SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Arkadia/RNF111 is a SUMO-targeted ubiquitin ligase with preference for substrates marked with SUMO1-capped SUMO2/3 chain

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Localization of STUbLs and model substrates in yeast. *S. cerevisiae cells* were transformed with plasmids expressing the indicated GFP fusion proteins and analyzed by fluorescence and differential interference contrast (DIC) microscopy after staining with 4',6-diamidino-2-phenylindole (DAPI). Because of relatively low abundance, Arkadia-GFP was expressed in *uba1-ts26* cells, which are deficient in ubiquitin-dependent proteolysis due to a defect in ubiquitin-activating enzyme. The other constructs were expressed in wild-type cells. Scale bar, 10 µm.



Supplementary figure 2. Arkadia promotes ubiquitylation and degradation of substrates with SUMO1-capped SUMO2 chains by the proteasome. (Legend on next page).

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FLAG pulldown

Arkadia promotes ubiquitylation and degradation of substrates with SUMO1capped SUMO2 chains by the proteasome. a Pulse chase analysis of cells coexpressing the indicated GFP substrate fused to a linear SUMO1- capped 3xSUMO2 chain either with an empty vector or with Arkadia. Two exponential cultures were split. One half was used to perform the pulse chase experiment in the absence, and the other half in the presence of 20 µM MG132. An arrow indicates the position of the unmodified GFP substrate. An arrowhead points to an accumulation of high-molecular weight, likely ubiquitylated forms of the substrate detectable in higher amounts upon co-expression of Arkadia and after MG132 treatment. Below the autoradiography, the results from a phosphor-Imager quantification of the signals are plotted. **b** Analysis of levels of SUMO1-3xSUMO2-GFP substrate either in wild-type yeast cells or its $s/x5\Delta$ uls1 Δ mutant derivative lacking the two known yeast ULS/STUbL enzymes by quantitative Western blotting was carried out as described in the legend to Figure 1C. Bars represent the means of data obtained with independent transformants (n=4). Standard deviations (SD) are indicated by error bars. Asterisks indicate significant differences with p-values < 0.1. Statistical significance was determined with unpaired and two-sided Student's t-tests. c Arkadia promotes the ubiquitylation of a GFP-substrate carrying a SUMO1-capped 3xSUMO2 chain. An N-terminally FLAG-tagged variant of the substrate was co-expressed either with an empty vector or with Arkadia. Extracts were prepared under denaturing conditions followed by a pulldown using an anti-FLAG antibody resin. Bound material was analysed by anti-HA Western blotting to detect the amount of recovered GFP-HA substrate, and by anti-ubiquitin blotting to detect ubiquitylated forms of the substrate. Note the much higher level of ubiquitylated forms of the substrate upon co-expression of Arkadia despite a lower steady state level of the substrate due to Arkadia-mediated degradation. Source data for **a**, **b**, and **c** are provided as a Source Data file.



Affinity of the Arkadia SUMO-binding domain to SUMO chains measured by isothermal titration calorimetry. **a** Calorimetric titration of the Arkadia SUMO-binding domain with trimeric linear SUMO chains. Shown are the profiles of typical titrations of the indicated trimeric SUMO chains into a solution of Arkadia₂₈₅₋₄₁₆ (upper panel, top to bottom) and the integrated data, normalized to the concentration of the SUMOs (lower panel). **b** Same as in **a**, but with the SOB* mutant version (see Figure 2a) of the Arkadia SUMO-binding domain. **c** Same as in **a** but with dimeric SUMO chains.



