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### **Ubiquitin & NF-kB activation**

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#### **Overview**

#### **Basic Principles**

- Ubiquitin
- NF-кВ

#### Novel research

• Role of linear ubiquitylation in NF-kB signalling and inflammation

### Ubiquitin

- Post-translational modifications (PTM) of proteins include: Phosorylation, glucosylation, acetylation, etc ... and <u>ubiquitylation</u>
- Ubiquitin is a small (8 kDa) protein abundantly present in cells
- Ubiquitylation: the covalent attachment of ubiquitin to Lysine (K) residues of target proteins (substrate)



### **Ubiquitylation: 3 step process**

- **E1** : Ubiquitin activating enzyme (ATP-dependent)
- E2 : Ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme Ubiquitin molecule is transferred to E2, which can bind to E3
- E3 : Ubiquitin ligase

E3 enzymes bind to substrates (target protein) and mediate the transfer of ubiquitin from E2 to substrate



### **Ubiquitylation (ubiquitination)**



### **Ubiquitin carries 7 internal Lysines**



### **Ubiquitin function**

#### UBIQUITIN MODIFICATION PROCESS REGULATED



(Adapted from Hoeller et al. Nature Reviews Cancer 2006)

### **Ubiquitin binding domains (UBD).**

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### **<u>De-ub</u>iquitylating enzymes (DUB)**



### **Ubiquitin signalling**



#### NF-κB

- Nuclear-Factor (NF)- κB: family of transcription factors
- Important in the regulation of genes involved in cell survival, cell growth and inflammation.



- RHD = Rel homology domain
- Function as hetero/homo-dimers

# IκB proteins inhibit NF-κB activation by sequestering NF-κB dimers in the cytoplasm



#### **NF-kB** activation



### TNF-R1

- TNF (tumour necrosis factor) is a cytokine that binds to TNF-Receptor I (TNF-R1)
- TNF-R1 belongs to a large family of plasma-membrane-receptors that can activate <u>NF-κB as well as cell death</u>, depending on the cellular context
- TNF-R1 signalling is implicated in cancer, innate immunity and inflammation
- TNF-R1 signalling is a model for **ubiquitin-mediated NF-kB activation**

#### **Composition of the TNF-receptor signalling complex (TNF-RSC)**



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Mass spectrometric identification of all so far known and two new proteins of the TNF-RSC



# HOIL-1 and HOIP are recruited to the TNF-RSC in a stimulation-dependent manner



### HOIL-1 and HOIP interact and form an E3-ligase complex

#### Kirisako et al. (EMBO 2006):

- HOIL-1 and HOIP interact
- HOIL-1 and HOIP form a linear ubiquitin assembly complex (LUBAC)
- = E3 ligase complex



### **Linear ubiquitylation**

#### Linear ubiquitylation: M1-linked chains (head-to-tail)

Poly-ubiquitin chains linked through the N-terminal Methionine of ubiquitin instead of an internal lysine.





# HOIL-1 is recruited to the TNF-RSC in a RIP1-independent manner







# HOIL-1 is recruited to the TNF-RSC in a TRAF2/cIAP-dependent manner



# HOIL-1 recruitment depends on the catalytic activity of cIAP1/2



### HOIL-1 and HOIP directly interact with specific polyubiquitin chains



### LUBAC is recruited to the TNF-RSC by cIAP-generated Ubiquitin chains via the TRADD-TRAF2 cIAP signalling axis



### HOIL-1/HOIP knock-down reduces TNF-induced NF-κB



### HOIL-1 and HOIP are crucial regulators for a number of TNF-dependent genes

HeLa cells



# Absence of HOIL-1 renders cells more sensitive to TNF-induced apoptosis



MCF-7 cells

### LUBAC knockdown reduces recruitment/retention of TNF-RSC components to the complex



### Sharpin is the third novel component of the native TNF-RSC besides HOIP and HOIL-1



# Sharpin, HOIP and HOIL-1 are recruited to the TNF-RSC with similar kinetics



HeLa cells

#### Sharpin, HOIL-1 and HOIP form a trimeric complex (LUBAC)



# HOIP is also able to form linear ubiquitin chains in combination with Sharpin



# Recruitment of Sharpin, HOIP and HOIL-1 to the TNF-RSC depends on cIAP1/2 and on HOIP



# NEMO and RIP1 are modified by LUBAC with linear-linked ubiquitin chains in the TNF-RSC



### Phenotype of Sharpin mutant cpdm Mice

- Spontaneous base pair deletion leads to severe chronic proliferative dermatitis (*cpdm*)
- Multi-organ inflammation (apart from skin also affects liver, forestomach, oesophagus, etc.)
- Defective organisation of lymphoid tissue (lack of well-formed follicles, germinal centres and follicular DCs)
- absence of marginal zone in the spleen; absence of Peyer's patches
- Increased cell death of keratinocytes



### Sharpin is required for effective TNF -induced NF-κB activation and, consequently, gene induction

#### **MEFs**



# **TNF**-induced NF-κB activation is impaired in primary *cpdm*-derived keratinocytes cells



#### Increased TNF-induced cell death in cpdm MEFs



Loss of Sharpin results in a cell death-favouring dysregulation of TNF-induced signalling

# TNF deficiency corrects the inflammatory phenotype in *cpdm* mice

### cpdm TNF+/+





### cpdm TNF-/-







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### **Summary**

- Sharpin, HOIP and HOIL-1 form the Linear ubiquitin assembly complex (LUBAC) and are novel components of the TNF receptor signalling complex (TNF-RSC)
- Recruitment of Sharpin, HOIP and HOIL-1 to the TNF-RSC depends on cIAP1/2
- Linear ubiquitylation, mediated by LUBAC, enables efficient TNF-induced gene induction by NF-kB and inhibition of cell death
- Lack of Sharpin causes a cell death-favouring dysregulation of TNF signalling and an inflammatory phenotype in mice (cpdm)
- *cpdm* MEFs and primary keratinocytes are susceptible to TNF-induced cell death
- TNF deficiency corrects the inflammatory abnormalities observed in *cpdm* mice

### Immunodeficiency, autoinflammation and amylopectinosis in humans with inherited HOIL-1 and LUBAC deficiency

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We report the clinical description and molecular dissection of a new fatal human inherited disorder characterized by chronic autoinflammation, invasive bacterial infections and muscular amylopectinosis. Patients from two kindreds carried biallelic loss-of-expression and loss-of-function mutations in *HOIL1* (*RBCK1*), a component of the linear ubiquitination chain assembly complex (LUBAC). These mutations resulted in impairment of LUBAC stability. NF- $\kappa$ B activation in response to interleukin 1 $\beta$  (IL-1 $\beta$ ) was compromised in the patients' fibroblasts. By contrast, the patients' mononuclear leukocytes, particularly monocytes, were hyper-responsive to IL-1 $\beta$ . The consequences of human HOIL-1 and LUBAC deficiencies for IL-1 $\beta$  responses thus differed between cell types, consistent with the unique association of autoinflammation and immunodeficiency in these patients. These data suggest that LUBAC regulates NF- $\kappa$ B–dependent IL-1 $\beta$  responses differently in different cell types.

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### **Learning Objectives**

You will be able to:

- describe the general mechanisms of ubiquitylation
- describe the general mechanisms of NF-κB signalling
- describe the TNF-R1 signalling pathway
- explain the role of LUBAC and linear ubiquitylation in TNF-R1 signalling
- understand the biological consequences of loss of linear ubiquitylation