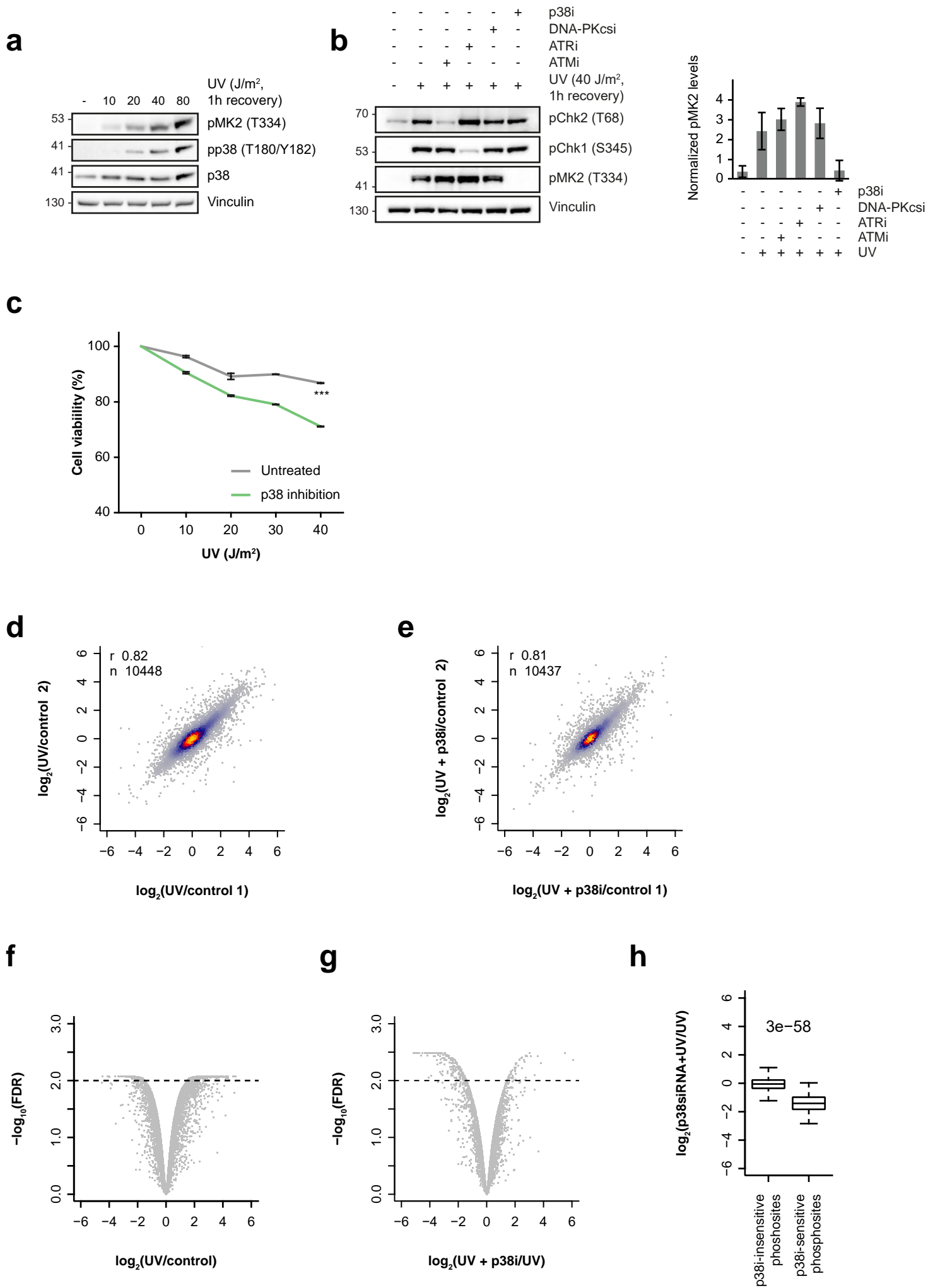


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Supplementary Figure 1

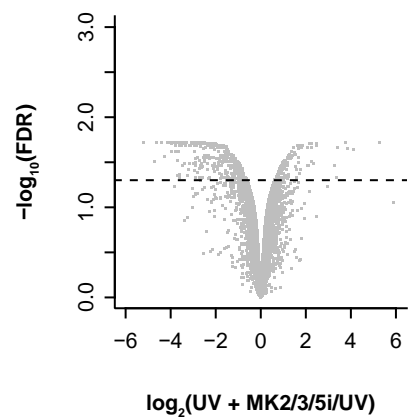


Supplementary Figure 1: Proteome-wide identification of p38-dependent phosphorylation sites

- a. U2OS cells were treated with increasing doses of UV light (10 - 80 J/m²) and left to recover for 1 hour. Total cell lysates were resolved on SDS-PAGE and activation of p38 was monitored with phospho-specific antibodies.
- b. U2OS cells were pretreated for 1 hour with ATM inhibitor (KU-55933, 10 μM), ATR inhibitor (VE-821, 1 μM), DNA-PKcs inhibitor (KU-57788, 10 μM) or p38 inhibitor (SB 203580, 10 μM) and then irradiated with UV light (40 J/m², 1 hour recovery). Total cell lysates were resolved on SDS-PAGE and blotted with the indicated antibodies (left). The bar plot shows the mean and standard deviation of normalized pMK2 levels quantified from three replicate experiments (right).
- c. Cell viability was measured for mock-treated U2OS cells and cells irradiated with different doses of UV light without and with 1 hour pretreatment with the p38 inhibitor. The plot shows the mean and standard deviation of the results obtained in three biological replicate experiments, each performed in three technical replicates. Two-sided Student's t-test was used to assess the significance (***) p value < 0.001).
- d. Scatter plot shows the logarithmized SILAC ratios UV/control of quantified phosphorylation sites in replicate experiments. The color-coding indicates the density. The Spearman's rank correlation was calculated to determine the experimental reproducibility.
- e. Scatter plot shows the logarithmized SILAC ratios UV + p38i/control of quantified phosphorylation sites in replicate experiments.
- f. Identification of significantly regulated phosphorylation sites after p38 inhibition from two replicate experiments using the limma algorithm. P value < 0.01 was used as cut-off to determine phosphorylation sites that significantly increase after UV light.
- g. Identification of significantly regulated phosphorylation sites after p38 inhibition from two replicate experiments was done using the limma algorithm. P value < 0.01 was used as cut-off to determine downregulated phosphorylation sites after p38 inhibition.
- h. The box plot shows the SILAC ratio of p38i-insensitive sites and p38i-sensitive sites quantified after transient knockdown of p38. Box plot represents the 25th to 75th quartiles with the horizontal line representing the median value.

