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### CHARACTERIZATION OF THE EXPRESSION OF THE HYPOXIA-INDUCED GENES

### NEURITIN, TXNIP AND IGFBP3 IN CANCER

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### Abstract:

By triggering an adaptive response to hypoxia which is a common feature of tumor microenvironments, endothelial cells contribute to the onset of angiogenic responses involved in tumor growth. Therefore, identifying hypoxic markers represent a challenge for a better understanding of tumor angiogenesis and for the optimization of anti-angiogenic therapeutic strategy. Using Representational Difference Analysis combined with microarray, we here report the identification of 133 hypoxia-induced transcripts in human microendothelial cells (HMEC-1). By Northern Blot, we confirm **hypoxia-induced** expression of Insulin-like growth factor binding protein 3 (*igfbp3*), thioredoxin-interacting protein (*txnip*), neuritin (*nrn1*). Finally, by performing *in situ* hybridization on several types of human tumors, we provide evidence for *nrn1* and *txnip* as hypoxic perinecrotic markers and for *igfbp3* as a tumor endothelial marker. We propose these hypoxia-induced genes could represent relevant prognostic tools and targets for therapeutic intervention in cancers.

Keywords: angiogenesis, hypoxia, endothelial cells, gene expression, tumor markers

**List of abbreviations:** HMEC-1, Human MicroEndothelial Cells 1; IGFBP3, Insulin-like growth factor binding protein 3 ; TXNIP, thioredoxin-interacting protein ; NRN1, neuritin

### **<u>1. Introduction:</u>**

By exercising control over gene transcription, hypoxia is a common feature of several human pathologies, including cardiovascular diseases and cancer. In solid tumors, the balance between cell proliferation and oxygen supply is affected, leading to a decrease in oxygen partial pressure (pO2) [1]. Hypoxic cells trigger an adaptative molecular response to modulate expression of many genes in order to allow better perfusion and (pO2) increase in tumor tissue. Hypoxia-induced gene expression is under the control of key-transcription factors, the Hypoxia-Inducible Factors (HIFs) [2], involving posttranslational modifications of the  $\alpha$ -subunit which determine both half-life and transcriptional activity on target genes [3,4].

Angiogenesis promotes not only tumor growth, but also progression from a pre-malignant to a malignant and invasion tumor phenotype. In the tumor microenvironment, hypoxia appears to target a multiplicity of cell types which participate in tumor progression and endothelial cells are widely involved in tumor angiogenesis. In this context, targeting the tumor vasculature to « normalize » it [5] temporarily or to eradicate it completely seems to be a promising anti-cancer-therapeutic strategy [6]. To this aim, gene expression profiles of tumor cells [7] but also of endothelial cells in response to hypoxia were characterized by using microarray technologies or differential screening techniques [8-11]. However, new markers are needed for a better understanding of the hypoxia-induced angiogenesis in tumors and for the development of new diagnostic, prognostic and therapeutic tools in cancer [8]. Here, we first report a novel repertoire of hypoxia-induced transcripts (HITs) in human microendothelial cells HMEC-1 using mRNA differential screening by cDNA Representational Difference Analysis (cDNA RDA) [12] and cDNA microarray. We then described mRNA expression of HITs, particularly Neuritin (nrn1), Thioredoxin-interacting protein (txnip) and Insulin-like growth factor binding protein 3 (*igfbp3*), in various types of human tumors. Based on these observations, we therefore propose these HITs might represent relevant prognostic tools and targets for therapeutical intervention in cancers.

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### 2. Material and Methods:

### Cell culture and tissues

Primary cultures of HUVEC at passage 3 were cultured in EGM-2 medium (Cambrex) with 2% FBS and HMEC-1 (human dermal microvasvular endothelial cells, a gift from Thomas J. Lawley, Emory University, School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA) maintained as previously described. For hypoxic treatments, cells were grown in an atmosphere containing 2%  $O_2$ , in an IG750 incubator (Jouan, France), or in the presence of 100  $\mu$ mol/L of DFO for 20 hours.

All tumor tissues were obtained from the Pathological Anatomy Department of Tenon Hospital (Paris, France). Tissues were fixed in 20% formaldehyde and embedded in paraffin. Human tumors were classified according to the revised World Health Organization criteria for tumors.

