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研究成果の概要(和文)：エピジェネティッククロマチンリモデラーBaf155の破骨細胞における機能的役割を調査した。研究結果では、同じ年齢でも破骨細胞特異的にBaf155を欠損することにより骨密度に性差があることを明らかにした。8週齢のマウスのmicroCT解析では、オスマウスのみ骨密度が増加し、16週齢では骨密度に差がない。逆に、8週齢のメスでは、コントロールグループと比較して骨密度に差がなく、16週齢ではBaf155 cKOで有意に増加した。これらの結果から、クロマチンリモデラーであるBaf155のエピジェネティック調節が、性的二形に応じて破骨細胞から骨に異なる影響を与える可能性があることが示唆される。

研究成果の学術的意義や社会的意義

Age-related bone resorption diseases are common in women. However, there are no gender-specific clinical trials or drug guidelines. From a gender difference medical perspective, the accumulation of pathophysiological evidence is important.

研究成果の概要(英文)：This study investigated the functional role of Baf155, an epigenetic chromatin remodeler in osteoclasts. In this fiscal year, we found that the effect of Baf155 cKO mice on bone mineral density (BMD) differed between sexes, even at the same age. Interestingly, microCT analysis of 8-week-old mice showed an increase in BMD only in male mice, but there was no difference in BMD at 16 weeks of age. Conversely, in 8-week-old female mice, there was no difference in BMD compared to the control group, but at 16 weeks of age, BMD parameter significantly increased in Baf155 cKO. Our results suggest that the epigenetic regulation of the chromatin regulator Baf155 on osteoclasts and bone differs according to sexual dimorphism.

研究分野：細胞生物-破骨細胞

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1. 研究開始当初の背景

Osteoclasts are the bone-resorbing cells, and also regulate bone-forming cells such as osteoblasts, thus balancer cells of bone-resorption and formation, bone remodeling in vivo. A line of our research of chemokine receptors have demonstrated that Ccr1- and Cx3Cr1-mediated signal are involved in physiological bone remodeling, therefore function as bone remodeling balancers. Our most recent study has reported that functional loss of Ccr5 in osteoclasts positively shifts the bone remodeling balance in vivo. This study further uncovered the role of Ccr5 in mature osteoclast function through regulating RANKL and integrin-mediated pathways (Lee et al., 2017 Nat Commun). These findings have prompted us to investigate functional regulation of osteoclast as a bone remodeling balancer in a way of Ccr5-mediated genome-wide regulation.

2. 研究の目的

This research aims to investigate the functional role of epigenetic chromatin remodeler Baf155 in osteoclasts and bone metabolism. Our previous report demonstrated that a chemokine receptor CCR5 is required for the osteoclast function and balance of bone remodeling (Lee et al., 2017 Nat Commun). We identified chromatin remodeler Baf155 using proteomics approach were downstream targets of CCR5-mediated signal. We will expand this findings using conditional knockout (cKO) mice generated by Baf155 floxed mice with osteoclast specific Cre-recombinase mice.

3. 研究の方法

(1) Generation of cKO and pathological study in vivo

BAF complex is essential gene and conventional deletion leads to embryonic lethality. Cre/LoxP technology was employed to create cKO mice. We generated LysM-Cre; Baf155^{fl/fl} mice and studied bone remodeling in adult mice.

(2) Histomorphometrical analysis was conducted on femoral bone sections obtained from adult to aged mice, and ovariectomized osteoporosis mice of cKO line. Then osteoclastic and bone resorption parameters were intensively scored.

(3) Osteoclast culture and differentiation

For in vitro assay, bone marrow cells were harvested from mouse tibiae, and then cultured with M-CSF and RANKL allowing to proliferate and differentiate into osteoclasts. Cells were carefully observed all stage of osteoclast ontogeny, which is affected by chromatin remodeling.

