KSHV requires eIF3d for cholesterol biosynthesis to support lytic replication

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ABSTRACT

Herpesvirus genomes are decoded by host RNA polymerase II, generating messenger ribonucleic acids (mRNAs) that are post-transcriptionally modified and exported to the cytoplasm. These viral mRNAs have $5'$-m^{7}GTP caps and poly-adenylate (polyA) tails that should permit assembly of canonical eukaryotic initiation factor 4F (eIF4F) cap-binding complexes to initiate protein synthesis. However, we have shown that chemical disruption of eIF4F does not impede KSHV lytic replication, suggesting that alternative translation initiation factors (TIFs) support viral protein synthesis. Here we show that eIF4F and an alternative TIF known as eIF3d both contribute to the accumulation of viral proteins during KSHV lytic replication, with eIF3d supporting accumulation of viral proteins when eIF4F is depleted and *vice-versa*. However, eIF3d depletion greatly diminished release of infectious virions even when eIF4F was available to compensate for lost translation initiation capacity. This viral replication failure in the absence of eIF3d correlated with diminished accumulation of many enzymes in the cholesterol biosynthetic pathway and reduced accumulation of intracellular cholesterol. Moreover, we demonstrated that eIF3d was required to support efficient translation of essential cholesterol biosynthesis enzymes SQLE and MVK during lytic replication. These findings position eIF3d as a critical TIF not only required to support efficient translation of KSHV lytic mRNAs during times of need, but also to support the accumulation of intracellular cholesterol required to successfully complete an infectious cycle.

INTRODUCTION

All viruses use host translation machinery to create viral proteins. DNA viruses, such as herpesviruses, replicate in the nucleus where they can access the full complement of host transcription machinery [1–3]. Thus, herpesvirus mRNAs are transcribed by RNA polymerase II (Pol II) and processed by enzymes that add 5′ m^7GTP caps and 3' poly-adenylate (polyA) tails, features that promote mRNA stability and provide access to the same cap-dependent translation-initiation factors (TIF) employed by cellular mRNAs [2,4]. In typical cell culture experiments (normoxia, rich culture media, hard plastic substrate), approximately two-thirds of global protein synthesis requires eIF4F [5], a protein complex comprising the m^7GTP cap-binding protein eIF4E1, the scaffolding protein eIF4G1 (or eIF4G3), and the eIF4A RNA helicase [6–9]. After the cap is bound by eIF4E1, eIF4G1/3 recruits eIF3 and the small ribosomal subunit to initiate scanning for the start codon. eIF4A with its cofactors eIF4B and eIF4H reduce secondary structure in the 5′ untranslated region (UTR) to facilitate this process [7,8].

In response to nutrients and growth signals, mechanistic target of rapamycin complex 1 (mTORC1) regulates translation initiation by promoting assembly of the eIF4F initiation complex. When unphosphorylated, repressive 4E-BP1 proteins bind to the eIF4E cap-binding protein and prevent recruitment the eIF4G1/3 scaffolding protein. mTORC1-mediated phosphorylation of 4E-BP1 liberates eIF4E and enables eIF4F assembly and subsequent recruitment of the eIF3 complex and the small ribosomal subunit [1,9,10]. mTORC1 inhibition causes widespread decreases in protein synthesis, but transcripts bearing 5′ terminal oligopyrimidine (TOP) sequences [6] or pyrimidine-rich translational element (PRTE) sequences [11] at their 5′ ends are especially sensitive to mechanistic target of rapamycin complex 1 (mTORC1) inhibition. When eIF4F assembly is inhibited in response to nutrient scarcity or treatment with mTORC1 inhibitors, residual translation can be supported by eIF3d, a subunit of eIF3 that contains a cap-binding domain and can direct cap-dependent translation [5,12–14]. The cap-binding domain of eIF3d is normally blocked by phosphorylation by casein kinase 2 (CK2) in fed cells, but this phosphorylation is lost during glucose starvation, indicating that access to eIF3d is metabolically regulated [13].

Herpesviruses from all subfamilies (alpha-, beta-, and gammaherpesviruses) have been shown to activate mTORC1 during lytic replication [15–18], but paradoxically, virion production is only modestly reduced by mTORC1 inhibition [17,19,20]. We and others have shown that eIF4F assembles and remains sensitive to the mTORC1 active-site inhibitor Torin throughout the

Kaposi's sarcoma-associated herpesvirus (KSHV) lytic replication cycle [17,18,21]. These findings

suggested that translation of KSHV mRNAs can be supported alternative host TIFs during lytic

replication. Here, to better understand the determinants of KSHV protein synthesis in the context

of lytic replication, we used polysome profiling to measure translational efficiency (TE) of viral

mRNAs and proteomics to measure accumulation of viral proteins. We discovered that eIF4F and

eIF3d both contribute to the accumulation of viral proteins during KSHV lytic replication, with

eIF3d supporting accumulation of viral proteins when eIF4F is depleted and *vice-versa*. However,

eIF3d depletion greatly diminished release of infectious virions even when eIF4F was available to

compensate for lost translation initiation capacity. This viral replication failure in the absence of

eIF3d correlated with diminished accumulation of many enzymes in the cholesterol biosynthetic

pathway and reduced accumulation of intracellular cholesterol. Moreover, we demonstrated that

eIF3d was required to support efficient translation of essential cholesterol biosynthesis enzymes

SQLE and MVK during lytic replication. These findings position eIF3d as a critical TIF not only

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infectious cycle.

RESULTS

eIF4F is dispensable for translation of KSHV lytic mRNAs. We and others previously reported that eIF4F assembles during KSHV latency and lytic replication and remains under strict regulation by mTORC1 and 4E-BP1 [17,18]. Here, we used polysome profiling to measure how eIF4F disruption affected translational efficiency (TE) of viral mRNAs. Physiologic mTORC1 activity is regulated by amino acid abundance, but mTORC1 is readily inhibited by several drugs, including the potent active site inhibitor Torin [21]. We observed that Torin treatment of uninfected iSLK cells for 2 h prior to harvest caused dephosphorylation of ribosomal protein S6 and 4E-BP1 as expected, which was likewise evident in latently KSHV-infected iSLK.219 cells, or cells which had been treated with doxycycline (dox) for 48 h to activate the lytic cycle (**Fig. 1A**). In these experiments, we reactivated iSLK.219 cells with dox only; we omitted the HDAC inhibitor sodium butyrate that is commonly used to promote lytic reactivation to limit potentially confounding effects of epigenetic regulation of transcription by histone acetylation. Under these conditions, many of the iSLK.219 cells either fail to reactivate or undergo abortive replication. Nevertheless, it remains clear that mTORC1 regulation of canonical target proteins S6 and 4E-BP1 remain largely intact during latent and lytic phases of KSHV replication. We observed that Torin treatment of uninfected iSLK cells shifted mRNAs from efficiently translated heavy polysomes to poorly translated sub-polysomal fractions (**Fig. 1B, top panel**) consistent with studies of other cell types [6,19]. Latently infected iSLK.219 cells treated with Torin displayed a similar shift of mRNA into sub-polysomal fractions (**Fig. 1B, middle panel**). By 48 h after reactivation from latency, the heavy polysomes were depleted (**Fig. 1B, bottom panel**), likely due to host shutoff during lytic replication [22] and the depletion of the media over the incubation time in cells in which KSHV failed to reactivate from latency. In this population, Torin treatment further depleted the heavy polysome fractions, although the effects were modest due to the pre-existing low translation environment in these cells.

