The Smc5/6 complex belongs to a novel class of evolutionary-constrained restriction

factors and is antagonized by all mammalian hepatitis B virus X proteins

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Abstract

The Smc5/6 complex, in addition to its essential housekeeping functions, is a

restriction factor against human hepatitis B virus (HBV) and is targeted for degradation by the

regulatory HBx protein. Here, we examined its evolutionary history and the conservation of

this HBx-mediated degradation by mammalian hepadnaviruses. Phylogenetic and positive

selection analyses found that the six Smc5/6 subunits have been highly conserved in primates

with only Smc6 showing signatures of potential virus-host "arms-race". Despite substantial

sequence divergence, HBx proteins from hepatitis viruses naturally infecting bats, rodents, or

primates efficiently degraded Smc5/6 in various species cells and rescued the replication of an

HBx-deficient HBV in primary human hepatocytes. These findings point to an evolutionary-

conserved antagonism of Smc5/6 by HBx. They further suggest that Smc5/6, like SERINCs,

belongs a novel class of restriction factors that have dual antiviral and essential cellular

functions and have therefore limited evolutionary opportunities to escape from viral

antagonists.

Introduction

Infection with hepatitis B virus (HBV) is a leading cause of chronic hepatitis and liver

cancer in humans (World Health Organization). HBV is a member of the *Hepadnaviridae*

family of DNA viruses, which have co-evolved with their host species for millions of years

(Dill et al., 2016; Lauber et al., 2017; Suh et al., 2014). Today, hepadnaviruses are found to

naturally infect, in a species-specific manner, mammals, birds, as well as fish and amphibians.

In mammals, HBVs are present in rodents, bats, and several primates including human,

chimpanzee, gibbon, orangutan, and the New World wooly monkey. Mammalian

hepadnaviruses (orthohepadnaviruses) all contain a gene encoding a small regulatory protein,

HBx, that is thought to have arisen *de novo* in the orthohepadnavirus lineage (Suh et al.,

2014). HBx has long been known to play a central role in HBV replication and pathogenesis

(Benhenda, Cougot, Buendia, & Neuveut, 2009; Feitelson, Bonamassa, & Arzumanyan, 2014;

Lucifora et al., 2011) and has recently been shown to have a key role in promoting HBV

transcription by antagonizing the restriction function of the infected cell's Structural

Maintenance of Chromosome (SMC) Smc5/6 complex (Decorsiere et al., 2016; Murphy et al.,

2016). However, whether this property has been conserved among the X-containing

hepadnaviruses is unknown.

The Smc5/6 complex is, together with cohesin and condensin, one of the three SMC

complexes found in eukaryotes (Cobbe & Heck, 2004; Uhlmann, 2016). These complexes all

have essential housekeeping functions, playing fundamental roles in chromosome replication,

segregation and repair (reviewed in (Uhlmann, 2016). Condensin controls chromosome

condensation during mitosis and cohesin maintains cohesion between the newly replicated

sister chromatids. However, the role of the Smc5/6 complex is less well understood. It has

reported functions in DNA replication and repair, but its exact mode of action remains elusive

(Fernandez-Capetillo, 2016; Hwang et al., 2017; Kegel & Sjogren, 2010; Menolfi, Delamarre,

Lengronne, Pasero, & Branzei, 2015; Watanabe, 2005).

In addition to its essential cellular activities, a novel function of Smc5/6 complex as an

HBV restriction factor has been recently dissected: in the absence of HBx, the Smc5/6

complex binds to the HBV episomal DNA genome and inhibits viral transcription (Decorsiere

et al., 2016; Murphy et al., 2016; Niu et al., 2017). HBx antagonizes this effect by high-

jacking the host DDB1-containing E3 ubiquitin ligase complex to target the Smc5/6 complex

for ubiquitin-mediated degradation, thereby enabling productive HBV gene expression

(Decorsiere et al., 2016).

Most genes encoding for antiviral restriction factors have been engaged in an

"evolutionary arms-race" with the viruses they inhibit (Duggal & Emerman, 2012; Johnson,

2013). Indeed, during long-term co-evolution, pathogenic viruses and their hosts are

constantly under the selective pressure of the other for survival. As a result, host restriction

factors evolve rapidly and display signatures of positive (diversifying) selection. These

signatures can be identified by analyzing the codon sequences of orthologous genes from a

large number of related species. At virus-host interaction sites, one can witness adaptive

changes, including frequent amino acid changes (where a higher non-synonymous

substitution rate, dN, than the synonymous rate, dS, is indicative of positive selection), and

insertion/deletions (indels) or splicing variants as ways to modify the virus-host interface and

to escape from viral antagonists (Daugherty & Malik, 2012; Jia et al., 2009; Johnson, 2013;

Lim, Malik, & Emerman, 2010; Sauter et al., 2009; Sawyer, Wu, Emerman, & Malik, 2005).

To assess whether the Smc5/6 complex underwent such a selective pressure we

determined its evolutionary history in primates. As for the other SMC complexes, the core of

the Smc5/6 complex is formed by a heterodimer of two SMC proteins, Smc5 and Smc6

(Gligoris & Lowe, 2016), which associate with four additional subunits known as non-SMC

elements (Nsmce1-4) (Figure 1A). We found that all six subunits have been strictly conserved

with just Smc6 showing signatures of potential virus-host evolutionary "arms-race". To

investigate whether the differences in Smc6 impact on the ability of HBx to antagonize the

Smc5/6 complex, we performed evolutionary-guided functional assays. These revealed that

the HBx protein from six divergent orthohepadnaviruses could all efficiently degrade Smc5/6

in a species-independent manner and rescue replication of an HBV mutant lacking a

functional HBx protein in human cells. This suggests that Smc5/6 degradation is a strict

requirement for the establishment of mammalian HBV infection. From an evolutionary

perspective, the absence of species-specificity indicates that mammalian hepadnaviruses have

not shaped Smc6 adaptive evolution and that the Smc5/6 complex represents a novel class of

evolutionary-constrained restriction factors. It also raises the intriguing possibility that the

Smc5/6 complex may restrict other, yet unidentified pathogenic viruses.

