

turnover in 9 min, will be regenerated. A standard minimum dosing interval of 10 to 15 min will allow for turnover, but because of the modest activity of this first artificial cocaine esterase, near stoichiometric amounts of antibody will be required.

To estimate the characteristics of an antibody useful at a clinically practical dose of <1 g, we assumed a dose of smoked crack cocaine of 100 mg, a peak pulmonary-venous cocaine concentration of 10 to 30 μM (29), and a 20-s duration of reaction (the transit time from pulmonary to CNS capillaries). This simple model neglects the volume of distribution for cocaine and the threshold concentration for a biological effect, which if included would reduce the kinetic requirements. Under these constraints, a catalytic antibody against cocaine should ideally have a turnover number $>2\text{ s}^{-1}$ and a $K_m < 30\text{ }\mu\text{M}$ to deactivate cocaine before significant partitioning into the CNS can occur. However, the protection afforded by the artificial esterase may not need to be complete to be useful, and a significantly less potent enzyme could nonetheless diminish the reinforcing effect of cocaine by reducing the rate of rise and peak concentration of cocaine. By promoting cessation of use and maintenance of abstinence, passive immunization with an anticocaine catalytic antibody could provide a window for appropriate psychosocial and relapse-prevention interventions.

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20. For each of the cell lines, 2×10^6 hybridoma cells were placed into a mouse peritoneum that had been pretreated with pristane. The harvested ascites were subjected to affinity chromatography on a preparative protein A HPLC column (Bio-Rad) (the purity of mAb 3B9 and 6A12 was $>90\%$ by SDS-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis).
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Translocation of TCR α Chains into the Lumen of the Endoplasmic Reticulum and Their Degradation

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After synthesis, the α chain of the T cell antigen receptor (TCR α) can form a complex with other TCR chains and move to the cell surface, or TCR α can undergo degradation in the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) if it remains unassembled. The mechanism of translocation and degradation in the ER is unclear. It was found that the putative transmembrane region of TCR α (α_{tm}) was incompetent on its own to act as a transmembrane region. Molecules that contained α_{tm} were translocated into the ER lumen and then underwent either rapid degradation or secretion, depending on the sequence of the cytoplasmic domain. A specific signal for ER degradation within α_{tm} does not appear to be present.

The T cell antigen receptor TCR $\alpha\beta$ is a disulfide-linked heterodimer and is associated with nonpolymorphic components of the CD3 molecule (γ , δ , ϵ , ζ , and η) at the cell surface (1). In this oligomeric complex

TCR α probably spans the membrane by a single transmembrane peptide domain (2). Partially assembled or unassembled TCR and CD3 components are retained, degraded, or both in the ER or are targeted for lysosomal degradation (3, 4). In cDNA-transfected COS-7 cells, murine TCR α has been reported to be rapidly degraded in a nonlysosomal compartment before entering the Golgi apparatus (ER degradation) (5-

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7). The transmembrane peptide of TCR α was thought to contain signals for ER degradation (7).

In general, a transmembrane peptide is an amphiphilic α helix of approximately 20 amino acids, in which preferably >11 consecutive residues are hydrophobic and confer stability to the peptide in the lipid bilayer (8). However, the suggested transmembrane peptide of TCR α contains Arg²³³, Lys²³⁸, Asn²⁴³, and Thr²⁴⁷ [numbering for the L17 TCR α (2)], which interrupt the hydrophobic region four times. An additional 17.2 kcal/mol would be required to keep these sequences in the membrane as compared with a molecule whose polar residues are replaced by alanine (9). The side chains of Arg²³³ and Lys²³⁸ point in opposite directions (140 degrees), which also contributes to the thermodynamic undesirability of the α helix. The question, therefore, has been raised whether such a transmembrane region would by itself be stable in the lipid bilayer (10). TCR α , at least as a single polypeptide, may not be anchored to the membrane but may reside in the ER lumen. Exposure of the hydrophobic transmembrane region to the luminal environment could cause the degradation of such molecules.

