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We appreciate Reviewer #1's comment that our research is “a potentially exciting contribution that should be of broad appeal to the signal transduction community.” We have performed a number of additional experiments to address his/her concerns, and added some clarifying information to the revised manuscript. We hope that he/she finds these responses illuminating, and that they resolve his/her remaining concerns.

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We thank the Reviewer for pointing out this deficiency in the manuscript. In the revised paper, we include an additional reference to Poole *et al.* (2005, *Bioconjugate Chem.*), which reports that dimedone is incapable of labeling thiols or disulfide bonds (in the bacterial protein AhpC)¹.

We also conducted additional experiments to investigate further the specificity/preference of dimedone for the sulfenic acid oxidation state in the

mammalian cellular context. We treated cells with increasing concentrations of H₂O₂, with our goal being to achieve concentrations high enough to hyper-oxidize protein thiols beyond the sulfenic acid state to the (biologically irreversible) sulfinic or sulfonic states. Indeed, treatment of cells with 50 mM H₂O₂ resulted in a significant decrease in the intensity of anti-dimedone-Cys antibody staining, supporting the preferential reactivity of dimedone for reversible thiol oxidation. These data and the description of this experiment are found in the modified version of our manuscript (Supplementary Fig. 1e, P.7, L.97-99).

We also examined the ability of dimedone to label differentially oxidized forms of PTP1B *in vitro*. Again, we find that, consistent with the earlier studies (and the *in vivo* experiments cited above), dimedone cannot label irreversibly oxidized PTP1B. These experiments also suggest (although do not absolute show) that dimedone likely prefers to label the sulfenic acid state of PTP1B (PTP1B-SOH), rather than its sulfenylamide (PTP1B-SN) form (Supplementary Fig. 1a-c, P.6, L.67-87 and P.21, L363-371); please see more detailed discussion below.

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We thank the Reviewer for raising this important issue. We investigated this problem by *in vitro* dimedone-labeling experiments. Salmeen *et al.* (Nature, 2003) reported that when PTP1B is treated with increasing concentrations of H₂O₂, it undergoes time-dependent reversible, and ultimately irreversible, oxidation. Concomitant crystallographic and MS analysis showed that only the sulfenylamide state of PTP1B (PTP1B-SN), not the sulfenic acid (PTP1B-SOH) could be detected under these conditions, leading them to conclude that the latter form of the enzyme was evanescent (at least under their *in vitro* conditions)².

Using an analogous experimental design, we asked how reversible oxidation relates to dimedone reactivity *in vitro*. Similar to Salmeen *et al.*², we find an H₂O₂ dose-dependent decrease in the reversibility of PTP1B oxidation, as reflected by PTP

activity measurements. By contrast, consistent with the previous work of Huyer *et al.*³, pervanadate causes irreversible PTP1B oxidation (Supplementary Fig. 1a).

We then labelled purified PTP1B with dimedone in the presence of DTT or the same, low concentrations of H₂O₂. This experiment enabled us to follow dimedone labeling of PTP1B during oxidation. As shown in Supplementary Fig. 1b of the revised manuscript, incubation of PTP1B with dimedone in the presence of H₂O₂ resulted in PTP1B labeling in a manner dependent on H₂O₂ concentration, whereas no dimedonylation of PTP1B occurred in the presence of pervanadate. We interpret these data as indicating that dimedone can label reversibly, but not irreversibly, oxidized PTP1B, although in fairness, we cannot be certain if dimedone is reacting with the PTP1B-SOH or PTP1B-SN form of the enzyme. Next, we pre-incubated PTP1B with H₂O₂, and *then* labelled with dimedone. As shown in Supplementary Fig. 1c, pre-incubation diminishes dimedone-labeling of PTP1B even with 80 μM H₂O₂, which only causes reversible oxidation (Supplementary Fig. 1a). Given that the work of Salmeen *et al.* shows that oxidation of PTP1B results in conversion to the sulfenylamide *in vitro*², this result suggests that dimedone does not label the sulfenylamide form effectively, or at least as effectively as the sulfenic acid form.

