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Structure of a Fibronectin Type III Domain from Tenascin Phased by MAD Analysis of the Selenomethionvl Protein

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Fibronectin type III domains are found in many different proteins including cell surface receptors and cell adhesion molecules. The crystal structure of one such domain from the extracellular matrix protein tenascin was determined. The structure was solved by multiwavelength anomalous diffraction (MAD) phasing of the selenomethionyl protein and has been refined to 1.8 angstrom resolution. The folding topology of this domain is identical to that of the extracellular domains of the human growth hormone receptor, the second domain of CD4, and PapD. Although distinct, this topology is similar to that of immunoglobulin constant domains. An Arg-Gly-Asp (RGD) sequence that can function for cell adhesion is found in a tight turn on an exposed loop.

Domains with amino acid (aa) sequence similarity to the type III repeats of fibronectin (FN-III domains) are found in a wide variety of proteins including adhesion molecules, cytokine receptors, muscle-related proteins, collagens, and other extracellular matrix (ECM) proteins. Although most of these ~90-aa domains have no established function, certain of them act as ligands or receptors at the cell surface. For example, the tenth FN-III repeat of fibronectin (FNfn10) interacts with integrins through its RGD sequence motif (1). The interaction between fibronectin and integrins is

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believed to anchor cells to the ECM and may also provide cells with important environmental cues.

Tenascin is a large ECM protein made up of six identical subunits in a hexabrachion structure (reviewed in (2)). Each subunit comprises a string of small, globular domains, including 8 to 15 FN-III domains. Tenascin has a specific pattern of expression during embryonic development and is abundant in many tumors, but it is present in restricted locations in normal adult tissues. The functions of tenascin are still unclear, but roles in tissue growth and restructuring are suggested. The third FN-III domain (TNfn3) of both human and chick tenascin has an RGD sequence in the same location as that in FNfn10. Although the cell adhesion activity of native tenascin is still controversial (2, 3), the isolated TNfn3 domain promotes strong adhesion and spreading of endothelial cells, apparently

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Table 1. Values for the number of independent reflections measured, the percentage of the theoretically possible reflections measured (completeness), the percentage of measured reflections for which $|F| > 3\sigma$, and the $R_{sym} [\Sigma_n \Sigma_i |_i - \langle I(\mathbf{h}) \rangle |/\Sigma_n \Sigma_i |_i(\mathbf{h})$ where $I_i(\mathbf{h})$ is the *i*th measurement and $\langle I(\mathbf{h}) \rangle$ is the weighted mean of all measurements of $I(\mathbf{h})$] are shown for each wavelength. Bijvoet pairs were not distinguished for these statistics. The values shown are for the resolution range 30.0 to 1.8 Å, whereas the values in parentheses represent the resolution range 30.0 to 3.0 Å.

Wave- length (Å)	Independent reflections	Complete- ness (%)	F > 3 o (%)	R _{sym}		
0.9872	7961 (1985)	90.8 (98.7)	81.9 (97.4)	6.7 (4.8)		
0.9792	7950 (1988)	90.7 (98.8)	81.1 (97.4)	6.7 (4.7)		
0.9790	7952 (1991)	90.7 (99.0)	82.0 (97.6)	6.9 (4.9)		
0.9717	7942 (1992)	90.6 (99.0)	78.3 (97.4)	7.2 (5.0)		

mediated by the vitronectin receptor (the $\alpha_V \beta_3$ integrin) (4). We have undertaken a MAD crystallographic study of TNfn3 to provide a structural basis for understanding RGD dependent interactions and to gain insight into this large class of related protein domains.

The 91-aa TNfn3 domain was expressed in *Escherichia coli* in both native and selenomethionine (Se-Met) substituted forms (5-7). Se-Met substituted TNfn3 was produced so that the anomalous diffraction signal from Se could be used to solve the crystallographic phase problem (8, 9). A fraction of purified TNfn3 containing the N-formyl-Met was used for crystallization (10).

