

Activation of Phospholipase C γ in *Schizosaccharomyces pombe* by Coexpression of Receptor or Nonreceptor Tyrosine Kinases

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The fission yeast *Schizosaccharomyces pombe* has no detectable endogenous receptor tyrosine kinases or associated signalling apparatus, and we have used this cell system to reconstitute mammalian platelet-derived growth factor β (PDGF β) receptor-linked activation of phospholipase C γ 2 (PLC γ 2). The PDGF β receptor migrates as a glycosylated protein of 165 kDa associated exclusively with membrane fractions. No tyrosine autophosphorylation was detected when PDGF β was expressed alone. PLC γ 2 appears as a 140-kDa protein distributed between particulate and soluble fractions which exhibits characteristic selectivity for phosphatidylinositol 4,5-bisphosphate and is sensitive to powerful activation by Ca²⁺. When coexpressed, both PDGF β and PLC γ 2 undergo tyrosine phosphorylation, and this is accompanied by a >26-fold increase in [³H]inositol 4,5-bisphosphate ([³H]IP₂) and [³H]inositol 1,4,5-triphosphate [³H]IP₃ production. Treatment with the tyrosine phosphatase inhibitor pervanadate further increased PLC γ 2 tyrosine phosphorylation as well as [³H]IP₂ and [³H]IP₃ generation. Phosphorylated PLC γ 2 was found predominantly in membrane fractions. To test a nonreceptor tyrosine kinase, we then expressed the human proto-oncogene *c-src* together with its negative regulator Csk. These were immunodetectable as bands at 60 kDa (*c-Src*) and 50 kDa (Csk) and distributed between membrane and cytosolic fractions. When yeast coexpressing *c-Src*, Csk, and PLC γ 2 was incubated with pervanadate, PLC γ 2 was tyrosine phosphorylated and [³H]IP₂ and [³H]IP₃ production increased 11.0- and 7.0-fold, respectively. Csk expressed alone with PLC γ 2 was ineffective. Similar PLC γ 2 activation was observed upon in vitro mixing with extracts expressing either *c-Src* or the PDGF β receptor. In summary, this is the first report of a reconstitution of mammalian tyrosine kinase-linked effector activation in yeast cells and also the first demonstration of direct PLC γ 2 activation by the proto-oncogene *c-src*. These observations indicate that *S. pombe* provides a powerful cell system in which to study critical molecular interactions and activities underlying receptor and nonreceptor tyrosine kinase-dependent cell signaling.

Activation of many cell surface receptors triggers a rapid increase in phospholipase C (PLC)-dependent hydrolysis of membrane phosphatidylinositol 4,5-bisphosphate (PIP₂). This generates the second messengers inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate and diacylglycerol which mobilize intracellular Ca²⁺ stores and activate members of the protein kinase C family, respectively (2, 35). Many receptor systems linked to PIP₂ hydrolysis employ tyrosine kinase activation as an immediate and critical step underlying signal transduction (43, 53). They promote the phosphorylation and activation of a subset of PLC subtypes exemplified by isoforms PLC γ 1 and PLC γ 2 (42), each of which possesses two SH2 domains mediating recognition and high-affinity binding to specific phosphotyrosine residues. Receptors which mediate PLC γ activation include those for epidermal growth factor, platelet-derived growth factor (PDGF), fibroblast growth factor, and nerve growth factor, which have intrinsic tyrosine kinase activity (17, 24, 27, 29, 46), although other receptor systems devoid of intrinsic enzymatic activity are also linked to this effector target. These include receptors for a range of cytokines (3), erythropoietin (41), and thrombin (9), as well as membrane immunoglobulin M and CD40 in B lymphocytes (4, 40), the T-cell antigen receptor (38, 52), the high-affinity immunoglobulin E receptor in basophilic leukemia cells (20, 37), and the immunoglobulin G receptor in monocytic cells (21). Members of the *Src* and *Syk/ZAP70* fam-

ilies are candidate tyrosine kinases mediating this response (22, 42, 53).

Although tyrosine phosphorylation is a critical step mediating PLC γ activation, a precise mechanistic understanding of the molecular and regulatory interactions underlying receptor-linked signalling in an intact cell environment remains elusive. In a few cases purified components have been employed to reconstitute receptor tyrosine kinase-dependent PLC γ activation (34). Under these conditions, however, PLC γ is not catalytically activated by tyrosine phosphorylation per se but rather is relieved from inhibitory constraints mimicked in vitro by substances as diverse as detergents and the actin- and PIP₂-binding protein profilin (6, 34, 51). To overcome difficulties associated with in vitro reconstitution, many studies of PLC γ activation have employed transformed mammalian cell systems in which elements have been recombinantly expressed and/or immunoprecipitated following suitable stimulation (17, 25, 27, 33, 46, 47). These studies have been instrumental in demonstrating basic mechanisms of tyrosine kinase-linked signal transduction processes. Despite this, the presence of endogenous components with tyrosine kinase, SH2 adaptor, and phospholipase activities complicates interpretation of these data and limits our understanding of the precise mechanistic interactions and activities under examination. For instance, association of activated PLC γ with additional phosphoproteins (23, 41, 44, 46), dynamin (8), and cytoskeletal elements (54) has been reported, although their importance to cellular signaling remains unclear.

As an alternative approach to studying the molecular basis for tyrosine kinase-linked signal transduction, we have used a cell system in which there is no detectable endogenous recep-

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tor tyrosine kinase-linked regulatory processes, namely, the fission yeast *Schizosaccharomyces pombe*. Expression of selected mammalian signalling elements in such a naive system might support productive interactions between heterologous components while eliminating involvement and cross-talk with host cell tyrosine kinase-associated control systems. *S. pombe* has been used by others to study the function and interactions of selected mammalian signalling elements, including protein kinase C isoenzymes (7), Src and Csk (48), Raf-1 and MAPKK (13), and Ras and phosphatidylinositol 3'-kinase (15). As part of an ongoing program to reconstruct mammalian growth factor-linked signalling pathways in the fission yeast, we report here the coexpression of PLC γ 2 with either the PDGF β receptor or the proto-oncogene *c-src*. We show that both tyrosine kinases are able to phosphorylate PLC γ 2 and trigger its enzymatic activation to hydrolyze yeast membrane phosphoinositides. This is the first demonstration of Src-dependent activation of a PLC γ isoform and suggests a direct functional interaction. These observations also indicate that heterologous expression of selected signalling elements in *S. pombe* permits the detection and analysis of functional PLC γ activation and paves the way for further systematic and detailed molecular dissection of a range of interactions central to tyrosine kinase-linked transduction processes.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Strains and media. The host strain for *S. pombe* transformation, Sp31 (*h⁺ leu1-32 ura4-D18 ade6-704 his5-303*) was based on the original wild-type 975h⁺ strain from the Berne collection and constructed by standard genetic procedures (10). Growth media and the procedure for protoplast transformation are as described elsewhere (31). The bacterial strain for routine work was *Escherichia coli* JM101TR *supE thi srl::Tn10 recA Δ (lac-proAB)* [*F'* *traD36 proAB lacZ Δ M15*], and standard media were used throughout.