Supplementary Figure 2

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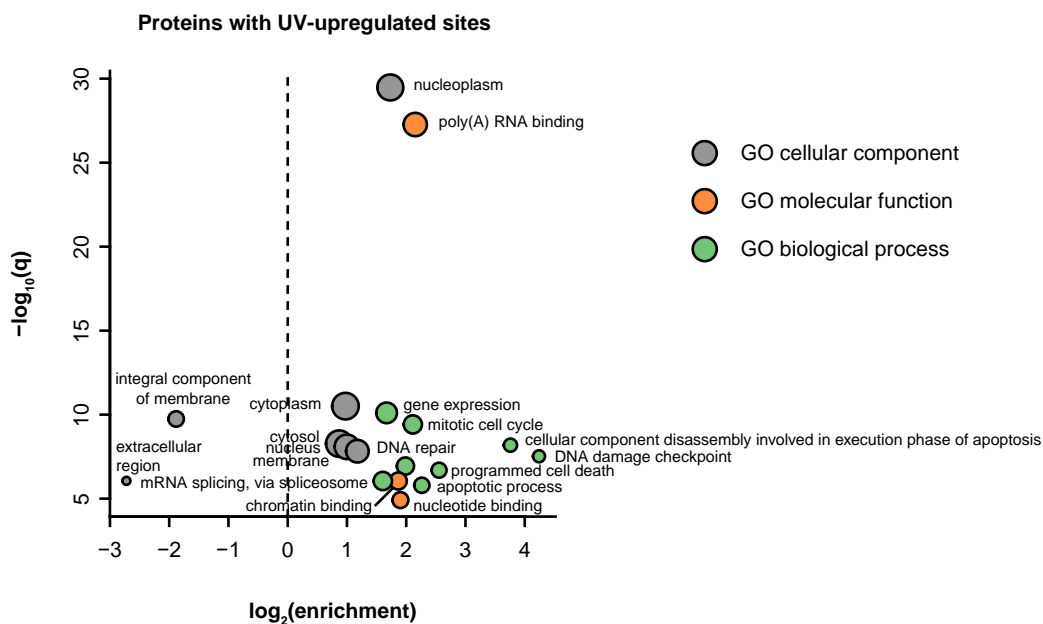
| SILAC | Light Arg ⁰ /Lys ⁰ | Medium Arg ⁰ /Lys ⁴ | Heavy Arg ¹⁰ /Lys ⁸ |
|--------------|---|--|--|
| Transfection | Empty vector | Flag-Strep 14-3-3 | Flag-Strep 14-3-3 |
| Inhibitor | DMSO | DMSO | p38 |
| UV | + | + | + |

Supplementary Figure 2: Phosphorylation by p38-MK2 induces 14-3-3 binding to cellular proteins

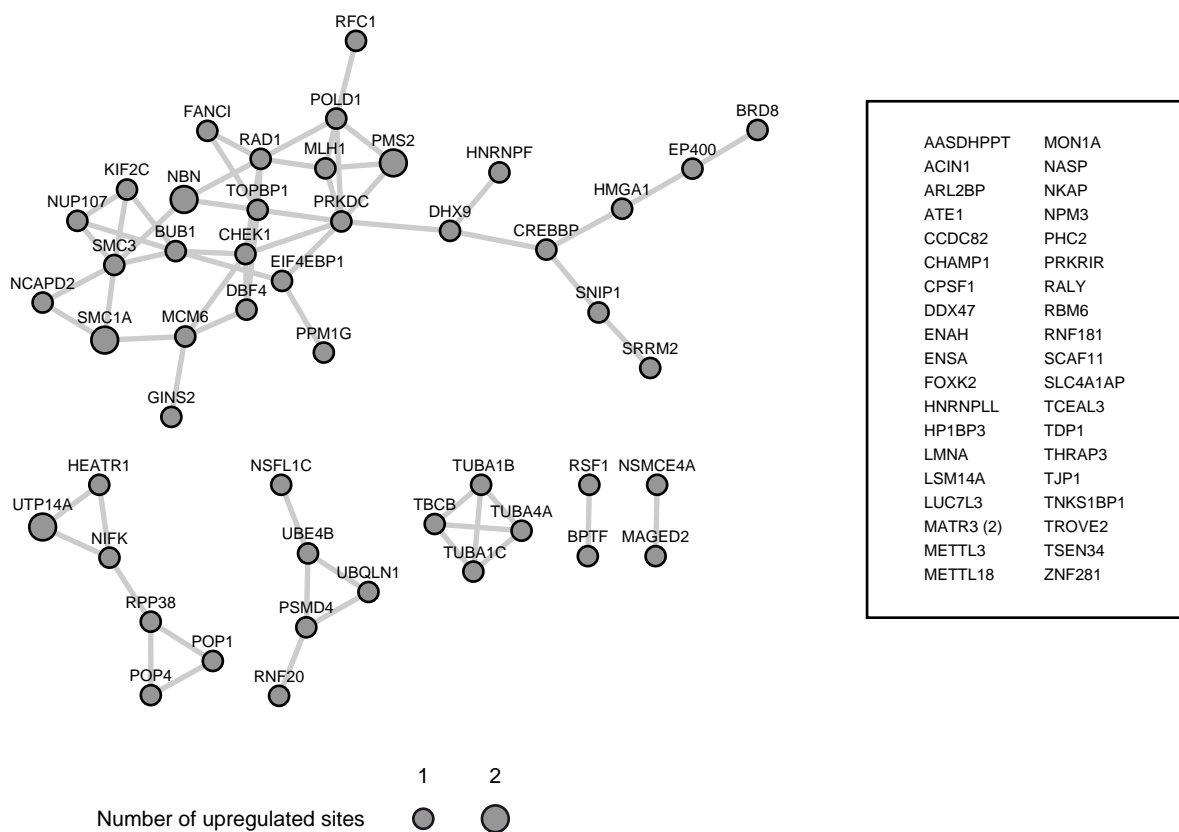
- a. Identification of significantly regulated phosphorylation sites after MK2/3/5 inhibition from two replicate experiments was done using the limma algorithm. P value < 0.05 was used as cut-off to determine downregulated phosphorylation sites after p38 or MK2/3/5 inhibition.
- b. Schematic representation of the strategy used to identify UV light-induced, p38-dependent 14-3-3 interaction partners. SILAC-labeled U2OS cells transfected with Flag-Strep-14-3-3 were mock-treated, irradiated with UV light (40 J/m², 1 hour recovery) or pretreated with the p38 inhibitor and irradiated with UV light. 14-3-3 and its binding partners were enriched using StrepTactin sepharose, digested in-gel into peptides and peptide samples were analyzed by LC-MS/MS.