Results

Overall evolutionary conservation of the Smc5/6 complex in primates

To trace the evolutionary history of the Smc5/6 complex, we compared the sequence

of its six subunits in primates (Figure 1A). As a comparison, we also analyzed the

evolutionary history of all the other primate SMC genes. These include the *Smc1* and *Smc3*

genes, which encode the core cohesin subunits, and the *Smc2* and *Smc4* genes encoding the

condensin core subunits. The sequences of these genes were retrieved from publically

available datasets (Table 1, Dataset S1). To perform more robust phylogenetic and selection

analyses, we obtained additional primate species sequences using RT-PCR approaches (Table

1, Figure 1B; see Methods). Overall, we included up to 20 simian primate species in our

positive selection analyses to span 40 million years of evolution (McBee, Rozmiarek,

Meyerson, Rowley, & Sawyer, 2015; Perelman et al., 2011). We found that the synteny of the

genes was conserved during primate evolution, although some subunits had duplicated

pseudogenes in a few primate species (Figure S1). Amongst the core SMC proteins, the most

conserved are the cohesin Smc1 and Smc3 subunits, which share 100% and 99.9% pairwise

identity at the amino acid level in a simian primate alignment, respectively (Dataset S1).

Smc6 was the least conserved SMC protein with 97.4% pairwise identity in simian primates.

Using the Genetic Algorithm for Recombination Detection (GARD) on the complete set of

genes (Kosakovsky Pond, Posada, Gravenor, Woelk, & Frost, 2006), evidence of

recombination (GARD, p<0.05) was only found for *Nsmce3*, and therefore subsequent

phylogenetic and selection analyses were performed on both the whole *Nsmce3* gene and the

two *Nsmce3* gene fragments identified (from 1-246 bp and 247-912 bp). Phylogenetic

analysis of the ten genes showed that the gene trees derived from nucleotide alignments were

largely in accordance with the accepted species tree from Perelman and colleagues (Figure

1B, and Dataset S1) (Perelman et al., 2011).

To assess whether the Smc5/6 complex and the *Smc1-4* genes have experienced

diversifying selection during primate evolution, we performed four types of positive selection

analyses. Firstly, we used the BUSTED method that tests whether a gene has experienced

positive selection on at least one site or one branch during evolution (Murrell et al., 2015). Of

the six Smc5/6 complex subunits and the four *SMC* genes from the cohesin and condensin

complexes, only one, *Smc6*, showed gene-wide evidence of episodic positive selection

(BUSTED, p<0.05, Figure 1C). These findings were confirmed using the PARRIS method

that also detects evidence of positive selection using a codon alignment (Scheffler, Martin, &

Seoighe, 2006), although the level of significance was not reached for the *Smc6* gene (p=0.19;

Figure 1C). Thirdly, we ran the Codeml program from the PAML package (Yang, 2007) on

our codon alignments to compare two models: one that allows positive selection at certain

sites (M8, alternative hypothesis) and one that disallows positive selection (M7, null

hypothesis). We then performed a likelihood ratio test (LRT) to examine which of the two

models fitted better our data. Overall, there was no convergence for seven of the X genes we

tested because they were too conserved (see Methods for details) and no evidence of

significant positive selection was found for the remaining genes (Figure 1C). Finally, we used

the Bio++ package from Guéguen *et al.* (Gueguen et al., 2013) to similarly test for evidence

of positive selection (M7 *vs.* M8 as implemented in Bio++), but with two main advantages

over PAML. First, the DNA substitution models use non-stationary matrices, which allow

nucleotide composition to change over time, and therefore improve the fitting to real data.

Second, the codon frequency better fits biological assumptions, as compared to PAML

(Gueguen et al., 2013). Using Bio++, we obtained higher values of likelihood and, for *Smc6*, a

model allowing positive selection was favored over a model that disallows positive selection

(Bio++ M7 *vs.* M8, p=0.05; Figure 1C). Overall, these studies show that the *SMC* genes for

cohesin and condensin, as well as the six Smc5/6 complex subunits, have been very highly

conserved during primate evolution. This is consistent with their essential cellular

housekeeping functions. The only exception is the *Smc6* gene for which weak signatures of

adaptation were found. Thus, and in contrast to most other known antiviral restriction factors,

the Smc5/6 complex does not appear to have evolved under strong positive selection in

primates.

Evidence of site-specific adaptive selection in primate Smc6

Our gene-wide evolutionary analyses showed that Smc6 may have been under positive

selection in primates. It is formally possible that most of the Smc6 protein has been highly

conserved due to its housekeeping function, whilst just a few sites have been engaged in a

virus-host interaction. Indeed, previous studies have shown that essential cellular proteins that

are usurped by viruses for their replication have evolved under a strong purifying selection

background with only the virus-host interaction sites showing rapid evolution (Demogines,

Abraham, Choe, Farzan, & Sawyer, 2013; Enard, Cai, Gwennap, & Petrov, 2016; Lou et al.,

2016; Ng et al., 2015; Yang, Wong, & Nielsen, 2005). To determine if this was the case for

Smc6, we characterized in more detail its evolutionary history during primate evolution.

Using the BranchSite-REL algorithm from HYPHY (Kosakovsky Pond et al., 2011), we

found that positive selection has occurred on a proportion of branches of the primate *Smc6*

phylogeny (episodic positive selection; BS-REL, p<0.05). To look more specifically for site-

specific positive selection, we used MEME and FUBAR, which are the most accepted

methods from HYPHY, as well as the posterior probabilities at codon sites in PAML and

Bio++ (M8 model) (Figure 2A). We confirmed that most codons in Smc6 have been

extremely conserved, with over 90% having a non-synonymous to synonymous nucleotide

(dN/dS) substitution ratio lower than 1 (Figure 2B). However, a few sites were identified as

having evolved under significant positive selection by one or several methods, consistent with

site-specific positive selection in the primate *Smc6* gene (Figure 2).

In addition to single codon substitutions, other forms of genetic changes may also be

adaptive in a virus-host "genetic conflict" (Daugherty & Malik, 2012; Etienne, 2015; Lou et

al., 2016). In particular, recombination, gene deletion or duplication, insertions and deletions

(indels) can also be advantageous for the host in the context of a virus-host "arms race".

These "genetic innovations" would be missed in typical methods screening for positive

selection. We found some indels in genes encoding for several Smc5/6 complex subunits

(Dataset S1). In particular, we found a 5-amino acid (aa) indel in the N-terminal region of

Smc5 (Figure 2C). The five New World monkey species, including the two sequenced in this

study, display a TASFT motif at this position. However, this 5-aa motif was not present in

any of the retrieved *Catarrhini* species sequences (n=13) (Figure 2C Hominoids and Old

World Monkeys; Dataset S1). To decipher if this 5-aa indel was specific to primates, we

extended our analysis to mammals. We found a significant plasticity within this region with

both indels and amino acid changes during mammalian evolution. For example, the

prosimians' proteins contain a 5-aa motif, but with amino acid differences in the TASFT

motif (TVSFT and AVAFT, respectively; Figure 2C). Another remarkable example of this N-

terminal plasticity was found in bats (*Chiroptera*). Most bat species contain a 5 amino acid

stretch (residues 36-40) but the sequence differs significantly (TVSFI, TVSFT, PDPFT,

TDTFT), while some bats carry an 8-10 amino acid deletion within this region (*Rhinolofus*

and *Hipposideros* species) (Figure S2). Therefore, although most of the Smc6 protein

sequences has been very conserved in primates and more generally in mammals, a few sites

have been under significant positive selection and show substantial genetic plasticity. These

signatures of genetic changes in an essential protein could be reminiscent of an evolutionary

"arms-race" with pathogenic viruses.

