

Molecular architecture of LSM14 interactions involved in the assembly of mRNA silencing complexes

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1st Editorial Decision

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As you will see from the reports, all referees express interest in the findings reported in your manuscript and highlight the technical quality of the work. However, they also raise concerns about the functional and biological implications of the structures presented and ask that this aspect of the study is extended before they can support publication of the manuscript here. In particular, ref #3 makes constructive suggestions for adding more insight on the role for LSM14 in P body formation and translational repression, while ref #2 wants to know more about the relative interplay between other known LSM14 binders, both at a structural and dynamic scale.

Given the referees' overall positive recommendations, I would like to invite you to submit a revised version of the manuscript, addressing the comments of all three reviewers. I should add that it is EMBO Journal policy to allow only a single round of revision, and acceptance of your manuscript will therefore depend on the completeness of your responses in this revised version.

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REFeree REPORTS

Referee #1:

LSM14 is the key protein in the assembly of the mammalian gene silencing complexes through interactions with the eIF4E-binding protein 4E-T and the DEAD-box RNA helicase DDX6, but the molecular basis underlying these interactions remains elusive. In this manuscript, Brandmann et al. determined the crystal structure of the LSM domain of LSM14 in complex with the C-terminal region of 4E-T and showed that the C-terminus of 4E-T wraps around the LSM domain of LSM14 via a bi-partite motif. Subsequent binding assays in vitro and in vivo validated the importance of the residues involved in the LSM14-4E-T interface. The authors also used in vitro binding assays to show that LSM14 uses its FDF and TFG motifs rather than the conserved FFD motif to interact with the C-terminal

RecA like domain of DDX6 (DDX6c). They then solved the structure of DDX6c bound to the *C. elegans* LSM14 ortholog Car-1 containing the FDF, FFD and TFG motifs. The structure of DDX6c-Car-1 showed that LSM14 uses conserved non-contiguous FDF and TFG motifs to bind DDX6 with the FFD motif being dispensable for this interaction. Mutagenesis combined with P-body localization experiments indicated that the integrity of the DDX6-LSM14 interaction is required for P-body assembly. Importantly, they demonstrated that the role of LSM14 FFD motif is to recruit the decapping activator EDC4 in the formation of the mRNA silencing complexes and P-body assembly. Overall, this study nicely illustrates how LSM14 interacts with DDX6 and 4E-T in the assembly of the mRNA silencing complexes and broadens our knowledge in the field of mRNA decay and translational repression.

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Referee #2:

The regulation of gene expression involves a large number of proteins that interact in a highly dynamic fashion. This warrants the degradation of the mRNA transcript, the silencing of gene-expression and the localization of the mRNA degradation factors to processing bodies. The details of these interactions are often not known, especially because the linear motifs that are involved evolve fast and differ between different species.

In their manuscript, Jinek and colleagues, study how the LSM14/RAP55 protein is integrated in the gene expression interaction network. To that end, they solved the structures of the LSM14 protein in complex with the 4E-T and in complex with DDX6. The authors find that the LSM domain of LSM14 interacts with a conserved C-terminal fragment of 4E-T that adopts a mainly helical conformation in the complex. The FDF and TGF motifs in the C-terminal region of LSM14 form a helical structure upon interaction with the C-terminal RecA-like domain of DDX6. The structures are validated using structure-based mutations that abolish the observed interactions and with in-vivo and in-vitro pull-down experiments. Finally, the authors identify a FFD motif in LSM14 that interacts with the EDC4 protein.

The manuscript is well written and presents interesting structural data. The biological insights remain, unfortunately, somewhat limited, which might be of a concern for the EMBO journal.

I have the following remarks to the manuscript:

The solved structures should have been compared more thoroughly with known structures LSM domains in complex with ligands/ known structures of RecA domains in complex with ligands. Especially, close comparisons with the structures of Fromm et al, 2012; Tritschler et al, 2007 respectively Tritschler et al, 2009 should be made. How different are the presented structures from the known structures?

