

1 **Bromodomain inhibition of the transcriptional coactivators CBP/EP300 as a**
2 **therapeutic strategy to target the IRF4 network in multiple myeloma**

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17 **Abstract**

18 Pharmacological inhibition of chromatin co-regulatory factors represents a clinically validated
19 strategy to modulate oncogenic signaling through selective attenuation of gene expression.
20 Here, we demonstrate that CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition preferentially abrogates the
21 viability of multiple myeloma cell lines. Selective targeting of multiple myeloma cell lines
22 through CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition is the result of direct transcriptional suppression
23 of the lymphocyte-specific transcription factor IRF4, which is essential for the viability of
24 myeloma cells, and the concomitant repression of the IRF4 target gene *c-MYC*. Ectopic
25 expression of either IRF4 or MYC antagonizes the phenotypic and transcriptional effects of
26 CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition, highlighting the IRF4/MYC axis as a key component of its
27 mechanism of action. These findings suggest that CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition
28 represents a viable therapeutic strategy for targeting multiple myeloma and other lymphoid
29 malignancies dependent on the IRF4 network.

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31 **Introduction**

32 Multiple myeloma is an aggressive and incurable hematologic malignancy characterized by the
33 proliferation of abnormal plasma cells (1). Myeloma is driven by transcriptional reprogramming
34 events that prevent the differentiation of activated B cells to plasma cells and subsequently
35 promote the proliferation of dysfunctional plasma cells (1). Abnormal activity of a number of
36 transcription factors has been implicated in multiple myeloma development, including NF- κ B,
37 MAF, MYC, and interferon regulatory factor 4 (IRF4) (2-5). The oncogenic activity of these
38 transcription factors in multiple myeloma is demonstrated by the presence of translocation
39 events that fuse them to highly active enhancers that drive high expression (2, 6).

40 The IRF4 transcription factor is a critical component of the normal adaptive immune
41 response and is required for lymphocyte activation and differentiation of immunoglobulin-
42 secreting plasma cells (7-9). Downstream targets of IRF4 include factors that regulate cell cycle
43 progression, survival, and normal plasma cell function (5). While oncogenic translocations of
44 *IRF4* have been found, more frequently, myeloma and other lymphoid malignancies are
45 dependent on dysfunctional transcriptional networks downstream of a genetically normal *IRF4*
46 locus (5). While the immunomodulatory agent lenalidomide has been shown to promote IRF4
47 protein degradation (10), pharmacological agents that regulate the expression of *IRF4* mRNA
48 have not been identified.

49 Small molecule inhibition of bromodomain-containing transcriptional co-regulators have
50 recently been shown to be a viable strategy for the suppression of otherwise un-druggable
51 downstream transcription factors. This is best exemplified by inhibitors of BET family
52 bromodomains, which down-regulate *MYC* and *BCL2* and are thus highly active in malignancies
53 driven by these critical oncogenes (11-14). Cyclic AMP response element binding protein
54 (CREB)-binding protein (CBP) and E1A interacting protein of 300 kDa (EP300) are highly
55 homologous bromodomain-containing transcriptional co-activators that regulate a number of
56 important cellular events through their acetyltransferase activity (15). Genetic studies in mice
57 and surveys of human cancer mutations and translocations have implicated CBP/EP300 in
58 cancer, but the role of the bromodomain in the normal and pathological function of CBP/EP300
59 has not been extensively studied (16-20). Given the importance of these genes in cancer
60 development, CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition may represent an important therapeutic
61 strategy to reprogram oncogenic signaling pathways in human malignancies.

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63 **Results**

64 Cellular specificity of CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibitors

65 To assess the functional role of CBP/EP300 bromodomains, we made use of two chemical
66 probes recently generated by the Structural Genomics Consortium (Figure 1A) (SGC;
67 www.thesgc.org)(21). SGC-CBP30 and I-CBP112 are chemically distinct tool compounds with
68 selective affinity for the bromodomains of CBP/EP300 over other bromodomains in this protein
69 family. Independent of CBP/EP300, the bromodomains with the highest affinity for these
70 molecules is the BET bromodomain family (21). We confirmed the biochemical potency and
71 selectivity of SGC-CBP30 and I-CBP112 using AlphaLISA with the isolated bromodomain of CBP
72 and the first bromodomain of BRD4 (BRD4-BD1) (Figure 1B, 1F). We further addressed the
73 selectivity of the compounds through the use of Differential Scanning Fluorimetry (DSF) with a
74 panel of 19 purified bromodomains (Figure 1-figure supplement 1). Taken together, these data
75 are consistent with published reports regarding the selectivity of these compounds (22, 23).

76 To assess the potency of these probes in cells, we utilized a proximity-based assay
77 (NanoBRET), which monitors the interaction between the bromodomain of CBP and histone
78 H3.3. SGC-CBP30 and I-CBP112 showed similar dose-dependent inhibition of CBP-H3.3 binding,
79 with calculated EC_{50} values of 0.28 μ M and 0.24 μ M, respectively (Figure 1C and 1F). The BET
80 bromodomain inhibitor CPI203 (24) did not display dose-dependent inhibition in this assay
81 (Figure 1C). Next, we made use of an imaging-based assay that measures the release of
82 bromodomain-GFP fusion proteins from chromatin upon ligand binding (25). As shown in Figure
83 1D, chromatin release results in aggregation of fusion proteins into finite speckles whose
84 number and intensity increase with ligand binding. Both SGC-CBP30 and I-CBP112 promote
85 chromatin release of CBP bromodomain fusion proteins at low micromolar concentrations as
86 quantitated by high-content imaging (10-fold cell shift), comparable to previous results (Figure
87 1E, 1F)(21). In contrast, both probe compounds release BRD4-BD1 fusion proteins from

88 chromatin at significantly higher concentrations as compared to the selective BET inhibitor
89 CPI203 (Figure 1D-F) (24). Given the cellular selectivity of the compounds, we are confident that
90 at defined concentrations of the inhibitors ($\leq 2.5 \mu\text{M}$ SGC-CBP30 or $\leq 5 \mu\text{M}$ I-CBP112), any
91 observed pharmacological effects are due to on-target inhibition of CBP/EP300 bromodomains.

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93 **CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition causes cell cycle arrest and apoptosis**

94 To assess the biological activity of CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition, we treated a panel of
95 cell lines of multiple myeloma and acute leukemia origin with SGC-CBP30 and I-CBP112. As
96 shown in Figure 2A, 2B, and Figure 2-figure supplement 1A, a subset of cell lines was highly
97 sensitive to both compounds, with the most sensitive cell lines having GI_{50} values below $3 \mu\text{M}$ of
98 SGC-CBP30. Notably, 14 of the 15 most sensitive cell lines are of multiple myeloma origin
99 (Figure 2A). As effectors of multiple biological processes, CBP and EP300 play important roles in
100 multiple phases of the cell cycle. To assess the requirement of the CBP/EP300 bromodomains in
101 cell cycle progression, we released G0/G1 arrested LP-1 cells in the presence of either DMSO,
102 SGC-CBP30, or I-CBP112. As shown in Figures 2C and Figure 2-figure supplement 1B, the
103 progression of the cells appears normal through G2/M phase (8 hours). Only upon entry into
104 the next cell cycle is there a noticeable alteration in cell cycle progression, with compound-
105 treated cells accumulating in G1 at 16 and 24 hours as compared to DMSO-treated cells. Thus, it
106 appears that the primary phenotypic effect of CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition is arrest in
107 the G1 phase of the cell cycle. Consistent with these observations, growth inhibition resulting
108 from CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition is accompanied by G0/G1 arrest and apoptosis in
109 phenotypically sensitive cell lines (Figures 2D and Figure 2-figure supplement 1C). As the
110 phenotypic effects of SGC-CBP30 and I-CBP112 appeared similar, we utilized the more potent

111 compound, SGC-CBP30, for further experiments and made use of I-CBP112 as a distinct
112 chemotype to confirm important observations.

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114 **CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition targets the IRF4 transcriptional program**

115 Recent work by many groups has demonstrated that small molecule inhibitors of BET family
116 bromodomains are highly active in cell lines of hematopoietic origin (11-14). In contrast, our
117 results suggest that CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition preferentially targets a more limited
118 subset of hematologic cell lines, with a bias toward multiple myeloma/plasmacytoma cell lines.
119 To gain insight into the mechanisms underlying these phenotypic differences, we carried out
120 RNA sequencing of LP-1 cells treated with SGC-CBP30 or the pan-BET inhibitor CPI203. To
121 narrow our focus to direct transcriptional effects, we examined gene expression changes
122 following short term (6 hour) compound treatment. As shown in Figures 3A and Figure 3-figure
123 supplement 1A, the transcriptional footprint of SGC-CBP30 is more circumscribed than that of
124 CPI203, with far fewer genes differentially expressed. Notably however, the genes differentially
125 expressed by SGC-CBP30 are not simply a subset of those affected by CPI203 (Figures 3A and
126 Figure 3-figure supplement 1A; confirmed with I-CBP112 in Figure 3-figure supplement 1D). This
127 suggests that the two modalities may target distinct transcriptional pathways.

