

1 Supplementary Figure S1. Custom CRISPR/Cas9 minipool library screen validates cholesterol

2 homeostasis hits in a panel of TNBC cells. A, Comparison of the log2 fold-change in sgRNA

abundance for no site, one site and positive control sgRNAs in the GDC-0068 arm compared to the day 0

4 arm of the custom CRISPR/Cas9 minipool library screen. No site sgRNAs do not cut anywhere in the 5 genome. One site sgRNAs introduce single cuts in the genome at intergenic sites that are predicted to 6 have little to no deleterious effects. Positive control sgRNAs target genes that are essential for cell 7 viability. Data are plotted as box and whisker plots by replicate for SUM159, MDA-MB-468 and BT20 8 cells. The box extends from the 25th to 75th percentiles, and whiskers extend from minimum to maximum 9 values. B, Volcano plots showing log2 fold-change in sgRNA abundance in the GDC-0068 arm (SUM159: 10 4.34 µM, MDA-MB-468: 8.49 µM, BT20: 0.9 µM) of the custom CRISPR/Cas9 minipool screen compared 11 to the DMSO arm versus -log10 (p-value). Cholesterol homeostasis genes with negative log2 fold-12 changes in all three TNBC cell lines are highlighted (ABCA12, ABCB4, CYP39A1, SREBF2, TMEM97, 13 VPS4B). Data are represented as the mean of 3 technical replicates for each cell line. C, Volcano plots 14 showing log2 fold-change in sgRNA abundance in the GDC-0068 arm of the custom CRISPR/Cas9 15 minipool screen compared to the DMSO arm versus -log10 (p-value). Controls are highlighted, including 16 no site and one intergenic site controls and the positive control TSC2. Data are represented as the mean 17 of 3 technical replicates for each cell line.



18 Supplementary Figure S2. Lovastatin and rosuvastatin synergize with AKT inhibitors in TNBC

- 19 cells. A, TNBC cell lines (SUM159, MDA-MB-468, BT20) were treated with increasing doses of GDC-
- 20 0068 (SUM159: 0-10 μM, MDA-MB-468: 0-20 μM, BT20: 0-5 μM) and lovastatin (0-10 μM) or C,
- 21 rosuvastatin (0-20 μM) for 72 hours, and cell density was measured by SRB assay. Data are represented
- 22 as mean ± SD (N=3 technical replicates). **B**, TNBC cell lines (SUM159, MDA-MB-468, BT20) were

- 23 treated with increasing doses of GDC-0068 (SUM159: 0-10 μM, MDA-MB-468: 0-20 μM, BT20: 0-5 μM)
- 24 and lovastatin (0-10 µM) or **D**, rosuvastatin (0-20 µM) for 72 hours, and cell density was measured by
- 25 SRB assay. HSA synergy scores were calculated using SynergyFinder and are reported in the heatmaps
- 26 (N=3 technical replicates).



27 Supplementary Figure S3. Pitavastatin synergizes with AKT inhibitors in TNBC cells. A-B, TNBC 28 cell lines (SUM159, MDA-MB-468, BT20) were treated with increasing doses of GDC-0068 (SUM159: 0-29 10 μM, MDA-MB-468: 0-20 μM, BT20: 0-5 μM) (A) or AZD5363 (SUM159: 0-5 μM, MDA-MB-468: 0-40 30 μM, BT20: 0-5 μM) (B) and pitavastatin (0-2000 nM) for 72 hours, and cell density was measured by SRB 31 assay. HSA synergy scores were calculated using SynergyFinder and are reported in the heatmaps (N=3 32 technical replicates). C, The triple-negative, non-tumorigenic mammary epithelial cell line, MCF10A, was 33 treated with DMSO, 3 µM AZD5363, 2 µM pitavastatin or a combination of AZD5363 and pitavastatin for 34 72 hours, and cell density was measured daily by SRB assay. Data are represented as mean \pm SD (N=3 35 technical replicates). Statistical analysis was performed using two-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) with

- 36 Dunnett's multiple comparison test; asterisks (*) indicate significant differences compared to the AZD5363
- 37 and pitavastatin combination treatment on day 4 (*, p = 0.0332, **, p = 0.0021). **D**, The liver
- 38 adenocarcinoma cell line, HepG2, was treated with DMSO, 20 µM AZD5363, 0.5 µM pitavastatin or a
- 39 combination of AZD5363 and pitavastatin for 72 hours, and cell density was measured daily by SRB
- 40 assay. Data are represented as mean ± SD (N=3 technical replicates). Statistical analysis was performed
- 41 using two-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) with Dunnett's multiple comparison test; asterisks (*)
- 42 indicate significant differences compared to the AZD5363 and pitavastatin combination treatment on day
- 43 4 (*, p = 0.0332, **, p = 0.0021).



