G6PD Deficiency-Induced Hemolysis and Malaria



G6PD Deficiency is the most common Enzymopathy in the World



G6PD Deficiency Phenotypes





Hemolytic Anemia 11/100 deaths

Neonatal Jaundice 7.3/1000

G6PD Deficiency's Indirect Consequence



How are G6PD deficiency, Hemolysis, and Malaria related?





How does G6PD cause Susceptibility for Hemolysis?



No Build-up of Reactive Oxygen Species

What is the function of normal G6PD?



What Proteins Interact with G6PD?



How well conserved is G6PD?

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Can G6PD be upregulated?

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Tissue-specific levels of human glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase correlate with methylation of specific sites at the 3' end of the gene

(DNA methylation/housekeeping genes/transcriptional regulation)

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Goal: How does G6PD Methylation affect G6PD levels in Pregnant Females?



Normal Amount of Red Blood Cells



Anemic Amount of Red Blood Cells



How does G6PD Methylation affect G6PD levels (NADP Production) in Pregnant Females?

Aim 1:

Knockout conserved methylation sites of G6PD to identify methylation sites associated with normal levels of NADPH production in pregnant females.

Aim 2:

Identify a small molecule that affects methylation of G6PD and can be taken with Primaquine in pregnant females without hemolysis

Bisulfite DNA-Seq Chemical Screen Fluorescent Spot Test

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Aim 3

Determine differences in protein interaction complexes required for NADP metabolism between methylated and unmethylated G6PD deficient pregnant zebrafish

CRISPR TAP-MS Fluorescent Spot Test

Bisulfite DNA-Seq

ClustalOmega

CRISPR

Fluorescent Spot Test

What Model Organism Will I Use?

WT (Normal NADPH)

G6PDd (Low NADPH)



Aim 1: Identify conserved methylation sites in G6PD normal pregnant zebrafish using Bisulfite Sequencing



Aim 1: Identify conserved methylation sites in G6PD normal pregnant zebrafish using Phylogenomics and ClustalOmega



NAD binding domain

C-terminal domain

Aim 1: Identify conserved methylation sites in G6PD normal pregnant zebrafish using CRISPR/Cas9 and Fluorescent Spot Test





NADPH is naturally fluorescent and represents G6PD level

Aim 2: Identify a small molecule that affects G6PD methylation pattern of Pregnant Zebrafish



Aim 2: Identify a small molecule that affects methylation, destroys malaria, and can be taken with Primaquine without hemolysis



Aim 2: Identify a small molecule that affects G6PD methylation destroys malaria, and can be taken with Primaquine without hemolysis



Aim 3: Determine differences in Protein-complexes associated with methylation changes in Pregnant Zebrafish



Use CRISPR/Cas9 to create treatment group with no methylation

Aim 3: Determine differences in Protein-complexes associated with methylation changes



Aim 3: Determine differences in Protein-complexes associated with methylation changes











Conclusions



Future Directions

Pharmacogenomics – tailoring drug treatment to one's genes

Determine if methylation effects are similar in humans and other organisms

Discover how to rescue the functional G6PD gene

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