HBx and the woodchuck WHx counterpart promote degradation of the Smc5/6 complex

in diverse mammalian cell types and species

We next examined whether the identified interspecies variability of the Smc5/6

complex and the marks of adaptive selection in Smc6 have functional consequences on the

ability of HBx to promote the degradation of the Smc5/6 complex. Consistent with previous

studies (Decorsiere, et al. 2016; Murphy, et al. 2016), we found that HBx transduced in

various human cell lines, including HepG2 (hepatocyte carcinoma), 293T (kidney epithelial),

and HeLa (epithelial adenocarcinoma), triggers a similar decrease in endogenous Smc6 and

Nsmce4A protein levels (Figure S3). Similar results were obtained in U2OS (human

osteosarcoma) and A549 (human lung adenocarcinoma) cell lines (data not shown). This

indicates that this HBx activity is not cell-type specific.

We next tested the capacity of human HBx and the woodchuck WHx counterpart to

promote degradation of the Smc5/6 complex in cells derived from various primate species,

including human, tantalus African green monkey (*Chlorocebus tantalus*), vervet African

green monkey (*Chlorocebus pygerythrus*), and the New World owl monkey (*Aotus*

trivirgatus), as well as in ferret (*Mustela putorius furo*, carnivore) and mouse (*Mus musculus*,

rodent) cells (Figure 3). We amplified and sequenced the *Smc6* gene from these cells which

confirmed the breadth of our host species panel (Figure S4). Importantly, our host panel

sampled the variants at all the positive selection sites in Smc6, as well as other genetic

variability marks (Figure 3A). Cells from these six different species were transduced with a

lentivector encoding for GFP alone, GFP-HBx or GFP-WHx. Five days later, we found that

HBx and WHx expression had specifically triggered the degradation of the Smc5/6 complex

in all species tested (Figure 3B). This was true even for host species like owl monkey, which

harbor a 5-amino acid insertion in the N-terminal region of Smc6 (Figure 3A-B, Figure 2C)

and for Old World monkeys that, in contrast to New World monkeys and Hominoids, are not

natural hosts for hepadnaviruses (Figure 3B). This further shows that inter-species variability,

including amino-acid differences at sites under adaptive evolution, in Smc6 do not

significantly impact on HBx-mediated degradation of the complex (Figure 3A-B). Taken

together these results show that the antagonism of endogenous Smc5/6 by the viral HBx and

WHx is independent of the cell type and the mammalian host species.

Mammalian hepadnavirus HBx proteins show a conserved ability to counteract the

restriction activity of the human Smc5/6 complex

In a complementary experiment, we functionally compared the X proteins from

diverse mammalian hepadnaviruses for their ability to antagonize the Smc5/6 complex in

human cells. To span the entire orthohepadnavirus evolutionary history, we examined, in

addition to the human HBx and woodchuck WHx, a newly cloned X protein from a hepatitis

B virus that infects the New World wooly monkey and the newly cloned X proteins encoded

by three viruses infecting distantly related bat species; *Hipposideros cf. ruber* (roundleaf bat),

Rhinolophus alcyone (horseshoe bat), and *Uroderma bilobatum* (tent-making bat) (Figure

4A). As shown in Figure 4B these X proteins have highly divergent amino acid sequences

with some regions sharing essentially no homology. Despite this high sequence divergence,

all X proteins showed comparable ability to trigger degradation of the human Smc6 and

Nsmce4A proteins, when transduced in either HepG2 or 293T cells (Figures 4C and S5).

Previous work has shown that the Smc5/6 complex binds episomal DNA templates to block

transcription and that inactivation of the complex leads to an increased episomal gene

expression (Decorsière et al., 2016). Accordingly, a similar increase in expression of a

transiently transfected episomal luciferase reporter construct was observed in all

orthohepadnavirus X protein-expressing cells (Figure 4D). Thus, the ability to degrade and to

counteract the restriction activity of the Smc5/6 complex is conserved among mammalian

hepadnavirus X proteins.

Divergent mammalian X proteins efficiently rescue replication of an HBx-deficient

hepatitis B virus in primary human hepatocytes

We finally tested whether the X proteins from non-human orthohepadnaviruses would

substitute for HBx in an HBV replication assay. Primary human hepatocytes (PHH) were

transduced with lentiviruses expressing GFP alone or fused to one of the six

orthohepadnavirus X proteins, and four days later infected with the wild-type HBV or an

HBx-deficient HBV mutant (HBVΔX) (Figure 5A). As shown previously, human HBx

provided in trans fully rescued the replication defect of HBVΔX as measured by HBe and

HBs antigen secretion (Decorsière et al 2016). Strikingly, the X proteins from wooly monkey

(WMHBx), woodchuck (WHx), and three bat (TBHBx, HBHBx, and RBHBx) viruses were

all capable of restoring HBVΔX replication to comparable levels as shown by HBe and HBs

antigen secretion (Figure 5A). This occurred in the absence of changes in viral cccDNA levels

(Figure 5B) and was accompanied by a concomitant decrease in Smc6 protein levels (Figure

5C). These results provide functional evidence that orthohepadnavirus X proteins have a

conserved capacity to antagonize the antiviral function of Smc5/6 and that this occurs in a

species-independent fashion.

Discussion

268   In this study, we traced the evolutionary history of the genes encoding the six

components of the Smc5/6 complex, as well as the genes for the Smc1-4 core subunits of

cohesin and condensin. We show that Smc1-4 and the Smc5/6 complex have been highly

conserved in primates. The only exception is the *Smc6* gene, which shows some signatures of

adaptive selection during mammalian evolution. These include several sites under positive

selection and insertion/deletion events during mammalian evolution, which could be

reminiscent of a virus-host evolutionary "arms-race".

275   To examine if HBV, which is currently the only virus reported to be restricted by the

Smc5/6 complex, has contributed to shape the evolution of the complex, we tested several

orthohepadnavirus X proteins for their ability to antagonize the Smc5/6 complex across

species. We found that all the X proteins we tested, including those encoded by distantly

related bat HBVs, were equally efficient in antagonizing Smc5/6 in human and other

mammalian cells. This conserved property suggests that the interaction between the Smc5/6

complex and HBx is independent of the sites under genetic conflicts that we identified in this

study. Thus, HBx does not seem to have driven the evolution of Smc5/6 in primates and,

more broadly, in mammals.