128 To better understand the pathways impacted by CBP/EP300 and BET bromodomain
129 inhibition, we carried out Gene Set Enrichment Analysis (GSEA) (26) with an emphasis on
130 transcriptional pathways that might distinguish the two modalities. As expected, gene
131 signatures negatively correlated with CPI203 treatment were dominated by MYC-dependent
132 transcriptional pathways (Figure 3-figure supplement 1E). However, while several MYC
133 signatures were also enriched upon treatment with SGC-CBP30, more notable was the
134 enrichment of signatures for pathways important in multiple myeloma (Figures 3B and 3C),

135 which was distinct from the effects of BET inhibition. We noted in particular the significant
136 negative correlation (p -value < 0.05) of 4 gene signatures containing downstream targets of
137 IRF4, a lymphocyte-specific transcription factor that is essential for the survival of multiple
138 myeloma cells (Figure 3-figure supplement 1B) (5). Consistent with this gene set enrichment,
139 IRF4 target genes (catalogued by Shaffer et al.) are significantly enriched in the set of genes
140 differentially expressed following treatment with SGC-CBP30 (Figure 3-figure supplement 1C). A
141 subset of these IRF4 target genes (including *IRF4* itself) is significantly differentially expressed
142 following treatment with SGC-CBP30 but not CPI203 (Figure 3D), arguing that the IRF4
143 transcriptional axis may be selectively targeted by CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition.

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145 **CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition directly suppresses the expression of *IRF4***

146 Since regulation of the IRF4 transcriptional axis through small molecule inhibition of CBP/EP300
147 bromodomains would represent a promising new therapeutic strategy for multiple myeloma, we
148 sought to better understand our initial observations. We first demonstrated by qRT-PCR that
149 *IRF4* mRNA was suppressed in a dose-dependent manner by CBP/EP300 bromodomain
150 inhibition in both LP-1 and another multiple myeloma cell line, OPM2 (Figure 4A and Figure 4-
151 figure supplement 1A). The EC_{50} of *IRF4* suppression in each cell line is in the range of the
152 cellular EC_{50} values shown in Figure 1 and the GI_{50} values shown in Figure 2A, arguing for an on-
153 target effect. Consistent with suppression at the mRNA level, IRF4 protein is reduced upon
154 treatment with SGC-CBP30 or I-CBP112 (Figure 4-figure supplement 1D). In support of a direct
155 effect on the transcription of *IRF4*, we observed that *IRF4* is suppressed within 2 hours of
156 addition of SGC-CBP30 (Figure 4-figure supplement 1C), and recovers within 1 hour of removal
157 of the compound (Figure 4B).

158 To further corroborate that *IRF4* suppression is due to the on-target activity of
159 CBP/EP300, we used RNAi to knock down either CBP or EP300 in the LP-1 cell line. As shown in
160 Figures 4C, 4D, and 4E, three unique shRNA constructs that efficiently knocked down either CBP
161 or EP300 reduced the expression of *IRF4* at the mRNA and protein level. Viability effects were
162 observed subsequent to suppression of *IRF4* (Figure 4F), which is consistent with the kinetics
163 and phenotypic effects of CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition. Taken together, these data
164 argue that the suppression of *IRF4* is due to on target inhibition of the CBP/EP300
165 bromodomains.

166 CBP and EP300 function as transcriptional co-activators via acetylation of histones and
167 transcription factors. The bromodomains of CBP/EP300 are required for the acetylation of
168 histones within a chromatin context, and histone H3 lysine 18 (H3K18) and histone H3 lysine 27
169 (H3K27) have been shown to be specifically targeted by CBP/EP300 (27). To investigate the
170 mechanism of transcriptional suppression of *IRF4*, we first examined whether CBP/EP300
171 bromodomain inhibition causes global reduction in histone acetylation. Following incubation of
172 LP-1 cells with SGC-CBP30, we did not observe any significant changes in the global levels of
173 H3K18 or H3K27 acetylation by Western analysis (Figure 4-figure supplement 1E). We looked
174 more closely for localized changes in histone acetylation by using chromatin
175 immunoprecipitation followed by massively parallel sequencing (ChIP-seq). As shown in Figure
176 4G, we observed a significant reduction in both H3K18ac and H3K27ac at a previously annotated
177 super-enhancer of *IRF4* (28) as well as at the transcription start site. Notably, this reduction in
178 acetylation is accompanied by a reduction in the chromatin occupancy of EP300, suggesting that
179 CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition promotes release of the protein from chromatin leading to
180 a reduction in histone acetylation. It should be noted that broad and complete loss of EP300
181 was not observed, perhaps suggesting that the bromodomain of EP300 serves to localize it to

182 restricted domains (Figure 4G). Importantly, treatment with SGC-CBP30 did not result in global
183 eviction of BRD4, arguing against a direct effect on BET bromodomain proteins (Figure 4 – figure
184 supplement 2).

185 **IRF4 and MYC suppression are associated with phenotypic response to CBP/EP300**
186 **bromodomain inhibition**

187 We have shown that CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition leads to viability defects in multiple
188 myeloma cell lines and to suppression of IRF4 and its downstream transcriptional programs in
189 the representative cell line LP-1. To understand whether the suppression of IRF4 was more
190 broadly involved in the phenotypic response to CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition, we profiled
191 the transcriptional response of a panel of cell lines of varying sensitivity to SGC-CBP30 (Figure
192 2A) following a 6 hour treatment with the inhibitor. As shown in Figure 5A, the degree of
193 suppression of *IRF4* mRNA is significantly correlated with phenotypic sensitivity to SGC-CBP30,
194 suggesting that this pharmacodynamic response is important for the mechanism of growth
195 inhibition.

196 To better understand the events downstream of IRF4 suppression that are important for
197 reducing proliferation and viability following CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition, we reduced
198 the expression of IRF4 in a panel of multiple myeloma cell lines through shRNA transduction.
199 The results first indicate that those cell lines that are sensitive to SGC-CBP30 ($GI_{50} < 2.5 \mu M$)
200 require IRF4 for viability (Figures 5B and Figure 5-figure supplement 1A). Further, consistent
201 with published results (5), knockdown of IRF4 and reduction in viability are associated with
202 concomitant suppression of the oncogenic transcription factor c-MYC (MYC).

203 We reasoned that CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition may exert its phenotypic effects
204 through suppression of MYC downstream of IRF4 in multiple myeloma cells. While not among
205 the most downregulated genes following treatment of LP-1 cells with SGC-CBP30, *MYC*

206 expression was significantly reduced (see below), and MYC transcriptional programs were
207 affected (Figure 3 – figure supplement 1E). Further, as with *IRF4* suppression, the degree of
208 suppression of *MYC* mRNA in a panel of cell lines is significantly correlated with phenotypic
209 sensitivity to SGC-CBP30 (Figure 5 – figure supplement 1B). To confirm the dose dependent
210 reduction of *MYC* expression, we treated LP-1 and OPM2 cells with either SGC-CBP30 or I-
211 CBP112 (Figures 5C and Figure 5-figure supplement 1C). The expression of *MYC* was reduced in
212 a dose-dependent manner, with IC50 values somewhat higher than those observed for *IRF4*
213 suppression (Figures 4A and Figure 4-figure supplement 1A). We also noted that H3K18ac and
214 H3K27ac were reduced at the chromatin regions driving *MYC* expression following CBP/EP300
215 bromodomain inhibition, although loss of EP300 was less apparent, consistent with *IRF4*
216 suppression being up-stream of *MYC* suppression in this context (Figure 5-figure supplement
217 1D). Further, consistent with the suppression of *IRF4* at both the mRNA and protein levels
218 (Figures 4D, 4E), the expression of *MYC* was reduced following knockdown of either EP300 or
219 CBP in LP-1 and OPM2 cells (Figure 5D, Figure 5-figure supplement 1E and 1F). Taken together,
220 these data suggest that the bromodomains of CBP and EP300 are involved in the regulation of
221 the *IRF4*/*MYC* axis in multiple myeloma cells, and that the suppression of the *IRF4*/*MYC* axis may
222 be important for the phenotypic effects of CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition.

223 **Suppression of the *IRF4*/*MYC* axis is required for anti-myeloma effects of CBP/EP300**
224 **bromodomain inhibition**

225 To further test the link between the transcriptional effects on *IRF4*/*MYC* and the phenotypic
226 consequences of CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition, we generated LP-1 cell lines containing
227 inducible *IRF4* (LP-1/*IRF4*) or *MYC* (LP-1/*MYC*) expression cassettes. We then treated these cell
228 lines with SGC-CBP30 or I-CBP112 in the presence or absence of doxycycline to induce ectopic
229 expression of *IRF4* or *MYC*. As shown in Figure 6A and Figure 6-figure supplement 1, in the

230 absence of doxycycline, CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition induces G0/G1 arrest within 24
231 hours, consistent with our previous observations (Figure 2C). However, upon ectopic expression
232 of IRF4, the cell cycle arrest is completely abrogated, indicating that suppression of *IRF4* is
233 required for the most proximal phenotypic consequence of CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition.
234 While long term viability appears to be reduced by over-expression of IRF4 itself, there is a
235 significant abrogation of growth inhibition and a reduced induction of apoptosis over
236 background in the presence of ectopic IRF4 after a 6 day incubation with CBP/EP300 inhibitor
237 (Figure 6A (right) and Figure 6-figure supplement 1A).

