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SUMMARY

Two novel G-protein α -subunits, which are referred to as $G_{L1\alpha}$ and $G_{L2\alpha}$, have been identified by isolating bovine liver cDNA clones that cross-hybridized at reduced stringency with bovine G_{i1} α -subunit cDNA. The deduced amino acid sequences of $G_{L1\alpha}$ and $G_{L2\alpha}$ share 83% identity with each other. $G_{L1\alpha}$ and $G_{L2\alpha}$ show 82-98% amino acid identity with $G_{q\alpha}$ and $G_{\alpha 11}$, which have recently been cloned from a mouse brain cDNA library and shown to activate phospholipase C. The high value of amino acid identity (98%) between $G_{L2\alpha}$ and $G_{\alpha 11}$ suggests that $G_{L2\alpha}$ corresponds to the bovine version of $G_{\alpha 11}$. $G_{L1\alpha}$ and $G_{L2\alpha}$ show 45-59% amino acid identity with other known G-protein α -subunits. $G_{L1\alpha}$ and $G_{L2\alpha}$, as well as $G_{q\alpha}$, lack a consensus site for ADP-ribosylation by pertussis toxin. These G-protein α -subunits appear to form a new subfamily of G-protein that is involved in pertussis toxin-insensitive signal transduction systems.

Messenger RNA corresponding to $G_{L2\alpha}$ was detected in bovine cerebral cortex, liver, atrium, lung, and kidney but $G_{L1\alpha}$ mRNA was detected only in liver, lung, and kidney. Antiserum prepared against a synthetic pentadecapeptide corresponding to the deduced carboxyl terminus of $G_{L2\alpha}$ specifically reacted with a 40-kDa protein in mouse liver, brain, lung, heart, kidney, and spleen. The amount of the 40-kDa protein was highest in brain and lung.

INTRODUCTION

A family of heterotrimeric guanine nucleotide-binding regulatory proteins (G-proteins) is essential for mediating signal transduction between cell surface receptors and intracellular effectors such as adenylate cyclase, phospholipase C (PLC), phospholipase A2, cyclic GMP phosphodiesterase, and ion channels (for review Gilman, 1987; Neer and Clapham, 1988; Ross, 1989; Birnbaumer et al., 1990; Kaziro et al., 1991; Simon et al., 1991).

G-proteins are composed of three subunits termed α , β , and γ . The α -subunit has a guanine nucleotide binding site and intrinsic GTPase activity. β and γ subunits associate with each other under biological conditions. Fig. 1 shows the basic mechanism of the G-protein mediated receptor-effector coupling. In the inactive state, the GDP-bound G-protein α -subunit forms a heterotrimer with the $\beta\gamma$ -subunits. Agonist-occupied receptor interacts with the $\alpha\beta\gamma$ complex. This interaction stimulates the release of GDP from the α -subunit and subsequent binding of GTP. The binding induces the dissociation of the α -subunit from the $\beta\gamma$ subunits. The dissociated subunits then interact with effectors. The bound GTP is hydrolyzed to GDP by the intrinsic GTPase activity of the α -subunit. This hydrolysis leads to the association of GDP-bound α -subunit with $\beta\gamma$ -subunits, a return of the G-protein to an inactivate state.

Prior to my studies on two cDNA clones encoding $G_{L1\alpha}$ and $G_{L2\alpha}$ (Nakamura et al., 1991), nine mammalian α -subunit cDNA clones had been reported: $G_{S\alpha}$ (Nukada et al., 1986a), $G_{O1f\alpha}$ (Jones and Reed, 1989), $G_{i1\alpha}$ (Nukada et al., 1986b), $G_{i2\alpha}$

(Itoh et al., 1986), G_{i3}α (Didsbury et al., 1987), G_oα (Van Meurs et al., 1987), G_{trod}α (Tanabe et al., 1985), G_{tcone}α (Lochrie et al., 1985), and G_zα [Fong et al., 1988; also referred to as G_xα (Matsuoka et al., 1988)]. Four different kinds of G_sα and two kinds of G_oα proteins are generated from a single gene by alternative splicing (Kozasa et al., 1988; Hsu et al., 1990). Distinct β-subunits, called β₁, β₂, and β₃, also exist (Sugimoto et al., 1985; Fong et al., 1987; Levine et al., 1990). At least three cDNAs encoding distinct γ-subunits have also been identified (Hurley et al., 1984; Gautam et al., 1989; Gautam et al., 1990).

Functions of some G-proteins are affected by the ADP-ribosylation catalyzed by cholera and pertussis toxins. The α-subunits of G_s and G_{olf}, both of which stimulate adenylyl cyclase, are modified by cholera toxin and constitutively activate adenylyl cyclase (Cassel and Selinger, 1977; Jones et al., 1990a). Adenylyl cyclase-inhibiting G-protein, G_i, is modified and uncoupled from cell surface receptors by pertussis toxin (Bokoch et al., 1983). Three subtypes of G_i α-subunits, G_{i1}α, G_{i2}α, and G_{i3}α, have been identified by cDNA cloning and each has been demonstrated to be ADP-ribosylated by pertussis toxin (Linder et al., 1990). However, the precise function of each G_iα subtype has not yet been determined. Two variants of G_oα, which are also modified by pertussis toxin (Sternweis and Robishaw, 1984; Hsu et al., 1990), are involved in the inhibition of L-type Ca²⁺ channel in GH3 cell lines (Kleuss et al., 1991). The α-subunit of transducin (G_{trod}), which activates cyclic GMP phosphodiesterase, is modified by both toxins (Van Dop et al.,

1984; West et al., 1985) and its GTPase activity is inhibited (Watkins et al., 1984). By contrast, the G_z α -subunit, which lacks a consensus site for ADP-ribosylation by pertussis toxin, has been shown not to be a substrate for ADP-ribosylation catalyzed by either pertussis toxin or cholera toxin (Casey et al., 1990). The function of G_z has not yet been determined.

