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Interaction study between cMyBP-C and FHL1	
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Abstract Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM) is a dis	assa that affacts the structure of the sarcomera
Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM) is a disease that affects the structure of the sarcomere in muscles. It has been related to mutations in the cardiac Myosin Binding Protein-C	
(cMyBP-C). The Four and a Half LIM domain 1 protein (FHL1) has several different tasks in	
the cell. Recent studies have shown that these proteins interact with each other indicating	
their importance in the development of the heart. Overexpression of FHL1 in transgenic mice	
have shown the formation of myosacs, while in the mice where the gene was inactivated	
using RNAi, there were long and thin sarcomeres. The cells lack the ability to develop myosin thick filaments. This study aimed to further characterize the interaction between	
cMyBP-C and FHL1. Optimisation of overexpression in <i>E. coli</i> cells was performed for both	
cMyBP-C and FHL1. Further proof of the interaction was found by co-expression of the two	
proteins. A truncated version of FHL1 was purified and characterized for protein size and	
folding. First attempts in finding the minimal binding domain was performed using yeast two	
hybrid screening.	
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