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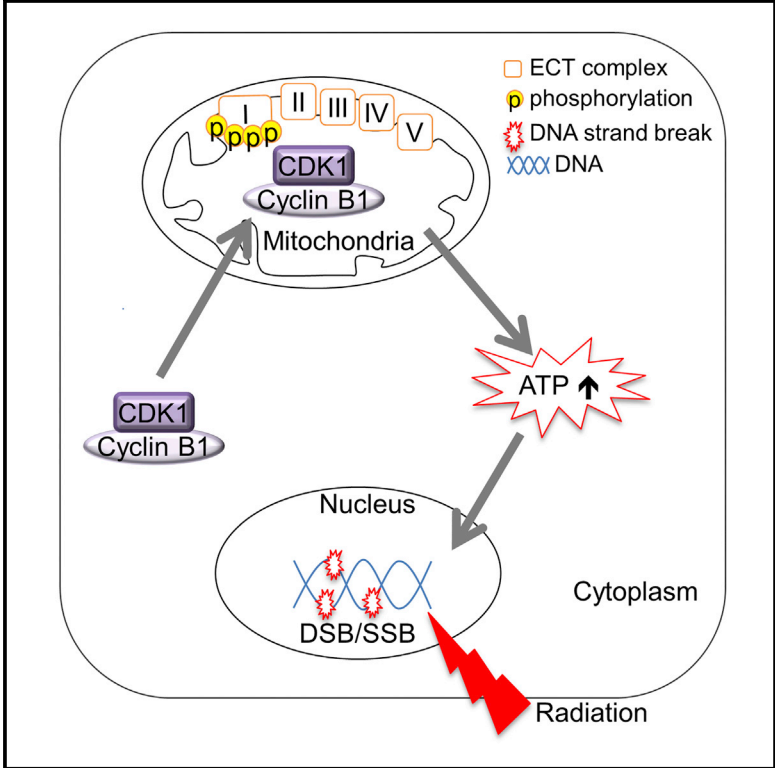
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Graphical Abstract



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In Brief

Qin et al. identify communication between mitochondrial bioenergetics and nuclear DNA repair. Upon radiation, the mitotic kinase CDK1 relocates to mitochondria and activates mitochondrial complex I. The resulting ATP generation is required for efficient DNA repair.

Highlights

- Oxygen consumption and mitochondrial ATP generation are enhanced in irradiated cells
- Upon radiation, CDK1 relocates to mitochondria
- Mitochondrial CDK1 boosts ATP generation via CI phosphorylation
- CDK1-regulated mitochondrial ATP generation favors DNA repair and cell survival



CDK1 Enhances Mitochondrial Bioenergetics for Radiation-Induced DNA Repair

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SUMMARY

Nuclear DNA repair capacity is a critical determinant of cell fate under genotoxic stress conditions. DNA repair is a well-defined energy-consuming process. However, it is unclear how DNA repair is fueled and whether mitochondrial energy production contributes to nuclear DNA repair. Here, we report a dynamic enhancement of oxygen consumption and mitochondrial ATP generation in irradiated normal cells, paralleled with increased mitochondrial relocation of the cell-cycle kinase CDK1 and nuclear DNA repair. The basal and radiation-induced mitochondrial ATP generation is reduced significantly in cells harboring CDK1 phosphorylation-deficient mutant complex I subunits. Similarly, mitochondrial ATP generation and nuclear DNA repair are also compromised severely in cells harboring mitochondrially targeted, kinase-deficient CDK1. These results demonstrate a mechanism governing the communication between mitochondria and the nucleus by which CDK1 boosts mitochondrial bioenergetics to meet the increased cellular fuel demand for DNA repair and cell survival under genotoxic stress conditions.

INTRODUCTION

It is well known that radiation induces cell death because of nuclear DNA damage. To survive, cells need to maintain their genomic stability via checkpoint activation and a rapid DNA repair process. Lack of or an insufficient repair mechanism could lead to apoptosis or abnormal cell proliferation and cancer risk (Hoeijmakers, 2009; Kastan and Bartek, 2004). DNA repair has long been believed to be a highly energy-demanding process, consuming a large amount of cellular ATP (Bakkenist and Kastan, 2004; Hopfner et al., 2000; Paull and Gellert, 1999; Ward and Chen, 2004). As the powerhouse of mammalian cells, mito-

chondria provide the major cellular fuel for many critical processes in cell proliferation and survival (Pagliarini and Dixon, 2006; Scheibye-Knudsen et al., 2015). Inhibition of the respiration chain suppresses the spontaneous and H₂O₂-induced DNA damage repair in peripheral blood mononuclear cells (Gaf-ter-Gvili et al., 2011). Mutations of mitochondrial genes encoding respiration chain subunits sensitize B-lymphoblastoid cells to radiation with decreased ATP generation and DNA repair gene expression (Kulkarni et al., 2011). However, the exact mechanism regulating mitochondrial bioenergetics to coordinate the nuclear DNA repair capacity under genotoxic stress conditions remains unknown.

