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Materials and Methods

Bacterial strains and culture conditions. Bacterial strains used in this study are listed in Table S1. *E. coli* strains used for cloning and expression were grown in LB Miller broth (Difco) at 37°C with aeration on an orbital shaker or on LB agar. *E. coli* strains were chemically transformed as previously described (*1*).

Minimal medium using E-salts (*2*) was supplemented with 1% lactose, maltose or glucose as needed. *Mtb* strains were grown in Middlebrook 7H9 broth (Difco) supplemented with 0.2% glycerol, 0.05% Tween-80, 0.5% bovine serum albumin, 0.2% dextrose and 0.085% sodium chloride. *Mtb* cultures were grown without shaking in 75 cm² vented flasks (Corning) in humidified incubators with 5% $CO₂$ at 37°C. 7H11 agar (Difco) supplemented with oleic acid, albumin, dextrose and catalase (BBL) was used for growth on solid medium. *Msm* strains were grown at 37˚C with shaking in 7H9 broth supplemented with 0.2% glycerol and 0.05% Tween-80 or on 7H11 agar with 0.2% glycerol. Mycobacteria were transformed as described elsewhere (*3*). The *Msm mpa* mutant was made by integrating a non-replicative plasmid, pWKS130-sm mpa , into the chromosome of mc²155, resulting in strain MsHD3.

The final concentrations of antibiotics used for *E. coli* were: ampicillin, 200 µg/ml; hygromycin, 150 µg/ml; and kanamycin, 100 µg/ml. For *Mtb* and *Msm*, hygromycin and kanamycin were each used at 50 µg/ml. Trimethoprim (Trim) was used at 50 µg/ml for *Msm*.

Antibodies, plasmids and primers. Plasmids and primers used in this study are listed in Table S1. For construction of the *Msm mpa* mutant, a 537 bp fragment was amplified from mc 2 155 genomic DNA using primers smmpaf1 and smmpar1 (Table S1) and cloned into pSTBlue (Novagen) resulting in pWKS130-sm-*mpa*. The insert was then subcloned into

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pWKS130 using EcoRI. For all other plasmids, *Mtb* sequences were used. For overexpression of native *Mtb mpa* in *E. coli*, PCR products were cloned into the NdeI and NotI sites of plasmid pET24b(+), maintaining the stop codon. For over expression from a plasmid with a different origin of replication, pET24b(+)-*mpa* was digested with XbaI and NotI and the fragment, including the consensus ribosome binding site (RBS) from $pET24b(+)$, was sub-cloned into pWSK29.

 $pET24b(+)$ was used to express $His₆-pup$ in *E. coli* for purification for in vitro interaction studies and for antibody production. *pup* was first cloned into the SacI and KpnI sites in pOE30 (which adds a His₆ tag to the 5' end of pup) via restriction sites included in the primers used to PCR amplify *pup*. Using pQE30-*pup* as a template, a second set of primers was used to amplify His₆-*pup* and clone it into the NdeI and HindIII sites of pET24b(+). This strategy included the nucleotides AGAGGATCG (RGS epitope) before the $His₆$ sequence and the nucleotides GGATCCGCATGCGAG between His₆ and *pup*.

The previously reported pMN-FLAG-*fabD*-His₆ (4) was used as a template for making additional *fabD* constructs. *fabD* was PCR amplified using Fab_NT_NdeI_F and Fab CT PstI_R, and cloned into the NdeI and PstI restriction sites of pMNL, which has the *Mtb hsp60* promoter for expression of the cloned gene (creating pMNL-*tbfabD*-UT). We made a new FLAG/His₆ epitope-tagged *fabD* because we found that two forms of FabD were being synthesized: one that had both FLAG and $His₆$ epitopes and one that had only the His₆ epitope. This was due to the presence of two recognizable RBS in the transcript expressed from the original pMN-FLAG-*fabD*-His₆ (4). To make an epitope-tagged *fabD* with only one start of translation, we used PCR using primers FabTBNdeIFlafF and HIII-PstI-HisFabR and cloned PCR products into the NdeI and the PstI sites of pMNL, creating pMNL-FLAG-tbfabD-His₆1S.

