

Supplementary Material

DENR Regulates Tissue Growth and Translation By Promoting Reinitiation Downstream of uORFs

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Supplemental Discussion

Differences between DENR function and the GCN4 paradigm

Our data reveal several important differences between the mode of action of DENR•MCT-1 and that described for the GCN4-ATF4/5 paradigms: (1) Reinitiation requires the recruitment of a new Met-tRNA_i^{Met}, which in all previous models including the GCN4 and ATF4/5 paradigms has been assumed to occur via *de novo* recruitment of the eIF2-containing ‘ternary complex’ (TC) to a 40S ribosomal subunit that has resumed scanning without an associated Met-tRNA_i^{Met}. A key basis for this conclusion is that efficiency of reinitiation typically increases with increasing intercistronic distance, reaching a plateau at about 80nt, presumably because the probability of TC recruitment to a reinitiating 40S subunit is increased by longer scanning time⁴¹⁻⁴⁵. This length-dependence is crucial to regulation of translation of GCN4, mammalian ATF4/5, and other stress-activated genes^{41,46,47}. Interestingly, we observe no such length dependence with DENR-dependent reinitiation. Indeed, DENR

promotes reinitiation equally well even at quite short intercistronic distances (compare DENR responsiveness of the 200-375 reporter (~15nt intercistronic distance) to full-length in Figure 2h). Thus, cells have a previously unappreciated means for regulating reinitiation efficiency that is fundamentally different from the TC recruitment timing mechanism that underpins regulation of yeast GCN4 and mammalian ATF4/5. (2) Regulation of GCN4 translation requires multiple cis-regulatory sequences in the GCN4 5'UTR⁴¹. This is not the case for regulation of mbc by DENR•MCT-1. We deleted sequences upstream of the mbc stuORFs, downstream of the stuORFs, in between the stuORFs, as well as the coding sequences of the stuORFs themselves, none of which had an effect on the ability of DENR•MCT-1 to regulate translation of the mbc reporter. In fact, simply introducing 11 nucleotides comprising a stuORF coding for one amino acid (acaaaATGTAAG) is sufficient to impart DENR-dependent translation to a control 5'UTR (Figure 3a-a'), indicating that no additional cis-regulatory elements are needed. (3) The GCN4 5'UTR is a sophisticated setup that allows GCN4 translation to anti-correlate with translation of most other cellular mRNAs. Thus, when eIF2 activity levels drop and translation of most cellular mRNAs also drops, translation of GCN4 will increase, and vice-versa. Hence, translation of GCN4 is not uncoupled from general translation initiation, but rather is designed for co-regulation in an antagonistic manner. In this paradigm, the rate of reinitiation is not uncoupled from the general rate of initiation. In fact, the concomitant drop in efficiency of initiation and reinitiation due to reduced TC activity is key for antagonistically regulating GCN4 compared to other cellular mRNAs. In contrast DENR affects the efficiency of reinitiation relative to standard cap-dependent initiation, as

observed in all the luciferase reporter assays presented here, which feature normalization to a control that is translated by standard cap-dependent initiation. Hence, DENR is a molecular handle that cells can use to uncouple the rate of reinitiation from the rate of initiation.

Role of DENR in regulating cell proliferation

DENR function appears to be particularly required by cells that are proliferating. Polysome-to-monosome ratios, *de novo* protein synthesis levels, and reinitiation efficiency on stuORFs are all reduced upon DENR knockdown when cells are proliferating, but not when they are quiescent. Accordingly, the strongest developmental defects in DENR^{KO} occur in histoblast nests at the onset of metamorphosis, corresponding to the moment when these cells exit quiescence and enter a phase of intense proliferation. Why proliferating cells would be more dependent on DENR is unclear at present, but one interesting possibility could be that DENR•MCT-1 function might be regulated by cellular proliferation status. Indeed, Figure 2i suggests that DENR•MCT-1 function is low by default in quiescent cells. A recent genome wide study in mouse ES cells described decreased uORF translation upon differentiation¹², which would also suggest that non-proliferating cells might have a lower requirement for reinitiation. Moreover, uORF containing transcripts are significantly enriched in vertebrate proto-oncogenes, nearly two thirds of which produce mRNAs with uORFs⁴⁸. Drosophila stuORF transcripts also include growth-promoting kinases such as InR, PDK1 and Abl, suggesting that stuORF regulation might have a conserved function during cell proliferation.