238 If the IRF4-mediated suppression of MYC is required for the phenotypic effects of
239 CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition, one would expect that ectopic expression of IRF4 should
240 block MYC suppression. Indeed, we found that the induction of IRF4 in the LP-1/IRF4 cell line
241 both increased *MYC* expression (most prominently at the mRNA level) and prevented the
242 suppression of *MYC* by SGC-CBP30 and I-CBP112 (Figures 6A far left, 6B and 6C and Figure 6-
243 figure supplement 1E). Consistent with MYC suppression being a critical downstream effect of
244 IRF4 suppression, ectopic expression of MYC in the LP-1/MYC cell line phenocopied ectopic
245 expression of IRF4, rescuing cell cycle arrest and abrogating MYC suppression following
246 CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition (Figure 6D and Figure 6-figure supplement 1B, 1C, 1D, and
247 1F).

248 While BET proteins are known to similarly target MYC in multiple myeloma, a
249 comparison of CBP/EP300 and BET bromodomain inhibition demonstrated that these modalities
250 target the IRF4-MYC network at different nodes, with BET inhibition having no impact on IRF4 at
251 the doses and timepoints examined (Figure 6E, Figure 3D, and Figure 4-figure supplement 1B).
252 Our data suggest that CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition exerts its anti-myeloma effects in a

253 mechanism distinct from BET inhibition via the direct transcriptional inhibition of *IRF4* and the
254 downstream suppression of *IRF4* target genes such as *MYC*.

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256 **Discussion**

257 In the current study, we demonstrate that CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition results in cell
258 cycle arrest and apoptosis in multiple myeloma cell lines. Viability effects are dependent on the
259 silencing of the transcription factor *IRF4*, which results in the downstream suppression of c-MYC.
260 CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition thus targets the *IRF4*/*MYC* network, which is critical for
261 multiple myeloma cells independent of the upstream oncogenic signal. A recent publication
262 describes the use of the CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibitor I-CBP112 to inhibit the growth of
263 leukemic cells (23). Our data pointing to the preferential activity of both SGC-CBP30 and I-
264 CBP112 in multiple myeloma cell lines as compared to leukemic cell lines is consistent with this
265 published work. Similar to our findings, Picaud et al. observed minor cytostatic and limited
266 cytotoxic effects in all leukemic cell lines screened with the exception of Kasumi-1. Only upon
267 examining the effects of I-CBP112 on clonogenic growth did the authors observe more broad
268 phenotypic effects. Thus, while CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition may have robust cytotoxic
269 effects in multiple myeloma, our results do not exclude the possibility that this modality would
270 have additional therapeutic utility in leukemia by targeting leukemic self-renewal.

271 Pharmacological inhibition of CBP/EP300 bromodomains represents a viable strategy for
272 targeting these transcriptional co-activators. Evidence from genetic studies in mice has shown
273 that ablation of any two of the four alleles of CBP and EP300 results in embryonic lethality, and
274 mouse embryonic fibroblasts lacking expression of CBP and EP300 cannot proliferate (16, 27,
275 29). The selective viability effects and limited transcriptional footprint observed with
276 CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibitors suggests that this modality is milder than genetic ablation,

277 perhaps affording an acceptable therapeutic index once drug-like molecules are optimized. Our
278 results are more broadly consistent with recent studies using SGC-CBP30 and I-CBP112 that
279 demonstrated selective phenotypic and transcriptional effects in distinct biological contexts (22,
280 23).

281 Mice with heterozygous loss of *Cbp* are prone to the development of hematologic
282 malignancies, and human patients with germline mutations in *CREBBP* develop the Rubinstein-
283 Taybi cancer predisposition syndrome (16, 30). Further, recent surveys of the mutational
284 landscape in a variety of tumors have demonstrated frequent loss of function mutations in
285 *CREBBP* and *EP300* (19, 20, 31-33). While this evidence implicates CBP/EP300 as tumor
286 suppressors, evidence also supports their oncogenic activity. Rare human leukemias have been
287 found with oncogenic fusion proteins containing either CBP or EP300, and these oncogenic
288 fusion proteins require the activity of CBP or EP300 (17, 18, 34, 35). Genetic ablation and
289 pharmacological inhibition of CBP/EP300 in leukemic cell lines and primary patient samples also
290 support the oncogenic role of CBP and EP300 (23, 36). Our data in multiple myeloma are
291 consistent with an activity supporting oncogenic signaling, as either pharmacological inhibition
292 or knockdown resulted in loss of viability. It is unclear whether CBP/EP300 bromodomain
293 inhibition would have tumor promoting activity in normal tissues. However, concerns about
294 inhibiting potential tumor suppressor activity of CBP/EP300 in normal tissues may be alleviated
295 by a dosing regimen that prevents continuous target coverage in normal tissues.

296 BET bromodomain inhibitors are highly active in hematologic malignancies, including
297 multiple myeloma (12, 13). The activity of CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibitors in multiple
298 myeloma potentially suggests that this modality may modify similar genes regulated by BET
299 bromodomain inhibitors, but transcriptional profiling does not support this notion. At the doses
300 of SGC-CBP30 utilized, CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition appears to have a more

301 circumscribed transcriptional footprint than BET bromodomain inhibition. Phenotypic effects of
302 BET bromodomain inhibition in multiple myeloma are likely due to direct suppression of *MYC*
303 and *BCL2*, while the effects of CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition appear to be via suppression
304 of *IRF4*. The distinct transcriptional effects of the two modalities suggests that combinations
305 may be efficacious. It has in fact been shown that targeting the IRF4 network with lenalidomide
306 and the MYC network with BET bromodomain inhibitors has synergistic effects in mantle cell
307 lymphoma and primary effusion lymphoma (10, 37). CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition may
308 thus represent an alternative strategy for targeting the IRF4 transcriptional axis in these
309 contexts.

310 The discovery of BET bromodomain inhibitors represented a breakthrough in the ability
311 to target what were thought to be intractable oncogenic factors. Here we have shown that
312 CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibitors may similarly be used to target the expression of critical
313 oncogenic transcription factors. As dysregulated transcriptional control is central to the
314 pathology of cancer, the ability to target oncogenic transcription networks with small molecule
315 bromodomain inhibitors represents a promising direction for future therapeutics.

316

317 **Materials and Methods**

318 Cell lines

319 Sources of cell lines and results of mycoplasma testing are provided as Supplementary File 2.
320 All cell lines were used within 1-2 months of thawing from original stock vials received from
321 supplier and were not further authenticated. LP-1 cells containing doxycycline-inducible IRF4
322 were generated as described for the inducible LP-1/MYC cell line (13) using the IRF4 coding
323 sequence (RefSeq BC015752.1) obtained from Origene Technologies, Inc., as a template.
324 Inducible cell lines were incubated with 1 µg/mL doxycycline (Sigma) for 3 days. SGC-CBP30 (2.5

325 μM) or I-CBP112 (5 μM) was added for 6 hour for RNA analysis or for 24 hours, and cells were
326 fixed for cell cycle analysis or pelleted for Western analysis, or were seeded in a 96 well plates
327 for long term viability testing.

328 NanoBRET cellular assays

329 NanoBRET was carried out using the NanoBRET™ Protein:Protein Interaction System (Promega)
330 according to the manufacturer's instructions. Briefly, HEK293 cells were transiently co-
331 transfected with a vector for histone H3.3-HaloTag and a NanoLuc tagged CBP bromodomain
332 expression construct. Transfected cells were plated in 96 well plates in the presence or absence
333 of ligand, then treated with dose titrations of indicated compounds. Readings were performed
334 on an Envision Plate Reader (Perkin Elmer) and BRET readings were calculated by dividing the
335 acceptor emission value (600 nm) by the donor emission value (460/50 nm).

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337 Bromodomain chromatin release assay

338 As described previously (25), this assay monitors the compound-dependent release and
339 aggregation of a fusion protein consisting of a bromodomain and the fluorescent protein
340 ZsGreen. For the BRD4 chromatin release assay, U2OS cells capable of inducibly expressing the
341 full-length BRD4 protein in fusion with ZsG were generated using the pLVT3G/ZsGreen-
342 BRD4/TO3G vector and maintained in blasticidin at 15 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$. Consistent with published data
343 (11), we did not observe global release of full length CBP fused to ZsGreen in response to
344 compounds or bromodomain point mutations. Therefore, the bromodomain (BD) of CBP was
345 cloned into full length BRD9 (replacing the BRD9 BD) in frame with a ZsGreen fluorescent tag
346 (ZsG). U2OS cells capable of inducibly expressing the ZsGreen-CBPBD fusion protein were
347 generated by lentiviral delivery of the pLVT3G/BRD9-ZsG-CBPBD/TO3G vector, which contains
348 both the inducible fusion protein and the tet transactivator. Cells were selected and maintained

349 in the presence of 15 µg/ml blasticidin. 5000 cells/well were seeded in 384-well imaging plates
350 in the presence of 2 µg/ml doxycycline to induce the expression of ZsG-fusion proteins. After 16
351 hours of incubation with doxycycline, fresh media containing serial dilution of compounds were
352 added to the cells for 2 hours at 37 °C. Cells were fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde (PFA)
353 dissolved in PBS for 15 minutes at room temperature. Images of cells were acquired using
354 ImageXpress Micro (Molecular Devices, USA) and processed with the Transfluor Module of
355 MetaXpress software. Average pits per cell values were obtained from four adjacent images in
356 each well with two technical replicates for each compound concentration. Dose-response curves
357 were generated by plotting the average pits per cell values at each dose and EC₅₀ values were
358 calculated by a four-parameter non-linear regression model in GraphPad Prism.

