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Molecular Cloning, Expression, and Chromosomal Localization of the Gene Encoding a Human Myeloid Membrane Antigen (gp150)

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Abstract

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Introduction

Monoclonal antibodies have been identified that recognize epitopes of cell surface glycoproteins expressed by committed human myeloid cell progenitors and subsets of more differentiated granulocytic and monocytic cells (1-6). The lineage-specific pattern of expression of these gene products during normal and malignant myeloid cell development indicates that they may play important roles as cell surface receptors, polypeptide hormone precursors, attachment factors, or recognition factors for other cells in the bone marrow microenvironment. These molecules are expressed according to defined timetables, apparently in response to signals from well-characterized colony-stimulating factors that stimulate myeloid cell proliferation and differentiation (7). Thus, the genes encoding these proteins are ideal candidates for studies of lineage-restricted transcriptional regulation during myelopoiesis.

We have biochemically characterized a cell surface glycoprotein, gp150, that is expressed in a panmyeloid fashion by committed granulocyte-monocyte progenitors and their progeny at all morphologically distinct stages of differentiation (8). Monoclonal antibodies that recognize gp150 precipitated two

glycoprotein molecules of 130,000 and 150,000 molecular weight (mol wt) (gp130 and gp150) from human myeloid cell lines. Kinetic metabolic labeling experiments demonstrated that gp130 is an intracellular precursor of gp150, differing from the mature cell surface form of the glycoprotein in the composition of its *N*-linked oligosaccharide chains. A comparison of the [³⁵S]methionine-labeled tryptic cleavage products of gp130 and gp150 molecules showed unequivocally that the two polypeptides represent posttranslationally modified products of a single human gene. Immunologic and biochemical studies indicate that gp150 differs from the 155,000-mol-wt myeloid cell glycoprotein recognized by the monoclonal antibodies anti-Mo1, anti-Mac-1, and anti-OKM1 (9). The latter molecule assembles noncovalently with a 94,000-mol-wt glycoprotein, and inherited deficiencies of its expression on granulocytes and monocytes are associated with recurrent bacterial infections in man (9, 10). gp150 is also distinct from the *c-fms*-coded glycoprotein (possibly, the receptor for colony-stimulating factor 1 [11]) expressed on human monocytes, macrophages, and choriocarcinoma cell lines (12-15).

To isolate the gene encoding gp150, we used a DNA-mediated gene transfer system and then fluorescence-activated cell sorting to identify and segregate rare mouse cell transformants that express gp150 epitopes (8, 16). Biochemical studies demonstrated that these transfected mouse fibroblasts expressed bona fide human gp150 molecules that were intracellularly processed in a fashion analogous to that observed in parental myeloid cell lines. Through sequential rounds of DNA-mediated gene transfer, we were able to limit the complexity of human DNA retained by transfected cells to <50 kilobases (kb) thereby defining an upper limit for the size of the gp150 gene. In addition, we identified transformed subclones that expressed unusually high levels of gp150 at the cell surface and showed concordant amplification of a defined set of human DNA restriction fragments. Cytogenetic studies disclosed that the acquired human DNA sequences were associated with double-minute chromatin bodies. As is characteristic of extrachromosomal gene amplification, the segregation of double-minute chromatin bodies from transformed cells correlated with a loss of gp150 expression in revertant clones.

We now report the molecular cloning of human DNA from a tertiary mouse cell transformant containing amplified gp150 coding sequences. Probes derived from these sequences were used to isolate the complete gp150 gene from a human placental genomic DNA library. The intact gp150 gene, assembled from three recombinant phages, proved to be biologically active when transfected into mouse fibroblasts.

Methods

Cell lines. NIH 3T3 (17) [subclone 7 (18)] cells were grown as monolayer cultures in Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium containing 10% fetal

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calf serum (FCS),¹ penicillin (100 U/ml), and streptomycin (100 µg/ml). The human myeloid cell lines HL-60 (19) and KG-1a (20) were maintained in RPMI 1640 medium containing 15% FCS and antibiotics. Transformed NIH 3T3 cells were cultured in medium containing 5% FCS.

Molecular cloning of gp150 sequences. A genomic DNA library was prepared from DNA of a tertiary NIH 3T3 transformant (SJ-150-B) that exhibited very high levels of gp150 expression associated with amplification of a limited subset of human DNA restriction fragments presumed to include the gp150 gene (16). High molecular weight DNA (150 µg) from these cells was digested with limiting quantities of *Mbo*I restriction endonuclease for 30 min at 37°C, yielding fragments of 16-kb mean length. The unfractionated fragments (0.5 µg) were mixed with 1 µg of *Bam*HI-digested EMBL3 bacteriophage lambda cloning arms (Vector Cloning Systems, San Diego, CA) and ligated with T4 DNA ligase (New England Biolabs, Beverly, MA) in 10 µl total volume for 16 h at 12°C. Ligated DNA was packaged into phage particles in vitro by use of commercially obtained extracts (Vector Cloning Systems) to yield 30,000 recombinant phages, which were then used to infect strain Q359 bacterial cells at a density of 3,000 plaques per 150-mm dish. The library was screened by the method of Benton and Davis (21), with nick-translated human repetitive sequences used as a probe (8). The probe was prepared by self-annealing of boiled, sonicated human placental DNA to a C_0t of 2 (where C_0 is the concentration of DNA in moles of nucleotide per liter and t is the time in seconds [22]). Hybridization was performed at 65°C at a monovalent cation concentration of 0.6 M, and the double-stranded DNA was recovered by fractionation on hydroxylapatite (22). Strongly hybridizing phages were plaque-purified and rescreened. Restriction endonuclease maps of cloned inserts were deduced from the results of digestion of phage DNAs and of fragments subcloned into the plasmid pBR322 (23).

