SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Grainyhead 1 acts as a drug-inducible conserved transcriptional regulator

linked to insulin signaling and lifespan

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SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES

Supplementary Figure 1. Nematodal *grh-1* **impacts aging phenotypes.**

a Individual microscopy images related to Fig. 1d. b RT-qPCR of *grh-1* in WT (N2) vs. *grh-1* OEx (line 2) without heat shock (*n* = 3 for both). **c** Lifespan assay of WT (N2) vs. *grh-1* OEx (line 2) on OP50 bacteria without heat shock. **d** Individual microscopy images related to Fig. 1g. **e, f** As in (**b, c**) with heat shock (RT-qPCR with *n* = 3 for both). **g** Lifespan assay of *grh-1* OEx with *grh-1* RNAi compared to control RNAi and WT (N2). **h** RT-qPCR of *grh-1* in WT (N2) vs. a line overexpressing *grh-1* under control of its endogenous promoter (*grh-1p*; *n* = 3 for both). **i** Lifespan assay of WT (N2) vs. the same *grh-1* overexpressing line as in (**h**). Data in bar graphs are mean ± SEM, with sample sizes as stated and individual data points representing biological replicates. *P*-values were determined with two-tailed unequal variances *t*-tests of the indicated comparisons of unpaired control vs. treatment groups. *P*-values of *C*. *elegans* lifespan assays were determined by log-rank test. See Supplementary Data 1 for detailed lifespan assay statistics. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 2. Nematodal *grh-1* **and human** *GRHL1* **are linked to MAP kinase activity.**

a Plot of enriched GO terms among genes upregulated in *grh-1* OEx vs. WT, as determined by RNA-Seq. See Supplementary Data 2. **b** Venn intersection of *C*. *elegans* 'MAPK activity' (GO:0004707) genes that have GRH-1 binding motifs in their promoter and are overexpressed at least 2-fold in *grh-1* OEx. See Supplementary Data 2 and 3. **c** Normalized enrichment score (NES) and FDR of gene set enrichment analysis of genes correlating with human *GRHL1* in non-gender-specific tissues. Only gene sets also enriched in *grh-1* OEx RNA-Seq are shown. **d, e** Pearson's r correlation coefficients and two-tailed test *P*-values between GRHL1 and genes in GO term 'MAPK activity' (GO:0004707) in human muscle (**d**) or liver (**e**) samples, derived from the GTEx database. Gray bars represent nonsignificant correlations (*P*-value > 0.05). **f** Full western blot image related to Fig. 1k (WT and *grh-1* OEx nematodes *n* =

4 independent samples each). **g** Lifespan assay of WT (N2) and *grh-1* OEx on post-developmental *pmk-1* RNAi compared to control vector L4440. *P*-values of *C*. *elegans* lifespan assays were determined by log-rank test. See Supplementary Data 1 for detailed lifespan assay statistics. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 3. Human GRHL and NRF2 reporters and human GRHL1 protein interactome.

a Scheme of luciferase reporter constructs for GRHL and NRF2. **b** Nucleotide sequences of the GRHL-synthetic promoter element (SPE) and the NRF2 antioxidant response element (ARE). Binding motifs underlined. **c** Activation of stable GRHL and NRF2 luciferase reporter cell lines with control compounds Scriptaid (SA) and sulforaphane (SFN) as log2 fold change over DMSO control ($n = 16$ for all). **d** Genotyping PCR for constitutive CRISPR/Cas9-mediated deletion of *GRHL1* in GRHL luciferase reporter clones 1 and 5 (in bold). Size of wild-type (WT) and deletion (Del) fragment as indicated. **e** Luciferase assay of GRHL luciferase reporter with wild-type (WT) *GRHL1* or deletion thereof (*n* = 4 for all). **f** Scheme of 3xFLAG-6xHis tagged wild-type human GRHL1 (GRHL1WT-TAG) overexpression construct. **g** Western blot of HEK293 monoclonal cell lines stably transfected with the construct in (**f**) and detection of 74.5 kDa GRHL1WT-TAG with

