SIRT7: An influence factor in healthy aging and the development of age dependent myeloid stem cell disorders

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Supplementary table 1. Oligonucleotides (primers) and PCR conditions*.*

h, human; m, murine; Ex, exon. qRT-PCR: The reaction set up (10 μl) was as follows: 1 µl cDNA, 0.5 μM of each primer and 1 × FastStart SYBR Green Master (Roche, Mannheim, Germany). All reactions were set up in duplicate per experiment. Evaluation of qRT-PCR results was done by the $\Delta \Delta C_{\text{T}}$ -method⁸.

Exon-specific PCR: Analysis of expressed SIRT7 exons

Supplementary figure 1. Analysis of expressed SIRT7-exons.

Transcription of all putative exons of the human SIRT7-gene was analyzed by reverse transcription-PCR (RT-PCR). RNA was isolated using the RNeasy Mini Kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany). Subsequently, cDNA was synthesized with the High-Capacity cDNA Archive Kit (Applied Biosystems) using random hexameric primers. PCR-amplifications were done in a StepOnePlus Real-Time PCR system (Applied Biosystems) using the Absolute SybrGreen Rox Mix (Promega). Initial denaturation for 2 min at 95 °C was followed by 40 cycles of 15 s at 95 °C, 30 s at 60 °C and 30 s at 72 °C. Primers were designed as to generate overlapping sets of amplicons covering all 10 exons of SIRT7 (GenBank-entry NM_016538.3). In addition a primer (hSIRT7-Ex3alt-for) was used, which allows detection of the alternative first exon of GenBank-entry XM_024450795.1, thus ensuring that all exons of putative transcripts associated with the GRCh38.p12 primary assembly of the human reference genome were covered. Primer sequences are given in [Supplementary](#page-1-0) table 1. PCR-products were evaluated in 2% (w/v) agarose gels. All conditions were tested in duplicate per experiment in two independent experiments. The graphics showing SIRT7 gene organization was taken from the NCBI GenBank gene browser (NC_000017.11 Reference GRCh38.p12 Primary Assembly). The two sets of expected transcripts resulting from the different primer combinations are indicated in black. Forward (-for) and reverse primers (-rev) are indicated by primer names.

Supplementary table 2. Cell lines and cell culture conditions.

All cells were cultured in a 5% $CO₂$ air environment and 37°C fully humidified incubator. DMEM, Dulbecco modified Eagle medium; FLT3-wt, FLT3-wild type; RPMI, Roswell Park Memorial Institute medium.

Supplementary table 3. Antibodies.

SIRT7 overexpression: Production of pseudoviral particles and cell transduction

For the production of retroviral particles, HEK-293T cells were transfected with plasmids encoding FLAG-tagged SIRT7 WT (pBABE-SIRT7 WT) or enzymatically inactive SIRT7 (pBABE-SIRT7 $H_{187}Y)^{12, 13}$. Co-transfection was carried out with pMDLg/pRRE and pCMV-VSV-G for production of retroviral pseudoparticles. Transfection was done using the polyethylenimine transfection reagent. The viral particles were harvested at 24, 48 and 72 hours after transfection by filtering the medium through syringe filter units (0.45 µm). Viral particles were concentrated 20-fold using an Amicon Ultra-15 filter unit (cut-off 30 kDa). Subsequently, THP-1 cells were transduced three times with the pseudotyped particles in the presence of 8 µg/ml polybrene (1,5-dimethyl-1,5-diazaundecamethylene polymethobromide, Sigma-Aldrich). Selection of cells with 2 µg/ml puromycin was started 48 hours after transduction.

Plasmids

Plasmids pFLAG-CMV4-hCEBP α_1 , $-\alpha_2$, $-\alpha_3$ and $-\alpha_4$ for expression of the four known variants of human C/EBPα were generated from a clone harboring a synthetic gene encoding the longest human protein variant [\(Supplementary](#page-7-0) figure 2). EcoRI-XhoI-fragments from respective pGEX4T1-hC/EBPβ expression-vectors¹⁴ were subcloned into pcDNA3.1-HisC to generate pcDNA3.1-HisC-hCEBP β_1 , - β_2 and - β_3 . These plasmids were provided by Jose L. Gutierrez (Concepcion, Chile). Plasmid pCMV6-Entry-mCEBPε for expression of full-length murine C/EBPε was obtained from OriGene (MR217079; Rockville, MD, USA). A reportergene plasmid, pGL3P-SIRT7-promoter, containing a 3400 bp-fragment containing the SIRT7 promoter-region as identified with the Ensembl Genome Browser was obtained by subcloning a KpnI-NheI-fragment from pGH-Amp-SIRT7-Promotor into the pGL3-promoter vector. pGH-Amp-SIRT7-promotor contained the region from positions 81921600 to 81918201 (5´-3´) of the NC_000017.11 Reference GRCh38.p12 Primary Assembly and was made by gene synthesis (Eurofins Genomics, Ebersberg, Germany). All plasmids were verified by sequencing.

