
Transcription of Cell Wall Mannoproteins-1 gene in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* Mutant

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Abstract

Protein phosphatase (PPases) are enzymes to catalyze the phosphate groups removal from amino acid residues of proteins by protein kinases. The *PPG1*, one of PPases in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* has less information in function/role. In this research, the disruption of $\Delta PPG1::CgHIS3$ in FY833 genetic background was successfully constructed by PCR-mediated disruption strategies using pCgHIS3 (*EcoRI-HindIII*) (=pYMS314) (pUC19 base) and primer pair of *PPG1*, forward (41 to 100) and reverse (1048 to 1101). A *BamHI* - *BamHI* fragment 3,28 kb $\Delta PPG1::CgHIS3$ consisting of 1 kb upstream *PPG1*+ 1.78 kb *CgHIS3* + 0.5 down stream of *PPG1*) was confirmed using PCR and detected using electrophoresis. Phenotypic assay of $\Delta PPG1::CgHIS3$ in FY833 and did not show 200 μ g/ml Calco fluor sensitivity, while another mutant $\Delta PPG1::CgHIS3$ in W303-IA show 100 μ g/ml congo red sensitivity. Furthermore, to confirm whether $\Delta PPG1$ could increase a *CWPI* transcriptional level was performed Real Time (RT) PCR analysis using Primer pair Kf (AATTCGGCCTGGTGAGTATCC) and Kr (GTTTCAAAGTGCCGTTATCACT GT). RT-PCR's data showed that transcriptional level of *CWPI* in $\Delta PPG1::CgHIS3$ changed less than two-folds comparing with in wild type strain. This result indicated that disruption of *PPG1* in *S.cerevisiae* did not change *CWPI* transcriptional level significantly.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Protein kinase phosphorylates other proteins, while protein phosphatase dephosphorylates other proteins, and this

phosphorylation is used to activate or inactivate enzyme activity in cells. The reversible phosphorylation of protein is an essential regulatory mechanism that occurs in

eukaryotic cells. Defect either protein kinase or protein phosphatase resulting in abnormal phosphorylation of protein cause many disease (Zolnierowicz and Bollen, 2000). Some advantages reasons why *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* used in elucidation of protein phosphatase function as follows: 1) *S.cerevisiae* is the pre-eminent eukaryote for genetic studies; 2) it intensely genetically has been studied; 3) evolutionarily conserved between yeast and human; 4) Study in *S.cerevisiae* could reveal important new insights about cellular defects associated with human disease (Hermansyah, 2010).

The *PPG1*, one of protein phosphatases which have been found, has a few an information from previous studies in its function as well as its role. Therefore, study of some functions of *PPG1* referenced from old studies. That protein was not essential for cell growth, but it is described that the *PPG1* is required for glycogen accumulation through the control of the amount of glycogen synthase (Posas *et al.*, 1993), and required for proper meiosis (Marston, 2004). The Δ *PPG1* disruptant showed opposing phenotype with Δ *rlm1* disruptant where deletion of *PPG1* and *RLM1* were sensitive and resistant to congo-red, respectively (Hirasaki *et al.*, 2010). *Rlm1*, a phosphorylated transcriptional activator, is activated by *Slr2*, a protein kinase that involved in the PKC1-MAPK-signaling pathway regulating cell wall synthesis and the cell cycle (Gustin *et al.*, 1998).

Calco fluor and congo red can inhibit cell wall construction in fungi (Serrano *et al.*, 2006). Calco fluor induces abnormal septa which apparently fail to develop abscission zones between mother and daughter cells

(Roncero and Duran, 1985), a similar effect was produced in *S.cerevisiae* by congo red (Vannini *et al.*, 1983). The phenotype of inhibited growth by Calco fluor and Congo red has been utilized to screen and isolate cell wall mutants (Ram and Klis, 2006).

CWP1 together with *CWP2* are two main genes encoding the cell wall mannoproteins (Van der Vaart *et al.*, 1995). Deletion of both *CWP1* and *CWP2* genes encoding cell wall mannoproteins markedly increased cell wall permeability, the effects are apparently synergistic, and inactivation of both *CWP* genes enhances cell staining by Calco fluor white or Congo red (Zhang *et al.*, 2008). Based on these previous references, *PPG1* protein phosphatase may have relationship with *CWP1* transcription in *S.cerevisiae*.

