MYC disrupts transcriptional and metabolic circadian oscillations in cancer and promotes enhanced biosynthesis

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Abstract

The molecular circadian clock, which controls rhythmic 24-hour oscillation of genes, proteins, and metabolites, is disrupted across many human cancers. Deregulated expression of MYC oncoprotein has been shown to alter expression of molecular clock genes, leading to a disruption of molecular clock oscillation across cancer types. It remains unclear what benefit cancer cells gain from suppressing clock oscillation, and how this loss of molecular clock oscillation impacts global gene expression and metabolism in cancer. We hypothesized that MYC suppresses oscillation of gene expression and metabolism to instead upregulate pathways involved in biosynthesis in a static, non-oscillatory fashion. To test this, cells from distinct cancer types with inducible MYC or the closely related N-MYC were examined, using detailed time-series RNA-sequencing and metabolomics, to determine the extent to which MYC activation disrupts global oscillation of genes, gene expression, programs, and metabolites. We focused our analyses on genes, pathways, and metabolites that changed in common across multiple cancer cell line models. We report here that MYC disrupted over 85% of oscillating genes, while instead promoting enhanced ribosomal and mitochondrial biogenesis and suppressed cell attachment pathways. Notably, when MYC is activated, biosynthetic programs that were formerly circadian flipped to being upregulated in an oscillation-free manner. Further, activation of MYC ablates the oscillation of nutrient transporter glycosylation while greatly upregulating transporter expression, cell surface localization, and intracellular amino acid pools. Finally, we report that MYC disrupts metabolite oscillations and the temporal segregation of amino acid metabolism from nucleotide metabolism. Our results demonstrate that MYC disruption of the molecular circadian clock releases metabolic and biosynthetic processes from circadian control, which may provide a distinct advantage to cancer cells.

Introduction

Circadian rhythms are ~24-hour rhythms that occur in many organisms and can be observed on the cellular level to rhythmically control transcription, protein levels, and metabolic processes. Recent analyses have revealed that human cancers have consistently disrupted or ablated circadian clocks. However, what impact circadian disruption has on cancer cell transcriptional and metabolic programming has not been determined.

Circadian rhythms entrain organisms' activity (such as sleep-wake cycles) and metabolism (such as segmentation of catabolism and biosynthesis) to the day / night cycle. The 'central clock', housed within the suprachiasmatic nucleus of the hypothalamus, receives light signals through the eye and communicates these signals to peripheral cell-autonomous 'molecular clocks' present in every cell and tissue, which control oscillatory gene expression [1]. The molecular clock is controlled by the basic helix-loop-helix (bHLH) transcription factors CLOCK and BMAL1, which, as a heterodimer, rhythmically regulate target gene expression in an oscillatory fashion [1]. CLOCK and BMAL1 control their own activity and levels through a series of feedback loops. In the first and most central loop, rhythmically produced PER and CRY proteins inhibit the activity of CLOCK and BMAL1, leading to antiphase oscillation of CLOCK-BMAL1 activity and PER and CRY levels and localization. In a second loop required for molecular clock function in many cells and tissues, the nuclear hormone receptors and transcriptional repressors REV-ERBα and REV-ERBβ compete with the transcriptional ROR activators to rhythmically control transcription of BMAL1 (*ARNTL*) ([1-3]). The molecular clock is thus responsible for the rhythmic regulation of thousands of transcripts in mouse and primate, comprising more than 50% of protein coding transcripts in some tissues [4, 5]. Oscillatory gene expression arises from direct action of CLOCK-BMAL1 on promoters and enhancers, from binding of the REV-ERB and ROR family to promoters, and from action of secondary tissue-specific transcription factors that themselves are rhythmically controlled by the molecular clock [6, 7]. Importantly, not all oscillation in a cell arises solely from mRNA: several studies have shown that proteins and metabolites also oscillate in a manner not directly dependent on mRNA oscillation [8-10].

The molecular circadian clock is tumor suppressive in many tissues. Indeed, disruption of the molecular clock, either by behavioral disruption or genetic mutation, can accelerate or initiate

tumorigenesis in lung, liver, bone, colon, melanocyte, and other cell types [11-19]. Supporting the notion

that the clock is tumor suppressive in human cancer, circadian gene expression is often disrupted in tumor

tissue as compared to normal tissue [20]. Perhaps more importantly, three independent computational

analyses each revealed that normal progression and oscillation of the circadian clock is dampened or lost

in human tumor tissue compared to normal tissue [21-23]. We and others have proposed that clock

disruption in cancer may release cellular processes such as cell cycle or metabolic fluxes from circadian

control to be constantly and statically up- or downregulated [24, 25]. However, given that mutations in

molecular clock genes are rare [26], it remains unclear how circadian disruption arises in cancer cells, and

what formerly circadian programs lose oscillation as a result of this disruption.

A well-defined source of circadian disruption in cancer is amplification of the *MYC* oncogene or its

closely related paralogue *MYCN* (N-MYC), which leads to overexpression of MYC or N-MYC. Amplification

of at least one *MYC* family member is quite common in human cancer, overall occurring in nearly one third

of all cases [27]. The MYC-family proteins are E-box binding transcription factors which, when amplified,

have also been proposed to increase overall transcriptional output [28, 29]. When MYC is amplified, it

tends to drive continued transit through the cell cycle, and to upregulate nutrient uptake, protein translation,

and biomass accumulation, amongst many other functions [27, 28, 30] Amplified MYC and N-MYC have

been shown in multiple cancer models to dampen or ablate molecular clock gene oscillation [31-36]. We

identified a mechanism whereby MYC and N-MYC directly upregulate the REV-ERB proteins, leading to

BMAL1 suppression and a collapse of molecular clock gene oscillation [31, 32]. We also observed that

cell-autonomous oscillation of glucose was disrupted by MYC [32]; however, it remained unclear which

global transcriptional and metabolic programs that are normally circadian controlled were disrupted by

MYC amplification. Since MYC drives enhanced nutrient uptake and biosynthesis across multiple cancer,

we hypothesized that MYC disruption of the molecular clock releases these processes from circadian

control to instead be enhanced by amplified MYC.

In this study, we utilize multiple cell line models representing neuroblastoma and osteosarcoma to

determine the role of MYC overexpression in disruption of circadian oscillations of transcription and cell-

autonomous metabolism. We perform time-series analysis to identify which transcriptional programs are

circadian in the absence of MYC across multiple cell lines; and also determine, in a time-independent

fashion, which genes and pathways MYC upregulates or suppresses in common between the three cell

models. We next combine these two analyses to determine which of gene expression programs and

pathways switch from being oscillatory to being up- or downregulated when MYC is activated. In our

analysis, we have taken an agnostic approach, presenting the most significantly enriched genes and

pathways rather than choosing specific pathways of interest. Using this agnostic approach, we determine

that across multiple cell lines, pathways associated with metabolism and biosynthesis lose oscillation and

become upregulated by MYC in a static, oscillation-independent fashion. Finally, we examine which

metabolic circadian cycles are disrupted by MYC, and how these connect to changes in the oscillation and

expression of nutrient transporters.

Results

Oncogenic MYC ablates global transcriptional oscillation

We and others have shown that ectopic MYC disrupts the molecular clock machinery across many types of

cancer models [31-36]. Since many of the components of the molecular clock pathway, including CLOCK,

BMAL1, and the REV-ERB proteins are transcription factors, it can be surmised that disruption in normal

oscillation of the molecular clock may lead to loss of rhythmicity of global circadian output. Similarly, MYC

may upregulate genes and programs formerly regulated by the molecular clock. Therefore, the global

transcriptional impact of loss of molecular clock gene expression rhythmicity remained unclear. To address

this, we utilized three separate cancer cell lines we previously characterized to have intact molecular clocks

that are disrupted by overexpressed MYC or N-MYC: SHEP N-MYC-ER (neuroblastoma), SKNAS N-MYC-

ER (neuroblastoma), and U2OS MYC-ER (osteosarcoma) [31, 32]. All three lines have inducible

overexpressed MYC-ER or N-MYC-ER that is activated by 4-hydroxytamoxifen (4OHT). Activated MYC-

ER and N-MYC-ER will henceforth be referred to for all cell lines as MYC-ON. When overexpressed MYC-

ER is inactive in control conditions, this condition is referred to as MYC-OFF. We performed time-series

analysis on these three cell lines ± MYC activation: cells were entrained with dexamethasone at CT0, and

collected from CT24-72 or 76 at 2-4 hour intervals. CT refers to 'circadian time', the number of hours after

dexamethasone entrainment. In all three lines, MYC activation dampened or ablated oscillation of *PER2,*

NR1D1 (REV-ERBα), and *ARNTL* (BMAL1) (**Figure 1A**, SKNAS data published previously in [31, 32]). We

next performed RNA-sequencing of each cell line and time series ± MYC activation, and used the ECHO

algorithm [37] to detect oscillating genes. Depending on cell line, we detected between ~700-1600

oscillating genes in the MYC-OFF condition. Supporting the notion that the identity of circadian output

genes is highly variable between different cell and organ systems [4, 5], there was little overlap in the

specific identity of oscillating genes in the MYC-OFF conditions amongst the three cell lines

(**Supplemental Figure S1A**). Nonetheless, when we examined these oscillatory genes in the MYC-ON

condition, we found that nearly 90% of genes that oscillated in MYC-OFF no longer oscillated in MYC-ON

(**Figure 1B**). This suggested a global collapse of the normal transcriptional oscillatory program in the

presence of ectopic MYC.

Surprisingly, when MYC was activated, many genes gained oscillation that were previously not

oscillatory. We found that MYC-ON cells contained between ~500-1500 oscillating genes, with

approximately 90% not oscillating in MYC-OFF (**Supplemental Figure 1B**). MYC suppresses BMAL1

expression (**Figure 1A and [31-34]**), and it was previously suggested that oscillations occurring in low or

absent BMAL1 may be of very low amplitude [38, 39]. To test whether this was occurring in our cell line

models, we examined the amplitude of all genes oscillating with a circadian period in MYC-OFF and MYC-

ON (**Supplemental Figure 1C**). We found no particular tendency of oscillating genes to be of lower

amplitude in MYC-ON across all three cell lines. Overall, these results showed that activation of ectopic

MYC suppressed normal circadian oscillatory output across multiple independent models.

