Purification of a Zinc Binding Protein from Xylem of Citrus jambhiri

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Abstract. Zinc in xylem and phloem of the citrus rootstock, rough lemon [Citrus jambhiri (L.)] was associated with a Zn-binding protein, designated citrus vascular Zn-binding protein (CVZBP). The apparent molecular mass of the CVZBP was 19.5 kDa after nondenaturing size exclusion chromatography and 21.8 kDa after sodium dodecyl sulfate-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis. Ion exchange chromatography demonstrated that CVZBP was anionic, requiring 0.43 N NaCl for elution from quaternary aminoethyl Sepharose. Antiserum to the protein cross-reacted more with total protein extracts from leaf midveins than with total protein from the rest of the leaf lamina, further suggesting a vascular location of the Zn-binding protein. Quantitative analysis indicated that ≈2 to 3 mol of Zn were associated with 1 mol of native protein. Binding studies with the partially purified CVZBP demonstrated a capacity to bind several divalent cations: Cd, Ni, Pb, and Zn. Reaction with Ellman’s reagent suggested that the protein has significant sulfhydryl group content that may be involved in metal binding. N-terminal sequencing demonstrates identity with papaya latex trypsin inhibitor, sporamin, or other Kunitz soybean proteinase inhibitors.

Tree health and longevity appear to be affected by tree Zn status (Marshner, 1995). In addition, Zn status has been associated with citrus blight, a citrus (Citrus L. sp.) disorder of unknown cause. This decline disorder is characterized by Zn accumulation in trunk vascular tissues above the bud union (Taylor and Geitzenauer, 1998; Taylor et al., 1988, 1989, 1996; Williams and Albrigo, 1984) and Zn deficiency in the leaves of affected trees. Zinc redistribution is followed by physiological changes that result in decreased water conductivity and tree decline (Albrigo et al., 1986; Brlansky et al., 1984; Vasconcellos and Castle, 1994; Williams and Albrigo, 1984). An abundance of Zn in trunk phloem of decline-affected citrus (Albrigo et al., 1986) is accompanied by accumulation of Zn-binding factors that appear responsible for trunk phloem Zn sequestration (Taylor et al., 1988). One of these Zn-binding factors, the 5 kDa Zn-binding protein (ZBP), was purified and characterized previously (Taylor and Geitzenauer, 1998; Taylor et al., 1996).

While these previous studies were focused on the site of earliest Zn accumulation, the phloem, the greatest Zn accumulation occurs in the xylem of blight affected trees. A Zn-binding factor associated similarly with Zn accumulation in xylem has not been identified previously. Another Zn-binding protein was isolated from citrus vascular tissue (Taylor et al., 1989). The following report is a further characterization of that protein. This novel Zn-binding protein is abundant in xylem and has identity to some members of the Kunitz soybean proteinase inhibitor (KSPI) family.

Materials and Methods

Plant Material. As source material for purification of the citrus vascular Zn-binding protein (CVZBP), xylem evacuate samples were collected from healthy or blight affected trees of Citrus jambhiri grown in a quarantine greenhouse facility on the campus of University of Arizona, Tucson, during 1996. Xylem evacuate was collected by applying 4 mL of 10 mM Tris-Cl, pH 7.4 to one end of a 10 cm root piece >1 cm diameter while a vacuum was pulled at the other end. Bark was removed from the root piece down to the cambium before evacuation. Before purification, xylem evacuate was stored at –80°C. Phloem tissue was sampled as a bark patch taken 15 to 30 cm above the soil line. Contaminants on the bark surface were removed by scraping away the brown-green outer layer to a 5×10 cm rectangle of clean whitish phloem tissue. The patch was scored through the scraped bark to the wood and separated from the tree at the cambial layer. The samples were taken from convex surfaces of healthy and blight-affected trees in active growth.

