Depletion of Sun1/2 induces heterochromatin accrual in mesenchymal stem cells during

adipogenesis

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Abstract

Critical to the mechano-regulation of mesenchymal stem cells (MSC), Linker of the

Nucleoskeleton and Cytoskeleton (LINC) complex transduces cytoskeletal forces to the nuclei.

The LINC complex contains outer nuclear membrane Nesprin proteins that associate with the

cytoskeleton and their inner nuclear membrane couplers, Sun proteins. In addition to coupling

Nesprin-associated cytoskeletal elements to inner nuclear membrane, Sun proteins also

function in regulating nuclear mechanics and chromatin tethering to inner nuclear membrane.

This suggests that release of LINC-mediated cytoskeletal connections from cell nuclei may have

different effects on chromatin organization and MSC differentiation than those due to ablation of

intra-nuclear Sun proteins. To test this hypothesis we compared Sun1/2 depletion with

expression of the dominant-negative KASH domain (dnKASH) that inhibits Nesprin-Sun

association. In cells cultured under adipogenic conditions, disconnecting LINC from the

cytoskeleton through dnKASH expression, increased adipogenic gene expression and fat

droplet formation; heterochromatin H3K27 and H3K9 methylation was unaltered. In contrast,

Sun1/2 depletion inhibited adipogenic gene expression and fat droplet formation; as well the

anti-adipogenic effect of Sun1/2 depletion was accompanied by increased H3K9me3, which was

enriched on *Adipoq*, silencing this fat locus. We conclude that releasing the nucleus from

cytoskeletal constraints via dnKASH accelerates adipogenesis while depletion of Sun1/2

increases heterochromatin accrual on adipogenic genes in a fashion independent of LINC

complex function. Therefore, while these two approaches both disable LINC functions, their

divergent effects on the epigenetic landscape indicate they cannot be used interchangeably to

study mechanical regulation of cell differentiation.

Introduction

The Linker of the Cytoskeleton and Nucleoskeleton (LINC) complex is composed of Sun and Nesprin proteins[1]. N-termini of Nesprin proteins associate with cytoskeletal filaments such as actin[2,3], microtubules[4,5] and other adaptor proteins[6-8] to provide dynamic nucleo-cytoplasmic connections at the outer nuclear membrane. Nesprin C-termini, located inside the perinuclear space, bind to C-termini of the Sun proteins via their KASH domain[9]. The Sun protein N-termini pierce the inner nuclear membrane to interface with both A- and B-type Lamins[10], Emerin[11], and nuclear pore complexes[12] as well as providing organizational capacity to chromatin by interacting with telomere ends of DNA during DNA repair[13] and meiosis[14,15]. In this capacity, LINC complexes serve as mechanosensitive adaptors between cytoplasm and nucleus to regulate both physical and biochemical signal transduction to the nucleus[16].

During development and in mechanically active tissues such as bone and muscle, progenitor cell differentiation is highly dependent upon a cell's ability to sense extracellular mechanical cues and transmit this information into nucleus and alter chromatin structure. Therefore, disrupting Nesprin-Sun binding of the LINC complex via expression of a dominant-negative KASH (dnKASH) and depletion of either Sun or Nesprin proteins have been used interchangeably to study the effects of nucleo-cytoskeletal connectivity on cell function and differentiation[17]. Indeed, both dnKASH overexpression and Nesprin/Sun depletion approaches have been shown to affect progenitor cell differentiation. dnKASH expression, for example, increases histone deacetylase (HDAC) activity in human MSCs; resulting in decreased expression of the osteogenesis marker Runx2 and increased expression of the adipogenesis marker Pparg[18]. Depletion of both Nesprin2- Giant[20] and Sun1/2 are associated with epidermal thickening[19,20], in case of Sun1/2 co-depletion through decreased differentiation of keratinocyte progenitors.

Disabling LINC complex function may affect cell fate via number of mechanisms. Our group and

others have shown that both dnKASH expression[21,22] and Sun1/2 co-depletion[23,24] alters the

force generation and dynamics of focal adhesions. In mesenchymal stem cells (MSC), both

approaches impair the activation of signaling molecules FAK (Focal Adhesion Kinase) and Akt

(Serine/Threonine Kinase) in response to mechanical vibrations, thus limiting the RhoA

mediated increase in cell contractility[25]. LINC-mediated transmission of contractile forces to the

nuclear envelope also affect the nuclear entry of mechanotransducer proteins β-Catenin and

Yap with proliferative[26-28] and anti-adipogenic[29-32] functions in MSC. For example, both

dnKASH[33] expression and Sun1/2 co-depletion[34] decrease nuclear β-Catenin levels. In the case

of Yap, dnKASH expression[35] and depletion of Nesprin1[36] both inhibit nuclear translocation

through nuclear pore complexes in response to mechanical stimulus, potentially by limiting

cytoskeleton-induced nuclear deformations, or by impairing association with Yap's nuclear

transporter, Importin 7[37]. LINC-mediated cytoskeletal connections also affect deformations of

the inner nuclear membrane: for example, it dnKASH expression reduces stretching of

LaminA/C measured via FRET-based LaminA/C force sensor[38], and decreases the chromatin

deformations during cardiomyocyte contractions[39]. Similarly, stress-induced chromatin

stretching, caused by magnetic bead motions bound to cell membrane, is abolished upon

depletion of Sun1/2 proteins[40]. Therefore, both depletion of Sun proteins and disrupting LINC

connectivity directly affect cell mechanosignaling and chromatin organization.

Another important regulator of cell fate is the nuclear mechanics determined by A-type Lamins

and chromatin[41]. LaminA/C, the most well characterized structural protein at the inner nuclear

envelope, has been shown to impact differentiation of MSCs[42,43]. LaminA/C modulates cell

differentiation by regulating chromatin organization[44,45] which we have shown to be independent

of mechano-signaling in MSCs[46]. Emerging data suggests that depleting Sun1/2 proteins

softens nuclei[47] and results in similar nuclear stiffness measures t comparable cells depleted of

LaminA/C depleted[48]. dnKASH expression on the other hand does not significantly alter nuclear

mechanics[49]. In fact, we have utilized atomic force microscopy of live isolated cell nuclei to show

that dnKASH separation of nucleus and cytoskeletal structure slightly increases the stiffness of

isolated nuclei[48].

Indeed, Sun1/2 elements provide organizational capacity to chromatin through associations with

LEM domain proteins (LAP2, Emerin, MAN1 domain), direct links to chromatin[46,47] and,

ultimately, regulation of the genome[50,51]. In mammalian cells, Sun1/2 proteins tether chromatin

to the nuclear envelope through direct connections to Emerin[52]. During meiosis, *Sun1*$^{-/-}$ mouse

cells display disrupted telomere association to nuclear envelope[53]. Chromatin capture studies

further show that depletion of Sun proteins disrupt the alignment of different chromosome ends

via altering telomere binding to the nuclear envelope[54]. This suggests that disrupting LINC at

the level of the outer (dnKASH) and inner (Sun1/2) membrane may result in different

dispositions of cell fate beyond LINC complex- mediated cytoskeletal tethering. To test this

hypothesis we compared siRNA-mediated depletion of Sun1/2 to the over expression of the

dnKASH domain to block Sun-Nesprin association[25,55] in a model of MSC adipogenesis.

Results

siSun and dnKASH expression alter nuclear morphology

As nuclear shape is affected by both in LINC connectivity and nuclear mechanics[56,57], we

quantified the effects of Sun1/2 depletion and dnKASH overexpression on nuclear morphology

under growth medium (GM) condition. We first compared MSCs treated with control (siCntl)

and Sun1/2 siRNAs (siSun), stained against Sun1 (green), Sun2 (red), and DNA (Hoechst

33342, blue). Shown in **Fig.1a-f**, siSun treatment reduced Sun1 and Sun2 intensity levels by

47% and 52%, increased nuclear area by 7% and perimeter by 8% while decreasing the nuclear

circularity by 9%.

To disable LINC function, we stably infected MSCs via lentivirus harboring a doxycycline (Dox)

inducible mCherry-tagged KASH domain (dnKASH-MSCs). 1 µg/ml Dox was added to cell

culture medium to induce mCherry-KASH and remove Nesprins from the nuclear envelope

(referred as +Dox, **Fig.S1**). No Dox treatment was used as control. Shown in **Fig.2**, +Dox

treatment in GM (GM+Dox) increased mCherry intensity by 133% as well as decreasing nuclear

area and circularity by 14% and 6%. Nuclear perimeter was unaltered.

Depletion of Sun1/2 inhibits adipogenesis

To compare adipogenesis of siCntl and siSun treatments, MSCs were cultured under

adipogenic differentiation media (AM) for five days and compared to undifferentiated GM

controls. Shown in **Fig.3a-f**, addition of AM onto siCntl MSCs increased adipogenic proteins

Adipoq (600%), Cebpa (400%), Pparg (200%) and mean lipid staining per cell by 2000%. In

contrast, siSun treated MSCs showed no increase in adipogenic proteins with the exception of

Cebpa (185%), and mean lipid staining showed a small 20% increase. This indicated an

impaired adipogenic differentiation in siSun treated cells.

