

The role of islet lipid composition remodeling in regulation of beta-cell death via ADP-ribosyl-acceptor glycohydrolase ARH3 signaling in insulinitis

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Abstract

Lipids have been implicated as mediators of insulinitis and β -cell death in type 1 diabetes development, but it is poorly understood how islet lipid profiles are changed in response to the signaling pathways triggered by insulinitis. Here, we investigated the changes in islet/ β -cell lipid composition using three models of insulinitis and type 1 diabetes progression: isolated human islets and EndoC- β H1 β -cells treated with the proinflammatory cytokines IL-1 β and IFN- γ , and islets from non-obese diabetic (NOD) mice isolated before the onset of diabetes. Lipidomic analyses of these three models showed a consistent change in abundance of the lysophosphatidylcholine, phosphatidylcholine and triacylglycerol species. Immunohistochemistry and fluorescence in-situ hybridization showed an enrichment of lysophosphatidylcholine biosynthetic enzyme PLA2G6 in mouse islets. These results were consistent with the lipid profiles obtained using mass spectrometry imaging, which showed an enrichment of lysophosphatidylcholine in mouse islets. Furthermore, we determined that the ADP-ribosyl-acceptor glycohydrolase ARH3 is regulated by cytokines downstream of PLA2G6 and that this regulation may represent a negative feedback mechanism that reduces cytokine-induced apoptosis. Overall, these data show the importance of lipid metabolism in regulating β -cell death in type 1 diabetes.

Keywords: Type 1 diabetes, insulinitis, lipidomics, phospholipase, poly(ADP)ribosylation, β -cell death

INTRODUCTION

Type 1 diabetes (T1D) affects over 1.25 million people in the U.S. and is characterized by the autoimmune destruction of the insulin-producing β cells of the pancreas (1). This results in the disruption of blood glucose regulation and has deleterious downstream effects to the body, reducing the life expectancy of individuals with T1D by approximately 12 years (2). Currently, the treatment of T1D relies on exogenous insulin administration and there is no cure or permanent remission from the disease. Therefore, there is an urgent need to better understand the mechanisms that contribute to β -cell loss in order to inform the development of novel treatment therapies.

Lipids play major roles in all tissues of the body, being the major structural component of membranes, energy storage molecules and cell-signaling mediators. T1D is associated with changes in serum lipid profiles after disease onset, including increases in blood triacylglycerol and cholesterol levels, which are often associated with poor glycemic control (3). However, limited information is available regarding the roles of lipids in contributing to disease pathogenesis. For instance, the Oresic group found that circulating lipids function as biomarkers for autoimmunity and T1D progression (4; 5). In terms of cell signaling, lipids have been shown to be important mediators of the islet inflammatory process (insulinitis) (6-8). During insulinitis, pro-inflammatory cytokines activate phospholipases, such as inducible phospholipase A2 (PLA2), leading to the cleavage of phosphatidylcholine (PC) into lysophosphatidylcholine (LPC) (7; 9; 10). This process also leads to the release of fatty acids, such as arachidonic acid, which can be converted into prostaglandins, leukotrienes and thromboxanes that activate pro-apoptotic signaling and contribute to β -cell death (11-13).

At present, the role of the islet lipidome during the progression of T1D is poorly understood. Mass spectrometry analysis of islets has identified LPC and ceramides as important molecules in β -cell death (10). However, the lipidomics coverage in that study was limited and recent advances in technology can provide a more comprehensive coverage of the islet lipidome. Here, we used 3 models of insulinitis and type 1 diabetes progression to study the changes in islet/ β cell lipid composition during this process. Thus, unbiased lipidomics analyses were performed in 1) human islets and 2) a human β -cell line exposed to the proinflammatory cytokines IL-1 β and IFN- γ , and 3) in islets from non-obese diabetic (NOD) mice. The analysis showed a consistent regulation of LPC, PC with long unsaturated fatty acid chains and triacylglycerol species across the different models. To further investigate the LPC regulation, we performed mass spectrometry imaging analysis and microscopy of its biosynthetic enzyme PLA2G6 in mouse islets. The results showed that both LPC and PLA2G6 are enriched in islets. We also investigated the signaling mediated by PLA2G6 in mouse Min6 β cells using RNAi followed by proteomics analysis. This analysis determined that the ADP-ribosyl-acceptor glycohydrolase ARH3 is regulated by cytokines and that this regulation provides a negative feedback mechanism that reduces cytokine-induced apoptosis.

RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODS

Mice

Female 6-week-old non-obese diabetic NOD/ShiLtJ (#001976) and non-obese diabetes-resistant NOR/LtJ (#002050) mice were purchased from Jackson Labs. Husbandry of mice and experimental procedures were performed according to the University of Colorado approved IACUC protocol #00045. The mice were housed for < 1 week prior to islet isolation. Approximately 320-520 islets (n=3) were isolated using Histopaque centrifugation gradient and further handpicking of islets as described previously (14).

Human pancreatic islet and EndoC- β H1 cells

The lipidomics data of the human islets (n=10) (**Supplementary Table 1**) and EndoC- β H1 cells (n=4) treated with 50 U/mL IL-1 β + 1000 U/mL IFN- γ were collected from the same samples of proteomic analyses carried out us in (15) and (16), respectively. Culture maintenance, treatment and harvesting information are described in detail elsewhere (15; 16).

MIN6 β cell line culture and treatment

MIN6 cells were cultured in DMEM containing 10% FBS and 1% penicillin-streptomycin and maintained at 37°C in 5% CO₂. For knock-down experiments of *PLA2g6* siRNA was obtained from Dharmacon. Cells were transfected using Lipofectamine RNAiMAX (Invitrogen) with SMARTpool ON-TARGETplus non-targeting siRNA or siRNA targeting *PLA2g6* (Dharmacon). For studies using cytokines, cells were treated 24 h after transfection with 100 ng/mL IFN- γ , 10 ng/mL TNF- α , and 5 ng/mL IL-1 β for 24 h.

Sample extraction

Samples were subjected to metabolite, protein and lipid extraction (MPLEx) (17). Briefly, cells and islets were suspended in water and extracted by adding 5 volumes of cold (-20 °C) chloroform/methanol solution (2/1, v/v), incubating 5 min on ice and vigorously vortexing. Metabolites, proteins and lipids were separated into different phases by centrifuging the samples for 10 min at 16,000xg at 4°C. Metabolites and lipids were collected into glass autosampler vials and dried in a vacuum centrifuge. Proteins were washed by adding 1 mL of cold (-20°C) methanol and centrifuging 10 min at 16,000xg at 4°C. The supernatant was discarded, and pellets were dried in a vacuum centrifuge. Samples were stored at -80 °C until analysis.

Lipidomic analysis

Extracted lipids were dried and resuspended in methanol before being subjected to LC-MS/MS analysis as previously described in detail (18). Lipid species were identified using LIQUID (18) and manually inspected for validation. The features of the identified lipid species were extracted and aligned using MZmine (19).

