Poly ADP-ribosylation of SET8 leads to aberrant H4K20 methylation domains in mammalian cells

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Abstract

In mammalian cells, SET8 mediated Histone H4 Lys 20 monomethylation (H4K20me1) has been implicated in regulating mitotic condensation, DNA replication, DNA damage response, and gene expression. Here we show SET8, the only known enzyme for H4K20me1 is post-translationally poly ADP-ribosylated by PARP1 on lysine residues. PARP1 interacts with SET8 in a cell cycle- dependent manner. Poly ADP-ribosylation on SET8 renders it catalytically compromised and it undergoes degradation via ubiquitylation pathway. Knockdown of PARP1 shifted the relative dynamic equilibrium of H4K20me2 to H4K20me3 in cells. Overexpression or knockdown of PARP1 led to aberrant H4K20me1 domains genome-wide, impacting Wnt signaling pathways genes and transcription factor binding site enrichment. Therefore, SET8 mediated chromatin remodeling in mammalian cells are influenced by poly ADP-ribosylation by PARP1.

Introduction

In the eukaryotic nucleus, double-stranded DNA is wrapped around histone octamers to make chromatin fibers. These chromatin fibers undergo various structural changes during cell division and organism development (1-3). The decompaction and re-establishment of chromatin organization immediately after mitosis are essential for genome regulation (4). Given the absence of membranes separating intranuclear substructures and during cell division, it has been postulated that other structural features of the nucleus, such as the chromatin itself, must impart regulations that would control molecular information flow and stage different physiological activities. Indeed, chromatin accessibility plays a central role in ensuring cell cycle exit and the terminal differentiation during metamorphosis (5). Furthermore, chromatin compaction threshold in cells exiting mitosis ensures genome integrity by limiting replication licensing in G1 phase. Recent studies on histone writer enzymes have shade some lights on the role of histone marks in cell biology (6). The nucleosome structure illustrates that highly basic histone amino (N)-terminal tails can protrude from the core and would be in direct contact with adjacent nucleosomes. Therefore, modification of these histone tails would affect inter-nucleosomal interactions, and thus would modulate the overall chromatin 3D-structure and compaction. Recent advances in Hi-C studies support that this is indeed the case, where transcriptionally active A and inactive B compartments are differentially positioned in the nucleus (7). Histone modifications not only regulate chromatin structure by merely being there, but they also recruit chromatin readers and remodeling enzymes that utilizes the energy derived from the hydrolysis of ATP to reposition nucleosomes (6). For example, lysine acetylation of histone tails is dynamic and regulated by the opposing action of two families of enzymes, histone acetyltransferases (HATs) for acetylation, and histone deacetylases (HDACs) to remove the acetyl group (8). Indeed, acetylated histones on the chromatin are a cue to transcriptional gene activation (9). Therefore, the balancing act between both HATs and HDACs is essential in maintaining the dynamic equilibrium during gene expression.

The other significant chromatin mark, histone methylation, primarily occurs on the side chains of lysines and arginines (10). Histone methylation does not alter the charge of the histone protein, unlike phosphorylation. However, the epsilon amino group of lysines may be modified to mono-, di- or tri-methylated configuration, whereas arginine may be mono-, symmetrically or asymmetrically di-methylated, creating an unprecedented array of complexity for the reader proteins. These core modifications are established and propagated by SET domain containing enzymes (11). One such enzyme is SET8 (also known as KMT5A, PR-Set7 and SETD8), the only histone methyltransferase that monomethylates histone H4K20 (H4K20me1) (12,13). Subsequent modification of H4K20me1 by Suv4-20h1/h2 leads to the transition from H4K20me1 to H4K20me2/3 (14). Although H4K20 specific demethylases are less understood, PHF8 is the only known enzyme that demethylates H4K20me1 to H4K20 (15). Similarly, Rad23

has also been shown to demethylate H4K20me1/2/3 (16). In the mouse genome, H4K20 methylation state is distributed in specific regions and is bound by specific reader proteins. Histone H4K20me1 has been implicated in regulating diverse processes ranging from the DNA damage response, mitotic condensation, DNA replication and gene regulation. Indeed, loss of the SET8 causes a more severe and complex phenotype, as this negates the catalysis of all levels of H4K20 methylation. Loss of SET8 causes lethality at the third instar larval stage in Drosophila (17), and in mice it leads to embryonic lethality via developmental arrest between the four- and eight-cell stages (12). Rescue experiments on mouse SET8-/- phenotype embryos by reintroduction of either catalytically active or inactive allele have demonstrated that the catalytic activity of the enzyme is essential for embryo development.

SET8 protein expression is tightly regulated during the cell cycle; it is highest during G2/M and early G1 and is absent during the S phase. Indeed, upon mitotic exit, chromatin relaxation is controlled by SET8-dependent methylation of histone H4K20. In the absence of either SET8 or H4K20me1, substantial genome-wide chromatin decompaction occurs allowing excessive loading of the origin recognition complex (ORC) in the daughter cells (18). During cell cycle, SET8 undergoes ubiquitination and phosphorylation. SET8 is a direct substrate of the E3 ubiquitin ligase complex CRL4Cdt2 (19-21). In addition, SET8 is also regulated by the E3 ubiquitin ligase SCF/Skp2 (22). Skp2 degrades substrates during S and G2 phase and may partially contribute to the steep decrease in SET8 levels during the S phase (23). The other post-translational modification of SET8 that may affect its activity or stability is serine phosphorylation, as discovered by proteomics studies (24-26). SET8 S29 is phosphorylated in vivo by Cyclin B/cdk1 during mitosis, and it causes SET8 to dissociate from mitotic chromosomes at anaphase and relocate to the extrachromosomal space, where it is dephosphorylated by cdc14 phosphatase and subsequently subjected to ubiquitination by APC/Cdh1 (27). Therefore, the coordination of ubiquitylation and phosphorylation processes may be necessary to maintain precise levels of H4K20me1 and SET8 in the genome.

Apart from acetylation, methylation, phosphorylation, and ubiquitylation, poly ADP-ribosylation is another post-translational modification of proteins catalyzed by PARP family of enzymes by the addition of linear or branched chains of ADP-ribose units, from NAD+ substrate (28). The central enzyme for poly ADP-ribosylation in cells during DNA damage is poly-ADP-ribose polymerase 1 (PARP1). Multiple different amino acids are shown to be acceptors of PAR, such as Lys, Arg, Glu, Asp, Cys, Ser, Thr, pSer (phospho-serine, through the phosphate group), although His and Tyr residues were also proposed by proteomic approaches (29-35). PARP family members modify many proteins by poly and/or mono ADP-ribosylation (36). PARPs catalyze short or long, branched, or linear ribosylation. The structural diversity of poly ADP-

ribosylation on these proteins could be recognized by poly ADP-ribosylation readers (or binders) with their specific binding motifs for biological function.

In a proteomics study of SET8 binding proteins, we found PARP1 as a strong binder (Table S1). This led us to study the nature of SET8-PARP1 interaction and the role of poly ADP-ribosylation on the catalytic activity of enzymes. Here, we have also investigated the role of poly ADP-ribosylation in SET8 degradation, chromatin remodeling and aberrant H4K20 methylation in mammalian cells.

Materials and Methods

Cell culture, transfections, and cell cycle synchronization: HeLa, HCT116 and COS-7 cells were cultured in DMEM supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum according to ATCC's recommendations. For PARP1 overexpression, HeLa cells were transfected with 500 ng of 3xFLAG or 3xFLAG-PARP1 plasmids using Fugene HD transfection reagent (Promega, # E2311) according to manufacturer's recommendations. Cells were harvested after 48 hrs. For PARP1 and SET8 knockdown, HeLa cells were transfected with 10 nM of esiRNA targeting either PARP1 (Millipore-Sigma # EHU050101) or SET8 (Millipore-Sigma # EHU111111) using HiPerfect reagent according to manufacturer's protocol (Qiagen # 301704). 10 nM of esiRNA against EGFP (Millipore-Sigma # EHUEGFP) was used as control and cells were harvested after 48 hrs.

For cell cycle studies, HeLa cells were synchronized using 2 mM thymidine for 24 hrs, washed once with media and released for 8 hours with 24 mM dCTP (New England Biolabs # N0441S). 2 mM of thymidine or 0.1 mg/ml of Nocodazole (Millipore-Sigma # SML1665) were added for 14-15 hrs to arrest the cells in S or G2/M phase respectively. Chromatin was extracted using CSK buffer (10 mM Pipes pH 6.8, 300 mM sucrose, 100 mM NaCl, 1.5 mM MgCl2 and 0.5% Triton X-100 supplemented with protease cocktail inhibitors and PMSF) for 30 min on ice. Cells were centrifuged at 2,000 g at 4°C for 5 min, washed once with CSK buffer and the pellet (chromatin) was resuspended in buffer containing 50 mM Tris.Cl, pH 7.5, 200 mM NaCl and 1% SDS. Chromatin was then sonicated (10 cycles of 10 pulses) and used either as total chromatin extract or for SET8 immunoprecipitation.

Western Blot and Densitometry: Western blots were performed as previously described (37). Antibodies against SET8 were obtained from Cell Signaling Technology (# 2996), ABCAM (# ab3798) and Santa Cruz Biotechnology (# sc-515433). Anti-PARP1 (# 9532) and anti-ADPribose antibody (# 83732S) were purchased from Cell Signaling Technology. Anti-H4K20me1 (# MA5-18067), anti-histone H4K20me2 (# 9759) and anti-H4K20me3 (# 5737) were obtained from Thermo Fisher Scientific and Cell Signaling Technology respectively and used at 1/1000 dilution. Anti-β-actin (# 4970S) and anti-GFP (# 11814460001) antibodies were obtained from Cell Signaling Technology and Millipore-Sigma respectively and used at a 1:5000 dilution. Densitometry was performed using ImageJ software (W. S. Rasband, National Institutes of Health). All densitometry values (arbitrary units) were normalized to either their respective β-actin or Ponceau S staining.

