

Supporting Informations

Many putative DUX partners are involved in actin remodeling, which is a crucial step at the beginning of the muscle differentiation process. Moreover, most partners are located at the Z-discs in mature skeletal muscle fibers; Z-discs are dynamic structures that undergo continuous protein exchange with cytoplasmic pools [1]. The major DUX-binding partner that we identified is desmin, a component of type III IF.

Several putative cytoplasmic DUX partners that need confirmations are known to be Z-line proteins or playing role in actin remodeling, such as α -actinins and the two fodrin subunits, among others (see Tables 2-S3 and description hereafter). Alpha-actinins together with synemin are critical in cytoskeletal organization and serve to anchor the actin-containing thin filaments and desmin-containing IFs to both myofibrillar Z-lines and costameres [2]. Fodrin plays a pivotal role in maintaining the integrity of the cytoskeletal structure and interacts with ARP1/alpha-centractin [3,4]. Alpha-fodrin contains a binding site for calmodulin [5], which was also observed among the putative DUX4 partners and regulates the self-association of fodrin and its interaction with F-actin [6]. Cytosolic ARP proteins contribute to actin filament assembly and organization [7, 8]. Gelsolin is a potent actin filament-severing and -capping protein with a major role in cytoskeletal remodeling and in skeletal muscle development [9,10]. Synaptopodin interacts with actin and α -actinin [11]. Nucleophosmin binds to β -actin and vimentin, the desmin homologue expressed in myoblasts [12]. Arf4 function is critical in actin cytoskeletal assembly [13]. FHL3 and its paralog LIMS2 link integrin to the actin cytoskeleton [14,15]. In differentiating myoblasts, FHL3 is actively excluded from the nucleus and regulates actin cytoskeletal dynamics [16]. RBBP4 has been reported to regulate cytoskeletal F-actin organization [17].

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