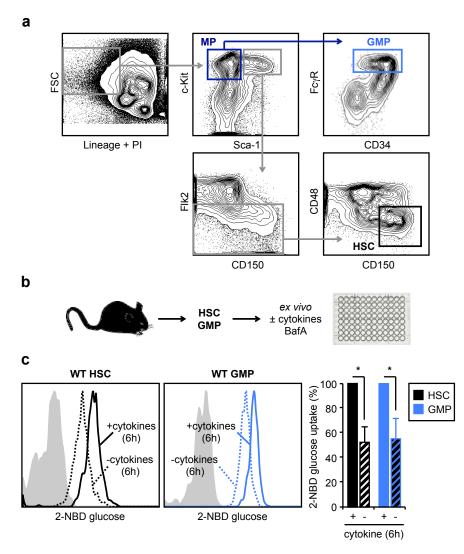
Supplementary Information

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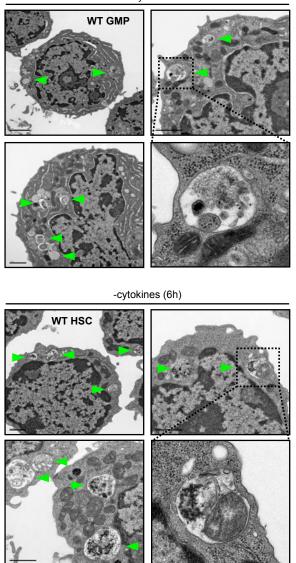


Supplementary Fig. 1 | Experimental strategy and evidence of metabolic stress following cytokines withdrawal in HSCs and GMPs. a, Gating strategy used to isolate HSCs (Lin⁻/Sca-1⁺/c-Kit⁺/Flk2⁻/CD150⁺/CD48⁻, black) and GMPs (Lin⁻/Sca-1⁻/c-Kit⁺/Fc γ R⁺/CD34⁺, light blue). The bulk myeloid progenitor (MP) gate (Lin⁻/Sca-1⁻/c-Kit⁺, dark blue) is also indicated. The example shows staining of unfractionated young adult C57Bl/6 wild type (WT) bone marrow cells. b, Experimental strategy to assess autophagy levels in purified HSCs and GMPs cultured *ex vivo* with or without (±) cytokines and BafA. c, Representative histograms and quantification of 2-NBD glucose uptake in HSCs and GMPs cultured for 6h ± cytokines (n = 3). Results are expressed as percentage of 2-NBD glucose uptake in -cytokines compared to +cytokines (set to 100%) conditions. Grey shades indicate the fluorescence level of cells cultured for 6h -2-NBD glucose, and hatching -cytokines conditions. All data represent mean ± s.d. **P* ≤ 0.05.

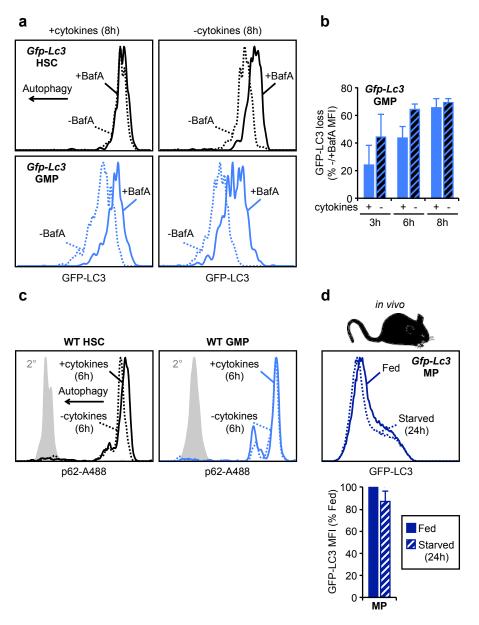
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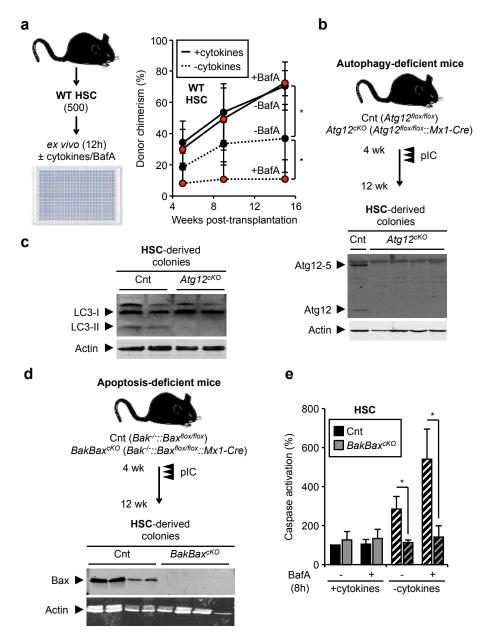
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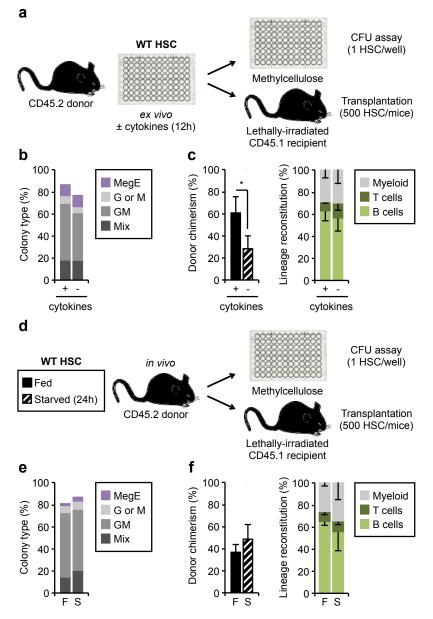
Supplementary Fig. 2 | **Autophagy in GMPs and starved HSCs. a**, **b**, Additional electron microscopy images showing autophagic vesicles (arrowheads) in freshly isolated WT GMPs (**a**) and HSCs cultured for 6h without (-) cytokines (**b**).