Oncogenic MYC causes a shift in the number and identity of oscillating transcriptional programs

While the individual identity of oscillating genes varies widely between tissues, there are basic cellular

functions that are nonetheless commonly circadian-regulated across multiple tissues and cell types [4, 5].

For instance, it was shown in baboon that metabolic, vesicle-trafficking, and cell membrane and junction

gene expression programs are commonly rhythmic in many different tissues [5]. Given the lack of overlap

in the specific identity of oscillating genes in our three cell line models in MYC-OFF conditions, we next

asked which transcriptional programs oscillated in each of these cells. To accomplish this, we used

complementary methods of phase-dependent and phase-independent analysis. Phase-dependent analysis

assumes that mRNAs in a given pathway or group peak together in the same circadian phase, and thus

groups genes that peak together for pathway analysis. We used the phase-dependent algorithm Phase

Set Enrichment Analysis (PSEA) to determine which gene sets and pathways were enriched in oscillating

genes in MYC-OFF and MYC-ON in a phase-dependent fashion [40]. To determine when these programs

peaked, we plotted significantly enriched oscillating programs on radial histograms, which circularize the X-

axis to accurately show a repeating circadian time scale of CTs. Similar to individual genes in **Figure 1**,

most of the enriched oscillatory programs in MYC-OFF did not oscillate in MYC-ON (**Figure 2A**).

Intriguingly, even when oscillation was maintained from MYC-OFF to MYC-ON, the time in which these

programs peaked was altered. For instance, in SHEP MYC-OFF, most gene expression programs

detected peaked between CT 17-21, while in MYC-ON, those that were shared instead peaked mostly

between CT 6-15. Similar to SHEP, SKNAS neuroblastoma had a majority of oscillating programs peak at

CT 18 in MYC-OFF (with a smaller portion peaking at CT 5), which in MYC-ON, the few remaining

oscillatory programs peaked at CT 4 and 17. U2OS osteosarcoma were also similar to the two

neuroblastoma lines: in MYC-OFF, the strongest peak occurred at CT16, while no shared gene sets

peaked at this time in MYC-ON. The gene sets determined as being oscillatory in MYC-ON also had

different timing of peak expression compared to MYC-OFF (**Supplemental Figure 2A, compare to Figure

2A**). We focused on which gene expression programs were shared by at least two cell lines and ranked

these according to average significance score across the cell lines. Similar to previous findings in baboon,

in MYC-OFF cells, those shared between cell lines corresponded to cytoskeleton, endoplasmic reticulum,

cell junction and contact, and metabolism and biosynthesis (particularly in those sets shared between the

neuroblastoma cell lines SHEP and SKNAS) (**Figure 2B**). In contrast, there was far less overlap of

oscillating gene expression programs in MYC-ON (**Supplemental Figure 2B**), and no identifiable common

themes emerged. This suggested MYC does not drive a common oscillatory program at the transcript level

in different cell lines.

We also utilized a phase-independent analysis methodology to determine which transcriptional

programs were enriched amongst oscillatory genes. Some oscillatory programs, including cell cycle and

the molecular circadian clock itself, have genes that peak at different times of the day [41, 42], making

detection of these programs with PSEA inefficient. Thus, we analyzed oscillatory genes in each cell line

regardless of their peak of oscillation for pathway enrichment with ToppFun functional enrichment suite,

which combines several different enrichment libraries [43]. We found that, despite the fact that there were

largely similar numbers of oscillating genes between MYC-OFF and MYC-ON, there tended to be less

enriched gene sets among MYC-ON. In SHEP MYC-OFF, oscillating genes were enriched for endosomal

and lysosomal trafficking, in U2OS, programs related to the molecular circadian clock were enriched, and

in SKNAS, a program related to toll-like receptor signaling was enriched (**Table 1**). In contrast, in SHEP

and U2OS MYC-ON, programs related to cell cycle were instead enriched, while no programs were

significantly enriched in SKNAS MYC-ON (**Table 1**).

We further investigated this apparent gain in cell cycle gene rhythmicity in SHEP and U2OS MYC-

ON by interrogating which cell cycle genes were oscillatory with a ~24-hour period in the absence or

presence of activated MYC. In both cell lines, there were fewer significantly rhythmic cell cycle genes in

MYC-OFF (11 in SHEP, 3 in U2OS) as compared to MYC-ON (16 in SHEP, 5 in U2OS, **Supplemental**

Figure 2C,D), suggesting a potential gain in cell cycle gene oscillation in the presence of MYC as circadian

rhythmicity is diminished. This agrees with prior findings in U2OS that intentional disruption of the

molecular clock promotes enhanced cell cycle advance [17]. Overall, these data suggested that ectopic

MYC reduces or abrogates rhythmicity of gene expression programs that normally are controlled by the

molecular clock, and instead may promote cell cycle rhythmicity.

Oncogenic MYC promotes a distinct program of biosynthesis and loss of attachment across

multiple cell models

We next sought to address which genes and pathways MYC up- or downregulated without regards

to rhythmicity. MYC can have many disparate functions in cancer, which may depend on 1) the degree to

which MYC is overexpressed, 2) which promoters and enhancers it binds, 3) if MYC cooperates with other

transcription factors such as MIZ1 to inhibit expression of certain genes, and 4) if MYC strongly regulates

pause release ([27, 29, 44-47]. Our MYC-ER models gave us the opportunity to determine the role of MYC

activation across three unrelated cell lines, and to determine commonalities in MYC rewiring global

transcription. To accomplish this, we performed differential expression analysis, using DeSeq2, on our

time-series RNA-sequencing experiments [48]. Differential expression analysis revealed that MYC

activation resulted in the upregulation (by a least 10%) between ~4500 to ~7700 genes and suppression

(by at least 10%) between ~6000 to ~8000 genes (**Figure 3A**), in line with previous reports that MYC

exerts a strong genome-wide repressive role [49, 50]. Overall, this corresponded to approximately 30-40%

of all genes detected by RNA-sequencing. We performed Gene Set Enrichment Analysis (GSEA) for all

genes up- or down-regulated by at least 10%, and observed which gene sets were enriched in common

between all three cell lines [51-54]. There were 172 gene sets upregulated in common between the three

inducible cell lines. Common programs were focused on canonical MYC targets, mitochondrial gene

expression and assembly, ribosome biogenesis, tRNA processing, and metabolism (**Figure 3B**). In

contrast, 303 gene sets were downregulated in common between all three cell lines. These suppressed

gene expression programs corresponded to cell adhesion, extracellular matrix (ECM), collagen, and focal

adhesion (**Figure 3C**), consistent with previous reports that MYC may promote an invasive and metastatic

phenotype in cancer cells [55-57].

We next asked if these changes in gene expression were represented only in genes strongly up- or

down-regulated by MYC. GSEA can detect small differences across many genes [51], so we sought to

confirm that these programs arose from highly upregulated or downregulated genes by performing a

second independent analysis of differential expression using a different functional enrichment platform,

ToppFun [43]. We focused on genes that were at least 1.5-fold up- or down-regulated (**Supplemental**

Figure 3A), and found that the three cell lines had 687 genes upregulated 1.5-fold in common, and 802

genes downregulated 1.5 fold in common (**Supplemental Figure 3B,C**). We subjected each of these in-

common gene sets to ToppFun pathway enrichment analysis, and obtained highly similar results to GSEA

analysis. Upregulated programs included mitochondrial and ribosomal biogenesis (**Supplemental Figure**

3D), while downregulated programs included those related to ECM, collagen, and focal adhesion

(**Supplemental Figure 3E**). These results suggested strong commonalities in the MYC-driven

transcriptional program between three unrelated cell lines representing two different forms of cancer.

Oncogenic MYC impairs oscillatory gene expression to drive static gene expression programs.

Given that MYC disrupts normal molecular circadian clock rhythmicity across multiple systems, a

key question arises: which oscillatory programs are shifted by MYC from being oscillatory in MYC-OFF to

being statically up- or down-regulated when MYC is activated? The answer to this question would explain

how MYC shifts the behavior of cells by disrupting their molecular clock and circadian rhythmicity, and

begin to explain what benefit MYC-amplified cancers gain from disruption of the molecular circadian clock.

We asked this question both at the pathway-level and at the gene-level using complementary

methodologies. At the pathway-level, we first determined which gene expression programs were

oscillatory in MYC-OFF cells, as determined by PSEA (as discussed in **Figure 2**), lost oscillation when

MYC was turned on. We then examined overlap between these programs that lost oscillation and which

programs were determined to be up- or down-regulated by MYC via GSEA analysis (see schematic in

Figure 4A). In both SHEP and SKNAS, programs that lost oscillation and became upregulated

corresponded to ribosomal biogenesis, mitochondria, RNA splicing, and metabolism (**Figures 4B-C**). This

was similar to those programs that were upregulated by MYC in these cells (see **Figure 3B** and

Supplemental Figure 3B). Those programs that switched from being oscillatory to downregulated

corresponded to ER, lysosome, and aging in SHEP, and morphology and synaptic membranes in SKNAS

(**Figures 4B-C**). These gene sets were less similar to those downregulated by MYC in these cell lines (see

Figure 3C and **Supplemental Figure 3C**). Conversely, we did not detect in U2OS overlap between

oscillating programs and those that became up or down-regulated (not shown), suggesting that disruption

of oscillation in U2OS may occur more at the protein or metabolite level.

We cross-validated these results with an independent approach that focused on the gene level

(**Supplemental Figure 4**). In this approach, we first identified genes that had significant circadian

oscillation in MYC-OFF, as identified in ECHO, and lost this oscillation in MYC-ON (see **Figure 1**). Of

these genes that lost oscillation in MYC-ON, we next asked which were significantly up- or down-regulated

by MYC, using DeSeq2, and finally queried these overlapping genes for gene set enrichment by ToppFun

(see schematic in **Supplemental Figure 4A**). In SHEP and SKNAS, programs corresponding to genes

that switched from being oscillatory to upregulated were similar to those determined by PSEA and GSEA in

Figure 4, corresponding to ribosome assembly, mitochondrial activity, and protein translation

(**Supplemental Figure 4A,B**). In contrast in U2OS, upregulated programs mostly corresponded to the

molecular clock itself as well as macromolecular protein complex programs (**Supplemental Figure 4C**).