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GAATTCA**ATG**AGAGGGAGGGGACGAGCAGGGAGTCCTGGGGGAAGAAGGAGACGTCCTGCTCAGGCTGGA **F**
<mark>GAATTC</mark>A<mark>ATG</mark>A
EcoRI TSS1

GGTCGAAGAGGTTCCCCCTGCCGTGAGAACTCCAATTCCCCG**ATG**GAGTCAGCCGACTTTTACGAAGCCG *TSS2*

AG**CCTAGG**CCTCCG**ATG**AGCTCACACCTGCAATCTCCTCCCCACGCACC**CTCGAG**CGCTGCATTTGGCTT ^{7SS2}
<mark>CCTAGC</mark>CCTCCG<mark>ATG</mark>AGCTCACACCTGCAATCTCCTCCCCACGCACC<mark>CTC</mark>
Avr I I 7SS3 XhoI

TCCACGGGGTGCAGGCCCTGCTCAACCTCCAGCTCCACCTGCTGCACCTGAACCCCTTGGGGGCATTTGT GAGCACGAGACGAGCATCGACATCAGCGCCTACATAGACCCCGCCGCGTTCAACGACGAGTTCCTGGCCG ATCTGTTCCAGCACAGCAGACAGCAGGAGAAGGCTAAGGCTGCAGTGGGACCTACAGGTGGCGGAGGTGG CGGTGATTTTGATTACCCGGGGGCACCTGCAGGACCTGGAGGCGCTGTT**ATG**CCAGGGG**GTGCGCAC**GGA

TSS4 FspAI

CCTCCACCTGGTTACGGGTGTGCAGCTGCAGGCTATCTCGACGGACGCCTCGAACCCCTGTACGAAAGGG TTGGGGCACCGGCTCTGCGACCGTTGGTGATCAAACAAGAACCCCGCGAAGAGGACGAAGCCAAACAGCT GGCCCTCGCCGGCCTCTTTCCGTATCAACCTCCACCCCCACCTCCACCTTCTCACCCACACCCACACCCT CCCCCAGCTCACCTGGCAGCTCCCCACTTGCAGTTCCAGATCGCGCACTGCGGACAGACAACCATGCACC TCCAACCAGGTCACCCCACTCCACCCCCTACTCCAGTGCCCTCTCCTCACCCTGCACCTGCACTGGGTGC CGCAGGATTGCCTGGCCCAGGCTCAGCACTGAAAGGCCTGGGTGCGGCTCACCCAGATCTTAGAGCCTCA GGCGGAAGTGGAGCGGGCAAGGCCAAAAAGTCTGTGGACAAGAACAGCAACGAGTATCGGGTGCGGCGCG AGCGCAATAACATTGCCGTCCGGAAGTCCCGCGATAAGGCCAAGCAGAGGAACGTGGAAACGCAGCAGAA GTGCTGGAGCTGACCAGTGACAATGACCGCCTGAGGAAACGGGTCGAGCAGTTGAGCAGGGAACTGGATA CCCTGCGTGGGATATTCCGGCAGCTTCCCGAGAGCTCCCTGGTCAAAGCGATGGGCAATTGCGCT**TGA**GG *STGCTGGAGCTGACCAGTGACAATGACCGCCTGAGGAAACGGGTCGAGCAGTTGAGCAGGGAACTGGA
CCCTGCGTGGGATATTCCGGCAGCTTCCCGAGAGCTCCCTGGTCAAAGCGATGGGCAATTGCGCT<mark>TG4</mark>
Stop*

CTGAA**TCTAGA** *St op XbaI*

B

C/EBPα2–linker AATTCAATGGAGTCAGCCGACTTTTACGAAGCCGAGC gttacctcagtcggctgaaaatgcttcggctcggatc

C/EBPα3–linker AATTCAATGAGCTCACACCTGCAATCTCCTCCCCACGCACCC gttactcgagtgtggacgttagaggaggggtgcgtgggagct

