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### Software and code

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Data collection

No software was used to collect data

Data analysis

FASTQ files were demultiplexed in Cell Ranger\_7.2.0 (10x Genomics) and mapped to the GRCh38-2020-A transcriptome. Ambient RNA excluded with CellBender\_0.3.0 22. Quality control and clustering was performed with Seurat\_5.0.1 23, SeuratObject\_5.0.0, and DoubletFinder\_2.0.3 24. Filtering was performed as follows:  $nFeature\_RNA \geq 200$ ,  $nFeature\_RNA \leq 2500$ , percentage reads mapped mitochondrial RNAs (PMMR)  $\leq 10$ . Predicted doublet rate was set at 0.05. Because all specimens were derived from the same starting material and sequenced in a single batch, data were log normalized with a scale factor of 10000. Differential abundance testing was performed with MiloR\_1.8.1 18. Over representation analyses (ORA) and gene set enrichment analyses (GSEA) were performed in WebGestalt\_0.4.6 25. Additional R software packages are listed below:

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Reporting on sex and gender

Sex and gender were not reported in this study

Population characteristics

De-identified biopsied skeletal muscle tissue from patients without type 2 diabetes were used.

Recruitment

Ethical approval for the AADM study under which the samples were collected was obtained from the National Institutes of Health (09-HG-N070) and the National Health Research Ethics Committee of Nigeria (NHREC). Informed consent was obtained from all participants prior to enrollment. The research adhered to the Declaration of Helsinki

Ethics oversight

National Institutes of Health (09-HG-N070); National Health Research Ethics Committee of Nigeria (NHREC)

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## Life sciences study design

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Sample size

No sample-size calculations were performed. Three samples were chosen at random from a de-identified list, tissue was pooled, and a subset of the pool equalling approximately 100mg was extracted for further experimentation.

Data exclusions

No data were excluded from the analysis.

Replication	Experimental findings were confirmed via four data processing pipelines.
Randomization	No randomized studies were performed.
Blinding	No blinding was used since experiments were performed on de-identified biopsied tissue.

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### Antibodies

Antibodies used	Alexa Fluor® 594 (NPC-AF594) antibody (BioLegend, San Diego, CA, catalogue no. 682202)
Validation	All primary conjugated antibodies were validated for specificity by the suppliers. Validation methods are supplied on the manufacturer websites.

### Flow Cytometry

#### Plots

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#### Methodology

Sample preparation

Tissue was obtained from a single percutaneous needle biopsy of the vastus lateralis muscle. Tissue was immediately dissected into skeletal muscle and adipose tissue parts and placed separately in Allprotect® Tissue Reagent (ATR) (Qiagen, Germantown, MD, catalogue no. 76405) to stabilize tissue RNA, DNA and proteins. Tissues were transitioned to -80°C until shipped on dry ice from the study site (Ibadan, Nigeria) to the Center for Research on Genomics and Global Health at the National Institutes of Health (Bethesda, MD, USA). Skeletal muscle specimens stored in Allprotect® Tissue Reagent (ATR) were thawed on ice. Ice cold PBS was added and pipette-mixed with ATR to dilute and remove supernatant. This process was repeated until all ATR was removed. Tissue was subsequently rinsed twice in ice cold PBS to remove any remaining ATR, weighed, and resuspended in pBSA (PBS + 0.04% BSA) + 1U/mL RNaseOut (RNaseOUT™ Recombinant RNase Inhibitor, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, catalogue no. 10777019). Manual tissue dissociation was performed with a disposable micro-tissue homogenizer. Cell concentrations were estimated with a hemocytometer. Single cell suspensions were strained sequentially through 70 µm and 40 µm filters, with washes between each step ("filtration alone" samples). For sorted samples, cells were stained with a final concentration of 25 µg/mL anti-Nuclear Pore Complex conjugated to Alexa Fluor® 594 (NPC-AF594) antibody (BioLegend, San Diego, CA, catalogue no. 682202) at 4°C, 30 minutes. Excess antibody was removed and NPC+ cells isolated on a Becton Dickinson FACS ARIA Fusion using a 70 µm nozzle. For nuclei isolation, cells were incubated with Nuclear Extraction Buffer (Miltenyi Biotec, Gaithersburg, MD, catalogue no. 130-128-024) containing 1 U/mL RNaseOut at 4°C for 5 minutes. Following the incubation, suspensions were centrifuged at 300 x g, 4°C, 5 minutes, supernatant removed, and nuclei resuspended in pBSA. Samples were sorted on ice into pBSA before downstream processing. Note that "sorted nuclei" refers to cells that were sorted prior to nuclei extraction.

Instrument

Becton Dickinson FACS ARIA Fusion using a 70 µm nozzle

Software

BD FACS DIVA software

Cell population abundance

Post-sort purity was determined by re-analyzing sorted cells and visually by confocal microscopy. Post-sort analysis demonstrated 85% - 90% purity.

Gating strategy

Cells were gated on FSC/SSC, followed by FSC-A/FSC-W to SSC-A/SSC-W. Sorted cells were collected by NPC-AF594/FSC-A positivity, where positivity was determined against unstained sample processed in parallel.

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