# Функция вариантов гистонов в гормонорезистентном раке предстательной железы: Что мы знаем и о чём (пока) только догадываемся Alexander Ishov

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# Leading Sites of New Cancer Cases and Deaths: 2015 Estimates



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## Androgen Receptor (AR)

The androgen receptor (AR) is critical for the normal growth and development of the prostate gland, and also in prostate carcinogenesis and progression to androgen-independent disease



AR is a transcription factor and a member of the **nuclear hormone receptor** superfamily, specifically **steroid hormone receptor** family of genes (that also includes ER, MR, GR, PR)

### Structure of the AR gene and protein



- AR gene is located on the X chromosome (q21-1), d consists / for kons. It codes for a protein of 919 amino acids with a mass of 110 kt
- The AR consists of four structurally and functionally distinct domains:
- ✓ a poorly conserved N-terminal domain (NTD)
- ✓ a highly conserved **DNA-binding domain (DBD)**
- ✓ and a moderately conserved ligand-binding domain (LBD)
- ✓ The 'Hinge region' separates the LBD from the DBD and also contains part of a bipartite ligand-dependent NLS for AR nuclear transport

#### Mechanism of AR activation



- In the absence of hormone, AR is bound by chaperone heat shock proteins (Hsp's) in cytoplasm
- In the prostate, testosterone is converted to dihydrotestosterone (5 $\alpha$ -DHT), ligand for AR
- 5α-DHT binding induces Hsp's dissociates from AR allowing AR to dimerize, translocate to the nucleus, bind to AREs (androgen response elements) and regulate gene transcription

#### WT Androgen Receptor Activation



Omitted for simplicity: HSP-based cytoplasm retention, phosphorylation, dimerization of AR. DHT: dihydrotestosterone

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Mechanisms of persistent AR signaling activity in castration resistance prostate cancer (CRPC)

- Intracranial synthesis of androgens
- Polymorph: nd/or overexpression of steroid transport
- Changes in co-regulatory mole wes including co-activators and co-repressors that or culate AP stability and ligand sensitivity
- Activation of the ARccine ex via "cross-talk" whith other signaling pathways
- Amplification and/or overexpicts/or of AR
- AR mutations that can broaden ligand specificity
- Post-translational modifications of AR
- Constitutively active AR mutants and splice variants

#### Alternatively spliced AR isoforms identified in prostate cancer



a | A schematics of the AR gene <sup>Bar</sup> Wild-type AR structure; NTD (brown), DBD (red), hinge (pink) and the LBD (blue).

c<sub>17</sub> Alternatively spliced AR (AR-V) in prostate cancer. Transcripts of AR-V functional domains are sinc an the same colors as for AR-Wat. Avel exons are shown by yellow.

Abbie at or AF, activation function; AR, androgen receptor; AR-FL, full-length androgen receptor; AR-V, androgen receptor variant; CE, cryptic exon; CRPC, castration-resistant prostate cancer; DBD, DNA-binding domain; I, intron; LBD, ligand-binding domain; NTD, N-terminal domain; TAU, transcription activation unit

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# Cell Line Model for CRPC?

# TALEN-engineered AR gene rearrangements reveal endocrine uncoupling of androgen receptor in prostate cancer

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Characterization of parental R1-AD1 cells (single cell sub clone recurrent prostate cancer cell line CWR-R1 (AR wt) and genome-engineered R1-I567 and R1-D567 cells.

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## Androgen Receptor deleted for Ligand Binding Domain (AR D-LBD)



#### Mechanism of AR action



(1) AR recruits co-activator complexes (i.e. CBP/p300) to remc le chromatin for Conscription.

(2) AR, through a poorly defined mechanism that may also recruit co-repressors, also can inhibit transcription.

(3) AR also regulates transcription through a tethering mechanism by binding to other transcription factors (TFs) and additional coactivators to target genes.

(4) In addition, AR careinited for ARIGO social to the signaling cascade can activate other TFs in the absence of direct AR binding to the gene.

