

New molecular tools for integrated structural biology.

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Système de Sécrétion de Type 9



Type 9 secretion system structures reveal a new protein transport mechanism

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Methods: We constructed a strain of the gliding bacterium *Flavobacterium johnsoniae* in which the SprA protein was fused to a Twin-Strep tag to permit affinity purification.

PorV and Plug was co-purified with SprA. Heavy chain-only antibodies (HcAbs)



Heavy chain-only antibodies (HcAbs)



From Desmyter et al, COSB, 2015

Heavy chain-only antibodies (HcAbs)







Shark HcAb VNAR Children Camelid HcAb ZNAR VHH SNAR ANAR CH3 Ship VNAR VHĤ

Structure and key characteristics of the nanobody domain



Structure of nanobodies:

- ✓ monomeric Ig domain of ~120 residues
- ✓ one conserved disulphide bond
- ✓ framework mutations in residues involved in the VH-VL interaction (G49E, L50R)

Key characteristics of nanobodies:

✓ high affinity and specificity

(equivalent to conventional antibodies)

✓ high thermostability

✓ good solubility and strictly monomeric behavior

✓ small size (2.5 nm in diameter and about 4 nm in length; ~15 kDa)

- ✓ relatively low production cost
- ✓ ease of genetic engineering, format flexibility or modularity

✓ low immunogenicity, and a higher penetration rate into tissues



Duhoo et al, Acta Cryst F, 2017

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Extracellular vesicles (EVs) as a new platform to study cell surface protein structure and interaction with ligand

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Membrane proteins



The challenging task of membrane protein purification



History of EVs



Number of publications indexed in PubMed key word "extracellular vesicles"

Christian de Duve 1917-2013 Nobel Prize 1974 Discovery of Lysosomes

EVs are everywhere

Every cells release vesicles in their environment

- Plasma
- Urine
- Milk
- Sweat
- Saliva
- Tears



From UKC Washington DC

What are EVs for ?

- Cell-to-cell communication
 - immune system
 - angiogenesis
 - inflammation
 - gene transfer
 - tumor growth
 - metastasis



- Cell adhesion
- Waste management

Classification of EVs



Charlotte Lawson et al, Journal of Endocrinology, 2016

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Biogenesis of EVs (microvesicles)



Guillaume Van Niel et al, Molecular Cell Biology, 2018



Pre-mRNA must be spliced to produce recombinant EVs





Cell Line (HEK293)

Transfection (Lipofectamine 2000)

Serum-free medium (Freestyle 293)

Expression time course (96 h)





Differential centrifugations (500 g / 3000 g / 10 000 g)

Ultracentrifugation 1 (110 000 g)

Ultracentrifugation 2 (washing step 110 000 g)

Size Exclusion Chromatography S200 10/300, 0.3 mL/min

Dynamic Light Scattering





gpEbola



gpEbola Δ Mucin

Catherine L. Hunt, Viruses, 2012



gpEbola





HEK293



Westernblot anti-gpEbola (Lama serum) anti-Lama HRP









Booth et al, Sci Rep 2017





Evs and phage display









Extracellular Vesicles: A Platform for the Structure Determination of Membrane Proteins by Cryo-EM

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Structure 22, 1687-1692, November 4, 2014



3D EM Reconstruction of the Proteins on the Membrane

(A and B) Central and tangential slices through a tomogram of MPEEVs displaying gB (A) and EFF-1 (B). Scale bar represents 50 nm. (C and D) Isosurface representation of the subvolume reconstruction of gB with the trimer crystal structure (PDB: 2GUM) fitted (C) and EFF-1 (PDB: 4OJC) (D). Scale bar represents 5 nm. (E and F) Isosurface representations of the tomograms shown in (A and B). Scale bar represents 50 nm.

Transfer from EVs to nanodisc

