

Photoactivatable Hsp47: A tool to regulate collagen secretion & assembly

Essak S Khan,^{†,‡} Shrikrishnan Sankaran,[†] Julieta I Paez,[†] Christina Muth,[†] Mitchell K L Han,[†] Aránzazu del Campo^{†,‡,*}

[†] INM Leibniz Institute for New Materials, Campus D22, 66123 Saarbrücken, Germany

[‡] Department of Chemistry, Saarland University, 66123 Saarbrücken, Germany.

KEYWORDS Collagen, Hsp47, Non-canonical amino acid incorporation, KDEL Receptor Mediated Endocytosis, Photoactivation.

ABSTRACT: Collagen is the most abundant structural protein in mammals and is crucial for the mechanical integrity of tissues. Hsp47, an endoplasmic reticulum resident collagen-specific chaperone, is involved in collagen biosynthesis and plays a fundamental role in the folding, stability and intracellular transport of procollagen triple helices. This article reports on a photoactivatable derivative of Hsp47 that allows regulation of collagen biosynthesis within mammalian cells using light. Photoactivatable Hsp47 contains a non-natural light-responsive tyrosine (o-nitro benzyl tyrosine – ONBY) at Tyr383 position of the protein sequence. This mutation renders Hsp47 inactive towards collagen binding. The inactive, photoactivatable protein was easily uptaken by cells within a few minutes of incubation, and accumulated at the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) via retrograde KDEL receptor-mediated uptake. Upon light exposure, the photoactivatable Hsp47 turned into functional Hsp47 *in situ*. The increased intracellular concentration of Hsp47 resulted in stimulated secretion of Collagen. The ability to promote collagen synthesis on-demand, with spatiotemporal resolution, and in disease state cells is demonstrated *in vitro*. We envision that photoactivatable Hsp47 will allow unprecedented fundamental studies of collagen biosynthesis, matrix biology, and inspire new therapeutic concepts in biomedicine and tissue regeneration.

■ INTRODUCTION

Collagen is a major component of the extracellular matrix, and the most abundant structural protein for the mechanical integrity of tissues¹. A collagen molecule consists of a characteristic triple helix formed by three α -chains. *In vivo*, collagen molecules self-assemble to form collagen fibrils, beaded filaments or network structures depending on the collagen type. This assembly is the basis for achieving tissue-specific mechanical properties: rigid bone, compliant skin, or gradient mechanics in cartilage tissue². The dynamics of collagen synthesis and deposition plays a crucial role in biological processes such as embryogenesis³ and tissue regeneration⁴, while it gets dysregulated in pathologies like brittle-bone disease⁵, fibrosis or tumor formation^{6,7}. As the main underlying supportive structure for cells, the deposition of collagen typically precedes and guides the development of tissue architectures. For instance, in lungs, salivary and mammary glands, the spatial distribution and density of pre-deposited collagen directs the formation of branched tissue configurations⁸. In spinal cord⁹ and arterial injuries,¹⁰ it has been shown that initial collagen deposition by the underlying fibroblasts is vital for the remodeling of these tissues, resulting in their healing. While extensive efforts have been made to understand and replicate these phenomena, the existing molecular strategies to probe collagen deposition require

the use of chemicals such as ascorbate¹¹, growth factors like TGF- β and FGF, and genetic modifications.¹²⁻¹⁴ However, these molecules interfere with many cellular processes and do not allow localized manipulation at single cell level¹⁵. The possibility to regulate collagen deposition specifically, on demand and eventually in a spatially confined manner would allow precise studies in collagen-related cellular processes for fundamental and therapeutic purposes.

In this study, we have taken the first steps in this direction by developing and testing a molecular tool that enables spatiotemporal manipulation of collagen synthesis and deposition using light irradiation as remote trigger. We targeted a molecular chaperone, Hsp47 (Heat shock protein 47) that is known to be vital for collagen biosynthesis within cells¹⁵⁻¹⁹. It is a highly conserved, 47-kDa endoplasmic reticulum (ER)-resident protein known to bind collagen types I to V (and possibly others)²⁰, and plays a fundamental role in the folding, stability and intracellular transport of procollagen triple helices¹⁸. Procollagen is inherently unstable at physiological temperature and prone to intracellular degradation. Hsp47 protects it by stabilizing the triple helix, thereby providing a quality control mechanism for correct helical folding and assembly while simultaneously preventing premature aggregation of the helices²¹. Constitutive expression levels of

Hsp47 strongly correlate with the amounts of collagen being synthesized in the corresponding cells^{19,22}. For example, expression of Hsp47 is up-regulated during the progression of various fibrotic lesions^{23,24}. Studies have shown that suppression of Hsp47 expression can reduce accumulation of collagen and can delay the progression of fibrotic diseases in experimental animal models²⁵. Alternatively, knocking out its expression in mouse embryos has been found to result in a lethal phenotype²⁶. Collagen biosynthesis therefore strongly depends on the correct expression and function of Hsp47, and hence can be altered by interfering with Hsp47 activity. We hypothesized that a light-activatable version of Hsp47 would allow us to remotely control the biosynthesis and, subsequently, the deposition of collagen.

Controlling intracellular protein function by light is possible by introducing photoresponsive non-natural amino acids at the active site in the protein structure²⁷⁻³⁰. Hsp47 binds collagen at its typical Gly-X-Yaa amino acid repeats. Reported literature¹⁶ has shown that when Arg occupies the Yaa position, the Asp385 rest in Hsp47 binds to the collagen triple helix strand by forming a salt bridge. Further stabilization of this complex is provided through Tyr383 and Leu381 through hydrophobic interactions. In its triple helical form, collagen forms a complex with Hsp47 with a total solvent-accessible surface area of $1000 \pm 150 \text{ \AA}^2$ buried between them, indicating tight interactions within the binding site¹⁶. Interestingly, while mutations in Hsp47's Asp385 and Leu381 seem to reduce its affinity with collagen, mutations in Tyr383 were shown to completely inhibit the interaction, indicating that this residue plays a major role in the binding^{16,23}. Therefore, this position was identified as suitable site for the introduction of a photoactivatable rest to control Hsp47 binding to collagen with light. Luckily, synthetic tools to incorporate the non-natural light-responsive tyrosine (o-nitro benzyl tyrosine – ONBY) amino acid on recombinant proteins have been previously developed.³¹ It has been shown that replacement of Tyr by ONBY in Tyr-stabilized protein-protein or protein-DNA complexes lead to destabilization of the complex via steric hindrance and disruption of hydrophobic interactions due to the polar nitro group³¹. We hypothesized that a similar effect would occur when replacing Tyr383 by ONBY in Hsp47 structure to obtain the photoactivatable variant H_{47Y<ONBY}.

The delivery of recombinant proteins from the medium into the ER of cells was considered a challenge for our objective. Initially, microinjection of the protein into the ER was planned³²⁻³⁴. However, during the course of this study a KDEL receptor-mediated endocytosis mechanism capable of transporting proteins containing an ER retention motif (KDEL) to the ER was observed. By including KDEL motif in the recombinantly synthesized H_{47Y<ONBY}, the possibility to deliver it to the ER by simple incubation was attempted and successfully achieved. Using this strategy, collagen production and deposition in disease-state Hsp47-knocked out fibroblast cells was realized. This article demonstrates on demand deposition of colla-

gen by activation of a new molecular tool with spatiotemporal control.

■ RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Synthesis and Purification

A previously developed Hsp47 gene coding for residues 36-418 was used¹⁶. In order to improve Hsp47's solubility for heterologous expression in *E. coli*, an enhanced green fluorescent protein (EGFP) was genetically fused to its N-terminal³⁵. This approach led to a significant increase in the synthesis yield (Table S1). A StrepII-tag was introduced at the C-terminal for affinity purification. This derivative of Hsp47 was successfully obtained in 207.8 µg yield from 200mL culture, as confirmed by absorbance with UV-Vis spectrophotometer, and was named H_{47N} (N refers to native). The o-nitrobenzyl tyrosine (ONBY) rest was incorporated at 383 position via a previously established bacteria engineering strategy^{36,37} (see details in Fig S1 at the Supporting Information). An amber codon mutation TAG incorporated ONBY specifically at the 383rd position. This Hsp47 derivative was named H_{47Y<ONBY}.

In order to confirm the incorporation of ONBY, synthesis in the presence or absence of ONBY in the medium before induction was performed. In the presence of ONBY, the full protein would be expressed, whereas in the absence of ONBY, translation should terminate at the 383rd position and the StrepII-tag would not be included. Agarose beads with affinity towards the StrepII-tag were incubated with small amount of cleared lysates and purified Hsp47 control variants. The agarose beads became fluorescent within 5 mins when incubated with H_{47Y<ONBY}, indicating that the StrepII-tag had been incorporated at the C-terminus (ONBY present) whereas no fluorescence was observed in truncated version having no StrepII-tag (Fig 1B). The clear lysates were purified using StrepII-tag affinity purification and screened to affirm the presence of StrepII-tag. Western Blot was performed labeling StrepII-tag using Alexa488-Streptavidin after affinity purification which showed a clear fluorescent band when ONBY was present during synthesis, and no fluorescence was observed in the truncated version (Fig 1C). This result confirmed the incorporation of ONBY to H_{47Y<ONBY}. The yield of the synthesis was 43.56ng from 200ml culture. Two additional mutants of H_{47N} were developed as control proteins for further experiments: (i) H_{47Y<R}, with Tyrosine mutated to Arginine at 383 position as an inactive version of H_{47N}¹⁶. (ii) H_{47Kdel} where the KDEL sequence at C terminus of H_{47N} was deleted, thereby preventing retrograde delivery of the protein into the ER. The yields of all the variants are included in Table S1.

Photoactivatable Hsp47 specifically binds to collagen upon activation

In order to verify the affinity of the different Hsp47 variants (H_{47N}, H_{47Y<ONBY}, H_{47Y<R}, H_{47Kdel}) for collagen, the obtained proteins were incubated with micropatterns of Collagen I on a substrate (see experimental section for details)³⁸ and imaged by fluorescence microscopy. H_{47N} and H_{47Kdel} showed fluorescence bands (green fluorescence due to EGFP tagged constructs) indicating

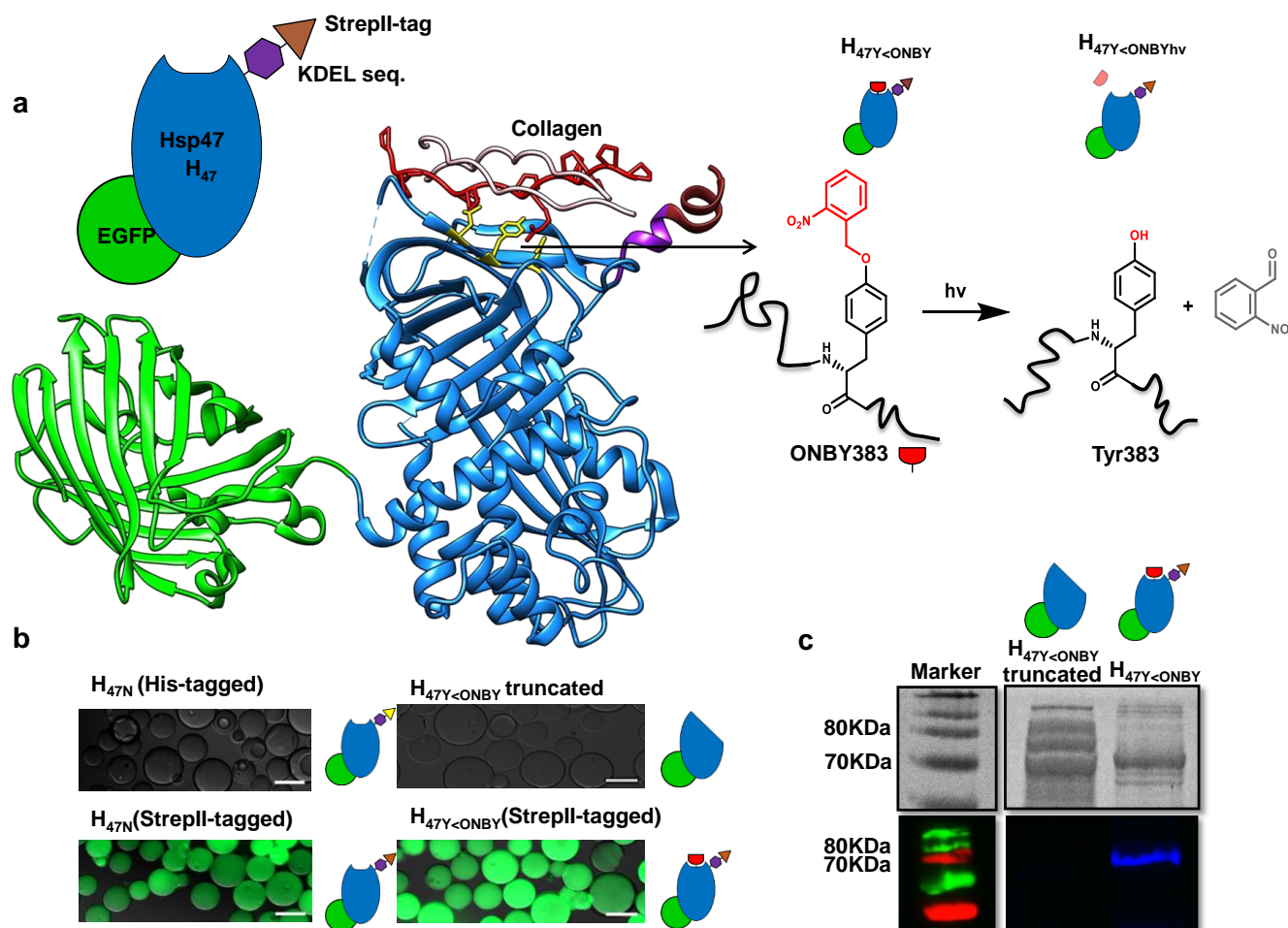


Figure 1. Structure and characterization of Photoactivatable Hsp47 (H₄₇Y<ONBY). **a.** Scheme showing the structure of Hsp47: Collagen peptide interaction¹⁹ and the photocleavage reaction of ONBY. **b.** Microscopy images (merged phase contrast and epifluorescence green channels) of Strep-II-Tagged agarose beads incubated with supernatant of different Hsp47 variants showing the presence or absence of StrepII-tag in the protein structure (Scale bar 100µm). **c.** 12% SDS Page gel and Western Blot of purified H₄₇Y<ONBY (truncated and full) stained with Alexa 488 conjugated Streptavidin (blue).

interaction to collagen, whereas H₄₇Y<ONBY, the negative control H₄₇Y<R, and the EGFP did not bind to collagen (Fig 2A). Light irradiation of the H₄₇Y<ONBY solution during incubation (*in situ* activation upon 10 sec exposure at 365 nm) lead to appearance of fluorescence bands. This result demonstrates that photochemical activation of H₄₇Y<ONBY renders functional Hsp47 (H₄₇Y<ONBY_{hv}), able to bind to collagen. Native PAGE-western blot analysis confirmed these results (Fig 2b). Co-localization of fluorescent antibody labeled bands of collagen and H₄₇N or light-activated H₄₇Y<ONBY_{hv} was observed. Conversely, H₄₇Y<ONBY, H₄₇Y<R and EGFP did not co localize with the collagen band, demonstrating no collagen binding.