To measure the effects of mTORC1 inhibition on the TE of viral and host mRNAs during the KSHV lytic cycle, we isolated RNA from polysome fractions from Torin- and vehicle-treated cells at 48 h post-lytic reactivation (**Fig. 1B, bottom panel**) and processed it for RNA sequencing. We assessed TE by simple division of the number of reads isolated from the polysomes compared to the reads found in the total RNA fraction (# of reads polysome / # of reads total). The abundance of KSHV transcripts in the total RNA fraction differed by as much as 100,000-fold, with ten-fold

more of the non-coding PAN RNA than the next most abundant RNA. **(Fig. 1C)** [2,23]. Despite these

differences, the TE of most viral mRNAs was similar to most cellular mRNAs, although

assessment of cellular mRNAs is complicated in this system because they are derived from a mixed

population of lytically-replicating cells and non-reactivated cells. Consistent with the literature,

we observed alterations in TE of cellular mRNAs in the presence of Torin, with populations of

mRNAs displaying increased or decreased TE **(Fig. 1D)**. The ΔTE of the majority of viral mRNAs

(~90%) was not inhibited or enhanced by a conservative Z-score of 1 (Z-score within 1 SD of the

mean in blue, Z-score > 1 SD of the mean in red). We analysed transcripts with a greater than 1.5-

fold change in TE using gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA) to determine how the translation of

cellular proteins is altered by eIF4F depletion during lytic replication[24] **(Fig. 1E)**. Gene sets

involved in translation elongation and initiation featured prominently in transcripts with reduced

TE, consistent with previous studies [6,11], which suggests that TOP-containing transcripts are

regulated by mTORC1 as expected during KSHV lytic replication. Notably, the TE of a gene set

of viral mRNAs was not significantly altered by Torin treatment. Together, these data suggest that

even though normal regulation of translation by the mTORC1/4E-BP/eIF4F axis is intact during

lytic replication, viral mRNAs continue to be efficiently translate when eIF4F is depleted.

eIF3d is required for production of infectious KSHV virions. When eIF4F assembly is

prevented by mTORC1 inhibitors, residual translation can be supported by eIF3d [5,12–14]. To assess

the importance of eIF3d in supporting KSHV lytic replication, we silenced *eIF3d* and measured

production of infectious virions at 96 h post reactivation, in the presence or absence of Torin. We

previously demonstrated that mTORC1 activity is required to support the earliest stages of lytic

replication, so Torin was added at 24 h post-reactivation to coincide with the transition to

mTORC1-independent viral replication. Torin treatment from 24 h to 96 h, only elicited a modest

reduction in production of infectious virions **(Fig. 2A)**, as we have observed previously [17]. By

contrast, when *eIF3d* was silenced there was a ~4 $\log_{10}$ reduction in titer **(Fig. 2A)**, with very little

change in the abundance of viral mRNA **(Fig. 2B),** suggesting a defect in viral protein translation

even when eIF4F is available. Using the same experimental conditions (*eIF3d* silencing +/- Torin

treatment beginning at 24 h post-reactivation), we assessed the accumulation of viral proteins by

label-free proteomics, harvesting total protein at 72 h post-reactivation, a time point that coincides

with abundant late protein accumulation, following genome replication and preceding bulk virion

release [17]. We observed that Torin treatment had no effect on eIF3d abundance (**Fig 3A, green**

circle), whereas the siRNA targeting *eIF3d* potently and significantly reduced total eIF3d protein

(**Fig. 3B, green circle**), validating our RNA silencing approach. Both Torin treatment and *eIF3d*

silencing reduced the accumulation of most viral proteins at the 72 h time point (depicted in red

on the volcano plots; **Figs. 3A-B**). However, we noted differences in the specific proteins that were

down-regulated by inhibition of each translation initiation system (**Fig. 3C**), suggesting slightly

different effects on the translation of these mRNAs. Interestingly, combining both Torin treatment

and eIF3d knockdown resulted in an even greater suppression of viral protein accumulation (**Fig.**

3D). To determine the effect of *eIF3d* silencing on bulk translation and TE, we conducted

polysome analysis at 48 h post-reactivation; for this experiment *eIF3d* was silenced with a

lentivirus vectored shRNA, and compared to a non-specific lentivirus vector control (**Fig. 3E**).

The 48 h time point follows genome replication in the iSLK.219 cell model, and both late and

early mRNAs are present. In our experience, there are very few polysomes detectable at 72 h post-

reactivation. *eIF3d* silencing resulted in a strong decrease in polysomes and an increase in sub-

polysomal fractions (**Fig. 3E**). RT-qPCR analysis of sub-polysomal, light-polysome, and heavy-

polysome fractions did not reveal any significant differences in TE of select viral mRNAs when

eIF3d levels were reduced (**Fig. 3F**). Taken together, these data suggest that both eIF4F and eIF3d

contribute to accumulation of viral proteins during lytic replication, but eIF3d depletion has a far

greater effect on KSHV virion production.

***eIF3d* silencing reduces levels of cholesterol biosynthesis enzymes.** Because eIF3d silencing

caused relatively modest decreases in viral protein accumulation compared to eIF4F depletion

(**Figs. 3A, 3B**), but dramatically decreased production of infectious virions by ~4 $\log_{10}$ IU/ml (**Fig.**

2A), we hypothesized that eIF3d might specifically be required for translation of host mRNAs that

are important for KSHV lytic replication. We once again turned to label-free proteomics of total

protein harvested from at 72 h post-reactivation from cells transfected with *eIF3d* siRNA

compared to control siRNA; this dataset used three-separate mass-charge windows to achieve

deeper proteome coverage than the experiment represented in **Fig 3B**. GSEA revealed that *eIF3d*

silencing down-regulated KSHV protein levels as expected (Figs. 4A, 4B), followed by several

gene sets linked to cholesterol regulation, including sterol regulatory element-binding protein

(SREBP), nuclear receptor subfamily 1 group H member 3 (NR1H3) and NR1H2 (also known as

Liver X Receptor α (LXRα) and LXRβ, respectively), and cholesterol biosynthesis. Interestingly

the up-regulated gene sets in proteomes from eIF3d-deficient cells generally resembled the most

down-regulated gene sets from our Torin treatment translatome, suggesting a compensatory

mechanism for eIF3d insufficiency involving increased capacity for canonical eIF4F translation.

This dataset stands in contrast to studies of eIF3d in human cytomegalovirus (HCMV) infection,

which featured regulation of unfolded protein responses but no effects on cholesterol regulation

[25]. This indicates that while eIF3d can be used to support translation of host mRNA, the availability

of those mRNA can vary during virus replication, likely due to differences in host responses, host

shutoff, and mRNA transcription. We focused on two cholesterol biosynthesis proteins that were

most significantly down-regulated for further analysis: squalene epoxidase (SQLE), which is the

second rate-limiting in cholesterol biosynthesis [26], after HMG-CoA reductase (HMGCR), the

target of statins; and mevalonate kinase (MVK), which acts on the products generated by HMGCR

(Fig 4C).

eIF3d is required for efficient translation of SQLE and MVK and is required for

accumulation of cholesterol during lytic replication. To measure changes in cholesterol

biosynthesis genes during lytic replication we again used our proteomics datasets. Evaluating the

changes in lytic replication compared to latent cells, there is no change in overall eIF3d abundance

by 72 h post-reactivation, but there are large increases in SQLE and modest increases in HMGCS1,

and MVK (**Fig. 5A**), suggesting that KSHV lytic replication may furnish additional capacity in

cholesterol biosynthesis. When eIF3d is depleted in latently infected cells, we see an overall

decrease in the cholesterol biosynthesis gene set (**Figs. 5B, D**) but no significant change in MVK

or SQLE. By contrast, *eIF3d* silencing during lytic replication markedly decreased SQLE and