Isolation and Purification of CVZBP. To quantitate recovery of CVZBP, three independent purifications were performed. Three separate xylem evacuates (Derrick et al., 1990) were lyophilized and adjusted to 1 mL each with deionized water. Xylem evacuate was fractionated by ion exchange chromatography (IEC) (Taylor et al., 1996) over quaternary aminoethyl Sepharose (QAE) (Pharmacia, Piscataway, N.J.). Total Zn was determined for aliquots of each fraction by determination of A213.9 by atomic absorption spectrometry (model 3100, Perkin-Elmer, Shelton, Conn.) and for 254 nm absorbance (A254) by ultraviolet (UV)-spectrophotometry. Fractions with elevations of A254 and coincident elevated Zn were pooled and the volume reduced in a centrifugal vacuum concentrator (model RC 10.10; Jouan, Winchester, Va.). Concentrated Zn-containing eluant from QAE chromatography was separated using a 2.5×14 cm gel filtration (GF) column of Bio-Gel P-30 (Bio-Rad, Hercules, Calif.) in 10 mM Tris-Cl buffer, pH 8.0 (4°C) in 3 mL fractions. Fractions within the peaks of A254 and elevated Zn were pooled and the volume reduced in a centrifugal vacuum concentrator (model RC 10.10; Jouan, Winchester, Va.). Concentrated Zn-containing eluant from QAE chromatography was separated using a 2.5×14 cm gel filtration (GF) column of Bio-Gel P-30 (Bio-Rad, Hercules, Calif.) in 10 mM Tris-Cl buffer, pH 8.0 (4°C) in 3 mL fractions. Fractions within the peaks of A254 and elevated Zn were pooled and the volume reduced in a centrifugal vacuum concentrator (model RC 10.10; Jouan, Winchester, Va.). Concentrated Zn-containing eluant from QAE chromatography was separated using a 2.5×14 cm gel filtration (GF) column of Bio-Gel P-30 (Bio-Rad, Hercules, Calif.) in 10 mM Tris-Cl buffer, pH 8.0 (4°C) in 3 mL fractions. Fractions within the peaks of A254 and elevated Zn were pooled and the volume reduced in a centrifugal vacuum concentrator (model RC 10.10; Jouan, Winchester, Va.). Concentrated Zn-containing eluant from QAE chromatography was separated using a 2.5×14 cm gel filtration (GF) column of Bio-Gel P-30 (Bio-Rad, Hercules, Calif.) in 10 mM Tris-Cl buffer, pH 8.0 (4°C) in 3 mL fractions. Fractions within the peaks of A254 and elevated Zn were pooled and the volume reduced in a centrifugal vacuum concentrator (model RC 10.10; Jouan, Winchester, Va.).
GF purified CVZBP (50 mg) was electrophoresed for 1.5 h at 150 V, constant voltage, in a pH 8.3 Laemmli buffer system (Laemmli, 1970). Gels were silver stained (Morrissey, 1981). Following SDS-PAGE of samples containing 200 mg protein, two nonstained lanes were sliced across their width into 0.5 cm fractions down the length of the gel. Each gel fraction was eluted in 1.0 mL of 0.5% HCl (Trace metal grade) in high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) grade water. Total Zn content eluted from each gel slice was determined by atomic absorption spectrometry. The isoelectric point (pI) for the GF purified CVZBP was determined as described previously (Taylor et al., 1996).

**ELLMAN’S DETERMINATION OF SULFHYDRL GROUPS IN CVZBP.** Ellman’s reactions (Ellman, 1959) were performed to assess the sulfhydryl content associated with the GF-purified fractions, since they are often involved in protein associations with transition metals (Vallee and Auld, 1990). Fractions eluted from GF columns were assessed for the presence of sulfhydryl containing peptides by Ellman’s reactions (Ellman, 1959) were performed to assess the sulfhydryl content associated with the GF-purified fractions, since they are often involved in protein associations with transition metals (Vallee and Auld, 1990). Fractions eluted from GF columns were assessed for the presence of sulfhydryl containing peptides by Ellman’s reactions (Ellman, 1959).

