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Degradation of a novel DNA damage response protein, tankyrase 1 binding protein 1 (Tab182), following adenovirus infection.

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Abstract

Infection by most DNA viruses activates a cellular DNA damage response (DDR), which may be to the detriment or advantage of the virus. In the case of adenoviruses, they neutralise anti-viral effects of DDR activation by targeting a number of proteins for rapid proteasome-mediated degradation. We have now identified a novel DDR protein, tankyrase 1 binding protein 1 (TNKS1BP1 also known as Tab182), which is degraded during infection by adenovirus 5 and adenovirus 12. In both cases, degradation requires the action of E1B55K and E4orf6 viral proteins and is mediated through the proteasome by the action of cullin-based cellular E3 ligases. The degradation of Tab182 appears to be serotype specific as the protein remains relatively stable following infection with adenoviruses 4, 7, 9 and 11. We have gone on to confirm that Tab182 is an integral component of the CNOT complex, which has transcriptional regulatory, deadenylation and E3 ligase activity. At least 2 other members of the complex (CNOT3 and CNOT7) are also reduced in level during adenovirus infection whereas levels of CNOT4 and CNOT1 remain stable. Depletion of Tab182 with siRNA enhances expression of E1As to a limited extent during adenovirus infection but depletion of CNOT1 is particularly advantageous to the virus and results in a marked increase in expression of adenovirus early proteins. In addition, depletion of Tab182 and CNOT1 results in a limited increase in viral DNA during infection. We conclude that the cellular CNOT complex is a previously unidentified major target for adenoviruses during infection.

Importance

Adenoviruses target a number of cellular proteins involved in the DNA damage response for rapid degradation. We have now shown that Tab182, which we have confirmed to be an integral component of the mammalian CNOT complex, is degraded following infection by adenovirus serotypes 5 and 12. This requires the viral E1B55K and E4orf6 proteins and is mediated by cullin-based E3 ligases and the proteasome. In addition to Tab182, other CNOT proteins are also reduced during adenovirus infection. Thus, CNOT3 and CNOT7, for example, are degraded whereas CNOT4 and CNOT1 are not. siRNA-mediated depletion of components of the complex enhances the
expression of adenovirus early proteins and increases the concentration of viral DNA produced during infection. This study highlights a novel protein complex, CNOT, which is targeted for adenovirus-mediated protein degradation. To our knowledge this is the first time that the CNOT complex has been identified as an adeno-viral target.

Introduction

Adenoviruses are, together with the Papilloma and Polyoma viruses, members of the small DNA tumour virus family (1). There are in excess of 70 human adenovirus types, subdivided into 7 species, designated A-G; the most commonly studied are the group C adenoviruses types 2 and 5 (Ad2 and Ad5) and the group A oncogenic adenovirus 12 (Ad12). Adenoviruses have a linear double-stranded DNA genome, approximately 35kbp in length. The first gene to be expressed, following infection, is adenovirus early region 1A (AdE1A) which is present in two major forms—a long form and a short form translated from 13S and 12S mRNAs, respectively. AdE1A induces progression of the host cell into a ‘pseudo-S-phase’ through interaction with a number of cellular proteins, such as the Rb family, CBP/p300 and components of the cellular transcriptional machinery (2-4). It is considered that this provides an environment conducive to viral replication. Adenovirus E1A is the major adenovirus oncogene and has long been known to transform cells in culture in combination with a co-operating oncogene, such mutant Ras or adenovirus E1B (3, 5).

Shortly after initial infection the host cell initiates a DNA damage response (DDR), seen as phosphorylation of a number of well-characterised Ataxia telangiectasia mutated (ATM) and ATM and Rad3-related (ATR) substrates (6-8). It is presumed that this may be due to recognition of the viral genome as broken cellular DNA or perhaps due to stress caused by infection itself. The virus, in turn, is able to inhibit the DDR, primarily by degradation and/or mis-localization of its key components (7-12). The cellular DDR comprises a series of pathways which have evolved to deal with different forms of DNA damage, such as double strand breaks (DSBs), single strand breaks (SSBs), and the formation of bulky adducts and base mismatches (13-15). The response to DSBs is largely based on the activities of three kinases – ATM, ATR, and DNA dependent protein kinase [3].
DNA-PK). DSBs can be detected by both the MRN complex (comprising MRE11, Rad50 and NBS1) or the Ku 70/80 heterodimer which can lead to repair by homologous recombination (HR) or non-homologous end joining (NHEJ), respectively. Recognition of DSBs by MRN is followed by the recruitment of ATM, which is activated by acetylation by Tip60 while binding of Ku70/80 results in auto-phosphorylation of DNA-PK that is required for NHEJ (16-18). Histone H2AX and multiple downstream targets are phosphorylated by ATM which has the effect of recruiting a large number of components to the lesion to initiate repair, as well as to cause cell cycle arrest so that damaged DNA is not replicated (13-17). ATR is activated in response to single-stranded DNA (ssDNA) which can arise as a result of DSB repair and stalled replication forks. Regions of ssDNA are coated with replication protein A (RPA) which, in turn, recruits ATR and the ATR interacting protein, ATRIP. Further complexes, comprising Rad9-Rad1 and Hus1 (9-1-1) and Rad17-replication factor C2 (RFC2) clamp loader, together with TOPBP1 are recruited to ssDNA, RPA and ATR leading to cell cycle arrest and repair (17-19).

It was originally shown that when cells were infected with a mutant Ad5 virus, lacking the E4 region, viral genomes were joined end to end to form concatamers which could not be packaged into viral capsids (20). It was later demonstrated that during infection with wt virus, cellular E3 ligases are hijacked by the virus and used to degrade key cellular DDR proteins; for example, p53 is degraded by both Ad5 and Ad12 and requires the action of the E1B55K and E4orf6 viral proteins (21-23). In the case of Ad5 the viral proteins recruit an E3 ligase, comprising elongins B and C, Rbx and cullin 5, which ubiquitylates p53 and this is then degraded by the proteasome (9). Similarly, Ad12 also facilitates the degradation of p53, but through a cullin 2-based E3 ligase (12). Other DDR proteins degraded during Ad5 and Ad12 infection include MRE11, DNA ligase IV and BLM (10, 11, and 24). In addition to DDR components a number of other unrelated proteins are also degraded during Ad5 infection. These substrates include DAXX, integrin3α and TIF1γ (25-27). During infection adenoviruses also cause translocation of proteins associated with the DDR. For example, ATR, ATRIP, Rad 17, 53BP1, BRCA1, TOPBP1, RPA and hnRNPUL-1 have all been observed at sites of viral

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replication in the nucleus, known as viral replication centres (VRCs) (6, 8 and 28). In addition, it is notable that certain DDR proteins, such as p53 and MRE11, are translocated to aggresomes where they may be degraded (29-31).

