

System-Level Analysis of Proteolytic Events in Increased Vascular Permeability and Complement Activation in Skin Inflammation

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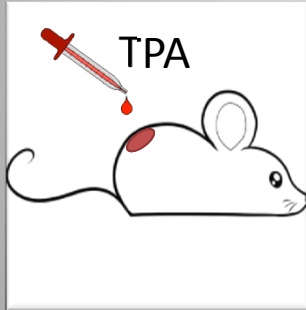
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Background

Inflammation



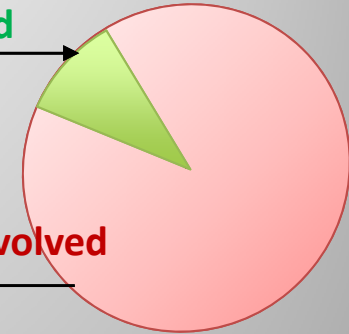
Proteases and their inhibitors (664 genes in mice):

Kininogen → bradykinin
proChemokines → Chemokines

well studied

Cell migration
Extracellular matrix remodeling
Removal of the debris

potentially involved



Hard to study proteases: functional information

- Protease abundance and localization
- Protease activity
- Many potential substrates
- Interconnected activity

To study the role of even single protease:

Functional information of a large-scale

Motivation for the study and aims

1. Development of the high-content screening tool: functional information on proteases on a large scale

Ultimate goal - to generate hypotheses as a basis for more detailed studies that aim to confirm in vivo mechanisms

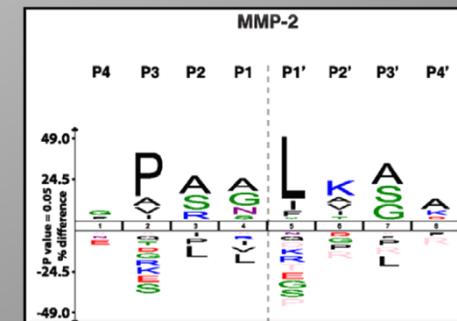
2. Screen global changes in proteolytic modification of the inflammatory proteome in vivo

complex protease function in health and disease

3. Dissect the impact of a single protease MMP2 on proteolytic signature of skin inflammation

MMP2:

- immunomodulatory, associated with tissue repair, angiogenesis
- multiple potential substrates



A. Prudova, 2010, Mol&Cel Proteomics

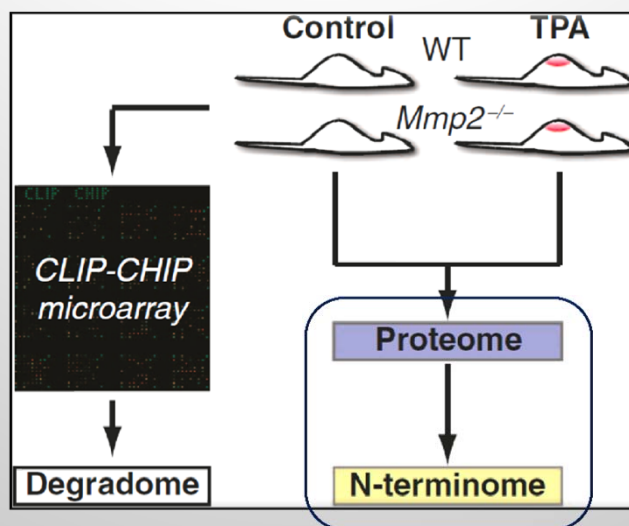
Study design, Models, Methods

CLIP-CHIP: Transcriptome

All proteases, non-proteolytic homologs, and inhibitors gene transcripts

aka **DEGRADOME**

	Aspartic	Cysteine	Metallo	Serine	Threonine	Inhibitor
Human	21 (0)	151 (16)	187 (40)	178 (26)	28 (12)	156 (17)
Murine	27 (4)	162 (14)	205 (43)	226 (28)	26 (12)	197 (17)



In vivo model

TPA induced skin inflammation
48h

WT and MMP2^{-/-}

Frustrating note on animal model (♀):

2 WT TPA vs 2 WT control

2 KO TPA vs 2 KO control

Only 2 replicates!

«Extracellular fraction» isolation: 100 mM HEPES pH8.0

Tagging iTRAQ (isobaric tags for relative and absolute quantification)

Proteome: Shotgun proteomics (HPLC + nanoLC-MS/MS)

N-terminome: iTRAQ-TAILS (iTRAQ-Terminal Amine Isotopic Labeling of Substrates)

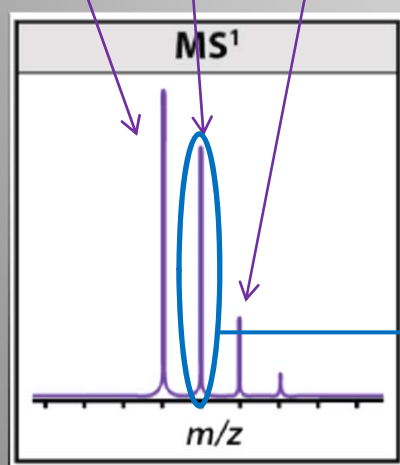
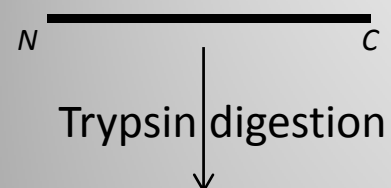
Data analysis:

1. Search (mouse International Protein Index database)
2. Evaluation (Trans-Proteomic Pipeline)
3. Quantification
4. Statistical analysis

Validation of the selected events

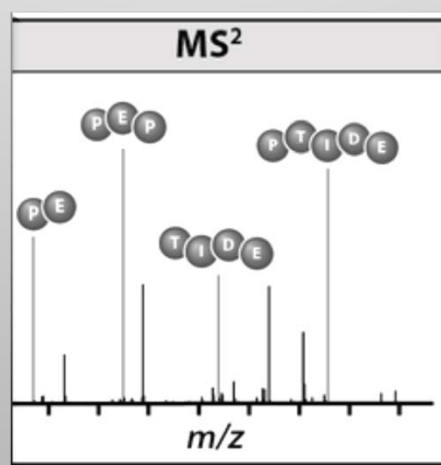
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MS/MS



Fragmentation:

P_EPTIDE
PE_PTIDE
PEP_TIDE
PEPT_IDE
PEPTI_DE
PEPTID_E



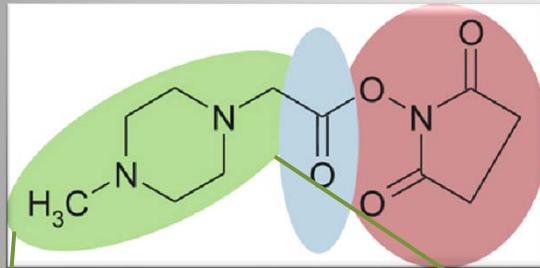
Sequence → Protein identification

Mixture of proteins: Shotgun proteomics

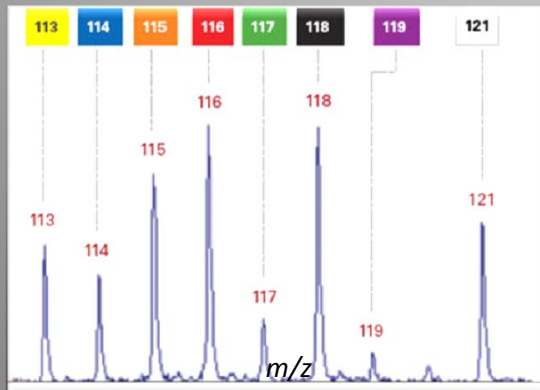
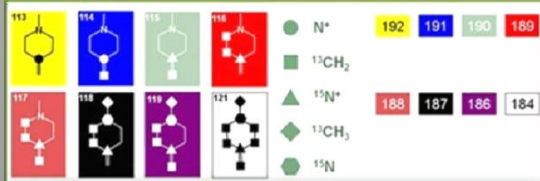
- tissue lysates are too complex, identification of the most abundant proteins
- «yes/no» information

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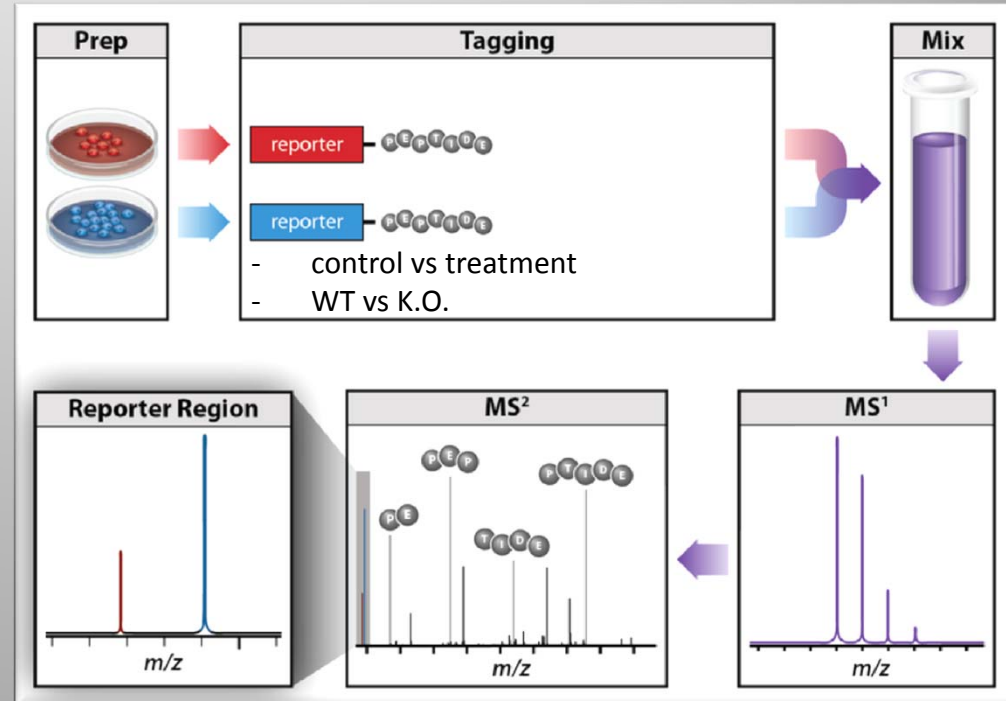
iTRAQ (isobaric Tags for Relative and Absolute Quantification)



