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**The human T-cell lymphotropic virus type 1 (HTLV-1) infects and transforms CD4<sup>+</sup> lymphocytes and causes adult T-cell leukemia/lymphoma (ATLL), an aggressive lymphoproliferative disease that is often fatal. Here, we demonstrate that the HTLV-1 pX splice-variant p30<sup>II</sup> markedly enhances the transforming potential of Myc and transcriptionally activates the human cyclin D2 promoter, dependent upon its conserved Myc-responsive E-box enhancer elements, which are associated with increased S-phase entry and multinucleation. Enhancement of c-Myc transforming activity by HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> is dependent upon the transcriptional coactivators, transforming transcriptional activator protein/p434 and TIP60, and it requires TIP60 histone acetyltransferase (HAT) activity and correlates with the stabilization of HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>/Myc-TIP60 chromatin-remodeling complexes. The p30<sup>II</sup> oncoprotein colocalizes and coimmunoprecipitates with Myc-TIP60 complexes in cultured HTLV-1-infected ATLL patient lymphocytes. Amino acid residues 99 to 154 within HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> interact with the TIP60 HAT, and p30<sup>II</sup> transcriptionally activates numerous cellular genes in a TIP60-dependent or TIP60-independent manner, as determined by microarray gene expression analyses. Importantly, these results suggest that p30<sup>II</sup> functions as a novel retroviral modulator of Myc-TIP60-transforming interactions that may contribute to adult T-cell leukemogenesis.**

The human T-cell lymphotropic virus type-1 (HTLV-1) infects CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells and causes adult T-cell leukemia/lymphoma (ATLL), an aggressive lymphoproliferative disease that is often fatal (59, 61, 65, 83). HTLV-1-infected leukemic lymphocytes exhibit deregulated cell cycle progression and characteristic multinucleation or polyploidy (evidenced by the appearance of flower-shaped or lobulated nuclei). A conserved sequence, known as pX, located within the 3' terminus of the HTLV-1 genome, encodes at least five nonstructural regulatory factors, including the viral transactivator Tax and an alternative splice-variant, p30<sup>II</sup> (or Tax open reading frame II

[ORF II], Tof), which was shown to possess a functional transactivation domain (6, 13, 15, 29, 34, 35, 66, 86, 87). The pX sequence is generally retained in the majority of ATLL patient isolates, even those containing partially deleted proviruses (33, 68), indicative of its importance for pathogenesis.

The viral Tax protein transcriptionally activates numerous lymphoproliferative pathways (NF- $\kappa$ B, CREB/ATF, and p67<sup>SRF</sup>) (29, 72, 73, 74, 75, 80, 84, 88) and has been shown to inhibit transcription functions associated with the tumor suppressor p53, which likely contributes to a loss of G<sub>1</sub>/S-phase checkpoint control in HTLV-1-infected T cells (8, 46, 58). Many of the pleiotropic effects of Tax upon cellular signaling may derive from its aberrant recruitment of the transcriptional coactivators, p300/CREB-binding protein (p300/CBP) and p300/CBP-associated factor (P/CAF) (9, 22, 23, 27, 36, 37, 49, 50, 77, 78). Further, Tax interacts with cell cycle modulators, including D-type cyclin-cdk4/6 complexes, retinoblastoma (Rb) protein, and the human mitotic arrest deficiency type 1

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(hMAD-1) protein (21, 28, 31, 32, 39, 47, 52, 76). Although HTLV-1 Tax expression markedly promotes G<sub>1</sub>/S transition (38, 40, 64), Tax has been demonstrated to inhibit Myc-dependent transactivation and prevent Myc-associated anchorage-independent cell growth (67). As ATLL patient-derived lymphocytes and tumors from HTLV-1 pX transgenic mice are known to possess deregulated Myc functions, these findings collectively suggest that other pX-encoded factors may influence Myc to promote cellular transformation by HTLV-1 (20, 43, 63).

The Myc transcription factor promotes S-phase cell cycle entry, induces apoptosis or programmed cell death, and causes neoplastic cellular transformation (2, 3, 7, 12, 19, 41, 51). The expression of the Myc protooncogene is deregulated in many solid tumors and hematological malignancies, including ATLL, diffuse large-cell lymphomas, CD30<sup>+</sup> anaplastic large-cell lymphomas, and Burkitt's B-cell lymphomas (18, 24, 26, 43, 55, 60). The transforming viruses, HTLV-1 and Epstein Barr virus, deregulate Myc functions associated with development of ATLL and Burkitt's lymphomas, respectively (11, 18, 26, 43, 63, 67). Our preliminary studies indicated that the HTLV-1 accessory protein p30<sup>II</sup> markedly increases S-phase cell cycle progression and induces significant polyploidy. As relatively little is known with respect to the roles of pX-encoded factors (e.g., p30<sup>II</sup>, p13<sup>II</sup>, p12<sup>I</sup>, and Rex<sup>p27</sup>) in HTLV-1-associated pathogenesis (6, 29, 34, 35), we sought to characterize the molecular mechanism by which p30<sup>II</sup> promotes Myc-dependent S-phase progression and multinucleation. While others have proposed that p30<sup>II</sup>'s transcriptional functions are targeted against the viral LTR to repress HTLV-1 gene expression (1, 86, 87), the physiological role of p30<sup>II</sup> in ATLL-development remains unclear. Using microarray analyses, we now demonstrate that numerous cellular genes are transcriptionally activated by HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> in a 60-kDa Tat-interacting protein (TIP60)-dependent or TIP60-independent manner. Nicot et al. (48) and Younis et al. (85) have shown that p30<sup>II</sup> binds and inhibits nuclear export of the doubly spliced Tax/Rex HTLV-1 mRNA, and it is intriguing that p30<sup>II</sup> might perform diverse functions to regulate viral gene expression and promote altered cellular growth, as has been noted for Tax, which drives LTR transactivation and deregulates host lymphoproliferative-signaling pathways (13, 21, 28, 29, 38, 40, 47, 52, 64, 72–76, 84). Robek et al. (62) have previously demonstrated that p30<sup>II</sup> is dispensable for immortalization and transformation of human peripheral blood mononuclear cells by an infectious HTLV-1 molecular clone, ACH.p30<sup>II</sup>, which is defective for p30<sup>II</sup> production; however, the ACH.p30<sup>II</sup> mutant exhibited an approximately 20 to 50% reduction in transformation efficiency compared to the wild-type ACH.wt (62), suggesting that p30<sup>II</sup> is required for the full transforming potential of HTLV-1. Importantly, our findings indicate that HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> is a novel retroviral modulator of Myc transcriptional and of transforming activities that may significantly contribute to adult T-cell leukemogenesis through stabilization of Myc-TIP60 transcriptional interactions.

#### MATERIALS AND METHODS

**Plasmids, transfections, and cell culture.** HeLa cells (ATCC CCL-2) were grown in Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (DMEM; ATCC) supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS; Atlanta Biologicals), 100 U/ml penicillin, and

100 µg/ml streptomycin sulfate (Invitrogen-Life Technologies) and cultured at 37°C and 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. 293A fibroblasts (Quantum Biotechnology) were cultured in ATCC 46-X medium supplemented with sodium bicarbonate (Invitrogen-Life Technologies), 10% FBS, and 100 U/ml penicillin and 100 µg/ml streptomycin sulfate. Molt-4 (ATCC CRL-1582), Jurkat E6.1 (ATCC TIB-152) and HTLV-1-infected MJ[G11] (ATCC CRL-8294) and HuT-102 lymphocytes (ATCC TIB-162) were grown in RPMI medium (ATCC) supplemented with 20% FBS, 100 U/ml penicillin, 100 µg/ml streptomycin sulfate, and 20 µg/ml gentamicin sulfate (Sigma Chemical Corp.) and cultured at 10% CO<sub>2</sub>. Primary HTLV-1-infected lymphocytes were obtained after informed consent from three ATLL patients (ATL-1, ATL-2, ATL-3) and were cultured in RPMI medium supplemented with 20% FBS, 50 U/ml hIL-2 (Invitrogen-Life Technologies), 100 U/ml penicillin, 100 µg/ml streptomycin sulfate, and 20 µg/ml gentamicin sulfate. The cytomegalovirus (CMV)-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (hemagglutinin [HA]) expression construct was kindly provided by G. Franchini (NCI, NIH) and has been reported by Koranik et al. (34). pSG5-HTLV-1 p13<sup>II</sup> (10), which expresses a protein corresponding to amino acid residues 155 to 241 of HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>, was provided by V. Ciminale (University of Padua, Italy) and CMV-HTLV-1 p13<sup>II</sup> (HA) was provided by C. Nicot (University of Kansas). In order to generate the human cyclin D2 promoter-luciferase reporter construct, sequences encompassing the human cyclin D2 promoter were located in the clone with GenBank accession number U47284; according to these sequences, a PCR product that contains 1,622 nucleotides upstream of the ATG start codon was generated. Two closely spaced E-boxes (5'-CACGTG) are localized within the promoter region which binds Myc/Max/Mad network components (7). This fragment was cloned into the pGL3-luciferase vector. Both E-box sequences were mutated to 5'-CTCGAG using the quick change method. The M4-tk-luciferase (M4-tk-luc) reporter plasmid was reported by Bouchard et al. (7) and Vervoorts et al. (79). The CβF-FLAG-Myc, CβF-FLAG-TRRAP<sub>1261-1579</sub>, CβS-TRRAP<sub>antisense</sub>, and CβS constructs were described by McMahon et al. (41). The pOZ-wildtype-TIP60 and pOZ-TIP60<sub>ΔHAT</sub> expression constructs were reported by Ikura et al. (25), and the CMV-TIP60<sub>L497A</sub> expression plasmid was reported by Gaughan et al. (17). All transfections were performed using Lipofectamine (Invitrogen-Life Technologies) or Superfect (QIAGEN) reagents as recommended by the manufacturers.

**Cell cycle and fluorescence-activated cell sorter (FACS) analyses.** Molt4 and Jurkat E6.1 lymphocytes were seeded in 100 mm<sup>2</sup> tissue culture dishes and transfected with CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) or an empty CβS vector. After 48 h, cultures were split and either labeled for 4 h by adding BrdU (BD-Pharmingen) to the medium or immediately stained using annexin V-(fluorescein isothiocyanate [FITC])/propidium iodide (BD-Pharmingen). For cell cycle analyses, transfected BrdU-labeled cells were permeabilized and stained with a FITC-conjugated anti-BrdU antibody, and total genomic DNA was stained using 7-AAD (BD-Pharmingen). Flow cytometry was performed and data were analyzed using ModFit LT 3.0 software.

**Focus formation/transformation assays.** Immortalized Werner's Syndrome (*WRN*<sup>-/-</sup>) fibroblasts (45) were seeded at 6 × 10<sup>5</sup> cells in 60 mm<sup>2</sup> tissue-culture dishes in DMEM supplemented with 10% FBS and cultured at 37°C under 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. Cells were transfected with an empty CβS vector, CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA), CβF-FLAG-Myc, and combinations of CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA)/CβF-FLAG-Myc or CβS/CβF-FLAG-Myc using Superfect reagent. Foci were observed within 2 weeks and quantified by direct counting. Expression of HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) was detected by fixing plates with 0.2% glutaraldehyde-1% formaldehyde in PBS and immunostaining using a monoclonal antibody against the HA epitope tag (CA5; Roche Molecular Biochemicals), diluted 1:1,000 in BLOTTO buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl [pH 8.0], 2 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>, 80 mM NaCl, 0.2% [vol/vol] NP-40, 0.02% [wt/vol] sodium azide, and 5% [wt/vol] nonfat dry milk). HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) was visualized by immunofluorescence microscopy. p30<sup>II</sup>-expressing fibroblast colonies were isolated and expanded in six-well tissue culture plates in DMEM supplemented with 10% FBS, 100 U penicillin, and 100 µg/ml streptomycin sulfate.

**Immunoprecipitations and chromatin immunoprecipitation assays (ChIPs).** Myc-interacting complexes were immunoprecipitated from transfected Jurkat E6.1 or HTLV-1-infected MJ[G11] and HuT-102 lymphocytes expressing HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) using a monoclonal anti-HA tag antibody. Immunoprecipitation of endogenous p30<sup>II</sup> from cultured HTLV-1-infected ATLL patient-derived lymphocytes was performed using a rabbit polyclonal antibody against the COOH terminus of p30<sup>II</sup> (anti-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> antibody was generously provided by G. Franchini, NCI, NIH [34]). Briefly, 3 × 10<sup>6</sup> cells were harvested by centrifugation and lysed in RIPA buffer (1 × PBS, 1% [vol/vol] IGEPAL CA-630, 0.5% sodium deoxycholate, and 0.1% sodium dodecyl sulfate [SDS]) containing the protease inhibitors bestatin, pepstatin, antipain dihydrochloride, chymostatin, and leupeptin (50 ng/ml each; Roche Molecular Biochemicals) followed by passage through a 27.5-gauge tuberculin syringe. Immunoprecipitations were

carried out by incubating precleared extracts with primary antibodies. Ten microliters of recombinant protein G-agarose (Invitrogen-Life Technologies) was added, and reactions were incubated with agitation at 4°C overnight. Matrices were pelleted by centrifugation at 6,500 rpm for 5 min and washed twice with RIPA buffer. Samples were resuspended in 40  $\mu$ l 2 $\times$  SDS-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis loading buffer, and bound proteins were resolved by electrophoresis through 4 to 15% gradient or 12.5% Tris-glycine SDS-polyacrylamide gels. Chromatin-immunoprecipitations were performed using a kit from Upstate Biotechnology. Nucleoprotein complexes were cross-linked *in vivo* by adding 270  $\mu$ l formaldehyde to approximately  $3 \times 10^6$  Molt-4 or HTLV-1-infected MJ[G11] and HuT-102 lymphocytes in 100 mm<sup>2</sup> tissue-culture dishes for 10 min. Cells were pelleted by centrifugation and resuspended in 200  $\mu$ l SDS lysis buffer. Chromatin DNA was fragmented by sonication, and oligonucleosomal-protein complexes were immunoprecipitated using primary antibodies and 60  $\mu$ l salmon sperm DNA/protein A agarose. Precipitated oligonucleosomal-protein complexes were washed, cross-links were reversed, and bound DNA fragments were amplified by PCR using specific oligonucleotide primer pairs that flank conserved E-box elements within the human cyclin D2 gene promoter (PRM, 5'-C CCCTCCTCGTGAGTGAATAC-3' and 5'-CGTGCTCTAACGCATCCT TGAGTC-3') or anneal within an untranslated region (UTR, 5'-ATCAGACC CTATCTCGGCTCAGG-3' and 5'-CAGTCAGTAAGGCACCTTATTCCC C-3'), as described by Vervoorts et al. (79). PCR products were electrophoresed through a 2% Tris-acetate-EDTA agarose gel and visualized by ethidium bromide staining.

## RESULTS

HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> increases S-phase progression and promotes polyploidy. The conserved pX domain of HTLV-1 encodes at least five nonstructural regulatory factors, including the viral transactivator Tax and an alternative splice variant, p30<sup>II</sup> (Fig. 1A). The HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> protein is comprised of 241 amino acid residues and contains Arg- and Ser/Thr-rich domains (1, 34, 35). RasMol structural prediction analyses (Brookhaven protein databank) indicate that p30<sup>II</sup> possesses 4 alpha-helices and 19 beta-sheet regions (Fig. 1B). The alpha-helices likely serve as interacting or docking sites for cellular factors, whereas the Ser/Thr-rich domains may provide targets for phosphorylation by kinases that modulate p30<sup>II</sup>'s functions or interactions. As relatively little is known with respect to the functions of HTLV-1 pX accessory factors, such as p30<sup>II</sup>, we investigated whether the p30<sup>II</sup> protein contributes to lymphoproliferation in HTLV-1-infected T cells by altering cell cycle regulation. To determine whether HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> influences cell cycle progression and/or apoptosis, Molt-4 and Jurkat E6.1 lymphocytes were transfected with a CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) expression construct or an empty C $\beta$ S vector control, and transfected cultures were assayed for bromodeoxyuridine (BrdU)-incorporation/cell cycle progression or programmed cell death using flow cytometric analyses (Fig. 1C and D and data not shown). HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>-expressing cells exhibit markedly increased S-phase progression and significant polyploidy as determined by BrdU incorporation and 7-AAD staining of total genomic DNA (Fig. 1C and D, top left panels). However, p30<sup>II</sup> did not induce apoptosis in transfected cells, as determined by annexin V-FITC/propidium iodide-staining and FACS (Fig. 1C and D, top right panels). These results suggest that p30<sup>II</sup> may contribute to lymphoproliferation and genomic instability in HTLV-1-infected cells during ATLL by affecting S-phase regulatory factors, such as Myc and/or E2F (2, 29, 43).

