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**The Effect of Coactivator-associated  
Arginine Methyltransferase 1 (CARM1)  
Protein on Differentiation Potential of  
Human Mesenchymal Stem Cells**

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# BACKGROUND

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## Mesenchymal stem cells(MSCs)

### A. Promising tool for cellular therapy in clinical use

- Proliferative capacity
- Ability to differentiate into multiple lineages
- Ability to migrate into target organ

### B. The weak point of hMSCs for clinical applications

- Inferior plasticity to embryonic stem cells
- Replicative senescence
- Decreasing of differentiation potential during *in vitro* culturing

**Critical to develop methods that improve the differentiation potential of hMSCs**

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## Differentiation potency of hMSC correlate epigenetic regulation

### A. Epigenetic regulation

- DNA methylation
- Histone acetylation
- Histone methylation

DNA methylation of the *Trip10* promoter accelerates mesenchymal stem cell lineage determination

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*Biochem Bioph Res Co* (2010)

**Histone deacetylase inhibitors decrease proliferation potential and multilineage differentiation capability of human mesenchymal stem cells**

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*Cell Proliferation* (2009)

**Histone H3 Modifications Associated With Differentiation and Long-Term Culture of Mesenchymal Adipose Stem Cells**

Agate Noer, Leif C. Lindeman, and Philippe Collas

*Stem Cells Dev* (2009)

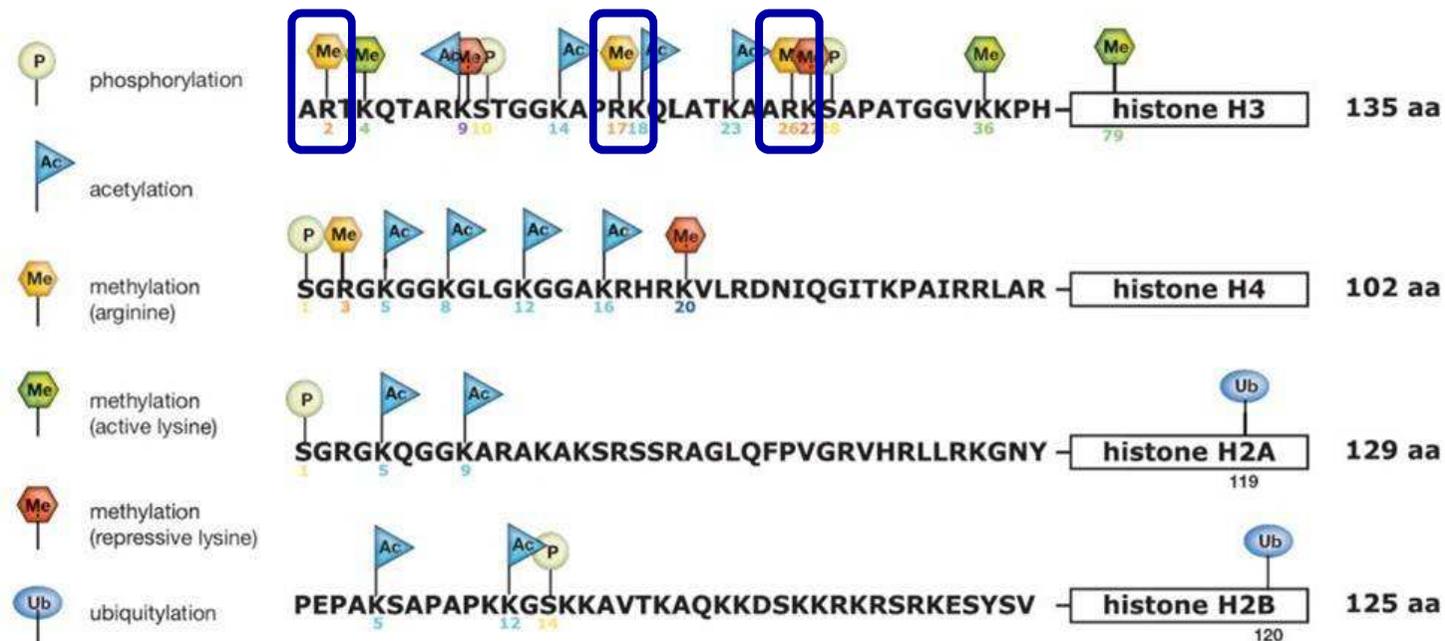
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## Coactivator-associated arginine methyltransferase 1 (CARM1)

