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1 Abstract

 Objective: Infection of human hepatocytes by the hepatitis C virus (HCV) is a multistep process involving both viral and host factors. microRNAs (miRNAs) are small non-coding RNAs that post-transcriptionally regulate gene expression. Given that miRNAs were indicated to regulate between 30% and 75% of all human genes, we aimed to investigate the functional and regulatory role of miRNAs for the HCV life cycle.

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Design: To systematically reveal human miRNAs affecting the HCV life cycle, we performed 9 a two-step functional high-throughput miRNA mimic screen in Huh7.5.1 cells infected with 10 recombinant cell culture-derived HCV. miRNA targeting was then assessed using a 11 combination of computational and functional approaches.

Results: We uncovered miR-501-3p and miR-619-3p as novel modulators of HCV assembly/release. We discovered that these miRNAs regulate O-linked N-acetylglucosamine (O-GlcNAc) transferase (OGT) protein expression and identified OGT and O-GlcNAcylation as regulators of HCV morphogenesis and infectivity. Furthermore, increased OGT expression in patient-derived liver tissue was associated with HCV-induced liver disease and cancer.

Conclusion: miR-501-3p and miR-619-3p and their target OGT are previously undiscovered 19 regulatory host factors for HCV assembly and infectivity. In addition to its effect on HCV 20 morphogenesis, OGT may play a role in HCV-induced liver disease and 21 hepatocarcinogenesis.

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What	What is already known about this subject?		
•	To establish chronic infection, the hepatitis C virus (HCV) hijacks cellular f		
	including microRNAs (miRNAs), known to post-transcriptionally regulate		
	expression.		
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*	miRNAs may positively or negatively modulate HCV infection either by d		
	targeting the viral genome or indirectly by regulating virus-associated c		
	pathways[1, 2].		
What	are the new findings?		
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	enhance late steps of HCV infection.		
•	miR-501-3p regulates the expression of O-linked N-acetylglucosamine transf		
	(OGT) at the protein level.		
*	Silencing of OGT expression or inhibition of O-linked N-acetylglucosaminylation		
	GlcNAcylation) leads to an increase in the infectivity and size of HCV particles		
•	OGT expression increases in patient-derived liver tissue during liver dis		
	progression and cancer.		
How	might it impact on clinical practice in the foreseeable future?		
•	As upregulation of OGT and increased O-GlcNAcylation of proteins have		
	associated with various forms of cancer, OGT may play a dual role in		
	morphogenesis as well as pathogenesis of HCV-induced liver disease		
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	carcinogenesis.		

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1 Introduction

Chronic hepatitis C is a major cause of chronic liver disease and hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). Since the approval of pan-genotypic direct-acting antivirals (DAAs), it is considered a curable disease in more than 90% of treated patients. Nonetheless, an estimated 71 million individuals are still infected by the hepatitis C virus (HCV) and several challenges remain; viral cure reduces but does not eliminate the HCC risk in patients with advanced fibrosis[3], the majority of infected patients has limited access to therapy and DAA failure/viral resistance has been reported in a subset of patients[4, 5]. To overcome these limitations, approaches to target host factors involved in HCV infection and pathogenesis are developed[6, 7]. Interestingly, defined host factors that contribute to the establishment of chronic HCV infection and represent potential antiviral targets, e.g. epidermal growth factor receptor[8], also play a role in liver disease pathogenesis and represent candidate targets for treatment of advanced liver disease and HCC prevention[9]. Thus, uncovering host factors usurped by HCV not only contributes to a better understanding of virus-host interactions underlying the HCV life cycle but also to the identification of potential targets for treatment of liver disease and prevention of HCC.

The establishment of various models to study HCV infection has shed light on the molecular mechanisms that govern the HCV life cycle, which can be subdivided into early steps, including viral entry, translation and replication as well as late steps, including assembly and release of new virions. Each step of the HCV replication cycle relies on specific virus-host interactions that involve host proteins and microRNAs (miRNAs)[7], small non-coding RNAs that regulate gene expression at the post-transcriptional level. One miRNA can target numerous messenger RNAs (mRNAs) by base-pairing with a complementary site that is typically located within the 3' untranslated region (3'UTR) of the mRNA. Accumulating evidence indicates that miRNAs participate to HCV replication by exerting pro- or antiviral effects. The breakthrough discovery of the direct targeting of HCV by miR-122, the most abundant miRNA in the liver, revealed the crucial role of this miRNA for HCV translation/replication that contributes to progression to chronic HCV infection[1, 10]. miR-

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122 antisense oligonucleotides were subsequently developed as host-targeting antivirals[11, 12]. Other miRNAs can indirectly target HCV by regulating host factors that participate in antiviral responses and immune surveillance[2, 13, 14]. Since up to 60% of all human protein-coding genes were reported to be under miRNA-mediated regulation and miRNAs are involved in basically every biological process, we hypothesized that miRNAs provide a tool for loss-of-function approaches to uncover novel HCV host factors. We performed genome-wide high-throughput modulation of the human miRNome and analyzed their impact on HCV infection by combining computational and functional approaches.

10 Material and methods

11 Cells, cell culture conditions, viruses, virus purification, infectivity assays, miRNAs, 12 antagomiRs, siRNAs, antibodies, immunoblot, immunocapture, electron microscopy 13 analysis of viral particles and gene expression analysis in liver tissue are described in 14 the Supplementary information.

Functional miRNA/siRNA screens. Huh7.5.1 cells were transfected with the miRIDIAN human miRNA mimic library (mIRBase 19) comprising more than 2000 mature miRNAs or 28 ON-TARGETplus smart pool siRNAs (20 nM, Dharmacon) using Interferin HTS (Polyplus) in a 96-well format[8]. After 48h, a viability test (Presto Blue, Thermo Scientific) was performed prior to a two-step infection assay[15, 16, 17]. During part 1 of the protocol, 50 µL of HCV cell culture-derived particles (HCVcc, JcR2a) were incubated with cells during 4h. The inoculum was removed and cells were incubated with 150 µl of medium for 48h. In part 2, supernatants from part 1 cells were transferred onto naïve Huh7.5.1 cells and part 1 cells were lysed to determine luciferase activity[17, 18]. After 72h, part 2 cells were lysed to determine luciferase activity[17]. siCD81 (20 nM), antagomiR-122 (100 nM) and siApoE (20 nM) were used as positive controls[17]. A non-targeting siRNA with no sequence complementarity to any human gene or homology to any human miRNA was used as negative control.

Inhibitor treatment. Four hours following HCV RNA electroporation[8], Huh7.5.1 cells were incubated with vehicle or inhibitors of OGT (peracetylated 5-thio-N-acetylglucosamine (Ac₄5S-GlcNAc)[19]) or OGA (Thiamet G (Sigma))[20]. After 96h, supernatants were transferred onto naïve Huh7.5.1 cells for 72h prior to determination of luciferase activity while electroporated cells were lysed to determine luciferase activity.

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Gene expression analyses. Total RNA was purified[17] and transcribed into cDNA using
Maxima reverse transcriptase (Thermo Scientific). *GAPDH* and *OGT* mRNA was detected by
real time qPCR using iTaq[™] Universal Probes Supermix (Bio-Rad) and TaqMan Gene
Expression Assay (Thermo Scientific). Relative *OGT/GAPDH* gene expression was
calculated by the ΔΔCt method[21].

Dual luciferase reporter gene assay. The human OGT 3'UTR sequence was retrieved from NCBI (NM 181672.2) and Ensembl genome browser (ENST00000373719.3). A fragment of the OGT 3'UTR (positions 3380-3837, NM_181672.2) (Thermo Fisher Scientific GENEART) was cloned between the Notl and Xhol sites downstream of a Renilla luciferase cassette in a psiCHECK2 plasmid (Promega). A mutated version of this construct (9-bp substitution in the predicted miR-501-3p target site) was generated as described[22]. The functionality of the OGT 3'UTR was assessed as described[23]. The miRIDIAN mimic negative control 1 was used as control. Renilla and firefly luciferase activity was assessed 48h after transfection into HeLa cells using Dual-Luciferase Reporter assay (Promega).

Bioinformatic and statistical analysis. Data analysis and statistical treatment for the miRNA mimic screen were performed in R (www.r-project.org). Cell measurement data used in further analysis were cell viability and luciferase activity. In total 26 sets of plates (performed in triplicate) were tested. The presence of multiple wells with negative and positive controls on each plate allowed stepwise normalization intra- and inter-plate. First, intra-plate zonal bias was examined and a model of median effects across the entire screen Page 9 of 84

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determined using the median-polish algorithm[24] and all plates corrected accordingly. Then the dataset was examined for outlier plates, i.e. plates where all individual measurements correlate very poorly with the other remaining replicates. Three and 9 plates were excluded for part 1 and part 2 of the screen, respectively, based on poor median correlation (r < 0.7) so that the remaining plates correlation improved substantially (> 40%). Next, the plates were normalized inter replicates using the particularly robust guantile-guantile approach[25]. Finally, the data were tested using a moderated t-test (empirical Bayes shrinkage, R-package limma[26]) for the null-hypothesis of no change of a given miRNA compared to the negative control. The resulting p-values for independent testing of each miRNA where corrected for the multiple testing situation and expressed as local false discovery rate (lfdr, R-package fdrtool[27]). The testing was performed independently for part 1 and 2 of the screen and candidate miRNAs selected for each part. For data from part 1, a lfdr threshold of 0.00027 was used. Data from part 2 were subject to increase inherent stochastic noise and for this reason the minimum acceptable relative risk of false positives was increased to 0.1226 (i.e. maximum 15% risk for each of the retained hits).

Other datasets were analyzed using the two-tailed Mann-Whitney test, Wilcoxon test, Spearman correlation or the two-tailed unpaired t-test for data with normal distribution as assessed by D'Agostino and Pearson omnibus and Shapiro-Wilk normality tests (GraphPad .vz Q Prism v.6 package).

Results

Genome-wide identification of human miRNAs affecting the HCV life cycle. We performed a genome-wide screen in human hepatoma Huh7.5.1 cells using a genomic miRNA mimics library and a two-step infection assay[17] with a luciferase reporter virus (JcR2a), which allowed us to functionally assess the role of miRNAs during the early steps (part 1 - viral entry/translation/replication) and the late steps (part 2 - viral assembly/release/infectivity) of the HCV life cycle (Fig. 1A). Silencing of CD81 and ApoE,

two essential host factors required for HCV entry or assembly, respectively, was performed in parallel using small interfering RNA (siRNA) as controls. Silencing of CD81 resulted in a reduction of HCV infection in part 1 and consequently in part 2 of the screen since reduced viral entry in the first part of the assay leads to a reduced production of viral particles (Fig. 1B)[17]. Silencing of ApoE resulted in a marked inhibition of HCV infection only in part 2 of the assay, consistent with the role of ApoE in HCV assembly (Fig. 1B)[17]. The screen identified 427 miRNAs (corresponding to about 16% of the library) that significantly modulated HCV infection (lfdr < threshold, Supplementary Table 1 and Fig. 1C): 186 miRNAs affected HCV infection in part 1, 309 miRNAs affected HCV infection in part 2, including 68 hits in part 1 and part 2. The limited number of part 1 and 2 hits may be due to the fact that a single miRNA may modulate the expression of several proteins, which may have different roles in the viral life cycle. Most hits were observed to dampen HCV infection independently of any significant alteration of cell viability (data not shown). The 186 miRNAs modulating the early steps of HCV infection all decreased viral infection. Among the 309 miRNAs that had an impact in part 2, 11 miRNAs increased HCV infection by at least 3-fold while 298 miRNAs inhibited HCV infection by at least 2.7-fold. Hits from the screen included the let-7 family[2, 28], miR-27a[29] and miR-29 family[30] that were already shown to inhibit HCV infection, as well as miR-21[31] and miR-146a-5p[17] that were shown to stimulate HCV infection thus supporting the relevance of our findings. Collectively, our screen identified a set of miRNAs whose overexpression overall impairs HCV infection bv affecting viral entry/translation/replication and/or virion assembly/egress/infectivity.

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miR-619-3p, miR-501-3p and OGT play a role in late steps of the HCV life cycle. We focused our analysis on miRNAs that modulate late steps of the HCV life cycle, as the molecular mechanisms of HCV assembly/release remain only partially understood. Our screen identified 241 miRNAs that modulated late steps without affecting early steps of infection: 11 miRNAs increased HCV infection while 230 miRNAs decreased HCV infection. Among the miRNAs that increased HCV infection, miR-140-3p, miR-501-3p, miR-619-3p and Page 11 of 84

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miR-4778-5p have not yet been associated with HCV. Since they enhanced HCV infection in part 2 without affecting part 1, these miRNAs may target host genes that control virus assembly/egress/infectivity. We first confirmed the effect of these miRNAs in independent experiments using the same protocol as for the screen. Overexpression of miR-619-3p or miR-501-3p consistently led to an increase in the infection of progeny virions (Fig. 1D) while decreased with progeny virions from antagomiR-transfected cells infection was (Supplementary Figure S1A). miR-619-3p or miR-501-3p were thus selected for further investigation. To study the molecular mechanisms by which these miRNAs affect HCV infection, we generated a list of predicted miRNA targets using DIANA, TargetScan Human v6.2 and miRDB databases, and selected candidate targets based on their expression in our Huh7.5.1 cells as assessed by microarray (data not shown). Ingenuity Pathway Analysis enabled us to refine the gene list by selecting 28 genes involved in the following functional networks or pathways that contribute to the HCV life cycle[32, 33, 34]: lipid metabolism and cholesterol biosynthesis, protein maturation and processing at the endoplasmic reticulum (ER), components of the endosomal sorting complex, adipocyte biogenesis, cellular morphology and cell inflammation (Table 1).