**IMMUNOCHEMISTRY.** IEC and GF purified CVZBP were separated by preparative SDS-PAGE. Gels were stained in Coomassie Brilliant Blue R in 5 distilled water : 1 acetic acid : 5 methanol (by volume) for 5 min to identify the band of interest. After a 30 to 45 min destain, CVZBP bands were cut out of the gels. The gel pieces were used for anti-serum preparation as described previously. Crude extract protein was loaded onto 20% SDS-PAGE gels. Following SDS-PAGE, proteins were transferred to 0.45 µm poly(vinylidene difluoride) membrane in the buffer of Towbin et al. (1979). Electrotransfer was accomplished with the Bio-Rad Mini Trans-Blot apparatus in 45 min. Blots were blocked overnight in 1% bovine serum albumin in buffer [10 mM Tris-Cl, pH 8.0, 150 mM NaCl, 0.05% Tween-20 (TBST)]. Detection was performed by incubating blots in a 1:1000 dilution of anti-CVZBP rabbit serum in TBST followed by incubation in a 1:200 dilution of alkaline phosphatase labeled goat antirabbit serum (Sigma, St. Louis) in TBST. The immunoblot was developed as in King et al. (1985).

**DETERMINATION OF AMINO ACID COMPOSITION AND N-TERMINAL SEQUENCE.** For amino acid composition and N-terminal sequencing, a denaturing gel was electroblotted in CAPS buffer (Matsudaira, 1987), lightly stained with Coomassie Brilliant Blue R, and the major band was cut out of the membrane. Amino acid analysis of the CVZBP was completed at the University of Arizona. Laboratory for Protein Sequencing and Analyses, Tucson, using an amino acid analyzer (ABI 420 A/H; Applied Biosystems, Foster City, Calif.). The protein was hydrolyzed in vapor phase using 6 N HCl at 155°C for 75 min, then derivitized with phenylisothiocyanate to form phenylthiocarbamyl amino acid derivatives which were extracted and transferred to on-line HPLC for analysis of A254. Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) hydrolysis was required before amino acid analysis to determine cysteine as cysteic acid (Spencer and Wold, 1969). Results of the 6 N HCl and DMSO hydrolysates were combined for reporting purposes.

Using Edman chemistry, the N-terminal amino acid sequence of the purified CVZBP was determined at the University of Arizona Laboratory for Protein Sequencing and Analysis using a 477A Protein/Peptide sequencer (Applied Biosystems) interfaced with a 120A HPLC (C-18 PTH column, reverse phase chromatography) analyzer to determine PTH amino acids. The N-terminal sequence was analyzed by BLAST searches for identity and similarity with other reported sequences in National Center for Biotechnology Information Genebank.

**VOLTAMETRIC DETERMINATION OF RESIDUAL METAL-BINDING CAPACITY OF CVZBP.** The voltammetric method, differential pulse polarography, was used as a measure of the residual complexation capacity for the divalent cations, Zn, Cd, Ni, and Pb (Street and Petersen, 1982; Taylor et al., 1988). Differential pulse polarography was used to determine the capacity of IEC/GF-purified CVZBP to reduce the level of free metal ion in a 5 mM metal ion solution in 0.1 M KNO3. To the metal ion solution, 10 mg total protein was added. A polarographic analyzer with a static mercury electrode (model 384B and model 303A, respectively; EG and G Princeton Applied Research, Princeton, N.J.) was used for the assays. Differential pulse polarography was performed over the range of –0.800 to –1.200 V with a drop/step time of 0.6 mV·s–1. Calculations of free metal ion concentration were made on the basis of the total 10 mL assay mixture. A
Results

Account of Zinc and Protein Through the Purification of CVZBP. The CVZBP was most abundant in xylem tissue of blight affected citrus. After IEC and GF purification, the CVZBP was present in higher amounts in xylem evacuate than phloem tissue on a total protein basis (1.4- to 2.4-fold more in xylem than phloem) (Table 1). Four to seven times more of the total protein from the xylem evacuate was accounted for by the CVZBP than total protein from phloem (4.3% to 6.4%, xylem; 0.9% to 1.0%, phloem). The ratio of Zn to purified protein indicated that purification of the CVZBP from phloem and xylem was as much as 2125- and 1560-fold, respectively (Table 1). CVZBP was eluted from xylem evacuate of blight affected citrus at 2.2-fold greater level than from xylem evacuate of healthy citrus, while CVZBP elution was similar from phloem tissue extracts of blight and healthy citrus (Table 1). Quantitative analysis of Zn and protein from the three separate purifications of CVZBP from xylem and phloem agreed.