Supplementary Fig 4 SUMO chain type and length preference of Arkadia. (legend on next page)

SUMO chain type and length preference of Arkadia. a Quantitative Western blot analysis showing that Arkadia does not target a SUMO1-GFP test protein upon co-expression in yeast cells. **b** Quantitative Western blot analyses addressing the chain length preference of Arkadia with substrates carrying either homogeneous SUMO2 chains (left panel) or SUMO1-capped SUMO2 chains (right panel). Arkadia does not target a 2xSUMO2-GFP test protein upon expression in yeast cells, and only weakly targets a 3xSUMO2-GFP variant of the substrate (left panel). In contrast, significant targeting of SUMO1-SUMO2-GFP is already detectable, and targeting efficiency increases with chain length. Western blot analysis for **a** and **b** was carried out as described in the legend to Figure 1c. Bars represent the means of data obtained with independent transformants (n=4). Standard deviations (SD) are indicated by error bars. Two asterisks indicate significant differences with p-values < 0.01. Statistical significance was determined with unpaired and two-sided Student's t-tests. Source data for **a** and **b** are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Fig. 5 (legend on next page)

Arkadia has a preference for SUMO1-capped SUMO2 chains. Shown is a comparative analysis of targeting efficiency of GFP-HA substrates carrying distinct linear tetra-SUMO chains upon co-expression of Arkadia in *S. cerevisiae*. Levels of each indicated data point for the distinct 4xSUMO-HA substrates were determined with independent transformants by quantitative anti-HA Western blotting as described in the legend to Figure 1c. Data for 1xSUMO1-3xSUMO2-GFP-HA are the same as the ones shown in Figure 1c (n=9). For 4xSUMO1-GFP-HA and 1xSUMO2-3xSUMO1-GFP-HA, n=4. Bars represent the means of data obtained with independent transformants. Standard deviations (SD) are indicated by error bars. An asterisk indicates significant differences with p-values < 0.02, three asterisks: p < 0.001. Statistical significance was determined with unpaired and two-sided Student's t-tests. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary figure 6. Arkadia does not efficiently target oligomeric GFP-HA substrates presenting multiple mono-SUMO1 or mono-SUMO2 fusions or combinations of the two (Legend on next page).

Arkadia does not efficiently target oligomeric GFP-HA substrates presenting multiple mono-SUMO1 or mono-SUMO2 fusions or combinations of the two. a SUMO2 forms an oligomer when fused to a COMP domain. Shown is a native gel analysis of extracts from yeast cells expressing FLAG- SUMO2- GFP-HA either with (+) or without (-) a pentamerization domain of mouse cartilage oligomeric matrix protein COMP (C) inserted between GFP and HA. Positions of the monomeric and oligomeric forms are indicated. The 15S proteasome precursor complex with a mass of ~350 KDa is run on the same gel for size comparison ¹. **b** Anti- FLAG pulldown experiment with yeast extracts showing that F-SUMO2-GFP-C-HA co-precipitates and thus forms hetero-oligomeric complexes with SUMO1-GFP-C-HA. Cells were grown to log phase and protein extracts and FLAG immunoprecipitations were performed under native conditions. Input and eluate samples were analyzed by anti-HA and anti-Cdc11 western blotting. Endogenous Cdc11 protein levels were detected as a loading control. c Cells expressing either SUMO1-3xSUMO2-GFP-C-HA (left panel), FLAG- SUMO2-GFP-C-HA or SUMO1-GFP-C-HA, or the latter two together (right panel), were transformed either with an empty vector or a plasmid expressing Arkadia. Cells were grown to log phase and protein crude extracts were prepared and analysed by quantitative western blotting. Bars represent the means of data obtained with independent transformants (n=3 or 4). Standard deviations (SD) are indicated by error bars. Source data for **a**, **b**, and **c** are provided as a Source Data file.



Arkadia's SIM1, SIM2 and SOB motifs all contribute to the targeting of a substrate tagged with a dimeric SUMO1-SUMO2 chain. Shown is comparative analysis of targeting efficiencies of GFP-HA substrate carrying a dimeric SUMO1-SUMO2 chain by wild-type Arkadia, its SOB (SOB*), or SIM (SIM1* or SIM2*) mutant derivatives upon their co-expression in yeast cells. SOB* and SIM* mutations were the same as shown in Fig. 2 and Fig. 3, respectively. Levels of the SUMO1-SUMO2-GFP-HA substrate were determined by quantitative anti-HA Western blotting as described in the legend to Figure 1c. Bars represent the means of data obtained with independent transformants (n=4). Standard deviations (SD) are indicated by error bars. An asterisk indicates significant differences with p-values < 0.1, two asteriks differences with p-values < 0.01. Statistical significance was determined with unpaired and two-sided Student's t-tests. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

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Supplementary Fig. 8. Knockdown experiments show that endogenous Arkadia contributes to the regulation of PML nuclear bodies. (Legend on the following page).

