

- 9E10 monoclonal antibody (4 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) (Boehringer, Mannheim, Germany) and phycoerythrin-conjugated goat antibodies to mouse immunoglobulin G (16 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) (Dako, Glostrup, Denmark). Fixed cells were analyzed for green and red fluorescence with an Epics Elite flow cytometer (Coultronics).
29. HeLa-P4 cells were cotransfected by calcium phosphate precipitation with a hygromycin-resistance vector (SV-hygro) and either Rc/CMV-CCR5 or Rc/CMV-US28 (1:20 ratio). Fixed cells were selected in the presence of hygromycin B (150 $\mu\text{g/ml}$).
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Activation of the G Protein Gq/11 Through Tyrosine Phosphorylation of the α Subunit

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Various receptors coupled to the heterotrimeric guanine nucleotide-binding protein Gq/11 stimulate formation of inositol-1,4,5-trisphosphate (IP_3). Activation of these receptors also induces protein tyrosine phosphorylation. Formation of IP_3 in response to stimulated receptors that couple to Gq/11 was blocked by protein tyrosine kinase inhibitors. These inhibitors appeared to act before activation of Gq/11. Moreover, stimulation of receptors coupled to Gq/11 induced phosphorylation on a tyrosine residue (Tyr^{356}) of the $\text{G}\alpha_{\text{q/11}}$ subunit, and this tyrosine phosphorylation event was essential for Gq/11 activation. Tyrosine phosphorylation of $\text{G}\alpha_{\text{q/11}}$ induced changes in its interaction with receptors. Therefore, tyrosine phosphorylation of $\text{G}\alpha_{\text{q/11}}$ appears to regulate the activation of Gq/11 protein.

IP_3 is a second messenger that controls many cellular processes by causing release of Ca^{2+} from intracellular stores. Formation of IP_3 is stimulated by heterotrimeric guanine

nucleotide-binding protein (G protein)-coupled receptors (GPCRs) and by receptors linked by tyrosine kinases either directly or indirectly. The formation of IP_3 activated by GPCRs is catalyzed by phospholipase $\text{C}\beta$ ($\text{PLC}\beta$) (1). G proteins are composed of three polypeptides denoted α , β , and γ . The α subunits, which bind and hydrolyze guanosine triphosphate (GTP) (2, 3), are divided into four classes: $\text{G}\alpha_s$, $\text{G}\alpha_i$, $\text{G}\alpha_q$, and $\text{G}\alpha_{12}$. The $\text{G}\alpha$ subunits that regulate $\text{PLC}\beta$ belong to the Gq class ($\text{G}\alpha_q$, $\text{G}\alpha_{11}$, $\text{G}\alpha_{14}$, $\text{G}\alpha_{15/16}$) (4). When an agonist binds to a GPCR, the receptor-linked

G protein dissociates into a $\text{G}\alpha$ subunit and a $\text{G}\beta\gamma$ dimer, each of which can activate target effectors. However, the precise in vivo mechanisms of receptor-mediated G protein activation remain to be elucidated (2, 3). Several Gq or G11 (Gq/11)-coupled receptors induce tyrosine phosphorylation of cellular proteins (5). Here, we examined the role of tyrosine phosphorylation events in IP_3 - Ca^{2+} signaling through Gq/11-coupled receptors.

The metabotropic glutamate receptor 1α (mGluR1 α) is a Gq/11-coupled receptor (6). Application of glutamate to Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cells expressing mGluR1 α (7) increased tyrosine phosphorylation of cellular proteins within 1 min (Fig. 1A) (8). The tyrosine phosphorylation event was almost completely suppressed by genistein, a protein tyrosine kinase (PTK) inhibitor (9, 10), and was enhanced by vanadate- H_2O_2 , a protein tyrosine phosphatase (PTP) inhibitor (10) (Fig. 1B). The mGluR1 α itself was immunoprecipitated with antibody to phosphotyrosine (anti-PY) only from cells treated with glutamate (Fig. 1C).