In vivo Ubiquitination Assay: COS-7 cells were co-transfected with a mixture of GFP or GFP-SET8, 3xFLAG or 3xFLAG-PARP1, HA-ubiquitin plasmids, and Fugene HD transfection reagent (Promega, # E2311) according to manufacturer's recommendations. After 48 hrs, transfected COS-7 cells were treated with 50 μM MG132 for 2 h and lysed as described previously (38).

Control cells were not treated. Cell lysates (100–200 µg) were then immunoprecipitated with GFP antibody (Roche Applied Science). Ubiquitination was detected as described previously (38).

PARP1 and SET8 cloning and mutagenesis: Sequences coding for PARP1 full-length (cDNA obtained from Origen # RC20708), SET8 full-length (39) were cloned into pEGFP-C2 or pGEX5X.1 vector and transformed into NEB 10-beta competent E.Coli (New England Biolabs # C3019H). Mutagenesis to generate PARP1, SET8 domains as well as point mutations were performed using Q5 site-directed mutagenesis kit (New England Biolabs # E0554S). Primers used for cloning and mutagenesis are available upon request.

PARP1 and SET8 interaction studies: For *in vitro* interaction studies, PARP1 and SET8 GST-fusion and mutant proteins were induced in Escherichia coli ER2566 cells (New England Biolabs # C2566H) using 0.4mM IPTG overnight at 16°C. Purification of recombinant fusion proteins from the bacterial lysate were performed as previously described (40). For GST pull-down assay, GST or the GST fusion proteins was bound to glutathione-Sepharose beads. The assay was performed by pre-incubating the GST or GST fusion protein beads with 100 µg/ml bovine serum albumin (BSA) and the protein to be studied in a binding buffer (1X PBS with 0.1% Triton X-100) with end over end mixing at 4°C for 1 h. Beads were washed 3 times for 5 min with a binding buffer containing 1% Triton X-100. The beads were mixed with 1× SDS–PAGE sample loading buffer (New England Biolabs # B7703S) and incubated at 98°C for 5 min. The protein mixtures were separated on a 10% polyacrylamide Tricine gel (Thermo Fisher Scientific # EC6675BOX). Recombinant PARP1 was purchased from Active Motif (# 81037), SET8 was purified from New England Biolabs (# M0428).

Co-immunoprecipitation of endogenous PARP1 and SET8 were performed with 200 µg of total extract from crosslinked (1% formaldehyde for 10 min) HCT116 or HeLa cells using anti-PARP1 antibody (Cell Signaling Technology # 9532), anti-SET8 antibody (Santa Cruz Biotechnology # sc-515433) or 5 µg of rabbit IgG as a control antibody (Santa Cruz Biotechnology # sc-2027). The immunoprecipitations (IP) were performed overnight with end-over-end mixing at 4°C in TD buffer (50 mM HEPES, pH 7.5, 250 mM NaCl and 1% Triton X-100). The antibodies were captured using 50 µl of protein G magnetic beads (S1430, New England Biolabs) incubated for 60 min with end over end mixing at 4°C. After 3 washes with TD buffer, IP reactions were blotted using anti-PARP1 antibody (Millipore-Sigma # HPA045168) and rabbit anti-SET8 antibody (Cell Signaling Technology # 2996S). For immunoprecipitation of SET8 from synchronized HeLa cells, 200 µg of chromatin cell lysate was incubated with 5 µg of anti-SET8 (sc-515433, Santa Cruz). IP reactions were performed and blotted with anti-PARP1 and anti-SET8 antibodies as described above.

Immunofluorescence studies: For the detection of PARP1 and SET8 colocalization, COS-7 cells were grown on coverslips and co-transfected with FLAG-PARP1 and GFP-SET8 plasmids as described above. After 48 hrs, cells were crosslinked with 4% paraformaldehyde (Electron Microscopy Sciences # 15710) for 10 min at RT and quenched with 0.125M Glycine for 5 min at RT. After 20 min permeabilization with 100 % methanol for 20 min at -20°C, cells were incubated with PBS including 0.5 % Tween20 and 5% BSA (Millipore-Sigma # A-7906) for 1 hr at RT. Epitope tagged PARP1 was detected by mouse anti-FLAG antibody (# F3165, Millipore-Sigma) and visualized with an anti-mouse IgG coupled with Alexa Fluor 594 dye (Thermo Fisher Scientific # A-11005). GFP-SET8 and FLAG-PARP1 were detected using 458, 488, 514 nm multiline Argon laser and 561 nm DPSS laser, respectively. Endogenous PCNA was visualized with anti-PCNA Alexa Fluor 647 conjugate (Cell Signaling Technology # 82968S) using 633 nm HeNe laser. Slides were mounted using Prolong Gold Antifade Mountant with DAPI (Thermo Fisher Scientific # P36931). Images were captured using a confocal microscope (LSM 880, Zeiss).

DNA replication sites were detected using EDU Staining Proliferation Kit (iFluor 647, ABCAM # ab222421) on GFP-SET8 full-length transfected COS-7 cells according to manufacturer's recommendations. Before EDU labeling, GFP-SET8 transfected COS-7 cells were pretreated with 20 µM of PARG inhibitor (Millipore-Sigma # SML1781) for 1 hr. After EDU labeling, cells were incubated overnight at 4°C with anti-pan-ADPribose reagent at 1/400 dilution (Millipore-Sigma # MABE1016). ADPribose was detected using anti-rabbit IgG coupled with Alexa Fluor 594 dye (Thermo Fisher Scientific # A32740). EDU was visualized using 633 nm HeNe laser. Slides were mounted and images were captured as described above.

SET8 gel shift DNA-nucleosome binding assays: For SET8 DNA gel shift assay, Cy3-end-labeled EcoRI hairpin oligonucleotide (0.5 µM) (GGGAATTCCCAAAGGGAATTCCC, EcoRI sites underlined) and different concentration of recombinant His-SET8 protein (0 to 1.4 µM, New England Biolabs) were incubated for 10 min on ice in 1× GRB binding buffer [20 mM HEPES pH 7.5, 10% glycerol, 25 mM KCl, 0.1 mM EDTA, 1 mM dithiothreitol (DTT), 2 mM MgCl2, 0.2% NP40] in a 20 µl reaction volume. Protein–DNA complexes were resolved on a 6% TBE DNA retardation gel (Thermo Fisher Scientific # EC6365BOX) at 4°C in 0.5× TBE (45 mM Tris–HCl, 45 mM H3BO3, 10 mM EDTA pH 8.3) at 140 V. Complex were visualized using Typhoon scanner. Kd was calculated using GraphPad Prism 8.0.

For GST-SET8 full-length as well as mutant DNA or nucleosome binding, 5 µg of GST-beads were incubated for 15 min on ice in GRB buffer in a 25 µl reaction volume with 1 µg of 100 bp DNA ladder (New England Biolabs # N3231S) or mononucleosome (Active motif # 81070). After 1,000 rpm spin for 5 min at 4°C, supernatant representing the unbound DNA was mixed with 6x

purple dye (New England Biolabs # B7024S) and loaded on a 6% TBE DNA retardation gel (Thermo Fisher Scientific # EC6365BOX) at 4°C in 0.5× TBE at 140 V. DNA was visualized under UV Transilluminator. In some cases, GST or GST-SET8 full-length fusion proteins were ADP-ribosylated using PARP1 recombinant enzyme (Active Motif # 81037) during 15 min at RT. The GST beads were then washed twice with PBS+1% Triton X-100 and 1M NaCl to remove PARP1 bound to the beads. After 2 other washes with 1X PBS containing 0.1% Triton X-100, beads were resuspended in GRB buffer and incubated with 1 µg of 100 bp DNA ladder (New England Biolabs # N3231S) or mononucleosome (Active motif # 81070) for 10 min on ice. After 1,000 rpm spin for 5 min at 4°C, supernatant representing the unbound DNA was loaded on a 6% TBE DNA retardation gel and detected under UV Transilluminator.

ADP-ribosylation and SET8 methyltransferase assays: For ADP-ribosylation assay, PARP1 recombinant enzyme (from 20 to 50 nM per reaction) was incubated with different substrates including either His-SET8 full-length recombinant protein, SET8 peptides or GST, GST-SET8 full-length or mutants and activated using EcoRI hairpin oligo as described above. The reaction was performed in 1x buffer (50 mM Tris.Cl, pH.8, 4 mM $MgCl_2$ and 250 µM DTT) in the presence or absence of cofactor ß-Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (0.5 mM NAD+ per reaction, New England Biolabs # B9007S) at RT during 15 min in 20 µl total reaction volume. The reaction was then loaded on 10% Tricine gels and subjected to Western blotting. ADP-ribosylation was detected by mono/poly-ADP-ribose (Cell Signaling Technology # 83732S) or polyADP-ribose (monoclonal 10H, Santa Cruz Biotechnology # sc-56198) antibodies.

For mass spectrometry analyses, 500 nM of PARP1 recombinant enzyme was incubated with 160 µM SET8 peptide (158-170 aa: KKPIKGKQAPRKK and 86-98 aa: KPLAGIYRKREEK) from 1 hr to overnight at RT.

Histone methyltransferase assays were carried out as described previously [41]. SET8 recombinant enzyme (New England Biolabs # M0428S) was incubated with recombinant active PARP1 (Trevigen # 4668-100-01) with or without EcoRI hairpin oligo or NAD+ in histone methyltransferase buffer and 6 µM of radiolabeled [3H] AdoMet (Perkin Elmer Life Science # NET155V001MC). Recombinant human histone H4 (New England Biolabs # M2504S) was used as a substrate. Filter disc method was used to process the samples and the [^{3}H]CH3 incorporated into the H4 protein was determined using a liquid scintillation counter.

