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Writing and erasing MYC ubiquitination and SUMOylation



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Abstract The transcription factor c-MYC (MYC thereafter) controls diverse transcription programs and plays a key role in the development of many human cancers. Cells develop multiple mechanisms to ensure that MYC levels and activity are precisely controlled in normal physiological context. As a short half-lived protein, MYC protein levels are tightly regulated by the ubiquitin proteasome system. Over a dozen of ubiquitin ligases have been found to ubiquitinate MYC whereas a number of deubiquitinating enzymes counteract this process. Recent studies show that SUMOylation and deSUMOylation can also regulate MYC protein stability and activity. Interestingly, evidence suggests an intriguing crosstalk between MYC ubiquitination and SUMOylation. Deregulation of the MYC ubiquitination-SUMOylation regulatory network may contribute to tumorigenesis. This review is intended to provide the current understanding of the complex regulation of the MYC biology by dynamic ubiquitination and SUMOylation and their crosstalk.

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Introduction

The MYC oncoprotein regulates the expression of a large body of genes implicated in diverse cellular processes,

including cell cycle progression, nucleotide biosynthesis, metabolism, RNA processing, ribosomal biogenesis/protein translation as well as apoptosis, cell senescence and differentiation.^{1–3} It functions as a pleiotropic transcription

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factor in association with its primary partner MAX⁴ through a C-terminal basic HLH/Leu-zipper domain (bHLH-LZ).^{5,6} MYC/MAX heterodimers activate many target genes by binding to canonical E-box (CACGTG) elements within gene promoters and enhancers.^{6–8} The N-terminal first 143 amino acids of MYC constitute the transactivation domain (TAD) that is essential for both transcriptional activation and repression^{5,9–11} and contains the highly conserved MYC box I (MBI) and MBII. Two important phosphorylation sites, Threonine 58 (T58) and Serine 62 (S62) lie in MBI, involved in regulation of MYC stability and activity in response to cell growth signals.^{1,2,12,13} The central region of MYC contains the MBIII and MBIV which are both important for MYC's pro-apoptotic activity as well as for transcriptional repression and activation respectively.^{14–16}

While MYC is essential for normal cell growth and proliferation, deregulated MYC overexpression and activation contribute to the development of most human cancers. Thus, it is not surprising that MYC levels and activity are under tight scrutiny and regulation during normal cell homeostasis.^{2,17} Besides transcriptional regulation,^{18–20} there are various post-translational modifications of MYC that regulate its stability and activity, including phosphorylation, acetylation, glycosylation, proline isomerization, methylation, ubiquitination and SUMOylation. In this review, we will focus on the regulation of MYC stability and activity by dynamic ubiquitination and SUMOylation and their potential crosstalk.

MYC ubiquitination regulates MYC stability and activity

As one of the most prevalent protein posttranslational modifiers, ubiquitin is attached to substrates by a three-step enzymatic process, consisting of the ubiquitin-activating enzyme (E1), the ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme (E2) and the ubiquitin ligase (E3).²¹ The human genome encodes two E1 enzymes (UBE1 and UBA6), approximately 40 E2s, and more than 600 E3s that are classified into three groups based on their general mode of catalysis. The HECT (homologous to E6-AP covalent terminus) domain containing E3s have an identifiable catalytic site, whereas the RING (really interesting new gene) domain-containing E3s are thought to mediate Ub transfer by positioning E2s in close proximity to targets. The RBR (RING-IBR-RING) E3s' action is still unclear, but likely similar to the RING E3s. RING proteins, and E3s in general, are regulated by a number of mechanisms that modulate either their activity or interactions.^{22,23} Ub is first activated by ATP-dependent formation of a thioester bond between the active-Cys residue of the E1 and the C-terminus di-glycine motif of Ub. The activated Ub is then transferred to the active-Cys residue of one of the E2s. Finally, the E3 ubiquitin ligase mediates the isopeptide bond formation between the lysine residue of the substrate and C-terminal carboxyl group of ubiquitin by interacting with ubiquitin-charged E2 and a specific substrate. Proteins can be modified predominately by Lys48 linked ubiquitin chains for proteasome degradation, or by a single ubiquitin or a polyubiquitin chain with other or mixed linkages (Lys63, Lys6, Lys11, Lys27, Lys29, Lys33 or Met1), serving as signals for multifaceted regulatory functions.²⁴ In

general, the E2s determine the type of ubiquitin chain assembled while the E3s contribute to the efficiency and substrate specificity of the ubiquitination reaction.^{21,25}

MYC is an unstable protein with a half-life of less than 30 min in non-transformed cells^{13,26,27} due to rapid turnover through the ubiquitin-proteasome system (UPS). Intriguingly, ubiquitination has been found to regulate MYC activity without affecting its protein levels or by promoting its turnover. To date, at least 16 ubiquitin E3s have been identified to ubiquitinate MYC, most of which were reported as negative regulators targeting MYC for degradation while the rest of them positively regulate MYC activity (Fig. 1).