Recent findings have revealed that Cyclin B1/CDK1, a well-defined cell-cycle kinase governing key steps of cell-cycle progression (Gautier et al., 1990; Hochegger et al., 2008), functions in the communication between mitochondrial activity and cell-cycle progression. CDK1 is involved in the integration of mitochondrial fission during G2/M transition through phosphorylation of mitochondrial fission proteins (Taguchi et al., 2007; Yamano and Youle, 2011). Cyclin B1/CDK1 has also been found to be able to phosphorylate and activate MnSOD and p53 in mitochondria to enhance cell survival (Candas et al., 2013; Nantajit et al., 2010). Recent data have also revealed that a fraction of mitochondrially relocated Cyclin B1/CDK1 can assist G2/M transition by boosting mitochondrial ATP generation via phosphorylation of mitochondrial respiration chain complex I (CI) subunits (Wang et al., 2014) and that CDK1-mediated Tom6 phosphorylation enhances the mitochondrial protein influx required for mitochondrial biogenesis and activity (Harbauer et al., 2014). Here we report that Cyclin B1/CDK1 mitochondrial relocation and mitochondrial ATP generation are enhanced in parallel with nuclear DNA repair in irradiated cells. Expression of CDK1 phosphorylation-deficient CI subunits or mitochondrially targeted kinase-deficient CDK1 inhibits radiation-induced mitochondrial ATP generation and DNA repair. These results provide evidence indicating communication between mitochondrial bioenergetics and nuclear DNA repair in which CDK1-mediated phosphorylation and activation of mitochondrial CI enhances mitochondrial ATP production to

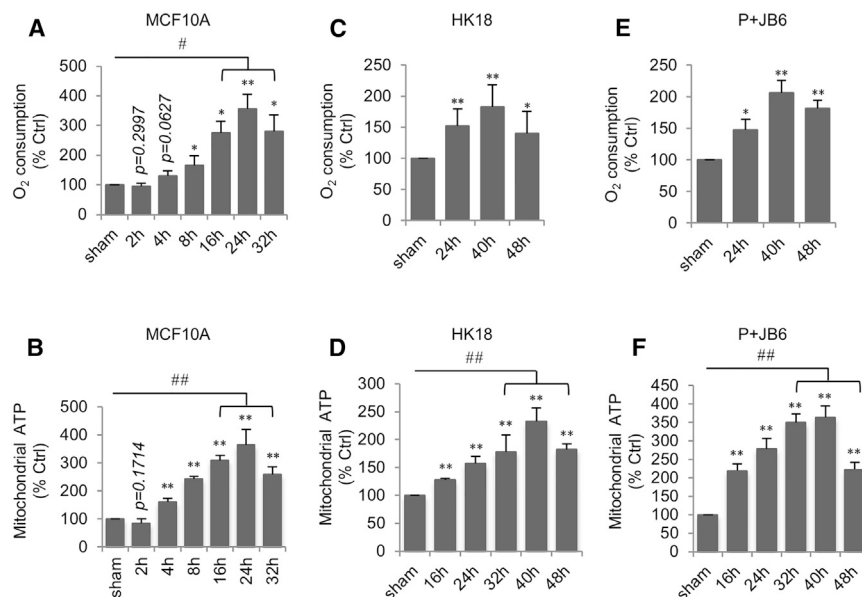


Figure 1. Radiation Enhances Mitochondrial ATP Generation and Oxygen Consumption

(A–F) Oxygen consumption (A, C, and E) and mitochondrial ATP generation (B, D, and F) were measured in MCF10A (A and B), HK18 (C and D), and P+JB6 (E and F) cells after 5-Gy radiation. Data represent mean \pm S.E.M. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$ irradiated cells versus non-irradiated sham control; # $p < 0.05$, ## $p < 0.01$ peak time versus non-irradiated sham control; $n = 3$.

See also Figure S1.

Radiation-Induced DNA Damage Repair Links to Mitochondrial Bioenergetics

Because repair of radiation-induced DNA damage is essential for cell survival and maintenance of genomic stability, and DNA repair is an ATP-consuming process, we hypothesized that the irradiated cells enhance their mitochondrial ATP

generation to meet the increased energy demand for nuclear DNA repair and cell survival.

