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Software and code

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Data collection	No software was used for data collection
Data analysis	<p>ImageQuant software for quantification of Northern Blots (version 5.2) Licor Image Studio Lite for quantification of Western Blots (version 5.2) FlowJo for FACS data analysis (version 10) For RNA-Seq data analysis following tools were used: Galaxy platform using the local server version of usegalaxy.org (RRID:SCR_006281). Adapter sequences were removed from FASTQ files using Trimmomatic (RRID:SCR_011848), DESeq2 (RRID:SCR_015687), GeneTrail3 (RRID:SCR_006250) Fiji-BioVoxel bundle in ImageJ (version 1.52i), CellProfiler (version 4.2.1) for IF data analysis For MS data analysis following programmes were used: MaxQuant (version 2.4.2.0), Perseus (version 1.6.7.0), Proteom Discoverer (version 2.4) R studio (version 4.1.2) GraphPad PRISM (version 8.4.2) ShinyGO (http://bioinformatics.sdstate.edu/go/ version 0.76.1) STRING database (version 11.5)</p>

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MS data were deposited on PRIDE.

Project Name: Identification of SENP3 and SENP5 target proteins by endogenous SUMO2/3 IP-MS; accession: PXD037793, PXD037796.

Project Name: Identification of UTP14A interactors by endogenous UTP14A IP-MS; accession: PXD043556.

Project Name: Whole cell proteome of U2OS cells or Saos-2 cells depleted for SENP3; Project accession: PXD037800.

RNA-Seq data have been stored at the European Nucleotide Archive and are accessible via accession ID: PRJEB57219

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Reporting on sex and gender	N/A
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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 chosen to ensure proper statistical analysis as explained in the Material & Methods section and Figure legends.
Data exclusions	No data were excluded
Replication	All experiments (Western Blots, IPs, Northern Blots, Sucrose gradients, immunofluorescence, FACS, qPCR, proliferation assays, MS, RNA-Seq) were performed with fully independent biological replicates to ensure correctness of the data. Large scale experiments as MS and RNA-Seq were performed with at least 3 replicates. Experiments like qPCR were additionally performed with technical replicates to minimize experimental errors.
Randomization	In all cell biological experiments cells were randomised to wells, and then wells randomized to treatments.
Blinding	For initial microscopic image analysis investigators were blinded to exclude any experimental bias-

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Plants

Methods

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> ChIP-seq
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> MRI-based neuroimaging

Antibodies

Antibodies used

Anti-SUMO2/3, Hybridoma subclone A11 of 8A2 provided by F. Melchior (8A2 available from Developmental studies hybridoma bank) clone 8A2, subclone A11

Anti-FLAG M2, Sigma Aldrich, F1804, RRID: AB_262044

Anti-UTP14A, Proteintech, 11474-1-AP, RRID:AB_2272800

Anti- β -Tubulin, Developmental Studies Hybridoma Bank, clone E7, RRID:AB_2315513

