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Abstract

Aims/Introduction

Peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor (PPAR)- γ 2 is a transcription factor crucial for regulating adipogenesis and glucose/lipid metabolism, and synthetic PPAR γ ligands, such as thiazolidinediones, are effective oral medication for type 2 diabetes. Sirtuin 7 (SIRT7), a nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide-dependent deacetylase, also controls metabolism. However, it is not known whether SIRT7 regulates the function of PPAR γ 2 by its deacetylation.

Materials and Methods

Physical interaction between SIRT7 and PPAR γ 2, the effect of SIRT7 on PPAR γ 2 acetylation, and the deacetylation residue targeted by SIRT7 were investigated. The effects of PPAR γ 2 K382 acetylation on lipid accumulation, gene expression in C3H10T1/2 cell-derived adipocytes, and ligand-dependent transactivation activity were also evaluated.

Results

We demonstrated that SIRT7 binds to PPAR γ 2 and deacetylates PPAR γ 2 at K382. C3H10T1/2derived adipocytes expressing PPAR γ 2^{K382Q} (a mimic of acetylated K) accumulated much less fat than adipocytes expressing wild-type PPAR γ 2 or PPAR γ 2^{K382R} (a mimic of nonacetylated K). Global gene expression analysis of adipocytes expressing PPAR γ 2^{K382Q} revealed that K382Q caused the dysregulation of a set of genes involved in lipogenesis, including *Srebp1c*, *Acaca, Fasn*, and *Scd1*. The rosiglitazone-dependent transcriptional activity of PPAR γ 2^{K382Q} was reduced compared with that of PPAR γ 2^{K382R}.

Conclusion

Our findings indicate that SIRT7-dependent PPAR γ 2 deacetylation at K382 controls lipogenesis in adipocytes.

Keywords

SIRT7, PPAR_γ, Acetylation, Lipogenesis

Introduction

Peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor (PPAR)- γ is a transcription factor belonging to the nuclear receptor superfamily. Similar to other nuclear receptors, PPAR γ has several functional domains, including an N-terminal transactivation domain, a DNA-binding domain (DBD), and a C-terminal region that forms a ligand-binding domain (LBD), which has a liganddependent transactivation function. PPAR γ binds to PPAR response elements (PPRE) with the retinoid X receptor to regulate the expression of various genes involved in adipogenesis, lipid metabolism, and insulin sensitivity [1, 2]. PPAR γ has two isoforms: PPAR γ 1 and PPAR γ 2. Whereas PPAR γ 1 is expressed in many tissues, PPAR γ 2 is selectively expressed at high levels in white adipose tissue (WAT). Endogenous ligands for PPAR γ include unsaturated fatty acids and 15-deoxy-prostaglandin J2 [3]. Ligand binding induces a conformational change in the receptor that allows for the differential recruitment of cofactors and subsequent modulation of PPAR γ activity [1]. Synthetic PPAR γ ligands (thiazolidinediones) are effective insulin sensitizers and they improve hyperinsulinemia and hyperglycemia in patients with type 2 diabetes [4]. The transcriptional activity of PPAR γ is also regulated by post-translational modifications, including phosphorylation, acetylation, and SUMOylation [1, 4].

Sirtuins (SIRT1–7 in mammals) are evolutionarily conserved nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide-dependent deacetylases/deacylases that regulate a large number of biological processes, including metabolism [5, 6]. SIRT1 inhibits adipogenesis and enhances lipid mobilization from white adipocytes through the suppression of PPAR γ activity by docking with nuclear receptor co-repressor [7]. SIRT1 also promotes adipocyte browning through deacetylation of PPAR γ 2 at K268 and K293 [8]. Although the physiological roles of SIRT7 are poorly defined, recent studies have revealed that it performs various roles in metabolism by deacetylating target proteins [9-12]. Fang *et al.* reported that SIRT7 promotes adipogenesis by inhibiting the autocatalytic activation of SIRT1 [13], indicating that SIRT7 indirectly regulates PPAR γ activity. However, it is not known whether SIRT7 directly regulates PPAR γ activity

through its deacetylation.

In this report, we demonstrated that SIRT7 interacts with the LBD of PPAR γ 2 and deacetylates PPAR γ 2 at K382. Mouse mesenchymal C3H10T1/2 cell-derived adipocytes expressing PPAR γ 2^{K382Q} accumulated much less fat than adipocytes expressing wild-type (WT) PPAR γ 2 or PPAR γ 2^{K382R}. Global gene expression analysis of adipocytes expressing PPAR γ 2^{K382Q} revealed that K382Q caused the dysregulation of a set of genes involved in lipogenesis, including *Srebp1c*, *Acaca*, *Fasn*, and *Scd1*. The rosiglitazone-dependent transcriptional activity of PPAR γ 2^{K382Q} was reduced compared with that of PPAR γ 2^{K382R}. Our findings indicate that SIRT7-dependent PPAR γ 2 deacetylation at K382 controls lipogenesis in adipocytes.

Methods

Plasmids, antibodies, cell lines, and mice

Detailed information is provided in the supplementary data. The sequences of the primers used to amplify the PPAR γ 2 mutants and fragments are listed in Supplementary Table S1.

Halo Tag pull-down assay

Halo or Halo-SIRT7 proteins expressed in *Escherichia coli* K12 (KRX; Promega, Madison, WI) were purified with HaloLink resin [14]. The various expression plasmids were transfected into HEK293T cells using the jetPRIME transfection reagent (Polyplus, New York, NY). At 24 h after transfection, the cells were lysed in pull-down buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl [pH 7.4], 1mM NaF, 200 mM NaCl, 10 mM Na₄P₂O₇, 1% NP-40, 1 mM PMSF, protease inhibitor cocktail [Nacalai Tesque, Kyoto, Japan]) containing 10 mM nicotinamide (Sigma-Aldrich) and 1 mM TSA (Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.) by sonication (Sonifier-150; Branson, Cosmo Bio, Carlsbad, CA) at 4°C. Halo or Halo-SIRT7 proteins (30 µg) fixed on HaloLink resin were incubated with HEK293T cell lysate (150 µg) overnight at 4°C, and the resins were

washed 5 times with the pull-down buffer. The bound proteins were detected by western blotting with the respective antibody as previously described [9].

