

予知出来れば、早期治療を開始して軽症化出来る。治療が遅れば永久的後遺症を残す。しかし現在まで MS 再発予測法は確立されていない。MS は通常の血液検査では異常を認めず、神経学的所見・経過・脳脊髄液所見・MRI 画像に基づいて診断されるが、鑑別疾患が多く、神経内科専門医でも正確な診断は容易ではない。MS 病態解明のためには、発症を正に制御すると考えられる自己反応性 T 細胞を含む細胞集団を選択的に濃縮して解析する必要がある。

本研究では多数の MS 症例の末梢血 T リンパ球遺伝子発現プロファイルを遺伝子アレイで網羅的に解析、MS の免疫病態の解明・診断法の開発を目指した。分担研究者山村は主として検体収集を担当した。

## B. 研究方法

文書で同意を取得した国立精神・神経センター武蔵病院神経内科通院・入院中の MS 患者と non-MS 対照神経疾患患者、および健常者ボランティア (normal control subjects; Nc) から、Ficoll-Paque 遠心分離法で末梢血リンパ球 (peripheral blood mononuclear cells; PBMC) を採取、MACS で CD3<sup>+</sup> T 細胞を分離、RNA を精製、遺伝子アレイ (cDNA microarray, 1258 genes; Hitachi Life Science) を用いて、遺伝子発現プロファイルを解析した。また Illes 准教授 (Hungary Pecs 大学) との共同研究で、Hungary 人 MS 33 検体 (4 MS twin pairs を含む) と Nc 22 検体を収集した (航空便で輸送)。全サンプルを -80°C で凍結保存した。以下に示すプロジェクト (佐藤・山村) を施行した。

### (1) Relap

sing-remitting MS (RRMS) 患者 (n = 6) で、神経内科専門医の診断に基づく急性増悪期 (acute relapse) と完全寛解期 (complete remission) に CD3<sup>+</sup> T 細胞を採取、DNA マイクロアレイで両者を比較し再発期特異的遺伝子群を同定した (佐藤総括報告書参照)。

(2) Hungarian monozygotic (MZ) twin 4 pairs (#1. MS/MS; #2. MS/MS; #3. MS/MS; #4. MS/Nc) の CD3<sup>+</sup> T 細胞を DNA マイクロアレイで比較解析し、MS 特異的に発現亢進している遺伝子群を抽出、KeyMolnet (医薬分子設計研究所 IMMD) を用いて、共通上流検索法 (発現制御に関与する転写因子群を調べる) で分子ネットワークを解析した。

(3) 平成 17 年度の本研究で樹立した MS 病型分類データベース (MS classification database; MSCD) を用いて、新規 91 例 (MS = 78; non-MS = 8; Nc = 5) に関して、階層的クラスター解析 (hierarchical clustering analysis; HCA) とサポートベクターマシン解析 (support vector machine; SVM) に基づく MS 診断法を開発し、その精度を検証した。SVM では MS 群と Nc 群の識別関数 (Kernel function) として、polynomial dot product (PDP)-1, 2, 3 と radial basis (Gaussian) を用いた。

(倫理面への配慮)

「多発性硬化症患者および対照リンパ球遺伝子発現解析研究 (申請者山村隆)」は、既に国立精神・神経センター倫理委員会で承認済みである。本研究で解析する患者全員から研究参加に関して文書で同意を取得した。また全サン

ブルは第3者により暗号化し、検査者には個人情報がかからないようにし取り扱うように配慮した。

### C. 研究結果

#1. MS 再発期特異的遺伝子(relapse-specific genes; RSG)の解析：平成 18 年度総括報告書(佐藤)を参照。(Satoh et al. Submitted for publication).

