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Golgi glycosylation and cellular Mn²⁺ homeostasis

Congenital disorders of glycosylation (CDG) are severe inherited diseases in which aberrant protein glycosylation is a hallmark. From this genetically and clinically heterogeneous group, a significant subgroup due to Golgi homeostasis defects is emerging. We previously identified TMEM165 as a Golgi protein involved in CDG. Extremely conserved in the eukaryotic reign, the molecular mechanism by which TMEM165 deficiencies lead to Golgi glycosylation abnormalities was enigmatic. As GDT1 is the ortholog of TMEM165 in yeast, both *gdt1Δ* null mutant yeasts and TMEM165 depleted cells were used. We highlighted that the observed Golgi glycosylation defects due to Gdt1p/TMEM165 deficiency result from Golgi manganese homeostasis defect. We discovered that in both yeasts and mammalian Gdt1p/TMEM165 deficient cells, Mn²⁺ supplementation could restore a normal glycosylation. We also showed that TMEM165 was a Mn²⁺ sensitive protein. When exposed to high Mn²⁺ concentrations, we demonstrated that TMEM165 was targeted and degraded in lysosomes. Remarkably, the variant p.E108G recently identified in a novel TMEM165-CDG patient, was found to be insensitive to Mn²⁺ supplementation. This study not only provides novel insights into the molecular causes of glycosylation defects observed in TMEM165-deficient cells but also suggest that TMEM165 is a key determinant for the regulation of Golgi Mn²⁺ homeostasis.

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