Human TCR α transfected into HeLa cells (Fig. 1A), as well as murine TCR α (6, 7), remained sensitive to endoglycosidase H

(Endo H) digestion for 8 hours (that is, it was retained in the ER) and disappeared rapidly from a total cell lysate but was not secreted into the culture medium (Fig. 1B). However, truncated TCR α that had no transmembrane (TM) or cytoplasmic (CYT) regions (stop codon replaced Val²²⁹) was also retained in the ER although it was not degraded rapidly (Fig. 1C); thus, the extracellular (EX) region of this truncated TCR α also has an ER retention signal or signals. The specific role of the TCR α TM region in localization was examined by construction of a chimeric molecule (CD4_{ex}· α _{tm20}·CD4_{cyt}) that contained the EX domain of CD4 [which has no ER retention signal (11)], the putative TM region of human TCR α [20 amino acids (aa)], and the CYT region of CD4 (38 aa) (Fig. 1A) and by transfecting it into HeLa cells. The CD4_{ex}· α _{tm20}·CD4_{cyt} appeared in the culture medium 4 hours after pulse labeling, and more than half was secreted in 12 hours (Fig. 1D). The total amount of cell-associated and secreted CD4_{ex}· α _{tm20}·CD4_{cyt} was not significantly decreased during the 12-hour chase period—that is, no rapid degradation occurred. The secreted CD4_{ex}· α _{tm20}·CD4_{cyt} contained a glycan that was resistant to Endo H digestion (Fig. 1D) (12). Thus, CD4_{ex}· α _{tm20}·CD4_{cyt} followed the secretory pathway after it was modified in the Golgi apparatus and was secreted into the medium.

A murine TCR α_{tm} of 23 aa (7) has been studied that includes three additional amino acids at the NH₂-terminal side (Asn-Leu-Ser) that are also in human TCR α . Thus, the α_{tm} in the chimeric molecule was extended at its NH₂-terminus to Asn²²⁶ or to Thr²²⁰ (CD4_{ex}· α_{tm23} ·CD4_{cyt} and CD4_{ex}· α_{tm29} ·CD4_{cyt}, respectively) (Fig. 1A). These molecules each contain an additional potential glycosylation site. With increased chase time, the 56-kD band in the CD4_{ex}· α_{tm29} ·CD4_{cyt} gel was converted to a 58-kD band (Fig. 2A). A neuraminidase-sensitive, Endo H-resistant 63-kD protein appeared in the culture medium after 4 hours of chase, and the amount of this protein increased while the amounts of the endo H-sensitive 56-kD and 58-kD bands decreased (Fig. 2B). All three bands, however, produced the same 48-kD band after N-glycosidase treatment. The 63-kD protein in the culture medium was not removable by high-speed centrifugation (13). Thus, CD4_{ex}· α_{tm29} ·CD4_{cyt} is secreted into the culture medium rather than released into the culture medium either by proteolytic cleavage or by membrane fragmentation. The glycosylation patterns indicate that fully modified CD4_{ex}· α_{tm29} ·CD4_{cyt} follows the secretory pathway. CD4_{ex}· α_{tm23} ·CD4_{cyt} had essentially the same fate (13).

Translocation of such chimeric proteins to an aqueous luminal compartment was confirmed by Na₂CO₃ buffer (pH 11.3)

