SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Structural basis of binding the unique N-terminal domain of microtubule-associated protein 2c to proteins regulating kinases of signaling pathways

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Table S1. Alignment of selected vertebrate Grb2 SH2 binding sequences of EGFR and CD28. Tyrosines corresponding to human MAP2 Tyr67 are in bold, asparagines aligned with human MAP2 Asn69 are shown in green.

EGFR:

Table S1. continued

CD28:

Table S2. The CYANA running script CALC.cya and additional settings in init.cya

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#the running script "CALC.cya"
peaks :=
MAP2c_NNEW.peaks,MAP2c_aliNEW.peaks,RIIDD_N.peaks,RIIDD_ali.peaks,MAP2c_filtered_ali.p
eaks,MAP2c_filtered_N.peaks,RIIDD_filtered_ali.peaks,RIIDD_filtered_N.peaks # NOESY peak lists
in XEASY format
prot := \text{MAP2c} RIIDD NEW.prot \# names of chemical shift list(s)
restraints := talosn_NEW.aco,MAP2c.rdc,artificial.upl,artificial.lol # additional (non-NOE)
restraints
tolerance := 0.033, 0.021, 0.45 # shift tolerances: H, H', C/N', C/N
upl values := 2.4,6#calibration \text{dref} := 4structures \dot{x} = 100,20 # number of initial, final structures
steps := 10000 # number of torsion angle dynamics steps
randomseed := 434726 # random number generator seed
weight rdc = 0.4 # weight for RDC restraints
cut rdc = 3 # cutoff for RDC violation output
noeassign peaks=$peaks prot=$prot autoaco
#additional settings in "init.cya"
read cyana.lib
read MAP2c_RIIDD_short.seq
rmsdrange:=8-49,108-149,286-309
nproc=4
cut upl=0.5cut \text{Io} = 0.5hbond alpha=13-29 weight=1
hbond alpha=33-49 weight=1
hbond alpha=113-129 weight=1
hbond alpha=133-149 weight=1
hbond alpha=286-310 weight=1
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Figure S1. Results of ITC analysis of MAP2c titrated by $RII\alpha$ -PKA (A) and $RIIDD_2(B)$. The concentration of MAP2c and N-MAP2c in the cell was 25 μM, the concentration of RIIα-PKA and $RIIDD₂$ in the syringe was 600 μ M. Results of the fits in the insets document that stoichiometry and enthalpy of the binding was determined reproducibly, but the binding isotherms are too steep for reliable estimation of K_D .

Figure S2. A, Results of ITC measurements of MAP2c fragment consisting of residues 159–467, revealing a relatively weak binding (K_D of 27 μM with ± 6 μM error of fitting). B, NMR peak broadening of 100 μM \lceil ¹³C,¹⁵N] MAP2c fragment consisting of residues 159–467 in presence of 100 μM (blue), 200 μM (green), and 400 μM (magenta) RIIα-PKA. Decreasing peak height *I*/*I*⁰ identified interactions of RIIα-PKA with proline-rich region P2 (residues Ser280–Leu300) and in the microtubule-binding repeat 3 (Val333–Arg363), but especially with the C-terminus of the fragment. C, combined chemical shift perturbations of 200 μ M \lceil ¹⁵N] MAP2c fragment consisting of residues 300– 467 in presence of 100 μM (blue), 200 μM (cyan), 400 μM (green), 800 μM (orange), and 1600 μM (magenta) RIIα-PKA. The values revealed binding of RIIα-PKA exclusively to the C-terminal helical region of MAP2c. Spectra of selected peaks (color-coded as in Panel C, black spectra were recorded in absence of RIIα-PKA) and fitting of their CCSP are presented in Panels D and E, respectively. The estimated K_D of \sim 0.9 mM indicated very weak binding.

