

Luminal and Transmembrane Domains Play a Role in Sorting Type I Membrane Proteins on Endocytic Pathways

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Previous studies have shown that when the cytosolic domains of the type I membrane proteins TGN38 and lysosomal glycoprotein 120 (lgp120) are added to a variety of reporter molecules, the resultant chimeric molecules are localized to the trans-Golgi network (TGN) and to lysosomes, respectively. In the present study we expressed chimeric constructs of rat TGN38 and rat lgp120 in HeLa cells. We found that targeting information in the cytosolic domain of TGN38 could be overridden by the presence of the luminal and transmembrane domains of lgp120. In contrast, the presence of the transmembrane and cytosolic domains of TGN38 was sufficient to deliver the luminal domain of lgp120 to the trans-Golgi network. On the basis of steady-state localization of the various chimeras and antibody uptake experiments, we propose that there is a hierarchy of targeting information in each molecule contributing to sorting within the endocytic pathway. The luminal and cytosolic domains of lgp120 contribute to sorting and delivery to lysosomes, whereas the transmembrane and cytosolic domains of TGN38 contribute to sorting and delivery to the trans-Golgi network.

INTRODUCTION

Receptor-mediated endocytosis via clathrin-coated pits is the major and best understood entry route to the endosomal system (Robinson, 1994; Lamaze and Schmid, 1995; Mellman, 1996). Several sequence motifs have been defined in the cytosolic tails of cell surface membrane proteins that act as targeting signals for sorting into clathrin-coated pits and thereby delivery to the early endosomal compartment (Trowbridge *et al.*, 1993; Robinson, 1994). Sequence motifs of this sort include YXXØ (where X is any amino acid, and Ø is a hydrophobic amino acid), NPXY and LL (Trowbridge *et al.*, 1993). It has been shown, using fusion protein-binding assays and the yeast two-hybrid system, that YXXØ motifs can bind to clathrin adaptor subunits (Beltzer and Spiess, 1991; Ohno *et al.*, 1995, 1996; Stephens *et al.*, 1997), suggesting a mechanism for sorting into coated pits. Once membrane

proteins and attached ligands have entered the early endosome, several fates are possible (Mellman, 1996). Many ligands dissociate from their receptors in the acid lumen of the endosome and are delivered to late endosomes and lysosomes for degradation (Pastan and Willingham, 1985). Others remain bound to their receptors and recycle to the plasma membrane (Mayor *et al.*, 1993) or, in polarized cells, may be transcytosed (Sztul *et al.*, 1991; Aroeti and Mostov, 1994). In addition to recycling and transcytosis, two other fates have been described for endocytosed membrane proteins. Some are delivered to the trans-Golgi network (TGN)¹, and others are delivered to late endosomes and lysosomes. The type I membrane proteins TGN38 (Luzio *et al.*, 1990) and lysosomal glycoprotein 120 (lgp120) (Howe *et al.*, 1988) have been regarded, respectively,

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¹ Abbreviations used: lgp, lysosomal glycoprotein; mAb, monoclonal antibody; NRK, normal rat kidney; TGN, trans-Golgi network; TMD, transmembrane domain; pAb, polyclonal antibody.

as resident membrane proteins of the TGN and late endosomes and lysosomes. Most newly synthesized lgp120 is directly targeted from the TGN to endosomes and lysosomes (Harter and Mellman, 1992). However, in at least some cell types, it is clear that a proportion of both TGN38 and lgp120 undergoes a membrane traffic itinerary via the plasma membrane (Ladinsky and Howell, 1992; Reaves *et al.*, 1993; Chapman and Munro, 1994; Rajasekaran *et al.*, 1994; Honing *et al.*, 1996). Both molecules possess classical YXXØ internalization motifs in their cytosolic tails for endocytosis from the cell surface via clathrin-coated pits. When "added" to a variety of "neutral" plasma membrane reporter proteins, these cytosolic tail motifs have also been shown to act as TGN and lysosomal targeting signals. The initial evidence that the cytosolic tail of TGN38 plays an important role in its TGN localization and retrieval from the cell surface came from transfection experiments in which tail-deleted rat TGN38 overexpressed in monkey cells was observed at the cell surface (Luzio *et al.*, 1990; Reaves and Banting, 1994a). Subsequent experiments in three laboratories showed that chimeras of the ectodomains and transmembrane domains (TMDs) of three different type I plasma membrane proteins (Tac, low-density lipoprotein receptor, and glycoporphin) together with the 33-amino acid cytosolic tail of TGN38 were localized to the TGN (Bos *et al.*, 1993; Humphrey *et al.*, 1993; Wong and Hong, 1993). Deletion analysis and mutagenesis of these chimeras confirmed that YQRL, or possibly SDYQRL, is necessary and sufficient for retrieval and localization in the TGN even when present in a cytosolic tail constructed otherwise entirely of G or S (Bos *et al.*, 1993; Wong and Hong, 1993). It was later discovered that the localization of TGN38 to the TGN was dependent not only on a cytosolic tail retrieval signal but also on a TMD retention signal (Ponnambalam *et al.*, 1994; Reaves and Banting, 1994a). This is not strong enough to prevent TGN38 molecules leaving the TGN, and indeed after chloroquine treatment, effectively all of the cellular content of TGN38 may be trapped in an endosomal compartment (Chapman and Munro, 1994; Reaves and Banting, 1994b).

In contrast to TGN38, the only targeting signal identified so far in lgp120 is in the cytosolic tail, which consists of 11 amino acids ending with the sequence YQTI. Mutagenesis of the tyrosine residue in this motif results in inhibition of internalization and accumulation at the cell surface (Guarnieri *et al.*, 1993). The conclusion that YQTI also functions as a lysosomal targeting motif was drawn from experiments in which addition of this sequence to the truncated cytosolic domain of CD44, a cell surface hyaluronate receptor, resulted in its delivery to lysosomes (Guarnieri *et al.*, 1993). Mutagenesis studies on the TMD of lgp120 have suggested that it plays only a subtle role in lysosomal

targeting (Wimer-Mackin and Granger, 1996). Several factors have been suggested to be involved in sorting lgps within endosomes for targeting and localization to lysosomes. These include the spacing of the YXXØ motif relative to the membrane (Rohrer *et al.*, 1996), the identity of the carboxyl-terminal amino acid (Gough and Fambrough, 1997), and the proteolytic modification of the cytosolic tail (Guarnieri *et al.*, 1993; Akasaki *et al.*, 1995). It has also been observed that the delivery mechanism to the lysosome mediated by the YQTI motif is saturable (Marks *et al.*, 1996).

Despite the above suggestions and the data on which they are based, it remains unclear where and how the YXXØ motifs in TGN38 and lgp120 are distinguished in the endosomal system after being recognized equally at the cell surface for endocytosis via clathrin-coated pits. To study these problems, we have followed the endocytosis of endogenous cell surface lgp120, endogenous TGN38, and chimeric proteins by examining the uptake of extracellularly added antibodies. We have prepared a series of chimeric molecules containing the luminal domain of lgp120, either the TMD of lgp120 or TGN38, and various modifications of the cytosolic tail of either protein. After transfection and selection of stable cell lines, we examined both the steady-state localization of the chimeric molecules and their membrane traffic routes from the cell surface. The data we obtained are compatible with the hypotheses that the luminal domain of lgp120 and the TMD of TGN38 play a role in addition to that of the cytosolic tail YXXØ motif in the endosomal sorting of these molecules. They are also consistent with the hypothesis that the sorting event takes place in the early endosome.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Recombinant DNA Procedures

Standard molecular biology procedures (Sambrook *et al.*, 1989) were performed unless otherwise stated. Wizard prep kits (Promega, Southampton, United Kingdom) were used for high-purity plasmid isolation, and Qiaex II kits (Qiagen, Chatsworth, CA) were used for purification of DNA from agarose gels. Rat TGN38 cDNA in the mammalian expression vector pUEX1 (Luzio *et al.*, 1990) and rat lgp120 cDNA (a gift from Dr. I. Mellman, Yale University, New Haven, CT) were used as templates for PCR amplification of the wild-type molecules. PCR was performed for 30 cycles using Vent DNA polymerase (New England Biolabs Inc., Beverly, MA) according to the manufacturer's instructions with the oligonucleotides shown in Table 1. The component parts of each chimeric cDNA were joined at a *SalI* site. Control TGN38 and lgp120 constructs containing *SalI* sites on either side of the TMD were expressed in transfected HeLa cells and were faithfully localized in the TGN and in late endosomes and lysosomes, respectively (our unpublished observations). All constructs were ligated into the *PvuII* site in the mammalian expression vector ΔpMEP (Girotti and Banting, 1996), and DNA sequence was confirmed by dideoxy chain termination sequencing, using the service provided by the Department of Biochemistry, University of Cambridge. The ΔpMEP vector contains the human metallothionein II promoter, which can be induced by

heavy metals, and the hygromycin B resistance gene for selection in eukaryotic cells.

