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### Software and code

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| Data collection | Image acquisition was performed using Softworx software 7.0 (GE Healthcare), Zen Software 2010 (Zeiss) and MicroManager 1.4. Flow cytometry data was collected using BD FACS Diva software 8.0.3 (BD Biosciences). Structural predictions were performed using AlphaFold   |
| Data analysis   | Deconvolution was performed using Softworx 7.0 software.<br>Imaging data was analyzed using Fiji/ImageJ (1.53c) and postprocessed using Python scripts.<br>Flow cytometry analysis was performed using BD FACS Diva software 8.0.3 and FlowJo™ software v10.8 (BD Biosciences, San Jose, CA, USA).<br>Image visualization was performed in Imaris 9.6 (Bitplane).<br>Data analysis, statistics and plotting was performed using Graphpad Prism (8.4) .<br>Structural data was analyzed using UCSF ChimeraX v.1.5 and AlphaFold2.<br><br>GitHub web-link: <a href="https://github.com/koschink/Naehse_et_al">https://github.com/koschink/Naehse_et_al</a> |

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All data shown and used to generate plots, as well as detailed statistical information, accompanies this manuscript in the source data file. Uncropped and unprocessed western blots and gels are shown in source data files. Underlying image data are available from the corresponding authors (V.N., K.O.S, H.S.) upon request. Source data are provided with this paper. A data availability statement is included in the text.

Publicly available entries used in this study are PDB:1f5n, PDB: 3q5e, PDB: 621p, PDB:4obe.

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## Life sciences study design

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Sample size	No statistical methods were used to pre-determine the correct sample size. All statistical calculations were derived from at least 3 biological replicates. For microscopy-based assays, each biological repeat included sufficient cell numbers to ensure that the effects could be robustly measured and was repeated at least 3 times
Data exclusions	Collected data was only excluded for technical reasons:- if verification of knockdown efficiency showed insufficient knockdown (less than 70 % ). - Live-cell imaging data was excluded if it showed strong photobleaching or the imaged cells showed phototoxicity effects; in these cases, samples were excluded prior to analysis.
Replication	Data was successfully replicated in independent experiments (at least three independent experiments ) and was reproduced by independent investigators.
Randomization	This study used cultured cell lines which are homogenous and isogenic, therefore, no randomization was used prior to treatment.
Blinding	Investigators were not blinded. Key experiments were repeated by independent researchers. To reduce potential human bias, quantitative measurements were performed using automated image processing algorithms. High content images were collected using automated systems, thus excluding any bias. For live cell imaging, cells were selected before their behavior was known.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flow cytometry
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## Antibodies

### Antibodies used

DFCP1 rabbit Cell Signaling Technology mAb #85156 Clone E9R6P Lot 1 WB 1:500  
 mNeonGreen mouse Chromotek 32f6-100 Clone 32F6 Lot 90425021AB-01 IF 1:500  
 GFP mouse Roche 11814460001 Clones 7.1 and 13.1 Lot 47859600 WB 1:500  
 beta-actin mouse Sigma-Aldrich A5316 Clone AC-74 Lot 096M4855V WB 1:20 000  
 LC3B rabbit MBL PM036 Lot034 IF 1:500  
 LC3B rabbit Cell Signaling Technology 2775s Lot12, Lot13 WB 1:1000, IF 1:100  
 WIP12 mouse abcam ab105459 Clone 2A2 Lot GR3225460-2 IF 1:200  
 p62 rabbit MBL PM045 Lot022 WB 1:10 000, IF 1:500  
 p62 guinea pig Progen GP62-C Lot 703241-03 IF 1:250  
 Ubiquitin mouse EMD Millipore Corp. 04-263 Clone FK2 Lot 3299923 IF 1:400  
 Ubiquitin-K63 rabbit Millipore 05-1308 Clone Apu3 Lot 2012973 IF 1:200  
 Tom20 mouse BD 612278 Clone 612278 Lot 8004895 IF 1:100  
 Atg13 rabbit Cell Signaling Technology #13468 Clone E1Y9V WB 1:1000

Alexa488-anti-mouse donkey Jackson 715-545-151 Lot 148532 1:500  
 Alexa488-anti-rabbit donkey Jackson 711-545-152 Lot 146871 1:500  
 Alexa568-anti-mouse donkey Molecular Probes A10037 Lot 2420698 1:500  
 Alexa568-anti-rabbit donkey Molecular Probes A10042 Lot 1891789 1:500  
 Alexa647-anti-mouse donkey Jackson 715-605-150 Lot 151088 1:500  
 Alexa647-anti-rabbit donkey Jackson 711-605-152 Lot 145376 1:500  
 Alexa647-anti-guinea pig donkey Jackson 706-605-148 Lot 101663 1:500  
 anti-rabbit IgG HRP goat Bio-Rad 1706515 Lot 64371828 WB 1:2000  
 Anti-rabbit HRP goat Jackson 111-035-144 Lot 157511 WB 1:5000  
 Anti-mouse HRP goat Jackson 115-035-003 Lot 158821 WB 1:5000  
 anti-rabbit IRDye 680RD donkey LI-COR Biosciences 926-68073 WB 1:5000  
 anti-mouse IRDye 680RD donkey LI-COR Biosciences 926-68072 WB 1:5000  
 anti-goat  
 IRDye 800CW donkey LI-COR Biosciences 926-32214 WB 1:5000  
 anti-rabbit IRDye 800CW donkey LI-COR Biosciences 926-32213 WB 1:5000  
 Anti-mouse IRDye 800CW donkey LI-COR Biosciences 926-32212 WB 1:5000

### Validation

Antibodies were validated using either siRNA depletion, knock-out or functional tests

## Eukaryotic cell lines

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### Cell line source(s)

U2OS cells (ATCC: HTB-96), female origin  
 A431 (ATCC, Cat# CRL-1555, RRID:CVCL\_0037), female origin  
 HeLa cells (obtained from Institute Curie, Paris, France), female origin  
 hTERT-RPE-1 cells (ATCC: CRL-4000), female origin  
 Sf9 (Novagen)

### Authentication

Cells were authenticated by the Genotyping core facility at Oslo University hospital using Powerplex16 assays

### Mycoplasma contamination

Original cell stocks were verified to be mycoplasma-free and were regularly tested, after manipulation (e.g. generation of clones or cell lines), cells were again verified to be mycoplasma-free.

### Commonly misidentified lines (See [ICLAC](#) register)

none

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## Methodology

Sample preparation	U2OS and RPE-1 cells were detached by trypsin/EDTA and resuspended in complete cell culture medium for analysis on a BD LSR II Flow Cytometer.
Instrument	BD LSR II Flow Cytometer (BD Biosciences, San Jose, CA, USA) connected to the BD FACSDiva™ software (BD Biosciences, San Jose, CA, USA)
Software	FACS DIVA software was used for data collection
Cell population abundance	No sorting was performed, only gating for measurements; no specific cell populations were selected
Gating strategy	Gating strategy was performed as described in detail in Engedal N et al, 2022 (doi.org/10.1007/978-1-0716-2071-7_7). Briefly, live cells are identified, and dead cells and cell debris are excluded. Secondly, these gated cells are plotted for SSC-W versus SSC-A to set a gate around single cells. Thirdly, cells are plotted for the fluorescent signals obtained from excitation with the 407 nm laser versus the 561 nm laser. Finally, a gate is set around the mKeima positive population. A no-doxycycline control serves to identify the mKeima negative population.

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