



### **Supplementary Figure 1 | Crystal packing of AdipoR1 (A208)**

**a**, Molecules A (green), B (cyan), and C (salmon) in the asymmetric unit. The Fv fragments are colored gray. The zinc ion is shown as an orange sphere. Molecules A (green) and B (cyan) are in the closed form, and molecule C (salmon) is in the open form. ICL3 of molecule A and helix 0 of molecule B interact with each other. **b**, **c**, Interactions of helices IV and V and ICL2 of molecule A with helix V of the symmetry-related molecule B, viewed parallel to the membrane (**b**) and on the extracellular side (**c**). The interacting residues are shown as sticks. The zinc ion is shown as an orange sphere. **d**–**f**, Lattice packing of the AdipoR1(A208) crystal. AdipoR1 molecules A, B, and C and Fv are colored green, cyan, salmon, and gray, respectively.



### **Supplementary Figure 2 | Coordination of the zinc ion in AdipoR1(A208)**

The Zn ion and the coordinating His residues in the crystal structure of AdipoR1(A208). Molecule A (**a**, green), molecule B (**b**, cyan), and molecule C (**c**, salmon) are viewed from the extracellular side. The zinc ion and a water molecule are shown as orange and red spheres, respectively. The three conserved His residues, His191, His337, and His341, are shown as stick models.



R1 255 WDRFATPKH 263 R2 266 WDMFATPQY 274 **d**

### **Supplementary Figure 3 | Comparison of the ICL2 conformations between the closed- and open-form structures of AdipoR1(A208) and/or AdipoR2(D219)**

**a**–**c**, The ICL2 conformations of molecule A (green, closed) and molecule C (salmon, open) of AdpoR1(A208) (**a**, **b**) and AdipoR2(D219) (yellow, closed) and molecule C (salmon, open) of AdpoR1(A208) (**c**), viewed from the intracellular side. Stick models are shown for Gln254, Lys262, and Arg264 of AdipoR1 in **a**, Arg257, Lys262, and His263 of AdipoR1 in **b** and **c**, and Met268, Gln273, and Tyr274 of AdipoR2 in **c**. **d**, The amino acid sequences of the ICL2 regions of AdipoR1 and AdipoR2. The different amino acids between AdipoR1 and AdipoR2 are colored red.



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## **Supplementary Figure 4 | Interactions of the C-terminal part of helix V with other helices in molecules A–C of AdipoR1(A208)**

Pro281, Thr282, His284, Phe285, and Thr286 (stick models) in the C-terminal part of helix V (cartoon) with the interacting residues (stick models) from helices III, IV, and/or VI (cartoons) are shown for molecule A (mol. A, green), molecule B (mol. B, cyan), and molecule C (mol. C, salmon). Direct interactions are indicated with dashed lines. Helices not interacting with the C-terminal part of helix V are omitted for clarity.



**Supplementary Figure 5 | Conformations of helix V in molecules A–C of AdipoR1(A208) a–c**, The main-chain C=O : H–N hydrogen bonding for the residues from Gly269 to Pro281 of helix V in molecule A (green, closed) (**a**), molecule B (cyan, closed) (**b**), and molecule C (salmon, open) (**c**). The main-chain oxygen atom of residue *i* and the main-chain nitrogen atom of residue *i*+4 are connected with a thick dashed line when the O–N distances are shorter than or equal to 3.5 Å, and with a thin dashed line for the others. **d**–**f**, Narrow winding of the turns from Gly273 to Val280 in the M2 region of helix V of molecules A (**d**), B (**e**), and C (**f**), which is relevant to the  $3_{10}$ -helical conformation supported by weak main-chain C=O : H–N hydrogen bonds, and results in the longer advance for Gly273–Val280 (11.4–12.5Å) than that of the standard helix (10.5 Å). **g**-**i**, Dislocation of the axes of the  $\alpha$ -helices in the M1 and CT regions by 2 Å due to the pliable M2 region, which is bent in the closed form (molecules A (**g**) and B (**h**) and straight in the open form (molecule C) (**i**).