Southern blots of restriction endonuclease digests of phage DNAs were hybridized with a nick-translated human repetitive sequence probe to identify fragments that did not contain repetitive sequences, and these fragments were subcloned in pBR322. Nick-translated probes prepared from these subcloned restriction fragments were used to identify recombinant bacteriophages from a human placental genomic DNA library (provided by Dr. Philip Leder of Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA).

Analysis of human sequences by southern and northern blotting. Cellular DNAs were digested with various restriction endonucleases (New England Biolabs), separated by electrophoresis in 0.8% agarose gels, and transferred to nitrocellulose (24). Probes were prepared from DNA containing human repetitive sequences or from electroeluted human restriction fragments that did not contain repetitive sequences. These DNAs were labeled to a specific activity of 1×10^8 dpm/µg by nick translation (25), and used in blot hybridization under stringent annealing conditions (26).

RNA was isolated by the guanidium/cesium chloride method as described by Maniatis et al. (23). Polyadenylated RNA was selected by two cycles of oligo-dT cellulose chromatography. RNA samples were analyzed by electrophoresis in 1% agarose gels containing 2.2 M formaldehyde. RNA was transferred to nitrocellulose and hybridized according to procedures described by Thomas (27).

Transfection and expression of cloned DNA sequences. To reconstruct the gp150 gene, recombinant bacteriophage DNAs were digested to completion with the restriction endonuclease *Sfi*I (New England Biolabs) at 50°C for 4 h, precipitated with ethanol, and resuspended at a concentration of 1.0 µg/µl. Mixtures of digested DNAs from different recombinants were ligated at 17°C for 18 h with 600 U of T4 DNA ligase. Ligated DNAs were diluted to 50 µg/ml in 10 mM Tris-HCl and 1 mM EDTA, pH 7.4, extracted with an equal volume of Tris-HCl-saturated phenol (pH 8.0), chloroform, and isoamyl alcohol (25:24:1), and dialyzed against Tris-HCl/EDTA overnight.

To determine whether ligated DNAs from different combinations of recombinant phages contained reconstituted, biologically active gp150

coding sequences, NIH 3T3 cells (3×10^5 cells/35-mm petri dish) were transfected with these DNAs. Dialyzed, ligated-phage recombinant DNA (1 µg) was cotransfected with DNA (0.1 µg) from the cloned McDonough strain of feline sarcoma virus (SM-FeSV) containing the *v-fms* oncogene (28) together with sheared NIH 3T3 carrier DNA (5 µg) into NIH 3T3 cells by use of the calcium phosphate technique (29, 30). After 18 h of incubation with DNA precipitates, the cells were trypsinized and plated into 75-cm² T flasks with medium containing 5% FCS. Foci of transformed cells were enumerated 12 d later and then allowed to overgrow the monolayer of untransformed NIH 3T3 recipients. The efficiency of transformation in this system is $\sim 2,000$ foci/µg SM-FeSV DNA (28, 30).

Transformants were sorted by flow cytometry after they had been stained with the monoclonal antibody MY7 (Coulter Immunology, Hialeah, FL), which reacts with an epitope of gp150. Transformants isolated based on reactivity with MY7 were tested by flow cytometry for binding of other monoclonal antibodies that react with epitopes of gp150: DU-HL60-4 (3) from Dr. Richard S. Metzgar of Duke University, Durham, NC; MCS.2 (2) from Dr. Jun Minowada of Loyola University, Chicago, IL; and SJ-D1 (31) from Dr. Joseph Mirro of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN. Indirect immunofluorescence labeling, flow cytometric analysis, and cell sorting were performed as previously described (8).

Radioiodination of cell surface proteins. Live HL-60 or transformed NIH 3T3 cells were iodinated with lactoperoxidase, and detergent lysates were immunoprecipitated and separated by electrophoresis in polyacrylamide gels containing sodium dodecyl sulfate (8). The positions of radiolabeled proteins were determined by autoradiography of the dried slab gels, using protein standards of known molecular weight.

Chromosomal localization of the gp150 gene. Somatic cell hybrids were formed by polyethylene glycol 1,000-mediated fusion of human VA2, A549, and IMR90 fibroblast cells to hamster cells (Chinese E36 or Syrian BHK-B1). The rodent cells are mutant in hypoxanthine-phosphoribosyl transferase or thymidine kinase genes, respectively, allowing the selection of hybrid cells on hypoxanthine-aminopterin-thymidine medium. Hybrids were initially grown in hypoxanthine-aminopterin-thymidine medium containing 10 µM ouabain to select against parental human cells. A panel of hybrid clones retaining rodent and segregating human chromosomes was analyzed for their human chromosome composition by screening for up to 34 gene-enzyme systems (32). Selected hybrids were further analyzed karyologically by Giemsa-trypsin banding (33). High molecular weight DNA and cell homogenates for isozyme analysis were prepared from the same passage of cells. The DNA was digested to completion with *Bam*HI restriction endonuclease, electrophoretically separated by size on agarose gels, transferred to nitrocellulose, and hybridized with a nick-translated ³²P radiolabeled gp150-specific probe.

