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SUMMARY

Oxysterols are oxygenated derivatives of cholesterol or its precursors. One oxysterol, 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol (24(*S*),25-EC), which results from a shunt in the cholesterol synthesis pathway has been found at higher than expected levels in embryonic murine brain. Interestingly, the receptor that 24(*S*),25-EC is a ligand for, Liver X Receptor (LXR), has been implicated in neurogenesis in the ventral mid brain region of embryonic brain; an area with a high density of dopaminergic neurons. The mechanism by which LXR induces this effect is unclear. Therefore, proteomic and phosphoproteomic studies were performed using a stable isotope labelled in amino acid in cell culture (SILAC) approach in order to quantify changes in the proteome between different treatment groups in a mouse substantia nigra dopaminergic cell line (SN4741)

SN4741 cells were cultured in SILAC media containing differentially isotope labelled arginine and lysine. For protein expression studies SN4741 cells were treated in serum free media with vehicle, 10 μ M 24(*S*),25-EC, or 1 μ M GW3965, a synthetic ligand of LXR, for 24 hours. For analysis of changes in the phosphoproteome SN4741 cells were treated in serum free media with vehicle, 10 μ M 24(*S*),25-EC, or 30 μ M 25-hydroxycholesterol for 6 hours. Cells were lysed and protein combined in a 1:1 ratio before trypsin digestion and peptide separation via strong cation exchange chromatography. Phosphopeptides were enriched using immobilised metal affinity chromatography (IMAC). Resulting fractions were analysed, using a data dependent LC-MS/MS method. Data was quantified using MaxQuant software in conjunction with Mascot using an IPI mouse database.

In protein expression analysis known oxysterol regulated genes, via SREBP or LXR, were differentially expressed. Oxysterol treatment induced global changes in proteins involved in lipid (cholesterol, fatty acid, phospholipid, triglyceride) synthesis. LXR β protein expression increased after GW3965 and 24(*S*),25-EC treatment, though no change was seen on LXR β mRNA, implying that ligand binding protects LXR β from degradation. 24(*S*),25-EC induced changes in expression and localisation of the membrane protein caveolin-1. Also, phosphoethanolamine cytidyltransferase and collagen type IV alpha-3-binding protein, 2 proteins involved in phospholipid synthesis, had an altered expression after 24(*S*),25-EC treatment suggesting a role for oxysterols in membrane homeostasis. A cytokine, macrophage colony stimulating factor, which is required for normal neuronal development and macrophage differentiation had an LXR independent increased expression after 24(*S*),25-EC treatment. Quantitative RT-PCR data demonstrated that proteomic changes were due to both transcriptional and post-transcriptional effects of oxysterol. In addition, studies examining changes in the mouse phosphoproteome identified a number of novel phosphorylation sites.

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ABBREVIATIONS

19-OHChol	19-hydroxycholesterol
22-OHChol	22-hydroxycholesterol
22(R)-OHChol	22(R)-hydroxycholesterol
24(S),25-EC	24(S),25-epoxycholesterol
24(S)-OHChol	24(S)-hydroxycholesterol
25-OHChol	25-hydroxycholesterol
27-OHChol	25-hydroxycholesterol
7 α -OHChol	7 α -hydroxycholesterol
7 β -OHChol	7 β -hydroxycholesterol
A β	Amyloid β peptide
ABCA1	ATP binding cassette A1
ABCG1	ATP binding cassette G1
ANOVA	analysis of variance
ApoE	apolipoprotein E
APS	ammonium persulphate
ATP	adenosine-5'-triphosphate
BSA	bovine serum albumin
Cav-1	caveolin-1
CH25H	cholesterol 25-hydroxylase
CHO	Chinese hamster ovary
CID	collision induced dissociation
CoA	coenzyme A
Col4a3bp	collagen type IV alpha-3-binding protein
Ct	cycle threshold
CTX	cerebrotendinous xanthomatosis
CYP11A1	cholesterol side-chain cleavage enzyme
CYP27A1	sterol 27-hydroxylase
CYP46A1	cholesterol 24-hydroxylase
CYP7A	cholesterol 7-alpha-hydroxylase
CYP7B1	25-hydroxycholesterol 7-alpha-hydroxylase
DMEM	Dulbecco's modified Eagle medium

DMSO	dimethyl sulfoxide
DTT	dithiothreitol
EBI2	Epstein-Barr virus-induced gene 2
EC50	half maximal effective concentration
EDTA	ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid
EGF	epidermal growth factor
ELISA	enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay
ERK	extracellular signal regulated kinase
ESI	electrospray ionisation
FBS	foetal bovine serum
FDR	false discovery rate
FT	Fourier transform
FTICR	Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance
FXR	farnesoid X receptor
H β CD	2-hydroxypropyl- β -cyclodextrin
HMG-CoA	3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl-CoA
HPLC	high performance liquid chromatography
HRP	horseradish peroxidase
IFN	interferon
IgA	immunoglobulin A
IgG	immunoglobulin G
IMAC	immobilised metal affinity chromatography
Insig	Insulin-induced gene
IPI	International protein index
K _i	binding affinity
LC	liquid chromatography
LDLR	low density lipoprotein receptor
LPS	lipopolysaccharide
LTQ	linear trap quadrupole
LXR	liver X receptor
MALDI	matrix assisted laser desorption ionisation
MAPK	mitogen activated protein kinase
M β CD	methyl- β -cyclodextrin

MCSF	macrophage colony stimulating factor
MOAC	metal oxide affinity chromatography
MS	mass spectrometry
NF- κ B	nuclear factor kappa-light-chain-enhancer of activated B cells
OSBP	oxysterol binding protein
PBS	phosphate buffered saline
PCyt2	phosphoethanolamine cytidyltransferase
Poly I:C	polyinosinic:polycytidylic acid
PPAR	peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor
PTM	post-translational modification
qPCR	quantitative polymerase chain reaction
Q-TOF	quadrupole – time of flight
RF	radio frequency
RT	reverse transcription
RXR	retinoid X receptor
SCAP	SREBP cleavage activating protein
SCX	strong cation exchange
SILAC	stable isotope labelling with amino acids in cell culture
SREBP	sterol response element binding protein
StarD4	StAR-related lipid transfer protein 4
TEMED	N,N,N',N' – tetramethylethylenediamine
TH	tyrosine hydroxylase
TLR	Toll-like receptor
TOF	time of flight
TRIF	TR-domain-containing adapter-inducing interferon- β
UniprotKB	Uniprot knowledgebase
UV	ultraviolet
XTT	2,3-bis-(2-methoxy-4-nitro-5-sulfophenyl)-2H-tetrazolium-5-carboxanilide
w/o	without

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Oxysterols

1.1.1 Cholesterol

Cholesterol is a molecule that is an essential component of the eukaryotic cell membrane, where it plays a key role in the maintenance of permeability and fluidity.. Cholesterol orientates itself inside the membrane between phospholipids so that the hydroxyl group at position 3 of the ring structure is adjacent to the polar head group of phospholipids with the hydrophobic part of the molecule in the hydrophobic core of the membrane. The steroid ring structure interacts with the aliphatic chains of the phospholipid reducing the mobility of the membrane and its permeability to water soluble small molecules. Cholesterol reduces the fluidity of the membrane but this also prevents possible phase transitions. Phase transitions occur when lipid components of the liquid membrane crystallise at reduced temperatures. Thus, cholesterol plays a role in the membrane that allows the bilayer to control entry of water soluble small molecules and to maintain the membrane in a liquid, albeit less fluid, state (Olsen *et al.* 2012).

In addition, cholesterol is an important precursor for a number of other active biomolecules. Cholesterol is the starting material for androgens (e.g. testosterone), progestogens (e.g. progesterone), oestrogens (e.g. oestradiol) glucocorticosteroids (e.g. hydrocortisone), mineralocorticoids (e.g. aldosterone) and bile acids (e.g. cholic acid) (fig. 1.1.). Cholesterol and its derivatives are therefore important molecules that play a multifunctional role in cellular function. However, increased levels of cholesterol are also associated with atherosclerosis and an increased risk of cardiovascular disease. For healthy adults a blood cholesterol level of <5mmol/l is considered normal and concentrations above this considered high (<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Cholesterol/Pages/Diagnosis.aspx> accessed 10-4-2013). Therefore, homeostasis is necessary to maintain a balance between cholesterol uptake and excretion.

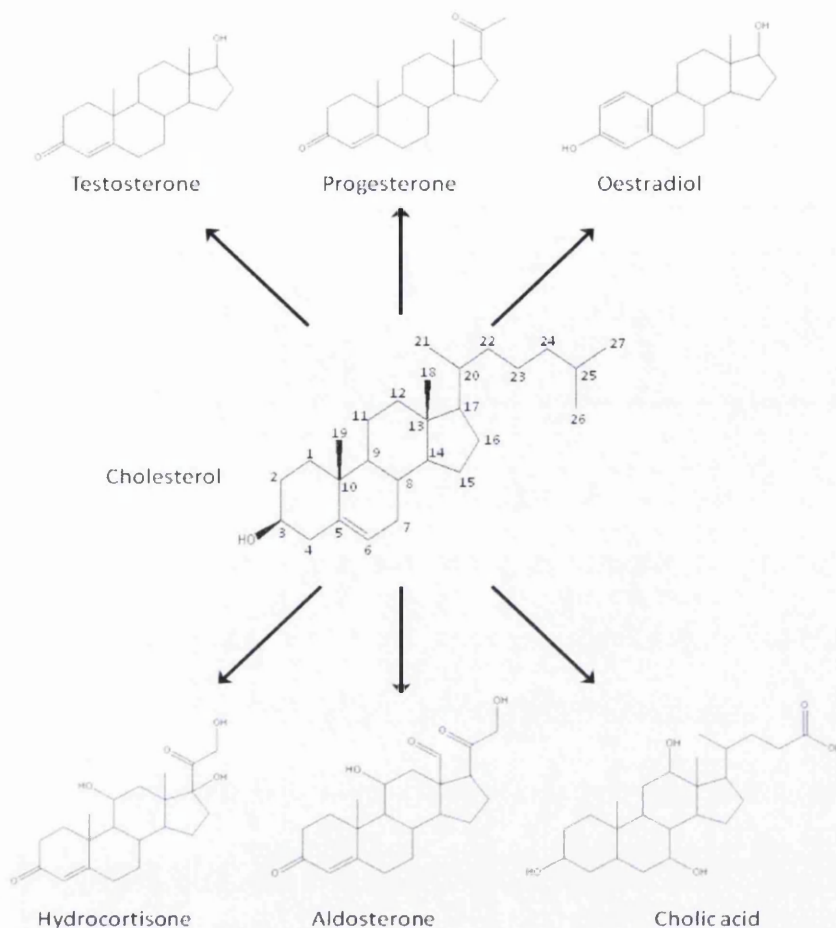


Figure 1.1. Structure of cholesterol and bioactive molecules for which cholesterol is the starting material. Cholesterol contains 27 carbon atoms and is numbered as shown in the figure. Cholesterol is transformed via multistep biochemical reactions to form androgens (e.g. testosterone), progestogens (e.g. progesterone), oestrogens (e.g. oestradiol), glucocorticosteroids (e.g. hydrocortisone), mineral corticosteroids (e.g. aldosterone) and bile acids (e.g. cholic acid). It is apparent that the 4 ring structure of cholesterol is the basis of these molecules; changes in the ring structure, side chain or oxygenation can lead to profound differences in biological activity.

Cholesterol is obtained from two principal sources – diet and from *de novo* synthesis. The majority of the daily requirement of cholesterol is achieved from the activity of a number of enzymes involved in a multistep synthesis occurring at the endoplasmic reticulum (fig. 1.2.). The starting material for cholesterol synthesis is acetyl CoA that is linked to another acetyl CoA to form acetoacetyl CoA. It is converted early in the pathway to 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl-CoA (HMG-CoA). HMG-CoA is then reduced to yield mevalonate by the action of HMG-CoA reductase; this is the rate

limiting step in cholesterol synthesis and is inhibited by statins, an extensively used family of drugs for reducing cholesterol level.

Therefore, the homeostasis of cholesterol is crucial to balance the essential functions of the molecule with the negative consequences that high levels induce. Cholesterol itself has a role to play by end product negative feedback but, importantly, cholesterol can be metabolised to form oxysterols which regulate intercellular cholesterol levels.

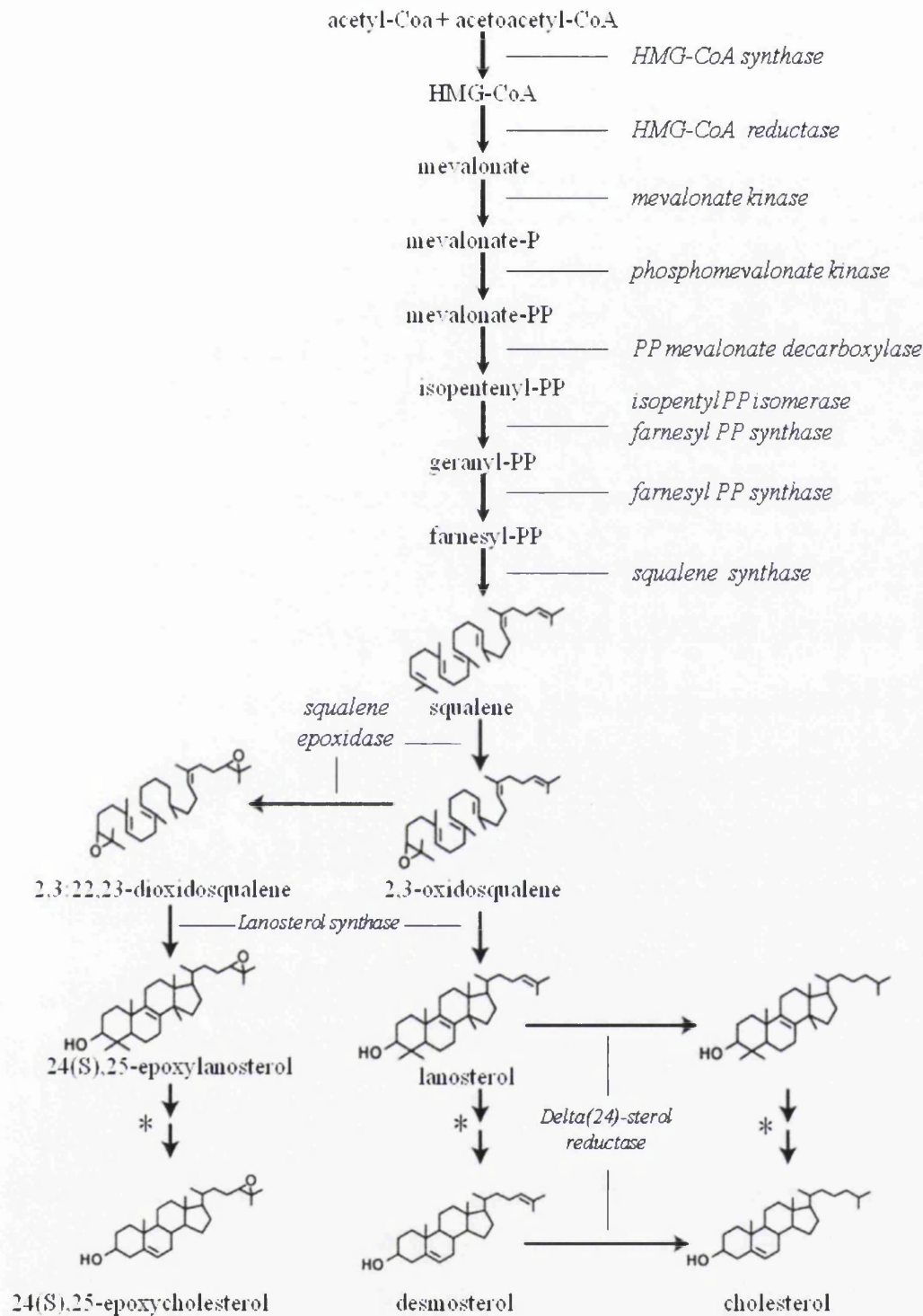


Figure 1.2. The cholesterol synthesis pathway. A shunt in the pathway results in the formation of 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol (* = multiple steps). Enzymes responsible for the reactions are shown in italics.

1.1.2 Oxysterols

Oxysterols are biologically active oxidized derivatives of cholesterol. The oxysterols are diverse as they can be oxidised in different positions on the molecule either by auto-oxidation or by enzymatic means. The oxygen can be introduced onto the sidechain (*e.g.* 22(*R*)-hydroxycholesterol, 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol, 25-hydroxycholesterol, 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol) or onto the cholesterol ring structure (*e.g.* 7 α -hydroxycholesterol, 7-ketocholesterol) (fig 1.3). *In vivo* oxysterols are produced via auto-oxidation, enzymatically via various cytochrome P450 and cholesterol hydroxylase enzymes (section 1.1.3.) or by a shunt in the cholesterol synthesis pathway that leads to the formation of 24*S*,25-epoxycholesterol (fig 1.2.). The formation of oxysterols is the first step in the synthesis of bile acids from cholesterol (fig. 1.4.)

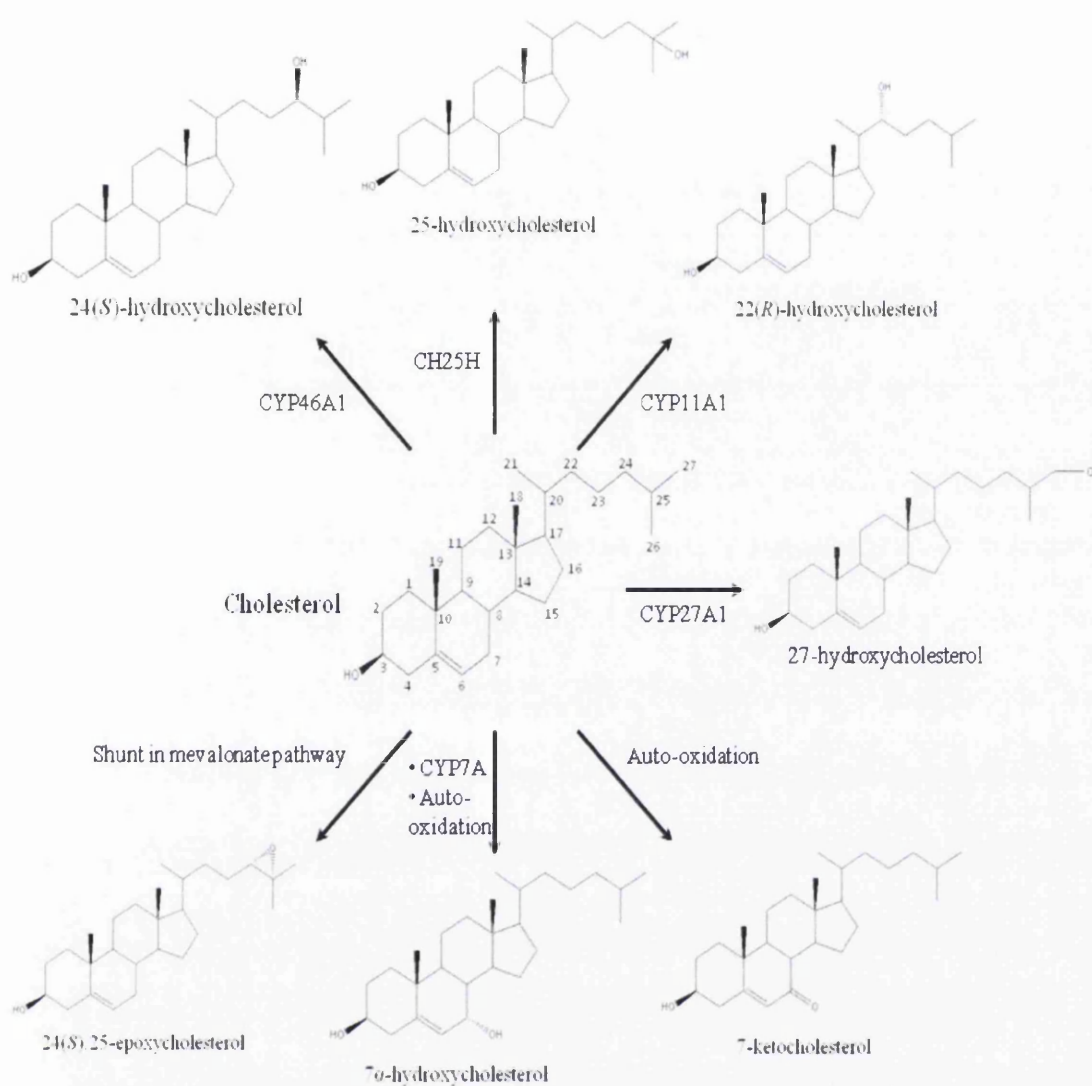


Figure 1.3. Chemical structure of oxysterols. Oxygen is introduced to the molecule to the sidechain or ring structure by auto-oxidation or enzymatic activity. The enzymes responsible for the generation of different oxysterols are shown. Biological activity of the oxysterols is dependent on the location of the oxygenation with profound differences in efficacy as ligands.

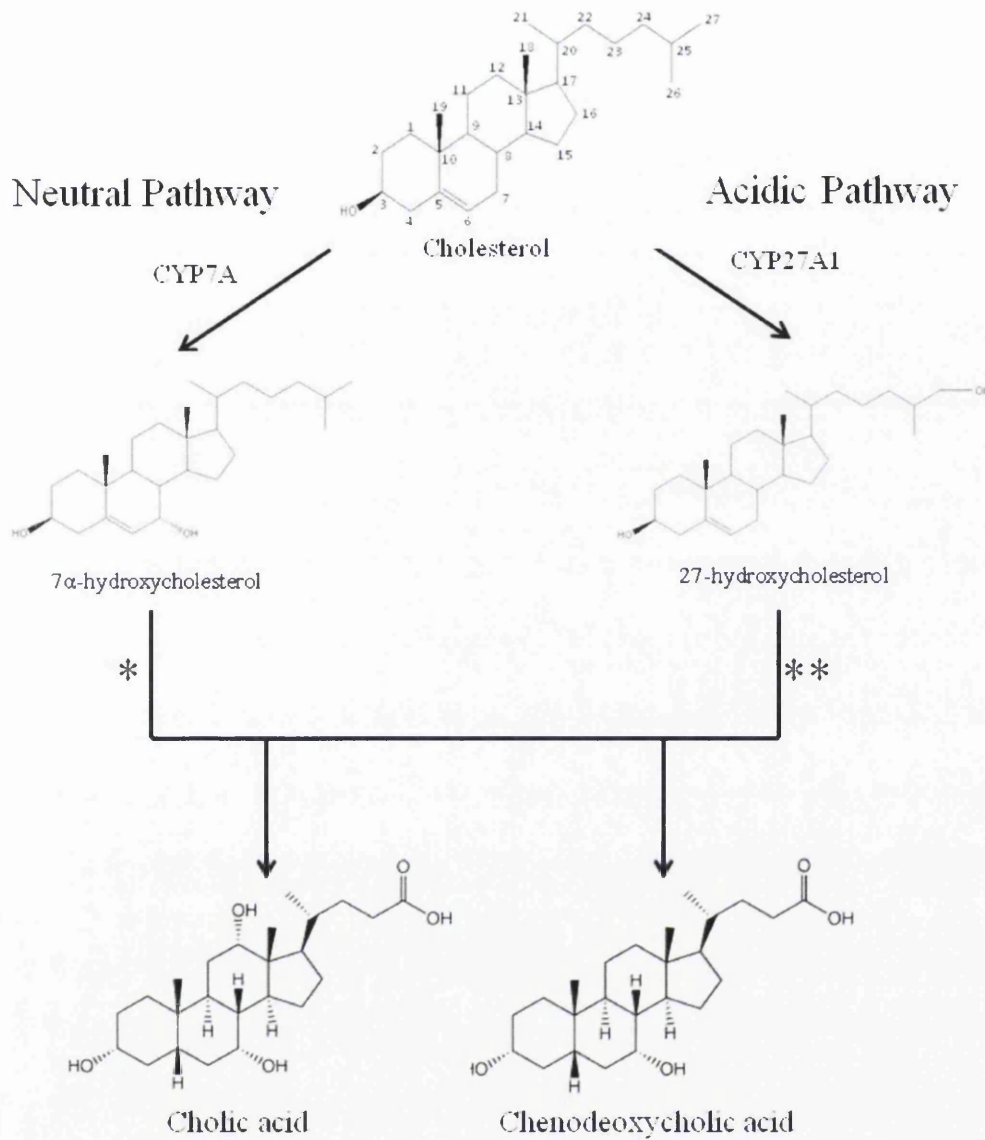


Figure 1.4. Simplified overview of bile acid synthesis. The initial step in the formation of bile acids of both the neutral and acidic pathways is the synthesis of oxysterols. In the neutral pathway cholesterol is metabolised by CYP7A to form 7α -hydroxycholesterol before multiple steps (indicated by *) to form bile acids (cholic and chenodeoxycholic acid). In the acidic pathway the initial oxysterol formed is 27-hydroxycholesterol by the action of CYP27A1. Multiple steps (indicated by **) convert 27-hydroxycholesterol to bile acids.

The location of the modification is important as although the oxysterols share characteristics, such as a reduced hydrophobicity compared with the cholesterol parent, the location, and stereochemistry play a role in the biological function of the molecules. There are differences between them in terms of activity due to differences in protein binding. The activation of Liver X receptor (LXR), for which oxysterols are the natural ligand, varies considerably depending on where cholesterol is oxidised with EC_{50} values ranging from 4 or $3\mu\text{M}$ for $\text{LXR}\alpha/\beta$ respectively for 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol but below the detection limit for 7-ketocholesterol (Janowski *et al.* 1999). The biological roles of oxysterols will be discussed further in section 1.1.5 but they have been shown to be important in cholesterol homeostasis and in disease. Oxysterols have been associated with arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease (section 1.1.6.1) and, in addition, they have also been implicated in neurodegenerative conditions such as Alzheimer's disease (see section 1.1.6.3; Olkkonen & Lehto 2004, Vaya *et al.* 2007).

1.1.3 Synthesis of Oxysterols

Oxysterols are synthesised from cholesterol by a number of mechanisms. These include auto-oxidation, photo-oxidation and enzymatic formation.

1.1.3.1. Auto-oxidation and photo-oxidation of cholesterol

When exposed to the atmosphere cholesterol can be auto-oxidised to form oxysterols (Weiner *et al.* 1972). The most commonly encountered oxysterols generated in this manner are the 7-position modified oxysterols that includes 7α -hydroxycholesterol, 7β -hydroxycholesterol and 7-ketocholesterol. In addition, $5,6\alpha$ - or $5,6\beta$ -epoxycholesterol can be produced which is converted to $5\alpha,6\beta$ -dihydroxycholesterol. All these oxysterols are modified on the ring structure of cholesterol and have poor activity with regard to liver X receptor (LXR), the nuclear receptor for which oxysterols are the natural ligand (Janowski *et al.* 1999). With the exception of 7α -hydroxycholesterol (section 1.1.3.2) they are not produced enzymatically. In addition cholesterol is also oxidised by photo-oxidation. This process predominantly yields 5α -hydroperoxycholesterol which can be transformed to 7-position oxygenated oxysterols. Thus, the major products of both forms of non-enzymatic production of oxysterols are the same.

It has been shown that some auto-oxidation products are toxic (7β -hydroxycholesterol, 7-ketocholesterol) and therefore their presence may lead to harmful biological effects (Hughes *et al.* 1994). In a laboratory context it is important to recognise the importance of auto-oxidation with regard to artefacts generated by processing of cholesterol in the course of experimental methodology as they could potentially lead to false positive conclusions.

1.1.3.2. Enzymatic Formation of Oxysterols

Cholesterol is metabolised to oxysterols enzymatically via a number of different enzymes. 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol, the predominant oxysterol found in the brain, is generated by the action of the cytochrome P450 CYP46A1 (Lund *et al.* 1999). Unsurprisingly, in both mice and humans it is predominantly expressed in the brain with very low expression in other tissues. Human brain was analysed in more depth and expression was found across a number of subsections of the brain. Expression was stronger however in grey matter compared with white matter. In mouse brain *cyp46a1* immunohistochemical staining showed localisation to neurons. The expression of CYP46A1 varies with aging. Initially the protein level in the brain, measured by Western blotting, of both mouse and human is low in the early stages of postpartum development and increases over time until reaching a steady state.

The activity of the cytochrome P450 enzyme cholesterol 7α -hydroxylase (CYP7A) results in the formation of 7α -hydroxycholesterol. This oxysterol, which is also a product of auto-oxidation, is a precursor in the formation of bile acids. It is predominantly expressed in the liver (Jelinek *et al.* 1990) and is the predominant location of its activity (Chiang *et al.* 1990).

The enzymatic formation of 25-hydroxycholesterol is due to the activity of cholesterol 25-hydroxylase (Lund *et al.* 1998). This polytopic membrane protein, unlike CYP7A and CYP46A1 which are responsible for the formation of 7α -hydroxycholesterol and 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol respectively, is not a cytochrome P450. Instead, it belongs to a family of enzymes that require di-iron co-factors as a catalyst. Murine cholesterol 25-hydroxylase was found in lung, heart and kidney. In comparison, human cholesterol 25-hydroxylase was found at very low levels in all tissues tested. Recently however, it has been reported that the expression of cholesterol 25-hydroxylase

increases dramatically in response to certain stimuli (see section 1.1.7 for a full discussion of this effect).

1.1.3.3. 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol Synthesis

24(S),25-epoxycholesterol is a unique oxysterol as it is not a metabolite of cholesterol but instead is a final product made by a shunt in the cholesterol synthesis mevalonate pathway (fig 1.2.; Nelson *et al.* 1981). However, the measured level of 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol is much lower than that of cholesterol with levels between 0.1% and 1% total cholesterol reported (Spencer *et al.* 1985; Wong *et al.* 2004; Wong *et al.* 2007). In the synthesis of cholesterol squalene epoxidase (AKA squalene monooxygenase) introduces an epoxide moiety to squalene to produce 2,3(S)-monooxidosqualene. This molecule is then cyclised by 2,3-oxidosqualene cyclase to form lanosterol and then processed, via a number of steps, to cholesterol. However, it is possible for the 2,3(S)-monooxidosqualene to be oxygenated further by squalene epoxidase to form 2,3(S);22(S),23-dioxidosqualene. This molecule can then be cyclised to oxidolanosterol by 2,3-oxidosqualene cyclase before being processed using the same enzymes as those used in the synthesis of cholesterol to form 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol as an end product. This implies that any cell that synthesises cholesterol has the potential to synthesise 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol. Indeed, in a variety of cell types such as macrophages, fibroblasts and astrocytes this has been shown to be the case (Wong *et al.* 2004; Spencer *et al.* 1985; Wong *et al.* 2007).

1.1.4. Differential distribution of oxysterols

Just as the expression of oxysterol generating enzymes vary across different tissues (section 1.1.3.2) the abundance of the different oxysterols vary depending on the tissue or biological fluid examined. A number of studies have been conducted to investigate the plasma levels of different oxysterols in humans (summarised in Schroepfer 2000). Although the values identified by different research groups had variation between them clear trends were also present. The predominant oxysterols identified in plasma were 27-hydroxycholesterol (a naturally occurring oxysterol derived from the activity of a mitochondrial cytochrome P450 sterol 27-hydroxylase (CYP27A1, Andersson *et al.* 1989)), 24(S)-hydroxycholesterol and 7 α -

hydroxycholesterol. In addition, other oxysterols, such as 25-hydroxycholesterol, were identified at lower concentrations.

In the central nervous system the predominant oxysterol is 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol due to the high expression of CYP46A1 (see section 1.1.3.2; (Lund *et al.* 1999)). 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol has been identified as a component of cerebrospinal fluid (Lütjohann *et al.* 1996). The level of 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol in cerebrospinal fluid was ~10% that in plasma. The ratio of 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol to cholesterol was measured at 1690±600 ng/mg in children but lower in adults with a ratio of 390±50 ng/mg. The ratios were 10-fold higher than the ratio of 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol to cholesterol in plasma but 50% lower than the ratio found in brain. No other sidechain modified oxysterols were reported by the authors. In contradiction a recent paper showed that the oxysterol profile of cerebrospinal fluid was a lot more complex with numerous oxysterols identified by charge tagging mass spectrometry (Ogundare *et al.* 2010). Oxysterols identified included 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol, 25-hydroxycholesterol, 27-hydroxycholesterol and bile acids. In this study 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol was not the highest concentration oxysterol identified.

24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol has been identified in the brain of a number of different species including rat, cow, horse and human. 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol was measured in various tissues but was at a highest concentration in the cerebrum and cerebellum. In human adult brain the level analysed post mortem the level of 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol (Lütjohann *et al.* 1996) was measured at 0.27-0.58 ng/μg cholesterol in cerebrum and 0.68 - 2.19 ng/μg cholesterol in cerebellum. In addition, it was reported (though the data was not presented) that 27-hydroxycholesterol and 25-hydroxycholesterol were also found in brain though at lower levels - 5 to 30% and <3% respectively.

It is unclear at present whether the distribution of oxysterols to specific tissues, such as 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol to the central nervous system, leads to distinct, specific effects dependent on the isomer present. However, there has been a large amount of work conducted on the biological importance of oxysterols.

1.1.5. Biological Functions of Oxysterols

The major, well studied, biological functions of oxysterols are as important regulatory molecules. Due to the presence of oxysterols cholesterol synthesis is inhibited via negative feedback by down-regulation of the synthesis of enzymes in the synthetic pathway (Gill *et al.* 2008). In addition, they can affect the homeostasis of cholesterol by increasing the expression levels of cholesterol exporters (*e.g.* ATP binding cassette A1 (ABCA1)) and reducing the low density lipoprotein receptor mediated uptake of cholesterol in the form of low density lipoprotein. Oxysterols, generally, exert their effects through three methods; regulation of protein transcription through inhibition of SREBP (Sterol Response Element Binding Protein) processing, acting as a ligand for the nuclear receptor Liver X Receptor (LXR), and by altering the rate of protein degradation.

However, the functions of oxysterols are not limited to their classical roles as it has recently been shown that oxysterols can affect other diverse processes. Oxysterols can alter intracellular cell signalling by altering post-translational protein phosphorylation. In addition, it appears that oxysterols are important in the innate immune response, embryonic development, and disease progression.

1.1.5.1. Regulation of SREBP

The SREBP family are transcription factors that contain a basic helix loop helix leucine zipper motif ((bHLH-Zip). The family of proteins consists of 3 subtypes SREBP1a, 1c and 2 (Brown and Goldstein 1997). Each subtype consists of a pair of membrane spanning domains that allow the N and C terminus domains to project into the cytoplasm. However, SREBP1 and 2 differ in their function. SREBP1 is predominantly expressed in the liver and adrenal gland and is involved in the regulation of fatty acid and triglyceride metabolism and *de novo* lipogenesis whereas SREBP2 is ubiquitously expressed and regulates the transcription of the enzymes involved in the cholesterol synthesis pathway (Brown and Goldstein 1997). Despite the divergence in their role the SREBPs are processed to their active form by a common transport and proteolytic mechanism.

SREBP1/2 in the presence of sterols is retained in the endoplasmic reticulum (Yang *et al.* 2002). As the intracellular cholesterol levels falls SREBP1/2 is transported, via the Golgi apparatus where it is made active due to proteolysis, to the nucleus. Two proteolytic cleavages are required to convert SREBP1/2 to its mature form. The first S1P (site-1 protease) splits SREBP1/2 in two but is unable to release the active bHLH-Zip domain (Espenshade *et al.* 1999). A second protease, S2P (site-2 protease), then converts SREBP1/2 into a transcription factor (Zelenski *et al.* 1999). Active SREBP1/2 is transferred to the nucleus where it can exert its effect and promote the expression of responsive genes.

SREBP1/2 itself does not contain a sterol binding domain and therefore its regulation is reliant on two other proteins – SCAP (SREBP cleavage activating protein) and Insig (Insulin induced gene) (Radhakrishnan *et al.* 2007). In cholesterol depleted cells SCAP transports SREBP1/2 from the ER to the Golgi apparatus where it is processed to its active form as described above. However, SCAP contains a sterol binding domain that allows it to bind cholesterol (Radhakrishnan *et al.* 2004). The presence of cholesterol alters SCAPs conformation and results in effects on SREBP1/2 processing. SREBP1/2 is bound to SCAP by an interaction between the c-terminus of both proteins that, in the presence of cholesterol, ensures that SREBP1/2 is tethered to the endoplasmic reticulum membrane. Thus, the interaction of cholesterol and SCAP results in a down regulation in expression of SREBP1/2 regulated genes. SCAP is only affected by cholesterol; 25-hydroxycholesterol had no effect on its conformation. However, a second protein Insig exerts a similar effect mediated by oxysterols. Insig, of which there are two closely related proteins Insig-1 and Insig-2, binds oxysterols but does not bind cholesterol (Radhakrishnan *et al.* 2007). In the presence of oxysterols Insig binds to SCAP and prevents the SCAP/SREBP1/2 complex from being transported to the Golgi for processing. Thus, the action of SREBP1/2 can be modified by cholesterol and oxysterols.

In addition, as another layer of regulation SREBP stimulates the production of Insig1 mRNA. Therefore, SREBP promotes the expression of an inhibitor of its processing to maturation. Stimulation of Insig expression promotes inhibition of SREBP regulated gene transcription (Horton *et al.* 2003).

1.1.5.2. Activation of Liver X Receptor

The liver X receptor (LXR) is a transcription factor and a nuclear receptor with strong similarity to other nuclear receptors such as PPAR, FXR and RXR. LXR was classified, initially, as an orphan receptor as its natural ligand was unknown (Apfel *et al.* 1994, Song *et al.* 1994). LXR exists as two isoforms α and β which have a large (77%) homology between the two. There are, however, differences in expression with LXR α being the predominant isoform in the liver whilst LXR β is ubiquitously expressed. Oxysterols have been shown to be the endogenous ligand for both LXR α and LXR β (Janowski *et al.* 1998). The potency of different oxysterols vary depending on where on the ring or side chain of cholesterol the oxygen is added and the stereochemistry of the modification. Structure activity relationships have shown that the most potent ligands for LXR are oxysterols with modified side chain (Janowski *et al.* 1998). Indeed, the most potent naturally occurring oxysterol ligands for LXR, 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol and 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol, had an EC₅₀ of <5 μ M for both LXR α and β . In comparison, 7 α -hydroxycholesterol, a naturally occurring oxysterol, had an efficacy of \leq 10% at 40 μ M. In addition to the position the number and stereochemistry of the modifications are also important as cholesterol hydroxylated twice were substantially less potent (e.g. K_i 24(*S*),25-dihydroxycholesterol for LXR α = 1200nM) as were enantiomers of active oxysterols (e.g. K_i 24(*R*),25-epoxycholesterol for LXR α = 1200nM). This can be explained by the structure of the oxysterol binding pocket of LXR (Svensson *et al.* 2003). The crystal structure of LXR shows the orientation of the hydrophobic ring structure into a hydrophobic cavity. Hydrogen bonding between the hydroxyl at position 3 and arginine-305 holds the ring in the correct position. A second hydrogen bond between active sidechain oxygenated oxysterols, (e.g. 22(*R*)-hydroxycholesterol, 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol, 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol) and either histidine-421 or tryptophan-443 residues in the binding pocket results in stronger binding of these ligands. Inactive oxysterols such as 22(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol and 24(*R*)-hydroxycholesterol are prevented from binding efficiently in the pocket due to steric effects preventing hydrogen bonding to either the histidine-421 or tryptophan-443.

Retinoid x receptor (RXR) is a nuclear receptor that is activated in the presence of 9-*cis* retinoic acid. It can heterodimerise with a number of other nuclear receptors

depending on which activating ligands are present. In the presence of oxysterols activated LXR forms heterodimers with RXR. This heterodimer can then activate transcription of genes containing a LXR response element in their promoter region. The LXR response element is a nucleotide sequence that has the idealised nucleotide sequence 5'-AGGTCANXXXXAGGTCA-3' in the promoter region of LXR activated genes. Genes that are regulated by LXR include a number of genes that are associated with cholesterol and lipid homeostasis. Examples of genes regulated by LXR include ATP binding cassette A1 (ABCA1) which is a cholesterol efflux protein, ApoE a transporter of cholesterol and other hydrophobic compounds, and SREBP1c which controls the synthesis of fatty acid synthesising enzymes (e.g. fatty acid synthase).

1.1.5.3. Regulation of Protein Degradation

In addition to their roles in altering the transcription of genes, either by LXR or SREBP, oxysterols can alter the rate of protein degradation. HMG-CoA reductase, a membrane bound enzyme and a rate limiting step in the synthesis of cholesterol, is transcriptionally regulated by SREBP2. However, it has also been shown that oxysterols lead to an increased rate of HMG-CoA degradation (Chin *et al.* 1985; Gil *et al.* 1985; Nakanishi *et al.* 1988). This effect is mediated by Insig, the oxysterol sensing protein that causes SREBP retention in the endoplasmic reticulum (Sever *et al.* 2003a; Sever *et al.* 2003b). In the presence of sterols HMG-CoA reductase is ubiquitinated which is reliant on Insig; RNAi knockout of Insig 1 and 2 mitigated this effect (Sever *et al.* 2003a; Sever *et al.* 2003b). Therefore, these synergistic effects increase the rapidity of response to changes in cholesterol levels; the rate of synthesis of new protein is reduced and the removal of previously synthesised HMG-CoA reductase is accelerated.

Another protein that is targeted for degradation by the presence of oxysterols is low density lipoprotein receptor (LDLR). Regulation of LDLR expression is by modification of SREBP; the LDLR mRNA level is rapidly reduced in the presence of oxysterols (Metherall *et al.* 1989). Similarly to HMG-CoA reductase the protein, due to oxysterols, is ubiquitinated and then degraded. However, the mechanism of action by which oxysterols achieve this effect differs between the 2 proteins. In the case of LDLR stimulation of LXR induces Idol which ubiquitinates LDLR. LDLR is then

degraded (Zelcer *et al.* 2009). Thus like HMG-CoA reductase these effects, at the protein and mRNA level, are additive.

In the presence of oxysterols the rate of degradation of LXR α and LXR β is slowed. Overexpressed FLAG-tagged LXR α/β in the presence of oxysterols (i.e. in the presence of ligand) degraded at a lower rate after protein synthesis was inhibited with cycloheximide (Kim *et al.* 2009). It has not been shown whether this effect leads to a change in the level of endogenous LXR levels after treatment with oxysterols. Again this effect, in the case of LXR α , is potentially additive as the LXR α mRNA expression has been shown to be auto regulated in some, but not all, cell types.

Thus, it is potentially possible to affect protein expression levels by treatment with oxysterols without altering the level of mRNA expression. Either by inducing ubiquitination, as in the examples of HMG-CoA reductase and LDLR, or by preventing ubiquitination, in the case of LXR, it is clear that the role of oxysterols in protein regulation goes beyond that of transcriptional inhibition/activation via SREBP and LXR respectively. Indeed, it has recently been shown that the oxysterols play a role in the regulation of post transcriptional cell signalling.

1.1.5.4. Cell signalling

In addition to their regulatory role oxysterols can affect protein phosphorylation in particular the phosphorylation of extracellular signal regulated kinase (ERK1/2) (Yoon *et al.* 2004, Lemaire-Ewing *et al.* 2009). Cholesterol stabilises a phosphatase complex containing oxysterol binding protein (OSBP) as a scaffold, the serine/threonine phosphatase PP2A and the tyrosine phosphatase HePTP that decreases the phosphorylation of ERK 1/2 (Wang *et al.* 2003, Wang *et al.* 2005). By competing with cholesterol oxysterols cause the disassembling of the phosphatase complex and, therefore, the presence of oxysterol up-regulates ERK 1/2 phosphorylation at the thr202/tyr204 amino acid residues. ERK 1/2 is an important signalling molecule and a known oncogene. It has roles in a number of different biological functions including cell growth, differentiation and apoptosis (Avruch 2007). The up-regulation of ERK1/2 phosphorylation by disassembly of this phosphatase has been shown in a number of different cell lines either by depletion of cholesterol with cyclodextrin or with treatment with oxysterols (Furuchi & Anderson

1998, Yoon *et al.* 2004, Agassandian *et al.* 2005, Calleros *et al.* 2006, Kim *et al.* 2007, Jin *et al.* 2008, Lemaire-Ewing *et al.* 2009). This effect seems to be a feature of oxysterols generally as a number of different, dissimilar oxysterols have been shown to initiate this effect including 7 β -hydroxycholesterol, 22-hydroxycholesterol (not specified *R/S*), and 25-hydroxycholesterol.

It is unclear whether treatment with oxysterols only affects ERK1/2 of the mitogen activated protein kinase (MAPK) family as there has been contradictory evidence regarding other MAPKs (e.g. JNK) (Ares *et al.* 2000, Yoon *et al.* 2004). In addition, it is unclear as to what pathways downstream of ERK1/2 are up/down-regulated due to the activation of ERK1/2.

1.1.6. Role of Oxysterols in Disease

Oxysterols have been hypothesised to play a role in a number of disease states. These include cardiovascular disease, eye disease and neurodegenerative diseases.

1.1.6.1. Role of Oxysterols in Cardiovascular Disease

Artherosclerosis is a condition characterised by the hardening and thickening of the arterial wall caused by the accumulation of cholesterol, and other substances, in the wall of the artery leading to the formation of areas of hardening called plaques. Oxysterols have been shown to be cytotoxic to endothelial and arterial smooth muscle cells *in vitro* and have therefore been hypothesised to be arterogenic (Ares *et al.* 2000). However, *in vivo* the situation appears to be equivocal as treatment of animals with dietary oxysterols resulted in variable responses. Some articles detailed increased levels of artherosclerosis, some reported no change whilst others observed reduced levels of disease progression. However, as oxidized low density lipoprotein has high levels of non-enzymatically formed oxysterols it is a possibility that these molecules have a role to play in the pathology of the disease. Indeed the most cytotoxic oxysterol in oxidized low density lipoprotein is 7-hydroperoxycholesterol (Chisholm *et al.* 1994). This oxysterol is rapidly decomposed to other 7-modified oxysterols and therefore true concentration of 7-hydroperoxycholesterol is probably under estimated but 7-modified oxysterols are found in high concentration in foam cells and artheromas. The pathogenic importance may be due to uptake oxidized low density

lipoprotein and accumulation of toxic molecules. However, the dominant oxysterol in artheroma is a enzymatically produced one - 27-hydroxycholesterol. It has been hypothesised that 27-hydroxycholesterol might act as a defence to large concentrations of cholesterol (Bjorkhem *et al.* 1994; Babiker *et al.* 1997). Evidence supporting this is found in analysis of the disease cerebrotendinous xanthomatosis (CTX). In this disease, which is a genetic autosomal recessive disease that results in the absence of cholesterol 27-hydroxylase (the enzyme responsible for the synthesis of 27-hydroxycholesterol), there is an early onset of artherosclerosis despite most CTX patients having normal cholesterol plasma levels (Fujiyama *et al.* 1991). The majority of oxysterols in artherosclerotic plaques are comprised of 4 oxysterols. Together, these four oxysterols, 27-hydroxycholesterol, 7-ketocholesterol, 7 β -hydroxycholesterol and 7 α -hydroxycholesterol, account for ~80% of the total amount of oxysterol in artherosclerotic plaques (Bjorkhem *et al.* 1994; Crisby *et al.* 1997). At present there is no direct evidence of the involvement of oxysterols in the disease. However, they are cytotoxic and oxysterols have been demonstrated to be proapoptotic. Therefore, it appears that oxysterols have a role to play in the progression of this condition.

1.1.6.2. Role of Oxysterols in Eye Disease

Oxysterols have been associated with disease of the eye with implied roles in age related macular degeneration and glaucoma. Age-related macular degeneration is a disease that, as its name suggests, involves the degradation of the macula, a specialised structure of the retina with a high concentration of cone photoreceptors and ganglion cells, and can lead to blindness. The disease is classified as two forms wet (or exudative) and dry (or atrophic). The wet form of the disease is due to increased choroidal vascularisation. The dry form of the disease is the more common, but generally less severe, form of the disease. It is characterised by the formation of drusen, extracellular deposits between the retinal pigment epithelium and Bruch's membrane. These deposits can induce retinal pigment epithelial atrophy in the central part of the eye. Currently there are no treatments for this form of age-related macular dystrophy. It is this form that has been associated with oxysterols as it has recently been hypothesised that 7-ketocholesterol is a key player in the development of the disease (Rodriguez *et al.* 2004).

In cultured retinal pigment epithelium cells treatment with low density lipoprotein caused toxicity after 72 hours. In order to determine if this effect was mediated by oxysterols the cells were treated with 50 μ M oxysterol and cell viability measured after 72 hours (Rodriguez *et al.* 2004) Of the oxysterols tested (25-hydroxycholesterol, 20-hydroxycholesterol, 7-ketocholesterol, 7 α -hydroxycholesterol, 7 β -hydroxycholesterol) the most cytotoxic were 20-hydroxycholesterol and 7-ketocholesterol. In addition, 7-ketocholesterol has been identified in monkey retina (Moreira *et al.* 2009) and in retina of albino rat (Rodriguez and Fliesler 2009) at a level of 0.5-1.5 pmol per nmol cholesterol and 1-4 pmol per nmol cholesterol respectively. As other sidechain hydroxylated oxysterols were below the detection limit (100fmol/nmol cholesterol) it is unclear whether these concentrations are in the correct range or whether auto-oxidation artefacts have artificially elevated them. However, despite no definitive evidence for a role for oxysterols in the disease oxysterol binding protein 2 (OSBP2) has been implicated (Torrini *et al.* 2007).

Another eye disease with which oxysterols have been associated is glaucoma. Glaucoma is a chronic disease that can lead to permanent loss of sight due to optic nerve damage and often presents as an increased pressure of the aqueous humour inside the eye. A mutation in CYP46A1 was associated with incidence of primary open angle glaucoma (Fourgeaux *et al.* 2009). Though there was a genetic link between the polymorphism and the disease this was not identified by changes in the plasma level of 24(S)-hydroxycholesterol and therefore cannot be used as a biomarker for primary open angle glaucoma.

1.1.6.3. Role of Oxysterols in Neurodegenerative Diseases

Alzheimer's disease is characterised by neuronal loss and the accumulation of amyloid beta (A β) peptide deposits resulting in plaque formation. A β peptide is formed from cleavage of amyloid precursor protein by α -secretase, β -secretase or γ -secretase. α -secretase results in the formation of A β 40 a soluble form that does not result in amyloid plaques. In comparison, β -secretase or γ -secretase activity synthesises A β 42 which then forms insoluble aggregates. Oxysterols have been

implicated in Alzheimer's disease as a biomarker of the disease and as neuroprotective agents.

In cerebrospinal fluid the level of 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol was increased in 14 newly diagnosed Alzheimer's patients compared with 10 healthy controls. In Alzheimer's a level of 2.6 ± 1.1 ng/ml was recorded in cerebrospinal fluid compared with 1.6 ± 0.6 ng/ml in healthy controls (Schönknecht *et al.* 2002). This difference was considered statistically significant ($p < 0.05$). However, no difference was observed in the plasma level of 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol with levels of 60.5 ± 19.3 ng/ml and 53.6 ± 14.3 ng/ml measured in Alzheimer's disease and healthy controls respectively. This change in cerebrospinal fluid level of 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol appeared independent of plasma cholesterol as both Alzheimer's disease and control subjects had normal plasma cholesterol levels (150-230 mg/dl) (Schönknecht *et al.* 2002). In another study analysing the plasma level of 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol in a greater number of newly diagnosed Alzheimer's patients ($n=30$) showed an increase in plasma 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol levels as compared to control (Lütjohann *et al.* 2000). In Alzheimer's patients the concentration measured was 75 ± 18 ng/ml (range 42-116) compared with 60 ± 21 ng/ml (range 24-105) of healthy control ($p < 0.001$, ANCOVA). In this study however there was no statistical difference between Alzheimer's and vascular dementia. Vascular dementia patients had a 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol plasma level of 78 ± 20 (range 43-114) (Lütjohann *et al.* 2000). In a separate study using a larger number of patients ($n=40$) it was shown that there was a significant decrease in the plasma level of 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol in Alzheimer's disease patients who had been diagnosed for at least 4 years (Bretillon *et al.* 2000). This decrease was modest (~18%) but statistically significant ($p < 0.01$). Thus, from these studies it appears that the level of plasma 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol is an indication of disease progression with newly diagnosed patients having increased levels of plasma 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol but with a decrease over time.

Analysis of the expression of two oxysterol generating enzymes, cholesterol 24-hydroxylase (CYP46A1) and cholesterol 27-hydroxylase (CYP27A1), showed differences between Alzheimer's disease patients' brain ($n=7$) and control subjects ($n=7$) (Brown 3rd *et al.* 2004). Both enzymes, in control brain, are expressed in neurons and some astrocytes. Cholesterol 27-hydroxylase is also found in

oligodendrocytes. However, in Alzheimer's disease this pattern of distribution changes with expression of cholesterol 24-hydroxylase predominantly in astrocytes and around the amyloid plaques. Cholesterol 27-hydroxylase expression decreases in neurons but increases in oligodendrocytes. Analysis of the effect of 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol and 27-hydroxycholesterol showed that both oxysterols reduced the rate of production of A β peptide in rat primary cortical neurons transfected with adenovirus expressed amyloid precursor protein. 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol was the more potent of the two oxysterols. After 24 hours treatment with 10 μ M 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol there was a reduction in A β (40/42) peptide of ~70% whereas 15 μ M 27-hydroxycholesterol reduced the A β (40/42) secretion by ~40%.

Interestingly, 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol and 27-hydroxycholesterol have been shown to modulate the production of A β in human neuroblastoma SH-SY5Y cells (Prasanthi *et al.* 2009). 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol did not affect the generation of A β 42 while treatment with 5 μ M 27-hydroxycholesterol increased the level of this peptide ~2 fold. This increase in A β 42 level due to 27-hydroxycholesterol treatment was associated with increases in both amyloid precursor protein, the source of A β peptide, and beta-secretase the enzyme that generates A β 42. In comparison, 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol treatment promoted the alpha secretase pathway that generates non-amyloidogenic soluble APP and therefore it appears that 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol plays a neuroprotective role to prevent the formation of amyloid plaques. Conversely, it appears that 27-hydroxycholesterol promotes the formation of insoluble A β 42.

Questions remain regarding the role of oxysterols in Alzheimer's disease as it is still unclear the biological role that oxysterols play in the disease state. It appears that oxysterols, such as 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol, can have a neuroprotective role due to changes in A β processing (Prasanthi *et al.* 2009, Brown 3rd *et al.* 2004). However, it has yet to be determined if changes in oxysterol concentration measured in cerebrospinal fluid and plasma of Alzheimer's patients is a reflection of the cause of neuronal loss or merely a by-product of the disease state as a neuroprotective homeostatic mechanism.

Table 1.1. Summary of important oxysterols and disease states in which they have been implicated.

Oxysterol	Formed	Enzyme	Implicated in disease state
7-ketocholesterol	Auto-oxidation	n/a	Cardiovascular disease. Glaucoma. Age related macular degeneration
7 α -hydroxycholesterol	Enzymatically. Auto-oxidation.	CYP7A	Cardiovascular disease.
7 β -hydroxycholesterol	Auto-oxidation	n/a	Cardiovascular disease.
22R-hydroxycholesterol	Enzymatically	CYP11A1	n/a
24S-hydroxycholesterol	Enzymatically	CYP46A1	Alzheimer's disease.
25-hydroxycholesterol	Enzymatically	CH25H	n/a
27-hydroxycholesterol	Enzymatically	CYP27A1	Cardiovascular disease (proposed protective role). Alzheimer's disease.
24(S),25-epoxycholesterol	Enzymatically	Shunt in mevalonate pathway	n/a

1.1.7. Role of Oxysterols in Immunity

It has recently emerged that oxysterols have a role to play in the innate immune response. It has been shown that the mRNA encoding cholesterol 25-hydroxylase is up-regulated significantly (35x) in mouse macrophages after a short (2 hour) incubation with 10ng/ml lipopolysaccharide (LPS; Diczfalusy *et al.* 2009). Lipopolysaccharide is an important component of Gram-negative bacteria and a potent activator of the mammalian immune response. In contrast, lipopolysaccharide had no effect on the mRNA level of 2 other oxysterol generating enzymes (CYP27A1 and CYP7B1). This increase in cholesterol 25-hydroxylase mRNA corresponded with a ~6fold increase in intracellular 25-hydroxycholesterol. In addition, the intravenous

injection of lipopolysaccharide into healthy human volunteers resulted in an increased level of 25-hydroxycholesterol in the plasma.

Another study, conducted independently (Bauman *et al.* 2009), showed a similar increase in cholesterol 25-hydroxylase (CH25H) and 25-hydroxycholesterol after treatment with Kdo2-Lipid A, a selective toll-like receptor 4 (TLR4) agonist, in peritoneal and bone marrow derived murine macrophages. This effect appeared to be a general response to toll-like receptor activation as lipopolysaccharide, peptidoglycan (a selective agonist for TLR2), polyinosinic:polycytidylic acid (poly I:C, a selective agonist for TLR3) and lipoteichoic acid (an agonist for TLR2/6) also induced the expression of cholesterol 25-hydroxylase and 25-hydroxycholesterol. The Kdo2-Lipid A induced changes were inhibited by co-incubation with either MAPK inhibitors or NF- κ B inhibitors.

This effect of Kdo2-Lipid A was also observed *in vivo* in wild-type mice after interperitoneal injection. Induction of CH25H mRNA was observed in all tissues tested with a maximum response (~250fold) in the liver. Protein levels of CH25H were also elevated in liver and lung after Kdo2-Lipid A treatment coupled with an increase in concentration of 25-hydroxycholesterol in lungs and serum. In CH25H-/- knockout mice the level of IgA heavy chain mRNA was increased compared to wild-type mice. This was corroborated as the IgA level was increased in serum, lungs and intestinal mucosa in CH25H-/- knockout mice. These changes were shown to not be due to a increase in the total number of leukocytes in the CH25H-/- knockout mice compared with wild type mice. Conversely knockout mice lacking oxysterol 7 α -hydroxylase (CYP7B1-/-), which in normal circumstances rapidly metabolises 25-hydroxycholesterol, showed significant reductions in the IgA level in the lung, serum and mucosa. This effect of 25-hydroxycholesterol suppressing IgA release was also shown *in vitro* in splenic B220+ cells with an IC50 of ~50nM. This effect appears to be independent of LXR and cellular cholesterol levels as 22(R)-hydroxycholesterol and 24(R/S)-hydroxycholesterol were inactive and co-incubation of cholesterol with 25-hydroxycholesterol did not reverse the effect.

The toll-like receptor 3 (TLR3) ligand poly I:C and the toll-like receptor 4 (TLR4) ligand LPS increase the mRNA expression of cholesterol 25-hydroxylase (CH25H) in

dendritic cells and macrophages derived from mouse bone marrow (Park and Scott 2010). It appears that this is primarily a TRIF (TR-domain-containing adapter-inducing interferon- β), a TLR3/4 adapter molecule, dependent mechanism as in TRIF^{-/-} mice the up-regulation of CH25H after treatment with polyI:C or LPS was abolished. In addition, TRIF signaling results in increases in interferon- β (IFN β) expression; both polyI:C and LPS increased expression of IFN β in bone marrow derived dendritic cells and macrophages. Similarly to the effect on CH25H expression this effect is abolished in dendritic cells from TRIF^{-/-} mice. In addition, the increase in CH25H expression can be induced by direct stimulation with interferons α , β or γ . Further investigation of the pathway showed that increased expression of CH25H in macrophage and dendritic cells is reliant on JAK signalling as JAK inhibitors prevented the effects of polyI:C, LPS and interferon- β . In addition, JAK inhibition reduces TLR3/4 ligand and interferon- β induced STAT1 phosphorylation. The absence of STAT1 in knockout models abolishes the increase in CH25H expression by polyI:C, LPS and interferons α , β , and γ in dendritic cells and macrophages.

Recently two groups have reported independently and concurrently the role of 7 α ,25-hydroxycholesterol in inducing the migration of immune cells via Epstein-Barr virus-induced gene 2 (EBI2) a G-protein coupled receptor (Hannedouche *et al.* 2011, Liu *et al.* 2011). EBI2, whose natural ligand was previously unknown, is a key regulator of the migration of B-cells in lymphoid organs.

7 α ,25-hydroxycholesterol was identified as the naturally occurring receptor ligand of EBI2 (Hannedouche *et al.* 2011). Modification of cholesterol by hydroxylation at both positions increased the potency of the oxysterol greatly (~1000-fold) compared with the mono-hydroxylated 7 α -hydroxycholesterol or 25-hydroxycholesterol. In addition, 7 α ,25-hydroxycholesterol is a potent chemoattractant of immune cells expressing EBI2 including B cells and dendritic cells. Blocking G α_i -coupled receptors with pertussis toxin blocked the chemoattraction of B-cells induced by 7 α ,25-hydroxycholesterol. The synthesis of 7 α ,25-hydroxycholesterol requires the activity of both cholesterol 25-hydroxylase (CH25H) and 25-hydroxycholesterol 7-alpha-hydroxylase (CYP7B1); two enzymes shown to be present at high levels in both spleen and lymph nodes. Therefore, to further investigate the biological relevance and

function of $7\alpha,25$ -hydroxycholesterol CH25H^{-/-} knockout mice were used. The concentration of $7\alpha,25$ -hydroxycholesterol was increased in the spleen of lipopolysaccharide treated wild type mice but not in CH25H^{-/-} mice. In addition, CH25H^{-/-} mice had attenuated *in vivo* migration of B-cells in the spleen. The absence of CH25H also decreased the level of IgG1 response to the presence of antigen by ~3 fold.

A second, independent, paper (Liu *et al.* 2011) also identified $7\alpha,25$ -hydroxycholesterol as the natural ligand of EBI2 with a EC50 value of 140pM measured by ³⁵S-GTP- γ S incorporation. $7\alpha,25$ -hydroxycholesterol was the most potent of the oxysterols tested (EC50; $7\alpha,25$ -hydroxycholesterol = 0.14 ± 0.03 nM; $7\alpha,27$ -hydroxycholesterol = 1.3 ± 0.28 nM; $7\beta,25$ -hydroxycholesterol = 2.1 ± 0.51 nM; $7\beta,27$ -hydroxycholesterol = 51 ± 1.78 nM; 7α -hydroxycholesterol = 82 ± 13.3 ; 7β -hydroxycholesterol = 1763 ± 262 ; 25 -hydroxycholesterol = 127 ± 26.6 ; 27 -hydroxycholesterol = 3029 ± 571). $7\alpha,25$ -hydroxycholesterol treatment of CHO cells transfected with V5 tagged human EBI2 induced receptor internalisation indicating that $7\alpha,25$ -hydroxycholesterol is the natural ligand of the receptor. The biological relevance was demonstrated *in vitro* as B-cell and CD4⁺ T-cell migration in response to $7\alpha,25$ -hydroxycholesterol was observed. This response was also observed *in vivo* in LPS activated B-cells, CD4⁺ T-cells, CD8⁺ T-cells and dendritic cells. All of these cells were characterised as expressing EBI2. However, this effect appears cell type specific as there was no response *in vitro* to natural killer cells, neutrophils and macrophages despite all three cell types of the immune system being EBI2 positive. $7\alpha,25$ -hydroxycholesterol desensitises EBI2 receptor. The observed effects in cell migration in wild-type mice were absent in EBI2^{-/-} mice with no migratory response to $7\alpha,25$ -hydroxycholesterol. Heterozygous EBI2^{+/-} mice had a reduced response (~50%) to $7\alpha,25$ -hydroxycholesterol compared with wild type mice.

It is clear therefore that an emerging, important role for oxysterols in the innate immune response is slowly being elucidated. However, it appears that oxysterols, in particular those hydroxylated at the 25- position, are key players in this mechanism.

1.1.8. Role in development

A large number of oxysterols are found in the central nervous system (Wang *et al.* 2009), but the predominant oxysterol produced in adult brain is 24*S*-hydroxycholesterol (C⁵-3β,24*S*-diol), a CYP46A1 oxidised metabolite of cholesterol that is exclusively synthesised in the brain (Lund *et al.* 1999). It has recently been shown that in murine embryonic brain 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol (C⁵-3β-ol-24*S*,25-epoxide) is present at relatively high levels compared to other oxysterols (Wang *et al.* 2009). As previously described (section 1.1.3.3), unlike other oxysterols 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol is not a metabolite of cholesterol but a final product in a shunt of the mevalonate pathway of cholesterol synthesis.

24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol has a potential role in the development of the embryonic brain as it has been shown that the level of 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol is present at relatively high levels in comparison to other oxysterols in the cortex and spinal cord of embryonic mice (Wang *et al.* 2009). The predominant oxysterol in adult mouse brain is 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol with level of $2.53 \pm 0.05 \text{ ng}/\mu\text{g}$ 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol to cholesterol (Lütjohann *et al.* 2002). In the embryonic murine brain this level is greatly reduced; at embryonic day 11 there was an observed level of $0.026 \mu\text{g}/\text{g}$ (wet weight) in the cerebral cortex and $0.013 \mu\text{g}/\text{g}$ (wet weight) in the spinal cord. In comparison, the concentration of 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol was $0.165 \mu\text{g}/\text{g}$ (wet weight) in the cerebral cortex and $0.091 \mu\text{g}/\text{g}$ (wet weight) in the spinal cord. In comparison in human primary neurons, derived from 14-18 week old fetuses, 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol synthesis has been detected (Wong *et al.* 2007). The overall level of 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol was not measured though the rate of synthesis of the oxysterol was 0.001-0.05% of the rate of synthesis of cholesterol (Wong *et al.* 2007). It is unclear the role this increased concentration plays in murine embryonic neural development. However, LXRα/β is present in embryonic brain (Sacchetti *et al.* 2009) and as 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol is a potent ligand for this nuclear receptor (Janowski *et al.* 1999) it might play a role in neural development. Indeed, there is evidence to suggest that the presence of LXR is essential to dopaminergic neurogenesis in the ventral midbrain (Sacchetti *et al.* 2009).

LXR is expressed in embryonic mice (Annicotte *et al.* 2004). LXR α was observed to be abundant in the liver, intestines and adipose tissue whereas LXR β was more ubiquitously expressed with strong expression in neuronal and endocrine tissue. LXR is expressed in ventral midbrain progenitor cells (Sacchetti *et al.* 2009). In addition to this these cells also express oxysterol generating enzymes (e.g. CYP46A1, oxidosqualene lanosterol cyclase) and ABCA1, whose expression is reliant on LXR activation. LXR α/β knockout mice showed down regulation of two genes that control dopaminergic neuron development Lmx1b and Wnt1. These reduced expressions, consequently, caused the down-regulation of Pitx3 a gene regulated by Lmx1b and Wnt1. The effect of LXR α/β knockout caused a reduced number of cells in the marginal zone where dopaminergic neurons are present. These effects result in impaired dopaminergic neuron development in LXR α/β knockout mice.

The reduction in dopaminergic neurogenesis was reliant on LXR α/β as there was no increase in apoptosis and oxysterols did not have a direct effect on neurogenesis in LXR α/β knockout mice. However, at embryonic day 11.5 dopaminergic neurogenesis was impaired in the floor plate midbrain, the area of the brain where dopaminergic neurons are derived. In LXR α/β knockout mice there were less tyrosine hydroxylase positive (TH⁺) neurons. Tyrosine hydroxylase is the rate-limiting enzyme for dopamine synthesis. In ventral midbrain primary cultures 22(R)-hydroxycholesterol and GW3965, a synthetic LXR ligand, increased the number of TH⁺ cells in wild type but not in LXR α/β knockout cells.

In addition, the efficiency of the differentiation of mouse embryonic stem cells to dopaminergic neurons treated with 22(R)-hydroxycholesterol was increased. Overexpressing LXR β had a similar effect and interestingly the combination of 22(R)-hydroxycholesterol treatment and LXR β was additive. The balance between, and organisation of, different cell types was disrupted by LXR α/β knockout as the number RC2⁺ glia increased whilst there was disorganisation of GFAP⁺ astrocytes. However the primary defect caused by LXR α/β knockout is on ventral midbrain dopaminergic neurogenesis.

LXR α/β knockout also disrupted the cell cycle (Sacchetti *et al.* 2009) as there was an increase in cells entering the active stages of mitosis, measured by Ki67⁺ staining, but

no subsequent increase in Brdu incorporation and cell cycle exit was decreased. In LXR α/β knockout cells were held at G2/M with an increased percentage of progenitor cells and reduced neurogenesis.

In human embryonic stem cells LXR α/β are expressed and increases during differentiation. The number of Tuj1⁺ neurons was increased by 70% and TH⁺ neurons increased by 300% after treatment with 22(R)-hydroxycholesterol during differentiation (Sacchetti *et al.* 2009). The number of Tuj1⁺ that also stained positive for TH cells was also increased. This effect was at its maximum at a concentration of 0.1-0.5 μ M 22(R)-hydroxycholesterol. There were no signs of toxicity at these concentrations and TH⁺ oxysterol treated cells expressed midbrain dopaminergic markers (LMX1a, ENGRAILED1, NURR1, PITX3, GIRK2, DAT). In contrast, very few GABA⁺, serotonin⁺, and dopamine beta-hydroxylase (DBH)⁺ neurons were detected indicating that treatment with 22(R)-hydroxycholesterol gave a specific enhancement of dopaminergic neuron development. In addition there was reduced progenitor proliferation and in the number of astrocytes whilst increasing the generation of midbrain dopaminergic neurons.

More recently it has been shown that 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol is a potent ligand of LXR during ventral midbrain neurogenesis and specifically promotes dopaminergic neurogenesis (Theofilopoulos *et al.* 2013). In embryonic mouse midbrain neurons organotypic cultures treatment with 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol increased the number of tyrosine hydroxylase positive neurons by 88% *c.f.* vehicle. Similarly 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol treatment increased the number of tyrosine hydroxylase positive neurons in mouse primary progenitor cultures. In addition, 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol promoted the differentiation of mouse embryonic stem cells into dopaminergic neurons. Thus, it appears that 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol is a critical ligand for normal dopaminergic neurogenesis.

However, the mechanism(s) by which 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol/LXR acts to result in this effect on neuron proliferation is unclear. Increased concentrations of 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol could alter protein expression directly through transcriptional modification of known or unknown LXR. In addition, 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol could have indirect effects by inhibiting SREBP2 and decreasing biosynthesis of

cholesterol and other members of the mevalonate pathway or inducing downstream effects of differentially expressed proteins.

In addition, oxysterols have been shown to affect Hedgehog signalling, a pathway that is involved in embryonic development. Cholesterol and oxysterols have been shown to increase proliferation of medulloblastoma cells through Hedgehog signalling with 20(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol and 22(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol having the greatest effect (Corcoran and Scott 2006). It has also been demonstrated independently that 20(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol and 22(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol activate the Hedgehog pathway and induce an osteoinductive effect (Dwyer *et al.* 2007). In addition, it has been demonstrated that 20(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol inhibits the differentiation of bone marrow stromal cells into adipocytes through a Hedgehog dependent mechanism and that 20(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol can induce expression of Notch target genes (Kim *et al.* 2007; Kim *et al.* 2010). The mechanism by which 20(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol effects Hedgehog signalling is by activating the protein Smoothed; Smoothed mediates the signal induced by Hedgehog ligands (Nachtergaele *et al.* 2012). Thus, there is evidence for a role for oxysterols in the regulation of embryonic development.

1.2. Proteomics

Proteomics is the study of global protein expression (Wilkins *et al.* 1996). As proteins are the macromolecules that implement cellular biological processes the analysis of changes in their expression can identify gross changes in cell function. The proteins expressed, including any post-translational modifications, at any given point is called the cell's proteome. The proteome is more complex than the genome. The genome can be considered as a stable constant whereas the proteome is highly variable. The proteome varies with cell type, with time and as a response to stresses or stimuli (Dix *et al.* 2008). In addition, mRNA splice variants of genes add further complexity as do post-translational modifications of proteins such as phosphorylation (Uhlen & Ponten 2005). Indeed, some proteins are able to have multiple different post-translational modifications illustrating the complexity of a proteomic sample at any given point.

The analysis of the proteome can be analysed as whole proteins or more commonly as peptides. It is common to digest protein enzymatically by using, for example, the enzyme trypsin. Trypsin hydrolyses the peptide bond on the carboxylic side of the

amino acids lysine and arginine. Thus, peptides are fragments of the protein backbone that have been generated from intact proteins. Peptides are analysed by mass spectrometry and their sequence identified using bioinformatic software. From this information the proteins present can be deduced.

A strength of proteomics is the direct analysis of protein expression rather than extrapolating from mRNA data *e.g.* microarray; it has been shown that changes in mRNA expression need not correlate with a change in protein expression (Rogers *et al.* 2008). It has the advantage over immunoblotting (Western blotting) as the expression of a large number of proteins can be analysed in one run. In addition, post-translational modifications of the proteome can be analysed giving information regarding signalling pathways or the response to a given stimulus (Olsen *et al.* 2006). Proteins can be modified after translation to alter their function, localization or interactions with other proteins. These alterations are termed post-translational modifications. Post-translational modifications significantly increase the diversity of the proteome as they can be initiated in response to a given stimulus to regulate cellular processes. A large number of diverse modifications have been identified including phosphorylation, glycosylation and ubiquitination. Proteomics allows the analysis of changes in post-translation modifications that would not be possible using immunoblotting due to no commercially available specific antibody (Jensen 2004).

1.2.1. Phosphoproteomics

Phosphoproteomics is a specialized branch of proteomics examining phosphorylated proteins. In the case of phosphorylation, an extensively studied post-translational modification, it has been demonstrated to be involved in the regulation of diverse cellular processes (*e.g.* apoptosis, cell cycle).

Phosphorylation, is a reversible post translational modification and plays a role in a variety of cellular processes and it is a common mechanism for cell signalling and protein regulation. In eukaryotic cells phosphorylation of protein occurs on the side chains of serine, threonine and tyrosine residues. These amino acids have in common a nucleophilic hydroxyl group that reacts with adenosine triphosphate (ATP) resulting in the covalent attachment of a phosphate to the amino acid side chain. Phosphorylation is often associated with protein activity as the addition of the

phosphate can result in conformational changes in the newly phosphorylated protein and can regulate the activation or inactivation of an enzyme. In addition, phosphorylation can induce proteins to associate and is important in signal transduction as it can allow an enzyme to bind its substrate. The phosphorylation and dephosphorylation of protein(s) is regulated by kinases and phosphatases respectively. The balance between the activities of these two enzyme families influences the dynamic phosphorylation state of a cell. At any given point the phosphorylation state of a cell's proteins is called its phosphoproteome.

Phosphoproteomics is the analysis of the phosphorylation state of the entire proteome. This can be done in order to identify novel post-translational modification sites or to identify activation or deactivation of signalling pathways (Olsen *et al.* 2006). The technical challenge of phosphoproteomics is high. Phosphopeptides are present in low abundance compared to their non-phosphorylated counterparts. In addition they are poorly ionized. These two factors mean that phosphoenrichment is required in order to examine these molecules.

1.2.2. Mass Spectrometry

Mass spectrometry measures an ion's mass to charge ratio (m/z). Mass spectrometers generally consist of an ionisation source (*e.g.* electrospray), a mass analyzer and an ion detector. In combination these components allow the detection ions of different mass to charge ratios.

1.2.2.1. Electrospray Ionization

The ability to investigate global protein expression has blossomed since the invention of 2 soft ionising techniques – matrix assisted laser desorption ionisation (MALDI; Tanaka *et al.* 1989) and electrospray ionisation (ESI). These techniques have the advantage of ionizing macromolecules without inducing fragmentation. Therefore, these techniques have become essential for proteomic analysis as they allow the ionization of amino acid chains without disrupting the peptide bonds and thus conserving sequence information.

Electrospray ionization was developed to ionise macromolecules without inducing fragmentation (Fenn *et al.* 1989). The analyte, *e.g.* a peptide mixture, dissolved in a

solvent is subjected to an electrical voltage that induces generation of a Taylor cone and the formation of a fine aerosol spray. Volatile organic solvents such as acetonitrile or methanol are commonly used as they evaporate easily facilitating ion formation of the analyte. In addition, the ionisation of large flow electrospray can be improved by using an inert gas in order to help remove solvent. However, electrospray ionisation is more efficient at low flow rates due to the lower size of initial droplets. A flow rate of 300-800nl/min resulted in an increased performance of HPLC-MS analyses (Emmett and Caprioli 1994). The flow rate can even be reduced even further to a nanoflow of ~25nl/min and still generate efficient electrospray (Wilm and Mann 1996).

Mass spectrometer design also promotes ionisation *e.g.* a heated capillary that ions follow into the mass spectrometer helps evaporation. Evaporation continues until the droplet becomes unstable upon reaching its Rayleigh limit and emits charged jets in Coulomb fission. Two theories have been proposed to explain the production of gas phase ions. The first, the ion evaporation model theorises that as the radius of the droplet decreases the surface of the droplet increases to assist in the field desorption of solvated ions. The second model is the charge residue model suggests that electrospray droplets as the solvent evaporates and splits until the droplets contain one analyte ion. The solvent evaporates leaving the analyte carrying the charge. Whichever theory is correct the end result of this ionisation technique is the formation of gas phase ions.

The ions produced by electrospray ionization can either be due to the addition of a proton [M+H] or the removal of a proton [M-H]. These modes are termed positive and negative modes respectively. In order to promote protonation or deprotonation, in positive and negative modes respectively, an acid (*e.g.* formic acid) or base (*e.g.* ammonia solution) can be added to the solvent. Positive mode is generally used for the analysis of proteins and peptides in proteomic experiments. In the case of peptides multiply charged ions are commonly seen. This is because both the N-terminus and arginine and lysine residue sidechains can act as proton acceptors thus creating ions carrying a +2 charge.

1.2.2.2. Mass Analyzer

A large number of different mass analyzer technologies exist including quadrupole, time of flight (TOF), Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance (FTICR) and Orbitrap instruments. Hybrid instruments also exist that consist of a number of analyzers combined e.g. triple quadrupole, Q-TOF. These mass analyzers vary in how they measure ion m/z and technical specifications. In addition, the choice of mass analyzer is often determined by the application.

In proteomic studies high resolution LTQ-Orbitrap instruments are commonly used. The Orbitrap consists of 2 electrodes - a central electrode kept at a high voltage when ions are being trapped and a second electrode surrounding the first at ground potential (Hu *et al.* 2005, Scigelova *et al.* 2011). The frequencies of the oscillating ions can be detected and following a Fourier transform can be displayed as a mass spectrum. An Orbitrap instrument has a high resolution ($>100,000$) and a high mass accuracy ($<5\text{ppm}$) making it suitable for proteomic studies. The use of an Orbitrap mass analyzer for high mass accuracy MS spectra is in commercial instruments coupled with a linear ion trap (Hu *et al.* 2005). The ion trap acts as an accumulation device that stores ions before introduction to the Orbitrap and therefore allows the use of continuous electrospray ionisation. In addition, the ion trap allows MS^n that fragments the precursor ion and therefore allows elucidation of structural information.

1.2.2.3. Precursor Ion

The initial mass spectrometry scan identifies all ionisable components of a sample. These ions identified in the MS scan give an indication of the molecular weight of analyte. Importantly, a precursor ion can be selected for fragmentation by selecting an ion at a given m/z . Fragmentation of an ion yields structural information about it. Peptides have a distinctive isotope envelope due to the fact that peptides can accept multiple protons inducing charge states of +2, +3 or more. Thus, in the example of a doubly charged peptide each isotopic peak that is 1Da apart will be $0.5m/z$ apart. Therefore an analyte can be deduced to be a peptide by examining its precursor ion. However, an MS/MS scan is required for sequence information.

1.2.2.4. Tandem Mass Spectrometry (MS/MS)

Tandem mass spectrometry allows further analysis of an ion identified in the initial MS spectra. A precursor ion of interest is selected, based on its m/z and is fragmented e.g. collision induced dissociation (CID) yield structural information about the analyte. In the case of peptides by colliding the precursor ion with an inert gas, e.g. nitrogen, the peptide bonds break leading to information regarding the amino acid sequence (Mann & Wilm 1994). Thus, the fragmentation pattern of a peptide's amino acid backbone allows database searching (e.g. Mascot) to identify the peptide sequence and the protein from which it was derived by comparing it to predicted peptide sequence. Depending on the distribution of charge post-fragmentation (*i.e.* to the N- or C-terminus) b- and y- ions are predominantly generated (though a, c, x and z ions can also be formed; fig. 1.5; Roepstorff & Fohlman 1984) that allow identification of the sequence due to specific m/z changes that correspond to each amino acid. A subscript number indicates which peptide bond is broken. Thus, the mass differences between the b and y fragmentation ions (e.g. b_1 and b_2 fig 1.5) generated indicate which amino acid residue is lost. From the generated y- and b- ions a peptide's sequence from a given MS^2 can be deduced.

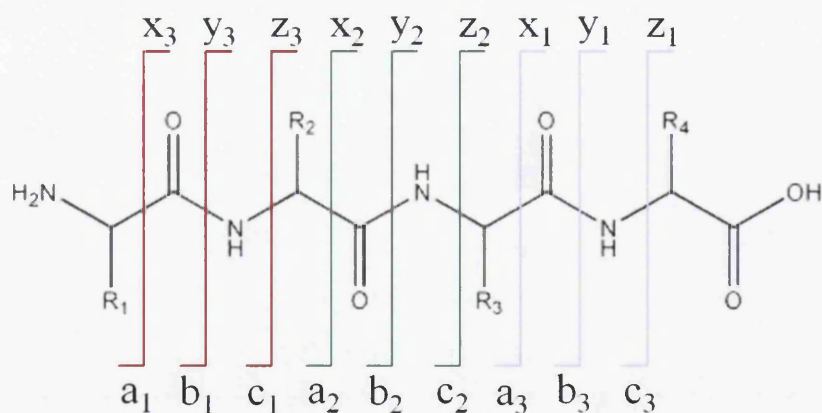


Fig 1.5. Peptide fragmentation notation. The dominant ions in MS/MS spectra are b and y ions.

1.2.2.5. Multistage activation

The analysis of phosphopeptides is dependent on detecting the phosphorylation modification of the peptide and fragmentation of the amino acid backbone of the peptide to deduce its sequence. The phosphate group of a phosphopeptide is relatively weak and they are liable to break instead of peptide bonds. Thus, phosphopeptides in a CID MS/MS spectrum are likely to exhibit a large neutral loss peak 98Da (H_3PO_4) or 80Da (HPO_3) less than the precursor peak. This leads to inability to deduce sequence information from the MS/MS spectra. Therefore a second step of activation is required in order to obtain this information required for identification. This can be achieved by using MS^3 when a dominant neutral loss peak is identified in the MS/MS spectra and is subsequently selected for fragmentation yielding a spectra displaying sequence information.