There were comparatively fewer downregulated programs that were identified with this approach: in SHEP,

the few downregulated programs corresponded to cell adhesion and organization, while in U2OS the

downregulated programs corresponded to circadian rhythm and cell organization; there were no detected

downregulated programs in SKNAS (**not shown**). Overall, these results suggested that, across multiple

cancer models, MYC disrupts circadian transcriptional oscillation and instead promotes static (non-

oscillatory) regulation of processes such as biosynthesis, metabolism, and extracellular matrix-related gene

expression programs.

Rhythmic glycosylation and expression of nutrient transporters are disrupted by MYC.

Intracellular metabolism is known to be highly circadian [10, 58-60], potentially balancing anabolic

and catabolic metabolism in concert with whole body rhythms. In contrast, cancer cells, particularly those

driven by MYC, engage in upregulated nutrient uptake and biosynthesis [28, 61]. Our data indicated that in

multiple cell lines, MYC caused metabolic and biosynthetic processes that were formerly circadian to flip to

static upregulation (**Figure 4, Supplemental Figure 4**). In addition, we have previously observed that

MYC expression in U2OS ablated oscillation of intracellular glucose while boosting uptake of glucose and

glutamine [31]. Since these processes are regulated in part by nutrient transporter expression and

availability, we asked whether nutrient transporter rhythmicity and expression is affected by MYC in three

cell models. We focused on the two subunits of the LAT1 amino acid transporter: LAT1 (*SLC7A5)* and

4F2hc (*SLC3A2*, also known as CD98), which transport glutamine and other amino acids, as well as the

ubiquitously expressed GLUT1 glucose transporter (*SLC2A1*) [62-64]. GLUT1 and 4F2hc are glycosylated,

which aids in their trafficking to the plasma membrane [65, 66], so we performed immunoblot using a

technique to determine glycosylation level of these proteins [66]. Where appropriate, two different

exposures of the same immunoblot ('dark' and 'light') are shown. In all three cell lines, glycosylated 4F2hc

and total levels of LAT1 showed periodic expression in MYC-OFF (**Figure 5A-C**). In contrast, when MYC

was activated, oscillation of LAT1 and rhythmic glycosylation 4F2hc was lost, but total glycosylation of

4F2hc and total levels of each of these proteins were greatly increased (**Figure 5A-C**). In U2OS in MYC-

OFF conditions, GLUT1 also showed oscillatory glycosylation, while when MYC was activated, this

oscillation was lost and GLUT1 glycosylation was increased (**Figure 5A**). In SHEP cells, GLUT1

glycosylation was not oscillatory in MYC-OFF but was still increased by MYC expression (**Figure 5B**),

while in SKNAS, glycosylated GLUT1 was not regulated by MYC (**Figure 5C**). For 4F2hc and GLUT1 we

treated some samples with PNGase-F, a glycosidase [66], to demonstrate which bands were glycosylated

protein and to compare total levels of protein in the presence or absence of MYC. We found that total

levels of 4F2hc were increased by MYC in all three cell lines, while in contrast, total GLUT1 levels were not

increased by MYC (**Figures 5A-C**), suggesting that MYC regulated glycosylation but not expression of

GLUT1 in U2OS and SHEP. We also observed that MYC did not alter mRNA levels of GLUT1 *(SLC2A1,*

not shown), in contrast to previous reports that MYC transcriptionally upregulates *SLC2A1* in other cancer

models [67]. As has been shown previously [31, 32], we also observed suppression of BMAL1 and

upregulation of REV-ERBα regardless of timepoint (**Figures 5A-C**). Overall, these data suggested that

nutrient transporter expression and glycosylation is rhythmically regulated and ablated by MYC, as MYC

increases post-transcriptional modification and levels of these transporters.

The above findings on nutrient transporter glycosylation did not demonstrate whether these

transporters were actually reaching the cell surface, whether cell surface expression of transporters was

increased by MYC, and whether these resulted in identifiable metabolic changes in the cells. To address

this, we performed an On-cell Western [68], which stains fixed and unpermeabilized cells in a dish to

determine surface expression of a target protein. We focused on LAT1, and found that surface expression

of LAT1 was significantly increased in MYC-ON as compared to MYC-OFF cells (**5D-E**), suggesting that an

increase in expression and glycosylation correlates with more transporter on the cell surface. To further

determine whether changes in nutrient transporter expression, glycosylation, and localization correlated

with increases in intracellular metabolite pools, we performed ultra-performance liquid chromatography-

tandem mass spectrometry (UPLC-MS/MS) metabolomics in U2OS, in the presence or absence of

activated MYC. In two independent experiments, we found that almost all amino acids were significantly

increased in MYC-ON (**Figure 5F, Supplemental Figure 5**), suggesting that increased nutrient transporter

expression and glycosylation correlated with enhanced intracellular amino acid pools. Overall, these data

showed that MYC ablates nutrient transporter oscillation and increases transporter expression, cell surface

localization, and activity.

MYC disrupts metabolic circadian oscillations in a cell-autonomous manner

The ablation of oscillatory nutrient transporter glycosylation and expression, along with our previous

analysis of metabolic oscillations by NMR and mass spectrometry [10, 31], raised the intriguing possibility

that MYC may disrupt global cell-autonomous metabolic oscillation. To test this, we performed time-series

metabolomic analysis using UPLC-MS/MS at 2-hour intervals in dexamethasone-entrained U2OS MYC-ER

cells over two independent experiments, termed Replicate A and Replicate B. Using the ECHO algorithm,

we found in Replicate A that there were 37 oscillating metabolites in MYC-OFF, while only 6 of these

metabolites remained oscillatory with a ~24-hour period in MYC-ON (**Figure 6A**). The traces of individual

metabolites were plotted for MYC-OFF and MYC-ON in **Figure 6B**. Similar results were observed in

Replicate B (**Supplemental Figure 6A-B**). In concordance with our transcriptomic observations, some

metabolites in both Replicates gained 24-hour rhythmicity in MYC-ON that did not previously have this

rhythmicity in MYC-OFF (**Supplemental Figure 6C-D**).

Finally, we queried which metabolic programs were circadian in MYC-OFF and MYC-ON by

performing KEGG enrichment analysis. Peak phase of metabolites was determined, KEGG analysis was

performed separately on each set of oscillating metabolites, and the resulting significantly enriched

pathways were plotted in polar histograms. In both Replicates A and B for MYC-OFF, we observed peaks

of oscillation at CT10 and CT20. Those at CT10 corresponded to programs in nucleotide metabolism,

while those at ZT20 instead were enriched for programs in amino acid metabolism and tRNA biosynthesis

(**Figure 6C and Supplemental Figure 7A**). In contrast, there was no discernable pattern in MYC-ON

cells: in Replicate A, metabolic programs were clustered around a single timepoint, while in Replicate B,

they were fragmented in a manner distinct from MYC-OFF (**Figure 6C, Supplemental Figure 7B**). These

observations demonstrate that cells without amplified ectopic MYC engage in circadian oscillatory

metabolism that temporally separates different bioenergetic processes, which is disrupted when MYC is

elevated and active.

Discussion

We and others previously showed that MYC disrupts molecular clock oscillation in cancer cells, but

the reasons for this, and what specific benefit cancer cells might gain, remained unclear. Our findings, in

sum, indicate that overexpressed MYC suppresses circadian oscillation of transcriptional and metabolic

programs across multiple models of cancer (**Figure 7**). MYC overexpression led to a greater than 85%

loss of global transcriptional oscillation in neuroblastoma and osteosarcoma cell lines. To identify robust

signatures of which genes were circadian in MYC-OFF (low-MYC) cell lines, and which genes were

regulated by MYC in MYC-ON (overexpressed MYC) cell lines, we focused only on genes and pathways

that overlapped between at least two of the three cell lines in our study. In the absence of overexpressed

MYC, we found that oscillating genes which overlapped between multiple cell lines were enriched for

pathways associated with metabolism, biosynthesis, endoplasmic reticulum, extracellular matrix and

adhesion. In contrast, when MYC was activated, we found that MYC upregulated genes associated with

metabolism and biosynthesis, and suppressed genes associated with adhesion and extracellular matrix.

More importantly, we identified, for the first time, that genes and pathways that oscillate in the absence of

overexpressed MYC lose oscillation when MYC is activated and become instead up- or down-regulated.

Notably, metabolic and biosynthetic processes were most significantly enriched in pathways and genes

that shifted from oscillatory in MYC-OFF to upregulated in MYC-ON. These results indicated that cells with

oncogenic MYC release metabolism from circadian control, instead upregulating metabolic gene

expression programs without regards to oscillation. Further focusing on metabolism, we found that nutrient

transporters demonstrate oscillatory glycosylation, associated with membrane localization, and this

rhythmic oscillation of nutrient transporter glycosylation and expression is ablated by MYC as MYC

massively upregulated glycosylated nutrient transporters across multiple cell lines. Finally, oscillation of metabolites themselves were also suppressed by MYC, and circadian segregation of anabolic and catabolic metabolic processes was ablated. Overall, our findings for the first time show MYC suppresses oscillation of genes associated with metabolism and biosynthesis to instead upregulate these processes and engage in heightened metabolism in an oscillation-independent fashion.

Our findings that MYC shifts certain metabolic and cell-attachment pathways from being oscillatory to being up- or down-regulated is supported by observations of similar phenomena from human cancer samples. It has historically been difficult to assess the state of the molecular circadian clock in human tumor samples since these samples are from single timepoints, and time of day information is often unavailable. However, several recent studies using distinct methodologies have all determined that rhythmicity tends to be dampened or ablated in human tumors compared to normal tissue [21-23, 69]. One weakness of these techniques is that, currently, they cannot detect phase or period changes in oscillation, only amplitude changes. Nonetheless, in addition to identifying lost rhythmicity of the molecular clock in tumors, these studies interrogated which pathways had decreased oscillation in tumors. One study, using a methodology known as LTM (Lunch Table Method), found across 11 tumor types that the pathways most associated with circadian rhythmicity in tumors were those related to extracellular matrix, collagen, and TCA cycle and electron transport (metabolism) [69]. In our study, we observed that these same pathways in MYC-ON cells were among the ones most likely to lose oscillation and become upregulated (metabolism) or suppressed (ECM and collagen). The authors of the LTM study speculated that the correlation between ECM / collagen rhythmicity and tumor rhythmicity may be related to cellularity of the tumor (ie, tumors with more endothelial and fibroblast cells have less cancer cells and more rhythmicity) [69], whereas our findings suggest a possible tumor-cell autonomous mechanism for loss of ECM rhythmicity in cancer cells. A separate study, using a methodology known as CYCLOPS (cyclic ordering by periodic structure), found that pathways related to redox metabolism and hypoxia were dampened in hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) compared to normal liver [21]. More intriguingly, the authors also identified GLUT2 (*SLC2A2*) as a transcript that displayed dampened oscillation in HCC compared to normal liver and kidney. These findings are similar to our observations that MYC upregulates and ablates

oscillation of metabolic pathways and nutrient transporters across multiple cancer types. The Authors of

the CYCLOPS study did not identify a mechanism for this loss of oscillation, but since HCC is known to be

driven by amplified MYC [70], it is possible to speculate that elevated and deregulated MYC in HCC may

drive this loss of rhythmicity in metabolic processes. Overall, our findings for the first time provide a

potential mechanism for the loss of oscillating pathways and metabolic processes in cancer cells.

