

Reversible Keap1 inhibitors are preferential pharmacological tools to modulate cellular mitophagy

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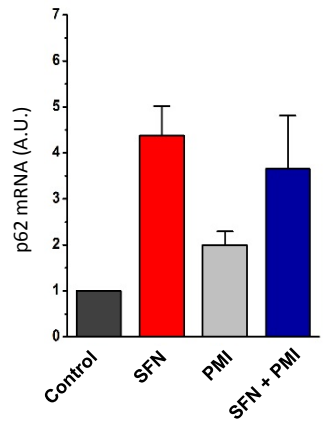
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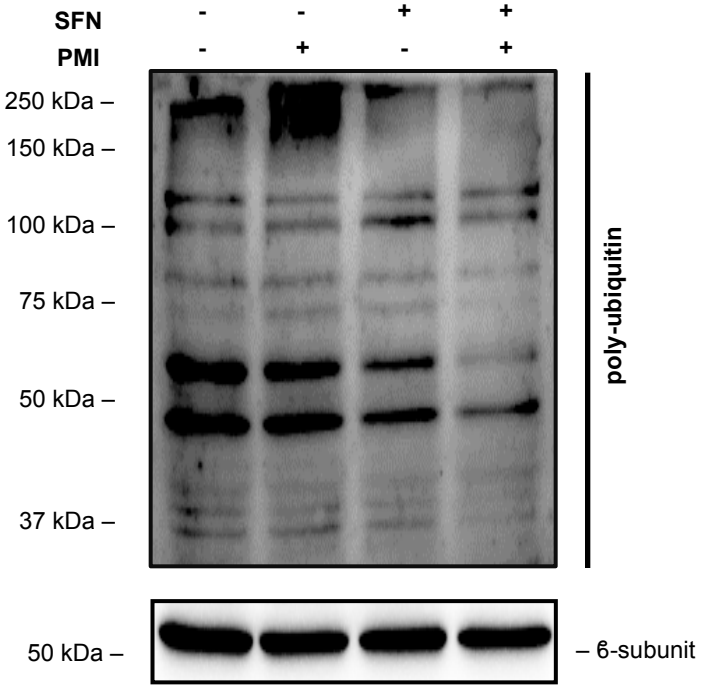
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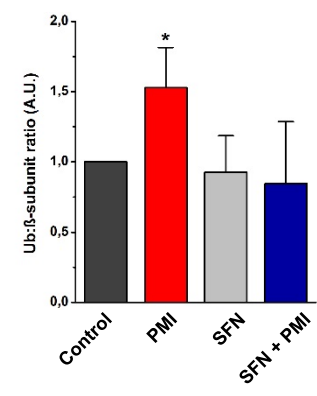
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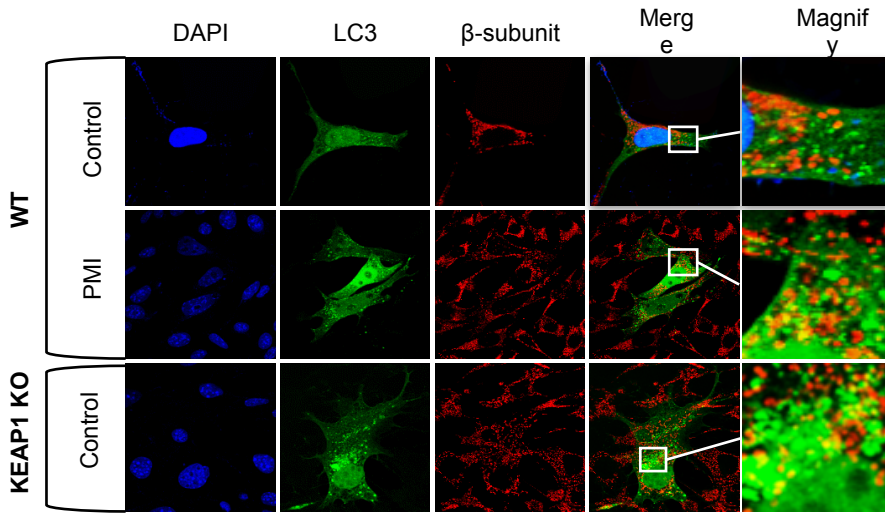


