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Figure S1: Analysis of protein abundances and mitochondrial respiratory capacity across the NCI-60 cell lines. Related to Figure 1.

(A) Plot of the top 35 metabolic fluxes that correlate with lactate-excretion rate across the NCI-60 cell lines. Fluxes were calculated by flux-balance analysis. PYRt2m transports pyruvate from the cytosol to mitochondria. The next top 6 metabolic fluxes correspond to steps in the malate-aspartate shuttle. Full reaction names are provided in Table S1.

(B-D) Protein abundances are consistent with flux-balance analysis data. (B) Lactate-excretion rate is significantly correlated with the sum of MDH1 and GPD1L protein abundances across the NCI-60 cell lines. A correlation coefficient (rs) and a p value were determined by using a Spearman's rank correlation. (C-D) Cancer cell lines from the NCI-60 panel with low lactate-excretion rates have higher protein abundances of both MDH1 (C) and GPD1L (D) relative to cancer cell lines with high lactate-excretion rates. The maximum lactate-excretion rate among the NCI-60 cell lines was 1.1. We grouped cell lines by using half of this maximum value as a threshold (i.e., cell lines below the threshold were classified as "low" and cell lines above it were classified as "high"). Error bars denote standard error. p values were determined by using a two-tailed Student's t test. *p≤0.05. MDH1 protein abundances and GPD1L protein abundances shown in panels B-D were derived from Guo et al., 2019. Each MDH1 or GPD1L protein abundance was normalized by using the maximum MDH1 or GPD1L protein abundance from all of the NCI-60 cell lines, respectively.

(E-H) Lactate-excretion rate is not linked with mitochondrial respiratory capacity. Lactate-excretion rate is not correlated with mitochondrial maximum respiratory capacity (E), basal mitochondrial respiration (F), or respiratory reserve (G) for 12 cancer cell lines from the NCI-60 panel. Moreover, no correlation was observed between lactate-excretion rate and expression of peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor gamma, coactivator 1 alpha ($PGC1\alpha$), a master regulator for mitochondrial biogenesis (H). Thus, although mitochondrial respiratory capacity might be regulated by additional mechanisms independent of PGC1 α , the results shown here indicate that the lactate-excretion rate is not tightly linked with mitochondrial respiration capacity. The mitochondrial respiration data shown in panels E, F, and G were obtained from Teh et al., 2019. The PGC1α expression data shown in H were obtained from Luna et al., 2021. Error bars denote standard error. Correlation coefficients (rs) and p values were determined by using a Spearman's rank correlation.

Figure S2

Figure S2: Influence of MDH1 and GPD1/GPD1L expression on lactate-excretion rate and proliferation in PC3 cells. Related to Figure 2.

(A) Schematic to show the fates of deuterium derived from [4-2H] glucose. Deuterium labels are shown in red color.

(B-C) Lactate-excretion rates decrease when siRNA-resistant human MDH1 (MDH1res) (B) or human GPD1L (GPD1L^{res}) (C) are expressed in MDH1 or GPD1L knockdown cells. Control cells overexpressed GFP instead of a dehydrogenase. n=9 replicates per group. p values were determined by using a twotailed Student's t test.

(D) Knocking down MDH1 or GPD1L does not change the ratio of NAD⁺ to NADH in whole cells. $n=6$ replicates per group. p values were determined by using a one-way ANOVA followed by Dunnett's test. (E) Overexpressing MDH1 or GPD1/GPD1L does not change the ratio of NAD+ to NADH in whole cells.

n=6 replicates per group. p values were determined by using a one-way ANOVA followed by Dunnett's test.

(F) Treatment with 2 mM pyruvate significantly impairs the proliferation of control cells but not the proliferation of MDH1 and GPD1L knockdowns. The results suggest that MDH1 and GPD1L knockdown influences cytosolic NAD⁺ and NADH levels. These data may reflect differences in cytosolic redox state that cannot be measured by assessing NAD⁺/NADH from whole cells (D-E). n=3 replicates per group. p values were determined by using a one-way ANOVA followed by Dunnett's test.

