# **Thioredoxin-interacting (TXNIP) protein regulates the differentiation of erythroid precursors**



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## Hematopoiesis





## **Regulation of erythroid development**



#### Lee et al. 2006 Blood 108: 2064-2071

#### **External factors**

IL-3 Stem Cell Factor (SCF) Glucocorticoids (GC) Thyroid hormone (T3) Erythropoietin (Epo) Insulin (Ins)

#### **Transcription factors**

GATA-2 (G2) GATA-1 (G1) STAT5 (S5) FOG (FG) EKLE (EK) NF-E2 (NF)

## NF-E2 (nuclear factor erythroid 2)

- heterodimer (two subunits: p45 & small Maf)
- basic-leucine zipper
- large subunit specifically expressed in erythroid, megakaryocytic and mast cell lineages



## NF-E2 -/- mice





- increase in spleen erythropoiesis
- partial block in erythroid progenitor populations
- increase in GATA-1 levels
- cell cycle: increase of cells in G1

## Hemoglobin synthesis



## Erythroleukemia cells



## Models

#### MEL & G1-ER cells





untreated treated (HMBA 96h)

Mice



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# Genechip expression array (Affymetrix 430A)

- MEL cells
- differentially expressed TXNIP



# **TXNIP (Thioredoxin interacting protein)**

- ubiquitously expressed, ~50 kDa
- cytoplasm, nucleus, mitochondria, cell membrane
- tumor suppressor (expression reduced in many tumors)
- overexpression induces cell cycle arrest
- role in oxidative stress by inhibiting activity or bioavailability of thioredoxin



## TXNIP -/- mice

Metabolism	In fasting conditions:
	hypoglycemia
	† insulin
	↑ triglycerides
	🕈 fatty acids in plasma
	(Hui et al. 2004, Donnelly et al. 2004, Oka et al. 2006)
Carcinogenesis	hepatocellular carcinoma (40% of mice) (Sheth et al. 2006) hepatocellular and bladder tumors (carcinogen-induced) (Kwon et al. 2010, Nishizawa et al. 2011)
Hematopoiesis	impaired maturation of NK cells (Lee et al. 2005) impaired function of dendritic cells (Son et al. 2008)
	alleled hocs (Jeong et al. 2009, Jung et al. 2013)

## Induction of TXNIP in differentiating MEL cells





### Induction of TXNIP in differentiating G1E-ER cells



**TXNIP in G1E cells** 

**Relative TXNIP** 

protein levels

**TXNIP in G1E-ER cells** 



## **TXNIP & ROS scavenger NAC**

#### - TXNIP upregulation with HMBA unchanged







Liu et al. Nature Reviews Immunology 7, 202-212 (March 2007)

## **TXNIP – Regulation of MAP kinases**





#### MEL cells



#### p38 inhibitor

#### **JNK** inhibitor

#### **ERK** inhibitor

## **TXNIP** overexpression

- increases iron uptake
- decreases TFR expression







# Analysis of *Txnip*<sup>-/-</sup> mice

- spleen size
- blood parameters



	<i>WT</i> (n=5)	<i>Txnip <sup>√-</sup></i> (n=5)	p-value
RBC count, x10 <sup>6</sup> /µL	11.08 ± 0.29	11.05 ± 0.41	0.963
HGB level, g/dL	16.86 ± 0.50	17.78 ± 0.43	0.203
HCT, %	51.42 ± 1.37	53.30 ± 1.57	0.393

# Erythroid precursor populations in *Txnip*<sup>-/-</sup> mice - spleen



	<i>WT</i> (n=13)	<i>Txnip <sup>√-</sup></i> (n=14)	p-value
Spleen			
ProE	1.78 ± 0.35	$2.37 \pm 0.37$	0.2580
EryA	2.99 ± 0.63	$2.53 \pm 0.48$	0.5640
EryB	11.08 ± 1.24	6.72 ± 0.64	*0.0057
EryC	84.16 ± 1.61	88.38 ± 1.36	0.0563
Ter119+ cells	47.57 ± 1.87	45.17 ± 2.19	0.4130
Bone marrow			
ProE	6.40 ± 0.91	7.57±0.69	0.315
EryA	14.90 ± 0.82	14.18 ± 0.82	0.546
EryB	25.85 ± 1.48	21.83 ± 1.44	0.063
EryC	52.85 ± 2.39	56.68 ± 2.20	0.251
Ter119+ cells	44.59 ± 2.60	42.97 ± 2.01	0.628

- **ProE** proerythroblasts
- **EryA** basophilic erythroblasts
- **EryB** late basophilic and polychromatic erythroblasts
- **EryC** orthochromatic erythroblasts and erythrocytes

# Model - Role of Txnip in erythroid differentiation





Basophilic erythroblasts Partial block

Late basophilic/polychromatic erythroblasts

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