To make FabD with only the FLAG epitope tag, we subcloned the N-terminal fragment of pMNL-FLAG-tbfabD-His₆1S containing the FLAG epitope into the NdeI and PvuII restriction sites of pMNL-tbfabD-UT, resulting in pMNL-FLAG-tb*fabD*.

To make pMN-FLAG-tbfabDK173A-His₆ we mutated lysine 173 to alanine by splicing overlap extension PCR. We used pMNL-*tbfabD*-UT as a template and the primers FabD_TB_NdeI_Flag_F, Fab_K173_R, Fab_K173_F, FabD_NT33_Pst_R to construct pMNL-FLAG-tb*fabD*K173A. This plasmid was then used as the template for PCR with primers FabD_TB_NdeI_Flag_F and HIII_Pst_His_Fab_R to make pMN-FLAG-tbfabDK173A-His₆, which produces the mutant FabD with both FLAG and $His₆$ epitopes.

pMV306.kan-His6-*pup* was made as follows: His6-*pup* was sub-cloned from pET24b(+)- His₆-*pup* into the NdeI and HindIII restriction sites of the pUV15 mycobacterial expression vector creating pUV15-His6-*pup*. The pUV15 vector contains the strong mycobacterial promoter from the *Msm rpsA* gene (*5*). This plasmid was digested with SpeI and ClaI to subclone the UV15 promoter with His₆-*pup* into the XbaI and ClaI restriction sites of pMV306.kan, which integrates into the *attB* site on the chromosome. To make pWKS30-His₆-*pup*, His₆-*pup* was subcloned from pET24b(+)-His6-*pup* into the XbaI and HindIII restriction sites of pWKS30 downstream of the T7 promoter.

Pfu Polymerase (Stratagene) was used for all PCR. All primers were purchased from Invitrogen. Restriction enzymes were purchased from New England Biolabs. All clones were sequenced by GENEWIZ, Inc. to confirm the correct DNA sequence.

For antibody production, His₆-Pup was purified from *E. coli* ER2566 with $pET24b(+)His₆-Pup$ under native conditions as described in the QIA expressionist manual (Qiagen). Polyclonal rabbit antibodies were produced by Covance. Antibodies to His_6 -Pup were

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affinity purified as described elsewhere (*6*). FLAG antibodies were purchased from Sigma; antibodies to penta-His were purchased from Qiagen. Polyclonal antibodies to DlaT-His₆ were a gift from Ruslana Bryk and Carl Nathan and used as described elsewhere (*6-8*). Horseradish peroxidase (HRP) coupled anti-rabbit secondary antibodies were used according to manufacturer's instructions (GE Healthcare).

E. coli **BTH screen.** A genomic *Mtb* DNA library was constructed by cloning 300-800 bp DNA fragments from a limited Sau3AI digestion of *Mtb* chromosomal DNA into the BamHI site of pKT25. 100 ligations were used to transform DH5α. Plasmid DNA was purified from all 100 pools, each representing ~1,000 clones. The BTH screen was performed using methods described elsewhere (*9*). Briefly, *mpa* was cloned into in the KpnI and XbaI sites of pUT18C and used to transform BTH101. This bait strain was then transformed with 1 μ l of each library pool, totaling 100 transformations. Bacteria were plated on minimal media containing 1% lactose as the carbon source. Plates were incubated at 30°C for four days and then for an additional four days at 25°C. Growth indicated putative interactions between Mpa and another protein. Colonies were patched onto MacConkey indicator agar containing 1% maltose as the carbon source and incubated at 30°C for two days and then for an additional two days at 25°C. Red colonies indicated a positive interaction. We recovered the pKT25 library plasmids from these clones and transformed BTH101 with the bait plasmid or empty vector to either confirm interactions or eliminate false positives, respectively. Plasmids that conferred growth on minimal media with 1% lactose were sequenced. Full-length *pup* was cloned into the XbaI and KpnI sites of pKT25 and pUT18C to confirm interaction with the Mpa bait.

