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Abstract
Background: Host restriction factors are cellular proteins that inhibit specific steps of the viral life cycle. Since the 1970s, several new factors have been identified, including human immunodeficiency virus-1 (HIV-1) replication restriction. Evidence accumulated in the last decade has substantially broadened our understanding of the molecular mechanisms utilized to abrogate the HIV-1 life cycle. Summary: In this review, we focus on the interaction between host restriction factors participating in the early phase of HIV-1 infection, particularly CA-targeting proteins. Host factors involved in the late phase of the replication cycle, such as viral assembly and egress factors, are also described. Additionally, current reports on well-known antiviral intrinsic factors, as well as other viral restriction factors with their emerging roles, are included. Conclusion: A comprehensive understanding of the interactions between viruses and hosts is expected to provide insight into the design of novel HIV-1 therapeutic interventions.

Introduction
The challenge of controlling human immunodeficiency virus-1 (HIV-1) infection involves the comprehension of viral heterogeneity, a variety of cellular host ranges, routes of transmission, immunological responses, cellular cofactors, and restriction factors [1]. A cycle of viral replication necessitates a dynamic interplay between the viral components and host cell factors. Thus, it is important to uncover how HIV-1 and host proteins interact to understand HIV-1 viral pathogenesis [2]. It has been reported that multiple cellular restriction factors constitute the first line of antiviral defense by inhibiting specific steps of HIV-1 replication including entry, uncoating, reverse transcription, and budding [3].
The HIV-1 capsid (CA) plays a critical role in the early stages of HIV-1 infection. Generally, CA builds up the outermost layer of the viral core structure (cone-shaped). Exposure to the cellular cytoplasmic environment after entry establishes CA as a significant target for host restriction factors that act directly to block infection, such as tripartite motif (TRIM5α) and myxovirus resistance protein 2 (MxB/Mx2). There are other acknowledged host factors that play important roles in HIV-1 infection by targeting other viral components in different steps, such as the well-known apolipoprotein B mRNA-editing enzyme catalytic subunit-like 3G (APOBEC3G), sterile alpha motif and histidine aspartate domain-containing protein-1 (SAMHD1), and bone marrow stromal antigen 2 (tetherin/BST-2) [4–8]. More recently, studies have revealed that serine incorporator 3/5 (SERINC3/5) and many members of the TRIM family exhibit different antiviral effects against HIV-1 [9–14].

Although not all viral and host factors could be included in this review, we selectively provide an understanding of the interaction between host restriction factors involved in the early phase of HIV-1 infection started from virus entry, particularly CA-targeting factors as well as host factors involved in viral assembly and egress. Our review comprises recent updates on the well-known HIV-1 intrinsic factors, and other viral restriction factors with their emerging roles are mentioned.

**Host Restriction Factors Involved in the Early Phase of HIV-1 Infection**

**SERINC3/5 Inhibits HIV-1 Entry**

During host-viral interaction, host cells have developed various factors to counteract the invasion of the viruses. In the early phase of HIV-1 infection, SERINC3 and SERINC5 are known to have an antiviral function [15, 16]. The mechanism of action of SERINC3/5 relied on that they are incorporated into the budded virions and block the HIV-1 envelope (Env) fusion and pore formation on the membrane of target cells [17–19]. The study has suggested that these proteins act by changing the conformation or clustering of unliganded Env [19] and inhibit full fusion of HIV-1 particle without targeting just 1 particular step in the viral fusion process [20]. The energy was required for each step of the viral fusion process and increased along the fusion pathway [21, 22]. Hence, the plausible antiviral mechanism of SERINE3/5 could be that SERINE3/5 increases the energy barriers to the intermediate states. Most particles were unable to undergo the final step (pore expansion). Instead, the viral particles are restricted at the intermediate states [20]. Therefore, the delivery of the viral nucleocapsid (NC) to the cytosol is prevented [15, 16]. However, HIV-1 encodes Nef and murine leukemia viruses encode glycosylated Gag that impedes SERINC3/5 in vitro [19]. It has been demonstrated that Nef and glycosylated Gag prevent the incorporation of SERINC3/5 into HIV-1 particles to an extent that correlates with its enhancement of infectivity [16].