Hsp47 has been shown to prevent collagen fibrillogenesis *in vitro*. Previous reports have demonstrated that addition of Hsp47 in 2-fold molar excess to a 0.6 µM collagen solution in PBS delays collagen fibrillation at 34°C^{17,39}. Similar fibrillation assays performed with H₄₇N solutions using turbidity measurements reproduced these results (see Fig S3). When using minimum essential medium (MEM) for

the experiments, improved gelation was observed, and confirmed by rheology measurements (see Fig S4). MEM is considered more representative of physiological conditions for collagen association⁴⁰ and was used for further fibrillation assays with Hsp47 variants at concentrations between 0.1 µM and 1.2µM. H₄₇Y<ONBY, H₄₇Y<R and EGFP did not show any effect on fibrillation kinetics of collagen solutions at any tested concentration (Fig 2C). Light-activated H₄₇Y<ONBY_{hv} reduced the rate of collagen fibrillation to a similar extent to H₄₇N at comparable concentrations. These results indicate that H₄₇Y<ONBY_{hv} enables light-triggered interference with lateral association of collagen triple helices and delay of fibril formation.

Hsp47 variants can be delivered into ER via KDEL receptor-mediated Endocytosis

Hsp47 is an ER resident protein with a C-terminal KDEL retention motif. This motif is recognized by KDEL receptor after Hsp47 release in the Golgi and is responsible for its retention in the ER⁴¹. In fact, deletion of

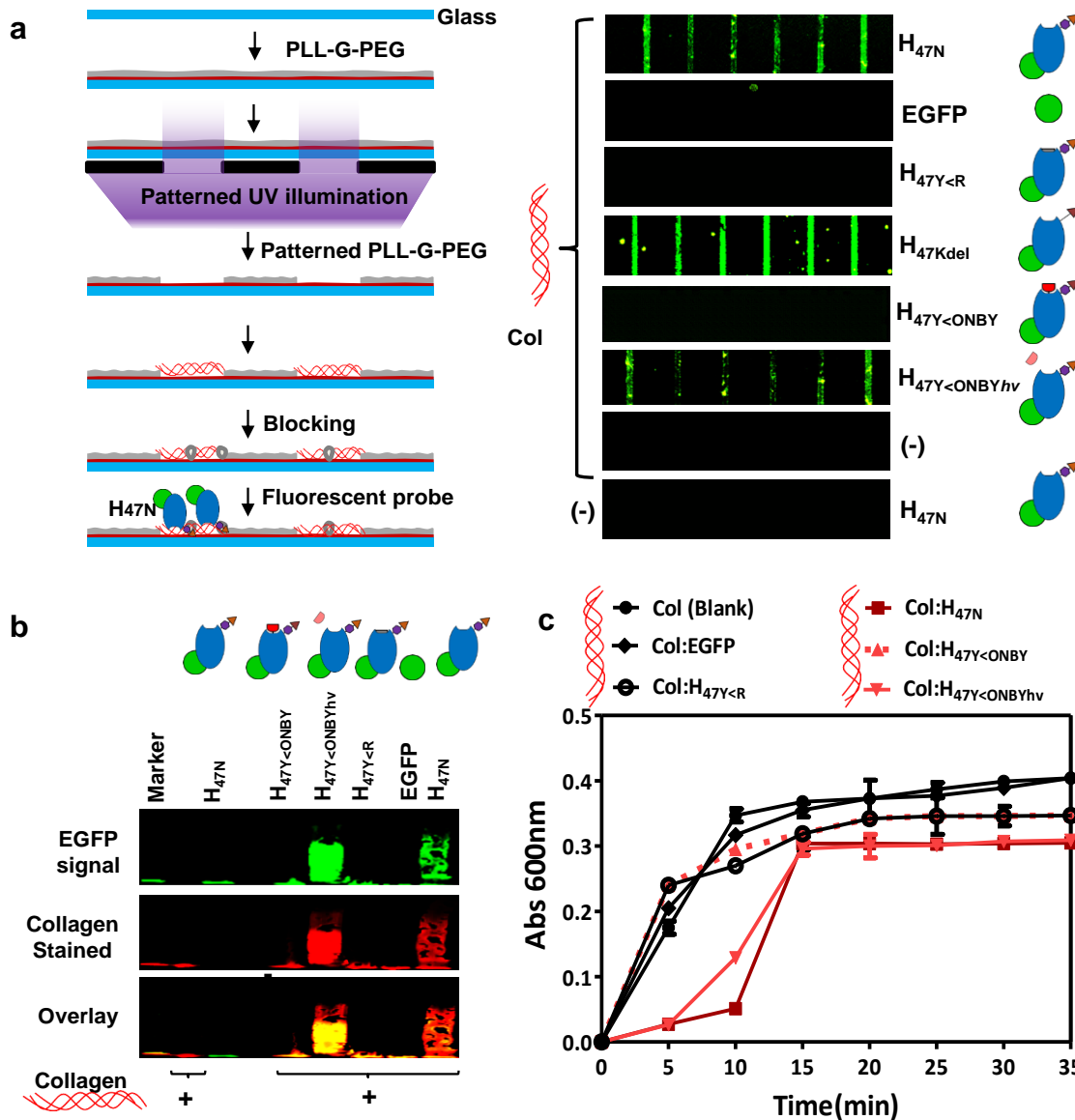


Figure 2. Photoactivatable Hsp47 affinity and function assay **a.** Schematic of affinity test using a protein micropattern designed to detect affinity of Hsp47 and its different variants to collagen. The corresponding fluorescence image of the binding assay shows the obtained results. **b.** Native PAGE Western Blot of rat tail Collagen Type 1 (200ug/mL, 0.6uM) mixed with H_{47N}, H_{47Y<R}, H_{47Y<ONBYhv} or H_{47Kdel} (1.2uM), demonstrating co-localization of Hsp47 variants with collagen in binding assays. **c.** Fibrillogenesis assay by turbidimetry measurements of collagen (200ug/mL, 0.6uM) mixed with H_{47N}, H_{47Y<R}, H_{47Y<ONBYhv} or H_{47Kdel} (1.2uM) at molar ratio 2:1 (Hsp47: Collagen) at OD600 values (n=3 data point representing mean value of technical triplicates of each experiment with error bars representing standard deviation).

KDEL sequence has been shown to block the retention of Hsp47 into the ER⁴². The KDEL receptor is also present in the plasma membrane of cells, and has been shown to assist internalization of KDEL containing molecules from the extracellular space⁴³⁻⁴⁵. We tested if our Hsp47 variants could be delivered to ER using KDEL receptor-mediated endocytosis (Fig.3). For this purpose, L929 and MEFs fibroblasts were incubated with Hsp47 variants for 3 h and imaged. Interestingly, cells incubated with H_{47N}, H_{47Y<R} and H_{47Y<ONBYhv} showed co-localization of the EGFP

signal (green in Fig.3) with the ER tracker dye (red), indicating successful uptake of the Hsp47 variant (see 10X-magnified images in Fig S7). Neither uptake of the H_{47Kdel} variant with deleted KDEL, nor uptake of EGFP was observed after 3 h incubation. In order to optimize the Hsp47 concentration for efficient delivery to fibroblast cells, experiments with concentrations of H_{47N} in the incubation medium between 0.01uM and 1uM were performed. 0.2-0.3uM concentration proved to be the best condition for the delivery of the recombinant constructs

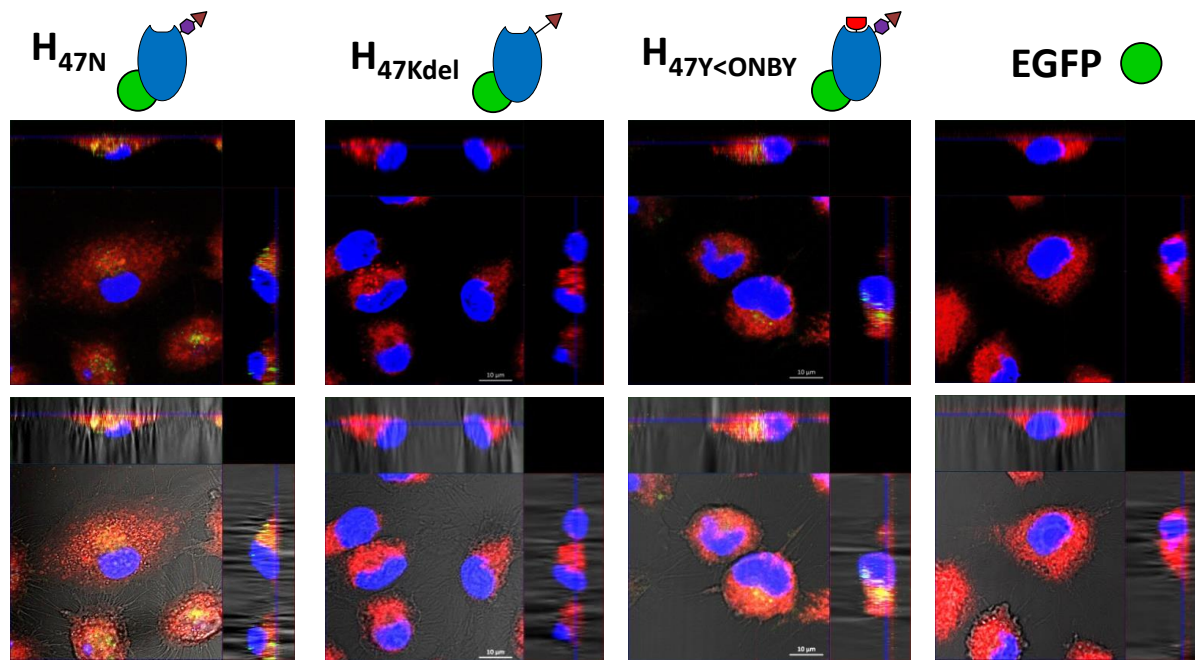


Figure 3. Photoactivatable Hsp47 delivery to ER via KDEL receptor-mediated endocytosis. Confocal Z stack images of L929 cells after incubation with Hsp47 variants showing co-localization of H_{47N} or H_{47Y<ONBY} signal and ER staining. No fluorescence was observed after incubation with EGFP or H_{47Kdel} constructs (Blue: DAPI (Nucleus), Green: EGFP (Hsp47 variants) and Red: ER tracker Dye) Scale bar: 10 μ m.

(see Fig S6). Protein concentrations above 0.3 μ M resulted in the formation of protein aggregates on the cell culture substrate. These results demonstrate that the photoactivatable H_{47Y<ONBYhv} can be simply introduced into the ER of cells by short incubation, allowing easy experimental implementation of this tool for the study of Hsp47-specific roles in cellular pathways and collagen assembly.

Increase in collagen production in Hsp47^{-/-} cell cultures in response to photo activation of H_{47Y<ONBY}

Collagen biosynthesis is dependent on the expression level of functional Hsp47. To determine the bioactivity of up taken Hsp47 variants, we investigated collagen biosynthesis of Hsp47^{-/-} cells after incubation with the recombinant proteins. The deposited collagen was quantified using the Sirius Red assay, whose dye binds specifically to the [Gly-X-Y] n helical structure on fibrillar collagen types I to V²³. Hsp47^{-/-} cells incubated with H_{47N} showed a significant increase in collagen production (approximately 15-20%). Hsp47^{-/-} cells incubated with H_{47Y<ONBY} did not show increase in collagen production, in agreement with the lack of biofunctionality of H_{47Y<ONBY} observed in previous experiments. Exposure of H_{47Y<ONBY} treated cells with 405nm light *in situ* lead to an increase in collagen production. These results demonstrate biofunctionality of H_{47Y<ONBY} intracellularly in response to light activation (Fig.4.b). Ascorbate (Vitamin C) is a widely used chemical inducer for collagen production at translational level by triple helix stabilization⁴⁶⁻⁴⁸. We compared collagen deposition in Hsp47^{-/-} cells treated with H_{47N}, with light

exposed H_{47Y<ONBY} and with ascorbate. Interestingly, we found higher levels of collagen production in H_{47N} and light exposed H_{47Y<ONBY} incubated cells compared to ascorbate treated cells (Fig.4.b). Addition of ascorbate to cells containing H_{47N} or light exposed H_{47Y<ONBYhv} had a synergistic effect for collagen production (see Fig 4.c). When Hsp47^{+/+} cells were treated with H_{47N} and *in situ* activated H_{47Y<ONBYhv} only a slight increase in collagen production was observed (see Fig 4.c). This might be due to saturation levels of Hsp47 in the ER. Interestingly, proliferation levels in Hsp47^{-/-} cultures treated with H_{47N} or *in situ* activated H_{47Y<ONBY} slightly increased vs. non treated cultures (see Fig S5). Together, these results demonstrate the efficiency of exogenous H_{47Y<ONBY} to up-regulate collagen biosynthesis upon light exposure (Fig.4).

Controlled light exposure allows spatial regulation of collagen production

Finally, we investigated the potential of H_{47Y<ONBY} for spatiotemporal control of collagen production after *in situ* photoactivation of cell cultures. For this purpose an assay for imaging collagen deposition on the culture substrate was established. Hsp47^{-/-} cells were incubated with the different Hsp47 variants for 3 h. Then the medium was exchanged and cells were cultured for further 24 h, fixed and stained with Col1 Antibody for imaging deposited collagen type I on the culture substrates. Hsp47^{-/-} cells incubated with H_{47Y<R}, H_{47Kdel} or EGFP did not show any fluorescence signal, whereas cells incubated with H_{47N}

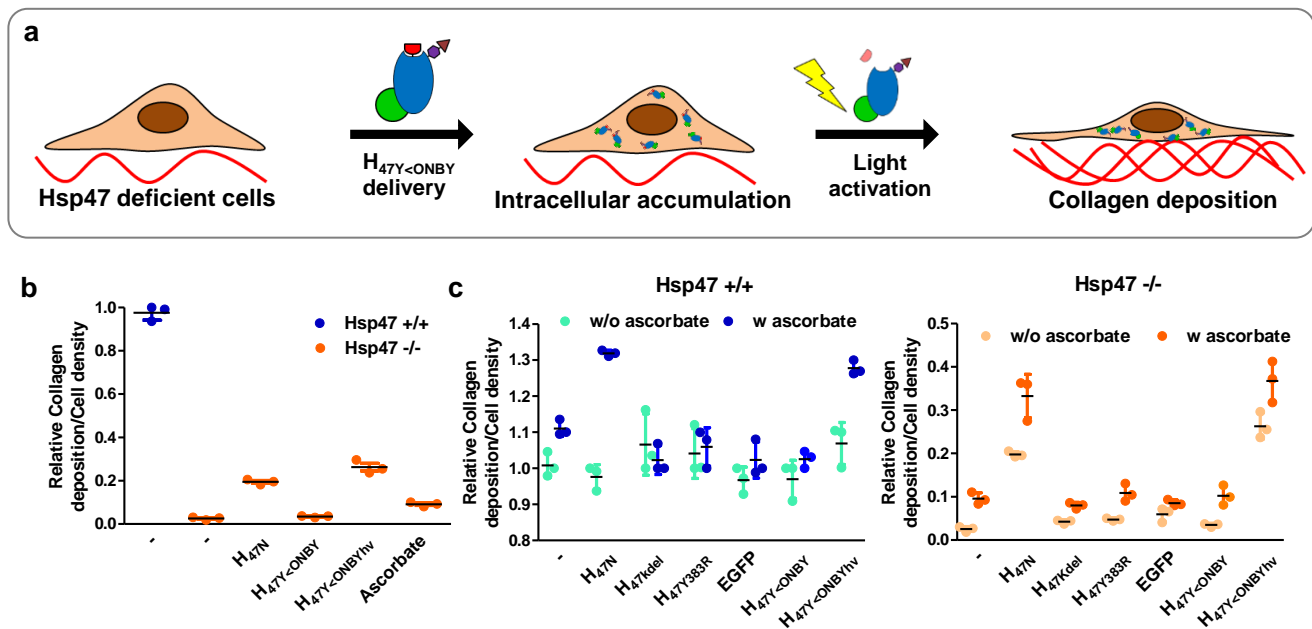


Figure 4. Stimulated collagen deposition using Photoactivatable Hsp47. **a.** Scheme showing photoactivation of H_{47Y<ONBY} and stimulated collagen deposition in Hsp47 deficient cells. **b.** Relative collagen deposition in Hsp47 +/+ and Hsp47 -/- cultures treated with Hsp47 variants and ascorbate. **c.** Relative collagen deposition in Hsp47 +/+ and Hsp47 -/- cultures treated with Hsp47 variants with or without ascorbate. Collagen deposition was calculated using quantified data of Sirius Red Assay at 570 nm (n=3 data point representing mean value of technical triplicates of each experiment with whisker plots representing standard deviation).

