

# Potential Role for Protein Kinases in Regulation of Bidirectional Endoplasmic Reticulum-to-Golgi Transport Revealed by Protein Kinase Inhibitor H89

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Recent evidence suggests a regulatory connection between cell volume, endoplasmic reticulum (ER) export, and stimulated Golgi-to-ER transport. To investigate the potential role of protein kinases we tested a panel of protein kinase inhibitors for their effect on these steps. One inhibitor, H89, an isoquinolinesulfonamide that is commonly used as a selective protein kinase A inhibitor, blocked both ER export and hypo-osmotic-, brefeldin A-, or nocodazole-induced Golgi-to-ER transport. In contrast, H89 did not block the constitutive ER Golgi-intermediate compartment (ERGIC)-to-ER and Golgi-to-ER traffic that underlies redistribution of ERGIC and Golgi proteins into the ER after ER export arrest. Surprisingly, other protein kinase A inhibitors, KT5720 and H8, as well as a set of protein kinase C inhibitors, had no effect on these transport processes. To test whether H89 might act at the level of either the coatamer protein (COP)I or the COPII coat protein complex we examined the localization of  $\beta$ COP and Sec13 in H89-treated cells. H89 treatment led to a rapid loss of Sec13-labeled ER export sites but  $\beta$ COP localization to the Golgi was unaffected. To further investigate the effect of H89 on COPII we developed a COPII recruitment assay with permeabilized cells and found that H89 potently inhibited binding of exogenous Sec13 to ER export sites. This block occurred in the presence of guanosine-5'-O-(3-thio)triphosphate, suggesting that Sec13 recruitment is inhibited at a step independent of the activation of the GTPase Sar1. These results identify a requirement for an H89-sensitive factor(s), potentially a novel protein kinase, in recruitment of COPII to ER export sites, as well as in stimulated but not constitutive Golgi-to-ER transport.

## INTRODUCTION

The abundance of certain subcellular compartments is dramatically altered by changes in metabolic state (Nunnari, 1996); therefore, it seems reasonable that organelle biogenesis in general would be responsive to changes in cell physiology. Accumulating evidence in mammalian cells supports the notion that transport through the constitutive secretory pathway can be regulated according to the demands of cell physiology. Most notably, pharmacological agents that alter the activity of protein kinase A (PKA) and protein kinase C (PKC), as well as trimeric G proteins, have significant effects on trafficking both in vivo and in vitro (De Matteis *et al.*, 1993; Hansen and Casanova, 1994; Ohashi and Huttner, 1994; Pimplikar and Simons, 1994; Muniz *et al.*, 1996). Despite the data implicating key signal-transducing molecules in the regulation of constitutive transport, the physiological conditions that elicit such changes remain poorly under-

stood, and the precise identity of these regulators as well as the mechanisms by which these regulators influence trafficking remains poorly understood.

Recently, we identified osmotically induced cell volume changes as one physiological stimulus that leads to dramatic alterations in both anterograde and retrograde transport between the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) and Golgi. Hypotonic conditions lead to an abrupt inhibition of ER export, but at the same time, retrograde transport from the Golgi to the ER is stimulated. The net result is the collapse of both the Golgi and ER-Golgi-intermediate compartment (ERGIC) into the ER (Lee and Linstedt, 1999). To begin to identify components of the signaling pathway mediating osmotic stress-induced alterations in transport, we screened a panel of pharmacological agents, including those directed against signaling pathways known to be activated by osmotic stress, for those that would inhibit the osmotically induced stimulation of retrograde transport. The panel included a variety of serine/threonine protein kinase inhibitors, tyrosine kinase inhibitors, a calcium ionophore, and wortmannin. From this screen, we uncovered a single agent, H89, that was a

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potent inhibitor of the hypotonically induced redistribution of Golgi residents to the ER (this study).

H89 is a member of the isoquinolinesulfonamide group of protein kinase inhibitors that also includes H8 and H7. These compounds tend to exhibit selective inhibition toward cyclic nucleotide-dependent protein kinases as well as PKC (Hidaka *et al.*, 1984). They act as competitive inhibitors with respect to ATP and presumably achieve selectivity through their differential binding affinities for the ATP-binding site of various kinases. For example, 50  $\mu\text{M}$  H8 inhibits PKA but not PKC *in vivo* (Lee and Chuong, 1997), whereas 500  $\mu\text{M}$  H8 inhibits both (Hidaka *et al.*, 1984). Inhibition of other kinases and ATP-binding proteins by H8 requires much higher concentrations; for example, 50-, 100-, 800-, and 600-fold higher for myosin light chain kinase, casein kinase I, casein kinase II, and myosin, respectively (Hidaka *et al.*, 1984). In contrast to H8, H7 inhibits both PKA and PKC at 50  $\mu\text{M}$  (Reich and Pfeffer, 1990; Xiao *et al.*, 1997), but like H8, it has little effect on other kinases except at very high concentrations (Hidaka *et al.*, 1984). Thus, an examination of the sensitivities of a process of interest to a number of these inhibitors can provide a powerful tool for deducing the potential involvement of a certain protein kinase. From this class, a derivative of H8 called H89 has emerged as the most specific inhibitor of PKA. Inhibition of PKA with H89 requires a 660-fold lower concentration than that required to inhibit PKC (Chijiwa *et al.*, 1990). Thus, H89 has begun to be commonly used as a selective inhibitor of PKA (Chijiwa *et al.*, 1990; Muniz *et al.*, 1996, 1997). Interestingly, H89 has been reported to inhibit trans-Golgi network-to-cell surface transport, as well as ER-to-Golgi transport (Muniz *et al.*, 1996, 1997). The inhibitory effect of H89 on these steps was attributed to the inhibition of PKA. More recently, however, H89 has been shown to inhibit Golgi vesiculation induced by the drug illimaquinone and the free G $\beta\gamma$  subunit of trimeric G proteins. Surprisingly, the target of H89 in the Golgi vesiculation reaction appears to be protein kinase D (PKD), an unusual PKC isoform, and not PKA (Jamora *et al.*, 1999).

To extend the existing data, we undertook an analysis of the sensitivity of bidirectional ER-to-Golgi transport to H89 as well as to other protein kinase inhibitors, including other isoquinolinesulfonamides. Anterograde ER-to-Golgi transport, as well as stimulated, but not constitutive, retrograde transport originating from the Golgi was sensitive to H89. H89 appeared to block stimulated retrograde transport at an early step, prior to the appearance of tubular intermediates. ER-to-Golgi transport also was inhibited at an early step: the recruitment of the coatamer protein (COP)II component Sec13 to ER export sites was blocked by H89 both *in vivo* and *in vitro*. In contrast to H89, a number of other protein kinase inhibitors, including other isoquinolinesulfonamides, at concentrations reported to inhibit both PKA and PKC, did not inhibit either anterograde or retrograde transport. These results suggest that an H89-sensitive factor(s) distinct from PKA or PKC, and potentially a novel protein kinase, is required for bidirectional transport between the ER and Golgi.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Cell Lines, Antibodies, and Reagents

HeLa cells were maintained in minimum essential medium (Sigma, St. Louis, MO) supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum, 100

I.U./ml penicillin, and 100  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$  streptomycin (normal medium) at 37°C in a 5% CO<sub>2</sub> incubator. The following antibodies were used: a mouse monoclonal antibody (mAb) against GPP130 (A1/118); a rabbit polyclonal antiserum against GM130 (provided by E. Sztul, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, AL); a mouse mAb against ERGIC 53 and a mouse mAb against p63 (provided by H.-P. Hauri, Biocenter, Basel, Switzerland); an affinity-purified rabbit antiserum against mammalian Sec13 (provided by B.L. Tang and W. Hong, National University of Singapore, Singapore); a mouse mAb against the hemagglutinin (HA) epitope (provided by J. Woolford, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA); and a mouse mAb against vesicular stomatitis virus G (VSVG) protein (provided by P. Weidman, St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO). Fluorescein isothiocyanate- and rhodamine-conjugated secondary antibodies against mouse or rabbit immunoglobulins were purchased from Cappel (Organon Teknica, Durham, NC).

The pCDM8.1 plasmid encoding tsO45 VSVG was provided by J. Lippincott-Schwartz, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD. Digitonin was purchased from Boehringer Mannheim, Indianapolis, IN. H89 and KT5720 were purchased from Calbiochem (San Diego, CA), and H8 was purchased from Toronto Research Chemicals (Ontario, Canada). H7, staurosporine, chelerythrine, wortmannin, A23187, brefeldin A (BFA), and nocodazole were purchased from Sigma. All drugs, with the following exceptions, were dissolved in dimethyl sulfoxide and maintained at -20°C as 1000 $\times$  stocks: H89 and H8 were stored at 4°C and A23187 was stored at -80°C. The final concentrations of each drug were as follows: 50  $\mu\text{M}$  H89, 120  $\mu\text{M}$  H8, 60  $\mu\text{M}$  H7, 1–10  $\mu\text{M}$  chelerythrine, 9  $\mu\text{M}$  KT5720, 1  $\mu\text{M}$  wortmannin, 0.4  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$  A23187, 2.5  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$  BFA, and 10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$  nocodazole.

