

Altered Localization and Cytoplasmic Domain-binding Properties of Tyrosine-phosphorylated β_1 Integrin

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Abstract. We describe a novel approach to study tyrosine-phosphorylated (PY) integrins in cells transformed by virally encoded tyrosine kinases. We have synthesized a peptide (PY β_1 peptide) that represents a portion of the cytoplasmic domain of the β_1 integrin subunit and is phosphorylated on the tyrosine residue known to be the target of oncogenic tyrosine kinases. Antibodies prepared against the PY β_1 peptide, after removal of cross-reacting antibodies by absorption and affinity purification, recognized the PY β_1 peptide and the tyrosine-phosphorylated form of the intact β_1 subunit, but did not bind the nonphosphorylated β_1 peptide, the nonphosphorylated β_1 subunit or other unrelated tyrosine-phosphorylated proteins. The anti-PY β_1 antibodies labeled the podosomes of Rous sarcoma virus-transformed fibroblasts, but did not detectably stain nontransformed fibroblasts. The localization of the tyrosine phosphorylated β_1 subunit appeared

distinct from that of the β_1 subunit. Adhesion plaques were stained by the anti- β_1 subunit antibodies in Rous sarcoma virus-transformed fibroblasts plated on fibronectin, whereas neither podosomes nor adhesion plaques were labeled on vitronectin or on uncoated plates. Anti-phosphotyrosine antibodies labeled podosomes, adhesion plaques and cell-cell boundaries regardless of the substratum. One of the SH2 domains of the p85 subunit of phosphatidylinositol-3-kinase bound to the PY β_1 peptide, but not to the non-phosphorylated β_1 cytoplasmic peptide. Other SH2 domains did not bind to the PY β_1 peptide. These results show that the phosphorylated form of the β_1 integrin subunit is detected in a different subcellular localization than the nonphosphorylated form and suggest that the phosphorylation on tyrosine of the β_1 subunit cytoplasmic domain may affect cellular signaling pathways.

INTEGRINS are a family of transmembrane proteins composed of an α and β subunit. Many of the integrins are receptors for extracellular matrix proteins and mediate cell adhesion to matrices (for reviews, see Ruoslahti, 1991; Hynes, 1992). The β_1 integrin subunit combines with several α subunits to form receptors for extracellular matrix proteins such as fibronectin, laminin, and collagens. The cytoplasmic domains of the integrins are thought to bind cytoskeletal and other intracellular components. The β_1 integrin subunit has been shown to interact with talin (Horwitz et al., 1986) and α -actinin (Otey et al., 1990, 1993) *in vitro*. Furthermore, the cytoplasmic tail is necessary and sufficient for β_1 integrins to localize in adhesion plaques (Solowska et al., 1989; LaFlamme et al., 1992). Cell transformation by virally encoded tyrosine kinases has been shown to cause increased phosphorylation on tyrosine of the β_1 subunit cytoplasmic domain (Hirst et al., 1986).

The transforming protein of Rous sarcoma virus (RSV),¹ p60^{src}, is a cytoplasmic tyrosine kinase with constitutive activity (Hunter and Sefton, 1980). Fibroblasts transformed by RSV express high levels of p60^{src}, which causes extensive protein tyrosine phosphorylation of cellular proteins (Sefton et al., 1980). It is thought that the phosphorylation on tyrosine of critical substrates leads to the rounded morphology, disorganization of the cytoskeleton and decreased adhesiveness to the substratum that are characteristic of RSV-transformed cells. The search for substrates involved in the morphological alterations of RSV-transformed cells has led to the identification of a number of cytoskeletal components that are phosphorylated on tyrosine at higher levels in transformed fibroblasts than in normal fibroblasts. These cytoskeletal proteins include vinculin (Sefton et al., 1981),

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1. *Abbreviations used in this paper:* DMF, dimethylformamide; Fmoc, 9-fluorenylmethyloxycarbonyl; PI-3-kinase, phosphatidylinositol-3'-kinase; PLC, phospholipase C; PY, tyrosine phosphorylated; RSV, Rous sarcoma virus; SH2, src homology 2; t-boc, t-butyloxycarbonyl; TFA, trifluoroacetic acid.

talin (Pasquale et al., 1986), integrins (Hirst et al., 1986), paxillin (Glennay and Zokas, 1989), tensin (Davis et al., 1991), and, as has been shown more recently, cadherins and catenins (Matsuyoshi et al., 1992; Behrens et al., 1993; Hamaguchi et al., 1993). However, in most cases these cytoskeletal proteins are phosphorylated on tyrosine at low stoichiometry in RSV-transformed cells.

To demonstrate that tyrosine phosphorylation of structural proteins leads to morphological alterations, even if it occurs at low stoichiometry, the specific subcellular localization and binding properties of the tyrosine-phosphorylated proteins need to be examined and compared to those of the non-phosphorylated proteins. The localization of the tyrosine-phosphorylated molecules in structures that are crucial to maintain the cytoskeletal organization and a normal morphology, such as cell-substrate adhesion sites, would support the importance of tyrosine-phosphorylation in generating a transformed phenotype. These experiments are in principle straightforward, but have been hampered by the lack of antibodies capable of recognizing specifically the tyrosine-phosphorylated forms of proteins. Here we describe the use of a tyrosine-phosphorylated peptide (PY β_1), corresponding to a region of the cytoplasmic domain of the β_1 subunit, to generate antibodies specific for the tyrosine-phosphorylated β_1 integrin subunit. The residue that is phosphorylated in the peptide represents a consensus site for tyrosine-phosphorylation in the cytoplasmic domain of the β_1 integrin subunit and, thus, is thought to represent the tyrosine which is phosphorylated in RSV-transformed fibroblasts (Tamkun et al., 1986; Argraves et al., 1987; Tapley et al., 1989; Hynes, 1990).

We have used these anti-PY β_1 antibodies to show that the tyrosine-phosphorylated β_1 subunit is concentrated in the podosomes of RSV-transformed NIH 3T3 cells, a localization distinct from both that of β_1 integrins and phosphotyrosine in general. We discuss the possible function of tyrosine phosphorylated β_1 integrins in the podosomes, which are round, dynamic adhesion structures also known as rosettes and believed to be associated with invasiveness (David-Pfeuty and Singer, 1980; Tarone et al., 1985; Marchisio et al., 1987; Ruoslahti and Giancotti, 1989). We also present evidence that the tyrosine phosphorylated β_1 subunit may specifically interact with phosphatidylinositol (PI)-3-kinase.

Materials and Methods

Synthetic Peptides

The tyrosine-phosphorylated peptides KWDGTGENPIY(P)KSAVTT (PY β_1) and KWDTANNPLY(P)KEATST(PY β_3), corresponding to parts of the cytoplasmic domains of the human β_1 subunit (Argraves et al., 1987) and β_3 subunit (Fitzgerald et al., 1987) subunits, respectively, were synthesized manually by solid phase technique (Larsson et al., 1993). A 9-fluorenylmethoxycarbonyl (Fmoc) protocol was used in which the Fmoc group was deblocked with morpholine (20% in dimethylformamide [DMF]), hydroxyl groups were protected as t-butyl ethers or esters, the ϵ -amino group in lysine as a t-butylloxycarbonyl (t-Boc) derivative and the phosphorylated tyrosine as a dibenzyl ester. The synthesis was initiated on a threonine t-butyl ether Sasrin resin. Coupling of the amino acids was achieved by means of preformed 1-hydroxybenzotriazole esters in a three-fold excess in DMF and the completion of the reaction was monitored by a ninhydrin method (Sarin et al., 1981). ^{31}P and ^1H NMR spectra were measured on all phosphorylated compounds in a JEOL 270 MHz spectrometer and peptides were characterized by amino acid analysis, HPLC, and gasphase microsequencing.