We next performed RNA-seq analysis on siSun and siCntl samples cultured under GM and AM

conditions. We used DESEQ2 analyses to filter genes with significant expression differential

between treatment pairs (fold change ≥ 2-fold, $P < 0.05$). Hierarchical mapping of these

differentials (**Fig. 4a**) showed clustering of siSun and siCntl treatments with further sub-

clustering of AM and GM conditions within each treatment. Shown in **Fig. 4b**, variance of two

principle components were 16.2% and 19.9%. Comparing the gene profiles between AM treated

siCntl and siSun groups, DAVID and STRING analyses identified thirteen differentially

expressed pathways with an FDR < 0.05 that were either significantly up regulated (**Figs. 4c &**

S2) and down regulated (**Figs. 4d & S3**). Sun1/2 depletion significantly decreased the

expression of adipogenic genes Adipoq, Fabp4, Lipe, Plin1, Cidec, Agpath2, Acsl1 and mgll

genes (**Fig.4e**) and down-regulated three adipogenesis or lipid metabolism related pathways

(**Fig. 4d**, blue bars). Inflammatory response was also robustly upregulated in the siSun group,

potentially highlighting a regulatory role of Sun1/2 for inflammation pathways (**Fig.4e**). Tables of

DAVID pathway analysis can be found in **Tables S1** and **S2**.

dnKASH expression accelerates adipogenesis

To quantify the effects of dnKASH expression on adipogenesis, dnKASH-MSCs with ±Dox

treatment were compared under AM conditions. Undifferentiated GM groups were also utilized

as controls. Shown in **Fig.5a-f**, addition of AM onto no Dox treated MSCs increased adipogenic

proteins Adipoq (500%), Cebpa (48%), Pparg (53%) and mean lipid staining per cell by 2400%.

With +Dox treatment , AM addition resulted in a larger increases in adipogenic proteins Adipoq

(1000%), Cebpa (300%), Pparg (250%) and mean lipid staining per cell by 6000%. Doxycycline

alone did not alter the rate of adipogenic differentiation (**Fig. S4**) nor Sun1 and Sun2 levels

(**Fig.S5**). Therefore, our results indicate that expression of dnKASH fragments via+Dox

treatment resulted in significant increases of Adipoq, Pparg and more than doubled the lipid

droplets when compared to no Dox treatment.

To understand the accelerated adipogenesis during dnKASH expression, we performed RNA-

seq analysis. DESEQ2 analyses filtered genes pairs with significant expression differentials

(fold change ≥ 2-fold, P < 0.05). Shown in **Fig. 6a**, hierarchical heatmap showed a clustering of

+Dox treatments (i.e. dnKASH expression) regardless of the media type used. AM cultured cells

were further sub-clustered inside their respective ±Dox clades. Shown in **Fig. 6b**, variance of

the two principle components were 25.2% and 16.9%. Comparing the gene profiles between AM

treated ±Dox groups, DAVID and STRING analyses identified sixteen differentially expressed

pathways with an FDR < 0.05 that were either significantly up regulated (**Figs. 6c & S6**) and

down regulated (**Figs. 6d & S7**). +Dox treatment significantly increased the expression of

adipogenic genes Adipoq, Fabp4, Lipe, Plin1, Cidec, Agpath2, Acsl1 and mgll genes (**Fig.6e**)

and up-regulated lipid metabolism, fatty acid metabolism and PPAR signaling pathways (**Figs.**

6c, blue bars). In order to control for doxycycline effect, expression of Dox-independent

dnKASH domain via a secondary plasmid[35] also showed increased adipogenic gene expression

when compared to empty vector (**Fig. S8c**). Showing an opposite that of siSun treatment, the

AM +Dox treatment group showed downregulation of inflammatory and immune pathways

(**Figs. 6d & S6**).Tables of DAVID pathway analysis can be found in **Tables S3** and **S4**.

H3K9me3 levels and enrichment at the adipogenic gene Adipoq increases during Sun1/2

depletion

To understand possible changes in chromatin during Sun1/2 depletion, we next measured

heterochromatin markers H3K9me3, H3K27me3 and the euchromatin marker H3K4me3 in

siSun and siCtrl treated MSCs under both GM and AM conditions (**Fig. 7a-d**). Comparing siCntl

and siSun counterparts, siSun treatment increased H3K9me3 levels by 56% and 86% in the AM

and GM groups. H3K27me3 was decreased by 48% under AM with no changes under GM. No

changes were detected in the euchromatin marker H3K4me3.

To further investigate the increased H3K9me3 levels in the siSun group, we quantified confocal

images of H3K9me3 (green) and DNA (blue) under AM conditions (**Fig. 7e-g**). siSun treatment

increased H3K9me3 foci count by 43%, foci area was unchanged. To detect if increased

H3K9me3 led to increased enrichment on adipogenic genes, we probed the most increased

gene under AM, Adipoq, via a CUT&RUN extraction targeting H3K9me3. Shown in **Fig. 7k**,

H3K9me3 enrichment on Adipoq was increased by 156% in the siSun AM group compared to

the siCntl AM group.

H3K9me3 Levels and Enrichment at the adipogenic gene Adipoq remains unaltered during

dnKASH disruption of the LINC Complex

Investigating the increased adipogenesis of dnKASH-MSCs, heterochromatin markers

H3K9me3, H3K27me3 and euchromatin marker H3K4me3 were measured under both GM and

AM conditions (**Fig. 8a-d**). Under GM conditions no changes were detected. In contrast to

Sun1/2 depletion, +Dox treatment decreased H3K9me3 by 51% under AM. AM+Dox treatment

also decreased H3K27me3 by 56%. No H3K4me3 differences were detected.

Confocal imaging of H3K9me3 (green) and DNA (Blue) in AM (**Fig. 8e-g**) revealed no H3K9me3

foci count changes, foci area was increased by 7%. Further, Methylation of H3K9 associated

with Adipoq was not different when dnKASH was expressed during adipogenic constraint. (**Fig.**

8h).

Discussion

Both Sun and Nesprin – connected to Sun via its KASH domain – are part of the LINC complex

function. Depletion of Sun proteins and expression of dominant negative KASH isoforms (i.e.

dnKASH) both interfere with transmittance of mechanical information to cell nucleus. In addition

to their function in nucleo-cytoskeletal connectivity, Sun proteins have specific connections to

chromatin and may participate in gene availability. Here we report that depletion of Sun1/2

results in increased H3K9me3 accrual at both global and gene scales. dnKASH treatment has

no such effect, suggesting that these two methods cannot be used interchangeably in studying

LINC function.

Observed increase in nuclear area, perimeter and decreased circularity seen during Sun1/2

depletion is similar to nuclear morphology changes during Lamin A/C depletion[58,59]. Previous

research has shown that both depletion of Lamin A/C and disassociation of Sun1 from nuclear

envelope via Sun1-KDEL expression softens nuclei[49], suggesting that Sun proteins – Like

LaminA/C – supports nuclear structure and possibly tether chromatin. We have found that

disabling LINC function via dnKASH decreases nuclear area, consistent with loss of F-actin

tension[60] and increased nuclear height[61,62], but result in smaller changes in perimeter and

circularity suggesting a structurally intact nuclei. Prior work utilizing micropipette-induced

nuclear deformations supports the idea that dnKASH expression does not significantly reduce

nuclear stiffness[49]. Indeed, we have previously shown that depletion of Sun1/2 causes a

reduction in isolated nuclear stiffness while dnKASH expression does not [48]. Thus, our data

indicates dnKASH regulates nuclear morphology and adipogenesis without reducing nuclear

stiffness while depletion of Sun1/2 is potentially able to regulate adipogenesis and nuclear

shape by softening nuclei.

Previous studies have shown that depletion of Sun1/2 reduces tethering of chromosomes to the

nuclear envelope[53,63,64], alters nucleolus morphology[65], and increases H3K9me3 levels in

hTERT-RPE1 and MCF10A cells[66]. Our results show similar trends where Sun1/2 depletion

increased both H3K9me3 protein levels and number of H3K9me3 heterochromatic foci. In

contrast, no H3K9me3 changes were observed under dnKASH expression.

Our data indicates that MSCs from bone marrow are primed for adipogenic transformation

under adipogenic media conditions. Disrupting nucleo-cytoskeletal connectivity via dnKASH

accelerates this process. dnKASH expression was not accompanied with large changes in

chromatin. As dnKASH expression limits the nuclear entry of β-Catenin[33] and Yap[67] with anti-

adipogenic functions in MSC[29-32], disabling LINC function may accelerate adipogenesis through

these mechanisms. In contrast, increased H3K9me3 methylation under Sun1/2 depletion

impeded adipogenic differentiation as shown through western blot analysis, RNA-seq analysis,

and lipid droplet counts. Consistently, we observed H3K9me3 heterochromatin enrichment on

the adipogenic gene *Adipoq*, presumably decreasing availability for adipogenic transformation.

These results indicate that Sun1/2 proteins regulate H3K9me3 heterochromatin organization

independent of the LINC-mediated nucleo-cytoskeletal complex connectivity and alter

adipogenesis in MSCs.

Downregulation of LINC complex components including Sun1, Sun2 and Nesprin2 have been

observed in early stage human carcinomas[68,69] and loss of these proteins were associated with

more aggressive tumors and poorer prognosis[70-73]. In our study, we found that Sun1/2 depletion

increased tumorigenic and osteolytic factors *Cxcl10*, *Cxcl1*, and *Cxcl5* (Table S1). Increases in

these genes are associated with increased metastasis in breast cancer[74] and prostate cancer[75]

as well as promoting osteoclast differentiation[76,77] and angiogenesis[78]. In contrast, dnKASH

expression downregulated the same genes (Table S4) indicating a reduction in the osteolytic

and tumorigenic signaling. While the underlying mechanism for these observed difference

between Sun1/2 and dnKASH treatments are unknown, our results indicate that Sun proteins

may play a more direct function in activating cancer-associated signaling in MSCs.