Figure S3 Comparison of structural models of the N-MAP2c:RIIDD₂ complex predicted by AlphaFold multimer (A) and AlphaFold 3 (B), of a model of the binding region of free MAP2c predicted by AlphaFold 2 (C), and of the representative structure calculated in our study (D). The structures predicted by AlphaFold are colored (separately for N-MAP2c and RIIDD₂) according to the AlphaFold confidence score: blue, pLDDT>90, cyan, 90>pLDDT>70, yellow, 70>pLDDT>50, and red, $pLDDT<50$. In the experimental structure, N-MAP2c and RIIDD₂ are shown in magenta and gray, respectively.

Figure S4 A,C, Overlay of ¹H-¹⁵N HSQC spectra of selectively [¹⁵N-Tyr] labeled MAP2c before (blue) and after (red) phosphorylation by Fyn (A) and (C) Abl kinases. B,D, Changes in the tyrosine peak heights in the course of phosphorylation by Fyn (B) and (D). Abl kinases The spectra were measured for 20 hrs upon addition of the kinase. MAP2c specifically ¹⁵N-labeled on tyrosines was used because ¹H,¹⁵N HSQC spectrum of uniformly labeled MAP2c is not sufficiently resolved in the region of the tyrosine peaks. This approach allowed us to observe changes at all tyrosines directly, simultaneously, and in a real time. Peak heights of unphosphorylated Tyr50 (magenta), Tyr67 (red), Tyr252 (blue), Tyr265 (cyan), and Tyr325 (purple) are plotted as circles. Peak heights of phosphorylated pTyr67 (red) and of an unassigned pTyr phosphorylated by Abl (black) are plotted as crosses. The results confirm that Fyn phosphorylates selectively Tyr67 of MAP2c.

Figure S5. A, CCSP of 100 μM unphosphorylated $[^{13}C, ^{15}N]$ -MAP2c upon addition of 100 μM unlabeled Grb2-SH2. B, 2D¹H-¹⁵N HSQC spectra of 80 μ M [¹⁵N]-Grb2-SH2 recorded during titration with unlabeled unphosphorylated MAP2c. C, CCSP of 80 μM [¹⁵N]-Grb2-SH2 upon addition of 160 μM unlabeled unphosphorylated MAP2c. Cyan and magenta colors in Panel B correspond to 0 μM and 160 μM MAP2c concentrations, respectively.

Figure S6. Snapshots of molecular dynamics simulations of phosphopeptides containing the pTyr-Val-Asn-Val sequence (A) and the MAP2c pTyr-Ser-Asp-Thr sequence (B) in complex with Grb2-SH2. Ten snapshots of the phosphopeptide conformations, sampled each 5 ns, are displayed in gray. Only one Grb2-SH2 structure (gold) is shown for the sake of clarity. Residues Asp, Asn, and pTyr of the phosphopeptides are shown as bright green, purple, and magenta sticks, respectively. Nitrogen, oxygen, and hydrogen atoms of the Asn amide and Asp carboxy groups are displayed in blue, red, and white, respectively. Backbone atoms of Grb2-SH2 Lys109, forming a hydrogen bond with the phosphopeptide Asn in the pYXN motif, are displayed in the ball-and-stick representation. Distances between phosphopeptide pTyr and Arg86 of Grb2-SH2 are shown in blue for the the pTyr-Val-Asn-Val sequence (C) and in red for the pTyr-Ser-Asp-Thr sequence (D).

Figure S7. Results of ITC analysis of Fyn-phosphorylated MAP2c titrated by RIIα-PKA in absence (A) and presence of 100 μM Grb2 (B), and a control titration of 100 μM Grb2 by RIIα-PKA (C). The concentration of Fyn-phosphorylated MAP2c in the cell was 25 μM, the concentration of RIIα-PKA and RIIDD₂ in the syringe was 600 μ M. The obtained binding isotherms in Panel A and B did not differ substantially. Considering the high Grb2 concentration, we can conclude that Grb2 does not interfere with RIIα-PKA binding. The isotherms were steep, resembling titration of unphosphorylated MAP2c by RII α -PKA (Figure S1A) and did not allow us to estimate a quantitative value of K_D . The control experiment (Panel C) showed that possible interactions between Grb2 and RIIα-PKA are too weak to influence the results.