After removal of the last Fmoc group the side chain protected peptide was released from the resin by trifluoroacetic acid (TFA), 1% in CH_2Cl_2 , and was then desalted on Sephadex G15 in 0.1 M NH_4HCO_3 and lyophilized. The protected PY β_1 peptide gave a ^{31}P NMR signal at -5.8 ppm. Attempts to remove the benzyl protecting groups through hydrogenolysis (Pd/C, 50 psi) reduced the tyrosine and removed the phosphate. It was found, however, that the benzyl groups could be removed concomitantly with the t-butyl groups by means of TFA. The protected peptide (272 mg), TFA (5 ml), indole (0.2 g), and *p*-cresol (0.2 g) were stirred at 0°C under nitrogen for 1 h. The peptide was then precipitated with dry ether at -60°C , taken up in 10% aqueous acetic acid, lyophilized, and then desalted over a Sephadex G15 column giving the pure phosphopeptide in a yield of 33 mg having ^{31}P NMR signal at -2.9 ppm. In a sample that had not been fully deprotected an NMR signal corresponding to the monobenzyl derivative of the peptide was observed at -4.2 ppm. The three positions of the ^{31}P NMR signal were consistent with the appearance of the benzyl signals in the ^1H NMR spectra. The tyrosine-phosphorylated β_3 subunit peptide (PY β_3) was synthesized essentially as peptide PY β_1 , giving in all steps similar ^{31}P NMR signals. After the TFA deblocking procedure followed by desalting 77 mg PY β_3 peptide was obtained. Nonphosphorylated β_1 integrin peptide KKKEKEKMNAKWDGTGENPIYKSAVTTVNPKEYEGK and β_3 integrin peptide KFEERARAKWDTANNPLYKEATSTFTFNITYRGT were synthesized at the Protein Chemistry Facility at the La Jolla Cancer Research Foundation (La Jolla, CA).

Proteins

Phosphotyrosine-BSA was prepared by coupling 4 mg phosphotyrosine to 5 mg BSA using glutaraldehyde as described (Wang, 1991). Vitronectin purified from human plasma according to Yatohgo et al. (1988) was a gift from Dr. Bianca Tomasini-Johansson, University of Uppsala (Uppsala, Sweden), human plasma fibronectin was obtained from the Blood Transfusion Service of the Finnish Red Cross (Helsinki, Finland) and calf intestine alkaline phosphatase from Boehringer (Indianapolis, IN).

Antibodies

1 mg PY β_1 peptide in 300 μl PBS with 50 μM Na_3VO_4 was mixed with 12.5 μl of 1 mg/ml methylated BSA (Benoit et al., 1982) and 300 μl Freund's complete adjuvant and injected subcutaneously into a New Zealand white female rabbit. Incomplete adjuvant was used for booster immunizations. The antiserum was made 1 mM Na_3VO_4 and precipitated with $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$ at 40% saturation; the precipitation and the subsequent steps were performed at 4°C . The precipitate was dissolved in half of the original volume of PBS with 1 mM Na_3VO_4 , dialyzed towards PBS-1 mM Na_3VO_4 and absorbed by passing through a column of BSA-agarose and a column of the nonphosphorylated β_1 peptide coupled to CNBr-Sepharose according to the manufacturer's instructions (10 mg peptide/ml resin). Na_3VO_4 was added to the serum to inhibit the phosphotyrosine phosphatases that may be present and would cause the dephosphorylation of the tyrosine phosphorylated reagents that were incubated with the serum (e.g., the PY β_1 on the affinity-column). This flowthrough was mixed with a phosphotyrosine-rich protein aggregate suspension (10 μl per ml of the antibody solution). The phosphotyrosine proteins were prepared from a 10 ml culture of *v-abl*-expressing *Escherichia coli* as described (Wang, 1991). After incubation on a rocker overnight, this mixture was centrifuged at 10,000 *g* for 10 min. The supernatant was applied to a column of PY β_1 peptide coupled to CNBr-Sepharose (2 mg peptide/ml resin) and antibodies were eluted with 0.1 M glycine-HCl, pH 2.5, containing 1 mM Na_3VO_4 . The eluate was neutralized with a 1/10 vol of 1 M Tris-HCl, pH 8.0. This procedure yielded ~ 900 μg affinity-purified anti-PY β_1 antibodies from 40 ml antiserum. Affinity-purified rabbit anti-phosphotyrosine (anti-PY) antibodies (Wang, 1991) and rabbit antisera against cytoplasmic peptides of the α , (Freed et al., 1989) and β_1 (Giancotti and Ruoslahti, 1990) integrin subunits have been described. Anti- β_1 subunit antibodies were affinity-purified on a column of the peptide coupled to Sepharose. Mouse anti-p60^{v-src} mAb was from Oncogene Science (Uniondale, NY).

Cells

RSV-transformed and nontransformed mouse NIH 3T3 fibroblasts were gifts from Dr. Janice Buss, Iowa State University, and were cultured in DME (GIBCO, Grand Island, NY) with 10% FCS (Tissue Culture Biologicals, Tulare, CA) and glutamine pen-strep (Irvine Scientific, Santa Ana, CA). *v-abl* expressing *E. coli* (Wang, 1991) were grown in LB medium with 50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ ampicillin.

Other Materials

CNBr-Sephrose and protein A-Sephrose were from Pharmacia (Piscataway, NJ), goat anti-rabbit IgG-peroxidase conjugate from BioRad (Richmond, CA), octylglucoside from Calbiochem (La Jolla, CA), precast SDS-PAGE gels from Novex (San Diego, CA), diaminobenzidine from Cappel and [³²P]phosphoric acid from NEN. Other reagents were from Sigma Chem. Co. (St. Louis, MO). Biotinylated PhosphoBlot™ SH2 (*src* homology 2) domain reagents were from Oncogene Science (Uniondale, NY). The SH2 domains used are: the human p60^{src} SH2 domain, the bovine phospholipase C (PLC) γ -1 amino-terminal SH2 domain and the bovine carboxy-terminal SH2 domain of the p85 subunit of PI-3-kinase. Avidin and biotinylated horseradish peroxidase were from Clontech (Palo Alto, CA).

ELISA

Microtiter plate wells were coated overnight at room temperature with 100 μ l of 10 μ g/ml peptide solutions in PBS containing 0.5% glutaraldehyde, pH 7.4, or with 100 μ l cell lysates as described below. After coating, wells

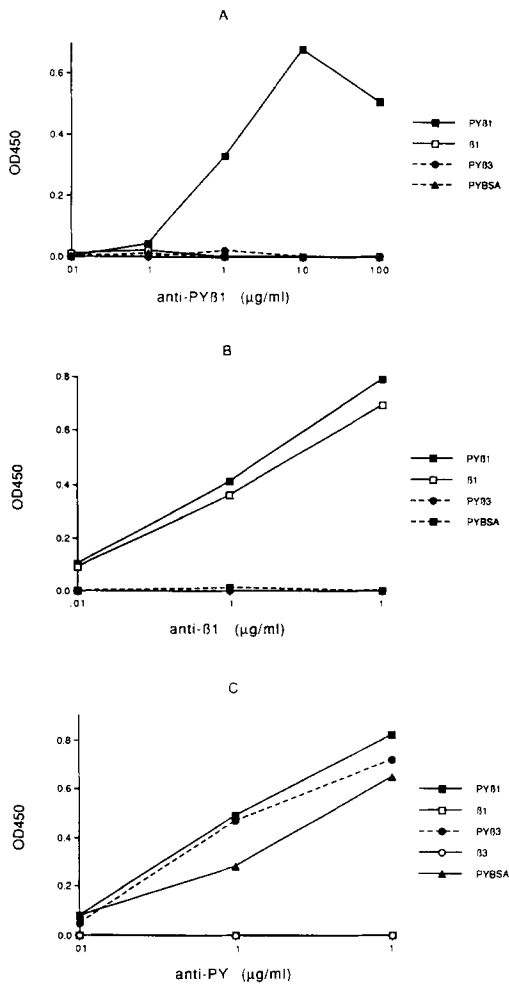


Figure 1. Binding of anti-integrin and anti-phosphotyrosine antibodies to integrin cytoplasmic domain peptides in ELISA. ELISA was performed with affinity-purified antibodies against the PY β ₁ cytoplasmic peptide (A), the β ₁ cytoplasmic peptide (B), or phosphotyrosine (anti-PY) (C) in microtiter wells coated with PY β ₁, β ₁, PY β ₃, or β ₃ peptides at 10 μ g/ml or with 10 μ g/ml phosphotyrosine as a BSA conjugate (PYBSA). Antibodies against tyrosine-phosphorylated β ₁ (anti-PY β ₁) recognize only the PY β ₁ peptide and not the nonphosphorylated β ₁ peptide or other tyrosine-phosphorylated substrates.