Cell Culture and Transfection

Normal rat kidney (NRK) cells and HeLa cells were grown in tissue culture flasks or on glass coverslips in DMEM and 10% FCS containing 100 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ streptomycin and 100 U/ml penicillin.

ΔpMEP constructs were transfected into HeLa cells by electroporation or lipofection. For electroporation (Chu *et al.*, 1987), $\sim 5 \times 10^6$ HeLa cells grown to 70% confluence were washed three times in ice-cold PBS, resuspended in 0.8 ml of ice-cold buffer containing 20 mM HEPES (pH 7.0), 137 mM sodium chloride, 5 mM potassium chloride, 0.7 mM disodium orthophosphate, 272 mM sucrose, and 20 μg of plasmid DNA added. The cell suspension was then electroporated at room temperature in a 0.4-cm cuvette at 220 V, 960 μF , using a Bio-Rad (Hercules, CA) Gene Pulser. After a recovery period of 10 min at room temperature, the electroporated cells were transferred to a 150-mm-diameter tissue culture dish containing DMEM and 10% FCS. For lipofection, $\sim 10^6$ HeLa cells were washed once with PBS, and then 0.5 ml serum-free DMEM was added. Purified plasmid DNA (5 μg) was resuspended in 1 ml of serum-free DMEM containing 10 μl of Transfectam reagent (Promega) and applied to the washed cells. After 16–18 h at 37°C, the transfection medium was removed and replaced with DMEM and 10% FCS. Forty-eight hours after electroporation or lipofection, selection was begun by the addition of hygromycin B (Boehringer Mannheim, East Sussex, United Kingdom) at a final concentration of 400 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$. Stable clones were selected 2–3 wk later and maintained in DMEM and 10% FCS containing 200 mg/ml hygromycin B.

Expression of protein in the transfected cells was stimulated by addition of 5 μM cadmium chloride to the cultured cells in DMEM and 10% FCS for 16–18 h at 37°C before the cells were used in an experiment. No significant differences in the steady-state localization of any expressed chimeras after induction with cadmium chloride in the range of 1–5 μM , a range causing a 3.5-fold variation in protein expression (Reaves and Banting, 1994a).

Antibodies

The mouse monoclonal antibody (mAb) to rat lgp120, designated GM10 (Grimaldi *et al.*, 1987), was a gift from Prof. K. Siddle (Department of Clinical Biochemistry, University of Cambridge) and Dr. J.C. Hutton (Barbara Davis Center for Childhood Diabetes, University of Colorado, Denver, CO) and was used as described previously (Reaves *et al.*, 1996). The mouse mAb to rat TGN38, designated 2F7.1, was as described (Horn and Banting, 1994). Neither GM10 nor 2F7.1 reacted with endogenous proteins in HeLa cells. The rabbit polyclonal antibodies (pAbs) to rat lgp110 (Reaves *et al.*, 1996), rat cation-independent mannose 6-phosphate receptor (Reaves *et al.*, 1996), and rat TGN38 (Luzio *et al.*, 1990) were as described previously. The rabbit anti-human TGN46, designated GB2, was as described previously (Ponnambalam *et al.*, 1996). Rabbit anti-human cathepsin D was from Dako (High Wycombe, Bucks, United Kingdom). FITC-labeled goat anti-mouse IgG and Texas Red-labeled donkey anti-rabbit IgG were obtained from Amersham (Little Chalfont, Bucks, United Kingdom).

Antibody Uptake Experiments

Antibody uptake experiments were carried out by incubating cells cultured on glass coverslips with antibodies (1:100 dilution of ascites fluid for mouse monoclonal antibodies or rabbit polyclonal antiserum) for 30 min at 4°C followed by 2 h at 37°C before washing, fixation, and processing for microscopy (Reaves *et al.*, 1996). When required, cultured cells were incubated with chloroquine, nocodazole, or brefeldin A (all from Sigma) prepared as described previously (Reaves and Banting, 1994b). Cells were incubated with these agents for 1 h at 37°C before addition of antibodies to the extracel-

lular medium. The cells were then incubated for a further 2 h in the continued presence of the agents and antibodies before washing, fixation, and processing for microscopy.

Fluorescence Microscopy

Indirect immunofluorescence microscopy was performed as described previously (Reaves and Banting, 1992; Reaves *et al.*, 1993) using cells grown on glass coverslips. Cells were rinsed in PBS and fixed for 5 min in methanol at -20°C . After incubation with antibodies and mounting, the cells were examined using a Planapochromat 63 \times , 1.4 lens on a Zeiss (Thornwood, NY) Axiophot microscope (Figures 1 and 2) or for confocal microscopy, a Nikon (Garden City, NY) Optiphot-2 epifluorescence microscope equipped with a Bio-Rad (Hemel Hempstead, United Kingdom) MRC 1000 confocal laser scanning attachment. Extended focus projections of various z-series of images obtained by confocal microscopy are shown in Figures 4–8. In double-labeling experiments using the mouse monoclonal anti-lgp120 antibody and the rabbit antibodies to other antigens, coverslips were first fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde in PBS for 20 min before permeabilizing with methanol.

RESULTS

In a first set of experiments we showed, by double-labeling immunofluorescence microscopy, that when NRK cells were incubated with exogenously added mouse monoclonal antibodies to lgp120 and TGN38, these antibodies were respectively delivered to late endosomes and lysosomes and the TGN (Figure 1). In these experiments the late endosomes and lysosomes were identified by postfixation labeling with rabbit

Table 1. Oligonucleotides used in constructing lgp120 mutants and chimaeras

Luminal domain lgp120-5':	GCAACCGCCGTCCTTCGGCCTCGGC
Luminal domain lgp120-3':	GGGGTTCGACGCGGATGAGGTAGGCGATGAGGACGAT
Transmembrane domain lgp120-5':	TTTGTTCGACCTGATCCCCATTGCTGTGGGCGGG
Transmembrane domain lgp120-3':	GGGGTTCGACGCGGATGAGGTAGGCGATGAGGACGAT
Cytoplasmic domain lgp120-5':	TTTGTTCGACAGGAAGAGGAGTCACGCGGGCTATCAG
Cytoplasmic domain lgp120-3':	GCCCTTCGAGGCGCACCTGCCACCAGGCTAGATGGT
lgp120-SDYQRL-3':	CAGGCTAGAGGCGCTGATAGTCCGAGTGACTCCTC
Luminal domain TGN38-5':	AGGGACCAAGCTAGCATGCAGTTCCTGGTTCGGTTGCTC
Luminal domain TGN38-3':	GGGGTTCGACGTAAGCAATATAGAGGACAGCAACAAG
Transmembrane domain TGN38-5':	TTTGTTCGACTTCTTTGCTTATCTGGTGACCGCT
Transmembrane domain TGN38-3':	GGGGTTCGACGTAAGCAATATAGAGGACAGCAACAAG
Cytosolic domain TGN38-5':	TTTGTTCGACCACAACAACGAAAGATTATTGCT
Cytosolic domain TGN38-3':	GCCCTTCGAGTCAAAGCTTTAGGTTCAAACGTTGGTA
TGN38-YQTI-3':	TCAAAGCTTTAGGTTGATAGTTGGTGTCCT