#2. Hungarian MZ twin 解析：4 pairs(concordant pairs; #1. MS/MS; #2. MS/MS; #3. MS/MS; discordant pair: #4. MS/Nc)の CD3<sup>+</sup> T 細胞を遺伝子アレイで解析、concordant pairs(#1-3)で各々発現差異を認める上位 100 遺伝子(100 DEG)を抽出した。次に discordant pair (#4)で発現差異を認める上位 50 遺伝子(50 DEG)を抽出した。最終的に 50 DEG 中で 100 DEG に含まれない 34 遺伝子から、Nc に比較し MS で 2 倍以上の発現差異を呈する 20 遺伝子(20 DEG)を抽出、MS-specific genes (MSG)と命名した(Table 1)。20 DEG について、KeyMolnet で関連 44 遺伝子を抽出、共通上流検索法で分子ネットワークを解析した。その結果、MS 特異的遺伝子発現プロフィールの特徴として、NF- $\kappa$ B および Ets 転写因子ファミリーを介する発現制御系の関与が示唆された(Fig. 1)(Satoh et al. Submitted for publication)。

#3. HCA, SVM に基づく MS 診断法：MSCD による MS 分類で、最も Nc に近い発現プロフィールを呈した MS サブグループである A 群に注目し、MS-A と NC の群間検定で差異を認め 58 遺伝子(MS diagnostic genes; MDG)を抽出

した(Table 2)。58 MDG について、KeyMolnet で関連 95 遺伝子を抽出、共通上流検索法で分子ネットワークを解析した。その結果 MS と Nc を識別する遺伝子の発現において Myc/Mad および p63 を介する発現制御系の関与が示唆された(Fig. 2)(Manuscript in preparation)。58 MDG を指標とする HCA 解析および MSCD を training set として機械学習させた SVM 解析では、診断正答率(MS を MS と診断し non-MS/Nc を Nc と診断)は HCA 29.7%, SVM 33.0%であった。擬陰性率(MS を Nc と誤診断)は HCA 70.5%, SVM 70.5%で、擬陽性率(Nc/non-MS を MS と誤診断)は HCA 69.2%, SVM 46.2%であった。すなわち 58 MDG を指標とする HCA 識別法単独または SVM 識別法単独では診断正答率が低く、誤診率が高いことが判明した。

### D. 考察

非常に貴重なハンガリー人一卵性双生児 4 ペアの末梢血 CD3<sup>+</sup> T 細胞収集し、DNA マイクロアレイで比較解析、MS 特異的遺伝子(20 DEG)の発現プロフィールを明らかにした。その特徴として NF- $\kappa$ B および Ets 転写因子ファミリーを介する発現制御系を同定した。NF- $\kappa$ B は TNF $\alpha$ , IL-1 など炎症性サイトカインの発現制御において中心的役割を果たす転写因子である。また Ets 転写因子ファミリーは T 細胞分化を制御し、自己免疫の発症に関与する。

DNA マイクロアレイ解析では多数のデータセットの要素特性を階層的クラスタ解析(HCA)で分類する。教師なし法(unsupervised

method)ではサンプルに関する事前情報なしに、類似発現パターンを呈するサンプルをクラスター(グループ)に分類し、クラスターを識別し得る指標遺伝子(discriminator genes)を抽出する。サポートベクターマシン(support vector machine; SVM)は、指標遺伝子抽出に用いたデータを training set として機械学習し、新規データセットにおけるクラスターを識別可能な超平面(hyperplane)を同定する解析方法(教師あり法 supervised method)である。

また平成 17 年度の本研究で樹立した MSCD を利用して、末梢血 T リンパ球 DNA マイクロアレイ解析 HCA, SVM に基づく MS 診断法の樹立を試みた。非常に残念なことに、指標遺伝子 58 MDG による HCA or SVM 単独では擬陰性率(false negative rate)が極めて高く、MS と non-MS/Nc を識別困難であることが判明した。臨床情報(時間的・空間的な多発性)との組み合わせにより、さらに診断精度を向上出来るか、今後再解析する予定である。

## E. 結論

Hungarian MZ twin 解析により、MS 免疫病態で中心的役割を果たす転写因子系ネットワークを解明出来た(Satoh et al. Submitted for publication)。

