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Title: Deciphering the DNA Damage Response Circuitry

Abstract

Cells mount a sophisticated repertoire of DNA damage responses (DDRs) when confronted with genotoxic stress. While these DDRs halt cell proliferation, silence transcription, and launch DNA repair, exactly how they are coordinated is only beginning to emerge. My lab is geared towards identifying the components of the DNA Damage Response protein network, and indeciphering how the diverse DDRs are orchestrated. Dysregulated DDRs underlie genome instability, and contribute to a cohort of human diseases, including cancer and neurodevelopmental deficits. Understanding the fundamentals of DDRs will therefore provide insight to aid the knowledge-driven design of treatment and management of genome instability-associated disorders. Because defective DNA repair fuels human tumourigenesis, understanding the inherent differences between how normal and cancerous cells respond to DNA damage can also help reveal the Achilles' heel of human cancers, guiding development of personalized medicine for future anti-cancer interventions.

Introduction

Dr. Michael Huen majored in biochemistry at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and received his doctorate degree at the University of Hong Kong in 2006 studying bacteriophage-mediated DNA recombination. He later trained with Prof. Junjie Chen at Mayo Clinic / Yale University where he developed an interest for DNA damage detection and repair control in mammalian cells. He took up an independent position at the former Department of Anatomy at the University of Hong Kong in 2009, and is now Associate Professor of the School of Biomedical Sciences. His major research goal aims to define the functional connectivity of the DNA Damage Response proteinnetwork, and to rationalize howperturbed DNA damage responsescontribute to genome instability and associated diseases, including cancer.



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