### **RNA isolation and cDNA synthesis**

Total RNA was isolated from HMEC-1 and HUVEC cultured in hypoxic and normoxic conditions using the RNeasy midiprep kit from Qiagen. RNA was digested with RNase-free DNase RQ1 (Promega) for 30 minutes and 10 µg of poly(A)+ RNA, prepared by performing the Oligotex mRNA kit (Qiagen) procedures twice, were used to synthesize double-stranded cDNA using oligodT priming and Superscript II (Invitrogen).

### cDNA Representational Difference Analysis

Representational difference analysis of cDNAs was performed as described previously [12] with several important modifications [13,14]. Subtracted RDA products were inserted into the pGEM-T cloning vector (Promega) and analyzed by sequencing. Classification of the HITS was performed according to S.O.U.R.C.E. database [15].

### Gene expression analysis

The cDNA microarray was constructed by combining both the HITs obtained by the cDNA RDA and the cDNA library described by Steenman *et al.* [16]. cDNA microarray construction and hybridization was performed as in Steenman *et al.* [16]. Data were pre-processed with MADSCAN [17]. To normalize intensity values the rank invariant method was used [18]. This method selects invariant gene reporters on which a nonlinear regression method (*lowess fitness*) is applied to calculate the normalization correction factor [19]. The identification of genes with statistically significant differential expression between the two populations of cells was performed using the *limma* R package [20]. False discovery rate (FDR) correction was applied to take into account multiple testing hypotheses. Significance levels were set to p<0.05 and p<0.01. Genes below these thresholds were considered significantly differentially expressed.

Northern Blots were performed using NorthernMax kit from Ambion. Briefly,  $20\mu g$ /lane of total RNA was fractionated by 1% denaturing gel electrophoresis and transferred to nylon membranes (Hybond N<sup>+</sup>; Amersham Biosciences). The blots were hybridized with <sup>32</sup>P-labeled cDNA probes (Random Primer DNA Labeling System ; Invitrogen) overnight at 42°C in the UltraHyb solution (Ambion). Paraffin section preparation, probe labeling by *in vitro* transcription, and *in situ* hybridization were performed as previously described [14].

### Immunohistochemistry

Immunostaining with a polyclonal goat anti-human IGFBP3 (1/50; R&D Systems AF675) antibody was performed by routine methods using a biotinylated secondary antibody and the ABC-peroxidase complex (Vector Laboratories) with diaminobenzidine-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> used as the chromogen for detection.

### 3. Results and Discussion:

In order to identify genes whose expression is induced by hypoxia in endothelial cells, we performed a differential screening by cDNA Representational Difference Analysis between HMEC-1 cells, the first immortalized endothelial cells which retains the main characteristics of primary endothelial cells, cultured in normoxia  $(20\% O_2)$  or in the presence of the iron chelator desferoxamine, thus mimicking hypoxia for 20 hours. Both normoxic and hypoxic cDNA libraries are prepared and three successive rounds of hybridization/PCR amplification were performed allowing to obtain cDNAs which are overexpressed in hypoxia compared to normoxia. 1000 clones were subsequently sequenced and 300 non-redundant cDNA fragments were identified. These HITs were used for creating a cDNA microarray slide which was then hybridized with cDNAs from HMEC-1 cultured either in chemical (DFO 100  $\mu$ M), gazeous (2% O<sub>2</sub>) hypoxia or normoxia for 20 hours. The data were subjected to statistical analysis allowing the identification of 131 genes overexpressed in endothelial cells (ECs) cultured under chemical hypoxia, of which 57 are also induced by gazeous hypoxia (see supplementary material, table 1). 77% were annotated genes and 23% left were ESTs or hypothetical proteins. Classification of RDA-induced genes according to S.O.U.R.C.E. confirmed most cellular functions are regulated by hypoxia. Indeed, consistent with previous observations, we observed the increased expression of genes which are involved in cellular metabolism, including glycolysis genes (*tpi1*, g3pdb, hk2, eno1, ldha) and glucose transporters (glut3). We further confirmed a large number of genes, such as *txnip*, *igfbp3* and *angptl4*, which have already been shown to be overexpressed in primary endothelial cell lines as HUVECs, HAECs and HPAECs in previous transcriptome studies using various approaches [8-11]. Interestingly, we provided evidence for new endothelial HITs such as neuritin, neuroleukin, stk25, csnkle and snrk, plectin and cortactin involved in neurogenesis/neuritogenesis, signal transduction and cytoskeletal organisation respectively.

