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Software and code

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Data collection Single-cell data preprocessing: Cellranger v.3.1.0 (10x Genomics)
sgRNA calling: https://github.com/josephreplogle/guide_calling

Data analysis Single-cell data analysis: ScanPy v.1.7.2 (Wolf et al, 2018), Seurat 4.1.0 (Hao et al. 2021).

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Raw and preprocessed data are available on GEO (accession GSE208240). Reference genomes utilized for this study include: hg38 and NC_045512.2.

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Recruitment	n/a
Ethics oversight	n/a

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	The Perturb-seq experiment was conducted at ~138x coverage (i.e. typically 138 cells per library element per time point). This number was based on previous studies following a similar Perturb-seq workflow (Adamson et al., 2016; Replogle et al., 2022).
Data exclusions	Library elements represented by <50 cells were excluded from downstream analysis.
Replication	The Perturb-seq experiment was performed once, with two slightly different infection conditions (removal of the inoculum after 1h vs inoculum left for the entire 24h infection period). For downstream analyses, cells from both experimental conditions were combined. Since each cell with a given sgRNA library element constitutes one internal replicate measurement in a fully internally controlled experiment, we performed no replication of the overall experiment. Follow-up experiments involving microscopy were performed in two biological replicates.
Randomization	Randomization was not relevant to this study since our Perturb-seq library simultaneously tested the effect of perturbation of 183 host factors on SARS-CoV-2 infection.
Blinding	Blinding was not relevant to the Perturb-seq experiment in our study since all elements were tested simultaneously in the same cellular population. For our TCID50 orthogonal validation, the experimentalist was blinded to the gene-targeting condition.

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Antibodies

Antibodies used	SARS-CoV/SARS-CoV-2 Nucleocapsid Antibody, Rabbit MAb (Sino Biological, Catalog: 40143-R001); Goat anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L) Highly Cross-Adsorbed Secondary Antibody, Alexa Fluor™ 488 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Catalog: A-11034).
Validation	The manufacturer has validated the primary antibody for Western blot, ELISA, Immunohistochemistry and Immunocytochemistry/Immunofluorescence applications using recombinant N protein from SARS-CoV. It is cross-reactive with N proteins from all SARS-CoV-2 variants tested. The applications have not been validated with live virus. We performed no further validation experiments beyond those provided by the manufacturer.

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)	Calu-3 and HEK293T cells were obtained from the UCSF Cell and Genome Core. Huh7.5.1 cells overexpressing ACE2 and TMPRSS2 were obtained from Andreas Puschnik (see Wang et al, 2021). HEK293T cells expressing endogenously tagged RELA were obtained from Manuel Leonetti (see Cho et al., 2022).
Authentication	Cells were not authenticated for this study.
Mycoplasma contamination	All cell lines were tested on a regular basis to confirm absence of mycoplasma contamination.
Commonly misidentified lines (See ICLAC register)	No commonly misidentified cell lines were used.