Senescence in normal and cancer cells

Jesús Gil

Introduction to senescence and the molecular mechanisms controlling it.

Senescence is an irreversible growth arrest



Senescence comes in different flavours: Oncogene-Induced Senescence

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Oncogenic *ras* Provokes Premature Cell Senescence Associated with Accumulation of p53 and p16^{INK4a}



Manuel Serrano

Senescence is a potent tumor suppressor mechanism



Senescence and its physiological relevance



"HAYFLICK" factors limit cell proliferation



Manuel Collado, María Blasco and Manuel Serrano Cell 2007

How do cells count their divisions?



Telomerase and senescence



Passage

Harley, Futcher & Greider, *Nature* (1990)

How do cells count their divisions?

The INK4b-ARF-INK4a locus





Transcriptional control of the INK4a/ARF locus



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ARF activates p53



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Regulation of cell cycle by p16^{INK4a}



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How do cells count their divisions?



Telomere uncapping activates the DNA damage pathway





Activation of p53 during senescence





Relevance of senescence for cancer and aging

Telomerase and aging



age

premature aging syndromes

Ataxia telangiectasia (ATM) Werner syndrome (WRN) Bloom syndrome (BLM) Dyskeratosis congenica (DKC1, Terc) Aplastic anemia (Terc, Tert) Fanconi anemia (Fanc genes) Nijmegen breakage syndrome (Nbs)

Telomerase limits life

Harley, Futcher & Greider, *Nature* (1990)

Ink4a/Arf expression is a biomarker of aging

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Increase in replicative senescence during aging



The relation between stem cells, senescence and aging

• Bmi1 KO mice have defects in stem cell selfrenewal, partially due to deregulated *Ink4a/Arf.*



The main tumor suppresor pathways are involved in senescence



senescence = tumor suppression ?

Adapted from Campisi, J. Cell Vol 120, Issue 4, 25 February 2005, Pages 513-522

Telomerase and cancer



age

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Tumor suppresor mechanisms

In vivo?

"c- Myc activation in vivo induces apoptosis"



"And apoptosis is a tumor suppressor mechanism"

c-MycER^{TAM} x BclXL-KO = ^{↑↑↑} tumors



Stella Pelengaris and Gerard Evan Cell 2002

Oncogene-induced senescence is a barrier for cancer progression



Nature (2005). 436



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Lesion	Study					
Human melanocytic nevi	Michaloglou et al., 2005; Gray-Schopfer et al., 2006					
Murine lung adenomas	Collado et al., 2005; Dankort et al., 2007					
Human dermal neurofibromas	Courtis-Cox et al., 2006					
Human and murine prostate PIN lesions	Chen et al., 2005					
Murine pancreatic intraductal neoplasias	Collado et al., 2005					
Murine papillomas	Collado et al., 2005					
Murine lymphomas	Braig. et al., 2005					
Early murine melanomas	Ha et al., 2007					

Mouse models show a role for p53 in aging



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What we do in our lab?

Senescence can be exploited to identify novel cancer genes in vitro



Unveiling novel regulators of senescence using genetic screenings

Genetic screens for lifespan extension



Genetic screens for bypass of replicative senescence







CXCR2 signaling



Senescence ?

CXCR2 depletion impairs the activation of the DNA damage response





Coordinated upregulation of CXCR2 and its ligands in senescence





Upregulation of CXCR2 in senescent premalignant lesions

A/N glands

DMBA/TPA: skin papillomas







- Premalignant lesions
- 100 % Activating H-Ras mutations

Collado et al. Nature (2005)

Prostate intraepithelial neoplasia (PIN)



- Premalignant lesions
- Precursor of prostate cancer (Pca)

Chen et al. Nature (2005)

CXCR2



In which other context is senescence relevant?

Induced pluripotent stem cells: the Yamanaka factors

Induction of Pluripotent Stem Cells from Mouse Embryonic and Adult Fibroblast Cultures by Defined Factors

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MEFs

iPS-MEF4-7



IPS (Induced Pluripotent Stem) Cells

Reprogramming: complex, slow, inefficient and dangerous



- **Complex** involves several steps, including chromatin modifications and global expression patterns alterations
- Inefficient and slow, has to overcome several barriers
- The mechanisms behind the switch to pluripontency/self-renewal remain mostly unknown

Expression of reprogramming factors induces senescence



Reprogramming factors cause growth arrest





Induction of effectors of senescence

Chromatin remodeling of the *Ink4a/Arf* locus during reprogramming







Pluripotency-related miRNAS inhibit senescence



Low expression of pluripotency-related miRNAs in cells suffering RIS





Partial bypass of senescence by forced expression of miR-302

Regulation of p21 by miR-302

Banito et al. Genes & Dev., 2009

Parallels between oncogene and reprogramming-induced senescence



Senescence disabled



Inhibition of senescence increases reprogramming efficiency



Knocking down senescence effectors with shRNA

Increase in reprogramming efficiency





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Senescence and its physiological relevance







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