Co-immunoprecipitation assay

A co-immunoprecipitation assay was performed as previously described [14]. HEK293T cells transfected with the indicated expression plasmids by the jetPRIME reagent for 24 h were lysed in lysis buffer (20 mM Tris-HCl [pH 7.4], 200 mM NaCl, 2.5 mM MgCl₂, 0.5% NP-40, 1 mM PMSF, protease inhibitor cocktail) containing 10 mM nicotinamide and 1 mM TSA by passing through a 29 G needle (Terumo, Tokyo, Japan) 6 times. After centrifugation at 14,000 \times *g* for 10 min at 4°C, cell lysate (1,000 µg) was subjected to immunoprecipitation overnight at 4°C with anti-HA antibody beads (clone 4B2; Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.). To detect interactions between endogenous PPAR γ and SIRT7, epididymal WAT (epiWAT) was homogenized with a Dounce homogenizer (Tight; ISIS Co., Ltd., Osaka, Japan) in lysis buffer containing 10 mM nicotinamide and 1 mM TSA on ice. After centrifugation at 14,000 \times *g* for 10 min at 4°C, cell lysate (1000 µg) was incubated with anti-PPAR γ antibody-crosslinked resin, which was prepared using a Pierce Crosslink Immunoprecipitation Kit (Thermo Scientific, Rockford, IL), at 4°C overnight for immunoprecipitation. After washing 5 times with lysis buffer, precipitated proteins were eluted with the elution buffer (pH 2.8, containing primary amine) provided in the kit, and detected by western blotting with the respective antibody.

Detection of lysine acetylation

HEK293T cells transfected with the indicated plasmids by the jetPRIME reagent for 24 h were lysed in lysis buffer containing 10 mM nicotinamide and 1 μ M TSA by sonication (Sonifier-150; Branson) at 4°C. After centrifugation at 14,000 × *g* for 10 min at 4°C, the cell lysates and HA-tag antibody beads (Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.) were incubated overnight at 4°C. After washing 5 times with lysis buffer, precipitated proteins were eluted

with $2 \times SDS$ sample buffer (100 mM Tris-HCl [pH 6.8], 4% SDS, 20% glycerol, 0.2% bromophenol blue), and lysine acetylation was detected by western blotting with an anti-acetyl lysine antibody (Cell Signaling Technology). To detect the endogenous acetylation of PPAR γ , 350 µg lysate from epiWAT of WT and *Sirt7* KO mice (described above) was incubated with anti-PPAR γ antibody-crosslinked resin (described above) at 4°C overnight for immunoprecipitation. Proteins were eluted with the elution buffer provided in the Pierce Crosslink Immunoprecipitation Kit. Acetylation of lysine was detected by western blotting with an anti-acetyl lysine antibody (Cell Signaling Technology).

Retroviral infection and adipocyte differentiation

For knockdown (KD) of *Sirt7*, pSIREN-RetroQ-Sirt7 [12] and pSIREN-RetroQ (negative control) vectors were transfected into Plat-E cells by the jetPRIME reagent. At 48 h after transfection, the retrovirus-containing medium was collected and filtered with a 0.2- μ M syringe filter. For PPAR γ 2 overexpression, pMXs-Puro-PPAR γ 2-WT, pMXs-Puro-PPAR γ 2^{K382R}, pMXs-Puro-PPAR γ 2^{K382Q}, and pMXs (negative control) vectors were used. To generate a stable cell line, C3H10T1/2 cells were infected with these retroviruses for 8 h and selected by treatment with 3 μ g/mL puromycin for 72 h. For adipocyte differentiation, at 2 days after reaching confluence, C3H10T1/2 cells were treated with 1 μ M dexamethasone (Sigma-Aldrich), 0.5 mM isobutyl-methylxanthine (Sigma-Aldrich), 1.5 μ g/mL insulin (Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.), and 1 μ M rosiglitazone (#R2408; Sigma-Aldrich) in maintenance medium for 48 h. Then, the cells were cultured in the maintenance medium with 1.5 μ g/mL insulin, which was replenished every 2 days thereafter.

RNA-seq analysis

RNA was extracted using an RNeasy Mini Kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Sequencing libraries were prepared using a NEBNext Ultra II Directional RNA Library Prep Kit (New England Biolabs, Ipswich, MA) and samples were sequenced on an Illumina NextSeq 500 platform in 76-bp single-end reads. The reads were trimmed for universal Illumina adaptors with TrimGalore (ver 0.6.5) [15] and mapped to transcripts from GENCODE release M25 using salmon (ver 1.2.1) [16] with the default and "GC" parameters. Data were loaded into R using the tximport package (v1.16.0) [17] and aggregated to gene-level abundance in TPM. Differentially expressed genes were determined using DESeq2 (v1.28.0) [18]. Gene ontology analysis was performed using DAVID software [19, 20].

Gene expression analysis

Total RNA was extracted from C3H10T1/2-derived adipocytes and from epiWAT of WT and *Sirt7* KO mice with the Sepasol RNA I Super reagent (Nacalai Tesque). Quantitative real time (qRT)-PCR was performed as previously described [9]. The relative expression of each gene was normalized to that of *Tbp*. Primer sequences are listed in Supplementary Table S2.

Chromatin immunoprecipitation (ChIP) assay

Differentiated C3H10T1/2 cells were fixed in 1% formaldehyde for 5 min at room temperature. Then, the ChIP assay was performed as described in the supplementary data using an anti-PPAR γ antibody.

Luciferase assay

HEK293T cells were transfected with pBIND-PPAR γ 2 LBD^{K382R} or pBIND-PPAR γ 2 LBD^{K382Q} and pG5luc plasmids using the jetPRIME transfection reagent, followed by treatment with or without 2 μ M rosiglitazone. At 18 h after transfection, the cells were lysed and assayed using the firefly and *Renilla* luciferase substrates in the Dual-Luciferase Reporter Assay System (Promega).