Tab182, also known as tankyrase 1 binding protein 1 (TNKS1BP1), has previously been shown to be an ATM and/or ATR substrate which is highly phosphorylated following exposure to ionizing radiation (IR) and to bind to tankyrase 1 (32, 33). It appears to be required for efficient DSB repair and facilitates PARP1-dependent autophosphorylation of DNA-PK although its precise role is not clear at present (34, 35 and our unpublished data). In addition, Tab182 has a role in regulation of the actin cytoskeleton (36). Tab182 has previously been suggested to be a component of the mammalian CNOT complex although its role in that context is unknown. The CNOT complex is a multi-protein complex, highly conserved in eukaryotes (37-39). In humans, the CNOT complex is composed of components CNOT1 to 11 (CNOT9 and CNOT11 have the alternative nomenclature RQCD and C2orf29, respectively) (40, 41). In yeast, where most studies of CCR4-NOT have been performed, there are 9 core subunits—Cer4, Caf1, Caf40, Caf130 and NOTs1-5, although no Tab182 ortholog has been identified (38, 42 and 43). The human CNOT complex consists of a stable inner complex (CNOT1, CNOT2, CNOT3, CNOT9 and CNOT10) with CNOT6 and its homologue 6L, CNOT7 and CNOT8 being less strongly associated. CNOT4 seems to be weakly associated, whereas Tab182 and C2orf29 (CNOT11) are more strongly bound (40, 44 and 45). Many different enzymatic activities have been attributed to the CCR4-NOT complex in yeast and CNOT in mammals. It is considered to be a major deadenylation, responsible, with Pan2-Pan3, for shortening of the poly (A) tails of cytoplasmic RNAs (38, 46 and 47). The components CNOT7 and CNOT8, together with CNOT6 and CNOT6L, are deadenylation subunits. Further components of the complex have E3 ligase, translational repression, RNA export and nuclear surveillance activities (38, 48-50). CNOT4 is the E3 ubiquitin ligase but seems to interact only weakly with the remainder of the complex (40). CNOT1 forms a scaffold on which the CNOT and deadenylation modules are formed (41, 51 and 52). The central region of CNOT1 interacts with the deadenylation subunits, with CNOT7 forming a bridge between CNOT1 and CNOT6L.
The C-terminal region of CNOT1 binds to the remainder of the NOT module which comprises CNOT2 and CNOT3. A number of studies have implicated the CCR4-NOT complex in the DDR in yeast. In the majority of these, sensitivity assays were performed using yeast strains that were mutant for various CCR4-NOT components. For example, loss of CCR4 and Caf1 render the yeast sensitive to IR, hydroxyurea (HU) and camptothecin, an inhibitor of DNA topoisomerase I (53-55). Similarly, NOT1-5 mutant yeast strains have been shown to be sensitive to HU (53). These data suggest that the CCR4-NOT complex is involved in the response to a number of forms of DNA damage and replication stress although the mechanisms involved remain unclear.

Here we demonstrate that Tab182 is degraded during Ad5 and Ad12 infection in an E1B55K- and E4orf6-dependent manner. We have confirmed that Tab182 is a component of the CNOT complex and that levels of at least two other components of the complex are similarly reduced during adenovirus infection. Significantly, depletion of Tab182 or disruption of the CNOT complex enhances expression of adenovirus E1A at the transcriptional level early in infection.

Results

Tab182 is degraded during adenovirus infection.

It has previously been suggested that Tab182 may have a role in the DDR based on the observation that the protein has multiple potential ATM/ATR phosphorylation sites (SQ/TQ) and is phosphorylated following exposure to IR (33) as well as its recently proposed role in DSB repair (34, 35). In a screen to detect novel DDR components targeted by adenoviruses the effect of viral infection on Tab182 was examined. It can be seen that, during both Ad5 and Ad12 infection of HeLa cells, Tab182 levels decline rapidly after 24 hours (Figures 1A and 1B). It is particularly notable that the levels of Tab182 increase in the initial stages of infection with both serotypes (Figure 1 and succeeding figures). This appears to be a cell cycle effect, since, in nocodazole ‘shake off’ experiments, Tab182 expression is greatest during S phase and mitosis and reduced in the G1 phase.
of the cell cycle (data not shown). RT-PCR analysis has demonstrated that the increased protein expression coincides with increases in Tab182 mRNA (data not shown).

Tab182 degradation requires the E1B55K and E4orf6 viral proteins

Multiple previous studies have demonstrated the roles of AdE1B55K and AdE4orf6 in targeting cellular proteins for degradation (6-12). To determine whether these components are involved in the observed reduction in level of Tab182, infection with a panel of mutant viruses was carried out. Infection with the Ad5 (Ad5 dl1520) and Ad12 (Ad12dl620) E1B55K negative viruses had no effect on the level of Tab182 (Figures 1C and 1D), indicating a requirement for the larger AdE1B protein for degradation.

Following infection with various Ad5E4 negative viruses there was no reduction in Tab182 level when the E4orf6 protein was not expressed, as in H5pm4154 and H5pm4155 (Figures 2A and 2B). Viruses which fail to express other E4 proteins degrade Tab182 in a manner comparable to wild type (Figure 2). Thus, H5in351 (E4orf1-), H5in352 (E4orf2-), H5pm4166 (E4orf4-) and H5pm4150 (E4orf3-) are all able to cause rapid degradation of Tab182 (Figure 2). The H5dl356 virus, which is E4orf7 negative, appears to express E4orf6 at much lower levels than expected which probably explains why levels of Tab182 and MRE11 are only very marginally reduced (Figure 2C). H5pm4155, which is E4orf3 and E4orf6 negative, expresses somewhat reduced levels of E1B55K, compared to the other viruses shown here (Figure 2C). Reasons for this are not apparent. Overall, we conclude that degradation of Tab182 requires, in Ad5 at least, E1B55K and E4orf6. Significantly, in all western blots shown in Figures 1 and 2 (and Figure 5A) degradation of Tab182 occurs somewhat later than degradation of MRE11 but at similar times to p53 degradation (data not shown).

In addition, to confirm that reduction in Tab182 levels is not due to a reduction in mRNA, RT-PCR was carried out on Ad5 and Ad12 infected cells (Figure 3). This clearly shows that Tab182 mRNA levels are equivalent to, or higher than, uninfected cells up to about 72 hours post infection in contrast to the sharp reduction in Tab182 protein levels after 24 hours (compare Figures 1 and 3).
We conclude that loss of Tab182 protein is due to active protein degradation and not host cell shut-off which may occur after 72 hours (Figures 3A and 3B).

To demonstrate that the E1B55K and E4orf6 proteins are solely responsible for degradation of Tab182 plasmids encoding the two Ad5 and Ad12 proteins were transfected into HeLa cells. Cells were harvested after 48 hours and lysates subjected to western blotting for Tab182, MRE11 and the viral proteins (Figure 4). E4orf6 proteins were HA-tagged and were detected with an anti-HA antibody. It can be seen that Tab182 and MRE11 were degraded in the presence of both Ad5 and Ad12 E1B55K and E4orf6 proteins. These data confirm that similar viral proteins are required for both Ad5- and Ad12-mediated degradation of Tab182. When the viral proteins were expressed singly there was little reduction in Tab182 or MRE11 levels confirming that both E1B55K and E4orf6 are required for degradation (Figure 4).

Degradation of Tab182 is limited to certain virus serotypes.

To determine how widespread the degradation of Tab182 is amongst other adenovirus serotypes, levels of Tab182 were monitored by western blotting following infection of HeLa cells with Ad4 (group E), Ad7 (group B1), Ad9 (group D) and Ad11 (group B2) (Figure 5). In contrast to Ad5 and Ad12, infection of HeLa cells with Ad9 and Ad11 viruses had no effect on Tab182 expression except at very late times when host cell shut off could be a contributory factor (Figures 5B and 5C). Following Ad4 and Ad7 infection there is a reduction in Tab182 levels at later times and this is more pronounced than the effects seen with Ad9 and Ad11 but much less marked than degradation after Ad5 and Ad12 infection (Figures 5B and 5C). The effects of the viruses on Tab182 levels closely mirror those on MRE11 and, in the case of Ad4, on p53 (Figure 5). (Ad7, Ad9 and Ad11 all markedly induce expression of p53 as has been reported earlier (28 and 56)). We have previously reported that Ad4 facilitates rapid degradation of various DDR proteins (28) although perhaps to a lesser extent than Ad5 and Ad12. However, it appears to have only a relatively slight effect on Tab182 (Figure 5B). Whilst there is limited reduction in protein level, it seems likely that the group B1, B2, D and E viruses do not cause significant degradation of Tab182.
Degradation of Tab182 requires the proteasome and E3 ligases.

