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Genome-Wide RNAi of C. elegans
Using the Hypersensitive rrf-3 Strain
Reveals Novel Gene Functions

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Introduction

While screening a collection of RNAi constructs using C. elegans, we observed unexpected phenotypes that were not predicted by the RNAi knowledge base. These RNAi phenotypes in C. elegans were detected for a number of genes using RNAi libraries or other techniques (Go et al. 1998). It is an ideal method for rapid identification of in vivo gene function. Initial studies on RNAi have been recently performed in C. elegans postembryonic development, probably because RNAi is not completely effective (Kamath et al. 2003). Other global RNAi screens have been performed in many genes by inactivating the target genes via RNAi. By but it was subsequently shown that dsRNA can be introduced into the nematode C. elegans.

In this work, we describe a systematic analysis of RNAi phenotypes in C. elegans. The genome-wide RNAi screen using rrf-3 mutants, allowed the identification of many genes by inactivating the target genes via RNAi. By about 30% of essential genes and 60% of genes required for postembryonic development, probably because RNAi is not completely effective (Kamath et al. 2003). Other global RNAi screens have been recently performed in many genes by inactivating the target genes via RNAi.

Methods

We generated an RNAi expression library with a 66% overlap of gene products and approximately 10% of the corresponding genes. To increase the number of RNAi phenotypes obtained with the genome-wide screens to systematically clone seven existing genetic mutants with laboratory strain Bristol N2 detected phenotypes for approximately 10% of the corresponding genes. To increase the number of RNAi phenotypes obtained with the genome-wide screens to systematically clone seven existing genetic mutants with laboratory strain Bristol N2 detected phenotypes for approximately 10% of the corresponding genes.

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