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An unexpected twist to the activation of IKK\(\beta\): TAK1 primes IKK\(\beta\) for activation by autophosphorylation

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**Figure S1** Phosphorylation of Ser\(^{181}\) interferes with the recognition of phosphor-Ser\(^{177}\) by the phospho-specific antibody that recognizes this site

(A) The indicated amounts of phosphopeptides corresponding to amino acid residues 171–187 of IKK\(\beta\) phosphorylated at Ser\(^{177}\) only or at both Ser\(^{177}\) and Ser\(^{181}\) were spotted on to nitrocellulose membranes and probed with the phospho-specific antibody recognizing phospho(p)-Ser\(^{177}\).

(B) Same as (A), except that the peptides were immunoblotted with the antibody that only recognizes the di-phosphorylated form of IKK\(\beta\) phosphorylated at both Ser\(^{177}\) and Ser\(^{181}\).

(C) Same as (A), except that the phosphopeptides were immunoblotted with the antibody that recognizes IKK\(\beta\) phosphorylated at Ser\(^{181}\).

**Figure S2** Effect of BI605906 on the activity of wild-type and mutant IKK\(\beta\)

HA-tagged wild-type IKK\(\beta\) (WT) or the IKK\(\beta\)(S177E) mutant (S177E) were expressed in HEK-293 cells, immunoprecipitated from the cell extracts using an anti-HA antibody and assayed for activity in the absence or presence of BI605906. The activities are plotted as a percentage of that obtained in the absence of inhibitor. Results are means±S.E.M. of duplicate determinations. Similar results were obtained in another independent experiment.

**Figure S3** BI605906 is a reversible inhibitor of IKK\(\beta\)

MEFs from IKK\(\alpha\)-deficient mice were stimulated for 10 min with 5.0 ng/ml IL-1 and the cells were lysed. The endogenous IKK\(\beta\) was immunoprecipitated from 0.2 mg of cell extract protein and incubated for 1 h at 30 °C without (− , lane 1) or with (+, lanes 2 and 3) 20 μM BI605906. In lane 3 only, the immunoprecipitates were washed extensively to remove BI605906. All the immunoprecipitates were then assayed for IKK\(\beta\) activity. The Figure shows that IKK\(\beta\) activity was fully restored after washing away the inhibitor. Results are means±S.E.M. of duplicate determinations. Similar results were obtained in another independent experiment.

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Figure S4  Effect of inhibitors on agonist-stimulated phosphorylation of IKKβ at Ser177 and Ser181 in MEFs and BMDM

(A and B) MEFs from wild-type (WT) or IKKα-knockout (KO) mice were incubated for 1 h without (−) or with (+) 5.0 μM BI 605906 and then stimulated for 10 min with 5.0 ng/ml IL-1 (A) or 10 ng/ml TNF (B). Following cell lysis, cell extract (20 μg of protein) was denatured in SDS, subjected to SDS/PAGE, and immunoblotted with antibodies that recognize IKKα and IKKβ phosphorylated at Ser176 and Ser177 respectively, or with antibodies that recognize IKKα and IKKβ phosphorylated at Ser180 or Ser181 respectively. The membranes were also immunoblotted with antibodies that recognize all forms of IKKβ. 

(C) Same as (A and B), except that BMDMs from wild-type (WT) mice and knockin (KI) mice expressing the catalytically inactive mutant of IKKα were used and the cells were stimulated for 10 min with 1.0 μg/ml Pam3CSK4. An antibody recognizing GAPDH (glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase) was used as a loading control.

Figure S5  Phosphorylation of MAPKs is unimpaired in MEFs from HOIP[C879S] and NEMO[D311N] mice

(A) MEFs from wild-type mice (HOIP[WT]) or knockin mice expressing the inactive HOIP[C879S] mutant were stimulated with 5.0 ng/ml IL-1 for the times indicated. After cell lysis, 20 μg of cell extract protein was denatured in SDS, subjected to SDS/PAGE and immunoblotted with the antibodies indicated. (B) Same as (A), but using MEFs from mice expressing the polyubiquitin-binding-deficient mutant of NEMO (NEMO[D311N]). The antibody recognizing pT183/Y185 of JNK1/2 was from Invitrogen and the antibody recognizing pT180/Y182 of p38α MAPK was from Cell Signaling Technology.
**Figure S7** Effect of TAK1 inhibition on the IL-1-stimulated formation of Lys63-linked and Met1-linked ubiquitin chains

MEFs were incubated for 1 h with (+) or without (−) 2 μM NG25 or 1 μM 5Z-7-oxozeaenol, then stimulated for 10 min with 5 ng/ml IL-1α and lysed. The Met1-linked and Lys63-linked ubiquitin chains present in 2 mg of cell extract protein were captured on Halo-NEMO [1], released by denaturation in SDS and immunoblotted with antibodies that recognize Met1-linked or Lys63-linked ubiquitin chains specifically. The same cell extracts (20 μg of protein) were immunoblotted with an anti-GAPDH antibody as a loading control.

**Figure S8** TAK1 phosphorylates IKKβ at Ser177 and Ser181 in vitro

Catalytically inactive IKKβ[D166A] (0.8 μM) was incubated for 3 min at 30°C with the indicated concentrations of the active TAK1-TAB1 fusion protein in 50 mM Tris/HCl (pH 7.5), 0.1 mM EGTA, 2 mM DTT, 10 mM magnesium acetate and 0.1 mM ATP. Reactions were terminated by denaturation in SDS and, after SDS/PAGE and transfer on to PVDF membranes, proteins were immunoblotted with antibodies that recognize IKKβ phosphorylated at Ser177 or Ser181 or antibodies recognizing all forms of IKKβ.

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