C/EBPα4–linker AATTCAATGCCAGGGGGTGC gttacggtcccccacg

Supplementary figure 2. Generation of expression plasmids for human C/EBPαvariants. For a systematic analysis of the role(s) of C/EBPα-variants in the regulation of SIRT7-transcription plasmids for expression of the four known variants of human C/EBPα were generated. (**A**) A plasmid, pEX-A258-hCEBPA, containing a synthetic gene encoding the longest human protein variant was used as starting material (Eurofins Genomics, Ebersberg, Germany). Within this codon-optimized synthetic gene restriction sites (red) were placed, which allowed excision of various 5´-fragments of the longest open reading frame. Alternative transcriptional start sites (TSS), which lead to the expression of C/EBP α_1 , $C/EBP\alpha_2$, C/EBP α_3 and C/EBP α_4 , are numbered accordingly. The color-coding of the TSSs resulting in shortened proteins matches that used in (**B**). First, the EcoRI-XbaI-fragment from pEX-A258-hCEBPA was ligated into the analogously digested backbone of the eukaryotic expression vector pFLAG-CMV4 to generate pFLAG-CMV4-hCEBPA1. To generate shortened variants, pFLAG-CMV4-hCEBPA1 was double-digested using EcoRI and either AvrII or XhoI or FspAI as indicated. Then, matching double-stranded linker-oligonucleotides (**B**) were ligated into the respective linearized plasmids, resulting in plasmids expressing the three shorter variants of C/EBPα (pFLAG-CMV4-hCEBPA2-4).

Supplementary table 4. Vectors/plasmids for reporter-gene assays.

Western blot analysis

Whole cell lysates of AR230 and Ba/F3 cells were separated on 10% SDS-polyacrylamide gels. Proteins were transferred onto polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) membranes using semidry blotting at 0.8 mA/cm² for 30 min¹⁶. After blocking in WB-T buffer (10 mM Tris/HCl pH 7.5, 100 mM NaCl, 0.1% (v/v) Tween 20) with 5% (w/v) skimmed milk powder, the membrane was incubated overnight with primary antibodies as described in supplementary table 3. After washing in WB-T buffer and a repeated blocking in WB-T buffer with 5% (w/v) milk powder, the appropriate HRP-conjugated secondary antibodies were added (1:10.000 goat antirabbit; 1:5.000 goat anti-mouse, Santa Cruz biotechnology, Dallas, USA). Chemiluminescence-based detection of proteins was carried out with the LAS-500 Imaging system (GE Healthcare, Chicago, IL, USA).

Survival analysis

Transcriptomic datasets were extracted from the Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) repository at the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo). We used the dataset by Metzeler¹⁷ (GEO ID GSE12417, GPL96 subset, 163 samples). SIRT7 gene expression levels were assessed using the probe set ID 218797 s at. FLT3-ITD mutated AML patients (n=81) and FLT3 wild-type AML patients (n=82) were grouped according to their expression level of SIRT7 into SIRT7 high and SIRT7 low expression. Cut-offs between the $10th$ and the $90th$ percentile of SIRT7expression values, incremented in steps of 5, were tested to obtain the best separating cutoff value leading to 9.06. Survival analysis (overall survival) was performed by applying the Kaplan-Meier estimator from the Survival Analysis package¹⁸ and the statistic software package R (www.r-project.org). To test for statistical significance, we performed a log-rank test.

Statistics

Statistical analyses and generation of figures were carried out using the SigmaPlot 13 software. Data are presented as means±SEM. Initially, normal distribution of values was tested using the Shapiro-Wilk method. Normally distributed values were compared to another group using Student´s t-test. In the case of non-normally distributed values two groups were compared by the Mann-Whitney Rank sum test, as indicated. For all tests, the significance criterion p<0.05 was used. All numbers of replications (n) in figure legends refer to biological replicates.

Supplement – Results

CML: SIRT7-expression and SIRT7 protein-levels are influenced by BCR-ABL inhibition

Supplementary figure 3. SIRT7 in CML.

