Supplemental Information

Acetylation-regulated DUSP1 deficiency contributes to renal fibrosis progression

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Figure S1. Single-cell sequence analysis of DUSP1 expression using an online database. (A) DUSP1 expression in different cell groups using the UMAP algorithm. (B-C) DUSP1, DUSP3, DUSP12, DUSP14, DUSP15, and DUSP23 expression in UUO mice and sham groups. (D) RNA-

seq analysis of DUSP1, DUSP3, DUSP12, DUSP14, DUSP15, and DUSP23 expression levels using an online database. (E) RNA-seq analysis of DUSP1 expression in chronic kidney disease using an online database. (F) Representative immunohistochemistry images of DUSP1 expression levels on days 3 and 7 in the kidneys of the sham and UUO mice. (G) Representative immunofluorescence and immunohistochemical images of kidney tissues from patients at various stages of CKD. Scale bars, 50 μ m. *P < 0.05 and **P < 0.01. ***P < 0.001. n.s., not significant. Data were analyzed using an unpaired Student's t-test and expressed as the mean \pm SD. Data are representative of at least three independent experiments.



Figure S2. Identification of DUSP1 gene knockout. (A-B) DUSP1-KO mice were developed using the CRISPR/Cas9 system. The DNA extracted from the tails of mice was subjected to PCR and agarose gel electrophoresis, and the following results were obtained: the DNA band of DUSP1^{-/-} mice was approximately 557 bp, and the DNA band of WT mice was approximately 625 bp. The hybrid mice had two bands (557 bp and 625 bactin as the loading control. (E) Representative immunofluorescence images of DUSP1 expression. Scale bars, 50 μm. (F) The fraction of CD68 and CD3 positive cells was analyzed across the WT-Sham, Dusp1-Sham, WT-UUO, and Dusp1-

UUO groups. Scale bars, 50 μ m. * P < 0.05 and ** P < 0.01. *** P < 0.001. n.s., not significant. Data were analyzed using an unpaired Student's t-test and are shown as mean \pm SD. Data are representative of at least three independent experiments.



Figure S3. Impact of overexpression of DUSP1 on α-SMA and fibronectin expression in HK-2 cells under TGF-β treatment. (A) mRNA expression of DUSP1, fibronectin, and α-SMA in HK-2 cells, with and without DUSP1 overexpression, in the presence or absence of TGF-β treatment. (B) Western blot analysis of DUSP1, fibronectin, and α-SMA expression in HK-2 cells with and without DUSP1 overexpression in the presence or absence of TGF-β treatment. (C) Western blot analysis of MAPK phosphorylated or non-phosphorylated expression in WT-Sham, Dusp1-Sham, WT-UUO, DUSP1-UUO, β-actin as the loading control (n=6). Protein expression of phosphorylated or non-phosphorylated MAPK in the kidneys of WT and DUSP1 knockout (DUSP1^{-/-}) mice after UUO. (D) Western blot analysis of p-p38, p38, fibronectin, and α-Sma expressions in HK-2 cells treated with SB203580 inhibitor (10 µM) or in the presence or absence of TGF-β. (E) Representative immunoblots showing nuclear and cytoplasmic fractions of Smad2 and Smad3 in HK-2 cells treated with TGF-β or subjected to siRNA-mediated DUSP1 silencing. * P < 0.05 and ** P < 0.01. *** P < 0.001. n.s., not significant. Data were analyzed using an unpaired Student's t-test and are shown as mean ± SD. Data are representative of at least three independent experiments.



Figure S4. Effect of Cys²⁵⁸ and Gln²⁵⁹ mutations in DUSP1 on its interaction with Smad3. (A) Mutations in cystine to valine (C258V) and glutamine to aspartic acid (Q259D) were introduced into DUSP1. (B) Co-IP assay evaluating the interaction between mutant FLAG-DUSP1 C258V/Q259D and HIS-Smad3 p-423/425 in HEK293T cells. (C) Western blot analysis was performed to evaluate the interaction between mutant DUSP1 (C258V/Q259D) and phosphorylated Smad3 at Ser423/425 in HEK293T cells. * P < 0.05 and ** P < 0.01. *** P < 0.001. n.s., not significant. Data were analyzed by an unpaired Student's t-test and shown as means \pm SD. Data are representative of at least three independent experiments.



Figure S5. Analysis of DUSP1 regulation and HDAC1 Expression in HK-2 Cells and CKD patients. (A) Transcriptional factors in the DUSP1 gene promoter region were predicted using JASPAR, hTFtarget, and GeneCards (gene-regulation) software programs, and 12 common transcription factors were identified. (B-C) DUSP1 expression was examined in HK-2 cells treated with methylation inhibitors (10 nM), acetylation inhibitors (10 nM), or ubiquitination inhibitors (10 nM) in the presence or absence of TGF- β , using qPCR and western blot analysis. (D) HDAC1 staining images of kidney biopsies from healthy controls and patients with CKD. Above row: scale bar = 200 µm; below row: scale bar = 20 µm. (E-F) Verification of the effect on HDAC1 mRNA expression using qPCR and western blot analysis after transfection with siHDAC1-1, siHDAC1-2, and siHDAC1-3. * P < 0.05 and ** P < 0.01. *** P< 0.001. n.s., not significant. Data were

analyzed using an unpaired Student's t-test and are shown as mean \pm SD. Data are representative of at least three independent experiments.