(4) Transcriptome analysis and validation of candidate factor from profiling

To find potent transcription factors that interact with Baf155 and function under the control of osteoclast differentiation, we applied RNA sequencing by a Next generation sequencer (illumine MiSeq) equipped in Division of Analytical Bio-Medicine in Ehime University. Total RNA extracts were prepared from the cultured osteoclasts obtained from Baf155^{fl/fl} and LysM-Cre; Baf155^{fl/fl} mice using RNeasy kit (Qiagen) according to the manufacturer's instruction. Total RNA further separates into large and small RNA enriched fractions using the miRNeasy kit (Qiagen) columns and reagents. Quantified RNA samples were sequenced and analyzed by illumine MiSeq. Data of RNA seq were analyzed using specific software (David Bioinformatics, Database for annotation, visualization, and integrated discovery etc.).

4. 研究成果

(1) Bone resorption serum marker was increased in Baf155 cKO male and female mice

Serum analysis of TRAP5b, a representative activation marker of osteoclasts, was performed in 8-week-old mice. The results showed a significant increase in TRAP5b level in male mice of Baf155 cKO. However, no significant difference was observed in

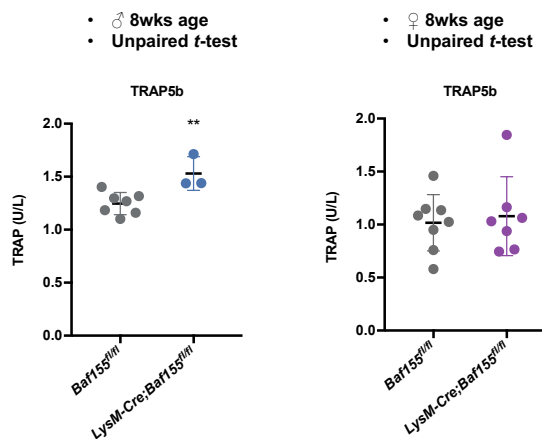


Fig.1. Serum analysis of osteoclast related markers

female mice compared to the control group.

(2) Sexual dimorphic phenotype of Baf155 cKO mice between female and male

Chromatin remodeling Baf155 floxed mice were mated with LysM-Cre recombinase mice to generate osteoclast progenitor specific deletion. We examined the bone mineral density by microCT and bone histomorphometry using femoral bone sections in adult mice of 8 and 16 weeks of female and male. We found that the effect of Baf155 cKO mice on bone mineral density (BMD) differed between sexes, even at the same age. Interestingly, microCT analysis of 8-week-old mice showed an increase in BMD only in male mice, but there was no difference in BMD at 16 weeks of age. Conversely, in 8-week-old female mice, there was no difference in BMD compared to the control group, but at 16 weeks of age, BMD parameter significantly increased in Baf155 cKO (Fig.2 and 3). Our results suggest that the epigenetic regulation of the chromatin regulator Baf155 on osteoclasts and bone differs according to sexual dimorphism.

