

## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

### ***ISCA1* MUTATION IN A PATIENT WITH INFANTILE-ONSET LEUKODYSTROPHY CAUSES DEFECTS IN MITOCHONDRIAL [4Fe-4S] PROTEINS**

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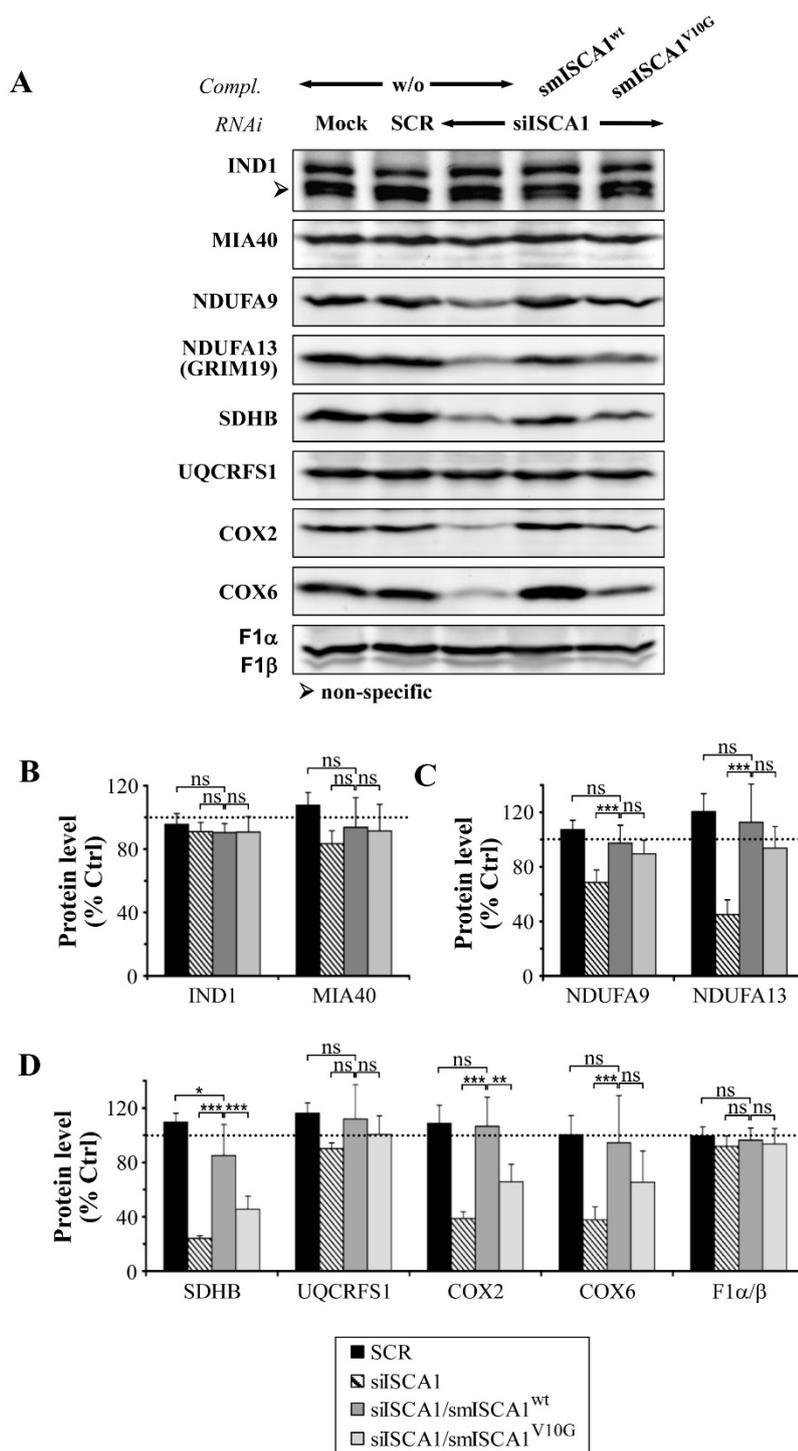
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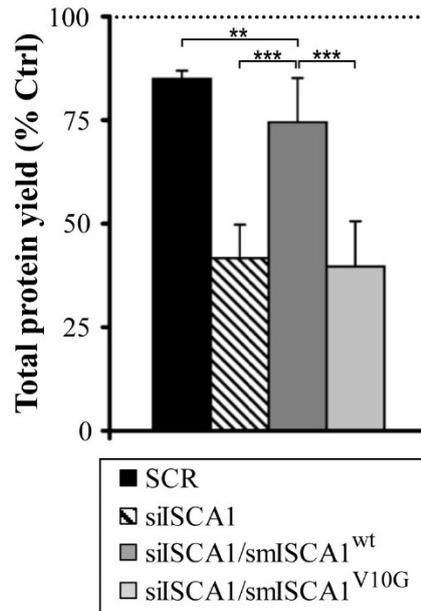
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## Supplementary Figures

