### Supplementary material:

### Supplementary table 1: Data collection and refinement statistics

Supplementary Fig. SI1: All tested FKBP-rapamycin complexes bind to FRB domain of mTOR with high affinity.

FRET binding assay with recombinant GST-FRB and eGFP-FKBPs: half-logarithmic plot of the rapamycin concentration against the observed FRET ratio (Em 520 nm/ Em 495 nm). 5 nM GST-FRB, 100 nM eGFP-FKBPs and 2.5 nM of a Terbium-labelled anti-GST antibody were used. Rapamycin was titrated from 0 to 5  $\mu$ M (•FKBP12.6; •FKBP12; **V**FKBP13;  $\Delta$ FKBP25; **•**FKBP51;  $\Box$ FKBP52).

Supplementary Fig. SI2: Six different FKBPs reduce mTOR activity with nanomolar IC<sub>50</sub> values in a rapamycin-dependent manner.

FRET-based mTOR activity assay, containing purified truncated mTOR and eGFP-4E-BP1 as a substrate: half-logarithmic plot of a rapamycin titration (0 – 1000 nM) against observed FRET ratio (Em 520 nm / Em 495 nm) in presence of 100 nM FKBP protein (●FKBP12; ○FKBP12.6; ▲FKBP13; △FKBP25; ■FKBP51; □FKBP52).

## Supplementary Fig. SI3: FKBP12 and FKBP51 FK1 mediate growth inhibition by rapamycin.

Growth curves demonstrate that FKBP12 and FKBP51 FK1 have a similar effect on yeast cells: In glucose medium (SD, which will repress expression of FKBPs) or galactose containing medium (SG, which will induce expression of FKBPs), the indicated yeast clones were grown at 30°C in the presence or the absence of rapamycin (5  $\mu$ M final concentration). OD<sub>600</sub> was measured every 180 minutes and plotted against time.

Supplementary Fig. SI4: In FKBP12-knockdown cells, rapamycin-induced Akt hyperphosphorylation is reduced compared to wild type cells.

Cellular Akt phosphorylation was determined using a homogeneous time-resolved assay. SH-SY5Y neuroblastoma cells were starved for 24 h and stimulated with 10% FBS/100 nM insulin for 60 minutes in the presence of 0-3.5 nM rapamycin or 10 nM Torin-1. Mean values of three independent data points are shown.

# Supplementary Fig. SI5: FKBP51 overexpression increases rapamycin-induced Akt phosphorylation in HeLa cells

HeLa cells were transfected for expression of FLAG-FKBP51 or empty plasmid. After 24 h, cells were starved for 24 h and then stimulated with serum and insulin for 60 minutes in presence of 0-25 nM rapamycin. Cells were lysed and subjected to immunoblotting analysis. (A) Western blot analysis and (B) densitometric analysis of phosphoS473 Akt signals (relative to load).

### Supplementary images and tables:

### Table S1:

	FKBP51 FK1- rapamycin-FRB	FKBP51 FK1- rapamycin-FRB (low pH)	FKBP52 FK1- rapamycin-FRB
Data collection			
Space group	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	<i>P</i> 3 <sub>1</sub> 12	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$
Cell dimensions			
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	59.48, 59.52,	103.68, 103.68,	58.52, 62.99,
	67.78;	106.54;	70.14;
$\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ (°)	90, 90, 90	90, 90, 120	90, 90, 90
Resolution (Å)	59.48 - 1.45 (1.53	89.80 - 2.3 (2.42 -	70.19 - 1.8 (1.96 -
	- 1.45)*	2.3)	1.8)
R <sub>merge</sub>	0.043 (0.377)	0.081 (0.519)	0.044 (0.350)
Ι/σΙ	17.3 (3.3)	18.3 (4.1)	16.2 (3.0)
Completeness (%)	95.7 (93.8)	99.4 (98.8)	99.0 (98.9)
Redundancy	3.8 (3.5)	7.4 (7.5)	3.5 (3.6)
Refinement			
Resolution (Å)	19.05 - 1.45	20 - 2.3	19.76 - 1.8
No. reflections	39213	27545	23105
$R_{\rm work}$ / $R_{\rm free}$	0.1769 / 0.2064	0.1871 / 0.2259	0.1883 / 0.2247
No. atoms			
Protein	1794	3517	1731
Ligand/ion	65	130 / 105	65 / 5
Water	223	89	151
<i>B</i> -factors			
Protein	24.56	45.31	40.78
Ligand/ion	15.74	34.78 / 86.55	24.44 / 54.82
Water	35.48	41.87	44.79
R.m.s. deviations			
Bond lengths (Å)	0.014	0.012	0.012
Bond angles (°)	1.546	1.450	1.287

For each structure a single crystal was used. \*Values in parentheses are for highest-resolution shell.









Deletion mutant  $\Delta$  + empty vector





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