FLAG antibody. Line 12 (in bold) was used for subsequent experiments. **h** Microscopy images of a HEK293 wild-type (WT, left) cell line and the GRHL1WT-TAG-overexpressing line 12 (right), with brightfield, DAPI staining, GRHL1 immunofluorescence (using the same FLAG antibody as in **a**), and overlay of the latter two, showing GRHL1WT-TAG nuclear localization. **i** Western blot of representative GRHL1WT-TAG TAP fractions. The FLAG elution fraction was used as input for the His purification procedure, and His beads with bound proteins were used as input for MS/MS. Successful GRHL1WT-TAG purification verified for all applicable samples (*n* = 3 each) used in MS/MS. **j** Clustered protein-protein interaction network of all proteins here identified as GRHL1 interactors, with each of the 130 proteins assigned to one of seven categories according to their manually curated functional classification. Edges represent known protein-protein associations, with darker color indicating stronger data support. Visualized with the help of STRING (https://stringdb.org). The interaction network of proteins classified as impacting post-translational modifications (at the top) is also depicted in Fig. 4e. See Supplementary Data 5. Data in bar graphs are mean ± SEM, with sample sizes as stated and individual data points representing biological replicates. *P*-values were determined with two-tailed unequal variances *t*tests of the indicated comparisons of unpaired control vs. treatment groups. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 4. Protein pull-down using biotinylated papaverine and *C***.** *elegans* **IIS-related lifespan assays.**

a Synthesis scheme of biotinylated papaverine (7) from papaverine hydrochloride (1). See Supplementary Methods for details. **b** Experimental design of pull-down experiment using biotin-linker control (compound 6 in **a**) and biotinylated papaverine (compound 7 in **a**) coupled to streptavidin beads and incubated with HEK293 total cell extract. **c** Overview of biotinylated papaverine-interacting proteins identified following (**b**), highlighting their relation to insulin/IGF-1 and/or PI3K-AKT-mTOR signaling and indicating published interactions with KMT2D and KDM1A. See Supplementary Table 2. **d-h** Lifespan assays using WT (N2) nematodes and *grh-1* OEx, treated post-developmentally with the control vector L4440 (**d**) or individual RNAis (**e-h**) as indicated. *P*-values of *C*. *elegans* lifespan assays were determined by log-rank test. See Supplementary Data 1 for detailed lifespan assay statistics. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 5. Correlations of human *GRHL1* **and murine** *Grhl1* **with insulin signaling and metabolic parameters.**

a Correlation by Spearman's rho and two-tailed test *P*-values between *Grhl1* expression in liver (Z-score normalized) and mean lifespan of chow and high fat diet fed mice from the BXD mouse genetic reference population. **b** Similar as in **a**, depicting correlation of *Grhl1* expression in liver with area under the curve (AUC) glycemia during oral glucose tolerance test (oGTT). **c** Normalized enrichment score (NES) and FDR of gene sets enrichment analysis of genes correlating with human *GRHL1* in non-gender-specific tissue. Only gene sets related to insulin signaling are shown. **d** Pearson's r correlation coefficients and two-tailed test *P*-values between *GRHL1* and genes in GO term 'Insulin receptor signaling pathway' (GO: 0008286) in human liver samples, derived from the GTEx database. Gray bars represent nonsignificant correlations (*P*-value > 0.05). **e** Age distribution of subjects in GTEx data set who died of so-called 'accidental' deaths and included in the analysis. **f** Age distribution of subjects in the FUSION data set.

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

Supplementary Table 1. Post-translational modifications identified for GRHL1WT-TAG.

Overview of post-translational modifications of GRHL1WT-TAG, as determined by mass spectrometry of the recombinant protein after tandem-affinity purification from nuclei of HEK293 cells treated with DMSO or papaverine. Listed are the modified amino acid, its position in GRHL1WT-TAG, the type of modification, and in how many samples X/3 DMSO and/or papaverine the particular modification was identified. The data are based on the peptide identification results obtained using PEAKS X search engine and stringent filters.

Supplementary Table 2. Proteins co-purifying with biotinylated papaverine.

Overview of proteins co-purifying with biotinylated papaverine, as determined by mass spectrometry of samples resulting from a protein pull-down assay using the tagged compound mixed with HEK293 total cell extracts. Listed for each papaverine-interacting protein are its corresponding gene name, Swiss-Prot ID, and label-free quantification (LFQ) and unique peptide (UP) fold change (fc) over the biotinylated linker control. The last column additionally lists PubMed IDs (PMIDs) or digital object identifiers (DOI) of publications indicating a link of the respective protein to insulin signaling and/or the PI3K-AKT-mTOR signaling axis.

Supplementary Table 3. Nucleotide sequences.

Full sequences of nucleotides related to RT-qPCR experiments, vector cloning, vector mutagenesis, and genotyping.