# **Supplementary Figure 6 | Conformation of Leu272–T282 in helix V in the closed and open forms of AdipoR1(A208)**

Stick models of Leu272–T282 in molecules A (**a**–**d**), B (**e**–**h**), and C (**i**–**l**) of AdipoR1(A208), viewed parallel to  $(a, e, h)$  and along  $(b-d, f-h, j-l)$  the membrane. The  $3_{10}$ -helical conformation occurs in the M2 region (Gly273–Val280) of helix V, in which the central residues, Leu276, Ser277, and Gly278, assume the typical winding of a  $3_{10}$ -helix (three residues per turn) (c, g, k).



## **Supplementary Figure 7 | The simulated-annealing** *F***o–***F***c omit maps on helices IV and V and the ICL2s of AdipoR1(D208)**

The simulated-annealing *F*o–*F*c omit maps of AdipoR1(D208) on the assumptions of the dual conformations (**a**–**d**) and single (**e**–**h**) conformation (PDB IDs 6KS0 and 5LXG, respectively), contoured at 2.0 (**a**, **b**, **e**, **f**) and 2.5 σ(**c**, **d**, **g**, **h**), on residues 254–279 from the middle of helix V, through ICL2, to the middle of helix IV (salmon cartoon). The other parts of helices IV and V (residues 230–253 and 280–290, respectively) are also shown as gray cartoons. Regardless of the assumption (dual or single), two traces of the electron density were observed corresponding to residues 254–279, one in the closed form (**a**, **c**) and the other in the open form (**b**, **d**), with rough occupancies of 44% and 56%, respectively (PDB ID 6KS0).



**Supplementary Figure 8 | The simulated-annealing** *F***o–***F***c omit maps on helices IV and V and the ICL2s of AdipoR1(A208)**

The simulated-annealing *F*o–*F*c omit maps, contoured at 2.0 (**a**, **b**, **e**, **f**, **i**, **j**) and 2.5 σ (**c**, **d**, **g**, **h**, **k**, **l**), on residues 251–280 in the closed form (**a**, **c**, **e**, **g**, **i**, **k**) and the open form (**b**, **d**, **f**, **h**, **j**, **l**) for molecules A (**a**–**d**), B (**e**–**h**), and C (**i**–**l**) of AdipoR1 (A208) (PDB ID 6KRZ). Residues 254–279 spanning from the middle of helix V, through ICL2, to the middle of helix IV are shown as salmon cartoons, together with the remaining parts of helices IV and V (residues 230–253 and 280–290, respectively) as gray cartoons. The electron densities are observed predominantly on the closed form for molecules A and B (**a**, **c**, **e**, **g**) and on the open form for molecule C (**j**, **l**).



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# **Supplementary Figure 9 | The AdipoR1(D208) structure refined on the assumption of the single open-form conformation of the ICL2**

**a**, The *F*o–*F*c omit maps refined on the assumption of the single open-form conformation (PDB ID 5LXG) on residues 251–280 in the closed-form structure, refined on the assumption of the dual closed-open conformations (PDB ID 6KS0). The salmon cartoon of residues 254–279 (from the middle of helix IV, through ICL2, to the middle of helix V) is shown together with the gray cartoon of the remaining parts of helices IV and V (residues 230–253 and 280–290, respectively) in the closed form (PDB ID 6KS0), and the gray cartoon of residues 230–290 in the open form (PDB ID 5LXG). The  $F_0$ – $F_c$  map was prepared with autoBuster and contoured at 2.0  $\sigma$  for AdipoR1(D208) in the single open-form structure (PDB ID 5LXG), and electron densities were observed (blue mesh) corresponding to the dual conformational regions in the closed form. **b**, In the single open-form structure of AdipoR1(D208) (PDB ID 5LXG), nine water molecules and the side chain of Phe271 were modeled in some electron densities observed in **a**. In contrast, there are no such electron densities in our present structure of the open form (molecule C) of AdipoR1 (A208), as shown unambiguously in Fig. 1**l**. **c**, The Phe271 side chain in the single open-form structure (PDB ID 5LXG) (cyan) is rotated by about 135˚, as compared with those in the open-form structure of molecule C of AdipoR1(A208) (salmon), the open-form structure in the present dual closed-open structure of AdipoR1(D208) (green), and the closed-form structures of molecules A (orange) and B (purple) of AdipoR1(A208). Thus, part of the electron densities corresponding to the closed form was interpreted as this side chain in the single open-form structure (PDB ID 5LXG). **d**–**g**, The *F*o–*F*c maps with (**d**, **e**) and without (**f**, **g**) the nine water molecules, contoured at 2.0  $\sigma$ , were prepared for AdipoR1(D208) in the single open-form structure (PDB ID 5LXG) with autoBuster, and electron densities were observed (blue mesh). Thus, quite limited parts of the electron densities corresponding to the closed form could be interpreted as these water molecules in the single open-form structure (PDB ID 5LXG).



