Dynamic changes in the osteoclast cytoskeleton in response to growth factors and cell attachment are controlled by β3 integrin

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The β3 integrin cytoplasmic domain, and specifically S752, is critical for integrin localization and osteoclast (OC) function. Because growth factors such as macrophage colony-stimulating factor and hepatocyte growth factor affect integrin activation and function via inside-out signaling, a process requiring the β integrin cytoplasmic tail, we examined the effect of these growth factors on OC precursors. To this end, we retrovirally expressed various β3 integrins with cytoplasmic tail mutations in β3-deficient OC precursors. We find that S752 in the β3 cytoplasmic tail is required for growth factor–induced integrin activation, cytoskeletal reorganization, and membrane protrusion, thereby affecting OC adhesion, migration, and bone resorption. The small GTPases Rho and Rac mediate cytoskeletal reorganization, and activation of each is defective in OC precursors lacking a functional β3 subunit. Activation of the upstream mediators c-Src and c-Cbl is also dependent on β3. Interestingly, although the FAK-related kinase Pyk2 interacts with c-Src and c-Cbl, its activation is not disrupted in the absence of functional β3. Instead, its activation is dependent upon intracellular calcium, and on the β2 integrin. Thus, the β3 cytoplasmic domain is responsible for activation of specific intracellular signals leading to cytoskeletal reorganization critical for OC function.

Introduction

Osteoclastic bone resorption is a process requiring physical intimacy between the resorptive cell and bone matrix. Thus, cell–matrix attachment molecules, particularly integrins, play a central role in the capacity of osteoclasts (OCs) to degrade bone (Carron et al., 2000; Feng et al., 2001). The integrin αvβ3 is particularly important, in this regard, as its absence prompts OC dysfunction, eventuating in subnormal bone resorption and osteosclerosis (McHugh et al., 2000). The clinical significance of this observation is underscored by the fact that rats treated with an αvβ3 antagonist are spared the bone loss attending oophorectomy (Engleman et al., 1997).

While serving as a matrix attachment molecule in OCs, αvβ3 is also a signaling receptor (Eliceiri et al., 1998; Duong et al., 2000) that induces changes in intracellular calcium (Paniccia et al., 1993; Zimolo et al., 1994), protein tyrosine phosphorylation, and cytoskeletal reorganization (Clark et al., 1998; Schlaeffer and Hunter, 1998). The signaling capacity of integrins can be regulated by extracellular matrix molecules that, interacting with the integrin external domain, stimulate “outside-in” signaling (Takagi et al., 2002). Alternatively, “inside-out” signaling is induced by trans-activated intracellular molecules, which interact with the cytoplasmic component of αvβ3 and prompt conformational changes in the integrin’s ligand binding site. Outside-in and inside-out signals control the affinity state of the integrin, thereby modulating its binding capabilities and, ultimately, intracellular events (Pelletier et al., 1995; Geiger et al., 2001; Butler et al., 2003). Several cytokines and growth factors enhance integrin-dependent intracellular events, via inside-out signaling. Platelet-derived growth factor induces αvβ3-mediated adhesion in fibroblasts (Schneller et al., 1997), basic fibroblast growth factor augments migration in vascular endothelial cells (Kiooses et al., 2001), and macrophage colony–stimulating factor (M-CSF) and hepatocyte growth factor (HGF) modulate OC function, in part by increasing activated...
αvβ3 in the motile area of the membrane (Faccio et al., 2002).

In most cells, αvβ3 localizes with actin and other cytoskeletal proteins in focal adhesions (Ballestrem et al., 2001; Cukierman et al., 2001). OCs contain a related, but distinct, adhesive structure called the podosome, which consists of a core of F-actin bundles surrounded by a rosette-like structure containing αvβ3, vinculin, and α-actinin (Marchisio et al., 1988). As ligand activation of αvβ3 and growth factor stimulation promote podosome reorganization (Pfaff and Jurdic, 2001; Faccio et al., 2002), interest has turned to the intracellular components of the integrin and the signaling molecules linking it to cytoskeletal proteins.

c-Src is essential to OC function, as mice deleted of this tyrosine kinase develop osteopetrosis in the face of adequate numbers of dysfunctional OCs (Soriano et al., 1991). The fact that c-Src−/− OCs fail to organize a normal cytoskeleton suggests that c-Src may be a signaling molecule that associates with, and is activated by, αvβ3 (Duong et al., 2000; Sanjay et al., 2001). In addition, c-Cbl, a substrate of c-Src in OCs, is recruited to adhesion sites where it modulates the binding of the vitronectin (VN) receptor αvβ3 (Sanjay et al., 2001). Pyk-2, a member of the FAK family of kinases, is a signaling molecule that binds c-Src and c-Cbl, and appears to be essential for bone resorption. Pyk2 is activated when OCs are plated on ligands recognized by αvβ3 and is important for cytoskeletal organization during OC adhesion, migration, and sealing zone formation (Duong et al., 1998). The above compendium of events suggests that Pyk2 activation, in osteoclastic resorption, is mediated by αvβ3.