**CA-Dependent Host Intrinsic Factors**

**TRIM Proteins and Their Roles in HIV-1 Restriction**

TRIM proteins belong to a group of E3 ubiquitin ligases that play crucial roles in various cellular functions, including regulation and coordination of innate immunity and antiviral responses [9, 12, 23]. In the case of HIV-1 infection, TRIMs act as intrinsic restriction factors by directly interacting with viral proteins, or they can indirectly inhibit the viral replication by inducing antiviral cytokine production, thereby regulating host immune responses [9, 24]. The feature of TRIM proteins is the highly conserved RBCC motif [24–26]. The RBCC domain includes a RING E3 ligase domain, 1 or 2 B-box (B) domains, and a coiled-coil (CC) domain [23]. The RING E3 ligase domain is a zinc-binding motif that usually mediates interactions with ubiquitin-bound E2. The RING motifs consist of key cysteine and histidine residues that coordinate with 2 zinc ions, located within 10–20 amino acids of the first methionine in the N-termini of almost all TRIM proteins, facilitating protein-protein interactions [27, 28]. The B domains are also zinc-binding motifs, and the consensus sequences of B1 and B2 vary among TRIM proteins [23]. Although the function of the B domain is less well characterized, studies have suggested that the domain is essential for coordinating TRIM self-association and protein-protein interactions, as well as promoting higher order TRIM oligomerization [28]. The CC domain is a hyper-helical structure that is usually located downstream of the B domain. This CC domain mediates homomeric and heteromeric interactions among TRIM members and other proteins, particularly self-association [12].

Besides the RBCC motif, the variable C-terminal region of TRIMs, which is primarily responsible for interaction with target proteins and subcellular localization, has been characterized [23, 27, 29] and divided into more than 10 classes [23, 28, 30]. The most prevalent TRIM C-terminal domain is PRYSPRY, the so-called 30.2. Structural analysis of PRYSPRY revealed that it is a dimer in which a donor sequence from 1 molecule binds to an ac-
ceptor sequence from another molecule to form a putative binding site, much like the antigen-antibody interaction [23].

TRIM5α is one of the best-characterized TRIMs that present a restriction function against HIV-1 and other retroviruses [31, 32]. Several mechanisms have been proposed for TRIM5α antiviral function. TRIM5α interacts with HIV-1 CA and plays a role in viral restriction, including dimerization, oligomerization, and ubiquitination [33–35].

Binding of TRIM5α to the CA core through higher order hexameric interactions prematurely uncoats the viral core and induces the untimely release of the viral genome [9, 36, 37]. The CA recognition site is mediated by the PRYSPRY domain [38–41], and its 4 flexible loops are believed to be important for CA pattern sensing [39, 40, 42, 43]. Although the precise molecular mechanism is not yet completely understood, a recent study indicated that TRIM5α binding to CA induces global rigidification and perturbs key intermolecular interfaces necessary for higher order CA assembly, NTD-NTD and NTD-CTD intrahexameric dimer interfaces, and CTD-CTD interhexameric dimer interfaces [44, 45]. Upon binding to the CA core, higher order oligomers of TRIM5α spontaneously assemble into a hexagonal structure on the surface of the CA [46]. TRIM5α primarily forms dimeric complexes, mediated by interactions between 2 antiparallel α-helices that comprise the CC domain. The B domain caps the N-terminus of each α-helix and subsequently mediates interactions between TRIM5α dimers. This dimer interaction via B domain occurs in a layered fashion with electrostatic interactions sandwiching a hydrophobic core to produce a 3-fold symmetric trimer-of-dimer structure [46, 47]. Studies have suggested that weak interactions between TRIM5α and CA at the initial step of assembly are amplified by avidity effects resulting from higher order oligomerization, which positions the SPRY domains to interact with repeating structural elements on the CA surface [43, 48].