Proteomic analysis

Extracted proteins were dissolved in 50 mM NH_4HCO_3 containing 8 M urea and 10 mM dithiothreitol. After incubating for 1 h at 37 °C with shaking at 800 rpm, 400 mM iodoacetamide was added to a final concentration of 40 mM, and the mixture incubated for another hour in the dark at room temperature. The reaction mixture was 8-folds diluted with 50 mM NH_4HCO_3 , and 1 M CaCl_2 was added to a final concentration of 1 mM. Proteins were digested for 3 h at 37 °C using trypsin at 1:50 enzyme:protein ratio. Digested peptides were desalted by solid-phase extraction using C18 cartridges (Discovery, 50 mg, Sulpelco) and dried in a vacuum centrifuge.

Peptides were analyzed on a Waters NanoAquity UPLC system with a custom packed C18 column (70 cm × 75 μm i.d., Phenomenex Jupiter, 3 μm particle size, 300 Å pore size) coupled with a Q-Exactive mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Peptide separation was carried out with a gradient of water (solvent A) and acetonitrile (solvent B) both containing 0.1% formic acid (1-8% B in 2 min, 8-12% B in 18 min, 12-30% B in 55 min, 30-45% B in 22 min, 45-95% B in 3 min, hold for 5 min in 95% B and 99-1% B in 10 min). Eluting peptides were directly analyzed by nanoelectrospray ionization and full-MS scans were collected at a resolution of 35,000 at 400 *m/z*. The 12 most intense parent ions were submitted to high-energy collision induced dissociation fragmentation with a 30% normalized collision energy.

Data were processed with MaxQuant software (v.1.5.5.1) (20) by matching against the mouse reference proteome database from Uniprot Knowledge Base (downloaded August 14, 2018). Searching parameters included protein N-terminal acetylation and oxidation of methionine as variable modifications, and carbamidomethylation of cysteine residues as fixed modification. Mass shift tolerance was used as the default setting of the software. Only fully tryptic digested peptides were considered, allowing up to two missed cleaved sites per peptide. Quantification of proteins was done using the intensity-based absolute quantification (iBAQ) method (21).

Statistical analysis

The lipidomics data were log₂ transformed and subjected to quality control analysis to identify any sample issues via Principal Component Analysis (PCA), robust to missing data for proteomics (22), as well as a robust PCA approach based on the distributional properties of the measured biomolecules for each sample (23). No sample-level issues

were detected and subsequently the lipidomics data were evaluated for total abundance bias and, with none found, were global median centered (24). Given the experimental design, statistics were then performed via a standard paired *t*-test followed by a multiple test Bonferroni correction (25). The proteomics data was log₂ transformed, and normalized by linear regression and central tendency using InfernoRDN (former Dante) (26). Statistically significant proteins were determined by ANOVA and *t*-test.

Bioinformatics analysis

The significantly different lipids and proteins were submitted to ontology/function-enrichment analysis using Lipid MiniOn (27) and DAVID (28) tools, respectively. For the Lipid MiniOn analysis, the full list of identified lipids was set as the background and the significantly different species as the query. Ontologies were considered enriched with a $p \leq 0.05$ using the Fisher's exact test. For the DAVID analysis, the differentially abundant proteins were set as the query and the entire genome was set as the background. Only the pathways of the KEGG database were used for the analysis and considered enriched with a $p \leq 0.05$.

Tissue processing and immunohistochemistry

Pancreata were dissected, washed in ice cold PBS, and fixed for 4 hours in 4% PFA at 4 °C. The tissue was then incubated in 30% sucrose overnight and frozen in OCT. 10 μm cryosections were taken and placed on Superfrost Plus slides (Fisher Scientific). Immunohistochemistry for PLA2G6 was performed using the Mouse on Mouse kit (Vector Labs) and the Vectastain ABC HRP kit (Vector Labs).

Mass spectrometry imaging analysis

Nanospray desorption electrospray ionization (nano-DESI) mass spectrometry imaging was performed on a Q Exactive HF-X mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific) as previously described (29). High-resolution nano-DESI probes were assembled using two fused silica capillaries pulled to O.D. 15- 25 μm . A shear force probe with a tip diameter of $\sim 10 \mu\text{m}$ was integrated with the nano-DESI probe and was used to precisely control the distance between the probe and the sample. The position of the samples was controlled by a motorized XYZ stage. Samples were scanned at a rate of 10 $\mu\text{m}/\text{s}$ under the nano-DESI probe in lines with a step of 20 μm between the lines. A 9/1 (v/v) methanol/water mixture containing 200 nM LPC 19:0 (internal standard) was propelled through the nano-DESI probe at 500 nL/min. The instrument was operated in a positive ionization mode with the following parameters: m/z range of 150–1000; mass resolution of 60,000 at m/z 200; high voltage of 3.2 kV. A custom-designed software, MSI QuickView, was used for data visualization and processing. Ion images were generated by normalizing the signal of the analyte to the signal of the internal standard (LPC 19:0). Lipids were identified by matching based on the high mass accuracy against the species characterized in the lipidomics analysis.

Fluorescence in-situ hybridization (FISH)

FISH experiments were performed as previously described (30). Ten oligonucleotide probes containing targeting and 3' readout overhang domains were designed against the *Pla2g6* transcript coding region (see **Supplementary Table 2** for sequences). Each targeting domain was 20-nt long and complementary to the *Pla2g6* mRNA, with CG content of 40-60%, no self-repeats and inner loop structures. A secondary probe labeled with two Alexa647 molecules was used to hybridize with the 3' overhang domain.

Samples were fixed with fresh 4% paraformaldehyde. After quenching the residual paraformaldehyde with 0.1% sodium borohydride, samples were permeabilized with 0.2% Triton-X 100 and stored in 70% ethanol. The primary and secondary probes (50 nM final concentration) and anti-insulin antibody (**Supplementary Table 2**) (1000-folds dilution) were diluted in hybridization solution (10% dextran sulfate, 15% formamide, 1× SSC, 3.4 mg/mL tRNA, 0.2 mg/mL RNase-free BSA, 2 mM ribonucleoside vanadyl complex) and incubated with the samples 37°C overnight in a humid chamber. Samples were rinsed with 15% formamide in 1× SSC, followed by staining with Atto 488-conjugated secondary antibody (**Supplementary Table 2**) and DAPI. Images were collected on an Olympus IX71-based single-molecule microscope equipped with 405 nm, 488 nm, and 640 nm solid lasers. Images were captured using a 100× oil immersion objective lens (NA 1.4) and an EMCCD camera (Andor iXon Ultra 897). Fluctuation localization imaging-based FISH (fliFISH) was used to extract the true location of *pla2g6* mRNA in tissue sections to account for the background noise (30). The location for each *Pla2g6* transcript was so calculated based on the center of mass. Photoswitching was activated by using GLOX-containing buffer: 50 mM Tris, 10 mM NaCl, 10% glucose, 560 µg/mL glucose oxidase, 34 µg/mL catalase and 1% β-mercaptoethanol.