Statistical analysis

All results are expressed as the mean \pm the standard error of the mean. Statistical significance was determined using the two-tailed Student's *t*-test. A p-value < 0.05 was considered to indicate a significant difference.

Results

SIRT7 interacts with PPARy2

To investigate the direct regulation of PPAR γ 2 activity by SIRT7, we first examined whether SIRT7 and PPAR γ 2 physically interacted with each other. When we performed a Halo tag pull-down assay using lysates from 3×HA-PPAR γ 2-overexpressing HEK293T cells, Halo-SIRT7, but not Halo, interacted with PPAR γ 2 (Figure 1a). We also examined the interaction of SIRT7 with PPAR γ 2 in cultured cells. HEK293T cells were transfected with the 3×HA-PPAR γ 2 expression plasmid alone or with FLAG-SIRT7, and the resulting cell lysates were immunoprecipitated with anti-FLAG antibody resins. As shown in Figure 1b, PPAR γ 2 coimmunoprecipitated with SIRT7. The interaction between endogenous PPAR γ and SIRT7 was also detected in epiWAT (Figure 1c).

SIRT7 deacetylates PPARy2

PPAR γ is an acetylated protein [8] and SIRT7 is a deacetylase. Thus, we next assessed whether SIRT7 deacetylates PPAR γ 2. As shown in Figure 2a, PPAR γ 2 acetylation was detected in HEK293T cells, and SIRT7 overexpression decreased PPAR γ 2 acetylation, whereas SIRT7^{H188Y} (a loss of function mutant) [9] did not reduce its acetylation. In addition, PPAR γ acetylation was increased in epiWAT from *Sirt7* KO mice (Figure 2b). These results indicate that SIRT7 exhibits deacetylation activity for PPAR γ 2.

SIRT7 deacetylates PPARy2 at K382

To identify the SIRT7-interacting region of PPAR γ 2, lysates from HEK293T cells expressing PPARy2 deletion mutants (GAL4DBD-PPARy2-M1 [1-200], GAL4DBD-PPARy2-M2 [201-350], or GAL4DBD-PPARy2-M3 [351-505]) were pull-downed with Halo or Halo-SIRT7 immobilized resin. As shown in Figure 3a, SIRT7 bound only to GAL4DBD-PPARy2-M3. Further studies with additional deletion mutants (GAL4DBD-PPARy2-M3A [351–439] and GAL4DBD-PPARy2-M3B [440–505]) revealed that SIRT7 specifically bound to the M3A region, which lies in the LBD of PPAR γ 2 (Figure 3a) [19]. This M3A region contains 6 lysine residues (K364, K382, K386, K395, K401, and K432). To identify the residues targeted by SIRT7, we introduced a deacetylation-mimicking K-to-R mutation into each of the 6 residues and examined the acetylation levels of these mutants in HEK293T cells. As shown in Figure 3b, the acetylation levels of the PPAR $\gamma 2^{K364R}$, PPAR $\gamma 2^{K395R}$, and PPAR $\gamma 2^{K401R}$ mutants were similar to those of PPAR $\gamma 2$ WT, whereas the PPAR $\gamma 2^{K382R}$, PPARy2^{K386R}, and PPARy2^{K432R} mutants were less acetylated, indicating that K382, K386, and K432 are acetylated in the cells. We next examined whether SIRT7 deacetylates the K382R, K386R, and K432R mutants of PPARy2. Although SIRT7 reduced the acetylation levels of PPAR $\gamma 2^{K386R}$ and PPAR $\gamma 2^{K432R}$, it did not further deacetylate PPAR $\gamma 2^{K382R}$ (Figure 3c), indicating that K382 is targeted for deacetylation by SIRT7. This lysine residue is conserved in human, pig, mouse, chicken, frog, and zebrafish and is located in helix 6 of the LBD of PPARγ2 (Figure 3d) [21].

PPARy2 acetylation at K382 regulates lipid accumulation in adipocytes

Previous studies have shown that SIRT1 attenuates adipogenesis, whereas SIRT7 promotes adipogenesis by inhibiting SIRT1 [7, 13]. We evaluated the role of SIRT7 in mouse mesenchymal C3H10T1/2 cells. Treatment of C3H10T1/2 cells with an adipocytic

differentiation cocktail resulted in fat accumulation, as determined by Oil Red-O staining of cellular lipids (Figure 4a). Sirt7 mRNA levels were significantly increased after day 5 of differentiation (Supplemental Figure 1). Consistent with previous reports [13, 22], Sirt7 KD led to much less fat accumulation in C3H10T1/2-derived adipocytes after differentiation (Figure 4a). The expression levels of *PPARy2* and its target genes, such as *Ap2*, *Cd36*, *Adipoq*, and Lpl, were significantly decreased in Sirt7 KD C3H10T1/2-derived adipocytes, but the expression of *Sirt1* mRNA was unchanged (Figure 4b). Then, we investigated the functional roles of PPARy2 K382 acetylation using these cells. PPARy2 WT, PPARy2^{K382R}, and PPAR $\gamma 2^{K382Q}$ (acetylation-mimicking mutant) were retrovirally overexpressed in C3H10T1/2 cells and these cells were differentiated into adipocytes. Both PPARy2 WT- and PPARy2^{K382R}expressing cells clearly differentiated into lipid-filled adipocytes, whereas PPARy2K382Qexpressing cells accumulated less lipid, despite similar PPARy mRNA expression (Figure 4c and d). Moreover, lipid accumulation was markedly increased by the PPARy2K382R overexpression in Sirt7 KD C3H10T1/2-derived adipocytes (Figure 4e). These results indicate that PPARy2 K382 acetylation affects lipid accumulation in adipocytes. Interestingly, the expression of Adipoq and Lpl mRNA was lower in PPARy2^{K382Q}-expressing adipocytes, but the expression levels of other PPAR γ 2 target genes (*Cebpa* and *Ap*2) were unchanged (Figure 4f), suggesting that the direct effect of SIRT7 on PPARy2 (K382 deacetylation) is different from the indirect effect (PPAR γ 2 activation by suppressing SIRT1).

