

# Transferencia de ácido palmitoleico desde fosfatidilcolina a fosfatidilinositol en monocitos humanos

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En este trabajo se describe una nueva ruta para la remodelación de ácidos grasos en fosfolípidos que involucra al ácido palmitoleico, un ácido graso monoinsaturado. Cuando se añade a monocitos humanos, el ácido palmitoleico se incorpora rápidamente en fosfolípidos de membrana, en particular en fosfatidilcolina (PC). En células en reposo, el ácido palmitoleico permanece en de los fosfolípidos donde se incorporó inicialmente y no demuestra ulteriores movimientos. Sin embargo, la estimulación de los monocitos humanos con agonistas dirigidos a receptor (zimosán opsonizado) o solubles (ionóforo de calcio A23187) da como resultado la rápida transferencia de ácido palmitoleico de PC a fosfatidilinositol (PI). Esto se debe a la activación de una ruta de remodelación dependiente de coenzima A que involucra dos fosfolipasas A<sub>2</sub> diferentes que actúan sobre diferentes sustratos para generar ácido palmitoleico libre y aceptores de lisoPI. El enriquecimiento estimulado de especies moleculares de PI con ácido palmitoleico revela una vía hasta ahora no descrita para el recambio de lípidos en monocitos humanos que podría desempeñar un papel importante en la regulación de la señalización por lípidos durante la activación inmune innata.

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El presente estudio ha examinado la incorporación y remodelación de ácido palitoleico (POA) entre las diferentes clases de fosfolípidos durante la activación de monocitos de sangre periférica humana. En los monocitos en reposo, POA se incorpora principalmente en PC, seguido de PE, PI y PS. Esta distribución no cambia con el tiempo, es decir, el POA permanece en la clase de fosfolípidos que lo incorporó inicialmente. Sin embargo, es importante destacar que la remodelación de los ácidos grasos entre fosfolípidos que implican a este ácido graso ocurre después de que las células son estimuladas por agonistas dirigidos a receptor (zimosán) o solubles (ionóforo de calcio). Por tanto, hay un movimiento estimulado de restos de POA de PC a PI. Si bien esta transferencia no cambia drásticamente la distribución de POA entre los fosfolípidos celulares, es decir, la PC sigue siendo el principal fosfolípido que contiene POA en las células, hay un enriquecimiento con POA de dos especies moleculares de PI, a saber, PI(18:0/16:1) y PI(18:1/16:1). Dichos enriquecimientos aumentan la masa celular de PI(18:0/16:1) y PI(18:1/16:1) en aproximadamente 3,1 y 3,8 veces respectivamente. Por tanto, parece probable que estas dos especies puedan desempeñar funciones reguladoras importantes durante la ejecución de respuestas por parte de los monocitos activados. Claramente, el trabajo futuro debería dedicarse a identificar las respuestas celulares que implican a estas especies de PI, de modo que puedan incluirse en el creciente número de especies moleculares de fosfolípidos con funciones específicas en los procesos de activación celular. Si bien abordar estas respuestas celulares está más allá del alcance del trabajo actual, vale la pena mencionar aquí que se ha descrito que al menos una de estas especies, a saber, PI(18:0/16:1), posee

propiedades similares a las de un factor de crecimiento cuando se agrega a fibroblastos [90]. Más recientemente, se ha descrito que la especie relacionada PI(18:1/18:1), aunque carece de POA, vincula el metabolismo de los ácidos grasos insaturados con la señalización de estrés.

El análisis de la ruta metabólica que regula la formación de especies moleculares que contienen POA en monocitos activados revela que procede vía reciclaje de ácidos grasos a través de fosfolipasa A<sub>2</sub>/aciltransferasas dependientes de CoA, es decir, el ciclo de Lands, en lugar de hacerlo a través de transferencia directa e independiente de coenzima A, como ocurre predominantemente cuando el ácido graso que se va a remodelar es un poliinsaturado como el ácido araquidónico. Es importante destacar que la vía parece utilizar dos enzimas fosfolipasa A<sub>2</sub> diferentes; la primera proporciona el ácido graso libre y la segunda proporciona el aceptor de lisoPI. Por tanto, esta ruta constituye un excelente ejemplo de la interacción de diferentes enzimas fosfolipasa A<sub>2</sub>, que actúan por separado pero en conjunto, dentro de las vías de señalización de lípidos. Utilizando diferentes sustratos, estas fosfolipasas A<sub>2</sub> cooperan para generar variedad en los lípidos, lo que posiblemente ayude a la célula a responder adecuadamente a los estímulos.

Aunque el movimiento de POA entre PC y PI parece ser un proceso cuantitativamente importante, también es posible que se produzcan otras reacciones al mismo tiempo. Nuestros estudios anteriores demostraron que el POA tiende a acumularse en lípidos neutros cuando los monocitos pasan a células espumosas y, en los macrófagos peritoneales de ratón, el POA se utiliza para la formación del éster antiinflamatorio ramificado hidroxistearato de palmitoleilo. No se han detectado estas reacciones en los monocitos humanos, lo que probablemente se deba, por un lado, al hecho de que los monocitos humanos contienen cantidades considerablemente menores de POA que los macrófagos peritoneales de ratón, por otro lado, a las diferencias de tipo que surgen de roles especializados en fisiología y fisiopatología.

Es de especial interés la participación de iPLA<sub>2</sub>β como enzima iniciadora de la vía que conduce a la formación elevada de especies de PI enriquecidas con POA. A diferencia de otros miembros de la superfamilia de fosfolipasas A<sub>2</sub>, tales como las sPLA<sub>2</sub> o cPLA<sub>2</sub>α, iPLA<sub>2</sub>β parece carecer de un "interruptor activador" que aumente su actividad celular después de la estimulación, ya sea aumentando la masa de enzima o la actividad enzimática intrínseca. Si bien la iPLA<sub>2</sub>β no manifiesta ninguna preferencia evidente de sustrato cuando su actividad se determina en ensayos *in vitro*, estudios con cultivos celulares primarios, células que sobreexpresan iPLA<sub>2</sub>β o células de animales knock-out para iPLA<sub>2</sub>β, han establecido que iPLA<sub>2</sub>β manifiesta en las células una clara preferencia por hidrolizar especies de PC que contienen ácido palmítico en la posición sn-1. Esto concuerda perfectamente con los datos de este estudio y se alinea con nuestra hipótesis de que las especificidades de sustrato de las fosfolipasas A<sub>2</sub> observadas *in vivo*, pueden verse limitadas por su localización subcelular. Por tanto, la compartimentación de sustrato puede constituir un mecanismo importante para la regulación celular de la actividad de iPLA<sub>2</sub>β sobre los fosfolípidos de membrana.

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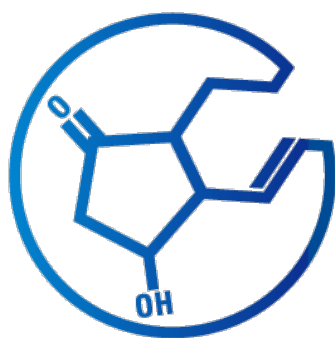
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