Diffraction data for MAD analysis were collected on imaging phosphor plates at the Cornell High Energy Synchrotron Source (CHESS) (Table 1) (11). The data were processed with the program DENZO (12), reduced with the CCP4 package (13, 14), and analyzed to extract phases with the MADSYS programs (15). Both the anomalous diffraction differences (see Table 2) and the agreement of $|F_T|$, $|F_A|$, and $\Delta \phi$ values produced by the MAD phasing procedure for multiple measurements of the same reflection indicated that the phasing power of the anomalous signal deteriorated for reflections beyond 3.8 Å d (crystal lattice) spacings. Solution of the Se site structure by both Patterson and direct methods techniques followed by least-squares refinement revealed two partially occupied, high-B value Se sites separated by 3.0 Å (16). The proximity of the Se sites indicated that both sites must arise from the same Se-Met side chain. Ultimately, both sites were found to correspond to conformers of Met⁸⁸⁰; the aminoterminal Met is disordered and does not contribute to the structure.

The presence of clear solvent channels in electron density maps calculated at 4.0 Å resolution allowed identification of the correct space-group enantiomorph as $P4_32_12$. The decrease in phasing power beyond 3.8 Å *d*-spacings led us to attempt to improve the electron density maps by solvent flattening and density truncation as in (17) by using a hand drawn mask, but this procedure produced little or no discernible improvement in the electron density maps, presumably because of the low solvent content of the crystals.

Maps made at 4.0, 3.5, 3.0, and 3.0 Å after solvent flattening were all used to produce a trace of the α carbon (C α) backbone. For the unflattened 3.0 Å map, all data between 3.8 and 3.0 Å for which $|F_A| < 2\sigma$ were omitted from the map calculation (~45% of the data in this resolution range). As we were finishing the chain tracing, the secondary structure of FNfn10 as determined by nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) was reported (18). To ensure an independent structure determination, we did not consult this result until after partially refining our structure, at which time the structural results were found to agree. The TNfn3 model has now been refined (19) to an R value $(\Sigma \|F_{o}\| - \|F_{c}\|/\Sigma \|F_{o}\|$, where F_{o} and F_{c} are the observed and calculated structure factors, respectively) of 0.196 for data 10.0 to 1.8 Å with $|F| > 3\sigma$ (0.202 for all data). The root-mean-square (rms) deviations from ideal values are 0.012 Å for bond lengths, 2.9° for angles, and 2.4° for peptide bond dihedral angles. The model consists of the carbonyl atoms of R802, residues L803 to T891, and 74 water molecules (789 atoms total) (20). Restrained isotropic temperature factors have been refined for each atom. The rms difference between B factors of main chain atoms is 1.5 and 1.8 Å² for covalent bond (1-2) and angle (1-3) related atoms, respectively. All residues have energetically acceptable Ramachandran angles, and the side chains of five residues (D841, V871, M880, T888, and T890) have been modeled with alternative conformations. Two loop regions (L827 to E829 and R877 to M880) exhibit high B factors and less well defined density. Sufficient density is nevertheless present to provide confidence in the main chain positions, but side chain



Fig. 1. (**A**) A region of the original MAD-phased electron density encompassing strands A, B, and E is shown with the final atomic model of TNfn3. The MAD-phased map was calculated with data from 10.0 to 3.0 Å for which all reflections in the range 3.8 to 3.0 Å for which all reflections in the range 3.8 to 3.0 Å for which all 1.0 σ . (**B**) The final model for this region is shown with a map calculated with (21 F_{o} I – 1 F_{c} I) coefficients for data 10.0 to 1.8 Å and contoured at 1.0 σ .

positions in these regions are ambiguous. A representative view of the electron density is shown in Fig. 1.