The sensitivity toward pertussis toxin of G-protein involved in PLC activation differs among tissues and cell lines. In neutrophils and HL-60 cell lines, pertussis toxin completely blocks the activation of PLC by N-formyl-methionyl-leucyl-phenylalanine (Gierschik et al., 1989). Likewise, brain G_o, which is sensitive to pertussis toxin, has been shown to activate PLC in *Xenopus* oocytes. (Moriarty et al., 1990). On the other hand, vasopressin receptors in liver (Uhing et al., 1986) and muscarinic acetylcholine receptors in brain (Chiu et al., 1988) are thought to stimulate PLC via pertussis toxin-insensitive G-proteins.

Since activation of PLC in liver has been shown to be mediated by G-protein in pertussis toxin-insensitive manner, a bovine liver cDNA library was constructed and two novel clones encoding G-protein α -subunits that lack the ADP-ribosylation sites for the toxin were isolated (Nakamura et al., 1991). Here I will discuss the details of their properties and functions.

Independent of this investigation, two additional cDNA clones encoding G_q α and G₁₁ have recently been reported (Strathmann and Simon, 1990). These G α proteins are thought to be identical to the liver (Taylor et al, 1990) and brain

(Pang and Sternweis, 1990) 42-kDa α -subunits that activate PLC (Smrcka et al., 1991; Taylor et al., 1991). In addition, three cDNA clones encoding G α 12, G α 13 (Strathmann and Simon, 1991) and G α 16 (Amatruda et al., 1991) have also recently been reported.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Materials- The cDNA Synthesis System and cDNA Cloning System λ gt10 were obtained from Bethesda Research Laboratories (BRL) and Amersham, respectively. Sequenase[®] DNA Sequencing Kits were purchased from United States Biochemical Corporation (USBC), Kilo-Sequence Deletion Kits from Takara, Oligolabelling Kits from Pharmacia and the 0.24-9.5 Kb RNA Ladder from BRL.

cDNA Cloning- The cDNA library was constructed using the cDNA Synthesis System and the cDNA Cloning System λ gt10. The first cDNA strand was synthesized by random-primed reverse transcription of poly(A)⁺-enriched bovine liver RNA. The synthesis of the first and second strands, ligation of EcoRI linker to the cDNA and cloning of the cDNA into the unique EcoRI site of λ gt10 was performed according to the procedures described by the vendors. The cDNA libraries were screened by the plaque-hybridization method (Benton and Davis, 1977). Hybridization was performed at 37°C overnight in solutions described by Jones and Reed (Jones and Reed, 1987) except that 50% (vol/vol) or 30% formamide was included under a high- or low-stringency condition, respectively. The EcoRI(-71)/AvaII(1181) fragment excised from clone pG α 28 (Nukada et al., 1986) encoding G β 1 α subunit and the -560-base-pair (bp) EcoRI/EcoRI fragment from clone pGL28 (see below) were labelled using the Oligolabelling Kit with [α -³²P]dCTP as probes (specific activity, 1×10^8 cpm/ μ g DNA). Filters were rinsed at room temperature in 6 x SSC (1 x SSC = 0.15M NaCl,

15mM sodium citrate), 0.1% sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS) and washed at 37°C in 2 x SSC, 0.1% SDS or 0.3 x SSC, 0.1% SDS.

cDNA Sequencing. The *EcoRI/EcoRI* inserts of clones pGL28, pGL2, pGL3, pGL4, pGL5, and pGL7 were subcloned in pUC18. The *EcoRI*(-581)/*HindIII*(919) and *HindIII*(919)/*SmaI*(1091) fragments of clone pGL1 were subcloned in the *EcoRI/SmaI* site of pBLUESCRIPT SK(+) (STRATAGENE), since clone pGL1 contained an *EcoRI* site in the deduced amino acid coding region of G_{L1}α (Fig. 1A). Restriction fragments were subcloned in pUC119 and sequenced using the Sequenase® DNA Sequencing Kit. Alternatively, deleted fragments of the DNA insert by Exonuclease III and Mung Bean nuclease using the Kilo-Sequence Deletion Kit were sequenced.

Isolation of RNA and RNA Blot Hybridization Analysis-

Total RNA was extracted from bovine cerebral cortex, liver, atrium, lung, and kidney as in (Chirgwin et al., 1979), and liver poly(A)⁺ RNA for cDNA library construction was isolated as described in (Aviv and Leder, 1972). RNA blot hybridization analysis was performed by the procedures described in (Thomas, 1980; Nukada et al., 1987); the amount of total RNA used was 20µg. The hybridization probes (specific activities, 1 x 10⁹ cpm/µg DNA) were the *SmaI*(-137)/*SmaI*(1091) fragment excised from clone pGL1 (Fig. 1A) and the *PvuII*(66)/*PstI*(1031) fragment from clone pGL7 (Fig. 1B), and labelled by the Oligolabelling Kit with [α-³²P]dCTP. The size markers used were the 0.24-9.5 Kb RNA Ladder.

Immunoblot Analysis- The pentadecapeptide (Lys-Asp-Thr-Ile-Leu-Gln-Leu-Asn-Leu-Lys-Glu-Tyr-Asn-Leu-Val) corresponding to a deduced amino acid sequence found in G_L2 α (amino acid residues 339-353 in Fig. 4) was synthesized using an Applied Biosystems 430A automated peptide synthesizer. The pentadecapeptide (5 mg) was conjugated to 5 mg of keyhole limpet hemocyanin using 0.1% (vol/vol) glutaraldehyde according to the procedures described in (Goldsmith et al., 1987). Immunization of rabbits with the coupled peptide and generation of antiserum AGL2 was performed as reported (Goldsmith et al., 1987). Immunoblot analysis was carried out as described in (Goldsmith et al., 1987; Harris et al., 1985), except that homogenates of mouse brain, liver, heart, lung, kidney, and spleen were used and the antiserum AGL2 incubated for 2 h at room temperature in the presence or absence of 0.2 mg/ml of the pentadecapeptide.