## **Supplementary Figure 10 | Mass spectrometric analyses of the free fatty acids in AdipoR1 (A208), AdipoR1(D208), and AdipoR2(D219)**

**a,** Mass spectrometric analyses of the free fatty acids in the samples of AdipoR1(A208) and AdipoR1(D208) prepared from HEK293F cells. Oleic acid (18:1 free fatty acid) was detected in both of the samples. **b,** Oleic acid was also detected in the samples of AdipoR1(D208) and AdipoR2(D219) prepared from High Five cells. The amounts of oleic acid are shown as the area ratios to 100 pmol 13C-labeled oleic acid standard per µg protein (or per 16.7 pmol protein). The values are presented as mean  $\pm$  S.D. ( $n = 2$ ) (**a**, **b**).



**Supplementary Figure 11 | Electron density maps of the lipids in AdipoR1(A208) and AdipoR2**

**a**, **b**, The 2*F*o–*F*c maps of two oleic acid molecules (OLA1 and OLA2) in molecule A (the closed form) of AdipoR1(A208), contoured at 1.0 σ with Phenix (**a**) and autoBUSTER (**b**). The part of OLA2 outside the major cavity is disordered (**a**, **b**). c, The 2*F*o–*F*c map of an oleic acid molecule (OLA) in AdipoR2(D219) in the closed form, contoured at 1.0 σ by Phenix. **d**, The simulated annealing (SA) *F*o–*F*c omit map of OLA1 and OLA2 in molecule A (the closed form) of AdipoR1 (A208), contoured at 2.5 σ with Phenix. **e**, The *F*o–*F*c omit map of OLA1 and OLA2 in molecule A (the closed form) of AdipoR1(A208), contoured at 2.5 σ with autoBUSTER. **f**, The SA *F*o–*F*c omit map of OLA in AdipoR2(D219) in the closed form, contoured at 2.5 σ with Phenix. In the AdipoR2(D219) structure reanalyzed by Vasiliauskaité-Brooks et al. (2017)<sup>13</sup> (PDB ID 5LWY), a monoolein molecule is modeled on the outer leaflet side in the major cavity, but the corresponding electron density is not observed in the present omit map. The electron densities of OLA1 were fully observed, whereas those of OLA2 were observed for half of the molecule within the major cavity and the remaining parts were disordered (**d**, **e**). Helices II and III are omitted for clarity.



# **Supplementary Figure 12 | Interactions of the oleic acid molecules with AdipoR1(A208) in the closed form**

**a**, The SA *F*o–*F*c omit map of the two oleic acid molecules, OLA1 and OLA2 (slate blue stick models with the oxygen atoms in red), in molecule A in the closed form (green cartoon with the zinc ion and the intervening water molecule in orange and red, respectively) of AdipoR1(A208), contoured at 2.5 σ with phenix.refine. Helices II and III are omitted here for clarity. **b**, The interactions of molecule A of AdipoR1 (A208) with OLA1, depicted in the same manner as in a, except for the side chains of the OLA1-interacting residues (yellow stick models). **c**, Close-up view of the interaction of the carboxyl group of OLA1 with the water molecule bound to the zinc ion coordinated with His191, His337, and His341 in molecule A of AdipoR1(A208), depicted in the same manner as in **b**. **d**, Close-up view of the interactions of the carboxyl group of OLA2 with Ser219, Tyr310, and His351 of AdipoR1(A208) in molecule A, depicted in the same manner as in b, except that the hydrogen bonding and electrostatic interactions are indicated with dashed lines and the interatomic distances. All six of the residues shown in **c** and **d** are conserved in the adiponectin receptors.