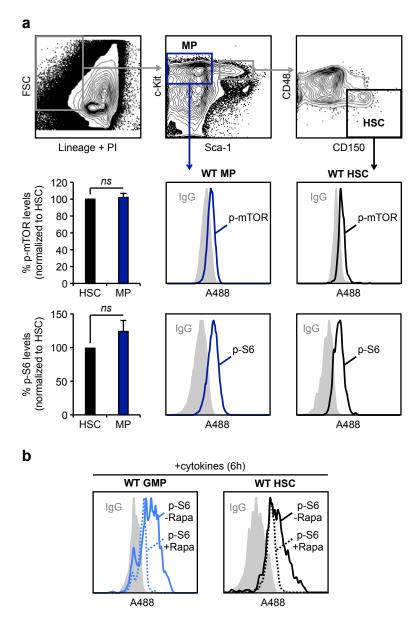
Supplementary Fig. 3 | **Autophagy flux in HSCs and GMPs. a**, Flow cytometry analyses of *Gfp-Lc3* HSCs (black) and GMPs (light blue) cultured for 8h with or without (\pm) cytokines and BafA. **b**, Quantification of GFP-LC3 loss in *Gfp-Lc3* GMPs cultured for 3h, 6h or 8h \pm cytokines and BafA (n = 3). Results are expressed as percentage of GFP-LC3 mean intensity fluorescence (MFI) in -BafA compared to +BafA conditions. Hatching indicates -cytokines conditions. **c**, Intracellular flow cytometry analysis of p62 protein levels in WT HSCs and GMPs cultured for 6h \pm cytokines. Cells stained with p62 specific antibodies followed by detection with an A488-conjugated secondary antibody, or with secondary alone (grey shade). **c**, Representative histograms and quantification of GFP-LC3 levels in the myeloid progenitor (MP, dark blue) compartment of *Gfp-Lc3* mice that have been fed or starved from food for 24h (n = 3). Results are expressed as percent of GFP-LC3 MFI in MPs of fed mice (set to 100%). All data represent mean \pm s.d.



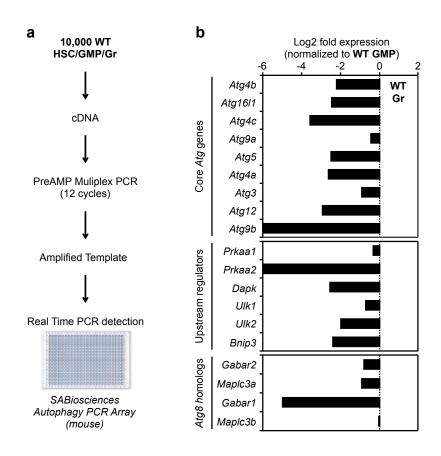
Supplementary Fig. 4 | *In vivo* validation and generation of autophagy- and apoptosisdeficient mice. **a**, Experimental strategy and donor-derived chimerism in the peripheral blood of recipient mice (CD45.1) transplanted with 500 HSCs (CD45.2) cultured for 12h with or without (±) cytokines and BafA (n = 5 mice per group). Red indicates +BafA conditions. **b**, **d**, Strategy to conditionally delete *Atg12* (**b**) and *Bak/Bax* (**d**) in adult HSCs. Floxed mice were crossed with *Mx1-Cre* mice to obtain hematopoietic-specific deletion following polyI/C (pIC) injections starting at 4 week of age. Mice were sacrificed for experiments on average 2 months post-pIC injection. **b**, **c**, **d**, Western blots performed on single HSC-derived colonies of the indicated genotypes grown for 7 days in methylcellulose. Immunoblots were probed with antibodies for murine Atg12 (**b**), LC3 (**c**) or Bax (**d**). Actin was used as a loading control. **e**, Apoptosis levels in control (Cnt) and *BakBax^{cKO}* HSCs cultured for 8h ± cytokines and BafA (n = 3). Results are expressed as percentage of caspase activation in Cnt HSCs cultured +cytokines (set to 100%).