Two hybrid clones, EIMR15 and EIMP2, were sequentially sorted two times by flow cytometry using the antibody BBM.1, which is specific for human β_2 -microglobulin (34), to derive cell populations retaining or segregating human chromosome 15. Duplicate Southern blots containing DNA from these cell populations were hybridized with nick-translated probes prepared from DNA from the gp150 locus or a *Pst*I subgenomic fragment of *v-fes*, designated *v-fes* S₁ (35, 36).

A radiolabeled gp150-specific probe was used for in situ chromosomal hybridization to normal human metaphase cells prepared from phytohemagglutinin-stimulated peripheral blood lymphocytes. The plasmids containing gp150 sequences were nick-translated with all four ³H-labeled deoxynucleoside triphosphates to specific activities of $2-20 \times 10^7$ dpm/µg. Hybridization was performed as described previously (37). Metaphase cells were hybridized with 2.0, 4.0, 20, and 40 ng probe/ml of hybridization mixture. Autoradiographs were prepared with NTB-2 nuclear track emulsion (Eastman Kodak, Rochester, NY). The slides were exposed for 11 d.

Results

Molecular cloning of gp150 sequences. DNA-mediated gene transfer was previously used to derive subclones of NIH 3T3

1. Abbreviation used in this paper: FCS, fetal calf serum.

cells that expressed the gp150 glycoprotein at their cell surface (8). After serial rounds of DNA transfection and cell sorting, tertiary NIH 3T3 transformants that contained limited complements of human DNA sequences with a total complexity of <50 kb were isolated. One subclone (designated SJ-150-B) expressed elevated levels of gp150, in association with unstable amplification of the acquired human DNA sequences (16). We reasoned that a genomic DNA library prepared from the DNA of SJ-150-B cells would contain multiple copies of the gp150 gene that could be readily detected with probes representing reiterated human DNA sequences.

DNA from SJ-150-B cells was used to construct a library in the bacteriophage lambda cloning vector, EMBL3. Approximately 30,000 phage recombinants from this library were screened by filter hybridization with nick-translated human repetitive sequence DNA, and a single recombinant phage, designated λ 56, which contained 12 kb of human DNA, was isolated. Sites of cleavage for several restriction endonucleases were mapped within the cloned DNA of λ 56 (Fig. 1). Southern blot analysis of *Bam*HI restriction fragments showed that they comigrated with amplified human *Bam*HI fragments present in SJ-150-B DNA (representative results are shown in lanes 1 and 2 of Fig. 2). Three contiguous fragments lacking repetitive human DNA sequences were identified and subcloned into the plasmid pBR322. Fragment 1 was a 3.5-kb *Bam*HI-*Eco*RI fragment, and fragments 2 and 3 were *Bam*HI fragments of 1.2 and 0.65 kb (see shaded regions of the restriction map in Fig. 1). Each of the subclones was labeled by nick translation and tested by Southern blotting procedures for hybridization to HL-60 DNA and to the

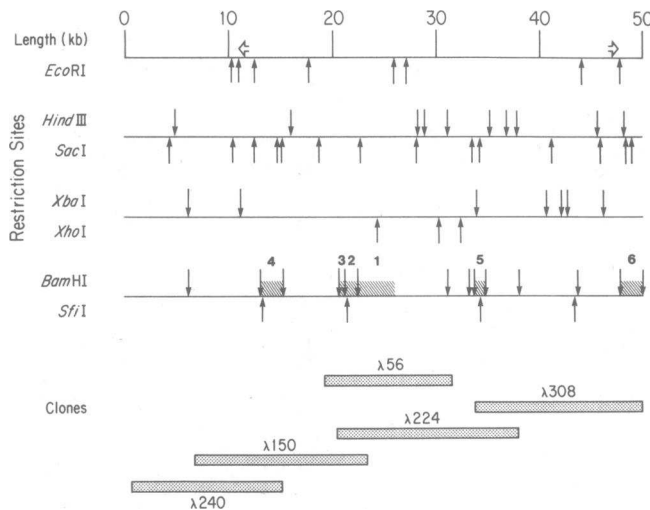


Figure 1. Restriction map of the gp150 locus, obtained from overlapping human DNA inserts in lambda phage recombinants. Clone λ 56 was isolated from a library prepared from DNA from a tertiary NIH 3T3 transformant, SJ-150-B, probed with human repetitive sequences. Restriction fragments lacking human repetitive sequences (labeled 1, 2, and 3) were subcloned in pBR322 and used to isolate additional overlapping clones from a human placental DNA library. Two additional unique sequence restriction fragments were again subcloned (labeled 4 and 5), and used to obtain additional overlapping clones, spanning a total of 50 kb. Unique sequence fragments 1-6 were used for Southern and Northern blot analyses of the gp150 gene (see Figs. 3 and 4). Arrows above the restriction map indicate the estimated limits of human DNA retained by the tertiary transformant, SJ-150-B, based on comparison of restriction fragments hybridizing with human repetitive sequences (Fig. 2) or unique sequence fragments 1-6 (Fig. 3).