Overall, we did not identify strong signatures of positive selection in the Smc5/6

complex as typically found in other known restriction factors (Daugherty & Malik, 2012;

Duggal & Emerman, 2012; Etienne, 2015; Kluge et al., 2015). This is surprising given that

the antagonistic relationship between HBx and Smc5/6 has likely been played out over tens of

millions of years (Suh et al., 2014). There are at least three possible explanations for this

apparent inconsistency. Firstly, Smc5/6 has an evolutionarily highly conserved architecture

and it performs fundamental functions in cellular genome maintenance, and thus has likely

evolved under strong purifying selection. This is in contrast to most other described

restriction factors, such as APOBEC3G and TRIM5, that are dedicated to their antiviral

intrinsic immune functions (Kluge et al., 2015; Malim & Bieniasz, 2012). However, our

findings show similarities both at the evolutionary and functional levels with the Serine

incorporator proteins SERINC3 and SERINC5. These cellular proteins were recently found to

act as restriction factors against lentiviruses (Heigele et al., 2016; Murrell, Vollbrecht,

Guatelli, & Wertheim, 2016; Rosa et al., 2015; Usami, Wu, & Gottlinger, 2015). Despite their

antiviral function and their antagonism by the lentiviral Nef protein, SERINC3 and SERINC5

also show little evidence for positive selection (Murrell, et al. 2016). Like Smc5/6, the

SERINC proteins have important cellular functions and are not part of the interferon signaling

pathway. The Smc5/6 complex and the SERINC proteins may therefore fall into a separate

category of restriction factors that have dual antiviral and essential cellular functions, and

therefore have limited evolutionary opportunities. In an extreme scenario, host proteins might

not be able to "escape" from the viral antagonist and it is likely that viruses have adapted to

target such constrained host proteins (i.e. "viral strategy") (Enard et al., 2016; Jager et al.,

2011). The thorough evolutionary analysis of such constrained restriction factors would

benefit from novel bioinformatic methodologies specifically designed to identify adaptive

evolution that operates on a background of strong purifying selection and that may further

involve genetic innovations other than site-specific positive selection (e.g. indels,

recombination).

A second possible explanation for the lack of strong positive selection in the Smc5/6

complex is that orthohepadnaviruses may not have been strong drivers of mammalian genome

adaptation. Indeed, acute HBV infection is mostly asymptomatic, and when evolving into

chronic infection the symptoms and associated morbidity appear late in life, after the

reproductive age (WHO IARC Monograph). Arguing against this interpretation are the

findings of Enard and colleagues, who provided evidence that most cellular genes reported in

the literature to encode HBV-interacting proteins show a strong excess of adaptation (Enard et

al., 2016). This, however, remains to be functionally demonstrated because, to our

knowledge, no study to date has reported evidence for a direct evolutionary "arms-race"

between an HBV protein and a cellular factor.

A third possibility is that HBx interacts with the Smc5/6 complex indirectly, through a

yet unknown intermediate cellular protein. Although we cannot formally exclude this

possibility, none of our studies so far suggests that this is the case. In particular, no common

cellular protein in addition to the DDB1 subunit of the E3 ligase and the six Smc5/6 subunits

was recovered from HBx-expressing cells in pull down experiments with either HBx or

Smc5/6, as would be expected for an adaptor protein bridging HBx to the complex (FA and

MS, unpublished). We can further exclude any "evolutionary conflict" between DDB1 and

HBV, because DDB1 is under strong purifying selection (data not shown) and our assays in

heterologous species cells allow us to robustly exclude any species-specificity between HBx

and a hypothetical endogenous intermediate factor. Nevertheless, the exact HBx-Smc5/6

interface remains unknown. Evolutionary and mutagenesis analyses of HBx did not allow us

to identify the viral determinants of the interaction with Smc5/6 (data not shown). The

analysis of structural/docking models ((Letko, Booiman, Kootstra, Simon, & Ooms, 2015;

Richards et al., 2015) for example) might contribute to solve this virus-host interface.

It is really remarkable that all the orthohepadnavirus X proteins that we tested

antagonize the Smc5/6 complex and share the ability to fully substitute for human HBx in an

HBV infection assay using primary human hepatocytes, especially given their low sequence

identity (<38% identity for some pairs). These findings suggest that the Smc5/6 antiviral

restriction activity is conserved among mammals and provide additional evidence that

antagonizing the Smc5/6 complex is a major function of HBx during HBV infection.

(Chouteau et al., 2001; Drexler et al., 2013; Lempp et al., 2017). Our findings further imply

that, in contrast to what has been documented for other restriction factors (Sawyer & Elde,

2012), Smc5/6 does not act as a species-barrier to the potential zoonotic transmission of bat or

primate HBVs to humans (Chouteau et al., 2001; Drexler et al., 2013; Lempp et al., 2017;

Yan et al., 2012).

HBVs are however not restricted to mammals as they are also found in birds, fishes,

and amphibians (Dill et al., 2016; Geoghegan, Duchene, & Holmes, 2017; Hahn et al., 2015).

Because these latter viruses appear to lack an *X* gene (Dill et al., 2016; Hahn et al., 2015; Suh

et al., 2014), it would be interesting to explore if they are also restricted by Smc5/6, and if so,

what strategy do these divergent hepadnaviruses use to circumvent the antiviral restriction.

Finally, because mammalian *Smc6* has some evidence of adaptive evolution

independently of HBV pressure, it raises the possibility that the *Smc6* gene has been engaged

in an evolutionary "arms-race" with other pathogenic viruses. For example, the evolutionary

adaptive changes identified in the lentiviral restriction factor MxB have not been driven by

lentiviruses but likely by other pathogens (P. S. Mitchell, Young, Emerman, & Malik, 2015;

Murrell et al., 2016). In addition, restriction factors with a broad antiviral spectrum, such as

MxA or PKR, have been evolutionarily driven by several pathogens (Elde, Child, Geballe, &

Malik, 2009; Patrick S. Mitchell, Emerman, & Malik, 2013). It will be interesting to

determine whether other DNA viruses are restricted by the Smc5/6 complex and, if so,

whether they have contributed to shape the evolution of the Smc5/6 complex.