#### AR and Protein Daxx



#### Cloning and functional characterization of a rat Daxx that functions as a corepressor for the androgen receptor

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# Daxx Expression in Prostate Cancer

(from https://www.oncomine.org)



0 = No value (27)

- 1 = Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (11)
- 2 = Prostatic Intraepithelial Neoplasia (13)
- 3 = Prostate Carcinoma (49)

From: Nat Genet. 2007 39(1):41-5 101 samples 10,656 measured genes

#### Daxx

Daxx is ND10/PML body associated protein (Ishov et al., 1999) essential for embryonic development (Ishov et al., 2004)

Daxx is implicated in apoptosis, transcriptional regulation (Morozov et al 2008) and mitosis/ PTX resistance (Lindsay et al., 2007, Gimer zi, f al., 2012 Giovinazzi et al., 2013)

Daxx contains severe conserved concins including two SUMO-interacting motifs (SIMs)

(Santiago A. et al., 2009)



ATRX: alpha thalassemia/mental retardation syndrome X-linked mutated SWI/SNF2 family of helicase/ATPases with chromatin remodeling activity ATRX interacts with Daxx and is targeted to PML-NB's by Daxx

#### Daxx and Histone 3.3

#### Distinct Factors Control Histone Variant H3.3 Localization at Spectary interacts with K3.3 in m

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Daxx/ATRX complex as a new chaperone of histone H3.3

#### **Chromatin Structure and Histone Modifications**



(a) Chromatin is made of repeating units of nucleosomes, which consist of ~147 base pairs of DNA wrapped around a histone octamer consisting of two copies each of the core histones H2A, H2B, H3 and H4. LV R r histone H1 is stabilizing higle order chromatin structure.

(b) The stones are subject to a variety post-translational modifications, primarily on their N-terminal tails.

#### **Histone Variants**



# Histone H3 variants in eukaryotic cells

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(B) Outside of replication, the incorporation of histone variants by chaperones as Hira and Daxx maintains nucleosome density following eviction by processes as transcription.

Modified from: Skene, and Henikoff 2013

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  - H3.3: HIRA or Daxx-dependent assembly pathways, Replication-independent
- Nucleosome assembly of histone variants confers additional epigenetic control:
  - H3.3 is associated with elevated transcription

#### Model of H3.3 deposition by histone chaperones HIRA, DAXX, and DEK



HIRA deposits H3.3 within the coding region of trocribed genes, but also at the transcription start site (TSS) of both active and repressed high-CpG content genes in ESCs.

Daxx/ATRX mediated H3.3 deposition to telomeres, pericentromere/centromere heterochromatin and (potentially) at the coding regions of transcribed genes

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## Many functional promoters and enhancers contain H3.3/H2A.Z dynamic nucleosomes



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## Histone variants barcoding: 2006

# Histone H3 variants and their potential role in indexing mam alian genomes: The "H3 barco/le hypol/ sis"

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## Working model: WT Androgen Receptor (AR)



During hormone treatment in AR-WT expressing cells, AR tethers Daxx chaperone activity to ARE, thus elevating hormone-dependent transcription

Working model: AR D-LBD (delta-ligand binding domain)



In CRPC cells, AR- $\Delta$ LBD is constantly located in the nucleus

AR- $\Delta$ LBD interacts with Daxx and tethers Daxx chaperone activity to ARE, thus elevating hormone-independent transcription

## Hypothesis:

Hormone-independent interaction between AR $\Delta$ LBD and Daxx recruits chaper in complexes and contributes to loading of ADA at AFS thus activating AR-driven transcription and COC progres DA

Do histone variants contribere CRPC energy?

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Does the interaction between histone chaperone Daxx and AR play a role in this process?

#### Directions:

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- Investigate mechanisms of AR dependent recruitment of histone chaperones for identification of reveneration of the concentration of the chaperone for identification of the concentration of the concentratio

#### **Prostate Cancer Cell Lines**



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## Characterization of prostate cancer cell lines with AR wt and AR rearrangements



CWR-R1 sub-clone, deletion negative **AR -WT** clone 1 (R1-AD1), AR exons 5-7 deletion (**AR-ΔLBD**, R1-D567), AR exons 5-7 inversion (R1-I567) were characterized for expression of AR and Daxx. Actin: loading control.

#### Does AR- $\Delta$ LBD interact with Daxx?

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#### Creation of H3.3 expressing cell lines



- FLAG-HA-H3.3 cloned in pOZ (left)
- AR-WT (R1 AD1) and AR-ΔLBD (R1 D567) cells modified for stable expression of FLAG-HA-H3.3 (right)

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#### Conclusions

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- Proliferation of CRPC cells is reduced by (2 Paxx and H3.3 depletion)
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