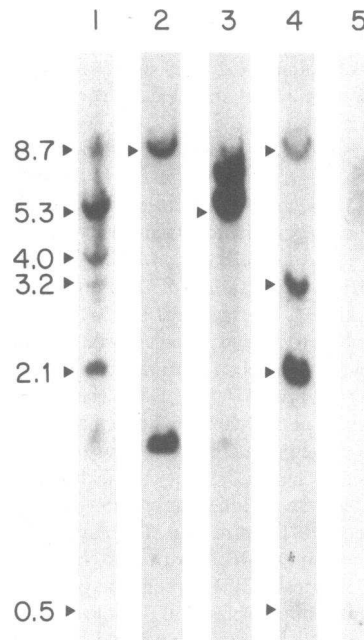


Figure 2. Southern blot analysis of *Bam*HI restriction fragments containing human repetitive DNA sequences. The DNAs were isolated from: a tertiary mouse cell transformant (SJ-150-B) expressing high levels of gp150 and containing amplified donor DNA sequences (lane 1); recombinant bacteriophage λ 56 (lane 2); recombinant bacteriophage λ 150 (lane 3); recombinant bacteriophage λ 224 (lane 4); and control NIH 3T3 cells (lane 5). The human sequences present in each bacteriophage are shown in Fig. 1. The estimated lengths of the hybridizing fragments in kilobases are shown at the left, and corresponding bands in lanes 2-4 are indicated by solid arrows. An additional 0.5-kb restriction fragment is evident in an overexposed autoradiogram in DNA from both the tertiary transformant and clone λ 224, but is not visualized well in the autoradiogram shown. Hybridizing fragments in lanes 2 and 3 that do not match those in lane 1 and lack solid arrows are junctional fragments formed by ligation of human and phage DNA.

DNA of the tertiary transformant SJ-150-B. Each probe hybridized to a unique *Bam*HI restriction fragment of corresponding length in HL-60 DNA that was amplified in the DNA from the tertiary transformant. (For representative results with probe 2, see lanes 7-9 of Fig. 3.) In addition, each probe hybridized to a single polyadenylated RNA species expressed in both HL-60 cells and transformed SJ-150-B cells (see below). Taken together, these results suggested that λ 56 contained a portion of the bona fide gp150 gene.

We used a human placental genomic library constructed in the bacteriophage cloning vector Charon 28 to obtain overlapping recombinants that spanned additional contiguous regions of the gp150 gene. This approach was chosen to ensure that the cloned human gene lacked rearrangements that could have occurred during several rounds of DNA-mediated gene transfer. Initially, a 3.5-kb *Eco*RI-*Bam*HI subclone (Fig. 1, fragment 1) from the EMBL3 recombinant λ 56 was used as a probe to identify eight Charon 28 recombinants containing portions of this sequence. These eight additional clones, obtained after screening 3.6×10^5 phages from the library, were grown and studied in detail. Restriction maps of two clones with the largest inserts, λ 150 and λ 224, showed that they contained sequences overlapping with those of λ 56, and together spanned more than 30 kb of human DNA (Fig. 1). The other six recombinant phages all

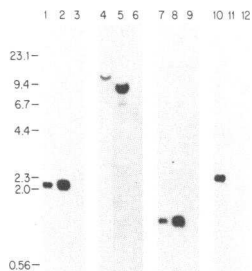


Figure 3. Southern blots probed with radiolabeled subclones derived from the gp150 locus. Results are shown with probes prepared from restriction fragments (see Fig. 1) 4 (lanes 1–6), 2 (lanes 7–9), and 6 (lanes 10–12). *Bam*HI (lanes 1–3 and 7–12) or *Hind*III (lanes 4–6) digests were prepared using DNA from: human HL-60 cells (lanes 1, 4, 7, and 10); NIH 3T3 cell transformant SJ-150-B expressing *v-fms* and amplified gp150 (lanes 2, 5, 8, and 11); and control NIH 3T3 cells transformed by *v-fms* (lanes 3, 6, 9, and 12).

contained sequences that overlapped with those of λ 150 and λ 224, suggesting that the sequence used to probe the library was derived from a unique genetic locus. After digestion with *Bam*HI, restriction fragments from λ 150 and λ 224 comigrated with additional human restriction fragments found in SJ-150-B DNA (Fig. 2, lanes 3 and 4). Two additional restriction fragments lacking repetitive human DNA sequences were subcloned into pBR322 (fragments 4 and 5, Fig. 1), and probes prepared from these subclones again hybridized to unique *Bam*HI restriction fragments in HL-60 DNA and to amplified sequences in the DNA of the tertiary transformant, SJ-150-B (see lanes 1–3 of Fig. 3 for results with probe 4). These probes were used to identify five additional recombinants from the library, and the phages with the largest inserts, λ 308 and λ 240, extended the contiguous region of cloned DNA to ~50 kb (Fig. 1).