Quantification group



Reacts with
N-terminal amino groups
and
amino group of lysine

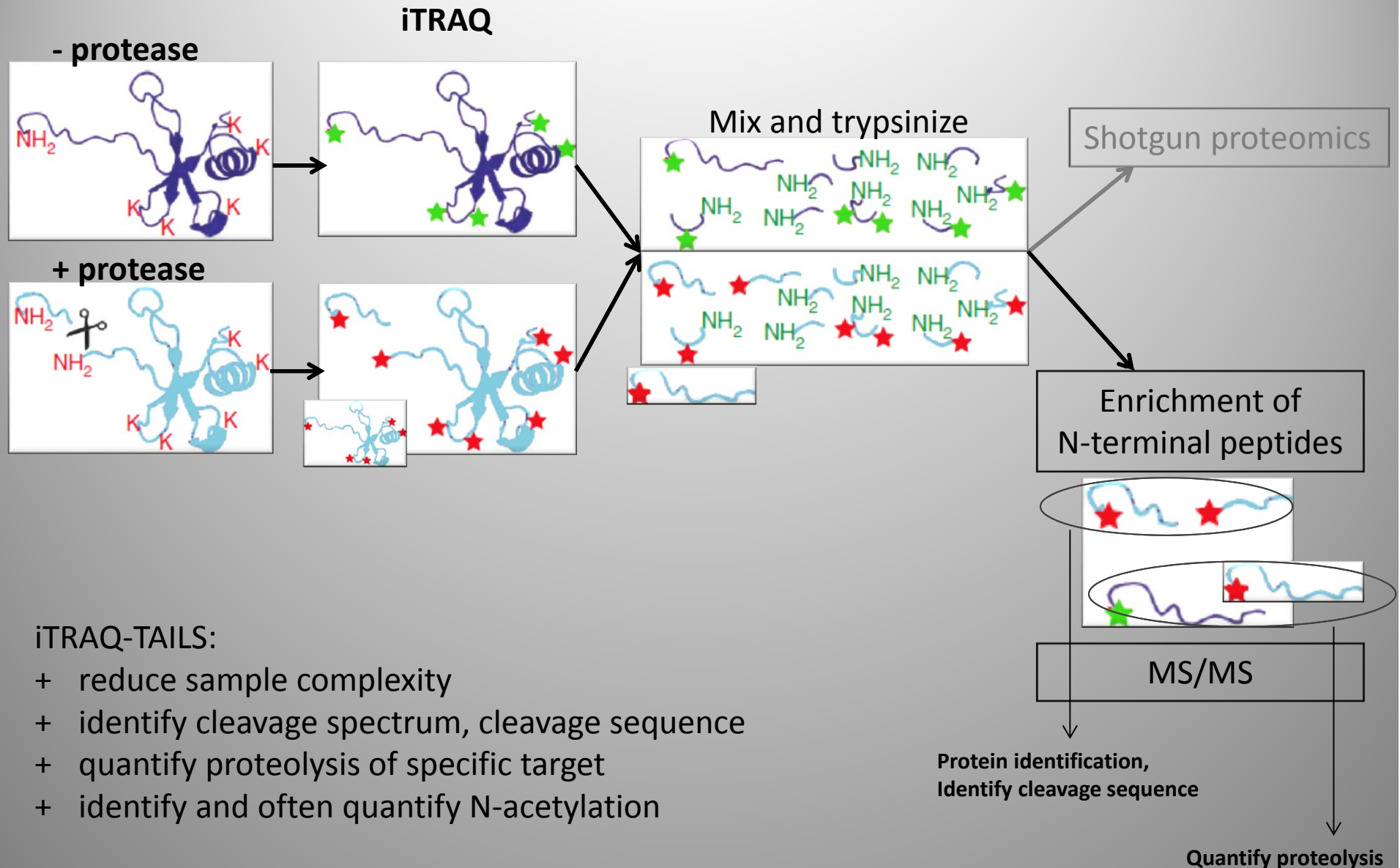


Proteomics: yes/no

iTRAQ: how much

Study design, Models, Methods

iTRAQ-TAILS (Terminal Amine Isotopic Labeling of Substrates)



iTRAQ-TAILS:

- + reduce sample complexity
- + identify cleavage spectrum, cleavage sequence
- + quantify proteolysis of specific target
- + identify and often quantify N-acetylation

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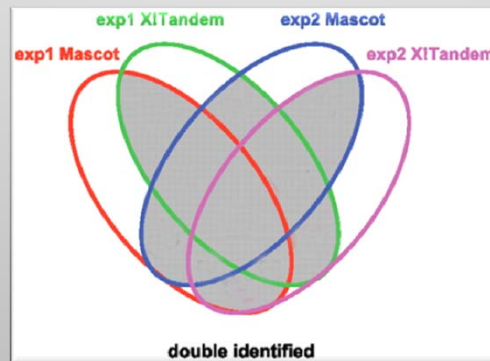
Data analysis

Search (at least 2 databases) **Mascot** and **X! Tandem**

List of all possible proteins

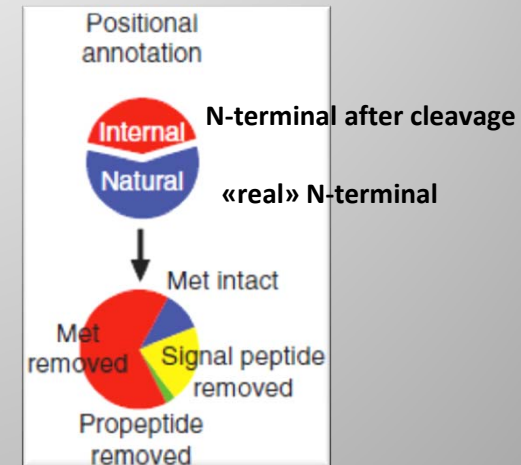
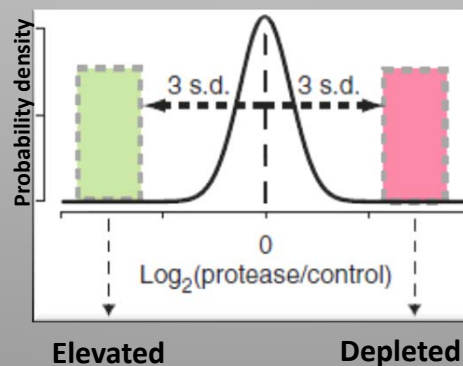
Evaluation (Trans-Proteomic Pipeline) + Quantification

High-confidence identification

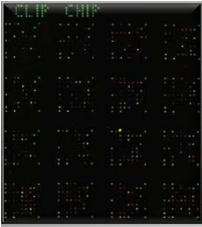


Statistical analysis

$\log_2([\text{treatment}]/[\text{control}])$



A Statistics-based Platform for Quantitative N-terminome Analysis and Identification of Protease Cleavage Products, 2010, auf dem Keller, Mol&Cell Proteomics

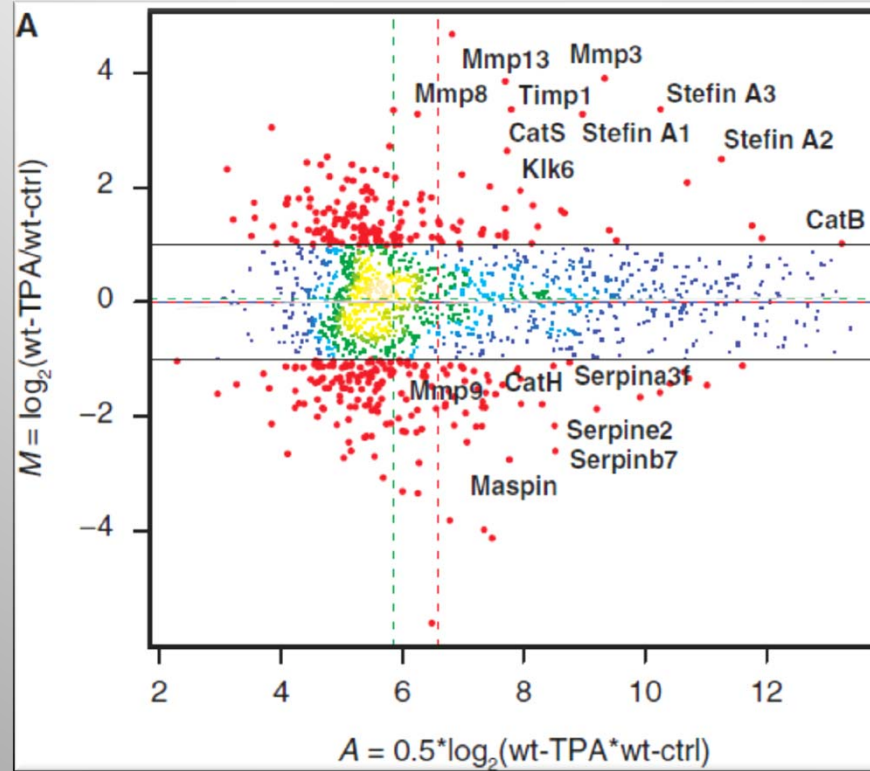


CLIP-CHIP

Results

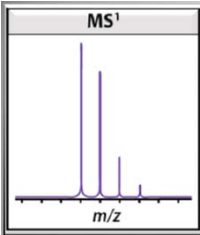
Degradome

WT_{control} vs WT_{inflammation} (208 altered significantly)



