

Decrease in α -Globin and Increase in the Autophagy-Activating Kinase ULK1 mRNA in Erythroid Precursors from β -Thalassemia Patients Treated with Sirolimus

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SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

Supplementary Figures

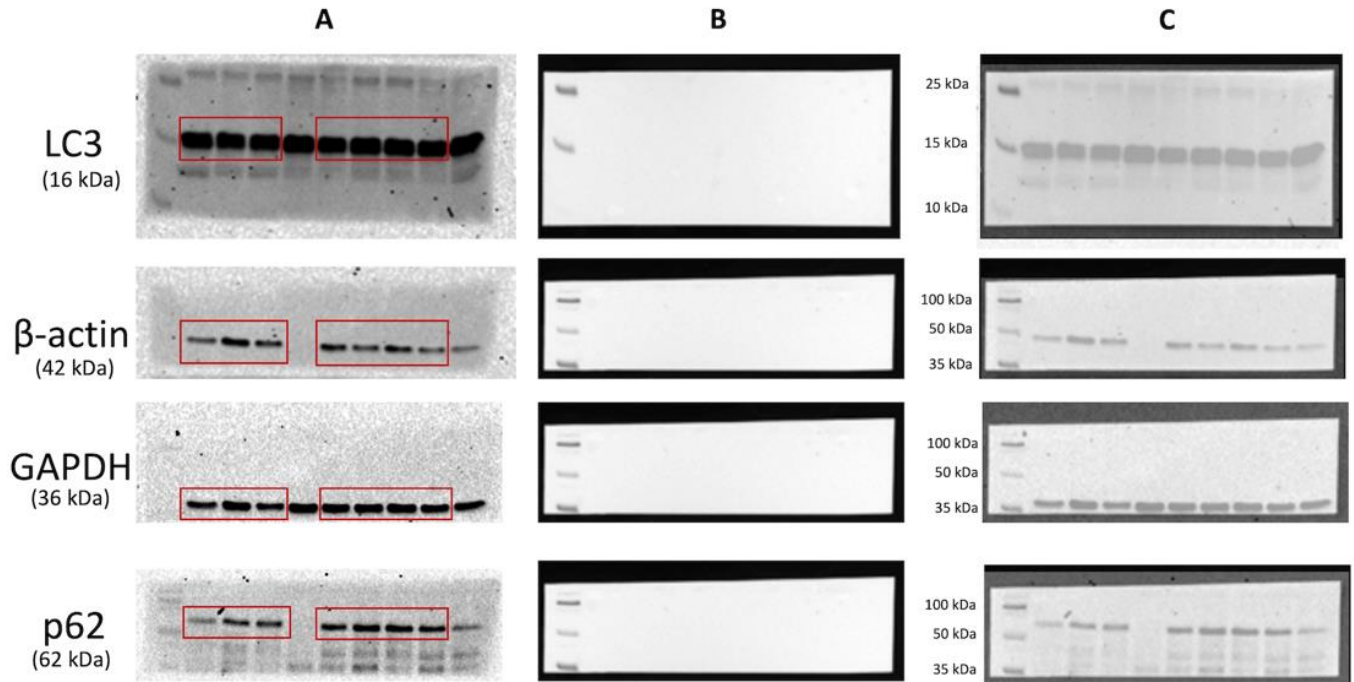


Figure S1. Uncropped version of Western Blot presented in Figure 1A. In panel A we show the acquired blot image, in panel B the nitrocellulose membrane with the prestained multicolor protein ladder (Spectra pre-stained ladder by Thermo Fisher, Waltham, MA, USA, cat. n. 26634) and in panel C the merge of picture A and B, showing the exact molecular weight of the target proteins.