We examined the possible role of PTKs in Ca^{2+} mobilization (11). Addition of glutamate (100 μM) to the mGluR1 α -expressing CHO cells increased the intracellular concentration of Ca^{2+} ($[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_i$). However, when cells were incubated in the presence of genistein, no increase in $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_i$ was observed [median inhibitory concentration (IC_{50}) \approx 10 μM], even in cells treated with a high concentration of glutamate (1 mM; Fig. 2A). After genistein was washed out, the Ca^{2+} response was recovered. To demonstrate that the inhibition of Ca^{2+} release by PTK inhibitors is not a cell type-specific event, we recorded Ca^{2+} -activated Cl^- currents in *Xenopus* oocytes injected with mGluR1 α mRNA (12). Current elicited by glutamate was blocked by any of three PTK inhibitors: genistein, tyrphostin AG213 (9), and AG60 (13) (Fig. 2B). The currents were restored after the drugs were removed. Thus, the stimulation-induced increase in $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_i$ in these cells apparently requires PTK activity.

To determine whether the PTK inhibitors act before or after IP_3 formation, we examined the formation of IP_3 (14) in the presence or absence of PTK inhibitors. Genistein and tyrphostin AG213 almost completely abolished glutamate-stimulated IP_3 formation in mGluR1 α -expressing CHO cells (Fig. 2C). The effect of genistein was concentration-dependent ($\text{IC}_{50} \approx$ 10 μM) (15). Daidzein, an analog of genistein that lacks PTK inhibitory activity (10), had no effect on IP_3 formation. A protein kinase C (PKC) inhibitor, H7,

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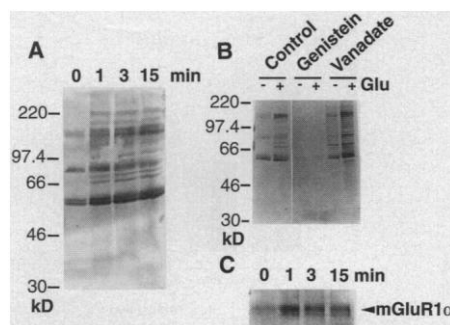


Fig. 1. Tyrosine phosphorylation initiated through mGluR1 α . **(A)** Time course of glutamate-induced tyrosine phosphorylation. CHO cells expressing mGluR1 α were stimulated with 100 μ M glutamate for the indicated time, and cell lysates were subjected to immunoblotting with anti-PY. Positions of prestained molecular size markers (Amersham) are indicated. **(B)** Effects of a PTK inhibitor and a PTP inhibitor on tyrosine phosphorylation. Cells were incubated with 0.1% dimethyl sulfoxide (control), 100 μ M genistein, or 1 mM vanadate with 3 mM H_2O_2 (vanadate) for 10 min and then stimulated with glutamate for 3 min. **(C)** Tyrosine phosphorylation involves mGluR1 α . Cells were stimulated with glutamate for the indicated time. The cell lysates were immunoprecipitated with anti-PY, and the immunoprecipitates were subjected to immunoblotting with anti-mGluR1 α .

increased the formation of IP_3 , which is consistent with the finding that PKC suppresses PLC β activity (16). Therefore, PTK activity is specifically required for IP_3 formation through mGluR1 α . We also analyzed IP_3 - Ca^{2+} signaling in mouse embryo fibroblast (MEF) cells expressing M1 muscarinic acetylcholine receptor (mAChR) (17), CHO cells expressing M3 mAChR, or Swiss 3T3 cells that naturally express bradykinin receptor (18). Genistein also inhibited IP_3 formation in response to the activation of M1, M3, or bradykinin receptors (Fig. 2D).

To determine whether the PTK inhibitors act before or after G protein activation, we constructed a GTPase-deficient, constitutively active form of the $G\alpha_{11}$ subunit [$G\alpha_{11}$ -Q209L (19)] and expressed the active form in MEF cells (17). In the absence of inhibitors, this active form of $G\alpha_{11}$ resulted in an amount of IP_3 formation ~ 2.5 times that elicited by wild-type $G\alpha_{11}$ (Fig. 3). Incubation with 100 μ M genistein had little effect on the increase in IP_3 formation brought about by the active form of $G\alpha_{11}$ (Fig. 3). Thus, PTK inhibitors act before G protein activation.