Figure S6. Validation of renal DUSP1 expression after AAV-DUSP1-Flag injection. (A-C) Validation of DUSP1 mRNA (A) and protein (B-C) expression in the kidney following intravenous injection of AAV-DUSP1-Flag using qPCR and western blot analysis. (D) Representative immunofluorescence images of Flag (green). * P < 0.05 and ** P < 0.01. *** P < 0.001. Data were analyzed using an unpaired Student's t-test and are shown as mean \pm SD. Data are representative of at least three independent experiments.

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nts	Sex	Age	Diagnos	creatine	mmol/	(mL/min1.7	quantitation	С
No.		(years)	is	µmol/L	L	3 m ²)	(g/24h)	(mg/L)
1	Male	49	CKD	504.50	20.46	11	9.09	3.87
2	Male	64	CKD	574.40	26.18	8	NA	3.96
3	Female	47	CKD	311.00	12.91	15	4.02	2.98
4	Male	33	CKD	338.60	14.76	19	3.95	2.91
5	Male	44	CKD	171.60	8.67	41	0.93	1.84
6	Male	68	CKD	127.30	9.14	50	24.64	1.24
7	Male	67	CKD	299.40	13.87	18	7.32	2.73
8	Male	68	CKD	443.70	20.12	11	0.35	3.43
9	Female	42	CKD	213.90	9.95	24	1.61	2.05
10	Female	51	CKD	189.50	16.52	26	0.18	2.67
11	Female	35	CKD	119.70	7.33	51	0.78	1.51
12	Male	58	CKD	185.80	9.18	34	0.93	2.32
13	Male	47	CKD	121.40	8.41	61	1.2	1.54
14	Male	65	CKD	212.50	11.58	27	NA	2.43
15	Female	68	CKD	143.60	9.48	32	3.12	1.8
16	Male	58	CKD	143.50	15.72	46	10.41	1.87
17	Female	42	CKD	369.90	12.37	12	2.28	3.58
18	Male	28	CKD	259.90	11.77	28	3.48	3.26
19	Female	56	CKD	580.30	11.86	6	NA	10.3
20	Male	55	CKD	111.70	6.57	64	2.56	1.42
21	Female	30	CKD	187.70	19.11	36	NA	1.5

Table S1 The basic characteristic of the included CKD patients

Name	Position	Target sequence	RNA oligo sequences	
siDUSP1-1	105-127	GTCCAAAAGCGGCTTTTGGTTCG	AACCAAAAGCCGCUUUUGGAC	
			CCAAAAGCGGCUUUUGGUUCG	
siDUSP1-2	767-789	TGGAAATCCTGCCCTTTCTGTAC	ACAGAAAGGGCAGGAUUUCCA	
			GAAAUCCUGCCCUUUCUGUAC	
siDUSP1-3	864-886	AGCCAATTGTCCCAACCATTTTG	AAAUGGUUGGGACAAUUGGCU	
			CCAAUUGUCCCAACCAUUUUG	
siHdac1-1	229-251	TACCGAAAAATGGAAATCTATCG	AUAGAUUUCCAUUUUUCGGUA	
			CCGAAAAAUGGAAAUCUAUCG	
siHdac1-2	111-133	GAGGAAAGTCTGTTACTACTACG	UAGUAGUAACAGACUUUCCUC	
			GGAAAGUCUGUUACUACUACG	
siHdac1-3	136-158	58 GGGGATGTTGGAAATTACTATTA	AUAGUAAUUUCCAACAUCCCC	
			GGAUGUUGGAAAUUACUAUUA	

Table S2. The siRNA sequences are listed in table below.

