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Software and code

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Data collection For immunofluorescence: ZEN black software (Carl Zeiss). For phosphorImaging: ImageQuant TL (GE HealthCare). For High Content analysis: Harmony software (Perkin Elmer). For NGS, NextSeq System Suite v2.2.0 (Illumina). For western blot : ImageLab 6.0 (BioRad)

Data analysis For immunofluorescence and quantification of northern blot: ImageJ (build bad6864e55 - <https://imagej.net>). For High Content Analysis: Columbus software (Perkin Elmer). Calculations were performed with Microsoft Excel (version 16.15). Statistical analyses were performed with PRISM (Version 7.0 - GraphPad). For NGS analysis, FastQC v0.11.9 (Babraham Institute, Cambridge, UK), Cutadapt v3.2, STAR v2.7.7, HTSeq-count v0.13.5, Wald test from DESeq2 R package, gProfiler on Ensembl release v103, CateGORizer v3.218, DAVID v 6.8.

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RNA sequencing data of translome analysis generated in this study are available at the NCI Gene Expression Omnibus database under accession number GSE178839. Datasets of translome analysis and polysome profiles are available within supplementary data. All data used to generate the figures and tables are

provided as supplementary data and in the "Source data" file accompanying this paper. Any other data supporting the findings and biological materials are available from the corresponding author upon reasonable request.

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	To obtain data for statistical analysis, most of the experiments included 2 or 3 technical replicates and were repeated in at least three independent experiments. Analysis on animal and human samples were performed once and are reported individually.
Data exclusions	No data were excluded
Replication	Most of the experiments were performed at least three times unless otherwise stated. Statistical analysis was performed to verify significance. All attempts of replication were successful. The number of replication is indicated in each figure and/or legend.
Randomization	Age- and gender-matched mice were randomly allocated to different experimental groups.
Blinding	We report in vitro analyses where blinding is not required. However, data analysis of 5-FU incorporation was performed independently by 3 investigators.

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Methods

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Antibodies

Antibodies used

Antibodies used for immuno-fluorescence: anti-FBL rabbit polyclonal antibody (ab5821, Abcam) diluted at 1:2,000, anti-DKC1 rabbit polyclonal (sc-48794, Santa Cruz Biotechnology) diluted at 1:500 and anti-NCL mouse monoclonal antibody [4E2] (ab13541, Abcam) at 1:4,000. Secondary antibodies were used at 1:1,000: Goat anti-Mouse IgG (H+L) Cross-Adsorbed Secondary Antibody, Alexa Fluor 488 (A-11001, Thermofisher Scientific), Goat anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L) Cross-Adsorbed Secondary Antibody, Alexa Fluor 488 (A-11008, Thermofisher Scientific), Goat anti-Mouse IgG (H+L) Cross-Adsorbed Secondary Antibody, Alexa Fluor 555 (A-21422, Thermofisher Scientific), and Goat anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L) Cross-Adsorbed Secondary Antibody, Alexa Fluor 555 (A-21428, Thermofisher Scientific). For western blotting: anti-GAPDH mouse monoclonal antibody [6C5] (AM4300, Invitrogen) diluted at 1:5000 and rabbit monoclonal antibodies against IGF-1R (#9750, Cell Signalling) diluted at 1:1000 anti-Histone H3 (ab1791, Abcam) diluted at 1:2000 and anti-actin (ab179467, Abcam) diluted at 1:2000. Western, blot secondary antibodies were Horseradish peroxidase conjugated secondary antibodies Anti-rabbit IgG, HRP-linked Antibody (#7074, Cell Signalling Technologies) and Anti-mouse IgG, HRP-linked Antibody (#7076, Cell Signalling Technologies) diluted at 1:5000.

Validation

The following antibodies were validated according to manufacturer's manual : anti-FBL rabbit polyclonal antibody (ab5821, Abcam), anti-DKC1 rabbit polyclonal (sc-48794, Santa Cruz Biotechnology), anti-NCL mouse monoclonal antibody (ab13541, Abcam), anti-GAPDH (AM4300, Invitrogen) anti-IGF-1R (#9750, Cell Signalling) and anti-actin (ab179467, Abcam), and secondary antibodies were labelled with AlexaFluor 488 (A-11001 and A-11008) or AlexaFluor 555 (A-21422 and A-21428) (Molecular Probes). All antibody solution were validated in the laboratory within this manuscript and in our previous publications Marcel, V. et al. Cancer Cell, 24, 318–330 (2013), and Eroles, J. et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 114, 12934–12939 (2017).

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)	The following cell lines were obtained from ATCC: HCT116 (ATCC CCL-247), MDA-MB-231 (ATCC HTB-26), BT20 (ATCC HTB-19), HT29 (ATCC HTB-38), SW480 (ATCC CCL-228), Panc1 (ATCC CRL-1469) and MiaPaCa (ATCC CRL-1420). The following cell lines were obtained from the authors at ISRECO institute: ISRECO1/2/3 (Cajot, J. F., et al. Cancer Res. (1997) 57, 2593–2597)
Authentication	The following cell lines were authenticated by 21 PCR-single-locus-technology (Eurofins, Ebersberg, Germany): HCT116, HT29, MDA-MB-231, MiaPaCa, Panc1. ISRECO1 cell line was not authenticated by PCR-single-locus-technology as this cell line genetic pattern is not described in databases.
Mycoplasma contamination	All the cell lines were routinely tested negative against mycoplasma infection using MycoAlert kit (Promega)
Commonly misidentified lines (See ICLAC register)	No commonly misidentified cell lines were used.

Animals and other organisms

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Laboratory animals	Experiments were performed with 7 weeks old female Hsd: Athymic Nude-Foxn1nu mice (Envigo). Each animal was 20 g-25 g of weight. Mice were housed with access to water and food ad libitum, with a light / dark cycle of 12h / 12h. Housing was at about 23°C and 50% humidity.
Wild animals	The study did not involve wild animals
Field-collected samples	The study did not involve field-collected samples
Ethics oversight	In vivo experiments followed French guidelines for experimental animal studies (DSV agreement A34-172-13).

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Human research participants

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Population characteristics	Samples were selected based on whether the patient received a 5-FU based chemotherapy before surgery and tumor resection. The delay between chemotherapy and surgery varied from 1.5 to 3.5 months. As an opportunistic collection of data age, gender and genetic information were not used as selection criteria. This information is not part of the current manuscript, and can be added during the revision process.
Recruitment	Recruitment and tumor samples collection was performed in accordance with French regulation and following standard operating procedures. All patients signed an informed consent.
Ethics oversight	Human samples were used under clinical agreement #NCT01577511 under authority of Nîmes Carrémeau University Hospital.

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