SCF^{Fbw7}

SCF^{Fbw7} is the best characterized ubiquitin E3 for MYC. The core components of SCF complex include an adaptor protein Skp1, a scaffold protein Cul1 and a ring-finger protein Rbx1/Roc1. Fbw7 is a F-box protein which is the variable component of the complex that determines specificity for substrates.²⁸ There are three Fbw7 isoforms that differ in subcellular localization: Fbw7 α (nucleoplasm), Fbw7 β (cytoplasm) and Fbw7 γ (nucleolus).^{28,29} Both Fbw7 α and Fbw7 γ have been shown to target MYC for degradation. Fbw7 mediated MYC turnover is dependent on sequential MYC phosphorylation at S62 and T58. Following growth signals, MYC is stabilized upon S62 phosphorylation mediated by Ras-Raf-MEK-ERK kinase cascade and/or CDKs.^{13,30,31} S62 phosphorylation is a prerequisite for subsequent phosphorylation at T58 by GSK3 β , which is inhibited by PI(3)K/Akt signaling, but activated when Ras

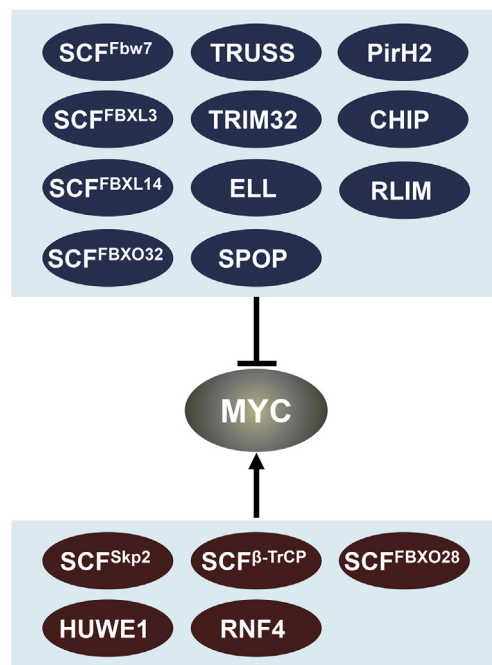


Figure 1 MYC ubiquitin ligases (E3s). Shown are the ubiquitin E3s reported to mediate MYC ubiquitination. The arrow indicates the activation of MYC activity whereas the bar indicates the inhibition of MYC activity.

signaling is down.^{10,30–33} Phosphorylation of T58 facilitates Pin1-mediated isomerization at proline 63 of MYC, allowing dephosphorylation of MYC at S62 by PP2A.³⁴ Consequently, p-T58-MYC is recognized by SCF^{Fbw7} for K48-linked ubiquitination and degradation through the proteasome system.^{29,35–37} Consistently, as one of the “hot spots” for mutations in a subset of Burkitt’s lymphomas, T58 mutation causes stabilization and enhanced activity of MYC.^{10,38–40} MYC^{T58A} transgenic mice show higher penetrance and reduced latency in cancer development compared with MYC^{WT} transgenic mice.^{41,42} Moreover, mutations and deletions of *FBW7* have been identified in multiple human cancers, consistent with its role in negatively regulating MYC.²⁸

SCF^{Skp2}

Skp2 (S-phase Kinase-associated protein2), also known as FBXL1, has been well characterized as an oncoprotein.^{43,44} As the substrate-binding subunit of the SCF^{Skp2} ubiquitin ligase complex, Skp2 was shown to bind to the MBII and bHLH-LZ domains of MYC and can mediate its ubiquitination and degradation during the G1/S transition of the cell cycle.^{45–47} Since both MYC and Skp2 are oncoproteins critical for G1/S transition, the finding that Skp2 targets MYC for degradation seems to be contradictory, but has given rise to the concept of a transcription-coupled proteasomal degradation mechanism for transcription: Skp2 mediates MYC ubiquitination at the site of its activity (chromatin), first promoting its activity and subsequently its degradation. Indeed, Skp2 increases transcriptional activity of MYC and promotes MYC-induced S phase entry.^{45,47} In support of this transcription-coupled proteasomal degradation of MYC, we found that PIN1 also promotes the turnover of MYC at target gene promoters while increasing its transactivation activity.^{48,49} ARF and SNIP1 were shown to compete with Skp2 to regulate MYC.^{50,51} ARF inhibits Skp2-mediated ubiquitination and degradation, resulting in the switch of MYC from a canonical oncogenic protein towards an inducer of apoptosis,⁵¹ whereas SNIP1 stabilizes MYC by competing for binding with Skp2 and possibly switches MYC into another mode of transcription activation through recruitment of p300.⁵⁰ In addition, Skp2 induces cell cycle genes and enhances the proliferative response of human β -cells in a MYC-dependent manner, suggesting MYC as a central Skp2 target for the induction of cell cycle entry, expansion and regeneration of human T2D β -cells.⁵² However, by using the Skp2-LRR mutant unable to form a SCF complex, several studies argued that Skp2 promotes MYC activity independently of MYC ubiquitination and SCF^{Skp2} E3 ligase activity. One report showed that Skp2 recruits p300 and Miz1 to the MYC transcriptional complex to promote RhoA transcription, cell migration and invasion in an E3 independent manner.⁵³ Another group showed that the Skp2-LRR mutant restores MYC activity downregulated by hepatocyte growth factor (HGF), suggesting that Skp2 functions as a transcriptional activator of MYC rather than a component of the SCF complex in HGF signaling in HepG2 cells.⁵⁴ Together, these studies clearly reveal a critical crosstalk between Skp2 and MYC in regulating cell cycle progression and cell transformation involving protein-

protein interaction and protein turnover that impact on the MYC transcriptional output.⁵⁵

SCF^{FBXO32}

FBXO32, also known as Atrogin-1, was originally identified as the muscle-specific gene for muscle atrophy.^{56,57} Recent evidence suggests that it has a role in regulating tumorigenesis, where it is downregulated.^{58,59} SCF^{FBXO32} targets MYC for proteasome degradation by promoting MYC ubiquitination at K326 via K48-linked ubiquitin chains independently of T58 or S62 phosphorylation. FBXO32 interacts with MYC at MBII, MBIV and a PEST (rich in proline, glutamic acid, serine and threonine) domain. Functionally, FBXO32 suppresses MYC transactivation activity and inhibits cancer cell proliferation. Interestingly, FBXO32 is found to be a MYC target gene, thereby forming a negative regulatory loop with MYC.⁶⁰