A number of approaches were adopted to investigate the mechanism by which target proteins are degraded during Ad5 and Ad12 infection. Initially, to confirm that the degradation of Tab182 is by the proteasome, cells were treated with bortezomib, a well-characterised proteasome inhibitor, or DMSO (as a negative control) and harvested after 48 hours. In the presence of bortezomib degradation of Tab182 and MRE11, following viral infection, was reduced but not completely inhibited; in the absence of the proteasome inhibitor (DMSO) the proteins were degraded in the presence of the viruses (Figure 6). In a second experiment it has been shown that inhibition of NEDDylation (with MLN4924) also results in stabilisation of Tab182 following Ad5 and Ad12 infection. It is now well-established that NEDDylation is required for activation of the cullin components of the E3 ligases during adenovirus infection (9). In the presence of the inhibitor, degradation of Tab182 was appreciably reduced as was that of p53, although it is interesting to note that stabilization of MRE11 was appreciably less than was the case for p53; this apparent differential may be due to the up-regulation of p53 expression due to AdE1A (Figure 7A and 7B). The active NEDDylated component of the cullin 2 can be seen as a slower migrating protein in the western blots shown in Figures 7A and 7B. This is markedly reduced in the MLN4924 treated samples. We conclude that active (NEDDylated) cullins are required for Tab182 degradation during adenovirus infection.

Different adenovirus serotypes do not all make use of the same cullin components to degrade cellular proteins. Previously it has been shown that protein degradation following Ad5 infection utilizes a cullin 5-based E3 ligase whereas Ad12 hijacks a cullin 2-based E3 ligase (9 and 12). To examine whether this difference extends to the degradation of Tab182, H1299 cells, in which Cul2 or Cul5 expression had been ablated, were infected with Ad5 and Ad12 and levels of Tab182 monitored (Figures 7C, 7D and 7E). In the Cul2-negative cells Tab182 is more stable following Ad12 infection compared with the control cell line indicating that Cul2 is required for degradation of Tab182 by this serotype (Figures 7D and 7C). In contrast, in the Cul5-negative cells Tab182 levels are comparable with control cells following Ad12 infection indicating that this cullin component is dispensable for...
Tab182 degradation (Figures 7E and 7C). However, more subtle differences were observed between the degradation of Tab182, after Ad5 infection, in the Cul2-negative and Cul5-negative cells (Figures 7D and 7E). During Ad5 infection the loss of either cullin may result in some stabilization of Tab182 compared to control H1299 cells but does not clearly abrogate its degradation (Figures 7C, 7D and 7E). As expected MRE11 is stabilized in the Cul5-negative cells but not the Cul2-negative cells after Ad5 infection. This suggests the possible involvement of Cul2, and/or perhaps an unidentified cullin, in Ad5-mediated Tab182 degradation. Further work will be required to determine if other proteins beside cullins 2 and 5 are involved in protein degradation by Ad5.

Tab182 does not localize to viral replication centres

It has previously been shown that a number of DDR proteins localize to the sites of adenovirus replication in the nucleus, known as viral replication centres (VRCs) (6 and 8). To examine if this applied to Tab182, HeLa cells were transfected with GFP-Tab182 and left for 24 hours. They were then seeded onto glass coverslips and infected with Ad5 or Ad12. After a further 24 hours cells were fixed and stained with antibodies that recognise VRCs (Figure 8). In the case of Ad5, VRCs were visualised using an antibody against the viral DNA binding protein (DBP) while RPA-32 was used as a surrogate marker for Ad12 VRCs. No specific recruitment of Tab182 to viral replication centres was observed following infection with either adenovirus serotype (Figure 8A). As expression of GFP-Tab182 was greater than is the case for the wt protein, in a further experiment soluble proteins were extracted before antibody staining; again no co-localisation of GFP-Tab182 with VRCs was observed (Figure 8B).

Tab182 associates with AdE1B55K proteins.

As the adenovirus-mediated degradation of Tab182 is AdE1B55K dependent we investigated whether the two proteins associated, as is the case, for example, with Ad5E1B55K and p53 (57). To examine this possibility, initially GST pull-down assays were carried out with purified GST-Tab182 (C-terminal region) and whole cell lysates from E1B55K-expressing Ad12E1HER2 and Ad5E1HEK293 cells. In both cases the E1B55K protein was identified as a binding partner (Figures 9A and 9B).
well as GST, GST-PRMT1 was included as an irrelevant (negative) control as it is of comparable molecular weight to the Tab182 polypeptide. No binding of GST or GST-PRMT1 to E1B55K proteins was seen. In further experiments, using the same cell lines, E1B55K proteins were co-immunoprecipitated using an antibody against Tab182 (Figures 9C and 9D). No co-immunoprecipitation was seen using an irrelevant antibody against collagen IV. In a further experiment, Ad5E1HEK293 cells and Ad12E1HER2 cells were transfected with a construct encoding GFP-Tab182. The lysates were immunoprecipitated with antibodies against AdE1B55K proteins and co-precipitated Tab182 detected by western blotting (Figure 9E). The slightly higher molecular weight GFP-Tab182 and the endogenous Tab182 were both seen in some lanes. These results strongly suggest that, in both Ad5 and Ad12 serotypes, the viral E1B55K proteins interact directly with Tab182.

Although degradation of Tab182 occurs to only a very limited extent during infection with adenoviruses other than Ad5 and Ad12 (Figure 5) we considered the possibility that the E1B55K proteins from these other species may also associate with Tab182. Therefore, HeLa cells were transfected with constructs encoding HA-tagged Ad9E1B55K (group D) or HA-tagged Ad16E1B55K (group B1). After 48 hours Tab182 was immunoprecipitated and associated E1B55K protein detected with an antibody against HA (Figure 9F). It can be seen that whilst the Ad9 protein bound strongly the Ad16 equivalent could only be seen on over-exposed western blots, indicating a very weak association (Figure 9G). Similar results were obtained when the constructs were transfected into Ad5E1HEK293 cells (data not shown). To check whether this differentiation extends to other adenovirus targets the interaction with p53 was examined. After transfection of both constructs into Ad5E1HEK293 cells, HA-tagged E1B55K proteins were immunoprecipitated and bound p53 detected by western blotting (Figure 9H). In contrast to Tab182, both Ad9 and Ad16E1B55K proteins strongly interacted with p53.

It is now well-established that the small DNA tumour viruses have many cellular targets in common, such as pRb, p53 and CBP/p300 (58 and 59). It has already been reported that the E6 protein from

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HPV genus beta, species 2 (HPV17a and HPV38) associates with the CNOT complex (60). To examine if Tab182 interacts with proteins from other small DNA tumour viruses, a co-immunoprecipitation experiment was carried out with Tab182 antibody using 293FT cells which express SV40 T antigen. When Tab182 was immunoprecipitated appreciable SV40T was associated with it (Figure 9I).

Tab182 is a component of the CNOT complex.

It has previously been noted that Tab182 can be co-immunoprecipitated with the CNOT complex from mammalian cells (40). To confirm this association, Tab182 was immunoprecipitated, using the rabbit antibody raised against the C-terminal fragment, and the total immunoprecipitate analysed by mass spectrometry. Results from a representative co-immunoprecipitation experiment are presented in Table 1. In all cases most components of the CNOT complex were detected although there were limited variations from one experiment to the next. Specifically, CNOT4 was never detected in any Tab182 co-immunoprecipitate and CNOT 7 and CNOT 8 were occasionally not identified. Significantly, neither Tab182 nor CNOT proteins were detected in any of the control immunoprecipitates carried out with rabbit IgG (data not shown). Proteins which were seen in both Tab182 and control IgG immunoprecipitations have not been listed in Table 1. The proteins listed are the only ones which were consistently observed in five Tab182 immunoprecipitation experiments but not in controls.

In a final set of co-immunoprecipitations we investigated whether AdE1B55K proteins were associated with other CNOT components. Using the adenovirus E1-expressing cells, CNOT1 was immunoprecipitated and associated E1B55K proteins detected by Western blotting (Figures 9J and 9K). It is possible that these results show direct interaction of the viral proteins with CNOT1 but could also indicate interaction with other, as yet unidentified, components of the intact CNOT complex or even Tab182.