The $G\alpha_s$ subunit is phosphorylated on Tyr³⁷ and Tyr³⁷⁷ by Src PTK in vitro (20). Tyr³⁷⁷ is the fourth amino acid from the COOH-terminus of $G\alpha_s$. $G\alpha_q$ and $G\alpha_{11}$ also have a tyrosine residue at the corresponding position (Tyr³⁵⁶) (4). Therefore, we examined whether the $G\alpha_{q/11}$ subunits

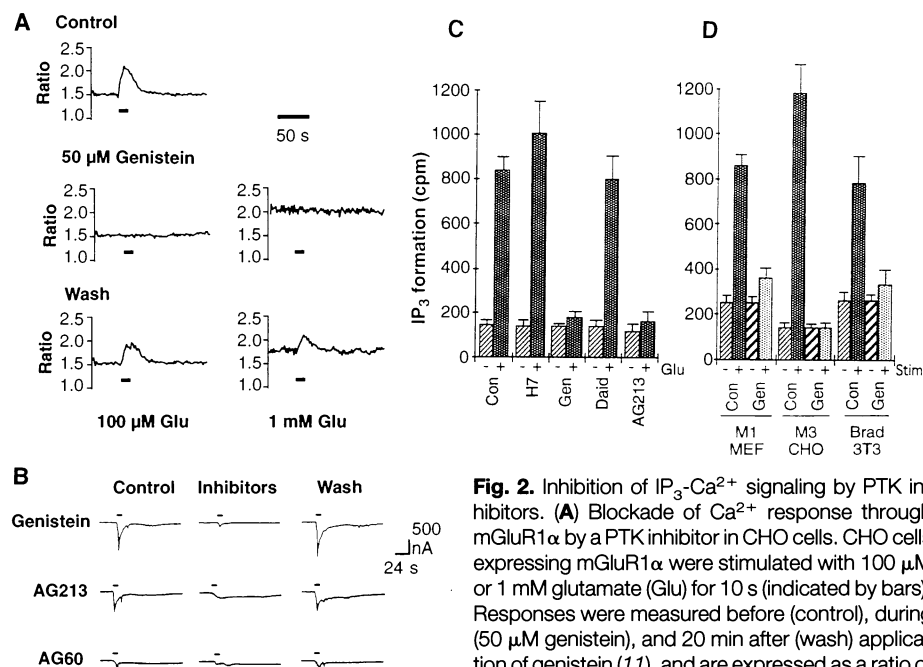


Fig. 2. Inhibition of IP_3 - Ca^{2+} signaling by PTK inhibitors. **(A)** Blockade of Ca^{2+} response through mGluR1 α by a PTK inhibitor in CHO cells. CHO cells expressing mGluR1 α were stimulated with 100 μ M or 1 mM glutamate (Glu) for 10 s (indicated by bars). Responses were measured before (control), during (50 μ M genistein), and 20 min after (wash) application of genistein (17), and are expressed as a ratio of the emission at 360 nm/380 nm excitation. Ratio values from five cells were averaged. **(B)** Inhibition of Ca^{2+} -induced Cl^- currents through mGluR1 α by PTK inhibitors in *Xenopus* oocytes. Typical traces elicited by application of 100 μ M glutamate for 10 s (horizontal bars) on oocytes injected with mGluR1 α transcripts recorded before (control), during (inhibitors), and 10 min after (wash) application of each inhibitor (100 μ M genistein, 50 μ M AG213, or 100 μ M AG60) are shown. Holding potential, -60 mV. **(C)** Inhibition of IP_3 formation through mGluR1 α by PTK inhibitors in CHO cells. The cells were stimulated with 100 μ M glutamate (Glu); the formation of IP_3 is expressed as counts per minute (cpm) per well. Drug concentrations used were 300 μ M H7, 100 μ M genistein (Gen), 100 μ M daidzein (Daid), or 50 μ M AG213. All experiments were done in duplicate or triplicate, at least five times. The values represent means \pm SD of all results. **(D)** Inhibition by genistein (100 μ M) of IP_3 formation stimulated through M1 mAChR in MEF cells, M3 mAChR in CHO cells, or bradykinin receptor (Brad) in Swiss 3T3 cells. The cells were stimulated (Stim) with 100 μ M carbachol or 100 nM bradykinin in the presence (Gen) or absence (Con) of genistein.