SCF^{FBXL3}

An unexpected finding shows that the circadian repressor CRY2 recruits T58-phosphorylated MYC to the SCF^{FBXL3} ubiquitin E3 ligase complex for MYC ubiquitination and degradation.⁶¹ In fact, The SCF^{FBXL3} has been identified to regulate the clock by promoting the degradation of circadian repressor CRYs.^{62,63} In addition to being a substrate of SCF^{FBXL3}, CRY2, but not CRY1, acts as a cofactor associating with phospho-T58 (p-T58) MYC near its binding interface with FBXL3. Evidence shows that CRY2-FBXL3-mediated MYC turnover is independent of the FBW7 pathway. Overexpression of WT CRY2, but not the F428D mutant incapable of binding to FBXL3, reduced MYC levels. Importantly, significant low expression of CRY2 was observed in tumor samples from a variety of types of cancers compared to normal controls. Also, CRY2 deletion enhances MYC-driven Lymphoma *in vivo*. These findings suggest a critical CRY2-FBXL3-MYC pathway, which could explain how clock output affects cancer susceptibility due to circadian disruption.⁶¹

SCF^{FBXL14}

FBXL14 is highly expressed in non-stem glioma cells and neural progenitors, but its expression is low in glioma stem cells (GSCs) that contribute to tumor initiation and malignant progression.⁶⁴ Indeed, it has been shown that FBXL14 mediates MYC polyubiquitination for degradation, suggesting its role in controlling MYC at the post-translational level in glioma cells, but not in GSCs. FBXL14 mediated ubiquitination of MYC appears to be T58 and S62dependent and the MYC^{T58A} mutant shows less binding affinity to FBXL14. Consistently, overexpression of FBXL14 induces GSC differentiation and inhibits GSC tumor growth, which can be rescued by the ubiquitination-resistant MYC^{T58A} mutant.⁶⁴

SCF ^{β -TrCP}

Emerging evidence has implicated that β -TrCP, also known as Fbw1, plays an oncogenic role in human cancers.⁴³ In line with this, SCF ^{β -TrCP} has been found to antagonize SCF^{Fbw7}.

mediated MYC degradation, leading to MYC stabilization that is required for MYC-dependent recovery from S phase arrest. β -TrCP binds to phosphorylated MYC at amino acids 278–283 that is highly similar to the phosphodegron (DpSGXXpS) recognized by β -TrCP.⁶⁵ Unlike Fbw7 which mediates K48-linked polyubiquitination by using Cdc34, β -TrCP requires Ubch5 to form K33/K63/K48 heterotypic polyubiquitin chains on MYC.⁶⁵ Of note, ubiquitination by SCF ^{β -TrCP} occurs preferentially in G2 phase, and Plk1, which is most active in G2 and M phases,⁶⁶ phosphorylates MYC to enhance the binding of SCF ^{β -TrCP}, suggesting a model in which phosphorylation of MYC by Plk1 recruits SCF ^{β -TrCP} to stabilize MYC. Furthermore, the reduction of MYC levels is associated with the reduced levels of β -TrCP1 by PI3K/mTOR inhibitor treatment in triple-negative breast cancer cells (TNBCs).⁶⁷

SCF^{FBXO28}

As a less characterized F-box protein, FBXO28 was found to control MYC-dependent transcription by non-proteolytic ubiquitination that transmits CDK activity to MYC function during cell cycle progression.⁶⁸ In S and G2/M phases, FBXO28 is phosphorylated at Ser 344 by CDK1/2. Although this phosphorylation is not required for FBXO28 binding to MYC, it positively affects SCF^{FBXO28} E3 activity. Further, SCF^{FBXO28} promotes ubiquitination on specific lysine residues within the 294–367 region of MYC, where the HUWE1-mediated MYC-p300 interaction occurs (see below).⁶⁹ Indeed, SCF^{FBXO28} stimulates MYC activity by facilitating recruitment of p300 to target gene promoters. Consequently, FBXO28 promotes MYC-driven tumorigenesis and high expression of FBXO28 (and high Ser 344 phosphorylation) is associated with poor patient outcomes in human breast cancer.⁶⁸ It would be interesting to further study how SCF^{FBXO28} interplays with other E3s during the cell cycle progression.

SCF^{SPOP}

Recent studies highlight SPOP as an important regulator of cell proliferation and MYC expression in the prostate luminal epithelium.^{70,71} SPOP mediates ubiquitination and degradation of MYC by directly binding to MYC, while this binding is attenuated by the prostate cancer-associated mutations, SPOP^{F102C} and SPOP^{F133V}. Consistently, analysis of transcriptomic signatures associated with mutant SPOP reveals the enrichment of MYC target genes.^{72,73} These data suggest mutant SPOP-induced stabilization of MYC as another mechanism that can raise MYC levels in prostate cancer cells, in addition to MYC locus amplification, and support a role for SPOP's frequent inactivation in prostate cancer patients.⁷⁰ Recently, LINC01638 lncRNA has been shown to stabilize MYC by blocking the binding between SPOP and MYC and thus inhibiting SPOP-induced MYC ubiquitination and degradation in TNBCs,⁷¹ indicating a new RNA-mediated mechanism utilized by cancer cells to stabilize MYC protein.

