intrinsically disordered (ID) regions were identified by a disorder-prediction program, and were found to be in good agreement with available experimental data. Analysis of 401 human TFs with experimental evidence from the Swiss-Prot database showed that as high as 49% of the entire sequence of human TFs is occupied by ID regions. More than half of the human TFs consist of a small DNA binding domain (DBD) and long ID regions frequently sandwiching unassigned regions. The remaining TFs have structural domains in addition to DBDs and ID regions. Experimental studies, particularly those with NMR, revealed that the transactivation domains

in unbound TFs are usually unstructured, but become structured upon binding to their partners. The sequences of human and mouse TF orthologues are 90.5% identical despite a high incidence of ID regions, probably reflecting important functional roles played by ID regions. In general ID regions occupy a high fraction in TFs of eukaryotes, but not in prokaryotes. Implications of this dichotomy are discussed in connection with their functional roles in transcriptional regulation and evolution.

(3) CRNPRED: highly accurate prediction of one-dimensional protein structure by large-scale Critical Random Networks

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One-dimensional protein structures such as secondary structures or contact numbers are useful for three-dimensional structure prediction and helpful for intuitive understanding of the sequence-structure relationship. Accurate prediction methods will serve as a basis for these and other purposes. We implemented a program CRNPRED which predicts secondary structures, contact numbers and residue-wise contact orders. This program is based on a novel machine learning scheme called critical random networks. Unlike most conventional one-dimensional structure prediction methods which are based on local windows of an amino acid sequence, CRNPRED takes into account the whole sequence. CRNPRED achieves, on average per chain, Q3 = 81% for secondary structure prediction, and correlation coefficients of 0.75 and 0.61 for contact number and residue-wise contact order predictions, respectively. CRNPRED will be a useful tool for computational as well as experimental biologists who need accurate one-dimensional protein structure predictions.

(4) Gene cluster analysis method identifies horizontally transferred genes with high reliability and indicates that they provide the main mechanism of operon gain in eight species of gamma-proteobacteria

Homma, K., Fukuchi, S., Nakamura, Y., Gojobori, T. and Nishikawa, K.

The formation mechanism of operons remains unresolved: operons may form by rearrangements within a genome or by acquisition of genes from other species, that is, horizontal gene transfer (HGT). One hindrance to its elucidation is the unavailability of a method to accurately identify HGT, although it is generally considered to occur. It is critically important first to select horizontally transferred (HT) genes reliably and then to determine the extent to which HGT is involved in operon formation. For this purpose, we considered indels in terms of gene clusters instead of individual genes and chose candidates of HT genes in 8 species of *Escherichia*, *Shigella*, and *Salmonella* based on the minimization of indels. To select a benchmark set of positively HT genes against which we can evaluate the candidate set, we devised another procedure using intergenetic alignments. Comparison with the benchmark set demonstrated the absence of a significant number of false positives in the candidate set, showing the high reliability of the method. Analyses of *Escherichia coli* K-12 operons revealed that although approximately 20 operons were probably gained from the last common ancestor of the 8 gamma-proteobacteria, deletion of intervening genes accounts for the formation of no operons, whereas horizontal transfer expanded 2 operons and introduced 4 entire operons. Based on these observations and reasoning, we suggest that the main mechanism of operon gain is HGT rather than intragenomic rearrangements. We propose that genes with related essential functions tend to reside in conserved operons, whereas genes in nonconserved operons mostly confer slight advantage to the organisms and frequently undergo horizontal transfer and decay. HT genes constitute at least 5.5% of the genes in the 8 species and approximately 45% of which originate from other gamma-proteobacteria. Genes involved in viral functions and mobile and extrachromosomal element functions are HT more often than expected. This finding indicates frequent mediation of HGT by bacteriophages. On the other hand, not only informational genes (those involved in transcription, translation, and related processes) but also operational genes (those involved in housekeeping) are HT less frequently than expected.

(5) Intrinsically disordered regions of human plasma membrane proteins preferentially occur in the cytoplasmic segment

Minezaki, Y., Homma, K., and Nishikawa, K.