were phosphorylated on tyrosine upon stimulation of Gq/11-coupled receptors. Stimulation by carbachol of MEF cells expressing M1 mAChR (8, 17) induced tyrosine phosphorylation of both $G\alpha_q$ and $G\alpha_{11}$ (Fig. 4A); ~ 2 to 5% of $G\alpha_{q/11}$ was phosphorylated on tyrosine (15). We prepared $G\alpha_{11}$ with a Tyr³⁵⁶ \rightarrow Phe (Y356F) mutation (19); when $G\alpha_{11}$ -Y356F was expressed with M1 mAChR in MEF cells (8, 17), no increase in tyrosine phosphorylation was observed after agonist stimulation (Fig. 4B). Thus, stimulation of Gq/11-coupled receptors appears to induce tyrosine phosphorylation on Tyr³⁵⁶ of $G\alpha_{q/11}$.

We examined whether tyrosine phosphorylation of the $G\alpha_{q/11}$ subunit is involved in the formation of IP_3 . When M1 mAChR was expressed with $G\alpha_{11}$ -Y356F, carbachol-induced IP_3 formation was reduced ($33.6 \pm 3\%$) relative to that in cells expressed with wild-type $G\alpha_{11}$ or transfected with empty vector (Fig. 4C) (14, 17). The mechanism for the effect of $G\alpha_{11}$ -Y356F is still unknown, and $G\alpha_{11}$ -Y356F could fail to interact with the receptor. However, because $G\alpha_{14}$, whose corresponding residue is

phenylalanine, can interact with receptors (4, 21), it is likely that $G\alpha_{11}$ -Y356F also can interact with the receptor. Therefore, tyrosine phosphorylation on Tyr³⁵⁶ of $G\alpha_{11}$ appears to be essential for GPCR-mediated formation of IP_3 . We also exam-

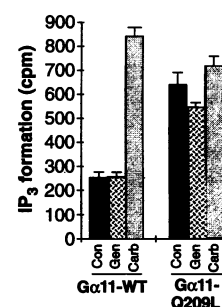
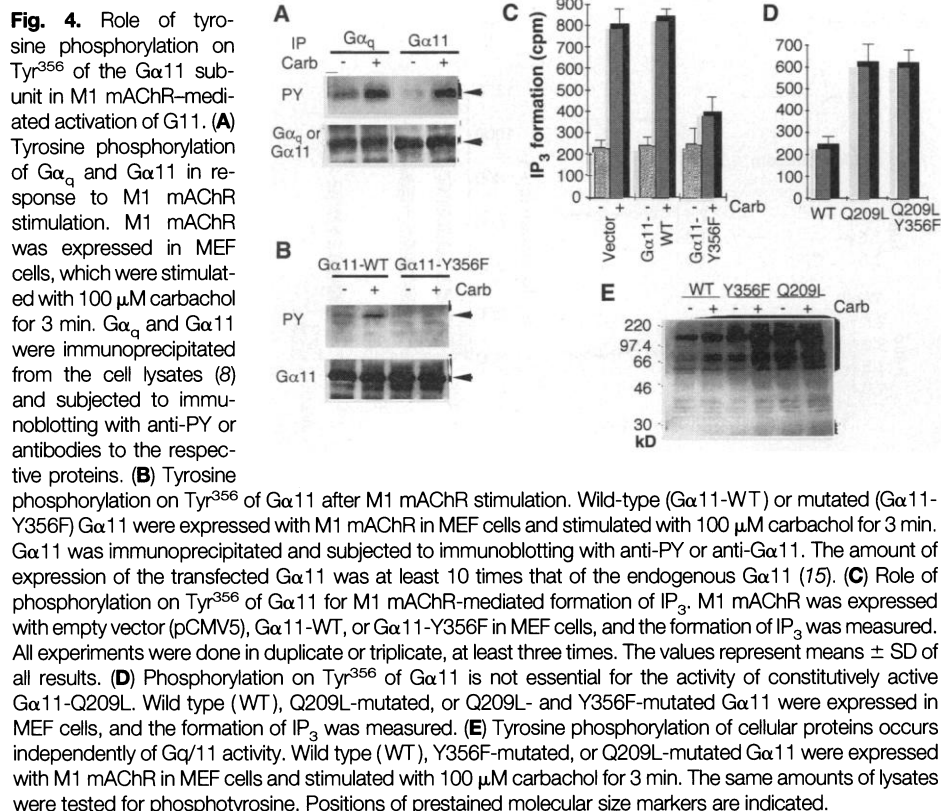