Anti-SENP3 (D20A10), Cell Signaling, #5591, RRID:AB_10694546

Anti-SENP5, Proteintech, 19529-1-AP, RRID:AB_10643377

Anti-LAS1L, Proteintech, 16010-1-AP, RRID:AB_2132810

Anti-PELP1, Proteintech, 67050-1-Ig, RRID:AB_2882363

Anti-RPL3, Proteintech, 11005-1-AP, RRID:AB_2181760

Anti-RPS3A, Proteintech, 14123-1-AP, RRID:AB_2253921

Anti-p53, Santa Cruz, sc-126, RRID:AB_628082

Anti-Vinculin, Sigma Aldrich, V9131, RRID: AB_477629

Anti-p21, Abcam, ab227443

Anti-CDK6, Cell Signaling, #13331, RRID:AB_2721897

Anti-SENP6, Sigma Aldrich, HPA024376, RRID: AB_1856678

Anti-CDK4, Santa Cruz, sc-56277, RRID:AB_1121419

Anti-RB (IF8), Santa Cruz, sc-102, RRID:AB_628209

Anti-p-RB T826, Abcam, ab-133446, RRID:AB_2722666

Anti-p-RB S807/811, Cell Signaling, #9308, RRID:AB_331472

Anti-SUMO2/3, MBL, M114-3, clone 1E7, RRID:AB_592769

Anti-UTP18, ThermoFisher Scientific, PA5-90468, RRID:AB_2806090

Anti-BMS1, Santa Cruz, sc-271040, RRID:AB_10611468

Anti-RPL28, Abcam, ab138125

Anti-RPS3, Santa Cruz, sc-376008

Anti-Anti-HaloTag[®] Monoclonal Antibody, Promega, G9211

Anti-RPS9, Aviva Systems Biology Corp, ARP61782_P050

Validation

Anti-SBDS, Sigma Aldrich, HPA028891, RRID: AB_10601500

Anti-DHX37, Bethyl, A300-856A-T, RRID:AB_2292875

Anti-TSR1, Proteintech, 16887-1-AP, RRID:AB_2222589

Anti-RPS7, Abcam, ab 57637, RRID:AB_945322

Anti-RPL11, Abcam, ab79352, RRID:AB_2042832

Anti-RGS-His, Quiagen, 34650, RRID:AB_2687898

IRDye® 800CW Goat anti-Mouse IgG Secondary Antibody, Li-Cor, 926-32210, RRID: AB_621842

IRDye® 800CW Goat anti-Rabbit IgG Secondary Antibody, Li-Cor, 926-32211, RRID: AB_621843

Anti-SUMO2/3, Hybridoma subclone A11 of 8A2: application IP, validation PMID: 24651501

Anti-FLAG M2: application western blot and IF, validation PMID: 31399583 PMID: 31900387 PMID: 32034124

Anti-UTP14A: application western blot, IF and IP, validation PMID: 33391409 PMID: 37086406 PMID: 27798105

Anti-β-Tubulin: application western blot, validation PMID: 32200800 PMID: 31833223 PMID: 31328806

Anti-SEN3: application western blot, validation PMID: 29277914 PMID: 31141694 & in this manuscript by siRNA knockdown

Anti-SEN5: application western blot, validation PMID: 29277914 & in this manuscript by siRNA knockdown

Anti-LAS1L: application western blot, validation by siRNA knockdown in this manuscript

Anti-PELP1: application western blot, validation PMID: 37290329, PMID: 21326211 and manufacturer's website

Anti-RPL3: application western blot, validation PMID: 34725147 PMID: 34081545 PMID: 35674491

Anti-RPS3A: application western blot, validation PMID: 29518358 PMID: 30612743 PMID: 31825839

Anti-p53: application western blot, validation PMID: 30879903 PMID: 30057196 PMID: 30415951 & in this manuscript by p53 pathway activation

Anti-Vinculin: application western blot, validation PMID: 29576454 PMID: 29053959 PMID: 27984728

Anti-p21: application western blot, validation PMID: 35696596 PMID: 33000191 PMID: 32897806 & in this manuscript by p53 pathway activation

Anti-CDK6: application western blot, validation PMID: 30840889 PMID: 31056462 PMID: 30300583 & in this manuscript by siRNA knockdown

Anti-SEN6: application western blot, validation PMID: 31597105 & in this manuscript by siRNA knockdown

Anti-CDK4: application western blot, validation PMID: 29225033 & in this manuscript by siRNA knockdown

Anti-RB (IF8): application western blot, validation PMID: 35859155 PMID: 34584098

Anti-p-RB T826: application western blot, validation PMID: 30300583 PMID: 30454645

Anti-p-RB S807/811: application western blot, validation PMID: 30197300 PMID: 30380421 PMID: 30454645

Anti-SUMO2/3: application western blot, validation PMID: 30581133 PMID: 31141694 & in this manuscript by WB following IP

Anti-UTP18: application western blot, validation on manufacturer's website

Anti-BMS1: application western blot, validation PMID: 10659855 PMID: 12477932 PMID: 15635413