**The HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> protein interacts in Myc-TIP60 immune complexes in ATLL patient lymphocytes.** The p30<sup>II</sup> protein was detected in cultured HTLV-1-infected lymphocytes, derived from three different ATLL patients (ATL-1, ATL-2,

ATL-3) diagnosed with clinical acute-stage leukemias, by immunofluorescence laser confocal microscopy and immunoblotting (Fig. 2A and B). Three-dimensional Z-stack composite images for ATL-3 demonstrate that p30<sup>II</sup>/Myc proteins colocalize in the nucleus in all focal planes in HTLV-1-infected cells (Fig. 2A, right panels). Relative fluorescence intensities for p30<sup>II</sup>/Myc-specific signals and DAPI (4',6'-diamidino-2-phenylindole) nuclear staining are shown for reference (Fig. 2A, right panels). HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> is present in Myc-containing immunoprecipitated complexes in ATLL patient lymphocytes (Fig. 2B). Intriguingly, immunoprecipitation of Myc revealed that TIP49 (RUVBL1), TIP48 (RUVBL2) (81), and Max are present and are bound to Myc, but the TIP60 histone acetyltransferase (HAT) was not detected in Myc-containing coimmune complexes in uninfected Jurkat E6.1 lymphocytes (Fig. 2B). The NH<sub>2</sub> terminus of Myc is essential for Myc-dependent transformation and apoptosis-inducing functions and contains two conserved Myc homology domains (Myc box I [MBI] and MBII, respectively) that interact with cellular factors (2, 3, 7, 41, 42, 51, 81). The transcriptional coactivator, TRRAP/p434, and the ATPases/helicases, TIP49 (RUVBL1) and TIP48 (RUVBL2), interact with amino acids within MBII (41, 81). To determine if HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> interacts with known Myc-binding partners, we transfected Jurkat E6.1 lymphocytes or HTLV-1-infected Hut-102 and MJ[G11] lymphocytes with CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) or an empty C $\beta$ S vector control and performed coimmunoprecipitations using a monoclonal anti-HA antibody (CA5; Roche Molecular Diagnostics). As shown in Fig. 2C, HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) coimmunoprecipitates with Myc, TRRAP, TIP60, and TIP49 (RUVBL1). However, TIP48 (RUVBL2) and RNA polymerase II were not detected in anti-HA immunoprecipitates, although both proteins were detected in control immunoprecipitations using antibodies against known interacting proteins (Fig. 2C). To further confirm these interactions, we reimmunoprecipitated HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) from extracts prepared from transfected Jurkat T cells using antibodies against Myc, TRRAP, TIP60, TIP48, and TIP49 (Fig. 2C, lower panels). A nonspecific antibody (rabbit preimmune serum) was included as a negative control. Interestingly, the ATPase/helicase, TIP48, was detected in p30<sup>II</sup>-complexes immunoprecipitated with an anti-TIP48 (RUVBL2) polyclonal antibody (Fig. 2C, lower panels) (81). These data suggest that HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> may modulate Myc functions through interactions with Myc-associated transcriptional coactivators on promoters of responsive genes (14).

**HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> transactivates Myc-responsive E-box elements within the human cyclin D2 promoter.** To investigate the possibility that HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> might affect Myc-dependent transcription, we next cotransfected HeLa cells with a human cyclin D2 promoter-luciferase reporter construct, containing two conserved Myc-responsive E-box enhancer elements (CACGTG), in the presence of increasing amounts of CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA). Results in Fig. 3A demonstrate that HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> significantly transactivates the human cyclin D2 promoter. A mutant cyclin D2 promoter, lacking Myc-responsive E-box elements (79), was not transcriptionally activated by p30<sup>II</sup>, indicating that p30<sup>II</sup>-mediated transactivation from the human cyclin D2 promoter requires the conserved Myc-responsive E-box enhancer elements (Fig. 3A and B). The HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA)-tagged protein was detected in trans-

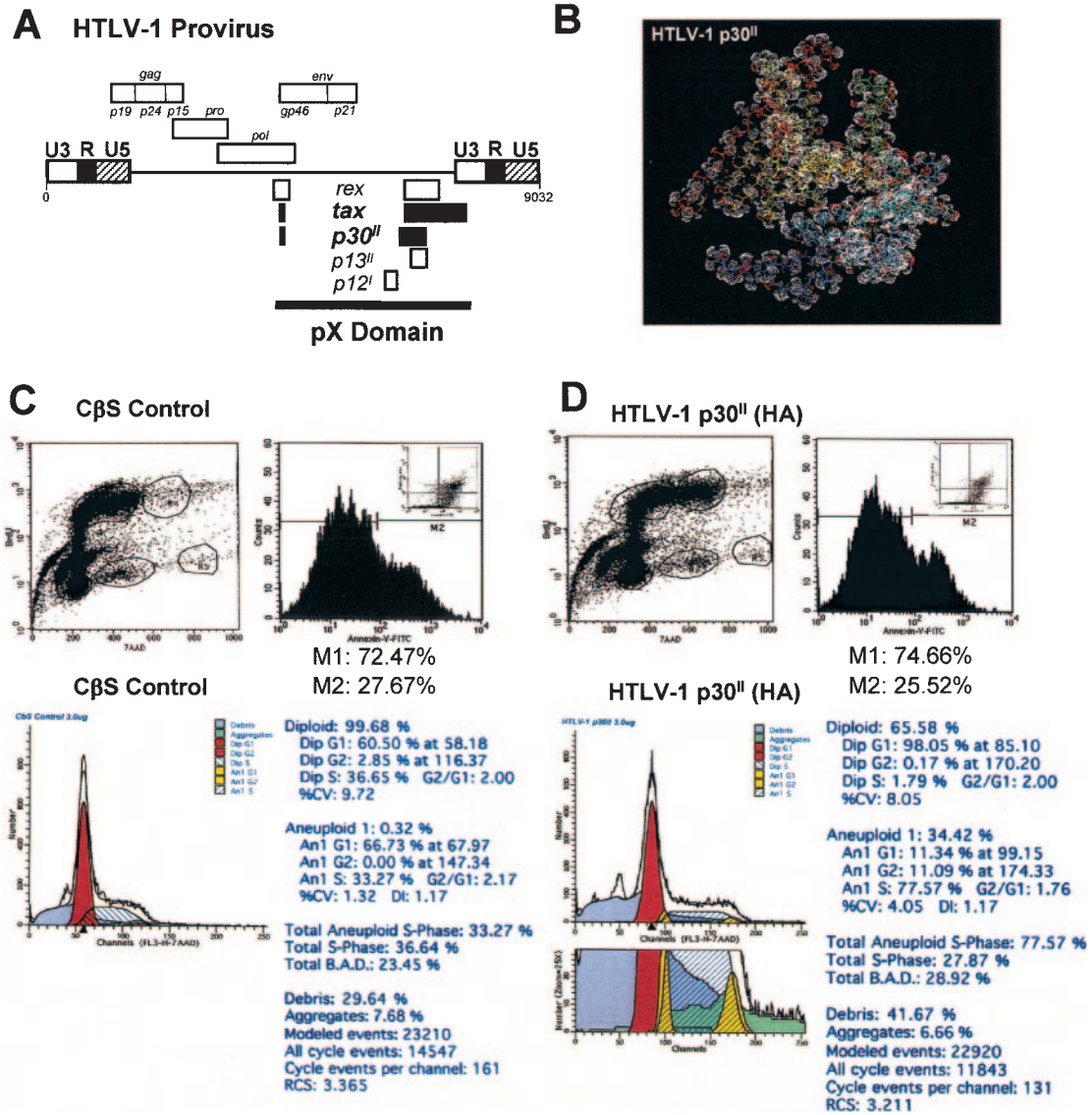


FIG. 1. HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> increases S-phase cell cycle progression and promotes polyploidy. (A) Diagram of the HTLV-1 proviral genome and its translation products. The pX domain is indicated, and the viral transcription factors Tax and p30<sup>II</sup> are in boldface type (29). (B) A RasMol structural prediction of the HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> protein is shown; subdomains (4 alpha-helices; 19 beta-sheets) are represented by different colors and Connelly/Richards (1.2-Å) radii are indicated in white. (C) Molt-4 lymphocytes were transfected with an empty CβS vector control (3.0 μg), and S-phase cells were labeled by BrdU incorporation (y axis, upper left). Total DNA content was determined by staining with 7-AAD (x axis, upper left). Flow cytometry was performed, and relative percentages of cells in various stages of the cell cycle were quantified using ModFit LT 3.0 (aneuploid analysis) software (lower panels). (D) Molt-4 lymphocytes were transfected with CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) (3.0 μg), percentages of S-phase cells were determined by BrdU-labeling/7-AAD-staining, and cell cycle analyses were performed as described for panel C. Half of each transfected culture was analyzed by staining with annexin V-(FITC)/propidium iodide, and percentages of apoptotic cells were quantified by FACS (panels C and D, upper right). Dip, diploid; An, aneuploid.

ected cells by immunoblotting using a monoclonal anti-HA antibody (CA5; Roche Molecular Biochemicals) (Fig. 3A). Intracellular levels of Myc were not altered by HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> expression (Fig. 3A, lower panels). HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> also transcriptionally activates the human cyclin D2 promoter in transfected 293A fibroblasts in a dose-dependent manner (Fig. 3C). To confirm that HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> promotes Myc-dependent transcription from E-box enhancer elements, we cotransfected 293A fibroblasts and HeLa cells with a synthetic *tk* minimal promoter-luciferase reporter construct

(M4-tk-luc) that contains four tandem E-boxes (79). As shown in Fig. 3D, HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> transactivates E-box enhancer elements within M4-tk-luc, suggesting that p30<sup>II</sup> promotes S-phase progression through Myc-dependent transcriptional interactions. Interestingly, we observed that p30<sup>II</sup>, at the lowest concentration used, induced approximately 13-fold transactivation from the synthetic M4-tk-luc promoter, whereas higher concentrations induced lower (5- to 7-fold) levels of transcriptional activation (Fig. 3D). These observations are consistent with findings by Zhang et

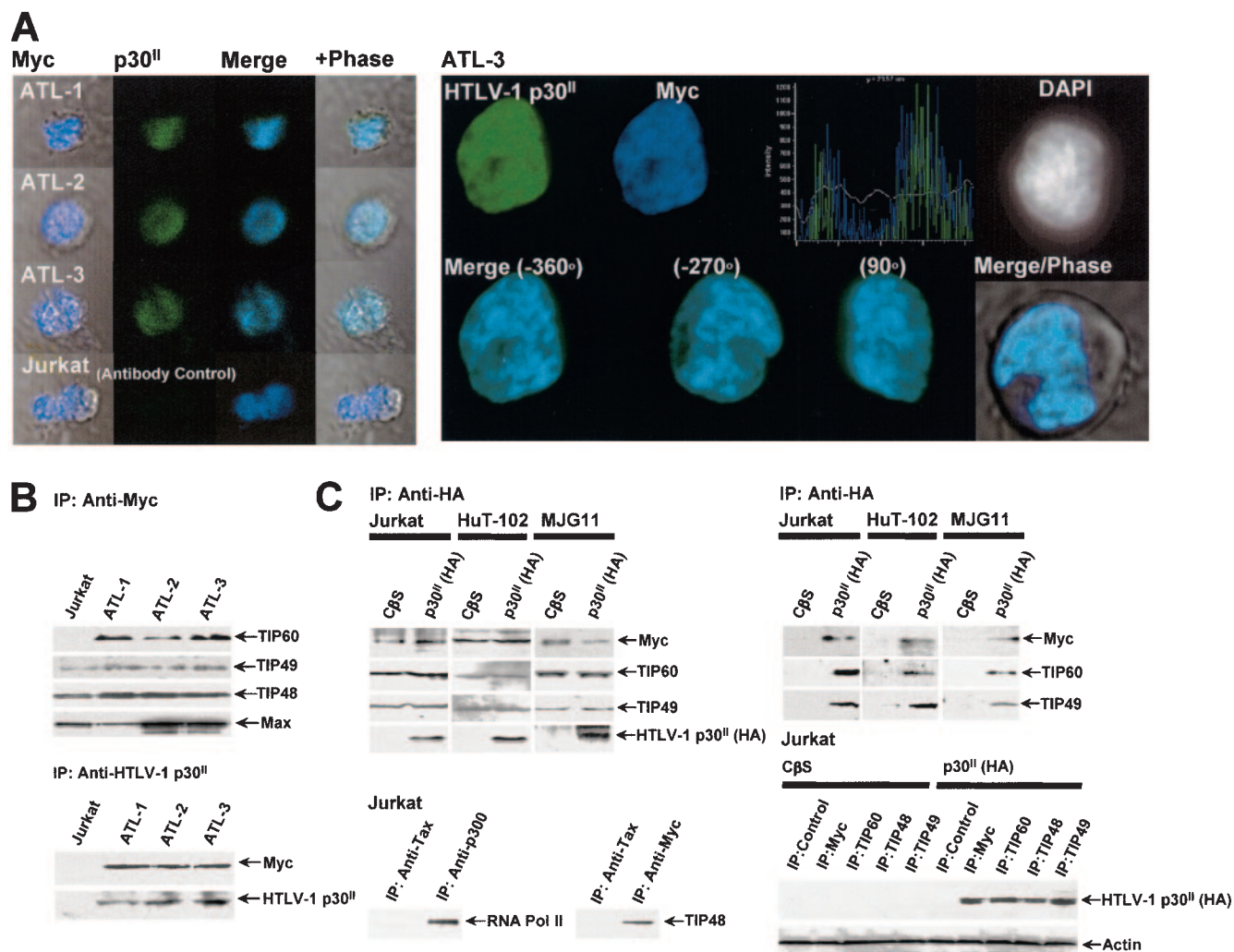


FIG. 2. HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> interacts with Myc-TIP60 complexes in cultured ATLL patient-derived lymphocytes. (A) Immunofluorescence laser confocal microscopy was performed on HTLV-1-infected ATLL patient-derived T cells (ATL-1, ATL-2, and ATL-3) or Jurkat E6.1 lymphocytes as a negative control, using a rabbit polyclonal anti-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> antibody (34) and a monoclonal anti-Myc antibody (Upstate Biotechnology). HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> was detected using a FITC-conjugated anti-rabbit secondary antibody (green), and Myc was detected using a Cy5-conjugated anti-mouse secondary antibody (blue; Jackson ImmunoResearch Laboratories). A three-dimensional Z-stack composite for ATL-3 is shown on the right. Three rotational views of merged images are shown, demonstrating nuclear colocalization of HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (green)/Myc (blue) in all focal planes. Graphical representations of relative fluorescence intensities for HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>/Myc-specific signals are shown, and DAPI nuclear staining is shown for reference. (B) Coimmunoprecipitations were performed using extracts prepared from HTLV-1-infected ATLL patient-derived lymphocytes and anti-Myc or anti-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> antibodies. Interacting proteins were detected by immunoblotting with appropriate primary antibodies. (C) Jurkat E6.1 or HTLV-1-infected HuT-102 and MJ[G11] lymphocytes were transfected with an empty C $\beta$ S vector control or CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) (5.0  $\mu$ g), and coimmunoprecipitations were performed using a monoclonal anti-HA tag antibody (CA5; Roche Molecular Biochemicals). HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>-interacting proteins were detected by immunoblotting. Input levels for immunoprecipitated factors in Jurkat E6.1, HuT-102, and MJ[G11] extracts are provided. HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) expression is also shown. RNA polymerase II and TIP48 were immunoprecipitated from Jurkat E6.1 whole-cell extracts using antibodies against known binding partners (anti-p300 and anti-Myc). An anti-HTLV-1 Tax monoclonal antibody (22) was used as a negative control. The HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) protein was reimmunoprecipitated from extracts prepared from Jurkat E6.1 lymphocytes and transfected with either a C $\beta$ S vector control or CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA), using antibodies against Myc, TIP60, TIP48, TIP49, or nonspecific rabbit preimmune serum (Control). Input levels for actin are shown for comparison. IP, coimmunoprecipitation.

al. (87) demonstrating that p30<sup>II</sup>-dependent transactivation from the HTLV-1 promoter (Tax-responsive elements) occurs maximally at low p30<sup>II</sup> concentrations and diminishes with increased p30<sup>II</sup> expression (87).