TRIM32

TRIM32 is a Ring-finger ubiquitin E3 ligase that targets MYC for degradation.^{74,75} TRIM32^{WT}, but not the RING finger

mutant TRIM32^{C24A}, can ubiquitinate and destabilize MYC. As a cell-fate determinant in neural stem cells, TRIM32 is required and sufficient for suppressing self-renewal and inducing neuronal differentiation partially by degrading MYC. Accordingly, it has been shown that TRIM32 is up-regulated during neuronal differentiation of mouse neural stem cells, accompanied by subcellular translocation of TRIM32 from the cytoplasm of progenitor cells to the nucleus of mature neurons, which is in further agreement to its role in regulating MYC. In addition, TRIM32 has also been shown to ubiquitinate N-MYC and facilitate its degradation during mitosis, thereby inducing asymmetric cell division in human neuroblastoma cells.⁷⁶

RLIM

RNF12/RLIM is a RING domain-containing E3 ubiquitin ligase that promotes MYC ubiquitination without affecting MYC levels, independently of S62 and T58 phosphorylation.⁷⁷ However, RLIM attenuates MYC transcriptional activity towards at least some of its target genes such as E2F2 and nucleolin. MYC depletion abolished the effects of RLIM on cell growth, suggesting that RLIM may restrain cell proliferation by regulating MYC activity. It remains to be determined whether MYC is a direct substrate of RLIM and whether RLIM-mediated polyubiquitination directly suppresses MYC transactivation activity.

Pirh2

Pirh2 was initially identified as a p53 ubiquitin ligase that targets p53 for proteasomal degradation⁷⁸ and was later shown to target CHK2 for ubiquitination and degradation.⁷⁹ *Pirh2* deletion mice consistently exhibit increased levels of p53 and increased p53-dependent apoptosis in response to DNA damage,⁸⁰ indicating that Pirh2 possesses an oncogenic potential. However, subsequent studies showed that Pirh2 binds to MYC and mediates MYC polyubiquitination and proteasome degradation, suggesting that Pirh2 is a bona fide ubiquitin E3 ligase for MYC.⁸⁰ Moreover, approximately 25% of *Pirh2*^{-/-} and 17% of *Pirh2*^{+/-} mice developed solid tumors including liver, testes, mammary and lung cancers and sarcomas. This is associated with increased levels of MYC in various tissues from the *Pirh2*^{-/-} mice. Down-regulation of Pirh2 is associated with poor outcome of a number of human cancers including breast, ovarian, and lung cancers.⁸⁰ Thus, Pirh2 may promote cell proliferation, tumorigenesis and tumor progression in tissue and cell context-dependent manners. Indeed, Pirh2 promotes cell proliferation in the absence of p53⁸¹ and the lifespan of *Pirh2*^{-/-};p53^{-/-} mice was significantly reduced compared to *Pirh2*^{-/-} or p53^{-/-} mice.⁸⁰

DCX^{TRUSS}

TRUSS (tumor necrosis factor receptor-associated ubiquitous scaffolding and signaling protein),⁸² also called TRPC4AP (transient receptor potential cation channel, subfamily C, member 4-associated protein),⁸³ is the substrate-specific adaptor of a DCX (DDB1-CUL4-X-box) ubiquitin E3 ligase complex.⁸⁴ TRUSS interacts with both

MYC and N-MYC at their C-terminal bHLH-LZ domain, thus mediating DCX-dependent MYC ubiquitination and degradation.⁸⁴ Moreover, TRUSS suppresses MYC transactivation and transformation activity, and was also shown to be downregulated in a number of cancers.⁸⁴ Interestingly, TRUSS is primarily expressed in G1 phase and negatively correlated with the expression of S-phase specific Skp2 during cell cycle progression. TRUSS itself has been revealed as a substrate of SCF^{Skp2} for ubiquitination and degradation, implying the interplay between the ubiquitin E3s in regulating MYC stability and activity during cell cycle progression.⁸⁵

HUWE1

HUWE1 (also known as ARF-BP1, HectH9, MULE), a member of the HECT-domain containing ubiquitin E3 ligases, has complex roles in regulating MYC function. It was originally reported that HUWE1 enhances MYC activity by catalyzing K63-linked polyubiquitin chains on MYC in a region containing 6 lysine residues near the nuclear localization signal (NLS).⁶⁹ By using a MYC mutant with all the 6 lysines mutated to arginine, it was found that ubiquitination by HUWE1 enhances the transcriptional activity of MYC by recruiting the coactivator p300. Consistently, HUWE1 is overexpressed in multiple human tumors and is essential for proliferation of a subset of tumor cells.⁶⁹ This oncogenic function of HUWE1 was further confirmed by a later study, showing that HUWE1 is required for growth of colorectal cancer cells both in cell culture and xenograft models.⁸⁶ Consistent with other published data showing that HUWE1 destabilizes Miz1, a negative regulator of MYC,^{87,88} inhibition of HUWE1 by small molecule inhibitors leads to Miz1's global accumulation on MYC target genes and contributes to the repression of MYC-activated target genes.⁸⁶ However, an *in vivo* study shows that HUWE1 deletion accelerates skin carcinogenesis, suggesting a tumor suppressor role.⁸⁷ Mechanistically, HUWE1 deficiency resulted in the accumulation of MYC/Miz1 complexes at promoters of p21 and p15 associated with decreased expression. In addition, inactivating HUWE1 mutations were found in human colorectal cancers (CRC) and deletion of HUWE1 in mouse CRC models leads to marked increase in tumor initiation that is partially associated with MYC stabilization,⁸⁹ further supporting a tumor suppressor role of HUWE1. Thus, it will be interesting to examine whether HUWE1 can directly target MYC for degradation by mediating K48-linked polyubiquitination in these specific tissues. Further investigation of HUWE1 may shed light on the complexity of its E3 ubiquitin-mediated regulation of MYC.

