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Figure S1



Figure S1. GABARAP-GFP co-localizes with mCherry-LC3-positive autophagosomes. HeLa cells were co-transfected with vector or Bnip3 plus mCherry-LC3 and GABARAP-GFP. Cells were analyzed by fluorescence microscopy 24 h post-transfection for formation of autophagosomes.

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Figure S2



Figure S2. Nix interacts with GABARAP but not LC3. **A.** Nix coimmunoprecipitates with GABARAP in HeLa cells. **B.** Nix does not coimmunoprecipitate with LC3.

Figure S3



Figure S3. Bnip3W18A does not inhibit autophagic flux in HeLa cells. HeLa cells were transiently transfected with vector, Bnip3, or Bnip3W18A plus GFP-LC3. After 48 hrs, the cells were treated with 50nM Bafilomycin A1 (Baf. A1) for 2 h before fixation. Quantitation of autophagy in the presence and absence of Baf showed an increase in autophagy in the presence of Baf. A1 (*p<0.05, n=3).

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Figure S4



Figure S4. Mito and ER-targeted Bnip3 do not inhibit autophagic flux in HeLa cells. HeLa cells were transfected for 48 h and treated with 50nM Bafilomycin A1 (Baf. A1) for 2 h before fixation. Quantitation of autophagy in the presence and absence of Baf. A1 showed an increase in autophagy in the presence of Baf. A1 (*p<0.05, n=3).

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Figure S5



Figure S5. Bnip3Acta and Bnip3cb5 localize to the mitochondria and endoplasmic reticulum, respectively. HeLa cells were transfected with Bnip3Acta plus Mito-DsRed or Bnip3cb5. After 24 h, cells were fixed and stained with anti-Bnip3 and anti-calnexin.

Figure S6



Figure S6. Isolation of autophagosomes from HeLa cells using anti-GFP linked to magnetic beads. Cells transfected with GFP or GFP-LC3 were treated with 5 μ M rapamycin for 3 hrs. Western blot analysis of isolated autophagosomes showed an increase in the number of GFP-LC3 positive autophagosomes in rapamycin treated cells. Mitochondrial and ER proteins were not detected in the isolated autophagosomes. Cell lysates transfected with GFP served as a positive control for the Western blot.





Figure S6. Upregulation of Bnip3 in response to hypoxia or myocardial infarction. **A.** Bnip3 is upregulated in HeLa cells in response to hypoxia. **B.** Hypoxia-mediated upregulation of Bnip3 correlates with a reduction in the mitochondrial protein Tom20. **C.** Bnip3 is upregulated in the border zone of an infarct in a mouse heart after permanent ligation of the left descending coronary artery.