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Fig. S1. Protein-protein interaction network generated using STRING (Szklarczyk et al., 2019)

(A) Graphic representation and (B) predicted list of the functional partners of NOC1/CG7839, members of the interaction network.

Fig. S2A-B. Length of larvae (A) and the relative mRNA expression (B) in whole larvae overexpressing *NOC1* **or with downregulation of** *NOC1, 2* **and** *3* **using the** *actin-Gal4* **promoter.**

(A) Larval Length was measured at 120 hours AEL. The asterisks represent the *p-*values from one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) with Tukey multiple comparisons $** = p < 0.01$ and **** $= p < 0.0001$, and the error bars indicate the standard deviations for each genotype. In parenthesis is indicated the number of animals analyzed. (B) qRT-PCR showing the relative amount of *NOCs mRNA* upon RNA overexpression or interference. *NOC1-OE* and *NOCs-RNAi* were ubiquitously expressed using the *actin-Gal4* promoter. RNA was extracted from whole larvae. *p-*values were calculated from Student's *t*-test from at least two independent experiments: ** = p < 0.01, *** = p < 0.001 and **** = p < 0.0001, the error bars indicate the standard deviations.

Fig. S3. NOC1 CRISPR mutation affects animal growth and phenocopies NOC1 downregulation induced by RNA interference in the wing disc.

To develop genomic *NOC1* mutants, we induced site specific mutations with the CRISPR-Cas9 system, using the line *sgRNACG7839* from Boutros's laboratory (Port et al., 2020). To analyze if the reduction of NOC1 with this system phenocopied the data with *engrailed*-Gal4, we used a line that carries the *hedgehog-Gal4* to drive *UAS-Cas9* to express *sgRNACG7839* in the posterior compartment of the wing disc. As shown in Figure A-B, driving mutations of NOC1 using *hedgehog-Gal4* compromised and reduced the development of the posterior compartment of the wing disc within a similar extent to that observed with *engrailed-NOC1-RNAi* (C-D). To compare the efficiency of the two systems, we analyzed the total area of imaginal discs and the ratio between the area of the posterior compartment (marked by co-expression of GFP) and the anterior from animals at 120 hours AEL. This analysis showed that reduction of NOC1 using *sgRNACG7839* affected the total area of the discs and the ratio between the posterior and the anterior compartments (E-F). These data resembled that obtained using NOC1-RNAi expressed under the *engrailed* promoter (G-H). To introduce NOC1 mutations in the germ line, we used the *nos-Gal4, UAS-Cas9* line crossed with *sgRNACG7839*. Sequencing analysis of 30 NOC1 heterozygous lines revealed the presence of missense mutations in the NOC1 gene in two lines, which encoded for very short polypeptides of 30 and 29 amino acids in length in *NOC1-mut12* and *NOC1-mut14*, respectively (K). Moreover, the phenotypic analysis of these two homozygous NOC1 mutants showed a robust growth defect at the larval stage (I and J, also shown in Figure 1C), recapitulating the phenotype described in the *actin-NOC1-RNAi* larvae (Figure 1B).

Fig. S4. (A) Quantification of the eye size from animals expressing the indicated transgenes using the *GMR-Gal4* promoter, (B) or the ommatidial size using the *tubulin-Gal4* promoter. Values are expressed as % from the control. Statistical analysis was calculated using Student's *t*-test from the number of animals indicated in the experiment. The error bars indicate the standard deviations.

Fig. S5 A-B. (A) qRT-PCR showing the relative amount of *NOC1 mRNA* **upon expression of the indicated transgenes using the ubiquitous** *actin-Gal4* **promoter.** RNA was extracted from whole larvae. *p-*values were calculated from Student's *t*-test from at least two independent experiments: $** = p < 0.01$, $*** = p < 0.0001$, the error bars indicate the standard deviations. **(B) Analysis of the size of wings in adult females of the indicated genotypes.** *p-*values were calculated from Student's *t*-test from at least two independent experiments: $* = p < 0.05$, $** = p < 0.01$, $*** = p < 0.0001$, the error bars indicate the standard deviations. At least 10 animals were used for *w 1118* and *NOC1-OE*, while for *NOC1-RNAi^{-II}* only 4 were born as adults (escapers).

Fig. S6. Confocal images of wing imaginal discs showing increased activation of Xrp1 promoter upon expression of NOC1-RNAi using the *rotund-Gal4* **promoter.** *NOC1-RNAi* was expressed using the *rn-Gal4* promoter in a line carrying the *Xrp1⁰²⁵¹⁵* lacZ as a reporter for the activation of XRP1 (Baillon et al., 2018). Third instar imaginal discs were dissected and analyzed for LacZ expression using anti-beta gal antibody (red). Nuclei were stained with Hoechst (blue). *w ¹¹¹⁸Xrp1⁰²⁵¹⁵* was used as control.

Fig. S7. qRT-PCR showing the relative amount of *eiger-mRNA* **in wing imaginal discs from animals of the indicated genotypes.** *NOC1-RNAi* or in combination with *eiger-RNAi* were expressed using the *nubbin-Gal4* promoter. RNA was extracted from imaginal discs. *p*-values were calculated with One-way ANOVA $* = p < 0.05$, **** = $p <$ 0.0001, the error bars indicate the standard deviations.

Table S1. Selected list of potential targets of CEBPz involved in ribosomal biogenesis and nucleolar control. Data are from TCGA datasets from cBio Cancer Genomic Portal from Liver Hepatocellular Carcinoma (A) and Breast Cancer (B). *common proteins

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