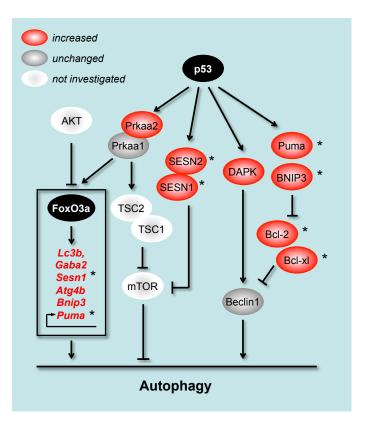
Supplementary Fig. 5 | Autophagy induction does not alter HSC functional properties. a, d, Strategies used to interrogate the functionality of WT HSCs that underwent autophagy induction either ex vivo (a), upon isolation and culture for 12h with or without (\pm) cytokines, or *in vivo* (d), upon isolation from mice that have been fed (F) or starved (S) from food for 24h. b, e, Colony forming unit (CFU) assays in methylcellulose. Single HSCs were either re-sorted after the 12h culture (a) or directly deposited (d) into 96-well plates and colony types were scored after 10 days of culture (n = 72 individual HSC per group). G: granulocyte; M: macrophage; GM: granulocyte/macrophage; MegE: megakaryocyte/erythrocyte; Mix: GMMegE. C. f, Transplantation into lethally irradiated congenic recipients. Pools of 500 HSCs were either individually cultured and transplanted (a) or directly transplanted (d) per mouse (n = 5 per group). The percentages of CD45.2⁺ chimerism and donor-derived cells reconstituting the myeloid (Mac1⁺), B (B220⁺) or T (CD3⁺) lineages are provided at 2 months post-transplantation. Hatching indicates -cytokines or starved conditions. All data represent mean \pm s.d.



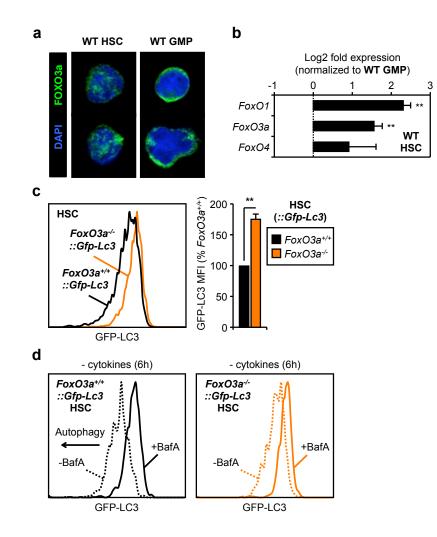
Supplementary Fig. 6 | Similar levels of mTORC1 activity in HSCs and myeloid progenitors. a, Gating strategy used to analyze phospho-mTOR (p-mTOR) and phospho-S6 (p-S6) levels by flow cytometry in HSCs (Lin⁻/Sca-1⁺/c-Kit⁺/CD150⁺/CD48⁻, black) and bulk myeloid progenitors (MP: Lin⁻/Sca-1⁻/c-Kit⁺, dark blue) in young adult C57Bl/6 WT mice. Representative plots of BM cells co-stained with control IgG (grey shade) or phospho-specific antibodies. Results are expressed as p-mTOR or p-S6 mean intensity fluorescence (MFI) divided by IgG MFI, and are normalized to HSCs (set to 100%) (n = 3). b, Representative histograms of p-S6 levels in HSCs and GMPs cultured for 6h with (+) cytokines and with or without (±) 20 μ M rapamycin (Rapa). All data represent mean ± s.d.; *ns*: not significant.