Rho family GTPases control cytoskeletal organization and dynamics and integrin-mediated signaling, as their inhibition blocks αvβ3-dependent motility (Clark et al., 1998; Ridley et al., 1999; Chellaiah et al., 2000; Ory et al., 2000). Importantly, Rho and Rac regulate the OC actin ring, and their blockade blunts the resorptive activity of the cell (Razzouk et al., 1999; Ory et al., 2000).

In the present study, we establish that the β3 cytoplasmic domain, specifically S752, is responsible for organizing the OC cytoskeleton. Furthermore, like adhesion-dependent cytoskeletal reorganization, growth factor–induced αvβ3 inside-out signaling activates Rho GTPases. Finally, although αvβ3 is essential for activation of c-Src and c-Cbl, OCs lacking the integrin fully activate Pyk2.

Results
A functional β3 integrin cytoplasmic domain is required for its association with the actin cytoskeleton

Mice deleted of the β3 integrin subunit become osteosclerotic due to dysfunctional OCs, which fail to efficiently resorb bone (McHugh et al., 2000). As expected, the function of β3−/− OCs is rescued by transduction with retrovirus expressing full-length β3 cDNA. On the other hand, β3 lacking its cytoplasmic domain, or carrying a S752P mutation, is incapable of rescuing OCs devoid of endogenous β3 (Feng et al., 2001). Furthermore β3−/− OC precursors cultured with RANKL and standard doses of M-CSF fail to differentiate fully (Faccio et al., 2003). This osteoclastogenic defect can be rescued by increasing M-CSF concentrations, but the ability of these cells to resorb bone requires the presence of the integrin (Faccio et al., 2003). To further define the role that the β3 integrin cytoplasmic domain plays in organizing the OC cytoskeleton, we studied the distribution of podosomes in β3−/− OCs transduced with different human β3 integrin mutants. Four constructs were used for this purpose: the β3 integrin lacking its cytoplasmic tail (β3-ΔC); a mutant carrying the S752P mutation or that bearing the OC nonsignificant double tyrosine mutation, Y747F/Y759F; and as positive control, the full-length human β3 (β3 WT). Equivalent levels of expression of all four constructs were confirmed by flow cytometry and by Western blot analysis (Fig. 1, A and B). Bone marrow macrophages (BMMs) expressing the indicated mutants were cultured on coverslips in the presence of RANKL (100 ng/ml) and a high dose of M-CSF (100 ng/ml), conditions that lead to the formation of completely spread OCs, even in nontransduced β3−/− cultures (Faccio et al., 2003). These cells cultured in high M-CSF are equivalent to their WT counterparts in terms of morphology, osteoclastogenic markers (Faccio et al., 2003), c-Fms (the receptor for M-CSF) levels, and pattern of integrin expression (see Fig. S1, available at http://www.jcb.org/cgi/content/full/jcb.200212082/DC1).

To delineate actin organization, OCs expressing the various mutants were immunostained with the anti–human β3 mAb 1A2 and costained with FITC–phalloidin (Fig. 2 A). The β3 integrin is organized in rosette-like structures, surrounding a core of F-actin bundles, in podosomes as previously described (Faccio et al., 2002). In nonresorbing OCs on glass, podosomes accumulate at high density at the periphery, yielding a row of actin dots flanked on each side by β3 integrin bands. This organization is present in β3−/− OCs bearing β3 WT or the β3 Y747F/Y759F mutation. Lack of functional β3, as in β3-ΔC and β3 S752P mutants, completely abrogates the distribution of the integrin around the peripheral ring of F-actin, despite the normal appearance of

Figure 1. Expression levels of β3 mutants by flow cytometry and Western blot. (A) BMMs expressing hβ3 WT, hβ3-ΔC, hβ3 S752P, or hβ3 Y747F/Y759F were incubated with a mAb against β3 integrin (1A2), followed by FITC-conjugated secondary antibody (solid lines). Cells with secondary antibody alone were used as negative control (dotted lines). (B) Mature OCs expressing the indicated β3 mutants were subjected to Western blot analysis using 7G2, a mAb against β3. Equal loading was confirmed by actin.
WT or β3 Y747F/Y759F integrin (a and j) and actin (b and k) in OCs grown on dentin form well-defined, colocalizing rings (merged on c and l). In contrast, in β3-ΔC or β3 S752P mutants, the integrin (d and g) is diffusely distributed and fails to localize with the actin ring (e and h, merged in f and i). Bars, 5 μm.