In conclusion, this work reveals new insight into the role of Sun1/2 proteins in the nuclear

interior and differentiation. Depletion of Sun1/2 increased H3K9me3 heterochromatin and

inhibited adipogenesis. Our findings show that these outcomes were different in dnKASH

expressing MSCs and thus the effects of Sun1/2 depletion may be independent of the LINC

complex function. These results have potential impacts on our understanding enteropathies

targeting the nuclear envelope, such as heightened symptoms seen in Emery-Dreifuss

muscular dystrophy (EDMD) patients with additional Sun mutations or [64,79] aberrant

accumulation of Sun proteins at the nuclear envelope associated with more severe progeria

symptoms[80,81]. Thus, these results expand our understandings of the important role inner

nuclear membrane proteins have in regulating proper nuclear functions and ultimately human

health.

Materials and Methods

MSCs Isolation

Bone marrow derived MSCs (mdMSC) from 8-10 wk male C57BL/6 mice were isolated as

described[58,82] from multiple mouse donors and MSCs pooled, providing a heterogenous MSCs

cell line. Briefly, tibial and femoral marrow were collected in RPMI-1640, 9% FBS, 9% HS, 100

µg/ml pen/strep and 12µM L-glutamine. After 24 hours, non-adherent cells were removed by

washing with phosphate-buffered saline and adherent cells cultured for 4 weeks. Passage 1

cells were collected after incubation with 0.25% trypsin/1 mM EDTA × 2 minutes, and re-plated

in a single 175-cm2 flask. After 1-2 weeks, passage 2 cells were re-plated at 50 cells/cm2 in

expansion medium (Iscove modified Dulbecco's, 9% FBS, 9% HS, antibiotics, L-glutamine).

mdMSC were re-plated every 1-2 weeks for two consecutive passages up to passage 5 and

tested for osteogenic and adipogenic potential, and subsequently frozen.

Stable dnKASH Cell Line

MSCs were stably transduced with a doxycycline inducible plasmid expressing an mCherry

tagged dominant-negative KASH domain. dnKASH plasmid was lentiviral packaged as a

generous gift from Dr. Daniel Conway. Vector map found here:

https://www.addgene.org/125554/. Lentivius supernatant was added to growth media with

polybrene (5 µg/ml). Lentivirus growth media mixture was added to 50-70% confluent MSCs.

Lentivirus media was replaced 48 hours later with selection media containing G418 (1mg/ml) for

5 days to select stably infected dnKASH-MSCs.

Cell Culture, Pharmacological Reagents, and Antibodies

Fetal calf serum (FCS) was obtained from Atlanta Biologicals (Atlanta, GA). MSCs were

maintained in IMDM with FBS (10%, v/v) and penicillin/streptomycin (100μg/ml). For

immunostaining experiments, seeding cell density was 3,000 cells per square centimeter. For

adipogenic differentiation experiments, the seeding cell density was 10,000 cells per square

centimeter. Cells were either grown in growth media (GM) or adipogenic media (AM) Cells were

transfected 24 hours after cell seeding with siRNA targeting Sun1 and Sun2 (siSun) or a control

sequence (siCntl) using RNAiMax from Invitrogen. Adipogenic media was placed on siRNA

treated cells twenty four hours after the transfection, the adipogenic media was added which

contained dexamethasone (0.1μM), insulin (5 μg/ml), and indomethacin (1 μg/ml) for 5 days.

For dnKASH-MSCs, cells were seeded at 10,000 cells per square centimeter. Twenty four hours

after seeding, dnKASH cells were given growth media containing doxycycline (1 μg/ml).

Adipogenic media containing dexamethasone (0.1μM), insulin (5 μg/ml), indomethacin (1

μg/ml), and doxycycline (1 μg/ml) (AM+Dox) or growth media (GM+Dox) was placed on

dnKASH-MSCs twenty four hours after adding initial doxycycline. Control cells were grown in

growth media (GM) or adipogenic media (AM) without doxycycline. Growth media or adipogenic

media with or without fresh doxycycline were changed every 48 hours.

siRNA Silencing Sequences

For transient silencing of MSCs, cells were transfected with gene-specific small interfering RNA

(siRNA) or control siRNA (20 nM) using RNAiMax (ThermoFisher) according to manufacturer's

instructions. The following Stealth Select siRNAs (Invitrogen) were used in this study: SUN1

(ThermoFischer Scientific, Assay ID #s94913), SUN2 (ThermoFischer Scientific, Assay ID

s104591).

qPCR

2ul of each CUT&RUN sample was run in 20ul reaction following Bio-Rad protocols targeting

Adipoq (Bio-Rad, 10025636). Briefly, 20ul reactions were made using SsoAdvanced Master Mix

(Bio-Rad, 1725270). Reactions were then run at 95°C for two minutes. Then samples were

heated at 95°C for 15 seconds then cooled to 60°C for 30 seconds which both steps were

repeated for 40 cycles. Finally, samples were run at 60°C for two minutes. Samples were then

analyzed for percent of input sample for CUT&RUN-qPCR.

RNA-seq

Five days after adipogenic treatment, following the above protocols, total RNA was extracted

using RNAeasy (Qiagen) for three samples per group. Total RNA samples were sent to

Novogene for mRNA sequencing and analysis. Briefly, index of the reference genome was built

using Hisat2 v2.0.5 and paired-end clean 2 reads were aligned to the reference genome using

Hisat2 v2.0.5. featureCounts v1.5.0-p3 was used to count the reads numbers mapped to each

gene. And then FPKM of each gene was calculated based on the length of the gene and reads

count mapped to this gene. FPKM, expected number of Fragments Per Kilobase of transcript

sequence per Millions base pairs sequenced. Differential expression analysis was performed

using the DESeq2 R package (1.20.0). DESeq2 provides statistical routines for determining

differential expression in digital gene expression data using a model based on the negative

binomial distribution. The resulting P-values were adjusted using the Benjamini and Hochberg's

approach for controlling the false discovery rate. Genes with an adjusted P-value < = 0.05 found

by DESeq2 were assigned as differentially expressed. Genes with significant differential gene

expression were further analyzed with DAVID[83] for pathway analysis. Pathways with a FDR < =

0.05 were selected.

Immunofluorescence

Twenty four hours after the siRNA treatment against Sun1/Sun2 or dnKASH expression, cells

were fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde. Cells were permeabilized by incubation with 0.3% Triton

X-100. Cells were incubated in a blocking serum in PBS with 5% Donkey Serum (017-000-121,

Jackson Immuno Research Laboratories). Primary antibody solution was incubated on the cells

for 1h at 37oC, followed by secondary antibody incubation of either Alexa Flour 594 goat anti-

rabbit (Invitrogen), Alexa Fluor 488 goat anti-mouse (Invitrogen), Alexa Fluor 488 chicken anti-

rabbit (Invitrogen), or Alexa fluor 594 Donkey anti-mouse (Invitrogen). For nuclear staining cells

were incubated with NucBlue Hoechst 33342 stain (Fisher Scientific). Primary and secondary

concentrations were both 1:300 by volume.

Image Analysis

Five days after adding adipogenic media, cells were fixed and stained with Lipid Spot 488

(Biotium, #70069), and NucBlue Hoechst 33342 stain. Images were taken using 20x objective

and were exported to quantify lipid droplet formation via a custom-made MATLAB program (The

MathWorks, Natick, MA), previously published[35,58] . The minimum pixel intensity of 80 was used

to isolate lipid droplet staining. The mean lipid droplet intensity per cell was calculated by

dividing the sum of lipid droplet stain intensity by the nuclei count per image. Exported images

were used to quantify lipid droplet formation, Sun1, Sun2, mCherry, nuclear area, nuclear

perimeter, and nuclear circularity via the custom-made MATLAB program previously

published[58]. Cell Profiler (https://cellprofiler.org/) was used to count the number of H3K9me3

foci per cell and foci area.

Western Blotting

Whole cell lysates were prepared using radio immunoprecipitation assay (RIPA) lysis buffer

(150mM NaCl, 50mM Tris HCl, 1mM EDTA, 0.24% sodium deoxycholate,1% Igepal, pH 7.5) to

protect the samples from protein degradation NaF (25mM), Na3VO4 (2mM), aprotinin,

leupeptin, pepstatin, and phenylmethylsulfonylfluoride (PMSF) were added to the lysis buffer.

Western protein amounts were normalized to 15µg through BCA Protein Assay (Thermo

Scientific, #23225). Whole cell lysates (20µg) were separated on 10% poly-acrylamide gels and

transferred to polyvinylidene difluoride (PVDF) membranes. Membranes were blocked with milk

(5%, w/v) diluted in Tris-buffered saline containing Tween20 (TBS-T, 0.05%). Blots were then

incubated overnight at 4˚C with appropriate primary antibodies. Following primary antibody

incubation, blots were washed and incubated with horseradish peroxidase-conjugated

secondary antibody diluted at 1: 5,000 (Cell Signaling) at RT for 1h in 5% milk in TBST-T.

Chemiluminescence was detected with ECL plus (Amersham Biosciences, Piscataway, NJ). At

least three separate experiments were used for densitometry analyses of western blots and

densitometry was performed via NIH ImageJ software.

