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4   **Establishment and Maintenance of the *Legionella* Replication Vacuole**

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Abstract

The *Legionella pneumophila* Sde family of translocated proteins promote host tubular endoplasmic reticulum (ER) rearrangements that are tightly linked to phosphoribosyl-ubiquitin (pR-Ub) modification of Reticulon 4 (Rtn4). Sde proteins have two additional activities of unclear relevance to the infection process: K63 linkage-specific deubiquitination and phosphoribosyl modification of polyubiquitin (pR-Ub). We show here that the deubiquitination activity (DUB) stimulates ER rearrangements while pR-Ub protects the replication vacuole from cytosolic surveillance by autophagy. Loss of DUB activity was tightly linked to lowered pR-Ub modification of Rtn4, consistent with the DUB activity fueling the production of pR-Ub-Rtn4. In parallel, phosphoribosyl modification of polyUb, in a region of the protein known as the isoleucine patch, caused an absolute block in binding by the autophagy adapter p62. An inability of Sde mutants to modify polyUb resulted in immediate p62 association, a critical precursor to autophagic attack. The ability of Sde WT to block p62 association decayed quickly after bacterial infection, as predicted by the presence of previously characterized *L. pneumophila* effectors that inactivate Sde and remove polyUb. In sum, these results show that the accessory Sde activities act to stimulate ER rearrangements and protect from host innate immune sensing in a temporal fashion.

Introduction

Legionella pneumophila is a facultative intracellular bacterium that is the causative agent of Legionnaire's disease, a pneumonia of high lethality that primarily occurs in the immunocompromised and individuals with depressed lung function[1, 2]. Disease is usually associated with aspiration of droplets from contaminated water sources harboring amoebae that act as the environmental intracellular reservoir to support growth of the bacterium[3]. Once deposited within the lungs, productive infection involves growth of L. pneumophila within alveolar macrophages followed by attempted neutrophil clearing, which accumulates during productive pneumonic disease[4]. The ability of the bacterium to grow within macrophages is tightly linked to an environmental lifestyle that involves growth within amoebae, as establishing a niche within amoebal species provides the selective pressure for acquisition of genes that promote intracellular growth[5, 6]. Therefore, human disease promoted by the bacterium is a consequence of targeting host cell functions that are largely conserved from amoebae to man.

Intracellular growth of L. pneumophila requires construction of the Legionella-containing vacuole (LCV), which is derived from host membranes and is tightly associated with host endoplasmic reticulum and the early secretory apparatus[7, 8]. The LCV avoids interaction with the endocytic pathway including the highly antimicrobial lysosome[9]. Biogenesis of the bacterial compartment requires the function of the Icm/Dot type IV secretion system that acts as a syringe to deposit translocated bacterial effector proteins into the surrounding membrane as well as into the cytosol[10, 11]. Every Legionella species member encodes at least 300 of these effectors, which are remarkably poorly conserved, with only seven proteins found in all species[12, 13]. The biochemical activities of a large number of these proteins have been identified, many of which perform posttranslational modifications (PTMs) on host proteins, conferring activation, inhibition, altered regulation or acquisition of new functions on the target proteins[14]. The most notable consequences of these activities are to maintain the integrity of the LCV[15], promote association with proteins involved in endoplasmic reticulum dynamics[16], inactivate host

components that drive association with the endocytic compartment [17], and inhibit protein

synthesis[18].

One set of Icm/Dot system translocated proteins that drives a unique morphological

transformation of the LCV is the Sde family (SidE, SdeA, SdeB and SdeC)[19, 20, 21, 22]. The

importance of this family is emphasized by the discovery that at least five other *L. pneumophila*

translocated substrates regulate the dynamics of this family[23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28]. As is true of many

Icm/Dot substrates, each member is a composite of three enzymatic activities located on separate

domains (Fig. 1A)[29, 30, 31]. A mono-ADPribosyltransferase (mART) domain drives NAD-

dependent ADPribosylation of diverse ubiquitin species at Arginine 42 (ADPr-Ub)[20, 22]. In turn, a

phosphodiesterase-like domain (PDE) can use ADPr-Ub to either promote phosphoribosyl

linkage of Ub (pR-Ub) to substrates, or hydrolysis to generate free phosphoribosylated-Ub[21, 22].

The DUB domain is an accessory activity that preferentially deubiquitinates Lys63-linked

polyubiquitin chains[32]. A number of potential mammalian substrates have been shown to be pR-

Ub modified by Sde members on serine residues that are located in relatively unstructured

regions of proteins[29, 30]. Work with model substrates indicates that tyrosine residues may also be

targeted[33]. Although the number of Sde substrates is likely to be quite large given the structural

preference for pR-Ub modification, modifications of endoplasmic reticulum protein Rtn4[22] and

Golgi-associated GRASP family members appear most closely tied to events involved in LCV

biogenesis[27, 34]. In the absence of DUB activity, there is accumulation of polyUb about the

replication vacuole, with unknown consequences on replication vacuole formation or

intracellular growth[32].

Immediately after *L. pneumophila* is internalized by macrophages, pR-Ub modification of

Rtn4 drives replication vacuole association with endoplasmic reticulum tubules. This modification

results in highly detergent-resistant structures that appear to wall off the LCV from the host cell

cytosol[22], in a process that contributes to the protection of the LCV from attack by early endosomal

components that degrade the vacuole[35]. Simultaneously, there is accumulation of

polyubiquitinated targets about the LCV[36, 37, 38, 39, 40], which appear to be targets of the Sde DUB

domain[32, 41]. Phosphoribosyl modification of polyUb by Sde proteins stabilizes these structures, by

blocking wholesale reversal of polyubiquitination by both bacterial and host DUBs[42].

Accumulation of polyUb potentially provides a target for the host cell autophagy pathway that

could drive degradation of the LCV[43, 44, 45]. *L. pneumophila* appears to have several systems for

blocking autophagic recognition of the LCV, including degradation of central components of the

autophagy machinery by the Icm/Dot effector RavZ[46], degradation of syntaxin 17 by effector

Lpg1137[47], as well as the described phosphoribosylation[48].

In this study, we report the role of the DUB and phosphoribosylation accessory activities

of Sde family members. We show that the DUB domain surprisingly increases the efficiency of

Rtn4 mobilization about the LCV, while ADPribosylation or phosphoribosylation of Ub

interferes with autophagy by causing an absolute physical block on binding of polyUb to an

autophagy adaptor, primarily by phosphoribosylation of target Ub chains about the LCV.

Similar results have been obtained in the simultaneously submitted manuscript by Wan, *et al.*[49]

Results

The Sde DUB activity is required for efficient Rtn4 rearrangements in response to _L._
pneumophila.

