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# *Translational Control of Muscle Stem Cells*

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## ABSTRACT

Regeneration of adult tissues depends on somatic stem cells that remain quiescent, yet are primed to enter a differentiation program. The molecular pathways that prevent activation of these cells are not well understood. Using mouse skeletal muscle stem cells as a model, we show that accumulating transcripts specifying the myogenic program are not translated in quiescent satellite cells, but are repressed by the action of microRNAs and RNA binding proteins. Furthermore, the reversible nature of microRNA dependent silencing mechanisms may underlie the rapid activation of satellite cells that are poised to enter the myogenic program. We also show that a general repression of translation, mediated by the phosphorylation of translation initiation factor eIF2 $\gamma$  at serine 51 (P-eIF2 $\alpha$ ), is required to maintain the quiescent state. Skeletal muscle stem cells unable to phosphorylate eIF2 $\gamma$  exit quiescence, activate the myogenic program and differentiate, but do not self-renew. P-eIF2 $\alpha$  ensures in part the robust translational silencing of accumulating mRNAs that is needed to prevent the activation of muscle stem cells. Additionally, P-eIF2 $\alpha$  dependent translation of mRNAs regulated by upstream open reading frames (uORFs) contributes to the molecular signature of stemness. Finally, we show that addition of small molecule inhibitors of eIF2 $\alpha$  dephosphorylation to muscle stem cell cultures permits their *ex vivo* expansion and engraftment into a preclinical mouse model of Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

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