In order to further confirm hypoxia induction, we performed Northern Blot analysis on HMEC-1 and HUVEC cultured in hypoxic conditions, specifically for the pro-apoptotic gene igfbp3, the tumor and metastasis suppressor gene txnip and the firstly described hypoxia-induced gene neuritin1 (nrn1). Normalization of the genes of interest to a housekeeping gene, such as glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (GAPDH),  $\beta$ -actin or cyclophilin could not be

performed here since the fact that steady-state levels of these control genes cannot be assumed in endothelial cells exposed to DFO or 2% hypoxia. Therefore, the amounts of RNA loaded were normalized by hybridization with a 28S-specific probes which is known to be a constant fraction

of total RNA. We observed hypoxia-induced expression of these 3 genes in both endothelial cell types, namely HMEC-1 and HUVEC, subjected to chemical hypoxia compared to normoxia, as previously shown for *angptl4* [14], used as a control here. Lowering oxygen concentration also induced expression of *igfbp3* and *nrn1* in both HMEC-1 and HUVEC while level of expression was less important than using DFO. *Txnip* mRNA was not detected in HUVEC and only very weakly in HMEC-1 cells cultured in gaseous hypoxic conditions (**figure 1**). DFO as an iron chelator used at 100 $\mu$ M might be more efficient than gazeous hypoxia at 2% O<sub>2</sub> on PHD and FIH inactivation and might enhance transcription via HIF- $\alpha$ , which could explain differences between chemical and gazeous hypoxia-induced gene expressions. HIF-prolylhydroxylases (PHD1-3) and Factor Inhibiting HIF (FIH) are enzymes belonging to 2-oxoglutarate and Fe(II) dependent dioxygenases superfamily. They are involved in HIF- $\alpha$  proteasome degradation and transcription suppression by hydroxylation of oxygen-dependent degradation domain (ODDD) and C-Terminal Transactivation Domain (C-TAD) respectively and have iron (Fe<sup>2+</sup>), 2-oxoglutarate and dioxygen as co-substrates [4].

Given that both tumor and vascular cells were shown to be hypoxic in tumors, we then studied the expression of these HITs in various types of human cancers with the aim to characterize new tumor and/or tumor endothelial markers. In the present study, we focused on *nrn1*, *txnip* and *igfbp3* for which no or only few data were available concerning their *in situ* mRNA expression in cancers.

Neuritin, also called CPG15, is a GPI-anchored protein which was reported to be weakly expressed in human kidney, heart, spleen, lung [21]. <u>Neuritin is also expressed in the liver and is</u> <u>well correlated to the maturation of hepatocytes [22]</u> as well as in neuronal structures associated with plasticity in the adult [21]. NRN1 has been largely involved in neuritogenesis and was shown to promote dendritic growth [23] and the development of motor neuron axon arbors [24]. In this study, we demonstrated that *nrn1* gene is expressed and induced by hypoxia in ECs. Neuritin could therefore belong to the increasing family of axon guidance which could be implicated in vessel pathfinding and

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network formation as recently shown for several of these molecules [25]. To the best of our knowledge, *nrn1* mRNA expression has never been described in human biopsies from normal or tumor tissues. Here, by performing *in situ* hybridization experiments, we examined *nrn1* mRNA expression in different human tumors such as colon and prostate tumors, renal cell carcinoma and glioblastoma. *Nrn1* is expressed in both tumor and normal epithelial cells and weakly in endothelia of blood vessels of normal and tumoral areas in colon and prostate (data not shown). For the first time, we showed that *nrn1* mRNA is reproducibly highly expressed in a restricted number of tumor cells around perinecrotic regions of conventional RCC (figure 2: a-c) and glioblastoma (figure 2: d-f), regions in which hypoxia has been reported to up-regulate gene expression [26]. We did not detect *nrn1* expression in peritumoral areas of these two types of tumor (data not shown). Furthermore, NRN1 has recently been implicated in tumorigenesis by promoting changes in cell morphology, anchorage-independent growth and tumor formation [27]. In this context, the fact that hypoxic tumor cells highly express neuritin makes this molecule an attractive candidate as a <u>hypoxic tumor marker</u> and a potential target for therapeutic intervention in cancers.

