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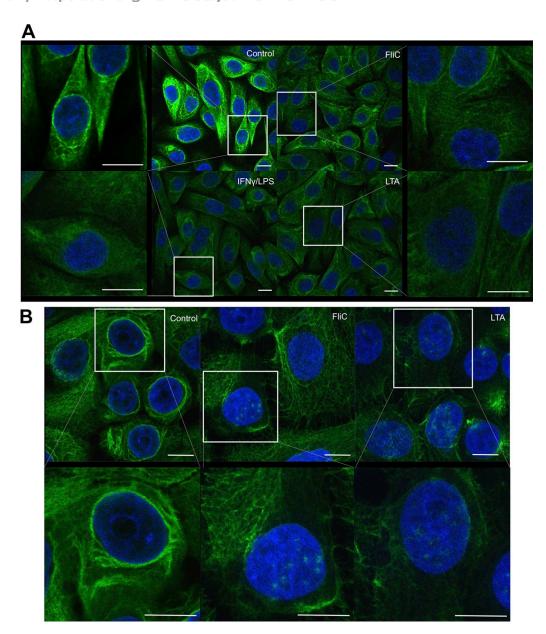


Figure S1. Human mammary epithelial cells (hTERT-HME1) and ectocervical epithelial cells (Ect1/E6E7) demonstrate depolymerization of the filamentous K6a network in response to bacterial ligands. (A) Confocal microscopic images of hTERT-HME1 cells treated for 16 h with vehicle control, LTA (1 μ g/ml), flagellin (FliC; 0.5 μ g/m) or LPS (1 μ g/ml; pretreated with 250 ng/ml IFN- γ for 2 h). The intense filamentous K6a network staining surrounding the nucleus in the control cell (inset) became diffused and weak after stimulation with bacterial ligands. (B) Ect1/E6E7 cells were treated as described in A. Similar observations were made for Ect1/E6E7 cells. Note that Ect1/E6E7 cells do not express TLR-4. Bars, 10 μ m.

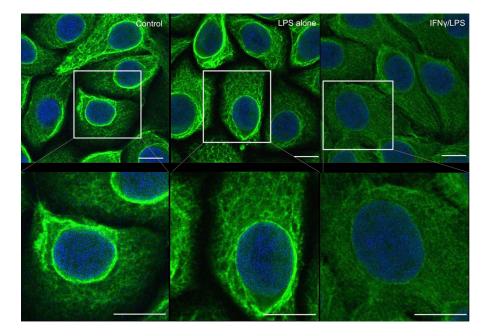


Figure S2. LPS-induced depolymerization of the filamentous K6a network does not occur in epithelial cells with low expression of TLR-4 coreceptor MD-2. Confocal microscopic images of hTCEpi cells treated for 16 h with vehicle control or LPS (1 μ g/ml) with or without preincubation with IFN- γ (250 ng/ml; 2 h). Normal hTCEpi cells produce low levels of MD-2 and are unresponsive to LPS. A 2-h pretreatment with IFN- γ was used to induce MD-2 expression and LPS responsiveness. The filamentous K6a network staining (green) surrounding the nucleus (blue) in the control cells (left) and in cells treated with LPS alone (middle) was intense; on the contrary, the filamentous network staining in cells primed with IFN- γ before LPS stimulation (right) was diffused and weak. Bars, 10 μ m.

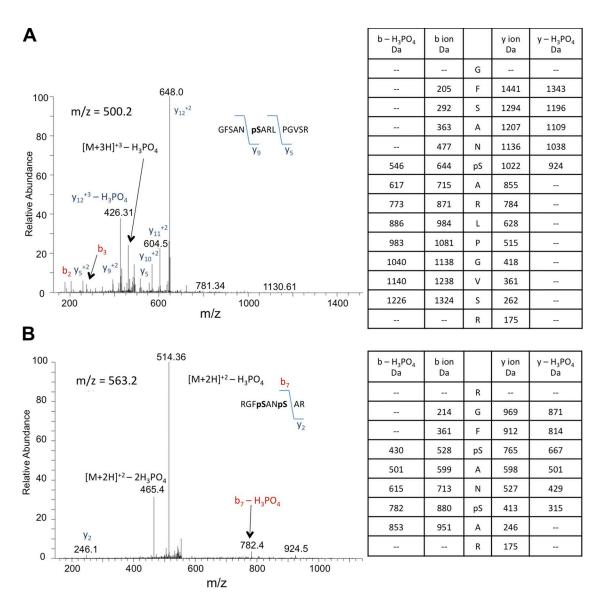


Figure S3. Tandem mass spectrometry spectra of K6a phosphopeptides with a single phosphorylation at Ser-22 or double phosphorylation at Ser-19 and Ser-22. (A and B) K6a was subjected to tryptic digestion, and these tryptic digests were analyzed by LC-MS looking for K6a phosphopeptides. (A) The tandem mass spectrometry spectrum for a phosphopeptide GFSANSARLPGVSR with a single phosphorylation at Ser-22 is shown. The m/z of 500.2 is consistent with the triply charged GFSANSARLPGVSR + PO₃ peptide. The difference of m/z values between y_9 and y_5 ions is consistent with a modification on S22. (B) The tandem mass spectrometry spectrum for a phosphopeptide RGFSANSAR with double phosphorylation at Ser-19 and Ser-22 is shown. The m/z of 563.2 is consistent with the doubly charged RGFSANSAR + 2 PO₃ peptide. The tandem mass spectrometry spectra are dominated by two spikes corresponding with one and two losses of H₃PO₄ from the [M + 2 H]⁺² ion (i.e., m/z 514.36 and 465.4). This is consistent with two sites of serine phosphorylation in this peptide. The m/z values of b_7 H₃PO₄ and y_2 ions are consistent with modifications at S19 and S22.