RESULTS

Isolation of cDNA Clones - Initially a bovine liver cDNA library ($\sim 4 \times 10^5$ primary recombinants) was screened at low stringency with a cDNA probe excised from clone pGa28 (Nukada et al., 1986b) encoding G_{i1} α -subunit (G_{i1} α). About 30 positive clones were detected. Partial nucleotide sequence analysis revealed that clone pGL28 isolated from these clones encoded a novel G-protein α -subunit (which is designated as G_{L1} α : the L in G_L α refers to liver). Clone pGL28 cDNA was then hybridized at high stringency to about 4×10^5 plaques from the same cDNA library, and 7 positive clones were detected. Subsequent analysis indicated that two (clones pGL1 and pGL4) of these positive clones encoded G_{L1} α and four (clones pGL2, pGL3, pGL5, and pGL7) encoded another novel G-protein α -subunit (which is referred to as G_{L2} α). Two clones (clones pGL1 and pGL7) containing the entire coding regions were analyzed further by nucleotide sequencing of both strands of the cDNA inserts (Fig. 2).

Deduced Amino Acid Sequences of G_{L1} α and G_{L2} α - Fig. 3 shows the 1671-nucleotide sequence of the cDNA insert of clone pGL1. Translation of the G_{L1} α cDNA sequence in one open reading frame predicted a 355-residue protein sequence ($M_r = 41496$) that showed 54% amino acid sequence identity with G_{i1} α , G_{i2} α , and G_{i3} α (Nukada et al., 1986b; Itoh et al., 1986; Didsbury et al., 1987); 54-53% identity with G_o α (Van Meurs et al., 1987) and G_{o2} α (Hue et al., 1990); 54-52% identity with G_{trod} α (Tanabe et al., 1985) and G_{tcone} α (Lochrie et al., 1985); 52% identity with G₂ α (Fong et al., 1988); 51-45% identity with G_s α (Nukada et al., 1986a) and G_{olf} α (Jones and

Reed, 1989); 82% identity with G_qα and G_{α11} (Strathmann and Simon, 1990); 46-49% identity with G_{α12} and G_{α13} (Strathmann and Simon, 1991); and 57% identity with G_{α16} (Amatruda et al., 1991). By analogy with the homologous G_α proteins, the initiation codon was assumed to be the ATG at nucleotide position 1-3. This assignment is supported by the fact that the nucleotide sequence surrounding this ATG triplet agrees with the favoured sequence that flanks functional initiation codons in eukaryotic mRNAs (Kozak, 1984; Kozak, 1987). The DNA sequence 5' to the coding region includes no nonsense codons nor ATG triplets in frame, however. Thus, the possibility that the initiating methionine is located upstream of the 5'-end of the cDNA insert of clone pGL1 cannot be excluded.

Fig. 4 shows the 1391-nucleotide sequence of the cDNA insert of clone pGL7. Translation of the cDNA sequence in one open reading frame gave a protein sequence (referred to as G_{L2}α) which is homologous to G_α proteins including G_{L1}α. There were three possible initiation sites (ATG triplets at nucleotide positions -18 to -16, -3 to -1, and 1 to 3) in the downstream of a nonsense codon (TAG at position -225 to -223) found in frame. The initiation site was tentatively assigned to the third methionine by homology to other G_α proteins and the most favorable nucleotide sequence with Kozak's eukaryotic initiation translational consensus sequence (Kozak, 1984; Kozak, 1987).

The G_{L2}α, thus, consists of 353 amino acid residues ($M_r = 41375$) and shows 83% amino acid sequence identity with G_{L1}α; 55-54% identity with G₁α, G₂α, and G₃α; 51-52% identity

with G₀ α and G₀2 α ; 53% identity with G_{trod} α and G_{tcone} α ; 49% identity with G₂ α ; 48-46% sequence identity with G_S α and G_{01f} α ; 89% identity with identity G_q α ; 98% with G₁₁; 46-49% identity with G₁₂ and G₁₃; and 59% identity with G₁₆.

Protein Homologies - A comparison of the amino acid sequences of bovine G_{L1} α and G_{L2} α with those of other G α proteins (mouse G₁₁, G_q α , human G₁₆, bovine G_S α , rat G_{01f} α , bovine G₁₁ α , rat G₁₂ α , rat G₁₃ α , bovine G₀ α , hamster G₀₂ α , bovine G_{trod} α , G_{tcone} α , rat G₂ α , mouse G₁₂, and G₁₃) is shown in Fig. 5. Three highly conserved regions (segments I, II and III) exhibit sequence homology with elongation factor-Tu and *ras* p21 proteins and correspond to functional regions for guanine nucleotide binding (1a Cour et al., 1985; Jurnak, 1985; McCormick et al., 1985; de Vos et al., 1988; Pai et al., 1989; Milburn et al., 1990; Schlichting et al., 1990). Another highly conserved region (segment IV) of G-protein α -subunits shows no sequence homology with elongation factor-Tu nor *ras* p21 proteins. This region may be involved in unique functions of G α proteins, such as interactions with cell surface receptors, G-protein $\beta\gamma$ -subunits and different intracellular effector systems. Amino acid sequence differences that are unique to G_{L1} α and G_{L2} α are scattered throughout the sequence, and some of these changes are also found within stretches of highly conserved amino acid sequence of the other G α . The dispersed distribution of the amino acid sequence differences observed in G_{L1} α , G_{L2} α , and the other G α suggest that G_{L1} α and G_{L2} α are not derived by differential splicing from a known G α gene.