**Transcriptional activation by HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> is dependent upon the TIP60 and TRRAP/p434 coactivators.** Frank et al. reported that Myc interacts with the transcriptional coactivator/HAT, TIP60 (16), and Patel et al. have recently shown that c-Myc is a substrate for lysine acetylation by TIP60 and hGCN5 (56). Myc has also previously been demonstrated to interact in chromatin-remodeling complexes with the ATM-related TRRAP/p434 protein (41, 42, 51). Therefore, we tested whether HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>-mediated transactivation requires TIP60 and TRRAP/p434 functions. HeLa cells were cotrans-

duced with Myc, TIP60, and TRRAP/p434. HeLa cells were cotrans-

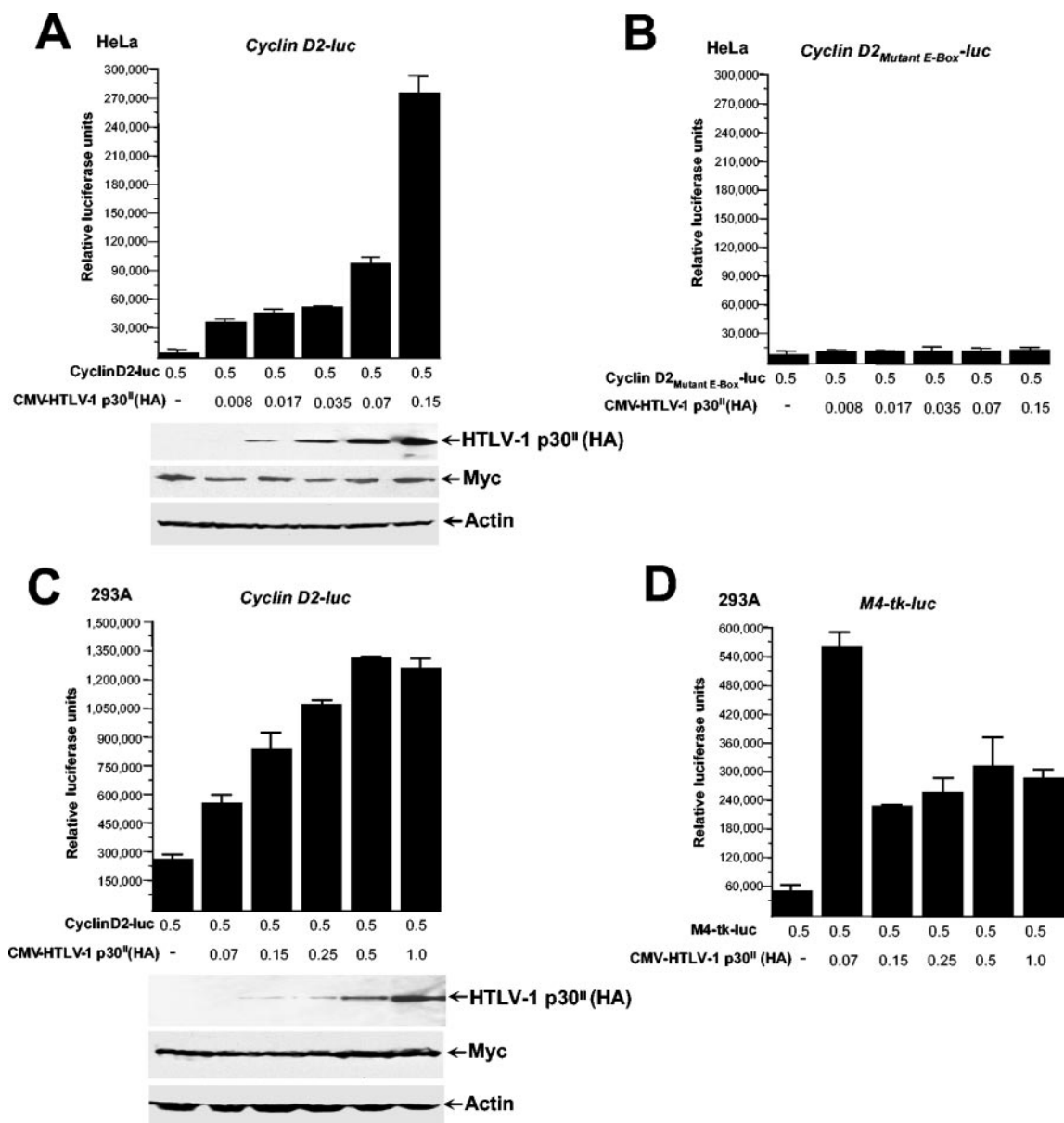


FIG. 3. HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> transcriptionally activates Myc-responsive elements within the human cyclin D2 promoter. (A) HeLa cells were cotransfected with a human cyclin D2 promoter-luciferase reporter plasmid (0.5 μg) (7) and increasing amounts of CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) (0.008, 0.017, 0.035, 0.07, and 0.15 μg). Cells were lysed by freeze-thawing, and luciferase assays were carried out using equivalent levels of total cellular proteins. The expression of HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA), Myc, and actin in transfected cells is shown. (B) HeLa cells were cotransfected as described for panel A, with a mutant cyclin D2 promoter-luciferase construct lacking conserved Myc-responsive E-box enhancer elements (0.5 μg) (7) and increasing amounts of CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA). (C) 293A fibroblasts were cotransfected as described for panel A, with a human cyclin D2 promoter-luciferase reporter plasmid and increasing amounts of CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) (0.07, 0.15, 0.25, 0.5, 1.0 μg); luciferase assays were performed as described above, using equivalent levels of total cellular proteins. HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA), Myc, and actin proteins were detected by immunoblotting (lower panels). (D) 293A fibroblasts were cotransfected as described for panel A with a synthetic, E-box-containing minimal *tk* promoter-luciferase reporter construct (M4-*tk*-*luc*; 0.5 μg) (79) and increasing amounts of CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) (0.07, 0.15, 0.25, 0.5, and 1.0 μg). All luciferase assays were performed in duplicate or triplicate, and results from representative experiments are shown; error bars representing standard deviations are provided.

fectected with a human cyclin D2 promoter-luciferase reporter construct and CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) in the presence of increasing amounts of CMV-TIP60, CMV-TIP60<sub>ΔHAT</sub> (a trans-dominant-negative HAT-inactive mutant [25]), or CMV-TIP60<sub>L497A</sub>, a COOH-terminal mutant impaired for interactions with cellular factors, including the androgen receptor

(17). Ectopic expression of TIP60 alone did not significantly transactivate the human cyclin D2 promoter; however, TIP60 overexpression enhanced HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>-mediated transactivation in a dose-dependent manner (Fig. 4A). The trans-dominant-negative TIP60<sub>ΔHAT</sub> mutant potently inhibited p30<sup>II</sup>-mediated transcriptional activation (Fig. 4A), suggesting that



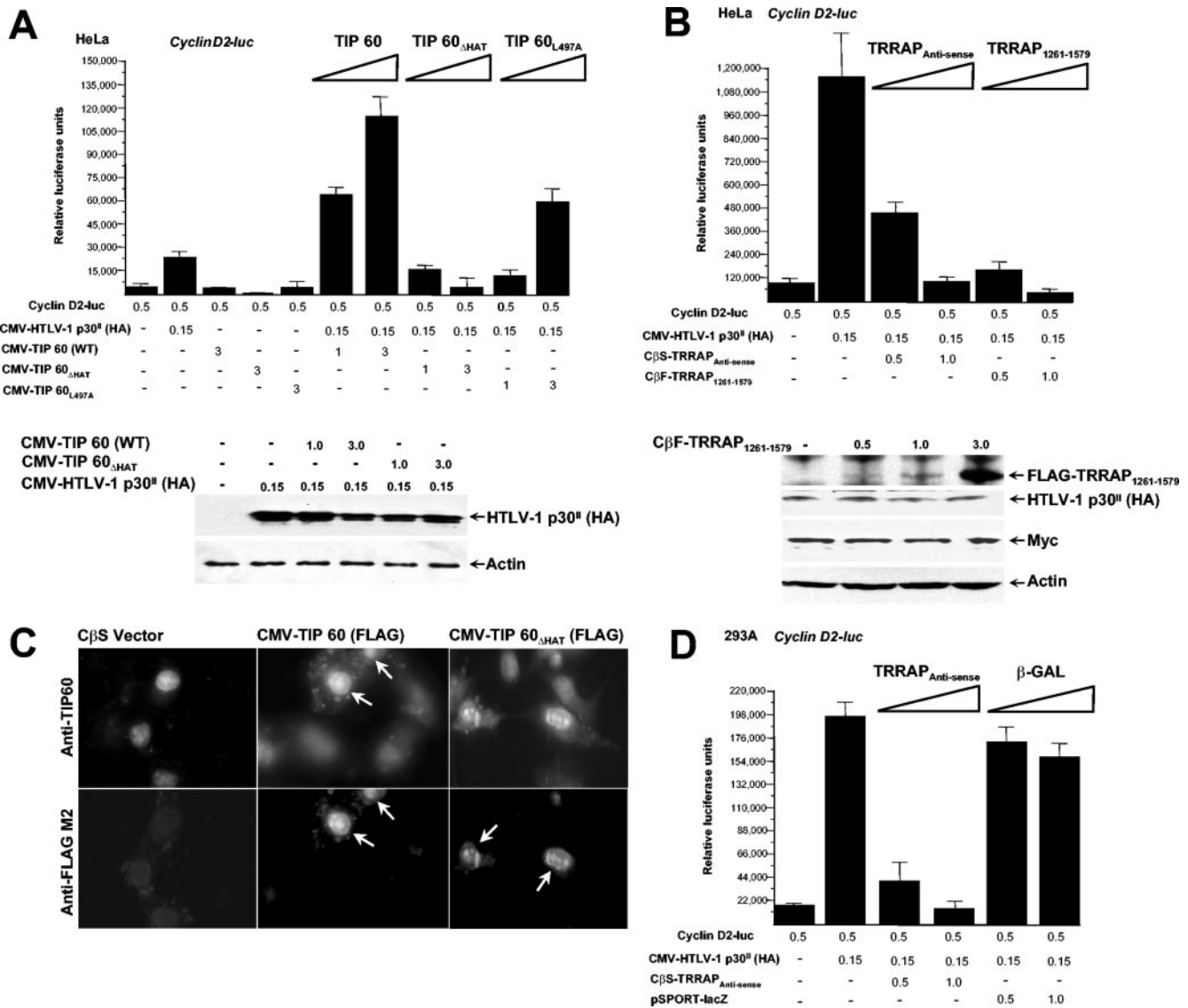


FIG. 4. HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>-mediated transactivation requires the transcriptional coactivators TIP60 and TRRAP. (A) HeLa cells were cotransfected with a human cyclin D2 promoter-luciferase reporter plasmid (0.5  $\mu$ g) and CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) (0.15  $\mu$ g) in the presence of increasing amounts of CMV-wild-type TIP60, CMV-TIP60<sub>ΔHAT</sub>, or CMV-TIP60<sub>L497A</sub> (1.0 and 3.0  $\mu$ g) (17, 25). Expression of HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) and actin was detected by immunoblotting (lower panels). (B) HeLa cells were cotransfected as described for panel A with a human cyclin D2 promoter-luciferase plasmid and CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) in the presence of increasing amounts of CβS-TRRAP<sub>antisense</sub> or CβF-TRRAP<sub>1261-1579</sub> (0.5 and 1.0  $\mu$ g) (41). Expression of the trans-dominant-negative TRRAP<sub>1261-1579</sub>-(FLAG) mutant, HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA), Myc, and actin proteins was detected by immunoblotting using an anti-FLAG M2 monoclonal antibody (Sigma Chemical Corp.), anti-HA (CA5) or anti-Myc monoclonal antibodies, or anti-actin goat polyclonal antibody. All luciferase assays were performed in duplicate or triplicate, and results from representative experiments are shown; error bars representing standard deviations are provided. (C) Overexpression of the (FLAG)-TIP60 (wild-type) and (FLAG)-TIP60<sub>ΔHAT</sub> proteins (25) relative to endogenous TIP60 was visualized by immunofluorescence microscopy using a rabbit polyclonal anti-TIP60 antibody (top panels) and an anti-FLAG M2 monoclonal antibody (bottom panels). The CβS empty vector was transfected as a negative control. (D) To confirm the specificity of transcriptional inhibition by TRRAP<sub>antisense</sub> RNA, 293A fibroblasts were cotransfected with human cyclin D2 promoter-luciferase and CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) plasmids in the presence of either increasing amounts (0.5 and 1.0  $\mu$ g) of CβS-TRRAP<sub>antisense</sub> (41) or of pSPORT-lacZ, which expresses  $\beta$ -galactosidase mRNA. Relative luciferase activities were determined from duplicate assays using approximately equivalent levels of total cellular proteins.

HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> transactivation requires TIP60-associated HAT activity (25). The TIP60<sub>L497A</sub> mutant also weakly enhanced p30<sup>II</sup>-mediated transactivation (Fig. 4A). Overexpression of wild-type TIP60 or the trans-dominant-negative TIP60<sub>ΔHAT</sub> mutant did not alter expression of the HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) protein in transfected HeLa cells (Fig. 4A, lower panels). In-

hibition of TRRAP/p434, as a result of coexpressing either TRRAP<sub>antisense</sub> RNA or a trans-dominant-negative TRRAP mutant, TRRAP<sub>1261-1579</sub> (FLAG-epitope-tagged [41]), prevented HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>-mediated transcriptional activation from the human cyclin D2 promoter (Fig. 4B). The trans-dominant-negative, FLAG-tagged TRRAP<sub>1261-1579</sub> protein did not alter

the expression of HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) (Fig. 4B, lower panels). We then performed immunofluorescence microscopy, using a monoclonal anti-FLAG M2 antibody (Sigma Chemical Corp.) and a rabbit polyclonal anti-TIP60 antibody (Upstate Biotechnology), to visualize expression of the FLAG-tagged wild-type TIP60 or TIP60<sub>ΔHAT</sub> proteins relative to endogenous TIP60 (25). Results shown in Fig. 4C demonstrate that the FLAG-tagged TIP60 proteins were drastically overexpressed relative to endogenous TIP60 in transfected cells. To demonstrate the specificity of transcriptional inhibition due to TRRAP<sub>antisense</sub> RNA in panel B, we repeated these experiments using a pSPORT-lacZ control plasmid which expresses β-galactosidase mRNA. Results shown in Fig. 4D demonstrate that increased β-galactosidase mRNA expression did not influence HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>-dependent transactivation from the cyclin D2 promoter, whereas TRRAP<sub>antisense</sub> inhibited p30<sup>II</sup> transcriptional activation in a dose-dependent manner. These data collectively indicate that HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> synergizes with the TIP60 HAT to transactivate Myc-responsive E-box elements within the human cyclin D2 promoter, requiring the transcriptional coactivator TRRAP/p434 (7, 25, 41, 79).

**HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> stabilizes Myc/TIP60 chromatin-remodeling transcription complexes in HTLV-1-infected lymphocytes.** As we have shown that HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> transcriptionally activates the conserved Myc-responsive E-box enhancer elements within the human cyclin D2 promoter (Fig. 3A and C) (7), we sought to determine whether p30<sup>II</sup> is present in Myc-containing chromatin-remodeling complexes using the ChIP procedure as described by Vervoorts et al. (79). Formaldehyde cross-linked genomic DNA complexes in uninfected Molt-4 lymphocytes or HTLV-1-infected MJ[G11] and HuT-102 lymphocytes were fragmented by sonication, and oligonucleosomal-protein complexes were precipitated using antibodies against candidate Myc-binding factors. Cross-links were reversed, and specific oligonucleotide DNA primer pairs were used in PCRs to amplify immunoprecipitated DNA regions spanning conserved E-box elements (PRM) or an untranslated sequence (UTR) as negative control (79). Results in Fig. 5A (top panels) demonstrate that HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> was detected only bound to E-box enhancer elements in HTLV-1-infected lymphocytes. Myc, TRRAP, TIP49 (RUVBL1), TIP48 (RUVBL2), and the acetyltransferase hGCN5 (42) were present in chromatin-remodeling complexes in uninfected Molt-4 cells and in HTLV-1-infected MJ[G11] and HuT-102 lymphocytes (Fig. 5A, top panels). Surprisingly, TIP60 was detected only in Myc-containing transcription complexes that contained p30<sup>II</sup> in HTLV-1-infected T cells (Fig. 5A, top panels), consistent with coimmunoprecipitation results and observed effects of ectopic TIP60 in transactivation assays (see Fig. 2B and 4A). The diminished recruitment of TIP49 to Myc-containing transcription complexes on the cyclin D2 promoter in HTLV-1-infected MJ[G11] cells was not attributable to apparent differences in p30<sup>II</sup>/Myc/TIP60 interactions (Fig. 5A). Histone H3 acetylation surrounding the E-box enhancer elements within the human cyclin D2 promoter, consistent with transcriptional activation, was detected in all cell types with the exception of H3, which appeared to be differentially acetylated on Lys-9 and Lys-14 residues in HTLV-1-infected MJ[G11] and HuT-102 cells, respectively (Fig. 5A, lower panels). Differences in histone H3 acetylation, however, did not correlate with the sta-

bilization of p30<sup>II</sup>/Myc/TIP60 transcriptional interactions in HTLV-1-infected T-cell lines.

To identify residues within HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> that interact with Myc/TIP60 complexes *in vivo*, we generated a panel of pGEX 4T.1-glutathione S-transferase (GST)-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> constructs, expressing full-length GST-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> or various truncation mutants, GST-p30<sup>II</sup> (residues 1 to 98), GST-p30<sup>II</sup> (residues 99 to 154), GST-p30<sup>II</sup> (residues 155 to 241) spanning the entire coding region of HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (Fig. 5B, see diagram). These proteins were expressed in *Escherichia coli* BL21 bacteria, and purified recombinant GST-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> fusion proteins were used in GST pull-down experiments as described by Harrod et al. (23). GST proteins were incubated with HeLa nuclear extracts at 4°C overnight, and complexes were precipitated with glutathione-Sepharose 4B (Amersham-Pharmacia Biotech). The matrices were washed, and bound factors were eluted using 10 mM reduced glutathione buffer. Input levels of purified recombinant GST or GST-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> proteins, Myc, and TIP60 are shown in Fig. 5B. Results shown in Fig. 5B (right panels) demonstrate that full-length GST-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> interacts with both Myc and TIP60 in HeLa nuclear extracts. Deletion of amino acid residues from either the NH<sub>2</sub> terminus or COOH terminus of p30<sup>II</sup> disrupts Myc binding; however, the TIP60-interacting region of HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> was mapped to residues between positions 99 and 154 (Fig. 5B). Our future efforts will biochemically characterize specific amino acid contacts responsible for the stabilization of HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>/Myc/TIP60 transcriptional interactions.

We next examined recruitment of HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>/Myc/TIP60 chromatin remodeling complexes to conserved, Myc-responsive E-box enhancer elements within the cyclin D2 promoter in cultured HTLV-1-infected ATLL patient lymphocytes (ATL-1). Chromatin-immunoprecipitations were performed using antibodies that recognize endogenous HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (34), Myc, and known Myc-interacting factors as described previously. Polymerase chain-reaction amplification of ChIP products was performed using the PRM and UTR oligonucleotide DNA primer pairs (79). Results shown in Fig. 5C demonstrate that p30<sup>II</sup> is present in Myc/TIP60 transcription complexes assembled on E-box enhancer elements within the cyclin D2 promoter in HTLV-1 ATLL patient lymphocytes. The transcriptional coactivators, TRRAP/p434, TIP48, TIP49, and hGCN5 were also detected in p30<sup>II</sup>/Myc/TIP60/cyclin D2 promoter complexes (Fig. 5C).

**HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>-GFP stabilizes Myc/TIP60 interactions and transactivates the cyclin D2 promoter in a TIP60 HAT-dependent manner.** We next investigated whether HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> interacts similarly in Myc/TIP60 transcription complexes in 293A fibroblasts. Nicot et al. (48) have demonstrated that an HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>-green fluorescent protein (GFP) is functionally identical to HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) (48). We therefore cotransfected 293A cells with CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>-GFP (kindly provided by G. Franchini, NCI, NIH [48]) or a pcDNA3.1-GFP vector control and performed ChIP analyses. Nucleoprotein complexes were cross-linked by treatment with formaldehyde, and oligonucleosomal fragments were generated by brief sonication of extracted genomic DNA. Chromatin immunoprecipitations were performed as described above, and ChIP products were amplified by PCR using the PRM and UTR oligonucleotide DNA primer pairs (79). Similar expression of

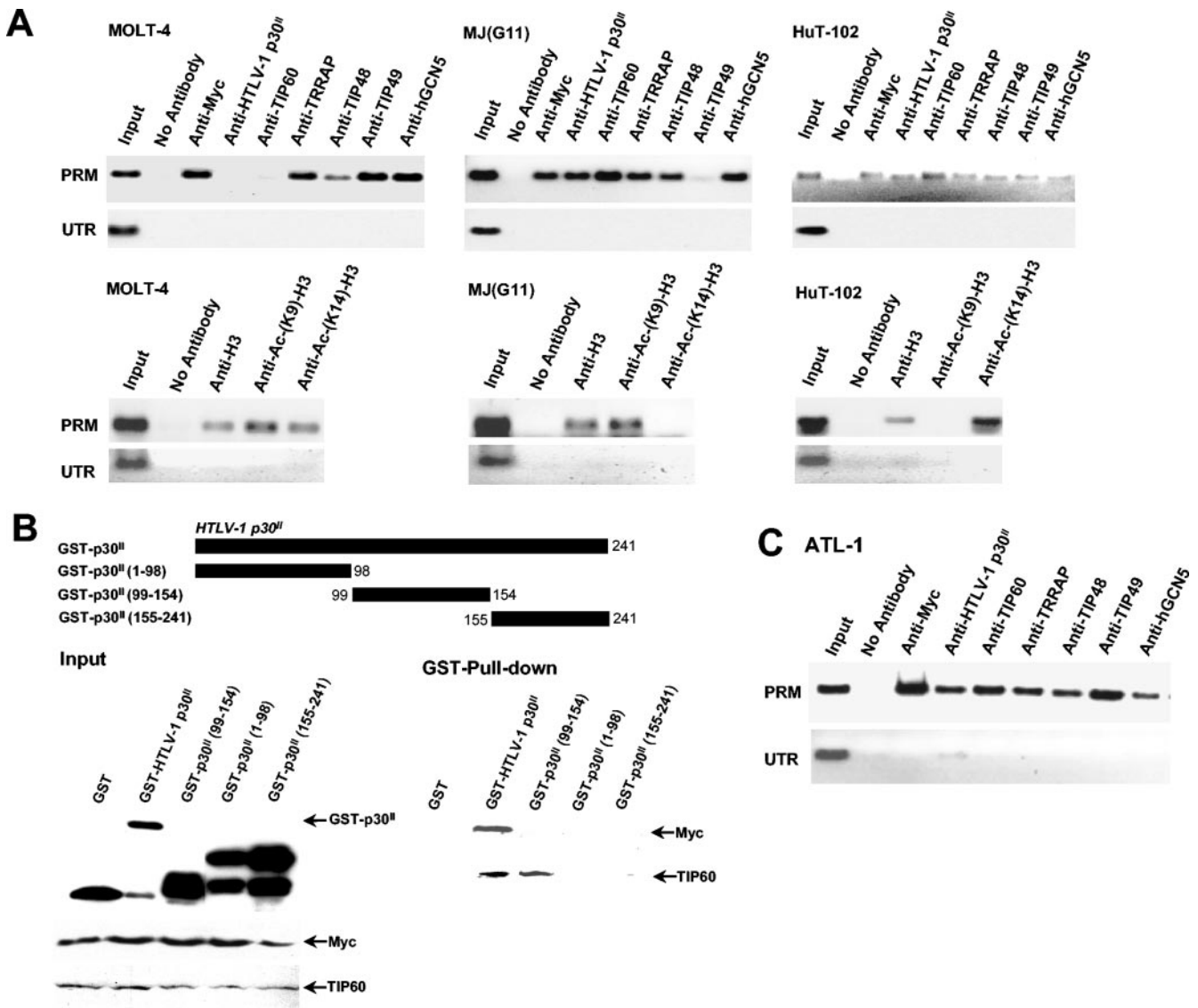


FIG. 5. HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> is present in Myc-TIP60-containing chromatin-remodeling complexes in HTLV-1-infected lymphocytes. (A) Chromatin immunoprecipitation assays were performed with uninfected Molt-4 lymphocytes or HTLV-1-infected MJ[G11] and HuT-102 lymphocytes using antibodies that recognize various Myc-interacting factors (TIP60, TRRAP, TIP48, TIP49, and hGCN5; top panels) or acetylated forms of histone H3 (acetyl-K9 and acetyl-K14; lower panels). The PRM primer pair anneals to sequences flanking the conserved E-box elements within the human cyclin D2 promoter, and the UTR negative control primers anneal within an untranslated region (79). (B) Purified recombinant GST-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> or GST-p30<sup>II</sup> (1 to 98), GST-p30<sup>II</sup> (99 to 154), and GST-p30<sup>II</sup> (155 to 241) truncated mutant proteins were incubated with HeLa nuclear extracts, and GST pull-down assays were performed as described previously (23) using glutathione-Sepharose 4B (Amersham-Pharmacia Biotech). A diagram of GST-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> fusion proteins and relative input levels of GST-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> and GST-p30<sup>II</sup> truncation mutants, Myc, and TIP60 proteins is shown. Results from GST pull-down experiments are provided in the panels on the right. (C) ChIP analyses of HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>-Myc/TIP60 transcription complexes recruited to Myc-responsive E-box elements within the genomic cyclin D2 promoter in cultured lymphocytes from an HTLV-1-infected ATLL patient (ATL-1). Chromatin immunoprecipitations were performed as for panel A, and PCR analyses of ChIP products were carried out using PRM and UTR oligonucleotide primer pairs (79).

HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>-GFP and GFP proteins was visualized with transfected 293A fibroblasts by fluorescence microscopy (Fig. 6A and B). The HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>-GFP protein was immunoprecipitated and bound to Myc-containing transcription complexes on conserved E-box elements within the cyclin D2 promoter in transfected 293A fibroblasts, using an anti-GFP antibody (Fig. 6A). No ChIP product was detected for the anti-GFP immunoprecipitation in 293A cells transfected with the pcDNA3.1-GFP control (Fig. 6B). While the transcrip-

tional coactivators TRRAP/p434, TIP48, TIP49, and hGCN5 were present in Myc-containing complexes in both HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>-GFP and GFP-expressing cells, the TIP60 HAT was detected predominantly in HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>-GFP/Myc/TIP60 complexes (compare Fig. 6A and B). However, TIP60 was weakly present in Myc-containing ChIP complexes in GFP-expressing cells, consistent with the demonstration of pre-existing Myc-TIP60 interactions by Frank et al. (16) and Patel et al. (56) (Fig. 6B).

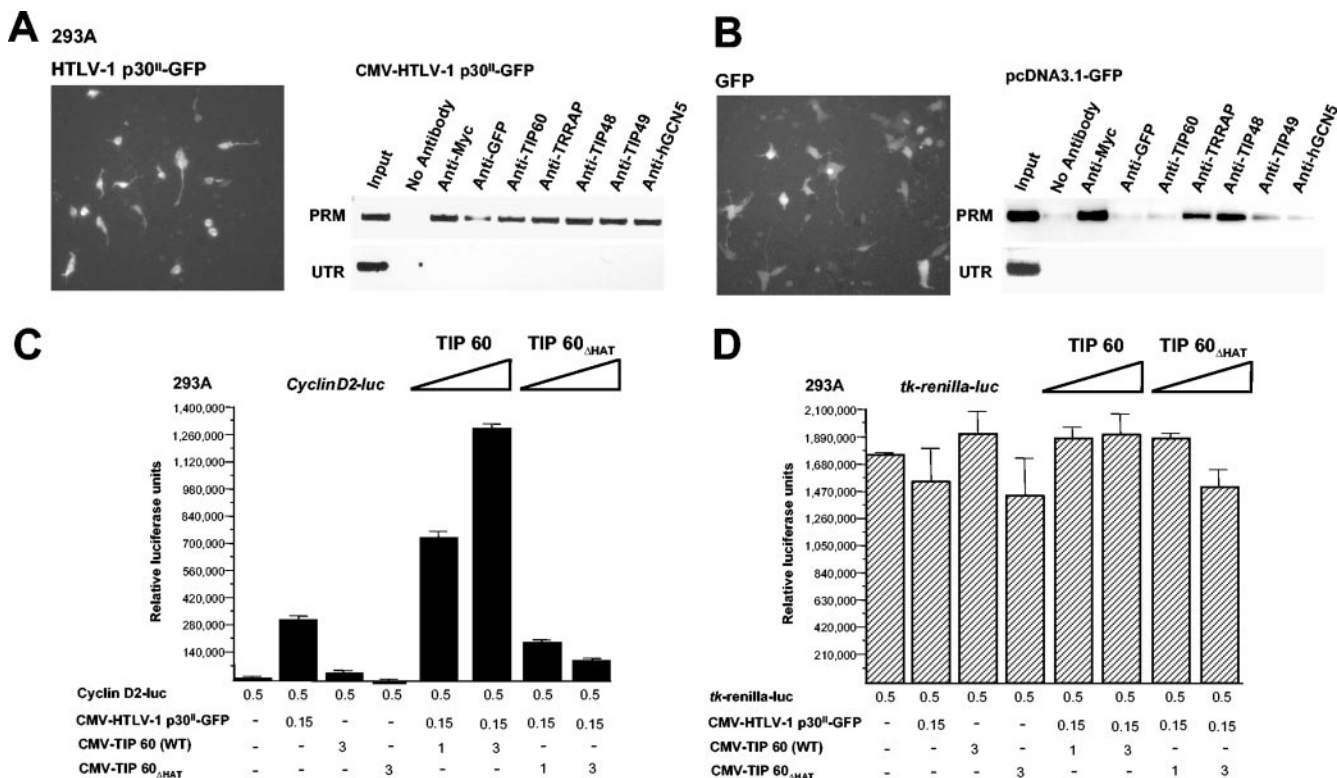
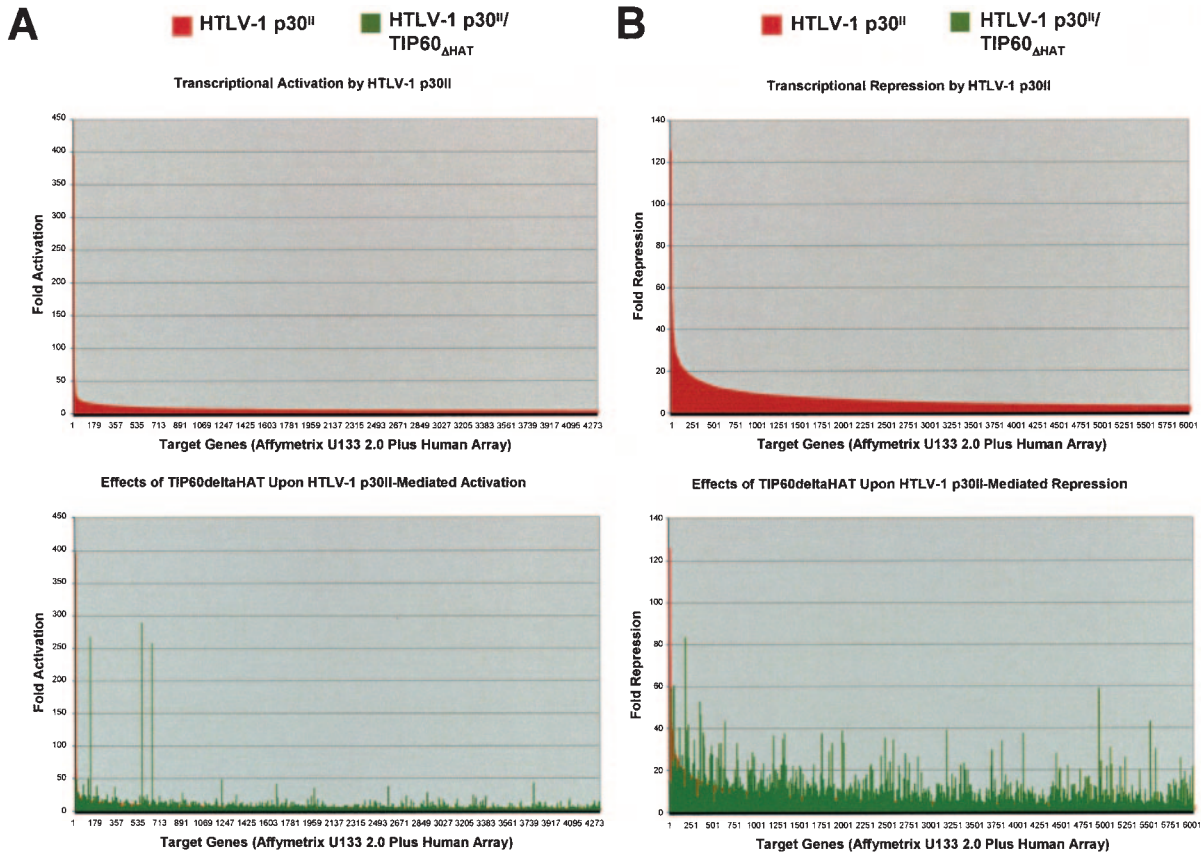