Quantitative real-time PCR analysis

Cells were harvested and total mRNA was extracted using the RNeasy Mini kit (Qiagen). cDNA synthesis was performed using the iScript synthesis kit (Biorad) and qRT-PCR assays were performed using SsoAdvanced Universal SYBR Green Supermix. Expression levels were normalized to the housekeeping gene GAPDH and quantified using the delta CT method (see **Supplementary Table 2** for oligonucleotide information).

Western Blotting

Cells were harvested in RIPA buffer containing protease inhibitors and proteins were electrophoresed and transferred to PVDF membranes. After blocking in 5% milk in TBS containing 0.1% Tween 20, membranes were incubated in specific primary antibodies at 4° C overnight. Anti-mouse and anti-rabbit horseradish peroxidase-conjugated antibodies (**Supplementary Table 2**) were used for secondary antibodies and enhanced chemiluminescent substrate was used for signal detection.

RESULTS

Lipidome analysis of β -cell death/type 1 diabetes models

We performed comprehensive lipidomic analysis of three models of β -cell death in T1D: (I) Human EndoC- β H1 cells exposed to the cytokines IL-1 β + INF- γ for 48 h, (II) human islets exposed to the same cytokines for 24 h, and (III) islets from non-obese diabetic (NOD) mice at the pre-diabetic stage (6-week old) vs. age-matched NOR mice. A total of 369, 558 and 251 lipid species were identified and quantified in EndoC- β H1 cells, human islets and murine islets, respectively (**Figure 1A, Supplementary Tables 3-8**). A striking difference in the number of lysophospholipid species were observed comparing EndoC- β H1 cells with human or murine islets. Only 9 (2.4% of the total) lysophospholipid species were detected in EndoC- β H1 cells, compared to 89 (15.9%) and 25 (10.0%) in human and murine islets, respectively. To better understand possible lipid metabolic processes regulated in each of the models, we performed an enrichment analysis using Lipid Mini-On (27). This tool determines whether any specific lipid feature, such as head group, subclass, fatty acyl chain length or degree of unsaturation, is

overrepresented among the differentially regulated lipids. In EndoC- β H1 cells, phosphatidylglycerol (PG), plasmanyphosphatidylethanolamine and lipids with polyunsaturated fatty acyl chains were enriched among the species regulated by the IL- 1β + INF- γ treatment (**Figure 1B**). Similarly, lipids with polyunsaturated fatty acyl chains were also enriched in human islets treated with the cytokines (**Figure 1B**). In murine islets, only triacylglycerols (TG) with 58 total carbons in the fatty acyl chains were found to be significantly enriched (**Figure 1B**).

We reasoned that lipid groups regulated in a coordinated/common fashion in EndoC- β H1 cells, human islets, and murine islets in response to proinflammatory cytokines were likely to be important for T1D pathogenesis (highlighted by stars in **Figure 1A**). Interestingly, LPC species, PC species with long, polyunsaturated fatty acyl chains, and TGs were commonly regulated across all three models; LPCs and PCs with long, polyunsaturated fatty acids were also upregulated, whereas TGs were consistently downregulated in all 3 sample types (**Figure 2**).

Spatial distribution of coordinately regulated lipids in islets

We further surmised that coordinately regulated lipids that were particularly important for T1D pathogenesis would be preferentially localized to islets. To test this hypothesis, we determined the spatial distribution of the commonly regulated lipid species in murine pancreas using mass spectrometry imaging (MSI). MSI analysis showed that several LPC species are preferentially localized to islets, including LPC(18:0), LPC(18:1) and LPC(20:4), whereas species such as LPC (18:2) and PC(16:0) had similar abundance compared to surrounding tissue (**Figure 3**). In contrast, the standard LPC(19:0), which is delivered with the extraction solvent, was evenly distributed

throughout the tissue (**Figure 3**). Similarly, the endogenous metabolite glycerophosphocholine (GPC) was also evenly distributed throughout the tissue (**Figure 3**), which indicates an insignificant matrix effect (31). As expected, Several PC species including PC(34:1) and PC(36:2) displayed an even distribution between the islets and the surrounding tissue (**Figure 3**). Conversely, species with longer and polyunsaturated fatty acyl chains PC(40:5) and PC(40:6) were clearly enriched in islets (**Figure 3**). Unfortunately, the solvent composition used in imaging experiments did not allow us to analyze TG localization, due to inefficient extraction of this lipid class into 9:1 methanol:water mixture.

LPCs are generated by the release of fatty acid chains from phospholipids, a reaction catalyzed by the enzyme calcium-independent phospholipase A2 (iPLA2b/PLA2G6). Consistent with the localization of LPCs to the human islets, *Pla2g6* was also specifically expressed in β cells in murine islet tissue, as demonstrated by combining fluorescent in situ hybridization (FISH) and immunohistochemistry (**Figure 4A-B**). Taken together these data support the notion that the generation of LPCs by *Pla2g6* is preferentially localized to pancreatic islets and β cells.

Pla2g6-dependent cytokine regulation in MIN6 cells

To begin to understand the molecular mechanism(s) underlying phospholipase PLA2G6-mediated signaling in cytokine-exposed islets, we treated wild-type and *Pla2g6* knockdown (KD) MIN6 β cells with IL-1 β + INF- γ + TNF α for 24h, followed by LC-MS/MS-based proteomics analysis. The cytokine treatment led to changes in abundance of 1043 out of the 5212 identified and quantified proteins (**Figure 5A, Supplementary Table 9**). A function-enrichment analysis of the differentially regulated proteins revealed that 52

KEGG pathways were regulated by the cytokine treatment (**Figure 5B**). Only a small fraction of 35 proteins that were differentially regulated by cytokines was dependent on PLA2G6 (**Figure 5C, Supplementary Table 10**). Among these proteins, the expression of cathepsin Z and cathepsin B were upregulated with the cytokine treatment, but this increase in abundance was abolished in the absence of PLA2G6 (**Figures 5D and 5E**). Cathepsins are markers of lysosomal function and autophagy, indicating a possible link between cytokine signaling and these processes through PLA2G6. This is consistent with the previously described role of PLA2G6 in the regulation of autophagy and apoptosis in murine islets treated with the ER stressor, thapsigargin (32). Overall, the analysis showed a strong regulation of the MIN6 β cell proteome by pro-inflammatory cytokines, of which a small subset was dependent of PLA2G6.

Regulation of poly(ADP)ribosylation proteins in MIN6 β cells

Among the PLA2G6-dependent cytokine-regulated proteins as judged by LC-MS proteomics was ADP-ribosyl-acceptor glycohydrolase ARH3 (ADPRHL2 gene) (**Figure 5C**). ARH3 has been shown to play a role in poly-ADP-ribose (PAR) metabolism, a factor that regulates β -cell death in mice (33). We investigated the abundance profiles of the PAR polymerases (PARP) and hydrolases PAR glycohydrolases (PARG), MacroD1, MacroD2, terminal ADP-ribose protein glycohydrolase 1 (TARG1) and ADP-ribosyl-acceptor hydrolases (ARHs) in the proteomic analysis. PARP-1 abundance decreased approximately 35% in both wild-type and *Pla2g6*-KD cells when treated with cytokines, whereas PARP-2 was not significantly changed (**Table 1**). Conversely, PARP-3, -9, -10, -12 and -14 were strongly upregulated (>5 fold) when cells were treated with cytokines in both wild-type and *Pla2g6*-KD cells (**Table 1**). The PAR hydrolases ARH3 and MacroD1

were also increased by 66% and 31%, respectively, in the wild-type cells treated with cytokines, but their expression was unchanged in *Pla2g6*-KD cells treated with cytokines (**Table 1**). The other PAR hydrolases were not detected in our analysis.