were washed three times with PBS, blocked for 2 h with PBS containing 3% BSA and 1 mM Na₃VO₄, washed again with PBS, then incubated with 100 μ l primary antibody in PBS with 0.05% Tween 20 and 1 mM Na₃VO₄ for 4 h, washed three times with PBS-Tween, incubated with anti-rabbit IgG-horseradish peroxidase conjugate 1:1,000 in PBS-Tween-Na₃VO₄ for 2 h, and washed again three times with PBS-Tween and then three times with PBS. Finally, peroxidase was assayed with 0.4 mg/ml ortho-phenyldiamine and 0.01% H₂O₂ in a buffer of 24.3 mM citric acid and 51.4 mM Na₂HPO₄ and the result read at 450 nm.

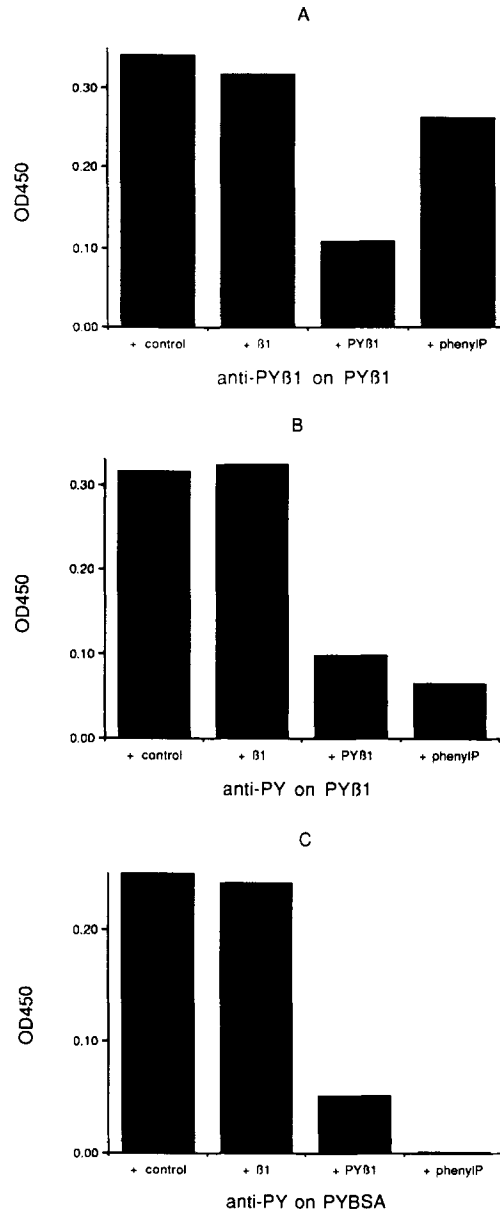


Figure 2. Specific inhibition of the binding of anti-PY β ₁ antibodies by the PY β ₁ peptide in ELISA. ELISA was performed with affinity-purified anti-PY β ₁ subunit antibodies at 10 μ g/ml in microtiter wells coated with 10 μ g/ml of the PY β ₁ peptide (A), or anti-phosphotyrosine antibodies at 1 μ g/ml in microtiter wells coated with 10 μ g/ml of the PY β ₁ peptide (B), or with anti-phosphotyrosine antibodies at 1 μ g/ml in wells coated with 10 μ g/ml of phosphotyrosine as a BSA conjugate (PYBSA) (C). Buffer only (control), the indicated peptide at 100 μ g/ml or 40 mM phenylphosphate were added in the primary antibody solution.

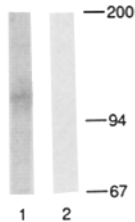


Figure 3. Immunoprecipitation with anti-PY β_1 peptide antibodies of cell-surface-iodinated integrin from RSV-transformed and nontransformed mouse NIH 3T3 fibroblasts. RSV-transformed (lane 1) and nontransformed (lane 2) cells were surface iodinated and lysed. Lysates were immunoprecipitated with anti-PY β_1 by using 1:10 dilution of absorbed antiserum.

Binding Assay with SH2 Domains

Microtiter plates were coated and blocked with peptides as described above for ELISA experiments. After blocking, wells were incubated with 100 μ l biotinylated SH2 domain reagent (5 μ g/ml in PBS, 0.05% Tween 20 containing 1 mM Na₃VO₄ and 5 mM DTT) for 1 h at room temperature. The wells were washed three times with PBS-Tween, incubated with a mixture of avidin (1:250) and biotinylated horseradish peroxidase (1:250) in PBS-Tween-Na₃VO₄ for 30 min, washed three times with PBS and finally developed as above.

¹²⁵I Surface Labeling of Cells

RSV-transformed cells were treated for 15 min with 1 mM Na₃VO₄ and 2 mM H₂O₂ (Volberg et al., 1992) in serum-free DME, washed twice with cold PBS-100 μ M Na₃VO₄, once with PBS, and then harvested and iodinated as described (Pytela et al., 1985), except that cells were lysed in 50 mM octylglucoside, 1 mM CaCl₂, 1 mM MgCl₂, 1 mM Na₃VO₄ TBS, pH 7.4, containing protease inhibitors as above.

Immunoprecipitation

Lysates of iodinated cells were immunoprecipitated as described (Giancotti and Ruoslahti, 1990), except that 1 mM Na₃VO₄ was present throughout and immunoprecipitates were washed only with octylglucoside buffer (and not in SDS). Immunoprecipitates were analyzed by SDS-PAGE in a 6% gel and visualized by autoradiography.

Immunofluorescence

Cells were harvested with trypsin-EDTA, diluted 1:10 in DME-glutamine-pen-strep-10% FCS and added to noncoated glass coverslips or to coverslips coated for 2 h at room temperature with 10 μ g/ml vitronectin or fibronectin in PBS. After 24 h cells were fixed for 10 min in 3% paraformaldehyde, 60 mM sucrose, 50 μ M Na₃VO₄ in PBS, washed twice with PBS and permeabilized with 0.5% NP-40, 1 mM Na₃VO₄, in PBS for 15 min at room temperature. Cells were washed again twice with PBS, once with PBS-3% BSA and incubated with primary antibody in PBS-3% BSA-1 mM Na₃VO₄ for 1 h, washed as before, incubated with anti-rabbit IgG-rhodamine 1:150 in TBS-3% BSA-1 mM Na₃VO₄ for 45 min and finally washed three times with PBS before observation.

Phosphatase Treatment of Cells and PY β_1 Peptide

Microtiter plate wells coated with peptide solutions or cells fixed and per-

meabilized for immunofluorescence were treated with 100 U/ml alkaline phosphatase in supplied dephosphorylation buffer (Boehringer Mannheim) for 24 h at 37°C and then washed with PBS and PBS-BSA and incubated with antibodies or SH2 domains as above. Control cells received only dephosphorylation buffer containing 1 mM Na₃VO₄.