### Hypotonic and Drug Treatments

HeLa cells grown on 12-mm glass coverslips were transferred to wells of a 24-well plate containing 1 ml of hypotonic medium (20 mM HEPES, pH 7.2, 60 mM NaCl, 2.5 mM MgOAc) and incubated in a 37°C water bath. For the drug treatments, cells on coverslips were incubated in 1 ml of (HEPES-buffered, pH 7.2) normal medium or hypotonic medium into which the various drugs (1000 $\times$  stocks in dimethyl sulfoxide) were diluted, and incubated in a 37°C water bath or in a 5%CO<sub>2</sub> incubator for the indicated times.

### Immunofluorescence Microscopy and Quantitation

Cells were fixed for 20 min in 3% paraformaldehyde, and antibody staining was performed as described previously (Lee and Linstedt, 1999). Cells were analyzed with a fluorescence microscope (Nikon, Melville, NY) equipped with a Hamamatsu black-and-white cooled charge-coupled device camera (Hamamatsu Photonics, Hamamatsu City, Japan). All images were taken with a 40 $\times$  objective. Digital images were acquired in the program Photoshop (Adobe Systems, Mountain View, CA). For the quantitation of the H89 and H8 dose responses (Figure 4), 10 fields of ~30 cells were examined and the percentage of cells with a redistributed Golgi resident-staining pattern determined. The average of two independent experiments was presented. For the quantitation of Sec13 recruitment assays (Figure 8), the fluorescence intensity in a rectangle of 304 pixels placed in a juxtannuclear position outside of the nucleus was measured with NIH image. Ten representative cells were measured and the average of two independent experiments was presented.

### TsO45 VSVG Transport Assay

Cells were transiently transfected with tsO45 VSVG on a pCDM8.1 plasmid with calcium phosphate precipitation and passed onto coverslips 1 d post transfection. Two days after transfection, cells were placed in normal medium (buffered with 25 mM HEPES, pH 7.2) in a water bath at 40°C. After 5 h, coverslips were transferred to normal medium or normal medium containing various protein

kinase inhibitors (preequilibrated at 32°C) for 20 min at 32°C. Cells were fixed and stained with a mAb against the cytoplasmic tail of VSVG.

### Generation of HASec13 Stable Cell Line

The following oligonucleotides were used to amplify by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) Sec13 from a HeLa cDNA library: 5'-GGAATTCGTGTCAGTAATTAACACTGTGG and 3'-GCTCTAGATCACTGCTCGTTCTGCTGGCCC. The PCR product was digested with *EcoRI* and *XbaI* and ligated to an *EcoRI* and *XbaI*-digested pCB6 vector containing an HA epitope in frame just upstream of the *EcoRI* site. The resulting construct was used to transfect HeLa cells by a standard calcium phosphate precipitation protocol. G418 (0.4 mg/ml) was used to select stable transfectants.

### Digitonin Extraction and Immunoblot Assay

HeLa cells stably expressing HASec13 were grown to 50% confluence on 60-mm plates. Prior to extraction, cells were washed twice with 5 ml of permeabilization buffer or PB (25 mM HEPES, pH 7.2, 125 mM KOAc, 2.5 mM MgOAc, 5 mM EGTA) at room temperature. Cells were then extracted with 2 ml of PB containing 30  $\mu$ g/ml digitonin + 1 mM dithiothreitol (DTT) + 10  $\mu$ g/ml leupeptin + 10  $\mu$ g/ml pepstatin for 6 min at room temperature. After removal of the digitonin extract, the permeabilized cells were dissolved in sample buffer, boiled, and resolved by 10% SDS-PAGE. Immunoblotting was performed as previously described (Lee and Linstedt, 1999).

### Sec13 Recruitment Assay

Cells grown on glass coverslips were washed with 1 ml of PB, placed cell side up on parafilm, and incubated with 50  $\mu$ l of PB + 1 mM DTT + 30  $\mu$ g/ml digitonin for 6 min at room temperature.

Permeabilized cells on coverslips were washed twice with cold PB + 1 mM DTT, and incubated on ice. After 20 min, coverslips were transferred to parafilm and incubated in transport buffer or TB (25 mM HEPES, pH 7.2, 75 mM KOAc, 5 mM MgOAc, 5 mM EGTA, 1.8 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>) containing 1 mM DTT + 10  $\mu$ g/ml leupeptin + 10  $\mu$ g/ml pepstatin. In certain samples, an ATP-regenerating system (0.5 mM ATP, 0.5 mM UTP, 50  $\mu$ M GTP, 5 mM creatine phosphate, 25  $\mu$ g/ml creatine phosphokinase, 0.5 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.05 mM EGTA), 0.5 mM guanosine-5'-O-(3-thio)triphosphate (GTP $\gamma$ S), and/or 2.5 mg/ml cytosol were included. Cells were incubated at 32°C for 30 min.

For the preparation of cytosol, 12  $\times$  15-cm plates of HeLa cells were washed twice with ice cold PBS, scraped into PBS, and collected by centrifugation at 2000 rpm (SA600), 5 min. After washing in 10 volumes of TB, cells were resuspended in 2 volumes of TB + 10  $\mu$ g/ml pepstatin + 10  $\mu$ g/ml leupeptin + 1 mM DTT + 10  $\mu$ M ATP + 5  $\mu$ M GTP, and homogenized with a ball-bearing homogenizer. A postnuclear supernatant (1000  $\times$  g) was centrifuged at 100 K for 15 min in a TLA100.3 rotor. The supernatant,  $\sim$ 8 mg/ml protein, was frozen and stored at  $-80^{\circ}$ C.

