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演題: “Role of transglutaminase-enzymes and matrix
stabilization in bone formation and maintenance of
adult bone mass”

Abstract:

The process of bone formation is orchestrated by osteoblasts under the systemic control of hormones, cytokines and local factors residing in the extracellular matrix of bone. Osteoblasts deposit their own matrix which is also known to control osteoblast differentiation and transition from preosteoblast to mature, mineralizing osteoblast. Our work is focused on understanding the role of transglutaminases - protein crosslinking and stabilizing enzymes - during bone formation. New findings from cell culture studies and from the double-knockout mouse null for both TG2 and Factor XIII A - the two transglutaminase enzymes expressed by osteoblasts and which have proposed compensatory functions - indicate that both these TGs are required for maintaining adult bone mass. Mice lacking the two enzymes are severely osteopenic. Furthermore, TG2 and FXIII A might regulate the switch where osteoblast differentiation is directed either towards osteogenesis or adipogenesis. Suggestions for molecular mechanisms by which TG2 and FXIII A could drive osteoblast differentiation via regulating and stabilizing cell adhesion, matrix deposition and matrix stability will be presented. Differences, as well as synergistic and overlapping functions, of TG2 and FXIII A will be discussed.

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