2. MATERIAL AND METHODS

Strains, Plasmid, and Media

S.cerevisiae strains used in this study were FY833 with can^+ = *MATa ura3-52 his3- Δ 200 leu2 Δ 1 lys2 Δ 202 trp1 Δ 63 can⁺*; W303-Ia = *MATa ura3-1 leu2-3,112 trp1 his3-11,15 ade2-1; Δ PPG1::CgHIS3* in W303-IA; *Δ PPG1::CgHIS3* in FY833 with can^+ (NBRP, YGRC or National BioResource Project/Yeast Genetic Research Center, Japan (http://yeast.lab.nig.ac.jp/nig/index_en.html)). Oligonucleotides used as to construct as follows : *PPG1::CgHIS3* disruptant in *pUC19*. YPAD media was prepared from YPAD broth (Sigma-Aldrich Co.) with 0.4 mg/mL adenine. Cultures were cultivated at 30°C for 1-2 days (Hermansyah *et al.*, 2009);

Construction of $\Delta PPGI$ disruptant

PPGI gene was disrupted by PCR-mediated gene disruption as described in previous study (Sakumoto *et al.*, 2002); (Hermansyah *et al.*, 2010). The $\Delta PPGI$ disruptant were constructed via homologous recombination by integration of gene replacement cassette carrying the *CgHIS3* gene. Kf (80 bp) : 5' AGTTACTACCTGAAGTGACTGTA AGGGCACTCTGCTTTAAGCTGAAGGAA ATGCTAGTGACACAGGAAACAGCTATG AC C3'; Kr (80bp) 5'CTAC AAGAAGTAATCAACATGTCTGTT AGAAGCAGATCTGGCTTGGTATACA TCTGAAAAGTTGTA AACGACGGCCAG T3'. Confirm insert gene were carried out by PCR amplification using primer pair Kf (30 bp): 5' GGGGGATCCCAGGA ACAGG TTGAGTAGACA 3'; Kr (30bp) : 5' GGGGGATCCAAATCTCG AAAGGTCATCGTG 3' by additional *Bam*HI restriction site on 5' both of them. The nucleotide fragment length was detected using 1% agarose gel electrophoresis.

Yeast Transformation

Yeast transformation was conducted according to previous study (Ausubel *et al.*, 2003). Cells inoculum grown in YPAD by incubation for 3-4 hours at 30°C with shaking 150 rpm to reach an $OD_{660} = 1.0$. The cells were harvested at 4°C by centrifugation, and, after being resuspended into 1 ml 0.1 M Pb acetate. Pellet cells was then added 0.24 ml PEG 4.000 50% (w/v), 0.036 mL Li Acetate 1.0 M, 0.005 ml single strand DNA carrier (10 mg/mL), and 0.070 mL, DNA product (0.1-10 μ g) and sterile water, respectively. Heat

shock the mixtures for 25 minutes at 42°C, and dissolved it in 100 μ L. Spread onto selective media, and incubate the cells at 30°C for 2-3 days until some transformed cells grow as colonies.

Calco fluor and Congo red phenotypic assay

S.cerevisiae $\Delta PPGI$ disruptant cells were streaked either on 200 μ g/ml Calco fluor containing YPAD agar or 100 μ g/ml Congo red containing YPAD agar media. Then, incubated at temperature 30 °C for 2 days. Sensitive phenotype indicated that *PPGI* gen involved in cell wall construction, while resistant phenotype indicated that *PPGI* gen did not involve in cell wall construction in *S.cerevisiae*.

Transcriptional analysis of *CWPI*

CWPI transcriptional level was analyzed using real time PCR as described in previous study (Hermansyah *et al.*, 2009). Both wild type and The $\Delta PPGI$ disruptant were cultured in YPAD media to reach exponential phase ($OD_{660} = 1.0$), and cells were harvested to obtain the cells. cDNA template for quantitative RT PCR was prepared as following steps: RNA of *S.cerevisiae* strains was isolated using the hot phenol method, and first –strand cDNA was prepared using a high capacity cDNA archive kit (Applied Biosystems). These cDNA samples were used for quantitative RT PCR with a 7300 Real Time PCR system (Applied Biosystems) using primer pair forward: 5'AATTCGGCCTGGTGAGTATCC3' and reverse: 5'ACAGTG ATAACGGCAC TTTGA AAC 3'.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this study, we used some wild type strains FY833 AND W303-1A since they were common yeast strains widely used in yeast genetics. The disruption of $\Delta PPG1::CgHIS3$ was constructed by PCR-mediated gene disruption as described in Figure 1. PPG1 gene disrupted by integration gene replacement cassette harbouring the CgHIS3 gene (Sakumoto *et al.*, 2002). DNA fragment produced from PCR method were utilized to transform both yeast strains FY833 and W303-1A. Each primer (reverse or forward primer) used in this study consist of 60 nucleotides of PPG1 and 20 nucleotides of CgHIS3 from plasmid derivated from pUC19 plasmid (Kitada, Yamaguchi and Arisawa,