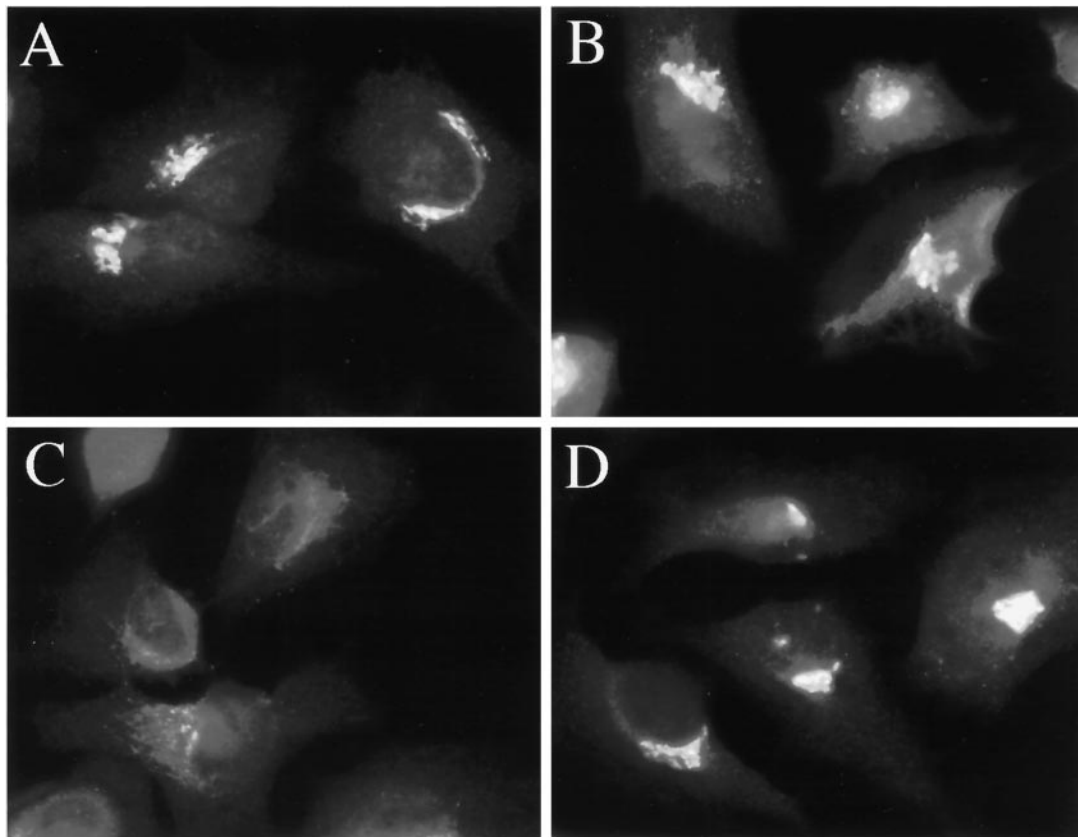
## RESULTS

### H89 Inhibits Hypotonically induced-, BFA-induced-, and Nocodazole-induced Stimulation of Golgi-to-ER Transport

In a search for pharmacological agents that prevented the hypotonically induced stimulation of Golgi-to-ER retrograde transport, we tested a panel of drugs known to inhibit a variety of signaling molecules. Most agents were without effect. However, H89, commonly used as a potent and selective inhibitor of PKA (Muniz *et al.*, 1996, 1997; Chijiwa *et al.*, 1990), strongly inhibited the stimulation of Golgi resident redistribution to the ER that occurred upon incubation in hypotonic medium. As expected, the *cis*-Golgi resident GM130 (Nakamura *et al.*, 1995) exhibited a characteristic perinuclear Golgi-staining pattern (Figure 1A). This pattern was not noticeably affected by the inclusion of 50  $\mu$ M H89 in normal medium during a 20-min incubation (Figure 1B). As previously reported (Lee and Linstedt, 1999), hypotonic treatment led to the rapid ( $t_{1/2}$  =  $\sim$ 10 min) redistribution of GM130 to the ER by 20 min (Figure 1C). Strikingly, inclusion of 50  $\mu$ M H89 in the hypotonic medium prevented the redistribution response (Figure 1D). The inhibition of hypotonically induced Golgi-to-ER transport appeared to occur at an early step because tubules, whose kinetics of appearance and disappearance is consistent with their being intermediates in Golgi-to-ER transport (Lippincott-Schwartz *et al.*, 1990; Sciaky *et al.*, 1997), were prominent in control, hypotonically treated cells but were rarely seen in the presence of H89. This point is best illustrated with another *cis*-Golgi marker, GPP130 (Linstedt *et al.*, 1997). As previously reported, the rate at which different Golgi residents redistribute to the ER upon hypotonic treatment varies significantly (Lee and Linstedt, 1999). GPP130 redistributes more slowly than GM130 ( $t_{1/2}$  =  $\sim$ 60–120 min); thus, tubular intermediates are easily observable over a wide range of times. As expected, GPP130 almost never exhibited tubular staining in cells maintained in normal medium (Figure 2A), and addition of 50  $\mu$ M H89 to normal medium for 10 min did not significantly alter the pattern of GPP130 staining (Figure 2B). In contrast, 10 min after transfer to hypotonic medium, 10–25% of the cells had GPP130 tubules emanating from the Golgi (Figure 2C). However, the presence of 50  $\mu$ M H89 in the hypotonic medium prevented altogether the appearance of GPP130 tubules (Figure 2D). Although H89 is a potent inhibitor of PKA (Chijiwa *et al.*, 1990), H89 did not appear to exert its inhibitory effect on hypotonically induced Golgi resident redistribution through the inhibition of PKA or conventional PKC isozymes because other selective inhibitors of PKA (120  $\mu$ M H8 [Lee and Chuong, 1997; Figure 4 and 9  $\mu$ M KT5720 [Linn *et al.*, 1996]) and PKC (60  $\mu$ M H7 [Reich and Pfeffer, 1990; Xiao *et al.*, 1997] and 1–10  $\mu$ M chelerythrine [Herbert *et al.*, 1990]), all used at concentrations equal to or greater than those previously reported to be effective in HeLa cells, did not inhibit the response (our unpublished results).

To ascertain whether the inhibitory effect of H89 on Golgi resident redistribution was specific for the hypotonic response, we asked whether H89 also would affect Golgi-to-ER transport induced by BFA and nocodazole. As previously demonstrated for a number of Golgi markers (Doms *et al.*, 1989; Lippincott-Schwartz *et al.*, 1989, 1990), 2.5  $\mu$ g/ml BFA induced GPP130 redistribution to the ER with a  $t_{1/2}$  of  $\sim$ 5 min (Figure 3A; Figure 2A for the GPP130-staining pattern in untreated cells). Strikingly, the presence of 50  $\mu$ M H89 blocked the BFA-induced redistribution of GPP130 (Figure 3B), as well as of GM130 and giantin (our unpublished results). As described above for the hypotonic response, H89 appeared to inhibit an early step in the redistribution response because the number of BFA-induced tubules was dramatically diminished in the presence of H89 (our unpublished results). Finally, we examined the effect of H89 on nocodazole-induced fragmentation of the Golgi as marked

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**Figure 1.** H89 blocks hypotonically induced redistribution of GM130 to the ER. HeLa cells grown to 50% confluence on 12-mm glass coverslips were placed in 1 ml of normal medium (A), normal medium containing 50  $\mu$ M H89 (B), hypotonic (210 mOsm) medium (C), or hypotonic medium containing 50  $\mu$ M H89 (D) for 20 min at 37°C.

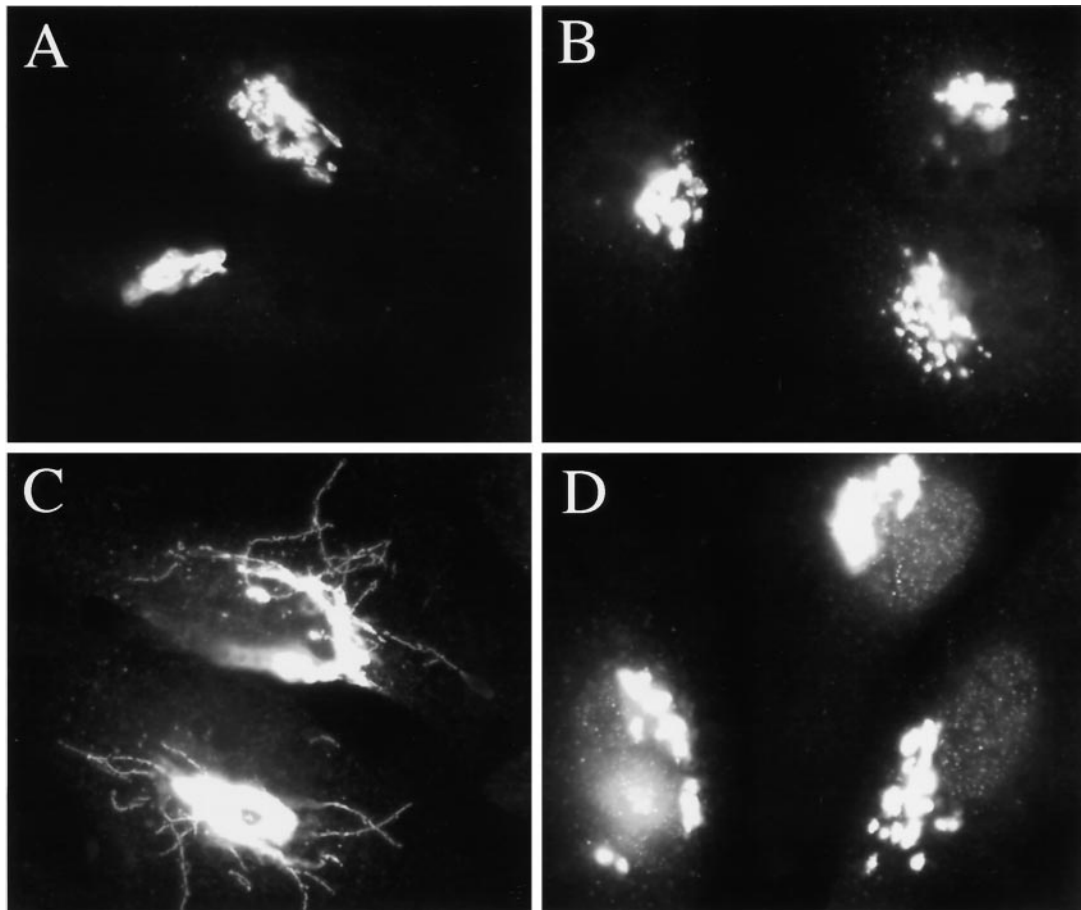
by GPP130 staining (Storrie and Yang, 1998). Recent work suggests that Golgi-to-ER transport is an obligatory step in the nocodazole-induced fragmentation of the Golgi into ministacks (Cole *et al.*, 1996; Storrie *et al.*, 1998; Drecktrah and Brown, 1999; see Shima *et al.* 1998 for a contrasting view). GPP130 redistribution to peripheral sites occurred with a  $t_{1/2}$  of ~60–90 min as previously reported for other Golgi markers (Figure 3C). As observed for both hypotonic- and BFA-induced Golgi resident redistribution, 50  $\mu$ M H89 was a potent inhibitor of nocodazole-induced GPP130 redistribution (Figure 3D), as well as GM130 redistribution (Figure 6, C and D) and giantin redistribution (our unpublished results). Tubulin staining confirmed that the effect of H89 was not a consequence of an alteration in the microtubule network (our unpublished results).

A quantitative analysis of the effect of H89 on each of the three retrograde transport reactions at varying H89 concentrations indicated that all three stimulated Golgi-to-ER transport reactions shared a similar dose response to H89 (Figure 4, A–C). It should be noted that 50  $\mu$ M H89, a concentration commonly used to inhibit PKA (Chijiwa *et al.*, 1990) almost completely inhibited all three reactions. However, none of the reactions was inhibited by H8 (Hidaka *et al.*, 1984), a structurally related PKA inhibitor (Figure 4, A–C).

#### ***H89 Does Not Inhibit Hypotonically Induced ERGIC-to-ER Transport, or Constitutive Retrograde Transport Originating from ERGIC and Golgi***

We previously reported that hypotonic treatment also leads to the apparent collapse of the ERGIC compartment, as marked by ERGIC 53 (Lee and Linstedt, 1999). Because BFA does not cause collapse of the ERGIC (Lippincott-Schwartz *et al.*, 1990), the hypotonic response provided a unique opportunity to assess whether H89 also inhibited ERGIC-to-ER transport. As expected, ERGIC 53 staining of cells maintained in normal medium produced a characteristic punctate pattern (Figure 5A) that was completely redistributed to an ER-staining pattern in cells incubated for 20 min in hypotonic medium (Figure 5B). Interestingly, 50  $\mu$ M H89 in the hypotonic medium did not inhibit this response (Figure 5C). In fact, 50  $\mu$ M H89 alone in normal medium induced the redistribution of ERGIC 53 to the ER by 20 min (Figure 5D). These results suggested that although H89 was a potent inhibitor of hypotonic-, BFA-, and nocodazole-induced Golgi-to-ER transport, hypotonically induced ERGIC-to-ER transport was unaffected by H89.