In DENR^{KO} animals, the head, thorax and limbs are not as badly affected as the abdomen (Figure 1a). Tissues forming these structures also proliferate at some point in development, so why are they not strongly affected upon DENR loss-of-function? This is likely because, compared to abdominal histoblast cells, these tissues derive from imaginal discs which proliferate earlier in development. At these earlier stages of development, maternally contributed DENR can partially rescue zygotic loss-of-function. Indeed, animals lacking both zygotic and maternal DENR (generated via ovo^D germline clones) die as embryos.

Consistent with DENR•MCT-1 function being modulated by cellular proliferation status, the effect of DENR loss-of-function on EcR expression also depends on whether cells are proliferating. The EcR gene has two sets of transcript isoforms both of which contain uORFs: the EcR-A isoform, expressed in tissues that are proliferating in early pupae, and the EcR-B isoform, predominantly expressed in tissues that are not proliferating. Although we could detect a clear reduction in EcR-A protein levels in DENR^{KO} pupae, we could only observe a minimal reduction in EcR-B protein levels (Figure ED6c) in agreement with DENR function being mainly required in proliferating cells. This observation is supported by the fact that EcR-B levels do indeed drop upon DENR loss-of-function in S2 cells, which are proliferating (Figure 4a). This parallels the effects observed for the mbc reporter in proliferating versus quiescent cells (Figure 2i).

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Oligo sequences

For fly knockout generation:

Purpose	5' oligo	3' oligo
Amplification of the upstream flank	CCGGGCGGCCGCAACTAAATACAAAAA TACA	CCGGGCGGCCGCTGCGGATCGGAT TAAGTG
Amplification of the downstream flank	CCGGGCGGCCGCGCGCCGTGAGT TCGTCTTCAAAC	CCGGGCGGCCGCGCGCCGCCAGC TGTGGGAGCCGGCG

Oligos for dsRNA generation for S2 cell knockdowns

Purpose	5' oligo	3' oligo
lacZ	CCGGTAATACGACTCACTATAAGGGACAGGG CGCGTCCCATTC	CCGGTAATACGACTCACTATAAGGG GCTATGACCATGATTACGCCAAGC
GFP	CCGGTAATACGACTCACTATAAGGGACCCTC GTGACCAACCTGACCTAC	CCGGTAATACGACTCACTATAAGGG GACCATGTGATCGCGCTCTCGT
DENR	CCGGTAATACGACTCACTATAAGGGAGGC CACCTATCCGATCCAGATGA	CCGGTAATACGACTCACTATAAGGG AGGCGGGTATGACATCGAACAGT CA
MCT-1	CCGGTAATACGACTCACTATAAGGGAGGCCA CATCGAACCTGCTGCTAA	CCGGTAATACGACTCACTATAAGGG AGGTGGATAACGTGAGGAGTCCA
Ligatin/eIF2D	TAATACGACTCACTATAAGGGCTCCTGTGA CCTTCGCTAC	TAATACGACTCACTATAAGGGTAAA GTTCAACACTCGGGG
MCT1 3'UTR	GGCCTAATACGACTCACTATAAGGGCGAAAT AGGAATCTGCACTTGC	GGCCTAATACGACTCACTATAAGGA CCGCCAAACAGAAGACTCAATG
CG10498	GGGGGGCACCAAATGTGGTCCAAC	GGGGGGCGATGCAGGATACGATTG

Oligos for mbc luciferase reporter cloning

Purpose	Used in Figure:	5' oligo	3' oligo
mbc promoter + 5'UTR	ED2b	CCGGAGATCTGAATGTGTGG AAAATGTATT	CCGGTTCGAAGTCATCTGAAGGC TTTTCTTCT
mbc full-length 5'UTR	2E-I,3A'-C, ED2E-H	CCGGCTGCAGAGTACGGTAC TTCTGGGC	CCGGTTCGAAGTCATCTGAAGGC TTTTCTTCT
mbc 5'UTR 100-575	ED2e	CCGGCTGCAGCACACACGAG TGTGT	CCGGTTCGAAGTCATCTGAAGGC TTTTCTTCT
mbc 5'UTR 200-575	ED2e	CCGGCTGCAGGCAGAAACG GCGCA	CCGGTTCGAAGTCATCTGAAGGC TTTTCTTCT
mbc 5'UTR 300-575	ED2e	CCGGCTGCAGGCTTTCGTC GAAAT	CCGGTTCGAAGTCATCTGAAGGC TTTTCTTCT
mbc 5'UTR	ED2e	CCGGCTGCAGCGTTGCCTAA TTTAA	CCGGTTCGAAGTCATCTGAAGGC TTTTCTTCT