Methods

Cell lines and culture

Cells were maintained in DMEM supplemented with 10% fetal calf serum. Human

cell lines used in the study were: human embryonic kidney 293T cells, the human hepatoma

cell lines HepG2 (ATCC HB-8065), and HeLa cells. Old World monkey cells used were:

tantalus African green monkey AGM (*Chlorocebus tantalus*) COS-7 cells (a gift from Branka

Horvat, CIRI Lyon) and vervet AGM (*Chlorocebus pygerythrus*) Vero cells. New World

monkey cells were: Owl monkey (*Aotus trivirgatus*) OMK cells (CelluloNet Lyon) and

Coton-headed tamarin (*Saguinus oedipus*) B95a cells (a gift from Branka Horvat). We also

used ferret (MPF, *Mustela putorius furo*) and mouse cells (NIH3T3, a gift from Theophile

Olmann's lab, CIRI Lyon). The species identity of all the cell lines used in this study was

confirmed by amplification and sequencing of the Cytochrome b and/or beta-actin (data not

shown).

Expression Plasmids

The lentivirus vectors pWPT expressing GFP, GFP-HBx, and GFP-WHx have been

previously described (Leupin, Bontron, Schaeffer, & Strubin, 2005; Lin-Marq, Bontron,

Leupin, & Strubin, 2001; van Breugel et al., 2012). The X coding regions (synthesized by

Genewiz) from hepadnaviruses infecting the New World wooly monkey (*Lagothrix*)

(WMHBx), three distant bat species including the roundleaf bat (*Hipposideros cf. ruber*), the

horseshoe bat (*Rhinolophus Alcyone*), and the tent-making bat (*Uroderma bilobatum*)

(RBHBx, HBHBx, TBHBx, respectively) (Drexler et al., 2013) were expressed from the same

vector. The X insert was ligated to the pWPT-GFP backbone between the PstI and NotI sites

following the T4 DNA (NEB-M0202) ligation protocol. The plasmid was then transformed

388 following the High Efficiency Transformation Protocol using NEB 10-beta Competent E. coli

389 (NEB-C3019). All the X-expressing plasmids were checked by Sanger sequencing using

390 eGFP-F primer, 5'-CAT GGT CCT GCT GGA GTT CGT G-3', and pWPT-R, 5'-CAT GGT

391 CCT GCT GGA GTT CGT G-3'.

393 **Transfection and transduction**

394  For recombinant lentivirus production, plasmids were transfected in 293T cells by the

395 Calcium Phosphate-method. Briefly, 4.5×10^6 cells were plated in a 10cm-dish and transfected

396 12h later with 15 μg of the X protein-expressing lentiviral vectors, 10 μg of packaging

397 plasmid (psPAX2, gift from Didier Trono (Addgene plasmid # 12260)), and 5 μg of envelope

398 (pMD2G, gift from Didier Trono (Addgene plasmid # 12259)). Media was changed 6h post-

399 transfection. After 48h, the viral supernatants were collected and stored at -80°C. The viral

400 supernatants were titrated by transducing 293T or HeLa cells and measuring the GFP

401 expression by FACS 5 days later. The different mammalian cell lines were transduced by

402 plating 0.1-0.5 $\times 10^6$ cells in 12-well plates and adding 4-6h later appropriate volumes of viral

403 supernatants to obtain at least 75% of GFP positive cells. Because of the strong post-entry

404 block against the lentiviral vector in OMK cells due to the owl monkey TRIMcyp (Sayah,

405 Sokolskaja, Berthoux, & Luban, 2004), cyclosporine A was added (final concentration

406 2.5μM) to increase transduction efficiencies in these cells. Five days post-transduction, cells

407 were collected for FACS and Western blot analysis. For AGM Cos-7 cells, transduction

408 efficiencies were low and GFP-positive cells were isolated using FACS AsriaII sorting.

410 **Luciferase reporter assay**

411 Transfection of plasmid DNA in HepG2 cells was performed using X-tremeGENE HP DNA

412 Transfection Reagent (Roche) following the manufacturer's instructions. For luciferase

reporter gene assay cells were typically seeded at a density of about 6×10^5 cells per 30mm

diameter well (1×10^5 cells/cm2) and reverse-transfected with 30 ng of reporter plasmid DNA

pCMV-Gluc (New England Biolabs) and 2 μg of empty EBS-PL vector. The next day cells

were transduced with lentiviral vectors encoding GFP or the diverse GFP-tagged viral X

proteins. Five to seven days later GLuc activity was measured by adding 5 μL of the cell

supernatant sample to 50 μL room temperature assay buffer (100 mM NaCl, 35 mM EDTA,

0.1% tween 20, 300 mM Sodium ascorbate, 0,8 μM coelenterazine in PBS 1X), and

immediately measuring luminescence in a luminometer (Glomax, Promega).

Western blotting

Western blot analyses were performed as previously described (Decorsiere et al.,

2016). Cells were disrupted in 2% SDS and briefly sonicated. The protein concentration was

estimated and normalized using the BCA Protein Assay (Novagen). The membranes were

probed with 1:5,000 mouse monoclonal anti-GFP antibody (Roche 11814460001) to detect

the GFP-tagged X proteins, 1:1,000 mouse monoclonal antibodies against Smc6 (Abgent

AT3956a), 1:1,000 rabbit polyclonal anti-Nse4 (Abgent AP9909A), 1:10,000 mouse

monoclonal anti-GAPDH (Sigma-Aldrich G8795) antibodies. Horseradish peroxidase-

conjugated sheep anti-rabbit or anti-mouse IgG (Amersham Biosciences, at 1:5,000) were

used as secondary antibodies. Detection was performed by ECL (Pierce).

PHH isolation, HBV infection, ELISA

PHHs were isolated from human liver tissue as previously described (Gripon, Diot, &

Guguen-Guillouzo, 1993) from three donors. They were infected with PCR normalized HBV

or HBVΔX at an MOI of 500 viral genome equivalents per cell (Lucifora et al., 2011). An

ELISA (Autobio Diagnostics) was used to determine the amount of HBe and HBs antigens in

culture media from infected or mock infected PHHs. The efficiency of infection was

controlled by quantitative PCR analyses specific for the viral cccDNA using beta-globin

levels to normalize cell numbers. DNA from infected and transduced cells was extracted

using the Epicentre kit. For the cccDNA analysis, T5 exonuclease (TSE44111K Epicentre)

was added and the DNA further incubated at 37°C for 30 min and 30 min at 70°C. Specific

TaqMan probes and primers were then used to assess the cccDNA content as described in

(Allweiss et al., 2017).

Transduction levels were estimated by the GFP expression in transduced cells by FACS

analyses (BD FACS Calibur).