Supplementary Figure 3

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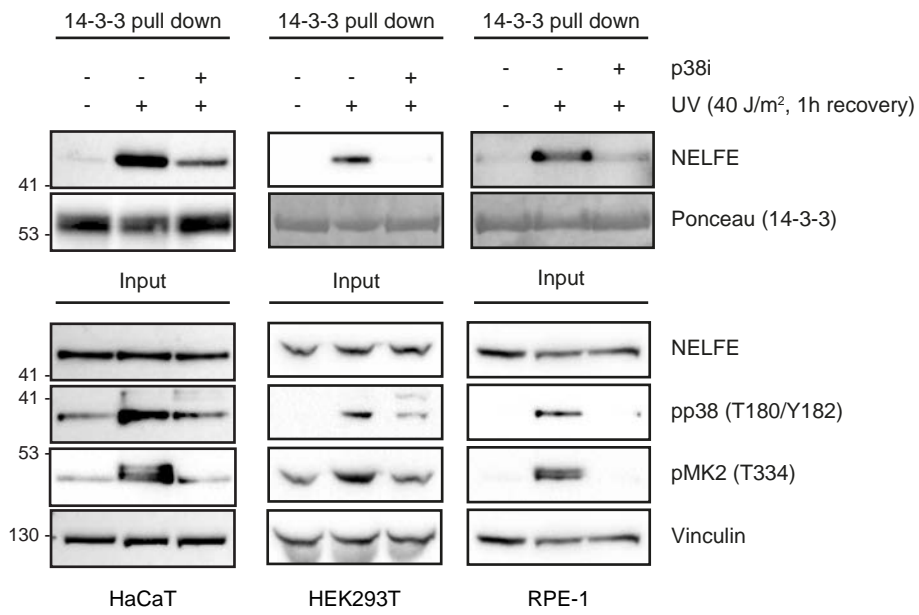


Supplementary Figure 3: Analysis of UV light-induced phosphorylation sites

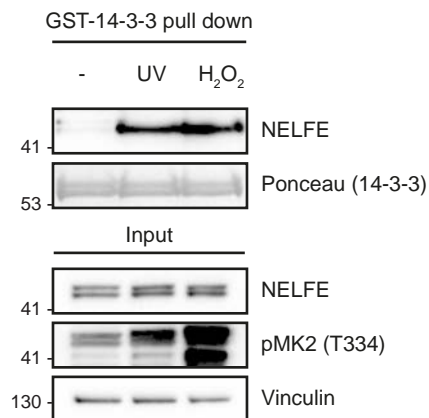
- a. GO terms significantly enriched among proteins with UV light-induced phosphorylation sites. The dot plot shows significantly overrepresented GO terms associated with proteins containing UV light-induced phosphorylation sites compared to proteins containing non-regulated sites. The significance of the enrichment of a specific term was determined using Fisher's exact test. P values were corrected for multiple hypotheses testing using the Benjamini and Hochberg FDR.
- b. Analysis of functional associations among proteins with UV light-induced S/TQ phosphorylation sites. Functional interactions were obtained from the STRING database and visualized using Cytoscape. Proteins with S/TQ sites not involved in functional interactions are indicated on the right.

Supplementary Figure 4

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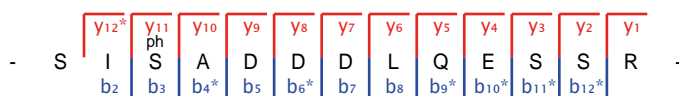
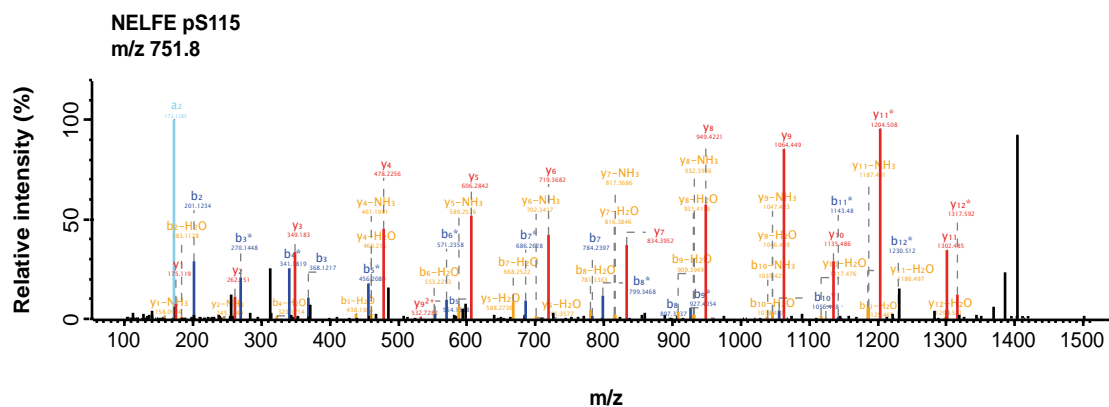


Supplementary Figure 4: MK2-dependent phosphorylation of NELFE promotes its binding to 14-3-3

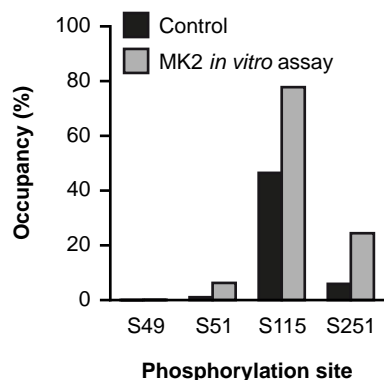
- a. Validation of interaction between NELFE and 14-3-3 in HaCaT, HEK293T and RPE-1 cells. Total cell extracts from differentially treated cells were incubated with the recombinant GST-14-3-3. Enriched proteins were resolved by SDS-PAGE and subjected to western blotting.
- b. NELFE interacts with 14-3-3 after oxidative stress induced by treatment with H₂O₂ for 1 hour. Total cell extracts from differentially treated U2OS cells were incubated with the recombinant GST-14-3-3. Enriched proteins were resolved by SDS-PAGE and subjected to western blotting.

