

Lysine acetylome profiling uncovers novel histone deacetylase substrate proteins in Arabidopsis

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Thank you again for submitting your work to Molecular Systems Biology. We have now heard back from three of the four referees who agreed to evaluate your study. Since their recommendations are quite similar, I prefer to make a decision based on these reports and to not delay the process further by waiting for the report of reviewer #1. As you will see below, the reviewers appreciate that the presented datasets are going to be a useful resource for the plant community. They raise however a series of concerns, which we would ask you to address in a revision of the manuscript.

The reviewers' recommendations are rather clear so I think that there is no need to repeat the points listed below. Please do not hesitate to contact me in case you would like to discuss/clarify any of the points listed by the referees.

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We would like to thank the reviewer for looking at the raw data. We agree that the spectra mentioned by the reviewer show abundant ions that are not annotated. However, it has to be noted that the annotations show only a, b, and y ions and neutral losses of NH3 and H2O, which corresponds to the fragments used for scoring. There are many additional ions like the precursor, immonium ions, internal fragments, and other less frequently observed neutral losses, which are not annotated but they actually belong to the fragment spectrum. Hence, we do not share the concern that the matches are not confident. Despite our best efforts (see attachment), we were not able to identify an unambiguous overlapping (partial) peptide fragment series. In most cases, the highly abundant fragments in the higher m/z range correspond to the precursor ion and several highly abundant fragments in the lower m/z range correspond to immonium ions. Several spectra show a highly abundant a1 ion, an observation typical of dimethyl labeled peptides. While one example shows fragments that must originate from an overlapping species, the features are clearly distinguishable on MS1 level. Hence, part of the identified MS/MS spectra might be chimeric, in the sense that multiple peptide species have been fragmented in one MS/MS spectrum. However, this is a very common situation in shotgun proteomics and does not pose a fundamental problem. In particular, the MaxQuant/Andromeda workflow is explicitly taking care of this by identifying multiple peptides from one MS/MS spectrum ('second peptide' feature in MaxQuant). FDR calculations are not affected by this. Co-fragmented or chimeric spectra only pose a problem for isobaric labeling techniques, which rely on purity of ion selection for fragmentation, unless more sophisticated methods like MS3-based quantification are used. Here, however we use quantification on MS1 level, which is not affected by co-fragmentation since the cofragmenting peptides are usually separable on distinguishable MS1 features in the ion isolation window.

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We agree and we have added the following paragraph (Page 8, L227ff):

"No significant changes in the regulation of protein abundances were observed after the inhibitor treatments, which covered about 67-88% of proteins carrying the identified acetylated sites (Appendix Fig. S2). However, the whole proteome analysis did not cover very low abundant proteins without enrichment. Therefore, we cannot exclude that the other sites, for which we were not able to quantify protein ratios, were not regulated due to bona fide stoichiometry differences from inhibited KDAC activity. However, we restricted inhibitor treatment to 4h incubation time in order to minimize potential changes in protein abundances that might result from KDAC-dependent alterations in gene expression."

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We thank the reviewer for pointing this out. We have added according explanation to make the context more accessible to the readers (see p. 11, 354ff).

"RuBisCO catalyzes the carboxylation or alternatively oxygenation of ribulose-1,5bisphosphate as the first step in the Calvin-Benson cycle, and thereby enables the photoautotrophic lifestyle of plants. The RuBisCO enzyme activity underlies sophisticated regulation mechanisms, which are dependent on pH, removal of inhibitors, Mg2+-ions, and carbamylation of the active site (Portis et al., 2008). Most of these RuBisCO activation steps are dependent on RCA, which is a triple AAA+-ATPase enzyme, and which is composed of redox-active alpha isoforms as well as redox-inactive beta-isoforms in Arabidopsis (Carmo-Silva & Salvucci, 2013). The RCA activity itself is inhibited by rising ADP concentrations and remains inactive until the photosynthetic electron transport chain again raises the ATP/ADP-ratio during sunrise. The RuBisCO activation state as well as total activity can be measured by rapid leaf protein extractions (Carmo-Silva et al., 2012)."

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We have added the following sentences to the conclusions to make the potential of modulating lysine acetylation in plants more clear (p16, L518ff):

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Thank you for your comments. We have exchanged the word "especially" for "such as" to tone down the emphasis on plastids. Although most of the affected proteins from inhibitor

treatments were nuclear-localized, some were not, and we have followed up on the plastidlocalized deacetylase. This is why we have emphasized the plastid in this sentence initially. We added the following sentence to the discussion (Page 14, L441ff):

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Reviewer #1:

Summary

Acetylation of lysine residues in proteins has long been seen as a hallmark for epigenetic control of histones. More recently it became evident that a whole acetylome of non-histone like proteins exists in major subcellular compartments that is reversible by the action of lysine acetylases and de-acetylases (KDACs) and can affect properties of proteins such as enzymatic activities. Here a comprehensive inventory of lysine acetylation sites is reported with emphasis on targets of one subtype of KDACS, chloroplast proteins, a novel deacetylase and two selected functional examples. The authors provide an in-depth acetylome site analysis of proteins from Arabidopsis using a state-of-the-art isotope demethylation labelling strategy and immune-affinity enrichment by anti-acetyl-lysine agarose beads. Both techniques had been established previously. This yielded 20 times more lysine acetylation sites than known before from Arabidopsis. More than 40% of these proteins were attributed to chloroplasts, possibly not surprising because these are most abundant in green leaves. The study focuses on the RPD/HDA1 subtype of KDACs using two specific inhibitors to determine novel acetylation sites of this type. To explain the high proportion of target sites in plastids, three KDACs of the RPD/HDA1 type were affinity purified and the enzymatic activity and plastid localization of one of them, HDA14, demonstrated. Contrary to earlier findings (Tran et al., 2012) the here described HDA14 protein is neither found to be a histone deacetylase nor localized to cytosol and nucleus. Consequently, a hda14 knock-out/down mutant was analysed and considerable differences in the abundance of acetylated sites of chloroplast and thylakoid proteins compared to wild type were observed. Out of these, 14 target proteins are encoded in the plastome, underpinning the relevance of this process in the organelle. To test the physiological relevance of these acetylations, hda14 mutant plants were transferred from normal to low light conditions. In comparison to wildtype, 32 protein groups, mostly related to photosynthesis, showed altered abundances of acetylated sites at unchanged protein levels, pointing to acetylation as possible regulatory process. Among those proteins Rubisco activase (RCA) is strongly affected, which correlates with elevated Rubisco activity and activation state in hda14 mutants. When the authors mutated a major acetylation site in RCA subunit beta1 this resulted in a lowered inhibition by ADP, a known factor of RCA regulation. The major conclusion from this is that lysine acetylation at the K438 site causes higher RCA activity and therefore Rubisco activity under low light growth conditions.

Taken together, the concept aims at drawing a line from changes at large scale post-translational lysine acetylation patterns to regulation of the central enzyme of photosynthesis as evidence for the physiological importance of lysine acetylation of non-histone proteins.

General remarks

The work represents a significant advance with respect to lysine acetylation sites, making clear that this is a massive and so far often underestimated post-translational modification. As far as the reviewer can judge, the work is of very high quality in terms of protein chemistry and will provide an excellent and fruitful of novel lysine acetylation sites for further research. It exceeds previous studies of this kind, at least in plants, not only by quality and comprehensiveness, but also by the attempt to provide functional evidence for altered acetylation patterns in general and specifically in proteins in response to environmental change. These are clear advances that will make this study interesting for the acetylation field in all eukaryotic models and the plant field in particular. However, the functional links presented here show some weaknesses. This firstly refers to the apparent lack of a physiological phenotype of the hda14 mutant used as a genetic approach to show relevance of lysine acetylation. While acetylation patterns change differently compared to wildtype after transfer to low light, the biological meaning of these changes remains unclear. Another point is the lack investigation of other family members of KDACs whose up-regulation might affect the acetylation patterns, especially given the limited knowledge on substrate specificities.

Major criticisms:

-Despite the wealth of data it not easy to find out the number of analysed proteins, the efficiency of enrichment and the number of proteins (not protein groups) that are lysine acetylated.

The number of analysed proteins is presented in Table 1, listed by experiment and as the total number across experiments. In our opinion, it is more meaningful and honest to differentiate and count protein groups rather than individual proteins, as there is no experimental evidence that allows telling which of the proteins in a particular group were actually present in the sample.

-The substantial number of identified sites allows for predictions of acetylation sites. It would be very interesting to endeavor a prediction of potential sites in the Arabidopsis proteome - with necessary caution of course.

We agree that it would certainly be very interesting to use this dataset to train algorithms for proteome-wide prediction of sites. However, this is beyond the scope of the manuscript and should rather be treated in a separate paper. We present iceLogos for the different subcellular compartments (Fig. 1), which shall be useful for researcher to look for putative acetylation sites in their proteins of interest.

-Why are nuclear and plastid proteins over-represented as acetylation targets and ER, vacuole, mitochondria, plasma membrane and extracellular space proteins underrepresented?

There are at least two possible explanations for this observation. First, more abundant proteins (such as nuclear or plastidial proteins) are more likely to be sampled than less abundant

proteins (e.g. mitochondrial proteins). Although our fractionation and enrichment scheme allowed deep coverage, it is certainly possible that low abundance proteins/sites are still under-represented. Second, lysine acetylation might preferentially occur in different subcellular compartments in different tissues or developmental stages, which might point to its role in particular physiological processes and could also reflect evolutionary history. At least in Arabidopsis seedlings many mitochondrial proteins can be found acetylated (König et al., 2014, Mitochondrion). Furthermore, the plastid/nucleus overrepresentation, which we found for Arabidopsis leaves, actually fits to the predicted localization of most of the plant acetyltransferases (Uhrig et al., 2017 BMC Genomics).