RESULTS

Radiation Enhances Mitochondrial Bioenergetics in Cells

We reported recently that the cell-cycle kinase CDK1 is involved in the control of mitochondrial bioenergetics to fuel G2/M transition in normal cell-cycle progression (Wang et al., 2014). In this study, we investigated whether CDK1-mediated mitochondrial bioenergetics contribute to the energy supply for nuclear DNA repair under genotoxic stress conditions. To this end, we first tested how mitochondrial respiration was altered after irradiation in three immortalized normal cell lines: human mammary epithelial MCF10A cells, human skin keratinocytes (HK18), and mouse skin epithelial P+JB6 cells. We found that, in all cell lines tested, mitochondrial ATP generation and oxygen consumption were enhanced significantly by radiation, although the peak values and times varied. In MCF10A cells, mitochondrial ATP generation showed a 3.63-fold increase, whereas oxygen consumption showed a 3.46-fold increase at the peak time of 24 hr post-radiation compared with a no-radiation sham control (Figures 1A and 1B). Meanwhile, mitochondrial superoxide levels were found to be increased, paralleled with a slight increase in MnSOD activity in irradiated MCF10A cells (Figures S1A and S1B). Enhanced mitochondrial ATP generation and oxygen consumption were also observed in the HK18 (Figures 1C and 1D) and p+JB6 (Figures 1E and 1F) cell lines, with a peak time around 40 hr post-radiation, indicating that the induction of mitochondrial respiration by radiation is not cell-type specific (MCF10A cells were used in subsequent experiments). Overall, these data demonstrate that mitochondrial bioenergetics are enhanced by a single dose of ionizing radiation in normal cells.

generation to meet the increased energy demand for nuclear DNA repair. We first determined the levels of γ H2A.X, a marker of DNA double-strand breaks (DSBs), which was increased 2 hr post-radiation and then decreased gradually (Figure 2A). γ H2A.X foci formation in irradiated cells can be detected as early as 15 min, with 100% cells showing nuclear γ H2A.X focus formation (Figure S2A), which remained constant until 2 hr (Figure 2B; Figure S2A). The number of γ H2A.X focus-containing cells decreased gradually from 4 hr post-radiation (Figure 2B; Figure S2A). Comet assay data displayed a similar DNA repair pattern, shown by tail DNA intensity and tail moment in irradiated cells (Figures 3C and 3D).

Next we examined the involvement of non-homologous end joining (NHEJ) and homologous recombination (HR) in DNA DSB repair. The NHEJ pathway was found to be activated early post-radiation, as indicated by 53BP1 focus formation (Figure 2E; Figure S2B) and increased DNA-dependent protein kinase, catalytic subunit (DNA-PKcs) phosphorylation, along with a constant level of Ku70/80 (Figure 2A). In contrast, HR repair was evidently increased 24 hr post-radiation, as measured by Rad51 focus formation (Figure 2F), without the apparent enhancement of Rad51 protein levels (Figure 2A). These data demonstrate a possibility that, although both the NHEJ and HR repair pathways are involved in irradiated cells, only HR repair coincides with radiation-enhanced mitochondrial ATP generation in terms of timing, which needs to be investigated further.

Radiation-induced G2/M arrest is believed to help cells with DNA damage repair, and cells with unrepaired lesions undergo apoptosis or tumorigenesis (Hoeijmakers, 2009; Kastan and Bartek, 2004). Our data show that the percentage of cells in G2/M phase was increased significantly 2–8 hr after radiation (Figure S2C), with a relative small fraction of apoptotic cells detected during the same period of time (Figures S2D and S2E).