44 Supplementary Figure S4. Pitavastatin synergizes with the PI3Kα inhibitor BYL719 and the

45 mTORC1/2 inhibitor Torin 1 in TNBC cells. A, Rank plots showing the log2 fold-change of each gene

46 plotted against the rank dropout for the BYL719 treatment arm of the CRISPR/Cas9 screen compared to

47 the DMSO arm. The transcription factors SREBF1 and SREBF2 are highlighted. The plot was generated 48 using MAGeCK with a read count cutoff of 50 (N=3 technical replicates). B, TNBC cell lines (SUM159, 49 MDA-MB-468, BT20) were treated with increasing doses of BYL719 (SUM159: 0-5 µM, MDA-MB-468: 0-50 40 µM, BT20: 0-5 µM) and pitavastatin (0-2000 nM) for 72 hours, and cell density was measured by SRB 51 assay. Data are represented as mean ± SD (N=3 technical replicates). C, HSA synergy scores were 52 calculated for the dose curves shown in **B** using SynergyFinder and are reported in the heatmaps (N=3 53 technical replicates). D, TNBC cell lines (SUM159, MDA-MB-468, BT20) were treated with increasing 54 doses of Torin 1 (0-100 nM) and pitavastatin (0-2000 nM) for 72 hours, and cell density was measured by 55 SRB assay. Data are represented as mean \pm SD (N=2 technical replicates). **E**, HSA synergy scores were 56 calculated for the dose curves shown in D using SynergyFinder and are reported in the heatmaps (N=2

57 technical replicates).



58 Supplementary Figure S5. Pitavastatin synergizes with the EGFR inhibitor erlotinib in TNBC cells.

- 59 A, TNBC cell lines (SUM159, MDA-MB-468, BT20) were treated with increasing doses of erlotinib (0-10
- 60 μM) and pitavastatin (0-2000 nM) for 72 hours, and cell density was measured by SRB assay. Data are
- for represented as mean \pm SD (N=2 technical replicates). **B**, HSA synergy scores were calculated for the
- 62 dose curves shown in A using SynergyFinder and are reported in the heatmaps (N=2 technical
- 63 replicates).



64 Supplementary Figure S6. AZD5363 and pitavastatin synergize in HCC70 cells in vitro and in 65 mouse xenografts with on-target efficacy. A, HCC70 cells were treated with increasing doses of GDC-66 0068 (0-1 µM) or AZD5363 (0-1 µM) and pitavastatin (0-2000 nM) for 72 hours, and cell density was 67 measured by SRB assay. Data are represented as mean \pm SD (N=3 technical replicates). **B**, In a pilot 68 experiment, HCC70 cells were injected subcutaneously into NSG mice and tumors were allowed to grow 69 for 21 days before starting treatments. Mice were maintained on a standard chow diet or switched to a 70 low geranylgeraniol chow diet 3 days before starting treatments and were treated once daily with vehicle 71 (0.5% carboxymethylcellulose, N=2 per diet) or 100 mg/kg pitavastatin (daily, N=3 per diet) for 20 days. 72 Tumor size (mm³) was measured every 3-4 days. Statistical analysis was performed using an unpaired, 73 two-tailed parametric t-test (*, p = 0.0332). C-E represent data from the mouse experiment in Fig. 3B-D. 74 C, Tumor weight was measured at the endpoint. D, Mouse body weight was measured at the endpoint.

- For C-D, statistical analysis was performed using two-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) with Tukey's
- 76 multiple comparison test; asterisks (*) indicate significant differences compared to the AZD5363 and
- pitavastatin combination treatment at the endpoint (*, p = 0.0332, **, p = 0.0021). **E**, Select tumors (3 per
- treatment group) were harvested 2 hours after the last AZD5363 treatment and 6 hours after the last
- 79 pitavastatin treatment and immunoblotted for pAKT^{Ser473}, pPRAS40^{Thr246}, pAKT^{Thr308}, pGSK3β^{Ser9},
- 80 pS6^{Ser240/244}, RHEB, unprenylated RAP1A, HDJ2, NPC1, HMGCR, vinculin and β -actin.



Supplementary Figure S7. TN/ER-low PDOs are sensitive to combination AZD5363 and
pitavastatin. A, A panel of breast cancer PDOs were treated with DMSO, 1 μM AZD5363, 5 μM
pitavastatin or the combination of AZD5363 and pitavastatin for 96 hours and organoid size and

- 84 morphology were assessed. A representative image for each PDO in each treatment condition is shown.
- 85 Scale bars are 200 µm. **B**, The area of 20 PDOs per treatment condition was quantified and normalized to
- the vehicle-treated condition. **C**, EdU+ cells were quantified for 20 PDOs per treatment condition and
- 87 normalized to total cell number and to the vehicle-treated condition. For **B-C**, statistical analysis was
- 88 performed using two-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) with Tukey's multiple comparison test; asterisks
- 89 (*) indicate significant differences (*, p = 0.0332, **, p = 0.0021, ***, p = 0.0002, ****, p < 0.0001). **D**, The
- 90 percentage of cleaved caspase-3-expressing PDOs was quantified for 2 images per treatment condition.