### A. One of arginine methyltransferase (PRMT) family

- Methyl group addition : Histone H3 Arg-2, -17, -26
  - Chromatin remodeling
  - Coactivation for many nuclear receptors, and transcription factor

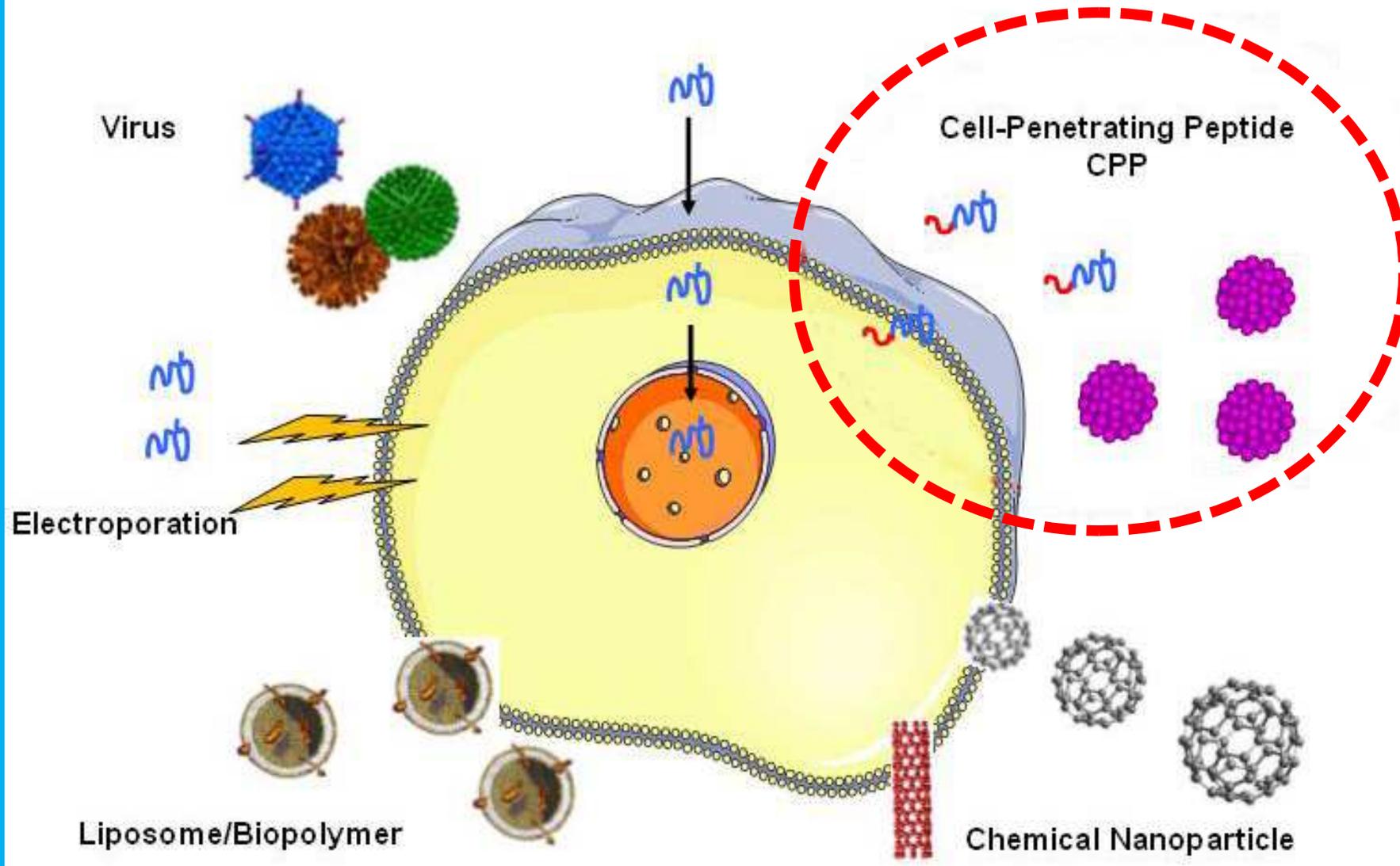


Allis et al., Epigenetics. (2006)

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## Strategies for intracellular delivery of therapeutics