MYC is often overexpressed in cancer, and in many cases, this overexpression arises from either

genomic translocation or amplification events, which occur in at least 28% of all human cancers [27]. The

MYC-ER and N-MYC-ER systems model genomic amplification in cancer, where MYC is no longer under

the control of endogenous promoter and other regulatory elements [71]. In these cancer models where

MYC is amplified, we and others have shown that MYC suppresses or interferes with BMAL1 and disrupts

molecular clock oscillation [31-36]. Our results now show that when MYC disrupts the molecular clock, this

is accompanied by widespread suppression of genetic and metabolic oscillations that occur in the absence

of amplified MYC. More notably, our findings suggest that MYC "releases" biosynthetic and metabolic

processes from circadian control in order to be upregulated without regards to oscillation. However, the

molecular circadian clock is not disrupted in all cancers, and in particular seems to be maintained (albeit in

an altered state) in those driven by mutated HRAS or KRAS [72-74]. In fact, alteration (but not complete

ablation) of the circadian clock may enhance MYC expression even in cases where MYC is not amplified,

and MYC itself is circadian-regulated and oscillatory in these settings [12, 17, 75-77]. In cancer models

where MYC is upregulated (by another oncogene or through circadian disruption), and is potentially still

circadian-controlled, MYC does not seem to exert a strong effect in suppressing BMAL1 and ablating

rhythmicity of the molecular clock or downstream targets [11, 17, 75-77]. One notable exception is in

glioblastoma stem cells (GSCs), where GSCs with amplified MYC maintained oscillation and actually relied

on CLOCK and BMAL1 to maintain stemness [78]. A similar necessity for the circadian clock was seen in

acute myeloid leukemia stem cells [79]. It may be that GSCs (and other select cancer stem cell

populations) with amplified MYC specifically select for rare populations where clock function is somehow

maintained. Nonetheless, in most cases from the literature, amplification of MYC results in severe clock

dysfunction, and our findings now suggest that MYC amplification result in a loss of rhythmicity in pathways related to biosynthesis and proliferation.

We observed that some genes and pathways gained oscillation when MYC was activated. Generally, far fewer pathways were enriched in MYC-ON oscillatory genes than MYC-OFF oscillatory genes, indicating some degree of stochasticity in which genes gained oscillation. One notable group of genes that gained oscillation were cell cycle-related genes, consistent with the notion that MYC induces cell cycle advance [30]. Interestingly, several recent papers reported that metabolic oscillations associate with active cell cycle, though there was not consensus on whether these oscillations depended on cell cycle progression [80, 81]. Thus, it is possible that the metabolic oscillations we observe in MYC-ON (**Figure 6, Supplemental Figures 6-7**) originate from cell cycle progression and not from the molecular clock. Nonetheless, the source of gene and metabolite oscillations in MYC-ON cells remains unclear. We note that while BMAL1 is suppressed by MYC, its expression is not ablated (**Figure 1** and [31-34, 36]). Thus, it is possible that these oscillations originate from residual CLOCK-BMAL1 activity. Indeed, we previously showed that MYC competes with BMAL1 for binding to the *NR1D1* (REV-ERBα) promoter [31]. We speculate that MYC, when amplified, may similarly compete for CLOCK-BMAL1 binding sites genome-wide, and oscillations that emerge in MYC-ON cells may arise from new sites occupied by CLOCK-BMAL1 in circumstances where MYC competes for their normal binding sites. A future line of inquiry should determine if non-canonical circadian oscillations that emerge in MYC-amplified cancer cells contribute to proliferation or metabolic phenotype.

Metabolic rewiring supports cancer cell proliferation and growth, and our findings suggest that loss of circadian oscillation by MYC may be a feature of metabolic rewiring. This rewiring relies not only on the aberrant expression and activity of enzymes from the glycolytic, oxidative, and biosynthetic pathways but also on optimizing the influx and efflux of nutrients by solute carrier proteins (SLCs) [61]. Notably, all these processes are regulated by oncogenic MYC [28, 82]. One example is the loss of rhythmicity we observed in the LAT1 amino acid transporter. LAT1 a heterodimeric transporter complex of LAT1 (*SLC7A5*) with 4F2hc (*SLC3A2*), which is required for LAT1 functional activity, stability, and proper location in the plasma membrane [62]. LAT1 is a key mediator of essential amino acid uptake, promoting amino acid

homeostasis and mTORC1 pathway activation in cancer cells, which supports cell proliferation and survival

[83, 84]. The LAT1 subunit is upregulated in various cancers, while its inhibition reduces tumor growth [84,

85]. Our results show that MYC activation ablates oscillation and increases LAT1 total protein expression

and membrane localization, corroborating previous findings of MYC-dependent upregulation of LAT1 [85-

88]. MYC effects on LAT1 may rely on transcriptional mechanisms, since MYC binds to E-box regions in

the LAT1 promoter [86]. LAT1 forms a heterodimeric transporter complex with 4F2hc, also a MYC target,

which is required for LAT1 functional activity, stability, and proper location in the plasma membrane [62, 89,

90]. 4F2hc harbors four N-glycosylation sites that are required for proper stability and trafficking to the

membrane. Mutation of those sites correlates with a lower abundance of LAT1 in the plasma membrane

and reduced transport activity [65]. We found in our cancer cell modes that when MYC was activated, the

rhythmicity of 4F2hc glycosylation was lost, and increased expression of glycosylated 4F2hc was detected

in all three cell lines. The surface expression of LAT1 and intracellular amino acid pools were significantly

increased in MYC-ON compared to MYC-OFF cells in U2OS cells, suggesting that MYC disrupts

expression and glycosylation oscillations to drive static but highly active transporter states.

MYC has been shown to increase glycolytic flux in cancer cells by upregulating several glycolytic

pathway enzymes, including hexokinase and LDH activity, and increasing GLUT1-mediated glucose uptake

[67]. We previously found that U2OS cells lost intracellular glucose oscillation when MYC was activated

[31], but the mechanism for this remained unclear. The glucose transporter GLUT1 was previously

described to be transcriptionally regulated by MYC, and contributes to MYC-mediated increase in glycolytic

flux in cancer cells [67, 91]. Interestingly, we did not observe an alteration in GLUT1 total mRNA or protein

by MYC; however, GLUT1 glycosylation, which is required for its localization to the plasma membrane [66,

92], was increased in MYC-ON conditions in U2OS and SHEP cells. Alongside this, circadian oscillation of

GLUT1 glycosylation was lost under MYC-ON compared to MYC-OFF condition in U2OS. These results

corroborate previous findings showing MYC-dependent loss of circadian oscillation of hexokinase 2 protein

expression and intracellular levels of glycolytic metabolites, including glucose, in U2OS cells [31]. Overall,

our data bring new mechanistic insights into how MYC disrupts cell-autonomous metabolic oscillation,

which is driven by both suppressing the oscillatory expression of transporters and metabolic enzymes and

uncoupling the regulation of the sub-cellular trafficking of metabolite transporters from circadian control.

For the purposes of this study, we focused on the "top hits" from each of our analyses (PSEA,

GSEA, etc), and present them as ranked lists. However, we identified hundreds to thousands of genes and

pathways that oscillate in MYC-OFF cells, and thousands of genes and pathways that were up- or down-

regulated by MYC when MYC is activated (MYC-ON). For those researchers who wish to probe a specific

gene or pathway of interest that was not listed in our top hits, complete tables will be made available online

at FigShare prior to full publication.

Our findings have implications for potential applications of chronotherapy in the treatment of cancer.

Chronotherapy is defined as timed administration of a drug or treatment based on circadian information, to

maximize efficacy and / or minimize toxicity [93]. Given that the majority of drug targets are likely to be

circadian [4], chronotherapy has much promise in cancer biology in particular. However, the question of

approach remains: should a chronotherapy strategy be designed to target the tumor at a particular time

when it would be most vulnerable, or instead designed to minimize toxicity? These two approaches may

be mutually exclusive. Our findings suggest that circadian phenotype of the tumor matters in this question.

For those tumors with MYC amplification, drug targets related to metabolism and biosynthesis may lose

rhythmicity, which would favor a chronotherapy approach designed to reduce toxicity. Indeed, the Authors

of the CYCLOPS study noted that since GLUT2 is only weakly rhythmic in HCC, a cancer often driven by

MYC, use of the GLUT2-targeting streptozocin should be timed to minimize dose-limiting toxicity in the liver

and kidney [21]. In contrast, a separate study focusing on molecular clock gene expression in cancer

found that many clinically actionably genes, including those related to metabolism, correlated with clock

gene expression across cancer types [20]. This suggests that in cancers that retain rhythmicity (such as

those driven by RAS mutations), a chronotherapy approach might instead focus on timing treatment for

maximum efficacy against targets in the cancer cells themselves. Overall, our findings suggest that MYC

amplification, with further study, might emerge as a prognostic indicator for circadian function which could

guide chronotherapy treatment options in the future.