CHIP

CHIP (carboxyl terminus of Hsc70-interacting protein) binds to Hsp70 and Hsp90 chaperones through its tetratricopeptide repeat (TPR) domain and functions as an E3 ubiquitin ligase containing a modified RING finger domain (U-box), allowing CHIP to network chaperone complexes to the ubiquitin-proteasome system.^{90,91} It has been shown that CHIP mediates polyubiquitination of MYC for degradation

and suppresses MYC activity.⁹² Indeed, CHIP interacts with MYC through its TPR domain, and the association between CHIP and MYC is dependent on the chaperone, particularly Hsp70. However, CHIP lacking the U-box domain was still able to promote MYC ubiquitination, indicating there may be E3 unrelated effects of CHIP on MYC ubiquitination possibly via involving other ubiquitin E3s. Further study needs to determine whether CHIP is a bona fide ubiquitin E3 for MYC and whether CHIP regulates MYC levels under physiological conditions.⁹²

ELL

ELL (eleven–nineteen lysine-rich leukaemia), a key regulator of transcriptional elongation,^{93,94} has been identified as a novel ubiquitin ligase, and MYC was found to be the very first substrate for ELL.⁹⁵ ELL mediates MYC ubiquitination and degradation independent of MYC phosphorylation and UbcH8 was found to be the cognate ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme. Although no obvious conserved domains of typical ubiquitin ligases were found in ELL, Cys 595 was identified as an active cysteine required for its E3 activity. ELL-mediated MYC degradation inhibits MYC-dependent transcriptional activity and cell proliferation and suppresses MYC-dependent xenograft tumor growth.⁹⁵ Consistently, ELL expression was decreased in human colon cancer specimens, negatively correlating with the expression of MYC, highlighting the tumor suppressor function of ELL that is at least partially associated with its role in downregulating MYC.⁹⁵

RNF4

RNF4 is a well-characterized SUMO targeted ubiquitin E3 ligase (StubL) that recognizes SUMOylated substrates and mediates substrate ubiquitination and proteasome degradation.^{96–98} However, RNF4 was recently shown to bind and stabilize a group of substrates in a manner that depends on phosphorylation but not SUMOylation.⁹⁹ RNF4 binds to MYC phosphorylated at Ser 62 and mediates its K11- and K33-linked ubiquitination that leads to MYC stabilization and activation. In line with its positive regulation of MYC, RNF4 is upregulated in multiple cancers correlating with poor patient outcomes.⁹⁹ This finding presents a novel mechanism underlying the role for RNF4 in tumorigenesis wherein it promotes MYC activity via different types of ubiquitin linkages in specific cell contexts.

Erasing MYC ubiquitination by deubiquitinating enzymes

Like other posttranslational modifications, ubiquitination of MYC is dynamic and can be reversed by deubiquitinating enzymes (DUBs). Approximately 99 DUBs are encoded by the human genome that are classified into 7 families: ubiquitin C-terminal hydrolases (UCHs), ubiquitin specific protease (USPs), ovarian tumor associated proteases (OTUs), Machado-Josephin domain proteins (MJDs), JAB1/MPN/Mov34 metalloenzymes (JAMMs), motif interacting with Ub-containing novel DUB family (MINDY) and

ZUP1.^{100–102} Emerging evidence reveals that deubiquitination plays an equally important role in regulating MYC protein stability and activity as ubiquitination. So far, six DUBs have been reported to act on MYC, including USP28, USP36, USP37, USP22, USP13 and USP7 (Fig. 2).

USP28

USP28 is the first DUB discovered to deubiquitinate and stabilize MYC.¹⁰³ USP28 interacts with MYC via Fbw7 α and reverses Fbw7 α -mediated ubiquitination of MYC in the nucleoplasm. Consistently, USP28 overexpression was found in colon and breast cancers and USP28-mediated stabilization of MYC is essential for the cancer cell proliferation.¹⁰³ Interestingly, a recent study showed that *Usp28* deletion results in the accumulation of SCF^{Fbw7} substrates, including NICD1, c-Jun, and MYC in both Fbw7-deficient mouse fibroblasts and intestinal tissues, suggesting that USP28 also functions independently of Fbw7. In fact, it was subsequently found that USP28 binds to MYC at the same motif recognized by Fbw7, but only when it is unphosphorylated, and promotes deubiquitination of MYC in the absence of Fbw7.¹⁰⁴ Moreover, it has been reported that USP28 dissociates from Fbw7 α in response to DNA damage, allowing MYC to be degraded by Fbw7 α .¹⁰⁵ Adding another layer of complexity in regulating MYC, USP28 was reported to control the stability of Fbw7 by antagonizing its auto-ubiquitination and degradation in specific tissues such as lung, pancreas and liver, leading to destabilization of Fbw7

targets and to dose-dependent effects in *Usp28* knockout mice. Therefore, while heterozygosity can destabilize MYC, complete deletion of USP28 triggers Fbw7 auto-destruction, resulting in the stabilization of Fbw7 substrates including MYC in specific tissues.¹⁰⁶ Thus, the USP28-Fbw7 α interplay dictates MYC stability and activity in the nucleoplasm and involves fine stoichiometry of the two opposing enzymes.

USP36

We recently identified the nucleolar USP36 as a *bono fide* MYC DUB controlling MYC's nucleolar degradation pathway.¹⁰⁷ USP36 directly interacts with and deubiquitinates MYC, leading to the stabilization of MYC. Notably, USP36 interacts with the nucleolar Fbw7 γ but not the nucleoplasmic Fbw7 α . Yet, it can abolish MYC degradation mediated both by Fbw7 γ and by Fbw7 α , suggesting that USP36 controls the end step of Fbw7-mediated MYC degradation in the nucleolus in concert with the role of USP28 in the nucleoplasm. Supporting this notion is that USP36 and USP28 cooperatively further increase MYC levels.¹⁰⁸ Thus, it is likely that the Fbw7 α -USP28 and Fbw7 γ -USP36 axis dynamically control the life cycle of MYC in different cell compartments (Fig. 2). Interestingly, USP36 itself is a MYC target gene, suggesting that USP36 and MYC form a positive feedback regulatory loop.¹⁰⁷ High expression levels of USP36 were found in a subset of human breast and lung cancers, indicating its oncogenic role. The finding of MYC as a USP36 target also supports the critical role for USP36 in ribosome biogenesis.^{109–111}