Forward primer GCCTTGCTTACCTTATGAGGAC 22	
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Reverse primer GGGAGAGATGATGCTTCGCC 20	86
Forward primer GAGGGCCAAGACGAAGACATC 21	1.10
Fibronectin Reverse primer CAGATCACGTCATCGCACAAC 21	140
Forward Primer AAAAGACAGCTACGTGGGTGA 21	
human α-SMA Reverse Primer GCCATGTTCTATCGGGTACTTC 22	76
Forward Primer CGCCCTCACAAAGCCAATG 19	
HDAC1 Reverse Primer CTGCTTGCTGTACTCCGACA 20	108
Forward primer CACTGTCGAGTCGCGTCC 18	89
β-Actin Reverse primer TCATCCATGGCGAACTGGTG 20	
Forward Primer AGCTGTGCAGCAAACAGTCCA 21	
DUSP1 Reverse Primer ACTGGTAGTGACCCTCAAAGTGG 23	258
Forward Primer CTACTACGACGGGGATGTTGG 21	
HDAC1 Reverse Primer GAGTCATGCGGATTCGGTGAG 21	77
Forward Primer ATGGCGTACAGTCAAGGAGG 20	110
HDAC2 Reverse Primer TGCGGATTCTATGAGGCTTCA 21	112
Forward Primer CCTGGCATTGACCCATAGCC 20	1(0
Reverse Primer CTCTTGGTGAAGCCTTGCATA 21	168
Forward Primer GGCCCACCGGAATCTGAAC 19	07
Reverse Primer GAACTCTGGTCAAGGGAACTG 21	8/
HDAC5 Forward Primer TCTTGTCGAAGTCAAAGGAGC 21	108
Reverse Primer GAGGGGAACTCTGGTCCAAAG 21	
HDAC6 Forward Primer AAGAAGACCTAATCGTGGGACT 22	248
Reverse Primer GCTGTGAACCAACATCAGCTC 21	248
Forward Primer GGCGGCCCTAGAAAGAACAG 20	205
Mouse Reverse Primer CTTGGGCTTATAGCGCAGCTT 21	205
HDAC8 Forward Primer TCGCTGGTCCCGGTTTATATC 21	82
Reverse Primer TACTGGCCCGTTTGGGGAT 19	02
Forward Primer AGTAGAGAGGCATCGCAGAGA 21	141
Reverse Primer GGAGTGTCTTTCGTTGCTGAT 21	
HDAC10 Forward Primer CAGTTCGACGCCATCTACTTC 21	115
Reverse Primer CAAGCCCATTTTGCACAGCTC 21	
HDAC11 Forward Primer ACCCAGACAGGAGGAACCATA 21	130
Reverse Primer TGATGTCCGCATAGGCACAG 20	
Fibronectin Primer GGCCACCATTACTGGTCTGG 20	132
Reverse Primer GGAAGGGTAACCAGTTGGGG 20	
α -SMA Primer CCCTGGAGAAGAGCTACGAAC 21	204
Reverse Primer TACCCCTGACAGGACGTTG 20	
IL-1 β Forward Primer GAAATOCCACCITITGACAGIO 22 Reverse Primer TGGATGCTCTCATCAGGACAG 21	116
Forward Primer CTGCAAGAGACTTCCATCCAG 21	
IL-6 Reverse Primer AGTGGTATAGACAGGTCTGTTGG 23	131

Table S3. Primer sequences are listed in the table below

TNF-α	Forward Primer	ACCCTCACACTCACAAACCA	20	212
	Reverse Primer	ATAGCAAATCGGCTGACGGT	20	212
MCP-1	Forward Primer	CACTCACCTGCTGCTACTCA	20	117
	Reverse Primer	GCTTGGTGACAAAAACTACAGC	22	11/
β-Actin	Forward primer	TCCCATTGAACACGGAGTCG	20	116
	Reverse primer	CCTCGGTGAGAAGAATAGGATGT	23	116

Antibody name	Article No.	Production company	Country
Anti-DUSP1	#48625	CST	USA
Anti-DUSP1	AF6750	Beyotime Biotechnology	China
Anti-DDDDK tag	ab205606	Abcam	USA
Anti-Beta Actin	ab8226	Abcam	USA
Anti-Smad2	ab40855	Abcam	USA
Anti-Smad3	ab40854	Abcam	USA
Anti-Smad3 (phospho S213)	ab63403	Abcam	USA
Anti-Smad3 (phospho S423 + S425)	ab118825	Abcam	USA
Anti-Smad3 (phospho T179)	ab74062	Abcam	USA
Anti-Smad3 (phospho S208)	ab138659	Abcam	USA
Anti-Histone H3	AF0009	Beyotime Biotechnology	China
Anti-GAPDH	AF0006	Beyotime Biotechnology	China
Anti-Fibronectin	ab2413	Abcam	USA
Anti-alpha smooth muscle Actin	ab7817	Abcam	USA
Anti-HDAC1	ab109411	Abcam	USA
Anti-Acetyllysine	PTM-101	PTMBIO	China
Anti-CD3	#86603	CST	USA
Anti-CD68	#97778	CST	USA

Table S4. Antibody information is listed in the table below

Species	Name		Sequence (5'->3')	Length	Amplicon Size
	P1	Forward primer	TGAAAAATTTCGGTAGGGGAAGG	23	0.4
		Reverse primer	AGCTGCTGACTTTTCACTGC	20	94
	P2	Forward primer	ATGCAGTGAAAAGTCAGCAGC	21	73
		Reverse primer	ATTCAGCTGAGGAACTCAACA	21	
	Р3	Forward Primer	AAAATTTCGGTAGGGGAAGGT	21	90
11		Reverse Primer	GCTGCTGACTTTTCACTGCAT	21	
Human	N1	Forward Primer	TCCATGTGATGGCATGTGGT	20	118
		Reverse Primer	GCGGCTGGTTACTTGAGAGT	20	
	N2	Forward Primer	AATGGAATGGATGCCTGGGG	20	130
		Reverse Primer	TGCCCACACCAGACTGATAC	20	
	N3	Forward primer	TGGCATGTGGTGATGTTGAC	20	110
		Reverse primer	AGCGGCTGGTTACTTGAGAG	20	

Table S5. Chip primer sequences are listed in the table below