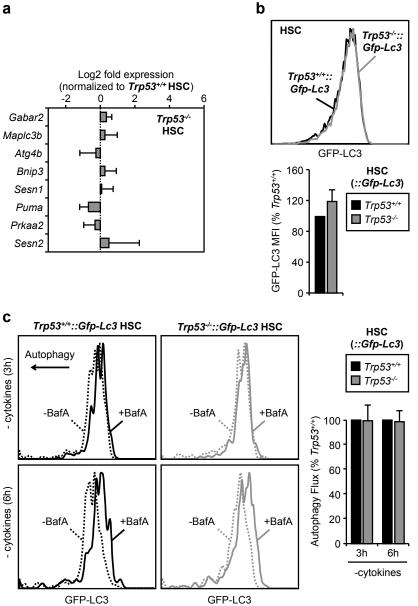
Supplementary Fig. 7 | Analysis of autophagy-related gene expression using SABiosciences autophagy PCR arrays. a, Experimental flow. b, Status of the autophagy machinery in WT granulocytes (Gr: $Gr1^+/Mac1^+$) (n = 2). Results are expressed as log2 fold expression compared to levels measured in WT GMPs (set to 0). Only selected genes are shown. All data represent means.



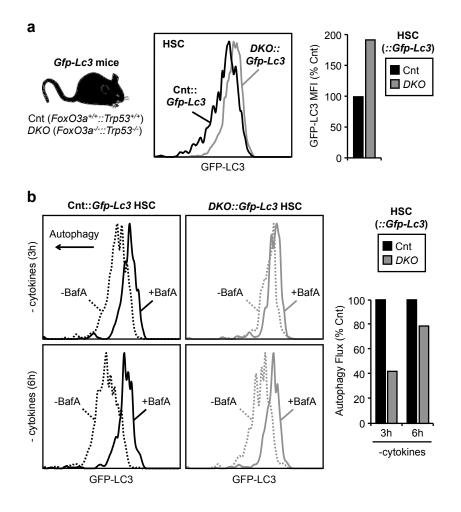
Supplementary Fig. 8 | **Putative role for FoxO3a and p53 in driving a pro-autophagy gene expression program in HSCs.** Summary of the changes in expression levels of autophagy-related genes (upstream regulator and *Atg8* homologs categories) observed in HSCs when compared to GMPs using both SABiosciences autophagy PCR arrays and complementary analyses on Affymetrix Gene ST 1.0 exon arrays (*unpublished*). The majority of the significantly upregulated genes are targets of p53 and the FoxO3a transcription factor. *denote genes identified by microarray analysis.



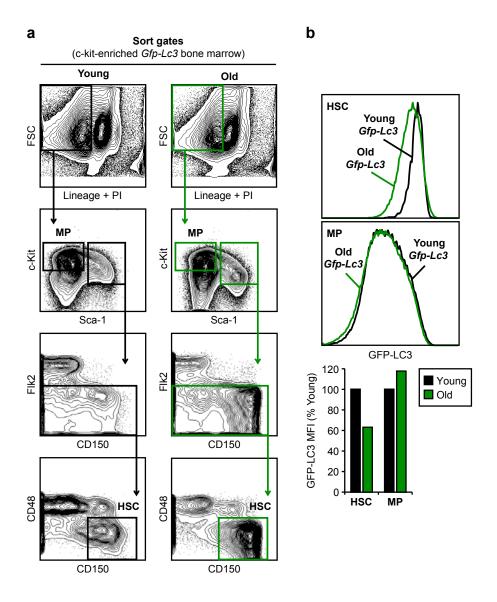
Supplementary Fig. 9 | FoxO3a is critical for rapid induction of autophagy in HSCs. a, Immunofluorescence detection of FoxO3a in WT HSCs and GMPs. b, qRT-PCR analysis of the expression level of FoxO family members in WT HSCs (n = 3). Results are expressed as log2 fold expression compared to levels measured in WT GMPs (set to 0). c, Steady state GFP-LC3 levels in the HSC compartment of *FoxO3a^{-/-}::Gfp-Lc3* (orange) and *FoxO3a^{+/+}::Gfp-Lc3* (black) mice (n = 3). Results are expressed as percent of GFP-LC3 mean intensity fluorescence (MFI) in control *FoxO3a^{+/+}::Gfp-Lc3* HSCs (set to 100%). d, Representative histograms of flow cytometry analyses of *FoxO3a^{+/+}::Gfp-Lc3* and *FoxO3a^{-/-}::Gfp-Lc3* HSCs cultured for 6h with or without (±) cytokines and BafA. All data represent mean ± s.d. ** $P \le 0.01$.