Figure 2. S752 in the β3 cytoplasmic domain regulates integrin localization.
Mature β3-ΔC OCs transduced with the indicated β3 mutants were generated in the presence of RANKL and high dose M-CSF on glass coverslips (A) or dentin (B). Cells were stained with an anti–human β3 mAb (1A2) (red) and with FITC–phalloidin to detect actin distribution (green) and analyzed by confocal microscopy. Merged pseudocolored images obtained from the same confocal plane show the colocalization of β3 and F-actin in yellow. (A) OCs on coverslips bearing hβ3 WT or hβ3 Y747F/Y759F organize αvβ3 (a and j) in a donut-like structure, around the F-actin core (b and k) of podosomes (merged on c and l). β3-ΔC (d and e) or the S752P mutation (g and h) fail to organize around the F-actin core, but are diffuse on the cell surface (merged on f and i). (B) β3 WT and the Y 747F/Y759F mutation express a mature β3 integrin on the cell surface (merged on f and i). Bars, 5 μm.

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External conformation of β3 integrin does not depend on the cytoplasmic domain

One possible explanation for the failure of β3-ΔC and β3 S752P to localize to podosomes is that the external domain of these mutants is not able to assume the activated, high-affinity conformation necessary for appropriate substrate interaction. One tool to assess the ability of β3 integrin to assume the activated conformation of the external domain is the antagonist-induced binding site (LIBS) antibody AP5. In low calcium buffer, this Ab binds all αvβ3 integrin on the cell surface, converting it to the active conformation. In high calcium buffer, AP5 binds only the integrin already in the activated state (Faccio et al., 2002). An increase in fluorescence intensity of αvβ3-expressing cells when AP5 binding is assessed in low calcium, relative to high calcium buffer, indicates that the external domain of the integrin can assume the activated conformation in response to the Ab. When pre-OCs transduced with β3-ΔC and β3 S752P, as well as with β3 WT and β3 Y747F/Y759F, are analyzed in this manner, there is an increase in AP5 binding in low calcium, indicating that each of these β3 constructs undergoes conformational change (Fig. 3 A). Thus, the failure of the β3-ΔC and β3 S752P mutants to properly localize in podosomes does not reflect an inability of these integrins to assume an activated conformation.

Growth factor–mediated inside-out activation of β3 is dependent on its cytoplasmic domain

A second possible explanation for the aberrant localization of β3-ΔC and β3 S752P pre-OCs is that these mutants are not activated by growth factors. To determine whether the β3-ΔC and β3 S752P mutants are defective in growth factor–mediated activation, pre-OCs transduced with the β3 mutants were incubated with either HGF or M-CSF for 30 min before evaluation of the activated state of the integrin via AP5 staining in high calcium buffer. HGF and M-CSF activate β3 WT and β3 Y747F/Y759F, but fail to impact the integrin lacking the entire cytoplasmic domain (β3-ΔC) or bearing S752P (Fig. 3 B). Thus, the β3 cytoplasmic domain, and specifically S752, is required for growth factor–induced formation of a high-affinity αvβ3 complex.

Localization of activated αvβ3 integrin to lamellipodia requires the β3 cytoplasmic domain

Upon growth factor activation, OC αvβ3 moves to the motile region of the cell membrane (Faccio et al., 2002). Having found that dysfunctional β3 mutants fail to properly localize in resting OCs, and do not become activated in response to growth factors, we determined if these mutants also fail to localize properly in the newly formed lamellipodia in response to growth factor stimulation. Thus, β3 S752P OCs bearing WT β3, β3-ΔC, β3 Y747F/Y759F, or β3 S752P constructs grown on coverslips were exposed to HGF or M-CSF for 30 min and, after fixation, stained with AP5 (in high calcium) to detect localization of the activated form of αvβ3. Unstimulated OCs carrying β3 WT or the Y747F/Y759F mutation express
the activated integrin along membrane ruffles and in lamellipodia (Fig. 4 A, CTR). Treatment with either growth factor induces AP5-positive membrane extensions (lamellipodia). This phenomenon is completely abrogated in \( \beta3^{\Delta C} \)- and \( \beta3^{S752P} \)-bearing cells, which are unable to spread and form lamellipodia in response to growth factors (Fig. 4 A). These observations are confirmed by counting the percentage of cells with multiple lamellipodia extensions (Table I). These data show that M-CSF and HGF induce lamellipodia in cells expressing \( \beta3^{\Delta C} \) and \( \beta3^{Y747F/Y759F} \) but not in those transduced with \( \beta3^{\Delta C} \) or \( \beta3^{S752P} \).

We next turned to the effect of HGF or M-CSF on dentin-residing OCs, which represent resorptive cells. OCs expressing \( \beta3^{\Delta C} \) or \( \beta3^{S752P} \) were exposed to the individual cytokines and stained with AP5 (Fig. 4 B). In \( \beta3^{\Delta C} \)-bearing cells, this exercise revealed that both cytokines induce membrane protrusions (arrows) that contain a predominance of activated \( \alpha\beta3 \) integrin. Despite their ability to attach to bone and form actin rings on dentin, \( \beta3^{\Delta C} \)-OCs are unaffected by the growth factors, failing to spread and lacking membrane protrusions. Note that the activated integrin is...
only weakly localized in the actin ring, in all mutants, as previously described (Faccio et al., 2002, 2003).