Moreover, emerging evidence suggests that dynamic allostery also plays a pivotal role in CA assembly and viral infectivity [40]. In addition to HIV-1, TRIM5α displays antiviral activity against specific flaviviruses, including tick-borne encephalitis virus, Kyasnar forest disease virus, and Langat virus [37]. Additionally, potential mechanisms of antiviral function that are still under investigation include TRIM5α-mediated loss of CA, which is thought to be proteasome-dependent [49], reduced reverse transcription due to premature uncoating, and activation of innate immune responses [37, 50, 51].

TRIM11 has also been characterized as an HIV-1 reverse transcription restriction factor, which interacts with CA-NC protein complexes, promotes premature disassembly and release of the viral genome, and reduces transduction efficiency [52]. Although promoting the premature disassembly exerts by TRIM11 is similar to that of rhesus monkey TRIM5α (TRIM5αrh), the studies have shown that these factors mediate viral restriction via different mechanisms [52, 53]. In the previous study, it suggested that TRIM11 does not impede viral DNA nuclear import as the TRIM5αrh does. Furthermore, examining the HIV-1 transduction and reverse transcription levels disrupted by TRIM11 and TRIM5αrh in the presence of proteasome inhibitor (MG132) was performed to distinguish the mechanism of these 2 proteins. The result showed that the restriction of TRIM5αrh on HIV-1 transduction and reverse transcription was sensitive to MG132; by contrast, the TRIM11 was not. This suggested a different role of these 2 TRIM proteins [52]. Moreover, TRIM11 could inhibit HIV-1 long terminal repeat (LTR) activity, which is plausibly related to its antiviral effects on NF-kB [53]. In agreement with another study, TRIM11 is a negative regulator of RIG-I-mediated NF-kB activity [54]. Additionally, microtubules have been proposed to contribute to TRIM11-mediated viral restriction [23, 52].

TRIM22 restricts normal HIV-1 transcription process by regulating the effectiveness of the transcription factor Sp1 to bind to the HIV-1 LTR promoter region. However, this mechanism is not involved in the direct interactions. Therefore, the previously observed reduction in HIV-1 LTR-mediated transcription relies on additional unspecified factors [55].

TRIM28, also known as transcriptional intermediary factor 1β and KRAB-associated protein-1, is a nuclear protein with transcriptional regulatory activity [56]. This protein, which is also referred to as a retroviral repressor, has been recently reported to inhibit HIV-1 infectivity by specifically interfering with viral integration. By binding to the acetylated viral integrase (IN) enzyme, TRIM28 induces histone deacetylase 1 (HDAC1) complex formation, resulting in IN deacetylation and reduced integration efficacy. This finding supports the investigation of the role of TRIM28 during the viral replication cycle, showing that TRIM28 downregulation enhances viral infectivity owing to a specific elevation in viral integration. Consistent with other reports, TRIM28 overexpression reduced proviral formation [57]. Moreover, it has been reported that TRIM28 is an epigenetic adaptor that recruits multiple suppressive epigenetic modifiers to the LTR of endogenous retroviruses [58, 59].
reported that TRIM28 functions as a small ubiquitin-like modifier E3 ligase to the SUMOylate P-TEFb complex to significantly restrict HIV-1 gene expression and subsequently contribute to HIV-1 latency. The manipulation of TRIM28 and its consequent SUMOylation pathway could be an avenue for developing a latency-reversing agent [60]. Therefore, the different molecular mechanisms of TRIM28 inhibitory function might parallel the dual activities, including corepressor of transcriptional activity and protein activity regulator through IN acetylation [57].