Thioredoxin-interacting protein is interacting and negatively regulating thioredoxin [28] and is involved in suppression of tumor growth [29]. Furthermore, in an *in vitro* model of intravasation, overexpression of TXNIP by infecting melanoma cells with adenovirus increased transendothelial migration 3-fold versus control [30]. Until now, *txnip* mRNA was reported to be downregulated in various human tumors, including breast, stomach and lung [29] and gastrointestinal cancers [31]. For the first time, we provide evidence for *txnip* overexpression in tumor cells of hypoxic perinecrotic areas of conventional RCC (figure 2: g-i) and glioblastoma (figure 2: j-l) <u>compared to non-hypoxic tumor cells and peritumoral tissues</u>. Furthermore, hypoxia is often associated with increased metastasis and poor prognosis in cancer. Therefore, *txnip* might represent a valid candidate as prognostic marker and therapeutic target for anti-metastatic treatment.

We also studied IGFBP3 expression, which is shown to have anti-IGF-1 and IGF-1independent pro-apoptotic activities. Many studies have provided evidence for the *in vitro* induction of *igfbp3* mRNA by hypoxia in different cell types, including ES cells [32], tumor cells [7,33] and ECs [9,11,34]. *In vivo*, a marked increase of *igfbp3* mRNA was reported in the endothelium of human corpus luteum during early phase of luteal development which is accompanied by extensive angiogenesis [35] and specifically in tumor endothelial cells of a murine breast cancer model [36]. We here provide evidence for an *igfbp3* mRNA expression in intratumoral ECs of colon carcinoma (figure 3: a-c), whereas tumor and normal epithelial cells of the colon don't express *igfbp3* mRNA (data not **shown**). Concerning prostate, we showed that *igfbp3* is also very highly expressed in the ECs of adenocarcinoma (figure 3: d-f). We also demonstrated that *igfbp3* mRNA is specifically produced by ECs of tumor blood vessels in conventional RCC classified as pT1 in tumor, node, metastasis (TNM) system. In contrast, to draw a conclusion from results obtained in patients with pT2 and pT3 conventional RCC is more difficult. Indeed, *igfbp3* mRNA is produced only by tumor cells in some patients whereas expressed by both tumor cells and intratumor ECs in some other patients (data not shown). Finally, *igfbp3* mRNA expression was investigated in chromophobe RCC. Accordingly, a very high level of igfbp3 mRNA was observed only in ECs of tumor vessels, but not in tumor cells, of all patients with chromophobe RCC (figure 3 : j-l). Interestingly, *igfbp3* mRNA was not detected in peritumoral kidney of any renal tumor (data not shown). We further characterized IGFBP3 protein expression in these tumors by immunohistochemistry. IGFBP3 was detected in ECs of tumor vessels, but neither in tumor cells nor in tubular cells of peritumoral region, within clear-cell and chromophobe RCC (figure 4: a and b respectively). These results are in accordance with previous in vitro study showing a very weak expression in primary proximal tubular cells and primary renal cell carcinoma [37]. IGFBP3 is also expressed in peritumoral ECs of these tumors and in some tumor cells of chromophobe RCC. We further demonstrated a similar pattern of IGFBP3 staining in blood vessels of colon and prostate tumors (figure 4 : c and d respectively), with a high expression level in both tumor endothelium as well as in peritumoral ECs close to the tumor. We therefore characterize *igfbp3* gene as an endothelial marker in various human tumors. Recently, it was shown that IGFBP3 reverses proliferation and prevents the survival induced by VEGF in HUVEC [38] and that downregulation of endothelial *igfbp3* mRNA by Runx1 transcription factor promoted angiogenesis in the matrigel assay [39]. However, IGFBP3 functions in tumor-associated angiogenesis are not understood yet and have to be examined thoroughly in order to evaluate IGFBP3 suitability as a valid therapeutic target. The present study compared nrn1, txnip and igfbp3 mRNAs expression in