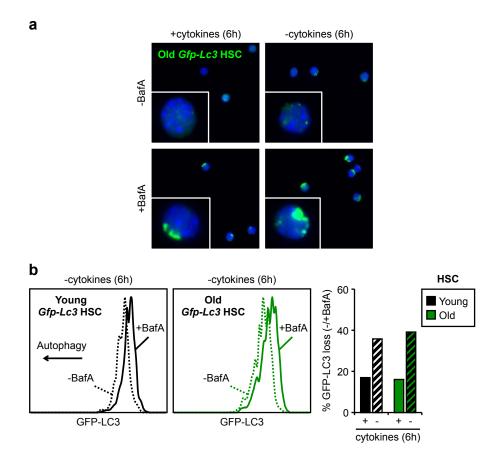
Supplementary Fig. 10 | p53 is dispensable for autophagy induction in wild type HSCs. a, qRT-PCR analyses of pro-autophagic genes in $Trp53^{-/-}$ HSCs (n = 3). Results are expressed as log2 fold expression compared to levels measured in $Trp53^{+/+}$ HSCs (set to 0). **b**, Steady state GFP-LC3 levels in the HSC compartment of Trp53^{-/-}::Gfp-Lc3 (grey) and Trp53^{+/+}::Gfp-Lc3 (black) mice (n = 3). Results are expressed as percent of GFP-LC3 mean intensity fluorescence (MFI) in control Trp53^{+/+}::Gfp-Lc3 HSCs (set to 100%). c, Representative histograms and quantification of autophagy flux in $Trp53^{+/+}$:: *Gfp-Lc3* and $Trp53^{-/-}$:: *Gfp-Lc3* HSCs cultured for 3h or 6h without (-) cytokines and with or without (\pm) BafA (n = 3). Results are expressed as percentage of GFP-LC3 mean intensity fluorescence (MFI) in -BafA compared to +BafA conditions for each genotype, and are normalized to control $Trp53^{+/+}$:: Gfp-Lc3 HSCs (set to 100%) for each time point. All data represent mean \pm s.d.



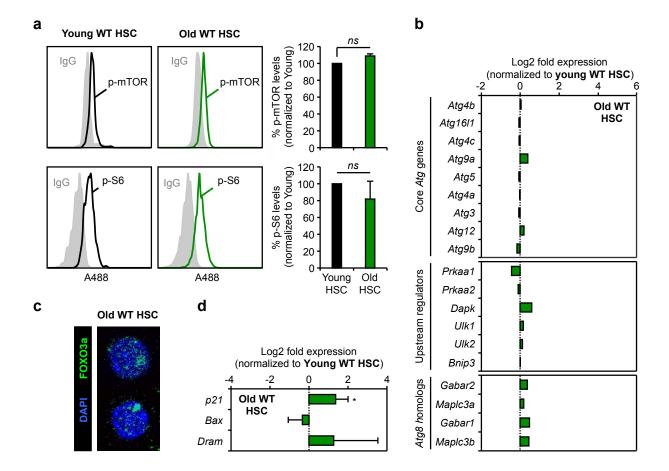
Supplementary Fig. 11 | p53 is dispensable for delayed autophagy induction in $FoxO3^{-/-}$ HSCs. a, Histograms and quantification of steady state GFP-LC3 levels in the HSC compartment of double knock out (DKO) $FoxO3^{-/-}::Trp53^{-/-}::Gfp-Lc3$ (grey) and control (Cnt) $FoxO3^{+/+}::Trp53^{+/+}::Gfp-Lc3$ (black) mice. Results are expressed as percent of GFP-LC3 mean intensity fluorescence (MFI) in Cnt::Gfp-Lc3 HSCs (set to 100%). b, Histograms and quantification of autophagy flux in Cnt::Gfp-Lc3 and DKO::Gfp-Lc3 HSCs cultured for 3h or 6h without (-) cytokines and with or without (±) BafA. Results are expressed as percentage of GFP-LC3 mean intensity fluorescence (MFI) in -BafA compared to +BafA conditions for each genotype, and are normalized to Cnt::Gfp-Lc3 HSCs (set to 100%) for each time point.



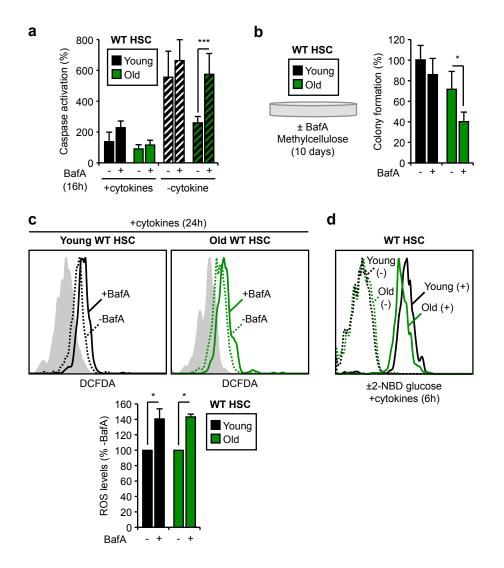
Supplementary Fig. 12 | **High basal level of autophagy in old HSCs. a**, Gating strategy used to isolate HSCs and investigate the myeloid progenitor (MP) compartment in the BM of young (6-12 weeks) and old (\geq 24 months) C57Bl/6 *Gfp-Lc3* mice. The example show staining of c-Kit enriched BM cells. **b**, Representative histograms and quantification of steady state GFP-LC3 levels in the HSC and MP compartments of young and old *Gfp-Lc3* mice. Results are expressed as percent of GFP-LC3 mean intensity fluorescence (MFI) in young populations (set to 100%).