## F. 健康危険情報

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## H. 知的所有権の取得状況

### 1. 特許取得

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### 2. 実用新案登録

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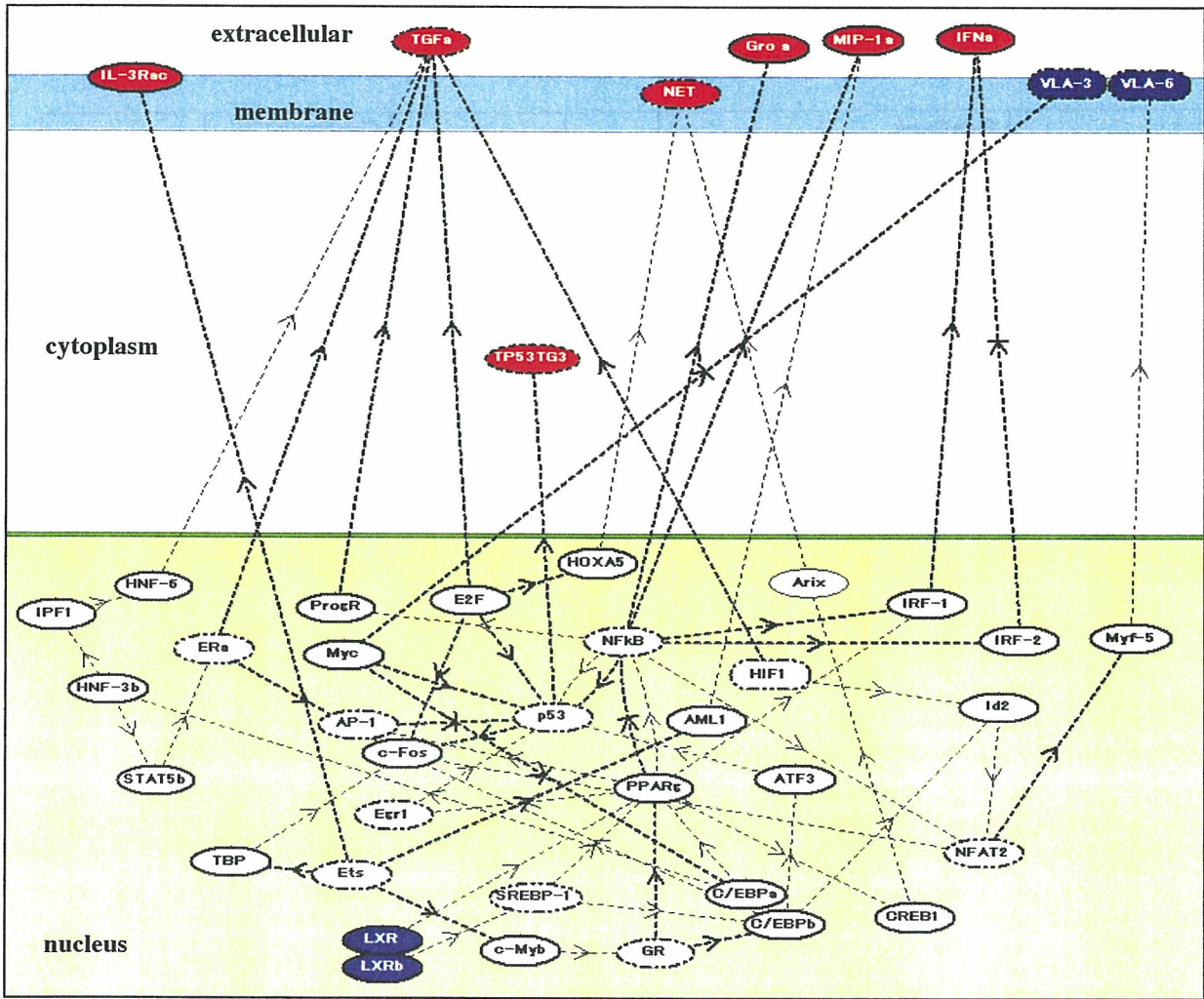
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**Table 1. Twenty Differentially Expressed Genes in T Cells  
between MS and Nc of Hungary MZ Twin Pair #4 (MS-Specific Genes; MSG)**

