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Host cell egress of Brucella abortus requires BNIP3L-mediated mitophagy

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Appendix Figure S1. Kinetics of mitophagy triggered by *B. abortus* in HeLa cells at 24 and 72 h pi.

A., B. Representative confocal micrographs of HeLa cells infected or not with *B. abortus* 544 GFP for 24 h (A.) and 72 h (B.), then fixed and immunostained for the β -subunit of the ATP synthase (Alexa Fluor 633 – Magenta) and LC3 (Alexa Fluor 568 – Green). DNA was stained with Hoechst 33258 (Blue). The Hoechst intensity was intentionally shown with overexposed signals to visualise bacterial DNA and confirm the infected cells status. Scale bars: 20 µm. Inset scale bars: 5 µm.



Appendix Figure S2. The magnitude of mitophagy induced by *B. abortus* is similar to the mitophagy induced by DFO.

A. Representative confocal micrographs of HeLa cells transfected with a FIS1-GFP(Green)-mCherry(Magenta) expression construct, infected or not with *B. abortus* 544 for 48 h, then fixed and immunostained for *B. abortus* LPS (Alexa Fluor 633 – Red). A treatment of DFO (150 μ M) for 48 h was used as a positive control. DNA was stained with Hoechst 33258 (Blue). Arrows indicate FIS1-mCherry-positive-GFP-negative punctae. Scale bars: 20 μ m. Inset scale bars: 5 μ m.

B. Quantification of the number of FIS1-mCherry-positive-GFP-negative punctae per HeLa cell in the indicated conditions from micrographs shown in (A). Data are presented as means from n=1 experiment (the numbers indicated in the columns represent the number of cells analysed per condition).



Appendix Figure S3. BNIP3L depletion efficiency in HeLa cells and iBMDM using a siRNA SMARTpool approach.

Western-blot analysis of BNIP3L abundance in HeLa cells (A) and iBMDM (B) transfected with a non-targeting siRNA pool (siNT – 40 nM) or a BNIP3L siRNA SMARTpool (siBNIP3L – 40 nM) for 24 h, then left for the indicated times post-transfection (p.t.) and treated (+) or not (-) with 100 μ M CoCl₂ for 16 h before analysis. The abundance of β -actin was used as a loading control. Black bars indicate a crop in the membrane.



Appendix Figure S4. *B. abortus* infection induces the swelling of mitochondria in a fraction of HeLa cells at 72 h pi.

A. Representative confocal micrographs of HeLa cells infected or not with *B. abortus* 544 for the indicated times, then fixed and immunostained for TOMM20 (Alexa Fluor 488 – Green) and *B. abortus* LPS (Alexa Fluor 568 – Magenta). DNA was stained with Hoechst 33258 (Blue). Scale bars: 20 µm.

B. Quantification of the percentage of infected HeLa cells displaying TOMM20-positive enlarged vesicles at the indicated times, from micrographs shown in (A). Data are presented as means \pm SD from n=3 (biological replicates) independent experiments (the numbers indicated in the columns represent the number of cells analysed per condition); Statistical analyses were performed using a one-way ANOVA followed by a Tukey's multiple comparisons test; *: *p* <0.05; **: *p* <0.01.

C. Representative confocal micrographs of HeLa cells infected or not with *B. abortus* 544 GFP (Blue) for 48 h, then fixed and immunostained for TOMM20 (Alexa Fluor 647 – Green) and the β -subunit of the ATP synthase (Alexa Fluor 568 – Magenta). Scale bars: 20 μ m.

D. Representative confocal micrographs of HeLa cells infected or not with *B. abortus* 544 GFP (Blue) for 48 h, stained with 100 nM of MitoTrackerTM Orange (MTO) fluorescent probe (Magenta) for 30 min before analysis, then fixed and immunostained for TOMM20 (Alexa Fluor 647 – Green). Scale bars: 20 µm.