Supplementary Figure 5

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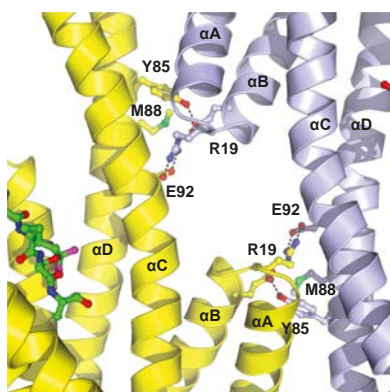


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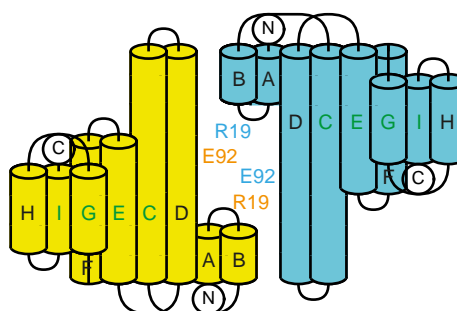
NELFE (95-140 aa)

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|------------------------|-----|--|-----|
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| <i>P. troglodytes</i> | 100 | EKGPVPTFPQPFQR---SISADDDLQ-ESSRRPQRKSLYESF | 136 |
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| <i>B. taurus</i> | 100 | EKGPVPTFPQPFQR---SVSADDDLQ-ESSRRPQRKSLYESF | 136 |
| <i>R. norvegicus</i> | 118 | EKGPVPTFPQPFQR---SMSAEDLQ-EPSSRRPQRKSLYESF | 154 |
| <i>M. musculus</i> | 100 | EKGPVPTFPQPFQR---SMSAEDLQ-EPSSRRPQRKSLYESF | 136 |
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| <i>D. melanogaster</i> | 96 | SETTVASYQPfsstQNDVAQETIISeIIKEEPRRQNLYQH | 136 |

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Supplementary Figure 5: NELFE phosphorylation by MK2 promotes its binding to 14-3-3

- a. Mass spectrometric fragment ion scan of the peptide corresponding to phosphorylated serine 115 in NELFE.
- b. Purified MK2 can phosphorylate immunoprecipitated NELFE on S51, S115 and S251 *in vitro*.
- c. Conservation of the NELFE peptide sequence corresponding to serine 115 across evolution.
- d. Structure of the 14-3-3 epsilon homo dimer in cartoon representation (Yellow and Cyan).
- e. Topology diagrams of the 14-3-3 epsilon. Topology diagrams were prepared with TopDraw.

Supplementary Figure 6

a

| SILAC | Light Arg ⁰ /Lys ⁰ | Medium Arg ⁶ /Lys ⁴ | Heavy Arg ¹⁰ /Lys ⁸ |
|-----------|---|--|--|
| Inhibitor | DMSO | DMSO | p38 |
| UV | | + | + |

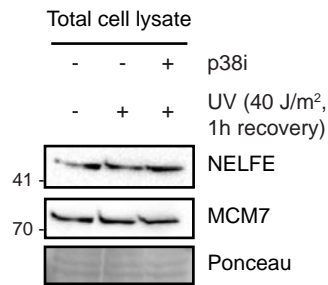
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Chromatin proteome analysis

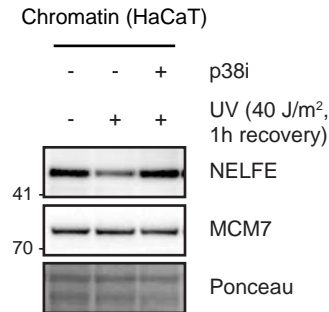
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| | Ratio M/L 1 | Ratio H/L 1 | Ratio H/M 1 | Ratio M/L 2 | Ratio H/L 2 | Ratio H/M 2 |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Ratio M/L 2 | 0.71 | | | / | | |
| Ratio H/L 2 | | 0.6 | | | / | |
| Ratio H/M 2 | | | 0.54 | | | / |
| Ratio M/L 3 | 0.64 | | | 0.68 | | |
| Ratio H/L 3 | | 0.59 | | | 0.62 | |
| Ratio H/M 3 | | | 0.51 | | | 0.58 |

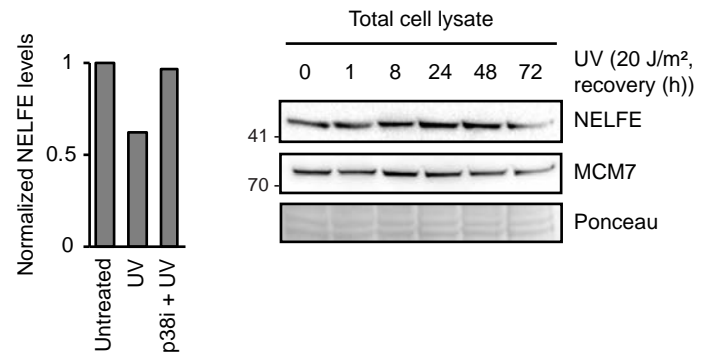
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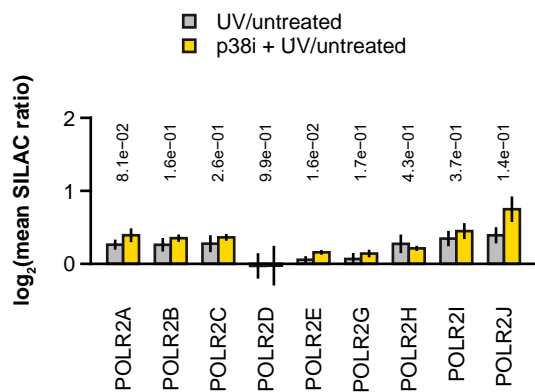


Supplementary Figure 6: Protein dynamics on chromatin after UV light

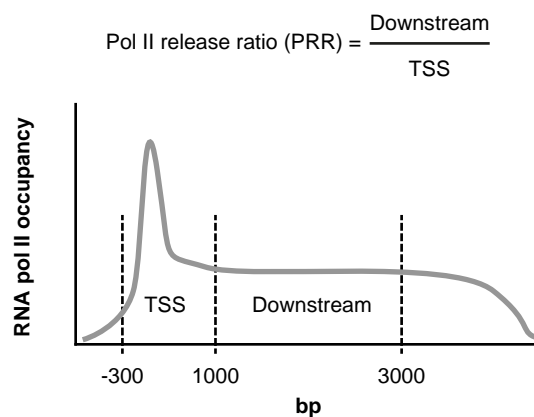
- a. Schematic representation of the strategy used to identify UV light-induced, p38-dependent change in the chromatin proteome. SILAC-labeled U2OS cells were mock-treated, irradiated with UV light (40 J/m², 1 hour recovery) or pretreated with the p38 inhibitor and irradiated with UV light. Chromatin-associated proteins were extracted from cells, digested in-gel into peptides and peptide samples were analyzed by LC-MS/MS.
- b. The Spearman's rank correlation was calculated to determine the experimental reproducibility.
- c. Total cell lysates of U2OS cells were resolved by SDS-PAGE and proteins were detected with the indicated antibodies.
- d. NELFE dissociates from chromatin in a p38-dependent manner after UV light in HaCaT cells. Chromatin protein fractions from differentially treated cells were resolved by SDS-PAGE and subjected to western blotting with the indicated antibodies.
- e. U2OS cells were exposed to UV light and left to recover for different time points. Total cell lysates were resolved by SDS-PAGE and proteins were detected with the indicated antibodies.