(A) BCR-ABL in KCL-22 CML cells was inhibited by imatinib, nilotinib and dasatinib (negative control DMSO). SIRT7-expression was measured after 0, 24, 48 and 72 hours. The expression increase was associated on BCR-ABL inhibition by the different TKIs. Mean±SEM. value normalization to 0 h sample. n=3. Significant differences corresponding to DMSO control were identified with Student´s t-test (*p<0.05). **(B)** BCR-ABL in AR230

nilotinib-sensitive cells was inhibited by nilotinib. In exon-specific SIRT7 reverse transcription-PCR no qualitative changes in exon usage were detectable. Representative stained 2% (w/v) agarose gels are shown (n=3). **(C)** BCR-ABL in AR230 nilotinib-sensitive cells was inhibited for 24 h by nilotinib. Main SIRT7-isoforms (45 kDa, 36 kDa, 21 kDa) protein levels were analyzed in whole cell lysates by western blotting. The 45 kDa and 21 kDa isoforms protein levels increased after TKI treatment. Mean±SEM. Value normalization to house-keeping proteins β-actin or GAPDH. n=3. Significant differences corresponding to DMSO control were identified with Student's t-test (*p<0.05).

Supplementary figure 4. SIRT7 in AML.

(A) SIRT7-expression in AML patients bone marrow depended on treatment response. Identical characteristics were found in FLT3-wt and FLT3-ITD mutated leukemias (mean±SEM; Mann-Whitney Rank sum test (*p<0.05)). **(B)** SIRT7-expression in pre-treated AML patients bone marrow differs between treatment response (mean±SEM; Mann-Whitney Rank sum test (*p<0.05)). **(C)** SIRT7-expression in AML-patients increased in times of positive treatment effects by AC220 (n=3; mean±SEM; t-test (*p<0.05)). **(D)** FLT3-ITD in Ba/F3 FLT3-ITD 598/99(22) cells was inhibited for 24 h by AC220. Negative control was Ba/F3 FLT3-wt cells. SIRT7 protein-isoforms were analyzed in whole cell lysates by western blotting. The 45 kDa-isoform increased after FLT3-ITD inhibition. The 36 kDa- and 21 kDaisoform levels were reduced. Furthermore, a new unknown 42 kDa-isoform was detected. Mean±SEM. Value normalization to housekeeper β-actin or GAPDH. n=3. Significant differences corresponding to DMSO control were identified with Student´s t-test (*p<0.05). **(E)** FLT3-ITD in MV4-11 cells was inhibited by AC220. In exon-specific SIRT7 reverse transcription-PCR, a qualitative change in exon usage was detectable. Upon AC220 treatment a new exon 1-5-containing PCR-product was detected (150 bp difference to exon 2-5-containing PCR-product, indicated by *). A representative stained 2% (w/v) agarose gel is shown (n=3).

AML: Low SIRT7-expression correlates with poor prognosis in FLT3-ITD mutated and FLT3 wild-type AML patients

Supplementary figure 5. Survival analysis: Low SIRT7-expression correlated with poor prognosis in FLT3-ITD mutated and FLT3 wild-type AML patients.

Kaplan-Meier curves of FLT3-ITD-positive **(A)** and FLT3-wt **(B)** AML patients are shown. Overall survival probability of patients with high SIRT7-expression was significantly higher than in the low SIRT7-expression group. Significant changes were identified by log-rank test (p<0.05).

Supplementary figure 6. C/EBPα, -β and –ε, the missing links in FLT3-ITD/SIRT7, BCR-ABL/SIRT7 and monocyte differentiation/SIRT7 relationship.

Inhibition- or differentiation-dependent changes of C/EBPα, -β and -ε-expression were measured in different disease-specific cell lines by qRT-PCR. **(A)** BCR-ABL inhibition by nilotinib in AR230 nilotinib-sensitive cells or **(B)** PMA-induced THP-1 monocyte differentiation resulted in increased C/EBPα, -β and -ε-expression. **(C+D)** C/EBPα and -ε-expression increased after FLT3-ITD inhibition by AC220 in MV4-11 and Ba/F3 FLT3-ITD cells. C/EBPβexpression was unaffected (MV4-11 cells) or reduced (Ba/F3 cells). Mean±SEM. n=3. Significant differences corresponding to no differentiation (B) or inhibitor treatment (A, C, D) were identified with Student´s t-test (*p<0.05). **(E)** FLT3-ITD in Ba/F3 FLT3-ITD G613E and FLT3-ITD 598/99(22) cells was inhibited by treatment with AC220 for 24 h. Negative controls were Ba/F3 FLT3-wt cells. C/EBPβ protein levels were analyzed in whole cell lysates by western blotting. C/EBPβ₁ (LAP1) isoform (activating isoform) changes were not detectable after AC220 treatment. C/EBPβ₃ (LIP) isoform (inhibitory isoform) protein levels decreased FLT3-ITD-dependently after AC220 treatment (previously described by Haas et al¹⁹). n=1.

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