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To better understand how the presented interactions compete with known interactions, (relative) affinities should be determined. E.g. can other FDF and FDF-like motifs compete with the interaction between LSM14 and DDX6. This information is important to be able to obtain insights into the network of interactions that regulate gene-expression.

Referee #3:

The manuscript reports two crystal structures that shed light on the mechanism of how mRNA silencing complexes

containing Lsm14, DDX6 and 4E-T are assembled in cells.

First, the authors determine a 2.6 Å structure of the SM like (Lsm) domain of Lsm14 in complex a minimal interacting region of 4E-T. The Lsm domain is a globular and recognized on separate surfaces in a bipartite manner by tandem short linear motifs found in the C-terminus of 4E-T (4E-Tc). Though a domain swapped dimer mediated by this motifs is observed in the crystal, the authors present a model of the interaction that is well supported by SEC-MALS indicating the complex is a monomer; moreover, lesions in the bipartite motif or the surface reported in the aforementioned model abrogate binding assayed by pull-down assays in vitro or co-immunoprecipitation from cells where Lsm14 has been depleted by RNAi and complemented with resistant constructs.

Second, the authors biochemically map interactions between Lsm14 and the DEAD-box ATPase DDX6. A bipartite motif in Lsm14 is identified which is critical for the interaction the C-terminal REC-A domain of DDX6 in vitro and in cells (DDX6-C). The first part of this motif is comprised of amino acids FDF, which is found in other DDX6 interaction partners that promote translational repression (Scd6, Tra1) and decapping (Edc3) or both (Pat1). The second motif is comprised of amino acids TFG and is strictly required for the interaction with DDX6 in cells and in vitro. A third, intervening FFD motif is dispensable for Lsm14 binding to 4E-T. The authors determine the crystal structure human DDX6-C in complex with the cognate (FDF ...TFG) interaction motif of *C. elegans* Lsm14 to 3.0 Å resolution. These studies reveal that both motifs bind the DDX6-C domain, which echos structural studies of the budding yeast DDX6 ortholog (Dhh1) with Pat1. However, the authors observe that the order the motifs is reversed in Lsm14 -DDX6-C complex relative to the same motifs Pat1 bound to Dhh1-C. Intriguingly, the affinity-purification coupled with mass-spectrometry analysis of Lsm14 containing or lacking the intervening FFD motif reveals it is critical for binding the mRNA decapping activator Edc4. This new connection between Lsm14 and Edc4 was confirmed by immunoblot analysis and by localization experiments showing the FFD motif of Lsm14 is required for its localization to mRNA processing bodies (but not stress granules).

In all, a new link between the decapping and silencing complex (of 4E-T, Lsm14 and DDX6) is supported by biochemical, localization and structural data. This study provides potentially important insights but the functional significance Lsm14 interactions with Edc4 for mRNA decay requires clarification. The article would be acceptable for publication if the following points were addressed:

Major:

1-What happens to repression of mRNA translation or RNA stability when the FFD motif of Lsm14 is deleted?

2-How does the C-terminus of 4E-T, which interacts with Lsm14, contribute to mRNA stability or translational repression?

Tethered function assays are well within the expertise of these authors and could address both points above.

Minor:

3-DDX6 makes multiple contacts with the aforementioned repressive mRNP as it interacts with Lsm14 and 4E-T. It would be helpful if the authors discussed if interactions occur simultaneously or sequentially in a common pathway to promote repression and decay.

1st Revision - authors' response

17th December 2017

We wish to thank the reviewers for their thoughtful and constructive comments on our manuscript. In response to the Reviewers' recommendations and requests, we have performed additional experiments, provided additional novel functional data, and revised the text in light of their suggestions, as detailed below.

Our response to the specific comments of the Reviewers is detailed below.

We trust that we have responded satisfactorily to the criticisms and that the manuscript is now acceptable for publication in the EMBO Journal.

Reviewer #1

Overall, this study nicely illustrates how LSM14 interacts with DDX6 and 4E-T in the assembly of the mRNA silencing complexes and broadens our knowledge in the field of mRNA decay and translational repression.

We appreciate the Reviewer's positive response to our manuscript.