# <u>tumor and peritumoral area. Data concerning the expression of these genes in human biopsies</u> <u>from normal organs (kidney, colon, prostate) are lacking in the litterature. Therefore, more</u> <u>detailed gene expression analyses have to be performed on normal tissues to fully consider *nrn1*, <u>txnip and igfbp3 as proper tumor markers.</u></u>

Altogether, this work provided evidence for a new set of hypoxia-induced genes in ECs *in vitro*. Overexpression of some of these genes was further observed in different cell types subjected to *in vivo* pathological hypoxia, particularly in tumor cells surrounding necrotic regions or tumor endothelial cells. In this context, we propose these genes, *txnip*, *nrn1* and *igfbp3* as hypoxic markers and potential makers in tumor angiogenesis, might become prognostic tools and potential anti-cancerous therapeutic targets.

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6. Figure legends:

**Figure 1 :** Confirmation of cDNA microarray by Northern Blot analysis. Total RNA from HMEC-1 and HUVEC cultured in normoxia or hypoxia (100 $\mu$ M DFO or 2% O<sub>2</sub>) were fractionated on a formaldehyde agarose gel, transferred to a nylon membrane and probed with <sup>32</sup>P-labeled probes for *igfbp3, nrn1, txnip* and *angptl4* mRNAs.

**Figure 2** : *Nrn1* and *Txnip*, markers of perinecrotic regions in conventional RCC and glioblastoma. Bright field (**left** and **right**) and dark field (**middle**) views of *nrn1* and *txnip* mRNA production in perinecrotic region of conventional RCC (**a-c** and **g-i** respectively) and glioblastoma (**d-f** and **j-l** respectively). N, necrosis area . Scale bars, 50µm.

**Figure 3** : *Igfbp3* mRNA, a tumor endothelial marker in various types of human tumors. HES (**left**), dark field (**middle**) and bright field (**right**) views of *igfbp3* mRNA expression in endothelial cells of colon adenocarcinoma (**a-c**), prostate adenocarcinoma (**d-f**), conventional RCC (**g-i**) and chromophobe RCC (**j-l**). Scale bars, 50µm.

**Figure 4** : Characterization of IGFBP3 protein expression in human tumors. Immunostaining for IGFBP3 protein in conventional (**a**) and chromophobe (**b**) RCC, in colon and prostate adenocarcinoma (**c** and **d** respectively). Scale bars, 50µm.

# Supplementary data : table 1

**In the 1:** Chemically and gazeous hypoxia-induced genes in HMEC-1. Hypoxia-induced genes identified by cDNA RDA were used to create a dedicated cDNA or coarray. This cDNA microarray was then hybridized with cDNA from HMEC-1 cultured in normoxia or hypoxia (DFO or 2% O2). Statistical analysis was ormed and difference of gene expression between DFO and gaz was analysed ( - : non significatively different; \* : p<0,05; \*\* : p<0,01).