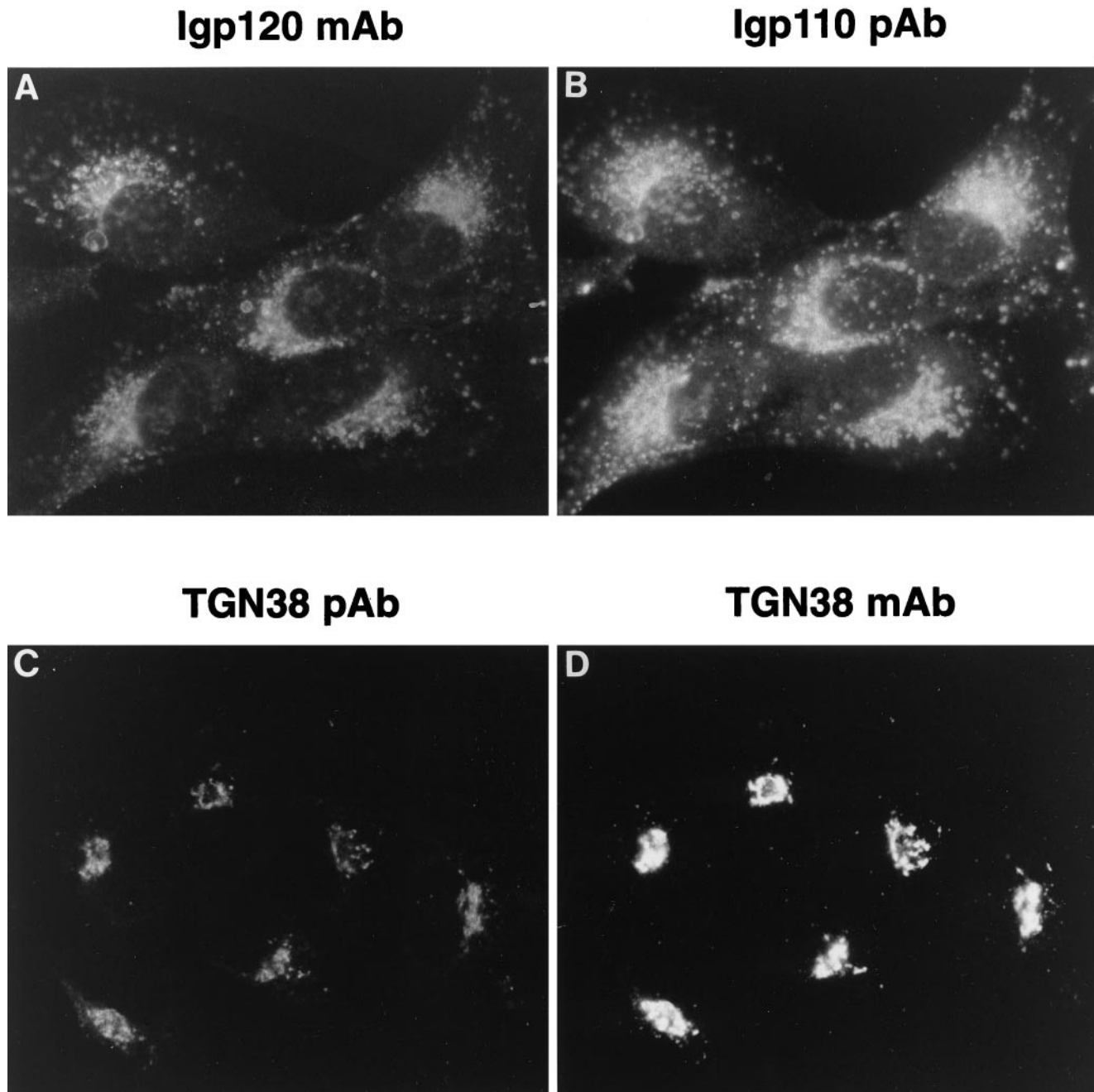


Figure 1. The uptake and endocytic delivery of monoclonal antibodies in NRK cells. NRK cells cultured on glass coverslips were incubated with exogenously added monoclonal antibodies to lgp120 (GM10; A and B) or TGN38 (2F7.1; C and D) for 2 h at 37°C. Localization of the internalized antibodies (A and C) was visualized by indirect immunofluorescence and compared with the steady-state localization of lgp110 (B) and TGN38 (D) observed with pAbs to these proteins. Labeling with the pAbs defined the localization of late endosomes and lysosomes and TGN, respectively.

antibodies to lgp110 (Figure 1B), and the TGN was identified by postfixation labeling with rabbit antibodies to TGN38 (Figure 1D). Thus, uptake of the monoclonal antibodies may be used to follow the respective trafficking routes of these membrane proteins from the

plasma membrane through the endocytic system. Previous experiments have shown that exogenously added pAbs to TGN38 are also delivered to the TGN (Ladinsky and Howell, 1992), and pAbs to lgps are delivered to late endosomes and lysosomes (Reaves *et*

al., 1996). Because chloroquine and nocodazole block traffic through the endocytic system at an early stage (Rogalski *et al.*, 1984; Chapman and Munro, 1994; Reaves and Banting, 1994b), we investigated the uptake and delivery of antibodies in cells treated with these agents. After chloroquine treatment, monoclonal anti-Igp120 antibodies were taken up into swollen vesicular structures, decorating their entire membrane circumference (Figure 2A). Polyclonal anti-TGN38 antibodies were taken up into the same structures but in many cases decorated only part of the rims (Figure 2B). After nocodazole treatment, antibodies to Igp120 and TGN38 were taken up into small vesicular structures (Figure 2, C and D). Some of these vesicles were labeled with both antibodies; others were labeled with only one. The uptake experiments on chloroquine- and nocodazole-treated cells were repeated with the mAb to TGN38 and pAbs to Igp110, which gave the same fluorescence patterns. The data from these experiments are consistent with endocytic uptake into common endosomal compartments where sorting occurs before delivery to late endosomes and lysosomes or to the TGN. As reported previously (Ladinsky and Howell, 1992; Reaves and Banting, 1992), brefeldin A treatment caused the collapse of the TGN into a structure concentrated around the microtubule-organizing center and visualized by immunofluorescence as a juxtanuclear "dot." However, treatment of cells with brefeldin A had no effect on the delivery of extracellularly added monoclonal anti-Igp120 antibodies to late endosomes and lysosomes (Figure 2E), which were Igp110-positive structures (our unpublished observations), or of monoclonal anti-TGN38 antibodies to a juxtanuclear dot structure (Figure 2F), which could be postfixation labeled with rabbit pAbs to TGN38 (our unpublished observations).

To understand the basis of this sorting, we decided to investigate steady-state localization and antibody uptake in HeLa cells expressing chimeric constructs of either rat Igp120-containing sequences from rat TGN38 or chimeric constructs of rat TGN38-containing sequences from rat Igp120 (Figure 3). In every experiment we report below, delivery of endocytosed antibodies was always to the intracellular site of steady-state localization of the transfected expressed protein (even when referring to our unpublished observations). As expected, when rat Igp120 was expressed in HeLa cells, it mostly colocalized with endogenous cathepsin D, and the mAb to Igp120 taken up by the cells was delivered to these late endosomes and lysosomes (Figure 4, A and B). When the carboxyl-terminal six amino acids of Igp120, AGYQTI, were replaced by the TGN38 sequence SDYQRL, the expressed chimeric protein was still localized in late endosomes and lysosomes, and internalized anti-Igp120 antibodies were delivered to these structures (Figure 4, C and D) and not to the TGN (Figure 4, E

and F). Similar observations were made in experiments in which YQTI was replaced by YQRL (our unpublished observations). When rat TGN38 was expressed in HeLa cells, it colocalized with endogenous TGN46, the human orthologue of TGN38 (Ponnambalam *et al.*, 1996), and the mAb to TGN38 taken up by the cells was delivered to the TGN (Figure 5, A and B). Replacement of the YQRL motif within the cytosolic tail of TGN38 by the Igp120 carboxyl-terminal sequence YQTI resulted in an expressed chimeric protein that was still localized in the TGN. Anti-TGN38 antibodies added extracellularly to cells expressing this construct were delivered to the TGN (Figure 5, C and D), not to late endosomes and lysosomes (Figure 5, E and F).

The observations that the cytosolic tail sequences YQRL and SDYQRL were not able to divert Igp120 from late endosomes and lysosomes to the TGN were a surprise in view of the literature reports indicating that these sequences are sufficient to target a number of plasma membrane protein constructs to this intracellular site. Because the data might be explained by the environment of the YQRL motif within the Igp tail sequence, we made a further chimera in which the TGN38 tail was added to the luminal domain and TMD of Igp120 (Figure 3, LLT). When this was expressed in HeLa cells it was localized in late endosomes and lysosomes. Extracellularly added antibodies to Igp120 taken up by cells expressing this LLT construct were delivered to late endosomes and lysosomes (Figure 6, A and B) and not to the TGN (Figure 6, C and D). Two other chimeras were then expressed in HeLa cells. A chimera consisting of the luminal domain of Igp120 together with the TMD and cytosolic domains of TGN38 (Figure 3, LLT) localized to the TGN, and extracellularly added anti-Igp120 antibodies were taken up and delivered to the TGN (Figure 7, A and B) and not to late endosomes and lysosomes (Figure 7, C and D). In contrast, a chimera consisting of the luminal and cytosolic tail domains of Igp120 together with the TMD of TGN38 (Figure 3, LTL) was mainly localized to late endosomes and lysosomes. Extracellularly added anti-Igp120 antibodies were delivered to the late endosomes and lysosomes (Figure 7, E and F) and not to the TGN (Figure 7, G and H). The altered intracellular destination of monoclonal anti-Igp120 antibody when added to cells expressing LTT and LTL confirmed that addition of extracellular antibody did not affect the membrane traffic routes taken by these molecules.