The structure of TNfn3 has overall dimensions of ~40 by 17 by 28 Å and consists of seven β strands arranged into two β sheets, one of four and one of three strands. A ribbon diagram of the TNfn3 structure is shown in Fig. 2A. The topology of the strands is identical to that of the D2 domain of CD4 (21), the bacterial chaperonin PapD (22), and the extracellular domains of human growth hormone receptor (hGHR1 and hGHR2) (23). We have thus labeled the strands A, B, C, C', E, F, and G by analogy with these structures, and the position of these strands in the aa sequence is shown in Fig. 3. The B-sheet designations from the NMR sec-

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TNfn3 and hGHR1, and 1.30 Å for 46 residues of TNfn3 and IgCH2. One sheet (strands C', C", F, and G) of D2 of CD4 superimposes well with the corresponding sheet of TNfn3, but the other sheet (strands A, B, and E) does not superimpose well regardless of the orientation of the C', C", F, and G sheet.

FNfn10	-	vsdv[Ppri	810 DLEVVAATE	·	820 -TSLLIS	DAPAVT	830 VRYYRI1	840 YGETGGNS-	850 PVQEF-TVP	860 -GSKSTATISG	870 	★ 880 890 GRGDSPASSKPI-SINYRT
TNfn3	-	RLDAPS	DIEVKOVTI)	TTALIT	KPLAE	IDGIELI	YGIKDVPG-	DRTTI-DLT	-EDENQYSIGN	LKPDTEYEVSLISBR	GDMSSNPA-KETFTT
HGHR2	- I	UVQPDEPI	ANLWTLLN	/-SLTGIH	-ADIQVR	EAPRNADIQ	KGWMVLEYELQ	YKEVNETK-	WKMMDPIL	TTSVPVYS	LKVDKEYEVRVRSKQ	RNSGNYGEFSEVLYVTL
HGHR1	-	_	TKCRSPEF			DEVHG			-		-sftsiwingcikltsn-	
IgCH2	-	PS		DTLMISR		NOVSHE		WYVDVGQVI	INAKTKPREQQYNS	STYR VVSVL IVLH	IQNWLDGKEYKCKVSNK-	ALPAPI-EKTIS

Fig. 3. Sequence alignments of FNfn10, TNfn3, hGHR1, hGHR2, and IgCH2. The latter three domains were aligned with TNfn3 after superposition of the structures as described in the legend to Fig. 1, whereas the FNfn10 sequence was aligned with TNfn3 by inspection. Residues whose $C\alpha s$ are less than 2.5 Å away from the corresponding residue in TNfn3

after superposition of the structures are shaded. Residues that are highly conserved in FN-III domains are enclosed in boxes. The FNfn10 RGD sequence is marked with an asterisk, and the positions of the β strands in TNfn3 are shown below the sequences. The numbering is for tenascin according to (6).

Table 2. Anomalous diffraction differences and scattering factors for a representative crystal of TNfn3. Observed diffraction ratios represent $\langle \Delta | F|^2 \rangle^{1/2} / \langle | F|^2 \rangle^{1/2}$ where $\Delta | F|$ is the absolute value of the Bijvoet difference at one wavelength (diagonal elements) or the dispersive difference between intersecting wavelengths for off-diagonal elements. The Bijvoet differences for centric reflections are shown in parentheses for each

wavelength and serve as an estimate of the noise in the anomalous signals; f" for the pre-edge wavelength (0.9872 Å) was fixed at the theoretical value, 0.506 (13), whereas the other scattering factors were refined following multiple MADLSQ cycles as described in (14). Comparison of the anomalous diffraction ratios from different resolution blocks shows the loss of signal with resolution due to disorder of the Se site.