Error bars denote standard error. *p≤0.05, n.s.>0.05.

Ctrl, control; OE, overexpression; KD, knockdown; GAP, glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate; 1,3BPG, 1,3 bisphosphoglycerate; G3P, glycerol 3-phosphate; DHAP, Dihydroxyacetone phosphate; OAA, Oxaloacetate; Pyr, pyruvate.

Figure S3

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Figure S3: Influence of MDH1 and GPD1/GPD1L expression on lactate-excretion rate and proliferation in multiple cell lines and mouse tumors. Related to Figure 2.

(A) Overexpression of MDH1 increases MDH1 protein levels in HCT116 cells and BT549 cells. Control cells overexpressed GFP instead of a dehydrogenase.

(B-C) Lactate-excretion rates decrease when MDH1 is overexpressed in HCT116 cells (B) and BT549 cells (C). n=5 replicates per experimental group. p values were determined by using a two-tailed Student's t test. *p≤0.05, ***p≤0.001.

(D) Overexpression of GPD1 increases GPD1 protein levels in HCT116 cells and BT549 cells. Control cells overexpressed GFP instead of a dehydrogenase.

(E-F) Lactate-excretion rates decrease when GPD1 is overexpressed in HCT116 cells (E) and BT549 cells (F). n=4 replicates per experimental group. p values were determined by using a two-tailed Student's t test. $*_{p \leq 0.05}$.

(G-H) Proliferation rate is not significantly different in HCT116 cells (G) and BT549 cells (H) when MDH1 or GPD1 is overexpressed. n=4 replicates per experimental group. p values were determined by using a one-way ANOVA followed by Dunnett's test. n.s.>0.05.

(I-J) Treatment of HCT116 cells with 1 mM AKB decreases the lactate-excretion rate without impairing cellular proliferation. n=3 replicates per experimental group. p values were determined by using a twotailed Student's t test. **p≤0.01, n.s.>0.05.

(K-L) Treatment of BT549 cells with 2 mM AKB decreases the lactate-excretion rate without impairing cellular proliferation. n=3 replicates per experimental group. p values were determined by using a twotailed Student's t test. **p≤0.01, n.s.>0.05.

(M) PC3 cells overexpressing MDH1 have higher MDH1 expression levels compared to EV controls. (N) Tumors formed from PC3 cells overexpressing MDH1 grow faster than tumors formed from control PC3 cells. Tumor volume was calculated by using the formula $V = (1/2) \times (L^*W^2)$, where L and W are tumor length and tumor width, respectively. n=4 replicates per experimental group. p values were determined by using a two-tailed Student's t test. *p≤0.05.

(O) Tumors overexpressing MDH1 have decreased labeling of lactate relative to labeling of pyruvate. n=4 replicates per experimental group. p values were determined by using a two-tailed Student's t test. *p≤0.1.

(P) Tumors overexpressing MDH1 have increased labeling of citrate relative to labeling of pyruvate. n=4 replicates per experimental group. p values were determined by using a two-tailed Student's t test. **p≤0.05.

Error bars denote standard error.

Ctrl, control; OE, overexpression; EV, empty vector; Lac, lactate; Glc, glucose; AKB, alpha-ketobutyrate.

Figure S4

MDH1

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Ctrl AKB

Figure S4: The effect of MDH1 or GPD1/GPD1L knockdown or overexpression on lactate production in H-Ras 3T3 cells. Related to Figure 3.

(A-B) Western blots for MDH1 (A) and GPD1/GPD1L (B) in H-Ras 3T3 cells. Overexpression of MDH1 and GPD1 in H-Ras 3T3 cells leads to more detected MDH1 protein and GPD1 protein, respectively. Control cells overexpressed GFP instead of a dehydrogenase.