MVK levels (**Fig 5C**, same dataset as **Fig. 3B** with additional annotation). As an entire gene set,

we see that lytic replication features a general increase in cholesterol biosynthesis enzymes, and

eIF3d silencing depletes these proteins; more significantly, during lytic replication there is a drive

to increase cholesterol biosynthesis more so than during latency **(Fig 5D)**. Close inspection of raw

intensity values confirms that *eIF3d* silencing prevents the upregulation of SQLE and MVK that

accompanies lytic replication **(Fig. 5E)**. Using RNA retained from earlier polysome profiling

experiments **(Figs. 3E-F)**, we used RT-qPCR to demonstrate that *eIF3d* silencing reduces

translational efficiency of *SQLE* and *MVK*, moving these mRNAs from heavy into light polysome

fractions, whereas mRNAs encoding HMGCS and LDLR were relatively unaffected **(Fig. 5F)**,

consistent with their unchanged total protein abundance in eIF3d deficient cells. These eIF3d-

dependent effects on cholesterol biosynthesis enzymes affected intracellular cholesterol levels; we

observed that transition from latency to lytic replication caused substantial increases in total

intracellular cholesterol that were entirely dependent on eIF3d **(Fig 5G)**. These data suggest that

eIF3d is required to for translation of SQLE and MVK during lytic replication, and downstream

increases in total intracellular cholesterol.

Statin treatment causes apoptosis of latently infected cells and reduces virion production.

To measure the effects of cholesterol depletion on KSHV infected cells, we treated cells with

various concentrations of the HMGCR inhibitor cerivastatin at the time of lytic reactivation and

measured cell viability and virion production. We observed that latently infected cells were

sensitive to cerivastatin and there was a clear cytotoxic effect. By contrast, lytic cells and control

uninfected iSLK cells did not exhibit the same sensitivity to cerivastatin treatment **(Fig. 6A)**. This

latency-associated sensitivity to cerivastatin is consistent with previous reports of KSHV latent

gene products, namely v-FLIP and several viral microRNAs, that limit expression of key genes in

the cholesterol biosynthesis pathway; reactivation from latency limits the expression of these

cholesterol pathway antagonists. We conducted a western blot analysis to look for evidence of

apoptosis in cerivastatin-treated cells by caspase-3 activation, which is known to be active during

KSHV lytic replication **(Fig 6B)**[27]. Cleaved caspase 3 is clearly visible in lytic cell lysates and

increased with cerivastatin treatment. This corresponded with the accumulation of a faster

migrating ORF57 species corresponding to a previously reported caspase-cleavage product [28].

Higher doses of cerivastatin inhibited the accumulation of the KSHV late protein ORF65

Interestingly, in the latently infected cells, caspase activation was evident with only 50 nM

cerivastatin treatment, which greatly increased with at 500 nM, likely indicating apoptosis.

Similarly, lovastatin treatment also leads to apoptosis in latently infected primary effusion

lymphoma cell lines[29]. We measured virions production from these cells and found a very

consistent ~ 2 log reduction across a wide range of concentrations **(Fig. 6C)**. Together, these data

demonstrate that latent KSHV infection constrains cholesterol biosynthesis capacity, which is

rapidly reversed during lytic replication to mobilize resources necessary for efficient virion

production.

DISCUSSION

KSHV mRNAs broadly resemble their cellular counterparts, which should allow their

recruitment to ribosomes in an eIF4F-dependent manner. Torin treatment during lytic replication

depletes eIF4F and shifts TOP-containing mRNAs encoding ribosomal proteins and TIFs into sub-

polysomal fractions; eIF3d knockdown also depletes heavy polysomes. Heavily translated

polysome fractions contain viral mRNA, which remains when either eIF4F or eIF3d is depleted.

Despite little difference in the efficiency of translation of viral mRNAs in response to Torin

treatment **(Fig. 1D)** or *eIF3d* silencing **(Fig. 3F)**, there is decreased accumulation of viral proteins

(**Fig. 3**). Together, these data suggest that the viral mRNA is not specifically regulated or

dependent on either of these initiation systems and can possibly use either with similar efficiency,

but the availably of these systems is important to optimize viral protein synthesis throughout the

relatively slow-moving KSHV lytic cycle. The additive effects of Torin treatment and eIF3d

knockdown on viral protein accumulation are consistent with this model (**Fig. 3C**).

KSHV appears to access multiple translation initiation systems to maximize protein

production. KSHV encodes several proteins that enforce mTORC1 activation which supports

eIF4F formation [30]. Our data suggests that the virus is also activating eIF3d-dependent translation,

but the mechanism of this is not currently known. Glucose starvation has been shown to allow

access to the cap-binding pocket of eIF3d [13], and KSHV might use a similar metabolic signaling

pathway or exploiting another yet to be described regulatory pathway to access eIF3d. HIF2α is

stabilized in normoxia during lytic replication by ORF34[31]. This likely permits HIF2α to stimulate

formation of the eIF4F$_H$ hypoxic translation complex in normoxia during KSHV lytic replication,

which would make it available to support translation of viral mRNA [32]. eIF4F$_H$ and eIF4F are also

known to co-exist in cells under physiological oxygen tensions [33]. As we see decreased

accumulation of viral mRNA with eIF4F disassembly and eIF3d knockdown, it would suggest that

eIF4F$_H$ is not solely responsible for the translation of viral mRNA and would more likely act in

parallel with eIF4F and eIF3d. We think it is most likely that KSHV has evolved as a generalist

that makes use of any available translation initiation machinery to translate viral mRNA.

In contrast to the potentially generalist nature of KSHV mRNA, some cellular mRNAs are

tightly regulated by specific initiation systems. mTORC1 and LARP1 tightly regulate TOP

containing mRNA [6,11,34]. eIF3d has been shown to have specific client mRNAs, such as the well

characterized *c-Jun* and *Raptor* mRNAs that contain a long and structured 5′UTR which excludes

initiation by eIF4F but is compatible with eIF3d cap-binding [12,13]. The 5′UTRs of KSHV mRNA

are generally short compared to these cellular 5′UTRs and we think that feature might help their

access to different translation systems. We found that eIF3d was required for efficient translation

of SQLE and MVK mRNA during lytic replication (**Fig. 5F**). Neither SQLE or MVK mRNA was

identified as being a "eIF3d-specialized" mRNA when eIF4E was inhibited[12]. SQLE was detected

as binding eIF3d in a pulldown assay [13] during glucose starvation and chronic ER stress [35], which

further supports a role for eIF3d in supporting SQLE translation. SQLE and MVK are not regulated

translationally by eIF3d during HCMV infection[25], similar to what we observed in cells latently

infected with KSHV (**Fig. 5B**). This suggests that while eIF3d might be required for enhanced

cholesterol biosynthesis, it is not sufficient and likely requires the appropriate transcriptional

program.

