

Rethinking stress-triggered aggregation



Many cellular stresses cause proteins to aggregate. Although aggregation has long been thought to result from stress-induced misfolding, forming toxic clumps in need of cleanup, recent work supports an alternative interpretation: stress-triggered formation of adaptive molecular assemblies with adaptive roles. I will discuss our work on the adaptive stress-triggered phase separation of a major eukaryotic RNA-binding protein.

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