| <b>Gene Symbol</b> | <b>GenBank Accession Number (RefSeq)</b> | <b>MS vs NC Ratio</b> |
|--------------------|--|-----------------------|
| CYP2D6             | NM_000106                                | 3.18                  |
| IL11RA             | NM_004512                                | 2.6                   |
| MAPKAPK2           | NM_004759                                | 0.41                  |
| AKAP10             | NM_007202                                | 2.46                  |
| USP6               | NM_004505                                | 2.36                  |
| COMT               | NM_000754                                | 0.44                  |
| MAPK3              | NM_002746                                | 0.44                  |
| SLC6A2             | NM_001043                                | 2.28                  |
| IL3RA              | NM_002183                                | 2.26                  |
| SELPLG             | NM_003006                                | 0.46                  |
| IFNA5              | NM_002169                                | 2.18                  |
| PTPN7              | NM_002832                                | 0.46                  |
| NR1H2              | NM_007121                                | 0.46                  |
| NR2C2              | NM_003298                                | 2.11                  |
| TGFA               | NM_003236                                | 2.08                  |
| ITGB1              | NM_002211                                | 0.48                  |
| ATP6V0D1           | NM_004691                                | 0.48                  |
| CCL3               | NM_002983                                | 2.06                  |
| CXCL1              | NM_001511                                | 2.04                  |
| TNFRSF9            | NM_001561                                | 2                     |

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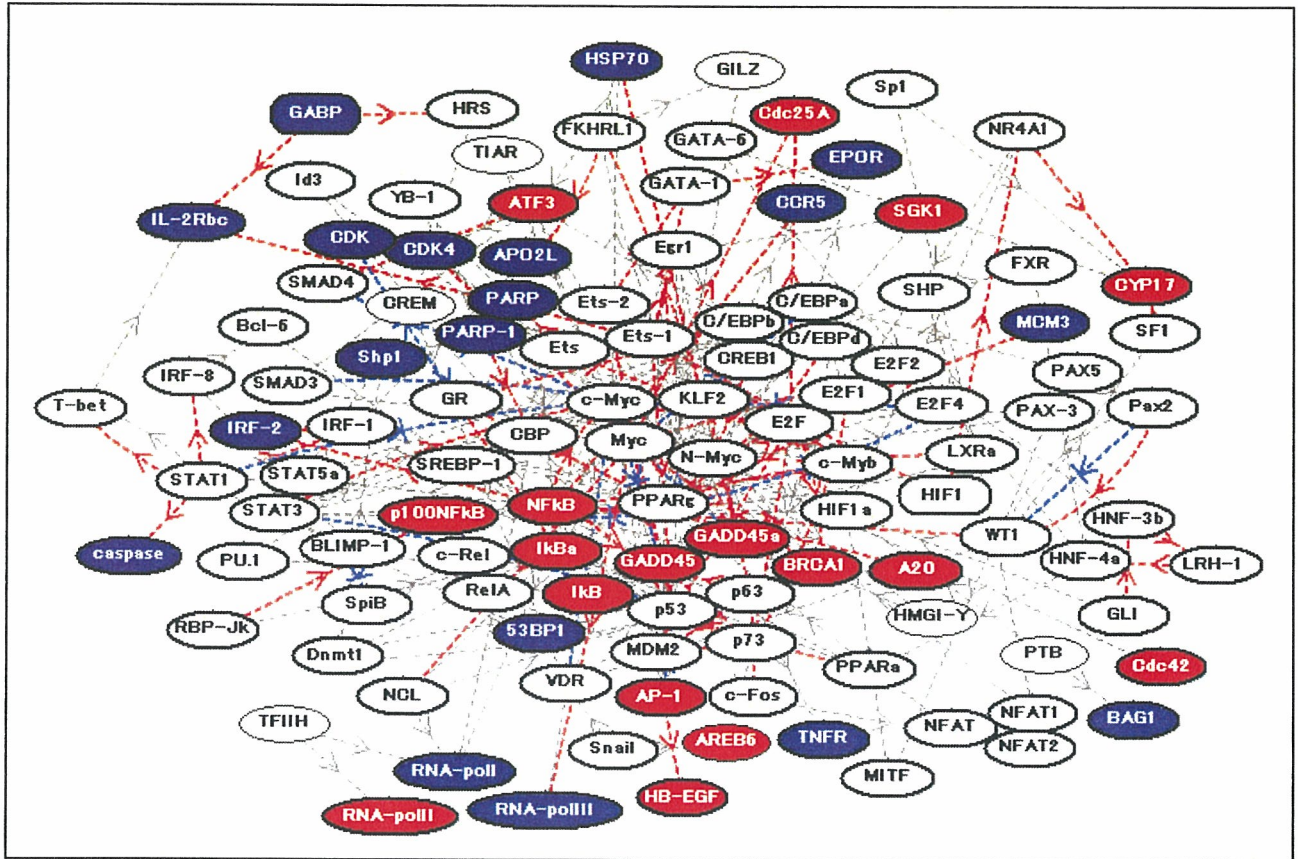