Plasmid constructs. The rat PLC γ 2 cDNA (5) was a generous gift from Y. Emori (University of Tokyo). The coding region was excised by digestion with *Kpn*I and *Hind*III restriction endonucleases and subcloned into the *Msc*I site of the thiamine-repressible *S. pombe* expression vector pREP3 (26). The cDNA for the wild-type and K602A (K-602 changed to A) point-mutated mouse PDGF β receptor (55) was kindly provided by L. T. Williams (University of California, San Francisco) and subcloned as a *Bbs*I-*Tth*III1 fragment into the *Msc*I site of pREP4 (26). Human c-Src coding sequence together with 70 bp of upstream untranslated DNA (*Msc*I-*Msc*I fragment) was obtained from T. M. Gilmer (Glaxo Research Institute, Research Triangle Park, N.C.) and expressed from pREP7, a vector based on pREP3 but containing the *S. pombe his5* gene (19a) in place of the *Saccharomyces cerevisiae LEU2* selectable marker. The human Csk cDNA was a kind gift from S. Courtneidge (European Molecular Biology Laboratory, Heidelberg, Germany) and was expressed from the *S. pombe adh* promoter (48) on a plasmid carrying the *S. pombe ade6* selectable marker.

Preparation of yeast homogenates. Suitably transformed *S. pombe* cells were grown overnight to stationary phase in minimal medium containing 4 μ M thiamine, after which they were diluted to 5×10^5 cells per ml in fresh minimal medium and cultured with or without exogenously added thiamine for another 18 h until late log phase (1×10^7 to 2×10^7 /ml). For homogenization, yeast cells were washed in 0.9% NaCl and broken by vigorous vortexing four times for 1 min each time at 4°C in the presence of 1.5 ml of glass beads (500- μ m diameter) and 100 μ l of buffer PTP (10 mM Tris-HCl, 5 mM EDTA, 0.5 mM phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride, 10 μ g of leupeptin per ml, 10 μ g of chymostatin per ml, 10 μ g of aprotinin per ml, 1 mM sodium vanadate, 10 mM sodium PP_i, pH 7.4). A further 400 μ l of buffer PTP was then added, and the homogenate was recovered by low-speed centrifugation after the base of the tube was pierced. The homogenate was further centrifuged at 1,000 \times g for 5 min to pellet unbroken cells and debris. The supernatant containing both particulate material and soluble proteins was designated crude homogenate. By this protocol, 2×10^9 cells yield routinely crude homogenates with a protein content of 10 to 15 mg/ml.

Measuring PLC γ 2 activity with exogenous substrate. Phosphatidyl[2-³H]-inositol ([³H]PI; 9.2 Ci/mmol) and phosphatidyl[2-³H]inositol 4,5-bisphosphate ([³H]PIP₂; 8.0 Ci/mmol) (New England Nuclear, Regensdorf, Switzerland) were used as exogenous substrates to measure PLC γ 2 activity. To prepare substrate, approximately 1 μ Ci of [³H]PI or [³H]PIP₂ was mixed with 110 μ l of phosphatidylethanolamine from bovine brain (10 mg/ml; Sigma Chemie, Buchs, Switzerland) together with (for assays with [³H]PI) 50 μ l of phosphatidylinositol from bovine liver (10 mg/ml; Sigma Chemie) in glass tubes. Phospholipids were then dried under vacuum with centrifugation. For assays with [³H]PIP₂, 45 μ l of 5 mM PIP₂ from bovine brain (Fluka Chemie AG, Buchs, Switzerland) dissolved in 50 mM *N*-2-hydroxyethylpiperazine-*N'*-2-ethanesulfonic acid (HEPES) with 100

mM KCl and 10 mM deoxycholate (pH 7.0) was added. Phospholipids were then resuspended in 1.0 ml of 20 mM HEPES (pH 7.2) containing 100 mM NaCl by using a bath sonicator for 5 min and then a probe sonicator at full power four times for 10 s each. To measure PLC γ 2 activity, 25 μ l of substrate was added to glass tubes together with 25 μ l of buffer B (50 mM Tris-HCl, 50 mM maleic acid, 40 mM LiCl, and 20 mM MgCl₂ at pH 7.0) and 25 μ l of CaCl₂ at concentrations calculated to give defined free Ca²⁺ levels between 10⁻⁸ and 10⁻³ M [based on 1 mM ethylene glycol-bis(β -aminoethyl ether)-*N,N,N',N'*-tetraacetic acid (EGTA)]. Reactions were started by adding 25 μ l of crude homogenate diluted up to 800-fold in ice-cold buffer C (5 mM Tris-HCl containing 4 mM EGTA with 1 mM dithiothreitol). After incubation at 35°C for 30 min in a shaking water bath, reactions were stopped by adding 1.2 ml of an ice-cold mixture of methanol-chloroform-HCl (200:100:1 [vol/vol]) followed by a further 0.5 ml of chloroform and 0.5 ml of 0.25 M HCl and vortex mixing. Samples were then centrifuged at 1,000 \times g for 5 min, and 0.5 ml of the upper aqueous phase was counted by scintillation spectrometry.

For PLC γ 2 preactivation, crude homogenates from yeast expressing independently PLC γ 2, PDGF β receptor, or Src with Csk were first diluted 5- to 10-fold in buffer C to give a protein concentration of 2.5 mg/ml. Diluted homogenates containing PLC γ 2 (50 μ l) were then mixed with 50- μ l aliquots of PDGF β receptor or Src with Csk together with 100 μ l of preactivation buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl, 20 mM MgCl₂, 10 mM MnCl₂, 1 mM dithiothreitol, 2 mM ATP, 5 mM phosphocreatine, 10 U of creatine phosphokinase, pH 7.4) and incubated at 37°C for 15 min. Samples were then diluted a further 20-fold with buffer C and assayed for PLC γ 2 activity as described above.

