Supplementary Information

Ubiquitin-specific protease 14 modulates degradation of cellular prion protein

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The level of *prnp* gene expression after IU1 treatment or USP14 transduction in N2a58 cells.

The level of *prnp* mRNA in N2a58 cells were analyzed by Real time PCR. N2a58 (a) and ScN2a58 (b) cells were treated with DMSO or 100 μ M IU1 for 48 h. (c) N2a58 cells were transfected with an empty vector (Mock) or a HA-tagged USP14 or an USP14DN expression plasmid for 48 h. For mRNA quantification, the *β*-actin mRNA that is constitutively expressed, a so-called house-keeping gene, was used to normalize the mRNA expression level as an internal control.



IU1 treatment reduces PrP^c levels in GT1-7 cells.

(a) GT1-7 cells were treated with DMSO or 100 μ M IU1 for 48 h. Lysates were analyzed by immunoblotting with anti-PrP (SAF32) and anti- β -actin antibodies. (b) Quantification of PrP^C levels in triplicate samples each derived from an independent well performed as in (a). Asterisk indicates significant difference (*P < 0.05). Mean \pm SD.



Effect of IU1 treatment on autophagy.

N2a58 cells were treated with DMSO, 100 μ M IU1, 10 mM NH₄Cl, or a combination of IU1 and NH₄Cl. Lysates were analyzed by immunoblotting with anti-LC3 antibody.



USP14 shows identical protein expression levels in both N2a58 and ScN2a58 cells. (a) N2a58 or ScN2a58 cell lysate were analyzed by immunoblotting with anti-USP14 and anti- β -actin antibodies. (b) Quantification of USP14 protein levels from at least three independent experiments performed as in (a). Mean \pm SD. ns: not significant



Model for the involvement of USP14 in proteasomal degradation of prion protein. Numbers indicate various steps during USP14 rescues prion protein from proteasomal degradation as described in the discussion. SP: signal peptide, ER: endoplasmic reticulum

Figure 1a, PrP^C







Figure 1c, deglycosylated PrP



Figure 2a, PrP^C



Figure 1f, PrP^C

Figure 1f, β-actin









Figure 2d, PrP^C



Figure 2d, β-actin













Figure 4a, β-actin



Figure 4c, total PrP











Figure 4b, deglycosylated PrP



Figure 4d, deglycosylated PrP











Figure 5b, p53









Figure 5e, deglycosylated PrP