# PURPOSE

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The aim of this study was

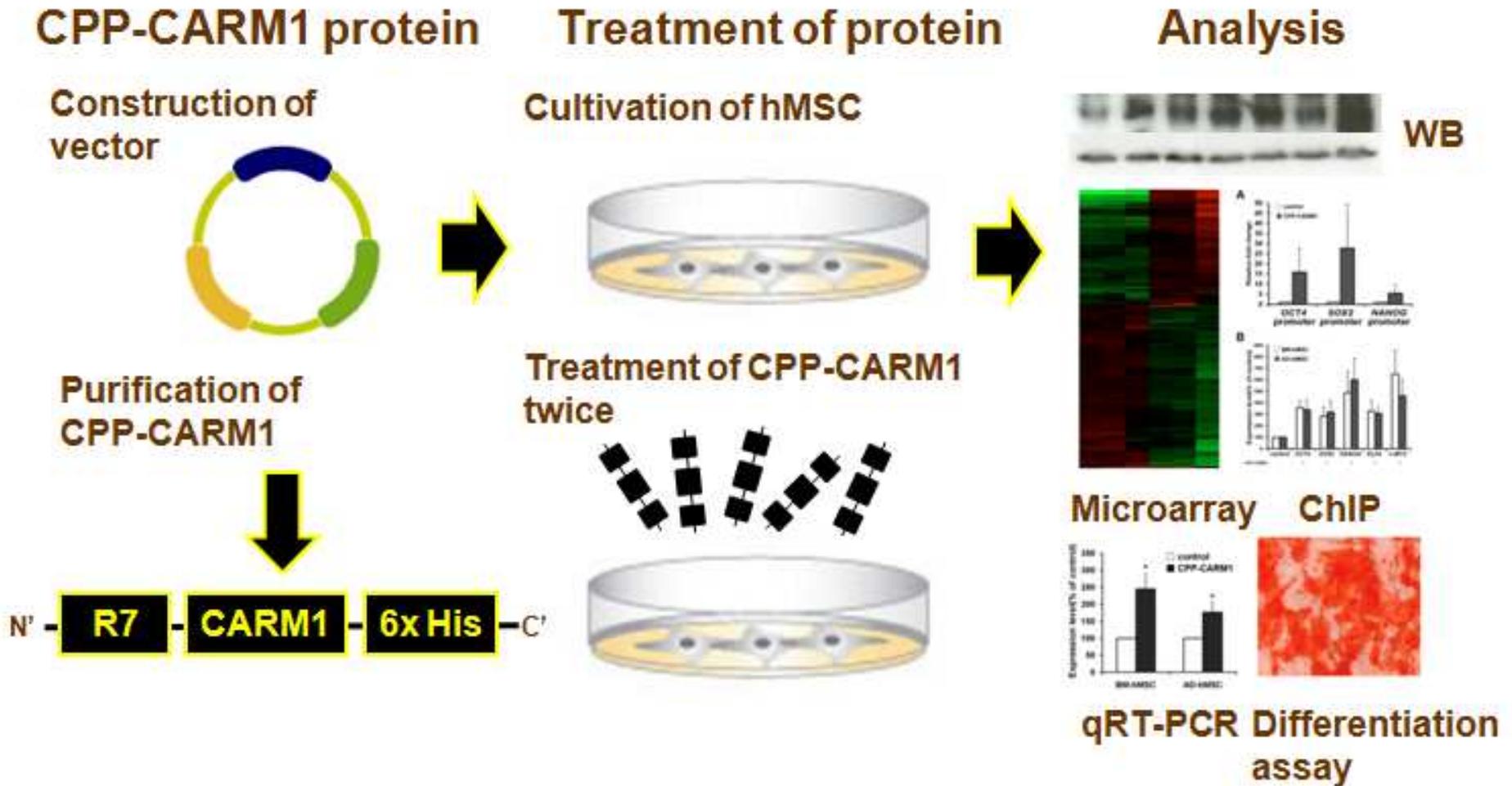
A. Establishment of protein direct delivery system

- To examine that CPP-CARM1 is delivered to appropriate location in nucleus and CPP facilitate cellular uptake of CARM1
- To transfer methyl group to histone H3 arginine 17 residue by the recombinant CPP-CARM1 *in vitro* culture system of hMSCs

B. Overcome a weak point of hMSCs for clinical applications

- To increase the efficacy of differentiation into multilineage of hMSCs, according to methylation of histone H3R17 by CPP-CARM1