(C) Proliferation rate of H-Ras 3T3 cells before and after overexpression of MDH1 or GPD1. n=3 replicates per experimental group. p values were determined by using a one-way ANOVA followed by Dunnett's test.

(D) Knocking down MDH1 and GPD1L in H-Ras 3T3 cells decreases detected MDH1 protein and GPD1L protein, respectively. Control cells were treated with scrambled siRNA.

(E-F) Knocking down MDH1 (E) and GPD1L (F) in H-Ras 3T3 cells decreases MDH1 and GPD1/GPD1L activity, respectively. MDH1 and GPD1/GPD1L activity was determined as in Figure 3C and 3D. p values were determined by using a two-tailed Student's t-test.

(G-H) Lactate-excretion rates in H-Ras 3T3 cells are increased after MDH1 (G) or GPD1L (H) knockdown. Control cells were administered scrambled siRNA. n=3 replicates per experimental group in panel G. n=9 replicates per experimental group in panel H. p values were determined by using a twotailed Student's t test.

(I-J) Proliferation rate of H-Ras 3T3 cells before and after MDH1 (I) or GPD1L (J) knockdown. $n=3$ replicates per experimental group. p values were determined by using a two-tailed Student's t test. $(K-N)$ Lactate-excretion rates decrease when siRNA-resistant mouse MDH1 (MDH1^{res}) (K-L) or mouse GPD1L (GPD1L^{res}) (M-N) are expressed in MDH1 or GPD1L knockdown cells. Control cells overexpressed GFP instead of a dehydrogenase. n=9 replicates per group. p values were determined by using a two-tailed Student's t test.

(O) Lactate-excretion rate decreases when H-Ras 3T3 cells are given 1 mM AKB. n=3 replicates per experimental group. p values were determined by using a two-tailed Student's t test.

(P) Proliferation rate is not significantly different when H-Ras 3T3 cells are given 1 mM AKB. n=3 replicates per experimental group. p values were determined by using a two-tailed Student's t test. Error bars denote standard error. *p≤0.05, **p≤0.01, ***p≤0.001, n.s.>0.05.

Ctrl, control; KD, knockdown; Lac, lactate; Glc, glucose; AKB, alpha-ketobutyrate.

Figure S5: Analysis of MDH1 or GPD1/GPD1L activities after increasing oxygen consumption rate with a mitochondrial uncoupler 2,4-dinitrophenol (DNP). Related to Figure 3.

(A-C) Increasing oxygen consumption rate (OCR) with a mitochondrial uncoupler DNP does not significantly increase MDH1 or GPD1/GPD1L activity. Even though 20 μM DNP is sufficient to increase mitochondrial respiration in H-Ras 3T3 cells (A), it does not result in increased MDH1 (B) or GPD1/GPD1L (C) activity beyond their saturation values. We note, however, that the aspartate/glutamate antiporter (a component of the MAS) translocates a proton. The results shown here may therefore be conflated by disrupting the mitochondrial proton gradient with DNP. MDH1 activity was determined by the fraction of [2-2H] malate normalized to the fraction of [1-2H] GAP. GPD1/GPD1L activity was determined by the fraction of [1,2-2H] G3P normalized to the fraction of [1-2H] DHAP and [4-2H] NADH. n=3 replicates per group. p values were determined by using an unpaired two-tailed Student's t test. (D) OCR as a function of glycolytic activity in H-Ras 3T3 cells. Glycolytic activities were derived from Figure 3F. OCR is not significantly different when MDH1 and GPD1/GPD1L activities are saturated (which occurs when glycolysis is greater than 60% of its unattenuated flux). n=3 replicates per experimental group. p values were determined by using a one-way ANOVA followed by Dunnett's test. Error bars denote standard error. n.s.>0.05.

GAP, glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate; G3P, glycerol 3-phosphate; DHAP, dihydroxyacetone phosphate.

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Figure S6: Absolute quantitation of NAD+ regeneration fluxes under various conditions. Related to Figure 5.