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This typo has now been corrected in the revised manuscript.

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The crystallographic Table has been revised. Numerical values for statistics commonly expressed as percentages are now consistently quoted to three significant figures (single decimal). $I/\sigma I$ and B-factors are likewise quoted to a single decimal. Wavelengths are quoted to five decimal figures due to the precision with which the wavelength was set during data collection. Unit cell edges and resolution limits are quoted to the nearest 0.01 Å, as reported by the data processing software (XDS) and recorded in the mtz files that have been submitted to the PDB.

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We have attempted to crystallize a complex of the central region of 4E-T with the LSM14 N-terminal LSM domain, but have not been successful so far. Nevertheless, we believe that the central region of 4E-T interacts with LSM14 in a manner similar to that of the 4E-T C-terminus. This is based on the observations that (i) the middle and C-terminal regions contain conserved hydrophobic residues that can be partially aligned (Fig EV1A), (ii) both the 4E-T central and C-terminal regions directly bind to the LSM14 N-terminal LSM domain (Nishimura et al., 2015) and (iii) our LSM14 N-terminal domain mutant, which does not interact with the 4E-T C-terminus, also does not co-immunoprecipitate endogenous full-length 4E-T. Collectively, these results suggest that both the middle and C-terminal regions of 4E-T interact with the same binding site in LSM14LSM, which implies that the two motifs in 4E-T have redundant functions and/or that they serve to ensure binding LSM14 with a 1:2 stoichiometry. We now include these interpretations in the Discussion section.

Reviewer 2

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In response to Reviewer’s request, we have now added more extensive comparisons of the presented structures with already available structural data. In the case of the LSM domain of LSM14 we note that despite an overall high structural similarity between the LSM domains of LSM14 and EDC3 and canonical Sm domain proteins such as Smd3 or LSM1-7, there are critical differences. LSM14 and EDC3 lack a N-terminal helix, which contributes to multimerization in canonical LSM proteins. These features may explain the observations that LSM14 and EDC3 do not multimerize, presumably because loss of oligomerization has accompanied the evolution of interaction surfaces for their respective interaction partners. These points are now discussed on p. 6.

Furthermore, comparison of our DDX6C-LSM14FDF-TFG structure with structures of DDX6 in complex with EDC3, 4E-T and Pat1 (Ozgun et al, 2015; Sharif et al, 2013; Tritschler et al, 2009) reveal that all four DDX6C-binding proteins use similar, conserved sequence motifs to occupy the same binding sites on DDX6, implying that their binding is mutually exclusive (Fig EV3B). However, in contrast to the other DDX6-interacting proteins (EDC3, 4E-T and Pat1) the DDX6 interacting motifs in LSM14 are noncontiguous and adopt an inverted arrangement. Although this results in weaker binding (see response to point 3), the arrangement is required to mediate additional interactions with EDC4 through the intervening FFD motif. These structural comparisons of the various DDX6C-binding motifs are now extensively discussed in the Results section (p. 13) and in the Discussion (p. 16).

2. Page 10: "P-body formation was disrupted in both cases, suggesting that the interaction between LSM14 and DDX6 is required for de novo P-body formation (Fig 5C)." I don't agree with this conclusion, to assess if P-bodies are still intact one would need to observe the localization of Dcp2 in addition. The fact that LSM14 and DDX6 are no longer localizing to foci does not mean that processing bodies are gone. It is likely that processing bodies that lack those two proteins are formed.

We appreciate the Reviewer's concern but note that the originally submitted manuscript already included immunofluorescence data as a supplemental figure showing localization of DCP1, which is a *bona fide* P-body marker (Kedersha and Anderson, 2007). These data (now presented as Fig EV3A) clearly show that DCP1 foci are present in cells expressing wild-type LSM14, but are disrupted when cells were complemented with LSM14 mutants that cannot bind DDX6. We have clarified the text in the revised manuscript to make sure that this supplemental figure is explicitly referred to.