FIG. 6. HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>-GFP interacts in Myc/TIP60 transcription complexes and transcriptionally activates the human cyclin D2 promoter. (A) 293A fibroblasts were transfected with HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>-GFP (48), and ChIP analyses were performed using various antibodies against specific Myc-interacting proteins. Expression of HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>-GFP in transfected cells was visualized by fluorescence microscopy (left panel). Polymerase chain reaction amplification of ChIP products was carried out using the PRM and UTR oligonucleotide primer pairs as described previously (79). (B) 293A fibroblasts were transfected with a pcDNA3.1-GFP control, and ChIP analyses were performed as described for panel A. Expression of GFP was detected in transfected 293A cells by fluorescence microscopy. (C) 293A fibroblasts were cotransfected with a human cyclin D2 promoter-luciferase reporter construct (0.5 μg), *tk* promoter-*Renilla* luciferase reporter construct (0.5 μg), CMV-HTLV-1 HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>-GFP (0.15 μg), and increasing amounts (1.0 and 3.0 μg) of CMV-TIP60 (wild type) or CMV-TIP60<sub>ΔHAT</sub> (25). Dual luciferase assays were performed to measure transcriptional activation. (D) Relative *Renilla* luciferase activities for each sample are shown. Error bars representative of standard deviations from duplicate experiments are provided. WT, wild type.

To determine whether the HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>-GFP protein also transcriptionally activates the human cyclin D2 promoter in a TIP60-dependent manner, we cotransfected 293A fibroblasts with a *tk* promoter-*Renilla* luciferase plasmid, a human cyclin D2 promoter-luciferase reporter plasmid, and CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>-GFP in the presence of increasing amounts of either CMV-TIP60 (wild-type) or CMV-TIP60<sub>ΔHAT</sub>, which expresses a trans-dominant-negative TIP60 mutant (7, 25, 48). Results shown in Fig. 6C demonstrate that HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>-GFP transcriptionally activates the human cyclin D2 promoter approximately 14-fold in transfected 293A fibroblasts compared to an empty pcDNA3.1-GFP control. Overexpression of wild-type TIP60, in the presence of HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>-GFP, significantly increased p30<sup>II</sup>-GFP-dependent transcriptional activity in a dose-dependent manner (Fig. 6C). Coexpression of the trans-dominant-negative TIP60<sub>ΔHAT</sub> mutant (25) repressed p30<sup>II</sup>-GFP-dependent transactivation from the human cyclin D2 promoter (Fig. 6C), consistent with the results shown in Fig. 4A and with an essential role for the TIP60 HAT in HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> transcriptional activation. Relative *Renilla* luciferase activities for each sample are shown in Fig. 6D for comparisons of similar transfection efficiencies.

**HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> transcriptionally activates numerous cellular genes in a TIP60-dependent or TIP60-independent manner.** To comprehensively identify cellular gene sequences whose expressions are altered by HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>-TIP60 transcriptional interactions, we cotransfected 293A fibroblasts with a CβS empty vector control, CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA), or CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) and TIP60<sub>ΔHAT</sub>, which expresses a trans-dominant-negative mutant that interferes with endogenous TIP60 functions (25). Total cellular RNAs were extracted, and microarray gene expression analyses were performed using Affymetrix Human U133Plus 2.0 full-genomic chips. Transcriptional activation of cellular target genes is expressed as activation (*n*-fold) relative to the empty CβS vector control, and the lower limit for transactivation was set at 2.5-fold. Figure 7A shows a graphical representation of cellular target genes transcriptionally activated by HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) (red lines). TIP60-dependent gene sequences were identified based upon their transcriptional repression in the presence of the TIP60<sub>ΔHAT</sub> mutant (25) and are indicated by green lines (Fig. 7A). In general, the fold transactivation by HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) ranged between 2.5-fold to 393-fold for specific target genes (Fig. 7A). Michael et al. (44) have demonstrated that



**C** Target sequences transcriptionally-activated by HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>(HA) in a TIP60-dependent or TIP60-independent manner (Fold Activation)

HTLV-1 p30 <sup>II</sup>	HTLV-1 p30 <sup>II</sup> /TIP60 <sub>ΔHAT</sub>	Gene or Sequence Identity	HTLV-1 p30 <sup>II</sup>	HTLV-1 p30 <sup>II</sup> /TIP60 <sub>ΔHAT</sub>	Gene or Sequence Identity
		TITLE=zinc finger protein 236 /DEF=Homo sapiens	26.65217	7.73913	TESTI2017113.
393.8725	396.7248	cDNA FLJ20840 fis, clone ADKA02336.			protocadherin 15 /DEF=Homo sapiens mRNA; cDNA
69.33333	2.666667	Homo sapiens, clone IMAGE:4813412, mRNA	26.1875	1.5625	DKFZp667A1711 (from clone DKFZp667A1711).
65.5	7	Hs.42369 /UG_TITLE=ESTs			Hs.279616 /UG_TITLE=ESTs, Highly similar to
56	46.4	UG=Hs.66114 /UG_TITLE=ESTs	25.5	1.333333	KIAA1387 protein (H.sapiens)
		CPX chromosome region, candidate 1 /DEF=Homo			Homo sapiens full length insert cDNA clone
52.75	1	sapiens cDNA FLJ25780 fis, clone TST06618.	25.16667	11.55556	YW25E05
49.09091	0.909091	Hs.131856 /UG_TITLE=ESTs	24.83333	29.83333	Hs.208486 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
48	43	Hs.23196 /UG_TITLE=ESTs			Homo sapiens mRNA; cDNA DKFZp313L0839 (from
45.4	43.06667	Hs.116301 /UG_TITLE=ESTs	24.7619	11.90476	clone DKFZp313L0839).
40.44444	18.22222	Hs.200286 /UG_TITLE=ESTs			Homo sapiens synaptonemal complex protein 1
40.16667	22	Homo sapiens, clone IMAGE:4812574, mRNA.			(SYCP1), mRNA. /PROD=synaptonemal complex
34.625	49.375	Homo sapiens, clone IMAGE:5172609, mRNA.	24.71429	14.92857	protein 1 /FL=gb:NM_003176.1 gb:D67
34.44444	3.444444	Hs.122442 /UG_TITLE=ESTs			Homo sapiens cDNA FLJ14020 fis, clone
		Homo sapiens cystic fibrosis transmembrane	24.64286	2.785714	HEMBA1002508.
31.85714	3.857143	conductance regulator isoform 36 (CFTR) mRNA, partial cds.	24.09091	27.18182	Homo sapiens, clone IMAGE:5269594, mRNA.
		Homo sapiens myeloid cell nuclear differentiation			Hs.99578 /UG_TITLE=ESTs, Highly similar to
31.1875	1	antigen (MND4), mRNA			PTPD_HUMAN PROTEIN-TYROSINE
31	2.75	Hs.145611 /UG_TITLE=ESTs	23.73333	1.933333	PHOSPHATASE DELTA PRECURSOR (H.sapiens)
30.88889	3.555556	Hs.120414 /UG_TITLE=ESTs			H.sapiens mRNA for gonadotropin-releasing hormone
28.06667	10.66667	Hs.125291 /UG_TITLE=ESTs	23.58065	22.03226	receptor, splice variant. /PROD=gonadotropin-
		H.sapiens mRNA HTPCRX06 for olfactory receptor.			releasing hormone receptor
27.72222	1.722222	H.sapiens mRNA HTPCRX06 for olfactory receptor.			Homo sapiens cDNA FLJ12548 fis, clone
27.625	28	Homo sapiens, clone IMAGE:5223057, mRNA.			NT2RM4000657, weakly similar to 1-
			23.3913	4.913043	PHOSPHATIDYLINOSITO

HTLV-1 p30 <sup>II</sup>	HTLV-1 p30 <sup>II</sup> / TIP60 <sub>ΔHAT</sub>	Gene or Sequence Identity	HTLV-1 p30 <sup>II</sup>	HTLV-1 p30 <sup>II</sup> / TIP60 <sub>ΔHAT</sub>	Gene or Sequence Identity
23	2.83333	Homo sapiens cDNA FLJ37910 fis, clone CTONG100040.			Homo sapiens cDNA FLJ32062 fis, clone OCBBF1000042.
22.65	17.15	Homo sapiens mRNA for pH-sensing regulatory factor of peptide transporter, complete cds.	18.23529	3.529412	6 Hs.204562 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
22.35714	2	Homo sapiens, clone IMAGE:4398590, mRNA.	18.14286	6	Hs.269931 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
22.125	0.625	Homo sapiens cDNA: FLJ20870 fis, clone ADKA02524.			Homo sapiens, clone IMAGE:4393885, mRNA, partial cds
21.83333	13.58333	Homo sapiens cDNA FLJ11096 fis, clone PLACE1005480.	18.03226	7.451613	Hs.23187 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
21.8	7.1	Hs.60556 /UG_TITLE=ESTs	17.76471	24.88235	Hs.42993 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
21.47059	1.058824	Homo sapiens, clone IMAGE:5742085, mRNA.	17.71429	23.07143	Hs.21386 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
21.4	1.2	Hs.130544 /UG_TITLE=ESTs	17.625	1.5	Homo sapiens glypican 5 (GPC5), mRNA
21	7.208333	Hs.222222 /UG_TITLE=ESTs			Homo sapiens mRNA; cDNA DKFZp686C1636 (from clone DKFZp686C1636)
20.85714	7.214286	Homo sapiens osteoglycin (osteoinductive factor, mimecan) (OGN), mRNA	17.6129	12.12903	Hs.213386 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
20.73913	17.82609	Hs.222120 /UG_TITLE=ESTs	17.48276	2	Hs.99200 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
20.71429	19.78571	Homo sapiens cDNA FLJ25595 fis, clone JTH13269.	17.47826	2.913043	Hs.17388 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
20.7	4.3	Homo sapiens cDNA FLJ13003 fis, clone NT2RP3000418.			MCF.2 cell line derived transforming sequence-like /DEF=Homo sapiens, clone IMAGE:5185971, mRNA
20.42857	7.035714	Human DNA sequence from clone 733D15 on chromosome Xp11.3. Contains a Zinc-finger (pseudo?) gene and G	17.40541	3.486486	Hs.6656 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
20.42857	6.714286	Hs.132649 /UG_TITLE=ESTs	17.36842	15.73684	Hs.22249 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
20.28235	10.15294	Homo sapiens cDNA FLJ11475 fis, clone HEMBA1001734, moderately similar to CADHERIN-11 PRECURSOR	17.31169	16.42857	Hs.20103 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
20.25	4.75	Homo sapiens epiregulin (EREG), mRNA	17.09091	17.09091	Human (clone CTG-A4) mRNA sequence
20.2381	15.52381	Homo sapiens cDNA FLJ39700 fis, clone SMINT2011588, weakly similar to Kruppe	17.09091	22.36364	Homo sapiens cDNA FLJ36285 fis, clone THYMU2003470.
20.04545	9.136364	Homo sapiens mRNA; cDNA DKFZp434P2450 (from clone DKFZp434P2450).	17	16.44444	/PROD=SAM domain, SH3 domain and nuclear localisation signals, 1 (SAMSN1), mRNA.
19.95238	1	paraneoplastic encephalomyelitis antigen (5 region, alternatively spliced) (human, lung cancer cell line, mRNA Partial, 10			Homo sapiens, clone MGC:34025 IMAGE:4828588, mRNA, complete cds. /PROD=Unknown (protein for MGC:34025)
19.78261	15.65217	Homo sapiens aldehyde oxidase 1 (AOX1), mRNA	16.83333	17.69444	Hs.34025
19.77778	13.77778	Hs.293582 /UG_TITLE=ESTs	16.83333	15.58333	Homo sapiens, clone IMAGE:4838843, mRNA
19.75	6.833333	Homo sapiens cDNA: FLJ21221 fis, clone COL00570.	16.81818	0.727273	Hs.97977 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
19.71795	15.89744	Homo sapiens cDNA FLJ40624 fis, clone THYMU2013981.	16.75556	4.377778	Homo sapiens mRNA; cDNA DKFZp586O2023 (from clone DkFZp586O2023)
19.69565	23.95652	Human colony stimulating factor 2 receptor, beta, low-affinity (granulocyte-macrophage)	16.66667	17.75	Hs.36409.0 /TIER=ConsEnd /STK=4 /UG=Hs.36409
19.6	12.46667	Human deleted in azoospermia protein (DAZ) mRNA, complete cds	16.65789	11.65789	Human hepatocyte nuclear factor-6 alpha (HNF6) mRNA, complete cds
19.57143	19.85714	Homo sapiens mRNA for GluR6 kainate receptor (GRIK2 gene), isoform-b	16.625	3.5	Hs.188950 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
19.55556	2.111111	hypothetical protein LOC285419 /DEF=Homo sapiens, clone IMAGE:4839001, mRNA	16.625	11.0625	Hs.277419 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
19.52941	1.235294	Homo sapiens sperm associated antigen 11 (SPAG11), transcript variant B, mRNA.	16.61111	12.77778	pancreatic ribonuclease (human, mRNA Recombinant Partial, 491 nt)
19.25926	9.185185	Homo sapiens mRNA; cDNA DKFZp434L1717 (from clone DKFZp434L1717); complete cds	16.54545	15.09091	Homo sapiens, clone IMAGE:5277680, mRNA, partial cds.
19.24138	20.31034	Homo sapiens cDNA FLJ35054 fis, clone OCBBF2018380.			Homo sapiens glutamate receptor, ionotropic, AMPA 4 (GRIA4), mRNA. /PROD=glutamate receptor,
19.16667	14.11111	Hs.36683 /UG_TITLE=ESTs	16.53488	3.860465	ionotropic /FL=gb:U16129.1 gb:NM_0
19.07143	8	Hs.106645 /UG_TITLE=ESTs			endothelin receptor type A /FL=gb:NM_001957.1 gb:L06622.1
18.93333	37.53333	Homo sapiens cDNA FLJ17602 fis, clone HEMBA1003908	16.46575	11.61644	Hs.99472 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
18.90476	15.38095	Homo sapiens, clone IMAGE:5164933, mRNA	16.42857	4.761905	Hs.99472 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
18.71429	40.71429	Hs.176420 /UG_TITLE=ESTs			Homo sapiens mRNA for type I keratin. /PROD=HhA5 hair keratin type I intermediate filament
18.7037	2.222222	Homo sapiens. Similar to BCL2-associated athanogene, clone IMAGE:4310445, mRNA	16.40909	3.227273	Homo sapiens protein tyrosine phosphatase, receptor-type, Z polypeptide 1 (PTPRZ1), mRNA
18.66667	20.06667	DNA segment on chromosome X (unique) 9928 expressed sequence			Homo sapiens neuropeptide Y receptor Y5 (NPY5R), mRNA
18.5	5.958333	Homo sapiens PIAS-NY protein mRNA, complete cds	16.36	22.4	mRNA
18.47368	4.368421	Homo sapiens full length insert cDNA clone YI41H11			Homo sapiens cDNA: FLJ20890 fis, clone ADKA03323.
18.46154	4.615385	Homo sapiens pre-TNK cell associated protein (ID12A), mRNA	16.05882	3.882353	syntaphilin
18.45455	17.24242	Homo sapiens mRNA differentially expressed in malignant melanoma, clone MM K2			Human DNA sequence from clone RP4-545L17 on chromosome 20p12.2-13. Contains the 5 end of the gene for a novel protein similar to RAD21 (S. pom)
			15.95522	8.552239	Homo sapiens cDNA FLJ36177 fis, clone TESTI2026515.
			15.91667	0.5	Hs.40840 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
					Homo sapiens cDNA FLJ13602 fis, clone PLACE1010089, highly similar to Homo sapiens mRNA for
			15.89474	25.12281	Human CB-4 transcript of unrearranged immunoglobulin V(H)5 gene /DEF=Human CLL-12 transcript of unrearranged immuno
			15.88235	1.156863	Hs.173596 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
			15.875	18.5	Homo sapiens, clone IMAGE:4823434, mRNA
			15.85185	1.888889	Hs.173596 /UG_TITLE=ESTs