The data showed that the targeting and localization of the chimeric membrane proteins could not simply be explained on the basis of their cytosolic tail domains, but that the TMD of TGN38 and, more surprisingly, the luminal domain of Igp120 also played a role. To confirm that the effect of the luminal domain of Igp120 was not unique, we ex-

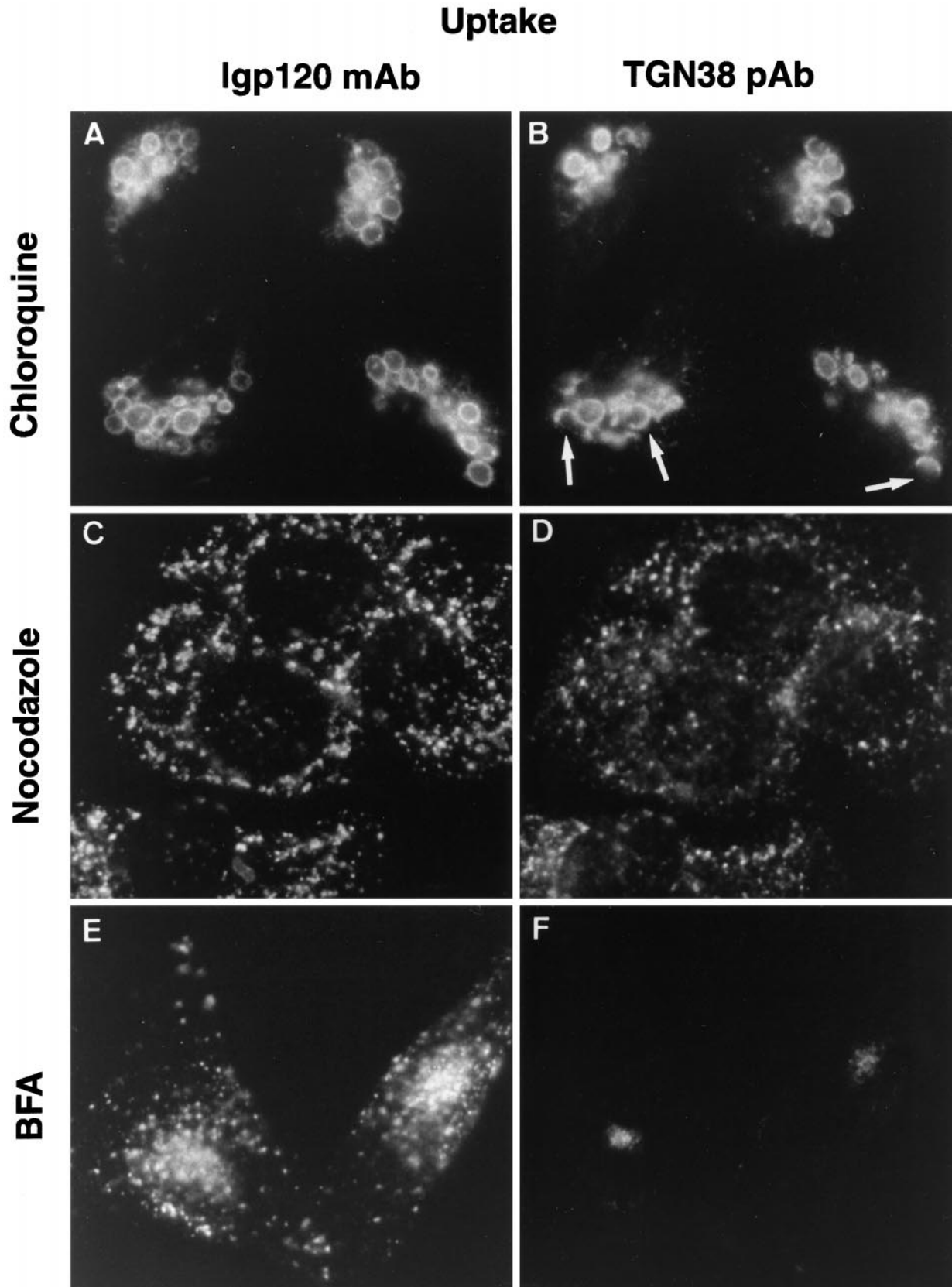


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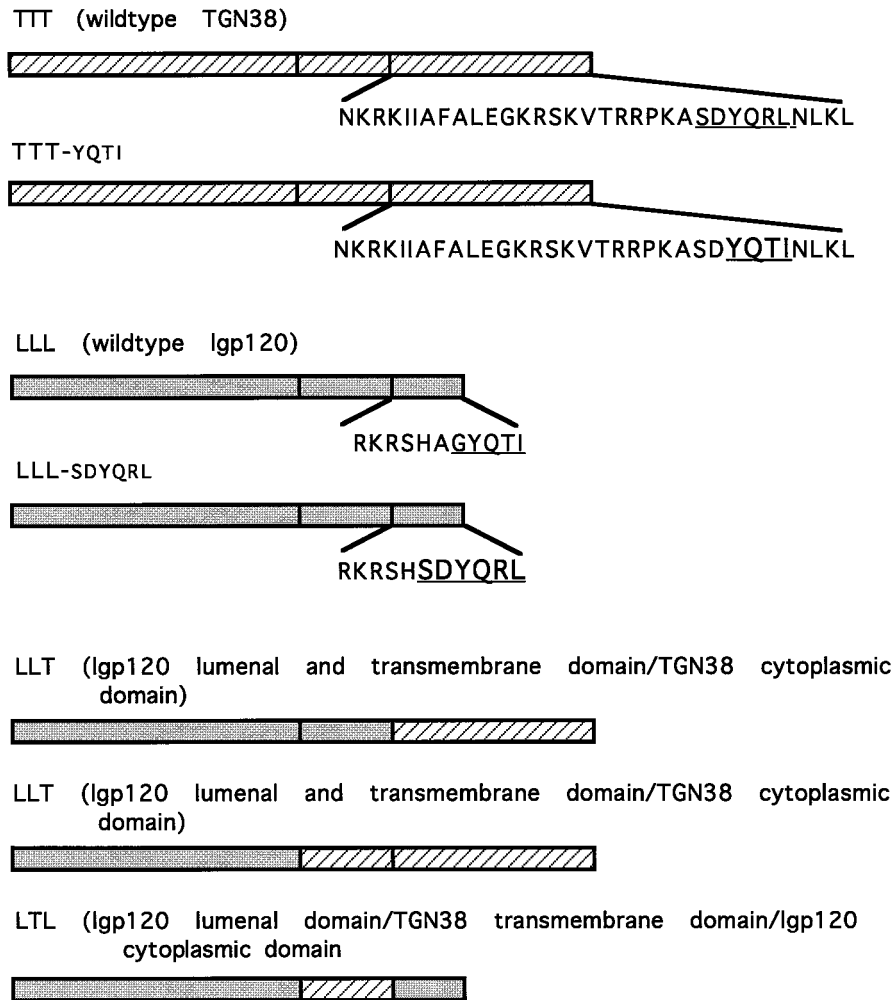


Figure 3. Schematic representation of the construction of mutated and chimeric proteins. The full sequences of the cytosolic domains of both TGN38 and lgp120 are shown for the wild-type proteins as well as for the proteins with altered targeting signals. Tyrosine-containing steady-state localization signals are underlined, and the exchange of TGN38 and lgp120 targeting signals are depicted in large type. The nomenclature indicates either an L, for lgp120, or T, for TGN38, for the lumenal domains, TMDs, and cytoplasmic domains of each of the chimeric proteins.

pressed a chimera consisting of the lumenal domain and TMD of lgp110 with the cytosolic tail of TGN38. Transiently transfected HeLa cells were examined

by immunofluorescence, and the chimera was shown to colocalize with CD63 (Figure 8, A and B) another marker for late endosomes and lysosomes (Metzelaar *et al.*, 1991).