91 Supplementary Figure S8. Pitavastatin does not synergize with AKT inhibition to induce cell death 92 in ER-positive breast cancer cells. A, ER-positive breast cancer cell lines (T47D, MCF7, BT474) were 93 treated with increasing doses of GDC-0068 (0-2 µM) or AZD5363 (T47D: 0-2 µM, MCF7: 0-5 µM, BT474: 94 0-2 µM) and pitavastatin (0-2000 nM) for 72 hours, and cell density was measured by SRB assay. HSA 95 synergy scores were calculated using SynergyFinder and are reported in the heatmaps (N=3 technical 96 replicates). B, ER-positive breast cancer cell lines were treated with DMSO, AZD5363 (T47D: 0.25 µM, 97 MCF7: 1.25 µM, BT474: 0.25 µM), pitavastatin (2 µM), a combination of AZD5363 and pitavastatin or 98 bortezomib (10 µM) for 72 hours, and total cell number (rapid red nuclear dye) and number of dead cells

- 99 (cleaved caspase-3/7 dye) were measured every 2 hours for 72 hours by Incucyte live-cell analysis. Data
- 100 are represented as mean ± SD of percent cleaved caspase-3/7 signal (N=4 technical replicates).



101 Supplementary Figure S9. Pitavastatin does not synergize with the PI3K α inhibitor BYL719 or the 102 mTORC1/2 inhibitor Torin 1 in ER-positive breast cancer cells. A, ER-positive breast cancer cell lines 103 (T47D, MCF7, BT474) were treated with increasing doses of BYL719 (0-5 μ M) and pitavastatin (0-2000 104 nM) for 72 hours, and cell density was measured by SRB assay. Data are represented as mean \pm SD

- 105 (N=3 technical replicates). **B**, HSA synergy scores were calculated for the dose curves shown in **a** using
- 106 SynergyFinder and are reported in the heatmaps (N=3 technical replicates). **C**, ER-positive breast cancer
- 107 cell lines (T47D, MCF7, BT474) were treated with increasing doses of Torin 1 (0-100 nM) and pitavastatin
- 108 (0-2000 nM) for 72 hours, and cell density was measured by SRB assay. Data are represented as mean \pm
- 109 SD (N=2 technical replicates). **D**, HSA synergy scores were calculated for the dose curves shown in **C**
- using SynergyFinder and are reported in the heatmaps (N=2 technical replicates).



111 Supplementary Figure S10. Pitavastatin synergizes with AKT inhibition in fulvestrant-resistant

112 T47D cells. A, Parental and fulvestrant-resistant T47D cells were treated with increasing doses of GDC-

113 0068 (0-5 μM) or AZD5363 (0-5 μM) and pitavastatin (0-2000 nM) for 72 hours, and cell density was

- 114 measured by SRB assay (N=1 technical replicate). **B**, Immunoblots of ERα, c-Myc, unprenylated RAP1A,
- vinculin, pAKT^{Ser473} and pPRAS40^{Thr246} in parental and fulvestrant-resistant T47D cells treated with
- 116 DMSO, AZD5363 (0.25 μM), pitavastatin (0.5 μM) or the combination of AZD5363 and pitavastatin for 72
- hours. Fulvestrant-resistant clone 3 samples were run on a separate gel. C, AR-negative (PC3) and AR-
- 118 positive (LNCaP) prostate cancer cells were treated with increasing doses of AZD5363 (PC3: 0-5 µM,
- 119 LNCaP: 0-1 µM) and pitavastatin (0-2000 nM) for 72 hours, and cell density was measured by SRB assay
- 120 (N=1 technical replicate).



121 Supplementary Figure S11. Modulation of ER expression does not affect pitavastatin sensitivity. A, 122 ER-negative breast cancer cell lines (SUM159, fulvestrant-resistant T47D clone 2) were transduced with 123 lentiviral vectors to overexpress estrogen receptor (ER) and were maintained in culture for approximately 124 1 week. Parental and ER-overexpressing cells were then treated with increasing doses of AZD5363 (0-5 125 µM) and pitavastatin (0-2000 nM) for 72 hours, and cell density was measured by SRB assay. Data are 126 represented as mean \pm SD (N=2 technical replicates). **B**, Immunoblots of ER α and β -actin in SUM159 127 and fulvestrant-resistant T47D cells overexpressing ER with pHAGE-ESR1 compared to ER-positive 128 breast cancer cell lines (T47D, MCF7) and parental T47D cells. C, ER-positive breast cancer cell lines 129 (T47D, MCF7, BT474) were treated with increasing doses of fulvestrant (0-800 nM) and pitavastatin (0-130 2000 nM) for 72 hours, and cell density was measured by SRB assay. Data represent a single technical 131 replicate (N=1 technical replicate).



- 132 Supplementary Figure S12. AKT inhibitors synergize with cholesterol biosynthesis inhibition to
- 133 deplete GGPP. A, TNBC cell lines (SUM159, MDA-MB-468, BT20) were treated with increasing doses of
- 134 AZD5363 (SUM159: 0-5 μM, MDA-MB-468: 0-40 μM, BT20: 0-5 μM) and GGTI-298 (0-10 μM) for 72

