Supplementary Information

Structure of E3 ligase E6AP with a proteasome-binding site provided by substrate receptor hRpn10

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Supplementary Figure 1. Rpn10 C-terminus is conserved in higher eukaryotes and does not interact with hRpn10 UIM region or ubiquitin. (a) Sequence alignment of Rpn10 homologues from *H. sapiens* (P55036), *M. musculus* (O35226), *E. europaeus* (A0A1S3A7R2), *M. lucifugus* (G1PRQ7), *D. melanogaster* (P55035), *V. nonalfalfae* (A0A3M9Y9K5), *S. pombe* (O94444), *S. cerevisiae* (P38886) by *ClustalW*. Secondary structure elements of Rpn10 VWA (grey box) and the ubiquitin-binding UIM1- and UIM2-containing region (blue box) are indicated by arrows (β -strand) and cylinders (α -helix).

Identical and chemically similar residues in the Rpn10 C-terminal region (red box) are highlighted against a yellow and gray background respectively. (**b**) A selected region from ¹H, ¹⁵N HSQC spectra is superimposed for 0.2 mM ¹⁵N-hRpn10¹⁹⁶⁻³⁷⁷ (black) and ¹⁵N-hRpn10¹⁹⁶⁻³⁰⁶ (orange). Dispersed signals from UIM1 and UIM2 residues are labeled in black. Some hRpn10 residues in the region spanning 305-377 that are labelled in Fig. 1c are also labeled with grey italicized font; assignment of these residues is described below. A signal from the linker region between the N-terminal His-tag and hRpn10¹⁹⁶⁻³⁰⁶ sequence is indicated with an asterisk. **c** Selected regions from ¹H, ¹⁵N HSQC spectra of 0.2 mM ¹⁵N-hRpn10¹⁹⁶⁻³⁷⁷ (black) and with 6-fold molar excess unlabeled ubiquitin (pink). Amino acids from UIM1 (top, A212, E215, L216), UIM2 (middle, E283, E284, S294), and C-terminal region (bottom, A313, E322, N348) are included and labeled.



Supplementary Figure 2. E6AP interacts with hRpn10³⁰⁵⁻³⁷⁷ through its AZUL domain with high affinity. (a) GST pull-down assay for GST-hRpn10³⁰⁵⁻³⁷⁷ (GST-hRpn10-C) incubation with 293T (lane 7-8) or HCT116 (lane 10-11) cell lysate as indicated. GST protein was used as a control (lane 6 and 9). 293T or HCT116 cell lysate, GST-hRpn10³⁰⁵⁻³⁷⁷, and GST protein were directly loaded in lane 1, 2, 4, and 5 as indicated. Each gel region of lane 6-11 above 51 kDa (boxed with orange or blue dashed lines) were cut into 12 bands, digested with trypsin, and analysed by mass spectrometry. The table shows the only identified hit for 293T or HCT116 lysate by searching MS/MS data against the Human Proteome database. The band corresponding to the molecular weight of E6AP is indicated with an asterisk. (b) Sequence alignment of human E6AP Isoform I (Q05086-2), II (Q05086-1), and III (Q05086-3) by *ClustalW*. Identical residues are highlighted against a gray background. AZUL domain residues are indicated by a green box. (c) Chemical shift