Limitations of Study:

Several limitations of this study are noted. Cancer cells are continuously proliferating, and MYC did not further enhance proliferative capacity of any of the 3 cell lines. This makes deconvoluting circadian rhythms and cell cycle oscillations challenging. While we did note that some cell cycle genes and pathways shift to oscillatory expression when MYC was expressed (**Table 1, Supplemental Figure 2**), a system where MYC induces proliferation of quiescent cells would be better suited to determine how MYC induces cell cycle rhythmicity. All studies were performed *in vitro* in cell culture conditions. While these conditions are ideal to determine free-running and cell-autonomous oscillations, particularly of metabolites [10, 58, 60], it remains to be determined which oscillatory genes and metabolites MYC disrupts *in vivo*. Finally, we noted that many genes and metabolites gained oscillation when MYC was activated, but did not probe the mechanism of these oscillations (**Supplemental Figure 1,2,6,7**). Since BMAL1 is suppressed but not eliminated by MYC, it is conceivable that these oscillations arise from residual activity of the molecular clock, blocked from its normal activity by elevated MYC levels. Alternately, these oscillations may arise from active cell cycling or in response to gain in oscillation of specific metabolites with MYC-ON (**Supplemental Figure 7**).

Methods and materials

Cell culture and circadian entrainment

U2OS MYC-ER, SHEP N-MYC-ER, and SKNAS N-MYC-ER were described previously [31, 94, 95]. Cells were cultured in DMEM high glucose (Gibco and Corning) with penicillin-streptomycin (Gibco) and 10% FBS (Hyclone). U2OS MYC-ER cells were cultured with 100 µg/mL Zeocin (Thermo Scientific) except during experiments, to maintain MYC-ER expression. For circadian time-series experiments, cells were plated at 100,000 cells / mL. 24 hours later, cells were treated with ethanol or 0.5 µM 4-hydroxytamoxifen (4OHT) to activate MYC-ER or N-MYC-ER. 24 hours later, cells were treated with 0.1 µM dexamethasone (Sigma) to entrain the molecular circadian clock. 24 hours after dexamethasone treatment, cells were detached from the plate with trypsin EDTA 0.25% (Gibco) and were collected for RNA in the following intervals: U2OS replicate 1: every 4 hours for 48 hours; U2OS replicate 2: every 2 hours for 48 hours;

SHEP replicates 1 and 2: every 4 hours for 52 hours; SKNAS: every 4 hours for 52 hours for MYC-OFF, 48

hours for MYC-ON.

RNA collection and qPCR

Cells were lysed and RNA was isolated using the RNEasy Plus mini kit (Qiagen). RNA was reverse

transcribed to cDNA using the ABI Reverse Transcription Reagents system, using oligo dT for priming

(Thermo Scientific). qPCR was performed with cDNA using Power Sybr Green Master Mix (Thermo

Scientific) and with the Viia7 quantitative PCR machine (Applied Biosystems). Triplicate technical

replicates were performed, outlier replicates (defined as being more than 1 Ct away from other two

replicates) were discarded, and relative mRNA was assessed by the ΔΔCt, scaled to the first MYC-OFF

timepoint and normalized to *β2M* (β2 microglobulin). Error bars are standard error of the mean (S.E.M.) of

the two biological replicates described above. For U2OS, only the 4-hour resolution timepoints were used

for Replicate 2.

Table of primer sequences used

Target	Primer sequences (Forward, Reverse)	Source
PER2	GGATGCCCGCCAGAGTCCAGAT, TGTCCACTTTCGAAGACTGGTCGC	[31]
NR1D1 (REV-ERBα)	TGGACTCCAACAACAACACAG, GATGGTGGGAAGTAGGTGGG	[31]
B2M	GGCCGAGATGTCTCGCTCCG, TGGAGTACGCTGGATAGCCTCC	[31]

Protein collection, immunoblot, and glycosylation detection

U2OS MYC-ER, SHEP N-MYC-ER, and SKNAS N-MYC-ER were plated at 100,000 cells / mL. 24

hours later, cells were treated with ethanol or 4-hydroxytamoxifen to activate MYC-ER or N-MYC-ER. 24

hours later, cells were treated with 0.1 μM dexamethasone (Sigma) to entrain the molecular circadian

clock. 24 hours after dexamethasone treatment, cells were detached from the plate with trypsin EDTA

0.25% (Gibco) and were collected every 2-4 hours for up to 48 hours. Protein was lysed using the M-Per

lysis reagent (Thermo Scientific) with protease inhibitor cocktail (Promega) and phosphatase inhibitors 2

and 3 (Sigma). Lysates incubated on ice for at least 20 minutes, then centrifuged at > 13,000 xg, and

supernatant was collected. Protein was quantified using the Bio-Rad DC Protein Assay Kit (Bio-Rad), and

lysates of equal concentration were prepared for immunoblot. To detect glycosylated protein, protein

samples were prepared with sample buffer that contains 10% glycerol (Sigma) and 5% 2-mercaptoethanol

(Sigma), and incubated at room temperature instead of boiled, as previously described [66]. 20 µg of each

sample was prepared and run by SDS-PAGE on Bio-Rad Criterion 4-15% 26-well gradient gel (Bio-Rad).

For some samples (U2OS CT26, SHEP CT32, SKNAS CT 32), 20 µg was treated with PNGase-F to

remove glycosylation marks, according to manufacturer's instructions (New England Biolabs). For these

samples, only 12 µg of protein lysate was loaded onto the Criterion gel. Gels were transferred using the

iBlot2 semi-dry blotting system to nitrocellulose membranes (Thermo Scientific). The following primary

antibodies were used: rabbit anti-4F2hc/CD98 D6O3P mAb (Cell Signaling 13180), rabbit anti-LAT1 (Cell

Signaling 5347), rabbit anti-GLUT1 EPR3915 mAb (Abcam ab115730), rabbit anti-REV-ERBα E1Y6D mAb

(Cell Signaling 13418), rabbit anti-BMAL1 D2L7G mAb (Cell Signaling 14020) and mouse anti-α-Tubulin

DM1A mAb (EMD Millipore CP06-100UG). The following secondary antibodies were used: goat anti-rabbit

Alexa Flour 680 (Thermo Scientific A21109) and goat anti-mouse Alexa Flour 790 (Thermo Scientific

A11357). Membranes were digitally imaged using a Licor Odyssey CLx infrared imager (Licor). U2OS

data represent two independent experiments, and one experiment each for SHEP and SKNAS.

On-cell western

On-cell western [68] was performed with U2OS MYC-ER cells. 72,000 cells were plated in each

well of a 24-well plate, and 24 hours later, treated ± 4OHT for 48 hours. Cells were then fixed with 3.7%

paraformaldehyde (Sigma) but not permeabilized. Wells were washed with tris-buffered saline, and stained

with primary antibodies mouse anti-LAT1 BU53 (Novus NBP2-50465AF647) or mouse IgG2A isotype

control (Novus IC003R), and secondary antibodies goat anti-mouse Alexa Flour 790 (Thermo Scientific

A11357) or CellTag 700 Stain (Licor 926-41090), which is used to quantify total cell number and intensity.

The stained plate was then digitally imaged using a Licor Odyssey CLx infrared imager (Licor), and well

intensities in both channels (700 nM for CellTag, 800 for LAT1 or isotype control) were quantified using

ImageStudio software (Licor). Individual wells were treated as biological replicates, and results are

representative of two separate experiments.

RNA sequencing

RNA-sequencing was performed either at the University of Pennsylvania Genomic and Sequencing

Core (U2OS) or by Novogene (SHEP and SKNAS). For U2OS, we activated MYC-ER in cells for 24 hours

with 4-hydroxytamoxifen (4OHT, MYC-ON), or used vehicle control (MYC-OFF). We then entrained cells

circadian rhythms with dexamethasone. 24 hours after dexamethasone treatment, cells were then

collected every 4 hours (replicate 1) or 2 hours (replicate 2) for up to 48 hours, and RNA was extracted.

CT refers to circadian time, ie, hours after dexamethasone entrainment. RNA at approximately 100 ng/μL

was submitted to the University of Pennsylvania Next Generation Sequencing Core, was analyzed by

BioAnalyzer and determined to have an average RNA Integrity Number (RIN) of 9.9. RNA-sequencing was

performed on ribosome-depleted total RNA (replicate 1) or polyadenylated mRNAs (replicate 2) as 100

base single-end sequencing using an Illumina HiSeq 4000, yielding an average of 74.3 million reads per

sample for replicate 1, and 40.9 million reads per sample for replicate 2. For SHEP and SKNAS, we

activated N-MYC-ER in cells for 24 hours with 4-hydroxytamoxifen (4OHT, MYC-ON), or used vehicle

control (MYC-OFF). We then entrained cells circadian rhythms with dexamethasone. 24 hours after

dexamethasone treatment, cells were then collected every 4 hours for up to 52 hours, and RNA was

extracted. RNA at approximately 37 ng/μL was submitted to Novogene Co., was analyzed by BioAnalyzer

and determined to have an average RNA Integrity Number (RIN) of 9.8. RNA-sequencing was performed

on polyadenylated mRNAs using an Illumina NovaSeq 6000 as 150 base paired end sequencing, yielding

an average of 54.7 million reads per sample (when adding together both paired ends). For all RNA-

sequencing output, reads were mapped with Salmon, and collapsed to gene level with Tximport. Two

biological replicate time-series experiments were performed in SHEP, and a single time-series was

performed in SKNAS.

Processing of raw RNA-sequencing data

Raw reads were processed by Novogene to demultiplex, remove reads containing adaptors,

remove reads containing N > 10% (N represents the base cannot be determined), and remove reads

containing low quality (Qscore<= 5) base which is over 50% of the total base. Raw reads were processed

by the University of Pennsylvania Next Generation Sequencing Core to demultiplex using bcl2fastq2-

v2.17.1.14. All processed reads were mapped to transcripts using Salmon 1.3.0 [96] in mapping-based

mode for paired-end samples, using a decoy-aware transcriptome built from Gencode v35 GRCh38

primary assembly genome and v35 transcriptome. Transcripts were collapsed to gene-level using

Tximport 1.12.3 [97] using Gencode v35 transcriptome. Genes were annotated with symbols using the

Ensembl GRCh38.101 transcriptome annotations. Tximport yielded as outputs raw counts, which were

used for differential expression analysis, and read and length-normalized TPM (Transcripts per million),

which were used for ECHO circadian rhythm analysis.