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HTLV-1 p30 <sup>HT</sup>	HTLV-1 p30 <sup>HT</sup> TIP60 <sub>ΔHAT</sub>	Gene or Sequence Identity	HTLV-1 p30 <sup>HT</sup>	HTLV-1 p30 <sup>HT</sup> TIP60 <sub>ΔHAT</sub>	Gene or Sequence Identity
15.83333	3.944444	Homo sapiens GPBP-interacting protein 90 mRNA, complete cds	14.65217	22.82609	Homo sapiens, clone MGC:10724, mRNA, complete cds. /PROD=Unknown (protein for MGC:10724)
15.81481	0.888889	Homo sapiens, Similar to recombination activating gene 1, clone MGC:43321 IMAGE:5265661, mRNA, complete cds	14.64286	2.571429	Homo sapiens mRNA; cDNA DKFZp761D191 (from clone DKFZp761D191)
15.72414	2.241379	Homo sapiens cDNA FLJ37001 fis, clone BRACE2008172.	14.61538	1.307692	Hs.313876 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
15.71429	11.42857	Homo sapiens, Similar to RIKEN cDNA 4833427G06 gene, clone IMAGE:5561932, mRNA	14.53488	8.348837	CGI-67 protein
15.6875	9.0625	Homo sapiens, clone IMAGE:4831108, mRNA	14.5	9.772727	Hs.132650 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
15.6875	0.78125	Homo sapiens, clone IMAGE:5295305, mRNA	14.42857	1.619048	Hs.293685 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
15.63636	5.681818	Hs.98388 /UG_TITLE=ESTs	14.41667	4.708333	Hs.143789 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
15.61538	11.11538	methyl-CpG binding domain protein 2	Homo sapiens cDNA FLJ13755 fis, clone PLACE3000363.		
15.59677	267.7419	Hs.154993 /UG_TITLE=ESTs	14.33333	2.888889	Hs.327117 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
15.54545	9.181818	Homo sapiens transmembrane phosphatase with tensin homology (TPTE), mRNA.	14.29032	1.903226	Hs.161566 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
15.52632	10.31579	Hs.105620 /UG_TITLE=ESTs	14.27778	1.055556	Homo sapiens, clone IMAGE:4778480, mRNA.
Homo sapiens acetyl LDL receptor; SREC=scavenger receptor expressed by endothelial cells (SREC), mRNA. /PROD=acetyl LDL receptor; SR			14.23077	15.84615	Homo sapiens, Similar to hypothetical protein FLJ22792, clone MGC:22933 IMAGE:4905554, mRNA, complete cds
15.42857	23.28571	mRNA. /PROD=acetyl LDL receptor; SR	14.20513	1	Hs.162565 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
15.36842	0.684211	Homo sapiens cDNA: FLJ21351 fis, clone COL02762	Homo sapiens, Similar to sex comb on midleg-like 3 (Drosophila), clone MGC:25118 IMAGE:4509724, mRNA, complete cds.		
15.36364	1.454545	BRACE2000750.	14.14815	21.37037	Homo sapiens olfactory-like receptor JCG8 (JCG8) mRNA, complete cds. /PROD=olfactory-like receptor JCG8
15.3	12.83333	(IDS2) pseudogene, mRNA sequence	14.14286	11.57143	JCG8
15.27027	3.324324	(MAPT), transcript variant 1, mRNA.	14.1	15.3	Homo sapiens, clone IMAGE:5267701, mRNA
15.23077	12.15385	Homo sapiens, clone IMAGE:4830182, mRNA.	Homo sapiens cDNA FLJ34667 fis, clone LIVER2000769. /DEF=Homo sapiens cDNA FLJ34667 fis, clone LIVER2000769.		
15.21429	2.642857	cDNA DKFZp434H0872 (from clone DKFZp434H0872).	14.06667	5.15	FLJ34667 fis, clone LIVER2000769.
15.21053	1.684211	Homo sapiens cDNA: FLJ22630 fis, clone HSI06250.	14.05882	7.588235	major histocompatibility complex, class II, DR beta 3
15.19231	11.76923	H2BFN), mRNA	14.05882	3.176471	Hs.125962 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
15.19048	1.47619	HEMBA1000318.	14.05833	6.35	Hs.293118 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
15.16667	1.233333	precursor (H.sapiens)	14.03896	13.66234	Hs.20726 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
15.125	1.1875	sequence	14.02778	9.555556	Homo sapiens, clone MGC:14510, mRNA, complete cds. /PROD=Unknown (protein for MGC:14510)
15.09375			Homo sapiens CD84 antigen (leukocyte antigen) (CD84), mRNA. /PROD=CD84 antigen (leukocyte antigen)		
15.07407	4.277778	Homo sapiens cDNA: FLJ21710 fis, clone COL10087.	14.02632	17.39474	antigen)
15.06667	15.96667	Hs.143834 /UG_TITLE=ESTs	14	11.90909	Hs.296235 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
15.05128	5.512821	hypothetical protein FLJ20271 /FL=gb:NM_017734.1	prostate specific G-protein coupled receptor /DEF=Homo sapiens prostate specific G-protein coupled receptor gene, comple		
15.02564	5.974359	Homo sapiens full length insert cDNA clone YP60H04	14	38.29412	Homo sapiens cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator isoform 36 (CFTR) mRNA, partial cds
15.02326	11.44186	/PROD=calsyntenin-2	14	22.2	partial cds
15	1.5	Hs.104572 /UG_TITLE=ESTs	13.97826	12.54348	complete cds
14.9403	12.67164	/PROD=inhibin beta C subunit precursor	13.90625	0.9375	Hs.88450 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
14.88462	11.82692	HEMBA1003327	13.9	1.1	Hs.20468 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
14.80851	15.65957	UG_TITLE=ESTs	13.89474	3.421053	Homo sapiens cDNA: FLJ21618 fis, clone COL07487.
			13.85294	2.352941	mRNA
			Homo sapiens fibroblast growth factor 20 (FGF20), mRNA		
			13.81818	3.136364	clone DKFZp761J1323 (from clone DKFZp761J1323).
			13.80769	2.307692	Hs.407438 /UG_TITLE=neurogenic differentiation 1
			Homo sapiens hypothetical protein FLJ12983 (FLJ12983), mRNA		
			13.78788	12.45455	(FLJ12983), mRNA
			13.7549	9.77451	gene KIAA0978, two genes for novel proteins similar
			13.73333	8.8	Hs.201420 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
			Homo sapiens cDNA FLJ12573 fis, clone NT2RM4000979		
			13.71429	12.17857	NT2RM4000979
			13.7	23.3	Hs.244710 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
			Homo sapiens tenascin R (restrictin, janusin) (TNR), mRNA. /PROD=tenascin R (restrictin, janusin)		
14.78788	5.348485	/STK=30 /UG=Hs.55256 /UG_TITLE=ESTs	13.68293	5.585366	mRNA. /PROD=tenascin R (restrictin, janusin)
14.71154	0.442308	Homo sapiens, clone IMAGE:4815474, mRNA	13.66667	1.606061	Hs.99336 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
14.69565	12.67391	endproducts receptor, complete cds.	13.64045	9.280899	Homo sapiens testis-specific ankyrin motif containing protein (LOC56311), mRNA.

FIG. 7—Continued.

HTLV-1 p30 <sup>II</sup>	HTLV-1 p30 <sup>II</sup> / TIP60 <sub>ΔHAT</sub>	Gene or Sequence Identity	HTLV-1 p30 <sup>II</sup>	HTLV-1 p30 <sup>II</sup> / TIP60 <sub>ΔHAT</sub>	Gene or Sequence Identity
13.61538	1.846154	Hs.130922 /UG_TITLE=Homo sapiens, Similar to likely ortholog of yeast ARV1, clone IMAGE:5265646; mRNA	12.8	3.72	Hs.231951 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
13.59259	0.814815	olfactory receptor, family 2, subfamily M, member 4 /DEF=H.sapiens mRNA for TPCR100 protein.	12.78947	1.263158	Homo sapiens olfactory receptor-like protein JCG3
13.57143	3.142857	Homo sapiens, clone IMAGE:4694422, mRNA.	12.78788	1.181818	Homo sapiens, clone IMAGE:4800001, mRNA.
13.55882	3.661765	Homo sapiens small intestine aquaporin mRNA, complete cds	12.76923	2	Homo sapiens, clone IMAGE:4828930, mRNA.
13.55172	3.689655	Homo sapiens mRNA; cDNA DKFZp564I083 (from clone DKFZp564I083)	12.76471	1.705882	Homo sapiens mRNA expressed only in placental villi, clone SMAP41
13.53846	7.807692	Homo sapiens cDNA FLJ39005 fis, clone NT2R12024496	12.75	17.08333	Hs.259168 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
13.52941	11.2549	Hs.250113 /UG_TITLE=ESTs, Moderately similar to thyroid hormone receptor-associated protein complex component TRAP150 (H.sap)	12.69565	17.47826	Homo sapiens hypothetical protein FLJ21272 (FLJ21272), mRNA
13.40909	9.863636	Homo sapiens, clone IMAGE:3933453, mRNA	12.6875	7.333333	Hs.92955 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
13.36842	0.842105	Hs.28714 /UG_TITLE=ESTs	12.67857	4.071429	hypothetical protein FLJ10024 /DEF=Homo sapiens cDNA FLJ13978 fis, clone Y79AA1001665.
13.35714	1.357143	Homo sapiens, clone IMAGE:5266862, mRNA.	12.66102	9.050847	Homo sapiens RNA binding motif protein, Y chromosome, family 2, member B (RBM2B) mRNA.
13.35135	12.81081	Hs.158937 /UG_TITLE=ESTs	12.57576	9.636364	hypothetical protein LOC285965 /DEF=Homo sapiens mRNA; cDNA DKFZp686O0656 (from clone DKFZp686O0656).
13.35	1.65	Homo sapiens cDNA FLJ13136 fis, clone NT2RP3003139	12.55172	0.724138	Hs.276363 /UG_TITLE=hypothetical protein LOC283112
13.33333	6.6	Homo sapiens non-coding RNA HANC	12.54839	7.709677	RFPL1S /UG_TITLE=ret finger protein-like 1 antisense
13.30769	7.410256	Hs.25046 /UG_TITLE=ESTs	12.53333	14.86667	Hs.98945 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
13.29384	8.21327	Homo sapiens protein kinase C, alpha binding protein (PRKCABP), mRNA	12.5	6.136364	Hs.213371 /UG_TITLE=ESTs
13.2807	4.017544	Homo sapiens hypothetical protein FLJ10979 (FLJ10979), mRNA. /PROD=hypothetical protein FLJ10979	12.45946	7.297297	Homo sapiens, similar to hypothetical protein, clone MGC:27103 IMAGE:4831323, mRNA, complete cds.
13.25	7.15	Homo sapiens full length insert cDNA clone Y141B09	12.42424	16.54545	Homo sapiens GLB2 gene, upstream regulatory region
13.24138	0.896552	Homo sapiens, clone IMAGE:4818264, mRNA			
13.2381	10.2619	Homo sapiens, clone IMAGE:4824978, mRNA			
13.23333	15.1	myelin oligodendrocyte glycoprotein /DEF=Human DNA sequence from clone RP11-145L22 on chromosome 6p21.32-22.2			
13.18182	0.818182	Homo sapiens regulator of G-protein signalling 1 (RGS1), mRNA. /PROD=regulator of G-protein signalling 1			
13.11111	12.11111	Homo sapiens clone HQ0202 PRO0202 mRNA, partial cds			
13.09091	17.30303	cytoplasmic linker associated protein 2			
13.09091	17.63636	H.sapiens AA1 mRNA			
13.04762	1.380952	Homo sapiens, clone IMAGE:4825614, mRNA.			
13	1.75	Human clone 23909 mRNA, partial cds. /PROD=unknown			
13	1.657143	Homo sapiens cDNA FLJ12289 fis, clone MAMMA1001788			
12.93333	11.66667	Homo sapiens mRNA for keratin associated protein 4.7 (KRTAP4.7 gene)			
12.93103	0.413793	Hs.43052 /UG_TITLE=ESTs			
12.92308	4.846154	Homo sapiens cDNA FLJ14152 fis, clone MAMMA1003089.			
12.88	1.52	Hs.118342 /UG_TITLE=ESTs			
12.86207	6.965517	Homo sapiens, clone IMAGE:4042783, mRNA.			
12.84	11.68	Homo sapiens POU domain, class 4, transcription factor 2 (POU4F2), mRNA. /PROD=POU domain, class 4, transcription factor 2			
12.83333	8.111111	Hs.190319 /UG_TITLE=ESTs			

FIG. 7. Numerous cellular target genes are transcriptionally activated by HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> in a TIP60-dependent or TIP60-independent manner. (A) 293A fibroblasts were transfected with a CβS empty vector control, CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA), or with CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) and CMV-TIP60<sub>ΔHAT</sub> (25). Total cellular RNAs were extracted using a QIAGEN RNeasy kit as recommended by the manufacturer, and microarray gene expression analyses were performed by the Oregon State University Center for Gene Research and Biotechnology using Affymetrix Human U133Plus 2.0 full-genomic chips. Transcriptional activation of cellular genes by HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> is expressed as activation (*n*-fold) relative to the empty CβS vector control. A Microsoft Excel graphical representation of cellular target genes transcriptionally activated by HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> is shown. TIP60-dependent genes were identified based upon their transcriptional repression in the presence of the trans-dominant-negative TIP60<sub>ΔHAT</sub> mutant (25). (B) Graphical representation of cellular genes transcriptionally repressed by HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> in a TIP60-dependent or TIP60-independent manner. (C) A list of major target gene sequences transcriptionally activated by HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> as determined by Affymetrix microarray gene expression analyses. Gene sequences whose transactivation was significantly dependent on the TIP60 coactivator are boxed. Hs., *Homo sapiens*.



numerous cellular genes are also transcriptionally repressed as a result of HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> expression (44). Results shown in Fig. 7B graphically represent cellular target genes transcriptionally repressed (with levels ranging between 2.5-fold to 125-fold transrepression) by HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) (red lines). Effects of the trans-dominant-negative TIP60<sub>ΔHAT</sub> mutant upon transcriptional repression by HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) are indicated by green lines (Fig. 7B).