359 Differential scanning fluorimetry

360 Differential scanning fluorimetry (DSF) was performed as described (38) with the indicated
361 bromodomains using the ViiA7 real time PCR system (Life Technologies). Variable buffer
362 compositions were used for the different bromodomain proteins with 12X SYPRO orange dye, 20
363 µM of the compounds or equivalent percentage of DMSO, and 4-8 µM of the indicated
364 protein. A melting curve was established using a range of 25-95 °C and a ramping rate of 3°C per
365 minute. The melting temperature (T_m) for each sample was determined using the ViiA7
366 software (version 1.2.2) and the ΔT_m was calculated by subtracting the T_m of the control from
367 the T_m of the compound treated sample.

368 Cell cycle analysis and viability determination

369 Cells were plated at 5000-10000 cells per well of 96 well plates containing titrations of the
370 compounds as indicated. After incubation, the cells were incubated with 500 µg/mL resazurin
371 (Sigma) in PBS for 2-8 hours, and fluorescence was measured (Ex 530 nm, Em 590 nm). Cell
372 cycle analysis was performed as described previously (13). For visualization, DNA content

373 histograms were generated with GraphPad Prism. Dose-response curves were generated by
374 plotting the normalized percent growth, percent sub-G1 and percent increase in G0/G1 at each
375 dose values. GI₅₀ values were determined as the concentration at which viability was 50% of the
376 DMSO value and calculated by a four-parameter non-linear regression model in GraphPad Prism.
377 Cell synchronization was performed as described (13), and cells were released into media
378 containing DMSO, 2.5 μM SGC-CBP30 or 5 μM I-CBP112.

379 Lentiviral shRNA transduction

380 Lentiviral shRNA vector and packaging have been described previously (13). Cells (2E6 cells/mL)
381 were transduced with lentivirus at an MOI of 5-10 in 8 μg/mL sequebrene (Sigma) and
382 centrifuged at 1000g for 2 hours. Cells were diluted to 1 X 10⁶ cells/mL overnight. Infected cells
383 were diluted to 2 X 10⁵ cells/mL in 1 μg/mL puromycin and transferred to 96 well plates or TC
384 flasks. After 3-4 days, cells in flasks were pelleted and used for qRT-PCR or Western analysis.
385 Cells in 96 well plates were incubated for 9 days and fixed for cell cycle analysis, with passaging
386 and fixing of aliquots as indicated. Target sequences for shRNAs were as follows: shEP300 1:
387 5'CGGAAACAGTGGCACGAAGAT3'; shEP300 2: 5'CGGAGGATATTTTCAGAGTCTA3'; shEP300 3:
388 5'GCGGAATACTACCACCTTCTA3'; shCBP 1: 5'CCTCTTTGGAGTCTGCATCCT3'; shCBP 2:
389 5'GAGCTTCCCAAGTTAAAGAAG3'; shCBP 3: 5'GCCATTGTGCATCTTCACGA3'. For IRF4
390 knockdown, validated shRNA constructs were obtained from Sigma. Constructs shIRF4-1,
391 shIRF4-2, shIRF4-3, shIRF4-4, and shIRF4-5 correspond to TRCN0000429523, TRCN0000014764,
392 TRCN0000014765, TRCN0000014767, and TRCN000433892, respectively.

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394 mRNA sequencing, gene expression microarrays, data analysis, and quantitative RTPCR

395 Total RNA was prepared with an RNeasy Mini Kit (Qiagen) with on column DNase digestion and
396 submitted to Ocean Ridge Biosciences (Palm Beach Gardens, FL) for sequencing and mapping.
397 Data in RPKM for each gene with compound treatment was compared to DMSO treatment, and
398 \log_2 fold changes were used for further analysis. Rank ordered gene lists were used for Gene Set
399 Enrichment Analysis (26). RNA preparation, cDNA synthesis, and qRT-PCR were performed as
400 described (13). For dose titration experiments, cells in 96 well plates were lysed in lysis buffer
401 (1% Triton X-100, 0.01 μ M glycine pH 2.5) and used directly for cDNA synthesis and qRT-PCR.
402 Primer sequences can be found in Supplementary File 1.

403 Western analysis

404 Whole cell extracts were prepared by lysis in RIPA buffer + EDTA (Boston Bioproducts) with
405 protease inhibitor cocktail (Roche). Extracts were subjected to SDS-PAGE and Western analysis
406 with MYC (Cell Signaling #5605), IRF4 (Cell Signaling #4964 or #4948), GAPDH (Life Technologies
407 AM4300), CBP (Santa Cruz sc-369), EP300 (Santa Cruz sc-584), or β -actin (Life Technologies
408 AM4302) primary antibodies. For histone analysis, extracts were prepared by sulfuric acid
409 extraction of permeablized nuclei, and extracted histones were subjected to SDS-PAGE and
410 Western analysis with H3K18ac (Cell Signaling #9675), H3K27ac (Millipore 07-360), or H4
411 (Abcam 31830). Blots were incubated with DyLight conjugated secondary antibodies, imaged
412 and quantified with a Licor fluorescence imager, or with HRP conjugated secondary antibodies
413 for ECL visualization.

414 ChIP-seq

415 5×10^7 LP-1 cells were treated for 6 hours with DMSO or 2.5 μ M SGC-CBP30 at a density of $5 \times$
416 10^5 /mL. Cells were fixed with a final concentration of 1% formaldehyde for 10 minutes at room
417 temperature. Glycine was added to a final concentration of 0.125 M to stop crosslinking. Cells

418 were washed twice in cold PBS followed by lysis at 4°C for 1 hour in buffer containing 10mM
419 Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 10 mM NaCl, 5 mM MgCl₂, 0.2% NP-40, + protease inhibitor cocktail (Sigma).
420 Following lysis, nuclei were recovered by centrifugation, and resuspended in buffer containing
421 10 mM Tris-HCl, 0.1 mM EDTA, 5 mM MgAc₂, 25% glycerol. An equal part 2X MNase buffer was
422 added, containing 50 mM KCl, 8 mM MgCl₂, 2 mM CaCl₂, 100 mM Tris-HCl. Micrococcal nuclease
423 (Roche) was added to 300 U/mL and chromatin was digested at room temperature for 20
424 minutes. Dilution buffer (0.1% SDS, 1.1% Triton-X 100, 2 mM EDTA, 20 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 150
425 mM NaCl) was added and nuclei were broken down by sonication. Chromatin was cleared by
426 centrifugation and pre-cleared with protein A-conjugated magnetic beads (Life Technologies).
427 10-20 µg pre-cleared chromatin was combined with 10 µg anti-EP300 antibody (Santa Cruz sc-
428 585X) or 2.5 µg of anti-H3K18ac (Cell Signaling, 9675) or anti-H3K27ac (Abcam, ab4729)
429 conjugated to protein A magnetic beads. IPs were performed overnight at 4°C. Immune
430 complexes were washed twice in buffer containing 140 mM NaCl, once in buffer containing 360
431 mM NaCl, once in 250 mM LiCl wash buffer, and twice in TE. Samples were eluted and treated
432 with 20 µg proteinase K (Roche) for 1 hour at 55°C, crosslinks were reversed for 4 hours at 65°C,
433 and 20 µg RNase (Sigma) was added for 1 hour at 37°C. DNA was purified with the MinElute kit
434 (QIAGEN), and libraries were prepared using the Ovation Ultralow DR Multiplex System (NuGEN)
435 according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Amplified libraries were size selected and
436 gel-purified prior to Illumina massively parallel sequencing on a HiSeq 2000 system at the MIT
437 Biomicro Center. Biological replicates were performed for each sample, and representative
438 images are depicted.

439 AlphaLISA

440 Inhibitory activity of compounds was determined by following the inhibition of the binding of
441 purified His-Flag-tagged bromodomains to H4-TetraAc-biotin peptide (New England Peptide)

442 using AlphaLISA technology (PerkinElmer). Compound at varying concentrations were
443 dispensed into 384 well Proxiplates (PerkinElmer) using Echo technology (Labcyte). For CBP
444 assays, 0.5 μ M His-Flag-tagged CBP bromodomain (amino acids 1082-1197) was incubated with
445 0.003 μ M H4-TetraAc-biotin for 20 minutes at room temperature in 1x reaction buffer (50 mM
446 HEPES pH 7.5, 1 mM TCEP, 0.069 mM Brij-35, 150 mM NaCl, and 0.1 mg/mL BSA). Streptavidin
447 acceptor beads and nickel donor beads (PerkinElmer) were added to 15 μ g/mL with a Combi
448 Multidrop dispenser. Plates were sealed and incubated at 90 minutes in the dark at room
449 temperature, and plates were read on an Envision plate reader (PerkinElmer) according to
450 manufacturer's instructions. For the BET assays, the protocol was similar except that BET family
451 bromodomains were used at 0.03 μ M (BRD4-BD1) and incubated with 0.2 μ M H4-TetraAc-biotin
452 for 20 minutes in reaction buffer (40 mM HEPES pH7.0, 1 mM DTT, 0.069 mM Brij-35, 40 mM
453 NaCl, and 0.1 mg/mL BSA). Streptavidin donor beads and Anti-Flag Acceptor beads
454 (PerkinElmer) were added to 10 μ g/mL, and then plates were sealed and incubated in the dark
455 for 60 minutes prior to reading on the Envision.