A systematic survey of intrinsically disordered (ID) regions was carried out in 2109 human plasma membrane proteins with full assignment of the transmembrane topology with respect to the lipid bilayer. ID regions with 30 consecutive residues or more were detected in 41.0% of the human proteins, much higher than the corresponding figure (4.7%) for inner membrane proteins of *Escherichia coli*. The domain organization of each of the membrane protein in terms of transmembrane helices, structural domains, ID and unassigned regions as well as the distinction of inside or outside of the cell was determined. Long ID regions constitute 13.3% and 3.5% of the human plasma membrane proteins on the inside and outside of the cell, respectively, showing that they preferentially occur on the cytoplasmic side. We interpret this phenomenon as reflection of the general scarcity of ID regions on the extracellular side and their relative abundance on the cytoplasmic side in multicellular eukaryotic organisms.

(6) A tree of life based on protein domain organizations

Fukami-Kobayashi, K., Minezaki, Y., Tateno, Y. and Nishikawa, K.

It is desirable to estimate a tree of life, a species tree including all available species in the three superkingdoms, Archaea, Bacteria and Eukaryota, using not a limited number of genes but full-scale genome information. Here we report a new method for constructing a tree of life based on protein domain organizations, i.e. sequential order of domains in a protein, of all proteins detected in a genome of an organism. The new method is free from the identification of orthologous gene sets and therefore does not require the burdensome and error-prone computation. By pairwise comparisons of the repertoires of protein domain organizations of 17 archaeal, 136 bacterial and 14 eukaryotic organisms, we computed evolutionary distances among them and constructed a tree of life. Our tree shows monophyly in Archaea, Bacteria and Eukaryota, and then monophyly in each of eukaryotic kingdoms and in most bacterial phyla. In addition the branching pattern of the bacterial phyla in our tree is consistent with the widely accepted bacterial taxonomy, and is very close to other genome-based trees. A couple of inconsistent aspects between the traditional trees and the genome-based trees including ours, however, would perhaps urge to revise the conventional view, particularly on the phylogenetic positions of hyperthermophiles.

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7. 金城玲、西川建 「 タンパク質の1次元構造予測法の改良 」, 第6回日本蛋白質科学会年会 , 京都 , 4
8. 峯崎善章、西川建 「 Intrinsically disordered regions of human membrane proteins. 」, 第44回日本生物物理学会年会 , 沖縄 , 11
9. 丹谷恵子、太田元規、西川建 「 Structural and functional diversities of enzymes with the common catalytic domain. 」, 第44回日本生物物理学会年会 , 沖縄 , 11
10. 長島剛宏、金城玲、三井崇志、西川建 「 Efficient search of protein low-energy conformational space with a newly devised Wang-Landau molecular dynamic technique. 」, 第44回日本生物物理学会年会 , 沖縄 , 11
11. 峯崎善章、西川建 「 ディスオーダー領域をもつタンパク質の細胞局在性 」, 日本分子生物学会2006フォーラム , 名古屋 , 12

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I. CENTER FOR INFORMATION BIOLOGY AND DNA DATA BANK OF JAPAN I-c. Laboratory for Gene Function Research

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RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

The laboratory consists of five members: Dr. Yoshio Tateno (Professor), Dr. Roberto Antonio Barrero Gumiel (Assistant Professor), Dr. Atsushi Ogura (Postdoc), Dr. Yasuharu Takaku (Postdoc) and Ms. Naoko Murakata (Secretary). We aim at the elucidation of the origin, evolution and function of genes and proteins in view of molecular evolution, structural biology and information biology in collaboration with other research groups in the institute and out. Besides the research activities summarized below, we take part in the DDBJ activity in particular in the database construction and public relations.

RESEARCH ACTIVITY

(1) DDBJ in preparation for overview of research activities behind data submissions Okubo, K., Sugawara, H., Gojobori, T. and Tateno, Y.

In the past year, DDBJ (<http://www.ddbj.nig.ac.jp>) collected and released 1,956,826 entries or 1,741,313,111 bases. The released data include approximately 90,000 ESTs and cDNAs of *Macaca fascicularis*, and 280 million bases of mouse GSS. In addition to the data collection, we have indexed the submitted data to the International Nucleotide Sequence Database Collaboration (INSDC, <http://www.insdc.org>) to classify the entries into research projects behind data submissions. They are expected to be useful to the data submitters and users for enhancing the data submission, retrieval and systematic data analyses at INSDC. The results of indexing also allow one to grasp research projects in life sciences that promoted and produced the DNA sequences submitted to INSDC. (Okubo, K. et al., 2006)

(2) Evidence standards in experimental and inferential INSDC Third Party Annotation data. Cochrane, G., Bates, K., Apweiler, R., Tateno, Y., Mashima, J., Kosuge, T., Mizrachi, I., Schafer, S. and Fetchko, M.