Fig. 6 shows the phylogenetic trees of mammalian G-protein α -subunits calculated by progressive sequence alignment method (Feng and Doolittle, 1987). The α -subunits can be grouped into five subfamilies: i) G_S subfamily, G_S and G_{O1f} ; ii) G_i subfamily, G_{i1-3} , G_O (G_{O1}), G_{O2} , G_{trod} , G_{tcone} , and G_Z ; iii) GL subfamily, $G_{L1\alpha}$, $G_{L2\alpha}$, $G_{q\alpha}$, and $G_{\alpha 11}$; iv) $G_{\alpha 12}$ and $G_{\alpha 13}$; and v) $G_{\alpha 15}$.

RNA Blot Hybridization Analysis - In order to analyze the tissue distribution of $G_{L1\alpha}$ and $G_{L2\alpha}$ mRNAs, total RNA from bovine cerebral cortex, liver, atrium, lung, and kidney were examined for the species hybridizing with bovine $G_{L1\alpha}$ and $G_{L2\alpha}$ cDNA probes (Fig. 7). A RNA species of ~3.7-kb nucleotides that hybridized with the $G_{L2\alpha}$ cDNA probe was observed in all tissues examined (Fig 7B). On the other hand, low levels of $G_{L1\alpha}$ mRNA were detected in liver, lung, and kidney (Fig. 7A). In each case, two mRNA species of ~3.9-kb and ~2.4-kb were observed. The highest levels of $G_{L1\alpha}$ mRNAs were detected in kidney.

Immunoblot Analysis - A pentadecapeptide, Lys-Asp-Thr-Ile-Leu-Gln-Leu-Asn-Leu-Lys-Glu-Tyr-Asn-Leu-Val, corresponding to the deduced carboxyl terminal amino acid sequence of $G_{L2\alpha}$, was synthesized (Fig. 4). Antiserum, AGL2, was then raised against the $G_{L2\alpha}$ -pentadecapeptide coupled to keyhole limpet hemocyanin. Immunoblotting analysis with homogenates of mouse spleen, kidney, lung, liver, brain, and heart was performed to determine the tissue distribution of the $G_{L2\alpha}$ proteins. The antiserum, AGL2, reacted with several polypeptides in most tissues tested (Fig. 8A). The reactivity of AGL2 with a 40-kDa polypeptide was inhibited by the co-incubation of AGL2

with the G_{L2}α-pentadecapeptide in all tissues examined, however (Fig. 8B). This result indicates that an immunoreactive polypeptide of 40-kDa was recognized specifically by the antiserum against the synthetic peptide. The 40-kDa polypeptide was detected in all tissues examined, but was most predominant in brain and lung. The antiserum AGL2 did not cross-react specifically with G₁α and G₀α proteins purified from porcine brain (data not shown). The 40-kDa polypeptide was observed in all tissues where the G_{L2}α mRNA was expressed.

DISCUSSION

Two novel G α proteins, G $_{L1}\alpha$ and G $_{L2}\alpha$ have been identified on the basis of their unique primary structures, the sizes and patterns of their expressed mRNAs and proteins. G $_{L1}\alpha$ and G $_{L2}\alpha$ show 45-59% amino acid identity with other known G α proteins except G $_{q}\alpha$ and G α_{11} . Amino acid identity among G $_{L1}\alpha$, G $_{L2}\alpha$, G $_{q}\alpha$, and G α_{11} is 82-98%, suggesting that these G α proteins form a separate subfamily of G-protein α -subunits. Comparable values of the identity are observed among the G $_i$ -like α -subunits (Nukada et al., 1986b; Itoh et al., 1986; Didsbury et al., 1987), and between G $_{Trod}\alpha$ and G $_{Tcone}\alpha$ (Tanabe et al., 1985; Lochrie et al., 1985). The 98% identity between G $_{L2}\alpha$ and G α_{11} suggests that G $_{L2}\alpha$ corresponds to the bovine version of G α_{11} , since more than 98% identity of amino acid sequences is observed among different mammalian species of G $_{i2}\alpha$, G $_{i3}\alpha$, G $_{o}\alpha$, and G $_{2}\alpha$ (Kaziro et al., 1991).

The cysteine residue in the fourth position from the carboxyl terminus has been identified as the ADP-ribosylation site by pertussis toxin in G $_{Trod}\alpha$ (West et al., 1985) and is a feature common to all G-protein α -subunits susceptible to modification by the toxin. G $_{L1}\alpha$ and G $_{L2}\alpha$ lack this cysteine residue as do G $_{s}\alpha$, G $_{z}\alpha$, and G $_{q}\alpha$, which are known not to be ADP-ribosylated by the toxin (Bokoch et al., 1983; Casey et al., 1990; Pang and Sternweis, 1990). This suggests that these two G α proteins can not be ADP-ribosylated by pertussis toxin.

It is not known whether G $_{L1}\alpha$ and G $_{L2}\alpha$ are susceptible to ADP-ribosylation by cholera toxin. Although the arginine residue that has been identified as the site of modification

by cholera toxin in $G_{trod\alpha}$ (Van Dop et al., 1984) is conserved in $G_{L1\alpha}$ and $G_{L2\alpha}$, the ability of these proteins to be ADP-ribosylated by this toxin may be compromised due to differences in the amino acid sequences adjacent to analogous arginine (Arg¹⁷⁹ and Arg¹⁷⁷, respectively) in $G_{L1\alpha}$ and $G_{L2\alpha}$.

