





Peroxisomes

Cytoplasmic organelles Bounded by a single membrane

Used by the cell as a place to sequester specific reactions. These often (but not always) generate hydrogen peroxide

Group I :	peroxisome assembly deficiency with a generalized loss of
	peroxisomal enzyme functions
	Cerebro-hepato-renal syndrome (Zellweger)
	Neonatal adrenoleukodystrophy (NALD)
	Infantile Refsum disease
Group II :	peroxisomes present; loss of several peroxisomal enzyme functions
	Rhizomelic chondrodysplasia punctata (RCDP)
	Classical and atypical phenotypes
	Zellweger-like syndrome
Group III:	peroxisomes present; loss of a single peroxisomal enzyme function
	X-linked adrenoleukodystrophy
	Acyl-CoA oxidase deficiency (pseudo NALD)
	Bi(multi)functional protein deficiency
	Peroxisomal thiolase deficiency (pseudo-Zellweger)
	Dihydroxyacetone phosphate acyltransferase deficiency (RCDP phenotype)
	Alkyl-dihydroxyacetone phosphate synthase deficiency (RCDP phenotype)
	Hyperpipecolic acidemia
	Glutaryl-CoA oxidase deficiency
	Di- and trihydroxycholestanoic acidemia
	Classical Refsum disease

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MINI-REVIEW

PEROXISOMAL DISORDERS

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Zellweger syndrome



and deformed ear lobes; and neurological abnormalities, such as mental retardation and seizures. Infants with Zellweger syndrome also lack muscle tone, sometimes to the point of being unable to move, and may not be able to suck or swallow.

Peroxisome

-self assembling, 1 day lifespan

-arose due to oxygenation

Anatomy of the Peroxisome



- -proteins translated in cytosol, PTS directs them to peroxisomes
- -PTS1 in matrix proteins is usually Ser-Lys-Leu at the C-terminus
- -Pex5 is a PTS1 receptor that directs cytoplasmic proteins to per.
- -also a PTS2 sequence
- -membrane PEX proteins have a different targeting sequence

Protein import into peroxisomes



The Pex/Peroxin import machinery is only responsible for peroxisomal matrix proteins, not for membrane proteins

How would a mutation in the peroxisomal import machinery affect peroxisome biogenesis?

Peroxisomal membrane protein

Peroxisomal matrix protein (Catalase)



Wildtype situation

Mutation in Peroxin import machinery

> A mutation in a component of the peroxisomal import machinery (peroxins) leads to cytosolic distribution of peroxisomal matrix proteins, but not of peroxisomal membrane proteins

Peroxisomal Biogenesis



Pex11 is involved in peroxisome propagation

Peroxisomal Biogenesis



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Peroxisomal Function and Enzymes

50 different enzymes Lipid metabolism: ß-oxidation of Very Long Chain Fatty Acids (VLCFA) -provides the cell with a major source of metabolic energy Hydrogen peroxide breakdown: catalase Lipid bisynthesis (cholesterol) Amine and bile acid synthesis Purine catabolism by urate oxidase