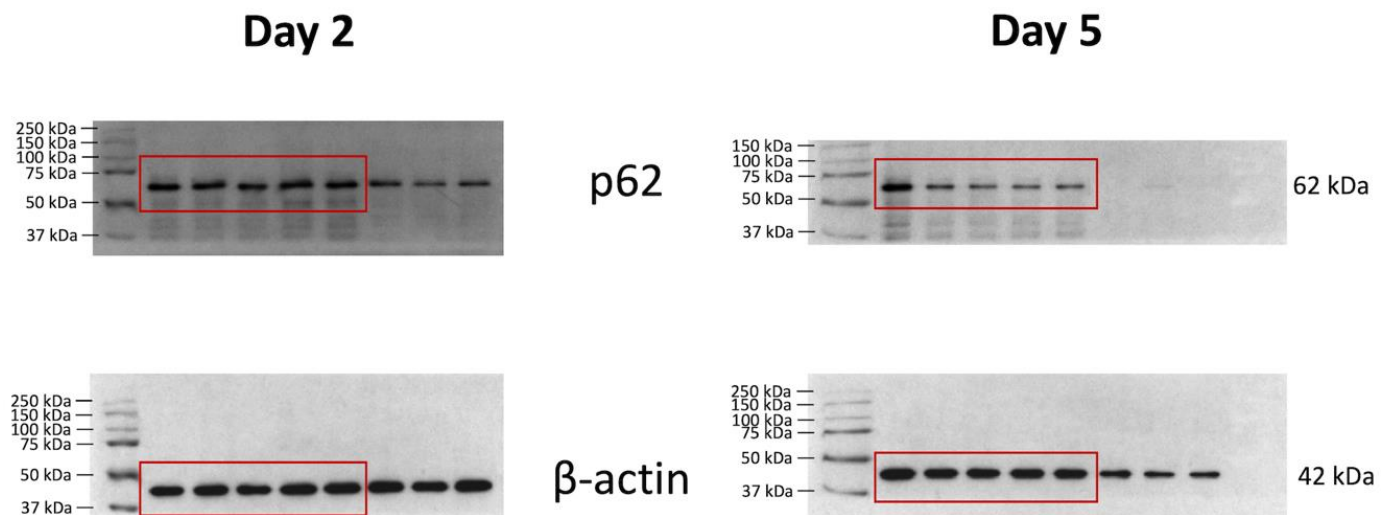


Figure S2. Uncropped version of Western Blot presented in Figure 2A. On the left of each picture we clearly show the molecular weight corresponding to each band of the protein ladder employed (Precision Plus Protein WesternC Standard from Bio-Rad, Hercules, CA, USA, cat. n. 1610376).

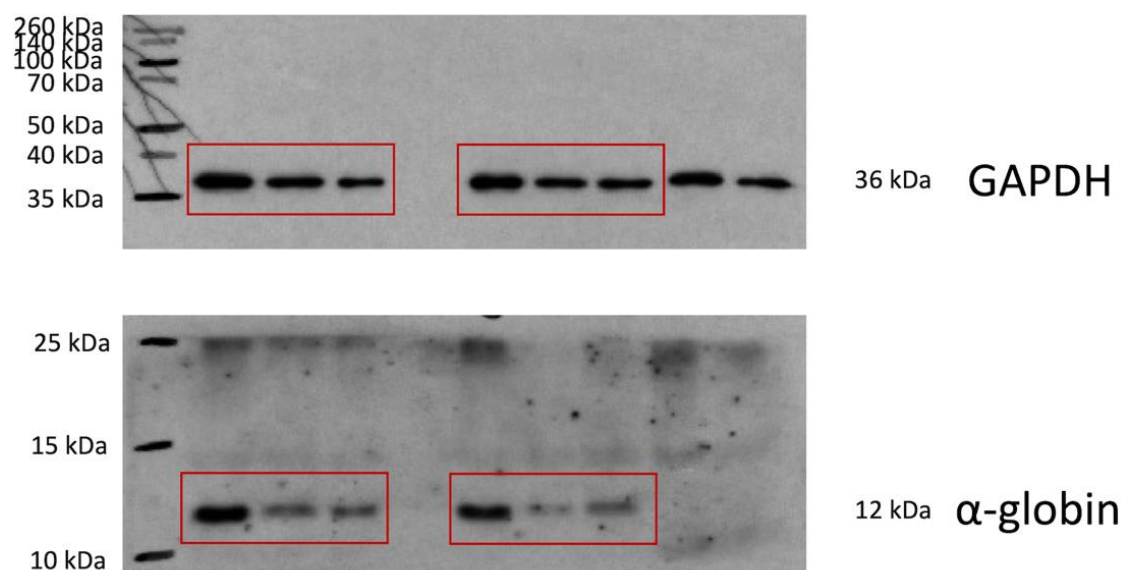


Figure S3. Uncropped version of Western Blot presented in Figure 3A. On the left of each picture we clearly show the molecular weight corresponding to each band of the protein ladder employed (Spectra pre-stained ladder by Thermo Fisher, Waltham, MA, USA, cat. n. 26634).