Msm **protein fragment complementation assay (M-PFC).** M-PFC takes advantage of the fact that murine dihydrofolate reductase (mDHFR) has a 12,000-fold lower affinity for the

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antibiotic trimethoprim (Trim) than the bacterial DHFR (*10*). Like the *E. coli* BTH system, the interaction of two *Mtb* proteins fused to complimentary domains of mDHFR can restore mDHFR activity, allowing *Msm* to grow on selective (Trim-containing) media. Plasmids used in the assay are listed in Table S1. pUAB100 and pUAB200 containing the *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* GCN4 leucine zipper domain were used as a positive control. In some cases, we replaced GCN4 in pUAB200 with an *Mtb* gene. Pairs of plasmids were used to transform WT *Msm* and bacteria were grown on 7H11 agar for five days at 37°C. Single colonies were inoculated into 150 µl 7H9 broth and incubated for five days at 37°C. 10 µl of each culture was then inoculated onto 7H11 agar with or without Trim, and incubated at 37°C for three days.

Affinity chromatography. For in vitro validation of the Pup/Mpa interaction, 1 L cultures of *E. coli* ER2566 containing either $pET24b(+)$ -His₆-*pup* or $pET24b(+)$ -*sigE*-His₆ were induced with 1mM IPTG at an OD₆₀₀ of ~ 0.5 for 5 h at 37°C. Cell lysates were made and proteins were purified at 4°C exactly as described in the QIAexpressionist manual. Purified proteins were dialyzed overnight in 4 l of 50 mM $NaH₂PO₄/300$ mM NaCl then quantified using a NanoDrop spectrophotomoter. For untagged Mpa, a 50 ml culture of *E. coli* strain ER2566 containing pWKS30-RBS-*mpa* was induced with 1 mM IPTG at an OD_{600} of ~ 0.5 for 5 h at 37°C ("Mpa lysate"). A cell lysate ("empty cell lysate") from an *E. coli* strain containing $pET24b(+)$ was also prepared. To examine protein-protein interactions, 60 µg of purified His₆tagged proteins or 900 µl of empty cell lysate were incubated with 25 µl of Ni-NTA agarose for 1.5 h at 4°C with agitation. The agarose was collected by centrifugation and the supernatant was discarded. 50 µl of Mpa lysate in 450 µl of lysis buffer was incubated with the agarose for 1.5 h at 4°C with agitation. The agarose was collected, the supernatant was saved ("flow through"), and the agarose was washed with 750 μ l wash buffer (50 mM NaH₂PO₄/300 mM NaCl/30 mM

imidazole) three times. The agarose was resuspended in 200 µl of elution buffer (50 mM NaH₂PO₄/300 mM NaCl/250 mM imidazole) and collected by centrifugation. The supernatant was saved ("elution").

 For analysis of the Pup~FabD interaction in *Msm*, 50 ml cultures of WT *Msm* containing either pMNL-FLAG- $fabD + pMV306$ -kan-His₆-*pup*, pMNL- $fabDUT + pMV306$ -kan-His₆-*pup* or pMNL-FLAG- $fabD + pMV306$ -kan were grown to an OD₅₈₀ of ~1.0. Bacteria were collected by centrifugation and resuspended in 4 ml of FLAG buffer (50 mM Tris HCl, 150 mM NaCl, pH 7.4). 1 ml aliquots of resuspended cells were transferred to bead beating tubes each with 250 µl of zirconia silica beads (BioSpec Products). Cells were lysed by bead beating four times for 1 m each in a BioSpec Mini Bead Beater. Samples were clarified by centrifugation and were then passed through a 0.2 µ filter. The soluble lysates were quantified using a NanoDrop spectrophotometer and 7.8 mg were incubated with 250 µl of ANTI-FLAG M2 Affinity Gel (Sigma) for 2 h at 4°C with agitation. The matrix was washed two times 5 ml with FLAG buffer in a Poly-Prep column (Bio-Rad). Proteins were eluted with two 300 µl fractions using 100 µg/ml FLAG peptide (Sigma) and then concentrated using a Microcon YM-30 concentrator (Millipore).

 To test for the Pup~FabD interaction in *E. coli,* 50 ml cultures of WT *E. coli* containing either the combination pMNL-FLAG- $fabD$ + pWKS30-His₆-pup, or pMNL-FLAG- $fabD$ + pWKS30 were grown to an OD_{580} of $~1.0$. Bacteria were processed and purified as described above except cells were lysed by bead beating three times, 1 m each.