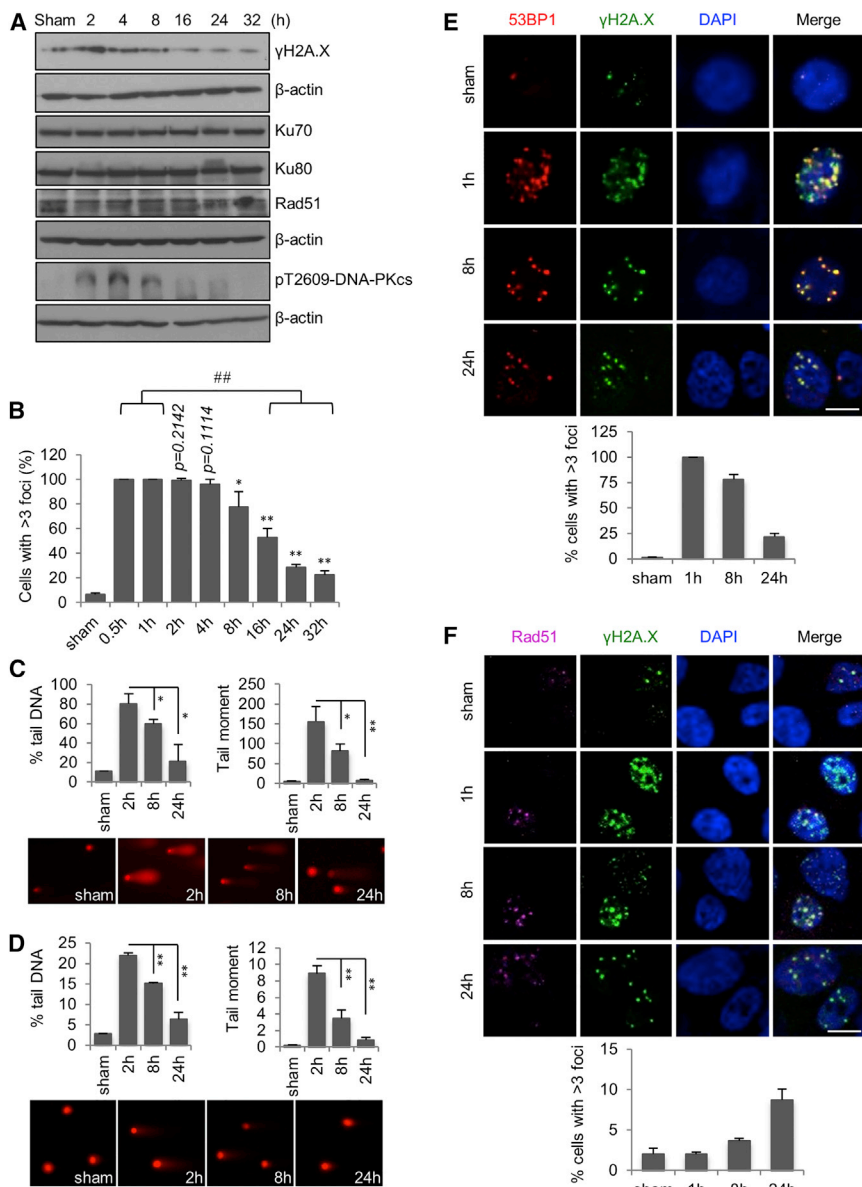


Figure 2. Nuclear DNA Repair Capacity Is Paralleled with Mitochondrial ATP Generation

(A) Western blot analysis of radiation-induced DNA damage repair.

(B) Percentage of cells with >3 nuclear γ H2A.X foci at different time intervals after 5-Gy radiation. Data represent mean \pm SEM. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, $n = 3$; ## $p < 0.01$; $n = 3$. See also Figure S2A.

(C) Alkaline comet assay of DNA damage. Data represent mean \pm SEM. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$. Bottom: representative images of tailed DNA. Magnification, 20 \times .

(D) Neutral comet assay of DNA damage. Data represent mean \pm SEM. ** $p < 0.01$. Bottom: representative images of tailed DNA. Magnification, 20 \times .

(E) 53BP1 focus formation representing NHEJ repair of radiation-induced DNA DSBs. Scale bar, 10 μ m. See also Figure S2B.

(F) Rad51 focus formation representing HR repair of radiation-induced DNA DSBs. Scale bar, 10 μ m.

Radiation-Induced Mitochondrial Relocation of Cyclin B1 and CDK1

Our previous study demonstrated that radiation enhances mitochondrial relocation of Cyclin B1 and CDK1 in multiple normal and cancer cell lines (Candas et al., 2013; Nantajit et al., 2010) and that mitochondrially relocated CDK1 phosphorylates CI subunits and, consequently, upregulates CI activity and mitochondrial ATP generation during G2/M transition (Wang et al., 2014). We then wondered whether CDK1-enhanced mitochondrial ATP generation is required for nuclear DNA repair and cell survival under genotoxic conditions. We found that the first detectable increase in the mitochondrial relocation of Cyclin B1 and CDK1 appeared at 4 hr (Figure 3A), when mitochondrial ATP production started to increase (Figure 1B) and DNA repair activity was detectable (Figure 2B), and both peaked around

16 hr post-radiation (Figure 3A), when mitochondrial ATP generation reached its peak time (Figure 1B) and most of the damaged DNA had been repaired (Figure 2B). Taken together, as summarized in Figure 3B and Figure S3A, the enhanced CDK1 mitochondrial relocation is coordinated with increased mitochondrial bioenergetics and DNA repair in irradiated cells. Notably, pT161-CDK1 (active phosphorylated CDK1) levels in both total cell lysates and mitochondrial fractions were increased by radiation around 2 hr and remained high throughout the experiment (Figure 3A; Figure S3B; the purity of the mitochondrial preparation is shown in Figure S3C). In contrast to the enhanced mitochondrial CDK1 and Cyclin B1, total cellular CDK1 and Cyclin B1 protein remained unchanged or increased slightly within 32 hr

of testing (Figure S3B). CDK1 mitochondrial relocation was further confirmed by electron microscopy (Figure S3D) and immunostaining (Figure S3E). Inhibition of Cyclin B1 expression using small interfering RNA (siRNA) knockdown significantly decreased the mitochondrial CDK1 level and vice versa (Figure 3C), suggesting the possibility that both proteins relocate to mitochondria together. In addition, radiation-induced mitochondrial relocation of Cyclin B1 and CDK1 appeared not to be dose-dependent (Figure S3F).

We then tested whether CDK1-mediated CI activation contributes to radiation-enhanced mitochondrial ATP generation and DNA repair. As shown in Figure 3D, both basal and radiation-induced mitochondrial ATP were reduced significantly in cells harboring CDK1 phosphorylation-deficient CI subunits compared with the empty vector control cells, and, moreover,