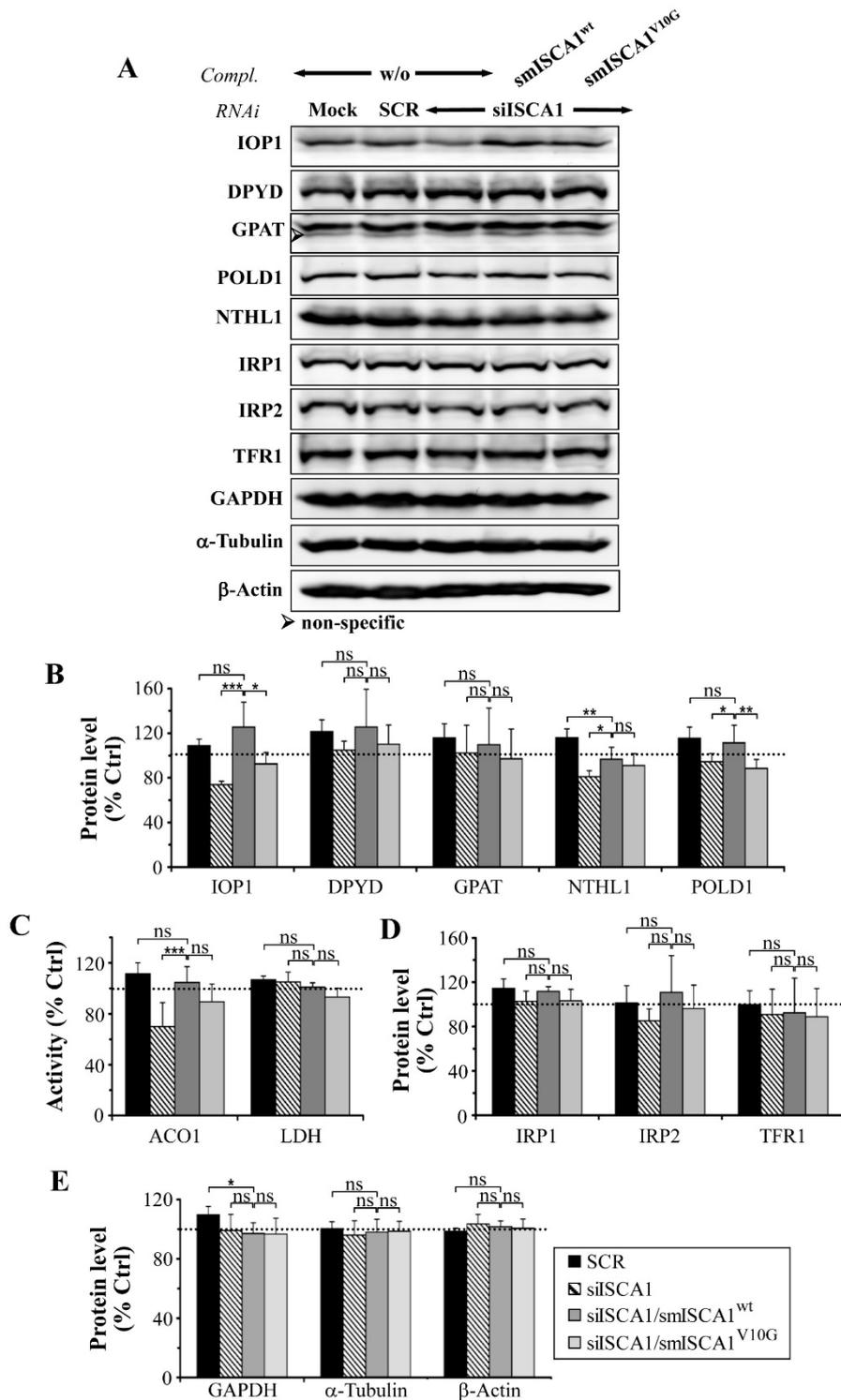


**Supplementary Figure S1. The ISCA1 p.V10G mutation leads to decreased steady-state protein levels of RCC subunits.** HeLa cells were transfected with siRNAs and ISCA1-encoding plasmids as in Fig. 4. Analyses were performed after the second round of transfection, i. e. after a total of 6 days of ISCA1 depletion. **(A)** Total cell lysates were subjected to immunoblotting and analyzed for the steady-state protein levels of the indicated proteins. The asterisk indicates a non-specific cross-reactivity of the anti-IND1 antiserum (Ref. 1). Representative blots are shown. **(B-D)** Immunoblot signals were quantified and the protein per  $\beta$ -actin ratios (Fig. 4A) were normalized to mock-transfected cells. All values are given as the mean  $\pm$  SD ( $n = 4$  to  $5$ ); \* $P < 0.05$ , \*\* $P < 0.01$ , \*\*\* $P < 0.001$ ; ns, not significant; dashed lines, 100%-value of mock-transfected control cells.

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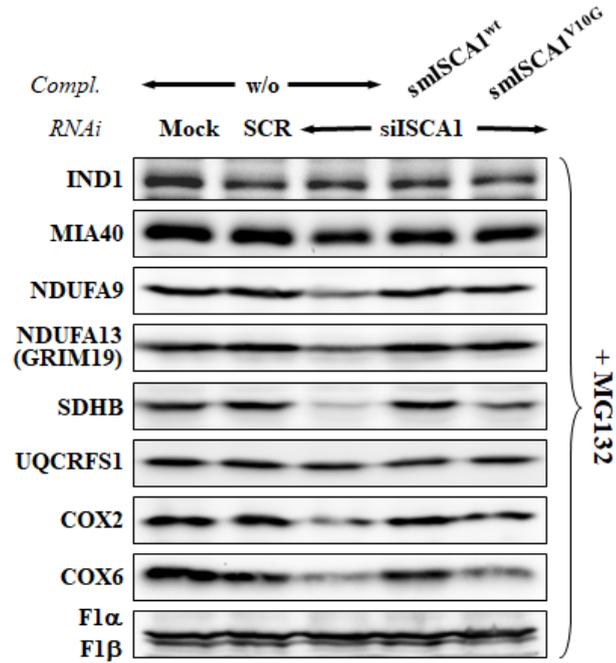
*Compl.* ← w/o → smISCA1<sup>wt</sup> smISCA1<sup>V10G</sup>  
*RNAi* Mock SCR ← siISCA1 →

**Supplementary Figure S2. The ISCA1<sup>V10G</sup> protein does not restore growth of ISCA1-depleted cells.** HeLa cells were transfected with siRNAs and ISCA1-encoding plasmids as in Fig. 4. **(A)** At each harvest (3 and 6 days after the initial transfections) total protein yield of the cultures was determined. The entire protein production during the entire 6-days