400-575			
mbc 5'UTR 500-575	ED2E	CCGGCTGCAGAAGTCGGCG AAAAA	CCGGTTCGAACATCTGAAGGC TTTCTTCT
mbc 5'UTR 233-425	ED2G	CCGGCTGCAGACAATTGTG CGGAA	CCGGTTCGAACATCTCAACAA GACATTAAATTA
mbc 5'UTR 266-425	ED2G	CCGGCTGCAGTAATTATTTA TTGGTT	CCGGTTCGAACATCTCAACAA GACATTAAATTA
mbc 5'UTR 200-500	ED2F	CCGGCTGCAGGCAGAAAACG GCGCA	CCGGTTCGAACATCTTACCA CCAACACGGCGA
mbc 5'UTR 200-425	ED2G	CCGGCTGCAGGCAGAAAACG GCGCA	CCGGTTCGAACATCTCAACAA GACATTAAATTA
mbc 5'UTR 200-400	ED2G	CCGGCTGCAGGCAGAAAACG GCGCA	CCGGCTGCAGCGTTGCCATTAA A
mbc 5'UTR 200-375	2H, ED2G	CCGGCTGCAGGCAGAAAACG GCGCA	CCGGTTCGAACATCTTTTGAT TTTCGTTTCAC
mbc 5'UTR 200-350	ED2F	CCGGCTGCAGGCAGAAAACG GCGCA	CCGGTTCGAACATCTCCAACA CAAGCATTTCGC
mbc 5'UTR 200-275	ED2F	CCGGCTGCAGGCAGAAAACG GCGCA	CCGGTTCGAACATCTTAAATA ATTATTGCACAA
mbc 5'UTR ATG mutation T219A	2E	AAACGGCGAAAAAGCATT GCGGAG	CTCCGCAAATGCTTTGCGCCGT TT
mbc 5'UTR ATG mutation A249G	2E	AATTTGTGCGGAGTGCTAGC TTTTGT	ACAAAAGCTAGCACTCCGCACAAA TT
mbc 5'UTR ATG mutation A338T	2E	AATCGGAGGCAGATTGCTTG TGTTGG	CCAACACAAGCAATTGCCCTCCGA TT
mbc 5'UTR Kozak mutation 218	2F	GAGCGAAAAACGGCGGTGTA TGCATTGCGGAGC	GCTCCGCAAATGCATACACCGCCG TTTTCGCTC
mbc 5'UTR Kozak mutation 248	2F	AGCGACAATTGTGGTGTAT GCTAGCTTTGT	ACAAAAGCTAGCATAACACCACAAA TTGTCGCT
mbc 5'UTR Kozak mutation 338	2F	AGCGAAATCGGAGGGTGTAT GCTTGTGTTGGC	GCCAAACACAAGCATAACCCCTCCG ATTTCGCT
mbc 5'UTR CDS swap uORF 249	2G	TTTGTGCGGAATGCAACAA AACACAATAATTATTAT	ATAAATAATTATTGTTGTTGTT TGCATTCCGCACAAA
mbc 5'UTR CDS swap uORF 339	2G	CGGAGGGCGAAATGCAACAA AACACAACAATGAAAACGA AATC	GATTCGTTTCATTGTTGTTGTT GTTGTTGCATTCGCCTCCG
mbc 5'UTR CDS swap uORF 219 (into already mutated uORF249 construct)	2G	ACGGCGAAAATGCAACAA AACACAACAACAACAA ATGCAACAACAAC	GTTGTTGTTGCATTGTTGTTGTT GTTGTTGTTGTTGTTGCATTTGC GCCGT
mbc 5'UTR	2H	AGCTTTGTGCAATTATTAT	ACCAATAAATAATAATTGCACAAA

stop codon mutation 268		TTATTGGT	AGCT
mbc 5'UTR stop codon mutation 360	2H	CCGGCTGCAGCGAAAAACG GCGCA	CCGGTTCGAAGTCATCTTTTGATTTCTGTTCCAAATGCC
mbc 5'UTR remove sequence between uORFs	"data not shown"	CTAGCTTGTGCAATAAGA CGTCGAAATGCTGTGTTG	CAACACAAAGCATTGACGTCTTA TTGCACAAAAGCTAG