PLC γ 2 hydrolysis of yeast phosphoinositides. Following overnight growth into stationary phase, cells were diluted into minimal medium containing 50 μ Ci of [*myo*-1,2-³H]inositol (59.6 Ci/mmol; New England Nuclear) and cultured for 18 h as described above. Labelled yeast was used to measure PLC γ 2 activity in either membrane fractions or intact cells. To prepare membranes, homogenates prepared as described above were diluted in 30 ml of buffer C, further homogenized for 30 s with an Ultra-Turrax tissue homogenizer (Bender and Hobein, Zurich, Switzerland), and centrifuged at 20,000 \times g for 30 min at 4°C. Pellets were then washed by rehomogenization in 30 ml of buffer C, recentrifuged, and resuspended in buffer C to 20% of the original homogenate volume. PLC γ 2 activity was measured as described above except that following extraction of the [³H]inositol phosphates, 0.5 ml of the upper phase was diluted with 5.0 ml of water and neutralized with 2% (wt/vol) NaHCO₃. Labelled inositol phosphates were then separated by anion-exchange chromatography using minicolumns containing 0.5 ml of washed AG1-X8 resin in the formate form (Bio-Rad Laboratories, Glatbrugg, Switzerland). Following sample loading, columns were washed with 10 ml of water and 10 ml of 60 mM sodium formate in 5 mM sodium tetraborate followed by sequential elution of [³H]IP₁ (inositol monophosphate), [³H]IP₂ (inositol bisphosphate), and [³H]IP₃ (inositol trisphosphate) with 4-ml aliquots of 0.1 M formic acid containing, respectively, 0.15, 0.45, and 1.0 M ammonium formate. Elution profiles were confirmed with authentic labelled [³H]inositol phosphates (New England Nuclear).

For measuring PLC γ 2 activity in intact yeast cells, [³H]inositol-labelled cultures were prepared as described above. Where indicated, pervanadate was prepared fresh as a mixture of 300 mM H₂O₂ and 100 mM Na₃VO₄ and 250 μ l of this was added to 25-ml cultures which were then incubated under normal growing conditions for a further 1 h. To extract labelled inositol phosphates, 6-ml aliquots of culture (1×10^8 to 2×10^8 cells) were added to 21.6 ml of a mixture of methanol-chloroform-HCl (200:100:2.5 [vol/vol]) and then frozen in a bath of methanol and dry ice. Addition of a further 7.2 ml of chloroform and 7.2 ml of water was followed by vortex mixing. After 30 min on ice to allow for extraction, samples were centrifuged at 1,000 \times g for 5 min, and 22 ml of the upper phase was taken for neutralization with 2% (wt/vol) NaHCO₃. After centrifugation at 1,000 \times g for 5 min, samples were then loaded onto AG1-X8 anion-exchange minicolumns, and [³H]inositol phosphates were isolated as described above.

Immunodetection of PLC γ 2, PDGF β receptor, c-Src, and Csk. Crude homogenates were prepared as described above. For preparation of membrane fractions for Western blotting (immunoblotting), homogenates were centrifuged at 100,000 \times g for 30 min in a TL-100 ultracentrifuge (Beckman Instruments International S.A., Nyon, Switzerland). The supernatant was taken as the cytosolic fraction, while the pellet was washed once in 1.0 ml of 10 mM Tris, pH 7.4, by resuspension using a sonicator probe at full power for 10 s. Following recentrifugation the pellet was suspended in 1 volume of buffer PTP by sonication. For Western blotting, samples were separated by sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS)-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (PAGE) (7.5 and 10.0% polyacrylamide gels) followed by electrotransfer onto nitrocellulose membranes by standard techniques. Filters were blocked by incubation for 45 min in 20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5) containing 500 mM NaCl and 5% (wt/vol) freeze-dried low-fat milk (TBSM) followed by overnight incubation at 4°C in TBSM containing 0.05% (vol/vol) Tween 20, and antibodies were diluted 500- to 1,000-fold. Antibody binding was detected with horseradish peroxidase-conjugated second antibody (Bio-Rad Laboratories) or protein A/G-horseradish peroxidase (Pierce, Zurich, Switzerland) and enhanced chemiluminescence detection (Amersham, Zurich, Switzerland). Antibodies were obtained from the following sources: c-Src (N16; Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Inc., Basel, Switzerland), Csk (Transduction Laboratories, Nottingham, United Kingdom), and phosphotyrosine (4G10; Upstate Biotechnology, Inc., Lake Placid, N.Y.). Antibodies specific for the mouse PDGF β receptor and

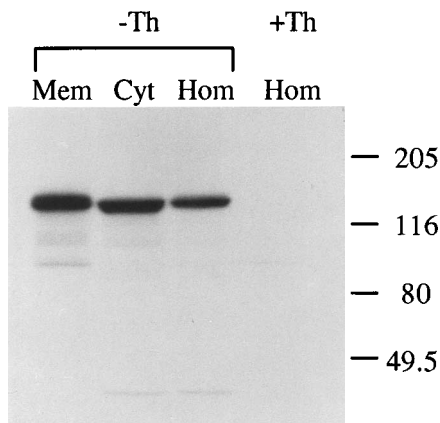


FIG. 1. Rat PLC γ 2 expression in *S. pombe*. Western blot showing expression of rat PLC γ 2 in a crude homogenate (Hom) and in membrane (Mem) and cytosolic (Cyt) fractions obtained following centrifugation at $100,000 \times g$ for 30 min. Yeast cells were grown in either the absence (-Th) or presence (+Th) of thiamine for induction or repression of gene expression, respectively. Sizes are indicated in kilodaltons on the right.

PLC γ 2 were kind gifts supplied by L. T. Williams (University of California, San Francisco) and Y. Emori (University of Tokyo), respectively.

PLC γ 2 immunoprecipitation. Crude homogenates were prepared, and 190- μ l aliquots were mixed with 810 μ l of ice-cold buffer L (1% Triton X-100, 25 mM Tris-HCl, 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM Na₃VO₄, 10 mM sodium PPI, 10 μ g of aprotinin per ml, 10 μ g of leupeptin per ml, 10 μ g of chymostatin per ml, and 0.5 mM phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride at pH 7.5), then incubated on ice for 1 h, and centrifuged at $100,000 \times g$ for 30 min. For immunoprecipitation, 800 μ l of cleared lysate was incubated with 25 μ l of PLC γ 2-specific antibody for 30 min, after which time 100 μ l of washed protein A-Sepharose (50%, vol/vol; Pharmacia, Uppsala, Sweden) was added and incubated for a further 2 h on ice. Beads were then sedimented by centrifugation, washed three times in 1.0 ml of buffer L, then resuspended in SDS-PAGE sample buffer, and heated at 95°C for 5 min.