showed a clear fluorescence corresponding to collagen production (Fig 5.B). H_{47N} and light exposed H_{47Y<ONBY} showed EGFP fluorescence located at the ER, indicating that the recombinant protein delivered was still present intracellularly after 24 h (Fig 5). This is in agreement with the reported >24 h half-life of Hsp47⁴⁹. H_{47Y<R} did not show EGFP fluorescence after 24 h, which may be due to degradation because of lack of functional activity over time (Fig 5.B). Altogether these results demonstrate that H_{47Y<ONBY} can be used in cell cultures to increase collagen production at a selected time point. In order to test the spatial resolution of the light-induced collagen deposition, 1.8x1.2mm² areas of the Hsp47 -/- cell culture previously incubated with H_{47Y<ONBY} were irradiated for 30 seconds at 405 nm an hour after medium exchange. Higher dose results in cell damage⁵⁰. Cells at the exposed areas showed significant higher collagen deposition (Fig 5.A). Hsp47 -/- and Hsp47 +/+ cells lacking exogenous H_{47Y<ONBY} did not show any increase in collagen staining upon exposure, indicating that UV irradiation by itself had no effect on collagen production (Fig 5). These results demonstrate the possibility to use H_{47Y<ONBY} to photoregulate collagen biosynthesis in cell cultures and build spatially defined collagen networks.

■ CONCLUSION

A photoactivatable variant of the collagen-specific protein Hsp47 has been developed by incorporating a photoacti-

vatable Tyr rest at the 383rd amino acid of Hsp47, which is relevant for collagen binding. This recombinant protein could be effectively delivered to the ER of fibroblasts via KDEL receptor-mediated endocytosis. *In situ* light exposure allowed light-mediated increase of functional Hsp47 concentration inside the cells, and consequently localized upregulation of collagen production and deposition in cellular cultures. We envision that this tool will allow unprecedented studies of collagen synthesis and early assembly. Photoactivation at submicron level will allow precise control and simultaneous monitoring of collagen-related intracellular events. Moreover, photoactivatable Hsp47 might inspire new therapeutic concepts for treating collagen-related defects like Osteogenesis imperfecta, Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome and Epidermolysis Bullosa by promoting correct folding of collagen. Finally, the possibility of external upregulation of collagen synthesis and deposition might be advantageous for tissue regeneration and rebuilding of the extracellular scaffold.

■ AUTHOR INFORMATION

Corresponding Author

Aránzazu del Campo (Aranzazu.delCampo@leibniz-inm.de).

Notes

The authors declare no competing financial interest.

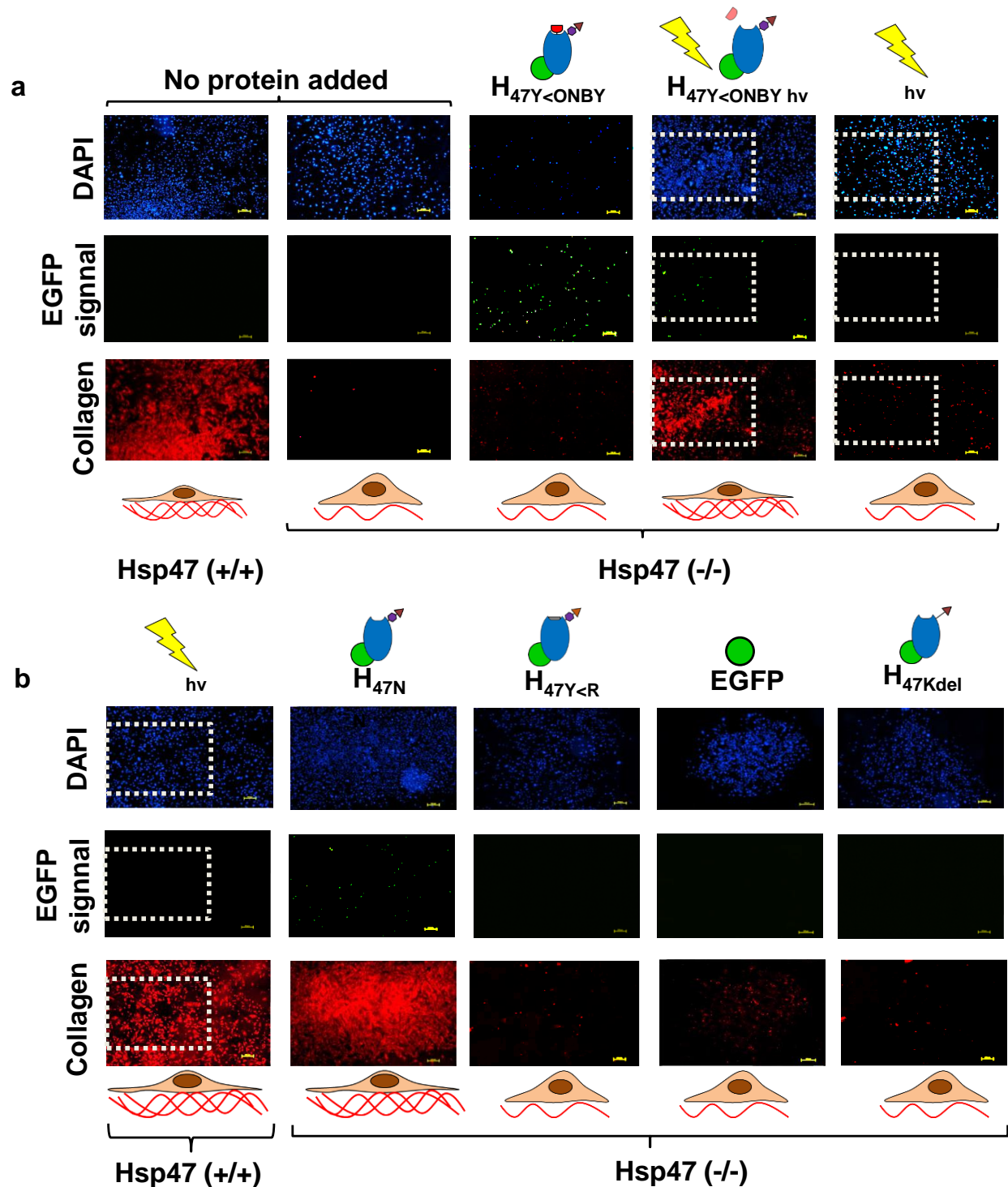


Figure 5. Localized induction of collagen deposition by photoactivation of Photoactivatable Hsp47. Immunostaining of MEF Hsp47 +/+ and -/- cultures 24 h after treatment with different Hsp47 variants and controls. Col1 Antibody staining in red, Hsp47 variants in green (EGFP), and nuclei in blue (DAPI). **a.** Hsp47 +/+ and -/- having no protein delivery were used as controls. The light exposed areas (1.8x1.2 mm²) are highlighted with dotted square. Irradiation wavelength was 405 nm. **b.** Hsp47 +/+ cells incubated with other inactive mutants did not show enhanced collagen production, whereas cells incubated with H_{47N} showed higher collagen levels. All the experiment were done in triplicates. Scale bar: 250µm

Author Contributions

AdC conceived the outline of the project. SK and JP designed the synthetic strategy. AdC and SK supervised the experimental and analytical work. EK performed the experiments with assistance from CM and inputs from SK for the biochemical and cellular assays. EK and MH contributed to the analysis and data representation of the cellular experiments. EK drafted the manuscript with further proof reading and modifications from AdC, SK, JP and MH.

■ ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Authors thank: Prof. Ulrich Baumann, Cologne University (DE) for sharing Hsp47 pJExpress plasmid; Prof. Jason Chin, University of Cambridge (UK) for sharing psfGFP150TAGPylT-His6pBad and pBK-ONBYRS plasmids; Prof. Kazuhiro Nagata, Kyoto University (JP) for sharing MEF Hsp47 (+/+) and (-/-) cell lines; Prof. Ingrid M Weiss, Stuttgart University (DE); Dr. Roshna Vakkeel, Dr. Bin Li and Tressa Sunny at INM-Leibniz Institute for New Materials (DE) for discussions in protein engineering and technical assistance respectively.

SK and AdC acknowledge financial support from the Deutsche Forschung Gemeinschaft (SFB 1027). AdC acknowledges funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation Program No. 731957 (FET Mechanocontrol).

■ REFERENCES

(1) Brinckmann J. (2005) Collagens at a Glance. In: Brinckmann J., Notbohm H., Müller P.K. (eds) Collagen. Topics in Current Chemistry, vol 247. Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg.

(2) Boerboom, R. A.; Krahn, K. N.; Megens, R. T. A.; van Zandvoort, M. A. M. J.; Merks, M.; Bouten, C. V. C., *J. Struct. Biol.* **2007**, *159*, 392.

(3) Varner, V. D.; Nelson, C. M., *Development* **2014**, *141*, 2750.

(4) Glowacki, J.; Mizuno, S., *Biopolymers* **2008**, *89*, 338.

(5) Byers, P. H.; Pyott, S. M. In *Annual Review of Genetics* 2012; Vol. 46, p 475.

(6) Wynn, T. A.; Ramalingam, T. R., *Nat. Med.* **2012**, *18*, 1028.

(7) Schedin, P.; Keely, P. J., *Cold Spring Harbor Perspect. Biol.* **2011**, *3*, a003228.

(8) Brownfield, D. G.; Venugopalan, G.; Lo, A.; Mori, H.; Tanner, K.; Fletcher, D. A.; Bissell, M. J., *Curr. Biol.* **2013**, *23*, 703.

(9) Wehner, D.; Tsarouchas, T. M.; Michael, A.; Haase, C.; Weidinger, G.; Reimer, M. M.; Becker, T.; Becker, C. G., *Nat. Commun.* **2017**, *8*, 126.

(10) Sluijter, J., *Cardiovasc. Res.* **2004**, *61*, 186.

(11) S. Murad, D. G., K. A. Lindberg, G. Reynolds, A. Sivarajah, S. R. Pinnell, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U S A* **1981**, *78*, 2879.

(12) Yeung, C.-Y. C.; Garva, R.; Pickard, A.; Chang, J.; Holmes, D. F.; Lu, Y.; Mallikarjun, V.; Swift, J.; Adamson, A.; Calverley, B.; Meng, Q. J.; Kadler, K. E., *bioRxiv* 304014 **2018**.

(13) Pickard, A.; Chang, J.; Alachkar, N.; Calverley, B.; Garva, R.; Arvan, P.; Meng, Q. J.; Kadler, K. E., *bioRxiv* 348078 **2018**.

(14) Pickard, A.; Adamson, A.; Lu, Y.; Chang, J.; Garva, R.; Hodson, N.; Kadler, K., *bioRxiv* 331496 **2018**.

(15) Ohnishi, S.; Sumiyoshi, H.; Kitamura, S.; Nagaya, N., *FEBS Lett.* **2007**, *581*, 3961.

(16) Widmer, C.; Gebauer, J. M.; Brunstein, E.; Rosenbaum, S.; Zaucke, F.; Drogemüller, C.; Leeb, T.; Baumann, U., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U. S. A.* **2012**, *109*, 13243.

(17) Thomson, C. A.; Ananthanarayanan, V. S., *J. Biol. Chem.*

(18) Ishida, Y.; Nagata, K. In *Methods in Enzymology* 2011; Vol. 499, p 167.

(19) Ishida, Y.; Kubota, H.; Yamamoto, A.; Kitamura, A.; Bachinger, H. P.; Nagata, K., *Mol. Biol. Cell* **2006**, *17*, 2346.

(20) Natsume, T.; Koide, T.; Yokota, S.; Hirayoshi, K.; Nagata, K., *J. Biol. Chem.* **1994**, *269*, 31224.

(21) Koide, T.; Asada, S.; Takahara, Y.; Nishikawa, Y.; Nagata, K.; Kitagawa, K., *J. Biol. Chem.* **2006**, *281*, 3432.

(22) Kuroda, K.; Tsukifuji, R.; Shinkai, H., *J. Invest. Dermatol.* **1998**, *111*, 1023.

(23) Shinya Ito, K. O., Koh Takeuchi, Motoki Takagi, Masahito Yoshida, Takatsugu Hirokawa, Shoshiro Hirayama, Kazuo Shin-ya, Ichio Shimada, Takayuki Doi, Naoki Goshima, Tohru Natsume; Nagata, a. K., *J. Biol. Chem.* **2017**, *292*, 20076.

(24) Wynn, T. A., *J. Pathol.* **2008**, *214*, 199.

(25) Hagiwara, S.; Nakamura, K.; Hamada, H.; Sasaki, K.; Ito, Y.; Kuribayashi, K.; Sato, T.; Sato, Y.; Takahashi, M.; Kogawa, K.; Kato, J.; Terui, T.; Takayama, T.; Matsunaga, T.; Taira, K.; Niitsu, Y., *J. Gene Med.* **2003**, *5*, 784.

(26) Nagai, N.; Hosokawa, M.; Itohara, S.; Adachi, E.; Matsushita, T.; Hosokawa, N.; Nagata, K., *J Cell Biol.* **2000**, *150*, 1499.

(27) Nguyen, D. P.; Mahesh, M.; Elsasser, S. J.; Hancock, S. M.; Uttamapinant, C.; Chin, J. W., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2014**, *136*, 2240.

(28) Hemphill, J.; Chou, C.; Chin, J. W.; Deiters, A., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2013**, *135*, 13433.

(29) Xuan, W.; Yao, A.; Schultz, P. G., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2017**, *139*, 12350.

(30) Ge, Y.; Fan, X.; Chen, P. R., *Chem. Sci.* **2016**, *7*, 7055.

(31) Chou, C.; Deiters, A., *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Engl.* **2011**, *50*, 6839.

(32) FitzHarris, G.; Marangos, P.; Carroll, J., *Dev. Biol.* **2007**, *305*, 133.

(33) Lippincott-Schwartz, J., *J Cell Biol.* **1995**, *128*, 293.

(34) Miles, S.; McManus, H.; Forsten, K. E.; Storrie, B., *J. Cell. Biol.* **2001**, *155*, 543.

(35) Snapp, E., *Curr. Protoc. Cell Biol.* **2005**, Chapter 21, 21.4.1.