Fig. 3. IP_3 formation in MEF cells expressing wild-type ($G\alpha_{11}$ -WT) or a constitutively active form ($G\alpha_{11}$ -Q209L) of $G\alpha_{11}$. The cells were incubated with 100 μ M genistein or stimulated with 100 μ M carbachol (Carb); the formation of IP_3 is expressed as counts per minute per well. All experiments were done in duplicate or triplicate, at least three times. The values represent means \pm SD of all results.



ined the effect of Y356F mutation on IP₃ formation stimulated by the constitutively active form of Gα₁₁ (Gα₁₁-Q209L). The Y356F mutation did not affect the Gα₁₁-Q209L-mediated increase in IP₃ formation (14, 17) (Fig. 4D), suggesting that phosphorylation on Tyr³⁵⁶ of Gα₁₁ is not required for the activity of the constitutively active form of Gα₁₁. Thus, phosphorylation on Tyr³⁵⁶ of Gα_{q/11} is apparently essential for the activation of Gq/11 by agonist stimulation.

Tyrosine phosphorylation events are induced after G protein activation (22). To demonstrate that tyrosine phosphorylation events occur before activation of Gq/11 as well, we examined the carbachol-dependent tyrosine phosphorylation of cellular proteins in the presence of various Gα₁₁ mutants in M1 mAChR-expressing MEF cells (8, 17). Carbachol-dependent tyrosine phosphorylation of cellular proteins was observed in the presence of either the wild-type or Y356F-mutated Gα₁₁ (Fig. 4E). Because phosphorylation occurred comparably even in the presence of Gα₁₁-Y356F, tyrosine phosphorylation of cellular proteins occurs independently of phosphorylation of Tyr³⁵⁶ of Gα₁₁, which suggests that tyrosine phosphorylation of some proteins may precede the activation of G11. In cells expressing Gα₁₁-Q209L, tyrosine phosphorylation was increased without agonist stimulation

(Fig. 4E), suggesting that tyrosine phosphorylation is enhanced as a consequence of activation of Gq/11 as well (22).

We examined receptor-G protein interactions after agonist stimulation or tyrosine phosphorylation of the Gα_{q/11} subunit. To do so, we expressed M1 mAChRs with or without a constitutively active form of the PTK Fyn (active Fyn) in MEF cells (17, 23), stimulated them with carbachol, and measured the Gα_{q/11}-associated binding activity of [³H]quinuclidinyl benzilate ([³H]QNB), an M1 mAChR antagonist (24–26). The [³H]QNB binding activity associated with Gα_{q/11} from carbachol-stimulated cells was ~50% of that from unstimulated cells (Fig. 5A). Thus, agonist binding results in receptor-G protein dissociation or conformational changes that prevent the antibody to Gα_{q/11} from accessing its epitope (25). Active Fyn increased tyrosine phosphorylation of Gα_{q/11} without changing the amount of M1 mAChR expression (15) (Fig. 5B). When active Fyn was expressed in the cells, the Gα_{q/11}-associated [³H]QNB binding activity was reduced even without carbachol stimulation (Fig. 5A). These results suggest that tyrosine phosphorylation of the Gα_{q/11} subunit regulates the interaction between receptors and Gq/11. Taken together, our results demonstrate that tyrosine phosphorylation of the Gα_{q/11} subunit by PTKs contributes to GPCR-mediated activation of Gq/11.