USP37

USP37 was shown to directly interact with MYC at the MBIII region and deubiquitinate MYC.¹¹² Although USP37-mediated deubiquitination and stabilization of MYC is independent of either Fbw7 or the phosphorylation of MYC at T58, overexpression of USP37 can block the Fbw7-mediated degradation of MYC. Functionally, overexpression of USP37 promotes cell proliferation and metabolism. USP37 is also upregulated in human lung cancer tissues that positively correlates with MYC expression.¹¹²

USP22

USP22 was recently found as another MYC DUB that deubiquitinates and stabilizes MYC. USP22 interacts with MYC through its N-terminal region containing zinc finger motif and abrogates Fbw7-mediated polyubiquitination and degradation of MYC. Consistently, overexpression of USP22 stimulates while downregulation of USP22 suppresses breast cancer cell growth, migration and tumorigenesis in a MYC dependent manner.¹¹³

USP13

As mentioned above, FBXL14 ubiquitinates and destabilizes MYC. In the same study, USP13 was found to stabilize MYC by antagonizing FBXL14-mediated ubiquitination to

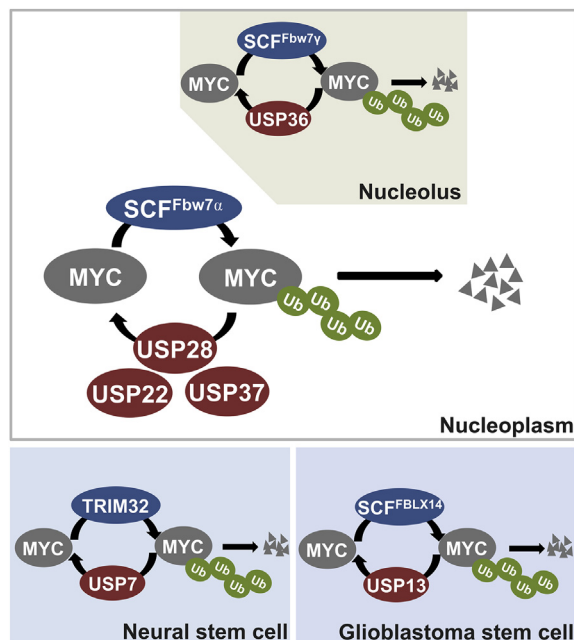


Figure 2 MYC deubiquitinating enzymes. Shown are the DUBs known to deubiquitinate and stabilize MYC. Top: USP36 deubiquitinates MYC and counteracts Fbw7 γ in the nucleolus whereas USP28 deubiquitinates MYC and counteracts Fbw7 α in the nucleoplasm. USP22 and USP37 may also deubiquitinate MYC in the nucleoplasm. Bottom: the TRIM32-USP7 and FBXL14-USP13 axis regulate MYC stability and activity in neural stem cells and glioblastoma stem cells, respectively.

maintain GSC self-renewal and tumorigenic potential.⁶⁴ USP13 was preferentially expressed in GSCs, and its depletion reduces MYC protein levels and potently impairs GSC proliferation and tumor growth. The expression of the ubiquitination-insensitive MYC^{T58A} mutant rescued these effects caused by USP13 depletion. In glioblastoma (GBM) patients, USP13 expression inversely correlates with the patient survival whereas FBXL14 expression displays a positive correlation. Thus, USP13 is implied as an attractive therapeutic target for disrupting GSCs and improving GBM treatment.⁶⁴

USP7

USP7 has recently been shown to stabilize MYC by antagonizing TRIM32-mediated polyubiquitination and this function is required to maintain neural stem cell fate.⁷⁴ USP7 directly interacts with MYC and TRIM32. The balanced activity of TRIM32 and USP7 to dynamically control MYC ubiquitination provides a novel mechanism of cell fate determination of neural stem cells. Interestingly, USP7 has also been shown to interact with, deubiquitinate and stabilize N-MYC, a driver of neuroblastoma tumorigenesis, but not MYC in neuroblastoma, which might be explained by cell type specific difference or the different spatial and temporal expression patterns for N-MYC and MYC.¹¹⁴

MYC is modified by SUMO

SUMOylation, a posttranslational modification of proteins by small ubiquitin-like modifiers (SUMOs), plays a crucial role in the regulation of diverse cellular processes, including transcription, chromatin dynamics, DNA replication and repair, RNA splicing and processing, cell cycle control, as well as ribosome biogenesis.^{115–125} Mammals express three main SUMO isoforms: SUMO2 and SUMO3 are 97% identical (referred to as SUMO2/3) and each shares 45% sequence identity with SUMO1.^{121,126–129} Like ubiquitination, SUMOylation is ATP-dependent and occurs through sequential reactions involving a heterodimeric SUMO-activating enzyme SAE1/SAE2 (E1), a single SUMO-conjugating enzyme Ubc9 (E2) and one of a few SUMO ligases (E3).^{121,129,130} Ubc9 transfers SUMO to substrate acceptor lysine residues via an isopeptide linkage, which is facilitated by but not necessarily dependent on a small number of SUMO E3s, such as the PIAS family members and RanBP2.^{121,129,130} The SUMO acceptor Lys is often present within a conserved ΨKxE motif, where Ψ is a large hydrophobic amino acid and x is any amino acid.^{121,131–133} SUMOylation can interfere with protein-protein interactions through steric hindrance¹³⁴ or compete with other lysine-directed modifications like acetylation or ubiquitination.¹³⁵ Consequently, SUMOylation can regulate protein localization, trafficking, stability and activity.^{122,131}

