

## **DOCK5 Regulates Energy Balance and Hepatic Insulin Sensitivity by Targeting mTORC1 Signaling**

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### **Review - 1**

#### **Reviewers' comments:**

#### **Reviewer #1 (Remarks to the Author):**

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There are some concerns and suggestions:

Although Fig. 1 showed that DOCK5 regulates energy expenditure, it is unclear which mechanism(s) are involved in adipose tissue's functions. Please discuss it in the text.

In Fig. 3A, it seems unclear why hepatic G6Pase and PEPCK expression was not altered in HFD-fed WT mice, which was inconsistent with increased HGP in HFD-fed WT mice (Fig. 2F).

In Fig. 5, the experimental design has been described as "Raptor fl/fl male mice (8 weeks) were fed a HFD for 12 weeks and injected with AAV8-T-GFP 683 or AAV8-T-shDOCK5, or AAV8-T-shDOCK5 + AAV8-T-Cre via tail vein." It is unclear whether Raptor fl/fl mice should be Raptor fl/fl Cre<sup>+</sup> mice, but not Raptor fl/fl mice. How did authors perform AAV injection in HFD-fed mice? Authors should include a detailed protocol of these studies and also show the *in vivo* knockout of Raptor and knockdown of DOCK5 in the liver of mice.

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The storyline is supported with multiple *in vivo* experiments that strengthen the link between Dock5 and global metabolism. However, the mechanistic studies remain poorly developed such that we have no new or clear insights of how Dock5 signals.

#### Major comments

1. The authors describe some convincing changes in expression levels or activity levels of AKT/mTOR components when Dock5 is eliminated. However, this works remains largely descriptive and fails to address how Dock5 mediates these changes. The link between Dock5 and mTOR brings a novel interaction between Raptor and Dock5 (although this is in overexpression conditions and not further confirmed on endogenous proteins).

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Q3-Is the deletion of Dock5 leading to decreased Rac1 GTP-loading and this is what activates mTOR? Can Dock5 depleted cells be rescued with active Rac1 to decrease mTOR activity? This level of understanding is required to provide impactful mechanistic information.

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## Additional comments

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**Response:** To address this comment, UCP1 mRNA expression has been measured in the brown adipose tissue (BAT) of DOCK5<sup>-/-</sup> and WT mice, and as requested, this content has been discussed (See Page 7, 16 and Figure S2, Table S4 and Ref. 17).

*2. In Fig. 3A, it seems unclear why hepatic G6Pase and PEPCK expression was not altered in HFD-fed WT mice, which was inconsistent with increased HGP in HFD-fed WT mice (Fig. 2F).*

**Response:** Fig. 3A has been carefully examined. In HFD- and SD-fed WT mice, the expression of PEPCK and G6Pase mRNA has been compared. The levels of PEPCK and G6Pase protein have been re-measured by Western bolts and compared in HFD- and SD-fed WT mice (See Fig. 3A).

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**Response:** Raptor<sup>fl/fl</sup> mice have been corrected based on reviewer 1's comments and other publications (1-3) (Figure 5 and page 12). As requested, a detailed protocol for AAV injection in HFD-fed Raptor<sup>fl<sup>ox</sup>/fl<sup>ox</sup></sup> mice has been shown in Fig. 5a and further described in the Materials and Methods and Figure 5 legends (See page 23 and 39). In addition, knockout of Raptor and knockdown of DOCK5 in the liver of mice have been shown in Fig. 6c, and Fig. S8 (See Figure Legends for Fig. 6c).

## References

- 1) Cyclophilin D deficiency attenuates mitochondrial perturbation and ameliorates hepatic steatosis. *Hepatology*. 2018; 68: 62-77.
- 2) Hepatic CREBZF couples insulin to lipogenesis by inhibiting insig activity and contributes to hepatic steatosis in diet-induced insulin-resistant mice. *Hepatology*. 2018;68:1361- 1375.
- 3) Hepatocyte-Specific  $\beta$ -Catenin Deletion During Severe Liver Injury Provokes Cholangiocytes to Differentiate Into Hepatocytes. *Hepatology*. 2019; 69: 742-759.

4. *It is unclear whether other DOCK family has similar metabolic effects on diabetes and obesity.*

**Response:** As requested, the effect of DOCK2 on obesity has been added to the Introduction (See Page 5). In addition, we failed to find that other members of the DOCK family had similar metabolic effects on obesity and diabetes.

5. *It would be interesting to include more background and discuss how DOCK5 functions as Rho GTPase signaling to regulate mTORC1 kinase.*

**Response:** As requested, the levels of Rac GEF activity in MPHs from WT and DOCK5<sup>-/-</sup> mice have been examined (See page 14 and Figure 7a). Overexpression experiment with WT and GEF dead Dock5 has been performed *in vitro*, and the impact of WT and mutant DOCK5 on mTOR activity has also been observed. These contents have been further discussed (See page 19).