Recently, $G_{1\alpha}$, $G_{0\alpha}$, and $G_{2\alpha}$ have been shown to be modified by amide-linked myristoylation (Schultz et al, 1987; Buss et al., 1987; Jones et al., 1990b; Mumby et al., 1990). Published analyses of the location of amide-linked myristate in proteins have thus far revealed acylation of the amino terminal glycine of each protein (Schultz et al., 1988). Replacement of the second glycine from amino terminus with alanine by site-directed mutagenesis in $G_{1\alpha}$ and $G_{0\alpha}$ abolishes the myristoylation and changes the localization of these proteins from the cell membrane to the cytosol (Jones et al., 1990b; Mumby et al., 1990). $G_{L2\alpha}$ lacks the amino terminal glycine and $G_{L1\alpha}$ contains glycine not at position 2 but at position 3 (Fig. 5). This suggests that amino terminal myristoylation does not occur in $G_{L2\alpha}$ and may not occur in $G_{L1\alpha}$.

RNA blot hybridization analysis indicated that the -3.9-Kb and -2.4-Kb $G_{L1\alpha}$ mRNAs are expressed in low level in liver, lung and kidney. These two transcripts may result from alternative splicing or the selection of alternative polyadenylation or transcriptional initiation sites. The possibility that the transcripts are derived from distinct but highly conserved genes can not be excluded, however. On the other hand, $G_{L2\alpha}$ gene is expressed in high level in a wide range of tissues.

Antiserum raised against a synthetic pentadecapeptide corresponding to the carboxyl terminus of $G_{L2}\alpha$ specifically cross-reacted only with a 40-kDa protein in mouse homogenates of spleen, kidney, lung, liver, brain, and heart (Fig. 8). The molecular size observed by immunoblot analysis, 40-kDa, also correlates with the size predicted from the cDNA sequence of $G_{L2}\alpha$. However, the amino acid sequence of the synthesized peptide is identical to the carboxyl terminal amino acid sequence of $G_{L1}\alpha$ at 13 of the 15 residues and to that of $G_{Q}\alpha$ at 15 of the 15 residues (Fig. 5). Thus, this antiserum reacts with both $G_{L2}\alpha$ and $G_{Q}\alpha$, and may also cross-react with $G_{L1}\alpha$.

Recently, a 42-kDa $G\alpha$ protein purified from rat brain (Pang and Sternweis, 1990) has been demonstrated to activate bovine brain PLC (Smrcka et al, 1991). Peptide sequence analysis has revealed that the 42-kDa protein is a mixture of $G_{Q}\alpha$ and $G_{L2}\alpha$ ($G_{\alpha 11}$) as major and minor components, respectively. A G-protein α -subunit, GPA-42, purified from bovine liver (Taylor et al., 1990), from which $G_{L1}\alpha$ and $G_{L2}\alpha$ cDNAs were cloned, also activates brain PLC $\beta 1$ isozyme (Taylor et al., 1991). Antisera against two synthetic peptides corresponding to the partial sequences of $G_{Q}\alpha$ (A and B in Fig. 5) have been demonstrated to cross-react with GPA-42 (Taylor et al., 1991). The antiserum against B fragment has the possibility to cross-react with $G_{L2}\alpha$, since the sequence of B fragment is identical to the corresponding region of $G_{L2}\alpha$ at 15 of the 18 residues. These data suggest that GPA-42 may contain $G_{L2}\alpha$ as well as $G_{Q}\alpha$. Neither GPA-42 nor the 42-kDa $G\alpha$ protein have been shown to be ADP-ribosylated by pertussis

toxin. Furthermore, antiserum against a synthetic peptide corresponding to the carboxyl termini of $G_q\alpha$ and $G_{L2}\alpha$ attenuates the PLC activation stimulated by vasopressin receptor in rat liver membranes (Gutowski et al., 1991).

Thus, it is possible that $G_{L2}\alpha$ as well as $G_q\alpha$ mediates the receptor-induced activation of PLC in pertussis toxin-insensitive manner. Since $G_{L1}\alpha$ lacks the pertussis toxin ADP-ribosylation site, it might be also involved in pertussis toxin-insensitive signal transduction systems. It remains to be determined if there are functional differences among $G_q\alpha$, $G_{L1}\alpha$, and $G_{L2}\alpha$ with regards to the specificity for receptors and effectors.

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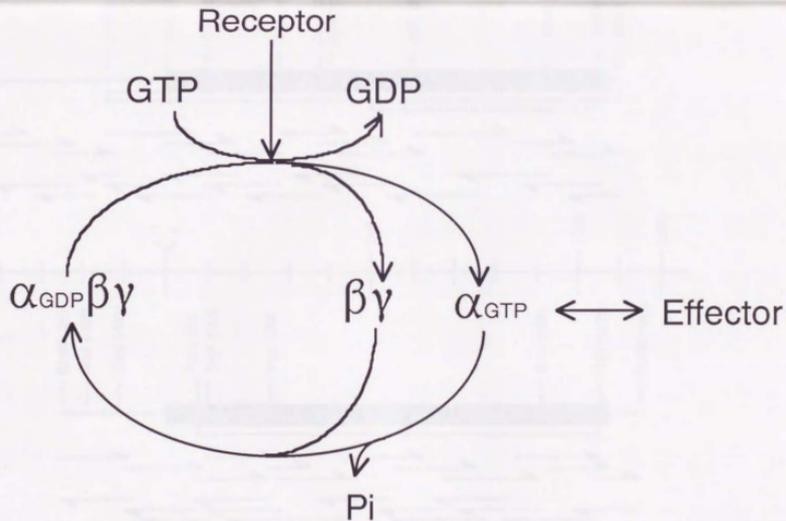


Fig. 1 The functional role of G-proteins in signal transduction. $\alpha_{\text{GDP}}\beta\gamma$ represents the heterotrimer complex containing the α -subunit with bound GDP and the $\beta\gamma$ -subunits. α_{GTP} is the α -subunit containing bound GTP. See text in details.