Results

Specificity and Reactivity of Anti-tyrosine-phosphorylated β_1 Integrin Subunit Antibodies

The crude antiserum from a rabbit immunized with the PY β_1 peptide contained reactivities to both the PY β_1 peptide and the nonphosphorylated β_1 cytoplasmic peptide as well as to phosphotyrosine. However, absorption of the antiserum on nonphosphorylated β_1 subunit peptide and on a mixture of tyrosine phosphorylated proteins, followed by affinity purification on a PY β_1 peptide column, yielded antibodies specific for the PY β_1 peptide. In ELISA experiments, these antibodies recognized only the tyrosine-phosphorylated β_1 peptide and not the nonphosphorylated β_1 peptide or other tyrosine-phosphorylated substrates, such as the related PY β_3 peptide or phosphotyrosine coupled to BSA (Fig. 1 A). In addition, dephosphorylation of the PY β_1 peptide by alkaline phosphatase greatly reduced (by about 70%) the binding of the antibodies (not shown). In contrast, conventional anti- β_1 subunit cytoplasmic peptide antibodies (Giancotti and Ruoslahti, 1990) recognized β_1 peptides regardless of phosphorylation (Fig. 1 B) and, similarly, an anti- β_3 subunit cytoplasmic peptide antiserum recognized the PY β_3 peptide (not shown). As expected, anti-phosphotyrosine antibodies (Wang, 1991) recognized the tyrosine-phosphorylated β_1 and β_3 peptides as well as phosphotyrosine coupled at BSA, but not the nonphosphorylated peptides nor BSA (Fig. 1 C). The results with anti-phosphotyrosine antibodies also confirmed that the PY β_1 and PY β_3 peptides indeed contain phosphorylated tyrosine residues and that the phosphotyrosine-BSA coupling was effective.

The specificity of the anti-PY β_1 antibodies was further demonstrated by the inhibition observed with the PY β_1 peptide in ELISA experiments and by the lack of inhibition with the nonphosphorylated β_1 peptide (Fig. 2 A). Moreover, phenylphosphate only marginally inhibited the anti-PY β_1 antibodies (Fig. 2 A), whereas it inhibited the binding of the anti-phosphotyrosine antibodies to phosphotyrosine-

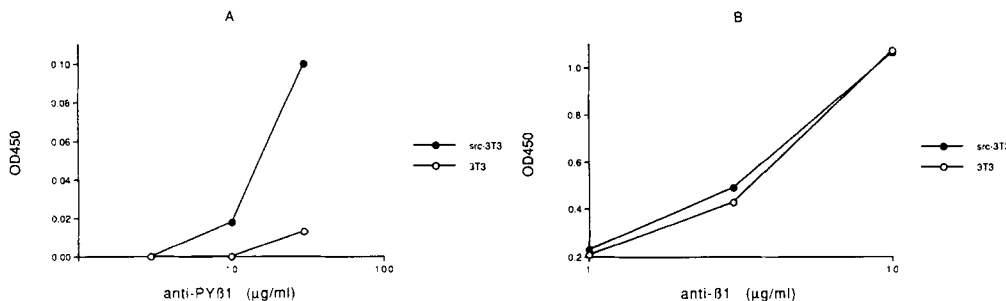


Figure 4. Binding of anti-PY β_1 antibodies to lysates of RSV-transformed (src-3T3) and nontransformed mouse NIH 3T3 (3T3) fibroblasts in ELISA. Cells were washed three times with cold PBS containing 100 μ M Na₃VO₄ lysed on the plate on ice in 50 mM octylglucoside, 1 mM CaCl₂, 1 mM MgCl₂, 1 mM Na₃VO₄, 1 mM PMSF, 2 μ g/

ml aprotinin, 2 μ g/ml leupeptin, 1 μ g/ml pepstatin, and TBS, pH 7.4. The two lysates were adjusted to the same protein concentration. ELISA was performed with affinity-purified anti-PY β_1 (A) or anti- β_1 (B) antibodies as described in Materials and Methods. The lysates were coated onto microtiter wells diluted 1:50 in TBS which contained 1 mM CaCl₂ and 1 mM MgCl₂.

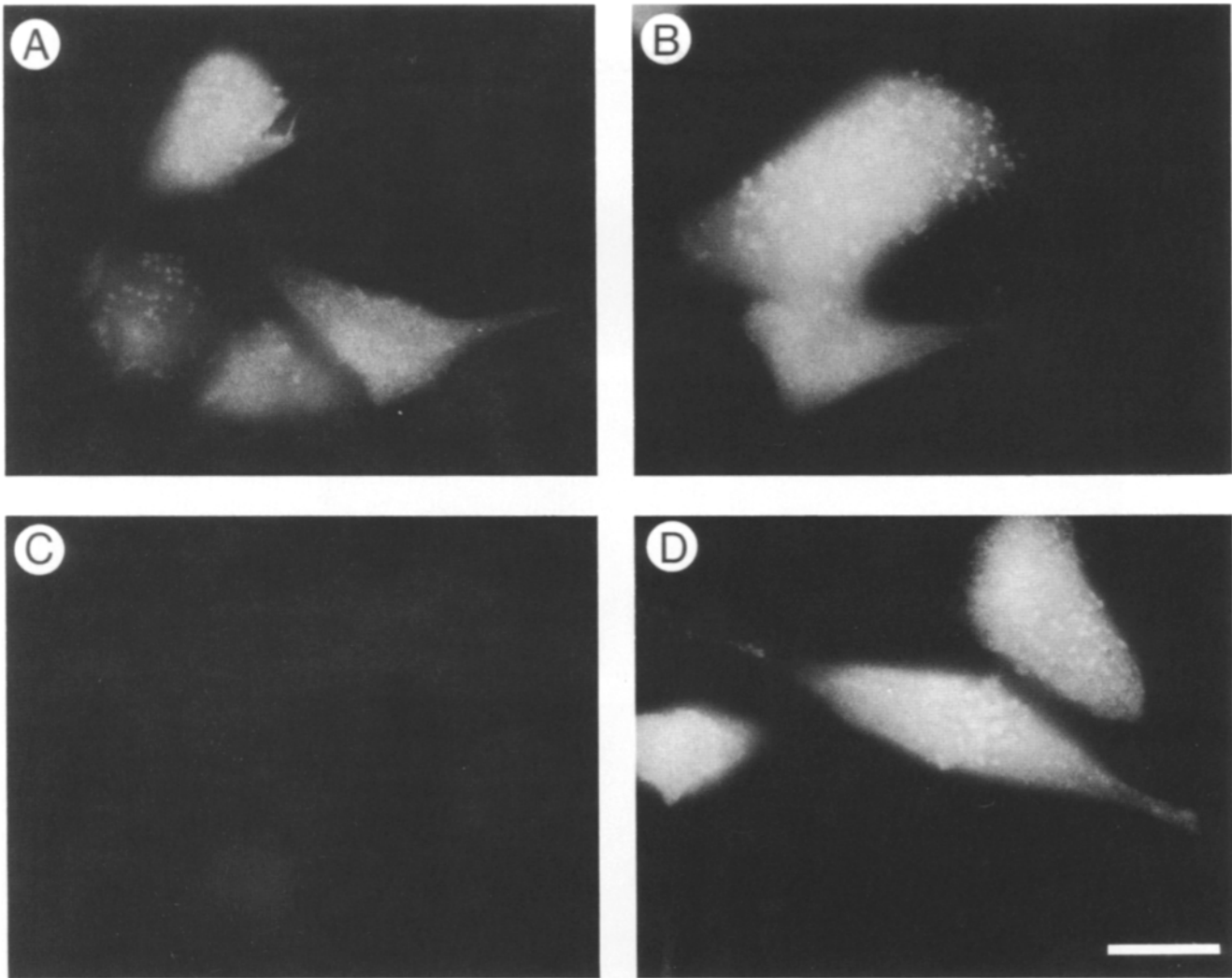


Figure 5. Immunofluorescent localization of the tyrosine phosphorylated β_1 integrin subunit. Immunofluorescence was performed with 100 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ of affinity-purified anti-PY β_1 antibodies, using RSV-transformed mouse NIH 3T3 fibroblasts plated on noncoated glass. No peptide (A), β_1 (B), or PY β_1 (C) peptides at 500 $\mu\text{g/ml}$, or 40 mM phenylphosphate (D) were added to the primary antibody solution to assess the specificity of the staining. Bar, 20 μm .

coupled BSA and to the PY β_1 peptide (Fig. 2, B and C). The anti-phosphotyrosine antibodies were also inhibited by the PY β_1 peptide (Fig. 2, B and C), again confirming the presence of phosphotyrosine on this peptide.