TRIM34 is another member of the TRIM family, and little is known about its biological function and subcellular localization [61]. The gene encoding human TRIM34 is located on chromosomal 11p15, clustering with a group of TRIM homologous genes containing TRIM6, TRIM5, and TRIM22 [62, 63]. Previous studies have revealed that TRIM34 plays a role in antiviral action [64]. The RBCC domain from TRIM5α can be substituted by a corresponding domain of TRIM34, and the novel recombined proteins effectively suppress HIV-1 replication [65]. Nonetheless, another study reported that TRIM34 could bind the CA of HIV-1; however, it cannot suppress infection [66]. Interestingly, a recent study demonstrated that TRIM34 could block HIV-1 infection with a particular mutation in the CA domain [67]. Single amino-acid mutations in CA, such as N74D for host cleavage and polyadenylation specific factor 6 (CPSF6) and P90A for cyclophilin A (CypA), abrogate CA binding to these host factors [68, 69]. Normally, CPSF6 binds to CA and facilitates interaction with the factors of nuclear import pathways that enhance targeting of HIV-1 integration components to the gene-rich region [68, 70, 71]. Binding of CypA to CA protects against the action of TRIM5α [72, 73]. These CA mutations have been demonstrated to infect cells less efficiently than the wild type in some cell types, including CD4+ T cells and monocyte-derived macrophages [67, 74, 75]. Recently, an unbiased CRISPR screening approach called HIV-CRISPR was used to identify CA-targeting restriction factors that target the CA mutants, P90A and N74D. The P90A mutant was more sensitive to TRIM5α restriction. The results also revealed that the N74D mutant becomes more sensitive to the action of TRIM34. This restriction effect was found to be independent of interferon (IFN) induction and occurred during the reverse transcription step. Further investigation indicated that TRIM34 requires TRIM5α to inhibit HIV-1 mutant N74D [67]. Furthermore, TRIM37 exhibits antiretroviral functions, possibly by interfering with several steps of the HIV-1 life cycle, including decreased viral replication upon TRIM37 transient overexpression in virus-producing cells, correlation of the reduction of viral infectivity with TRIM37 virion incorporation, increased HIV-1 replication during siRNA depletion of TRIM37 expression, and reduction in viral DNA synthesis upon TRIM37 transient overexpression [23, 76].

MxB-CA Core Interaction Prevents HIV-1 Uncoating

Myxovirus resistance proteins belong to the family of IFN-inducible factors that show a wide range of antiviral activities [77, 78]. Similar to most mammals, there are 2 myxovirus resistance genes, MX1 and MX2, which are present in humans. These 2 genes encode the IFN-inducible dynamin-like GTPases MxA and MxB, respectively [79, 80]. The antiviral role of MxA has been extensively studied in various types of viruses [81–84]. By contrast, MxB has only recently been identified as a major inhibitor of HIV-1 replication. Fluorescence microscopy studies suggest that MxB proteins may bind to the CA of HIV-1 based on their observed colocalization in infected cells [85–87]. In addition, utilizing the assay based on the biochemical separation of soluble CA protein from particulate CA cores provides information on the role of CA during infection [88]. These findings suggest a role for MxB in HIV-1 infection, showing that it encounters the CA core in the cytosol and stabilizes the CA shell, leading to the prevention of HIV-1 uncoating process. Therefore, viral DNA is trapped inside the core, and transportation into the nucleus is blocked before it passed through the nuclear membrane [88, 89].

The exploration of the MxB-binding site on the surface of HIV-1 CA demonstrated that helices 6 and 7 of the CA are essential for the 20 N-terminal amino acids of MxB to interact with and facilitate the restriction [90, 91]. MxB, a 715-amino-acid-long protein, harbors 43 residues in the N-terminal extension that contains a nuclear localization signal, which has been found to be critical for HIV-1 restriction [89, 92]. Another finding recapitulates the demonstration that interactions between MxB and CA are dependent on the first 83 residues of MxB and do not require other host factors. This is consistent with a recent report in which the N-terminal domain of MxB (91 amino acids), including residues downstream from the nuclear localization signal, confers HIV-1 restriction [93]. Taken together, these data suggest that direct engagement between MxB and CA is an important step in the restriction of HIV-1. This insightful study also
revealed that MxB preferentially binds to CA assemblies but not individual CA hexamers, implying that MxB is similar to TRIM5α in that both recognize higher order CA assemblies [94]. Through extensive biochemical and biophysical studies and molecular dynamics simulations, recent reports have defined the HIV-1 CA site recognized by the MxB RRR12 motif as the interface between 3 CA hexamers. This provides the information in a residue-level mapping of the HIV-1 CA lattice-sensing restriction factor [11]. Another study has revisited the importance of the MxB GTPase (G) domain, which was previously reported to play a key role in the inhibition of different viruses, for the control of HIV-1 infection. The results indicate that the domain contains a second independent CA recognition site. Interestingly, binding of CA to this second binding site enhances the function of MxB. This new report suggests that the interaction of MxB with HIV-1 CA is multifaceted. There are dual points of contact that contribute to the complexity of MxB inhibitory effects [10].