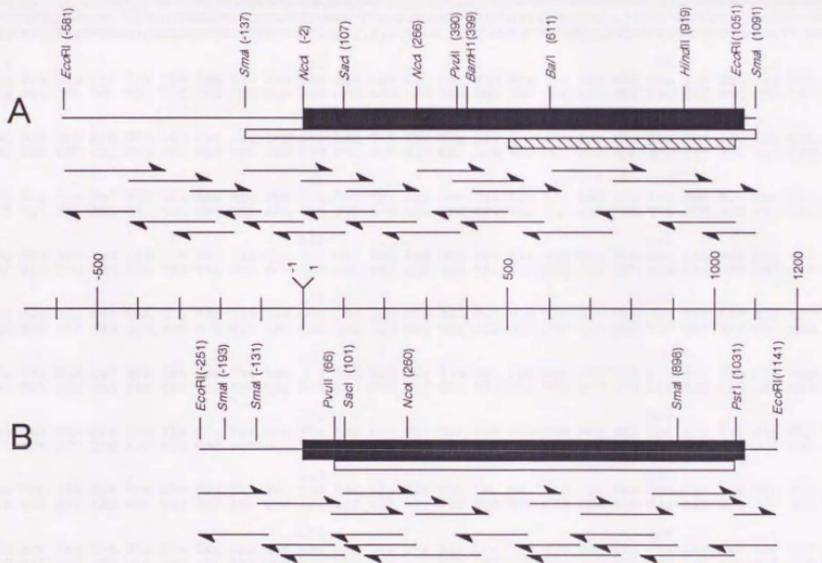


Fig. 2. Strategy for sequencing cloned cDNAs encoding GL1 and GL2 α -subunits.

The restriction maps show only the relevant restriction sites, identified by numbers indicating the 5'-terminal nucleotide generated by cleavage (for the nucleotide numbers, see Fig. 3 and Fig. 4). The protein-coding regions for GL1 (A) and GL2 (B) α -subunits are indicated by closed boxes, the sequences used as hybridization probes for RNA blot hybridization analysis by open boxes and the corresponding sequence (excised from pGL28) used as a hybridization probe for selecting clones by a hatched box. The direction and extent of sequence determinations are shown by horizontal arrows under each clone.

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Fig. 3. Nucleotide sequence of the cDNA encoding the G_{L1} α -subunit.

Legends to Fig. 3. and Fig. 4.

Fig. 3. Nucleotide sequence of the cDNA encoding the G_{L1} α -subunit.

Nucleotide residues are numbered in the 5' to 3' direction, beginning with the first residue of the ATG triplet encoding the initiating methionine, and the nucleotides on the 5'-side of residue 1 are indicated by negative numbers; the number of the nucleotide residue at the right-hand end of each line is given. The deduced amino acid sequence of the G_{L1} α -subunit is shown above the nucleotide sequence, and amino acid residues are numbered beginning with the initiation methionine. The 5'- and 3'-terminal sequences presented do not extend to the 5'- and 3'-end of the mRNA, respectively.

Fig. 4. Nucleotide sequence of the cDNA encoding the G_{L2} α -subunit.

See legend to Fig. 3. The 5'- and 3'-terminal sequences presented do not extend to the 5'- and 3'-end of the mRNA, respectively. There are three ATG triplets encoding the possible initiating methionine, and the amino acid residues in parentheses indicated by negative numbers show the deduced amino acid sequence beginning with two less-likely, but possible, initiating methionines (see text in details). The peptide sequence (15 residues) used to generate a G_{L2} α -specific antiserum is indicated by a single solid underline.

		<u>II</u>								
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		<u>III</u>			<u>B</u>			<u>IV</u>		
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GL2	TYPWFQNSV	ILFLNKKDLL	EDKIL . HSH	LDYFPEFD
Ga11	TYPWFQNSV	ILFLNKKDLL	EDKIL . HSH	LDYFPEFD
Gq	TYPWFQNSV	ILFLNKKDLL	EKIM . YSH	LDYFPEYD . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Ga16	ELPWFKSTAS	ILFLNKTDIL	EKIP . TSH	LATYFSPFQ . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Gs	NNRWLRTISV	ILFLNKQDML	AEKVLGKSK	IEDYFPEFAR	YTPEDATPE	POGDPVTRTA	KYFIRDEFIL	ISTASGDGRH	YC . . . . .	. . . . .
Golf	NNRWLRTISV	ILFLNKQDML	AEKVLGKSK	IEDYFPEYAN	YTPEDATPD	AGEDPKVTRTA	KFFIRDLFLR	ISTATGDGKH	YC . . . . .	. . . . .
Gtrod	NHRYFATTSI	VFLNKKDVF	SEKIK . KAH	LSICFPDYN . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Gtcone	NHKFFAATSI	VFLNKKDVF	EKIK . KVH	LSICFPDYN . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Gol	NKFWFDTSI	ILFLNKKDVF	EKIK . KSP	LTICFPEYP . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Go2	NKFWFDTSI	ILFLNKKDVF	EKIK . RSP	LTICFPEYT . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Gi1	NKFWFDTSI	ILFLNKKDVF	EKIK . KSP	LTICYPEYA . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Gi3	NKFWFDTSI	ILFLNKKDVF	EKIK . RSP	LTICYPEYT . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Gi2	NKFWFDTSI	ILFLNKKDVF	EKIK . QSP	LTICFPEYT . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Gz	NNWFINTSL	ILFLNKKDML	SEKIR . RIP	LSCVCFPEY . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Ga12	NKFLFNVSI	ILFLNKMDDL	VEKVK . SVS	IKKHPDFK . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Ga13	NNRVFNSVSI	ILFLNKTDLL	EKVQ . VVS	IKDYLFLEF . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .

IV

GL1 TENIRFVFAA VKDTILQLNL REFNLV*
 GL2 TENIRFVFAA VKDTILQLNL KEYNLV*
 Ga11 TENIRFVFAA VKDTILQLNL KEYNLV*
 Gq TENIRFVFAA VKDTILQLNL KEYNLV*
 Ga16 TQNIKRVFKD VRDSVLARYL DEINLL*
 Gs TENIRRVFND CRDIIQRMHL RQYELL*
 Golf TENIRRVFND CRDIIQRMHL RQYELL*
 Gtrod TQNVKVFVDA VTDIIKENL KDCGLF*
 Gtcone TQNVKVFVDA VTDIIKENL KDCGLF*
 Go1 TNNIQVFVDA VTDIIANNL RGCGLY*
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 Gi2 TKNVQVFVDA VTDVIAKLN KDCGLF*
 Gz TSNIQVFVDA VTDVIAKLN KYIGLC*
 Ga12 TENIRFVFAA VKDTILQENL KDIMLQ*
 Ga13 TENIRLVFRD VKDTILHDNL KQLMLQ*

Fig. 5. Alignment of the amino acid sequences for the deduced GL1 and GL2 α -subunits and the α -subunits for mouse Ga11, Gq, human Ga16, bovine Gs, rat Golf, bovine Gtrod, bovine Gtcone, bovine Gil, rat Gi2, rat Gi3, bovine Go (Go1), hamster Go2, rat Gz, mouse Ga12, and Ga13 (from top to bottom). Multiple sequence alignments were generated by the progressive alignment method (Feng and Doolittle, 1987) in UWGCG package (Devereux et al., 1984). The one-letter amino acid notation is used. Dots indicate gaps inserted to optimize homology. The sequence of GL2 α indicated by letter characters is the deduced amino acid sequence beginning with two less-likely, but possible, initiating methionines. The highly conserved regions I, II, III, and IV are indicated by double lines above the sequences. Arrowheads point to sites of ADP-ribosylation by pertussis toxin (∇) and cholera toxin (\blacktriangledown) analogous to the sites identified in Gtrod α (Van Dop et al., 1984; West et al., 1985). Two shaded sequences A and B correspond to the synthesized peptides to generate specific antiserum against Gq α (Pang and Sternweis, 1990).

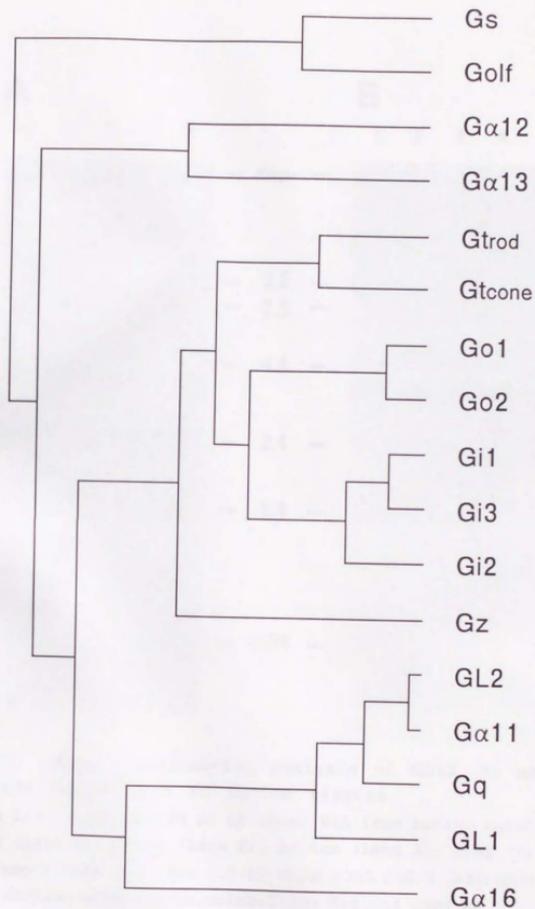


Fig. 6 Phylogenetic trees of mammalian G-protein α -subunits. α -subunits are grouped by a series of progressive pairwise alignments (Feng and Doolittle, 1987).

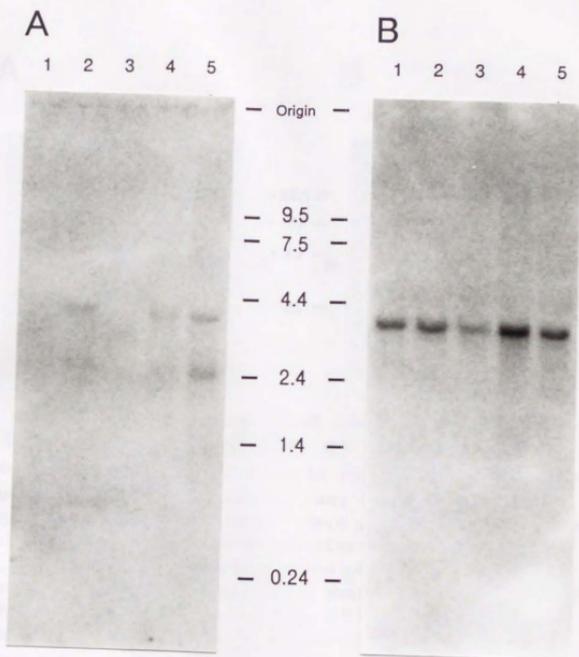


Fig. 7. Blot hybridization analysis of GL1 α (A) and GL2 α (B) mRNA transcripts in bovine tissues.

Each lane contained 20 μ g of total RNA from bovine cerebral cortex (lane 1), liver (lane 2), atrium (lane 3), lung (lane 4) or kidney (lanes 5). The 1.0-kb GL2 α cDNA and 1.2-kb GL1 α cDNA were labelled with the Oligolabelling Kit and used as hybridization probes. RNA lengths were determined relative to the RNA Ladder size markers. Autoradiography was performed at -70°C with intensifying screen. Exposure time: GL1 α , 10 days; GL2 α , 3 days.