The anionic CVZBP was eluted from QAE Sepharose by 0.43 M NaCl (Fig. 1). Based upon two methods to estimate molecular mass, chromatography and electrophoresis, we placed the apparent molecular mass of this Zn-binding protein at 22 kDa. The Zn peak contained a protein of ≈19.5 kDa (Fig. 2), as determined by nondenaturing GF chromatography. This relative mobility was less than the apparent molecular mass of 21.8 kDa determined by the denaturing conditions of SDS-PAGE (Fig. 3). Direct preparative isoelectric focusing data indicated that the protein had a pI of 5.5 (data not presented).

Direct Correlation of Putative CVZBP with Presence of Zinc. We were able to directly assess the concentration of Zn in SDS-PAGE gels, after elution from the sequentially dissected gel pieces. Zn was correlated with a 21.8 kDa protein band (Fig. 2), as determined by nondenaturing GF chromatography. This relative mobility was less than the apparent molecular mass of 21.8 kDa determined by the denaturing conditions of SDS-PAGE (Fig. 3). Direct preparative isoelectric focusing data indicated that the protein had a pI of 5.5 (data not presented).

Ellman’s Determination of Sulfhydryl Groups in CVZBP. To assess the sulfhydryl group content of the IEC/GF purified CVZBP, Ellman’s reactions (Ellman, 1959) were performed. Assessing only the xylem evacuate from blight affected citrus we determined that the peak of partially purified sample contained ≈6.7 µM sulfhydryl groups (Fig. 2). More importantly, the sulfhydryl content was coincident with the Zn and A254 elution profiles.

Residual Metal Binding Capacity of CVZBP. The capacity of CVZBP to continue to bind Zn under the generally denaturing conditions of SDS-PAGE suggested an extremely stable association of this protein with Zn. Therefore, CVZBP was assessed for its capacity to not only sequester additional levels of Zn, but also Cd, Ni, and Pb above the Zn already bound by the protein, to develop a profile of the capacity of the protein to bind relative quantities of other divalent ions. In this binding study, 1 mg·mL⁻¹ of the IEC/GF purified CVZBP was placed in 5 mM concentrations of each metal individually. The protein bound all metal ions tested at differing molar concentrations (Table 2) in the following sequence Pb > Cd ≥ Ni ≥ Zn.

Immunochemical Determination of CVZBP Accumulation in Vascular Tissue. Although CVZBP was extracted from the
may participate in metal binding through carboxyl moieties of the R-groups (Vallee and Auld, 1990).

**N-terminal amino acid sequence.** The first 27 residues of the amino acid sequence contained no cysteine molecules. However, the sequence was indicative of the N-terminal sequence of sporamin (Hattori et al., 1985), papaya latex trypsin inhibitor (Odani et al., 1996), and other Kunitz-type proteinase inhibitors (Fig. 5), members of the KSPI superfamily of genes. The N-terminal sequence had 52% identity and 67% similarity with the N-terminal sequence of papaya latex trypsin inhibitor, 48% identity and 59% similarity with the N-terminal sequence of sporamin A and B precursors (Hattori et al., 1985, 1989; Koide et al., 1997), and 48% identity with the N-terminal sequence of chymotrypsin inhibitor WCI-3 (Habu et al., 1997; Sakata et al., 1997). The KSPI family includes serine, aspartic and cysteine proteinase inhibitors from a variety of plant families (Gruden et al., 1997; Jokufu and Goldberg, 1989; Leah and Mundy, 1989; Spencer and Hodge, 1991; Trumper et al., 1994), along with other proteins of similar identity but unknown function (Masuda et al., 1995; Theerasilp et al., 1989) such as miraculin.

**Discussion**

We isolated and characterized a novel CVZBP that appears to be localized primarily in the xylem and is 2.2 times more abundant in xylem of blight affected citrus than xylem of healthy citrus. The CVZBP was associated with the xylem Zn accumulation that characterizes citrus blight. CVZBP has N-terminal identity with papaya latex trypsin inhibitor, sporamin A and B precursors, and chymotrypsin inhibitor, members of the KSPI protein family. The N-terminal amino acid residue of the CVZBP (Fig. 5) was aspartic acid. Lack of an N-terminal methionine residue suggests that CVZBP has a propeptide that is removed after processing. The presence of propeptides has been demonstrated for several members of the KSPI family (Gruden et al., 1997; Koide et al., 1997; Masuda et al., 1995; Spencer and Hodge, 1991).