Previously, it was shown that MxB inhibition of HIV-1 is CypA dependent. CypA is a host cell factor that assists TRIM5αααα in inhibiting HIV-1 in Old World primate cells [95–97]. Interestingly, MxB exerts 2 different effects on HIV-1 infection, including an inhibitory effect under the condition of a CypA interaction with viral CA and a stimulatory effect in the absence of CypA-CA interaction. CypA has been reported to stabilize the HIV-1 core and, in concert with other cellular proteins such as transportin-SR2 or Tnp3, promote the HIV-1 core disassembly and regulates HIV-1 uncoating [98]. The anti-HIV-1 activity of MxB is greatly enhanced following the attachment of CypA. One possible explanation for this enhancement is the efficient targeting of MxB to HIV-1 CA by CypA. It is possible that the multimerization of MxB promotes the binding of CypA to HIV-1 CA, thereby changing CypA from being a cofactor to a restriction factor [99]. Extensive studies are ongoing in the interest of MxB. A study provides evidence that MxB sensitivity depends on HIV-1 CA conformation, rather than cofactor recruitment. The same study also demonstrated that depleting CPSF6 level in the nuclear import pathway does not affect MxB sensitivity, but rather the CA mutant P90A, which suggests that the effect of CypA binding on CA conformation and dynamics strongly influences MxB sensitivity. Thus, the relationship among the CA interactors has been proposed; CypA binding provides conformational flexibility to HIV-1 CA, facilitating simultaneous evasion of MxB [100].

CPSF6 and HIV-1 CA Interaction Directs Viral Components into Actively Transcribing Genes

CPSF6 is a pre-mRNA splicing factor and a member of the serine/arginine-rich protein family [101]. In HIV-1 infection, CPSF6 binds to viral CA before the preintegration complex translocates to the host cell nucleus [70, 102]. Interaction of CPSF6 with HIV-1 CA has been implicated in diverse functions during the early phase of the viral life cycle, such as uncoating, nuclear entry, and integration targeting. This molecule has emerged as a dominant player in directing HIV-1 integration into actively transcribed genes. This is supported by studies demonstrating that the disruption of CPSF6 expression results in a redistribution of HIV-1 integration sites away from gene bodies and gene-dense chromosomal regions, thus validating the key role of CPSF6 in HIV-1 integration targeting [71]. The recognition sites on HIV-1 CA that interact with CPSF6 are part of a hydrophobic pocket formed by helices 3, 4, and 5 within the N-terminal domain [70]. CA-CPSF6 binding was confirmed using CA mutants. The introduction of N74D mutations severely reduced the amount of endogenous CPSF6 in the pellet of protein pull-down assays [103]. Moreover, the single CA mutation (N74D) has been shown to affect the sensitivity of HIV-1 to the depletion of NUP358, NUP153, and TNPO3. These HIV-1 cofactors function in nuclear import by interacting with the CA protein [60, 70, 104].

Fasciculation and Elongation Factor Zeta 1-HIV-1 CA Interaction Promotes Viral Trafficking and Infection

Intracellular transport is an essential process in eukaryotic cell. The transportation of cellular cargo, such as vesicles, proteins, RNA, and organelles, occurs constantly in response to various signals in a highly regulated manner [105]. Microtubule networks and other associated motors play key roles in this process. Microtubules are polarized filaments where the plus ends are directed toward the cell periphery, while the minus ends are anchored at microtubule organizing centers [103]. Motor-mediated transportation inside the cell is involved not only in cell polarization, migration, and transportation of cargo but also in infection by a variety of pathogens such as HIV-1. Once HIV-1 enters the host cell, the viral CA core must reach the nuclear compartment, where the genome of the virus can be delivered to the integration site. Free diffusion of the CA to the nucleus seems to be impossible because of the large size of the core structure, and the crowded environment within the cytoplasm cannot be excluded.