A second method that can be used to identify and sequence phosphopeptides is multistage activation and has the advantage of having a shorter time for analysis than MS^3 . In this method a pseudo- MS^3 spectrum is generated. A precursor ion is selected for fragmentation at both its observed m/z and, critically, at the m/z where the neutral loss ion is theoretically present. This yields a spectrum with no neutral loss ion peak. The spectrum contains b and y ions allowing identification of the peptide sequence. In addition b-98 and y-98 ions are present derived from fragmentation of the neutral loss peak. Therefore, multistage activation generates a hybrid pseudo- MS^3 spectrum showing both MS^2 and MS^3 fragmentation on the same spectrum that can be analysed for both peptide sequence and phosphorylation.

1.2.3. Quantitative Proteomics

After protein identification the next step is quantification to give an indication for the level of protein expression and how it differs in cells with different treatments. To this end a number of different approaches have been developed including isotope labelled and label free methodologies. In label free methods each sample is run individually and then subsequently compared. However, in the case of isotope labelling each group is labelled with a different isotope marker and thus they are distinguishable by mass spectrometry. Due to this ability to distinguish different groups it is possible to combine samples and compare them in a single mass spectrometry analysis.

1.2.3.1. Stable Isotope Labelling with Amino Acids in Cell Culture (SILAC)

SILAC is a quantitative proteomic technique that allows the identification of relative changes in protein expression using non-radioactive isotope labelling (Ong & Mann 2006). SILAC can be used in many applications and can be used in order to monitor changes in gene expression, post-translational modification and protein-protein interactions. In this technique cells are grown in cell culture and are split into 2 or 3 populations (fig. 1.6.). The first population is cultured in growth media that contains normal, non-isotope labelled amino acids. However, the second population is grown in the presence of amino acids, commonly arginine and lysine, labelled with stable, non-radioactive isotopes. Commonly used are $^{13}\text{C}_6$ and $^{13}\text{C}_6$ $^{15}\text{N}_4$ arginine (R₆/R₁₀) together with D₄ and $^{13}\text{C}_6$ $^{15}\text{N}_2$ lysine (K₄/K₈). These are termed light (unlabelled R and K), medium (K₄/R₆) and heavy (K₈/R₁₀). Due to the mechanism of action of trypsin that cleaves peptide bonds to the C-terminus side of arginine and lysine. Thus, each peptide generated, except the C-terminus, theoretically results in only having a single label.

As the cell population increases, and is passaged, the heavier amino acids are incorporated into the proteome. Eventually all proteins contain the isotope labelled amino acids and are heavier than their normal counterparts. Thus, they are distinguishable by mass spectrometry but otherwise chemically and biologically identical. It is therefore possible to combine the protein derived from different SILAC states and analyse it simultaneously as pairs or triplets of peptides that co-elute from HPLC columns. Therefore this methodology allows 3 treatment groups to be simultaneously analysed. The ratio of the peak intensities of the peptides can then be analysed and their relative abundance determined. Peptide ratios can then be extrapolated to protein expression ratios.

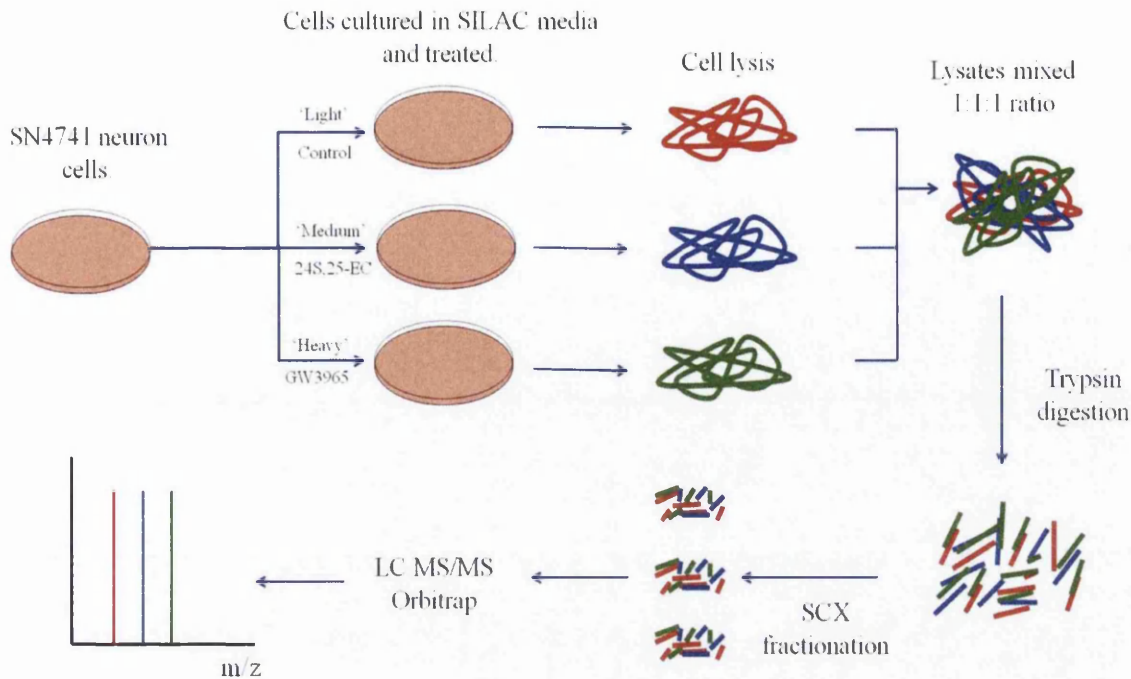


Figure 1.6. Schematic of SILAC experimental design. In this study SN4741 cells were cultured in isotope labelled amino acid containing media. This approach can be extended to any cells grown in culture. Cells are then treated, in this case with vehicle (control), 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol (24(*S*),25-EC) and GW3965, before cells are lysed and protein harvested. The protein lysates are then mixed on a 1:1 ratio before trypsin digestion and strong cation exchange (SCX) fractionation. Fractions are then analysed using LC-MS/MS. Due to the isotope labelling it is possible to distinguish between the 'light', 'medium' and 'heavy' peptides. Mass spectra of SILAC peptides result in a characteristic triplet envelope and the intensity of the signal from each SILAC state can be used for relative quantification.

1.2.3.2. Isobaric Tagging

Isobaric tagging (e.g. iTraq) is a relative quantitative proteomic technique that allows identification of chemically tagged peptides from different treatment groups (Ross *et al.* 2004). In iTraq a N-succinimide ester group on the tag that reacts with primary amines. The workflow of the experimental approach means that the labelling occurs after trypsin digestion but before mixing and assumes that the labelling between different treatment groups is equal. The total molecular weight of tag remains constant but is split into a reporter moiety and a balance moiety. Thus, tagged

peptides have the same molecular weight and all identical sequence peptides co-elute during liquid chromatography. In addition, the precursor ion is the same molecular weight in all groups. Upon fragmentation low molecular weight reporter ions distinguish between the different groups and allow relative quantification. An advantage of iTraQ over SILAC is that more treatment groups, up to 8, can be analysed at the same time.

1.2.3.3. Label Free Quantification

Label-free quantification of proteins does not rely on an isotope label. These approaches are suitable for identifying large changes (>2 orders of magnitude) but less reliable for identifying smaller, subtle changes. Due to the lack of an isotope label samples can't be run simultaneously and require the detection of the corresponding peptide across different LC-MS or LC-MS/MS runs for quantification. Thus, care is required to account for experimental variation. Two methods used for label free quantification are ion peak intensity and spectral counting (Bantscheff *et al.* 2007).

Ion peak intensity relies on precursor signal intensity in order to quantify peptides and therefore relies on LC-MS only. Thus, high mass precision spectrometers are required for this approach as high resolution power is required for identifying peptide signals at the MS level. Peptides are differentiated from noise due to their isotopic pattern. The peptide precursor ion is tracked over time gives a chromatographic profile of the monoisotopic peak which is integrated to estimate original peptide concentration. No MS/MS spectra are generated and thus peptides with a similar m/z and coincidentally eluting at the same point or overlapping may be confused. The second method, spectral counting, compares the total number of MS/MS spectra for a given peptide between samples. The number of spectra is correlated with the abundance of the protein. Both techniques require significant normalization.

1.2.4. Peptide Mixture Complexity Reduction

Peptide mixtures generated from the protein digestion are complex and techniques to simplify these mixtures are commonly used. In the case of both proteomics and phosphoproteomics the peptide mixtures derived from proteome digestion are inherently complex. In order to reduce this complexity prior to mass spectrometric

analysis a number of techniques can be used. These include polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis, 2D-gel electrophoresis, affinity chromatography, ion exchange chromatography and reverse phase liquid chromatography. These steps help to maximize the number of peptides observed by mass spectrometry and thus increase the number of proteins identified. Low abundance peptides (and therefore low abundance proteins) are more likely to be identified in less complex mixtures. The techniques utilized in this work (strong cation exchange chromatography, reverse phase high performance liquid chromatography, phosphoenrichment) are discussed in more detail below.

1.2.4.1. Reverse Phase High Performance Liquid Chromatography

High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) is a chromatography technique to separate analytes in complex mixtures. HPLC utilizes a stationary phase in column and a mobile phase that is pumped through the column carrying analytes. The retention time of an analyte is dependent on its interaction with the stationary phase and the mobile phase. Commonly $C_{18}H_{37}$ modified stationary phases are used and the technique is known, for historical reasons, as reverse phase HPLC. In reverse phase chromatography the retention of hydrophobic compounds is increased. Conversely, more polar analytes are eluted quicker. The retention of a given analyte can be adjusted by adding increased levels of organic solvent, such as acetonitrile or methanol, and is commonly manipulated using a solvent gradient on a HPLC instrument. Importantly, liquid chromatography can be coupled to a mass spectrometer so that analytes eluting from the column and transferred directly to the spectrometer for ionization and subsequent analysis.

1.2.4.2. Strong Cation Exchange

Strong cation exchange chromatography is a form of ion exchange chromatography. This form of chromatography separates molecules on the basis of their charge. The stationary phase of the column has anionic functional groups (e.g. polysulphoethyl aspartamide (PolyLC Inc.)) that interact with cationic analytes. A chromatography gradient increases the salt concentration (e.g. NH_4Cl) in the solvent and results in the cationic molecules in the solvent competing for the anionic sites on the strong cation exchange column. Thus, cationic molecules are displaced and elute from the column.

Therefore, during strong cation exchange chromatography anionic analytes are eluted first off the column whereas strongly cationic analytes take longer. Strong cation exchange can be used for sample fractionation to reduce complexity prior to further analysis.

1.2.4.3. Phosphoenrichment

Phosphorylated peptides require enrichment prior to mass spectrometry analysis due to their low abundance and poor ionization (Zhou *et al.* 2000). Strategies to extract phosphorylated peptides from a peptide mixture include immobilised metal ion affinity chromatography (IMAC) and metal oxide affinity chromatography (MOAC). Both techniques use metal ligands to interact with phosphate groups in order to retain phosphopeptides whilst allowing non-phosphorylated peptides to elute.

Immobilised metal ion affinity chromatography (IMAC) relies on the phosphate group's oxygen interacting with an immobilized metal ion. A high affinity for phosphate groups has been shown with chelated iron(III) and gallium(III) ions (Zhou *et al.* 2000). During chromatography this results in the retention of the phosphopeptides on the column and washing of the non-phosphorylated peptide mixture through. The phosphopeptides can then be washed off the column by changing the pH of the mobile phase or adding a competitor. Thus, IMAC increases the concentration of phosphopeptides.

Titanium dioxide is used for metal oxide affinity chromatography (MOAC) phosphoenrichment (Larsen *et al.* 2005). Similarly to IMAC titanium dioxide chelated resins are used to form complexes with phosphate groups. MOAC can be combined with IMAC in order to increase the number of phosphopeptides in the sample. In addition both IMAC and MOAC can be used after fractionation (e.g. strong cation exchange) to improve the phosphoenrichment by reducing sample complexity.

1.2.5. Proteomic Bioinformatics

The identification of peptides and therefore proteins by using the mass spectrometric data is reliant on bio-informatic software. It is possible to analyse spectra manually although this is prohibitively time consuming when considering the many thousands of spectra typically generated in one experiment. Therefore, database searching has

become an integral part of proteomics experiments. This search is conducted using software such as Mascot that identifies peptides from the raw mass spectrometry data. The data is analysed bio-informatically to identify peptides by comparing sequence information derived from MS/MS spectra to a sequence database containing all theoretical peptide sequences. The peptidase, such as trypsin, can be defined before searching so that the generated experimental peptides match the theoretical. The database search can be constructed so that any modifications, such as phosphorylation and SILAC, are taken into account. Peptides are identified and can be assigned a score that indicates the probability of a correct identification.

The database used for the Mascot search is not limited to one and a number of databases are available for various species from different sources. International protein index (IPI) is a database from the European Bioinformatics Institute founded to catalogue the disparate databases and act as a link between them. Since its inception a concerted effort has led to a significant synchronization of data. In light of this, the IPI database has recently been retired and IPI numbers are currently being superseded by Uniprot numbers. Uniprot is comprehensive database managed by a consortium of the European Bioinformatics Institute, the Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics and the Protein Information Resource (Uniprot Consortium 2011). These consortium members each individually maintained a database but joined forces to produce a curated protein database Uniprot knowledgebase (UniprotKB). UniProtKB comprises 2 sections Uniprot/Swissprot that is reviewed and manually annotated and Uniprot/Trembl that is unreviewed and annotated automatically. UniprotKB/Swissprot gives indication of a large range of factors and has the ultimate aim of providing all known, relevant information in a single place. Therefore, Uniprot is currently the canonical reference set of proteins for a number of organisms.

In our study the quantification of peptides was performed using MaxQuant software. MaxQuant is specialised software designed for the analysis of SILAC MS spectra (Cox *et al.* 2009). MaxQuant identifies the characteristic doublet/triplet isotope envelopes of SILAC labelled peptides. The software tracks these precursor ions over time that allows the merger of the separate signal intensity peaks into a 3D representation. The volumes of the 3D peaks are then compared allowing the generation of ratios between the different SILAC states (e.g. medium:light,

heavy:light). To identify peptides MS/MS data is analysed. The data is then combined to give an identified and quantified peptide. In the case of phosphopeptides this means that they can be identified and when coupled with SILAC labelling can give an indication of the relative levels of phosphorylation at a specific site between control and treatment groups. In addition to quantifying each individual peptide the quantified peptide is combined with others derived from the same protein and extrapolated in order to generate the ratio between the SILAC states of the protein. Thus, the relative quantification of proteins between different SILAC states is identified and further analysed to identify changes in protein expression.

1.2.6. Experimental Considerations of Proteomic Studies

1.2.6.1 SN4741 Cell Line.

Due to the limited amount of primary dopaminergic neurons from mouse embryonic brain available for large-scale proteome wide screening in the experimental work presented here the differentiated neuronal cell line SN4741 was used. SN4741 cells are dopaminergic neurons derived from the substantia nigra of embryonic mice (Son *et al* 1999). It has previously been shown that SN4741 cells are tyrosine hydroxylase positive and express other neuronal markers (Son *et al* 1999). Dopaminergic neuronal markers, such as tyrosine hydroxylase, can be searched for in the proteomic data set to validate the model.

In order to achieve large-scale accurate protein quantification stable isotope labelling approaches such as SILAC or iTRAQ are the preferred choices. The use of a SILAC approach allows the harvesting of a large amount of protein (mg scale) for use in the proteomic experiments easily. Thus, by having a large amount of starting material the probability of identifying low abundance proteins is improved and therefore SILAC is the most appropriate choice.

1.2.6.2. Proteomic Profiling Validation of Existing Knowledge

One of the strengths of proteomic studies is the ability to analyse the proteome as a whole. This provides the opportunity for the experimental data to validate previously identified changes in protein expression as a response to a given treatment. Oxysterols have known regulatory roles for SREBP2 and LXR controlled genes. However, no previous work has been conducted analysing the effect of oxysterols in SN4741 cells. Indeed, it can be anticipated that 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol will induce changes in the cholesterol synthesis pathway in SN4741 cells through inhibition of SREBP2 and induction of LXR regulated genes such as ABCA1.

1.2.6.3. Identification of Novel 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol Regulated Genes

It is difficult, if not impossible, to predict novel 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol regulated genes in the context of proteomic studies. The basic hypothesis of the experiments is broad; 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol induces protein expression changes in SN4741 cells via SREBP, LXR or other unknown oxysterol receptors. Early studies suggest that oxysterols promote dopaminergic neurogenesis through LXR (Sacchetti *et al.* 2009;

Theofilopoulos *et al.* 2013). However, which LXR regulated proteins induce this effect is not clear. The aim of the work is to pinpoint the protein pathways which are affected by 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol by employing a quantitative proteomics approach. This is essential to fully understand the mechanism(s) of 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol in promoting dopaminergic neurogenesis. The data generated from the proteomic studies will also be analysed for the presence of neurotrophins, proteins that have an important regulatory role in neuron development, survival and function (Hempstead 2006), and any changes in their expression. In addition, neuronal markers from different stages of neuronal development will be analysed to determine if 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol has an effect on the maturation of neurons.

1.2.6.4. Identification of Novel 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol Regulated Protein Phosphorylation

Oxysterols have been shown to induce changes in ERK phosphorylation (section 1.1.5.4) a pathway associated with dopaminergic neurogenesis (Kim *et al.* 2006; Kim *et al.* 2008; Yoon *et al.* 2011; Jaeger *et al.* 2011). We speculate that 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol could promote dopaminergic neurogenesis at multiple levels *i.e.* via activation of LXR and also, possibly, by activation of the ERK signalling pathway. Thus, a phosphoproteomic approach will be used to identify novel 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol regulated protein phosphorylation either downstream of ERK or any other kinase pathways. These data will provide further insight into the mechanism of oxysterol activity in addition to the quantitative proteomics study. Again, the basic hypothesis of the experiments is broad; 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol induces protein phosphorylation changes in SN4741 cells. Therefore, the data generated from the phosphoproteomic studies will be analysed to identify changes, if any, in cell signalling pathways.

1.3. Aims and Objectives

The work presented here is founded on the previously reported requirement of LXR in normal neuronal development (Sacchetti *et al.* 2009) and the above expected level of 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol in embryonic mouse brain (Wang *et al.* 2009b). Therefore, three main hypotheses form the basis of this work:

- 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol is an important molecule in normal murine neuronal development.
- 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol exerts an influence on neuronal development by inducing LXR dependent and independent changes in protein expression.
- 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol induces changes in the phosphoproteome and exerts an influence on neuronal development by affecting cell signalling.

In order to examine these hypotheses a SILAC experimental model was followed in order to examine the proteome and phosphoproteome as a whole. A differentiated dopaminergic neuronal cell line was chosen, SN4741, for *in vitro* experiments due to the fact they are derived from the ventral midbrain region of embryonic mice (Son *et al.* 1999) – the same area of the brain where LXR was observed to be important in normal development (Sacchetti *et al.* 2009),

CHAPTER 2: MATERIALS AND METHODS

2.1. Cell Culture

Mammalian cell culture was performed aseptically in a cell culture flow hood. All single use cell culture apparatus used were sterile (Greiner BioOne). Items transferred into the cell culture hood were sprayed with 70% ethanol.

2.1.1. SN4741 Cell Culture

SN4741 murine dopaminergic neuronal cells were cultured on 90mm tissue culture dishes (Greiner) in full media (see table 2.1) with incubation at 5% CO₂/ 37°C. For routine SN4741 cell culture media was removed before the cells were washed once with pre-warmed phosphate buffered saline (37°C, PBS, Lonza). Trypsin/EDTA (approx. 2.5ml, Invitrogen) was incubated with the cells for 30s at room temperature before removal of the majority of the trypsin/EDTA and a further incubation of the cells for 4 min at 37°C/5% CO₂. Detachment of the cells was observed using an inverted light microscope. Detached cells were re-suspended in 10ml of pre-warmed (37°C) full media and mixed thoroughly to ensure a homogenous cell suspension. Cells were then counted using a Neubauer haemocytometer (Fisher) with 10µl of cell suspension in each chamber. Cells were seeded to new 90mm tissue culture plates containing 15ml of full media. Plates were incubated at 37°C/5% CO₂ until ready.

Table 2.1. SN4741 full media. Dulbecco's modified Eagle medium (DMEM) with L-glutamine and glucose, and without sodium pyruvate was modified by adding the reagents shown below. Serum free media is as below with the exception that foetal bovine serum is omitted.

Component	Manufacturer	Volume
DMEM + glucose, L-glutamine w/o sodium pyruvate	Invitrogen	500ml
Foetal bovine serum	Invitrogen	50ml
Penicillin/streptomycin/L-glutamine	Sigma	5ml
20% glucose solution	Sigma	15ml

2.1.2 HeLa Cell Culture

HeLa human cervical cancer cells were cultured on 90mm tissue culture dishes (Greiner) in full media (see table 2.2) with incubation at 5% CO₂/ 37°C. For routine HeLa cell culture media was removed before the cells were washed once with pre-warmed phosphate buffered saline (37°C, PBS, Lonza). Trypsin/EDTA (approx. 2.5ml, Invitrogen) was incubated with the cells for 30s at room temperature before removal of the majority of the trypsin/EDTA and a further incubation of the cells for 4 min at 37°C/5% CO₂. Detachment of the cells was observed using an inverted light microscope (Zeiss). Detached cells were resuspended in 10ml of pre-warmed (37°C) full media and mixed thoroughly to ensure a homogenous cell suspension. Cells were then counted using a haemocytometer with 10µl of cell suspension in each chamber. Cells were then seeded to new 90mm tissue culture plates containing 15ml of full media. Plates were incubated at 37°C/5% CO₂ until ready for use or further culture.

Table 2.2. HeLa full media. Dulbecco's modified Eagle medium (DMEM) with L-glutamine and glucose, and without sodium pyruvate was modified by adding the reagents shown below. Serum free media is as below with the exception that foetal bovine serum is omitted.

Component	Manufacturer	Volume
DMEM	Invitrogen	500ml
Foetal bovine serum	Invitrogen	50ml
Penicillin/streptomycin/L-glutamine	Sigma	5ml

2.1.3. THP1 Cell Culture

THP1 human monocytes were cultured in 25cm² tissue culture flasks (Corning) in full media (see table 2.3) with incubation at 5% CO₂/ 37°C. THP1 cells grow in suspension. For routine culture, the cell suspension was transferred to a 15ml centrifuge tube and centrifuged at 700g for 5min. The media was discarded without

disruption of the cell pellet before resuspension in 10ml of full media. A 0.5ml aliquot of the cell suspension was taken and diluted 20x with full media. This diluted cell suspension was then counted using a Scepter automated hand held cell counter (Millipore) using 60 μ m sensor tips. Cells were then transferred to a new 25cm² or 75cm² tissue culture flask for a final concentration of 200,000 cells/ml and a final volume of 10ml or 25ml respectively. Cells were incubated at 37°C/5% CO₂ until ready for use or further culture.

Table 2.3. THP1 full media. RPMI-1640 media w/o L-Glutamine was modified by adding the reagents shown below. Serum free media is as below with the exception that no foetal bovine serum is added.

Component	Manufacturer	Volume
RPMI-1640 W/O L-Glutamine	Invitrogen	500ml
Foetal bovine serum	Invitrogen	50ml
Penicillin/streptomycin/L-glutamine	Sigma	5ml
50mM 2-mercaptoethanol in PBS	Sigma	500 μ l

2.1.4. Freezing Cells

For long term storage cells were stored in liquid nitrogen. To freeze cells the protocol for culturing was followed with the following exceptions. The cells were resuspended after treatment with trypsin (after centrifugation in the case of THP1 cells) in 1ml of freezing media (10% dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO; Sigma) in foetal bovine serum) per 90mm tissue culture plate (25cm² flask for THP1 cells). The cell suspension was transferred to a freezing vial and stored at -80°C overnight in a bicell biofreezing vessel (Nihon) before transfer to liquid nitrogen.

2.1.5. SILAC Cell Culture

SN4741 murine dopaminergic neuronal cells grown for stable isotope labelling in cell culture (SILAC) experiments were cultured as previously described for 5 passages in SILAC DMEM (Pierce) supplemented with dialysed foetal bovine serum (Invitrogen), Penicillin/Streptomycin/L-glutamine (Sigma), and glucose (Sigma, table 4). SILAC DMEM was also supplemented with isotopically labelled arginine and lysine to a concentration of 0.398mM and 0.44mM respectively ('light', $^{12}\text{C}_6 \text{K}_0, ^{12}\text{C}_6 \text{R}_0$ (Sigma); 'medium', $^2\text{H}_4 \text{K}_4, ^{13}\text{C}_6 \text{K}_6$ (Cambridge Isotope Laboratories Inc.); 'heavy', $^{13}\text{C}_6 \text{R}_6, ^{13}\text{C}_6 \text{ } ^{15}\text{N}_2 \text{K}_8, ^{13}\text{C}_6 \text{ } ^{15}\text{N}_4 \text{R}_{10}$ (Cambridge Isotope Laboratories Inc.)). Amino acid solutions were made to a 1000X stock solution of 0.398M and 0.44M for arginine and lysine respectively in PBS.

Table 2.4. SN4741 SILAC media. SILAC Dulbecco's modified Eagle medium (DMEM) was modified by adding the reagents shown below. Serum free media is as below with the exception that no dialyzed foetal bovine serum is added.

Component	Manufacturer	Volume
SILAC DMEM	Invitrogen	45ml
Dialyzed foetal bovine serum (dFBS),	Invitrogen	4.5ml
Penicillin/streptomycin/L-glutamine (PSG)	Sigma	0.45ml
20% glucose solution	Sigma	1.35ml
L-arginine (0.398M) in PBS	Sigma/Cambridge Isotope Laboratories Inc.	45 μ l
L-lysine (0.44M) in PBS	Sigma/Cambridge Isotope Laboratories Inc.	45 μ l

2.2. Cell Culture Treatments.

In all cases appropriate volumes of vehicle (EtOH, 45% hydroxypropyl- β -cyclodextrin in 0.9% NaCl or both) were also added to media to act as controls between treatments.

2.2.1. Oxysterol Treatment

2.2.1.1. Adherent cells - SN4741

Oxysterols (24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol (Enzo Life Sciences), 7 α -hydroxycholesterol (Steraloids), 7 β -hydroxycholesterol (Sigma), 19-hydroxycholesterol (Steraloids), 24*S*-hydroxycholesterol (Avanti Polar Lipids), 25-hydroxycholesterol (Sigma), 27-hydroxycholesterol (Avanti Polar Lipids)) were prepared at a 10mM concentration in 45% hydroxypropyl- β -cyclodextrin/0.9% saline (both Sigma) before dilution to 10 μ M in serum free media. Solutions were vortexed to ensure thorough mixing before sterile filtration.

SN4741 cells were washed twice with PBS before addition of 10ml of treatment per 90mm tissue culture plate and incubated for 24 hours at 37°C/5% CO₂.

2.2.1.2. Suspension cells - THP1

Oxysterols (24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol, 7 α -hydroxycholesterol, 7 β -hydroxycholesterol, 24*S*-hydroxycholesterol, 25-hydroxycholesterol) was prepared at a 10mM concentration in 45% hydroxypropyl- β -cyclodextrin/0.9% saline (both Sigma) before dilution of 11.1 μ l in 10ml serum free media. These solutions were vortexed to ensure thorough mixing before sterile filtration. 9ml of sterile treatment was added per 25cm² flask as appropriate.

THP1 cells were transferred to a centrifuge tube before being spun at 700g for 5min. The media supernatant was discarded and cells resuspended in 10ml PBS. Cells were then spun at 700g for 5min. The PBS was discarded and the wash step repeated. The cells were then resuspended in 10ml serum free media. An aliquot of the cell suspension was diluted 1:40 with serum free media and then counted using a Scepter automated hand held cell counter (Millipore) using 60 μ m sensor tips. Cells were then diluted to 6x10⁶ with serum free media before addition of 1ml per flask as appropriate

for a final concentration of 6×10^5 cells/ml and incubated for 24 hours at $37^\circ\text{C}/5\%$ CO_2 .

2.2.2. GW3965 Treatment

2.2.2.1. Adherent cells - SN4741

GW3965 (Sigma) prepared as a 10mM solution in ethanol before dilution to 1 μM with serum free media. This 1 μM solution was vortexed to ensure thorough mixing before sterile filtration. SN4741 cells were then washed twice with PBS before addition of 10ml of appropriate treatment was added per 90mm plate and incubated for 24 hours at $37^\circ\text{C}/5\%$ CO_2 .

2.2.2.2. Suspension cells - THP1

GW3965 (Sigma) prepared as a 10mM solution in ethanol before dilution of 1.1 μl in 10ml serum free media. This solution was vortexed to ensure thorough mixing before sterile filtration. 9ml of sterile treatment was added per 25cm^2 flask as appropriate.

THP1 cells were transferred to a centrifuge tube before being spun at 700g for 5min. The media supernatant was discarded and cells resuspended in 10ml PBS. Cells were then spun at 700g for 5min. The PBS was discarded and the wash step repeated. The cells were then resuspended in 10ml serum free media. An aliquot of the cell suspension was diluted 1:40 with serum free media and then counted using a Scepter automated hand held cell counter (Millipore) using 60 μm sensor tips. Cells were then diluted to 6×10^6 with serum free media before addition of 1ml per flask as appropriate for a final concentration of 6×10^5 cells/ml and incubated for 24 hours at $37^\circ\text{C}/5\%$ CO_2 .

2.3. SN4741 viability assays

SN4741 cells were seeded at 200 μl /well, 50,000 cells/ml in 96 well plates and incubated for 24 hours at $37^\circ\text{C}/5\%$ CO_2 . After incubation the cells were washed twice with PBS before addition of 100 μl of treatment (vehicle, 1 μM GW3965, 10 μM 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol or 10 μM 24S-hydroxycholesterol) in charcoal stripped serum containing media and incubated at 37°C for the desired time.

2.3.1. Cell Viability Assay: XTT

Cell viability was measured using XTT Cell proliferation Assay Kit (ATCC) following the manufacturer's instructions. XTT, in the presence of viable cells, is reduced to an orange colour formazan derivative that can be read by absorbance on a plate reader. Briefly, to 5ml of XTT solution 100µl of activating solution was added and mixed. To 100µl media (per well on a 96 well plate) 50µl of activated XTT reagent was added and incubated for 2-4 hours at 37°C. The plate was then read at 475nm (test) and 660nm (control) using a POLARstar Omega plate reader (BMG Labtech). Wells containing media only (i.e. no cells) served as a blank control and the average from these wells were deducted from test wells. The reading measured at 660nm was then deducted from the 475nm reading.

2.3.2. Cell Viability Assay: CellTiter Blue

Cell viability was then measured using CellTiter Blue assay (Promega) following the manufacturer's instructions. CellTiter blue is a resazurin based assay; in the presence of viable cells resazurin can be reduced to resorufin, a fluorescent compound. Briefly, to 100µl media (per well on a 96 well plate) 20µl of CellTiter Blue reagent was added and incubated for 2-4 hours at 37°C. If the treatment was in a larger volume then the volume of CellTiter Blue reagent was scaled up accordingly. Fluorescence was then measured using a POLARstar Omega plate reader (excitation 544nm; emission 590nm). Wells containing media only (i.e. no cells) served as a blank control and the average from these wells were deducted from test wells.

2.4. Cell Lysis – Protein Extraction

Cells were washed twice with ice cold PBS before lysis was performed with 200µl ice cold lysis buffer (200mM ammonium bicarbonate, 0.1% sodium dodecyl sulphate (SDS, Invitrogen), 1% phosphatase inhibitor cocktail 1 (Sigma), 1% phosphatase inhibitor cocktail 2 (Sigma)) per plate. A cell scraper (Greiner) was used in order to ensure thorough lysis before transfer to a 1.5ml microcentrifuge tube. The lysate was then centrifuged at 4°C, 14000 rpm for 30min. The supernatant was transferred to a new microcentrifuge tube for further analysis/storage and the cell pellet was discarded. Samples intended for Western blotting were supplemented with Complete

protease EDTA-free inhibitors (Roche) at a 1:25 dilution from a stock 25x solution. Lysates were stored at -20°C for short term or -80°C for longterm.

2.5. Protein Estimation

Protein lysate concentration was estimated using Bradford assay. A bovine serum albumin (BSA) linear standard curve of known concentrations (table 2.5) is measured in order to allow regression of the absorbance of the unknown samples. To achieve this 60 μl of 2mg/ml BSA (Bio-Rad) is mixed with 60 μl of water in a 1.5ml microcentrifuge tube. This 1 $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{l}$ solution is then used to create the standards to test. The standards were prepared in duplicate.

Table 2.5. Dilutions of BSA for Bradford Assay standard curve

BSA concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{l}$)	Volume 1 $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{l}$ BSA (μl)	Volume H_2O (μl)
1	20	0
0.75	15	5
0.5	10	10
0.25	5	15
0.125	2.5	17.5
0	0	20

The lysate sample of unknown concentration were vortexed and centrifuged briefly before 2 μl was taken and diluted 1:10 with water. These dilutions were prepared in duplicate for each sample. The Bradford dye reagent (Bio-Rad) was then diluted from a 5x stock to a 1x working solution with distilled water. 1ml of 1x Bradford reagent was then added to each standard and sample, vortexed, and are left to incubate for 5min. Once the incubation is complete 250 μl of each standard or sample were transferred in duplicate to a 96-well flat-bottomed tissue culture plate (Greiner) and the absorbance measured at 595nm on an iMark plate reader (Bio-Rad). A linear standard curve was generated and the concentration of the 1:10 diluted sample

solutions were calculated from their observed absorbance. These concentrations are then multiplied by 10 to take into account the dilution of the sample and the volume required for a given weight of protein (e.g. 20 μ g) can be calculated.

2.6. Stable Isotope Labelling in Cell Culture (SILAC)

Changes in protein expression were examined using SILAC. SN4741 cells were cultured for SILAC as described earlier (section 2.1.5.).

2.6.1. SILAC Treatment(s) - SN4741

Treatments (24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol 10 μ M, GW3965 1 μ M) intended for SILAC cells were prepared as described previously (sections 2.2.1, 2.2.2) in the appropriate serum free SILAC media ('light', 'medium', 'heavy'). To ensure that the isotope labelling itself led to no change in protein expression the treatments assigned to each SILAC state were rotated with each biological replicate (*i.e.* if 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol used to treat 'light' SILAC cells in first experiment then for next experiment 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol used to treat 'medium' SILAC cells.

2.6.2. SILAC Sample Reduction and Methylation

Protein from the different SILAC states were mixed at a 1:1:1 ratio for 2mg total protein before incubation for 1hour at 60°C with an appropriate volume of 50mM tris(2-carboxyethyl)phosphine hydrochloride (TCEP, Sigma) in HPLC grade H₂O to give a final concentration of 5mM. To block the thio groups of cysteine amino acid residue the sample was then incubated for 15min at room temp with an appropriate volume of 200mM *S*-Methyl methanethiosulfonate (MMTS, Sigma) in HPLC grade isopropanol to give a final concentration of 10mM. Protein was digested using 200 μ g sequencing grade trypsin (Promega) with incubation overnight at 37°C.

2.6.3. Strong Cation Exchange (SCX) Chromatography

Strong cation exchange chromatography was performed on a Dionex Ultimate 3000 HPLC system using a Polysulfoethyl A column (200mmx4.6mm, 5 μ m, 200Å, Poly LC Inc; solvent A = 2% HPLC grade acetonitrile (Fisher), 0.1% formic acid; solvent B = 0.6M NH₄Cl, 2% HPLC grade acetonitrile, 0.2% formic acid). 50 μ g of trypsin

digested BSA was used to validate SCX performance before sample was loaded onto the column. Samples were diluted 10x using solvent A and then, if required, adjusted to pH 2.5-3 with formic acid prior to loading. Loading of the sample was performed by injecting 2ml sample at 5 min intervals with a flow rate of 800 μ l/min of solvent B. Once the sample was fully loaded LC gradient was run over 70 min (0-10min 2% B, 10-15min 2-15% B, 15-45min 15-30% B, 45-55min 30-50% B, 55-60min, 50-100% B, 60-65min 100% B, 65-66min 100-2% B, 66-70min 2% B) at a flow rate of 800 μ l/min with fraction collection performed from 15 to 70min. Fraction collection was more frequent (90s per fraction) at the beginning of the run (see fig. 3.6). A UV trace was recorded in order to visualise the fractionation of the loaded peptide mixture.

2.6.4. Desalting

Sep-Pak Vac 3cc C18 cartridges (Waters) were activated with 1ml 80% acetonitrile/0.1% formic acid before equilibration with 4ml H₂O/0.1% formic acid. SCX fractions were diluted 1:1 with H₂O/0.1% formic acid before loading onto the Sep-Pak C18 cartridge and washed with 4ml H₂O/0.1% formic acid. Peptides were eluted from C18 with 1ml 80% acetonitrile/0.1% formic acid before drying overnight under vacuum. Dry samples were resuspended in 45 μ l H₂O/0.1% formic acid.

2.6.5. LTQ-Orbitrap Calibration Electrospray Positive Ion Mode

The LTQ-Orbitrap (Thermo) instrument was calibrated prior to use by using the electrospray source in positive ion mode. Calmix (Caffeine, MRFA, Ultramark) was injected to the source at 3 μ l/min and the instrument was tuned on the 524.3m/z peak. The tune file was then saved. The ion trap settings calibrated initially were multipole RF frequency, main RF frequency, electron multiplier gain. After successful calibration of these parameters the following were calibrated:- mass calibration-normal scan rate types; mass calibration – enhanced scan rate types; Mass and resolution calibration- normal scan rate type; Isolation wave form; Activation wave form. Following successful calibration the following Fourier transform (FT, i.e. Orbitrap) parameters were checked only:- transfer multipole RF frequency; storage multipole RF frequency; positive ion mode- storage transmission; positive ion mode – FT transmission. The only FT parameter calibrated was Positive ion mode – mass

calibration. The calibration was then backed up. The ion trap was calibrated as least once a month and the Orbitrap calibrated at least twice a week. After calibration spectra were recorded of the calmix in the FT and ion trap modes to allow an audit trail of performance.

2.6.6. LTQ-Orbitrap Nanospray

After calibration the electrospray source was removed and replaced with the nanospray source. A solution of [Glu¹]-fibrinopeptide B human (Glufib, Sigma) 100fmole/ μ l was required for tuning and was prepared by diluting 10 μ l of a 1pmole/ μ l stock with 90 μ l 40% acetonitrile/0.1% formic acid. The glufib was injected at a rate of 0.3 μ l/min. The ion trap was then tuned on 785.8m/z. Spectra were then acquired in the FT and ion trap (MS and MS²) modes to allow an audit trail of performance.

2.6.7. Liquid Chromatography

Liquid chromatography was performed in nanoflow mode on a Dionex Ultimate 3000 HPLC system using as solvent A1 2% acetonitrile/0.1% formic acid and as solvent B1 90%acetonitrile/0.1% formic acid. For loading H₂O/0.1% formic acid was used as the solvent. Lines were purged prior to LC flow commencing for 300 seconds at a flow rate of 2000 μ l/min. The LC system was attached to the mass spectrometer and the flow started; 4%B 0.3 μ l/min for micropump 1 and 15 μ l/min for micropump 2

2.6.8. Liquid Chromatography Validation - Bovine Serum Albumin

To evaluate liquid chromatography (LC) performance 5 μ l of 20fmol/ μ l trypsin digested BSA was injected to test the instrument. The method for the LTQ-Orbitrap was an nth order double play method analysing the top 6 peaks. The method consisted of 2 scan events. Scan event 1 was a MS scan in the FT mode with the following settings – acquire time = 35min, lock mass = 445.1200, scan range =400-2000m/z, data format = profile, resolution = 60,000. Scan event 2 was a MS² scan performed in the ion trap with the following settings – centroid; activation - type = CID, default charge state = 2, isolation width m/z = 3, normalised collision energy = 35, activation Q = 0.25, activation time = 30, minimum signal required = 500, top n peaks = 6;

enable charge state screening, enable monoisotopic precursor selection, reject charge state = 1; enable dynamic exclusion, repeat = 1, repeat duration = 30s, exclusion list size = 500, exclusion duration = 30s, exclusion mass width = ± 7 ppm, early expiration enabled. Contact closure was used to synchronise the LC to the mass spectrometer.

2.6.9. LTQ-Orbitrap LC-MS/MS

10 μ l of each fraction was analysed by LC-MS/MS over a 120min gradient (0-3min 4% B, 3-99min 4-50% B, 99-100min 50-90% B, 100-105min 90% B, 105min 90-4% B, 105-120min 4% B). For the first 3min of the gradient samples were loaded at 15 μ l/min onto a Symmetry300 C18 trap column (Waters) before separation on a RSLCnano column C18 column (75 μ m i.d. x 15cm, Dionex) at a \sim 250nl/min flow rate. Separated peptides were analysed on a LTQ-Orbitrap over 4 mass ranges (400-610 m/z, 590-800 m/z, 780-1010 m/z and 990-2000 m/z) using an Orbitrap resolution of 60,000 and an n^{th} order double play 'top 6' method to select ions for CID MS/MS (singly charged precursors ions or those with signal <500 not selected).

The method consisted of 2 scan events. Scan event 1 was a MS scan in the FT mode with the following settings – acquire time = 118 min, lock mass = 445.12, scan range = 4 mass ranges (400-610 m/z, 590-800 m/z, 780-1010 m/z and 990-2000 m/z), data format = profile, resolution = 60,000. Scan event 2 was a MS² scan performed in the ion trap with the following settings – data format = centroid; activation - type = CID, default charge state = 2, isolation width m/z = 3, normalised collision energy = 35, activation Q = 0.25, activation time = 30, minimum signal required = 500, top n peaks = 6; enable charge state screening, enable monoisotopic precursor selection, reject charge state = 1; enable dynamic exclusion, repeat = 1, repeat duration = 20, exclusion list size = 500, exclusion duration = 90s, exclusion mass width = ± 5 ppm, early expiration enabled. Contact closure was used to synchronise the LC to the mass spectrometer.

2.6.10. Orbitrap Velos LC-MS/MS

Dry samples were resuspended in 100 μ l H₂O/0.1% formic acid. 10 μ l of each fraction was analysed by LC-MS/MS over a 120min gradient (solvent A H₂O/0.1% formic acid, solvent B acetonitrile/0.1% formic acid; 0-5min 2% B, 5-85min 2-40% B, 85-

100min 40-80% B, 100-104min 80% B, 104-105min 80-2% B, 105-120min 2% B). For the first 5min of the gradient samples were loaded at 10 μ l/min onto a trap column (CapTrap, Michrom Bioresources) before separation on a Reprosil C18 column (100 μ m i.d. x 15cm, Nikkyo Technos Co. Ltd) at a ~200nl/min flow rate. Separated peptides analysed on a LTQ-Orbitrap Velos over a mass range of 400-2000 m/z using an Orbitrap resolution of 60,000 and a data dependent (singly charged precursors ions or those with signal <500 not selected) 'top 20' method to select ions for CID MS/MS.

2.6.11. Analysis of SILAC LC-MS/MS data

SILAC data was analysed using MaxQuant software (v.1.0.13.8 downloaded from www.maxquant.org). Thermo-Finnigan RAW files transformed to msm files using MaxQuant Quantify (v.1.0.13.8) software using appropriate triplet SILAC states. Parameters used were Orbitrap; Triplet (Arg6, Lys4, Arg10, Lys 8); maximum of 3 labelled amino acids; variable modifications = oxidation (M), acetyl (protein n-term), methylthio (C); trypsin/P; MS/MS tolerance = 0.5Da; maximum msm file size = 350Mb; maximum missed cleavages = 2; top ms/ms peaks per 100Da = 6.

Database used was IPI mouse v3.52 modified using Maxquant SequenceReverser (v.1.0.13.8). Database searching was performed using Mascot (Matrix Science v.2.2.2) using parameters generated by MaxQuant. MaxQuant Identify (v.1.0.13.8) was used to generate data tables for further analysis. Parameters used were peptide false discovery rate (FDR) = 0.01; site FDR = 0.01; protein FDR = 0.01; apply site FDR separately; maximum peptide PEP = 1; minimum peptides = 1; minimum unique peptides = 1; minimum peptide length = 6; reverse string =REV_; contaminant string = CON_; use only unmodified peptides and oxidation (M), acetyl (protein N-term), methylthio (C); use razor and unique peptides; discard unmodified counterpart peptides; minimum ratio count =1; use least modified peptides; number of threads = 1; re-quantify; filter labelled amino acids; low scoring version of identified peptides not kept.

MaxQuant generated protein ratios were analysed by following the method reported by Graumann *et al.*. Low and high z-values of ≥ 2 (the equivalent of 2 standard

deviations away from the median) were treated as up- or down-regulated. Three biological replicates were performed.

2.7. PhosphoSILAC

Changes in protein phosphorylation after treatment with oxysterols were examined using a quantitative proteomic approach (SILAC). The following experimental protocols were used to examine changes in the phosphoproteome. SN4741 cells were cultured for SILAC as described earlier (section 2.1.5.).

2.7.1. PhosphoSILAC Treatments - SN4741

Treatments (24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol 10 μ M, 25-hydroxycholesterol 30 μ M) intended for phosphoSILAC studies were prepared as described previously (sections 2.2.1, 2.2.2) in the appropriate serum free SILAC media ('light', 'medium', 'heavy') with the following exceptions - oxysterols were dissolved in ethanol; 25-hydroxycholesterol was used at a higher concentration and therefore prepared as a 30mM stock solution before dilution to 30 μ M; cells incubated with treatment for 6 hours. To ensure that the isotope labelling itself led to no change in protein expression the treatments assigned to each SILAC state were rotated with each biological replicate.

2.7.2. phosphoSILAC Sample Reduction and Methylation

As section 2.6.1.

2.7.3. Strong Cation Exchange Chromatography

As section 2.6.2. With the exception that fraction collection was more frequent (1minute per fraction) at the beginning of the run (see figures. 4.2 and 4.3)

2.7.4. Desalting

As section 2.6.3.

2.7.5. Peptide Methylation

In one phosphoSILAC experiment methanolic HCl (hydrochloric acid in methanol; Sigma) was used to methylate acidic moieties. 3N methanolic HCl was diluted to 2N with HPLC grade methanol. 900 μ l 2N methanolic acid was added to each desalted dried fraction and incubated for 2 hours at room temperature with sonication every 15 minutes before being dried under vacuum.

2.7.6. Immobilised Metal Affinity Chromatography (IMAC) Phosphoenrichment

IMAC was performed using Phos-Select Iron Affinity gel (Sigma). 150 μ l of gel slurry (\approx 75 μ l gel; suitable for \sim 150 μ g phosphopeptide) was added to a Mobicol spin column (Mobicol) with a 10 μ m pore filter inserted (Mobicol). To the slurry 500 μ l 30% acetonitrile, 250mM acetic acid was added, vortexed and centrifuged at 8200g for 1 minute. The flow through was discarded and this step repeated twice. Dry phosphoSILAC samples were resuspended in 500 μ l 30% acetonitrile, 250mM acetic acid, and vortexed. The resuspended samples were added to the spin columns and then shaken with end over end rotation (30rpm) for 2 hours at room temperature. The columns were then centrifuged at 8200g for 1 minute. The gel was then washed by adding 500 μ l 30% acetonitrile, 250mM acetic acid, vortexing and then centrifuging at 8200g for 1 minute. A second wash was performed by adding 500 μ l HPLC grade H₂O, vortexing and then centrifuging at 8200g for 1 minute. For elution 500 μ l 400mM ammonium hydroxide (pH = 11) was added to the gel, vortexed and shaken with end over end rotation (30rpm) for 5 minutes at room temperature. This was then eluted by centrifuging at 8200g for 1 minute to a 2ml microcentrifuge tube. A second elution was performed by adding 200 μ l 400mM ammonium hydroxide (pH = 11) to the gel, vortexed and shaken with end over end rotation (30rpm) for 5 minutes at room temperature. This was then eluted by centrifuging at 8200g for 1 minute to a 1.5ml Protein Lo-Bind microcentrifuge tube (Eppendorf). The two sequential elutions were combined in a 1.5ml Protein Lo-Bind microcentrifuge tube and 5 μ l of formic acid was added to neutralise the ammonium hydroxide. The samples were then dried overnight under vacuum. Samples were re-suspended in 60 μ l H₂O/0.1% formic acid.

2.7.7. LTQ-Orbitrap Calibration Electrospray Positive Ion Mode

As section 2.6.4.

2.7.8. LTQ-Orbitrap Nanospray

As section 2.6.5.

2.7.9. Liquid Chromatography

As section 2.6.6.

2.7.10. Liquid Chromatography Validation - Bovine Serum Albumin

As section 2.6.7.

2.7.11. LTQ-Orbitrap LC-MS/MS

20µl of each fraction was analysed by LC-MS/MS over a 120min gradient (0-3min 4% B, 3-99min 4-50% B, 99-100min 50-90% B, 100-105min 90% B, 105min 90-4% B, 105-120min 4% B). For the first 3min of the gradient samples were loaded at 15µl/min onto a Symmetry300 C18 trap column (Waters) before separation on a RSLCnano column C18 column (75µm i.d. x 15cm, Dionex) at a ~250nl/min flow rate. Each phosphopeptide fraction was analysed twice (i.e. two 20µl injections) on a LTQ-Orbitrap over 2 mass ranges (400-760 m/z, 740-2000 m/z) using an Orbitrap resolution of 60,000 and a data dependent 'top 6' MS/MS method to select ions for CID MS/MS (singly charged precursors ions or those with signal <500 not selected). Multistage activation was used for fragmentation (neutral loss within top 10 of 32.70 m/z, 49.00 m/z, 65.30 m/z, 98.00 m/z).

The method consisted of 7 scan events. Scan event 1 was a MS scan in the FT mode with the following settings – acquire time = 118 min, lock mass = 445.12, scan range = 2 mass ranges (400-760 m/z, 740-2000 m/z), data format = profile, resolution = 60,000. Scan event 2 was a MS² scan performed in the ion trap with the following settings – data format = centroid; activation - type = CID, default charge state = 2, isolation width m/z = 3, normalised collision energy = 35, activation Q = 0.25, activation time = 30, current scan event = 500, nth most intense ion = 1; enable

multistage activation; product mass range = 400; neutral loss within top 10 of 32.70 m/z, 49.00 m/z, 65.30 m/z, 98.00 m/z; enable charge state screening, enable monoisotopic precursor selection, reject charge state = 1; enable dynamic exclusion, repeat = 1, repeat duration = 30, exclusion list size = 500, exclusion duration = 45s, exclusion mass width = ± 5 ppm; early expiration enabled. Subsequent scans (3-7) repeated scan 2 with the next 5 most intense ions (i.e. in scan 3 n^{th} most intense ion = 2, scan 4 n^{th} most intense ion = 3 etc.). Contact closure was used to synchronise the LC to the mass spectrometer.

2.7.12. Analysis of phosphoSILAC LC-MS/MS data

SILAC data was analysed using MaxQuant software (v.1.0.13.8 downloaded from www.maxquant.org). Thermo-Finnigan RAW files transformed to msm files using Maxquant Quantify (v.1.0.13.8) software using appropriate triplet SILAC states. Settings used were Orbitrap; Triplet (Arg6, Lys4, Arg10, Lys 8); maximum of 3 labelled amino acids; variable modifications = oxidation (M), acetyl (protein n-term), methylthio (C), phosphorylation (ST), phosphorylation (Y); trypsin/P; MS/MS tolerance = 0.5Da; maximum msm file size = 350Mb; maximum missed cleavages = 2; top ms/ms peaks per 100Da = 6.

Database used was IPI mouse v3.52 modified using Maxquant SequenceReverser (v.1.0.13.8). Database searching was performed using Mascot (Matrix Science v.2.2.2) using parameters generated by MaxQuant. MaxQuant Identify (v.1.0.13.8) was used to generate data tables for further analysis. Parameters used were peptide FDR = 0.01; site FDR = 0.01; protein FDR = 0.01; apply site FDR separately; maximum peptide PEP = 1; minimum peptides = 1; minimum unique peptides = 1; minimum peptide length = 6; reverse string = REV_; contaminant string = CON_; use only unmodified peptides and oxidation (M), acetyl (protein N-term), methylthio (C), Phospho (ST), Phospho (Y); use razor and unique peptides; discard unmodified counterpart peptides; minimum ratio count = 1; use least modified peptides; number of threads = 1; re-quantify; filter labelled amino acids; low scoring version of identified peptides not kept.

2.8. Western Blotting

2.8.1. Polyacrylamide Gel Casting

The electrophoresis apparatus was assembled and the resolving gel prepared (see table 2.6 for the required reagents for one 10cm² plate, 1mm spacers, and a final concentration of 10% acrylamide). The 10% acrylamide solution was then transferred to the glass plates avoiding the generation of air bubbles and 1ml of water-saturated n-butanol was gently added to the top of the gel. The resolving gel was then left to polymerise.

Table 2.6. Reagents used in preparation of resolving gel. Volumes are for one 10cm² glass plate, 1mm spacers, and a final concentration of 10% acrylamide. 4X Resolving Gel Tris consists of 1.5M Tris HCl pH 8.8, 0.4% SDS adjusted to pH 8.8 with 1M HCl. TEMED = N,N,N',N'-tetramethylethylenediamine (Sigma).

Reagent	Volume
Distilled water	3.15ml
Acrylamide 30% solution (Sigma)	2.5ml
4x Resolving Tris solution	1.875ml
10% w/v ammonium persulphate (APS; for electrophoresis $\geq 98\%$; Sigma)	75 μ l
TEMED (for electrophoresis approx. 99%) (Sigma)	7.5 μ l

Once the resolving gel had polymerised the water saturated n-butanol was removed and the gel washed using distilled water. The stacking gel was then prepared (see table 2.7 for the required reagents for one 10cm² plate, 1mm spacers, and a final concentration of 3% acrylamide). The solution was then transferred to the glass plates avoiding the generation of air bubbles. The comb was added and the stacking gel was then left to polymerise.

Table 2.7. Reagents used in preparation of the stacking gel. Volumes are for one 10cm² glass plate, 1mm spacers, and a final concentration of 3% acrylamide. 4X Stacking Gel Tris solution consists of 0.5M Tris HCl pH 6.8, 0.4% SDS adjusted to pH 6.8 with 1M HCl. TEMED = N,N,N',N' – tetramethylethylenediamine.

Reagent	Volume
MilliQ distilled water	2.1ml
Acrylamide 30% solution (Sigma)	0.325ml
4x Stacking gel Tris solution	0.8ml
10% w/v ammonium persulphate (APS; for electrophoresis $\geq 98\%$; Sigma)	34 μ l
TEMED (for electrophoresis approx. 99%) (Sigma)	3.4 μ l

2.8.2. Polyacrylamide Gel Electrophoresis Sample Loading

From the concentration given by the protein estimation the volume required for 20 μ g of protein was calculated. The sample was combined with 4x sample buffer (Invitrogen), 100mM dithiothreitol (DTT, Sigma), and distilled H₂O in a microcentrifuge tube. For a 20 μ l reaction - x μ l sample, 5 μ l 4x sample buffer, 2 μ l 100mM DTT, H₂O to 20 μ l are combined, vortexed to ensure thorough mixing and then spun briefly in a microcentrifuge. The samples were then heated to 70°C for 5 min, vortexed and then spun briefly in a microcentrifuge to collect the sample at the bottom of the tube prior to loading.

The wells were washed before loading by gently pipetting 1ml of running buffer (1X Tris-glycine tank buffer – SDS = 200ml 4x tris-glycine tank buffer-SDS (36g Tris base, 172.8g glycine, distilled H₂O to 3l), 8ml 10% SDS, distilled H₂O to 800ml) into the wells removing any loose polyacrylamide. The inner chamber was then filled with running buffer and 20 μ l sample added to the appropriate lanes using gel-loading tips.

7 μ l of Novex sharp stain molecular weight ladder (Invitrogen) was added to one lane. Any surplus lanes were loaded with 10 μ l of 4x sample buffer (Invitrogen). Once loading is complete the outer tank is filled with running buffer and electrophoresis is performed at 125V for 130min at room temperature noting the current initially and on completion.

2.8.3. Protein Transfer to Nitrocellulose Membrane

Protein transfer was performed using XCell II™ Blot Module (Invitrogen) Western blotting apparatus using XCell SureLock Mini-Cell (Invitrogen). Fibre blotting pads and the nitrocellulose membrane were soaked in transfer buffer (1.456g Tris base, 7.2g glycine, 200ml methanol, distilled water to 1000ml) prior to use. Filter paper was soaked briefly in transfer buffer prior to placing in the cassette. Care was taken throughout to ensure that there are no air bubbles between the components that could affect protein transfer. Working from the cathode core of the blotting module the transfer cassette was assembled by placing two fibre blotting pads, filter paper and the gel were assembled in order. A small amount of transfer buffer was then used to wet the gel before addition of the nitrocellulose membrane. A second piece of filter paper was then added on top of the nitrocellulose and finally, two fibre blotting pads were added. The anode core is then placed onto the assembly ensuring that the components are held firmly and with a complete connection. The whole assembly is then slid into the transfer tank and braced into position. Transfer buffer is added to the transfer chamber until the gel/membrane assembly is covered. The outer chamber is filled with H₂O. Electrophoresis is then performed at 16V overnight at room temperature noting the current (in mA) initially and on completion.

2.8.4. Blocking Non-Specific Binding

After protein transfer the nitrocellulose membrane is removed from the transfer cassette and washed with H₂O to remove any polyacrylamide residue. The membrane is stained with 1x Ponceau S solution (1% Ponceau S (Sigma) in 5% acetic acid) to ensure successful transfer has occurred. The membrane was washed with PBS-Tween and then blocked to prevent non-specific binding by using 2% blocking reagent (Amersham) in PBS-Tween. at room temperature for 1hr with gentle shaking.

2.8.5. Primary Antibody Incubation

Primary antibodies were incubated with the membrane overnight at 4°C or at room temperature for 3 hours with gentle shaking (Caveolin-1, 1:5000, Cell Signalling Technologies; ATP binding cassette A1 (ABCA1), 1:500, Novus; Actin, 1:200, Sigma; phosphoethanolamine cytidyltransferase (PCyt2), 0.5µg/ml, Abcam; Macrophage colony stimulating factor, 0.2µg/ml, Abcam; p44/p42 MAP kinase, 1:1000, Cell Signalling Technologies; phospho-p44/p42 MAP kinase (Thr202/Tyr204), 1:1000, Cell Signalling Technologies). Sodium azide was added to the primary antibody solution to give a final w/v concentration of 0.05% to prevent bacterial growth and allow the reuse of the antibody solution after storage at 4°C.

2.8.6. Secondary Antibody Incubation

After primary antibody incubation the membrane was then washed three times for 10 minutes each with 2% Amersham blocking reagent in PBS-Tween before incubation with appropriate horseradish peroxidase (HRP)-linked secondary antibody (donkey anti-rabbit HRP-linked (Amersham) unless otherwise noted); Caveolin-1, 1:5000; ABCA1, 1:10,000; Actin, 1:50,000; phosphoethanolamine cytidyltransferase (PCyt2), 1:20,000; Macrophage colony stimulating factor, 1:2000 donkey anti-goat HRP-linked (Santa Cruz) p44/p42 MAP kinase 1:2000; phospho-p44/p42 MAP kinase (Thr202/Tyr204) 1:1000) for 1 hour at room temperature. The nitrocellulose was then washed three times for 15min with PBS Tween at room temperature with gentle shaking. Before detection the nitrocellulose membrane was then washed with 20ml PBS for at least 5min.

2.8.7. Detection

Enhanced chemiluminescence (ECL) is used for detection using ECL Advance kit (GE Amersham). An equal volume of reagent 1 and 2 are mixed (typically 1000µl of each for 1 blot) and are then added to the nitrocellulose. The detection reagent is incubated with the nitrocellulose for 5min at room temp before visualisation using a Biorad ChemiDoc XRS and Quantity One software (Bio-Rad). Tracker tape (Amersham) is used to visualise the position of the Novex sharp stain molecular weight ladder on the Chemidoc system.

2.9. Fixed Cell Confocal Microscopy

Glass cover slips (Fisher) were placed in each well of a 24 well tissue culture plate (Greiner) before incubation for 10 min with 250 μ l poly-L-lysine (0.01% BioReagent, mol wt 150,000 – 300,000 sterile filtered suitable for cell culture; Sigma). The poly-L-lysine was then removed and the cover slips left to dry for 20min at room temperature. SN4741 cells were trypsinised and counted, as previously described, before being seeded at a density of 50,000 cells per well in 1ml full media and incubated for 24 hours prior to treatment.

Oxysterols (24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol (Enzo Life Sciences), 7 α -hydroxycholesterol (Steraloids), 19-hydroxycholesterol (Steraloids), 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol (Avanti Polar Lipids), 25-hydroxycholesterol (Sigma), 27-hydroxycholesterol (Avanti Polar Lipids)) were prepared at a 10mM concentration in 45% hydroxypropyl- β -cyclodextrin/0.9% saline (both Sigma) before dilution to 10 μ M in serum free media. GW3965 (Sigma) prepared as a 10mM solution in ethanol before dilution to 1 μ M with serum free media. These solutions were vortexed to ensure thorough mixing before sterile filtration.

SN47471 cells were then treated with vehicle, 0.5ml GW3965 1 μ M (Sigma), or 0.5ml 10 μ M oxysterol (24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol, 7 α -hydroxycholesterol, 19-hydroxycholesterol, 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol, 25-hydroxycholesterol or 27-hydroxycholesterol) in the presence or absence of 250 μ M cholesterol (Sigma) for 24 hours at 37°C/5% CO₂. After incubation cells were washed twice with 1ml PBS prior to fixing by incubating with 250 μ l 4% paraformaldehyde (Sigma) in PBS for 15 minutes.

Fixed cells were washed three times with 1ml of Hank's Balanced Salt Solution (HBSS; Invitrogen) and then stained with 250 μ l of 1 μ g/ml Alexa-555 labelled wheat germ agglutinin (Invitrogen) per well for 5min at room temperature. After incubation the cells were washed twice for 5minutes with 1ml HBSS then permeabilised by incubating with 250 μ l PBS Triton-X100 0.2% (Sigma) in for 10min at room temperature. Non-specific binding was blocked with incubation for 30min with 250 μ l blocking buffer (0.5% essentially fat free BSA (Sigma) in PBS Triton-X100 0.1%)

per well before treatment with anti-caveolin-1 antibody (1:200 in blocking buffer, Cell Signalling Technologies) for 1 hour at room temperature. The primary antibody was removed and the cells washed three times with 1ml PBS Triton-X100 0.1% for 5min. Alexa 488 linked anti-Rabbit secondary antibody (1:2000 in blocking buffer; Invitrogen) was incubated with the cells for 1 hour at room temperature before washing three times with 1ml PBS Triton-X100 0.1%. The cover slips were then mounted onto glass slides (Fisher) using Mowiol 4-88 mounting medium and left to dry overnight. Slides were imaged on a Zeiss LSM 510 Meta microscope.

2.10. Real Time Reverse Transcription PCR

2.10.1. RNA Extraction – Adherent cells

RNA extraction was performed using RNeasy Mini Kit (Qiagen) following the manufacturer's instructions. Treatments were removed from cells and stored for future ELISA assays. Cells (on 90mm tissues culture dishes (Greiner)) were washed twice with ~10ml ice cold PBS (Lonza) before addition of 600µl RLT lysis buffer (Qiagen). Cells were scraped using a cell scraper (Greiner) before transfer of the lysate to a certified RNase/DNase free 2ml microcentrifuge tube (Eppendorf). The lysate was then homogenised using a 1ml syringe with a BD Microfine 23G, 1_” needle by drawing the lysate up then expelling 10 times.

After homogenisation 600µl of 70% ethanol was added to the lysate and mixed by pipetting (no centrifugation). The lysate was then loaded to a RNeasy spin column (Qiagen) placed in a 2ml collection tube. 600µl of sample was loaded and then spun in a microcentrifuge for 15s at 13,000 rpm. The flow through was discarded and the loading was repeated until all lysate was transferred to column. 700µl of RW1 buffer was added to the column and spun for 15s at 13,000 rpm to wash the sample and the flow through was discarded. A second wash was performed; 500µl of RPE buffer was added to the column, spun for 15s at 13,000 rpm and the flow through was discarded. For the final wash 500µl of RPE buffer was added to the column, spun for 2min at 13,000 rpm and the flow through was discarded. The column was transferred to a clean 2ml collection tube and then spun again for 1min at 13,000 rpm to ensure removal of all wash buffers.

RNA was eluted from the column with 40µl RNase free water to a clean 1.5ml centrifuge tube. The water was added directly to the membrane of the column and then spun for 1min at 13,000 rpm. To ensure a good yield of RNA the flow through was reloaded onto the column and then spun again for 1min at 13,000 rpm. RNA was stored at -80°C.

2.10.2. RNA Extraction – Suspension Cells

RNA extraction was performed using RNeasy Mini Kit (Qiagen) following the manufacturer's instructions. The cell suspension was transferred from the tissue

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culture flask to 15ml centrifuge tube and then centrifuged at 700g for 5min. The supernatant, i.e. the treatment media, was stored for future ELISA assays at -80°C. The cell pellet was washed by resuspending cells in 10ml ice cold PBS (Lonza) before centrifugation for 5min at 700g. This was repeated once before addition of 600µl RLT lysis buffer (Qiagen). The lysate was then transferred to a certified RNase/DNase free 2ml microcentrifuge tube (Eppendorf) and homogenised using a 1ml syringe (BD) with a BD Microfine 23G, 1_” needle (BD) by drawing the lysate up then expelling 10 times.

The remainder of the extraction follows same method as adherent cells (2.9.1).

2.10.3. RNA Concentration Estimation

RNA concentration was estimated using a Nanodrop ND-1000 spectrophotometer (Labtech). The capillary was cleaned before use using water. The option to measure nucleic acid was chosen and 1µl of water was loaded and used to initialise the instrument. The setting was switched to ‘RNA’ and 1µl of water was loaded and measured as a blank. 1µl of sample(s) were then loaded sequentially and measured. The RNA concentration was recorded (ng/µl) and the 260nm/280nm and 260/230 ratios that indicates the quality of the RNA.

2.10.4. Reverse transcription

Reverse transcription was performed using a Quantitect Reverse Transcription kit (Qiagen) following the manufacturer’s instructions. All components were kept on ice until used. Before the reverse transcription a step to remove genomic DNA was undertaken; for each sample 900ng of RNA was taken and diluted to 12µl with RNase free water and 2µl of genomic DNA wipeout buffer added (Qiagen) for a total volume of 14µl. This mixture was mixed and centrifuged briefly before incubation at 42°C for 2min (iCycler, Bio-Rad). A master mix for the reverse transcription reaction was then prepared consisting of 4µl 5x Quantiscript RT buffer, 1µl Quantiscript reverse transcriptase and 1µl of primers (all Qiagen) per sample. After incubation the sample was centrifuged briefly 6µl of reverse transcription master mix was added per sample to give a final volume of 20µl. The samples were mixed, centrifuged briefly and then incubated at 42°C for 15min followed by 95°C for 3min (iCycler, Bio-Rad) to

generate cDNA. No reverse transcriptase control reactions were performed as above but with the Quantitect reverse transcriptase enzyme in the reaction mixture replaced with water.

2.10.5. Primers

Each primer set (table 2.8., Sigma (unless otherwise noted)) was evaluated to ensure that they amplified the target while avoiding the generation of primer dimers and that a linear standard curve was generated across a broad range by dilution with water (cDNA neat, 1:10 , 1:100, 1:1000). Primers were reconstituted from lyophilised powder to a 100 μ M concentration with H₂O.

Table 2.8. Primers used for reverse transcription qPCR. The primers for LXR α and LXR β were obtained from the Nuclear Receptor Signalling Atlas website (www.nursa.org/10.1621/datasets.02001 - accessed 13-12-2010). Primers for StarD4 self designed using NCBI Primer-Blast primer designing tool (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/tools/primer-blast>). The primers for FADS2 were taken from the RT primer DB website (http://medgen.ugent.be/rtprimerdb/assay_report.php?assay_id=8122 – accessed 17-1-2011). Primers for CERT were obtained from Qiagen. No sequence information was provided. * Mismatch in primer sequence in referenced manuscript. Possible typographical error therefore primer sequence used 100% complementary.

Primer Name	Species	Sequence (5'-3')	Reference
LXR α forward	Mouse	AGG AGT GTC GAC TTC GCA AA	See table legend
LXR α reverse	Mouse	CTC TTC TTG CCG TTC AGT TT	See table legend
LXR β forward	Mouse	AAG CAG GTG CCA GGG TTC T	See table legend
LXR β reverse	Mouse	TGC ATT CTG TCT CGT GGT TGT	See table legend
SREBP1c forward	Mouse	ATC GGC GCG GAA GCT GTC GGG GTA GCG TC	Shimomura <i>et al.</i> 1997

SREBP1c reverse	Mouse	ACT GTC TTG GTT GTT GAT GAG CTG GAG CAT	Shimomura <i>et al.</i> 1997
Cav-1 forward	Mouse	AAC GAC GAC GTG GTC AAG A	Bailey & Liu 2008
Cav-1 reverse	Mouse	CAC AGT GAA GGT GGT GAA GC	Bailey & Liu 2008
LDLR forward	Mouse	CAT GCA GCA GGA ACG AGT TC*	Masson <i>et al.</i> 2004
LDLR reverse	Mouse	GGA GTC AGG AAT GCA TCG GC	Masson <i>et al.</i> 2004
StarD4 forward	Mouse	ATG CGT TAC ACC ACT GCT GGG C	See table legend
StarD4 reverse	Mouse	TCT GGT CTC GTC TCA CTC CAC TCA	See table legend
MCSF forward	Mouse	GAA CAC TGT AGC CAC ATG ATT GG	Wang <i>et al.</i> 2009
MCSF reverse	Mouse	TGG CAT GAA GTC TCC ATT TGA C	Wang <i>et al.</i> 2009
Col4a3bp forward	Mouse	Unknown	See table legend
Col4a3bp reverse	Mouse	Unknown	See table legend
β -actin forward	Mouse	GGT CGT ACC ACA GGC ATT GTG ATG	Shimomura <i>et al.</i> 1997
β -actin reverse	Mouse	GGA GAG CAT AGC CCT CGT AGA TGG	Shimomura <i>et al.</i> 1997
IDOL forward	Mouse	AGG AGA TCA ACT CCA CCT TCT G	Zelcer <i>et al.</i> 2009
IDOL reverse	Mouse	ATC TGC AGA CCG GAC AGG	Zelcer <i>et al.</i> 2009
MCSF forward	Human	TGC AGC GGC TGA TTG ACA	Razzaque <i>et al.</i> 2002
MCSF reverse	Human	TTC AAC TGT TCC TGG TCT ACA AAC TC	Razzaque <i>et al.</i> 2002
β -actin forward	Human	GAT GGC CAC GGC TGC TTC	Cronin <i>et al.</i> 2011
β -actin reverse	Human	TGC CTC AGG GCA GCG GAA	Cronin <i>et al.</i> 2011

2.10.6. Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction

Primers (table 2.8) were diluted from a 100 μ M stock solution to 10 μ M with water, vortexed and centrifuged. A master mix was then prepared for each gene. For each well 12.5 μ l of QuantiFast SYBR green PCR master mix 2x (Qiagen), 2.5 μ l forward primer (i.e. 1 μ M final concentration), 2.5 μ l reverse primer (i.e. 1 μ M final concentration), 5.5 μ l RNase free water was required and therefore these values were multiplied by the number of wells to be used (plus an overage). The master mix was then mixed and centrifuged briefly.

cDNA was taken from each sample and pooled in order to be used to generate a standard curve. The pooled cDNA used for the standard curve was diluted 1:10, 1:100 and 1:1000 using serial dilutions. Samples to be analysed for gene expression (and noRT controls) were diluted 1:4 with water so that they fell within the limits of the standard curve. At each stage the cDNA was mixed and centrifuged to give a homogenous mixture. Each sample was analysed in triplicate. The master mix was then transferred into the PCR plate with 23 μ l per well as appropriate. 2 μ l of cDNA (or water for no template controls (NTC)) was added to each well as appropriate (see figure 2.1 for example of plate set up).

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	1:1000, Pooled, Target			1:4, sample A, Target			1:4, sample E, Target			1:4, sample D, Target noRT		
B	1:100, Pooled, Target			1:4, sample A, β -actin			1:4, sample E, β -actin			1:4, sample D, β -actin noRT		
C	1:10, Pooled, Target			1:4, sample B, Target			1:4, sample A, Target noRT			1:4, sample E, Target, noRT		
D	Undiluted, Pooled, Target			1:4, sample B, β -actin			1:4, sample A, β -actin noRt			1:4, sample E, β -actin, noRT		
E	1:1000, Pooled, β -actin			1:4, sample C, Target			1:4, sample B, Target noRt					
F	1:100, Pooled, β - actin			1:4, sample C, β -actin			1:4, sample B, β -actin noRT					
G	1:10, Pooled, β - actin			1:4, sample D, Target			1:4, sample C, Target noRT			NTC target		
H	Undiluted, Pooled, β -actin			1:4, sample D, β -actin			1:4, sample C, β -actin noRT			NTC β -actin		

Figure 2.1. Typical plate set up for real time RT-PCR. All samples were run in triplicate. A standard curve derived from pooled cDNA from the samples was generated using 4 serial dilutions. Samples for analysis of expression were diluted 1:4 with DNase/RNase free water. NoRt = No reverse transcriptase added to sample in the RT step. NTC = No template control

The plate was then centrifuged briefly to ensure that samples were collected at the bottom of the well and then checked to ensure that no air bubbles were present. The plate was then transferred to an iQ5 real time PCR detection system (Bio-Rad) to be analysed using the conditions shown in table 2.9.

Table 2.9. Conditions for real time PCR

Cycle	Cycle Repeated	Temperature (°C)	Dwell Time (s)	Additional information
1	1x	95°C	300	
2.1	45x	95°C	10	
2.2		60°C	30	Real time analysis
3	1x	95°C	60	
4	1x	55°C	60	
5	81x	Start at 55°C with a 0.5°C increase per cycle	10	Melt curve analysis

2.10.7. Data Analysis

The standard curve derived from the pooled cDNA was used to monitor primer efficiency. Primer efficiency expressed as a percentage was generated using the Bio-Rad iQ5 software. Primer efficiencies summarised in table 2.10.

Table 2.10. Summary of RT-PCR primer efficiencies. Efficiency shown as mean with standard deviation.

Gene	Species	Primer efficiency
LXR α	Mouse	93.5 \pm 5.2
LXR β	Mouse	109.7 \pm 6.8
SREBP1c	Mouse	93.1 \pm 4.0
Cav-1	Mouse	88.2 \pm 0.64
LDLR	Mouse	100.8 \pm 8.2
StarD4	Mouse	100.0 \pm 2.3
MCSF	Mouse	98.4 \pm 7.6
Col4a3bp	Mouse	102.9 \pm 2.0
IDOL	Mouse	94.1 \pm 1.3
β -actin	Mouse	97.4 \pm 6.7
MCSF	Human	102.8 \pm 4.3
β -actin	Human	102.0 \pm 1.3

Analysis of the data was performed using $\Delta\Delta\text{Ct}$ method. The cycle threshold value (Ct) of the gene of the interest was subtracted from the Ct value of the reference gene (β -actin) from the same sample giving the ΔCt value.

$$\Delta\text{Ct} = \text{Ct}_{(\text{sample})} - \text{Ct}_{(\text{reference})}$$

This was repeated for each experimental condition. The ΔCt values for the treatment were then subtracted from the control value giving a $\Delta\Delta\text{Ct}$ value.

$$\Delta\Delta\text{Ct} = \Delta\text{Ct}_{(\text{treatment})} - \Delta\text{Ct}_{(\text{control})}$$

The $\Delta\Delta\text{Ct}$ value was then converted into fold induction; as the amount of product amplified theoretically doubles with each PCR cycle this can be written as:-

$$\text{Fold induction c.f. control} = 2^{-\Delta\Delta\text{Ct}}$$

2.11. Mouse MCSF Enzyme Linked Immunosorbant Assay

A mouse MCSF Quantikine kit assay (R&D Systems) was performed following the manufacturer's instructions. Briefly, a mouse MCSF standard was reconstituted with 2ml of calibrator diluent RD5-16 (R&D Systems) giving a stock solution of 2000pg/ml. This solution was incubated at room temperature for 5min with gentle shaking before being used to create samples for a standard curve by using serial dilution. Calibrator diluent RD5-16 was used as a diluent. The concentrations for the standard curve were 2000pg/ml (stock solution), 1000pg/ml, 500pg/ml, 250pg/ml, 125pg/ml, 62.5pg/ml, 31.25pg/ml, 0pg/ml (Calibrator diluent RD5-16). The kit's supplied mouse MCSF internal control was reconstituted in 1ml ddH₂O. This internal control should yield a reading of 175-291pg/ml. For unknown concentration samples, 0.5ml of cell culture supernatant was vortexed then centrifuged at 14,000 rpm for 2min at 4°C.

50µl of assay diluent RD1N (R&D systems) was added to each well of the MCSF antibody pre-coated microplate supplied with the kit. 50µl of standard, control or sample was then added to each well as appropriate. To ensure thorough mixing the plate was tapped gently for one minute. The plate was then covered with an adhesive strip and incubated for 2 hours at room temperature. After incubation each well was aspirated and washed (~400µl) with 1x wash buffer (supplied as a 25x concentrated solution, R&D Systems). This wash step was repeated four times (i.e. 5 washes in total). The plate was then gently blotted against a clean paper towel to ensure removal of remaining wash buffer. 100µl of mouse MCSF conjugate (R&D Systems) was then added to each well and the plate covered with a new adhesive strip. The plate was then incubated at room temperature for 2 hours. After incubation the wells were washed as described previously.

Substrate solution was prepared by mixing equal volumes of colour reagent A and B (both R&D systems). 100µl of substrate solution was then added to each well and incubated for 30 min at room temperature protecting the plate from light. 100µl of stop solution was added to each well. The plate was gently tapped in order to ensure thorough mixing and the development of a uniform colour. The optical density of each well was then read on an iMark microplate reader (Bio-Rad) set at a wavelength

of 450nm. The plate was then read at 595nm to correct for optical imperfections of the plate.

2.12. Human MCSF Enzyme Linked Immunosorbant Assay

A human MCSF Quantikine kit assay (R&D Systems) was performed following the manufacturer's instructions. Precautionary measures were taken to prevent contamination from MCSF found in human saliva – a facemask and gloves were worn. Briefly, a human MCSF standard was reconstituted with 1ml of calibrator diluent RD5-18 (R&D Systems) giving a stock solution of 50,000pg/ml. This solution was incubated at room temperature for 15min with gentle shaking before being used to create samples for a standard curve by using serial dilution. Calibrator diluent RD5-18 was used as a diluent. The concentrations for the standard curve were 5000pg/ml (stock solution), 2500pg/ml, 1250pg/ml, 625pg/ml, 312.5pg/ml, 156.25pg/ml, 78.125pg/ml, 0pg/ml (Calibrator diluent RD5-18). For unknown concentration samples, 0.5ml of cell culture supernatant was vortexed then centrifuged at 14,000 rpm for 2min at 4°C.

100µl of assay diluent RD1-56 (R&D systems) was added to each well of the MCSF antibody pre-coated microplate supplied with the kit. 100µl of standard or sample was then added to each well as appropriate. To ensure thorough mixing the plate was tapped gently for one minute. The plate was then covered with an adhesive strip and incubated for 2 hours at room temperature. After incubation each well was aspirated and washed (~400µl) with 1x wash buffer (supplied as a 25x concentrated solution, R&D Systems). This wash step was repeated three times (i.e. 4 washes in total). The plate was then gently blotted against a clean paper towel to ensure removal of remaining wash buffer. 200µl of human MCSF conjugate (R&D Systems) was then added to each well and the plate covered with a new adhesive strip. The plate was then incubated at room temperature for 2 hours. After incubation the wells were washed as described previously.

Substrate solution was prepared by mixing equal volumes of colour reagent A and B (both R&D systems). 200µl of substrate solution was then added to each well and incubated for 30 min at room temperature protecting the plate from light. 50µl of stop solution was added to each well. The plate was gently tapped in order to ensure

thorough mixing and the development of a uniform colour. The optical density of each well was then read on an iMark microplate reader (Bio-Rad) set at a wavelength of 450nm. The plate was then read at 595nm to correct for optical imperfections of the plate.

2.13 Statistical Analysis

Statistical analysis was performed on the data using Microsoft Excel 2007 software using Student's two-tailed t-test. p values below 0.05 were considered a significant change.

CHAPTER 3: PROTEOMIC ANALYSIS OF 24(S),25-EPOXYCHOLESTEROL

TREATMENT IN SN4741 NEURONS

3.1. Introduction

24(S),25-epoxycholesterol is an unusual oxysterol. It is unusual as it is not an oxygenated metabolite of cholesterol but a product of a shunt in the mevalonate biosynthetic pathway. An epoxide group is introduced to squalene by squalene epoxidase during synthesis of cholesterol. The product of this reaction, 2,3-oxidosqualene (AKA 2,3-monoepoxysqualene), is then processed by a number of downstream enzymes to synthesise cholesterol. However, 2,3-oxidosqualene can be processed further in order to create 2,3:22,23-dioxidosqualene. This can then be cyclised by lanosterol synthase and further processed along the same enzymatic pathway in order to create 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol. 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol is a potent endogenous ligand of Insig and LXR (see sections 1.1.5.1. and 1.1.5.2. respectively). Therefore, an increase in the concentration of 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol results in up-regulation of genes with a LXR response element in their promoter and down-regulation of SREBP2 regulated genes.