To purify FLAG-FabD-His₆ from *Mtb*, 30 ml cultures were grown to an OD₅₈₀ of ~ 0.8 -1.0. Bacteria were collected by centrifugation and resuspended in 3 ml of Ni-NTA lysis buffer. Cells were lysed and quantified as described for *Msm* and 4.65 mg were incubated with 40 µl of Ni-NTA agarose for 2 hours at 4°C with agitation. The agarose was collected by centrifugation, the supernatant was saved (flow through), and the agarose was washed three times with 750 µl Ni-NTA wash buffer. The agarose was resuspended in 100 ul of Ni-NTA elution buffer and collected by centrifugation, and the supernatant was saved (elution). Samples were boiled for 10 min, and proteins were detected by immunoblotting.

To purify Flag-PanB-His₆ proteins from *Mtb*, 90 ml cultures were grown to an OD₅₈₀ of \sim 0.8-1.0. 40 OD₅₈₀ cell equivalents were collected by centrifugation and resuspended in 4 ml of Ni-NTA lysis buffer. Cells were lysed as described for *Msm*, but not filtered, and equivalent amounts of protein lysates were incubated with 40 µl of Ni-NTA agarose for 2 hours at 4°C with agitation. The agarose was collected by centrifugation, the supernatant was saved (flow through), and the agarose was washed four times with 750 µl Ni-NTA wash buffer. The agarose was resuspended in 100 µl of Ni-NTA elution buffer and collected by centrifugation, and the supernatant was saved (elution). Samples were boiled for 10 min, and proteins were detected by immunoblotting.

MS analysis. To purify FLAG-FabD~His-Pup for MS analysis, 2 L of WT *Msm* containing pMNL-FLAG-*fabD* + pMV306(kan)-His₆-*pup* were grown to an OD₅₈₀ of ~1.0. Bacteria were collected by centrifugation and resuspended in 66 ml of lysis buffer (see above) and lysed by sonication. Cellular debris was removed by centrifugation, the soluble lysate was filtered using a 0.2μ syringe filter and the lysate was incubated with 1.6 ml of Ni-NTA agarose for 2 h at 4°C with agitation. The agarose was collected in a polypropylene column and washed once with 10 ml and twice with 5 ml of Ni-NTA wash buffer. Proteins were eluted twice with 1 ml Ni-NTA elution buffer. 500 µl of ANTI-FLAG M2 Affinity Gel was added directly to the elution and incubated for 2 h at 4°C with agitation. The matrix was washed twice with 5 ml with FLAG buffer in a Poly-Prep column. Two 350 µl and one 250 µl elutions were collected using 100 µg/ml FLAG peptide, combined and concentrated using a Microcon YM-30 concentrator. The 45 kD band was excised from a 12% SDS-PAGE gel stained with CBB, de-stained and ingel digested with trypsin. The resulting peptide mixture was subjected to LC-MS/MS in an LTQ-OrbitrapXL hybrid mass spectrometer (ThermoFisher, San Jose, CA). The instrument was operated in data-dependent mode using a setup similar to one described previously (*11*). Here, the six most abundant ions detected in the survey MS scan were selected for MS/MS in the Orbitrap. The resolution was set to 1.5×10^4 and AGC to 2×10^4 for the MS/MS scans. MS/MS spectra were assigned by searching them with the SEQUEST algorithm (*12*) against the *M. tuberculosis* sequence database.

Immunoblotting. Total protein lysates were prepared from equivalent cell numbers. We harvested 11 OD₅₈₀ equivalent cell numbers by centrifugation and washed in 5 ml of 0.05% Tween-80 in phosphate buffered saline, resuspended in 500 µl of lysis buffer (100 mM Tris-Cl, 100 mM KCl, 1 mM EDTA, 5 mM $MgCl₂$, pH 8) and transferred to bead beating tubes with 250 µl of zirconia silica beads. Cells were lysed by bead beating three times for 1 min each time. Lysates were clarified by centrifugation and 270 µl of soluble cell lysate was mixed with 90 µl of $4 \times$ protein sample buffer. The samples were boiled at 100°C for 10 min and equal volumes representing equivalent cell numbers were separated by 10% SDS-PAGE. Proteins were transferred to nitrocellulose and blocked in either 5% milk or 1% BSA. For immunoblots, experimental membranes were stripped and incubated with anti-DlaT to check equivalent loading of samples. Detection of HRP was performed using either SuperSignal West Pico or West Femto Chemiluminescent Substrate (ThermoScientific).