Recently, several studies showed that MYC is subjected to SUMOylation in cells.^{136–139} It was initially shown that MYC is modified by SUMO at the C-terminal Lys residues K323 and K326. Mass spectrometry analysis further showed that MYC can be SUMOylated on at least 10 SUMO acceptor Lys residues, including K323 and K326.^{136,137,139} However, mutating K323 and K326 or all the 10 Ks did not abolish MYC

SUMOylation and did not significantly alter its levels or activity,^{136,137,139} suggesting that c-MYC SUMOylation can act promiscuously and leaving the question of whether SUMOylation regulates MYC stability and activity still open. Yet, evidence has suggested that MYC SUMOylation may regulate MYC protein stability.¹³⁶ We have shown that proteasome inhibition markedly induces the levels of MYC SUMOylation by either SUMO1 or SUMO2.¹⁴⁰ The SUMO ligase PIAS1 was initially suggested to play a role in MYC SUMOylation as its knockdown reduced MYC SUMOylation and enhanced MYC transcriptional activity.¹³⁶ Recently, PIAS1 was shown to SUMOylate MYC, mainly at K51 and K52.¹³⁸ However, PIAS1-mediated SUMOylation augmented MYC stability and transactivation activity by recruiting JNK1 to phosphorylate MYC at S62. Consequently, PIAS1 overexpression promotes MYC-driven tumorigenesis.¹³⁸ Therefore, it is still not clear how SUMOylation directly regulates MYC activity, largely because SUMO acceptor Lysines in MYC act promiscuously^{136,137,139} and SUMO-defective MYC mutants are not available, making it difficult to evaluate the direct effects of SUMO modification on MYC.

Erasing MYC SUMOylation by SENP1

SUMO modification is highly dynamic and reversible. SUMO can be removed from substrates via deSUMOylation by deSUMOylating enzymes (also called SUMO proteases). Studying MYC deSUMOylation allows us to learn about the role of SUMOylation in MYC regulation that was not possible through MYC mutagenesis studies. To this end, we screened a group of 9 known deSUMOylating enzymes in human, including SENP1-3 and SENP5-7, USPL1, DESI-1, and DESI-2,^{122,141,142} for their ability to bind to MYC and found that SENP1 binds to MYC and is a bona fide MYC deSUMOylase.¹⁴⁰

SENP1 is a nuclear SUMO-specific protease that can cleave SUMO1, -2, and -3 conjugates although an *in vivo* study of MEF cells with mutant SENP1 suggests it mainly regulates SUMO1 modifications.¹⁴³ SENP1 is enriched at the nuclear envelope through its interaction with components of the nuclear pore complex (NPC) and it is also present in nuclear foci that partially overlap with PML nuclear bodies.¹⁴² SENP1 has been reported to deSUMOylate a variety of proteins such as HIF-1 α , PML, Ets-1, Elk1, Gli1, c-JUN, PTEN, Pin1, etc,^{144–151} thus playing critical roles in diverse cellular processes including cell cycle control, transcription, immune response, DNA repair, and metabolism as well as in animal development. Homozygous deletion of the *SENP1* gene is embryonic lethal due to impaired erythropoiesis.¹⁴⁶ Consistent with the tight connection between dysregulation of the SUMO pathway and tumorigenesis, SENP1 has been suggested to have oncogenic function^{152,153} and is overexpressed in many types of human cancers including prostate,¹⁵⁴ breast,^{140,145} and thyroid cancers.¹⁵⁵ However, molecular mechanisms underlying SENP1's oncogenic function remain understudied.

SENP1 directly interacts with MYC, deconjugates MYC SUMOylation with either SUMO1 or SUMO2 and stimulates MYC transactivation activity. Interestingly, wild-type (WT) SENP1, but not its catalytically inactive C603S mutant (SENP1^{C603S}), stabilizes MYC, demonstrating that SENP1-mediated deSUMOylation suppresses MYC turnover. Consistently, knockdown of SENP1 increases MYC SUMOylation

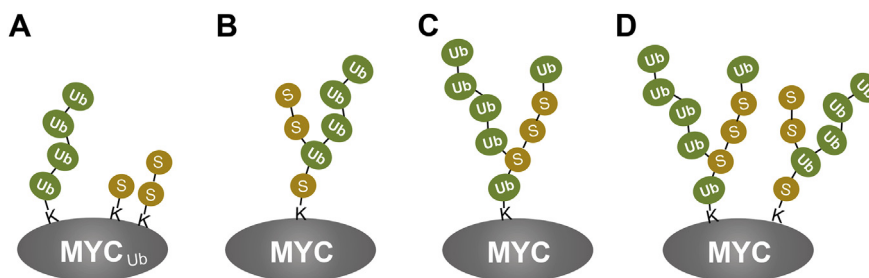


Figure 3 Possible models for the crosstalk between MYC ubiquitination and MYC SUMOylation. MYC may be ubiquitinated and SUMOylated directly at different Lys residues (A). MYC may be co-modified by mixed SUMO-Ub chain(s) via ubiquitination of SUMO conjugates on MYC (B) or via SUMOylation of ubiquitin conjugates on MYC (C), or the combination of B and C (D).

with either SUMO1 or SUMO2, reduces MYC levels, induces cell cycle arrest, and markedly inhibits cell proliferation and anchorage-independent colony formation of cancer cells.¹⁴⁰ Compared to MYC-independent breast cancer MCF7 and SKBR3 cells, MYC-dependent MDA-MB-231 and SUM159 cells exhibited stronger inhibition of proliferation and transformation upon SENP1 knockdown. These results suggest that the role of SENP1 in cell growth is at least partially through positively regulating MYC, and the indispensability of SENP1 in cell proliferation and transformation of the breast cancer cells correlates with their MYC dependency. Consistent with the oncogenic function, SENP1 is frequently overexpressed in human breast cancer tissues, correlating with the high expression of MYC.¹⁴⁰