↑	↓	≡
Proteases: MMP (3, 8, 13) Cathepsins kallikrein	Proteases: MMP9	Proteases: MMP2
Inhibitors: TIMP, Stefin	Inhibitors: Serpin	

tight regulation of increased proteolysis



Proteome

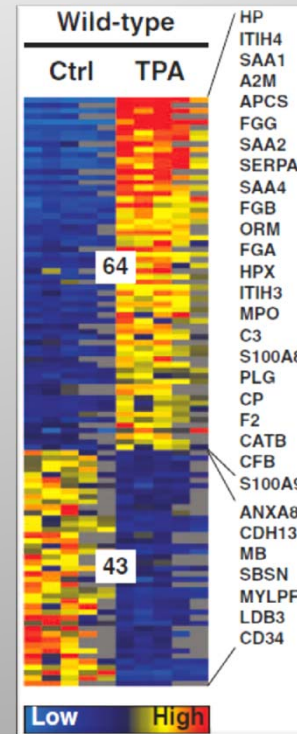
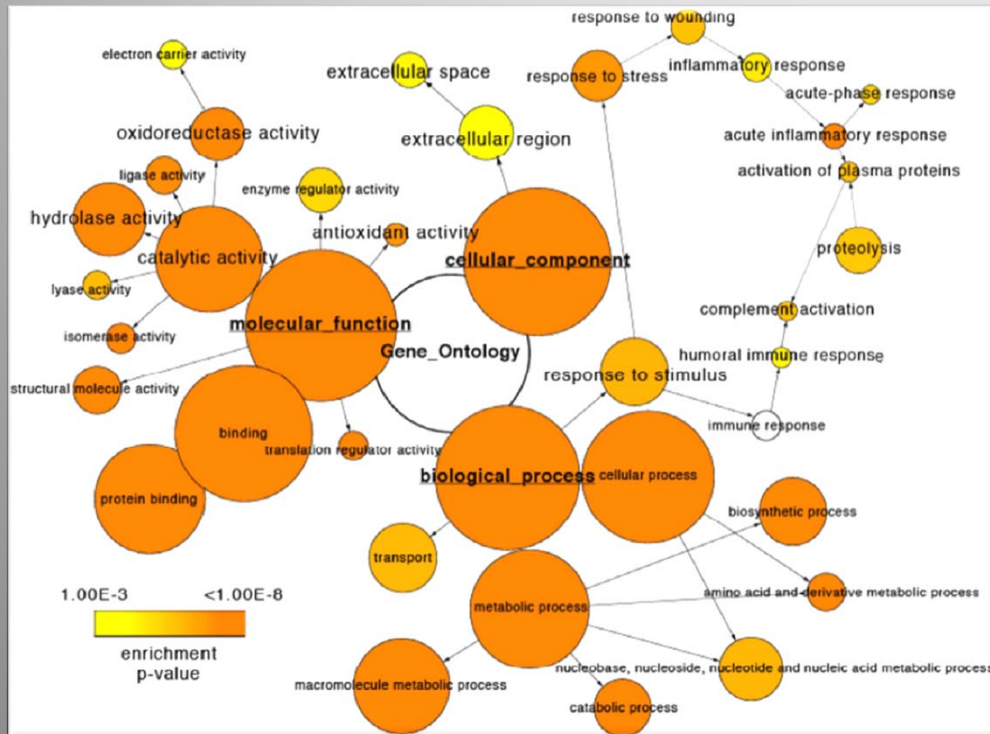
Results

Proteome

WT_{control} vs WT_{inflammation}

1147 proteins identified
976 quantified

107 over 2fold changes



Acute phase proteins
Complement
Coagulation
Proinflammatory S100
Myeloperoxidase (neutrophil influx)

Annexin 8
Cadherin 13
Suprabasin
Filaggrin 2
(hyperproliferative response)

Infiltration of acute phase proteins
Hyperproliferative state

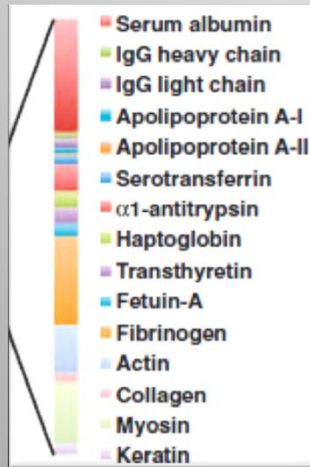
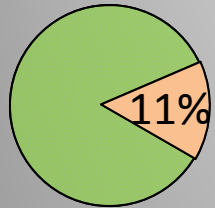


N-terminome

Results

Curse of all proteomics:
high abundant proteins

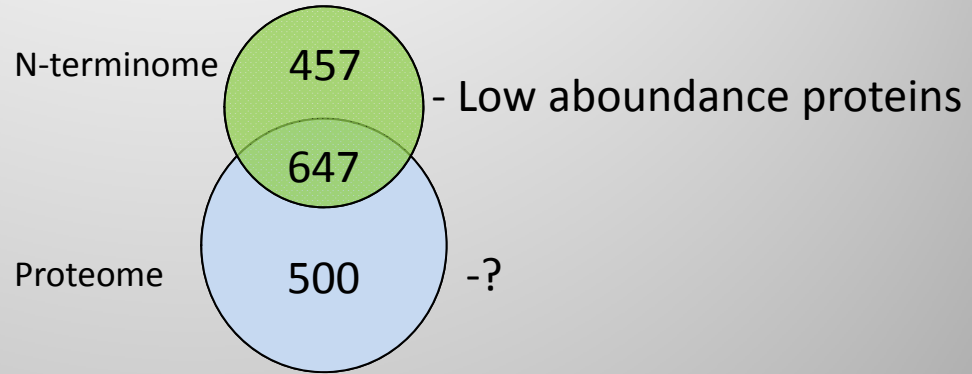
N-terminome



N-terminome (iTRAQ-TAILS)