24(S),25-epoxycholesterol appears to have a role in the development of the embryonic brain as 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol is present at relatively high levels in comparison to other oxysterols in the cortex and spinal cord of embryonic mice (Wang *et al.* 2009). The major oxysterol in adult mouse brain is 24(S)-hydroxycholesterol with a concentration of $2.53 \pm 0.05 \text{ ng}/\mu\text{g}$ 24(S)-hydroxycholesterol to cholesterol (Lütjohann *et al.* 2002). In the embryonic murine brain 24(S)-hydroxycholesterol is not the most abundant; at embryonic day 11 there was an observed level of 24(S)-hydroxycholesterol of $0.026 \mu\text{g}/\text{g}$ wet weight in the cerebral cortex and $0.013 \mu\text{g}/\text{g}$ wet weight in the spinal cord. In comparison, the concentration of 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol was $0.165 \mu\text{g}/\text{g}$ wet weight in the cerebral cortex and $0.091 \mu\text{g}/\text{g}$ wet weight in the spinal cord. It is unclear the role 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol, the most abundant oxysterol in foetal brain, plays in murine embryonic neural development though as LXR is present in embryonic brain (Annicotte *et al.* 2004) and that 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol is a potent ligand for this nuclear receptor (Janowski *et al.* 1999) it might play a role in neural development. Indeed, there is evidence to suggest

that the presence of LXR is essential to ventral midbrain neurogenesis (Sacchetti *et al.* 2009)

The mechanism by which LXR induces neurogenesis is unclear. Therefore, in order to investigate the role of 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol and LXR in neurogenesis a quantitative proteomic approach was employed. The proteomic technique stable isotope labelling in cell culture (SILAC) was used in order to identify changes in the proteome after treatment with 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol and GW3965. To this end, as a model for embryonic mouse brain, the murine neuronal cell line SN4741 was used. SN4741 cells are dopaminergic neurons derived from the substantia nigra of embryonic mouse (Son *et al.* 1999). The substantia nigra is located in the ventral midbrain. Therefore, SN4741 cells are a relevant model to the increased neurogenesis seen after LXR activation *in vivo*. Treatment of SILAC labelled SN4741 cells with either 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol or the synthetic LXR ligand 1 μ M GW3965 (which only activates LXR and has no effect on SREBP2) allows differentiation of effects as LXR dependent or independent. Thus, the aim of this work is to identify protein expression changes in SN4741 cells after 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol treatment and identify if these effects are LXR dependent or independent.

3.2. Results

3.2.1. Analysis of 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol Treatment on SN4741 Growth

To determine if 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol is toxic to SN4741 cells grown in culture cells were incubated with either 10 μ M 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol or with vehicle and the total cell number counted. In order to ensure that the cells survived in culture for a prolonged period but without introducing lipid small molecules that could affect the activity of 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol the media used contained charcoal stripped foetal bovine serum (FBS). After 76 hours there was no difference in cell number between 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol and control (fig 3.1). However, incubation with charcoal stripped serum reduced the rate of growth and the vehicle and 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol treated cells in this media grew slower than control cells incubated in full media. Five days after seeding SN4741 cells at 2.5x10⁴cells/well in 24 well plates in full media they reached confluency and the plateau of the stationary phase of the curve. However, the 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol and control cells in stripped serum media did not reach confluency. However, as there were no statistical differences between control and 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol treatment ($p > 0.05$ Student's t-test) it appears that 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol is non-toxic to SN4741 cells when measured by total cell number.

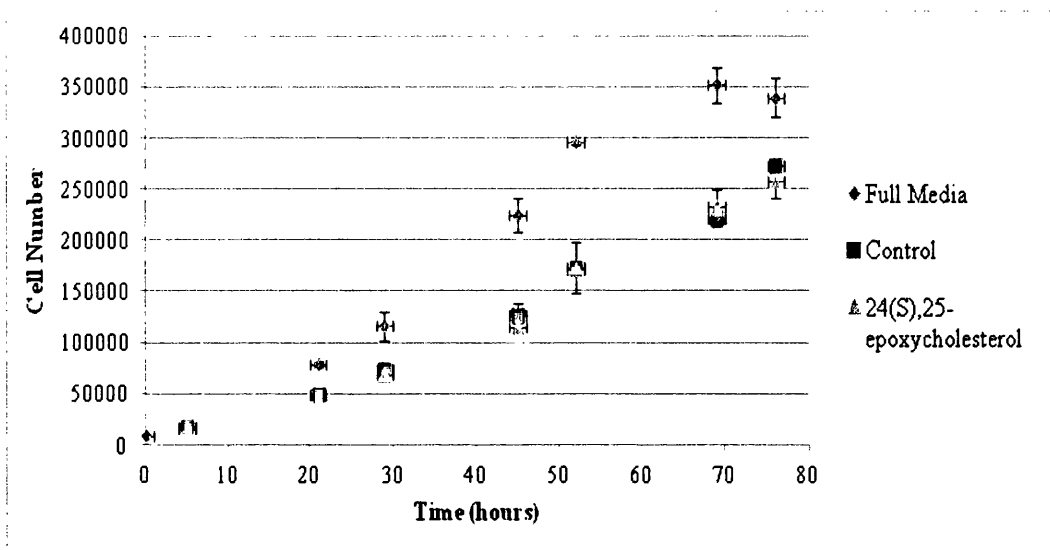


Figure 3.1. Effect of 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol on the rate of growth of SN4741 cells. 24 well plates were seeded at 2.5×10^4 cells/well in media containing charcoal stripped media with either $10 \mu\text{M}$ 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol or vehicle as control. Full media was used to determine the effect of the charcoal stripped serum media on rate of cell growth. No difference in cell growth was observed with 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol and vehicle in charcoal stripped serum media. Cells grown in full media had a higher rate of cell growth compared with those grown in charcoal stripped serum media.

3.2.2. Analysis of 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol Treatment on SN4741 Viability

In addition the toxicity of 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol was measured using two other techniques – XTT (sodium 2,3-bis(2-methoxy-4-nitro-5-sulfophenyl)-5-[(phenylamino)-carbonyl]-2H-tetrazolium inner salt) assay and Cell Titer Blue assay (a resazurin based assay marketed by Promega). Both techniques measure the ability of the cell to metabolise XTT or resoruzin respectively and induce a colour change that is proportional to the healthy cell number. XTT is not believed to enter the cell due to the net negative charge of the molecule and is believed to be reduced at the plasma membrane. Treatment with 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol led to no toxicity as shown by XTT assay (fig 3.2). After 24 or 48 hours of incubation with vehicle, $1 \mu\text{M}$ GW3965, $10 \mu\text{M}$ 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol, $10 \mu\text{M}$ 24(S)-hydroxycholesterol no differences were observed. In the case of Cell Titer Blue again no toxicity was

observed (fig 3.3) after treatment with 1 μ M GW3965, 10 μ M 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol or 10 μ M 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol for 24 or 48 hours.

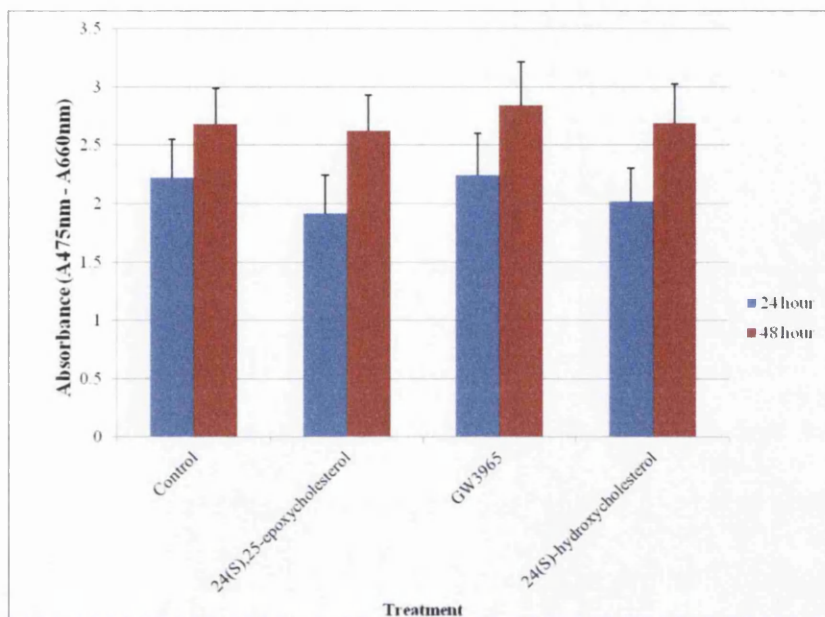


Figure 3.2. 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol is not toxic in SN4741 cells as measured by XTT assay (n=1). Measurements were conducted at the specific absorbance wavelength of reduced XTT (475nm) and at 660nm as a measure of non-specific absorbance. No differences were observed between control, 1 μ M GW3965, 10 μ M 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol, 10 μ M 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol after 24 or 48 hours.

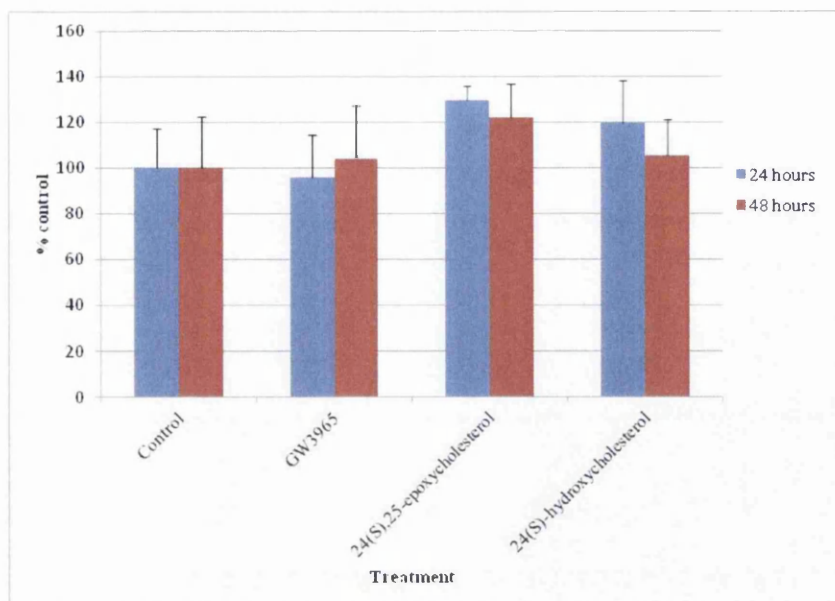


Figure 3.3. 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol is not toxic in SN4741 cells as measured by Cell Titer Blue assay (n=2). Measurements were conducted at fluorescent excitation wavelength (544nm) and emission wavelength (590nm) of resorufin (the metabolite generated by the reduction of resoruzin). No differences were observed between control, 1 μ M GW3965, 10 μ M 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol or 10 μ M 24(S)-hydroxycholesterol after 24 or 48 hours.

3.2.3. LXR Expression in SN4741 cells.

The aim of this study was to investigate LXR dependent and independent changes in protein expression. Therefore, the expression of LXR α and LXR β was evaluated in SN4741 cells to ensure the appropriateness of the cell line as a model. The expression of both isoforms was evaluated by RT-qPCR to identify the presence of mRNA. In SN4741 cells both isoforms were present with LXR β the predominant isoform with levels ~10 higher than LXR α which correlates with previously published data for the central nervous system (Whitney *et al.* 2002; table 3.1.).

Table 3.1. Threshold cycle for LXR α and LXR β after RT-qPCR. Threshold cycle is inversely proportional to the abundance of mRNA. Therefore, more LXR β mRNA is present than LXR α mRNA; LXR β has a higher expression level.

Gene	Threshold Cycle
LXR α	21.1 \pm 0.9
LXR β	17.8 \pm 1.1

In addition, after SN4741 cells were treated with either 10 μ M 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol or 1 μ M GW3965 the protein of the LXR responsive gene ABCA1 was increased (fig 3.4). The expression of ABCA1 is low in untreated cells. However, after 24 hours treatment with either 10 μ M 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol or 1 μ M GW3965 the protein level is increased markedly indicating activation of LXR. At the mRNA level RT-qPCR experiments showed that the LXR α regulated gene SREBP1c was up-regulated after treatment with both 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol and GW3965 indicating the expression of LXR α and the expected response (fig 3.12). GW3965 had a greater effect on SREBP1c expression with a \sim 7-fold increase over control whereas 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol only induced a \sim 3-fold increase.

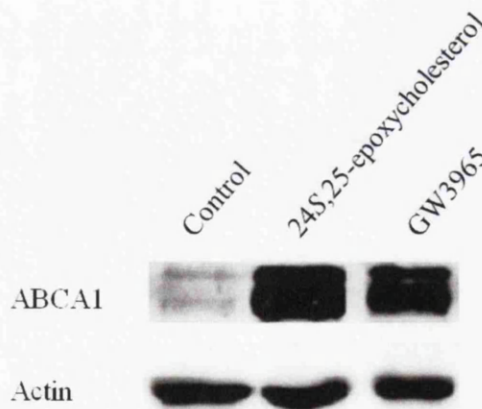


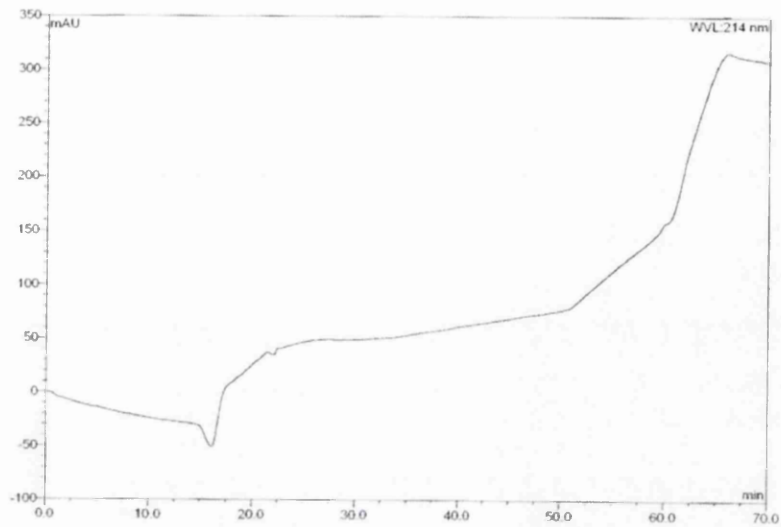
Figure 3.4. The protein level of ABCA1 is increased after 24 hours treatment with either 10 μ M 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol or 1 μ M GW3965 indicating that SN4741 cells express LXR α / β .

3.2.4. Strong Cation Exchange Fractionation of SILAC peptides

Treatment of SN4741 cells with 10 μ M 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol or 1 μ M GW3965 showed no toxic effects of these small molecules and SN4741 cells expressed LXR α/β . Thus, SN4741 cells were deemed suitable as a model for proteomic studies and grown in SILAC media for 5 passages. 5 passages is enough time to ensure full incorporation of the labelled amino acids to occur based on previous experience in our laboratory. SILAC SN4741 cells were treated with either vehicle, 1 μ M GW3965 or 10 μ M 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol for 24 hours in serum free SILAC media, before lysis and protein estimation. An equal amount of protein from each SILAC state was combined on a 1:1 basis and digested with trypsin to form a SILAC peptide mixture. This peptide mixture was then subjected to further analysis to elucidate proteomic changes.

Before the mass spectrometric analysis of the SILAC peptides 2-dimensional LC-MS/MS was performed. The first dimension of separation was performed using strong cation exchange chromatography. Strong cation exchange separates molecules by charge; anionic molecules elute first. Thus, the technique can be used as a fractionation step to reduce sample complexity prior to the second dimension of separation that is reverse phase C18 LC-MS/MS. In order to validate the strong cation exchange chromatography that was to be used on the SILAC samples the system was tested. A blank injection of solvent showed no detection of peptides eluting from the column (fig 3.5A) and therefore indicated lack of contamination of the system. In addition, to validate the ability of the column to separate peptides trypsin digested bovine serum albumin (BSA) was used. 50 μ g of peptide mixture was separated on the column and detected by UV (fig 3.5B).

A



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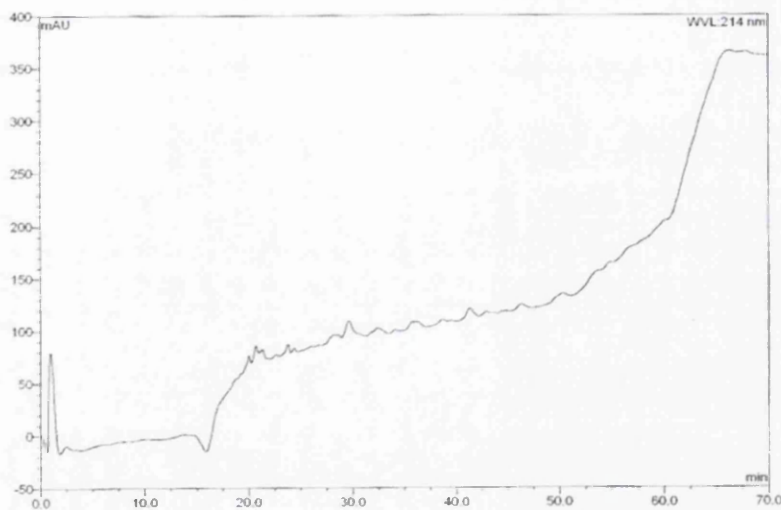


Figure 3.5. Strong Cation Exchange chromatography validation. Example UV ($\lambda=214\text{nm}$) chromatogram are shown highlighting expected instrument performance. A) A blank was run to ensure no carry over was present from previous experiments B) $50\mu\text{g}$ of BSA trypsin digested peptides loaded onto the column were separated by SCX.

Before fractionating the SILAC samples by SCX an additional blank run was to ensure that the column was free from BSA digest contamination. These procedures ensure no carry over from previous experiments and sufficient column performance. Once column performance was evaluated SILAC peptides were injected onto the column. From the UV chromatogram (fig. 3.6) it can be seen that there is a large amount of material present (c.f. blank and 50 μ g BSA chromatograms fig. 3.5) and that the material present has been separated. The majority of the peptides were eluted early in the run and therefore the time interval for fraction collection was shorter before increasing towards the end of the run where less material is present. The total number of peptides, compared to the number of unique peptides per fraction, can be seen in figure (fig. 3.6.). Therefore, the use of strong cation exchange chromatography was successful in reducing the complexity of the initial peptide mixture for subsequent LC-MS/MS steps. However, the number of peptides present in the fractions results in a complex mixture for reverse phase chromatography despite the fractionation.

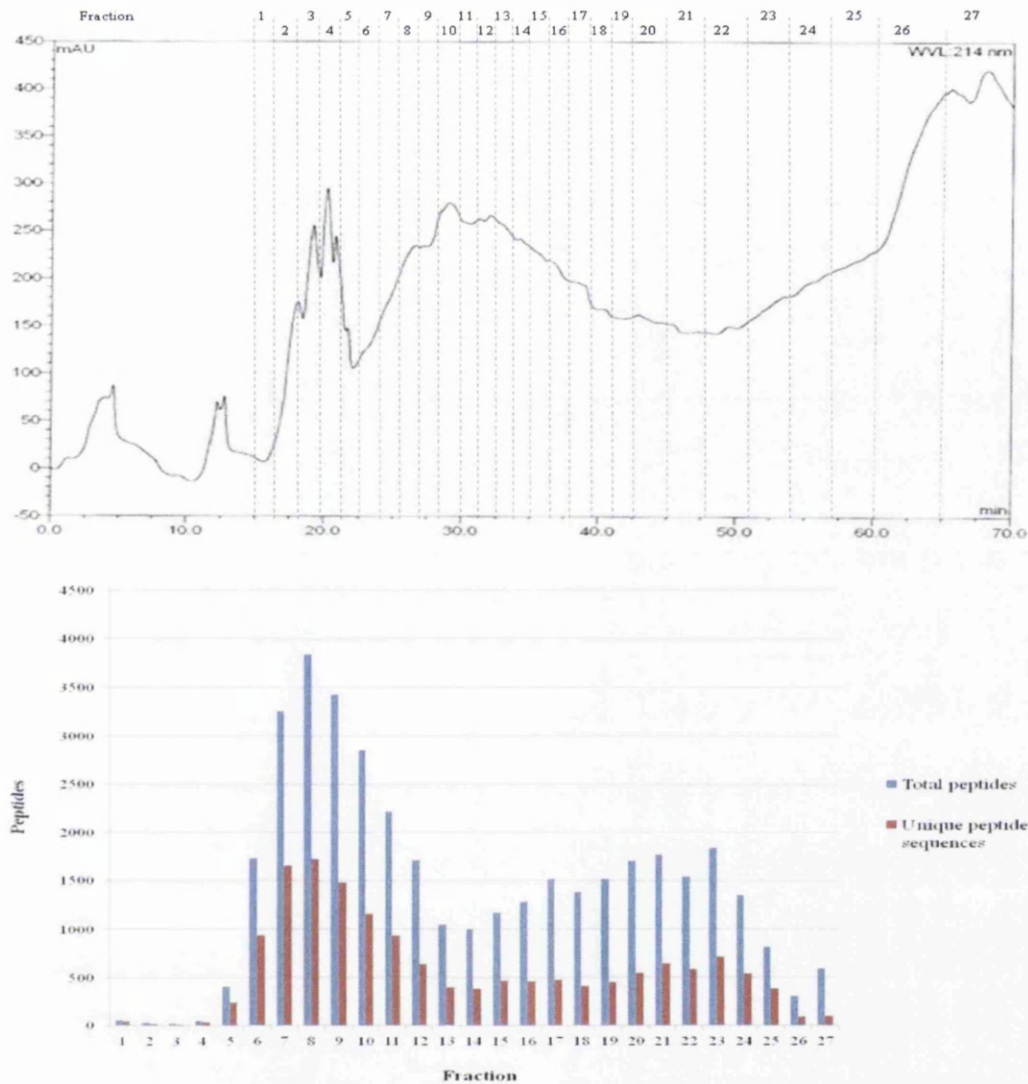


Figure 3.6. Strong Cation Exchange chromatography trace of SILAC peptides. Example of strong cation exchange chromatography fractionation from one experiment presented. A) The UV ($\lambda=214\text{nm}$) chromatogram highlights the large number of peptides present on the column. The time interval for fraction collection is indicated B) In this example a total 38458 peptides were identified. Of these 15526 were unique peptides. Strong cation exchange chromatography reduced the total number of peptides and number of unique peptides per fraction with $\leq 10\%$ of the experiment total per fraction. Thus, each fraction is simplified compared to the initial mixture yet remains a complex peptide mixture in its own right.

3.2.5. C18 Reverse Phase LC-MS/MS of SILAC peptides

The peptide mixture fractions derived from strong cation exchange chromatography were desalted using Seppak C18 columns, dried under vacuum and resuspended in H₂O/0.1%formic acid to be analysed by LC-MS/MS. In order to test the performance of the reverse phase C18 column performance prior to running the SN4741 derived SILAC samples trypsin digested bovine serum albumin (BSA) was used. This allowed validation of both chromatography and mass spectrometry performance. The use of 5µl of a 20fmol/µl BSA trypsin digest gave a good signal in the mass spectra with sharp chromatographical peaks that indicate that the column performance is acceptable (a typical chromatogram is shown in fig. 3.7). In order to ensure the complete removal of the BSA peptides prior to running the SILAC SN4741 samples a blank run was performed injecting 80% acetonitrile.

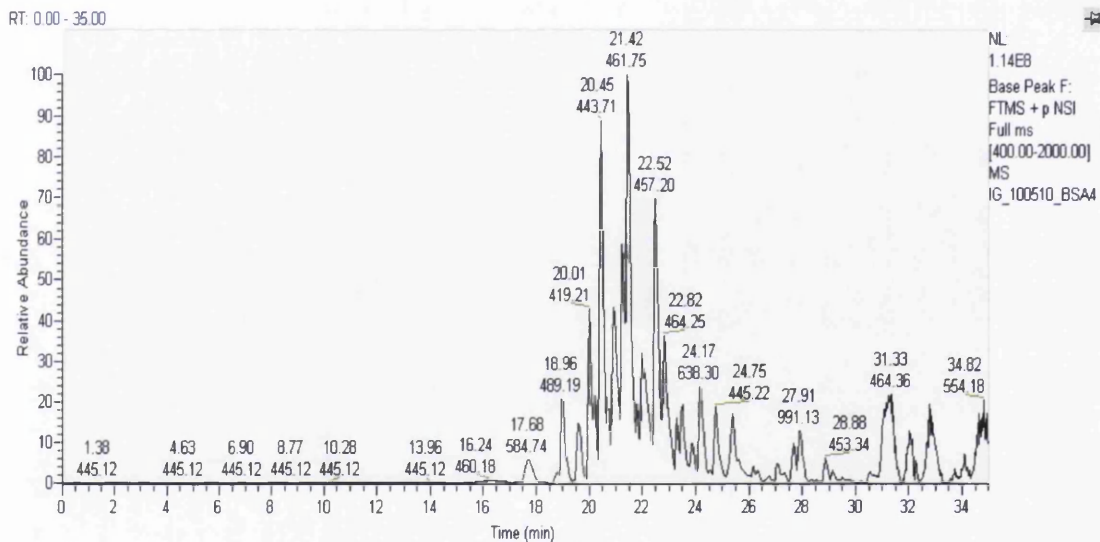


Figure 3.7. Reverse Phase LC-MS/MS validation. Example of column performance showing separation of peptides from a BSA trypsin digest. In order to ensure reverse phase column is clean a blank is run before initiating SILAC proteomic samples.

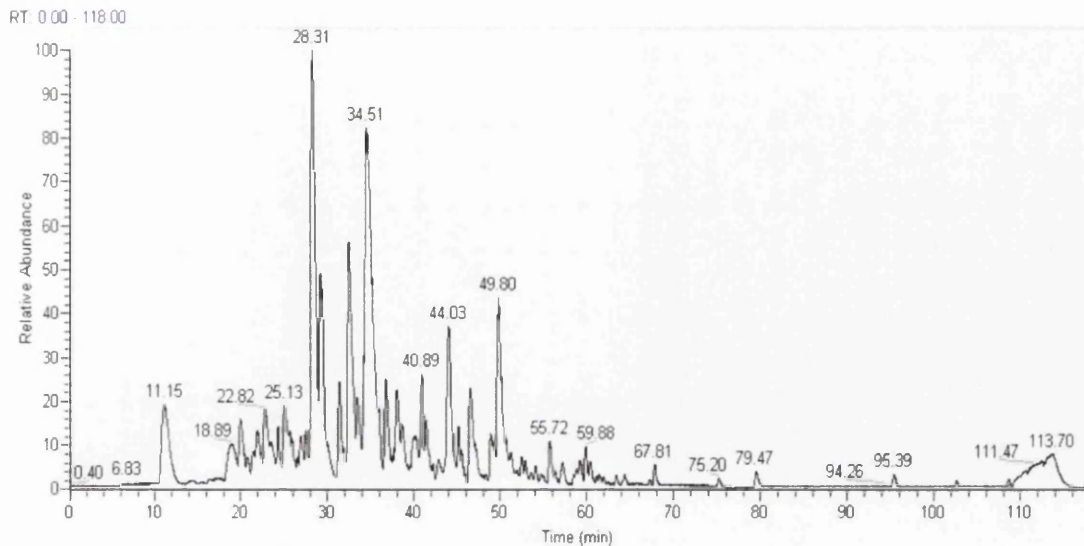
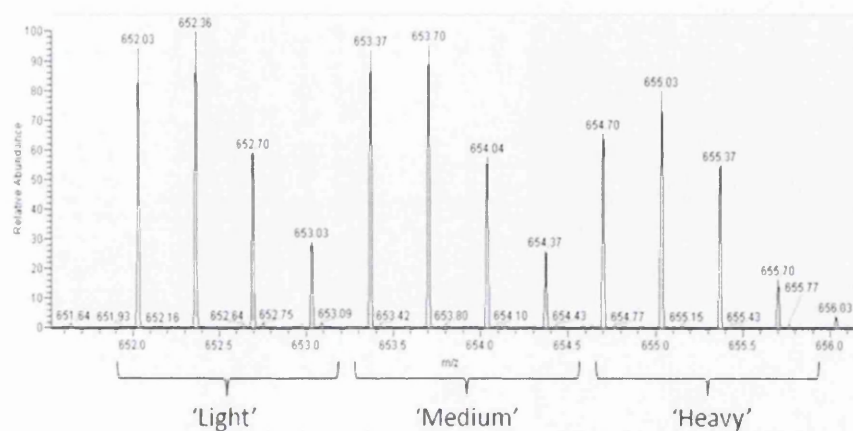


Figure 3.8. Reverse Phase LC-MS/MS SILAC peptide separation. An example chromatogram is shown that exemplifies the fact that peptides co-eluting from the strong cation exchange chromatography step can be separated by C18 reverse phase chromatography.

SILAC peptides were injected on to the HPLC system and separated over a 2 hour gradient. It can be seen from the example in figure 3.8 that a fraction obtained from strong cation exchange chromatography is still a very complex sample but the peptides present can be separated on the C18 column. Peptides eluting from the column are then analysed by mass spectrometry. Peaks with characteristic features of peptides were identified by the initial mass spectrometry scan and, if they conformed to the pre-selected criteria, were chosen for fragmentation (see Materials and Methods section 2.6.8.). The mass spectrometric scan of the fragments leads to the analysis of the backbone sequence and identification. However, the initial MS scan is critical to SILAC success as this scan is used for quantification. The SILAC envelope patterns have a triplet motif which are used for quantification. Indeed, the SILAC envelope patterns are indicative of labelled peptides (fig 3.9.). The use of differentially labelled arginine and lysine made it possible to distinguish between peptides terminating in different amino acids which contributes to the ease with which the bio-informatic software can identify peptides. It is possible to determine if a peptide contains arginine or lysine merely by examining the initial MS scan (fig 3.9) without any further information of sequence. For each technical replicate all raw spectrometric

data files were analysed simultaneously using MaxQuant software. This allowed the software to generate protein ratios derived from all the available spectra.

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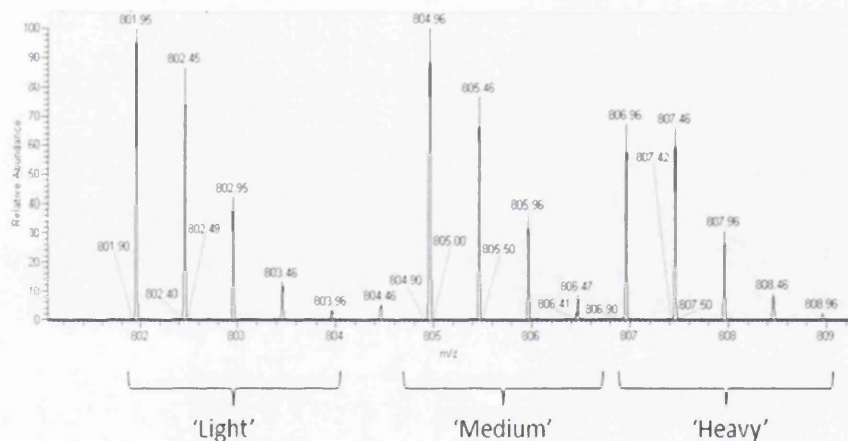


Figure 3.9. Example SILAC spectra for lysine and arginine containing peptides. The lysine containing spectra (A) is a triply charged peptide which, for the light peptide has a MW of 1953.057. It can be identified as containing lysine due to the mass shift between the SILAC states (medium +1.33m/z i.e. +4Da; heavy = +2.66m/z i.e. +8Da). This peptide was identified by ms/ms fragmentation as having the sequence VAPDEHPILLTEAPLNPK from α -actin. The arginine containing spectra (B) is a doubly charged peptide which, for the light peptide, has a MW of 1601.889. It can be identified as containing lysine due to the mass shift between the SILAC states (medium +3m/z i.e. +6Da; heavy = +5m/z i.e. +10Da). This peptide was identified by ms/ms fragmentation as having the sequence AAAAGALAPGPLDLAAR from UDP-N-acetylhexosamine pyrophosphorylase-like protein 1.

3.2.6. Peptide and Protein Identifications

A large number of peptides were identified in each biological replicate and on each instrument though in these SILAC experiments the Orbitrap Velos instrument performed better than the LTQ-Orbitrap with regard to total number of peptide identifications. The LTQ Orbitrap identified in total 22,395 (10,495 unique), 38,458 (10,495 unique) and 75,322 (18,755 unique) peptides and the Orbitrap Velos 39,160 (18,671 unique), 52,249 (23,292 unique) and 105,952 (34,650 unique) peptides from each biological replicate respectively. This corresponds to an increase in the number of unique peptides identified on the Orbitrap Velos compared to the LTQ-Orbitrap of 77.9%, 121.9% and 84.8% for each biological replicate. This increase in number of peptides identified corresponded to an increased number of proteins identified on the Orbitrap Velos instrument compared with the LTQ-Orbitrap (table 3.2). A large number of proteins were identified from the 3 biological replicates on both the LTQ-Orbitrap and the Orbitrap Velos instruments and, in each case, the majority of proteins were identified with ≥ 2 peptides (table 3.2). The Orbitrap Velos identified 1117, 971 and 1540 more proteins than the LTQ Orbitrap with ≥ 2 peptides in each of the 3 biological replicates respectively.

Table 3.2. Comparison of proteins identified between LTQ-Orbitrap and Orbitrap Velos instruments. The majority of proteins were identified with ≥ 2 peptides. A large proportion of proteins were identified with more peptides.

Replicate	1		2		3		
	LTQ-Orbitrap	Orbitrap Velos	LTQ-Orbitrap	Orbitrap Velos	LTQ-Orbitrap	Orbitrap Velos	
Proteins identified with:-	≥ 1 peptide	2941	4211	3654	4672	3662	5219
	≥ 2 peptide	2039	3156	2739	3710	2879	4419
	≥ 3 peptide	1382	2334	2009	2844	2223	3622
	≥ 4 peptide	983	1763	1489	2223	1753	2985
	≥ 5 peptide	720	1392	1143	1755	1417	2501

There was a large overlap between the same lysates run on the two different instruments with the majority of leading proteins identified on both instruments. The number of proteins identified with ≥ 1 peptide from 3 biological replicates on both instruments was 2612 (59.0% of the 4425 proteins identified in total from both instruments), 3252 (64.7% of the 5025 proteins identified in total from both instruments) and 3098 (54.1% of the 5722 proteins identified in total from both instruments) respectively. The number of proteins identified with ≥ 2 peptides from the 3 biological replicates on both instruments was 1839 (54.8%), 2505 (63.5%) and 2473 (51.3%) respectively (fig 3.10.).

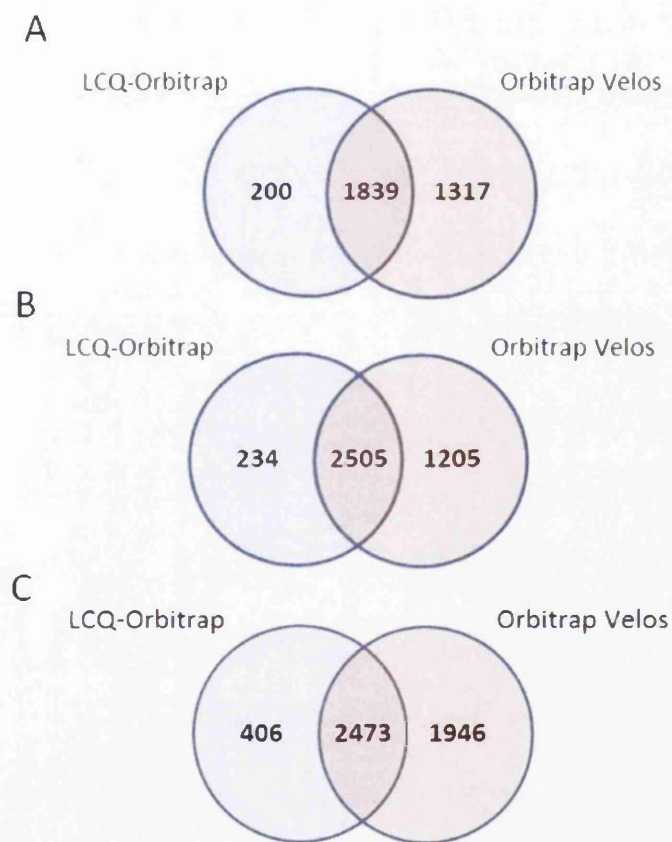


Figure 3.10. There was a large overlap between runs of the same biological replicate on different instruments (A, B, C); 90% (A), 91% (B) and 86% (C) of leading proteins identified on the LCQ-Orbitrap with ≥ 2 peptides were also identified on the Orbitrap Velos with ≥ 2 peptides

There was a large overlap between the three different biological replicates. The number of leading proteins identified and quantified with ≥ 1 peptide in all 3 biological replicates was 2096 proteins (44.3% total proteins) on the LTQ-Orbitrap. The number of proteins identified with ≥ 1 peptides in at least 2 of the biological replicates was unsurprisingly higher still; of the 4729 leading proteins identified 69.5% (3285) were identified in at least 2 biological replicates. In comparison, on the Orbitrap Velos 48.6% (3090) of the 6358 leading proteins identified with ≥ 1 peptide were observed in all 3 biological replicates. The number of leading proteins identified in at least 2 of the biological replicates with ≥ 1 peptide was 70.6% (4489). Therefore, these data demonstrate that the majority of proteins were quantified on at least 2 occasions from different biological replicates increasing the ease of discriminating between reproducible changes and rogue data points from a single biological sample.

However, the confidence in proteomic data is increased if multiple peptides are used for identification and quantification as relying on only 1 peptide can lead to error in identification and quantification due to error introduced by experimental variability or the software used during post-run analysis of the raw mass spectral data. The samples run on the LTQ-Orbitrap had 42.9% (1546) of the 3607 leading proteins identified with ≥ 2 peptides observed in all 3 biological replicates. The number of proteins identified with ≥ 2 peptides in at least 2 of the biological replicates was 69.4% (2504) of the total leading proteins identified with ≥ 2 peptides. In comparison, on the Orbitrap Velos 45.8% (2404) of the 5246 leading proteins identified with ≥ 2 peptides were observed in all 3 biological replicates (fig 3.11). The number of leading proteins identified in at least 2 of the biological replicates with ≥ 2 peptides was 69.3% (3635). It is clear, therefore, that the use of the SILAC proteomic methodology identified and quantified a large number of proteins suitable for further analysis. In addition, due to the large overlap between identifications from the three biological replicates, and the confidence inferred from multiple peptide protein identification these data are suitable for the analysis of up and down-regulation of protein as reproducible changes to the proteome should be apparent.

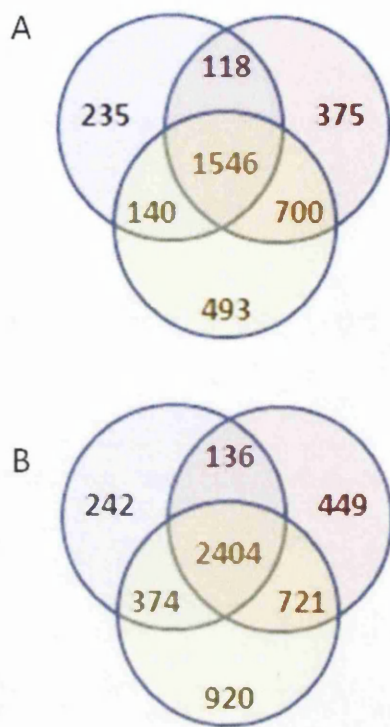


Figure 3.11. Overlap of leading proteins identified and quantified with ≥ 2 peptides using MaxQuant. A large overlap existed between 3 separate biological replicates run on a LTQ-Orbitrap (A) or an Orbitrap Velos instrument (B). 43% of proteins identified on the LTQ-Orbitrap and 46% of proteins identified on the Orbitrap Velos were present in all 3 replicates. 69% and 69% of proteins were identified in at least 2 replicates on the LTQ-Orbitrap and Orbitrap Velos instruments respectively.

3.2.7. Expression of Neurotrophins and Neuronal Markers in SN4741 Cells

The aim of the work is to elucidate the effect of 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol in neuronal development. A group of proteins with an established role in neuronal development are the neurotrophins (Hempstead 2006). Thus, the dataset was mined for the presence of the neurotrophins brain derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF), glial cell-derived neurotrophic factor (GDNF), ciliary neurotrophic factor (Cntf), neurotrophin 3 (Ntf3), neurotrophin 4 (Ntf4) and nerve growth factor (NGF). None of these neurotrophins were detected in the data set (table 3.3).

In addition, neuronal markers from different stages of neuronal development were present (table 3.3). Nestrin and SOX2 that are markers of neuronal progenitor cells were identified. Nestrin was down-regulated in some but not all of the biological replicates after treatment with 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol. Doublecortin a marker of early neuronal development was identified but another marker neurogenic differentiation 1 was not. The mature neuronal markers beta III tubulin (Tubb3) and microtubule-associated protein 2 (MAP2) were identified in all 3 biological replicates. Thus, a number of markers from different stages of neuronal development were identified although 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol had no reproducible effect on their expression.

No dopaminergic neuron markers were identified (table 3.3). However, it is important to note that a given protein may be expressed but not be present in the dataset due to the technicalities of proteomics. Low abundance proteins may not be identified. In addition, protein identification is reliant on the peptides generated by the action of trypsin. In this regard very short peptides do not furnish enough sequence information to allow confident identification from which protein they are derived. In addition, if a peptide is poorly ionised (e.g. due to a number of acidic amino acids) then it is unlikely to be detected.

Table 3.3. Neurotrophins and neuronal markers expressed in SN4741 cells identified in SILAC experiments. Normalised SILAC ratios shown are 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol:control. Neurotrophins (brain derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF), glial cell-derived neurotrophic factor (GDNF), ciliary neurotrophic factor (Cntf), neurotrophin 3 (Ntf3), neurotrophin 4 (Ntf4), nerve growth factor (NGF)) were not detected in any experiment. Markers of neuronal progenitor cells (Nestin (Nes), transcription factor SOX-2 (SOX2)) were detected. Early neuronal markers (doublecortin (DCX), neurogenic differentiation 1 (Neurod1). Mature neuronal markers (beta III tubulin (Tubb3), microtubule-associated protein 2 (MAP2)) were identified in all experiments, whereas (RNA binding protein fox-1 homolog 3 (Rbfox3; NeuN)) was not. Dopaminergic markers (GTP cyclohydrolase 1 (Gch1), aromatic L-amino acid decarboxylase (Ddc), tyrosine hydroxylase (Th) were not detected.

Biological Replicate	1		2		3	
Technical Replicate	1	2	1	2	1	2
Protein						
Bdnf	/	/	/	/	/	/
Gndf	/	/	/	/	/	/
Cntf	/	/	/	/	/	/
Ntf3	/	/	/	/	/	/
Ntf4	/	/	/	/	/	/
Ngf	/	/	/	/	/	/
Nes	0.535	0.665	0.786	0.771	0.868	0.916
Sox2	/	/	1.048	1.302	1.139	0.943
Dcx	/	/	0.927	0.865	/	1.151
Neurod1	/	/	/	/	/	/
Tubb3	1.117	1.226	0.957	1.015	0.888	0.798
Map2	1.086	0.990	0.951	0.783	0.831	/
Rbfox3	/	/	/	/	/	/
Gch1	/	/	/	/	/	/
Ddc	/	/	/	/	/	/
Th	/	/	/	/	/	/

3.2.8. Analysis of proteomic data

In each dataset the ratio of identified proteins had a normal distribution. The protein identification and quantification data generated from Maxquant was analysed to class proteins as ‘no change’, ‘up-regulated’ or ‘down-regulated’ using a previously published method (Graumann *et al.* 2008). The median was calculated and an increase or decrease the equivalent to 2 standards deviations (the arithmetic mean and standard deviation are not used in this method to prevent outliers having a pronounced effect) away from the median was classed as changed. Therefore, due to the use of the variation of the data in its calculation, the ratio between the heavy, medium and light SILAC states that serve as the boundary between ‘no change’ and ‘up’ or ‘down-regulation’ varied between datasets (table 3.4). This method identified a small portion of the total number of proteins as up- and down- regulated after treatment with 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol or GW3965 (table 3.4). The leading proteins identified as changed were then searched to determine reproducible trends in protein expression changes across the 6 datasets.

Table 3.4. Number of proteins identified as ‘no change’, ‘up-regulated or ‘down regulated’ from each biological replicate on LTQ-Orbitrap or Orbitrap Velos instruments after treatment with 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol. The ratio cut-offs for what was classed as a change in protein expression (i.e. up or down regulation) are shown. Proteins were identified with ≥ 2 peptides.

Biological Replicate	1		2		3	
Instrument	LTQ-Orbitrap	Orbitrap Velos	LTQ-Orbitrap	Orbitrap Velos	LTQ-Orbitrap	Orbitrap Velos
Ratio Cut-off (up/down)	1.23/0.73	1.23/0.71	1.35/0.76	1.34/0.76	1.18/0.74	1.19/0.73
Up-regulated	78	158	116	195	227	233
No change	1855	2848	2534	3344	2471	3951
Down-regulated	106	150	89	171	181	235

In order to ensure no changes of interest were missed the proteomic datasets were also examined in detail by analysing every protein identified as up or down regulated to attempt to identify proteins of interest. In total, from all the biological and technical replicates, 1072 different proteins were identified as up-regulated in total and 864 proteins were identified as down-regulated (Appendix 1 and 2). No proteins were excluded from this analysis and therefore a large number of proteins were identified with only 1 peptide. For these proteins identified with 1 peptide there is the possibility of experimental error having a larger effect on the quantification. In addition, a number of proteins were only identified in only one biological replicate. For these proteins there is no contradictory data but conversely no validatory data. Therefore, it is important to recognise the limitations of these data however they could yield valuable information.

The proteins identified as up and down regulated (Appendix 1 and 2) were examined to determine which proteins had no contradictory data. In total, 229 proteins were classed as up-regulated and had no contradictory data (table 3.5) whereas 285 proteins were classed as down-regulated (table 3.6).



Table 3.5. Proteins identified as down-regulated. (Pep – Number of unique peptides, EC- SILAC ratio after treatment with 10 μ M 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol, GW - SILAC ratio after treatment with 1 μ M GW3965)

Biological Replicate	1						2						3					
	1		2		1		2		1		2		1		2			
Protein Names	Gene Names	Protein ID	Pep	EC	GW	Pep	EC	GW	Pep	EC	GW	Pep	EC	GW	Pep	EC	GW	
V-type proton ATPase subunit d 1	Atp6v0d1	IP100313841	1	0.66	0.54	3	0.83	0.84	/	/	2	0.79	0.82	/	4	0.72	0.69	
Intraflagellar transport protein 52 homolog	Ifi52	IP100459776	1	0.66	0.90	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	
Low-density lipoprotein receptor	Ldlr	IP100312063	1	0.64	0.97	4	0.37	0.87	/	3	0.36	0.76	5	0.27	0.78	12	0.26	
H-2 class I histocompatibility antigen, D-P alpha chain	H2-DI	IP100126301	2	0.64	0.80	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	
Desmin	Des	IP100130102	4	0.63	0.88	/	/	3	0.54	0.80	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	
AP-3 complex subunit delta-1	Ap3d1	IP100117811	1	0.62	16.39	/	2	0.81	1.01	5	0.73	1.01	1	0.70	0.72	10	0.77	
Acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase, cytosolic	Acat2	IP100228253	5	0.62	1.35	6	0.62	1.05	7	0.53	0.97	8	0.55	0.97	9	0.63	1.03	
Friend virus susceptibility protein 1	Fv1	IP100137355	1	0.61	2.43	1	0.78	1.13	1	0.62	1.06	1	0.62	0.94	/	2	0.67	
Retinol dehydrogenase 11	Rdh11	IP100136098	1	0.61	1.09	2	0.64	0.95	1	0.79	1.04	2	0.74	0.88	/	4	0.60	
Putative uncharacterized protein	Zbtb45	IP100284393	1	0.61	0.72	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	
Mdm2-binding protein	Mtbp	IP100330521	1	0.58	0.87	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	
Farnesyl pyrophosphate synthetase	Fdps	IP100120457	5	0.51	1.08	8	0.55	1.07	7	0.53	1.02	9	0.52	1.03	12	0.51	1.07	
Phosphomevalonate kinase	Pmvk	IP100133709	1	0.50	1.22	1	0.48	0.94	1	0.54	1.20	/	/	/	1	0.76	1.22	
WD repeat and SOF domain-containing protein 1	Wdsof1	IP100129701	1	0.49	0.95	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	3	0.84	0.93	
Kinetochore protein Spc24	Spc24	IP100132177	1	0.48	0.78	1	0.67	1.03	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.82	0.99	
Putative uncharacterized protein	Hsd17b7	IP100474810	2	0.47	1.00	/	2	0.65	1.20	2	0.59	1.11	3	0.58	1.09	5	0.55	
Sterol-4-alpha-carboxylate 3-dehydrogenase, decarboxylating	Nsdhl	IP100128692	6	0.46	0.99	7	0.53	1.09	6	0.50	1.02	8	0.49	1.01	13	0.57	1.16	
Protein C9orf140 homolog		IP100462403	1	0.46	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	
Acyl-CoA synthetase short-chain family	Myh7b	IP100752027	2	0.45	1.08	2	0.53	1.05	4	0.42	1.17	4	0.46	1.16	3	0.54	1.37	
			4	0.54	1.37	4	0.54	1.37	4	0.54	1.37	4	0.54	1.37	4	0.54	1.33	

member 2																				
Lanosterol synthase	Lss	IP100169958	4	0.43	1.06	7	0.40	1.07	3	0.44	1.05	6	0.52	1.03	6	0.50	1.10	9	0.51	1.24
Lanosterol 14-alpha demethylase	Cyp51a1	IP100458711	3	0.42	1.02	5	0.42	1.02	3	0.26	0.93	3	0.24	1.01	6	0.29	1.02	9	0.29	1.01
Diphosphomevalonate decarboxylase	Mvd	IP100319950	4	0.42	1.05	5	0.45	1.04	2	0.37	0.92	2	0.44	0.93	7	0.45	1.04	7	0.44	1.10
isopentenyl-diphosphate Delta-isomerase 1	Idi1	IP100849448	4	0.41	1.04	5	0.43	1.02	5	0.33	1.10	8	0.35	1.09	7	0.41	1.12	10	0.45	1.15
Beta-adrenergic receptor kinase 1	Adrbk1	IP100320687	1	0.38	1.53	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Hydroxymethylglutaryl-CoA synthase, cytoplasmic	Hmgcs1	IP100331707	11	0.32	1.02	11	0.30	0.99	5	0.17	0.97	8	0.24	1.06	10	0.20	1.08	13	0.22	1.08
UPF0470 protein C19orf51 homolog	k	IP100463244	1	0.31	0.99	1	0.36	1.20	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Alpha-actinin-3	Actn3	IP100136701	5	0.09	0.85	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Novel protein	6230409E13Rik	IP100750314	1	0.04	0.04	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Rotatin	Rttm	IP100379692	1	0.02	0.09	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Cytochrome b-c1 complex subunit 6, mitochondrial	Uqcrh	IP100129516	1	0.22	0.56	1	0.80	1.12	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.66	0.76
Amphoterin-induced protein 3	Amigo3	IP100453796	1	0.02	0.02	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Ca(2+)-sensitive chloride channel 2	Clca2	IP100914104	1	0.00	4.35	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
NAD(P) transhydrogenase, mitochondrial	Nnt	IP100874685	/	/	/	1	0.68	1.41	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate 3-kinase catalytic subunit beta isoform	Plk3cb	IP100136110	/	/	/	1	0.68	0.70	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Mediator of RNA polymerase II transcription subunit 20	Med20	IP100128183	/	/	/	1	0.68	1.06	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
ATP-binding cassette sub-family G member 2	Abcg2	IP100468691	/	/	/	1	0.68	1.05	1	0.84	0.85	/	/	/	1	0.79	0.68	2	0.66	0.50
Presenilin-1	Psen1	IP100117124	/	/	/	1	0.67	0.83	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Golgin subfamily A member 7	Golga7	IP100403747	/	/	/	1	0.67	1.10	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Cytochrome b5 type B	Cyb5b	IP100315794	1	0.85	1.12	1	0.67	1.13	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.63	0.78	4	0.61	0.84
Lipin-1	Lpin1	IP100308653	/	/	/	3	0.67	1.12	1	0.71	0.83	1	0.63	1.01	1	0.35	0.70	3	0.52	1.20

WD repeat-containing protein 3	Wdr3	IP00221822	/	2	0.67	0.86	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
CCR4-NOT transcription complex subunit 8	Cnot8	IP00112188	/	1	0.67	0.61	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Heterogeneous nuclear ribonucleoproteins C1/C2	Hnmpc	IP00874321	/	10	0.66	0.94	/	/	/	/	/	11	0.71 0.88
Acetoacetyl-CoA synthetase	Aacs	IP00135189	9	0.72	1.10	1.01	8	0.70	1.02	8	0.70	1.02	7 0.67 1.05 1.02
MHC class I-alpha	H2-D1	IP00856542	/	3	0.66	1.08	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Mitofusin-2	Mfn2	IP00312244	/	1	0.66	1.03	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.67 0.73
Putative S-adenosyl-L-methionine-dependent methyltransferase MET5D1	Met5d1	IP00187413	/	1	0.66	1.17	/	1	0.76	0.89	/	1	0.82 1.03
ATP-binding cassette sub-family B (MDR/TAP) member 11	Abcb11	IP00828714	/	1	0.66	0.82	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.64 0.89
Sodium bicarbonate cotransporter 3	Slc4a7	IP00664442	/	1	0.65	0.85	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Transcription elongation factor A protein 1	Tcea1	IP00224168	/	9	0.65	0.71	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Protein tyrosine kinase 2 beta	Ptk2b	IP00133132	/	2	0.65	1.05	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Anion exchange protein 3	Slc4a3	IP00470963	/	1	0.65	0.80	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
3-beta-hydroxysteroid-Delta(8),Delta(7)-isomerase	Ebp	IP00137471	/	2	0.64	1.11	2	0.68	0.90	2	0.84	0.94	2 0.58 0.81 1 0.65 0.91
Zinc finger CCCH domain-containing protein 10	Zc3h10	IP00153418	/	1	0.62	0.51	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Caveolin-1	Cav1	IP00117829	/	1	0.61	0.76	2	0.67	0.75	3	0.63	0.85	2 0.60 0.57 3 0.60 0.65
Transcription factor SOX-13	Sox13	IP00111162	/	1	0.61	0.09	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Kelch-like protein 13	Klhl13	IP00776065	/	1	0.61	0.81	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
UPF0404 protein C11orf59 homolog		IP00315187	1	0.71	1.22	2	0.61	0.97	/	/	/	4	0.55 0.75
RNA/DNA-binding protein	Rnps1	IP00122227	/	2	0.61	0.96	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Inhibitor of nuclear factor kappa-B kinase-interacting protein	Ikip	IP00120310	/	3	0.61	0.97	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Tgm6 protein	Tgm6	IP00468609	/	1	0.60	1.21	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Fumarylacetoacetate hydrolase domain-	Fahd2	IP00121218	/	2	0.60	0.73	/	/	/	/	/	/	/

containing protein 2A													
Transcription factor 4	Tcf4	IP100400418	/	2	9.50	0.87	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
MKIAA0429 protein	Miss1	IP100876025	/	1	0.60	1.19	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Transmembrane protein 97	Tmem97	IP100122430	/	1	0.59	0.76	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Sodium/potassium-transporting ATPase subunit beta-1	Atp1b1	IP100121550	/	1	0.57	0.90	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.62 0.80
Ras-related protein Rap-2a	Rap2a	IP100396701	/	1	0.56	1.06	/	/	/	/	/	4	0.61 1.06
Inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate 3-kinase B	Itpkb	IP100263265	/	1	0.55	0.87	/	3	0.72	1.04	/	/	/
3-keto-steroind reductase	Hsd17b7	IP100316067	/	3	0.54	0.96	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
MutS protein homolog 4	Msh4	IP100118045	/	1	0.49	1.25	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Low density lipoprotein receptor adapter protein 1	Ldlrap1	IP100454119	/	1	0.47	0.56	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E2 J1	Ube2j1	IP100648249	/	1	0.47	0.92	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.75 0.82
Protein FAM64A	Fam64a	IP100221521	/	1	0.45	1.10	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.50 0.89
Fibroblast growth factor 4	Fgf4	IP100114434	/	1	0.44	0.13	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Acyl-CoA desaturase 2	Scd2	IP100117142	/	2	0.41	1.42	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Serine/threonine-protein kinase Nek10	Nek10	IP100844655	/	2	0.39	0.35	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Acyl-CoA-binding domain-containing protein 5	Acbd5	IP100754110	/	1	0.33	1.11	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.64 0.90
Matrix-remodeling-associated protein 8	Mxr8	IP100310519	/	1	0.30	1.28	/	2	0.73	1.84	/	2	0.70 0.95
Protein phosphatase PTC7 homolog	Pptic7	IP100421081	/	1	0.29	0.43	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
BMP-2-inducible protein kinase	Bmp2k	IP100313513	/	1	0.28	0.69	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Rac/Cdc42 guanine nucleotide exchange factor (GEF) 6	Arhgef6	IP100170221	/	2	0.26	1.16	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Leucine-zipper-like transcriptional regulator 1	Lztr1	IP100272721	/	1	0.24	0.90	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Small proline-rich protein 3	Spr3	IP100114255	/	1	0.17	2.27	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Zinc finger protein RFP	Trim27	IP100122244	/	1	0.12	1.08	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Putative uncharacterized protein	Srcap	IP100620743	/	1	0.12	1.02	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Carbonic anhydrase 2	Ca2	IP100121534	/	1	0.10	0.06	/	/	/	/	/	/	/

FUN14 domain-containing protein 1	Fundcl	IP100119124	/	/	1	0.73	0.73	1	0.66	0.82	1	0.73	0.81	2	0.81	0.85
ZAN	Zan	IP100944148	/	/	1	0.73	0.93	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Pre-B-cell leukemia transcription factor-interacting protein 1	Pbxip1	IP100153644	1	0.76	0.65	/	1.03	2	0.71	0.76	/	/	/	2	0.66	0.79
Cadherin 13, isoform CRA_a	Cdh13	IP100775975	1	0.73	1.00	3	0.74	0.92	2	0.61	0.76	/	/	5	0.81	0.95
Mitochondrial carrier triple repeat 6	Mcart6	IP100831068	/	/	/	/	0.10	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Sept5 protein	Sep-05	IP100923056	/	/	/	1.31	3	0.73	1.19	4	0.81	1.10	/	/	/	/
Talin-2	Tln2	IP100421218	/	/	9	0.66	0.78	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
UPF0577 protein KIAA1324	Kiaa1324	IP100342908	/	/	1	0.65	0.84	1	0.61	0.81	/	/	/	/	/	/
Protein AF-9	Mlt3	IP100473183	/	/	1	0.65	1.10	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
ELMO domain-containing protein 1	Elmod1	IP100228907	/	/	1	0.64	0.86	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Cytochrome c oxidase subunit 6B1	Cox6b1	IP100225390	/	/	1	0.59	0.72	1	0.62	0.75	2	0.48	0.65	/	/	/
Mtch2 protein	Mtch2	IP100807902	/	/	1	0.58	0.71	1	0.68	0.80	1	0.51	0.47	/	/	/
Calcineurin binding protein 1	Cabin1	IP100380107	/	/	1	0.56	0.85	1	0.65	0.79	1	0.64	0.91	1	0.59	0.84
Cornifin-A	Spr1a	IP100123458	3	0.80	0.98	6	0.73	0.96	7	0.59	0.91	8	0.70	10	0.72	0.93
Mevalonate kinase	Mvk	IP100756996	3	0.74	1.02	5	0.69	0.98	6	0.55	0.89	4	0.60	10	0.58	0.99
B-cell receptor-associated protein 29	Bcap29	IP100119980	/	/	1	0.50	0.82	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Retinoblastoma-like protein 1	Rbl1	IP100137864	/	/	1	0.29	0.18	/	/	/	/	2	0.80	1.00	/	/
Synemin	Synn	IP100469184	/	/	1	0.27	0.73	1	0.39	0.70	1	0.67	0.75	1	0.70	0.81
Tripartite motif-containing protein 75	Trim75	IP100339960	/	/	1	0.26	0.22	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Brain-specific ankyrin-G	Ank3	IP100623506	/	/	2	0.20	2.57	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Protein FAM63B	Fam63b	IP100420796	1	0.82	1.01	1	0.69	0.75	1	0.79	0.64	2	0.68	3	0.60	0.97
		IP100666788	/	/	1	0.09	0.16	1	0.02	0.00	/	/	/	/	/	/
Putative uncharacterized protein		5830433M19Ri														
Uncharacterized protein C20orf152		IP100954606	/	/	1	0.08	0.92	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
homolog		4921517L17Rik	IP100828904	/	/	1	0.01	4.09	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Putative uncharacterized protein	Traf7	IP100474945	/	/	1	0.01	0.01	1	0.02	0.01	/	/	/	/	/	/
Myosin-IXa	Myo9a	IP100928546	/	/	/	/	2	0.73	1.13	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Bardet-Biedl syndrome 7	Bbs7	IP100648065	/	/	/	/	1	0.73	0.96	/	/	/	/	/	/	/

DNA polymerase delta catalytic subunit	Fold1	IP100322143	/	/	3	0.73	0.79	/	/
DEP domain-containing protein 5	Depdc5	IP100881403	/	/	1	0.72	0.92	/	/
39S ribosomal protein L38, mitochondrial	Mrp138	IP100462925	/	/	1	0.72	0.76	/	/
Sodium- and chloride-dependent glycine transporter 1	Glyt1	IP100468633	/	/	1	0.71	0.85	/	1 0.46 0.87
Frizzled-1	Fzd1	IP100118170	/	/	2	0.71	0.77	/	1 0.74 0.83
CCR4-associated factor 1	Caf1	IP100121265	/	/	1	0.70	11.82	/	/
PtdIns-4,5-P2 4-Phase I	Tmem55b	IP100356633	/	/	1	0.69	1.32	1 0.47 0.73	1 0.51 0.79
Protein tyrosine phosphatase, receptor type, D	Ptprd	IP100608063	/	/	1	0.69	0.78	/	/
Branched-chain acyl-CoA oxidase	Acox3	IP100318108	/	/	11	0.68	0.90	/	/
T-complex protein 11-like protein 1	Tep11l1	IP100225028	/	/	1	0.68	0.79	/	/
SH3 domain-binding protein 2	3bp2	IP100881074	/	/	2	0.68	1.20	/	/
PDZ domain-containing protein GIPC3	Gipc3	IP100154021	/	/	2	0.68	0.91	/	/
Lysophospholipase-like protein 1	Lyplal1	IP100153133	/	/	2	0.67	0.92	/	/
Putative uncharacterized protein	Samhd1	IP100653746	/	/	2	0.67	0.74	/	/
Cytochrome c oxidase subunit 7A2, mitochondrial	Cox7a2	IP100114377	/	/	1	0.66	0.68	/	1 0.44 0.46
Butyrate-induced protein 1	Ptplad1	IP100322145	/	/	1	0.65	0.73	1 0.70 0.53	1 0.73 0.65
H-2 class I histocompatibility antigen, D-37 alpha chain	H2-T23	IP100322542	/	/	2	0.65	3.65	/	/
Fibulin-2	Fbln2	IP100132067	/	/	1	0.64	0.92	/	/
Putative uncharacterized protein	Crmp1	IP100312527	/	/	3	0.64	0.86	/	4 0.72 0.72
MCG141096, isoform CRA_a	1700081L1Rik	IP100649809	/	1 0.74 0.95	1	0.63	0.74	/	/
Protein YIPF6	Yipf6	IP100225621	/	/	1	0.62	0.96	/	/
mTERF domain-containing protein 3, mitochondrial	Mterfd3	IP100222753	/	/	2	0.62	1.04	/	/
Cat eye syndrome critical region protein 5 homolog	Cecr5	IP100314106	/	/	1	0.59	1.12	/	/

CTP-phosphoethanolamine cytidyltransferase	Peyt2	IP100311395	3	0.74	1.11	2	0.70	0.98	/	/	3	0.59	1.04	1	0.59	1.21	5	0.75	1.05
Putative uncharacterized protein	Cp	IP100874570	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	3	0.58	0.78	/	/	/	/	/	/
Angiomotin-like protein 1	Amotl1	IP100669483	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.58	5.77	/	/	/	/	/	/
Putative uncharacterized protein	Slc25a1	IP100276926	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.58	0.65	/	/	/	1	0.40	0.54
Dynein, axonemal, heavy chain 9	Dnahe9	IP100473970	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.57	0.37	/	/	/	/	/	/
7-dehydrocholesterol reductase	Dhcr7	IP100130988	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.56	0.92	/	/	/	/	/	/
Rho GTPase-activating protein 6	Arhgap6	IP100831349	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.56	0.12	/	/	/	/	/	/
Mitochondrial fission regulator 1	Kiaa0009	IP100162850	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.52	0.64	/	/	/	/	/	/
Myosin-Id	Myo1d	IP100408207	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.52	1.03	/	/	/	1	0.57	0.84
Anthrax toxin receptor 1	Antxr1	IP100318636	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.52	0.70	/	/	/	/	/	/
Mtm1 protein	Mtm1	IP100944189	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.51	1.00	/	/	/	/	/	/
2-hydroxyacyl-CoA lyase 1	Hacl1	IP100316314	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	3	0.49	0.86	1	0.70	0.84	3	0.73	1.04
Delta(6) fatty acid desaturase	Fads2	IP100129362	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.48	0.96	/	/	/	4	0.63	0.95
Glyoxylate reductase 1 homolog	Glyr1	IP100817029	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.48	0.83	/	/	/	/	/	/
Uncharacterized protein KIAA0819	Kiaa0819	IP100858146	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.47	1.28	/	/	/	/	/	/
67-11-3 protein	Lpis	IP100153088	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.45	0.42	/	/	/	2	0.80	1.10
StAR-related lipid transfer protein 4	Stard4	IP100320022	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.39	1.06	/	/	/	2	0.34	1.07
C-4 methylsterol oxidase	Sc4mol	IP100133526	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.31	1.22	/	/	/	/	/	/
Complex III subunit 8	Uqcrc	IP100224210	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.22	0.95	1	0.45	0.85	/	/	/
Protease, serine, 3	Prss3	IP100130391	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.22	26.52	/	/	/	/	/	/
High affinity cAMP-specific 3',5'-cyclic phosphodiesterase 7A	Pde7a	IP100230552	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.21	0.07	/	/	/	/	/	/
Probable G-protein coupled receptor 158	Gpr158	IP100465871	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.20	0.22	/	/	/	/	/	/
Arylsulfatase A	Arsa	IP100118039	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.16	0.70	/	/	/	/	/	/
Putative uncharacterized protein	Fdft1	IP100338068	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.16	1.54	/	/	/	2	0.19	1.64
Zinc finger protein 182	Zfp182	IP100775902	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.12	6.37	/	/	/	/	/	/
Novel KRAB box and zinc finger, C2H2 OTTMUSG000																			
type domain containing protein	00016626	IP100850019	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.08	0.01	/	/	/	/	/	/

Regulator of sex-limitation 2	AI929863	IPI00329967	/	/	1	0.06	3.98	/	/	
GABA-A receptor-associated membrane protein 1	Godz	IPI00172092	/	/	1	0.03	0.01	/	/	
Interleukin-4-induced protein 1	Fig1	IPI00759856	/	/	1	0.03	0.02	/	/	
Putative uncharacterized protein	Tspan15	IPI00775936	/	/	1	0.02	3.62	/	/	
Bcl-2 homologous antagonist/killer	Bak1	IPI00309183	/	/	/	/	1	0.69	0.80	
Cytochrome c oxidase subunit 2	MtcO2	IPI00131176	/	/	1	0.78	0.74	1	0.68	0.48
Zfp597 protein	Zfp597	IPI00129554	/	/	/	/	1	0.67	0.73	/
Probable cation-transporting ATPase										
I3A3	Atp13a3	IPI00850873	/	/	/	/	1	0.67	0.64	/
H-2 class I histocompatibility antigen, K-W28 alpha chain	H2-K1	IPI00126458	/	/	/	/	2	0.64	1.03	/
Ectonucleotide pyrophosphatase/phosphodiesterase family member 5	Enpp5	IPI00111163	/	/	/	/	1	0.64	0.82	/
Tetrapeptide repeat protein 35	Ttc35	IPI00133612	/	/	/	/	1	0.62	0.81	2
Carbonyl reductase family member 4	Cbr4	IPI00127227	/	/	/	/	1	0.56	0.55	/
Mitochondrial inner membrane protein	Immt	IPI00381412	/	/	/	/	3	0.56	0.66	/
Glucose-6-phosphate 1-dehydrogenase 2	G6pd2	IPI00228867	/	/	/	/	4	0.55	0.92	/
Phosphatidylinositol-4-phosphate 3-kinase C2 domain-containing subunit gamma	Pik3c2g	IPI00115695	/	/	/	/	1	0.54	0.89	/
Band 4.1-like protein 5	Epb41l5	IPI00469962	/	3	0.79	0.84	2	0.53	0.84	4
Ankyrin	Rai14	IPI00453820	/	/	/	/	1	0.52	0.76	4
TBC1 domain family member 8	Tbc1d8	IPI00130023	/	/	/	/	2	0.35	185.8	/
Transcription factor RFX3	Rfx3	IPI00121582	/	/	/	/	1	0.34	43.26	/
Soluble calcium-activated nucleotidase I	Cant1	IPI00113039	/	/	/	/	1	0.30	1.07	/
Putative uncharacterized protein	Card6	IPI00351041	/	/	/	/	1	0.22	0.28	/
		IPI00947579	/	/	/	/	2	0.18	0.98	/

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Probable cation-transporting ATPase 13A1	Atp13a1	IPI00109891	/	/	/	/	2	0.56 0.98
Putative uncharacterized protein	Brwd1	IPI00654074	/	/	/	/	1	0.66 0.81
Sphingolipid delta(4)-desaturase DES1	Degs1	IPI00113731	/	/	/	/	2	0.65 0.61
Ferric-chelate reductase 1	FRRS1	IPI00322418	/	/	/	/	1	0.65 0.42
Putative sodium-coupled neutral amino acid transporter 10	Slc38a10	IPI00228647	/	/	/	/	1	0.65 0.42
Coiled-coil domain-containing protein 109A	Ccdc109a	IPI00655156	/	/	/	/	3	0.65 0.80
Melanoma antigen, family E, 1	Magee1	IPI00453948	/	/	/	/	1	0.65 0.88
Protein cornichon homolog 4	Cnih4	IPI00109447	/	/	/	/	1	0.64 0.73
Signal peptidase complex catalytic subunit SEC11A	Sec11a	IPI00894649	/	/	/	/	1	0.64 0.78
Adrenodoxin-like protein, mitochondrial	Fdx1l	IPI00132087	/	/	/	/	1	0.64 0.86
Patched domain-containing protein 2	Pchd2	IPI00464195	/	/	/	/	1	0.64 0.85
UPEF0539 protein C7orf59 homolog		IPI00229218	/	/	/	/	1	0.63 0.69
Calcium-binding protein p22	Chp	IPI00665857	/	/	/	/	2	0.63 0.76
Rab11 family-interacting protein 5	Rab11fip5	IPI00230238	/	/	/	/	6	0.63 1.31
F-box/LRR-repeat protein 8	Fbx18	IPI00319775	/	1	0.77 0.82	/	1	0.62 1.19
WD repeat-containing protein 43	Wdr43	IPI00849919	/	/	/	/	4	0.62 0.79
Sterol regulatory element-binding protein cleavage-activating protein	Scap	IPI00856221	/	/	/	/	2	0.62 0.70
Transmembrane and coiled-coil domain-containing protein C6orf129 homolog		IPI00869365	/	/	/	/	1	0.62 1.87
Plasma membrane calcium-transporting ATPase 2	Atp2b2	IPI00831180	/	/	/	/	4	0.62 0.77
Putative uncharacterized protein	Gmeb1	IPI00123517	/	/	/	/	1	0.62 1.03
Translocon-associated protein subunit	Ssr4	IPI00122346	/	2	0.77 1.01	/	4	0.61 0.80

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TLD domain-containing protein										
KIAA1609	Kiaa1609	IP100157480	/	/	1	0.78	0.95	/	2	0.60 1.11
Syntaxin-2	Stx2	IP100117112	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.60 0.79
Exoc6b protein	Exoc6b	IP100224528	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.59 0.77
MOSC domain-containing protein 2, mitochondrial	Mosc2	IP100123276	/	/	/	/	/	/	4	0.59 0.58
Leucine-rich repeat-containing protein 58	Lrrc58	IP100751601	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.59 1.13
Proximal envelope protein	DI7H6SS6E-5	IP100283900	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.58 0.71
Receptor tyrosine-protein kinase erbB-2	ErbB2	IP100626433	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.58 0.70
Enhancer of polycomb homolog 2	Epc2	IP100223821	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.57 0.50
Sucrase-isomaltase	2010204N08R1 k	IP100756791	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.56 1.89
Protein XRP2	Rp2	IP100222852	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.56 0.67
Protein KRI1 homolog	Kri1	IP100311761	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.55 0.66
Putative uncharacterized protein	Spec3	IP100420727	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.54 1.09
NADH dehydrogenase [ubiquinone] 1 alpha subcomplex subunit 11	Ndufa11	IP100318645	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.52 1.13
Osteopetrosis-associated transmembrane protein 1	Ostm1	IP100221706	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.52 0.80
Leucine-rich repeat serine/threonine-protein kinase 1	Lrrk1	IP100756788	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.51 6.10
Interferon-activable protein 202	Ifi202	IP100126725	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.51 0.25
Bcl10-interacting CARD protein	1110007C09Rik	IP100315974	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.50 0.96
Equilibrative nucleoside transporter 3	Slc29a3	IP100321909	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.50 0.78
N(6)-adenine-specific DNA methyltransferase 2	N6am2	IP100132944	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.50 0.78
Translocon-associated protein subunit gamma	Ssr3	IP100120826	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.49 0.76

Collagen alpha-1(II) chain	Col2a1	IP100828653	/	/	/	2	0.47	1.12
Envelope polyprotein	EG667538	IP100845826	/	/	/	6	0.47	0.68
Mitochondrial carrier homolog 2	Mtch2	IP100132039	/	/	/	4	0.46	0.44
Glycerol kinase	Gk	IP100404687	/	/	/	1	0.46	1.71
Mitochondrial 2-oxoglutarate/malate carrier protein	Slc25a11	IP100230754	/	/	/	2	0.45	0.61
Fibronectin type-III domain-containing protein C4orf31 homolog		IP100330474	/	/	/	1	0.45	0.56
ORM1-like protein 2	Ormdl2	IP100133384	/	/	1	0.82	1.07	1.31
snRNA-activating protein complex subunit 1	Snape1	IP100169634	/	/	/	1	0.45	0.97
Probable helicase with zinc finger domain	Helz	IP100453654	/	/	/	1	0.45	0.30
Bromodomain-containing protein 8	Brd8	IP100153722	/	/	/	2	0.45	1.12
		IP100380986	/	/	/	2	0.43	0.12
Integrin beta-7	Irgb7	IP100110508	/	/	/	1	0.42	0.79
THAP domain-containing protein 2	Thap2	IP100135144	/	/	/	1	0.39	1.97
Family with sequence similarity 55, member B	4432416J03Rik	IP100881975	/	/	/	1	0.39	0.21
Transcobalamin-2	Tcn2	IP100136556	/	/	/	1	0.38	0.36
Zinc finger protein 541	Znf541	IP100758325	/	/	/	1	0.28	0.38
		IP100849452	/	/	/	3	0.27	0.21
Nebulin-related-anchoring protein	Nrap	IP100135182	/	/	/	1	0.22	3.30
Zinc finger protein 536	Znf536	IP100377726	/	/	/	2	0.20	0.14
NACHT-, LRR-, and PYD-containing protein 1 paralog c	Nlrp1c	IP100665815	/	/	/	1	0.19	0.13
Zinc finger protein 397 opposite strand	Zfp397os	IP100876362	/	/	/	1	0.18	0.96
		IP100849706	/	/	/	3	0.17	0.39
Grifin	Grifin	IP100134234	/	/	/	1	0.15	1.00
Sperm motility kinase 3	Smok3a	IP100136957	/	/	/	1	0.11	0.29

Ankyrin repeat domain-containing protein 37	Ankrd37	IPI00229712	/	/	/	/	1	0.09	0.07
Ribonuclease H1	Rnaseh1	IPI00117308	/	/	/	/	1	0.08	0.17
Ig kappa chain V-V region HP R16.7		IPI00464383	/	/	/	/	1	0.06	0.23
Reck protein	Reck	IPI00890886	/	/	/	/	1	0.06	2.07
Voltage-dependent N-type calcium channel subunit alpha-1B	Cacna1b	IPI00466672	/	/	/	/	1	0.03	0.21
Tnik protein	Tnik	IPI00662721	/	/	/	/	1	0.03	0.03
		IPI00466185	/	/	/	/	10	0.03	0.02
Putative uncharacterized protein	Zbed4	IPI00848479	/	/	/	/	1	0.02	0.03
Zinc phosphodiesterase ELAC protein 1	Elac1	IPI00331197	/	/	/	/	1	0.01	0.07

Mediator of RNA polymerase II transcription subunit 24	Med24	IP100857417	/	/	1	1.26	0.97	/	/	/	/	/
Mannan-binding lectin serine protease 1	Masp1	IP100475209	/	/	1	1.25	0.85	/	/	/	/	/
MKIAA0628 protein	Zfp623	IP100111118	/	/	1	34.11	6.69	/	/	/	/	/
L(3)mbt-like (Drosophila)	L3mbtl	IP100457726	/	/	1	13.29	91.27	/	/	/	/	/
Ral GTPase-activating protein subunit alpha-1	Ralgapa1	IP100460042	/	/	1	7.94	6.75	2	3.23	1.29	1	1.85 0.63 /
Cingulin	Cgn	IP100757790	/	/	1	4.04	1.14	/	/	/	/	/
Putative uncharacterized protein	Spp1	IP100625970	/	/	2	2.27	0.91	1	2.09	0.85	/	2 1.72 0.90
Transcription factor E2F7	E2f7	IP100420139	/	/	1	2.23	1.48	/	/	/	/	/
Glutathione S-transferase A4	Gsta4	IP100323911	/	/	1	2.17	1.48	2	2.02	1.35	2	1.55 1.07 5 1.48 1.03
Aldehyde dehydrogenase, dimeric NADP-prefering	Aldh3a1	IP100111222	/	/	5	2.04	1.26	7	1.76	1.26	5	1.84 1.28 /
Bifunctional methyltetrahydrofolate dehydrogenase/cyclohydrolase, mitochondrial	Mthfd2	IP100109824	/	/	1	1.80	1.41	2	1.70	1.37	/	/
Constitutive coactivator of PPAR-gamma-like protein 2	Fam120c	IP100416125	/	/	2	1.75	0.11	/	/	/	/	/
Fanconi anemia group I protein homolog	Fanci	IP100225412	/	/	1	1.24	1.11	1	1.71	1.07	/	/
CTD small phosphatase-like protein 2	Ctdspl2	IP100454047	/	/	4	1.57	1.15	2	1.60	0.93	/	/
Ankyrin repeat and SOCS box protein 6	Asb6	IP100131423	/	/	1	1.56	1.21	/	/	/	/	/
Pyridoxal-dependent decarboxylase domain-containing protein 1	Pdxdc1	IP100336503	/	/	7	1.56	0.85	/	/	14	1.35	1.09 18 1.27 1.04
FK506 binding protein 10	Fkbp10	IP100944194	/	/	5	1.53	1.07	5	1.32	1.00	5	1.74 1.11 /
Butyrate response factor 2	Zfp3612	IP100138319	/	/	1	1.53	1.07	/	/	/	/	/
		IP100622024	/	/	1	1.53	1.13	/	/	/	/	/
Coiled-coil-helix-coiled-coil-helix domain-containing protein 6	Chchd6	IP100313390	/	/	1	1.50	0.78	1	1.46	7.79	/	/
Zfp384 protein	Zfp384	IP100555146	/	/	1	1.50	0.89	/	/	/	/	/
Sperm-associated antigen 5	Spag5	IP100380243	/	/	1	1.49	1.04	1	1.76	1.08	/	/

Lymphocyte antigen 6A-2/6E-1	Ly6	IP100120592	/	/	1	1.65	1.85	/	/
G2/mitotic-specific cyclin-B2	Ccnb2	IP100314149	/	/	1	1.65	0.99	1	2.64 0.56 /
MFL100163 protein	Maged1	IP100556867	/	/	2	1.58	1.34	/	/
Syndecan-3	Kiaa0468	IP100135452	/	/	1	1.57	0.81	/	/
Zinc finger MYND domain-containing protein 11	Zmynd11	IP100775961	/	/	1	1.55	1.09	/	/
DEAD (Asp-Glu-Ala-Asp) box polypeptide 21	Ddx21	IP100652987	/	/	15	1.54	0.94	/	/
DEAH box protein 32	Ddx32	IP100127679	/	/	1	1.50	0.91	/	1 1.33 0.97
ATP-dependent RNA helicase ROK1-like	Ddx52	IP100278864	/	/	1	1.49	1.14	/	/
		IP100336965	/	/	2	1.49	1.12	/	/
Putative uncharacterized protein	Nol14	IP100785218	/	/	3	1.48	0.82	/	/
Cyclooxxygenase-2	Cox2	IP100308785	/	/	1	1.48	1.12	/	/
Surfeit locus protein 1	Surfl	IP100319135	/	/	1	1.47	1.17	/	/
Neuron navigator 2	Nav2	IP100466984	/	/	2	1.46	1.52	/	/
PAT1-like protein 1	Pat1l	IP100309059	/	/	1	1.46	1.04	/	2 1.22 1.15
Brix domain-containing protein 5	Bxdc5	IP100380313	/	/	1	1.46	0.81	/	/
MCG9286, isoform CRA_b	Aagab	IP100654197	/	/	1	1.45	1.12	/	/
Citron Rho-interacting kinase	Cit	IP100655040	/	/	2	1.44	1.02	/	/
NOL1/NOP2/Sun domain family member 5	Nsun5	IP100311260	/	/	1	1.43	1.82	/	/
Uncharacterized protein C8orf59 homolog		IP100785295	/	/	1	1.42	0.96	/	/
TBC1 domain family member 25	Tbc1d25	IP100222302	/	/	1	1.42	1.08	/	/
Gene Y protein	Trfic	IP100463173	/	/	1	1.40	103.24	/	1 7.29 12.88
Pumilio homolog 1	Kiaa0099	IP100856470	/	/	2	1.40	1.02	/	2 1.25 1.37
Ankyrin repeat domain-containing protein 16	Ankrd16	IP100400349	/	/	5	1.39	1.05	/	/
		IP100221778	/	/	1	1.35	1.09	1	1.39 1.00 /
MKIAA0480 protein	Cep350	IP100928565	/	/	3	1.38	0.78	/	/

ATP-dependent RNA helicase DDX55	Ddx55	IP00453808	/	/	1	1.37	1.22	/	/	/
		IP00881767	/	/	/	/	/	1	122.9	11.59
Membrane transport protein XK	Xk	IP00135678	/	/	/	/	/	1	12.20	61.82
Coiled-coil domain-containing protein 52	Ccdc52	IP00170090	/	/	/	/	/	1	2.00	1.21
WD repeat-containing protein 24	Wdr24	IP00229321	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.91	0.90
Receptor-type tyrosine-protein phosphatase gamma	Ptprg	IP00114671	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.59	1.01
60S ribosomal protein L36	Rpl36	IP00869475	/	/	/	/	/	3	1.53	0.98
60S ribosomal protein L18a	Rpl18a	IP00880213	/	/	/	/	/	4	1.45	0.92
Procollagen C-endopeptidase enhancer 1	Pcolce	IP00120176	/	/	/	/	/	4	1.44	0.93
Macrophage colony-stimulating factor 1	Csfl	IP00125138	/	2	1.23	1.00	1	1.34	0.92	2
Gamma-aminobutyric acid receptor-associated protein	Gabarap	IP00120754	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.38	0.92
Rho guanine nucleotide exchange factor 19	Arhgef19	IP00226216	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.38	1.02
		IP00135411	/	/	2	1.21	3.10	1	1.34	1.03
Amyloid beta A4 precursor protein-binding family A member 3	Apba3	IP00129399	/	/	2	1.25	0.90	1	1.34	0.82
Prenylated Rab acceptor protein 1	Rabac1	IP00466820	/	/	/	/	/	6	1.27	0.94
40S ribosomal protein S8	Rps8	IP00406107	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.25	0.86
3222402P14Rik protein	Ppp2r3a	IP00858126	/	/	/	/	/	3	1.23	1.17
Insulin receptor substrate 2	Irs2	IP00923679	/	8	1.32	1.13	7	1.28	1.12	7
Ribose-phosphate pyrophosphokinase	Prps11l	IP00900411	/	/	2	1.23	1.07	/	2	1.22
Mediator of RNA polymerase II transcription subunit 13-like	Med13l	IP00420457	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1
Zinc finger protein 462	Zfp462	IP00467729	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1
Glucosamine--fructose-6-phosphate aminotransferase [isomerizing] 2	Gfp12	IP00278312	/	/	/	/	/	/	5	26.66
Mesenchyme homeobox 1	Meox1	IP00649802	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	25.75
			/	/	/	/	/	/	1	5.82

Syntaxin-binding protein 4	Sxsbp4	IP100125455	/	/	/	1	21.24	7.19
Serine/threonine-protein kinase ULK1	Ulk1	IP100752067	/	/	/	1	19.83	0.86
Transmembrane protein 54	Tmem54	IP100457415	/	/	/	3	12.35	1.41
Fascin homolog 2, actin-bundling protein, retinal (Strongylocentrotus purpuratus)	Fscn2	IP100471083	/	/	/	1	7.66	2.50
Olfactory receptor Olfr1477	Olfr1477	IP100313137	/	/	/	1	3.16	1.65
TRAF-interacting protein with FHA domain-containing protein A	Tifa	IP100153104	/	/	/	1	2.70	0.73
Pcdhgc5 protein	Pcdhgc5	IP100129572	/	/	/	2	2.61	0.86
Protein deltex-2	Dtx2	IP100113171	/	/	/	1	2.58	1.26
Ubiquinone biosynthesis methyltransferase COQ5, mitochondrial	Coq5	IP100379695	/	/	/	1	2.46	8.59
Gamma-tubulin complex component 3	Tubgcp3	IP100396839	/	/	/	2	2.33	1.73
WD repeat-containing protein 7	Wdr7	IP100120637	/	/	/	1	2.28	1.04
Brain-specific angiogenesis inhibitor 1	Bai1	IP100850693	/	/	/	1	2.17	0.62
Dynein heavy chain 8, axonemal	Dnahc8	IP100172328	/	/	/	1	1.96	5.98
Glucocorticoid modulatory element-binding protein 2	Gmeb2	IP100118393	/	/	/	1	1.94	1.09
E3 ubiquitin-protein ligase UBR2	Ubr2	IP100468701	/	/	/	2	1.90	1.09
Coiled-coil domain-containing protein 77	Ccdc77	IP100112708	/	/	/	1	1.88	1.24
U6 snRNA-specific terminal uridylyltransferase 1	Tut1	IP100153749	/	/	1	1.35	1.14	1.36
IRFD2	Ifrd2	IP100469290	/	/	/	1	1.78	0.91
E3 ubiquitin-protein ligase NRDP1	Rnf41	IP100308182	/	/	/	1	1.73	2.18
Uncharacterized protein C11orf61 homolog		IP100279213	/	/	/	1	1.65	0.98
HNI-like protein	AY358078	IP100396784	/	/	/	2	1.61	1.03
	IP100751634	/	/	/	/	3	1.50	0.90

E3 ubiquitin-protein ligase Prajal	Pjal1	IP100309237	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.49	1.23			
Nuclear prelamina A recognition factor-like protein	Narfl	IP100309907	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.48	0.76			
CDK5 regulatory subunit-associated protein 1-like 1	Cdkall1	IP100163015	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.47	1.20			
HMG box transcription factor BBX	Bbx	IP100625898	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.46	3.35			
Suppressor of fused homolog	Sufu	IP100124718	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.46	66.24			
Putative uncharacterized protein	Tic13	IP100895079	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.46	1.28			
Arylsulfatase A	Arsa	IP100607957	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.44	0.96			
Clusterin-associated protein 1	Cluap1	IP100277399	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.43	1.41			
Inositol 1,4,5-triphosphate receptor-interacting protein	Itrp1	IP100420315	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.43	1.01			
Arhgef5 protein	Arhgef5	IP100855144	/	4	1.26	1.09	2	1.22	0.87	1	1.43	0.65		
VPS10 domain-containing receptor SorCS2	Sorcs2	IP100110262	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.43	0.54			
Putative uncharacterized protein	Ugt2b1	IP100153143	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.42	1.08			
Vitamin K-dependent gamma-carboxylase	Ggex	IP100136012	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.39	1.45			
Ankyrin repeat domain-containing protein 46	Ankrd46	IP100225335	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.38	1.05			
Ribosome biogenesis protein NSA2 homolog	Tinp1	IP100468437	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.38	1.09			
Metalloproteinase inhibitor 1	Timp1	IP100114403	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.37	0.81			
Kinesin-like protein KIF21A	Kif21a	IP100454081	1	1.21	1.09	2	1.24	1.06	1	1.33	1.54	3	1.22	1.01
Sequestosome-1	Sqstm1	IP100474373	/	/	/	/	/	/	11	1.35	1.15			
Cartilage-associated protein	Crtap	IP100111370	/	/	/	/	/	/	6	1.34	1.21			
Retinitis pigmentosa 1-like 1 protein	Rp111	IP100229529	/	/	/	/	/	/	4	1.34	0.88			
UDP-glucuronosyltransferase 1-6	Ugt1a6	IP100134432	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.34	1.07			
Serine proteinase inhibitor mBM2A	Spi15	IP100115683	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.33	1.26			
Phosphatidylinositol-4-phosphate 5-	Pip5k1c	IP100655177	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.32	1.27			

kinase type-1 gamma										
MAP kinase-activating death domain protein	Madd	IP100620097	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.32	1.06
Putative uncharacterized protein	Pi4ka	IP100831560	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.30	0.95
Mps one binder kinase activator-like 2	Mob2	IP100139718	/	/	/	/	/	3	1.30	1.10
Ras-related protein Rab-3B	Rab3b	IP100113112	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.29	1.04
Calcium-transporting ATPase type 2C member 2	Atp2c2	IP100849112	/	/	/	/	/	4	1.29	1.13
Alanine aminotransferase 2	Gpt2	IP100265352	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.29	8.75
Glutathione S-transferase A1	Gsta1	IP100554953	/	/	/	/	/	3	1.29	1.29
Plectin-1	Plec1	IP100421271	/	/	/	/	/	3	1.28	1.19
MKIAA0480 protein	Cep350	IP100118304	/	/	/	/	/	180	1.28	1.31
STAR-related lipid transfer protein 5	Stard5	IP100284769	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.28	0.78
MKIAA0657 protein	Obsl1	IP100403485	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.28	1.38
Putative uncharacterized protein	EG433762	IP100463111	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.28	1.07
Carbohydrate kinase domain-containing protein	Carkd	IP100894581	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.28	1.07
3-ketoacyl-CoA thiolase B, peroxisomal	Acaa1b	IP100122139	/	/	/	/	/	6	1.27	1.10
Plakophilin-4	Plk4	IP100473693	/	/	/	/	/	9	1.26	1.14
Influenza virus NS1A-binding protein homolog	Ivns1abp	IP100420559	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.24	1.52
DNA polymerase	Pold1	IP100313515	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.24	1.60
PH and SEC7 domain-containing protein 3	Psd3	IP100874973	/	/	/	/	/	8	1.24	0.93
TSC22 domain family protein 1	Tsc22d1	IP100420803	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.24	1.76
Interferon-induced 35 kDa protein homolog	Ifi35	IP100261188	/	/	/	/	/	3	1.23	1.11
RRP15-like protein	Rrp15	IP100458958	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.23	0.96
GTP-binding protein 8	Gtpbp8	IP100110725	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.23	1.09
								1	1.23	1.23

Fibronectin type-III domain-containing protein 3a	Fndc3a	IP100356888	/	/	/	/	1	1.23	1.14
Protein FAM122B	Fam122b	IP100798493	/	/	/	/	1	1.23	1.21
Paired amphipathic helix protein Sin3b	Sin3b	IP100608092	/	/	2	1.22	1.07	1.23	0.98
NEDD4 family-interacting protein 1	Ndfip1	IP100850592	/	/	/	/	2	1.23	1.19
Autophagy-related protein 2 homolog B	Atg2b	IP100377925	/	/	/	/	2	1.21	1.07
TATA box-binding protein-like protein 1	Tbpl1	IP100131818	/	/	/	/	1	1.21	14.24

The data were then analysed using the bio-informatic software DAVID (<http://david.abcc.ncifcrf.gov/>) in order to determine if there are any links between the identified proteins that have previously been identified in the literature. The software identifies significant enrichment of gene ontology (GO) terms i.e. the process or processes in which the gene(s) function are over represented in the data set.

