### **Supplementary Figure 1:**



**AHA- (ubiquitious) and ANL-labeling (cell type-specific) of** *Drosophila* **proteins and their detection by FUNCAT and BONCAT.** (*a*) Methionine (Met) and its surrogates azidohomoalanine (AHA), and azidonorleucine (ANL). (*b*) Gal4-induced expression of EGFP-tagged mMetRS<sup>L274G</sup> or dMetRS<sup>L262G</sup> allows for cell type-specific charging of ANL onto methionine–tRNA (MetRS), and its subsequent incorporation into proteins. AHA is incorporated into proteins of all cells employing the endogenous MetRS. CuAAC using an affinity probe (biotin-alkyne tag) or a fluorescent probe (TAMRA-alkyne tag) mark AHA- or ANL-harboring proteins for biochemical analysis or *in situ* visualization, respectively.

#### **Supplementary Figure 2:**



**AHA-selectivity and principal specificity of FUNCAT in wild type** *Drosophila* **larvae**. Body wall preparations (abdominal segments A3-A5) from wild type larvae fed with 4 mM AHA (*a*), 4 mM methionine (*b*) or 4 mM ANL (*c*), immunofluorescently labeled for the scaffold protein Dlg. FUNCAT with the red-fluorescent dye TAMRA reveals efficient AHA-incorporation (*a*) whereas no labeling above background levels is evident when ANL was fed (*c*). Expression and NMJ localization of Dlg is not compromised by the incorporation of AHA. Scale bar: 250 µm.

### **Supplementary Figure 3:**



**Sequence alignment of orthologous MetRS.** CLUSTAL O (1.2.0) multiple sequence alignment with *E. coli* MetRS (K02671), *Drosophila* MetRS (CG15100), murine MetRS (BC079643), *Danio rerio* MetRS (AAH79643.1), and *C. elegans* MetRS (NP\_956370.1). Residues conserved and critical for the binding pocket (according to ref.  $\frac{1}{1}$ ) are boxed. The arrow indicates the position of the leucine mutated to glycine in dMetRS and mMetRS. Amino acid positions within the respective sequence are indicated on the right.

# **Supplementary Figure 4:**



MetRS<sup>LtoG</sup>-dependent ANL-incorporation. ANL-incorporation into proteins of body wall muscles monitored via FUNCAT upon targeted expression of either wild type mMetRS<sup>wt</sup>-EGFP (a) or mMetRS<sup>L274G</sup>-EGFP (b). TAMRA-staining is restricted to mMetRS<sup>L274G</sup>-EGFP expressing muscle cells. Scale bar: 100 µm.

#### **Supplementary Figure 5:**



**Chronic ANL incorporation into muscle, neuronal and glial proteins with varying ANL concentrations.** L3 stage larval body walls (*a, d*) were dissected after chronic ANL feeding. Heads from adult flies (*b, c, e, f*) were collected 0-3 days posteclosion after chronic ANL feeding using different concentrations of ANL as indicated. All tissue samples were lysed, clicked to a Biotin alkyne tag and purified using NeutrAvidin agarose. Depicted are representative immunoblots showing input (I, before NeutrAvidin purification), unbound (U, no ANL-containing proteins), and eluate fractions (E, enriched ANL-labeled proteins after NeutrAvidin purification) at the global protein level (anti-Biotin) and for selected candidate proteins. For dMetRSL262G -EGFP (*a–c)* increasing ANL concentrations resulted in increased signal intensity for ANL-harboring proteins on the global protein level (*a-c*, *"anti-Biotin"*) as well as for selected candidate proteins such as Dlg, Synapsin or Draper I (*a-c,* "anticandidate protein") when larvae or flies expressed dMetRS<sup>L262G</sup>-EGFP either in larval muscle cells (*a*), in neurons (*b*) or glia cells (*c*) of adult flies. With larval expression of mMetRS<sup>L274G</sup>-EGFP in muscle cells (d) high levels of ANL incorporation were reached already at 2 mM ANL as depicted for the global protein level (*d,* "anti-Biotin") and for Dlg (*d,* "anti-candidate protein"). Expression of mMetRS<sup>L274G</sup>-EGFP in neurons (*e*) even showed more intense labeling at 2 mM as compared to higher concentrations of 4 mM or 8 mM ANL both on the global protein level (*e,* "anti-Biotin") and for the candidate protein Synapsin (*e, "*anti-candidate protein"). Note, that no ANL-containing Synapsin could be detected in any of the samples derived from animals expressing either MetRS<sup>LtoG</sup> in glial cells (*c, f,* "anti-non candidate protein") demonstrating the specificity of this metabolic labeling approach.