# PROCEDURE



# RESULTS

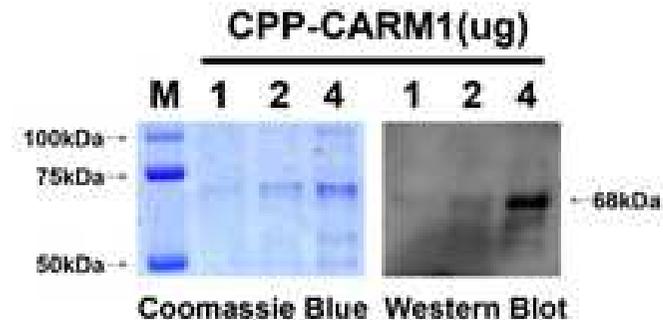


## A. CPP-CARM1 vector construction

- Used pET expression vector
- 5'-7x arginine- cDNA CARM1-6x His-taq-3'

## B. Western blot of CPP-CARM1 protein

- Antibody : CARM1
- Protein size : 68kDa

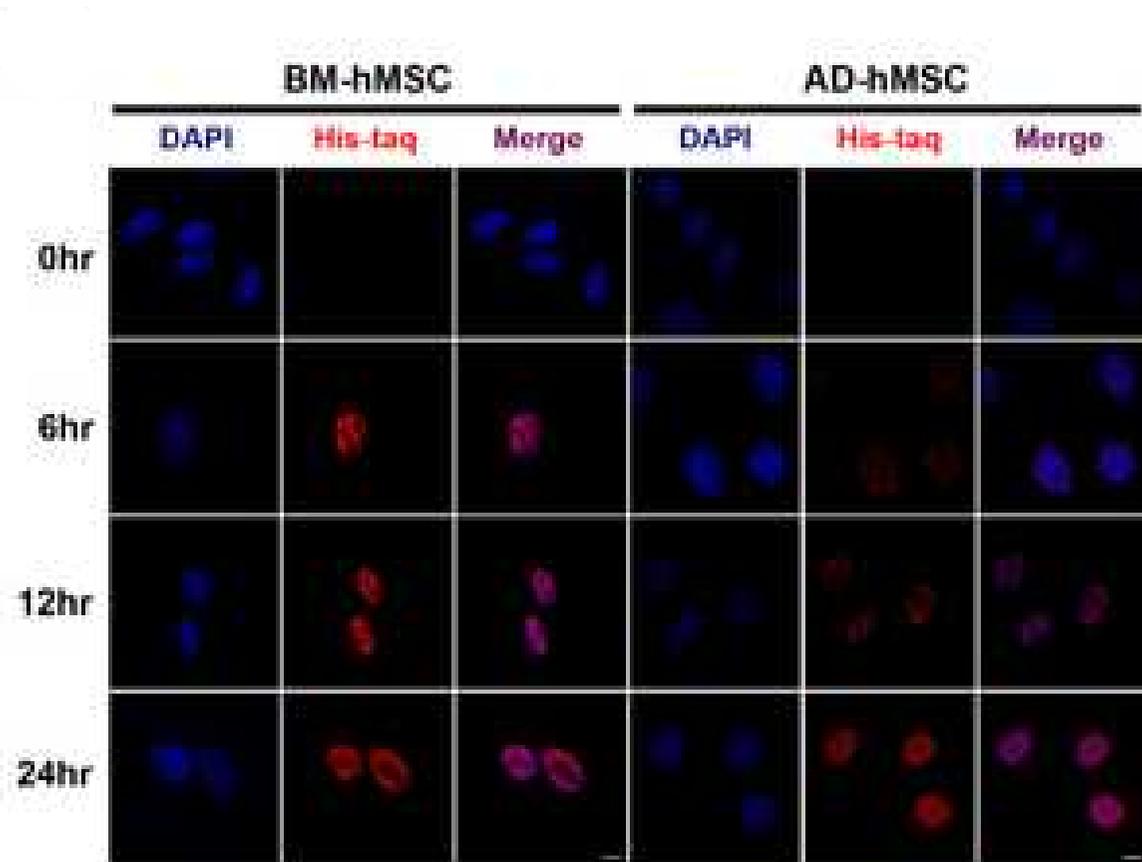


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## C. Localization of CPP-CARM1 in hMSCs

- Immunocytochemistry
- Antibody : [6x His-taq](#)
- BM, AD-hMSC
- 6hr : cytoplasm and nucleus
- [12hr](#) : nucleus
- 24hr : nucleus