Figure 2 (facing page). Uptake and delivery of antibodies in cells treated with agents blocking endocytic traffic. NRK cells were treated with chloroquine (A and B), nocodazole (C and D) or brefeldin A (E and F) for 1 h before addition of both an mAb to lgp120 (A, C, and E) and a pAb to TGN38 (B, D, and F) to the extracellular medium. After a further incubation for 2 h in the continued presence of the drugs, the cells were fixed, permeabilized, and processed for indirect immunofluorescence with fluorescent-labeled second antibodies. The localization of the internalized antibodies to lgp120 and TGN38 is shown. Arrows (A and B) indicate the presence of lgp120-positive structures that are only partially labeled with TGN38.

DISCUSSION

Our experiments on antibody uptake by NRK cells in the presence of inhibitors of membrane traffic pathways strongly suggest that the site of sorting of endocytosed TGN38 and lgp120 is the early endosome. Endosomal acidification has been suggested to be necessary for the formation of endocytic carrier vesicles from the early endosome (Clague *et al.*, 1994) and the addition of chloroquine neutralizes endosome pH,

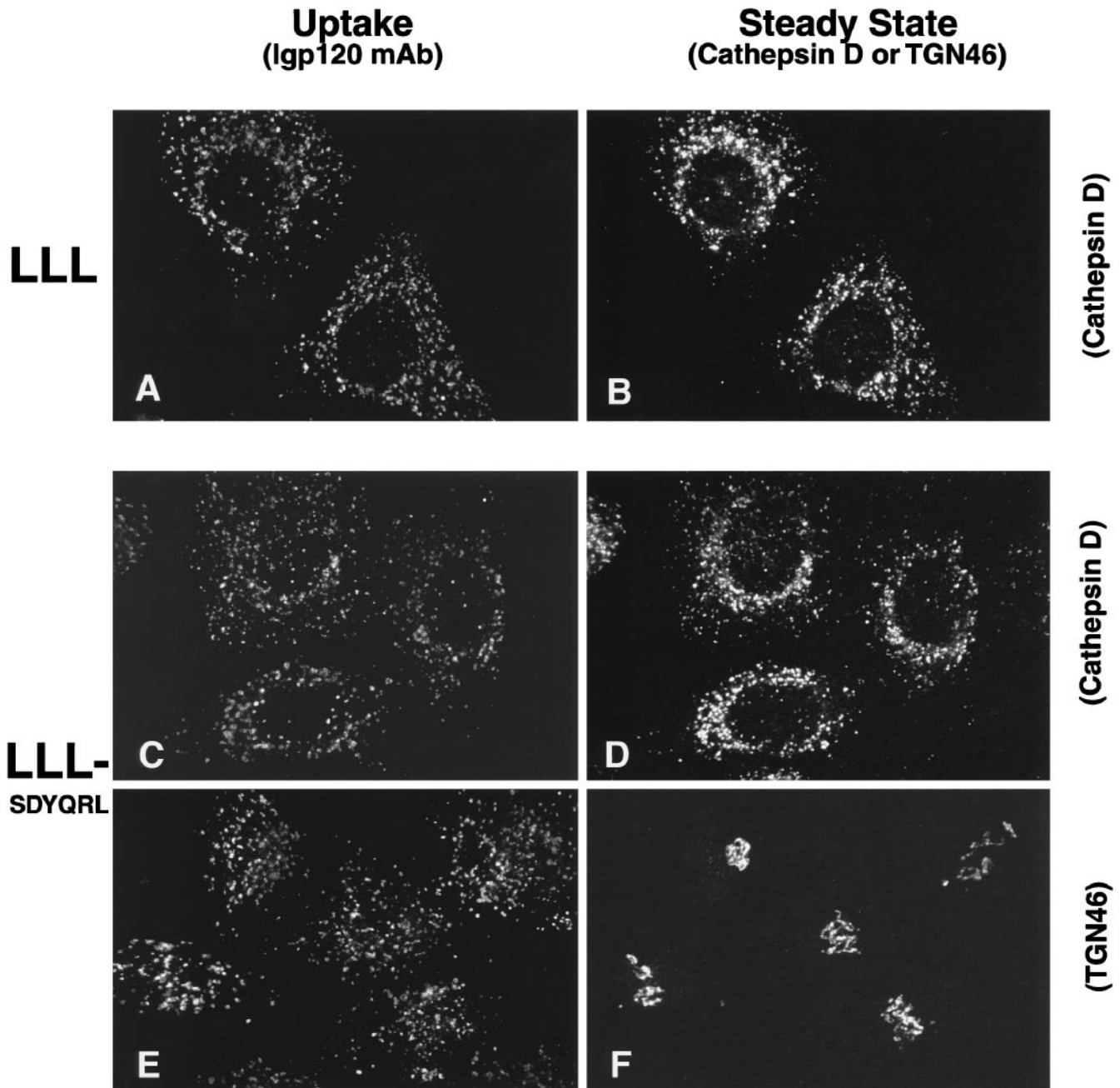


Figure 4. Replacement of AGYQTI in the cytosolic domain of Igp120 with the TGN38 steady-state localization signal, SDYQRL, has no effect on the delivery of Igp120 to lysosomes. HeLa cells were stably transfected with either a wild-type Igp120 construct (A and B) or a construct containing a mutated Igp120 cytosolic targeting sequence (C–F). Uptake experiments were performed using the mAb to Igp120. Both the wild-type Igp120 protein and the protein containing the TGN38 localization signal were internalized and delivered to a lysosomal/endosomal compartment as demonstrated by colocalization with endogenous human cathepsin D (B and D). The mutated protein showed no colocalization with the endogenous TGN46 (F).

causes endosome swelling, and blocks the traffic of membrane proteins (Mellman *et al.*, 1986; Chapman and Munro, 1994). After chloroquine treatment we observed swollen endosomal compartments in which endocytosed antibodies to TGN38 and Igp120 were

segregated. Nocodazole, by depolymerizing microtubules, prevents endocytic carrier vesicles from moving toward the microtubule-organizing center and fusing with target organelles (Pierre *et al.*, 1992; Aniento *et al.*, 1993). Again we observed segregation of endocytosed

