

## **SIRT5 impairs aggregation and activation of the signaling adaptor MAVS through catalyzing lysine desuccinylation**

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As you can see, the referees find the analysis interesting and suitable for consideration here. They raise a number of constructive and relevant concerns that I would like to ask you to address in a revised version. I should add that it is EMBO Journal policy to allow only a single major round of revision and that it is therefore important to address these concerns at this stage.

Let me know if we need to discuss anything specifically - happy to do so!

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**Response:** We really appreciate for the referee's suggestion. To strengthen the conclusion, in this revision, we performed a series of dose-titration experiments and made new figures (Fig EV2A-F; Fig EV7A-D; Fig EV9A). These figures marked as following: Fig EV2A corresponds to Fig 1A; Fig EV7A corresponds to Fig 4A; Fig EV9A corresponds to Fig 5A. Fig EV2B corresponds to Fig 1K; Fig 2C corresponds to Fig 1N.

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**Response:** According to the suggestion, in this revision, we measured intercellular succinate levels using a commercial assay kits (ab204718, Abcam). Surprisingly, VSV infection caused intercellular succinate level decreased instead of increased, which seemed to be inconsistent with an increasing of MAVS succinylation in response to VSV infection. This inconsistency suggests that the enhancement of MAVS succinylation in response to viral infection may be not resulted from changes of intercellular succinate levels after viral infection.

Actually, we did observe that SIRT5 binding to MAVS was reduced in response to viral infection. This might be one of reasons why MAVS succinylation was enhanced after viral infection. The consequence that VSV infection causes intercellular succinate level decreased might account for one of mechanisms benefiting virus escape.

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**Response:** Yes, we agree with the referee. As suggested by the referee, we repeated the experiments including VSV-GFP dose titration and performed statistical analysis. The revised and new figures are: Fig 4O and 4Q, Fig 5R, Fig EV7L and Fig EV9E.

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**Response:** Yes, these are some references regarding the link between succinate and autoinflammatory disease. In this revision, we added some of these contents in Introduction (p.4).

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**Response:** We revised accordingly (Fig 5R in this revision).

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**Response:** Yes, we totally agree with the referee. In this revision, we performed the experiments as suggested by the referee and made new figures (Fig EV6A-C in this revision).

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**Response:** Yes, we agree with the referee. In this revision, to clarify this issue, we discussed more about this concern (p.12 in this revision).

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increase in mass (100.02 Daltons) in addition to a protein charge flip from positive to negative (Alleyn et al, 2018; Yang & Gibson, 2019; Zhang et al, 2011). This may cause it to have a large impact on the structure as well as function of the proteins that it modifies, particularly on dramatic conformational alternations of its targeted substrates (Alleyn et al, 2018). These notions may provide a possible explanation for the effect of succinylation or desuccinylation of Lysine 7 on MAVS aggregation even though Lysine 7 of MAVS is far from the MAVS-MAVS interaction interface (Hou et al, 2011; Xu et al, 2014; Yang & Gibson, 2019)."

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**Response:** In this revision, we performed ubiquitination assays and found that SIRT5 impaired k63-linked polyubiquitination of MAVS (Fig. EV6E-G in this revision).

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**Response:** Yes, we agree with the referee. In this revision, we compared the viral titer in WT and Sirt5 KO MEF (Fig EV 9D).

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**Response:** Actually, based on our domain mapping, SIRT5 mainly binds to the TM region of the C-terminus in MAVS. So, it is not surprised that SIRT5 still interact with MAVS-K7R. Binding to the C-terminus of MAVS may facilitate SIRT5 to catalyze K7 of MAVS, which is possibly prerequisite for SIRT5 to desuccinylate MAVS.

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**Response:** Actually, in the previous version, Fig.4J-K have provided some information about the role of desuccinylation-deficient SIRT5.

