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Research Abstract

The carboxy-terminal domain (CTD) of RNA polymerase II (Pol II) largest subunit consists of multiple repeats of 7 amino acid peptide (Y-S-P-T-S-P-S). Phosphorylation of the CTD has been suggested as an important signal for recruitment of pre-mRNA processing factors to transcription sites to coordinate each step of mRNA synthesis. To approach to the molecular mechanism in which transcription couples with pre-mRNA processing, I have identified and characterized novel human factors that can directly bind to the phosphorylated CTD (P-CTD). One such protein is novel and named as PCIF1. The other is Pin1, which has been implicated in cell cycle regulation. The WW domain in PCIF1 and Pin1 was responsible for the specific interaction with P-CTD. In this research, I got following findings. (1) PCIF1 mRNA was ubiquitously expressed among various human tissues. (2) Transiently expressed recombinant PCIF1 was co-immunoprecipitated with endogenous hyperphosphorylated Pol II (Pol IIO) from human cell extracts. Confocal microscopic analysis showed association of PCIF1 with Pol IIO. (3) Overexpression of PCIF1 or Pin1 in human cultured cells could strongly repress trans-activation of the reporter gene expression driven by various transcription activation domains. (4) Several nuclear factors involving in gene expression were identified as targets of PCIF1 and Pin1 in yeast two-hybrid screening and GST pull-down experiments from human cell extracts. PCIF1 WW domain could bind several human proteins recognized by a phosphorylated substrate specific antibody. (5) PCIF1 WW domain could preferentially bind to a CTD peptide phosphorylated at only Ser 5 position against a CTD peptide phosphorylated at only Ser 2 position. In contrast, Pin1 WW exhibited same affinity to both CTD peptides.

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