135 hours, and cell density was measured by SRB assay. Data are represented as mean \pm SD (N=2 technical 136 replicates). B, ER-positive breast cancer cell lines (T47D, MCF7, BT474) were treated with increasing 137 doses of AZD5363 (T47D: 0-2 µM, MCF7: 0-5 µM, BT474: 0-2 µM) and GGTI-298 (0-10 µM) for 72 hours, 138 and cell density was measured by SRB assay. Data are represented as mean \pm SD (N=2 technical 139 replicates). C, TNBC cell lines (SUM159, MDA-MB-468, BT20) were treated with DMSO, a combination of 140 AZD5363 (SUM159: 5 μM, MDA-MB-468: 15 μM, BT20: 1.25 μM) and pitavastatin (SUM159: 4 μM, MDA-141 MB-468: 2 μM, BT20: 2 μM) or bortezomib (10 μM) and supplemented with vehicle (7:3 MeOH:NH₄OH), 142 mevalonate (1 mM), GGPP (5 µg/mL) or cholesterol (5 µg/mL) for 24, 48 or 72 hours. Cell density was 143 measured by SRB assay at each time point. Data are represented as mean \pm SD (N=3 technical 144 replicates). Statistical analysis was performed for the 72-hour time point using two-way analysis of 145 variance (ANOVA) with Dunnett's multiple comparison test; asterisks (*) indicate significant differences 146 compared to the 72-hour vehicle supplemented condition within the DMSO, AZD5363 and pitavastatin or 147 bortezomib treatment group (*, p = 0.0332, **, p = 0.0021, ***, p = 0.0002, ****, p < 0.0001). **D**, Immunoblots of PARP, pAKT^{Ser473}, pPRAS40^{Thr246}, unprenylated RAP1A, pGSK3^{βSer9}, cleaved caspase-148 149 3, β-actin and vinculin in TNBC cell lines (SUM159, MDA-MB-468, BT20) treated with DMSO or a 150 combination of AZD5363 (SUM159: 5 µM, MDA-MB-468: 15 µM, BT20: 1.25 µM) and pitavastatin 151 (SUM159: 4 µM, MDA-MB-468: 2 µM, BT20: 2 µM) and supplemented with vehicle (7:3 MeOH:NH₄OH), 152 mevalonate (1 mM), GGPP (5 µg/mL) or cholesterol (5 µg/mL) for 22 hours.



153 Supplementary Figure S13. Farnesyltransferase inhibition with FTI-277 synergizes with AZD5363 154 in RAS-altered breast cancer cells. A, TNBC cell lines (SUM159, MDA-MB-468, BT20) were treated 155 with increasing doses of AZD5363 (SUM159: 0-5 µM, MDA-MB-468: 0-40 µM, BT20: 0-5 µM) and FTI-156 277 (0-10 µM) for 72 hours, and cell density was measured by SRB assay. Data are represented as mean 157 \pm SD (N=2 technical replicates). **B**, ER-positive breast cancer cell lines (T47D, MCF7, BT474) were 158 treated with increasing doses of AZD5363 (T47D: 0-2 µM, MCF7: 0-5 µM, BT474: 0-2 µM) and FTI-277 159 (0-10 μ M) for 72 hours, and cell density was measured by SRB assay. Data are represented as mean \pm 160 SD (N=2 technical replicates).



161 Supplementary Figure S14. Cholesterol supplementation potentiates the cytotoxicity of AZD5363 162 and pitavastatin in TN and ER+ breast cancer cells. A, Immunoblots of PARP, unprenylated RAP1A, 163 cleaved caspase-3 and β -actin in TNBC cell lines (SUM159, MDA-MB-468, BT20) treated with DMSO or a 164 combination of AZD5363 (SUM159: 5 µM, MDA-MB-468: 15 µM, BT20: 1.25 µM) and pitavastatin 165 (SUM159: 4 µM, MDA-MB-468: 2 µM, BT20: 2 µM) and supplemented with vehicle (7:3 MeOH:NH₄OH), 166 cholesterol (5 µg/mL), GGPP (5 µg/mL) or mevalonate (1 mM) for 22 hours. **B**, ER-positive breast cancer 167 cell lines (T47D, MCF7, BT474) were treated with DMSO, AZD5363 (T47D: 0.25 µM, MCF7: 1.25 µM, 168 BT474: 0.25 µM), pitavastatin (2 µM) or a combination of AZD5363 and pitavastatin for 72 hours and 169 supplemented with DMSO or 5 µg/mL cholesterol. Cell density was measured by SRB assay. Data are 170 represented as mean ± SD (N=3 technical replicates). Statistical analysis was performed using two-way 171 analysis of variance (ANOVA) with Šidák's multiple comparison test; asterisks (*) indicate significant 172 differences between the mean of DMSO-supplemented cells and the mean of cholesterol-supplemented

173 cells for each treatment (*, p = 0.0332, **, p = 0.0021, ***, p = 0.0002, ****, p < 0.0001).



174 Supplementary Figure S15. Cholesterol biosynthesis is uniquely upregulated after pitavastatin

- 175 treatment in ER+ breast cancer cells. A-D, DAVID 2021 gene ontology analysis of differentially
- 176 regulated genes after AZD5363, pitavastatin or combination treatment for 24 or 48 hours in MDA-MB-468
- and T47D cells from RNA-sequencing data. Pathways are plotted against the -log10 (p-value). A,
- 178 Pathways enriched in uniquely upregulated genes in MDA-MB-468 and T47D cells at 24 hours. B,
- 179 Pathways enriched in uniquely upregulated genes in MDA-MB-468 and T47D cells at 48 hours. C,

- 180 Pathways enriched in uniquely downregulated genes in MDA-MB-468 and T47D cells at 24 hours. **D**,
- 181 Pathways enriched in uniquely downregulated genes in MDA-MB-468 and T47D cells at 48 hours.



