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Software and code

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Data collection

For FIB-SEM experiments : iTEM acquisition software (Olympus Soft-Imaging Systems; version 5.2); AutoSlice and View G3 software (FEI; version 4.0)
Cell impedance was collected using the RTCA software (Agilent; version 1.0)

Data analysis

Mascot (Matrix science; version 2.5.1); Scaffold (Proteome software; version 4.9.0); Image J (NIH, version 1.53c); GraphPad Prism (GraphPad Software; version 8.0.1); FlowJo (Becton, Dickinson & Company; version 9.0); Kaluza (Beckman Coulter; version 2.1); Blender software (blender.org; version 2.79); LasX Software (Leica, version 3.7.0), phenix.map_to_model (Phenix; version 1.16-3549); MaxQuant (Max Planck Institute; version 1.6.2.3); PhosphoSitePlus (www.phosphosite.org, version 6.5.9.3); Ilastik software (ilastik.org; version 1.2.0); MUSCLE sequence alignment software (EMBL-EBI; version 3.8.31); PhyML 3.0 (ATGC; version 3.0); PyMol (DeLano Scientific LLC; version 4.2.4); UCSF Chimera (UCSF; version 1.13.1); Gctf (version 1.06); MotionCor2 (UCSF; version 1.3.0); Coot (version 0.9.5); MolProbity (version 4.5.1); Andromeda search engine (MaxQuant; version 1.6.2.3); HD examiner software (Sierra Analytics; version 1.4); R package SRMServe (version 0.1.9.23); R package limma (limma; version 3.40.6); R package funscoR (version 0.1.0)

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All data are present in the main text and the supplementary materials. Source data are provided with this paper. The Figures 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and the Supplementary Figures 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 are associated with raw data presented in the Source Data File. The mass spectrometry proteomics regarding RON4 immunoprecipitation have been deposited on the ProteomeXchange Consortium via the PRIDE62 partner repository with the dataset identifier PXD021516 [<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/pride/archive/projects/PXD021516>]. The phosphoproteomic data have been deposited on the ProteomeXchange Consortium via the PRIDE 62 partner repository with the dataset identifier PXD018056 [<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/pride/archive/projects/PXD018056>]. The HDX-MS data have been deposited on the ProteomeXchange Consortium via the PRIDE62 partner repository with the dataset identifier PXD023791 [<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/pride/archive/projects/PXD023791>]. The coordinates and the cryo-EM map have been deposited to the Protein Data Bank (pdb id: 7NUR; [<http://doi.org/10.2210/pdb7NUR/pdb>]) and Electron Microscopy Data Bank (accession code: EMD-12600; [<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/pdbe/entry/emdb/EMD-12600>]). The public dataset used for mass-spectrometry analysis of RON4 immunoprecipitation is the ToxoDB_Tgondii_GT1 database (ToxoplasmaDB.org, release 42) and the one used for the phosphoproteomics analysis is the ToxoDB_Tgondii_GT1 database (ToxoplasmaDB.org, release 44). All biological materials and data are available from the authors upon request.

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	Sample size were chosen based on previously published literature for the performed assays (1,2,3). All experiments were performed with enough biological replicates (a minimum of 3) to allow relevant statistical analysis. 1. Guérin, A. et al. Efficient invasion by <i>Toxoplasma</i> depends on the subversion of host protein networks. <i>Nat. Microbiol.</i> 2, 1358–1366 (2017). 2. Treeck, M., Sanders, J. L., Elias, J. E. & Boothroyd, J. C. The Phosphoproteomes of <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> and <i>Toxoplasma gondii</i> reveal unusual adaptations within and beyond the parasites' boundaries. <i>Cell Host Microbe</i> 10, 410–419 (2012). 3. Dogga, S. K. et al. A druggable secretory protein maturase of <i>Toxoplasma</i> essential for invasion and egress. <i>Elife</i> 6, 1–35 (2017).
Data exclusions	No data were excluded from the analysis presented in this study.
Replication	All experiments were done with biological replicates and take into account the biological variation of the system. At least three biological replicates and two technical replicates were performed. All results were successfully replicated.
Randomization	Assignment of strains to treatment group were randomized in the study to get non-bias response.
Blinding	For quantification based on IFA, the sample labeling was hidden during data collection and only revealed post-analysis. For the other experiments, investigators were not blinded. The analysis performed have quantitative endpoints and are not subjected to investigator bias.

