Expanded View Figures

Figure EV1. ORF6 targets to LDs.

- A HeLa cells were transfected with Strep tagged SARS-CoV-2 proteins for 12 h and treated with 200 μ M OA for another 12 h, then stained with anti-Flag (red). LDs were labeled with BODIPY-493/503 (green). Cells were imaged by confocal microscopy. Scale bar represents 10 μ m.
- B HeLa cells were transfected with ORF6-GFP or GFP-ORF6 for 12 h and treated with 200 μ M OA for another 12 h. LDs were labeled with LipidTOX Deep Red (red). Cells were imaged by confocal microscopy. Scale bar represents 10 μ m.
- C HeLa cells were transfected with ORF6-GFP or GFP-ORF6 for 12 h and treated or untreated with 200 μM OA for another 12 h. Cell viability was analyzed. Eight biological replicates were performed. Two-tailed Unpaired Student's *t*-test, ns means no significance. Error bars represent the mean ± SD.
- D HeLa cells were transfected with Flag tagged ORF6 of different coronavirus strains and treated with 200 µM OA for another 12 h, then stained with anti-Flag (red). LDs were labeled with BODIPY-493/503 (green). Cells were imaged by confocal microscopy. Scale bar represents 10 µm.
- E Colocalization of ORF6 and LDs (Pearson's Coefficient), n = 20 cells, three independent experiments. Two-tailed Unpaired Student's *t*-test, **P* < 0.05, ***P* < 0.01, ns means no significance. Error bars represent the mean \pm SD.
- F HEK293T cells were transfected with ORF6-Flag or its mutants and treated or untreated with 0.1 mM DSS for 30 min. Cell lysates were analyzed via WB.
- G Luciferase assays were performed as described in methods. Three biological replicates were performed. Two-tailed Unpaired Student's t-test, ****P < 0.0001. Error bars represent the mean \pm SD.



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Figure EV2. ORF6 promotes LD biogenesis.

- A Cells expressing the ORF6^{4Q}-Flag were treated with 200 μM OA for indicated times, then fixed and stained with anti-Flag (green). LDs were labeled with LipidTOX Deep Red (red). The nuclei of cells were stained with DAPI. Cells were imaged by confocal microscopy. Scale bar represents 10 μm.
- B, C The interactions of GST tagged ORF6 or the mutants with the His tagged DGAT1 and His tagged DGAT2 were analyzed by GST pull-down assay.
- D Vero-E6 cells were infected or non-infected with SARS-CoV-2 for 24 h. Cell lysates were analyzed via WB.
- E HeLa cells were transfected with gradient of ORF6-Flag for 24 h. Protein levels of endogenous DGAT1, DGAT2, and ATGL were analyzed via WB.
- F HeLa cells were transfected with gradient of ORF6-Flag for 24 h. RNA levels of *dgat1* and *dgat2* were analyzed via QPCR, three independent experiments. Two-tailed Unpaired Student's *t*-test, ns means no significance. Error bars represent the mean ± SD.
- G Gene Ontology (GO) enrichment analysis was performed on the human interacting proteins of SARS-CoV-2 ORF6 protein, *P*-values calculated by hypergeometric test and a false discovery rate was used to account for multiple hypothesis testing. The top GO term was shown in the graph.



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Figure EV3. ORF6 interacts with BAP31 and USE1.

- A GFP or GFP tagged ER membrane proteins were co-expressed in HEK293T cells with ORF6-Flag. Protein interactions were analyzed by immunoprecipitation with anti-GFP beads and immunoblotting analysis.
- B Vector were co-expressed with mCheey-RAMP4. Cells were treated with 200 μM OA for 12 h, and then fixed. The ER was visualized with mCheey-RAMP4 (red). LDs were labeled with LipidTOX Deep Red (white). Cells were imaged by confocal microscopy. Scale bar represents 10 μm.
- C Cells co-expressing the ORF6-Flag with mCheery tagged RAMP4 were transfected with BAP31 or USE1 siRNA for 36 h and treated with 200 μM OA for 12 h, then fixed and stained with anti-Flag (green). LDs were labeled with LipidTOX Deep Red (blue). Cells were imaged by confocal microscopy. Scale bar represents 10 μm. Quantification of average number of LD-ER contacts per LD. 12 cells (Negative) and 25 cells (BAP31/USE1 KD) from three independent experiments were calculated. Two-tailed Unpaired Student's *t*-test, *****P* < 0.0001, ns means no significance. Error bars represent the mean ± SD.
- D Cell viability was analyzed in Fig 4L, three independent experiments. Two-tailed Unpaired Student's t-test, ns means no significance. Error bars represent the mean \pm SD.