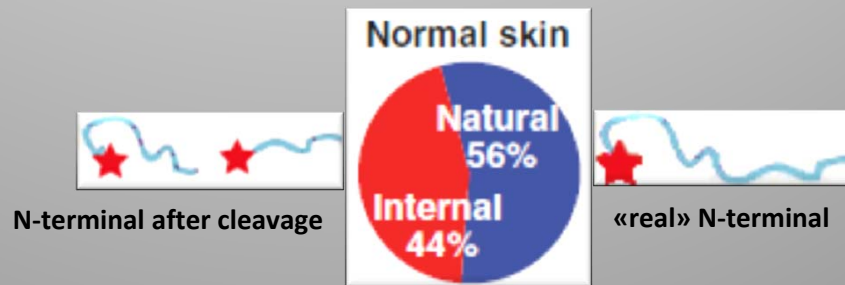
WT_{control}

1813 N-termini, 1104 proteins



- CTSL
- CCL6
- CXCL2
- CXCL5
- CXCL7
- IGFBP3
- IGFBP4
- LTBP4
- MSP
- MMP3
- SDF2

Origin of 1813 N-termini



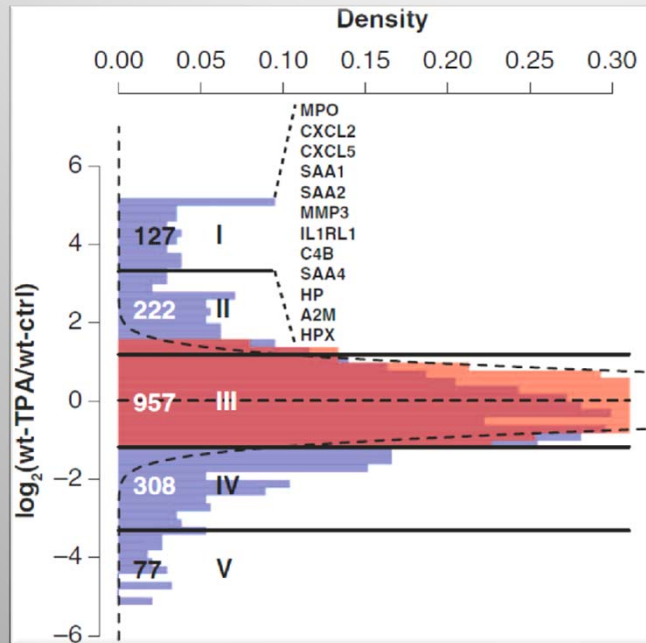
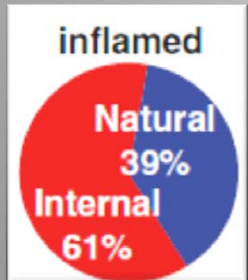
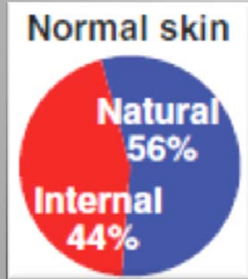
High level of background proteolysis



Results

N-terminome (iTRAQ-TAILS)

WT_{control} vs WT_{inflammation}



18 proteins appear
(local synthesis or import)

1. Acute phase proteins from serum
2. Produced in epidermal cells (MMP3)
3. Released from resident/infiltrated inflammatory cells

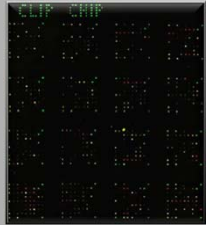
Degradation processes

1. N-terminal ragging of antithrombin III
2. Enzyme activation: plasminogen → plasmin
3. Precursor processing: kininogen → bradykinin
4. Chemokine processing: CXCL5 – inactivation by signal peptide cl.
5. Release of cryptic growth factors from ECM: collagen IV → arrestin
6. S100 protein cleavage (proinflammatory)
7. Proteolytic maturation by profilaggrin endoproteinase

Increased rate of proteolysis

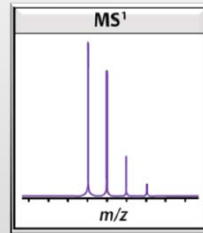
Results

WT_{control} vs WT_{inflammation}



CLIP-CHIP

Altered mRNA of several proteases and inhibitors:
tight regulation of increased proteolysis



Proteome

Infiltration of acute phase proteins
Hyperproliferative state



N-terminome

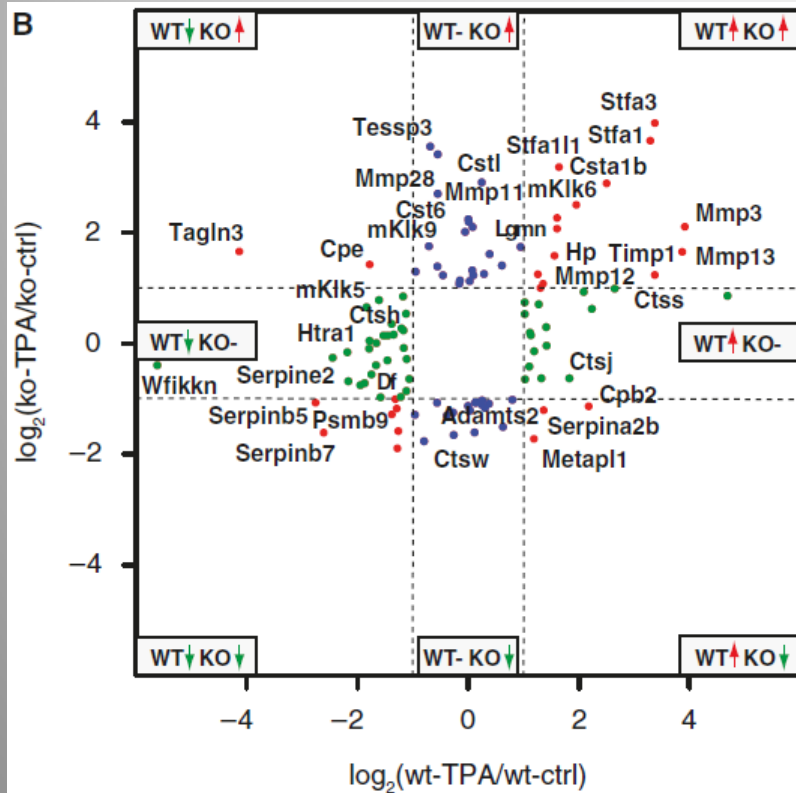
Increased proteolysis rate
Infiltration of serum/inflammatory cells proteins
Detection of specific cleavage processes

In some cases divergent abundance in mRNA and protein level

Results

WT_{control} vs KO_{control}
 WT_{inflammation} vs KO_{inflammation}

KO= MMP2^{-/-}



WT_{control} vs KO_{control} (29 altered significantly)

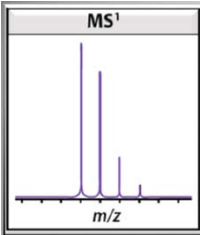
WT_{inflammation} vs KO_{inflammation} (82 altered significantly)

Inflammation:

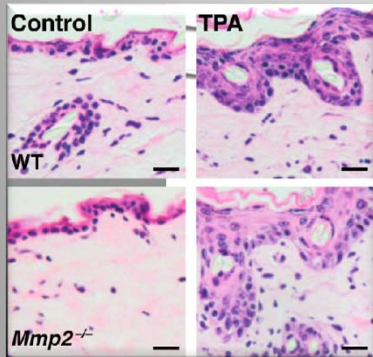
KO_{inflammation} \uparrow WT_{inflammation} \equiv MMP11, MMP28, CatL, KLK9

WT_{inflammation} \uparrow KO_{inflammation} \equiv CatJ

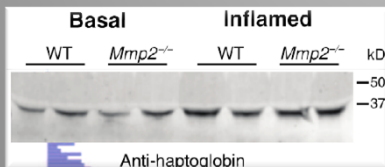
MMP2 regulation of gene expression
 indirect? compensation?