### **Supplementary Figure 13 | The closed-form structures of AdipoR1(A208)**

**a**, A model of an oleic acid molecule (OLA, slate blue stick model) built in the structure of molecule B of AdipoR1(A208), viewed parallel to the membrane. The zinc ion is shown as an orange sphere. **b**, The interactions of the modeled OLA with molecule B of AdipoR1(A208). The side chains of the OLA-interacting residues are shown as yellow sticks. Helices II and III are omitted for clarity. **c**, Superimposition of helices V, VI, and VII of molecules A and B of AdipoR1 (A208). The hydrocarbon chains of OLA1 (molecule A) and OLA (molecule B), shown as stick models, are distinct because of the different positions of Tyr310 between the two molecules of AdipoR1(A208).



# **Supplementary Table 1 | Hydrogen bond geometry in** a**-helices of AdipoR1/R2**





# **Supplementary Table 1 (continued)**







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### **Supplementary Table 1 | Hydrogen bonding geometries of helices in AdipoR1 and AdipoR2.**

The hydrogen bonding geometries of residue *i* with residue *i*+3 (left) and with residue *i*+4 (right) in helix V ( $\mathbf{a}-\mathbf{c}$ ) and helix III ( $\mathbf{d}-\mathbf{f}$ ) of molecules A ( $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{d}$ ), B ( $\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{e}$ ), and C ( $\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{f}$ ) of AdipoR1 (A208) (6KRZ) and in helix V in the closed form (**g**) and the open form (**h**) of AdipoR1 (D208), based on the present dual closed-open conformational assumption (6KS0), AdipoR1 (D208) on the single open-only conformational assumption (5XLG) (**i**), and AdipoR2 (D219) (6KS1). For helix V of AdipoR1, the NT, M1, M2, and CT regions are indicated.

O $\cdots$ N: the distances (Å) from the main-chain carbonyl oxygen atom of residue *i* to the main-chain nitrogen atom of residue  $i+3$  (left) or residue  $i+4$  (right). The O $\cdots$ N distances in the ranges of 2.6– 3.2 Å and 3.3–3.5 Å, highlighted in cyan and green, respectively, are required for strong and weak hydrogen bond formation, respectively, while those in the range of 3.6–5.3 Å, indicating no hydrogen bonds, are highlighted in gray. The only exceptional case of 6.8 Å (dark gray) in AdipoR1 (D208), based on the single open-only conformational assumption (5XLG), may indicate no helix formation.

 $C=O\cdots N$ : the angle ( $\circ$ ) formed by the main-chain carbonyl carbon and oxygen atoms of residue *i* and the main-chain nitrogen atom of residue  $i+3$  (left) or residue  $i+4$  (right). The C=O $\cdots$ N angles in the range of 90–180°, highlighted in cyan, are required for hydrogen bonding, while those outside of this range, indicating no hydrogen bond formation, are highlighted in gray.

 $O \cdot \cdot H - N$ : the angle ( $\circ$ ) formed by the main-chain carbonyl oxygen atom of residue *i* and the mainchain amide hydrogen and nitrogen atoms of residue *i*+3 (left) or residue *i*+4 (right), except for a Pro residue at position  $i+3$  or  $i+4$  (-). The O $\cdots$ H-N angles in the range of 130–180 $\degree$ , highlighted in cyan, are required for hydrogen bonding, while those outside of this range, indicating no hydrogen bond formation, are highlighted in gray.

H-Bond: If all three parameters, the O $\cdots$ N distance and the C=O $\cdots$ N and O $\cdots$ H-N angles, are in the ranges required for hydrogen bonding, as defined above, then the residue pairs  $(i, i+3)$  or  $(i, i+4)$  are concluded to form the main-chain  $C=O \cdots H-N$  hydrogen bond, and are highlighted in cyan (strong hydrogen bond) and light green (weak hydrogen bond).

