

PI16_TNFRSF21 (Stroma-LumProg)

文献1: The fibroblast-derived protein PI16 controls neuropathic pain (PNAS, 2020)

- PI16 is not made by neurons, glia, or immune cells but is mainly produced by fibroblasts surrounding the peripheral and central nervous system.
- PI16 promotes pain by increasing the permeability of the blood nerve barrier leading to increased immune cell infiltration
- There is evidence that PI16 regulates processing of the chemokine chemerin ([9](#)), cutaneous cathepsin K ([10](#)), and the matrix metalloprotease MMP2, PI16 plays a key role in chronic pain

Method:

- RNA-seq between G protein coupled receptor kinase 2 deficient mice (constitutive pain) and WT mice --> peptidase inhibitor 16 (PI16) as a potential regulator of persistent pain (Samples were taken from DRG, female)
 - PI16 KO --> are protected from chronic pain
 - immunofluorescence
 - Western blot
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文献2: PI16 is a shear stress and inflammation-regulated inhibitor of MMP-2 (*Scientific Reports*, 2016)

- 血流 高层流剪切应力 使人冠状动脉内皮细胞 PI16 mRNA \uparrow 119 倍、蛋白 \uparrow 7 倍; TNF- α /IL-1 β 可迅速下调该表达
- PI16 直接结合并 抑制 MMP-2 活性, 从而降低内皮迁移并限制血管重塑
- 炎症条件 (低 PI16) \rightarrow MMP-2 失控, 提示 PI16 是“剪切-炎症”开关

Method

- micro-array & RT-qPCR
 - PI16 腺病毒过表达 / siRNA 敲降 \rightarrow 明胶酶谱测 MMP-2
 - 人冠脉标本免疫组化定位 PI16
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文献 3 Cross-tissue human fibroblast atlas reveals myofibroblast subtypes with distinct roles in immune modulation

Cancer Cell, 2024

发现要点

- 517 份人类样本 × 269 899 个成纤维细胞单细胞 RNA-seq，定出了 20 个谱系亚型；其中 **PI16⁺“静息-储备”亚型** 在 11 种组织均可见。
 - CellChat/NicheNet 预测显示：PI16⁺ 成纤维细胞与 **CX3CR1⁺ Temra/Tpex 细胞**、M2-样巨噬细胞之间的高频配体-受体通路中，**TNFRSF21 (DR6) 被列为前 10% 受体靶点**，提示潜在 PI16→DR6 旁分泌信号。
 - 空间转录-多重免疫荧光证实 PI16⁺ 细胞带状分布于肿瘤边缘，而 DR6⁺ 免疫簇则在相邻免疫浸润区富集，形成“并排”微生态。
 - **Method**
 - 10× Genomics 单细胞 + Harmony 跨样本整合；
 - Propeller/PROGENy 计算通路活性，CellChat & NicheNet 做配体-受体推断；
 - MIBI-TOF & CODEX 空间蛋白组验证局部共存。
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缺少湿实验数据证明Pi16与TNFRSF21存在调控关系

我们的数据：该通讯通路在HFD条件下下调明显，但是DGE的结果显示：

- 尽管Stroma表达的Pi16有所减少(-0.3)但是未达到阈值，此外除Stroma以外，还有Adipo,Basal,Lumprog,Endo等表达Pi16，但都为不显著上调
- TNFRSF21在lumprog的表达也是非显著下调，且在7中细胞类型中都有表达