1995). The $\Delta PPG1$ disruptants were selected in YPAD media that has no histidine contain (His^+ transformant). By disrupt the whole sequence of PPG1 caused no activity of PPG1 protein phosphatase.

Selected transformants were confirmed by PCR method using primer pair that contains downstream and upstream sequence of PPG1 gene open reading frame. PPG1 gene located on chromosome XV consist of 1107 nucleotides (Jones *et al.*, 1997). Confirm insert genes were carried out by PCR amplification using primers forward (-1000 to -979) and (2587 to 2607) by additional BamHI restriction site on 5' both of them. A BamHI - BamHI of $\Delta PPG1::CgHIS3$ is of 3.3 kpb consist of 1 kb upstream PPG1+ 1.8 kb CgHIS3 + 0.5 down stream of PPG1 as shown in Figure 2.

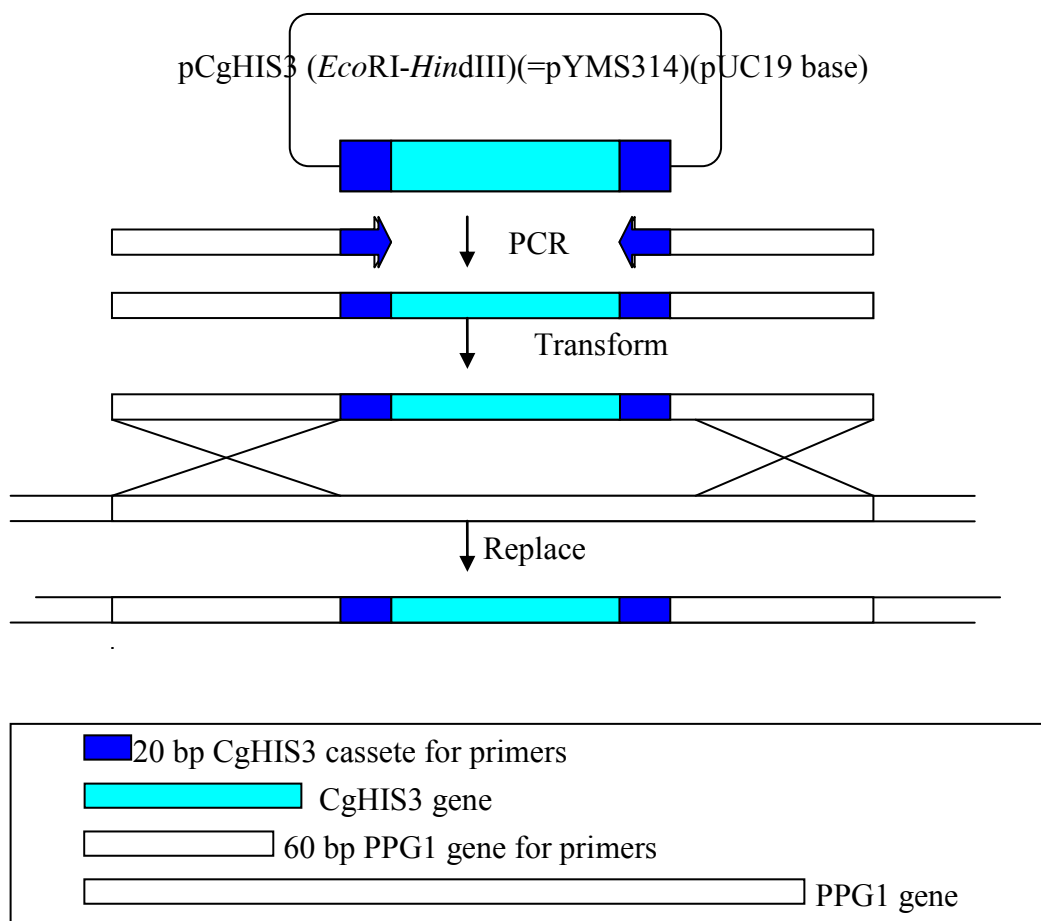


Figure 1. Strategy construction of PPG1 gene disruption by PCR mediated disruption. PPG1 gene disrupted by integration gene replacement cassette harbouring the CgHIS3 gene.