It is currently unclear how cholesterol regulates KSHV lytic replication, or how cholesterol

is regulated during KSHV latency. Interestingly, HIV infected individuals who are also taking

statins have a 51% reduced risk of developing Kaposi's sarcoma [36], suggesting that cholesterol

dependency might be an easily targeted weakness of KSHV. Egress requires the nascent capsids

in the inner nucleus to pass through several membranes, including the inner and outer nuclear

membranes during primary envelopment and trans-Golgi network membranes during secondary

envelopment[37]. KSHV secondary envelopment has been shown to be inhibited by extracting

cholesterol from the cell with methyl-β-cyclodextrin [37]. In general, the amount of cholesterol in

membranes other than plasma membrane is relatively low, but these lower amounts of cholesterol

at internal membranes likely have important roles in membrane fluidity and lipid organisation. We

think it is likely that altered cholesterol biosynthesis by SQLE depletion or statin treatment effects

the ability of KSHV capsids to access or manipulate these membranes for egress. During latency,

KSHV alters host cell metabolism by stimulating the Warburg effect and *de novo* fatty acid

synthesis [38,39]. Inhibition of these metabolic adaptations with glycolysis or fatty acid synthesis

inhibitors leads to cell death [38,39]; we speculate it is plausible that cholesterol biosynthesis is also

dysregulated during latency. Taken together, our data suggests a model where KSHV mRNA is

efficiently translated by several different translation initiation complexes and the virus endeavours

to activate several to maximize protein production. Reactivation from latency though comes with

some specific challenges where cholesterol metabolism must be rapidly engaged and this requires

eIF3-dependent translation. In this way, KSHV is dependent on eIF3d not to translate its own

mRNA, but it requires eIF3d to support translation of essential host mRNA.

METHODS

Cells. Human embryonic kidney (HEK) 293T and 293A cells, as well as iSLK and iSLK.219 cells

(a kind gift from Don Ganem [40]), were cultured in Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (DMEM;

ThermoFisher, 11965118) supplemented with heat-inactivated 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS,

ThermoFisher, A31607-01), 2 mM L-Glutamine (ThermoFisher, 25030081), and 100 U/mL

penicillin and 100 µg/mL streptomycin (ThermoFisher, 15140122). All cells were maintained at

37°C in 5% CO_2 atmosphere. iSLK.219 cells were cultured with 10 mM puromycin

(ThermoFisher, A1113803) to maintain episome copy number of rKSHV.219; puromycin was

omitted from cells seeded for experiments. To induce lytic replication via expression of the RTA

transgene in iSLK.219 cells, 1 µg/mL of doxycycline (dox) (Sigma, D9891) was added to the cells.

Chemicals. Torin-1 [21], referred to as "Torin" here (Toronto Research Chemicals) was resuspended

in DMSO, which was used as a vehicle control at 0.1% (vol/vol) in all experiments. Unless

otherwise stated, Torin was used at a concentration of 250nM. Cerivastatin (Millipore Sigma,

SML0005) was resuspended in dH_2O.

siRNA. iSLK.219 cells were detached with 0.05% Trypsin-EDTA (ThermoFisher, 2530054),

resuspended in antibiotic-free medium, and transfected with siRNA targeting *eIF3d*

(ThermoFisher AM16708, Assay ID: 13732) or the negative control siRNA (ThermoFisher, Neg.

Control #2, 4390846) using Lipofectamine RNAiMAX (ThermoFisher, 13778075) in Opti-MEM

I (ThermoFisher, 31985070) as per the manufacturer's instructions. Transfection complexes were

mixed with cells in suspension and added to plates.

shRNA gene silencing by transduction in suspension. Lentiviruses derived from pLKO were

derived from transfection of 293T cells with packaging plasmids pMD2.G and psPAX2 (gifts from

Didier Trono; Addgene plasmids # 12259 and # 12260) using 1 mg/mL polyethylenimine MAX

(Polysciences #24765) in water. To transduce cells, iSLK.219 cells were detached with trypsin,

counted, and mixed with 1:20 dilution of lentivirus and 4 µg/mL polybrene (hexadimethrine

bromide, Sigma H9268) in suspension in a small volume (~2mL for each 15cm plate seeded) for

15 minutes, with frequent inversion to mix. Cells were then added to a 15 cm dish and medium

was topped up to 20 mL. shRNA sequences for *eIF3d* were selected from the RNAi Consortium

(TRCN0000156633); pLKO vectors were generated according to the RNAi Consortium shRNA

cloning protocol (https://portals.broadinstitute.org/gpp/public/resources/protocols). A non-

targeting shRNA sequence was used as a control in all experiments, pLKO-NS-BSD (a gift from

Keith Mostov; Addgene plasmid # 26655 [41]). Transduced cells were freshly generated for every

experiment; we could not derive iSLK.219 cells with stably knocked down *eIF3d* and found that

the cells would not re-adhere on passage. Similarly, we could not select cells and re-seed them at

densities appropriate for polysome analysis. Thus, the transduced cells were not selected with

blasticidin, and we instead relied on a low dilution/high MOI of lentivector to effectively transduce

the population and obtain a good knockdown.

Cell viability. Cells were seeded into 96-well tissue culture plates in 100 µL medium per well.

The next day, media was replaced with fresh media and cerivastatin at the indicated concentrations;

to measure the effects of cerivastatin on cell viability during lytic replication, this media change

included 1 µg/mL doxycycline. Cells were left to incubate with cerivastatin for 48 h prior to

addition of 10 µL of Cell Counting Kit 8 (CCK-8; ApexBio, K1018). Only the inner wells were

used to reduce variation from evaporation, and samples were seeded in triplicate. We chose to use

a colormetric assay instead of a fluorescence-based viability assay to avoid any potential

interference from the bright GFP and RFP expression from the iSLK.219 cells. After 1 h of

incubation with CCK-8, absorbance was read at 450 nm with correction at 600 nm using a

CLARIOstar Plus instrument (BMG Labtech). Values were imported into Prism (v10.6;

GraphPad) and 50% cytotoxic concentration (CC50) values were calculated by fitting a non-linear

curve to the data. The values from the 10, 5, and 2.5 µM cerivastatin treatments were separately

analysed by two-way ANOVA using Prism.

Western blotting. iSLK.219 cells were washed once with ice-cold PBS then lysed with 2x

Laemmli buffer (4% [wt/vol] sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS), 20% [vol/vol] glycerol, 120 mM Tris-

HCl [pH 6.8]) directly in the well. DNA was sheared by repeated pipetting with a 21-gauge needle,

or by centrifugation through a QIAshredder column (QIAGEN) at 13,000xg for 1 min, prior to

100 mM dithiothreitol (DTT) addition and boiling at 95°C for 5 min. Samples were stored at -20°C

until analysis. Total protein concentration was determined by DC Protein Assay (Bio-Rad,

5000116) against a bovine serum albumin (BSA) (Bioshop, ALB001.25) standard curve and

measured in a 96-well plate format at 750 nm using an Eon (BioTek) microplate

spectrophotometer. Equal quantities of 10 µg total protein were loaded in each well of a

polyacrylamide gel and subjected to SDS-PAGE. Proteins were transferred to polyvinylidene

difluoride (PVDF) membranes using the Trans-Blot Turbo RTA Midi 0.2 µM PVDF Transfer Kit

(Bio-Rad, 1704273) and a Trans-Blot Turbo Transfer System (Bio-Rad). Membranes were blocked

with 5% BSA in Tris-buffered saline, 0.1% [vol/vol] Tween-20 (TBS-T) before probing overnight

at 4°C with the following antibodies at 1:1000 dilution: 4E-BP1 (New England Biolabs Canada

(NEB), #9644), β-actin (NEB #5125 or NEB #4970), cleaved caspase 3 (NEB #9664), Rps6 (S6;

NEB #2217) phosphoSer235/6-Rps6 (NEB #4858), ORF57 (Santa Cruz Biotechnologies sc-

135746), LANA (a kind gift of Don Ganem), ORF65 (a kind gift S.-J. Gao). Membranes were

washed with TBS-T and incubated with HRP-linked secondary antibodies diluted 1:3000 in 5%

BSA in TBS-T for 1 h at room temperature. Secondary antibodies used: anti-rabbit, HRP-linked

(NEB # 7074, 1:3000 dilution), and anti-mouse, HRP-linked (NEB, #7076). Immunoblots were

developed with Clarity ECL reagent (Bio-Rad, 170-5061) or Clarity Max ECL reagent (Bio-Rad,

170-5062) and imaged on a ChemiDoc MP Imaging System (Bio-Rad). Molecular weights were

determined using the Broad Range, Color Prestained Protein Standards (NEB, P7719S). Molecular

weights in kDa are indicated on the left of blot images. Images were analyzed using Image Lab

6.1 (Bio-Rad). Images were cropped and annotated using Affinity Designer (Serif).