***De novo* sequencing of Smc5/6 genes**

Total RNA was extracted from 10^7 cells following the manufacturer instructions

(NucleoSpin RNA Blood, Macheray-Nagel 740200). Reverse transcription was performed

using the SuperScript III Reverse Transcriptase (ThermoFisher 18080) with random hexamers

and oligo(dT). Single-round PCR of overlapping fragments were generated using the Q5 high

fidelity DNA polymerase (NEB M0491) following the manufacturer instructions. Sequences

of the *Smc6* gene from owl monkey (OMK), coton-headed monkey (B95a), tantalus and

vervet AGM (Cos7 and Vero), human (293T and HepG2), and ferret (MPF) cells were

obtained. Primers used for the amplification and the sequencing are given in Table S1.

Host phylogenetic analyses

Sequences of primate or mammalian orthologous genes were retrieved from publically

available databases using UCSC Blat and NCBI Blastn with the human sequence as the query.

After including sequences obtained from *de novo* sequencing in this study, the sequences of

the orthologues were codon-aligned using Muscle (Edgar, 2004) with minor adjustments

(alignments are in Dataset S1). The name of each sequence has been uniformed: the first three

letters of the host genus name followed by the first three letters of the species name (e.g.

papAnu for *Papio Anubis*, or macMul for *Macaca mulata*). When sequences were retrieved

using Blat on the primate full-genome assembly, the name of the genome assembly was used

(e.g. panTro4 for *Pan troglodytes*, or hg38 for human). The synteny of each locus of interest

was analyzed in UCSC using Blat and the Genome Browser. When necessary, the genomic

sequences were further retrieved and aligned to a reference gene to determine the

pseudogenes and the gene orders (Figure S1).

We used GARD from HYPHY to perform the recombination analyses with a cut-off at

p<0.05 (Kosakovsky Pond et al., 2006; Pond, Frost, & Muse, 2005). PhyML was used for the

phylogenetic reconstructions with a HKY+G+I model and aLRT or 1,000 bootstrap replicates

for branch support (Guindon et al., 2010).

Positive selection analyses

Maximum-likelihood tests to assay for positive selection were performed using three

platforms: HYPHY from Kosakovsky Pond and colleagues, PAML from Yang and

colleagues, and Bio++ from Dutheil, Guéguen and colleagues (Gueguen et al., 2013; Pond et

al., 2005; Yang, 2007). In HYPHY, we used PARRIS to detect if a subset of sites in the

alignment have evolved under positive selection (Scheffler et al., 2006). We further used the

more recent BUSTED method, which detects gene-wide evidence of positive selection within

a codon-alignment (Murrell et al., 2015). In PAML, we used Codeml with the corresponding

gene tree inferred with PhyML as input. Parameters were checked using M0 model. The gene-

coding sequence alignments were fit to models that disallow (M7) or allow (M8) positive

selection. For several genes, we did not get convergence certainly because genes were too

conserved and the sum of dS across the tree was too low. We therefore exclude the Codeml

and Bio++ analyses of seven genes, for which the p or the q parameters of the beta

distribution was extreme (<0.05 or >99 (Yang, 2007)) (Figure 1C, NA). The likelihood of

models was compared using a chi-squared test to derive p values.

For the *Smc6* gene, for which we found evidence of positive selection in some of the

previously described methods, we further analyzed (i) which lineage(s) during primate

evolution have been subjected to positive selection (i.e. when did the gene experience rapid

evolution?) and (ii) which sites have been under positive selection (i.e. where has the gene

evolved more rapidly than expected?). For branch-specific analyses, we used BS-REL from

HYPHY, which identifies if certain lineages have undergone positive selection (Kosakovsky

Pond et al., 2011). To detect episodic site-specific positively selected sites, we used MEME

from HYPHY (Murrell et al., 2012). We also ran FUBAR in Datamonkey, which uses

Bayesian inference to detect positive and negative selection at individual sites (Murrell et al.,

2013). In Bio++ and Codeml, we used the Bayesian Posterior Probability and the BEB

analysis from the respective M8 model to identify codons with dN/dS>1 (sites with posterior

probability > 0.90 are presented here, Figure 2A).

Virus phylogenetics

The nucleotide sequences of the *X* gene from orthohepadnaviruses were retrieved

using Blastn with the human HBx as the query. Only one sequence per orthohepadnaviral

lineage was retained for this analysis. We performed the amino acid alignment with Muscle

(total length, 161aa) and we used PhyML for the phylogenetic reconstructions with a

JTT+G+I model and 1,000 bootstrap replicates for branch support (Guindon et al., 2010).

Ethics statement

512   PHHs were prepared from surgical liver resections provided by Pr Michel Rivoire's,

513 Pr. Jean-Yves Mabrut's and Dr. Guillaume Passot's departments. Approval from the local and

514 national ethics committees (French Ministry of Research and Education numbers AC-2013-

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517 **Accession numbers**

518 All the new *Smc6* sequences are available at GenBank under accession numbers MF624755 to

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Figure legends

Figure 1. Smc6 is the least conserved subunit of the Smc5/6 complex in primates

A, Architecture of the Smc5/6 complex. The complex is made of two core subunits (Smc5 and Smc6) and four non-SMC elements (Nscme1-4).

B, Phylogenetic analysis of primate *Smc6* genes. Sequences were aligned with MUSCLE and phylogeny was performed with PhyML and an HKY+I+G model with aLRT as statistical support (**, aLRT>0.8). Newly sequenced genes (arrow) are indicated. The newly sequenced *Smc6* from *Chlorocebus pygerythrus* (chlPyg_Vero cells) is not represented because the nucleotide sequence is identical to the retrieved *Chlorocebus sabaeus* (chlSab) sequence of *Smc6*. Alignments and phylogenies of the ten SMC analyzed genes are available in Supplementary Dataset S1.

C, Positive selection analysis of the indicated genes during primate evolution. Shown are the p-values obtained using four different methods (BUSTED, PARRIS, PAML Codeml, and Bio++; see Methods). The p-values of the maximum-likelihood tests indicate whether the model that allows positive selection better fits the data (*: statistically significant). NA, results are not available because convergence was not obtained for these genes and/or analyses (see Methods).

Figure 2. Evidence of episodic site-specific positive selection in Smc6 during primate evolution

A, Specific sites in Smc6 are under positive selection. Codon-alignments were analyzed using four different positive selection tests: MEME, which detects site-specific episodic positive selection; FUBAR, similar in a Bayesian framework; and Bio++ and PAML Codeml (M8), which detect site-specific positive selection (see Methods). The table shows the codon-sites

showing significant positive selection (i.e. that passed the widely accepted p-value or posterior probability (PP) cut-offs for each method). The statistical thresholds used in each test are shown in the table. Codons identified as being under positive selection in at least two of the four tests are indicated by an asterisk.