(36) Arbely, E.; Torres-Kolbus, J.; Deiters, A.; Chin, J. W., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2012**, *134*, 11912.

(37) Deiters, A.; Groff, D.; Ryu, Y.; Xie, J.; Schultz, P. G., *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Engl.* **2006**, *45*, 2728.

(38) Strale, P. O.; Azoune, A.; Bugnicourt, G.; Lecomte, Y.; Chahid, M.; Studer, V., *Adv. Mater.* **2016**, *28*, 2024.

(39) Abdul-Wahab, M. F.; Homma, T.; Wright, M.; Olerenshaw, D.; Dafforn, T. R.; Nagata, K.; Miller, A. D., *J. Biol. Chem.* **2013**, *288*, 4452.

(40) Piechocka, I. K.; van Oosten, A. S.; Breuls, R. G.; Koenderink, G. H., *Biomacromolecules* **2011**, *12*, 2797.

(41) Mirco Capitani; Sallese, M., *FEBS Lett.* **2009**, *3863*.

(42) Satoh, M., *J Cell Biol.* **1996**, *133*, 469.

(43) Björn Becker, M. R. S., Domenik Rammo, Tobias Bubel, Ludger Santen & Manfred J. Schmitt, *Sci. Rep.* **2016**.

(44) Alice Chen, T. H., Carole Mikoryak, Rockford K. Draper *Biochim. Biophys. Acta* **2002**, *124*.

(45) Björn Becker, A. B., Esther Gießelmann, Julia Dausend, Domenik Rammo, Nina C. Müller, Emilia Tschacksch, Miriam Steimer, Jenny Spindler, Ute Becherer, Jens Rettig, Frank Breinig & Manfred J. Schmitt, *Sci. Rep.* **2016**, 1.
(46) Gilkes, D. M.; Chaturvedi, P.; Bajpai, S.; Wong, C. C.; Wei, H.; Pitcairn, S.; Hubbi, M. E.; Wirtz, D.; Semenza, G. L., *Cancer Res.* **2013**, 73, 3285.

(47) Makareeva, E.; Leikin, S., *PLoS One* **2007**, 2, e1029.
(48) Schwarz, R. I., *Biochem.Biophys.Rep.* **2015**, 3, 38.
(49) Nakai, A., *J Cell Biol.* **1992**, 117, 903.
(50) Ramakrishnan, P.; Maclean, M.; MacGregor, S. J.; Anderson, J. G.; Grant, M. H., *Toxicol. In Vitro* **2016**, 33, 54.

Supporting Information

Photoactivatable Hsp47: A tool to regulate collagen secretion & assembly.

Essak S Khan,^{†,‡} Shrikrishnan Sankaran,[†] Julieta I Paez,[†] Christina Muth,[†] Mitchell K L Han,[†]
Aránzazu del Campo,^{†,‡} *

[†] INM Leibniz Institute for New Materials, Campus D22, 66123 Saarbrücken, Germany

[‡] Department of Chemistry, Saarland University, 66123 Saarbrücken, Germany.

*Correspondence: Aranzazu.delCampo@leibniz-inm.de

Experimental Procedures

Cloning and purification

The psfGFP150TAGPylT-His6pBad plasmid encoding for MbPylT and C-terminal hexahistidine-tagged sfGFP, with an amber stop codon at position 150 (pBad), and pBK-ONBYRS expressing MbPylS mutant was a gift from Prof. Dr. Jason Chin, Medical Research Council Laboratory of Molecular Biology, University of Cambridge, UK¹. A construct encoding amino acids 36–418 of the canine Hsp47 (canine SERPINH1 mRNA, NCBI accession NM_001165888), cloned into the pJExpress vector with a C-terminal Strep II tag was gift from Prof. Dr. Ulrich Baumann, University of Cologne, Germany².

The canine-derived synthetic Hsp47 gene from pJExpress plasmid was cloned in pET28a plasmid at the C terminus of EGFP gene using EcoRI and XhoI sites and transformed in NEB5 α cells using manufacturer's protocol (NEB C29871). Colonies were picked up and insert screening was performed using colony PCR and confirmed with sequencing following which positively cloned constructs were selected and were further cloned into psfGFP150TAGPylT-His6pBad plasmid at NcoI and XhoI site to develop pEGFPHsp47StrepII TagpBad construct. This construct was used to optimize protein expression conditions and was used as a backbone for developing the final construct pEGFPHsp47TAG 383 StrepII TagpBad construct (described later). Colonies were picked up and insert screening was performed using colony PCR approach and sequencing following which positively cloned constructs were selected and transformed into One shot top10 cells for protein expression using strepTag2 purification. Transformed cells were grown to OD₆₀₀ of 0.8 in LB medium containing kanamycin (Kan) (25 μ g/ml) and tetracycline (Tet) (12.5 μ g/ml). These cells were pelleted and the medium was exchanged in sterile environment with pre-warmed Terrific broth containing kanamycin (25 μ g/ml) and tetracycline (12.5 μ g/ml) and protein expression was induced after half an hour with 0.2 % arabinose at 37°C / 250 rpm. After induction, the cultures were incubated for 1 hour at 37°C / 250 rpm following which it was kept at 25-30°C / 180

rpm cells overnight. The cultured cells were harvested and pellets stored at -80 °C. Cells were resuspended in lysis buffer (50 mM Tris ·HCl (pH 7.5), 150 mM NaCl, 100 μ M PMSF, 4 mM DTT) and lysed by sonication. Cleared lysates were loaded onto 1 ml Streptactin Superflow high capacity binding column (IBA) and eluted with 2.5 mM (D)-desthiobiotin in lysis buffer excluding PMSF.

For the expression of photoactivatable Hsp47 (H_{47Y<ONBY}), *E. coli* TOP10 cells co-transformed with pBK-ONBYRS and pEGFPHsp47TAG 383 StrepTagIIpBad (encoding for N terminal EGFP tagged cHsp47 and C-terminal strepIItag with an amber stop codon (TAG) at position 383). The TAG mutation at 383rd position was incorporated with NEB Q5 site-directed mutagenesis kit using manufacturer's protocol (NEB E0554S). Transformed cells were incubated overnight with shaking at 37°C in LB supplemented with Kan (25μg/ml) and Tet (12.5μg/ml). The overnight culture was diluted 1:100 in two separate volumes of terrific broth (TB) supplemented with the same concentration of antibiotics and incubated with shaking at 37°C. At OD₆₀₀= 0.8 bacteria were isolated by centrifugation and re-suspended in equal volumes of warm TB supplemented with the same concentration of antibiotics, in the presence or absence of 0.4 mM of O-[(2-Nitrophenyl)methyl]-L-tyrosine hydrochloride (Santa Cruz Biotech). After 30 min, protein expression was induced with the addition of arabinose at a final concentration of 0.2% (w/v). Induction studies were performed with different temperature conditions after induction incubation for 1 hour at 37°C / 250 rpm following with 25-30°C / 180 rpm cells overnight was chosen as optimized expression condition. The cultured cells were harvested and pellets stored at -80 °C. Cells were resuspended in lysis buffer (50 mM Tris ·HCl (pH 7.5), 150 mM NaCl, 100 μ M PMSF) and lysed by sonication. 20μL of the clear lysates were taken incubated with 5 μL of Strep II tagged agarose beads (IBA Life sciences) for 5 min. Previously purified H_{47N} (His-tagged) and H_{47N} (strepIItagged) were used as controls. The beads were then spun down at 1000 rcf for 30 s and washed 2 times with PBS. For purification, cleared lysates were loaded onto 1 ml Strepactin Superflow high capacity binding column (IBA Life sciences) and eluted with 2.5 mM (D)-desthiobiotin in lysis buffer excluding PMSF. The

soluble fraction for both H_{47N} and H_{47Y<ONBY} was concentrated and purified further by gel filtration (Superdex S75; GE Healthcare) in buffer A [20 mM Hepes (pH 7.5), 300 mM NaCl, 4 mM DTT]. The strepII tag at C terminus was chosen as a selection marker for ONBY incorporation which was confirmed by Alexa 488 labeled Streptavidin against the strepII tag at the C terminus of H_{47Y<ONBY}. The bacteria which were not fed with ONBY in the medium produced truncated or incomplete H_{47Y<ONBY} because of the TAG mutation. A Western Blot was performed by running protein samples on SDS page. The 12% SDS PAGE gel was transferred using blotting chamber to PVDF membrane. The Blotted PVDF Membrane was blocked with Blocking buffer (0.5% milk powder in PBST (0.1 w/v)) for 20 mins. The excess blocking buffer was washed of three times using PBST (0.1 w/v) and then stained using labeled Fluorescent Alexa 488 streptavidin with a dilution of 1:500 for 20 mins. The excess streptavidin was washed of three times using PBST (0.5 w/v) and image RGB Blot in Gel doc.

In order to have controls for protein and cell based assays the N-terminal E GFP tagged cHsp47 pet28a plasmid were modified to develop variants. The variants were **a.** EGFP-Hsp47 383 Y<R pet28a (encoding H_{47Y<R} with Tyrosine mutated to Arginine at 383rd position). **b.** KDEL del EGFP-Hsp47 pet28a (encoding H_{47Kdel} without KDEL sequence at the C terminus). All the mutants were developed using NEB site-directed mutagenesis kit (NEB E0554S) and transformed into NEB 5 α cells for plasmid extraction and sequencing analysis. Positive clones were transformed in BL21 (DE3) Clear coli cells for His-tagged Ni-NTA chromatography. Expression was induced in BL21 (DE3) cells grown to an OD₆₀₀ of 0.6–0.7 by adding 0.5 mM isopropyl- β -D-thio-galactoside and shaking overnight at 25 °C. Cells were resuspended in lysis buffer (300 mM NaCl, 10 mM imidazole, 20 mM Tris, pH 8) and lysed by sonication. Cleared lysate was purified by Ni-NTA affinity chromatography (Ni-NTA superflow; Qiagen). The soluble fraction was concentrated and purified further by gel filtration (Superdex S75; GE Healthcare) in buffer A [20 mM Hepes (pH 7.5), 300 mM NaCl, and 4 mM DTT]. EGFP-pet28a was purified using same approach.

Collagen micropatterned affinity binding assay with Hsp47 variants

Collagen micropatterns were made by adopting a reported protocol^{3,4}. Glass cover-slips were cleaned by 5 min air plasma treatment (Harrick Plasma, Ithaca, NY, USA). In a 20×20×0.25 μm^3 Poly(dimethylsiloxane) (PDMS) membrane having square, nine 3×3 mm^2 wells. The PDMS membrane was placed on the plasma treated cover-slip. In each 3×3 mm^2 well, 5 μL of a 0.1 mg/mL PLL-g-PEG (PLL (20)-g [3.5]-PEG (5), SuSoS AG, Dübendorf, Switzerland) solution in phosphate buffered saline (PBS) was incubated for 1 h. Next, the wells were incubated with 5 μL of photo initiator (4-benzoylbenzyltrimethyl ammonium chloride) solution (custom synthesis by Sigma-Aldrich outsourced to SinoChem, China) for 1 minute. A wide field mass less UV projection was employed for making 10 μm patterns for 10 sec having 50%intensity at 365 nm wavelength. The optical projection system is based on a standard epi-fluorescence inverted microscope (Nikon Ti-Eclipse microscope, Nikon Instrument, France) coupled with a Digital Light Processing device (Texas-Instrument DLP Discovery 4100 UV) including a DMD (PRIMO unit) to generate spatially modulated excitation patterns^{3,4}. The UV exposure cleaves the PEG chains at the exposed sites on the substrate. After extensive rinsing with PBS, the micro wells were filled with 10 μL of 200 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ rat tail collagen I (Fisher Scientific) in H_2O (Diluted from Rat tail collagen stock of 3mg/mL). Collagen adsorbs on the UV exposed areas. The wells with the collagen patterns were incubated for 10 mins with 1 μM solutions of H_{47N}, H_{47Y<R}, H_{47Kdel}, H_{47Y<ONBY} or EGFP in PBS. For *in situ* photo activation of H_{47Y<ONBY}, the well filled with H_{47Y<ONBY} was irradiated 10 s with a PRIMO unit at 365 nm and 50% intensity. Fluorescence imaging was done using a Nikon Ti-Eclipse microscope. All the experiments were done in triplicate.

Native PAGE Western Blot

3mg/mL rat tail collagen Type 1 (Fischer Scientific) was diluted in sterile D/W to a concentration of 200µg/mL. H_{47N}, H_{47Y<R}, H_{47Y<ONBY}, H_{47Y<ONBYhv}, H_{47Kdel} and EGFP solutions at 1.2µM concentration were mixed with collagen solutions in 2:1 ratio. The samples were incubated overnight at 4°C. 20ul were run in Native PAGE 4-16% Bis-Tris Protein Gel (Invitrogen). The proteins were blotted on PVDF membrane for WB. Anti-Collagen Type I (RABBIT) Antibody - 600-401-103-0.1 (Rockland antibodies and assays), Secondary; Goat anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L) Highly Cross-Adsorbed Secondary Antibody, Alexa Fluor 647 (Invitrogen) in 1:500 dilution were used for WB. All the experiments were done in triplicate.

Fibrillation Assay

Collagen Type I solution (3mg/mL, Fisher Scientific) was diluted to 0.4 mg/ml with minimal essential medium (MEM) Buffer (1x) and pH was adjusted to 7.5 with 1 M sodium hydroxide (Sigma-Aldrich). This process has to be done within 4 min to prevent premature polymerization.⁵ The collagen solution was mixed with 1.2 mM solutions of H_{47N}, EGFP, H_{47Y<R}, H_{47Y<ONBY} or H_{47Y<ONBYhv} in MEM at molar ratio 1:2. The final concentration of collagen was 0.2 µg/ml (0.6 µM). A 0.2 µg/ml collagen solution was also used as a positive control. 100µl of the Col/Hsp47 variant mixture was transferred to a pre-cooled 96 well plate and absorbance at 600 nm was recorded with a Spectra Max UV plate reader during 40 min. The optical density of the Collagen solution at 600 nm was measured under different conditions. This wavelength does not interfere with the UV spectrum of ONBY. The H_{47Y<ONBY} solution was irradiated at 365 nm for 5 mins for activation. All the experiments were done in triplicate.

KDEL mediated delivery of Hsp47 variants to fibroblasts

L929 fibroblasts (ATCC CRL-6364) and Mouse Embryonic Fibroblast (MEF) were seeded on 12 well µ-Slide Angiogenesis (Ibidi) with DMEM GlutaMax and RPMI GlutaMax medium containing 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS; Gibco), ascorbic acid phosphate, and antibiotics (20K cells per well). After 30

mins cells were incubated with 0.3 μ M solution of Hsp47 variants in DMEM medium. After 3 hours incubation the medium was removed and cells were washed once with sterile Assay buffer (1X). Dual staining was prepared by mixing 1 μ l of ER tracker (ER Staining Kit - Red Fluorescence - Cytopainter (ab139482)) with 1 μ l of DAPI in 1 ml of ER Assay buffer (1X) provided in the kit. The cells were incubated with 60ul of Dual staining solution per well at 37°C for ½ hr. Cells were washed with Assay buffer (1X) once. Cells were fixed with 4% PFA for 10 mins. Washing was performed 3 times with Assay buffer (1X). All the experiments were done in triplicate.