To assess whether knock-down of these 28 candidate targets affects virus production, we performed a siRNA-based screen using siRNA pools exhibiting strong silencing without cytotoxicity (Fig. 2). Silencing of CD81 and antagomiR-122 served as controls for part 1; knock-down of ApoE served as control for part 2 (Fig. 2). Hits were defined as genes whose knock-down modulated HCV infection in at least one part of the screen with high significance (Fig. 2, p-value < 0.0001, Mann-Whitney U-test). HCV entry/translation/replication was significantly modulated by silencing of PPP3CA, CEBPA, MID1, WDFY3, DCX and SLC35D1. HCV assembly/egress/infectivity was significantly modulated by knock-down of PPP3CA, CSDE1, GAN, USP37, CEBPA, MID1, WDFY3, DCX, MAPK9, SLC35D1, DCC, RNF144A, PPP2R2C and OGT. Strikingly, only the silencing of OGT was associated with an enhancement of HCV assembly/release/infectivity (p-value = 0.0002), while that of the other hits was associated with reduced HCV infection (Fig. 2).

These results indicate that the down-regulation of *OGT* phenocopies the effect of miR-501-3p and miR-619-3p on HCV infection (Fig. 2) and suggest OGT as a novel player in the HCV life cycle.

> miR-501-3p post-transcriptionally regulates OGT expression. To study whether miR-501-3p and miR-619-3p target OGT, we analyzed OGT RNA and protein levels in Huh7.5.1 cells following overexpression of miR-501-3p or miR-619-3p. While neither miRNA had an impact on OGT RNA levels (Fig. 3A), up-regulation of miR-501-3p significantly decreased OGT protein expression by ~65% (Fig. 3B, p-value < 0.05, t-test). miR-619-3p also decreased OGT expression but less robustly than miR-501-3p (Fig. 3B), prompting us to focus our investigation on miR-501-3p. To assess whether OGT is a functional target of miR-501-3p, we subcloned a fragment of the OGT mRNA 3'UTR that harbors the predicted miR-501-3p target site in the Renilla luciferase expression cassette (RLuc) of a dual luciferase reporter construct. Co-transfection of miR-501-3p mimic with the wild-type 3'UTR reporter (RLuc wt OGT 3'UTR) significantly decreased luciferase activity as compared to the empty vector (Fig. 3C, p-value < 0.05, t-test). In contrast, the repression of luciferase expression was lost when the reporter with mutated miR-501-3p binding site (RLuc mt OGT 3'UTR) was used (Fig. 3C). These data are consistent in indicating that miR-501-3p mediates post-transcriptional regulation of OGT.

O-GIcNAcylation modulates HCVcc infectivity. To investigate whether OGT modulates HCV assembly and/or infectivity, we determined infectious virus titer (TCID50) and HCV RNA levels to calculate the specific infectivity of HCVcc particles generated in OGT-silenced Huh7.5.1 cells. Interestingly, OGT-silencing led to a significant increase in the TCID50 and the specific infectivity of HCVcc (Fig. 4A, p-value < 0.05, Mann-Whitney test). Noteworthy, the effect of OGT on HCVcc infectivity was genotype-independent as demonstrated by increased infectivity of HCVcc bearing the envelope glycoproteins of genotypes 1a, 1b and 2a upon OGT-silencing (Fig. 4B). We next sought to investigate how OGT could modulate Page 13 of 84

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HCVcc infectivity. OGT is the only enzyme that catalyzes the addition of N-acetylglucosamine (O-GlcNAc) to serine and threonine residues of proteins. Moreover, OGT has a scaffold function and promotes binding of proteins in multiprotein complexes[35]. To assess whether the enzymatic activity of OGT modulates HCVcc infectivity, we used pharmacological inhibitors of OGT (Ac₄5S-GlcNAc) or O-GlcNAcase (OGA) (Thiamet G), the OGT counterpart that removes O-GlcNAc (Fig. 4C). Ac₄5S-GlcNAc led to a significant enhancement of HCVcc infectivity in a dose-dependent manner, while the opposite effect was observed with Thiamet G (Fig. 4D, p-value < 0.05, Mann-Whitney test). Collectively, these results demonstrate that O-GlcNAcylation modulates HCVcc infectivity.

OGT-silencing affects HCVcc biophysical properties and size distribution. To further assess how OGT may impact HCVcc morphogenesis, we analyzed the structural and biophysical properties of HCVcc produced in siCtrl- and siOGT-transfected Huh7.5.1 cells following iodixanol gradient ultracentrifugation. Silencing of OGT led to the production of more infectious HCVcc with higher density (Fig. 5A-B) as well as higher ApoE concentrations (Fig. 5C) suggesting that OGT/O-GlcNAcylation affects the biophysical properties of HCVcc. No change in apoB concentrations were observed between HCVcc produced from siCtrl- or siOGT-transfected cells (Fig. 5D), in line with the model that HCV lipoviroparticles contain several exchangeable ApoE molecules and one non-exchangeable apoB[36]. We also visualized HCVcc bv electron microscopy (EM) following anti-E2 antibody immunocapture[36] to assess whether OGT-silencing had an impact on HCVcc size. Particle size distribution was assessed from a series of randomly acquired electron micrographs. A shift towards bigger sizes was observed for sucrose-cushion purified HCVcc generated in OGT-silenced Huh7.5.1 cells as compared to control HCVcc (Fig. 6A-B). This shift was also observed in different fractions of iodixanol gradient-separated HCVcc (Fig. 6C-F) in line with the higher infectivity and ApoE concentrations of HCVcc generated in OGT-silenced Huh7.5.1 cells (Fig. 5A-C). These data suggest that OGT-silencing affects the lipidation of HCVcc.

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OGT expression increases in liver disease. Since silencing of OGT promotes HCV infectivity, we assessed whether HCV infection in turn had an effect on miR-501-3p and OGT expression. In Huh7.5.1 cells, HCV infection lead to small but significant increase of miR-501-3p and decrease of OGT levels (Fig. 7A-B and Supplementary Fig. 1B; p-value < 0.05, Mann-Whitney test), which may promote viral infection given the pro- and antiviral roles of miR-501-3p and O-GlcNAcylation, respectively (Fig. 1C-D and 4D). In contrast, no significant difference of OGT expression was observed between the livers of HCV transgenic and wild-type mice[37] (data not shown) suggesting that HCV proteins do not directly modulate OGT expression. In liver tissue from HCV-infected patients, HCV RNA levels were not correlated with OGT expression (Fig. 7C, Spearman correlation: 0.06004019, p-value = 0.7661) suggesting that in patients there is likely no direct effect of HCV on OGT expression.

O-GlcNAcylation has been associated with a variety of cancers, including HCC recurrence linked to increased O-GlcNAcylation after liver transplantation[38]. We therefore investigated OGT expression in chronic liver disease and HCC. While there was a trend for increased OGT expression in liver tissue from HCV-infected patients with fibrosis and inflammation (Fig. 7D-E), OGT levels were markedly and significantly elevated in the tumor liver tissue of patients chronically infected with HCV or hepatitis B virus and patients with alcoholic liver disease or non-alcoholic fatty liver disease as compared to non-tumor tissue (Fig. 7F, p-value < 0.05, Wilcoxon test). These data suggest that OGT expression increases in HCC in an etiology-independent manner. Collectively, these results suggest that OGT expression is likely increased in HCV-induced liver disease and cancer through inflammation and fibrosis rather than by HCV itself.

25 Discussion

By focusing on miRNAs affecting late steps of the viral life cycle, we uncovered that i) miR 501-3p regulates the expression of OGT; ii) silencing of OGT expression or inhibition of its
 enzymatic activity increases the infectivity of HCV particles; and iii) OGT knock-down leads

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to the release of bigger HCV particles. Our data suggest that O-GlcNAcylation affects HCV morphogenesis and infectivity.

While we were characterizing the role of OGT/O-GlcNAcylation for HCV morphogenesis, Li and colleagues published their functional genomics study of HCV-miRNA interactions[2]. By conducting genome wide miRNA mimic and hairpin inhibitor screens, they identified a set of miRNAs exhibiting a pro- or antiviral effect on HCV. Characterization of the underlying molecular processes showed that miR-25, let-7 and miR-130 families restrict viral infection by decreasing the expression of cellular HCV co-factors[2]. Despite similarities in the cell type and HCV infection models used here and by Li and colleagues, our screen only displays a small overlap with their study (9% common miRNA hits). This is not surprising given the small overlap between previous siRNA screens to uncover HCV host factors[8, 15] and is likely due i) to the different sizes of miRNA mimic libraries as the library used here was more than 2-times larger than the one used by Li and co-workers, and ii) to the markedly distinct pipelines for hit selection that were used in the two studies. Nonetheless, both screens were consistent in confirming the proviral role of miR-146a-5p in promoting HCV assembly/egress that we previously reported [17] and the global multistep inhibitory effects of the let-7 family on HCV infection[28], further corroborating the involvement of these miRNAs in fine-tuning the HCV life cycle. Both studies also consistently indicated that miR-518a-5p, miR-517-3p, miR-185 and members of the miR-302 family inhibit early steps of HCV infection, while miR-586, miR-620 and members of the miR-200 family inhibit late steps of viral infection. Since none of these miRNAs except miR-185 has been previously associated with HCV infection[39], it might be interesting to further characterize the involvement of these miRNAs in HCV-host interactions. Interestingly, an overall proviral effect of miR-501-3p was also observed by Li and colleagues[2], however the mechanism of action was not studied. By characterizing the role of miR-501-3p in the HCV life cycle, we uncovered OGT as a miR-501-3p target in liver-derived cells and showed for the first time a link between O-GlcNAcylation and HCV infection. These results indicate that genome-wide miRNA functional

screens represent a powerful strategy to dissect the role of miRNAs in pathogen-host
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While N-glycosylation of HCV envelope glycoproteins plays an important role for escape from virus-neutralizing antibodies[40], so far no functional association between HCV and O-glycosylation has been reported. In contrast to N-linked glycosylation that consists of the attachment of a glycan to a nitrogen of an asparagine residue of proteins in the ER/Golgi prior to their trafficking to the plasma membrane and/or their secretion, the glycosylation of serine and threonine residues with O-GlcNAc is a post-translational modification (PTM) of intracellular proteins that are localized in the nucleus, cytoplasm or mitochondria. The Oglycosylation/deglycosylation of proteins is catalyzed by a single pair of nucleo-cytoplasmic OGT/OGA. enzymes, O-GlcNAcylation is complementary protein to phosphorylation/dephosphorylation, another more broadly known abundant protein PTM that involves numerous kinases/phosphatases. OGT/OGA are often found in protein complexes that also include kinases/phosphatases and a protein can be either O-GlcNAcylated or phosphorylated on a same residue to fine-tune cellular signaling[41]. O-GlcNAcylation and phosphorylation on the same or neighboring serine or threonine residue is known as vin yang site[42].

O-GlcNAcylation plays a major role in the regulation of metabolic pathways in the liver, including insulin signaling, bile acid metabolism and lipogenesis[35]. The large number of OGT/OGA substrates and cellular pathways regulated by O-GlcNAcylation hampers a detailed characterization of the role of these proteins in HCV infection. Since i) HCV assembly takes place at ER-derived membranes, ii) OGT/OGA are not known to localize in the ER lumen, and iii) O-GlcNAcylation of extracellular proteins containing EGF-like domains is catalyzed by EGF domain-specific OGT (EOGT) in the ER lumen in an OGT-independent manner[43]), OGT/OGA most likely modulate HCV infection by post-translationally modifying one or several cellular factors required for HCV morphogenesis rather than by affecting viral proteins, although HCV glycoproteins contain putative O-GlcNAcylation sites as determined using OGIcNAcScan, OGTsite and YingOYang1.2 bioinformatics tools (data not shown).

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Regarding HCV host factors that may be regulated by OGT/OGA, O-GlcNAcylation sites have been predicted in human CLDN1[44] and OCLN at serine sites that can also be phosphorylated and this has been suggested to potentially play a role for HCV entry[45]. However, in our experimental setting we did not observe a significant effect of OGT-silencing on the early steps of HCV infection, suggesting that O-GlcNAcylation of CLDN1 and/or OCLN likely does not play a major role in HCV infection. Other host factors important for the HCV life cycle are well-known O-GlcNAcylated proteins, as for example various nuclear pore complex proteins (Nups) including Nup98, Nup153 and Nup155 that are involved in HCV replication and assembly and/or may be associated with viral particles[46, 47, 48]. However, since depletion of Nups was reported to alter HCV replication and/or assembly but to have no impact on the specific infectivity of HCV particles[46] in contrast to the depletion of OGT as shown here, it is unlikely that a modulation of Nup O-GlcNAcylation accounts for the effects of OGT-silencing and/or OGT/OGA inhibitors on HCVcc infectivity observed in our study. This is in line with our observation that OGT knock-down had no effect on Dengue virus (DENV) replication and infectivity (unpublished observations KH, MZ and Evelyne Schaffer, IBMC, Strasbourg), although Nup98 had been suggested to potentially play a role for DENV infection[46]. These data suggest that OGT does not broadly modulate the infectivity of viruses of the Flaviviridae family.

However, OGT and/or O-GlcNAcylation have been reported to play a role in the infection with other viruses [49, 50, 51]. Interestingly, while OGT expression modulates the levels of human papillomavirus 16 (HPV16) oncoproteins E6 and E7[52], E6 in turn can up-regulate OGT to increase O-GlcNAcylation and the oncogene activities of HPV[53], suggesting that OGT/O-GlcNAcylation could play a role in virus-induced cancer. In cell culture, HCV infection appeared to be associated with a minor decrease in OGT expression in line with an antiviral role of O-GlcNAcylation. In contrast, an increased OGT expression was observed in HCC tissues of HCV-infected patients. Since OGT has been suggested to activate oncogenic signaling pathways in non-alcoholic steatohepatitis-related HCC[54] and O-GlcNAcylation has been associated with HCC recurrence linked to increased O-

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GlcNAcylation after liver transplantation[38], these data suggest that in addition to their effect 1 on the HCV life cycle, OGT/O-GlcNAcylation may also play a role in HCV-induced 2 3 hepatocarcinogenesis.