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In order to obtain insights in the dynamic network of interactions impinging upon DDX6, we determined the affinities of LSM14, EDC3, 4E-T and PATL1 for DDX6 quantitatively using ITC (Table2, Fig EV1F and EV4). Analysis of the binding isotherms shows that the interaction of LSM14 with DDX6 occurs with a K_d of 1.62 μM , about 5-fold weaker compared to PATL1, EDC3 and 4E-T ($K_d \sim 0.23\text{--}0.41 \mu\text{M}$). We hypothesize that this decreased affinity reflects the unique mode of interaction that is employed by LSM14 to bind DDX6. Furthermore, the inverted arrangement of the DDX6 interacting motifs in LSM14 could assist in presenting its FFD motif in a way that facilitates its association with EDC4. Nevertheless, given that the affinities of all interaction motifs of the DDX6 partners fall within an order of magnitude of one another, it is likely that they can all compete with each other, given that the binding of a specific interacting partner to DDX6 will also be dependent on the relative abundance of each factor. Quantitative proteomic studies have estimated the cellular concentration of DDX6 in HeLa cells to be ~ 550 nM, approximately equal to the combined concentrations of LSM14 (LSM14A: 235 nM and LSM14B: 94 nM), 4E-T (10 nM), EDC3 (93 nM) and PATL1 (100 nM) (Hein et al, 2015). This suggests that in a cellular context, DDX6 is thus sufficiently abundant to accommodate all its interaction partners. Additionally, direct interactions with DDX6 will also be likely modulated by the presence of other, indirect interactions. For example, 4ET, which directly interacts with DDX6, also recruits LSM14, which in turn would compete with 4E-T for binding to DDX6. Moreover, the interactions are almost certainly influenced by the propensity DDX6 and many of its interacting partners to undergo phase separation and liquid droplet formation, which in turn may have an effect on the local concentration. As a result, it is not clear whether one can infer a specific sequence of binding events that would underpin DDX6-dependent translational repression and decay.

We additionally quantified the binding of the LSM14LSM domain for the C-terminal region of 4E-T, showing that the equilibrium dissociation constant for the LSM14LSM–4E-TC complex is $\sim 0.3 \mu\text{M}$. In contrast, the binding of the W985A LSM14LSM protein to 4E-TC was not detectable.

Reviewer 3

1. What happens to repression of mRNA translation or RNA stability when the FFD motif of Lsm14 is deleted?

We have used a IN-BoxB tethering assay to test the contributions of the FFD motif to reporter mRNA stability. We observe that deleting the FFD motif from LSM14 did not impact its repressive capacity in tethering assays (data not shown). This is not completely unexpected, as our proteomics data indicate that LSM14 interacts with a multiple protein partners that additionally interact with each other independently of LSM14. Thus, abolishing the LSM14-EDC4 interaction may not be enough to impact silencing if LSM14 is still interacting with additional binding partners, including 4E-T and DDX6. Nevertheless, our data clearly demonstrate that the FFD motif plays an important role in LSM14 for promoting its interactions with other mRNP repressive factors in higher-order RNP complexes (P-bodies) in cells.

2. How does the C-terminus of 4E-T, which interacts with LSM14, contribute to mRNA stability of translational repression?

We now include new functional data using tethering assays, where we tether the LSM14 N-terminal LSM domain to a reporter mRNA (Fig 2F). Tethering INHA-tagged wild-type LSM domain repressed our Renilla luciferase (RL) 5BoxB reporter ~ 3 -fold when compared to tethering a control protein (LacZ). This is in keeping with a previous study that tethered the *Xenopus* ortholog of LSM14 to a reporter in oocytes, and found that the repressive capacity of LSM14 resides in its N-terminal half (Tanaka et al., 2006). In contrast, tethering our mutant LSM domain, which does not interact with 4E-T, does not efficiently silence our reporter (~ 1.2 -fold). These data therefore suggest that LSM14 requires 4E-T contact in order to efficiently repress gene expression of a target mRNA. Moreover, these results further support our conclusion that both the middle and C-terminal motifs in 4E-T interact with the LSM14 LSM domain via a similar binding mechanism.

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2nd Revision - authors' response

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