

Type 2 diabetes affects millions of people throughout the United States, yet available treatments are expensive and complicated. A previous Genome-Wide Associate Study identified associations between genetic variants in and near *SGSM2* and altered plasma levels of insulin molecules in non-diabetic individuals. *SGSM2* is a putative Rab GTPase Activating Protein without a known role in the insulin processing and secretion pathway. To elucidate the role of *SGSM2* in this pathway, we attempted to identify interactors of *SGSM2*. To do this, MIN6 murine pancreatic beta cells overexpressing *SGSM2*-6xHis underwent a glucose challenge to stimulate insulin secretion. We then isolated *SGSM2* and any potential interactors by pulldown with nickel-cobalt beads. To optimize the retention of *SGSM2* and decrease the non-specific interactions, we tested three different bead-lysate incubation times and three different wash conditions. We determined that a 5-minute incubation time and a wash protocol consisting of one wash of NP-40 lysis buffer, three PBS washes, and three ammonium bicarbonate washes were most effective. Proteins isolated with these conditions have been submitted for Affinity-Purification Mass Spectrometry for identification. Further information about *SGSM2*'s interactors will provide insight into the role of *SGSM2* in the insulin processing and secretion pathway and enable potential development of novel therapeutic approaches.