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VCP/p97 cooperates with YOD1, UBXD1 and PLAA to drive clearance of ruptured lysosomes by autophagy

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1st Editorial Decision

13 July 2016

Thank you for submitting your manuscript for consideration by the EMBO Journal. As your manuscript had been under consideration elsewhere before, it has now been seen by two arbitrating referees, who had access to the initial concerns raised as well as to your point-by-point response to them. I enclose the comments of these referees on the current version of your manuscript below. As you will see, the arbitrating referees find your manuscript interesting and endorse publication of a revised version in The EMBO Journal. Some concerns remain that should be addressed as outlined by referee #2: The interaction data should be recapitulated in the context of LLOMe treatment and some inconsistencies regarding the sequence of events during lysophagy need further attention. Furthermore, co-localization data are requested as well as analysis of autophagic flux in the context of p97/cofactor knockdown. Finally, please quantify all data and add statistical analyses.

I would thus like to invite you to submit a revised version of your work addressing the points mentioned above.

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REFEREE REPORTS

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1st Revision - authors' response

31 August 2016

We thank the referees for the positive and thoughtful reviews. We believe we have addressed all concerns. In particular, we have provided additional quantification and statistical analysis. Moreover, we added requested colocalisation data and biochemical analysis of LC3 lipidation and turnover. In addition, we clarified the apparent inconsistency in the model with respect to the timing of LC3 recruitment and adapted the text to make this clearer for the reader. Lastly, with respect to the request for further co-IP experiments, we highlighted the specific properties of p97 cofactor interactions and how that affects the biochemical analysis of stress-induced complex assembly.

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On this point, we respectfully disagree with the reviewer because of the particular properties of the p97 system that makes it impossible to isolate stress-induced cofactor complexes. The Deshaies laboratory recently demonstrated that p97-cofactor interactions are very dynamic and that isolated complexes disassemble rapidly within minutes after lysis (Xue et al., *Mol Cell Proteomics*, 2016 Jul 12. pii: mcp.M116.061036. [Epub ahead of print]). This is consistent with our data. We conducted the experiment as requested by the reviewer. We do see strong stimulation of ELDR complex assembly when we IP the YOD1-CS from the p97-EQ background compared to YOD1-wt (Figure 3E), showing that they all can bind in a substrate-dependent manner. However, there is no further stimulation if we treat with LLOMe most likely because binding is already maximal due to the mutants that are expressed for 24h (Figure for reviewer).

This does not diminish the significance of our findings. We demonstrate that all three cofactors (YOD1, UBXD1 and PLAA) are acutely recruited to the damaged lysosomes (now also shown by additional quantifications) and cooperate with p97 in driving lysophagy by regulating K48-conjugates on the damaged organelles. This is in contrast to the p47 cofactor that is not recruited to lysosomes and does not integrate into the ELDR complex. We believe that this demonstrates the specific damage-induced cooperation of the ELDR factors.

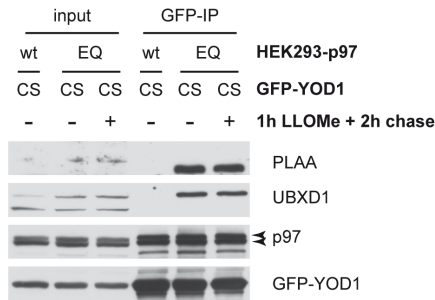


Figure for reviewer, related to Fig. 3E

Stable HEK293 cell lines were doxycycline-induced to express p97 wild-type (wt) or the ATPase-mutant E578Q (EQ) at near endogenous level, and transiently transfected with GFP-tagged YOD1-C160S catalytic mutant (CS). Cells were treated with LLOMe for 1 h or with vehicle and 2 h after washout, processed for co-immunoprecipitation with GFP nanobeads.

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We are sorry if this point did not become clear in the text. The apparent inconsistency stems for the observation that there are two subpopulations with different timing and regulation of LC3 recruitment. The first population is only K63-modified and immediately recruits LC3-positive membranes, which explains the early appearance of LC3-positive autophagosomes. The second population, although they are K63-modified, do not recruit LC3 immediately, but instead become modified with K48 chains, which interferes with LC3 recruitment as we demonstrate in Fig. 7. Only when p97 and the ELDR factors remove the K48 conjugates, can LC3 recruitment occur. This explains why on a global scale we observe LC3 association earlier than p97 recruitment in Fig. S6A, but on the individual lysosomes of the second population, LC3 is downstream of p97. This is now further supported by additional quantifications of p97/YOD1 on the two populations.

We had elaborated on the two populations in the discussion, but now have adapted the text and the abstract to make this point clearer.

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As requested, we have added the remaining quantification and statistics for Fig. S6B (effect on the persistence of K48 chains by siUBXD1 and siPLAA) and S6C (K48 is decreased by YOD1-wt and increased by YOD1-CS, while K63 is not affected). In addition, we included new quantification and statistics in Fig. 1C (recruitment of endogenous p97 to vesicles upon LLOMe), Fig. 1G (induction of Gal3-vesicles by tau), Fig. S2A now in Fig. 2B (Gal3 clearance in p97 mutant cells), Fig. S3B (cofactor recruitment to damaged lysosomes in Fig. 3C). Fig. S5D (localization of endogenous p97 to K48-positive lysosomes), Fig. S5E/F (colocalisation of K63 with UBXD1 and PLAA in Fig. S5E and comparison to K48 in Fig. 4F), Fig. S6A (time course of p97 recruitment). All quantifications support our original conclusions.

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As requested, we have performed the triple localization (LAMP1, GFP-p97-EQ, mCherry-Gal3) and added in Fig. S5C. We provide the quantifications for p97 and also the cofactors in Fig. S3B. The data is in line with Figure S5A and B demonstrating that p97 and YOD1 localizes to LAMP1 compartments that are negative for Lysotracker and cathepsin-activity, hence to damaged lysosomes.

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We have clarified the apparent inconsistency between Fig. S6A and 7C in our comment above.

As requested, we have now included extensive new data addressing LC3 lipidation and flux in Western blot experiments. We depleted p97 and the ELDR cofactors and found that this leads to accumulation of LC3-II (Fig. S3C). Because the amount of LC3-II is not increased by BafA1 compared to the depletion control, we conclude that the depletions inhibit autophagic flux, consistent with our model. We repeated the experiment in depleted cells treated with LLOMe and followed the clearance of LC3-II. Again, depletions led to persistence of LC3-II 10 h after LLOMe in the ELDR factor depletions (Figure S3D). Interesting, depletion of another p97 cofactor, p47, which we found was not directly involved in lysophagy because it was not recruited to the damaged lysosomes, did not increase LC3-II level and is therefore a good control. p47 even slightly reduced LC3-II formation consistent with a role upstream in LC3 activation and in line with previous results (Zhang et al., PNAS 2015 Apr 7;112(14):E1705-14).

In addition, we have analyzed LC3-II formation and clearance in U2OS cells that express p97 wild-type or disease mutants. LC3-II levels are not significantly increased by expression of the mutants in untreated cells, but they increased and persisted after induction with LLOMe in the mutants compared to the controls (Fig. 2C and S2B). This demonstrates that the flux in the autophagic clearance of lysosomes is inhibited rather than LC3-II activation. Again, the result supports our conclusions.

2nd Editorial Decision

07 September 2016

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2nd Revision - authors' response

15 September 2016

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We thank the referee for the positive review. We changed the text as suggested (page 6, line 10 from bottom).

3rd Editorial Decision

17 September 2016

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