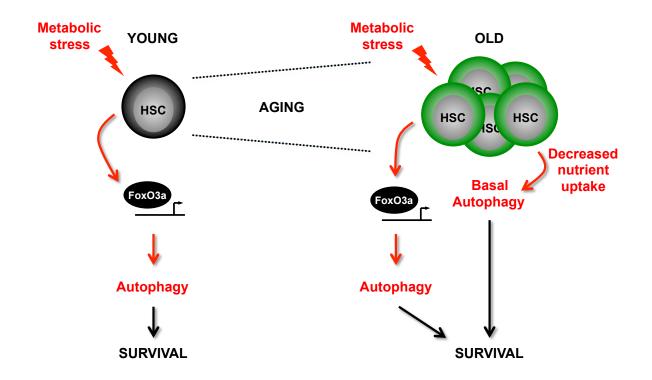
Supplementary Fig. 13 | Normal autophagy induction upon cytokines withdrawal in old HSCs. a, Fluorescent microscopy of old *Gfp-Lc3* HSCs cultured for 6h with or without (\pm) cytokines and BafA. b, Flow cytometry analyses of young (black) and old (green) *Gfp-Lc3* HSCs cultured for 6h \pm cytokines and BafA. Results are expressed as percentage of GFP-LC3 mean intensity fluorescence (MFI) in -BafA compared to +BafA conditions. Hatching indicates - cytokine conditions.



Supplementary Fig. 14 | Similar levels of mTORC1, autophagy machinery, nuclear FoxO3a and p53 activity in young and old HSCs. a, Representative plots of phospho-mTOR (p-mTOR) and phospho-S6 (p-S6) levels in the HSC compartment of young (black) and old (green) C57Bl/6 WT mice (n = 3). BM cells were co-stained with control IgG (grey shade) or phospho-specific antibodies. Results are expressed as p-mTOR or p-S6 mean intensity fluorescence (MFI) divided by IgG MFI, and are normalized to young HSCs (set to 100%). b, Status of the autophagy machinery as measured by PCR arrays in old HSCs (n = 3). Results are expressed as log2 fold expression compared to levels measured in young HSCs (set to 0). c, Immunofluorescence detection of FoxO3a in old HSCs. d, qRT-PCR analysis of additional p53 direct targets in young and old HSCs (n = 3). Results are expressed as log2 fold expression compared to levels measured as log2 fold expression compared to levels measured in young HSCs (set to 0). c, Immunofluorescence detection of FoxO3a in old HSCs. d, qRT-PCR analysis of additional p53 direct targets in young and old HSCs (n = 3). Results are expressed as log2 fold expression compared to levels measured is log2 fold expression compared to levels measured is log2 fold expression compared to levels measured as log2 fold expression compared to levels measured as log2 fold expression compared to levels measured as log2 fold expression compared to levels measured in young HSCs (set to 0). All data represent mean \pm s.d. *ns*: not significant; **P* \leq 0.05.



Supplementary Fig. 15 | **Autophagy protects old HSCs. a**, Apoptosis levels in young (black) and old (green) HSCs cultured for 8h (Fig. 5c) or 16h with or without (±) cytokines and BafA (n = 3). Results are expressed as percent caspase activation compared to young HSCs cultured for 8h +cytokines (set to 100%). Hatching indicates -cytokines conditions. **b**, Percent colony formation from young and old HSCs plated in methylcellulose ± BafA (n = 3). Colonies were counted after 10 days of culture and normalized to -BafA young HSCs (set to 100%). **c**, DCFDA-based detection of reactive oxygen species (ROS) levels in young and old HSCs cultured for 24h with (+) cytokines and with or without (±) BafA (n = 3). Grey shades indicate the fluorescence level of cells cultured for 24h and unstained with DCFDA. Results are expressed as percent of -BafA conditions (set to 100%). **d**, Representative plots of young and old HSCs cultured for 6h with (+) cytokines and with or without (±) 2-NBD glucose. All data represent mean ± s.d. $*P \le 0.05$, $***P \le 0.001$.