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Figure 1. High-throughput screen identifies human miRNAs that regulate the HCV life cycle. (A) Schematic outline of the miRNA mimic screen strategy. Huh7.5.1 cells were transfected with miRNA mimics or controls prior to infection with Renilla luciferase HCVcc (JcR2a) two days later (part 1). Cell supernatants of part 1 were used to inoculate naïve Huh7.5.1 cells (part 2). Cells from part 1 and part 2 were lysed at the end of each infection step (2 and 3 days post infection, respectively) to determine luciferase activity. (B) Modulation of HCV entry and replication (part 1) and/or assembly and infectivity (part 2) upon transfection of control non-targeting siRNA (siCtrl, negative control), siCD81 (inhibiting viral entry) or siApoE (inhibiting viral assembly). By inhibiting HCV entry, siCD81 impacts part 1 as well as part 2. In contrast, by specifically impairing late steps of HCV replication cycle, siApoE inhibits HCV infection only in part 2. The box plots show the sample lower quartile (25th percentile; bottom of the box), the median (50th percentile; horizontal line in box) and the upper quartile (75th percentile; top of the box) of relative light units (RLU) in each lysate. The whiskers indicate s.d. Data are from three independent experiments. (C) Effects of miRNA overexpression on each part of the HCV life cycle. Data were tested using a moderated t-test (empirical Bayes shrinkage, R-package limma[26]) for the null-hypothesis of no change of a given miRNA compared to the negative control. The resulting p-values for independent testing of each miRNA where corrected for the multiple testing situation and expressed as local false discovery rate (lfdr, R-package fdrtool[27]). miRNAs having a significant effect on either part 1 or 2 of the screen are below the thresholds indicated by dashed lines (lfdr < 0.00027 or 0.1226, respectively). miRNAs that were previously reported to impact on HCV infection as well as miR-140-3p, miR-501-3p, miR-619-3p and miR-4778-5p are highlighted in blue (Log2(FC) < 0) or red (Log2(FC) > 0). Data are from three independent experiments. (D) Effect of miR-140-3p, miR-501-3p, miR-619-3p and miR-4778-5p on the HCV life cycle. Huh7.5.1 cells were transfected with siCtrl (Ctrl), miR-140-3p, miR-501-3p, miR-619-3p or miR-4778-5p and infection experiments were carried out as described in A. HCV infection was determined as luciferase activity. Results represent mean

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percentage ± s.d. from three independent experiments in triplicate. The dashed line indicates
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Figure 2. OGT is a novel host cell factor involved in the late steps of the HCV life cycle. Huh7.5.1 cells were transfected with a set of siRNAs against 28 predicted targets of miR-501-3p and/or miR-619-3p, and infected with HCVcc JcR2A according to the two-step protocol depicted in Fig. 1A. siCD81, antagomiR-122 and siApoE were used as loss-offunction controls to perturb HCV entry, translation/replication and assembly, respectively. miR-501-3p and miR-619-3p, which were ineffective in part 1 of the screen but enhanced HCV infection in part 2, were transfected in parallel. HCV infection was quantified as fold change of luciferase activity with respect to negative control (siCtrl). Results for different replicates are shown as individual points. For each gene, median fold change of luciferase activity ± s.d. is shown as black horizontal lines. The dashed line indicates a fold change of 1. Data are from three independent experiments in triplicate. Results for miR-501-3p, miR-619-3p and siOGT that increase HCV infection in part 2 are depicted in red. Results for siRNA targeting PPP3CA, CEBPA, MID1, WDFY3, DCX, SLC35D1, CSDE1, GAN, USP37, MAPK9, DCC, RNF144A, or PPP2R2C that significantly modulated HCV infection in part 1 and/or part 2 but did not phenocopy the effect of miR-501-3p and miR-619-3p are depicted in blue.

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Figure 3. miR-501-3p mediates post-transcriptional regulation of OGT by decreasing its expression at the protein level. Huh7.5.1 cells were transfected with siCtrl (Ctrl), a pool of siRNA against OGT, miR-501-3p or miR-619-3p. After 96h, RNA and proteins were purified, and OGT expression analyzed by RT-qPCR and Western blot. (A) Percentage of OGT mRNA expression in miRNA-transfected cells as compared to negative control. Results are presented as mean ± s.d. and are from three independent experiments in triplicate. The dashed line indicates values from control-transfected cells set at 100%. Statistics: *, p-value

< 0.05, t-test (B) OGT protein expression. Left: percentage of OGT protein expression in siRNA- or miRNA-transfected cells as assessed by quantification of Western blots. OGT levels were normalized to actin levels using ImageLab[™] 5.2.1 software (BioRad). Results are presented as mean ± s.d. and are from three independent experiments. The dashed line indicates values from control-transfected cells set at 100%. Statistics: *, p-value < 0.05, t-test. Right: representative Western blot analysis. (C) Analysis of miRNA targeting of OGT expression by dual luciferase reporter assay. Left: HeLa cells were co-transfected with a miR-501-3p mimic and a dual luciferase reporter plasmid containing either wild type miR-501-3p (RLuc wt OGT 3'UTR) or mutated miR-501-3p binding site (RLuc mt OGT 3'UTR) to modulate RLuc expression. Co-transfection of the miR-501-3p mimic and empty RLuc vector was used as control. Data are expressed as mean percentage of Renilla luciferase activity ± s.d. normalized to firefly luciferase, and relative to co-transfection of the vectors with nontargeting miRNA (miR-Ctrl). Results are from three independent experiments in triplicate. The dashed line indicates values from control-transfected cells set at 100%. Statistics: *, p-value < 0.05, t-test. Right: Schematic representation of the used constructs.

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Figure 4. Silencing of OGT affects HCV morphogenesis and infectivity. (A) Analysis of HCV infectivity. Huh7.5.1 cells were transfected with siCtrl, a pool of siRNA against OGT or ApoE as a loss-of-function control to perturb HCV assembly, prior to infection with HCVcc (Jc1) two days later (entry and replication). Mock-transfected cells were used as control (Ctrl). After another 48h, intra- and extracellular HCVcc particles were used to infect naïve Huh7.5.1 cells (assembly and infectivity). Virus supernatants of Huh7.5.1 cells were assayed by (left) endpoint dilution assay (TCID50). Intra- and extracellular HCV RNA was purified and analyzed by RT-qPCR to calculate (right) the specific infectivity (TCID50/RNA). Data are expressed as mean percentage as compared to control ± s.d. Results are from four independent experiments in triplicate. The dashed line indicates values from control-transfected cells set at 100%. Statistics: *, p-value < 0.05, Mann-Whitney test. (B) Genotype-independent effect of OGT on HCV infection. Huh7.5.1 cells were transfected with siCtrl or

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siOGT prior to infection with HCVcc JcR2a (genotype 2a), H77R2a (genotype 1a) or Con1R2a (genotype 1b). Experiments were carried out and analyzed as described in A. Data are expressed as mean percentage of Renilla luciferase activity as compared to control ± s.d. Results are from three independent experiments in quadruplicate. The dashed line indicates values from control-transfected cells set at 100%. Statistics: *, *p*-value < 0.05, Mann-Whitney test. (C) Activity of OGT/OGA inhibitors on O-GlcNAcylation. The activity of Ac₄5S-GlcNAc (OGT inhibitor) or Thiamet G (OGA inhibitor) on O-GlcNAcylation of proteins in Huh7.5.1 cells was demonstrated by Western blot as described in Supplementary Methods. (D) Effect of O-GlcNAcylation on HCV infectivity. Huh7.5.1 cells were electroporated with HCVcc (JcR2a), prior to treatment with increasing concentrations of Ac₄5S-GlcNAc (OGT inhibitor, left) or Thiamet G (OGA inhibitor, right) 4h later. After 96h, supernatants were transferred onto naïve Huh7.5.1 cells and electroporated cells were lysed to determine luciferase activity. Luciferase activity in infected Huh7.5.1 cells was assessed 72h later. Data are expressed as mean percentage as compared to control ± s.d. Results are from three independent experiments in quadruplicate. The dashed line indicates values from vehicle-treated cells set at 100%. Statistics: *, p-value < 0.05, Mann-Whitney test.

Figure 5. Silencing of OGT modulates HCVcc biophysical properties. (A) Separation of HCVcc by iodixanol density gradient ultracentrifugation. HCVcc were produced in non-targeting siRNA control- or siOGT-transfected Huh7.5.1 cells. After overlaying HCVcc (JcR2A) on a 4%-40% iodixanol step gradient and ultracentrifugation for 16h, fractions of HCV particles were used to infect naïve Huh7.5.1 cells in order to determine TCID50. HCV RNA of each fraction was purified and analyzed by RT-qPCR. Data are expressed as mean ± s.d. from three independent experiments. (B) Specific infectivity (TCID50/RNA) was calculated and the density was determined by weighting each fraction. Specific infectivity of each fraction is expressed as fold change as compared to the total infectivity of the control. Data are expressed as mean ± s.d. from three independent experiments. (C-D) ApoE and ApoB concentrations in the individual fractions were determined by ELISA. The dashed lines

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indicate limits of quantification of the assays. Data are expressed as mean ± s.d. from three
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Figure 6. Silencing of OGT increases the size of HCVcc. (A) Representative pictures of HCV particles generated in Huh7.5.1 cells transfected with non-targeting siRNA (siCtrl) or siOGT. (B-F) Comparative analysis of particle size distribution for immunocapture (IC) from HCV particles produced in Huh7.5.1 cells transfected with siCtrl or siOGT prior to infection with HCVcc (JcR2a) following sucrose-cushion purification (B) or iodixanol gradient fractionation (C-F) of HCVcc. HCVcc were transferred via anti-E2 antibody AR3A on electron microscopy (EM) grids through IC. Particle size distribution was assessed from a series of randomly acquired electron micrographs with Image-J software (NIH). Results from one of three (A-B) or two (C-F) independent experiments are shown. Black lines: size distribution of immunocaptured HCVcc produced in siCtrl-transfected cells. Grey lines: size distribution of immunocaptured HCVcc produced in siOGT-transfected cells.

Figure 7. OGT expression increases in HCC. (A-B) Huh7.5.1 cells were infected with HCV (JcR2a). After 72h, RNA and proteins were purified, and OGT expression analyzed by RT-qPCR and Western blot. (A) Percentage of OGT mRNA expression relative to uninfected Huh7.5.1 cells (Ctrl). Results are presented as mean ± s.d. from three independent experiments in duplicate. The dashed line indicates values from uninfected Huh7.5.1 cells set at 100%. Statistics: *, p-value < 0.05, Mann-Whitney test. (B) OGT protein expression. Left: percentage of OGT protein expression relative to uninfected Huh7.5.1 cells (Ctrl) following quantification of Western blots as described in Supplementary Methods. Results are presented as mean ± s.d. from three independent experiments. The dashed line indicates values from uninfected Huh7.5.1 cells set at 100%. Statistics: *, p-value < 0.05, Mann-Whitney test. Right: representative Western blot analysis of OGT and actin. (C) OGT expression and viral load in liver tissue from 22 HCV-infected patients and 6 patients not infected with HCV described in [55]. Spearman correlation: rho = 0.06004019, p-value = 0.77.

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(D-E) OGT expression in liver tissue from 22 HCV-infected patients and 6 patients not infected with HCV according to fibrosis (D) or activity (E) scores described in[55]. Wilcoxon test: F1 vs F0 p-value = 0,38; F2 vs F0 p-value = 0,18; F3 vs F0 p-value = 0,43; F4 vs F0 p-<text> value = 0,17; A1 vs A0 p-value = 0,28; A2 vs A0 p-value = 0,23; A3 vs A0 p-value = 0,09. (F) OGT expression in tumor (HCC) and non-tumor (Ctrl) liver tissue from 39 HCV-infected patients, 83 HBV-infected, 80 patients with alcoholic liver disease (ALD) and 13 patients with non-alcoholic liver disease (NAFLD) as described in Supplementary Methods. *, p-value < 0.05, Wilcoxon test.