Metabolite collection and mass-spectrometry

U2OS MYC-ER were plated at 100,000 cells / mL. 24 hours later, cells were treated with ethanol or

4-hydroxytamoxifen to activate MYC-ER or N-MYC-ER. 24 hours later, cells were treated with 0.1 µM

dexamethasone (Sigma) to entrain the molecular circadian clock. 24 hours after dexamethasone

treatment, cells were gently scraped from the plate in ice-cold PBS (Gibco), pelleted, and snap frozen.

Polar metabolites were extracted with methanol and chloroform and redissolved after drying into an

acetonitrile:water mixture using a modified Bligh-Dyer method, as previously described [10, 98, 99].

Solubilized polar metabolites were subject to ultraperformance liquid chromatography (UPLC) on a Waters

Acquity UPLC coupled to a Waters TQD mass spectrometer (Waters Corporation) as previously described

[10, 100].

Following UPLC, mass spectrometry was performed on a QQQ quadrupole instrumentation, (Xevo

TQD or TQS-micro, Waters Corporation), as previously described [10, 100]. Specific metabolites were

tarted with multiple reaction monitoring, validated against standards and / or mass-spectrometry

databases. Note that the panel of standards was heavily altered between when Replicate A and Replicate

B were run; hence, these experiments are presented as individual replicates rather than being averaged.

Each sample acquired multiple times, and the sample queue was randomized to remove bias [101]. For

each Replicate, the entire set of injections was bracketed by standard metabolites at both the beginning

and the end of the run to evaluate instrument performance, sensitivity, and reproducibility.

Mass spectrometry output data were processed as previously described [10], using Waters

TargetLynx software (version 4.1), with ion counts processed in R using a custom script. To account for

instrument drift, quality control samples, which were a pool of all samples, were injected at the start of

every batch for UPLC column equilibration and every 6 injections during mass spectrometry analysis. To

normalize each metabolic feature, a LOESS function (locally-weighted scatterplot smoothing) was fitted to

the QC data. These values were used for ECHO analysis of circadian rhythmicity. Amino acid quantitation

presented in **Figure 5F** and **Supplemental Figure 5** were further normalized to cell counts, which were

taken every six hours during the time-series described above. Missing cell counts were interpolated from

neighboring values. Metabolite data will be made available at Metabolomics Workbench prior to full

publication.

Circadian analysis with ECHO, and graphing of circadian data in the R programming language

The Extended Circadian Harmonic Oscillator (ECHO) application [37] was chosen for oscillation

analysis of RNA-sequencing and metabolomics data because it uses parametric approaches to determine

rhythmicity in dampening oscillators, which are commonly observed in cell lines. ECHO v4.0 was used

with the following parameters: paired replicates (where applicable), unexpressed genes or metabolites

removed, linear trends removed, and default parameters for determined if a gene or metabolite is

harmonic, overexpressed, or repressed. Genes or metabolites were determined to have circadian

rhythmicity if they had a period between 20-28 hours, a BH.Adj.P < 0.05, and were not overexpressed or

repressed (ie, sharply increasing or decreasing over the time series by more than an amplitude change

coefficient of 0.15). For heatmap data in **Figures 1 and 6** and **Supplementary Figures 1 and 6**, data

were scaled using the Rescale R package to between -2 and 2 for each gene or metabolite, so they could

be compared to each other, and then were sorted by phase ('hours.shifted'). Gene level data are graphed

as heatmaps in ggplot2 using the civvidis colorblind-compliant color scale, and are presented as detrended

TPM values ('original'), while metabolites are presented as computed cosine fit ('smoothed'), as previously

performed [31]. For amplitude analysis in **Supplemental Figure 1C**, amplitudes ('initial.amplitude') of

significant oscillators as defined above were plotted with ggplot2 using a mirrored histogram and

logarithmic scale. Dot and line plots in **Figure 6** and **Supplemental Figures 2 and 6**, dots represent

detrended TPM values or normalized abundance metabolite values, and lines represent computed cosine

fit, as previously performed [31].

Differential expression with DeSeq2

Differential expression of counts data from MYC-ON vs MYC-OFF was performed using DeSeq2

v1.24.0 [48]. For each cell line, every timepoint from each replicate, where applicable, was used as a

biological replicate for MYC-OFF and MYC-ON. The DeSeq2 design included time and condition, the

alpha cutoff for significant enrichment was set at 0.05, and the apeglm algorithm [102] was used to

normalize and shrink the results ('lfcshrink'). Genes with a padj ≤ 0.05 log 2 fold change between MYC-ON

vs MYC-OFF were determined to be significant and used for further analysis.

Pathway enrichment workflow: Gene Set Enrichment Analysis (GSEA)

Gene Set Enrichment Analysis (GSEA) was performed using GSEA software v4.0 and the

Molecular Signatures Database Human Genesets v7 [51-54]. Genes with a log 2 fold change ≥ ± 0.15,

representing a 10% or greater change, and a padj ≤ 0.05, were subsetted for GSEA PreRanked, using

default parameters. The 10% or greater change cutoff was used because GSEA tests potentially small

changes across entire pathways, which may not be represented if only large gene expression changes are

included [51-54]. Gene sets with less than 15 genes or more than 500 genes were excluded. GSEA

results with an FDR q-value ≤ 0.25 were determined to be significant, as was previously described [51].

Results from molecular signature databases that were not available for Phase Set Enrichment Analysis

(below) and for micro RNAs were excluded from analysis for purposes of this manuscript, but full results

will be made available online at FigShare prior to full publication. GSEA results are presented as

normalized enrichment score (NES).

Pathway enrichment workflow: Phase Set Enrichment Analysis (PSEA)

Phase Set Enrichment Analysis (PSEA) was used to determine which pathways were enriched for

genes that oscillated with a similar phase [40]. For each ECHO analysis (MYC-OFF and MYC-ON for

SHEP, SKNAS, and U2OS), phases ('hours.shifted') from genes determined to have significant circadian

oscillation were used along with gene names for PSEA analysis. PSEA v1.1 was run using default

parameters, querying for oscillations up to 28 hours, and using the following Molecular Signatures

Databases (all v7): C2 (curated gene sets), C3 (regulatory target gene sets), C5 (ontology gene sets), C6

(oncogenic signature gene sets), C7 (immunologic signature gene sets), and H (hallmark gene sets).

Gene sets with a Kuiper q-value (vs. background) < 0.2 and p-value (vs. background) <0.1 were

determined to be significant. As with GSEA, micro RNA-related results were excluded from analysis for

purposes of this manuscript, but full results will be made available online at FigShare prior to full

publication. For plotting on a polar histogram, results were binned by phase (rounded to the nearest whole

number), and plotted on a 28-hour histogram using ggplot2. For bar charts, -LogP was computed from the

p value of significantly enriched sets, and plotted. For instances where the p value was equal to 0, the –log

p value was arbitrarily set to be less than 1 unit higher than the next most significant value in the set.

Pathway enrichment workflow: ToppFun

ToppFun functional enrichment [43] was used as an alternate method for pathway enrichment of

circadian oscillating genes, and genes regulated by MYC. For circadian oscillating genes, all genes that

were determined to be significantly rhythmic in each cell line in MYC-OFF or MYC-ON conditions (see

"Circadian analysis with ECHO", above) were entered into ToppFun. For genes regulated by MYC,

DeSeq2 for MYC-ON vs MYC-OFF was subsetted for genes with a log 2 fold change ≥ ± 0.66, representing

a 1.5-fold or greater change, and a padj ≤ 0.05. In all cases, the default background set for each category

was used. When an inputted gene was not found, the default suggested alternative was used. Gene sets

were limited to between 5 and 500 genes. An FDR.Q of ≤ 0.05 was considered to be significant. For this

manuscript, only GO and Pathway analyses were considered and graphed, but full results will be made

available online at FigShare prior to full publication. For bar charts, -LogP was computed from the p value

of significantly enriched sets, and plotted. For instances where the p value was equal to 0, the –log p value

was arbitrarily set to be less than 1 unit higher than the next most significant value in the set.

Pathway enrichment workflow: MetaboAnalyst Enrichment Analysis

MetaboAnalyst enrichment analysis [103] was used to determine enriched pathways among

circadian metabolites. Metabolites determined to be circadian in MYC-OFF or MYC-ON conditions (see

"Circadian analysis with ECHO", above) were manually curated by peak phase, as determined by heatmap

analysis, into different groups (CT10 and CT20 for MYC-OFF for both Replicates, CT4 and CT16 for MYC-

ON Replicate 1, and CT0, CT8, and CT12 for MYC-ON Replicate 2). For each group, KEGG IDs [104]

were inputted and compared against default background. Where multiple KEGG IDs existed for a single

mass spectrometry peak, the first KEGG ID was used. Metabolites were compared against the KEGG

Metabolite set library. Only results with two or more enriched metabolites were used. p ≤ 0.05 was used to

determine significance, and – log p is graphed as bar charts. For plotting on a polar histogram, results

were binned by phase, and plotted on a 28-hour histogram using ggplot2.

Statistical analysis

Statistical analysis and tests for significance for ECHO, GSEA, PSEA, DeSeq2, ToppFun, and

MetaboAnalyst Enrichment Analysis are described above. For statistical analysis of On-cell western and

mass spectrometry quantitation of amino acids, we used Welch's corrected Student's t-test ('Welch's t-test',

which does not assume equal variance of sample data), with p ≤ 0.05 determined to be significant and

marked with an *.

Data and code availability

RNA-sequencing data have been uploaded to NCBI GEO and are available at GEO SuperSeries GSE221174, which contains GSE221103 (SHEP and SKNAS) and GSE221173 (U2OS). Metabolite data will be made available at Metabolomics Workbench prior to full publication. All other analyses and code will be made available on Figshare prior to full publication.

Statement on colorblind compliance

All color schemes have been specifically chosen to be easily distinguishable by those with any variety of colorblindness. Colors for graphs and Venn diagrams were chosen using Colorblind Universal Design (https://jfly.uni-koeln.de/color/, acknowledgements to Dr. Masataka Okabe of the Jikei Medial School, Japan, and Dr. Kei Ito of the University of Tokyo, Institute for Molecular and Cellular Biosciences, Japan). Heat maps in R were generated using the Cividis color scale, which is adapted to colorblindness [105].