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The question is how HIV-1 controls the direction of CA traffic toward the nucleus. It has been reported that HIV-1 hijacks cellular microtubule networks via both kinesin and dynein motors to achieve net retrograde movement [106]. This nuclear trafficking process requires kinesin-1 adaptor protein, fasciculation and elongation factor zeta 1 (FEZ1). Live cell imaging studies have previously revealed that viral particles exhibit bidirectional trafficking. Notably, in the absence of FEZ1, there was no net movement to the nucleus [103, 107]. FEZ1 interacts with the tail of the kinesin-1 heavy chain using regions 231–308 of its C-terminal CC domain [108]; however, it is not known whether FEZ1 directly interacts with CA or whether another mechanism is involved. A recent study has shown that FEZ1 can sense unique HIV-1 CA patterns through highly negatively charged acidic stretches that interact with the positively charged center pore of the CA hexamer [106]. Therefore, FEZ1 acts as a bridge to associate virus particles with kinesin motors, thus promoting viral trafficking and infection. Even though the interaction was driven by electrostatic contacts with multiple charged stretches on FEZ1, binding was not observed with CA pentamers that contained similar charge characteristics, implying that the recognition of CA hexamers by FEZ1 is highly specific. Another study also proposed that the central pore of the CA hexamer is a conserved interaction hub for both small molecules and protein cofactors in the cell. The positively charged center of the CA hexamer, generated by the ring of the R18 residue, serves as an ideal determinant for the highly negatively charged FEZ1 protein interaction [106, 109]. Altogether, FEZ1 specifically targets the conserved center pore of the CA hexamer, which is important for HIV-1 trafficking and infectivity [106].

**Host-Viral Protein Interaction Affecting Viral Assembly and Egress**

**Membrane-Associated RING-CH (MARCH) 1/2/8 Reduce the Incorporation of Env**

Traveling toward the plasma membrane does not warrant safety for HIV-1 Env. Membrane-associated RING-CH (MARCH) 1/2/8 are members of the MARCH family of RING finger E3 ubiquitin ligases and type I IFN-inducible proteins. These proteins play a role in the downregulation of the level of several membrane proteins, such as major histocompatibility complex II [110–114], CD86 [115], and transferrin receptor. Recently, it has been reported that MARCH8 targets HIV-1 Env and acts as a restriction factor. Previous studies have established that mutating the RING domain, such as CS and W114A mutations, abrogates the antiviral activity of MARCH8, which demonstrates its dependence on E3 ligase activity [116]. Additionally, MARCH1 and MARCH2 also play important roles in HIV-1 restriction in the same manner as MARCH8. MARCH1 and MARCH2 expressions in monocyte-derived macrophages increased after type I IFN treatment. MARCH1/2/8 expression in virus-producing cells reduces the efficiency of viral entry and downregulates the level of HIV-1 Env glycoproteins at the cell surface, resulting in a reduction in the incorporation of Env glycoproteins into virions [117, 118]. Knockdown or knockout of MARCH8 in myeloid cells increases HIV-1 infectivity. This finding implies that MARCH8 is a cellular restriction factor that restrains HIV-1 infection of macrophages and dendritic cells. Interestingly, Vpr, Nef, and Vpu do not antagonize MARCH proteins; however, the mechanism by which HIV-1 and other viruses, especially those that replicate in macrophages and dendritic cells, evade inhibition via MARCH1, MARCH2, and MARCH8 is yet to be determined [116].