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1 Table 1. Computational analysis of miR-501-3p and miR-619-3p targets and pathway

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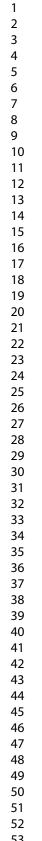
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miRNA ID	Target gene symbol	Pathway or network
miR-501-3p	MEF2A; PPP3CA; PPP3CC	Calcium signaling
	HMGCS1	Cholesterol biosynthesis
	AFF4; CHMP1B; CUX1; DCLK1;	Inflammatory response, dermatological
	LMX1A; PTBP2; RBMS1; RC3H1;	diseases and conditions, inflammatory
	SCN2A; SEC63; ZFHX4	disease
	CDK6; CSDE1; GLI2; HOXD10;	Cellular development, nervous system
	LSM5; MEF2A; MYCN; OGT;	development and function; organ
	PPP2R2C; PPP2R5E; SEMA3C;	morphology
	TFDP2	
	CIT; COL10A1; FNBP1L; GAN;	Cell death and survival; cellular
	HERC1; KPNA4; NONO; SHPRH;	compromise; free radical scavenging
	STRN; TARDBP; UBE2H; USP37	
	ATXN1; CBLL1; CEBPA; DCC;	Cell morphology, cellular assembly and
	PEX5L; RCC2; RNF144A; ZC3H12C	organization; cellular function and
		maintenance
miR-619-3p	RUNX1T1; SMAD3	Adipocyte biogenesis
	FOXG1; GPBP1; MID1; MKL2; MSI1;	Cell cycle; organismal injury and
	PCBP2; WDFY3	abnormalities; cancer
	ACVR2B; DCX; ESRRG; MAPK9;	Carbohydrate metabolism, energy
	OGT; PCBP1; PDE3B; SMAD3;	production; small molecule biochemistr
	SMARCC1; TGFB3; PAPOLA	
	RUNX1T1; SHANK2; SLC35D1	Gene expression, lipid metabolism, sm
		molecule biochemistry

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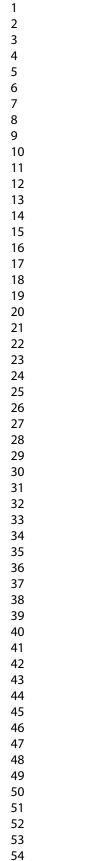
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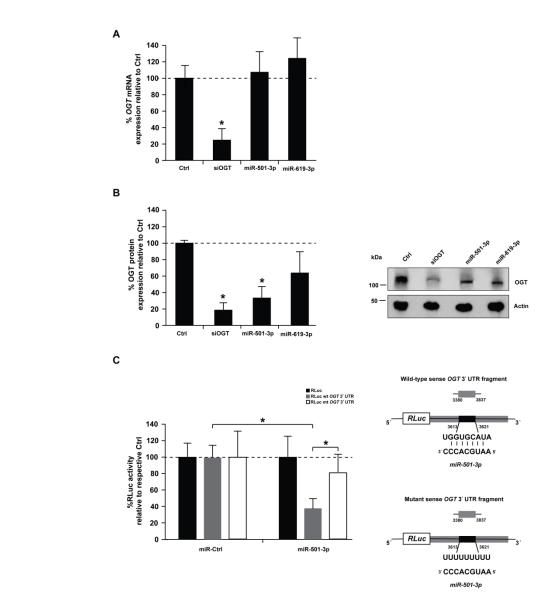
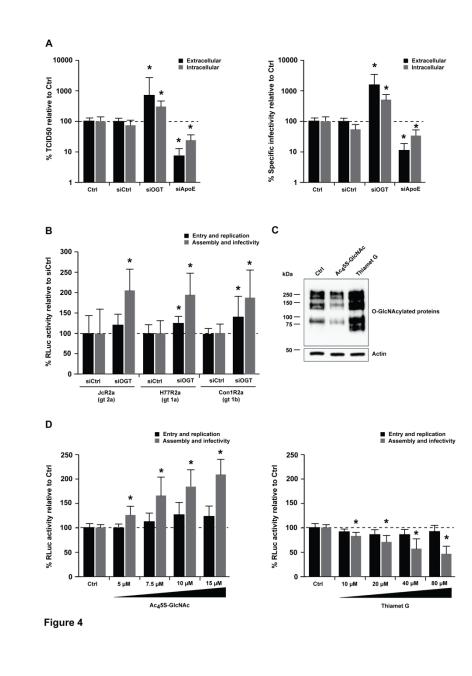
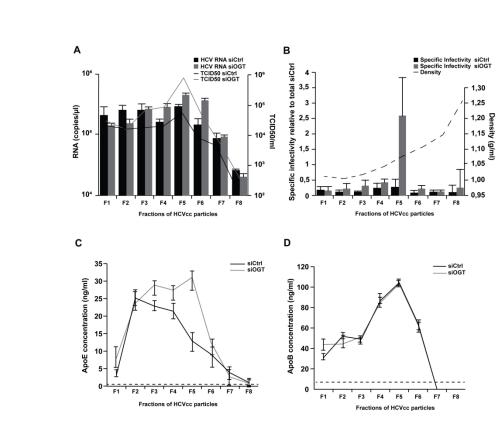


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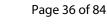


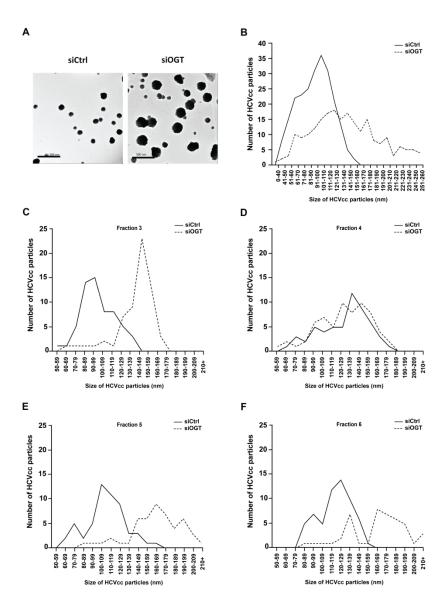
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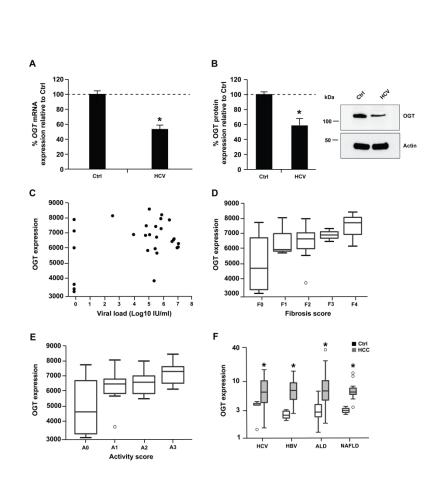


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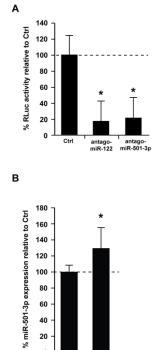


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49 50	23	Supplementary Material and methods
51 52 53	24	Cells and cell culture conditions. The source and culture conditions of Huh7.5.1 cells have
55 55	25	been described[1]. HeLa cells were purchased from ATCC and cultured in Dulbecco's
55 56 57	26	modified Eagle medium (Gibco® DMEM GlutaMAX™, ThermoFisher Scientific) containing 1%
58 59 60	27	sodium pyruvate as described for Huh7.5.1 cells[1].

Viruses and infectivity assays. Cell culture-derived recombinant cell culture-derived hepatitis C virus (HCVcc) Jc1 (genotype 2a/2a chimera), H77R2a (genotype 1a/2a chimera engineered for Renilla luciferase expression), Con1R2a (genotype 1b/2b chimera engineered for Renilla luciferase expression), and JcR2a (genotype 2a/2a chimera engineered for Renilla luciferase expression) were generated in Huh7.5.1 cells as described[1, 2, 3, 4]. HCVcc infectivity was determined by calculating the 50% tissue culture infectious dose (TCID50) using anti-NS5A antibody as described[5, 6] or by assessing luciferase activity. HCVcc were used at 10⁵-10⁶ TCID50/mL throughout the study. HCV RNA was purified using a QIAmp viral RNA minikit (Qiagen) and analyzed by one-step RT-gPCR using a Sensi Fast NO ROX kit (Bioline) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Standard curves were performed using 10-fold dilution series of HCV RNA.

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Purification of HCVcc particles using sucrose cushion or iodixanol density gradient. HCVcc (JcR2a) were concentrated 10-fold using a Vivaspin column (GE Healthcare). For sucrose cushion purification, HCVcc were purified by overlaying 3.5 mL of culture media on 1.5 mL of 20% sucrose, and by ultracentrifuging samples for 4h at 40,000 rpm on a SW-55 rotor (Beckman Coulter). Purified HCVcc were resuspended in 30 µL of PBS for analysis via immunocapture and electron microscopy. Density distributions of infectious HCVcc were determined by overlaying 0.5 mL culture media on a 5 mL, 4%-40% iodixanol step gradient, and ultracentrifuging samples for 16h at 40,000 rpm on a SW-55 rotor (Beckman Coulter): 625 µl fractions were carefully harvested from the top of each tube, and density was determined by weighing. Infectivity of each fraction was quantified by TCID50 using anti-NS5A antibody as described[5, 6], while HCV RNA of fractions was purified and analyzed as described above. ApoB and ApoE concentrations of fractions were determined by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (Human Apolipoprotein B or E ELISAPRO kit, Mabtech) undiluted or in a 1:50 dilution, respectively, according to the manufacturer's instructions (Mabtech).

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miRNA mimics and siRNAs. Non-targeting control miRNA, miR-501-3p mimic, miR-619-3p mimic, antagomiR-122, antagomiR-501-3p, non-targeting control antagomiR, non-targeting control siRNA, siRNAs targeting OGT, CD81 or apoliporotein E (ApoE) and a library of 28 custom ON-TARGETplus smart pool siRNAs were purchased from Dharmacon (GE Healthcare).

miRNA expression analysis. Total RNA (100 ng) was purified from control or HCV-infected Huh7.5.1 cells using Tri reagent® (Thermo Scientific) and Direct-zol™ RNA purification kit (Zymo Research). Total RNA was first polyadenylated and reverse transcribed using a miScript II RT system (Qiagen) according to the manufacturer's instructions. The obtained cDNA was subjected to RT-qPCR using miScript SYBR Green kit (Qiagen). Primers were the mature miRNA sequence for the forward primer (Thermo Scientific) and the universal miScript primer (Qiagen) for the reverse primer. Data were analyzed by the $\Delta\Delta$ Ct method using small nucleolar RNA, C/D box 61 (SNORD61) as an endogenous reference and the non-infected samples as a calibrator[7].

Antibodies. Rabbit anti-OGT antibodies DM-17 and AL24 were purchased from Sigma or kindly provided by Dr. G. W. Hart and Dr. S. Hardivillé (Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD)[8], respectively. Mouse anti- β -actin antibody was purchased from Abcam and mouse, rabbit or sheep HRP-conjugated secondary antibodies (A9044, A0545 and A3415, respectively) were purchased from Sigma. Sheep anti-NS5A serum for determination of TCID50 was a kind gift from M. Harris[9]. Human anti-E2 (AR3A) antibody[10] for electron microscopy analysis was kindly provided by Mansun Law (SCRIPPS, California, USA).

Western blotting. OGT and actin protein expression in human cells was assessed by Western blot as described[8] with some modifications. Briefly, cells were lysed in lysis buffer no. 6 (R&D Systems) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Equal amounts of protein

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(40 µg) were size-separated through a Mini PROTEAN[®] TGX Stain-Free[™] gel electrophoresis (Bio-Rad) and transferred to PVDF membranes (Bio-Rad). Immunoblots were performed using rabbit anti-OGT (1:2000) and mouse anti- β -actin (1:1000) antibodies[8, 11]. Antigen-antibody complexes were detected by incubating the membrane with the appropriate HRP-conjugated secondary antibodies (1:5000; 1:10,000) and imaged by enhanced chemiluminescence with a ChemiDoc MP imager (Bio-Rad). Quantification of protein expression was performed using ImageLab[™] 5.2.1 software (BioRad). For analysis of OGT and GAPDH expression in liver tissue from HCV transgenic (FL-N/35) or wild-type mice[12], crude protein extracts were prepared by homogenization of frozen mouse livers (50–100 µg) in tissue lysis buffer from the Ambion PARIS RNA (Thermo Scientific) and protein isolation kit, supplemented with protease inhibitors (cOmpleteTM EDTA-free protease inhibitor mixture, Sigma-Aldrich) and phosphatase inhibitors (PhosSTOPTM, Sigma-Aldrich), using a tissue homogenizer (MP Fast Prep24, MP Biomedicals, Santa Ana, CA) and MP Lysing Matrix A tubes. Proteins were quantified using the BCA assay (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Western blotting was performed as described above.

Immunocapture and electron microscopy analysis of viral particles. Sucrose-cushion purified or iodixanol gradient fractionated HCVcc (JcR2a) produced in cells transfected with a non-targeting siRNA control or a pool of siRNA against OGT were transferred via anti-E2 antibody AR3A on electron microscopy (EM) grids through immunocapture (IC) as described[13]. Particles were stained with uranyl acetate dihydrate and observed in a JEOL 1230 electron microscope. Series of electron micrographs were acquired at random from IC EM grids. The images were then analyzed with Image-J software, to determine the particle size distribution.

Gene expression analysis in patient-derived liver tissue. For OGT expression analysis in
 patient's samples, raw data were retrieved from the Gene Expression Omnibus (GSE84346)
 and re-analyzed by quality-trimming (cutadapt) and mapping (HISAT2) to human genome

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assembly hg19. Reads mapping to Gencode v.19 genes were counted using htseq-count and normalized applying DESeq2. Activity and fibrosis scores as well as viral load were taken from the supplemental data published in[14]. To analyze OGT expression in liver tissue of chronic hepatitis B or C patients, FPKM values and clinical data were retrieved from The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA, https://www.cancer.gov/about-nci/organization/ccg/research/structural-genomics/tcga). This data set includes samples from 39 HCV-infected patients, 83 hepatitis B virus (HBV)-infected, 80 patients with alcoholic liver disease (ALD) and 13 patients with non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD). Supplementary References Zhong J, Gastaminza P, Cheng G, et al. Robust hepatitis C virus infection in vitro. Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A 2005;102:9294-9. Reiss S, Rebhan I, Backes P, et al. Recruitment and activation of a lipid kinase by hepatitis C virus NS5A is essential for integrity of the membranous replication compartment. Cell Host Microbe 2011;9:32-45. Da Costa D, Turek M, Felmlee DJ, et al. Reconstitution of the entire hepatitis C virus life cycle in non-hepatic cells. J Virol 2012;86:11919-25. Fauvelle C, Felmlee DJ, Crouchet E, et al. Apolipoprotein E Mediates Evasion From Hepatitis C Virus Neutralizing Antibodies. Gastroenterology 2016;150:206-17 e4. Lindenbach BD, Evans MJ, Syder AJ, et al. Complete replication of hepatitis C virus in cell culture. Science 2005;309:623-6. Bandiera S, Pernot S, El Saghire H, et al. Hepatitis C Virus-Induced Upregulation of MicroRNA miR-146a-5p in Hepatocytes Promotes Viral Infection and Deregulates Metabolic Pathways Associated with Liver Disease Pathogenesis. J Virol 2016;90:6387-400. Schmittgen TD, Livak KJ. Analyzing real-time PCR data by the comparative C(T) method. Nat Protoc 2008;3:1101-8. Iver SP, Akimoto Y, Hart GW. Identification and cloning of a novel family of coiled-coil domain proteins that interact with O-GlcNAc transferase. J Biol Chem 2003;278:5399-409.