RESULTS

Expression of rat PLC γ 2. The rat PLC γ 2 cDNA was subcloned into the thiamine-repressible expression vector REP3 and transformed into the fission yeast *S. pombe* (see Materials and Methods). PLC γ 2 protein expression was immunodetectable at high levels in crude yeast homogenates after 18 h of growth in the absence of thiamine and, on the basis of separation by SDS-PAGE, migrates as a protein of 140 kDa (Fig. 1). This size is as predicted by the cDNA (5) and identical to that of purified native protein (4, 12). Interestingly, PLC γ 2 appears to be localized in both soluble and $100,000 \times g$ -centrifuged particulate fractions, with membrane-associated enzyme displaying slightly slower mobility upon SDS-PAGE separation (Fig. 1). To test for enzymatic activity, yeast extracts were incubated with phospholipid vesicles containing phosphatidylethanolamine together with [3 H]PI or [3 H]PIP₂ in the presence of free Ca²⁺ concentrations between 10⁻⁸ and 10⁻³ M. While no phosphoinositide hydrolysis could be detected with extracts prepared from control cells, in cells expressing PLC γ 2 we measured high levels of activity, with half maximal stimulation of [3 H]PI and [3 H]PIP₂ hydrolysis occurring at approximately 2 μ M free Ca²⁺ (Fig. 2A). Anion-exchange chromatography demonstrated that [3 H]IP₁ and [3 H]IP₃ were the major products following hydrolysis of [3 H]PI and [3 H]PIP₂, respectively (data not shown). PLC γ 2 exhibits at least 10-fold higher activity with [3 H]PIP₂ rather than [3 H]PI as a substrate (Fig. 2A), a K_d for PIP₂ of 125 μ M, and optimum activity at pH ~7.0 (data not shown). To test whether PLC γ 2 could also hydrolyze yeast membrane phosphatidylinositol and PIP₂, we prepared membranes from *S. pombe* grown overnight in the

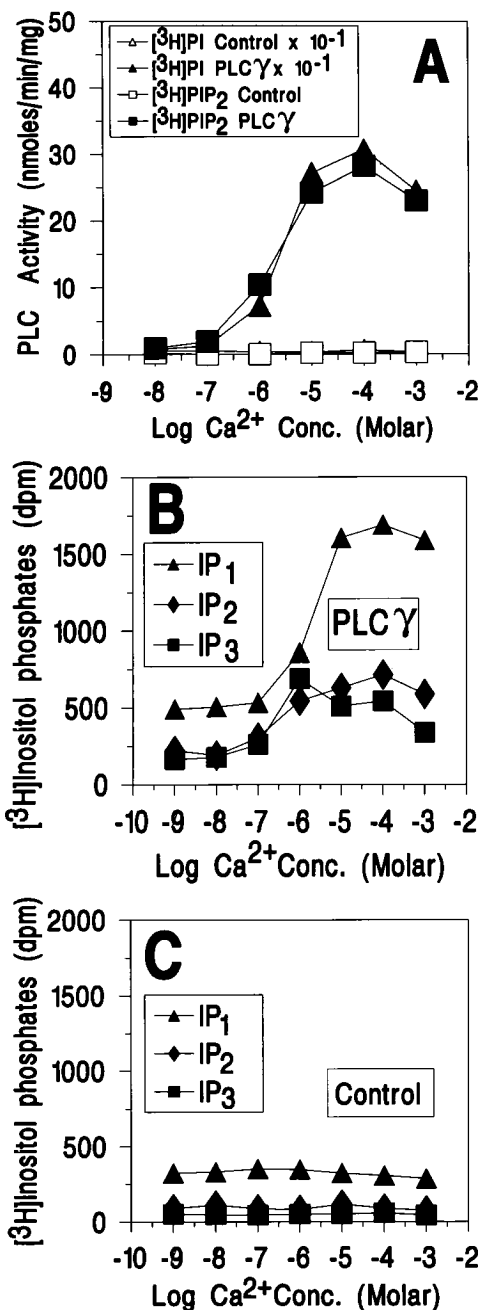


FIG. 2. PLC γ 2 enzymatic activity. (A) PLC activity was measured in crude homogenates with either [3 H]PI or [3 H]PIP₂ as an exogenous substrate. Activities are calculated on the basis of the total protein content of the yeast extract. Homogenates were diluted either 50- or 800-fold for hydrolysis of [3 H]PI or [3 H]PIP₂, respectively. Solid symbols show extracts from yeast expressing PLC γ 2, while open symbols represent control cells. Points are the means from triplicate determinations and typical of more than five independent experiments. Yeast cells expressing PLC γ 2 (B) or control cells (C) grown for 18 h in the presence of [3 H]inositol to label endogenous phosphoinositides were homogenized, and membranes were incubated in the presence of increasing concentrations of free Ca²⁺. [3 H]inositol phosphates were isolated by anion-exchange chromatography. For clarity, values have been corrected by a factor of 10⁻² for [3 H]IP₁ and a factor of 10⁻¹ for [3 H]IP₂. Unadjusted values are given for [3 H]IP₃. Points are the means from triplicate determinations and representative of three independent experiments.

