



SHORT COMMUNICATION

Deciphering the Functional Analysis of *Bos taurus* Insulin like Growth Factor 1 Receptor (IGF-1R) Protein through *Insilico* Approaches

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ABSTRACT

The present study was conducted to know the detail functional aspects and molecular interaction of Insulin like growth factor 1 receptor (IGF-1R) of *bos taurus* at Department of Veterinary Biochemistry, College of Veterinary Science & AH, Bhubaneswar from time period between January 2018 to February 2018. IGF1R is one important tyrosine kinase receptor present on the cell surface of bovine as well as human plays a central role in differentiation of the cells and inhibition of apoptosis by mediating IGF1 signaling pathway. Thus, a functional analysis of this protein is required to know the various interactions with other proteins that will give a better platform for designing of drugs against different cancers in bovine. So in this study, the amino acid sequence of the bovine IGF-1R was retrieved from NCBI site, the retrieval of interacting proteins (STRING) platform was used to know the different protein networks for the functional analysis. The conserved domain was determined by using pfam database. It was found there were 11 nodes and 51 edges in its network and having strong interaction with Insulin preproprotein (INS) with score 0.993 but possess' weak interaction with Phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase regulator protein with a score of 0.960. It was observed the Protein tyrosine kinase domain is conserved in this protein at the position from 999 to 1264, showing no co expression with other proteins in *bos taurus*.

Keywords: Insulin like growth factor 1 receptor (IGF1R), *insilico*, *Bos taurus*

The insulin like growth factor/ insulin system which comprises of three receptors [insulin receptor (IR), IGF-1 receptor (IGF-1R), and IGF-2/mannose 6-phosphate receptor (M-6-PR)], three ligands (insulin, IGF-1, and IGF-2), and six known types of circulating IGF-binding proteins (IGFBP1–6), plays a crucial role in the growth, development and metabolism of many tissues in human as well as different animals (Pollak, 2008). Among these, the insulin like growth factor 1 receptor (IGF-1R), a tyrosine kinase receptor which is a heterotetrameric glycoprotein composed of two α and two β subunits that controls different intracellular signaling pathway with a vital role in apoptosis, cell growth, and differentiation (Gallagher and LeRoith, 2010). For appropriate activation of the pathway, different proteins are involved in phosphoinositide 3-kinase (PI3K)/Akt signaling pathway as well as the Ras/Raf/MEK/Erk signaling pathway (Denley *et al.*, 2003)

which are carried out by multiple molecular interactions. The protein protein interaction (PPI) studies have an important role in molecular docking, drug designing and in molecular dynamics field to know different biochemical cascade in signaling pathway (Hercé *et al.*, 2013). For this, different bioinformatics tools are extensively used to curb the difficult task of visualizing these molecular interactions exist in the protein networks (Kohl *et al.*, 2011). Now days, the IGF-1R acts as an attractive drug target against a variety of novel anti-tumor agents for treatment of various human as well as bovine cancer (Arcaro, 2013). So there is need of detail functional analysis of IGF-1R protein with respect to other proteins associated with its network for better development of putative therapeutic target against various cancers in bovine. So, this present study would provide a suitable platform for other researchers to undertake molecular docking research in nearest future.

The amino acid sequence of IGF-1R protein was retrieved from Uniport database with accession number UPI00022754C3 under FASTA format

The STRING 10.5 platform was used to develop the protein interaction network of bovine IGF-1R protein under different *insilico* approaches (Szklarczyk *et al.*, 2015). Different nodes and edges are assigned for the interacting protein and the strength of interaction respectively. The proteins which are correlated in the expression of IGF-1R protein were analyzed in the Gene coexpression viewer.

The conserved domain of the IGF1R protein sequence was determined with using CD Blast (Basic Local Alignment Tool) under pfam database (Marchler-Bauer *et al.*, 2017).

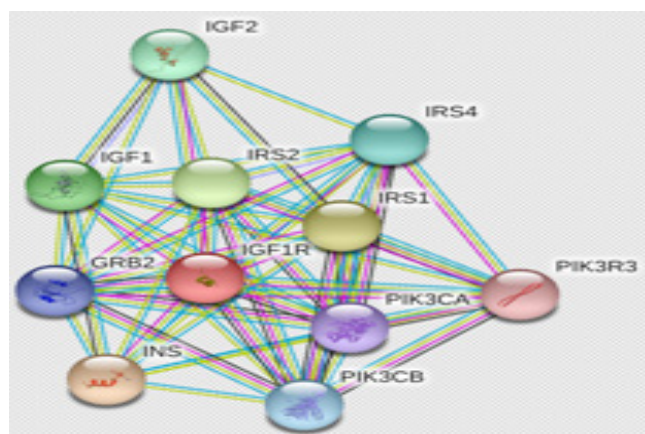


Fig. 1: Showing the interaction network of IGF-1R protein to other proteins

The protein protein interactions are the physical contacts of high specificity, established between two or

more protein molecules which are being incorporated in drug designing strategies (Chen *et al.*, 2013). The IGF-1R protein interaction network from this study is shown in Fig. 1 and different predicted functional partners are shown in Table 1.