Crosstalk between MYC ubiquitination and SUMOylation

To understand how deSUMOylation of MYC increases its levels, we found that overexpression of SENP1^{WT}, but not SENP1^{C603S}, inhibits MYC ubiquitination and degradation. MG132 treatment significantly increased MYC SUMOylation by either SUMO1 or SUMO2 in various tested cells.¹⁴⁰ Thus, SUMOylation promotes MYC ubiquitination and proteasome degradation. SUMOylation may regulate protein stability through several possible mechanisms: (1) Competing lysines for ubiquitination; (2) SUMOylation-directed ubiquitination by SUMO-targeted ubiquitin ligase (StubL) RNF4 or RNF111^{122,131,134–136}; or (3) SUMOylation-regulated protein ubiquitination independently of StubLs. The StubL RNF111 does not play a role in MYC ubiquitination¹³⁶ whereas RNF4-mediated ubiquitination has been reported to modestly affect c-MYC stability¹³⁶ or promote MYC function, but not degradation.⁹⁹ Given these unclear results, SUMOylated MYC may be ubiquitinated independently of StubLs. We have shown that SENP1 interacts with Fbw7 and suppresses Fbw7-mediated MYC ubiquitination and degradation dependent on its deSUMOylating enzyme activity, suggesting that SENP1 regulates growth signal-controlled MYC turnover at least in part via counteracting Fbw7-mediated MYC ubiquitination and degradation.¹⁴⁰ Together, our data demonstrate that SENP1 positively regulates MYC activity and protein stability by counteracting MYC ubiquitination and proteasome degradation. Supporting this regulation, it has been shown that SENP1 also stabilizes hypoxia-inducible factor (HIF)-1 α stability by deSUMOylating HIF-1 α .¹⁴⁶

Intriguing questions arise as to how MYC SUMOylation cross talks with ubiquitination. One possibility is that SUMOylated MYC is a better Fbw7 substrate than non-SUMOylated MYC. In support of this, SUMOylation enables MYC^{T58A}, a mutant normally not targeted by Fbw7, to be a Fbw7 substrate as we reported.¹⁴⁰ It will be interesting in future studies to test whether and how SENP1 directly suppresses Fbw7 ubiquitin E3 activity given that SENP1 also physically interacts with Fbw7 in cells,¹⁴⁰ including whether SENP1 deSUMOylates Fbw7 and suppresses its activity. It is also important to determine whether SUMOylation-directed MYC ubiquitination occurs directly at Lys residue(s) on MYC (Fig. 3A) or indirectly on SUMO attached to MYC (Fig. 3B–D). Supporting the latter possibility is that recent proteomic analyses identified ubiquitination of SUMO as well as SUMO-conjugation to multiple lysines of ubiquitin.^{156,157} Our sequential co-IP assays revealed that MYC can be co-modified by both SUMO and ubiquitin, indicating that SUMOylated MYC can be targeted for proteasome degradation possibly due to co-modification with ubiquitin and SENP1 stabilizes MYC by removing ubiquitination via deSUMOylation (indirect deubiquitination). Interestingly, we show that overexpression of SENP1 in the absence of proteasome inhibition resulted in the accumulation of a mono-ubiquitinated form of MYC in cells, suggesting the SUMOylation of the ubiquitin attached to MYC (Fig. 3C), forming the mixed SUMO-ubiquitin chain that can be removed along with SUMO by SENP1, leaving the single ubiquitin attached to MYC. Future studies are warranted to further analyze the SUMO-ubiquitin mixed chains (Fig. 3) and their role in regulating MYC turnover and function. By the same token, it is also interesting to test whether SENP1 cross talks with other ubiquitin E3s and DUBs such as USP28 to co-regulate MYC ubiquitination and SUMOylation.

Conclusion

It is clear that MYC protein stability and activity are tightly regulated by ubiquitination. Recent studies further reveal the critical role of the concerted action of SUMOylation in regulating MYC stability and activity and highlight the intriguing function of MYC co-modification by ubiquitin and SUMO. The dynamic nature of MYC post-translational modifications has also been seen in its ubiquitination, which can either positively or negatively regulate MYC stability and activity in a ligase-dependent manner.^{12,108} It is therefore conceivable that dynamic balance of

SUMOylation and its crosstalk with ubiquitination are equally required for properly regulated MYC turnover and function in cells. Therefore, it is imperative in future studies to understand how SUMOylation interplays with ubiquitination to coordinately regulate MYC and in what conditions they may do so. As SENP1 promotes MYC binding to target gene promoters, it would be important to test whether SENP1 plays a role in regulating MYC SUMOylation and turnover on chromatin. We recently also found that posttranslational modification (Ser 62 phosphorylation and PIN1-mediated isomerization) targets MYC to the inner basket of the nuclear pore complex to regulate a subset of target genes involved in proliferation in response to growth signals.⁴⁹ Interestingly, SENP1 is enriched at the nuclear envelope^{158,159} and SENP1-stabilized MYC is phosphorylated at S62,¹⁴⁰ suggesting that SENP1 may play a critical role in regulating MYC subnuclear localization and its control of target genes at the nuclear pore. Taken together, MYC SUMOylation plays a key role in regulating MYC stability and function. Further studies are warranted to reveal the temporal and spatial regulation of MYC SUMOylation and its physiological significance as well as the role of deregulation of MYC SUMOylation in cancer.

Conflicts of interest

These authors declare no conflicts of interest.

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