Supplementary Figure 7

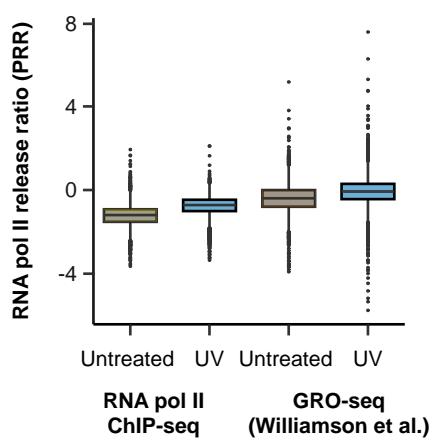
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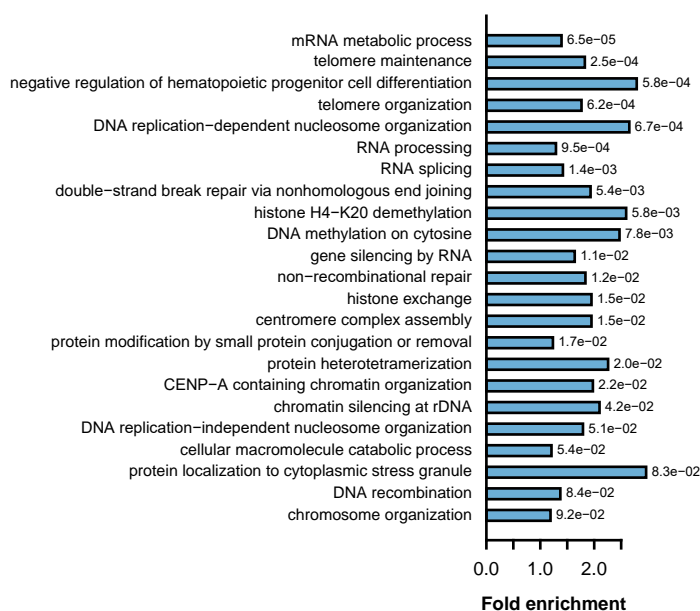
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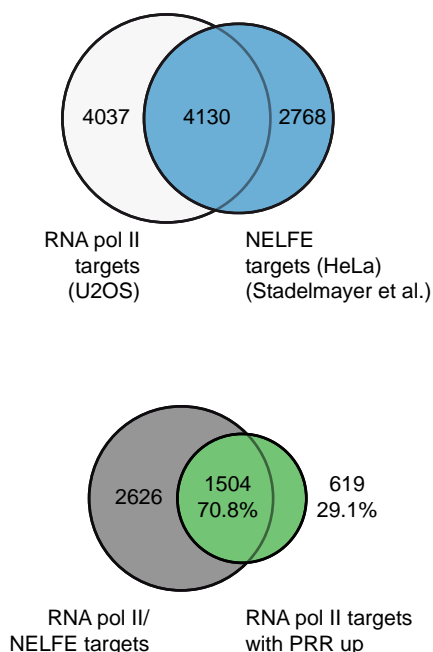
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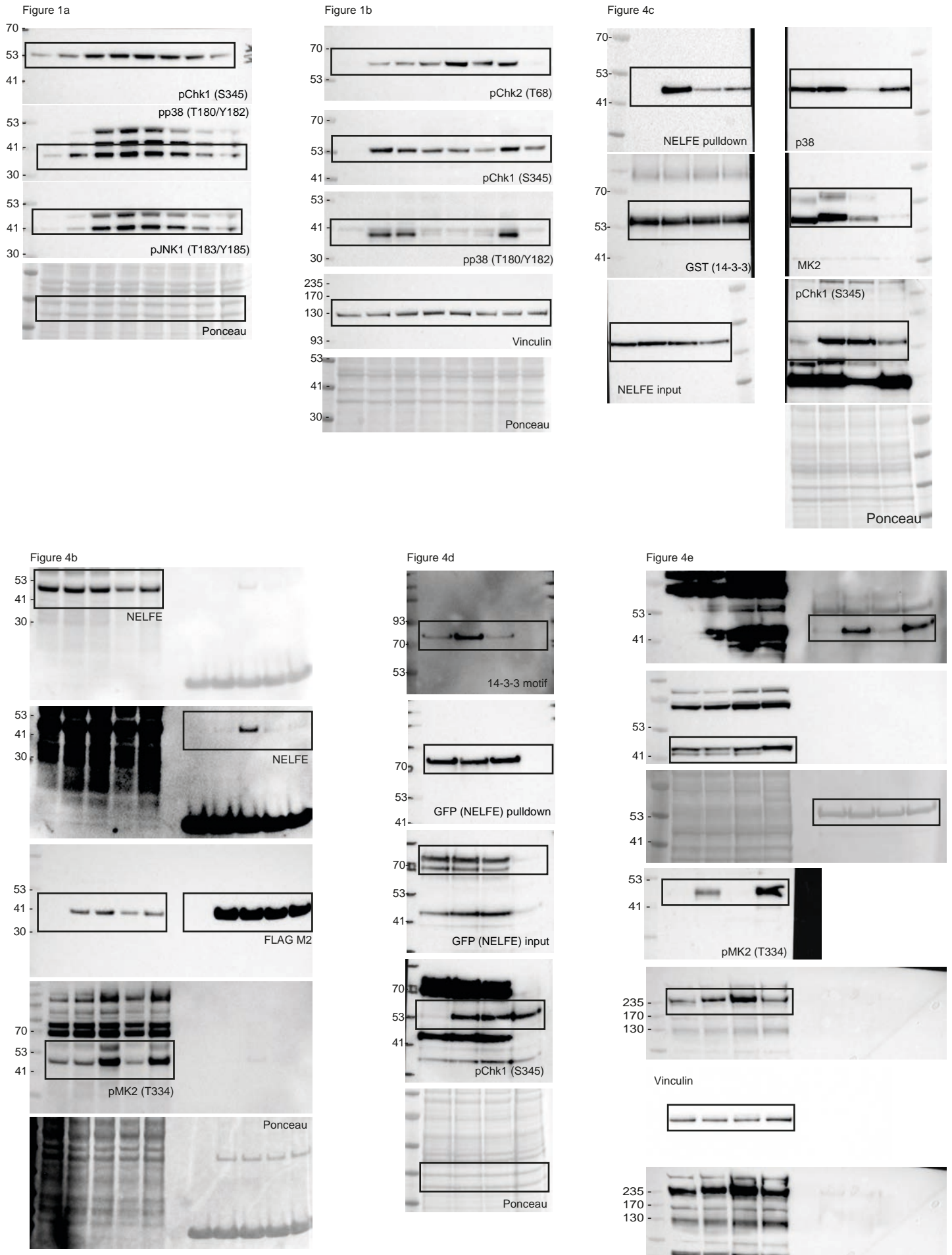
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|---|--|
| Phosphoproteomics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UV light increases phosphorylation of 538 sites - 138 sites are phosphorylated in a p38-dependent manner - MK2/3 act downstream of p38 in response to UV light - RBPs, including NELFE, are phosphorylated by p38-MK2 |
| Interactome analysis | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 14-3-3 dimers bind to proteins phosphorylated by MK2 - NELFE binds to 14-3-3 after UV light |
| Chromatin proteome | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DDR proteins are recruited to and excluded from chromatin after UV light - RBPs dissociate from chromatin in a p38-dependent manner |
| Biochemistry / X-ray crystallography | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NELFE and 14-3-3 interact directly in a UV light- and p38-dependent manner |
| RNA pol II ChIP-seq | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UV light leads to RNA pol II elongation |