LC-MS analysis of poly ADP-ribosylated peptides
Peptide solutions were analyzed with ProxeonII nLC – LTQ Orbitrap XL by direct injection on Reprosil-Pur C18-AQ 3µm 25cm column and eluted at 300nL/min. Full scan MS was acquired FT Resolution 60k in orbitrap MS. The most abundant three ions were selected for data-dependent

CID MS/MS fragmentation with normalized collision energy 26. Using the same nanoLC conditions, HCD MS/MS fragmentation was acquired using quadrupole-orbitrap with NCE 27.

Isotope peak intensity areas were determined with SIEVE 2.2.58. (Thermo Fisher Scientific) following chromatographic alignment. Chromatographic extracted ions were plotted with the manufacturer's software XCalibur. Potential location of ADPr unit was screened using a match score modeling of fragment ions in CID MS/MS spectra. The matching score was calculated with Peptide Sequence Fragmentation Modeler, Molecular Weight calculator (https://omics.pnl.gov/software/molecular-weight-calculator). The algorithm is based on Sequest Sp preliminary score but differs in treatment of immonium ions (42). The HCD spectra were mapped manually to the sequence of ADP-ribosylated peptides.

Chromatin immunoprecipitation sequencing (ChIP-seq): HeLa cells overexpressing PARP1 or knockdown PARP1 with esiRNA as mentioned above were subjected to ChIP-seq. Briefly, chromatin was extracted as described above from cells crosslinked with 1% formaldehyde for 10 min and quenched with 0.125 M glycine. After sonication, H4K20me1 or H4K20me3 IP was performed overnight in TD buffer as described above using 5 µg of H4K20me1 or H4K20me3 antibody (Thermo Fisher Scientific # MA5-18067, Abcam # ab9053 respectively). After antibody capture on protein G magnetic beads and 3 washes with TD buffer, beads were incubated at 65°C overnight in buffer including 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 200 mM NaCl, 1% SDS and 1.6 U/µl of proteinase K (New England Biolabs # P8107S) to reverse the crosslinks. DNA from supernatants was extracted using phenol/chloroform procedure. Between 1 and 10 ng of DNA were used to generate DNA libraries for subsequent sequencing analyses. DNA libraries were made using NEBNext Ultra II DNA Library Prep Kit for Illumina (New England Biolabs # E7645S) according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

NicE-sequencing (NicE-seq): HeLa cells overexpressing PARP1 or knockdown PARP1 with esiRNA as mentioned above were crosslinked with 4% formaldehyde for 10 min at RT. Formaldehyde was quenched using 0.125M of glycine. NicE-seq was performed according to (43) using 5mdCTP in the nucleotide mixture as described in (44).

Data analysis

ChiP-seq and NicE-seq data processing: The raw fastq sequences were trimmed using Trim Galore (http://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/trim_galore/) to remove the adapters and low-quality sequences. Trimmed reads were mapped to the human reference assembly hg38 using Bowtie2 (45). Aligned reads in bam format were filtered for duplicates and low-quality alignments using Picard (http://broadinstitute.github.io/picard/) and samtools (46). The aligned bam files of technical replicates were merged using Sambamba (47). H4K20me1 and H4K20me3 enriched regions were identified by calling broad peaks (target over respective

input) using MACS2 (48). Signal tracks were generated using deeptools bamCoverage (49) with the parameters, -normalizeUsing RPKM -of bigwig -e. Pearson correlation analysis was performed using deeptools plotCorrelation (49) function. H4K20me1 and H4K20me3 peaks were annotated using HOMER (50) annotatePeaks.pl. Repeats elements were annotated using HOMER (50). H4K20me1 and H4K20me3 profile in the gene regions for PARP1 overexpressed and knockdown HeLa cells and its respective controls was computed with the deeptools computeMatrix and plotProfile (49) functions. Peak length was calculated for all the conditions to estimate the gain and loss of H4K20me1 after PARP1 overexpression and knock down. Transcription factor binding motifs enrichment near H4K20me1 peaks was searched using the HOMER tool findMotifsGenome.pl (50) with default parameters. The enrichment scores (-10log(P-value) of individual TF binding motifs were calculated for PARP1 overexpressed and knockdown HeLa cells and their respective controls. Then the enrichment scores were summarized into a data matrix in R (51) and a heatmap was then created to represent condition-specific enrichment of TF binding motifs near the H4K20me1 peaks. ChIP-seq datasets of histone marks H3K36me3 (52), H3K27me3 (52), H3K9me3 (52) and H4K20me3 (16) for HeLa cells were downloaded from human Encyclopedia of DNA Elements (ENCODE) projects and GEO. Genomic regions were visualized using Integrative genomic viewer (IGV) (53).

NicE-seq data analysis for PARP1 overexpressed and knockdown HeLa cells and their respective controls were done as mentioned in (54).

Results:

PARP1 ribosylates SET8: In a proteomic analysis of SET8 pull-down in HEK293T cells, we discovered that PARP1 is a strong binder (Table S1). To reconfirm this observation, we performed reciprocal immunoprecipitation either with anti-SET8 or anti-PARP1 antibody, and performed western blot, and probed the blots with respective antibodies. Indeed, PARP1 pulled down SET8 and vice-versa, compared to IgG control (Fig. 1A). This led us to investigate if this interaction is cell cycle-dependent, since SET8 expression is cell cycle-dependent (55). For this experiment, we transfected COS-7 cells with FLAG-PARP1 and GFP-SET8 and studied their association using confocal microscopy. The same cells were also probed with an anti-PCNA antibody to examine the chromatin replication foci. Indeed, PCNA remained punctate in the nucleus, so as GFP-SET8, and both were colocalized. However, as expected PARP1 remained throughout the nucleus and appeared as prominent punctate foci with both PCNA and SET8 as observed by bright yellow spots (Fig. 1B). These observations suggest that PARP1 has multiple targets throughout the nucleus, but also has strong colocalization with SET8 at the chromatin replication foci. To narrow down the exact binding motifs between PARP1 and SET8, we performed a reciprocal GST-pulldown assay. Immobilized GST fusion of overlapping SET8 fragments covering the entire protein was challenged with full-length PARP1. After stringent washes, the bound proteins were denatured in SDS gel loading buffer and separated on SDS-PAGE followed by blotting onto a membrane for western blot with anti-PARP1 antibody to determine the binding domain. Two fragments covering both N-terminal 1-98 amino acids and disorder domain 80-230 amino acids residues showed binding. Although, a stronger binding was observed with the disorder domain (DD) (Fig. 1C, left panel; Fig. S1A). SET8 disordered domain is unfolded and has charged amino acids residues such as lysines that may aid in binding (Fig. S1B). To investigate the binding amino acids, GST-SET8 fusion was mutated at K86A, K158/159A, K162/164A, R168A, K169/170A, K174A and full-length purified GST fusion SET8 mutant (GST-SET8FLmut) was challenged with PARP1. We observed significant (~70%) loss of binding by PARP1, confirming PARP1 binding occurs on SET8 DD (Fig. S1C). A similar reciprocal GST pulldown experiment using immobilized GST-PARP1 fusion fragments covering the entire protein was challenged with full-length SET8. The bound proteins were western blotted and probed for SET8 to reveal GST-PARP1 DNA binding domain (GST-PARP1DB) as the strongest binder (Fig. 1C, right panel). Based on the results of both the colocalization and GST pulldown experiments, we concluded that both SET8 and PARP1 are indeed binding partners.

We next investigated the functional consequence of this interaction. Both purified SET8 and PARP1 were incubated together in the absence or presence of cofactor NAD+ for various lengths of time, spanning between 2-15 min. The reactions were stopped, and the proteins were separated on SDS PAGE and western blotted with anti-PAR (anti-poly ADP ribose) antibody. If the proteins are ribosylated, an anti-PAR antibody will show higher molecular

weight shift for the proteins. We observed auto-poly-ADP-ribosylation of PARP1 as expected, only in the presence of NAD+ (Fig. 1D, upper panel; Fig. S2A). We also observed a strong reaction time-dependent SET8 poly ADP-ribosylation. Indeed, all SET8 molecules were poly ADP-ribosylated by PARP1 as observed by high molecular weight migrating smear (Fig. 1D). We further investigated the poly ADP-ribosylated regions of SET8 by performing *in vitro* poly ADP-ribosylation assay of overlapping peptides followed by western blotting and probing the blot with anti-PAR antibody. We found that GST-SET8 DD is indeed the substrate of PARP1 (Fig. S2B). We narrowed down the amino acid residues 81-98 and 157-180 as the putative acceptor of ADP-ribose for poly ADP-ribosylation (Fig. S2C, D).

LC-MS analysis of PARP1 activity on SET8 peptides: To determine the nature of poly-ADP-ribosylation and the acceptor amino acid, we made synthetic peptides covering 86-98 and 158-170 amino acids and performed *in vitro* poly ADP-ribosylation, and analyzed the reaction product using LC-MS. First, we monitored the PARP1 activity with SET8 peptide KPLAGIYRKREEK-NH2 (86-98 aa). Peptides with an amidated C-terminus require specific conditions for detection to support MS/MS sequencing identification (56). We detected and quantified signals for the three main isotopes starting with 0 min (negative control) and incubation with PARP1 for 1hr, 4hrs and overnight (Fig. S3A). We observed a decrease in the signal of the KPLAGIYRKREEK-NH2 peptide after the initial 1hr incubation. Concomitantly, we assessed the peak areas for two charged states (+3, +4) of the (ADPr) KPLAGIYRKREEK-NH2 in order to detect the activity of PARP1 (Fig. S3B, C). Three main isotopes for each charge state showed the signal of (ADPr)KPLAGIYRKREEK-NH2 present at 1hr followed by a decrease in intensity at 4hrs and overnight reactions. This suggested the formation of additional species beyond the initial addition of one ADP-ribosylation unit. Next, we investigated the peptide signals at two faster PARP1 reaction times, 5 min and 15 min. Chromatographic ion signals for (1ADPr)KPLAGIYRKREEK-NH2 were detected for both charge states +3 and +4 at retention time 8.35 min (Fig. S3D). The minimal chromatographic signal was detected for (2ADPr)KPLAGIYRKREEK-NH2 with an increased elution time of 10.33 min. At 15 min reaction time, the signal for di-ADP-ribosylated peptide near 10.3 min increased with a wider base (Fig. S3E). A second peak with intermediate hydrophobicity relative to the mono ADP-ribosylated peptide showed the most intense di-ADP-ribosylation signal at RT 9.77 min (Fig. S3E). Therefore, we detected the formation of possible diastereomers of increased hydrophobicity upon addition of 1ADPr unit to mono ADP-ribosylated peptides during a 10 min reaction time interval.