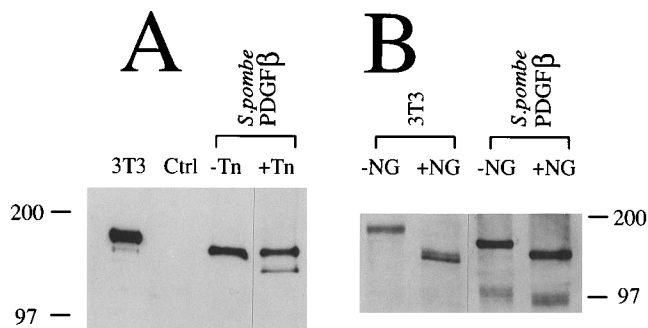


FIG. 3. Mouse PDGF β receptor expression in *S. pombe*. (A) Yeast samples were crude homogenates of cells grown in the absence of thiamine for 19 h with (+Tn) or without (-Tn) tunicamycin (5 μ g/ml) for the final 2 h of culture. The major band migrates as a protein of 165 kDa, although in the presence of tunicamycin an additional band at 135 kDa is detectable. In untreated Swiss 3T3 cell membranes the PDGF receptor is immunodetectable as a major band at 180 kDa. Ctrl, control. (B) Membranes from Swiss 3T3 cells or homogenates from *S. pombe* expressing the mouse PDGF β receptor were incubated overnight with (+NG) or without (-NG) *N*-glycosidase F (20 U/ml). Enzymatic treatment resulted in a major immunodetectable band at 135 kDa. SDS-PAGE protein separation was performed using 7.5% (A) or 10% (B) polyacrylamide gels. Sizes are indicated in kilodaltons on the left and right.

presence of [3 H]inositol and isolated [3 H]inositol phosphates by anion-exchange chromatography. Similar to observations made with exogenous phospholipids, membrane incubation with free Ca^{2+} levels between 10^{-9} and 10^{-4} M resulted in increased generation of [3 H]IP $_1$, [3 H]IP $_2$, and [3 H]IP $_3$ (Fig. 2B). Increased generation of [3 H]inositol phosphates was not detected with prelabelled membranes from control cells (Fig. 2C). It is of note that although PLC γ 2 can clearly hydrolyze endogenous yeast phosphoinositides in a manner comparable to that observed with purified [3 H]PI and [3 H]PIP $_2$, generation of [3 H]IP $_3$ from labelled membranes is approximately 10-fold more sensitive to free Ca^{2+} than stimulated hydrolysis of exogenous [3 H]PIP $_2$.

Expression of mouse PDGF β receptor. The mouse PDGF β receptor expressed in *S. pombe* was immunodetectable as a protein band with an apparent molecular size of 165 kDa by SDS-PAGE (Fig. 3A). This is considerably larger than predicted by the cloned cDNA (~123 kDa), and as indicated in mammalian cells, extensive glycosylation could contribute to this disparity (55). Consistent with such a modification for the PDGF β receptor expressed in *S. pombe*, yeast cells grown in the presence of tunicamycin for the final 2 h of culture (5.0 μ g/ml) gave an immunodetectable band at 135 kDa (Fig. 3A). In addition, treatment of both Swiss 3T3 cell membranes and *S. pombe* extracts with *N*-glycosidase F (overnight; 20 U/ml) yielded PDGF β receptor migrating identically at 135 kDa (Fig. 3B). Moreover, following membrane solubilization in radioimmunoprecipitation assay buffer, the PDGF β receptor was immunodetected as a 165-kDa protein following precipitation using either concanavalin A or lectin I bound to agarose beads (data not shown). As expected from a transmembrane receptor, the PDGF β receptor was detected exclusively in particulate fractions following centrifugation at $100,000 \times g$ (see Fig. 7A).

PDGF β receptor phosphorylates and activates coexpressed PLC γ 2. PLC γ 2 is a physiological effector target for phosphorylation and activation by the PDGF β receptor (12). To test whether similar functional interactions can be reconstituted in *S. pombe*, we next coexpressed PLC γ 2 with the PDGF β receptor. Yeast cells expressing PDGF β and PLC γ 2, either alone or together, were analyzed simultaneously by using antibodies

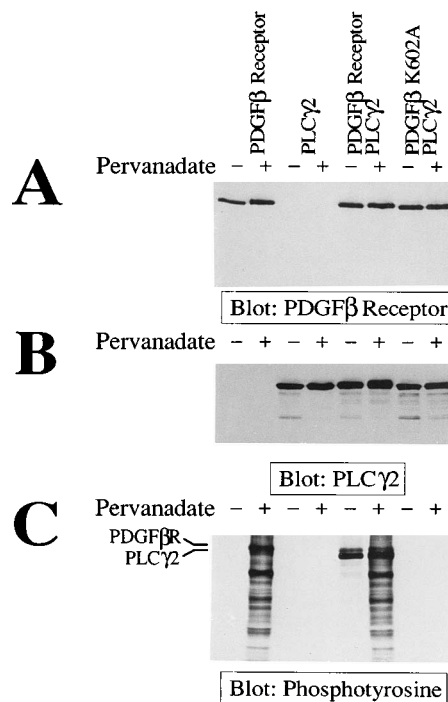


FIG. 4. Pervanadate stimulates tyrosine phosphorylation in *S. pombe* expressing the PDGF β receptor. Western blot analysis of crude homogenates prepared from cells pretreated with (+) or without (-) pervanadate for 60 min prior to homogenization. Yeast expressed combinations of the PDGF β receptor and PLC γ 2 either alone or together as indicated. The catalytically inactive PDGF β receptor point mutant K602A was also coexpressed with PLC γ 2. Samples were analyzed with antibody specific for the PDGF β receptor (A), PLC γ 2 (B), or phosphotyrosine (C). The positions of phosphorylated PDGF β and PLC γ 2 are indicated (C).

detecting receptor, effector, and tyrosine phosphorylation. Upon coexpression (Fig. 4A and B), both the PDGF β receptor and PLC γ 2 become tyrosine phosphorylated (Fig. 4C). This contrasts with a lack of detectable phosphorylation when either PDGF β or PLC γ 2 was expressed alone at similar levels (Fig. 4). To test whether PLC γ 2 tyrosine phosphorylation leads to enzymatic activation, *S. pombe* cells were then prelabelled with [3 H]inositol and inositol phosphates were isolated by anion-exchange chromatography. In cells coexpressing the mouse PDGF β receptor and PLC γ 2, levels of [3 H]inositol phosphates were increased 9.3 ± 3.96 -fold ($n = 5$), 27.4 ± 6.61 -fold ($n = 5$), and 26.0 ± 9.95 -fold ($n = 5$) for [3 H]IP $_1$, [3 H]IP $_2$ and [3 H]IP $_3$, respectively (Fig. 5).

