# Non-FXR Mediated Benefits of Bile Acids on NAFLD

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#### Bile acids are signaling molecules





I. Bile acids and S1PR2 in hepatic lipid metabolism

### II. Bile acids and TGR5 in glucose metabolism

#### **BILE ACID-MEDIATED SIGNLING PATHWAYS**



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#### Conjugated Bile Acids Promote ERK1/2 and AKT Activation Via a Pertussis Toxin–Sensitive Mechanism in Murine and Human Hepatocytes

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#### **BILE ACID-MEDIATED SINGALING PATHWAYS**



#### **QUESTION #1**

# Which Gai-coupled GPCR is responsible for conjugated bile acid-induced ERK1/2 activation in hepatocytes?

#### Phylogenetic Tree of the Lipid-Activated G Protein Coupled Receptors



#### **Sphingosine Kinases**



# "Inside Out" Signaling by S1P



#### Conjugated Bile Acids Activate the Sphingosine-1-Phosphate Receptor 2 in Primary Rodent Hepatocytes

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### **Chronic Bile Fistula Rat Model**



#### Effect of JTE-013 on TCA-induced Activation of ERK1/2 and AKT as well as SHP Expression in Bile Fistula Rats



# **Summary #1**



# Sphingosine Kinase Type 2 Activation by ERK-mediated Phosphorylation\*

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#### **QUESTION #2**

# Does TCA-mediated activation of ERK have any effect on hepatic SphK2 Activation?

### **Chronic Bile Fistula Rat Model**



#### **TCA Increased SphK2 Protein Levels and Enzyme Activities in the Livers of Bile Fistula Rat Models**



### **QUESTION #3**

#### Is TCA-induced SphK2 activation mediated by S1PR2?



# Role of S1PR2 in TCA-induced Activation of Hepatic SphK2



# **Overexpression of S1PR2 Upregulates SphK2 in Hepatocytes**



# **Summary #2**



### **QUESTION #4**

#### What is the physiological function of bile acid-induced activation of S1PR2 and SphK2 *in vivo*?



# Phenotype of S1PR2<sup>-/-</sup> Mice



# Phenotype of SphK2<sup>-/-</sup> Mice





#### Conjugated Bile Acid–Activated S1P Receptor 2 Is a Key Regulator of Sphingosine Kinase 2 and Hepatic Gene Expression

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#### Sphingosine-1-Phosphate Receptor 2: A Novel Bile Acid Receptor and Regulator of Hepatic Lipid Metabolism?

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secreted into the blood circulation to hepatocytes to activate FGF receptor 4 (FGFR4) that activates the mitogen



**STEATOHEPATITIS/METABOLIC LIVER DISEASE** 

#### Activation of Sphingosine Kinase 2 by Endoplasmic Reticulum Stress Ameliorates Hepatic Steatosis and Insulin Resistance in Mice

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# Hepatic overexpression of SphK2 activates fatty acid oxidation, decreases hepatic lipid accumulation *via* activation of AKT.







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#### Therapeutic Potential of TGR5 Agonists Hope or hype?



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#### Expression of TGR5 in Pancreatic β Cells and Human Islets



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#### Signaling Pathways of TGR5-mediated Insulin Secretion in Pancreatic β Cells



#### PKA inhibitor has no effect on TGR5-induced insulin release.

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#### Activation of Transmembrane Bile Acid Receptor TGR5 Modulates Pancreatic Islet $\alpha$ Cells to Promote Glucose Homeostasis<sup>\*</sup>

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#### TGR5 activation increases hyperglycemia-induced PC1 expression in pancreatic α cells, but has no effect on PC2 expression.



A earlier study reported that proglucagon can be processed to GLP-1 in pancreatic  $\alpha$  cells. This process is upregulated by elevated glucose, activation of TGR5 and  $\beta$ -cell destruction. (Whalley NM, et al. J Endocrinol. 2011 Oct;211(1):99-106.)

INT-777 increases GLP-1 release in human and mouse islets and αTC1-6 cells under hyperglycemic conditions via Epac in a PKA-independent mechanism.





- \* TGR5 is expressed in both pancreatic β cells and α cells.
- In pancreatic β cells, activation of TGR5 induced insulin release via activation of cAMP-Epac/PLCε/IP<sub>3</sub> signaling pathway.
- In pancreatic α cells, activation of TGR5 enhanced hyperglycemiainduced PC1 expression *via* activation of PKA.
- In pancreatic α cells, activation of TGR5 promoted GLP-1 release via activation of Epac/PLCε/IP3 signaling pathway.
- \* TGR5 activation mediates cross-talk between α and β cells by switching from glucagon to GLP-1 to restore β cell mass and function under hyperglycemic condition.



S1PR2 and TGR5 are important players in bile acid-mediated regulation of lipid and glucose metabolism.

Targeting S1PR2 and TGR5 could be leveraged as novel therapeutic strategies to treat fatty liver diseases and type 2 diabetes mellitus.

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