**Fig. 1. The common upstream search of 20 differentially expressed genes in T cells between the discordant MS twin.** The microarray data of 20 DEG in T cells between the discordant MS twin imported into KeyMolnet extracted 44 genes directly linked to 20 DEG. The “common upstream” search of 44 genes generated a molecular network composed of 43 nodes arranged according to the subcellular distribution. Red nodes represent upregulated genes, whereas purple nodes represent downregulated genes in the MS patient. White nodes exhibit the genes extracted by KeyMolnet to establish molecular connections. The direction of molecular relation is indicated by dash line with arrow (transcriptional activation) or dash line with arrow and stop (transcriptional repression). Thick lines indicate the core contents, while thin lines indicate the secondary contents of KeyMolnet (Sato et al. Submitted for publication).

**Table 2. 58 MS Diagnostic Genes (MDG) of T Cells**

| No. | Gene Symbol | GenBank Accession Number (RefSeq) | MS-A vs Nc Ratio | No. | Gene Symbol | GenBank Accession Number (RefSeq) | MS-A vs Nc Ratio |
|-----|-------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----|-------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1   | HSPA1A      | NM_005345                         | 0.281            | 30  | PSMC6       | NM_002806                         | 0.553            |
| 2   | ABCB6       | NM_005689                         | 0.531            | 31  | PEMT        | NM_007169                         | 1.822            |
| 3   | DOK1        | NM_001381                         | 0.54             | 32  | CYP17A1     | NM_000102                         | 1.75             |
| 4   | ZEB1        | NM_030751                         | 3.214            | 33  | CDC42       | NM_001791                         | 1.742            |
| 5   | CHST2       | NM_004267                         | 0.537            | 34  | TOP1        | NM_003286                         | 0.608            |
| 6   | PTPN6       | NM_002831                         | 0.491            | 35  | RASSF7      | NM_003475                         | 0.638            |
| 7   | GADD45A     | NM_001924                         | 2.678            | 36  | HBEGF       | NM_001945                         | 2.085            |
| 8   | NR4A2       | NM_006186                         | 3.115            | 37  | TNFAIP3     | NM_006290                         | 2.034            |
| 9   | NFKB2       | NM_002502                         | 2.59             | 38  | GABPB2      | NM_002041                         | 0.609            |
| 10  | TPST2       | NM_003595                         | 0.526            | 39  | PARP1       | NM_001618                         | 0.619            |
| 11  | CCR5        | NM_000579                         | 0.355            | 40  | CDC25A      | NM_001789                         | 1.863            |
| 12  | NFKBIA      | NM_020529                         | 2.023            | 41  | BAG1        | NM_004323                         | 0.694            |
| 13  | SGK         | NM_005627                         | 2.44             | 42  | POLR2H      | NM_006232                         | 0.656            |
| 14  | IRF2        | NM_002199                         | 0.546            | 43  | MCM3        | NM_002388                         | 0.57             |
| 15  | ATF3        | NM_001674                         | 2.853            | 44  | ATP6V1C1    | NM_001695                         | 0.617            |
| 16  | SLC35A1     | NM_006416                         | 0.549            | 45  | MST1R       | NM_002447                         | 0.688            |
| 17  | CDK4        | NM_000075                         | 0.591            | 46  | ALDH9A1     | NM_000696                         | 0.617            |
| 18  | BRCA1       | NM_007294                         | 2.15             | 47  | TNFRSF10C   | NM_003841                         | 1.543            |
| 19  | DAXX        | NM_001350                         | 0.592            | 48  | PSMC4       | NM_006503                         | 0.611            |
| 20  | CASP10      | NM_001230                         | 0.58             | 49  | POLR2J      | NM_006234                         | 1.656            |
| 21  | EPOR        | NM_000121                         | 0.668            | 50  | TNFSF10     | NM_003810                         | 0.457            |
| 22  | MAPK1       | NM_002745                         | 0.62             | 51  | HSBP1       | NM_001537                         | 0.667            |
| 23  | TNFRSF1A    | NM_001065                         | 0.596            | 52  | RIPK2       | NM_003821                         | 1.812            |
| 24  | RGS14       | NM_006480                         | 0.425            | 53  | IL2RB       | NM_000878                         | 0.707            |
| 25  | GNA13       | NM_006572                         | 3.044            | 54  | SKIL        | NM_005414                         | 0.728            |
| 26  | TP53BP1     | NM_005657                         | 0.577            | 55  | CES1        | NM_001266                         | 1.855            |
| 27  | GHSR        | NM_004122                         | 2.359            | 56  | DIRAS3      | NM_004675                         | 1.765            |
| 28  | HLTF        | NM_003071                         | 0.576            | 57  | AKAP11      | NM_016248                         | 0.588            |
| 29  | CHST4       | NM_005769                         | 0.633            | 58  | ZNF354A     | NM_005649                         | 0.593            |