## Reviewer #2

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**Response:** As requested, we first examined the levels of Rac GEF activity in MPHs from WT and DOCK5<sup>-/-</sup> mice (See page 14 and Figure 7a and b). We have performed overexpression experiments with WT and GEF dead Dock5 and observed the impact of DOCK5 on mTOR activity in hepa1-6 cells. In addition, the corresponding literature was cited (See page 14, 19, 22, and 24, Figure 7b-c and References 3, 10, 45-46).

*Q2-There is a major report of a direct interaction between Dock5 and AKT (Ogawa K. et al. 2014 JEM) – while this reference is cited the authors don't discuss the link to AKT.*

**Response:** As requested, the content has been added to the Discussion (See Page 17 and 19).

*Q3-Is the deletion of Dock5 leading to decreased Rac1 GTP-loading and this is what activates mTOR? Can Dock5 depleted cells be rescued with active Rac1 to decrease mTOR activity?*

**Response:** We thank the reviewer for this excellent comment. Rac1 GTP-loading has been measured and added to the Results (See page 14, and Figure 7a). In addition, we used SEW2871( a Rac activator) treatment to activate Rac1 in MPHs from DOCK5<sup>-/-</sup> mice. The results showed that Rac1 activation in Dock5 depleted cells decreased mTOR activity (See page 14 and 24, and Figure 7b).

*Q4-. The interaction between Raptor and Dock5 needs to be further demonstrated. Can the authors map out the interreacting regions? Does abrogating the Dock5/Raptor interaction leads to increased mTOR signaling?*

**Response:** As requested, we further examined the interaction region between DOCK5 and Raptor. The localization of the DOCK5 binding site on Raptor was in the segment between amino acids 445–887 (See page 15, 20, 22, 25, and Figure 7e).

To investigate whether DOCK5 interacts with Raptor through its DOCK homology region 2 (DHR-2) domain, we coexpressed GEF-dead DOCK5 (mutant DHR-2) with a Myc-tagged fragment (445–887 aa) of Raptor in Hepa1-6 cells. Indeed, the interaction between DOCK5 and Raptor (445–887 aa) was eliminated by the DHR-2 mutation of DOCK5 (Figure 7f). In addition, mTOR phosphorylation was increased in GEF-dead DOCK5 treated cells (Figure 7c). Therefore, it seemed likely that the DHR-2 domain of DOCK5 binds to Raptor (445–887aa) to regulate mTOR activity, which is mediated by the inhibition of Rac1 activation. These contents have been added to the MS (See page 15 and 20, and Figure 7f).

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**Response:** As requested, reference (Laurin M. et al. PNAS 2008) has been added to the MS (See page 22 and Ref. 37).

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**Response:** According to the comments of two reviewers, the discussion section has been revised or rewritten (See Discussion). As requested, the mTOR- Akt pathway has been introduced (See page 5).

#### **Review - 2**

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All comments were addressed sufficiently.

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There is also a disconnect with Ref 16 showing that the interaction of Rac1 signalling with mTORc1 or mTORc2 complexes is independent of its GDP/GTP loading state. How do the author reconstitute their data in line with this major report on the similar topic?

As such, a clear mechanism whereby DOCK5 impacts on mTOR signalling remains to be demonstrated.

#### **Authors' point-by-point response-2**

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All comments were addressed sufficiently.

**Response:** Thanks.

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**Response:** In Figures 7B and C, mTOR/p-mTOR have been replaced by another WB bands from four repeated experiments, and the data have been quantified by a gray analysis (See Figure 7B and C, and Figure Legends). In addition, Figures 7B and C have been identified by two molecular biologists and are considered to be significantly different. Therefore, we believe that these results fully demonstrate the existence of DOCK5-Raptor interaction.

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**Response:** We thank Reviewer 2 for this comment. At present, whether Rac1 signal interacts with mTOR complex depends on its GDP / GTP loading state is still controversial (Cancer Res. 2011; 71: 3246; [Biochem Biophys Res Commun.](#) 2008; 368: 132; [Kobe J Med Sci.](#) 2018; 64: E200; Mol Cell. 2011; 42: 50). Therefore, we stated this content and cited these documents (See page 19, Ref 16, 35-37).

**Arbitrating advisor of EMBO Reports:**

This is paper provides convincing evidence that DOCK5 stimulates mTORC1 activity through RAC GTPase and that through a well characterised feedback pathway operating through IRS1 and Akt controls hepatic insulin sensitivity. The data is robust making use DOCK5 KO mice models coupled with state-of-the-art approaches to monitor signalling pathways and insulin sensitivity gene expression and gluconeogenic analysis {plus minus} high fat diet treatment. The experiments showing that knock-down of raptor inhibits DOCK5 from controlling gluconeogenic gene expression supports the model. The authors present reasonable evidence that GEF activity of DOCK5 and activation of Rac lie behind the ability of DOCK5 to activate mTORC1. The mechanism by which Rac1 might activate mTORC1 is currently unknown and would require further analysis to understand. I think this study is suitable for EMBO reports without this data and will pave the way for further work to understand how Rac may control mTORC1. The paper is clearly written. Figures are also clear and well presented. Overall I believe this study makes a useful addition to the literature.

1st Revision - authors' response

14 November 2019

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The authors performed all minor editorial changes.

2nd Editorial Decision

29 November 2019

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