

## MT1-MMP Pathway Analysis Using Mathematical Model

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MT1-MMP is a potent invasion-promoting membrane protease employed by aggressive cancer cells. MT1-MMP localizes preferentially at membrane protrusions called invadopodia where it plays a central role in degradation of the surrounding extracellular matrix (ECM). While MT1-MMP degrades collagen I, II, III and laminin 1, 5, it also activates a secretive basal membrane enzyme MMP2. Thus MT1-MMP activates MMP2 which degrades basal membrane made by collagen IV. After this basal membrane is degraded, MT1-MMP itself degrades ECM also. Here the other molecule TIMP2 is involved by this process. We construct a mathematical model for this process, examine its validity, and executed numerical simulations of modified models reflecting biological settings. The contribution of rapid turnover is predicted in this way, which has been confirmed by FRAP analysis. Having described the process of this discovery, we show a remarkable mathematical structure of this model, in the context of the theory of dynamical systems.

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