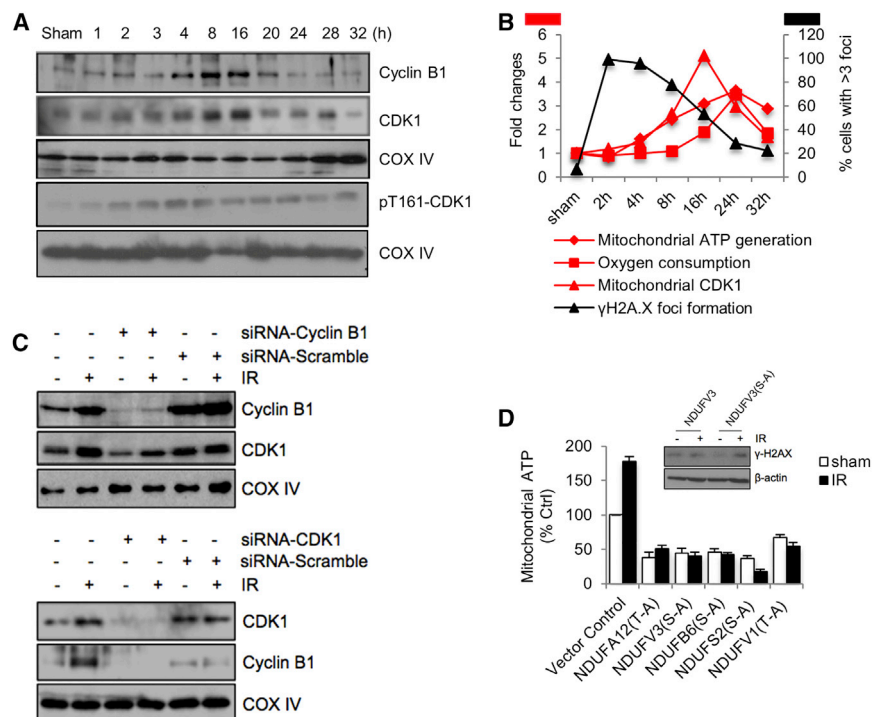


Figure 3. Mitochondrial CDK1-Mediated Phosphorylation of CI Subunits Contributes to Radiation-Enhanced Mitochondrial ATP Generation

(A) Western blot of enhanced mitochondrial relocation of Cyclin B1 and CDK1 in irradiated cells. COXIV, mitochondria loading control. See also Figure S3.

(B) Summary of coordinated Cyclin B1/CDK1 mitochondrial relocation with enhanced mitochondrial respiration and DNA repair. Left y axis: fold changes in mitochondrial ATP generation, oxygen consumption, and levels of mitochondrially relocated CDK1. Right y axis: percentage of cells with >3 nuclear γ H2A.X foci. See also Figure S3A.

(C) Cells were transfected with Cyclin B1 (top) or CDK1 (bottom) siRNA for 24 hr and irradiated with 5 Gy followed by western blotting of mitochondrial fractions 24 hr after radiation. IR, ionizing radiation. (D) Cells were transfected with each of the CDK1 phosphorylation-deficient mutant CI subunits for 24 hr and irradiated with 5 Gy, followed by measurement of mitochondrial ATP generation 24 hr post-radiation (n = 3). Inset: γ H2A.X expression levels measured in irradiated cells transfected with the wild-type or phosphorylation-deficient mutant NDUFV3 subunit.

these mutant CI subunit-harboring cells did not show any radiation-enhanced mitochondrial ATP. In addition, γ H2A.X protein levels were increased significantly in irradiated NDUFV3(S-A)-harboring cells 24 hr post-radiation but not in irradiated NDUFV3wt-harboring cells (Figure 3D, inset; the expression of GFP-tagged NDUFV3 is shown in Figure S3G). These data indicate that CDK1-mediated phosphorylation of mitochondrial CI subunits is associated with radiation-enhanced mitochondrial ATP generation and DNA repair.

Mitochondrially Targeted Expression of Kinase-Deficient CDK1 Compromises Radiation-Enhanced Mitochondrial Bioenergetics and Inhibits DNA Repair

To further investigate whether mitochondrial CDK1 kinase activity is required for radiation-enhanced mitochondrial bioenergetics and DNA repair, we transfected MCF10A cells with mitochondrially targeted Cyclin B1 together with kinase-deficient mutant CDK1 (MTS-CDK1-dn) and measured mitochondrial ATP generation and DNA repair. Schematics of the DNA constructs for knockdown of mitochondrially active CDK1 and the co-expression of fluorescence-tagged Cyclin B1 (GFP) and CDK1 (red fluorescent protein [RFP]) in transfected cells are shown in Figures S4A and S4B. With a mitochondrial targeting sequence (MTS) cloned in-frame upstream of Cyclin B1 and CDK1 cDNA, expression of Cyclin B1 and CDK1 can be executed specifically in the mitochondria to avoid disturbing their functions in the nucleus and cytosol. Radiation-induced mitochondrial ATP (Figure 4A) and superoxide (Figure S4C) were compromised significantly in MTS-CDK1-dn cells compared with empty vector control cells. Likewise, an elevated γ H2A.X protein level (Figure 4B) and increased γ H2A.X focus-

containing cells (Figure 4C) were detected in irradiated MTS-CDK1-dn cells. Furthermore, clonogenic survival was reduced by about 25% in irradiated cells harboring MTS-CDK1-dn compared with empty vector control cells (Figure 4D). Together, these results suggest that kinase-active mitochondrial CDK1 contributes to radiation-enhanced mitochondrial ATP generation to meet the increased cellular energy demands for DNA repair in irradiated cells.