To further investigate the role of ARH3 in β cell stress, we tested the effects of ARH3 KD in cytokine-mediated apoptosis by performing western blots of the apoptotic marker cleaved caspase 3. The KD reduced ARH3 transcript levels by approximately 50% (**Figure 6A**), but to smaller decrease in protein level was observed by western blot (**Figure 6B**) perhaps due to differences in sensitivity between the assays. As expected, the cytokine cocktail IL-1 β + INF- γ + TNF α increased the abundance of cleaved caspase 3 by 67%; however, this increase was only 33% in the ARH3 KD cells (**Figure 6A-C**). Together, these data show a strong regulation of the poly(ADP)ribosylation machinery by cytokines in MIN6 β cells and suggest that ARH3 is further regulated by PLA2G6 for protecting β cells from apoptosis during T1D.

DISCUSSION

We presently investigated the remodeling of islet and β cell lipid composition in 3 models of T1D. Since phenotypes found in model systems do not always reflect the physiology of disease, we performed lipidomic analysis across three different models type 1 diabetes: EndoC- β H1 cells exposed to the cytokines IL-1 β + INF- γ , human islets exposed to the same cytokines and islets from non-obese diabetic (NOD) mice at the pre-diabetic stage. This analysis identified consistent changes in composition of specific classes of lipids: down regulation of TGs and upregulation of LPCs and PCs with long unsaturated fatty acid chains. TGs have been shown to be down-regulated in rat β cells

by the pro-inflammatory cytokine combination IL-1 β + INF- γ + TNF α , likely to accommodate the resulting increased energetic demands (34). TG metabolism has also been associated with cellular protection; it has been shown that GDF15 impairs inflammation-induced damage by systemic release of liver TGs (35). Consistently, TG-carrying protein apolipoprotein CIII reduces apoptosis in rodent β cells treated with IL-1 β + INF- γ (36). Also, increases in cellular TG content has been associated with protection of rat β cells against the cytotoxic effects of saturated free fatty acids (37).

Our three different models of T1D also showed a consistent upregulation in the levels of PCs with long polyunsaturated fatty acid chains. Like TGs, polyunsaturated fatty acids have been associated with protection of β cells against pro-inflammatory cytokines (38). An omega 3 polyunsaturated fatty acid diet reduces the incidence of diabetes in NOD mice (39). Polyunsaturated fatty acids are sources for immunomediators such as prostaglandins, leukotrienes and thromboxanes. While some of these immunomediators are anti-inflammatory, others induce inflammation and apoptosis. For instance, the processing of the polyunsaturated fatty acid arachidonic acid into 12-HETE by 12-lipoxygenase has been shown to lead to β -cell death (40).

Polyunsaturated fatty acids are often associated with phospholipids but can be released from them by phospholipases. Cytokines activate the inducible phospholipase A2 beta (iPLA2b/PLA2G6) in islets leading to the release of polyunsaturated fatty acids and LPCs (10; 41). This is in line with our results showing an accordant increase of LPCs in each of the T1D models. We also showed that several LPCs are enriched in islets, which is consistent with the observation that PLA2G6 expression is higher in islets compared to surrounding tissue. A few LPC species were not enriched in islets, which

might be due to the enzyme specificity. In murine islets, PLA2G6 appears to be concentrated in β cells, which is consistent to the previous report showing that its transcript is higher in β cells compared to α cells (42). PLA2G6 has been shown to activate apoptosis via downstream activation of neutral sphingomyelinase and formation of ceramides, leading to mitochondrial membrane decompensation (10). Pharmacological inhibition of PLA2G6 protects NOD mice from developing diabetes (7). PLA2G6 can also induce alternative splicing and reduce the levels of the antiapoptotic protein Bcl-x(L) via neutral sphingomyelinase activation and ER stress (9). In addition, PLA2G6 was previously shown to regulate autophagy and apoptosis in murine islets treated with the ER stressor, thapsigargin (32). This observation agrees with our proteomics data, which shows PLA2G6 regulate lysosomal trafficking and autophagy markers cathepsin B and Z. Of note, another cathepsin, cathepsin H, is a candidate gene for type 1 diabetes with a key role for β -cell function and survival (43) and crinosomes, a cell structure that plays a key role for the generation of autoimmune peptides in diabetes prone NOD-mice (44), are rich in cathepsins.

Here we show that PLA2G6 also regulates antiapoptotic signals by inducing the expression of the ADP-ribosyl-acceptor glycohydrolase ARH3. ARH3 hydrolyses PAR from serine residues, counterbalancing the pro-apoptotic activity induced by ADP-ribose polymerization (45-47). Indeed, PARP-1 has been shown to be involved in cytokine mediated β -cell death in murine islets and PARP-1 deletion has been shown to protect against streptozotocin-mediated diabetes (33; 48; 49). Our data show that this scenario might be more complex as PARP-3, -9, -10, -12 and -14 are strongly upregulated in cells

treated with the cytokines IL-1 β + INF- γ + TNF α , but their role in β -cell death still needs to be investigated.

Overall, our data showed a consistent regulation of the lipid metabolism in 3 different models of insulinitis. Additionally, we demonstrated that phospholipase Pla2g6 signaling leads to the upregulation of ARH3 which may provide a feedback mechanism to reduce apoptosis.

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Data and Resource Availability

Proteomics data were deposited into Pride repository (50) (www.ebi.ac.uk/pride) under accession number PXD017863.

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Table 1 – Abundance profiles of poly(ADP)ribosylation proteins in wild-type and Pla2g6 knockdown MIN6 β cells treated with the pro-inflammatory cytokines. *iBAQ – intensity-based absolute quantification. Statistical test was done with *t*-test considering equal variation and distribution.