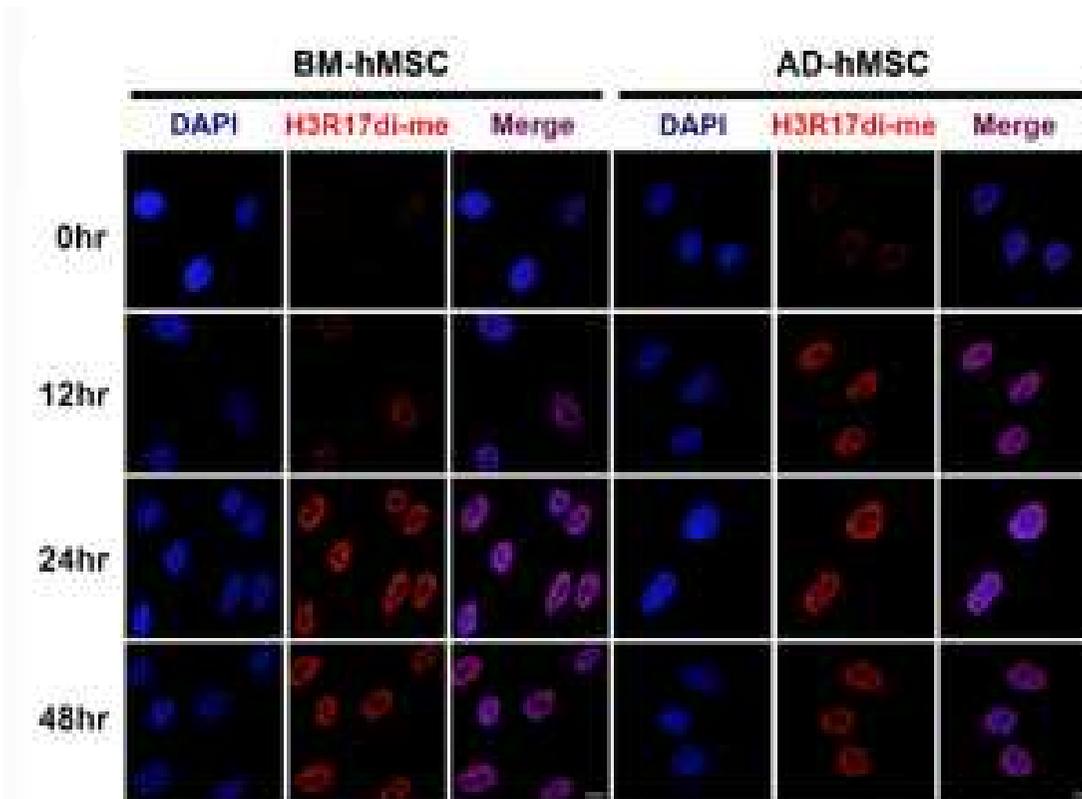


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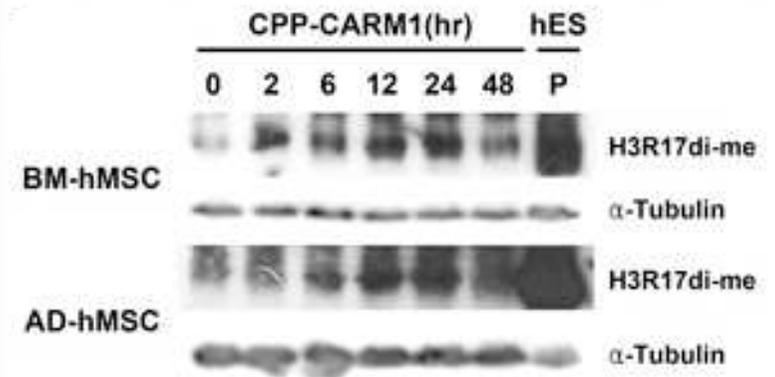


## A. Methylation of CPP-CARM1 in hMSCs

- Immunocytochemistry, Western blot
- Antibody : [H3R17di-me](#)
- BM, AD-hMSC



- The highest methylation level : [12 ~ 24hr](#)
- After 24hr : reduced methylation