Knockdown experiments show that endogenous Arkadia contributes to the regulation of PML nuclear bodies. a HaCaT cells were co-transfected with plasmids expressing either FLAG-GFP, wild-type (wt) mouse FLAG-Arkadia and either a control siRNA or an siRNA directed against endogenous human Arkadia. Cells were fixed and co-stained using mouse anti-FLAG and rabbit anti-PML antibodies. Nuclei of transfected cells positive for FLAG staining are highlighted by dashed lines. Scale bar, 10 μ m. b Quantitative analyses of the number of PML-NBs in at least 20 cells from each of the samples shown in **a** (upper part), or **c** from at least 55 cells each of identically treated samples of HeLa cells (no images shown). Bars represent the means. Standard deviations (SD) are indicated by error bars. Three asterisks indicate significant differences with p-values < 0.001 Statistical significance was determined with unpaired and two-sided Student's t-tests. Source data for **b** and **c** are provided as a Source Data file.



Expression of Arkadia reduces the levels of SUMO1-capped SUMO2 conjugates in human 293T cells in a RING- and SOB-dependent manner. Stable transfectants expressing 8xHis-SUMO1 and as a cleavable linear fusion with either V5-Arkadia (wt), or its RING (RING*) or SOB (SOB*) mutants, or no Arkadia (samples each), were lysed under denaturing conditions (8 M urea). Extracts samples (Input) were analysed with anti-SUMO2, anti-V5, and anti-tubulin antibodies (left panels). An arrowhead marks the position of V5-Arkadia-RING*, which is detected in higher amounts than its wild-type or SOB* counterparts indicating that this ligases mediates its own downregulation. Extracts were subjected to Ni-NTA pulldown. Eluted proteins were analyzed with SUMO2, SUMO1, and V5 antibodies (right panels). Note that expression as a cleavable fusion to Arkadia reduces the expression level of 8xHis-SUMO1 as compared to a cell line just expressing mature 8His-SUMO1 likely due to differences in mRNA stability or translation. M, size marker. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



