低流量電子線散乱を用いた脂質二重層膜に形成される脂質ラフト 様秩序相内部の構造解析

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Low-flux election diffraction discloses chain packing structures inside ordered domains formed in lipid bilayers (¹*Graduate School of Science, Kyushu University*) OMayu Maeda, ¹ Masanao Kinoshita, ¹ Nobuaki Matsumori ¹

Lipid rafts are ordered membrane domains and work as a platform for important signal transductions. So far, structural information of lipid rafts has been obtained with phase separated membrane between the raft-like ordered and non-raft-like disordered phases. In the present study, we addressed packing structures of lipid carbon chains inside the ordered membrane domains using electron diffraction with high convergence. We firstly prepared a distearoylphosphatidylcholine (DSPC)/dioleoylphosphatidylcholine (DOPC) bilayer, which undergoes phase separation between DSPC-rich ordered and DOPC-rich disordered phases whose size is ~ten micrometer (Fig. 1). Then, we directed electron beam (1.1 μm in diameter) to the DSPC-rich phase. As a result, we found that the DSPC-rich phase shows similar diffraction pattern to pure DSPC bilayers (Fig. 2). On the other hand, calorimetry indicates that the DSPC-rich phase contains small amounts of DOPC. Taken together, we speculate that the DSPC-rich phase consists of two or more subdomains, one of which consists of pure DSPC. Keywords: electron diffraction; lipid bilayer; chain packing; phase separation; lipid rafts

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10 µm

Fig. 1. 基盤上に展開した DSPC/DOPC=3/7 二重 層膜の顕微鏡画像。暗い領域が秩序領域を示す。

DSPC-rich

pure-DSPC

1.5 2.5 3.5

s=2sinθ/λ (nm⁻¹)

Fig. 2. DSPC-rich 相と DSPC 膜の電子線散乱パターン(青)とフィッティング曲線(赤と黒)。