Proteome



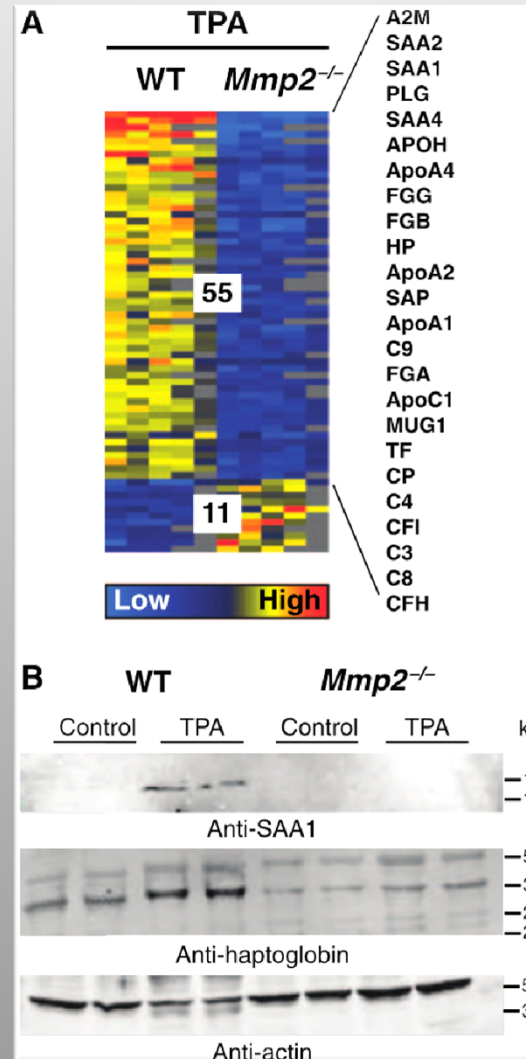
Hematoxylin eosin staining.
no differences in the
inflammatory cell infiltrate or
epidermal hyperproliferation



No Haptoglobin
changes in liver

Results

WT_{control} vs Ko_{control}
WT_{inflammation} vs KO_{inflammation}

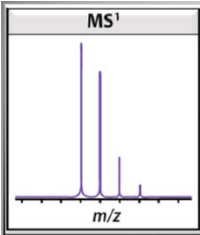


Decrease:

Reduction in the extent of
exudation of acute-phase
proteins, including
complement factors and
general plasma proteins

Increase:

cell shape, adhesion, junction

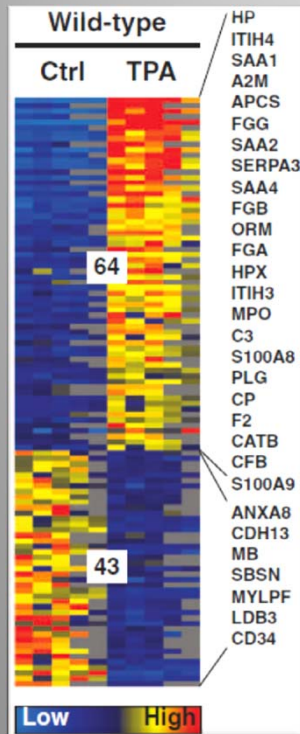


Proteome

Results

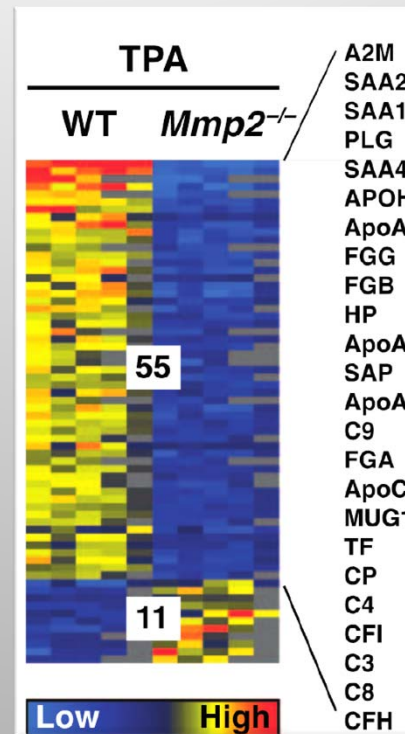
Hypothesis

WT inflammation:



Acute phase proteins
Complement
Coagulation
Proinflammatory S100
Myeloperoxidase (neutrophil influx)

WT vs KO inflammation:



Decrease:
Reduction in the extent of exudation of acute-phase proteins, including complement factors and general plasma proteins

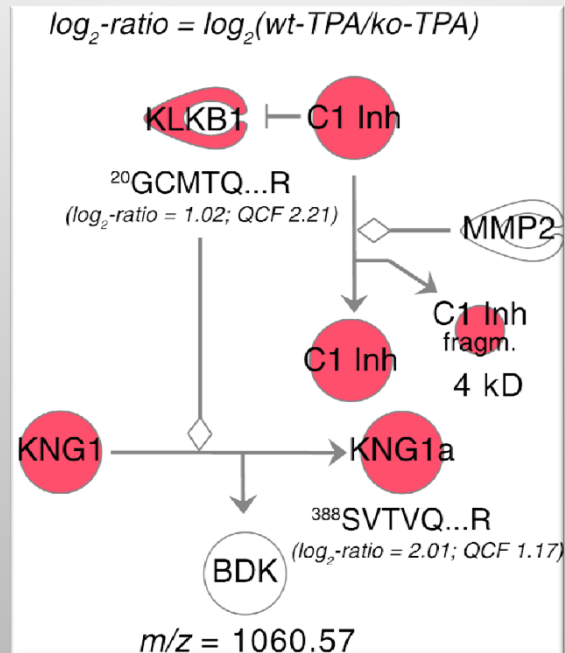
In *Mmp2*^{-/-} mice there was less of an increase in vascular permeability in inflammation compared to that in wild-type mice, and hence, there was less exudation of serum and acute-phase proteins into the tissue.