culturing time was calculated and normalized to mock-transfected cells. Values are given as the mean ± SD (n = 6); \*P<0.05, \*\*P< 0.01, \*\*\*P<0.001; dashed line, 100%-value of mock-transfected control cells. **(B)** Culture media of cells from (A) contain the pH indicator phenol red. A color change from red to yellow indicates a drop in pH.

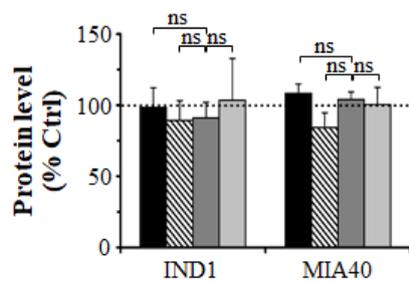


**Supplementary Figure S3. The ISCA1 p.V10G mutation hardly affects extra-mitochondrial Fe-S proteins.** HeLa cells were transfected with siRNAs and ISCA1-encoding plasmids and treated as in Fig. 4. **(A)** Total cell lysates were subjected to immunoblotting and analyzed for the steady-state protein levels of the indicated proteins. Representative blots are shown. **(B, D, E)** Immunoblot signals were quantified, and the protein per  $\beta$ -actin ratios were normalized to mock-transfected cells. The levels of  $\beta$ -actin itself were directly normalized to its levels in mock-transfected cells. **(C)** The specific activity of cytosolic aconitase (ACO1/IRP1) was determined in the cytosolic fractions prepared by digitonin-based cell fractionation and normalized to the values deduced from mock-transfected control (Ctrl) cells. As a reference, the specific activity of lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) was determined. All values are given as the mean  $\pm$  SD (n = 4 to 5); \*P<0.05, \*\*P<0.01, \*\*\*P<0.001; ns, not significant; dashed lines, 100%-value of mock-transfected control cells.