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**Fig. 2.** The common upstream search of 58 differentially expressed genes in T cells between MS subgroup A (MS-A) and normal controls (Nc). The microarray data of 58 differentially expressed genes (MDG) in T cells between MS subgroup A (MS-A) and normal controls (Nc) imported into KeyMolnet extracted 95 genes directly linked to 58 genes. The “common upstream” search of 98 genes generated a molecular network composed of 117 nodes. Red nodes represent upregulated genes in MS-A, whereas purple nodes represent downregulated genes in Nc. White nodes exhibit the genes extracted by KeyMolnet to establish molecular connections. The direction of molecular relation is indicated by dash line with arrow (transcriptional activation) or dash line with arrow and stop (transcriptional repression). Thick lines indicate the core contents, while thin lines indicate the secondary contents of KeyMolnet (Sato et al. Manuscript in preparation).

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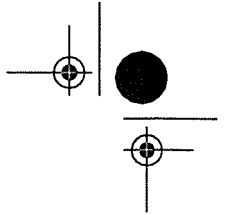
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## IV. 研究成果の刊行物・別刷





# 13 Studying Protein–Protein Interactions with Protein Microarrays: Rapid Identification of 14-3-3 Protein Binding Partners

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## INTRODUCTION

### THE 14-3-3 PROTEIN ACTS AS A MOLECULAR ADAPTOR IN SIGNALING NETWORKS

The 14-3-3 protein family in mammalian cells consists of evolutionarily conserved, acidic 30-kDa proteins composed of seven isoforms named  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\epsilon$ ,  $\zeta$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $\theta$ , and  $\sigma$ .<sup>1,2</sup> A homodimeric or heterodimeric complex composed of the same or distinct isoforms constitutes a large cup-like structure possessing an amphipathic groove with two ligand-binding capacity, and acts as a molecular adaptor by interacting with key signaling components of cell differentiation, proliferation, transformation, and apoptosis. The dimeric 14-3-3 protein regulates the function of target proteins by restricting their subcellular location, bridging them to modulate catalytic activity, and protecting them from dephosphorylation or proteolysis.<sup>3,4</sup> Although 14-3-3 is widely distributed in neural and nonneural tissues, it is expressed at the highest level in neurons in the central nervous system (CNS).<sup>5,6</sup> Aberrant expression and impaired function of 14-3-3 in the CNS are closely associated with pathogenetic mechanisms of various neurological disorders, such as Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease,<sup>7-9</sup> Alzheimer disease,<sup>10</sup> Pick disease,<sup>11</sup> Parkinson disease,<sup>12,13</sup> multiple system atrophy,<sup>14,15</sup> spinocerebellar ataxia,<sup>16</sup> amyotrophic lateral sclerosis,<sup>17</sup> Miller-Diecker syndrome,<sup>18</sup> multiple sclerosis,<sup>19,20</sup> and mitochondrial encephalopathy with lactic acidosis and stroke-like episodes (MELAS).<sup>21,22</sup>