Oligos for 5'UTR luciferase reporter cloning

Purpose	Used in Figure:	5' oligo	3' oligo
EcR-RB	3B	CCGGCTGCAGATTAGTATT TTTG	CCGGTTCGAAGTCATCTCCTCTG GCAGCCGATA
gfa	3B	CCGGCTGCAGAGTTGCAGTTG GAAAGTC	CCGGTTCGAAGTCATCTTATTCT ATATCCTATATT
TyrR	3B	CCGGCTGCAGCGCCGGCTTAC CTGATCGA	CCGGTTCGAAGTCATCTGGATCG GCCAGTTGGGTTCA
CG3558	3B	CCGGCTGCAGGCTGCTCATCG CTAACCTTC	CCGGTTCGAAGTCATCTTTGTCG GTGCGGTGTGTG
snoo-RB	3B	CCGGCTGCAGTGCAAAATAA TTTGCA	CCGGATCGATGTCATCTTTTGG GCAATACTTT
InR-RA	3B	CCGGCTGCAGGGCTGTCCGG GTGT	CCGGTTCGAAGTCATCTTATTGCG GTGTTCTA
janB	3C	CCGGCTGCAGTAGCTTGCAA CTGCTCG	CCGGTTCGAAGTCATCTTTTATT TAACCAAAGGAA
CG8963	3C	CCGGCTGCAGAAATAATAAT TTTAACCA	CCGGTTCGAAGTCATCTGTTTC GAGTCCAACGCA
psh	3C	CCGGCTGCAGCGGTCAGAACCC GTCGTCC	CCGGTTCGAAGTCATCTCTTAAT TCGCTTCGACAC
drm	3C	CCGGCTGCAGAGTTATTAGTA GCATTCA	CCGGTTCGAAGTCATCTTTGAC AGGCGGTATGTG
Rbp6-RC	3C	CCGGCTGCAGCCTTCAGTCGT TATCAGA	CCGGATCGATGTCATCTAACGAG CTTCTTGTTGG
CG43674	3C	CCGGCTGCAGCATTCTGTTA GAGTGCT	CCGGTTCGAAGTCATCTGGCTGG CTAAAGCGCCTT

Oligos for generating plasmids for making reporter mRNAs by in vitro transcription reactions

Purpose	Used in Figure:	5' oligo	3' oligo
actin 5'UTR into RLuc (control)	ED2 C-D	GGCCAGATCTAACGACTCA CTATAGGCATATCACTACCGTT TGAGTTC	GGCCTTCGAAGTCATTGTAAGA TTTGGTGTGTTT
actin 5'UTR into FLuc (normalization control)	ED2 C-D	GGCCAGATCTAACGACTCA CTATAGGCATATCACTACCGTT TGAGTTC	GGCCCCATGGTTGTAAGATTGG TGTGTTT
mbc 5'UTR	ED2 C-D	CCGGAGATCTAACGACTCA CTATAGGAGTACGGTACTTCTG	CCGGTTCGAAGTCATCTGAAGGC TTTTCTTCT

Oligos for introducing synthetic uORFs into a control 5'UTR

Purpose	Used in Figure	5' oligo	3' oligo
mutagenizing CG43674 5'UTR to introduce Spel and Agel sites	3A-A', ED5A, ED10E , ED10F -G	TCTGTTAAAGAAAAACTAGTGTG ACCGGTAATTAAAATAATTACTA G	CTAGTAATTATTTAATTACCGGT CACACTAGTTTCTTTAACAGA
1 aa	3A-A', ED5A, ED10E , ED10F -G	CTAGTGTGTCCGGACAAAATGTA AGCCGCCGCCGCCGCCGCCGCC CCA	CCGGTGGCGGCCGGCGGCCGGCG GCGCTTACATTTGTCCGGACAC A
4 aa	3A-A'	CTAGTGTGTCCGGACAAAATGGC CGCCGCCTAACGCCGCCGCC CCA	CCGGTGGCGGCCGGCGGCCGGCTTAG GCGGCGGCCATTTGTCCGGACAC A
9 aa	3A-A'	CTAGTGTGTCCGGACAAAATGGC CGCCGCCGCCGCCGCCGCC CCA	CCGGTTAGGCGGCGGCCGGCG CCGCGGCCATTTGTCCGGACAC A

Oligos for inducible stuORF and control luciferase reporter cloning

Purpose	Used in Figure	5' oligo	3' oligo
Fluc ORF	ED7	ACCGAATTGAGATGGAAGACG CCAAAAC	AACCTCGAGTTACACGGCGATCT TTCC
Subcloning of the control and 1 aa uORF synthetic constructs	ED7	CCGGAATTCCATTCTGTTAGA GTGCT	TCATAAACTTCGAAGTC