perturbation (CSP) plot for the data depicted in Figure 1C showing effects of 2-fold molar excess unlabeled E6AP AZUL addition to ¹⁵N-hRpn10³⁰⁵⁻³⁷⁷. In **c** and **e**, the orange line indicates one standard deviation above the average value and prolines are indicated with grey asterisks. (**d**) ¹H, ¹⁵N HSQC spectra of 0.2 mM ¹⁵N-E6AP AZUL (black) and with equimolar of unlabeled hRpn10³⁰⁵⁻³⁷⁷ (blue). E6AP AZUL signals that shift following addition of hRpn10³⁰⁵⁻³⁷⁷ are labeled. (**e**) CSP plot for the data depicted in **d** showing effects of equimolar unlabeled hRpn10³⁰⁵⁻³⁷⁷ addition to ¹⁵N-E6AP AZUL. (**f**) ITC analysis of hRpn10³⁰⁵⁻³⁷⁷ and AZUL interaction. 0.462 mM E6AP²⁴⁻⁸⁷ was injected into a calorimeter cell containing 0.0405 mM hRpn10³⁰⁵⁻³⁷⁷ and the data were fit to a one-site binding mode with the indicated thermodynamic parameters. (**g**) SPR analysis of GST-hRpn10³⁰⁵⁻³⁷⁷ and AZUL interaction. Experimental data (black) and the globally fit curve (red) for one SPR experiment is displayed (left) and a table included for kinetic and affinity analysis performed for three independent experiments (right). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 3. Reduced protein levels of E6AP and hRpn10 Δ RAZUL in Δ RAZUL cells are independent of proteasomal degradation. Lysates from HCT116 (-) and Δ RAZUL clone14 (+) cells treated with 10 µM MG132 or DMSO (control) for 4 hours were immunoprobed for hRpn10, E6AP, ubiquitin, and β -actin (as a loading control). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 4. RAZUL:AZUL interaction was observed in the intact proteasome by using 1D ¹³C-edited, ¹H NMR. (a) SDS-PAGE gel for NMR samples of Fig. 4f including ¹³C-labeled AZUL alone and mixed with equimolar unlabeled RAZUL or with human 26S proteasome. (b) ¹³C-edited, ¹H 1D NMR experiments acquired at 850 MHz, with a cryogenically cooled probe, and 25°C for free ¹³C-AZUL (black) or mixtures with equimolar unlabeled RAZUL (blue) or 26S proteasome (red). The concentration of each sample was 0.3 μ M and 200,000 scans were recorded for each experiment. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 5. Intermolecular NOEs reflect the interaction of hRpn10 RAZUL and E6AP AZUL. (a) Selected regions from a ¹³C-half-filtered NOESY experiment acquired with 0.5 mM ¹⁵N, ¹³C-labeled hRpn10 RAZUL mixed with unlabeled E6AP AZUL at 1.5-fold molar excess highlighting intermolecular NOE interactions. Labels inside (green) and outside (black) of the strips correspond to AZUL and RAZUL amino acids, respectively. (**b**) Selected regions from a ¹³C-half-filtered NOESY experiment acquired with 0.5 mM ¹⁵N, ¹³C-labeled E6AP AZUL mixed with unlabeled hRpn10 RAZUL at 1.5-fold molar excess highlighting intermolecular NOE interactions. Labels inside (blue) and outside (black) of the strips correspond to RAZUL and AZUL amino acids, respectively. Breakthrough diagonal peaks are labeled as 'D' in **a** and **b** and the experiments were each acquired with a 100 ms mixing time.



Supplementary Figure 6. RAZUL switches from a poorly ordered state to a welldefined helical state upon binding AZUL. (a) Superimposed structures of E6AP AZUL domain solved in its free state (grey, PDB 2KR1) and bound to RAZUL (green). Zn is displayed as a sphere in both structures. (b) The chemical shift index (CSI) value in part per million (ppm) for C α (top panel) and C' (bottom panel) atoms is displayed for RAZUL alone (blue) and bound to AZUL (green). The RAZUL secondary structure is displayed in a cartoon at the top. The C-terminal C' from K377 exhibits a large C' CSI value for both the free and AZUL-bound state, as observed previously for the Rpt6 C-terminal residue¹, due to lack of an isopeptide bond. (c) Selected ¹⁵N planes from a 3D ¹⁵N-dispersed

NOESY spectrum (120 ms mixing time) recorded on a sample of 0.5 mM ¹⁵N, ¹³C-labeled hRpn10 RAZUL mixed with 1.5-fold molar excess unlabeled AZUL. (d) Selected ¹⁵N planes from a 3D ¹⁵N-dispersed NOESY spectrum recorded identically to **c** on a sample of 0.5 mM ¹⁵N, ¹³C-labeled hRpn10¹⁹⁶⁻³⁷⁷. In **c** and **d**, NOEs between backbone amide protons are highlighted by red connecting lines. All spectra were acquired on an 850 MHz spectrometer equipped with a cryogenically cooled probe and at 25°C. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 7. ITC analysis of AZUL interaction with hRpn10³²²⁻³⁶⁶ without (a) and with Y326 phosphorylated (b). 0.110 mM E6AP²⁴⁻⁸⁷ was injected into a calorimeter cell containing 0.01 mM hRpn10³²²⁻³⁶⁶ without (a) or with Y326 phosphorylated (b) and the data were fit to a one-site binding mode with the indicated thermodynamic parameters.