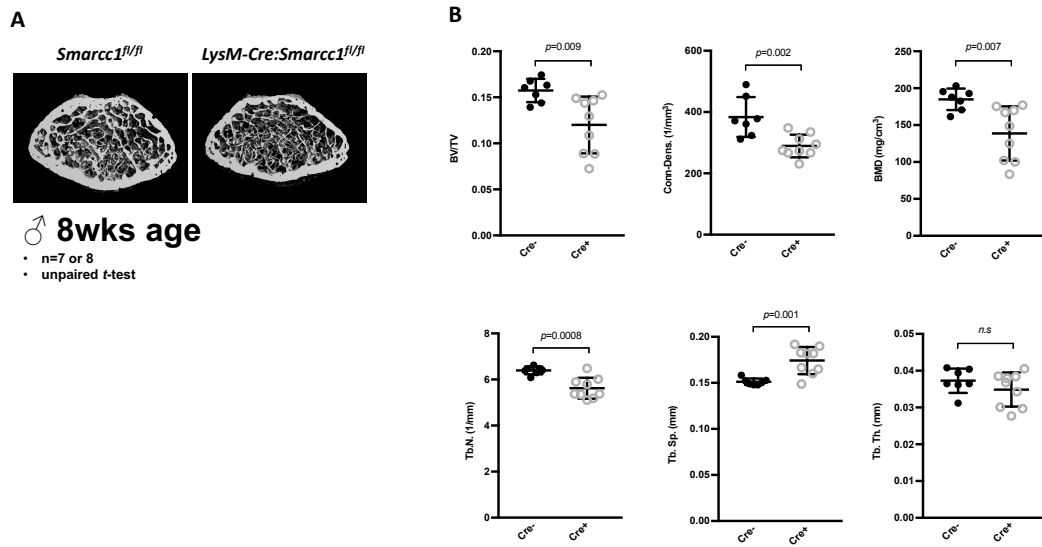


Fig.2. A) microCT images of femoral bone and B) parameters of trabecular bone analysis from Baf155 cKO (8 week-old male mice)

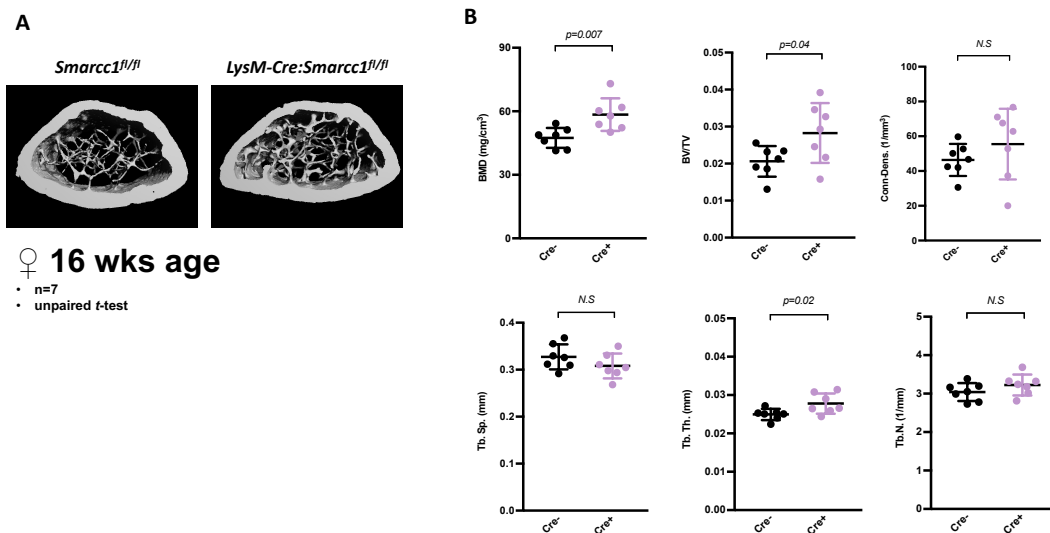


Fig.3. A) microCT images of femoral bone and B) parameters of trabecular bone analysis from Baf155 cKO (8 week-old female mice)

(3) RNA sequencing expression profiling data

To investigate the changes in the transcriptional signatures induced by CCL5 in osteoclastogenesis, cultured osteoclasts at pOC stage were incubated with or without RANKL for 2 days, and then subjected for RNA-seq. Genes with a log fold-changes value of >1.0 and an adjusted P-value of <0.05 were tested for enrichment using the Gene Ontology (GO) analysis.

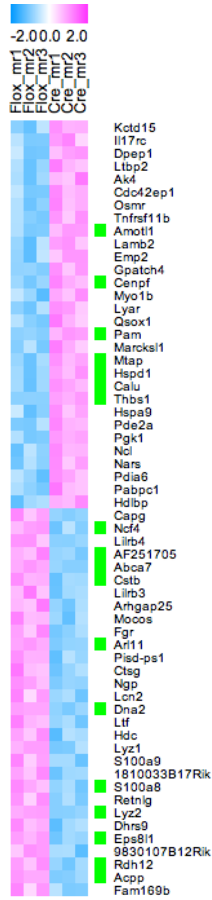


Fig. 4. Gene Ontology analysis of the genes that showed significantly altered expression levels in RNA-sequencing using cells incubated with RANKL (100 ng/mL). The significantly up- and down-regulated genes and heat maps of the obtained results are shown.

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