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Software and code

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Data collection

no software was used.

Data analysis

Clean reads of RNA-seq were mapped to the reference genome downloaded from VectorBase (Anopheles_stephensi_Astel2 genome)³, using HISAT2 v2.0 (<http://daehwankimlab.github.io/hisat2/>) with default parameters. DESeq2 v1.12.4 was used to determine differentially expressed genes (DEGs) between the two samples. Heatmap showing differences in gene expression was created by Package pHeatmap v1.0.12 in R (4.0.2, <https://www.R-project.org/>).

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Data are publicly available from the Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) (accession code GSE176061).

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	No statistical methods were used to predetermine sample sizes. Samples sizes were determined based on previous relevant studies (Ramirez, J., Nat Commun, 2015; Kumar, S., Science, 2010) about observing the development of the parasites in mice and mosquito, quantitative real-time PCR analysis, gene silencing, Immunofluorescence analysis, Western blot analysis and flow cytometry. Samples sizes adopted in this study were sufficient for detecting robust effects.
Data exclusions	No samples or animals were excluded from the analysis.
Replication	All observing the development of the parasites in mice and mosquito, quantitative real-time PCR analysis gene silencing, Immunofluorescence analysis, Western blot analysis, flow cytometry and in vitro experiments were performed over at least 2-3 independent replicates. The study effects were all successfully replicated in the experiments.
Randomization	For all experiments, samples were randomized where appropriate for data collection and analysis.
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Antibodies

Antibodies used	The immunostaining, western blot and flow cytometry were performed with the following antibodies: Anti-CSP-N, anti-CSP-C, anti-CSP-repeat-region, and anti-TEP1 were synthesized by GeneCreate Biotech (G1061, G1062, G1080, G1052, rabbit polyclonal antibody, Wuhan, China), anti-P. yoelii HSP70 and anti- A. stephensi S7 rabbit polyclonal antibody (pCzn1 and pet B2M expression vector, E. coli Arctic-Express™), Cy3-labeled and Alexa 488-conjugated goat anti-rabbit IgG, Alexa 647-conjugated goat anti-mouse IgG (Beyotime Biotech, A0516, Lot#062521211011, A0423, Lot#031221210921, A0473, Lot#041221210915), anti-nitrotyrosine mouse monoclonal antibody (Abcam, ab7048, Lot#GR3287297-1), horseradish peroxidase labeled goat anti-rabbit IgG (Zhongshan Golden Bridge Biotechnology, ZB-2301, Lot#205001023).
Validation	The application and specificity of all the antibodies are validated by the companies. The primary antibodies: Anti-CSP-N, anti-CSP-C, anti-CSP-repeat-region, anti-TEP1 anti-P. yoelii HSP70 and anti- A. stephensi S7 were rabbit polyclonal antibodies that were validated by Western Blot and ELISA, and were diluted in PBS with 1:200 for the immunostaining and 1:1000 for the flow cytometry with 1:5000 for western blot. anti-nitrotyrosine cat NO. ab7048, is a mouse monoclonal antibody that reacts with nitrotyrosine, and is tested for use in Immunohistochemistry. Please visit the company's website for details. https://www.abcam.cn/nitro-tyrosine-antibody-hm11-ab7048.html .

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)	HepG2 cell line was come from ATCC (NO: HB-8065) , and HepG2-CD81 was constructed from the HepG2 by Prof. Jingyuan, Xiamen University of China.
Authentication	The cell lines were authenticated via STR profiling.
Mycoplasma contamination	HepG2-CD81 cells were tested negative for Mycoplasma contamination.
Commonly misidentified lines (See ICLAC register)	no commonly misidentified cell lines were used in the study.

Animals and other organisms

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Laboratory animals	Kunming mice (Female, 6-8 weeks old) were provided by the Laboratory Animal Center of the Army medical University (Chongqing, China); BALB/c and C57BL/6J mice (Female, 6-8 weeks old) purchased from Beijing Animal Institute (Beijing, China). The mice were kept in a temperature- and humidity-controlled room on a cycle of 12 h light/dark (lights off at 19:00). A. stephensi from our laboratory was maintained at 27 °C at a relative humidity of 70 %–80 %, and fed with a 10 % sugar solution containing 0.5 % para-aminobenzoic acid (PABA). The room was on a cycle of 12 h light/dark (lights off at 18:00). Both P. yoelii 265BY and P. yoelii 265BY-RFP, which was constructed using a single cross-mediated insertion of RFP in the SSU rRNA gene of the P. yoelii 265BY parasite45, were maintained by alternate passaging between Kunming mice.
Wild animals	The study did not involve wild animals.
Field-collected samples	The study did not involve samples collected from the field.
Ethics oversight	All animal protocols were reviewed and approved by the Animal Ethics Committee of the Army Medical University Institute of Medical Research (AMUWEC20181777).

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	For DRAQ5 staining, hemolymph was perfused from female mosquitoes (n=60) from CSPwt or CSPmut-infected mosquito at 5 day post-feeding. Collected hemolymph was washed with 1X PBS to a final volume of 1 mL, then centrifuged at 2000g for 5 min to pellet cells. For phagocytic assay of fluorescent FluoSpheres, CSPwt or CSPmut-infected mosquito (n=60) at 4 day PI were injected with red fluorescent FluoSpheres (1 µm; Molecular Probes) at a final concentration of 2% (vol/vol). The next day, hemocytes were collected by perfusion.
Instrument	BD FACSCanto II
Software	FlowJo_v10.8.1
Cell population abundance	Cells were run on a BD FACSCanto cytometer (BD Biosciences), according to the previous flow cytometry condition for establishment of threshold values for gating (Kwon and Smith, 2019, 2021). Smaller cells or larger than single cells were ruled out (Threshold =20000). Average ratio and number of Hemocytes (WGA positive) in infected mosquitoes were 25% and 2662, respectively.
Gating strategy	Following preliminary gating for cell size, for DRAQ5 staining, the second gating was based on WGA signals, cell populations were distinguished by WGA and DRAQ5 signals; for phagocytic assay of fluorescent FluoSpheres, the second gating was based on fluorescent FluoSpheres signals, cell populations were distinguished by fluorescent FluoSpheres and WGA signals. Next, the expression difference of TEP1 in cell populations was discriminated by coupling FITC signal.

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