To determine if there is a link between the Sde family K63 deubiquitinase (DUB) domain
(Fig. 1A) and biogenesis of the _Legionella_-containing vacuole (LCV), the kinetics of
polyubiquitin (polyUb) association and Rtn4 rearrangements about the LCVs were analyzed. A
previous study had shown that the absence of the DUB domain resulted in a 2-fold increase in
polyUb about the LCV[32]. Bone marrow-derived macrophages (BMDMs) were challenged with
L. pneumophila derivatives lacking either the complete complement of _sde_ family members
(_sidE_, _sdeABC_) or missing _sdeABC_ (Δ_sdeC-A_), which removes all proteins known to control
Rtn4 dynamics[19]. After 5 min centrifugation onto BMDMs, followed by fixation and probing
with a polyUb-specific antibody (FK1), there was no evidence of polyUb about the LCV of WT
strains (Fig. 1B; 0 minutes post infection (MPI)). In contrast, challenge with _L. pneumophila_
missing all _sde_ family members (Δ_sde_) resulted in over 30% of the LCVs displaying polyUb
association. By 10 MPI, ~15% of the vacuoles containing WT strain positively stained with
polyUb, approximately 4X lower than the Δ_sde_ strain at this timepoint, consistent with previous
observations (Fig. 1B; [32]). At 0 MPI, Δ_sde_ mutants were efficiently complemented by all three
members of the Sde family known to have biological activity (SdeA, SdeB and SdeC; Fig. 1B),
although complementation of Δ_sdeC-A_ mutants retaining SidE was weaker (Fig. 1C).
Surprisingly, for all complemented strains, polyUb quickly rose to the levels seen in the absence
of Sde family function (Fig. 1B,C; 30 MPI).

The ability to prevent polyUb association with the LCV at the earliest timepoint was
dependent on the activity of the DUB domain, as the SdeC-C118S active site mutation was
unable to block polyUb association at the earliest timepoint (Fig. 1C; 0 MPI). We conclude that
inhibition of the polyUb association with the LCV occurs transiently and is dependent on the Sde
deubiquitinase activity. The fact that the inhibition is transient is consistent with the LCV-

associated polyUb chains becoming resistant to the action of the DUB domain by 30 minutes

post-infection (MPI).

The biological significance of having a K63 deubiquitinase activity is unclear, especially

because the ART activity of Sde proteins directly blocks deubiquitination, arguing that the DUB

may play some role other than reducing LCV polyubiquitination [22, 42]. Alternatively, the DUB

activity could modulate the dynamics of Rtn4 rearrangements about the LCV[22]. To test this

model, BMDMs were challenged with *L. pneumophila* derivatives having defective DUB

activity followed by probing for Rtn4 detergent-resistant structures about the LCV (Figs. 1D,E)

[22]. Surprisingly, the inactive DUB mutant (C118S) reduced Rtn4 colocalization with the LCV.

In strains expressing either SdeA, SdeB or SdeC as the sole demonstrated drivers of Rtn4

rearrangement, the C118S mutation reduced detergent-resistant Rtn4 association with the LCV

by approximately 50% (Figs. 1D,E). Plasmid-borne SdeA showed lowered complementation

levels (Figs. 1D,E), but SdeA also drove detergent-resistant Rtn4 structures that were not LCV-

associated, indicating that SdeA overproduction may result in leakage of the protein from the

LCV, as has been documented previously[19].

Consistent with data in Fig. 1E, Rtn4 association with the LCV was robust in strains

expressing SdeB or SdeC as the sole plasmid-expressed isoforms (Figs. 1I,J) and

indistinguishable from the WT strain (Fig. 1F). In contrast, loss of *sdeC-A* prevented Rtn4

association with the LCV, as did elimination of the T4SS (Figs. 1G, H). The presence of the

C118S mutation resulted in two populations, with a mixture of robust Rtn4-colocalization with

LCVs or RTN4 staining below the level of detection (Fig. 1K). Similar results were seen with the

DUB D80A catalytic mutant, whereas a control Cys mutant C293S showed high levels of

colocalization (Fig. S1). These results are consistent with the DUB domain playing a role in

LCV biogenesis at the level of controlling Rtn4 dynamics.

To test if the Sde DUB activity plays a direct role in promoting Rtn4 rearrangements, we

determined if the catalytic domain contributed to the rate of Sde-dependent phosphoribosyl-

ubiquitin (pR-Ub) modification of Rtn4. In a purified system, pR-Ub modification of Rtn4 is

rapid and robust with the presence of excess mono-Ub[22, 33]. In contrast, infection provides

multiple potential sources of Ub, including K63-linked polyUb, which the DUB activity could

target to provide substrate for pR-Ub modification. To test this hypothesis, HEK293T cells

transfected with HA-Ub were challenged by *L. pneumophila* harboring either WT or DUB-

defective (C118S) derivatives as the only active Sde family members. At 10 or 180 MPI, cells

were extracted and subjected to immunoprecipitation with anti-Rtn4, followed by

immunoprobing with anti-HA to reveal Rtn4 ubiquitination (Fig. 1L). Detectable mono- and di-

modification of the Rtn4B and Rtn4B2 isoforms were observed as early as 10 MPI with

continued increase at 180 MPI in response to the WT strain (Fig. 1L, WT). In contrast, challenge

with Δ*sde* mutants showed HA-Ub modification that was indistinguishable from mock-infected

controls (Fig. 1M; vector vs. Mock). Challenge with Δ*sde* mutants harboring single SdeA or

SdeB isoforms each showed rescue of the HA-Ub modification defect, and their rescue was

largely eliminated by the presence of the C118S catalytic mutation (Fig. 1M; compare p*sdeA* and

p*sdeB* to the respective C118S derivatives). Therefore, the absence of Sde DUB activity results

in a strong reduction in both detergent-resistant Rtn4 and Ub modification of Rtn4, strongly

arguing that Sde-mediated deubiquitination of K63-linked polyUb plays a role in LCV dynamics,

possibly providing a pool of mono-Ub substrate for the ART domain.

ADPribosylation of ubiquitin by Sde results in hyper-ubiquitination of the LCV.

The data that polyUb association with the LCV occurs robustly immediately after

bacterial contact in the absence of the DUB domain argues that the likely role of pR-

modification is to stabilize polyUb (Fig. 1). Furthermore, both pR-modification and ADP-

ribosylation by Sde block bacterial DUBs as well as a variety of host-encoded K63- and K48-

specific DUBs (Fig. 2A)[42], arguing that pR modification of Ub does not play a significant role in

blocking polyubiquitination during LCV formation as proposed previously[21].

The *L. pneumophila sdeC*$_{H416A}$ (PDE⁻) mutant results in ADPr modification of Ub,

preventing pR-ubiquitination of target proteins or the generation of pR-Ub. The consequent

ADPr-modified polyubiquitinated structures are resistant to DUB attack (Fig. 2A), allowing

interrogation of Ub modification without confounding Rtn4 rearrangements. To analyze the

consequences of *L. pneumophila* derivatives altered in Sde family function, BMDM monolayers

were challenged for 20 min, and changes in polyUb about the LCV were analyzed by probing

fixed samples with a polyUb-specific antibody (Fig. 2B). Neither *sdeC*$_{C118S}$ (DUB⁻) nor

sdeC$_{E859A}$ (ART⁻) mutants showed significant increases in polyUb fluorescence intensity/vacuole

if the analysis were restricted to LCVs having associated polyUb (Fig. 2B). In contrast, challenge

with the *L. pneumophila* PDE⁻ mutant resulted in dense accumulation of LCV-associated

polyubiquitination in spite of the fact that Rtn4 rearrangements were blocked (Fig. 2B). This

dense association was maintained over time (Fig. 2C). Most notable was the presence of unusual

polyUb-modified structures after challenge with the PDE⁻ mutant. While the Δ*sde* and ART⁻

mutants showed polyUb staining about individual LCVs (Figs. 2E,G), the PDE⁻ mutant showed

polyUb structures that wrapped around the LCV and extended into serpentine structures across

the interior of the BMDM (Fig. 2H). We occasionally observed dense structures in response to

challenge with the DUB⁻ mutant as well (Fig. 2F), but the frequency was little changed from WT

(Figs. 2B,C). We conclude that Sde-mediated modification of polyUb chains stabilizes LCV-

associated Ub from the attack by both bacterial- and host derived DUBs. The observed

deregulation of associated polyubiquitination in the absence of PDE activity indicates that direct

modification of Ub is sufficient to stabilize polyUb. Furthermore, there is no evidence that pR-

or ADPr-Ub modification plays a role in blocking polyubiquitination.