To further investigate the roles of PPAR $\gamma 2$ K382 acetylation in lipid accumulation, we examined global gene expression in PPAR $\gamma 2^{K382R}$ - and PPAR $\gamma 2^{K382Q}$ -expressing adipocytes by RNA-seq analysis. This analysis revealed that the expression of 469 genes, including *Adipoq* (encoding adiponectin), *Adipsin*, and *Fasn* (encoding fatty acid synthase), was significantly downregulated (fold change > 2) in PPAR $\gamma 2^{K382Q}$ -expressing cells compared with that in PPAR $\gamma 2^{K382R}$ -expressing adipocytes (Figure 5a). Gene ontology analysis of the downregulated genes in PPAR $\gamma 2^{K382Q}$ -expressing cells revealed their significant enrichment in the lipid

metabolism process (Figure 5b). qRT-PCR analysis confirmed that the expression levels of a number of genes involved in lipogenesis, such as *Acaca* (encoding acetyl CoA carboxylase α), *Hacd2* (encoding 3-hydroxyacyl CoA dehydratase 2), *Fasn, Elovl7* (encoding elongation of very long chain fatty acids-like 7), and *Scd1* (encoding stearoyl CoA desaturase), were significantly lower in PPAR γ 2^{K382Q}-expressing adipocytes (Figure 5c). Sterol regulatory element-binding protein-1c (SREBP-1c) plays a central role in lipogenesis [23]. The expression of *Srebp1c* mRNA was also lower in PPAR γ 2^{K382Q}-expressing cells (Figure 5c). PPAR γ 2^{K382Q} overexpression led to the reduced expression of several PPAR γ 2 target genes, such as *Adipoq*, *Pck1*, *Adipsin*, and *Lpl*, but it had no effect on the expression of a number of PPAR γ 2 target genes involved in adipogenesis (such as *Cebpa*, *Cebpb*, *Cebpd*, *Stat5a*, and *Stat5b*) and lipid metabolism (such as *Ap2*, *Acbp*, *Nr1h3*, *Cd36*, and *Acs1*) (Figure 5c). Consistently, the expression of lipogenic genes, such as *Fasn*, *Acaca*, and *Srebp1c*, was significantly decreased in epiWAT of *Sirt7* KO mice (Figure 5e).

To understand how K382 acetylation affects gene expression, we compared the binding of PPAR $\gamma 2^{K382R}$ and PPAR $\gamma 2^{K382Q}$ by a ChIP assay. The binding of PPAR $\gamma 2^{K382R}$ and PPAR $\gamma 2^{K382Q}$ to the promoter of the *Adipsin* and *Lpl* genes was similar (Figure 5f), suggesting that K382 acetylation does not affect the DNA-binding ability of PPAR $\gamma 2$. We next investigated the influence of K382 acetylation on the ligand-dependent activity of PPAR $\gamma 2$. HEK293T cells were transfected with an expression vector containing the PPAR $\gamma 2$ LBD fused with the GAL4 DBD and a luciferase reporter plasmid driven by GAL4 binding sites. The transcriptional activity of PPAR $\gamma 2^{K382Q}$ induced by rosiglitazone was significantly reduced by as much as 40% compared with that of PPAR $\gamma 2^{K382R}$ (Figure 5g), indicating that K382 acetylation alters liganddependent PPAR $\gamma 2$ activity.

Discussion

Lysine acetylation is a well-known post-translational modification that affects the function of a variety of proteins [24]. PPAR γ is an acetylated protein, and SIRT1-dependent deacetylation at K268 and K293 modulates PPAR γ coactivator/corepressor exchange [8]. In the present study, we found that SIRT7 deacetylates PPAR γ 2 at K382 and enhances fat accumulation in adipocytes by regulating the expression of genes involved in lipogenesis (Figure 6). SIRT1 is activated upon fasting and promotes fat mobilization [7]. Thus, SIRT1 and SIRT7 exert clearly opposite roles in lipid accumulation. It is not presently known how the functions of SIRT1 and SIRT7 are integrated *in vivo*, but SIRT7 may be suppressed in a low-energy state, as reported previously [25].

The mechanism by which K382 acetylation controls lipid accumulation in adipocytes is unclear, but we found that the ligand-dependent transcriptional activity of PPAR $\gamma 2^{K382Q}$ was reduced. K382 is located within the helix 6 region of the LBD, which forms the ligand-binding pocket of PPAR $\gamma 2$ [21, 26]. Ligand binding or co-regulator recruitment may be differentially regulated by K382 acetylation. More studies are needed to clarify the functional roles of PPAR $\gamma 2$ K382 acetylation.

SREBP-1c plays an important role in lipogenesis [23]. We showed that the expression levels of *Srebp1c* and its target genes, including *Acaca*, *Fasn*, and *Scd1*, were significantly lower in PPAR $\gamma 2^{K382Q}$ -expressing cells than in PPAR $\gamma 2^{K382R}$ -expressing cells. *Srebp1c* transcription is regulated by liver X receptor α (LXR α), and *Nr1h3* (encoding LXR α) is a target gene of PPAR $\gamma 2$ [27]. However, the expression of *Nr1h3* mRNA was unchanged in PPAR $\gamma 2^{K382Q}$ -expressing cells. Thus, it is unlikely that PPAR $\gamma 2^{K382Q}$ regulates *Srebp1c* mRNA expression through the regulation of *Nr1h3*. Further studies are necessary to elucidate the mechanism.