# **Supplementary Figure 6:**<br>**a** dMetRS<sup>L262G</sup>-EGFP (aa 535-546; M544ANL)

Sequenz: GTDVELFQFMAK





b dMetRSL262G-EGFP (aa 1030-1039; M1036ANL) Sequenz: DPPVATMVSK



Sequenz: DPPVATMVSK, M7-Azidonorleucine (23.04500 Da)



**MetRSLtoG incorporates ANL instead of internal methionine residues.** MS/MS spectra of two internal dMetRS<sup>L262G</sup>-EGFP peptides (*a*, aa 535-546; *b*, aa 1030-1039) identified from ANL-labeled dMetRS<sup>L262G</sup>-EGFP purified from larval body walls after chronic treatment with 4 mM ANL. b ions are marked in red and y ions in blue. Shown are in the upper panels the unmodified peptides and in the lower panels the two ANL-modified ones. All identified peptides were filtered with 1% FDR (false discovery rate), top rank, mass accuracy, and a minimum of 3 identified peptides. Note, that the ratio of ANL-labeled to unlabeled peptide is 1:10.

### **Supplementary Figure 7:**



**Concentration-dependent toxicity of ANL incorporation in larvae and adult** 

determining the body weights of  $3<sup>rd</sup>$  instar larvae expressing Met $RS<sup>LtoG</sup>$  under control of C57-Gal4. ANL incorporation by dMetRS<sup>L262G</sup>-EGFP leads to a moderate reduction of body weight. A more pronounced reduction was observed for mMetRS<sup>L274G</sup>-EGFP with 8 mM ANL leading to larval lethality (*a*; ONE-way ANOVA with Dunnett post hoc test, \*\*\*: p<0.001, n=3, 4-12 larvae/condition). Body weights of dMetRS<sup>L262G</sup>-EGFP or mMetRS<sup>L274G</sup>-EGFP expressing larvae correlate with administered ANL concentration (*C57-Gal4/UAS-dMetRSL262G -EGFP*: R<sup>2</sup> =0.83, p=0.0072; *C57- Gal4/UAS-mMetRS<sup>L274G</sup>-EGFP*: R<sup>2</sup>=0.97, P<0.0001, n=3). Effects of ANL incorporation into neuronal and glial proteomes was assessed by determining eclosion rates of adults upon *elav<sup>C155</sup>*- or *repo-Gal4*-driven MetRS<sup>LtoG</sup> expression (number of progeny: 51-183); theoretical mean indicated by dashed line). Eclosion of dMetRS<sup>L262G</sup>-EGFP and mMetRS<sup>L274G</sup>-EGFP expressing flies was significantly reduced for neuronal dMetRS<sup>L262G</sup>-EGFP in presence of 2 mM, 4 mM and 8 mM ANL (one sample t-Test, \*:p<0.05,  $elav^{C155}$ -Gal4/UAS-dMetRS<sup>L262G</sup>-EGFP: 2 mM ANL: p=0.0374, 4 mM ANL: p=0.0351, 8 mM ANL: p=0.0017, *elavC155 -Gal4/UASmMetRSL274G -EGFP:* 2 mM ANL: p=0.0369, 4 mM ANL: p=0.0099, 8 mM ANL: p=0.0262, n=3). Eclosion rate of neuronal dMetRS<sup>L262G</sup>-EGFP or mMetRS<sup>L274G</sup>-EGFP expressing flies correlates with increasing ANL concentration (elav<sup>C155</sup>-Gal4;;UASdMetRS<sup>L262G</sup>-EGFP: R<sup>2</sup>=0.84, p<0.0001, elav<sup>C155</sup>-Gal4;;UAS-mMetRS<sup>L274G</sup>-EGFP:  $R^2$ =0.34, p=0.0164, n=4). For glial expression of MetRS<sup>LtoG</sup> effects on the eclosion rate were only monitored in case of mMetRS<sup>L274G</sup>-EGFP at 2 mM ANL and 8 mM ANL (one sample t-Test, \*:p<0.05, p=0.002, n=3;  $R^2$ =0.79, p<0.0001). No correlation between ANL concentrations and eclosion rates were observed for flies expressing dMetRS<sup>L262G</sup>-EGFP in glia cells (*repo-Gal4/UAS-dMetRS<sup>L262G</sup>-EGFP*: R<sup>2</sup>=0.067, p=0.43, n=3). Error bars depict SD. (*b*) Survival rate of adult flies during neuronal or glial incorporation of ANL. Crosses between *elavC155* - or *repo-Gal4-* lines and *UASdMetRSL262G -EGFP* effectors were reared on ONM containing either 0, 2 mM, or 4 mM ANL. One to three day old adult progeny flies (5 female, 5 male) were transferred onto ONM with or without ANL (ANL concentrations during larval/pupal development - post-eclosion as indicated). A control group was reared on ANL-free ONM. The number of alive flies was checked every second day. No discernible ANL effects on the survival rates of adults became evident under these conditions (n=2).