CUT&RUN

CUT&RUN was performed using the CUT&RUN Assay Kit (Cell Signaling #86652). Briefly, cells

were harvested and centrifuged, washed, and bound to Concanavalin A-coated magnetic

beads. Cells were then permeabilized with digitonin and incubated with primary antibody at 4°C

for two hours. Cells were then washed and resuspended with pAG-MNase enzyme and

incubated at 4°C for one hour. Cells were then incubated at 37°C for 10 minutes to elute DNA

into solution. Solution was then extracted and purified using DNA Purification Buffers and Spin

Columns (ChIP, CUT&RUN, Cell Signaling #14209). DNA samples were then used for qPCR or

sequencing.

Statistical Analysis and Reproducibility

Results for densitometry were presented as mean ± SEM. Densitometry and other analyses

were performed on at least three separate experiments. Differences between groups were

identified by One-Way ANOVA. Analysis of nuclear morphology histone modifications were

done using Whitney-Mann test and results were presented as mean ± STD. Differential gene

expression analysis via DESEQ2 was done using Wald test. P-values of less than 0.05 were

considered significant. Lipid image analysis groups were analyzed via the Kruskal-Wallis test.

CUT&RUN-qPCR was analyzed via One-Tailed Students T-Test. All experiments were

conducted in triplicate to assure reproducibility.

Data Availability

RNA-Seq data that support the findings of this study have been deposited in GEO with the

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Figure 1. Sun1/2 depletion alters nuclear morphology. a Representative images of MSCs treated with siRNA targeting Sun1/2 (siSun) which were stained for Sun1 (green), Sun2 (red), and DNA (blue). **b** siSun treated cells had 47% decrease of Sun1 intensity (n = 1478, P < 0.0001). **c** Sun2 intensity levels were decreased by 52% in siSun treated cells (n = 1478, P < 0.0001). **d** MSCs treated with siSun had an increase in nuclear area by 7% (n = 1478, p 0<0.01). **e** Nucleus perimeter decreased in siSun treated MSCs by 8% (n = 1478, p<0.0001). **f** Nuclear circularity decreased by 9% in siSun treated cells (n = 1478, p<0.001). Comparisons were made against control using non-parametric Mann-Whitney Test where * P < 0.05, ** P < 0.01, *** P < 0.001, **** P < 0.0001. Scale bar represents 50μm.

Figure 2. dnKASH expression reduces nuclear area. *a* Representative photos of doxycycline induced DNKASH cells. Images show DNKASH tagged with mCherry (Red) and DNA (Blue). **b** mCherry intensity levels increased by 133% in doxycycline treated MSCs (n = 5332, P < 0.0001). **c** Doxycycline treated MSCs experienced a 14% decrease of nuclear area (n = 5322, p 0.001). **d** Nuclear perimeter had a slight decrease of 1% in doxycycline treatment group (n = 5322, P < 0.05). **e** Nuclear circularity decreased 6% in the doxycycline treatment group (n = 5322, P < 0.0001). Comparisons were made against control using non-parametric Mann-Whitney Test where * P < 0.05, ** P < 0.01, *** P < 0.001, **** P < 0.0001. Scale bar represents 50μm.

Figure 3: Depletion of Sun1/2 inhibits adipogenesis. a Western analysis of adipogenesis markers Adipoq, Cebpa, and Pparg in growth media and adipogenic media during siSun and siCntl treatment. **b** Analysis of Adipoq protein levels. Comparison of adipogenic siSun and siCntl groups showed a 92% reduction of Adipoq (n = 3, P < 0.01). **c** Cebpa experienced a non-significant reduction of 38% in protein levels in siSun cells compared to siCntl cells during adipogensis (n = 3, p = 0.22). **d** Pparg levels decreased by 58% in adipogenic siSun compared

to siCntl (n = 3, P < 0.001). **e** Representative images of lipid droplet florescence images where

MSCs are stained for lipid droplets (green) and DNA (blue). **f** Quantification of the mean florescent

lipid droplet intensity per cell from individual imaging fields shows a significant reduction of 83%

in lipid droplet amounts in adipogenic siSun treatment compared to siCntl (n = 50, P < 0.0001).

Western analysis group comparisons were made using One-Way ANOVA. Lipid droplet intenisty

group comparisons were made using Kruskal-Wallis test. * P < 0.05, ** P < 0.01, *** P < 0.001,

**** P < 0.0001. Scale bar represents 50μm.

Figure 4: Sun1/2 depletion decreases adipogenesis and lipid metabolism related genes. a

Heatmap of genes with significant differential (FC > 1 and P < 0.05) gene expression during

Sun1/2 depletion (n = 24). **b** Principle component plot where principal component 1 and principal

component 2 explain 19.9% and 16.2% of the total variance, respectively. Prediction ellipses

indicate that with a probability of 0.95, a new observation from the same group will fall inside the

ellipse. *n* = 24 data points. **c** DAVID analysis of genes up regulated in siSun treatment compared

to siCntl. Pathways selected have FDR < 0.05. **d** DAVID analysis of genes down regulated in

siSun group compared to siCntl. Pathways selected have FDR < 0.05. Blue indicates pathways

related to adipogenesis and lipid metabolism. **e** FPKM values for adipogenic and lipid metabolism

related genes detected in both differential gene expression (FC > 1, P < 0.05) and in DAVID

analysis (FDR < 0.05) (n = 3/grp). Group comparison was made using One-Way ANOVA where

* P < 0.05.

Figure 5: dnKASH expression induces accelerated adipogenesis. a Representitive western

images of doxycycline induced dnKASH cells and control cells grown in growth media and

adipogenic media. **b** During adipogenesis doxycycline treated samples had 98% increased levels

of Adipoq (n = 3, P < 0.01). **c** Pparg in doxycycline treatment group during adipogenesis increased

by 90% (n = 3, P < 0.05). **d** Cepba experienced an increase of 27% but was not significant during

adipogenesis in doxycycline treatment (n = 3, p = 0.38). Representative photos of lipid droplets

(green) and DNA (blue). **f** Quantification of mean lipid droplet intensity per cell in each field of

view showed an increase of lipid droplet amounts in doxycycline treated cells by 258% (n = 50, P

< 0.05) during adipogensis. Western analysis group comparisons were made using One-Way

ANOVA. Lipid Droplet Intensity group comparisons were made using Kruskal-Wallis test. * P <

0.05, ** P < 0.01, *** P < 0.001, **** P < 0.0001. Scale bar represents 50µm.

Figure 6: dnkKASH expression increases adipogenesis and lipid metabolism related

genes. a Heatmap of genes with significant differential (FC > 1 and P < 0.05) gene expression

during doxycycline induced dnKASH expression (n = 24). **b** Principle component plot where

principal component 1 and principal component 2 explain 25.2% and 16.9% of the total variance,

respectively. Prediction ellipses indicate that with a probability of 0.95, a new observation from

the same group will fall inside the ellipse. *n* = 24 data points. **c** DAVID analysis of genes up

regulated in doxycycline treatment compared to control. Blue indicates pathways related to

adipogenesis and lipid metabolism. Pathways selected have FDR < 0.05. **d** DAVID analysis of

genes down regulated in doxycycline group compared to control. Pathways selected have FDR <

0.05. **e** FPKM values for adipogenic and lipid metabolism related genes detected in both

differential gene expression (FC > 1, P < 0.05) and in DAVID analysis (FDR < 0.05) (n = 3/grp).

Group comparison was made using One-Way ANOVA. * P < 0.05, ** P < 0.01.

Figure 7: Global levels of H3K9me3 and enrichment on Adipoq increases during Sun1/2

depletion. a Representative western images of heterochromatin markers H3K9me3 and

H3K27me3 and euchromatin marker H3K4me3 in siSun and siCntl treatments during growth in

growth media and adipogenic media. **b** Western analysis of heterochromatin marker H3K9me3

revealed an increase of 56% in siSun cells compared to siCntl during adipogenesis (n = 3, P <

0.05). **c** H3K27me3 had a decrease of 48% in siSun cells compared to siCntl cells during

adipogenesis (n =3, P < 0.05). **d** Euchromatin marker H3K4me3 experienced no significant

changes in global protein levels between siSun and siCntl-treated cells during adipogenesis. **e**

Representative images of siSun and siCntl-treated cells grown in adipogenic media and stained

for H3K9me3 (green) and Hoechst 33342 (blue). **f** H3K9me3 foci count per cell in siSun cell

compared to Sicntl Cells during adipogenesis increased by 43% (n = 213, P < 0.0001). **g** No

detectable increase of H3K9me3 foci area was found in siSun cells during adipogenesis (n =

8460). **h** CUR&RUN-qPCR targeting H3K9me3 localization on Adipoq showed an increase of

156% in siSun cells compared to siCntl (n = 3, P < 0.05). Western analysis group comparisons

were made using One-Way ANOVA. H3K9me3 Foci count and area comparisons were made

using Mann-Whitney Test. CUR&RUN-qPCR comparisons were done using One-Tailed Students

T-Test. * P < 0.05, ** P < 0.01, *** P < 0.001, **** P < 0.0001. Scale bar represents 25µm.