Characterization of MS/MS HCD fragmentation pattern of (ADPr) KPLAGIYRKREEK-NH2 peptide is presented in figure S4. For charge state +3, we observed the formation of fragment ions m3, m5, and m8 that are independent of the peptide sequence and indicative of the ADP-ribose

group (Fig. S4A, top panel). The nomenclature for ADP ribosylation fragment ions is according to Hengel et al. (57). Similarly, but with lower intensity, charge state +4 showed confirmed the presence of these fragment ions m3, m5 and m8 (Fig. S4B, top panel). Intact peptide backbone ions containing partial ADP ribose group and peptide y sequencing ions can be visualized at m/z 500 – 900 (Fig. S4A, B, bottom panels; Fig. S4B is the same spectrum from Fig 1E). In addition to HCD spectra, CID spectra can be probed for ADP-ribosylation information of amidated C-terminus peptides. We screened seven amino acids for the position of the ADPr unit (Fig. S5). For both charges +3 and +4, the associated MS/MS spectra mapped with a higher score the N-terminal lysine of KPLAGIYRKREEK-NH2.

Analysis of SET8 peptide KKPIKGKQAPRKK-NH2 (158-170 aa) showed that activity of PARP1 resulted in maximum signal for 1ADPr unit addition at charge +4 for overnight reaction (Fig. S6B). Detection of lower intensity peak areas for all three main isotopes of charge +4 together with moderate signal decrease of unmodified KKPIKGKQAPRKK-NH2 (Fig. S6A) suggested a slower PARP1 kinetic towards this SET8 peptide. For comparison, CID MS/MS spectrum of this charge state with unit resolution linear ion trap showed the presence of ADP-ribose signature ions (Fig. S7). Taken together, we found multiple K residues were poly ADP-ribosylated, including K86, K153, K162, and K164 (Fig. 1E).

PARP1 poly ADP-ribosylates SET8 impacting DNA, nucleosome binding and catalytic activity:
SET8 is well known for its interaction with nuclear proteins, PCNA, a processivity factor involved in DNA replication and required for S-phase progression (55,58). A crystallography study demonstrated that SET8 employs its i-SET and c-SET domains to engage nucleosomal DNA 1 to 1.5 turns from the nucleosomal dyad (59). To evaluate the DNA binding activity of SET8, we incubated a 100 bp DNA ladder with various GST-fusion fragments of SET8, GST-SET8 full-length and GST-SET8 full-length catalytic mutant. After the incubation time, we resolved fusion proteins -DNA or nucleosome complexes on the gel. If a defined size of DNA gets complexed with protein, that DNA band will be shifted and will not be represented on the gel compared to the control ladder. As predicted by crystallography, GST-SET8 full-length protein bound predominately to double-stranded DNA ranging between 100-300 bp in the gel-shift assay. This binding was partially dependent on the 157-352 amino acids of SET8, and a significant loss of binding was observed in a deletion mutant comprising 175-352 amino acids, suggesting 157-175 amino acids play a functional role in DNA binding (Fig. 2A). We also performed gel shift assay of purified SET8 protein with a fluorescent-labeled double stranded DNA oligo and measured the Kd values of 1.6+/-0.6 µM (Fig. 2B). After observing the robust DNA binding activity of SET8, we also validated its binding activity with recombinant mono-nucleosomes using similar GST-SET8 fusions that were used for DNA binding activity studies shown in figure 2A. Once again, 157-175 amino acids played a functional role in nucleosome binding (Fig. 2C).

Taken together, data from previous crystallography studies and our gel-shift assays, we conclusively demonstrated that SET8 has both double-stranded DNA and nucleosome binding activity.

Since SET8 is a substrate for PARP1, we investigated the role of DNA in SET8-PARP1 binary complex formation, and if poly ADP-ribosylation can affect either DNA or nucleosome binding activity of SET8. Since DNA is a catalytic activator of PARP1, we incubated GST-SET8, DNA and PARP1 in the presence and absence of DNase I and performed GST-pull down assay followed by western blotting and probing the bound proteins with respective antibodies. Indeed, both GST-SET8 and PARP1 formed binary complexes in the presence of double-stranded DNA. However, in the presence of DNase I, SET8-PARP1 binding was reduced confirming DNA as a facilitator of binary complex formation (Fig. S8A, B).

Subsequently, we incubated SET8 with either a 100 bp ladder or with a recombinant mononucleosome in the presence of PARP1 and NAD+ for poly ADP-ribosylation, and the control remained without NAD+ cofactor. Indeed, poly ADP-ribosylated SET8 lost the DNA as well as nucleosome binding activity as observed by prominent DNA or nucleosome bands (Fig. 2D, top panel). To confirm that this observation is due to poly ADP-ribosylation, a portion of the same reaction was western blotted and probed with anti-PAR antibody. Indeed, the SET8 poly ADP- ribosylation was evident in those lanes that had poor binding of DNA or nucleosome with GST-SET8 (Fig. 2D middle panel). We hypothesized that the loss of binding activity of SET8 on DNA and/or nucleosome would impact its catalytic activity on chromatin. To evaluate if SET8 methyltransferase activity on histone H4 is modulated by PARP1 mediated poly ADP-ribosylation, we performed *in vitro* histone methyltransferase assays mimicking either poly ADP-ribosylated SET8 or its native form. To initiate poly ADP-ribosylation of SET8, we pre-incubated SET8, PARP1, DNA and NAD+ for 15 min at room temperature, followed by the addition of methyl donor, tritiated AdoMet, and purified recombinant histone H4 to initiate H4K20 monomethylation. After the reaction, we performed the filter binding assay for tritium incorporation on substrate histone H4 was measured. Indeed, poly ADP-ribosylation SET8 lost ~40-50% activity compared to the control that lacked any one component for successful poly ADP-ribosylation (Fig. 2E). These results suggest that PARP1 not only inhibits SET8 binding to DNA and nucleosome, but it can also impact histone H4K20 monomethylation.

Poly ADP-ribosylation promotes SET8 degradation and impacts H4K20 methylation: Poly ADP-ribosylation was recently identified as a signal for triggering protein degradation through the ubiquitin-proteasome system. Indeed, poly ADP-ribosylation-mediated degradation of ARTD1 (ADP-ribosyltransferase diphtheria toxin-like 1) is documented (60). In another example, PARP1 binds and poly ADP-ribosylates bromodomain-containing protein 7 (BRD7), which enhances its

ubiquitination and degradation through the PAR-binding E3 ubiquitin ligase RNF146 (61). This led us to investigate if PARP1 has any modulating effect on SET8 levels in the cell. First, we transfected cells with either FLAG or FLAG-PARP1 construct and measured the transfection efficiency by western blotting and probing with anti-FLAG antibody, followed by probing the blot with anti H4K20me1, 2 and 3 along with SET8. Indeed, PARP1 overexpression had reduced SET8 and its reaction products, H4K20me1 to almost half of the control (Fig. S9A, B). We then systematically transfected HA-ubiquitin with GFP-SET8 or FLAG-PARP1 alone or co-transfected all three constructs into the mammalian cells and treated the cells with proteasome inhibitor MG132. We performed western blots of cell extracts to evaluate transfection efficiency and expression of constructs. Probing the blot with anti-GFP antibody demonstrated equivalent expression GFP-SET8 fusion in all transfected samples. Similarly, anti-FLAG antibody probing of the blot showed robust expression of FLAG-PARP1 fusion protein (Fig. 3A, upper panel). Next, we immunoprecipitated GFP-SET8 fusion with anti-GFP antibody and probed the western blot with anti-HA to detect HA-ubiquitinated SET8 fusion or anti-PAR for poly ADP-ribosylated SET8 fusions. Indeed, GFP-SET8 showed high molecular weight HA-ubiquitinated smear when expressed alone with HA-ubiquitin (Fig. 3A, lower panel, lane 1). GFP-SET8 co-expression with FLAG-PARP1 and HA-ubiquitin resulted in accumulation of high molecular weight HA-ubiquitinated smear, suggesting that the expression of additional PARP1 enhances ubiquitination of GFP-SET8 (Fig. 3A, lower panel, lane 2). Similarly, blocking ubiquitination of GFP-SET8 by MG132 resulted in higher amounts of high molecular weight HA-ubiquitinated smear as expected. When we co-expressed GST-SET8, FLAG-PARP1 and HA-ubiquitin and blocked protein degradation using MG132, we observed ~ 5 folds accumulation of HA-ubiquitinated GST-SET8 protein (Fig. 3A, lower panel, lane 4). Similarly, ribosylated GFP-SET8 was more prominent in GFP-SET8 and FLAG-PARP1 overexpressed cells (Fig. 3A, lower right panel, lane 2 and 4). All these experiments conclusively prove that PARP1 is an effector protein that aids in poly ADP-ribosylation of SET8 leading to ubiquitin-mediated degradation.