Supplementary Table 1. Table of primers used in this study

Primer	Sequence
pGEX-6P-3/hRpn10 ³⁰⁵⁻³⁷⁷	CCG <mark>GAATTC</mark> CGCAGACATTGATGCCAGCTCAGCTATG
forward	GACAC
pGEX-6P-3/h Rpn10 ³⁰⁵⁻³⁷⁷	CCG <mark>CTCGAG</mark> TCACTTCTTGTCTTCCTCCTTCTTGTCCT
reverse	TCTTGCCG
pET28a(+)/E6AP ²⁴⁻⁸⁷	CGGAATTC <mark>CATATG</mark> AAGCGAGCAGCTGCAAAGCATC
forward	
pET28a(+)/E6AP ²⁴⁻⁸⁷	CCG <mark>GAGCTC</mark> TCAGGGATGAGGATCACAGAGTTTTGC
reverse	
pET14b/hRpn10 ³⁰⁵⁻³⁷⁷	GGAATTCCATATGCTGGGTCTTGGTGCCAGTGACTTTG
forward	AATTTGG
pET14b/hRpn10 ³⁰⁵⁻³⁷⁷	CCG <mark>GAATTC</mark> TCACTTCTTGTCTTCCTCCTTCTTGTCCTT
reverse	CTTGCC
pcDNA3.1(+)-N-	CGGGGTACCTCAGCAGACATTGATGCCAGCTCAGCTA
Myc/hRpn10 ³⁰⁵⁻³⁷⁷	TG GACAC
forward	
pcDNA3.1(+)-N-	CCG <mark>CTCGAG</mark> TCACTTCTTGTCTTCCTCCTTCTTGTCCT
Myc/hRpn10 ³⁰⁵⁻³⁷⁷	TCTTGCCG
reverse	
pcDNA3.1(+)-N-	
Myc/hRpn10 ¹⁻³⁶⁴	GGCCTCCCAGGCCACC <mark>TGA</mark> GACGGCAAGAAGGAC
mutagenesis forward	
pcDNA3.1(+)-N-	
Myc/hRpn10 ¹⁻³⁶⁴	GTCCTTCTTGCCGTCTCAGGTGGCCTGGGAGGCC
mutagenesis reverse	
pcDNA3.1(+)-N-	GCCAAGGAGGAGGATGATTTTGACGTGATGCAGGACC
Myc/hRpn10 Y326F	CCGAG
mutagenesis forward	
pcDNA3.1(+)-N-	CTCGGGGTCCTGCATCACGTCAAAATCATCCTCCTCCT
Myc/hRpn10 Y326F	TGGC
mutagenesis reverse	
GT-1_F	TACTGTGGCAGAGTAGTGCA
GT-1_R	AGAGAACTCAACAAGGAAGG
GT-2_F	GGTACTGTGGCAGAGTAGTG
GT-2_R	AGACAGGTGGAAACAGAGAC
Primer 394-Puromycin (R)	GCGCGTGAGGAAGAGTTCTTG

Cyan, yellow, red, green and grey highlight EcoRI, Xhol, Ndel, SacI and KpnI enzyme restriction sites respectively. Pink indicates the site of mutation in mutagenesis primers. 'GT' abbreviation is for genotyping primers used to validate ∆RAZUL clones 13 and 14.

Supplementary Table 2. sgRNA target site and oligonucleotides

Target Site	AGCAGGGCATCGTCTGAGTCTGG	TGCTAAGGTAGCAATGCTAATGG
Forward Oligo	CACCGAGCAGGGCATCGTCTGAGTC	CACCGTGCTAAGGTAGCAATGCTAA
Reverse Oligo	AAACGACTCAGACGATGCCCTGCTC	TTAGCATTGCTACCTTAGCAC

Supplementary Reference

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