In general, the 14-3-3 protein interacts with phosphoserine-containing motifs of its ligands, such as RSXpSXP (mode I), RXXXpSXP (mode II), and pS/pT(X<sub>1,2</sub>)COOH (mode III), in a sequence-specific manner.<sup>23,24</sup> Until present, more than 300 proteins have been identified as being 14-3-3-binding partners. They include Raf-1 kinase, Bcl-2 antagonist of cell death (BAD), protein kinase C (PKC), phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase (PI3K), and cdc25 phosphatase.<sup>1,2,25</sup> Binding of 14-3-3 to Raf-1 is indispensable for its kinase activity in the Ras-MAPK signaling pathway, while the interaction of 14-3-3 with BAD, when phosphorylated by a serine/threonine kinase Akt, inhibits apoptosis. Furthermore, recent studies indicate that the 14-3-3 protein may also interact with a set of target proteins in a phosphorylation-independent manner.<sup>26-29</sup> Increasing our knowledge of molecular interactions between 14-3-3 and target proteins would greatly help us to understand the biological function and pathological implication of the 14-3-3 protein networks.

### THE ADVANTAGES OF PROTEIN MICROARRAY ANALYSIS TO IDENTIFY PROTEIN-PROTEIN INTERACTIONS

The yeast two-hybrid (Y2H) system is a powerful approach to identify novel protein-protein interactions in a high-throughput fashion.<sup>30,31</sup> However, Y2H screening requires a lot of time and effort, and is often criticized for detecting the interactions

unrelated to the physiological setting and obtaining high rates of false positive interactors caused by spontaneous activation of reporter genes and self-activating bait proteins.<sup>32,33</sup> Affinity purification coupled with mass spectrometry (APMS) is an alternative approach to identify the components of protein complexes on a large scale. This approach has been taken to identify a wide range of 14-3-3-interacting proteins involved in the dynamic control of cytoskeletons,<sup>34</sup> cell cycle regulation,<sup>35</sup> biosynthetic metabolism,<sup>36</sup> and oncogenic signaling events.<sup>37</sup> Although APMS screening detects binding partners of physiological significance, it is also time-consuming and expensive, requires a large amount of samples, and has a difficulty in detecting transmembrane proteins and loosely associated components that might be lost during purification.<sup>38</sup> Furthermore, the recognized interaction is not always direct, assisted by intermediary molecules.

Recently, protein microarray technology has been established for the rapid, systematic, and less expensive screening methods of thousands of protein–protein, protein–lipid, and protein–nucleic acid interactions in a high-throughput fashion.<sup>39–43</sup> It requires small sample volumes and affords the ability to control the experimental parameters, such as buffer pH, ion concentration, and reaction cofactors in a reproducible manner. This approach has diverse applications to discovery-based proteomics in the field not only of basic biological research but also of drug and biomarker discovery research, including identification of the substrates of protein kinases, the protein targets of small molecules, the consensus interaction of transcription factors, and autoantibody profiling.<sup>44–51</sup> Thus, this technology sounds pivotal for establishment of personalized medicine. The vast majority of protein–protein interactions occur between a domain located in one protein and a small motif spanning usually 8 to 15 amino acids in its ligand. They promote multimolecular protein complex formation that regulates diverse signaling networks. A recent study using the microarray containing 212 spots of protein domains, composed of two conserved tryptophans (WW), two conserved phenylalanines (FF), Src homology 2 (SH2), Src homology 3 (SH3), pleckstrin homology (PH), forkhead-associated (FHA), PSD-95, DLG and ZO-1 proteins (PDZ), and 14-3-3-interacting modules, characterized the domain-specific binding profile of various signaling molecules in a single experiment.<sup>52</sup> More recently, the epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) signaling network was studied by using protein microarrays that contain virtually all SH2 and phosphotyrosine binding (PTB) domains encoded in the human genome, and probing with phosphotyrosine (pY)-containing peptides derived from EGFR, ErbB2, and ErbB3.<sup>53</sup>

Here, we have attempted to characterize a comprehensive human 14-3-3 interactome by analyzing a high-density protein microarray.