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Antibodies

Antibodies used

Primary antibodies used in this study include: anti-RON2; anti-RON4 (rb); anti-RON8 (a gift from Dr. M. Lebrun), anti-RON4 (ms); anti-ROP2/3/4; anti-ROP1; anti-RON9 (a gift from Dr. J.F. Dubremetz), anti-RON5C (a gift from Dr. P. Bradley), anti-Ty (rb) (a gift from Dr. C.J. Tonkin), anti-MIC2 (a gift from Dr. V. Carruthers), anti-Phospho-STAT6 (Cell signalling #9361), anti-myc (ms) (DSH Bishop #9E10), anti-Myc (rb) (Sigma #3956), anti-GRA1 (Anawa), anti-GFP (Roche #11814460001), anti-RON13 produced in this study, anti-ARO [6], anti-GAP45 [7], anti-SAG1 (ms) [8], anti-SAG1 (ascite) [9], anti-actin [10], anti-catalase [11], anti- $\alpha + \beta$ tubulin [12], anti-Ty (ms) [13], anti-HA (rat) (Roche clone 3F10), anti-HA (ms) (Clone 12CA5).

Validation

Validation of RON13 antibody is described in this study.
 The other antibody used were validated in the following publications:
 anti-RON2; anti-RON4 (rb) : Besteiro, S., Dubremetz, J. F. & Lebrun, M. The moving junction of apicomplexan parasites: A key structure for invasion. *Cell. Microbiol.* 13, 797–805 (2011).
 anti-RON4 (ms); anti-RON9 : Leriche, M. A. & Dubremetz, J. F. Characterization of the protein contents of rhoptries and dense granules of *Toxoplasma gondii* tachyzoites by subcellular fractionation and monoclonal antibodies. *Mol. Biochem. Parasitol.* 45, 249–259 (1991).
 anti-RON5C; anti-RON8 : Straub, K. W., Cheng, S. J., Sohn, C. S. & Bradley, P. J. Novel components of the Apicomplexan moving junction reveal conserved and coccidia-restricted elements. *cell Microbiol.* 11, 590–603 (2009).
 anti-ROP2/3/4 : Sadak, A., Taghy, Z., Fortier, B. & Dubremetz, J. Characterization of a family of rhoptry proteins of *Toxoplasma gondii*. *Mol. Biochem. Parasitol.* 29, 203–211 (1988).
 anti-ARO : Mueller, C. et al. The toxoplasma protein ARO mediates the apical positioning of rhoptry organelles, a prerequisite for host cell invasion. *Cell Host Microbe* 13, 289–301 (2013).
 anti-GAP45 : Frenal, K., Polonais, V., Marq, J., Stratmann, R. & Limenitakis, J. Functional Dissection of the Apicomplexan Glideosome Molecular Architecture. *Cell Host Microbe* 343–357 (2010) doi:10.1016/j.chom.2010.09.002.
 anti-SAG1 (ms) : Couvreur, G., Sadak, A., Fortier, B. & Dubremetz, J. F. Surface antigens of *Toxoplasma gondii*. *Parasites and Vectors* 97, 1–10 (1988).
 anti-SAG1 (ascite) : Kim, K., Soldati, D. & Boothroyd, J. Gene replacement in *Toxoplasma gondii* with chloramphenicol acetyltransferase as selectable marker. *Science* (80-.). 262, 911–914 (1993).
 anti-actin : Herm-gotz, A. et al. *Toxoplasma gondii* myosin A and its light chain : a fast , single-headed , plus-end-directed motor. *EMBO J.* 21, 2149–2158 (2002).
 anti-catalase : Ding, M., Clayton, C., Soldati, D., Biologie, M. & Feld, I. N. *Toxoplasma gondii* catalase : are there peroxisomes in *Toxoplasma* ? *J. Cell Sci.* 2419, 2409–2419 (2000).
 anti-Ty (ms) : Bastin, P., Bagherzadeh, A., Matthews, K. R. & Gull, K. A novel epitope tag system to study protein targeting and organelle biogenesis in *Trypanosoma brucei*. *Mol. Biochem. Parasitol.* 77, (1996).
 anti-Ty (rb) : Uboldi, A. D. et al. Regulation of Starch Stores by a Ca²⁺-Dependent Protein Kinase Is Essential for Viable Cyst Development in *Toxoplasma gondii*. *Cell Host Microbe* 18, 670–681 (2015).
 anti- $\alpha + \beta$ tubulin : Tosetti, N. et al. Essential function of the alveolin network in the subpellicular microtubules and conoid assembly in *Toxoplasma gondii*. *Elife* 9, 1–22 (2020).
 anti-Phospho-STAT6 (Cell signalling #9361) : Validated for Western-blot and IFA
 anti-myc (ms) (DSH Bishop #9E10) : Validated for Western-blot and IFA
 anti-Myc (rb) (Sigma #3956) : Validated for Western-blot and IFA
 anti-GRA1 (Anawa) : Validated for Western-blot and IFA
 anti-GFP (Roche #11814460001) : Validated for Western-blot and IFA
 anti-HA (rat) (Roche clone 3F10) : Validated for Western-blot and IFA
 anti-HA (ms) (Clone 12CA5) : Validated for Western-blot and IFA