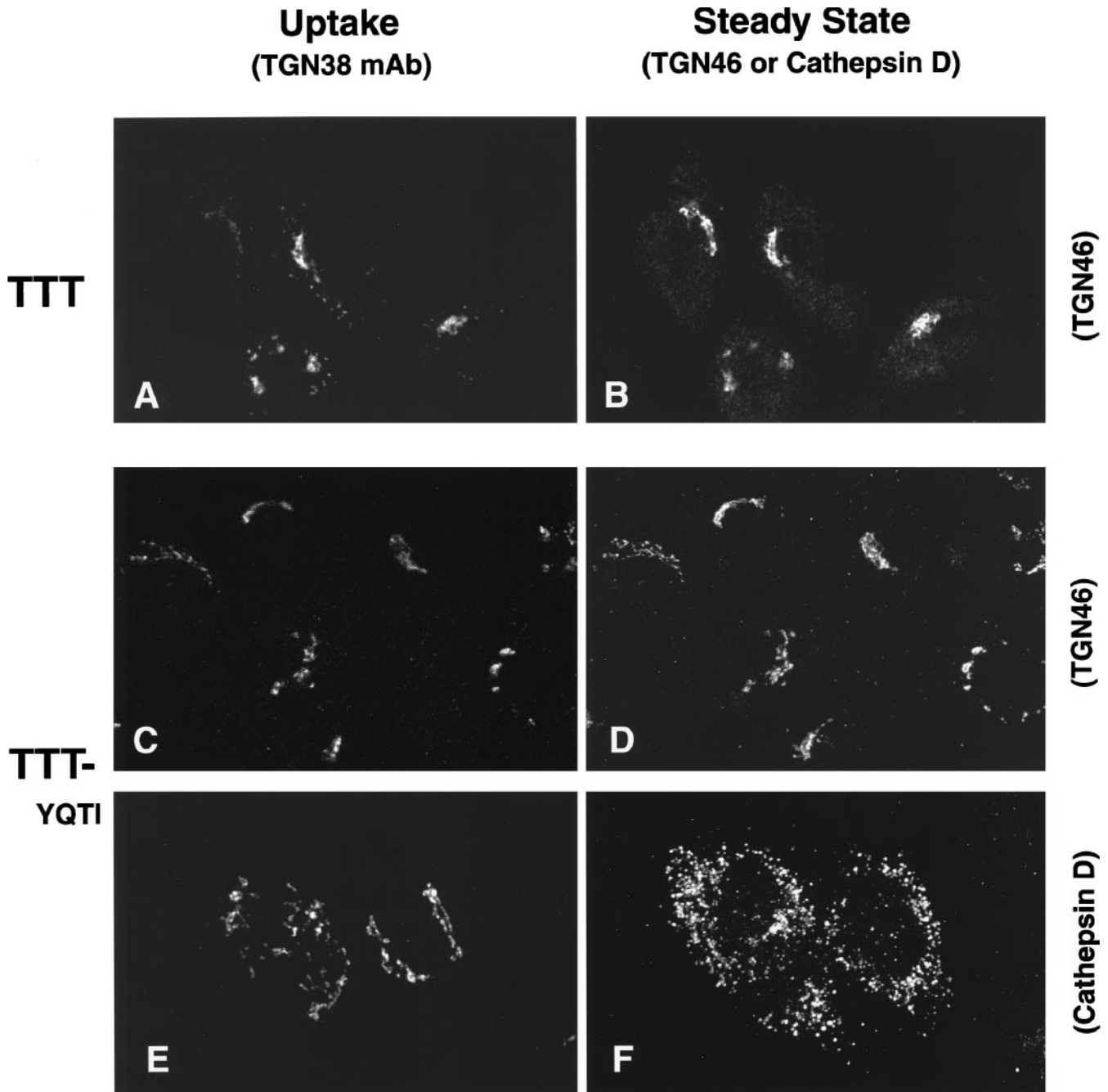


Figure 5. Replacement of YQRL in the cytosolic domain of TGN38 with the lysosomal targeting signal, YQTI, does not affect delivery of TGN38 from the cell surface to the TGN. Stably transfected HeLa cells expressing TGN38 wild-type protein (A and B) or TGN38 with the lysosomal targeting signal, YQTI, replacing YQRL (C–F) were incubated in the presence of an mAb to TGN38, 2F7.1, and internalization was allowed to occur at 37°C for 2 h. The localization of the wild-type and mutant proteins is shown to coincide with the endogenous TGN46 marker (B and C). There is no overlap in distribution of the mutated protein with the endogenous lysosomal marker cathepsin D (F).

antibodies to TGN38 and Igp120 in the presence of nocodazole, consistent with the formation of separate carrier vesicles from the early endosomal compartment. The fungal metabolite brefeldin A has a dramatic effect on the morphology of the TGN, causing it

to collapse into a collection of vesicles close to the microtubule-organizing center (Ladinsky and Howell, 1992; Reaves and Banting, 1992), and it also affects the morphology of the endosomal system (Wood *et al.*, 1991; Hunziker *et al.*, 1992; Tooze and Hollinshead,

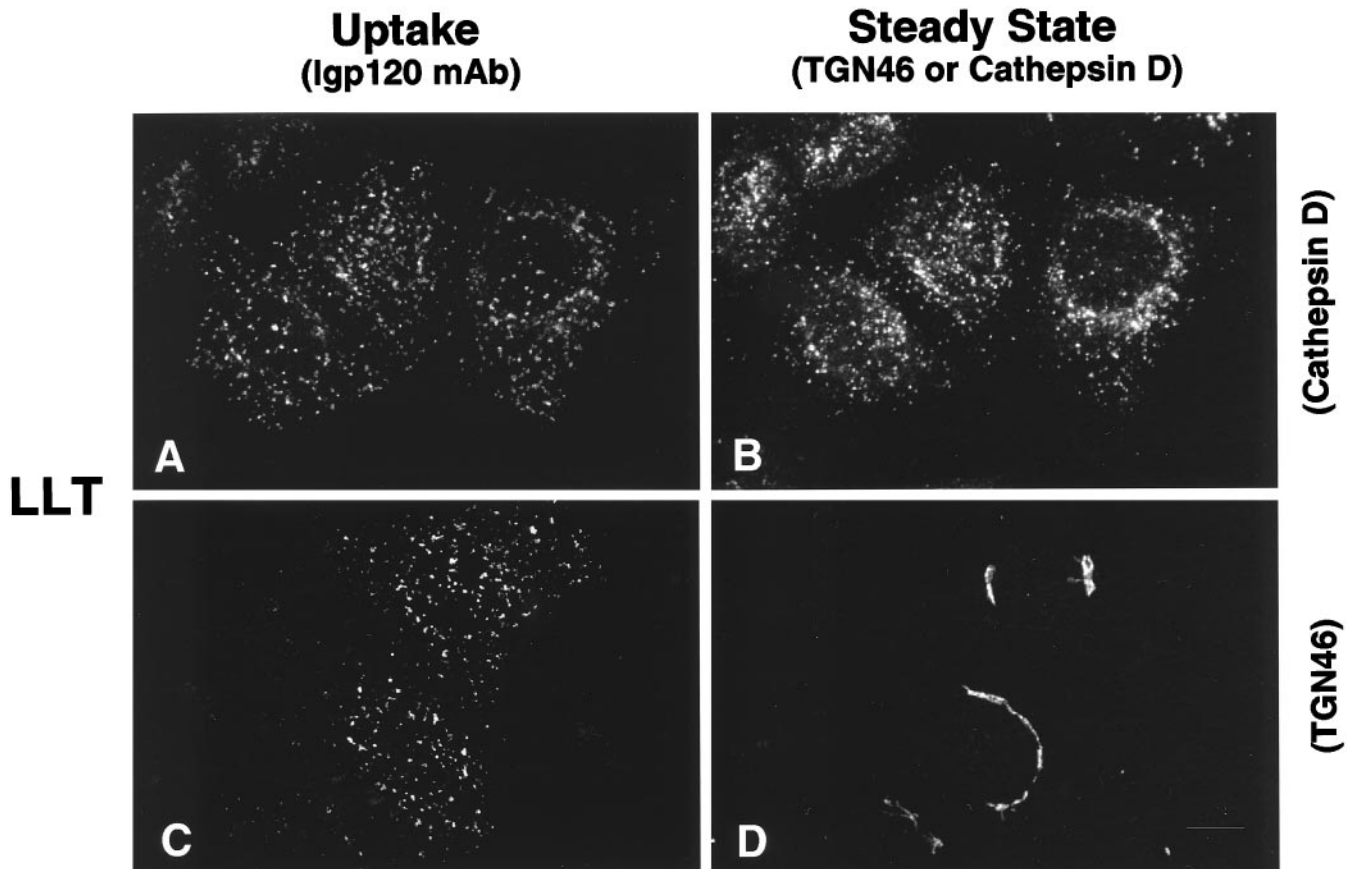


Figure 6. Addition of the full-length cytosolic domain of TGN38 to the luminal domain and TMD of Igp120 is not sufficient to divert the chimeric protein to the TGN. HeLa cells stably transfected with the LLT construct were incubated in the presence of the mAb to Igp120 (A and C), and the intracellular localization was determined by indirect immunofluorescence. Colocalization with an endogenous lysosomal marker, cathepsin D (B) is shown, as well as the lack of overlap in distribution with endogenous TGN46 (D).

1992; Wood and Brown, 1992). Addition of brefeldin A to NRK cells did not prevent segregation of endocytosed anti-Igp120 and anti-TGN38 antibodies and their respective delivery to late endosomes and lysosomes and the collapsed TGN. This is in agreement with reports that brefeldin A affects the morphology more dramatically than the function of endosomes (Hunziker *et al.*, 1992; Wood and Brown, 1992). The present data suggesting sorting of endocytosed TGN38 in the early endosome before delivery to the TGN are consistent with our previous experiments showing that treatment of NRK cells with the phosphatidyl inositol kinase inhibitor wortmannin does not prevent delivery of endocytosed anti-TGN38 antibodies to the TGN but alters morphology and membrane traffic in the late endosome/lysosome system (Reaves *et al.*, 1996; Bright *et al.*, 1997).