**Growth factors promote cytoskeletal rearrangement in a β3 integrin-dependent manner**

The observation detailed in Fig. 4 led us to hypothesize that the β3 integrin controls cytoskeletal changes induced by growth factors. To address this issue, we stained unstimulated and growth factor–treated β3+/+ and β3−/− OCs with FITC–phalloidin and analyzed actin organization by confocal microscopy. Once again, the absence of β3 integrin does not alter the peripheral podosomal distribution of F-actin in untreated OCs (Fig. 5 A, CTR). However, in the presence of HGF or M-CSF, F-actin moves from the podosomes to short filamentous protrusions, consistent with lamellipodia formation, only in β3+/+ OCs (Fig. 5 A, low and high magnification; Table I). To confirm that this observation is an integrin-dependent consequence of podosome reorganization, we examined the distribution of α-actinin, a cytoskeletal protein involved in the formation and stability of podosomes, and a link between actin and integrins (Pavalko et al., 1991), α-Actinin distribution in β3+/+ and β3−/− OCs mirrors that of actin, both in the presence and absence of growth factors (Fig. 5 A). Consistent with this finding, immunoblot analysis shows an increase in the pool of α-actinin present in the Triton X-100 soluble fraction exclusively in β3+/+ OCs treated with HGF and M-CSF (Fig. 5 B). In β3−/− cells, α-actinin remains in the insoluble fraction. Similar results were obtained using OCs transduced with the different β3 mutants. Dramatic changes in the peripheral ring of actin are seen in response to M-CSF (Fig. 5 C), and the content of α-actinin in the Triton X-100 soluble fraction increases in β3 WT and

**Table I. Lamellipodia formation in response to M-CSF and HGF is regulated by functional β3 cytoplasmic domain**

| β3 constructs | CTR | +HGF | +M-CSF |
|---------------|-----|------|--------|
| WT            | 34 ± 5 | 73 ± 4* | 70 ± 6* |
| ΔC            | 13 ± 7 | 25 ± 10 | 20 ± 10 |
| S752P         | 10 ± 5 | 14 ± 5 | 15 ± 6 |
| Y747F/Y759F  | 20 ± 4 | 74 ± 8* | 60 ± 5* |

OCs bearing the indicated β3 constructs were cultured on coverslips, treated with M-CSF or HGF for 30 min, fixed, and stained with FITC–phalloidin to detect the actin organization. Ten 200× fields per coverslip were analyzed in triplicate. Data represent the percentage of cells with multiple lamellipodia extensions. M-CSF and HGF induce lamellipodia in cells expressing β3 WT and β3 Y747F/Y759F but not in those transduced with ΔCβ3 or β3 S752P.

*P < 0.001 vs. CTR.
β3 Y747F/Y759F mutants, but not in those transduced with β3-ΔC or β3 S752P (Fig. 5 D). The failure of β3-null cells to respond to M-CSF is not dependent on different expression levels of c-Fms (Fig. S1) or on its different localization among the various β3 mutants (Fig. 5 E). These observations suggest that, in OCs, growth factor–induced reorganization of podosomes, leading to the formation of new membrane ruffles, is a β3-dependent event.

β3 integrin cytoplasmic domain governs OC adhesion and migration

The fact that β3-ΔC– and β3 S752P–expressing OCs fail to spread in response to growth factors suggests that interaction of these mutant integrins with the extracellular matrix may be defective. To address this issue, we plated β3−/− pre-OCs bearing the various constructs on osteopontin (OPN), a substrate recognized by the αvβ3 integrin, or, as negative control, on BSA. Pre-OC adhesion to OPN is decreased threefold in cells carrying the β3-ΔC or S752P mutations, compared with β3 WT pre-OCs (Fig. 6 A), mirroring the defective adhesion of β3−/− cells (unpublished data). Furthermore, pretreatment with AP5, HGF, or M-CSF, all of which activate the integrin (Fig. 3), enhances the number of adherent β3 WT by 40–50%, and to a lesser extent β3 Y747F/Y759F–expressing cells (Fig. 6 A). On the other hand, these integrin-activating agents fail to impact the adhesion of β3-ΔC– and β3 S752P–bearing pre-OCs. Similar results were obtained using VN as a substrate (unpublished data). In contrast, adhesion to native collagen, a β3 integrin–independent substrate, was similar in all mutants and was not enhanced by growth factors (unpublished data).