In total 15 GO terms were significantly enriched in the down-regulated proteins (table 3.7.) whereas no GO terms were identified as significantly enriched from the up-regulated proteins. It is obvious from the identified GO terms that the overarching factor in these terms is the effect on lipid small molecules. The 8 most significantly enriched terms are related to the biosynthesis and processing of sterols, cholesterol, steroid and lipids. Thus, it is clear, and unsurprising, that treatment of SN4741 cells with 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol results in alterations in the biosynthesis and processing of a variety of lipid molecules.

Table 3.7. Gene Ontology terms identified as enriched after DAVID bio-informatic analysis. GO terms significantly enriched after p-value correction (Benjamini) are shown. Proteins up and down regulated were analysed independently but all significantly enriched GO terms identified were from the down regulated proteins data.

Term	Count	Fold Enrichment	p-value	Benjamini
Sterol biosynthetic process	13	30.96	2.59E-15	3.32E-12
Cholesterol biosynthetic process	12	37.28	3.33E-15	2.17E-12
Sterol metabolic process	16	14.85	1.39E-13	6.05E-11
Cholesterol metabolic process	15	15.31	6.34E-13	2.06E-10
Steroid biosynthetic process	14	14.09	1.43E-11	3.72E-09
Steroid metabolic process	17	7.54	8.37E-10	1.82E-07
Lipid biosynthetic process	19	4.76	9.65E-08	1.80E-05
Lipid metabolic process	29	2.98	4.01E-07	6.53E-05
Alcohol metabolic process	19	3.77	2.93E-06	4.23E-04
Oxidation reduction	26	2.76	7.11E-06	9.25E-04
Isoprenoid biosynthetic process	6	19.49	1.08E-05	0.001
Isoprenoid metabolic process	7	10.21	5.74E-05	0.006
Transport	54	1.65	1.52E-04	0.015
Establishment of localization	54	1.64	1.81E-04	0.017
Cellular lipid metabolic process	18	2.67	4.19E-04	0.036

In addition to the GO terms identified the analysis of the down-regulated proteins identified a number of KEGG pathways as enriched (table 3.8) though only 2 pathways had significant Benjamini corrected p-values. Again, unsurprisingly, the most significantly enriched pathways were those related to steroid biosynthesis and terpenoid backbone synthesis. These pathways have a large number of previously identified SREBP2 regulated proteins. It is interesting to note that despite not being significantly enriched after correction of the p-value the KEGG pathways of both Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease, 2 neurodegenerative diseases, were identified as enriched.

Table 3.8. KEGG Pathways identified as enriched by DAVID bio-informatic analysis of down regulated proteins. Benjamini is the corrected p-value required after multiple analysis.

Kegg Pathway	Count	IPI Number	Fold Enrichment	p-value	Benjamini
Steroid biosynthesis	8	IPI00338068, IPI00137471, IPI00474810, IPI00169958, IPI00130988, IPI00316067, IPI00128692, IPI00458711, IPI00133526	32.15	1.77E-09	2.08E-07
Terpenoid backbone biosynthesis	7	IPI00849448, IPI00319950, IPI00756996, IPI00120457, IPI00133709, IPI00331707, IPI00228253	34.15	2.09E-08	1.22E-06
Cardiac muscle contraction	6	IPI00224210, IPI00121550, IPI00131176, IPI00114377, IPI00129516, IPI00225390	5.25	5.18E-03	0.183
Oxidative phosphorylation	7	IPI00224210, IPI00131176, IPI00313841, IPI00114377, IPI00318645, IPI00129516, IPI00225390	3.68	0.01	0.275
Parkinson's disease	7	IPI00648249, IPI00224210, IPI00131176, IPI00923056, IPI00114377, IPI00129516, IPI00225390	3.60	0.01	0.249
Natural killer cell mediated cytotoxicity	6	IPI00133132, IPI00322542, IPI00881074, IPI00136110, IPI00856542, IPI00665857	3.36	0.03	0.461
Alzheimer's disease	7	IPI00224210, IPI00131176, IPI00114377, IPI00117124, IPI00665857, IPI00129516, IPI00225390	2.63	0.05	0.555
Calcium signalling pathway	7	IPI00471089, IPI00133132, IPI00466672, IPI00626433, IPI00831180, IPI00263265, IPI00665857	2.50	0.06	0.578
Biosynthesis of unsaturated fatty acids	3	IPI00129362, IPI00117142, IPI00318108	7.59	0.06	0.537
Focal adhesion	7	IPI00626433, IPI00117829, IPI00136110, IPI00828653, IPI00421218, IPI00136701, IPI00110508	2.41	0.07	0.550
Butanoate metabolism	3	IPI00135189, IPI00331707, IPI00228253	5.54	0.099	0.672

The proteins identified as up-regulated were also analysed to identify enriched pathways (table 3.9). No significant changes in enrichment were identified after correction of the p-value. Thus, it appears that treatment of SN4741 cells with 10 μ M 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol fails to up-regulate specific pathways *en masse* but rather up-regulates single unrelated proteins.

Table 3.9. Kegg Pathways identified as enriched by DAVID bio-informatic analysis of up-regulated proteins. Benjamini is the corrected p-value required after multiple analysis.

Kegg Pathway	Count	IPI Number	Fold Enrichment	p-value	Benjamini
Metabolism of xenobiotics by cytochrome P450	5	IPI00323911 IPI00890112 IPI00111222 IPI00554953 IPI00134432 IPI00153143	7.01	0.005	0.415
Drug metabolism	5	IPI00323911 IPI00890112 IPI00111222 IPI00554953 IPI00134432 IPI00153143	6.17	0.008	0.344
Ribosome	4	IPI00880213 IPI00466820 IPI00849113 IPI00869475	4.16	0.068	0.916
Fc gammaR-mediated phagocytosis	4	IPI00272878 IPI00229848 IPI00655177 IPI00117274	3.78	0.086	0.904

As mentioned earlier some of the proteins identified had weak evidence of changes in expression either due to a low number of peptides or due to the fact that they were not identified in all biological replicates. Thus, in order to determine proteins with stronger evidence of expression changes the data presented in table 3.5. and table 3.6. were re-examined. Proteins identified with only 1 peptide were excluded. In addition, proteins only identified in 1 biological replicate were also excluded. Finally, proteins only identified with low-scoring peptides or where there was a large variability between peptides were excluded. The flowchart for data analysis is shown in figure 3.12. Thus, reliable, reproducible data was extracted from the data (table 3.10).

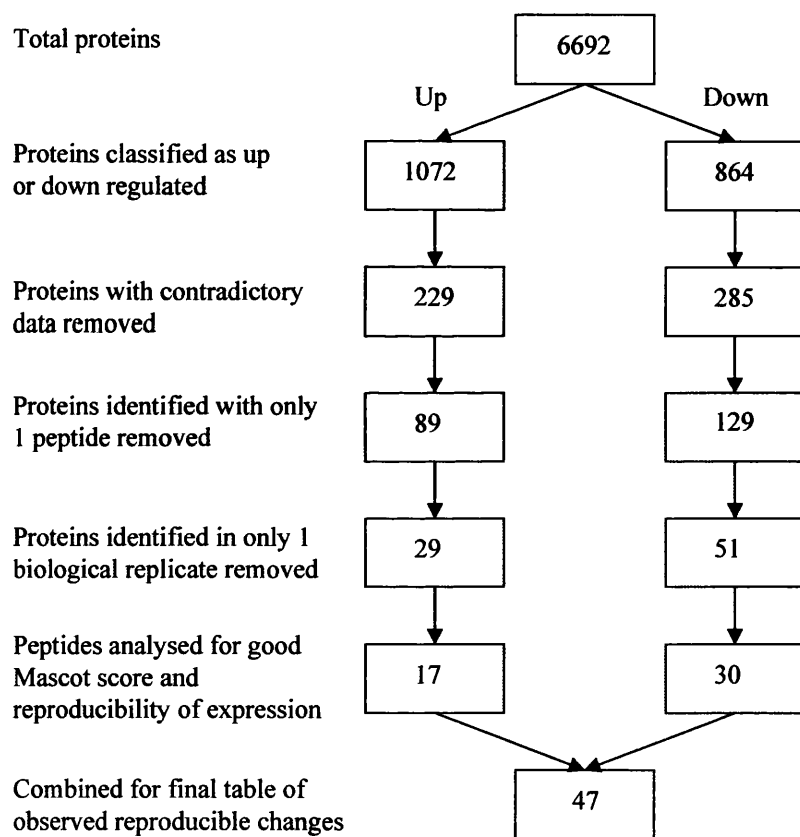


Figure 3.12. Flowchart of data analysis showing the process by which protein expression data was rejected in order to identify reproducible changes in the proteome. Of the 6692 unique proteins identified in the 3 biological replicates only 47 (0.7%) had strong, reproducible evidence of a change in protein expression.

It can be seen that previously identified changes associated with inhibition of SREBP2 processing by oxysterols are reliably observed in all 3 biological replicates after treatment with 10 μ M 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol (table 3.10). The synthetic LXR ligand GW3965, as expected, had no effect on the transcription of these genes. It is important to recognise that despite these proteins being previously identified and well characterised as regulated by SREBP2, and therefore, by oxysterols via INSIG, it is critical to the reliability of the SILAC experimental design that known changes expected with 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol are identified successfully in order to have confidence that other unexpected changes are true. In addition, ABCA1 expression was up-regulated after treatment with both 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol and GW3965. ABCA1 expression is dependent on LXR activation. As both 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol and GW3965 are ligands for LXR it again validates the methodology that a predicted change is observed after analysis of the proteomic data.

A number of proteins reproducibly identified as having a changed expression had links to cholesterol, phospholipids or fatty acids (table 3.10). However, other proteins, with no apparent link to lipids were also identified as having a changed expression. For example, two proteins that were reproducibly observed as being up regulated were Golgi apparatus protein 1 and macrophage colony stimulating factor.

Table 3.10. Summary of reproducible changes in protein expression. For the 3 biological replicates the mean SILAC ratio compared to control derived from the Orbitrap and Velos instruments is shown.

Protein Name	Gene	PI Number	24S_25-EC			GW3965			
			Biological Replicate						
			1	2	3	1	2	3	
Acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase, cytosolic	Acat2	PI00228555	0.62	0.54	0.54	1.21	0.97	1.07	Cholesterol Synthesis
Acetoacetyl-CoA synthetase	Aacs	PI00135185	0.69	0.70	0.68	1.06	1.02	1.04	
HMG-CoA synthase	Hmgcs1	PI00331707	0.31	0.21	0.21	1.01	1.02	1.09	
Mevalonate kinase	Mva	PI00125732	0.72	0.54	0.70	1.01	0.90	0.99	
Phosphomevalonate kinase	Pmvk	PI00133709	0.49	0.54	0.76	1.06	1.20	1.22	
PP mevalonate decarboxylase	Mvd	PI00213950	0.44	0.42	0.45	1.04	0.93	1.07	
Isopentenyl-PP isomerase	Idi1	PI00649448	0.42	0.34	0.43	1.03	1.10	1.14	
Farnesyl PP synthase	Fdos	PI00120457	0.53	0.53	0.53	1.06	1.03	1.07	
Squalene synthase	Sdft1	PI00333068	n.d.	0.16	0.19	n.d.	1.54	1.64	
Lanosterol synthase	Lss	PI00169958	0.42	0.48	0.51	1.07	1.04	1.17	
Sterol 14-demethylase	Cyp51	PI00488711	0.42	0.25	0.29	1.02	0.97	1.02	
Sterol-4-alpha-carboxylate 3-dehydrogenase, decarboxylat	Nsdhl	PI00135692	0.50	0.50	0.58	1.04	1.02	1.18	
3-ketosteroid reductase	Hsd17b7	PI00474810	0.51	0.62	0.57	0.98	1.16	1.17	
Cholesterol delta(14)-isomerase	Eop	PI00137471	0.64	0.76	0.62	1.11	0.92	0.86	
Acetyl-CoA carboxylase 1	Acac	PI00648448	1.11	1.05	1.08	1.28	1.26	1.21	Fatty Acid Synthesis and Metabolism
Fatty acid synthase	Fasn	PI00113923	1.00	0.86	0.94	1.37	1.23	1.26	
Long-chain-fatty-acid CoA ligase 3	Acs3	PI00169772	0.84	0.82	0.86	1.34	1.38	1.39	
Fatty acid desaturase 2	Fads2	PI00139962	n.d.	0.48	0.63	n.d.	0.96	0.95	
Acyl-CoA synthetase short-chain family member 2	Acs2	PI00752027	0.49	0.44	0.54	1.07	1.17	1.35	Lipid Synthesis and Metabolism
Phosphatidate phosphatase LPIN1	Lpin1	PI00358653	0.67	0.67	0.44	1.12	0.92	0.95	
Mid1-interacting protein 1	Mid1o1	PI00213884	1.03	n.d.	1.07	1.33	n.d.	1.32	
Phosphoethanolamine cytidylyltransferase	Pect2	PI00211395	0.72	0.59	0.67	1.05	1.04	1.14	Phospholipid synthesis
UTP:phosphocholine cytidylyltransferase A	Pect1a	PI00115490	0.955	0.865	0.85	0.995	0.995	1.005	
6-phosphofructokinase type C	Pfkfb	PI00217975	n.d.	1.39	1.20	n.d.	1.44	1.28	Glycolysis
Low-density lipoprotein receptor	Ldlr	PI00312063	0.51	0.36	0.27	0.92	0.76	0.80	
Oxysterol receptor LXR-beta	Lxr2	PI00119090	n.d.	1.09	1.04	n.d.	1.13	1.23	Receptors and Plasma Membrane
CD44 antigen	Cd44	PI00412802	n.d.	0.76	0.76	n.d.	0.85	0.99	
Integrin beta-5	Itpb5	PI00217953	0.63	0.79	0.94	0.82	0.72	0.78	
Integrin alpha V	Itpav	PI00217198	0.82	0.82	0.78	0.94	0.73	0.80	
Caveolin-1	Cav1	PI00117829	0.61	0.65	0.60	0.76	0.80	0.61	
ABCA1	Abca1	PI00689843	1.34	1.13	1.16	1.71	1.71	1.61	Transport
ABCA7	Abca7	PI00135970	1.48	1.26	1.28	1.03	0.99	0.96	
StAR-related lipid transfer protein 4	Star4	PI00220022	n.d.	0.39	0.34	n.d.	1.06	1.07	
Collagen type IV alpha-3-binding protein	Col4a3bp	PI00111167	1.28	1.47	1.52	1.08	1.20	1.10	
Mtch2 protein	Mtch2	PI00257902	n.d.	0.63	0.49	n.d.	0.76	0.46	
Retinol dehydrogenase 11	Rsdh1	PI00136093	0.63	0.77	0.60	1.02	0.96	1.07	Other
Cornifin-A	Son1a	PI00133458	0.77	0.57	0.71	0.97	0.91	0.90	
V-type proton ATPase subunit d1	Atp6d	PI00213841	0.75	0.79	0.72	0.69	0.82	0.69	
Histone H3.3-Like isoform 1	Hm3421	PI00251632	n.d.	0.93	1.00	n.d.	0.69	0.72	
Alpha-1,3-mannosyltransferase ALG2	Alg2	PI00121578	0.90	1.02	n.d.	1.28	1.40	n.d.	
Golgi sialoglycoprotein MG-160	Es1	PI00123399	1.25	1.33	1.51	0.94	0.87	1.05	
Annexin A6 isoform B	Anx6	PI00310240	1.16	1.18	1.29	1.23	1.32	1.46	
Kinesin-like protein KIF214	Kif214	PI00484081	1.23	1.28	1.36	1.08	1.28	1.09	
Macrophage colony-stimulating factor 1	Csf1	PI00125132	1.23	1.35	1.41	1.00	1.18	0.99	
Glutathione S-transferase A4	Gsta	PI00213911	n.d.	1.30	1.52	n.d.	1.42	1.05	
Aldehyde dehydrogenase family 3, subfamily A1	Aldh3a1	PI00290112	1.34	1.84	1.55	1.27	1.23	1.22	
FK506 binding protein 10	Fkbp10	PI00242194	n.d.	1.43	1.74	n.d.	1.04	1.11	



3.3. Discussion

The proteomic analysis of SN4741 cells after treatment with 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol and GW3965 identified a large number of proteins. In total, 6692 unique proteins were identified with ≥ 1 peptide in the 3 biological replicates (figure 3.12). However, the majority of proteins in each replicate were identified with 2 or more peptides (table 3.2). Thus, it is clear that the experimental approach of strong cation exchange to reduce the sample complexity followed by LC-MS was successful when judged by the total number of observed proteins in the experiments. In addition, the SILAC labelling adopted gave a wealth of data that required painstaking analysis to extract the most reliable data. From a technical perspective, it was clear that the Orbitrap Velos was the instrument that performed better as it consistently identified more peptides, and therefore proteins, than the LTQ-Orbitrap instrument (table 3.2).

A large number of proteins were identified as having an altered expression after treatment with 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol. In total 1072 up-regulated and 864 down-regulated proteins were identified in the 3 biological replicates (Appendix 1, Appendix 2). However, analysis of these proteins identified a significant number with contradictory data in a different data set (e.g. up-regulated in one dataset but no change in the others; Appendix 1, Appendix 2). The analysis of the data to remove these proteins led to a large proportion of them to be rejected as having a change in protein expression. After removal of contradictory proteins 229 (21.4%) up-regulated proteins and 285 (33.0%) down regulated proteins remained (table 3.5, table 3.6, fig 3.12). These data give a clear indication of the necessity of multiple biological replicates in proteomic studies.

The proteins identified as changed were then analysed by using the online software DAVID in order to identify GO terms and pathways significantly up or down-regulated in the data set. No GO terms or KEGG pathways were up-regulated with statistical significance. Therefore, it appears from these data that 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol up-regulates individual proteins and not whole pathways. In comparison, there was significant down regulation of 15 GO terms (table 3.7). In addition, 2 KEGG pathways were down-regulated after Benjamini correction - steroid biosynthesis and terpenoid backbone biosynthesis. It is unsurprising that these pathways are down-regulated as their expression is controlled by SREBP2.

The proteins identified in tables 3.5 and 3.6 have no contradictory data. However, the majority of the identified proteins have been identified as having a change in expression have only weak evidence to support the observation. A reliance on a SILAC ratio measurement from a single peptide can lead to experimental error. Similarly a protein observed in only one biological replicate can have an erroneous measurement. This is clear from the number of proteins with observed changes in expression being rejected as due to having contradictory data in a different biological replicate (figure 3.12). Thus, proteins that were only identified with one peptide or in one biological replicate were rejected.

The final analysis of the identified proteins was to examine their individual peptides used to identify the protein. The Mascot scores and the reproducibility of the SILAC ratios between peptides used to identify and quantify the same protein were examined. Proteins identified only with peptides with low Mascot scores were rejected. In addition, proteins identified with a number of unique peptides with a large variation in the SILAC quantification ratio were also rejected. This ensured that the proteins remaining were identified in multiple biological replicates, with multiple peptides and that the peptides used for identification had good Mascot scores and low variability of the SILAC ratio. Thus, the final 47 proteins presented in table 3.10 are the proteins with the most robust evidence of changes in expression. The rejection of the vast majority of the proteins identified as changed is a necessary evil in order to have the final outcome of a reliable, but much smaller, set of data.

It is clear that from the data presented here the SILAC proteomic approach was successful in identifying proteins, both known and novel, which are sensitive to 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol treatment and with a reproducible response (table 3.10). Both instruments identified expected SREBP2 regulated changes in protein expression of enzymes involved in the cholesterol synthesis pathway after 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol treatment. It is unlikely that any observed changes were due to toxicity as it was shown that 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol was non-toxic to SN4741 cells (fig 3.1; fig 3.2; fig 3.3). In addition, the rigorous criteria by which the data was analysed meant that the protein expression data presented here are trustworthy.

However, further validation of these data is required in order to determine how 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol induces the observed changes in protein expression. Thus

in the next chapter work will be conducted in order to elucidate the mechanisms involved.

CHAPTER 4: FURTHER ANALYSIS OF 24(S),25-EPOXYCHOLESTEROL INDUCED PROTEIN EXPRESSION CHANGES IN SN4741 NEURONS

4.1. Introduction

24(S),25-epoxycholesterol induces changes in the proteome of SN4741 cells. This effect is apparent in the proteomic data presented in Chapter 3 where 47 proteins were identified as changed reliably and reproducibly (table 3.10). Therefore, there is already evidence these proteins are sensitive to 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol. However, further analysis is required in order to validate the results and elucidate the mechanism by which 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol induces these changes.

It is already known that 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol can increase gene expression by activating the transcription factor LXR (section 1.1.5.2.). In addition, previous work has shown that oxysterols can prevent gene transcription regulated by SREBP2 (section 1.1.5.1). Thus, there is precedent for oxysterols inducing changes in gene expression by altering transcription of mRNA. Therefore, in order to investigate whether the observed changes in protein expression correlated with a change in the transcription of mRNA qPCR can be performed. These experiments will lead to understanding the mechanism by which 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol is inducing the observed changes.

In addition, further analysis of the protein expression changes at the protein level can be performed to validate and clarify the observed data in the SILAC proteomic experiments. An obvious example would be the use of Western blotting in order to confirm changes in protein expression. In addition, other techniques can be used to examine specific attributes of a protein observed as having changed. For example, ELISA can be used to examine if changes in expression correlate to changes in secretion of a given protein.

It is possible that secondary effects may influence changes in both protein expression and localisation as oxysterols reduce cholesterol synthesis due to inhibition of SREBP2. Thus, in the presence of 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol the cholesterol content of SN4741 cells will be reduced. Cholesterol is an essential component of membranes and therefore a reduction in the cholesterol level may disrupt the cellular membrane

and lead to changes in protein expression and localisation. Therefore, the observed protein expression changes in the SILAC experiments may be due to changes in the cellular cholesterol level. In this instance immunofluorescence may be used as an adjunct to examine changes in the localisation of a protein after treatment with 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol.

In summary, the aim of this chapter is to further investigate and discuss the changes identified in the SILAC quantitative proteomic experiments.

4.2. Results

4.2.1. Validation of Known Oxysterol Regulated Genes Identified by SILAC

The SILAC proteomic data led to the identification of known SREBP2 regulated genes in the cholesterol synthesis pathway to be identified reproducibly as down-regulated after treatment with 10 μ M 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol (table 3.10). The synthetic LXR ligand GW3965, as expected, did not down-regulate these genes. However, from these data it appears that GW3965 treatment resulted in the up-regulation of squalene synthase. It is important to recognise that despite these proteins being previously identified and well characterised as regulated by SREBP2, and therefore, by oxysterols via INSIG, it is critical to the reliability of the SILAC experimental design that known changes expected with 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol are identified successfully in order to have confidence that other unexpected changes are true.

Low density lipoprotein receptor (LDLR), another SREBP2 regulated gene, was observed as down regulated by 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol and not by GW3965 at the protein and mRNA level (table 3.10; figure 4.1). Interestingly, the protein expression of LDLR was not classed as down regulated after treatment with the LXR agonist GW3965 though it tended toward a reduced expression; LXR activation has been reported to increase LDLR protein degradation by inducing IDOL mediated ubiquitination in hepatocytes and macrophages (Zelcer *et al.* 2009). To determine if this effect on LDLR was a cell type specific effect initially IDOL expression was measured in SN4741 cells by qPCR. IDOL protein was not identified in the proteomic data set however IDOL mRNA was detected in SN4741 cells (figure 4.2). Therefore, these proteomic data indicate that in SN4741 cells the predominant mechanism of LDLR regulation is through SREBP2.

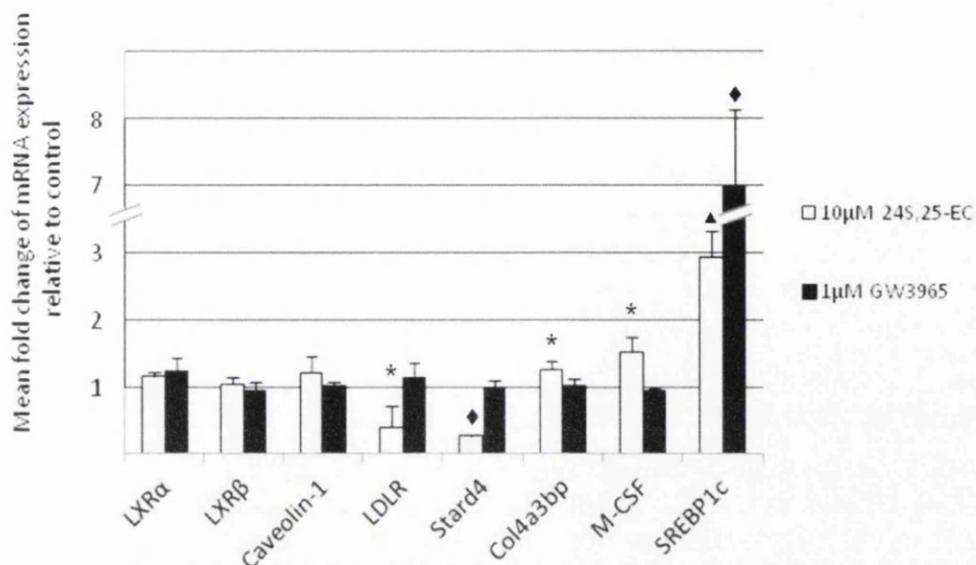


Figure 4.1. SN4741 reverse transcription qPCR. qPCR was performed on RNA extracted from SN4741 cells treated with vehicle, 1µM GW3965 or 10µM 24(S),25 epoxycholesterol. Data shown is presented as mean fold change in mRNA expression compared with control; n=3, compared with control * p<0.05, Student's t-test; ▲ p<0.01, Student's t-test, ♦ p<0.001, Student's two tailed t-test.

A number of other genes previously identified as regulated by oxysterols had changes in their expression identified. The LXR regulated gene ABCA1, when identified was up-regulated after treatment with 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol and GW3965 (table 3.10). StarD4 was down regulated in the presence of 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol but not with GW3965 at the protein and mRNA level (table 3.10; figure 4.1) which tallies with reported SREBP2 regulation (Soccio *et al.* 2005).

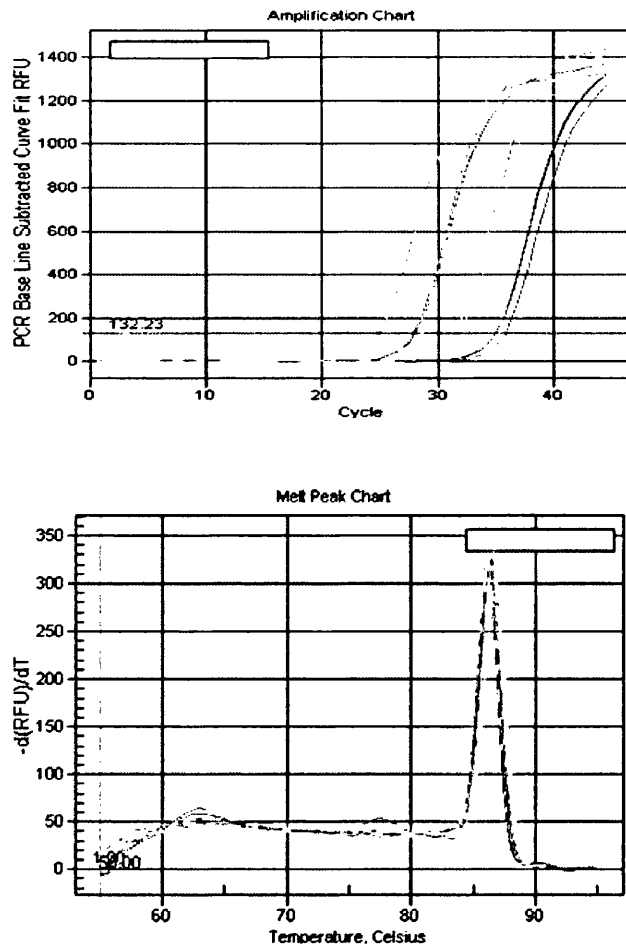


Figure 4.2. IDOL is expressed in SN4741 cells. RT-qPCR indicated the presence of IDOL mRNA in SN4741 cells. cDNA was used neat and at dilutions of 1:10, 1:100 and 1:1000 and qPCR amplification and melt curve plots are shown.

4.2.2. Ligand Binding Induces Up-Regulation of Liver X Receptor β (LXR β)

Liver X receptor (LXR) is a nuclear receptor for which oxysterols are the natural ligand (see section 1.1.5.2). LXR has two isoforms LXR α and LXR β . LXR α was not identified in any of the proteomic data sets. However, in the proteomic data LXR β was identified as up-regulated in the presence of 10 μ M 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol and 1 μ M GW3965 (table 3.9). Therefore, it appears from these data that activation of LXR β by either a natural or synthetic ligand causes an increase in its expression. Therefore, the effect of 10 μ M 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol and 1 μ M GW3965 on

LXR β expression at the mRNA level was measured using RT-qPCR to examine if this change in the protein level was due to increased transcription. LXR α mRNA expression was also analysed as LXR α has been reported to be self regulating in human macrophages and murine adipose tissue (Laffitte *et al.* 2001, Whitney *et al.* 2001, Li *et al.* 2002, Ulven *et al.* 2004). However, in contradiction, there have been conflicting reports of no change in expression of LXR α after ligand activation in murine RAW264.7 macrophages and primary murine macrophages (Laffitte *et al.* 2001, Li *et al.* 2002). Therefore, this effect appears to be cell type specific. In SN4741 cells the expression of LXR α does not appear to self regulating; no change at the gene expression level of LXR α was observed after treatment with GW3965 or 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol. Treatment of SN4741 cells with the LXR ligands (24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol or GW3965) did not affect the level of LXR β mRNA expression.

4.2.3. Fatty Acid Synthesis

The complexity of fatty acid synthesis regulation is demonstrated in these data. Some SREBP1c regulated genes (acetyl-CoA carboxylase 1, long-chain-fatty-acid CoA ligase 3, fatty acid synthase) involved in fatty acid synthesis were increased after GW3965 treatment (table 3.10), but, despite the induction of SREBP1c mRNA (fig. 4.1) the expression of these genes were not changed after treatment with 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol. Similarly, the previously reported SREBP1 regulated gene, Mid1-interacting protein (Ecker *et al.* 2010) was up-regulated in the presence of GW3965 but not 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol. Interestingly, two genes, fatty acid desaturase 2 and lipin 1, that have been identified as SREBP1 regulated were unaffected by GW3965 (table 3.10; Horton *et al.* 2003). These genes, Fatty acid desaturase 2 and lipin 1 were however down-regulated after treatment with 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol (table 3.5.).

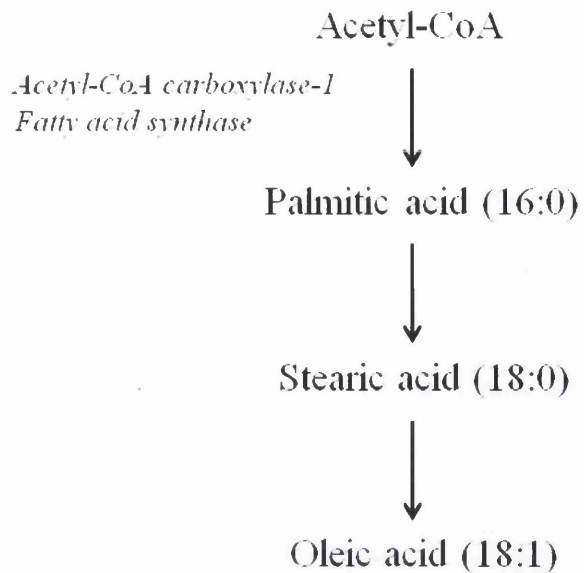


Figure 4.3. Synthesis of the monounsaturated fatty acid oleic acid. The enzymes fatty acid synthase and acetyl-CoA carboxylase-1 are regulated by SREBP1c and were identified as up-regulated after treatment with GW3965.

4.2.4. Phospholipid Synthesis

Reproducible changes were observed in the proteomic data of proteins involved in the synthesis of phospholipids (figure 4.4.) after treatment with 10 μ M 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol including ethanolamine-phosphate cytidyltransferase and collagen type IV alpha-3-binding protein.

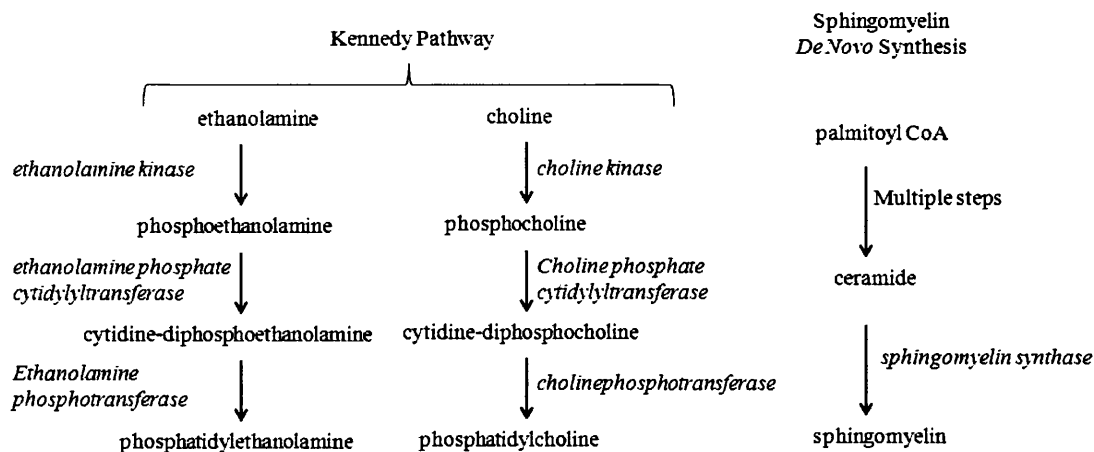


Figure 4.4. Simplified schematic of phospholipid synthesis. Ethanolamine-phosphate cytidyltransferase was identified as down-regulated after treatment with 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol.

4.2.5. Decreased expression of Ethanolamine-phosphate cytidyltransferase

Ethanolamine-phosphate cytidyltransferase (PCyt2) is an enzyme involved in phospholipid biosynthesis and catalyses the reaction of cytidine triphosphate with ethanolamine phosphate yielding cytidine diphosphate-ethanolamine (CDP-ethanolamine) and diphosphate. CDP-ethanolamine is then processed further generating phosphatidylethanolamine. Phosphatidylethanolamine is major component of biological membrane and is found in all cells but is particularly abundant in the central nervous system (Bakovic *et al.* 2007 for review).

In the proteomics datasets PCyt2 was identified and quantified as down regulated reproducibly after treatment with 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol but not with GW3965 suggesting a SREBP2 mediated mechanism (table 3.10). The mean reduction in ethanolamine-phosphate cytidyltransferase protein expression after 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol treatment was 33% less than that of control cell ethanolamine-phosphate cytidyltransferase expression. In order to validate these data Western blotting was performed in SN4741 whole cell lysates. Treatment with 24(*S*),25-

epoxycholesterol was shown to down regulate PCyt2 correlating with the proteomics data (fig 4.5). Densitometry analysis showed that PCyt2 was reduced by 15% in 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol treated cells. This was less than observed in the proteomic experiments but highlighted the same trend. There was no significant change with GW3965

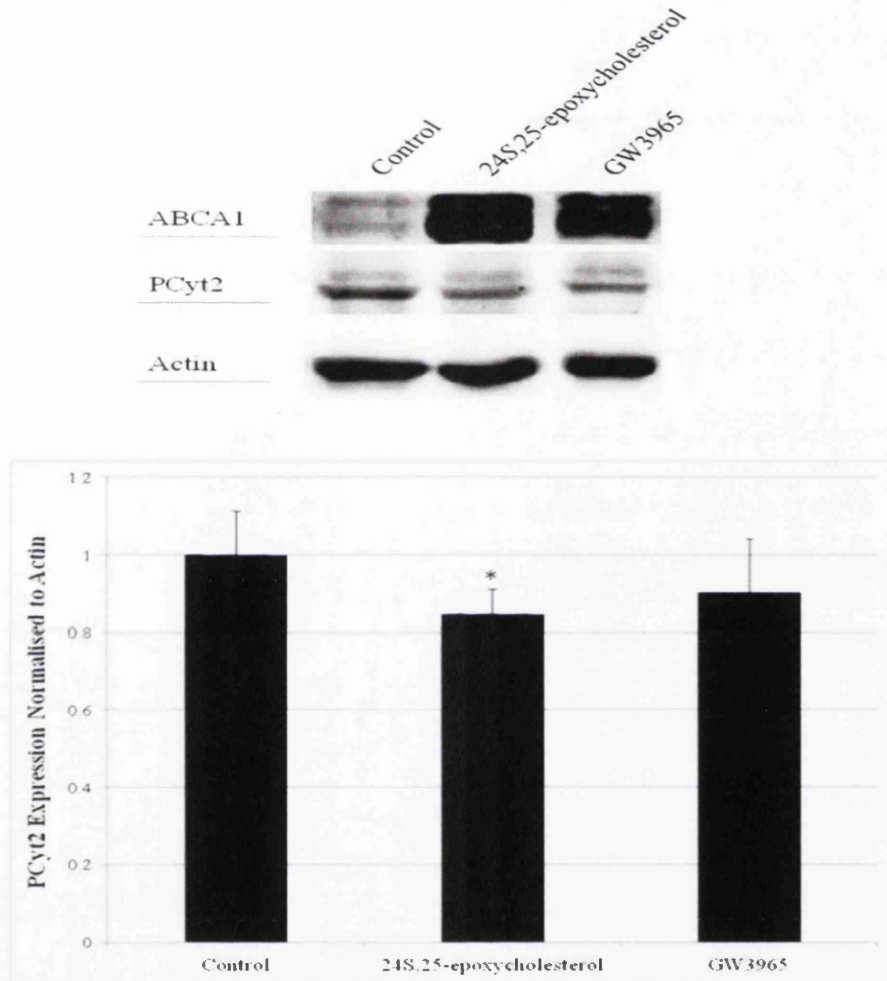


Figure 4.5. Western blotting confirmed the observed down-regulation of phosphoethanolamine cytidylyltransferase (PCyt2) in SN4741 cells. 10 μ M 24(*S*)25 epoxycholesterol decreased the expression of PCyt2 (lane 2) whilst 1 μ M GW3965 had no effect on PCyt2 expression (lane 3). Both GW3965 and 24(*S*)25 epoxycholesterol induced ABCA1 (A lanes 2 and 3). Densitometry showed a significant ($p \leq 0.05$) decrease in PCyt2 expression of 15% compared with control ($n=3$, Student's t-test).

4.2.6. Increased expression of Collagen type IV alpha-3-binding protein

Collagen type IV alpha-3-binding protein (col4a3bp; Ceramide transfer protein; Goodpasture antigen-binding protein; StAR-related lipid transfer protein 11) transfers ceramide from where it is synthesised in the endoplasmic reticulum to the Golgi apparatus where it is utilised in the synthesis of the phospholipid sphingomyelin (Hanada *et al.* 2007 for review). Collagen type IV alpha-3-binding protein has been associated with oxysterol binding protein (OSBP) and the presence of 25-hydroxycholesterol promotes activation of collagen type IV alpha-3-binding protein mediated transfer of ceramide to the Golgi apparatus and, therefore, an increased rate of sphingomyelin synthesis (Perry & Ridgeway 2006). In addition, phosphorylation of OSBP at serine240 by protein kinase D impairs the Golgi localisation of collagen type IV alpha-3-binding protein (Nhek *et al.* 2010). These data suggest a regulatory role for oxysterols in ceramide processing. Interestingly, in some vertebrate species collagen type IV alpha-3-binding protein may have a role in embryo development as in a zebrafish knockout model it appears to play an anti-apoptotic role and is required for normal skeletal muscle and brain growth (Granero-Molto *et al.* 2008).

The proteomics showed that collagen type IV alpha-3-binding protein expression increased reproducibly after treatment with 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol (table 3.10). No change was observed after treatment with GW3965 suggesting an LXR independent mechanism. The identification of collagen type IV alpha-3-binding protein was from multiple peptides and from all biological replicates lending confidence that this observation is a true change (table 3.6). The mean increase in collagen type IV alpha-3-binding protein expression after 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol treatment was 45% more than that of control cell collagen type IV alpha-3-binding protein expression.

In order to determine if the increase observed at the protein level was due to increased transcription RT-qPCR experiments were performed. The mRNA expression of collagen type IV alpha-3-binding protein increased modestly after 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol treatment for 24 hours (fig. 4.1). The increase was of a similar magnitude to the change in protein expression seen in the proteomics data. And whilst this increase was statistically significant the p value was close to the 0.05 limit

($p=0.046$). No change was observed in collagen type IV alpha-3-binding protein mRNA expression after treatment with GW3965.

4.2.7. 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol Effects Caveolin-1 Expression and Localisation

Caveolin-1, a 20-22kDa protein, is a membrane protein that has multiple functions including roles in endocytosis and cell signalling (reviewed in Parton & Simons 2007; Hansen & Nichols 2010). Caveolin-1 forms hairpin loops protruding from the plasma membrane into the cytoplasm by having the C and N termini of the protein anchored to the lipid bilayer. Caveolin can oligomerise with itself and these homooligomers associate with cholesterol and sphingomyelin in order to form caveolae. Caveolae are invaginations in the plasma membrane wall that have many intracellular functions. Each caveolae domain has been estimated to contain 100-200 caveolin proteins and ~10x the number of cholesterol molecules. These hydrophobic parts of the membrane are termed lipid rafts.

Caveolin-1 was identified in the SILAC proteomic experiments as down regulated (table 3.10). Caveolin-1 was identified in all three biological and technical replicates. The mean reduction in caveolin-1 protein expression after 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol treatment was 30% less than that of control cell caveolin-1 expression. Western blotting was performed in order to validate this result. Caveolin-1 showed a decrease in protein expression after 24 hours when measured by immunoblotting (fig 4.6). Densitometry indicates that this observed decrease, when normalised to actin was similar to that observed in the proteomic data for both 24(S)25 epoxycholesterol and GW3965. Caveolin-1 was reduced by 32% in 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol treated cells and 15% in GW3965 treated cells. This was comparable to the observations in the proteomic experiments.

It has been reported that caveolin-1 expression is regulated, at least in part, by changes in the level of cholesterol (Hailstones *et al.* 1998). Moreover, it appears that oxysterols (7-ketocholesterol, 7 α -hydroxycholesterol) can influence the transcription of caveolin-1 (Fielding *et al.* 1997). Therefore, to analyse whether the observed effects on caveolin-1 expression on SN4741 cells was due to changes in transcription RT-qPCR experiments were performed.

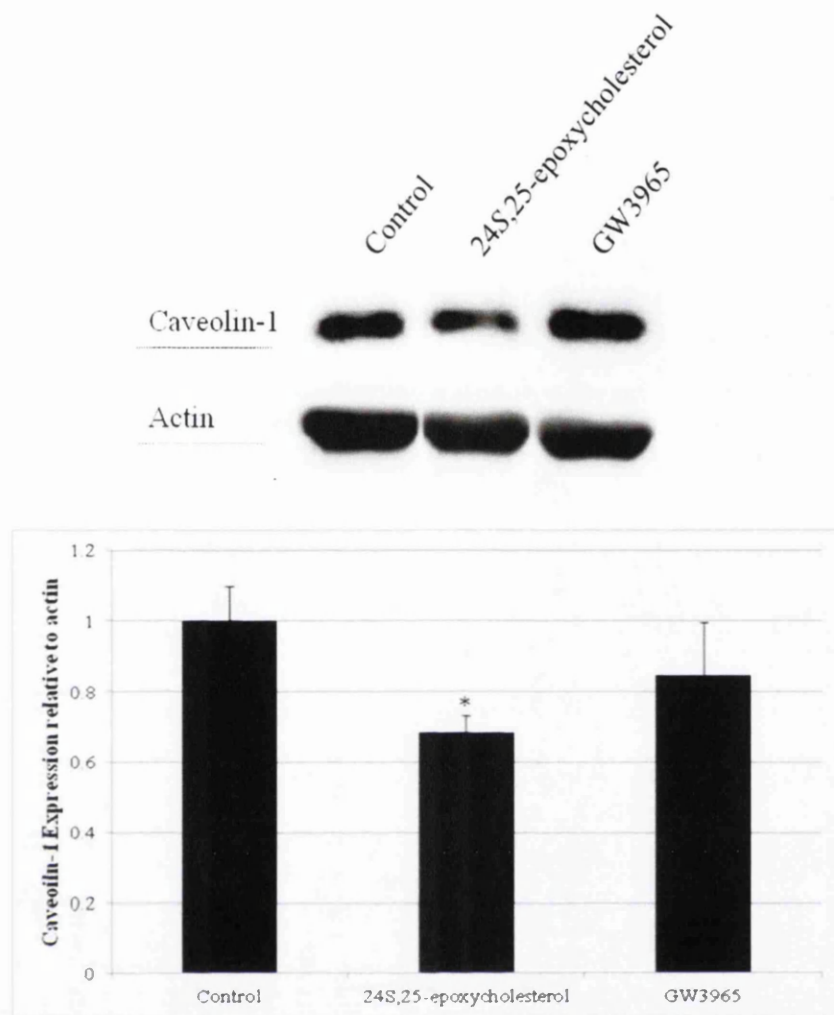


Figure 4.6. Western blotting confirmed the observed down-regulation of caveolin-1 in SN4741 cells. 10 μ M 24(*S*)25-epoxycholesterol and 1 μ M GW3965 decreased the expression of caveolin-1 (lane 2). Results are indicative of 3 independent experiments. Densitometry showed a significant ($p \leq 0.05$) decrease in caveolin-1 expression of 32% after 24(*S*)25-epoxycholesterol treatment but no significant change after GW3965 treatment compared with control ($n=3$, Student's t-test).

Caveolin-1 expression showed no change at the mRNA level after treatment with GW3965 or 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol (fig 4.1). At the protein level 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol induced changes in caveolin-1 that was identified in the proteomics data (table 3.10) and by Western blotting (fig 4.6). This implies that the effect of 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol is due to post-translational effects. As mentioned earlier, lipid rafts that form the subcellular location of caveolin-1 have an abundance of

cholesterol and are usually found on the plasma membrane. Changes in the intracellular cholesterol could potentially affect caveolin-1 by disrupting the composition of lipid rafts. This implies that oxysterols could interfere with caveolin-1 localisation by inhibiting cholesterol synthesis. In order to test this hypothesis immunofluorescence confocal microscopy was undertaken in order to observe the effect in caveolin-1 localisation that oxysterols induced in SN4741 cells.

SN4741 cells fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde showed predominant plasma membrane labelling of caveolin-1 (fig 4.7) Exposure of the SN4741 cells to 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol led to a loss of caveolin-1 from the membrane and a predominantly intracellular location. Incubation with 1 μ M GW3965 did not change the localisation pattern observed. GW3965 induces ABCA1 to export cholesterol but does not reduce cholesterol synthesis. The experimental approach was performed in serum free conditions and therefore this observation might be due to the inability of media to accept the exported cholesterol. Whether there would be a different observation *in vivo* is unclear. In addition other oxysterols were tested. Oxysterols with the greatest affinity for Insig (Radhakrishnan *et al.* 2007) and, therefore, the greatest antagonism of SREBP2 regulated gene transcription led to a more pronounced change in localisation. 24*S*-hydroxycholesterol, 25-hydroxycholesterol and 27-hydroxycholesterol treatment (all at 10 μ M) resulted in localisation being disrupted similarly to 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol. In comparison, 7 α -hydroxycholesterol and 19-hydroxycholesterol, 2 oxysterols that are classed as having intermediate or minimal SREBP2 inhibitory effects respectively, showed a negligible effect on the distribution of caveolin-1 (fig 4.8).

To analyse if the effects of 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol, 24*S*-hydroxycholesterol, 25-hydroxycholesterol and 27-hydroxycholesterol were due to inhibition of cholesterol synthesis, and therefore intracellular cholesterol depletion, SN4741 cells were co-incubated with 10 μ M oxysterol and 250 μ M cholesterol (fig 4.7; fig 4.8). The presence of cholesterol antagonised the changes in caveolin-1 localisation observed after oxysterol treatment alone with a normalisation of signal to the plasma membrane. This suggests that caveolin-1 localisation is regulated, at least partially, by changes in the intracellular cholesterol level. Therefore, these data show that 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol, and other oxysterols, can induce changes in protein

expression and localisation due to indirect effects either by inducing changes on the cellular cholesterol level or by disrupting lipid rafts.

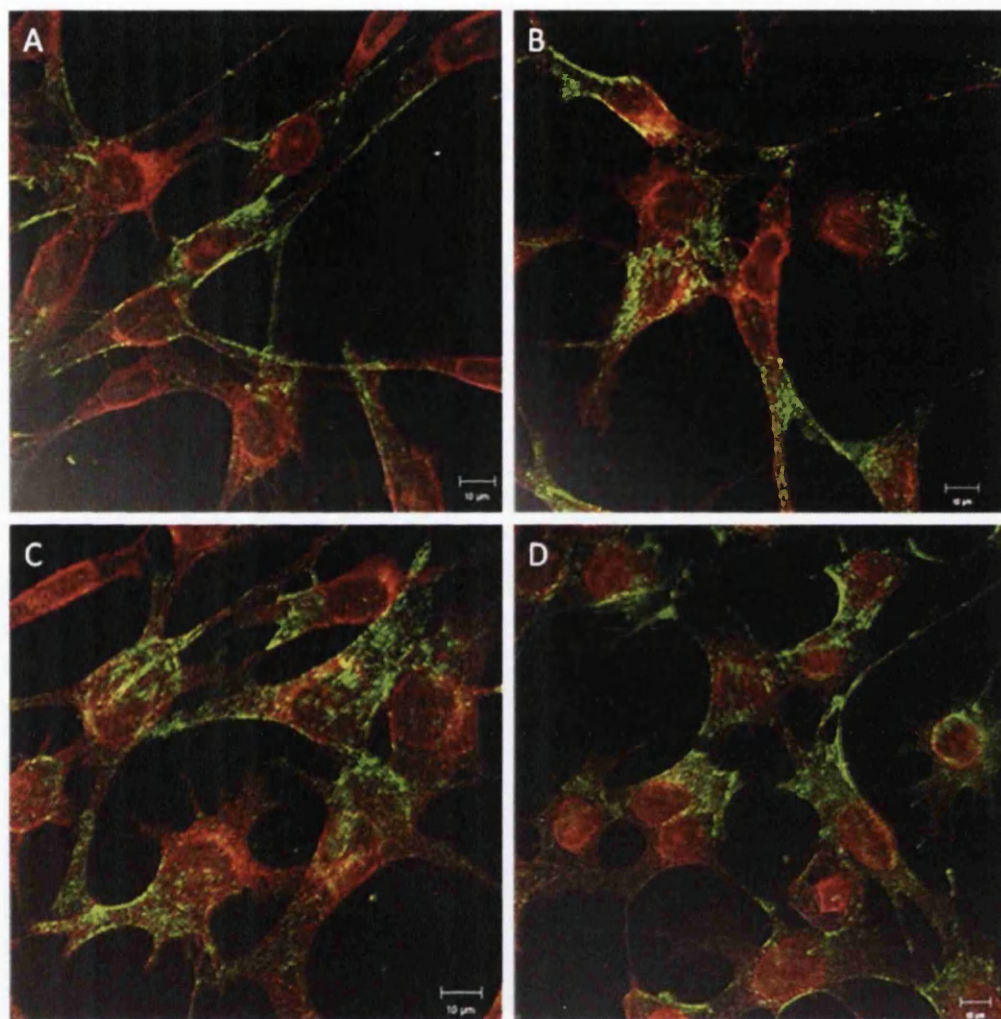


Figure 4.7. Confocal microscopy performed on paraformaldehyde fixed SN4741 cells. Caveolin-1 labelled with monoclonal antibody and using appropriate Alexa 488 labelled secondary. Vehicle treated control cells (A) has a predominant distribution of caveolin-1 on the plasma membrane. Treatment with 1 μM GW3965 (B) and 10 μM 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol (C) led to a reduction in signal located on the cell surface and to a predominantly internal distribution of caveolin-1. Co-incubation of 10 μM 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol with 250 μM cholesterol resulted in caveolin-1 localisation to partially normalise to the plasma membrane (D).

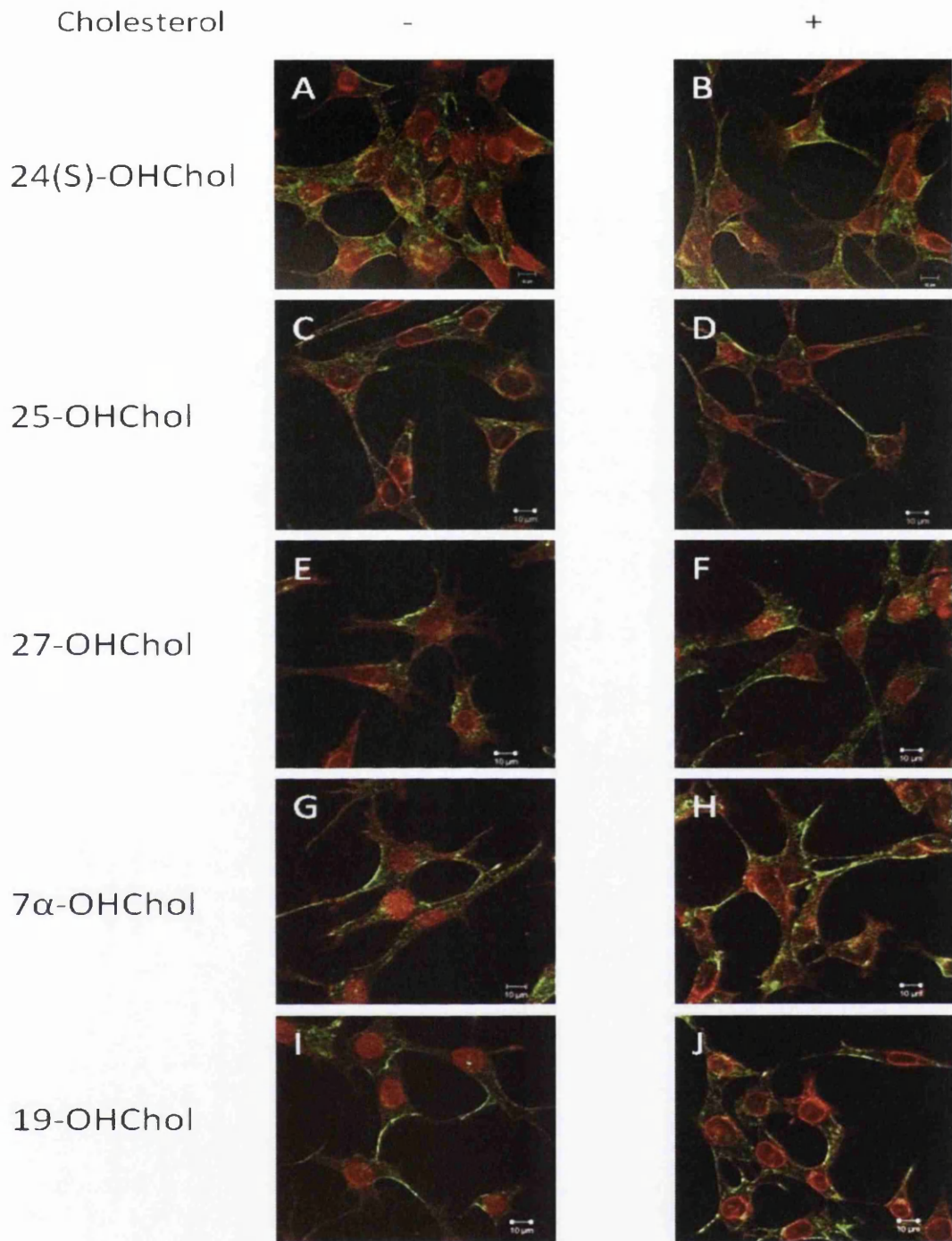


Figure 4.8. Confocal microscopy performed on paraformaldehyde fixed SN4741 cells. Caveolin-1 labelled with monoclonal antibody and using appropriate Alexa 488 labelled secondary. 10 μ M 24S-hydroxycholesterol (24(S)-OHChol, A), 10 μ M 25-hydroxycholesterol (25-OHChol, C), 10 μ M 27-hydroxycholesterol (27-OHChol, E) led to a reduction in signal located on the cell surface and to a predominantly internal distribution of caveolin-1. Co-incubation of 10 μ M 24S-hydroxycholesterol, 10 μ M 25-

hydroxycholesterol, 10 μ M 27-hydroxycholesterol with 250 μ M cholesterol resulted in caveolin-1 localisation to partially normalise to the plasma membrane (B, D, F). 10 μ M 19-hydroxycholesterol (19-OHChol, G) and 10 μ M 7 α -hydroxycholesterol (7 α -OHChol, I) showed no change in signal located on the cell surface. Co-incubation of 10 μ M 19-hydroxycholesterol and 10 μ M 7 α -hydroxycholesterol with 250 μ M cholesterol had no effect (H, J).

4.2.8. Changes in miscellaneous proteins

Other proteins, with no apparent link to cholesterol, phospholipids or fatty acids were also identified as having a changed expression. 2 proteins that were reproducibly observed as being up regulated were Golgi apparatus protein 1 and macrophage colony stimulating factor.

4.2.8.1 Golgi sialoglycoprotein MG-160

Golgi sialoglycoprotein MG-160 (ESL1; GLG1; E-selectin ligand 1; Golgi apparatus protein 1) is a protein associated with the membrane of the Golgi apparatus though its function is unknown (Gonatas *et al.* 1989). It is however, expressed early in embryo development of some vertebrate species suggesting a potential role in development. In chick embryos Golgi sialoglycoprotein MG-160 has been observed as expressed after 3 days with high levels in the notochord, neural tube, somites, and cartilage (Stieber *et al.* 1995).

The proteomics showed that Golgi sialoglycoprotein MG-160 expression increased reproducibly after treatment with 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol (table 3.10). No change was observed after treatment with GW3965 suggesting an LXR independent mechanism. The mean increase in Golgi sialoglycoprotein MG-160 expression after 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol treatment was 36% more than that of control cells Golgi sialoglycoprotein MG-160 protein expression. The identification of Golgi sialoglycoprotein MG-160 was from multiple peptides and from all biological replicates lending confidence that this observation is a true change. To identify this protein at least 3 unique peptides were used whilst the maximum was 22 unique

peptides and thus the large number of peptides identified lends weight to the observed changes in protein expression. However, as a note of caution, no further validation was undertaken.

4.2.8.2. Increased Expression of Macrophage Colony Stimulating Factor

Macrophage colony stimulating factor (MCSF; Colony stimulating factor 1, CSF-1), was identified in the SILAC experiments as up-regulated reproducibly in SN4741 cells after 10 μ M 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol but not 1 μ M GW3965 (table 3.10). MCSF is a α -helical cytokine whose primary role is a inducer of mononuclear cell activity by promoting the survival, proliferation and differentiation of monocytes and macrophages (Sweet & Hume 2003 for review) and acts through MCSF receptor (MCSF-R; c-fms). MCSF deficient mice are macrophage deficient but also suffer from osteopetrosis due to a reduction in osteoclast numbers (Yoshida *et al.* 1990; Wiktor-Jedrzejczak *et al.* 1990). In addition, MCSF deficient mice are infertile suggesting a role in reproduction (Pollard *et al.* 1991). The absence of MCSF results in mental retardation due to abnormal brain development (Michaelson *et al.* 1996). Thus, MCSF is essential for healthy development.

SN4741 cells are a neuronal cell line and therefore due to the implication of oxysterols in brain development the observed proteomic change in MCSF expression warranted further analysis. MCSF was identified in all three biological replicates and 5 of the 6 technical replicates. The mean increase in MCSF protein expression after 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol treatment was ~34% more than that of control cell MCSF expression (table 3.10). However, the change in the proteomic data was unable to be validated by Western blotting the same lysates (fig 4.9). Immunoblotting of SN4741 whole cell lysates showed no change in the level of MCSF after 10 μ M 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol or 1 μ M GW3965 treatment. Densitometry indicates that neither treatment had an effect on the observed level of MCSF.

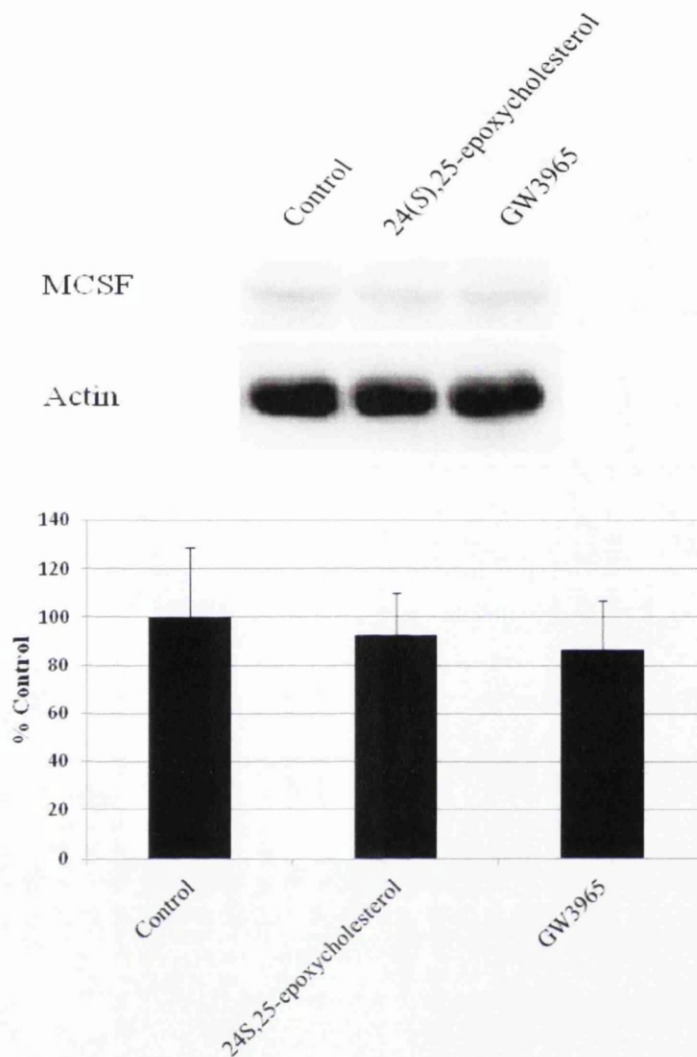


Figure 4.9. Western blotting of SN4741 lysates probing for MCSF. No significant change was observed in MCSF protein expression by Western blotting compared with control after treatment with 10 μ M 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol or 1 μ M GW3965 (n=3, Student's t-test).

To determine if the observed change in the proteomic data resulted from an increase to the transcription of the MCSF gene qRT-PCR was performed. The transcription of MCSF was not increased in the presence of GW3965, 7 α -hydroxycholesterol and 7 β -hydroxycholesterol. In contradiction a modest, but significant, increase was observed after treatment with 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol, 24(S)-hydroxycholesterol, and 25-

hydroxycholesterol (fig 4.10). 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol, 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol and 25-hydroxycholesterol led to a ~1.5 fold increase in the mRNA level after 24 hours of treatment. The oxysterols that caused an increase in MCSF were oxygenated on the side chain and natural efficacious ligands for LXR. However, as GW3965 did not induce any change in the mRNA level of MCSF it can be inferred that the mechanism of action is not through LXR.

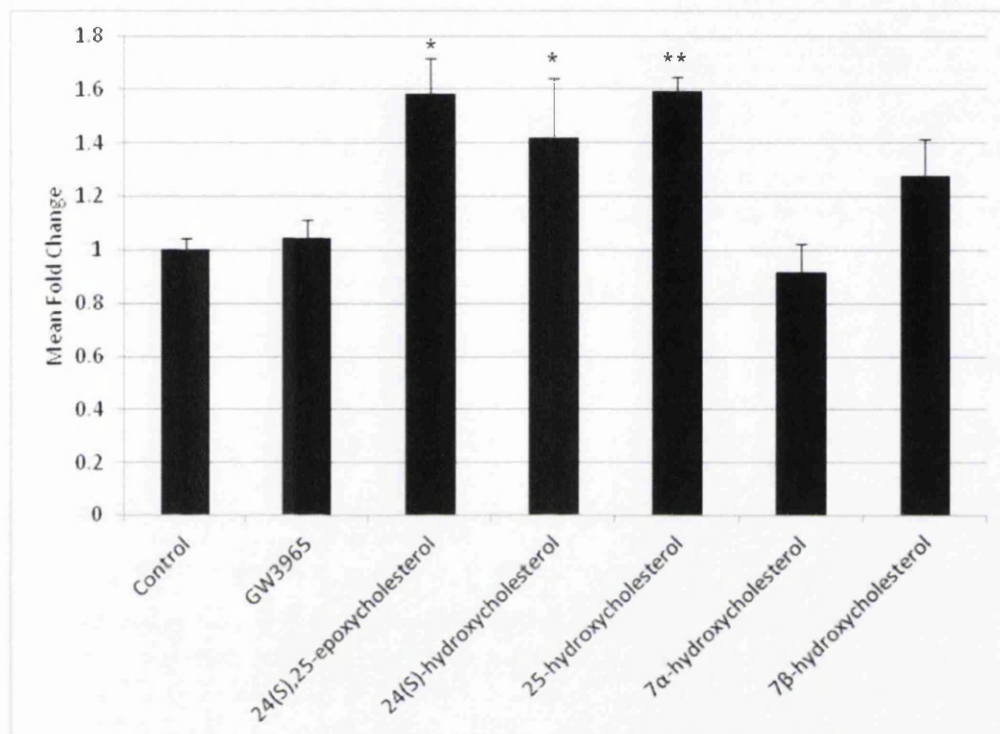


Figure 4.10. qPCR showing mean fold change in MCSF expression in SN4741 cells. Treatment with sidechain oxygenated oxysterols resulted in a modest but statistically significant increase in MCSF expression after 24 hours in an apparently LXR independent mechanism as 1 μ M GW3965 treatment did not result in an observable change in expression. 10 μ M 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol, 10 μ M 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol and 10 μ M 25-hydroxycholesterol increased expression of MCSF ~1.5fold. Ring oxygenated oxysterols (7 α -hydroxycholesterol or 7 β -hydroxycholesterol) did not significantly change the expression of MCSF. Compared with control, n=3, * p<0.05, Student's t-test; ** p<0.01, Student's t-test.

In order to determine if the increased expression of MCSF observed at the protein level in the SILAC proteomic data and at the mRNA level in the qPCR data resulted in an increased secretion from SN4741 cells an enzyme linked immunosorbant assay (ELISA) was performed (fig 4.11). The ELISA allowed the detection of MCSF in the cell culture medium of SN4741 cells treated with vehicle, 1 μ M GW3965 or 10 μ M oxysterol (24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol, 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol, 25-hydroxycholesterol, 7 α -hydroxycholesterol, 7 β -hydroxycholesterol). The concentration of the internal control, supplied as part of the kit, calculated by standard curve fell into the acceptable limits for the assay. MCSF secretion was detected at low levels in SN4741 cells with the concentration in the cell culture media of ~70pg/ml. No differences were observed in the secreted MCSF level between different treatment groups (ANOVA $p > 0.05$).

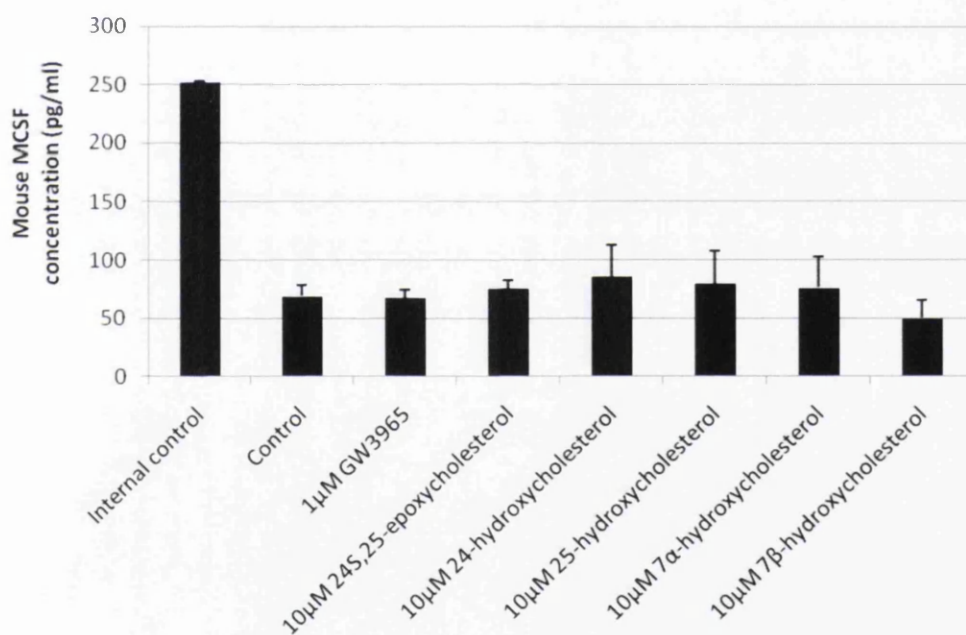


Figure 4.11. ELISA assay of secreted MCSF concentration in SN4741 cell supernatant. No significant difference in MCSF secretion was observed with 1 μ M GW3965 or 10 μ M oxysterol treatment (n=3, ANOVA).

4.2.9. Increased MCSF mRNA expression in THP1 human monocytes.

As mentioned earlier (section 4.2.8.2) MCSF is a cytokine and its biological role includes the inducement of monocytes to differentiate to macrophages. Therefore, following the data from the SN4741 cells that MCSF was modestly up-regulated after oxysterol treatment, experiments were undertaken in THP1 human monocytes in order to determine the effect, if any, oxysterols were inducing.

In THP1 monocytes there was a large response to oxysterols at the mRNA level (fig 4.12). All oxysterol treatments (24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol, 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol, 25-hydroxycholesterol, 7 α -hydroxycholesterol, 7 β -hydroxycholesterol) resulted in an up-regulation in MCSF expression. The greatest response, with a 35 mean fold change compared with control was 25-hydroxycholesterol. The other oxysterols tested (24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol, 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol, 7 α -hydroxycholesterol, 7 β -hydroxycholesterol) gave a reduced but still significant response. These oxysterols gave a varied response with 7 α -hydroxycholesterol < 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol < 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol < 7 β -hydroxycholesterol < 25-hydroxycholesterol. Interestingly, there was no change with GW3965 suggesting an LXR independent mechanism. This is supported by the data that shows that 7 α -hydroxycholesterol, an oxysterol classed as a poor activator of LXR α and LXR β (Janowski *et al.* 1999), is inducing changes in MCSF expression.

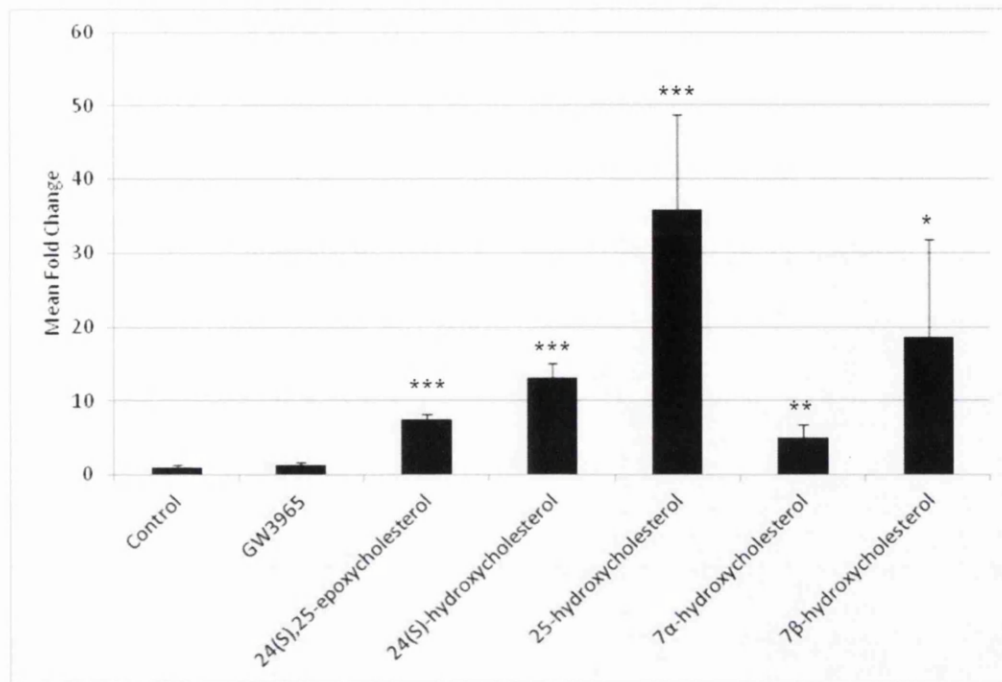


Figure 4.12. qPCR showing mean fold change in MCSF expression in THP1 monocytes. Treatment with sidechain oxygenated oxysterols resulted in a significant increase in MCSF expression. 25-hydroxycholesterol treatment resulted in the greatest observed change after 24 hours in an apparently LXR independent mechanism as 1 μ M GW3965 treatment did not result in an observable change in expression c.f. control. 10 μ M 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol, 10 μ M 24(S)-hydroxycholesterol ($p < 0.05$, Student's t-test) and 10 μ M 25-hydroxycholesterol ($p < 0.01$, Student's t-test) increased MCSF expression. Unlike in SN4741 cells the cholesterol ring oxygenated oxysterols 7 α -hydroxycholesterol and 7 β -hydroxycholesterol also induced significant increases in MCSF gene expression. Compared with control, $n=3$, * $p < 0.05$, Student's t-test; ** $p < 0.01$, Student's t-test, *** $p < 0.001$, Student's t-test.