Recent studies clarified that post-translational modifications regulate the function of PPARγ2 [1, 3]. For example, phosphorylation of S273 in PPARγ2 alters the transcription of a

distinct group of genes whose expression is altered in obesity, and non-thiazolidinedione compounds that block PPAR γ 2 phosphorylation at S273 exhibit excellent anti-diabetic effects [28, 29]. Our findings suggest that low molecular weight compounds inhibiting the deacetylation of K382 in PPAR γ 2 may have a beneficial effect against metabolic syndrome and/or type 2 diabetes by decreasing the accumulation of fat in adipocytes.

In conclusion, we clarified that SIRT7 controls lipogenesis and lipid metabolism in adipocytes by directly regulating the acetylation of PPAR γ 2. Our findings may have significant implications for the development of novel drugs against obesity and type 2 diabetes.

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Supporting information

Supplementary Methods (Plasmids, antibodies, cell lines and mice)

(Oil Red-O staining)

(Chromatin immunoprecipitation (ChIP) assay) Supplementary Table S1 (Primer sequences used for plasmid construction) Supplementary Table S2 (Primer sequences used for qRT-PCR)

Figure legends

Figure 1. SIRT7 interacts with PPAR γ **2.** (a) Halo-SIRT7 pull-down assay was performed using lysates from 3×HA-PPAR γ 2-overexpressing HEK293T cells to detect the binding between PPAR γ 2 and SIRT7. (b, c) Co-immunoprecipitation assay between FLAG-SIRT7 and 3×HA-PPAR γ 2 in HEK293T cells (b) and between endogenous SIRT7 and PPAR γ in epiWAT (c).

Figure 2. SIRT7 deacetylates PPARy2. (a) Effect of SIRT7 overexpression on the acetylation of the PPAR γ 2 mutants. HEK293T cells were transfected with the 3×HA-PPAR γ 2 and PCAF expression plasmids, as well as FLAG-SIRT7 or FLAG-SIRT7^{H188Y}. The acetylation level of PPAR γ 2 was determined by immunoprecipitation and western blotting analysis. (b) Effect of SIRT7 deficiency on the endogenous acetylation of PPAR γ . Protein lysates of epiWAT from WT and *Sirt7* KO mice were subjected to immunoprecipitation, after which acetylated PPAR γ was detected by western blotting analysis.

Figure 3. K382 is a target of the SIRT7-mediated deacetylation of PPAR γ 2. (a) Mapping of SIRT7-interacting sites in PPAR γ 2 by a pull-down assay. Schematic diagrams of GAL4DBD-fused mouse deletion mutants of PPAR γ 2, namely, M1 (1–200), M2 (201–350), M3 (351–505), M3A (351–439), and M3B (440–505), are illustrated on the left side. Halo-

SIRT7-FLAG pull-down assay with lysates from HEK293T cells expressing the indicated PPAR γ 2 deletion mutants fused with GAL4DBD (right). (b) Acetylation of KR mutants of PPAR γ 2. HEK293T cells were transfected with the indicated 3×HA-PPAR γ 2 expression vectors. PPAR γ 2 acetylation was examined by immunoprecipitation and western blot analysis. (c) Effect of SIRT7 on the acetylation of the PPAR γ 2 KR mutants. HEK293T cells were transfected with PCAF and the indicated expression plasmids. PPAR γ 2 acetylation was examined by immunoprecipitation analysis. (b) Alignment of the PPAR γ 2 LBD from different species. The K382 of mouse PPAR γ 2 (red) is highly conserved in the indicated vertebrates.

Figure 4. PPARy2 acetvlation at K382 regulates lipid accumulation. (a) Effect of Sirt7 KD on Oil Red-O staining in adipocytes. C3H10T1/2 cells were infected with control and Sirt7 short hairpin RNA retrovirus. After selection by puromycin, C3H10T1/2 cells were differentiated into adipocytes for 5 days. Representative images of 3 independent experiments are shown. (b) Gene expression of Sirt1, Sirt7, Pparg2, and target genes for PPARy2 in differentiated C3H10T1/2 adipocytes (n = 3). (c, d) Effect of PPAR γ 2 WT, PPAR γ 2^{K382R}, and PPARy2^{K382Q} overexpression on Oil Red-O staining in adipocytes. C3H10T1/2 cells were infected with control retrovirus or retroviruses expressing PPAR $\gamma 2$, PPAR $\gamma 2^{K382R}$, and PPAR $\gamma 2^{K382Q}$. After puromycin selection, the cells were differentiated into adipocytes for 5 days. Representative images (c) and expression of *Pparg2* mRNA (d) from 3 independent experiments are shown. (e) Effect of PPARy2K382R overexpression on Oil Red-O staining in adipocytes. Control and Sirt7 KD-C3H10T1/2 cells were infected with retroviruses expressing PPAR $\gamma 2^{K382R}$, and the cells were differentiated into adipocytes for 5 days. (f) Expression of PPARy2 target genes in differentiated C3H10T1/2-derived adipocytes expressing PPARy2^{K382R} and PPAR $\gamma 2^{K382Q}$ (n = 3). Data are shown as the mean ± the standard error of the mean. *p < 0.05.

Figure 5. PPARγ2 acetylation at K382 regulates the expression of lipogenesis-related genes. (a) Volcano plot derived from RNA-seq analysis of PPARγ2^{K382R}- and PPARγ2^{K382Q}expressing adipocytes. Transcripts downregulated (fold change > 2, p < 0.05) in PPARγ2^{K382Q}expressing adipocytes are in blue. (**b**) Gene ontology analysis of the downregulated genes in PPARγ2^{K382Q}-expressing cells. (**c**, **d**) Expression of genes involved in lipid metabolism (**c**) and adipocyte differentiation (**d**) in PPARγ2^{K382R}- and PPARγ2^{K382Q}-expressing adipocytes (n = 3). (**e**) Expression of lipogenic genes in epiWAT of WT and *Sirt7* KO mice (n = 4). (**f**) ChIP for the recruitment of PPARγ to the indicated genes in PPARγ2^{K382R}- and PPARγ2^{K382Q}-expressing adipocytes (n = 3). Quantification of enrichment is represented as fold-enrichment relative to IgG. (**g**) Effect of K382 acetylation on the ligand-dependent activity of PPARγ2 in HEK293T cells. The cells were transfected with the GAL4DBD-PPARγ2 LBD^{K382R} or GAL4DBD-PPARγ2 LBD^{K382Q} expression plasmid, as well as the 5×GAL4-luciferase reporter plasmid, followed by treatment with or without rosiglitazone. Luciferase activity was determined after 18 h (n = 4). Data are shown as the mean ± the standard error of the mean. *p < 0.05.