In Fig. 7C, we provide a representative list of the major target gene sequences that are transcriptionally activated by HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) as determined by Affymetrix microarray gene expression analyses. TIP60-dependent gene sequences are shown in boxes. Transcriptional activation is expressed as activation (*n*-fold) relative to the empty CβS vector control. Numerous cellular genes were transcriptionally induced by HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) in a TIP60-dependent or TIP60-independent manner, suggesting that p30<sup>II</sup> may participate in multiple, distinct transcription complexes (Fig. 7C). With respect to the potential role of HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> in adult T-cell leukemogenesis, transcriptional activation of the following genes is of significant interest: myeloid cell nuclear differentiation 1 antigen (31.1-fold; TIP60 dependent), protocadherin 15 (26.1-fold; TIP60 dependent), human protein tyrosine phosphatase delta precursor (23.3-fold; TIP60 dependent), cadherin 11-like precursor (20.2-fold; TIP60 dependent), colony-stimulating factor 2 receptor beta (19.6-fold; TIP60 independent), human protein tyrosine phosphatase receptor type Z polypeptide (16.4-fold; TIP60 dependent), *Schizosaccharomyces pombe* RAD21-like protein (16-fold; TIP60 independent), human transmembrane phosphatase with tensin homology (15.5-fold; TIP60 independent), H2B histone family member N (15.1-fold; TIP60 independent), major histocompatibility complex class II DR beta 3 (14.0-fold; TIP60 dependent), human CD84 leukocyte antigen (14.0-fold; TIP60 independent), prostate-specific G protein-coupled receptor (14.0-fold; TIP60 independent), fibroblast growth factor 20 (13.8-fold; TIP60 dependent), protein kinase C alpha-binding protein (13.2-fold; TIP60 independent), regulator of G-protein-signaling 1 (13.1-fold; TIP60 dependent), cytoplasmic linker associated protein 2 (13.0-fold; TIP60 independent), POU domain 4 transcription factor 2 (12.8-fold; TIP60 independent), RNA-binding motif protein (RBMY2B) (12.6-fold; TIP60 independent). Robek et al. (62) have demonstrated that an infectious HTLV-1 molecular clone, ACH.p30<sup>II</sup>, exhibits an approximately 20 to 50% reduction in transformation efficiency compared to the wild-type ACH.wt (62), suggesting that p30<sup>II</sup> is required for the full transforming potential of HTLV-1. Our microarray analyses indicate that numerous cellular genes are transcriptionally activated by p30<sup>II</sup>, and proteins encoded by these genes may contribute to HTLV-1 leukemic transformation and development of ATLL.

**HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> enhances Myc transforming potential and requires the TIP60 HAT and TRRAP/p434.** As the c-Myc oncogene is known to cause cellular transformation (7, 41, 51), we next investigated whether HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> might influence Myc-associated transforming activity in focus formation assays using immortalized human *WRN*<sup>-/-</sup> fibroblasts, which lack Werner's syndrome helicase functions (45). This cellular background was chosen because ATLL is an aging-related malignancy requiring clinical latency periods of 25 to 40 years prior to disease onset (29), which suggests that genetic mutations

linked to the aging process likely contribute to leukemogenesis. Werner's syndrome is a premature aging disorder (45) that mimics or recapitulates many of the clinical and cellular features of normal aging, and *WRN* locus (8p11-12) mutations have been found in HTLV-1-infected ATLL patient lymphocytes and in HTLV-1-infected mycosis fungoides/Sezary syndrome cells (4, 30, 53, 69, 82). Neither c-Myc nor HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) alone significantly induces focus formation in immortalized human *WRN*<sup>-/-</sup> fibroblasts (Fig. 8A). Surprisingly, in combination, HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA)-Myc coexpression reproducibly induces between 35 and 58 foci in different assays (Fig. 8A and B). The expression of HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) and c-Myc (FLAG) was detected in transformed colonies by immunofluorescence microscopy (Fig. 8D and E), and the p30<sup>II</sup> protein appeared to be distributed throughout the nucleoplasm (Fig. 8C). We also observed a high incidence of multinucleated giant cells in isolated HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) Myc-transformed fibroblasts that were expanded in culture, consistent with HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>-induced polyploidy observed during BrdU-FACS analyses (Fig. 8F; compare to control cells in Fig. 8D). The expression of HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) in transformed fibroblasts was confirmed by immunoblotting using a monoclonal anti-HA antibody (Fig. 8E). As expected, the majority of expanded HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA)-expressing colonies showed increased levels of intracellular Myc protein by immunoblotting (Fig. 8F). Indeed, these findings indicate that HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> markedly enhances the transforming potential of c-Myc and may promote genomic instability, resulting in polyploidy.

Our transcriptional activation data suggested that enhancement of Myc functions by HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> requires the coactivators TIP60 and TRRAP/p434. Therefore, we tested whether focus formation induced by coexpressing HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA)-Myc might be affected by overexpressing wild-type TIP60 or TIP60<sub>ΔHAT</sub> and TIP60<sub>L497A</sub> mutant proteins (17, 25). Results from two independent experiments in Fig. 9A indicate that none of the TIP60 expression constructs, either alone or in combination with c-Myc, significantly induces focus formation in immortalized human *WRN*<sup>-/-</sup> fibroblasts. However, ectopic TIP60 markedly increases focus formation induced by HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA)-Myc coexpression (Fig. 9A). The trans-dominant-negative TIP60<sub>ΔHAT</sub> mutant completely abrogated colony formation by HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA)-Myc, and the TIP60<sub>L497A</sub> mutant partially inhibited focus formation (Fig. 9A). Increased colony formation by HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA)/Myc/TIP60, compared to inhibition of focus formation by the trans-dominant-negative TIP60<sub>ΔHAT</sub> mutant, is shown in Fig. 9B. Inhibition of TRRAP/p434, as a result of coexpressing increasing amounts of TRRAP<sub>antisense</sub> RNA (41), also significantly decreased focus formation by HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA)-Myc (Fig. 9C). These findings collectively agree with our transcriptional activation data and suggest that HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> enhances Myc transcriptional and transforming activities in a TIP60 HAT- and TRRAP-dependent manner.

As we have mapped the TIP60-interacting domain of HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> to amino acid residues 99 to 154 through biochemical GST pull-down experiments (see Fig. 5B), we next analyzed a naturally occurring truncation mutant of p30<sup>II</sup>, HTLV-1 p13<sup>II</sup>, which expresses the carboxyl terminus of p30<sup>II</sup>, spanning from residue 155 to 241 (Fig. 10A) (1, 10, 34, 70). The p13<sup>II</sup> mutant lacks the TIP60-interacting region of p30<sup>II</sup> but

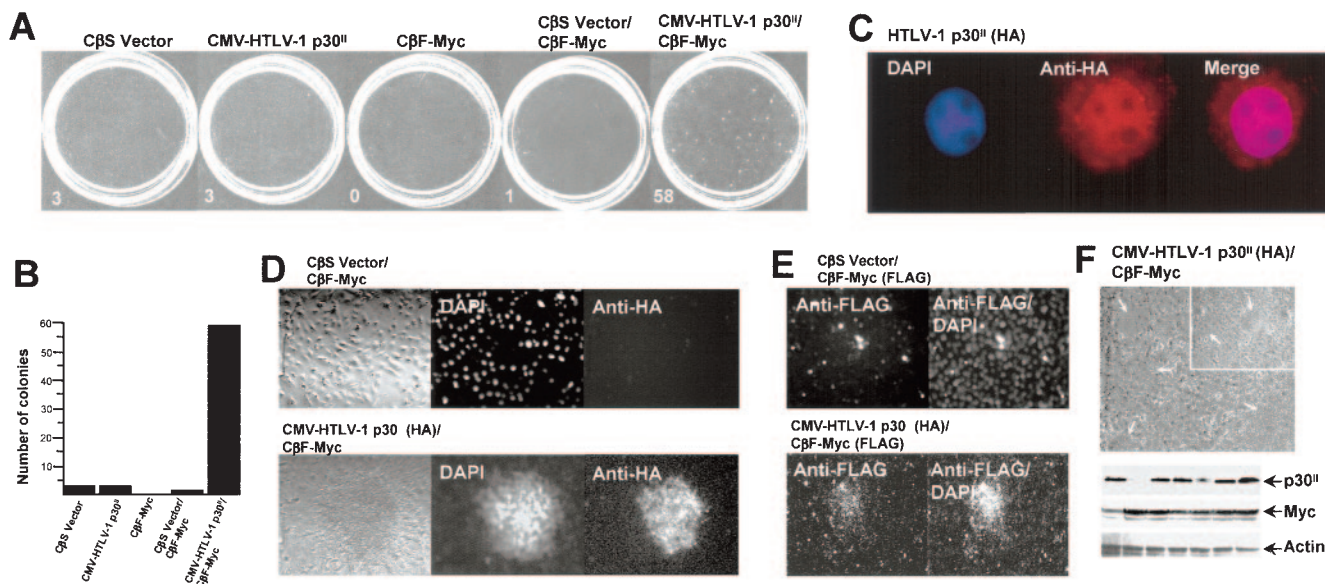


FIG. 8. HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> enhances Myc-associated transforming potential. (A) Immortalized human *WRN*<sup>-/-</sup> fibroblasts (45) were transfected with CβS empty vector (3.0 μg), CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) (3.0 μg), CβF-FLAG-Myc (3.0 μg), and combinations of CβS (1.5 μg)/CβF-FLAG-Myc (3.0 μg) or CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) (1.5 μg)/CβF-FLAG-Myc (3.0 μg). Foci were quantified by direct counting, and representative results from triplicate experiments are shown. (B) Bar graph quantification of results shown in panel A. (C) HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) was expressed throughout the nucleoplasm of HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA)/Myc-transformed fibroblasts. (D) CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA)/CβF-FLAG-Myc-transformed colonies and immortalized *WRN*<sup>-/-</sup> fibroblasts transfected with CβS/CβF-FLAG-Myc were stained with a monoclonal anti-HA tag antibody (CA5; Roche Molecular Biochemicals), rhodamine red-conjugated anti-mouse secondary antibody (Jackson ImmunoResearch Laboratories), and DAPI (Molecular Probes), and HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) was detected by immunofluorescence microscopy. The c-Myc (FLAG) protein was visualized with transfected cells and transformed foci using a monoclonal anti-FLAG M2 antibody. (E) An increased number of multinucleated giant cells were observed in isolated HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA)/Myc-transformed *WRN*<sup>-/-</sup> fibroblasts expanded in culture. Expression of HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA), Myc, and actin proteins in expanded fibroblast cultures was detected by immunoblotting using monoclonal anti-HA, monoclonal anti-Myc, or goat polyclonal anti-actin antibodies.

contains the nuclear localization sequence as reported in references 1 and 34. Molt-4 lymphocytes were transfected with CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA), CMV-HTLV-1 p13<sup>II</sup> (HA), or a CβS empty vector control, and immunofluorescence microscopy was performed using an anti-HA (CA5) primary antibody and rhodamine red-conjugated fluorescent secondary antibody to visualize protein expression in transfected cells. The p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) and p13<sup>II</sup> (HA) proteins were observed in approximately 20 to 30% of transfected Molt-4 lymphocytes (Fig. 10B). We then analyzed BrdU incorporation and S-phase cell cycle progression in HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA)- or p13<sup>II</sup> (HA)-expressing transfected lymphoid cultures, compared to the CβS control. Results shown in Fig. 10C demonstrate that p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) expression markedly increased S-phase progression and polyploidy as noted in previous experiments (see Fig. 1D), whereas neither p13<sup>II</sup> (HA) nor the CβS control resulted in altered cell cycle progression (Fig. 10C).

To determine whether the TIP60-interacting domain (residues 99 to 154) of HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) is essential for its oncogenic function, we compared the ability of p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) and p13<sup>II</sup> (HA) (corresponding to amino acids 155 to 241 of HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>) to promote focus formation in immortalized human *WRN*<sup>-/-</sup> fibroblasts in combination with c-Myc, as shown in Fig. 8A. These results demonstrate that the p13<sup>II</sup> (HA) mutant, lacking residues 1 to 154 of p30<sup>II</sup>, is significantly defective for cellular transformation and focus formation compared to wild-type p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) (Fig. 10D), suggesting that

TIP60 recruitment is required for p30<sup>II</sup>-associated oncogenic activity. Finally, we tested the capacity of HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) and p13<sup>II</sup> (HA) to transcriptionally activate the human cyclin D2 promoter-luciferase reporter construct in transfected 293A fibroblasts. Results shown in Fig. 10E demonstrate that p13<sup>II</sup> (HA), lacking the TIP60-interacting domain, is impaired for transcriptional-activating functions compared to p30<sup>II</sup> (HA), which transactivates the cyclin D2 promoter approximately eight- to ninefold. Indeed, p13<sup>II</sup> (HA) exhibited a trans-dominant-negative effect upon Myc-dependent transactivation from the cyclin D2 promoter and slightly repressed transcription below the basal level (Fig. 10E). Chromatin-immunoprecipitation analyses were performed with 293A fibroblasts expressing either HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) or p13<sup>II</sup> (HA), by using antibodies against HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (the anti-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> or TofII antibody recognizes a peptide epitope within the COOH terminus of p30<sup>II</sup> that is also present in HTLV-1 p13<sup>II</sup> [32]), Myc, TIP60, TRRAP, TIP48, TIP49, and hGCN5. Immunoprecipitation products were amplified using the PRM primer pair, which anneals to nucleotide sequences flanking the conserved Myc-responsive E-box elements within the human cyclin D2 gene promoter (79). The p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) protein was precipitated in Myc-containing chromatin-remodeling complexes that contain TIP60, TRRAP, TIP48, TIP49, and hGCN5 (Fig. 10F, top panel). However, the p13<sup>II</sup> (HA) protein was not detected bound to Myc-responsive E-box elements within the cyclin D2 promoter and, consistent with p13<sup>II</sup>'s transcriptional