Sirus Red Assay for quantification of Collagen deposition and Immunostaining:

Hsp47^{+/+} and Hsp47^{-/-} MEFs derived from Lethal Mouse Embryos were gifted by Prof. Dr. Kazuhiro Nagata, Kyoto Sangyo University, Japan⁶⁻¹¹. Cells were cultured in 24 well plate with high glucose DMEM Glutamax(Gibco) containing 10% FBS (Gibco), w/o or w/ ascorbic acid phosphate (0.1mM) (Ascorbate), and antibiotics for 24 hours (25K cells per well). Cells were incubated with 0.3 μ M solutions of Hsp47 variants or EGFP in medium for 3 h, followed by medium exchange w/ or w/o ascorbate, and cultured for additional 24 h. After PBS washing, cells were fixed using Bouin solution (75% picric acid, 10% formalin, and 5% acetic acid) (Sigma HT10132). Collagen deposited in the wells was stained by incubation with 0.1% Sirius red in picric acid (ab150681) for 1 hr and washing with 0.01 N HCl and 0.1 N NaOH¹⁰. Collagen deposition was quantified at 570 nm using a Biolumin960k spectrophotometer. Results were normalized by taking Hsp47 (+/+) as 1. Cell Counting was performed using Image J with references to DAPI stained cells. All the analysis was performed in triplicate.

For investigating the potential of H_{47Y<ONBY} for spatiotemporal control Hsp47^{+/+} and Hsp47^{-/-} cells (25K cells per well) were cultured in 24 well plates with high glucose DMEM Glutamax (Gibco) containing 10% FBS (Gibco), 0.1 mM ascorbate, and antibiotics. After 24 h, cells were incubated with 0.3 μ M solution of H_{47N}, H_{47Y<ONBY}, H_{47Kdel} or EGFP in DMEM medium for 3 h. Afterwards the solution was exchanged by DMEM Glutamax with ascorbate and cells were cultured for further 24 h. The wells containing H_{47Y<ONBY} were irradiated at 405 nm using Ti-Nikon Microscope with laser power of 50%

intensity for 30 seconds (~37mW exposure over the total exposed area i.e. 1.7W/cm² (measured using ILX Lightwave OMM-68108 Optical Multimeter) which is equivalent to energy of 51.2 J/cm²) with 10X objective exposed in an area of about 1.8x1.2mm², an hour after medium exchange. After 24 hours cells were fixed and immuno stained against collagen with Primary; Rabbit polyclonal anti-type I collagen, 600-401-103-0.1 (Rockland; dilution 1:200), Secondary; Goat anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L) Highly Cross-Adsorbed Secondary Antibody, Alexa Fluor 647, A-21245 (dilution 1:200) and stained Nucleus with DAPI (Thermofisher). Microscopic images were taken with Nikon Ti-Eclipse microscope. All the experiments were done in triplicates.

Statistics and Reproducibility

In Fibrillation Assay each data point represents the technical mean of (n=3) experiments including standard deviation represented by error bars. The data were plotted with the absorbance values. For Sirius Red assay each data point represents technical triplicates. We performed (n=4) number of experiment and plotted the graphs including whisker plots representing standard deviation by normalizing all the conditions with respect to Hsp47 (+/+) as 1. The sample sizes for all biochemical assays, imaging and immunoblotting reported have a sample sizes (n=3). All independent quantitative experiments were started from cell cultures. The quality of these quantitative datasets is assessed by the standard deviation value of all the measured and are provided in each main and supplementary dataset.

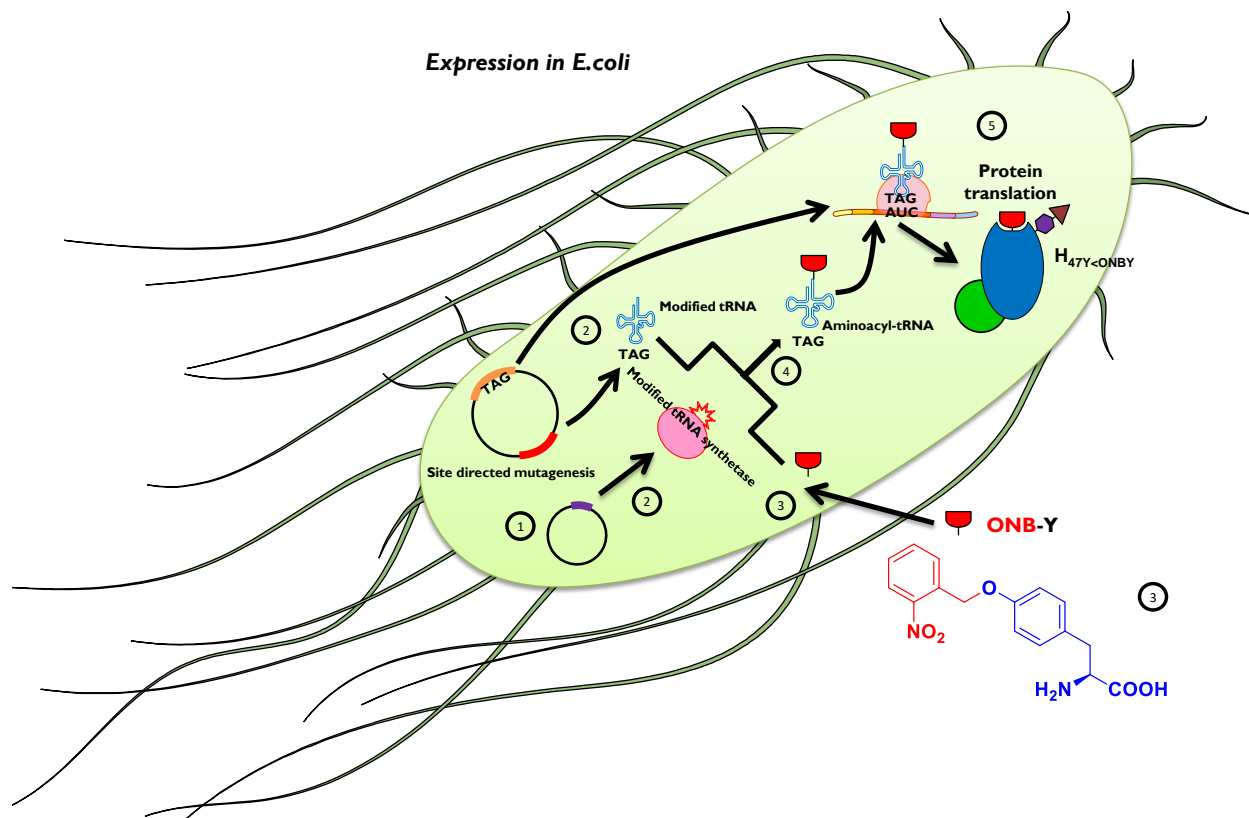


Figure S1. Schematic of synthesis of H₄₇Y<ONBY> 1. Co transformation of Hsp47383TAGpBAD and PBKONBYRS, 2. synthesis of orthogonal modified tRNA and tRNA synthetase, 3. uptake of ONBY by the *E. coli*, 4. Modified tRNA attaching to ONBY and 5. Protein translation.

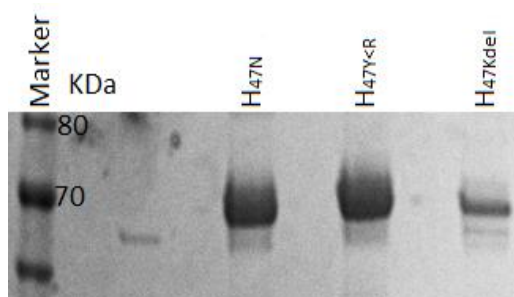


Figure S2. 12 % SDS PAGE gel of Hsp47 variants.

Sr.No	Title	Detail Plasmid & Genetic Construct	Yield (200 mL culture)
1	H ₄₇	cHsp47strepPJexp411	183.26 ng (with impurities)
2	H _{47N}	EGFPHsp47strepTagpeT28a EGFPHsp47strepTagpBAD	207.8 µg 65.98 ng
3	H _{47Y<ONBYhv}	EGFPHsp47strepTag383TAGMutpBAD	43.56 ng
4	H _{47Kdel}	EGFPHsp47strepTag C terminal KDEL Deletion peT28a	65.98ng
5	H _{47Y<R}	EGFPHsp47strepTag MutY383R peT28a	45.85 ng
6	EGFP	EGFPpeT28a	359.95 ng

Table S1. Yield of the synthesis of Hsp47 mutants calculated from absorbance measurement using Nano drop UV spectrophotometer.

Sr.No	Title	Detail Plasmid & Genetic Construct	Primers
1	H _{47N}	EGFPHsp47strepTagpeT28a	ttaGAATTCATGCTGAGCCCGAAAGCC
			tttCTCGAGTTATTTCTCAAATTGCGGGTGG
		EGFPHsp47strepTagpBAD	tttCCATGGTGAGCAAGGGCGAG
			tttCTCGAGTTATTTCTCAAATTGCGGGTGG
2	H _{47Y<ONBYN}	EGFPHsp47strepTag383TAGMutpBAD	AGCTGTTTtagGCGGATCATCCG
			TCGGGGAACGCAGCTCTT
3	H _{47Kdel}	EGFPHsp47strepTag C terminal KDEL Deleted peT28a	CTGGAATCCGCTTGGAGC
			GTCGCCCTTTGGACGGAC
4	H _{47Y<R}	EGFPHsp47strepTag MutY383R peT28a	GAAGCTGTTTcgGCGGATCATCC
			GGGGAACGCAGCTCTTCA
5	EGFP	EGFPpeT28a	CTGGAATCCGCTTGGAGC
			GTCGCCCTTTGGACGGAC

Table S2.Primers used for developing H_{47YN}, H_{47Y<ONBY} and other mutants.

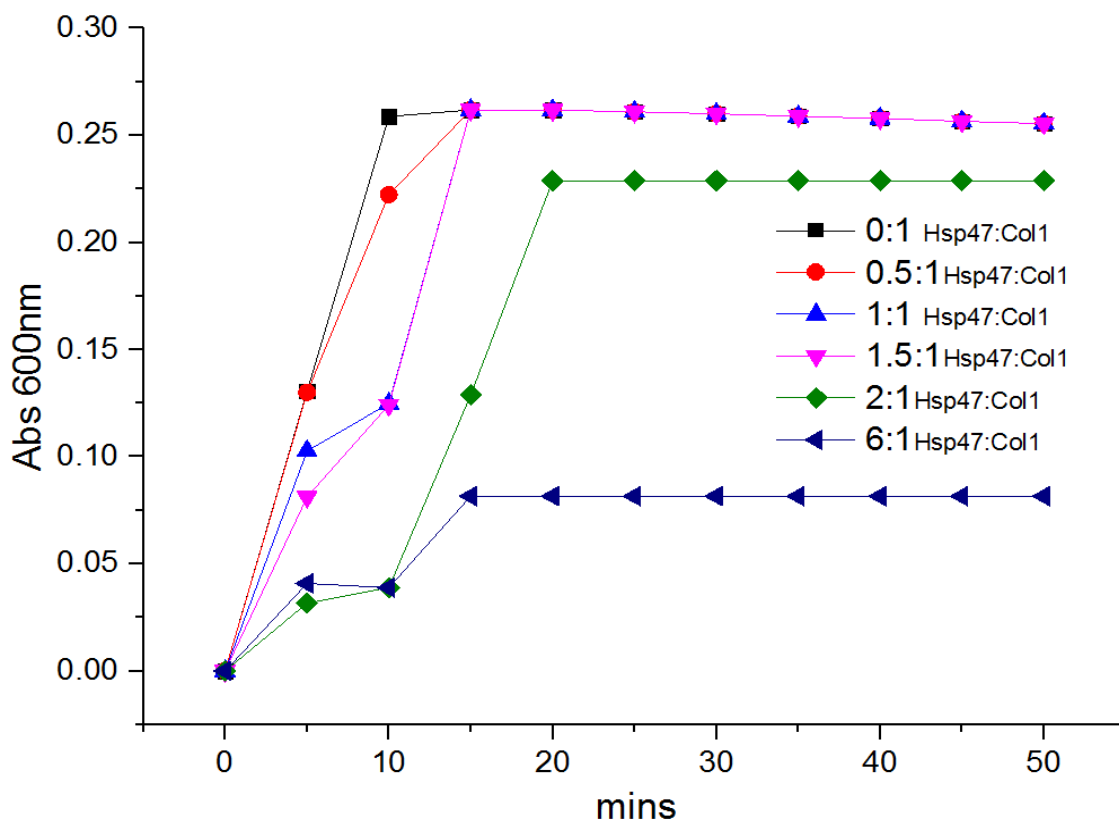


Figure S3. Turbidity measurements of Collagen/Hsp47 mixtures of different ratios. The increase in absorbance at 600nm reflects the formation of fibrils. Rat tail collagen (3mg/mL) was diluted to 0.4 mg/ml by addition of MEM Buffer (1x) and was adjusted to pH to 7.5 with sodium hydroxide within 4 min to prevent premature polymerization⁵. The 0.4 mg/ml of collagen solution was mixed with H₄₇N at molar ratios of 0.5:1 (H₄₇N (0.3uM): Collagen (0.6uM)), 1:1 (H₄₇N (0.6uM): Collagen (0.6uM)), 2:1 (H₄₇N (1.2uM): Collagen (0.6uM)) and 6:1 (H₄₇N (3.6uM): Collagen (0.6uM)) to a final concentration of 0.2 µg/ml. A 0.2 µg/ml collagen solution was used as a positive control. 75µl of each sample were transferred to a plate reader and absorbance was measured at 600 nm for 50 min at 34 °C. The experiments were performed in triplicate. (n = 3 data point representing mean value of technical triplicates of each experiment).