SUPPLEMENTARY METHODS

Detailed procedures of biotinylated Papaverine synthesis

General

Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out under an ambient atmosphere, and all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck silica gel 60 F254 TLC glass plates and visualized with 254 nm light and potassium permanganate or cerium ammonium molybdate solution followed by heating. Purification of reaction products was carried out by flash chromatography using Sigma-Aldrich silica gel, 60Å, 230-400 mesh under 0.3-0.5 bar pressure. 1H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AV-NEO 400 MHz or Bruker AV-NEO 500 MHz spectrometer and are reported in ppm with the solvent resonance employed as the internal standard (CHCl₃ at 7.26 ppm and DMSO-d₆ at 2.50 ppm). Peaks are reported as (s = singlet, $d =$ doublet, $t =$ triplet, $q =$ quartet or $m =$ multiplet, coupling constant(s) in Hz, integration). ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded with ¹H-decoupling on a Bruker AV-NEO 101 MHz or Bruker AV-NEO 126 MHz spectrometer and are reported in ppm with the solvent resonance employed as the internal standard (CDCl₃ at 77.16 ppm and DMSO-d $_6$ at 39.52). 2D-NMR spectra (1 H/¹³C HSQC, 1H/13C HMBC, 1H COSY, 1H NOESY) were recorded on a Bruker AV-NEO 500 MHz spectrometer with the solvent resonance employed as the internal standard (CHCl₃ at 7.26 ppm/77.16 ppm). Diagnostic cross peaks are labelled in the spectrum and interactions indicated in the chemical structure. Infrared spectra were measured neat on a Perkin-Elmer UATR Two Spectrometer. The peaks are reported as absorption maxima (n, cm^{-1}). High resolution mass spectral data were obtained at the mass spectrometry service operated by the Laboratory of Organic Chemistry at the ETHZ on a Bruker maXis – ESI-Qq-TOF-MS (ESI) and are reported as (*m/z*). Optical rotations were measured with a Jasco P-2000 Polarimeter (10 cm, 1 mL cell). Melting points were obtained on an Büchi M-560.

Synthesis and characterization of products

Synthesis of 6-desmethylpapaverine (**2**) and Pacodine (**3**):

To a solution of Papaverine hydrochloride (**1**) (250 mg, 0.65 mmol, 1.0 eq) in DMF (6.7 ml, 0.1 M) was added NaSEt (162 mg, 1.73 mmol, 2.6 eq) at RT. The reaction was stirred at 140 °C for 1 h. After allowing the reaction to reach RT, it was quenched by addition of water. The mixture was extracted three times with ethyl acetate and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄. filtered and concentrated. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO2; DCM:MeOH 10:1) resulting in 6-desmethylpapaverine (**2**) as a white powder (130.0 mg, 0.40 mmol, 60.1% yield) and Pacodine (**3**) as a beige powder (45.5 mg, 0.14 mmol 21.0% vield). Reaction conditions were adapted from literature¹.

6-desmethylpapaverine (**2**):

1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3) δ = 8.31 (d, *J =* 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J =* 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.81 – 6.78 (m, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J =* 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H).

13C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl3) δ = 157.8, 150.0, 149.2, 148.4, 147.7, 140.3, 134.2, 132.2, 122.9, 120.6, 119.0, 112.0, 111.3, 108.9, 104.0, 56.0, 56.0, 55.9, 42.0.

IR (neat, *νmax*/cm-1) 2996, 2934, 2835, 1770, 1759, 1512, 1464, 1421, 1240, 1154, 1142, 860, 754.

ESI-MS calcd for C19H20NO4 [M+H]+ 326.1387; found 326.1385.

M.P. 167-169 °C (lit.¹ 167 °C).

TLC (CH₂Cl₂:MeOH 10:1 v/v): $R_f = 0.42$.

¹H NMR data and M.P. agree with those reported in the literature².

Pacodine (**3**):

1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ = 8.30 (d, *J =* 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J =* 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J =* 6.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J =* 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.69 – 6.65 (m, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J =* 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (s, 2H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H).

13C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl3) δ = 157.9, 151.1, 149.0, 147.5, 147.1, 140.1, 133.2, 132.0, 123.7, 120.6, 119.1, 111.9, 111.2, 107.9, 105.0, 56.1, 55.9, 55.8, 41.6.

IR (neat, *νmax*/cm-1) 2996, 2936, 2836, 1770, 1760, 1512, 1479, 1433, 1239, 1153, 1050, 1028, 860, 754.

