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Figure S1. **Pleiotropic phenotypes in Mff**^{gt} mice. (A) Schematic depicting gene trap insert in Mff locus and subsequently truncated mRNA. The exon/intron structure is derived from Ensembl (transcript ID: ENSMUST0000078332). Exon 3 is the first coding exon, and exon 9 encodes the transmembrane (TM) segment. Based on DNA sequence analysis, the gene trap vector pGT01xr with splice acceptor (SA) and lacZ/neomycin phosophotransferase fusion gene (β-geo) is inserted immediately after the sequence 5'-GCACTCCTCTGTCTGCCTTG-3' in the intron following exon 4. Exon 4 is equivalent to exon 2 of human Mff, as depicted in Fig. 2 in the original Mff report (Gandre-Babbe and van der Bliek, 2008). Human exon 2 and mouse exon 4 encode the R1 and R2 motifs essential for Drp1 recruitment (Otera et al., 2010). Human exon 2 is present in all human Mff splice isoforms (Gandre-Babbe and van der Bliek, 2008), and mouse exon 4 is present in all four mouse isoforms predicted in UniProt. As a result, the gene trap insertion is ideally positioned to disrupt all Mff isoforms. (B) Western blot analysis of cells with Mff mutations. The left panel shows lysates from control and patient fibroblasts containing the truncating mutation Q64X (Shamseldin et al., 2012). The patient fibroblasts show loss of All isoforms. The right panel shows lysates from wild-type and Mff^{gt} MEFs. (D) Western blot analysis of mitochondrial dynamics proteins in heart lysates. HSP60 was used as a loading control for mitochondrial protein, and actin was used for cytoplasmic protein. (E and F) Decreased size of mutant mice $(n \ge 9)$. (G) Measurements of various physiological parameters. (H) Malocclusion. (I) Kyphosis. (J) Hang time from rack while inverted $(n \ge 6)$. (K) Decreased fertility of Mff mutants. Days without a litter after placement into mating cage were counted $(n \ge 11)$. (L) Reduced sperm count of Mff^{gt} males $(n \ge 10)$. Error bars = SEM. *, P ≤ 0.01 ; **, P ≤ 0.001 . WT, wild type.



Figure S2. Additional phenotypes and genetic interaction of Mff with mitofusins. (A) Western blot of IgG levels in the indicated tissues. (B) IgG levels in blood. (C) Quantification of histochemical staining of respiration complexes in heart (n = 6). (D) Metabolomics of Krebs cycle intermediates in heart. Mutants have decreased levels of citric acid cycle components and methylmalonate, which is readily converted to succinyl-CoA (n = 5). (E) Weanling numbers from $Mf^{gy/+}, Mfn 1^{loxP/loxP} \times Mff^{gy/+}, Mfn 1^{loxP/loxP} \times Mff^{g$



Figure S3. Loss of mitochondrial protein, mtDNA, and liver mass in *Mff^{gt}* mice. (A) Ratio of TOM20 (mitochondrial) to actin (cytoplasmic) protein levels in heart. (B) Longitudinal quantification of mtDNA levels in hearts. The mtDNA level is normalized to nuclear DNA (nDNA). A greater discrepancy exists in older animals as mtDNA content increases in wild-type mice but remains constant in mutants ($n \ge 6$). (C) Liver mass adjusted to body size. Deletion of *Mfn2* by *Alb-Cre* does not prevent the size decrease seen in *Mff^{gt}* livers (n = 2). Error bars = SEM. ^, P ≤ 0.05 ; *, P ≤ 0.01 .



Video 1. Mff gait alterations. As the 13-wk-old Mff mutant walks, it wobbles from side to side and takes higher steps than is typical of wild-type mice, while holding its tail close to the ground. A wild-type littermate illustrates the difference in gait; it moves more smoothly and rapidly and tends to hold its tail up. Video was acquired at 30 frames per second with a digital video camera recorder (DCR-HC48; Sony).

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