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#### <研究内容>

Antibodies are widely used as therapeutic drugs and research tools. Recently, the structural different heavy chain-only antibody named immunoglobulin new antigen receptor (IgNAR) draws people's attention. IgNAR has the smallest known antigen binding domain (~12 kDa), enabling it access to hidden epitopes. Besides, IgNAR has strong stability. Thus, IgNAR has potential in therapeutic and biotechnological field, but we only have limited knowledge on it. Although, full-length IgNAR fused with human IgG Fc-region (IgNAR-Fc) was expressed by CHO cells. However, recombinant IgNAR-Fc is difficult to express. So, this study is trying to figure out the synthesis bottleneck of full-length IgNAR in CHO cells.

#### <オリジナリティ>

Full-length IgNAR is a difficulty to express antibody. It's important to find the synthesis bottleneck of full-length IgNAR before finding effective methods to largely increase its productivity. This study is the first time systematically and comprehensively exploring the synthesis bottleneck full-length IgNAR. It is the first step to explore its industrial and biotechnological applications.

#### <受賞の感想>

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#### <指導教官からのコメント>

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