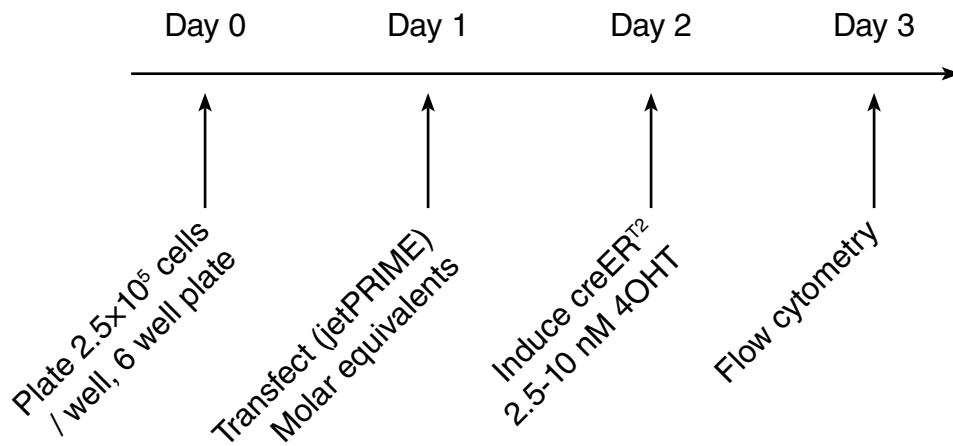


Assessing the activities of T2A-creER^{T2} variants in a cell-based assay

Hyung-song Nam and Mario R. Capecchi
Department of Human Genetics, University of Utah School of Medicine

Assay design:

NIH/3T3 cells



Constructs transfected:

Diagram illustrating the constructs transfected:

The constructs are derived from the pCAGGS-mTagBFP2 vector, which contains a T2A sequence (Linker-T2A-Linker) followed by different peptides:

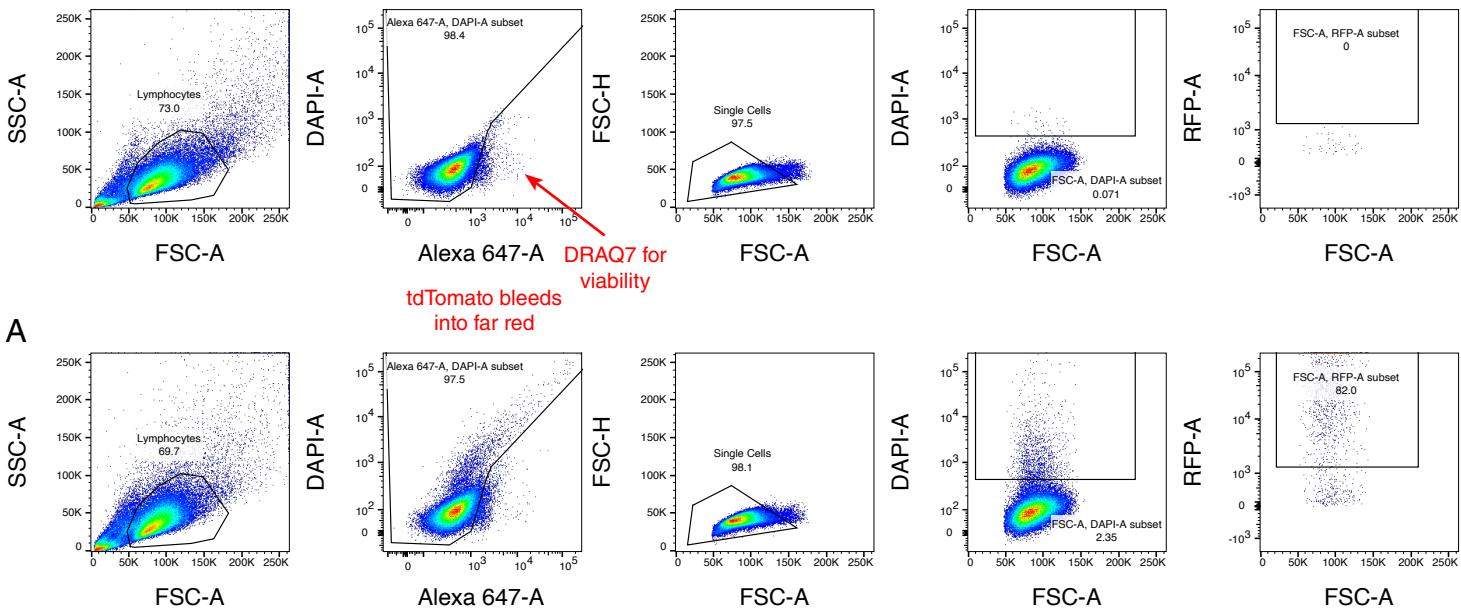
- GGSGGRS EGRGSLLTCGDVEENPG / P **APGST** MSKGE -sfGFP-iCre-ER^{T2}
- GGSGGRS EGRGSLLTCGDVEENPG / P **APGST** MSKGE -sfGFP-GSA-iCre-ER^{T2}
- GGSGGRS EGRGSLLTCGDVEENPG / P **APGSTMA** NLL
- GGSGGRS EGRGSLLTCGDVEENPG / P **VV** NLL
- GGSGGRS EGRGSLLTCGDVEENPG / P **VGSA** NLL
- GGSGGRS EGRGSLLTCGDVEENPG / P **A** NLL