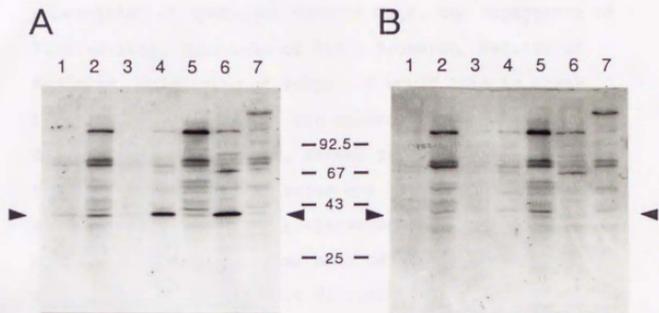
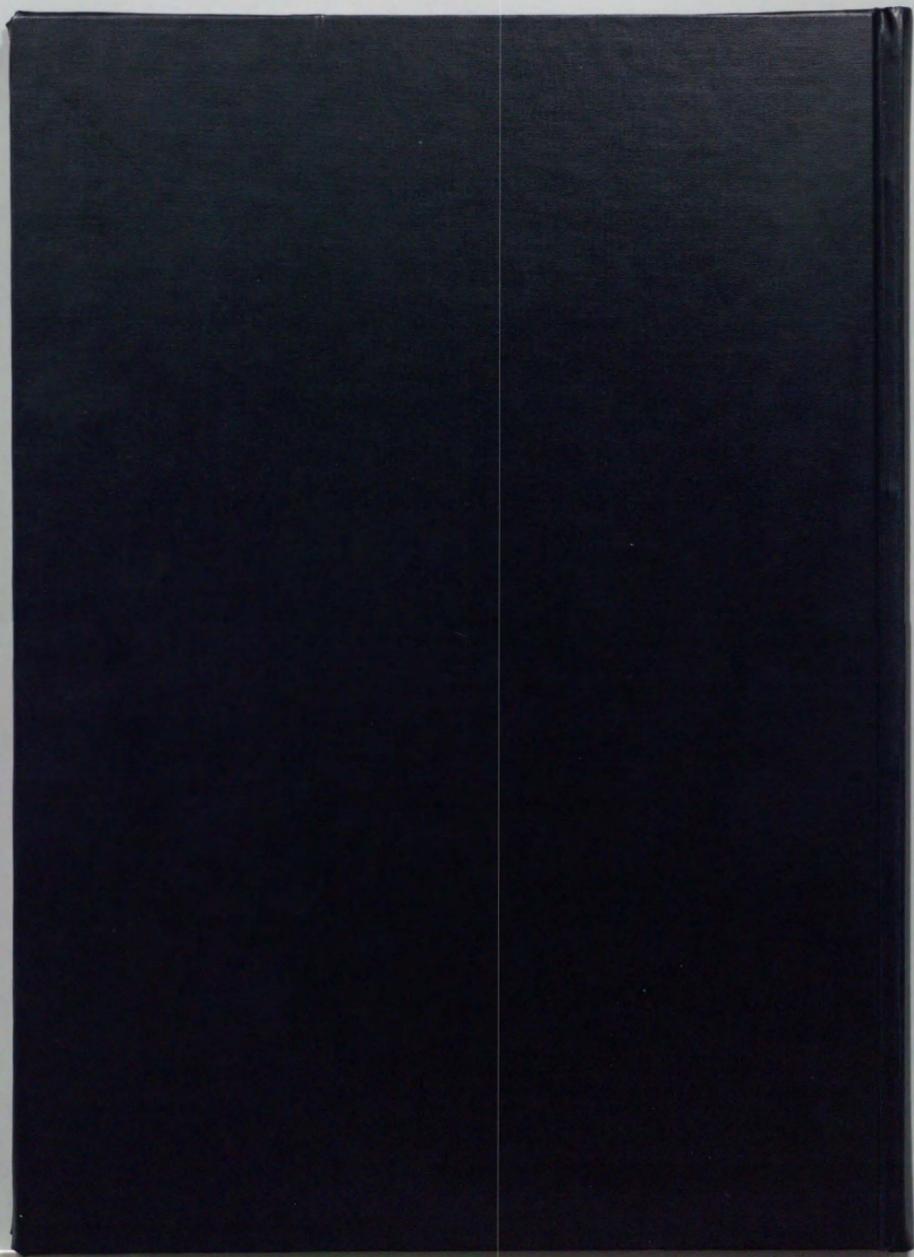


Fig. 8. Immunoblot analysis of mouse tissue homogenates resolved by SDS-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis.

Homogenates (24 μ g except 48 μ g in lane 1) from mouse spleen (lanes 1 and 3), kidney (lane 2), lung (lane 4), liver (lane 5), brain (lane 6) and heart (lane 7) were processed by 12% SDS-PAGE, and the resolved proteins were transferred to Immobilon PVDF (Millipore). Immunoblot analysis was performed as described under "Materials and Methods" using antiserum AGL2 (at a 1:3000 dilution): the incubation with the antiserum was for 2 h at room temperature in the absence (A) or presence (B) of 0.2 mg/ml GL2 α -peptide. Both the second antibody, biotinylated donkey anti-rabbit Ig and peroxidase-streptavidin were used at a 1:1000 dilution, and respective incubations were for 1 h at room temperature. The Konica Immunostaining Kit (Konica) was used as the substrate for peroxidase. The 40-kDa polypeptides inhibited specifically by co-incubation of the antiserum with the GL2 α -peptide are indicated by arrowheads. The size markers used were phosphorylase B (92.5 kDa), bovine serum albumin (67 kDa), actin (43 kDa), and chymotrypsinogen (25 kDa).

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