

Figure 3 | Cullin 3^{SPOP} is the physiological E3 ubiquitin ligase for PD-L1. a-d, IB analysis of WCL derived from C4-2 cells treated with MG132 (10 μM) or MLN4924 (1 μM) for 12 hours (a), immunoprecipitates (IP) and WCL derived from 293T cells transfected with indicated constructs (b, d), or anti-PD-L1 IP and WCL derived from PC3 cells (e). Cells were treated with MG132 (10 μM) for 12 hours in b, c. e-g, IB analysis of WCL derived from Spop^{+/+} versus Spop^{-/-} MEFs (e), C4-2 cells depleted SPOP with sgRNAs (f), or C4-2 cells stably expressing indicated SPOP WT and mutants (g). h, i, IB analysis of IP and WCL derived from 293T cells (h), or Ni-NTA pull-down products derived from PC3 cells transfected with indicated constructs and treated with 30 μM MG132 for 6 hours.

j-I, FACS analysis for PD-L1 (j) or CD3⁺ T-cell population (I) of the B16-F10 implanted tumors ectopically expressing SPOP-WT or F102C mutant (n = 6 mice each group). Tumor weight were recorded at the time of sacrifice (k) (n = 5 mice each group). **m**, Representative images of PD-L1 and CD8 immunohistochemistry (IHC) staining in *SPOP* wild-type or mutant primary human prostate cancer samples. The scale bar: $400\,\mu\text{m}$ or $100\,\mu\text{m}$. **n**, **o** Quantification of IHC analysis for PD-L1 (**n**) and CD8⁺ T cells (**o**) in *SPOP* wild-type versus mutant human prostate tumor specimens. (n = 15 for *SPOP* mutant, n = 82 for *SPOP* WT). Error bars, \pm s.d., two-tailed *t*-test, except (**n**) Mann-Whitney test, *P< 0.05, **P< 0.01, ***P< 0.001.