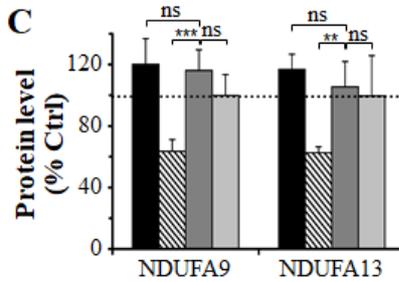
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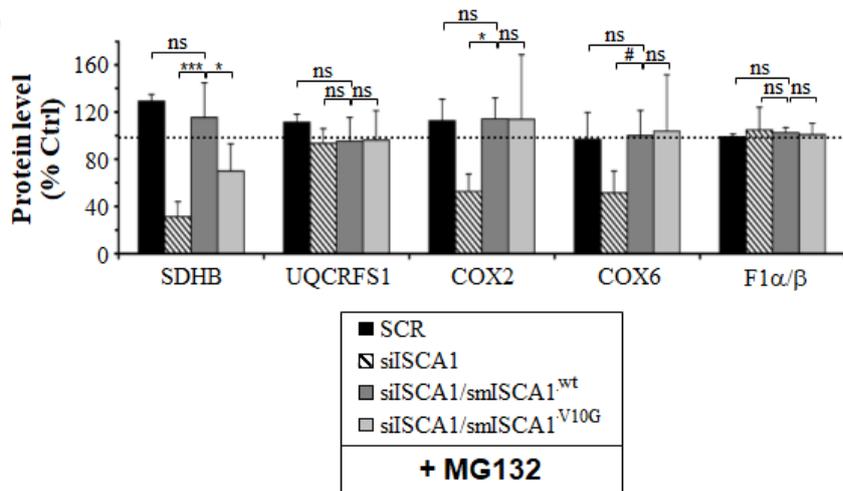
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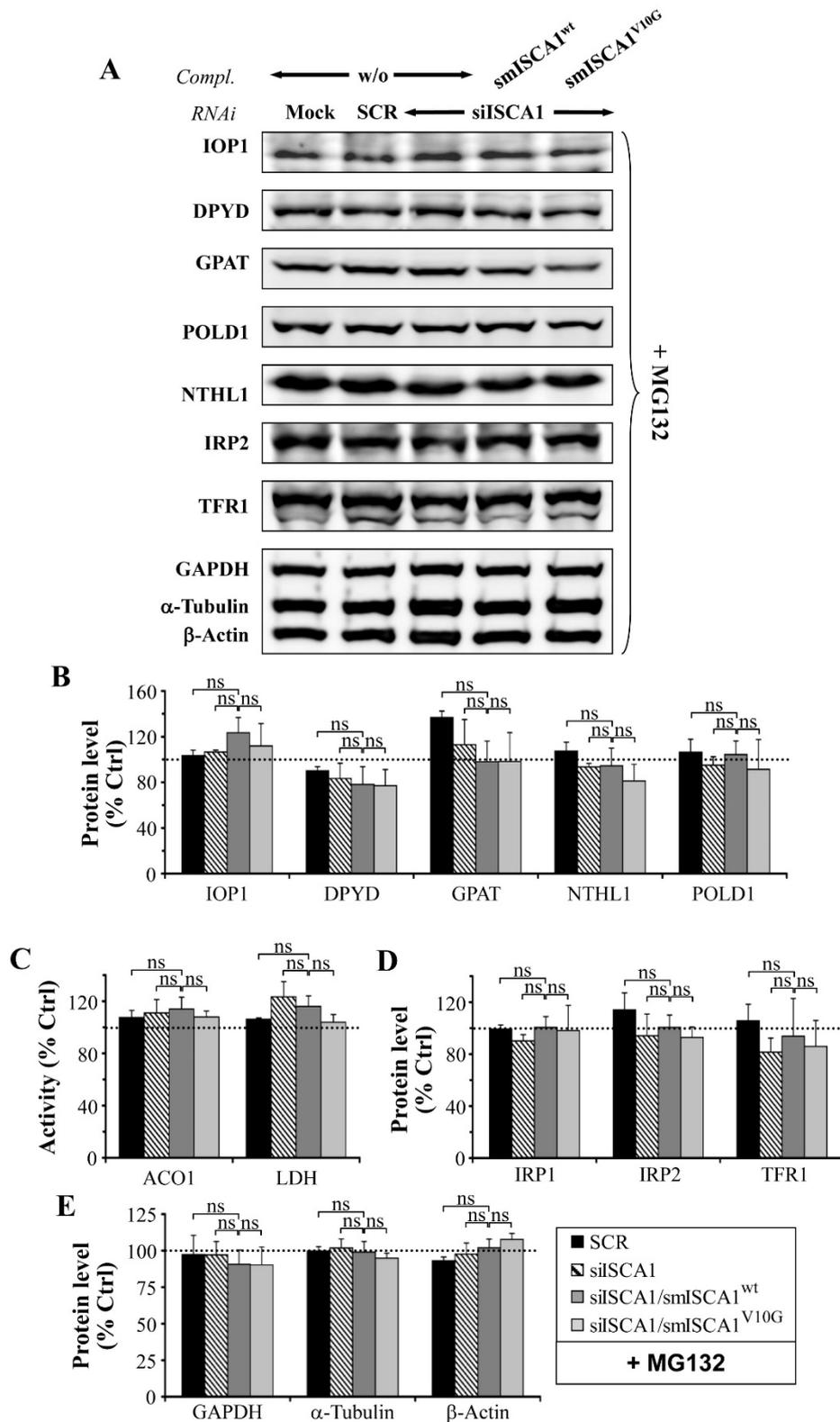
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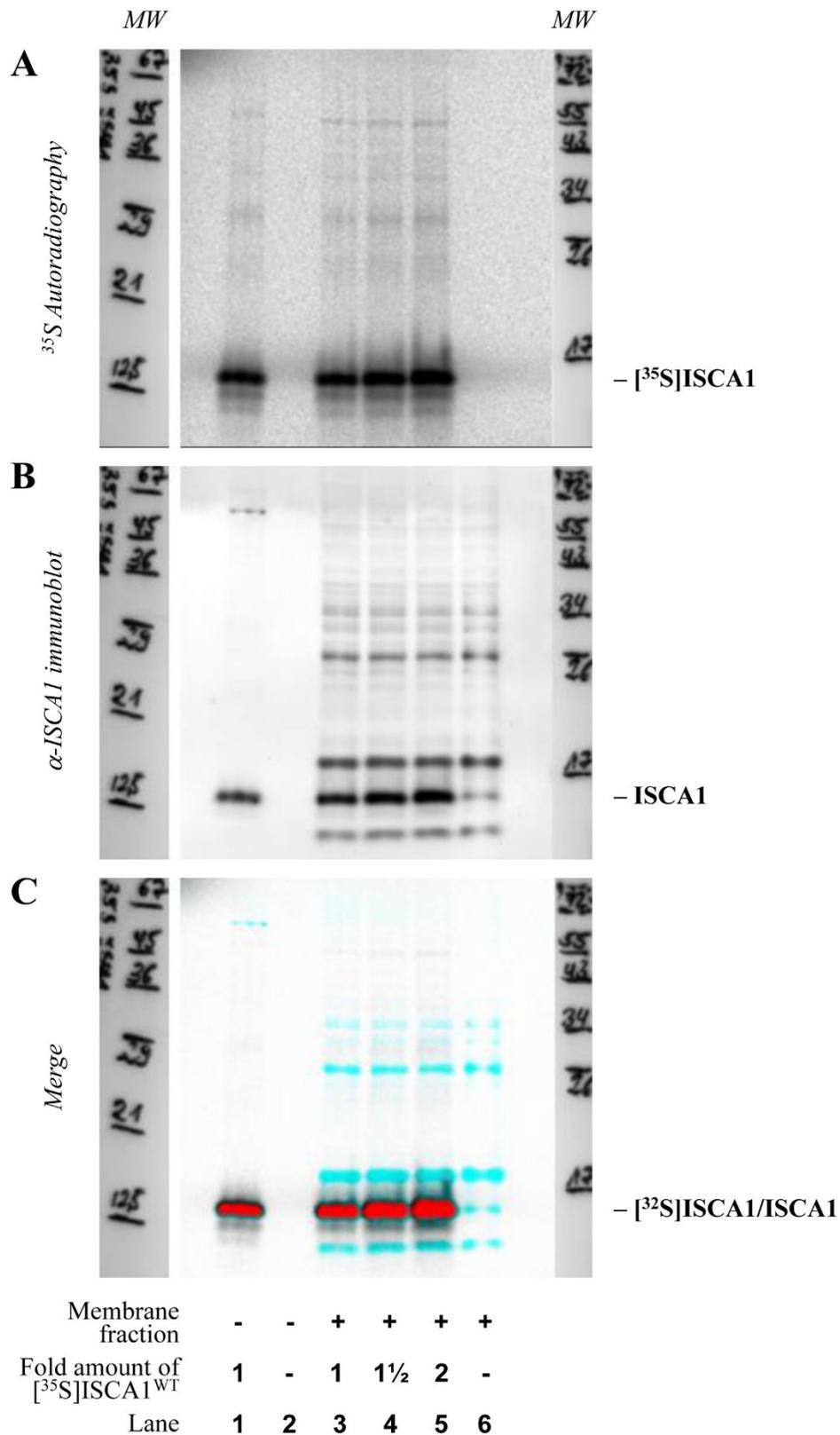
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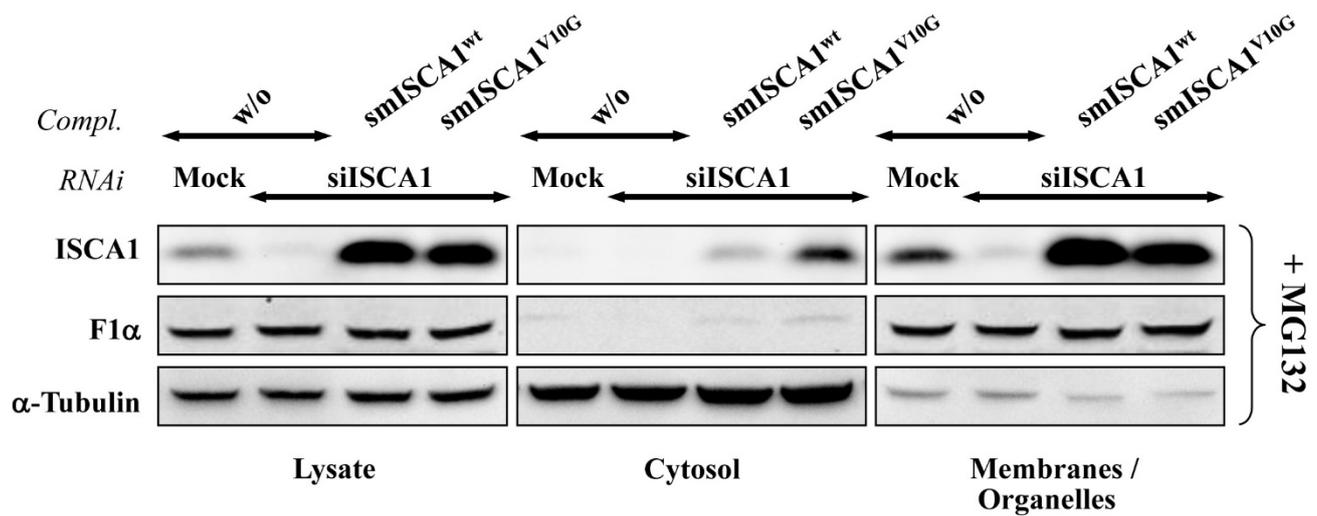
**Supplementary Figure S4. MG132 treatment increases mitochondrial ISCA1<sup>V10G</sup> levels without raising the low amounts of RCC subunits in ISCA1-depleted HeLa cells.** HeLa cells were transfected and treated as in Fig. 4 and further incubated with MG132 protease inhibitor as in Fig. 5. **(A)** Total cell lysates were subjected to immunoblotting and analyzed for the steady-state protein levels of the indicated proteins. Representative blots are shown. **(B - D)** Immunoblot signals were quantified and the protein per  $\beta$ -actin ratios were normalized to mock-transfected cells. Compared to the results shown in Suppl. Fig. S1 (no MG132 treatment) the increased amounts of ISCA1<sup>V10G</sup> upon MG132 treatment did not significantly alleviate the analyzed RCC subunit levels. All values are given as the mean  $\pm$  SD (n = 3 to 4); \*P<0.05, \*\*P< 0.01, \*\*\*P<0.001; #, p < 0.1; ns, not significant; dashed lines, 100%-value of mock-transfected control cells.