The hydrogen bonding geometries of residue *i* with residue *i*+3 (left) and with residue *i*+4 (right) in helix V ( $\mathbf{a}-\mathbf{c}$ ) and helix III ( $\mathbf{d}-\mathbf{f}$ ) of molecules A ( $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{d}$ ), B ( $\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{e}$ ), and C ( $\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{f}$ ) of AdipoR1 (A208) (6KRZ) and in helix V in the closed form (**g**) and the open form (**h**) of AdipoR1 (D208), based on the present dual closed-open conformational assumption (6KS0), AdipoR1 (D208) on the single

open-only conformational assumption (5XLG) (**i**), and AdipoR2 (D219) (6KS1). For helix V of AdipoR1, the NT, M1, M2, and CT regions are indicated.

		mol.A		mol.B		mol.C	
		$\phi$ (°)	$\Psi$ (°)	$\phi$ (°)	$\Psi$ (°)	$\phi$ ( $\degree$ )	$\Psi$ (°)
273	G	$-63.4$	$-27.7$	$-60.9$	$-31.7$	$-65.6$	$-28$
274	L	$-66.4$	$-38.3$	$-62.2$	$-35.9$	$-72.3$	$-38.3$
275	G	$-76.2$	$-25.3$	$-74.4$	$-22.7$	$-72.7$	$-38.3$
276	L	$-64.2$	$-20.5$	$-73.2$	1.7	$-83$	8.7
277	S	$-64.6$	$-32.1$	$-65.7$	$-27.2$	$-82.8$	6.9
278	G	$-68.4$	$-3.3$	$-88.4$	7.8	$-110.1$	$-13.5$
279	V	$-71.1$	$-36.4$	$-72.8$	$-30.4$	$-71.6$	$-33.9$
280	$\rm V$	-66	$-52.1$	$-83.3$	$-44.9$	$-72.3$	$-49.3$
281	$\mathbf{P}$	$-65.8$	$-24$	$-60.3$	$-30.3$	$-68.5$	$-17.1$
$3_{10}$ helix		-49	$-26$				
$\alpha$ helix		-57	$-47$				

**Supplementary Table 2 | The (**f**,** y**) angles of helix V of AdipoR1 A208**

### **Supplementary Notes**

#### **Oleic acid molecules in the crystal structures of AdipoR1(A208)**

In this study, we performed mass spectrometric analyses<sup>1</sup> of the free fatty acids in the AdipoR1(A208) and AdipoR1(D208) samples used for crystallization in the present and previous studies, respectively (Supplementary Figure 10). In both samples, oleic acid was predominantly detected. The molar ratios of oleic acid to AdipoR1(A208) and AdipoR1(D208) are 0.15 and 0.28, respectively. Other free fatty acids were below the detection level.

 In the AdipoR1(A208) structure (PDB ID 6KRZ), among the long extra electron densities within the internal cavities of the three AdipoR1 molecules, those in molecule A are particularly strong (Supplementary Figures 11, 12a). According to our mass spectrometric analyses, the long extra electron densities in molecule A of AdipoR1(A208), designated hereafter as AdipoR1–6KRZ-A, were interpreted as oleic acid molecules (Fig. 1a). In more detail, two oleic acid molecules, OLA1 and OLA2, were modeled in the long extra electron densities on the inner and outer leaflet sides, respectively, of the closed-form cavity in AdipoR1–6KRZ-A (Supplementary Figure 12a, b). The carboxyl group of OLA1 is involved in a water-mediated interaction with the zinc ion (Supplementary Figure 12c). The hydrocarbon chain of OLA1 runs parallel to the transmembrane helices, and interacts with numerous amino-acid side chains, which are mostly hydrophobic, in helices II, III, V, VI, and VII (Supplementary Figure 12b, Table 2).

 Moreover, as for the extra electron density on the outer leaflet side of the major cavity, OLA2 could be modeled up to the tiny LB opening of the major cavity in AdipoR1–6KRZ-A, and the rest of the molecule was disordered outside the protein molecule. The carboxyl group of OLA2 is observed in the middle of the major cavity (Supplementary Figure 12b). Three hydrophilic residues, Ser219, Tyr310, and His351, which are conserved in the adiponectin receptors, surround the carboxyl group

(Supplementary Figure 12d). Presumably, the carboxyl group of OLA2 hydrogen bonds with the hydroxyl group of Tyr310 and electrostatically interacts with His351.

