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- For Bayesian analysis, information on the choice of priors and Markov chain Monte Carlo settings
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- Estimates of effect sizes (e.g. Cohen's  $d$ , Pearson's  $r$ ), indicating how they were calculated

*Our web collection on [statistics for biologists](#) contains articles on many of the points above.*

### Software and code

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Data collection Xcalibur (version 4.3) [www.thermofisher.com](http://www.thermofisher.com)  
Tune (version 2.6) [www.thermofisher.com](http://www.thermofisher.com)

Data analysis Cytoscape version 3.8.2 [www.cytoscape.org](http://www.cytoscape.org)  
MaxQuant version 1.6.14 [www.coxdocs.org/doku.php?id=maxquant:start](http://www.coxdocs.org/doku.php?id=maxquant:start)  
Perseus 1.6.14 [www.coxdocs.org/doku.php?id=perseus:start](http://www.coxdocs.org/doku.php?id=perseus:start)  
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Data are available via ProteomeXchange with identifier PXD027330 for His10Ub.

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## Life sciences study design

All studies must disclose on these points even when the disclosure is negative.

Sample size	Given the large scale of the mass spectrometry screens, a minimum of 3 replicates were conducted. For DIA MS data a total of 5 replicates were conducted since the method allow lower input material and sample conditions were limited to MG132, PR619 and DMSO treatments.
Data exclusions	The 4th replicate of His10Ub samples: DMSO and TAK243, MG132 and PR619 were excluded since the purification failed for these samples.
Replication	Experiments were independently repeated, yielding reproducible data. The exact sample sizes (n) are specified in the legends and correlations between replicates are shown in supplementary figures.
Randomization	Not applicable. No patient data is included in the manuscript.
Blinding	Not applicable. No patient data is included in the manuscript.

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### Materials & experimental systems

### Methods

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## Antibodies

Antibodies used	anti-Ub (P4D1) 1:1000 (Santa Cruz, Cat: sc-8017, RRID:AB_628423) anti-Ub (FK2) 1/500 (Millipore, Cat: ST1200, RRID:AB_2043482), anti-UbK48 1:1000 (Millipore, Cat: 05-1307, RRID:AB_1587578), anti-UbK63 1:1000 (Cell Signaling Thechnology, Cat: 5621S, RRID:AB_10827985), anti-SUMO2/3 1:500 (Abcam, Cat: ab81371, RRID:AB_1658424) anti-PAR 1:1000 (Trevigen, Cat: 4335-MC-100, RRID:AB_2572318) anti-β-Actin 1:5000 (Sigma Aldrich, Cat: A5441, RRID:AB_476744), LP-96-10 1:5000 (Affar et; al : PMID: 10434031, Gagné et al: PMID: 21870257, Zaniolo et al ; PMID: 17961220, Gagné et al: PMID: 18981049, Koh et al: PMID: 15591342). The anti-pADPr monoclonal 10H was purified from the culture medium of 10H hybridoma obtained from Dr. M. Miwa, National Cancer Center Research Institute, Tokyo, through the Riken cell bank and used at 1:500 (RRID:CVCL_N538). Polyclonal PARP-1 antibody (1:5000) was obtained from Alexis Biochemicals (RRID:AB_2160732). Peroxidase conjugated Goat anti-Mouse 1:2500 (Sanbio, Cat: 115-035-146, RRID:AB_2307392). For PARP immunoblots the secondary antibodies used were goat anti-mouse 1:5000 (RRID:AB_2338504) and goat anti-rabbit 1:5000 (RRID:AB_2307391).
Validation	The antibodies described above are validated on the websites of the manufacturer, via the RRIDs and in the cited articles.

## Eukaryotic cell lines

Policy information about [cell lines](#)

Cell line source(s)	U2OS were derived from the ATCC HeLa cells were derived from the EMBL
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Authentication

Cell lines have been authenticated via STR profiling using 10 different markers

Mycoplasma contamination

Cell lines have been tested to be free of mycoplasma

Commonly misidentified lines  
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No commonly misidentified cell lines were used in the study