Detection of Tyrosine-phosphorylated β_1 Subunit in RSV-transformed Fibroblasts

Anti-PY β_1 antibodies immunoprecipitated the β_1 subunit from surface iodinated RSV-transformed mouse NIH3T3 fibroblasts (Fig. 3, lane 1), but not from nontransformed cells (Fig. 3, lane 2). They also reacted ~ 10 -fold more strongly in ELISA experiments with lysates of RSV-transformed cells than with lysates on nontransformed cells (Fig. 4 A). These results indicate that the β_1 integrin subunit is tyrosine-phosphorylated in RSV-transformed NIH 3T3 fibroblasts, but not, or only at a very low level, in normal NIH 3T3 fibroblasts. Transformation by RSV does not affect the overall levels of β_1 subunit, as judged by immunoprecipitation from lysates of surface iodinated cells

(not shown) and by ELISA on the cell lysates with anti- β_1 (Fig. 4 B).

Distinct Localization of Tyrosine-phosphorylated β_1 Integrin Subunit in the Podosomes of RSV-transformed Fibroblasts

We used the new anti-PY β_1 antibodies to determine the localization of the tyrosine phosphorylated β_1 subunit in cells plated on noncoated glass. In addition to some diffuse staining, distinct staining of podosomes was observed in RSV-transformed NIH 3T3 fibroblasts (Fig. 5 A). The specificity of the anti-PY β_1 antibody staining was shown by inhibition experiments; the PY β_1 peptide specifically inhibited the staining of podosomes as well as the diffuse staining (Fig. 5 C, compare to A), whereas the nonphosphorylated β_1 peptide (Fig. 5 B) or phenylphosphate (Fig. 5 D) did not inhibit.

In contrast with the specific staining observed in RSV-

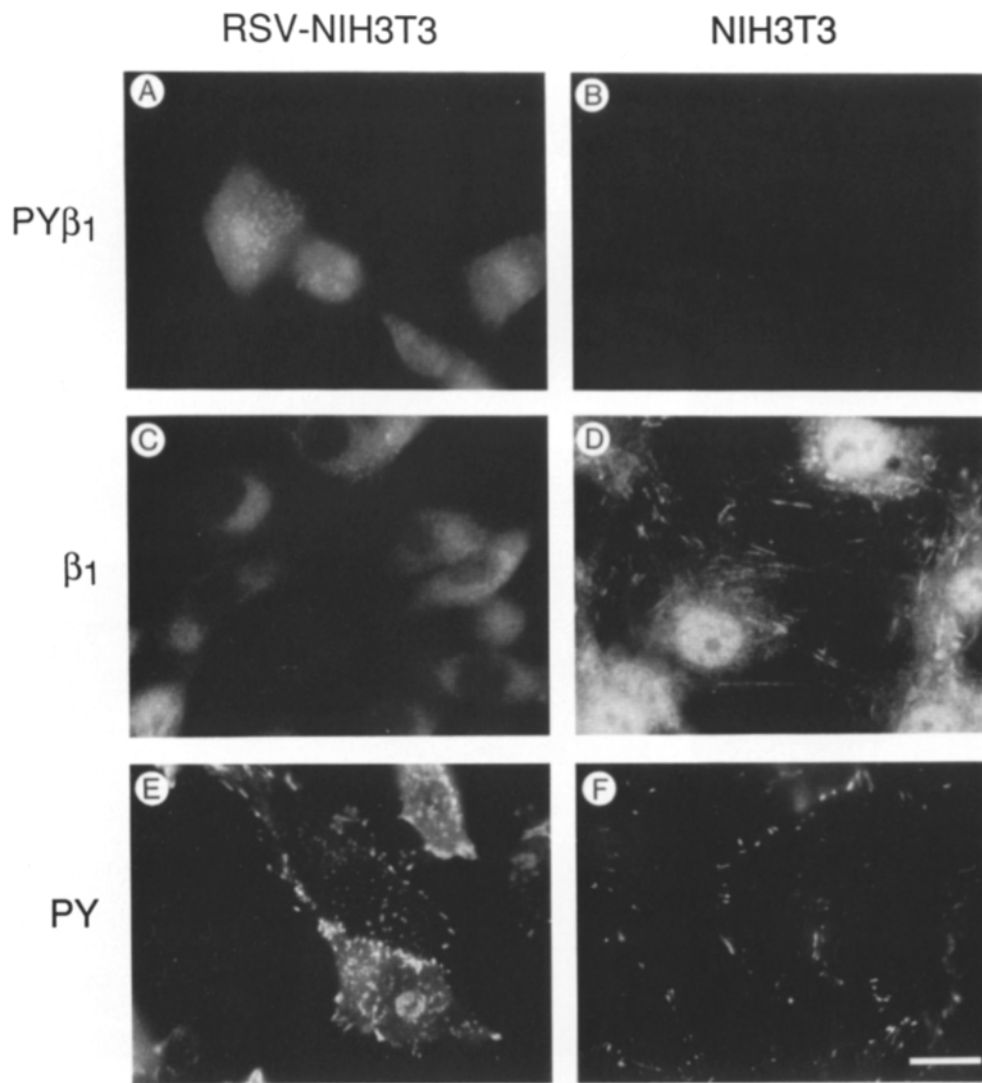


Figure 6. Immunofluorescent localization of tyrosine-phosphorylated β_1 integrin subunit (PY β_1), β_1 integrin subunit (β_1), and phosphotyrosine (PY) in normal (NIH3T3) and RSV-transformed (RSV-NIH-3T3) fibroblasts plated on non-coated glass. Immunofluorescence was performed with 100 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ of affinity-purified anti-PY β_1 antibodies, 10 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ affinity-purified anti- β_1 antibodies, and 10 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ affinity-purified anti-phosphotyrosine antibodies. Bar, 20 μm .

Table 1. Immunofluorescent Staining of RSV-transformed and Nontransformed Mouse NIH 3T3 Fibroblasts with Anti-tyrosine Phosphorylated β_1 Integrin Subunit, Anti- β_1 Integrin Subunit, Anti-phosphotyrosine, and Anti-p60^{v-src} Antibodies

| Antibody | RSV-transformed cells on noncoated or vitronectin-coated substrate | RSV-transformed cells on fibronectin-coated substrate | Nontransformed cells on noncoated or vitronectin-coated substrate | Nontransformed cells on fibronectin-coated substrate |
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| Anti-tyrosine phosphorylated β_1 subunit | Podosomes diffuse staining | Podosomes diffuse staining | Not detected | Not detected |
| Anti- β_1 subunit | Diffuse staining | Adhesion plaques, diffuse staining | Adhesion plaques | Adhesion plaques |
| Anti-phosphotyrosine | Podosomes, adhesion plaques, cell-cell boundaries | Podosomes, adhesion plaques, cell-cell boundaries | Adhesion plaques | Adhesion plaques |
| Anti-p60 ^{v-src} | Podosomes, adhesion plaques | Podosomes, adhesion plaques | Not detected | Not detected |

This table summarizes the data shown in Fig. 6 and Fig. 7 as well as data not shown. Immunofluorescence microscopy was performed with affinity-purified antibodies against β_1 integrin subunit cytoplasmic peptide (10 $\mu\text{g/ml}$), PY β_1 (100 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) and phosphotyrosine (10 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) or with 10 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ mouse anti-p60^{v-src} antibodies as described in Materials and Methods.