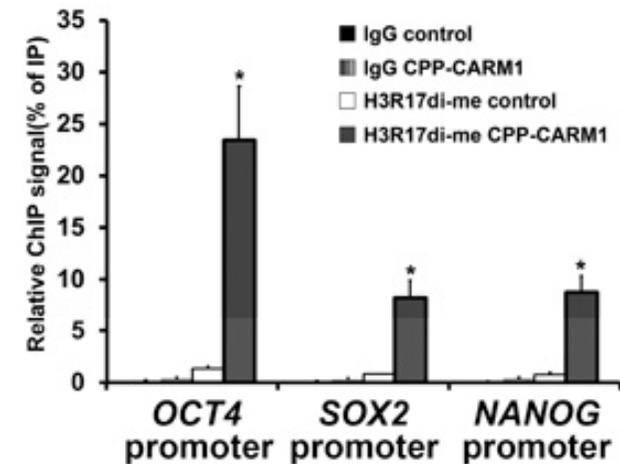
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## Alteration of gene expression level

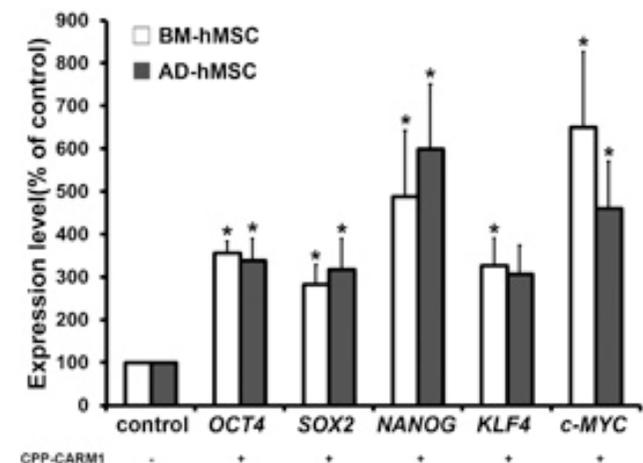
### A. Chromatin Immunoprecipitation (ChIP) assay

- pluripotent-related genes promoter  
: *OCT4*, *SOX2*, *NANOG* promoter



### B. Realtime RT-PCR

- pluripotent-related genes  
: *OCT4*, *SOX2*, *NANOG*,  
*KLF4*, *c-MYC*



Jo et al., Stem Cells. (2012)

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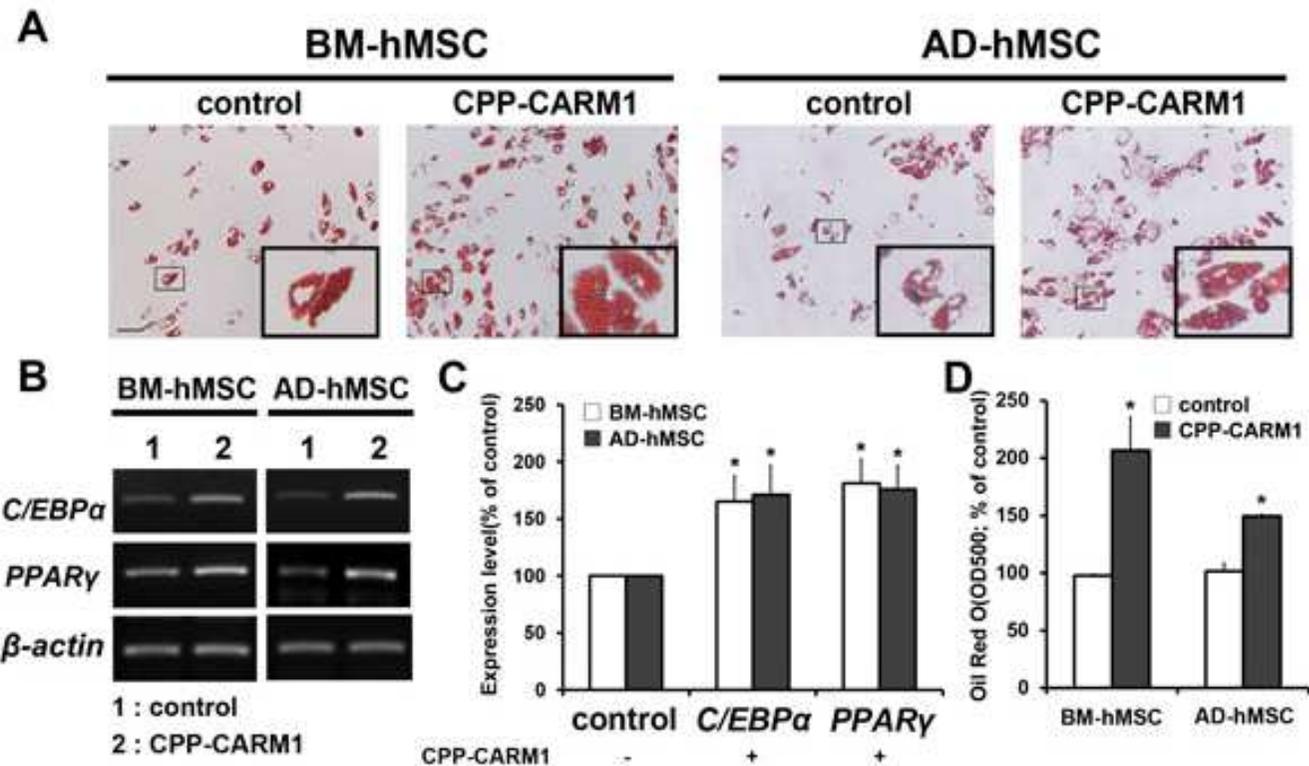
## Differentiation into adipogenic lineage