Figure 8: H3K9me3 Levels are unaltered during dnKASH expression. a Representative

images of doxycycline-induced dnKASH expression of heterochromatin markers H3K9me3 and

H3K27me3 and euchromatin marker. **b** H3K9me3 levels decreased during adipogenesis in the

doxycycline treatment group compared to controls by 51% (n =3, P < 0.01). **c** H3K27me3 levels

decreased by 56% in the doxycycline treatment group compared to control during adipogenesis

(n = 3, P < 0.05). **d** H3K4me3 levels had no significant changes in doxycycline. **e** Representative

images of doxycycline-treated cells and controls cells stained for H3K9me3 (green) and Hoescht

(blue) during growth in adipogenic media. **f** H3K9me3 foci count per cell did not show significant

changes between the doxycycline treatment group and the control group during growth in

adipogenic media (n = 328). **g** The doxycycline treatment group had decreased H3k9me3 foci

area during adipogenesis by 7% compared to control (n = 11317, P < 0.01). **h** CUR&RUN-qPCR

targeting H3K9me3 localization on Adipoq showed no significant increase in doxycycline treated

cells compared to controls (n = 3). Western analysis group comparisons were made using One-

Way ANOVA. H3K9me3 Foci count and area comparisons were made using Mann-Whitney Test.

CUR&RUN-qPCR comparisons were done using One-Tailed Students T-Test. * P < 0.05, ** P <

0.01, *** P < 0.001, **** P < 0.0001. Scale bar represents 25µm.

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Figure 1. Sun1/2 Depletion Alters Nuclear Morphology. a Representative images of MSCs treated with siRNA targeting Sun1/2 (siSun) which were stained for Sun1 (green), Sun2 (red), and DNA (blue). **b** siSun treated cells had 47% decrease of Sun1 intensity (n = 1478, P < 0.0001). **c** Sun2 intensity levels were decreased by 52% in siSun treated cells (n = 1478, P < 0.0001). **d** MSCs treated with siSun had an increase in nuclear area by 7% (n = 1478, p 0<0.01). **e** Nucleus perimeter decreased in siSun treated MSCs by 8% (n = 1478, p<0.0001). **f** Nuclear circularity decreased by 9% in siSun treated cells (n = 1478, p<0.001). Comparisons were made against control using non-parametric Mann-Whitney Test where * P < 0.05, ** P < 0.01, *** P < 0.001, **** P < 0.0001. Scale bar represents 50μm.

Figure 2. Dominant-Negative KASH Disruption of the LINC Complex Reduces Nuclear Area. a Representative photos of doxycycline induced dnKASH cells. Images show dnKASH tagged with mCherry (Red) and DNA (Blue). **b** mCherry intensity levels increased by 133% in doxycycline treated MSCs (n = 5332, P < 0.0001). **c** Doxycycline treated MSCs experienced a 14% decrease of nuclear area (n = 5322, p 0.001). **d** Nuclear perimeter had a slight decrease of 1% in doxycycline treatment group (n = 5322, P < 0.05). **e** The circularity experienced a decrease of 6% in doxycycline treatment group (n = 5322, P < 0.0001). Comparisons were made against control using non-parametric Mann-Whitney Test where * P < 0.05, ** P < 0.01, *** P < 0.001, **** P < 0.0001. Scale bar represents 50μm.

Figure 3: Depletion of Sun1/2 Inhibits Adipogenesis. a Western analysis of adipogenesis markers Adipoq, Cebpa, and Pparg in growth media and adipogenic media during siSun and siCntl treatment. **b** Analysis of Adipoq protein levels. Comparison of adipogenic siSun and siCntl groups showed a 92% reduction of Adipoq (n = 3, P < 0.01). **c** Cebpa experienced a non-significant reduction of 38% in protein levels in siSun cells compared to siCntl cells during adipogensis (n = 3, p = 0.22). **d** Pparg levels decreased by 58% in adipogenic siSun compared to siCntl (n = 3, P < 0.001). **e** Representative images of lipid droplet florescence images where MSCs are stained for lipid droplets (green) and DNA (blue). **f** Quantification of the mean florescent lipid droplet intensity per cell from individual imaging fields shows a significant reduction of 83% in lipid droplet amounts in adipogenic siSun treatment compared to siCntl (n = 50, P < 0.0001). Western analysis group comparisons were made using One-Way ANOVA. Lipid droplet intenisty group comparisons were made using Kruskal-Wallis test. * P < 0.05, ** P < 0.01, *** P < 0.001, **** P < 0.0001. Scale bar represents 50μm.

Figure 4: Sun1/2 Depletion Decreases Adipogenesis and Lipid Metabolism Related Genes.
a Heatmap of genes with significant differential (FC > 1 and P < 0.05) gene expression during Sun1/2 depletion (n = 24). **b** Principle component plot where principal component 1 and principal component 2 explain 19.9% and 16.2% of the total variance, respectively. Prediction ellipses indicate that with a probability of 0.95, a new observation from the same group will fall inside the ellipse. *n* = 24 data points. **c** DAVID analysis of genes up regulated in siSun treatment compared to siCntl. Pathways selected have FDR < 0.05. **d** DAVID analysis of genes down regulated in siSun group compared to siCntl. Pathways selected have FDR < 0.05. Blue indicates pathways related to adipogenesis and lipid metabolism. **e** FPKM values for adipogenic and lipid metabolism related genes detected in both differential gene expression (FC > 1, P < 0.05) and in DAVID analysis (FDR < 0.05) (n = 3/grp). Group comparison was made using One-Way ANOVA where * P < 0.05.

Figure 5: dnKASH Expression Induces Accelerated Adipogenesis in MSCs. a Representitive western images of doxycycline induced dnKASH cells and control cells grown in growth media and adipogenic media. **b** During adipogenesis doxycycline treated samples had 98% increased levels of Adipoq (n = 3, P < 0.01). **c** Pparg in doxycycline treatment group during adipogenesis increased by 90% (n = 3, P < 0.05). **d** Cepba experienced an increase of 27% but was not significant during adipogenesis in doxycycline treatment (n = 3, p = 0.38). Representative photos of lipid droplets (green) and DNA (blue). **f** Quantification of mean lipid droplet intensity per cell in each field of view showed an increase of lipid droplet amounts in doxycycline treated cells by 258% (n = 50, P < 0.05) during adipogensis. Western analysis group comparisons were made using One-Way ANOVA. Lipid Droplet Intensity group comparisons were made using Kruskal-Wallis test. * P < 0.05, ** P < 0.01, *** P < 0.001, **** P < 0.0001. Scale bar represents 50µm.

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Dox − − − − − − + + + + + + +
AM + + + − − − − − − + + +

b

- GM
- AM
- GM + Dox
- AM + Dox

PC2 (16.9%)

PC1 (25.2%)

c Up Regulated in +Dox (AM)

- basement membrane
- proteinaceous extracellular matrix
- AMPK signaling pathway
- membrane
- endoplasmic reticulum
- fatty acid metabolic process
- lipid metabolic process
- PPAR signaling pathway

Enrichment Score

d Down Regulated in +Dox (AM)

- immune response
- extracellular matrix
- immune system process
- cellular response to lipopolysaccharide
- cellular response to interleukin-1
- response to peptide hormone
- response to cytokine
- extracellular space

Enrichment Score

e

FPKM

Adipoq Fabp4 Lipe Plin1 Cidec Agpat2 Acsl1 Mgll

- GM
- GM + Dox
- AM
- AM + Dox

Figure 6: Dominant-Negative KASH Expression Upregulates Adipogenesis Related Pathways. **a** Heatmap of genes with significant differential (FC > 1 and P < 0.05) gene expression during doxycycline induced dnKASH expression (n = 24). **b** Principle component plot where principal component 1 and principal component 2 explain 25.2% and 16.9% of the total variance, respectively. Prediction ellipses indicate that with a probability of 0.95, a new observation from the same group will fall inside the ellipse. *n* = 24 data points. **c** DAVID analysis of genes up regulated in doxycycline treatment compared to control. Blue indicates pathways related to adipogenesis and lipid metabolism. Pathways selected have FDR < 0.05. **d** DAVID analysis of genes down regulated in doxycycline group compared to control. Pathways selected have FDR < 0.05. **e** FPKM values for adipogenic and lipid metabolism related genes detected in both differential gene expression (FC > 1, P < 0.05) and in DAVID analysis (FDR < 0.05) (n = 3/grp). Group comparison was made using One-Way ANOVA. * P < 0.05, ** P < 0.01.

Figure 7: Global levels of H3K9me3 and Enrichment on Adipoq increases during Sun1/2 depletion. **a** Representative western images of heterochromatin markers H3K9me3 and H3K27me3 and euchromatin marker H3K4me3 in siSun and siCntl treatments during growth in growth media and adipogenic media. **b** Western analysis of heterochromatin marker H3K9me3 revealed an increase of 56% in siSun cells compared to siCntl during adipogenesis (n = 3, $P < 0.05$). **c** H3K27me3 had a decrease of 48% in siSun cells compared to siCntl cells during adipogenesis (n =3, $P < 0.05$). **d** Euchromatin marker H3K4me3 experienced no significant changes in global protein levels between siSun and siCntl treated cells during adipogenesis. **e** Representative images of siSun and siCntl treated cells grown in adipogenic media and stained for H3K9me3 (green) and Hoechst (blue). **f** H3K9me3 foci count per cell in siSun cell compared to Sicntl Cells during adipogenesis increased by 43% (n = 213, $P < 0.0001$). **g** No detectable increase of H3K9me3 foci area was found in siSun cells during adipogenesis (n = 8460). **h** CUR&RUN-qPCR targeting H3K9me3 localization on Adipoq showed an increased of 156% in siSun cells compared to siCntl (n = 3, $P < 0.05$). Western analysis group comparisons were made using One-Way ANOVA. H3K9me3 Foci count and area comparisons were made using Mann-Whitney Test. CUR&RUN-qPCR comparisons were done using One-Tailed Students T-Test. * $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$, *** $P < 0.001$, **** $P < 0.0001$. Scale bar represents 25µm.