In order to determine if the observed increase in MCSF mRNA was coupled with an increase at the protein level immunoblotting was performed. Western blotting was performed using anti-MCSF primary antibody supplied with a MCSF ELISA kit for detection was used to probe for MCSF. The antibody is directly linked to horseradish peroxidase and therefore required no secondary antibody before detection using chemiluminescence. Western blotting of whole cell lysates did not identify a difference in the level of MCSF in THP1 monocytes after 24 hour treatment with

GW3965, 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol or 25-hydroxycholesterol (figure 4.13). Thus, the significant increase observed at the mRNA level appears not to be reproduced post translationally at the protein level.

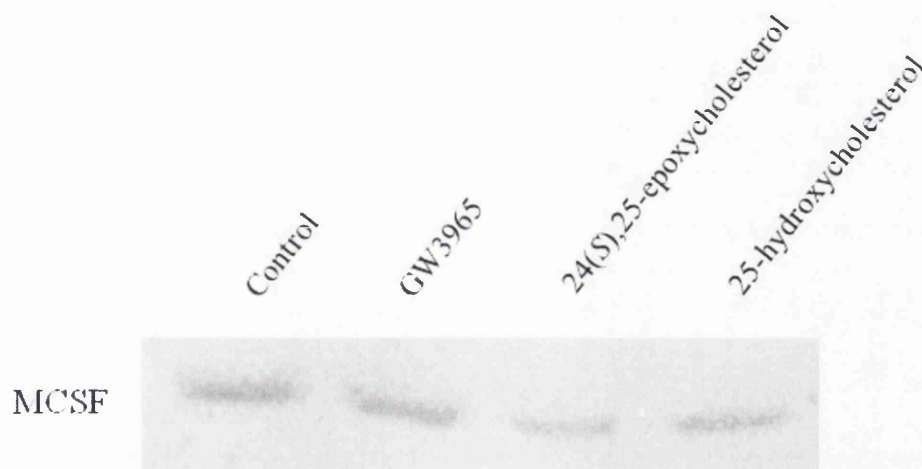


Figure 4.13. Western blot showing no change in MCSF protein expression in THP1 monocytes. No increase was observed in MCSF expression after treatment with 1 μ M GW3965, 10 μ M 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol or 10 μ M 25-hydroxycholesterol for 24 hours ($n=1$).

As shown previously in THP1 monocytes there is a large increase in MCSF mRNA expression following oxysterol treatment (fig 4.12) that is not corroborated at the protein level (fig. 4.13). It is possible, though unlikely, that no change in MCSF protein was due to increased secretion from the cells of newly synthesised protein. Thus, creating a situation whereby protein synthesis is increased but impossible to detect by examination of whole cell lysate due to the protein being secreted leading to no net change. Therefore, an enzyme linked immunosorbant assay (ELISA) was performed. The ELISA assay was performed on cell culture media taken from human THP1 monocytes treated with vehicle, GW3965, or various oxysterols (24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol, 24(*S*)-hydroxycholesterol, 25-hydroxycholesterol, 7 α -hydroxycholesterol, 7 β -hydroxycholesterol; fig 4.14). This assay was performed in order to determine if the significant up-regulation of MCSF expression observed at

the mRNA level corresponded to an increase in secretion of MCSF. The MCSF concentration for all treatments, when quantified with a standard curve, fell below the concentration of the lowest concentration standard (78.125pg/ml) and therefore from these data it appears that oxysterol treatment alone does not directly stimulate MCSF secretion in THP1 cells.

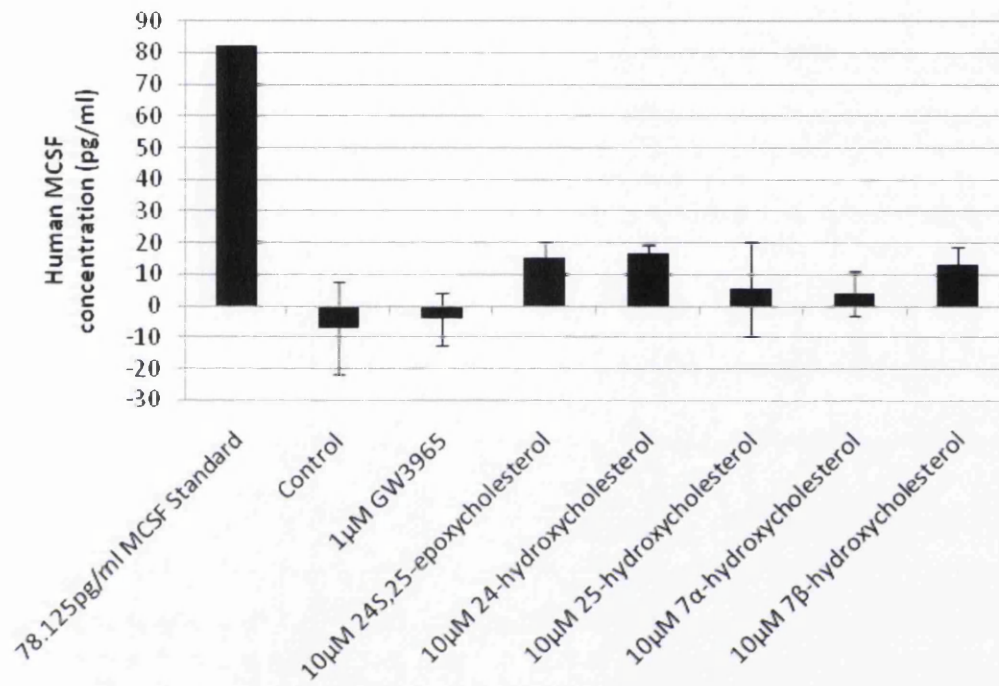


Figure 4.14. ELISA assay of secreted MCSF concentration in THP1 cell supernatant. All treatments were below the concentration of the most dilute MCSF standard. Thus, THP1 monocytes appear not secrete MCSF in the presence of oxysterols.

4.3. Discussion

SREBP1c is the main transcription factor responsible for the regulation of fatty acid synthesis. The transcription of SREBP1c is induced by LXR α , however the processing of SREBP1c is inhibited by Insig binding. As oxysterols mediate both LXR α activation and Insig inhibition there is a balance between the two opposing effects. In some cases, such as SREBP1c regulated genes acetyl-CoA carboxylase 1 and fatty acid synthase the net effect after 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol is no change at the protein level whilst GW3965 increased the expression of these genes due to the lack of the Insig inhibitory effect. However, for other genes also regulated by SREBP1c, such as fatty acid desaturase 2 (table 3.10), it appears that the binding of Insig overcome the effect of increased SREBP1 causing a reduction in gene expression after treatment with 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol. These effects may be cell type specific as the SREBP1c induction is due to LXR α whose expression varies between different tissues.

The nuclear receptor LXR β , for which oxysterols are the natural ligand, was identified as up-regulated after treatment with both 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol and the synthetic ligand GW3965 suggesting a LXR dependent mechanism. It is interesting that LXR β was not increased at the mRNA level (fig 4.1), i.e. that transcription was not increased, as there is some evidence that the binding of ligand to LXR β prevents degradation of the nuclear receptor (Kim *et al.* 2009). Cells were transfected with FLAG tagged LXR β and, after cycloheximide treatment to prevent new protein synthesis, the degradation of the protein was measured. The binding of ligand to LXR β slowed the degradation of LXR β . Therefore, we hypothesise that the increase at the proteomic level is due to a decrease in degradation of LXR β but with no decrease in protein production. These data are the first to show that ligand binding can increase the level of endogenous LXR β protein.

It appears that the presence of 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol has differential effects on members of the StAR-related lipid transfer protein family of transporters. StAR-related lipid transfer protein 4 (Stard4) is regulated by SREBP2 and transports cholesterol (Soccio *et al.* 2005). At both the protein and mRNA level Stard4 is down-regulated after 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol treatment (table 3.10; fig. 4.1).

Interestingly, the converse is true of Collagen type IV alpha-3-binding protein (col4a3bp; StAR-related lipid transfer protein 11, Stard11). At both the protein and mRNA level Collagen type IV alpha-3-binding protein is up-regulated after 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol treatment (table 3.10; fig. 4.1). Collagen type IV alpha-3-binding protein transports ceramide from the endoplasmic reticulum to the Golgi apparatus where it is synthesised to sphingomyelin. Interestingly, an LXR responsive gene, ABCG1, exports both cholesterol and sphingomyelin (Kennedy *et al.* 2001; Sabol *et al.* 2005; Sano *et al.* 2007). Therefore, the increase in Collagen type IV alpha-3-binding protein might be a homeostatic feedback to prevent reduced levels of sphingomyelin by increasing the rate of synthesis of the phospholipid. Indeed, this hypothesis fits the observation that the presence of 25-hydroxycholesterol promotes activation of Collagen type IV alpha-3-binding protein mediated transfer of ceramide to the Golgi apparatus and, therefore, an increased rate of sphingomyelin synthesis (Perry & Ridgeway 2006).

It appears that oxysterols have multiple roles in membrane homeostasis. It has been shown that the enzyme phosphoethanolamine cytidyltransferase (PCyt2) that is required for phosphoethanolamine synthesis is down-regulated after 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol treatment. During the period where this work was undertaken it has been independently reported in the literature that PCyt2 is regulated by SREBP2 and, therefore, oxysterols in mouse NIH3T3 fibroblasts (Ando *et al.* 2010). Therefore, these data presented here corroborates the previously reported data generated from a different cell type and shows that 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol regulates PCyt2 in SN4741 neurons by modulating SREBP induced transcription. However, another enzyme previously reported to be regulated by SREBP2, phosphocholine cytidyltransferase (Pcyt1) was identified in the proteomics data as having no change in expression (table 3.10.; Kast *et al.* 2001).

The expression and localisation of the membrane protein caveolin-1 appears to be influenced indirectly by 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol. Caveolin-1 was observed as down-regulated at the protein level but unchanged at the mRNA level (table 3.10; fig. 4.1; fig 4.6). Two major components of lipid rafts are caveolin-1 and cholesterol and thus we hypothesise that the level of the two are interdependent and that in this case a change in the intracellular cholesterol level is responsible for the observation of decreased protein expression. This hypothesis is supported by the confocal

microscopy data that demonstrates that oxysterols with a high affinity for Insig affect the localisation of caveolin-1 and that this effect can be negated by co-incubating with cholesterol (fig 4.7; fig 4.8). This relationship, could potentially explain the observation that in apolipoprotein E (ApoE) knockout mice there was an increased expression of brain caveolin-1 (Gaudreault *et al.* 2004). As ApoE is a cholesterol transporter this implicates a role for cholesterol homeostasis dysregulation in the observed up-regulation. An isoform of apolipoprotein E termed ApoE4 has been implicated in Alzheimer's disease. Thus, cholesterol dysregulation may explain the increased expression of caveolin-1 observed in the frontal cortex and hippocampus of Alzheimer's disease patients compared with age matched control patients (Gaudreault *et al.* 2004).

The SILAC data also identified changes unassociated with lipid metabolism and membrane homeostasis. It is interesting that MCSF was identified as increased at the protein and mRNA level after oxysterol treatment in SN741 neurons and, at the mRNA level, in THP1 monocytes (table 3.10; fig 4.10; fig 4.12). MCSF expression appears to be required for normal brain development in mice (Michaelson *et al.* 1996) and has been associated with two disease states also associated with oxysterols; arteriosclerosis and Alzheimer's disease (section 1.1.6.). In arteriosclerosis MCSF expression is increased in endothelial cells after treatment with low density lipoprotein (Rajavashisth *et al.* 1990). Indeed, in MCSF knockout mice there was a marked decrease in arteriosclerotic lesions after feeding with an atherogenic diet (Qiao *et al.* 1997) and in low density lipoprotein receptor knockout mice arteriogenesis was significantly reduced after MCSF was knocked out (*i.e.* double knockout LDLR $-/-$, op/op, Rajavashisth *et al.* 1998). Therefore, it is possible that the oxysterol component of low density lipoprotein is a mediator in this increase of MCSF due to the measured induction of MCSF mRNA in monocytes (fig 4.12).

MCSF has been associated with Alzheimer's disease though its role is unclear. The expression of MCSF has been shown to associate with A β plaques in Alzheimer's patients brains and that in the cerebrospinal fluid of Alzheimer's patients the level of MCSF is elevated ~5-fold compared with control (Du Yan *et al.* 1997). Also, in a mouse model of Alzheimer's increased expression of MCSF-R has been observed in microglia in transgenic AbPPV717F mice suggesting a role for its ligand MCSF

(Murphy *et al.* 2000). Indeed, in two studies from the same group it appears that MCSF is beneficial as knockout MCSF mice (these mice were not an Alzheimer's model) had an increased number of amyloid plaques (Kaku *et al.* 2003) and injection of MCSF to these mice reduced the deposition of A β (Kawata *et al.* 2005). However, there is contradictory evidence as an independent study did not observe A β deposits in MCSF knockout mice (Kondo *et al.* 2009). Transgenic mice with the chimeric human/mouse A β precursor protein (APP^{Swe}) gene and the human presenilin 1 gene (A246E variant) injected with MCSF had reduced A β deposits and an increase in the number of microglia (Boissonneault *et al.* 2009). As microglia have been shown to be able to clear A β this increase might be relevant (Majumder *et al.* 2007). However, the benefit of MCSF activated microglia is unclear as there is evidence that they can augment toxicity induced by A β (Li *et al.* 2004).

The mechanism by which oxysterols increase the expression of MCSF appears to be independent of LXR as GW3965 shows no activity whilst ring oxygenated oxysterols such as 7 β -hydroxycholesterol and 7 α -hydroxycholesterol induce significant increases in MCSF mRNA in THP1 monocytes. A nuclear receptor that has been shown to regulate MCSF expression is PPAR γ (Bonfield *et al.* 2008). Similarly to LXR, PPAR γ is a nuclear receptor that requires heterodimerisation with RXR when activated. PPAR γ activation causes a decrease in MCSF expression (Bonfield *et al.* 2008). Therefore it appears that PPAR γ activation has an inverse effect to treatment with oxysterols. This leads to the hypothesis that oxysterols can inhibit PPAR γ activity. Indeed, there has been recent evidence to suggest that 25-hydroxycholesterol can inhibit PPAR γ (Xu *et al.* 2012).

The large (~35-fold) up-regulation in MCSF mRNA expression in THP1 cells after 25-hydroxycholesterol treatment may indicate that this is a part of an immune response. A large increase in the enzyme cholesterol-25-hydroxylase and its product 25-hydroxycholesterol is seen after exposure to lipopolysaccharide (section 1.1.7). The role of this increase in 25-hydroxycholesterol is currently unclear. Therefore, part of the response to infection may be to induce MCSF production to promote the differentiation of monocytes to macrophages and/or recruit macrophages to the site of infection. However, no increase in MCSF was identified in THP1 cells at the protein

level measured either by ELISA or Western blot. Therefore, it is possible that the synthesis and secretion of MCSF protein is controlled post-translationally and requires a secondary signal in order for the observed increase in mRNA expression to be converted to increased protein.

It is important to note that the experiments presented here were only conducted 3 times and that the low number of replicates may influence the statistical analysis. Ideally a sample size greater than 3 would have been used which would increase the power of Student's t-test. Unfortunately, time and financial constraints were in place limiting the number of replicates performed. It is however common for biological papers, even in high impact 'good' journals to combine a sample size of 3 with Student's t-test (*e.g. Zelcer et al. 2009*).

In summary, the SILAC proteomic approach has identified a large number of proteins with confidence in their quantification and identification due to the use of multiple peptides. This approach has led to the observation of expected changes such as down regulation of the cholesterol synthesis pathway. In addition, a number of the proteins observed as having their expression changed were related to the composition of cellular membranes. Thus, as 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol is the most abundant oxysterol in murine embryonic brain it is likely that it plays a role in embryonic lipid homeostasis. Increased expression of LXR β after ligand binding and the LXR independent increase in MCSF expression were also observed. Therefore, as 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol induces LXR β and MCSF and that these proteins are required for normal brain development we hypothesise that the role of this oxysterol is an important one for embryonic neurogenesis.

CHAPTER 5: PHOSPHOPROTEOMIC ANALYSIS OF 24(S),25-EPOXYCHOLESTEROL AND 25-HYDROXYCHOLESTEROL TREATMENT IN SN4741 CELLS

5.1. Introduction.

A common post-translational modification of proteins is phosphorylation. It has been estimated that around 30% of proteins will at some point during their expression (i.e. not simultaneously) be phosphorylated (Larsen *et al.* 2005). Protein phosphorylation is important for the transmission of signals within eukaryotic cells and thus, plays an important role in the regulation of diverse cellular processes. The reversible addition, or subtraction, of a phosphate group to proteins can result in the activation, or deactivation, of enzymes due to a conformational shift in their tertiary structure. This change can result in an enzyme having its activity restricted by altering the binding pocket that recognises the target molecule or by modifying the active site of enzyme activity. Serine, threonine and, less commonly, tyrosine amino acids can be phosphorylated in eukaryotic organisms. Protein phosphorylation is regulated enzymatically; enzymes classed as kinases add a phosphate group to a protein whereas a phosphatase does the reverse.

The major role for oxysterols is in cholesterol homeostasis (section 1.1.5). However, in addition to their regulatory role oxysterols can affect protein phosphorylation. There is evidence to show that oxysterols effect the phosphorylation of extracellular signal regulated kinase (ERK1/2) (Yoon *et al.* 2004, Lemaire-Ewing *et al.* 2009). Cholesterol stabilises a phosphatase complex containing oxysterol binding protein (OSBP) as a scaffold, the serine/threonine phosphatase PP2A and the tyrosine phosphatase HePTP that decreases the phosphorylation of ERK 1/2 (Wang *et al.* 2003, Wang *et al.* 2005). By competing with cholesterol 25-hydroxycholesterol causes the disassembling of the phosphatase complex and, therefore, the presence of oxysterol up-regulates ERK 1 phosphorylation at the thr202/tyr204 amino acid residues and ERK 2 at thr185/tyr187. ERK 1/2 is an important signalling molecule and a known oncogene. It has roles in a number of different biological functions including cell growth, differentiation and apoptosis (Avruch 2007). The up-regulation of ERK1/2 phosphorylation has been shown in a number of different cell lines either

by depletion of cholesterol with cyclodextrin or with treatment with oxysterols (table 4.1; Furuchi & Anderson 1998, Yoon *et al.* 2004, Agassandian *et al.* 2005, Calleros *et al.* 2006, Kim *et al.* 2007, Jin *et al.* 2008, Lemaire-Ewing *et al.* 2009). This effect seems to be a feature of oxysterols generally as a number of diverse oxysterols have been shown to initiate this effect including 7β -hydroxycholesterol, 22-hydroxycholesterol, and 25-hydroxycholesterol.

It is unclear whether treatment with oxysterols only affects ERK1/2 of the mitogen activated protein kinase (MAPK) family as there has been contradictory evidence regarding other MAPKs (e.g. JNK) (Ares *et al.* 2000, Yoon *et al.* 2004). In addition, it is unclear as to what pathways downstream of ERK1/2 are up/down-regulated due to the activation of ERK1/2. Furthermore, it is possible that phosphorylation on other proteins other than MAPKs could be affected by the destabilisation and deactivation of the PP2A/HePTP phosphatase complex. It has been demonstrated in the literature that oxysterols can cause changes to phosphorylation, however, the full extent and significance of these has yet to be assessed (table 5.1).

Table 5.1. Summary of studies analysing effects of oxysterol treatment or cyclodextrin cholesterol depletion on ERK phosphorylation. * = No information regarding conformation. All changes were demonstrated using Western blotting. M β CD= methyl- β -cyclodextrin. H β CD= 2-hydroxypropyl- β -cyclodextrin. OHChol = hydroxycholesterol.

Oxysterol	Cell-line	Condition	Effect on Phospho-ERK	Reference
n/a	Rat-1	Serum starved 24-40hrs 2% H β CD 1hr EGF 50ng/ml (0-10min)	Increase after 3min c.f. control.	Furuchi & Anderson 1998
7 β -OHChol	Human aortic smooth muscle	5 μ g/ml 5-20min Serum starved 24hrs Serum free treatments	Increase after 5min c.f. control Max. response after 10min.	Ares <i>et al.</i> 2000
n/a	Fibroblasts /Hela	20 μ M PD98059 for 10min then 0.5-2% M β CD 15min	Increase with all concentrations M β CD c.f. control.	Wang <i>et al.</i> 2003
22(R)-OHChol	KMBC	30 μ M Serum starved 24hrs Time course	Increase after 2hrs. No control or total-ERK data presented.	Yoon <i>et al.</i> 2004
22-OHChol *	MLE	5-30 μ M Serum free treatments Time course	Increase after 15min. Persisted for 6hours.	Agassandian <i>et al.</i> 2005
25-OHChol	NIH3T3	2.5 μ M With serum 48hours	~2 fold increase No total-ERK data presented.	Calleros <i>et al.</i> 2006
n/a	HaCaT	10mM M β CD 1hr Serum starved 24hrs	Increase after 60min c.f. control.	Kim <i>et al.</i> 2007
n/a	Normal human melanocytes	1mM M β CD Time course. With serum.	Increase after 6 hours. Persisted for 48hours. No control data presented.	Jin <i>et al.</i> 2008
7 β -OHChol 25-OHChol	THP-1	50 μ M Time course. With serum.	Max. increase at 6hours. 7 β -OHChol = ~6-fold 25-OHChol = ~3-fold.	Lemaire-Ewing <i>et al.</i> 2009

In embryonic mouse brain 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol is present at a concentration greater than expected (Wang *et al.* 2009). The role that it plays is unclear it is possible that it acts beyond its activity as a ligand for SREBP and LXR and induces changes in post-translational modifications such as phosphorylation. Indeed, this is feasible as there is, as previously described, evidence that oxysterols can induce changes in ERK phosphorylation. Interestingly, previous work has shown a link between ERK activity and normal dopaminergic neuronal development. It has been shown that dopamine D₂ receptors in mesencephalic neuronal primary cell cultures activate ERK (Kim *et al.* 2006). This in turn activates the transcription factor Nurr1 that is important for normal dopaminergic neuron development, (Kim *et al.* 2006). Further work by the same group showed that striatal-enriched protein tyrosine phosphatase, a ERK phosphatase, also has an effect on normal dopaminergic neuron development (Kim *et al.* 2008). Gene silencing of striatal-enriched protein tyrosine phosphatase using siRNA reduced by ~25% the number of tyrosine hydroxylase positive mesencephalic neuronal primary cells. In addition, another paper, again by the same group, demonstrated that Wnt5a protein acted through dopamine D₂ receptors to increase the number of tyrosine hydroxylase positive cells in mesencephalic neuronal primary cell cultures by ~25% (Yoon *et al.* 2011). Wnt5a protein induced ERK phosphorylation that appeared to be mediated by EGFR signalling; small molecule inhibition of EGFR abolished the effect of Wnt5a on ERK phosphorylation and the increase in tyrosine hydroxylase positive neurons. It has also been shown, by an independent group, that ERK has a role to play in midbrain dopaminergic neurogenesis (Jaeger *et al.* 2011). In this case it appears that small molecule inhibition of ERK phosphorylation, for 2 days, triggers the differentiation of stem cells into dopaminergic neurons. However, ERK phosphorylation is then required in order to consolidate this effect. To demonstrate this, a small molecule MEK inhibitor PD0325901 used continuously for 5 days had no effect on *Lmx1a* and *Foxa2* (markers of dopaminergic neurogenesis) whereas 2 days treatment with PD0325901 followed by 3 days without significantly increased both. Thus, it appears that the regulation of ERK is important in normal dopaminergic neurogenesis.

Therefore, in order to evaluate changes to protein phosphorylation in SN4741 neuronal cells after treatment with oxysterols, 25-hydroxycholesterol and 24(*S*),25-

epoxycholesterol, a SILAC (section 1.2.3.1.) phosphoproteomic approach was employed.

Phosphoproteomics is the analysis of post-translational phosphorylation on a global protein level. However, phosphopeptides are difficult to analyze as the higher abundance of unmodified peptides leads to low signal intensities and low ionization efficiency (Thingholm *et al.* 2009). Therefore, phosphoproteomics relies on the enrichment of the phosphopeptides allowing the modified peptide to be observed rather than the much more abundant unmodified peptides. A number of phosphoenrichment techniques are available that allow the concentration of phosphopeptides (section 1.2.4.3.). In the work presented here a strong cation exchange fractionation step was used prior to immobilised metal ion affinity chromatography (IMAC). IMAC relies on the chelation of positively charged metal ions to beads creating a stationary phase that will bind to negatively charged phosphopeptides. Therefore, non-phosphorylated peptides will not bind to the metal ions and will be present in the initial flow through and phosphopeptides can be eluted subsequently and analysed using LC-MS/MS using a multistage activation method (section 1.2.2.3.).

Thus, the aim of the work is to investigate the phosphoproteomic changes in SN4741 cells, a neuronal cell line derived from the substantia nigra of embryonic mice, treated with 25-hydroxycholesterol and 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol.

5.2. Results

5.2.1. Effect of 25-hydroxycholesterol on ERK Phosphorylation

Initially Western blotting was performed examining the effect of 25-hydroxycholesterol in Hela cells. This was performed to observe previously reported changes in ERK phosphorylation in transfected Hela cells after 25-hydroxycholesterol treatment (Wang *et al.* 2005). An increase in phosphorylated ERK was observed after 6 hours treatment which persisted until 24 hours (fig. 5.1). This slow onset of action suggests a secondary or tertiary effect of 25-hydroxycholesterol on ERK phosphorylation. The phosphoERK1/2 antibody used detects phosphorylation on thr202/tyr204 (ERK1) or thr185/tyr187 (ERK2) when either amino acid residue or both are phosphorylated.

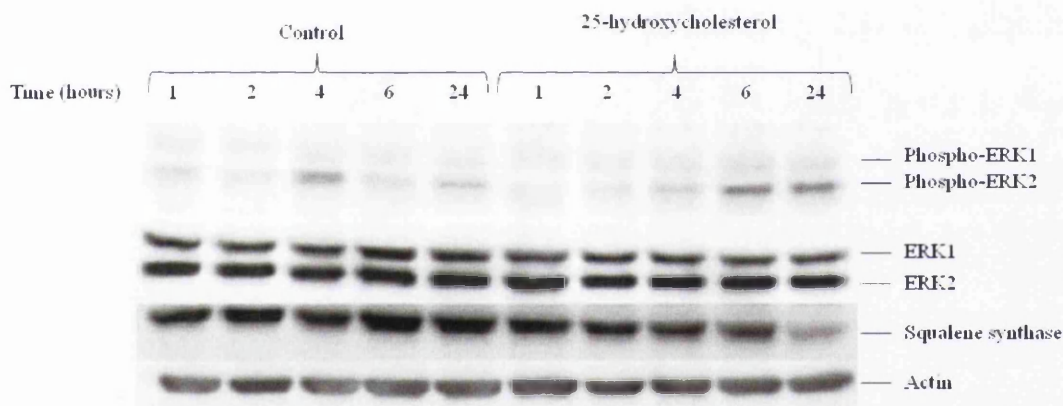


Figure 5.1 25-hydroxycholesterol treatment increases ERK1/2 phosphorylation in Hela cells. 10 μ M 25-hydroxycholesterol in serum free media increased ERK1/2 phosphorylation over time in Hela cells (20 μ g lysate loaded) with a corresponding decrease in the SREBP2 regulated gene squalene synthase (n=1). No serum starvation was performed prior to treatment.

The role of oxysterols in neuronal development is the area of interest in this research and therefore phosphoproteomic experiments were to be conducted in SN4741 cells derived from embryonic murine substantia nigra. SN4741 cells are dissimilar to Hela as they are neuronal not epithelial and are derived from mouse instead of human. Therefore, after the initial experiment in Hela cells the effect of 25-

hydroxycholesterol on phospho-ERK was examined in SN4741 cells. A number of experiments were performed (table 5.2) using different methodologies though these experiments proved inconclusive with a number of contradictory observations. However, the effect of 25-hydroxycholesterol on phospho-ERK might be cell type or species specific and therefore we proceeded with SILAC experiments to examine the phosphoproteome as a whole.

Table 5.2. Summary of Western blot experiments analysing effect of 25-hydroxycholesterol on SN4741 cell phospho-ERK levels. All treatments performed in serum free media. H β CD=2-hydroxypropyl- β -cyclodextrin; EGF=epidermal growth factor; 25-OHChol=25-hydroxycholesterol.

Treatment	Treatment time	Observed change in ERK phosphorylation c.f. control	Serum starved?
10 μ M 25-OHChol	24 hours	Down	No
10 μ M 25- OHChol	24 hours	No change	No
25 μ M 25- OHChol	2 hours	No change	24 hours
25 μ M 25- OHChol	3 hours	Down	24 hours
25 μ M 25- OHChol	3 hours	Up	24 hours
2% H β CD + EGF	2 hours	No change	24 hours
2% H β CD + EGF	1 hours	No change	24 hours
2% H β CD + EGF	1 hours	No change	24 hours

5.2.2. Strong Cation Exchange and IMAC

Strong cation exchange chromatography was used in order to reduce the complexity of the peptide mixture. The performance of the column was evaluated prior to use as shown previously (fig. 3.5). The presence of a phosphate group on serine/threonine/tyrosine residues of peptides results in a more anionic molecule. Strong cation exchange chromatography separates molecules based on their charge, with cationic molecules retained longer so phosphopeptides would elute earlier from the column. Therefore, the fraction collection was shortened at the beginning of the run when compared with the fractionation conducted for the protein expression

proteomics (fig. 3.6). It can be seen that the largest number of phosphopeptides as a percentage of the total number of peptides in the fraction were eluted at the beginning of the strong cation exchange run in both biological replicates (fig. 5.2; fig. 5.3).

In early fractions the majority of peptides eluted are phosphorylated (e.g. fractions 5 and 3 respectively for the 2 biological replicates). In addition, a large number of phosphopeptides eluted in the middle of the run. It can be seen that this is the time where the majority of peptides elute from the SCX column and therefore a large number of phosphopeptides here is unsurprising. However, as a proportion of the total this is much lower than early fractions. In these 'middle' fractions a large number of non-phosphorylated peptides were observed. The IMAC approach employed for phosphopeptide enrichment should, in theory, only bind phosphorylated peptides. Therefore, it is likely that the detection of these non-phosphorylated peptides is due to non-specific interactions between the IMAC beads and anionic residues.

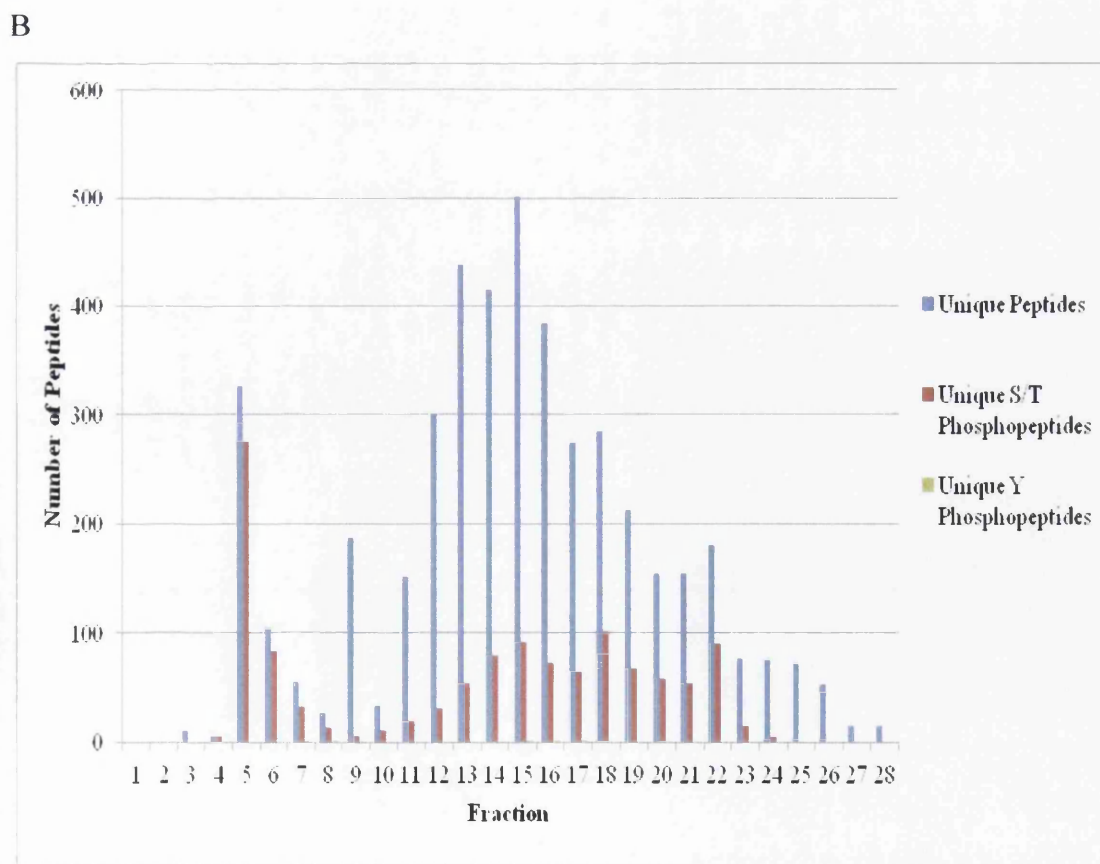
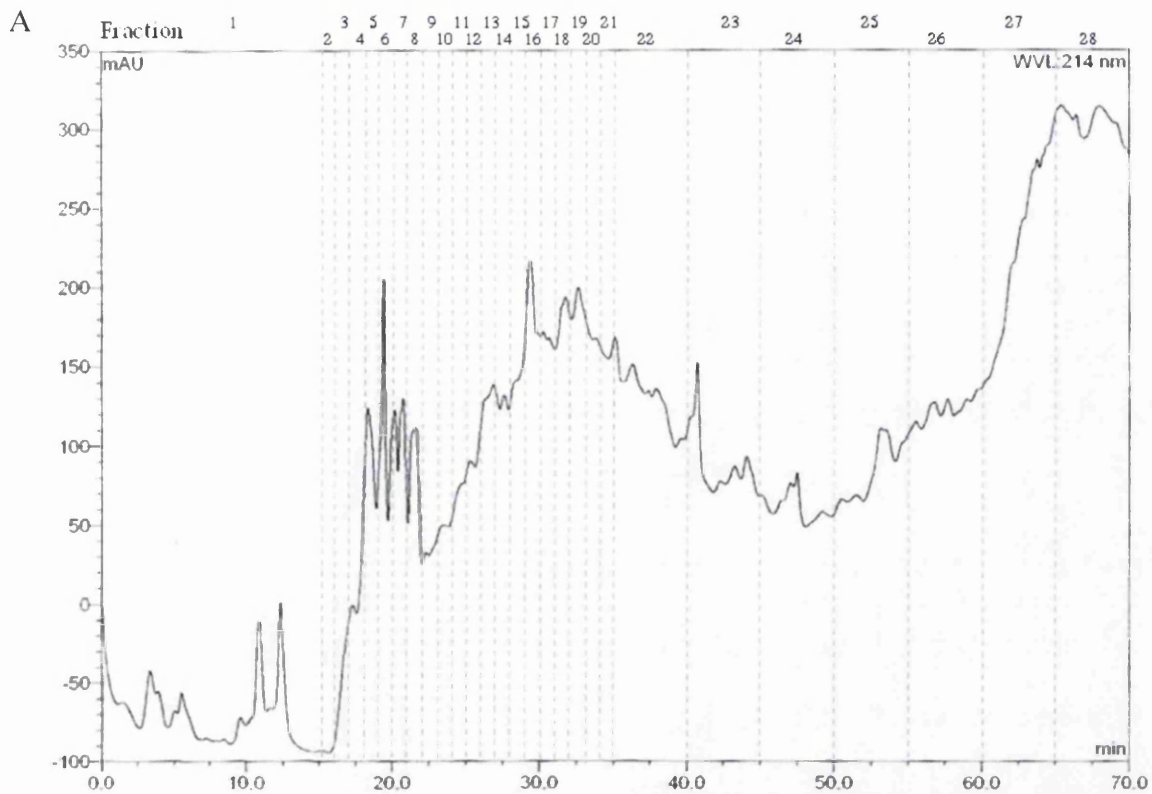
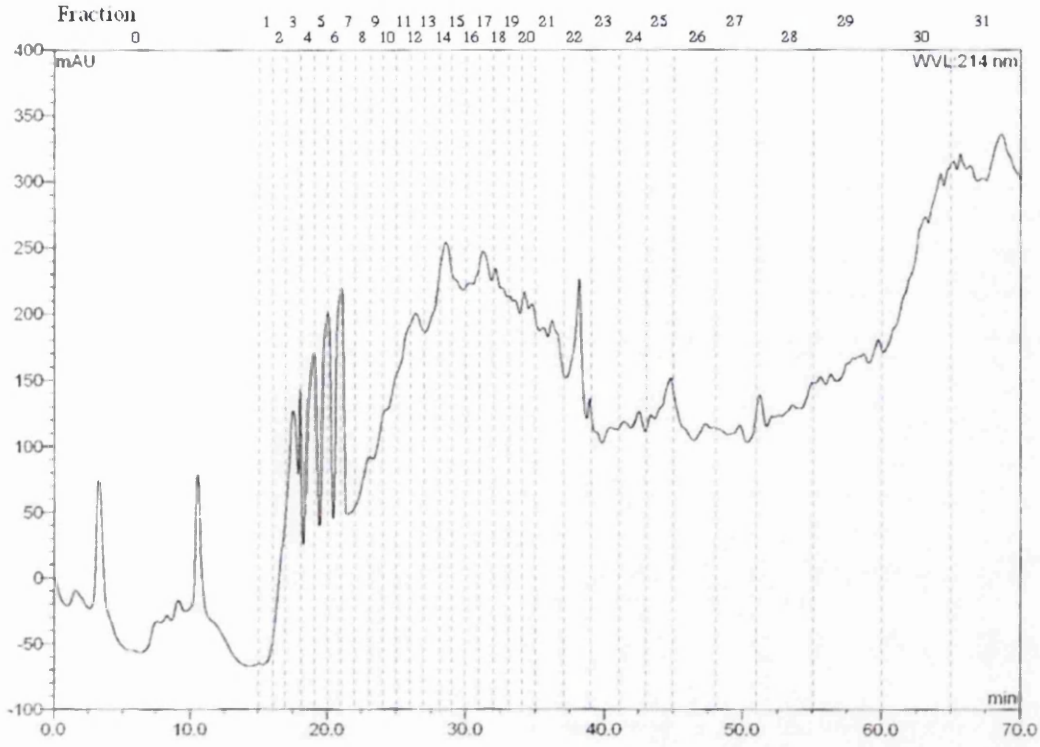


Figure 5.2. Strong Cation Exchange chromatography trace of SILAC peptides and phosphopeptides from the first biological replicate. A) The UV ($\lambda=214\text{nm}$) chromatogram highlights the large number of peptides present on the column. The time interval for fraction collection is indicated B) In this example a total of 4513 unique peptides were identified. Of these 1232 were unique phosphopeptides. Phosphopeptides eluted throughout the run but predominantly in early fractions. In fraction 5 the majority (84%) were identified as phosphopeptides. In later fractions very few phosphopeptides were detectable.

A



B

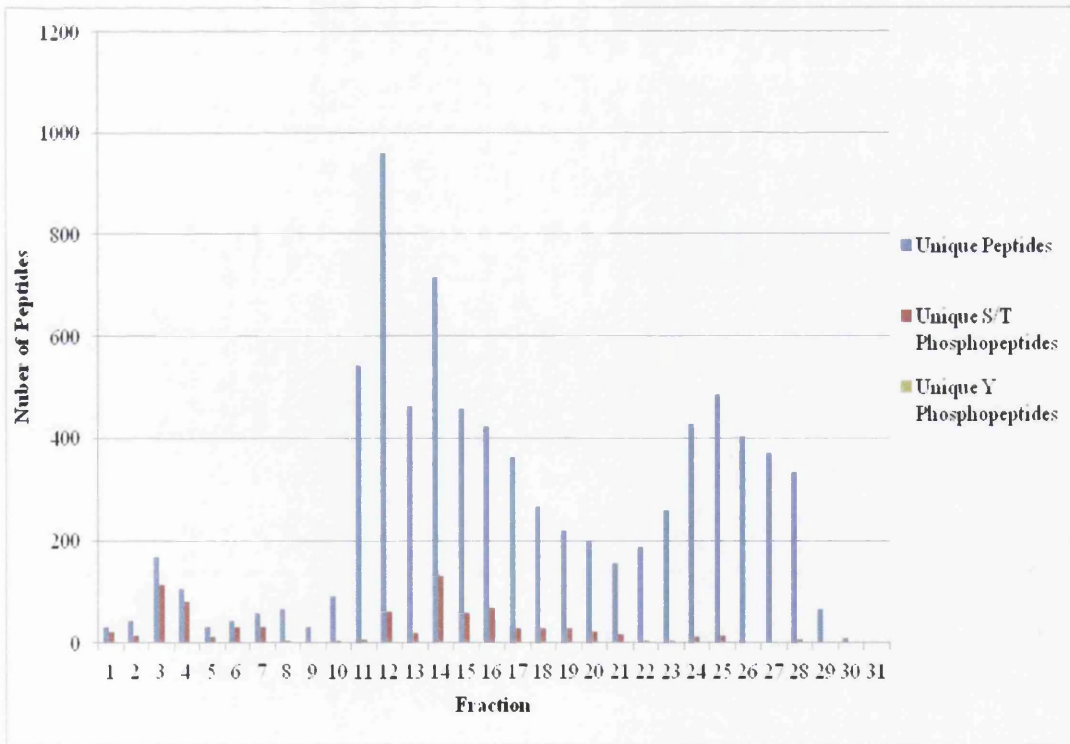


Figure 5.3. Strong Cation Exchange chromatography trace of SILAC peptides and phosphopeptides from the second biological replicate. A) The UV ($\lambda=214\text{nm}$) chromatogram highlights the large number of peptides present on the column. The time interval for fraction collection is indicated B) In this example a total of 7990 peptides were identified. Of these 845 were unique phosphopeptides. Phosphopeptides eluted throughout the run but predominantly in early fractions. In fraction 3 the majority (68%) were identified as phosphopeptides. In later fractions very few phosphopeptides were detectable.

5.2.3. C18 Reverse Phase LC-MS/MS of SILAC phosphopeptides

The peptide mixture fractions derived from IMAC phosphoenrichment were dried under vacuum and resuspended in $\text{H}_2\text{O}/0.1\%$ formic acid to be analysed by LC-MS/MS. In order to test the performance of the reverse phase C18 column performance prior to running the SN4741 derived SILAC samples trypsin digested bovine serum albumin (100fmol; BSA) was used. This allowed validation of both chromatography and mass spectrometry performance. In order to ensure the complete removal of the BSA peptides prior to running the SILAC SN4741 phosphopeptide samples a blank run was performed injecting 80% acetonitrile.

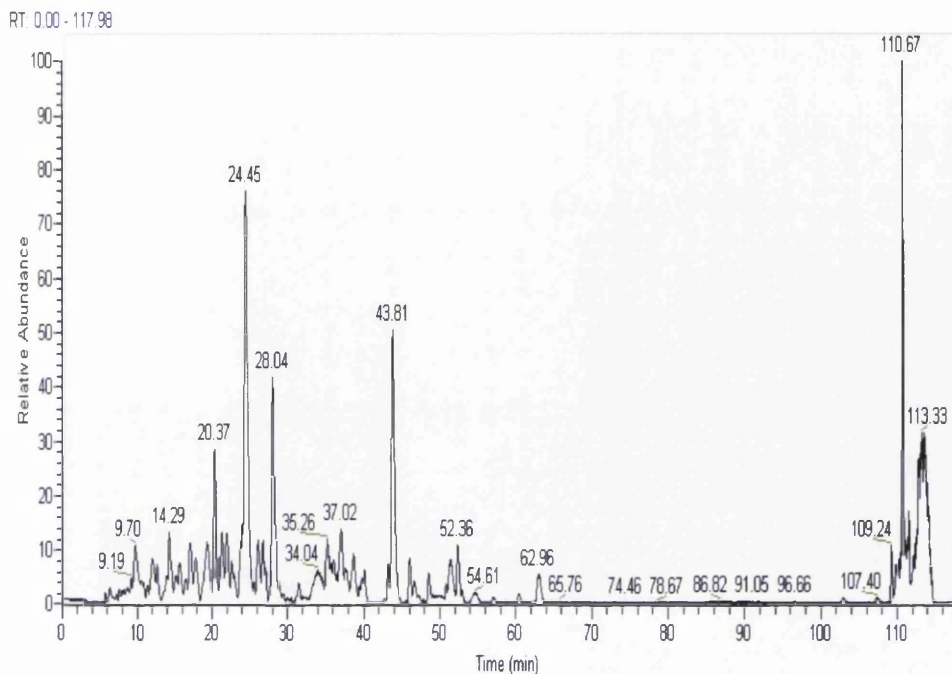


Figure 5.4. Reverse Phase LC-MS/MS SILAC phosphopeptide separation. An example chromatogram (fraction 5 of 1st biological replicate; fig. 5.2) is shown that exemplifies the fact that phosphopeptides co-eluting from the strong cation exchange chromatography step can be separated by C18 reverse phase chromatography.

SILAC phosphopeptides were injected on to the HPLC system and separated over a 2 hour gradient. It can be seen from the example in figure 5.4 that a fraction obtained from strong cation exchange chromatography and subsequently enriched using IMAC is still a complex sample but the peptides present can be separated on the C18 column. Peptides eluting from the column were then analysed by mass spectrometry. Peaks with characteristic features of peptides were identified by the initial mass spectrometry scan and if they conformed to pre-selected criteria were chosen for fragmentation (see Materials and Methods section 2.7.11). As previously described the initial MS scan is critical to SILAC success as this scan is used for quantification. Similarly to spectra observed in total protein these SILAC envelope patterns have a triplet motif that was indicative of labelled peptides (see fig 5.5. for example of a SILAC triplet). In the analysis of phosphopeptides fragmentation of the peptide is critical for the analysis of both the backbone sequence and identification of the location of post-translational modification(s). MS² fragmentation is often insufficient to identify both peptide sequence due to extensive neutral loss of the relatively labile

phosphate bond instead of backbone fragmentation. Thus, in MS² spectra the dominant peak is often the precursor ion with a neutral loss of 98Da or 80Da (representing H₃PO₄ or HPO₃ respectively). Therefore multistage activation was employed to allow identification of phosphopeptide sequence.

Multistage activation is a pseudo MS³ process. In this process a selected precursor ion is selected for fragmentation then subjected to further fragmentation at the m/z where the neutral loss ion, in theory, should be. The fragments from both activations are then combined into one spectrum which is, in effect, a hybrid of MS² and MS³ spectra. The peptide LLHEDLDES(ph)DDDVDEK has a monoisotopic mass of 1965.88Da and can be seen as doubly charged ion at 983.9 m/z (3.21ppm mass error; fig 5.5A) was selected for fragmentation. It can be seen that in the multistage activation spectra (fig 5.5B) that the peptide has been fragmented to yield sequence information. There is no dominant neutral loss peak. A number of ions are present that identify phosphorylated and neutral loss versions of the same peptide demonstrated by a neutral loss of 98Da (fig. 5.5B; fig 5.5C)

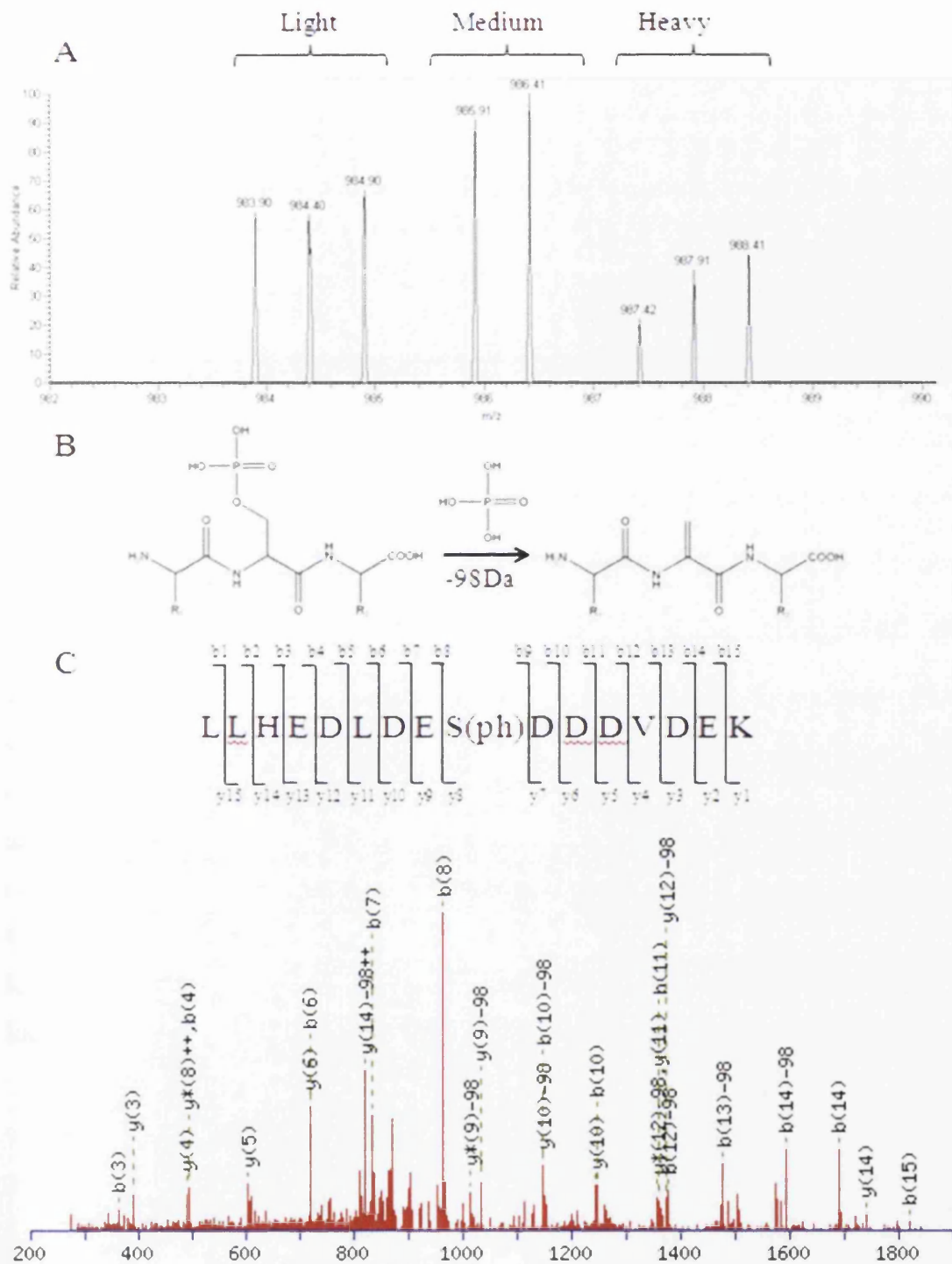


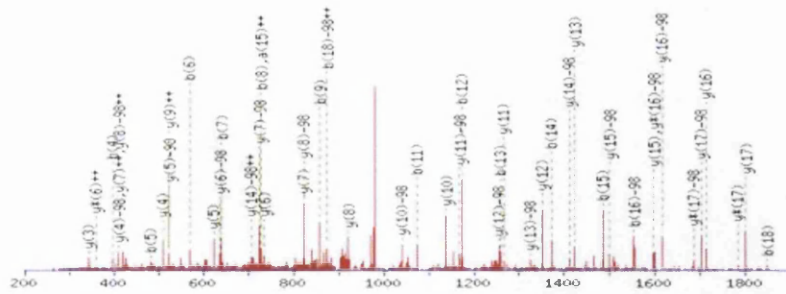
Figure 5.5. Phosphopeptide SILAC MS scan and multistage activation. The doubly charged phosphopeptide LLHEDLDES(ph)DDDVDDEK is derived from Arf-GAP with SH3 domain, ANK repeat and PH domain-containing protein 2. The peptide has a monoisotopic mass of 1965.88Da was observed as a doubly charged ion (A). After the light SILAC phosphopeptide precursor ion at 983.90 m/z was selected for fragmentation it was analysed using multistage activation. Neutral loss of the

phosphate group(s) results in a loss of 98Da (B) and therefore multistage activation allows the observation of both neutral loss and backbone fragmentation resulting in identification of the sequence and phosphorylation site of the peptide (C).

The probability of the correct post-translational modification assignment is given by a post-translational modification (PTM) score. This value gives an indication of the probability differential between different amino acid residues on the peptide backbone. Examples of 'good', 'moderate' and 'poor' spectra are shown in figure 5.6. It can be seen from these spectra that the quality of the multistage activation fragmentation spectra is integral to the identification of sequence and phosphorylation that can be seen by the Mascot and post-translational modification scores of the 3 peptides. The Mascot scores are 89.71, 41.39 and 23.91 and the PTM score 341.18, 124.18 and 94.36 for the 'good' 'moderate' and 'poor' phosphopeptides. The 'good' spectrum has a large number of strong peaks above the background giving it high scores and making it a good spectrum for identification (fig 5.6A) as a large number of b and y ions were identified that allows identification of the phosphorylated amino acid. A neutral loss of 98 was observed from the y_4 to y_{17} but only on the b_{16} and b_{18} ions indicating the probable location of the phosphorylation on the GHSDSSASESEVLLS(ph)PVK. It is clear that the 'poor' spectrum (fig 5.6C) has a lower peak intensity c.f. background that limits the reliability of the spectra for identification of b and y ions which is reflected in its lower scores.

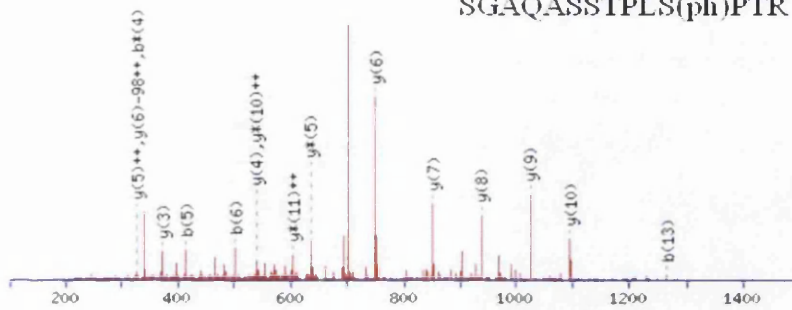
A

GHSDSSASESEVSLLS(ph)PVK



B

SGAQASSTPLS(ph)PTR



C

GDLGASSPS(ph)MK

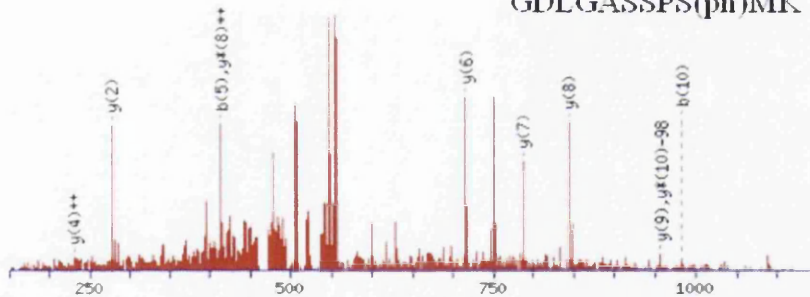
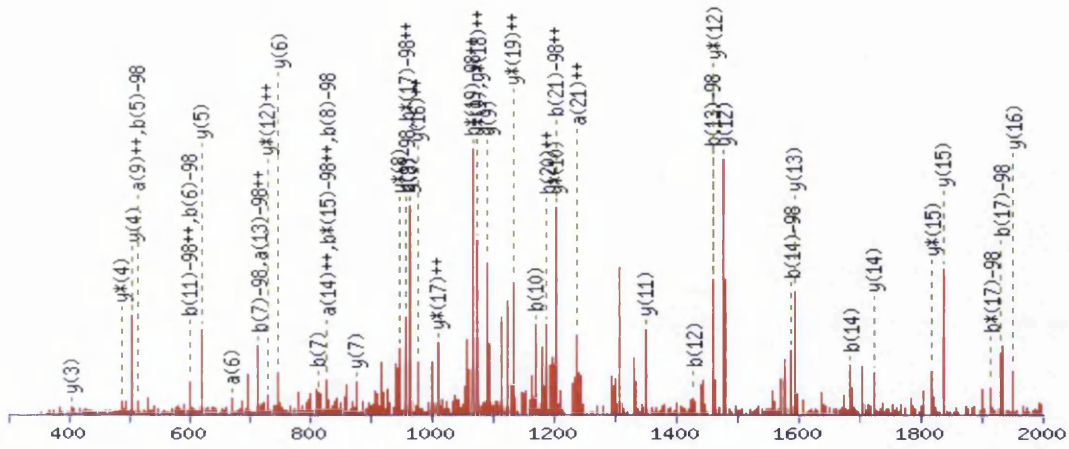


Figure 5.6. Phosphopeptide SILAC multistage activation MS/MS spectra. A) a 'good' spectra that identified the light SILAC peptide GHSDSSASESEVSLLS(ph)PVK from serine/threonine-protein phosphatase 4 regulatory subunit 2 (Mascot score = 89.71; PTM score = 341.18; Phospho site probability = GHSDSSASESEVSLLS(1)PVK). B) A 'moderate' spectra that identified the light SILAC peptide SGAQASSTPLS(ph)PTR from Lamin-A/C (Mascot score = 41.39; PTM score = 124.18; Phospho site probability = SGAQASS(0.006)T(0.062)PLS(0.931)PTR). C) A 'poor' spectra that identified the peptide GDLGASSPS(ph)MK from Ahnak protein (Mascot score = 23.91; PTM score = 94.36; Phospho site probability = GDLGAS(0.048)S(0.048)PS(0.904)MK).

The PTM score does not, however, give an indication of whether the phosphorylation site identification site is unequivocal. It merely gives an indication of the differential between other sites on the peptide. For example, the peptide AS(ph)EDES(DLEDEEEKSQEDTEQK derived from DNA replication licensing factor MCM3 was identified with a Mascot score of 96.69, and a high PTM score of 359.53 due to a large differential between the potential phosphorylation sites on the peptide (Phospho scores differentials = AS(0)EDES(0)DLEDEEEKS(-104.96)QEDT(-111.59)EQK). However, the correct phosphorylation site cannot be identified as by examining the phosphorylation probabilities on the peptide AS(0.5)EDES(0.5)DLEDEEEKSQEDTEQK it is not possible to distinguish between two serine residues (fig 5.7). These spectra are derived from the same sample and precursor ion therefore it is possible that this inability to distinguish is due to a mixed population being present. Alternatively, the phosphate group might be transferred during tandem MS to a different amino acid residue in the peptide which is a phenomenon that has been demonstrated to occur (Palumbo & Reid 2008). This effect could be the cause of these observed contradictory phosphorylation site identifications. Thus, spectra generated from multistage activation are can be used for identification of phosphopeptide sequence and site of post-translational modification though caution is required. All the scores and probabilities generated by the bio-informatic software need to be taken into account to avoid false identification of phosphopeptides.

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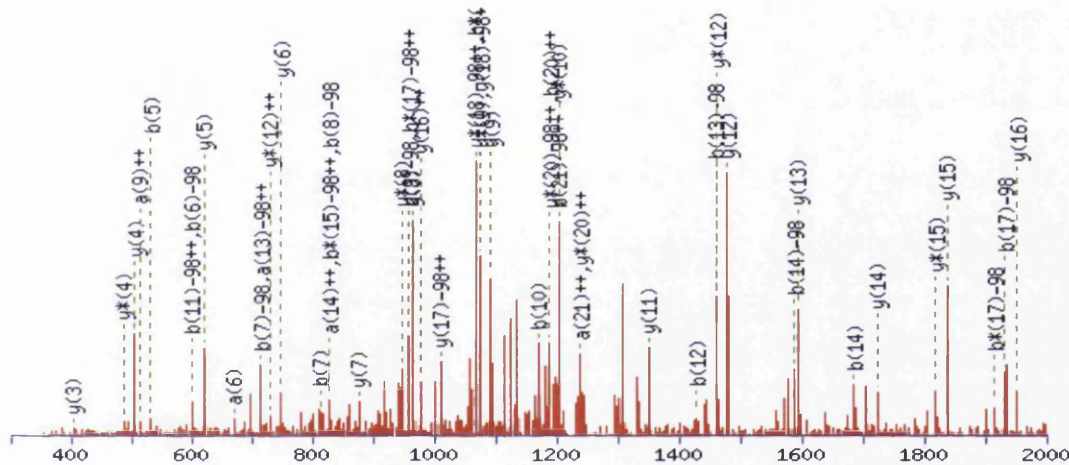


Figure 5.7. Phosphopeptide SILAC multistage activation scans for the phosphopeptide AS(ph)EDES DLEDEEEKSQEDTEQK. The peptide is derived from DNA replication licensing factor MCM3. The phosphopeptide was identified with a Mascot score of 96.69, and a high PTM score of 359.53. The phosphorylation site could not be identified unequivocally as equally probable were the peak assignment for the two phosphopeptides AS(ph)EDES DLEDEEEKSQEDTEQK (A) and ASEDES(ph)DLEDEEEKSQEDTEQK (B). Thus, the phosphorylation probabilities on the peptide AS(0.5)EDES(0.5)DLEDEEEKSQEDTEQK.

5.2.4. Phosphopeptide Identifications

Overall in the 2 biological replicates there were 7606 and 13499 peptides (table 5.3.). Of these 4513 (59%) and 7990 (59%) unique peptides were identified. However, not all of these peptides were identified as phosphorylated. In total 1266 (17% of total) and 1383 (10% of total) phosphopeptides were identified. The number of unique phosphopeptides was lower with 1232 (27% of total unique peptides) and 845 (11% of total unique peptides) identified respectively. The large majority of the phosphopeptides identified were phosphorylated on serine or threonine amino acid residues. For the 2 biological replicates <1% of the phosphopeptides identified were phosphorylated on tyrosine residues. These data suggest that the phosphoenrichment worked despite the obvious fact that a large number of non-modified peptides remain.

Table 5.3. The number of peptides identified in 2 biological replicates. Peptides had a mascot score ≥ 25 and had a ratio between the SILAC sates generated. Starting material refers to the total amount of protein trypsin digested in the biological replicate

Replicate	1	2
Starting Material	2mg	4mg
Total peptides	7606	13499
Unique	4513	7990
ST total	1261	1378
ST unique	1227	840
Y total	5	5
Y unique	5	5

A large number of phosphopeptides were identified in each biological replicate. The LTQ Orbitrap identified in total 1232 and 845 unique phosphopeptides in terms of peptide sequence and phosphorylation site from each biological replicate respectively. There was an overlap between samples with 414 unique phosphopeptides with identical peptide sequence and phosphorylation site identified (fig. 5.8.). Therefore, a total of 1663 unique phosphopeptides were identified in total.

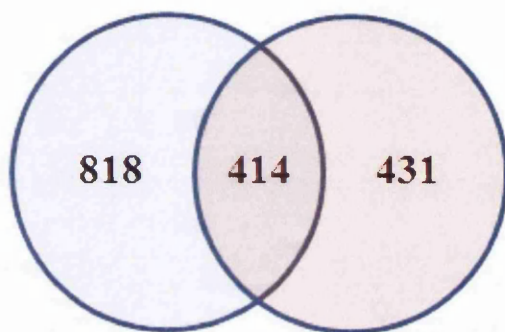


Figure 5.8. Venn diagram of phosphopeptides identified with unique sequence and site of modification. In the 2 biological replicates a total of 1232 and 845 unique phosphopeptides were identified with a Mascot score ≥ 25 and a SILAC ratio generated. 414 phosphopeptides were identified in both biological replicates.

5.2.5. Analysis of Phosphopeptides For Novel Phosphorylation Sites

The 414 phosphopeptides identified as being present in both biological replicates were examined further to determine if the observed post-translational modifications had been previously reported. The bio-informatic software MaxQuant generates data tables and one column is labelled 'Known Site'. This column indicates if the site has been previously reported to be phosphorylated. Of the 414 phosphopeptides 203 peptides were identified as phosphorylated on serine, 24 on threonine and 2 on tyrosine. Therefore, 185 phosphopeptides were classed as having a previously unreported phosphorylation site. In order to determine if any of these phosphorylation sites were novel the current canonical sequence and post translational modification status of each protein was examined using the protein database Uniprot (www.uniprot.org accessed 02-04-2012). Of the 185 phosphorylation sites 56 were

identified as not currently having experimental evidence to demonstrate phosphorylation i.e. 129 were listed on Uniprot as having been observed experimentally (table 5.4).

These 56 phosphopeptides can be split into phosphosites that have been predicted 'by similarity' (due to similarity with homologous sites on other proteins or species) and those that are not listed on Uniprot at present. 10 (of the 56) phosphopeptides gave experimental validation of 'by similarity' predicted sites whilst 46 peptides gave evidence for previously unknown post-translational modifications. The novel nature of these phosphorylation sites means that as they have not been elucidated experimentally previously it is impossible to validate them using antibodies as none are commercially available. However, the probability of the correct site of phosphorylation is calculated by the software and is shown in table 5.5. The majority (37/46, 80%), of phosphorylation sites were identified in both biological replicates with a probability of ≥ 0.9 indicating there is confidence in the identification of the phosphorylation site on these peptides. Indeed, for 13 of the phosphopeptides the probability of the phosphorylation site was 1, i.e. unequivocal, in both biological replicates. However, there was equivocal data on the phosphorylation site on 9 phosphopeptides (table 5.5). Therefore, for 37 phosphopeptides there is a high confidence in these data due to a high mascot score and phosphorylation site location probability

Table 5.4. Phosphopeptides identified in both replicates that are currently listed, on Uniprot.org (accessed 02/04/12), as not having experimental evidence to demonstrate post-translational modification at these phosphorylation sites. Some sites are listed as 'by similarity' as they have been predicted due to similarity to other sites or species. Mascot scores are listed to indicate probability of correct identification.

Gene	Sequence and Phosphorylation site	Amino Acid Position	Site known on Uniprot	Mascot Score from Replicate	
				1	2
Map4	AAVGVTGNDITT(ph)PPNK	658	Not listed	52.63	54
Pa1	AEEEGKGS(ph)QEEAGR	53	Not listed	55.03	51.41
Anln	AS(ph)SPVTAATFITENR	292	Not listed	34.63	64.27
Mcp1	ASSFYGSAS(ph)PNHLR	273	Not listed	43.29	35.01
Hirip3	AVES(ph)TDEDHQTDLDAK	134	Not listed	36.12	45.56
Flna	C(me)GQSAAVAS(ph)PGGSIDSR	16	Not listed	53.4	41.72
Larp1	ES(ph)PRPPAAAEAPAGSDGEDGGR	335	By similarity	47.37	46.24
Sntb2	GPAGEAS(ph)ASPPVR	88	Not listed	36.99	38.41
Gtf2f1	GTSRPGTPS(ph)AEAASSTSLR	391	By similarity	43.03	35.53
Kiaa0913	HTGMASIDSSAPETTSDDSS(ph)PTLSR	1158	Not listed	39.97	60.26
Tdp1	HVSS(ph)PDVTTAQK	119	Not listed	32.78	32.9
Ralbp1	IAQEIASLS(ph)KEDVSK	463	By similarity	48.23	52.17
Fzr1	INENEKS(ph)PSQNR	72	Not listed	35.33	36.45
Myo9b	KETPS(ph)PEMETAQAQK	1142	Not listed	36.71	30.67
Spg20	KS(ph)PEQESVSTAPQR	126	Not listed	39.11	51.42
Camsap2	LDGES(ph)DKEQFDDQK	1137	Not listed	42.61	35.62
Specc1	LGSSPTS(ph)SC(me)NPTPTK	136	Not listed	31.81	27.02
Rg9mtd2	LGTS(ph)DGEEER	24	Not listed	58.13	25.1
Thumpd2	LLQGS(ph)PEQGEAVTR	172	Not listed	35.55	40.41
Ranbp2	LNSNNSAS(ph)PHR	837	Not listed	40.56	51.76
Ppfibp1	LPTKPETS(ph)FEEGDGR	417	Not listed	28.15	30.17
Tp53bp1	LPTSEEERS(ph)PAK	1675	By similarity	25.34	25.63
Usp32	LSNS(ph)KENLDTSK	1423	Not listed	28.62	35.16
Zc3h13	NTEEPSS(ph)PVRK	110	Not listed	32.47	32.42
Phf3	NTVDIVDKPENS(ph)PQR	377	Not listed	50.04	50.63
Filip1l	PAS(ph)PSAPLQDNR	1080	Not listed	59.06	41.67
Irs1	PASVDGSPVS(ph)PSTNR	343	By similarity	27.92	42.29
Larp1	PATGISQPPTT(ph)PTGQATR	1315	Not listed	48.09	40.79
Chtf18	PC(me)PAGS(ph)PGNVNR	70	Not listed	43.42	38.29
Gigyf2	PGTPS(ph)DHQPQEATQFER	385	Not listed	64.14	47.33
Bop1	PHMS(ph)PASLPGK	11	Not listed	32.9	28.18

Zc3h11a	PLSSSVLQES(ph)PTK	677	Not listed	67.72	34.78
Aff1	PVGNISHS(ph)PK	140	Not listed	35.66	31.23
Sos1	RPESAPAESS(ph)PSK	1153	Not listed	35.23	42.41
Rbmxrt	RSTPS(ph)GPVR	165	Not listed	53.29	40.18
Srrm2	RVPS(ph)PTPVPK	2535	Not listed	30.7	47.53
Kiaa0284	S(ph)GRSPEPDPAPPK	840	Not listed	33.59	25.25
Bag3	S(ph)GTPVHC(me)PSPIR	289	Not listed	42.66	40.41
Sqstm1	S(ph)RLTPTTPESSTGTEDK	266	By similarity	69.05	74.88
Fra10ac1	S(ph)RSPSEEASK	248	Not listed	43.14	33.29
Anln	SC(me)TKPS(ph)PSK	66	Not listed	29.48	28.03
Birc6	SDS(ph)VTGHTSQK	465	Not listed	25.93	37.29
Srrm2	SESDSPDS(ph)KPK	1521	Not listed	48.28	35.64
Larp4	SNAVS(ph)PTR	642	By similarity	28.32	25.02
Fra10ac1	SRS(ph)PPSEEASK	250	Not listed	43.14	33.29
Chd8	T(ph)ASPSLRPDAPVEK	1995	By similarity	25.73	27.58
Api5	TSEDTS(ph)GSPPKK	462	By similarity	41.21	57.63
Papola	TSS(ph)PNKEESPK	648	Not listed	26.95	31.16
Prrc2b	TTHASSDGPET(ph)PSK	823	Not listed	25.72	29.61
Phldb2	TTPSLS(ph)PHFSSATMGR	958	By similarity	32.55	48.44
Cbx8	VDDKPSS(ph)PGDSSK	164	Not listed	47.38	33
Hdgfrp2	VMTVTAVTTTATS(ph)DR	137	Not listed	76.11	51.2
Dnmt1	VPALAS(ph)PAGSLPDHVR	15	Not listed	36.18	56.18
Arpp19	VT(ph)SPEKAEEAK	22	Not listed	34.2	28.94
Arpp19	VTS(ph)PEKAEEAK	23	Not listed	34.2	28.94
Anapc1	VTS(ph)TPQKPQAEQEENR	901	Not listed	52.09	26.45

Table 5.5. Probabilities of phosphopeptides identified in both replicates that are not currently listed, on Uniprot.org (accessed 02/04/12), as not phosphorylated at these sites. Underlined phosphopeptides indicate a high probability of correct phosphorylation site identification.

Sequence and Phosphorylation site	Gene	Phosphorylation Site Probabilities	
		1	2
<u>AAVGVTGNDITT(ph)PPN</u> K	Map4	AAVGVTGNDIT(0.07)T(0.93)P PNK	AAVGVTGNDIT(0.01)T(0.99)P PNK
<u>AEEEGKGS(ph)QEEAGR</u>	Pa1	AEEEGKGS(1)QEEAGR	AEEEGKGS(1)QEEAGR
<u>AS(ph)SPVTAATFITENR</u>	Anln	AS(0.5)S(0.5)PVTAAATFITENR	AS(0.5)S(0.5)PVTAAATFITENR
<u>ASSFYGSAS(ph)PNHLR</u>	Mcp1	ASSFYGS(0.001)AS(0.999)PNH LR	ASSFYGS(0.078)AS(0.922)PNH LR
<u>AVES(ph)TDEDHQTDLDA</u> K	Hirip3	AVES(0.994)T(0.006)DEDHQT DLDAK	AVES(0.997)T(0.003)DEDHQT DLDAK
<u>C(me)GQSAAVAS(ph)PGG</u> SIDSR	Flna	CGQSAAVAS(1)PGGSIDSR	CGQSAAVAS(0.903)PGG S(0.097)IDSR
<u>GPAGEAS(ph)ASPPVR</u>	Sntb2	GPAGEAS(0.994)AS(0.006)PPV R	GPAGEAS(0.992)AS(0.008)PPV R
<u>HTGMASIDSSAPETTS</u> (ph)PTLSR	Kiaa0913	HTGMASIDSSAPETTS(0.001)D S(0.16)S(0.82)PT(0.019)L S(0.001)R	HTGMASIDSSAPETTS S(0.007)S(0.993)PT(0.001)LSR
<u>HVSS(ph)PDVTTAQK</u>	Tdp1	HVS(0.044)S(0.956)PDVTTAQ K	HVS(0.004)S(0.996)PDVTTAQ K
<u>INENEKS(ph)PSQNR</u>	Fzr1	INENEKS(0.961)PS(0.039)QNR	INENEKS(0.5)PS(0.5)QNR
<u>KETPS(ph)PEMETAQK</u>	Myo9b	KETPS(1)PEMETAQK	KETPS(1)PEMETAQK
<u>KS(ph)PEQESVSTAPQR</u>	Spg20	KS(1)PEQESVSTAPQR	KS(1)PEQESVSTAPQR
<u>LDGES(ph)DKEQFDDDQK</u>	Camsap2	LDGES(1)DKEQFDDDQK	LDGES(1)DKEQFDDDQK
<u>LGSSPTS(ph)SC(me)NPTP</u> TK	Specc1	LGS(0.014)S(0.098)PT(0.098) S(0.771)S(0.014)CNPT(0.002)PT (0.002)K	LGS(0.019)S(0.025)PT(0.106) S(0.712)S(0.106)CNPT(0.025)P T(0.006)K
<u>LGTS(ph)DGEEER</u>	Rg9mtd2	LGTS(1)DGEEER	LGTS(1)DGEEER
<u>LLQGS(ph)PEQGEAVTR</u>	Thumpd2	LLQGS(1)PEQGEAVTR	LLQGS(1)PEQGEAVTR
<u>LNSNNSAS(ph)PHR</u>	Ranbp2	LNSNNS(0.005)AS(0.995)PHR	LNSNNS(0.002)AS(0.998)PHR
<u>LPTKPETS(ph)FEEGDGR</u>	Pp1fbp1	LPTKPET(0.08)S(0.92)FEEGDG R	LPTKPET(0.068)S(0.932)FEEG DGR
<u>LSNS(ph)KENLDTSK</u>	Usp32	LSNS(1)KENLDTSK	LSNS(1)KENLDTSK
<u>NTEEPSS(ph)PVRK</u>	Zc3h13	NTEEPS(0.005)S(0.995)PVRK	NTEEPS(0.057)S(0.943)PVRK
<u>NTVDIVDKPENS(ph)PQR</u>	Phf3	NTVDIVDKPENS(1)PQR	NTVDIVDKPENS(1)PQR
<u>PAS(ph)PSAPLQDNR</u>	Filip11	PAS(0.994)PS(0.006)APLQDNR	PAS(1)PSAPLQDNR
<u>PATGISQPPTT(ph)PTGQA</u> TR	Larp1	PATGISQPPT(0.066)T(0.928)PT (0.005)GQATR	PATGISQPPT(0.001)T(0.908)PT (0.091)GQATR
<u>PC(me)PAGS(ph)PGNVNR</u>	Chtf18	PCPAGS(1)PGNVNR	PCPAGS(1)PGNVNR
<u>PGTPS(ph)DHQPQEATQFE</u>	Gigyf2	PGT(0.062)PS(0.938)DHQPQEA	PGT(0.084)PS(0.916)DHQPQE

<u>R</u>		TQFER	ATQFER
PHMS(ph)PASLPGK	Bop1	PHMS(1)PASLPGK	PHMS(0.5)PAS(0.5)LPGK
<u>PLSSSVLQES(ph)PTK</u>	Zc3h11a	PLSSSVLQES(0.997)P T(0.003)K	PLSSSVLQES(0.996)P T(0.004)K
<u>PVGNISHS(ph)PK</u>	Aff1	PVGNISHS(1)PK	PVGNISHS(1)PK
RPESAPAESS(ph)PSK	Sos1	RPESAPAES(0.054)S(0.892)P S(0.054)K	RPESAPAES(0.084)S(0.915)P S(0.001)K
<u>RSTPS(ph)GPVR</u>	Rbmxrt	RSTPS(1)GPVR	RST(0.001)PS(0.999)GPVR
<u>RVPS(ph)PTPVPK</u>	Srm2	RVPS(1)PTPVPK	RVPS(1)PTPVPK
S(ph)GRSPEPDAPPK	Kiaa0284	S(0.86)GRS(0.14)PEPDAPPK	S(0.84)GRS(0.16)PEPDAPPK
S(ph)GTPVHC(me)PSPIR	Bag3	S(0.827)GT(0.173)PVHCPSPIR	S(0.827)GT(0.173)PVHCPSPIR
<u>S(ph)RSPSEASK</u>	Fra10ac1	S(0.935)RS(0.065)PPSEASK	S(0.919)RS(0.081)PPSEASK
<u>SC(me)TKPS(ph)PSK</u>	Anln	SCTKPS(1)PSK	SCTKPS(1)PSK
<u>SDS(ph)VTGHTSQK</u>	Birc6	S(0.026)DS(0.974)VTGHTSQK	S(0.024)DS(0.976)VTGHTSQK
<u>SESDSPDS(ph)KPK</u>	Srm2	SESDSPDS(1)KPK	SESDSPDS(1)KPK
<u>SRS(ph)PPSEASK</u>	Fra10ac1	S(0.001)RS(0.996)PPS(0.003)EE ASK	S(0.022)RS(0.975)PPS(0.002)EE ASK
<u>TSS(ph)PNKEESPK</u>	Papola	TSS(1)PNKEESPK	T(0.002)S(0.007)S(0.991)PNKE ESPK
<u>TTHASSDGPET(ph)PSK</u>	Prrc2b	TTHASS(0.007)DGPET(0.993)P S(0.001)K	TTHASSDGPET(1)PSK
<u>VDDKPS(ph)PGDSSK</u>	Cbx8	VDDKPS(0.004)S(0.996)PGDSS K	VDDKPS(0.008)S(0.992)PGDSS K
<u>VMTVTAVTTTATS(ph)DR</u>	Hdgfrp2	VMTVTAVTTTAT(0.003) S(0.997)DR	VMTVTAVTTTAT(0.004) S(0.996)DR
<u>VPALAS(ph)PAGSLPDHV</u> <u>R</u>	Dnmt1	VPALAS(0.993)PAGS(0.007)LP DHVR	VPALAS(0.999)PAGS(0.001)LP DHVR
<u>VT(ph)PEKAEEAK</u>	Arpp19	VT(0.929)S(0.071)PEKAEEAK	VT(0.955)S(0.045)PEKAEEAK
<u>VTS(ph)PEKAEEAK</u>	Arpp19	VT(0.045)S(0.955)PEKAEEAK	VT(0.045)S(0.955)PEKAEEAK
VTS(ph)TPQKPQAEQEEN <u>R</u>	Anapc1	VT(0.123)S(0.754)T(0.123)PQK PQAEQEENR	VT(0.098)S(0.805)T(0.098)PQK PQAEQEENR

5.2.6. Analysis of Phosphopeptide Motifs

Enzymes classed as kinases carry out phosphorylation of proteins. Kinases recognise amino acid sequences on their target that direct the phosphorylation of the site. The analysis of previously determined substrates of kinases has led to consensus sequences recognised by a given kinase. These amino acid sequences are termed motifs. The knowledge of the motif can be utilised to predict phosphorylation sites or the kinase responsible for a given phosphorylation. However, by analysing sequence alone they do not take into account secondary or tertiary structures present in the protein. Thus, the 3 dimensional structure of the protein is critical and caution is required if extrapolating kinase activity from amino acid sequence alone (Kennelly & Krebs 1991).

Despite this the simplicity of the consensus sequence of the motifs have made them useful tools in the study of kinases and prediction of their substrates. For example, in the case of ERK (MAPK) the motif required, as a minimum, for kinase activity is a serine or threonine residue followed by a proline at the C-terminal side (S/TP). However, a proline residue is often found at the -2 position. Thus, the optimum motif for ERK2 is PXS/TP, where X is any amino acid residue (Davis 1993).

The site of phosphorylation and its relationship to the amino acid sequence of identified phosphopeptides is analysed by the MaxQuant software in order to give a predicted kinase. This information is presented as a 'best motif'. Thus, the analysis of probable kinases acting on the phosphopeptides identified might yield information regarding the effect of oxysterol treatment on certain enzymes and pathways. From the datasets a large number of different kinases were identified as being probable enzymes for the phosphorylation sites identified (table 5.6).

Table 5.6. Frequency of phosphopeptide ‘best motif’ in each biological replicate.

Best Motif	Biological replicate	
	1	2
CAMK2	56	45
CDK1	46	37
CDK2	94	71
CHK1/2	19	10
CK1	116	75
CK2	163	68
ERK/MAPK	43	34
FHA KAPP	14	13
GSK3	41	27
NEK6	35	27
PKA	115	69
PKA/AKT	78	52
PKC	1	1
PKD	15	15
Polo box	47	41
WW GroupIV	75	69
Other	56	33
None	218	158

Therefore, in order to examine if there were any correlation between oxysterol treatment and changes in kinase/phosphatase activity the 6 most abundant motifs were examined in order to determine if they had a normal distribution when analysed with the SILAC ratio. The 6 best motifs analysed were CDK2, CK1, CK2, PKA, PKA/AKT, WW GroupIV (fig 5.9.). In addition, ERK/MAPK was analysed. The SILAC ratio had a normal distribution when plotted for the phosphopeptides identified with each motif. Therefore the data suggest that for peptides with these motifs the treatment with 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol are not having an effect on these

kinases. If the oxysterol was inducing changes in the phosphorylation a skewed distribution would be apparent.