DISCUSSION

Here we report a mechanism by which CDK1 coordinates mitochondrial ATP generation with radiation-induced nuclear DNA damage repair (Figure 4E). We show that mitochondrial ATP generation is increased in irradiated cells in a time-dependent manner, paralleled with radiation-induced nuclear DNA damage and mitochondrial accumulation of Cyclin B1/CDK1. Mitochondrially targeted knockdown of CDK1 as well as expression of CDK1 phosphorylation-deficient subunits of CI severely compromises enhanced mitochondrial ATP generation and inhibits DNA repair in irradiated cells.

Timely and efficient DNA repair is a critical step for cells to survive genotoxic stress such as ionizing radiation (Hoeijmakers, 2009), which requires consumption of cellular energy (Bakkenist and Kastan, 2004; Kulkarni et al., 2011; Ward and Chen, 2004). As the major contributor of cellular energy production by generating ATP (Pagliarini and Dixon, 2006; Scheibye-Knudsen et al., 2015), mitochondrially derived ATP is enhanced under oxidative stress conditions such as radiation (Jin et al., 2015; Lu et al., 2015). Besides this, whether or how mitochondrial bioenergetics affect the DNA damage repair capacity of cells under radiation

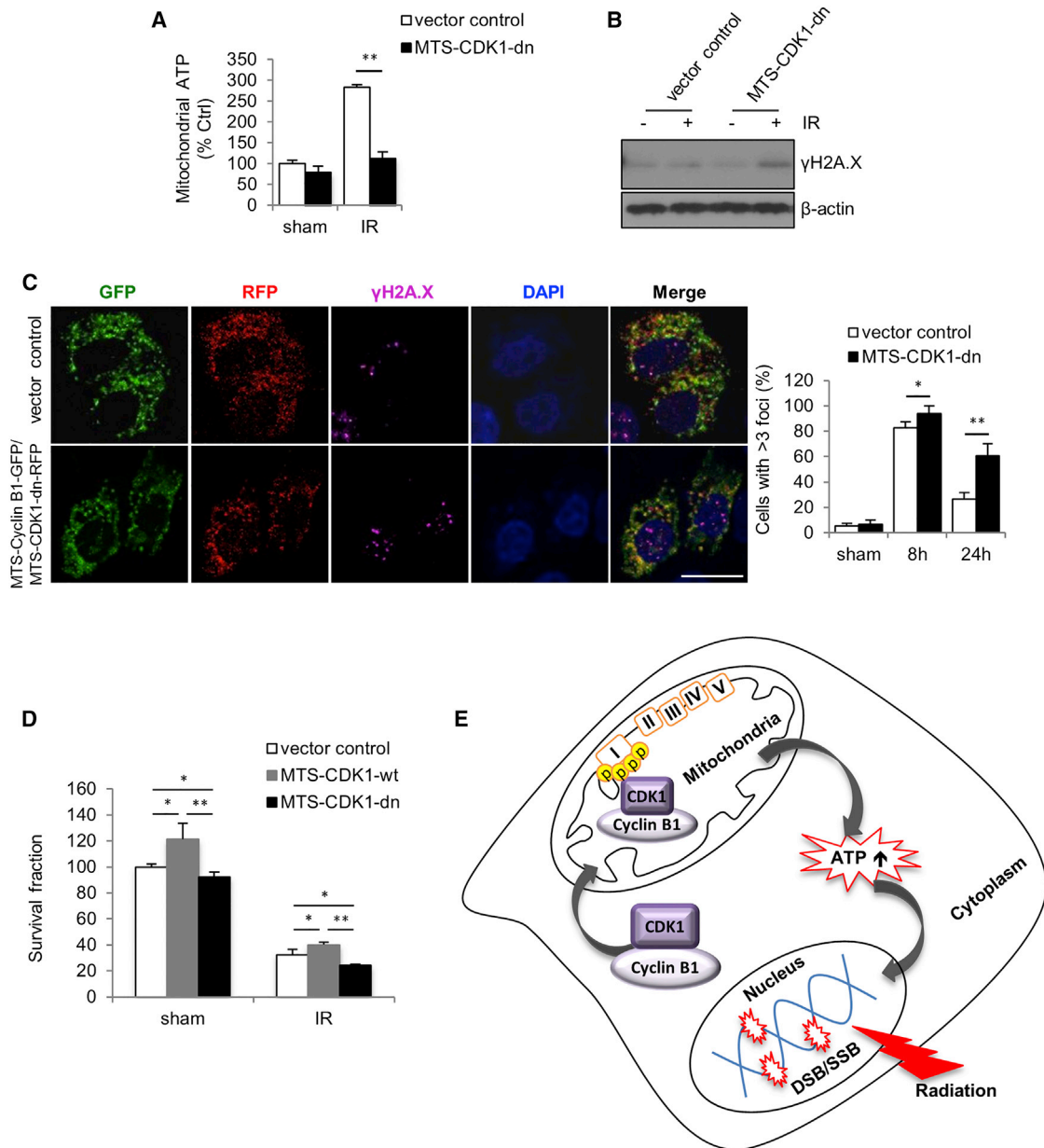


Figure 4. Mitochondrially Targeted, Kinase-Deficient CDK1 Compromises Enhanced Mitochondrial Bioenergetics and Inhibits DNA Repair