Results

Digging the N-terminome

MMP2 and vascular permeability



C1 inh – Serpin

KLKB1 – plasma kallikerin

KNG1 – kininogen

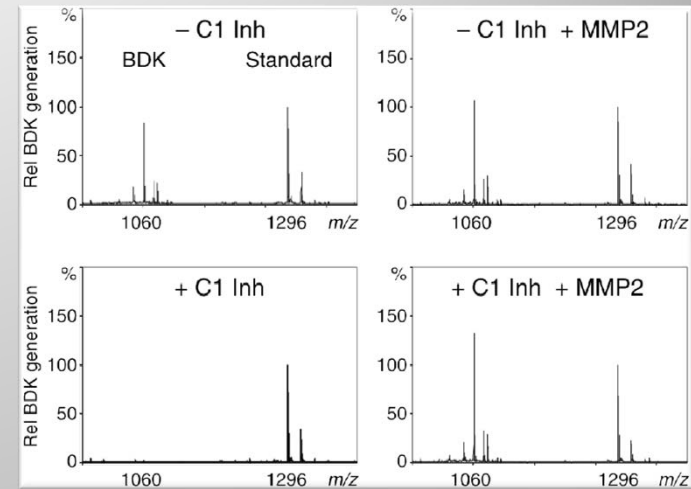
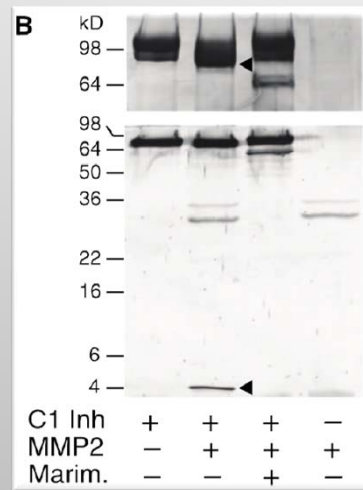
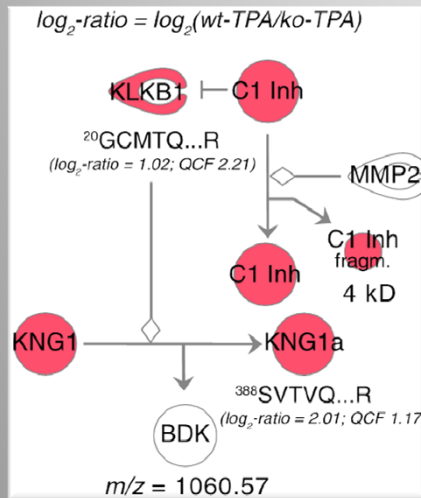
BDK – bradykinin (vascular permeability)

Results

MMP2 and vascular permeability

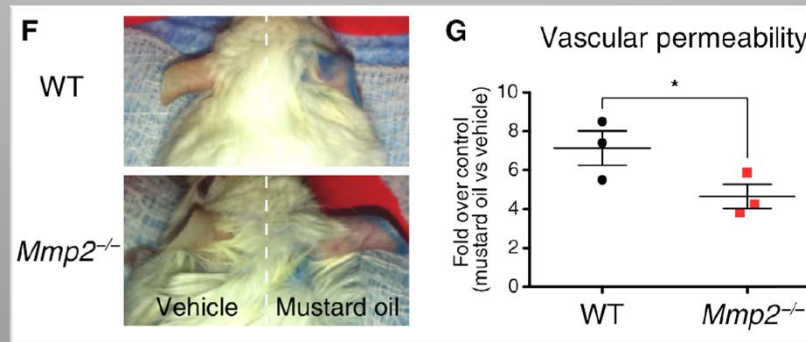
validation

MS



in vitro cleavage of C1 inh by MMP2
marimastat – MMP inhibitor

in vitro cleavage of KNG1 by KLKB

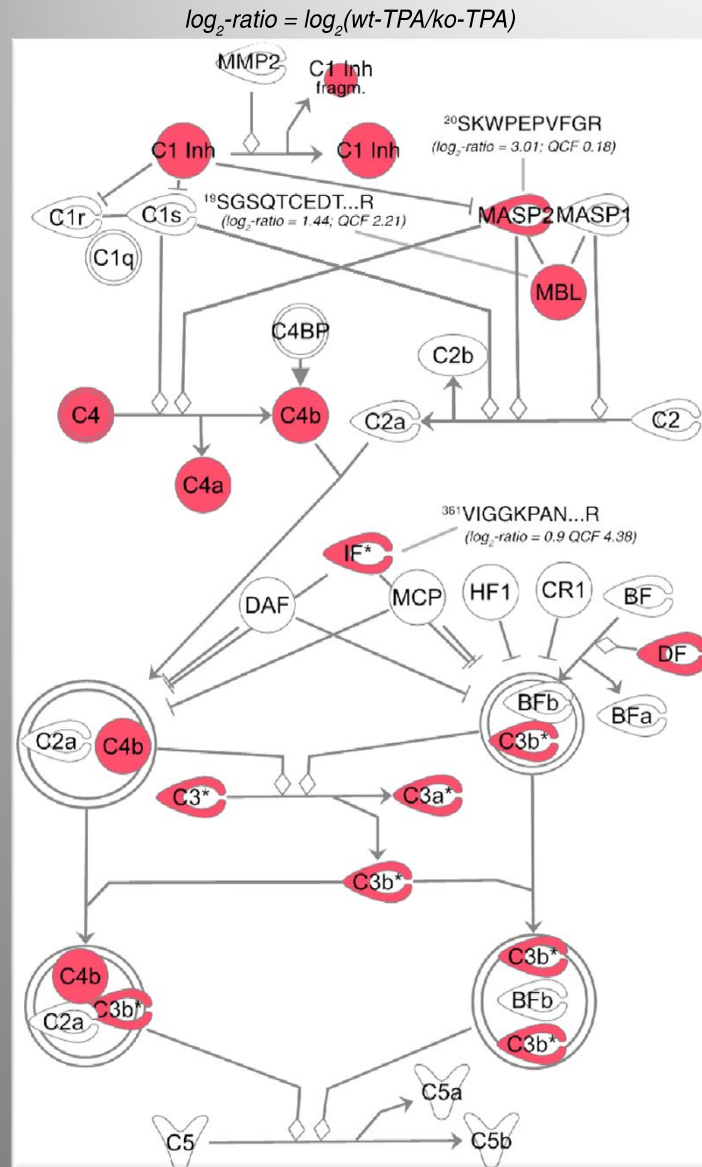


in vivo Miles assay using Evans Blue
vascular permeability



Results

MMP2 and complement activation



MMP2 cleaves C1inh and enhances complement activation

B Complement C4 - α chain

α chain	84 kD
<small>(⁶⁷⁸NVNFQKAVSEKLGQYSSPDAKR)</small>	
C4b	76 kD
<small>(⁷⁵⁴NNHNMLQEEDLIEDDILVR) ($\log_2\text{-ratio} = 5.13$; QCF -1.97)</small>	
C4d'	53 kD
<small>(⁹⁵⁴...)</small>	