As substrate recognition initiates lamellipodia extension and directed cell movement, we next assessed the migration of pre-OCs transduced with the various β3 constructs, using a transwell assay in which the lower surface of the membrane was coated with OPN (Fig. 6 B). Migration assay toward OPN was performed on the same cells as in A. Migration of untreated cells expressing cells by 40–50%. (B) Migration assay toward OPN was performed on the same cells as in A. Migration of untreated cells expressing cells by 40–50%. (B) Migration assay toward OPN was performed on the same cells as in A. Migration of untreated cells expressing cells by 40–50%. (B) Migration assay toward OPN was performed on the same cells as in A. Migration of untreated cells expressing cells by 40–50%. (B) Migration assay toward OPN was performed on the same cells as in A. Migration of untreated cells expressing cells by 40–50%. (B) Migration assay toward OPN was performed on the same cells as in A. Migration of untreated cells expressing cells by 40–50%.
The data presented thus far establish that the β3 integrin plays an essential role in OC cytoskeletal function, a process mediated at least in part by Rho family GTPases. These observations prompted us to examine the more proximal events thought to mediate αvβ3 signal transduction, Pyk2, believed to be central to the mechanisms by which OCs resorb bone, is activated when these cells interact with αvβ3 ligands (Duong et al., 2000; Sanjay et al., 2001). Surprisingly, however, Pyk2 activation, as manifest by its phosphorylation, is indistinguishable in β3+/− and β3−/− pre-OCs plated on VN for 30 and 60 min (Fig. 8 A, top). In contrast, c-Src phosphorylation occurs in a β3-dependent manner, and c-Cbl phosphorylation is markedly reduced in the absence of the integrin (Fig. 8 A). In keeping with this observation, Pyk2 and c-Src coprecipitate in VN-adherent β3+/− cells but not those lacking the β3 integrin (Fig. 8 B). Furthermore, β3+/− pre-OCs expressing all β3 constructs show phosphorylation of Pyk2 upon adhesion, whereas c-Src and c-Cbl activation is defective in β3−/− and S752P (Fig. 8 C). Pfaff and Jurdic (2001) have recently shown direct interaction of both Pyk2 and c-Src with the COOH-terminal region of the integrin β3 tail. Interestingly, we find that binding of Pyk2 to paxillin is identical in all β3 mutants, but its ability to bind the β3 receptor itself is dependent on an intact cytoplasmic tail and Ser752. Immunoblot for β3 shows similar expression level of the integrin in all mutant cells.

Our data show that Pyk2 activation requires cell–matrix recognition but does not depend upon αvβ3 status. Previous studies have shown that Pyk2 phosphorylation is calcium dependent (Sanjay et al., 2001), and we find that in β3+/− and β3−/− pre-OCs, the intracellular chelator, BAPTA, eliminates Pyk2 activation (Fig. 9 A). To determine if another OPN receptor or integrin might be responsible for Pyk2 phosphorylation, we assessed this parameter in cells deleted of CD44, which has been shown to mediate monocyte attachment to OPN (Weber et al., 1996), or in cells lacking the integrin αvβ1, another adhesive receptor expressed on OCs (unpublished data). Attachment to OPN leads to Pyk2 phosphorylation and to an increase in its association with paxillin in all cells tested (Fig. 9 B). To find the receptor mediating Pyk2 phosphorylation in response to cell adhesion, we turned to the β2 integrin, which is expressed in pre-OCs (Fig. S1) and is known to be a plastic receptor (Hirano et al., 2002). Thus, β3+/+, β3−/−, and β2−/− pre-OCs were maintained in...
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Figure 9. **Pyk2 activation in pre-OCs is dependent upon intracellular calcium and β2 integrin.** (A) β3+/+ and β3−/− pre-OCs were preincubated with the calcium chelator BAPTA before plating on VN for 30 min. Cells were lysed and analyzed by Western blot for total Pyk2 and its Y402-phosphorylated species. BAPTA inhibits Pyk2 VN for 30 min. Cells were lysed and analyzed by Western blot for preincubated with the calcium chelator BAPTA before plating on 1, 2, and 3 d with RANKL and M-CSF. (D) RT-PCR for both VN and plastic induced Pyk2Y402 phosphorylation in suspension or plated on VN or plastic (PL) for 30 min. Adhesion on cells tested. (C) Pyk2 phosphorylation and increase in association with paxillin in all for phosphotyrosine (4G10) and paxillin. Cell adhesion leads to pre-OCs were lifted or replated onto OPN for 30 min, and lysates were immunoprecipitated for Pyk2 and analyzed by Western blot for phosphotyrosine (4G10) and paxillin. Cell adhesion leads to Pyk2 phosphorylation and increase in association with paxillin in all cells tested. (C) β3+/+, β3−/−, and β2−/− pre-OCs were maintained in suspension or plated on VN or plastic (PL) for 30 min. Adhesion on both VN and plastic induced Pyk2Y402 phosphorylation in β3+/+ and β3−/− pre-OCs. In contrast, Pyk2 phosphorylation on either VN or plastic is completely abrogated in cells lacking the β2−/− integrin. (D) RT-PCR for β3 integrin in β2−/− and β2+/− pre-OCs cultured for 1, 2, and 3 d with RANKL and M-CSF.