These constructs are transfected along with:

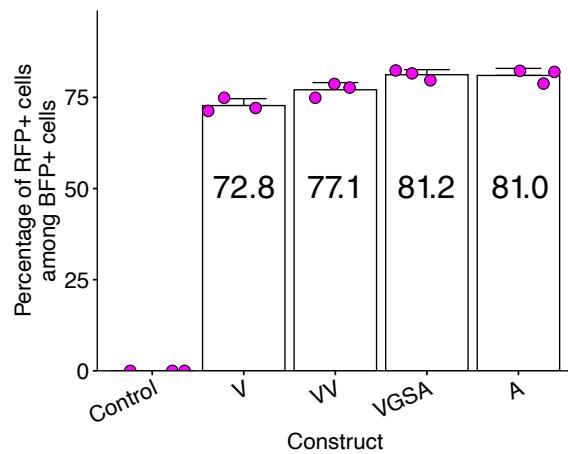
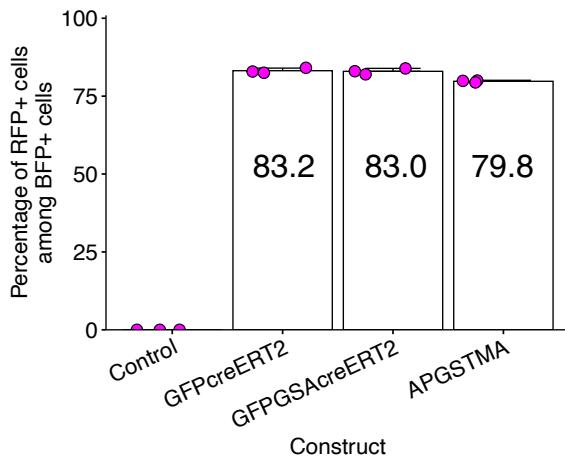
- + pCAG-loxP-3pA-loxP-tdTomato-WPRE-bpA
- + pBluescript II SK- carrier

A bracket on the left groups the first six constructs under the label "pCAGGS-mTagBFP2-", and a bracket on the right groups all seven constructs under the label "-iCre-ER^{T2}".

Control



Result summary:



Pairwise comparisons using t tests with pooled SD

data: all_data\$Percentage and all_data\$Construct

| | A | APGSTMA | Control | GFPcreERT2 | GFPGSAcreERT2 | V | VGSA |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| APGSTMA | 0.82310 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Control | < 2e-16 | < 2e-16 | - | - | - | - | - |
| GFPcreERT2 | 0.58470 | 0.08274 | < 2e-16 | - | - | - | - |
| GFPGSAcreERT2 | 0.70925 | 0.10939 | < 2e-16 | 1.00000 | - | - | - |
| V | 2.6e-05 | 0.00018 | < 2e-16 | 1.5e-06 | 1.8e-06 | - | - |
| VGSA | 1.00000 | 0.82310 | < 2e-16 | 0.70925 | 0.70925 | 2.0e-05 | - |
| VV | 0.03289 | 0.26133 | < 2e-16 | 0.00085 | 0.00113 | 0.01796 | 0.02437 |

P value adjustment method: holm

N-terminal amino acids of T2A-skipped creER^{T2} seem to modulate recombination efficiency, presumably due to differential stabilities of the proteins

See Kats et al., *Molecular Cell*, 70, 488-501 (2018),
Reinhardt et al., *Stem Cell Reports*, 14, 1-8 (2020)