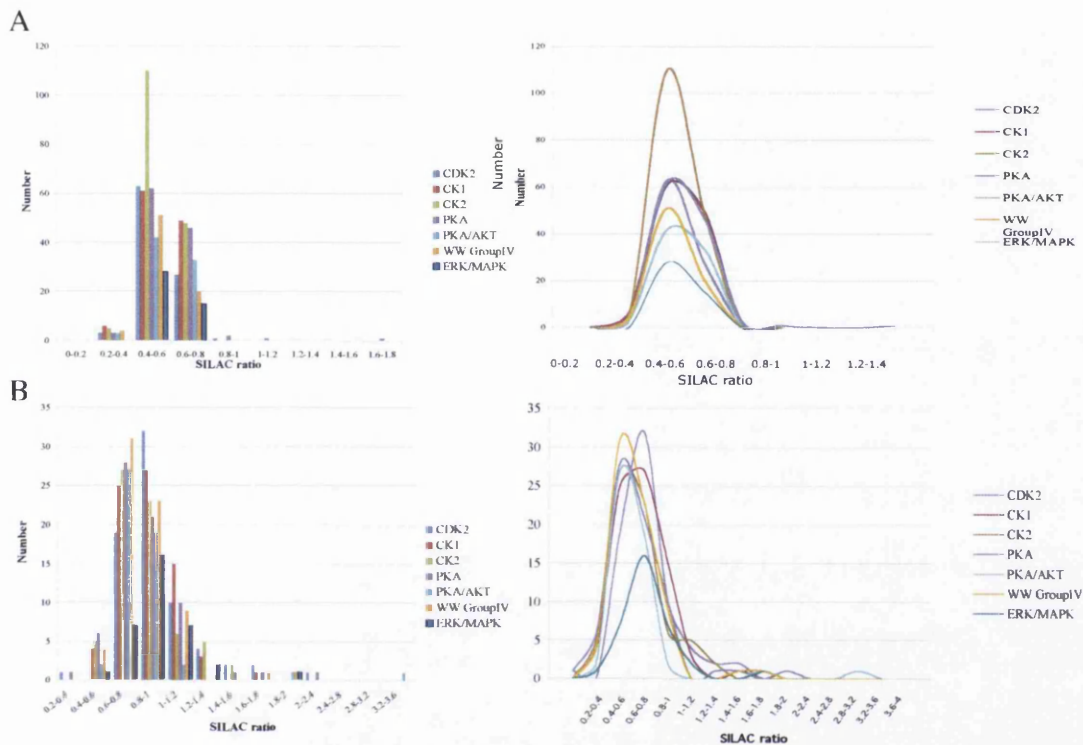


Figure 5.9. Distribution of phosphopeptide ‘best motif’ with SILAC ratio. Graphs indicate the distribution of motifs in the first (A) and second (B) biological replicate. Both biological replicates showed a normal distribution of the most abundant ‘best’ phospho motifs when plotted against un-normalised SILAC ratio after 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol treatment. These data suggest no effect of the oxysterols on these kinases. The median un-normalised SILAC ratio value for total peptides after 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol treatment was 0.59 and 0.81 respectively for the two biological treatments (15.87 percentile = 0.50 and 0.69 respectively, 84.13 percentile = 0.66 and 0.95 respectively).

5.2.7. Quantitative Analysis of Changes in Phosphorylation

As the samples were SILAC labelled this allowed the analysis of quantitative changes in the phosphorylation status of the SN4741 cells upon treatment with 25-hydroxycholesterol and 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol. Thus, in order to elucidate

reproducible changes in the phosphoproteome the data sets were examined for phosphopeptides reproducibly identified by the SILAC labelling as up or down regulated.

Due to the fact that phosphorylation in signalling pathways is transient and occurs without a change in total protein expression individual phosphopeptides were analysed instead of the overall protein expression in order to examine the phosphorylation state of the SN4741 cells. To this end, peptides common to both biological replicates with a Mascot score ≥ 25 and a SILAC ratio were examined for reproducible up or down regulation of the phosphopeptides. The un-normalised SILAC ratio was used for analysis. The median un-normalised SILAC ratio value after 25-hydroxycholesterol treatment (i.e. 25-hydroxycholesterol:control) was 0.66 and 0.75 respectively for the two biological treatments. The 15.87 percentile figure which gives an estimation of the standard deviation gave values of 0.53 and 0.61 for the 2 biological replicates. After 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol treatment the median un-normalised SILAC ratio value was 0.59 and 0.81 respectively for the 2 biological replicates. The 15.87 percentile figure was 0.50 and 0.69 respectively.

Table 5.7. Median SILAC un-normalised ratios for the 2 phosphoproteomic data sets. The median un-normalised 25-hydroxycholesterol:control and 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol:control ratios are shown as well as the 15.87 and 84.13 percentile ranges for the data.

	Ratio 25-OHChol :Control			Ratio 24 <i>S</i> ,25-EC :Control		
	Median	15.87 Percentile	84.13 Percentile	Median	15.87 Percentile	84.13 Percentile
Replicate						
1	0.66	0.53	0.77	0.59	0.50	0.66
2	0.75	0.61	0.93	0.81	0.69	0.95

A number of phosphopeptides were identified as being up or down regulated after treatment with 25-hydroxycholesterol or 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol. In total 87 unique peptides were identified as up-regulated and 65 down-regulated after treatment with 25-hydroxycholesterol. 101 unique phosphopeptides were identified as up-regulated and 68 down-regulated after treatment with 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol (a complete list of all phosphopeptides identified as changed is shown in appendix 3, appendix 4, appendix 5 and appendix 6). However, a number of these phosphopeptides had contradictory data between the 2 datasets. Therefore, these phosphopeptides were removed and the remaining peptides are shown below (tables 5.8, 5.9, 5.10, 5.11)

Table 5.8. Phosphopeptides identified as down-regulated after treatment with 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol (24(S),25-EC). Un-normalised SILAC phosphopeptide ratios are displayed

Phosphopeptide	Gene	IPI Number	Mascot Score		Ratio 25-OHChol :Control		Ratio 24(S),25-EC :Control	
			1	2	1	2	1	2
EEVAS(ph)EPEEAASPTTPK	Nop56	IPI00318048	48.39	/	0.358	/	0.413	/
SQET(ph)PEKPR	Msl1	IPI00110256	30.08	/	0.650	/	0.408	/
GEGERS(ph)DEENEEK	Potr3g	IPI00463147	60.57	/	0.671	/	0.408	/
HS(ph)VTGYGDC(me)AAGAR	Jub	IPI00453693	35.36	/	0.440	/	0.404	/
GDVS(ph)EDEPSLGR	Rnmt	IPI00453849	32.67	/	0.598	/	0.400	/
RPMEEDGEEKSPS(ph)K	Ilf3	IPI00130591	34.61	/	0.410	/	0.400	/
RIS(ph)GLIYEETR	Hist1h4a	IPI00623776	35.15	/	0.267	/	0.400	/
SRLTPT(ph)TPESSSTGTEDK	Sqstm1	IPI00133374	69.05	/	0.392	/	0.398	/
ADS(ph)DSEDKGEEKPK	Cbx1	IPI00129466	40.05	/	0.347	/	0.393	/
NNVMT(ph)SPNVHLK	Cenpc1	IPI00114808	34.17	/	0.284	/	0.390	/
GVQAGNSDT(ph)EGGQPGR	Acin1	IPI00121136	32.19	/	0.811	/	0.387	/
NGLSQPS(ph)EEEVDIPKPK	Ddx21	IPI00120691	42.24	/	0.323	/	0.384	/
LPSGSGPASPTT(ph)GSAVDIR	Ahnak	IPI00553798	65.09	/	0.339	/	0.378	/
GSGEASSDSIDHS(ph)PAK	Suv39h2	IPI00111417	26.96	/	0.174	/	0.377	/
KTS(ph)LSDSTTSAYPGDAGK	Rab3gap1	IPI00749720	39.80	/	0.593	/	0.377	/
GHYEVTGS(ph)DDEAGK	Ahnak	IPI00553798	58.36	/	0.168	/	0.371	/
S(ph)ESSGNLPSVADTR	Akap1	IPI00230591	29.82	/	0.390	/	0.371	/
SNS(ph)FSDER	Ahnak	IPI00553798	29.85	/	0.154	/	0.366	/
RLS(ph)QSDDEDVIR	Wdr26	IPI00226275	83.20	29.45	0.399	0.357	0.365	0.414
GGVTGSPEASISGS(ph)KGDLK	Ahnak	IPI00553798	43.68	/	0.119	/	0.363	/
LPSDSSASPPLSQT(ph)TPNKDADDQAR	Eya3	IPI00411085	40.03	/	0.518	/	0.348	/
S(ph)PSRPLPEVTDEYK	Ssb	IPI00134300	26.42	/	0.551	/	0.346	/
GGVTGSPEAS(ph)ISGSKGDLK	Ahnak	IPI00553798	43.68	/	0.135	/	0.346	/
AS(ph)AVSPEKAPM(ox)TSK	Tcof1	IPI00115660	34.02	/	0.345	/	0.346	/
DSVPAS(ph)PGVPAADFPAETEQS KPSK	Top2a	IPI00122223	25.31	/	0.116	/	0.342	/
KGDDS(ph)DEEDLC(me)ISNK	Stard13	IPI00857002	57.82	/	0.027	/	0.317	/
S(ph)SPPVEHPAGTSTTDNDVIIR	Rai14	IPI00453820	35.31	/	0.170	/	0.308	/
GDQVSQNGLPAEQGS(ph)PR	Sptbn1	IPI00319830	58.12	/	0.654	/	0.208	/

SHS(ph)LDDLQGDADVGK	Sash1	IPI00338954	/	58.75	/	0.525	/	0.538
LESHGSS(ph)EESLQVQEK	Vcan	IPI00875672	/	42.02	/	0.497	/	0.535
ANTSS(ph)DLEKDDDAYK	Ranbp2	IPI00337844	/	40.08	/	0.436	/	0.533
MSPNETLFLLES(ph)TNK	Rragc	IPI00468702	/	32.32	/	0.407	/	0.530
AES(ph)PETSVESTQSTPQK	Pds5b	IPI00845638	41.44	63.25	0.594	0.288	0.437	0.520
LEPAPLDSS(ph)PAVSTHEGSK	Renbp	IPI00124826	/	31.06	/	0.584	/	0.515
(ac)S(ph)ETAPVAQAASTATEKPAA AK	Hist1h1 a	IPI00228616	/	53.02	/	0.439	/	0.514
PQSPVIQATAGS(ph)PK	Arfgef2	IPI00137087	/	41.94	/	0.350	/	0.511
VS(ph)PVPSQPSPAR	Mical1	IPI00116371	/	25.71	/	0.435	/	0.486
IDQGS(ph)HTAGESSTR	Tdp1	IPI00222253	/	34.56	/	0.416	/	0.476
S(ph)PASTSSVNGTPGSQLSTPR	Dcl1	IPI00468380	/	43.36	/	0.459	/	0.472
AQGHS(ph)PVNGLLK	Ccnl2	IPI00310772	/	25.94	/	0.493	/	0.464
HNS(ph)TTSSTSSGGYR	Abi1	IPI00798483	/	57.32	/	0.536	/	0.443
TASRPEDTPDSPSGPSS(ph)PK	Lrrc16a	IPI00474873	/	46.92	/	0.216	/	0.439
AGYTT(ph)DESSSSSLHTTR	Fxr2	IPI00126389	/	38.76	/	0.551	/	0.358
LYNSEESRPYT(ph)NK	Crkr	IPI00648022	/	49.10	/	0.205	/	0.338
PQSAS(ph)PAKEEQK	Palm	IPI00129298	/	30.20	/	0.390	/	0.196

Table 5.9. Phosphopeptides identified as up-regulated after treatment with 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol (24(S),25-EC). Un-normalised SILAC phosphopeptide ratios are displayed

Phosphopeptide	Gene	IPI Number	Mascot Score		Ratio 25-OHChol :Control		Ratio 24(S),25-EC :Control	
			1	2	1	2	1	2
KDS(ph)ISEDEMVLRL	Wdtd1	IPI00108450	43.30	/	0.82	/	1.66	/
GGIDNPAIT(ph)SDQEVDK	Arhgap 5	IPI00124298	40.63	/	0.92	/	1.13	/
KQIT(ph)VEELVR	Plec1	IPI00400215	38.61	/	0.62	/	1.07	/
PTGGLRDS(ph)EAEK	Hirip3	IPI00222813	29.49	/	1.03	/	1.06	/
DELADEIANSS(ph)GK	Myh9	IPI00123181	29.65	/	1.17	/	0.97	/
GPEVEGS(ph)PVSEALR	Brwd1	IPI00654074	37.76	/	0.55	/	0.95	/
LLQDSSS(ph)PVDLAK	Ncoa2	IPI00116968	29.72	/	1.12	/	0.92	/
IKPDEDLPS(ph)PGSR	Gli3	IPI00123429	42.62	/	0.78	/	0.91	/
IKDPDLT(ph)TPDSK	Ckap2	IPI00470092	44.82	/	0.79	/	0.85	/
SEVQAHS(ph)PSR	Mtap2	IPI00895965	31.21	/	0.91	/	0.85	/
ADS(ph)PAGLEAAR	Kiaa028 4	IPI00380953	35.46	/	0.78	/	0.84	/
GGSS(ph)EELHDSR	Hdgfrp2	IPI00116442	34.55	/	0.74	/	0.81	/
ASS(ph)EDTLNKGSSGVAR	Specc1	IPI00798550	33.64	/	0.89	/	0.80	/
KGS(ph)LDYLK	Luzp1	IPI00322204	30.67	/	0.71	/	0.80	/
HGPAQAVTGTSTVTS(ph)PIK	Ccnt2	IPI00654257	47.80	/	0.74	/	0.79	/
NS(ph)PNNISGISNPPGTPR	Ssbp3	IPI00341944	51.85	/	0.82	/	0.79	/
KLS(ph)SGDLR	Phldb1	IPI00330246	30.55	/	0.68	/	0.79	/
RAS(ph)LSDIGFGK	Pctk3	IPI00111168	49.16	/	0.60	/	0.78	/
IKDPDLTT(ph)PDSK	Ckap2	IPI00470092	44.82	/	0.95	/	0.78	/
KGT(ph)GDC(me)SDEEVDGK	Myh9	IPI00123181	49.18	/	0.84	/	0.78	/
SQDATVS(ph)PGSEQSEK	Zc3hc1	IPI00465879	50.16	/	0.53	/	0.78	/
GQGT(ph)PPSGPGVGR	Wbp7	IPI00857289	27.74	/	0.61	/	0.77	/
QESLKS(ph)PEEEDQAFR	Nes	IPI00453692	36.61	/	0.67	/	0.76	/
TQSSS(ph)C(me)EDLPSTTQPK	Cask	IPI00776341	25.68	/	0.46	/	0.76	/
RFS(ph)M(ox)EDLNK	Pctk3	IPI00111168	47.88	/	0.69	/	0.76	/
DDISEIQLSLASDHS(ph)GR	Tjp1	IPI00135971	31.83	/	0.57	/	0.76	/
C(me)IFMSETQSS(ph)PTK	Pias2	IPI00453655	30.79	/	0.47	/	0.75	/
QVDNAS(ph)LAR	Vim	IPI00227299	31.40	/	0.72	/	0.75	/
QEFSS(ph)EEMTK	Vcam1	IPI00126834	25.88	/	0.83	/	0.74	/
(ac)SDQEAKPST(ph)EDLGDKK	Sumo1	IPI00124593	33.58	/	0.78	/	0.73	/

DC(me)AKS(ph)DDEESLTLPEK	Nfkb1	IPI00719890	52.31	/	0.80	/	0.73	/
PAVVS(ph)PLSLSTEAR	Crtc1	IPI00469761	43.71	/	0.80	/	0.73	/
YVSGSS(ph)PDLVTR	Ptpn14	IPI00122168	49.84	/	0.73	/	0.73	/
ASPDQNASTHT(ph)PQSSAK	Clint1	IPI00648186	34.63	/	0.78	/	0.73	/
SSGSLs(ph)PGLLETEDPLEAR	Tnks1b p1	IPI00459443	36.91	/	0.68	/	0.73	/
TASESISNLSEAGS(ph)VK	Clip1	IPI00857273	31.00	/	0.98	/	0.72	/
AQTPESC(me)GSVT(ph)PER	Filip11	IPI00755058	30.92	/	0.94	/	0.72	/
SAT(ph)LETKPESK	Ifngr1	IPI00323231	25.38	/	0.64	/	0.72	/
SDEEDRAS(ph)EPK	Zc3h18	IPI00673693	27.94	/	0.79	/	0.72	/
VEESSEIS(ph)PEPK	Usp1	IPI00330276	40.56	/	0.57	/	0.72	/
S(ph)LEGENDHPLSSVVK	Nes	IPI00453692	45.85	/	0.68	/	0.72	/
MHASSTGSS(ph)C(me)DLSK	Cdgap	IPI00125505	27.19	/	0.54	/	0.72	/
AKT(ph)PVTLK	Tmpo	IPI00828976	41.32	/	0.58	/	0.72	/
SSS(ph)FGSVTSSTSSK	Snx16	IPI00331029	/	54.62	/	1.42	/	5.00
SGFGGMSS(ph)PVIR	Nup107	IPI00221767	/	40.37	/	2.57	/	2.07
TEEDRENTQIDDTEPLS(ph)PVSNS K	Trp53bp 1	IPI00229801	/	28.80	/	2.58	/	1.90
SEDRPS(ph)SPQVSVAAVETK	Trp53bp 1	IPI00229801	/	48.56	/	2.07	/	1.70
PAS(ph)PLSGPR	D2Wsu 81e	IPI00224127	/	29.84	/	1.80	/	1.65
GEVAPKET(ph)PKK	Marcksl 1	IPI00281011	/	26.82	/	2.27	/	1.65
TVGNVS(ph)PTAQMVQR	Rbm7	IPI00133061	/	28.20	/	1.41	/	1.65
LHSAQLS(ph)PVDETPATQSQLK	Mif1ip	IPI00459115	/	36.63	/	1.95	/	1.62
QEGAQENVKNS(ph)PVPR	Gmnn	IPI00131716	/	30.64	/	2.56	/	1.60
TTS(ph)PDLFESQLTSASSK	Epn2	IPI00336844	/	27.33	/	1.25	/	1.55
AGS(ph)SPTQGAQNEAPR	Tcf20	IPI00407458	/	30.95	/	1.46	/	1.51
AS(ph)SHSSQSQGGGSVTK	Lmna	IPI00620256	/	58.67	/	2.60	/	1.51
C(me)QETESNEEQSIS(ph)PEKR	Akap12	IPI00123709	/	85.89	/	1.19	/	1.49
LATSS(ph)PEQSWPSTFK	Pml	IPI00229072	/	29.49	/	1.18	/	1.43
KQNETADEAT(ph)TPQAK	Nolc1	IPI00720058	/	43.74	/	1.50	/	1.42
EIITEEPS(ph)EEEADMPKPK	Ddx21	IPI00120691	/	31.38	/	1.69	/	1.38
AEDEILNRS(ph)PR	Canx	IPI00119618	/	25.35	/	1.51	/	1.35
GPEVTSQGVQTSS(ph)PAC(me)K	Atxn2	IPI00117229	/	25.10	/	1.07	/	1.30
ASGQAFELILS(ph)PR	Stmn1	IPI00551236	/	30.07	/	0.87	/	1.30
AVGEEQRS(ph)EEPK	Akap12	IPI00123709	/	31.72	/	1.15	/	1.30

Table 5.10. Phosphopeptides identified as down-regulated after treatment with 25-hydroxycholesterol (25-OHChol). Un-normalised SILAC phosphopeptide ratios are displayed

Phosphopeptide	Gene	IPI Number	Mascot Score		Ratio 25-OHChol :Control		Ratio 24(S),25-EC :Control	
			1	2	1	2	1	2
SPDEATAADQES(ph)EDDLSASR	Farp1	IPI00356904	26.44	/	0.349	/	0.465	/
TEEVLPDGSPPSKS(ph)PSK	Add3	IPI00387580	38.11	/	0.349	/	0.439	/
ADS(ph)DSEDKGEESKPK	Cbx1	IPI00129466	40.05	/	0.347	/	0.393	/
EELEQQT(ph)DGDC(me)DEEDDDK DGEVPK	Sec62	IPI00134398	57.28	/	0.346	/	0.532	/
EDAPPEDKES(ph)ESEAK	Cds2	IPI00468999	26.03	/	0.346	/	0.594	/
ERQES(ph)ESEQLVNK	Pcd11	IPI00551454	39.77	/	0.345	/	0.560	/
AS(ph)AVSPEKAPM(ox)TSK	Tcof1	IPI00115660	34.02	/	0.345	/	0.346	/
ADS(ph)DSEDKGEESKPK	Cbx1	IPI00129466	40.05	/	0.344	/	0.451	/
LPSGSGPASPTT(ph)GSAVDIR	Ahnak	IPI00553798	65.09	/	0.339	/	0.378	/
IGPLGLS(ph)PK	Rpl12	IPI00463634	45.65	/	0.333	/	0.426	/
EIITEEPS(ph)EEEADM(ox)PKPK	Ddx21	IPI00120691	56.99	/	0.330	/	0.443	/
NGLSQPS(ph)EEEADIPKPK	Ddx21	IPI00120691	36.77	/	0.325	/	0.431	/
NGLSQPS(ph)EEEVDIPKPK	Ddx21	IPI00120691	42.24	/	0.323	/	0.384	/
NISEES(ph)PLTHR	Pask	IPI00400044	32.53	/	0.322	/	0.610	/
S(ph)PAKEPVEQPR	Spen	IPI00828562	25.27	/	0.321	/	0.464	/
RVSGS(ph)ATPNSEAPR	Ddx51	IPI00396728	58.55	/	0.306	/	0.460	/
S(ph)HTGEEAAVR	Bcl2l13	IPI00321499	35.83	/	0.288	/	0.467	/
NNVMT(ph)SPNVHLK	Cenpc1	IPI00114808	34.17	/	0.284	/	0.390	/
RVS(ph)GSATPNSEAPR	Ddx51	IPI00396728	58.55	/	0.278	/	0.427	/
YLEIDS(ph)DEESR	Sdad1	IPI00387439	33.64	/	0.276	/	0.529	/
DDS(ph)GAEDNVDTHQQQAENST VPTADSR	Rspry1	IPI00223590	27.35	/	0.275	/	0.445	/
LSQVNGATPVS(ph)PIEPESK	Mybbp1a	IPI00331361	33.48	/	0.272	/	0.461	/
RIS(ph)GLIYEETR	Hist1h4a	IPI00623776	35.15	/	0.267	/	0.400	/
GS(ph)HC(me)SGSGDPAEYNLR	Lmna	IPI00620256	32.11	/	0.257	/	0.488	/
LSQVNGAT(ph)PVSPIEPESK	Mybbp1a	IPI00331361	33.48	/	0.254	/	0.436	/
SST(ph)PLPTVSSAENR	Tmpo	IPI00896574	55.29	/	0.246	/	0.516	/
SPFNSPSQDS(ph)PR	Nfic	IPI00137501	40.52	/	0.213	/	0.435	/
GSGEASSDSIDHS(ph)PAK	Suv39h2	IPI00111417	26.96	/	0.174	/	0.377	/

S(ph)SPPVEHPAGTSTTDNDVIIR	Rai14	IPI00453820	35.31	/	0.170	/	0.308	/
GHYEVTGS(ph)DDEAGK	Ahnak	IPI00553798	58.36	/	0.168	/	0.371	/
SNS(ph)FSDER	Ahnak	IPI00553798	29.85	/	0.154	/	0.366	/
GGVTGSPEAS(ph)ISGSKGDLK	Ahnak	IPI00553798	43.68	/	0.135	/	0.346	/
GGVTGSPEASISGS(ph)KGDLK	Ahnak	IPI00553798	43.68	/	0.119	/	0.363	/
DSVPAS(ph)PGVPAADFPAETEQS KPSK	Top2a	IPI00122223	25.31	/	0.116	/	0.342	/
SGAAEEDDS(ph)GVEVYYR	Pdcd11	IPI00551454	41.08	/	0.104	/	0.592	/
KGDDS(ph)DEEDLC(me)ISNK	Stard13	IPI00857002	57.82	/	0.027	/	0.317	/
MSPNETLFLES(ph)TNK	Rragc	IPI00468702	/	32.32	/	0.407	/	0.530
SPSPSPTS(ph)PGSLR	Dclk1	IPI00468380	/	51.87	/	0.398	/	0.582
PQSAS(ph)PAKEEQK	Palm	IPI00129298	/	30.2	/	0.390	/	0.196
LS(ph)PAYSLGSLTGASPR	Phldb1	IPI00330246	/	34.03	/	0.369	/	0.573
SGTSTPTTPGSTAITPGT(ph)PPSYS SR	Mtap2	IPI00895463	/	69.16	/	0.360	/	0.661
TASRPEDTPDSPSGPSS(ph)PK	Lrrc16a	IPI00474873	/	46.92	/	0.216	/	0.439
LYNSEESRPYT(ph)NK	Crkr	IPI00648022	/	49.1	/	0.205	/	0.338

Table 5.11. Phosphopeptides identified as up-regulated after treatment with 25-hydroxycholesterol (25-OHChol). Un-normalised SILAC phosphopeptide ratios are displayed

Phosphopeptide	Gene	IPI Number	Mascot Score		Ratio 25-OHChol :Control		Ratio 24(S),25-EC :Control	
			1	2	1	2	1	2
HGS(ph)DPAFGSPR	Fam83h	IPI00227516	28.43	/	1.795	/	0.658	/
DELADEIANSS(ph)GK	Myh9	IPI00123181	29.65	/	1.166	/	0.970	/
S(ph)STSGSASSLESGVYR	Gtse1	IPI00268247	63.04	/	1.152	/	0.614	/
AQT(ph)PESC(me)GSVTPER	Filip11	IPI00755058	30.92	/	1.120	/	0.637	/
LLQDSSS(ph)PVDLAK	Ncoa2	IPI00116968	29.72	/	1.118	/	0.919	/
RQS(ph)LTSPDSQSTR	Herc1	IPI00676574	33.46	38.87	1.064	0.991	0.698	0.776
GS(ph)PEDGSHEASPLEGK	Rbm20	IPI00849187	51.26	/	1.055	/	0.586	/
PTGGLRDS(ph)EAEK	Hirip3	IPI00222813	29.49	/	1.035	/	1.064	/
KLEVS(ph)PGDEQSNVETR	Gnl3	IPI00222461	73.45	/	0.988	/	0.431	/
TASESISNLSEAGS(ph)VK	Clip1	IPI00857273	31	/	0.975	/	0.725	/
IKDPLDTT(ph)PDSK	Ckap2	IPI00470092	44.82	/	0.954	/	0.782	/
AQTPESC(me)GSVT(ph)PER	Filip11	IPI00755058	30.92	/	0.944	/	0.724	/
GGIDNPAIT(ph)SDQEVDDKK	Arhgap5	IPI00124298	40.63	/	0.924	/	1.125	/
SNS(ph)NSSSVITTEDNK	Filip11	IPI00755058	77.83	/	0.922	/	0.623	/
SEVQAHS(ph)PSR	Mtap2	IPI00895965	31.21	/	0.907	/	0.849	/
TTSTSNPSS(ph)PAPDWYK	Atrx	IPI00857253	38.08	/	0.892	/	0.604	/
ASS(ph)EDTLNKGSSASSGVAR	Specc1	IPI00798550	33.64	/	0.887	/	0.805	/
YMSSDTT(ph)SPELR	Sin3a	IPI00117932	27.09	/	0.883	/	0.580	/
YIASVQGSAPS(ph)PR	Ranbp2	IPI00337844	36.79	/	0.875	/	0.596	/
EKEEEETS(ph)PDTSIPR	Arhgef5	IPI00855144	48.09	/	0.868	/	0.565	/
AS(ph)SHSSSQGGGSVTK	Lmna	IPI00620256	/	58.67	/	2.595	/	1.511
TEEDRENTQIDDTEPLS(ph)PVSNSK	Trp53bp1	IPI00229801	/	28.8	/	2.576	/	1.904
SGFGGMSS(ph)PVIR	Nup107	IPI00221767	/	40.37	/	2.574	/	2.074
QEGAQENVKNS(ph)PVPR	Gmnn	IPI00131716	/	30.64	/	2.565	/	1.603
GEVAPKET(ph)PKK	Marcks1	IPI00281011	/	26.82	/	2.274	/	1.651
SEDRPS(ph)SPQVSVAAVETK	Trp53bp1	IPI00229801	/	48.56	/	2.071	/	1.704
LHSAQLS(ph)PVDETPATQSQLK	Mif1ip	IPI00459115	/	36.63	/	1.947	/	1.619
PAS(ph)PLSGPR	D2Wsu81e	IPI00224127	/	29.84	/	1.802	/	1.652

T(ph)SMGGTQQQFVEGV	Ctnnb1	IPI00125899	/	48.59	/	1.721	/	1.130
EIITEEPS(ph)EEEADMPPK	Ddx21	IPI00120691	/	31.38	/	1.693	/	1.383
HLFSS(ph)TENLAAR	Rab11fip1	IPI00169485	/	39.84	/	1.665	/	1.264
NWTEDEGGISS(ph)PVK	Nfic	IPI00137501	/	32.95	/	1.656	/	1.073
TTVYYQS(ph)PLESKPR	Atad2	IPI00135252	/	41.56	/	1.532	/	1.139
T(ph)GSLQLSSTSIGTSSLK	Cobll1	IPI00762331	/	31.52	/	1.526	/	0.746
AEDEILNRS(ph)PR	Canx	IPI00119618	/	25.35	/	1.506	/	1.350
KQNETADEAT(ph)TPQAK	Nolc1	IPI00720058	/	43.74	/	1.498	/	1.422
SRLTPTPES(ph)SSTGTEDK	Sqstm1	IPI00133374	/	74.88	/	1.485	/	0.733
IALESVGPPEEQMESGNC(me)S(ph)GGDDDWTHLSSK	Sqstm1	IPI00133374	/	27.33	/	1.471	/	0.787
AGS(ph)SPTQGAQNEAPR	Tcf20	IPI00407458	/	30.95	/	1.457	/	1.514
KAPLTLAQS(ph)PTPK	Wiz	IPI00263016	/	39.77	/	1.455	/	1.147
KLDTFQSTS(ph)PK	Ddx24	IPI00113576	/	27.61	/	1.453	/	1.063
SRLT(ph)PTTPESSTGTEDK	Sqstm1	IPI00133374	/	74.88	/	1.435	/	0.821
SSS(ph)FGSVSTSTSSK	Snx16	IPI00331029	/	54.62	/	1.416	/	4.998
TVGNVS(ph)PTAQMVR	Rbm7	IPI00133061	/	28.2	/	1.414	/	1.646
SRLTPTT(ph)PESSTGTEDK	Sqstm1	IPI00133374	/	74.88	/	1.408	/	0.841
TEMDKS(ph)PFNSPQDSPR	Nfic	IPI00137501	/	35.42	/	1.371	/	1.118

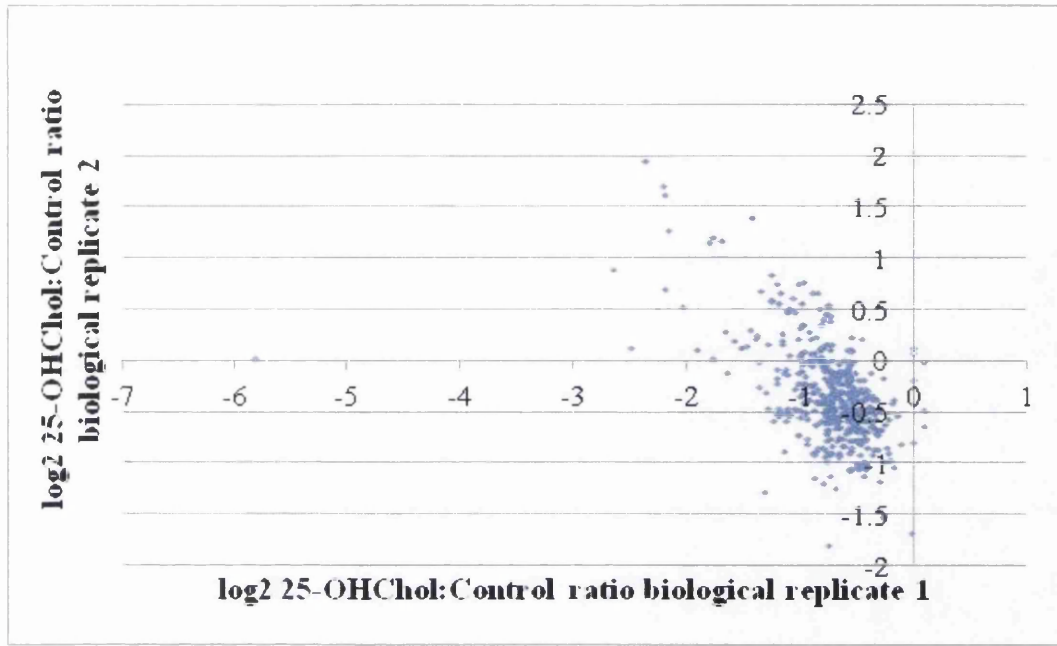
Removal of the phosphopeptides only identified in 1 biological replicate reduced the total number of phosphopeptides considerably. In total 2 phosphopeptides were identified as changed (1 down-regulated, and 1 up-regulated) in both biological replicates after treatment with 25-hydroxycholesterol (table 5.12.). In the case of these phosphopeptides they are in the lowest or highest 15.87 percentile range and thus can be considered greater than 1 standard deviation away from the median. The median ratio after 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol was 0.59 (15.87 percentile = 0.5) and 0.81 (15.87 percentile = 0.69) for the two biological replicates respectively. Thus, only one peptide (RLS(ph)QSDEDVIR) was in the 15.87 percentile range in both biological replicates after treatment with 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol. It is interesting to note that the protein from which this phosphopeptide is derived has been associated with MAPK signalling (Zhu *et al.* 2004). There is evidence that MAPK (AKA ERK) phosphorylation can be influenced by oxysterols and, in addition, ERK appears to have a role in dopaminergic neurogenesis (section 5.1).

Table 5.12. Phosphopeptides identified as having change in expression after treatment with 25-hydroxycholesterol (25-OHChol) or 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol (24(S),25-EC). All the peptides had a probability of identification of the correct phosphorylation site of ≥ 0.98 . Un-normalised SILAC phosphopeptide ratios are displayed. Values in bold were classed as changed

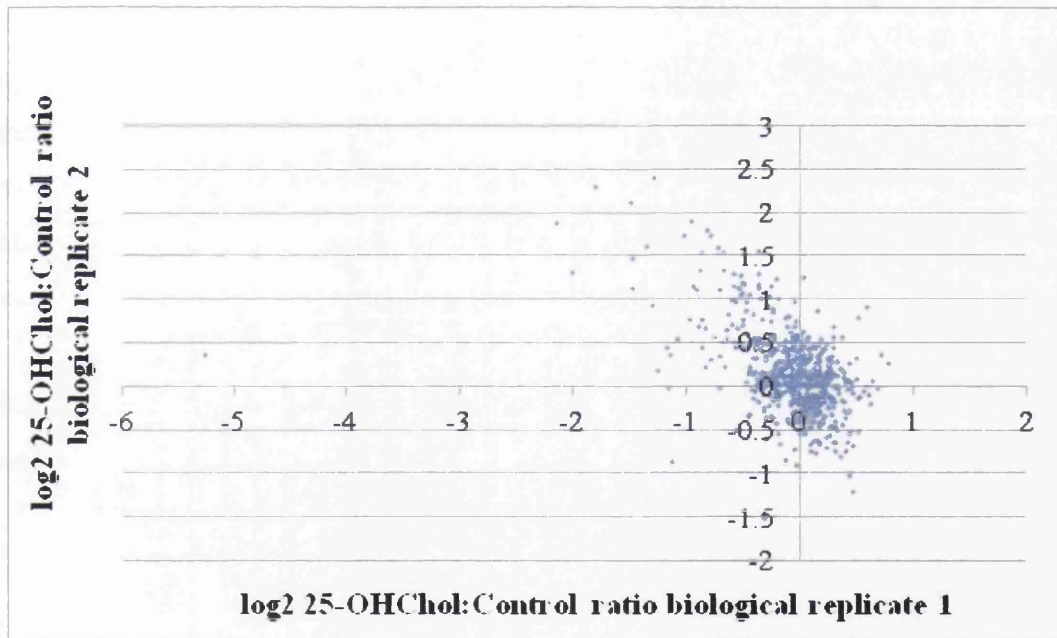
			Mascot Score		Ratio 25-OHChol :Control		Ratio 24(S),25-EC :Control	
			Replicate		1	2	1	2
Phosphopeptide	Gene	IPI Number	1	2	1	2	1	2
RLS(ph)QSDEDVIR	Wdr26	IPI00226275	83.2	29.45	0.36	0.36	0.40	0.41
RQS(ph)LTSPDSQSTR	Herc1	IPI00676574	33.46	38.87	1.06	0.99	0.69	0.77.

Both phosphopeptides identified as changed (table 5.12) have no commercially available antibodies it was impossible to validate these changes. This inability to reproduce the observed changes by a different technique is critical as when analysed as a population the ratio of the phosphopeptides that were identified in both biological replicates were variable (fig. 5.10). Indeed, in some cases the phosphopeptides identified when quantified changed in opposite directions. Points in the upper left quadrant of the graph represent phosphopeptides that have increased in one replicate and decreased in the other (fig. 5.10). Thus, despite strong evidence to suggest that the peptide identification and phosphorylation site is correct without further experimental evidence it is difficult to have certainty to the changes in the quantification of the phosphorylation.

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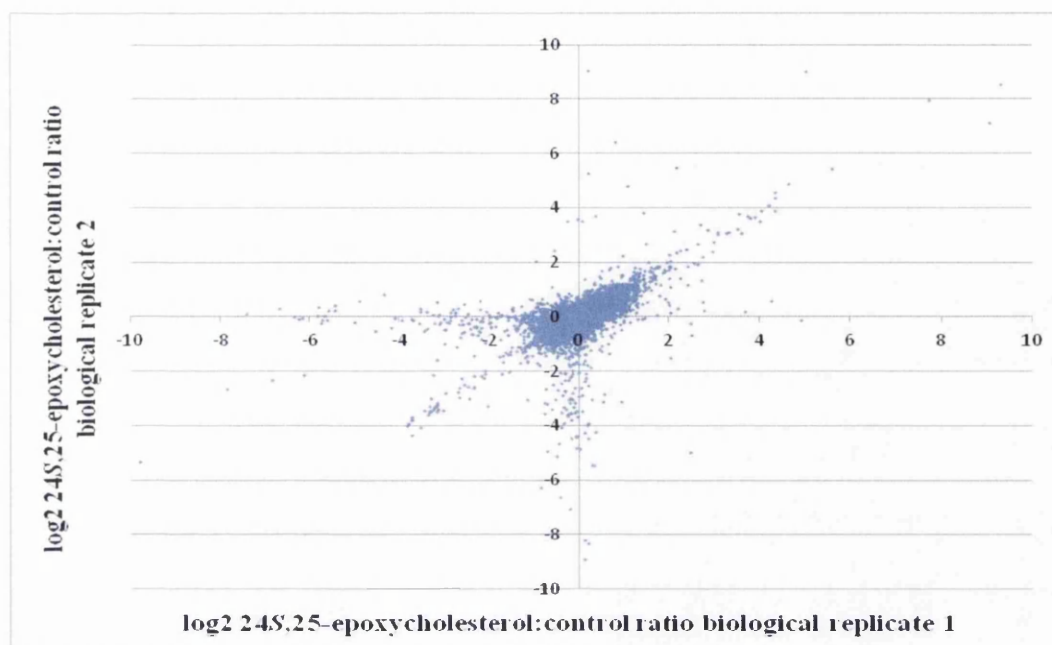


Figure 5.10. Poor correlation in peptide ratio between biological replicates. There is poor correlation in the ratios of the phosphopeptides common to both biological replicates after treatment with 25-hydroxycholesterol. The un-normalised ratio of the phosphopeptide (A) has a poor correlation with a number of peptides having opposite responses in a number of cases (top left quadrant). The normalised phosphopeptide ratios had a similar trend (B). Normalisation occurs in each experiment to take into account any error introduced by protein mixing. (C) As a contrast peptide ratios from 2 biological replicates treated with 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol and analysed for changes in protein expression (Chapter 3) showed a much better correlation in normalised peptide ratio between different biological samples.

5.2.8. Peptide Methylation

In an attempt to increase the specificity of the IMAC by reducing non-specific binding peptide methylation was undertaken. To methylate acidic amino acids and the C-terminus carboxylic acid peptides were incubated with methanolic hydrochloric acid. This methylation would, in theory prevent non-specific binding to the IMAC column as the non-phosphate negatively charged acidic moieties are blocked by the methyl group. Therefore to examine this method 2.25mg of SILAC SN4741 lysate was fractionated using strong cation exchange, treated with methanolic acid, phosphoenriched using IMAC and analysed by LC-MS/MS. This resulted in a total of 4510 peptides (2067 unique) being identified with a total Mascot score ≥ 25 and a SILAC ratio generated. 1082 of these 4510 peptides were phosphorylated. In total 609 unique phosphopeptides were identified. However, when examining peptide methylation only 716 of the total peptides were identified with a methylation either on an aspartic (D) or glutamic acid (E) residue or on the C-terminus. Of these only 425 were unique peptides. In addition, often the same peptide was methylated in different and/or multiple places. For example the peptide ALAAAGYDVEK from Histone H1.2 has 3 potential methylation sites one aspartic acid residue (D), one glutamic acid residue (E) and the C-terminus. This peptide was identified with 5 different combinations of methylation (table 5.13.). The 5 peptides eluted from the C18 column at different rates and therefore the total amount of peptide with the same amino acid sequence was split between the different retention times.

Table 5.13. Incomplete methylation increases complexity of the peptide mixture. In this example one peptide sequence was identified 5 times with different levels of methylation

Peptide Sequence	Mascot Score	Retention Time
ALAAAGYD(me)VE(me)K_(me)	58.27	55.025
ALAAAGYDVE(me)K_(me)	50.81	51.578
ALAAAGYD(me)VEK_(me)	34.84	50.173
ALAAAGYD(me)VE(me)K	41.49	52.224
ALAAAGYDVE(me)K	40.82	47.177

However, this dataset did contain some phosphopeptides and these were analysed to confirm the novel sites previously observed (table 5.5). Thus, analysis of the 609 unique phosphopeptides allowed further confirmation of 5 novel phosphorylation sites (table 5.14).

Table 5.14. Phosphopeptides with a novel site of phosphorylation identified in 3 independent experiments.

Sequence and Phosphorylation site	Gene	Phosphorylation Site Probabilities	Mascot Score
ASSFYGSAS(ph)PNHLR	Mcp1	ASSFYGS(0.007)AS(0.993)PNHLR	43.72
HVSS(ph)PDVTTAQQ	Tdp1	HVS(0.054)S(0.946)PDVTTAQQ	30.83
KS(ph)PEQESVSTAPQR	Spg20	KS(0.999)PEQES(0.001)VSTAPQR	38.85
NTVDIVDKPENS(ph)PQR	Phf3	NTVDIVDKPENS(1)PQR	58.37
RSTPS(ph)GPVR	Rbmxrt	RSTPS(1)GPVR	40.09

5.3. Discussion

The basis of these experiments was to identify changes in phosphorylation induced by oxysterols in SN4741 cells. Therefore, in order to elucidate reproducible changes in the phosphoproteome the data sets were examined for phosphopeptides reproducibly identified by the SILAC labelling as up- or down regulated. A limitation of the study was a use of only one time point for the SILAC experiments. As phosphorylation is a transient, reversible modification it is possible that some changes induced by oxysterol treatment were not observed due to examining the phosphoproteome at the 'wrong' time point.

However, 2 phosphopeptides were identified as having a changed expression after treatment with 25-hydroxycholesterol (table 5.12). The peptides identified had good Mascot scores and a high probability that the phosphorylation is assigned to the correct amino acid. Interestingly, WD repeat-containing protein 26 (Wdr26) which the previously reported phosphopeptide RLS(ph)QSDEDVIR (Sweet *et al.* 2009) is derived from has previously been associated with MAPK signalling (Zhu *et al.* 2004); a pathway also associated with oxysterols and dopaminergic neurogenesis. This phosphopeptide was classed as changed after treatment with 25-hydroxycholesterol or 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol. However, the independent validation of the observed change in these phosphopeptides was unable to be achieved due to the lack of a commercially available antibody.

With the lack of validation it is difficult to draw conclusions beyond unequivocal identification as in these experiments the reproducibility of the phosphopeptide quantification was ambiguous due to the fact that in some cases the same phosphopeptide was identified up or down regulated in different biological replicates (fig 5.10). Thus, these data throw into doubt the reliability of the very few reproducible changes observed after treatment with 25-hydroxycholesterol and 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol. To a certain extent these results are unsurprising as phosphorylation is a transient modification that can react quickly to a broad range of stimuli. These data highlight the technical difficulties in identifying reproducible changes in the phosphoproteome.

However, with this methodology, utilising strong cation exchange chromatography and IMAC phosphoenrichment, a large number of phosphopeptides were identified by mass spectrometry in each biological replicate. In the two biological replicates 1232 and 845 unique phosphopeptides were identified, 27% and 11% of the total unique peptides. In total 1663 phosphopeptides were identified with a Mascot score ≥ 25 . Thus, in 2 biological replicates a proportion of the total phosphopeptides identified (414/1663, 24.9%) were observed in both data sets with Mascot scores ≥ 25 . The reproducible observation of the same phosphopeptide in different biological replicates is a major challenge of phosphoproteomics and others have reported similar difficulties (Engholm-Keller *et al.* 2012).

Of the 414 phosphopeptides identified in both data sets 56 were identified as not currently having experimental evidence to demonstrate phosphorylation. Further analysis of these peptides allowed confident identification of 37 novel phosphorylation sites.

These data indicate that strong cation exchange chromatography followed by IMAC resulted in phosphopeptide enrichment. However, the number of phosphopeptides identified could be improved by improving the methodology. To this end peptide methylation was examined as a methodology to reduce the amount of non-specific binding to the IMAC column. However, from the data presented here the current methodology is unsuitable. The methylation is incomplete as shown by the data that only a subsection of the total population (716/4510) were identified as methylated. Furthermore, peptides identified as methylated did not react completely (table 5.13). Incomplete methylation means that unspecific binding to the column may still occur. Indeed, it appears that methylation, in some cases, does not prevent non specific binding (table 5.13). In addition the incomplete nature of the methylation may mean that some phosphopeptides have more than one retention time for the same sequence. This may lead to some of these low abundance, poorly ionisable peptides to not be detected at all. Thus methylation in some cases may be counterproductive. Therefore, other options to increase the number of phosphopeptide identifications may be preferable.

One option is to use another phosphoenrichment method sequentially after IMAC. In this case the peptide flow through from the IMAC columns would be subjected to

further stages of phosphoenrichment. Titanium dioxide (TiO_2) has previously been used for this purpose after IMAC phosphoenrichment and resulted in a greater number of peptides identified (Thingholm *et al.* 2008). Another option is to use multiple sequential rounds of phosphoenrichment using the same technique. This approach has recently been performed using titanium dioxide which resulted in the identification of ~4000 phosphorylation sites (Sharma *et al.* 2012). Using these approaches could increase the number of phosphopeptides identified and increase further the identifications common to independent biological replicates.

A second approach to improve the number of phosphopeptides identified might be to change the quantification approach. As shown in chapter 3 SILAC is a powerful technique for quantitative proteomics. However, in the case of phosphoproteomics some of its inherent characteristics might be considered weaknesses. SILAC is reliant on the triplet of peaks, seen in the MS scan, that are derived from the same peptide sequence but containing isotope labelled arginine or lysine in order to quantify peptides and, therefore, proteins. Therefore, this means for each peptide sequence there are 3 precursor ions in the spectra. For evaluation of total protein expression this is not an issue. However, the low abundance of phosphopeptides, coupled with their poor ability to ionise, might mean that due to splitting the total intensity from a given phosphopeptide over 3 peaks might result in the peptide being below the detection limit. Thus, an isobaric labelling, such as iTraq (section 1.2.3.2) might provide a better option for the quantitative analysis of phosphopeptides. iTraq labelling is performed on peptides prior to mixing and results in a covalent bond between amine groups of peptides and the iTraq reagent. The resultant labelling is isobaric between different groups and is only apparent in the MS^2 fragmentation spectra where reporter ions are used to quantify different treatment groups. Therefore, due to the isobaric nature of the iTraq labelling the initial precursor ion, unlike SILAC, is a single peak. This fact may increase the number of low intensity phosphopeptides identified whilst retaining the ability to quantify changes between different treatment groups.

One option to improve the reliability of the phosphopeptide quantification would be to analyse the non-phosphorylated peptide mixture eluted on the IMAC phosphoenrichment by LC-MS/MS. Therefore, they could be used in combination with the phosphoenriched samples, but processed by LC-MS/MS independently, in

order to normalise the phosphorylation of a given phosphopeptide to total protein expression. This can be done automatically by bio-informatic software whilst analysing data. This would give a more reliable estimation of the change in phosphorylation as the effect of experimental error in protein mixing would be adjusted for. By analysing the phosphopeptide alone this normalisation to protein is impossible as commonly the phosphopeptide is the only peptide used for identification of any protein and thus when normalised to protein results a ratio of 1.

In summary, the phosphoproteomic analysis of SN4741 cells led to the identification of a large number of phosphopeptides. Indeed, these data resulted in the identification of a number of novel phosphorylation sites in the mouse proteome. The work presented here does not investigate the role the identified phosphorylation sites play in the cell. It does, however, provide experimental evidence that these post translational modifications occur providing a basis for future elucidation. Unfortunately, the quantitative phosphoproteomics proved less successful. Phosphorylation is a transient and highly responsive post-translational modification and when compared to total protein expression that is, relatively, stable the analysis of the phosphoproteome is inherently more difficult. Thus, these data indicate the large technical challenge involved in quantitative phosphoproteomic studies.

CHAPTER 6: GENERAL DISCUSSION

Proteomics as a technology is still in its infancy. The power of this experimental approach is to analyse the global effects of treatments on protein expression and post-translational modifications. In this case the effect of 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol or GW3965 on protein expression and 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol or 25-hydroxycholesterol on the phosphoproteome. The data presented here highlight the effectiveness of proteomic experimental design in the ability to identify quantifiable changes in protein expression is clear. In the experiments analysing protein expression thousands of proteins were identified and quantified the majority of which with 2 or more peptides. The SILAC approach employed identified expected changes in protein expression after treatment with 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol or GW3965. These observations in known changes (e.g. the LXR regulated gene ABCA1) lend weight to the observed unexpected changes and, in addition, act as a positive control for treatment uptake. The SILAC methodology for quantifying protein expression changes presented here could easily be applied to any cell type or treatment.

Nevertheless, challenges remain. The selection of a peptide for fragmentation is reliant, to a certain extent, on chance as there is no guarantee that a protein of interest will be identified. This can be seen in tables 3.5. and 3.6 where a number of proteins are not identified in all three biological replicates. This is especially true of proteins of interest that are of low abundance as peptides with a weaker signal are at risk of not being selected for fragmentation and therefore identified. In addition, as SILAC data consists of light, medium and heavy peptides the spectra generated are inherently more complex. This could result in fragmentation of the same peptide in different SILAC states over a lower abundance unique peptide. In addition, the increased complexity might mask lower abundance peptides by having precursor ion peaks from other peptides superimposed on them. However, despite these potential limitations the SILAC data presented here identified a number of novel 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol induced protein changes.

Cholesterol itself is an integral part of cell membranes therefore it is perhaps unsurprising that a number of the novel 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol changes observed are related to membrane composition. The presence of 24(*S*),25-epoxycholesterol inhibits cholesterol synthesis and therefore may lead to membrane alteration (fig 6.1).

Two proteins involved directly or indirectly in phospholipid synthesis, phosphoethanolamine cytidyltransferase and collagen type IV alpha-3-binding protein, were identified as changed after 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol treatment. Phosphoethanolamine cytidyltransferase (PCyt2), an independently reported SREBP2 regulated gene identified whilst this work was being conducted (Ando *et al.* 2010), is required for phosphoethanolamine synthesis and is down-regulated after 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol treatment (table 3.10). Collagen type IV alpha-3-binding protein (col4a3bp; StAR-related lipid transfer protein 11, Stard11) is up-regulated after 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol treatment at both the protein and mRNA level (table 3.10; fig. 4.1). This protein transports ceramide from the endoplasmic reticulum to the Golgi apparatus where it is synthesised to sphingomyelin. In addition to the changes in the proteins involved in lipid synthesis caveolin-1, the lipid raft component, was identified as down-regulated after 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol treatment which based on confocal microscopy data appears to be related to changes in cholesterol levels (table 3.10; fig 3.17; fig.3.18; fig. 3.19). In order to investigate this hypothesis it could be possible to investigate the cholesterol level of 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol treated SN4741 cells to see if there is a correlation between cholesterol level and caveolin-1 expression. Indeed, mass spectrometry could be used to analyse all the components of the plasma membrane. Thus, quantification of phospholipids and cholesterol could determine the effect of the observed protein changes in relation to membrane lipids.

It is clear that 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol has an effect on caveolin-1 expression and localisation. Further investigations into the effect of 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol on protein localisation in SN4741 cells could be conducted using a proteomics approach. Subcellular fractionation could be used in order to examine the protein expression in certain parts of the cell. Subcellular fractionation allows different components of the cell to be isolated and therefore analysed separately. Thus, it could be possible to combine subcellular fractionation with, for example, SILAC labelling in order to quantify changes to protein distribution after a treatment. This approach would allow the identification of changes in membrane protein composition and protein translocation (e.g. cytoplasm to nucleus) where the total protein expression remains constant.

24(S),25-epoxycholesterol was shown to increase macrophage colony stimulating factor (MCSF) in SN4741 cells at both the protein and mRNA level. It is interesting

to note that MCSF is required for normal brain development and that, also, 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol is present at higher than expected levels in embryonic mouse brain (Michaelson *et al.* 1996; Wang *et al.* 2009). A role for LXR in ventral midbrain development has been demonstrated (Sacchetti *et al.* 2009) however, it is unlikely this increase in MCSF expression in SN4741 cells is LXR controlled as, the synthetic ligand, GW3965 had no effect. Indeed the ring oxygenated oxysterols 7 β -hydroxycholesterol and 7 α -hydroxycholesterol, which are considered weak LXR agonists, induced significant increases in MCSF mRNA in THP1 monocytes.

The lack of effect after GW3965 implies that a LXR independent mechanism is responsible for the observed increase in MCSF expression. Unfortunately, due to time restraints it was beyond the scope of this work to examine in detail the mechanism by which oxysterols induce this effect. However, a number of possibilities exist through which oxysterols could induce this observed effect on MCSF expression. A nuclear receptor that has been shown to regulate MCSF expression is PPAR γ (Bonfield *et al.* 2008). Similarly to LXR, PPAR γ is a nuclear receptor that requires heterodimerisation with RXR when activated. PPAR γ activation causes a decrease in MCSF expression (Bonfield *et al.* 2008). Therefore it appears that PPAR γ activation has an inverse effect to treatment with oxysterols. This leads to the hypothesis that oxysterols can inhibit PPAR γ activity. Indeed, there has been recent evidence to suggest that this is the case with 25-hydroxycholesterol inhibiting PPAR γ (Xu *et al.* 2012). It appears that PPAR γ inhibits MCSF expression through repressing NF-kB mediated transcription (Bonfield *et al.* 2008). Furthermore, evidence of oxysterols inducing NF-kB translocation has recently been reported (Aye *et al.* 2012; Xu *et al.* 2012). Thus, one hypothesis is that the observed increase in MCSF expression is due to inhibition of PPAR γ and increased translocation of NF-kB. Another potential mechanism for the increase in MCSF expression via NF-kB activation is through ERK signalling. Inhibition of ERK can decrease NF-kB activity (Vanden Berghe *et al.* 1998) therefore as oxysterols can increase ERK phosphorylation (Yoon *et al.* 2004, Lemaire-Ewing *et al.* 2009) it is possible that MCSF expression is increased through this pathway. Thus, it is possible that there is a link between the results observed for MCSF at the protein and mRNA level and the initial basis for the phosphoproteomic studies presented here. Experimental evidence would be required to confirm the pathway through the

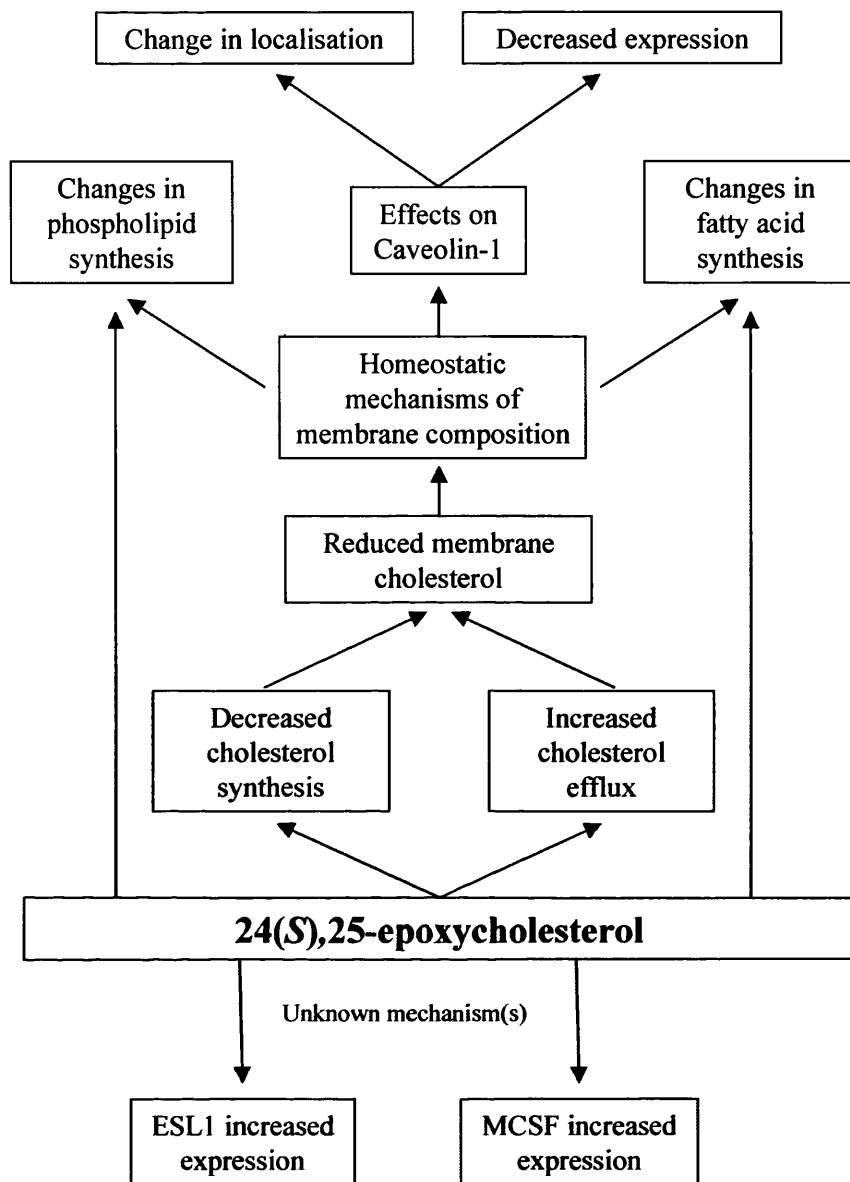


Figure 6.1. The effect of 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol on SN4741 neuronal cells. It is hypothesised that 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol induces a number of changes in cell membranes through direct (e.g. reducing the synthesis of cholesterol) and indirect (e.g. inducing changes in caveolin-1 expression and localisation) mechanisms. In addition, LXR independent up-regulation of Golgi sialoglycoprotein MG-160 (ESL1) and macrophage colony stimulating factor (MCSF) through an unknown mechanism was observed. MCSF has previously been reported to be important in brain development (Michaelson *et al.* 1996) and therefore it is hypothesised that this is an important effect of 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol on murine embryonic development.

use of small molecule inhibitors or RNAi in combination with oxysterol treatment. This approach would allow dissection of the mechanism by which oxysterols increase MCSF expression.

The use of SILAC in phosphoproteomic studies was also, albeit to a lesser extent, successful. A large number of phosphopeptides were identified with a Mascot score >25 and quantified (fig. 5.8). A number of these phosphopeptides confirmed predicted phosphorylation sites that had no previous experimental validation. In addition, a number of phosphorylation sites previously unreported on the canonical protein database Uniprot were identified (table 5.4; 5.5). The absence of a commercially available antibody for these previously unidentified phosphorylation sites means that validation is impossible. However, there is confidence in the mass spectrometry data and therefore it is probable that the sequence and phosphorylation site identifications are correct. The analysis of the function of these novel phosphorylation sites was beyond the scope of this work, however, a foundation is laid for future work. The identified phosphopeptides, novel and previously reported, can now be predicted as to where they will elute from both the strong cation exchange and C18 HPLC column. This allows, if required, a focused approach for a given phosphopeptide.

The identification of reproducible changes in the phosphoproteome proved difficult. A number of issues identified in these studies would be able to improve subsequent studies. The low abundance of phosphopeptides makes their analysis difficult. In addition, a large number of non-phosphorylated peptides were also identified in the phosphoenriched samples (table 5.3). Therefore, improvements in phosphoenrichment would be beneficial to improve the number of phosphopeptides identified. This would also improve the probability of identifying the same phosphopeptide in different biological replicates giving a greater overlap of phosphopeptides between different samples. This would be beneficial to identify reproducible changes in the phosphoproteome. The use of SILAC as a technique might not be ideal for phosphoproteomic work due to the characteristic 3 precursor ions in a SILAC peptide spectrum splitting the signal from low abundance phosphopeptides. In addition, as phosphopeptides are poorly ionisable there is a risk of not detecting phosphopeptides present in the sample. The use of an alternate labelling strategy, such as iTraq, could help to limit this due to peptides in different groups having the same mass and, thus, only distinguishable in the MS/MS spectra. One problem of the phosphoproteomic

methodology is the lack of an internal positive control in a similar vein to the SREBP2 regulated genes in the protein expression studies. ERK1/2, the only previously reported protein whose phosphorylation is induced by oxysterols, was not identified in any dataset. Therefore, due to the unknown effects of the oxysterols on phosphorylation beyond that reported for ERK1/2 there is a lack of known changes in the phosphoproteomic data set to look for as a validation. This makes it difficult to analyse quantifiable changes in the data set with confidence. In addition, the observed variation between different biological replicates meant that there is doubt in the few reproducibly observed changes in SILAC phosphopeptide quantification data without further experimental validation.

As a cautionary note it is important to recognise that as the experiments presented here were performed in serum free media the observed changes might be increased, reduced or absent, in the presence of serum. Serum is a complex mixture that contains a large number of components including cholesterol and oxysterols. Serum free media for *in vitro* studies allows the removal of the variability of batch to batch serum composition but might not necessarily portray the *in vivo* situation. However, these proteomic and phosphoproteomic studies provide a wealth of data regarding the effect of oxysterols on SN4741 neuronal cells and provide a large dataset to inspire further work. The role of oxysterols in membrane homeostasis, in subcellular protein localisation, and in immunity can be further elucidated and all stem from these data presented here. The most exciting discovery is that of a role of oxysterols in MCSF expression. This observation ties in with observed relationship between MCSF expression and neuronal development, neurodegenerative disease, and immunity. All of these are areas with which oxysterols have been associated and therefore their relationship with MCSF is an ideal subject for future work.

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Appendix 1: All Proteins Identified as Down-Regulated in ≥1 Biological Replicate

Protein identities and expression ratio shown for proteins identified as down-regulated after SN4741 cells were treated with 10μM 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol. Pep = Number of unique peptides; EC = SILAC ratio after treatment with 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol; GW = SILAC ratio after treatment with GW3965.

Biological Replicate	Gene Names	1										2										3									
		1			2			1			2			1			2			1			2			1			2		
		Pep	EC	GW	Pep	EC	GW	Pep	EC	GW	Pep	EC	GW	Pep	EC	GW	Pep	EC	GW	Pep	EC	GW	Pep	EC	GW	Pep	EC	GW			
IP100229801	Uniprot	8	0.678	0.929	0.705	0.899	4	1.752	0.729	1.3	1.484	0.788	9	0.918	0.963	21	0.897	0.965													
IP100471341	UniProt	2	0.678	0.555	1.007	0.864	3	1.058	1.022	2	1.080	0.949	2	0.915	1.019	5	1.005	0.954													
IP100136555	UniProt	2	0.677	0.867	/	/	1	1.410	0.852	2	1.326	0.852	1	0.804	0.920	6	0.860	0.939													
IP100124771	UniProt	2	0.677	1.230	0.720	1.180	5	1.394	0.832	7	1.365	0.870	7	0.587	0.692	12	0.596	0.742													
IP100553798	UniProt	39	0.676	0.869	0.684	0.891	82	1.216	0.950	102	1.237	0.970	120	0.729	0.878	189	0.739	0.900													
IP100129519	UniProt	7	0.676	1.091	0.722	1.042	8	1.252	1.183	11	1.183	1.115	9	0.790	1.038	10	0.828	1.067													
IP100556827	UniProt	7	0.674	0.735	0.720	0.710	4	1.166	0.845	8	1.175	0.850	6	0.618	0.779	15	0.703	0.896													
IP100221688	UniProt	2	0.674	0.880	3	1.138	0.881	/	/	5	1.005	0.929	4	0.994	0.976	7	0.978	0.984													
IP100137336	UniProt	2	0.671	0.970	0.655	0.909	3	1.407	0.522	6	1.358	0.614	9	0.817	0.832	13	0.797	0.877													
IP100278624	UniProt	1	0.669	0.895	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.959	1.176	2	1.100	1.093													
IP100125960	UniProt	3	0.667	1.044	2	0.887	1.078	4	0.841	1.113	5	0.838	1.039	6	0.829	1.136	6	0.890	1.081												
IP100271059	UniProt	1	0.665	0.717	1	0.899	1.085	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/												
IP100377728	UniProt	2	0.664	1.106	5	0.614	1.107	5	1.307	0.904	5	1.337	0.831	6	0.733	0.780	7	0.719	0.788												
IP100135365	UniProt	1	0.663	0.572	2	0.972	0.992	2	1.560	1.147	2	0.994	1.186	1	0.895	1.113	4	0.873	1.072												
IP100229911	UniProt	2	0.663	0.799	3	0.755	0.721	/	/	1	1.262	0.846	1	0.874	0.869	4	0.900	0.992													
IP100118018	UniProt	2	0.662	0.908	3	0.813	1.048	2	0.999	1.012	3	1.130	0.948	3	0.923	1.330	4	0.890	1.038												
IP100221463	UniProt	3	0.661	1.041	4	0.693	1.005	3	1.097	0.799	4	1.216	0.747	5	0.825	0.873	6	0.835	0.881												
IP100112460	UniProt	2	0.661	0.973	3	0.683	1.012	2	1.410	1.146	5	1.305	1.064	1	13.38	1.187	4	1.121	1.110												
IP100124700	UniProt	6	0.661	0.927	12	0.775	0.957	8	1.880	0.944	9	1.871	0.888	9	1.011	0.982	18	1.048	0.981												
IP100313841	UniProt	1	0.658	0.542	3	0.829	0.844	/	/	2	0.788	0.817	/	/	/	4	0.716	0.689													
IP100459776	UniProt	1	0.657	0.896	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/												
IP100121335	UniProt	1	0.655	0.677	2	1.246	0.687	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/												
IP100119138	UniProt	4	0.655	1.432	3	0.720	1.288	4	1.420	0.722	6	1.413	0.786	8	0.468	0.665	11	0.466	0.697												
IP100321718	UniProt	2	0.651	1.465	4	0.746	1.399	2	1.599	0.860	4	1.304	0.913	3	0.580	0.694	6	0.620	0.744												
IP100473475	UniProt	2	0.651	0.928	2	0.932	0.955	2	0.917	1.024	2	0.920	1.000	2	0.844	0.989	3	0.828	1.055												
IP100310518	UniProt	1	0.649	0.958	2	0.601	0.923	2	0.936	0.881	3	1.242	0.816	4	0.799	0.903	9	0.799	0.850												
IP100119892	UniProt	2	0.648	0.737	4	1.047	0.946	1	1.023	0.846	3	1.056	0.919	3	0.808	1.132	7	0.842	0.885												
IP100130343	UniProt	5	0.648	0.999	/	/	/	8	1.126	0.897	10	1.069	0.900	8	0.730	0.776	/	/	/												
IP100408495	UniProt	1	0.644	0.817	2	0.755	0.724	4	1.186	0.956	6	1.189	0.945	6	0.769	0.953	6	0.767	0.892												
IP100133440	UniProt	2	0.642	1.307	5	0.597	1.380	/	/	7	1.494	0.820	4	0.535	0.720	10	0.548	0.775													
IP100623776	UniProt	4	0.640	1.007	6	0.661	0.987	6	1.030	0.751	5	0.979	0.745	9	0.832	0.871	9	0.863	0.894												
IP100312063	UniProt	1	0.640	0.967	4	0.373	0.868	/	/	3	0.361	0.759	5	0.266	0.776	12	0.265	0.815													
IP100649005	UniProt	2	0.639	0.853	3	0.618	0.803	3	1.412	1.136	4	1.318	1.051	5	0.836	0.925	5	0.827	1.029												
IP100126301	UniProt	2	0.638	0.799	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/												
IP100109615	UniProt	2	0.633	1.043	2	1.000	1.102	1	1.027	0.959	/	/	/	2	1.015	1.056	5	0.997	1.000												
IP100311682	UniProt	8	0.632	0.845	14	0.619	0.835	11	1.000	0.808	15	1.032	0.842	15	0.661	0.830	25	0.689	0.882												
IP100387238	UniProt	1	0.632	0.799	1	1.109	0.971	1	0.770	0.774	2	1.045	0.932	2	1.051	1.025	3	1.036	1.064												
IP100129220	UniProt	2	0.630	0.750	7	0.616	0.878	2	1.401	1.038	5	1.398	1.017	8	0.871	0.964	12	0.845	0.961												
IP100331577	UniProt	2	0.629	0.811	2	0.690	0.862	1	0.962	1.012	2	1.027	1.162	2	0.958	0.767	4	0.940	0.878												

IP100468691	Abcg2	/	/	/	1	0.676	1.048	1	0.840	0.846	/	/	/	1	0.786	0.678	2	0.665	0.500
IP100133608	Ce1ad1	/	/	/	3	0.675	1.079	2	0.932	0.929	3	0.999	0.948	2	0.582	0.995	3	0.578	1.070
IP100137331	P40124	9	0.995	1.023	12	0.674	0.719	/	/	/	15	0.981	1.008	14	1.015	1.745	22	1.096	1.078
IP100117124	P49769-1	/	/	/	1	0.673	0.831	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100403747	Golga7	/	/	/	1	0.673	1.102	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100323134	Cdh2	/	/	/	2	0.672	0.658	2	1.396	0.818	2	1.287	0.830	5	0.777	0.811	6	0.774	0.899
IP100315794	Cybb5b	1	0.848	1.116	1	0.672	1.127	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.630	0.779	4	0.613	0.837
IP100308653	Lpin1	/	/	/	3	0.672	1.119	1	0.714	0.826	1	0.628	1.010	1	0.354	0.699	3	0.522	1.199
IP100122273	Dag1	/	/	/	3	0.672	0.730	3	1.152	0.956	4	1.182	0.905	5	0.801	0.955	7	0.798	0.981
IP100459033	Dnagc3	2	0.946	0.802	5	0.671	0.540	2	0.979	0.987	3	1.029	1.026	3	0.930	1.043	4	0.902	1.063
IP100321597	Pelpl	/	/	/	5	0.670	0.854	4	1.181	0.941	5	1.154	1.044	4	0.879	1.083	15	0.961	1.056
IP100121133	Cd80	/	/	/	1	0.670	0.752	1	0.786	1.019	/	/	/	2	0.906	0.998	1	0.747	0.774
IP100318485	Str	2	0.990	1.113	2	0.668	1.089	2	0.888	1.052	2	0.940	0.947	4	1.073	1.052	7	1.007	1.052
IP100221822	Wdr3	/	/	/	2	0.668	0.855	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100849568	Zzef1	/	/	/	1	0.667	0.810	2	0.781	0.782	4	0.838	1.028	3	1.185	1.166	1	0.964	0.964
IP100648295	Aof2	/	/	/	4	0.666	0.818	/	/	/	1	1.184	0.861	2	1.069	1.128	7	1.067	1.045
IP100129466	Cbx1	2	0.712	0.834	2	0.666	0.791	2	1.288	0.795	3	1.264	0.800	2	0.739	0.924	5	0.876	0.913
IP100112188	Cnot8	/	/	/	1	0.666	0.610	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100348270	Hist2hb	/	/	/	5	0.665	0.963	/	/	/	7	1.129	0.772	/	/	/	10	0.871	0.855
IP100874321	HnrnpC	/	/	/	10	0.664	0.944	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	11	0.706	0.877
IP100283817	Usp28	/	/	/	1	0.664	0.904	1	0.696	0.854	2	0.993	1.050	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100309365	Acof8	1	0.952	0.847	3	0.663	0.800	/	/	/	1	0.786	1.135	/	/	/	2	0.913	1.182
IP100621828	Rfwd2	/	/	/	2	0.662	0.590	/	/	/	1	0.917	0.896	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100135189	Aaes	9	0.724	1.100	11	0.661	1.015	8	0.696	1.016	8	0.699	1.021	7	0.672	1.049	15	0.683	1.021
IP100856542	H2-D1	/	/	/	3	0.660	1.079	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100109437	Pir	/	/	/	2	0.660	0.640	/	/	/	3	1.187	1.035	1	1.206	1.077	4	1.281	1.100
IP100312244	Mfn2	/	/	/	1	0.660	1.028	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.671	0.732
IP100115117	Stoml2	1	0.735	1.194	4	0.660	0.981	2	1.141	0.867	3	1.168	0.884	4	0.718	0.848	6	0.765	0.942
IP100313475	Atp5e1	1	0.738	1.158	3	0.659	1.123	2	1.060	0.892	3	1.096	0.908	1	0.670	0.713	5	0.733	0.834
IP100187413	Mett5d1	/	/	/	1	0.657	1.166	/	/	/	1	0.761	0.892	/	/	/	1	0.817	1.035
IP100132330	Chchd1	/	/	/	1	0.656	0.704	1	0.877	0.981	1	0.931	0.962	1	1.056	1.102	/	/	/
IP100153756	Tspan8	2	0.740	1.058	1	0.656	1.000	1	0.786	0.933	1	0.776	0.997	1	0.871	0.975	2	0.801	0.975
IP100828714	Abecl1	/	/	/	1	0.655	0.821	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100134979	Chm	/	/	/	1	0.655	1.051	2	1.100	0.940	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100664442	Slc4a7	/	/	/	1	0.654	0.853	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100316159	F11r	/	/	/	2	0.653	1.008	1	0.982	0.849	3	0.928	0.910	2	0.777	0.965	3	0.809	0.918
IP100453634	D030056L22R1k	/	/	/	1	0.651	0.786	/	/	/	1	1.155	1.136	/	/	/	1	1.078	1.146
IP100845851	Syne2	/	/	/	2	0.651	0.949	2	1.009	0.905	6	0.898	0.989	/	/	/	21	0.644	0.809
IP100224168	Tcea1	/	/	/	9	0.650	0.709	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100133132	Phk2b	/	/	/	2	0.650	1.046	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100470963	Slc4a3	/	/	/	1	0.649	0.798	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100330679	Dargk1	/	/	/	1	0.647	0.995	1	1.623	15.38	1	1.736	1.078	/	/	/	2	0.865	1.604
IP100169984	Kin	2	0.836	0.986	1	0.645	0.910	/	/	3	1.269	1.051	/	/	/	/	4	1.009	1.119
IP100110456	Qpcxl3-1	/	/	/	1	0.642	0.692	1	1.120	1.556	2	0.925	1.224	2	1.161	0.866	3	1.113	1.059
IP100556741	Tnfrsf10b	2	0.713	1.036	1	0.641	0.903	2	0.939	0.788	2	1.007	0.848	3	0.833	1.076	5	0.761	0.960
IP100320011	Pre1	/	/	/	1	0.641	0.966	/	/	1	2.022	0.831	/	/	/	/	4	0.740	0.841
IP100228719	Impad1	/	/	/	1	0.640	0.953	1	0.785	0.988	1	1.206	1.027	/	/	/	1	0.979	0.974
IP100400017	Pfribp2	1	0.934	0.836	2	0.639	0.714	2	0.771	1.208	/	/	/	2	0.927	1.502	2	1.235	1.518
IP100420477	Arhgef18	/	/	/	2	0.638	0.999	2	0.968	0.951	4	1.309	1.062	4	0.968	0.880	9	1.006	1.061
IP100453777	Atp5d	1	0.683	1.015	3	0.638	0.975	2	1.265	0.897	3	1.085	0.927	3	0.693	0.837	4	0.698	0.855

IP100137471	Ebp	P70245	/	/	/	2	0.635	1.114	2	0.680	0.901	2	0.842	0.935	2	0.583	0.812	1	0.647	0.915
IP100137194	Sic16a1	P53986	/	/	/	2	0.635	0.811	3	0.895	0.928	3	0.927	0.991	3	0.753	0.625	3	0.840	0.669
IP100469000	Sic39a6	Q8C145	/	/	/	1	0.634	0.650	/	/	/	1	1.031	0.936	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100229300	Epb4113	Q9WV92-7	/	/	/	15	0.633	0.709	11	1.217	0.850	17	1.201	0.912	/	/	0.922	28	0.902	0.962
IP100387427	Vps53	Q8CBA4-1	1	0.681	0.917	1	0.633	0.659	/	/	/	4	1.223	1.020	1	0.757	0.922	5	0.979	1.028
IP100112128	Hdhc3	Q9CWX4	/	0.935	0.934	2	0.630	1.084	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.026	0.985
IP100313525	Ncoas5	Q9LW39	/	/	/	2	0.630	0.760	/	/	/	5	1.008	1.132	/	/	/	7	1.101	1.102
IP100466570	Tmed10	Q9DID4-1	1	0.744	0.998	1	0.630	1.177	/	/	/	3	1.054	0.939	3	0.785	0.694	3	0.808	0.669
IP100222514	Mrs27	Q8BK72	/	/	/	3	0.629	0.900	3	0.891	0.882	4	0.853	0.814	3	1.046	1.072	8	0.976	0.890
IP100111770	Atp5i	Q6I85	/	/	/	1	0.627	1.596	1	1.009	0.819	1	0.952	0.823	/	/	/	1	0.594	0.812
IP100315517	Seh11	Q3TLC9	1	0.709	0.750	1	0.627	0.517	1	1.010	1.117	3	1.088	1.042	2	0.872	0.953	6	0.892	1.032
IP100554845	Immt	Q8CAQ8-5	/	/	/	1	0.624	1.495	2	0.516	0.351	9	1.417	0.893	/	/	/	7	0.644	0.839
IP100648654	Dusp3	BIAQF4	/	/	/	1	0.623	0.991	4	1.014	0.925	3	0.991	1.103	4	1.007	0.996	4	0.931	0.983
IP100261638	My16b	Q8C143	/	/	/	2	0.622	0.917	/	/	/	3	0.997	1.014	/	/	/	2	1.232	1.087
IP100828892	Rbm27	Q5SFM8-1	/	/	/	2	0.621	0.647	1	1.251	1.262	1	1.133	0.996	2	0.958	1.080	3	1.001	0.966
IP100311181	Klf13	Q9LJZ6	/	/	/	1	0.620	1.049	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.862	1.012
IP100109506	Stx6	Q9JKK1-2	/	/	/	1	0.620	0.438	/	/	/	1	0.979	0.859	2	0.858	0.838	1	0.969	0.894
IP100153418	Zc3h10	Q8R205	/	/	/	1	0.618	0.515	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100402911	Mphosph10	Q810V0	/	/	/	1	0.616	0.778	/	/	2	1.725	1.159	1	0.829	1.121	4	0.863	1.098	
IP100230476	Diaph3	Q9Z207	/	/	/	1	0.615	0.912	/	/	2	0.338	0.990	/	/	/	5	0.849	1.133	
IP100454109	Erf	P70459	/	/	/	1	0.614	0.756	/	/	2	0.986	1.155	/	/	/	2	0.837	0.930	
IP100117829	Cav1	P49817-1	/	/	/	1	0.611	0.761	2	0.666	0.749	3	0.632	0.847	2	0.597	0.566	3	0.598	0.654
IP100111162	Sox13	Q04891-1	/	/	/	1	0.611	0.090	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100776065	Klhl13	A2AL88	/	/	/	1	0.610	0.813	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100315187		Q9CQ22	1	0.713	1.217	2	0.610	0.972	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	4	0.548	0.753
IP100118217	Stx7	Q70439	/	/	/	1	0.609	0.800	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.943	0.629
IP100122227	Rnps1	Q62150	/	/	/	2	0.609	0.957	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100122223	Top2a	Q01320	/	/	/	4	0.607	1.108	4	3.181	0.851	10	3.296	0.933	5	0.795	0.964	11	0.780	0.967
IP100469323	Dnmt1	P13864-1	10	0.861	1.003	19	0.606	0.739	19	1.496	1.241	26	1.364	1.141	22	1.095	1.007	35	1.073	1.020
IP100120310	Ikip	Q9DBZ1-1	/	/	/	3	0.605	0.972	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100119432	Smpd2	O70572	/	/	/	2	0.605	3.927	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	6	1.054	1.040
IP100468609	Tgm6	Q14CG3	/	/	/	1	0.605	1.214	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100758301	Th11	Q3TW27	/	/	/	1	0.604	0.649	/	/	2	0.887	0.916	/	/	/	5	1.001	1.107	
IP100121218	Fahd2	Q3TC72	/	/	/	2	0.603	0.730	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100138716	Rap2b	P61226	/	/	/	1	0.602	0.867	/	/	1	0.878	0.628	2	0.775	0.901	5	0.696	0.844	
IP100400418	Tcf4	Q60722-3	/	/	/	2	0.602	0.867	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100126115	Sfkn3	Q91V61-1	/	/	/	3	0.598	1.236	4	1.328	0.917	6	1.271	0.859	6	0.654	0.742	9	0.606	0.757
IP100460291	Unc84b	Q3TBU0	/	/	/	1	0.598	0.919	1	0.975	0.920	2	1.047	1.298	3	0.520	0.812	3	0.507	0.847
IP100118986	Afp5o	Q9DB20	/	/	/	4	0.598	1.067	2	1.187	0.798	6	1.177	0.798	7	0.584	0.772	8	0.577	0.777
IP100876025	Miss1	Q6ZQB7	/	/	/	1	0.596	1.192	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100222225	Sec24a	Q3U2P1-1	/	/	/	2	0.595	0.556	/	/	4	0.910	0.832	2	0.994	1.018	6	1.083	1.150	
IP100620227	Tapbp	Q3TCU5	/	/	/	1	0.595	1.035	1	0.879	0.839	1	0.966	0.870	/	/	/	2	0.646	0.970
IP100128915	Csng4	Q8VHY0-1	/	/	/	1	0.593	0.708	/	/	6	0.963	0.799	2	1.074	0.992	5	0.738	0.929	
IP100857073	Akt1s1	Q9D1F4	/	/	/	2	0.592	0.979	2	1.120	1.015	2	0.936	1.078	3	1.080	1.053	3	1.085	1.055
IP100399958	Calu	Q3TLC3	/	/	/	8	0.590	0.901	9	1.014	0.931	12	0.945	0.876	9	1.232	1.173	14	1.025	1.158
IP100380817	Bcr	Q6PAJ1	2	0.897	0.710	2	0.589	0.389	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	4	0.947	1.023
IP100108685	Ptpra	P18052-1	/	/	/	3	0.589	1.070	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.976	0.849
IP100121576	Apoa	Q9DCZ4	/	/	/	1	0.589	0.574	/	/	1	1.104	0.884	/	/	/	/	1	0.772	0.858
IP100122430	Tmem97	O8VD00	/	/	/	1	0.588	0.757	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100453582	Grsf1	Q8C5Q4	1	0.696	0.873	2	0.588	0.941	1	1.406	1.116	3	1.184	0.985	5	1.217	0.998	6	1.192	1.022
IP100377618	Rpap1	Q80TE0-1	/	/	/	1	0.571	0.676	/	/	2	0.885	1.260	1	1.165	0.891	/	/	/	/
IP100121550	Atplb1	P14094	/	/	/	1	0.567	0.898	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.619	0.804