A straightforward explanation for the induction of ERGIC-to-ER transport by H89 in normal medium was provided by a recent report that H89 blocks ER export (Jamora

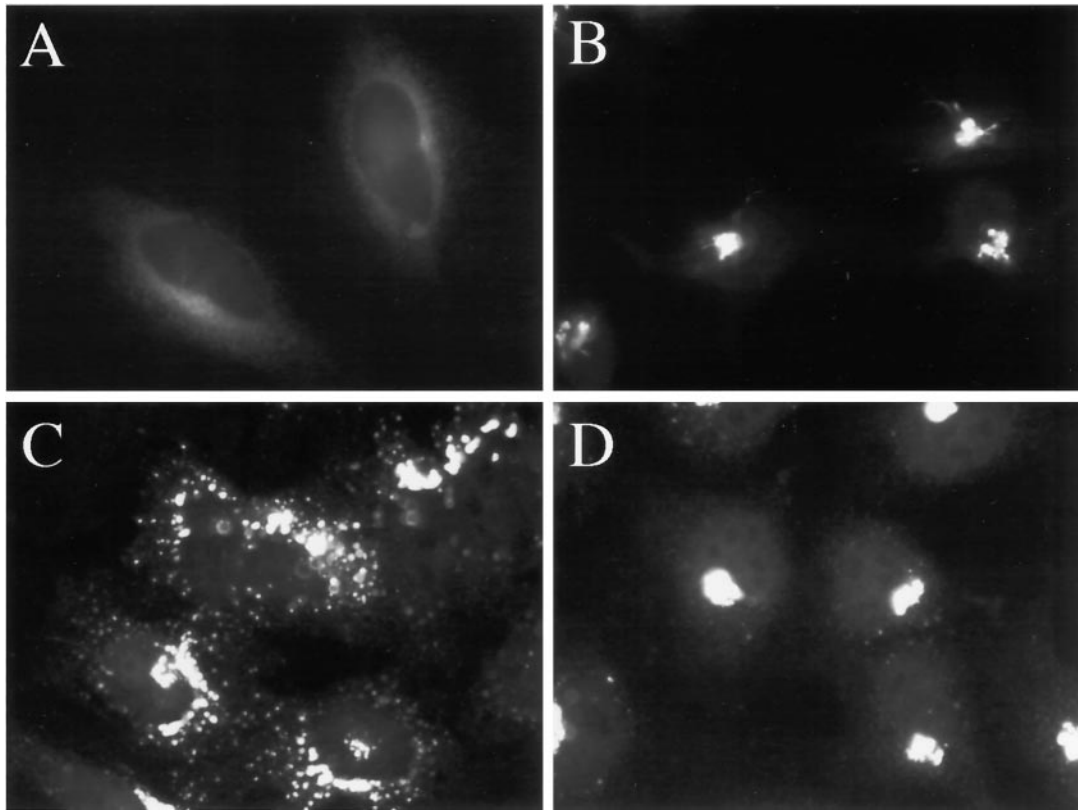


**Figure 2.** H89 blocks hypotonically induced GPP130 tubules. HeLa cells grown to 50% confluence on 12-mm glass coverslips were placed in 1 ml of normal medium (A), normal medium containing 50  $\mu\text{M}$  H89 (B), hypotonic (210 mOsm) medium (C), or hypotonic medium containing 50  $\mu\text{M}$  H89 (D) for 10 min at 37°C.

*et al.*, 1999). From this perspective, H89 might cause the accumulation of ERGIC 53 in the ER by virtue of its ability to block ER export. Indeed, ERGIC and Golgi residents have been shown to redistribute to the ER in cells in which ER export is blocked by the dominant negative version of the Sar1 GTPase, presumably due to the constitutive recycling of ERGIC and Golgi residents through the ER (Cole *et al.*, 1996; Storie *et al.*, 1998; Drecktrah and Brown, 1999; Zaal *et al.*, 1999). If this were the case, long-term H89 treatment in normal medium also would be predicted to lead to the slow redistribution of Golgi residents to the ER. Indeed, although 50  $\mu\text{M}$  H89 alone in normal medium did not cause any significant redistribution of Golgi residents during short incubation times (Figures 1B and 2B), longer incubation times resulted in the redistribution of GM130 from its characteristic Golgi pattern (Figure 6A) to an ER pattern (Figure 6B) by 2 h with a  $t_{1/2}$  of  $\sim 1$  h (compared with the relatively rapid  $t_{1/2}$  of  $\sim 10'$  accumulation induced by hypotonic treatment in Figure 1). Other Golgi residents, such as GPP130 and giantin, also redistributed to the ER in the presence of 50  $\mu\text{M}$  H89 but with significantly slower kinetics ( $t_{1/2} = \sim 2\text{--}3$  h; our unpublished results). These results were consistent with the observation that H89 inhibited ER-to-Golgi trans-

port (Jamora *et al.*, 1999; see below), and importantly, it suggested that H89 only blocked the stimulated form of Golgi-to-ER transport, and not the constitutive recycling of ERGIC and Golgi residents to the ER.

Several investigators have proposed that nocodazole, rather than stimulating Golgi-to-ER transport, uncovers a constitutive recycling pathway. This is based on the kinetics of nocodazole-induced Golgi fragmentation, which is more similar to the kinetics of accumulation of Golgi residents in the ER upon treatment with dominant negative Sar1 than to the kinetics of Golgi-to-ER transport induced by BFA (Storie *et al.*, 1998). In contrast to this proposal, our observation that the nocodazole-induced Golgi-to-ER transport pathway was H89 sensitive (Figure 3, C and D) suggested that the nocodazole-induced retrograde pathway was mechanistically more related to both BFA- and hypotonically induced retrograde transport than to the constitutive Golgi-to-ER transport pathway. To rule out the possibility that the differential sensitivity of nocodazole-induced and constitutive recycling pathways to H89 was due to the use of different markers to assay the different pathways, we compared the H89 sensitivity of a single marker to both nocodazole-induced and constitutive retrograde transport. As shown in



**Figure 3.** H89 blocks both BFA- and nocodazole-induced redistribution of GPP130. HeLa cells grown to 50% confluence on 12-mm glass coverslips were incubated in 2.5  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  BFA in the absence (A) or presence (B) of 50  $\mu\text{M}$  H89 for 20 min at 37°C, or incubated in 10  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  nocodazole in the absence (C) or presence (D) of 50  $\mu\text{M}$  H89 for 60 min at 37°C.

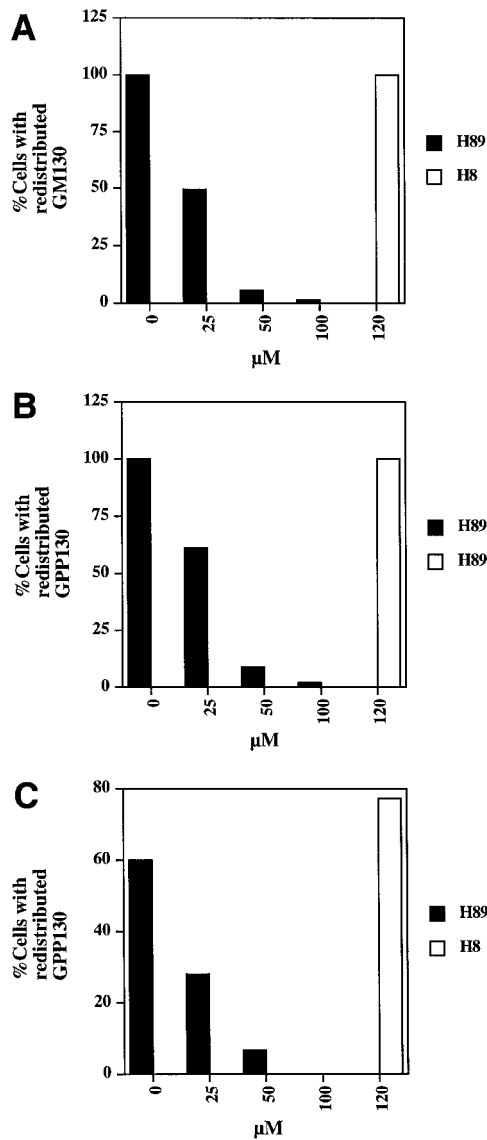
Figure 6C, nocodazole induced the complete dispersal of GM130 to ministacks by 60 min. However, the nocodazole-induced dispersal was inhibited by 50  $\mu\text{M}$  H89 such that significant amounts of GM130 remained in its normal juxtanuclear location even at 60 min (Figure 6D). Therefore, the same H89 treatment that allowed the constitutive recycling of GM130 to the ER (Figure 6B) inhibited the nocodazole-induced retrograde transport of GM130. The partial redistribution of GM130 in the presence of nocodazole and H89 most likely reflected the beginnings of the H89-induced slow redistribution of GM130 to the ER (Figure 6B) due to the H89-induced ER export block (see below). Therefore, the nocodazole-induced retrograde pathway appeared mechanistically distinct from the constitutive retrograde pathway.

