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Our web collection on [statistics for biologists](#) contains articles on many of the points above.

Software and code

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Data collection Cryslographic data collection was performed using the setup provided by the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility at beamline ID23

Data analysis
 Microsoft Excel (version office 2019)
 GraphPad Prism (version 9.5.1)
 IncuCyte Software, Sartorius (version 2021C)
 Compass software for simple western, Bio-Techne (version 5.0.1)
 Fiji/ImageJ (version 2.3.0/1.54c)
 PyMOL (version 1.8.2.3)
 Coot (versions 0.8.9 and 0.9)
 XDS (version 31 January 2019)
 Refmac5 (version 5.5)
 Phenix-Refine (version 1.18.2-3874)
 Phaser (version 2.8)

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- Accession codes, unique identifiers, or web links for publicly available datasets
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Source data are provided within this paper. The crystal structure with model and structure factors have been deposited at the PDB with the accession code 8A58 (10.2210/pdb8A58/pdb). All other data are available from the corresponding authors on reasonable request.

Human research participants

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Reporting on sex and gender	n.a.
Population characteristics	n.a.
Recruitment	n.a.
Ethics oversight	n.a.

Note that full information on the approval of the study protocol must also be provided in the manuscript.

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Life sciences study design

All studies must disclose on these points even when the disclosure is negative.

Sample size	Sample size taken as number of repeats of each experiment and always more than or equal to n=2.
Data exclusions	No data were excluded from any analysis
Replication	All experiments were independently replicated at least twice. All attempts at replication were successful
Randomization	n.a.
Blinding	n.a.

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Methods

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	ChIP-seq
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Flow cytometry
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MRI-based neuroimaging

Antibodies

Antibodies used

humanised anti-hexon IgG1 9C12
 humanised anti-hexon IgG1 9C12H433A
 mouse anti-GFP clone 9F9.F9
 mouse anti-GFP (clones 7.1 and 13.1)
 NbALFA-mIgG1-Fc
 NbALFA-HRP
 rabbit anti-ERK1 clone Y72
 rabbit anti-IKK α clone Y463
 rabbit anti-TRIM21 clone D1O1D
 mouse anti-TRIM21 clone D-12
 rabbit anti-vhh
 rat anti-HA clone 3F10 HRP-conjugated
 rabbit anti-Vinculin clone EPR8185
 rabbit anti-COXIV
 rabbit anti-Hsp60
 Rabbit anti-Mouse IgG HRP-conjugated
 Goat anti-Mouse light chain specific, HRP-conjugated
 Goat anti-Mouse IgG, IRDye 800CW
 Goat anti-Rabbit IgG HRP-conjugated
 Mouse anti-Rabbit light chain specific, HRP-conjugated
 Goat anti-Rabbit IgG, IRDye 680RD

Validation

Each antibody has been validated by the vendor:

<https://doi.org/10.4049/jimmunol.1502601>
<https://doi.org/10.4049/jimmunol.1502601>
http://antibodyregistry.org/AB_218216
http://antibodyregistry.org/AB_390913
 NanoTag; N1582
 NanoTag; N1501-HRP
http://antibodyregistry.org/AB_732202
http://antibodyregistry.org/AB_733070
http://antibodyregistry.org/AB_2800177
http://antibodyregistry.org/AB_628286
http://antibodyregistry.org/AB_2734123
http://antibodyregistry.org/AB_390917
http://antibodyregistry.org/AB_11144129
http://antibodyregistry.org/AB_2783000
http://antibodyregistry.org/AB_2118931
http://antibodyregistry.org/AB_2636929
http://antibodyregistry.org/AB_805324
http://antibodyregistry.org/AB_2687825
http://antibodyregistry.org/AB_228338
http://antibodyregistry.org/AB_827270
http://antibodyregistry.org/AB_2721181

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)

HEK293T (ATCC; CRL-3216)
 HEK293T TRIM21 KO (<https://doi.org/10.7554/eLife.32660>)

hTERT-RPE-1 (ATCC; CRL-4000)
 hTERT-RPE-1 TRIM21 KO (<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41594-021-00560-2>)
 hTERT-RPE-1 TRIM21 KO TRIM21-HA (This paper)
 hTERT-RPE-1 CAV1-mEGFP (This paper)
 hTERT-RPE-1 CAV1-mEGFP-Halo (This paper)
 hTERT-RPE-1 mEGFP-Halo (This paper)
 hTERT-RPE-1 TRIM21 KO CAV1-mEGFP-Halo (This paper)
 NIH3T3-CAV1-EGFP (<https://doi.org/10.1038/ncomms7867>)

Authentication

HEK293T (ATCC; CRL-3216) - Authentication: Morphology
 HEK293T TRIM21 KO (<https://doi.org/10.7554/eLife.32660>) - Authentication: Morphology, TRIM21 western blot
 hTERT-RPE-1 (ATCC; CRL-4000) - Authentication: Morphology
 hTERT-RPE-1 TRIM21 KO (<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41594-021-00560-2>) - Authentication: Morphology, TRIM21 western blot
 hTERT-RPE-1 TRIM21 KO TRIM21-HA (This paper) - Authentication: Morphology, TRIM21 western blot
 hTERT-RPE-1 CAV1-mEGFP (This paper) - Authentication: Morphology, fluorescence microscopy, GFP western blot
 hTERT-RPE-1 CAV1-mEGFP-Halo (This paper) - Authentication: Morphology, fluorescence microscopy, GFP western blot
 hTERT-RPE-1 mEGFP-Halo (This paper) - Authentication: Morphology, fluorescence microscopy, GFP western blot
 hTERT-RPE-1 TRIM21 KO CAV1-mEGFP-Halo (This paper) - Authentication: Morphology, fluorescence microscopy, TRIM21 and GFP western blot
 NIH3T3-CAV1-EGFP (<https://doi.org/10.1038/ncomms7867>) - Authentication: Morphology, fluorescence microscopy, GFP western blot

Mycoplasma contamination

All cell lines were routinely screened and determined to be mycoplasma-free

Commonly misidentified lines
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No commonly misidentified cell lines were used in this study