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1st Editorial Decision 30 January 2017

Thank you for the submission of your research manuscript to EMBO reports. We have now received the full set of referee reports that is copied below.

As you will see, while the referees acknowledge that the findings are potentially interesting, they all point out that significant revisions are required and that the data need to be strengthened before the study can be considered for publication here. In particular, all referees request more experiments to further address the functional relationship between ARIH1, LRSAM1, and HOIP and its effect on the host's immune response and on bacterial replication.

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The study is clearly presented and data are convincing. The finding of coordinated ubiquitylation involving several ligases is of interest in the field.

The only concern is that once the ligases identified, authors should better characterize the phenomenon they describe.

I would recommend first to document whether the recruitment of these ligases is similar or not, i.e. is there some polarity (in function of the escape from the membrane remnant for instance) or does the recruitment occur at multiple poles. The figure 4 suggests that some difference could be observed. Time point analysis could be performed (even better if movies are provided).

Second, it is not clear how the actions of the ligase are coordinated. One hint could be to performed imaging of the opposite experiment as those in Fig 4 (effect of ARIH1 KD on HOIP and LRSAM1). Also in these experiments it would be interesting to follow in SIM (or better super-resolution methods, e.g. STORM, if available) the recruitment of ubiquitin upon KD of these ligases.

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Please find enclosed the revised version of our manuscript (EMBOR-2016-43851V1) entitled “Expanding the host cell ubiquitylation machinery targeting cytosolic Salmonella Typhimurium,” which we would like to re-submit as article to EMBO Reports. Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

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A: The magnitude of effects was indeed higher in the screen, which could be contributed to the fact that pooled siRNAs were used. Moreover, the calculated Z-score does not show a fold change but rather calculates how many standard deviations a score differs from the mean. In the case of Parkin any changes were statistically insignificant.

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The study is clearly presented and data are convincing. The finding of coordinated ubiquitylation involving several ligases is of interest in the field.

The only concern is that once the ligases identified, authors should better characterize the phenomenon they describe.

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2nd Revision - authors’ response 06 June 2017

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3rd Editorial Decision

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3rd Revision - authors' response 18 June 2017

The authors uploaded a revised version of their manuscript file.

4th Editorial Decision 22 June 2017

I have gone through the modified figure legends and I fear that there was a misunderstanding. I apologize for not being more explicit.

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4th Revision - authors' response 26 June 2017

The authors made the requested changes and uploaded the final version of their manuscript.

5th Editorial Decision 30 June 2017

Thank you for updating the statistics and graphs. I am very pleased to accept your manuscript for publication in EMBO reports. Thank you for your contribution to our journal.
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