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Software and code

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Data collection

Histological images were acquired using Leica Application Suite V3.5.0 acquisition software (Leica) or with a scanner NanoZoomer-2.ORS C110730 and NDP.view 2 V2.7.43 software.
Fluorescence or immunofluorescence images were acquired using LAS-AF V2.7.3. acquisition software (Leica).
Blood pressure measurements were acquired with a BP-2000 2011.11.15 analysis software (Visitech Systems).
Ultrasound data were collected using a Vevo 2100 1.5.0 software (Visual Sonics)
Flow cytometry data were collected using a Canto 3L HTS cytometer and the BD FACSDiva Software Version 6.1.3
qPCR data were acquired using the Bio-Rad CFX Manager 3.1 software.
Proteomics data were collected using either a Q-Exactive HF mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific) or an Orbitrap Fusion mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific).

Data analysis

Images were analyzed and quantified using ImageJ V1.52a software. NDP.view 2 V2.7.43 software was used to visualize images from the scanner.
Flow cytometry data were analyzed using FlowJo 10.7.1 software.
Data from mass spectrometry were analyzed using Proteome Discoverer version 2.1 and SEQUEST HT (Thermo Fisher Scientific), DecoyPYrat and SanXot released version 2019 and limma 3.41.4 software package.
qPCR data were analyzed using the Bio-Rad CFX Manager 3.1 software and further analysis was performed in Excel software.
Statistics analysis was performed using GraphPad Prism 7.05 software.
Additional layout was made using Adobe Photoshop software.

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- A list of figures that have associated raw data
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Source data are provided with this paper for all figures. The mass spectrometry raw data that support the findings of this study, including nitrated peptide MS/MS spectra (Supplementary Data 2 and 4), mouse reference proteome database December 2016 and human reference proteome database July 2018, are publicly available in the Peptide Atlas repository (<http://www.peptideatlas.org/PASS/PASS01528>). The following databases were used: UniProtKB, Swiss-Prot and TrEMBL (<https://www.uniprot.org/uniprot/>), Nucleotide database (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nucleotide/>), Protein Data Bank, PDB (<https://www.rcsb.org/>). All mass spectrometry raw data obtained in this study, including nitrated peptide MS/MS spectra, have been deposited in the Peptide Atlas (<http://www.peptideatlas.org/PASS/PASS01528>). Other relevant datasets generated and/or analyzed during the current study are available from the corresponding authors on reasonable request.

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	The initial estimation of sample size was performed using software Gpower3.1.94. In brief, with a 0.8 experiment power, a significance level of 0.05, the possible mortality associated to a genotype or treatment and considering that differences around 1 SD would be informative when comparing strains and/or treatments, the estimated number of animals per condition would be 17 mice, pooled from independent experiments. After this initial estimation, the number of animals was reduced based on the results obtained from previous experiments. The specific numbers of animals used in each type of experiment are indicated in the corresponding figure legends.
Data exclusions	No data were excluded
Replication	All attempts on replication were successful. All experiments were done with at least three biological replicates.
Randomization	No randomization was performed to allocate animals into experimental groups. Experimental groups were balanced in terms of sex, age, weight and Ascending/Abdominal basal aorta diameter criteria, so mice were allocated in experimental groups based on these criteria.
Blinding	All ex vivo experiments and proteomics analysis performed were blinded. In the case of in vivo experiments, it was not always possible to blind the experimenter to the identity of the animals, particularly during the Covid-19 pandemic. To decrease the possibility of introducing a bias in the analysis, each independent experiment was performed by a different investigator, when possible.

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Antibodies

Antibodies used

-mouse monoclonal anti-pVASP (1:50; sc-101439, Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Santa Cruz, CA, USA)
-rabbit polyclonal anti-p-VASP (1:25; SAB4300129, Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO, USA)