-HDA14 enzyme activity assay: are there controls w/o metals? Any time dependency of the reaction? It seems the most simple assay tests for an enzyme are not shown.

We have now added the description to materials and methods how the apoenzyme was prepared to make this point clearer. The enzyme is not active without the metal co-factor. The data presented show the turnover of substrate per second. This is a very straightforward enzyme assay, which was used in previous publications from our co-authors on human HDACs before (Dose et al., 2012 Chem Comm).

-What is the phenotype of the hda14 mutant (other than altered acetylation patterns), possibly during the different light treatments? This would be essential to allow to decide if lysine acetylation has a relevant biological function or is merely a reflection of general acclimation processes, e.g. acetyl-coenzyme A status. Are there expression changes of the other KDAC encoding genes in hda14? Is the hda14 line a knock-down (mRNA left) or knock-out (no protein detectable)? A second allele would be advisable at least for some experiments.

The *hda14* mutant line is a T-DNA insertion mutant and as such a full KO with no protein detectable as shown in Appendix FigS6. The residual transcript detected in the knock-out results from a truncated transcript. Under standard conditions in a growth chamber *hda14* does not show an obvious growth phenotype. We have now added the fresh weight measurements to the Appendix FigS6. It is a common problem in (plant) research that many gene knock-outs especially from regulatory proteins do not display obvious growth or fitness phenotypes under standard growth conditions. Research groups specialized in molecular ecology have demonstrated that plants, which are perfectly fine under standard conditions, reveal severe phenotypes only when grown under field conditions, where the plants are simultaneously exposed to an array of environmental challenges. Consequently, it would be possible that the *hda14* phenotype becomes evident only under specific growth conditions, which are difficult to determine in a growth chamber.

We are convinced that the differential acetylation patterns in *hda14* under different light conditions and the follow-up analysis with mutated RCA provide sufficient evidence for a functional role of HDA14 in photosynthetic regulation.

-If there is a phenotype, it should be exploited to demonstrate the biological significance of K438 mutations in the RCA subunit using transformation of either wildtype or hda14 mutants. Can the phenotype be rescued? Can the phenotype be induced or phenocopied by directed mutation using e.g. Crspr or complementation of the null mutant? This work presents strong correlations, but no sufficiently proven evidence.

See comments above.

-Why is more RCA acetylation and Rubisco activity observed after transfer to low light? One would expect (and there is literature for this) that the activity decreases. This would make sense due to the coupling to the light reactions but also to lowered acetyl-coenzyme A levels under low light.

ADP usually inhibits the RCA activity under low light conditions. However, our acetylation mimic mutants show that the ADP inhibition of RCA is much less pronounced, when the enzyme is acetylated at K438. In WT plants, RCA-K438 is under the control of HDA14, which keeps the enzyme in its deacetylated form, and hence, RCA is ADP-sensitive and more inhibited in the WT under low light. In the *hda14* mutant, the lack of HDA14 cannot prevent acetylation of RCA-K438, and thus RCA is more active and a higher Rubisco activation state is observed. This is also outlined in the discussion, p16 L489ff.

Conclusion: A comprehensive study of high quality at the proteomic side but weaknesses at the functional side. To exceed an excellent inventory of lysine acetylation sites, the proof that changes of acetylation patterns of specific target proteins is of biological relevance needs to be provided.

We thank the reviewer for the thorough analysis and the helpful comments, which allowed us to further improve the manuscript. This is a systems analysis on histone deacetylase target proteins and with regard to the conclusion, we disagree that further proof needs to be provided on this level. It would certainly be desirable to present a full-blown story that pins down the physiological function of HDA14 in all detail, but this lies beyond the scope of this manuscript. In this manuscript, we are presenting a large-scale technically well-conducted study (as the reviewer points out himself), which in itself represents a considerable effort and took already more than five years to set-up and conduct, which is also reflected by the many co-authors involved in this study. We followed this up with a series of experiments in which we provide additional evidence for the role of lysine deacetylation in chloroplasts and photosynthesis, by identifying the key KDAC enzyme in chloroplasts and its potential target sites, and by showing how one of these sites might act as a regulatory site for a key photosynthetic process. In the current revised state, we are convinced that the manuscript provides a large set of interesting and useful data and of sufficiently justified observations and conclusions that are of wide importance for the field. Trying to follow-up on the functional implications in all detail, as suggested by the reviewer, would probably require several years of additional research with unknown outcome and delay the provision of this study.

Attachment: Inspection of MS2 spectra (for reviewer 2)

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2nd Editorial Decision

21 September 2017

Thank you again for sending us your revised manuscript. We have now heard back from the referee who was asked to evaluate your study. As you will see below, s/he is satisfied with the modifications made. Therefore we think that the study is now suitable for publication in Molecular Systems Biology.

Before we formally accept the study for publication, we would ask you to address some minor editorial issues listed below.

REVIEWER REPORT

Reviewer #2:

The authors have resolved my concerns

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