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Software and code

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Data collection To acquire microscopy data, Leica Application Suite (LAS) and ZEN 2 (Blue version) were used.
To acquire Flow Cytometry data, BD FACSDiva™ Software (v6.2) was used.
To acquire WB images, ImageLab (v6.1.0) was used.

Data analysis For image analysis, Fiji (version 2.1.0) was used.
For flow cytometry analysis, FlowJo X (v10.7.1) was used.
For statistical analysis, GraphPad Prism software (version 8.4.3) was used.
For data presentation, Adobe Illustrator (version CS4) was used.

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All data generated or analyzed during this study are included in this manuscript and its Supplementary Information. Source data underlying the graphs and charts presented in the main figures are available as Supplementary Data 1. Full blots are shown in Supplementary Information.

Human research participants

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Population characteristics	N/A
Recruitment	N/A
Ethics oversight	N/A

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	No statistical methods were used to determine sample size. Sample size is always specified in each figure legend and most experiments were performed with 3 independent replicates. Samples sizes are consistent with similar published results.
Data exclusions	For experiments using mice models, occasionally, animals were excluded from experimental groups due to inefficient infection (10-fold lower percentage of iRBCs than the group's average on the first day of parasitemia measurement) as assessed by FACS or microscopy. No other data were excluded.
Replication	All attempts of replication were successful. The number of replicates for all experiments is described in respective figure legends. Observed variation has been reported and contributes to the statistical analysis.
Randomization	Animals were randomly assigned to the different experimental groups. Microscopy analysis was performed in randomly acquired images.
Blinding	Authors were not blinded to the group allocation. However, data collection was performed in an unbiased manner and the analysis was performed on quantitative endpoints that are not subject to investigator bias.

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Methods

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Antibodies

Antibodies used

All antibodies used in this study are detailed in the Methods sections, in the "Immunoblotting Analysis" and "Immunofluorescence Assay" subsections:

- rabbit α HA (clone C29F4, Cell Signaling Technology, Danvers, MA, USA)
- rabbit α phospho-eIF2 α (S51) (119A11, Cell Signaling Technology)
- mouse α Pbhsp70 (produced in house)
- goat α mouse IgG, HRP conjugate (BML-SA204-0100, Enzo Life Sciences, Lausen, Switzerland)
- goat α rabbit IgG, HRP-linked Antibody (7074, Cell Signaling Technology)
- Alexa-488 conjugated donkey α mouse GFP (A21311, Invitrogen, Thermo Fischer Scientific)
- Alexa-647 conjugated donkey α rabbit IgG (A32795, Invitrogen, Thermo Fischer Scientific)
- DAPI (D1306, Invitrogen, Thermo Fischer Scientific)

Validation

Validation statement of each antibody can be found on the manufacturer's website, except for hsp70 which was produced in house and previously validated.

- HA: <https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/ha-tag-c29f4-rabbit-mab/3724>
- phospho-eIF2 α : <https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/phospho-eif2a-ser51-119a11-rabbit-mab/3597>
- hsp70: (Tsuiji M, et al., Parasitol Res. 1994)
- goat α mouse IgG, HRP conjugate: <https://www.enzolifesciences.com/BML-SA204/goat-anti-mouse-igg-hrp-conjugate/>
- goat α rabbit IgG, HRP-linked Antibody: <https://www.cellsignal.com/products/secondary-antibodies/anti-rabbit-igg-hrp-linked-antibody/7074>
- Alexa-488 conjugated donkey α mouse GFP: <https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/GFP-Antibody-Polyclonal/A-21311>
- Alexa-647 conjugated donkey α rabbit IgG: <https://www.fishersci.com/shop/products/igg-h-l-highly-cross-adsorbed-donkey-anti-rabbit-alex-fluor-plus-647-polyclonal-secondary-antibody-invirogen/PIA32795>

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)

P. falciparum NF54 and *P. falciparum* 3D7 were obtained through MR4 (www.mr4.org); *P. falciparum* sams-glmS transgenic parasite line was kindly provided by Björn Kafsack (Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, USA) and the *P. falciparum* 3D7 kinase deficient parasite lines were kindly provided by Mathieu Brochet (University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland) and Christian Doerig (Monash Biomedicine Discovery Institute, Clayton, Australia).

Authentication

None of the cell lines were authenticated in our lab.

Mycoplasma contamination

The cell lines were not tested for mycoplasma contamination.

Commonly misidentified lines
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No commonly misidentified lines were used in this study.

Animals and other research organisms

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Laboratory animals

For this manuscript Balb/c mice were used, purchased from Charles River Laboratories. All mice used were males, 6-8 weeks of age.

Wild animals

No wild animals were used in this study.

Reporting on sex

Only male mice were used in this study

Field-collected samples

The study did not involve samples collected from the field.

Ethics oversight

All in vivo experiments were approved by the ORBEA committee of the iMM JLA and were performed according to national and European regulations.

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Plots

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Methodology

Sample preparation

To assess parasitemia in the human malaria species, *P. falciparum*, the fluorescent dye, SYBR Green I (supplied as a 10,000x concentrate in dimethylsulfoxide, DMSO), was diluted in water to 1:1,000 ratio as a working concentration. 50 μ L of *P. falciparum* cultured samples (2% haematocrit) were mixed with the same volume of SYBR Green I solution, incubated in the dark for 20min at room temperature and washed with 500 μ L PBS. Samples were acquired on a BD LSR Fortessa using the BD FACSDiva™ Software (v6.2). Data analysis was performed using FlowJo X software. For the GFP-expressing rodent malaria species, *P. berghei* ANKA, parasitemia was assessed by flow cytometry analysis of one drop of tail blood collected in 200 μ L PBS.

Instrument

BD LSR Fortessa

Software

BD FACSDiva™ Software (v6.2)

Cell population abundance

For *P. falciparum* a total of 100,000-200,000 events was analyzed per condition. For *P. berghei* ANKA a total number of 1 million events (day 1-2 of infection) or 100-200 thousand events (onwards) were acquired. Percentage of iRBCs would range from 0 to ~15% depending on the day of infection.

Gating strategy

Gating strategy is described in Extended Data Figure 2. RBCs were selected on the basis of their size by gating first on FSC and SSC and, subsequently, on FITC/FL1 and PE/FL3 channels (to eliminate false positives associated to RBC auto-fluorescence). Within this population, iRBC were detected in the FITC/FL1 channel.

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