-rabbit polyclonal anti-PRKG (1:50 for immunofluorescence and 1:1000 for immunoblot, ADI-KAP-PK005-F, Enzo Life Sciences)
 -rabbit polyclonal anti-GFP (1:100 for immunohistochemistry, A11122, Invitrogen; Carlsbad, CA, USA)
 -pAb 9543 rabbit anti-fibrillin-1 polyclonal antibody (1:2000 for immunofluorescence)
 -Texas Red-X-conjugated phalloidin (1:2000 for immunofluorescence, T7471, Thermo Fisher Scientific; Bremen, Germany)
 -mouse monoclonal [6C5 clone] anti-Gapdh (1:10,000 for immunoblot; ab8245 Abcam, Cambridge, UK)
 -rabbit polyclonal anti-GUCY1A3 (1:1000 for immunoblot, 12605-1-AP, Proteintech; Rosemont, IL, USA)
 -rabbit polyclonal anti-GUCY1B3 GUCY1A3 (1:500 for immunoblot, 19011-1-AP, Proteintech; Rosemont, IL, USA)
 -mouse monoclonal anti- α -Tubulin (1:40,000 for immunoblot, T 6074, Sigma-Aldrich; St. Louis, MO, USA)
 -secondary antibodies for immunofluorescence were polyclonal Alexa-Fluor-647-conjugated goat anti-rabbit (1:500, A-21245, Molecular Probes) or polyclonal Alexa-Fluor-647-conjugated chicken anti-mouse (1:500, A-21463, Molecular Probes).
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Validation

All antibodies used were validated in the manufacturer's website for our species and application. Specificity was determined by substituting the primary antibody with unrelated IgG at the same dilutions as the antigen-specific antibodies.

-mouse monoclonal anti-pVASP (1:50; sc-101439, Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Santa Cruz, CA, USA). From manufacturer website: 'p-VASP (16C2) is recommended for detection of Ser 239 phosphorylated VASP of mouse, rat and human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000), immunoprecipitation [1-2 μ g per 100-500 μ g of total protein (1 ml of cell lysate)], immunofluorescence (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500), flow cytometry (1 μ g per 1 x 10⁶ cells) and solid phase ELISA (starting dilution 1:30, dilution range 1:30-1:3000).'

-rabbit polyclonal anti-p-VASP (1:25; SAB4300129, Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO, USA). From manufacturer website: 'application(s): immunohistochemistry (formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded sections): 1:50-1:100; western blot: 1:500-1:1000. Species reactivity: human, mouse, rat.'

-rabbit polyclonal anti-PRKG (1:50 for immunofluorescence and 1:1000 for immunoblot, ADI-KAP-PK005-F, Enzo Life Sciences). From manufacturer website: 'Species reactivity: Human, Mouse, Rat, Porcine. Applications: IHC (PS), WB'. We tested its specificity in immunofluorescence by substituting the primary antibody with unrelated IgG at the same dilutions as the antigen-specific antibodies.

-rabbit polyclonal anti-GFP (1:100 for immunohistochemistry, A11122, Invitrogen; Carlsbad, CA, USA). From manufacturer website: 'Published species: Fruit fly, Human, Mouse, Rat, Sheep, Tag, Zebrafish. Immunohistochemistry (IHC) 1:200-1:2000'. In this case, we used it 1:100 after a trial with different dilutions and testing its specificity by substituting the primary antibody with unrelated IgG at the same dilutions as the antigen-specific antibodies.

-pAb 9543 rabbit anti-fibrillin-1 polyclonal antibody (1:2000 for immunofluorescence). This antibody was kindly donated by Dr. L. Sakai, so we used the same conditions as they use in their laboratory.

-Texas Red-X-conjugated phalloidin (1:2000 for immunofluorescence, T7471, Thermo Fisher Scientific; Bremen, Germany). From manufacturer website: 'Selectively stains F-actin, outstanding fluorescence performance, superior to antibody staining, optimal for fixed and permeabilized samples.' Dilution was empirically determined after a trial.

-mouse monoclonal [6C5 clone] anti-Gapdh (1:10,000 for immunoblot; ab8245 Abcam, Cambridge, UK). From manufacturer website: 'Suitable for: WB, ICC/IF. Reacts with: Mouse, Rat, Human. WB use: 1:500-1:10000).'

-rabbit polyclonal anti-GUCY1A3 (1:1000 for immunoblot, 12605-1-AP, Proteintech; Rosemont, IL, USA). From manufacturer website: 'Reactivity: human, mouse, rat. Applications: WB, IP, IHC, ELISA. WB : 1:500-1:2000'.

-rabbit polyclonal anti-GUCY1B3 GUCY1A3 (1:500 for immunoblot, 19011-1-AP, Proteintech; Rosemont, IL, USA). From manufacturer website: 'Reactivity: human, mouse, rat. Applications: WB, IP, IHC, IF, ELISA. WB : 1:1000-1:4000'.

-mouse monoclonal anti- α -Tubulin (1:40,000 for immunoblot, T 6074, Sigma-Aldrich; St. Louis, MO, USA). From manufacturer website: 'Species reactivity: chicken, kangaroo rat, sea urchin, rat, Chlamydomonas, bovine, human, African green monkey, mouse. Application(s): western blot: 0.25-0.5 μ g/mL using total cell extract of human foreskin fibroblast cell line (FS11).'