Accession number	Protein	Average iBAQ intensity				Standard deviation				Fold change (Treated/Control)		p-value (Control vs. treated)	
		Wild type		Pla2g6 RNAi		Wild type		Pla2g6-RNAi		Wild type	Pla2g6 RNAi	Wild type	Pla2g6 RNAi
		Control	Treated	Control	Treated	Control	Treated	Control	Treated				
Q921K2	PARP-1	160541298	102181010	162185126	98199854	14415018	13769483	11315442	11911652	0.64	0.61	0.000	0.000
O88554	PARP-2	2320187	1886698	2701832	1904552	773539	900914	606622	619003	0.81	0.70	0.438	0.074
Q8CFB8	PARP-3	0	2440297	129711	2796473	0	1950741	290043	1320074	∞	21.56	0.023	0.002
Q8CAS9	PARP-9	1027221	39521623	1758362	44078979	833995	6228610	1232660	4239980	38.47	25.07	0.000	0.000
Q8CIE4	PARP-10	100029	4173449	93000	4561784	223672	1064209	207955	1039258	41.72	49.05	0.000	0.000
Q8BZ20	PARP-12	613429	3541763	861360	6368375	261033	682862	471954	1427301	5.77	7.39	0.000	0.000
Q2EMV9	PARP-14	616310	26623139	769444	27348827	84838	2863548	321341	1432066	43.20	35.54	0.000	0.000
Q8CG72	ARH3	11541195	19182811	11421375	12104702	3610258	2655778	3105854	1940956	1.66	1.06	0.005	0.688
Q922B1	MacroD1	16322818	21400784	19062601	17347089	3285980	2286317	3446722	3884448	1.31	0.91	0.022	0.481

Legends:

Figure 1. Global lipidomic analysis of 3 common models used for the study of β -cell death in type 1 diabetes: (I) EndoC- β H1 cells exposed to IL-1 β and INF- γ for 48 h (4 replicates), (II) human islets exposed to same cytokines for 24 h (10 replicates) and (III) islets from non-obese diabetic (NOD) mice in pre-diabetic stage (6 weeks of age) vs. age-matched NOR mice (3 replicates). Lipids were extracted and analyzed by liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry. (A) Number of identified and regulated species in lipid subclass. (B) Lipid features and groups that were significantly enriched ($p \leq 0.05$, Fisher's exact test) among the differentially regulated species. *Lipid classes consistently regulated in all three samples.

Figure 2. Lipid species that are consistently regulated in 3 models of β -cell death in type 1 diabetes. Lipids from EndoC- β H1 cells treated with IL-1 β and INF- γ for 48 h, human islets treated with the proinflammatory cytokines IL-1 β and INF- γ for 24 h and islets from non-obese diabetic (NOD) mice in pre-diabetic stage (6 weeks of age) were extracted and analyzed by liquid chromatography tandem mass spectrometry. Each lipid species is named with the abbreviation of its class (e.g. LPC and PC) followed by the length of the fatty acid and number of double bounds (separated by colon) in parenthesis. The letters after the lipid names represent different isomers that are separated in the chromatography. The relative abundance in T1D model vs. control are color-coded. Isobaric coeluting species (separated by semicolons) were co-quantified.

Figure 3. Spatial localization of lysophosphatidylcholine (LPC) and phosphatidylcholine (PC) species in pancreata from NOR mice by mass spectrometry imaging. Each panel shows either the optical image or color-coded distribution of different lipid, endogenous metabolite [glycerophosphocoline (GPC)] and standard [LPC(19:0)] species. Each lipid species is named with the abbreviation of its class (e.g. LPC and PC) followed by the length of the fatty acid chains and number of double bounds (separated by colon) in parenthesis. Pancreata from 6-week old mice were collected and analyzed in two independent experiments.

Figure 4. Pla2g6 distribution. (A) Fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) of MIN6 β cell line, and pancreata from non-obese diabetic (NOD) and non-obese diabetes resistant (NOR) mice (6 weeks of age). Cells and tissues were stained with anti-insulin antibody (green), DNA stain 4',6-diamidino-2-phenylindole (DAPI – blue) and fluorescent-labeled antisense Pla2g6 oligonucleotide (red). (B) Immunohistochemistry (IHC) analysis of Pla2g6. Tissue was stained with biotin-conjugated anti-Pla2g6 antibodies followed by avidin-conjugated horseradish peroxidase. Localization was visualized by horseradish peroxidase-mediated oxidation and precipitation of 3,3'-diaminobenzidine (brown).

Figure 5. Pro-inflammatory cytokines IL-1 β + IFN- γ + TNF α and Pla2g6-dependent proteome remodeling in MIN6 β cells. (A) Pro-inflammatory cytokines (Cyt)-dependent protein expression in wild-type (WT) and Pla2g6-RNAi MIN6 cells (n=5, each). (B) KEGG pathways enriched with proteins differentially abundant in IL-1 β + IFN- γ -treated MIN6 cells. Pathways were grouped based on shared proteins using Enrichment Map (51). Each pathway is represented by a node and their degree of connectivity (thickness of the edges) is proportional to the number of shared proteins between the pathways. (C) Pla2g6-dependent protein abundance changes of pro-inflammatory cytokine-treated MIN6 cells. (D-E) Abundance profiles of cathepsin Z (D) and B (E). Statistical test: ** p \leq 0.01 and *** p \leq 0.001 by *t*-test considering equal distribution and variance.

Figure 6. The role of ADP-ribosyl-acceptor glycohydrolase ARH3 in cytokine-mediated apoptosis of MIN 6 β cells. MIN6 cells were transfected with ARH3 RNAi or scrambled oligonucleotides for 24 h and then treated with 100 ng/mL IFN- γ , 10 ng/mL TNF- α , and 5 ng/mL IL-1 β for another 24 h. (A) Quantitative PCR of ARH3 transcript normalized by GAPDH. (B) Western blot analysis of ARH3 KD cells treated with cytokines. (C) Quantification of the levels of cleaved caspase 3 bands. The data is representative of 3 independent experiments with similar results.

Supplementary Material

Supplementary table 1 - Characteristics of human islet donors.

Supplementary table 2- List of antibodies and oligonucleotides used in the study.

Supplementary table 3 - Quantitative lipidomics analysis in the negative-ionization mode of the EndoC- β H1 cells (n=4) treated with 50 U/mL IL-1 β + 1000 U/mL IFN- γ for 48 h.

Supplementary table 4 - Quantitative lipidomics analysis in the positive-ionization mode of the EndoC- β H1 cells (n=4) treated with 50 U/mL IL-1 β + 1000 U/mL IFN- γ for 48 h.

Supplementary table 5 - Quantitative lipidomics analysis in the negative-ionization mode of the human islets (n=10) treated with 50 U/mL IL-1 β + 1000 U/mL IFN- γ for 24 h.

Supplementary table 6 - Quantitative lipidomics analysis in the positive-ionization mode of the human islets (n=10) treated with 50 U/mL IL-1 β + 1000 U/mL IFN- γ for 24 h.

Supplementary table 7 - Quantitative lipidomics analysis in the negative-ionization mode of islets from 6-weeks old NOD vs NOR mice.

Supplementary table 8 - Quantitative lipidomics analysis in the positive-ionization mode of islets from 6-weeks old NOD vs NOR mice.

Supplementary table 9 - Quantitative proteomics analysis of wild-type and Pla2g6 knock down MIN6 β cells treated with cytokines (100 ng/mL IFN- γ , 10 ng/mL TNF- α , and 5 ng/mL IL-1 β) for 24 h.