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19 Supplementary figure legends

Figure S1. (A) Effect of miR-501-3p inhibition on HCV infectivity. Huh7.5.1 cells were transfected with control antagomiR (Ctrl), antagomiR-122 as loss-of-function control to perturb HCV replication and antagomiR-501-3p, prior to infection with HCVcc (JcR2a) according to the two-step protocol depicted in Fig. 1A. After 48h, supernatants were transferred onto naive Huh7.5.1 cells. After 72h, Renilla Luciferase activity of infected Huh7.5.1 cells was determined. Data are expressed as mean percentage as compared to Ctrl ± s.d. Results are from four independent experiments in quadruplicate. The dashed line indicates values from vehicle-treated cells set at 100%. Statistics: *, p-value < 0.05, Mann-Whitney test. (B) miR-501-3p expression upon HCV infection. Huh7.5.1 cells were infected with HCVcc (JcR2a).

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After 72h, RNA was purified and miR-501-3p expression analyzed by RT-qPCR. Percentage of miR-501-3p expression relative to uninfected Huh7.5.1 cells (Ctrl). Results are presented as mean ± s.d. from three independent experiments in duplicate. The dashed line indicates values from uninfected Huh7.5.1 cells set at 100%. Statistics: *, *p*-value < 0.05, Mann-Whitney test.

www.usedimited individual mited ind Supplementary Table 1. A genome-wide miRNA mimic screen identifies cellular miRNAs modulating HCV infection. Log2(FC), lfdr and effect on HCV infection in part 1 and part 2 of the screen are shown for the individual miRNAs of the miRNA mimic library. In red: proviral effect, in blue: antiviral effect. FC: fold change, lfdr: local false discovery rate

niRNA ID	Mature Sanger ID	Library ID	Mature Sequence	Log2(FC)	Part 1 Ifdr	Effect on HCV	Log2(FC)	Part 2 Ifdr	E
nsa-let-7a nsa-let-7b	MIMAT0000062 MIMAT0000063	C-300473-05 C-300476-05	UGAGGUAGUAGGUUGUAUAGUU UGAGGUAGUAGGUUGUGUGUG	-1.70171935969617 -1.74684091191792	3.9917e-05 8.3715e-05	TRUE	-3.28400225976063 -3.61453853652595	0.0018396	T
isa-let-7d isa-let-7e	MIMAT0000065 MIMAT0000066 MIMAT0000067	C-300478-07 C-300479-05 C-300480-05	AGAGGUAGUAGGUUGCAUAGUU UGAGGUAGGAGGUUGUAUAGUU UGAGGUAGUAGAUUGUAUAGUU	-1.53075932976348 -1.30271875995011 -2.22178435619614	0.00023985 0.0014577 6.7884e-06	TRUE FALSE TRUE	-2.74632167025162 -1.90993819018051 -3.76872186786763	0.057617 0.081661 0.014453	T T
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a-miR-103-as a-miR-106a*	MIMAT0007402 MIMAT0004517	C-301453-00 C-301159-01	UCAUAGCCCUGUACAAUGCUGCU CUGCAAUGUAAGCACUUCUUAC	-1.11208100417218 -1.32520114049511	0.0074787 3.9917e-05	FALSE	-2.91287954813545 -2.3773966141336	0.057617 0.11887	
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A functional microRNA screen uncovers O-linked N-acetylglucosamine transferase as a host factor modulating hepatitis C virus morphogenesis and infectivity

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1 Abstract

 Objective: Infection of human hepatocytes by the hepatitis C virus (HCV) is a multistep process involving both viral and host factors. microRNAs (miRNAs) are small non-coding RNAs that post-transcriptionally regulate gene expression. Given that miRNAs were indicated to regulate between 30% and 75% of all human genes, we aimed to investigate the functional and regulatory role of miRNAs for the HCV life cycle.

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Design: To systematically reveal human miRNAs affecting the HCV life cycle, we performed 9 a two-step functional high-throughput miRNA mimic screen in Huh7.5.1 cells infected with 10 recombinant cell culture-derived HCV. miRNA targeting was then assessed using a 11 combination of computational and functional approaches.

Results: <u>We uncovered miR-501-3p and miR-619-3p as novel modulators of HCV</u> 13 assembly/release. <u>We discovered that these miRNAs regulate O-linked N-acetylglucosamine</u> 14 (O-GlcNAc) transferase (OGT) protein expression and identified OGT and O-GlcNAcylation 15 as regulators of HCV morphogenesis and infectivity. <u>Furthermore, increased OGT</u> 16 <u>expression in patient-derived liver tissue was associated with HCV-induced liver disease and</u> 17 cancer.

Conclusion: miR-501-3p and miR-619-3p and their target OGT are previously undiscovered 19 regulatory host factors for HCV <u>assembly</u> and infectivity. <u>In addition to its effect on HCV</u> 20 <u>morphogenesis</u>, OGT may play a role in HCV-induced liver disease and 21 hepatocarcinogenesis.

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What	is already known about this subject?
•	To establish chronic infection, the hepatitis C virus (HCV) hijacks cellular f
	including microRNAs (miRNAs), known to post-transcriptionally regulate
	expression.
•	miRNAs may positively or negatively modulate HCV infection either by d
	targeting the viral genome or indirectly by regulating virus-associated of
	pathways[1, 2].
What	are the new findings?
•	A functional miRNA mimic screen uncovered miR-501-3p and miR-619-
	enhance late steps of HCV infection.
•	miR-501-3p regulates the expression of O-linked N-acetylglucosamine trans
	(OGT) at the protein level.
•	Silencing of OGT expression or inhibition of O-linked N-acetylglucosaminylation
	GlcNAcylation) leads to an increase in the infectivity and size of HCV particles
•	OGT expression increases in patient-derived liver tissue during liver di
	progression and cancer.
Hown	night it impact on clinical practice in the foreseeable future?
•	As upregulation of OGT and increased O-GlcNAcylation of proteins have
	associated with various forms of cancer, OGT may play a dual role in
	morphogenesis as well as pathogenesis of HCV-induced liver disease
	carcinogenesis.

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1 Introduction

Chronic hepatitis C is a major cause of chronic liver disease and hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). Since the approval of pan-genotypic direct-acting antivirals (DAAs), it is considered a curable disease in more than 90% of treated patients. Nonetheless, an estimated 71 million individuals are still infected by the hepatitis C virus (HCV) and several challenges remain; viral cure reduces but does not eliminate the HCC risk in patients with advanced fibrosis[3], the majority of infected patients has limited access to therapy and DAA failure/viral resistance has been reported in a subset of patients[4, 5]. To overcome these limitations, approaches to target host factors involved in HCV infection and pathogenesis are developed[6, 7]. Interestingly, defined host factors that contribute to the establishment of chronic HCV infection and represent potential antiviral targets, e.g. epidermal growth factor receptor[8], also play a role in liver disease pathogenesis and represent candidate targets for treatment of advanced liver disease and HCC prevention[9]. Thus, uncovering host factors usurped by HCV not only contributes to a better understanding of virus-host interactions underlying the HCV life cycle but also to the identification of potential targets for treatment of liver disease and prevention of HCC.

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The establishment of various models to study HCV infection has shed light on the molecular mechanisms that govern the HCV life cycle, which can be subdivided into early steps, including viral entry, translation and replication as well as late steps, including assembly and release of new virions. Each step of the HCV replication cycle relies on specific virus-host interactions that involve host proteins and microRNAs (miRNAs)[7], small non-coding RNAs that regulate gene expression at the post-transcriptional level. One miRNA can target numerous messenger RNAs (mRNAs) by base-pairing with a complementary site that is typically located within the 3' untranslated region (3'UTR) of the mRNA. Accumulating evidence indicates that miRNAs participate to HCV replication by exerting pro- or antiviral effects. The breakthrough discovery of the direct targeting of HCV by miR-122, the most abundant miRNA in the liver, revealed the crucial role of this miRNA for HCV translation/replication that contributes to progression to chronic HCV infection[1, 10]. miR-

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122 antisense oligonucleotides were subsequently developed as host-targeting antivirals[11, 12]. Other miRNAs can indirectly target HCV by regulating host factors that participate in antiviral responses and immune surveillance[2, 13, 14]. Since up to 60% of all human protein-coding genes were reported to be under miRNA-mediated regulation and miRNAs are involved in basically every biological process, we hypothesized that miRNAs provide a tool for loss-of-function approaches to uncover novel HCV host factors. We performed genome-wide high-throughput modulation of the human miRNome and analyzed their impact on HCV infection by combining computational and functional approaches.

10 Material and methods

Cells, cell culture conditions, viruses, virus purification, infectivity assays, miRNAs,
 <u>antagomiRs, siRNAs, antibodies, immunoblot, immunocapture, electron microscopy</u>
 analysis of viral particles <u>and gene expression analysis in liver tissue</u> are described in
 the Supplementary information.

Functional miRNA/siRNA screens. Huh7.5.1 cells were transfected with the miRIDIAN human miRNA mimic library (mIRBase 19) comprising more than 2000 mature miRNAs or 28 ON-TARGETplus smart pool siRNAs (20 nM, Dharmacon) using Interferin HTS (Polyplus) in a 96-well format[8]. After 48h, a viability test (Presto Blue, Thermo Scientific) was performed prior to a two-step infection assay[15, 16, 17]. During part 1 of the protocol, 50 µL of HCV cell culture-derived particles (HCVcc, JcR2a) were incubated with cells during 4h. The inoculum was removed and cells were incubated with 150 µl of medium for 48h. In part 2, supernatants from part 1 cells were transferred onto naïve Huh7.5.1 cells and part 1 cells were lysed to determine luciferase activity[17, 18]. After 72h, part 2 cells were lysed to determine luciferase activity[17]. siCD81 (20 nM), antagomiR-122 (100 nM) and siApoE (20 nM) were used as positive controls[17]. A non-targeting siRNA with no sequence complementarity to any human gene or homology to any human miRNA was used as negative control.

Inhibitor treatment. Four hours following <u>HCV RNA</u> electroporation[8], <u>Huh7.5.1</u> cells were incubated with vehicle or inhibitors of OGT (peracetylated 5-thio-N-acetylglucosamine (Ac₄5S-GlcNAc)[19]) or OGA (Thiamet G (Sigma))[20]. After 96h, supernatants were transferred onto naïve Huh7.5.1 cells for 72h prior to determination of luciferase activity while electroporated cells were lysed to determine luciferase activity.

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Gene expression analyses. Total RNA was purified[17] and transcribed into cDNA using
Maxima reverse transcriptase (Thermo Scientific). *GAPDH* and *OGT* mRNA was detected by
real time qPCR using iTaq[™] Universal Probes Supermix (Bio-Rad) and TaqMan Gene
Expression Assay (<u>Thermo Scientific</u>). Relative *OGT/GAPDH* gene expression was
calculated by the ΔΔCt method[21].

Dual luciferase reporter gene assay. The human OGT 3'UTR sequence was retrieved from NCBI (NM 181672.2) and Ensembl genome browser (ENST00000373719.3). A fragment of the OGT 3'UTR (positions 3380-3837, NM_181672.2) (Thermo Fisher Scientific GENEART) was cloned between the Notl and Xhol sites downstream of a Renilla luciferase cassette in a psiCHECK2 plasmid (Promega). A mutated version of this construct (9-bp substitution in the predicted miR-501-3p target site) was generated as described[22]. The functionality of the OGT 3'UTR was assessed as described[23]. The miRIDIAN mimic negative control 1 was used as control. Renilla and firefly luciferase activity was assessed 48h after transfection into HeLa cells using Dual-Luciferase Reporter assay (Promega).

Bioinformatic and statistical analysis. Data analysis and statistical treatment for the miRNA mimic screen were performed in R (www.r-project.org). Cell measurement data used in further analysis were cell viability <u>and</u> luciferase activity. In total 26 sets of plates (performed in triplicate) were tested. The presence of multiple wells with negative and positive controls on each plate allowed stepwise normalization intra- and inter-plate. First, intra-plate zonal bias was examined and a model of median effects across the entire screen Page 57 of 84

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determined using the median-polish algorithm[24] and all plates corrected accordingly. Then the dataset was examined for outlier plates, i.e. plates where all individual measurements correlate very poorly with the other remaining replicates. Three and 9 plates were excluded for part 1 and part 2 of the screen, respectively, based on poor median correlation (r < 0.7) so that the remaining plates correlation improved substantially (> 40%). Next, the plates were normalized inter replicates using the particularly robust guantile-guantile approach[25]. Finally, the data were tested using a moderated t-test (empirical Bayes shrinkage, R-package limma[26]) for the null-hypothesis of no change of a given miRNA compared to the negative control. The resulting p-values for independent testing of each miRNA where corrected for the multiple testing situation and expressed as local false discovery rate (lfdr, R-package fdrtool[27]). The testing was performed independently for part 1 and 2 of the screen and candidate miRNAs selected for each part. For data from part 1, a lfdr threshold of 0.00027 was used. Data from part 2 were subject to increase inherent stochastic noise and for this reason the minimum acceptable relative risk of false positives was increased to 0.1226 (i.e. maximum 15% risk for each of the retained hits).