Adenovirus infection leads to a reduction in the levels of other CNOT proteins

In light of the co-immunoprecipitation experiments shown in Table 1 and Figure 9 we examined the levels of other CNOT proteins during adenovirus infection. Following infection of HeLa cells with...
either Ad5 or Ad12 levels of CNOT1, CNOT3, CNOT4 and CNOT7 were monitored by Western blotting (Figure 10). In contrast to Tab182, levels of CNOT1 and CNOT4 remained stable throughout the time course of infection (Figures 10A and 10B). However, levels of both CNOT3 and CNOT7 were markedly reduced after infection with both serotypes. In the case of Ad5, levels of CNOT3 decline prior to the observed decrease in CNOT7 whereas for Ad12 CNOT7 levels decline prior to CNOT3 (Figures 10A and 10B). Further work will be required to determine whether these proteins are degraded in the same fashion as Tab182 and whether levels of other CNOT proteins are reduced during adenovirus infection but these data suggest that the complex may be a major target for certain adenoviruses.

Tab182 and CNOT1 depletion favours adenovirus infection

To determine what advantage adenoviruses might derive from the degradation of Tab182 and other CNOT complex proteins, a time course of infection was followed in HeLa cells treated with Tab182 siRNA. In addition, the effect of depletion of CNOT1 was also examined. CNOT1 forms a scaffold on which other members of the complex associate (41). We, therefore, reasoned that its depletion would cause maximal disruption of CNOT complex activity. Cells were infected with Ad5 and Ad12 48 hours after the addition of control, Tab182 or CNOT1 siRNAs. It can be seen from Figures 11A and 11B that, in the absence of Tab182, expression levels of the E1A viral proteins were elevated to a limited extent compared to controls, during the time-course of infection. Similar results were obtained with the E1B55K negative viruses, Ad5dl1520 and Ad12dl620, in that AdE1A proteins were expressed at a higher level in the absence of Tab182 (data not shown). In the samples treated with control siRNA there is a reduction in the level of Tab182 as degradation proceeds. Expression of other viral proteins varied marginally between Tab182-depleted and control cells. However, in a further set of experiments it was shown that when CNOT1 was depleted before infection with Ad5 there was a notable increase in E1A and E1B55K expression compared to controls (Figure 11A). In Ad12 infected cells there was an even more marked increase in expression of the E1A and E1B55K proteins, compared to control siRNA treated cells (Figure 11B). From the western blots it is clear [13].
that Tab182 depletion has its most marked effect at 24 hours post Ad12 infection. However, depletion of CNOT1 causes a several fold increase in Ad12E1A expression at 24 hours but, notably, the level of protein stays consistently high up to 96 hours. The effects on Ad5E1A were less pronounced, although, again, loss of Tab182 had most effect at 24 hours post infection whereas depletion of CNOT1 facilitated AdE1A expression up to 96 hours.

It has long been known that adenovirus infection promotes cell cycle progression from G1 into a ‘psuedo S-phase’ accompanied by enhanced expression of cyclin E (reviewed in 61, for example). In addition, it has also been reported that Ad E1A promotes expression of the tyrosine phosphatase CDC25A, which is required for the G1 to S-phase transition (62). In an attempt to examine whether the depletion of Tab182 and CNOT1 affects the ability of adenoviruses to initiate cell cycle progression the expression of CDC25A was initially examined. It is notable that, in the Tab182 and CNOT1 depleted cells, there is only very limited induction of CDC25A after infection whereas this is appreciable in the control infected cells (Figure 11A and 11B). After 24 hours in all cases, expression returns to a low level comparable with uninfected cells. We suggest that low level expression of CDC25A is required by the virus for progression of the infected cells into pseudo S-phase but after that, to stop further progression, CDC25A may be detrimental to viral replication. It is possible that reduction in CNOT components decreases CDC25A, retaining the cells in a cell cycle phase more conducive to viral early protein expression and viral replication.

Tab182 depletion favours progression into S phase after adenovirus infection

In view of the CDC25A western blotting data shown in Figure 11, the effects of depletion of Tab182 or CNOT1 on cyclin E expression were also examined. HeLa cells were again treated with control, Tab182 and CNOT1 siRNAs, mock-infected or infected with Ad12 and then harvested at various times up to 96 hours. In the mock-infected cells treated with control siRNA cyclin E is expressed at a constant low level but in those cells treated with Tab182 and particularly CNOT1 siRNAs there is an appreciable elevation in cyclin E expression (Figure 12A). When a similar set of cells were infected with Ad12 elevated cyclin E levels were also observed (Figure 12B). Thus, in control infected cells
there was a limited increase in cyclin E expression but in the absence of Tab182 or CNOT1, expression of cyclin E is elevated to a much greater extent (Figure 12B). It seems likely, therefore, that effects seen in the virally infected cells are primarily attributable to CNOT1 and Tab182 depletion rather than the virus itself. The advantage gained by the virus, facilitating E1A expression, could be due to the fact that the siRNA treated cells have generally progressed slightly further through the cell cycle, into a phase more favourable for adenovirus early protein expression, as suggested in the previous section. Ad5 infection of HeLa cells treated with the same siRNAs had little additional effect on cyclin E expression (data not shown).

Tab182 and CNOT1 depletion enhances the AdE1A mRNA expression

To determine whether depletion of Tab182 or CNOT1 affects AdE1A expression at the transcriptional level, cells depleted of either Tab182 or CNOT1 were infected with either Ad5 or Ad12 before isolation of total RNA after 24 hours. RT-PCR was performed following reverse transcription of total RNA to amplify Ad5 and Ad12 13S E1As using primers across the CR3 unique region of each protein; Ct values were calculated, normalised to GAPDH. Depletion of CNOT1 or Tab182 in Ad5 or Ad12 infected cells was verified by western blotting (data not shown). The relative expression of 13S E1A in infected cells with depleted CNOT1 or Tab182 was compared with mock-transfected, infected cells. It can be seen from the data presented in Figure 13 that depletion of Tab182 resulted in an increase in both Ad5 and Ad12 13S E1A mRNAs compared to controls. The depletion of CNOT1 had a more marked effect, consistent with the western blots shown in Figure 11.

Tab182 and CNOT1 depletion favours the production of viral DNA during infection

To examine whether the advantage gained in the expression of early proteins in Tab182 and CNOT1 depleted cells extends to the production of viral genomes HeLa cells were treated with appropriate siRNAs and infected with Ad5 and Ad12 48 hours later. After a further 24 hours cells were harvested and the DNA isolated. The concentration of adenovirus DNA was measured by quantitative PCR as outlined in the Materials and Methods using primers equivalent to Hexon and GAPDH as a control. More viral DNA can be seen in the Tab182 depleted cells than in the control cells after both Ad5 and
Ad12 infection (Figure 14); similarly, there is an even greater increase after CNOT1 depletion, consistent with increased AdE1A expression. Interestingly, the effect of CNOT1 and Tab182 depletion were very similar during Ad5 infection (Figure 14A) whereas CNOT1 depletion had an appreciably greater effect than Tab182 depletion in Ad12 infected cells (Figure 14B).

**Discussion**

It is now well-established that adenovirus infection triggers a cellular DDR (22). This is counteracted, in Ad5 and Ad12 at least, by the degradation of multiple cellular proteins. Initially, it was noted that p53 was a target for proteasome-mediated degradation during adenovirus infection (63 and 64). This has been followed by demonstrations that other DDR proteins, such as MRE11, BLM and DNA Ligase IV, are targeted to the proteasome through the actions of the viral E1B55K and E4orf6 proteins (10, 11 and 24). Whilst this is the case for the group A and group C viruses it certainly does not apply universally to all adenovirus serotypes (28 and 56). In particular, it has been shown that group B (for example, Ad7, Ad11 and Ad16) and group D (for example, Ad9) viruses target a much more limited set of DDR proteins, possibly not extending beyond DNA Ligase IV. Furthermore, it seems that the E1B55K/E4orf6 complex is not always required as degradation of TOPBP1 requires only Ad12E4orf6, whereas DAXX degradation utilizes only Ad5E1B55K (12 and 27).