182 Supplementary Figure S16. The predicted transcription factor activities of SREBF1 and SREBF2

are uniquely upregulated after AZD5363 and pitavastatin treatment in ER+ breast cancer cells. A-

184 **D**, DoRothEA transcription factor activity prediction of RNA sequencing data in T47D cells after 24 (**A**) or

- 185 48 hours (**B**) of treatment and in MDA-MB-468 cells after 24 (**C**) or 48 hours (**D**) of treatment. Normalized
- 186 enrichment scores (NES) are plotted for transcription factors with activity that is predicted to be
- 187 significantly altered by drug treatment. *SREBF1* and *SREBF2* are highlighted.



188 Supplementary Figure S17. SREBF2 depletion or inhibition sensitizes breast cancer cells to 189 pitavastatin by limiting HMGCR upregulation. A, Immunoblots of SREBP-1, SREBP-2, HMGCR and β -190 actin in MDA-MB-468 and T47D cells with siRNA knockdown of control (Ctrl), HMGCR, SREBF1, 191 SREBF2 or both SREBF1 and SREBF2 and treatment with DMSO or 2 µM pitavastatin for 24 hours. B, 192 Immunoblots of HMGCR, cleaved caspase-3, unprenylated RAP1A, pPRAS40^{Thr246}, PARP, pAKT^{Ser473} 193 and β-actin in MDA-MB-468 and T47D cells treated with DMSO or 10 µM fatostatin for 24 hours, followed 194 by treatment with AZD5363 (MDA-MB-468: 15 µM, T47D: 0.25 µM) and 2 µM pitavastatin for 24 hours. C, 195 MDA-MB-468 and T47D cells were pre-treated with DMSO or 10 µM fatostatin for 2 hours, followed by 196 treatment with DMSO or 2 µM pitavastatin for 7 days, and cell density was measured daily by SRB assay. 197 Data are represented as mean \pm SD (N=3 technical replicates). Statistical analysis was performed using

- 198 two-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) with Dunnett's multiple comparison test; asterisks (*) indicate
- 199 significant differences compared to the pitavastatin and fatostatin combination treatment on day 7 (*, p =
- 200 0.0332, **, p = 0.0021, ***, p = 0.0002, ****, p < 0.0001).



201 Supplementary Figure S18. Depletion of HMGCR sensitizes ER+ breast cancer cells to pitavastatin 202 and combination AZD5363 and pitavastatin. A, TN (SUM159, MDA-MB-468, BT20) and ER-positive 203 (T47D, MCF7, BT474) breast cancer cell lines were treated with DMSO or 2 µM pitavastatin for 6 or 30 204 hours, and HMGCR mRNA expression was measured by RT-gPCR. Data are represented as mean ± SD 205 (N=3 technical replicates). Statistical analysis was performed using two-way analysis of variance

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206 (ANOVA) with Šidák's multiple comparison test. TNBC cell lines were compared to ER-positive breast 207 cancer cell lines in each condition. **B**, Immunoblots of HMGCR and β -tubulin in parental and HMGCR-208 expressing MDA-MB-468 and T47D cells. Cells are expressing wild-type (WT), H866A or E559A, K691A, 209 D767A and H866A pLenti6/V5-HMGCR. C, MDA-MB-468 and T47D cells expressing the pLenti6/V5-210 HMGCR constructs described in **B** were treated with a range of concentrations of pitavastatin (0-8 μ M) for 211 72 hours, and cell density was measured by SRB assay. Data are represented as mean \pm SD (N=3 212 technical replicates). D, TNBC cell lines (SUM159, MDA-MB-468, BT20) were transfected with siControl 213 (siCtrl) or siHMGCR for 24 hours and then treated with DMSO, AZD5363 (SUM159: 5 µM, MDA-MB-468: 214 15 μM, BT20: 1.25 μM), pitavastatin (SUM159: 4 μM, MDA-MB-468: 2 μM, BT20: 2 μM) or a combination 215 of AZD5363 and pitavastatin for 72 hours, and cell density was measured by SRB assay. Data are 216 represented as mean ± SD (N=3 technical replicates). E, ER-positive breast cancer cell lines (T47D, 217 MCF7, BT474) were transfected with siControl (siCtrl) or siHMGCR for 24 hours and then treated with 218 DMSO, AZD5363 (T47D: 0.25 µM, MCF7: 1.25 µM, BT474: 0.25 µM), pitavastatin (2 µM) or a 219 combination of AZD5363 and pitavastatin for 72 hours, and cell density was measured by SRB assay. 220 Data are represented as mean ± SD (N=3 technical replicates). For D-E, statistical analysis was 221 performed using two-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) with Šidák's multiple comparison test to compare 222 the mean of siCtrl cells to the mean of siHMGCR cells for each treatment (*, p = 0.0332, **, p = 0.0021, ***, p = 0.0002, ****, p < 0.0001). 223