It has been shown that the IGF-1R has ten predicted functional partner with a suitable score. The different interaction networks with INS, IRS1, IRS2, IGF1, IGF2, IRS4, PIK3CB, GRB2, PIK3CA and PIK3R3 were found in this study. The protein IGF1R protein makes a strongest interaction with INS (insulin preproprotein) with a highest confidence score of 0.993, but the weakest interaction was observed with PIK3R3 (Phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase regulator protein) having confidence score of 0.960 which is similar finding of that of Breitkopf *et al.*, (2016). It may be due the strong interaction with INS (insulin preproprotein) which accelerates glycolysis, the pentose phosphate cycle, and glycogen synthesis in liver by increasing the cell permeability to monosaccharides, amino acids and fatty acids (Groeneveld *et al.*, 2016) but the PIK3R3 protein which regulates the insulin stimulation, binds to activated protein tyrosine kinase through its SH2 domain, showing weak interaction with IGF1R (Mothe *et al.*, 1997).

The present study showed that there are eleven nodes and fifty one edges found in the current network of the IGF1R protein as shown in Table 2. It may be due to all the eleven interacting protein plays a critical role in IGF signaling pathway and are produced from common encoding gene (Jin *et al.*, 2013).

The present study resulted that none of the interacted proteins are co-expressed along with IGF1R in *Bos*

Table 1: The predicted functional partner of IGF1R in *Bos taurus*

| Sl. No | Node 1 | Node 2 | Node 1 annotation | Node 2 annotation | Score |
|--------|--------|--------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------|
| 1 | IGF1R | INS | Insulin-like growth factor 1 receptor | Insulin preproprotein | 0.993 |
| 2 | IGF1R | IRS1 | Insulin-like growth factor 1 receptor | Uncharacterized protein | 0.992 |
| 3 | IGF1R | IRS2 | Insulin-like growth factor 1 receptor | Uncharacterized protein | 0.992 |
| 4 | IGF1R | IGF1 | Insulin-like growth factor 1 receptor | Insulin-like growth factor I | 0.988 |
| 5 | IGF1R | IGF2 | Insulin-like growth factor 1 receptor | Insulin-like growth factor II | 0.972 |
| 6 | IGF1R | IRS4 | Insulin-like growth factor 1 receptor | Uncharacterized protein | 0.971 |
| 7 | IGF1R | PIK3CB | Insulin-like growth factor 1 receptor | Phosphatidylinositol 4,5-bisphosphate | 0.970 |
| 8 | IGF1R | GRB2 | Insulin-like growth factor 1 receptor | Growth factor receptor-bound protein 2 | 0.969 |
| 9 | IGF1R | PIK3CA | Insulin-like growth factor 1 receptor | Phosphatidylinositol 4,5-bisphosphate | 0.966 |
| 10 | IGF1R | PIK3R3 | Insulin-like growth factor 1 receptor | Phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase regulator protein | 0.960 |

taurus as shown in Fig. 2. It may be due to the genes are not correlated in expression along a large number of experiments in this species (Chen *et al.*, 2017).

Table 2: Network statistics of IGF-1R protein

| Sl. No | Characteristics of Network | Values |
|--------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| 1 | Number of nodes | 11 |
| 2 | Number of edges | 51 |
| 3 | Average node degree | 9.27 |
| 4 | Avg. local clustering coefficient | 0.952 |
| 5 | Expected number of edges | 14 |
| 6 | PPI enrichment p-value | 5.87e-12 |

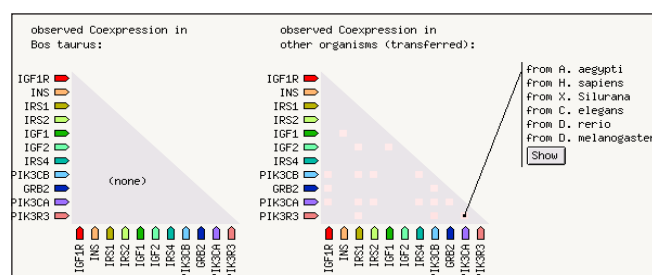


Fig. 2: Showing the co expression of the interacted proteins with IGF-1R

The domains of IGF1R protein was searched in pfam data base as shown in Table 3. It has been seen that the important domains such as Pkinase Tyr, Furin like, Recepto L and fn3 are present in this protein, among these the Insulin Receptor-like Protein Tyrosine Kinases domain helps in autophosphorylation which initiate signaling cascades and biological function mediating cell growth, differentiation, and metabolism in bovine (Samani *et al.*, 2007).

Table 3: Conserved domain present in the IGF1R protein in pfam database

| Sl. No | Domain family | Name of Domain | Position |
|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| 1 | Pkinase_Tyr | Protein tyrosine kinase | 999-1264 |
| 2 | Furin like | Funn like cystein rich region | 175-330 |
| 3 | Recepto L domain | Receptor I domain | 352-466 |
| 4 | Recepto L domain | Receptor I domain | 51-161 |
| 5 | fn3 | Fibronectin Type III domain | 835-917 |
| 6 | fn3 | Fibronectin Type III domain | 493-585 |

CONCLUSION

This study can be concluded that the bovine insulin growth like factor 1 (IGF-1R) plays an important role not only in growth, cell signaling but also acts as major role in tumor genesis. The PPI study can be interpreted that this protein has ten interacted functional partner leaving a suitable therapeutic target against different cancers for drug discovery experiment in bovine as well as human. So this study would provide better information about IGF-1R to other researcher in nearest future.

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