In a screen looking for additional DNA damage response proteins which might be targeted for adenovirus-mediated degradation we have identified Tab182 and, subsequently other members of the CNOT complex, CNOT7 and CNOT3, as probable targets. Tab182 was originally shown to interact with tankyrase 1 (32) and to be highly phosphorylated by ATM and/or ATR after DNA damage by IR (33). More recently, evidence has been presented to show that Tab182 plays a role in DSB repair and promotes the association of PARP-1 with the DNA-PK catalytic subunit (34, 35).

There had been suggestions that Tab182 was a peripheral component of the CNOT complex in mammals (40) and it was identified in various complexes in large scale protein interactome screens (see, for example, 65-67). We have now confirmed that Tab182 is an integral component of the
CNOT complex. Depletion of the protein increases the sensitivity of cells to damage induced by ionising radiation, UV radiation and HU and impairs the cell’s ability to form DNA repair foci following DNA replication stress (34, 35 and our unpublished data).

Here it has been shown that Tab182 is degraded during Ad5 and Ad12 infection (Figure 1). In both cases this requires the AdE1B55K and AdE4orf6 proteins but is independent of AdE4orf3 which has been shown to be required for degradation of other cellular proteins (25) (Figures 1 and 2). Degradation of Tab182 is inhibited by bortezomib, a proteasome inhibitor, and MLN4924, which inhibits cullin NEDDylation, preventing its activation (Figures 6 and 7). As is the case for p53 degradation, Ad12 hi-jacks a cullin 2-based E3 ligase (Figure 7), although it appears that ablation of either Cul2 or Cul5 expression has a similar effect on Tab182 degradation during Ad5 infection (Figure 7) in that loss of either causes partial protein stabilization. Clarification of this observation requires further investigation.

To confirm the results of the mutant virus infections, that Tab182 is targeted through AdE1B55K, co-immunoprecipitation assays were carried out and it was found that Tab182 and both the Ad5 and Ad12 proteins could be immunoprecipitated together. Furthermore, both Ad5 and Ad12 E1B55K proteins bound to the GST-Tab182 C-terminal region, indicating a direct interaction (Figure 9).

Interestingly, Tab182 binds strongly to Ad9E1B55K but not Ad16E1B55K although it does not appear to be degraded by either group B1 (Ad7 and Ad16) or group D (Ad9) viruses (Figures 5 and 9). E1B55K proteins from both Ad9 and Ad16 interact with p53 as might be expected since it is transcriptionally inactive after Ad9 and Ad7 infection, even though it is present at high level (28). These observations suggest that interaction of E1B55K with Tab182 may be determined by factors other than a requirement for protein degradation. A more widespread examination of the interaction of Tab182 with E1B55K proteins from a number of adenoviruses may elucidate this point. Tab182 also associates with SV40T antigen in co-immunoprecipitation experiments, suggesting that the protein could be a target for the family of small DNA tumour viruses (Figure 9I). Significantly,
previous studies have shown that the CNOT complex associates with HPV 17a and HPV38 E6 proteins although the consequences of this for the virus were not examined at the time (60).

To see how extensive the relationship between adenoviruses and the CNOT complex was, the fate of other components of the complex was studied following adenovirus infection (Figure 10). Although only a limited number of CNOT proteins were examined it was seen that levels of CNOT3 and CNOT7 were reduced during Ad5 and Ad12 infection whereas levels of CNOT4 and CNOT1 remained stable. Although a number of activities have been attributed to the CNOT complex, such as deadenylase, transcriptional regulation and ubiquitin E3 ligase activity (37-39 and 46-48) it is not clear what contribution Tab182 makes. To attempt to understand why adenovirus might target Tab182 (and other CNOT proteins) adenovirus infection was compared in control and siRNA knock down cells. It was seen that expression of E1A was enhanced, to a limited extent, in Tab182 depleted cells although little or no difference was seen in the expression of late proteins (Figure 11). To see if a similar effect occurred with other members of the CNOT complex, CNOT1, which is considered to be a scaffold protein required for the integrity of the complex, was depleted. During Ad5 infection E1A expression was notably increased when CNOT1 was depleted while in the case of Ad12 there was a greatly enhanced expression of E1A and a marked increase in E1B55K protein, following CNOT1 knock down, compared to controls (Figure 11). The increased effect of CNOT1 protein depletion on Ad12 compared to Ad5 appears to be consistent with Ad12’s somewhat enhanced ability to degrade Tab182. The difference in expression of E1A protein is due to an increase in AdE1A mRNA, as shown by RT-PCR (Figure 13). Whether this effect is directly attributable to a reduction in deadenylase activity of the CNOT complex will have to await further investigation. Interestingly, it has recently been shown that the Ad5 E1B55K/E4orf6 complex enhances E1A activity by stabilizing the protein, leading to increased level, and by increasing the activation of E2F by E1A (68). It is possible that the effect of the same adenovirus complex on the CNOT complex, as demonstrated here, could contribute to the increased AdE1A level observed. In a further study it has been shown that the concentration of viral DNA is increased in Tab182 and CNOT1 depleted cells 24 hours after both Ad5...
and Ad12 infection (Figure 14). More marked effects were seen with CNOT1 depletion than with Tab182 consistent with the observed increase in AdE1A expression (Figure 11); however, reduction in Tab182 had less effect on relative Hexon DNA concentration after Ad12 infection than with Ad5, reasons for this are not clear at present.

The relationship between adenoviruses and the CNOT complex is not clear cut, for whilst the virus is able to cause degradation of various components this occurs later than any initial enhanced increase in AdE1A expression seen after the depletion of CNOT proteins described here. It is notable that there is a sustained increase in AdE1A expression up to 96 hours in the absence of CNOT1 (Figure 11). However, increases in viral DNA concentration were observed after CNOT1 and Tab182 depletion, suggesting that inactivation of the complex will facilitate viral replication to a limited extent. It is also possible that the aim of the virus, in degrading and presumably inactivating the CNOT complex, is not necessarily just to facilitate AdE1A expression, but to fulfil some other, as yet unidentified, role, perhaps linked to an effect on the DDR. It should be borne in mind, when considering the effects of CNOT1 depletion, that adenoviruses do not actually cause its degradation and while its loss will probably indicate the effect of inactivation of the CNOT complex it does not necessarily coincide with what happens in vivo. It is also possible that other CNOT proteins could be targets for adenovirus-mediated degradation early in infection co-incident with AdE1A expression, although we have no evidence of this. Significantly, degradation of Tab182 and CNOT7 occurs later in viral infection than is the case for MRE11 and BLM and is more similar to that seen for p53.

Loss of components of the CNOT complex, for example Tab182, appears to facilitate progression of cells into late G1/early S-phase, as evidenced by the enhanced expression of cyclin E and transitorily enhanced expression of CDC25A (Figures 11 and 12). This may provide an environment more conducive to expression of early viral proteins, particularly E1A. For reasons which are not evident at present the effect seems to be more marked with Ad12 compared to Ad5. With relevance to the effects on cyclin E expression, it is worth noting that CNOT1 depletion has a more marked effect
than does Tab182 depletion, suggesting that its loss enhances cell cycle progression to a greater extent. However, it is possible that loss of other CNOT proteins could have a comparable effect.

In summary, Ad5 and, in particular, Ad12 have been shown to target Tab182 and other CNOT proteins for proteasome-mediated degradation during viral infection. Loss of Tab182 and CNOT1 favours enhanced expression of AdE1A and E1B55K proteins in the early stages of infection.

Materials and methods

Cell lines, viruses and plasmids.