Virus titering. iSLK.219 cells were seeded in a 96-well plate. In some experiments, these cells

were transfected with siRNAs as described above during the plating procedure. The following day,

the supernatant was replaced with fresh medium containing 1 µg/mL doxycycline to induce

reactivation from latency. For experiments where Torin was added, the drug was spiked in 24 h

after doxycycline addition (**Fig. 2A**); serial dilutions of cerivastatin were added at the time of

doxycycline addition (**Fig. 6C**). Cell supernatants were harvested at 96 h post-reactivation, diluted

1/20 and then used to infect 293A cells by spinoculation, whereby after the inoculum was added,

plates were centrifuged at 800 x *g* at 37°C for 90 min, then moved to an incubator before fixation

24 h later. Infected cells were counterstained with Hoechst 33342 (ThermoFisher, 62249) to label

DNA-containing nuclei and GFP+ cells were counted using an automated fluorescent microscope

and Cell Profiler [42] or Imaris Microscopy analysis software [Oxford Instruments]. The IU/mL was

determined by counting the number of uninfected cells and calculating the corresponding MOI.

RT-qPCR. Total RNA from cells was extracted using the RNeasy Plus Mini Kit (QIAGEN, 74134) following the manufacturer's protocol. Synthesis of cDNA was performed using the Maxima H Minus First Strand cDNA Synthesis Kit (ThermoFisher Scientific, K1652) using random hexamer primers. Quantitative PCRs were performed using 200 nM (final) primers, 1:250 (final) diluted cDNA, and 1X GoTaq qPCR Master Mix (Promega, A6002). Amplifications were performed using a CFX Connect Real-Time PCR Detection System (Bio-Rad) and Bio-Rad CFX Manager 3.1 software. Primer sequences are listed in **Table 1**. Due to common usage of polyA signals, qRT-PCR primers could amplify mRNA originating from more than one viral promoter [2]. For simplicity, PCR products are referred to by the mRNA coding region targeted by the primers.

Cholesterol quantification. Cholesterol quantity was measured using the Cholesterol/Cholesterol Ester-Glo assay (Promega, J3190) essentially as per the manufacturers' directions. iSLK.219 cells transfected with siRNA and seeded in a 96 well plate in triplicate. The following day the medium was refreshed and 1 µg/mL doxycycline was added to stimulate lytic replication. After 72 h the supernatant was removed, the cells were washed twice with ice-cold PBS and then lysed in 50 µL of the Cholesterol lysis solution and the cells were incubated for 30 min at 37°C. 10 µL of the lysis solution was transferred to a white 96-well plate and mixed with 10 µL of cholesterol detection reagent with esterase. The plate was then incubated at room temperature for 1 h and luminescence was measured on a CLARIOstar Plus plate reader. To normalize the cholesterol measurements to the number of cells in the plate, a DC protein assay was performed as described above.

Polysome Isolation. Polysomes were isolated by ultracentrifugation of cytosolic lysate through a 7-47% wt/vol linear sucrose gradient (20 mM Tris HCl, 300 mM NaCl, 25 mM $MgCl_2$ in DEPC-treated or nuclease-free water) lysis buffer with RNase and protease inhibitors, as described in [43]. High salt conditions were used to isolate RNA from gradients and low salt conditions were used for isolating proteins. Gradients were prepared using manufactures' settings on a Gradient Master 108 (Biocomp). For each gradient, ~8 x 10^6 iSLK.219 cells were used. Cells treated with 100 µg/mL cycloheximide (CHX, Acros Organics or Sigma cats) for 3 min prior to harvest. Cells were washed with ice-cold phosphate buffered saline (PBS) and scraped in a tube containing the spent media and PBS wash. The cells were pelleted by centrifugation for 5 min at 500 x g and washed

again with ice-cold PBS. Cell pellets were resuspended in lysis buffer (20 mM Tris HCl, 300 mM

NaCl, 25 mM MgCl$_2$, with 1% v/v Triton X-100, 400 units/ml RNAseOUT (Invitrogen), 100

µg/mL CHX, and protease and phosphatase inhibitors) for 10 min on ice. Lysates were centrifuged

for 10 min at 15,000 x g. The supernatant was overlaid on sucrose gradients. Gradients were

centrifuged at 39,000 rpm for 90 min on a SW-41 rotor. The bottom of the centrifuge tube was

punctured and 60% wt/vol sucrose was underlaid by syringe pump to collect 500 µL fractions from

the top of the gradient with simultaneous A$_{260}$ measurement using a UA-6 detector (Brandel, MD).

Polysome sedimentation graphs were generated with Prism (v10.6; GraphPad).

RNA-Seq Analysis of Polysome Fractions. Total RNA or pooled fractions from heavy polysomes

were isolated using Ribozol (Amresco cat) or Trizol (Thermo Fisher cat) using standard

procedures, except the precipitant in the aqueous fraction was isolated using an RNeasy column

(Qiagen, cat). mRNA was isolated from these total fractions using polyA enrichment (Dynabeads

mRNA DIRECT Micro Purification Kit, Thermo Fisher cat) according to the manufacturer's

protocol, then library preparation was performed with Ion Total RNA-Seq Kit v2.0 (Thermo Fisher

cat). Library size, concentration, and quality was assessed using a 2200 TapeStation (Agilent).

Libraries were sequenced on Proton sequencer (ThermoFisher Scientific) with a PI chip and the

Ion PI Hi-Q Sequencing 200 Kit (cat) for 520 flows. Ion Torrent reads were processed using

combined Human Hg19 and KSHV (Accession GQ994935) reference transcriptomes. The KSHV

genome was manually re-annotated with the transcript definitions from KSHV2.0 [2] reference

transcriptome and the Quasi-Mapping software Salmon [44]. Normalized counts per million (cpm)

were estimated for individual transcripts using the R package limma [45]. Two biological replicates

were combined as a geometric mean [46]. The transcripts were ordered by abundance and the mean,

standard deviation (SD), and Z-score were calculated using a sliding window of 200 transcripts of

similar abundance [46,47]. The most abundant 100 and the least abundant 100 transcripts used the

mean and SD of the adjacent bin. Translational efficiency (TE) of a transcript treatment was

determined by the formula TE = $\log_2$(polysome/total). The change in translational efficiency

(DTE) = TE$_{Torin}$-TE$_{DMSO}$. We scored the difference in translational efficiencies by using a sliding-

window to calculate a Z-score of each detected transcript compared to the surrounding 200

transcripts of similar abundance as measured by count per million (CPM). Who did this? You?