### A. Oil Red O staining

### B. RT-PCR

### C. Realtime PCR

- C/EBP $\alpha$   
: 1.5 ~ 2 fold
- PPAR $\gamma$   
: 1.5 fold



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## Differentiation into osteogenic lineage

### A. Alizarin Red S staining

### B. RT-PCR

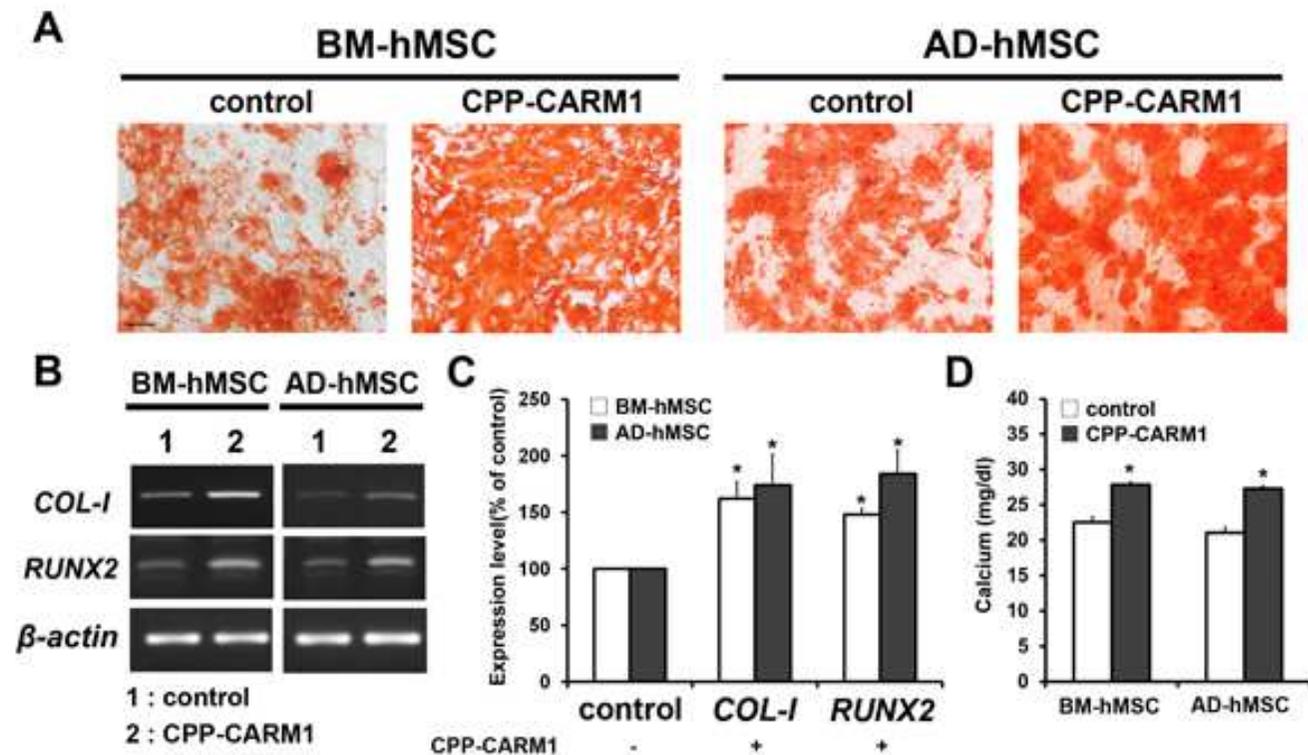
### C. Realtime PCR

- *COL-1*

: 2 ~ 2.5 fold

- *RUNX2*

: 2 fold



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## Differentiation into myogenic lineage