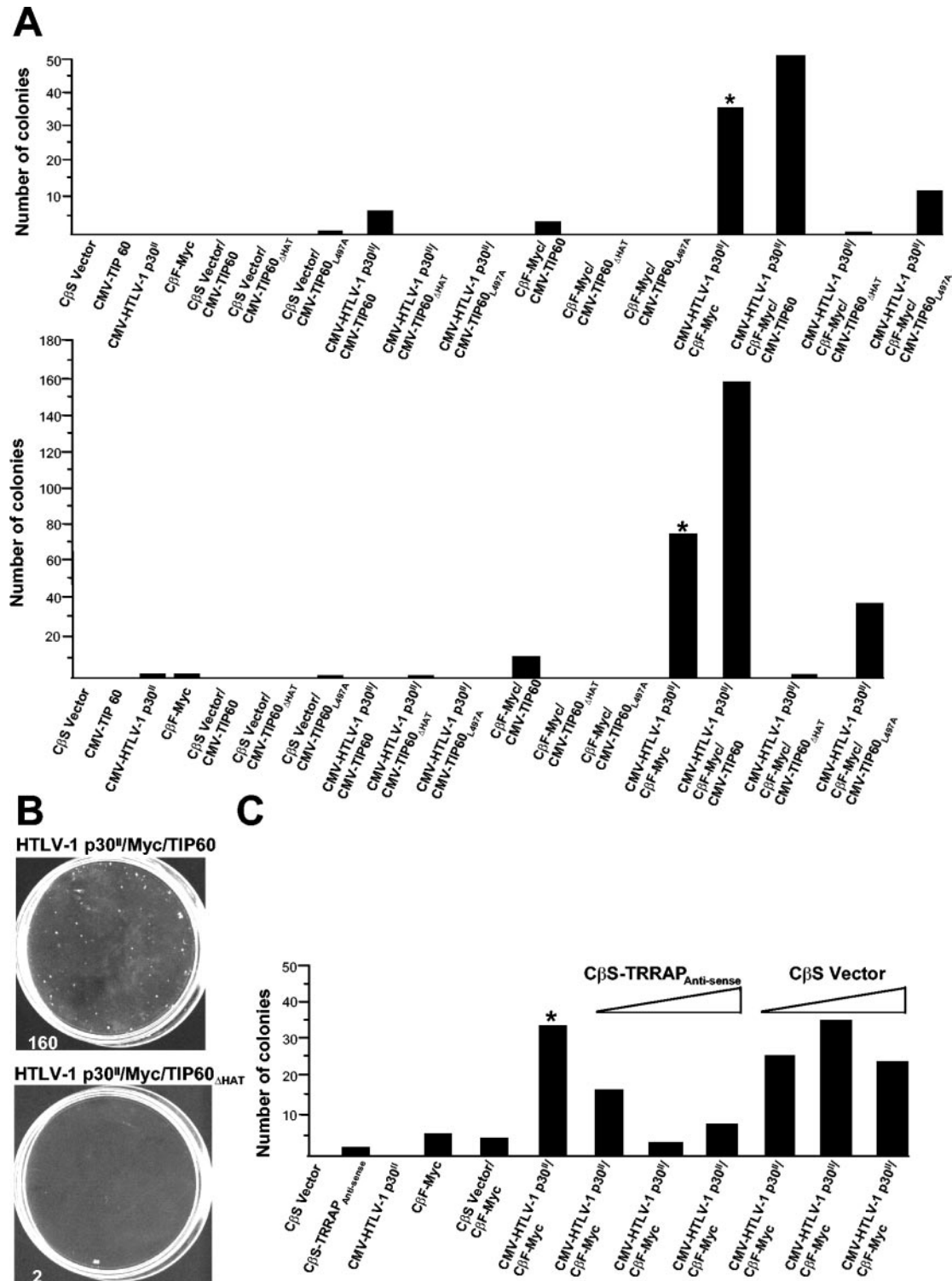


FIG. 9. HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>/Myc-transforming activity requires the transcriptional coactivators TIP60 and TRRAP/p434. (A) Immortalized human *WRN*<sup>-/-</sup> fibroblasts were transfected with CβF-FLAG-Myc (3.0 μg) and either CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) or empty CβS vector control (1.5 μg) in the presence of CMV-TIP60, CMV-TIP60<sub>ΔHAT</sub>, or CMV-TIP60<sub>L497A</sub> (3.0 μg), and focus formation/transformation assays were performed as described for Fig. 8A. Results from two independent experiments are shown for comparison. (B) Overexpression of wild-type TIP60 results in increased focus formation in *WRN*<sup>-/-</sup> fibroblasts cotransfected with CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA), CβF-FLAG-Myc, and CMV-TIP60. Coexpression of the human-dominant-negative TIP60<sub>ΔHAT</sub> mutant (25) inhibits cellular transformation by HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA)/Myc (lower panel). (C) Immortalized human *WRN*<sup>-/-</sup> fibroblasts were transfected as for panel A in the presence of increasing amounts of CβS-TRRAP<sup>antisense</sup> or CβS empty vector (0.5, 1.5, and 3.0 μg) and focus formation/transformation assays were performed (41). Colonies were quantified by direct counting, and representative results from duplicate experiments are shown. \*, HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA)/Myc focus formation.

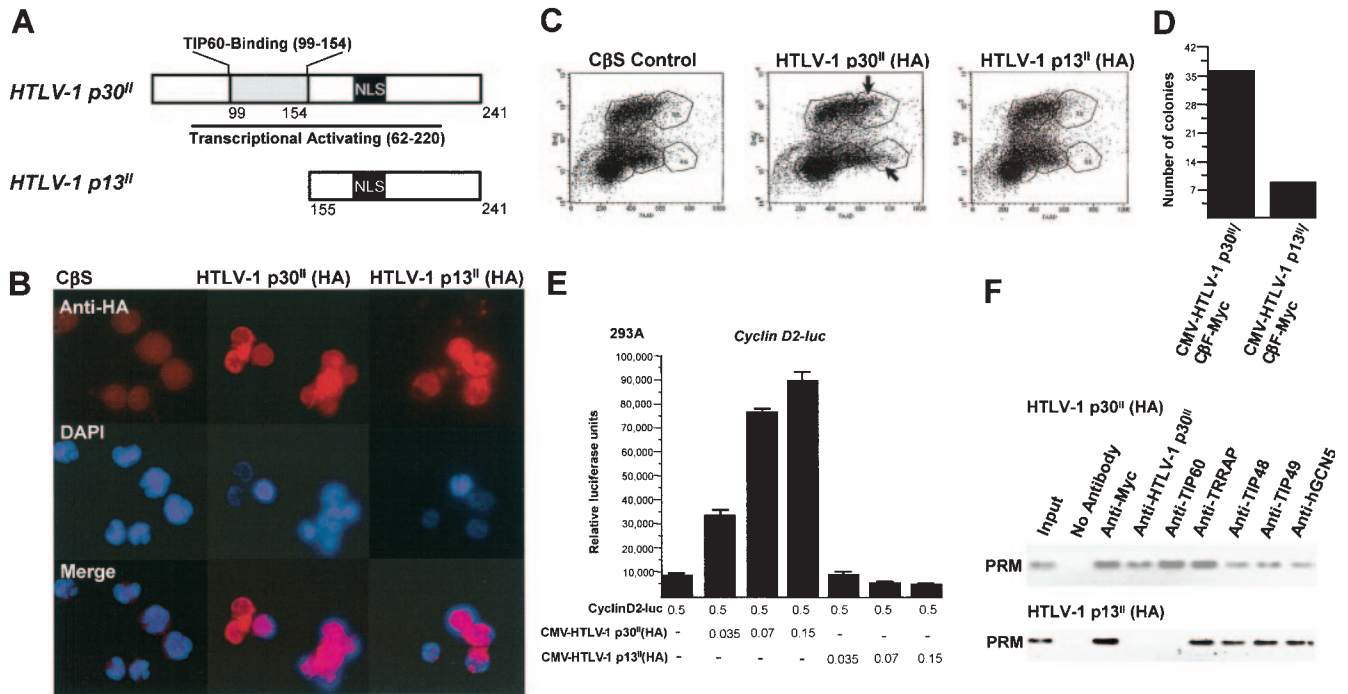


FIG. 10. An HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>-derived truncation mutant lacking the TIP60-interacting domain does not alter Myc-dependent transcription, cell cycle progression, or cellular transformation. (A) Diagram of HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> and the naturally occurring truncation mutant p13<sup>II</sup>, corresponding to amino acids 155 to 241 of p30<sup>II</sup> (1, 10, 34, 70). The TIP60-interacting region is located between amino acid residues 99 and 154, and the nuclear localization sequence (NLS) is depicted as described in reference 1. The transcriptional activating domain of HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> has been previously mapped to residues 62 to 220 (1, 86, 87), which spans a region bearing significant amino acid sequence similarities to homeotic transcription factors, including Oct1, Pit1, and POU (1, 34). (B) Molt-4 lymphocytes were transfected with CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA), CMV-HTLV-1 p13<sup>II</sup> (HA), or a CβS control, and immunofluorescence microscopy was performed using a monoclonal anti-HA (CA5) primary antibody and rhodamine red-conjugated fluorescent secondary antibody (Jackson Laboratories). A DAPI nuclear staining is shown for reference. (C) Molt-4 lymphocytes were transfected as described for panel B, and cultures were analyzed for BrdU incorporation and total nuclear DNA content by FACS. Arrows indicate polyploid S-phase (BrdU<sup>+</sup>; >2N nuclear content) and polyploid G<sub>2</sub>/M (BrdU<sup>-</sup>; 4N nuclear content) cell populations in p30<sup>II</sup> (HA)-expressing cultures. (D) Immortalized human *WRN*<sup>-/-</sup> fibroblasts were cotransfected with CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA)/CβF-Myc or CMV-HTLV-1 p13<sup>II</sup> (HA)/CβF-Myc, and focus formation assays were performed. Transformed colonies were observed after 2 weeks and quantified by direct counting. Representative results from duplicate experiments are shown. (E) 293A fibroblasts were cotransfected with a human cyclin D2 promoter-luciferase reporter construct (0.5 μg) in the presence of increasing amounts (0.07, 0.15, and 0.25 μg) of CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) or CMV-HTLV-1 p13<sup>II</sup> (HA), and relative luciferase activities were determined using equivalent total cellular proteins. (F) Chromatin immunoprecipitation assays were performed by using 293A fibroblasts transfected with CMV-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (top panel) or CMV-HTLV-1 p13<sup>II</sup> (bottom panel), with antibodies against HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> (this antibody recognizes a peptide epitope within the COOH terminus of p30<sup>II</sup> and p13<sup>II</sup>) (34), Myc, TIP60, TRRAP, TIP48, TIP49, and hGCN5. Precipitated oligonucleosomal DNA fragments, spanning conserved Myc-responsive E-box enhancer elements within the human cyclin D2 promoter, were amplified by PCR using the PRM oligonucleotide primer pair (79).

impairment, the TIP60 HAT was not present in Myc-containing cyclin D2 promoter complexes in the absence of p30<sup>II</sup> (HA) (Fig. 10F, lower panel). Our data suggest that the HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> oncoprotein enhances Myc-dependent transcriptional and transforming activities through the stabilization of Myc-TIP60 interactions on promoters of Myc-responsive genes, which may also influence the acetylation of Myc protein by the TIP60 coactivator (Fig. 11) (56).

DISCUSSION

HTLV-1 infects CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells and promotes deregulated cell growth and lymphoproliferation associated with the development of ATLL. While numerous studies have demonstrated that the viral Tax protein transcriptionally activates growth/proliferative-signaling pathways, it has become increasingly evident that other pX-encoded regulatory factors (p12<sup>I</sup>, p13<sup>II</sup>, p30<sup>II</sup>, Rex) are likely to perform essential functions during

adult T-cell leukemogenesis (1, 6, 29, 34, 35, 48, 85). Indeed, the majority of partially deleted HTLV-1 proviruses in ATLL patient isolates contain intact pX sequences (33, 68), and alternatively spliced ORF I and ORF II mRNAs in HTLV-1-infected transformed T-cell lines and ATLL patient samples have been detected (6, 35). Cytotoxic T-lymphocytes specifically targeted against ORF I and ORF II peptides have been obtained from ATLL patients, suggesting that these proteins are present during in vivo HTLV-1 infections (57). Zhang et al. (86) reported that p30<sup>II</sup> interacts with p300/CREB-binding protein and represses Tax-mediated transactivation from the HTLV-1 LTR (86) and differentially modulates CREB-dependent transcription (87). Nicot et al. (48) and Younis et al. (85) have demonstrated that p30<sup>II</sup> prevents nuclear export of the doubly spliced Tax/Rex mRNA, and others have shown that p30<sup>II</sup> is required for maintenance of high viral titers in a rabbit model of ATLL using an infectious HTLV-1 molecular clone, ACH.30<sup>II</sup>, which is defective for p30<sup>II</sup> production (5, 71). In-

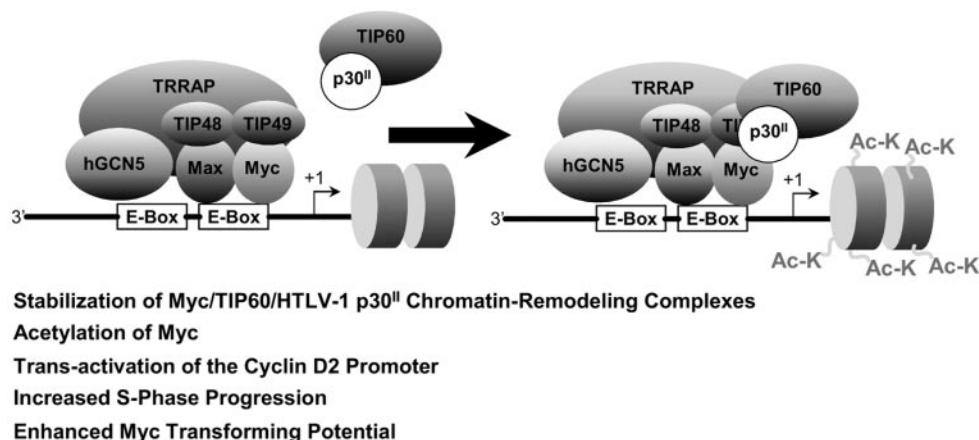


FIG. 11. Model of HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> modulatory interactions with Myc-TIP60 transcription complexes assembled on E-box enhancer elements within promoters of Myc-responsive genes. Nucleosomal acetylation associated with transcriptional activation is indicated.

terestingly, Robek et al. (62) have previously demonstrated that p30<sup>II</sup> is dispensable for immortalization and transformation of human peripheral blood mononuclear cells by ACH.p30<sup>II</sup>; however, this mutant exhibited an approximately 20 to 50% reduction in transformation efficiency compared to the wild-type ACH.wt (62), suggesting that p30<sup>II</sup> is required for the full transforming potential of HTLV-1. The physiological role of p30<sup>II</sup> in HTLV-1 pathogenesis remains unclear, and it is intriguing that, similar to Tax, p30<sup>II</sup> may perform multiple functions to control viral gene expression and promote deregulation of CD4<sup>+</sup> T-cell growth/proliferative pathways.

With this study, we have demonstrated that HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> markedly enhances Myc-associated transcriptional and transforming activities and increases S-phase progression and polyploidy through interactions with the coactivator/HAT, TIP60 (Fig. 11). HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> transactivates conserved E-box enhancer elements within promoters of Myc-responsive genes, requiring TIP60 HAT activity and the transcriptional coactivator TRRAP/p434. Frank et al. (16) have shown that pre-existing Myc-TIP60 interactions contribute to Myc-dependent transcriptional activation and chromatin-remodeling associated with histone H4 acetylation on a subset of Myc-responsive genes in rodent and human fibroblasts, although their data suggest that Myc-TIP60 interactions may be relatively unstable on certain promoters. Patel et al. also recently demonstrated that c-Myc is a substrate for lysine acetylation by the TIP60 and hGCN5 acetyltransferases (56). Indeed, Myc and the TIP60 HAT likely exist in multiple distinct nuclear complexes, and Park et al. have demonstrated that TIP60 is not present in Myc/BAF53-containing transcription complexes (54). Our data indicate that, in absence of HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>-interactions, ectopic TIP60 overexpression does not significantly alter Myc transcriptional and transforming activities in functional assays (see Fig. 4A, 6C, and 9A). Further, we have shown that TIP60 is not detectably present in Myc-containing chromatin-remodeling complexes on the human cyclin D2 promoter (7, 79), in the absence of HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup>, in uninfected Molt-4 lymphocytes (Fig. 5A). However, we did detect weak recruitment of TIP60 to Myc transcription complexes on the cyclin D2 promoter in pcDNA3.1-GFP-transfected 293A fibroblasts by ChIPs (Fig.

6B), consistent with the notion that Myc-TIP60 interactions may be relatively unstable on certain gene promoters. Thus, aberrant stabilization of Myc-TIP60 interactions, as a result of HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> or other stabilizing factors, may contribute prominently to neoplastic transformation in hematological malignancies and solid tumors where Myc functions are deregulated or where *myc* locus mutations are present (18, 24, 26, 43, 55, 60).

The GST-HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> protein interacts with both Myc and TIP60, and amino acid residues located between positions 99 and 154 of p30<sup>II</sup> interact with the TIP60 HAT in vivo. Recruitment of TIP60 is essential for p30<sup>II</sup>-dependent effects upon cell cycle progression and focus formation/transformation. Affymetrix microarray gene expression analyses indicate that numerous cellular genes are transcriptionally activated by HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> in a TIP60-dependent or TIP60-independent manner. These gene products could play important roles in HTLV-1-associated neoplastic disease. Our results indicate that HTLV-1 p30<sup>II</sup> is a novel retroviral enhancer of Myc-TIP60 transcriptional and transforming activities that may contribute to adult T-cell leukemogenesis.

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