Using chimeric constructs transfected into HeLa cells, we have been able to generate data providing insights into the mechanism of sorting of endocytosed TGN38 and Igp120 in early endosomes. Although the

cytosolic tail sequence (SD)YQRL has been shown to be necessary and sufficient for targeting to the TGN when added to several type I plasma membrane proteins (see INTRODUCTION), it was unable to alter the targeting of Igp120 to late endosomes and lysosomes. This could not be explained simply by the distance of the YQRL motif from the lipid bilayer, which was identical to that of the endogenous YQTI sequence, or

Figure 7 (facing page). Both the TMD and cytosolic domain of TGN38, but not the TMD alone, are necessary to target the luminal domain of Igp120 to the TGN. Chimeric proteins containing the luminal domain of Igp120 together with the TMD and cytosolic domain of TGN38 were internalized from the cell surface and delivered to the TGN, as determined by following uptake of the mAb to Igp120 (A and C). This chimeric protein colocalized with endogenous TGN46 (B) but not cathepsin D (D). In contrast, replacement of the TMD of Igp120 with the TMD of TGN38 had no effect on its delivery to lysosomes from the cell surface followed by uptake of the mAb to Igp120 (E and G). Delivery to lysosomes is demonstrated by colocalization with endogenous cathepsin D (F) as well as lack of colocalization with endogenous TGN46 (H).

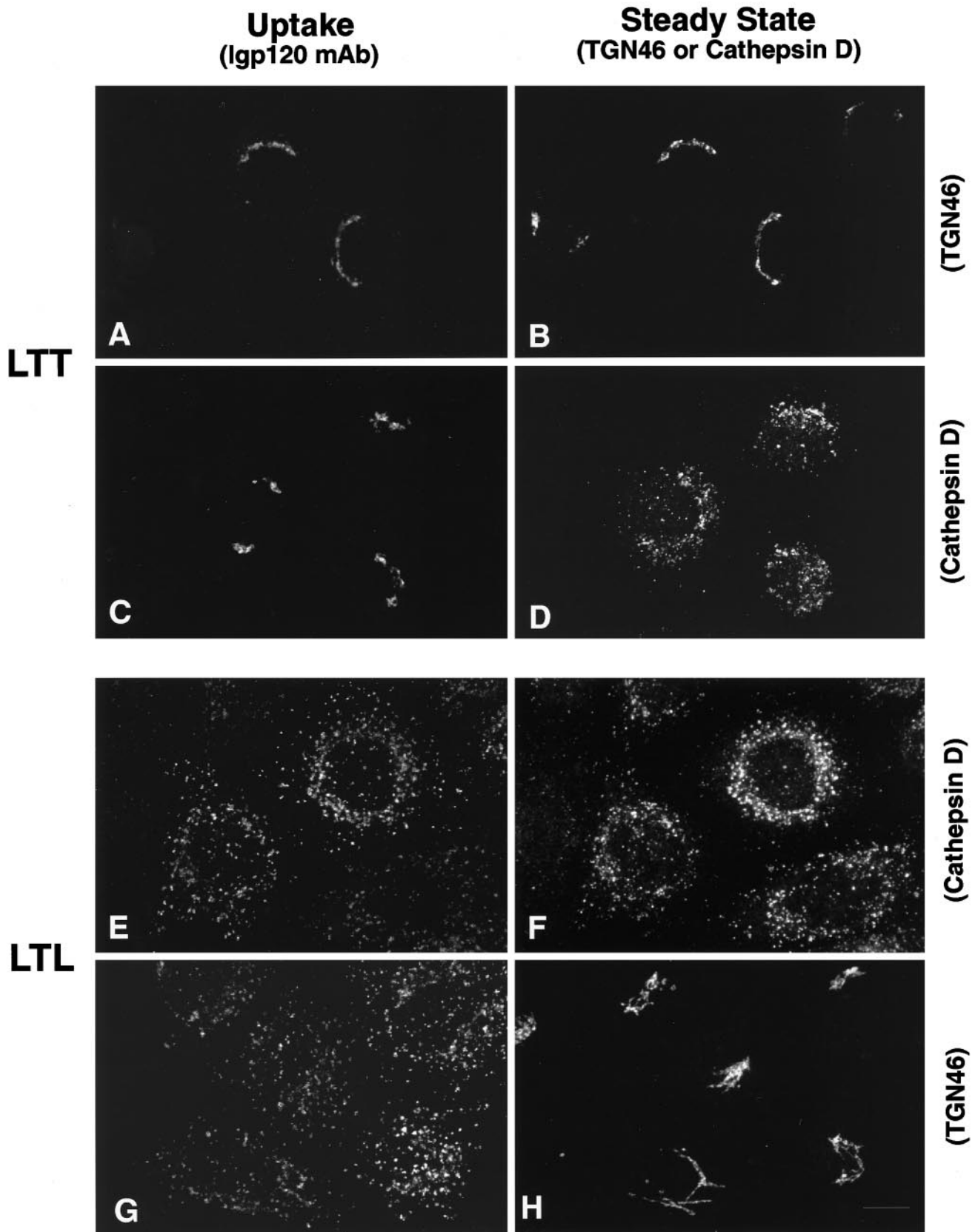


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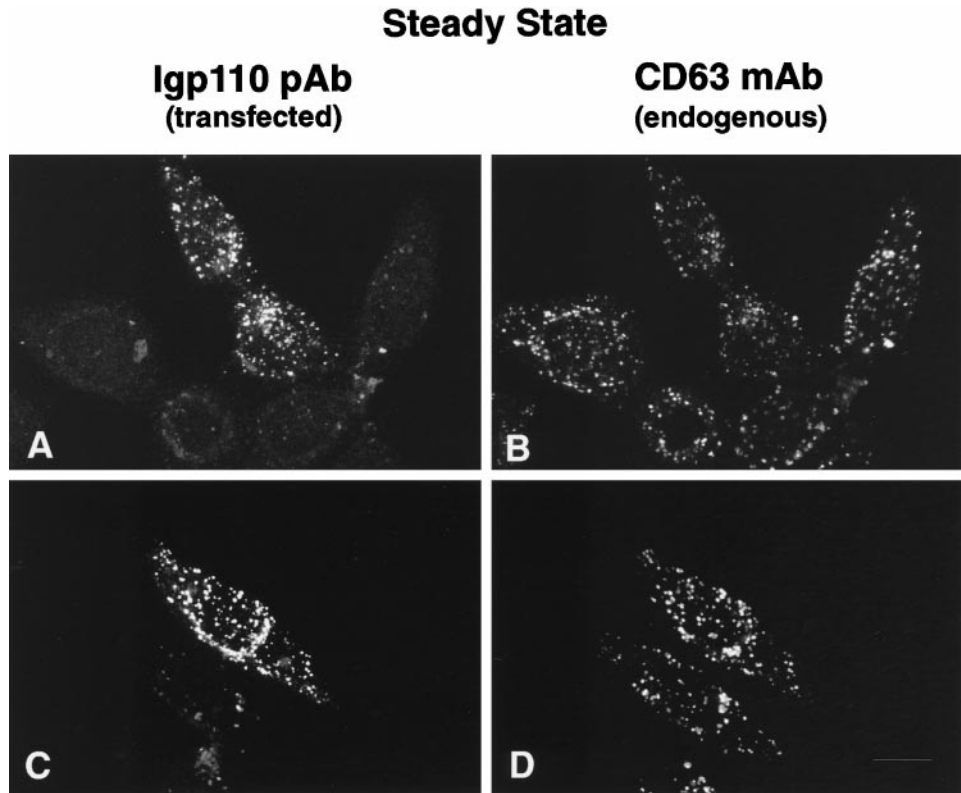


Figure 8. Another integral membrane lysosomal protein, Igp110, is also delivered faithfully to lysosomes despite the replacement of the cytosolic domain with that of TGN38. Transiently transfected HeLa cells were analyzed by immunofluorescence using a pAb to Igp110 to identify both the wild-type Igp110 (A) and the chimeric protein (C). Both proteins colocalized with endogenous cathepsin D (B and D).