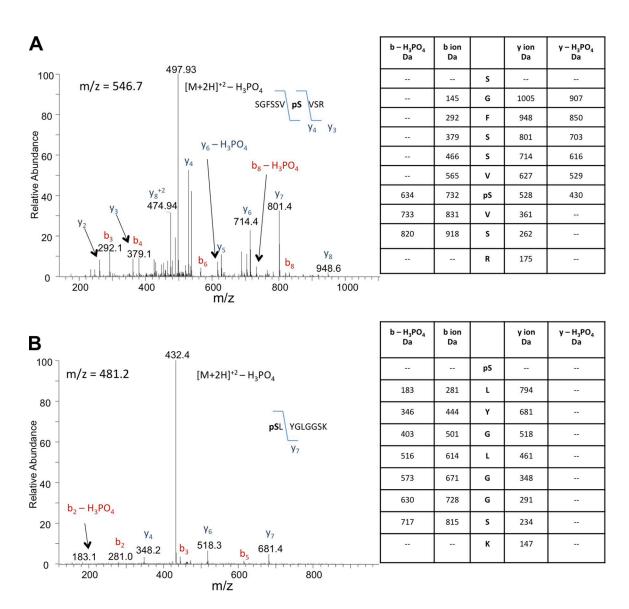


Figure S4. Tandem mass spectrometry spectra of K6a phosphopeptides with a single phosphorylation at Ser-37 or Ser-60. (A and B) K6a was subjected to tryptic digestion, and these tryptic digests were analyzed by LC-MS looking for K6a phosphopeptides. (A) The tandem mass spectrometry spectrum for a phosphopeptide SGFSSVSVSR with a single phosphorylation at Ser-37 is shown. The m/z of 546.7 is consistent with the doubly charged SGFSSVSVSR + PO $_3$ peptide. The difference of m/z values between y_3 and y_4 ions is consistent with a modification on S37. (B) The tandem mass spectrometry spectrum for a phosphopeptide SLYGLGGSK with a single phosphorylation at Ser-60 is shown. The m/z of 481.2 is consistent with the doubly charged SLYGLGGSK + PO $_3$ peptide. The m/z values of b_2 and y_7 ions are consistent with a modification on S60.

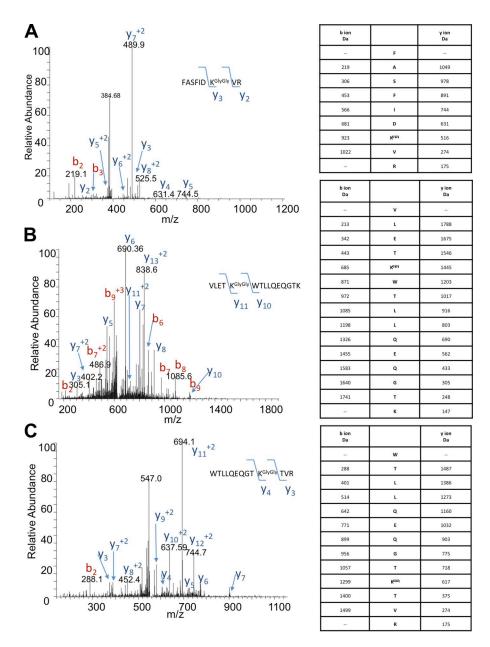


Figure S5. Tandem mass spectrometry spectra of K6a peptides with ubiquitination at Lys-180, Lys-194, or Lys-204. (A–C) K6a was subjected to tryptic digestion, and these tryptic digests were analyzed by LC-MS looking for K6a ubiquitinated peptides. (A) The tandem mass spectrometry spectrum for a triply charged peptide with an m/z of 399.6 is shown. The mass of this ion is consistent with the FASFIDKVR + GlyGly peptide. The mass difference between the y_3 and y_2 ions is consistent with modification at K180. (B) The tandem mass spectrometry spectrum for a triply charged peptide with an m/z of 630.0 is shown. The mass of this ion is consistent with the VLETKWTLLQEQGTK + GlyGly peptide. The mass difference between the C-terminal y_{11} and y_{10} ions is consistent with modification on K194. (C) The tandem mass spectrometry spectrum for a triply charged peptide with an m/z of 559.0 is shown. The mass of this ion is consistent with the WTLLQEQGTKTVR + GlyGly peptide. The mass difference between the C-terminal y_3 and y_4 ions is consistent with modification on K204.