Introduction

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Non-integrin membrane-ECM interactions

Stable identifier: R-HSA-3000171

Several non-integrin membrane proteins interact with extracellular matrix proteins. Transmembrane proteoglycans may associate with integrins and growth factor receptors to influence their function, or they can signal independently, often influencing the actin cytoskeleton.

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Perlecan (HSPG2) is a modular proteoglycan primarily located in the basement membranes of vascular tissues. It is involved in several developmental processes, both during embryogenesis and in human diseases such as cancer and diabetes (Iozzo et al. 1994). HSPG2 can self-aggregate into dimeric or multimeric forms (Yurchenco et al. 1987) and is involved in heterotypic interactions with numerous extracellular macromolecules (Whitelock et al. 2008, Perlecan entry in MatrixDB). HSPG2’s GAG chains mediate interactions with fibroblast growth factor-2 (Vigny et al. 1988, Knox et al. 2002), and nidogens (Entactins, represented elsewhere). The core protein binds fibronectin (Isemura et al. 1987, Heremans et al. 1990, Vlodavsky et al. 1991), transthyretin (Smeland et al. 1997) and platelet-derived growth factor A and B homodimers (Göhring et al. 1998).

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Dystroglycan binds Laminins and Dystrophin

Location: Non-integrin membrane-ECM interactions

Stable identifier: R-HSA-2328129

Type: binding

Compartments: plasma membrane, cytosol, extracellular region

Inferred from: Dystroglycan bind Laminins and Dystrophin (Mus musculus)

Dystroglycan (DG) is a cell-surface laminin receptor. In skeletal muscle it is a central component of the dystrophin-glycoprotein (DGC) complex (Ervasti & Campbell 1991). Mutations in components of the DGC render muscle fibres more susceptible to damage and lead to various types of muscle disorder such as Duchenne muscular dystrophy and limb-girdle muscular dystrophies (Straub & Campbell, 1997, Cohn & Campbell 2000). DG is present as non-covalently associated alpha and beta subunits following cleavage at Ser654. The extracellular alpha subunit binds to laminin-2 (merosin) in the muscle basement membrane while the membrane-associated beta subunit binds dystrophin, which associates with the actin cytoskeleton (Ervasti & Campbell 1993, Yamada et al. 1994, Talts et al. 1999). Alpha-DG also binds the carboxy-terminal G domains of laminin alpha-1 (Gee et al. 1993, Zhou et al. 2012) and alpha-5 (Yu & Talts 2003). G domains are relatively well conserved in all five alpha-laminin chains, so DG is likely to bind all laminin heterotrimers.

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Dystroglycan binds AGRN and HSPG2

**Location:** Non-integrin membrane-ECM interactions

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-2396113

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** extracellular region, plasma membrane

**Inferred from:** Dystroglycan binds Agrn and Hspg2 (Mus musculus)


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Dystroglycan binds NRXN1

Location: Non-integrin membrane-ECM interactions

Stable identifier: R-HSA-2426263

Type: binding

Compartments: plasma membrane

Inferred from: Dystroglycan binds Nrxn1 (Rattus norvegicus)

Dystroglycan binds specifically to a subset of neurexin LNS domains in a tight interaction that requires the glycosylation of dystroglycan and is regulated by neurexin alternative splicing. Alpha-dystroglycan binds G domain-like sequences in neurexin-1-alpha (NRXN1) (Sugita et al. 2001).

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NTN4 binds laminins with gamma-1, gamma-3

**Location:** Non-integrin membrane-ECM interactions

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-2426355

**Type:** binding

**Compartments:** extracellular region, plasma membrane

**Inferred from:** Ntn4 binds laminin-gamma-1 and -3 (Mus musculus)

Netrins are a family of extracellular proteins that include axonal guidance factors. They have N-terminal domains that are homologous to the LN domains of laminins. Netrin-4 (NTN4), but not other forms of netrin, bind laminin gamma-1 and gamma-3 short arms in the basement membrane, suggesting a role in regulating basement membrane formation (Schneiders et al. 2007). NTN4 has been found associated in a functional complex with laminin gamma-1 chain and integrin alpha6beta1, suggesting a role in regulation of neurogenesis in the olfactory system (Staquicini et al. 2009).

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Discoidin domain receptors (DDRs) are a subfamily of receptor tyrosine kinases, the only members known to respond to an ECM component. DDR1 binds several of the major fibrillar collagens (types I, II, III, and V) and the non-fibrillar collagen IV (Shrivastava et al. 1997, Vogel et al. 1997, Hou et al. 2001). DDR proteins bind collagen as dimers (Leitinger 2003, 2011). DDR1 is mostly found in epithelial cells and leukocytes. It controls developmental processes and regulates cell adhesion, migration, proliferation, and remodelling of the extracellular matrix by controlling the expression and activity of matrix metalloproteinases (Leitinger & Hohenester 2007).

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Discoidin domain receptors (DDRs) are a subfamily of receptor tyrosine kinases, the only members known to respond to an ECM component. DDR2 binds the major fibrillar collagens types I, II, III, and V) and the non-fibrillar collagen X (Shrivastava et al. 1997, Vogel et al. 1997, Leitinger & Kwan 2006). DDR proteins bind collagen as dimers (Leitinger 2003, 2011). DDR2 is confined to mesenchymal cells where it controls developmental processes and regulates cell adhesion, migration, proliferation, and remodelling of the extracellular matrix by controlling the expression and activity of matrix metalloproteinases (Leitinger & Hohenester 2007).

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Syndecans are type I transmembrane proteins, with an N-terminal ectodomain that contains several consensus sequences for glycosaminoglycan (GAG) attachment and a short C-terminal cytoplasmic domain. Syndecan-1 and -3 GAG attachment sites occur in two distinct clusters, one near the N-terminus and the other near the membrane-attachment site, separated by a proline and threonine-rich 'spacer'. Syndecan ectodomain sequences are poorly conserved in the family and between species, but the transmembrane and cytoplasmic domains are highly conserved. Syndecan-1 and -3 form a subfamily. Syndecan core proteins form dimers (Choi et al. 2007) and at least syndecan-3 and -4 form oligomers (Asundi & Carey 1995, Shin et al. 2012). Syndecan-1 is the major syndecan of epithelial cells including vascular endothelium. Syndecan-2 is present mostly in mesenchymal, neuronal and smooth muscle cells. Syndecan-3 is the major syndecan of the nervous system, while syndecan-4 is ubiquitously expressed but at lower levels than the other syndecans (refs in Alexopoulou et al. 2007). The core syndecan protein has three to five heparan sulfate or chondroitin sulfate chains, which interact with a variety of ligands including fibroblast growth factors, vascular endothelial growth factor, transforming growth factor-beta, fibronectin, collagen, vitronectin and several integrins. Syndecans may act as integrin coreceptors. Interactions between fibronectin and syndecans are modulated by tenascin-C.

Syndecans bind a wide variety of soluble and insoluble ligands, including extracellular matrix components, cell adhesion molecules, growth factors, cytokines, and proteinases. As the cleaved ectodomains of syndecans retain the ability to bind ligands, ectodomain shedding is a mechanism for releasing soluble effectors that may compete for ligands with their cell-bound counterparts (Kainulainen et al. 1998). Shed ectodomains are found in inflammatory fluids (Subramanian et al. 1997) and may induce the proliferation of cancer cells (Maeda et al. 2004).

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