Figure 2. Confirm insert genes were carried out by PCR amplification. *PPG* gene has been disrupted which confirmed by the presence of DNA fragment 3,3 kb. This indicated that *PPG1* gene replaced by *CgHIS3* gene.

Phenotypic assay for Calco fluor and Congo red

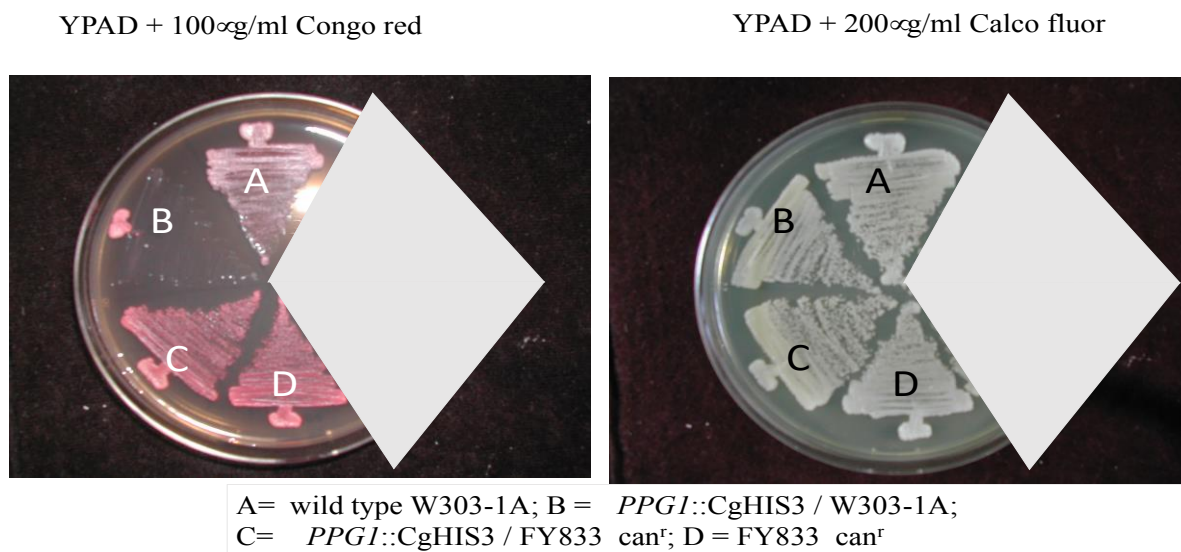


Figure 3. Phenotype test on media contains 100 µg/mL congo red and 200 µg/ml calco fluor. The Δ *PPG1::CgHIS3* in W303-1A can not grow in the presence of 100 µg/mL congo red Congo red, but can grow in the presence of 200 µg/ml Calco fluor.

Both calco fluor and congo red can be used in screening mutants having disrupted gene which play a role in cell wall construction in fungi. Whether effect calco fluor or congo red inhibit growth of Δ *PPG1* disruptant, we tested the phenotype of cell growth of Δ *PPG1::CgHIS3* in YPAD in the presence 200µg/ml calco fluor and 100µg/ml congo red. The result showed that both Δ *PPG1::CgHIS3* in FY833 and in W303-1A background showed resistant

phenotype in YPAD media supplemented with 200µg/ml calco fluor, while Δ *PPG1::CgHIS3* in W303-1A showed sensitive phenotype to YPAD media supplemented with 100µg/ml congo red as shown in Figure 3. In previous result, it has reported that the Δ *PPG1* disruptant displayed a clear sensitivity to Congo red and *PPG1* is involved in the SLT2-pathway which plays an essential role in maintenance of cell shape and integrity in

S.cerevisiae, and more specifically, it may directly dephosphorylate Rlm1 (Hirasaki *et al.*, 2010). Sensitivity to either calco fluor or congo red has been found as a pleiotropic phenotype associated with certain yeast cell wall mutants since both these drugs have affinity for chitin as minor component of yeast cell wall (Imai *et al.*, 2005).