The Third Party Annotation (TPA) project collects and presents high-quality annotation of nucleotide sequence. Annotation is submitted by researchers who have not themselves generated novel nucleotide sequence. In its first few years, the resource has proven to be popular with submitters from a range of biological research areas. Central to the project is the requirement for high-quality data, resulting from experimental and inferred analysis discussed in peer-reviewed publications. The data are divided into two tiers: those with experimental evidence and those with inferential evidence. Standards for TPA are detailed and illustrated with the aid of case studies. (Cochrane, G. et al. 2006)

(3) The concept of sampling in 'omics technology

Morrison, N., Cochrane, G., Faruque, N., Tatusova, T., Tateno, Y., Hancock, D., and Field, D.

Fundamental biological processes can now be studied by applying the full range of OMICS technologies (genomics, transcriptomics, proteomics, metabolomics, and beyond) to the same biological sample. Clearly, it would be desirable if the concept of sample were shared among these technologies, especially as up until the time a biological sample is prepared for use in a specific OMICS assay, its description is inherently technology independent. Sharing a common informatic representation would encourage data sharing (rather than data replication), thereby reducing redundant data capture and the potential for error. This would result in a significant degree of harmonization across different OMICS data standardization activities, a task that is critical if we are to integrate data from these different data sources. Here, we review the current concept of sample in OMICS technologies as it is being dealt with by different OMICS standardization initiatives and discuss the special role that the newly formed Genomic Standards Consortium (GSC) might have to play in this domain. (Morrison, N. et al. 2006)

(4) Exploration and grading of possible genes in 183 bacterial strains by a common fine protocol lead to new genes: Gene Trek in Prokaryote Space (GTPS).

Kosuge, T., Abe, T., Okido, T., Tanaka, N., Hirahata, M., Maruyama, Y., Mashima, J., Tomiki, A., Kurokawa, M., Himeno, R., Miyazaki, M., Gojobori, T., Tateno, Y., and Sugawara, H.

A large number of the complete genomes for microorganisms have been sequenced and submitted to the public database, and then incorporated in our complete genome database, Genome Information Broker (GIB, <http://gib.genes.nig.ac.jp/>). When researchers carry out research in comparative genomics or others, however, they must be aware that there are protein coding genes not confirmed by homology or motif search, and that reliable protein coding genes are missing. Therefore, we have developed a protocol (Gene Trek in Prokaryote Space, GTPS) for finding possible protein coding genes in bacterial genomes. GTPS is equipped with a protocol for assigning a degree of reliability to predicted protein coding genes. We then systematically applied it to all complete genomes of 123 bacterial species and strains that were publicly available as of July 2003 first, and then again those of 183 species and strains available as of September 2004. As a result, we found a number of wrong genes and several new ones in the genome data in question with respect to the criteria of GTPS. We also showed a way of estimating the total number of orthologous genes in the bacterial world. (Kosuge T. et al., 2006)

(5) Molecular characterization of developmental gene in eyes: Through data-mining on integrated transcriptome databases

Choy, K.W., Wang, C. C., Ogura, A., Lau, T. K., Rogers M. S., Ikeo, K., Gojobori, T., Tang, L. Y., Lam, D. S., Chun, T. K. and Pang, C. P.

Our aim was to utilize publicly available and proprietary sources to discover candidate genes important for ocular development. DESIGN AND METHODS: The collated information on our 5092 non-redundant clusters was grouped and functional annotation was conducted using gene ontology (FatiGO) for categorizing them with respect to molecular function. The web-based viewer technological platform (H-InvDB) was employed for transcription analyses of in-house high quality fetal eye Expressed Sequence Tags (ESTs). Eye-specific ESTs were also analyzed across species by using EMBEST. RESULTS: According to adult eye cDNA libraries, nucleic acid binding and cell structure/cytoskeletal protein genes were the most abundant among the ESTs of fetal eyes. Using cDNA assembly in H-InvDB, 20 (80%) of the 25 most commonly expressed genes in the human eye are also expressed in extraocular tissues. The crystalline gamma S gene is highly