**Tetherin/BST2 Traps Viral Particles at the Plasma Membrane**

Tetherin/BST2, also known as bone marrow stromal antigen 2, is encoded by the BST2 gene. It has also been designated as CD317 [119, 120]. Tetherin is constitutively expressed in lymphoid and myeloid cells in response to stimuli from the IFN pathway. The name tetherin comes from the function of the protein based on its ability to “tether” or trap newly budded viral particles on the surface of viral-producing cells, preventing viral release [121]. The discovery of tetherin as a host restriction factor revealed that viruses produce Vpu as an antagonist to tetherin [39, 122–126]. Vpu utilizes the sequence in the N-terminal region of the cytoplasmic domain of tetherin to remove tetherin from the plasma membrane and stimulate its degradation in the proteasome or lysosome. Vpu also displaces tetherin from the site of viral assembly without removing it from the cell surface, indicating that Vpu can mobilize multiple mechanisms to abrogate the restriction imposed on HIV-1 by tetherin. The in vitro induction of surface tetherin by IFN to levels comparable to those found during acute infection in vivo could overcome the action of Vpu and decrease the release of viral particles [119, 127–130]. Interestingly, increased expression of tetherin mRNA using CRISPR-mediated pinpoint activation of endogenous expression demonstrated that cells in which tetherin expression was highly enhanced...
showed effective inhibition of HIV-1 production and replication even in the presence of the viral antagonist Vpu against tetherin. These findings confirm that the physiological stoichiometry between host restriction factors and viral antagonists may determine the outcome of the battle with viruses [131].

**Guanylate-Binding Proteins 2 and 5 Inhibit the Maturation of HIV-1 Env**

Infection with HIV-1 and other viral pathogens triggers IFN production, which induces an antiviral cellular state by upregulating the expression of several interferon-stimulated genes. The products of these genes exert numerous effector functions and may target every step of the viral replication cycle. The earliest identified interferon-stimulated genes were guanylate-binding proteins (GBPs) [132, 133]. The human genome harbors 7 members of this protein family (GBP1–7), all of which are assumed to act as GTPases that hydrolyze GTP to GDP and GMP [134]. GBPs were initially described as cellular factors providing resistance against bacterial and protozoan pathogens [134] and were subsequently shown to be the key components of the immune defense against viruses. For instance, GBP1 has been shown to restrict vesicular stomatitis virus, encephalomyocarditis virus, and hepatitis C virus; however, the mechanisms of restriction have not yet been elucidated [135, 136]. In addition, genome-wide association studies have suggested a potential role for porcine GBPs in resistance to porcine reproduction and respiratory syndrome virus infection [137]. GBP2 and 5, which are highly expressed in primary monocyte-derived macrophages and activated CD4 T cells, have been recently shown to reduce virion infectivity by inhibiting furin function and consequently altering the maturation of viral Env glycoproteins. In HIV-infected cells, furin is an enzyme that mediates the conversion of the HIV-1 Env precursor gp160 into mature gp120 and gp41 [138].

Therefore, the absence of furin cleavage contributes to the incorporation of nonfunctional gp160, which impairs HIV-1 Env maturation and infectivity [138]. Antiviral activity requires Golgi localization of GBP5, but not its GTPase activity. In agreement with the abilities of GBP2 and 5 to complement each other, the combined knockdown of the 2 proteins in macrophages showed an additive effect on infectious viral production. The inhibition of furin is a sophisticated strategy to inhibit viral production because viruses may not be able to develop resistance mutations against GBP2 and 5, as there is no direct interaction between the restriction factors and the viral components. Therefore, GBP2 and 5 are important cell-autonomous effectors of the innate antiretroviral immune response. Nonetheless, it is tempting to speculate that viruses use several other mechanisms to overcome GBP-mediated restriction. HIV-1 contains acquired mutations in its Vpu gene, thereby reducing susceptibility to GBP5 by enhancing the translation of the viral Env protein [139]. Because Vpu and Env are synthesized from a single bicistronic mRNA, shutting down Vpu expression results in increased Env expression. This mechanism confers partial resistance to GBP5 [140, 141].