The SET8 is ubiquitinated on chromatin by CRL4(Cdt2) complexes during S phase and following DNA damage in a PCNA-dependent manner. In a transgenic mouse model for lung cancer, the level of SET8 was reduced in the preneoplastic and adenocarcinomous lesions following over-expression of Cul4A (62). Therefore, it is expected that down regulation of Cul4A by siRNA would lead to accumulation of SET8. Similarly, downregulation of PARG, that removes ADP ribose from poly ADP-ribosylated protein by PARP1 and acts as an antagonist of PARP1, would also lead to the accumulation of SET8. To validate our hypothesis, we transfected GFP-SET8 fusion constructs to mammalian cells and treated the cells with DMSO, Cul4A inhibitor (MLN4924), or PARG inhibitor (PDD00017273) and monitored the SET8 pattern of expression by immunoprecipitation and western blotting. Indeed, GFP-SET8 fusion protein was expressed in a similar level in the absence or presence of either Cul4A or PARG inhibitor. Immunoprecipitation

of GFP-SET8 showed more prominent high molecular weight poly ADP-ribosylated GFP-SET8 fusion in PARGi treated cells (Fig. 3B). Taken together with results from figure 3A and B, we correlate that high molecular weight ubiquitinylated GFP-SET8 are both ubiquitinylated and poly ADP-ribosylated, suggesting a cross-communication between both to maintain a steady-state level of SET8 in the cells.

We next knocked down PARP1 using siRNA to define its role in SET8 stability conclusively. HeLa cells were treated with control siGFP, siPARP1 and siSET8 and the extracts were western blotted and probed with respective antibodies. As expected, anti-PARP1 was able to knock down 70% PARP1 resulting in 1.5-fold increase in SET8 level. Surprisingly, SET8 level increase did not translate into an increase in global H4K20me1 level (Fig. 3C). This led us to investigate global H4K20me2/3 heterochromatic marks in the knockdown cells using western blot. Surprisingly, H4K20me2 level decreased along with the concurrent gain of global H4K20me3 suggesting knockdown of PARP1 facilitates the rapid formation of H4K20me3 that may result in aberrant heterochromatic mark establishment following cell cycle.

Cell cycle dependent interaction of SET8 and PARP1: Since siPARP1 led to an increase in H4K20me3, and precursor H4K20me1 and SET8 enzyme are crucial to cell cycle progression genome stability, DNA replication, mitosis, and transcription, we hypothesized that SET8 and PARP1 would be colocalized in cells in a cell cycle-dependent manner for SET8 dynamics on chromatin. Thymidine-nocodazole treated synchronized HeLa cell nuclei were isolated and extracts were made corresponding to G1, S and G2M phase. Equal amounts of extracts were evaluated for the relative abundance of SET8, PARP1, and H4K20me1 using western blot with respective antibodies. CDT1 (G1 phase marker) was used as a positive control for cell cycle synchronization. As expected, SET8 level was lowest during S phase and highest at G2/M phase, mirroring H4K20me1 levels. PARP1 level remained unchanged throughout the cell cycle (Fig. 4A). Since SET8 and PARP1 directly interact, we investigated SET8 levels on the chromatin. To validate this hypothesis, we used G1, S, G2/M nuclear extracts for SET8 immunoprecipitation (IP). The captured proteins were resolved on SDS-PAGE, western blotted and probed with SET8 and PARP1 antibodies (Fig. 4B). We observed the highest amounts of SET8 being captured in G2/M compared to S or G1 phase. SET8 IP also revealed that PARP1 is co-immunoprecipitated in G2/M compared to G1 or S phase. However, all three phases with PARP1 co-immunoprecipitated with SET8, abate a higher amount during S phase. We, therefore, quantified relative co-immunoprecipitation between PARP1-SET8 during all three cell cycle phases by comparing the ratios between PARP1 and SET8 in 3 independent experiments (Fig. 4B, bottom panel). Indeed, PARP1/SET8 ratio was highest during S phase compared to the lowest in G2/M, confirming PARP1 indeed modulates SET8 stability on the chromatin in a cell cycle-dependent manner that is reflected by both enzyme level and H4K20me1.

In another experiment, we pulse changed COS-7 cells with 5-ethynyl-2'-deoxyuridine (EdU) to selectively labeled the newly synthesized DNA in S phase, for rapid visualization and its ability not to interfere with subsequent antibody staining. The same cells were also transfected with GFP-SET8 and further probed with anti-PAR antibody. EdU formed the punctate pink nuclear staining pattern, typical of S phase. And the same regions were also visualized as yellow indicating GFP-SET8 colocalization. Poly ADP-ribosylation was visualized using anti-PAR antibody as red throughout the nucleus, as expected with clear colocalization at the replication forks and SET8 (Fig. 4C). These results confirm poly ADP-ribosylation of SET8 occurs at the S phase as observed by IP (Fig. 4B). Thus, PARP1 plays a central role during cell cycle to dynamically regulate H4K20 methylation.

PARP1 level regulates H4K20me1 and H4K20me3 chromatin domains: Since PARP1 level increases at S phase with a concurrent decrease in SET8 and H4K20me1 level, we next investigated if there is a functional implication of PARP1 level in the cell and H4K20me1/me3 distribution on the chromatin. For this investigation, we knocked down PARP1 in HeLa cells and performed H4K20me1 and H4K20me3 ChIP-seq with respective siGFP controls. Prior to the ChIP-seq, we western blotted the samples and observed similar levels of SET8 and H4K20me1, me2 and me3 as observed for PARP1 knockdown (Fig. 3C). First, we mapped the H4K20me1 and me3 peaks and observed that PARP1 knockdown has higher read densities compared to their respective controls suggesting H4K20me1 hypermethylation in the peak regions and vicinity (+/- 5 kbp), although H4K20me3 hypermethylation was primarily concentrated in the peak region (Fig. 5A, B). We performed peak annotations to determine the genomic elements of both post-translational marks. The concurrent gain of H4K20me1 regional density in the intergenic and loss in the intron regions in PARP1- knockdown, suggest any alterations in PARP1 levels impacts the aberrant distribution of H4K20me1 marks in cells (Fig. S10A). These regions are rich in LINE and SINE elements that function to regulate gene expression by affecting chromatin structure and gene transcription. We extracted the regional distribution of H4K20me1 in LINE and SINE from ChIP-seq datasets and observed that PARP1 knockdown enriched H4K20me1 on the LINE elements and decreased the mark on SINE elements (Fig. S10B). However, H420me3 distribution remained similar on genomic elements in siPARP1 cells, although some varation in LINE, SINE and satellites were observed (Fig. S10C, D). The Pearson's correlation between the ChIP-seq fragments between H4K20me1 and H4K20me3 remained between r=0.52 to 0.57 irrespective of siGFP and siPARP1 knock downs. This suggests the tag density between the knockdowns resulted in H4K20me1 and H4K20me3 reads that overlapped (Fig. 5C). The gain of H4K20me1 and me3 regional density around the peak in PARP1 knockdown cells led us to investigate the peak width of these mark with response to low PARP1 levels. We binned peak width of H4K20me1 and H4K20me3 and observed that H4K20me1 was reduced below 1 kb with

concurrent gain up to 10 kb (Fig. 5D). However, H4K20me3 width peak gain was more prominent on 200-500 bp (Fig. 5E). This suggested that the knock down of PARP1 may shift the dynamic equilibrium between both marks. Since H4K20me1 is associated with transcriptional activation and H4K20me3 represses transcription when present at promoters, repetitive DNA and transposons, we hypothesized H4K20me1 ChIP seq data will correlate with accessible chromatin fragments, and the reverse will be true for H4K20me3. We performed accessible chromatin analysis using NicE-seq in both siGFP and siPARP1 cells and compared with H4K20me1 and H4K20me3 ChIP-seq data using Spearman correlation. Indeed, there was high correlation (r=0.94) between accessible chromatin and H4K20me1 (Fig. 5F). As expected, H4K20me3 ChIP-seq data correlated poorly with accessible chromatin (r=0.13, Fig. 5G). Indeed, IGV browser displayed changes in H4K20me1 and H4K20me3 boundaries throughout the genome upon PARP1 knockdown (Fig. 5H). Similarly, we overexpressed FLAG or FLAG-PARP1 in HeLa cells to study the changes in H4K20me1 boundaries. As expected, PARP1 overexpression led to increase in H4K20me1 domains with estimated sizes of 200-500 bp and decrease in 1-2.5 Kbp (Fig. S11A). A closer IGV browser displayed a fragmented H4K20me1 boundary on chromatin, as shown for ZNF121 (Fig. S11B). Taken together we concluded that depletion of PARP1 didn't significantly affect H4K20me1 levels in accessible regions.

Enrichment of consensus TF-binding motifs near H4K20me1: Further analysis of the sequence tags obtained from H4K20me1 and H4K20me3 ChIP-seq and the consensus transcription factor binding sites analysis shows that PARP1 knockdown in cells leads to enrichment or decrease of some transcription factor (TF) binding sites in its vicinity. Most of those TF binding site enrichment are associated with the Wnt/beta-catenin pathway (Fig. S12A, B; Supp. Table 2A, B). For example, TCF3, a transcriptional repressor implicated in the Wnt pathway by directly binding to beta-catenin was observed to be PARP1 regulated via H4K20me3. Similarly, activating transcription factor-4 (ATF4) and zinc finger protein 410 (ZFP410) enrichment was PARP1 dependent. The PARP1 dependent TF enrichment sequences with H4K20me1/me3 chromatin signature fell into three general categories. (1) Overall PARP1 dependent TF binding site enrichment, described as enriched in control cells, but not when PARP1 depleted. (2) PARP1 independent TF binding site enrichment, described as no enrichment in cells when PARP1 is depleted. (3) PARP1 inhibited TF binding site enrichment, described as enriched in cells when PARP1 is depleted (Fig. S12B). However, significant numbers of TF enrichment were dependent on H4K20me1 or H4K20me3 marks. Therefore, it is plausible that PARP1 mediated mis-regulation of H4K20me1 and H4K20me3 domains are linked to gene regulation via transcription factor recruitment. Indeed, the TF binding motif analysis displayed ~85% of the Wnt signaling pathway associated TFs were differentially enriched due to PARP1 knock down cells (Table S2A and B). These observations suggest that optimal PARP1 level is essential for TF motif enrichment that could affect gene expression and cellular development.