Supplementary Figure 7: UV light exposure leads to transcriptional elongation

- a. The bar plot shows the levels of RNA pol II subunits on chromatin quantified in untreated U2OS cells and after UV light by SILAC-based quantitative MS. The error bars show the mean and standard deviation of SILAC ratios quantified from three replicate experiments. Two sided Student's t test was used to assess the significance.
- b. Schematic representation of the approach for the RNA pol II release ratio (PRR) calculation.
- c. Comparison of PRRs calculated in untreated and UV light treated U2OS cells from two RNA pol II ChiP-seq replicate experiments with PRRs calculated from GRO-seq data from the study by Williamson et al. The lower and upper hinges represent the first and third quartiles (25th and 75th percentiles, respectively). The line in the center of the box corresponds to the median of the data range.
- d. GO terms significantly enriched among genes with UV light-upregulated PRR. The bar plot shows significantly overrepresented GO terms associated with genes containing upregulated PRR compared to all RNA pol II bound genes. The significance of the enrichment of a specific term was determined using a hypergeometric test. P values were corrected for multiple hypotheses testing using the Benjamini and Hochberg FDR.
- e. NELFE target genes were extracted from the study by Stadelmayer et al. and overlapped with genes displaying significantly increased PRRs after UV light exposure determined by RNA pol II ChiP-seq. 70.8% of genes with increased PRR were found to be targets of NELFE in HeLa cells.
- f. A schematic overview of the methods and findings reported in this study.

Supplementary Figure 8



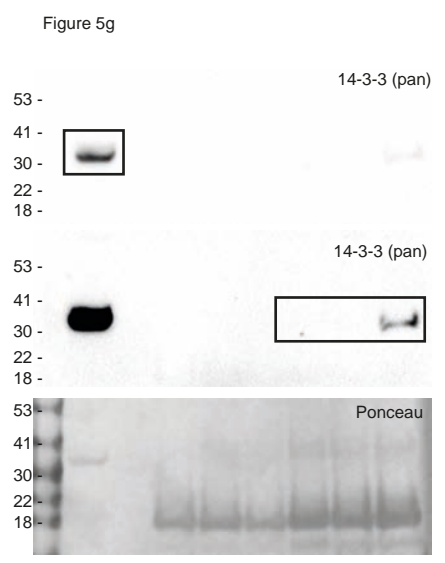
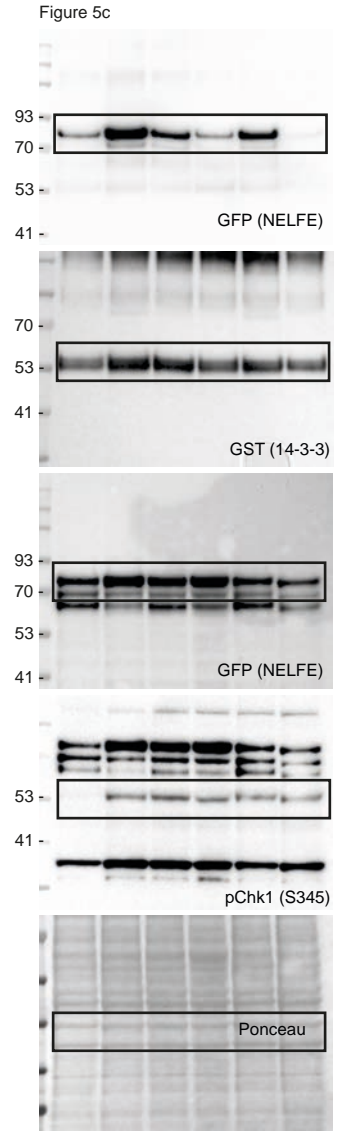
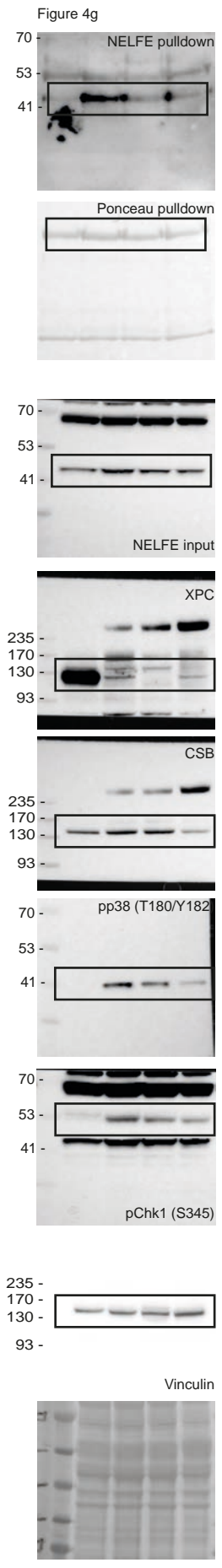
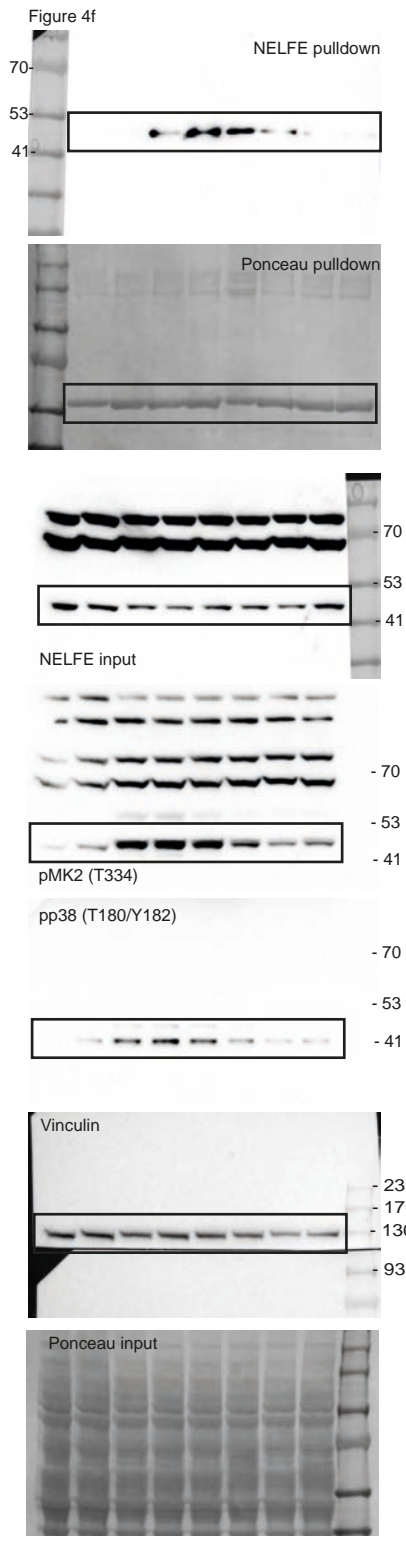


