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Software and code

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Data collection	FACSDiva v.8.0.2 (BD Life Sciences) - flow cytometry ProSort v.1.6 (BioRad) - cell sorting LAS AF v.2.7.4 (Leica) - confocal microscopy Typhoon FLA 9500 software v.1.1.0.187 (GE) - phosphorimaging
Data analysis	Analysis pipelines for haploid screens are available at https://github.com/BrummelkampResearch ImageJ v.1.0 (NIH) - image quantification FlowJo v.10.6.2 (BD Life Sciences) - flow cytometry analysis PyMol v.2.5.4 (Schrodinger) - handling/representation of protein structures and models Prism v.9.5.1 (GraphPad) - statistical analysis and plot construction Photoshop v.24.4.1 (Adobe) - handling of microscopy images RStudio v.2023.03.0+386 (Posit Software) - plot construction

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Sequencing data and screening data will be available, respectively, at the NCBI Sequence Read Archive (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra; under the accession numbers SAMN35570720, SAMN35570721, and SAMN35570722) and an interactive screening database (<https://phenosaurus.nki.nl/>) upon publication.

Human research participants

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Reporting on sex and gender

n/a

Population characteristics

n/a

Recruitment

n/a

Ethics oversight

n/a

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size

Sample sizes were determined based on previous experience and norms in the field; no sample size calculations were performed. In instances requiring statistics, the sample size is described in the figure legends, and generally is three or more replicates.

Data exclusions

No data was excluded from analysis, except for sequencing reads that, when aligned to the human genome using Bowtie, carried more than one mismatch.

Replication

The number of replicates is indicated in the figure legends. All attempts at replication were successful.

Randomization

No randomization was performed, as phenotypes were assayed based on genotype and not treatment.

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Antibodies

Antibodies used

anti-ACTB (Abcam, ab6276) WB 1:10000
 anti-alpha-tubulin (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-32293) WB 1:1000
 anti-AMPK (Cell Signaling Technology, 2532) WB 1:1000
 anti-AMPK pT172 (Cell Signaling Technology, 2535) WB 1:1000
 anti-CANX (Abcam, ab22595) IF 1:100, WB 1:1000
 anti-CLTC (Thermo Fisher, PA5-17347) WB 1:1000
 anti-EIF4G (Cell Signaling Technology, 2498) WB 1:1000
 anti-FASN (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-55580) WB 1:1000
 anti-HA (Biolegend, 901503) IF 1:200, WB 1:1000
 anti-HSPA5 (Cell Signaling Technology, 3177) WB 1:1000
 anti-LAMP1 (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-19992) WB 1:1000
 anti-LC3B (Cell Signaling Technology, 2775) WB 1:1000
 anti-LDHA (Cell Signaling Technology, 3582) WB 1:5000
 anti-PDI (Abcam, ab2792) IF 1:500, WB 1:20000
 anti-S6 (Cell Signaling Technology, 2317) WB 1:1000
 anti-S6 pS235/pS236 (Cell Signaling Technology, 4856) WB 1:1000
 anti-TMX1 (Atlas Antibodies, HPA003085) IF 1:100, WB 1:1000
 anti-TMX1 (Origene, TA507042) WB 1:1000
 anti-TOMM20 (Abcam, ab186735) WB 1:10000
 anti-V5 (ThermoFisher, 14-6796-82) IF 1:500, WB 1:1000

Validation

anti-ACTB (Abcam, ab6276) detects ACTB by WB in human cells, as shown by the manufacturer using HAP1 ACTB KO cells (<https://www.abcam.com/products/primary-antibodies/beta-actin-antibody-ac-15-ab6276.html>)

anti-alpha-tubulin (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-32293) was validated by WB using purified human protein in PMID 29146869

anti-AMPK (Cell Signaling Technology, 2532) was validated by WB in mouse cells in PMID 33596428 using AMPKa KO MEFs

anti-AMPK pT172 (Cell Signaling Technology, 2535) was validated by WB in mouse cells in PMID 33596428 using AMPKa KO MEFs

anti-CANX (Abcam, ab22595) was validated by IF as an ER marker in human cells and by WB as an ER stress-responsive protein in human cells (this paper)

anti-CLTC (Thermo Fisher, PA5-17347) was validated as a cytosol/membrane marker in human cells (this paper)

anti-EIF4G (Cell Signaling Technology, 2498) detects a band of the correct size in human cells, as shown by the manufacturer (<https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/eif4g-antibody/2498>)

anti-FASN (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-55580) detects FASN by WB in human cells, as shown in PMID 32111832 using HAP1 FASN KO cells

anti-HA (Biolegend, 901503) was validated for WB and IF in human cells by the manufacturer (<https://www.biolegend.com/en-us/products/purified-anti-ha-11-epitope-tag-antibody-11374>)

anti-HSPA5 (Cell Signaling Technology, 3177) was validated by WB as an ER stress-responsive protein in human cells (this paper)

anti-LAMP1 (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-19992) detects LAMP1 by WB in human cells, as shown in PMID 24970085 using HAP1 LAMP1 KO cells

anti-LC3B (Cell Signaling Technology, 2775) detects LC3B by WB in human cells, as shown in PMID 31208283

anti-LDHA (Cell Signaling Technology, 3582) detects a band of the correct size in human cells, as shown by the manufacturer (<https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/ldha-c4b5-rabbit-mab/3582>)