the context of the rest of the Igp120 cytosolic tail, because replacement of the entire tail by that of TGN38 still resulted in a chimera (LLT) that was targeted to, and localized in, late endosomes and lysosomes. This implied that there was targeting information in the luminal domain or TMD of Igp120, and that this was capable of overriding the information in the TGN-derived cytosolic tail that was sufficient to target plasma membrane protein chimeras to the TGN. Because mutagenesis of the TMD of Igp120 has been shown to affect its intracellular localization only subtly (Wimer-Mackin and Granger, 1996), and in the present study we found that the chimera TLT had a Golgi localization in transiently transfected HeLa cells (our unpublished observations), it seems most likely that the luminal domain of Igp120 contains targeting information. At first glance this may appear illogical, because the cytosolic coat proteins responsible for sorting and vesicle formation must interact with cytosolic tails. However, there are already precedents for targeting information in luminal domains. A striking example is the role of protein glycosylation in targeting from the TGN to the apical domain of polarized epithelial cells (Fiedler and Simons, 1995; Scheiffele *et al.*, 1995). This has been suggested to be mediated by a

putative carbohydrate receptor, which may itself be a transmembrane protein. The aggregation of specific subsets of luminal proteins together with membrane proteins in the TGN is also regarded as an important sorting mechanism in the formation of regulated secretory granules (Bauerfeind and Huttner, 1993; Cool *et al.*, 1997). In contrast, aggregation of the luminal domains of furin molecules in the TGN has been correlated with lysosomal targeting, and it has been suggested that this pathway provides a final level of quality control for proteins that become aggregated or otherwise damaged in post-Golgi compartments, in a manner analogous to endoplasmic reticulum quality control mechanisms (Wolins *et al.*, 1997). The luminal domain of the cation-independent mannose 6-phosphate receptor has also been proposed to play a role in determining the steady-state distribution of this molecule between the TGN and prelysosomes (Conibear and Pearse, 1994). In the endocytic pathway there is a wealth of indirect evidence linking protein aggregation with lysosomal targeting, exemplified by the common observation that cross-linking cell surface proteins with antibodies or multivalent ligands results in increased internalization and degradation as a result

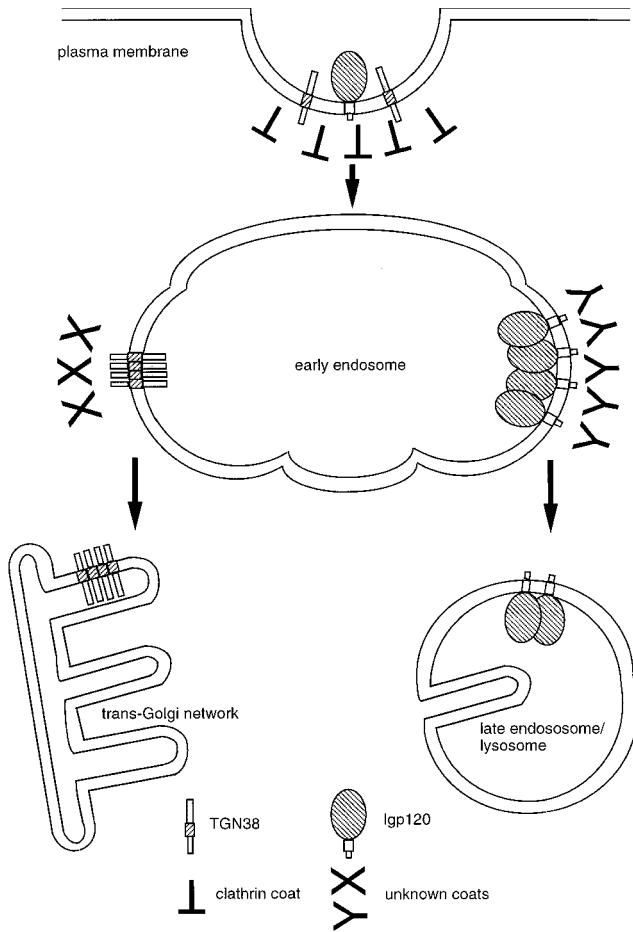


Figure 9. Model for the sorting of lgp120 and TGN38 in the early endosome. Specific features of the proposed model are that aggregation of the luminal domains of lgp120 and interaction of the TMDs of TGN38 occur in the early endosome, resulting in targeting respectively to late endosomes and lysosomes and to the TGN.

of lysosomal delivery (Taylor *et al.*, 1971; Ukkonen *et al.*, 1986; Weissman *et al.*, 1986).

Our experiments in which the TGN38 tail was attached to the TMD and luminal domains of lgp110 show that luminal domain information for targeting lysosomal glycoproteins to late endosomes and lysosomes is not restricted to lgp120. An attractive hypothesis to explain the function of luminal domains in late endosome and lysosome targeting is that it derives from the ability of these domains to aggregate under acid conditions. Solubilized luminal domains of lgp110 (probably obtained by proteolytic cleavage close to the membrane) form aggregates as the pH is reduced below pH 7 (Jadot *et al.*, 1996). If such aggregates were formed in the early endosome, the cytosolic tails of these molecules might be presented to novel cytosolic coat proteins in a manner different from their presentation to clathrin adaptors at the plasma mem-

brane. A diagrammatic representation of this hypothesis is shown in Figure 9. The suggestion that endosomal acidification may be required for sorting of lgp120 in the early endosome is consistent with the data from our chloroquine experiments, in which anti-lgp120 antibodies internalized into the neutralized, swollen endosome decorated the whole membrane rim, whereas the endocytosed anti-TGN38 antibodies were clustered. The data from our experiments in which the (SD)YQRL signal was transplanted onto lgp120 also show that it is not always the case that the rest of a chimeric construct has no effect in targeting on membrane traffic pathways when a specific sequence motif is being examined. In this respect it is interesting to note that when the SDYQRL motif was used to replace the YTRF motif in the transferrin receptor, a type II membrane protein, the resulting chimera was not targeted to the TGN but altered the morphology and pH of the endocytic recycling compartments to which it was targeted (Johnson *et al.*, 1996).

Although the experiments with the LLT constructs demonstrated a role for the luminal domain in late endosome and lysosome targeting, experiments with LTT and LTL constructs showed that the targeting information in this domain could be overridden by that provided jointly by the TMD and cytosolic tail domains of TGN38 but not by either domain alone. Thus, these membrane proteins contain a hierarchy of targeting signals in different domains. This is in contrast to proteins that have been described as having more than one signal within a single domain, i.e., the cytosolic tail (Matter *et al.*, 1992; Aroeti and Mostov, 1994; Hamer *et al.*, 1997). The ability to distinguish the targeting signals within the endosomal system may also give clues as to the temporal and/or spatial order of sorting events. Thus, the delivery of LTT chimeras to the TGN suggests that a required sorting event occurs in a temporal or spatial subdomain of the early endosome where acidification is insufficient to allow the dominance of aggregation of the luminal domain for targeting to late endosomes and lysosomes. The suggestion of a hierarchy of targeting signals in different domains is entirely consistent with previous work showing that the cytosolic tails of TGN38 and lgp120 or the TMD of TGN38 contain sufficient and necessary targeting information when added to targeting-neutral plasma membrane proteins. The TMD of TGN38 has been defined as a retention signal because of its behavior in chimeric molecules when combined with the extracellular and cytosolic domains of type I plasma membrane proteins (Ponnambalam *et al.*, 1994). The relatively short TMDs of Golgi membrane proteins are thought to cause retention either as a result of oligomerization (Nilsson *et al.*, 1993) or, more likely, because they are trapped in a relatively thin membrane bilayer provided by a lipid composition different from that observed at the cell surface

(Bretscher and Munro, 1993; Munro, 1995). There is now a wealth of evidence that lipid sorting to form localized patches of membrane of specific lipid composition plays a role in membrane protein sorting within the TGN for delivery to the apical membrane domain of polarized epithelial cells (Simons and Ikonen, 1997), and it may also play a role in sorting on transcytotic pathways (van IJzendoorn *et al.*, 1997). The data in the present paper suggest that a similar sorting mechanism may occur in the early endosome such that the TMD of TGN38 can sort this molecule into patches. We propose that such sorting and resultant molecular aggregation results in presentation of the cytosolic tails to cytosolic coat proteins in a way that improves the ability to distinguish them and favor targeting to the TGN. The observation that LTT constructs were targeted to the TGN together with the observation of aggregation of endocytosed anti-TGN38 antibodies in the swollen endosomes of chloroquine-treated cells is consistent with this hypothesis. It should be noted that we are proposing a sorting mechanism for TGN38 in the early endosome that is consistent with what is known about the behavior of this protein in the TGN. Others have commented on the similarity in signals recognized in endosomes and in the TGN when targeting membrane proteins to the basolateral surface of polarized epithelial cells (Matter *et al.*, 1993; Aroeti and Mostov, 1994; Mellman, 1996).

Although it is expected that endosomal sorting events are dependent on cytosolic coat proteins, we do not yet know their identity. Coats of varying composition have been observed on endosomal structures (Seaman *et al.*, 1993; Whitney *et al.*, 1995; Stoorvogel *et al.*, 1996; Traub *et al.*, 1996) but have not yet been linked to specific trafficking events. Identifying the coats involved in endosomal sorting is clearly an important task. We shall also be interested in further analyzing the mechanism by which luminal domains of Igps become aggregated at acid pH.

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