An additional restriction fragment lacking human repetitive sequences (fragment 6, Fig. 1) was subcloned, and a probe prepared from this fragment hybridized to a unique restriction fragment in HL-60 DNA that was not present in DNA from the tertiary transformant, SJ-150-B (Fig. 3, lanes 10–12). Therefore, sequences recognized by this probe were not included in the human DNA retained by the tertiary mouse cell transformant and must fall outside the region encoding gp150. Similarly, restriction fragment 4 was found to recognize an alternative *Hind*III restriction fragment in DNA from the tertiary transformant compared with HL-60 DNA (Fig. 3, lanes 4–6), suggesting that human DNA encoding gp150 did not include the single *Hind*III site present in the cloned DNA of λ 240. From these results, and from a detailed comparison of cloned restriction fragments containing human repetitive sequences with those found in DNA from the tertiary transformant, it was possible to estimate the approximate boundaries of the gp150 locus retained by SJ-150-B cells, as shown by the arrows on the top line of Fig. 1. These measurements limit the complexity of the gp150 gene to <35 kb.

Identification of a polyadenylated 4.0-kb RNA with gp150-specific probes. Since five of six plasmid subclones containing unique human DNA sequences hybridized to amplified restriction fragments in the DNA of SJ-150-B cells, we tested these subclones for the presence of coding sequences. Each plasmid was radiolabeled and hybridized to Northern blots containing polyadenylated RNA purified from five cell lines: the human myeloid cells, HL-60 and KG-1a; the tertiary transformant, SJ-150-B, which shows amplified gp150 expression; an independently derived *v-fms* transformant lacking human DNA sequences; and the nontransformed parental NIH 3T3 cell line.

A 4.0-kb polyadenylated RNA species was detected with probes prepared from fragments 1, 2, 3, and 5 in RNA from HL-60, KG-1a, and SJ-150-B cells, but was not seen when control RNAs were used (representative results are shown with probe 5 in Fig. 4). Whereas similar amounts of polyadenylated RNAs were run in each lane, the autoradiographic exposure time for the band in Fig. 4, lane 3 was considerably shorter, consistent with the presence of more gp150 mRNA in SJ-150-B cells (see legend). The length of this messenger RNA would be sufficient to encode the 110,000-mol-wt nonglycosylated polypeptide that has been identified with monoclonal antibodies specific for gp150 in tunicamycin-treated HL-60 cells (8). Since together these four probes span about 6 kb of human DNA, they must contain unique intron- as well as exon-related sequences. The identification of a single messenger RNA of an appropriate size in human myeloid cells, its absence in mouse fibroblasts, and its increased expression by tertiary mouse cell subclones that overexpress gp150, indicate that this transcript very likely encodes the gp150 protein.

In contrast to the results with probes 1, 2, 3, and 5, the probe prepared from subclone 4 did not hybridize to any mRNA, indicating that it contains exclusively intron sequences or that it lies outside of the coding region of the gp150 gene. Consonant with the latter interpretation is the fact that *Eco*RI and *Sac*I fragments containing human repetitive sequences and mapping upstream of fragment 4 were not detected in SJ-150-B DNA.

Cloned DNA is biologically active and encodes gp150. To test for the ability of the cloned human sequences to encode gp150, we reconstructed contiguous stretches of human DNA from phages with overlapping inserts, and cotransfected this DNA back into mouse cells. To realign the human sequences in their correct order, we digested equimolar mixtures of phage DNAs to completion with the restriction endonuclease *Sfi*I and religated these DNAs to one another. *Sfi*I proved an ideal enzyme for these experiments, since each restriction site (GGCCN₄NGGCC) yields unique 3' and 5' termini, so that the digested fragments from overlapping phage inserts can religate only in the correct orientation. In addition, the enzyme recog-

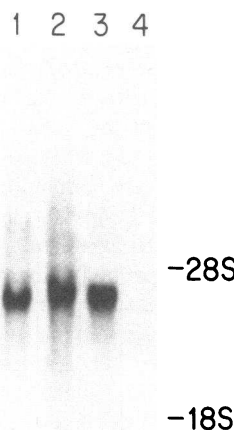


Figure 4. Northern blot analysis of polyadenylated RNAs from human HL-60 cells (lane 1), human KG-1a cells (lane 2), tertiary transformant, SJ-150-B, with amplified gp150 expression (lane 3), and control NIH 3T3 cells (lane 4). Equal quantities (30 μ g) of polyadenylated RNA were run in each lane, as confirmed by examination of the ethidium bromide-stained agarose gel. The blot was hybridized with a radiolabeled subclone (fragment 5; Fig. 1) derived from the gp150 locus. The size of the polyadenylated RNA species (~4.0 kb) was estimated from the position of ribosomal RNA markers run in parallel on the same gel. Similar results were obtained with subcloned fragments 1, 2, and 3. Exposure times were 36 h for lane 3 and 8 d for the other lanes.

nizes restriction sites in regions of overlap between inserts of the four phage clones that span the gp150 locus (Fig. 1), but does not digest lambda phage DNA. When equimolar mixtures of phage DNAs restricted with *Sfi*I were ligated to one another, there was a 50% chance of joining two overlapping phages, or one chance in eight of reforming a complete contiguous segment of 50 kb from the four phage clones (Fig. 1).