**Discussion**

Marrow macrophages derived from β3−/− mice, placed in standard osteoclastogenic conditions, fail to become fully differentiated OCs and resorb mineralized matrix poorly (Faccio et al., 2003). On the other hand, culture of these cells in high concentrations of M-CSF, as undertaken in this work, completely rescues the differentiation of these integrin-deficient OCs as manifest by their histological appearance and expression of osteoclastogenic markers. It is surprising, therefore, that despite the normal appearance in high dose M-CSF, β3−/− OCs remain defective resorbers. To define the mechanisms responsible for the continued failure of β3−/− OCs, generated in high M-CSF, to resorb bone, we analyzed the differences in cytoskeletal organization and relevant intracellular signaling molecules in OCs with and without functional β3 integrins.

αvβ3, in OCs, exists in two conformational states, which are differentially distributed on the cell surface (Faccio et al., 2002). In its basal condition, the receptor localizes in the sealing zone and podosomes, while the activated integrin is principally associated with motile areas of the membrane. The extracellular components of αvβ3 modulating its activation state are in hand (Beglova et al., 2002), and those in the cytoplasmic domain, which respond to growth factor stimulation and thus mediate inside-out signaling, have been partially identified (Takagi et al., 2002; Vinogradova et al., 2002). To further address this issue, we turned to a system of retroviral transduction, which previously permitted us to express various human β3 integrin mutants in OCs and their precursors (Feng et al., 2001).

Our first exercise established that the β3 cytoplasmic domain is essential for appropriate distribution of the integrin to cytoskeletal structures such as podosomes and lamellipodia. Mirroring their effect on OC spreading and matrix resorption, β3 mutants, lacking the cytoplasmic domain or bearing S752P, distribute abnormally in OCs residing on glass and dentin, failing to colocalize with F-actin. This observation prompted us to ask if the same components of the β3 integrin are involved in modulating the conformational state of the intact heterodimer.

Antibodies recognizing the activated conformation bind the LIBS in the NH2 terminus of integrin heterodimers (Bodeau et al., 2001). In high calcium buffer, the anti-LIBS mAb AP5 recognizes activated, high-affinity ligand-binding αvβ3 integrin. Importantly, in low calcium buffer, AP5 binds to all αvβ3 and forces all receptors into the activated conformation. This AP5-induced conformational change of αvβ3 involves a direct effect on the external domain of the integrin and does not require the β3 cytoplasmic domain. On the other hand, the heterodimer’s biological activity requires the cytoplasmic tail. Thus, β3−/− OCs bearing β3−ΔC or β3 S752P have decreased adhesive and migratory capabilities, suggesting defective outside-in signaling. In contrast to the direct effect of AP5 in changing the external conformation of β3, HGF and M-CSF modulate adhesion and spreading of mature OCs by activating the αvβ3 integrin via the β3 cytoplasmic domain by inside-out signaling (Insogna et al., 1997; Teti et al., 1998; Faccio et al., 2002).

Active OCs form a stable ring of actin, which delineates the ruffled membrane where the resorptive process takes place. Our previous observations, showing abnormal actin rings in β3-null OCs generated in low dose M-CSF, indicate that β3 contributes to the formation of this structure.
We have also found that αvβ3 and M-CSF cooperate during osteoclastogenesis (Faccio et al., 2003). In this study, we find that β3 S752P OCs, or those expressing the human mutation S752P, exhibit normal actin distribution when generated in high dose M-CSF, indicating that M-CSF can compensate for lack of αvβ3 in actin ring formation.

Podosomes, found in adherent OCs, are rosette-like structures containing αvβ3 around an actin core (Marchisio et al., 1988). In contrast to the relatively static actin ring, podosomes are dynamic, rapidly redistributing under the influence of extracellular stimuli such as HGF and M-CSF (Insogna et al., 1997; Teti et al., 1998; Faccio et al., 2002). Here we show that β3 integrin is absolutely required for dynamic changes in the actin cytoskeleton in response to growth factors or cell attachment. β3-ΔC or β3 S752P mutants fail to form lamellipodia when plated on glass (Fig. 4 A) or on dentin (Fig. 4 B). In agreement with these observations, α-actinin, which links actin filaments directly to integrin receptors (Pawalko et al., 1991; Otey et al., 1993), fails to enter the Triton X-100 soluble fraction of β3 S752P pre-OCs, or β3-ΔC and β3 S752P mutants, in response to growth factors. In other cell types, redistribution of α-actinin, from focal adhesions to the Triton X-100 soluble fraction, is associated with loss of close apposition of cell membrane to the extracellular matrix, consistent with enhanced motility (Greenwood et al., 2000).