To further investigate the proposal that H89 blocks stimulated but not constitutive retrograde transport out of the Golgi, we took advantage of our previous observation that hypertonic conditions also block ER export and lead to the redistribution of Golgi residents to the ER, but significantly more slowly than hypotonic conditions (Lee and Linstedt, 1999). For instance, GM130 redistributes to the ER by 20 min in hypotonic medium, but redistribution to the ER in hypertonic medium requires longer incubation times ( $\sim 2$  h). Because both conditions abruptly block ER export, we suggested previously that retrograde transport was stimulated under hypotonic, but not under hypertonic conditions. Also consistent with this proposal, extensive tubules containing

Golgi residents were only observed under hypotonic conditions. We therefore asked whether H89 would inhibit Golgi resident redistribution under hypertonic conditions. As predicted, 50  $\mu\text{M}$  H89 had no effect on the kinetics with which GM130 and GPP130 redistributed to the ER under hypertonic conditions (our unpublished results). Together, our results suggest that H89 specifically inhibits the stimulated, but not constitutive form of retrograde transport originating from the Golgi.

#### *H89 Inhibits Sec13 Recruitment to ER Export Sites*

The slow collapse of ERGIC and Golgi residents into the ER induced by H89 was consistent with a block in ER export. In addition, as mentioned above, H89 but not protein kinase inhibitor, a PKA-specific peptide inhibitor, was recently shown to inhibit ER export (Jamora et al). These results suggested that a novel H89-sensitive factor, possibly the same factor required for stimulated retrograde transport out of the Golgi, also might play a role in ER export. To extend this finding, we first performed a morphological transport assay on cells transfected with tsO45 VSVG (Gallione and Rose, 1985) to confirm the H89-induced anterograde transport block. Indeed, we found that H89 was a potent inhibitor of ER export at concentrations similar to those required to inhibit retrograde transport between the Golgi and ER. That is, H89 inhibited ER export partially at 25  $\mu\text{M}$ , almost com-



**Figure 4.** H89 dose response for inhibition of hypotonic (A), BFA (B)-, and nocodazole (C)-induced redistribution. Cells were treated with hypotonic medium (210 mOsm), 2.5  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$  BFA, or 10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$  nocodazole in the presence of 0, 25, 50, and 100  $\mu\text{M}$  H89 or 120  $\mu\text{M}$  H8. Hypotonicity treated cells were stained with GM130 antibodies and BFA- and nocodazole-treated cells were stained with GP130 antibodies. The averaged results of two independent experiments are presented.

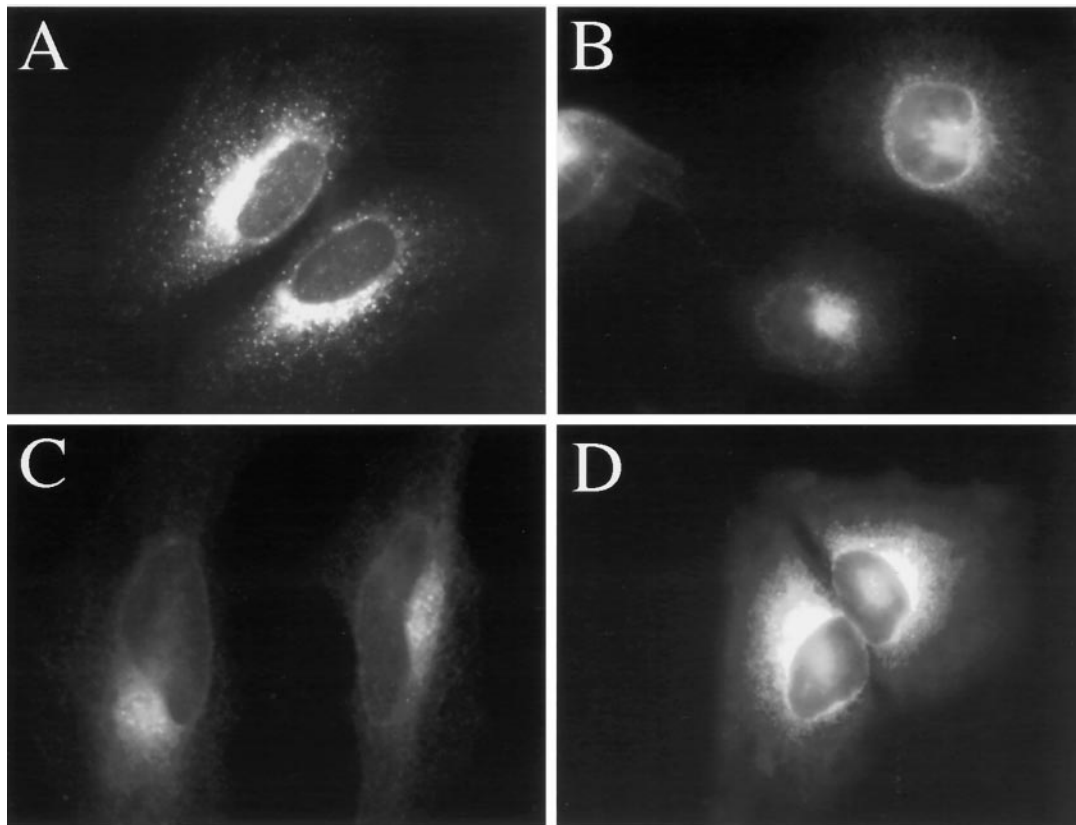
pletely at 50  $\mu\text{M}$ , and completely at 100  $\mu\text{M}$  (our unpublished results). In contrast, 60  $\mu\text{M}$  H7 (Reich and Pfeffer, 1990; Xiao *et al.*, 1997), 120  $\mu\text{M}$  H8 (Lee and Chuong, 1997), 9  $\mu\text{M}$  KT5720 (Linn *et al.*, 1996), and 1  $\mu\text{M}$  chelerythrine (Herbert *et al.*, 1990), at concentrations reported to inhibit PKA and PKC *in vivo*, had no detectable effect on ER export of VSVG.

COPI and COPII recruitment are essential steps in anterograde and retrograde transport processes (Barlowe *et al.*, 1994; Letourneur *et al.*, 1994; Bednarak *et al.*, 1995). There-

fore, to explore the possible mechanism(s) by which H89 inhibited ER export and by which it inhibited stimulated retrograde transport, we examined the staining pattern of COPI and COPII components  $\beta\text{COP}$  (Waters *et al.*, 1991) and Sec13 (Barlowe *et al.*, 1994; Tang *et al.*, 1997), respectively, in H89-treated cells. BFA-induced Golgi collapse is known to require the dissociation of  $\beta\text{COP}$  from the Golgi (Donaldson *et al.*, 1990; Scheel *et al.*, 1997). Significantly, the H89 treatment that blocked Golgi resident redistribution (Figure 3, A and B) did not block  $\beta\text{COP}$  dissociation, indicating that the H89-mediated inhibition of BFA-induced Golgi resident redistribution was independent of an effect on COPI. Interestingly, we observed that  $\beta\text{COP}$  binding to the Golgi in normal medium also was unaffected by 50  $\mu\text{M}$  H89, although there was a diminution of peripheral  $\beta\text{COP}$  staining associated with the ERGIC (our unpublished results). The loss of  $\beta\text{COP}$  at peripheral, ERGIC-associated sites was consistent with the H89-induced collapse of the ERGIC into the ER as described above (Figure 5D).

Next, we examined the binding of the mammalian homolog of Sec13 to ER export sites. As expected, Sec13 antibodies in untreated cells stained punctate, peripheral structures (Figure 7A) presumably corresponding to ER exit sites (Tang *et al.*, 1997). Strikingly, 50  $\mu\text{M}$  H89 led to a rapid reduction in Sec13 staining in peripheral ER exit sites over time such that by 10 min of H89 treatment, only ~25% of the cells exhibited significant peripheral Sec13 staining (Figure 7B). The apparent increase in Sec13 in the nuclear or perinuclear region of cells with diminished peripheral Sec13 staining was most likely due to nonspecific binding of the polyclonal Sec13 antibody to the nucleus. This was determined by performing the same experiment in cells that had been stably transfected with an HA epitope-tagged version of Sec13. In this case, Sec13 could be detected with a mAb against the HA epitope. As can be seen in Figure 7C, in untreated transfectants, the HA antibody stained peripheral structures resembling those stained by the Sec13 antibody (compare Figure 7A and 7C). After treatment of the transfectants with 50  $\mu\text{M}$  H89 for 10 min, staining of the peripheral structures was greatly diminished in most cells (Figure 7D). However, no significant increase in nuclear or perinuclear Sec13 staining was detected with the HA epitope antibody. These results suggested that H89 induced the redistribution of Sec13 from ER exit sites to the cytoplasm. Importantly, H89 did not affect the staining pattern of the ER marker p63 (Schweizer *et al.*, 1995), indicating that ER morphology was generally unchanged (our unpublished results).