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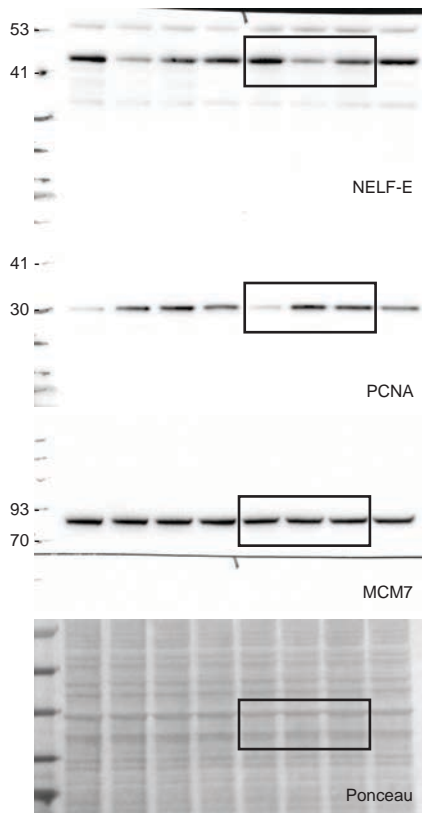


Figure 6e

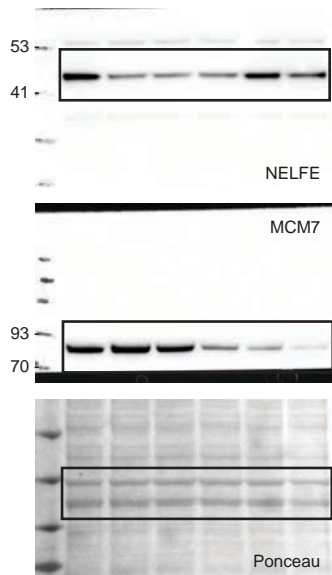


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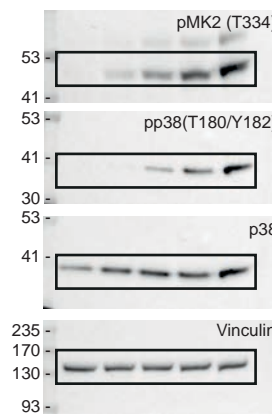


Figure S1b

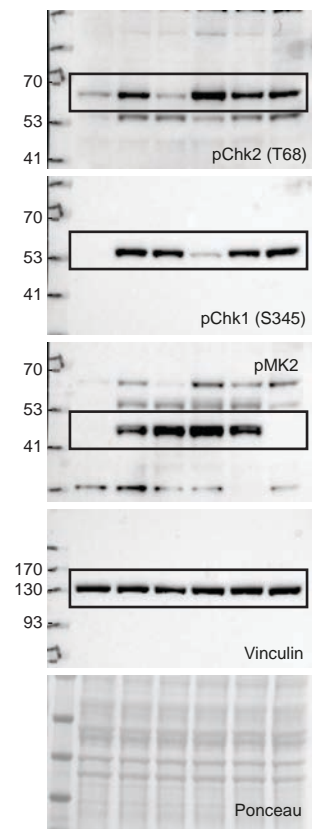


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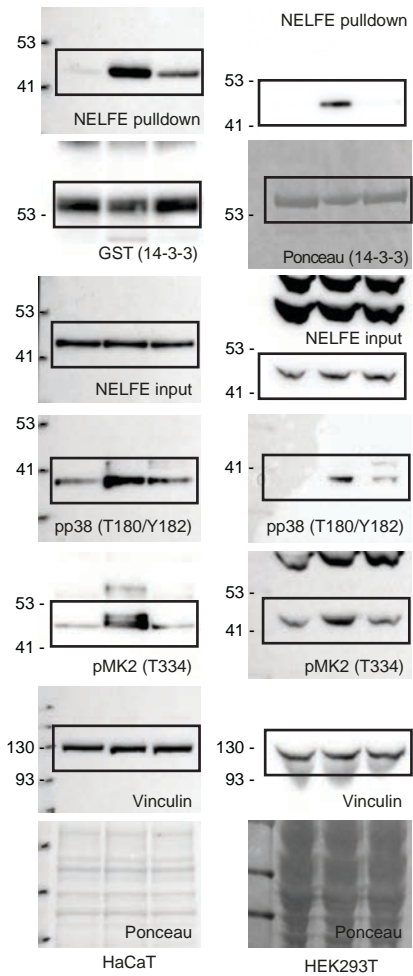