HeLa (obtained from ATCC), HEK293FT (Invitrogen), AdSE1HEK293 (a generous gift from Frank Graham), and Ad12E1HER2 (69) cells were grown in DMEM supplemented with 8% foetal calf serum (FCS). H1299-based cell lines in which Cul2 or Cul5 expression had been ablated were a generous gift from Paola Blanchette and Phil Branton. The cells were grown in DMEM supplemented with 8% FCS and 1 µg/ml puromycin (Cul2) or 8% FCS, 1 µg/ml puromycin and 100 µg/ml hygromycin (Cul5). Ad4, Ad5, Ad7, Ad9, Ad11 and Ad12 viruses were obtained from ATCC or were a generous gift from Jo Mymryk. The following Ad5 mutant viruses were used: Ad5dl1520 (Ad5E1B55K-) (70), H5in351 (E4orf1), H5pm4154 (E4orf6), H5pm4155 (E4orf3, E4orf6), H5pm4166 (E4orf4), H5d356 (E4orf7) and H5sin352 (E4orf2) (23, 26, 71-73). In addition, an Ad12 E1B55K negative mutant virus (Ad12dl620) was used (74). HeLa cells were generally infected at a multiplicity of infection of 5 plaque forming units (pfu)/cell. Ad5 and Ad12 E1B55K DNA was cloned into pcDNA3 and Ad5 and Ad12 E4orf6-HA tag DNA was also cloned into pcDNA3 as previous described (75). NEDDylation was inhibited by addition of MLN4924 to the cell culture medium at a concentration of 4 µM and proteasomal activity was inhibited with bortezomib (0.5 µM).

siRNA treatment to deplete Tab182 and CNOT proteins and protein transfections.

HeLa cells were plated at a density of 4x10^5 per 6 cm dish. After 24 hours they were transfected with control or ON-TARGETplus SMART pool siRNAs (0.2 nmol/dish) (GE Dharmacon) directed against Tab182 or CNOT1 proteins using Oligofectamine (Invitrogen) following the manufacturer’s protocol. After 24 hours cells were split 1→3 and after a further 24 hours infected with virus. For protein
transfections cells were grown to 70% confluency and then incubated with DNA constructs (2µg/6cm
dish or 5µg/10cm dish) which had been previously mixed for 20 minutes with Lipofectamine 2000
(Invitrogen) in Opti-Mem (Gibco) following the manufacturer’s protocol. After 24 hours cells were
incubated with fresh medium and harvested 24 hours later.

Cloning Tab182

Total cellular RNA was isolated from a lymphoblastoid cell line from a normal individual using
the Qiagen RNeasy Mini Kit and was reverse transcribed into cDNA using the oligo-dT primer
d(T)23VN and the Protoscript II First Strand cDNA Synthesis Kit (New England Biolabs). PCR
was used to amplify the complete Tab182 cDNA sequence using the forward primer (For 1) 5’-
GAGCGG GTCGAC GATGAAAGTGTCTACTCTCAGG-3’ and the reverse primer (Rev13) 5’-
CGTGAT GTCGAC TCA GACCTTCTTCTTCTTCTCAGTTT-3’. Both primers contain the recognition
sequence for the restriction enzyme Sal I (underlined). The forward primer contains the
translation initiation codon for Tab182 (italics) and the reverse primer contains the translation
termination codon for Tab182 (italics; strand antiparallel to sense strand). The Tab182 cDNA
sequence was amplified using Q5 High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase (New England Biolabs). An
initial denaturation step of 98°C for 30 seconds was followed by 30 cycles of 98°C for 5 seconds,
62°C for 15 seconds and 72°C for 4 minutes. A final extension of 5 minutes at 72°C followed the
30 cycles. The PCR products were analysed by gel electrophoresis and a product of the correct
size (5190 base pairs) was identified. The products were digested with Sal I-HF and the excised
Tab182 band purified by gel electrophoresis. Tab182 was cloned into the pEGFP-C3 plasmid.
Sequence determination was performed using an Applied Biosystems 3500xl Genetic Analyzer.
Sequences were analysed on-line using BLAST at the National Center for Biotechnology Information
(NCBI). Sequences were all wild type. Codon 322 can encode threonine (ACT) or serine (AGT) and the
ratio is approximately equal in the general population. The sequences isolated from the individual
used to make the cDNA for this cloning exercise were all found to encode serine at amino acid 322.
Cellular RNA was extracted using the SV Total RNA Isolation System (Promega) following the manufacturer’s protocol. To remove any DNA contamination, RNA was treated with DNase I (Promega). RNA quantity and quality were evaluated by optical density measurements (260/280 nm ratios) and by agarose gel electrophoresis. First-strand cDNA synthesis was performed using SuperScript™ II Reverse Transcriptase (RT) (Invitrogen) and random primers according to the manufacturer’s instructions.

Isolation of genomic DNA

Cellular DNA was extracted using the QIAamp DNA Mini Kit (Qiagen) following the manufacturer’s protocol. In order to remove any protein or RNA contamination 15 µl Proteinase K (10 mg/ml) (Sigma-Aldrich) and 4 µl RNase A (20 mg/ml) (Invitrogen) were added to each sample. DNA quantity and quality were evaluated by optical density measurements (260/280 nm ratios) and by agarose gel electrophoresis.

Primer design and RT-PCR

Cellular RNA or DNA was extracted as described above. The sequences of the primers used for RT-PCR are as shown in Table 2. Specificity of the primers was checked with NCBI/Primer-BLAST. The RT-PCR reactions were performed in the Mx3005P system (Stratagene) using real-time PowerUp™ SYBR® Green Master Mix (Applied Biosystems). Quantitative RT-PCR was carried out in a final volume of 20 µl containing 2 µg or 10ng of cDNA or DNA, respectively, 5 pmol of the forward primer, 5 pmol reverse-primer and 10 µl of PowerUp™ SYBR® Green Master Mix. Thermocycling program was performed for 10 min at 95ºC for the pre-cycling step to denature the cDNA and to activate Dual-Lock™ Taq DNA Polymerase, and then followed by 35 cycles of denaturation at 95ºC for 30 sec, annealing at 55ºC for 1 min and extension at 72ºC for 1 min. To confirm the expected amplifications 2% agarose gel electrophoresis with ethidium bromide staining was performed. Viral AdE1A or Hexon and host cell Tab182 and CNOT1 Ct values were normalized to Ct values of GAPDH.
amplified from the same sample [for example, \( \Delta Ct = Ct (\text{Tab182}) - Ct (\text{GAPDH}) \)], and the \( 2^{-\Delta\Delta Ct} \) method was used to calculate the relative-expression. Each experiment was performed in triplicate. Western blotting and antibodies.

Cells were harvested after washing with ice-cold phosphate buffered saline (PBS) and solubilised in 8 M urea, 50 mM Tris HCl pH7.4, and 0.15 M β-mercaptoethanol. Proteins were fractionated on polyacrylamide gels in the presence of 0.1 M Tris, 0.1 M Bicine, and 0.1% SDS. For western blotting, proteins were electrophoretically transferred to nitrocellulose membranes before incubation with antibodies overnight at 4°C. Antibodies used in the study were as follows: Tab182 (an antibody raised in rabbits against GST-Tab182 [C-terminal fragment]), MRE11, CNOT3, CNOT4, CNOT7, (all from GeneTex), CNOT1 (Proteintech), cullin2, cyclin E1, RPA32 (Abcam), p53 (raised in rabbits), cullin5, GAPDH, collagen IV, SV40T (Santa Cruz Biotechnology), and β actin (Sigma-Aldrich). Rabbit antibodies against Ad5 Hexon and Ad12 Fiber protein were gifts from Vivien Mautner and Paul Freimuth, respectively. A mouse monoclonal antibody against Ad5DNA binding protein (DBP) was a gift from Pieter van der Vliet. Antibodies against Ad5E1A (M73), Ad12E1A (5DO2), Ad12E1B55K (XPH9), Ad5E1B55K (2A6), p53 (DO1) and HA (12CA5) were purified from monoclonal supernatants.