PI000342158	Nup210	Q9QY81	/	/	1	1.058	1.045	2	0.603	0.929	2	0.731	0.667	/	/	1	1.032	0.944	
PI000626834	Sh3gib2	QR3V5-4	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.599	0.738	3	0.885	0.848	5	1.026	1.024	/	/	
PI000310684	Zer1	Q80ZJ6-1	1	1.213	1.065	1	0.733	1.096	1	0.599	0.829	/	/	1	0.825	1.170	1	0.778	
PI000468665	Mvhl3	BLAR69	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.598	0.664	/	/	/	/	/	3	1.094	1.037	
PI000755796	Ankrd44	B2R XR6	1	1.172	0.879	2	1.379	1.066	1	0.593	1.106	/	/	/	/	1	1.271	0.975	
PI000112986	Bcs11	Q9CZP5	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.593	0.869	3	0.829	0.887	/	/	6	1.127	1.078	
PI000225390	Cox6b1	P56391	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.591	0.722	1	0.618	0.752	2	0.485	0.645	/	/	
PI000123967	Map3k7	Q31XG1	1	1.044	0.899	2	1.139	1.114	2	0.587	0.479	2	1.147	1.037	/	3	1.112	1.040	
PI000329962	Fuk	Q7TMC8	2	1.192	1.387	2	1.121	0.960	1	0.587	1.081	1	0.887	0.941	3	1.004	0.967	6	1.054
PI000807902	Mtch2	Q05C68	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.585	0.709	1	0.677	0.800	1	0.506	0.466	/	/	
PI000323035	Fbin5	Q9WVH9	1	1.636	0.906	/	/	2	0.582	0.786	2	0.831	0.938	1	0.995	0.861	3	0.990	
PI000123140	Fyco1	Q8VDC1	4	1.099	1.058	6	1.033	0.880	2	0.574	0.950	4	0.692	0.761	/	3	1.018	0.989	
PI000112549	Acs11	P41216	2	0.940	1.163	6	0.944	1.013	3	0.568	0.618	6	0.900	0.997	6	0.961	1.042	10	0.956
PI000380107	Cabin1	B9EKC5	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.565	0.846	1	0.648	0.793	1	0.642	0.907	1	0.585	0.844
PI000124979	Rbinx	Q9WV02	2	0.985	0.929	4	1.101	1.008	2	0.562	1.036	3	0.592	1.015	2	1.058	0.883	6	0.931
PI000227299	Vim	P20152	27	0.744	0.869	30	0.746	0.818	27	0.555	0.748	31	0.616	0.786	37	0.863	0.895	38	0.871
PI000453484	Wfser27	Q3VIG0	4	1.003	0.978	3	0.910	0.943	1	0.552	0.951	3	0.781	0.965	/	2	0.769	1.004	
PI000123458	Sprr1a	Q62266	3	0.796	0.980	6	0.727	0.959	8	0.551	0.906	7	0.586	0.913	8	0.704	0.868	10	0.719
PI000400143	Dger8	Q9EQM6	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.543	0.872	1	1.087	1.063	/	/	/	/	/	/
PI000153129	Gale	QR8059	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.540	0.923	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.024	1.136	
PI000756996	Mvk	Q9R008	3	0.736	1.025	5	0.691	0.976	4	0.526	0.898	6	0.554	0.895	4	0.603	1.017	10	0.583
PI000467914	Hfr0	P10922	3	1.200	1.021	4	1.263	1.051	2	0.522	0.900	4	0.680	1.017	3	0.972	0.847	7	1.009
PI000395047	Homert3	Q99JP6-2	5	1.031	0.979	6	1.183	0.988	2	0.519	0.558	1	0.843	0.875	2	0.966	1.020	4	0.940
PI000109505	Murc	A2ANM0	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.515	1.102	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.664	1.283	
PI000119980	Bcap29	Q61334	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.504	0.821	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
PI000849833	Fam101b	Q5SVD0	1	0.970	0.775	1	1.053	0.997	1	0.497	0.860	3	0.509	0.843	/	2	1.060	1.060	
PI000114862	Thumpd1	Q99J36	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.143	1.031	2	1.128	1.039	2	1.060	0.977	5	0.956	0.973
PI000315689	Dusp12	Q9D0T2	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.453	0.662	1	1.121	1.103	/	/	/	/	/	/
PI000228497	Mnab	Q9D273-2	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.408	0.887	3	0.420	0.806	1	0.502	0.920	3	0.498	0.914
PI000884526	Sprr2b	A9JTV7	2	0.838	1.074	3	0.804	0.969	2	0.396	0.968	2	0.490	0.963	2	0.791	0.985	3	0.823
PI000110265	Sirr2	Q8VDO8-1	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.107	1.028	1	1.014	1.209	2	1.130	1.032	5	0.973	0.999
PI000134334	Pgr2	Q8VDQ1-1	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.281	1.057	1	0.363	1.069	3	0.857	0.870	2	1.004	1.015
PI000124248	Chns1a	P97506	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.891	0.599	3	0.356	0.758	2	0.700	1.138	2	0.966	1.142
PI000132950	Rps21	Q9CQR2	2	1.046	1.030	2	1.009	0.963	1	0.351	0.363	1	0.882	0.901	4	0.942	0.902	4	0.951
PI000421052	Nipbl	Q6KCD5-1	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.329	0.682	1	1.205	1.159	/	/	1	0.855	0.974	
PI000121276	Meer	Q9DCS3	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.307	1.191	2	0.744	1.002	/	/	6	0.989	0.979	
PI000137864	Rbl1	Q64701-1	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.287	0.177	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.798	1.000	
PI000762636	Acsf3	Q3URE1-1	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.274	0.833	/	/	/	/	/	4	1.337	1.033	
PI000469184	Synn	Q70IV5-1	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.270	0.730	1	0.393	0.705	1	0.665	0.754	1	0.698	0.812
PI000339960	Trim75	Q3UWZ0	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.265	0.215	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
PI000930771	Htra1	Q8BN04	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.207	0.992	3	1.179	1.093	/	/	/	/	/	/
PI000623506	Ank3	Q9WUD7	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.204	2.567	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
PI000420796	Fam63b	Q6PDI6-1	1	0.823	1.014	1	0.695	0.745	1	0.188	0.448	1	0.792	0.636	2	0.676	0.899	3	0.601
PI000666788			/	/	/	/	/	1	0.087	0.164	1	0.023	0.004	/	/	/	/	/	/
PI000954606	5830433M19Ri k	Q3TUU0	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.079	0.918	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
PI000918972	Arhgap21	B2RWX1	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.050	0.268	1	0.894	0.836	/	/	/	/	/	/
PI000828904	4921517L17Rik	Q9DSU8-1	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.010	4.089	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
PI000474945	Traf7	Q8C2K8	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.007	0.007	1	0.021	0.011	/	/	/	/	/	/
PI000320241	Dnajb11	Q99KV1	4	0.935	0.935	8	0.935	0.964	8	0.768	0.861	5	0.734	0.861	6	0.857	1.003	9	0.945
PI000132604	Scamp3	O35609	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.870	1.052	4	0.779	1.051	5	0.734	0.995	3	0.823	0.878
PI000648755	Paln2	Q8BR92	2	0.821	0.964	3	0.895	0.928	1	0.877	1.560	4	0.732	1.085	/	/	1	0.897	1.327

IP100223047	Ckap4	Q8BMK4	8	0.737	1.295	10	0.699	1.233	10	1.237	0.761	13	1.273	0.841	14	0.674	0.609	19	0.716	0.678
IP100129554	Zfp597	Q2VPO3	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.670	0.728	/	/	/
IP100313884	Podxl	Q9ROM4	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.668	0.634	4	0.938	0.893
IP100845638	Pds5b	Q4VA53-3	1	1.341	1.172	2	1.329	1.107	4	1.033	1.194	4	1.051	1.156	2	0.668	0.867	9	0.722	0.850
IP100170357	Afg312	Q8JZQ2	1	0.821	0.923	3	0.838	0.896	3	1.020	0.957	3	1.125	0.880	2	0.667	1.061	4	0.774	0.844
IP100850873	Alp13a3	Q5XF89-2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.667	0.644	/	/	/
IP100109335	Six4	P70452	/	/	/	1	0.690	0.902	/	/	/	1	1.069	0.931	1	0.665	0.874	/	0.758	0.815
IP100122075	Mavs	Q8VCF0	/	/	/	4	0.811	1.145	2	1.169	0.884	6	1.210	0.901	2	0.663	0.722	4	0.675	0.822
IP100129298	Palin	Q9Z0P4-1	3	0.702	1.000	6	0.800	1.013	5	0.963	0.863	5	0.971	0.833	5	0.662	0.714	11	0.701	0.707
IP100653643	Hnmp1	Q3UMT7	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	0.977	0.874	12	0.980	0.896	14	0.659	0.894	15	0.662	0.733
IP100122471	Gfiscr2	Q3USL3	/	/	/	1	1.112	0.958	1	1.372	0.874	/	/	/	1	0.657	0.866	2	0.930	1.094
IP100319933	Pausin3	Q99JB8	3	0.787	1.563	3	0.906	1.148	4	1.129	0.888	6	1.051	0.877	6	0.654	0.830	8	0.795	0.909
IP100134398	Sec62	Q8BU14	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.028	0.930	2	0.985	0.894	1	0.652	2.718	2	0.745	0.610
IP100850433	Thoc7	Q7TMY4-1	/	/	/	/	1.067	0.860	/	/	/	1	1.128	1.073	1	0.651	1.084	/	/	/
IP100653745	Tmcol	Q3V4A0	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.283	0.810	1	0.650	0.820	1	0.731	0.714
IP100848672	Sfrs11	Q3UJX4	2	1.036	0.957	3	0.951	0.960	2	1.007	1.114	2	0.929	1.079	3	0.649	0.979	4	0.947	0.917
IP100124382	Elovl1	Q9JLJ5	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.050	0.830	2	0.649	0.878	1	0.658	0.745
IP100221951	Rbm22	Q8BHS3	/	/	/	2	0.871	0.628	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.648	0.591	2	0.721	0.910
IP100263106	PoirZg	P62488	/	/	/	1	0.851	0.942	1	0.912	0.775	/	/	/	1	0.648	0.749	2	0.845	0.764
IP100467123	Timeless	Q9RLX4-1	1	0.903	1.040	/	/	/	/	/	/	3	1.454	1.031	1	0.647	0.817	5	0.715	0.823
IP100126458	H2-K1	Q61894	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.645	1.033	/	/	/
IP100323748	Stom	P54116	/	/	/	2	0.961	1.251	/	/	/	/	/	/	3	0.644	0.665	5	0.747	0.705
IP100788387	Mfge8	Q3U8S9	/	/	/	6	0.983	0.983	8	0.746	0.747	9	0.854	0.913	9	0.643	0.842	17	0.802	0.878
IP100308162	Slc25a12	Q8BH59	/	/	/	3	0.723	0.919	4	1.272	0.768	7	1.292	0.786	3	0.640	0.853	16	0.643	0.711
IP100108410	Atad1	Q9D5T0	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.407	0.676	1	0.638	0.520	3	0.698	0.572
IP100111163	Enpp5	Q9EQG7	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.636	0.821	/	/	/
IP100118674	Ncsm	P57716	/	/	/	2	0.722	0.676	/	/	/	1	0.900	0.888	1	0.631	0.704	1	0.696	0.743
IP100125929	Ndufa4	Q62425	1	0.872	1.000	3	0.964	1.028	1	1.073	0.839	3	0.875	0.802	2	0.633	0.820	5	0.758	0.894
IP100890076	Maoa	BIAX52	3	0.989	1.596	4	0.936	1.501	4	1.703	0.866	4	1.540	0.855	4	0.632	0.577	8	0.612	0.635
IP100111076	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.050	0.801	1	1.086	0.873	1	0.632	0.866	/	/	/
IP100331612	Hmgaa2	P52927	/	/	/	3	1.094	0.928	4	1.547	0.811	5	1.528	0.800	6	0.631	0.646	5	0.644	0.692
IP100720003	Manbal	A2BGN7	/	/	/	1	0.932	1.103	/	/	/	1	0.922	0.698	1	0.631	0.704	1	0.696	0.743
IP100312018	Mlec	Q6ZQJ3	/	/	/	3	0.878	0.966	2	0.890	0.709	2	0.967	0.781	3	0.630	0.701	4	0.650	0.795
IP100120653	Hmgm3	Q9DCB1-1	/	/	/	1	1.005	1.046	1	0.809	0.737	1	0.918	0.893	1	0.623	0.788	3	0.740	0.772
IP100420464	Zeb2	Q9R0G7	/	/	/	1	1.031	1.032	1	1.031	1.032	3	1.096	1.077	1	0.621	1.143	2	0.949	0.902
IP100172226	Ncapd2	Q8K2Z4-2	/	/	/	4	0.900	1.075	6	1.649	1.268	13	1.535	1.172	8	0.621	0.840	19	0.672	0.850
IP100133612	Ttc35	Q9CRD2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.617	0.808	2	0.652	0.754
IP100125460	Atp5j	P97450	2	0.738	1.133	3	0.740	1.068	2	1.032	0.882	2	0.926	0.836	2	0.614	0.861	3	0.648	0.875
IP100230507	Alp5h	Q9DCX2	3	0.702	1.244	4	0.722	1.168	9	1.002	0.774	6	1.006	0.780	7	0.612	0.849	9	0.628	0.823
IP100331601	Cirh1a	Q8R2N2	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.443	0.915	1	1.299	1.144	2	0.611	0.783	3	0.842	0.888
IP100953773	Ssr4	Q9D6F7	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.116	0.826	3	1.112	0.848	2	0.611	0.797	/	/	/
IP100153389	Tor2a	Q8RLJ9-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.927	0.948	2	0.611	1.083	2	0.848	0.884
IP100669709	Pds5a	Q6A026	2	0.929	0.941	5	1.193	1.011	5	1.472	1.218	5	1.510	1.151	4	0.607	0.796	7	0.653	0.732
IP100131513	Ash2l	Q91X20	1	0.918	0.954	2	1.386	1.068	3	1.024	1.068	3	0.937	1.018	3	0.606	0.853	4	0.959	1.144
IP100331361	Mybbp1a	Q7TPV4	4	1.235	1.121	6	0.985	1.275	6	1.848	1.071	15	2.052	1.073	8	0.605	0.838	17	0.624	0.846
IP100132747	Hbxip	Q9DIL9	1	0.903	1.146	1	0.976	1.120	1	1.115	1.072	1	1.015	0.812	1	0.604	0.703	2	0.652	0.725
IP100263878	Pik3r1	P26450	/	/	/	3	1.111	0.995	/	/	/	4	0.965	0.945	1	0.604	0.657	5	0.800	0.895
IP100108811	Cba	PI7439	3	0.882	0.721	3	0.870	0.819	4	0.893	0.941	5	0.859	0.850	4	0.597	0.873	6	0.680	0.884
IP100271986	Alp5l2	P56135	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.123	0.730	1	0.597	0.806	2	0.623	0.873
IP100114822	Ctnt1	Q99J10	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.406	1.111	1	0.595	0.856	2	0.944	0.923
IP100221540	Erlin2	Q8BFZ9	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	3	0.854	0.725	1	0.586	0.418	3	0.583	0.447
IP100135345	Nudt2	P56380	/	/	/	2	1.482	1.112	1	0.830	0.999	1	0.877	1.064	1	0.583	0.832	2	0.936	1.411

IP100229883	Ints4	Q8C1M8-1	1	1.079	0.994	1	1.111	1.205	1	1.726	1.423	3	1.449	1.401	1	0.583	0.935	1	0.841	1.663	
IP100165850	Smc6	Q924W5-1	/			/			/	1.243	0.975	2	1.077	0.977	1	0.581	0.813	4	0.831	0.827	
IP100407108	Rex04	Q6PAQ4	/			/			/			2	1.392	0.904	1	0.581	0.932	3	0.841	0.911	
IP100169845	Mung1	Q8K273	/			/			/			1	0.811	0.992	1	0.574	0.670	1	0.888	0.668	
IP100153381	Uqer10	Q8R111	/			/			/	1.342	0.788	1	1.439	0.823	1	0.571	0.774	2	0.542	0.801	
IP100135252	Atad2	Q8CDM1-2	/			/			/	1.631	1.061	1	2.204	1.018	1	0.565	0.831	2	0.685	0.845	
IP100127227	Chr4	Q91VT4	/			/			/			/			1	0.564	0.546	/			
IP100929902	Fas	AIY9B2	/			/			/	0.841	0.822	1	0.793	0.683	1	0.559	0.724	/			
IP100381412	Immt	Q8CAQ8-2	/			/			/			/			3	0.557	0.663	/			
IP100127447	Scarb2	Q35114	/			2	0.983	0.946	/			/	2	0.873	0.647	3	0.555	0.595	7	0.576	0.616
IP100228867	G6pd2	P97324	/			/			/			/			4	0.549	0.922	/			
IP100132728	Cycl1	Q9D0M3-1	/			/			/			1	1.472	0.882	2	0.542	0.701	2	0.498	0.705	
IP100620969	Tsc2	Q61037-1	1	1.060	0.946	3	1.100	1.006	/	0.900	1.065	2	0.859	1.133	2	0.540	0.869	3	0.881	1.136	
IP100128346	Cisd1	Q91WS0	/			/			/			1	4.020	1.015	1	0.536	0.821	3	0.579	0.784	
IP100115695	Plk3c2g	O70167-1	/			/			/			/			1	0.536	0.886	/			
IP100469962	Epb4115	Q8BGS1-1	/			3	0.791	0.841	/			/			2	0.533	0.835	4	0.661	0.919	
IP100453820	Ran14	Q9EP71	/			/			/			/			1	0.524	0.764	4	0.595	0.732	
IP100341282	Atp5F1	Q9COO7	/			3	0.718	1.073	/	1.023	0.853	2	1.050	0.811	1	0.523	0.841	4	0.598	0.799	
IP100464194	Fgd6	Q69ZL1-1	1	1.421	0.989	/			/			/			3	0.517	0.353	/			
IP100133342	Atp5l	Q9CQY3	1	0.716	1.176	1	0.709	1.190	/	1.012	0.913	2	1.007	0.878	2	0.503	0.836	3	0.591	0.880	
IP100110298	Pold3	Q9EQZ8	/			/			/	1.167	1.115	/			1	0.471	0.975	2	1.027	0.884	
IP100122362	Pdia5	Q921X9	/			2	1.377	1.122	/			2	0.976	0.941	2	0.465	0.942	4	1.126	0.962	
IP100110708	Ccdc51	Q3URS9-1	/			/			/			1	1.630	1.068	1	0.460	0.960	2	0.581	0.862	
IP100624711	Hmgal	P17095-1	/			/			/			2	1.008	0.949	1	0.445	0.995	2	0.866	0.870	
IP100396728	Ddx51	Q9COB4	/			/			/	1.237	0.786	3	1.777	1.126	2	0.436	0.690	6	0.486	0.755	
IP100850362	Thada	A8C756-1	/			/			/	1.679	0.941	3	0.987	1.143	3	0.365	0.766	3	1.318	1.003	
IP100130023	The1d8	Q9Z1A9	/			/			/			/			2	0.352	185.8	/			
IP100121582	Rfx3	P48381-1	/			/			/			/			1	0.337	43.26	/			
IP100467004	Slat1	P42225	2	0.978	0.926	5	1.045	1.010	/	0.934	1.012	5	0.953	1.031	3	0.332	0.331	4	0.928	0.885	
IP100113039	Camt1	Q8VCF1-3	/			/			/			/			1	0.302	1.072	/			
IP100123531	Znf148	Q61624	/			1	0.892	0.473	/	1.362	0.930	/			1	0.284	0.479	/			
IP100311611	Sosl	Q62245	/			2	0.793	0.805	/			3	1.216	1.170	1	0.254	0.431	/			
IP100351041	Card6	Q8BWE0	/			/			/			/			1	0.220	0.283	/			
IP100947579			/			/			/			/			2	0.178	0.984	/			
IP100229571	Sltm	Q8CH25-1	/			/			/			/			1	0.170	0.252	5	1.020	1.045	
IP100665988	Fam184a	Q3UT79	/			/			/			/			1	0.094	0.014	/			
IP100111301	Mc4r	P56450	/			/			/			/			1	0.086	0.039	/			
IP100221836	Rab39	Q8BHD0	/			/			/			/			2	0.016	0.003	/			
IP100626253	Gal3st4	Q3V1B8	/			/			/			/			1	0.014	0.002	/			
IP100656192	Knen	Q307W7	/			/			/			/			1	0.012	0.092	/			
IP100129577	Aifm1	Q9Z0X1	6	0.861	1.013	8	0.778	1.030	/	0.996	0.790	7	1.013	0.780	8	0.712	0.806	13	0.703	0.814	
IP100227432	Dnm3	Q8BZ98-1	3	1.265	1.062	5	1.272	1.027	/			/			/			5	0.703	0.961	
IP100319980	Tmem175	Q9CXY1	/			/			/			1	0.853	0.664	/			1	0.702	0.733	
IP100321331	Taf10	Q8K0H5	1	1.045	1.033	1	0.988	1.058	/	1.120	1.043	1	1.069	0.962	1	0.859	0.963	1	0.702	0.873	
IP100653166	Cendbp1	Q3TVC7-3	/			/			/			/			/			1	0.702	0.909	
IP100471372	Wasf1	Q8R5H6	/			1	1.030	0.971	/			4	0.905	0.965	2	0.803	1.160	3	0.702	1.099	
IP100117986	Slc12a9	Q99MR3	/			1	0.850	1.113	/			1	0.953	3.929	/			2	0.701	0.637	
IP100353010	Nop14	Q8R3N1	/			/			/			/			/			3	0.701	0.895	
IP100221417	Dhre2	Q8BFQ6	/			/			/			/			/			1	0.701	0.984	
IP100133047	Mapksp1	Q88653	/			/			/	1.001	1.086	1	1.051	0.868	/			3	0.701	0.847	
IP100471089	P2rx4	Q3TR36	/			/			/			/			/			3	0.701	0.524	

IP100170128	Spg7	Q3ULF4	/	/	/	/	/	1	5.158	0.024	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.700	1.088	
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IP100848714	Zygl1a	A2BFL2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.698	2.877	
IP100468514	Afg31l	Q20A7-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.697	0.898	
IP100116748	Ndurfa10	Q99LC3	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.850	0.804	/	/	3	0.694	0.839		
IP100108450	White1	Q80ZK9	/	/	/	/	1.143	1.108	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.693	0.959	
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IP100109108	Sif3a	P46978	/	/	/	2	1.008	1.232	1.232	2	1.239	1.021	/	/	/	/	2	0.711	0.635	4	0.692	0.682
IP100848909	Ano10	Q8BH79-4	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.691	0.574	
IP100844808	Armc8	Q9DPR3-2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	4	0.691	1.217	
IP100845689	Tmed9	Q9CZL0	1	0.772	1.112	1	0.864	1.506	1.506	2	0.994	0.719	/	2	0.764	0.719	4	0.690	0.819			
IP100121431	Hells	Q60848-1	/	/	/	3	0.921	0.882	0.882	3	1.523	1.089	4	1.710	1.213	/	4	0.690	1.003			
IP100463679	Mum1	Q6DID5	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.510	1.058	1	1.310	1.113	/	1	0.685	1.062		
IP100869441	RP23- 263M10.5	Q8BZR9-1	/	/	/	1	0.990	0.993	0.993	/	/	/	2	1.140	2.803	1	0.760	0.964	2	0.684	0.982	
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IP100623531	Dst	Q60824-2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.680	0.418		
IP100828454	Jmid2a	A2A8L8	/	/	/	1	0.901	1.091	1.091	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	5	0.679	0.962		
IP100856474	Grt2h1	Q9DDBA9	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.071	0.841	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.678	0.794		
IP100110896	Fas	Q8R280	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.677	0.683		
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IP100165688	Pigs	Q6PD26	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.273	0.681	/	/	/	3	0.674	0.904		
IP100466867	Stag1	Q6P5D1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	0.673	0.858		
IP100659535	Bat2d1	Q3TLH4-5	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	29	0.673	1.192		
IP100153791	Nol11	Q8BJW5-1	1	0.818	0.837	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.671	0.813		
IP100420344	Rrp12	Q6P5B0	/	/	/	1	1.007	0.849	0.849	/	/	2	1.599	1.377	/	4	0.670	0.880				
IP100132957	Ddx56	Q9D0R4	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.484	1.302	2	1.330	1.063	1	0.761	0.803	2	0.670	0.916	
IP100128152	Abcb1	P06795	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.070	0.847	3	1.063	0.754	2	0.776	0.835	6	0.669	0.786	
IP100226829	Timem19	Q91W52-2	1	1.103	1.297	1	1.088	1.475	1.475	1	0.770	0.808	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.669	0.526		
IP100875068	Gpsn2	Q52L67	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.668	0.848		
IP100228828	Guk1	Q64520	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.850	1.232	/	/	/	/	2	0.665	1.320			
IP100133365	Epic2	Q9CR89-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.120	0.855	/	2	1.209	0.783	2	0.664	0.759			
IP100133074	RP23-349B15.2	Q9D136	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	3	1.295	0.844	3	0.803	0.801	16	0.663	0.714		
IP100338964	Atp2a2	O55143-1	2	0.991	0.969	5	0.959	1.275	1.275	2	1.234	1.044	/	/	/	/	1	0.662	0.685			
IP100131716	Gnum	O88513	/	/	/	2	0.844	1.208	1.208	/	/	/	2	0.937	0.887	2	1.298	0.808	3	0.662	0.781	
IP100323822	Rras2	P62071	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.661	0.818		
IP100129529	Cog1	Q92I60	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	2.463	0.983	1	2.324	0.902	1	0.960	1.292	3	0.661	1.086	
IP100135180	Cdca3	Q99M54-1	/	/	/	3	1.076	1.136	1.136	2	1.022	1.103	3	0.744	0.814	/	/	7	0.660	1.073		
IP100108147	Rock1	P70335-1	/	/	/	2	0.905	0.959	0.959	/	/	/	3	1.015	0.991	3	0.713	1.020	8	0.659	1.026	
IP100329986	Ireb2	Q81IJ3	1	1.014	0.876	2	0.905	0.959	0.959	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.659	0.978		
IP100109891	Atp13a1	Q9EPE9	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.657	0.809		
IP100654074	Brwd1	Q3UUZ7	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.654	0.606		
IP100113731	Degs1	Q99005	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	3	0.653	1.022		
IP100187288	Echdcl	Q9D9V3-1	/	/	/	9	1.020	1.419	1.419	/	/	/	11	1.230	0.794	7	0.755	0.791	11	0.652	0.725	
IP100229647	Thin2	B2RYI5	/	/	/	1	0.861	0.970	0.970	/	1	0.884	0.709	/	/	/	/	1	0.651	0.732		
IP100130322	Ndurfa7	Q9Z1P6	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.651	0.732		

IP100117308	Rnaseh1	O70338	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.084	0.172
IP100652977	Pten	Q3UJN5	/	/	1	1.191	1.082	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.071	1.864
IP100464383		P01644	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.064	0.233
IP100890886	Reck	A2RSP9	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.056	2.074
IP100466672	Caena1b	O55017-2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.034	0.207
IP100662721	Tnik	B2RQ80	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.029	0.032
IP100466185			/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	10	0.029	0.018
IP100848479	Zbed4	Q3UPJ9	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.020	0.027
IP100331197	E1ac1	Q8VEB6-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.008	0.069

IP00134746	Ass1	P16460	2	1.451	1.258	3	1.174	0.848	3	0.821	1.094	3	0.825	1.054	4	0.950	1.071	10	0.857	1.059
IP00474116	Pp3r1	O63810-1	1	1.432	0.893	1	1.156	0.948	1	1.331	0.927	1	0.846	0.864	1	1.037	0.917	4	0.977	0.948
IP00464194	Fgd6	Q69ZL1-1	1	1.421	1.089	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP00323465	Amhdhd2	Q8JZV7	2	1.415	1.080	/	/	/	4	0.705	0.866	3	0.880	1.005	4	1.007	0.990	7	0.993	0.968
IP00119152	Cpe	Q00493	1	1.412	1.032	2	1.311	1.000	3	0.983	0.986	4	0.999	0.934	3	1.426	1.102	7	1.421	0.995
IP00108041	Stim1	P70302	1	1.411	1.323	1	1.072	0.963	2	1.098	0.780	2	1.034	0.935	/	/	/	7	1.016	1.032
IP00111958	Urod	P70697	1	1.405	1.060	2	0.987	1.070	2	1.000	1.327	4	0.994	0.969	1	1.022	1.033	5	1.145	1.134
IP00890112	Aldh3a1	B7A117	5	1.399	1.307	7	1.268	1.220	6	1.856	1.230	7	1.763	1.229	5	1.514	1.218	11	1.581	1.212
IP00321848	Cc2d1a	Q8K1A6	1	1.395	1.429	3	1.007	0.964	3	1.316	1.172	4	1.326	1.140	/	/	/	3	1.026	1.161
IP00664886	Thoc2	BlAZ16	1	1.394	1.146	8	0.956	0.990	2	0.818	1.100	7	0.822	1.015	1	1.512	1.321	4	1.145	1.067
IP00123278	Pyrc2	Q9Z2Q4	5	1.393	1.078	7	1.330	1.085	4	1.049	1.215	6	1.007	1.245	6	1.042	0.943	10	0.979	0.928
IP00124606	Ciz1	Q8VEH2	1	1.388	1.439	/	/	/	1	1.364	0.962	2	0.361	3.357	1	1.079	0.896	/	/	/
IP00116247	Serpinb6b	O8R804	1	1.388	1.059	3	1.529	1.142	2	0.784	0.881	2	0.671	0.854	2	1.061	1.032	7	0.989	0.832
IP00126943	Sik38	O91V14	1	1.384	1.221	2	1.064	0.797	2	1.067	0.876	3	0.952	0.913	4	0.824	0.948	4	0.902	0.991
IP00349443	Tex264	Q9NLS5	1	1.384	0.925	3	1.006	0.978	2	1.050	1.145	3	1.024	1.050	3	0.933	0.947	5	0.875	0.890
IP00127766	Akap8l	Q9R0L7	1	1.383	1.299	4	1.340	0.932	1	0.907	0.704	2	0.909	0.765	1	0.871	0.864	3	0.782	0.722
IP00170013	Acad10	Q8K370	3	1.377	1.065	1	1.279	1.027	1	1.264	0.963	6	0.820	0.858	1	0.929	1.013	4	0.984	0.885
IP00330263	Agr	Q8CFQ3	1	1.376	1.169	3	1.149	1.092	3	1.069	0.798	4	1.115	0.824	2	0.812	0.824	10	0.887	0.865
IP00330688	Mnps7	Q80X85	1	1.374	1.239	3	1.030	1.026	4	0.914	0.999	5	0.902	0.961	2	1.027	1.126	4	1.061	1.031
IP0031092	Rps4x	P6Z702	6	1.372	1.214	7	1.274	1.206	6	0.884	1.000	10	0.875	1.011	10	1.203	0.891	15	1.175	0.879
IP00652813	Fni	Q3UHL6	8	1.369	1.030	/	/	/	19	0.671	0.795	31	0.649	0.717	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP00137228	Anapc1	P53995	1	1.367	1.211	2	1.268	1.143	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	14	1.116	0.994
IP00130948	Swap70	O6A028	1	1.360	1.018	6	1.153	0.925	4	0.858	0.904	5	0.912	0.908	/	/	/	7	0.959	1.033
IP00132005	Neuf	Q9CQ45	1	1.355	1.030	2	1.601	0.866	3	0.749	0.790	2	0.793	0.817	4	0.882	0.918	4	0.869	0.908
IP00221663	Bpnm	P15327	1	1.352	0.991	3	1.106	1.184	2	1.053	1.279	1	0.874	0.935	/	/	/	2	0.931	0.924
IP00225214	Def	Q8B1T6	1	1.351	1.080	1	1.287	1.171	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.172	0.917
IP00228618	Gnac	P21279	3	1.349	0.978	4	0.889	0.865	1	0.858	0.745	4	0.950	0.849	5	0.892	0.961	5	0.954	1.062
IP00113655	Rps6	P6Z754	1	1.347	1.300	5	1.229	1.179	2	0.870	0.991	3	0.871	1.014	4	1.223	0.890	6	1.154	0.906
IP00225796		Q8BVA5-1	1	1.342	0.965	2	1.365	0.887	1	1.164	0.897	2	1.108	1.042	/	/	/	1	1.117	0.966
IP00133798	Neap2	Q9DJ11	1	1.341	1.216	1	0.774	0.823	3	0.902	0.990	3	1.030	0.998	2	0.916	1.053	4	0.975	1.053
IP00845638	Pds5b	Q4VA53-3	1	1.341	1.172	2	1.329	1.107	4	1.033	1.194	4	1.051	1.156	2	0.668	0.867	9	0.722	0.850
IP00129580	Sumo3	Q9Z172-1	1	1.339	1.057	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.505	1.187
IP00788355	Pex5	O90012-1	1	1.339	1.193	/	/	/	2	0.950	1.145	5	0.905	0.977	2	0.897	0.994	6	0.908	1.002
IP00311873	Pplcb	P6Z141	5	1.338	1.082	4	1.081	1.008	6	1.038	0.904	9	1.047	0.932	11	1.051	1.069	14	1.023	0.968
IP00457659	Serpmb1a	Q9D154	5	1.336	1.142	8	1.325	1.168	7	0.615	0.924	5	0.580	0.922	7	0.987	0.878	10	0.865	0.890
IP00113217	Ar	P19091	1	1.335	1.116	1	1.086	1.208	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.126	0.893
IP00115895	Nadk	P58058	1	1.335	1.053	2	0.950	0.950	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP00420726	Rps9	Q6ZWN5	7	1.330	1.280	8	1.292	1.216	5	0.824	0.994	8	0.875	1.000	8	1.236	0.858	16	1.258	0.844
IP00555047	Ftsid2	Q55UO9-1	1	1.326	1.157	3	1.179	1.071	3	0.923	1.089	8	0.971	0.967	7	1.085	2.294	12	0.987	0.706
IP00459652	Rps13	Q9DBC3	1	1.326	0.916	1	1.449	1.026	2	0.997	1.043	3	0.967	1.005	/	/	/	6	0.944	1.006
IP00125901	Rps13	P6Z301	4	1.325	1.306	4	1.285	1.243	4	0.960	1.011	4	0.889	1.002	4	1.183	0.925	6	1.133	0.937
IP00120546	Praf2	Q9JG8	1	1.323	1.094	1	0.707	0.724	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP00461857	Tbcd	Q8BYA0	3	1.323	1.209	3	1.184	1.077	3	0.947	1.075	5	0.968	1.092	3	1.170	0.908	11	1.214	0.991
IP00111169	Pla2f4a	P47713	2	1.321	1.145	5	1.068	1.067	1	1.177	1.037	4	1.177	1.039	4	0.901	0.958	12	0.905	0.864
IP00320850	Meccl1	Q99MR8	3	1.317	1.044	4	1.282	1.061	5	0.792	0.972	6	0.816	0.933	8	0.959	1.099	9	0.993	0.970
IP00313726	Polr1a	O35134	2	1.316	0.873	1	1.079	0.686	/	/	/	1	1.330	1.187	/	/	/	3	0.943	0.985
IP00129085	Rad9a	Q9Z0F6	1	1.315	0.993	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.034	0.985	/	/	1	0.927	1.070
IP00395140	Dexr	Q91X52	4	1.314	1.093	7	1.272	1.069	6	0.729	0.912	7	0.738	0.907	5	1.061	0.970	10	1.055	1.079

IP100116459	Nat2	P50295	/	1	1.467	1.086	/	1.152	1.114	1	0.932	1.136	/	0.940	0.959	/				
IP100274795	Ncor1	Q60974-1	/	1	1.466	1.797	4	1.152	1.114	3	1.054	1.090	2	0.940	0.959	/				
IP100109505	Murc	A2ANM0-1	/	1	1.464	1.028	/	0.515	1.102	/			/			1	0.664	1.283		
IP100875998	Uck1	P52623	/	3	1.461	1.284	2	0.683	1.010	2	1.115	0.772	1	0.786	0.709	1	1.000	0.856		
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IP100453707	Klele1	Q8BYB9	2	1.154	0.951	1.454	1.248	1	0.922	0.932	2	0.843	0.948	2	0.837	1.200	3	1.031	1.050	
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IP100134426	Trappc6b	Q9D289	/	1	1.441	0.764	1	0.692	1.092	1	0.975	1.267	/			1	0.986	1.056		
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IP100119004	Iah1	Q9DB29	2	0.786	1.006	1.435	1.170	/		2	0.737	0.965	2	1.017	0.953	6	1.004	0.942		
IP100665734	Ppp1r12b	A6H644	/	1	1.433	1.212	2	1.102	0.946	/			2	1.080	0.933	/				
IP100119795	Reps1	O5A916-1	/	2	1.431	1.421	2	0.802	0.868	6	0.977	0.896	2	0.924	0.923	6	0.927	0.890		
IP100134420	Gdpl1	Q9CRY7	/	1	1.429	0.975	/			/			1	0.855	0.930	2	0.902	0.795		
IP100309224	Pik3ca	P42337	/	3	1.429	0.940	1	0.876	0.969	3	0.895	0.772	/			3	1.012	1.130		
IP100229848	Pleg2	Q8CIH5	/	1	1.422	0.910	/			/			/			/				
IP100112189	Srxn1	A2A0U8	/	1	1.418	1.394	/			3	1.614	1.207	/			1	1.399	0.897		
IP100342603	Ogdh1	B2RXT3	4	1.234	0.957	1.417	0.960	5	0.652	0.918	8	0.712	0.859	7	1.041	0.978	12	0.941	0.846	
IP100886205	Ttc3	O88196	/	1	1.413	0.922	1	1.055	0.928	3	0.695	0.755	2	1.020	0.994	3	1.160	0.993		
IP100187434	Dut	O8VCG1	2	1.174	0.991	1.407	1.055	4	1.166	1.069	6	0.662	1.265	4	0.888	1.053	/			
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IP100179755	Nudt7	Q99P30-2	/	1	1.390	1.152	/			/			/			/				
IP100849760	Cdc42bpg	O80UW5	1	1.071	1.068	2	1.389	0.962	1	0.860	1.117	3	0.751	0.955	1	0.892	1.128	/		
IP100123138	Lars2	Q8YDC0	/	2	1.388	0.999	1	0.937	1.460	3	0.752	0.990	/			2	1.050	1.061		
IP100129159	Neol	P97798-1	/	1	1.388	1.202	/			/			2	0.826	1.041	13	0.899	0.964		
IP100125970	Abea7	Q91V24	2	1.121	0.851	2	1.387	1.089	2	1.295	1.064	3	1.574	0.959	3	1.245	0.853	4	1.398	0.928
IP100131513	Ash21	Q91X20	1	0.918	0.954	2	1.386	1.068	3	1.024	1.068	3	0.937	1.018	3	0.606	0.853	4	0.959	1.144
IP100133532	Exos5	Q9CRA8	/	1	1.381	0.828	1	1.769	0.963	2	0.961	1.009	2	1.058	0.935	3	1.034	0.950		
IP100867808	Plekhh2	Q8C115-3	/	1	1.380	1.053	/			1	0.749	0.523	/			1	1.309	0.882		
IP100755796	Ankrq44	B2RXN6	1	1.172	0.879	2	1.379	1.066	1	0.593	1.106	/	/	/	1	1.271	0.975			
IP100828950	Atpv0a1	Q9Z1G4-2	/	1	1.379	1.435	/			/			/			2	0.639	0.728		
IP100463211	Dusp19	Q8K4T5	/	1	1.378	0.930	/			/			/			/				
IP100122362	Pdia5	Q921X9	/	2	1.377	1.122	/			2	0.976	0.941	2	0.465	0.942	4	1.126	0.962		
IP100119998	Zfyvel9	Q9DAZ9	1	1.229	0.897	1	1.374	0.983	/	/			/			/				
IP100230182	Angel2	Q8K1C0-1	2	1.109	0.994	1	1.373	1.059	1	0.950	0.980	1	0.814	1.053	2	1.049	0.876	3	0.994	1.071
IP100227657	Sdf211	Q9ESP1	/	2	1.369	1.169	/			4	0.856	0.846	1	0.898	0.944	1	0.935	0.979		
IP100321929	Ccdc117	Q6P8B51	/	1	1.367	0.773	/			/			/			/				
IP100118959	Mifid1	Q8YDV8	/	1	1.365	1.357	/			1	0.939	1.000	1	5.024	0.992	2	1.115	0.907		
IP100169568	Mapkapk3	Q3UNW7-1	/	2	1.362	0.994	1	0.906	1.009	1	0.939	0.955	/			/				
IP100756750	Fam160b1	Q8CDM8-1	/	2	1.360	0.864	2	1.182	1.141	2	0.992	0.956	1	0.890	1.144	2	1.039	0.955		
IP100119930	Ptkag1	O54950	/	3	1.359	1.061	2	1.091	1.013	4	1.250	0.953	2	1.010	1.001	5	1.004	0.930		
IP100890036	Ahr	P30561	/	3	1.359	0.961	/			/			/			2	1.062	1.346		
IP100226726	Pcyox11	Q8C7K6	/	2	1.356	1.146	/			1	0.585	0.757	1	0.892	1.080	2	0.834	0.948		
IP100153207	Vps37b	Q8R0J7	1	1.087	0.945	1	1.353	0.979	2	1.001	0.960	6	1.147	0.919	1	0.831	0.930	4	0.905	1.000
IP100895320	Deim6	Q9WUJB4	/	1	1.351	0.208	/			/			/			1	1.150	1.276		
IP100828510	Znfx1	A2A5R3	/	1	1.350	1.348	/			/			/			2	1.046	0.833		
IP100170006	Txndc11	Q8K2W3-1	/	1	1.350	0.842	/			/			/			/				
IP100625954	Nf5dc2	Q91X76	/	1	1.350	0.941	/			2	0.687	0.891	/			4	1.329	0.912		

IP100120923	Vps16	/	/	/	/	2	1.349	0.923	/	/	1.023	0.924	/	/	5	0.929	0.914	
IP1004668380	Dcl1	2	1.137	0.916	2	3	1.348	0.954	2	0.953	0.923	0.923	1.002	0.923	9	1.093	0.919	
IP100349293	Rc3h2	1	0.955	0.960	1	1	1.344	1.372	2	0.962	1.007	0.881	/	0.988	2	0.980	1.061	
IP100165730	Pilsd2	3	1.229	1.026	5	1	1.344	1.113	5	0.775	0.891	0.887	5	0.988	9	0.991	0.961	
IP100551399	Efr3a	/	/	/	1	1	1.344	0.969	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.567	0.734	
IP100336291	Tepr1	1	1.200	0.885	1	1	1.343	0.958	2	1.054	0.953	1.032	1	1.428	1.193	3	0.982	0.937
IP100131113	Kiaa1881	3	1.121	1.049	1	1	1.343	1.045	2	1.136	0.980	0.896	2	0.956	0.814	5	1.009	0.698
IP100130416	Mocs2	/	/	/	1	1	1.341	0.979	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100112648	Csk	/	/	/	3	3	1.339	1.241	1	0.928	0.935	0.992	1	0.976	1.055	3	1.001	0.922
IP100754519	4930422G04Ri k	/	/	/	1	1	1.336	0.914	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100469712	Smarca2	/	/	/	2	2	1.336	1.184	/	/	/	/	1	0.850	1.231	/	/	/
IP100849948	Rps8	3	1.240	1.193	5	1	1.327	1.163	5	0.876	0.985	0.992	/	0.838	0.777	33	0.839	0.833
IP100845840	Pkm2	24	1.245	1.204	27	1	1.327	1.106	/	/	/	0.783	31	0.838	0.777	33	0.839	0.833
IP100283736	Cdkn2a	2	1.150	1.098	1	1	1.326	1.167	2	1.576	1.139	1.209	/	/	2	1.071	0.879	
IP100109169	Idh3g	/	/	/	2	2	1.322	1.313	2	0.983	0.964	0.951	6	0.995	0.909	8	1.029	0.953
IP100849526	Rara	/	/	/	1	1	1.321	1.160	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100228236	Spes2	1	0.997	1.600	2	1	1.318	2.288	1	1.244	0.833	0.840	/	/	1	0.483	0.585	
IP100649725	Cisd3	/	/	/	1	1	1.315	1.192	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100417063	AU019823	/	/	/	1	1	1.312	1.208	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100122399	Gig1	3	1.181	0.909	8	1	1.311	0.984	5	1.371	0.873	0.871	10	1.509	1.061	22	1.497	1.036
IP100134747	Toe1	2	1.205	1.180	2	2	1.311	1.168	2	1.146	1.149	1.191	3	0.774	0.874	4	0.808	0.808
IP100381071	Dhdh2	/	/	/	3	3	1.311	1.015	/	/	/	1.051	5	1.118	1.122	8	1.136	0.938
IP100127934	Psk	1	1.231	0.972	1	1	1.311	0.951	1	1.179	1.140	1.061	3	0.914	0.905	4	1.008	0.864
IP100808098	Far1	3	1.114	1.118	4	1	1.310	1.146	3	1.019	1.077	1.066	2	1.126	1.039	4	1.098	1.001
IP100110724	Rp221	1	0.988	0.886	2	1	1.309	1.065	2	1.135	0.922	0.919	2	0.961	0.888	2	0.988	1.048
IP100828779	Ap4e1	/	/	/	1	1	1.309	0.975	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.967	0.911
IP100123319	Tpm2	/	/	/	9	1	1.309	2.073	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100128941	Yfifa	/	/	/	1	1	1.309	1.224	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100626782	Arfgef1	/	/	/	3	1	1.307	0.969	1	1.058	1.599	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100133591	Vps28	1	0.954	0.991	1	1	1.307	0.978	3	0.952	1.108	0.949	2	1.019	1.019	7	0.928	0.973
IP100462594	Kiaa0664	/	/	/	8	1	1.306	1.191	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100654317	Q3U276	/	/	/	1	1	1.305	0.970	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.710	0.950	
IP100461460	R3hdn1	/	/	/	2	2	1.305	1.240	2	1.205	1.115	0.837	1	2.105	1.067	2	0.976	0.935
IP100117754	Sdfr4	/	/	/	1	1	1.305	1.118	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100119185	Med29	/	/	/	1	1	1.304	0.999	1	1.005	1.141	0.855	1	1.210	1.342	/	/	/
IP100229315	Traf1	1	1.162	1.046	2	2	1.301	1.111	1	1.084	0.915	1.073	1	1.148	0.971	3	1.086	1.013
IP100808297	Ccdc91	/	/	/	1	1	1.301	0.817	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100187274	Dnm13a	/	/	/	2	2	1.301	1.094	1	0.880	1.095	1.010	1	1.234	1.133	/	/	/
IP100172129	Nav1	/	/	/	2	2	1.299	1.088	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100229599	Hscb	/	/	/	1	1	1.298	1.074	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100170051	Hscb	/	/	/	2	2	1.298	0.916	/	/	/	0.944	0.987	/	/	3	1.275	1.061
IP100461642	Tjap1	1	1.200	0.990	4	1	1.296	1.094	3	1.047	0.997	0.909	2	0.962	0.987	7	1.012	1.037
IP100119201	Ngdn	/	/	/	1	1	1.293	1.013	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	3	0.737	1.000
IP100109544	Dkr28	/	/	/	1	1	1.291	1.196	/	/	/	1.186	/	/	1	1.126	0.977	
IP100453489	Oit3	/	/	/	1	1	1.291	1.806	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100223759	Vps26b	2	1.120	1.005	3	1	1.290	1.118	/	/	1.141	1.104	1	0.825	0.898	4	0.861	0.954
IP100162781	Atcy11	6	0.992	1.042	6	1	1.289	1.160	6	0.975	0.956	0.932	6	1.030	1.006	9	1.047	1.053

IP100762483	Lrrfpl	Q8BLV4	2	1.138	0.912	5	1.256	1.023	4	1.055	1.022	/				5	1.070	0.825	8	0.863	0.834
IP100378156	Rabgap1	A2AWA9-1	6	1.041	0.973	11	1.256	1.092	8	1.029	0.953	9	1.080	0.919	8	1.086	0.940	15	1.089	0.988	
IP100653709	Spin1	Q3UWM7	/			1	1.255	1.179	/	/	/	/	1.096	0.964	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100475209	Masp1	Q8CDZ7	/			1	1.255	0.846	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100130264	Uckl1	Q91YL3	/			2	1.254	1.137	/	/	/	2	1.011	1.069	/	/	/	3	1.085	1.145	
IP100221491	Trnm65	Q8BFW4-1	/			1	1.252	1.293	1	0.963	1.057	2	0.937	1.031	/	/	/	3	0.842	1.121	
IP100406790	Camk2d	Q6PHZ2-5	3	1.114	1.038	5	1.252	1.086	5	1.132	1.043	7	1.094	1.005	5	1.181	0.967	8	1.128	1.003	
IP100850694	Ppm2e	A2AJQ0	1	1.033	0.837	1	1.252	1.016	/	/	/	3	0.896	0.932	1	0.948	1.033	4	1.053	0.989	
IP100654120	Dlx3l	Q3UJR3	1	1.082	1.024	1	1.250	1.055	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100111118	Zfp623	Q6A033	/			/			1	34.11	6.689	/			/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100131061	Dfnas5	Q922D3	2	0.745	1.007	3	0.801	1.013	3	20.16	0.917	1	1.812	1.161	2	1.139	1.185	7	1.244	1.216	
IP100858099	Chd8	Q09XV5-1	3	1.016	0.997	1	0.906	1.004	2	18.11	0.703	3	1.259	1.050	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100457726	L3mb1	A2ASN8	/			/	/	/	1	13.29	91.27	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100460042	Ralgap1	Q6GY7-2	/			/	/	/	1	7.935	6.749	2	3.233	1.287	1	1.847	0.633	/	/	/	/
IP100133025	Ced653	Q9CRZ7	3	0.920	1.005	2	0.944	1.016	1	5.482	0.876	3	1.052	0.881	1	0.969	0.923	2	0.972	0.970	
IP100128230	Mra2	Q9R190	/			/	/	/	2	5.244	1.166	/	/	/	2	0.873	0.915	4	0.866	0.887	
IP100757790	Cgn	P59242-2	/			/	/	/	1	4.043	1.144	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100115998	Pbx1	P41778-1	/			/	/	/	1	3.462	0.700	2	0.963	0.904	3	0.923	1.156	4	1.098	1.002	
IP100122223	Top2a	Q01320	/			4	0.607	1.108	4	3.181	0.851	10	3.296	0.933	5	0.795	0.964	11	0.780	0.967	
IP100411164	Skt	A2AQ25-6	/			/	/	/	1	2.857	11.70	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.000	4.764	
IP100115454	Sfxn1	Q99JR1	/			/	/	/	1	2.800	1.015	2	1.363	0.823	/	/	/	7	0.621	0.709	
IP100225312	Mrb3	Q8BU85	1	1.053	1.299	3	0.928	1.168	1	2.591	0.913	2	0.975	0.857	/	/	/	3	1.074	0.911	
IP100133581	Ubc2c	Q9DIC1	/			3	0.879	0.827	1	2.493	1.283	2	1.522	0.879	/	/	/	1	0.405	0.938	
IP100135180	Ctca3	Q99M54-1	/			1	0.699	1.116	1	2.463	0.983	1	2.324	0.902	/	/	/	3	0.661	1.086	
IP100118575	Ubc9nB8	Q99NB8	/			3	1.127	0.993	5	2.393	1.028	7	1.113	0.985	6	0.993	0.998	10	1.075	0.996	
IP100222461	Gml3	Q8C11-1	/			3	1.043	0.980	2	2.293	1.723	4	1.201	1.053	3	1.030	0.808	7	1.011	0.880	
IP100625970	Spl1	Q3TLP1	/			/	/	/	2	2.271	0.911	1	2.093	0.854	/	/	/	2	1.723	0.900	
IP100116757	Kif22	Q3V300	/			1	0.822	1.002	1	2.246	1.305	1	2.062	1.233	1	0.761	1.121	3	0.836	1.009	
IP100420139	Ezif7	Q6S7F2	/			/	/	/	1	2.234	1.479	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100120767	Plk1	Q07832	/			1	0.695	1.181	1	2.197	1.226	2	1.493	1.770	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100323911	Osta4	P24472	/			/	/	/	1	2.165	1.483	2	2.015	1.345	2	1.554	1.073	5	1.476	1.027	
IP100459381	Ddx18	Q8K363	2	0.963	1.188	3	0.936	1.064	3	2.121	1.067	8	1.666	1.030	2	0.776	0.822	9	0.943	0.858	
IP100114353	Fosl1	P48755	2	0.977	1.140	1	0.936	1.003	2	2.112	1.021	2	1.889	1.021	1	1.419	1.100	3	1.430	1.117	
IP100111896	Pat	Q9COX4	/			/	/	/	1	2.101	1.481	1	2.294	1.121	1	0.731	1.047	4	0.936	1.093	
IP100118853	Mrel1a	Q6L216-1	3	1.118	1.052	7	1.136	0.993	2	2.095	0.845	5	0.982	0.940	3	0.971	0.858	5	0.934	0.953	
IP10011222	Alth3a1	P47739	/			/	/	/	5	2.041	1.259	7	1.758	1.257	5	1.844	1.281	/	/	/	
IP100123947	Kif20a	P97329	/			2	0.835	1.262	2	2.038	1.018	3	1.804	1.031	/	/	/	4	0.937	0.945	
IP100169684	Ect2	Q80VE4	/			/	/	/	1	2.032	1.152	1	1.696	1.050	/	/	/	3	0.930	1.180	
IP100122594	Ahrctf1	Q8CJF7	/			3	0.897	1.067	1	2.027	0.826	4	1.569	0.739	1	1.140	0.770	9	0.721	0.803	
IP100172197	Anln	Q8K298	5	0.715	1.009	7	0.795	1.071	12	2.013	1.171	16	1.940	1.100	13	0.989	1.123	20	1.046	1.119	
IP100458852	Cerb1	P24860	/			1	0.924	1.009	4	2.007	1.221	3	1.841	1.153	2	0.809	1.217	4	0.943	1.034	
IP100111953	Bolal	Q9D8S9	/			3	1.138	0.987	2	2.002	0.879	2	0.858	0.974	3	0.958	0.911	4	0.971	1.001	
IP100130218	Kif11	Q6P9F6	4	0.825	0.996	7	0.796	1.005	6	1.991	1.066	8	1.850	1.242	5	1.099	1.234	9	1.029	1.141	
IP100227582	Nrb2	O35375-4	/			2	0.928	1.016	1	1.965	0.709	1	0.970	1.064	/	/	/	6	0.918	0.883	
IP100130200	Uhrf1	Q8VDF2	1	0.798	1.065	2	0.986	1.144	1	1.936	1.220	7	1.700	1.148	6	1.013	1.083	9	0.966	1.034	
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IP100124973	Kpna2	P52293	5	0.752	1.095	5	0.748	1.073	6	1.920	1.084	10	1.754	1.064	/	/	/	11	0.974	0.989	
IP100676143	Tnub2	A2AWT0	/			/	/	/	1	1.917	1.153	1	0.955	1.078	/	/	/	1	0.817	0.886	

IP100321718	Phb2	O5129	2	0.651	1.465	4	0.746	1.399	2	1.599	0.860	4	1.304	0.913	3	0.580	0.694	6	0.620	0.744
IP100929813	Nap11	P28656	/			/			5	1.594	1.012	8	1.587	1.012	9	1.107	1.041	/		
IP100321884	Nvl	Q9DBY8	2	0.957	1.091	5	0.956	1.445	4	1.581	1.041	3	1.433	0.978	2	0.988	1.015	6	0.944	0.981
IP100435853	Bvp1	Q9P9U7	/			/			1	1.580	1.929	2	1.086	1.048	/			3	1.246	1.054
IP100470138	Lrrc40	Q9CRC8	/			3	0.802	0.916	1	1.578	1.221	5	1.255	1.101	/			4	1.003	1.071
IP100123755	Cbx3	Q61686	2	0.605	0.823	2	0.543	0.859	6	1.577	0.742	6	1.584	0.709	7	0.831	0.987	9	0.841	0.992
IP100120691	Ddx21	Q91JK5	5	0.724	1.049	10	0.865	1.084	13	1.571	0.962	/			16	0.829	0.808	22	0.897	0.850
IP100453821	Nup155	Q99P88	3	0.874	0.982	/			4	1.570	1.089	12	1.413	1.042	8	0.769	0.852	16	0.823	0.851
IP100354271	Ddx49	Q4FZFC3	/			2	0.725	0.970	1	1.569	1.115	1	1.609	0.981	1	1.058	1.007	2	1.056	0.994
IP100454047	Ctdspl2	Q8BGS15-1	/			/			4	1.567	1.151	2	1.601	0.931	/			/		
IP100850376	Memo1	Q91VH6	2	1.089	1.160	3	1.227	1.011	2	1.564	1.094	4	0.946	0.982	4	1.045	1.049	/		
IP100131423	Asb6	Q91ZU1	/			/			1	1.563	1.206	/			/			/		
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IP100135365	Zifand5	Q88878	/	0.663	0.572	2	0.972	0.992	2	1.560	1.147	2	0.994	1.186	1	0.895	1.113	4	0.873	1.072
IP10011885	Ugerel	Q9CZ13	2	0.456	0.798	4	0.658	1.161	3	1.558	0.964	7	1.324	0.834	5	0.530	0.731	14	0.527	0.747
IP100336503	Pdxdc1	Q99K01-2	/			/			7	1.558	0.850	/			14	1.354	1.091	18	1.275	1.038
IP100112414	Cse11	Q9ERK4	6	0.966	1.022	13	1.017	1.042	11	1.554	1.159	18	1.494	1.097	14	0.754	0.813	27	0.740	0.827
IP100133374	Ssqm1	Q64337-1	1	1.028	1.195	6	0.985	0.992	7	1.548	1.002	8	1.598	0.992	11	1.293	0.865	12	1.222	0.854
IP100331612	Hmg2	P52927	/			3	1.094	0.928	4	1.547	0.811	5	1.538	0.800	6	0.631	0.646	5	0.644	0.692
IP100121288	Ndufb10	Q9DCS9	/			1	0.722	1.102	1	1.542	0.982	1	1.290	0.956	1	1.043	1.138	3	0.950	0.957
IP100308852	Dab2	P98078-1	/	1.003	1.089	4	0.971	0.964	3	1.539	0.917	2	1.290	1.113	/			1	0.998	1.171
IP100944194	Fkbp10	AZAA40	/			/			5	1.535	1.072	5	1.319	1.005	5	1.743	1.114	/		
IP100623570	Trnp12	Q88380	2	1.106	1.118	6	1.102	0.937	5	1.533	1.065	5	1.206	1.035	4	0.758	0.956	8	0.836	0.836
IP100138319	Zfp3612	P23949	/			/			1	1.530	1.074	/			/			/		
IP100622024			/			/			1	1.530	1.132	/			/			/		
IP100134994	Fam111a	Q9D2L9	/			2	0.719	1.027	1	1.529	0.999	1	1.408	0.932	/			/		
IP100129927	Mec	Q3TYX4	1	0.238	0.161	3	1.005	1.012	2	1.524	1.280	2	1.278	1.077	2	1.160	1.094	/		
IP100387234	Smk1	O70551	2	0.847	0.973	3	0.892	0.979	1	1.524	1.213	5	1.414	1.118	2	0.948	1.092	6	0.982	0.965
IP100121431	Hells	Q60848-1	/			3	0.921	0.882	3	1.523	1.089	4	1.710	1.213	/			4	0.690	1.003
IP100322447	Cadm1	Q8R5M8-1	/			/			2	1.517	0.697	3	1.484	0.786	3	0.887	0.848	/		
IP100331444	Ipo7	Q9EPL8	/			1	0.962	0.817	2	1.516	1.113	3	1.647	1.168	6	0.765	0.929	14	0.803	0.892
IP100649972	Vps25	AZAA48	1	1.074	1.024	1	0.378	0.672	1	1.514	0.939	2	0.987	1.134	/			2	0.889	1.038
IP100226889	Ulp15	Q8CV3	/			1	0.300	0.825	1	1.511	0.996	2	1.562	0.817	3	0.744	0.801	5	0.700	0.818
IP100463679	Mum1	Q6D1D5	/			/			1	1.510	1.058	1	1.310	1.113	/			1	0.685	1.062
IP100649326	Myo18a	Q9JMH9-6	/			6	0.932	1.024	2	1.509	0.821	4	1.614	0.909	3	1.244	0.874	6	1.146	0.925
IP100828268	Cbx2	AZABG2	1	1.046	0.716	1	1.077	1.171	1	1.508	1.106	2	1.332	0.843	3	0.784	1.540	1	0.957	0.818
IP100313390	Chchd6	Q91VN4	/			/			1	1.504	0.777	1	1.458	0.792	/			/		
IP100551348	Rarget6	BZRUJ6	/			/			3	1.504	0.922	/			/			2	0.952	0.946
IP100757998	Tacc3	Q99LH8	1	1.056	1.079	2	0.777	0.983	4	1.503	1.026	5	1.520	1.098	3	1.041	1.115	6	0.999	1.055
IP100555146	Zfp384	Q6P3F1	/			/			1	1.501	0.888	/			/			/		
IP100136252	Wdr18	Q4YBE8	1	0.688	0.835	3	0.778	0.899	2	1.499	1.034	4	1.076	0.974	/			5	0.998	0.986
IP100120984	Ndufb8	Q9DCJ5	/			/			1	1.496	2.069	3	1.404	0.997	1	0.756	1.008	3	0.786	0.914
IP100469323	Dnmt1	P13864-1	10	0.861	1.003	19	0.606	0.739	19	1.496	1.241	26	1.364	1.141	22	1.095	1.007	35	1.073	1.020
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IP100226149	Rsl1d1	Q3TAJ5	3	0.993	1.256	2	0.992	1.169	2	1.490	1.045	7	1.389	0.986	4	0.881	0.904	6	0.880	0.881
IP100119079	Serpinb9b	Q3TJ69	5	0.740	0.955	8	0.728	1.000	7	1.489	1.529	9	1.392	1.344	5	1.236	1.276	15	1.255	1.217
IP100380243	Spag5	Q7TME2	/			/			1	1.489	1.036	1	1.764	1.081	/			/		
IP100622390	Eps8	Q8S09	2	0.961	0.957	5	0.755	1.046	2	1.488	1.034	5	1.441	0.978	1	0.992	0.738	8	1.305	1.081

IP100122202	Ncapg	B2RQA7	3	0.857	0.992	6	0.956	0.999	6	1.486	1.061	8	1.527	1.067	8	0.937	0.991	14	0.901	0.962
IP100223457	Efem1	QBPPB5	2	1.048	1.115	2	1.027	1.162	4	1.485	1.070	6	1.419	1.052	8	1.377	1.061	10	1.375	1.079
IP100947624	Aven	AZAGL4	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.485	1.075	5	1.121	0.877	2	1.136	1.076	/	/	/
IP100132957	Ddx56	QPD0R4	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.484	1.302	2	1.330	1.063	1	0.761	0.803	2	0.670	0.916
IP100649115	Nedd4l	QBFC10-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.481	1.016	2	1.506	1.029	1	1.054	0.918	/	/	/
IP100914155	Lcnt2	QBRYR1-2	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.481	1.449	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100136653	Stx8	QBR33	2	0.862	0.958	2	0.835	0.995	2	1.477	0.897	1	1.119	1.008	1	1.502	1.140	2	0.966	1.018
IP100669709	Pdcsa	QA026	2	0.929	0.941	5	1.193	1.011	5	1.472	1.218	5	1.510	1.151	4	0.607	0.796	7	0.653	0.732
IP100515257	Btf3	Q64152-1	3	1.187	1.090	/	/	/	2	1.472	1.003	3	1.324	1.029	6	0.953	0.903	5	0.939	0.905
IP100170074	/	Q8K3D3	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.051	0.956	1	1.089	0.934	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100127415	Npm1	Q61937	7	0.834	0.941	11	0.902	1.033	12	1.468	1.032	9	1.464	0.994	12	0.997	1.001	12	0.989	1.020
IP100118534	Klf16	P58334	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.463	0.986	1	1.278	0.891	1	0.932	1.051	1	0.886	0.901
IP100929869	Haus5	QPD786-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	3	1.462	1.300	2	1.185	0.998	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100129193	Ppl	Q9R269	/	/	/	3	0.948	1.049	5	1.460	1.122	5	1.063	1.082	3	0.827	0.873	12	0.865	0.967
IP100230394	Lunmb1	P14733	2	0.797	0.772	8	0.558	0.847	7	1.459	0.822	6	1.706	0.842	15	0.567	0.723	21	0.607	0.735
IP100466518	Cep55	QBPT07-1	3	0.924	1.019	3	0.758	0.901	4	1.458	0.927	3	1.311	0.887	4	0.993	0.931	7	1.003	0.976
IP100720058	Nolc1	Q6ZQK6	5	0.810	1.009	8	0.876	0.951	8	1.457	0.846	12	1.446	0.776	10	0.928	0.917	/	/	/
IP100116770	Rab18	P35293	3	1.141	1.134	4	0.945	1.007	4	1.456	1.105	4	1.435	1.014	2	1.086	0.929	5	1.178	1.003
IP100126191	Lunb2	P21619-1	3	0.618	0.884	4	0.793	0.780	5	1.452	0.776	6	1.479	0.828	8	0.665	0.807	10	0.651	0.814
IP100128615	Gata2b	QBVHR5-1	1	0.964	1.086	3	1.051	1.065	2	1.451	1.004	4	1.406	1.036	4	0.908	0.853	6	0.836	0.884
IP100169658	Znf280c	Q6P3V5-1	2	0.981	0.894	/	/	/	1	1.450	0.959	1	1.494	0.995	2	1.097	0.946	2	0.895	0.931
IP100224112	Frs2	Q8C180	1	0.968	0.991	1	1.075	1.269	1	1.450	1.041	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100229472	Rbm28	Q8CGC6	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.449	1.013	2	1.161	2.558	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100117454	Eps15	P42667-1	2	1.155	0.572	9	1.006	0.983	1	1.449	1.204	12	0.987	1.017	2	1.272	0.977	10	1.048	1.058
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IP100331601	Cirh1a	QBR2N2	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.443	0.915	1	1.299	1.144	2	0.611	0.783	3	0.842	0.888
IP100224252	Sell1	Q9Z2G6-2	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.442	1.557	/	/	/	/	/	/	4	0.291	0.633
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IP100263899	Nqo1	Q64669	2	0.955	0.956	4	0.937	0.970	1	1.439	1.077	4	1.275	1.204	2	1.089	1.035	8	1.015	1.019
IP100927975	Pfkap	Q8C605	/	/	/	/	/	/	5	1.436	1.648	5	1.341	1.230	7	1.197	1.281	/	/	/
IP100268247	Gisel	Q8R080	6	0.811	1.064	9	0.836	1.064	7	1.434	1.038	10	1.371	1.023	8	0.890	1.063	10	0.935	1.108
IP100830807	Pcolce	Q61398	3	1.052	1.049	5	1.146	1.106	4	1.434	1.040	4	1.537	1.101	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100169734	Eif1ad	Q3THI3	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.433	1.832	1	1.194	1.019	1	0.804	0.919	1	1.089	1.210
IP100874542	Stim2	B2ROE3	/	0.716	0.923	/	/	/	1	1.432	0.678	2	1.533	0.802	/	/	/	1	0.937	0.876
IP100133262	Zeb1	Q64318	1	0.696	0.846	1	0.885	0.820	1	1.432	0.955	2	1.169	0.907	1	1.036	1.117	2	0.997	1.058
IP100758413	Ard1a	Q3V4D5	2	1.101	0.609	3	1.012	0.973	3	1.430	1.521	3	1.268	1.001	/	/	3	1.199	0.944	
IP100331708	Mkl1	Q8K416-1	2	0.947	1.056	3	0.925	0.995	3	1.429	1.017	4	1.339	1.115	3	1.104	1.276	5	1.071	1.125
IP100120257	Hspbpl	Q99P31	1	0.904	1.089	1	0.891	1.122	1	1.429	1.070	1	1.323	1.048	1	1.299	1.071	4	1.228	1.154
IP100227314	Znf609	Q8BZ47	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.429	2.172	2	0.893	1.037	/	/	/	2	1.220	0.779
IP100403864	Cep120	Q7TSG1-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.427	1.020	1	1.142	1.412	/	/	/	1	1.066	1.318
IP100308691	Slc2a1	Pl7809	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.425	0.932	2	1.269	1.026	/	/	/	2	1.099	0.805
IP100649191	Psmc3	A2A4J1	2	0.967	1.035	2	0.960	0.979	4	1.424	1.040	5	1.138	0.998	2	1.081	0.884	8	1.092	1.072
IP100135606	Cbx8	Q9QXXV1	/	/	2	0.850	2.791	1	1	1.422	1.186	1	1.249	0.930	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100115580	Eif3m	Q99JX4	2	0.867	0.940	2	0.790	0.775	1	1.421	1.560	7	1.144	1.072	5	1.083	1.048	8	1.021	1.026
IP100473381	Buip2	Q9D632	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.420	2.389	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100119138	Uqerc2	Q9DB77	4	0.655	1.432	3	0.720	1.288	4	1.420	0.722	6	1.413	0.786	8	0.468	0.665	11	0.466	0.697
IP100757359	Caprin1	Q60865	1	0.952	0.925	3	0.934	0.972	5	1.418	0.926	7	1.377	0.985	8	0.961	0.947	10	0.924	0.961

Gene	Abcfl	Q6P542	2	1.093	1.182	7	1.245	1.121	5	1.417	1.237	7	0.959	0.946	8	0.917	0.912	12	0.927	0.886
IP100396671	Abcfl	Q6P542	/																	
IP100122251	Pdk2	Q9JK42	/																	
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IP100649005	Epb4.1	A2A841	2	0.639	0.853	3	0.618	0.803	3	1.412	1.136	4	1.318	1.051	5	0.836	0.925	5	0.827	1.029
IP100121602	Bhlhe41	Q99PV5	1	0.822	0.852	1	0.896	1.008	1	1.412	1.458	2	0.931	1.010	1	0.916	0.912	2	1.030	0.889
IP100138406	Kapla	P6Z835	3	0.761	1.082	/			4	1.410	2.773	4	0.920	1.057	5	0.967	1.725	5	0.903	1.804
IP100112460	Ndel	Q9CZA6-1	2	0.661	0.973	3	0.683	1.012	2	1.410	1.146	5	1.305	1.064	1	13.38	1.187	4	1.121	1.110
IP100136555	Yme1l1	O88967	2	0.677	0.867	/			1	1.410	0.852	2	1.326	0.852	1	0.804	0.920	6	0.860	0.939
IP100466717	Thap4	Q6P3Z3-1	1	0.848	0.887	1	1.000	0.992	2	1.409	1.208	2	1.321	0.970	/			2	1.289	1.030
IP100229294	Epb4l13	Q9WV92-2	/						10	1.409	0.780	17	1.480	0.793	17	0.967	0.781	/		
IP100119776	Ubp3	Q9J113-1	1	0.724	1.119	2	0.741	1.067	2	1.408	0.818	4	1.367	0.826	1	0.965	0.933	4	0.852	0.854
IP100137336	Gpel1	Q9CZF2	2	0.671	0.970	5	0.655	0.909	3	1.407	0.522	6	1.358	0.614	9	0.817	0.832	13	0.797	0.877
IP100453582	Grsf1	Q8C5Q4	1	0.696	0.873	2	0.588	0.941	1	1.406	1.116	3	1.184	0.985	5	1.217	0.998	6	1.192	1.022
IP100421179	Eif4g1	Q6NZJ6-1	14	0.918	0.999	/			21	1.406	1.152	/			27	1.099	1.026	/		
IP100126343	Sparc	P07214	2	0.993	0.911	2	0.922	0.943	3	1.404	1.087	3	1.367	1.099	5	1.427	1.089	7	1.432	1.144
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IP100387212	Naa15	Q8OUJ3	5	0.992	0.975	11	0.925	0.909	7	1.403	1.095	8	1.300	1.151	5	0.967	0.914	18	0.918	0.968
IP100129220	Epha2	Q03145	2	0.630	0.750	7	0.616	0.878	2	1.401	1.038	5	1.398	1.017	8	0.871	0.964	12	0.845	0.961
IP100153919	Ppp1r14c	Q8RAS0	/						1	1.400	1.091	2	0.958	1.206	/			1	1.084	1.835
IP100399663	Cenpe	Q6R1T4	/						1	1.397	0.993	1	1.879	1.089	1	0.777	0.671	2	0.940	0.873
IP100323134	Cdh2	P15116	/						2	1.396	0.818	2	1.287	0.830	5	0.777	0.811	6	0.774	0.899
IP100396812	Exosc3	Q7TOK4	2	1.073	1.083	2	0.958	0.796	1	1.396	1.069	4	1.013	1.010	/			5	0.999	1.119
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IP100110006	Btb6	Q8K2J9	/						/			1	39.80	10.60	/			/		
IP100331208	Ftsj1d1	Q8BWO4	/						/			1	13.01	4.493	/			/		
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IP100138143	Cdkn2b	P55271	2	0.916	0.998	2	0.773	0.926	1	0.840	0.880	1	5.962	1.512	/			1	1.009	0.957
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IP100128346	Cisd1	Q9LWS0	/						/			1	4.020	1.015	1	0.536	0.821	3	0.579	0.784
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IP100177287	Rnf115	Q9D0C1	/						/			1	3.516	1.011	1	0.819	0.972	1	1.095	1.254
IP100405150	B930095124Rik	Q8CA10	/						/			1	3.505	32.10	/			/		
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IP100132487	Mrip63	Q9COF8	/						/			1	2.872	0.930	/			/		
IP100407864	Kif23	Q03DU6	/						/			1	2.668	1.327	/			2	1.186	1.011
IP100315032	All1	P55200-1	/						/			1	2.390	1.455	/			/		
IP100118011	Bmn	Q8K2J4	/						/			1	2.171	0.867	/			1	1.109	0.713
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	k		/						/			1	2.081	1.428	1	2.219	2.141	/		
IP100115896	Mrips21	P38059	1	1.191	1.141	1	1.199	1.048	/			1	2.078	1.038	/			1	1.229	0.832
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PI000112639	Ric8	Q3TTR3	1	0.539	0.685	1	1.087	0.947	2	1.923	0.984	/	/	0.896	1.022	2	0.911	0.867
PI000227651	Zbbl1	Q8BZQ5	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.901	0.885	1	/	/	/	1	0.892	0.824
PI000281538	Rab28	Q99KL7	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.898	1.006	/	/	/	1	0.788	0.635	
PI000122971	Nccm	PI13595-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	4	1.265	1.097	/	/	/	15	0.875	1.017	
PI000121509	Orc2	Q60862	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.849	1.073	/	/	/	1	1.097	0.863	
PI000943363	Dnaje17	A3KGH2	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.842	1.080	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
PI000270376	Car	P97792-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.972	1.105	2	1.090	1.054	3	1.013	0.975	
PI000132531	Ndlufb5	Q9CQH3	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.828	1.014	2	/	/	/	/	/	/
PI000122383	Imp3	Q921Y2	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.818	1.156	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
PI000118561	MNCb-1192	Q9D7Z3-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.817	1.024	/	/	/	2	0.950	0.854	
PI000648499	Smsmo	Q921U8-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.795	1.111	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
PI000461536	Nol8	Q3UHX0-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.789	0.927	/	/	/	5	0.829	0.947	
PI000130246	Rrp1b	Q91YK2	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.783	1.044	1	0.693	0.779	4	0.794	0.902	
PI000653390	Fpge	P48760-2	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.779	40.41	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
PI000377563	Bal	Q8CAS9-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.769	1.063	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
PI000648327	Kifzc	Q3TTL2	/	/	/	/	/	/	3	1.753	1.001	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
PI000402911	Mphosphi10	Q810V0	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.725	1.159	1	0.829	1.121	4	0.863	1.098	
PI000221714	Smsdc1	Q8BG17	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.343	0.908	2	1.194	0.895	3	0.972	0.854		
PI000133839	Caip150	Q9QWF0	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.702	2.277	/	/	/	3	0.874	0.943	
PI000648998	Rps6kal	Q3TLM6	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.689	1.510	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
PI000315576	Neu	O356637	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.677	0.842	/	/	/	1	1.267	1.064	
PI000114667	M6v34	P26516	2	1.012	1.039	4	1.000	1.054	5	1.120	0.981	3	1.074	1.052	9	1.037	0.965	
PI000120592	Ly6	P05533	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.654	1.849	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
PI000141449	Centb2	P30276	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.647	0.991	1	2.637	0.555	/	/	/	/
PI000138068	Kiaa0938	Q80TN7	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.818	1.223	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
PI000228202	Dip	Q8CB44	1	1.080	1.018	2	1.205	1.219	/	1.632	0.989	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
PI000311453	Nol1	Q922K7	1	0.835	1.250	1	1.024	1.142	/	2	1.632	0.937	/	/	/	4	0.725	0.889
PI000110708	Cede51	Q3JRS9-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.630	1.068	1	0.460	0.960	2	0.581	0.862	
PI000311892	Ucrbp	Q00899	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.628	1.040	/	/	/	1	0.924	0.983	
PI000831121	Arme9	Q9D215-3	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.626	1.407	/	/	/	1	1.027	0.982	
PI000310474	Brp16	Q8C318	1	0.891	1.055	1	0.903	0.986	/	2	1.618	1.229	/	/	4	1.063	1.176	
PI000420344	Kiaa0690	Q6P5B0	/	/	/	/	1	1.007	0.849	2	1.599	1.377	/	/	4	0.670	0.880	
PI000461966	Fam132b	Q6P6G1	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.594	0.930	1	0.789	1.362	1	1.125	1.024	
PI000225974	Nob1	Q8BW10	/	/	/	1	0.904	0.859	1	1.237	1.272	2	0.957	1.151	3	1.067	1.000	
PI000136354	Dmahp	P70178	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.584	0.879	/	/	/	1	0.838	0.762	
PI000869399	Bub1b	A2ARS1	2	0.907	0.913	3	0.970	1.130	2	1.366	1.032	3	0.942	0.992	1	0.873	1.028	
PI000556867	Maged1	Q571N9	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.580	1.342	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
PI000830613	Epb4	Q9Z2H5-1	/	/	/	8	1.067	0.922	/	5	1.579	0.850	3	0.871	0.847	12	1.093	0.973
PI000135452	Kiaa0468	Q64519	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.573	0.807	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
PI000124178	Lcb2	P97363	/	/	/	2	1.005	0.945	1	0.846	1.029	1	1.562	1.130	/	/	/	/
PI000775961	Zmynd11	Q8R5C8	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.554	1.094	/	/	/	6	0.887	0.964	
PI000890007	Akap1	B1AR25	/	/	/	1	1.391	1.129	1	1.545	0.813	2	0.675	0.651	4	0.654	0.732	
PI000125505	Artgap31	A6X8Z5	/	/	/	1	0.726	1.239	2	1.542	1.134	/	/	/	4	1.099	1.273	
PI000652987	Ddx21	Q3TVJ3	/	/	/	/	/	/	15	1.535	0.936	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
PI000133679	Fam125a	Q78HU3	/	/	/	3	1.050	0.986	2	1.094	1.017	1	1.184	0.669	3	1.039	0.901	

