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- Estimates of effect sizes (e.g. Cohen's d , Pearson's r), indicating how they were calculated

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Software and code

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Data collection

Images were acquired on Nikon Elements AR version 5.20.02 and Zeiss Zen version 2.3.

Data analysis

Image data were analyzed in Fiji ImageJ (version 2.0.0-rc-69/1.52p, build 269a0ad53f) and RT-qPCR and other non-image data were analyzed in R studio (version 1.2.1335) using the ggplot2 package (version 3.1.0) and the ggpubr package (version 0.2.3). Sequence analysis was performed in Mega7 (version 7180411) and Jalview (version 2.11.0).

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Any data that support the findings of this study beyond what is included in the Supplementary Information are available from the corresponding author upon request. Source data are provided with this paper in Supplementary Data 4. Requests for unique biological materials such as plasmids or transformants should be directed to the corresponding author. All genome sequence information was obtained from the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) Genome database (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>) and accession numbers to relevant genomes are referenced in the Methods where appropriate.

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	Sample size for RT-qPCR experiments and immunoblot experiments was determined to be at least three (n=3) to provide sufficient data for the assumption of normality under the Central Limit Theorem. Both the t-test and Tukey's post-hoc test assume an underlying normally distributed population. For quantification of immunofluorescent signal, sample size was determined using a Power analysis based on the means derived from the first replicate collected for each experimental condition.
Data exclusions	No data were excluded for reasons other than random sampling.
Replication	All experiments were independently replicated at least three times. All replication attempts were successful.
Randomization	Consideration of covariates was not warranted under the given experimental conditions. Randomization of groups was therefore not necessary. All samples were treated side-by-side under the same conditions and compared to relevant controls.
Blinding	For random sampling of datasets, experimentally determined values were hidden and only sample ID was visible to randomly select values for statistical testing.

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Materials & experimental systems

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Human research participants
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Methods

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> ChIP-seq
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Flow cytometry
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Antibodies

Antibodies used	Antibodies: polyclonal rabbit anti-TrpR (Li International, Denver, CO, USA); polyclonal rabbit anti-YtgR (Li International, Denver, CO, USA); polyclonal mouse anti-cHsp60 (Invitrogen, MA3-023); Normal Rabbit IgG (Cell Signaling Technology, #2729); monoclonal mouse anti-FLAG (Cell Signaling Technology, #8146); monoclonal rabbit anti-FLAG (Cell Signaling Technology, #14793); monoclonal mouse anti-MOMP (clone L2I-45, generated by and a gift of Dr. Harlan Caldwell, NIH); rabbit anti-mouse IgG-HRP (Agilent Dako, P0260); goat anti-rabbit IgG-HRP (Agilent Dako, P0448); goat anti-rabbit IgG-Alexafluor-594 (Invitrogen, ThermoFisher, A11012); goat anti-mouse IgG-Alexafluor-488 (Invitrogen, ThermoFisher, A11001)
Validation	anti-TrpR was validated in-house by western blotting for specificity and ChIP-qPCR conditions were optimized for efficient immunoprecipitation of TrpR-bound DNA fragments anti-YtgR was validated in-house for specificity by optimization of western blotting conditions anti-cHsp60 has been validated in several publications linked on the manufacturer webpage for immunoblotting, immunocytochemistry, immunohistochemistry and immunofluorescence. mouse anti-FLAG has been validated by the manufacturer for immunoblotting, immunoprecipitation, immunohistochemistry, immunofluorescence and flow cytometry. rabbit anti-FLAG has been validated by the manufacturer for immunoblotting, immunoprecipitation, immunohistochemistry, immunofluorescence, flow cytometry and ChIP. Normal Rabbit IgG has been validated by the manufacturer for immunoprecipitation and ChIP. anti-MOMP antibody was validated in-house for specificity by immunoblotting and immunofluorescence and by Caldwell group. Dako HRP-conjugated secondary antibodies have been validated by the manufacturer for limited cross-reactivity.

Alexafluor-conjugated secondary antibodies have been validated by the manufacturer for immunofluorescence, among several other applications.

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)

HeLa cervical epithelial adenocarcinoma cells were originally acquired from ATCC
McCoy B mouse fibroblast cells were originally acquired from Dr. Harlan Caldwell (NIH) who acquired them from ATCC

Authentication

HeLa cells were originally authenticated by ATCC via STR profiling and isoenzyme analysis per ATCC specifications.
Authentication of McCoy B cells is not specified on ATCC.

Mycoplasma contamination

To our knowledge, all cell lines used in this study were mycoplasma free as determined by routine PCR sampling for contamination.

Commonly misidentified lines
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No commonly misidentified cells were used in this study.