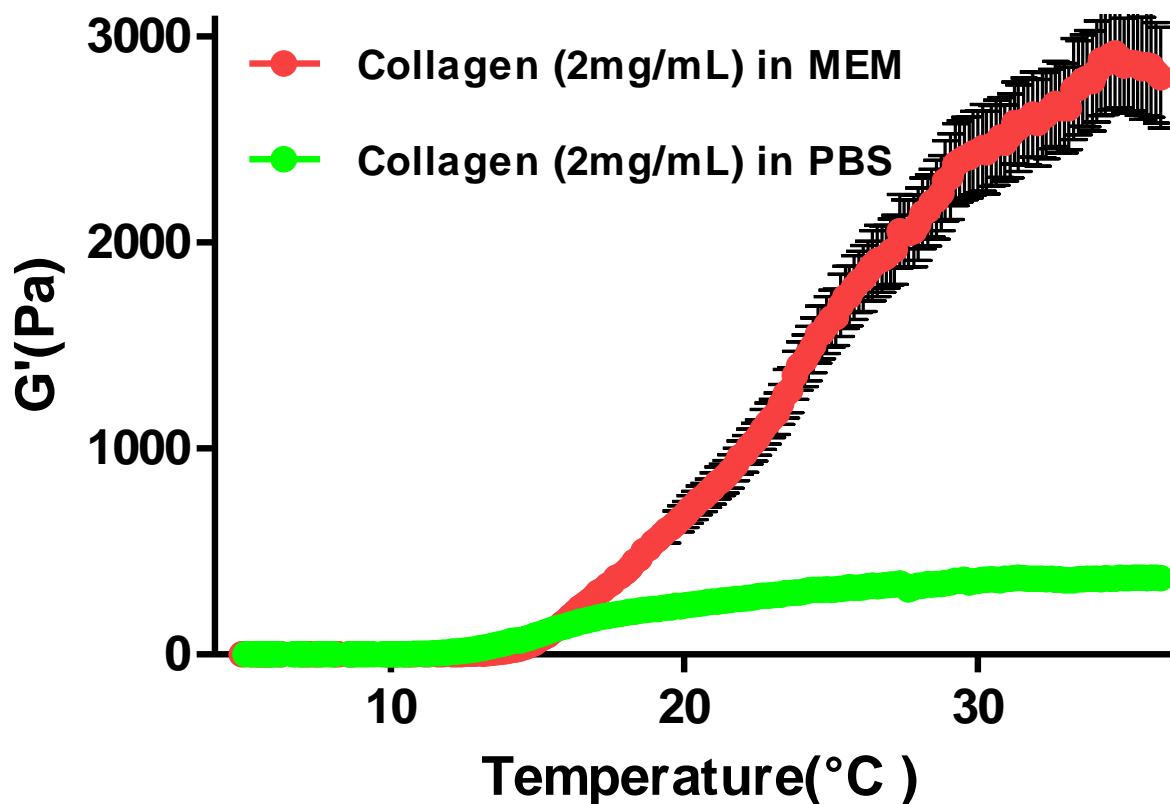


Figure S4. Rheology measurements of collagen solutions during fibrillation in MEM and PBS. Rat tail collagen (3mg/mL) was diluted to 2 mg/mL concentration with MEM or PBS and was adjusted to pH to 7.5 with sodium hydroxide within 4 min. A DHRIII Rheometer (TA Instruments) was used for the measurements. 50 μ l of the collagen solution was placed between two parallel plates of 8 mm diameter cooled at 4°C. The shear moduli (G') were measured at frequency ω - 30-0.03 rad/s while temperature was increased to 40°C at 0.1°C/min. (n=3 data point representing mean value of technical triplicates of each experiment with standard deviation)

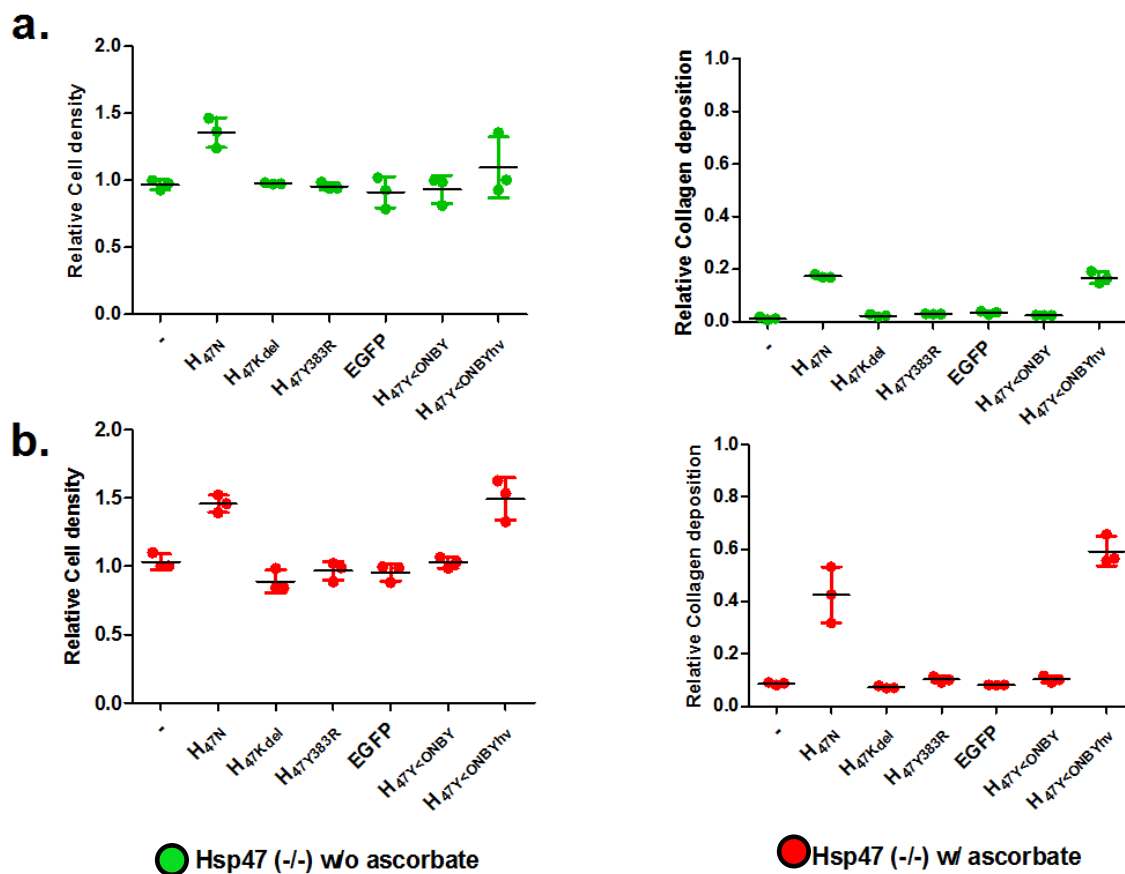


Figure S5. Relative collagen deposition and Relative Cell Density of MEF Hsp47 $-/-$ in absence (a) and presence of ascorbate (b) with Hsp47 variants. Photo activation of H47Y<ONBY was done *in situ* by irradiating UV light for 30 sec using Nikon Ti-Eclipse microscope at 405 nm wavelength (n=3 data point representing mean value of technical triplicates of each experiment with whisker plots representing standard deviation standard deviation).

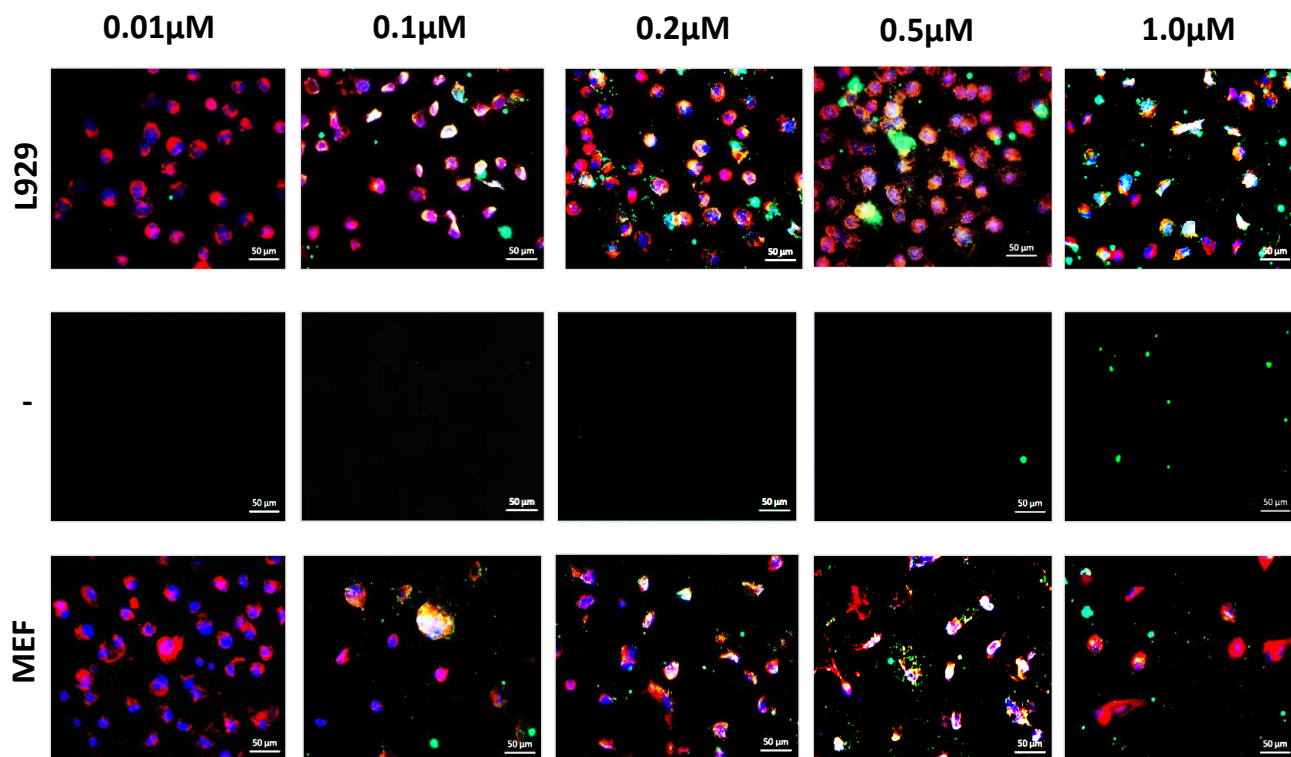


Figure S6. Fluorescence microscopy images of L929 and MEF cells after incubation with different concentration of H₄₇ from 0.01 to 1 μM during 3 hours, washing and fixation. (Blue: DAPI (Nucleus), Green: EGFP Hsp47, Red: Rhodamine labeled ER). The images were taken using a Zen Observer Video Microscope (Zeiss).

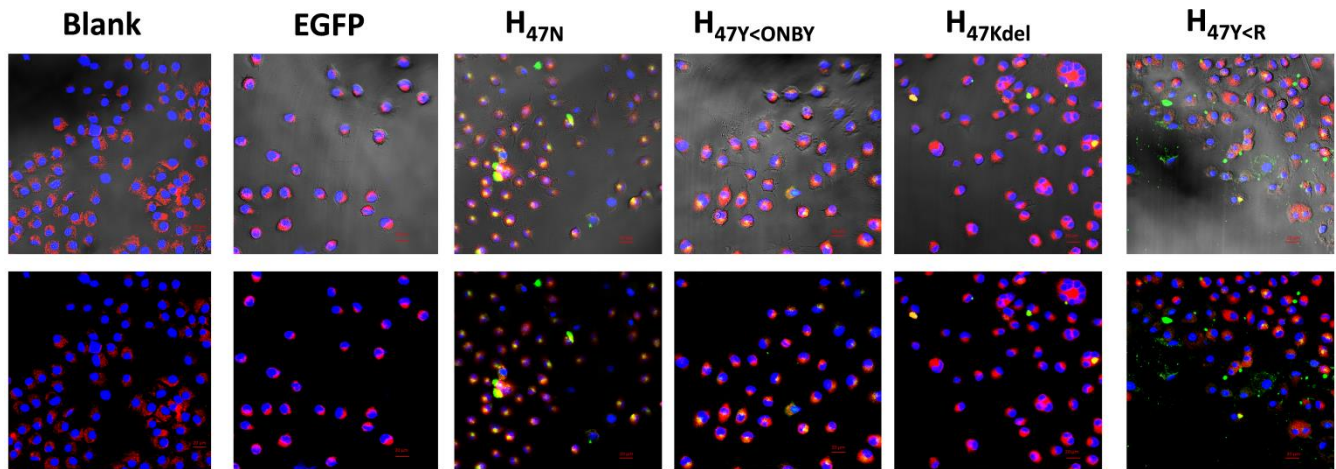


Figure S7. Confocal microscopy images of L929 cells after incubated with EGFP, H₄₇, H_{47Y<ONBY}, H_{47Y<R} and H_{47Kdel}. Fixed and stained with Blue: DAPI (Nucleus), Green: EGFP Hsp47, Red: Rhoda mine labeled ER. Scale: 20 μ m.

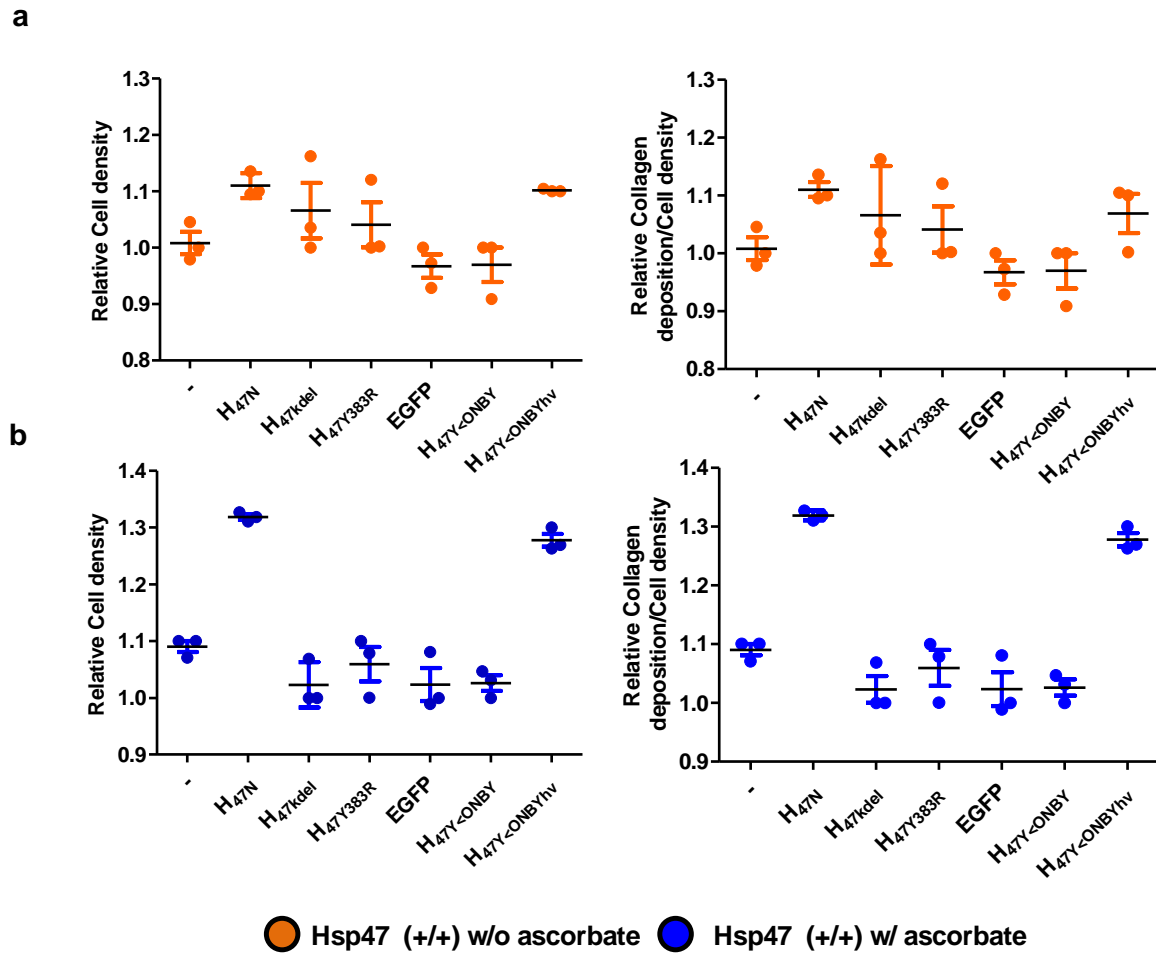


Figure S8. Relative collagen deposition, Relative Cell Density of Hsp47 +/+ in absence (a) and presence of ascorbate(b) with different Hsp47 mutants. Collagen deposition was quantified using Sirius Red Assay. Cell density was counted using DAPI staining of the nucleus and Image J software. Photo activation of H_{47Y<ONBY} was done *in situ* by 30 sec exposure at 405 nm using PRIMO Unit in Nikon Ti-Eclipse microscope at 50% illumination intensity(n=3 data point representing mean value of technical triplicates of each experiment with whisker plots representing standard deviation standard deviation)