Discussion:

The principal enzyme of poly ADP-ribosylation is PARP1. While many studies have reported that PARP1 promotes gene transcription, it also promotes gene expression at the post-transcriptional level by modulating the RNA-binding protein HuR (63,64). Indeed, PARP-1 is required for a series of molecular outcomes at the promoters of PARP-1 regulated genes, leading to a permissive chromatin environment for RNA Pol II machinery loading. Poly ADP-ribosylation has an important role in the maintenance of H3K4me3, as the enzyme for demethylation, KDM5B, is impaired by poly ADP-ribosylation. Consistently, an increased level of KDM5B at TSS of active genes is associated with decreased H3K4me3 after inhibition of poly ADP-ribosylation *in vivo*. (65). There is also *in vitro* evidence of a direct involvement of poly ADP-ribosylation in the crosstalk between H3 and H1 methylation. Indeed, poly ADP-ribosylation of H3 impairs its methylation by the H3K4 mono-methyltransferase SET7/9, thus shifting its catalytic activity towards other lysine residues of H1 (66). Another role of poly ADP-ribosylation can contribute to transcriptional repression by H3K9me2 accumulation at retinoic acid (RA)-dependent genes. In this mechanism, demethylase KDM4D is covalently poly ADP-ribosylation at the N-term domain, impairing its recruitment onto RA-responsive promoters, leading to repression by H3K9me2 accumulation (67). Apart from the transcriptional role of PARP, inhibition/depletion of the enzymes also causes loss of epigenetic marker on heterochromatin, H3K9me3 (68), H4K20me3 (69), and 5mC (70) at the centromeric regions. These all studies suggest that PARP enzymes can modulate chromatin structure and regulate gene expression.

In this study, poly ADP-ribosylation not only impaired SET8 catalytic activity, it also ribosylated and facilitate SET8 degradation by the ubiquitin degradation pathway. As expected, knockdown of PARP1 resulted in accumulation of SET8 in cells, although it did not increase global H4K20me1 load, the enriched peaks displayed small hypermethylation at proximal and distal regions of the peaks. However, there was a profound decrease of global H4K20me2 and corresponding increase in global H4K20me3. This is not unexpected since H4K20me2 is the precursor of heterochromatin mark H4K20me3. This was further supported by the FLAG-PARP1 overexpression studies. Indeed, overexpression of PARP1 not only decreased the level of SET8, it also correspondingly decreased the level of H4K20me1, H4K20me2 and H4K20me3. Taken together, these results suggest an alteration in the level of SET8 in cells can profoundly impact heterochromatic mark H4K20me3. An increase in H4K20me3 may have resulted in heterochromatic domain rearrangement in overexpressing cells. However, previous studies have reported poly ADP-ribosylated PARP1 might conflict with CG methylation by non-covalent interaction with DNMT1 preventing its access on DNA and catalysis (70). PARP1 also affects DNA methylation by forming a complex with the transcription factor CTCF. In another report,

PARP1 was shown to control the UHRF1-mediated ubiquitination of DNMT1 to timely regulate its abundance during S and G2 phase, thus impacting CG methylation. Therefore, the above observations, and our current studies, demonstrate other epigenetic marks particularly DNA methylation and SET8 levels in the cell, may play a role in the chromatin H4K20me1 and H4K20me3 domain maintenance. Indeed, SET8 is known to regulate chromatin compaction during G1 phase (18). Therefore, it would make sense that during this phase there is little interaction between PARP1 and SET8. Indeed, upon mitotic exit, chromatin relaxation is controlled by SET8-dependent methylation of histone H4K20. In the absence of either SET8 or H4K20me1 mark, substantial genome-wide chromatin decompaction occurs allowing excessive loading of the origin recognition complex (ORC) in the daughter cells (18). Based on these results, it is plausible that PARP1 overexpression in cancer would catalytically compromise SET8 leading to slight reduction in H4K20me1 mark. This would have a larger ramification in an increase of H4K20me3 level on heterochromatin. Since H4K20me3 represses transcription when present at promoters and silences repetitive DNA and transposons, its aberrant deposition on chromatin may alter the transcriptional network during oncogenesis. Furthermore, SET8 mediated H4K20me1 regulates Pol II promoter-proximal pausing by regulating H4K16ac and H4K20me3 levels and ultimately transcriptional output (71). Therefore, PARP1 mediated poly ADP-ribosylation can impact epigenome inheritance, chromatin structure, and transcription factor occupancy.

Data availability
ChIP-seq and NicE-seq data performed in this study are available in NCBI Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) under the accession GSE188744

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Figure legends

Figure 1: Colocalization, binding and poly ADP-ribosylation of SET8 by PARP1. (A) Co-immunoprecipitation of endogenous SET8 and PARP1 in HCT116 cells. Rabbit IgG (left lane) was used as a negative control. (B) Colocalization between FLAG-PARP1 (red), GFP-SET8 (green) and endogenous PCNA (pink) in COS-7 cells. DAPI (blue) represents the nuclear DNA content. (C) Mapping of domain interactions using GST-pulldown assays between SET8 domains (top, left) and full-length recombinant PARP1 protein and GST-pulldown assays between PARP1 domains and full-length recombinant SET8 protein (top, right). The PARP1 or SET8 binding were detected by western blotting using PARP1 antibody (middle, left) or SET8 antibody (middle, right) respectively. Ponceau stain gels (bottom) represent the amount of GST beads constructs used for the GST-pulldown assays. (D) *In vitro* detection of full-length recombinant SET8 ADP-ribosylation by full-length recombinant PARP1 by western blotting using anti-ADP ribose antibody (top). Ponceau stain gels (bottom) represent the amount of PARP1 and SET8 recombinant enzyme used for ADP-ribosylation assay (bottom). (E) Detection of SET8 lysines ADP-ribosylation using mass spectrometry analysis of SET8 ADP-ribosylated peptides by full-length recombinant PARP1 protein *in vitro*.

Figure 2: Poly ADP-ribosylation impairs DNA, nucleosome binding and catalytic activity of SET8 protein. (A) Detection of unbound 100 bp DNA ladder by TBE ethidium bromide-stained gel in supernatants (left lane) on GST-SET8 domains or mutant (M) using GST-pulldown assays (top, left side). Asterisks are representing shift of DNA on GST-SET8 157-352 amino acid protein or GST-SET8 full-length protein (FL) beads. Ponceau stain represents the amount of GST beads constructs used for the GST-pulldown (bottom, left side). (B) Different concentrations of recombinant full-length SET8 protein binding to DNA using EMSA to determine the equilibrium dissociation constant (Kd). (C) Detection of unbound mononucleosome by TBE ethidium bromide-stained gel in supernatants on GST beads versus GST-SET8 domains or mutant (M) beads using GST-pulldown assays. (D) Detection of unbound DNA (left side) or unbound mononucleosome (right side) by TBE ethidium bromide-stained gel in supernatants (top) on GST beads versus GST-SET8 FL beads using GST-pulldown assays. GST or GST-SET8 FL beads were poly ADP-ribosylated or not (with or without NAD) using full-length recombinant PARP1 as demonstrated by western blot using anti-ADP ribose antibody (middle). Ponceau stain gel (bottom) represents the amount of GST bead constructs used for the GST-pulldown and the ADP-ribosylation western blot analysis. (E) SET8 histone methyltransferase assay on full-length recombinant histone H4 using full-length recombinant SET8 in presence or absence of activated full-length recombinant PARP1.

Figure 3: PARP1 promotes SET8 protein degradation. (A) GFP-SET8 immunoprecipitation in overexpressed GFP-SET8 COS-7 cells with or without FLAG-PARP1 overexpression in presence or

not of the proteasome inhibitor MG132. Western blots detecting the amount of GFP-SET8 protein overexpressed in total extract (top, left) as well as the amount of FLAG-PARP1 protein overexpressed (top, right) using anti-GFP and anti-FLAG antibody respectively. Western blots detecting the amount of ubiquitin (Ub) (bottom, left) or ADP-ribosylation (bottom, right) of immunoprecipitated GFP-SET8 protein using anti-HA and anti-ADP ribose antibody respectively. Anti-actin was used as a loading control (middle). (B) GFP-SET8 immunoprecipitation in overexpressed GFP-SET8 COS-7 cells in presence or not (DMSO) of Cullin inhibitor (Cul4Ai) or PARG inhibitor (PARGi). Western blot detection of total GFP-SET8 protein levels overexpressed in COS-7 cells (top). Anti-actin antibody was used as control (middle). Western blot detecting the amount of poly-ADP ribosylation (bottom) of immunoprecipitated GFP-SET8 protein using an anti-ADP ribose antibody. (C) Western blots (left side) detecting the amount of PARP1 (top), SET8 protein (middle) as well as the amount of H4K20me1, H4K20me2 and H4K20me3 levels (bottom) in total protein extract of knockdown HeLa cells treated with esiRNA GFP (control), esiRNA PARP1 and esiRNA SET8, respectively. Respective densitometry analyses of protein abundance representative of at least 2 biological experiments are shown (right side). Ponceau stain was used as control (left side).

