

## The yeast mitochondrial pyruvate carrier is a hetero-dimer in its functional state

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1st Editorial Decision

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Thank you for submitting your manuscript on the characterization of mitochondrial pyruvate carrier in yeast to The EMBO Journal. Your study has been sent to three referees for evaluation, and we have now received reports from them, which are enclosed below for your information.

As you can see, the referees concur with us on the overall interest of your findings. However, they also raise some points that need to be addressed before they can support publication in The EMBO Journal. In particular, referees #1 and #2 request you to characterize pyruvate transport activity of the MPC1-MPC3 heterodimer. Also, referee #1 finds that differences between MCP protein oligomerization in yeast and mammals need to be discussed and points out that the specificity of the employed MPC inhibitor has to be assessed on the individual heterodimer subunits. Referee #3 asks you to test other MCP inhibitors by employing 14C-pyruvate exchange and thermostability assays.

Addressing these issues as suggested by the referees is required to warrant publication in The EMBO Journal. Given the overall interest of your study, I would like to invite you to revise the manuscript in response to the referee reports.

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### REFeree REPORTS

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(cancer, diabetes etc). However, a thorough analysis of the oligomeric state is missing. In the absence of a detailed 3D structure, the determination of the active oligomer state will be important for future studies. The work presented is generally well executed. The authors argue that the functional entity for MPC in *S cerevisiae* is a heterodimer between MPC1 and MPC3. The transport capacity of the heterodimer is sensitive to specific inhibitors, but the homodimer seems to be non-functional. The data are convincing, but there are a number of issues to be resolved. Also, the authors should tone down the statements that what they find in yeast is universally true for mammalian homologues.

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Major comments:

1- Although the authors report on the successful Mpc1-Mpc2 heterodimer purification, they did not characterize its pyruvate transport activity. Especially in the light of the potential differential use of the Mpc1-Mpc2 and Mpc1-Mpc3 heterodimers during different metabolic conditions, an

experimental comparison of the transport properties of both complexes appears critical.

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1st Revision - authors' response

4<sup>th</sup> Februray 2019

Thank you for the opportunity to revise our manuscript in light of the reviewers' comments. We appreciate the positive evaluation and the helpful comments by all the reviewers. Following is a point-by-point response to each of the comments:

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**Response:** We agree with the reviewer that it would be interesting to elucidate the dimer interface. However, in the absence of structures to guide the mutagenesis analysis we would have to investigate a large number of mutant complexes (>100 to mutate one of two protomers), each requiring a technically challenging purification and functional analysis. The other problem is that this approach might lead to false positives and false negatives. Mutation of a single interface residue

might not be sufficient for disrupting the interface (a false negative) and thus a combination of different mutants might be required. If a mutation affects the structure, it will prevent dimerisation even when the residue is not in the interface (a false positive). Functional assays would not be conclusive, as the activity can be affected by other reasons, such as an impaired substrate binding and transport mechanism or by protein misfolding, none of which have anything to do with the dimerization interface. We hope that the reviewer will agree that obtaining structures of the heterodimers would be the preferred way to address this question, which is beyond the scope of this manuscript.

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**Response:** We agree with the reviewer that there might be differences between the yeast and the mammalian MPC complexes and that the same analysis needs to be performed on the mammalian complexes. However, we would like to note that previous studies on mammalian MPCs attributed functionality to the hetero-complexes and not to single proteins (Bricker *et al.*, 2012, Compan *et al.*, 2015, Herzig *et al.*, 2012, Vanderperre *et al.*, 2016). To comply with the comments of the reviewer, we have emphasised in the discussion that there are possible differences between the yeast and mammalian MPCs, including the oligomeric state, and we have removed our criticism on the human MPC purification.

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**Response:** We thank the reviewer for bringing up this control. We had partially addressed it by testing the effect of Zaprinst on the thermostability of Mpc3 alone (Figure 4, panel C) and found that Mpc3 is not stabilized as the hetero-complex. In the CPM assay, the purified sample of Mpc1 does not show a denaturation profile (Figure 1), so cannot be used. However, we have now tested the effect of Zaprinst on Mpc1 with the nanoDSF (Figure 4, panel D) and found that there was no stabilizing shift on Mpc1 alone, further supporting that only the hetero-dimer can bind Zaprinst.

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**Response:** We apologise for not making clear that the samples in Figure 1B are not purified protein but crude mitochondrial preparations. We have now indicated that in the main text and the figure legend. We have also indicated the bands that are most likely Mpc proteins, based on molecular weight, with arrows. The smears detected above the Mpc bands are possibly due to non-specific binding of the polyclonal hen antibodies.

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**Response:** We would like to thank the reviewer for the positive comments and for noting the misconception about MPCs being multimeric complexes. We think that our work is novel in terms of providing the precise stoichiometry, oligomeric state and functional unit of MPC.

Major comments:

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**Response:** We agree that a comparison between the two alternative MPC complexes is important. In our original manuscript we have mentioned the problems with the stability of the Mpc1/Mpc2 purified protein. As we had anticipated, the reconstitution of Mpc1/Mpc2 into liposomes was challenging mainly due to the low yield of the purified protein and its stability. However, by introducing modifications in the purification and reconstitution protocols we managed to measure pyruvate transport by the Mpc1/Mpc2 hetero-complex, shown now in Figure EV4, panel D. The low yield, concentration and stability of the purified Mpc1/Mpc2 (one order of magnitude less than Mpc1/Mpc3) was a limiting factor for the reconstitution procedures. Given the incredible difficulty in handling of this complex, it is not possible to carry out an extensive comparison.

2) Homodimers do not exhibit pyruvate transport. How can this be explained? Is it possible to turn such a homodimer by directed mutagenesis into a transporter of pyruvate?

**Response:** The reviewer raises an interesting question. Since pyruvate is an asymmetric substrate it is expected to bind to an asymmetric binding site, which can be provided by a hetero-dimer but not by a homo-dimer. Other transporters (i.e. some ABC transporters), are also known to function as obligate hetero-dimers. Since the binding site, dimerization interface, and conformational changes have not been defined for MPC to guide mutagenesis, it would be nearly impossible to experimentally convert the homo-dimers into active pyruvate transporters at this point.

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**Response:** We would like to thank the reviewer for the positive comments on our work. We have tested the suggested compounds for their ability to inhibit pyruvate transport by the yeast Mpc1/Mpc3 reconstituted in proteoliposomes. In addition to UK5099 and Zaprinast, we have now measured IC<sub>50</sub> values for lonidamine and 7ACC2 and we have incorporated IC<sub>50</sub> data for all compounds in Figure 3, panel E. We have also tested two different thiazolidinediones, pioglitazone and rosiglitazone, for their ability to inhibit pyruvate exchange. Even in high concentrations of 500

$\mu\text{M}$  pioglitazone had no effect on transport activity. At the same high concentration, however, rosiglitazone inhibited pyruvate transport to 52%. We could not test higher concentrations because beyond the 500  $\mu\text{M}$  these compounds were not soluble in our buffer system. As we have emphasized in the discussion section, the inhibitor co-ordination appears different between the yeast and mammalian MPC complexes and we cannot draw any conclusions for the ability of the TZDs to inhibit the human MPC.

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2nd Editorial Decision

7<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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### REFEREE REPORTS

Referee #2:

The authors have addressed my comments in writing and experimentally. I appreciate the difficulties of the purification of membrane proteins and that the authors undertook the effort to nevertheless try to characterize the Mpc1-Mpc2 heterodimer.

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