expressed in the eye, but not in other tissues. We used EMBEST to compare human fetal eye and octopus eye ESTs and the expression similarity was low (1.6%). This indicated that our fetal eye library contains genes necessary for the developmental process and biological function of the eye, which may not be expressed in the fully developed octopus eyes. The human fetal eye cDNA library also contained highly abundant eye tissue genes, including alphaA-crystallin, eukaryotic translation elongation factor 1 alpha 1 (EEF1A1), bestrophin (VMD2), cystatin C, and transforming growth factor, beta-induced (BIGH3). CONCLUSIONS: Our annotated EST set provides a valuable resource for gene discovery and functional genomic analysis. This display will help to appreciate the strengths and weaknesses of the different technological platforms, so that in future studies the maximum amount of beneficial information can be derived from the appropriate use of each method. (Choy, K. W. et al., 2006)

(6) Development of a method for constructing a phylogenetic tree by using many different orthologs

Tokumasa Horiike, Daisuke Miyata, Kazuo Hamada, Satoshi Saruhashi, Takao Shinozawa, Yoshio Tateno

To compare the topologies between a pair of phylogenetic trees, we developed a method that can accommodate the difference in the number of OTUs between the pair in question. This method enables us to extract a common set of phylogenetic relationships that are consistent among a group of the constructed trees irrespective of the number of OTUs. Since the one including the largest common set trees among the group is considered to show the closest phylogenetic relationships to the true ones, we also developed a statistical method to single it out. We are now constructing a dataset of orthologs for bacterial species to apply the method for elucidating bacterial phylogeny.

(7) We were in collaboration with Prof. Tadao Saito of Tohoku University and his laboratory on the function and evolution of glucosidase and galactosidase genes in *Lactobacillus*.

Saito, T, Yamazaki Y and Tateno Y

(8) We were in collaboration with Dr. Kaoru Fukami-Kobayashi of RIKEN on evolutionary analysis of MHC genes in primates.

Fukami-Kobayashi K and Tateno Y

(9) We were in collaboration with Prof. Naoko Takezaki of Kagawa Medical College on the evolution of genes expressed in brains.

Takezaki N and Tateno Y

(10) We are in collaboration with the Japan Biological Information Research Center (JBIRC) in the all human genes annotation (AHG).

Barrero, R., Mashima, J., Tateno, Y., Imanishi, T., Gojobori, T. et al.

Databases

1. DDBJ is operated by DNA Data Analysis, Gene Function Research, Gene-Product Informatics, Research and Development of Biological Databases and Gene Expression Laboratories, and Division of Population Genetics. DDBJ collects, annotates and publishes DNA sequence data, and exchanges the data with EMBL Bank and GenBank on a daily basis. In addition, DDBJ edits the data published by DDBJ, EMBL Bank and GenBank together four times a year and publishes as a release. In 2005 DDBJ published the following four releases.

Release 65 March, 06 55,890,995 entries, 60,564,721,635 bases

Release 66 June, 06 58,176,628 entries, 62,945,843,881 bases

Release 67 Sept., 06 61,144,621 entries, 65,443,024,193 bases
Release 68 Dec., 06 64,267,978 entries, 68,259,314,742 bases

2. The international public gene expression database, CIBEX, is operated by Gene Function Research and DNA Data Analysis Laboratories. We have collected gene expression data and released to the public.

3. Dr. Tateno visited UniProt to discuss with Director Amos Bairoch about collaboration between DDBJ and UniProt, SwissProt, Geneva, Switzerland, April, 2006.

4. Dr. Tateno attended the 19th International Nucleotide Sequence Databases Collaborative Meeting , and the 17th International Nucleotide Sequence Databases Advisory Meeting, National Center for Biotechnology Information, Bethesda, USA, May, 2006

5. Dr. Tateno attended Human Variome Meeting as an invited observer, Park Hyatt Hotel, Melbourne, Australia, June, 2006.

6. Dr. Tateno attended the 9th Microarray Gene Expression Society Meeting as a board member, University of Washington, Seattle, USA, September, 2006

EDUCATION

1. Dr. Y. Tateno co-organized and gave a lecture and practice at the 5th Japan-Korea Bioinformatics Training Course at NIG, March, 2006

2. Dr. Tateno gave a lecture on 'genomic evolution of MHC class I region in primates' at Soongsil University in Seoul in Korea in September, 2006

3. Dr. Tateno gave a lecture on 'the evolution of MHC genes viewed from LINEs' at Heinrich-Heine University in Dusseldorf, Germany, in October, 2006

SOCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND OTHERS

Dr. Y. Tateno served the Society of Molecular Biology and Evolution as a member on the Editorial Advisory Board.