Figure 4: Cell cycle dependent interaction of PARP1 and SET8 correlates with global H4K20me1. (A) Western blot indicating PARP1 (top, left), SET8 (middle, left) and H4K20me1 (middle, left) levels in total protein extracts from HeLa cells synchronized in G1, S and G2/M phases, respectively. Western blot of CDT1 protein levels is shown as a cell cycle synchronization control as well as Ponceau stain for loading control and densitometry analyses (bottom, left). Respective densitometry analyses of H4K20me1 (top, right) and SET8 (bottom, right) relative protein abundances are shown (right) and representative of at least 2 biological experiments. (B) SET8 immunoprecipitation from total protein extract in HeLa cells synchronized in G1, S and G2/M phases. Western blots detection of PARP1 (top, left) as well as SET8 immunoprecipitated protein levels (bottom, left) are revealed. Densitometry analyses of PARP1/SET8 ratio during G1, S and G2/M cell cycle phases are shown (right) and are representative of at least 2 biological experiments. (C) Pulsed chased cells with 5-ethynyl-2⬚-deoxyuridine (EdU) to label DNA (magenta) is transfected with GFP-SET8 (green). Endogenous ADP-ribose (red) is revealed by anti-ADP-ribose conjugated with Texas Red. Merged images demonstrates the co-localization of EDU, SET8 and ADP-ribose.

Figure 5: PARP1 regulates H4K20me1 and H4K20me3 distribution in the genome. (A) Genome-wide metagene plot showing H4K20me1 profile (ChIP-seq) in control and PARP1 knockdown HeLa cells. (B) Genome-wide metagene plot showing H4K20me3 profile (ChIP-seq) in control and PARP1 knockdown HeLa cells. (C) Pearson correlation of H4K20me1 and H4K20me3 regions in PARP1 knockdown HeLa cells and its control. (D) Peak width profile of H4K20me1 by binning

the peaks into different lengths in PARP1 knockdown cells and its control. (E) Peak width profile of H4K20me3 by binning the peaks into different lengths in PARP1 knockdown cells and its control (F) Spearman correlation of H4K20me1 regions in the human (hg38) genes and open chromatin region in PARP1 knockdown cells and its control. (G) Spearman correlation of H4K20me3 regions in the human (hg38) genes and open chromatin region in PARP1 knockdown cells and its control (H) Representative IGV genomic tracks showing H4K20me1 and H4K20me3 profile in PARP1 knockdown cells and its control.

Supplementary figures

Figure S1: Predicted SET8 structure and mutational analysis of PARP1 binding. (A) Schematic presentation of SET8 and its domains on the top followed by predicted structural ordered and disorder regions of the enzyme using PONDR score. (B) Predicted folded, unfolded, hydrophobic and charge region fold index of SET8 using PLAAC algorithm. (C) GST pull down of GST-SET8FL or GST-SET8mut (K86A, K158/159A, K162/164A, R168A, K169/170A, K174A) of PARP1 full-length enzyme. Western blot probed with anti-PARP1 antibody (top, left), and the relative pulldown of PARP1 quantitated and shown in arbitrary unit (top, right). Loading of the exact blot shown using ponceau staining (bottom).

Figure S2: Detail poly ADP-ribosylation mapping of SET8. (A) Full length SET8 is poly ADP ribosylated by PARP1. The enzymatic in vitro reaction was separated using SDS-PAGE, western blotted and probed with anti-PAR antibody. The shifted SET8 band shows the ADP ribosylated SET8 (top). Loading of the exact blot shown using ponceau staining (bottom). (B) ADP-ribosylation of various SET8 domain in the presence of PARP1. The ribosylated SET8 GST-SET8 N-t (1-98), GST-SET8 DD (157-352) domains as well as GST-SET8 FL are shown by western blotting using anti-PAR antibody (top). Loading of the exact blot shown using ponceau staining (bottom). (C) ADP-ribosylation of various GST-SET8 regions in the presence of PARP1. GST-SET8 N-t (1-98), GST-SET8 DD (157-352) and GST-SET8 FL show ribosylation (top). Loading of the exact blot shown using ponceau staining (bottom). (D) Detailed ADP-ribosylation analysis of various truncated SET8 regions between amino acids 130-352 in the presence of PARP1. GST-SET8 (130-152), GST-SET8 (157-352), GST-SET8 (170-352) as well as GST-SET8 FL shows ADP-ribosylation (top). Loading of the exact blot shown using ponceau staining (bottom).

Figure S3: Characterization of ADP-ribosylation of SET8 synthetic peptide KPLAGIYRKREEK-NH2 using high resolution mass spectrometry and isotope quantification in nanoLC.
(A) Quantification of peptide KPLAGIYRKREEK-NH2 (charge +3) at four time points: 0 min (negative control), 1hr, 4rhs and overnight (ON) reaction with PARP1. Peak areas were determined with SIEVE software package for the three main isotopes m/z 529.65449, m/z 529.98877 and m/z 530.32300, theoretical values determined with Protein Prospector MS Isotope. The figure displays the measured isotopes 0, 1 and 2 with Orbitrap MS. (B) Quantification of peptide (ADPr)KPLAGIYRKREEK-NH2 (charge +3) at four time points: 0 min (negative control), 1hr, 4rhs and overnight (ON) reaction with PARP1. Peak areas were determined with SIEVE software package for the three main isotopes m/z 710.00819, m/z 710.34247 and m/z 710.67670, theoretical values determined with Protein Prospector MS Isotope. The figure displays the measured isotopes 0, 1 and 2 with Orbitrap MS. (C) Quantification of peptide (ADPr)KPLAGIYRKREEK-NH2 (charge +4) at four time points: 0 min (negative control), 1hr, 4rhs and overnight (ON) reaction with PARP1. Peak areas were

determined with SIEVE software package for the three main isotopes m/z 532.75796, m/z 533.00867 and m/z 533.25934, theoretical values determined with Protein Prospector MS Isotope. The figure displays the measured isotopes 0, 1 and 2 with Orbitrap MS. (D) Chromatographic profile of the main isotopes of (1ADPr) KPLAGIYRKREEK-NH2 and (2ADPr) KPLAGIYRKREEK-NH2 detected at 5 min reaction with PARP1. (E) Chromatographic profile of the main isotopes of (1ADPr) KPLAGIYRKREEK-NH2 and (2ADPr) KPLAGIYRKREEK-NH2 detected at 15 min reaction with PARP1.

Figure S4. Characterization of ADP-ribosylation of SET8 synthetic peptide KPLAGIYRKREEK-NH2 using high resolution/high accuracy MS/MS HCD fragmentation, [M+3H]3+ precursor m/z 710.00 and [M+4H]4+ precursor m/z 532.75. (A) Characteristics ADP-ribose modification fragmentation ions (m-ions peptide free modification fragment ions):m1= 136.1, m3=250, m5=348, m8=428 (top panel). Ion m/z 136.1 could be sourced from either tyrosine immonium ion (m/z 136.0762) or [adenine+H]+ (m/z 136.0623). Fragment ions with intact peptide p1 and intact peptide with ribose phosphate p5 are shown on the bottom panel, m/z 500 - 900. The nomenclature for ADP-ribosylation fragment ions is according to (Hengel et al, 2009). Inset shows the [M+3H]3+ precursor full scan MS spectrum. **(**B) Similar to charge state +3, fragmented precursor charge state +4 showed characteristics ADP-ribose modification fragment ions. Increased intensity sequencing ions are present in the bottom panel, m/z 500 - 900. Inset shows the [M+4H]4+ precursor full scan MS spectrum.

Figure S5. Characterization of ADP-ribosylation of SET8 synthetic peptide KPLAGIYRKREEK-NH2 using MS/MS CID fragmentation. [M+3H]3+ precursor m/z 710.008 and [M+4H]4+ precursor m/z 532.75 are shown. Scoring of ion propensity matches of the ADPr unit relative to seven possible amino acid locations in CID MS/MS spectra of (ADPr)KPLAGIYRKREEK-NH2.

Figure S6. Characterization of ADP-ribosylation of SET8 synthetic peptide KKPIKGKQAPRKK-NH2 using high resolution mass spectrometry and isotope quantification in nanoLC. (A) Quantification of peptide KKPIKGKQAPRKK-NH2 (charge +3) at four time points: 0 min (negative control), 1hr, 4 hrs and overnight (ON) reaction with PARP1. Peak areas were determined with SIEVE software package for the three main isotopes m/z 502.67534, m/z 503.00960 and m/z 503.34383, theoretical values determined with Protein Prospector MS Isotope. The figure displays the measured isotopes 0, 1 and 2 with Orbitrap MS. (B) Quantification of peptide (ADPr)KKPIKGKQAPRKK-NH2 (charge +4) at four time points: 0 min (negative control), 1hr, 4 hrs and overnight (ON) reaction with PARP1. Peak areas were determined with SIEVE software package for the three main isotopes m/z 512.52360, m/z 512.77430 and m/z 513.02497, theoretical values determined with Protein Prospector MS Isotope. The figure displays the measured isotopes 0, 1 and 2 with Orbitrap MS.

Figure S7. Characterization of ADP-ribosylation of SET8 synthetic peptide KKPIKGKQAPRKK-NH2 using MS/MS CID fragmentation, [M+4H]4+ precursor m/z 512.52. Characteristics ADP-ribose modification fragmentation ions (m-ions peptide free modification fragment ions): m5=348 and m8=428 (top panel). Fragment peptide ions are present most probably due to neutral loss of ADP-ribose fragments, within the unit resolution on linear ion trap MS/MS spectra (bottom panel). Inset shows the [M+4H]4+ precursor full scan MS spectrum.

Figure S8: DNA enhances SET8 and PARP1 binding. (A) GST pull down assay of GST-SET8 FL with PARP1 full length in the presence or absence of DNase I. Western blot using anti-PARP1 antibody revels the presence of PARP1 (top, left side). The relative pulldown of PARP1 quantitated and shown in arbitrary unit (right side). Loading of the exact blot shown using ponceau staining (bottom, left side).

Figure S9: PARP1 overexpression leads to change the cellular levels of H4K20 methylation. (A) Equal amounts of cell extract from cells transfected with FLAG or FLAG-PARP1, blotted and probed with antibodies as indicated. Equal loading is shown by ponceau staining. (B) Western blot showing levels of mono, di, tri methylation of H4K20 and SET8. Relative amounts of protein are measured by scanning three independent blots.