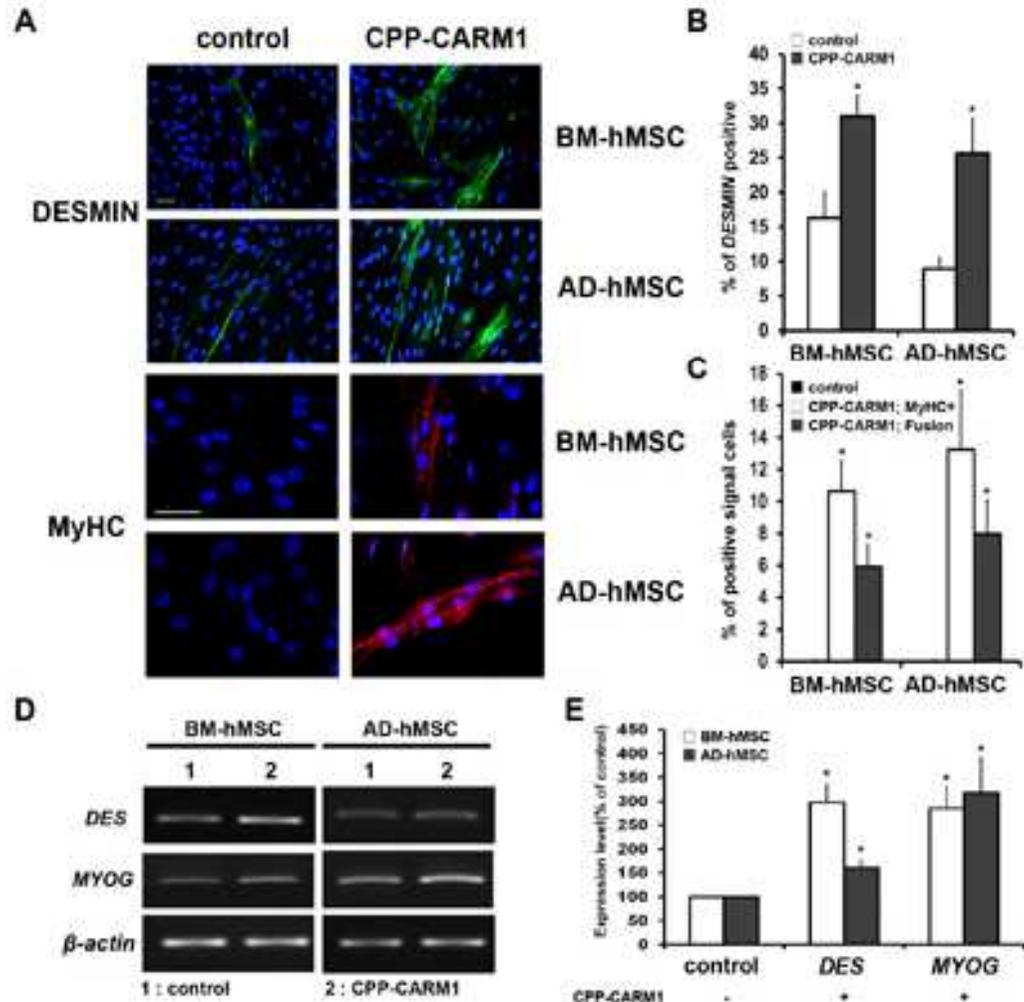
### A. Immunocytochemistry <sup>A</sup>

- DESMIN
- Myosin Heavy Chain

### B. RT-PCR

### C. Realtime PCR

- DESMIN  
: 1.5 ~ 3 fold
- MYOGENIN  
: 3 fold



# SUMMARY & CONCLUSION

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- 1. Successfully purified CPP-CARM1 with biological activity**
- 2. Establishment of a protein direct delivery system using cell-penetrating peptide**
- 3. CPP-CARM1 protein translocalized within 12hr, and highly methylated on H3R17 at 12 ~ 24hr in hMSCs**
- 4. Alteration of gene expression pattern by histone modification**
- 5. Elevated the differentiation abilities of hMSCs**

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STEM CELL TECHNOLOGY: EPIGENETICS, GENOMICS, PROTEOMICS, AND METABONOMICS

Regulation of Differentiation Potential of Human Mesenchymal Stem Cells by Intracytoplasmic Delivery of Coactivator-Associated Arginine Methyltransferase 1 Protein Using Cell-Penetrating Peptide

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