Supplementary table 10 - Identification of proteins that the abundances are regulated by cytokines via PLA2G6. Wild-type and Pla2g6 knock down MIN6 β cells treated with cytokines (100 ng/mL IFN- γ , 10 ng/mL TNF- α , and 5 ng/mL IL-1 β) for 24 h were analyzed by proteomics. The criteria for selecting as PLA2G6-dependent cytokine regulated proteins were: (i) significantly regulated regulated by the cytokine treatment (untreated wild type vs. wild type treated with cytokines), (ii) this regulation also had to be significant comparing wild type treated with cytokines vs. Pla2g6 knockdown treated with cytokines, and (iii) not significantly changing in untreated Pla2g6 knockdown vs. Pla2g6 knockdown treated with cytokines.

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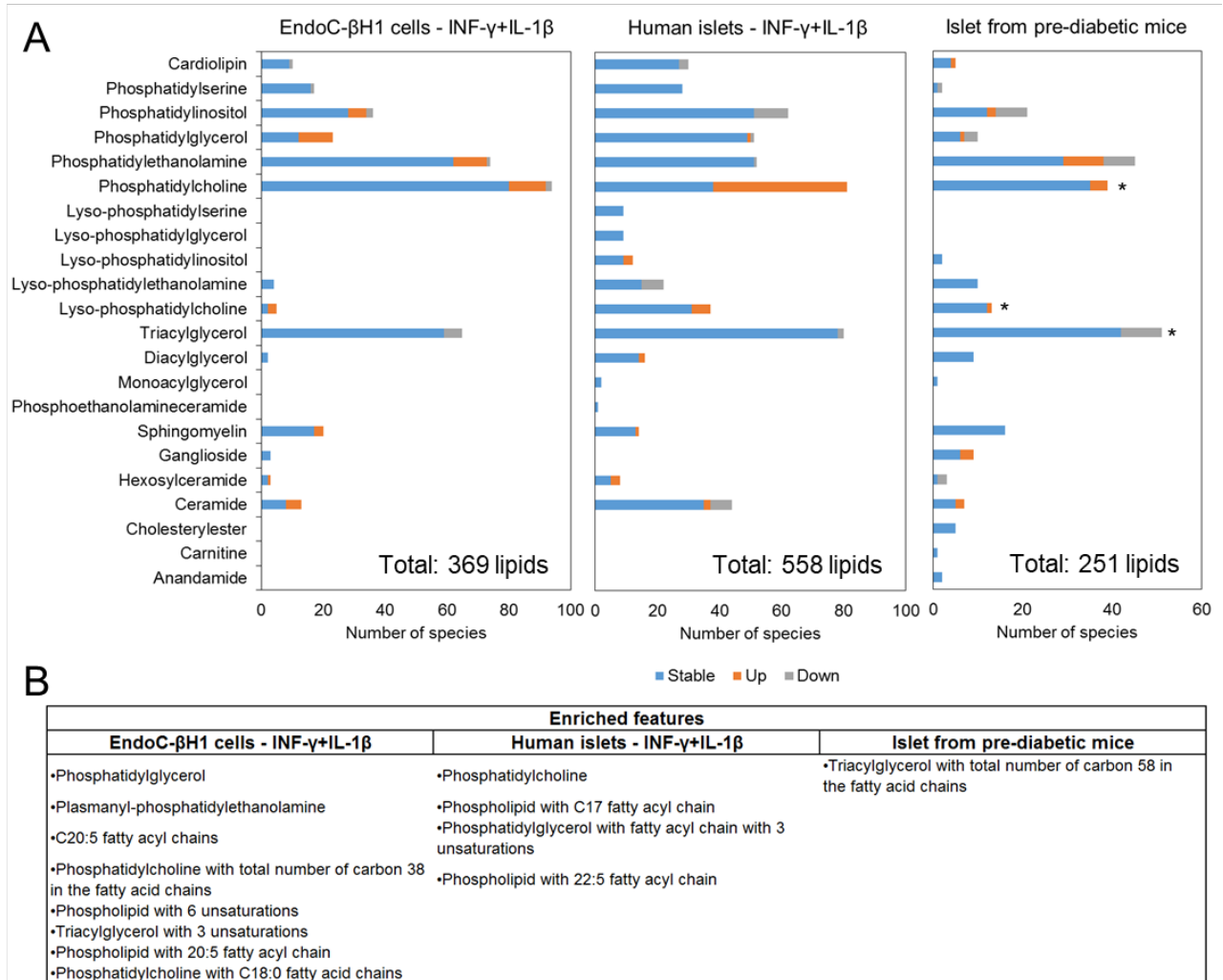


Figure 2

Common features	Sample					
	EndoC-βH1 cells - INF-γ+IL-1β		Human islets - INF-γ+IL-1β		Islets from pre-diabetic mice	
	Species	FC	Species	FC	Species	FC
Increased levels of LysoPC	PC(0:0/16:0)_A	0.91	PC(0:0/16:0)_B	0.27	PC(20:1/0:0)	0.35
	PC(0:0/18:0)	0.72	PC(0:0/18:0)_B	0.24		
	PC(0:0/18:1)_A	0.78	PC(0:0/18:1)_B	0.32		
			PC(17:1/0:0)	0.25		
			PC(17:0/0:0)_B	0.27		
			PC(22:2/0:0)	0.22		
Increased levels of PC with very long, polyunsaturated fatty acids	PC(16:0/20:5)	0.46	PC(15:0/20:4)	0.29	PC(16:0/22:5);PC(18:1/20:4)	0.60
	PC(18:0/20:3)_B	0.54	PC(15:0/22:6)	0.22	PC(18:1/22:6)	0.87
	PC(18:0/22:3)	0.56	PC(16:0/20:3);PC(18:1/18:2)	0.29	PC(20:2/22:6)	0.59
			PC(16:0/22:5);PC(18:1/20:4);	0.53		
	PC(18:0/22:6)	0.93	PC(18:2/20:3)_B	0.24		
	PC(18:1/20:3)_B	0.48	PC(17:0/20:4)	0.24		
			PC(17:0/22:5);PC(19:1/20:4)	0.30		
	PC(18:1/20:4);PC(16:0/22:5)	0.80	PC(17:1/20:4)	0.17		
	PC(18:1/20:5)	0.40				
			PC(18:0/20:4);PC(18:1/20:3)_B	0.16		
			PC(18:0/22:5)	0.17		
			PC(18:0/22:6)	0.13		
			PC(18:1/20:5);PC(18:2/20:4);	0.21		
			PC(16:0/22:6);PC(16:1/22:5)	0.14		
			PC(18:1/22:6);PC(20:3/20:4)	0.22		
			PC(18:2/20:1)	0.24		
			PC(18:2/20:2);PC(18:1/20:3)_A	0.23		
		PC(20:1/20:4);PC(20:2/20:3)	0.32			
		PC(20:2/20:4)	0.33			
		PC(20:3/22:4)	0.14			
		PC(20:4/22:1)	0.36			
		PC(22:4/22:6)				
Decreased levels of TG	TG(44:1)	-0.87	TG(54:1)	-0.42	TG(52:3)	-0.61
	TG(49:2)	-0.44	TG(56:2)	-0.42	TG(56:3)	-0.67
	TG(49:3)	-0.64			TG(54:3)	-0.47
	TG(50:3)	-0.19			TG(58:6)	-0.91
	TG(51:3)	-0.40			TG(56:4)	-0.77
	TG(53:3)	-0.18			TG(58:8)	-0.68
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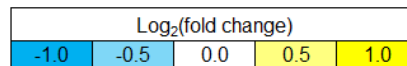