In order to enhance PLC γ 2 tyrosine phosphorylation, we exposed cells to the tyrosine phosphatase inhibitor pervanadate formed from a mixture of hydrogen peroxide and Na_3VO_4 (11). Although protein tyrosine phosphorylation remained undetectable in control cells following incubation with pervanadate, in yeast cells expressing the PDGF β receptor, extensive tyrosine phosphorylation was observed for both PDGF β and other protein bands ranging in size from >10 to <200 kDa (Fig. 4C). When coexpressed with the PDGF β receptor, tyrosine phosphorylation of PLC γ 2 was increased considerably upon stimulation with pervanadate (Fig. 4C). The kinase-deficient PDGF β receptor point mutant K602A failed to elicit any phosphorylation under identical conditions (Fig. 4C). The identity of PLC γ 2 as the target for tyrosine phosphorylation by the PDGF β receptor was confirmed by immunoprecipitation using PLC γ 2-specific antibody (Fig. 6). As indicated by anal-

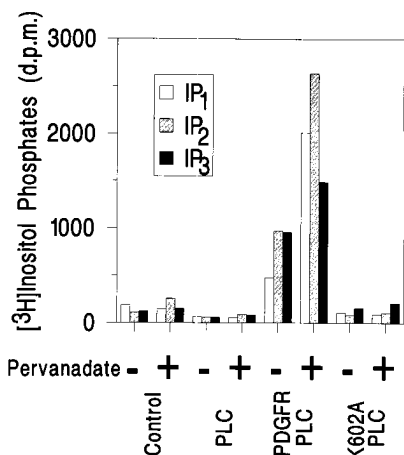


FIG. 5. Tyrosine phosphorylated PLC γ 2 is enzymatically active in intact yeast cells. *S. pombe* expressing PLC γ 2 (PLC) either alone or together with the PDGF β receptor (PDGFR) or a catalytically inactive point mutant (K602A) was grown under inducing conditions in the presence of [³H]inositol for 18 h. Cells were stimulated with (+) or without (-) pervanadate for 60 min and extracted with CHCl₃-CH₃OH-HCl, and [³H]inositol phosphates were isolated by anion-exchange chromatography. Radioactivity eluting identically with [³H]IP₁, [³H]IP₂, and [³H]IP₃ is indicated as disintegrations per minute. Bars represent the means from duplicate determinations, and data are representative of five separate experiments.

ysis of whole-cell extracts (Fig. 4C), immunoprecipitated PLC γ 2 is not phosphorylated in the presence of pervanadate when expressed alone (Fig. 6). Interestingly, although PLC γ 2 is localized in both particulate and cytosolic fractions (Fig. 7B), tyrosine phosphorylated PLC γ 2 is found predominantly in membranes (Fig. 7C). To test whether increased tyrosine phosphorylation of PLC γ 2 results in further enzymatic activation,

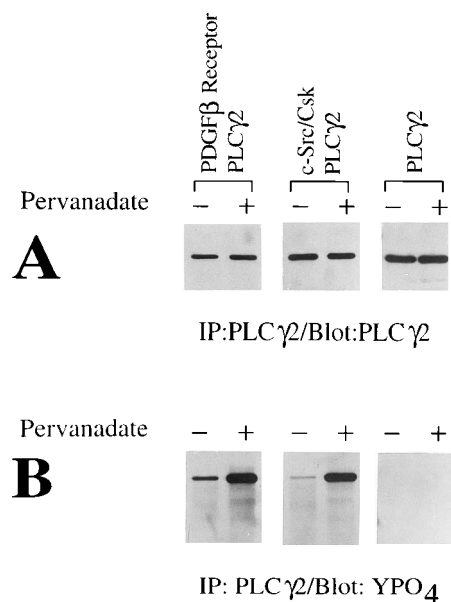


FIG. 6. Tyrosine phosphorylation of immunoprecipitated PLC γ 2. Crude homogenates from *S. pombe* expressing PLC γ 2 either alone or together with the PDGF β receptor or c-Src and Csk were stimulated with (+) and without (-) pervanadate and immunoprecipitated with anti-PLC γ 2 antibodies and protein A-Sepharose. Samples were analyzed by Western blotting using antibodies detecting either PLC γ 2 (A) or phosphotyrosine (B).

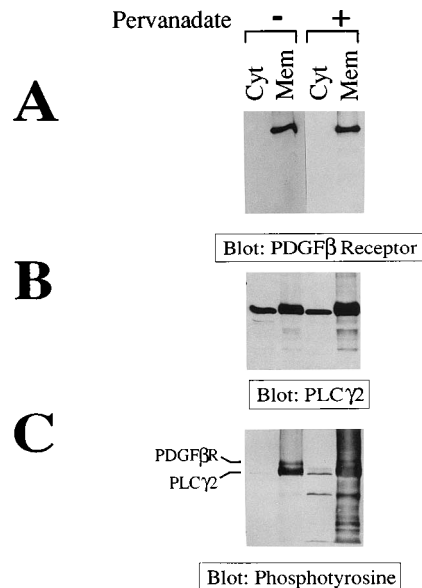


FIG. 7. Distribution of PDGF β , PLC γ 2, and phosphotyrosine in membrane and cytosolic fractions. *S. pombe* cells coexpressing the PDGF β receptor (PDGF β R) and PLC γ 2 were stimulated with (+) or without (-) pervanadate, and membrane (Mem) and cytosolic (Cyt) fractions were prepared from crude homogenates by centrifugation at 100,000 \times g. Samples were analyzed with antibodies detecting either PDGF β (A), PLC γ 2 (B), or phosphotyrosine (C).

cells prelabelled with [³H]inositol were also stimulated with pervanadate. In accordance with the increased phosphorylation state of PLC γ 2 (Fig. 6), pervanadate augmented generation of [³H]inositol phosphates 4.0- \pm 0.59-fold ($n = 6$), 3.0- \pm 0.24-fold ($n = 6$), and 2.0- \pm 0.4-fold ($n = 6$) for [³H]IP₁, [³H]IP₂, and [³H]IP₃, respectively (Fig. 5).