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)

Primary mouse vascular smooth muscle cells (VSMCs) were isolated and grown as described. All experiments were performed using cells from passages 3–7. HEK-293T (CRL-1573) and Jurkat (Clone E6-1, TIB-152) cell lines used in this study were used only after receipt from ATCC or after resuscitation from early stocks at low passage number.

Authentication

HEK293T and Jurkat were not authenticated. Instead, cells were used after receipt or after resuscitation from early stocks at low passage number.

Mycoplasma contamination

All cells were mycoplasma-negative

Commonly misidentified lines (See [ICLAC](#) register)

HEK293 is one of the cell lines misidentified when no authentic stock is known. However, the HEK293T cell line used in this study was obtained from ATCC or after resuscitation from early stocks at low passage number. HEK-293T were used in this study for lentiviral production because it is the established cell line for this purpose.

Animals and other organisms

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Laboratory animals

Fbn1C1039G/+ mice were obtained from Jackson Laboratories (JAX mice stock #012885). This strain had been previously backcrossed to the C57BL/6 background for more than nine generations. Wild-type (WT) mice were on the C57BL/6 background. 12–15-week-old males and females were used for all experiments. Mice were housed in a pathogen-free animal facility under a 12 h light/dark cycle at constant temperature and humidity, and fed standard rodent chow and water ad libitum.

Wild animals	No wild animals were used in the study.
Field-collected samples	No field collected samples were used in the study.
Ethics oversight	Animal procedures were approved by the CNIC Ethics Committee and the Madrid regional authorities (ref. PROEX 80/16) and conformed to EU Directive 2010/63EU and Recommendation 2007/526/EC regarding the protection of animals used for experimental and other scientific purposes, enforced in Spanish law under Real Decreto 1201/2005.

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Human research participants

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Population characteristics	The covariate-relevant population characteristics of the research participants from which samples were obtained, are: Age: 18-70 years Sex: both males and females were included in these studies Genotypic information and diagnosis: these studies were conformed by healthy donors and Marfan patients. In the later case, patients were either phenotypically diagnosed or genetically genotyped as Marfan Syndrome Patients.
Recruitment	Aorta, plasma and serum samples from patients with Marfan Syndrome were obtained from biobanks of Hospital Puerta de Hierro, Hospital Vall D'Hebron, and Ghent University Hospital. Age- and sex-matched ascending aorta samples used as controls were obtained anonymously from multiorgan transplant donors after written informed consent was obtained from their families, and age- and sex-matched control plasma samples were obtained from healthy volunteers. No potential selection biases that could impact the results were present.
Ethics oversight	The study complied with all relevant ethical regulations and was approved by the Research Ethics Committee of Cantabria (ref. 27/2013), the Ethics Committee of Ghent University Hospital (B65020111160), and the Ethics Committee of the Instituto de Salud Carlos III (CEI PI91-2018-v2-Enmienda_2019). Informed consent was obtained from all human participants or their families. Patient clinical data were retrieved while maintaining anonymity.

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Flow Cytometry

Plots

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Methodology

Sample preparation	Jurkat cells were used for lentiviral titration. Jurkat cells were plated in a 96-well plate and infected with lentivirus at various dilutions (1:10-1:100000). After 48 hours, cells were centrifuged 5 minutes at 1800g and resuspended in 200microL of ice-cold PBS with 1:1000 propidium iodide.
Instrument	Flow cytometry data were collected using a Canto 3L HTS cytometer and the BD FACSDiva Software Version 6.1.3
Software	Flow cytometry data were collected using the BD FACSDiva Software Version 6.1.3 and analyzed using FlowJo 10.7.1 software.
Cell population abundance	All sorted cells were Jurkat cells. The percentage of infected Jurkat varies from 99% to 2% depending on the lentiviral dilution (1:10-1:100000).
Gating strategy	The gating strategy is illustrated in the Supplementary Figure 14. An initial FSC-A and SSC-A density plot was used to identify Jurkat cell population. This population was gated in a FSC-H vs FSC-A plot to select single cells and exclude doublet cells. Then, alive cells (Propidium Iodide negative cells) were identified with a PI (FI3)-A histogram. Finally, the alive Jurkat population was gated for GFP-A in a histogram. The threshold for the histogram was determined using non-infected Jurkat cells as negative control. To determine the percentage of infected cells (GFP+), these gates were applied to all the samples acquired.

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