Figure 8: H3K9me3 Levels Are Unaltered During dnKASH Disruption of the LINC Complex.
a Representative images of doxycycline induced dnKASH expression of heterochromatin markers H3K9me3 and H3K27me3 and euchromatin marker. **b** H3K9me3 levels decreased during adipogenesis in doxycycline treatment group compared to controls by 51% (n =3, P < 0.01). **c** H3K27me3 levels decreased by 56% in doxycycline treatment group compared to control during adipogenesis (n = 3, P < 0.05). **d** H3K4me3 levels had no significant changes in doxycycline. **e** Representative images of doxycycline treated cells and controls cells stained for H3K9me3 (green) and Hoescht (blue) during growth in adipogenic media. **f** H3K9me3 foci count per cell did not show significant changes between doxycycline treatment group and control group during growth in adipogenic media (n = 328). **g** Doxycycline treatment group had decreased H3k9me3 foci area during adipogenesis by 7% compared to control (n = 11317, P < 0.01). **h** CUR&RUN-qPCR targeting H3K9me3 localization on Adipoq showed no significant increased in doxycycline treatment cells compared to controls (n = 3). Western analysis group comparisons were made using One-Way ANOVA. H3K9me3 Foci count and area comparisons were made using Mann-Whitney Test. CUR&RUN-qPCR comparisons were done using One-Tailed Students T-Test. * P < 0.05, ** P < 0.01, *** P < 0.001, **** P < 0.0001. Scale bar represents 25µm.

Supplementary Figures:

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Fig.S1 dnKASH expression displaces nesprin2 (Syne2) from nuclear envelope. a Representative confocal images of nuclei (Hoechst), Syne2 (Green), and dnKASH (mCherry) in GM and GM+Dox treated MSCs. **b** mCherry intensity per nucleus. GM+Dox MSCs had 200% increase of mCherry intensity (n = 1400, P < 0.0001). **c** Nesprin2 (Syne2) inteisty levels per nucleus. GM+Dox cells had 62% decrease in intensity compared to GM group (n – 1400, P < 0.0001). Groups were compared using Two-Tailed Students T-Test where **** = P < 0.0001.

Fig.S2 STRING analysis of up regulated genes in siSun AM vs siCntl AM. Green cluster of genes were associated with immune system response and extracellular space (FDR < 0.05).

Fig.S3 STRING analysis of down regulated genes in siSun AM vs siCntl AM. Green cluster of genes were associated with adipogenesis and lipid metabolism pathways. Blue cluster represents genes associated with extracellular region. Red cluster identifies genes associated with glutathione transferase activity pathway (FDR < 0.05).

Fig.S4 Determination of doxycyline treatment on adipogenesis in MSCs. **a** Representative western blot images of Adipoq during growth in adipogenic media with our without doxycycline. **b** Western blot analysis of Adipoq protein levels during in MSCs grown in adipogenic media with and without doxycycline. No significant differences were detected between AM+Dox or AM groups. Groups were compared using Two-Tailed Students T-Test. * P < 0.05, ** P < 0.01, *** P < 0.001, **** P < 0.0001.

Fig.S5 Determination of Doxycyline Treatment on Sun levels. Treating MSCs with siSun decreased both **a** Sun1 and **b** Sun2 gene expression levels. +Dox treatment had no effect on **c** Sun1 and **d** Sun2 gene expression levels. Group comparisons were performed via One-Way ANOVA. * P < 0.05, ** P < 0.01, *** P < 0.001, **** P < 0.0001.

Fig.S6 STRING analysis of down regulated genes in AM+Dox vs AM. Green cluster represents genes identified in immune response pathway (FDR < 0.05).

Fig.S7 STRING analysis of up regulated genes in AM+Dox vs AM. Blue cluster of genes were associated with adipogenesis and lipid metabolism pathways and endoplasmic reticulum (FDR < 0.05).

Fig.S8 Validation of siSun and dnKASH adipogenic gene expression. **a** qPCR validation of *Adipoq* levels during growth in AM and siSun treatment. *Adipoq* expression decreased by 90% (n = 3, P < 0.05). **b** qPCR validation of Adipoq levels during growth in AM or AM+Dox media. *Adipoq* expression in dnKASH expressing MSCs had 4-fold increase of Adipoq expression (n = 3, P < 0.05). **c** Heatmap of MSCs transfected with secondary plasmid expressing dnKASH or empty vector (MC) during growth in GM or AM media. Genes selected had FPKM > 0.3 and P < 0.05 compared to controls. **d** FPKM levels of *Adipoq, Fabp4,* and *Cidec* during transfection with either dnKASH or MC in GM or AM media. *Adipoq, Fabp4,* and *Cidec* experienced increases of 280% (n =3, P < 0.0001), 400% (n =3, P < 0.0001), and 500% (n =3, P < 0.0001), respectively, in FPKM levels between MC AM and dnKASH AM groups. qPCR validation of siSun and dnKASH Groups were compared using Two-Tailed Students T-Test. FPKM analysis of adipogenic genes *Adipoq, Fabp4,* and *Cidec* was done by One-Way ANOVA. * P < 0.05, ** P < 0.01, *** P < 0.001, **** P < 0.0001.

Fig.S9 Venn Diagrams of RNA-Seq analysis. a Venn diagram depicting gene expression overlap for genes up or down regulated in siSun compared to siCntl during growth in GM or AM. **b** Venn diagram depicting gene expression overlap for genes up or down regulated in GM+Dox or AM+Dox compared to GM or AM respectivly. **c** Comparrison of siSun GM up and down regulated genes compared to siCntl GM and GM+Dox up and down regulated genes compared to GM. **d** Comparrison of siSun AM up and down regulated genes compared to siCntl AM and AM+Dox up and down regulated genes compared to AM.

Fig.S10 Image analysis of H3K9me3 in GM during Sun1/2 depletion and +Dox treatment. a Representative images of siCntl and siSun treated cells grown in growth media staining for H3K9me3 (green) and Hoescht (blue). **b** H3K9me3 foci count per cell in siSun cells compared to siCntl cells in growth media increased by 9% (n = 338, P < 0.01). **c** H3K9me3 foci area increased by 7% in siSun cells compared to siCntl in growth media (n = 14560, P < 0.001). **d** Representative confocal imaging of H3K9me3 (green) and DNA (Blue) in growth media. **e** Analysis of H3K9me3 foci count per cell in the doxycycline treatment group in growth media showed no significant changes in foci count per cell (n= 246). **f** H3K9me3 foci area increased by 5% in doxycycline treatment group in growth media (n = 7350, P < 0.05). Group analysis was made using Two-Tailed Students T-Test. **** P < 0.0001.

Fig.S11 Unprocessed blots for figure 3.

Fig.S12 Unprocessed blots for figure 5.

Fig.S13 Unprocessed blots for figure 7.

Fig.S14 Unprocessed blots for figure 8.

Table S1. DAVID analysis of genes up regulated in siSun AM vs siCntl AM comparison.

Term	PValue	Genes	FDR
Enrichment Score: 10.410501090574954			
GO:0005576~extracellular region	6.54E-13	ADM, CXCL1, CPZ, WISP1, CXCL5, FCNA, NPPC, PRL2C3, PLAU, CASP4, LEPR, COL10A1, OLR1, IL13RA2, CCBE1, IL11, WNT5B, ANG2, COL23A1, NRG1, PGF, DCN, EREG, MMP11, SLPI, COL6A4, FAM20C, APOL7A, CEMIP, LAMA2, SEMA3C, SAA3, DPT, THBS2, NTN1, PRRG4, CCL8, CCL7, CCL2, NLRP3, PLTP, FGF22, CTLA2A, ACE, BMP8A, LIF, INHBB, INHBA, CXCL10, IL6	1.16E-10
GO:0005615~extracellular space	6.37E-10	SEMA3C, SAA3, DPT, ADM, CXCL1, CPZ, CST6, CXCL5, NPPC, SERPINB1B, PRL2C3, CCL8, SERPINA3F, CCL7, PLAU, ALOX5, LEPR, CCL2, SERPINB9B, PLTP, CCBE1, IL11, ACE, NOS2, WNT5B, COL23A1, BMP8A, LIF, INHBB, NRG1, INHBA, PGF, SERPINA3I, DCN, EREG, CXCL10, CES1A, IL6, PPFIBP2, SLPI, FAM20C	5.67E-08
Enrichment Score: 5.786565731582282			
GO:0008083~growth factor activity	8.07E-07	IL11, IL6, PRL2C3, BMP8A, LIF, INHBB, CXCL1, INHBA, FGF22, PGF, EREG	2.66E-04
GO:0005125~cytokine activity	4.07E-06	CXCL10, IL11, IL6, CCL8, CCL7, BMP8A, LIF, CCL2, INHBB, CXCL1, INHBA, CXCL5	6.72E-04
Enrichment Score: 3.036176147602188			
GO:0006954~inflammatory response	6.80E-07	NOS2, TNFAIP3, CXCL1, CXCL5, CXCL10, IL6, CCL8, CCL7, ALOX5, CASP4, ZC3H12A, STAB1, NFKBIZ, CCL2, OLR1, NLRP3	7.89E-04
GO:0005125~cytokine activity	4.07E-06	CXCL10, IL11, IL6, CCL8, CCL7, BMP8A, LIF, CCL2, INHBB, CXCL1, INHBA, CXCL5	6.72E-04
GO:0070098~chemokine-mediated signaling pathway	1.09E-05	CXCL10, CCL8, CCL7, CCL2, ACKR3, CXCL1, CXCL5	0.004225
GO:0008009~chemokine activity	7.15E-05	CXCL10, CCL8, CCL7, CCL2, CXCL1, CXCL5	0.007866

Table S2. DAVID analysis of genes down regulated in siSun AM vs siCntl AM comparison.