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#### B- Statistics and general methods

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1.a. How was the sample size chosen to ensure adequate power to detect a pre-specified effect size?	For gene expression and protein modification assays, we chose three littermates with the same sex (each group). For ELASA assay, we chose four littermates with the same sex (each group). For survival curve determination, we chose seven littermates with the same sex (each group). We repeated each experiment two to three times.
1.b. For animal studies, include a statement about sample size estimate even if no statistical methods were used.	For experiment using mice, we chose three littermates with the same sex (each group) for gene expression and protein modification assays; we chose four littermates with the same sex (each group) for ELASA assay; we chose seven littermates with the same sex (each group) for survival curve determination.
2. Describe inclusion/exclusion criteria if samples or animals were excluded from the analysis. Were the criteria pre-established?	We did not exclude mice from analysis.
3. Were any steps taken to minimize the effects of subjective bias when allocating animals/samples to treatment (e.g. randomization procedure)? If yes, please describe.	Yes. We used randomization procedure for the assays by using mice.
For animal studies, include a statement about randomization even if no randomization was used.	Littermates of the same sex were randomly assigned to experimental groups.
4.a. Were any steps taken to minimize the effects of subjective bias during group allocation or/and when assessing results (e.g. blinding of the investigator)? If yes please describe.	Littermates of the same sex were randomly assigned to experimental groups. All the analyses were performed blindly.
4.b. For animal studies, include a statement about blinding even if no blinding was done	Yes. All the analyses for mice were performed blindly.
5. For every figure, are statistical tests justified as appropriate?	Yes.
Do the data meet the assumptions of the tests (e.g., normal distribution)? Describe any methods used to assess it.	Yes. GraphPad Prism 6 software (GraphPad Software, San Diego, CA) was used for all statistical analysis. Differences between experimental and control groups were determined by unpaired two-tailed Student's t test (where two groups of data were compared) or two-way ANOVA analysis (where more than two groups of data were compared). P values less than 0.05 were considered statistically significant. For animal survival analysis, the Kaplan-Meier method was adopted to generate graphs, and the survival curves were analyzed by log-rank analysis.
Is there an estimate of variation within each group of data?	Yes.

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<http://www.antibodypedia.com>  
<http://1degreebio.org>  
<http://www.equator-network.org/reporting-guidelines/improving-bioscience-research-repor>  
  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/olaw.htm>  
<http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Ourresearch/Ethicsresearchguidance/Useofanimals/index.htm>  
<http://ClinicalTrials.gov>  
<http://www.consort-statement.org>  
<http://www.consort-statement.org/checklists/view/32-consort/66-title>  
  
<http://www.equator-network.org/reporting-guidelines/reporting-recommendations-for-tum>  
  
<http://datadryad.org>  
  
<http://figshare.com>  
  
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gap>  
  
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<http://biomodels.net/>  
  
<http://biomodels.net/miriam/>  
<http://jij.biochem.sun.ac.za>  
[http://oba.od.nih.gov/biosecurity/biosecurity\\_documents.html](http://oba.od.nih.gov/biosecurity/biosecurity_documents.html)  
<http://www.selectagents.gov/>

Is the variance similar between the groups that are being statistically compared?	Yes.
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### C- Reagents

6. To show that antibodies were profiled for use in the system under study (assay and species), provide a citation, catalog number and/or clone number, supplementary information or reference to an antibody validation profile. e.g., Antibodypedia ( <a href="#">see link list at top right</a> ), 1DegreeBio ( <a href="#">see link list at top right</a> ).	Yes. EV table 1
7. Identify the source of cell lines and report if they were recently authenticated (e.g., by STR profiling) and tested for mycoplasma contamination.	We identified the source of cell lines by STR and confirmed that they were not contaminated by mycoplasma.