#### **Supplementary Figure 8:**



**Limited behavioral effects after acute ANL feeding.** (*a-e*) Larval crawling assay to determine differences in locomotion after chronic or acute (24 h) ANL feeding. Shown is the mean number of grid lines larvae crossed within one minute (*a*) Wild type larval locomotion was not affected by chronic or acute ANL feeding. (*b*) Locomotion of *C57- Gal4/UAS-dMetRS<sup>L262G</sup>-EGFP* larvae was not affected by chronic ANL feeding. (*c*) Permanent and acute mMetRS<sup>L274G</sup>-EGFP-mediated incorporation of ANL into muscle proteins (*C57-Gal4*) caused impairment in larval locomotion. Locomotion of *elavC155 -Gal4*;;*UAS-mMetRSL274G -EGFP* (*d*) and *elavC155 -Gal4*;;*UAS-dMetRSL262G - EGFP* larvae (*e*) after chronic ANL feeding did not differ from locomotion of the respective control group reared without ANL. (*f-h*) Rapid iterative negative geotaxis assay after chronic or acute (48 h) ANL feeding. Shown is the mean number of animals that passed the 8-cm mark. *(f*) Neither chronic nor acute ANL feeding affected adult climbing ability in wild type flies. Adult climbing ability of *elavC155 - Gal4*;;*UAS-mMetRSL274G -EGFP* (*g*) and *elavC155 -Gal4*;;*UAS-dMetRSL262G -EGFP* flies (*h*) was impaired after chronic ANL feeding, whereas acute ANL feeding did not affect adult climbing ability. Data are presented as mean = horizontal line, standard error of the mean = box, standard deviation = whiskers, outliers = circles. Student's ttests were used to compare groups (n=6-20 as indicated in the figure). n.s. indicates not significant (p > 0.05),  $p < 0.05$ ,  $p > 0.05$ ,  $p > 0.01$ ,  $p > 0.001$ ; statistical analyses are shown in Supplementary Table 1).

### **Supplementary Figure 9:**



**Limited effects on adult locomotion after chronic ANL feeding.** We tested adult locomotion in the island assay by assessing the percentage of flies jumping, running, sitting, or flying after being released on a platform (mean = horizontal line, standard error of the mean  $=$  box, standard deviation  $=$  whiskers, outliers  $=$  circles). In addition, the mean time to clear the platform was determined (whiskers = standard error of the

mean). Chronic ANL feeding did not affect the percentage of flies jumping, running, sitting, or flying in wild type flies (*a*), *elavC155 -Gal4;;UAS-mMetRSL274G -EGFP* flies (*c*) or *elavC155 -Gal4;;UAS-dMetRSL262G -EGFP* flies (*e*). The time to clear the platform did not differ between flies raised on non-ANL supplemented food and flies raised on food supplemented with 4 mM ANL for wild type flies (*b*) and *elavC155 -Gal4;;UASdMetRSL262G -EGFP flies* (*f*). The time to clear the platform, however, was extended after permanent ANL feeding for *elav<sup>C155</sup>-Gal4;;UAS-mMetRS<sup>L274G</sup>-EGFP* flies (*d*). Student's t-tests (*a, c, e*) or repeated measurement ANOVAs (*b, d, f*) were used to compare groups ( $n=18$ ). n.s. indicates not significant ( $p > 0.05$ ); statistical analyses are shown in Supplementary Table 2).