Figure S10: Genomic analysis of PARP1 depletion. (A) Peak annotation showing genomic representation of H4K20me1 in PARP1 knockdown cells and its control. (B) Peak annotation showing repeat elements profile of H4K20me1 in PARP1 knockdown cells and its control. (C) Peak annotation showing genomic representation of H4K20me3 in PARP1 knockdown cells and its control. (D) Peak annotation showing repeat elements profile of H4K20me3 in PARP1 knockdown cells and its control.

Figure S11: Genomic analysis of PARP1 overexpression. (A) Peak width profile of H4K20me1 by binning the peaks into different lengths in PARP1 overexpression cells and its control (B) Representative IGV genomic tracks showing H4K20me1 profile in PARP1 knockdown, overexpression cells and its respective controls.

Figure S12: Transcription factor binding site analysis. (A) Heatmap representing the enrichment of consensus TF-binding motifs identified from H4K20me1 ChIP-seq in PARP1 knockdown cells and its control. (B) Heatmap representing the enrichment of consensus TF-binding motifs identified from H4K20me3 ChIP-seq in PARP1 knockdown cells and its control.

Table S1: Proteomic analysis of SET8 pull-down in HEK293T cells using LC-MS.

Table S2A: Wnt signaling pathway associated TFs enriched in H4K20me1 regions due to PARP1 knock down .

Table S2B: Wnt signaling pathway associated TFs enriched in H4K20me3 regions due to PARP1 knock down.
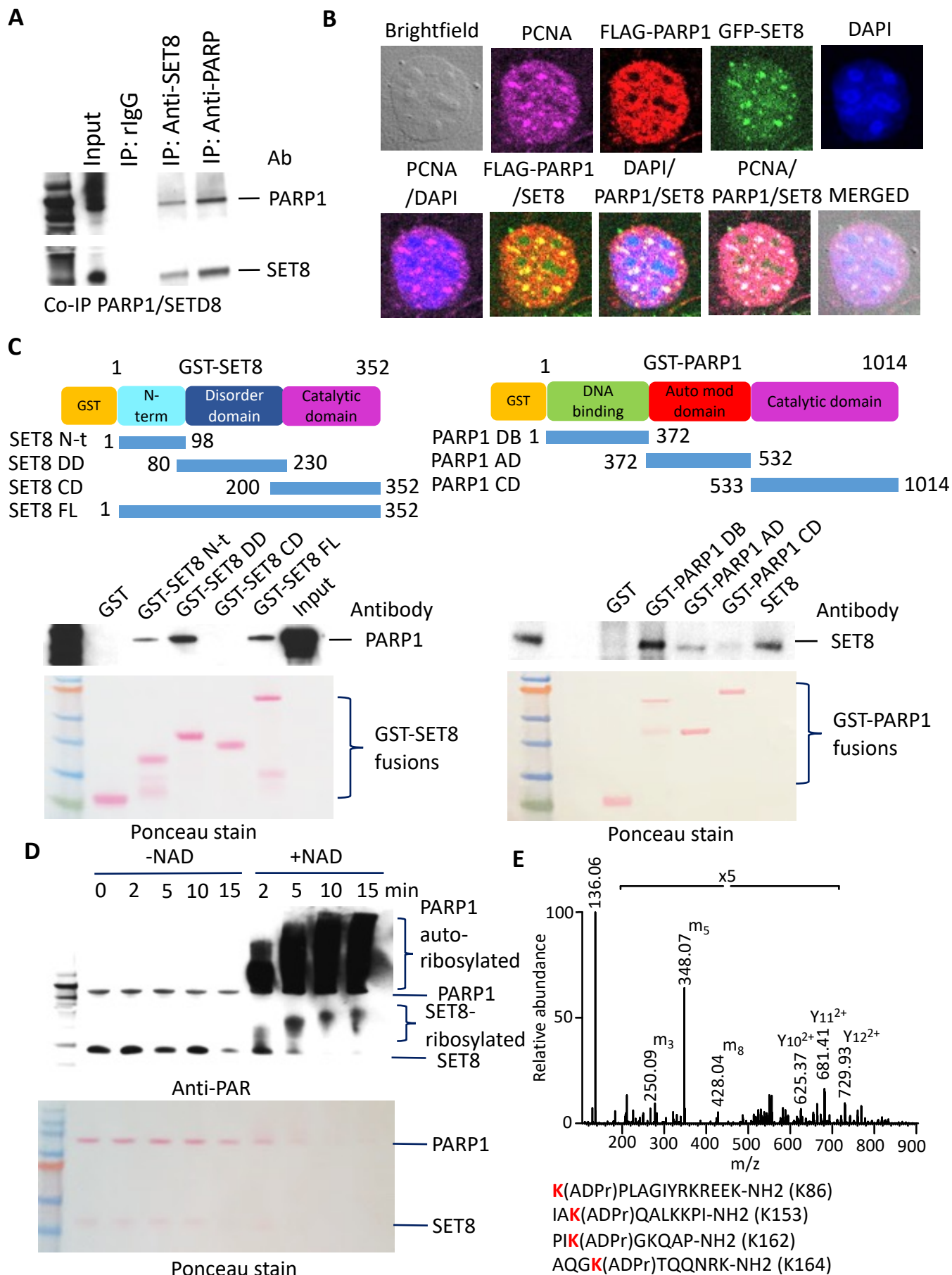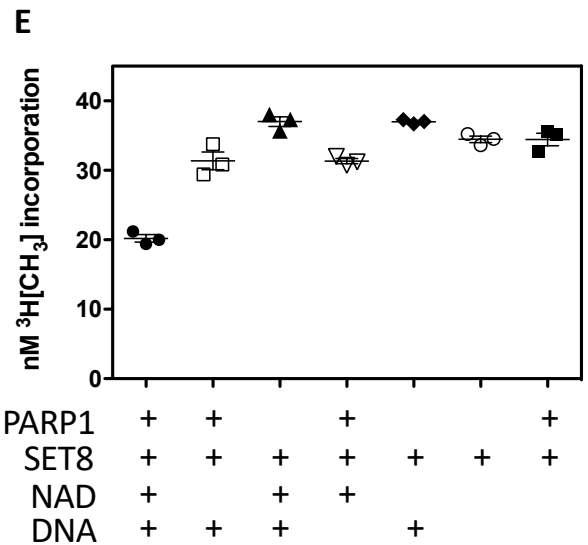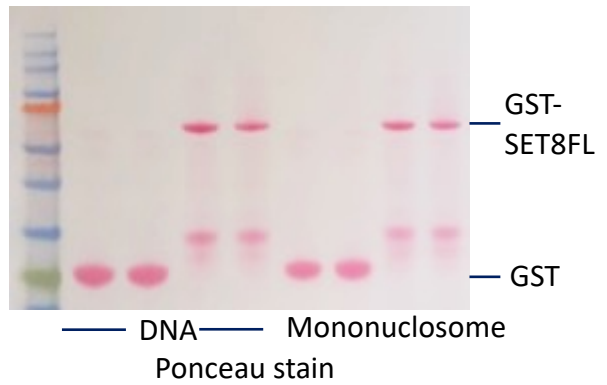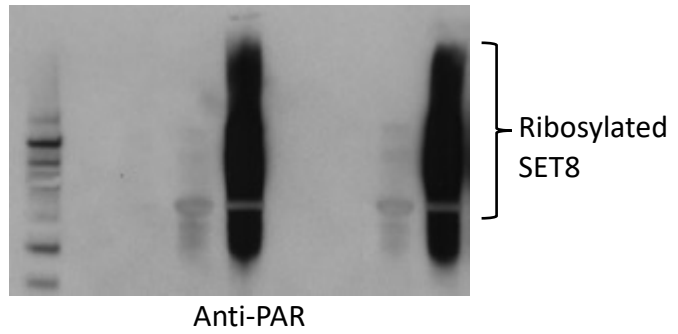
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PARP1 DB   1 — 372
PARP1 AD   372 — 532
PARP1 CD   533 — 1014

Antibody — PARP1

GST-SET8 fusions

Ponceau stain

Antibody — SET8

GST-PARP1 fusions

Ponceau stain

D

-NAD   +NAD
0 2 5 10 15   2 5 10 15 min

PARP1 auto-ribosylated
PARP1
SET8-ribosylated
SET8

Anti-PAR

PARP1
SET8

Ponceau stain

E

x5

Relative abundance

136.06

m_5 348.07

m_3 250.09

m_8 428.04

Y_{10}^{2+} 625.37

Y_{11}^{2+} 681.41

Y_{12}^{2+} 729.93

m/z

K(ADPr)PLAGIYRKREEK-NH2 (K86)
IA**K**(ADPr)QALKKPI-NH2 (K153)
PI**K**(ADPr)GKQAP-NH2 (K162)
AQG**K**(ADPr)TQQNRK-NH2 (K164)

Fig. 1

A

Shifted DNA

Gel-shift assay

Ponceau stain (BP)

B

C

Mono-nucleosome

D

Mono-nucleosome

Gel-shift assay

Ribosylated SET8

Anti-PAR

GST-SET8FL

GST

DNA — Mononuclosome

Ponceau stain

E

Fig. 2

Fig. 3

A

MW Input G1 S G2/M

kDa

140 —
100 —   Anti-PARP1

50 —
40 —   Anti-SET8

20 —   Anti-H4K20me1

80 —
60 —   Anti-CDT1 (G1 marker)

Histones

Ponceau

H4K20me1/Ponceau (AU)

G1 S G2/M

SET8/Ponceau (AU)

G1 S G2/M

B

IP: SET8

MW   G1 S G2/M

kDa

140 —
100 —   PARP1

50 —
40 —   SET8

PARP1/SET8 (AU)

G1 S G2/M

C

EDU   GFP-SET8   EDU/GFP-SET8

ADP-ribose   ADP-ribose/ GFP-SET8   ADP-ribose/ GFP-SET8/EDU

Fig. 4

Fig. 5