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Software and code

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Data collection cellSens Dimension 2.2 (Olympus) was used to acquire microscopy images. Image Lab Touch 2.3 (Bio-Rad) was used to acquire blot images. Skant RE 2.4.5 (Thermo Fisher Scientific) was used to acquire luciferase assay data.

Data analysis Fiji/ImageJ 2.1.0/1.53c was used to analyze images. PEAKS Studio 10.6 (Bioinformatics Solutions), Proteome Discoverer 2.5 (Thermo Fisher Scientific), and Scaffold 5.0.1 (Proteome Software) were used to analyze mass spectrometry data. Prism 9 and 10 (GraphPad Software) were used for statistical analysis.

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Source data are provided with this paper. The protein mass spectrometry data generated in this study have been deposited in the public proteomics repository MassIVE (<https://massive.ucsd.edu>) under accession codes MSV000093380 and MSV000093381.

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Life sciences study design

All studies must disclose on these points even when the disclosure is negative.

Sample size

No statistical methods were used to predetermine sample size. Samples sizes were determined based on the number of samples that could be processed in the given time frame or were otherwise previously determined to be sufficient to detect differences between conditions in similar experiments from the following publications: Sanderlin et al., J Bacteriol 2022 (doi: 10.1128/jb.00182-22) and Lamason et al., Cell 2016 (doi: 10.1016/j.cell.2016.09.023).

Data exclusions

For analysis of the SrfD co-immunoprecipitation mass spectrometry results, protein abundances were filtered to require a non-zero value for at least two of the three replicates in at least one condition so as to exclude any proteins that were sparsely quantified from comparisons between conditions.

Replication

At least 2 to 3 independent replicates were completed per experiment and gave reproducible results, as indicated in the figure legends. The BONCAT pull-down mass spectrometry results and SrfD co-IP mass spectrometry results reproduced the results from earlier pilot experiments.

Randomization

Samples were randomly allocated into experimental groups (e.g., infected/uninfected, +/- Anl).

When possible, other lab members were given the blinded data and asked to quantify the data to confirm equivalent results to those reported here.

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Methods

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> ChIP-seq |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Flow cytometry |
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Antibodies

Antibodies used

Antibodies for β -catenin (mouse, clone L54E2, 2677S, 1:100 dilution), GSK-3 β -Tag (rabbit, 9325S, 1:1000 dilution), phospho-GSK-3 β (rabbit, 9336S, 1:1000 dilution), AIF (rabbit, clone D39D2, 5318S, 1:200 dilution), and Sec61 β (rabbit, clone D5Q1W, 14648S, 1:200/1:4000/1:100 dilution [immunofluorescence/immunoblot/immunoprecipitation]) were purchased from Cell Signaling Technology. Mouse anti-RpoA (clone 4RA2, 663104, 1:5000 dilution) was purchased from BioLegend. Mouse anti-FLAG (clone M2, F1804, 1:400/1:4000 dilution [immunofluorescence/immunoblot]) was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. StrepTactin-HRP (1610381, 1:12000 dilution) was purchased from Bio-Rad. Mouse (14-13, 1:400 dilution) and rabbit (I7205, 1:1000 dilution) anti-Rickettsia antibodies were gifts from Ted Hackstadt. Rabbit anti-SrfC (1:250/1:2000 dilution [immunofluorescence/immunoblot]), anti-SrfD (1:400/1:2000/15 μ g/mL dilution [immunofluorescence/immunoblot/immunoprecipitation]), anti-SrfE (1:400/1:2000 dilution [immunofluorescence/immunoblot]), and anti-SrfF (1:400/1:2000 dilution [immunofluorescence/immunoblot]) antibodies were generated and affinity purified as described in this study.

Validation

All commercial antibodies were selected based on thorough literature searches for publications demonstrating well-controlled use of the antibodies. Anti- β -catenin (RRID: AB_1030943) was used previously (e.g., in Borgo et al., Nat Commun 2022 [doi: 10.1038/s41467-022-31351-y] and Lamason et al., Cell 2016 [doi: 10.1016/j.cell.2016.09.023]) and was validated for immunofluorescence microscopy and other applications as described by the manufacturer on their website. Anti-GSK-3 β -Tag (RRID: AB_823513) and anti-phospho-GSK-3 β (RRID: AB_331405) were used previously (e.g., in Sanderlin et al., J Bacteriol 2022 [doi: 10.1128/jb.00182-22] and Lehman et al., mBio 2018 [doi: 10.1128/mBio.00975-18]) and were validated for blotting as described by the manufacturer on their website. Anti-AIF (RRID: AB_10634755) was used previously (e.g., in Girardi et al., Nat Commun 2020 [doi: 10.1038/s41467-020-19871-x] and Ding et al., Nucleic Acids Research 2018 [doi: 10.1093/nar/gky1281]) and was validated for immunofluorescence microscopy and other applications as described by the manufacturer on their website. Anti-Sec61 β (RRID: AB_2798555) was used previously (e.g., in Yamada et al., PNAS 2022 [doi: 10.1073/pnas.2202730119] and Leonetti et al., PNAS 2016 [doi: 10.1073/pnas.1606731113]) and was validated for immunofluorescence microscopy, blotting, and immunoprecipitation as described by the manufacturer on their website. Anti-RpoA (RRID: AB_2687386) was used previously (e.g., in Sanderlin et al., J Bacteriol 2022 [doi: 10.1128/jb.00182-22] and Guzzo et al., Dev Cell 2021 [doi: 10.1016/j.devcel.2021.06.014]) and validated for blotting as described by the manufacturer on their website. Anti-FLAG (RRID: AB_262044) was used previously (e.g., in Eubelen et al., Science 2018 [doi: 10.1126/science.aat1178] and Lamason et al., Cell 2016 [doi: 10.1016/j.cell.2016.09.023]) and validated for immunofluorescence microscopy, blotting, and other applications as described by the manufacturer on their website. StrepTactin-HRP was used previously (e.g., in Yang et al., Nat Commun 2017 [doi: 10.1038/s41467-017-02409-z]) and tested by the manufacturer. Anti-Rickettsia antibodies were used previously (e.g., in Sanderlin et al., J Bacteriol 2022 [doi: 10.1128/jb.00182-22] and Engström et al., Nat Microbiol 2019 [doi: 10.1038/s41564-019-0583-6]). Anti-SrfC, anti-SrfD, anti-SrfE, and anti-SrfF antibodies were validated in this study by blotting against purified *R. parkeri*, uninfected A549 cell lysates, and purified recombinant Srf proteins. Anti-SrfD was further validated in this study by immunoprecipitation mass spectrometry (Fig. 5a and Supplementary Data 2).

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)

A549 (human lung epithelial), HeLa (human cervical epithelial), HEK293T (human embryonic kidney epithelial), and Vero (monkey kidney epithelial) cell lines were obtained from the University of California, Berkeley Cell Culture Facility (Berkeley, CA).

Authentication

Validation of cell lines is managed at the UCB Cell Culture Facility.

Mycoplasma contamination

All cell lines tested negative for mycoplasma contamination.

Commonly misidentified lines
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No misidentified lines were used.

Plants

Seed stocks

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Authentication

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