NIH 3T3 cells were transfected with 1 μ g of ligated phage DNA, together with 5 μ g of NIH 3T3 cell carrier DNA and 0.2 μ g of cloned *v-fms* DNA. Morphologically transformed cells were then allowed to overgrow their nontransformed counterparts in medium containing 5% serum. 3 wk after transfection, flow cytometry was used to select for the presence of transfected cells binding the gp150-specific monoclonal antibody, MY7. Cells receiving ligated DNA from mixtures of *Sfi*I digests of either λ 308 + λ 224 + λ 150 or λ 308 + λ 224 + λ 150 + λ 240 yielded from 10 to 50% gp150-positive cells after one round of selection by cell sorting. Therefore, the 45-kb human DNA segment included in the overlapping inserts of three phages (λ 308 + λ 224 + λ 150) contained the entire gp150 coding sequence. Transfected NIH 3T3 cells receiving unligated phage DNAs, either individually or in mixtures, did not yield cells positive for MY7-binding after three successive rounds of cell sorting, demonstrating that the gp150 gene must be assembled in vitro to obtain expression by transfected cells.

Cells transfected with ligated DNAs from λ 308 + λ 224 + λ 150 were selected twice by flow cytometric cell sorting, and the fluorescence-positive population was seeded as single cells in semisolid medium. Subclones with high levels of MY7 binding were derived from agar colonies and tested for binding with other antibodies specific for gp150 epitopes. Fig. 5A shows representative results with one subclone and indicates that the cells expressed epitopes detected by four different monoclonal antibodies to gp150.

Viable cells of two independent subclones were enzymatically iodinated with lactoperoxidase, and detergent lysates were immunoprecipitated with a mixture of two monoclonal antibodies, MY7 and DU-HL60-4. Fig. 5B shows that polypeptides with the mobility of gp150 were detected in lysates from control human HL-60 cells as well as in the two transfected NIH 3T3 subclones. No specifically precipitable polypeptide was detected in lysates of cells transfected by *v-fms* alone. The more rapid mobility of gp150 molecules in mouse cells as compared with HL-60 cells has been observed previously (8), and appears to be due to differences in glycosylation in the different cell types.

Localization of the gp150 gene to human chromosome 15, bands q25-26. A panel of somatic cell hybrids, each containing different human chromosomes, was used to map the gp150 gene to a human chromosome. A 1.2-kb *Bam*HI fragment (fragment 2, Fig. 1) hybridized strongly to an identical restriction fragment in human, but not hamster, DNA, and was annealed to *Bam*HI-digested DNAs from a panel of human \times hamster somatic cell hybrid clones. The results showed concordance between the presence of the 1.2-kb human *Bam*HI restriction fragment and human chromosome 15 (Table I). Only one of 41 hybrid clones showed discordancy between the presence of gp150 sequences and human chromosome 15, consonant with the frequency of chromosomal breaks in somatic cell hybrids and within a range expected for linked markers (38). Cells from several hybrid cell lines were sorted by flow cytometry, using antibodies to β_2 -microglobulin, also encoded by a gene on human chromosome 15 (39). As shown in Fig. 6A and B, two independent hybrids gave

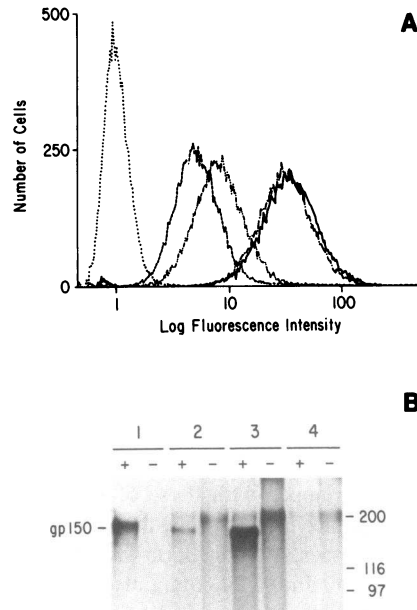


Figure 5. Expression of gp150 on the plasma membrane of NIH 3T3 cells transfected with ligated DNA from mixtures *Sfi*I digests of λ 308 + λ 224 + λ 150. Flow cytometric profiles (A) obtained after binding of antibodies specific for epitopes of gp150 to cells from a representative subclone, which was derived from transfected cells sorted two times for the 2% of cells with the brightest fluorescence after staining with MY7. Positive fluorescence profiles that resulted from testing of cells with monoclonal antibodies MY7 (—), MCS.2 (· · · · ·), SJ-D1 (· · · · ·), and DU-HL60-4 (— · — · —) compared to results with mouse myeloma protein (· · · · ·) are shown. (B) Viable cells were enzymatically radioiodinated and detergent lysates were immunoprecipitated with a mixture of MY7 and DU-HL60-4 (+) or control mouse myeloma protein (—). Labeled proteins in immune complexes were denatured and analyzed in polyacrylamide gels containing sodium dodecyl sulfate. Results are shown for HL-60 cells (1), two independently derived subclones of NIH 3T3 cells transfected with ligated phage DNAs (2 and 3), and control NIH 3T3 cells transformed by *v-fms* alone (4).

rise to cell populations that either retained or segregated human chromosome 15, based on whether they expressed (solid lines) or lost (dotted lines) β_2 -microglobulin from their cell surface. The *c-fes* proto-oncogene has previously been assigned to the long arm of human chromosome 15 (40), and has served as an internal standard in these studies. Fig. 6C shows that a *v-fes* oncogene probe (35, 36) detected two *Bam*HI fragments in human DNA (lane 1). The *c-fes* fragment of \sim 4 kb was detected only in the DNA of cells that expressed β_2 -microglobulin (lanes 2 and 4). The gp150 probe similarly annealed only to DNA of β_2 -microglobulin-positive (lanes 7 and 9) but not negative (lanes 8 and 10) hybrids.