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ĉ	202636		angiopoletin-like 4	2.68	1.89	**
d	03021	unknown	Human tissue plasminogen activator (PLAT) gene, complete cds	1.73	1,00	*
2	28593	JAG1	jagged 1 (Alagille syndrome)	1,35	-	-
닠	14083	SERPINE1	serine (or cysteine) proteinase inhibitor, clade E (nexin, plasminogen activator inhibitor type 1), member 1	1,28	-	-
	)25195	ROBO4	roundabout homolog 4, magic roundabout (Drosophila)	1,16	-	-
Ξ			Cell adhesion/ Cell migration			
መ	34150	LOX	lysyl oxidase	2,48	1,78	*
⊇	90441	P4HA2	procollagen-proline, 2-oxoglutarate 4-dioxygenase (proline 4-hydroxylase), alpha polypeptide II	1,93	-	-
5	123207	EN1	Carbonydrate (chondrolun) synthase 1 fibronacti 1	1,70	1,02	**
Ä	4131	PTPRB	protein tyrosine phosphatase, receptor type, B	1,74	1,34	*
4	031617	THBS1	thrombospondin 1	1,53	1,42	-
-	76729	COL5A1	collagen, type V, alpha 1	1,4	-	-
Q	5593	HUMTIMP2	Human metalloproteinase-2 inhibitor (TIMP-2) mRNA, complete cds	1,39	-	-
	0815	PTPRF	protein tyrosine phosphatase, receptor type, F	1,35	-	-
	002318	LOXL2	lysyl oxidase-like 2 cDNA encoding human pro-cathensin B	1,3	-	-
	0041	unknown	Cell growth/ Maintenance/ Anontosis:	1,10	_	-
	04162	NDPG1	N myo dowestroom rogulated one 1	2 77	1 21	**
	038124	IGFBP3	insulin-like growth factor binding protein 3	1.77	1,52	-
	59465	TNFAIP3	tumor necrosis factor, alpha-induced protein 3	1,67	1,21	**
	6104	DAPK1	death-associated protein kinase 1	1,64	1,53	-
	9639	EXT1	exostoses (multiple) 1	1,60	1,41	-
	016794	HD	huntingtin (Huntington disease)	1,53	-	-
	12783	PDGFB	platelet-derived growth tactor beta polypeptide (simian sarcoma viral (v-sis) oncogene nomolog)	1,53	1,42	-
	197519	unknown	Nixa binding mour protein 5 Homo sanciens podcealyzin-like protein mRNA complete cds	1,33	-	-
	1635	unknown	Human OS-9 precursion mRNA, complete cds	1,16	-	-
			Cell Structure			
	98343	CTTN	cortactin	2,58	1,58	**
	180044	PLEC1	plectin 1, intermediate filament binding protein 500kDa	2,39	1,6	*
	9139	unknown	Homo sapiens myosin mRNA, partial cds.	1,47	1,21	*
	262992	SPAG4	sperm associated antigen 4	1,40	-	-
_	95661	C16orf5	myosin, ngn polypepude 4, ankar, aural, emoryonic Homo saniens transmembrane protein 11 (11) mRNA complete cds	1,30	-	-
÷.	66661	MAP4	microtubule-associated protein 4	1,23	-	-
_	96803	SPTBN1	spectrin, beta, non-erythrocytic 1	1,21	-	-
1			Development			
Ξ	J94352	unknown	Human manic fringe precursor mRNA, complete cds	1,68	-	-
2			Metabolism (lipid, carbohydrates, glycolysis)			
#	005566	LDHA	lactate dehydrogenase A	2,91	1,84	**
÷.	51829	MGAT1	mannosyl (alpha-1,3-)-glycoprotein beta-1,2-N-acetylglucosaminyltransferase	2,53	1,88	**
Ξ	14328		Human A I P: citrate iyase mkNA, complete cos	2,41	1,03	**
	J79775	unknown	Homo sapiens NNP-1/Nop52 (NNP-1) mRNA, complete cds	1.99	1,25	**
5	17851	HUMG3PDB	Human glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase mRNA, complete cds	1,74	-	-
7	009885	TPI1	triosephosphate isomerase 1	1,74	1,22	**
ż	22349	ENO2	enolase 2 (gamma, neuronal)	1,71	1,32	**
9	109735	VIDID	to-prosphotructo-z-kinase/fructose-z,6-biphosphatase 3	1,68	1,22	**
1	6376	unknown	H sapiens HK2 mRNA for hexokinase II.	1,37		-
₹	000961	PTGIS	prostaglandin I2 (prostacyclin) synthase	1,41	1,2	**
IJ	64098	HDLBP	high density lipoprotein binding protein (vigilin)	1,33	-	-
3	57638	ASL	argininosuccinate lyase	1,3	1,16	-
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4	36631	NRN1	Ineuritin 1	1,73	1,52	-
-	0976		Human neuroieukin mKNA, complete cas dibydropyrimidinase-like 4	1,44	-	-
<u>.</u>	3010	D1 10L4	Protein catabolism	1,-10		
9	12389	PRSS15	protease serine 15	1.27	-	-
-	)54185	PSMA7	proteasome (prosome, macropain) subunit, alpha type, 7	1.21	-	
	61542	CYLD	cylindromatosis (turban tumor syndrome)	1,18	-	<u> </u>
			Protein Folding/ Stress-induced protein			
	'3591	TXNIP	thioredoxin interacting protein	1,85	1,31	**
	6719	unknown	cDNA encoding human protein disulfide isomerase.	1,72	-	-
	003299	TRA1	tumor rejection antigen (gp96) 1	1,49	-	-
	33174 5785	SERPINH1	serine (or cysteine) proteinase inhibitor, clade H (heat shock protein 47), member 1, (collagen binding protein 1)	1,30	-	-
	5100	11001	nyponia up-regulated 1 = ONF 130	1,21		-