**Endosomal Sorting Machinery and Tumor Susceptibility Gene 101: Roles in Viral Particle Release**

Endosomal sorting complexes required for transport (ESCRT) machinery is a cytosolic protein complex consisting of ESCRT-0, ESCRT-I, ESCRT-II, and ESCRT-III [142–144]. The ESCRT machinery plays an important role in several cellular processes including multivesicular body (MVB) biogenesis, cellular abscission as well as viral budding [144, 145]. In cytokinesis pathway, the ESCRT functions in the scission of membrane neck connecting 2 daughter cells [144, 146]. Also, ESCRT functions in promoting the cellular vesicles budding into late endosomes to form MVB [147–149]. Additionally, in a viral infection such as HIV-1, it hijacks and uses ESCRT machinery to promote viral budding and release of newly assembled virions [150–153]. This process requires other cellular proteins such as tumor susceptibility gene 101 (Tsg101) and ALG-2 apoptosis-linked gene 2-interacting protein X. Tsg101 functions in the cellular vacuolar protein sorting pathways, where it participates in selecting cargo for incorporation into vesicles that bud into the maturing endosomes to create intracellular compartments, which then undergo fusion with lysosomes and send their cargo for degradation. Studies have reported that the Gag-Tsg101 interaction, especially for viral release, requires the Pro-Thr-Ala-Pro motif in Gag and a bifurcated binding groove in Tsg101. A normal level of Tsg101 is required for the budding of particles. The inhibition of Tsg101 synthesis or overexpression of the gene severely impairs HIV-1 production by arresting the release of new virions from the membrane of producer cells [151, 154, 155].

Additionally, mutations in the motifs of Tsg101 or Gag in the region responsible for interactions reduce the production of infectious particles. This indicates that the Tsg101-Gag complex is a potential target for antiviral therapy [150, 151, 156]. The ESCRT proteins, Tsg101, and apoptosis-linked gene 2-interacting protein X are
known to bind to the Gag C-terminal p6 peptide. As mentioned above, Tsg101 binding is important for efficient HIV-1 release; however, how ESCRT contributes to the budding process and how their activity is coordinated with Gag assembly remain poorly understood. A recent study developed a yeast model for ESCRT-dependent Gag release. Using this system, a previously unknown interaction between the ESCRT proteins and the Gag N-terminal protein region was identified. They analyzed the Gag plasma membrane association and Gag release with Gag mutants and ESCRT knockout strains. The results suggest a transient ESCRT-matrix interaction that is replaced by Gag plasma membrane binding. These results further indicate that matrix interactions may block the ESCRT function [157].

**Fig. 1.** The role of host factors in HIV-1 replication. HIV-1 life cycle starts from the upper left side of the image with the infection of the susceptible target cell, while the upper right side shows the ending of the replication cycle by viral egress and the budding of viral particles into a MVB. The dashed line separates the viral replication cycle into postentry and post-integration steps, the black arrows indicate the normal viral life cycle, and the red arrows indicate the inhibitory effects of viral restriction factors. The color-coded names are based on molecule function; red indicates viral restriction factors, while blue indicates cellular factors that aid viral replication. TRIMs are the viral restriction factors depicted by the oval shapes in different colors. The sources of the protein structures used in this figure include MxB (PDB: 4WHJ), RT (PDB: 1REV), IN (PDB: 3LPU), and PR (PDB: 1MDP). This figure was created using BioRender.com. HIV-1, human immunodeficiency virus-1; CA, capsid; NC, nucleocapsid; Env, envelope; MxB, myxovirus resistance protein 2; Tsg101, tumor susceptibility gene 101; CPSF6, cleavage and polyadenylation specific factor 6; ESCRT, endosomal sorting complexes required for transport; TRIM5α, tripartite motif; MARCH, membrane-associated RING-CH; IFN, interferon; MVB, multivesicular body; IN, integrase.
Conclusion

Throughout evolutionary timescales, HIV-1 and its hosts have been locked in a constant struggle for survival. This has resulted in HIV-1 evolving the capability to exploit a multitude of cellular proteins to promote its replication cycle. Reciprocally, this has led to the host cell developing restriction factors to fight back. The candidate cellular factors reviewed here are molecules that influence the postentry step of the viral life cycle, particularly CA interactors. Additionally, some other key factor actions in the post-integration steps are included. Our review incorporates recent findings on well-characterized restriction proteins and some other proteins with their emerging roles (shown in Fig. 1 and Table 1). Understanding the strategies employed by HIV-1 to gain control of the host cell and host cell mechanisms in response to its infection could open an exciting new area of research with potential translation into the design of novel antiviral drugs and treatment strategies.

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