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Figure Legends

Figure 1. Oncogenic MYC disrupts global transcriptomic circadian oscillation in cancer cells. A.
SHEP N-MYC-ER and U2OS MYC-ER were treated with ethanol control (MYC-OFF) or 4-
hydroxytamoxifen (MYC-ON) (4OHT) to activate MYC, and entrained with dexamethasone, and after 24
hours, RNA was collected every 2-4 hours for the indicated time period. Expression of the indicated genes
was determined by quantitative PCR (qPCR), normalized to β2M. CT = circadian time. Note the inset
MYC-OFF only graph for SHEP *NR1D1*, to show oscillation of *NR1D1* in MYC-OFF cells on a different
scale. **B.** RNA-sequencing was performed on SHEP N-MYC-ER, SKNAS-N-MYC-ER or U2OS MYC-ER ±
4OHT and + dexamethasone, with RNA samples collected every 2-4 hours at the indicated timepoints.
RNA was analyzed for rhythmicity by ECHO for both MYC-OFF and MYC-ON, with genes with a 20-28
hour period and with BH.Adj.P.Value < 0.05 deemed rhythmic. These genes were sorted by phase and are
presented in a heatmap for MYC-OFF. For MYC-ON, the same genes that are rhythmic in MYC-OFF are
presented in the same order, but with MYC-ON values instead.

Figure 2. Oncogenic MYC shifts the identify of oscillating transcriptional programs. A. Oscillatory genes in SHEP N-MYC-ER, SKNAS-N-MYC-ER or U2OS MYC-ER were analyzed with Phase Set Enrichment Analysis (PSEA) for oscillatory pathway enrichment, with a period of 20 – 28 hours and q-value (vs. background)` < 0.2 and p-value (vs. background) <0.1 deemed significant. Oscillatory pathways were binned by hour and plotted on a polar histogram, which is a circular histogram that accurately displays a repeating circadian scale on the X-axis. The Y-axis scale for each histogram is on the left side. MYC-OFF significant pathways are shown, and the same pathways are also plotted for MYC-ON. **B.** Overlap of oscillatory programs in MYC-OFF are shown by Venn diagram, and identity of oscillatory programs are plotted by average of –LogP from each cell line of overlap. The most highly significant pathways (up to 10) for each overlap are shown.

Figure 3. MYC upregulates biosynthetic and metabolic processes and suppresses cell adhesion processes across cancer cell lines. A. Differential expression analysis, using DeSeq2, was performed on MYC-ON vs MYC-OFF for SHEP N-MYC-ER, SKNAS-N-MYC-ER or U2OS MYC-ER, with p.adj < 0.05 deemed significant. Genes that were up- or down-regulated in MYC-ON by at least 10% are shown. **B,C.** Gene Set Enrichment Analysis (GSEA) was performed on genes up- or down-regulated by at least 10% in each cell line using GSEA Pre-Ranked, with gene sets with FDR q-val < 0.25 deemed significant. Venn diagrams of overlapping gene sets from MYC-ON upregulated (**B**) and MYC-ON downregulated processes (**C**) are shown, and the most highly significant pathways (up to 10) for each overlap are shown, ranked by Normalized Enrichment Score. For all graphed pathways, FDR.q < 0.002.

Figure 4. Oncogenic MYC shifts oscillatory gene expression to static non-oscillatory regulation. A. Illustration of workflow to identify pathways that lose oscillation when MYC is activated (by PSEA), and which of these pathways become up- or down-regulated by MYC (using GSEA). **B, C**. Venn diagram from SHEP N-N-MYC-ER (**B**) and SKNAS N-MYC-ER (**C**) of pathways (identified by PSEA) that were circadian in MYC-OFF (center, green), and lost oscillation and became either downregulated (left, pink) or

upregulated (right, tan) in MYC-ON (identified by GSEA). **D,E.** The most highly significant downregulated

and upregulated pathways that lost oscillation from SHEP (**B**) and SKNAS (**C**) are shown, as ranked by

Normalized Enrichment Score from GSEA. FDR.q for graphed pathways = 0 for SHEP and SKNAS

oscillating to MYC-upregulated, FDR.q < 0.051 for SKNAS oscillating to MYC-downregulated.

Figure 5. Rhythmic glycosylation and expression of nutrient transporters are disrupted by MYC. A-

C. U2OS MYC-ER (**A**), SHEP N-MYC-ER, (**B**), and SKNAS N-MYC-ER (**C**) were treated with ethanol

control (MYC-OFF) or 4- hydroxytamoxifen (MYC-ON) (4OHT) to activate MYC, and entrained with

dexamethasone, and after 24 hours, protein was collected every 4 hours for the indicated time period.

Protein lysates were prepared to preserve protein glycosylation (see Methods), and immunoblot was

performed for the indicated proteins. For some targets [4F2hc, LAT1, REV-ERBα (abbreviated REVα)], a

darker exposure ('dark') and lighter exposure ('light') of the same blot are presented. For GLUT1, #

indicates a non-specific band. Some samples (CT26 for U2OS, CT32 for SHEP and SKNAS) were treated

with PNGase-F prior to immunoblot to remove glycosylation marks. Note that the PNGase-F lanes have

less protein loaded than the other lanes. Data represent n=2 biological replicates for U2OS and one each

for SHEP and SKNAS. **D.** On-cell western of U2OS MYC-ER cells ± MYC for LAT1. U2OS MYC-ER cells

were grown on a 24-well tissue culture plate ± 4OHT for 48 hours, fixed with formaldehyde but not

permeabilized, and then stained with the indicated antibody or IgG control. CellStain 700 indicates cell

density in each well. Data represent at least two independent experiments of 6 biological replicate wells

each. **E.** Quantitation of LAT1 or IgG from (**D**). * indicates $P < 0.00001$ by Welch's Corrected Student's T-

test. **F.** LC-Mass spectrometry was performed on U2OS MYC-ER treated ± 4OHT for at least 48 hours.

N=25 circadian timepoints for MYC-OFF and MYC-ON were averaged as biological replicates, normalized

to cell number for each collection. * indicates $p < 0.05$ by Welch's Corrected Student's T-test.

Figure 6. MYC disrupts metabolic circadian oscillations in a cell-autonomous manner. U2OS MYC-

ER were treated with ethanol control (MYC-OFF) or 4- hydroxytamoxifen (MYC-ON) (4OHT) to activate

MYC for 24 hours, and entrained with dexamethasone, and after 24 hours, cells were extracted for polar

metabolites every 2 hours for the indicated time period. Mass spectrometry was performed, and

rhythmicity was assessed by ECHO for both MYC-OFF and MYC-ON, with metabolites with a 20-28 hour

period and with BH.Adj.P.Value < 0.05 deemed rhythmic. These metabolites were sorted by phase and

are presented in a heatmap for MYC-OFF. For MYC-ON, the same metabolites that are rhythmic in MYC-

OFF are presented in the same order, but with MYC-ON values instead. **B.** Metabolites deemed to be

oscillating by ECHO for MYC-OFF are graphed, with dots representing the relative abundance values, and

lines indicating the fitted oscillation curves as calculated by ECHO. Metabolites with a green border are

oscillatory in both MYC-OFF and MYC-ON. **C.** KEGG enrichment analysis was performed on metabolites

that peaked in the indicated phases in MYC-OFF or MYC-ON conditions, and significantly enriched

pathways were graphed on a polar histogram. For each histogram, the scale is on the left side. Pathways

with a $p < 0.05$ were deemed significant and are graphed.

Figure 7 / Graphical Abstract.

Supplemental Figures and Tables

Supplemental Figure 1. Overlap of oscillating genes in MYC-OFF cells, and impact of MYC on gain

of oscillation. A. The overlap of oscillating genes identified in **Figure 1A** is shown by Venn diagram. **B.**

RNA-sequencing was performed on SHEP N-MYC-ER, SKNAS-N-MYC-ER or U2OS MYC-ER ± 4OHT

and + dexamethasone, with RNA samples collected every 2-4 hours at the indicated timepoints. RNA was

analyzed for rhythmicity by ECHO for both MYC-OFF and MYC-ON, with genes with a 20-28 hour period

and with BH.Adj.P.Value < 0.05 deemed to be rhythmic. These genes were sorted by phase and are

presented in a heatmap for MYC-ON. For MYC-OFF, the same genes that are rhythmic in MYC-OFF are

presented in the same order, but with MYC-OFF values instead. N=2 time series were used for SHEP and

U2OS, N=1 time series was used for SKNAS. **C.** The amplitude of oscillation of each gene in MYC-OFF

and MYC-ON, as determined by ECHO, was graphed as a mirrored density plot to allow direct comparison

between each condition, with MYC-OFF on the top and MYC-ON on the bottom.

Supplemental Figure 2. MYC induces an alternate oscillatory program that includes cell cycle. A.
The pathways deemed to be significantly oscillatory in MYC-ON cells by PSEA (20-28 hr period, q-value
(vs. background) < 0.2 and p-value (vs. background) <0.1) for each cell line were binned and graphed on a
polar histogram. The scale for each histogram is on the left side. Overlap of oscillatory programs by Venn
diagram is also shown. **B.** The identity of oscillatory programs in MYC-ON cells from (**A**) are plotted by
average of –LogP from each cell line of overlap. The most highly significant pathways (up to 10) for each
overlap are shown. **C,D.** Cell cycle genes deemed to be oscillating by ECHO for MYC-OFF and MYC-ON
SHEP (**D**) and U2OS (**E**) are graphed, with dots representing the RNA-sequencing TPM values, and lines
indicating the fitted oscillation curves as calculated by ECHO. Genes with a green border are oscillatory in
both MYC-OFF and MYC-ON.

Table 1. An independent methodology reveals oscillating gene pathways in MYC-inducible cells.
Genes from SHEP N-MYC-ER, SKNAS-N-MYC-ER or U2OS MYC-ER MYC-OFF or MYC-ON that were
deemed oscillatory by ECHO, without regards to their phase, were analyzed for pathway enrichment with
the ToppFun suite, and pathways with FDR B&H < 0.05 were deemed significant. The most highly
enriched pathways from the Pathway and GO libraries are shown in the table, ranked by –LogP.