**Supplementary Figure S5. The ISCA1 p.V10G mutation hardly affects extra-mitochondrial Fe-S proteins in MG132-treated cells.** HeLa cells were transfected and treated with MG132 as in Fig. 5. **(A)** Total cell lysates were subjected to immunoblotting and analyzed for the steady-state protein levels of the indicated proteins. Representative blots are shown. **(B, D, E)** Immunoblot signals were quantified and the protein per  $\beta$ -actin ratios were normalized to mock-transfected cells. The levels of  $\beta$ -actin itself were directly normalized to its levels in mock-treated cells. **(C)** The specific activities of cytosolic aconitase (ACO1/IRP1) and LDH were determined in the cytosolic fractions prepared by digitonin-based cell fractionation. All values are given as the mean  $\pm$  SD ( $n = 3$  to  $4$ ); \* $P < 0.05$ , \*\* $P < 0.01$ , \*\*\* $P < 0.001$ ; #,  $p < 0.1$ ; ns, not significant dashed lines, 100%-value of mock-transfected control cells.



**Supplementary Figure S6. ISCA1 is not processed.** HeLa organellar material and *in vitro* translated [<sup>35</sup>S] radiolabeled ISCA1<sup>WT</sup> were mixed (lanes 3 to 5) or remained unmixed (lanes 1 and 6), and were subjected to 16% tricine-SDS gel electrophoresis and blotting according to Fig. 6C. (A) Autoradiograph and (B) anti-ISCA1 immunostaining were (C) merged by superimposition. Immunoblot signals are shown in cyan, matching signals are highlighted in red. MW, molecular mass marker.