Pulse-Chase Analysis. For pupylated protein analysis, cultures of WT and *mpa Msm* containing pUV15-His₆-*pup* were grown to OD_{580} of ~1.0 and 55 OD equivalents were collected of each strain. 1.68 mCi of TRAN³⁵S-Label (MP Biomedicals, Inc.) was added and the bacterial cells were incubated with the radiolabeled amino acids at 37°C for 15 minutes (pulse). Cells were then collected by centrifugation, washed twice in Middlebrook 7H9 broth (Difco) supplemented with 10 mM methionine and 10 mM cysteine (chase media), and then resuspended in chase media to OD_{580} of 1. About 5 OD equivalents (5 ml) of bacteria were removed for the t $= 0$ time point and the chase was initiated by returning the bacterial cells to 37 \degree C. Samples of 5 ml were taken every hour for nine hours. Bacteria from each sample were resuspended in 1 ml Ni-NTA lysis buffer. Cells were lysed as described above and equal volumes of soluble lysate were incubated with 40 μ l of Ni-NTA agarose for 2 h at 4 $\rm ^{\circ}C$ with agitation. The agarose was collected by centrifugation and washed four times with 750 µl Ni-NTA wash buffer. The agarose was resuspended in 150 µl of Ni-NTA elution buffer and collected by centrifugation, and the supernatant was saved (elution). Samples were boiled for 10 m, and proteins were analyzed on a 10% SDS-PAGE gel. Radioactivity was quantified using a STORM820 phosphorimager (Molecular Dynamics) and Quantity One v.4.5.0 (Bio-Rad).

For FabD analysis, cultures of WT *Msm* containing pMNL-FLAG-tbfabD-His₆1S and pMN-FLAG-tbfabDK173A-His₆ were grown to OD_{580} of ~1.0 and 45 OD equivalents were collected of each strain. 1.37 mCi of TRAN³⁵S-Label (MP Biomedicals, Inc.) was added and the bacterial cells were incubated with the radiolabeled amino acids at 37°C for 15 minutes (pulse). Cells were processed and proteins were purified as above except 35 µl of Ni-NTA agarose was used during the purification.

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fig. S1. BTH controls. **(A)** All *E. coli* BTH strains grew on minimal E-salts agar supplemented with 1% glucose. **(B)** All *Msm* BTH strains grew on 7H11 lacking Trim. Also included are several plasmid test pairs that were negative (m-r) on Trim.

fig. S2. Genomic orientation of *pup* in *Mtb. pup* (Rv2111c) is upstream of the proteasome core genes *prcB* (Rv2110c) and *prcA* (Rv2109c). The stop and start codons of *pup/prcB* overlap, suggesting that they are co-transcribed and translationally coupled. Sequences were compiled from the NCBI server.

fig. S3. FLAG antibodies recognized two forms of FabD in mycobacteria but not *E. coli*. **(A)** Longer exposure of immunoblot of samples shown in Fig. 1D showed epitope-tagged FabD at the predicted size and a second species at ~45 kD (arrow). Samples shown in Fig. 1D were analyzed on a separate 10% SDS-PAGE gel to resolve the ~45 kD band from the cross-reactive background bands. **(B)** His₆-Pup~FLAG-FabD complex was not formed in *E. coli.* Equal amounts of soluble *E. coli* lysates from WT strains co-expressing FLAG-FabD and either His6- Pup or empty vector were incubated with anti-FLAG M2 affinity matrix for enrichment of FLAG-tagged proteins. Samples were analyzed by 12% SDS-PAGE. Anti-FLAG immunoblots (left) of eluates recognized a protein at the predicted size of $FLAG-FabD$ (arrow). Anti-His₅ immunoblots (right) of the same samples failed to detect a His6-Pup~FLAG-FabD complex.