B, Graphic depicting the proportion of sites in Smc6 at a given dN/dS ratio, calculated with BUSTED. A very few number of Smc6 sites are under positive selection. Ratio dN/dS<1, negative selection; dN/dS=1, neutrality; and dN/dS>1, positive selection.

C, Marks of "genetic conflicts" in Smc6. Sites under positive selection in primates, as well as the plasticity of the N-terminal region of Smc6 in mammals are shown. Amino acid alignment was performed with MUSCLE, and residue's color coding is from RasMol. A and B correspond to the globular domain that contain a Walker A and Walker B motif, respectively. Dashes indicate gaps. One non-primate mammal species was arbitrarily chosen for the schematic representation. The mammal sequence illustrates only one possibility of the natural inter-species sequence variations that have been important in this region (Dataset S3). For example, the extensive plasticity of the N-terminal region during bat evolution is further illustrated in Figure S2.

Figure 3. HBx and WHx can degrade the Smc5/6 complex in cells from diverse mammalian species

A, Amino acid differences at the sites of "genetic conflict" in Smc6 between the host species tested in panel B. Note that all statistically significant marks of potential evolutionary "arms-race" identified in Figure 2 are represented. Asterisks denote the sites that were found under positive selection by at least two methods.

B, The human (HBx) and woodchuck (WHx) HBV X proteins promote degradation of the Smc5/6 complex in primate, rodent, and carnivore cells (n=6 species). Cells were either mock

transduced or transduced with a lentivector encoding GFP, GFP-HBx or GFP-WHx. After 4-5 days, cell lysates were prepared and run on an SDS gel and probed for Smc6 and Nsmce4A, two essential subunits of the Smc5/6 complex, using primary antibodies against the human protein. Note that rodent Smc6 could not be detected. GAPDH serves as a loading control.

Figure 4. Highly divergent mammalian HBV X proteins show a conserved property of antagonizing Smc5/6 restriction in human cells

A, Phylogenetic analysis of the X proteins from hepadnaviruses that naturally infect mammals. The viral X proteins tested in our *in vitro* functional assays (C and D) are highlighted by an asterisk. Phylogenetic analysis of orthohepadnaviral X proteins was performed using a 161-amino acid alignment obtained with MUSCLE (Dataset S2) and the tree was built with PhyML and a JTT+I+G model with 1,000 bootstrap replicates. Bootstrap values (> 800/1000) are indicated at the nodes. The tree was rooted for representation purposes according to Drexler et al. 2013 (but the outgroup of orthohepadnavirus is still under debate (Dill et al., 2016)). The scale bar indicates the number of amino acid substitutions per site. We analyzed the X proteins from GSHBV, ground squirrel; ASHBV, arctic squirrel; woodchuck WHV; three bat viruses (RBHBV, HBHBV, and TBHBV naturally infecting *Hipposideros cf. ruber* (roundleaf bat), *Rhinolophus alcyone* (horseshoe bat), and *Uroderma bilobatum* (tent-making bat), respectively); wooly monkey WMHBV; human HBV and other indicated hominoids.

B, Amino acid alignment of the viral X proteins used in B and C. The black-to-white gradient depicts high-to-low sequence identity. The open reading frames (ORFs) overlapping with HBx are shown, as well as the DDB1-binding region in the human HBx protein (Li, Robert, van Breugel, Strubin, & Zheng, 2010). Of note, we suspect that all orthohepadnavirus X

proteins are able to recruit the DDB1 complex although the domain by which they do so appears non-homologous at the sequence level.

C, Degradation of the human Smc5/6 complex by mammalian X proteins. Human hepatoma HepG2 cells were either mock transduced (Mock) or transduced with a lentivector expressing GFP alone or fused to the indicated X proteins. Western blot analysis of the endogenous Smc6 and Nsmce4A was performed (see Methods). GAPDH serves as a loading control. Supplementary Data are found in associated Figure S5.

D, Effect of mammalian X proteins on transiently transfected reporter gene activity. HepG2 cells were transfected with a luciferase reporter construct and the next day transduced with lentiviral vectors expressing the indicated proteins as above. At day 5-7, the luciferase activity was measured and the fold-increase of RLU (relative light units) versus the GFP control condition (set at 1) is shown. The mean of two independent experiments is shown, along with the standard deviation.

Figure 5. The X proteins from six orthohepadnaviruses can all fully rescue the replication defect of an HBx-deficient HBV in primary human hepatocytes (PHHs)

A, PHHs were mock-transduced or transduced with GFP or the indicated X proteins and infected with wild-type HBV or an HBx-deficient HBV (HBVΔX). HBe and HBs antigen secretion was quantified 7 days later by ELISA. Antigen concentrations are relative to wild-type HBV, which was set to 100. Data are mean ± SEM of independent experiments performed with three different PHH donors.

B, The HBV cccDNA levels were measured at day 7 post-infection by real-time PCR. Values are expressed relative to β-globin mRNA levels to normalize to cell number. The results are the mean +/- SEM for the levels seen in PHHs from two donors.

C, Smc6 degradation in PHHs expressing X proteins from different HBV lineages. Protein extracts where prepared from the cells above and Smc6 protein levels were analyzed by Western blot. Actin serves as a loading control. Supplementary Data are found in associated Figure S6.

Table 1. Primate species and sequences that we included in the evolutionary analyses of the SMC complexes. The asterisks indicate the sequences newly obtained in this study. The total number of primate species (sp) and individuals (ID) included in each gene analysis is indicated at the bottom. The abbreviated species names are found in parentheses (See Methods for details).

Supplementary Information and Data

Supplementary Figures

Figure S1. Synteny conservation of Smc5/6 complex genes during primate evolution. The six essential genes of the complex were analyzed in UCSC with the Genome Browser and Blat. For each gene, at least four primate species were fully analyzed: two great apes (human and gibbon), at least one Old World monkey (baboon and/or macaque), and at least one New World monkey (squirrel monkey and/or marmoset). The genes of interest are shown with their orientation (white arrow). Nscme1-4 are abbreviated Nse1-4. The genes in the flanking regions are shown in grey boxes. The reference of the chromosome or assembly is given on the right. For three subunits (Nscme2, Nsmce3, and Nscme4a), we found evidence of potential pseudogenes with premature stop codons (annotated with an asterisk) in non-human primate species.

Figure S2. Plasticity of the N-terminal region of Smc6 during the bat's evolution.

Truncated amino acid alignment (region 20-47) of Smc6 sequences from bats (names of bat species are abbreviated: three first letters of the genus followed by the three first letters of the species). On the left, cladogram of the bat Smc6. Amino acid alignment was performed with Muscle, and residue's color coding is from RasMol (in Geneious). Dashes indicate gaps.