In vitro, the Gq class of proteins can

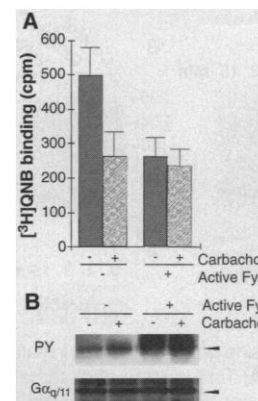


Fig. 5. Effect of tyrosine phosphorylation of the Gα_{q/11} subunit on interaction with M1 mAChRs. (A) Gα_{q/11}-associated [³H]QNB binding activity. Empty vector (–) or active Fyn (+) was expressed with M1 mAChR in MEF cells, which were stimulated with 100 μM carbachol for 3 min. Gα_{q/11} was immunoprecipitated with anti-Gα_{q/11} and assayed for [³H]QNB binding activity. All experiments were done in duplicate or triplicate, at least five times. The values represent means ± SD of all results. Similar results were obtained when we used anti-Gα_q and anti-Gα₁₁ for immunoprecipitation (15). (B) Tyrosine phosphorylation of the Gα_{q/11} subunits. Immunoprecipitated Gα_{q/11} was blotted with anti-PY or anti-Gα_{q/11}.

activate PLCβ by agonist stimulation when reconstituted in lipid vesicles with purified receptors (27). Tyrosine-phosphorylated Gα_{q/11} is more active in stimulating PLCβ in vitro (28). Thus, PTKs may act to facilitate receptor-mediated G protein activation. In vivo, receptor-G protein coupling and G protein activation may be more tightly regulated than in vitro (2, 21, 29). Such regulation may be controlled at least in part through tyrosine phosphorylation of Gα_{q/11}.

Many Gα subunits have tyrosine residues near their COOH-termini (4), and the Gα_i and Gα_s families of proteins can be tyrosine-phosphorylated in vitro (30). Their activities may also be regulated by tyrosine phosphorylation. We suggest that tyrosine phosphorylation of the Gα subunits is one mechanism by which receptor-G protein coupling and G protein activation are regulated in vivo.

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Estimating Chaos in an Insect Population

R. F. Costantino *et al.* (1) state that their laboratory data of the population dynamics of the flour beetle *Tribolium castaneum* show convincing evidence of transitions to chaos. Their methodology was similar to earlier studies (2) that assessed the population dynamics of a time series by fitting some mechanistic or empirical model and then inspecting realizations from the deterministic skeleton of the fitted model. However, Ellner and Turchin (3) argued powerfully that such an approach was flawed because it did not allow for a random component in the dynamics and might lead to the misidentification of series dynamics.

Ellner and Turchin identify three sources of variation that might influence the sensitivity of the system to initial conditions—endogenous dynamics, exogenous dynamics, and measurement error—and ask how fluctuations can be categorized as stochastic or dynamic if the methodology assumes the absence of noise. They presented methods for calculation of the Lyapunov exponent that allow for dynamic noise; these methods have now been supplemented by associated randomization tests that indicate the variability of Lyapunov exponents under two population dynamic hypotheses (4). While this new methodology cannot disentangle the relative contributions of measurement error (which is usually assumed to be small) from exogenous dynamics, it does identify the effects of the exogenous dynamics, which is usually the aim of the exercise.

The estimates of the Lyapunov exponents given by Costantino *et al.* must be shown to be robust to the presence of noise [that the authors themselves estimate in their variance-covariance matrix sum (Σ)] if a valid characterization of the *Tribolium* dynamics is to be obtained. We urge Costantino *et al.* to provide such estimates for the stochastic version of their model and then to compare their data

with such output, rather than to use estimates from the deterministic skeleton.

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Response: We agree with Perry *et al.* that more study is needed of nonlinear dynamics in the presence of noise. We have computed the Lyapunov exponents (LE) for both the deterministic and stochastic versions of our model (Table 1) by using our published estimates for the model parameters and variance-covariance matrix. If one accepts a positive stochastic LE as a hallmark of chaos, then these results demonstrate that our statements about chaos are "robust to the presence of noise."

We remain unconvinced, however, that the stochastic LE (2) advocated by Perry *et al.* should be viewed as an objective hallmark of chaos. Consider, for instance, a population model in which population size, N_t , obeys a stochastic Ricker (discrete time logistic) model

$$N_t = N_{t-1} \exp(r - aN_{t-1} + \sigma Z_t)$$