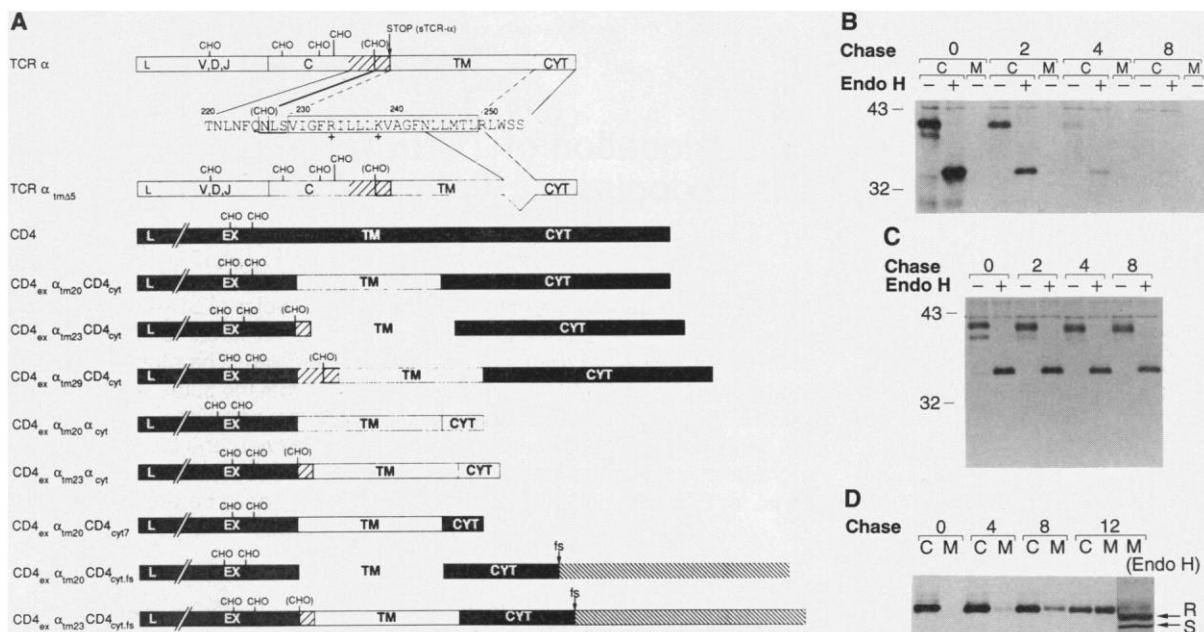


Fig. 1. Intra- and extracellular fates of TCR α , truncated TCR α , and the CD4_{ex}· α _{tm20}·CD4_{cyt} (20). **(A)** Diagrammatic illustration of TCR α (light), CD4 (dark), and chimeric molecules composed of parts of TCR α and CD4. The TM region of the TCR α is presented with the one-letter amino acid code (15). L, leader sequence. CHO, carbohydrate residue. V, D, J, and C, L17 TCR α gene segments (2); plus (+) signs indicate positively charged residues. **(B)** ER degradation of TCR α . Immunoprecipitates of cDNA encoding TCR α -transfected and pulse chase-labeled cell lysates (C) and culture medium (M) are presented (numbers at the top indicate

hours after chase). TCR α was rapidly degraded without secretion into the culture medium and was Endo H-sensitive. Molecular size standards are shown at the left in kilodaltons. **(C)** Immunoprecipitation of cell lysates shows that a TCR α without its TM and CYT regions is not degraded rapidly. TCR α found in the immunoprecipitate was all Endo H-sensitive. **(D)** Immunoprecipitation of the CD4_{ex}· α _{tm20}·CD4_{cyt} from the cell lysate (C) or from the medium (M). Endo H-resistant (R) and Endo H-sensitive (S) forms of the secreted CD4_{ex}· α _{tm20}·CD4_{cyt} are marked.

extraction (14). After samples were labeled for 30 min, ~50% of CD4_{ex}·α_{tm29}·CD4_{cyt} and trace amounts of intact CD4 were extracted with 0.1 M Na₂CO₃. After 4 hours of chase, ~80% of the CD4_{ex}·α_{tm29}·CD4_{cyt}, but none of the CD4, was extracted (Fig. 2C). Thus, the α_{tm}-containing protein was translocated from the

lipid bilayer to the luminal fraction. Furthermore, whereas intact CD4 partitioned into a Triton X-114 (TX114) phase, >90% of intact TCRα partitioned into the aqueous phase (Fig. 2D) and was almost completely degraded during a 2-hour chase period (13). Thus, TCRα, like the chimeric molecules, also appeared to be translocated

into the ER lumen rather than anchored to the ER membrane, presumably because of an intrinsic property of the TCRα TM sequences.