Other datasets were analyzed using the two-tailed Mann-Whitney test, Wilcoxon test, Spearman correlation or the two-tailed unpaired t-test for data with normal distribution as assessed by D'Agostino and Pearson omnibus and Shapiro-Wilk normality tests (GraphPad ·vz Q Prism v.6 package).

Results

Genome-wide identification of human miRNAs affecting the HCV life cycle. We performed a genome-wide screen in human hepatoma Huh7.5.1 cells using a genomic miRNA mimics library and a two-step infection assay[17] with a luciferase reporter virus (JcR2a), which allowed us to functionally assess the role of miRNAs during the early steps (part 1 - viral entry/translation/replication) and the late steps (part 2 - viral assembly/release/infectivity) of the HCV life cycle (Fig. 1A). Silencing of CD81 and ApoE,

two essential host factors required for HCV entry or assembly, respectively, was performed in parallel using small interfering RNA (siRNA) as controls. Silencing of CD81 resulted in a reduction of HCV infection in part 1 and consequently in part 2 of the screen since reduced viral entry in the first part of the assay leads to a reduced production of viral particles (Fig. 1B)[17]. Silencing of ApoE resulted in a marked inhibition of HCV infection only in part 2 of the assay, consistent with the role of ApoE in HCV assembly (Fig. 1B)[17]. The screen identified 427 miRNAs (corresponding to about 16% of the library) that significantly modulated HCV infection (lfdr < threshold, Supplementary Table 1 and Fig. 1C): 186 miRNAs affected HCV infection in part 1, 309 miRNAs affected HCV infection in part 2, including 68 hits in part 1 and part 2. The limited number of part 1 and 2 hits may be due to the fact that a single miRNA may modulate the expression of several proteins, which may have different roles in the viral life cycle. Most hits were observed to dampen HCV infection independently of any significant alteration of cell viability (data not shown). The 186 miRNAs modulating the early steps of HCV infection all decreased viral infection. Among the 309 miRNAs that had an impact in part 2, 11 miRNAs increased HCV infection by at least 3-fold while 298 miRNAs inhibited HCV infection by at least 2.7-fold. Hits from the screen included the let-7 family[2, 28], miR-27a[29] and miR-29 family[30] that were already shown to inhibit HCV infection, as well as miR-21[31] and miR-146a-5p[17] that were shown to stimulate HCV infection thus supporting the relevance of our findings. Collectively, our screen identified a set of miRNAs whose overexpression overall impairs HCV infection bv affecting viral entry/translation/replication and/or virion assembly/egress/infectivity.

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miR-619-3p, miR-501-3p and OGT play a role in late steps of the HCV life cycle. We focused our analysis on miRNAs that modulate late steps of the HCV life cycle, as the molecular mechanisms of HCV assembly/release remain only partially understood. Our screen identified 241 miRNAs that modulated late steps without affecting early steps of infection: 11 miRNAs increased HCV infection while 230 miRNAs decreased HCV infection. Among the miRNAs that increased HCV infection, miR-140-3p, miR-501-3p, miR-619-3p and Page 59 of 84

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miR-4778-5p have not yet been associated with HCV. Since they enhanced HCV infection in part 2 without affecting part 1, these miRNAs may target host genes that control virus assembly/egress/infectivity. We first confirmed the effect of these miRNAs in independent experiments using the same protocol as for the screen. Overexpression of miR-619-3p or miR-501-3p consistently led to an increase in the infection of progeny virions (Fig. 1D) while infection was decreased with progeny virions from antagomiR-transfected cells (Supplementary Figure S1A). miR-619-3p or miR-501-3p were thus selected for further investigation. To study the molecular mechanisms by which these miRNAs affect HCV infection, we generated a list of predicted miRNA targets using DIANA, TargetScan Human v6.2 and miRDB databases, and selected candidate targets based on their expression in our Huh7.5.1 cells as assessed by microarray (data not shown). Ingenuity Pathway Analysis enabled us to refine the gene list by selecting 28 genes involved in the following functional networks or pathways that contribute to the HCV life cycle[32, 33, 34]: lipid metabolism and cholesterol biosynthesis, protein maturation and processing at the endoplasmic reticulum (ER), components of the endosomal sorting complex, adipocyte biogenesis, cellular morphology and cell inflammation (Table 1).

To assess whether knock-down of these 28 candidate targets affects virus production, we performed a siRNA-based screen using siRNA pools exhibiting strong silencing without cytotoxicity (Fig. 2). Silencing of CD81 and antagomiR-122 served as controls for part 1; knock-down of ApoE served as control for part 2 (Fig. 2). Hits were defined as genes whose knock-down modulated HCV infection in at least one part of the screen with high significance (Fig. 2, p-value < 0.0001, Mann-Whitney U-test). HCV entry/translation/replication was significantly modulated by silencing of PPP3CA, CEBPA, MID1, WDFY3, DCX and SLC35D1. HCV assembly/egress/infectivity was significantly modulated by knock-down of PPP3CA, CSDE1, GAN, USP37, CEBPA, MID1, WDFY3, DCX, MAPK9, SLC35D1, DCC, RNF144A, PPP2R2C and OGT. Strikingly, only the silencing of OGT was associated with an enhancement of HCV assembly/release/infectivity (p-value = 0.0002), while that of the other hits was associated with reduced HCV infection (Fig. 2).

These results indicate that the down-regulation of *OGT* phenocopies the effect of miR-5013p and miR-619-3p on HCV infection (Fig. 2) <u>and</u> suggest OGT as a novel player <u>in</u> the HCV
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miR-501-3p post-transcriptionally regulates OGT expression. To study whether miR-501-3p and miR-619-3p target OGT, we analyzed OGT RNA and protein levels in Huh7.5.1 cells following overexpression of miR-501-3p or miR-619-3p. While neither miRNA had an impact on OGT RNA levels (Fig. 3A), up-regulation of miR-501-3p significantly decreased OGT protein expression by $\sim 65\%$ (Fig. 3B, *p*-value ≤ 0.05 , t-test). miR-619-3p also decreased OGT expression but less robustly than miR-501-3p (Fig. 3B), prompting us to focus our investigation on miR-501-3p. To assess whether OGT is a functional target of miR-501-3p, we subcloned a fragment of the OGT mRNA 3'UTR that harbors the predicted miR-501-3p target site in the Renilla luciferase expression cassette (RLuc) of a dual luciferase reporter construct. Co-transfection of miR-501-3p mimic with the wild-type 3'UTR reporter (RLuc wt OGT 3'UTR) significantly decreased luciferase activity as compared to the empty vector (Fig. 3C, p-value < 0.05, t-test). In contrast, the repression of luciferase expression was lost when the reporter with mutated miR-501-3p binding site (RLuc mt OGT 3'UTR) was used (Fig. 3C). These data are consistent in indicating that miR-501-3p mediates post-transcriptional regulation of OGT.

O-GIcNAcylation modulates HCVcc infectivity. To investigate whether OGT modulates HCV assembly and/or infectivity, we determined infectious virus titer (TCID50) and HCV RNA levels to calculate the specific infectivity of HCVcc particles generated in OGT-silenced Huh7.5.1 cells. Interestingly, OGT-silencing led to a significant increase in the TCID50 and the specific infectivity of HCVcc (Fig. 4A, p-value < 0.05, Mann-Whitney test). Noteworthy, the effect of OGT on HCVcc infectivity was genotype-independent as demonstrated by increased infectivity of HCVcc bearing the envelope glycoproteins of genotypes 1a, 1b and 2a upon OGT-silencing (Fig. 4B). We next sought to investigate how OGT could modulate Page 61 of 84

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HCVcc infectivity. OGT is the only enzyme that catalyzes the addition of N-acetylglucosamine (O-GlcNAc) to serine and threonine residues of proteins. Moreover, OGT has a scaffold function and promotes binding of proteins in multiprotein complexes[35]. To assess whether the enzymatic activity of OGT modulates HCVcc infectivity, we used pharmacological inhibitors of OGT (Ac₄5S-GlcNAc) or O-GlcNAcase (OGA) (Thiamet G), the OGT counterpart that removes O-GlcNAc (Fig. 4C). Ac₄5S-GlcNAc led to a significant enhancement of HCVcc infectivity in a dose-dependent manner, while the opposite effect was observed with Thiamet G (Fig. 4D, p-value < 0.05, Mann-Whitney test). Collectively, these results demonstrate that O-GlcNAcylation modulates HCVcc infectivity.

OGT-silencing affects HCVcc biophysical properties and size distribution. To further assess how OGT may impact HCVcc morphogenesis, we analyzed the structural and biophysical properties of HCVcc produced in siCtrl- and siOGT-transfected Huh7.5.1 cells following iodixanol gradient ultracentrifugation. Silencing of OGT led to the production of more infectious HCVcc with higher density (Fig. 5A-B) as well as higher ApoE concentrations (Fig. 5C) suggesting that OGT/O-GlcNAcylation affects the biophysical properties of HCVcc. No change in apoB concentrations were observed between HCVcc produced from siCtrl- or siOGT-transfected cells (Fig. 5D), in line with the model that HCV lipoviroparticles contain several exchangeable ApoE molecules and one non-exchangeable apoB[36]. We also visualized HCVcc by electron microscopy (EM) following anti-E2 antibody immunocapture[36] to assess whether OGT-silencing had an impact on HCVcc size. Particle size distribution was assessed from a series of randomly acquired electron micrographs. A shift towards bigger sizes was observed for sucrose-cushion purified HCVcc generated in OGT-silenced Huh7.5.1 cells as compared to control HCVcc (Fig. 6A-B). This shift was also observed in different fractions of iodixanol gradient-separated HCVcc (Fig. 6C-F) in line with the higher infectivity and ApoE concentrations of HCVcc generated in OGT-silenced Huh7.5.1 cells (Fig. 5A-C). These data suggest that OGT-silencing affects the lipidation of HCVcc.

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OGT expression increases in liver disease. Since silencing of OGT promotes HCV infectivity, we assessed whether HCV infection in turn had an effect on miR-501-3p and OGT expression. In Huh7.5.1 cells, HCV infection lead to small but significant increase of miR-501-3p and decrease of OGT levels (Fig. 7A-B and Supplementary Fig. 1B; p-value < 0.05, Mann-Whitney test), which may promote viral infection given the pro- and antiviral roles of miR-501-3p and O-GlcNAcylation, respectively (Fig. 1C-D and 4D). In contrast, no significant difference of OGT expression was observed between the livers of HCV transgenic and wild-type mice[37] (data not shown) suggesting that HCV proteins do not directly modulate OGT expression. In liver tissue from HCV-infected patients, HCV RNA levels were not correlated with OGT expression (Fig. 7C, Spearman correlation: 0.06004019, p-value = 0.7661) suggesting that in patients there is likely no direct effect of HCV on OGT expression. O-GlcNAcylation has been associated with a variety of cancers, including HCC recurrence linked to increased O-GlcNAcylation after liver transplantation[38]. We therefore investigated OGT expression in chronic liver disease and HCC. While there was a trend for increased OGT expression in liver tissue from HCV-infected patients with fibrosis and inflammation (Fig. 7D-E), OGT levels were markedly and significantly elevated in the tumor liver tissue of patients chronically infected with HCV or hepatitis B virus and patients with alcoholic liver disease or non-alcoholic fatty liver disease as compared to non-tumor tissue (Fig. 7F, p-value < 0.05, Wilcoxon test). These data suggest that OGT expression increases in HCC in an etiology-independent manner. Collectively, these results suggest that OGT

- and fibrosis rather than by HCV itself.

- - Discussion

By focusing on miRNAs affecting late steps of the viral life cycle, we uncovered that i) miR-501-3p regulates the expression of OGT; ii) silencing of OGT expression or inhibition of its enzymatic activity increases the infectivity of HCV particles; and iii) OGT knock-down leads

expression is likely increased in HCV-induced liver disease and cancer through inflammation

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to the release of bigger HCV particles. Our data suggest that O-GlcNAcylation affects HCV morphogenesis and infectivity.

While we were characterizing the role of OGT/O-GlcNAcylation for HCV morphogenesis, Li and colleagues published their functional genomics study of HCV-miRNA interactions[2]. By conducting genome wide miRNA mimic and hairpin inhibitor screens, they identified a set of miRNAs exhibiting a pro- or antiviral effect on HCV. Characterization of the underlying molecular processes showed that miR-25, let-7 and miR-130 families restrict viral infection by decreasing the expression of cellular HCV co-factors[2]. Despite similarities in the cell type and HCV infection models used here and by Li and colleagues, our screen only displays a small overlap with their study (9% common miRNA hits). This is not surprising given the small overlap between previous siRNA screens to uncover HCV host factors[8, 15] and is likely due i) to the different sizes of miRNA mimic libraries as the library used here was more than 2-times larger than the one used by Li and co-workers, and ii) to the markedly distinct pipelines for hit selection that were used in the two studies. Nonetheless, both screens were consistent in confirming the proviral role of miR-146a-5p in promoting HCV assembly/egress that we previously reported [17] and the global multistep inhibitory effects of the let-7 family on HCV infection[28], further corroborating the involvement of these miRNAs in fine-tuning the HCV life cycle. Both studies also consistently indicated that miR-518a-5p, miR-517-3p, miR-185 and members of the miR-302 family inhibit early steps of HCV infection, while miR-586, miR-620 and members of the miR-200 family inhibit late steps of viral infection. Since none of these miRNAs except miR-185 has been previously associated with HCV infection[39], it might be interesting to further characterize the involvement of these miRNAs in HCV-host interactions. Interestingly, an overall proviral effect of miR-501-3p was also observed by Li and colleagues[2], however the mechanism of action was not studied. By characterizing the role of miR-501-3p in the HCV life cycle, we uncovered OGT as a miR-501-3p target in liver-derived cells and showed for the first time a link between O-GlcNAcylation and HCV infection. These results indicate that genome-wide miRNA functional

screens represent a powerful strategy to dissect the role of miRNAs in pathogen-host
 interactions.