Sde-mediated modification of polyUb blocks autophagy adaptor SQSTM1/p62 binding via

UBA domain.

The Ub Arg42 residue is a key target for modulating ubiquitin dynamics. Autophagy

adaptors such as p62 link ubiquitinated compartments to LC3-decorated phagophores via

ubiquitin associated (UBA) domains that recognize a hydrophobic patch on the Ub surface[50, 51].

Integral to this patch are the residues I44, V70 and L71, directly proximal to R42, the target

residue of ADPr modification by Sde (Fig. 3A, blue arrows). Structural analysis has shown that

R42 can directly participate in the UBA interface (Fig. 3B) and is likely involved in p62

recognition based on NMR analysis[52, 53]. We therefore tested if modification of the Ub at Arg42

residue blocks recognition by the p62 autophagy adaptor.

His-p62-Ni-NTA resin was challenged with K48- or K63-linked Ub_{3-7} mixed polymers

that had been pretreated with SdeC WT or its catalytic mutant derivatives (Materials and

Methods). The unbound fraction was collected (FT; flow through), and the p62-associated Ub_{3-7}

(Eluate) was detected after co-elution with imidazole, followed by SDS-PAGE fractionation and

immunoprobing with anti-Ub (Fig. 3C). In the absence of SdeC, both K48- and K63-linked Ub_{3-7}

were efficiently co-eluted with p62 (Fig. 3D; no SdeC preincubation). In contrast, pretreatment

with the SdeC WT, DUB⁻ (C118S) or PDE⁻ (H416A) derivatives all reduced K63- or K48-linked

Ub_{3-7} binding to p62 (Fig. 3D; E lanes). This indicates that either pR- or ADPr-modification of

polyUb blocks p62 recognition. In the case of the K48 derivative, the loss of the ART domain

restored Ub_{3-7}-p62 coelution, however it caused depolymerization of K48-linked Ub_{3-7} into

monomeric Ub, making the effects of this mutant difficult to evaluate in this assay (Fig. 3D;

E859A).

To determine the effects of Ub Arg42 modification in a more quantitative assay, binding

affinities to Ub_4 were determined using surface plasmon resonance (SPR) in the presence of a

DUB inhibitor (Ub-propargylamide, Ub-PA) to prevent degradation of the Ub_4 polymer (Fig.

S2A). K63-linked Ub_4 was modified by SdeC WT or its catalytic mutant derivatives in the

presence of Ub-PA (Materials and Methods), the modified K63-linked Ub_4 was introduced onto

flow chips with immobilized p62, and binding was measured by SPR over time (Fig. 3E). In the

absence of SdeC, Ub_4 bound His-p62 with apparent $K_D \sim 1 \times 10^{-7}$ M, indicating that binding

affinity was at least as efficient as previous SPR studies using diUb as a substrate ($K_D = 9.3 \times 10^{-8}$

M; [54]) (Fig. 3F). Binding of p62 to mono-Ub was very poor, consistent with DUB activity

interfering with recognition of p62 (Fig. 3G, Fig. S2C). Ub$_4$ pretreated with SdeC, either in the

presence of Ub-PA or having the C118S DUB mutation, resulted in blockade of p62 binding,

consistent with phosphoribosylation blocking recognition of Ub by UBA domains (Figs. 3H,I).

ADPr modification of Ub at Arg42 was sufficient to block binding, as the SdeC$_{H416A}$ PDE$^-$ mutant

blocked binding as efficiently as WT (Fig. 3J). Elimination of the ART activity restored Ub$_4$

binding to p62, with a similar binding affinity to untreated, consistent with PA blocking the DUB

activity (Fig 3K; K$_D$ = 1.6 X 10^{-7} M). These results strongly argue that modification of the Ub at

Arg42 residue by SdeC disrupts recognition by p62.

Sde-mediated modification of polyUb chains prevents association of p62 with the LCV.

267   To determine if Sde proteins enzymatically camouflage the replication vacuole from

recognition by p62, BMDMs were challenged with *L. pneumophila sde* variants and probed for

p62 localization about the LCV. A variety of p62 morphological variants were observed. After

bacterial contact (5 min centrifugation) and immediate fixation, LCVs harboring *L. pneumophila*

WT were free from the punctate localization of p62 found throughout the cytoplasm (Fig. 4A). In

contrast, a large fraction of the vacuoles after challenge with the *L. pneumophila* Δ*sde* strain were

enveloped by p62 (Fig. 4B). As time progressed, a variety of morphologies became apparent,

such as the alignment of puncta proximal to the LCV. As puncta associated with the LCV were

difficult to distinguish from those in the general vicinity, we limited quantification to identifying

vacuoles with enveloping p62 structures and determining total p62 intensity associated with

individual vacuoles.

278   Immediately after bacterial contact with BMDMs, both the WT and the T4SS$^-$ strains were

devoid of p62 staining (Fig. 4C). In contrast, approximately 30% of the *L. pneumophila* Δ*sde*

bacteria were found to be enveloped by p62 (Fig. 4C). Colocalization was largely lost when either

sdeA, sdeB, or sdeC expressed on plasmids was introduced into the Δ*sde* strain. Quantification of

p62 signal associated with the LCV showed that there were two populations of bacteria after

challenge with the Δ*sde* strain, with a population showing p62 recruitment levels that were similar

to WT and a second population with 8-10X higher fluorescence intensity (Fig. 4D). In contrast,

the WT and Δ*sde* strains harboring Sde isoforms *in trans* showed indistinguishable low levels of

p62 recruitment (Fig. 4D).

As the infection proceeded, colocalization of p62 with the Δ*sde* strain continued to

increase (Fig. 4E, >50% at 20 MPI) with the population of LCVs strongly skewing toward

hyperaccumulation of p62 (Fig. 4F). Concurrently, a second phenomenon became apparent in

strains harboring plasmids that produced excess Sde isoforms. There was clear complementation

of the Δ*sde* defect (Fig. 4E), but accumulation of p62 about the LCV at 20 MPI was observed

that distinguished these constructs from the WT strain (Fig. 4E). Accumulation could also be

observed when the fluorescence intensity of individual LCVs was determined, with a population

emerging with increased p62 density (Fig. 4F). This phenomenon appeared to be a premature

version of what occurs with the WT strain, as 20% of the LCVs harboring the WT showed

accumulation of p62 by 60 MPI, with evidence of an emerging population showing increased

p62 density about the LCV (Figs. 4G, H). There was robust accumulation of p62 about

individual LCVs harboring WT strain at this timepoint that appeared indistinguishable from

individual LCVs harboring the Δ*sde* strain (Fig. 4I). Furthermore, at 180MPI, accumulation of

p62 around the LCV in the Δ*sde* strain was indistinguishable from p62 accumulation around WT

LCVs (Figs. 4J, K). When the percentage of LCVs associated with p62 was plotted as a function

of time post-infection (Fig. 4L), there was early accumulation of p62 that was blocked by the Sde

family (0-20 MPI). This was followed by decay of p62 accumulation after infection of the Δ*sde*

strain, while the WT showed increasing p62 between 20 and 60 MPI, resulting in a convergence

of the phenotypes (180 MPI). The loss of Sde protection of the LCV is consistent with reversal

of its activity by known metaeffectors SidJ and DupA/B [24, 25, 26, 55].