Modulation of the OC cytoskeleton is controlled by Rho GTPases. For example, dominant negative Rho arrests podosome organization, OC motility, and bone resorption (Chellaliah et al., 2000), and Rac inhibition decreases the resorptive activity of OCs (Razzouk et al., 1999). The mechanisms of Rho and Rac activation in OCs are poorly defined. We find that the defect in migration and lamellipodia formation in β3 S752P OCs, in response to growth factors, is associated with failure to activate Rho and Rac.

Interestingly, OCs bearing β3 Y747F/Y759F are indistinguishable from wild-type cells in their appearance and resorptive capabilities, but adhesiveness to OPN is moderately distinguishable from wild-type cells in their appearance and reorganization depends on c-Src expression (Insogna et al., 1997). Sanjay et al. (2001) have shown that upon adhesion, αvβ3 forms a complex with Pyk2 and c-Src that, in turn, recruits c-Cbl, resulting in podosome assembly. This model holds that c-Cbl binds to Tyr 416 in the c-Src kinase domain, which down-regulates both Src kinase activity and integrin-mediated adhesion, prompting podosome detachment and subsequent disassembly. Consistent with this hypothesis, we find that activation of c-Src and c-Cbl, in response to VN adherence, is abrogated in β3 S752P OCs and in β3-ΔC and β3 S752P mutants, thereby decreasing podosome turnover and, consequently, OC adhesion and migration.

Our data, however, stand in contrast to the conclusions of Sanjay et al. (2001) and Nakamura et al. (2001), who claim that αvβ3 is essential for Pyk2 phosphorylation. We believe this discrepancy may reflect the fact that we directly assessed Pyk2 phosphorylation in authentic pre-OCs, deleted of the αvβ3 receptor. Two possibilities present themselves as to how OCs lacking αvβ3 phosphorylate Pyk-2. First, Pyk2 activation is calcium dependent (Sanjay et al., 2001). In this regard, the intracellular calcium chelator, BAPTA, blunts Pyk2 autophosphorylation in β3 S752F and β3-ΔC pre-OCs. Second, other adhesive receptors could compensate for the lack of β3 and mediate Pyk2 phosphorylation. Pyk2 activation occurs equally in cells lacking α2β1 integrin or CD44, another receptor for OPN, but not in β2 S752F pre-OCs. Thus, although it is formally possible that α2β1, CD44, and β3 compensate for each other in signaling to Pyk2, the weak Pyk2 phosphorylation detected in β2 S752F cells suggests that the β2 integrin is dominant in this process. In support of this posture, uncommitted macrophages, which have yet to express αvβ3, activate Pyk2 by β2 integrin ligation (Duong and Rodan, 2000), and we find that the same is true in β3-ΔC pre-OCs. Despite having the β2 integrin, β3 S752F pre-OCs generated in high dose M-CSF do not retain a macrophage phenotype, as they express markers of committed OCs. As the β2 integrin is not present in fully mature resorptive OCs (Athanasou and Quinn, 1990), in this circumstance, αvβ3 may be the Pyk2 activating receptor.

Pyk2, independent of its phosphorylation status, is associated with paxillin, and this association is increased in adherent cells. Pyk2, however, fails to be recruited to the β3 com-

Figure 10. Model of OC αvβ3 integrin activation and signal transduction. (A) αvβ3 in its basal conformation (I) exists within the actin ring. Resorption is stimulated by growth factors and requires activated αvβ3 (A), which localizes in newly formed membrane extensions. (B) Binding of a growth factor (GF) to its receptor changes the conformation of the external domain of αvβ3 from the basal to the activated state. The GF receptor tyrosine kinase (RTK) and αvβ3 collaboratively induce cytoskeletal rearrangements via activation of Rho family proteins from their GDP-bound to GTP-bound forms. Pyk2 is phosphorylated (*) by αMβ2 binding an unknown ligand (?) or increased intracellular calcium. Upon ligand (RGD) occupancy of αvβ3, phosphorylated (*) Pyk2 forms a complex at the β3 cytoplasmic domain with phosphorylated c-Src and c-Cbl. Whereas Pyk2 is constitutively associated with paxillin, formation of the Pyk2-c-Src-c-Cbl adhesive complex, and thus efficient bone resorption, requires αvβ3.
plex in adherent cells carrying β3-ΔC or 572ΔP. It is possible that the failure of c-Src and c-Cbl to be activated in these mutants reflects the inability of Pyk2 to bind the integrin.