Wave- length (Å)	Observ	ved ratio (3	80.0 > <i>d</i> >	• 6.0 Å)	Observed ratio (6.0 > d > 3.2 Å)			Observed ratio $(3.2 > d > 2.5 \text{ Å})$				Scattering factors (e)		
	0.9872	0.9792	0.9790	0.9717	0.9872	0.9792	0.9790	0.9717	0.9872	0.9792	0.9790	0.9717	f'	f"
0.9782	0.013 (0.012)	0.041	0.028	0.017	0.014 (0.012)	0.019	0.018	0.021	0.032 (0.033)	0.039	0.038	0.044	-4.54	0.506
0.9792	, ,	0.033 (0.019)	0.018	0.044	()	0.021 (0.017)	0.015	0.022	(,	0.044 (0.042)	0.041	0.048	-9.17	4.29
0.9790		· · /	0.049 (0.016)	0.033		()	0.023 (0.014)	0.021		(,	0.044 (0.041)	0.044	-7.93	5.39
0.9717				0.040 (0.019)			,	0.022 (0.014)			(0.045 (0.038)	-2.94	4.27

ondary structure analysis of FNfn10 (18) are also compatible with this tertiary fold-

Fig. 4. Schematic diagrams of (A) FN-III domains and (B) IgCH2 domains with the positions of highly conserved residues indicated. The three-dimensional relationship of the sheets can be reconstructed for each structure by closing the two sheets as if they were an open book lying face up on



ing pattern. The topology of these do-

mains is similar to that of immunoglobulin

the page. In all cases, the conserved residues point into the hydrophobic core. For FN-III domains, the conserved Pro and Trp contact one another as do the Leu and the Tyr from the F strand. For the IgCH2 domains, the two cysteines form a disulfide bond that contacts one side of the conserved C-strand Trp whereas the Leu contacts the other side of this Trp. The C-strand Tyr of FN-III domains is in a position analogous to the C-strand Trp of IgCH2 domains, but the side chains of these two residues point in opposite directions in the aligned structures.



Fig. 5. (A) A representation of the C_{α} backbone of TNfn3 is shown. The amino terminus is in blue, the carboxyl terminus is in yellow, and the RGD loop is in red. This view is orthogonal to the view in Fig. 2A. (B) The electron density in the RGD-loop region is shown. The density was calculated with $(2F_o - F_o)$ coefficients and is contoured at 1.0 σ . (C) A space-filling model for how FN-III domains might align in a repeated array. Different colored TNfn3 domains are used as the building blocks, and the RGD loop on the white domain has been colored red. The FN-III domain on the amino-terminal side of the white domain is in blue, and the domain carboxyl terminal to the white domain is in yellow. The model was produced by using the constraints described in the text; (A) was made with the program Insight II (Biosym, San Diego, California), and (C) was made with the program QUANTA (Polygen).

(Ig) constant domains (24) with the notable exception of the "sheet switching" of the C' strand. A stereoplot of an C α trace of TNfn3 superimposed with both the hGHR2 and IgCH2 domains in Fig. 2B illustrates the remarkable structural similarity of these domains. The homology of hGHR2 to the FN-III motif has previously been noted by Patthy (25) and Bazan (26) on the basis of limited aa identity. In addition, Bazan suggested a more general homology of the FN-III motif to the hGHR1 and similar Ig-like domains in other receptors. The identification of a class of domains with the C' strand switched, however, has only been deduced from the recent x-ray structures and the secondary structure of FNfn10 determined by NMR.

Alignment of the structures of TNfn3 with hGHR and Ig constant domains implies the alignment of the aa sequences that is shown in Fig. 3. Although several highly conserved hydrophobic core residues of TNfn3 and hGHR match precisely, there is no obvious aa similarity between Ig-constant domains and FN-III domains. Schematic diagrams of FN-III and IgCH2 domains with the positions of highly conserved residues indicated are shown in Fig. 4. The distinctly different pattern of conserved residues and packing of the hydrophobic core observed between FN-III and Ig-constant domains raises the possibility that, despite similar structures, these two domain types have independent origins.