(A) Fraction of labeled GAP, malate, G3P, and lactate in H-Ras 3T3 cells after introducing $[U^{-13}C_6]$ glucose for 48 hr. Error bars denote standard error. n=3 replicates per experimental group. (B) Fluxes of MDH1, GPD1/GPD1L, and LDH as a function of glycolytic activity in H-Ras 3T3 cells. Glycolytic activities were derived from Figure 3F. Flux values of MDH1, GPD1/GPD1L, and LDH were determined by the measured metabolite concentrations, the rate of glucose consumption, the rate of lactate excretion, and equations (1)-(4). Flux curves were fit with a logistic function. Error bars show the interquartile range of the Monte Carlo simulated fluxes.

(C) Fraction of unlabeled malate, glycerol 3-phosphate, and lactate in H-Ras 3T3 cells as a function of time after introducing [4-2H] glucose. The measured metabolite concentrations, the rate of glucose consumption, the rate of lactate excretion, and equations (1)-(4) were used to find the best model fit from which the activities of MDH1, GPD1/GLPD1L, and LDH were determined. 2DG was added at the indicated concentration to decrease glycolytic activity. n=3 replicates per experimental time point for each 2DG concentration tested.

(D) Comparison of MDH1 and GPD1L protein levels in multiple cell lines. PC3 and BT549 cells were selected as representative cell lines from the NCI-60 panel. 3T3 cells were selected to enable direct comparisons between proliferating and non-proliferating cells. DITNC1 cells were chosen given the potential role of the glycerol-3 phosphate shuttle in the central nervous system.

GAP, glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate; G3P, glycerol 3-phosphate.

Abbreviation Description Formula PYRt2m Pyruvate Mitochondrial Transport via Proton Symport $h[c] + pyr[c] \leq h[m] + pyr[m]$ MDH1 Malate Dehydrogenase1 (cytosolic) h[c] + nadh[c] + oaa[c] <=> mal L[c] + nad[c] AKGMALtm Alpha-Ketoglutarate/Malate Transporter (mitochondrial) akg[m] + mal_L[c] <=> akg[c] + mal_L[m] ASPTAm Aspartate Transaminase (mitochondrial) glu L[m] + oaa[m] <=> akg[m] + asp L[m] ASPTA Aspartate Transaminase (cytosolic) a $\log[c] + \log[L(c)] \leq \log[L(c)] + \log[L(c)]$ ASPGLUm Aspartate-Glutamate Mitochondrial Shuttle