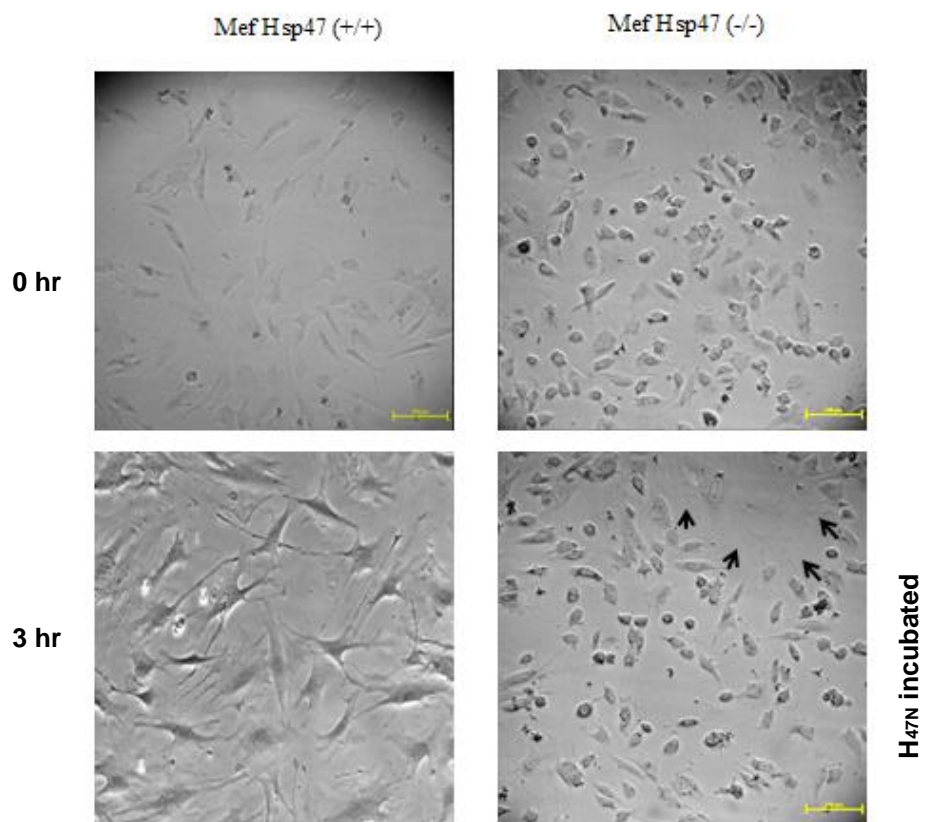


Figure S9. 20X Bright field images of Hsp47 (+/+) and Hsp47 (-/-) cells showing improvement shown with the small arrows in morphology after delivery of H₄₇ in 3 hours (Scale:100 μ m).

FileUp

MSF: 421 Type: P Check: 7992 ..

Name: Homo oo Len: 421 Check: 684 Weight: 0.0
Name: Rattusnorvegicus oo Len: 421 Check: 4859 Weight: 10.0
Name: Mus oo Len: 421 Check: 3917 Weight: 10.0
Name: Canislupus oo Len: 421 Check: 1504 Weight: 10.0
Name: Gallusgallus oo Len: 421 Check: 1217 Weight: 10.0
Name: Zebrafish oo Len: 421 Check: 3540 Weight: 10.0
Name: Goldfish oo Len: 421 Check: 5498 Weight: 10.0
Name: Melonfly oo Len: 421 Check: 5970 Weight: 10.0
Name: ChannelCatfish oo Len: 421 Check: 2938 Weight: 10.0
Name: Amazonaparrot oo Len: 421 Check: 2619 Weight: 10.0
Name: Brandtsbat oo Len: 421 Check: 2759 Weight: 10.0
Name: Greenseaturtle oo Len: 421 Check: 8976 Weight: 10.0
Name: Rockdove oo Len: 421 Check: 557 Weight: 10.0
Name: Squerrilllikeanimal oo Len: 421 Check: 3579 Weight: 10.0
Name: Yak oo Len: 421 Check: 940 Weight: 10.0
Name: Blackfruitbat oo Len: 421 Check: 2467 Weight: 10.0
Name: Nakedmolerat oo Len: 421 Check: 796 Weight: 10.0
Name: ChineseHamster oo Len: 421 Check: 3110 Weight: 10.0
Name: Damaralandmolerat oo Len: 421 Check: 2798 Weight: 10.0
Name: Mediterraneanfruitfly oo Len: 421 Check: 3130 Weight: 10.0
Name: Australian oo Len: 421 Check: 6134 Weight: 10.0//

Homo	MRSLLLLSAF	CLLEAALAAE	VKKPAAAAAP	GTAEKLSPKA	ATLAERSAGL
Rat	.MRSLLLGTL	CLLAVALAAE	VKKPVEATAP	GTAEKLSSKA	TTLAERSTGL
Mus	.MRSLLLGTL	CLLAVALAAE	VKKPLEAAAP	GTAEKLSSKA	TTLAERSTGL
Cani	MRLLLLLNTC	CLLAVVLAEE	VKKPAAAAAP	GSAEKLSPKA	ATLAERSAGL
Gall	.....	...MQIFLVL	ALCGLAAAVP	SEDRKLSDKA	TTLADRSTTL
Zeb	.....	...MWVSSLI	ALCLLAVAVS	GEDKKLSTHA	TSMADTSANL
Gol	.....	...MLVSSVV	LLCLLATVSG	..DKALSSHA	SILADNSANF
Mel	.....	.....	...MEALKIT	YKLERQFLVK	FLFVLGATAL
Chan	.....	...MWVKFLV	GLCLLASVGA	..DKKLSSHA	TILADNSANL
Amaz	.....	...MWIILVL	ALCGLAAAVP	SEDRKLSDKA	TTLADRSTTL
Bran	MRSLLLTSAF	CLLAMALAAE	VKKPAAPAAP	GTAEKLSPKA	TTLAERSAGL
Gree	.....	...MWVTNLL	ALCALVAAPV	SEDKKLSDKA	AALADRSATL
Roc	.....	...MWIILV	LALCGLAAAV	PSEDRKLSDK	ATTADRSTT
Sque	MRSLLLLSTF	CLLALAG...	.....	.VLAAELSPK	AATLAERSAG
Yak	MRALLLISTI	CLLARALAAE	VKKPAAAAAP	.GTAEKLSPK	AATLAERSAG
Blac	MRSLLLTSTF	CLLAITLAAE	VKKPAVAAAA	PGTGEKLSPK	AATLAERSAG
Nake	MRCLLLLGTF	SLLAVALAAE	VKKPAAAAAP	G.TAEKLSSK	AATLAERSAG
Chin	.MRSLLLASF	CLLAVALAAE	VKKPVEAAAP	G.TAEKLSSK	ATTLAERSTG
Dama	MRCLLLLGTF	SLLAVALAAE	VKKPAAVAAP	G.TAEKLSSK	AATLAERSAG
Medi	.....	.....	....MMAYTY	RHKLQIYFIA	QILCTVWLTA
Aust	.....	....MGMKL	ILLSLLICVV	KSEPVLLEKQ	GPILGDSTVN

Homo	AFSLYQAMAK	DQAVENILVS	PVVVASSLGL	VSLGGKATTA	SQAKAVLSAE
Rat	AFSLYQAMAK	DQAVENILLS	PLVVASSLGL	VSLGGKATTA	SQAKAVLSAE
Mus	AFSLYQAMAK	DQAVENILLS	PLVVASSLGL	VSLGGKATTA	SQAKAVLSAE
Cani	AFSLYQAMAK	DQAVENILLS	PVVVASSLGL	VSLGGKATTA	SQAKAVLSAE
Gal	AFNLYHAMAK	DKNMENILLS	PVVVASSLGL	VSLGGKATTA	SQAKAVLSAD
Zeb	AFNLYHNVAK	EKGLENILIS	PVVVASSLGM	VAMGSKSSTA	SQVKSILKAD
Gol	AFNLYHNLAK	EKDIENIVIS	PVVVASSLGL	VALGGSNTA	SQVKTIVLSAT
Mel	AYGQDDGFAQ	D...DNVYSW	YILDVTRILQ	NAESNIVVSP	SNIRALLKTP
Chan	AFDLYHNMAK	EKDMENILIS	PVVVASSLGL	VALGGKASTA	SQVKTIVLSGN
Amaz	AFNLYXAMAK	DKNMENILLS	PVVVASSLGL	VSLGGKATTA	SQAKAVLSAD
Bran	AFSLYQAMAK	DQAVENILLS	PVVVASSLGL	VSLGGKATTA	SQAKAVLSAE
Gree	AFNLYHTMAK	DKNMENILVS	PVVVASSLGL	VSLGGKATTA	SQAKAVLSAD
Roc	LAFNLYHAMA	KDK..NMENI	LLSPVVVASS	LGLVSLGGKA	ATASQAKAVL
Sque	LAFSLYQAMA	KDQ..AVENI	LLSPVVVASS	LGLVSLGGKA	ATASQAKAVL
Yak	LAFSLYQAMA	KDQ..AVENI	LLSPVVVASS	LGLVSLGGKA	ATASQAKAVL
Blac	LAFSLYQAMA	KDQ..AVENI	LLSPVVVASS	LGLVSLGGKA	TTASQAKAVL
Nake	LAFSLYQAMA	KDQ..AVENI	LLSPVVVASS	LGLVSLGGKA	ATASQAKAVL
Chin	LAFSLYQAMA	KDQ..AVENI	LLSPLVVASS	LGLVSLGGKA	TTASQAKAVL

Dama	LAFSLYQAMA	KDQ..AVENI	LLSPVVVASS	LGLVSLGGKA	ATASQAKAVL
Medi	TVCGESDKYS	EDEVVNENNV	LAWYILDVSQ	ILQNSKVNTI	LSP...MNLL
Aust	LGLSLYQTM	KDQKLRSQL	LFSPVVVASS	LGVMSMGAKD	KTAKQVKSL
Homo	QLRDEEVHAG	LGELLRSLSN	STARNVTWKL	GSRLYGPSSV	SFADDFVRSS
Rat	KLRDEEVHTG	LGELLRSLSN	STARNVTWKL	GSRLYGPSSV	SFADDFVRSS
Mus	KLRDEEVHTG	LGELLRSLSN	STARNVTWKL	GSRLYGPSSV	SFADDFVRSS
Cani	QLRDEEVHAG	LGELLRSLSN	STARNVTWKL	GSRLYGPSSV	SFAEDFVRSS
Gal	KLNDYVHSG	LSELLNEVSN	STARNVTWKL	GNRLYGPASI	NFADDFVKNS
Zeb	ALKDEHLHTG	LSELLTEVSD	PQTRNVTKI	SNRLYGPSSV	SFAEDFVKNS
Gol	TVKDEQLHSG	LSELLTEVSN	STARNVTWKL	SNRLYGPSSV	SFVDNFLKSS
Mel	PSMN..LRFG	FDEKTM LG..	...QNVIFAE	SNMILNNP..	.....DTL
Chan	KVKDENLHSG	LAELLSEVSN	PKERNVTWKL	TNRLYGPSSV	SFSEDFVKNS
Amaz	KLNDYVHSG	LSELLNEVSN	STARNVTWKL	GNRLYGPASI	NFADDFVKNS
Bran	QLRDEEVHAG	LGELLRSLSN	STARNVTWKL	GSRLYGPSSV	SFAEDFVRSS
Gree	KLNDYIHGG	LSELLNEVSN	STARNVTWKL	GNRLYGPSSI	SFAEDFVKSS
Roc	SADKLNDYDL	HSGLSELLNE	VSNSTARNVT	WKIGNRLYGP	ASINFADDFV
Sque	SAEQLRDEEV	HAGLGELLRS	LSNSTARNVT	WKLGSRLYGP	SSVSFAEDFV
Yak	SAEQLRDEEV	HAGLGELLRS	LSNSTARNVT	WKLGSRLYGP	SSVSFAEDFV
Blac	SAEQLRDEEV	HAGLGELLRS	LSNNTARNVT	WKLGSRLYGP	SSVSFADDFV
Nake	SAEQLRDEEV	HAGLGELLRS	LSNSTARNVT	WKLGSRLYGP	SSVSFADDFV
Chin	SAEQLRDEEV	HTGLGELLRS	LSNSTARNVT	WKLGSRLYGP	SSVNFAEDFV
Dama	SAEQLRDEEV	HTGLGELLRS	LSNSTARNVT	WKLGSRLYGP	SSVSFADDFV
Medi	KTPAIVDLRF	GADN.EMEGI	NMILAESRRS	LSRP.....	.....
Aust	NIN.LNDDTL	HPAFSELLNE	VSNETARNTT	WKIGNCLYAP	TSVNVRRDFV
Homo	KQHYNCEHSK	INFRDKRSAL	QSINEWAAQT	TDGKLPEVTK	DVERTDGALL
Rat	KQHYNCEHSK	INFRDKRSAL	QSINEWASQT	TDGKLPEVTK	DVERTDGALL
Mus	KQHYNCEHSK	INFRDKRSAL	QSINEWASQT	TDGKLPEVTK	DVERTDGALL
Cani	KQHYNCEHSK	INFRDKRSAL	QSINEWAAQT	TDGKLPEVTK	DVERTDGALL
Gal	KKHYNYEHSK	INFRDKRSAL	KSINEWAAQT	TDGKLPEVTK	DVEKTDGALI
Zeb	KKHYNYEHSK	INFRDKRSAI	NSINEWAAKT	TDGKLPEITK	DVKNTDGAMI
Gol	KKHYNCEHSK	INFRDKRSAL	KAINDWASKS	TDGKLPEVTK	DVEKTDGAMI
Mel	EWFYDCKIQE	TSFTDKKKLI	TSINDWSENI	ADQTIKLSSE	MILKEENLQV
Chan	KKHYKYEHAK	INFRDKKSAV	NAINEWASKS	TDGKLPEVTK	DVEKTDGAMI
Amaz	KKHYNYEHSK	INFRDKRSAL	KSINEWAAQT	TDGKLPEVTK	DVEKTDGALI
Bran	KLHYNCEHSK	INFRDKRSAL	QSINEWASQT	TDGKLPEVTK	EVERTDGALL
Gree	KKHYNYEHSK	INFRDKRSAL	KSINEWASQT	TNGKLPEVTT	NVEKTDGALI
Roc	KNSKKHYNYE	HSKINFRDKR	SALKSINEWA	AQTTDGKLPE	VTKDVEKTDG
Sque	RSSKQHYNCE	HSKINFRDKR	SALQSINEWA	AQTTGGKLPE	VTSDVERTDG
Yak	RSSKQHYNCE	HSKINFRDKR	SALQSINEWA	AQTTDGKLPE	VTKDVERTDG
Blac	RSSKQHYNCE	HSKINFRDKG	SALQSINEWA	AQTTDGKLPE	VTKEVERTDG
Nake	RSSKQHYNCE	HSKINFRDKR	TALQSINEWA	AQTTDGKLPE	VTKDVERTDG
Chin	HSSKQHYNCE	HSKINFRDKR	SALQSINEWA	SQTTDGKLPE	VTKDVERTDG
Dama	RSSKQHYNCE	HSKINFRDKR	SALQSINEWA	AQTTDGKLPE	VTKDVERTDG
Medi	ENVEMFYNTK	IQEISFADTA	NHLVMINDWG	KRVTNEEFPK	LIESNSSLKN
Aust	QKTKTHYKYD	HSQINFKDQR	SALRSINQWA	SQATEGKLSE	ITAALSSTDG
Homo	VNAMFFKPHW	DEKFHHKMVD	NRGFMVTRSY	TVGVMMERT	GLYNYDDDEK
Rat	VNAMFFKPHW	DEKFHHKMVD	NRGFMVTRSY	TVGVMMERT	GLYNYDDDEK
Mus	VNAMFFKPHW	DEKFHHKMVD	NRGFMVTRSY	TVGVMMERT	GLYNYDDDEK
Cani	VNAMFFKPHW	DEKFHHKMVD	NRGFMVTRSY	TVGVMMERT	GLYNYDDDEK
Gal	VNAMFFKPHW	DEKFHHKMVD	NRGFMVTRSY	TVGVPMERT	GLYNYDDDEA
Zeb	VNAMFFKPHW	DEKSHHKMVD	NRGFLVTRSH	TVSVPMERT	GIYGFYEDTE
Gol	INAMFYKPHW	DEQFHHKMVD	NRGFLVHRSY	TVSVPMERT	GIYGLFDDTT
Mel	LILNMLNFKE	TLQINFKYTL	NATFHERPDS	TIVLPAVETT	EYLKYLDSDI
Chan	INAI FYKPHW	DEQFHHKMVD	NRAFLVHRSY	TVSVPMERT	GIYGFYDDTA
Amaz	VNAMFFKPHW	DEKFHHKMVD	NRGFMVSRSY	TVGVPMERT	GLYNYDDDET

