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ABSTRACT

Phosphorylation of p53 serine 33 by GSK3 can regulate transcriptional activity. However, GSK3 is not believed to be involved in the underlying mechanism of DNA damage response. Instead, it may serve as the link between a specific form of protein kinase and an activating non-DNA damage mechanism.

INTRODUCTION

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In the present study, we investigated the effects of glycogen synthase kinase3 beta phosphorylates serine 33 of p53 on the transcriptional activity of the promoter of the p53-deficient mouse. The p53-deficient mice were transgenic, and the mice were homozygous for the GSK3 beta-peptide. The GSK3 beta-peptide gene was upregulated in the presence of glycogen synthase kinase3 beta phosphorylates serine 33 of p53. In contrast, the GSK3 beta-peptide gene was downregulated in the absence of p53. Different types of cell processes trigger the activation of the p53 tumor suppressor gene. These include DNA damage caused by Ionizing Radiation and genotoxic agents, expression of activated oncogenes such as ras or myc; progression of primary cells towards senescence; and various stimuli that trigger growth arrest or apoptosis are present. Moreover, this type of gene also functions in different ways in the cell as an inhibitor of transcriptional regulators. Furthermore, the majority of cellular effects of these regulated genes involved at least one phosphorylation site. The phosphorylation of serine 15 and 20 of the p53 protein is caused by DNA damage and oncogene expression. The initial step in p53 activation is the stabilization of the underlying protein, but there are other steps, such as increasing DNA binding activity and altering a corresponding transcriptional factor. By stimulating the p53 kinase, such as Glycogen Synthase Kinase 3 (GSK3), which is involved in the regulation of cell growth and differentiation, or by inhibiting the expression of certain transcription factors like HSF1 and NFATc, GSK3 is shown to play a role in regulation. GSK3 inhibition is triggered by growth factors activating the p110-PI 3-kinase/Protein Kinase B (PKB) pathway. When activated PKB phosphorylates GSK3, inhibiting GSK3 activity. This activation of the whole PKB pathway and selective inhibition of GSK3 leads to the delivery of a potent anti-apoptotic signal to cells. Given the well-defined role of the consensus sequence Ser-X-Y-Ser(P) is phosphorylated by GSK3, which means that only GSK3 binds to proteins that have already been primed by a distinct priming kinase. Furthermore, there are 5 potential GSK3 phosphorylation sites in the p53 complex, with 3 in each N-terminal transactivation domain and 2 within the C-terminal regulatory domain. We demonstrate that GSK3 can repress serine 33 in vitro while it is active, but G

CONCLUSION

Remarkable conclusions This study shows GSK3 (but not GSK3 β), which can directly phosphorylate the serine 33 of p53 when already phosphorylated at serine 37 of the latter two serines of that protein are 'phosphorylated'; that GSK3 β takes the necessary form of transcriptional activation in vivo and that it may up-regulate/activate a supposedly non-DNA damage pathway such as

oncogene activator" (the name given by Richardson).