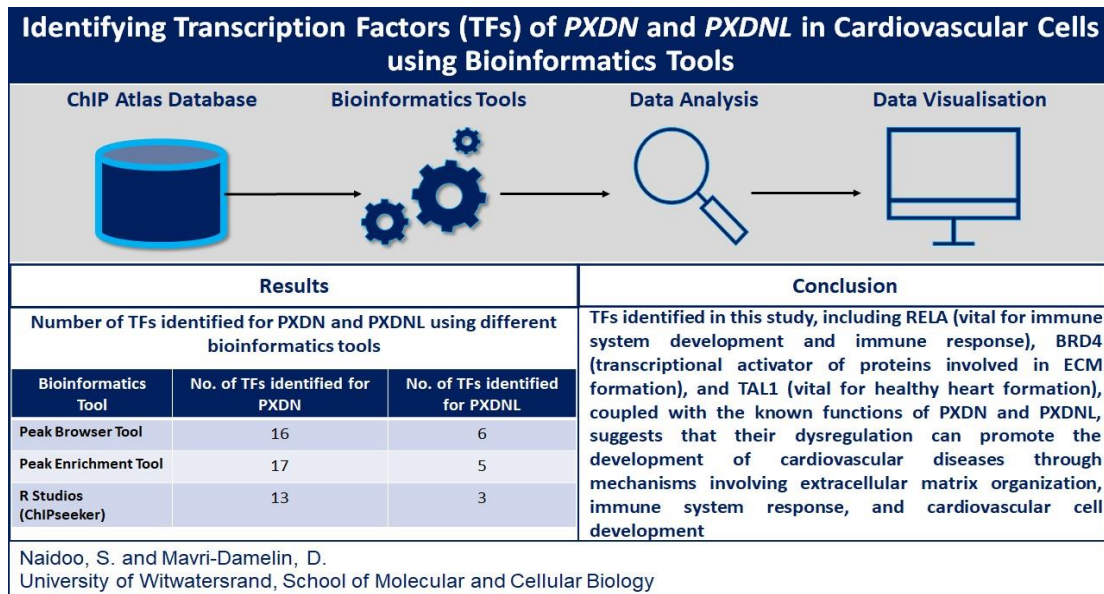


Identifying transcription factors of *pxdn* and *pxdnl* in the cardiovascular system using bioinformatics tools

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Introduction: Peroxidase (*PXDN*) and Peroxidase-like (*PXDNL*) proteins have been implicated in a variety of cardiovascular diseases. Peroxidase is a haem-peroxidase involved in vital cell functions, such as cell development, extracellular matrix deposition, and immune response. Peroxidase-like protein is a homolog of *PXDN* lacking enzymatic activity but thought to regulate *PXDN* function. Both genes are expressed in cardiovascular cells, but their roles in cardiovascular diseases remains unknown. This study aimed to identify transcription factors which regulate *PXDN* and *PXDNL* in cardiovascular cells using bioinformatics tools.

Methodology: ChIPseq data retrieved from the ChIP Atlas database was analysed using three tools: Peak Browser and Enrichment Analysis Tools were used to identify statistically significant transcription factors near the Transcription Start Sites (TSS) of both genes, and ChIPseeker package for R Studios was used to filter results and identify statistically significant transcription factors in the promoter and distal intergenic regions of both genes.

Results: 13 major transcription factors were identified for *PXDN* and 3 for *PXDNL*. Transcription factors EP300, *RELA* and TCF 21, were common to both genes, and are known to play important roles in cardiovascular cell development and immune system signalling.

Discussion and Conclusion: The transcription factors identified in this study, coupled with the known functions of *PXDN* and *PXDNL*, suggests that their dysregulation can promote the development of cardiovascular diseases through mechanisms involving the extracellular matrix organisation, immune system response and cell development. Future research can elucidate these mechanisms using a multi-omics approach.

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