Figure S3. HBx from human HBV degrades the human Smc5/6 complex in a cell-type independent manner. Protein expression of endogenous Smc6 and Nscme4A from three human cell lines (HepG2, 293T, HeLa cells) that were previously transduced with a lentivector expressing GFP only (GFP) or the HBx protein from human HBV with the GFP reporter (HBx). GAPDH serves as a loading control.

Figure S4. Phylogeny of the mammalian *Smc6* highlighting the species that were functionally tested in Figure 3. Our panel of host species cell sample Smc6 diversity. Nucleotide sequences were aligned with MUSCLE and phylogeny was built with PhyML and a HKY+I+G model with aLRT as statistical support (Dataset S5, Table S2). The tree was rooted according to the accepted mammalian species tree. Host species that were functionally tested are highlighted with the name of the corresponding cell line in red.

Figure S5. Associated to Figure 4. **The X proteins from six divergent mammalian hepadnaviruses degrade the Smc5/6 complex from (A) human (293T cells), (B) New World owl monkey (OMK cells), and (C) mouse (NIH3T3 cells).**
As in Figure 4, human 293T cells (A), owl monkey OMK cells (B), or mouse NIH3T3 cells were transduced with a lentivector expressing only GFP (control), or the GFP-fused X protein

from diverse hepadnaviruses: human HBV, woodchuck WHV, wooly monkey WMHBV, and viruses from three bat species (RBHBV, HBHBV, and TBHBV naturally infecting *Hipposideros cf. ruber* (roundleaf bat), *Rhinolophus alcyone* (horseshoe bat), and *Uroderma bilobatum* (tent-making bat), respectively), or a mock control. Western blot analysis of the endogenous Smc6 and Nsmce4A was performed (see Methods). Note that mouse Smc6 could not be detected. GAPDH serves as a loading control.

Figure S6. Associated to Figure 5. The X proteins from six orthohepadnaviral lineages can all rescue the replication of an HBx-deficient HBV in primary human hepatocytes (PHHs).

A, Smc6 degradation was seen in PHHs expressing the X protein from different lineages. Protein extracts where prepared from infected cells on day 7 and Smc6 levels analyzed by western blot. Data shown is a representative gel from the PHHs from one donor (different from Figure 5C).

B, Transduction levels were estimated by the GFP expression (from HBx-GFP or GFP alone) in transduced cells by FACS analyses (BD FACS Calibur).

Supplementary Tables

Table S1. Primers used to amplify and sequence endogenous Smc6 from different mammalian cell lines.

Table S2. Species used for the phylogeny of the mammalian *Smc6* (Figure S4). In red: the genes that were newly sequenced

Supplementary Dataset

Dataset S1. Host gene alignments used in the study (fasta files) and phylogenetic analyses (newick format)

Dataset S2. Orthohepadnaviral HBx amino acid alignment (interleaved phylip format)

Dataset S3. Phylogenetic analyses of Smc5/6 in mammals (fasta and newick format)

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A

B Smc6 (3,291bp)
PhyML aLRT

― 0.0030

Old World Monkeys

macMul
rheMac
macFas
papAnu
cerAty
chlTan_Cos7 ←
chlSab
rhiRox
colAng

Hominoids

homSap_293T ←
hg18
panTro4
panPan
ponAbe2
nomLeu3

New World Monkeys

aotTri_OMK ←
saiBol
cebCap
sagOed_B95a ←
calJac

C

	Smc5/6 complex						Cohesin (Smc genes)		Condensin (Smc genes)	
	Nsmce1	Nsmce2	Nsmce3	Nsmce4a	Smc5	Smc6	Smc1	Smc3	Smc2	Smc4
BUSTED (p value)	1	0.98	1	1	1	0.02*	1	1	0.81	1
PARRIS (p value)	0.48	1	1	0.81	1	0.19	1	1	1	1
PAML Codeml M7 vs M8 (p value)	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.48	NA	NA	NA	1
Biopp M7 vs M8 (p value)	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.05*	NA	NA	NA	0.94

Figure 2 – Filleton et al.

A

Method		Codons under positive selection							
MEME	(p<0.1)		279	426	489	628			930
FUBAR	(PP>0.8 for β>α)	173		426				697	930
BPP M8	(PP>0.9)							697	930
PAML M8	(PP>0.9)								930
Intersect	Total	173	279	426*	489	628	697*	930*

B

Smc6 (BUSTED)

C

Smc6

5+aa indel

Positive selection sites
in primates
(* in several methods)

A

Smc6

B

A

Infection of Primary Human Hepatocytes (PHHs) from three donors

B

cccDNA/cell

C

HBVΔX infection with the corresponding X

Smc6

Actin

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		Smc5/6 complex						Cohesin (Smc genes)		Condensin (Smc genes)	
		Nsmce1	Nsmce2	Nsmce3	Nsmce4a	Smc5	Smc6	Smc1	Smc3	Smc2	Smc4
Hominoids	Human	1	1	1	1	1	2*	1	1	1	1
	Chimp (panTro)	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1
	Bonobo (panPan)	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1
	Gorilla (gorGor)	1	1	1		1	1		2	1	1
	Orangutan (ponAbe)	1	1	1	1		1	1	1		
	Gibbon (nomLeu)	1	1	1				1		1	1
Old World Monkeys (OWMs)	Olive baboon (papAnu)	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1
	Sooty mangabey (cerAty)	1	1	1		1	1	1		1	1
	Drill (manLeu)	1	1	1		1		1	1		1
	Sabaeus AGM (chlSab)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Tantalus AGM (chlTan)						1*				
	Rhesus macaque (macMul)	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1
	Pig-tailed macaque (macNem)	1		1	1			1		1	1
	Crab-eating macaque (macFas)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Colobus (colAng)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Golden snub-nosed monkey (rhiRox)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Black snub-nosed monkey (rhiBie)	1	1	1	1			1	1		1
New World Monkey (NWMs)	Marmoset (calJac)		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Coton-headed tamarin (sagOed)						1*				
	Three-stripped owl monkey (aotTri)						1*				
	Nancy Ma's owl monkey (aotNan)	1	1		1	1		1	1	1	1
	Squirrel monkey (saiBol)	1	1	1		1	1	1		1	
	Capuchin (cebCap)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1
		20 ID / 19 sp	20 sp	20 ID / 19 sp	14 sp	18 ID / 17 sp	20 ID / 18 sp	18 sp	18 ID / 16 sp	17 ID / 16 sp	18 sp

Supplementary Data

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A

Human (293T cells)

B

New World owl monkey
(OMK cells)

C

Mouse
(NIH3T3 cells)

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