

Systems-wide analysis of BCR signalosomes and downstream phosphorylation and ubiquitylation

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Thank you again for submitting your work to Molecular Systems Biology. We have now heard back from the three referees who agreed to evaluate your manuscript. As you will see from the reports below, the referees acknowledge that the study provides potentially interesting findings in the context of BCR signaling. However, they raise a series of concerns, which should be carefully addressed in a revision of the manuscript. The referees' recommendations are clear in this regard, so there is no need to repeat their comments listed below.

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Response to reviewers' comments

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The reviewer correctly points out that our experimental design did not include a control that would isolate unstimulated BCR. Following the reviewer's suggestion, we have modified Fig 1A, and the text was also revised as following:

Results section:

“To identify proteins that are present in BCR signalosomes, we crosslinked BCRs with biotin-labeled α -IgG F(ab')₂ and the associated protein complexes (signalosomes) were affinity purified using streptavidin-conjugated agarose beads (Fig 1B). In parallel, control pull-downs were performed by incubating the beads with lysates from unstimulated A20 cells to identify proteins that nonspecifically associated with the beads.”

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We also wish to mention that we have attempted to include unstimulated BCR pull-down as a control, however, we noted that as soon as we added anti-IgG to cells it resulted in the activation of BCRs, making it difficult to isolate unstimulated BCR from cells. We also tried to add anti-IgG in lysates after cell lysis, but here it was difficult to control the amount of anti-IgG that was retrieved from unstimulated and stimulated cells. This is because when anti-IgG is added to cultured cells only anti-IgG that was bound to BCRs was isolated and the vast majority of anti-IgG that was present in the culture media was excluded from the enrichment. However, when IgG was added in lysates most of the available anti-IgG (that was bound to BCRs as well as unbound) bound to the beads, which distorts the dynamic range in mass spectrometer and hampers accurate comparative analysis of BCR signalosomes from unstimulated and stimulated cells. Because of these reasons we were unable to include unstimulated BCRs as control in our experiments.

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Previously, it has been shown that ANKRD13A interacts with K63-linked ubiquitin, and UIM3/4 are important for this interaction (Tanno et al, 2012, Mol Biol Cell. 2012). To address the reviewer's concern, we introduced point mutations within ANKRD13A UIM3/4. ANKRD13A UIM3/4 mutant showed reduced binding to BCR signalosomes, suggesting that these UIMs are involved in the binding of ANKRD13A to the ubiquitylated BCR signalosome components (Figure 2E). While our results are consistent with the previous study and suggest a role of UIMs in binding of ANKRD13A to BCR signalosome, we cannot entirely rule out possible contribution of UIMs in ubiquitylation-independent interactions, and this is now acknowledged in the revised manuscript by stating:

“ANKRD13A UIM3/4 mutant showed a reduced binding to BCR signalosome compared to ANKRD13A WT (Figure 2E). These results are consistent with the previously published study (Tanno et al, 2012) and suggest a role of UIM3/4 in the binding of ANKRD13A to ubiquitylated proteins, however, further work is required to delineate the detailed mechanisms of ANKRD13A recruitment to BCR signalosomes.”

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Following the reviewer's suggestion we have performed gap statistics, which showed that 5 clusters can represent the dynamics of BCR-regulated phosphorylation data. However, we note that many of the GOBP terms enriched in these clusters are shared, implying that the temporal resolution of our analysis is not sufficient to clearly reveal distinct biological processes that are activated at these early time points. Therefore, we have repeated GOBP term enrichment analysis by using all proteins with BCR-induced phosphorylation (Fig 3B).

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Following the reviewer's suggestion, we have expanded the discussion by adding the following text to the revised manuscript:

“It is also worth mentioning that the CBM complex is also involved in the activation of NF- κ B signaling by TCR and several natural killer (NK) cell receptors, such as NK1.1, Ly49D, Ly49H, and NKG2D (Gross et al, 2008; Marion et al, 2012; Thome et al, 2010). It has been shown that BCL10 is modified with K63-linked ubiquitylation after TCR activation, and this induces the binding of NEMO to the modified BCL10 (Wu & Ashwell, 2008). In the light of our observation that BCR activation induces linear as well as K63-linked ubiquitylation of BCL10, and that NEMO binds to linear, and to lesser extent K63-linked ubiquitylation (Rahighi et al, 2009), it would be interesting to investigate whether linear ubiquitylation is also involved in the activation of NF- κ B by TCRs.”