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### D- Animal Models

8. Report species, strain, gender, age of animals and genetic modification status where applicable. Please detail housing and husbandry conditions and the source of animals.	Sirt5 knockout (KO) mice (B6; 129 background) were purchased from the Jackson Laboratory ( <a href="https://www.jax.org/strain/012757">https://www.jax.org/strain/012757</a> ). The Sirt5-deficient mice were backcrossed 7 generations onto a C57BL/6J background before conducting this study. Mice were housed (12 h light/dark cycle, 22°C) and given unrestricted access to standard diet and tap water under specific pathogen-free conditions in Animal Research Center of Wuhan University. Littermates of the same sex were randomly assigned to experimental groups. All the analyses were performed blindly.
9. For experiments involving live vertebrates, include a statement of compliance with ethical regulations and identify the committee(s) approving the experiments.	All animal procedures were approved by Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) at Institute of Hydrobiology, Chinese Academy of Sciences.
10. We recommend consulting the ARRIVE guidelines ( <a href="#">see link list at top right</a> ) (PLoS Biol. 8(6), e1000412, 2010) to ensure that other relevant aspects of animal studies are adequately reported. See author guidelines, under 'Reporting Guidelines'. See also: NIH ( <a href="#">see link list at top right</a> ) and MRC ( <a href="#">see link list at top right</a> ) recommendations. Please confirm compliance.	Yes.

### E- Human Subjects

11. Identify the committee(s) approving the study protocol.	N/A
12. Include a statement confirming that informed consent was obtained from all subjects and that the experiments conformed to the principles set out in the WMA Declaration of Helsinki and the Department of Health and Human Services Belmont Report.	N/A
13. For publication of patient photos, include a statement confirming that consent to publish was obtained.	N/A
14. Report any restrictions on the availability (and/or on the use) of human data or samples.	N/A
15. Report the clinical trial registration number (at ClinicalTrials.gov or equivalent), where applicable.	N/A
16. For phase II and III randomized controlled trials, please refer to the CONSORT flow diagram ( <a href="#">see link list at top right</a> ) and submit the CONSORT checklist ( <a href="#">see link list at top right</a> ) with your submission. See author guidelines, under 'Reporting Guidelines'. Please confirm you have submitted this list.	N/A
17. For tumor marker prognostic studies, we recommend that you follow the REMARK reporting guidelines ( <a href="#">see link list at top right</a> ). See author guidelines, under 'Reporting Guidelines'. Please confirm you have followed these guidelines.	N/A

### F- Data Accessibility

18: Provide a "Data Availability" section at the end of the Materials & Methods, listing the accession codes for data generated in this study and deposited in a public database (e.g. RNA-Seq data: Gene Expression Omnibus GSE39462, Proteomics data: PRIDE PXD000208 etc.) Please refer to our author guidelines for 'Data Deposition'.  Data deposition in a public repository is mandatory for: a. Protein, DNA and RNA sequences b. Macromolecular structures c. Crystallographic data for small molecules d. Functional genomics data e. Proteomics and molecular interactions	N/A
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20. Access to human clinical and genomic datasets should be provided with as few restrictions as possible while respecting ethical obligations to the patients and relevant medical and legal issues. If practically possible and compatible with the individual consent agreement used in the study, such data should be deposited in one of the major public access-controlled repositories such as dbGAP ( <a href="#">see link list at top right</a> ) or EGA ( <a href="#">see link list at top right</a> ).	N/A
21. Computational models that are central and integral to a study should be shared without restrictions and provided in a machine-readable form. The relevant accession numbers or links should be provided. When possible, standardized format (SBML, CellML) should be used instead of scripts (e.g. MATLAB). Authors are strongly encouraged to follow the MIRIAM guidelines ( <a href="#">see link list at top right</a> ) and deposit their model in a public database such as Biomodels ( <a href="#">see link list at top right</a> ) or JWS Online ( <a href="#">see link list at top right</a> ). If computer source code is provided with the paper, it should be deposited in a public repository or included in supplementary information.	N/A

### G- Dual use research of concern

22. Could your study fall under dual use research restrictions? Please check biosecurity documents ( <a href="#">see link list at top right</a> ) and list of select agents and toxins (APHIS/CDC) ( <a href="#">see link list at top right</a> ). According to our biosecurity guidelines, provide a statement only if it could.	N/A
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