Transcriptional Analysis of *CWP1* by RT PCR

Since $\Delta PPG1::CgHIS3$ in W303-IA showed sensitive phenotype to YPAD media supplemented with 100 μ g/ml Congo red, we analyze furthermore whether this disruption of *PPG1* gene induced transcriptional level of *CWP1* gene. Together with *CWP2*, *CWP1* gene encode two major mannoproteins of the outer cell wall (Dielbandhoesing *et al.*, 1998). Yeast cell wall consist of glucans, which constitute the inner layer of cell wall, mannoproteins, which form an external cell wall layer, and chitin (Klis, Boorsma and De Groot, 2006). Another mechanism, a cross talk between the CWI pathway and the signaling networks controlling the aging process might provide more explanation of the complex mechanism of

budding (Molon, Woznicka and Zebrowsk, 2018). By using primer pair Kf 5'AATTCGGCCTGGTGTAGTATCC3' (71 to 91 of *CWP1* sequence) and Kr 5'GTTTCAAAGTGCCGTTATCACTGT3' (125 to 148 of *CWP1* sequence), RT PCR was performed. Based on phenotypic assay result, we analyzed *CWP1* gene transcriptional level only $\Delta ppg1$ disruptant in W303 background. In the experiment, optimization of primer usage suggested that both 50 nM *CWP1* primer and 50 nM.

ACT1 primer was better than other concentrations (100 nM, 200 nM, 300 nM primers) (Data not shown). Thus, both 50 nM *CWP1* primer and 50 nM *ACT1* were applied to analyze transcriptional level of *CWP1* in $\Delta ppg1::CgHIS3$ / W303-IA with two different concentrations, 10 μ g/ml DNA sample and 25 μ g/ml DNA sample. RT-PCR data resulted that transcriptional level or gene expression of *CWP1* decreased slightly o less than two-fold. This indicate that there is no significant different between *CWP1* transcriptional level in wild type and its disruptants (Figure 4).

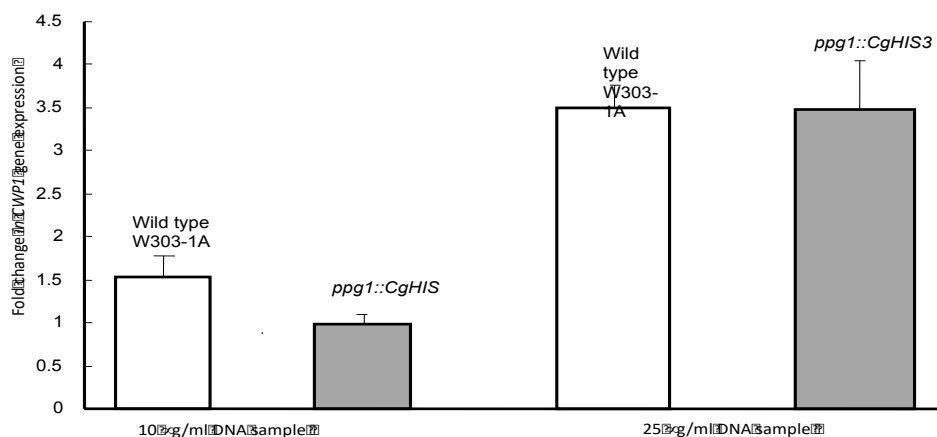


Figure 4. RT-PCR data analyzed transcriptional level of *CWP1* in $\Delta ppg1::CgHIS3$ / W303-IA with two different concentrations, 10 μ g/ml DNA sample and 25 μ g/ml DNA sample

4. CONCLUSION

It has constructed pCgHIS3 (*EcoRI-HindIII*) (=pYMS314) (pUC19 base) and amplified by PCR using primers of PPG1, f(41 to 100) and r(1048 to 1101). A *BamHI - BamHI* fragment of *PPG1* sequence is 2.6 kb ((1 kb upstream PPG1+ 1.1 kb *PPG1* + 0.5 down stream of *PPG1*). Phenotypic assay of both $\Delta PPG1::CgHIS3$ in FY833 and $\Delta PPG1::CgHIS3$ in W303-IA did not show 200 μ g/ml Calco fluor sensitivity, and only $\Delta PPG1::CgHIS3$ in W303-IA show 100 μ g/ml congo red sensitivity. Based upon RT PCR's data showed that transcriptional level of *CWPI* in $\Delta PPG1::CgHIS3$ comparing with in wild type were less than two-folds changed. This result indicated that no significant different between *CWPI* transcriptional level in wild type and its disruptant.

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