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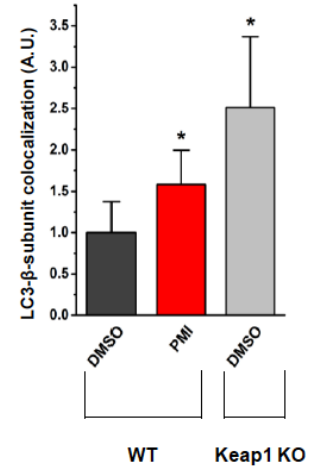


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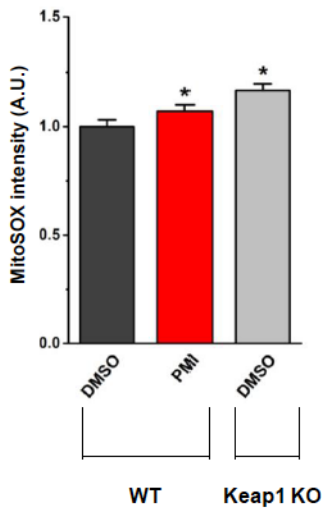
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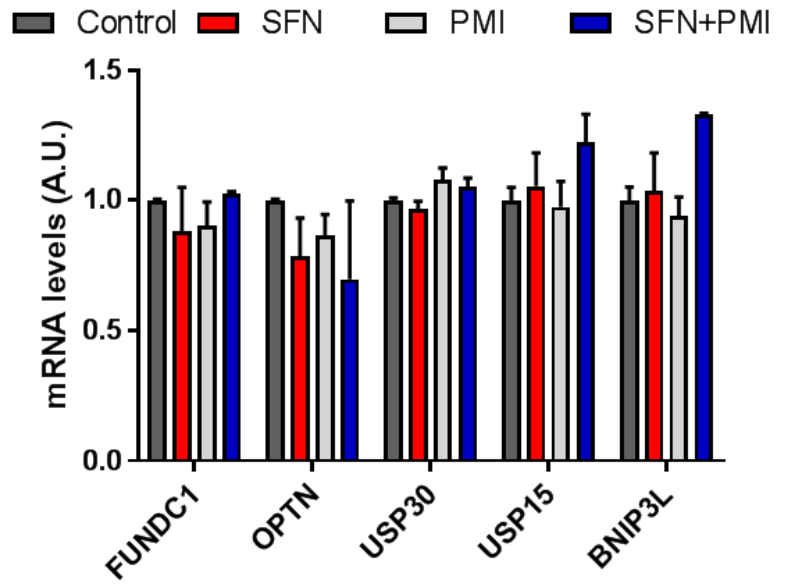
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Supplementary Figure 1. Differential effects of PMI and SFN on mitochondrial ubiquitination

(A) Graph showing p62 mRNA levels in MEFs treated with DMSO vehicle control, PMI (10 μ M) and/or SFN (1 μ M) for 24 h, n =3. (B) Western blot of mitochondrial fractions, highlighting mitochondrial ubiquitination following 24 h treatments with DMSO vehicle control, PMI (10 μ M) and/or SFN (1 μ M). β -subunit is shown as loading control. (C) Graph showing Ub: β -subunit ratio band density analysis (n=3, *p < 0.05). All values are mean \pm SD.

Supplementary Figure 2. Knockout of Keap1 is sufficient to increase mitochondrial superoxide production and induce mitophagy.

(A) Representative high resolution images of LC3 localisation in WT and KEAP1 KO MEF cells, treated with DMSO vehicle control or 10 μ M PMI for 24 h. Cells were immunolabeled for LC3 (green) and β -subunit (red). Scale bar represents 10 μ m. A magnification of the merge images is shown in areas demarcated by the white box. (B) Quantification of the extent of LC3: β -subunit co-localization (n > 20, *p < 0.05). (C) Quantification of mean mitoSOX fluorescence intensity in WT and KEAP1 KO MEF cells, treated with DMSO vehicle control or 10 μ M PMI for 24 h (n > 20, ***p < 0.001). (D) Graph showing absence of alterations in mRNA levels of 5 mitophagy receptors in SH-SY5Y cells treated with DMSO vehicle control, 1 μ M SFN, or 10 μ M PMI for 8 h.