The two positively charged amino acids in α_{tm} have been suggested to be a specific motif for ER retention and degradation (7). Mutation of these two amino acids to hydrophobic residues abolished ER degradation of human TCRα (Fig. 3A). These charged amino acids were suggested to be recognized in the lipid bilayer, resulting in rapid degradation in or near the ER (14). If so, molecules that contain the same TM peptide should share the same fate. But CD4_{ex}·α_{tm}·CD4_{cyt}, which also contains these two charged residues, is secreted, not degraded. Furthermore, TCRα_{tmΔ5}, in which five hydrophobic residues of α_{tm} are deleted (Fig. 1A), was degraded rapidly in the ER without secretion into the culture medium (Fig. 3B). The TCRα_{tmΔ5} contains only 12 hydrophobic aa, with insertion of two charged residues (indicated in bold in the middle of the region [VIGFRILLKLVAGFNR (15)]); it has no features of a TM peptide and is expected to be present in the ER lumen, rather than in the ER membrane. This result also suggests that recognition for ER degradation did not take place in the lipid bilayer but in the lumen of the ER and that the mutations of the charged residues in α_{tm} stabilized TCRα in the lipid bilayer.

One of the major structural differences between molecules that are rapidly degraded [membrane immunoglobulin M (IgM) (16), TCRα, and Tac-TCRα chimeras (7)] and those secreted without degradation (CD4_{ex}·α_{tm}·CD4_{cyt}) is the length of their CYT regions (3, 5, or 10 aa versus 40 aa). The CYT regions of the CD4·α_{tm}·CD4 chimeras were shortened either by replacement with the 5-aa CYT region of TCRα (CD4_{ex}·α_{tm}·α_{cyt}) (Fig. 1A) or by the mutation of Gln⁴⁰³ of the CD4 CYT region to a stop codon, leaving 7 aa in the CYT region (CD4_{ex}·α_{tm20}·CD4_{cyt7}) (Fig. 1A). These chimeric molecules were degraded rapidly (Fig. 3, C through E).

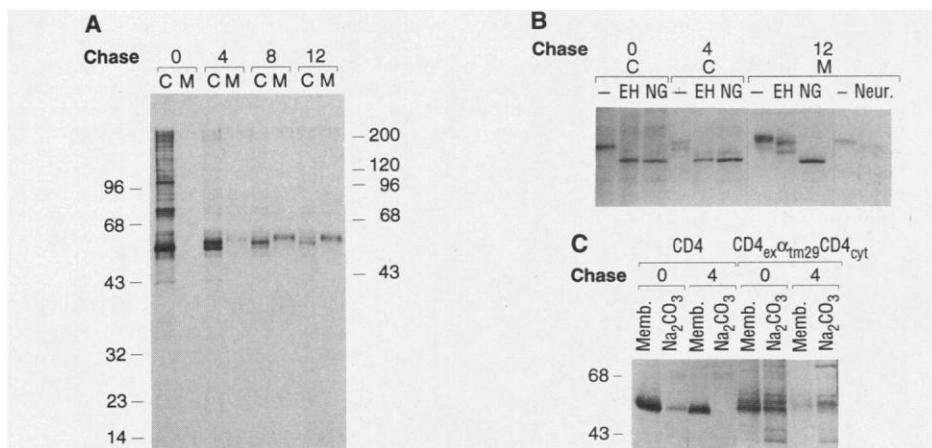


Fig. 2. Secretion of the CD4_{ex}·α_{tm29}·CD4_{cyt}. (A) Immunoprecipitation of the CD4_{ex}·α_{tm29}·CD4_{cyt} from pulse chase-labeled HeLa cell lysate (C) and culture medium (M). Molecular size standards are shown at the left and right in kilodaltons. (B) Carbohydrate modification of the cell-associated and secreted CD4_{ex}·α_{tm29}·CD4_{cyt}. Immunoprecipitated chimeric proteins were treated with Endo H (EH), N-glycanase (NG), or neuraminidase (Neur.) or without modifying enzyme (-) and then resolved with 8% SDS-PAGE. (C) Na₂CO₃ (pH 11.3) extraction of CD4 and CD4_{ex}·α_{tm29}·CD4_{cyt} as described (14), except that we used rabbit polyclonal antiserum to CD4 for immunoprecipitation. Memb., Na₂CO₃ insoluble membrane-associated fraction. (D) TX114 phase separation of CD4 and TCRα as described (21). CD4 and TCRα were coexpressed in HeLa cells, pulse-labeled for 15 min, and precipitated with monoclonal antibody OKT4, polyclonal rabbit serum to CD4 (Poly-CD4), or αF1, respectively. The two bands shown in the αF1 precipitate represent a fully glycosylated TCRα species and one with one site unglycosylated. Aq., aqueous phase. Numbers at the top of the gels in (A) to (C) indicate hours after chase. Molecular size markers are indicated in kilodaltons.