Bran	VNAMFFKPHW	DERFHHKMVD	NRGFMVTRSY	TVGVTMME	RT	GLYNYDDDEK
Gree	VNAMFFKPHW	EERFHHKMVD	NRGFMVTRSY	TVGVPMME	RT	GLYNYFDDEA
Roc	ALIVNAMFFK	PHWDEKFHHK	MVDNRGFMVT	RSYTVGVPM	H	RTGLYNYD
Sque	ALLVNAMFFK	PHWDERFHHK	MVDNRGFMVT	RSYTVGVTM	H	RTGLYNYD
Yak	ALLVNAMFFK	PHWDERFHHK	MVDNRGFMVT	RSYTVGVTM	H	RTGLYNYD
Blac	ALLVNAMFFK	PHWDERFHHK	MVDNRGFMVT	RSYTVGVTM	H	RTGLYNYD
Nake	ALLVNAMFFK	PHWDEKFHHK	MVDNRGFMVT	RSYTVGVTM	H	RTGLYNYD
Chin	ALLVNAMFFK	PHWDEKFHHK	MVDNRGFMVT	RSYTVGVTM	H	RTGLYNYD
Dama	ALLVNAMFFK	PHWDEKFHHK	MVDNRGFMVT	RSYTVGVTM	H	RTGLYNYD
Medi	LQVLILNMFH	FVETLEINFK	YTANLLFYIT	PKQRTKVP	AV	ETTEYLKYLD
Aust	AFIINANYFK	PHWDESFQQT	MVDKRGFIIT	RTHTVSIP	MM	HQIRLCNYE
Homo	EKLQIVEMPL	AHKLSSLIIL	MPHHVEPLER	LEKLLTKEQL		KIWMGKMQKK
Rat	EKLQIVEMPL	AHKLSSLIIL	MPHHVEPLER	LEKLLTKEQL		KTWMGKMQKK
Mus	EKLQIVEMPL	AHKLSSLIIL	MPHHVEPLER	LEKLLTKEQL		KAWMGKMQKK
Cani	EKLQIVEMPL	AHKLSSLIIL	MPHHVEPLER	LEKLLTKEQL		KIWMGKMQKK
Gal	EKLQIVEMPL	AHKLSSMIIF	MPNHVEPLER	VEKLLNREQL		KTWASKMKKR
Zeb	NRFLIVSMPL	AHKKSSMIIF	MPYHVEPLDR	LENLLTRQQL		DTWISKLEER
Gol	NNLLVLDMAL	AHKMSSIVFI	MPYHVESLER	VEKLLTRQQL		NTWISKMEQR
Mel	LDAKILELPY	SNG.YFMYII	LPHTKQGVIE	TINNNGYEQ		TRIEWMMKER
Chan	NSFFVLEMPL	AHKKSSVIFI	MPYHVESLER	LEKMLTRKQL		DIWQSKMEQK
Amaz	EKLQIVEMPL	AHKLSSMIIF	MPNHVEPLER	VEKLLNREQL		KTWAGMKKKR
Bran	EKLQIVEMPL	AHKLSSLIIL	MPHHVEPLER	LEKMLTKEQL		KTWMGKMQKR
Gree	EKLQIVEMPL	AHKLSSMIIF	MPNHVEPLER	VEKLLTREQL		KTWIGKLLKR
Roc	DETEKLQVVE	MPLAHKLSSM	IFIMPNHVEP	LERVEKLLNR		EQLKTWAGKM
Sque	DEKEKLQIVE	MPLAHKLSSL	IIIMPHHVEP	LERLEKLLTK		EQLKTWMGKM
Yak	DEKEKLQVVE	MPLAHKLSSL	IIIMPHHVEP	LERLEKLLTK		EQLKVWMGKM
Blac	DEKEKMQIVE	MPLAHKLSSL	IIIMPHHVEP	LERLEKMLTK		EQLKIWMGKM
Nake	DEKEKVQILE	MPLAHKLSSL	IIIMPHHVEP	LERLEKLLTK		EQLKAWTGKL
Chin	DEKEKLQILE	MPLAHKLSSL	IIIMPHHVEP	LERLEKLLTK		EQLKAWMGKM
Dama	DEKEKVQILE	MPLAHKLSSL	IIIMPHHVEP	LERLEKLLTK		EQLKVWMGKM
Medi	SQMLDAKILQ	LPYSNG.FSM	YILLPHTKAG	LNELLSILGF		EQLKRLQWMM
Aust	DNANSLQVLE	LPLSHKHSSM	IFIMTKHIEP	LARLEKLLTK		EQLNTWIGKL
Homo	AVAISLPKGV	VEVTHDLQKH	LAGLGLTEAI	DKNKADLSRM		SGKKDLYLAS
Rat	AVAISLPKGV	VEVTHDLQKH	LAGLGLTEAI	DKNKADLSRM		SGKKDLYLAS
Mus	AVAISLPKGV	VEVTHDLQKH	LAGLGLTEAI	DKNKADLSRM		SGKKDLYLAS
Cani	AVAISLPKGV	VEVTHDLQKH	LAGLGLTEAI	DKNKADLSRM		SGKKDLYLAS
Gal	SVAISLPKVV	LEVSHDLQKH	LADLGLTEAI	DKTKADLSKI		SGKKDLYLSN
Zeb	AVAISLPKVS	MEVSHDLQKH	LGELGLTEAV	DKPKADLSNI		SGKKDLYLSN
Gol	AVAVSLPKVS	VEVSHDLQKH	LTELGLTEAV	DKAKADLSNI		SGKKDLYLSN
Mel	RVNVVMPTFK	YHFITNMREH	IQKN...SA	HRFDVDFEPA		FG.VETKKIN
Chan	AVAVSLPKIS	MEVSHNLQKY	LGELGVTEAV	DKTKADLSNI		SGKKDLYLAN
Amaz	SVAISLPKVV	LEVSHDLQKH	LADLGLTEAI	DKTKADLSKI		SGKKDLYLSN
Bran	AVAISLPKGV	VEVTHDLQKH	LAGLGLTEAI	DKNKADLSRM		SGKKDLYLAS
Gree	AVAISLPKVS	LEVSHDLQKH	LADLGLTEAM	DKNKADLSKI		SGKKDLYLSN
Roc	KKRSVAISLP	KVVLEVSHDL	QKHLADLGLT	EAIDKTKADL		SKISGKKDLY
Sque	QTKAVAISLP	KGVVEVTHDL	QKHLATLGLT	EAIDKNKADL		SRMSGKKDLY
Yak	QKKAVAISLP	KGVVEVTHDL	QKHLAGLGLT	EAIDKNKADL		SRMSGKKDLY
Blac	QKKAVAISLP	KGVVEVTHDL	QKHLAGLGLT	EAIDKNKADL		SRMSGKKDLY
Nake	QKKAVAISLP	KGVVEVTHDL	QKHLAGLGLT	EAIDKNKADL		SRMSGKKDLY
Chin	QKKAVAISLP	KGVVEVTHDL	QKHLAGLGLT	EAIDKNKADL		SRMSGKKDLY
Dama	QKKAVAISLP	KGVVEVTHDL	QKHLAGLGLT	EAIDKTKADL		SRMSGKKDLY
Medi	EVRRVNVLM	TFKYSFITNL	KEDILDK...	.SDHRFDSDF		ENSFSKEKDF
Aust	ERHTVSVSLP	KVNLEVSHDL	QKYLQELGLT	EAVDKNKADF		SGITGKKNLH
Homo	VFHATAFELD	TDGNPFDQDI	YGREELRSPK	LFYADHPFIF		LVRDTQSGSL
Rat	VFHATAFEWD	TEGNPFDQDI	YGREELRSPK	LFYADHPFIF		LVRDNQSGSL
Mus	VFHATAFEWD	TEGNPFDQDI	YGREELRSPK	LFYADHPFIF		LVRDNQSGSL

Cani	VFHATAFEWD	TEGNPFDQDI	YGREELRSPK	LFYADHPFIF	LVRDTQSGSL
Gal	VFHAAALEWD	TDGNPYDADI	YGREEMRNPK	LFYADHPFIF	MIKDSKTNSI
Zeb	VFHASSLEWD	TEGNPFDPSI	FGSEKMRNPK	LFYADHPFIF	LVKDNKTNSI
Gol	VFHASAMEWD	TEGNPPDTSI	YGTDKLKTPK	LFYADHPFIF	LVKDKKTNSI
Mel	IFQTTLVQFD	GSG.RARVED	YEKIRTTKYE	RFHVDRPFAF	YIKEKSTGRI
Chan	VFHASAFEWD	IAGNPADTSI	FGTDKVKNPK	LFYVDHPFIF	LVKDKSTGSI
Amaz	VFHAAALEWD	TEGNPYDADI	YGREEMRNPK	LFYADHPFIF	MIKDSKTNSI
Bran	VFHATAFEWD	TEGNPFDQDI	YGREELRSPK	LFYADHPFIF	LVRDSQTGSL
Gree	VFHAAALEWD	TEGNPFDADI	YGREEMRNPK	LFYADHPFVF	VIKDNKTNSI
Roc	LSNVFHATAL	EWDTEGNPYD	ADIYGREEMR	NPKLFYADHP	FIFMIKDNKT
Sque	LASVFHATAF	ELDTEGNPFD	QDIYGREELR	SPKLFYADHP	FIFLVRDTQS
Yak	LASVFHATAF	EWDTDGNPFD	QDIYGREELR	SPKLFYADHP	FIFLVRDTQS
Blac	LASVFHATAF	EWDTEGNPFD	QDIYGREELR	SPKLFYADHP	FIFLVRDSQS
Nake	LASVFHATAF	EWDTEGNPFD	QDIYGREELR	SPKLFYADHP	FIFLVRDTQS
Chin	LASVFHATAF	EWDTDGNPFD	QDIYGREELR	SPKLFYADHP	FIFLVRDNQS
Dama	LASVFHATAF	EWDTEGNPFD	QDIYGREELR	SPKLFYADHP	FIFLVRDTQS
Medi	LN.IFKVAAI	SFNGTGKPRV	EDYQNIR.SA	KYEKFHVDRP	FVYYIEN.KY
Aust	LSGMLHATAI	DWDTEGNQFD	QDWNSPFITK	SAKVFYADHA	YIFLIRDNKT
Homo		LFIGRLVRPK	GDKMRDEL		
Rat		LFIGRLVRPK	GDKMRDEL		
Mus		LFIGRLVRPK	GDKMRDEL		
Cani		LFIGRLVRPK	GDKMRDEL		
Gal		LFIGRLVRPK	GDKMRDEL		
Zeb		LFIGRLVRPK	GDKMRDEL		
Gol		LFMGRVLQPK	GDKMRDEL		
Mel		VCIGKVLNPV	Q.....		
Chan		LFIGRLVRPK	GEKMRDEL		
Amaz		LFIGRLVRPK	GDKMRDEL		
Bran		LFIGRLVRPK	GDKMRDEL		
Gree		LFIGRLVKPK	GDKMRDEL		
Roc		NSILFIGRLV	RPKGDKMRDE	L	
Sque		GSLFIGRLV	RPKGDKMRDE	L	
Yak		GSLFIGRLV	RPKGDKMRDE	L	
Blac		GSLFIGRLV	RPKGDKMRDE	L	
Nake		GSLFIGRLV	RPKGDKMRDE	L	
Chin		GSLFIGRLV	RPKGDKMRDE	L	
Dama		GSLFIGRLV	RPKGDKMRDE	L	
Medi		GEIVCIGKVE	NPEQ.....	.	
Aust		NSILLIGRLV	KPKSNDHDEL	.	

Figure S10. Multiple sequence alignment of Hsp47 showing conserved residues in different species. The KDEL sequence is highlighted in Green, active site 383 Y is highlighted in Blue, Histidine involved in protonation are highlighted in Red. RCL loop in Grey and Aspartic acid and Histidine are highlighted in Yellow and Pink.

References:

- (1) Arbely, E.; Torres-Kolbus, J.; Deiters, A.; Chin, J. W., *Journal of the American Chemical Society* **2012**, *134*, 11912.
- (2) Oecal, S.; Socher, E.; Uthoff, M.; Ernst, C.; Zaucke, F.; Sticht, H.; Baumann, U.; Gebauer, J. M., *J Biol Chem* **2016**, *291*, 12612.
- (3) Strale, P. O.; Azioune, A.; Bugnicourt, G.; Lecomte, Y.; Chahid, M.; Studer, V., *Adv. Mater.* **2016**, *28*, 2024.
- (4) Douglass, M. R.; Lee, B. L.; Strale, P.-O.; Azioune, A.; Bugnicourt, G.; Lecomte, Y.; Chahid, M.; Studer, V. In *Emerging Digital Micromirror Device Based Systems and Applications IX* 2017.
- (5) Piechocka, I. K.; van Oosten, A. S.; Breuls, R. G.; Koenderink, G. H., *Biomacromolecules* **2011**, *12*, 2797.
- (6) Greenspan, D. S. In *Collagen* 2005, p 149.
- (7) He, W.; Dai, C., *Curr Pathobiol Rep* **2015**, *3*, 183.
- (8) Ishida, Y.; Kubota, H.; Yamamoto, A.; Kitamura, A.; Bachinger, H. P.; Nagata, K., *Mol. Biol. Cell* **2006**, *17*, 2346.
- (9) Ito, S.; Nagata, K., *Semin Cell Dev Biol* **2017**, *62*, 142.
- (10) Ito, S.; Ogawa, K.; Takeuchi, K.; Takagi, M.; Yoshida, M.; Hirokawa, T.; Hirayama, S.; Shin-Ya, K.; Shimada, I.; Doi, T.; Goshima, N.; Natsume, T.; Nagata, K., *J Biol Chem* **2017**, *292*, 20076.
- (11) Makareeva, E.; Leikin, S., *PLoS One* **2007**, *2*, e1029.