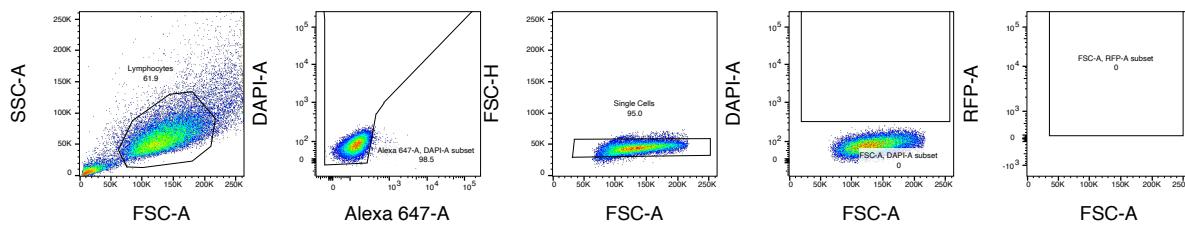
Additional variants

pCAGGS-mTagBFP2-GGSGGRS EGRGSLLTCGDVEENPG / P \times NLL-iCreERT^{T2}

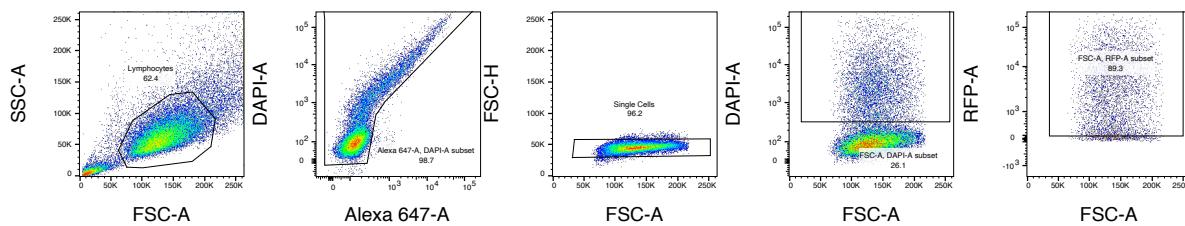
x = AA, AAA, AAAA, AAGSA, AGSA, AGSAS, APGSTMA, and V

As well as GFPcreERT^{T2}

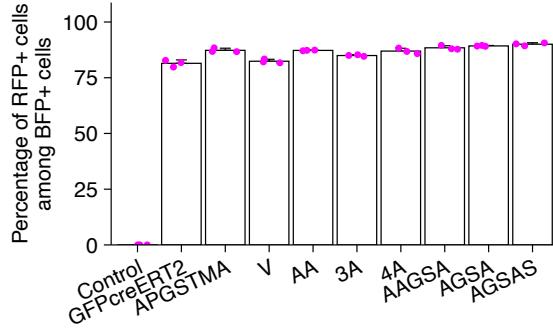
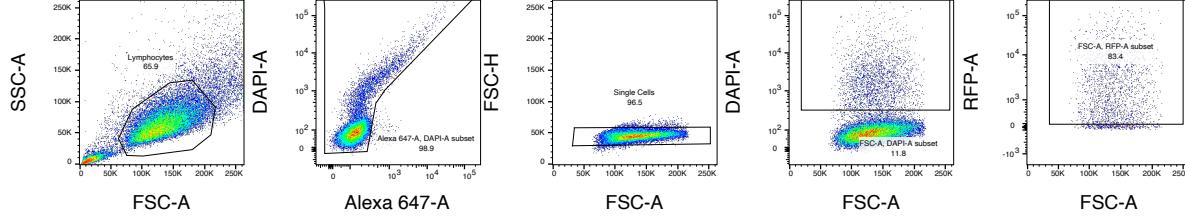
Control



AGSAS



V



| Construct | Mean_Percentage | SD_Percentage | Median_Percentage |
|-----------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 1 | 3A | 84.96667 | 0.3511885 |
| 2 | 4A | 86.96667 | 1.2583057 |
| 3 | AA | 87.26667 | 0.1527525 |
| 4 | AAGSA | 88.43333 | 0.9291573 |
| 5 | AGSA | 89.26667 | 0.2081666 |
| 6 | AGSAS | 90.03333 | 0.6658328 |
| 7 | APGSTMA | 87.30000 | 0.9539392 |
| 8 | Control | 0.00000 | 0.0000000 |
| 9 | GFPcreERT2 | 81.46667 | 1.5275252 |
| 10 | V | 82.40000 | 0.8888194 |

Construct

Pairwise comparisons using t tests with pooled SD

data: all_data\$Percentage and all_data\$Construct

| | 3A | 4A | AA | AAGSA | AGSA | AGSAS | APGSTMA | Control | GFPcreERT2 |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| 4A | 0.1140 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| AA | 0.0489 | 1.0000 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| AAGSA | 0.0013 | 0.4122 | 0.8460 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| AGSA | 9.8e-05 | 0.0489 | 0.1140 | 1.0000 | - | - | - | - | - |
| AGSAS | 1.1e-05 | 0.0049 | 0.0128 | 0.3081 | 1.0000 | - | - | - | - |
| APGSTMA | 0.0467 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 0.8460 | 0.1140 | 0.0136 | - | - | - |
| Control | < 2e-16 | - | - |
| GFPcreERT2 | 0.0013 | 3.3e-06 | 1.5e-06 | 8.6e-08 | 1.3e-08 | 2.6e-09 | 1.4e-06 | < 2e-16 | - |
| V | 0.0226 | 4.5e-05 | 1.9e-05 | 8.6e-07 | 1.1e-07 | 1.9e-08 | 1.8e-05 | < 2e-16 | 1.0000 |

P value adjustment method: holm

From three separate experiments, V is low, AGSAS is high, others in between

The numbers are somewhat different, variabilities in transient transfections

Statistically significant but subtle differences, will the subtle differences be useful in vivo?

The characterization is still work in progress

Welcome to use the plasmids

Online March 2020
Revised January 2021

Thanks to James Marvin and the Huntsman Cancer Institute Flow Cytometry Core Facility

Copyright © 2020 Hyung-song Nam and Mario R. Capecchi