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Figure EV4. ORF6 enhances lipolysis.

- A QPCR analysis of RNA level of *atgl* in vector and ORF6-Flag expressed cells, three independent experiments. Two-tailed Unpaired Student's *t*-test, ns means no significance. Error bars represent the mean \pm SD.
- B–F The effect of ORF6-Flag on the interactions of GFP-Plin1 with HA-CGI58, or GFP-Plin3 with Flag-ATGL, or GFP-Plin5 with Flag-ATGL, or GFP-Fsp27 with HA-ATGL, or GOS2-GFP with ATGL were analyzed by immunoprecipitation.
- G HeLa cells were transfected with GFP-UBXD8 and vector or ORF6-Flag for 12 h and treated with 200 μ M OA for 12 h, then fixed and stained with anti-Flag (red). LDs were labeled with LipidTOX Deep Red (white). Cells were imaged by confocal microscopy. Scale bar represents 10 μ m. Blue ROIs indicate cells expressing ORF6 and purple ROIs indicate the cells without ORF6 expression. Colocalization of UBXD8 and LDs (Pearson's Coefficient), n = 12 cells, two independent experiments. Two-tailed Unpaired Student's t-test, ns means no significance. Error bars represent the mean \pm SD.

Figure EV5. ORF6 links LDs to mitochondria.

- A HeLa-Parkin cells were transfected with vector or ORF6-Flag for 24 h, or treated with 10 μM CCCP for 6 h. Cell lysates were analyzed via WB.
- B Representative transmission electron micrograph showing the close contact between LD, ER and mitochondria in ORF6 expressed HeLa cells treated with 200 μM OA for 12 h. LD, lipid droplets. ER, endoplasmic reticulum. M, mitochondria. Scale bars 500 nm.
- C Representative transmission electron micrograph of ORF6-Flag stable expressing or wild-type HeLa cells. Red arrows mark the contact sites between LDs and mitochondria. LD, lipid droplets. M, mitochondria.
- D Cos7 cells expressing ORF6^{4Q}-Flag or ORF6^{4AH1}-Flag were treated with 200 μM OA for 12 h, and then were fixed and stained with anti-Flag (white) and anti-Tom20 (red). Tom20 represents mitochondria marker. LDs were labeled with BODIPY-493/503 (green). Cells were imaged by confocal microscopy. Scale bar represents 10 μm.
- E Cells were transfected with Negative or si-ORF6 for 24 h, and then further transfected with ORF6-Strep, or ORF3a-Strep, or ORF7a-Strep, or ORF7b-Strep, or ORF9b-Strep, or O
- F Cells were transfected with Negative or si-ORF6 for 24 h, and then further transfected with ORF6-Flag (RNAi resistant), or ORF6^{4Q}-Flag (RNAi resistant) for 24 h. Cell lysates were analyzed via WB.
- G Vero-E6 cells were transfected with Negative or si-ORF6 for 24 h, and then further transfected with ORF6-Flag (RNAi resistant), or ORF6^{4Q}-Flag (RNAi resistant) for 12 h. Cells were further infected with SARS-CoV-2 for 24 h. Viral RNA level was determined by RT-qPCR, three independent replicates. Two-tailed Unpaired Student's *t*-test, **P* < 0.05. ns means no significance. Error bars represent the mean ± SD.
- H–J Purified GST protein or GST-ORF6 or its mutants were incubated with purified His tagged MTX1, or MTX2, or SAMM50, and analyzed the interactions by GST pulldown.
- K Quantification of LD number in (Fig 7F). 25 cells (Negative) and 50 cells (Triple KD) from three independent experiments were calculated. Two-tailed Unpaired Student's t-test, ns means no significance. Error bars represent the mean \pm SD.



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