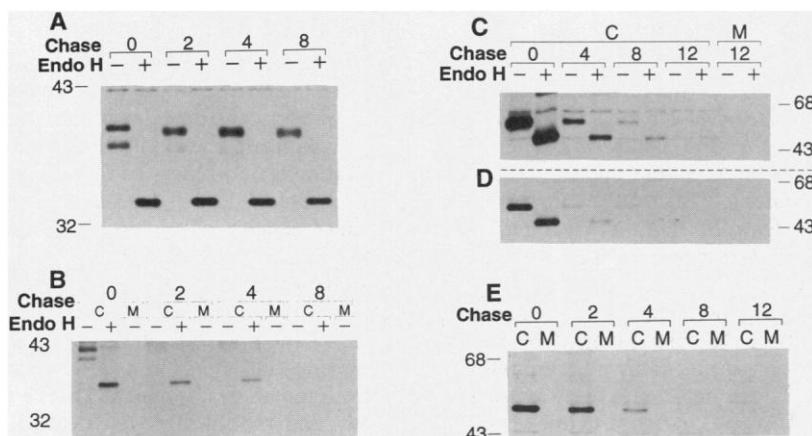


Fig. 3. ER degradation of chimeric proteins with short cytoplasmic tails. (A) Mutation of two charged amino acids (Arg and Lys) in the TM region of the TCRα into hydrophobic residues (Leu and Ile) prevents rapid ER degradation of the TCRα. (B) Deletion of five hydrophobic amino acids from the TM region (TCRα_{tmΔ5}) does not have much effect on the rapid degradation of the TCRα chain. Rapid ER degradation and Endo H sensitivity of the (C) CD4_{ex}·α_{tm20}·α_{cyt}, (D) CD4_{ex}·α_{tm23}·α_{cyt}, and (E) CD4_{ex}·α_{tm20}·CD4_{cyt7}. Numbers at the top of the gels indicate hours after chase; C and M are as in Fig. 2. Molecular size markers are indicated in kilodaltons.

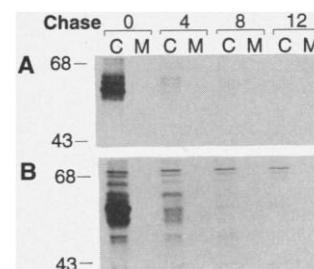


Fig. 4. ER degradation of frame-shift mutants (fs). (A) CD4_{ex}·α_{tm23}·CD4_{cyt.fs} and (B) CD4_{ex}·α_{tm20}·CD4_{cyt.fs}. These cell-associated chimeric proteins were all Endo H-sensitive. Molecular size markers are indicated in kilodaltons; C and M are as in Fig. 2.

Thus, the determinant of escape from rapid ER degradation may be proper folding of the hydrophobic TM peptide in the lumen of the ER, driven by the CYT region. The 40-aa-long CYT region of CD4, predicted to have a highly ordered structure, including an NH₂-terminal α -helical region (17), may induce proper folding of α_{tm} . To explore this possibility, we replaced the CYT region of CD4_{ex}· α_{tm} ·CD4_{cyt} with a 67-aa-long peptide that contains the intact NH₂-terminal 20 aa of the CD4_{cyt}, followed by 47 random aa created by a frame-shift mutation at Gln⁴²¹ of the CD4 cDNA (CD4_{cyt.fs}) (Fig. 1A). CD4 with this CYT region peptide was not susceptible to phosphorylation-dependent down-modulation, probably because of disrupted conformation in the first half of CD4_{cyt} (18). CD4_{ex}· α_{tm} ·CD4_{cyt.fs} was rapidly degraded without secretion (Fig. 4). Thus, whether the chimeric molecules were secreted or degraded was determined by the structure of the COOH-terminal cytoplasmic tail rather than by the length of the tail.

Thus, the α_{tm} contributes to translocation of TCR α into the ER lumen and to recognition by a luminal degradative system. It is apparently incompetent to function as a TM region in the absence of association with other polypeptides. With a short CYT region, the α_{tm} may not fold properly in the lumen of the ER. Under these circumstances, TCR α would expose its hydrophobic TM region to the luminal environment, resulting in rapid degradation. A putative soluble T cell suppressor factor is reported to contain TCR α in association with a second subunit (19). The structure of α_{tm} could have an important physiological consequence through the secretion of such a heterodimer.

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vector pcDNA1 (Invitrogen) into HeLa cells by the calcium phosphate method [C. Chen and H. Okayama, *Mol. Cell. Biol.* **7**, 2745 (1987)], cells were labeled with [³⁵S]methionine (200 μ Ci/ml) for 15 min and chased in complete medium for 0 to 12 hours (17). We used monoclonal antibodies α F1 and Leu3a or OKT4 to immunoprecipitate TCR α and CD4-TCR α chimeric proteins, respectively [R. S. Blumberg *et al.*, *J. Biol. Chem.* **265**, 14036 (1990); (18)]. We solubilized immunoprecipitates for enzyme digestion by boiling them in 0.5% SDS in 10 mM sodium phosphate. Samples were dissolved in 2 volumes of 10 mM sodium phosphate buffer (pH 7.0) for Endo H or neuraminidase digestion or dissolved in 10 volumes of 0.5% octylglucoside in 10 mM sodium phosphate (pH 7.0) for N-glycosidase digestion. Samples were resolved by SDS-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE) and analyzed by fluorography.

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Germ Line Transmission of a Yeast Artificial Chromosome Spanning the Murine $\alpha_1(I)$ Collagen Locus

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Molecular complementation of mutant phenotypes by transgenic technology is a potentially important tool for gene identification. A technology was developed that allows the transfer of a physically intact yeast artificial chromosome (YAC) into the germ line of the mouse. A purified 150-kilobase YAC encompassing the murine gene *Col1a1* was efficiently introduced into embryonic stem (ES) cells via lipofection. Chimeric founder mice were derived from two transfected ES cell clones. These chimeras transmitted the full length transgene through the germ line, generating two transgenic mouse strains. Transgene expression was visualized as nascent transcripts in interphase nuclei and quantitated by ribonuclease protection analysis. Both assays indicated that the transgene was expressed at levels comparable to the endogenous collagen gene.

The size of many mammalian genes such as *NF-1*, *MDX*, or the gene encoding factor VIII is in the megabase range (1–4); this size range exceeds the limits of conventional cloning techniques, thus impeding the functional analysis of such genes in transgenic model systems. In addition to facilitating the study of known genes, the ability to genetically manipulate large pieces of DNA in mice would be useful for the identification of genes that have been localized by genetic and physical means to certain chromosomal regions. For example, if it were possible to transfer YACs (5) to the germ line of mutant

mice, molecular complementation of the mutant phenotype would functionally identify genes or gene complexes present on the YAC, allowing the positional cloning and validation of new genes. Toward this goal, we have established procedures that permit the efficient transfer of physically intact YAC DNA into ES cells and we report the transmission of a gene locus carried on a 150-kb DNA fragment through the germ line.

As a model for establishing an in vivo complementation system, we have used the Mov13 mouse strain, which carries a molecularly and biologically well defined mutation. This strain was generated by random insertional mutagenesis after retroviral infection of early mouse embryos. A provirus had integrated into the gene for $\alpha_1(I)$ collagen (*Col1a1*), interfering with gene expression and resulting in an embryonic recessive lethal phenotype at day 13 of gestation (6).

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