IP100752277	D2Erd750e	Q9D9Z1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.183	1.070	3	1.523	1.116	/	/	1	0.993	0.919
IP100653300	Trn9sf2	Q3TWB8	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.052	1.121	6	1.519	0.973	10	1.030	1.008	1.104	0.998
IP100330591	Csda	Q9JKB3-1	7	0.806	0.903	/	8	1.052	1.121	6	1.394	1.026	2	1.518	1.045	2	0.905	1.089	0.964	0.702
IP100123040	Ptpk	P55822	1	0.901	0.745	1	1.012	0.957	1	1.394	1.026	2	1.518	1.045	2	0.905	1.089	0.964	0.702	
IP100112101	Stip	Q9ERA6	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.517	1.262	1	0.816	0.730	0.720	0.949
IP100153445	Chmp7	Q8R1T1-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.157	0.918	2	1.504	1.067	2	0.878	1.047	1.195	0.978
IP100132151	Apaed	Q9CQ79	2	1.000	0.988	2	0.929	0.872	1	1.157	0.918	2	1.504	1.067	2	0.878	1.047	1.041	0.984	
IP100828463	Noc2l	Q3UJZ6	/	/	1	0.986	1.058	/	/	1	1.502	1.022	1	1.502	1.022	/	/	1	0.765	0.949
IP100380696	Kcap2l	Q7TTS74-1	/	/	1	0.834	0.714	/	/	1	1.501	1.293	1	1.501	1.293	/	/	1	0.880	0.962
IP1000226564	Ctp2a	Q8BWW9	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.499	0.919	1	1.499	0.919	/	/	4	0.880	0.962
IP100031030	Fig1l1	Q8BPP9	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.498	0.837	1	1.498	0.837	/	/	2	1.081	0.920
IP100127679	Ddx32	Q8BZS9-2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.497	0.909	1	1.497	0.909	/	/	1	1.327	0.969
IP100224127	D2Wsub1e	Q3UHX9-1	/	2	0.837	1.091	/	2	0.837	1.091	/	2	1.494	0.840	1	0.535	0.720	1	0.955	0.899
IP100133440	Phb	P67778	2	0.642	1.307	5	0.597	1.380	1	1.306	0.944	5	1.494	1.110	6	0.858	0.980	0.548	0.775	
IP100652944	Fxr2	Q3TA75	3	0.780	0.982	4	0.714	0.860	6	1.306	0.944	5	1.494	1.110	6	0.858	0.980	0.821	1.072	
IP100227864	Rbm19	Q8R3C6-1	/	1	0.979	1.201	2	0.970	1.136	/	/	5	1.493	1.143	/	/	1	1.111	1.101	0.838
IP100123915	Rhim	Q9WTV7	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.488	1.044	1	1.488	1.044	1	1.014	1.093	1.110	1.128
IP100336965	Ddx52	Q8K301	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.487	1.118	2	1.487	1.118	/	/	7	0.903	0.996
IP100762434	Hectd1	Q05BY9	3	1.097	0.957	5	1.202	1.028	2	1.274	1.005	7	1.486	1.097	3	1.058	0.917	1.044	1.062	
IP100132770	Chatf1b	Q9D0N7	1	0.844	1.050	4	0.803	1.008	3	1.155	1.035	4	1.484	1.076	3	0.885	1.061	0.902	0.965	
IP100655041	Exoc2	Q9D4H1	1	0.481	1.907	2	0.479	0.868	1	1.474	1.264	1	1.474	1.264	1	0.899	0.852	0.782	0.915	
IP100223851	Papd5	Q6BED3	/	/	1	0.778	0.630	/	/	2	1.479	1.120	2	1.479	1.120	1	0.685	0.821	0.903	0.964
IP100323045	Kiaa0175	Q61846	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.479	0.943	1	1.479	0.943	/	/	1	1.111	1.101
IP100318537	Cuedc2	Q9CXX9	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.478	0.939	1	1.478	0.939	1	0.841	0.937	1.036	1.019
IP100785218	Nol14	Q3TSS5	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	3	1.476	0.822	3	1.476	0.822	/	/	3	0.903	0.964
IP100308785	Cox2	Q05769	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.475	1.121	1	1.475	1.121	/	/	7	0.902	0.965
IP100126389	Fxr2	Q6P5B5	/	5	0.804	1.105	6	1.314	1.586	6	1.314	1.586	5	1.475	0.874	6	1.035	1.228	0.876	0.942
IP100228584	Abin	Q9WJU8-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.474	0.805	1	1.474	0.805	1	0.899	0.852	1.063	0.795
IP100224697	Kiaa4006	Q61151	/	/	1	0.869	1.140	/	/	2	1.474	1.264	2	1.474	1.264	1	0.899	0.852	0.903	0.964
IP100132728	Cycl	Q9D0M3-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.472	0.882	2	1.472	0.882	2	0.542	0.701	0.498	0.705
IP100319135	Surf1	P09925	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.471	1.174	1	1.471	1.174	1	0.542	0.701	0.498	0.705
IP100120719	Cox3a	P12787	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.469	1.035	1	1.469	1.035	1	0.841	0.937	0.894	0.764
IP100461329	Pex13	Q9D0K1	/	1	0.919	0.588	1	0.919	0.588	1	1.465	0.983	1	1.465	0.983	1	0.647	0.817	0.815	1.030
IP100466984	Nav2	B2RWS4	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.464	1.521	2	1.464	1.521	1	0.647	0.817	0.815	1.030
IP100848508	Ifg2	Q9LW7-2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.463	1.062	1	1.463	1.062	1	0.647	0.817	1.090	1.511
IP100227880	Pkcd	P28867-2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.461	1.129	2	1.461	1.129	1	0.647	0.817	1.182	0.913
IP100120346	Rab27b	Q99P58	1	0.784	1.030	1	0.965	1.032	1	1.360	0.943	2	1.459	1.068	2	0.946	0.880	0.926	0.935	
IP100312509	Arf	Q00993	2	0.990	0.892	2	0.093	0.065	2	1.360	0.943	2	1.459	1.068	2	0.946	0.880	1.001	1.908	
IP100309059	Patl1	Q3TTC46	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.458	1.042	1	1.458	1.042	1	0.946	0.880	1.222	1.147
IP100380313	Bxdc5	Q7TND5	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.458	0.808	1	1.458	0.808	1	0.946	0.880	1.222	1.147
IP100467123	Trm1	Q9R1X4-1	1	0.903	1.040	1	0.903	1.040	1	1.454	1.031	3	1.454	1.031	1	0.647	0.817	0.715	0.823	
IP100462476	Ankhd1	Q5B128	2	1.023	1.045	6	0.945	1.082	1	1.451	0.981	3	1.451	0.981	1	0.647	0.817	1.025	1.092	
IP100654197	Aagab	Q3TW04	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.449	1.123	1	1.449	1.123	1	0.647	0.817	0.917	1.282
IP100462886	Ikbip	Q9DBZ1-2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	3	1.443	1.038	3	1.443	1.038	1	0.647	0.817	0.917	1.282
IP100655040	Cit	P49025-5	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.442	1.023	2	1.442	1.023	1	0.647	0.817	0.917	1.282
IP100474974	Dnmt	P13864-2	10	0.893	1.176	19	0.884	1.007	19	1.349	1.124	26	1.441	1.069	21	1.104	0.928	1.088	1.000	
IP100880430	Jmjid6	Q9ER15-1	1	0.823	0.278	1	0.879	0.918	1	1.440	1.167	3	1.440	1.167	3	1.509	1.139	1.240	1.314	

IP100323231	Ifrgr	PI5261	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.440	0.724	2	0.940	1.026	2	1.088	1.142
IP100153381	Ugr10	Q8R111	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.439	0.823	1	0.571	0.774	2	0.542	0.801
IP100126176	Mgracagap	Q9WVMI	/	2	0.752	1.138	/	/	/	1	1.437	1.066	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100461969	Cde123	Q8C112-1	/	2	0.902	0.965	/	/	/	3	1.436	1.097	2	1.088	1.021	5	1.073	1.047
IP100311260	Nsun5	Q8K4F6	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.434	1.818	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100124051	Mpp5	Q9JLB2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.432	1.188	/	/	/	1	0.947	1.624
IP100221790	Mapklip11	Q8BH93	1	1.122	1.246	1.178	1.031	1	1.287	1.095	1.430	1.007	1	1.100	1.084	1	1.098	1.082
IP100417158	Est1a	P61406	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.425	1.056	/	/	/	2	0.979	1.032
IP100124245	G3bp2	P97379-1	5	0.865	1.047	0.833	1.054	7	1.367	1.129	1.424	1.153	4	1.025	0.921	7	1.019	0.987
IP100112856	Nek7	Q9ES74	2	1.035	0.987	1.000	1.127	/	/	5	1.421	1.153	1	1.165	3.285	5	0.875	0.937
IP100128880	Imp4a	Q8V175	1	0.806	1.191	0.958	1.010	3	1.372	1.195	1.418	1.145	5	0.950	0.945	14	0.937	0.930
IP100785295	Limmit	Q8CAQ8-5	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.417	0.959	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100554845	Cbf2	P35569-1	2	0.978	0.981	0.785	1.081	1	1.355	0.839	1.416	0.855	3	0.829	0.927	9	0.842	0.826
IP100222302	TbelD25	A1A5B6	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.415	1.085	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100132659	Dfp2	Q9CQK7	3	1.086	0.988	0.991	0.912	/	/	1	1.415	1.028	/	/	/	3	1.175	1.037
IP100380329	Kiaa1495	Q3JUNG5-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.414	1.128	/	/	/	3	1.166	1.276
IP100109419	Kif4	P33174	3	0.806	0.735	/	/	/	/	11	1.413	1.038	7	0.993	1.053	15	1.000	1.028
IP100119509	Naa16	Q9DBB4	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	3	1.411	1.036	/	/	/	5	0.863	1.018
IP100454030	Exoc3	Q6KAR6	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	3	1.409	1.175	/	/	/	4	0.735	0.985
IP100108410	Atad1	Q9D5T0	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.407	0.676	1	0.638	0.520	3	0.698	0.572
IP100114822	AlpbD3	Q99J10	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.406	1.111	1	0.595	0.856	2	0.944	0.923
IP100222555	Call1	P08207	/	/	0.727	1.302	/	/	/	1	1.402	0.703	3	0.768	0.919	4	0.797	0.957
IP100463173	Trific	Q7TNM2-2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.401	103.2	/	/	/	1	7.288	12.87
IP100469835	Impdh1	P50096	/	/	0.914	0.833	2	1.380	1.409	3	1.399	1.474	1	1.605	1.276	4	1.380	1.149
IP100856470	Ffr	Q3UVL4-1	/	/	2	1.058	1.186	/	/	2	1.398	1.021	/	/	/	2	1.246	1.367
IP100133594	Rrp7a	Q9DLC9	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.397	1.202	/	/	/	3	0.917	0.807
IP100134493	Zfx	PI7012	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.397	0.963	/	/	/	2	0.941	0.982
IP100407108	Gml11	Q6PAO4	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.392	0.904	1	0.581	0.932	3	0.841	0.911
IP100400349	Kiaa0099	Q8OU78-2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	5	1.392	1.047	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100420601	Kiaa0190	P52479	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	5	1.392	1.138	3	0.954	1.184	4	1.046	0.982
IP100135048	Vps33a	Q9D2N9	/	/	0.966	1.110	/	/	/	1	1.392	0.819	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100858249	Eif4g1	Q3UZD9	/	23	0.997	1.059	/	/	/	31	1.392	1.109	/	/	/	44	1.121	1.037
IP100217778	Ankrd16	A2AS55-1	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.353	1.085	1.389	1.000	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100229465	Kiaa1561	Q8CGB3-3	/	2	1.004	0.902	/	/	/	1	1.388	0.877	/	/	/	2	0.985	1.001
IP100830844	Maged2	Q3TFU3	/	4	0.985	1.016	/	/	/	1	1.384	1.243	1	1.159	1.217	4	1.098	1.004
IP100321802	Tax1bp1	Q3UKC1	/	2	1.086	0.934	3	1.254	0.887	5	1.383	1.050	/	/	/	6	1.123	0.858
IP100330289	Epb4.1l2	B6ZHD0	/	/	/	/	/	7	1.287	0.831	1.383	0.808	16	0.919	0.856	30	0.885	0.903
IP100225915	D8Erd233e	Q8C5L7	/	2	1.060	1.243	/	/	/	1	1.383	0.904	/	/	/	2	0.882	0.809
IP100273851	Ttk1	Q8C0V0	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.098	1.230	1.379	1.093	2	0.783	0.855	3	1.164	1.050
IP100896604	Ddk10	Q80Y44	/	1	0.853	0.909	2	0.660	0.213	3	1.376	0.992	/	/	/	3	0.868	0.947
IP100928565	Cep350	Q6A062	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	3	1.376	0.783	/	/	/	/	/	/
IP100116199	Haus8	Q99L00-1	/	/	0.904	1.099	1	1.235	1.047	1	1.375	1.076	1	1.140	4.736	/	/	/
IP100457661	Kiaa0072	Q8BJY1	6	0.904	0.955	0.876	1.013	8	1.341	1.069	1.374	1.059	12	0.859	0.888	15	0.860	0.913
IP100130489	Rab35	Q6PHN9	2	0.884	1.020	0.704	1.061	1	1.131	0.734	1.373	0.856	2	0.774	0.728	2	0.931	0.912
IP100121225	Emi3	Q8VC03	4	1.036	0.970	0.932	0.475	1	1.072	0.954	1.372	1.016	2	1.478	0.937	3	1.300	1.476
IP100273023	Ahsa2	Q8N9S3-1	2	1.073	1.053	0.976	0.947	/	/	1	1.372	1.161	/	/	/	4	1.040	0.997

IP100223217	Rpl13a	P19253	4	1.114	1.113	4	1.040	1.071	4	0.794	0.987	4	0.836	0.988	3	1.430	0.887	7	1.345	0.906
IP100125138	Csfl	P07141-1	/	/	/	2	1.225	1.002	1	1.338	0.917	2	1.350	1.433	1	1.429	0.961	2	1.357	1.013
IP100626628	Rpl27a	Q9CQ16	3	1.123	1.054	4	1.172	1.099	3	0.938	1.041	3	0.946	1.058	4	1.429	0.958	5	1.350	0.975
IP100387494	Hspa2	B7L582	/	/	/	9	1.108	1.084	8	0.791	0.902	8	0.962	1.076	9	1.426	1.406	14	1.091	1.090
IP100222547	Rpl28	P41105	1	1.187	1.034	5	1.185	1.092	4	0.885	0.979	6	0.884	0.990	6	1.423	0.930	5	1.328	0.950
IP100411004	Hdac4	Q6NZM9-1	/	/	/	1	0.949	0.699	1	/	/	1	/	/	1	1.421	1.064	3	1.032	0.925
IP100311236	Rpl7	P14148	6	1.155	1.108	1	/	/	9	0.880	0.978	12	0.848	0.994	12	1.412	0.870	19	1.454	0.950
IP100229662	Mgmt	P26187	/	/	/	2	0.828	0.984	2	0.822	1.044	2	0.873	0.996	1	1.410	1.346	2	0.962	1.108
IP100649135	Gsm1	A2AE89	5	1.124	0.993	13	1.145	0.997	7	1.160	1.126	10	1.113	1.092	12	1.405	0.954	15	1.339	0.970
IP100137831	Rsm1	Q05186	2	1.131	0.849	6	1.162	1.038	2	0.928	0.876	4	0.883	0.865	2	1.404	0.910	5	1.004	0.939
IP100119524	Strn4	P38404-1	/	/	/	4	1.002	0.831	3	0.956	1.221	3	1.053	1.098	1	1.400	1.329	5	1.004	1.140
IP100136333	Oxsm	Q9D404	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.781	0.847	1	0.685	0.855	1	1.397	1.438	2	0.985	1.012
IP100128376	Akrlc14	Q91WT7	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.781	0.763	3	1.152	0.943	4	1.394	1.033	5	1.463	0.985
IP100915054	Rpl10	Q3THJ6	/	/	/	/	/	/	4	0.982	1.191	3	1.010	1.040	4	1.390	0.907	/	/	/
IP100315593	Naga	Q9QWR8	1	1.229	/	2	0.962	0.863	/	/	/	3	1.000	1.145	2	1.387	1.005	5	1.333	1.080
IP100120754	Gabarap	Q9BDCD6	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.382	0.917	/	/	/
IP100226216	Arhgef19	Q8BWA8	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.381	1.024	1	1.447	1.265
IP100123194	Bgn	P28653	2	1.168	0.918	5	1.047	0.855	5	1.251	0.919	6	1.175	0.866	7	1.372	0.806	8	1.360	0.836
IP100120982	Fbxo22	Q78JE5	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.025	0.989	1	1.366	1.070	1	1.234	0.760
IP100659860	Lrrfp2	Q8C062	/	/	/	3	0.961	0.886	3	1.146	0.971	3	1.184	0.789	2	1.366	0.903	4	1.015	1.056
IP100134820	Drp2	Q9QXB9	1	1.203	1.027	3	1.239	1.105	3	1.106	1.151	7	1.033	1.090	3	1.364	1.275	10	1.350	1.199
IP100889948	Ecml1	B7ZNR0	/	/	/	2	1.144	0.940	2	1.144	0.940	2	1.161	0.885	2	1.352	1.034	/	/	/
IP100313222	Rpl6	P47911	10	1.146	1.137	7	1.153	1.148	7	0.860	0.973	7	0.897	0.960	9	1.350	0.908	12	1.308	0.933
IP100123264	Polc3	Q9JKP7	/	/	/	1	1.108	1.187	1	1.067	1.132	2	1.011	0.888	2	1.349	1.079	2	0.951	0.981
IP100273803	Rpl15	Q9CZM2	4	1.075	1.303	5	1.153	1.019	5	0.797	0.944	5	0.873	0.939	7	1.349	0.866	10	1.314	0.906
IP100798610	Gpa3	A2A9W6	/	/	/	3	0.921	0.966	/	/	/	2	1.336	1.105	1	1.346	1.374	3	1.005	1.030
IP100135411	Apha3	O88888	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.210	3.100	1	1.343	1.034	2	1.303	1.009
IP100129399	Rabacl	Q9Z0S9	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.253	0.897	1	1.340	0.818	2	1.375	0.998
IP100225526	Qrich1	Q3UA37	1	0.973	0.842	3	1.057	0.991	/	/	/	4	1.139	1.045	1	1.333	1.104	3	1.088	1.033
IP100121517	Pter	Q60866-1	1	1.111	1.023	3	0.987	1.035	1	0.871	0.763	3	0.856	1.003	1	1.327	2.363	5	1.039	0.999
IP100122426	Rpl19	P84099	2	1.170	1.010	3	1.154	0.957	1	0.842	1.097	1	0.873	1.116	4	1.325	0.948	4	1.408	0.949
IP100849670	Myof	B9FK95	31	1.182	1.035	41	1.120	1.020	34	0.837	0.899	/	/	/	47	1.323	0.929	/	/	/
IP100474711	Pkn1	Q3UEA6	3	1.202	1.115	6	1.037	0.784	3	0.762	0.950	3	1.066	0.981	1	1.323	1.098	6	1.077	0.964
IP100125534	Dok1	P97465	2	0.788	0.845	2	0.764	0.697	2	1.074	1.210	3	0.925	1.098	1	1.322	1.226	2	0.835	1.478
IP100409393	Ltbp1	Q8CG19-1	2	1.096	0.747	3	0.802	0.772	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.322	1.052	/	/	/
IP100885334	Ecml1	Q3TXB7	2	1.098	1.096	4	1.021	0.967	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.321	1.080	3	1.677	1.551
IP100124640	Gm1	P28798	4	1.053	0.942	3	1.043	0.959	3	1.029	0.909	5	1.065	0.892	8	1.315	0.939	9	1.280	0.976
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IP100117025	Cdk5rap3	Q991M2	/	/	/	3	0.831	0.949	1	1.116	0.948	3	1.040	1.003	2	1.310	1.121	6	1.145	1.028
IP100228548	Eno3	P21550	8	0.901	1.061	9	0.940	1.142	5	1.097	1.250	7	1.149	1.259	10	1.306	1.384	15	1.221	1.188
IP100229690	Adssl1	P28650-2	4	1.135	0.983	7	1.213	1.006	6	0.947	1.084	8	0.995	1.047	6	1.302	1.080	13	1.178	1.062
IP100395040	Kcnnf1	Q80UY2-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.015	0.946	1	1.300	1.200	2	1.159	0.979
IP100465884	Nploc4	P60670-1	4	0.897	0.898	5	1.077	1.077	3	1.068	1.168	6	1.006	0.966	5	1.299	1.137	9	1.043	1.028
IP100113517	Ctsb	P10605	3	1.082	0.889	3	1.128	0.938	3	1.037	1.004	7	1.010	0.974	8	1.299	0.946	9	1.240	0.968
IP100323822	Rras2	P62071	/	/	/	2	0.844	1.208	/	/	/	2	0.937	0.887	2	1.298	0.808	3	0.662	0.781
IP100228343	Fesh	P22315	/	/	/	2	0.829	0.945	5	0.796	0.978	4	0.779	0.957	4	1.296	1.083	7	1.274	1.013
IP100122633	Acsf2	Q8VCW8	3	0.820	0.943	4	0.849	0.908	4	1.025	1.209	4	1.011	1.303	3	1.295	1.468	3	1.212	1.377
IP100223231	Qsox1	Q8BND5-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.186	1.168	3	1.070	0.816	1	1.294	0.965	4	1.359	0.898

IP100608021	Dd12	AZADY9	4	1.006	0.888	4	1.076	0.942	4	0.971	1.076	5	0.904	0.881	3	1.293	1.113	6	1.043	1.021	
IP100130627	Lemn	O89017	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.292	1.136	3	1.135	0.963	
IP100555045	Rpl21	O89167	/	/	1	1.146	0.903	4	1.001	1.040	5	0.996	1.054	4	1.292	0.916	5	1.235	0.942		
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IP100462979	Fytd1	Q91Z49-1	1	0.934	0.958	1	0.970	0.888	1	0.632	0.984	1	0.672	0.992	1	1.291	0.998	2	1.251	0.949	
IP100752148	290001023Rik	AZAN41	1	0.913	1.190	1	/	/	1	1.204	1.135	2	1.074	1.039	1	1.289	1.027	3	0.970	0.968	
IP100676243	Map1a	Q9QYR6-2	1	0.795	1.001	5	0.925	1.175	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.286	1.376	2	1.078	1.256	
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IP100480275	Pfdn5	Q9WUJ28	1	1.072	1.123	2	1.120	1.036	/	/	/	2	0.950	0.966	2	1.284	1.159	4	1.059	0.985	
IP100854911	Max	B2RS19	1	0.891	0.945	1	1.149	2.534	/	/	/	1	0.851	0.792	1	1.283	1.015	1	1.174	1.056	
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IP100387422	Zyx	Q31CR9	7	0.909	0.956	11	0.899	0.969	12	1.175	1.272	15	1.181	1.258	14	1.282	1.281	14	1.283	1.263	
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IP100278600	Morf411	P60762-1	2	0.780	1.042	3	1.227	1.149	2	1.179	1.133	4	1.168	1.071	2	1.278	1.378	4	1.126	1.034	
IP100655217	Xdh	B2RUJ7	4	1.105	0.896	6	0.948	0.814	10	1.185	1.057	12	1.183	1.021	8	1.275	1.004	21	1.314	0.944	
IP100454015	Sf6	Q8CH02	/	/	/	2	1.019	1.001	2	1.131	0.867	11	1.220	1.019	3	1.275	1.327	6	1.059	1.067	
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IP100133226	Zfand2b	Q91X58	1	0.866	1.306	2	0.919	0.954	1	0.881	0.926	2	0.932	1.078	3	1.271	1.219	3	1.008	1.196	
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IP100118026	Ap1s1	P61967	/	/	1	1.152	1.152	1.156	/	1	1.132	1.000	1	0.933	1.204	1	1.264	1.477	2	1.121	0.943
IP100845565	Vps37a	Q8CHS8-3	2	1.142	1.081	2	1.138	1.353	1	1.134	0.967	2	1.206	0.914	1	1.264	1.121	3	1.052	1.030	
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IP100875296	Hist1h1a	A2RSX7-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.014	1.098	1	1.263	1.051	2	1.093	0.757	
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IP100406107	Ppp2r3a	B2RXC8	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.252	0.865	/	/	/	
IP100308607	Fbxo30	Q8BLL1	/	/	/	1	1.116	0.722	/	/	/	2	1.109	0.947	2	1.251	1.117	5	0.960	0.907	
IP100461189	Elp2	Q91W/G4-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.971	0.739	1	0.814	0.998	1	1.251	1.018	5	1.364	0.982	
IP100330066	Edc4	Q3UJ/B9-1	7	0.963	0.967	13	1.008	0.977	11	0.976	0.938	18	1.001	0.932	15	1.250	1.051	22	1.062	1.095	
IP100331549	Dhrs1	Q99L04	1	0.913	1.083	2	0.832	1.256	3	1.227	1.157	3	1.169	1.269	3	1.250	1.325	7	1.338	1.291	
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IP100229434	Tip53bp2	Q8CG79	/	/	/	2	0.978	0.988	/	/	/	2	1.044	1.061	1	1.243	2.312	1	1.068	1.742	
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IP100463195	Atg7	Q9D906	1	0.992	0.842	3	0.989	0.953	2	0.885	1.225	6	0.990	1.094	7	1.234	1.048	8	1.196	1.162	
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IP100410967	Wtap	Q9ER69-1	1	0.773	0.949	3	0.843	1.055	1	1.121	0.846	3	1.181	0.857	1	1.232	1.389	2	1.112	1.017	
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IP100119876	Dync1h1	Q9JHU4	47	1.182	1.047	70	1.201	1.043	67	0.898	1.075	92	0.914	1.065	70	1.229	1.000	131	1.190	0.986	
IP100923679	Irs2	B9EJW3	/	/	/	8	1.321	1.132	7	1.284	1.116	7	1.284	1.116	7	1.221	1.130	/	/	/	
IP100336870	Mpl55	Q9C283-2	1	0.802	0.799	1	0.925	1.061	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.219	0.869	1	0.885	0.935	

IP100153201	Ggal	3	0.589	0.580	2	1.083	1.121	4	1.262	1.210	5	1.005	1.034	2	1.219	0.987	4	1.018	1.183
IP100323971	Impdh2	12	1.060	1.031	13	1.077	1.041	10	1.253	1.098	12	1.248	1.088	13	1.219	1.037	17	1.198	1.020
IP100900411	Prps111	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.231	1.070	/	/	/	2	1.216	0.986	/	/	/
IP100131960	Pole4	1	0.978	0.873	1	0.894	1.083	1	1.292	0.951	2	1.233	0.896	1	1.215	0.952	2	1.154	0.960
IP100132478	Q9CQ36	/	/	/	/	0.931	0.794	1	0.926	1.236	1	0.985	1.104	1	1.213	0.919	2	1.092	1.229
IP100409255	Q9CQF4	/	/	/	/	1.055	0.948	1	1.010	1.014	2	1.007	0.955	2	1.212	1.006	5	1.155	0.918
IP100331439	Q8LZF4	4	0.858	0.850	9	0.871	0.945	3	1.258	1.229	7	1.200	1.088	8	1.212	1.176	10	1.215	1.188
IP100856142	Q6KAU2	/	/	/	/	1.241	1.588	1	0.667	1.177	1	0.662	0.704	1	1.211	0.820	1	0.478	0.615
IP100400432	P10630-1	/	/	/	/	1.030	0.974	/	/	/	12	1.083	1.178	11	1.211	1.382	/	/	/
IP100750601	Usp8	3	1.014	1.039	7	1.065	0.943	3	1.033	1.105	5	1.011	1.021	2	1.211	1.095	7	1.236	1.118
IP100845782	Cle1	1	0.847	0.823	3	1.027	1.152	3	1.060	1.259	8	0.947	1.077	7	1.210	1.127	12	1.179	1.114
IP100121785	Q921G6	1	1.114	1.187	6	1.001	0.929	1	1.056	0.982	6	1.025	0.932	1	1.210	1.061	5	0.964	1.011
IP100453682	Crdh1	1	0.948	0.928	4	0.939	0.913	3	1.283	1.031	3	1.123	0.910	2	1.208	0.919	3	1.116	1.038
IP100170213	Abhd11	1	1.100	0.741	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.208	1.130	2	1.026	0.946
IP100943373	RP23-293H17.3	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.953	1.041	4	0.946	0.924	3	1.207	0.961	/	/	/
IP100113394	Rps15a	3	1.226	1.167	/	/	/	2	0.969	1.006	3	0.933	1.009	4	1.207	0.947	3	1.154	0.972
IP100464280	Epm2	/	/	/	/	0.922	1.271	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.207	1.114	3	0.946	0.841
IP100121814	MNCb-4931	/	/	/	/	0.974	0.928	3	1.057	1.027	1	0.833	0.919	1	1.207	1.024	3	0.946	1.055
IP100109437	Pir	/	/	/	/	0.660	0.640	/	/	/	3	1.187	1.035	1	1.206	1.077	4	1.281	1.100
IP100849604	Down1d1	1	0.995	1.369	/	/	/	3	1.158	0.990	3	1.102	0.984	2	1.205	0.971	3	1.010	1.041
IP100138042	Leprel	/	/	/	/	0.848	0.885	/	/	/	2	0.984	1.021	2	1.204	1.274	2	1.456	1.593
IP100480235	Tnm47	/	/	/	/	1.101	1.194	7	1.127	1.042	7	1.063	1.055	8	1.203	1.151	11	1.026	1.067
IP100125658	Gdc	3	1.133	0.995	7	1.136	0.918	6	1.194	1.119	11	1.192	1.076	4	1.202	1.139	12	1.166	1.081
IP100944724	Ttc28	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.295	0.907	2	1.018	0.984	2	1.202	0.895	/	/	/
IP100126349	Psmc3ip	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.199	0.890	2	0.806	1.039
IP100420457	Med131	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	44.54	10.65
IP100467729	Zfp462	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	5	26.65	231.8
IP100278312	Gfp2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	25.74	5.819
IP100649802	Mcox1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	21.24	7.189
IP100125455	Strcbp4	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	19.82	0.865
IP100752067	Ulk1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	3	12.35	1.407
IP100457415	Q810K2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	3	8.819	3.429
IP100895965	Mrap2	4	1.087	1.136	6	0.990	1.040	/	/	/	7	0.952	1.004	3	0.832	1.081	8	7.661	2.504
IP100471083	Tmem54	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	4.841	2.788
IP100761646	Abcb7	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.101	0.961	/	/	/	2	3.581	1.336
IP100127492	Smap1	/	/	/	/	0.908	0.815	/	/	/	3	1.095	1.041	2	1.127	1.662	2	3.566	1.054
IP100226453	Fsen2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	3.156	1.653
IP100313137	Olfri1477	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	2.834	0.824
IP100668529	Tmf1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.779	0.926	/	/	/	2	2.789	1.555
IP100123689	Mimr6	/	/	/	/	1.022	1.073	1	0.934	1.099	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	2.698	0.727
IP100153104	Tifa	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	2.610	0.865
IP100129572	Pedhgcs5	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	2.585	1.260
IP100113171	Drx2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	2.462	8.589
IP100379695	Coq5	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	2.331	1.727
IP100396839	Subgcp3	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	2.277	1.039
IP100120637	Wdr7	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	2.181	1.017
IP100453906	Etha1	1	0.972	0.909	2	0.874	1.170	/	/	/	2	1.093	0.974	/	/	/	2	2.166	0.617
IP100850693	Bai1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	2.166	0.617

IP100553773	Muc5ac	O88715	/	/	/	0.943	0.902	3	0.902	0.943	/	/	/	/	/	2	2.036	0.445		
IP100172328	Dnahe8	Q91XQ0-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.960	5.976		
IP100118393	Gmeb2	P58929	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.938	1.090		
IP100468701	Ubr2	Q6WKZ8-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.900	1.093		
IP100112708	Ccdc77	Q9CZH8-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.885	1.238		
IP100113328	Tsc2244	Q9EQN3	/	/	/	/	/	5	0.893	0.864	/	/	/	3	1.122	1.003	3	1.882	0.462	
IP100915083	Cnot2	Q3T110	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.931	0.977	4	1.066	1.096	3	1.058	1.175	2	1.881	4.210	
IP100119913	Apc	Q61315-1	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.851	1.313	2	0.438	0.787	/	/	2	1.864	1.380		
IP100608106	Numb1	Q3UH86	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.852	1.000		
IP100153749	Turt1	Q8R3F9-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.352	1.142	/	/	3	1.827	1.357		
IP100122493	Fkbp10	Q61576	3	0.711	0.870	/	0.767	5	0.903	0.903	/	/	/	/	10	1.814	1.298			
IP100464296	Epb4113	Q9WV92-8	/	/	/	/	0.903	13	1.143	/	/	/	/	/	24	1.796	1.354			
IP100469290	Ifrd2	Q7TSB3	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.781	0.906			
IP100380799	Pde2a	Q31XZ6	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.948	1.388	/	/	1	1.767	1.198		
IP100308182	Rnf41	Q8BH75-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.734	2.180			
IP100229852	Yrdc	Q3U5F4	/	/	2	0.932	1.035	2	0.932	1.035	2	1.225	1.268	/	/	1	1.721	1.943		
IP100279213		Q6NZR2-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.649	0.982			
IP100756386	Dhokd1	A2ATU0	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.114	1.119	/	/	1	1.624	1.449		
IP100138084	Adk	P55264-2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	7	1.041	1.062	11	1.623	0.988	
IP100402913	Ube2v2	Q9D2M8-1	/	/	/	6	1.065	6	0.962	0.962	6	1.094	0.977	7	0.987	1.002	8	1.619	1.371	
IP100396784	AY38078	Q6UY53	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.613	1.027		
IP100229539	Hist3h2bb	Q8CGP0	4	0.693	0.995	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	7	1.611	1.150		
IP100112032	Cardk	Q9CZ42-1	3	0.966	0.949	4	0.868	4	0.868	0.964	4	0.994	1.062	5	0.881	1.036	6	1.611	27.04	
IP100606952	Commd6	Q3V4B5	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	0.967	0.932	/	1	1.517	1.078
IP100751634			/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	3	1.498	0.897
IP100309237	Pja1	O5176-3	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.491	1.233		
IP100309907	Narf1	Q7TNAW6-2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.480	0.756		
IP100163015	Cdkal1	Q91WE6-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.473	1.198		
IP100625995	Cataad2a	Q8CHY6	/	/	/	1	1.086	2	0.828	0.828	2	0.955	1.052	/	/	1	1.468	0.917		
IP100625898	Bbx	Q8VBW5-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.464	3.354		
IP100124718	Sufu	Q9Z0P7-4	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.464	66.23		
IP100169954	Nsl1	Q8K305	/	1	1.053	1.167	1	1.249	1.142	1.142	1	1.331	0.859	/	/	2	1.464	12.36		
IP100895079	Tle13	Q3UMK4	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.463	1.275		
IP100914684	Rpl36	Q5M9L1	/	/	2	1.072	1.113	2	1.072	1.113	/	/	/	/	/	3	1.462	0.946		
IP100845679	Spg11	Q3UHA3-2	/	/	/	1	1.056	1.264	2	1.264	2	0.802	0.909	/	/	2	1.451	0.976		
IP100113389	Niban	A0PJB3	2	0.553	1.004	2	0.899	2	0.899	1.332	/	/	/	/	3	1.450	2.939			
IP100111501	Cplx2	P84086	/	/	/	1	0.993	2	0.993	0.996	1	1.098	1.417	3	1.047	1.073	2	1.446	1.205	
IP100676717	Braf1	A0ZYB6	/	/	/	2	1.106	2	1.106	1.029	2	1.172	1.310	/	/	1	1.445	0.754		
IP100607957	Arsa	Q9DC66	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.445	0.961		
IP100277399	Cluap1	Q8R3P7	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.434	1.413		
IP100420315	Irip1	Q3TNL8-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.432	1.009		
IP100855144	Arlgef5	Q8R172	/	/	/	4	1.265	1.091	2	1.222	2	1.222	0.868	/	/	1	1.432	0.651		
IP100110262	Sortc2	Q9EPR5	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.427	0.539		
IP100321357	Znf593	Q9DB42	/	1	0.952	1.099	1	0.952	1.099	1.099	1	1.098	0.938	2	0.785	1.206	4	1.424	0.895	
IP100554894	Anxa6	P14824	/	15	1.032	1.181	/	/	/	/	10	1.172	1.318	/	/	21	1.422	1.341		
IP100153143	Ugat2b1	Q8R084	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.422	1.082		
IP100162790	Rpl18a	P62717	3	0.901	0.918	4	1.119	4	1.119	1.078	3	0.734	0.838	6	0.886	0.957	7	1.418	0.972	
IP100224682	Eip3	Q9CZX0-2	/	/	2	1.085	0.849	2	1.085	0.849	3	0.773	0.816	/	/	6	1.418	1.019		

IP100379844	Irs2	P81122	5	0.926	0.979	7	1.107	1.029	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	11	1.230	1.049		
IP100124444	Pfcp	Q9WUA3-1	2	1.036	0.814	7	0.947	0.873	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	17	1.230	1.192		
IP100133614	Nsmcc2	Q91VT1-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.229	1.015		
IP100173167	2410091C18Rik	Q9CWC8-1	/	/	/	2	0.985	1.080	/	3	1.180	0.940	2	1.077	0.981	2	1.229	0.929		
IP100816884	Fam122b	Q6NZE7-2	/	/	/	2	0.536	0.659	/	1	1.153	0.991	/	/	/	2	1.228	0.835		
IP100608092	Sim3b	Q62141-4	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.222	1.070	/	/	/	1	1.228	1.212		
IP100808125	Qser1	A2BIE1	1	1.096	1.034	1	0.788	1.001	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.227	0.983			
IP100850592	Ndfip1	Q8R0W6	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.226	1.188			
IP100515222	Bcas3	BIAR74	/	/	2	1.092	0.928	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	4	1.224	1.049			
IP100321396	Csnk1e	Q91MK2	1	1.160	1.059	1	0.992	1.047	/	/	/	/	/	/	3	1.222	0.952			
IP100623304	Map3k4	O8648-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.142	0.927	/	/	2	1.222	1.029			
IP100889222	Rpl14	B01-AB8	/	/	5	1.196	0.897	4	0.740	0.894	4	0.791	0.921	/	6	1.221	0.769			
IP100121120	Col5a2	Q3U962	3	0.734	0.778	11	0.874	0.813	4	1.092	1.140	8	1.114	1.089	4	0.818	0.955			
IP100112176	Cutc	Q9D8X1	/	/	1	1.123	1.063	/	/	/	2	0.848	1.677	/	1	1.220	0.933			
IP100133166	Nat9	Q3JUG98	/	/	/	/	/	1	0.732	0.929	3	0.934	1.082	1	1.055	5.193	1.219	1.377		
IP100120917	Zfand6	Q9DCH6	/	/	2	1.004	0.857	1	0.934	1.035	1	1.068	0.947	2	1.035	1.129	3	1.217	1.101	
IP100330164	Rbm16	Q3TTX6	4	0.973	1.015	3	1.098	1.142	/	/	/	/	/	/	7	1.215	1.018	1.018	1.018	
IP100114389	App	PI2023-1	1	1.164	0.895	4	0.980	0.961	/	/	3	1.092	1.075	4	1.071	1.179	4	1.214	1.109	
IP100109119	Tmt11	Q9CWH5-1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.064	2.062	/	/	1	1.214	1.746	1.746	1.746	
IP100124779	Igsl	Q923W1	/	/	1	1.157	1.071	1	1.236	1.223	/	/	1	1.173	1.054	1	1.213	1.257	1.257	
IP100119095	Gm2a	Q60648	/	/	1	1.074	0.986	2	0.754	1.034	2	0.812	1.007	1	1.124	0.947	2	1.213	1.132	
IP100329846	Slk17b	Q8B048	2	0.987	1.014	3	0.982	1.017	3	1.175	1.513	5	1.276	1.226	4	1.031	1.100	4	1.212	1.383
IP100114254	Ttc37	Q3UYZ5	/	/	3	1.186	1.120	/	/	2	1.045	1.261	/	/	5	1.212	1.204	1.204	1.204	
IP100133338	Fam107b	Q3TGF2	4	1.028	1.157	6	0.990	1.021	4	1.216	1.117	6	1.124	0.975	3	1.129	1.122	6	1.212	1.073
IP100225066	Rpl36a	P83882	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.002	0.947	1	1.199	0.933	4	1.209	0.970	0.970	0.970
IP100228820	Gstm2	PI5626	4	1.228	1.095	9	1.191	0.986	6	0.908	0.997	5	0.871	0.992	6	1.153	0.960	11	1.208	0.922
IP100377925	Atg2b	Q80XK6-2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	2	1.207	1.070	1.070	1.070	1.070
IP100330840	Golgal	Q9CWX9-1	1	0.448	0.776	2	1.115	1.035	3	1.084	0.980	1	1.101	0.783	/	3	1.206	0.966	0.966	0.966
IP100122272	Ecm1	Q61508-1	2	1.121	0.972	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	3	1.206	1.050	1.050	1.050	1.050
IP100131818	Tbpl1	P62340	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1	1.206	1.23	1.23	1.23	1.23
IP100127014	Tert2ip	Q91VL8	2	0.717	0.616	4	0.961	1.029	2	1.017	1.170	4	1.284	1.015	2	1.184	1.152	3	1.205	0.965
IP100845626	Tle3	Q3TY99	2	0.958	0.885	4	1.161	1.044	2	0.999	0.923	2	0.923	1.225	2	1.085	0.979	4	1.205	0.958
IP100330649	Mvole	Q3TLJ4	2	1.013	0.976	6	1.022	1.025	3	0.912	1.167	2	0.826	1.069	/	5	1.204	1.030	1.030	1.030

Appendix 3. All phosphopeptides identified as down-regulated after treatment with 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol (24(S),25-EC) in ≥ 1 biological replicate. Un-normalised SILAC phosphopeptide ratios are displayed

Phosphopeptide	Gene	Replicate IPI Number	Mascot Score		Ratio 25-OHChol :Control		Ratio 24(S),25-EC :Control	
			1	2	1	2	1	2
EEVAS(ph)EPEEAASPTTPK	Nop56	IPI00318048	48.39	/	0.358	/	0.413	/
RVS(ph)QEANLLTLAOK	C13003 9O16Rik	IPI00225777	36.98	65.16	0.628	0.889	0.412	0.796
SETAPAAPAAPAPAEKT(ph)PVK	Hist1h1e	IPI00223714	53.69	25.47	0.388	0.688	0.409	0.790
HGAPAAPS(ph)PPPR	Tbcd10b	IPI00469012	43.89	50.35	0.521	0.574	0.408	0.770
SQET(ph)PEKPR	Msl1	IPI00110256	30.08	/	0.650	/	0.408	/
GEGERS(ph)DEENEEK	Potr3g	IPI00463147	60.57	/	0.671	/	0.408	/
HS(ph)VTGYGDC(me)AAGAR	Jub	IPI00453693	35.36	/	0.440	/	0.404	/
GDVS(ph)EDEPSLGR	Rnmt	IPI00453849	32.67	/	0.598	/	0.400	/
RPMEEDGEKSPS(ph)K	Ilf3	IPI00130591	34.61	/	0.410	/	0.400	/
RIS(ph)GLIYEETR	Hist1h4a	IPI00623776	35.15	/	0.267	/	0.400	/
SRLTPT(ph)TPESSSTGTEDK	Sqstm1	IPI00133374	69.05	/	0.392	/	0.398	/
ADS(ph)DSEDKGEESKPK	Cbx1	IPI00129466	40.05	/	0.347	/	0.393	/
PMSVAGS(ph)PLSPGPVR	Irs2	IPI00379844	61.73	45.92	0.494	0.606	0.392	0.684
NNVMT(ph)SPNVHLK	Cenpc1	IPI00114808	34.17	/	0.284	/	0.390	/
LPTSEEERS(ph)PAK	Trp53bp1	IPI00229801	25.34	25.63	0.217	3.061	0.387	2.082
HLSTPSSVS(ph)PEPQDPAK	Arhgef12	IPI00754880	46.3	36.63	0.450	0.545	0.387	0.820
GVQAGNSDT(ph)EGGQPGR	Acin1	IPI00121136	32.19	/	0.811	/	0.387	/
SETLVNAQQTLPLGT(ph)PK	Palm	IPI00129298	43.67	37.09	0.267	1.074	0.386	1.079
NGLSQPS(ph)EEEVDIPKPK	Ddx21	IPI00120691	42.24	/	0.323	/	0.384	/
LPSSGSPASPTT(ph)GSAVDIR	Ahnak	IPI00553798	65.09	/	0.339	/	0.378	/
GSGEASSDSIDHS(ph)PAK	Suv39h2	IPI00111417	26.96	/	0.174	/	0.377	/
KTS(ph)LSDSTTSAYPGDAGK	Rab3gap1	IPI00749720	39.8	/	0.593	/	0.377	/
S(ph)NSLPHSAVNSAASK	Wdr20a	IPI00153206	26.16	36.48	0.462	0.909	0.376	0.825
GHYEVTGS(ph)DDEAGK	Ahnak	IPI00553798	58.36	/	0.168	/	0.371	/
S(ph)ESSGNLPSVADTR	Akap1	IPI00230591	29.82	/	0.390	/	0.371	/
SNS(ph)FSDER	Ahnak	IPI00553798	29.85	/	0.154	/	0.366	/
RLS(ph)QSDDEDVIR	Wdr26	IPI00226275	83.2	29.45	0.399	0.357	0.365	0.414
GGVTGSPEASISGS(ph)KGDLK	Ahnak	IPI00553798	43.68	/	0.119	/	0.363	/
LGSSPTS(ph)SC(me)NPPTK	Specc1	IPI00798550	31.81	27.02	0.422	0.667	0.363	0.800
ETNVSKEDT(ph)DQEEK	Psp1	IPI00115257	37.57	44.98	0.386	0.996	0.362	0.871
LPSSSASPPLSQT(ph)IPNKDADDQAR	Eya3	IPI00411085	40.03	/	0.518	/	0.348	/
S(ph)PSRPLPEVTDEYK	Ssb	IPI00134300	26.42	/	0.551	/	0.346	/
GGVTGSPEAS(ph)ISGSKGDLK	Ahnak	IPI00553798	43.68	/	0.135	/	0.346	/
GVTASSSS(ph)PASAPK	Ncam1	IPI00122971	43.46	34.3	0.244	1.437	0.346	1.195
AS(ph)AVSPEKAPM(ox)TSK	Tcof1	IPI00115660	34.02	/	0.345	/	0.346	/
SLS(ph)PSHLTEDR	Zc3h13	IPI00515528	44.78	33.98	0.317	0.922	0.344	0.904
DSVPAS(ph)PGVPAADFPAETEQSKPSK	Top2a	IPI00122223	25.31	/	0.116	/	0.342	/
PASVDGSPVS(ph)PSTNR	Irs1	IPI00119627	27.92	42.29	0.724	0.494	0.335	0.797
VDS(ph)SSEEDGVDAPDR	Casp7	IPI00130131	50.6	39.73	0.535	0.540	0.325	0.690
SPAPSNPTLS(ph)PSTPAK	Mybbp1a	IPI00331361	34.8	33.16	0.159	1.852	0.323	1.256

KGDDS(ph)DEEDLC(me)ISNK	Stard13	IPI00857002	57.82	/	0.027	/	0.317	/
S(ph)SPPVEHPAGTSTTDNDVIIR	Rai14	IPI00453820	35.31	/	0.170	/	0.308	/
APQS(ph)PTLAPAK	Cxadr	IPI00270376	25.52	30.84	0.219	1.618	0.291	1.103
GDQVSQNGLPAEQGS(ph)PR	Sptbn1	IPI00319830	58.12	/	0.654	/	0.208	/
SHS(ph)LDDLQGDADVGK	Sash1	IPI00338954	/	58.75	/	0.525	/	0.538
LESHGSS(ph)EESLQVQEK	Vcan	IPI00875672	/	42.02	/	0.497	/	0.535
ANTSS(ph)DLEKDDDAYK	Ranbp2	IPI00337844	/	40.08	/	0.436	/	0.533
SLPASGTQPS(ph)PPAVK		IPI00851031	49.32	62.59	0.747	0.487	0.582	0.533
MSPNETLFLES(ph)TNK	Rragc	IPI00468702	/	32.32	/	0.407	/	0.530
TSS(ph)PNKEESPK	Papola	IPI00266738	26.95	31.16	0.825	0.503	0.879	0.530
AES(ph)PETSAVESTQSTPQK	Pds5b	IPI00845638	41.44	63.25	0.594	0.288	0.437	0.520
LEPAPLDSS(ph)PAVSTHEGSK	Renbp	IPI00124826	/	31.06	/	0.584	/	0.515
(ac)S(ph)ETAPVAQAASTATEKPAA AK	Hist1h1 a	IPI00228616	/	53.02	/	0.439	/	0.514
PQSPVIQATAGS(ph)PK	Arfgef2	IPI00137087	/	41.94	/	0.350	/	0.511
APS(ph)PSQPPK	Pds5b	IPI00845638	27.46	25.3	0.582	0.410	0.547	0.501
RIS(ph)DPLTSSPGR	Mcm2	IPI00323820	80.09	70.35	0.722	0.529	0.584	0.495
VS(ph)PVVSPSQPAR	Mical1	IPI00116371	/	25.71	/	0.435	/	0.486
IDQGS(ph)HTAGESSTR	Tdp1	IPI00222253	/	34.56	/	0.416	/	0.476
KPDQT(ph)LDEDDPGAAPLK	Bsg	IPI00408495	45.13	34.22	0.548	0.543	0.647	0.474
S(ph)PASTSSVNGTPGSQLSTPR	Delk1	IPI00468380	/	43.36	/	0.459	/	0.472
KTS(ph)PASLDFPEPQK	Znf828	IPI00453800	36.79	46.94	0.541	0.805	0.638	0.471
AQGHS(ph)PVNGLLK	Cenl2	IPI00310772	/	25.94	/	0.493	/	0.464
HNS(ph)TTSTSSGGYR	Abil	IPI00798483	/	57.32	/	0.536	/	0.443
TASRPEDTPDPSGSS(ph)PK	Lrrc16a	IPI00474873	/	46.92	/	0.216	/	0.439
RPDPDS(ph)DEDEDYER	Rbm17	IPI00170394	64.68	49.04	0.649	0.562	0.562	0.428
AGYTT(ph)DESSSSLHTTR	Fxr2	IPI00126389	/	38.76	/	0.551	/	0.358
LYNSEESRPYT(ph)NK	Crks	IPI00648022	/	49.1	/	0.205	/	0.338
PQSAS(ph)PAKEEQK	Palm	IPI00129298	/	30.2	/	0.390	/	0.196

Appendix 4. All phosphopeptides identified as up-regulated after treatment with 24(S),25-epoxycholesterol (24(S),25-EC) in ≥ 1 biological replicate. Un-normalised SILAC phosphopeptide ratios are displayed

Phosphopeptide	Gene	IPI Number	Mascot Score		Ratio 25-OHChol :Control		Ratio 24(S),25-EC :Control	
			1	2	1	2	1	2
KDS(ph)ISEDEMVLRL	Wdte1	IPI00108450	43.30	/	0.82	/	1.66	/
GGIDNPAIT(ph)SDQEVDDKK	Arhgap5	IPI00124298	40.63	/	0.92	/	1.13	/
KQIT(ph)VEELVRL	Plec1	IPI00400215	38.61	/	0.62	/	1.07	/
PTGGLRDS(ph)EAEK	Hirip3	IPI00222813	29.49	/	1.03	/	1.06	/
DELADEIANSS(ph)GK	Myh9	IPI00123181	29.65	/	1.17	/	0.97	/
GPEVEGS(ph)PVSEALR	Brwd1	IPI00654074	37.76	/	0.55	/	0.95	/
LLQDSSS(ph)PVDLAK	Ncoa2	IPI00116968	29.72	/	1.12	/	0.92	/
IKPDEDLPS(ph)PGSR	Gli3	IPI00123429	42.62	/	0.78	/	0.91	/
TSS(ph)PNKEESPK	Papola	IPI00266738	26.95	31.16	0.82	0.50	0.88	0.53
IKDPDLT(ph)TPDSK	Ckap2	IPI00470092	44.82	/	0.79	/	0.85	/
SEVQAHS(ph)PSR	Mtap2	IPI00895965	31.21	/	0.91	/	0.85	/
ADS(ph)PAGLEAAR	Kiaa0284	IPI00380953	35.46	/	0.78	/	0.84	/
LPS(ph)PAQTQR	Mical2	IPI00280103	30.76	33.11	0.87	0.51	0.82	0.88
PATS(ph)TPDLASHR	Ptpn14	IPI00122168	51.69	67.48	0.57	0.67	0.81	0.73
GGSS(ph)EELHDSPLR	Hdgfrp2	IPI00116442	34.55	/	0.74	/	0.81	/
ASS(ph)EDTLNKGSSASSGVAR	Specc1	IPI00798550	33.64	/	0.89	/	0.80	/
AYT(ph)HQVVTR	Cdk7	IPI00129222	26.40	28.51	0.98	0.31	0.80	0.63
KGS(ph)LDYLLK	Luzp1	IPI00322204	30.67	/	0.71	/	0.80	/
HGPAQAVTGTSTVTS(ph)PIK	Ccnt2	IPI00654257	47.80	/	0.74	/	0.79	/
NS(ph)PNNISGISNPPGTPR	Ssbp3	IPI00341944	51.85	/	0.82	/	0.79	/
KLS(ph)SGDLR	Phldb1	IPI00330246	30.55	/	0.68	/	0.79	/
ASSHSSSQSGGGS(ph)VTK	Lmna	IPI00620256	47.84	58.67	0.54	1.58	0.79	0.90
RAS(ph)LSDIGFGK	Pctk3	IPI00111168	49.16	/	0.60	/	0.78	/
IKDPDLTT(ph)PDSK	Ckap2	IPI00470092	44.82	/	0.95	/	0.78	/
S(ph)ASSDTSEELNSQDSPK	Slc9a3r1	IPI00109311	78.91	100.99	0.71	0.70	0.78	0.84
KGT(ph)GDC(me)SDEEVDGK	Myh9	IPI00123181	49.18	/	0.84	/	0.78	/
HVSS(ph)PDVTTAQQ	Tdp1	IPI00222253	32.78	32.90	0.72	0.81	0.78	0.93
SQDATVS(ph)PGSEQSEK	Zc3hc1	IPI00465879	50.16	/	0.53	/	0.78	/
GQGT(ph)PPSGPGVGR	Wbp7	IPI00857289	27.74	/	0.61	/	0.77	/
SGALAS(ph)PTDPFQSR	Trim47	IPI00480235	32.36	36.30	0.59	0.77	0.77	0.80
QESLKS(ph)PEEEDQAFR	Nes	IPI00453692	36.61	/	0.67	/	0.76	/
TQSSS(ph)C(me)EDLPSTTQPK	Cask	IPI00776341	25.68	/	0.46	/	0.76	/
RAS(ph)LEIGESFPEGTK	Myo9b	IPI00229766	60.85	42.49	0.99	0.58	0.76	0.71
RFS(ph)M(ox)EDLNK	Pctk3	IPI00111168	47.88	/	0.69	/	0.76	/
DDISEIQLASDHS(ph)GR	Tjp1	IPI00135971	31.83	/	0.57	/	0.76	/
C(me)IFMSETQSS(ph)PTK	Pias2	IPI00453655	30.79	/	0.47	/	0.75	/
QDVDNAS(ph)LAR	Vim	IPI00227299	31.40	/	0.72	/	0.75	/
PQSPVIQATAGS(ph)PK	Arfgef2	IPI00137087	30.88	41.94	0.83	0.35	0.74	0.51
QEFSS(ph)EEMTK	Vcam1	IPI00126834	25.88	/	0.83	/	0.74	/
SLS(ph)TSGESLYHVLGLDK	Dnajc5	IPI00132206	50.50	47.88	0.51	1.70	0.74	1.20
(ac)SDQEAKPST(ph)EDLGDKK	Sumo1	IPI00124593	33.58	/	0.78	/	0.73	/
DC(me)AKS(ph)DDEESLTLPEK	Nfkb1	IPI00719890	52.31	/	0.80	/	0.73	/
PAVVS(ph)PLSLSTEAR	Crtc1	IPI00469761	43.71	/	0.80	/	0.73	/
YVSGSS(ph)PDLVTR	Ptpn14	IPI00122168	49.84	/	0.73	/	0.73	/
ASPDQNASTHT(ph)PQSSAK	Clint1	IPI00648186	34.63	/	0.78	/	0.73	/
SSGSLS(ph)PGLLETEDPLEAR	Tnks1b p1	IPI00459443	36.91	/	0.68	/	0.73	/

TASESISNLSEAGS(ph)VK	Clip1	IPI00857273	31.00	/	0.98	/	0.72	/
AQTPESC(me)GSVT(ph)PER	Filip11	IPI00755058	30.92	/	0.94	/	0.72	/
T(ph)SPTVATQTGASVTSTR	Fam117b	IPI00461475	68.26	64.54	0.73	0.73	0.72	0.89
S(ph)FEDLTDHPVTR	Adam17	IPI00314443	44.01	46.28	0.71	0.66	0.72	0.94
SAT(ph)LETKPESK	Ifngr1	IPI00323231	25.38	/	0.64	/	0.72	/
VMTVTAVTTTATS(ph)DR	Hdgrp2	IPI00116442	76.11	51.20	0.60	0.72	0.72	0.89
SDEEDRAS(ph)EPK	Zc3h18	IPI00673693	27.94	/	0.79	/	0.72	/
VEESSEIS(ph)PEPK	Usp1	IPI00330276	40.56	/	0.57	/	0.72	/
S(ph)LEGENHDPLSSVVK	Nes	IPI00453692	45.85	/	0.68	/	0.72	/
MHASSTGSS(ph)C(me)DLSK	Cdgap	IPI00125505	27.19	/	0.54	/	0.72	/
KIS(ph)GTALQEALK	Clip1	IPI00857273	33.36	67.72	0.88	0.77	0.72	0.74
AKT(ph)PVTLK	Tmpo	IPI00828976	41.32	/	0.58	/	0.72	/
SSS(ph)FGSVTSSTSSK	Snx16	IPI00331029	/	54.62	/	1.42	/	5.00
TAS(ph)GSSVTSLEGTR	Ndrp1	IPI00125960	45.97	41.37	0.50	1.04	0.57	3.57
GGVTGS(ph)PEASISGSK	Ahnak	IPI00553798	43.68	27.58	0.21	3.27	0.47	2.79
SGFGGMS(ph)SPVIR	Nup107	IPI00221767	28.39	40.37	0.37	2.64	0.63	2.32
LPTSEERS(ph)PAK	Trp53bp1	IPI00229801	25.34	25.63	0.22	3.06	0.39	2.08
SGFGGMSS(ph)PVIR	Nup107	IPI00221767	/	40.37	/	2.57	/	2.07
AS(ph)PALGSGHHDGSGDSLEMSS LDR	Tomm70a	IPI00751137	64.86	47.86	0.29	2.31	0.46	2.05
ASS(ph)HSSSQGGGSVTK	Lmna	IPI00620256	47.84	58.67	0.19	3.86	0.52	1.95
TEEDRENTQIDDEPLS(ph)PVSNK	Trp53bp1	IPI00229801	/	28.80	/	2.58	/	1.90
KOQQEPTC(me)EPS(ph)PK	Hmga2	IPI00331612	26.67	30.20	0.29	2.23	0.43	1.72
SEDRPS(ph)SPQSVAAVETK	Trp53bp1	IPI00229801	/	48.56	/	2.07	/	1.70
AEAKPGT(ph)PAK	Nolc1	IPI00720058	36.93	39.65	0.31	2.25	0.47	1.67
PAS(ph)PLSGPR	D2Wsu81e	IPI00224127	/	29.84	/	1.80	/	1.65
GEVAPKET(ph)PKK	Marcks1	IPI00281011	/	26.82	/	2.27	/	1.65
TVGNVS(ph)PTAQMVR	Rbm7	IPI00133061	/	28.20	/	1.41	/	1.65
LHSAQLS(ph)PVDETPATQSQLK	Mifl1p	IPI00459115	/	36.63	/	1.95	/	1.62
QEGAQENVKNS(ph)PVPR	Gmn	IPI00131716	/	30.64	/	2.56	/	1.60
GISQTNLITTVI(ph)PEK	Epb4113	IPI00229299	50.15	40.47	0.46	1.55	0.52	1.55
TTS(ph)PDLFESQSLTSASSK	Epn2	IPI00336844	/	27.33	/	1.25	/	1.55
ATWGDGGDNS(ph)PSNVVSK	Snap23	IPI00113798	64.07	49.53	0.49	1.69	0.46	1.54
LEQHSQQPQLS(ph)PATSGR	Tor1aip1	IPI00762273	25.81	47.94	0.58	1.33	0.58	1.53
AGS(ph)SPTQGAQNEAPR	Tcf20	IPI00407458	/	30.95	/	1.46	/	1.51
AS(ph)SHSSSQGGGSVTK	Lmna	IPI00620256	/	58.67	/	2.60	/	1.51
C(me)QETESNEEQSIS(ph)PEKR	Akap12	IPI00123709	/	85.89	/	1.19	/	1.49
AGGS(ph)PASYHGSTSPR	Epn2	IPI00336844	49.92	47.77	0.50	1.47	0.50	1.47
SLYSSS(ph)PGGAYVTR	Vim	IPI00227299	34.83	53.18	0.67	0.97	0.67	1.47
FGEYNSNIS(ph)PEEK	Nop14	IPI00353010	36.25	30.49	0.43	1.68	0.54	1.45
GEATAERPGEAAVASS(ph)PSK	Marcks	IPI00229534	53.11	53.46	0.60	1.36	0.58	1.45
LATSS(ph)PEQSWPSTFK	Pml	IPI00229072	/	29.49	/	1.18	/	1.43
KONETADEAT(ph)TPQAK	Nolc1	IPI00720058	/	43.74	/	1.50	/	1.42
AAKES(ph)EEEEEEETEEK	Nolc1	IPI00720058	93.93	73.89	0.42	1.80	0.46	1.41
EIITEEPS(ph)EEEADMPKPK	Ddx21	IPI00120691	/	31.38	/	1.69	/	1.38
LLKPGEEPSEYT(ph)DEEDTK	Pgrmc2	IPI00351206	39.74	35.31	0.39	1.61	0.48	1.36
AEDEILNRS(ph)PR	Canx	IPI00119618	/	25.35	/	1.51	/	1.35
SSGS(ph)PYGGGYGGGGSGGYGS R	Hnrpa3	IPI00269661	113.25	92.56	0.42	1.50	0.58	1.35
SSSLLAS(ph)PSHIAAK	Fam62b	IPI00266942	26.75	30.80	0.59	1.46	0.57	1.34
NVAEALGHS(ph)PK	Irf2bp1	IPI00453578	37.33	27.45	0.75	0.81	0.67	1.34
QKS(ph)DAEEDGVTGSQDEEDSKPK	Canx	IPI00119618	88.22	64.73	0.48	1.53	0.54	1.34
SKTS(ph)PVASGSTSK	Cep170	IPI00667973	51.13	43.40	0.68	1.18	0.68	1.34
AFGPGLQGGNAGS(ph)PAR	Flna	IPI00875567	36.73	27.19	0.68	0.82	0.60	1.33
GPEVTSQGVQTS(ph)PAC(me)K	Atxn2	IPI00117229	/	25.10	/	1.07	/	1.30
ASGQAFELILS(ph)PR	Stmn1	IPI00551236	/	30.07	/	0.87	/	1.30
AVGEEQRS(ph)EEPK	Akap12	IPI00123709	/	31.72	/	1.15	/	1.30

Appendix 5. All phosphopeptides identified as down-regulated after treatment with 25-hydroxycholesterol (25-OHChol) in ≥ 1 biological replicate. Un-normalised SILAC phosphopeptide ratios are displayed

Phosphopeptide	Gene	IPI Number	Mascot Score		Ratio 25-OHChol :Control		Ratio 24(S),25-EC :Control	
			1	2	1	2	1	2
NEKS(ph)EEEQSSASVK	Hnrmpc	IPI00874321	51.11	45.64	0.350	1.095	0.433	0.832
SPDEATAADQES(ph)EDDLSASR	Farp1	IPI00356904	26.44	/	0.349	/	0.465	/
TEEVLSPDGSPSKS(ph)PSK	Add3	IPI00387580	38.11	/	0.349	/	0.439	/
ADS(ph)DSEDKGEESKPK	Cbx1	IPI00129466	40.05	/	0.347	/	0.393	/
EELQQT(ph)DGDC(me)DEEDDDK DGEVPK	Sec62	IPI00134398	57.28	/	0.346	/	0.532	/
EDAPPEDKES(ph)ESEAK	Cds2	IPI00468999	26.03	/	0.346	/	0.594	/
GEVAPKET(ph)PK	Marcks1	IPI00281011	33.28	26.82	0.345	2.274	0.556	1.651
ERQES(ph)ESEQLVNK	Pcd11	IPI00551454	39.77	/	0.345	/	0.560	/
AS(ph)AVSPEKAPM(ox)TSK	Tcof1	IPI00115660	34.02	/	0.345	/	0.346	/
ADS(ph)DSEDKGEESKPK	Cbx1	IPI00129466	40.05	/	0.344	/	0.451	/
LPSGSGPASPTT(ph)GSAVDIR	Ahnak	IPI00553798	65.09	/	0.339	/	0.378	/
SPFNSPS(ph)PQDSR	Nfic	IPI00137501	40.52	35.42	0.334	1.146	0.464	1.050
IGPLGLS(ph)PK	Rpl12	IPI00463634	45.65	/	0.333	/	0.426	/
EIITEEPS(ph)EEEADM(ox)PKPK	Ddx21	IPI00120691	56.99	/	0.330	/	0.443	/
NGLSQPS(ph)EEEADIPKPK	Ddx21	IPI00120691	36.77	/	0.325	/	0.431	/
NGLSQPS(ph)EEVDIPKPK	Ddx21	IPI00120691	42.24	/	0.323	/	0.384	/
NISEES(ph)PLTHR	Pask	IPI00400044	32.53	/	0.322	/	0.610	/
S(ph)PAKEPVEQPR	Spen	IPI00828562	25.27	/	0.321	/	0.464	/
SLS(ph)PSHLTEDR	Zc3h13	IPI00515528	44.78	33.98	0.317	0.922	0.344	0.904
T(ph)GSESSQTGASATSGR	Eif4b	IPI00221581	79.96	77.19	0.314	1.215	0.474	0.757
AEAKPGT(ph)PAK	Nolc1	IPI00720058	36.93	39.65	0.308	2.251	0.470	1.673
RVSGS(ph)ATPNSEAPR	Ddx51	IPI00396728	58.55	/	0.306	/	0.460	/
AS(ph)PALGSGHHDGSGDSLEMSS LDR	Tomm7 0a	IPI00751137	64.86	47.86	0.293	2.308	0.464	2.047
S(ph)QEMVHLVNK	Cd44	IPI00410802	52.66	33.35	0.292	1.021	0.420	0.827
S(ph)HTGEAAAVR	Bcl2l13	IPI00321499	35.83	/	0.288	/	0.467	/
KQQQEPTC(me)EPS(ph)PK	Hmga2	IPI00331612	26.67	30.2	0.287	2.231	0.428	1.718
NNVMT(ph)SPNVHLK	Cenpc1	IPI00114808	34.17	/	0.284	/	0.390	/
RVS(ph)GSAATPNSEAPR	Ddx51	IPI00396728	58.55	/	0.278	/	0.427	/
YLEIDS(ph)DEESR	Sdad1	IPI00387439	33.64	/	0.276	/	0.529	/
DDS(ph)GAEDNVDTHTQQQAENST VPTADSR	Rspry1	IPI00223590	27.35	/	0.275	/	0.445	/
LSQVNGATPVS(ph)PIEPESK	Mybbp1 a	IPI00331361	33.48	/	0.272	/	0.461	/
SETLVNAQQTPLGT(ph)PK	Palm	IPI00129298	43.67	37.09	0.267	1.074	0.386	1.079
RIS(ph)GLIYEETR	Hist1h4 a	IPI00623776	35.15	/	0.267	/	0.400	/
GS(ph)HC(me)SGSGDPAEYNLR	Lmna	IPI00620256	32.11	/	0.257	/	0.488	/
LSQVNGAT(ph)PVSPIEPESK	Mybbp1 a	IPI00331361	33.48	/	0.254	/	0.436	/
SST(ph)PLPTVSSAENTR	Tmpo	IPI00896574	55.29	/	0.246	/	0.516	/
GVTASSSS(ph)PASAPK	Ncam1	IPI00122971	43.46	34.3	0.244	1.437	0.346	1.195
ASSHS(ph)SQSQGGGSVTK	Lmna	IPI00620256	47.84	58.67	0.224	2.410	0.536	1.175
APQS(ph)PTLAPAK	Cxadr	IPI00270376	25.52	30.84	0.219	1.618	0.291	1.103
LPTSEERS(ph)PAK	Trp53bp 1	IPI00229801	25.34	25.63	0.217	3.061	0.387	2.082
GGVTGS(ph)PEASISGSK	Ahnak	IPI00553798	43.68	27.58	0.215	3.272	0.474	2.790
SPFNSPSQDS(ph)PR	Nfic	IPI00137501	40.52	/	0.213	/	0.435	/

ASS(ph)HSSQSQGGGSVTK	Lmna	IPI00620256	47.84	58.67	0.194	3.858	0.523	1.945
LRS(ph)EDGVEGDLGETQSR	Ahnak	IPI00553798	33.49	32.86	0.178	1.087	0.415	0.795
GSGEASSDSIDHS(ph)PAK	Suv39h 2	IPI00111417	26.96	/	0.174	/	0.377	/
S(ph)SPPVEHPAGTSTTDNDVIIR	Rai14	IPI00453820	35.31	/	0.170	/	0.308	/
GHYEVTGS(ph)DDEAGK	Ahnak	IPI00553798	58.36	/	0.168	/	0.371	/
SPAPSNPTLS(ph)PSTPAK	Mybbp1 a	IPI00331361	34.8	33.16	0.159	1.852	0.323	1.256
SNS(ph)FSDER	Ahnak	IPI00553798	29.85	/	0.154	/	0.366	/
GGVTGSPEAS(ph)ISGSKGDLK	Ahnak	IPI00553798	43.68	/	0.135	/	0.346	/
GGVTGSPEASISGS(ph)KGDLK	Ahnak	IPI00553798	43.68	/	0.119	/	0.363	/
DSVPAS(ph)PGVPAADFPAETEQS KPSK	Top2a	IPI00122223	25.31	/	0.116	/	0.342	/
SGAAEEDDS(ph)GVEVYYR	Pdcd11	IPI00551454	41.08	/	0.104	/	0.592	/
KGDDS(ph)DEEDLC(me)ISNK	Stard13	IPI00857002	57.82	/	0.027	/	0.317	/
FIQELSGSS(ph)PK	Tcfap4	IPI00121217	27.49	35.23	0.018	1.013	0.430	0.581
MSPNETLFLES(ph)TNK	Rragc	IPI00468702	/	32.32	/	0.407	/	0.530
SPSPSPTS(ph)PGSLR	Dclk1	IPI00468380	/	51.87	/	0.398	/	0.582
POSAS(ph)PAKEEQK	Palm	IPI00129298	/	30.2	/	0.390	/	0.196
LS(ph)PAYSLGSLTGASPR	Phldb1	IPI00330246	/	34.03	/	0.369	/	0.573
SGTSTPTTPGSTAITPGT(ph)PPSYS SR	Mtap2	IPI00895463	/	69.16	/	0.360	/	0.661
PQSPVIQATAGS(ph)PK	Arfgef2	IPI00137087	30.88	41.94	0.827	0.350	0.742	0.511
AYT(ph)HQVVTR	Cdk7	IPI00129222	26.4	28.51	0.981	0.313	0.801	0.632
AES(ph)PETAVESTQSTPOK	Pds5b	IPI00845638	41.44	63.25	0.594	0.288	0.437	0.520
TASRPEDTPDSPSGPSS(ph)PK	Lrrc16a	IPI00474873	/	46.92	/	0.216	/	0.439
LYNSESRPYT(ph)NK	Crkrs	IPI00648022	/	49.1	/	0.205	/	0.338

Appendix 6. All phosphopeptides identified as up-regulated after treatment with 25-hydroxycholesterol (25-OHChol) in ≥ 1 biological replicate. Un-normalised SILAC phosphopeptide ratios are displayed

Phosphopeptide	Gene	IPI Number	Mascot Score		Ratio 25-OHChol :Control		Ratio 24(S),25-EC :Control			
			Replicate		1	2	1	2	1	2
			1	2	1	2	1	2		
HGS(ph)DPAFGSPR	Fam83h	IPI00227516	28.43	/	1.795	/	0.658	/		
DELADEIANSS(ph)GK	Myh9	IPI00123181	29.65	/	1.166	/	0.970	/		
S(ph)STSGSASSLESGVYR	Gtse1	IPI00268247	63.04	/	1.152	/	0.614	/		
AQT(ph)PESC(me)GSVTPER	Filip11	IPI00755058	30.92	/	1.120	/	0.637	/		
LLQDSSS(ph)PVDLAK	Ncoa2	IPI00116968	29.72	/	1.118	/	0.919	/		
RQS(ph)LTSPDSQSTR	Herc1	IPI00676574	33.46	38.87	1.064	0.991	0.698	0.776		
VDHGAEIITQS(ph)PSR	Mtap2	IPI00895965	61.57	80.97	1.062	0.717	0.679	0.989		
GS(ph)PEDGSHEASPLEGK	Rbm20	IPI00849187	51.26	/	1.055	/	0.586	/		
PTGGLRDS(ph)EAEK	Hirip3	IPI00222813	29.49	/	1.035	/	1.064	/		
RAS(ph)LEIGESFPEGTK	Myo9b	IPI00229766	60.85	42.49	0.989	0.578	0.758	0.713		
KLEVS(ph)PGDEQSNVETR	Gnl3	IPI00222461	73.45	/	0.988	/	0.431	/		
AYT(ph)HQVVTR	Cdk7	IPI00129222	26.4	28.51	0.981	0.313	0.801	0.632		
TASESISNLSEAGS(ph)VK	Clip1	IPI00857273	31	/	0.975	/	0.725	/		
IKDPDLTT(ph)PDSK	Ckap2	IPI00470092	44.82	/	0.954	/	0.782	/		
AQTPESC(me)GSVT(ph)PER	Filip11	IPI00755058	30.92	/	0.944	/	0.724	/		
GGIDNPAIT(ph)SDQEVDDKK	Arhgap5	IPI00124298	40.63	/	0.924	/	1.125	/		
SNS(ph)NSSSVITTEDNK	Filip11	IPI00755058	77.83	/	0.922	/	0.623	/		
C(me)QS(ph)PILHSSSSASSNIPSAK		IPI00875090	39.2	48.16	0.918	0.573	0.700	0.668		
SEVQAHS(ph)PSR	Mtap2	IPI00895965	31.21	/	0.907	/	0.849	/		
KS(ph)PEQESVSTAPQR	Spg20	IPI00153501	39.11	51.42	0.900	0.689	0.708	1.084		
TTSTSNPSS(ph)PAPDWYK	Atrx	IPI00857253	38.08	/	0.892	/	0.604	/		
ASS(ph)EDTLNKPGSASSGVAR	Specc1	IPI00798550	33.64	/	0.887	/	0.805	/		
YMSSDTT(ph)SPELR	Sin3a	IPI00117932	27.09	/	0.883	/	0.580	/		
KIS(ph)GTTALQEALK	Clip1	IPI00857273	33.36	67.72	0.882	0.770	0.720	0.745		
NSGATADAGSIS(ph)PR	Ercc5	IPI00875692	46.69	47.1	0.881	0.485	0.627	0.883		
HNSAS(ph)VENVSLR	Irs2	IPI00379844	53.04	55.86	0.877	0.752	0.615	0.720		
YIASVQGSAPS(ph)PR	Ranbp2	IPI00337844	36.79	/	0.875	/	0.596	/		
EKEEEETS(ph)PDTSIPIR	Arhgef5	IPI00855144	48.09	/	0.868	/	0.565	/		
LPS(ph)PAQTQR	Mical2	IPI00280103	30.76	33.11	0.865	0.509	0.816	0.876		
ASS(ph)HSSSQSGGGSVTK	Lmna	IPI00620256	47.84	58.67	0.194	3.858	0.523	1.945		
GGVTGS(ph)PEASISGSK	Ahnak	IPI00553798	43.68	27.58	0.215	3.272	0.474	2.790		
LPTSEEERS(ph)PAK	Trp53bp1	IPI00229801	25.34	25.63	0.217	3.061	0.387	2.082		
SGFGGMS(ph)SPVIR	Nup107	IPI00221767	28.39	40.37	0.372	2.643	0.626	2.319		
AS(ph)SHSSSQSGGGSVTK	Lmna	IPI00620256	/	58.67	/	2.595	/	1.511		
TEEDRENTQIDDTEPLS(ph)PVSNSK	Trp53bp1	IPI00229801	/	28.8	/	2.576	/	1.904		
SGFGGMSS(ph)PVIR	Nup107	IPI00221767	/	40.37	/	2.574	/	2.074		
QEGAQENVKNS(ph)PVPR	Gmnn	IPI00131716	/	30.64	/	2.565	/	1.603		
ASSHS(ph)SQSGGGSVTK	Lmna	IPI00620256	47.84	58.67	0.224	2.410	0.536	1.175		
AS(ph)PALGSGHHDGSGDSLEMSSLDR	Tom70a	IPI00751137	64.86	47.86	0.293	2.308	0.464	2.047		
GEVAPKET(ph)PKK	Marcksl1	IPI00281011	/	26.82	/	2.274	/	1.651		
AEAKPGT(ph)PAK	Nolc1	IPI00720058	36.93	39.65	0.308	2.251	0.470	1.673		
KQQQEPTC(me)EPS(ph)PK	Hmga2	IPI00331612	26.67	30.2	0.287	2.231	0.428	1.718		
SEDRPS(ph)SPQVSVAAVETK	Trp53bp1	IPI00229801	/	48.56	/	2.071	/	1.704		
LHSAQLS(ph)PVDETPATQSQLK	Mif1ip	IPI00459115	/	36.63	/	1.947	/	1.619		

SPAPSNPTLS(ph)PSTPAK	Mybbp1a	IPI00331361	34.8	33.16	0.159	1.852	0.323	1.256
PAS(ph)PLSGPR	D2Wsu81e	IPI00224127	/	29.84	/	1.802	/	1.652
AAKES(ph)EEEEEEETEELK	Nolc1	IPI00720058	93.93	73.89	0.420	1.796	0.464	1.406
T(ph)SMGGTQQQFVEGVR	Ctnnb1	IPI00125899	/	48.59	/	1.721	/	1.130
SLS(ph)TSGESLYHVLGLDK	Dnajc5	IPI00132206	50.5	47.88	0.508	1.703	0.739	1.197
EIITEEPS(ph)EEEADMPPKPK	Ddx21	IPI00120691	/	31.38	/	1.693	/	1.383
ATWGDGDDNS(ph)PSNVVSK	Snap23	IPI00113798	64.07	49.53	0.493	1.687	0.455	1.545
FGEYNSNIS(ph)PEEK	Nop14	IPI00353010	36.25	30.49	0.434	1.684	0.539	1.451
HLFSS(ph)TENLAAR	Rab11fip1	IPI00169485	/	39.84	/	1.665	/	1.264
NWTEDEGGISS(ph)PVK	Nfic	IPI00137501	/	32.95	/	1.656	/	1.073
APQS(ph)PTLAPAK	Cxadr	IPI00270376	25.52	30.84	0.219	1.618	0.291	1.103
LLKPGEEPSEYT(ph)DEEDTK	Pgrmc2	IPI00351206	39.74	35.31	0.393	1.606	0.475	1.357
KFS(ph)EEPEVAANFTK	Nop56	IPI00318048	35.3	31.73	0.442	1.595	0.504	0.850
ASSHSSQSGGGG(ph)VTK	Lmna	IPI00620256	47.84	58.67	0.553	1.582	0.701	0.899
GISQTNLITVTV(ph)PEK	Epb4113	IPI00229299	50.15	40.47	0.458	1.549	0.521	1.551
QKS(ph)DAEEDGVTGSQDEEDSKPK	Canx	IPI00119618	88.22	64.73	0.476	1.533	0.545	1.340
TTVYYQS(ph)PLESKPR	Atad2	IPI00135252	/	41.56	/	1.532	/	1.139
T(ph)GSLQLSSTISGTSSLK	Cobl11	IPI00762331	/	31.52	/	1.526	/	0.746
VQTT(ph)PSKPGGDR	Cdc20	IPI00320406	30.44	31.01	0.417	1.516	0.586	0.870
AEDEILNRS(ph)PR	Canx	IPI00119618	/	25.35	/	1.506	/	1.350
SSGS(ph)PYGGGYGSGGGGGYGS	Hnrmpa3	IPI00269661	113.25	92.56	0.420	1.501	0.581	1.346
KQNETADEAT(ph)TPQAK	Nolc1	IPI00720058	/	43.74	/	1.498	/	1.422
SRLTPTPES(ph)SSTGTEDK	Sqstm1	IPI00133374	/	74.88	/	1.485	/	0.733
AAAT(ph)PESQEPQAK	Marcks1	IPI00281011	38.45	26.81	0.438	1.477	0.531	0.964
AGGS(ph)PASYHGSTSPR	Epn2	IPI00336844	49.92	47.77	0.503	1.473	0.498	1.475
IALESVGPPEEQMESGNC(me)S(ph)GGDDWTHLSSK	Sqstm1	IPI00133374	/	27.33	/	1.471	/	0.787
SSSSLAS(ph)PSHIAAK	Fam62b	IPI00266942	26.75	30.8	0.594	1.465	0.568	1.344
AGS(ph)SPTQGAQNEAPR	Tcf20	IPI00407458	/	30.95	/	1.457	/	1.514
KAPLTLAGS(ph)PTPK	Wiz	IPI00263016	/	39.77	/	1.455	/	1.147
KLDTFQSTS(ph)PK	Ddx24	IPI00113576	/	27.61	/	1.453	/	1.063
GVTASSSS(ph)PASAPK	Ncam1	IPI00122971	43.46	34.3	0.244	1.437	0.346	1.195
SRLT(ph)PTPESSTGTEDK	Sqstm1	IPI00133374	/	74.88	/	1.435	/	0.821
SDAEEDGVTGS(ph)QDEEDSKPK	Canx	IPI00119618	88.22	64.73	0.467	1.430	0.557	1.215
SSS(ph)FGSVSTSSSSK	Snx16	IPI00331029	/	54.62	/	1.416	/	4.998
S(ph)RPLNAVSQDGK	Csda	IPI00330591	47.17	44.25	0.563	1.416	0.553	1.041
TVGNVS(ph)PTAQMVR	Rbm7	IPI00133061	/	28.2	/	1.414	/	1.646
S(ph)SGSPYGGGYGSGGGGGYGS	Hnrmpa3	IPI00269661	113.25	92.56	0.461	1.414	0.578	1.245
SRLTPTT(ph)PESSTGTEDK	Sqstm1	IPI00133374	/	74.88	/	1.408	/	0.841
IAQEIASLS(ph)KEDVSK	Ralbp1	IPI00421132	48.23	52.17	0.463	1.392	0.539	1.266
KPAQETEETS(ph)SQESAEED	Hmga2	IPI00331612	40.72	28.37	0.482	1.384	0.484	0.886
TEMDSK(ph)PFNSPQDSPR	Nfic	IPI00137501	/	35.42	/	1.371	/	1.118
GDKS(ph)SEPTEDVETK	Tgoln2	IPI00408895	46.27	33.26	0.585	1.370	0.553	1.109
GEATAERPGEAAVASS(ph)PSK	Marcks	IPI00229534	53.11	53.46	0.600	1.362	0.576	1.450