In situ hybridization of the gp150-specific probe to normal human metaphase chromosomes sublocalized the gp150 locus to the distal long arm of chromosome 15, bands q25-26. Of 100 metaphase cells, 32 were labeled on region q2, bands q25 to q26, of one or both chromosome 15 homologs; these sites represented 20.5% (36/176) of all labeled sites ($P < 0.0005$). The distribution of grains on 44 labeled chromosome 15s indicated significant clustering at bands 15q25 to q26 (Fig. 7). Of 44 total labeled sites on chromosome 15, 36 (82%) were located on 15q25 to q26. The remaining grains on this chromosome were distributed along the proximal long arm and on the short arm. Similar results were obtained in the analysis of metaphase cells from

Table I. Rodent × Human Hybrid Clones

Human chromosome	gp150 gene/human chromosome				Percent asyteny
	+/+	+/-	-/+	-/-	
1	7	10	2	20	31
2	8	10	0	21	26
3	6	7	2	18	27
4	9	4	1	15	17
5	4	12	2	18	39
6	12	4	4	15	24
7	3	10	2	17	38
8	5	12	2	19	37
9	10	3	8	13	32
10	6	10	4	15	40
11	12	5	2	20	18
12	11	7	4	17	28
13	6	6	5	14	35
14	12	7	6	13	34
15	17	1	0	23	2
16	7	6	6	13	38
17	6	7	6	14	39
18	5	9	2	17	33
19	6	12	3	19	42
20	8	9	8	12	46
21	2	10	5	15	47
22	6	7	2	18	27
X	17	1	17	6	44

Somatic cell hybrids were scored for the presence (+) or absence (-) of specific human chromosomes by assaying gene-enzyme systems (32, 33) and for the presence or absence of gp150 coding sequences by Southern blot hybridization.

two other hybridizations (Table II). These results agree with the data in Table I, and also indicate that the gp150 locus is located at the same region of chromosome 15 as *c-fes* (40).

Discussion

A tertiary mouse cell transformant selected for its amplified expression of gp150, a human myeloid membrane antigen, proved an ideal source of genomic DNA probes specific for the gp150 gene. We subsequently used a human placental DNA library to obtain molecular clones spanning the entire gp150 locus to avoid potential rearrangements that might have occurred during gene transfer. Three of these clones, when assembled in the correct orientation in vitro, directed gp150 expression when transfected back into mouse fibroblasts, confirming that together they contained the biologically active gene. Unique sequence probes from this locus annealed to a 4.0-kb polyadenylated RNA species expressed in myeloid cells and of sufficient length to encode the unglycosylated polypeptide (8). These same probes were used to assign the gp150 gene to human chromosome 15, bands q25-26.

The chromosomal location of the gp150 locus coincides with the regional assignment of the human *c-fes* proto-oncogene. This is of potential interest because the *c-fes* gene has recently been shown to be expressed by myeloid cells, in a pattern similar to that of gp150 (41-43). These two genes are encoded by separate loci, since *v-fes* probes (35, 36) do not hybridize to cloned sequences spanning the gp150 gene (Look, A. T., and C. J. Sherr, unpublished results); nor do the two loci have similar restriction maps. Like the *c-fes* gene, gp150 sequences are distal to the

