

Molecular Genetics

Posttranscriptional Regulation of Mitochondrial Gene Expression



Eukaryotes have evolved mechanisms to sequester mRNAs and their associated RNAbinding proteins into non-membrane delimited bodies called RNA granules as a mechanism to control translation and turnover of mRNAs. We recently identified mitochondrial RNA granules, and showed that they contain newly synthesized mitochondrial RNA, a large toolbox of proteins dedicated to RNA metabolism and the biogenesis of mitochondrial ribosomes. Using a proximity biotinylation assay (BioID) we identified a protein module containing three uncharacterized pseudouridine synthases, identified the molecular targets of these enzymes by RNA pseudoSeq, and showed that they have essential roles in epitranscriptomic modification of mitochondrial rRNA and mRNA.

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