Complement factor I (IF) cleaves:
C4b to C4d'
C3b to C3dg
inactivating action

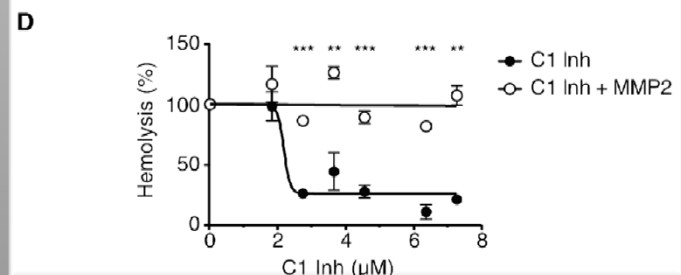
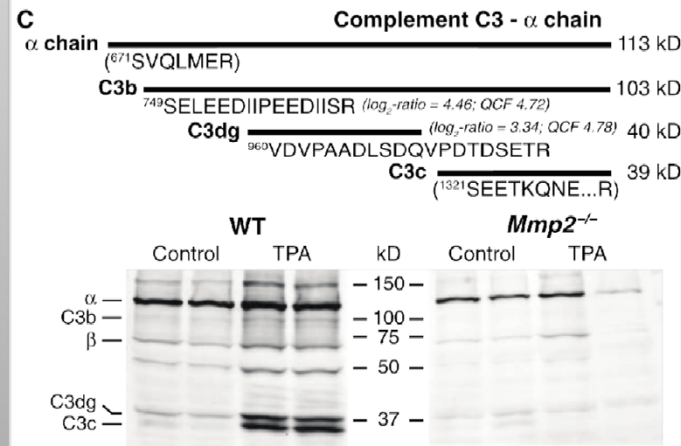
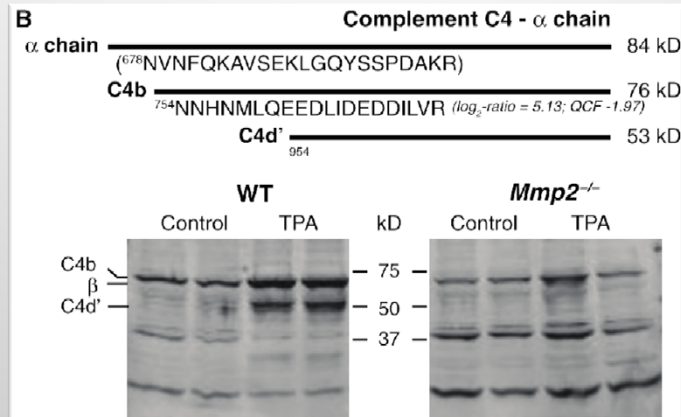
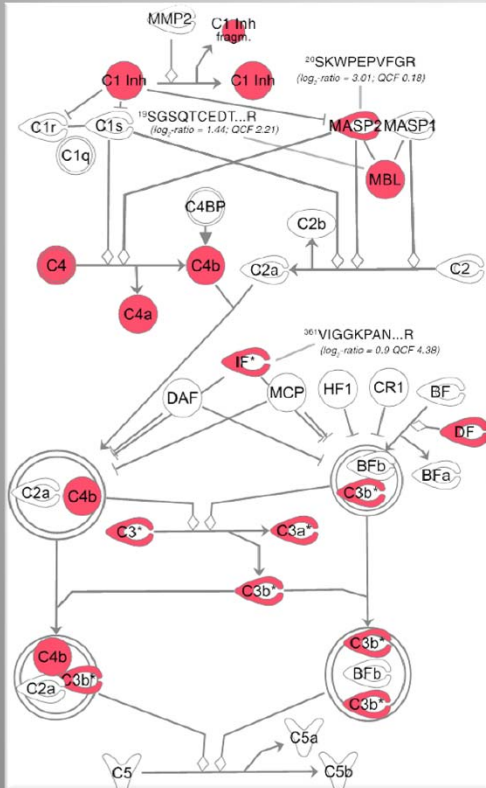
C Complement C3 - α chain

α chain	113 kD
<small>(⁶⁷¹SVQLMER)</small>	
C3b	103 kD
<small>(⁷⁴⁹SELEEDIPEEDIISR) ($\log_2\text{-ratio} = 4.46$; QCF 4.72)</small>	
C3dg	40 kD
<small>($\log_2\text{-ratio} = 3.34$; QCF 4.78)</small>	
<small>(⁹⁶⁰VDVPAADLSDQVPDTSQVTR)</small>	
C3c	39 kD
<small>(¹³²¹SEETKQNE...R)</small>	

MMP KO mice – less C4b and C3b
(and their inactivation products)

Results

MMP2 and complement activation, validation



ex vivo hemolysis
(membrane attack complex)

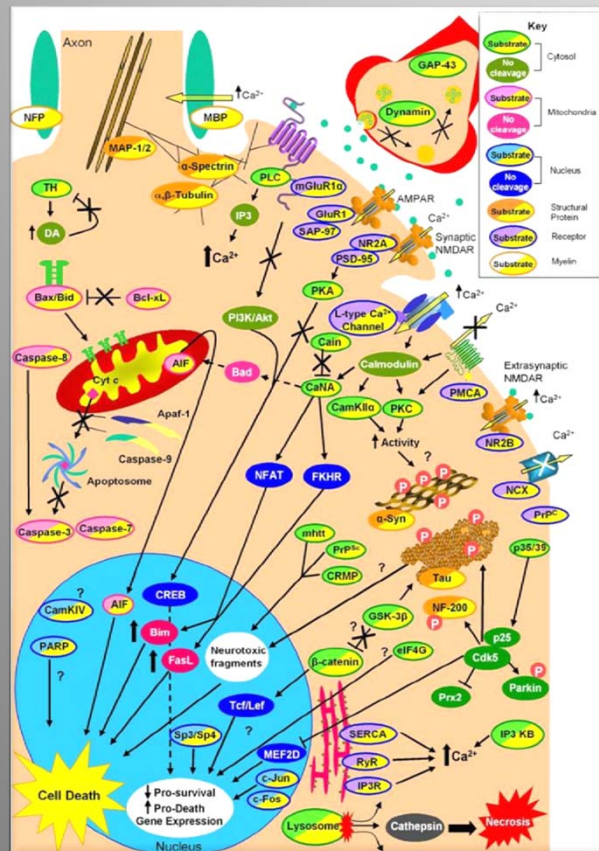
Discussion

1. Developed tool to read proteolytic signature of the inflamed tissue
2. Compared and quantified proteolytic signature of the inflamed tissue in WT and MMP2 KO
 - important and background proteolytic events
3. Identified proteins origin (newly imported in to the inflamed region)
4. Reconstructed the relevant proteolytic function of MMP2:
 - regulation of vascular permeability in inflammation (bradykinin release)
 - regulation of complement activation (C1 complex formation)

Possible implication

Prion Pathogenesis Is Faithfully Reproduced in Cerebellar Organotypic Slice Cultures.
 Falsig J, Sonati T, Herrmann US, Saban D, Li B, Arroyo K, Ballmer B, Liberski PP, Aguzzi A.
PLoS Pathog. 2012

“prion neurotoxicity is calpain-dependent but caspase-independent in CGCs”



fodrin cleavage and...?