These findings beg the question of which reversible form of oxidized PTP1B is labelled in the cellular context. Tonks' group used an scFv specific for a sulfenylamide-mimicking mutant of PTP1B to visualize PTP1B oxidation response to cell stimulation⁴. They showed clearly that (some fraction of) reversibly oxidized PTP1B can exist in the sulfenylamide form inside cells. However, their findings do not exclude the existence of at least some PTP1B-SOH form; our data suggest that dimedone traps this portion of the enzyme. A corollary of this conclusion is that dimedone-treatment at the same time as the fixation step that we use in our assay is capable of labelling this PTP1B-SOH species.

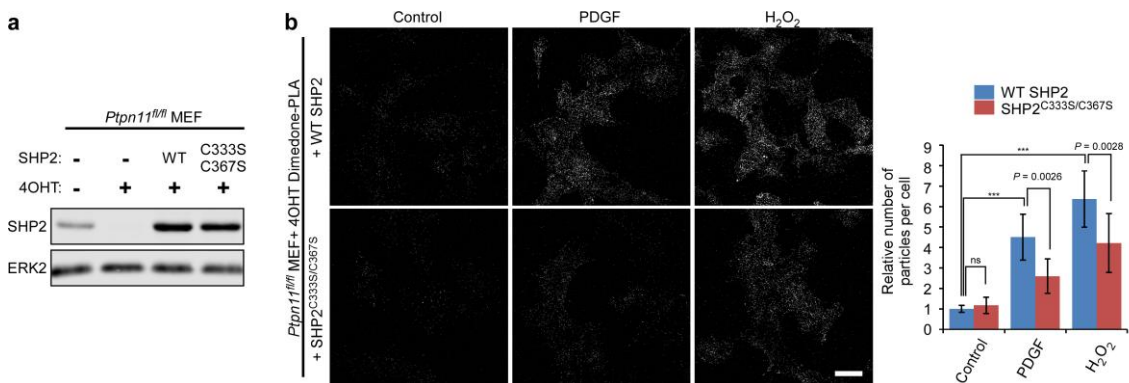
In summary, we conclude that dimedone labels only reversibly (i.e., not irreversibly) oxidized PTP1B, and most likely prefers the sulfenic acid over the sulfenylamide form. Although our results suggest that only the PTP-SOH form can be labelled by dimedone, stronger evidence would require experiments of the type reported by Salmeen *et al.*², studies that we hope the Reviewer would agree are beyond the scope of this manuscript. We discuss these issues more thoroughly in the revised text (see P.6, L.67-87 and P.21, L363-371).

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This question is similar to the one above (and similarly important). We showed previously, using our “redox proteomics,” method, that ~10% of SHP2 is reversibly oxidized (sulfenic acid and disulfide bonds) in response to 1 mM H₂O₂, whereas SHP2 oxidation is undetectable by this proteomic assay in PDGF-stimulated cells⁵. Therefore, whatever form of SHP2 is being targeted by dimedone in cells, it is a small fraction of total SHP2.

We attempted to address the “backdoor cysteine”⁶ issue by asking whether mutation of these cysteines alters dimedone reactivity in cells. We expressed *Ptpn11*^{C333S/C367S} in *Ptpn11*^{f/f} cells, evoked deletion of endogenous (WT) *Ptpn11*, and used our assay to monitor SHP2 oxidation in response to either PDGF or H₂O₂. The dimedone-PLA signal was significantly reduced (see figure below for Reviewers only). At first glance, this result would seem to suggest that dimedone labels the disulfide form of reversibly oxidized SHP2 (SHP2-S-S) instead of the SHP2-SOH form. However, the study cited above also argues that the S-S form protects the catalytic cysteine from hyperoxidation to the SO₂H/SO₃H states⁶. Also, as noted above, the work of Poole *et al.* argues that dimedone is poorly reactive against S-S bonds (at least in the bacterial protein AhpC). Based on our results with PTP1B (above), we strongly suspect that dimedone-PLA preferentially detects the transient SHP2-SOH form, but we cannot exclude the possibility that the S-S form is also detected. Regardless, our results indicate that only reversibly oxidized SHP2 is visualized.