GST pull-down assays and co-immunoprecipitation

The C-terminal fragment of Tab182 (amino acids 824-867+1221-1729) was expressed in \( E.coli \) as a GST fusion protein as described (49). For GST pull-down and co-immunoprecipitation assays cells were harvested in ice-cold PBS and lysed in 0.4 M NaCl, 40 mM Tris HCl pH7.4, 5 mM EDTA, 1% NP40. Insoluble protein was removed by centrifugation (45K, 30 minutes, 4°C). Lysates were incubated overnight either with GST fusion protein or appropriate antibody. Protein complexes were retrieved on glutathione-agarose beads or Protein G-agarose beads as appropriate. After washing with lysis buffer, bound proteins were released with either 25mM glutathione, pH8.2 (GST fusion proteins) or SDS sample buffer (immunoprecipitated samples) and fractionated by SDS-PAGE prior to western blotting.

Mass spectrometry
Proteins were immunoprecipitated as described above except that the antibody-antigen complexes were released with 8 M urea, 50 mM NH₄HCO₃ for 30 minutes at ambient temperature. Proteins were reduced in 50 mM DTT, 50 mM NH₄HCO₃ at 56°C for 30 minutes and then carboxymethylated in 100 mM iodoacetamide at ambient temperature in the dark for 30 minutes. Proteins were retrieved using Amicon centrifugal filters (30K molecular weight cut off) which were washed four times with 50 mM NH₄HCO₃. The filters, with the bound immunoprecipitated proteins, were incubated overnight at 37°C with trypsin (1 µg) in 50 mM NH₄HCO₃. Tryptic peptides were retrieved by centrifugation, dried and analysed using a Bruker amaZon ion trap mass spectrometer. Peptides were identified using the ProteinScape central bioinformatics platform (Bruker).

Immunoﬂuorescence microscopy

HeLa cells were grown on glass cover slips. After 24 hours cells were infected or mock infected with Ad5 or Ad12 (5pfu/cell) for 30 hours. Cells were fixed in 3.6% para-formaldehyde in PBS for 10 minutes and permeabilized in 0.5% TritonX-100 in PBS for 5 minutes. Fixed cells were stained with primary antibodies for 1 hour, washed three times in PBS and stained with secondary antibodies also for 1 hour. DNA was stained with DAPI. When pre-extraction was used cells were treated with pre-extraction buffer (10 mM PIPES, 20 mM NaCl, 3 mM MgCl₂, 300 mM sucrose, 0.5% Triton X-100) for 7 minutes on ice before fixing with 3.6% para-formaldehyde and antibody staining as above.

Fluorescence images were taken using a Nikon E600 Eclipse microscope equipped with a 60X oil lens, and images were acquired and analysed using Volocity Software 334 v4.1 (Improvision).

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Figure legends

Figure 1: The Degradation of Tab182 following infection with adenovirus serotype 5 or adenovirus serotype 12 is dependent on the adenovirus E1B55K protein. HeLa cells were infected with adenovirus serotype 5 (A), or serotype 12 (B) at 5 pfu/cell. HeLa cells were also infected with adenovirus serotype 5 E1B55K negative virus Ad5dl1520 (C), and adenovirus serotype 12 E1B55K negative virus Ad12dl620 (D) at 10 pfu/cell. Cells were then harvested at various time points (0, 8, 24, 48, 72 and 96 hours) post-infection. Cell lysates were subjected to SDS-PAGE and Western blotting using the indicated antibodies.

Figure 2: The Degradation of Tab182 following infection with adenovirus serotype 5 is dependent on the adenovirus E4orf6 protein. HeLa cells were infected with Ad5 E4 mutants H5in351 (E4orf1-) (A), H5pm4154 (E4orf6-) (A), H5pm4155 (E4orf3-E4orf6-) (B), H5pm4166 (E4orf4-) (B), H5sd156 (E4orf6-E4orf7-) (C) H5in352 (E4orf2-) (C) and H5pm4150 (E4orf3-) (D) at 10 pfu/cell. Cells were then harvested at various time points (0, 8, 24, 48, 72 and 96 hours) post-infection. Cell lysates were subjected to SDS-PAGE and Western blotting using the indicated antibodies.

Figure 3: Tab182 gene expression is enhanced in adenovirus infected cells. HeLa cells were infected with Ad5 or Ad12 at 5 pfu/cell. Cells were harvested at various time points (0, 8, 24, 48, 72 and 96 hours) post-infection. Cellular RNA was extracted from Ad5 (A) and Ad12 (B) infected cells and first-strand cDNA synthesis carried out. The RT-PCR reactions were performed using Tab182-specific primers and real-time PowerUp™ SYBR® Green Master Mix. To determine the relative Tab182 gene expression, calculated Tab182 Ct values were normalized to Ct values of GAPDH amplified from the same sample [$\Delta$Ct = Ct (Tab182) - Ct (GAPDH)].
− Ct (GAPDH)], and the 2−ΔΔCt method was used to calculate relative expression. Each experiment was performed in triplicate. Western blots of the Ad5 and Ad12 infected HeLa cells were performed to confirm Tab182 degradation (data not shown).

**Figure 4:** The Degradation of Tab182 during adenovirus serotype 5 and 12 Infection is dependent on the adenovirus E1B55K and E4orf6 proteins. 2 µg of plasmid DNA as shown was transfected into HeLa cells and 48 hours later cells were harvested and subjected to SDS-PAGE and Western blotting using the indicated antibodies. Ad5 and Ad12 E4orf6 proteins were detected with an antibody which recognised the HA tag. GAPDH is included as a loading control.

**Figure 5:** Tab182 level following infection by Group B, D and E adenoviruses. HeLa cells were infected with: (A) Ad5 (group C) and Ad12 (group A), (B) Ad4 (group E) and Ad9 (Group D), and (C) Ad11 (group B2) and Ad7 (group B1) at 5 pfu/cell. Cells were harvested at 8, 24, 48, 72, 96 and 120 hours post infection. Cell lysates were subjected to SDS-PAGE and Western blotting using antibodies against Tab182, MRE11, p53 and β-actin. Hexon expression was confirmed, as a marker of viral infection, by Ponceau S staining of Western blots for total protein.

**Figure 6:** The down-regulation of Tab182 protein levels during Ad5 and Ad12 infection can be rescued by the proteasomal inhibitor Bortezomib. HeLa cells were infected with Ad5 (A) or Ad12 (B) at 5 pfu/cell. Cells were treated with 0.5 µM Bortezomib or DMSO control and harvested after 48 hours. Cell lysates were subjected to SDS-PAGE and Western blotting using the indicated antibodies.

**Figure 7:** The Degradation of Tab182 during Ad5 and Ad12 infection is dependent on cullin function. HeLa cells were infected with Ad5 and Ad12 at 5 pfu/cell. Cells were treated with the Nedd8 inhibitor MLN4924 (4 µM) 1 hour before infection and retreated immediately post-infection. Cells were harvested at various time points (0, 8, 24, 48, 72 and 96 hours) post-infection. Cell lysates were subjected to SDS-PAGE and Western blotting using the indicated antibodies (A) and (B). H1299 cells (C) or H1299 cells with ablation of Cul2 (D) or Cul5 (E) expression were infected with either Ad5

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or Ad12 and harvested at 0, 8, 24, 48, 72 and 96 hours post-infection. Cell lysates were subjected to SDS-PAGE and Western blotting with the antibodies shown.

**Figure 8: Tab182 does not localise to viral replication centres during adenovirus infection.** GFP-Tab182 was transfected into HeLa cells and 24 hours later cells were infected with Ad5 or Ad12. (A), 30 hours later cells were fixed, extracted and probed with the appropriate antibodies. (B) 30 hours after infection cells were pre-extracted as described in the Materials and Methods section before fixing and then staining with antibodies. In both (A) and (B) Ad5 infected cells were probed with DBP antibody, whilst Ad12 infected cells were probed with RPA32 antibody. Nuclear DNA is stained with DAPI.