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А.	6950	ADORA2A	adenosine A2a receptor	3,71	2,62	*			
브	3780	STK25	serine/threonine kinase 25 (STE20 homolog, yeast)	2,17	1,39	**			
뭆	051522	CMKOR1	chemokine orphan receptor 1	1,40	-	-			
Ж.	20704	PPFIA4	protein tyrosine phosphatase, receptor type, f polypeptide (PTPRF), interacting protein (liprin), alpha 4	1,38	1,19	-			
Ц,	2390	TRIO	triple functional domain (PTPRF interacting)	1,38	-	-			
Ħ	06490	CSNK1E	casein kinase 1, epsilon	1,38	-	-			
	2794	NR2F6	nuclear receptor subramily 2, group +, member 6	1,35	-	-			
Þ	40090		WD repeat and SOCS box-containing 1	1,27	1,55	-			
ς,	126945	TRIB3	A kinase (+1/ky/ankin) pioteni (gravin) 12 tribbles homolog 3 (Drosophila)	1.14	-				
⊈	26044	SNRK	And the second s	1,14	-	-			
R	J67784	unknown	Human orphan G protein-coupled receptor (RDC1) mRNA, partial cds	-	1,35	-			
읙			Transport (glucose, protein, ion)						
	018359	POM121	POM121 membrane glycoprotein (rat)	3,63	2,48	**			
н	20681	SLC2A3	solute carrier family 2 (facilitated glucose transporter), member 3	2,35	1,62	*			
æ.	'9353	GDI1	GDP dissociation inhibitor 1	2,14	1,61	*			
Ъ.	274889	unknown	Homo sapiens glucose transporter 3 gene, exons 1 to 6.	1,79	1,4	-			
Ξ.	036096	PTTG1IP	pituitary tumor-transforming 1 interacting protein	1,71	-	-			
Ø.	J10362	unknown	Human GP36b glycoprotein mRNA, complete cds	1,6	-	-			
<u> </u>	23115	ATP2A2	A I Pase, Ca+ w#43; transporting, cardiac muscle, slow twitch 2	1,29	-	-			
1	11024		potessium crainine modulatory factor 1 potessium voltage getad obspace subfamily G_member 2	1,19	- 1 24	-			
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	3000	OLOUNU	Translation/Protein biosynthesis	.,					
	139400	unknown	Homo sapiens NOF1 mRNA_complete.cds	1.40	_	-			
	64622	GOLGIN-67	aclain-67	1.38	1.31	-			
	19997	EEF2	eukaryotic translation elongation factor 2	1,20	-	-			
	J31501	unknown	Human fragile X mental retardation syndrome related protein (FXR2) mRNA, complete cds	1,15	-	-			
	68990	GTPBP2	GTP binding protein 2	1,15	-	-			
	37735	RPL14	ribosomal protein L14	-	1,17	-			
			Other functions or unknown functions						
	J79775	unknown	Homo sapiens NNP-1/Nop52 (NNP-1) mRNA, complete cds	1,99	1,25	**			
	59047	unknown	Rattus norvegicus SPANK-2 mRNA, partial cds	1,54	-	-			
	02602	UREB1	upstream regulatory element binding protein 1	1,52	1,31	-			
	070657	GSTK1	glutathione S-transferase kappa 1	1,48	-	-			
	042302	unknown	Homo saplens similar to Gene 33/Mig-b (H. saplens) (LUC148460),mRNA.	1,47	1,21	^			
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	051925		ter static + (c) alegais)	1,33	1,45				
	40786	GSTT2	alutatione Stransferase theta 2	1.30	-	-			
	37078	PUM2	jumilio homolog 2 (Drosophila)	1,28	-	-			
	2209	HSMN1	Homo sapiens mRNA for MN1 protein	1,25	-	-			
