Investigating the Impact of Heparan Sulfate Domain Structure on Interleukin 8 Heparan Sulfate interactions

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Abstract

• Heparan sulfate (HS) is a linear, complex polysaccharide that contains regions with high levels of sulfation, N-sulfated (NS) domains, and regions without sulfation, N-acetylated (NA) domains which is important for regulating HS-protein interactions.
• Interleukin-8, a member of the CXC chemokine family, has been shown to bind to glycosaminoglycans.
• We investigated the interactions of a series of chemoenzymatically synthesized HS-mimetics having defined domain structure with HS-binding protein interleukin 8.
• A combination of native mass spectrometry, ion mobility distributions and collision unfolding profiles proves that at low concentrations HS-mimetics with two sulfated domains shift the oligomerization state of IL8 from monomer to dimer.

Background

• Schematic showing binding of Interleukin 8 to Heparan Sulfate
• Chemoenzymatically synthesized HS-mimetics

Methods

• Mass spectrometry was performed using 12T FT-ICR. A solution of 5 uM Interleukin 8, 5uM HS-mimetics was introduced by direct infusion nESI at a flow rate of 0.3-0.5 µL/min.
• Ion mobility mass spectrometry was performed using a Waters Synapt G2 (q-TWIMS-TOF) with the traveling wave velocity of 300 m/s and wave height of 25, 28, and 30 V.
• Collision induced unfolding experiments were performed by increasing the trap collision energy from 5 V to 80 V in 5 V steps.
• CCS values were determined by calibration with ubiquitin, cytochrome c, and myoglobin.

Native MS HS-mimetics induce dimerization of IL8

• In the absence of ligand IL8 is predominantly monomeric at this concentration.
• The addition of 2-NS domain ligands shifted the oligomer distribution to predominantly dimeric IL8.

Ion Mobility shows two conformational states of Interleukin 8 Dimer + HS-mimetics

Collision induced unfolding demonstrates increased stability of the Interleukin 8 + HS-mimetics complex

• CIU plot of Interleukin 8 shows three unfolded species.
• The Interleukin 8 + HS-mimetics complex shows a similar collisional unfolding pathway, however both transitions have shifted to higher collision voltages.

Conclusions

Investigation of bivalent interactions of multiprotein complex with heparan sulfate using native ion mobility mass spectrometry.

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