224 Supplementary Figure S19. Pitavastatin-induced HMGCR upregulation is mediated by SREBP-2-

225 dependent new synthesis of HMGCR. A, Immunoblots of NPC1, HMGCR and β-actin in a panel of TN

- 226 (SUM159, MDA-MB-468, BT20) and ER-positive (T47D, MCF7, BT474) breast cancer cells treated with
- 227 DMSO or a combination of AZD5363 (SUM159: 2.5 μM, MDA-MB-468: 10 μM, BT20: 1.25 μM, T47D:
- 228 0.25 μ M, MCF7: 1.25 μ M, BT474: 0.25 μ M) and 2 μ M pitavastatin for 24h. **B**, Immunoblots of HMGCR, β -
- 229 catenin, c-Myc and β-actin in MDA-MB-468 and T47D cells pre-treated with DMSO, 10 µg/mL
- 230 cycloheximide (CHX) or 10 µM MG132 for 2 hours, followed by treatment with DMSO or 2 µM pitavastatin
- for 24 hours. **C**, Immunoblots of HMGCR, β -catenin, c-Myc and β -actin in MDA-MB-468 and T47D cells
- 232 pre-treated with DMSO, 10 μ g/mL cycloheximide (CHX) or 10 μ M MG132 for 2 hours, followed by
- treatment with DMSO, AZD5363 (MDA-MB-468: 10 μM, T47D: 0.25 μM), 1 μM pitavastatin or the
- 234 combination of AZD5363 and pitavastatin for 24 hours. D, Immunoblots of HMGCR, SREBP-2, LC3-I/II
- and β-actin in MDA-MB-468 and T47D cells transfected with siControl (siCtrl) or siSREBF2 for 24 hours

- followed by treatment with DMSO, 50 µM chloroquine, 2 µM pitavastatin or chloroquine and pitavastatin
- for 24 hours. E, MDA-MB-468 and T47D cells were co-treated with DMSO or 2 µM pitavastatin and
- 238 DMSO or 5 µM chloroquine for 72 hours, and cell density was measured by SRB assay. Data are
- represented as mean ± SD (N=3 technical replicates). Statistical analysis was performed using two-way
- analysis of variance (ANOVA) with Šidák's multiple comparison test to compare the mean of DMSO-
- treated cells to the mean of chloroquine-treated cells for each treatment (*, p = 0.0332, ***, p = 0.0002,
- 242 ****, p < 0.0001).



243 Supplementary Figure S20. Accumulation of endoplasmic reticulum cholesterol sensitizes breast 244 cancer cells to pitavastatin. A, A panel of TN (MDA-MB-468, T47D fulvestrant-resistant clones 1 and 2) 245 and ER-positive (T47D, parental T47D) breast cancer cells were co-treated with DMSO or 2 µM 246 pitavastatin and increasing concentrations of OSW-1 (0-10 nM) for 72 hours, and cell density was 247 measured by SRB assay. Data are represented as mean ± SD (N=3 technical replicates). Statistical 248 analysis was performed using two-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) with Dunnett's multiple comparison 249 test; asterisks (*) indicate significant differences compared to pitavastatin treatment without OSW-1 (****, 250 p < 0.0001). **B**, Immunoblots of NPC1, HMGCR, SREBP-2, BiP, ATF-4, β-actin and vinculin in MDA-MB-

- 468 and T47D cells treated with 2 μM tunicamycin, 2 μM pitavastatin, 0.1 nM OSW-1 or the combination
- of pitavastatin and OSW-1 for 24 hours. C, MDA-MB-468 and T47D cells were seeded into RPMI
- supplemented with 10% lipid-depleted serum and treated with 10 µM pitavastatin for 1 hour. The media
- was then changed to fresh RPMI supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (complete serum), and cells
- were treated with DMSO or 2 µM pitavastatin for 72 hours. Cell density was measured by SRB assay.
- 256 Data are represented as mean ± SD (N=3 technical replicates). Statistical analysis was performed using
- two-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) with Tukey's multiple comparison test.



258 Supplementary Figure S21. Depletion or inhibition of the cholesterol trafficking protein NPC1

259 rescues SREBP-2 activation after pitavastatin treatment in TNBC. A, TNBC cell lines (MDA-MB-468,

- 260 fulvestrant-resistant T47D clone 1) were transfected with siControl (siCtrl), siGRAMD1A, siGRAMD1B,
- siGRAMD1C, all 3 siGRAMD1s or siOSBPL9 for 24 hours and then treated with DMSO or 2 μ M
- 262 pitavastatin for 72 hours, and cell density was measured by SRB assay. Data are represented as mean \pm
- 263 SD (N=3 technical replicates). Statistical analysis was performed using two-way analysis of variance

264 (ANOVA) with Dunnett's multiple comparison test; asterisks (*) indicate significant differences compared 265 to the pitavastatin-treated siControl (siCtrl) condition for each cell line (****, p < 0.0001). B, TNBC cells 266 (SUM159, MDA-MB-468, BT20) were transfected with siControl (siCtrl) or siSREBF2 and then treated 267 with DMSO or 1 µM U18666A and DMSO or 2 µM pitavastatin for 72 hours, and cell density was 268 measured by SRB assay. Data are represented as mean ± SD (N=3 technical replicates). Statistical 269 analysis was performed using two-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) with Šidák's multiple comparison 270 test (***, p = 0.0002, ****, p < 0.0001). **C**, Immunoblots of NPC1, HMGCR, SREBP-2, pP70S6K^{Thr389}, unprenylated RAP1A, pS6^{Ser240/244}, p4E-BP1^{Thr37/46} and β -actin in a panel of TNBC cells (SUM159, MDA-271 272 MB-468, BT20) transfected with siControl (siCtrl) or siSREBF2 and siCtrl or siNPC1 for 24 hours and then

treated with DMSO or 1 μM U18666A and DMSO or 2 μM pitavastatin for 24 hours.