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While N-glycosylation of HCV envelope glycoproteins plays an important role for escape from virus-neutralizing antibodies[40], so far no functional association between HCV and O-glycosylation has been reported. In contrast to N-linked glycosylation that consists of the attachment of a glycan to a nitrogen of an asparagine residue of proteins in the ER/Golgi prior to their trafficking to the plasma membrane and/or their secretion, the glycosylation of serine and threonine residues with O-GlcNAc is a post-translational modification (PTM) of intracellular proteins that are localized in the nucleus, cytoplasm or mitochondria. The Oglycosylation/deglycosylation of proteins is catalyzed by a single pair of nucleo-cytoplasmic OGT/OGA. enzymes, O-GlcNAcylation is complementary protein to phosphorylation/dephosphorylation, another more broadly known abundant protein PTM that involves numerous kinases/phosphatases. OGT/OGA are often found in protein complexes that also include kinases/phosphatases and a protein can be either O-GlcNAcylated or phosphorylated on a same residue to fine-tune cellular signaling[41]. O-GlcNAcylation and phosphorylation on the same or neighboring serine or threonine residue is known as vin yang site[42].

O-GlcNAcylation plays a major role in the regulation of metabolic pathways in the liver, including insulin signaling, bile acid metabolism and lipogenesis[35]. The large number of OGT/OGA substrates and cellular pathways regulated by O-GlcNAcylation hampers a detailed characterization of the role of these proteins in HCV infection. Since i) HCV assembly takes place at ER-derived membranes, ii) OGT/OGA are not known to localize in the ER lumen, and iii) O-GlcNAcylation of extracellular proteins containing EGF-like domains is catalyzed by EGF domain-specific OGT (EOGT) in the ER lumen in an OGT-independent manner[43]), OGT/OGA most likely modulate HCV infection by post-translationally modifying one or several cellular factors required for HCV morphogenesis rather than by affecting viral proteins, although HCV glycoproteins contain putative O-GlcNAcylation sites as determined using OGIcNAcScan, OGTsite and YingOYang1.2 bioinformatics tools (data not shown).

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Regarding HCV host factors that may be regulated by OGT/OGA, O-GlcNAcylation sites have been predicted in human CLDN1[44] and OCLN at serine sites that can also be phosphorylated and this has been suggested to potentially play a role for HCV entry[45]. However, in our experimental setting we did not observe a significant effect of OGT-silencing on the early steps of HCV infection, suggesting that O-GlcNAcylation of CLDN1 and/or OCLN likely does not play a major role in HCV infection. Other host factors important for the HCV life cycle are well-known O-GlcNAcylated proteins, as for example various nuclear pore complex proteins (Nups) including Nup98, Nup153 and Nup155 that are involved in HCV replication and assembly and/or may be associated with viral particles[46, 47, 48]. However, since depletion of Nups was reported to alter HCV replication and/or assembly but to have no impact on the specific infectivity of HCV particles[46] in contrast to the depletion of OGT as shown here, it is unlikely that a modulation of Nup O-GlcNAcylation accounts for the effects of OGT-silencing and/or OGT/OGA inhibitors on HCVcc infectivity observed in our study. This is in line with our observation that OGT knock-down had no effect on Dengue virus (DENV) replication and infectivity (unpublished observations KH, MZ and Evelyne Schaffer, IBMC, Strasbourg), although Nup98 had been suggested to potentially play a role for DENV infection[46]. These data suggest that OGT does not broadly modulate the infectivity of viruses of the Flaviviridae family.

However, OGT and/or O-GlcNAcylation have been reported to play a role in the infection with other viruses [49, 50, 51]. Interestingly, while OGT expression modulates the levels of human papillomavirus 16 (HPV16) oncoproteins E6 and E7[52], E6 in turn can up-regulate OGT to increase O-GlcNAcylation and the oncogene activities of HPV[53], suggesting that OGT/O-GlcNAcylation could play a role in virus-induced cancer. In cell culture, HCV infection appeared to be associated with a minor decrease in OGT expression in line with an antiviral role of O-GlcNAcylation. In contrast, an increased OGT expression was observed in HCC tissues of HCV-infected patients. Since OGT has been suggested to activate oncogenic signaling pathways in non-alcoholic steatohepatitis-related HCC[54] and O-GlcNAcylation has been associated with HCC recurrence linked to increased O-

<u>GlcNAcylation after liver transplantation[38]</u>, these data suggest that in addition to their effect
 on the HCV life cycle, OGT/O-GlcNAcylation may also play a role in HCV-induced
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1 Figure legends

Figure 1. High-throughput screen identifies human miRNAs that regulate the HCV life 2 3 cycle. (A) Schematic outline of the miRNA mimic screen strategy. Huh7.5.1 cells were 4 transfected with miRNA mimics or controls prior to infection with Renilla luciferase HCVcc (JcR2a) two days later (part 1). Cell supernatants of part 1 were used to inoculate naïve 5 Huh7.5.1 cells (part 2). Cells from part 1 and part 2 were lysed at the end of each infection 6 7 step (2 and 3 days post infection, respectively) to determine luciferase activity. (B) 8 Modulation of HCV entry and replication (part 1) and/or assembly and infectivity (part 2) upon transfection of control non-targeting siRNA (siCtrl, negative control), siCD81 (inhibiting viral 9 entry) or siApoE (inhibiting viral assembly). By inhibiting HCV entry, siCD81 impacts part 1 10 as well as part 2. In contrast, by specifically impairing late steps of HCV replication cycle, 11 siApoE inhibits HCV infection only in part 2. The box plots show the sample lower quartile 12 (25th percentile; bottom of the box), the median (50th percentile; horizontal line in box) and 13 the upper quartile (75th percentile; top of the box) of relative light units (RLU) in each lysate. 14 15 The whiskers indicate s.d. Data are from three independent experiments. (C) Effects of miRNA overexpression on each part of the HCV life cycle. Data were tested using a 16 moderated t-test (empirical Bayes shrinkage, R-package limma[26]) for the null-hypothesis of 17 no change of a given miRNA compared to the negative control. The resulting p-values for 18 19 independent testing of each miRNA where corrected for the multiple testing situation and 20 expressed as local false discovery rate (lfdr, R-package fdrtool[27]). miRNAs having a 21 significant effect on either part 1 or 2 of the screen are below the thresholds indicated by dashed lines (lfdr < 0.00027 or 0.1226, respectively). miRNAs that were previously reported 22 23 to impact on HCV infection as well as miR-140-3p, miR-501-3p, miR-619-3p and miR-4778-24 5p are highlighted in blue (Log2(FC) < 0) or red (Log2(FC) > 0). Data are from three independent experiments. (D) Effect of miR-140-3p, miR-501-3p, miR-619-3p and miR-4778-25 5p on the HCV life cycle. Huh7.5.1 cells were transfected with siCtrl (Ctrl), miR-140-3p, miR-26 501-3p, miR-619-3p or miR-4778-5p and infection experiments were carried out as described 27 in A. HCV infection was determined as luciferase activity. Results represent mean 28

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percentage \pm s.d. from three independent experiments in triplicate. The dashed line indicates values from control-transfected cells set at 100%. Statistics: *, *p*-value \leq 0.05, Mann-Whitney test.

Figure 2. OGT is a novel host cell factor involved in the late steps of the HCV life cycle. Huh7.5.1 cells were transfected with a set of siRNAs against 28 predicted targets of miR-501-3p and/or miR-619-3p, and infected with HCVcc JcR2A according to the two-step protocol depicted in Fig. 1A. siCD81, antagomiR-122 and siApoE were used as loss-offunction controls to perturb HCV entry, translation/replication and assembly, respectively. miR-501-3p and miR-619-3p, which were ineffective in part 1 of the screen but enhanced HCV infection in part 2, were transfected in parallel. HCV infection was quantified as fold change of luciferase activity with respect to negative control (siCtrl). Results for different replicates are shown as individual points. For each gene, median fold change of luciferase activity ± s.d. is shown as black horizontal lines. The dashed line indicates a fold change of 1. Data are from three independent experiments in triplicate. Results for miR-501-3p, miR-619-3p and siOGT that increase HCV infection in part 2 are depicted in red. Results for siRNA targeting PPP3CA, CEBPA, MID1, WDFY3, DCX, SLC35D1, CSDE1, GAN, USP37, MAPK9, DCC, RNF144A, or PPP2R2C that significantly modulated HCV infection in part 1 and/or part 2 but did not phenocopy the effect of miR-501-3p and miR-619-3p are depicted in blue.

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Figure 3. miR-501-3p mediates post-transcriptional regulation of OGT by decreasing its expression at the protein level. Huh7.5.1 cells were transfected with siCtrl (Ctrl), a pool of siRNA against OGT, miR-501-3p or miR-619-3p. After 96h, RNA and proteins were purified, and OGT expression analyzed by RT-qPCR and Western blot. (A) Percentage of OGT mRNA expression in miRNA-transfected cells as compared to negative control. Results are presented as mean ± s.d. and are from three independent experiments in triplicate. The dashed line indicates values from control-transfected cells set at 100%. Statistics: *, p-value

< 0.05, t-test (B) OGT protein expression. Left: percentage of OGT protein expression in siRNA- or miRNA-transfected cells as assessed by quantification of Western blots. OGT levels were normalized to actin levels using ImageLab[™] 5.2.1 software (BioRad). Results are presented as mean ± s.d. and are from three independent experiments. The dashed line indicates values from control-transfected cells set at 100%. Statistics: *, p-value \leq 0.05, t-test. Right: representative Western blot analysis. (C) Analysis of miRNA targeting of OGT expression by dual luciferase reporter assay. Left: HeLa cells were co-transfected with a miR-501-3p mimic and a dual luciferase reporter plasmid containing either wild type miR-501-3p (RLuc wt OGT 3'UTR) or mutated miR-501-3p binding site (RLuc mt OGT 3'UTR) to modulate RLuc expression. Co-transfection of the miR-501-3p mimic and empty RLuc vector was used as control. Data are expressed as mean percentage of Renilla luciferase activity ± s.d. normalized to firefly luciferase, and relative to co-transfection of the vectors with nontargeting miRNA (miR-Ctrl). Results are from three independent experiments in triplicate. The dashed line indicates values from control-transfected cells set at 100%. Statistics: *, p-value < 0.05, t-test. Right: Schematic representation of the used constructs.

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Figure 4. Silencing of OGT affects HCV morphogenesis and infectivity. (A) Analysis of HCV infectivity. Huh7.5.1 cells were transfected with siCtrl, a pool of siRNA against OGT or ApoE as a loss-of-function control to perturb HCV assembly, prior to infection with HCVcc (Jc1) two days later (entry and replication). Mock-transfected cells were used as control (Ctrl). After another 48h, intra- and extracellular HCVcc particles were used to infect naïve Huh7.5.1 cells (assembly and infectivity). Virus supernatants of Huh7.5.1 cells were assayed by (left) endpoint dilution assay (TCID50). Intra- and extracellular HCV RNA was purified and analyzed by RT-qPCR to calculate (right) the specific infectivity (TCID50/RNA). Data are expressed as mean percentage as compared to control ± s.d. Results are from four independent experiments in triplicate. The dashed line indicates values from control-transfected cells set at 100%. Statistics: *, p-value < 0.05, Mann-Whitney test. (B) Genotype-independent effect of OGT on HCV infection. Huh7.5.1 cells were transfected with siCtrl or

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siOGT prior to infection with HCVcc JcR2a (genotype 2a), H77R2a (genotype 1a) or Con1R2a (genotype 1b). Experiments were carried out and analyzed as described in A. Data are expressed as mean percentage of Renilla luciferase activity as compared to control \pm s.d. Results are from three independent experiments in quadruplicate. The dashed line indicates values from control-transfected cells set at 100%. Statistics: *, p-value < 0.05, Mann-Whitney test. (C) Activity of OGT/OGA inhibitors on O-GlcNAcylation. The activity of Ac₄5S-GlcNAc (OGT inhibitor) or Thiamet G (OGA inhibitor) on O-GlcNAcylation of proteins in Huh7.5.1 cells was demonstrated by Western blot as described in Supplementary Methods. (D) Effect of O-GlcNAcylation on HCV infectivity. Huh7.5.1 cells were electroporated with HCVcc (JcR2a), prior to treatment with increasing concentrations of Ac₄5S-GlcNAc (OGT inhibitor, left) or Thiamet G (OGA inhibitor, right) 4h later. After 96h, supernatants were transferred onto naïve Huh7.5.1 cells and electroporated cells were lysed to determine luciferase activity. Luciferase activity in infected Huh7.5.1 cells was assessed 72h later. Data are expressed as mean percentage as compared to control ± s.d. Results are from three independent experiments in quadruplicate. The dashed line indicates values from vehicle-treated cells set at 100%. Statistics: *, p-value < 0.05, Mann-Whitney test.

Figure 5. Silencing of OGT modulates HCVcc biophysical properties. (A) Separation of HCVcc by iodixanol density gradient ultracentrifugation. HCVcc were produced in non-targeting siRNA control- or siOGT-transfected Huh7.5.1 cells. After overlaying HCVcc (JcR2A) on a 4%-40% iodixanol step gradient and ultracentrifugation for 16h, fractions of HCV particles were used to infect naïve Huh7.5.1 cells in order to determine TCID50. HCV RNA of each fraction was purified and analyzed by RT-qPCR. Data are expressed as mean ± s.d. from three independent experiments. (B) Specific infectivity (TCID50/RNA) was calculated and the density was determined by weighting each fraction. Specific infectivity of each fraction is expressed as fold change as compared to the total infectivity of the control. Data are expressed as mean ± s.d. from three independent experiments. (C-D) ApoE and ApoB concentrations in the individual fractions were determined by ELISA. The dashed lines

indicate limits of quantification of the assays. Data are expressed as mean \pm s.d. from three independent experiments.