**Supplementary Figure S7. Overexpression of ISCA1<sup>V10G</sup> leads to partial mis-localization in the cytosol.** HeLa cells were transfected with siRNAs and ISCA1-encoding plasmids prior to MG132 treatment as in Fig. 5. Total cell lysates, cytosolic and membrane samples obtained by digitonin-based cell fractionation were subjected to immunoblotting and analyzed for the indicated proteins. Overexpression of smISCA1<sup>wt</sup> or smISCA1<sup>V10G</sup> results in partial cytosolic mis-localization.

## Supplementary Tables

**Supplementary Table 1.** Respiratory chain enzymatic activities in muscle and brain tissues obtained from autopsy samples

	CI/CS	CII/CS	SDH/CS	CIII/CS	CIV/CS	Citrate synthase*
Patient- Muscle	0.53	<b>0.06 (52%)</b>	<b>0.02 (35%)</b>	0.61	<b>1.05 (46%)</b>	118
Control range	0.214-0.226	0.116-0.124	0.057-0.063	0.3-0.4	2.3-3.1	150-230
Patient- Brain	0.31 (89%)	<b>0.12 (54%)</b>	<b>0.08 (44%)</b>	<b>0.21 (68%)</b>	<b>0.65 (73%)</b>	180
Control range	0.35-0.37	0.22-0.30	0.18-0.27	0.31-0.38	0.89-1.37	133-164

\*Citrate synthase (CS) expressed as: nmoles/min/mg protein. Values below the control range are given in bold. In brackets the percentage of the enzyme activities relative to the lowest value of controls (n=3) is provided (mean  $\pm$  one value of the standard deviation).

**Supplementary Table 2.** ATP synthase enzymatic activities in mitochondria from patient fibroblasts

	CV (ATP synthesis)*		
	Succ	Mal	Mal+Pyr
Patient	11.92 (33%)	10.84 (69%)	8.83 (74%)
Control range	35.97-37.57	15.61-17.87	11.95-13.79

\*CV (ATP synthase) activity was measured in the direction of ATP synthesis using succinate (Succ), malate (Mal) or malate plus pyruvate (Mal+Pyr) as substrates. The values are expressed as nmoles/min/mg protein. In brackets the percentage of the enzyme activities relative to the lowest value of controls (n=53) is provided (mean  $\pm$  one value of the standard deviation).

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