Supplementary Figure S22. Fulvestrant-resistant T47D cells have dysregulated cholesterol
trafficking compared to parental T47D cells. A, Fulvestrant-resistant clone 1 and parental T47D cells
expressing endoplasmic reticulum RFP (ER-RFP; red) were treated with DMSO or 1 µM U18666A for 24
hours. Cells were fixed with 4% formaldehyde and stained with Filipin III (blue) and a LAMP1 antibody
(green). Representative images are shown. Scale bars are 50 µm. B, Quantification of Filipin III and
LAMP1 co-localization normalized to total LAMP1 from 12 non-overlapping fields. Statistical analysis was
performed using an unpaired, two-tailed parametric t-test (****, p < 0.0001).

Supplementary Table S1. Patient-derived organoid characteristics.

| Patient | Pathology | Mutations |
|---------|---|----------------------|
| 4 | Triple-negative breast cancer (primary) | - |
| 8 | ER-positive metastatic breast cancer (bone) | <i>PIK3CA</i> H1047R |
| 10 | ER-low metastatic breast cancer (ascites) | <i>AKT</i> E17K |
| 26 | ER-positive metastatic breast cancer (bone) | - |
| 27 | ER-positive invasive ductal carcinoma | - |

Supplementary Table S2. RT-qPCR primers.

| Gene | Forward Primer | Reverse Primer |
|-------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 18S | 5'-CTTAGAGGGACAAGTGGCG-3' | 5'-ACGCTGAGCCAGTCAGTGTA-3' |
| HMGCR | 5'-TCTAGTGAGATCTGGAGGATCCAA-3' | 5'-AGGGATGGGAGGCCACAAAG-3' |

Supplementary Table S3. Plasmids.

| Plasmid | Source | Selection Marker |
|------------------|---|------------------|
| pHAGE-ESR1 | Addgene, 116737 | Puromycin |
| pLenti6/V5-HMGCR | Cloned HMGCR from pCMV-SPORT6-hHMGCR1 (Addgene, 86085) into pLenti6/V5-p53_wt p53 (Gift from Muranen Lab; Addgene, 22945) | Blasticidin |
| pLenti6-ER-mRFP | Cloned ER-mRFP from ER-mRFP (Addgene, 62236) into pLenti6/V5-p53_wt p53 (Gift from Muranen lab; Addgene, 22945) | Blasticidin |

Supplementary Table S4. Antibodies for immunoblotting.

| | Antibody | Manufacturer | Identifier | Host | Dilution |
|----------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|--------|----------|
| | PARP | Cell Signaling Technology | 9542 | Rabbit | 1:1000 |
| | pAKT S473 | Cell Signaling Technology | 4060 | Rabbit | 1:1000 |
| | pAKT T308 | Cell Signaling Technology | 2965 | Rabbit | 1:1000 |
| | AKT | Cell Signaling Technology | 4691 | Rabbit | 1:1000 |
| | pPRAS40 T246 | Cell Signaling Technology | 2997 | Rabbit | 1:1000 |
| | PRAS40 | Cell Signaling Technology | 2691 | Rabbit | 1:1000 |
| | pGSK3β S9 | Cell Signaling Technology | 9336 | Rabbit | 1:1000 |
| | GSK3β | Cell Signaling Technology | 9315 | Rabbit | 1:1000 |
| | pS6 | Cell Signaling Technology | 5364 | Rabbit | 1:1000 |
| | \$6 | Cell Signaling Technology | 2217 | Rabbit | 1:1000 |
| Primary | pP70S6K | Cell Signaling Technology | 9234 | Rabbit | 1:1000 |
| antibody | P70S6K | Cell Signaling Technology | 2708 | Rabbit | 1:1000 |
| | p4E-BP1 | Cell Signaling Technology | 2855 | Rabbit | 1:1000 |
| | 4E-BP1 | Cell Signaling Technology | 9452 | Rabbit | 1:1000 |
| | Unprenylated RAP1A | Santa Cruz Biotechnology | sc-373968 | Mouse | 1:50 |
| | RHEB | Abnova | H00006009- M01 | Mouse | 1:50 |
| | HDJ2 | ThermoFisher Scientific | MA5-12748 | Mouse | 1:1000 |
| | PARP | Cell Signaling Technology | 9542 | Rabbit | 1:1000 |
| | Cleaved caspase-3 | Cell Signaling Technology | 9664 | Rabbit | 1:1000 |
| | NPC1 | Cell Signaling Technology | 33422 | Rabbit | 1:1000 |
| | HMGCR | Invitrogen | MA5-31336 | Mouse | 1:1000 |
| | SREBP-1 | Abcam | ab28481 | Mouse | 1:500 |