**Figure 9: Adenovirus early region E1B55K interacts with Tab182 in vitro and in vivo.** Ad12E1HER2 (A) and Ad5E1HEK293 (B) cell lysates containing 500 µg total protein were incubated with 5 µg either GST-Tab182, GST-PRMT1 or with GST alone. Protein complexes were captured by glutathione-agarose beads, subjected to SDS-PAGE and Western blotting with the antibodies indicated. Ad5E1HEK293 (C) and Ad12E1HER2 (D) cell lysates (500 µg total protein) were incubated with antibodies against Tab182, collagen IV together with IgG (non-specific binding controls). Immunocomplexes were isolated using Protein G agarose beads and subsequently resolved by SDS-PAGE and Western blotting using antibodies against Ad5/Ad12 E1B55K proteins. (E) GFP-Tab182 was transfected into Ad5E1HEK293 and Ad12E1HER2 cell lines which were harvested after 48 hours. Cell lysates (500 µg total protein) were incubated with Ad5 and Ad12 E1B55K antibodies together with IgG. Western blotting was with an antibody against Tab182. (F) HeLa cells were transfected with pcDNA3 or pcDNA3 constructs expressing HA-tagged Ad9E1B55K or Ad16E1B55K. After 48 hours lysates (500 µg total protein) were immunoprecipitated with an antibody against Tab182 or rabbit IgG. Western blotting was with an antibody against HA. (G) is an over-exposed version of a portion of the western blot shown in (F). (H) Ad5E1HEK293 cells were transfected with pcDNA3 or pcDNA3 constructs expressing HA-tagged Ad9E1B55K or Ad16E1B55K. After 48 hours lysates (500 µg total protein) were immunoprecipitated with an antibody against HA or mouse IgG. Western blotting was
with an antibody against p53. (I) 293FT cell lysates (500 µg protein) were incubated with antibodies against Tab182, collagen IV or IgG control. Western blotting was with an antibody against SV40 T antigen. Ad5E1HEK293 (J) and Ad12E1HER2 (K) cell lysates (500 µg total protein) were incubated with antibodies against CNOT1, collagen IV together with IgG. Western blotting was with antibodies against Ad5/Ad12 E1B55K proteins. In all cases the whole cell lysates contained 15 µg of protein. Although only limited areas of the western blots are shown no additional bands were seen in the original autoradiographs.

Figure 10: Adenoviruses 5 and 12 degrade components of the CNOT complex. HeLa cells were infected with adenovirus serotype 5 (A) or 12 (B) at 5 pfu/cell. Cells were harvested at 0, 8, 24, 48, 72 and 96 hours post infection, subjected to SDS-PAGE and Western blotting using the indicated antibodies.

Figure 11: AdE1A protein expression is enhanced in adenovirus-infected, Tab182- or CNOT1-depleted cells. HeLa cells were transfected with control, Tab182 or CNOT1 siRNAs. 48 hours later, control, Tab182 and CNOT1 siRNA treated cells were infected with adenovirus serotype 5 (A) or serotype 12 (B) at 5 pfu/cell. Cells were then harvested at various time points (0, 8, 24, 48, 72 and 96 hours) post-infection. Cell lysates were subjected to SDS-PAGE and Western blotting using the indicated antibodies.

Figure 12: Expression of cyclin E and is enhanced in Tab182 and CNOT1 depleted cells. HeLa cells were transfected with control, Tab182 or CNOT1 siRNAs. 48 hours later, control, Tab182 and CNOT1 siRNA treated cells were mock infected (A) or infected with adenovirus serotype 12 (B) at 5 pfu/cell. Cells were then harvested at various time points (0, 8, 24, 48, 72 and 96 hours) post-infection. Cell lysates were subjected to SDS-PAGE and Western blotting using the indicated antibodies.

Figure 13: The relative expression of Ad13S E1A mRNA is increased in infected cells in the absence of CNOT1 or Tab182. HeLa cells were transfected with control, Tab182 or CNOT1 siRNAs and 48 hours later infected with Ad5 (A) or Ad12 (B) at 5 pfu/cell. Cellular RNA was extracted from infected cells and first-strand cDNA synthesis carried out. The RT-PCR reactions were performed using [35]
Ad13SE1A CR3 region specific primers and real-time PowerUp™ SYBR® Green Master Mix. To check E1A relative gene expression, calculated E1A Ct values were normalized to Ct values of GAPDH amplified from the same sample \( \Delta Ct = Ct (E1A) - Ct (GAPDH) \), and the 2-\( \Delta\Delta\)Ct method was used to calculate relative gene expression. Data are the mean of 3 repeats. The statistical significance was determined using Student’s t-test, p-values less than 0.05 (*) or 0.01 (**) were considered significant. Error bars represent SEM.

Figure 14: Viral DNA synthesis is increased in Tab182 and CNOT1-depleted cells after adenovirus infection. HeLa cells were treated with control, Tab182 and CNOT1 siRNA for 48 hours and then infected with Ad5 (A) or Ad12 (B) at 5 pfu/cell. After 24 hours cells were harvested and the total DNA isolated. Quantitative PCR was performed to determine relative concentration of viral DNA. Hexon Ct values were normalized to Ct values for GAPDH DNA amplified from the same sample. Data are the mean of 3 repeats. The statistical significance was determined using Student’s t-test, p-values less than 0.05 (*) or 0.01 (**) were considered significant. Error bars represent SEM.

Legend to Table 1

Table 1 Proteins identified by mass spectrometric analysis after co-immunoprecipitation with Tab182 antibody. HeLa cells were immunoprecipitated with a rabbit antibody raised against the C-terminal fragment of Tab182 and analysed as described in the Methods section. These data are representative of five independent experiments.

Table 2 Primers used in this study

Table 1

| Protein | Peptide | Percentage | Mascot Score |
|---------|---------|------------|--------------|

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| Gene            | Sequence (5’->3’) | Length | Start | Stop | Product Size (bases) |
|----------------|-------------------|--------|-------|------|---------------------|
|                | Forward primer    |        |       |      |                     |
|                | Reverse primer    |        |       |      |                     |
| E1A-Ad5 (CR3)  | TAGATTATGTGGGAGACACCACCG GACCAGGTCTTATAGGCA  | 21     | 990   | 1010 | 110                 |
|                |                   | 22     | 1099  | 1078 |                     |
| E1A-Ad12 (CR3) | AGTCCTGTGAGCACCACCG GTAGGCTCGCAGATAGCACA  | 19     | 980   | 1053 | 74                  |
|                |                   | 20     | 998   | 1034 |                     |
| Tab182         | CTGCTCTGAGGGACTCCTTG CTGGTCTTCTCTAGGGCTT  | 20     | 2310  | 2329 | 158                 |
|                |                   | 20     | 2448  | 2467 |                     |
| GAPDH (RNA)    | GAGTCAACGGATTTGGTGTG ACAAGCTTCCCTTCAG  | 20     | 53    | 72   | 183                 |
|                |                   | 19     | 218   | 236  |                     |
| GAPDH (DNA)    | CGGCCCTACTAGCCGCTTTTACG AGAAAGTGCAGCTGACT  | 20     | 5634369 | 5634388 | 188|
|                |                   | 20     | 5634538 | 5634557 |           |
| Hexon-Ad5      | GCCACGGTGTTCTAAACCT GCCCATGTTCTTCTACATGCACATC  | 23     | 18862  | 18882 | 127                 |
|                |                   | 25     | 18967  | 18989 |                     |
| Hexon-Ad12     | GCCACGGTGTTCTAAACCT GCCCATGTTCTTACATGCACATC  | 23     | 17764  | 17784 | 127                 |
|                |                   | 25     | 17869  | 17891 |                     |
| PRMT3          | 9                 | 18.5   | 377   |      |                     |
| FHL2           | 12                | 52.3   | 470   |      |                     |

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(A) Ad5-Hexon DNA Fold change

- Control
- CNOT1
- Tab182

(B) Ad12-Hexon DNA Fold change

- Control
- CNOT1
- Tab182

* p<0.001
* p<0.006

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