Oligos for generating the plasmid for the inducible MCT-1 stable cell line

Purpose	Used in Figure	5' oligo	3' oligo
MCT-1 ORF	ED10 c	CACGGTACCGAATTCAACCATGG CGTTCAAAAATTCGAAGAGAA	CACGGGCCGCTTACTCGAGCTT CACGGGCTTCGACTTCC

Oligos for quantitative RT-PCR

Gene	Used in Figure	5' oligo	3' oligo
rp49 (norm. control)	2B',4C, ED1F,E D2D- D',ED6A -C', ED7G'	GCTAAGCTGTCGCACAAA	TCCGGTGGGCAGCATGTG
mbc	2B-C, ED2D',E D10A'	CCGCAACTCTGTTGAAACC	CGGGGTCCAATCCATGTT

InR	ED6A', E D6C'	TCCCCAGCGAAAAATTAAG	GACTATGTCGGCAAATTCTT
EcR	ED6C'	GGACCAGATCACGTTACTAAAG GC	GCAGGTCTTCAATGTTATCAGCC
Br-C	4C	AGGAGATCGCGACGGAC	TTGAGACCTAGCAACGCTGAG
E75	ED6B	GCAGCAGCAGATCGGAATACTC	CCGACTCAATGCCGAATCC
DENR	ED1B,1 F	CACGATGCCATTGAGTAC	CGGCAGCCTCCTCCTCAA
RLUC	ED2D'	GGGTGCTTGTGTTGGCATTTC	GGCCATTCATCCCATGATTC
MCT1	ED7G'	GAGGCCTATCCAAGTTG	CGATGTGGTCATGGCACT
18S rRNA	ED5D- D'	CGGAGAGGGAGCCTGAGAA	AGCTGGGAGTGGTAATTACG
28S rRNA	ED5D- D'	GAAATCCGCTAAGGAGTGTGTA ACA	CAACTTAAGGCCATCCATTTC
Initiator tRNA	ED4E, ED5D- D'	AGCAGAGTGGCGCAGTGGAAAGC	TAGCAGAGCAAGGTTCGATCCTC GG

Oligos for RT-PCR with crosslinked RNA

Gene	Used in figure	5' oligo	3'Oligo
Rps13	ED4E	CCCTCCAAAATCGGCATC	GCGACGGCCTCTTGATC
Cdc2	ED4E	ATCAACCGCGATCAGAGA	GGCAGCGAATCCATGTAT
InR	ED4E	TCCCCAGCGAAAAATTAAG	GACTATGTCGGCAAATTCTT
RPL32	ED4E	ATGACCATCCGCCAGCATACA	TGCGCTTGTTCGATCCGTAA
mbc	ED4E	GGATGGAAAGGTTAAGGAG	CGTCTGGGACCACTTAGA
Initiator tRNA	ED4E	AGCAGAGTGGCGCAGTGGAAAGC	TAGCAGAGCAAGGTTCGATCCTC GG

Oligos for reporter fly lines

	Used in figure	5' Oligo	3' oligo
CG43674 (control and stuORF reporter)	ED8 and ED9	CCGGGGTACCCATTCTGTTA GAGTGCT	CCGGGGATCCGGCTGGCTAA AGCGCCTT
RFP	ED9	CCGGGGATCCACCGGTGCCACCA TGGCCTCCCGAGGAC	CCGGGCGGCCGCTTAGGCGCCGGT GGAGT

Oligos for Rescue experiments with MCT1 Luciferase assay

	Used in Experi- ment	5' Oligo	3' Oligo
MCT1	ED10E	CCGGGGTACCATGTTCAAAAATT CGAA	CCGGGCGGCCGCCTACTTCACGGG CTTCGA
T82A	ED10E	GGCCCCTGGATGCCTGCCCTGCGC CTCCTGC	GCAGGAGGCAGGGCAGGCATCC AGGGGCC
TS118/1 19AA	ED10E	ATGTGTCCCGGCCTGCCGCCCA GGCGCCTGTATG	CATACAGGCGCCTGGCGAGGCAG GCCGGGACACAT
T125A	ED10E	CCAGGGCGCTGTATGGCCCCGGCC GACAAGGAC	GTCCTTGTCGGCCGGGCCATACA GGCGCCTGG
T118A	ED10E	ATGTGTCCCGGCCTGCCCTGCCA GGCGCCTGTATG	CATACAGGCGCCTGGCGAGGCAG GCCGGGACACAT
S119A	ED10E	ATGTGTCCCGGCCTCACAGCCCCA GGCGCCTGTATG	CATACAGGCGCCTGGGCTGTGAG GCCGGGACACAT

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