Dr. Y. Tateno served the Microarray Gene Expression Data Society as an Advisory Board Member,

Dr. Y. Tateno served the Genetics Society of Japan as a Member of Editorial Board

Dr. Y. Tateno served the Genetics Society of Japan as Representative member of the Union of Academic Societies for Natural History

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5 . Kosuge, T., Abe, T., Okido, T., Tanaka, N., Hirahata, M., Maruyama, Y., Mashima, J., Tomiki, A., Kurokawa, M., Himeno, R., Miyazaki, M., Gojobori, T., Tateno, Y., and Sugawara, H. (2006) Exploration and grading of possible genes in 183 bacterial strains by a common fine protocol lead to new genes: Gene Trek in Prokaryote Space (GTPS). , **DNA Res** , 13 , 245 - 254

ORAL PRESENTATION

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- 2 . 舘野義男 発現解析データベースCIBEXについて ぬまづ産業振興プラザ 2/4
- 3 . Tateno, Y. Genomic evolution of MHC class I region in primates Heinrich Heine University, Desseldorf, Germany 10/31
- 4 . Tateno, Y. Genomic evolution of MHC class I region in primates Soongsil University, Seoul 9/22

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- 1 . Ogura A. and Daniel L. Hartl 「 Targets of sex-ratio suppressors in Drosophila revealed by microarray and genome analyses 」, Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution Conference , Arizona , May
- 2 . Ogura A. Choy KW. Wang CC. Ikeo K. Pang CP. Gojobori T 「 Evolution of gene regulatory system for camera eye 」, Marine Genomics , , Oct
- 3 . Takaku, Y., Hayakawa, S., Wolf, A., Svensson, L., David, C., Fujisawa, T., Ikeo, K., Tateno, Y., Gojobori, T. 「 Search for the evolution of gap junction 」, Marine Genomics , Sorrento, Italy , 10/27 - 11/1
- 4 . Komiyama, T., Otake, A., Ikeo, K., Tateno, Y., Inoko, H., Gojobori, T. 「 An evolutionary origin and the selection process of goldfish by the mtDNA analysis 」, Marine Genomics , Sorrento, Italy , 10/27 - 11/1
- 5 . Tateno, Y. 「 Evolution of LINEs and its implication about MHC and primate divergences 」, SMBE2006 , Tempe, Arizona , 5/24-5/28
- 6 . Tateno, Y. 「 DDBJ activities of genome databases and evaluation of bacterial gene in INSDC 」, eGenomics , Cambridge , 9/11-9/13
- 7 . Tateno, Y. 「 Evaluation and Classification of Bacterial Genes 」, The 15th Korea Genome Organization Meeting , Seoul , 9/21-9/22

EDUCATION

- 1 . CIB/DDBJ, KRIBB (Korea), SCBIT (China) The 5th JKC Bioinformatics Training Course Mishima, Japan 3/14-3/17
- 2 . 遺伝研 2006日本進化学会大会 東京 8/29-8/31

BOOK

- 1 . 新村芳人、Roberto Barrero、五條掘孝 (2006) 真核生物におけるmRNA翻訳制御のインフォマティクス:開始コドン周辺の塩基パターン解析とマイクロRNAの標的遺伝子予測 機能性 **Non-coding RNA** 189 - 202

OTHERS

- 1 . Tateno, Y. , 1 , Dr. Y. Tateno served the Microarray Gene Expression Data Society as an Advisory Board Member

- 2 . Tateno, Y. , 1 , Dr. Y. Tateno served the Society of Evolutionary Studies as a Member of the Committee of Genetics under the Science Council of Japan
- 3 . Tateno, Y. , 1 , Dr. Y. Tateno served the Genetics Society of Japan as a Member of Editorial Board
- 4 . Tateno, Y. , 1 , Dr. Y. Tateno served the Genetics Society of Japan as Representative member of the Union of Academic Societies for Natural History

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RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