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)

human foreskin fibroblasts (HFFs, ATCC, CRL 1634), HeLa cells (ATCC, CCL-2)
 T. gondii Δ KU80 RH strain (Huynh, M. H. & Carruthers, V. B. Tagging of endogenous genes in a *Toxoplasma gondii* strain lacking Ku80. *Eukaryot. Cell* 8, 530–539 (2009))
 T. gondii TaTi/ Δ KU80 strain (Meissner, M., Schlüter, D. & Soldati, D. Role of *Toxoplasma gondii* Myosin A in Powering Parasite Gliding and Host Cell Invasion. *Science* (80-.). 298, 837 LP – 840 (2002))

Authentication	none of this cell lines were authenticated
Mycoplasma contamination	HFF, HeLa and parental strains Δ KU80 RH and TaTi/ Δ KU80 have been tested for mycoplasma contamination. Following transfection, the resulting transgenic <i>T. gondii</i> lines have not been tested for mycoplasma contamination except prior to use them for the virulence experiments.
Commonly misidentified lines (See ICLAC register)	None to be reported

Animals and other organisms

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Laboratory animals	Mouse 7 weeks old female CD1 mice (Charles River), day/night cycle of 12h/12h. The temperature of the room and humidity are set to 22C and 35% humidity respectively.
Wild animals	no wild animals were used in this study
Field-collected samples	no field collected samples were used in the study
Ethics oversight	All animal experiments were conducted with the authorization numbers GE121-19, according to the guidelines and regulations issued by the Swiss Federal Veterinary Office.

Note that full information on the approval of the study protocol must also be provided in the manuscript.

Flow Cytometry

Plots

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Methodology

Sample preparation	Human Foreskin fibroblasts (ATCC, CRL 1634) infected with <i>Toxoplasma gondii</i> expressing beta-lactamase. The infected cells were incubated with CCF4-AM (ThermoFisher Scientific) or DMSO prior trypsinization and analysis.
Instrument	Gallios flow cytometer (Beckman Coulter)
Software	FlowJo (Becton, Dickinson & Company; version 9.0); Kaluza (Beckman Coulter; version 2.1)
Cell population abundance	Intact infected cells represent ~ 50% of the total abundance determined by SSC/FSC. All intact cell were analyzed.
Gating strategy	All intact cells were analyzed. The SSC/FSC was used to discriminate intact fibroblasts from debris and extracellular parasites.

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