Term	PValue	Genes	FDR
Enrichment Score: 6.524333497927802			
GO:0005615~extracellular space	2.35903E-06	ORM1, COL14A1, TRF, FGF1, DMKN, PCSK4, C4B, THBD, NAT8F3, LIPE, LBP, CD36, EGFL7, WFDC21, IGFBP4, AHSG, RALGAPA2, ADIPOQ, MMP3, MTUS1, CES4A, ALDH3A1, ACTA1, SFRP1, RBP4, TST, NRG4, KIT, SPARCL1, AMY1, GAS6, GPLD1, S100A8, CFD, COL15A1, LYZ2, SAA4, SEMA3G, STC1, RETN, C3, SERPINA3C, SELENBP1, HPX, AOC3, CAR2, S100B, GDF5, AGT, APLN, VNN1, CXCL12, LRG1, PPP1R1A, CES1D, VNN3, CES1F, LCN2, MDGA1, PF4	0.000131
GO:0005576~extracellular region	0.000112746	SNED1, ORM1, COL14A1, TRF, FGF1, DMKN, CHRDL1, WFDC3, C4B, ESM1, LBP, EGFL7, WFDC21, IGFBP4, AHSG, ADIPOQ, MMP3, IL17RE, OTOR, CES4A, FNDC5, SFRP1, RBP4, OLFM2, NRG4, SPARCL1, AMY1, IGFALS, GAS6, MATN4, GPLD1, S100A8, CFD, ITIH4, COL15A1, MEGF6, LYZ2, SAA4, SEMA3G, STC1, RETN, C3, SERPINA3C, HPX, PRRG1, APOF, LAMB3, RARRES2, APOC4, S100B, GDF5, KAZALD1, ABHD15, CXCL12, SMOC1, LCN2, SIGLEC1, IL17D, FGFR2, PF4, CBLN1	0.003483
Enrichment Score: 6.1042355089644165			
GO:0006629~lipid metabolic process	1.32922E-11	GAL3ST1, PCX, FAM57B, GDPD2, ACAA1B, CYP46A1, ADIPOR2, AGPAT2, SULT1A1, C3, HSD11B1, LIPE, HPGDS, FAM213B, SPTLC3, PMVK, APOF, SCD3, SCD1, PCK1, DGAT2, HMGCS1, ACSL1, FA2H, FABP5, CES1D, FASN, NAAA, PNPLA3, ECHDC2, THRSP, CHPT1, PLIN1, PPARA, PLCB2, MGLL, PNPLA2	1.33E-08
GO:0006631~fatty acid metabolic process	2.07319E-07	ACSL1, ACAA1B, ADIPOR2, C3, FA2H, HPGDS, FAM213B, FABP4, PRKAR2B, UCP3, FASN, SCD3, ECHDC2, CD36, SCD1, PPARA, MGLL	0.000104
Enrichment Score: 5.559184156465526			
GO:0004364~glutathione transferase activity	4.84182E-06	GSTK1, HPGDS, GSTA4, GSTA3, MGST3, MGST1, MGST2, GDAP1	0.003162
Enrichment Score: 5.054084638725923			

GO:0016020~membrane	2.48959E-08	CLEC10A, AQP7, KLHDC7A, FGFRL1, ZFYVE28, LIPE, SCP2, CYP2C70, GBP6, PAQR9, GSTK1, PAQR4, UNC5A, ACSL1, MTUS1, MCEMP1, MFSD12, GBGT1, TMEM82, FNDC5, SLC5A6, STX1B, RNF125, KCNQ4, PLPP3, SLC22A4, SLC22A3, ADCYAP1R1, MGST3, MGST1, APCDD1, PPL, SLC5A3, HSD11B1, MC2R, PRKAR2B, KCNN1, RHBDL3, FZD3, FZD4, ABCA9, SLC16A10, GDF5, FA2H, VNN1, VNN3, FASN, FXYD1, HIST1H4H, TMCC3, IFI27L2A, A530016L24RIK, FAM57B, TMEM182, PCSK4, RYR3, PHEX, VSIR, PANX2, SPTLC3, B3GALT2, SLC22A18, TMED3, FFAR4, SCD3, FFAR2, CD36, SCD1, SLC18A1, ADIG, COX8B, CHST7, IL17RE, TMEM179, ADRB3, KCNMA1, KIT, PLIN4, TLR8, RGR, SLC22A20, MGLL, PLPPR3, PTGER3, TXLNG, GDPD2, FITM2, ADCY8, BEGAIN, ADCY5, UCP3, CYP2F2, PEX16, AOC3, CAR2, SORT1, SCTR, FMO1, SORBS1, LHFPL1, MC5R, PNPLA3, SIGLEC1, PNPLA2, KLB, SCARB1, CLSTN3, CYP46A1, CELSR3, MPC2, ADORA1, SLC16A9, SLC16A2, DGAT2, SLC15A2, DGAT1, CD93, ABCA8A, SEMA6D, DIO3, OLFM2, ADAM12, LY6H, PDE9A, DSC2, S100A8, RTN4R, RASGRP2, ADIPOR2, ALDH3B3, HCAR2, HCAR1, PMVK, CD300LG, TMEM120B, OPN3, BTN2A2, CAV2, TMEM120A, GFAP, ABHD15, PXMP2, PXMP4, REEP6, FGFR3, FGFR2, TMEM45B, ABCD2, GAL3ST1, TRF, SLC2A4, TSPAN12, RERG, THBD, CD1D1, SGCD, HEPH, GPER1, ADGRE4, LBP, SUN2, SUN1, SVOP, SLC36A2, ITGA1, ARL4A, ITGAD, IRF4, NRG4, ITGA7, ITGA6, SLC25A10, NAT8L, CAMK1G, H2-Q6, H2-Q7, ATP1A2, AGPAT2, SELENBP1, CNNM1, RAB40B, RASD1, TMEM205, LRRC8D, RILP, SH2B2, NOS3, KCNIP3, SPRY4, ATP2B4, C130074G19RIK, GDAP1, TSHR, P2RX6, CHPT1, GPD1L, PIK3AP1, SLC25A34, MDGA1, KCNK3, SNTB1, CBLN1	6.92E-06
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Enrichment Score: 4.400392717334829			
GO:0005783~endoplasmic reticulum	9.42399E-07	CLSTN3, FAM57B, ARXES2, ARXES1, CYP46A1, RYR3, PHEX, NAT8F3, SCP2, SPTLC3, GPER1, ADORA1, TMED3, SCD3, SCD1, CYP2C70, CD36, MAP3K5, DGAT2, DGAT1, ACSL1, ADIPOQ, UGT1A6B, FNDC5, ALDH3A1, KCNMA1, PLIN1, PLPP3, NAT8L, PDE9A, RTN4R, MGST3, H2-Q6, H2-Q7, MGST1, OAS1A, MGST2, FITM2, AGPAT2, HSD11B1, FAM213B, LRRC8D, CYP2F2, PEX16, AOC3, SORT1, CAV2, KCNIP3, FMO1, CIDEC, FA2H, CES1D, CES1F, ACO1, REEP6, FGFR3	7.7E-05
Enrichment Score: 3.786951718342054			
GO:0016829~lyase activity	4.11812E-05	CAR3, CAR2, CAR1, THA1, ADCY8, ADCY5, CAR5B, FASN, ECHDC1, ECHDC2, ACO1, PCK1, GLUL	0.013446
Enrichment Score: 3.677802891089701			
GO:0016491~oxidoreductase activity	0.000230652	CYP46A1, DHTKD1, PRDX3, ALDH3B3, HSD11B1, ALDH3B2, ADH1, FAM213B, HEPH, SCD3, SCD1, CYP2F2, CYP2C70, PRODH, AOC3, NOS3, ADHFE1, DIO3, FMO1, HPDL, ALDH3A1, FA2H, ALDH6A1, FASN, GPD1, GPD1L, CDO1, ALDH1A7	0.037654

Enrichment Score: 2.958793657193554			
GO:0005811~lipid particle	1.10822E-06	ALDH3B2, LIPE, DGAT2, CES1D, CAV2, CES1F, PNPLA3, PLIN4, PLIN1, CIDEC, PNPLA2	7.7E-05
Enrichment Score: 2.9194437076370603			
GO:0005778~peroxisomal membrane	0.000825684	FNDC5, PEX16, ABCD2, ACSL1, PXMP2, MGST1, PXMP4	0.015871
GO:0005777~peroxisome	0.001811594	FNDC5, PEX16, GSTK1, ABCD2, SCP2, ACSL1, PXMP2, PMVK, PXMP4, ACAA1B	0.031476
Enrichment Score: 2.783046834549974			
GO:0004364~glutathione transferase activity	4.84182E-06	GSTK1, HPGDS, GSTA4, GSTA3, MGST3, MGST1, MGST2, GDAP1	0.003162
Enrichment Score: 1.9621782871517306			
GO:0004364~glutathione transferase activity	4.84182E-06	GSTK1, HPGDS, GSTA4, GSTA3, MGST3, MGST1, MGST2, GDAP1	0.003162
Enrichment Score: 0.7843121871123002			
GO:0031090~organelle membrane	0.000160598	FA2H, MGST3, SCD3, FMO1, ARXES2, CYP2F2, SCD1, ARXES1, CYP2C70, CYP46A1	0.004189

Table S3. DAVID analysis of genes up regulated in AM vs AM+Dox comparison.