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We agree with the reviewer that these correlation values do not appear impressive. However, we note that in many interaction experiments the overall correlation is modest, even though specific interactions appear consistent in replicate experiments. When the number of specific interactors among all identified proteins is small, as in our case, the overall correlation is not very informative as it is heavily influenced by the ratios of a much larger number of background binding proteins.

Regardless, to improve the quality of our interaction dataset, we have performed two additional replicate experiments for BCR signalosome analyses. Based on these data, we now only consider BCR signalosome components if they had a SILAC ratio that is greater than the median+2SD, and if they were reproducibly identified with SILAC ratio ≥ 2 in at least 2 replicate experiments (Fig 2A, 2B, and Supplementary Table S1). Eighty percent of BCR signalosome specific proteins were reproducibly identified in at least 3 replicates, and about half of the interactors were identified in all four experiments (Fig S2A). These results suggest a good overall reproducibility of our analyses.

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We thank the reviewer (and reviewer #2) for raising this point. We have now clarified our experimental strategy in the materials and methods section, and revised the main text accordingly. Please see our response to reviewer #2, point 1.

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As detailed in our response to reviewer #2 (point 1), it was not feasible to isolate unstimulated BCRs. Therefore, it was not possible to confidently identify proteins that dissociate after stimulation of BCRs. We have discussed this limitation in the revised manuscript by adding:

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We thank the reviewer for raising this point. Following his/her suggestion, we have elaborated on this by providing the total number of proteins identified in the TUBE experiments and the number of proteins that overlapped with the di-Gly dataset (Supplementary Fig S5). We also added a paragraph in the discussion section to mention the complementarities and limitations of these methods (please see our response to reviewer #2, specific comment 8).

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We have repeated this experiment and the new results are shown in Fig. 7C.

6. Fig. 8A: HOIP associates with Bcl-10 upon BCR activation. After 10 min the complex is almost completely dissociated again. However, in Fig. 6C (total linear ubiquitination) and 7A (linear ubiquitination of Bcl10) the authors show linear ubiquitination increased markedly till at least 15 min of activation. How can these data be reconciled?

The reviewer raises an interesting point here. We have rigorously analyzed BCL10 ubiquitylation and consistently observe a time-dependent increase in its linear ubiquitylation. Also, we reproducibly observe the interaction between BCL10 and HOIP at 5 minutes. However, interaction between ubiquitin ligases and their substrates is often transient and difficult to detect and we feel that this may have limited our ability to accurately quantify the dynamics of the interaction between BCL10 and HOIP. Also, BCL10 is rapidly ubiquitylated following BCR activation, which alters its migration pattern on SDS-PAGE. Thus, while we do not have a clear explanation for this discrepancy, we believe that it is possibly due to technical reasons that make it difficult to accurately quantify the transient BCL10 and HOIP interaction.

Minor comment:

1. p. 14: reference not cited correctly: (Hostager, 2011 #25)

We thank the reviewer for pointing this out. We have now corrected this citation.

2nd Editorial Decision

15 April 2015

Thank you again for submitting your work to Molecular Systems Biology. We have now heard back from the referee who was asked to evaluate your manuscript. As you will see below, this referee is satisfied with the modifications made and thinks that the study is suitable for publication.

Before formally accepting the manuscript we would like to ask you to address the following issues:

- Please provide individual high-resolution files for the main figures.
- As you may already know, we systematically perform a data quality check before acceptance. In this case, our data editor has informed us that it was somewhat difficult to assess the quality of the western blot data shown in the main Figures, due to the low resolution of these panels. As such we would appreciate if you could use higher resolution images for the western blots.

Please resubmit your revised manuscript online, ****within two weeks**** and ideally as soon as possible. If we do not receive the revised manuscript within this time period, the file might be closed and any subsequent resubmission would be treated as a new manuscript. Please use the Manuscript Number (above) in all correspondence.

Reviewer #3:

The authors have successfully responded to all raised issues and the manuscript is now acceptable for publication.

This work will attract significant attention in the field.

2nd Revision - authors' response

30 April 2015

Following your suggestion, we have provided high-resolution individual figures, and included higher resolution images for Western blots shown in our figures.