(A–C) Mitochondrial ATP generation (A), γ H2A.X protein levels (B), and γ H2A.X focus formation (scale bar, 20 μ m) (C) were measured in mitochondrially targeted, kinase-deficient CDK1-harboring cells and empty vector control cells. In (A), data represent mean \pm SEM. ** $p < 0.01$, $n = 3$. In (C), right, data represent mean \pm SEM. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, $n = 3$.

(D) Clonogenic survival of cells harboring mitochondrially targeted wild-type or kinase-deficient mutant CDK1 and empty vector control cells under 5-Gy radiation. Data represent mean \pm SEM. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, $n = 3$.

(E) A proposed function of CDK1 in coordinating mitochondrial bioenergetics with nuclear DNA repair in irradiated cells. Mitochondrial relocation of CDK1 is enhanced by radiation, which subsequently upregulates mitochondrial ATP generation via phosphorylation of CI subunits to meet the increased cellular fuel demand for DNA repair.

stress has not been defined. Single-nucleotide mutations in mitochondrial genes involved in ATP synthesis result in an increased number of chromosomal aberrations and decreased mitotic indices following acute radiation exposure in human lymphoblastoid cells (Kulkarni et al., 2009), suggesting that mito-

chondrial ATP generation is linked with DNA repair. In irradiated Jurkat cells, cellular ATP levels decrease continuously under oligomycin-containing, glucose-free medium culture conditions but not under glucose-free-only medium or oligomycin-containing regular medium culture conditions (Eguchi et al., 1997),

indicating that, in normal cells, mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation and glycolysis might complement each other to maintain an efficient energy supply. Similar to normal cells, tumor cells also show radiation-enhanced mitochondrial respiration (Gong et al., 1998; Lu et al., 2015; Meike et al., 2011; Yamamori et al., 2012), and increased cellular ATP generation accompanied by reduced DNA damage leads to radioresistance (Artesi et al., 2015). Our results, together with these reported findings, indicate a previously unknown communication between mitochondrial bioenergetics and nuclear DNA repair through which cells enhance the mitochondrial energy metabolism to meet the increased fuel demand to recover from DNA damages.

It should be noticed that, although both the NHEJ and HR pathways are shown to be involved in DNA repair following irradiation, HR repair seems to be more dependent on mitochondrial ATP supplies, indicating a possibility that the HR pathway accounts for the decreased cell survival observed in cells harboring kinase-deficient CDK1. Further investigations are needed to elucidate whether a specific DNA repair pathway requires mitochondrial bioenergetics and whether such a dynamic communication between mitochondrial bioenergetics and nuclear DNA repair is also activated in cancer cells.

Ionizing radiation is a potent inducer of apoptosis in many different cell types (Shao et al., 2014), which is also an ATP/energy-demanding process, and the pertinent deployment of energy between DNA repair and apoptosis will potentially determine cell fate (Bernstein et al., 2002). A study in Jurkat cells has suggested that both glycolysis and mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation could be the energy support of apoptosis (Eguchi et al., 1997). Although, in this study, apoptosis of irradiated cells was found to be increased gradually in the phase of mitochondrial energy enhancement, radiation-induced apoptosis in MCF10A cells was not affected by the expression of mitochondrially targeted, kinase-deficient CDK1 (Candas et al., 2013), suggesting that CDK1/Ct-mediated mitochondrial bioenergetics are probably not required for radiation-induced apoptosis in normal cells.

Under genotoxic conditions, a specific group of stress-responsive proteins, including MnSOD, p53, Cyclin B1/CDK1, Cyclin D1/CDK4, and survivin (Horbinski and Chu, 2005; Jin et al., 2015; Lu et al., 2015; Nantajit et al., 2010; Pagliarini and Dixon, 2006), are inflexed to mitochondria to induce cellular adaptive protection. As a well-defined cell-cycle G2/M transition regulator, the precise subcellular relocation of Cyclin B1/CDK1 is required for the regulation of cell-cycle progression (Gavet and Pines, 2010). Recently, CDK1 has been found to relocate to mitochondria to coordinate energy metabolism with increased fuel demand for cell-cycle G2/M transition (Wang et al., 2014). Interestingly, as the major entry point of electrons into the respiration chain, Ct has been identified to be a substrate of CDK1 during cell-cycle progression (Dephoure et al., 2008; Wang et al., 2014). These findings, together with our data showing that kinase-deficient CDK1 and CDK1 phosphorylation-deficient Ct subunits can inhibit radiation-enhanced mitochondrial ATP generation and DNA repair, support the concept that CDK1-mediated activation of the mitochondrial respiration chain coordinates nuclear DNA repair with increased cellular energy supply.