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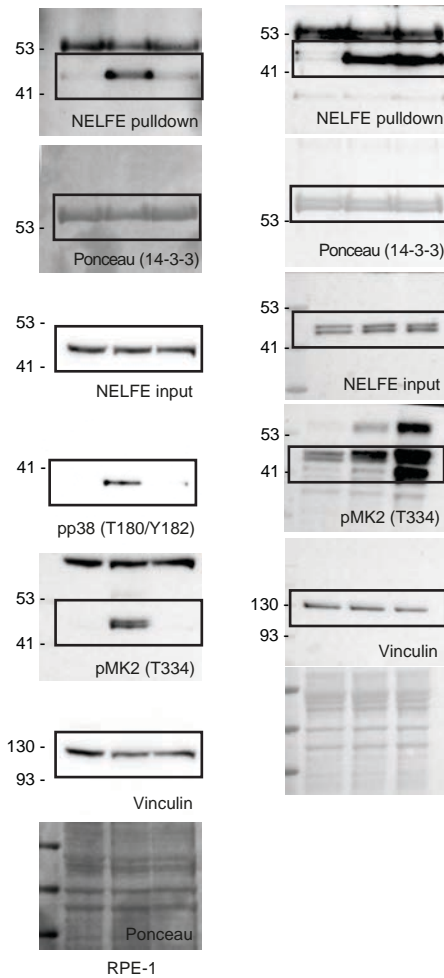


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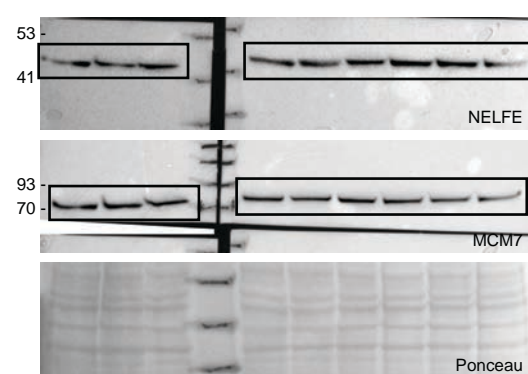
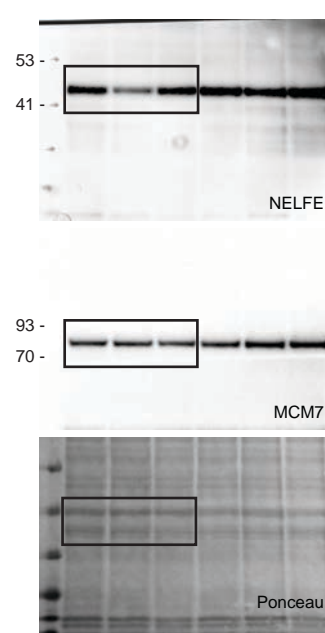


Figure S6e



Supplementary Figure 8: Uncropped scans of all western blots

Supplementary Table 1

List of siRNAs used in this study

| Gene name | Sequence 5'-3' |
|-------------|----------------------|
| p38 | gaagcucuccagaccuuu |
| MK2 | ccgaaaucaugaagagcau |
| MK3 | ccaagauguugagaggaa |
| MK5 | ggagaaagacgcagugcuu |
| NELFE 1 | cagccaagguggugucaaa |
| NELFE 3'UTR | acacugagguggaagcuuac |
| XPC | gcaaauggcuucuaucgaa |
| CSB | ccactgattacgagataca |

Supplementary Table 2

List of oligos used in this study

| Construct | Sequence 5'-3' |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| NELFE S49/51A | gacaggctgctctgctagtgcgcgtttgacaccac |
| NELFE S115A | gtcatcatcagcagctatgctcctctggaacgg |
| NELFE S251A | ccgttcagggaatgcatccgacctgcgga |

Supplementary Table 3

Crystallization data collection and refinement statistics. Values in parentheses are for the highest resolution shell.

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| | 14-3-3/NELFE |
| Data collection statistics | |
| Beamline | SLS PX III |
| Wavelength (Å) | 1.000 |
| Space Group | <i>C</i> 2 2 2 ₁ |
| Unit Cell (Å) | <i>a</i> = 79.29, <i>b</i> = 81.19, <i>c</i> = 81.05 <i>α</i> = 90.00, <i>β</i> = 90.00, <i>γ</i> = 90.00 |
| Resolution (Å) | 46.47 - 2.70 (2.85 - 2.70) |
| Observed reflections | 97555 (14510) |
| Unique reflections | 7463 (1059) |
| Redundancy | 13.1 (13.7) |
| Completeness (%) | 100.0 (100.0) |
| <i>R</i> _{merge} | 0.126 (0.821) |
| $\langle I/\sigma I \rangle$ | 18.4 (3.5) |
| Refinement statistics | |
| Reflections in test set | 757 |
| <i>R</i> _{cryst} | 17.2 |
| <i>R</i> _{free} | 24.1 |
| Number of groups | |
| Protein residues | 234 |
| Ions and ligand atoms | 0 |
| Water | 4 |
| Wilson B-factor | 50.55 |
| RMSD from ideal geometry | |
| Bond length (Å) | 0.012 |
| Bond angles (°) | 1.493 |
| Ramachandran Plot Statistics | |
| In Favoured Regions (%) | 224 (97.39) |
| In Allowed Regions (%) | 6 (2.61) |
| Outliers (%) | 0 (0.00) |

Supplementary Table 4

List of antibodies used in this study

| Protein name | Product number | Origin | Dilution |
|------------------|----------------|------------|----------|
| GFP | sc-9996 | Santa Cruz | 1:2000 |
| FLAG | F1804 | Sigma | 1:2000 |
| pp38 (T180/Y182) | 9216 | CST | 1:1000 |
| p38 | 8690 | CST | 1:1000 |
| pMK2 (T334) | 3007 | CST | 1:1000 |
| pJNK | 9255 | CST | 1:1000 |
| pCHEK2 (T68) | 2661 | CST | 1:1000 |
| pCHEK1 (S345) | 2344 | CST | 1:1000 |
| Vinculin | V9264 | Sigma | 1:1000 |
| NELFE | ABE48 | Millipore | 1:1000 |
| 14-3-3 (pan) | 8312 | CST | 1:1000 |
| POLR2A | sc-899 | Santa Cruz | ChIP |
| pCTD (S2) | 13499 | CST | 1:1000 |
| XPC | 14768 | CST | 1:1000 |
| CSB | sc-398022 | Santa Cruz | 1:1000 |
| GST | sc-138 | Santa Cruz | 1:2000 |
| PCNA | sc-56 | Santa Cruz | 1:1000 |
| MCM7 | 3735 | CST | 1:1000 |
| MCM6 | sc-9843 | Santa Cruz | 1:1000 |
| p14-3-3 motif | 9601 | CST | 1:1000 |