To further confirm that H89 treatment led to the displacement of membrane-associated Sec13 to a soluble cytosolic pool, we used a digitonin extraction and immunoblot assay. Digitonin permeabilization results in the extraction of cytoplasmic protein, leaving ER- and large membrane-associated constituents behind. Because Sec13 membrane association is transient and coupled to the hydrolysis of GTP by Sar1 (Matsuoka *et al.*, 1998), we added the nonhydrolyzable GTP analogue GTP $\gamma\text{S}$  to the PB. As expected, cells extracted without GTP $\gamma\text{S}$  retained very little H89Sec13, whereas those extracted in the presence of GTP $\gamma\text{S}$  retained a significantly greater amount (Figure 7E, lanes 1 and 2). In contrast, cells pretreated with 50  $\mu\text{M}$  H89 for 10 min prior to extraction in the presence of GTP $\gamma\text{S}$  only retained the low level of



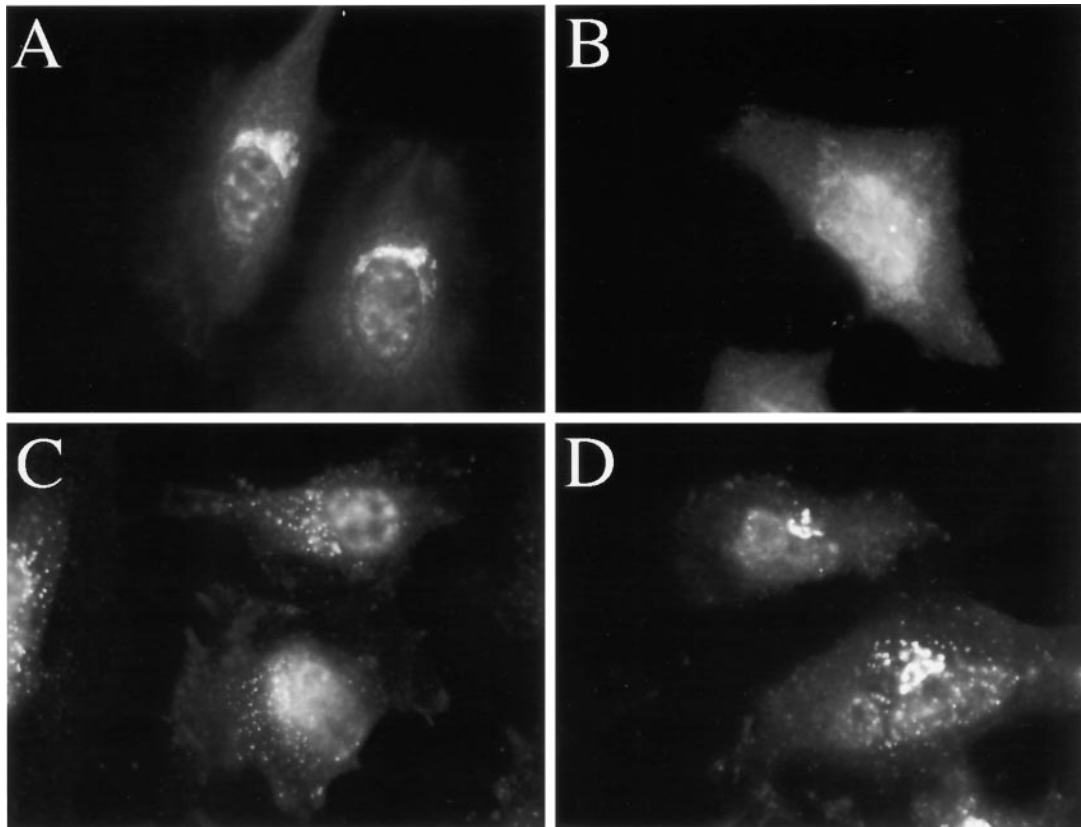
**Figure 5.** H89 does not block hypotonically induced ERGIC 53 redistribution to the ER, and H89 alone induces the redistribution of ERGIC 53 to the ER. HeLa cells grown to 50% confluence on 12-mm glass coverslips were placed in 1 ml of normal medium (A), hypotonic (210 mOsm) medium (B), hypotonic medium containing 50  $\mu$ M H89 (C), or normal medium containing 50  $\mu$ M H89 (D) at 37°C for 20 min.

HASec13 seen after extraction in the absence of GTP $\gamma$ S (Figure 7E, lane 3). ER and Golgi membranes were not differentially extracted under these conditions as indicated by the recovery of the ER protein p63 and the Golgi protein GPP130 from the same cells (Figure 7E, lanes 1–3). Furthermore, the staining pattern of HASec13 in cells extracted with digitonin and GTP $\gamma$ S was the punctate, peripheral pattern characteristic of ER exit sites, whereas cells pretreated with H89, or extracted in the absence of GTP $\gamma$ S, yielded no staining (our unpublished results). Thus, H89 treatment led to the loss of Sec13 from apparent ER exit sites into the soluble cytosolic pool.

As described above, inclusion of GTP $\gamma$ S during permeabilization was necessary for the retention of Sec13 at presumptive ER exit sites. This suggested that Sec13 might undergo Sar1 GTPase-dependent cycles of dissociation and reassociation during permeabilization. Presumably, inclusion of GTP $\gamma$ S prevented Sec13 dissociation, a step that normally requires GTP hydrolysis by Sar1 (Aridor *et al.*, 1995; Matsuoka *et al.*, 1998). Because H89 inhibited the GTP $\gamma$ S-mediated stabilization of Sec13 at ER exit sites, we next considered the possibility that H89 might inhibit Sec13 recruitment. To test whether H89 inhibited COPII coat recruitment, we developed a Sec13 recruitment assay in digitonin-permeabilized cells. As described above, permeabilization of cells in the absence of added nucleotides led to

extraction of Sec13. However, subsequent incubation of the cells with cytosol, ATP, and GTP $\gamma$ S led to the recruitment of Sec13 to structures that resembled the peripheral ER exit sites seen in intact, untreated cells (Figure 8A; compare with Figure 7A). No recruitment was observed in the absence of cytosol (Figure 8B), and recruitment was significantly reduced in the absence of GTP $\gamma$ S (our unpublished results). In addition, recruitment required ATP, even in the presence of GTP $\gamma$ S (our unpublished results; Barlowe *et al.*, 1994). As would be expected if H89 inhibited the recruitment of COPII to ER exit sites, inclusion of 50  $\mu$ M H89 in the reaction mixture inhibited the appearance of Sec13-staining peripheral structures *in vitro* (Figure 8C). The inhibition by H89 was uniform in that nearly 100% of the cells exhibited only low or undetectable levels of peripheral Sec13 staining. In contrast, 120  $\mu$ M H8 had no inhibitory effect on Sec13 recruitment (Figure 8D). A quantitation of the effects of both kinase inhibitors is presented in Figure 8E. Unfortunately, because H89 is a competitive inhibitor with respect to ATP, its effects are reversible (Chijiwa *et al.*, 1990); thus, we could not easily test whether the H89 sensitive activity was membrane-associated or cytosolic. Importantly, we found that under the conditions of our Sec13 recruitment assay, the stimulated retrograde transport pathway was inoperative. Even in the absence of H89, the addition of BFA did not induce the retrograde movement of Golgi residents (our