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457 Chemical compounds

458 The synthesis and characterization of CPI203 have been published previously (24). SGC-CBP30
459 and I-CBP112 are commercially available (Sigma).

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567 **Figure titles and legends**

568 **Figure 1.** Characterization of CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibitors. A, Structures of SGC-CBP30
569 and I-CBP112. B, Representative AlphaLISA curves showing inhibition of acetylated peptide
570 binding to isolated CBP or BRD4 bromodomains in the presence of SGC-CBP30 and I-CBP112.
571 Error bars represent SEM of 3 technical replicates. C, Dose-titrations of SGC-CBP30, I-CBP112,
572 and CPI203 using NanoBRET with the isolated CBP bromodomain and histone H3.3 in 293 cells.
573 Error bars represent SEM of 3 technical replicates. The calculated EC₅₀ values are shown in F. D,
574 ZsGreen-bromodomain fusion proteins were monitored by high content imaging.
575 Representative nuclei showing nuclear foci in the indicated assays in the presence of DMSO,
576 SGC-CBP30 (5 μM), I-CBP112 (5 μM) or CPI203 (0.33 μM). E, Quantification of chromatin release
577 assay. Each curve represents a titration of the indicated compound in stable cell lines expressing
578 the indicated fusion protein (CBP: CBP-bromodomain/BRD9; BRD4: full length BRD4). Values are
579 mean of four fields per well of two technical replicates, ± SEM. F, Summary of biochemical and
580 cellular activity of the indicated compounds. Values represent half-maximal inhibition (IC₅₀) in

581 AlphaLISA assays ($n \geq 2$ independent replicates) or half-maximal induction (EC_{50}) in NanoBRET
582 ($n=3$ technical replicates \pm SEM) or chromatin release assays ($n=2$ biological replicates \pm SEM).
583 ND = not determined due to a failure to produce 100% inhibition compared to controls.

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586 **Figure 2.** Phenotypic effects of CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition. A, Growth inhibitory effects
587 of SGC-CBP30 and I-CBP112 in the indicated cell lines. Cells were incubated with compounds for
588 6 days, and viability was measured with resazurin. Values are the mean of at least two biological
589 replicates. Values with error can be found in Figure 2 – figure supplement 2. B, Example viability
590 curves for LP-1. Values represent the mean of 3 technical replicates, \pm SD. C, LP-1 were
591 synchronized by double thymidine block and released into either DMSO or 2.5 μ M SGC-CBP30.
592 Cells were fixed and stained with PI for cell cycle analysis at the indicated time points. Cell cycle
593 distribution at 24 hours is shown in the table. Representative data from 1 of 2 biological
594 replicates are shown. D, LP-1 cells were treated as in A, and fixed after 6 days. Viable cell
595 number and percent increase in G0/G1 or sub-G1 over DMSO were determined by flow
596 cytometry. Each point is the mean of three technical replicates, \pm SD. See Figure 2 – figure
597 supplement 1 for additional data with I-CBP112.

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600 **Figure 3.** CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition targets IRF4. A, LP-1 cells were treated with SGC-
601 CBP30 (2.5 μ M) or CPI203 (0.25 μ M) for 6 hours, and mRNA expression was measured using RNA
602 sequencing. Expression values for biological replicate compound treated samples were
603 normalized to paired DMSO controls to obtain \log_2 fold change values. B, Example enrichment
604 plots for GSEA of SGC-CBP30 treated LP-1 cells. C, Left, Scatter plot of P value vs. NES for

605 multiple myeloma and IRF4 gene signatures for SGC-CBP30 (red) or CPI203 (black) treated LP-1
606 cells. Dashed line indicates $P=0.05$. Right, fraction of gene signatures significantly enriched
607 ($P<0.05$) with each treatment. Error bars indicate SEM. SGC-CBP30: 26/58; CPI203: 9/58. ***
608 indicates $P=0.0005$ by unpaired 2-tailed t-test. D, IRF4 target genes differentially expressed
609 (minimum 1.5 fold, $p<0.05$) with SGC-CBP30, but not CPI203. See Figure 3 – figure supplement 1
610 for additional gene expression data and analysis.

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613 **Figure 4.** *IRF4* is a direct transcriptional target of CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition. A, Dose-
614 dependent inhibition of *IRF4* mRNA expression (qRT-PCR) with SGC-CBP30 in LP-1 and OPM2
615 cells following 6 hours of treatment. Values represent the mean of 3 biological replicates, \pm SEM.
616 B, LP-1 cells were treated with SGC-CBP30 (2.5 μ M) for 4 hours, compound was removed, and
617 cells were incubated for an additional 1 hour in fresh media. Levels of *IRF4* mRNA were
618 measured by qRT-PCR and normalized to *GAPDH*. Relative mRNA values normalized to DMSO at
619 each time point represent the mean of 2 biological replicates, \pm SEM. C, Cells were transduced
620 with lentivirus and lysed for Western analysis with the indicated antibodies (3 days post-
621 infection). D, *IRF4* expression was determined by qRT-PCR at 3.5 days following the
622 transduction of shRNA lentivirus, and mRNA was normalized to *GAPDH* and expressed relative to
623 the control shLuc (n=3 technical replicates, \pm SEM). E, Western analysis with the indicated
624 antibodies was carried out at 3.5 days post-transduction with the indicated shRNA constructs. F,
625 Cells were fixed at the indicated time points following transduction and viability was determined
626 by flow cytometry. Percent growth is expressed relative to control shLuc at each time point.
627 Values represent the mean of n=3 technical replicates, \pm SEM. G, LP-1 cells were treated with
628 SGC-CBP30 (2.5 μ M) for 6 hours, and the indicated antibodies were used for ChIP-seq.

629 Sequencing traces for the IRF4 super-enhancer and the transcriptional start site are shown. See
630 Figure 4 – figure supplements 1 and 2 for additional supporting data.

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633 **Figure 5.** *IRF4* suppression is correlated with phenotypic sensitivity to SGC-CBP30, and MYC is
634 downregulated concomitant with *IRF4* suppression following CBP/EP300 knockdown or
635 bromodomain inhibition. **A,** The indicated cell lines were treated with SGC-CBP30 (2.5 μ M) for 6
636 hours, and *IRF4* expression normalized to *GAPDH* was determined by q-RTPCR. Suppression of
637 *IRF4* (\log_2 fold change relative to DMSO) was plotted against \log_2 GI₅₀. R² and p-value of the
638 linear regression are shown. Cell lines indicated in red have a GI₅₀ of less than 2.5 μ M SGC-
639 CBP30 (Figure 2A). Source data can be found in Figure 5 – figure supplement 2. **B,** Lentiviral
640 shRNA constructs were transduced into the indicated cell lines. Western analysis was carried
641 out after 4 days, and viability (n=3 technical replicates \pm SEM), was assessed after 7 days.
642 Intensity of MYC bands relative to GAPDH bands is shown below the Western blots. **C,** Cells
643 were treated as in Figure 4A, and normalized expression of *MYC* was determined by q-RTPCR.
644 Values represent the mean of 3 biological replicates, \pm SEM. **D,** LP-1 cells were transduced as in
645 Figure 4E, and MYC protein expression was determined by Western analysis. See Figure 5 –
646 figure supplements 1 and 2 for additional data.

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650 **Figure 6.** CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition suppresses the IRF4/MYC axis to cause viability
651 defects. **A,** IRF4 expression was induced in the LP1/IRF4 cell line by the addition of doxycycline.
652 Left, lysates were prepared after 3 days and used for Western analysis with the indicated

653 antibodies. Middle, cells were incubated for an additional 24 hours with DMSO or SGC-CBP30
654 (2.5 μ M) and fixed for cell cycle analysis by flow cytometry. Representative histograms of two
655 biological replicate experiments are shown. Right, Cells were incubated for 6 days in the
656 presence of SGC-CBP30 (2.5 μ M). Viable cells were counted by flow cytometry and percent
657 growth was calculated relative to the DMSO-treated condition for induced or uninduced cells.
658 Values represent the mean of n=3 technical replicates, \pm SEM. **B**, Cells were induced as in A, and
659 were treated with DMSO or SGC-CBP30 (2.5 μ M) for 6 hours. Expression of *MYC* was measured
660 by qRT-PCR, normalized to *GAPDH*, and expressed relative to uninduced cells treated with
661 DMSO. Values represent the mean of n=3 technical replicates, \pm SEM. **C**, As in B, except cells
662 were treated for 24 hours and lysed for Western analysis with the indicated antibodies. Values
663 represent the ratio of GAPDH-normalized MYC expression relative to uninduced DMSO-treated
664 cells. **D**, MYC expression was induced in the LP1/MYC cell line by the addition of doxycycline.
665 Cells were incubated for an additional 24 hours with DMSO or SGC-CBP30 (2.5 μ M) and fixed for
666 cell cycle analysis by flow cytometry. Representative histograms of two independent
667 experiments are shown. **E**, RNA sequencing data from Figure 3A is expressed as the mean of the
668 two biological replicates (\pm SEM) normalized to DMSO-treated cells. **F**, Model for the
669 suppression of the IRF4/MYC axis by CBP/EP300 and BET bromodomain inhibitors.