 On the other hand, the extra electron densities in molecule B were weaker than those in molecule A. Therefore, we did not include a lipid molecule in the structure of molecule B (AdipoR1–6KRZ-B). Nevertheless, the weak electron densities helped us to build docking models of the two oleic molecules, OLA1 and OLA2, in AdipoR1– 6KRZ-B (Supplementary Figure 13a, b), corresponding to those in molecule A of AdipoR1(A208). Intriguingly, Tyr310 assumes a slightly different conformation in molecule B from that in molecule A, and correspondingly, the distal half of the hydrocarbon chain, from the center to the end opposite the carboxyl group, runs on the other side of Tyr310 as compared to molecule A (Supplementary Figure 13c). Some poor extra electron densities exist in the major cavity of AdipoR1(D208), but we could not reliably model any lipid molecules because of the dual conformations.

#### **Oleic acid and/or monoolein molecules in the structures of AdipoR2(D219)**

We previously observed extra electron densities within the major cavity in our crystal structure of AdipoR2(D219) (PDB ID  $3$ WXW)<sup>2</sup>, which is designated hereafter as AdipoR2–3WXW. Subsequently, Vasiliauskaité-Brooks *et al.*<sup>3</sup> also observed extra electron densities in their AdipoR2(D219) crystals, and interpreted them as an oleic acid molecule, the major fatty acid in the insect cell membrane, and a monoolein molecule (designated as AdipoR2–5LX9). The oleic acid and monoolein molecules positionally correspond to OLA1 and OLA2, respectively, in the present structure of AdipoR1– 6KRZ-A. Furthermore, they reanalyzed our previous diffraction data set for AdipoR2–  $3$ WXW<sup>2</sup>, and reported similar oleic acid and monoolein structures in the major cavity<sup>3</sup> (AdipoR2–5LWY).

 In this study, we also confirmed that the predominant fatty acid in our AdipoR2(D219) sample is oleic acid (Supplementary Figure 10b), and therefore we reanalyzed our previous diffraction data set for AdipoR2–3WXW2, and revised the

AdipoR2 structure with PDB ID 6KS1 (AdipoR2–6KS1). Thus, an oleic acid molecule corresponding to OLA1 in AdipoR1–6KRZ-A was identified in AdipoR2–6KS1. However, in our electron density map of AdipoR2–6KS1, the electron density corresponding to OLA2 was much weaker than that of OLA1, and also weaker than that of OLA2 in AdipoR1–6KRZ-A (Supplementary Figure 11c). Therefore, we did not model any molecule in the position corresponding to OLA2.

As for the AdipoR2–5LX9 structure by Vasiliauskaité-Brooks *et al.*<sup>3</sup>, we do not support the model of a monoolein molecule in the electron density corresponding to OLA2, for the following reasons. The hydrophilic amino acid residues Ser219, Tyr310, and His351, which bind the carboxyl group of OLA2 in the major cavity of AdipoR1– 6KRZ-A, are conserved as Ser230, Tyr321, and His362 in AdipoR2. Therefore, we may postulate the same OLA2 binding mode for AdipoR2. In contrast, in AdipoR2–5LX9, the hydrophobic end of the modeled monoolein molecule faces the three hydrophilic residues. For the same reason, it is unreasonable to model a monoolein molecule in the putative OLA2-binding site in the AdipoR2–5LWY structure<sup>3</sup>, which was reanalyzed on the basis of our data set<sup>2</sup>. Moreover, the electron density is too weak to model any molecule, as described above, possibly because the LB aperture is larger in AdipoR2– 6KS1 than in AdipoR1–6KRZ-A.

 The OLA1-binding modes in AdipoR1–6KRZ-A, AdipoR2–5LWY, and AdipoR2– 6KS1 (Supplementary Figure 11) are the same: a water molecule intervenes between the carboxyl group of OLA1 and the zinc ion. In contrast, the intervening water molecule is missing and the carboxyl group of the oleic acid molecule is directly coordinated to the zinc ion in AdipoR2–5LX9. Therefore, we reanalyzed this diffraction data set, and confirmed that the water-mediated interaction between the carboxyl group of the oleic acid molecule and the zinc ion is also possible, while another oleic acid molecule (OLA2) can be modeled instead of the monooleic molecule described above (not shown).