PUBLICATIONS

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- 1 . Okubo K, Sugawara H, Gojobori T, Tateno Y. (2006) DDBJ in preparation for overview of research activities behind data submissions. , **Nucleic Acids Research (Database)** , 1 , 6 - 9
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- 5 . Abe, T., Sugawara, H., Kanaya, K., Kinouchi, M., Ikemura, T. (2006) “A large-scale Self-Organizing Map (SOM) unveils sequence characteristics of a wide range of eukaryote genomes” , **Gene** , 365 , 27 - 34
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- 7 . Abe, T., Sugawara, H., Kanaya, S., Ikemura, T. (2006) “A novel bioinformatics tool for phylogenetic classification of genomic sequence fragments derived from mixed genomes of uncultured environmental microbes” , **Polar Bioscience(in press)** , , 0 - 0
- 8 . Kosuge T, Abe T, Okido T, Tanaka N, Hirahata M, Maruyama Y, Mashima J, Tomiki A, Kurokawa M, Himeno R, Fukuchi S, Miyazaki S, Gojobori T, Tateno Y, Sugawara H. (2006) “Exploration and grading of possible genes from 183 bacterial strains by a common protocol to identification of new genes: Gene Trek in Prokaryote Space (GTPS)” , **DNA Research** , 13(6) , 245 - 254

ORAL PRESENTATION

- 1 . 菅原秀明 バイオインフォマティクス-すぐに役立つ実践講座-「公共データベースにおけるQoS」 めまづ産業振興プラザ 1/21

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

1. 阿部貴志 「“微生物ゲノムの共通プロトコルによる遺伝子配列情報の提供”, RSCCにおける研究事例紹介と次世代スーパーコンピュータの開発」, RSCCシンポジウム, 和光市, 3/23
2. 菅原秀明 「地球規模生物多様性情報機構」, NBRPパネル展示, つくば, 9/27
3. Sugawara,H,. 「Scientific Data and Knowledge within the Information Society From the World Directory of Collections of Cultures of Microorganisms towards Mash-up of Biodiversity and Sequence Databases Quality of Services of the Primary Nucleotide Sequence Databases」, The 20th CODATA International Conference, 北京, 10/23-25
4. 菅原秀明 「21世紀の生物多様性 生物多様性インフォマティクスを創出する。」, 生命情報資源の相互運用性, 東京, 10/30

EDUCATION

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2. 菅原秀明 21世紀の生物多様性 生物多様性インフォマティクスを創出する。 国立遺伝学研究所研究会 東京 10/30
3. 菅原秀明 International Workshop on the Interoperability of Biological Information Resouces 新宿パークタワー 3/17
4. 菅原秀明 生物情報資源の相互運用性 国立遺伝学研究所共同研究会 三島 3/6

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<http://www.bioportal.jp/>
2. 菅原秀明、, Genome Information Broker
<http://gib.genes.nig.ac.jp/>
3. 菅原秀明、WFCC-MIRCEN World Data Centre for Microorganisms (WDCM)
<http://www.wdcm.org/>
4. 菅原秀明、The portal site for pathogenic microorganisms
<http://www.wdcm.org/byogen/>
5. 菅原秀明、e-Workbench for Biological Classification and Identification
http://lilium.genes.nig.ac.jp/index_e.html
6. 菅原秀明、H-Invitational Database
<http://www.h-invitational.jp/>
7. 菅原秀明、タンパク・情報プラットフォーム
<http://www.tanpaku.org>
8. 菅原秀明、宮崎智、Backbone Databases for Genomics
<http://www.jst-bird.nig.ac.jp/>

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1. , 3, Global Biodiversity Information Facility(GBIF)副議長
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RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

1) BodyMap-Xs: Anatomical breakdown of 17 million animal ESTs for cross-species comparison of gene expression (Ogasawara O, Watanabe K, Imamura H, Iizuka T, Okubo K)

BodyMap-Xs (<http://bodymap.jp>) is a database for cross-species gene expression comparison (Ogasawara, O., et.al., 2006) ; it was created by the anatomical breakdown of 17 million animal EST records in DDBJ by using a sorting program tailored for this purpose. In BodyMap-Xs, users are allowed to compare the expression patterns of orthologous and paralogous genes in a coherent manner; this will provide valuable insights for the evolutionary study of gene expression and identification of a responsive motif for a particular expression pattern. In addition, starting from a concise overview of the taxonomical and anatomical breakdown of all animal ESTs, users can navigate to obtain gene expression ranking of a particular tissue in a particular animal; this method may lead to the understanding of the similarities and differences between the homologous tissues across animal species. BodyMap-Xs will be automatically updated in synchronization with the major update in DDBJ, which occurs periodically.