ESI-MS calcd for C19H20NO4 [M+H]+ 326.1387; found 326.1381.

M.P. 163-165 °C (lit.¹ 163-165 °C).

TLC (CH₂Cl₂:MeOH 10:1 v/v): $R_f = 0.45$.

¹H data and M.P. agree with those reported in the literature².

Synthesis of (+)-Biotin-2-(methylamino)ethanol amide (**6**):

To a solution of (+)-Biotin *N*-hydroxysuccinimide ester (**4**) (500 mg, 1.47 mmol, 1.0 eq) in DMF (41.8 ml, 0.035 M) was added 2-(methylamino)ethanol (**5**) (0.13 ml, 1.61 mmol, 1.1 eq) and DIPEA (0.51 ml, 2.93 mmol, 2.0 eq) at RT. The reaction was stopped after 3 h and concentrated in vacuo at 60 °C. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography ($SiO₂$; DCM:MeOH 10:1 + 0.1% formic acid) resulting in (+)-Biotin-2-(methylamino)ethanol amide (**6**) as a withe powder (402.9 mg, 0.134 mmol, 91.0% yield, 1.2:1.0 cis/trans amide). Reaction conditions were adapted from literature3.

(+)-Biotin-2-(methylamino)ethanol amide (**6**): (signals of the minor isomer are indicated with an asterisk)

Note: Some 13C signals were assigned using 2D HSQC and HMBC NMR spectra.

1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ = 6.43 (s, 1H, 1H*), 6.35 (s, 1H, 1H*), 4.79 (t, *J =* 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (t, *J =* 5.5 Hz, 1H*), 4.33 – 4.27 (m, 1H, 1H*), 4.13 (m, 1H, 1H*), 3.51 (q, *J =* 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.44 (q, *J =* 5.9 Hz, 2H*), 3.35 – 3.30 (m, 2H, 2H*), 3.10 (m, 1H, 1H*), 2.98 (s, 3H), 2.85 – 2.80 (m, 1H, 1H*), 2.80 (s, 3H*), 2.57 (d, *J =* 12.4 Hz, 1H, 1H*), 2.32 (t, *J =* 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (t, *J =* 7.4 Hz, 2H*), 1.67 – 1.57 (m, 1H, 1H*), $1.55 - 1.42$ (m, 3H, 3H*), $1.39 - 1.27$ (m, 2H, 2H*).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ = 172.1 (CON), 171.9 (CON^{*}), 162.7 (C, C^{*}), 61.1 (CH, CH^{*}), 59.2 (CH, CH*), 58.7 (CH2*), 58.6z (CH2), 55.5 (CH), 55.5 (CH*), 51.3 (CH2), 49.7 (CH2*), 39.5 (CH2, CH2*), 36.2 (CH3), 33.1 (CH3*), 32.4 (CH2*), 31.9 (CH2), 28.4 (CH2), 28.3 (CH2*), 28.2 (CH2), 28.2 (CH2*), 25.0 (CH2), 24.6 (CH2*).

IR (neat, *νmax*/cm-1) 3270, 2939, 2830, 1687, 1660, 1625, 1464, 1355, 1074, 1053, 860, 773.

ESI-MS calcd for C13H23N3NaO3S [M+Na]+ 324.1353; found 324.1353.

M.P. decomposition at ≥ 200 °C.

TLC (CH₂Cl₂:MeOH 10:1 v/v + 0.1% formic acid): $R_f = 0.19$.

 $[\alpha]^{26}$ _D = 52.2(c = 0.25, DMSO).

Synthesis of *N*-(2-((1-(3,4-dimethoxybenzyl)-6-methoxyisoquinolin-7-yl)oxy)ethyl)-*N*-methyl-5- ((3a*S*,4*S*,6a*R*)-2-oxohexahydro-1*H*-thieno[3,4-d]imidazol-4-yl)pentanamide (**7**):

To a solution of triphenylphosphine (33.9 mg, 0.13 mmol, 2.0 eq) in THF:PhMe (1:1, 1.6 ml, 0.04 M) was added diisopropyl azodicarboxylate (25.3 ml, 0.13 mmol, 2.0 eq) and Pacodine (**3**) (21.0 mg, 0.065 mmol, 1.0 eq) at RT resulting in a yellow solution. After 10 min, alcohol **6** (38.9 mg, 0.13 mmol, 2.0 eq) was added. After 3 h, the reaction was quenched by addition of 0.1 M aq. HCl solution. The acidic mixture was washed three times with EtOAc, basified by addition of sat. aq. NaHCO $_3$ solution and extracted three times with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO4, filtered and concentrated. The crude mixture was purified by preparative TLC (SiO₂; DCM:MeOH 10:1) resulting in **7** as a beige wax (14.2 mg, 0.022 mmol, 33.6% yield, 1.0:3.0 *cis*/*trans* amide) along with reisolated Pacodine (3) (4.6 mg, 0.014 mmol, 21.9% yield). Reaction conditions were adapted from literature⁴.

