

A molecular atlas of subcellular RNA localization and interaction using proximity labeling

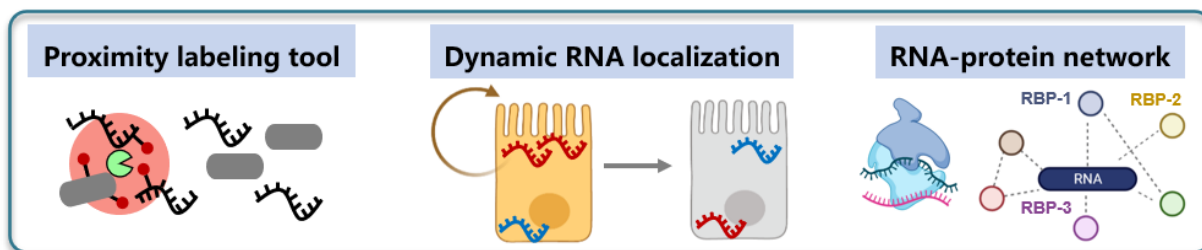
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The spatial distribution of RNA in cells profoundly affects various processes such as RNA production, modification, translation, and degradation. Dysregulated RNA localization leads to many RNA-related diseases such as neurodegeneration. Therefore, profiling the dynamic spatial distribution of RNA in different cell types at the transcriptome level is key to in-depth understanding of how RNA regulates cell fate and function. Using chemical biology methods such as protein evolution and probe design, our research group focuses on

developing RNA proximity labeling and enrichment technologies based on genetically-encoded enzymatic tools¹⁻⁴. We aim to apply our proximity labeling toolkit to comprehensively map RNA composition and RNA-protein interactions in different subcellular regions in diverse cell types, such as neurons and cancer cells. These novel resources and tools will help to mechanistically dissect cell-type specific RNA localization and interaction patterns, and provide a new roadmap for diagnosing RNA-related diseases at the molecular level.



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