Supplementary Materials

The deubiquitinating enzyme USP20 regulates TNFα-induced NF-κB signaling pathway through the stabilization of p62

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Figure S1. p62 depletion decreases TNFα-induced NF-κB signaling.

HeLa cells were reverse-transfected with 20 nM control siRNA (siCON) or two independent p62-specific siRNAs (sip62 #1 and sip62 #2). Cells were treated with 10 ng/ml TNF α for the indicated time points. Total cell lysates were immunoblotted with the indicated antibodies. Expression of β -actin was used as a loading control. The immunoblot image is representative of three independent experiments.



Figure S2. Autophagy is not related to TNFα-mediated apoptosis under USP20 depletion.

A, **B**: USP20-depleted and control (siCON) HeLa cells were pre-treated with 100 nM bafilomycin A1 (BafA1) and subsequently treated with 20 ng/ml TNF α plus 10 µg/ml cycloheximide (CHX) for 2 h. Morphological changes were observed by light microscopy (**A**). Scale bars, 1000 µm. Live cell countings (**B**) were performed to measure cell viability. **C**, **D**: USP20-depleted and control (siCON) HeLa cells were pre-treated with 100 nM bafilomycin A1 (BafA1) and subsequently treated with 20 ng/ml TNF α plus 1 µM 5Z-7 (TAK1 inhibitor) for 4 h. Morphological changes were observed by light microscopy (**C**). Scale bars, 1000 µm. Live cell countings (**D**) were performed to measure cell viability. The data in this figure were statistically analyzed by two-way ANOVA followed by Bonferroni's multiple comparison test (****P* < 0.001 compared to the control cells without TNF α /CHX or TNF α /5Z-7, ns; not significant, n = 3). The bars represent the mean ± SD. The images in (**A**) and (**C**) are representative of three independent experiments.



Figure S3. USP20 depletion is not related to necroptosis.

A, **B**: USP20-depleted HT29 cells were generated by infections of lentiviruses expressing specific shRNA against endogenous *USP20* mRNA. As a negative control, lentiviruses expressing shRNA against *GFP* mRNA (shGFP) were used. USP20-depleted and control (shGFP) HT29 cells were treated together with 30 ng/ml TNF α , 1 μ M BV6 and 20 μ M z-VAD-fmk for 8 h. Cell lysates were immunoblotted with the indicated antibodies (**A**). Morphological changes were observed by light microscopy (**B**). Scale bars, 1000 μ m. The images in this figure are representative of three independent experiments.

| Gene | Species | Direction | Sequences |
|-------------|---------|-----------|------------------------------|
| GAPDH | Human | Forward | 5'-TGTAGTTGAGGTCAATGAAGGG-3' |
| | | Reverse | 5'-ACATCGCTCAGACACCATG-3' |
| USP20 | Human | Forward | 5'-CAATGGGCAGTGGTACGAGT-3' |
| | | Reverse | 5'-CCGCGAAGGTGTTGAACTTG-3' |
| <i>p</i> 62 | Human | Forward | 5'-GTGGCTGTAACCTGCTGGAT-3' |
| | | Reverse | 5'-CTCTTTCAGGGACAGGCTGG-3' |
| BFL1 | Human | Forward | 5'-AGGTCCAAGCAAAACGTCCA-3' |
| | | Reverse | 5'-ATCCACATCCGGGGGCAATTT-3' |
| cFLIP | Human | Forward | 5'-CATAAGCCGTTTGACCACGC-3' |
| | | Reverse | 5'-TGAACCGCTTCACGCCTAAT-3' |

 Table S1. Primer sequences used for real-time RT-PCR in this study.

| siRNA | Species | Sequences |
|-------------|---------|---|
| sin62 #1 | Human | Sense : 5'- CAUGUCCUACGUGAAGGAUGAUU-3' |
| S1P02 #1 | | Antisense : 5'-AAUCAUCCUUCACGUAGGACAUG-3' |
| sin62 #2 | Human | Sense : 5'-GCAUUGAAGUUGAUAUCGAUUU-3' |
| S1p02 #2 | | Antisense : 5'-AAAUCGAUAUCAACUUCAAUGC-3' |
| siUSP20 #3 | Human | Sense : 5'-GCGAGUGGCUCAACAAGUU-3' |
| 51051 20 #5 | | Antisense : 5'-AACUUGUUGAGCCACUCGC-3' |
| siUSP20 #5 | Human | Sense : 5'-GCCAGAACGUGAUCAAUGG-3' |
| 51051 20 #5 | | Antisense : 5'-CCAUUGAUCACGUUCUGGC-3' |

Table S2. The sequences of siRNAs used in this study.