## EXPERIMENTAL PROTOCOLS

### PREPARATION OF AN EPITOPE-TAGGED PROBE FOR MICROARRAY ANALYSIS

Human embryonic kidney cells HEK293 whose genome was modified for the Flp-In system (Flp-In 293) were obtained from Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA. Flp-In 293 cells contain a single Flp recombination target (FRT) site targeted for the site-specific

recombination, integrated in a transcriptionally active locus of the genome, where it stably expresses the *lacZ*-Zeocin fusion gene driven from the pFRT/*lacZeo* plasmid under the control of SV40 early promoter. Flp-In 293 cells were maintained in Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (DMEM) supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS), 100 U/ml of penicillin, and 100 µg/ml of streptomycin (feeding medium) with inclusion of 100 µg/ml of Zeocin (Invitrogen) according to the methods described previously.<sup>54</sup>

To prepare the probe for protein microarray analysis, the open reading frame (ORF) of the human 14-3-3ε gene (YWHAE, GenBank accession No. NM\_006761, amino acid residues 2 to 255) was amplified from cDNA of Ntera 2-N cells, a model of differentiated human neurons in culture [55], by PCR using PfuTurbo DNA polymerase (Stratagene, La Jolla, CA, USA) and the sense (5'gatgatcgagaggatctggtgtac3') and antisense (5'ctgatttcgtctccacgtctg3') primers. The PCR product was then cloned into a mammalian expression vector pSecTag/FRT/V5-His TOPO (Invitrogen) to produce a fusion protein with a C-terminal V5 (GKPIPPLLGLDST) tag, a C-terminal polyhistidine (6xHis) tag, and an N-terminal Ig κ-chain secretion signal. This vector, together with the Flp recombinase expression vector pOG44 (Invitrogen), was transfected in Flp-In 293 cells by Lipofectamine 2000 reagent (Invitrogen) (Figure 13.1). A stable cell line was established after incubating the cells for approximately one month in the feeding medium with inclusion of 100 µg/ml of Hygromycin B (Invitrogen). The stable cell line was named 293eV5.<sup>56</sup> In this system, the recombinant protein was secreted into the culture medium after the Ig κ-chain secretion signal sequence was processed by an endogenous signal peptidase-mediated cleavage. Therefore, it has an advantage of easily purifying the recombinant protein, compared with the system where the recombinant protein is expressed in the cytoplasm, mixed with various unnecessary proteins.

To purify the recombinant 14-3-3ε protein, the culture supernatant of 293eV5 incubated in the serum-free DMEM/F-12 medium for 48 hours was harvested and concentrated at a 1/40 volume by centrifugation on an Amicon Ultra-15 filter (Millipore, Bedford, MA). It was then purified by the HIS-select spin column (Sigma, St. Louis, MO), and concentrated at a 1/10 volume by centrifugation on a Centricon-10 filter (Millipore). The purity and specificity of the probe were verified by Western blot analysis using mouse monoclonal anti-V5 antibody (Invitrogen) and rabbit polyclonal antibody specific for the 14-3-3ε isoform (IBL, Gumma, Japan) (Figure 13.1).

#### PROTEIN MICROARRAY ANALYSIS

ProtoArray human protein microarray (v1.0; Invitrogen) we utilized contains 1752 human proteins of various functional classes spotted in duplicate on a nitrocellulose-coated glass slide. (After a quality control procedure, the number of total arrayed proteins is reduced from 1900 originally listed in the array.) Nitrocellulose-coated surface provides a nearly quantitative retention of the spotted proteins and significantly higher detection sensitivity than the other surfaces.<sup>40</sup> All the proteins immobilized on the array were expressed as an N-terminal glutathione-S transferase (GST)-6xHis fusion protein derived from the genes selected from the human