N-(2-((1-(3,4-dimethoxybenzyl)-6-methoxyisoquinolin-7-yl)oxy)ethyl)-*N*-methyl-5-((3a*S*,4*S*,6a*R*)-2 oxohexahydro-1H-thieno[3,4-d]imidazol-4-yl)pentanamide (**7**): (signals of the minor isomer are indicated with an asterisk)

Note: Some 13C signals were assigned using 2D HSQC and HMBC NMR spectra.

1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3) δ = 8.36 (d, *J =* 5.8 Hz, 1H*), 8.34 (d, *J =* 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.45 (m, 2H, 1H*), 7.34 (s, 1H*), 7.07 (s, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H*), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.91 – 6.84 (m, 1H, 1H*), 6.81 – 6.72 (m, 1H, 2H*), 5.55 (s, 1H*), 5.52 (s, 1H), 5.03 (s, 1H*), 4.99 (s, 1H), 4.68 – 4.55 (m, 2H, 2H*), 4.50 – 4.40 (m, 1H, 1H*), 4.32 – 4.20 (m, 3H, 1H*), 4.09 (t, *J =* 5.3 Hz, 2H*), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.96 (s, 3H*), 3.85 – 3.74 (m, 8H, 8H*), 3.17 (s, 3H), 3.12 – 3.04 (m, 1H, 1H*), 3.00 (s, 3H*), 2.92 – 2.85 (m, 1H*), 2.84 (dd, *J =* 12.9, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (d, *J =* 13.0 Hz, 1H*), 2.67 (d, *J =* 12.8 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (t, *J =* 7.4 Hz, 2H*), 2.36 (t, *J =* 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.79 – 1.58 (m, 4H, 4H*), 1.50 – 1.40 (m, 2H, 2H*).

13C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl3) δ = 173.6 (CO*), 173.4 (CO), 163.3 (CO*), 163.2 (CO), 157.6 (C, C*), 152.8 (C, C*),149.3 (C*), 149.2 (C), 147.8 (C, C*), 141,1 (CH, CH*), 133.7(C), 133.9(C*), 132.0 (C, C*), 122.9 (C), 122.8 (C*), 120.9 (CH), 120.6 (CH*), 119.40 (CH, CH*), 112.3 (CH), 112.2 (CH*), 111.4 (CH), 111.4 (CH*), 105.9 (CH*), 105.8 (CH*), 105.7 (2CH), 67.6 (CH2), 66.3 (CH2*), 62.0 (CH*), 61.9 (CH), 60.2 $(CH[*])$, 60.2 (CH), 56.3 (CH₃), 56.2 (CH₃*), 56.1 (CH₃), 56.1 (CH₃*), 56.1 (CH₃*), 56.0 (CH₃), 55.4 (CH^{*}), 55.3 (CH), 49.0 (CH2*), 47.7 (CH2), 41,9 (CH2, CH2*) 40.7 (CH2*), 40.6 (CH2), 37.8 (CH3), 34.0 (CH3*), 33.0 (CH2), 32.5 (CH2*), 28.6 (CH2*), 28.5 (CH2*), 28.4 (CH2), 28.3 (CH2), 25.2 (CH2*), 24.7 (CH2).

IR (neat, *νmax*/cm-1) 3250, 2930, 2855, 1702, 1628, 1510, 1478, 1464, 1434, 1269, 1234, 1160, 1140, 1027, 753.

ESI-MS calcd for C32H41N4O6S [M+H]+ 609.2741; found 609.2737.

TLC (CH₂Cl₂:MeOH 10:1 v/v): $R_f = 0.18$.

 $[\alpha]^{24}$ _D = 22.1(c = 1.0, CHCl₃).

Following the NMR spectra highlighting key 1H NOESY cross-peaks identifying the predominant amide geometry in solution and confirming the attachment site of the biotinylated side chain to Papaverine.

NMR spectral data

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