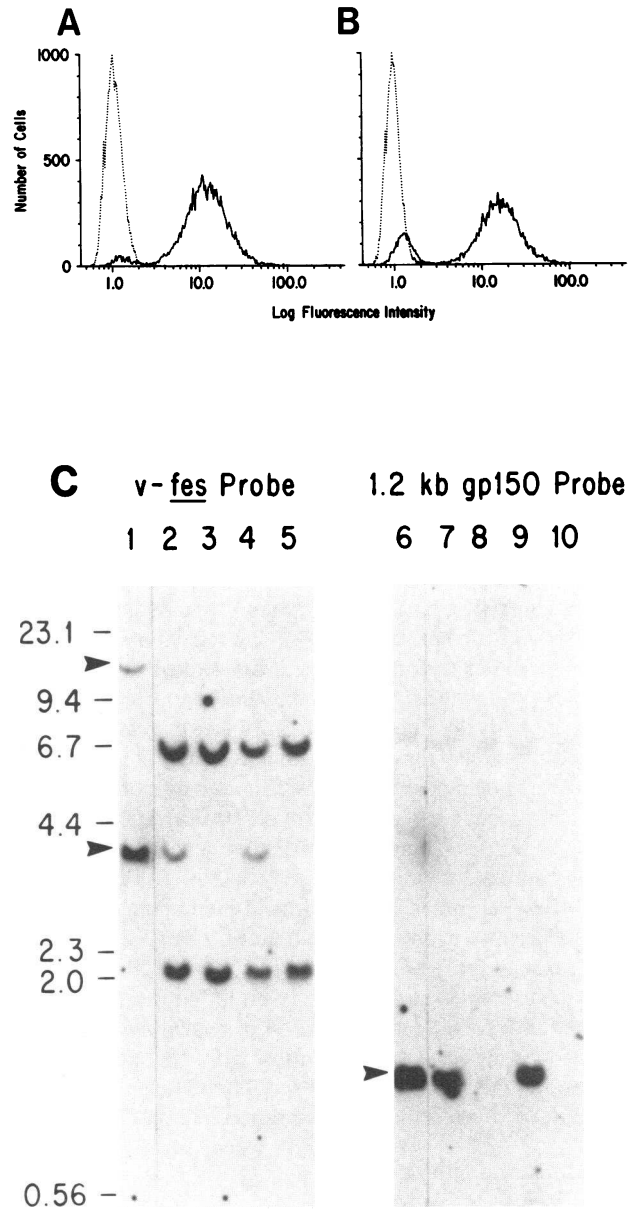


Figure 6. Two hamster × human somatic cell hybrid clones were sorted for expression of human β_2 -microglobulin previously assigned to human chromosome 15. Fluorescence profiles from the two sorting experiments are shown in A and B, respectively. Each hybrid clone was heterogeneous for chromosome 15, and gave rise to β_2 -microglobulin-positive (solid line) and -negative (dotted line) populations. DNA from sorted populations was digested with *Bam*HI and analyzed by Southern blotting using *v-fes* and gp150 probes (C). Human control DNA was analyzed in lanes 1 and 6. Results with hybrid DNAs from β_2 -microglobulin-positive clones are in lanes 2, 4, 7, and 9, and from β_2 -microglobulin-negative clones in lanes 3, 5, 8, and 10. The arrows mark the positions of informative human *Bam*HI fragments.

breakpoint of a translocation involving chromosome 15, t(15;17)(q22;q21.1), which has been associated with acute promyelocytic leukemia.

Similar gene transfer systems have been used by other investigators to obtain biologically active clones of human genes whose products are expressed at the cell surface. The gene encoding the human transferrin receptor, as well as the T8 and T4 genes, were each cloned after cotransfection of cellular DNA

Table II. *In Situ* Chromosomal Hybridization of a gp150 Probe

Hybridization	No. of metaphase cells analyzed	Total no. of labeled sites	No. of labeled sites		χ^2
			Chromosome 15	Bands q25-26	
1	100	176	44 (25%)	36 (20.5%)	236*
2	100	200	36 (18%)	29 (14.5%)	122*
3	150	315	56 (17.8%)	44 (14%)	186*

* χ^2 value calculated for chromosome 15 corresponds to $P < 0.0005$.

from human cell lines with the cloned herpes simplex thymidine kinase gene into thymidine kinase-deficient mouse L cells (44-49). Why mouse fibroblasts can be induced to express transfected human genes that are normally expressed in a highly differentiation-specific fashion by human hematopoietic cells has not been resolved. Hsu et al. (50) observed that transfected mouse L cells can express the T cell-specific T8 molecule even when the donor DNA is extracted from human tissues (e.g., placenta or kidney) that normally do not express the T8 gene. Thus, the factors that normally regulate the expression of human differentiation-associated genes appear to be inactive in murine fibroblasts containing transfected human DNA. It may be that the gene is truncated or rearranged so that regulatory sequences in the 5' promoter region of the gene are altered, or that host cell enhancer sequences override the endogenous control elements. Alternatively, negative regulatory factors that normally suppress expression of the gene in human cells may not be present in mouse cells or mouse regulatory factors may not recognize human DNA sequences. In the case of gp150, aberrant regulation may not be an issue, since this particular gene product is expressed by human foreskin fibroblasts (Look, A. T., unpublished results). However, other human myeloid membrane molecules that are efficiently expressed by mouse fibroblasts after transfection, such as gp67 (16), resemble the T4 and T8 molecules and are not expressed at detectable levels in human fibroblasts. For the latter molecules, a comparison of regulatory regions of the genes in transfected cells with those from human genomic DNA libraries may resolve whether specific rearrangements that could account for abnormal gene expression in mouse fibroblasts

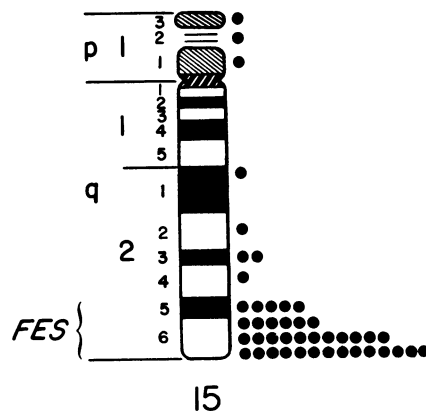


Figure 7. *In situ* chromosomal hybridization of a ^3H -labeled gp150-specific probe (fragment 1; Fig. 1) to normal human metaphase chromosomes prepared from phytohemagglutinin-stimulated peripheral blood lymphocytes. The distribution of grains on 44 labeled chromosome 15s (black circles) indicated significant clustering at bands 15q25 to q26. Of 100 metaphase cells examined, 32 were labeled on bands q25 to q26 of one or both chromosome 15 homologs, with the largest number of grains at band q26. The gene encoding gp150 is localized to the same chromosomal region as *c-fes*.

have occurred during transfection. In addition, the identification and classification of regulatory sequences in these genes may eventually permit the programming of other coding sequences in a lineage-specific manner in myeloid cells.

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