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671 **Figure supplement titles and legends**

672 **Figure 1-figure supplement 1.** Bromodomain selectivity of CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibitors.
673 Differential scanning fluorimetry was carried out with the indicated isolated bromodomains at
674 4-8 μ M and the compounds at 20 μ M. Shifts in melting temperature (ΔT_m , $^{\circ}$ C) and SEM for n=3
675 technical replicates are shown.

676 **Figure 2 – figure supplement 1.** CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition affects the viability of
677 multiple myeloma cells. As in Figure 2, except with I-CBP112. **A**, as in Figure 2A. **B**, as in Figure
678 2C. **C**, as in Figure 2D.

679 **Figure 2 – figure supplement 2.** GI50 and standard deviation for a minimum of 2 replicates for
680 the data shown in Figure 2 and Figure 2 – figure supplement 1.

681 **Figure 3- figure supplement 1.** CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition targets IRF4 transcriptional
682 programs. **A**, Venn diagrams showing the overlap of genes down- or up-regulated at least 2-fold
683 following treatment with SGC-CBP30 or CPI203 as in Figure 3A. **B**, Significantly enriched
684 ($P < 0.05$) IRF4 gene signatures upon SGC-CBP30 treatment. **C**, The fraction of the 309 IRF4 target
685 genes present in the overall set of mapped genes (20299 genes) or in the genes differentially
686 expressed at least 1.5 fold by SGC-CBP30 (393 genes) or CPI203 (2959 genes) was determined.
687 P-values were calculated by unpaired 2-tailed t-test. **D**, Expression of the indicated mRNAs was
688 determined by q-RT-PCR following treatment of LP-1 cells with SGC-CBP30 (2.5 μM), I-CBP112 (5
689 μM), or CPI203 (0.25 μM) for 6 hours. Relative gene expression is expressed as \log_2 fold change
690 relative to expression in DMSO. **E**, Left, As in Figure 3C, except with MYC gene signatures. Right,
691 fraction of gene signatures significantly enriched with each treatment. Error bars indicate SEM.
692 SGC-CBP30: 15/51; CPI203: 26/51. * indicates $P = 0.03$ by unpaired 2-tailed t-test.

693 **Figure 4 – figure supplement 1.** CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition regulates the expression of
694 IRF4. **A**, Cells were treated with I-CBP112 for 6 h, and levels of *IRF4* were determined as in Figure
695 4A. Values represent the mean of $n = 3$ biological replicates \pm SEM. **B**, LP-1 cells were treated with
696 a titration of CPI203 for 6 hours, and *IRF4* expression was determined by qRT-PCR and
697 normalized to *GAPDH*. Values represent the mean of $n = 2$ biological replicates, \pm SEM. **C**, LP-1
698 cells were treated with DMSO, SGC-CBP30 (2.5 μM), or I-CBP112 (5 μM). Total RNA was
699 prepared at the indicated time points and used for qRT-PCR. Expression of *IRF4* was normalized

700 to *GAPDH* and calculated relative to DMSO treated cells at each time point. Values represent
701 the mean of n=4 technical replicates, \pm SEM. **D**, Uninduced LP-1/IRF4 cells were treated with
702 SGC-CBP30 (2.5 μ M) or I-CBP112 (5 μ M) for 24 hours, and lysates were prepared for Western
703 analysis with the indicated antibodies. **E**, LP-1 cells were treated with the indicated
704 concentrations of SGC-CBP30 for 16 hours, and extracts were prepared for Western analysis
705 with the indicated antibodies.

706 **Figure 4-figure supplement 2.** CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition does not cause global
707 eviction of BRD4 from chromatin. **A**, BRD4 ChIP-seq peaks were called using MACS and ranked
708 by \log_2 fold change in BRD4 enrichment in LP-1 cells treated for 6 hours with 0.25 μ M CPI203
709 compared to DMSO-treated cells. **B**, EP300 ChIP-seq peaks were called using MACS and ranked
710 by \log_2 fold change in EP300 enrichment in LP-1 cells treated for 6 hours with 2.5 μ M SGC-CBP30
711 compared to DMSO-treated cells. **C**, Examples of BRD4 and EP300 ChIP-seq tracks showing that
712 CBPi does not cause global eviction of BRD4, and that BETi does not globally reduce EP300
713 chromatin binding. Representative tracks of 2 biological replicates are shown.

714 **Figure 5 – figure supplement 1.** Suppression of the IRF4/MYC axis is important for the effects of
715 CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibition. **A**, The indicated cell lines were transduced as in Figure 5B,
716 and Western analysis and viability were assessed as in Figure 5B. **B**, As in Figure 5A, except with
717 *MYC* expression. **C**, Cells were treated with I-CBP112 for 6 h, and levels of *MYC* were determined
718 as in Figure 4A. Values represent the mean of n=3 biological replicates \pm SEM. **D**, Cells were
719 treated as in Figure 4G, and sequencing traces at the *IgH* enhancer and the *MYC* transcriptional
720 start site are shown. **E**, As in Figure 4D, except with *MYC* expression. Values represent the mean
721 of n=3 technical replicates, \pm SEM. **F**, OPM2 cells were transduced with the indicated shRNAs.
722 Western analysis was carried out after 4 days, and viability was assessed by flow cytometry after
723 7 days. Values represent the mean of n=3 technical replicates, \pm SEM.

724 **Figure 5 – figure supplement 2.** Source data for Figure 5A and Figure 5 – figure supplement 1B.

725 **Figure 6 – figure supplement 1.** Additional data pertaining to IRF4 and MYC reconstitution
726 experiments in Figure 6. **A,** Quantification of % sub G1 following 7 days of treatment with the
727 DMSO, SGC-CBP30 (2.5 μ M), or I-CBP112 (5 μ M) in the absence (-DOX) or presence (+DOX) of
728 ectopic IRF4. Fold increase above DMSO treatment for each condition is shown above the bars.
729 Values represent the mean and SEM of n=3 technical replicates. **B, C, and D,** as in Figure 6A, B,
730 and C, except with the LP-1/MYC cell line. **E and F,** as in Figure 6, except with I-CBP112 at 5 μ M.

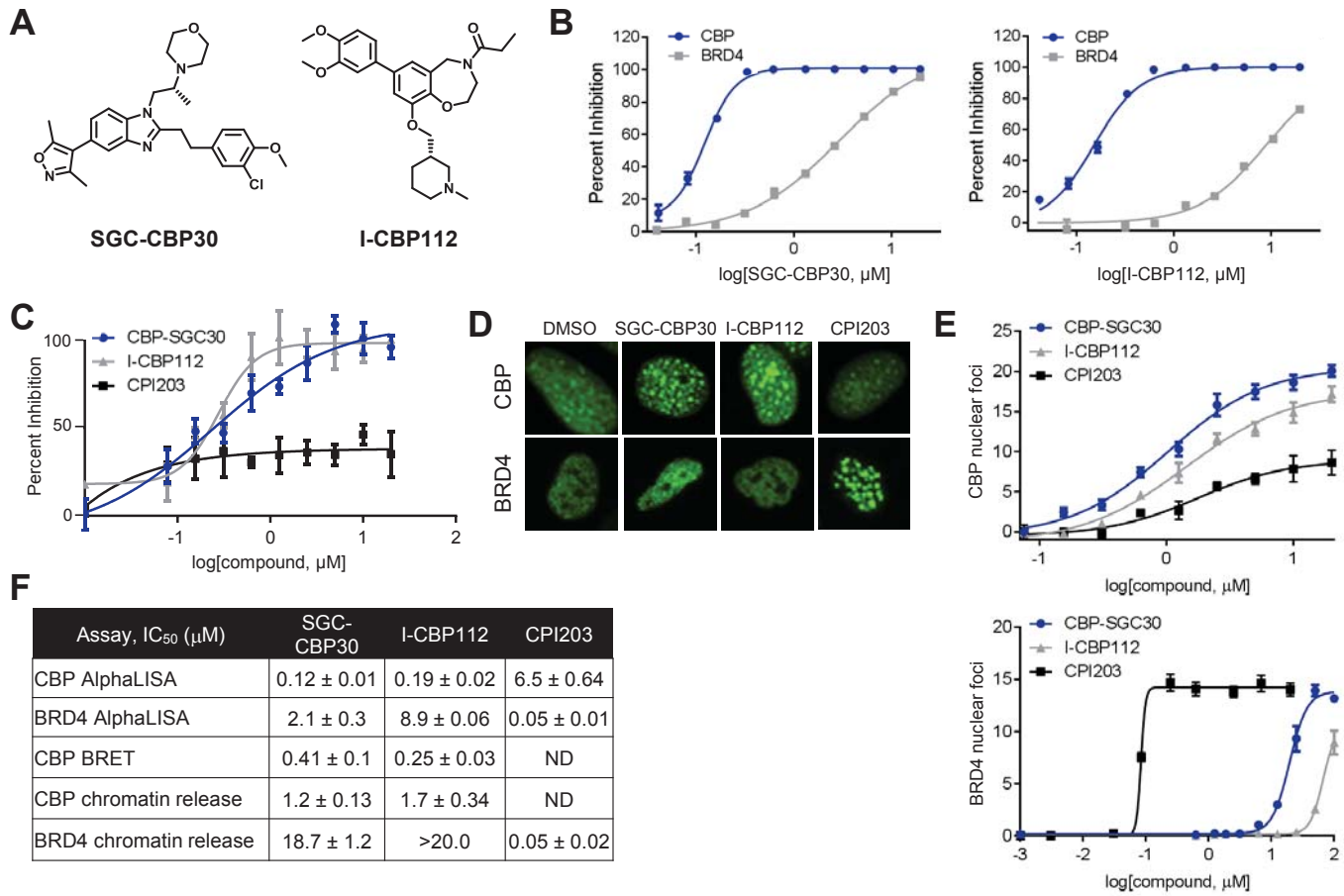
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732 **Supplementary files**