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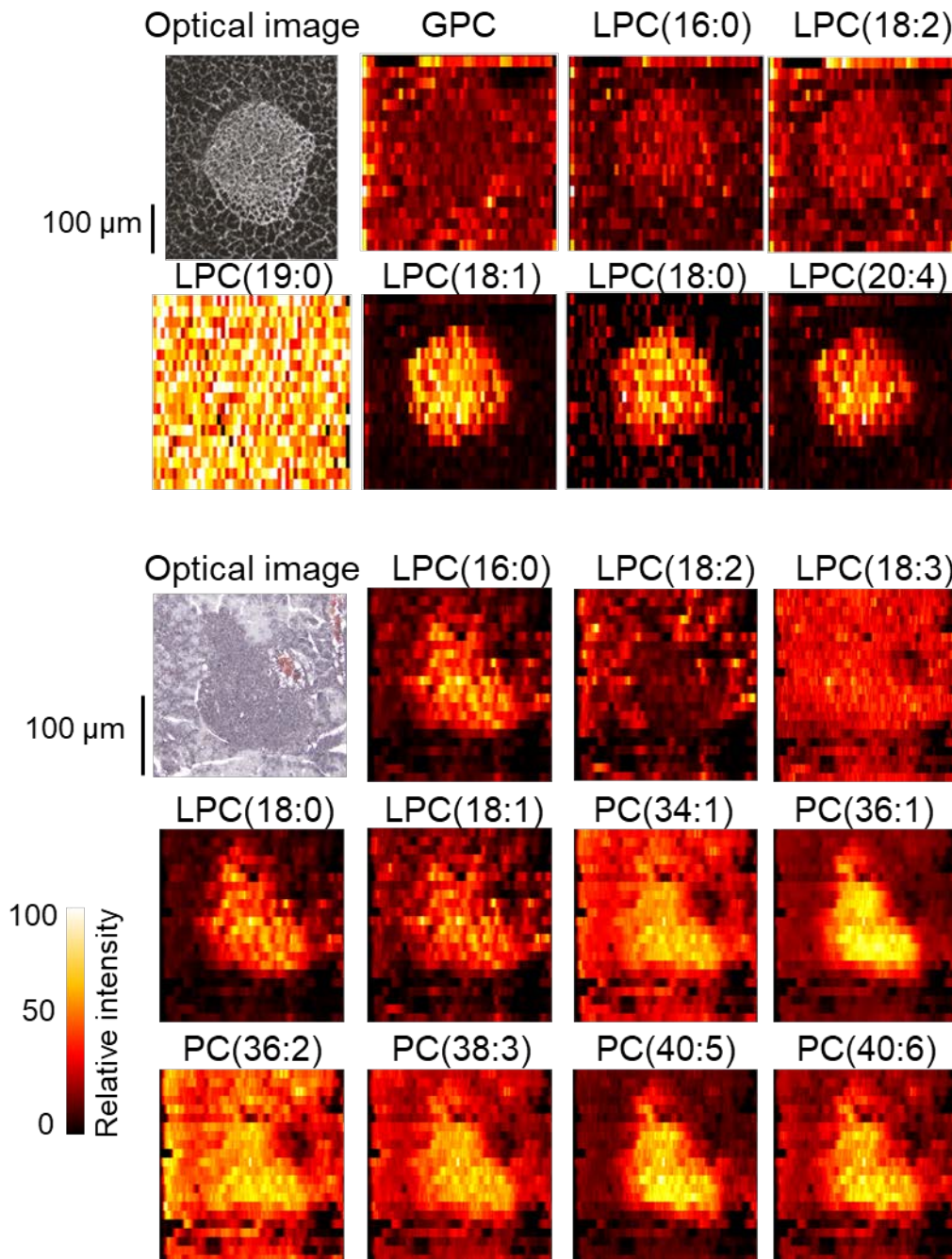


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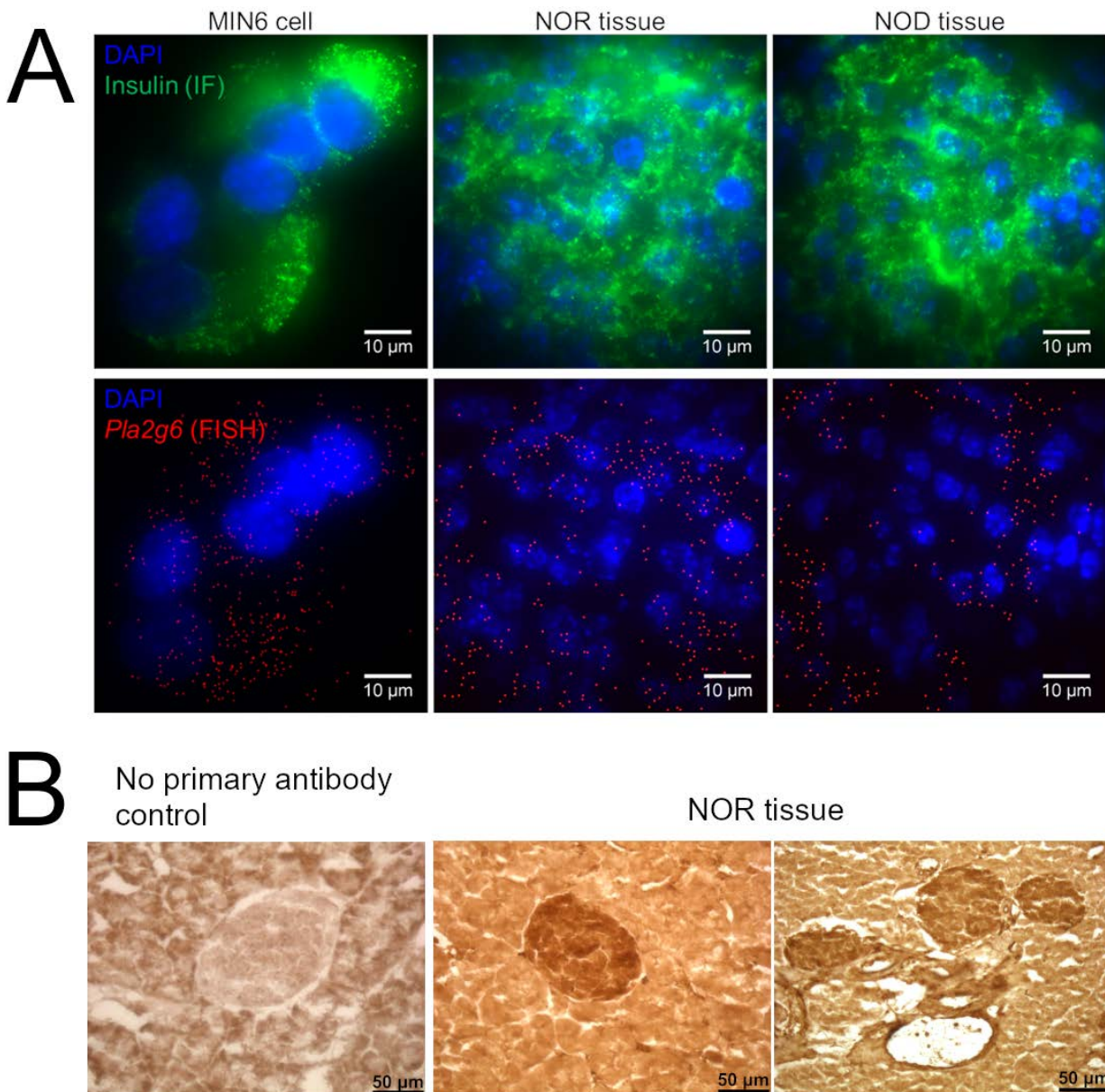