T	20718	CLSTN1	calsyntenin 1	1,22	-	-			
άŪ.	28965	OIP106	OGT(O-Glc-nac transferase)-interacting protein 106 KDa	1,13	-	-			
Ξ.			ESTs or Hypothetical proteins: 23,3%						
1	747444	unknown	602704739F1 NIH_MGC_15 Homo sapiens cDNA clone IMAGE:4858161 5',mRNA sequence.	5,03	3,63	*			
H	001776	C20orf20	Homo sapiens cDNA FLJ10914 fis, clone OVARC1000212	3,43	1,89	**			
2	800927	unknown	Homo sapiens mRNA; cDNA DKF2p586N0721 (from clone DKF2p586N0721)	3,25	2,53	-			
ų.	17505		Homo sapiens mkna; CUNA UK+2p434E1835 (from clone UK+2p434E1835). hvradhadian parking BC007540	2,81	1,89	**			
U.	10/ 540	LUC 144097	Inputience protein BC00/340	2,17	2,07	-			
÷.	001403		Homo services cDNA FL/10023 is clone HEMBA1000608 moderatelysimilar to HYPOTHETICAL PROTEIN KIAA0411	2.03	1.41	*			
	956598	unknown	EST368653 MAGE resequences, MAGD Homo sapiens cDNA. mRNA sequence.	1,91		-			
I>	334711	unknown	Homo sapiens C10RF12 mRNA, 3' untranslated region, partialsequence.	1,83	1,30	**			
	21598	unknown	Homo sapiens cDNA FLJ11536 fis, clone HEMBA1002712.	1,64	1,55				
±	01196	KIAA0676	KIAA0676 protein	1,55	1,41	-			
2	33023	FLJ10201	hypothetical protein FLJ10201	1,49	-	-			
Ц.	17505	unknown	Homo sapiens mRNA; cDNA DKFZp434E1835 (from clone DKFZp434E1835)	1,47	-	-			
	18774	unknown	DKFZp761B0811_r1 761 (synonym: hamy2) Homo sapiens cDNA cloneDKFZp761B0811 5', mRNA sequence.	1,46	1,39	-			
3	07128	unknown	Homo sapiens clone 23870 mRNA sequence.	1,44	1,27	-			
a	34417	UNKNOWN	Human LINA sequence from clone CTA-215D11 on chromosome 1p36.12-36.33, complete sequence	1,44	-	-			
3	202305	FAM1301	Nuncour Homo saniens mRNA for KIAA0014 protein partial cds	1,43	1.20	*			
	955980	unknown	EST3680500 MAGE resequences. MAGD Homo sapiens CDNA. mRNA sequence	1.33	1.18	*			
Ŋ.	86150	unknown	Homo sapiens full length insert cDNA clone ZB44E06.	1,30	-	-			
	92656	unknown	Homo sapiens BAC clone RP11-455G16 from 4, complete sequence.	1,26	1,17	-			
	80172	FLJ21919	hypothetical protein FLJ21919	1,24	-	-			
0	26024	FLJ10307	hypothetical protein FLJ10307	1,23	-	-			
H.	48871	unknown	DKFZp434I1018_r1 434 (synonym: htes3) Homo sapiens cDNA cloneDKFZp434I1018, mRNA sequence.	1,20	-	-			
	575061	unknown	602598169F1 NIH_MGC_87 Homo sapiens cDNA clone IMAGE:4706800 5',mRNA sequence.	1,20	-	-			
	85745	unknown	602637842F1 NIH_MGC_48 Homo sapiens cDNA clone IMAGE:4765403 5',mRNA sequence.	1,18	-	-			
	28534	unknown	numan STS SHGC-31555, sequence tagged site.	1,18	-	-			
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	897805	unknown	RC1-NN063-100500-022-c06 NN063 Homo saniens cDNA_mRNA sequence	1,16		-			
	962770	unknown	EST374843 MAGE resequences, MAGE Homo sapiens cDNA, mRNA sequence.	1,15	-	-			

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