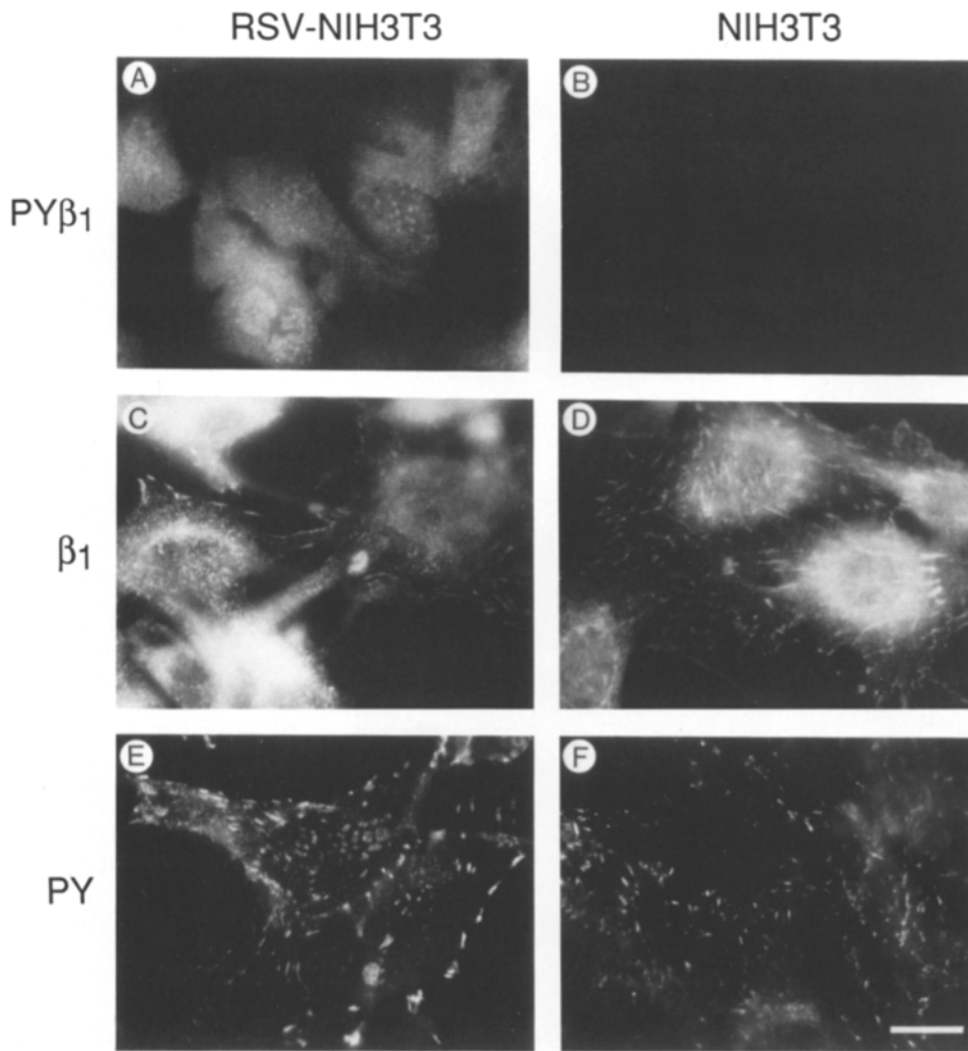


Figure 7. Immunofluorescent localization of tyrosine-phosphorylated β_1 integrin subunit (PY β_1), β_1 integrin subunit (β_1) and phosphotyrosine (PY) in normal (NIH3T3) and RSV-transformed (RSV-NIH3T3) fibroblasts plated on fibronectin-coated glass. Immunofluorescence was performed with 100 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ of affinity-purified anti-PY β_1 antibodies, 10 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ affinity-purified anti- β_1 antibodies and 10 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ affinity-purified anti-phosphotyrosine antibodies. Bar, 20 μm .

transformed fibroblasts (Figs. 5, A, C, and D and Fig. 6 A), no anti-PY β_1 staining above background was obtained in nontransformed fibroblasts (Fig. 6 B). Conventional anti- β_1 integrin subunit antibodies labeled diffusely RSV-transformed NIH 3T3 fibroblasts plated on noncoated glass (Fig. 6 C) and stained adhesion plaques in nontransformed fibroblasts (Fig. 6 D). Anti-phosphotyrosine antibodies stained podosomes, adhesion-plaque-like structures (Fig. 6 E) and cell-cell boundaries (Table I) in the transformed fibroblasts, while adhesion plaques were primarily stained in nontransformed fibroblasts (Fig. 6 F). Results indistinguishable from those obtained with cells plated on noncoated glass (Figs. 5 and 6) were obtained on a vitronectin substrate (Table I).

In Fig. 7 the staining patterns of anti-PY β_1 , anti- β_1 and anti-phosphotyrosine antibodies were examined in cells plated on a fibronectin substrate. In RSV-transformed fibroblasts plated on fibronectin β_1 integrin subunit immunoreactivity was concentrated in focal adhesions (Fig. 7 C), while on noncoated glass (Fig. 6 C) and on vitronectin (Table I) only diffuse staining was observed. Thus, the anti-PY β_1 antibody staining is distinct from the localization of both β_1 subunit and phosphotyrosine immunoreactivities.

The localization of p60^{v-src} was also examined for comparison (Table I). p60^{v-src} was found both in podosomes and in adhesion plaques in the RSV-transformed NIH3T3 fibroblasts. Control experiments showed that the nonphosphorylated β_1 peptide greatly reduces anti- β_1 staining and phenylphosphate completely inhibits anti-phosphotyrosine antibody staining, as does the PY β_1 peptide (not shown). As expected, the nonphosphorylated β_1 peptide had no effect on anti-phosphotyrosine staining (not shown). These inhibition patterns are consistent with the ELISA results shown in Fig. 2. The results with anti- β_1 , anti-phosphotyrosine and anti-p60^{v-src} antibodies are in agreement with results obtained by others using transformed and nontransformed fibroblasts (Maher et al., 1985; Tarone et al., 1985; Chen et al., 1986; Giancotti et al., 1986; Singer et al., 1988).

Even though the anti-PY β_1 antibody staining was not inhibited by phenylphosphate, the PY β_1 epitope does indeed encompass a phosphate group, as demonstrated by the absence of anti-PY β_1 staining of podosomes after treatment of the fixed and permeabilized cells with alkaline phosphatase (Fig. 8 B, compare with A). Anti-phosphotyrosine staining was similarly abolished by the alkaline phosphatase treat-