(a) *Ptpn11*^{fl/fl} MEFs expressing WT SHP2 or SHP2^{C333S/C367S} were treated with or without 4OHT, as indicated. Lysates were immunoblotted with anti-SHP2 and anti-ERK2 antibodies. (b) 4OHT-treated *Ptpn11*^{fl/fl} MEFs expressing WT SHP2 or SHP2^{C333S/C367S} were serum-starved, stimulated with PDGF-BB (50 ng/ml) or H₂O₂ (1 mM) for 10 min, fixed in the presence of dimedone (5 mM) for 5 min, and subjected to dimedone-PLA (gray). Representative images are shown for each condition from one of 2

independent experiments. The graph shows the average number of PLA signals per cell (n = 6 images for each condition, 5-20 cells in an image), relative to unstimulated control cells (normalized to 1). Error bars represent SD. ***P<0.0001, ANOVA with Bonferroni/Dunn's post-hoc test. Scale bar: 50 μ m.

To what extent does global reactivity to dimedone change upon PDGF stimulation compared to H₂O₂?

We do not detect a significant increase of anti-dimedone-Cys immunostaining in PDGF-stimulated cells, compared to unstimulated cells, whereas H₂O₂ causes a slight but significant increase (Supplementary Fig. 1d). We therefore think that: 1) there are significant amounts of dimedone-labeled proteins in cells even without stimulation, suggesting basal protein-thiol oxidation under our culture conditions; 2) Unlike H₂O₂, PDGF stimulation does not cause a global increase in dimedone-labeling, which is consistent with spatially and quantitatively limited protein oxidation in response to growth factors; and 3) immunostaining with anti-dimedone-Cys antibodies does not produce enough signal over noise to detect a PDGF-evoked increase in total protein oxidation over the background protein oxidation in unstimulated cells. These issues are discussed on P.7, L.94-97 of the revised manuscript.

What % of the dimedone-labeled pool of proteins is SHP2?

To address this question, *Ptpn11^{fl/fl}* MEFs were subjected to tamoxifen treatment (to delete the floxed allele) or left untreated, and then immunostained with anti-dimedone-Cys antibodies. There was no significant difference in the intensity of the overall anti-dimedone signal in cells with or without SHP2 (Supplementary Fig. 1g). This result suggests that SHP2 is not a major protein that becomes oxidized and dimedone-labeled in cells. Consistent with this conclusion, anti-dimedone-Cys antibody immunoblotting of lysates from dimedone-labeled cells shows multiple bands other than SHP2 (Supplementary Fig. 1f), supporting the idea that SHP2 is a minor dimedonylated species. These experiments are described and discussed on P.7, L.99-P.8, L.105.

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We apologize, but we are not exactly sure what the Reviewer is asking here. We think that ox-SHP2, as detected by dimedone-PLA, does not colocalize with RAB5 because it is (as the Reviewer states) occurring randomly in the cytoplasm when cells are treated with H₂O₂. As noted above, as measured by our redox proteomics approach, SHP2 oxidation in response to PDGF stimulation is less than in response to the 1 mM dose of H₂O₂ used in the dimedone-PLA experiments in Figure 1. We believe that our MS assay is intrinsically more quantitatively reliable than the dimedone-PLA approach presented here, and that significantly less SHP2 oxidation occurs in response to PDGF than 1mM H₂O₂. Whereas our new dimedone-PLA method is useful for visualizing the location of oxidation events, and gaining some assessment of relative amounts of oxidation, we doubt that it is linear. It should not be used for rigorous, quantitative assessments of oxidation events.

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We are sorry that the Reviewer found the manuscript dense and the redoxosome concept difficult to follow. We were attempting to keep the word count low, and might have erred on the side of concision. In the revision, we tried to make the main concepts more clear (P.21, L.373-P.22, L.382). We also have added a schematic of our current model as Fig. 6d.