#### **Supplementary Figure 10:**



**No effects on adult locomotion after acute ANL feeding.** We tested adult locomotion in the island assay by assessing the percentage of flies jumping, running, sitting, or flying after being released on a platform (mean = horizontal line, standard error of the mean = box, standard deviation = whiskers, outliers = circles). In addition, the mean time to clear the platform was determined (whiskers = standard error of the

mean). Acute ANL feeding (48 h) did not affect the percentage of flies jumping, running, sitting, or flying in wild type flies (a), *elav<sup>C155</sup>-Gal4;;UAS-mMetRS<sup>L274G</sup>-EGFP* flies (*c*) or *elavC155 -Gal4;;UAS-dMetRSL262G -EGFP* (*e*). The time to clear the platform for wild type flies (*b*), *elavC155 -Gal4;;UAS-mMetRSL274G -EGFP* flies (*d*), and *elavC155 -* Gal4;;UAS-dMetRS<sup>L262G</sup>-EGFP flies (f) did not differ between flies fed on non-ANL supplemented food and flies fed on food supplemented with 4 mM ANL. Student's ttests (*a, c, e*) or repeated measurement ANOVAs (*b, d, f*) were used to compare groups ( $n=12-18$  as indicated in the figure). n.s. indicates not significant ( $p > 0.05$ ); statistical analyses are shown in Supplementary Table 3).



**No effects on ethanol sensitivity after chronic or acute ANL feeding.** We tested resistance to toxins with an ethanol sensitivity assay. Vials containing 10 flies were sealed with ethanol moistened plugs and videotaped for 20 minutes. The number of mobile flies was determined every minute. Shown is the mean number of mobile flies over the time course of 20 minutes (whiskers = standard error of the mean). The inlet shows half-maximal sedation (ST50) (mean = horizontal line, standard error of the  $mean = box$ , standard deviation = whiskers, outliers = circles). Neither chronic nor acute (48 h) ANL feeding affected the mean number of mobile wild type (*a*, *d*), *elavC155 -Gal4;;UAS-mMetRSL274G -EGFP (b, e), or elavC155 -Gal4;;UAS-dMetRSL262G - EGFP (c, f)* flies over the time course of 20 minutes. Similarly, the mean ST50 was not affected for either of the genotypes after chronic or acute ANL feeding. Student's t-tests were used to compare ST50. Repeated measurement ANOVAs were used to compare the mean number of mobile flies over the time course of 20 minutes (n=7-8 as indicated in the figure). n.s. indicates not significant ( $p > 0.05$ ); statistical analyses are shown in Supplementary Table 4).

**Supplementary Figure 12:**

**Uncropped Blot Figure 2 a** ("anti-candidate protein", anti-Dlg)

**Uncropped Blot Figure 2 c** (anti-Draper 8A1, anti-candidate protein)



**Uncropped Blot Figure 2 c** (anti-Dlg, anti-candidate protein)



**Uncropped Blot Figure 2 d** 



# **Uncropped western blots**

# **Supplementary Table 1: Statistical analyses for the larval crawling and the RING assay**



# **Supplementary Table 2: Statistical analyses for the island assay after chronic ANL feeding**



# **Supplementary Table 3: Statistical analyses for the island assay after acute ANL feeding**





# **Supplementary Table 4: Statistical analyses for the ethanol sensitivity assay**



### **Supplementary Note 1:**

We tested the efficiency of chronic ANL incorporation by dMetRS<sup>L262G</sup>-EGFP and mMetRS<sup>L274G</sup>-EGFP into different cellular proteomes under varying ANL concentrations (Fig. S5). We noticed that mMetRS<sup>L274G</sup>-EGFP expressing cells incorporate ANL with a higher rate into the respective proteomes compared to dMetRS<sup>L262G</sup>-EGFP. This increased incorporation rate however, can affect the vitality of the animals and ultimately, affect translation rates of sensitive cell types such as neurons especially under high ANL feeding conditions. We, therefore, recommend the use of either dMetRS<sup>L262G</sup>-EGFP or mMetRS<sup>L274G</sup>-EGFP depending on the question and nature of the experiment.

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