

An oligomeric state-dependent switch in the ER enzyme FICD regulates AMPylation and deAMPylation of BiP

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1st Editorial Decision

8th May 2019

Thank you for submitting your manuscript on FCID regulation of BiP AMPylation for consideration by The EMBO Journal. We have now received three referee reports on your study, which are included below for your information.

As you will see, the reviewers are overall positive, but also raise some concerns that would need to be addressed in a revised manuscript. Referee #2 in particular is not convinced that the role of ATP has been decisively proven and raises several experimental points.

Should you be able to adequately address the key concerns then we would be happy to consider this study further for publication. I would therefore like to invite you to prepare and submit a revised manuscript.

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In response to the reviewer's legitimate critique we now present (in Figure 6F-G) an orthogonal assay for measuring changes in the oligomeric-state of FICD in vitro. To achieve this we have introduced a cysteine residue onto the surface of FICD that once decorated with a fluorophore gives rise to a FRET probe sensitive to FICD's oligomeric state. The fluorescent signal measured under conditions in which the probe is fully engaged in dimerisation with other labelled FICD molecules (high FRET) or other unlabelled FICD molecules (no FRET) provided an optical readout for the monomer-dimer equilibrium and enabled measurement of the effect of ATP/ADP on this parameter at steady-state. The new findings (derived by an assay that is orthogonal to the BLI measurements of the effect of nucleotide on the dissociation kinetics of the FICD dimer) substantiates the conclusion that an increasing ADP/ATP ratio favours FICD dimerisation by affecting the monomer-dimer equilibrium at steady state.

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We agree that measurement of changes in ER luminal ATP/ADP ratio in cells exposed to diverse stress conditions is an important goal for the future and we are monitoring the state of development of probes suited for such measurements closely. To our knowledge, at present such a ratiometric probe (PercevalHR) has only been developed for the cytosol (Tantama *et al*, 2013). However, we believe that addressing this issue with the rigor and thoroughness it deserves is an endeavour that lies outside the scope of this paper.

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In Figure 5 we illustrate the distinct differences in ATP binding mode observed, crystallographically, between monomeric and dimeric FICD. We therefore considered analysis of the effect of nucleotide at a more holistic level to be a logical experimental follow-up (Figure 6). The resulting differential effect of nucleotide on monomeric vs dimeric FICD pre-AMPylation complex kinetics, as pointed out by the reviewer, not only demonstrates the allostery mediated by nucleotide (which was hitherto not apparent) but also suggests another means by which monomerisation may facilitate BiP-AMPylation; that is to say, monomerisation might sensitise FICD to an allosteric form of enzyme-(co)substrate destabilisation (which would increase the k_{cat} for AMPylation). The discussion of the revised version of the paper now emphasises that this is an unproven speculation, albeit one that we find plausible, informative and therefore worthy of sharing with our readers.

The reviewer's reasonable suggestion that we compare the binding of AMPylated and unmodified BiP to monomeric and dimeric FICD is addressed in Figure S2G. The reviewer's hypothesis was indeed confirmed by this experiment. In the revised manuscript these findings are now emphasised and referenced with respect to Figure 6A-B in *Results: ATP is an allosteric modulator of FICD: Paragraph 2:* "In contrast, with respect to pre-deAMPylation complex assembly, AMPylated BiP bound more tightly to dimeric FICD^{H363A} than to monomeric FICD^{L258D-H363A} (Figure S2G)." We believe these changes, made at the reviewer's behest, clarify this issue.

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The large amount of information communicated in this paper lends itself to many permutations in terms of the arrangement of the data panels. We believe that this is principally an editorial issue and that the order provided in the manuscript in its present form is well suited to its narrative. In deference to the reviewer, we have now quantified the BiP-AMP signals in Figure 1F to compare directly the signal generated by wild-type FICD and the monomeric mutants; based on the representative experiment shown and two additional independent repeats (see new bar graph next to gels in Figure 1F). However, it is worth noting that the time-dependent changes in the abundance of AMPylated BiP in these gel based experiments represent a composite of two antagonistic biochemical activities (AMPylation and deAMPylation) and thus their quantification is less informative than the more complete quantitative description of the wild-type and monomeric FICDs activities provided in Figure 2 (total activity, AMPylation and deAMPylation). Figure 2C compares AMP production – the most sensitive and quantitative readout for net enzymatic activity (AMPylation and deAMPylation). Figure 2A and S2A quantitatively address de-AMPylation activities at two different enzyme concentrations. Figure 2E compares directly the AMPylation activities of wild-type and monomeric FICD in presence of the trap. The same workflow was

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We agree with the reviewer on the value of atomic resolution information (i.e. a co-complex structure) of FICD interacting with BiP. This is the subject of ongoing work in our lab (and perhaps other labs too). We know that the AMPylation substrate is BiP:ATP (Preissler *et al*, 2015) and that the substrate for deAMPylation is BiP-AMP [which is locked in a BiP:ATP-like conformation (Preissler *et al*, 2017)], thus we anticipate that both BiP and BiP-AMP will interact with FICD in a lid open, NBD-SBD domain docked, Hsp70:ATP-like conformation. However, at this time we cannot provide a more detailed model of the BiP-FICD complex beyond this rough sketch and therefore cannot responsibly provide the visual schema of the reaction intermediates that the reviewer would like to see.

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2nd Editorial Decision

3rd July 2019

Thank you for submitting your revised manuscript for our consideration. It has now been seen once more by two of the original referees (see comments below). I am pleased to say that the referees overall find that their comments have been satisfactorily addressed. We will therefore be happy to accept the study for publication, after a final minor revision to address several editorial issues that are listed in detail below.

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2nd Revision - authors' response

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Point-by-point response to the reviewer's comments:

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	were used.

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