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Polysome RT-qPCR. iSLK.219 were reactivated with 1 µg/mL doxycycline for 48 h. Torin or DMSO was added 2 h prior to harvest in high salt lysis buffer as described above. Select fractions were mixed 1:1 with Trizol and isolated as per manufacturer's directions except that 30-60 µg of GlycoBlue Co-Precipitant (Ambion cat) and 100 ng of *in vitro* transcribed luciferase DNA (NEB T7 HiScribe cat) was added to the aqueous fractions during isopropanol precipitation [43]. The resulting pellet was resuspended in water and reverse transcribed using Maxima H minus reverse transcriptase with random primers. mRNA was normalized to luciferase spike to control for recovery. The quantity of mRNA detected in each fraction was then calculated as a percentage of the total detected in all fractions. The RNA recovery was controlled by subtracting the C_T of the luciferase spike, which was assumed to be constant, from the target C_T. This ΔC_T value for each fraction was then subtracted from the ΔC_T of the top fraction of the gradient to determine the $\Delta \Delta C_T$. And transcript abundance (Q) was then calculated ($Q=2^{\Delta \Delta CT \text{ ref for method?}}$) for each fraction, and all fractions were summed. The total quantity of a transcript is represented as a proportion of the total amount of detected transcript as per [43].

LC-MS/MS proteomics. iSLK.219 were transfected with siRNA as described above and seeded onto 6-well plates. For lytic samples, the following day cells were treated with 1 µg/mL doxycycline; latent cells were untreated. For Torin treatment, drug or DMSO control was spiked into the cells 24 h after addition of doxycycline. For all experiments the cells were washed once with ice-cold PBS, scraped, pelleted at 500 x *g* for 5 min, then the washed once more in ice-cold PBS. Afterwards the cell pellet was snap-frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80°C until processing.

Protein was extracted from cell pellets using 150 µL of a solution of 20 mM Tris-Cl pH 7.5, 150 mM KCl, 5 mM MgCl$_2$, 0.5% (v/v) NP-40, 0.5% (w/v) sodium deoxycholate, and 0.5X cOmplete protease inhibitor (Sigma cat). To support degradation of DNA/RNA, 10 µL of a nuclease solution (1 U/µL benzonase) was added to the solution and incubated at 24°C for 10 min. After nuclease digestion, 50 µL of a solution of 600 mM Tris-Cl pH 7.5, 8% (w/v) SDS, and 10 mM dithiothreitol (DTT) was added to the tissue lysate and incubated at 95°C for 5 min in a heating block. After cooling to 24°C, lysates were alkylated using 40 mM chloroacetamide (final concentration) and subsequently quenched with DTT. Protein concentration of the resulting lysate

was measured using a BCA assay (ThermoFisher Scientific cat). Protein cleanup prior to digestion

was carried out using an adapted version of the previously described SP3 protocol [48,49].

Specifically, 1 μL of a mixture of Sera-Mag carboxylate SpeedBeads (CAT#45152105050250 and

CAT#65152105050250, prepared as 100 mg/mL stock solution in water) was added to 50 μg of

protein for each sample prior to 4X volumes of acetone. Mixtures were incubated on a

Thermomixer at 37°C for 5 min at 800 RPM prior to centrifugation at 5,000 x g for 5 min. After

spinning, the supernatant was discarded and beads rinsed using 800 μL of an 80% (v/v) ethanol

solution with pipetting to resuspend the beads. Mixtures were centrifuged at 5,000 x g for 5 min

and the supernatant discarded prior to the addition of 1 μg of trypsin/rLysC mix (Promega cat) in

100 μL of digestion solution (100 mM ammonium bicarbonate, 1 mM $CaCl_2$) and incubation at

37°C for 16 h in a Thermomixer with mixing at 800 RPM. After digestion, peptides were

centrifuged at 12,000 x g for 2 min and the supernatant recovered to a fresh tube containing 5 μL

of a 10% (v/v) solution of trifluoroacetic acid. To desalt peptides prior to mass spectrometry (MS)

analysis, an HPLC system (Agilent 1290 Infinity II with a DAD module) equipped with a reversed-

phase column (CORTECS T3 1.6μm, 2.1x50mm, Waters) was utilized. Specifically, peptides were

injected to a column equilibrated at 4% mobile phase B (0.1% formic acid in acetonitrile), rinsed

for 1.5 min at a flow rate of 1 mL/min, and subsequently eluted for 0.8 min at 80% mobile phase

B (mobile phase A = 0.1% formic acid in water). Desalted peptides were dried in a SpeedVac

centrifuge and reconstituted in 1% (v/v) formic acid in water at a concentration of 1 μg/μL based

on the 214nm UV signal from the HPLC desalting step.

Peptide samples were analyzed using a data-independent acquisition (DIA) acquisition

routine on an Orbitrap Fusion Lumos mass spectrometer (MS) (ThermoFisher Scientific). Samples

were introduced to the MS using an Dionex UltiMate liquid chromatography (LC) instrument

(ThermoFisher Scientific) equipped with a trapping-analytical column setup. For injection,

peptides were initially trapped using 95% mobile phase A (0.1% formic acid) on a 100 μm inner

diameter x 3 cm length column packed in-house with 1.9 μm Reprosil Pur C18 beads (Dr. Maisch,

r119.aq.). Gradient elution of peptides was performed using a ramp of mobile phase B (80% v/v

acetonitrile in 0.1% formic acid) on a 100 μm inner diameter x 25 cm length analytical column

packed with 1.9 μm Reprosil Pur C18 beads. For each injection, 1 μg of peptides were separated

with an 80 min LC linear gradient from 5% to 11% mobile phase B in 0.5 min, and to 34% B in

72.5 min at 400 nL/min, followed by rinsing and re-equilibration over the remaining 7 min. The

analytical column outlet was coupled to a 20 μm inner diameter LOTUS electrospray tip (Fossil

Ion Tech.). Data presented in **Fig. 3** and **Fig. 5**, was injected for 60 min using a single m/z range

(430-550 m/z). The data presented in **Fig.4** was derived from three individual injections (80-

minute acquisition time for each), with each acquisition covering analysis of a separate mass range

(injection 1 = 430 - 550, 2 = 550 - 690, 3 = 690 – 930 m/z). Specifically, the Orbitrap Lumos MS

was globally set to use a positive ion spray voltage of 2200 V, an ion transfer tube temperature of

275°C, a default charge state of 3, and an RF Lens setting of 45%. The complete duty cycle of the

acquisition method consisted of two MS1 scans and two sets of windowed MS2 scans (order MS1

- MS2 - MS1 - MS2). For the first, low mass range injection, the initial MS1 scan covered a mass

range of 425-555m/z at a resolution of 60,000 with an AGC target of $4e^5$ (100%) and a max

injection time set to 'Auto'. The following set of DIA MS2 scans covered a precursor range of

430-550 m/z with an isolation window size of 4 m/z (0 m/z overlap) for a total of 30 scan events.