Supplementary Fig. 16 | **Uncovered protective function of autophagy in young and old HSCs.** FoxO3a directs a pro-autophagy gene expression program that allows HSCs to survive metabolic stress within the BM microenvironment. This autophagy program is conserved during physiological aging, and old HSCs actually require basal levels of autophagy to offset reduced nutrient uptake and maintain energy levels.

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Aktl	0.2271	Dapk1	0.1695	Rab24	0.2931
Ambral	0.1641	1200002N14Rik	0.3013	Rb1	0.3421
App	0.3875	Eif2ak3	0.3309	Rgs19	0.4154
Arsa	0.1114	Eif4g1	0.03	Rps6kb1	0.1222
Atg10	0.0337	Esrl	0.0138	Snca	1235.0301
Atg12	0.1286	Fadd	0.0072	Sqstm1	0.4194
Atg16l1	0.1782	Fas	75.2534	Tgfb1	0.0708
Atg16l2	0.5362	Gaa	0.0186	Tgm2	11.6362
Atg3	0.5271	Gabarap	0.8244	Fam176a	0.2952
Atg4a	0.1586	Gabarapl1	0.0313	Tmem74	0.0031
Atg4b	0.2134	Gabarapl2	0.5718	Tmem77	0.5837
Atg4c	0.0818	Hdac1	0.1503	Tnf	1.1023
Atg4d	0.4111	Hgs	0.2493	Tnfsf10	0.0201
Atg5	0.1753	Hsp90aa1	0.0151	Trp53	0.0188
Atg7	1.228	Hspa8	0.0437	Trp73	0.1228
Atg9a	0.7298	Htt	0.0005	Ulk1	0.6092
Atg9b	0.0026	Ifna2	0.2774	Ulk2	0.2509
Bad	0.1294	Ifna4	0.6233	Uvrag	0.1459
Bak1	0.0972	Ifng	65.5591		
Bax	0.0633	Igfl	2204.1115		
Bcl2	0.0209	Ins2	0.0642		
Bcl2l1	0.638	Irgml	0.1919		
Becn1	0.2303	Map1lc3a	0.5296		
Bid	0.1355	Map11c3b	0.9738		
Bnip3	0.1885	Mapk14	0.2232		
Casp3	0.2766	Mapk8	0.0313		
Casp8	0.0444	Nfkb1	0.1597		
Cdkn1b	1.0181	Pik3c3	0.0828		
Cdkn2a	106.1043	Pik3cg	0.5029		
Cln3	0.7817	Pik3r4	0.146		
Ctsb	0.5072	Prkaa1	0.7968		
Ctss	1.1358	Prkaa2	0.0003		
Cxcr4	0.5086	Pten	0.7859		

Supplementary Table 1 | **Autophagy-related gene expression profile in granulocytes.** Full data set obtained from the SABiosciences autophagy PCR arrays (n = 2). Results are expressed as log2 fold expression compared to levels measured in WT GMPs (set to 0).

