Supplementary Figure 1. Leptomycin B (LMB) treatment, a specific inhibitor of CRM1-mediated nuclear export, induces accumulation of AMPK α carboxy tail-containing proteins in the nucleus in a time-dependent manner. HEK 293 cells transiently transfected with either 2xGFP or 2xGFP fusions containing the AMPK \Box 2 **G**erminal tail, the SV40 NLS, or both tail and NLS, imaged before and at indicated time points after treatment with Leptomycin-B (LMB). Bar,10µm.

Supplementary Figure 2. Truncated AMPK α lacking the carboxy-terminal 23 amino acids (AMPK $\alpha\Delta C$) associates with β/γ subunits in transfected cells by anti-myc immunoprecipitation. Western blot of anti-myc immunoprecipitations from lysates of HEK 293 cells co-transfected with HA-tagged AMPK β , FLAG-tagged AMPK γ (all three lanes), and either myc-tagged full-length AMPK α 2 (lane 1) or C-terminally truncated AMPK $\alpha\Delta C$ (lane 3). Cells with no myc-AMPK \Box were used as a negative control (lane 2).

Supplementary Figure 3. Total phospho-AMPKα levels *in vivo* are highly regulated. Transgenic expression of wild type (mCherry-AMPK but not nuclear relatively unphosphorylated AMPK (mCherry-AMPK C) cause: deased endogenous phospho-AMPK (pAMPK). Western blot of total lysates from transgenic *Drosophila* adults expressing either Gal4 alone (control), or the respective mCherry-tagged AMPK transgene probed for phosphosMPK adult and Lamin C (as loading control).

Immunoprecipitation anti-Myc



Myc-alpha2

HA-beta1



FLAG-gamma1

Western



Gal4 mCherry mCherryonly -AMPK α AMPK α Δ C



Itransgenic pAMPKα



endogenous pAMPKα