Each scan used an HCD energy of 30% and covered a defined mass range of 200-1800 m/z at a

resolution of 30,000 with a normalized AGC target of 1000%, and the maximum injection time set

to 'Auto'. Loop control was set to 'N' with a value of 30 spectra. The next MS1 scan and following

DIA MS2 used the same settings as the previous with the exception that the MS2 precursor mass

range was set to 428-552 m/z to give a 2 m/z stagger with the previous scan windows. For the

second, medium mass range injection, the scan settings were the same as for the low mass injection

with the following changes: **1**) MS1 scan range of 545-695 m/z; 2. DIA-MS2 precursor scan ranges

of 550-690 m/z and 548-692 m/z; 3. Loop control number of spectra = 35. For the third, high mass

range injection, the scan settings were the same as the others with the following changes: 1. MS1

scan range of 685-935 m/z; **2**) DIA-MS2 precursor scan ranges of 690-930 m/z and 686-934 m/z;

3) DIA-MS2 isolation window of 8 m/z; **4**) Loop control number of spectra = 30. All scan data

were acquired in centroid mode. DIA-MS raw data were de-multiplexed using msconvert

(ProteoWizard, version 3.0.23304-e66e43d, peakPicking = 'vendor', demultiplex = overlap only,

10 ppm, SIM as spectra) and processed using DIA-NN (version 1.8.1)[50]. Specifically, a

representative human proteome fasta database (version 07/2024, 20,481 entries, includes non-

human contaminants) concatenated with a KSHV fasta database manually generated from

KSHV2.0[2] was provided to DIA-NN along with all of the raw data in order to perform an initial

spectral library generation step (default settings for library generation, --min-pr-mz 430 --max-pr-

mz 930 --min-pr-charge 2 --max-pr-charge 4, MBR disabled). Afterwards, a subset of raw files for

each mass range were searched together against this generated spectral library using DIA-NN with

'unrelated runs' activated to derive appropriate mass error and scan window settings. The entire set

of raw riles for each mass range were then searched against the spectral library using the derived

mass error and window settings with MBR enabled. Resulting report files were passed to the iq

package (Lib.Q.Value = 0.01, Lib.PG.Q.Value = 0.01, Q.Value = 0.01, PG.Q.Value = 0.05) in R

to generate estimates of protein abundance [51]. Differential protein expression was determined using

the R package DEqMS[52]. Volcano plots were then generated in Prism (v10.6; GraphPad).

GSEA method. The results from DEqMS were used to generate ranked gene lists using the "t"

statistic from lowest to highest. These ranked lists were analysed in GSEA 4.3.3 [24] using the

Reactome canonical pathways in the Human Molecular Signatures Database

(cp.c2.reactome.v2023.2.Hs.symbols) where we manually appended an additional "KSHV" gene

set of as used in our proteomic analysis. We used a 10% FDR as a cut off for the gene sets presented

in **Fig. 1E** and **Fig. 3B** [24]. Bubble plots were generated with ggplot2 in R.

Statistics. RT-qPCR, cholesterol quantification, and titering values were calculated in Excel

(Microsoft). Values were imported into Prism (v10.6; GraphPad) for statistical analysis and

graphing. *P* values are represented in the figures (*, $P < 0.05$; **, $P < 0.01$; ***, $P < 0.001$; ns,

nonsignificant).

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Table 1. Oligonucleotide sequences

qPCR Target	Primer sequences (5′-3′)	
	Forward	Reverse
luc	ACACCCGAGGGGGATGATAA	CCAGATCCACAACCTTCGCT
ORF59	CACCAGGCTTCTCCTCTGTG	TCGCTGACAGACACAGTCAC
K8.1	AGATACGTCTGCCTCTGGGT	AAAGTCACGTGGGAGGTCAC
ORF65	TGGCTCGCATGAATACCCTG	CTGCAGATGATCCCGCCTTT
ORF57	TCCAGTTTTGCTCCCCACTG	TTCTGCCGTATTGTAGGCGG
SOX	ACCACGGAGTCTGACGTCTA	ACGATCGAACTCTGCAGCAA
ORF17	GCCGGCGTATCACAAGGATA	GTGCTCCTTCATTGTCGGGA
SQLE	GCCTGCCTTTCATTGGCTTC	TTCCTTTTCTGCGCCTCCTG
MVK	AGCACCATCTGAATGCCCTC	GCTTGAGGAGTGTGATGCCA
HMGCS	TGTCCTTTCGTGGCTCACTC	CTGCAGTCTCCAGGTCTGTC
LDLR	CGTGCTCCTCGTCTTCCTTT	TCTGTCTCGAGGGGTAGCTG

Figure legends

Fig 1. eIF4F disassembly does not affect translational efficiencies of viral mRNAs. (A)
Western blots of whole cell lysates of uninfected iSLK, latently infected iSLK.219 and 48 h post-
doxycycline (Dox.) treatment (hpi?) iSLK.219 cells treated with 250 nM Torin or DMSO vehicle
control for 2 h prior to harvest. **(B)** Polysome profiles of uninfected, latent, or 48 hpi iSLK.219
treated with either Torin or DMSO for 2 h prior to harvest. **(C)** mRNA from translating ribosomes
(of DMSO treated cells) was sequenced and aligned to both the human and KSHV genomes. Viral
transcripts are depicted in blue on top of the grey background of cellular genes. **(D)** The Δ TE of
viral transcripts is depicted in blue or red on a grey background of cellular genes. Viral transcripts
beyond one SD of the mean are red, viral transcripts within on SD are depicted in blue. Vertical
lines represent a 1.5-fold change in transcript TE. **(E)** Gene set enrichment analysis of transcripts
TE < -1.5 Z or TE > 1.5 Z.

Fig. 2 eIF3d is required for accumulation of KSHV lytic protein products. (A) Viral titer at
96 h post-reactivation from iSLK.219 cells previously transfected with siRNA targeting eIF3d (si-
eIF3d) or a negative control siRNA (si-Neg) (n=3; means±SEM; statistical significance was
determined by two-way ANOVA). **(B)** RNA was harvested at 72h post-reactivation for RT-qPCR
using primers targeting viral gene products as indicated (n=4; means±SEM; statistical significance
was determined by two-way ANOVA). Abbreviations: nRTA, native RTA; ns, not significant;
tRTA, transgenic RTA.

Fig. 3. eIF4F and eIF3d both contribute to protein accumulation during lytic replication. (A-
D) iSLK.219 cells were transfected with siRNA targeting eIF3d (si-eIF3d) or a negative control
(si-Neg) and treated with doxycycline the following day. 24 h after doxycycline addition the cells
were treated with 250 nM Torin of DMSO vehicle control. At 72 hpi, total protein was harvested
for LC-MS/MS with data-independent acquisition (one m/z window) and label-free quantitation
(n=3). Viral proteins are graphed in red and eIF3d is labelled in green. **(A)** si-Neg Torin vs si-Neg
DMSO treatment demonstrating eIF4F-dependent translation. **(B)** si-eIF3d vs si-Neg
demonstrating eIF3d-dependent translation. **(C)** A comparison of proteins from **(A)** and **(B)** that
had a P.Value of < 0.05 in at least one of the samples. **(D)** si-eIF3d treated with Torin vs. si-Neg
cells with DMSO treatment for loss of eIF3d and eIF4F. **(E-F)** iSLK.219 cells were transduced
with lentiviruses encoding shRNA targeting eIF3d (sh-eIF3d) or a non-targeting (sh-NS) shRNA
control. 48 h after lytic induction, cells were harvested for polysome analysis. **(E)** Polysome profile
of sh-Neg and sh-eIF3d. **(F)** Total RNA was extracted pooled fractions from sub-polysomal, light
polysomes, or heavy polysomes were used for RT-qPCR analysis targeting the mRNAs indicated.
Data is presented as the total amount of mRNA detected in each fraction (total mRNA detected =
100%; n=3; means±SEM; statistical significance was determined by two-way ANOVA).

Fig. 4. eIF3d is required for viral protein accumulation and cholesterol biosynthesis during
KSHV lytic replication. iSLK.219 cells were transfected with siRNA targeting eIF3d (si-eIF3d)
or a negative control (si-Neg) and treated with doxycycline the following day. **(A)** Total protein
was harvested for LC-MS/MS with data-independent acquisition (three m/z windows) and label-
free quantitation (n=3). **(B)** Gene set enrichment analysis with 10% FDR. **(C)** Diagram of the
cholesterol biosynthetic pathway. Gene names for cholesterol biosynthesis enzymes are in blue.

