Mertk interacts with Tim-4 to enhance Tim-4-mediated efferocytosis

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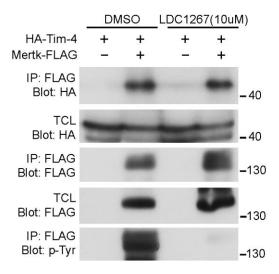
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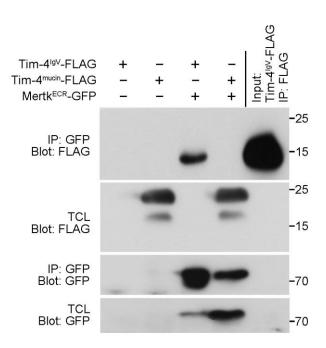
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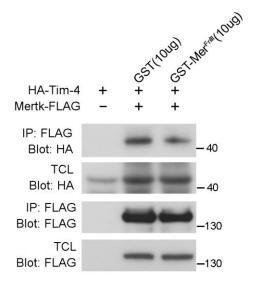
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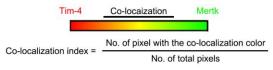
293T cells were transfected with the indicated plasmids. 2 d after transfection, the cells were treated with the indicated concentration of LDC1267 for 24 h. Then the cells were lysed, and FLAG-tagged Mertk was precipitated with anti-FLAG antibody-conjugated agarose beads. Bound proteins were detected with the indicated antibodies

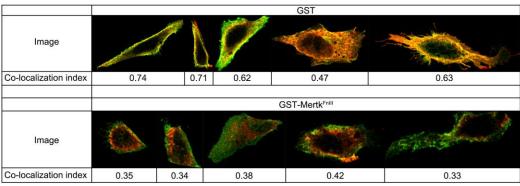


The lysates of 293T cells transfected with the indicated plasmids were incubated with an anti-GFP antibody and protein A/G agarose beads (lane 1-4) or anti-FLAG antibody-conjugated agarose beads (lane 5). Bound proteins were detected by immunoblotting. Input: the immunoprecipitants of the lysates of 293T cells transfected with Tim-4^{IgV}-FLAG by an anti-FLAG antibody.

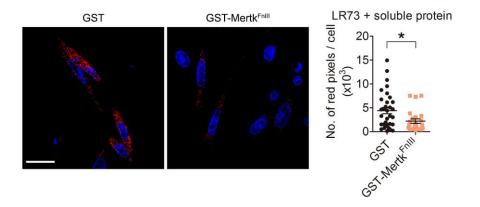


The lysates of 293T cells transfected with the indicated plasmids were incubated with anti-FLAG antibody-conjugated agarose beads in the presence of purified GST-Mertk^{FnIII} or GST. Bound proteins on the beads were detected by immunoblotting.





The formula for the co-localization index is the number of pixels with a co-localization color divided by the number of total pixels (the formula shown above). The range of two colors from green (Mertk) to red (Tim-4) was set (shown top), and the pixels in the middle range of the color (yellowish) was counted using ImageJ. Representative images and their co-localization indexes are shown.



A proximity ligation assay was performed using LR73 cells transfected with the indicated plasmids. 1 d after transfection, the cells were incubated with GST or GST-Mertk^{FnIII} for 2 h, fixed, blocked, and incubated with anti-FLAG and anti-Tim-4^{tail} antibodies. The cells then were incubated with the amplification solution at 37 °C overnight. Images were acquired by confocal microscopy and quantified (F, n \geq 24 cells). Scale bar, 40 µm.