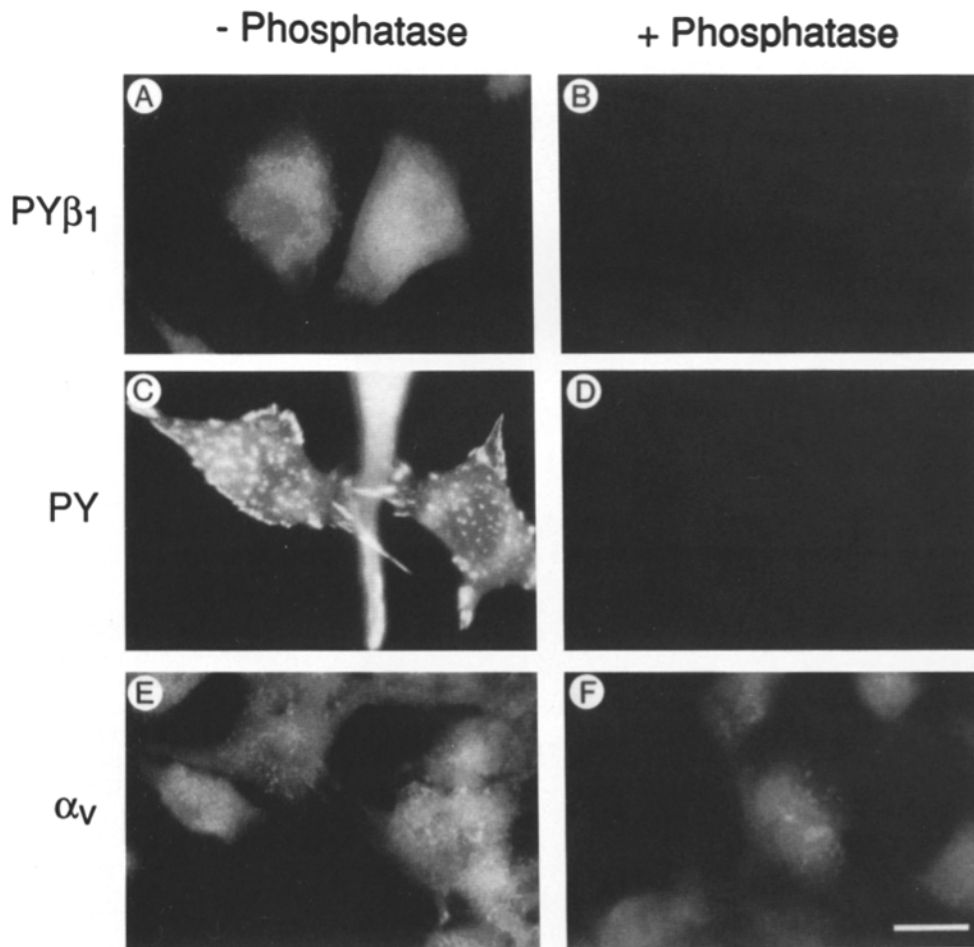


Figure 8. Abolition of anti-PY β_1 and anti-phosphotyrosine antibody immunofluorescent staining by phosphatase treatment. Immunofluorescence was performed using phosphatase-treated (*B*, *D*, and *F*) or nontreated (*A*, *C*, and *E*) fixed and permeabilized RSV-transformed NIH 3T3 fibroblasts. The antibodies used are: 100 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ of affinity-purified anti-PY β_1 antibodies (*A* and *B*), 10 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ of affinity-purified anti-phosphotyrosine antibodies (*C* and *D*) and anti- α_v integrin antiserum at a dilution of 1:100 (*E* and *F*). Bar, 20 μm .

ment (Fig. 8 *D*, compare to *C*). Staining of podosomes with anti- α_v integrin subunit antibodies confirmed that the podosome structure itself was not destroyed by the phosphatase treatment (Fig. 8, *E* and *F*).

Binding of SH2 Domains to Tyrosine-phosphorylated β_1 Integrin Subunit Peptide

Phosphorylated tyrosine residues in proteins often represent recognition sites for the SH2 domains of cytoplasmic signaling proteins (Koch et al., 1991). To examine the possibility that tyrosine phosphorylation of the β_1 subunit cytoplasmic domain may create a binding site for specific SH2 domains, we tested the recombinant SH2 domains of several proteins in a binding assay. As shown in Fig. 9 *A*, we found that the carboxy-terminal SH2 domain of the p85 subunit of PI-3 kinase binds to the PY β_1 peptide and, to a lower degree, to the related PY β_3 peptide. In contrast, the SH2 domains of p60^{src} and PLC γ -1 did not bind to PY β_1 . No binding was observed to the β_1 and β_3 nonphosphorylated peptides. Furthermore, treatment of the PY β_1 peptide with alkaline phosphatase greatly reduced the binding of the p85 subunit SH2 domain (Fig. 9 *B*).

Discussion

We have successfully synthesized a phosphopeptide that mimics the tyrosine-phosphorylated cytoplasmic domain of

the β_1 integrin subunit, prepared antibodies to it that specifically recognize the phosphorylated β_1 subunit, and shown with these antibodies that tyrosine-phosphorylated β_1 integrins are concentrated in different subcellular structures than nonphosphorylated β_1 integrins. Our results also show that an SH2 domain of PI-3-kinase binds to the phosphorylated β_1 peptide.

Our study indicates that polyclonal antibodies specific for various tyrosine-phosphorylated substrates can be useful tools, for example, for immunolocalization studies. Antibodies specific for the phosphorylated form of a particular protein have previously been raised against serine or threonine phosphorylated peptides (Czernik et al., 1991). In addition, while our manuscript was in preparation, a polyclonal antibody made against a phosphopeptide comprising a phosphorylated tyrosine residue of P185^{neu/erbB-2} was described (Bangalore et al., 1992). This antibody was also used in immunofluorescence microscopy experiments; however, the subcellular localization of the phosphorylated protein was not distinct from that of the nonphosphorylated protein or from phosphotyrosine in general.

Our first efforts to produce the PY β_1 phosphopeptide involved a conventional solid phase synthesis according to an Fmoc protocol, followed by a global phosphorylation of unblocked tyrosine in the resin-bound peptide. The ³¹P NMR signal of the deblocked peptide was, however, later shown to have an incorrect chemical shift. We subsequently

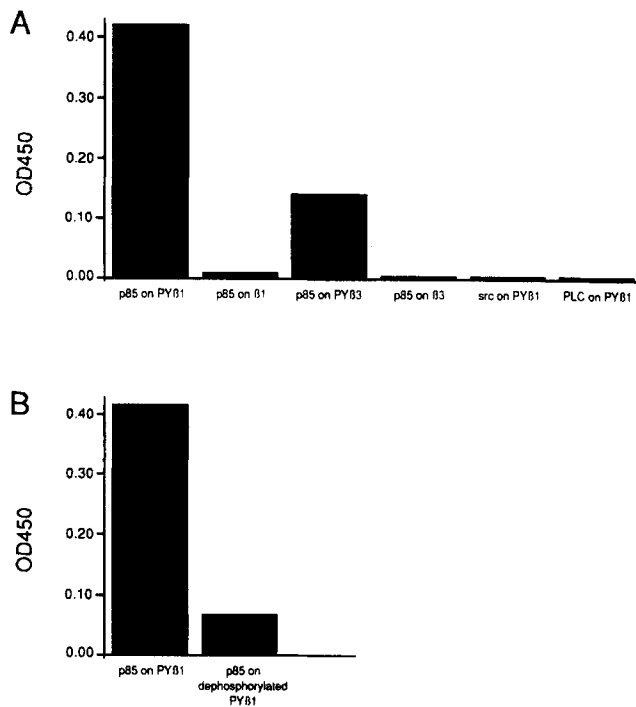


Figure 9. Binding of SH2 domains to the PY β_1 and PY β_3 peptides. The binding assay was performed with 5 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ of the biotinylated SH2 domains of the p85 subunit of PI-3-kinase, p60^{src} or PLC γ in microtiter wells coated with PY β_1 , β_1 , PY β_3 , or β_3 peptides at 10 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ (A) and with PY β_1 or PY β_1 dephosphorylated by treatment with alkaline phosphatase (B).

adopted a method employing a benzyl-protected phosphotyrosine in the solid phase synthesis. This method proved to be successful when the removal of the Fmoc group in each step was made with morpholine; attempts to use other bases led to loss of benzyl groups and premature termination of the synthesis (Kitas et al., 1991).

The antibodies we prepared against the β_1 subunit cytoplasmic phosphopeptide recognize the phosphotyrosine residue in the context of the surrounding β_1 subunit amino acid sequence. This conclusion is supported by the finding that the antibodies did not recognize phosphotyrosine nor other tyrosine-phosphorylated peptides, such as the PY β_3 peptide. The antibodies prepared against the PY β_1 subunit peptide recognized the intact tyrosine-phosphorylated β_1 subunit in RSV-transformed mouse NIH 3T3 fibroblasts, as shown by ELISA and by surface iodination followed by immunoprecipitation. Phosphate labeling and immunoprecipitation confirmed that the β_1 subunit is phosphorylated in RSV-transformed fibroblasts. These experiments showed that the anti-PY β_1 antibodies were suitable for studying the subcellular localization of tyrosine-phosphorylated β_1 subunit.