Supplemental Figure 3. The most altered genes by MYC correlate with changes in biosynthesis,
metabolism, and cell attachment. A. Differential expression analysis, using DeSeq2, was performed on
MYC-ON vs MYC-OFF for SHEP N-MYC-ER, SKNAS-N-MYC-ER or U2OS MYC-ER, with p.adj < 0.05
deemed significant. Genes that were up- or down-regulated in MYC-ON by at least 1.5-fold are shown.
B,C. Venn diagram of the overlap of 1.5-fold upregulated (**B**) and downregulated (**C**) genes by MYC. **D, E.**
Genes that were upregulated or downregulated in all 3 cell lines were subjected to pathway analysis with
the ToppFun suite, and pathways with FDR B&H < 0.05 were deemed significant. For upregulated (**D**) and
downregulated (**E**) genes, the most highly enriched pathways from the Pathway and GO libraries are
shown in the table, ranked by –LogP.

Supplemental Figure 4. A gene-centric methodology reveals pathways that shift from oscillatory to MYC-regulated. A. Illustration of workflow to identify genes that lose oscillation when MYC is activated (by ECHO), which of these genes become up- or down-regulated by MYC (using DeSeq2), and analysis of these genes for pathway enrichment by ToppFun. **B-D.** Venn diagram from SHEP N-N-MYC-ER (**B**), SKNAS N-MYC-ER (**C**), or U2OS MYC-ER (**D**) of genes (identified by ECHO) that were circadian in MYC-OFF (center, green), and lost oscillation and became either downregulated (left, pink) or upregulated (right, tan) in MYC-ON (identified by DeSeq2). Bottom section shows the most highly enriched upregulated pathways in each cell line, as identified by ToppFun enrichment from the Pathway and GO libraries of genes that lost oscillation and became upregulated. Pathways are ranked by –LogP, and FDR B&H < 0.05 for all pathways.

Supplemental Figure 5. MYC enhances intracellular amino acid pools. A replicate experiment (Replicate B) of **Figure 5F** was performed. LC-Mass spectrometry was performed on U2OS MYC-ER treated ± 4OHT for at least 48 hours. N=25 circadian timepoints for MYC-OFF and MYC-ON were averaged as biological replicates, normalized to cell number for each collection. * indicates p < 0.05 by Welch's Corrected Student's T-test.

Supplemental Figure 6. MYC disrupts cell autonomous oscillations in a replicate experiment, but induces alternate oscillations. A. An independent replicate ('Replicate B') of time-series metabolite collection from U2OS MYC-ER cells was performed in an identical fashion to that described in **Figure 6A**. Rhythmicity was assessed by ECHO for both MYC-OFF and MYC-ON, with metabolites with a 20-28 hour period and with BH.Adj.P.Value < 0.05 deemed rhythmic. These metabolites were sorted by phase and are presented in a heatmap for MYC-OFF. For MYC-ON, the same metabolites that are rhythmic in MYC-OFF are presented in the same order, but with MYC-ON values instead. **B.** Metabolites from Replicate B deemed to be oscillating by ECHO for MYC-OFF are graphed, with dots representing the relative abundance values, and lines indicating the fitted oscillation curves as calculated by ECHO. Metabolites with a green border are oscillatory in both MYC-OFF and MYC-ON. **C, D. For Replicate A** (**C**) from

Figure 6, and **Replicate B** (**D**), metabolites deemed oscillatory from MYC-ON are shown, sorted by phase.

For MYC-OFF, the same metabolites that are rhythmic in MYC-ON are presented, but with MYC-OFF

values instead.

Supplemental Figure 7. MYC disrupts metabolic circadian programming. A,B. KEGG enrichment

analysis was performed on metabolites that peaked in the indicated phases from Replicate B in MYC-OFF

(**A**) or MYC-ON (**B**) conditions, and significantly enriched pathways were graphed on a polar histogram.

For each histogram, the scale is on the left side. Pathways with a $p < 0.05$ were deemed significant and

are graphed.

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A. SHEP Neuroblastoma (n=2 time series)   U2OS Osteosarcoma (n=2 time series)

■ MYC-OFF ■ MYC-ON

B. MYC-OFF   MYC-ON (same genes)

A.

SHEP — MYC-OFF: 311 sets → MYC-ON: 56 sets

SKNAS — MYC-OFF: 122 sets → MYC-ON: 3 sets

U2OS — MYC-OFF: 61 sets → MYC-ON: 6 sets

B.

U2OS / SHEP / SKNAS Venn diagram: 47, 7, 328, 5, 2, 30, 88

U2OS and SHEP

PEREZ_TP53_TARGETS
PRDM6_TARGET_GENES
OLF1_01
GO_ENDOPLASMIC_RETICULUM
GO_CADHERIN_BINDING
GO_SPINDLE
PRC2_EZH2_UP.V1_DN

Average -LogP (0, 1.5, 3)

U2OS and SKNAS

PEREZ_TP53_TARGETS
GO_CELL_BODY
GO_MICROTUBULE_ORGANIZING_CENTER
GO_WHOLE_MEMBRANE
GO_ENDOPLASMIC_RETICULUM
GO_CELL_JUNCTION
GO_CILIUM

Average –LogP (0, 1.5, 3)

SHEP and SKNAS

ACEVEDO_LIVER_CANCER_UP
ACEVEDO_LIVER_TUMOR_VS_NORMAL_ADJACENT_TISSUE_UP
RODRIGUES_THYROID_CARCINOMA_ANAPLASTIC_UP
BLALOCK_ALZHEIMERS_DISEASE_DN
GO_PEPTIDE_METABOLIC_PROCESS
GO_PEPTIDE_BIOSYNTHETIC_PROCESS
MILI_PSEUDOPODIA_HAPTOTAXIS_UP
GO_AMIDE_BIOSYNTHETIC_PROCESS
GO_RIBOSOMAL_SUBUNIT
NFXL1_TARGET_GENES

Average –LogP (0, 3, 6)

3 Cell Lines

PEREZ_TP53_TARGETS
GO_ENDOPLASMIC_RETICULUM

Average –LogP (0, 1.5, 3)

Figure 2

A.

MYC-regulated by at least 10%

B. **GSEA Upregulated Sets**

C. **GSEA Downregulated Sets**

Figure 3

Upregulated Common Gene Sets
(FDR.q < 0.002)

ACOSTA_PROLIFERATION_INDEPENDENT_MYC_TARGETS_UP
GOCC_PRERIBOSOME
GOBP_MITOCHONDRIAL_GENE_EXPRESSION
GOBP_RIBOSOME_BIOGENESIS
GOBP_RRNA_METABOLIC_PROCESS
GOBP_MITOCHONDRIAL_TRANSLATION
GOBP_NCRNA_METABOLIC_PROCESS
GOBP_RIBONUCLEOPROTEIN_COMPLEX_BIOGENESIS
GOBP_NCRNA_PROCESSING
REACTOME_MITOCHONDRIAL_TRANSLATION

Normalized Enrichment Score

Downregulated Common Gene Sets
(FDR.q < 0.002)

SENESE_HDAC1_TARGETS_DN
REACTOME_ASSEMBLY_OF_COLLAGEN_FIBRILS_AND_OTHER_MULTIMERIC_STRUCTURES
SENESE_HDAC2_TARGETS_DN
SENESE_HDAC1_AND_HDAC2_TARGETS_DN
PID_INTEGRIN1_PATHWAY
GOMF_EXTRACELLULAR_MATRIX_STRUCTURAL_CONSTITUENT
REACTOME_NON_INTEGRIN_MEMBRANE_ECM_INTERACTIONS
REACTOME_COLLAGEN_FORMATION
PID_AVB3_INTEGRIN_PATHWAY
REACTOME_INTEGRIN_CELL_SURFACE_INTERACTIONS

Normalized Enrichment Score

Figure 4

A. PSEA pathways that oscillate in **MYC-OFF** → Formerly oscillating pathways (PSEA) become **upregulated (GSEA)** in **MYC-ON** ↑ or Formerly oscillating pathways (PSEA) become **downregulated (GSEA)** in **MYC-ON** ↓

B. SHEP

3130 | 48 | 302 | 17 | 284

Oscillating to downregulated
(FDR.q = 0)

- GO_ENDOPLASMIC_RETICULUM_LUMEN
- RODWELL_AGING_KIDNEY_NO_BLOOD_UP
- ESC_V6.5_UP_EARLY.V1_DN
- GSE37533_PPARG2_FOXP3_VS_FOXP3_TRANS-DUCED_CD4_TCELL_DN
- STK33_NOMO_UP

Normalized Enrichment Score

Oscillating to upregulated
(FDR.q = 0)

- REACTOME_TRANSLATION
- GO_RIBOSOME
- GO_RIBOSOMAL_SUBUNIT
- REACTOME_PROCESSING_OF_CAPPED_INTRON_CONTAINING_PRE_MRNA
- GO_STRUCTURAL_CONSTITUENT_OF_RIBOSOME

Normalized Enrichment Score

C. SKNAS

3410 | 29 | 78 | 18 | 734

Oscillating to downregulated
(FDR.Q < 0.051)

- GO_AXON
- GO_CELL_MORPHOGENESIS_INVOLVED_IN_NEURON_DIFFERENTIATION
- GO_CELLULAR_COMPONENT_MORPHOGENESIS
- GO_CELL_MORPHOGENESIS_INVOLVED_IN_DIFFERENTIATION
- GO_CELL_PART_MORPHOGENESIS

Normalized Enrichment Score

Oscillating to upregulated
(FDR.q = 0)

- GO_RIBOSOME_BIOGENESIS
- REACTOME_METABOLISM_OF_RNA
- GO_RIBONUCLEOPROTEIN_COMPLEX_BIOGENESIS
- GO_NCRNA_METABOLIC_PROCESS
- GO_RIBOSOME

Normalized Enrichment Score

Figure 5

Figure 6

Oncogenic MYC **OFF**

Normal circadian oscillation

Transcript 1 ◄High ◄Low

Transcript 2

Transcript 3

Glycosylation levels of transporters ◄High ◄Low

Oscillatory glycosylation levels

Metabolite levels

Oscillatory metabolites

Oncogenic MYC **ON**

85% of genes lose oscillation, sustaining static high or low levels of transcripts

◄High

◄Low

Sustained high levels of protein glycosylation ◄High

Non-oscillatory metabolites

Group of genes with sustained high transcription levels
↓
Enriched in biogenesis genes

⬆Transporters on cell surface
↓
⬆Intracellular metabolites

Loss of temporal segmentation of metabolism

Metabolic rewiring