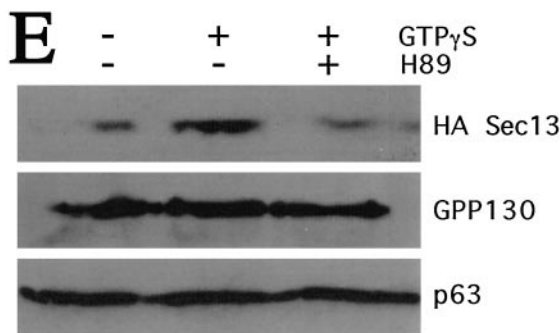
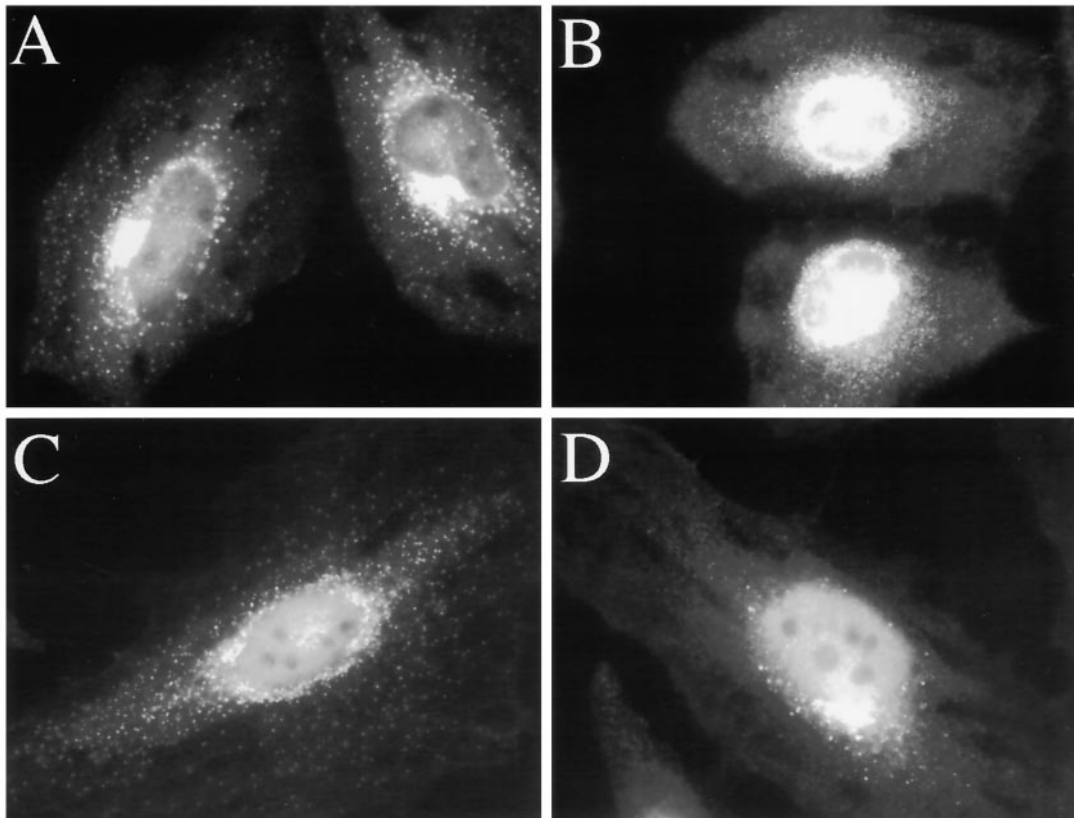
**Figure 6.** H89 treatment induces, and does not block the constitutive recycling of GM130 to the ER (A and B), but does block the nocodazole-induced redistribution of GM130 (C and D). HeLa cells grown to 50% confluence on 12-mm glass coverslips were incubated in the absence (A) or presence (B) of 50  $\mu\text{M}$  H89 for 120 min. In C and D, cells were incubated in the presence of 10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$  nocodazole for 60 min (C), or in the presence of 50  $\mu\text{M}$  H89 and 10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$  nocodazole for 60 min (D).

unpublished results). This indicated that the recruitment of Sec13, at least under the conditions of our assay, was independent of retrograde transport. Therefore, the inhibition of Sec13 recruitment by H89 appeared to be the consequence of a direct, rather than indirect, effect of H89. Together, our results suggested that an H89-sensitive factor was required for an early step in stimulated, but not constitutive, Golgi-to-ER retrograde transport pathway, and was independently required for COPII recruitment to ER export sites.

## DISCUSSION

The idea that Golgi residents, in common with proteins that function at the interface of the ER and Golgi complex, undergo a slow, constitutive recycling pathway through the ER was initially proposed by Lippincott-Schwartz and colleagues (Cole *et al.*, 1998) and has been supported by a number of studies, predominantly using the dominant negative version of the Sar1 GTPase (Barlowe *et al.*, 1993; Aridor *et al.*, 1995), which blocks ER export and leads to the slow accumulation of Golgi residents in the ER (Storrie *et al.*, 1998; Zaal *et al.*, 1999). More recently, a certain subset of phospholipase A<sub>2</sub> (PLA<sub>2</sub>) inhibitors also have been shown to cause the slow redistribution of Golgi residents to the ER through

a block in ER export (Drecktrah and Brown, 1999). In contrast to Sar1 or PLA<sub>2</sub> inhibition, the fast kinetics with which Golgi residents redistribute to the ER in the presence of BFA or under hypotonic conditions suggests that these treatments either turn on a novel retrograde pathway, or stimulate a slower, constitutive retrograde pathway. Consistent with this supposition is the observation that both treatments induce the appearance of extensive membrane tubule intermediates containing backwards moving Golgi residents. Our results indicate that an H89-sensitive activity, potentially a novel protein kinase, is required for a stimulated, but not constitutive form of retrograde transport originating from the Golgi. H89 treatment blocked retrograde transport of Golgi residents stimulated by three independent means: BFA, nocodazole, and hypotonic treatment. The fact that H89 opposed the effects of such differing treatments suggests that the H89-sensitive factor is intimately involved in stimulated retrograde transport from the Golgi, and not in neutralizing any particular perturbant. Also consistent with this idea is the fact that we observed no effect of H89 on either the BFA-induced dissociation of  $\beta\text{COP}$  from the Golgi or the nocodazole-induced depolymerization of microtubules. H89 appeared to block the stimulated retrograde movement of Golgi residents at an early step because BFA



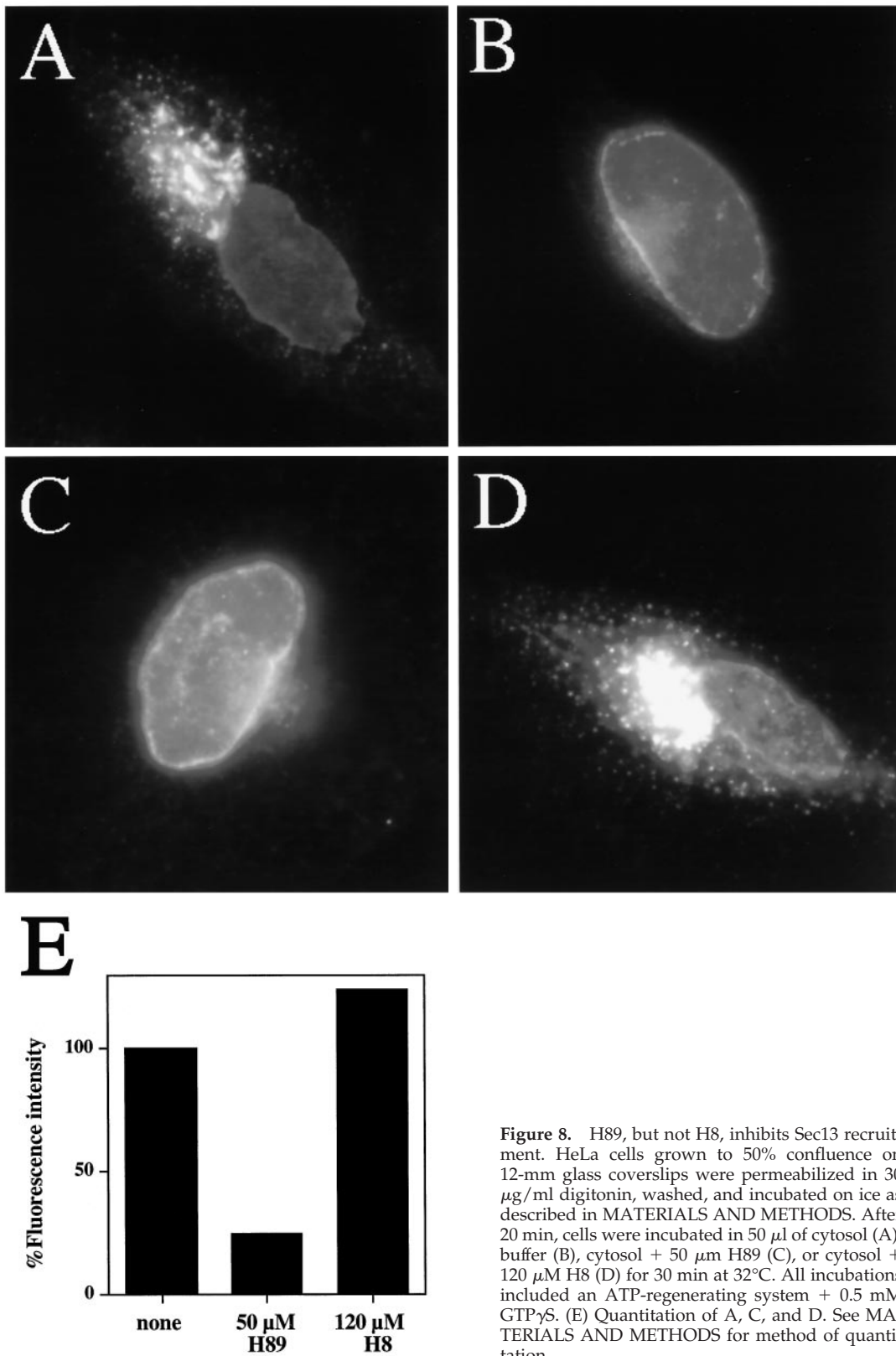
**Figure 7.** H89 treatment leads to displacement of Sec13 from peripheral ER exit sites to a soluble cytosolic pool. HeLa cells grown to 50% confluence on 12-mm glass coverslips were incubated in the absence (A) or presence (B) of 50  $\mu$ M H89 for 10 min, fixed, and stained with antibodies against Sec13. In C and D, HeLa cells stably transfected with HA-tagged Sec13 were grown to 50% confluence and incubated in the absence (C) or presence (D) of 50  $\mu$ M H89 for 10 min, fixed, and stained with antibodies against the HA epitope. (E) Immunoblot of HA Sec13-expressing HeLa cells after digitonin extraction under the conditions indicated. H89-treated cells were preincubated for 10 min with 50  $\mu$ M H89 prior to extraction in 50  $\mu$ M H89. GTP $\gamma$ S was present at 1 mM where indicated. See MATERIALS AND METHODS for further details.

and hypotonically induced tubules did not accumulate in the presence of H89, and in fact were rarely seen in the presence of H89. Furthermore, our finding that H89 actively induced the slow redistribution of ERGIC and Golgi residents to the ER under iso-osmotic conditions, coupled with our observation that H89 did not inhibit the slow, presumably unstimulated redistribution of Golgi residents to the ER under hypertonic conditions, suggests that the H89-sensitive factor is not required for retrograde transport, per se, but specifically required for a stimulated form of retrograde transport out of the Golgi.