Although we observe NOX1 and NOX4 in vesicular structures, we cannot exclude the possibility that they also are found at the plasma membrane. Immunofluorescence staining highlights molecules that are concentrated in structures such as endosomes, whereas at the plasma membrane, the signal density could be more sparse and hard to see above the background. Notably, we did observe PDGF-evoked

co-localization of PDGFR β and NOX proteins (Fig. 5a). Therefore, we think that there are two possibilities: (1) NOX proteins also are present at fairly low (undetectable) levels on the plasma membrane, and are endocytosed with the PDGFR to form redoxosomes; or (2) NOX proteins are on cytoplasmic vesicular structures and these vesicles are, by an unknown mechanism, recruited to, and fused with, endocytic vesicles containing PDGFR. We hope that the Reviewer will agree that distinguishing between these possibilities is beyond the scope of this manuscript. We added this discussion in the revised manuscript (P.22,L.382-389).

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We were trying to be very cautious in our conclusions. We think that it is highly likely that SHP2 is bound to PDGFR on redoxosomes when it gets oxidized (i.e., it is “on” redoxosomes). But the spatial resolution of the PLA signals by light microscopy and object-based image analysis does not permit such a conclusion to be made with certainty (i.e., oxidation could occur anywhere within the diffusion limit of H₂O₂ from redoxosomes). Therefore, we think it is more accurate to say “on or close to” RAB5+ endosomes. Descriptions related to this issue can be found on P.17, L.284-288.

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PDGFR β is endocytosed following PDGF stimulation, and numerous previous studies have shown that receptor tyrosine kinases, including PDGFR β , continue to signal while on endosomes⁷⁻¹⁰. Presumably, one of these signals triggers H₂O₂ production. It has been reported that the PI3K-RAC axis is required for growth factor-evoked ROS generation¹¹⁻¹³. Consistent with this model, we observed that PI3K inhibitors suppressed PDGF-evoked SHP2 oxidation (new Supplementary Fig. 6d, P.14, L.239-241). Surprisingly, however, preliminary experiments using dominant negative RAC argue against a role for this small G protein in SHP2 oxidation. Further experiments will be required to resolve the detailed mechanism, but we would argue (and hope the Reviewer agrees) that such work is beyond the scope of this paper.

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Our description must have been unclear, and we apologize. We are not saying that PDGFR dephosphorylation is catalyzed *only* by SHP2. We observed an ~40% decrease in PDGFR tyrosyl phosphorylation in NOX1,2,4-TKO MDFs. SHP099 treatment *partially* restores phosphorylation of these sites, leaving open the possibility that other ROS-targeted PTPs also help to regulate PDGFR tyrosyl phosphorylation. We modified the description on P.20, L.344, to note SHP099 *partially* restores decreased PDGFR β phosphorylation. Also, we examined phosphorylation at a single time after stimulation, and it is quite possible, if not likely, that other PTPs contribute either before or after PDGFR stimulation (e.g., RPTPs most likely restrain auto-activation).

In addition, our *Ptpn11* knockout experiments, as well as SHP2 inhibitor studies, indicate that SHP2 is necessary for downstream ERK pathway activation even at the time that SHP2 is oxidized. These findings suggest that catalytically active SHP2 functions as a positive regulator of the ERK pathway *before* oxidation or there is an activated SHP2 pool distant from the redoxosomes that mediates ERK activation (P.24, L.416-417).

Frijhoff *et al.*¹⁴ reported decreased PDGFR phosphorylation in p66SHC-knockout or knockdown cells, and showed overall depletion of oxidized PTPs in p66SHC-knockout MEFs treated with PDGF as well as untreated MEFs. They further showed that, when assessed by SHP2 phosphatase activity in the presence or absence of reducing agents, 40% of total SHP2 is oxidized in unstimulated wild-type cells and 70% of SHP2 is oxidized in PDGF-stimulated wild-type cells, whereas 20% of SHP2 is oxidized in unstimulated p66SHC-KO cells and 50% of SHP2 is oxidized in PDGF-stimulated p66SHC-KO cells. On the other hand, however, they also showed that PDGF-dependent SHP2 oxidation, as detected by cysteinyl-labeling, was almost totally abolished in the KO cells. With all due respect to these investigators, it is quite difficult to use PTP activity assays to assess PTP oxidation, given the ease of gratuitous oxidation that can occur with such an experimental design. Regardless, even if we