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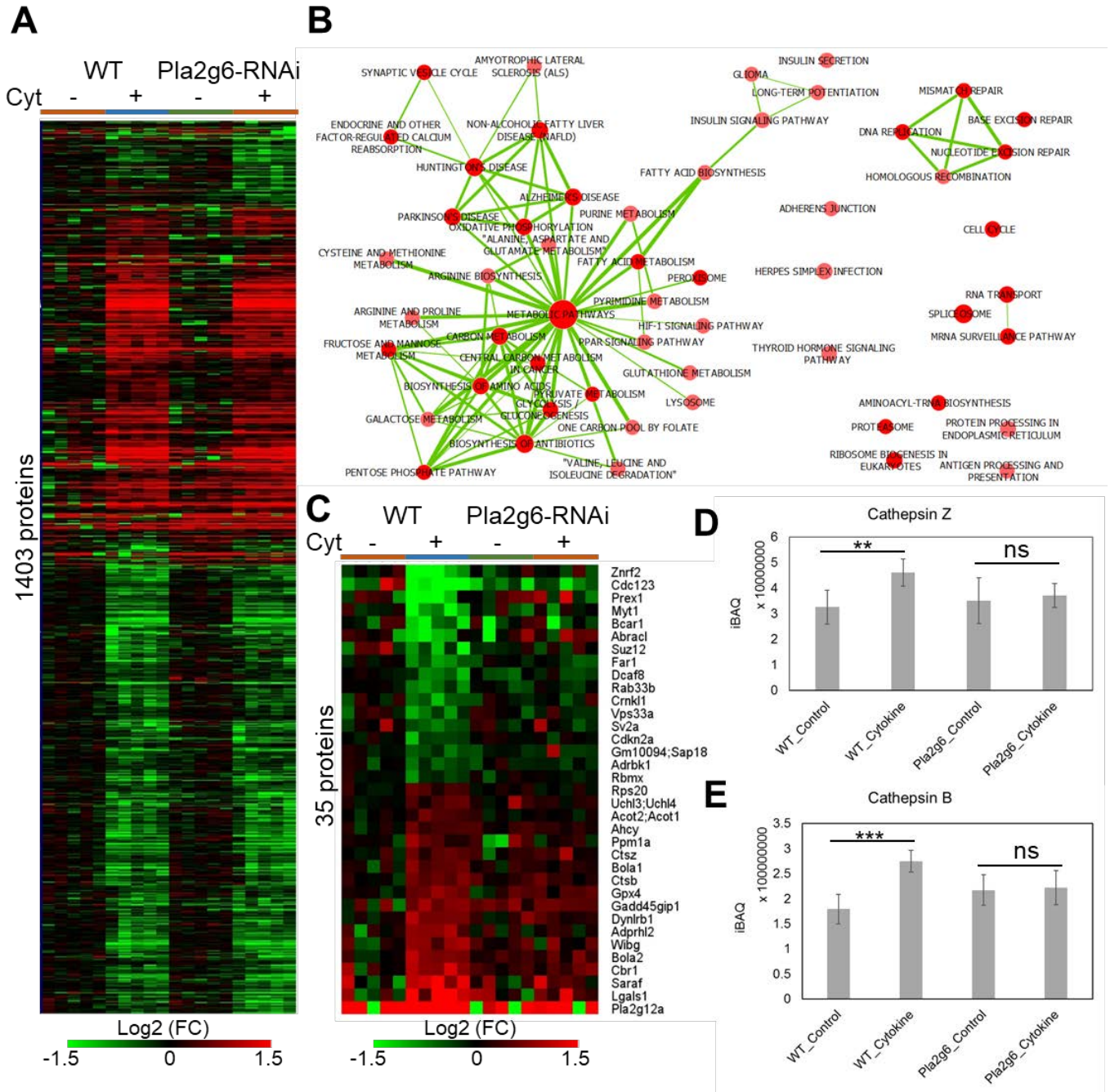
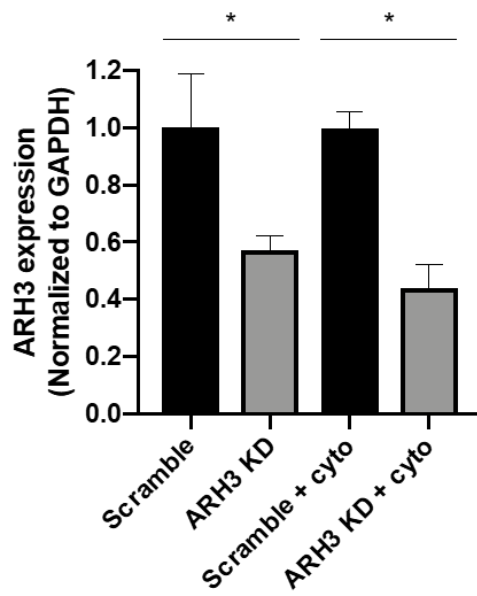
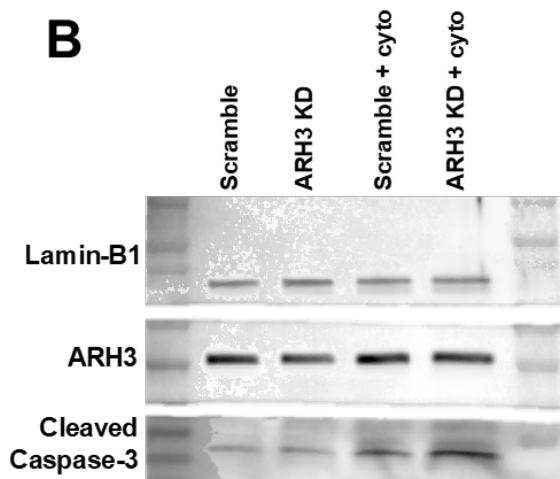


Figure 6

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