2) Comparison of human gene expression profiles measured with EST, GeneChip, SAGE and iAFLP (Ogasawara O, Arikawa K, Watanabe K, Iizuka T, Okubo K) :

The practical definition of a transcriptome is a entire population of mRNA in a defined source, i.e. a cell, cells, tissue, or an organism.

The composition , which gene and how abundant, is central to the transcriptome data.

As an expansion of the world-first gene expression database BodyMap(<http://bodymap.jp>), we are collecting gene expression data for human and mouse with newly developed technique iAFLP (http://okubolab.genes.nig.ac.jp/bodymap_i).

In order to estimate performance (sensitivity, specificity and so on) of the iAFLP and the BodyMap gene expression profiles and to construct a reference gene expression profile, we compared these data to the other publicly available gene expression profiles obtained with CGAP-SAGE and GeneChip.

3)Machine interpretation of genome-wide measurement data (Okubo K):

Construction of a system for automatic recruitment of biomedical knowledge and machine interpretation of genome-wide measurement data.

PUBLICATIONS

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RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Entry of neural stem cells to the quiescent state.

Takuya Tsuji, Takako Isshiki

We have been studying how *Drosophila* neural progenitors generate diverse cell types in a stereotyped order, changing their characteristics over time. It is known that *Drosophila* neural progenitors, called neuroblasts, sequentially express a set of transcription factors, some of which specify temporal identity. However, many parts of the mechanisms regulating temporal specification in the CNS remain unknown. In the past few years, we have focused on investigating temporal change of neuroblasts at the late stages of embryogenesis, as well as during the larval period. Before our study, very little was known about temporal change of neuroblasts at these late developmental stages, although the change deals with fundamental aspects of neurogenesis: (1) temporal specification of the late-born neurons occupying half of the CNS, (2) the quiescence and the reactivation of neuroblast proliferation, and (3) the size of the CNS. We have been investigating these aspects genetically by using a model neuroblast lineage. This year, we focused on the timing and the mechanism of entering to the quiescent state. We found that a few temporal specific transcription factors are involved in regulating the entry. In addition, we observed that the model neuroblast changes its morphology dramatically upon the entry, although it retain many feature of mitotic neuroblast, such as expression of neuroblast specific genes and cyclinE. This may suggest unknown fundamental aspects of the quiescence.

Asymmetric cell division and temporal change of neuroblasts

Eri Hasegawa, Takako Isshiki

Neuroblasts can change their characteristics over time, in contrast, cell fate of ganglion mother cells, daughters of neuroblast, is largely fixed upon their birth. The asymmetry of temporal fate specification is the fundamental mechanism to generate diverse cell types via stem cells, and asymmetric cell division of neuroblast regulated by cortical polarity have been extensively investigated. However, how the asymmetry of temporal fate specification occurs is still unclear. We have been trying to elucidate the problem by studying the mechanisms controlling asymmetric pattern of expression of temporal specific transcription factors.

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RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Mechanics and dynamics of cell architecture: focusing on the cell nucleus and chromosomes

Akatsuki Kimura

The cell architecture laboratory was founded in June of 2006. The lab aims at understanding the mechanics and dynamics of cell architecture. A cell can be seen as a sophisticated architecture. The spatial organization of cell architecture is critical for the functions of the cell. The mechanical analysis of cell architecture is a frontier in basic biology and will contribute to understanding division, differentiation, metabolism, and morphology of the cell. Mathematical modeling and quantitative measurement are the two major approaches emphasized in the lab. Mathematical modeling is used to increase the accuracy of hypothesis-testing by computing the consequences of hypotheses. Quantitative measurement is crucial for mechanical understanding of cell architecture. The lab is developing various image-processing algorithms to quantitatively measure the position and morphology of cellular components. Our research will provide a novel strategy to analyze cell architecture and thus the mechanisms of cellular functions.

The ongoing research projects in the lab involves (i) construction of mathematical models on dynamic positioning of chromosomes during the mitotic phase, (ii) quantitative measurements of subcellular components in the nematode *Caenorhabditis elegans* embryos, and (iii) reconstitution of centrosome positioning *in vivo*, *in silico*, and *in vitro*. All research projects are in progress.

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