733 **Supplementary File 1** includes qPCR primer sequences and UPL probe numbers for RT-qPCR
734 experiments described in the manuscript.

735 **Supplementary File 2** indicates the source of all cell lines used, as well as results of mycoplasma
736 testing throughout the course of these studies.

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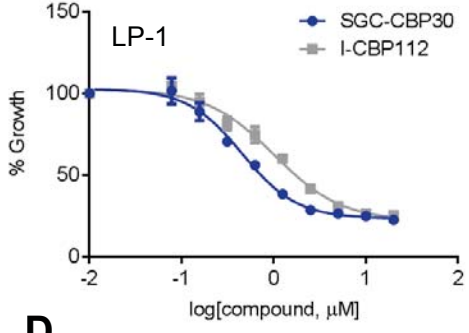


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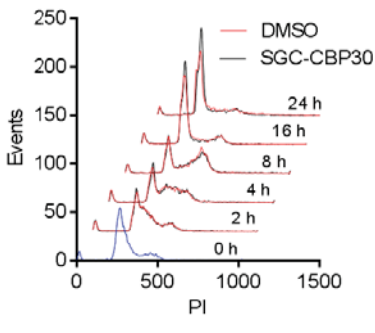
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Cell line	Subtype	GI ₅₀ (μM)
LP-1	Myeloma	0.78
KMS20	Myeloma	1.05
KMS21BM	Myeloma	1.27
KMS12BM	Myeloma	1.30
KMS34	Myeloma	1.30
KMS26	Myeloma	1.34
OPM2	Myeloma	1.53
NCI-H929	Myeloma	1.68
AMO-1	Myeloma	1.80
Kasumi-1	AML	1.95
MOLP-8	Myeloma	2.06
KMS28BM	Myeloma	2.17
KMS-11	Myeloma	2.41
JJN3	Myeloma	2.53
U266	Myeloma	2.63
SEM	ALL	2.83
THP-1	AML	2.85
MV411	AML	3.33
RPMI-8226	Myeloma	3.44
OCI-AML-3	AML	3.49
OCI-AML-2	AML	3.68
Kasumi-2	AML	3.77
Nalm6	ALL	3.86
EJM	Myeloma	3.87
NB4	APL	3.93
HL60	APL	4.01
SET2	AML	4.47
SKNO-1	AML	4.80
KMS12PE	Myeloma	5.34
SKM-1	AML	6.61
ML2	AML	6.65
MOLM-13	AML	6.93
KOPN-8	ALL	7.23
SD-1	ALL	7.28
NOMO-1	AML	7.40
VAL	ALL	7.54
MOLT4	ALL	7.62
Molt-16	ALL	7.98
K562	CML	8.86
Tanoue	ALL	8.88
RS4;11	ALL	9.99
KMM-1	Myeloma	11.66
KMS27	Myeloma	11.75
Jurkat	ALL	11.97
MN-60	ALL	12.34
380	ALL	15.55
ROS 50	ALL	16.41
PL21	APL	17.04
KMS28PE	Myeloma	17.89
REH	ALL	18.51
OCI-AML-5	AML	20.00

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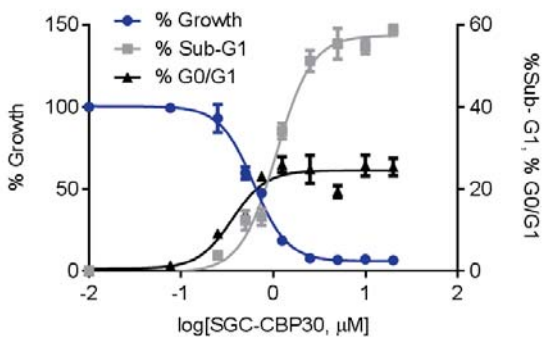
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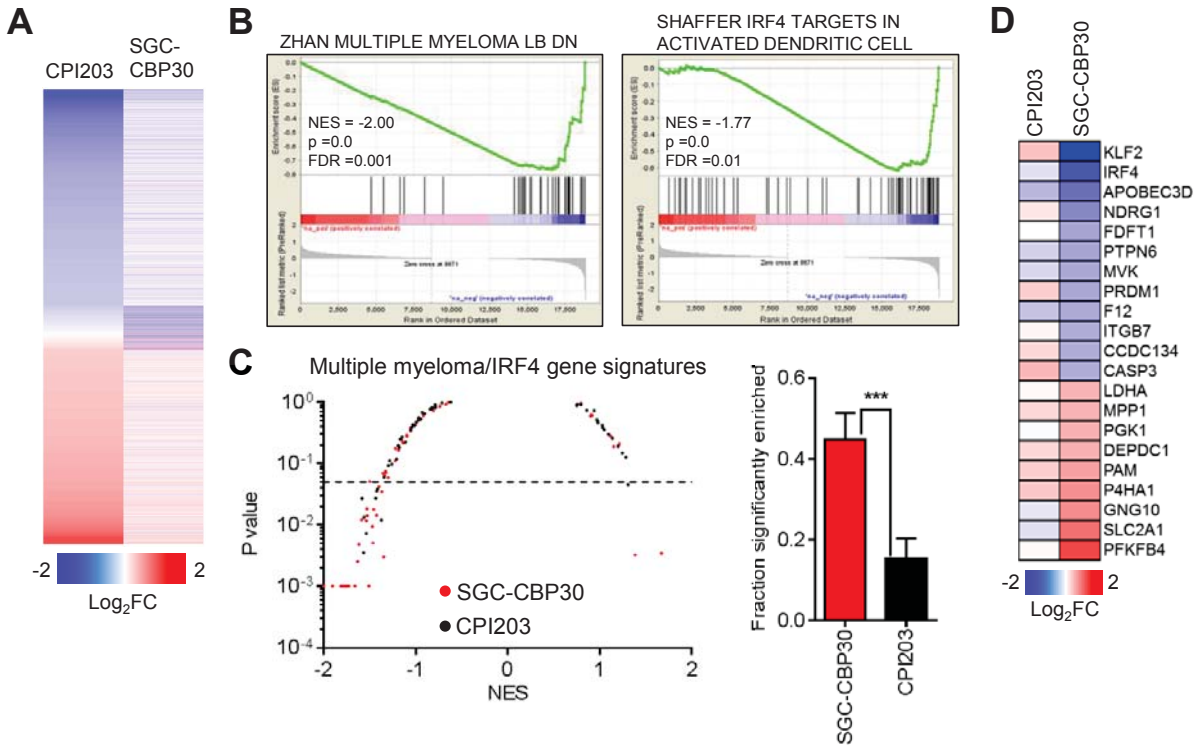
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Phase	DMSO	SGC-CBP30
G0/G1	62.3	72.8
S	25.0	16.1
G2/M	12.8	11.1