SUMO1-E67A mutation does not interfere with recognition by Arkadia. Analysis of levels of SUMO1-3xSUMO2-GFP substrate either with wild-type SUMO1 (wt) or its E67A mutant version in wild-type yeast cells transformed either with empty vector (-) or a plasmid expressing Arkadia (+). Proteins from four independent transformants were analysed by western blotting with anti-HA and Cdc11 antibodies (loading control). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Plasmid Name	Description	vector
pAS12	P _{CUP1} -FLAG-6xHis-1xSUMO1-GFP-2xHA-T _{CYC1}	YCplac22 ² (<i>CEN/TRP1</i>)
pAS17	P _{CUP1} -FLAG-6xHis-2xSUMO2-GFP-2xHA-T _{CYC1}	YCplac22
pAS18	P _{CUP1} -FLAG-6xHis-3xSUMO2-GFP-2xHA-T _{CYC1}	YCplac22
pAS19	P _{CUP1} -FLAG-6xHis-4xSUMO2-GFP-2xHA-T _{CYC1}	YCplac22
pAS20	P _{CUP1} -FLAG-6xHis-1xSUMO1-1xSUMO2-GFP- 2xHA-T _{CYC1}	YCplac22
pAS21	P _{CUP1} -FLAG-6xHis-1xSUMO1-2xSUMO2-GFP- 2xHA-T _{CYC1}	YCplac22
pAS22	P _{CUP1} -FLAG-6xHis-1xSUMO1-3xSUMO2-GFP- 2xHA-T _{CYC1}	YCplac22
pAS69	P _{CUP1} -3xSUMO2-GFP-2xHA- T _{CYC1}	YCplac22
pAS73	P _{CUP1} -1xSUMO1-3xSUMO2-GFP-2xHA-T _{CYC1}	YCplac22
pAS137	P _{CUP1} -1xSUMO2(D71H)- 2xSUMO2-GFP-2xHA- T _{CYC1}	YCplac22
pAS141	P _{CUP1} -1xSUMO1(H75D)- 3xSUMO2-GFP-2xHA- T _{CYC1}	YCplac22
pKG87 ³	P _{CUP1} -RNF4-T _{CYC1}	YEplac181 ² (2μ/LEU2)
pAS23	P _{CUP1} -Arkadia-T _{CYC1}	YEplac181
pAS40	P _{CUP1} -Arkadia(SIM1*)-T _{CYC1}	YEplac181
pAS41	P _{CUP1} -Arkadia(SIM2*)-T _{CYC1}	YEplac181
pAS153	P _{CUP1} -Arkadia(SOB*)-T _{CYC1}	YEplac181
pAS160	P _{CUP1} -4xSUMO1-2xHA-T _{CYC1}	YCplac22
pAS162	P _{CUP1} -1xSUMO2-3xSUMO1-GFP-2xHA-T _{CYC1}	YCplac22
pJD662	P _{CUP1} -FLAG-6xHis-1xSUMO2- Pent _{COMP} -GFP- 2xHA-T _{CYC1}	YCplac22
pJD664	P _{CUP1} -FLAG-6xHis-1xSUMO1-3xSUMO2-Pent _{COMP} - GFP-2xHA-T _{CYC1}	YCplac22
pJD665	P _{CUP1} -1xSUMO1-Pent _{COMP} -GFP-2xHA-T _{CYC1}	YCplac33 ² (CEN/URA3)
pJD667	PCUP1-RNF4-GFP-TCYC1	YEplac181

Supplementary Table 1: Plasmids used in this study

pJD668	P _{CUP1} -Arkadia-GFP-T _{CYC1}	YEplac181
pGEX-TN-mArkadia(285-416)	P _{tac} -GST-TEV-Arkadia(M.m.)(285-416)	pGEX-4T-2; TEV after of thrombin
pGEX-TN-mArkadia(285-416) -SOB*	P _{tac} - GST-TEV-TN-Arkadia(M.m.)(285-416) -SOB*	pGEX-4T-2; TEV after of thrombin
pGEX-4T-2-2xSUMO2(ΔN11) ⁴	P_{tac} -GST-2xSUMO2(Δ N11)	pGEX-4T-2 GE Healthcare
pGEX-4T-2-3xSUMO2(Δ N11) ⁴	P_{tac} -GST-3xSUMO2(Δ N11)	pGEX-4T-2 (Sigma)
pGEX-TN-1xSUMO1(ΔN15)- 1xSUMO2(ΔN11)	P _{tac} -GST-1xSUMO1(ΔN15)-1xSUMO2(ΔN11)	pGEX-4T-2; TEV instead of thrombin
pGEX-TN-1xSUMO1(ΔN15)- 2xSUMO2(ΔN11)	P _{tac} -GST-1xSUMO1(ΔN15)-2xSUMO2(ΔN11)	pGEX-4T-2; TEV instead of thrombin
pEGFP-C1-FLAG	P _{CMV} -EGFP-FLAG	pEGFP-C1 (Clontech)
pCDEF3-FLAG-mRNF111 ⁵ provided by Masao Saitoh	P _{CMV} -FLAG-Arkadia (M.m.),	pCDNA3
pCDNA-HA-hRNF111	pCDNA4-HA-hRNF111 (wt)	<i>pCDNA4/TO</i> (Thermo Fisher Scientific)
pCDNA-HA-hRNF111	pCDNA4-HA-hRNF111-SOB*	pCDNA4/TO
pcDNA5-8His-SUMO1	pcDNA5/FRT/TO-8His-SUMO-P2AV5	pcDNA5/FRT/TO (Thermo Fisher Scientific)
pcDNA5-8His-SUMO1- V5-Arkadia-wt	pcDNA5/FRT/TO-8His-SUMO-P2AV5-hArkadia wt	pcDNA5/FRT/TO
pcDNA5-8His-SUMO1- V5-Arkadia-RING*	pcDNA5/FRT/TO-8His-SUMO-P2AV5-hArkadia RING*	pcDNA5/FRT/TO
pcDNA5-8His-SUMO1- V5-Arkadia-SOB*	pcDNA5/FRT/TO-8His-SUMO-P2AV5-hArkadia SOB*	pcDNA5/FRT/TO