We estimated the molecular mass of this protein at 22 kDa, despite the molecular mass disparity between non-denaturing and denaturing conditions. This difference with purification conditions is not surprising. Amino acid analysis (Table 3) predicted an intermediate molecular mass of 21.4 kDa for a protein containing 175 amino acid residues. It is likely that the CVZBP was not completely denatured by the typical SDS-PAGE method of Laemmli (1970), since Zn remained associated with the protein throughout SDS-PAGE (Fig. 3), resulting in a size estimate that was larger than the composition suggested.

A key characteristic of members of the KSPI family is the N-terminal amino acid sequence. The first 27 residues of the amino acid sequence contained no cysteine molecules. However, the sequence was indicative of the N-terminal sequence of sporamin (Hattori et al., 1985), papaya latex trypsin inhibitor (Odani et al., 1996), and other Kunitz-type proteinase inhibitors (Fig. 5), members of the KSPI superfamily of genes. The N-terminal sequence had 52% identity and 67% similarity with the N-terminal sequence of papaya latex trypsin inhibitor, 48% identity and 59% similarity with the N-terminal sequence of sporamin A and B precursors (Hattori et al., 1985, 1989; Koide et al., 1997), and 48% identity with the N-terminal sequence of chymotrypsin inhibitor WCI-3 (Habu et al., 1997; Sakata et al., 1997). The KSPI family includes serine, aspartic and cysteine proteinase inhibitors from a variety of plant families (Gruden et al., 1997; Jokufu and Goldberg, 1989; Leah and Mundy, 1989; Spencer and Hodge, 1991; Trumper et al., 1994), along with other proteins of similar identity but unknown function (Masuda et al., 1995; Theerasilp et al., 1989) such as miraculin.

**Amino acid composition.** Amino acid analysis (Table 3) revealed that CVZBP contained seven cysteine and four histidine residues. These residues are often involved in metal binding of Zn-finger containing proteins (Berg, 1986; Vallee et al., 1991) such as metallothionein. In addition, the composition was rich in aspartic/asparagine and glutamate/glutamine. The acid forms...
Table 3. Amino acid composition of CVZBP.

| Amino acid   | %M residues | Estimated no. of residues |
|--------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Axs          | 12.6        | 22                         |
| Valine       | 10.8        | 19                         |
| Glycine      | 9.4         | 16                         |
| Arginine     | 9.0         | 16                         |
| Serine       | 8.0         | 14                         |
| Throneine    | 6.3         | 14                         |
| Glx          | 6.3         | 11                         |
| Leucine      | 8.1         | 11                         |
| Alanine      | 5.1         | 9                          |
| Cysteine     | 4.1         | 7                          |
| Proline      | 3.4         | 6                          |
| Isoleucine   | 3.4         | 6                          |
| Phenylalanine| 3.3         | 6                          |
| Lysine       | 3.3         | 6                          |
| Histidine    | 2.3         | 4                          |
| Tyrosine     | 1.7         | 3                          |
| Tryptophan   | 1.7         | 3                          |
| Methionine   | 1.2         | 2                          |
| Total        | 100         | 175                        |

*AxS and Glx = asparagine + aspartate and glutamine + glutamate, respectively.

Although a highly speculative conclusion at this juncture, we may reasonably hypothesize that isolation and characterization of the gene that encodes CVZBP would predict a deduced amino acid sequence with a cysteine content and arrangement typical of other metal binding proteins like metallothionein, yet similar to the sequences of other KSPI family members, such as miraculin and cacao seed protein (with sequence similarity to the Cdc-binding domain of metallothionein). Whether the primary function of this protein is that of metal sequestration we cannot predict. That conclusion will require much functional analysis. We can suggest that CVZBP is a novel metal-binding protein with significant number sequence consistent with members of the KSPI family that appear to function in plant defense and possibly development. While the primary function of CVZBP is yet uncharacterized, the vascular location of CVZBP does not eliminate the possibility of any of these suggested functions.

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