Expression of human c-Src with its negative regulator Csk leads to PLC γ 2 activation. Functional interaction between PLC γ 2 and PDGF β demonstrates that we can reconstitute known interactions between a receptor tyrosine kinase and effector in *S. pombe*. Members of the Src tyrosine kinase family are additional potential upstream regulators of PLC γ (22, 53), although direct enzymatic activation has not yet been demonstrated. We were therefore curious to extend our studies with fission yeast to test for PLC γ activation by the proto-oncogene *c-src*. Avian Src has been expressed previously in *S. pombe*, where it was shown to be lethal unless coexpressed with the negative regulatory kinase Csk (48). We have confirmed this lethality for human Src (data not shown) and for this reason have also expressed this tyrosine kinase together with Csk. These proteins are immunodetectable as bands at 60 kDa for c-Src and 50 kDa for Csk (Fig. 8A and B), which is as predicted by the expressed cDNAs. Both c-Src and Csk are detected in cytosolic and membrane fractions following centrifugation (Fig. 8A and B). As an initial test of *c-src* activity, we demonstrated phosphorylation of acid-treated enolase using immunoprecipitated Src (not shown). Consistent with this Src kinase activity, upon coexpression of PLC γ 2 with c-Src and Csk, low levels of PLC γ 2 tyrosine phosphorylation were detected. This can be most clearly seen by analyzing immunoprecipitated PLC γ 2 (Fig. 6). This PLC γ 2 tyrosine phosphorylation is much lower than is observed upon coexpression with the PDGF β receptor (Fig. 6), and consistent with a tight relationship between phosphorylation and enzymatic activation, levels of [³H]inositol phosphates generated by prelabelled cells were unaltered compared with control levels (Fig. 9). Despite this,

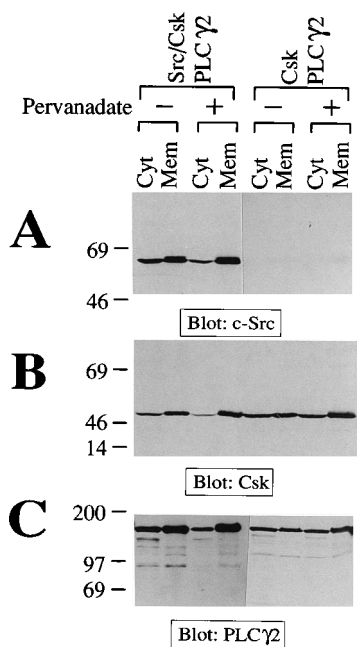


FIG. 8. Human c-Src and Csk expression in *S. pombe*. Yeast expressing PLC γ 2 together with c-Src and Csk or Csk alone was grown for 18 h under inducing conditions (no thiamine) and stimulated with (+) or without (-) pervanadate for the final 60 min of culture. Membrane (Mem) and cytosolic (Cyt) fractions were prepared from crude homogenates by centrifugation at $100,000 \times g$ and analyzed by Western blotting using antibodies specific for Src (A), Csk (B), or PLC γ 2 (C). Sizes are given in kilodaltons on the left.

pervanadate treatment of yeast cells coexpressing Src, Csk, and PLC γ 2 augmented PLC γ 2 tyrosine phosphorylation considerably (Fig. 6), and this was associated with increased generation of [3 H]inositol phosphates (Fig. 9). [3 H]IP $_1$, [3 H]IP $_2$, and [3 H]IP $_3$ generation was elevated 8.8- \pm 6.7-fold ($n = 4$), 11.2- \pm 3.01-fold ($n = 4$), and 6.6- \pm 1.45-fold ($n = 4$), respectively.

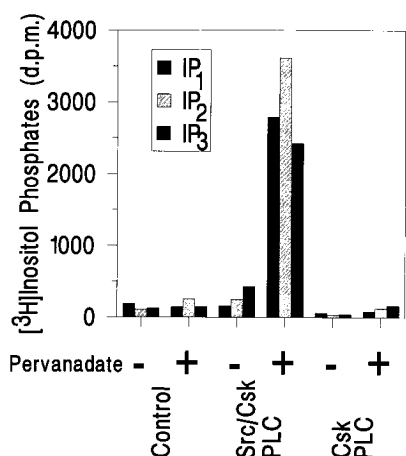


FIG. 9. PLC γ 2 tyrosine phosphorylation by c-Src is enzymatically activated in intact yeast cells. *S. pombe* cells expressing PLC γ 2 together with either Src and Csk or Csk alone were grown for 18 h under inducing conditions in the presence of [3 H]inositol. Cells were stimulated with (+) and without (-) pervanadate for 60 min and [3 H]inositol phosphates were isolated by extraction with CHCl_3 - CH_3OH -HCl followed by anion-exchange chromatography. Radioactivity eluting with [3 H]IP $_1$, [3 H]IP $_2$, and [3 H]IP $_3$ is indicated as disintegrations per minute. Bars represent the means from duplicate determinations, and data are representative of four independent experiments.

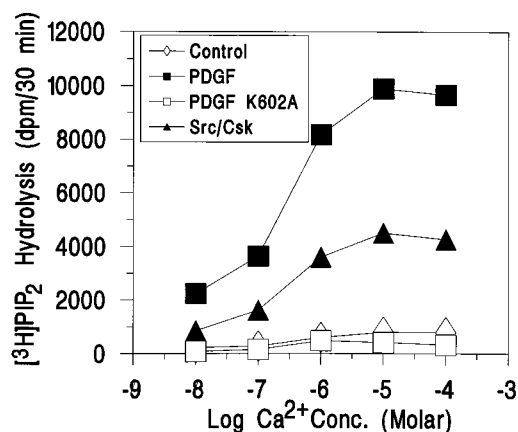


FIG. 10. In vitro PLC γ 2 activation by PDGF β receptor and c-Src. Homogenates from *S. pombe* expressing only PLC γ 2 were preincubated with extracts expressing either PDGF β receptor, the PDGF β receptor point mutant K602A, or Src with Csk in the presence of ATP (1 mM), MgCl $_2$ (10 mM), and MnCl $_2$ (5 mM). Mixtures were then diluted and incubated with [3 H]PIP $_2$ as exogenous substrate in the presence of increasing concentrations of free Ca $^{2+}$. Points are the means from triplicate determinations and representative of at least five independent experiments.

It appears likely that Src rather than Csk is responsible for this activity, as in Csk-PLC γ 2 transformants no PLC γ 2 activation was detected (Fig. 9). Interestingly, pervanadate treatment stimulated a small, but reproducible, decline in c-Src, Csk, and PLC γ 2 detectable in cytosolic fractions (Fig. 8), and this may reflect a translocation to particulate fractions.

PLC γ 2 in vitro activation by the PDGF β receptor and by c-Src. In addition to PLC γ 2 activation upon stimulation of intact yeast cells with pervanadate, incubating crude homogenates from yeast expressing either the PDGF β receptor or c-Src (with Csk) with extracts from yeast expressing PLC γ 2 leads to enzymatic activation and hydrolysis of exogenous [3 H]PIP $_2$ (Fig. 10). The degree of stimulation is up to 12-fold for PDGF β and 5-fold for Src-Csk and appears similar at all concentrations of free Ca $^{2+}$ between 10^{-8} and 10^{-4} M. This activation is dependent upon addition of ATP, and consistent with our observations in intact yeast cells, the inactive PDGF β receptor point mutant K602A (Fig. 10) and Csk expressed alone (data not shown) are totally ineffective in this assay.