#### **Discussion**

 The downstream signaling of AdipoR2 appears to depend on the putative hydrolytic activity, because the single Ala mutations of Asp219 and His348 from the putative catalytic site of AdipoR2 decreased the adiponectin-stimulated UCP2 expression in the  $PPAR-\alpha$  pathway signaling<sup>2</sup>. Therefore, the putative hydrolytic activity of AdipoR1 could still be involved in other signaling pathways besides the AMPK activation. The closed form of AdipoR1(A208) can only fully accommodate one oleic acid molecule (OLA1) within the major cavity, which has a few tiny openings. In contrast, in the open form, the apertures of the major cavity are much larger than those in the closed form. Considering that the putative hydrolysis substrates may have two hydrocarbon chains, the open-form major cavity may be able to accommodate such substrates. Furthermore, the opening of the major cavity toward the inner leaflet of the lipid bilayer (LB opening) in the open form is expected to be large enough for the substrate to enter the major cavity. Therefore, the putative hydrolysis catalyzed by AdipoR1, as well as that by AdipoR2, is performed in the open form, rather than in the closed form. After the hydrolysis, one of the putative products may be a free fatty acid. The oleic acid (OLA1) in the closed form of AdipoR1/AdipoR2 is positioned with its carboxyl group in the proximity of the zinc ion, indicating that the structures are relevant to the binding mode of the putative product or oleic acid.

 On the other hand, in the present study, we found that the second oleic acid molecule (OLA2) is bound with its carboxyl group interacting with the conserved hydrophilic residues in the middle of the major cavity of AdipoR1(A208) (Supplementary Figure 12b, d). Here, nearly half of the hydrocarbon chain of OLA2 has passed through the LB opening of the major cavity. Interestingly, the two OLA molecules in the first and second sites are bound with their carboxyl groups closer to the cytoplasm than the hydrocarbon chains. This orientation suggests that the oleic acid molecule bound in the OLA1 site can move to the OLA2 site, with nearly half of its hydrocarbon chain protruding through the LB opening of the major cavity. We further speculate that OLA2 can leave the major cavity by passing through the LB opening, when the LB opening is sufficiently enlarged for the sake of the conformational flexibility of the Gly-rich M2 region of helix V, as in the structure of molecule B of AdipoR1(A208) (Fig. 1). Correspondingly, the electron densities corresponding to OLA1 and OLA2 are weaker in molecule B than in molecule A. In contrast, the opposite movement; *i.e.*, entering the major cavity through the LB opening, is quite unlikely for the negatively-charged carboxyl group of oleic acid. Thus, the present structure of molecule A with two oleic acids may provide a working hypothesis for understanding how the product fatty acid exits the catalytic, major cavity.

 As for the substrate specificity of the putative hydrolytic activities of the adiponectin receptors, it was recently reported that AdipoR2 possesses ceramidase activity, with *K*<sup>m</sup> and  $k_{\text{cat}}$  values of 15.6 µM and  $0.49 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$ <sup>3</sup>. In contrast, Wang *et al.* previously reported that the adiponectin-dependent ceramidase activity is ascribed, not to the adiponectin receptor 1 (AdipoR1) itself, but to another single transmembrane protein, neutral ceramidase (nCDase), in the downstream reaction<sup>4</sup>. Furthermore, AdipoR1 and nCDase reportedly form a signaling complex together with caveolin-1  $(Cav1)^4$ . The  $K<sub>m</sub>$ and  $k_{\text{cat}}$  values of nCDase were 33.41  $\mu$ M and 1.032 sec<sup>-1</sup>, as reported by Airola *et al.*<sup>5</sup>, representing a nearly 1,000-fold faster reaction than the above-mentioned ceramidase activity of AdipoR2. Thus, the possibility that the adiponectin receptors also have another lipid hydrolase activity cannot be excluded<sup>6</sup>. Therefore, the present structures and the oleic acid-binding modes of the adiponectin receptors in the closed and/or open forms provide important information for future studies on the catalytic activities of the adiponectin receptors.

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