To determine the role of the individual Sde activities in preventing p62 accumulation,

point mutations in each of the three catalytic domains were analyzed at 0 MPI after macrophage

challenge, when the Sde family exerts its most striking effects. Mutations in *sdeB* were introduced

into the Δ*sde* strain, as this isoform showed the most effective complementation (Fig. 4C), and

these mutants were then used to challenge macrophages. Point mutations in the catalytic sites of

the DUB or PDE domains, as well as a double mutant missing the catalytic activity in both of

these domains, still retained the ability to block p62 colocalization after association (Figs. 5A-C).

In contrast, a mutation in the ART domain caused a large increase in p62 recruitment to LCVs,

indicating that ADP ribosylation of Ub Arg42 by the ART domain blocks p62 recognition of the

LCVs (Fig. 5A). It should be noted that there appeared to be some residual interference of p62 in

the single ART mutant, but this was eliminated by simultaneously introducing a DUB mutation,

indicating that the DUB domain may play a minor role in lowering p62 recognition of the LCV

(Fig. 5A). As seen with the Δ*sde* strain, the ART mutants resulted in a clear subpopulation

showing approximately 10-fold increase in p62 accumulations (Figs. 5B,C). These results support

the biochemical data that either ADPribosylation or phosphoribosylation of Ub at Arg42 is

sufficient to block p62 recognition. It also argues against models that propose pR-linked Ub

modification of a peripheral factor plays a role[56], as ADPribosylation of Ub was sufficient to

interfere with p62 recruitment.

Discussion.

The *L. pneumophila* Sde family drives phosphoribosyl-linked ubiquitination (pR-Ub) of targets, most spectacularly leading to largescale rearrangements of the tubular ER protein reticulon 4 (Rtn4)[22]. In addition, there are two accessory activities of Sde proteins that have unclear biological roles. The Sde deubiquitinase (DUB) domain preferentially deubiquitinates Lys63-linked polyubiquitin chains (Fig. 1)[32], while the other is the hydrolytic product of ADPribosylated ubiquitin (ADPr-Ub), resulting in phosphoribosylated ubiquitin (pR-Ub)[22, 57]. The phosphoribosylation occurs at the Ub Arg42 residue, strategically placed in a hydrophobic patch that provides a recognition surface for ubiquitin binding proteins that drive autophagy (Fig. 3A,B)[52, 58]. The presence of Sde family members is linked to a lowered association of Ub-recognizing autophagy adaptors to the LCVs[48], consistent with phosphoribosylation promoting maintenance of the LCV in the face of cytosolic antimicrobial attacks.

In this manuscript, we showed that inhibition of polyUb formation about the replication vacuole was transiently controlled by the Sde DUB domain and limited to the earliest times after infection (Fig. 1). This early degradation of polyUb by the DUB domain fueled phosphoribosyl-linked ubiquitination because pR-Ub modification of Rtn4 slowed greatly in the absence of DUB activity and was accompanied by a reduction in Rtn4 accumulation about the replication vacuole (Fig. 1D-M). Therefore, it appears that there is K63-polyubiquitination of the LCV about the nascent replication vacuoles[39, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63] that provides the substrate for the Sde DUB activity, generating monoubiquitin fuel for the Sde mART domain (Fig. 6B,C). This is then directly transferred by the PDE domain to generate pR-Ub modified Rtn4, allowing a direct pathway from vacuolar polyUb to endoplasmic reticulum (ER) rearrangements (Fig. 6D).

The association of polyUb with the replication vacuole should be a suicide signal for *L. pneumophila*, as ubiquitination marks intracellular compartments for degradation by the autophagy pathway[45, 64]. Autophagy results from binding of adaptor molecules (such as p62) to Ub-modfied compartments which, in turn, bridge to autophagophores decorated by LC3/Atg8[65]. It is well established that after *L. pneumophila* forms the LCV, autophagy is blocked via the action

of the Icm/Dot substrate RavZ, which irreversibly hydrolyzes and deconjugates LC3/Atg8 from

the nascent autophagophore, blocking binding to autophagy adaptors[46]. In the absence of RavZ,

the LCV is still resistant to autophagy, indicating that the vacuole is masked in a fashion that

prevents recognition by the LC3-decorated autophagophore[46, 48]. We show here that modifying

the Arg42 residue of polyUb with either mono-ADPribose or phosphoribose physically blocks

binding to the autophagy adaptor p62 (Fig. 3), and similar results have been obtained by Wan and

coworkers[49]. Surface plasmon resonance experiments showed no detectable p62 binding in

presence of high concentrations of polyUb modified by either WT (pR modification) or the

H416A derivative (ADPr modification; Fig. 3F-K). Consistent with the data using purified

proteins, both modifications blocked p62 association with the LCV (Fig. 5) and stabilized polyUb

about the replication vacuole (Fig. 2). In fact, the ADPr modification resulted in

hyperaccumulation of polyUb about the replication vacuole (Fig. 2B,C), consistent with enhanced

resistance to both DUBs and autophagy adaptor recognition.

That all the proposed functions of phosphoribosylation can be fulfilled without hydrolysis

of the ADPr modification questions the purpose of the pR modification. It seems likely that

allowing vacuole-associated polyUb to accumulate ADPr modifications would result in covalent

linkage of Sde targets directly to the replication vacuole, even if this is a low likelihood event [22,

27, 34]. In addition, the ART and PDE domains work independently and consecutively, allowing

ADPr modification to persist on polyubiquitin chains, raising the possibility that unwanted

proteins would be immobilized about the replication vacuole. This problem is particularly

exacerbated by the fact that Sde-promoted pR-Ub linkage preferentially occurs on unstructured

regions of proteins, which could drive promiscuous linkage of poorly folded proteins about the

vacuole. Therefore, hydrolysis of ADPr-Ub at Arg42 acts as a timing device, requiring target to

be immediately accessible to Sde and ADPr-Ub prior to decay to pR-Ub.

It has been previously reported that pR-Ub modification of USP14, a host cell

deubiquitinase, is a central strategy for preventing p62 association with the *Legionella* replication

vacuole[56]. The authors proposed that modification of USP14 disrupted its direct interaction with

p62, preventing association of the LCV with the autophagy adaptor[56]. The data we presented here

argue against USP14 modification being a major mechanism for autophagy avoidance, and that

modification of LCV-associated Ub is likely the primary strategy used by Sde proteins to protect

against autophagy. First, pR-modification of Ub blocked p62 association (Fig. 3), and, given the

expected stoichiometry of Ub relative to USP14, it is likely that this direct blockade is the primary

contributor to autophagy avoidance. Secondly, ADPr-modification of poly-Ub was sufficient to

avoid autophagy (Figs. 2B, 5A), arguing that pr-Ub modifications of any peripheral targets such

as USP14 are unlikely to contribute to autophagy avoidance. Finally, we showed that there was a

minor, but detectable, contribution of the DUB domain to autophagy avoidance (Fig. 5A),

consistent with host DUBs making similar enzymatic contributions, rather than playing a role in

direct binding to the p62 target.