Gene	Fold Change	P value	Gene	Fold Change	P value
Aktl	0.9714	0.8415	Gabarapl1	3.4655	0.0061*
Ambral	1.2039	0.4361	Gabarapl2	1.9784	0.0015*
App	0.3213	0.0268*	Hdac 1	1.1882	0.6393
Arsa	1.2441	0.3671	Hgs	1.3835	0.1786
Atg10	1.5336	0.0212*	Hsp90aa1	0.5856	0.0568
Atg12	0.6050	0.4731	Hspa8	0.6821	0.3697
Atg16l1	1.3670	0.4184	Htt	0.9866	0.9734
Atg16l2	1.6219	0.1942	Ifna2	3.0126	0.3444
Atg3	0.6062	0.0231*	Ifna4	4.0512	0.2510
Atg4a	0.7020	0.1721	Ifng	0.8635	0.6668
Atg4b	1.7904	0.0335*	Igf1	3258.4015	0.0576
Atg4c	1.2716	0.1795	Ins2	0.8135	0.8234
Atg4d	1.9424	0.1118	Irgm1	2.2118	0.0239*
Atg5	0.7883	0.4277	Map1lc3a	3.4933	0.0054*
Atg7	1.2083	0.5106	Map1lc3b	3.1939	0.0138*
Atg9a	1.1778	0.3920	Mapk14	1.0922	0.7580
Atg9b	0.4286	0.0341*	Mapk8	1.3565	0.2754
Bad	0.7165	0.0023*	Nfkb1	1.0337	0.7288
Bak1	0.3647	0.0027*	Pik3c3	0.8446	0.6713
Bax	0.5562	0.0800	Pik3cg	1.3304	0.0502
Bcl2	0.9697	0.9545	Pik3r4	1.9270	0.3089
Bcl2l1	4.1161	0.0834	Prkaal	1.7612	0.2059
Becn1	0.7842	0.0629	Prkaa2	33.5246	0.0070*
Bid	0.2648	0.0037*	Pten	1.2835	0.2779
Bnip3	1.6521	0.1232	Rab24	1.0084	0.9488
Casp3	1.0880	0.6368	Rb1	0.8215	0.0895
Casp8	1.5745	0.2202	Rgs19	0.8656	0.4620
Cdkn1b	1.8649	0.0024*	Rps6kb1	1.3589	0.3000
Cdkn2a	3.1432	0.2914	Snca	1840.9019	0.0040*
Cln3	1.8882	0.0178*	Sqstm1	1.7913	0.0267*
Ctsb	1.2571	0.0319*	Tgfb1	0.5257	0.0002*
Ctss	0.4277	0.0900	Tgm2	663.8114	0.0032*
Cxcr4	0.3144	0.0832	Fam176a	5.8740	0.2998
Dapk1	6.8513	0.1902	Tmem74	0.9992	0.8929
1200002N14Rik	0.0652	0.0038*	Tmem77	1.5529	0.0018*
Eif2ak3	0.7720	0.7446	Tnf	0.4461	0.1002
Eif4g1	0.7870	0.0324*	Tnfsf10	5.7098	0.0098*
Esr1	1.5644	0.0524	Trp53	0.9211	0.9265
Fadd	4.8904	0.4586	Trp73	1.8099	0.4985
Fas	16.0487	0.1635	Ulk1	3.2135	0.0003*
Gaa	1.1506	0.3230	Ulk2	1.7011	0.1951
Gabarap	0.7998	0.1640	Uvrag	0.9855	0.9185

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Gene	Fold Change	P value	Gene	Fold Change	P value
Aktl	1.1830	0.2649	Gabarapl1	1.3240	0.2391
Ambral	1.0171	0.8381	Gabarapl2	1.2417	0.3551
App	2.2452	0.0245*	Hdac1	0.7859	0.2338
Arsa	1.2377	0.1820	Hgs	1.1130	0.4873
Atg10	0.9933	0.9304	Hsp90aa1	0.9047	0.4715
Atg12	1.1549	0.6560	Hspa8	1.0069	0.8407
Atg16l1	0.9593	0.5776	Htt	1.3827	0.1999
Atg16l2	0.6814	0.1183	Ifna2	3.2394	0.1465
Atg3	0.9550	0.5922	Ifna4	0.7880	0.7053
Atg4a	0.9854	0.8892	Ifng	1.5530	0.4369
Atg4b	1.0360	0.7856	Igf1	0.3101	0.0165*
Atg4c	0.9648	0.9314	Ins2	5.2764	0.1492
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Bakl	1.0390	0.6151	Pik3c3	1.1535	0.5071
Bax	1.0339	0.9429	Pik3cg	0.9688	0.7322
Bcl2	1.7044	0.1853	Pik3r4	1.3459	0.9618
Bcl2l1	3.3439	0.0588	Prkaal	0.7302	0.3425
Becn1	0.9032	0.5829	Prkaa2	0.9305	0.6784
Bid	0.7720	0.2678	Pten	0.8283	0.5124
Bnip3	0.9914	0.9489	Rab24	0.7872	0.4023
Casp3	0.8289	0.1707	Rb1	0.9608	0.9697
Casp8	0.6919	0.1486	Rgs19	0.9889	0.8695
Cdkn1b	0.9686	0.7584	Rps6kb1	0.7753	0.3211
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<i>Eif2ak3</i>	0.9380	0.8452	Tnf	0.7842	0.5562
Eif2ak5 Eif4g1	0.9820	0.8100	Tnfsf10	1.5466	0.0393*
Esrl	1.2045	0.3704	Trp53	1.13400	0.6393
Fadd	3.8551	0.5196	Trp73	1.2480	0.4568
Fada Fas	1.7253	0.9694	Ulk1	1.1252	0.4308
Gaa	2.5281	0.9094	Ulk2	1.0931	0.2987
Gabarap	1.6585	0.0011*		0.9826	0.3732
Guburup	1.0365	0.0091	Uvrag	0.9820	0.994/

Supplementary Table 3 | **Autophagy-related gene expression profile in old HSCs.** Full data set obtained from the SABiosciences autophagy PCR arrays (n = 3). Results are expressed as log2 fold expression compared to levels measured in young HSCs (set to 0). * denote statistically significant *P* values.