fig. S4. Evidence for isopeptide linkage between a FabD lysine and the C-terminus of Pup. The modified fragment ion nomenclature used here includes the charge (either $+$ or $2+$), subscript 1 or 2, referring to the FabD and Pup peptides respectively, and the sequential fragment number. The capitalized B/Y refers to fragment ions that include the isopeptide bond. **(A)** Detailed assignment of both singly- and doubly-charged *b-* and *y-type* ion fragments for the spectrum shown in Fig. 2C in the main text. Mass deviation information is included for ions matching within 10 ppm. **(B)** Tandem mass (MS/MS) spectrum of the same pupylated peptide as shown in Fig. 2C in the main text and derived by collision-induced dissociation of the $(M+3H)^{3+}$ precursor, m/z 580.312 (0.60ppm). **(C)** Tandem mass (MS/MS) spectrum of a FabD partially tryptic peptide derived from collision-induced dissociation of the $(M+2H)^{2+}$ precursor, m/z 673.344 (2.13 ppm). The peptide arises from cleavage at the weak Asp-Pro peptide bond.

fig. S5. MS/MS analysis of non-C-terminal Gln in Pup. Chromatographic traces of the Cterminal peptide of Asp-N-digested His₆-Pup. The traces correspond to m/z of MH₂²⁺ precursors (+/- 3 ppm). Q* denotes a de-amidated Gln, equivalent to Glu. See (*13*) for additional details.

fig. S6. Analysis of substrate pupylation in *Mtb*. **(A)** PanB is a pupylated substrate in *Mtb*. Epitope-tagged PanB was purified from *Mtb* with plasmid pMN-FLAG-*panB*-His₆. The construction of this plasmid resulted in the synthesis of two species of PanB: one with both FLAG and $His₆$ epitopes and one with just the His₆ epitope. Thus, purification using nickel affinity chromatography resulted in the isolation of two His6-reactive PanB species (left), both of which were pupylated (right). The smaller PanB species was sequenced by Edman degradation (Columbia University Protein Core Facility) to confirm the nature of the PanB N-terminus. We were unable to detect PanB in the WT strain as we have previously reported (*4*), suggesting that the protein has a short half-life. **(B)** Ponceau S staining of the nitrocellulose membrane analyzed by anti-Pup immunoblotting in Fig. 3A. All samples were separated by 12% SDS-PAGE.

fig. S7. Pupylation leads to protein degradation. **(A)** Shorter exposure of film shown in Fig. 4. **(B)** Purified FLAG-FabD-K173A-His₆ was inefficiently pupylated. Epitope-tagged *Mtb* FabD-K173A was purified from *Msm* using NiNTA. Immunoblotting detected endogenous Msm Pup modification of the *Mtb* protein. **(C)** Total soluble cell lysates isolated from equivalent cell volumes analyzed over time. Left: WT *Msm*, right: *mpa* mutant. A significant global change in protein stability over 9 h in either strain was not observed, in contrast to the pupylated proteins, which decreased in the WT strain over the same period (Fig. 4C). **(D)** Quantification of radiolabeled proteins in (C) and Fig. 4B (13). The signal from $t = 1$ was set to 100% because there appeared to be an increase in pupylated proteins between $t = 0$ and $t = 1$ in both strains. Data presented are representative of at least two independent experiments.

fig. S8. Proposed model of substrate degradation by the *Mtb* proteasome. The C-terminus of Pup may be de-amidated before its conjugation to substrate lysines. PafA may play a role in the conjugation of Pup. Mpa may then recognize the pupylated substrate through non-covalent interactions with Pup. The substrate could then be unfolded and threaded into the proteasome core where it is degraded. It is unknown if Pup is also degraded, or if it is removed and recycled.

Table S1. Bacterial strains, plasmids and primers used in this work**.**

Relevant genotype/sequence: Source or reference:

Plasmids:

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Primers **(all from this work except where noted):**

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Mycobacterial 2-hybrid test pairs B. plasmid 1 + plasmid 2

minimal + glucose

- Trimethoprim

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+Trimethoprim

(m) (n) (o)

(p) (q) (r)

A. B. Pull down: FLAG-FabD