The overall distribution of phosphotyrosine-containing proteins had been studied in normal and transformed cells (e.g., Maher et al., 1985; Tarone et al., 1985), but the subcellular distribution of the tyrosine-phosphorylated β_1 subunit was unknown (result not shown). With the anti-PY β_1 peptide antibodies, the phosphorylated β_1 subunit could be detected in RSV-transformed 3T3 fibroblasts without grow-

ing the cells in the presence of the phosphotyrosine phosphatase inhibitor vanadate. In contrast, significant levels of β_1 subunit phosphorylation could previously be detected after immunoprecipitation only in cells labeled in the presence of vanadate (Hirst et al., 1986; Hynes, 1990; Haimovich et al., 1991). Although the tyrosine-phosphorylated β_1 subunit represents only a minor fraction of the total β_1 subunit (Hirst et al., 1986), it is concentrated in the podosomes, where it is likely to have specific functions.

Podosomes are dot-shaped sites of close contact with the substratum found in some transformed cells and in nontransformed cells derived from the bone marrow, including osteoclasts (Tarone et al., 1985; Marchisio et al., 1987; see Burridge et al., 1988 for a review on podosomes). Podosomes have been reported to contain high levels of cytoskeletal proteins such as actin, α -actinin, fimbrin, vinculin, and talin. Phosphotyrosine containing molecules, some of which have been identified as p60^{src} substrates, are also concentrated in podosomes (Tarone et al., 1985; Kanner et al., 1991; Wu et al., 1991). Several characteristics distinguish the podosome adhesion structures from adhesion plaques, including their rapid assembly and disassembly, which may be caused by the low levels of integrins and lack of ECM components associated with podosomes, and may confer migratory and invasive properties to cells. The localization in podosomes of the tyrosine phosphorylated β_1 subunit, observed both on vitronectin and fibronectin substrates, is distinct from the distribution of the β_1 subunit, which in transformed cells is diffusely distributed on a vitronectin substrate or on uncoated glass (Chen et al., 1986; Giancotti et al., 1986; Ruoslahti and Giancotti, 1989; Hynes, 1990) and concentrated in adhesion plaques on a fibronectin substrate (Chen et al., 1986; and Table I). Thus, one consequence of β_1 subunit phosphorylation appears to be the substratum-independent localization in podosomes.

The β_1 subunit primarily associates with the α_5 and α_v subunits in the RSV-transformed NIH 3T3 cells (not shown). However, because of the low quantity of the tyrosine-phosphorylated β_1 subunit, we have not been able to identify its companion α subunit. The α_5 subunit localizes diffusely in the RSV-transformed fibroblasts and accumulates in the adhesion plaques of cells attached on fibronectin (not shown), whereas we detected α_v in the podosomes. This suggests that in the podosomes PY β_1 is present in complex with α_v . The $\alpha_v\beta_1$ integrin is a fibronectin receptor (Vogel et al., 1990), but unlike $\alpha_5\beta_1$ it does not support the assembly of a fibronectin matrix (Zhang et al., 1993). Tyrosine-phosphorylated $\alpha_v\beta_1$ integrin is probably a weaker fibronectin receptor, because phosphorylation has been found to reduce the fibronectin binding of a chicken integrin complex (Horwitz et al., 1986). Local weak fibronectin binding at the podosomes may be important for the degradation of fibronectin that takes place at this site in RSV-transformed cells (Chen et al., 1985; Mueller and Chen, 1991).

The tyrosine-phosphorylated β_1 subunit isolated from RSV-transformed chicken fibroblasts has a lower ability to interact with fibronectin or talin than integrin from normal cells (Tapley et al., 1989). For this reason, β_1 subunit phosphorylation on tyrosine may contribute to the abnormal phenotype of RSV-transformed cells. Consistent with this possibility, β_1 subunit tyrosine-phosphorylation was not de-

tected in chicken fibroblasts transformed by a virus encoding a mutant p60^{v-src}. Cells infected with this mutant virus retain surface fibronectin and have a relatively normal morphology (Horvath et al., 1990).

The tyrosine kinase p60^{v-src}, which presumably is responsible, directly or indirectly, for integrin phosphorylation, is localized in podosomes as well as in adhesion plaques in RSV-transformed cells (Chen et al., 1985; and Table I). However, the tyrosine-phosphorylated β_1 subunit is detected in podosomes, but not in adhesion plaques. It is not clear why the β_1 subunit in the adhesion plaques is not phosphorylated by the p60^{v-src} present there, since in vitro both the β_1 subunit and a synthetic peptide containing the consensus site for β_1 tyrosine phosphorylation are phosphorylated on tyrosine by p60^{v-src} (Tapley et al., 1989). A number of explanations are possible: Some factor necessary for integrin phosphorylation may be missing in the plaques or there may be locally high phosphotyrosine phosphatase activity. Alternatively, p60^{v-src} may phosphorylate β_1 in the plaques, but once phosphorylated, the integrin diffuses away from the adhesion plaques because of a decreased interaction with talin (Tapley et al., 1989). Finally, we cannot exclude the possibility that tyrosine phosphorylated β_1 subunit is present in adhesion plaques, but not accessible to the antibodies. However, this explanation is unlikely since the non-phosphorylated β_1 subunit is detected in adhesion plaques with antibodies to its cytoplasmic domain. Furthermore, it was recently shown that a β_1 subunit mutant in which the critical cytoplasmic domain tyrosine residue had been replaced by glutamic acid had a decreased localization in adhesion plaques of 3T3 cells (Reszka et al., 1992), suggesting that the plaque localization may be abolished by introduction of a negative charge, such as that of a phosphate group, at this site. It is also possible that β_1 subunit phosphorylation on tyrosine could convert adhesion plaques into podosomes; podosomes are highly dynamic structures that assemble and disassemble rapidly (Burrige et al., 1988).

The function of tyrosine-phosphorylated β_1 subunit in the podosomes is unknown. As discussed above, previous reports suggest that phosphorylation on tyrosine of its cytoplasmic domain impairs the binding of the β_1 subunit to the cytoskeletal proteins that normally interact with it, such as talin and vinculin. Our results suggest that an SH2 domain of the p85 subunit of PI-3-kinase has affinity for the tyrosine phosphorylated β_1 integrin subunit. Although the sequences of the cytoplasmic domains of β_1 and β_3 integrins do not conform to the canonical consensus sequence recognized by the p85 subunit SH2 domains, exceptions have been reported (Miura et al., 1994). While an in vivo association remains to be demonstrated, it is conceivable that the phosphorylation of the β_1 integrin subunit in RSV-transformed cells may act to recruit PI-3-kinase to a critical subcellular localization. PI-3-kinase phosphorylates several phosphoinositide membrane lipids at the D-3 position of the inositol ring. Thus, binding to tyrosine-phosphorylated β_1 subunit would bring PI-3-kinase in contact not only with its substrates, but also with p60^{v-src}. PI-3-kinase is a substrate of p60^{v-src} and it is likely to be activated by tyrosine phosphorylation of its 85-kD subunit (Cantley et al., 1991). Interestingly, the increased concentration of D-3 phosphorylated phosphoinositides resulting from the activation of PI-3-kinase, may be responsible for the disorganization of actin filament ob-

served in cells treated with growth factors and in transformed cells (Cantley et al., 1991). Further work will be necessary to evaluate the intriguing hypothesis that the phosphorylated β_1 subunit in the podosomes may, in analogy with phosphorylated growth factor receptors, recruit cytoplasmic signaling molecules.

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