

Experiment Report Form

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- 1st March for experiments carried out up until June of the previous year;
- 1st September for experiments carried out up until January of the same year.

Instructions for preparing your Report

- fill in a separate form for each project or series of measurements.
- type your report, in English.
- include the reference number of the proposal to which the report refers.
- make sure that the text, tables and figures fit into the space available.
- if your work is published or is in press, you may prefer to paste in the abstract, and add full reference details. If the abstract is in a language other than English, please include an English translation.



	Experiment title: Structural studies of nectin-1 a cell adhesion molecule and cell entry receptor for Herpes Simplex Virus -1 and -2	Experiment number: MX-394
Beamline: ID14-3 BM-16 ID14-4 BM30A	Date of experiment: from: March 19 th to: March 21 th from: April 21 st to: April 22 rd from: May 16 th to: May 17 th from: June 30 th to: July 1 st	Date of report: July 25 th 2005
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Report:

Introduction

Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV) entry into cells requires binding of the envelope glycoprotein D (gD) to one of several cell surface receptors. Nectins are Ca²⁺-independent immunoglobulin-like cell-cell-adhesion molecules. Nectins homophilically and heterophilically trans-interact to form a variety of cell-cell junctions, including cadherin-based adherens junctions in epithelial cells and fibroblasts in culture, synaptic junctions in neurons, in cooperation with, or independently of, cadherins. Nectin-1 binds HSV glycoprotein D and has been shown to be a functional cell entry receptor for both HSV -1 and -2 virus. We aim to determine the structure of nectin to understand the mechanism of both homophilic and heterophilic interactions and to characterize the determinants for nectin-gD binding. Ultimately we aim to crystallize and determine the structure of a gD-nectin complex.

Data Collected

Twentytwo data sets were collected from crystals soaked in heavy-metal containig solutions. Also, 3 MAD data sets were collected from crystals of the selenomethinine substituted protein expressed in insect cells (the incorporation was estimated to be close to 70%). Attempts to solve the structure are underway.