We propose, therefore, that in OCs, cytokines stimulate the formation of new membrane extensions that contain activated αvβ3 (Fig. 10 A). These cytoskeletal rearrangements are under the control of Rho family GTPases and require functional αvβ3 (Fig. 10 B). Upon αvβ3 occupancy, phosphorylated Pyk2, an event independent of the integrin, forms a complex at the β3 cytoplasmic domain with phosphorylated c-Src and c-Cbl (Fig. 10 B). In the absence of functional αvβ3, Pyk2 may be activated by other means, such as αvβ2 or increased calcium. These alternative means of activating Pyk2 permit its association with paxillin, but the Pyk2–c-Src–c-Cbl adhesive complex fails to form, resulting in poorly resorptive OCs.

Materials and methods

Murine OCs

BMMs were isolated from long bones of 4- to 8-wk-old mice by culturing whole marrow for 3 d in α-MEM containing 10% heat-inactivated FBS and 1:10 CMG supernatant as a source of M-CSF (Faccio et al., 2003).

Infection of BMMs

BMMs were transduced with virus containing vectors that encode for several β3 integrin mutants (Feng et al., 2001), in the presence of 1:10 CMG supernatant and 8 μg/ml polybrene (Sigma-Aldrich), without antibiotic selection. Cells were cultured for an additional 2–3 d before analysis of integrin expression or osteoclastogenesis.

Flow cytometry

Pre-OCs expressing the different mutants were lifted with Trypsin/EDTA (Sigma-Aldrich) and washed in a calcium-free buffer based on HBSS. Pre-treated cells were incubated with HGF or M-CSF in α-MEM supplemented with 0.5% BSA for 30 min at 37°C; control cells were incubated with medium alone. After incubation, cells were washed twice and incubated with the mAB AP5 (50 μg/ml) in high calcium buffer, which recognizes the activated β3 integrin subunit. Binding of AP5 in HBSS calcium-free buffer served as positive control, identifying all β3 on the cell surface. Cells were then incubated with FITC-conjugated secondary Ab, as previously described (Faccio et al., 2002).

Immunofluorescence

β3 (clone 4, clone 5, clone 6) BMMs, transduced with the indicated mutants, were plated on dentin slices or glass coverslips under osteoclastogenic conditions for 4 d. For some experiments (Figs. 3 and 4), after 4 d in culture, cells were treated with HGF (50 ng/ml) or M-CSF (100 ng/ml), or media + 0.5% BSA as control, for 30 min at 37°C, and then fixed and stained as previously described (Faccio et al., 2002) and observed with a confocal microscope.

Adhesion and migration assays

Adhesion and haptotactic migration assays were performed using pre-OCs expressing the different β3 mutants plated respectively onto 96-well plates or transwell filters, 8-μm pore size (Costar), coated with 10 μg/ml human OPN.

For both experiments, cells were preactivated with growth factors or AP5 for 30 min in suspension and then plated, and adherent cells were stained with crystal violet. For migration assay, cells that migrated to the lower side were viewed at 300× magnification and counted. Results represent the averages from 15 fields ± SEM of a representative experiment.

Western blot analysis

BMMs were cultured for 3 d in the presence of 100 ng/ml RANKL and 100 ng/ml M-CSF and starved overnight in the presence of 2% serum. Cells were lifted and replated onto the indicated matrix proteins for 30 or 60 min. In some experiments, adherent OCs were starved and restimulated with 100 ng/ml M-CSF or 50 ng/ml HGF. Cells were lysed in RIPA (Faccio et al., 2003), or in TNE (Lakkakorpi et al., 1999) for immunoprecipitation of c-Src and Pyk2. Precleared lysates were immunoprecipitated with 2 μg anti-Pyk2 polyclonal antibodies (Biosource International, CA), 2 μg anti-β3 mAb (clone 7G2), or 2 μg antiphosphotyrosines (PY99) for 1 h at 4°C followed by overnight incubation with protein A/G-Sepharose beads at 4°C (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Inc.) and then analysis by SDS-PAGE and immunoblotting.

Rho and Rac assay

Pre-OCs were lysed in a buffer containing 50 mM Tris/HC1, pH 7.5, 1 mM EDTA, 500 mM NaCl, 10 mM MgCl2, 1% (vol/vol) Triton X-100, and protease inhibitors (4 μg/ml leupeptin and 30 μg/ml PMSF). Lysates were incubated with glutathione–agarose beads (Sigma-Aldrich) coupled with bacterially expressed GST–RBD fusion protein for Rho pull down or GST–PAK1 for Rac pull down (Ren et al., 1999) at 4°C for 45 min. Bound proteins were analyzed by SDS-PAGE followed by immunoblotting against RhoA (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Inc.) or Rac1 (Upstate Biotechnology).

Online supplemental material

The supplemental material (Figs. S1 and S2) is available at http://www.jcb.org/cgi/content/full/jcb.200212082/DC1. Fig. S1 shows the expression levels of c-Fms, α2β1, and β2 in BMMs and pre-OCs. Fig. S2 shows the localization of vinculin, talin, and β3 integrin in the podosomes.

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