DISCUSSION

We have exploited the fission yeast *S. pombe* as cells of host cells in which to coexpress mammalian tyrosine kinases and selected SH2 domain-containing regulators and effector targets. Here we report expression of the PDGF β receptor or the nonreceptor tyrosine kinase Src (with its negative regulator Csk) together with rat PLC γ 2. Both kinases mediate tyrosine phosphorylation and enzymatic activation of PLC γ 2, particularly when cells are stimulated with the tyrosine phosphatase inhibitor pervanadate. This functional interaction is consistent with observations in mammalian cells, in which the PDGF β receptor mediates PLC γ 1 tyrosine phosphorylation and catalytic activation (17, 27, 42). PLC γ 2 has also been identified as a downstream effector target for the PDGF β receptor in vascular smooth muscle (12). Our observation that the intracellular environment of *S. pombe* supports PLC γ 2 tyrosine phosphorylation and hydrolysis of yeast inositol phospholipids raises an important question fundamental to our understanding of the regulatory interactions necessary for enzymatic ac-

tivation. PLC γ in mammalian cells associates with dynamin (8) as well as several phosphoproteins (23, 41, 44, 46) and cytoskeletal elements (54), and these could play a critical role underlying activation. The need for detergents or the PIP₂-binding protein profilin when reconstituting PLC γ activation (6, 34, 51) may reflect the absence of critical regulatory elements when using purified components. In *S. pombe* we have been unable to detect interactions with additional yeast regulatory elements, as PLC γ 2 coimmunoprecipitation revealed no additional unidentified phosphoproteins (Fig. 6). Since *S. pombe* possesses no detectable endogenous receptor-linked tyrosine kinase signal transduction apparatus, the simplest interpretation of our observations is that the mammalian PDGFB receptor and Src kinases can both interact directly with PLC γ 2 to catalyze its tyrosine phosphorylation and enzymatic activation.

Src family tyrosine kinases have been implicated as upstream regulators of PLC γ in a number of mammalian cell systems, although a direct role mediating enzymatic activation has not been demonstrated. For instance, although CD40 and antigen receptors in lymphocytes trigger PLC γ 1 and PLC γ 2 activation (4, 38, 40, 52), it is unclear whether tyrosine kinases of the Src or Syk/ZAP70 family ultimately mediate effector activation (53). Indeed, although Src family tyrosine kinases can phosphorylate PLC γ 1 and PLC γ 2 in vitro (22), catalytic activation to hydrolyze PIP₂ has hitherto not been demonstrated. Our observations in fission yeast cells provide evidence that Src catalyzes extensive tyrosine phosphorylation of coexpressed PLC γ 2 and that this is accompanied by powerful enzymatic activation to hydrolyze yeast inositol-containing phospholipids. In addition to lymphocyte antigen receptor systems, a role for Src family kinases in activating effector targets appears to have broader significance, as they also appear to relay or amplify signals originating from growth factor tyrosine kinase receptors. This is illustrated by the PDGFB receptor which interacts with Src through distinct juxtamembrane autophosphorylation sites (32) and which requires Src activation to elicit proliferation (49). Given that PLC γ activation appears crucial for PDGFB receptor-linked mitogenesis (50), an unresolved question raised by these studies is of the relative contribution of the receptor and Src tyrosine kinase in catalyzing PLC γ phosphorylation and PDGF-stimulated proliferation. Our observations in yeast cells indicate that both receptor and nonreceptor tyrosine kinases play a potentially important role mediating effector activation following growth factor signals at the cell surface.

Coexpression of the PDGFB receptor and PLC γ 2 in *S. pombe* leads to a significant degree of constitutive activity observed both at the level of tyrosine phosphorylation and by increased enzymatic activation leading to generation of [³H]-inositol phosphates. Constitutive activation of the PDGF receptor has been reported previously with high-level expression (14), although in *S. pombe* this appears to be dependent upon coexpression with PLC γ 2 (Fig. 4). Indeed, although the PDGFB receptor is present at similar levels when expressed alone, no receptor autophosphorylation can be detected under these conditions (Fig. 4). PDGFB is nevertheless uncompromised in its functional potential, as pervanadate elicits significant receptor autophosphorylation and extracts from cells expressing PDGFB alone mediate powerful in vitro PLC γ 2 activation. The mechanism underlying PLC γ 2-dependent PDGFB autophosphorylation is unclear, although there are at least two potential explanations. First, as described for SH2 domains from other components (16, 19), PLC γ 2 binding PDGFB may protect the receptor from dephosphorylation by endogenous tyrosine phosphatase activity. The presence of a yeast phosphatase is clearly indicated by the dramatic increase in cellular

tyrosine phosphorylation upon incubation with pervanadate (this study) or phenylarsine (unpublished observations). While at least five tyrosine phosphatases have been identified in *S. pombe* (Cdc25, Pyp1, Pyp2, Pyp3, and Stp1) (1, 30), it is unknown which, if any, of these dephosphorylate heterologously expressed mammalian tyrosine kinases. A second potential explanation for increased PDGFB activation upon coexpression with PLC γ 2 is enhanced receptor dimerization through unconstrained receptor-effector interaction. Indeed, nonhormonal agents causing receptor aggregation, such as cross-linking antibodies, polycations, or protein precipitation, as well as modified receptors with artificial disulfide interactions have been shown to mimic ligand-dependent dimerization and promote receptor activation (28, 45). One potential implication of these observations is that physiologic compartmentalization of signalling elements in mammalian cells, which dictates the concentration of effectors in the immediate proximity of receptor tyrosine kinases, could play a key role controlling receptor activation state and regulating sensitivity to ligand stimulation.

In summary, we report the successful functional interaction between mammalian tyrosine kinases and a downstream effector target in a yeast. This system has allowed the first demonstration of PLC γ activation following direct phosphorylation by Src. PLC γ activation is a critical event underlying immunological (42, 53), proliferative (50), chemotactic (18), and differentiative (36, 46) responses to tyrosine kinase stimulation and, in addition, may mediate the transforming actions of some oncogenic tyrosine kinases (39). Heterologous expression in *S. pombe* should therefore provide an excellent system for molecular analysis and dissection of regulatory interactions controlling a signal transduction system critically important under a range of biological and pathophysiological conditions.

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