| | SREBP-2 | BD Biosciences | 557037 | Mouse | 1:250 |
|-----------|---|------------------------------|-----------|--------|----------|
| | Estrogen receptor α (ER α) | Cell Signaling Technology | 8644 | Rabbit | 1:1000 |
| | с-Мус | Cell Signaling Technology | 5605 | Rabbit | 1:1000 |
| | β-catenin | Cell Signaling Technology | 8480 | Rabbit | 1:1000 |
| | LC3-I/II | Cell Signaling Technology | 4108 | Rabbit | 1:1000 |
| | BiP | Cell Signaling Technology | 3183 | Rabbit | 1:1000 |
| | ATF-4 | Cell Signaling Technology | 11815 | Rabbit | 1:1000 |
| | β-actin | Cell Signaling Technology | 4970 | Rabbit | 1:3000 |
| | Vinculin | Cell Signaling Technology | 13901 | Rabbit | 1:1000 |
| | IRDye® 800CW Goat anti-Rabbit IgG (H + L) | LI-COR | 926-32211 | Goat | 1:20,000 |
| Secondary | IRDye® 800CW Goat anti-Mouse IgG (H + L) | LI-COR | 926-32210 | Goat | 1:20,000 |
| antibody | IRDye® 680CW Goat anti-Rabbit IgG (H + L) | LI-COR | 926-68021 | Goat | 1:20,000 |
| | IRDye® 680CW Goat anti-Mouse IgG (H + L) | LI-COR | 926-68070 | Goat | 1:20,000 |

Supplementary Table S5. siRNA Product information.

| Target | siRNA | Sequence | Horizon Discovery Catalog ID |
|-------------------------------------|------------|--|------------------------------|
| SREBF1 | Individual | GCGCACUGCUGUCCACAAA | J-006891-05-0005 |
| SREBF2 | Individual | GCACACUGGUUGAGAUCCA | J-009549-05-0005 |
| HMGCR | Pool | GUGAGAAUGUUAUUGGAUA, GGUCGAAGAUCAAUUUACA, GAACAAGUUAUUACCCUAA, GAGCAGUGACAUUAUAAUU | L-009811-00-0005 |
| NPC1 | Pool | GGACAACUAUACCCGAAUA, GAAGAAAGCCCGACUUAUA, GCGAACGGCUUCUAAAUUU, GAUGAGACCAAUUGUGAUA | L-008047-00-0005 |
| GRAMD1A | Individual | CCACUUAUAAGCAGCGUAA | J-014143-17-0005 |
| GRAMD1B | Individual | GAGUGAAUGUUACGUGAUA | J-026529-13-0005 |
| GRAMD1C | Individual | GUAUAAAGAAAGUCGGGAA | J-020545-17-0005 |
| OSBPL9 | Individual | CCAAAGCGCUUAAUAGAUU | J-009912-05-0005 |
| ON-TARGETplus Non-targeting Pool | Pool | UGGUUUACAUGUCGACUAA, UGGUUUACAUGUUGUGUGA, UGGUUUACAUGUUUUCUGA, UGGUUUACAUGUUUUCCUA, | D-001810-10-20 |

Supplementary Table S6. Key reagents.

| Reagent | Supplier | Product number |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| BYL719 | Active Biochem | A-1214 |
| GDC-0068 | MedChemExpress | RG7440 |
| AZD5363 (capivasertib) | Cayman Chemicals (<i>in vitro</i> studies), AstraZeneca (<i>in vivo</i> studies) | 15406 |
| ARQ 092 | Cayman Chemicals | 1313881-70-7 |
| MK-2206 | Cayman Chemicals | 11593 |
| Torin 1 | Tocris Bioscience | 4247 |
| Lovastatin | Selleckchem | S2061 |
| Rosuvastatin | Selleckchem | S2169 |
| Pitavastatin | Selleckchem | S1759 |
| Bortezomib | Cayman Chemicals | 10008822 |
| Fulvestrant | Selleckchem | S1191 |
| GGTI-298 | Selleckchem | S7466 |
| FTI-277 | Selleckchem | S7465 |
| Fatostatin | Selleckchem | S9785 |
| Cycloheximide | Cayman Chemicals | 14126 |
| MG132 | Cayman Chemicals | 10012628 |
| Chloroquine | Sigma-Aldrich | C6628 |
| Tunicamycin | Sigma-Aldrich | T7765 |
| U18666A | Cayman Chemicals | Cholesterol Cell-Based Detection Assay Kit, 10009779 |
| OSW-1 | MedChemExpress | HY-101213 |
| Mevalonate | Sigma-Aldrich | 90469 |
| GGPP | Cayman Chemicals | 63330 |
| Cholesterol | Sigma-Aldrich | C4951 |

| Filipin III | Cayman Chemicals | Cholesterol Cell-Based Detection Assay Kit, 10009779 |
|-------------|------------------|--|
| Puromycin | Corning | 61-385-RA |
| Blasticidin | InvivoGen | ant-bl-1 |