FN-III domains are frequently found in a repeated array, which when visualized by electron microscopy appears as an extended and relatively straight strand. The 15 FN-III repeats of tenascin form the thick segment of the hexabrachion arm, with a repeat spacing of 32 Å (7). Analysis of tenascin FN-III sequences and the TNfn3 structure indicates that residues R802 to T891 of TNfn3 comprise one FN-III repeat, and that in the hexabrachion arm repeats of this size are concatenated either directly or through a single aa insertion. The TNfn3 structure reveals a distance of 33.5 Å between the Ca of R802 and T891, implying a repeat distance of 36 Å or more along the amino- to carboxylterminal axis. In order to achieve the 32 Å spacing between domains, the amino- to carboxyl-terminal axes of successive domains must thus be tilted relative to one another. Moreover, since the amino and carboxyl termini are located on the same side of the domain, it seems likely that alternative domains are rotated by $\sim 180^{\circ}$. Such an approximate twofold screw axis relates D1 and D2 of CD4 (21) and may serve to reduce the flexibility of the FN-III arrays, producing a straight rather than

arbitrarily curved strand. A model for how these domains may align themselves that is consistent with the above constraints is shown in Fig. 5C.

The RGD sequence in TNfn3 occurs in an extended type II' β-hairpin loop formed between the F and G strands by residues R877 to M880. Type II' turns typically require Gly in the second position (27), suggesting that this conformation may be important for RGD-dependent cell adhesion. Electron density for the RGD-loop region of TNfn3 is shown in Fig. 5B. The single TNfn3 domain, as well as larger tenascin segments with additional domains on the carboxyl-terminal end, support adhesion and spreading of endothelial cells through the vitronectin receptor in an RGD-dependent manner (7). Tenascin segments with additional domains on the amino terminus give reduced cell adhesion and no spreading. Since the RGD loop on TNfn3 is adjacent to the amino terminus (see Fig. 5A), it seems likely that the domain TNfn2 partially blocks the accessibility of this loop.

The RGD motif of FNfn10 is in the same location as in TNfn3, but the FNfn10 loop contains four extra residues, apparently two residues each on either side of the RGD sequence (see Fig. 3). These extra residues must serve to extend the active FNfn10 RGD sequence out from the domain. If two residues were added to both the F and G strands of TNfn3, in each case continuing the β sheet, the RGD loop could be extended up to 7 Å. Alternatively, these extra amino acids may be inserted as loop rather than the β sheet, increasing the flexibility as well as extending the RGD unit. This extension may be essential to provide exposure of the RGD loop in the intact fibronectin molecule, where it interacts with the $\alpha_5\beta_1$ integrin. The less extended RGD loop of human tenascin apparently does not interact with this integrin (7). Other active RGD sequences in known structures occur on flexible loops as seen in the snake venom "disintegrins" kistrin (28) and echistatin (29) and in the foot and mouth disease virus (30). The presentation of the RGD sequence on a flexible loop, extended from the protein surface, appears to be a common motif of the RGD-containing cell adhesion molecules.

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- 11. Diffraction data were collected on Fuji HR-III imaging phosphor plates with oscillation photography at the F1 beam line at CHESS, modified with a channel-cut monochromator to achieve high-energy resolution (B. W. Batterman et al., in preparation). Data were collected from three crystals cooled to 4°C and aligned such that Bijvoel pairs could be collected simultaneously. Complete diffraction data sets were collected for four wavelengths at or near the K absorption edge o Se. Wavelengths producing peak f' (0.9792 Å) and peak f" (0.9790 Å) scattering factors were determined from x-ray absorption spectra, measured by fluorescence with a scintillation detector. Data from two additional "remote" wavelengths were collected to provide dispersive (due to f') differences for the MAD analysis. These remote wavelengths are at plus and minus 100 eV from the absorption edge, limited by the F1 beam-line configuration (B. W. Batterman et al., in preparation). In order to minimize differences in the data sets from the effects of radiation damage, each oscillation range (typically 2.3°) was collected at all four wavelengths prior to moving to the next oscillation range.
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