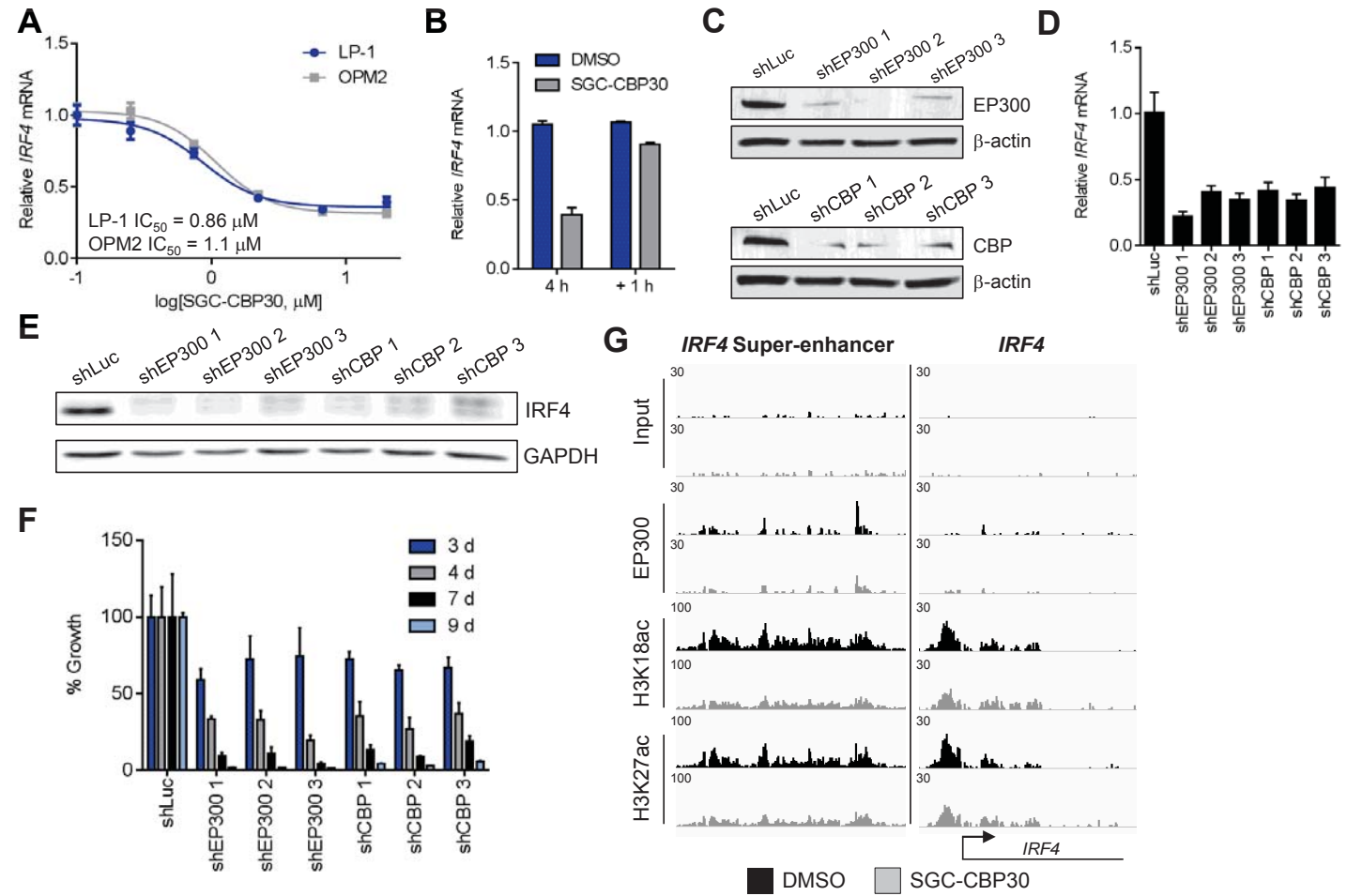
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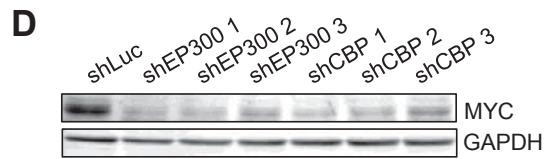
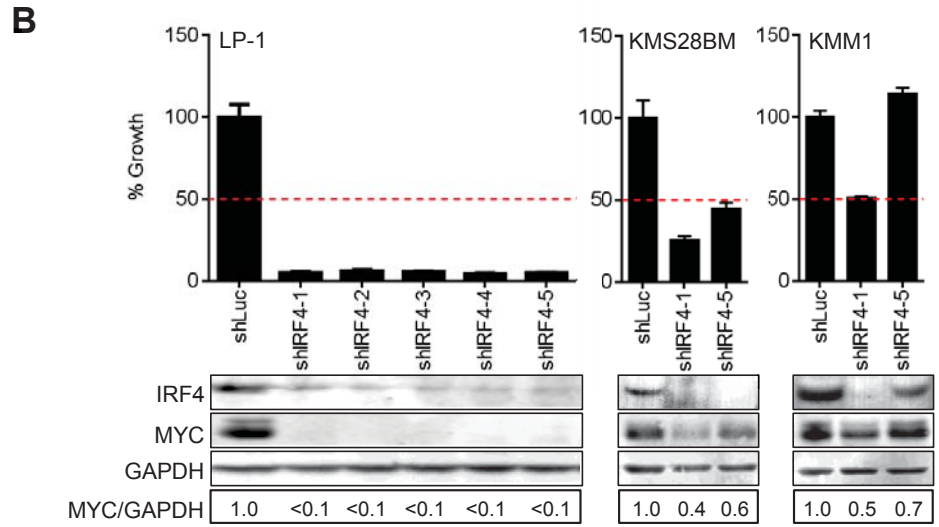
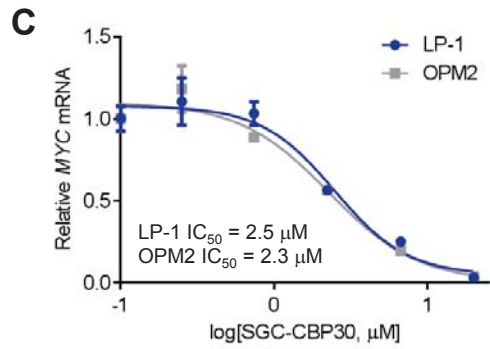
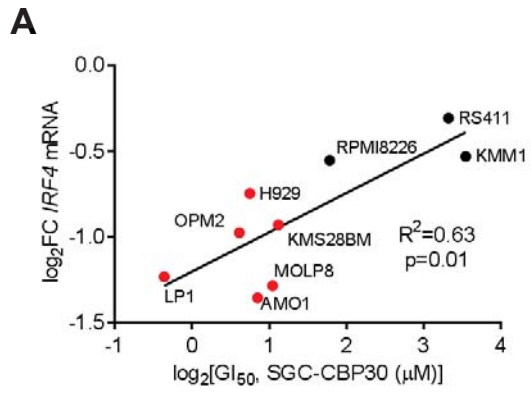
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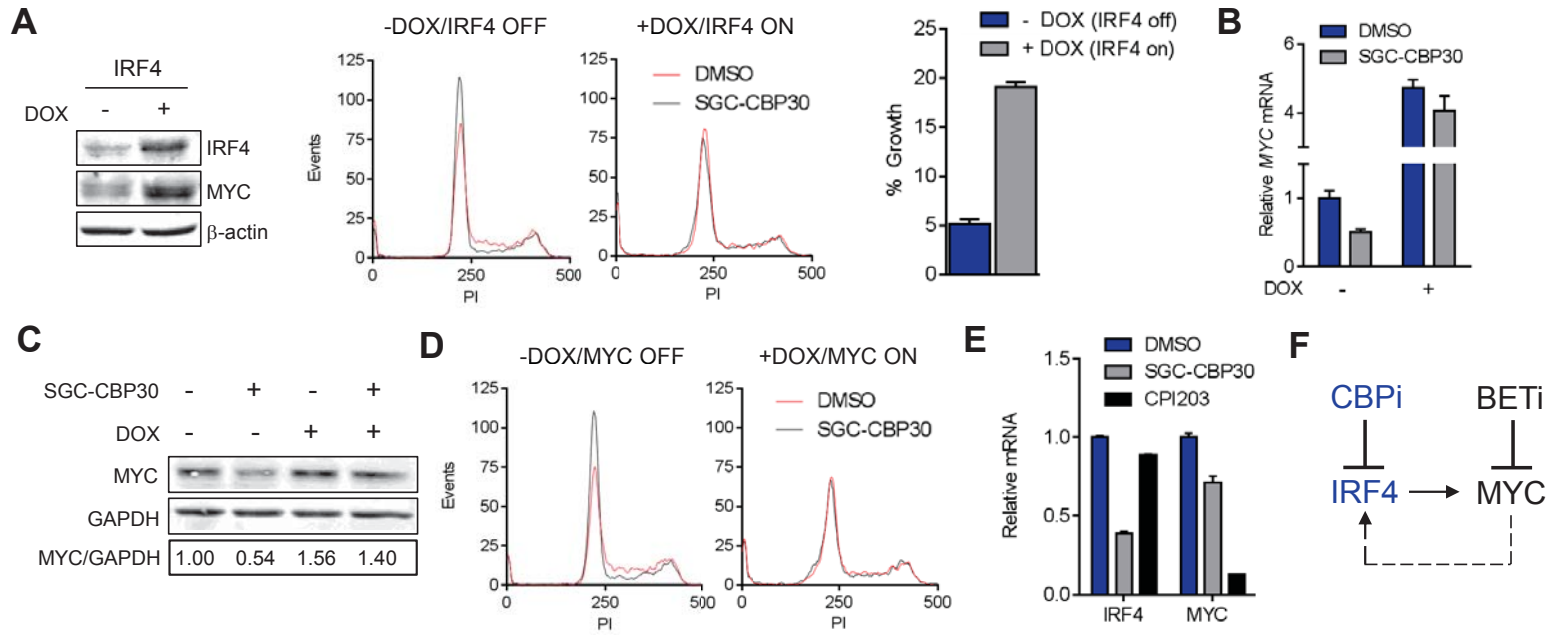
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