Figure 6. Schematic model of SIRT7-mediated deacetylation of PPARy2.







Pig (Sus scrofa) Mouse (Mus musculus) Chicken (Gallus gallus) Frog (Xenopus tropicalis) Zebrafish (Danio rerio) SEGQGFMTREFLKSLRKPFGDFMEPK SEGQGFMTREFLKSLRKPFGDFMEPK SEGQGFMTREFLKSLRKPFGDFMEPK SDGQGFMTREFLKSLRKPFCDFMEPK AEGQGFMTREFLKSLRKPFSDFMEPK SYGQ I FMTREFLKSLRKPFCEMMEPK



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SIRT7 regulates lipogenesis in adipocytes through deacetylation of PPAR_{γ2}

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Supplementary data



Supplementary Figure 1. The expression of *Sirt7* increases with the differentiation of adipocytes.

Expression of *Sirt7* in C3H10T1/2-derived adipocytes (n = 3). C3H10T1/2 cells were differentiated into adipocytes for 9 days. Data are shown as the mean \pm the standard error of the mean. *p < 0.05.

Supplementary Methods

Plasmids, antibodies, cell lines, and mice

pcDNA3.1-FLAG-SIRT7, pcDNA3-FLAG-SIRT7^{H188Y}, pFN18A-Halo-SIRT7-FLAG, and pSIREN-RetroQ-Sirt7 were generated as previously described [1, 2]. 5×GAL4-luciferase reporter plasmid (pG5luc), pCl-FLAG-PCAF (#8941), and pSIREN-RetroQ were purchased from Promega, Addgene (Cambridge, MA), and Clontech, respectively. The KpnI/NheI fragment of pCMX-PPARy1 [3] was subcloned into pcDNA3.1-3×HA (double-stranded oligo DNA of the HA tag was ligated into pcDNA3) to generate pcDNA3.1-3×HA-PPARy1. An Nterminal fragment of mouse PPARy2 was amplified by PCR with primers PPARy2-F (5'-GGATCCATGGGTGAAACTCTGGGAGATTCT-3', underlined nucleotides indicate the BamHI cloning site) and PPARy2-R (5'-AGCAAGGCACTTCTGAAACCGAC-3') by using mouse WAT cDNA as the template. To generate pcDNA3.1-3×HA-PPARy2, the BamHI fragment of pcDNA3.1-3×HA-PPARy1 was replaced with the *Bam*HI fragment of PCR product and verified by sequencing. Various KR and KQ mutants of PPARy2 were introduced using a KOD-plus Mutagenesis Kit (TOYOBO, Osaka, Japan) and verified by sequencing. For retroviral expression, the N-terminal *Bam*HI fragment and C-terminal *Bam*HI/XhoI fragments of pcDNA3.1-3×HA-PPARy2, pcDNA3.1-3×HA-PPARy2^{K382R}, and pcDNA3.1-3×HA-PPAR $\gamma 2^{K382Q}$ were ligated to the pMXs-Puro retroviral vector. For GAL4DBD fusion PPAR $\gamma 2$ expression, fragments of PPARy2 (amino acid residues 1-200 [M1], 201-350 [M2], 351-506 [M3], 351-439 [M3A], and 440-506 [M3B]) were amplified by PCR using specific primers, cloned into the pBIND vector (Promega), and verified by sequencing. To generate GAL4DBD fusion PPARy2 LBD (237-506) expression, PPARy2 LBD fragments were amplified by PCR using pcDNA3.1-3×HA-PPAR $\gamma 2^{K382R}$ and pcDNA3.1-3×HA-PPAR $\gamma 2^{K382Q}$ as the template and specific primers, cloned into the pBIND vector, and verified by sequencing. The sequences of the primers used to amplify the PPAR γ 2 mutants and fragments are listed in Supplementary Table S1.

The primary antibodies used for western blotting were as follows: anti-PPARγ (16643-1-AP; Proteintech Group, Inc, Tokyo, Japan), anti-SIRT7 (clone D3K5A, #5360; Cell Signaling Technology, Danvers, MA), anti-DYKDDDK (FLAG) tag (clone 1E6; Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd., Osaka, Japan), anti-GAL4DBD (G3042; Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO), anti-HA (clone 3F10; Roche Applied Science, Indianapolis, IN), and anti-acetyl lysine (#9441; Cell Signaling Technology).

HEK293T cells (Clontech, Mountain View, CA) were cultured in Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (043-30085; Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.), with 10% fetal bovine serum (Dominican Republic Origin; Biosera [Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.]) and 0.1% penicillin/streptomycin. C3H10T1/2 cells (RCB0247), which were provided by the RIKEN BRC through the National Bio-Resource Project of MEXT Japan, were cultured in maintenance medium (Basal Medium Eagle; Gibco BRL, Life Technologies, Carlsbad, CA) supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (Dominican Republic Origin; Biosera), 2 mM L-glutamine (GlutaMAXTM; Gibco BRL, Life Technologies), and 0.1% penicillin/streptomycin.

This study was approved by the Kumamoto University Ethics Review Committee for Animal Experimentation (A2019-048, A29–001). All mice were housed in a 12-h light/dark cycle and received *ad libitum* access to normal chow and water. Heterozygous *Sirt7*^{+/-} mice [9] were bred, and littermates (WT and *Sirt7* knockout (KO) mice) were used for these studies. All experiments were performed according to the regulations of the Institutional Animal Committee of Kumamoto University.