(mitochondrial) asp $L[m] + glu L[c] + h[c] \rightarrow asp L[c] + glu L[m] + h[m]$ MDHm Malate Dehydrogenase (mitochondrial) mal $L[m] + nad[m] \leq > h[m] + nad[h[m] + oaa[m]$ PCm Pyruvate Carboxylase $\text{atp}[m] + \text{hco3}[m] + \text{pyr}[m] \rightarrow \text{adp}[m] + \text{h}[m] + \text{oa}[m] + \text{pi}[m]$ PDHm Pyruvate Dehydrogenase coa[m] + nad[m] + pyr[m] -> accoa[m] + co2[m] + nadh[m] CSm Citrate Synthase accoa $[m] + h2o[m] + oa[a] - oa[m] + coa[m] + coa[m] + h[m]$ ICDHxm Isocitrate Dehydrogenase (NAD⁺) icit[m] + nad[m] -> akg[m] + co2[m] + nadh[m] ICDHyrm Isocitrate Dehydrogenase (NADP⁺) icit[m] + nadp[m] <=> akg[m] + co2[m] + nadph[m] $ACONTm$ Aconitate Hydratase cit $[m] \leq \text{icif}[m]$ KCCt K^+ -Cl Symport cl[e] + k[e] <=> cl[e] + k[e] <=> cl[e] + k[e] DM_nadh_trans[m] NAD (P) Transhydrogenase nadh[m]+nadp[m] \le nad[m]+nadph[m] \le nad[m]+nadph[m] HCO3Em Carboxylic Acid Dissociation co2[m]+h2o[m] <=> h[m]+hco3[m] DM $nabh[m]$ N.A. $N.A.$ nadph $[m] \leq > h[m] + nabp[m]$ GLYt4 Transport of Glycine via Sodium Symport gly[e]+na1[e] <=> gly[c]+na1[c] PROt4 Na⁺/Proline-L Symporter na1[e]+pro L[e] <=> na1[c]+pro L[c] Kt Transport of Potassium $k[c] \leq k[e]$ AKGDm 2-Oxoglutarate Dehydrogenase akg[m]+coa[m]+nad[m] <=> co2[m]+nadh[m]+succoa[m] $SUCD1m$ Succinate Dehydrogenase $q10[m]+succ[m] \leq \qquad \qquad$ $q10[m]+succ[m] + q10h2[m]$ FUMm Fumarase, Mitochondrial fum $\text{fum}[m]+h2o[m] \leq > \text{mal } L[m]$ EX co2(e) Exchange of Carbon Dioxide co2_e \rightleftharpoons ATPtm ADP/ATP Transporter, Mitochondrial $\text{adp}[c]+\text{atp}[m] \leq \text{atp}[c]+\text{adp}[m]$ CO2t CO₂ Transporter via Diffusion co2[e] \leq co2[e] NDPK1m Nucleoside-Diphosphate Kinase (ATP:GDP), Mitochondrial atplied $\frac{1}{2}$ atp $[m]$ +gdp $[m]$ <=> adp $[m]$ +gtp $[m]$ SUCOAS1m Succinate- Coenzyme A Ligase (GDP-Forming) $\text{coa}[m] + \text{gtp}[m] + \text{succ}[m] \leq \text{gdp}[m] + \text{pif}[m] + \text{succo}[m]$ CO2tm CO_2 Transport (Diffusion), Mitochondrial co2[c] \leq > co2[m] H2Otm H_2O Transport, Mitochondrial h2o $[c] \leq h2$ o $[m]$ GLYt2r Glycine Reversible Transport via Proton Symport gly $[e]$ +h $[e]$ <=> gly $[e]$ +h $[e]$ NAt3 1 Sodium Proton Antiporter na1[c]+h[e] <=> h[c]+na1[e] PROt2r L-Proline Reversible Transport via Proton Symport h[e]+pro L[e] <=> h[c]+pro L[c] Htm Uncoupling Protein $\ln(c) \leq b \ln(m)$ NKCCt Na⁺-K⁺-Cl- Symport 2.0*cl[e]+k[e]+na1[e] <=> 2.0*cl[c]+k[c]+na1[c]

Table S1: Top 35 metabolic fluxes that correlate with lactate-excretion rate in the NCI-60 cell lines. Related to Figure 1.

Table S2: Malate, G3P, and lactate concentrations in H-Ras 3T3 cells cultured with the indicated concentration of 2DG. Related to Figure 5.

*Data are presented as mean +/- SE

Table S3: Rate of glucose consumption and lactate excretion from H-Ras 3T3 cells cultured with the indicated concentration of 2DG. Related to Figure 5.

*Data are presented as mean +/- SE

Table S4: Sequences for DsiRNA. Related to Figure 2, S2 and S4.

Table S5: MRM transitions with precursor ions, product ions, and corresponding collision energies. Related to STAR Methods.

Data S1: Sequence for human MDH1^{res}, human GPD1L^{res}. Related to Figure 2 and S2.

Human MDH1res ORF nucleotide sequence:

Human GPD1Lres ORF nucleotide sequence:

Data S2: Sequence for mouse MDH1^{res}, mouse GPD1L^{res}. Related to Figure 3 and S4.

Mouse MDH1res ORF nucleotide sequence:

Mouse GPD1Lres ORF nucleotide sequence:

