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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 3DL\_NuCount: deposited on Github. DOI 10.5281/zenodo.7695893 was used.

Data analysis For data analysis the Fiji software PMID: 22743772 (version v1.53s ) was used with following plugins : MyofibrilJ (PMID: 29846170), Cell counter (<https://imagej.net/plugins/cell-counter>) and Watershed (<https://imagej.nih.gov/ij/plugins/watershed.html>). For plot generation and analyses R software, version 4.1.0 (2021-05-18) was used. For high throughput sequencing analysis, DESeq2, version 1.34.0, was used. Tomographic reconstructions and tomograms joining were carried out in eTomo (IMOD, version 4.11), segmentation was carried out in Ilastik (version 1.4.0) and surface rendering in Amira (version 2022.2)

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- Accession codes, unique identifiers, or web links for publicly available datasets
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All high throughput sequencing data have been deposited with the Gene Expression Ombudsman (GEO) and are available under the accession number GSE207241

## Human research participants

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Reporting on sex and gender	Not applicable
Population characteristics	Not applicable
Recruitment	Not applicable
Ethics oversight	Not applicable

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## Life sciences study design

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Sample size	For all imaging experiments, at least 8 animals with reproducible phenotype were analysed. For locomotory analyses, at least 50 animals with reproducible phenotype were analysed.
Data exclusions	No data exclusions were made
Replication	All experiments were repeated at least twice with highly similar results. Next generation sequencing was performed on three independent replicates
Randomization	All Drosophila were separated and grouped based on genetic background
Blinding	Experiment blinding was in most cases not possible, as is it the investigator that designed, performed the experiments and analysed the data, except for the flight test. In all experiments the same experimental conditions were applied to all samples to diminish bias.

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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

mouse ATP5A, 15H4C4 Thermo Scientific 43-9800, IF (1:200), WB (1:1000)  
 rabbit anti-M1BP (gift from David Gilmour), 1:250  
 mouse anti-Hsp70, StressMarq Biosciences Cat# SMC-106, RRID: AB\_2295500, IF (1:100), WB (1:1000)  
 chicken anti-GFP, GFP-1010, AvesLabs (AB\_2307313), 1:1000

AlexaFluor 488, goat anti-rabbit, Invitrogen, A11034, 1:500  
 AlexaFluor 568, goat anti-mouse, Invitrogen, A11004, 1:500  
 AlexaFluor 488, donkey anti-chicken A10039, Invitrogen, 1:500

## Validation

anti-ATP5A antibody was validated in PMID:27529784 and PMID:25428350  
 anti-M1BP (D. Gilmour) antibody was validated in drosophila cell line in PMID: 28871058  
 mouse anti-Hsp70 antibody was validated for Immunofluorescence in PMID:29405094 and for Western Blot in PMID:26481195  
 For anti-GFP :  
 Antibodies were analyzed by western blot analysis (1:5000 dilution) and immunohistochemistry (1:500 dilution) using transgenic mice expressing the GFP gene product. Western blots were performed using BlokHen® (Aves Labs) as the blocking reagent, and HRP-labeled goat anti-chicken antibodies (Aves Labs, Cat. #H-1004) as the detection reagent. Immunohistochemistry used tetramethyl rhodamine-labeled anti-chicken IgY.

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## Laboratory animals

Drosophila melanogaster strains as described in Methods and detailed here:  
 For M1BP downregulation the following lines were used: UAS-M1BP RNAi #1 (110498/KK VDRC) and UAS-M1BP RNAi #2 (BL32858). GAL4 drivers used in this study were muscle-specific Mef2-GAL4 (BL27390) and Him-GAL47, pan-neuronal elav-GAL4 line (BL458, C155) and fat body-specific cg-GAL4 line (BL7011). Myoblasts were visualised using a twi::GFP transgene (BL79615). Lines allowing mitochondria imaging in flight muscles were UAS-mit::Dendra239 and UAS-mit::mKate2 (chr. 2 and chr. 3) that was generated by P-element-mediated transgenesis using pUASp and contains the far-red fluorescent protein mKate2 (excitation 588nm, emission 633nm) fused at the N-terminus to human COXVIII mitochondrial target sequence (MSVLTPLLLRLGTSARRLPV PRAKIHSL).

## Wild animals

This study did not involve wild animals.

## Reporting on sex

All experiments using adult animals were performed on females. The flight test was performed with males because of their greater performance in this assay. For experiments using larvae the sex was not discriminated.

## Field-collected samples

This study did not involve field-collected samples.

## Ethics oversight

This study on Drosophila melanogaster did not require ethical approval.

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