Oil Red-O staining

C3H10T1/2-derived adipocytes were fixed in 10% formalin at room temperature for 20– 30 min. The fixed cells were rinsed with phosphate-buffered saline and incubated with Oil Red-O (O0625; Sigma-Aldrich) solution (0.3% w/v Oil Red-O in 60% isopropanol) for 60 min at room temperature. Before imaging, the cells were washed once with 20% isopropanol and 5

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times with phosphate-buffered saline to remove excess stain. Images of the stained cells were taken with a BZ-X700 microscope (Keyence, Osaka, Japan) at $20\times$ optical magnification in phase contrast mode.

Chromatin immunoprecipitation (ChIP) assay

Differentiated C3H10T1/2 cells were fixed in 1% formaldehyde for 5 min at room temperature, and then the reaction was quenched by 150 mM glycine for 5 min. Nuclei isolated in ice cold hypotonic lysis buffer (0.5% Nonidet P-40, 5 mM PIPES, 85 mM KCl) were lysed in SDS lysis buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 1% SDS, 10 mM EDTA). DNA was sheared using Bioruptor sonicator (Diagenode, Denville, NJ) by 15 cycles of sonication at 30 seconds on, 30 seconds off. The sheared chromatin was 5-fold diluted in ChIP dilution buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 167 mMNaCl, 1.1% Triton X-100, and 0.11% sodium deoxycholate), followed by incubation in magnetic beads (Invitrogen Dynabeads protein A and protein G) for one hour at 4°C. After removing the beads, the chromatin was incubated in 4 µg of anti-PPARy antibody (16643-1-AP; Proteintech), or control IgG (#2729; Cell Signaling Technology) overnight at 4°C. The chromatin was incubated in magnetic beads (Invitrogen Dynabeads protein A and protein G) for 4 h at 4°C, followed by sequential wash with low salt RIPA buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 0.1% SDS, 1% Triton X-100, and 0.1% sodium deoxycholate), high salt RIPA buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 500 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 0.1% SDS, 1% Triton X-100, and 0.1% sodium deoxy-cholate), LiCl wash buffer (10 mM Tris-HCL (pH 8.0), 250 mM LiCl, 1 mM EDTA, 0.5% Nonidet P-40, and 0.5% sodium deoxycholate). The chromatin was eluted and reverse cross-linked in ChIP elution buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 5 mM EDTA, and 0.5% SDS) overnight at 65°C. DNA extraction was performed by Phenol-chloroform extraction and ethanol precipitation. DNA was amplified by qRT-PCR with primers for the Tbp gene body (5'-CCCCTTGTACCCTTCACCAAT-3' and 5'-

GAAGCTGCGGTACAATTCCAG-3'), for the *Adipsin* promoter region containing high score of PPARγ-binding in ChIP-Atlas Peak Browser [4] (5'-TACCTTGAGAGTGGGCACTG-3' and 5'-TCTGCACTTTCGGTGTGTCA-3'), and for the *Lpl* promoter region containing PPRE [5] (5'-CCTCCCGGTAGGCAAACTG-3' and 5'-AACRGGTGCCAGCGAGAAG-3').

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Supplementary Table S1

Primers	Sequences		
PPARγ2-K364R	Forward	5' <u>CGG</u> GATGGAGTCCTCATCTCA-3'	
	Reverse	5'-ATTCATCAGGGAGGCCAGCAT-3'	
PPARγ2-K382R	Forward	5'- <u>CGG</u> AGCCTGCGGAAGCCCTTT-3'	
	Reverse	5'-GAGGAACTCCCTGGTCATGAA-3'	
PPARy2-K386R	Forward	5'- <u>CGG</u> CCCTTTGGTGACTTTATG-3'	
	Reverse	5'-CCGCAGGCTTTTGAGGAACTC-3'	
PPARy2-K395R	Forward	5'- <u>CGG</u> TTTGAGTTTGCTGTGAAG-3'	
	Reverse	5'-AGGCTCCATAAAGTCACCAAA-3'	
PPARγ2-K401R	Forward	5'- <u>CGG</u> TTCAATGCACTGGAATTA-3'	
	Reverse	5'-CACAGCAAACTCAAACTTAGG-3'	
PPARy2-K432R	Forward	5'- <u>CGG</u> CCCATCGAGGACATCCAA-3'	
	Reverse	5'-CACGTTCAGCAAGCCTGGGCG-3'	
PPARγ2-K382Q	Forward	5'- <u>CAG</u> AGCCTGCGGAAGCCCTTT-3'	
	Reverse	5'-GAGGAACTCCCTGGTCATGAA-3'	

Primer sequences used in mutagenesis

Primer sequences used in the amplification of PPAR γ 2 fragments

Primers	Sequences		
PPARγ2-M1	Forward	5'- AA <u>TCTAGA</u> GGTGAAACTCTGGGAGA-3'	
	Reverse	5' AA <u>GGTACC</u> CTAAGCAAGGCACTTCTGAAA-3'	
PPARy2-M2	Forward	5'- AA <u>TCTAGA</u> GTGGGGGATGTCTCACAATGC-3'	
	Reverse	5'- AA <u>GGTACC</u> CTAGACACCATACTTGAGCAG-3'	
PPARy2-M3	Forward	5'- AA <u>TCTAGA</u> CATGAGATCATCTACACG-3'	
	Reverse	5'- AA <u>GGTACC</u> CTAATACAAGTCCTTGTAGAT-3'	
PPARy2-M3A	Forward	5'- AA <u>TCTAGA</u> CATGAGATCATCTACACG-3'	
	Reverse	5'- AA <u>GGTACC</u> CTAGTCTTGGATGTCCTCGAT-3'	
PPARy2-M3B	Forward	5'-AA <u>TCTAGA</u> AACCTGCTGCAGGCCCTG-3'	
	Reverse	5'- AA <u>GGTACC</u> CTAATACAAGTCCTTGTAGAT-3'	
The sequences for cloning sites (<i>XbaI</i> and <i>KpnI</i>) are underlined			
PPARγ2-LBD	Forward	5'-AA <u>GGATCC</u> GTGCTGATCTGCGAGCCCTG-3'	
	Reverse	5'-AA <u>GAATTC</u> ATGTCGTAGATGACAAAT-3'	
The sequences for cloning sites (BamHI and EcoRI) are underlined			