Our data on the transient nature of p62 blockade illustrates an important biological

principal underlying Sde family function (Fig 4L). There is little, if any, association of p62 with

the *L. pneumophila* WT replication vacuole during the first 20 minutes of macrophage infection.

In contrast, challenge with the Δ*sde* strain results in p62 association with the LCV at early

timepoints (Figs. 4E,L). This huge difference largely disappears by 1 hour post infection, as there

appears to be increased accumulation of p62 about the WT LCV, with coordinate decreased p62

accumulation about the Δ*sde* LCV (Fig. 4L). By 3 hr post infection, the Δ*sde* mutant and WT look

indistinguishable, with each showing about 80% of the LCVs devoid of p62 localization.

Therefore, function of Sde decays rapidly during the first hour after infection, with a new activity

appearing in both strain backgrounds that interferes with p62 association.

The decay in protection from p62 association is predicted by the function of proteins that

modulate Sde family activity. Icm/Dot translocated proteins SidJ and SdjA glutamylate Sde

proteins, blocking their ability to ADPribosylate ubiquitin[23, 24, 25, 26]. As expression of the *sde*

genes appears to be downregulated after contact with mammalian cells[19, 66], this modification

effectively removes the pool of enzyme capable of ADPribosylating Ub. The fact that over time

there is some increase in the level of p62 association with the WT LCV indicates that there is

accumulation of polyubiquitin about the LCV during the first hour after infection that cannot be

modified by the inactivated Sde enzymes. In this regard, it should be noted that pR-Ub

modification of target proteins is also reversed by the linkage-specific deubiquitinases DupA and

DupB, consistent with a general decay in Sde function as well as loss of memory of its activity

during the first hour after infection[27, 28]. Therefore, Sde functions as critical cog in the

morphogenesis of the LCV during the earliest stages of replication vacuole establishment.

Efficient intracellular growth requires decay in Sde function, as SidJ mutants that result in

extended Sde family activity show slowed intracellular growth[67].

In summation, the Sde family is involved in critical early steps that are associated with

homeostatic regulation of replication vacuole morphogenesis. Accessory activities that modulate

polyubiquitin dynamics about the replication vacuole are tightly linked to phosphoribosyl-linked

ubiquitination of substrate (Fig. 6). We argue that the DUB domain provides fuel for pR-Ub

modification, while pR modification of polyubiquitination about the LCV prevents attack by an

important arm of host cell cytosolic defense. Finally, the transient nature of Sde function during

replication vacuole formation is an intrinsic feature of this system, as we witness decay in the

ability to block the autophagic response. The transient nature of providing fuel for Sde function is

also supported by this work, as phosphoribosyl modification of polyUb is predicted to block DUB

function (Fig. 2) and reduce the amount of fuel to support Sde-mediated ubiquitination of

substrates. The biological importance of limiting Sde function to the earliest stages of replication

compartment biogenesis requires further investigation.

Materials and Methods

Bacterial culture and media

L. pneumophila derivatives used in these studies were streptomycin-resistant restriction-defective thymidine auxotrophs derived from a clinical isolate of *Legionella pneumophila*, strain Philadelphia-1 (Lp01)[11, 68, 69]. *L. pneumophila* strains were propagated on charcoal–N-(2-acetamido)-2-aminoethanesulfonic acid (ACES)–yeast extract plates, with or without thymidine as needed (CYE/T) and in ACES-yeast extract broth (AYE/T)[7, 11, 70]. Plasmids were introduced as described[22].

For the infection of mammalian cells, *L. pneumophila* strains were grown overnight to post-exponential phase (OD_{600} 3.5-4.5) to a predominantly motile state as described previously[71]. Strain derivatives are described in Supplemental Table 1 and oligonucleotides used in this study are listed in Supplemental Table 2.

Eukaryotic cell culture

Bone marrow-derived macrophages (BMDMs) were isolated from femurs and tibias of female 6-10week old A/J mice[7] and frozen in fetal bovine serum (FBS) with 10% dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO). Cells were plated the day before infection in RPMI 1640 (Gibco) supplemented with 10% FBS and 2 mM glutamine at 37°C with 5% CO_2. HEK293T cells, obtained from ATCC, were cultivated in Dulbecco modified Eagle medium (Gibco) supplemented with 10% heat-inactivated (FBS, Invitrogen) (vol/vol), 100U/ml of penicillin-streptomycin (Gibco) at 37°C with 5% CO_2.

Polyubiquitin colocalization with LCV

BMDMs were plated on glass coverslips at 1-2 x 10^5/well in 24-well plates. Cells were challenged at a multiplicity of infection (MOI) = 1, centrifuged at 200 x g for 5 min and incubated for the indicated time points. The infection mixtures were then fixed in PBS

containing 4% paraformaldehyde, permeabilized in PBS containing 1% (vol/vol) Triton X-100

for 30 min, probed with mouse anti-polyUb (Enzo Life Biosciences, Cat# BML-PW8805-0500,

1:250) and rabbit anti- *L. pneumophila* followed by secondary probing with goat anti-rabbit

Alexa Fluor 594 (Invitrogen, Cat# 111-585-144, 1:500) and donkey anti-mouse Alexa Fluor 488

(Jackson ImmunoResearch, Cat# A-11012, 1:500). Hoescht 33342 (Life Technologies,

Cat#62249 1:10,000) was used to label nuclei.

Immunofluorescence of Rtn4-LCV colocalization

BMDMs were plated on glass coverslips at 1-2 x 10^5/well in 24-well plates. Cells were

infected at a multiplicity of infection (MOI) = 1, centrifuged at 200 x g for 5 min and incubated

for 1 hr. The infection mixtures were then fixed in PBS containing 4% paraformaldehyde,

permeabilized in PBS containing 1% (vol/vol) Triton X-100 for 30 min, probed rabbit anti-RTN4

(Lifespan Biosciences, Cat# LS-B6516, 1:500) and rat anti- *L. pneumophila*[72] followed by

secondary probing with goat anti-rabbit Alexa Fluor 488 (Jackson ImmunoResearch, Cat# 111-

545-003, 1:500) and donkey anti-rat Alexa Fluor 594 (Jackson ImmunoResearch, Cat# 712-585-

153, 1:500). Hoescht 33342 (Life Technologies, Cat#62249 1:10,000) was used to label nuclei.

Rtn4 Immunoprecipitations

For transfections preceding Rtn4 Immunoprecipitations (IP), HEK293T cells were plated

in DMEM medium containing 10% fetal calf serum at a density of 4 x 10^6 cells in a tissue

culture-treated 10cm dish. The next day, 12μg of pMT123 DNA (pHA::ubiquitin) was

transfected into cells using Lipofectamine 2000, following manufacturer's procedure (Life

Sciences). The mammalian HA::ubiquitin expression plasmid pMT123 was a kind gift from D.

Bohmann and S. Lippard[59, 73]. The next day, transfection medium was removed and replaced

with DMEM with 10μM MG132 (Calbiochem) at ~30-60min prior to challenge with *L.*

pneumophila at an MOI=10 for the indicated times. Post infection, cells were lifted and washed

in PBS, centrifuged at 4°C at 200 x g, and then cell pellets were immediately frozen on liquid

nitrogen and stored at -80°C until used[22].

For immunoprecipitations, anti-Rtn4 resin was generated by disuccinimidyl suberate

crosslinking with anti-Rtn4 (Nogo N-18, Santa Cruz sc-11027) to Protein A/G Plus™ resin at

2μg/μl of packed resin as described in manufacturer protocol (Pierce crosslink IP kit). Samples

were lysed in 1% Triton X-100 (20 mM Tris [pH 7], 150 mM NaCl, 5 mM $MgCl_2$) containing

protease inhibitor (Roche, Cat# 11697498001) with end-over-end rotation for 20 min at 4°C.

Cleared cell lysates were obtained by centrifugation at ≥14,000 x g for 10 min at 4°C, diluted

with an equal volume of detergent-free buffer, and mixed with washed resin (50% slurry). The

mixture was incubated at 4°C via end-over-end rotation for ≥ 4 hr, then washed ≥ 5X in the

buffer containing 0.1% Triton X-100 at 4°C.

For elution, Rtn4 resin in spin columns was incubated with 0.1M glycine (pH = 2.8) with

0.2% Triton X-100 for 5min, centrifuged, then eluate was reapplied to resin for additional 5 min

incubation at room temperature, centrifuged and neutralized with 0.5M Tris (pH=10.55)[22]. Eluate

bound to resin was resuspended with reducing SDS sample buffer, boiled, then fractionated by

SDS-PAGE coupled with immunoblot analyses.

Protein purification

499   Full-length *sdeC* genes were amplified by PCR and cloned into the bacterial expression

500   vector pQE-80L (Qiagen) with *BamHI* and *SacI* restriction sites to generate a 6xHis-SdeC-

501   StrepII fusion construct (Supplemental Table 1). Purification was as previously described[22].

502   Purified aliquots were stored at -80°C in 10% glycerol to minimize or eliminate freeze thaw

503   cycle degradation.

Deubiquitinase assay in presence of Sde modification

His-tagged recombinant SdeC and its derivatives were bound to Ni-NTA (Thermo Fisher

Scientific, Cat# 88221) resin at 1 μg enzyme per 25μl of packed resin in 1X ART buffer (20mM

Tris 10mM NaCl, pH7.4) for 1 hr at 4°C with end-over-end rotation. The beads were washed 3X

with 1X ART buffer to remove non-adsorbed enzyme with microcentrifuge spin filters spun at

3000 x g at room temperature. After the final wash, each 25μl of pelleted resin was incubated

with 2μg of recombinant human K63-linked (R&D systems, Cat# UC-320) or K48-linked (R&D

Systems, Cat# UC-220) poly-ubiquitin and 500μM ε-NAD in 300 μl of 1X ART buffer for 2 hrs

with end-over-end gentle rotation at 37°C. After incubation, the SdeC or its derivatives-bound

resin were removed with microcentrifuge spin column filters, and the polyUb reaction mixture

was collected. This polyUb fraction was then incubated with either 1) 100 nM human

recombinant PolyHistidine-otubain 1(R&D systems, Cat# E-522B), 2) 50 nM recombinant

USP2 catalytic domain (R&D systems, Cat# E-504), 3) 50 nM recombinant PolyHistidine-

CYLD (R&D systems, Cat# E-556), or 50nM recombinant SdeC DUB (1-192) at 37°C in 1X

ART buffer for 2 hr. A fraction of the reaction was removed, terminated by the addition of

reducing sample buffer, and then heated to 50-55°C for 20-30min to avoid Ub chain aggregation.

Relative DUB activity was determined by immunoblot probing of SDS- SDS-PAGE fractionated

proteins using Image Studio software (LI-COR Biosciences) after 2 hr incubation by comparing

the efficiency of cleavage of modified Ub relative to unmodified.

Immunoblotting

Immunoblots were performed as described [74]. Samples were fractionated by SDS-PAGE

and transferred to nitrocellulose membranes. The membrane was blocked in 50 mM Tris-

buffered saline with 0.1% Tween-20 (TBST, pH 8.0) containing 4% nonfat milk for 1 hr at room

temperature and probed with primary antibodies: 1) anti-HA-probe (Santa Cruz Biotechnology,

Cat# sc-7392, 1:500), 2) anti-Ub (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Cat# sc-8017) or anti-actin (Sigma-

Aldrich, Cat# A2066, 1:1,000) in TBST containing 2% BSA at 4°C overnight. After washing 3X

with TBST, the membranes were incubated with secondary antibodies: donkey IRDye 680RD

anti-mouse (LI-COR Biosciences, Cat# 926-68072, 1:20,000), Goat IRDye 680RD anti-rabbit

(LI-COR Biosciences, Cat# 926-68071, 1:20,000), and/or donkey IRDye800CW anti-mouse (LI-

COR Biosciences, Cat# 926-32212, 1:20,000), goat IRDye 800CW α-rabbit (LI-COR

Biosciences, Cat# 926-32211, 1:20,000) for 45 min at room temperature. Capture and analysis

were performed using Li-Cor Odyssey CLX scanner and Image Studio software (LI-COR

Biosciences).

Bead-binding assay for adaptors association with polyUb post Sde-mediated modification

of Ub

His-tagged recombinant full-length SdeC derivatives were adsorbed to Ni-NTA (Thermo

Fisher Scientific, Cat# 88221) resin at 1μg enzyme per 25 μl of packed resin in 1X ART buffer

for 1 hr at 4°C with end-over-end rotation. The SdeC adsorbed resin was washed 3X with 1X

ART buffer to remove nonadsorbed enzyme with microcentrifuge spin filters centrifuged at 3000

x g at room temperature. After the final SdeC resin wash, each 25 μl pelleted resin was

resuspended with 4μg of recombinant human homotypic-linked polyubiquitin chains Ub_{3-7} (K63

or K48, 4μg/600μl reaction volume, Boston Biochem, R&D) and 500μM ε-NAD in 1X ART

buffer for 2 hrs with gentle end-over-end rotation at 37°C. During incubation of SdeC and

polyUb chains, 1μg recombinant PolyHis-p62 was adsorbed to 5 μl pre-equilibrated packed Ni-

NTA resin (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Cat# 88221) via 1 hr, end-over-end rotation at 4°C in low

adhesion 1.5 ml microcentrifuge tubes. Polyubiquitin chains were then separated from SdeC by

collection of SdeC resin in a microcentrifuge column spin filter and then the polyUb fraction was

incubated with recombinant PolyHis-p62 on Ni-NTA resin for 1 hr at room temperature with

end-over-end rotation. The resin was washed 3-5X with 50mM Tris 0.1% BSA (vol/vol) pH7.5

at room temperature, then resin having adsorbed proteins and bound polyUb chains were eluted

from the Ni-NTA beads with 250 mM imidazole diluted in 50 mM Tris 0.1% BSA (vol/vol)

pH7.5. Samples were then analyzed by SDS-PAGE followed by immunoblot.

SPR analysis of Sde-mediated modification on binding of poly-Ub to p62

For modification of Ub, 100 µg of K63-linked Ub tetramer (R&D Systems, Cat# UCB-

310) or monomeric Ub were incubated together with 100 µM β-NAD and 20 nM SdeC variants

(WT, C118S/DUB⁻, E859A/ART⁻ and H416A/PDE⁻) in 250 µl of 1X ART buffer at 37°C for 1 h.

For DUB inhibitor pretreatment, 1 µM ubiquitin-propargylamide (R&D Systems, Cat# U-214)

was incubated with 100 nM SdeC variants at room temperature for 30 min before adding to Ub$_4$

(final concentration, 20 nM SdeC in 1X ART buffer). To remove the SdeC, 10 µl of a 50% slurry

of Ni-NTA agarose resin (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Cat# 88221) was washed three times with

1X ART buffer, then added to the Ub-SdeC reaction for another 1hr with end-over-end rotation

at 37°C. For removal of SdeC enzyme, the samples were centrifuged at 1000 x g for 2 min in a

microcentrifuge spin filter column. The supernatant was then desalted using a NAP-5 column

(Thermo Fisher Scientific, Cat# 45-000-151) and lyophilized with a Labconco Freezone12.

Samples were resuspended in Ultrapure water to a final protein concentration of 1 mg/ml.

The binding kinetics between p62 and modified Ub$_4$ was determined by surface plasmon

resonance (SPR) using a Biacore T200 system, with a runner buffer of HEPES Buffered Saline

(HBS; 10 mM HEPES (pH =7.4), 150 mM NaCl) containing 30 µM of EDTA. 6xHis-tagged p62

was captured onto a Series S NTA sensor chip following manufacturer's recommendations

(Cytiva, Cat# 28994951). Briefly, 0.5 mM NiCl$_2$ solution was injected at a flow rate of 10 µl/min

for 60 seconds onto the experimental flow cell, followed by the injection of His-p62 (200 nM) at

5 ul/min for 420 seconds. Ub$_4$ at various concentrations, that had been previously treated with

SdeC derivatives, was injected into the flow cells at a rate of 30 µl/min for 180 seconds,

followed by a 300 seconds dissociation phase. Regeneration of the surface was performed by two

injections of 350 mM EDTA (30 ul/min, 60 seconds) followed by an injection of 6M guanidine

hydrochloride with 50 mM NaCl (30 ul/min, 30 seconds). The binding kinetics were determined

with Biacore Evaluation software (v3) using double referenced sensorgrams and 1:1 binding for

the fitting model.

Immunofluorescence of p62 at the LCV

587   BMDMs were plated on glass coverslips at 1-2 x10^5/well in 24-well plates. Cells were

challenged at a multiplicity of infection (MOI) = 2, centrifuged at 200 x g for 5 min, and

incubated for the indicated time points. For 180 min infections, the cells were washed 3X in PBS

at 60 min post-infection to remove non-internalized bacteria, then fresh culture media was added.

At the infection conclusion, all cells were washed 3X in PBS, fixed in PBS containing 4%

(wt/vol) paraformaldehyde, followed by permeabilization with ice-cold 100% methanol for 20

seconds. Coverslips were then washed 3X in PBS and blocked in PBS containing 2-4% BSA for

at least 30 min. Cells were then stained in PBS with rat anti-*L. pneumophila* and rabbit anti-

p62/SQSTM (Abcam, Cat# 109012, 1:400) for 1 hr and detected with donkey anti-rat Alexa

Fluor 594 (Jackson ImmunoResearch, Cat# 712-585-153, 1:500) and goat anti-rabbit Alexa

Fluor 488 (Jackson ImmunoResearch, Cat# 111-545-003, 1:500). Hoechst 33342 was used to

label DNA.

Image analysis

601   Representative images were taken using Zeiss Axiovert or Nikon inverted phase

fluorescence microscopes, and image enhanced in Photoshop™ (Adobe), using linear

corrections. For quantification of total polyUb intensity, Volocity software (PerkinElmer) was

used. ROIs (regions of interest, 14 x 12 µm; oval) were set around LCVs, and pixel intensities

were measured and subtracted by background intensity. For quantification of total p62 intensity,

we set ROIs (0.3 x 0.42 inches; oval) around LCVs. Mean p62 intensity/pixel was measured in

each ROI and subtracted by background intensity/pixel using Fiji image analysis software[75].

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Figure Legends

Figure 1. The Sde DUB domain is required for efficient phosphoribose-ubiquitination of

Rtn4.

(**A**) Domain structure of Sde family proteins. Catalytically inactive point mutations are shown in

red. (**B, C**) Percent poly-Ub positive LCVs of *L. pneumophila* strains at noted timepoints post-

infection. (**D, E**) Quantification of Rtn4-positive LCVs. BMDMs were challenged with indicated

strains for the noted infection times, followed by fixation, permeabilization with 1% Triton X-

100 and probing as described in Materials and Methods. 0 MPI was immediately after 5 min

centrifugation of bacteria onto BMDM. Noted strains are wild type, Lp02; Δ*sde*,

Δ*sidE*Δ*sdeC*Δ*sdeB-A*; Δ*sdeC-A*, Δ*lpg2153-2157* (KK034), listed in Supplemental Table 1. At

least 150 LCVs per experiment were evaluated and data were pooled from 3 biological replicates

(mean ± SEM; one-way ANOVA with Dunnett's multiple comparison (**B, C**) and Student's t-test

(**D, E**); ns (non-significant), *p<0.05, **p<0.01, ***p<0.001, ****p < 0.0001). (**F-K**) A

representative micrograph of Rtn4 recruitment, scale bar 5 μm. Macrophages were challenged

with either WT or noted mutant strains for 1 hr, fixed, permeabilized and probed with anti-*L.*

pneumophila (Alexa Fluor 594 secondary, red), anti-Rtn4 (Alexa Fluor 488 secondary, green),

and Hoechst (nucleus, blue). (**L**) Cartoon of strategy to identify pR-Ub modified Rtn4. (**M**)

Immunoblot image of anti-Rtn4 immunoprecipitates by immunoprobing with anti-HA. To right

of immunoblots are Rtn4 isoforms and modification status. HEK293T cells were challenged with

noted *L. pneumophila* strains for either 10 or 180 mins. Modified Rtn4 substrates were

immunoprecipitated using crosslinked anti-Rtn4, fractionated on 7.5% SDS-PAGE, and probed

with anti-HA. Lanes: WT, Lp02; vector, Δ*sde*; p*sdeA*, Δ*sde* expressing SdeA; p*sdeA C118S*,

Δ*sde* expressing SdeA DUB mutant; p*sdeB*, Δ*sde* expressing SdeB; p*sdeB C118S*, Δ*sde*

expressing SdeB DUB mutant; MOCK, uninfected.

Figure 2. The ART domain blocks DUB activity and promotes hyper-polyubiquitination of

the LCV.

(**A**). SdeC WT or its catalytic mutant derivatives (1μg) were adsorbed to Ni-NTA resin for 1 hr

at 4°C, then incubated with either K63 or K48-linked polyUb$_{3-7}$ (2μg) for 2 hrs at 37°C. SdeC

resin was removed and polyUb$_{3-7}$ was then incubated with: human recombinant Polyhistidine-

otubain 1, isoform 1 (100 nM); recombinant USP2 catalytic domain (50 nM); recombinant

Polyhistidine-CYLD (50 nM); or recombinant SdeC DUB CD 1-192 (50 nM) at 37°C for 2 hrs.

Cleavage was monitored by immunoblotting with anti-Ub (FK1). (**B**) Quantification of polyUb

intensity associated with individual LCVs of the noted strains at 20 MPI. (**C**) PolyUb intensity of

LCVs harboring Δ*sde* expressing SdeC PDE$^-$ (H416A) mutant at 20 or 60 MPI. Data are shown

in median ± 25%ile; Mann-Whitney test; ns (non-significant), **p<0.01, ***p<0.001, ****p <

0.0001. The dotted lines represent background level of polyUb intensity about LCVs. (**D-H**)

Examples of polyUb-positive LCVs. BMDMs were challenged by 5 min centrifugation at an

MOI of 1, incubated with noted *L. pneumophila* strains, fixed, permeabilized with 1% Triton

X100, and probed with anti-polyUb (Alexa Fluor 488 secondary, green), anti-*L. pneumophila*

(Alexa Fluor 594 secondary, red), and Hoechst (blue). Strains used: WT, Lp02; Δ*sde*, Δ*sidE*

Δ*sdeC* Δ*sdeB-A; Δsde psdeC$_{WT}$*, Δ*sde* expressing SdeC WT; Δ*sde psdeC$_{C118S}$*, Δ*sde* expressing

SdeC DUB mutant; Δ*sde psdeC$_{E859A}$*, Δ*sde* expressing SdeC ART mutant; Δ*sde psdeC$_{H416A}$*, Δ*sde*

expressing SdeC PDE mutant. Scale bar: 5μm.

Figure 3. Sde-mediated modification of polyUb prevents its recognition by p62.

(**A**) Space filling model of Ub. R42 residue (blue letter) and I44 residue are indicated with blue

arrows (from reference[52, 58]).(**B**) Interface residues between UBA domain and Ub, showing

possible involvement of Ub R42 in interacting with UBA domain (from reference[52, 58]). **(C, D)**

Ub modification at R42 blocks p62 binding (Materials and Methods). Ni-NTA-p62 was

incubated with Ub_{3-7} that had been treated with SdeC WT or its catalytic mutant derivatives and

allowed to bind (In). Unbound Ub_{3-7} was removed (FT), the beads were washed, and then eluted

with 250mM imidazole (E: elution). The p62-bound poly-Ub in the eluate was fractionated by

SDS-PAGE followed by probing with anti-Ub. Relative loading: In, input (2.5%); FT, flow-

through (2.5%); E, eluate (25%). **(E)** Surface plasmon resonance (SPR) quantitation of p62

binding to Ub derivatives. Ub_1 or Ub_4 was incubated with SdeC WT or its derivatives

immobilized on Ni-NTA resin, the supernatant containing modified Ub derivatives was

incubated with 6xHis-tagged p62 bound to a Ni-NTA chip, and binding affinity was measured by

plasmon resonance. **(F, G)** Sensorgrams of Ub_4 or Ub_1 binding to p62. Binding of Ub_4 to p62

yields a $K_D = 0.97 \times 10^{-7}$ M. **(H-K)** Sensorgrams of Ub_4, modified as noted in panels (red balls:

phosphoribosyl addition; green balls: ADP-ribosyl addition). Reactions were formed in the

presence of Ub-propargylamide (DUB inhibitor).

Figure 4. Transient blockade of p62 recruitment to the LCV in the presence of Sde family

members.

(A-B) Examples of punctate (A) or enveloped (B) p62 morphology localized around LCVs after

challenge of BMDMs with noted *L. pneumophila* strains. The scale bar represents 10 μm. **(C, E,**

G, J) The Percentage of circumferential p62 associated with LCVs at 0 (immediate bacterial

contact; C) or 20 (E) or 60 (G) or 180 (J) MPI. 100 LCVs per replicate were counted in 3

biological replicates (mean ± SEM; one-way ANOVA with Dunnett's multiple comparison; ns

(non-significant), **$p<0.01$, ***$p<0.001$, ****$p < 0.0001$). **(D, F, H, K)** Quantification of mean

p62 intensity/pixel around LCVs at 0 (D) or 20 (F) or 60 (H) or 180 (K) MPI. At least 70

vacuoles per replicate were quantified and data were pooled from 3 biological replicates (mean ±

SEM; one-way ANOVA with Dunnett's multiple comparison (D, F, H) and Student's t-test (K);

ns (non-significant), *p<0.05, **p<0.01, ****p < 0.0001). (**I**) A representative micrograph of

p62 association with LCVs at 180 MPI, scale bar 10 μm. (**L**) Kinetics of blockade against p62

recruitment. Data acquired from panels C, E, G and J, and shown as mean ± SEM.

Figure 5. ART activity is sufficient to block p62 recruitment to the replication vacuole.

(**A**) Quantification of individual LCVs enveloped by p62 at 0 MPI. BMDMs were challenged

with the noted *Legionella* strains. (**B**) Quantitation of mean p62 intensity/pixel associated with

individual LCVs. Images of individual vacuoles were grabbed and pixel intensities of p62

staining about regions of interest were determined (Materials and Methods). 210 LCVs were

counted. Data are shown as means ± SEM (one-way ANOVA with Dunnett's multiple

comparison; ns (non-significant), *p<0.05, **p<0.01, ****p < 0.0001). (**C**) Examples of

recruited p62 to LCVs harboring Δ*sde* expressing SdeC catalytic mutant derivatives. Scale bar:

10 μm.

Figure 6. Sde accessory activities drive Rtn4 rearrangements and block autophagic

recognition.

The DUB activity provides fuel for pR-Ub modification of Rtn4, driving rapid ER-associated

rearrangements. (**A**) Bacteria are internalized, Sde family proteins are translocated. (**B**)

Polyubiquitination occurs about the replication vacuole. (**C**) Digestion of polyUb provides Ub

fuel for ART/PDE domain to catalyze pR-Ub conjugation to substrates such as Rtn4. (**D**) Rtn4-

pR-Ub modified protein accumulates about the replication vacuole polyUb is modified by

phosphoribosylation. The pR-modification of the polyUb at R42 residue stabilizes

polyubiquitination about LCVs, simultaneously preventing degradation by host cell-derived

DUBs and blocking recognition by the autophagic machinery.

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A

SdeC Enzyme Preincubation	---		PDE-		WT		ART-		DUB-		---		PDE-		WT		ART-		DUB-	
Ub$_{3-7}$ Modification	---		ADPr		p-ribose		---		p-ribose		---		ADPr		p-ribose		---		p-ribose	
DUB Rxn (Input/Output)	In	O	In	O	In	O	In	O	I	O	In	O	In	O	In	O	In	O	In	O

USP2 (CD) Non-specific

Out-1 K48 preference

CYLD K63-preference

SdeC 1-192AA Bacterial DUB K63-preference

K63-Ub$_{3-7}$ αUb   K48-Ub$_{3-7}$

D WT

Poly Ub (green)
L.p. (red)
DNA (blue)

E Δ*sde*

F Δ*sde*+p*sdeC$_{C118S}$*

G Δ*sde*+p*sdeC$_{E859A}$*

H Δ*sde*+p*sdeC$_{H416A}$*

B

PolyUb Intensity at LCV/Bacterium (AU)

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pSdeC WT | DUB- (C118S) | ART- (E859A) | PDE- (H416A)

Δ*sde*+p*sdeC*

C

PolyUb Intensity at LCV/Bacterium (AU)

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20 MPI | 60 MPI

Δ*sde*+p*sdeC* PDE- (H416A)

A   **B**   **C**   **D**

L. pneumophila

DUB   **ART/NP**

K63-Ub   ✔   ✔   Ub + Substrate   Ub Conjugation FUEL

Non-K63-Ub   ✗   ✔   Autophagic Block/ Ub Camaflouge

= Sde proteins
= K63 Polyubiquitin
= Monoubiquitin
= Polyubiquitin (Non-K63)
= ADPr- or P-ribose-Polyubiquitin