In conclusion, our data demonstrate a pathway through which mitochondrially relocated CDK1 phosphorylates multiple Ct subunits, boosting mitochondrial ATP generation to meet the increased energy demand for DNA repair and cell survival. This is a unique cross-talk between mitochondrial energy metabolism and nuclear DNA repair that may contribute to further our understanding of how cell fate was decided under genotoxic stress conditions.

EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES

Cell Culture and Treatment

MCF-10A cells were maintained as described previously (Soule et al., 1990). P+JB6 cells were maintained in minimum essential medium (MEM) supplemented with 5% fetal bovine serum (FBS), and HK18 cells were maintained in DMEM supplemented with 10% FBS. Exponentially grown cells were irradiated with a cabinet X-ray system, Faxitron series, at a dose rate of 1.382 Gy/min. See the [Supplemental Experimental Procedures](#) for details.

Western Blotting

For each assay, 20 μ g of protein was separated on an SDS-PAGE gel and transferred to a polyvinylidene difluoride (PVDF) membrane, followed by blocking of the membrane in 5% fat-free milk for 1 hr. The membrane was then incubated with primary antibodies (refer to the [Supplemental Experimental Procedures](#) for details) at 4°C overnight, followed by incubation with secondary antibodies for 1 hr at room temperature. Signals were then detected with an enhanced chemiluminescence (ECL) detection kit.

Measurement of Mitochondrial ATP Production

Mitochondrial ATP production was measured following a published method (Vives-Bauza et al., 2007) with modifications. See the [Supplemental Experimental Procedures](#) for details.

Measurement of Oxygen Consumption

Exponentially growing cells ($1-2 \times 10^6$) were harvested and resuspended in 300 μ l of oxygen consumption buffer (25 mM sucrose, 15 mM KCl, 1 mM EGTA, 0.5 mM MgCl₂, and 30 mM K₂HPO₄). Oxygen consumption was monitored at 30°C with succinate as the complex II substrate using Clarke-type oxygen electrode (Rank Brothers) following the manufacturer's instructions.

Comet Assay

Alkaline and neutral comet assays were performed following the manufacturer's instructions (Trevigen Laboratory). DNA was stained with propidium iodide, and images of the comets were captured under a fluorescence microscope. For each sample, a minimum of 50 cells was analyzed using the software CASPlab, and the DNA damage was represented as percent tail DNA and tail moment. The experiments were repeated twice, and control (untreated cells) were used to determine the characteristics of data for a healthy cell.

Focus Formation Assay

Cells growing on coverslips were fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde for 10 min at room temperature, permeabilized in 0.2% Triton X-100 for 10 min, and blocked in 1% BSA for 1 hr at room temperature. Cells were then incubated with the indicated primary antibodies overnight at 4°C, followed by incubation with the fluorescence-conjugated secondary antibody for 1 hr in the dark at room temperature. Nuclei were counterstained with DAPI contained in mounting solution. Images were acquired using a Zeiss LSM710 confocal microscope system and analyzed with ImageJ software. The experiment was repeated three times, and at least 100 cells were scored for each sample. Data represent the percentage of cells containing more than three foci.

Preparation of Mitochondrial Fractions from Cultured Cells

Mitochondrial and cytosolic fractions were prepared as described previously (Frezza et al., 2007) with modifications. Briefly, cells were homogenized using a Teflon pestle in ice-cold isolation buffer for cells (IBc). The homogenates

were centrifuged at $600 \times g$ for 10 min at 4°C , and the supernatants were collected and centrifuged further at $7,000 \times g$ for 10 min at 4°C . The supernatants were transferred to new tubes as the cytosolic fractions, and the pellets were washed with ice-cold IBC buffer twice and re-suspended in cell lysis buffer as mitochondrial fractions.

Plasmid Constructs and Cell Transfection

Cyclin B1, CDK1, and Cl subunits DNA constructs have been established previously by our lab (Wang et al., 2014). Exponentially growing cells were transfected using METAFECTENE-PRO following the manufacturer's instructions.

Gene Silencing by siRNA

siRNAs targeting Cyclin B1 and CDK1 mRNA were synthesized using the Silencer siRNA construction kit (Ambion) and transfected to cells using Lipofectamine RNAi MAX (Invitrogen). See the Supplemental Experimental Procedures for details.

Clonogenic Survival Assay

Cells transfected with mitochondrion-targeting wild-type or kinase-deficient mutant CDK1 were irradiated 24 hr after transfection and seeded in 60-mm plates with three different cell numbers in triplicate. Colonies were stained on day 7 with Coomassie blue dye and counted. The clonogenic survival ability of irradiated cells was represented as the survival fraction normalized to that of no-radiation control cells transfected with empty vector.

Statistical Analysis

Data are presented as mean \pm SEM from at least three independent experiments. Statistical analysis was performed with unpaired two-tailed Student's *t* test. $p < 0.05$ was considered statistically significant.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Supplemental Information includes Supplemental Experimental Procedures and four figures and can be found with this article online at <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.celrep.2015.11.015>.

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