Name	Sequence 5' – 3'	Description
AS3856	AACTGCAGATGAGTAAAGGAGAAGAACTTTTCAC	FP Pstl GFP
JD1942	CGCGGTACCTTTGTATAGTTCATCCATGCCATG	RP Kpnl GFP
JD168	CGCGGTACCTGGGAATGAGTAAAGGAGAAGAAC	FP KpnI GFP
JD167	CGCTCTAGATTTATTTGTATAGTTCATC	RP Xbal GFP
JD4762	CGC <u>GGATCC</u> ATGACAAGAaAGCGTCGTGGTGGAGC	FP BamHI RNF4
JD4763	CGC <u>GGTACC</u> CTATATAAATGGGGTGATACCGTTTGTGGTTGATCTTTTTCC	RP Kpnl RNF4
AS3748	CGC <u>GGTACC</u> CACTTTCACTTGGCAGCTGGGCCTC	RP KpnI hArkadia
AS3747	GCCAGTGGACCTGAGCAACAGTGG	FP Arkadia (internal)
JD3814	GAAGACACAGAGGAAAAATGTACGATATCTTTGTCTATTTTAGAGGAAGG	FP hArkadia (RING*)
JD3815	CCTTCCTCTAAAATAGACAAAGATATCGTACATTTTTCCTCTGTGTCTTC	RP hArkadia (RING*)
JD3857	GCG <u>GGATCC</u> ATGCATCACCATCACGCCATGGCCGACGAAAAGCCCAAGGAAGG	FP BamHI 6xHis-SUMO2
JD3858	CGCG <u>CTGCAG</u> TCCCGTCTGCTGTTGGAACACATCAA	RP Pstl SUMO2
JD3859	CGCG <u>ATGCAT</u> ACTGAGAACAACGATCATATTAATTTG	FP Nsil SUMO2
JD3860	GCG <u>GGATCC</u> ATGCATCACCATCACGCCATGTCTGACCAGGAGGCAAAACCTTC	FP BamHI 6xHis-SUMO1
JD3861	CGCG <u>CTGCAG</u> CCCCGTTTGTTCCTGATAAACTTCAA	RP SUMO1 Pstl
AS3934	GAAGTATTGATGAAGCGGCCGCGGTGATAGAAGCTTCCTCCACTCCCC	FP hArkadia (SIM1*)
AS3935	GCTTCTATCACCGCGGCCGCTTCATCAATACTTCCTGAGGGAACAGCTCC	RP hArkadia (SIM1*)
AS3936	GCAGCAGAAGTTGCCGCGGCGACCGTTGATGAAGATGAACCTACTGTAG	FP hArkadia (SIM2*)
AS3937	CTTCCATCAACGGTCGCCGCGGCAACTTCTGCTGCATTCTGCCTC	RP hArkadia (SIM2*)
AS4411	CAACTGACAGTGAAGCGGAGATTGCAACAGTTGGAGAAAGCTATCGGTCTCG	FP hArkadia (SOB*)
AS4412	CGAGACCGATAGCTTTCTCCAACTGTTGCAATCTCCGCTTCACTGTCAGTTG	RP hArkadia (SOB*)
ML422	GCGGAGCTCCATTACCGACATTTGGGCG	FP Sacl P _{CUP1}
AS4009	CG <u>GGATCC</u> AGAATTCGTTACAGTTTGTTTTCTTAA	RP BamHI P _{CUP1}
AS4030	CG <u>GGATCC</u> ATGTCTGACCAGGAGGCAAAACCTTCAACTGAGG	FP BamHI SUMO1
AS4031	CG <u>GGATCC</u> ATGGCCGACGAAAAGCCCAAGGAAGGAGTC	FP BamHI-SUMO2
AS4218	GGGCAACCAATCAATGAAACAC ACACACCTGCACAGTTGGAAATGG	FP (D71H) SUMO2