Supplementary Table S2

Gene	Primer sequences		
Acaca/Acc1	Forward	5'-CCAGCTGATCCTGCGAACCT-3'	
	Reverse	5'-GAACATTCCCGCAAGCCATC-3'	
Acbp	Forward	5'-AGTCACTTCAAACAAGCTACTG-3'	
	Reverse	5'-CACATAGGTCTTCATGGCACT-3'	
Acly	Forward	5'-GGCCAGAGAGCTGGGTTTGA-3'	
	Reverse	5'-CCCGAGCACAGATGATGGTG-3'	
Acs1	Forward	5'-GAACACGAGGCTGTCGCAGA-3'	
	Reverse	5'-CTTCCGGAGAACTCGCCTCA-3'	
Adiponectin	Forward	5'-CCACCCAAGGGAACTTGTGC-3'	
	Reverse	5'-AAGCGGCTTCTCCAGGCTCT-3'.	
Adipsin	Forward	5'-GCTATCCCAGAATGCCTCGTT-3'	
	Reverse	5'-GGTTCCACTTCTTTGTCCTCGTAT-3'	
Ap2	Forward	5'-TCGATGAAATCACCGCAGAC-3'	
	Reverse	5'-TGTGGTCGACTTTCCATCCC-3'	
Cd36	Forward	5'-TTGGCCAAGCTATTGCGACA-3'	
	Reverse	5'-CTGGAGGGGTGATGCAAAGG-3'	
Cebpa	Forward	5'-AAGCGGGTGGAACAGCTGAG-3'	
	Reverse	5'-AGAGGAAGGGAGGGGACACG-3'	
Cebpb	Forward	5'-CAACCTGGAGACGCAGCACAAG-3'	
	Reverse	5'-CTAGCAGTGGCCCGCCGAGG-3'	
Cebpd	Forward	5'-CGACTTCAGCGCCTACATTGA-3'	
	Reverse	5'-CTAGCGACAGACCCCACA-3'	
Cidec	Forward	5'-GCGCTTGGCCTTGTAGCAGT-3'	
	Reverse	5'-GCTGAAGGGGCAGAAGTGGA-3'.	
Elovl6	Forward	5'-GAGCGGCTTCCGAAGTTCAA-3'	
	Reverse	5'-GGAGCAGAGGCGCAGAGAAC-3'	
Elovl7	Forward	5'-CAGTGTCCCCCAGGTAAGTG-3'	
	Reverse	5'-CACAAACCCTACAACCAGTGAC-3'	
FabP5	Forward	5'-AATGGGACGGCAAGGAGAGC-3'	
	Reverse	5'-GGATGACGAGGAAGCCCTCA-3'.	
Fatp1	Forward	5'-GGGAGCCTGACACCCCTCTT-3'	
	Reverse	5'-CCCCTGGACACTGGTCCAAC-3'	

Primer sequences used in quantitative qRT-PCR

Fasn	Forward	5'-TCTGGGCCAACCTCATTGGT-3'
	Reverse	5'-GAAGCTGGGGGGTCCATTGTG-3'.
Fgf21	Forward	5'-TACACAGATGACGACCAAGA-3'
	Reverse	5'-GGCTTCAGACTGGTACACAT-3'
Glut4	Forward	5'-ACCCCTCATTCCCCCTGTGT-3'
	Reverse	5'-ACCCTCCTGCAGACCCCTTC-3'
Gyk/Gk	Forward	5'-ATCCATGGGGGGTGTCCACTG-3'
	Reverse	5'-TTTGTCCCACCAAAGCAGCA-3'
Hacd2	Forward	5'-TGCTATAGGGATTGTGCCATC
	Reverse	5'-ACGGATAATTTCCGTGATTGTCC
Lpl1	Forward	5'- GGGAGTTTGGCTCCAGAGTTT-3'
	Reverse	5'-TGTGTCTTCAGGGGTCCTTAG-3'
Lxra	Forward	5'-GAGTTGTGGAAGACAGAACCTCAA
	Reverse	5'-GGGCATCCTGGCTTCCTC
Pepck	Forward	5'-TGCGGATCATGACTCGGATG-3'
	Reverse	5'-AGGCCCAGTTGTTGACCAAA-3'.
Pdk4	Forward	5'-CGCGCTCCTGACCCGCAGCC-3'
	Reverse	5'-GCCAGGCGGACGGGCAGCTC-3'
Resistin	Forward	5'-CAGAAGGCACAGCAGTCTTGA-3'
	Reverse	5'-CTGTCCAGTCTATCCTTGCACAC-3'
Tbp	Forward	5'-CCCCTTGTACCCTTCACCAAT-3'
	Reverse	5'-GAAGCTGCGGTACAATTCCA-3'
Scd1	Forward	5'-TGGTTCCCTCCTGCAAGCTC-3'
	Reverse	5'-AATTGTGAGGGTCGGCGTGT-3'.
Sirt1	Forward	5'-TGTGAAGTTACTGCAGGAGTGTA-3'
	Reverse	5'-GCATAGATACCGTCTCTTGATCT-3'
Sirt7	Forward	5'-TGCCAGGCACTTGGTTGTCT-3'
	Reverse	5'-TAGGCTCCGCTTCGCTTAGG-3'
Srebp1c	Forward	5'-ATCGGCGCGGAAGCTGTCGGGGTAGCGTC-3'
	Reverse	5'-ACTGTCTTGGTTGTTGATGAGCTGGAGCAT-3'
Stat5a	Forward	5'-CATTGCTTGGAAGTTTGACTCTC-3'
	Reverse	5'-CACGTAGATAAGGTAGTTCAGGTC-3'
Stat5b	Forward	5'-GCACCTTCAGATCAACCAAA-3'
	Reverse	5'-CAGCTGGGCAAACTGAG-3'