accept their conclusions at face value, their experiments indicate the presence of *both* p66SHC/mitochondria-dependent and -independent ROS production by PDGF, and suggest that ROS from mitochondria via p66SHC contributes to basal oxidation rather than to the magnitude of PDGF-induced increase of SHP2 oxidation. We have discussed these issues further in the revised text (P.24. L.424-430).

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Sundaresan *et al.* showed suppressed PDGF signaling in the absence of ROS¹⁵, so we feel that “required” is not inaccurate. However, to avoid any confusion, we have modified this statement to “...ROS are required for precise regulation of at least some signal transduction events” (P.3, L.21-22).

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Because Swiss3T3 cells, which were the predominant cell type used in this study, do not respond strongly to insulin, we did not show this result. In response to the Reviewer, however, we addressed this issue by using another cell system. Specifically, we engineered human HepG2 cells to express *PTPNI* shRNA to knockdown endogenous PTP1B, and then expressed either mouse wild-type PTP1B or mutant PTP1B in which the catalytic cysteine (C215) residue is substituted by a serine residue (PTP1B^{C215S}). As shown in the new Fig. 2 and described on P.9, L.135-140, we observed enhancement of dimedone-PLA signals upon insulin-treatment in wild-type PTP1B-expressing, but not PTP1B^{C215S}-expressing, cells. These results demonstrate that

our method can detect insulin-evoked PTP1B oxidation, and shows that PTP1B oxidation occurs on (or at least requires intact) catalytic cysteine. We thank the Reviewer for this comment, which allowed us to demonstrate further the potential generality of our method.

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We immunostained PDGFR β in starved and stimulated Swiss 3T3 cells, and observed a detectable decrease of surface PDGFR β after 2.5 min after PDGF addition (Supplementary Fig. 5b). These findings (discussed on P.10, L.158-161 of the revised manuscript) support our conclusion that endocytosis of PDGFR, PDGF-dependent ROS production at RAB5+ vesicles, and oxidation of SHP2 occur at similar times after stimulation.

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We apologize to the Reviewer for this confusion. “MDFs,” as defined in the text, refer to mouse DERMAL fibroblasts. The NOX-deficient and control WT cells are “MDFs”. “MEFs” refer to mouse embryo fibroblasts. The *Ptpn11*^{fl/fl} cells are immortalized MEFs. Unfortunately, we must retain this nomenclature for accuracy of the description of these different types of fibroblasts, but we have made certain that we are careful in the use of these abbreviations in the text.

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As the Reviewer notes, our manuscript did not specify which type of ROS is responsible for PDGF-evoked SHP2 oxidation. To answer this question, we expressed a catalase mutant lacking a peroxisome targeting sequence in Swiss 3T3 cells. As shown in Fig. 4a and discussed on P.14, L.231-234, expression of cytoplasmic catalase suppressed PDGF-evoked enhancement of dimedone-PLA signals, strongly arguing for the involvement of H₂O₂ in this process.

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We thank Reviewer for this question, which, like the insulin experiments suggested by Reviewer 1, gave us the chance to try to further explore the generality of our method. We tried several commercially available antibodies to PRDX1 (Santa Cruz sc-59657) and PRDX2 (Santa Cruz sc-515428 and Proteintech 60202-1-Ig), respectively. However, with these antibodies, dimedone-PLA either did not generate any signal (anti-PRDX1 antibody, sc-59657; anti-PRDX2 antibody, sc-515428) or generated dimedone-PLA signals even in *PRDX2* knockdown cells generated by siRNA (anti-PRDX2 antibody, 60202-1-Ig). Therefore, we unfortunately are unable to address the issue raised by the Reviewer with available reagents.

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