AS4219	CCATTTCCAACTGTGCAGGTGTGTGTGTGTTTCATTGATTG	RP (D71H) SUMO2
AS4220	TCACTCAGGTTTCTCTTTGCGGGTCAGAGAATTGCTGATAA	FP (E67A) SUMO1
AS4221	TTATCAGCAATTCTCTGACCCGCAAAGAGAAACCTGAGTGA	RP (E67A) SUMO1
AS4325	CAGAGAATTGCTGATAATGATACTCCAAAAGAACTGGG	FP (H75D) SUMO1
AS4326	CCCAGTTCTTTTGGAGTATCATTATCAGCAATTCTCTG	RP (H75D) SUMO1
JD4741	CGC <u>GGTACC</u> AGG <u>CCATGG</u> ATTTAGCTCCACAAATGCTTCGAGAACTCCAGGAGACTA	FP Kpnl-Ncol COMP
JD4742	CGC <u>GGTACC</u> CGCAAGCGTCACATTCCATCACC	RP Kpnl COMP
GP0746	AAGGAAAAAA <u>GCGGCCGC</u> ATGTCTCAATGGACTCCTGAATATAAGGAGCTCTACACC	FP Notl hArkadia
GP0747	CCG <u>CTCGAG</u> TCAACTTTCACTTGGCAGCTGGGCCTCAATGTC	RP Xhol hArkadia
GP0629	CG <u>GGATCC</u> AAGAAGGAAGGTGAATATATTAAACTCAAAGTCATTGGAC	FP BamHI ΔN15-SUMO1
GP0630	GAAGATCTACCCCCGTTTGTTCCTGATAAACTTCAATCACATC	RP BgIII SUMO1
GP0625	CGGGATCCACTGAGAACAACGATCATATTAATTTGAAGGTGGCG	FP BamHI ΔN11-SUMO2
GP0626	GAAGATCTACCTCCCGTCTGCTGTTGGAACACATC	RP BgIII SUMO2
GP0921	CG <u>GGATCC</u> AGCAACCCCGCTGCTCCC	FP BamHI mArkadia (int.)
GP0922	GGAATTCGGTAGATGGATTTGAATTGTTAATGGAAGC	RP EcoRI mArkadia (int.)
GP1001	CG <u>GGATCC</u> ATGTCTCAATGGACTCCTGAATTTAACGAGC	FP BamHI mArkadia
GP1007	CCTCAACTGACAGTGAAGCGGAGATTGCTACAGTTGGAGAAAGC	FP mArkadia SOB*
GP1008	GCTTTCTCCAACTGTAGCAATCTCCGCTTCACTGTCAGTTGAGG	RP mArkadia SOB*
JD4846	CGCGCTTAAGACTAAGAGGTGGTATGCATCACCATCACCATCACCATC ACGCCATGTC	FP 8His-SUMO1
NG2102	TTTT <u>CTCGAG</u> ATGTCTCAATGGACTCCTGAATATAACGAGCTCTACACCTTAAAAGTGGA	FP XhoI hArkadia
NG2103	TTTTTTT <u>GCGGCCGC</u> TCAACTTTCACTTGGCAGCTGGGCCT	RP Notl hArkadia
NG2104	TTTTTT <u>GCTAGC</u> ACCATGCATCACCAC	FP Nhel 8His
NG2105	TTTT <u>CTCGAG</u> GGTGCTGTCCAGGCCCAGCAGTGGGTTAGGGATGGGCTTGCCTGCACCCCC	RP Xhol SUMO1-V5

Supplementary Table 2: Oligonucleotides used in this study

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