anti-PDI (Abcam, ab2792) detects PDI (P4HB) by IF in human cells (<https://www.abcam.com/products/primary-antibodies/p4hb-antibody-r190-ab2792.html>)

anti-S6 (Cell Signaling Technology, 2317) detects a band of the correct size in human cells, as shown by the manufacturer (<https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/s6-ribosomal-protein-54d2-mouse-mab/2317>)

anti-S6 pS235/pS236 (Cell Signaling Technology, 4856) was validated by WB by the manufacturer in stimulated human cells (<https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/phospho-s6-ribosomal-protein-ser235-236-2f9-rabbit-mab/4856>)

anti-TMX1 (Atlas Antibodies, HPA003085) was validated by WB and IF in human cells using HAP1 TMX1 KO cells (this paper)

anti-TMX1 (Origene, TA507042) was validated by WB in human cells using HAP1 TMX1 KO cells (this paper)

anti-TOMM20 (Abcam, ab186735) detects a band of the correct size in human cells, as shown by the manufacturer (<https://www.abcam.com/products/primary-antibodies/tomm20-antibody-epr15581-54-mitochondrial-marker-ab186735.html>)

anti-V5 (ThermoFisher, 14-6796-82) was validated for WB and IF in human cells by the manufacturer (<https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/V5-Tag-Antibody-clone-TCM5-Monoclonal/14-6796-82>)

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)	HAP1 cells were subcloned and isolated in house; they are available from Horizon Discovery. HEK293T, A549, HeLa, HT-29, RPE-1 and U2OS and U251 cells were purchased from ATCC.
Authentication	The ploidy of HAP1 cells was routinely checked by DAPI content. No other cell lines were authenticated
Mycoplasma contamination	Cell lines were routinely tested for mycoplasma and the lines/clones used in this study were consistently negative.
Commonly misidentified lines (See ICLAC register)	HEK293T

Animals and other research organisms

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Laboratory animals	This study used C57/BL6J and C57/BL6N mice, aged 2 to 28 weeks. Mice were maintained in a certified animal facility at 21°C and 55% humidity, in 12h light/dark cycles.
Wild animals	This study did not use wild animals.
Reporting on sex	Body weight measurements were carried out in both male and female mice, as this measurement is non-intrusive. Other measurements (TAG content of serum, lipidomics, immunoblots and morphological analysis) were performed in male mice as female mice were reserved for colony maintenance.
Field-collected samples	This study did not involve samples collected from the field.
Ethics oversight	National Ethics Committee for Animal Experiments of the Netherlands

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Flow Cytometry

Plots

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Methodology

Sample preparation

Haploid screens:

2-3 x 10⁹ gene-trapped HAP1 cells of the indicated genotype were harvested by trypsinization and fixed in Fix Buffer I (BD Biosciences) for 10 minutes at 37°C. For the oleic acid-loaded screen, cells were first cultured for 24h in complete medium supplemented with 200 µM oleic acid, and then chased in medium lacking oleic acid for another 24h prior to harvesting. Cells were treated with 1 mg/ml RNase A (Qiagen) diluted in FACS buffer (10% FBS in PBS) at 37°C for 30 minutes prior to staining with 1 µg/ml BODIPY 493/503 and 10 µg/ml propidium iodide (Sigma-Aldrich), diluted in FACS buffer, for one hour at room temperature. Cells were washed twice in FACS buffer before being passed through a 40 µm cell strainer.

	<p>BODIPY 493/503 measurements in fixed HAP1 cells:</p> <p>HAP1 cells, grown in 10cm plates, were collected by trypsinization and were fixed in Fix Buffer I (BD Biosciences) for 10 minutes at 37°C. Cells were pelleted, washed with FACS buffer (10% FBS in PBS), resuspended in FACS buffer and counted. 10 million cells were stained with 1 µg/ml BODIPY 493/503 and 5 µg/ml DAPI (Invitrogen), diluted in FACS buffer, for one hour at room temperature. Cells were washed once in FACS buffer, then passed through a 35 µm nylon mesh cell strainer into a FACS tube.</p> <p>Mitochondrial measurements in live RPE1 cells:</p> <p>RPE1 cells were treated as described and pulsed for 30 minutes with either 600 nM TMRM or 250 nM MitoTracker Red CM-H2XROS in medium depleted of lipoproteins. In TMRM experiments, cells were then incubated in 150 mM for an additional 30 minutes, using 20 µM CCCP as a positive control. Cells were collected by trypsinization and stored on ice in FACS buffer.</p>
Instrument	Cell sorting for screens was performed using an S3 Sorter (Bio-Rad) and analytical flow cytometry was performed on an LSR Fortessa (BD Biosciences).
Software	Haploid screens: sorting was performed using ProSort (Bio-Rad) Analytical flow cytometry: flow cytometry was performed using FACSDiva (BD) and data was analyzed using FlowJo (BD)
Cell population abundance	For haploid screens, 10 ⁷ cells were collected for both the lowest and highest 5% of BODIPY signal from haploid cells in G1. Prior to genomic DNA isolation, several thousand cells from each sorted population were re-analyzed to ensure purity of the sorted cells.
Gating strategy	FSC-A and SSC-A were gated to exclude cell debris. For haploid screens, PI (area) channel was gated for single haploid cells in G1 (DNA content = 1n). From this population, BODIPY 493/503 (area) was assessed using a 488 nm laser. Intact RPE1 cells were identified using FSC-A/SSC-A as above, and then singlets were identified by SSC-A/SSC-W. From this population, mean fluorescence was assessed.

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