Term	PValue	Genes	FDR
Enrichment Score: 5.164491013153225			
GO:0005576~extracellular region	1.55E-05	ITIH4, CALCA, ORM1, TNXB, LAMA2, NXPH3, LAMA3, TRF, PRELP, PTN, RETN, CXCL14, CHRDL1, TMEM25, ISLR, ADGRG1, PDZD2, HYAL3, LAMB3, FST, ADIPOQ, IL17RE, S100B, GDF5,	0.00267

	DCN, ABHD15, MFAP4, RBP4, OLFM2, CRISPLD1, CRISPLD2, SMOC1, APOC1, VWA1, SIGLEC1, GPLD1		
Enrichment Score: 3.6014436708635866			
mmu03320:PPAR signaling pathway	3.36E-08	FABP4, FABP5, ACSL1, ADIPOQ, SCD3, AQP7, ACAA1B, PLIN1, SCD1, CD36, PCK1	4.26E-06
GO:0006629~lipid metabolic process	5.74E-07	TNXB, DGAT2, HPGD, ACSL1, EPHX2, ACAA1B, CYP46A1, AGPAT2, SULT1A1, LIPE, HPGDS, FABP5, SPTLC3, SCD3, PLIN1, PLCH2, SCD1, PCK1, MGLL	4.48E-04
GO:0006631~fatty acid metabolic process	2.24E-05	HPGDS, TNXB, FABP4, HPGD, ACSL1, SCD3, ACAA1B, SCD1, CD36, MGLL	0.007989
Enrichment Score: 2.6399772091369966			
GO:0005783~endoplasmic reticulum	6.70E-04	MOXD1, CALR3, MGST2, ATP10B, ARXES2, PTN, ARXES1, CYP46A1, AGPAT2, PDZD2, SPTLC3, SCD3, LRRC8D, CD36, SCD1, MEST, DGAT2, ACSL1, SORT1, ADIPOQ, FMO2, CIDEC, APOC1, PLIN1, REEP6, NAT8L	0.028823
Enrichment Score: 2.591431031118175			
GO:0016020~membrane	8.58E-04	KLB, MOXD1, A530016L24RIK, TENM4, DOCK8, SLC40A1, TRF, AQP7, CIB2, TMEM182, KLHDC7A, SLC2A4, CYP46A1, LIPE, SPTLC3, B3GALT2, SCD3, FFAR2, SCD1, CD36, GAL3ST2, PAQR9, TMEM88B, SEMA6A, SLC36A2, DGAT2, ABCA8A, ACSL1, SEMA6D, MTUS1, IL17RE, CBFA2T3, GBGT1, STX1B, TMEFF2, TMEM179, ARC, OLFM2, ADRB3, ITGAD, ADGRB2, RGS9BP, ADAM12, MYZAP, NAT8L, GPRC5C, MGLL, ADCYAP1R1, C5AR2, PTGER3, GPR88, WNK4, SLC3A1, ATP1A2, PTN, APCDD1, AGPAT2, TMEM25, SELENBP1, ADGRG1, MC2R, RAB40B, HCAR1, UCP2, LRRC8D, NCAM1, MEST, CD300LG, CAR2, SORT1, MCAM, PTCH2, C130074G19RIK, SCTR, FMO2, GDF5,	0.029507

		TSHR, ABHD15, TRPV4, FXYD1, TMCC3, SLC26A7, SIGLEC1, PLCH2, REEP6, SLC25A34, CD68, KCNK3	
Enrichment Score: 2.1409380701327043			
mmu04152:AMPK signaling pathway	8.68E-04	LIPE, PFKFB3, ADIPOQ, SCD3, SLC2A4, SCD1, CD36, PCK1	0.036734
Enrichment Score: 1.7324571669713142			
GO:0005578~proteinaceous extracellular matrix	2.09E-04	MFAP4, TNXB, LAMA2, LAMB3, CRISPLD2, SMOC1, LAMA3, VWA1, PRELP, PTN, GPLD1, DCN	0.017839
GO:0005604~basement membrane	3.11E-04	LAMA2, LAMB3, SMOC1, LAMA3, VWA1, TRF, PTN	0.017839

Table S4. DAVID analysis of genes down regulated in AM vs AM+Dox comparison.

Term	PValue	Genes	FDR
Enrichment Score: 16.442538003224215			
GO:0005615~extracellular space	1.6417017461634274E-21	TINAGL1, SERPINE1, HP, LAMC2, CXCL1, VLDLR, CLU, CXCL5, WISP2, SPN, C4B, LGALS3, FGF7, TIMP3, CAR6, LMCD1, CAMP, CCBE1, EDN1, VWF, GPX3, MMP3, MMP8, EREG, BCAN, MMP13, SLPI, OAS3, FAM20C, ACPP, SAA3, SAA4, TNFRSF11B, LTBP2, LRP8, KNG1, RNASET2A, C3, SERPINB1B, SERPINA3F, CCL7, PTPRZ1, STC2, CCL2, SERPINB9B, NOS2, TNFRSF9, LIF, SERPINA3M, SERPINA3N, SERPINA3G, CP, SERPINA3I, CXCL10, IL6, GDNF, CES1G, CLEC2G, LCN2, PTX3	3.2013184050186834E-19
GO:0005576~extracellular region	5.692614007016396E-17	TINAGL1, SERPINE1, HP, F13A1, LAMC2, CXCL1, ISM1, CLU, CXCL5, WISP2, C4B, LGALS3, FGF7, CASP4, TIMP3, CAR6, CAMP, CCBE1, EDN1, VWF, GPX3, MMP3, MMP8, MMP10, EREG, MMP12, BCAN, MMP13, SLPI, ANGPTL6, FAM20C, VSTM2A, ACPP, SAA3, SAA4, TNFRSF11B, LTBP2, NTN1, LRP8, KNG1, 5430419D17RIK, C3, CCL7, PTPRZ1, STC2, CCL2, CDSN, LIF, SERPINA3M, SERPINA3N,	5.5502986568409865E-15

		CP, CXCL10, IL6, GDNF, LCN2, PTX3, NOTUM, HPSE	
Enrichment Score: 4.585972071952109			
Term	PValue	Genes	FDR
GO:0034097~response to cytokine	1.8576718254593303E-5	SERPINA3F, SERPINA3M, SERPINA3N, PTGS2, SERPINA3G, OSMR, SERPINA3I, RELB	0.004102358614556021
GO:0010466~negative regulation of peptidase activity	2.6176895538567044E-5	SERPINB1B, SERPINA3F, SLPI, SERPINE1, TIMP3, SERPINA3M, SERPINA3N, SERPINA3G, KNG1	0.004336764545185795
GO:0004867~serine-type endopeptidase inhibitor activity	3.239574315699336E-5	SERPINB1B, SERPINA3F, SLPI, SERPINE1, SERPINB9B, SERPINA3M, SERPINA3N, SERPINA3G, SERPINA3I	0.006398159273506189
GO:0030414~peptidase inhibitor activity	3.239574315699336E-5	SERPINB1B, SERPINA3F, SLPI, SERPINE1, TIMP3, SERPINA3M, SERPINA3N, SERPINA3G, KNG1	0.006398159273506189
GO:0043434~response to peptide hormone	9.897662481969958E-5	SERPINA3F, STC2, SERPINA3M, SERPINA3N, SERPINA3G, SERPINA3I, EREG	0.013114402788610195
Enrichment Score: 4.127262509244919			
Term	PValue	Genes	FDR

		IL6, EDN1, CCL7, SAA3, ZC3H12A, SERPINE1, LCN2, CCL2, CAMP	
GO:0071347~cellular response to interleukin-1	1.531896347360444E-6		6.765875534175294E-4
GO:0071222~cellular response to lipopolysaccharide	2.966452906842876E-4	CXCL10, IL6, PLSCR1, NOS2, PLSCR2, ZC3H12A, SERPINE1, LCN2, CCL2, CAMP	0.03275458417972343
Enrichment Score: 3.2278474521875653			
Term	PValue	Genes	FDR
GO:0002376~immune system process	1.5545629792378633E-4	CD74, H2-Q7, H2-K1, HP, AHR, SERPINA3G, C3, LGALS3, SLPI, OAS3, CASP4, ZC3H12A, LCN2, TLR2	0.01872541770445608
Enrichment Score: 3.0652006117499124			
Term	PValue	Genes	FDR
GO:0005578~proteinaceous extracellular matrix	7.86993046157755E-8	CCBE1, VWF, MMP3, LTBP2, LAMC2, TNFRSF11B, MMP8, NTN1, MMP10, WISP2, MMP12, BCAN, LGALS3, MMP13, PTPRZ1, TIMP3, HPSE	5.1154548000254075E-6
GO:0031012~extracellular matrix	1.0904983267609749E-6	TINAGL1, VWF, SERPINE1, MMP3, LTBP2, MMP8, CLU, MMP10, MMP12, LGALS3, PLSCR1, MMP13, SLPI, TIMP3, LMCD1	5.100221264313128E-5
Enrichment Score: 2.605301978949154			
Term	PValue	Genes	FDR
GO:0006955~immune response	1.9461300459952305E-8	CD74, TINAGL1, TNFRSF9, H2-K1, LIF, CXCL1, TNFRSF11B, CXCL5, CXCL10, IL6, PLSCR1, CCL7, SLPI, OAS3, CCL2, SH2D6, TLR2	1.2893111554718401E-5