Fig 5. eIF3d is required for efficient translation and accumulation of SQLE and MVK during KSHV lytic replication. (A-C) iSLK.219 cells were transfected with siRNA targeting eIF3d (si-eIF3d) or a negative control (si-Neg) and treated with doxycycline the following day. 24 h after doxycycline addition the cells were treated with 250 nM Torin of DMSO vehicle control. At 72 hpi, total protein was harvested for LC-MS/MS with data-independent acquisition (one m/z window) and label-free quantitation (n=3). Viral proteins are graphed in red; proteins related to cholesterol biosynthesis are in blue; eIF3d, SQLE, and MVK are labelled individually in green. **(A)** si-Neg Lytic vs. si-Neg Latent for changes associated with lytic replication. **(B)** si-eIF3d vs. si-Neg during latency for eIF3d-dependence in latently infected cells. **(C)** si-eIF3d vs. si-Neg in lytic cells in matched samples of **(A)** and **(B)**. **(D)** Cholesterol biosynthesis Gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA) for **(A-C)** **(E)** log2 transformed intensity value for eIF3d, SQLE, and MVK as measured for values represented in **(A-C)**. **(F)** Polysome analysis of cholesterol biosynthesis genes as in **Fig. 3E-F.** (total mRNA detected = 100%; n=3; means±SEM; statistical significance was determined by two-way ANOVA). **(G)** Quantification of cholesterol abundance by luciferase-based reporter assay normalized to total protein quantity (n=3±SEM; statistical significance was determined by two-way ANOVA)

Fig. 6. Cholesterol inhibits KSHV lytic replication (A) Uninfected iSLK, latently infected, or lytically replicating iSLK.219 cells treated with varying concentrations of HMGCR inhibitor cerivastatin. Viability was determined at 48 h using colourimetric CCK-8 assay (n=3-4; means±SEM; statistical significance was determined by one-way ANOVA). **(B)** Western blot of latent or lytic iSLK.219 at 48 hpi treated with cerivastatin for 48 h. Lysates were probed as indicated. **(C)** Virus titer at 96 hpi from iSLK.219 cells treated with varying concentrations of cerivastatin (n=3-4; means±SEM; statistical significance was determined by two-way ANOVA).

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Fig 1. eIF4F disassembly does not affect translational efficiencies of viral mRNAs. (A) Western blots of whole cell lysates of uninfected iSLK, latently infected iSLK.219 and 48hpi iSLK.219 cells treated with Torin or DMSO vehicle control for 2h prior to harvest. **(B)** Polysome profiles of uninfected, latent, or 48 hpi iSLK.219 treated with either Torin or DMSO for 2 h prior to harvest. **(C)** mRNA from translating ribosomes (of DMSO treated cells) was sequenced and aligned to both the human and KSHV genomes. Viral transcripts are depicted in blue on top of the grey background of cellular genes. **(D)** The Δ TE of viral transcripts is depicted in blue or red on a grey background of cellular genes. Viral transcripts beyond one SD of the mean are red, viral transcripts within on SD are depicted in blue. Vertical lines represent a 1.5-fold change in transcript TE. **(E)** Gene set enrichment analysis of transcripts TE < -1.5 Z or TE > 1.5 Z.

Fig. 2 eIF3D is required for accumulation of KSHV lytic protein products. (A) Titer at 96h from iSLK.219 cells were transfected with siRNA targeting eIF3d or a negative control (n=3; means±SEM; statistical significance was determined by two-way ANOVA). **(B)** RNA was harvested at 72h post-reactivation for RT-qPCR using primers targeting viral gene products as indicated (n=4; means±SEM; statistical significance was determined by two-way ANOVA).

Fig. 3. eIF4F and eIF3d both contribute to protein accumulation during lytic replication.
(A-D) iSLK.219 cells were transfected with siRNA targeting eIF3d or a negative control and treated with doxycycline the following day. 24h after doxycycline addition the cells were treated with 250 nM Torin of DMSO vehicle control. At 72hpi, total protein was harvested for LC-MS/MS with data-independent acquisition (one m/z window) and label-free quantitation (n=3). Viral proteins are graphed in red and eIF3d is labelled individually. **(A)** si-Neg Torin vs si-Neg DMSO treatment for eIF4F-dependence. **(B)** si-eIF3d vs si-Neg for eIF3d-dependence. **(C)** a comparison of proteins from **(A)** and **(B)** that had a P.Value of < 0.05 in at least one of the samples. **(D)** si-eIF3d treated with Torin vs. si-Neg cells with DMSO treatment for loss of eIF3d and eIF4F. **(E-F)** iSLK.219 cells were transduced with lentiviruses encoding shRNA targeting eIF3d (sh-eIF3d) or a non-targeting (sh-NS) shRNA control. 48h after lytic induction, cells were harvested for polysome analysis. **(E)** Polysome profile of sh-Neg and sh-eIF3d. **(F)** Total RNA was extracted pooled fractions from sub-polysomal, light polysomes, or heavy polysomes and used for RT-qPCR analysis targeting mRNA as indicated. Data is presented as the total amount of detected mRNA detected in each fraction (total mRNA detected = 100%; n=3; means±SEM; statistical significance was determined by two-way ANOVA).

Fig. 4. eIF3d is required for viral protein accumulation and cholesterol biosynthesis during KSHV lytic replication. iSLK.219 cells were transfected with siRNA targeting eIF3d or a negative control and treated with doxycycline the following day. **(A)** Total protein was harvested for LC-MS/MS with data-independent acquisition (three m/z windows) and label-free quantitation (n=3). **(B)** Gene set enrichment analysis with 10% FDR. **(C)** Diagram of the cholesterol biosynthetic pathways. Gene names for Enzymes are in blue.

Fig 5. eIF3d is required for efficient translation and accumulation of SQLE and MVK during KSHV lytic replication. (A-C) iSLK.219 cells were transfected with siRNA targeting eIF3d or a negative control and treated with doxycycline the following day. 24h after doxycycline addition the cells were treated with 250 nM Torin of DMSO vehicle control. At 72hpi, total protein was harvested for LC-MS/MS with data-independent acquisition (one m/z window) and label-free quantitation (n=3). Viral proteins are graphed in red; proteins related to cholesterol biosynthesis are in blue; eIF3d, SQLE, and MVK are labelled individually. **(A)** si-Neg Lytic vs. si-Neg Latent for changes associated with lytic replication. **(B)** si-eIF3d vs. si-Neg during latency for eIF3d-dependence in latently infected cells. **(C)** si-eIF3d vs. si-Neg in lytic cells in matched samples of **(A)** and **(B)**. **(D)** Cholesterol biosynthesis GSEA for **(A-C) (E)** log2 transformed intensity value for eIF3d, SQLE, and MVK as measured for values represented in **(A-C)**. **(F)** Polysome analysis of cholesterol biosynthesis genes as in **Fig. 3E-F.** (total mRNA detected = 100%; n=3; means±SEM; statistical significance was determined by two-way ANOVA). **(G)** Quantification of cholesterol abundance by luciferase-based reporter assay normalized to total protein quantity (n=3±SEM; statistical significance was determined by two-way ANOVA)

Fig. 6. (A) Uninfected iSLK, latently infected, or lytically replicating iSLK.219 cells treated with varying concentrations of HMGCR inhibitor cerivastatin. Viability was determined at 48h using colourimetric CCK-8 assay (n=3-4; means±SEM; statistical significance was determined by one-way ANOVA). **(B)** Western blot of latent or lytic iSLK.219 at 48hpi treated with cerivastatin for 48h. Lysates were probed as indicated. **(C)** Virus titer at 96hpi from iSLK.219 cells treated with varying concentrations of cerivastatin (n=3-4; means±SEM; statistical significance was determined by two-way ANOVA).