It is puzzling that H89 blocks nocodazole-induced Golgi fragmentation because recent work from several laboratories suggest that the nocodazole-induced dispersal of the Golgi

into ministacks occurs via the slow, constitutive Golgi-to-ER transport pathway (Cole *et al.*, 1996; Storrie *et al.*, 1998; Drecktrah and Brown, 1999; Zaal *et al.*, 1999). The basis for this supposition is that the relatively slow kinetics with which nocodazole induces Golgi fragmentation is comparable to the kinetics with which Golgi residents accumulate in the ER upon imposition of an ER export block (Storrie *et al.*, 1998). In contrast, our observations suggest that the nocodazole-induced Golgi-to-ER transport pathway is more similar to the BFA- and hypotonically induced Golgi-to-ER transport pathways, which are clearly stimulated, than to the constitutive Golgi-to-ER transport pathway.

One possible explanation is that there are multiple constitutive retrograde pathways, and H89, in addition to block-



**Figure 8.** H89, but not H8, inhibits Sec13 recruitment. HeLa cells grown to 50% confluence on 12-mm glass coverslips were permeabilized in 30  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$  digitonin, washed, and incubated on ice as described in MATERIALS AND METHODS. After 20 min, cells were incubated in 50  $\mu\text{l}$  of cytosol (A), buffer (B), cytosol + 50  $\mu\text{M}$  H89 (C), or cytosol + 120  $\mu\text{M}$  H8 (D) for 30 min at 32°C. All incubations included an ATP-regenerating system + 0.5 mM GTP $\gamma$ S. (E) Quantitation of A, C, and D. See MATERIALS AND METHODS for method of quantitation.

ing a stimulated form of retrograde transport out of the Golgi, also blocks a subset of the constitutive retrograde transport pathways. Indeed, recent work has defined at least two constitutive retrograde transport pathways operating between the Golgi and ER: a COPI-dependent pathway and a COPI-independent, Rab6-dependent pathway (Girod *et al.*, 1999). Rapidly recycling markers such as ERGIC 53 and the KDEL receptor take the COPI-dependent pathway, whereas more slowly recycling markers such as *N*-acetylglucosaminyltransferase-1, *N*-acetylglucosaminyltransferase-2, and sialyltransferase appear to take the Rab6-dependent pathway. Our observations indicate that H89 does not block the COPI-dependent pathway because ERGIC 53 recycling proceeds in the presence of H89. Whether H89 blocks the Rab6-dependent pathway remains to be tested. Nonetheless, the idea that H89 blocks a subset of constitutive retrograde pathways seems rather unlikely because H89 blocks the nocodazole-induced redistribution of GM130, GPP130, and giantin, but not the constitutive retrograde movement of the same markers uncovered by two means of blocking ER export: hypertonic stress or H89 treatment. Thus, based on sensitivity to H89, we propose that the nocodazole-induced retrograde pathway is more mechanistically related to the BFA- and hypotonically induced pathways. Although the kinetics of nocodazole-induced retrograde transport are clearly slower than those of BFA- and hypotonically induced retrograde transport, a precise determination of the time that it takes for nocodazole-induced Golgi-to-ER transport for a particular marker may reveal kinetics that exceed that of constitutive Golgi-to-ER recycling of the same marker.

The slow ER accumulation of ERGIC and Golgi markers induced by H89 was consistent with the notion that H89, in addition to blocking the stimulated form of Golgi-to-ER transport, also might block ER export. Malhotra and colleagues have shown that H89 inhibits the export of VSVG protein out of the ER (Jamora *et al.*, 1999). We confirmed this finding, and extended it by demonstrating that the inhibitory effect of H89 is on the recruitment of the COPII component Sec13/sec31 to ER export sites. The requirement for an H89-sensitive factor most likely occurs downstream of the recruitment of the Sar1 GTPase because the presence of GTP $\gamma$ S in the recruitment reaction did not bypass the requirement for an H89-sensitive factor. The potential requirement for a protein kinase activity in COPII recruitment, particularly downstream of Sar1, is intriguing in light of a recent report demonstrating that dephosphorylation of Sec13/sec31, but not Sec23/sec24 or Sar1, inhibits budding from the ER in vitro (Salama *et al.*, 1997). Perhaps the H89-sensitive activity is required, either directly or indirectly, for the phosphorylation of Sec13/s31, which in turn is required for the recruitment of Sec13/s31 to export sites. We are currently investigating this issue.

The suggestion that a single H89-sensitive factor is required both for COPII recruitment and for retrograde transport from the Golgi is surprising because there is no indication at present that COPII plays any role in Golgi-to-ER transport. Thus, it raises the possibility that the requirement for an H89-sensitive factor in ER export is an indirect consequence of an H89-induced block in stimulated retrograde transport, or that the requirement for an H89-sensitive factor in stimulated retrograde transport is an indirect consequence of an H89-induced block in ER export. An argument

against the former is that ER export occurs efficiently in the absence of incoming retrograde traffic from the Golgi, at least in vitro (Matsuoka *et al.*, 1998). An argument against the latter is that nocodazole induces the redistribution of Golgi residents to the ER even in the presence of the dominant negative version of Sar1, which blocks ER export (Storrie *et al.*, 1998). Furthermore, hypotonic conditions stimulate retrograde transport even when ER export is blocked (Lee and Linstedt, 1999). Thus, it is likely that both anterograde and retrograde transport between the ER and the Golgi are independently sensitive to H89. An alternative proposal is that H89 has two distinct targets, one required for ER export and the other required for stimulated retrograde transport from the Golgi. Our finding that both reactions are similarly sensitive to H89 and similarly insensitive to a variety of other related protein kinase antagonists would argue against this possibility. Nonetheless, this issue will only be resolved once the target of H89 in each reaction pathway has been identified.

In contrast to a previous report (Muniz *et al.*, 1996), and in common with Malhotra and colleagues (Jamora *et al.*, 1999), we found that the target of H89 in ER export is neither PKA nor PKC. Nor is PKA or PKC the relevant H89-sensitive factor in the stimulated Golgi-to-ER transport pathway. Several inhibitors of PKA and PKC had no effect on either ER export or stimulated retrograde transport from the Golgi. What then is the target of H89? One possibility is PKD, an unusual isoform of PKC (Johannes *et al.*, 1994; Valverde *et al.*, 1994). Malhotra and colleagues showed that a PKD-specific peptide substrate, but not specific peptide substrates of other PKC isoforms, inhibits illimaquinone and G $\beta$  $\gamma$ -mediated fragmentation of the Golgi as well as ER export (Jamora *et al.*, 1999). Thus, it seems reasonable that the requirement that we observed for both COPII recruitment and stimulated retrograde transport from the Golgi is for PKD. There are, however, caveats to consider. First, the isoquinolinesulfonamide H8, which has been reported to inhibit PKD in vitro (Johannes *et al.*, 1995), albeit less effectively than H89, did not inhibit either COPII recruitment or retrograde transport from the Golgi. A threefold higher concentration of H8, relative to H89, is required to inhibit PKD in vitro (Johannes *et al.*, 1995). However, we observed no inhibition of either process in the presence of concentrations of H8 five-to-sevenfold higher than the effective concentration of H89 either in vivo or in vitro. Second, previous studies have demonstrated that although PKD is abundantly expressed in certain human cell lines, such as HepG2, there is little or no detectable PKD message (Johannes *et al.*, 1994) or protein (Prestle *et al.*, 1996) in HeLa cells, in which all of our studies were performed. These observations would argue that the target of H89, at least in the processes described herein, is not PKD. Further studies will be required to confirm the identity of the H89-sensitive factor.

What is downstream of the H89-sensitive factor? As discussed above, it seems unlikely that a single transport factor would be required independently for both COPII recruitment and stimulated retrograde transport from the Golgi. Interestingly, as alluded to above, Brown and colleagues (Drecktrah and Brown, 1999) have recently reported that a certain subset of cytoplasmic PLA<sub>2</sub> inhibitors inhibits ER export as well as BFA- and nocodazole-induced Golgi resident redistribution, but significantly lower concentrations of

PLA<sub>2</sub> antagonists were required to inhibit ER export compared with the concentrations required to inhibit BFA- or nocodazole-induced Golgi resident redistribution. The precise identity(ies) of these PLA<sub>2</sub> activities remains unknown; however, it raises the intriguing possibility that distinct members of a single class of lipid-remodeling activities might be required for bidirectional transport between the ER and Golgi, and that this class of lipid remodelers is regulated by an H89-sensitive factor.

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