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Lv4, an activity that restricts nuclear entry of SIV_{MAC}/SIV_{SM} in human blood cells

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SIV_{SM} is a lentivirus endemic to the West African sooty mangabey (*Cercocebus atys*). HIV-2 and SIV_{MAC} are zoonoses that resulted from SIV_{SM} transmission to humans and Asian rhesus macaques (*Macaca mulatta*), respectively. Human leukemia cell lines, human peripheral blood mononuclear cells and CD4⁺ T cells, were 4 to 50-fold less permissive for SIV_{MAC} and SIV_{SM} than for HIV-1. In contrast, SIV_{MAC} transduction of human adherent cell lines was equivalent to that of HIV-1. Consistent with adaptation to human cells, HIV-2 was not restricted as potently as was SIV_{MAC}. SIV_{MAC} transduction of human blood cells was rescued up to the level of HIV-1 by As₂O₃, a compound that increases the infectivity of viruses in the context of TRIM5-mediated restriction. Nonetheless, efficient knockdown of TRIM5 or cyclophilin A, a cytoplasmic factor that sometimes regulates TRIM5 restriction activity, did not rescue SIV_{MAC} transduction of these cells. Substitution of HIV-1 CA with the CA from SIV_{MAC} rendered HIV-1 poorly infectious for Jurkat T cells. The block occurred after completion of reverse transcription and the formation of 2-LTR circles, but before establishment of the provirus. Heterokaryons resulting from fusion of permissive with restrictive cells exhibited the restrictive phenotype, indicating that SIV transduction of human blood cells is inefficient due to a dominant-acting restriction factor. These results demonstrate that the nucleus of human blood cells possesses a TRIM5-like restriction factor specific for the SIV_{MAC}/SIV_{SM} capsid and that, by extension, cross-species transmission of SIV_{SM} to human cells necessitated adaptation of HIV-2 to this restriction factor.

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