> Figure 6. Silencing of OGT increases the size of HCVcc. (A) Representative pictures of HCV particles generated in Huh7.5.1 cells transfected with non-targeting siRNA (siCtrl) or siOGT. (B-F) Comparative analysis of particle size distribution for immunocapture (IC) from HCV particles produced in Huh7.5.1 cells transfected with siCtrl or siOGT prior to infection with HCVcc (JcR2a) following sucrose-cushion purification (B) or iodixanol gradient fractionation (C-F) of HCVcc. HCVcc were transferred via anti-E2 antibody AR3A on electron microscopy (EM) grids through IC. Particle size distribution was assessed from a series of randomly acquired electron micrographs with Image-J software (NIH). Results from one of three (A-B) or two (C-F) independent experiments are shown. Black lines: size distribution of immunocaptured HCVcc produced in siCtrl-transfected cells. Grey lines: size distribution of immunocaptured HCVcc produced in siOGT-transfected cells.

Figure 7. OGT expression increases in HCC. (A-B) Huh7.5.1 cells were infected with HCV (JcR2a). After 72h, RNA and proteins were purified, and OGT expression analyzed by RT-gPCR and Western blot. (A) Percentage of OGT mRNA expression relative to uninfected Huh7.5.1 cells (Ctrl). Results are presented as mean ± s.d. from three independent experiments in duplicate. The dashed line indicates values from uninfected Huh7.5.1 cells set at 100%. Statistics: *, p-value < 0.05, Mann-Whitney test. (B) OGT protein expression. Left: percentage of OGT protein expression relative to uninfected Huh7.5.1 cells (Ctrl) following quantification of Western blots as described in Supplementary Methods. Results are presented as mean ± s.d. from three independent experiments. The dashed line indicates values from uninfected Huh7.5.1 cells set at 100%. Statistics: *, p-value < 0.05, Mann-Whitney test. Right: representative Western blot analysis of OGT and actin. (C) OGT expression and viral load in liver tissue from 22 HCV-infected patients and 6 patients not infected with HCV described in [55]. Spearman correlation: rho = 0.06004019, p-value = 0.77.

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6	patients, 83 HBV-infected, 80 patients with alcoholic liver disease (ALD) and 13 patients with
7	non-alcoholic liver disease (NAFLD) as described in Supplementary Methods. *, p-value <
8	0.05, Wilcoxon test.

1 Table 1. Computational analysis of miR-501-3p and miR-619-3p targets and pathway

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miRNA ID	Target gene symbol	<u>Pathway</u> or network
miR-501-3p	MEF2A; PPP3CA; PPP3CC	Calcium signaling
	HMGCS1	Cholesterol biosynthesis
	AFF4; CHMP1B; CUX1; DCLK1;	Inflammatory response, dermatological
	LMX1A; PTBP2; RBMS1; RC3H1;	diseases and conditions, inflammatory
	SCN2A; SEC63; ZFHX4	disease
	CDK6; CSDE1; GLI2; HOXD10;	Cellular development, nervous system
	LSM5; MEF2A; MYCN; OGT;	development and function; organ
	PPP2R2C; PPP2R5E; SEMA3C;	morphology
	TFDP2	
	CIT; COL10A1; FNBP1L; GAN;	Cell death and survival; cellular
	HERC1; KPNA4; NONO; SHPRH;	compromise; free radical scavenging
	STRN; TARDBP; UBE2H; USP37	
	ATXN1; CBLL1; CEBPA; DCC;	Cell morphology, cellular assembly and
	PEX5L; RCC2; RNF144A; ZC3H12C	organization; cellular function and
		maintenance
miR-619-3p	RUNX1T1; SMAD3	Adipocyte biogenesis
	FOXG1; GPBP1; MID1; MKL2; MSI1;	Cell cycle; organismal injury and
	PCBP2; WDFY3	abnormalities; cancer
	ACVR2B; DCX; ESRRG; MAPK9;	Carbohydrate metabolism, energy
	OGT; PCBP1; PDE3B; SMAD3;	production; small molecule biochemistry
	SMARCC1; TGFB3; PAPOLA	
	RUNX1T1; SHANK2; SLC35D1	Gene expression, lipid metabolism, sma
		molecule biochemistry

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51 52 53	24	Cells and cell culture conditions. The source and culture conditions of Huh7.5.1 cells have			
55 54 55	25	been described[1]. HeLa cells were purchased from ATCC and cultured in Dulbecco's			
56 57	26	modified Eagle medium (Gibco® DMEM GlutaMAX™, ThermoFisher Scientific) containing 1%			
58 59 60	27	sodium pyruvate as described for Huh7.5.1 cells[1].			

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Viruses and infectivity assays. Cell culture-derived recombinant cell culture-derived hepatitis C virus (HCVcc) Jc1 (genotype 2a/2a chimera), H77R2a (genotype 1a/2a chimera engineered for *Renilla* luciferase expression), Con1R2a (genotype 1b/2b chimera engineered for Renilla luciferase expression), and JcR2a (genotype 2a/2a chimera engineered for Renilla luciferase expression) were generated in Huh7.5.1 cells as described[1, 2, 3, 4]. HCVcc infectivity was determined by calculating the 50% tissue culture infectious dose (TCID50) using anti-NS5A antibody as described[5, 6] or by assessing luciferase activity. HCVcc were used at 10⁵-10⁶ TCID50/mL throughout the study. HCV RNA was purified using a QIAmp viral RNA minikit (Qiagen) and analyzed by one-step RT-qPCR using a Sensi Fast NO ROX kit (Bioline) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Standard curves were performed using 10-fold dilution series of HCV RNA.

Purification of HCVcc particles using sucrose cushion or iodixanol density gradient. HCVcc (JcR2a) were concentrated 10-fold using a Vivaspin column (GE Healthcare). For sucrose cushion purification, HCVcc were purified by overlaying 3.5 mL of culture media on 1.5 mL of 20% sucrose, and by ultracentrifuging samples for 4h at 40,000 rpm on a SW-55 rotor (Beckman Coulter). Purified HCVcc were resuspended in 30 µL of PBS for analysis via immunocapture and electron microscopy. Density distributions of infectious HCVcc were determined by overlaying 0.5 mL culture media on a 5 mL, 4%-40% iodixanol step gradient, and ultracentrifuging samples for 16h at 40,000 rpm on a SW-55 rotor (Beckman Coulter): 625 ul fractions were carefully harvested from the top of each tube, and density was determined by weighing. Infectivity of each fraction was quantified by TCID50 using anti-NS5A antibody as described[5, 6], while HCV RNA of fractions was purified and analyzed as described above. ApoB and ApoE concentrations of fractions were determined by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (Human Apolipoprotein B or E ELISAPRO kit, Mabtech) undiluted or in a 1:50 dilution, respectively, according to the manufacturer's instructions (Mabtech).

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miRNA mimics and siRNAs. Non-targeting control miRNA, miR-501-3p mimic, miR-619-3p mimic, antagomiR-122, antagomiR-501-3p, non-targeting control antagomiR, non-targeting control siRNA, siRNAs targeting OGT, CD81 or apoliporotein E (ApoE) and a library of 28 custom ON-TARGETplus smart pool siRNAs were purchased from Dharmacon (GE Healthcare).

miRNA expression analysis. Total RNA (100 ng) was purified from control or HCV-infected Huh7.5.1 cells using Tri reagent® (Thermo Scientific) and Direct-zol™ RNA purification kit (Zymo Research). Total RNA was first polyadenylated and reverse transcribed using a miScript II RT system (Qiagen) according to the manufacturer's instructions. The obtained cDNA was subjected to RT-qPCR using miScript SYBR Green kit (Qiagen). Primers were the mature miRNA sequence for the forward primer (Thermo Scientific) and the universal miScript primer (Qiagen) for the reverse primer. Data were analyzed by the $\Delta\Delta$ Ct method using small nucleolar RNA, C/D box 61 (SNORD61) as an endogenous reference and the non-infected samples as a calibrator[7].

Antibodies. Rabbit anti-OGT antibodies DM-17 and AL24 were purchased from Sigma or kindly provided by Dr. G. W. Hart and Dr. S. Hardivillé (Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD)[8], respectively. Mouse anti- β -actin antibody was purchased from Abcam and mouse, rabbit or sheep HRP-conjugated secondary antibodies (A9044, A0545 and A3415, respectively) were purchased from Sigma. Sheep anti-NS5A serum for determination of TCID50 was a kind gift from M. Harris[9]. Human anti-E2 (AR3A) antibody[10] for electron microscopy analysis was kindly provided by Mansun Law (SCRIPPS, California, USA).

Western blotting. OGT and actin protein expression in human cells was assessed by Western blot as described[8] with some modifications. Briefly, cells were lysed in lysis buffer no. 6 (R&D Systems) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Equal amounts of protein

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(40 µg) were size-separated through a Mini PROTEAN[®] TGX Stain-Free[™] gel electrophoresis (Bio-Rad) and transferred to PVDF membranes (Bio-Rad). Immunoblots were performed using rabbit anti-OGT (1:2000) and mouse anti- β -actin (1:1000) antibodies[8, 11]. Antigen-antibody complexes were detected by incubating the membrane with the appropriate HRP-conjugated secondary antibodies (1:5000; 1:10,000) and imaged by enhanced chemiluminescence with a ChemiDoc MP imager (Bio-Rad). Quantification of protein expression was performed using ImageLab[™] 5.2.1 software (BioRad). For analysis of OGT and GAPDH expression in liver tissue from HCV transgenic (FL-N/35) or wild-type mice[12], crude protein extracts were prepared by homogenization of frozen mouse livers (50–100 µg) in tissue lysis buffer from the Ambion PARIS RNA (Thermo Scientific) and protein isolation kit, supplemented with protease inhibitors (cOmpleteTM EDTA-free protease inhibitor mixture, Sigma-Aldrich) and phosphatase inhibitors (PhosSTOPTM, Sigma-Aldrich), using a tissue homogenizer (MP Fast Prep24, MP Biomedicals, Santa Ana, CA) and MP Lysing Matrix A tubes. Proteins were quantified using the BCA assay (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Western blotting was performed as described above.

Immunocapture and electron microscopy analysis of viral particles. Sucrose-cushion purified or iodixanol gradient fractionated HCVcc (JcR2a) produced in cells transfected with a non-targeting siRNA control or a pool of siRNA against OGT were transferred via anti-E2 antibody AR3A on electron microscopy (EM) grids through immunocapture (IC) as described[13]. Particles were stained with uranyl acetate dihydrate and observed in a JEOL 1230 electron microscope. Series of electron micrographs were acquired at random from IC EM grids. The images were then analyzed with Image-J software, to determine the particle size distribution.

Gene expression analysis in patient-derived liver tissue. For OGT expression analysis in patient's samples, raw data were retrieved from the Gene Expression Omnibus (GSE84346) and re-analyzed by quality-trimming (cutadapt) and mapping (HISAT2) to human genome Page 83 of 84

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1	assembly hg19. Reads mapping to Gencode v.19 genes were counted using htseq-count and
2	normalized applying DESeq2. Activity and fibrosis scores as well as viral load were taken from
3	the supplemental data published in[14]. To analyze OGT expression in liver tissue of chronic
4	hepatitis B or C patients, FPKM values and clinical data were retrieved from The Cancer
5	Genome Atlas (TCGA, https://www.cancer.gov/about-
6	nci/organization/ccg/research/structural-genomics/tcga). This data set includes samples from
7	39 HCV-infected patients, 83 hepatitis B virus (HBV)-infected, 80 patients with alcoholic liver
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19 Supplementary figure legends

Figure S1. (A) Effect of miR-501-3p inhibition on HCV infectivity. Huh7.5.1 cells were transfected with control antagomiR (Ctrl), antagomiR-122 as loss-of-function control to perturb HCV replication and antagomiR-501-3p, prior to infection with HCVcc (JcR2a) according to the two-step protocol depicted in Fig. 1A. After 48h, supernatants were transferred onto naive Huh7.5.1 cells. After 72h, Renilla Luciferase activity of infected Huh7.5.1 cells was determined. Data are expressed as mean percentage as compared to Ctrl ± s.d. Results are from four independent experiments in quadruplicate. The dashed line indicates values from vehicle-treated cells set at 100%. Statistics: *, p-value < 0.05, Mann-Whitney test. (B) miR-

⁶⁰ 28 <u>501-3p expression upon HCV infection. Huh7.5.1 cells were infected with HCVcc (JcR2a).</u>

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After 72h, RNA was purified and miR-501-3p expression analyzed by RT-qPCR. Percentage
of miR-501-3p expression relative to uninfected Huh7.5.1 cells (Ctrl). Results are presented
as mean ± s.d. from three independent experiments in duplicate. The dashed line indicates
values from uninfected Huh7.5.1 cells set at 100%. Statistics: *, *p*-value < 0.05, Mann-Whitney
test.

Supplementary Table 1. A genome-wide miRNA mimic screen identifies cellular α gg2(FC), a individual m. get. FC: fold change, . miRNAs modulating HCV infection. Log2(FC), lfdr and effect on HCV infection in part 1 and part 2 of the screen are shown for the individual miRNAs of the miRNA mimic library. In red: proviral effect, in blue: antiviral effect. FC: fold change, lfdr: local false discovery rate