Anti-RPL28: application western blot, validation PMID: 32612236 PMID: 30712990 PMID: 29230017

Anti-RPS3: application western blot, validation PMID: 16737853 PMID: 17560175 PMID: 18610840

Anti-Anti-HaloTag® Monoclonal Antibody: application western blot, validation PMID: 37591251, PMID: 37708126, PMID: 36791199

Anti-RPS9: application western blot, validation on manufacturer's website

Anti-SBDS: application western blot, validation PMID: 31597105 & in this manuscript by siRNA knockdown

Anti-DHX37: application western blot, validation PMID: 31442407 & by antibody provider & in this manuscript by siRNA knockdown

Anti-TSR1: application western blot, validation PMID: 29503206 & in this manuscript by siRNA knockdown

Anti-RPS7: application western blot, validation in this study by siRNA knockdown

Anti-RPL11: application western blot, validation in this manuscript by siRNA knockdown

Anti-RGS-His, Quiagen, 34650, RRID:AB_2687898, validation PMID: 34022140, PMID: 32521226, PMID: 28803726

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Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)	U2OS (human, female, ATCC HTB-96) SAOS-2 (human, female, ATCC HTB-85) HeLa (human, female, ATCC CCL-2) HEK293T (human, female, ATCC CRL-3216) RPE1 (human, female, ATCC CRL-4000) BxPC3 (human, female, ATCC CRL-1687) Ramos (human, male, ATCC CRL-1596)
Authentication	U2OS, SAOS-2, HeLa, HEK293T, RPE1, BxPC3 and Ramos cells were authenticated by STR profiling
Mycoplasma contamination	All cell lines were tested negative for mycoplasma contamination
Commonly misidentified lines (See ICLAC register)	No commonly misidentified cell line was used in this study

Plants

Seed stocks	<i>Report on the source of all seed stocks or other plant material used. If applicable, state the seed stock centre and catalogue number. If plant specimens were collected from the field, describe the collection location, date and sampling procedures.</i>
Novel plant genotypes	<i>Describe the methods by which all novel plant genotypes were produced. This includes those generated by transgenic approaches, gene editing, chemical/radiation-based mutagenesis and hybridization. For transgenic lines, describe the transformation method, the number of independent lines analyzed and the generation upon which experiments were performed. For gene-edited lines, describe the editor used, the endogenous sequence targeted for editing, the targeting guide RNA sequence (if applicable) and how the editor was applied.</i>
Authentication	<i>Describe any authentication procedures for each seed stock used or novel genotype generated. Describe any experiments used to assess the effect of a mutation and, where applicable, how potential secondary effects (e.g. second site T-DNA insertions, mosaicism, off-target gene editing) were examined.</i>

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Methodology

Sample preparation	RPE1 WT, RPE1 Δp53, BxPC3, Ramos or U2OS cells were grown in 6-well plates under standard conditions and transfected
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	<p>with siRNA for 72 h. Cells were trypsinized and washed with PBS. Afterwards cells were fixed using an ice-cold 70% [v/v] EtOH solution and incubated for 1 h on ice. Following an additional washing step with PBS, cells were incubated with FACS-stain solution (0.5% Triton X-100, 20 µg/ml PI, 20 µg/ml RNase A in PBS) for 1 h to stain the DNA and digest remaining RNA. DNA content was measured by flow cytometry.</p>
Instrument	<p>BD FACSCanto™ II, BD Biosciences</p>
Software	<p>Data were collected using the BD FACSDiva™ Software. Afterwards, data were analysed by FlowJo (FlowJo, LLC).</p>
Cell population abundance	<p>At least 10000 living cells were gated and considered for further analysis.</p>
Gating strategy	<p>Cells were plotted with the FSC-A against the SSC-A channel. The living population was gated and then plotted for the PI-A signal as a histogram. Only PI positive cells were gated. G1, S and G2 phases were determined based on the PI signal. The same gates were transferred to all samples in the same experiment.</p>

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