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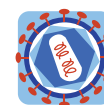
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The reciprocal antagonistic interplay between HIV-1 Tat and SIN3A specifies the epigenetic switch between de-repression versus maintenance of HIV-1 gene silencing

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Background

Post-integration latency is a critical barrier to achieving a complete cure for HIV. Epigenetic micro-environment alterations at the integrated HIV-1 LTR, coupled with modulations of the HIV-1 Tat feedback circuit, influence the onset and maintenance of latency. In this context, we have previously identified the epigenetic corepressor SIN3/HDAC complex as part of the *in-vitro* HIV-1 Tat nuclear interactome. Here we delineate the dynamics of their antagonistic functional relationship in the control of HIV-1 latency.

Methods

Well-studied T-cellular models of HIV-1 latency viz. J-LAT A1 & A72, with latent integrated LTR-Tat-IRES-GFP-LTR and LTR-GFP-LTR cassettes respectively, and ACH-2, with latent full-length integrated HIV-1 provirus in their genome, were employed. We used ChIP-qPCR to study protein occupancy at the HIV-1 LTR; and RT-qPCR and p24 ELISA/GFP FACS to concurrently monitor the reactivation of HIV-1 gene expression. SIN3A knock-down was performed with shRNA targeting *sin3a* or non-target control using Amaxa nucleofection, and was validated by WB and RT-PCR analysis. Immunofluorescence microscopy was performed in HeLa cells co-transfected with Tat and Sin3a.

Results

The latent HIV-1 LTR displays a constitutive enrichment of the SIN3/HDAC complex.

ChIP-qPCR revealed that the SIN3/HDAC key components SIN3A, SAP18, Sap30 and HDAC-1 were enriched in ACH-2, J-LAT A1 and A72 cells. Importantly, a key event in HIV-1 reactivation from latency is the displacement of the SIN3/HDAC complex from the HIV-1 LTR, as TNF α (NF- κ B activator), 5-AZA (DNA methylation inhibitor) or SAHA (HDAC inhibitor) treatments disrupted SIN3/HDAC association with the HIV-1 LTR in latently infected cells.

SIN3A is critical for the maintenance of HIV-1 post-integration latency. SIN3A depletion in J-LAT A1 and A72 resulted in HIV-1 reactivation from latency, which was associated with the depletion of SIN3A and concurrent recruitment of POLII and/or HIV-1 Tat, at the HIV-1 LTR. Next we combined SIN3A knock-down with various reactivation treatments and observed that SIN3A depletion potentiated proviral reactivation by TNF α , PMA/ionomycin (Protein Kinase C activator), 5-AZA and SAHA in J-LAT A1 cells. Thus when associated with the HIV-1 LTR, SIN3A participates in the silencing of the provirus.

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