Supplementary Information

Sterol Regulatory Element Binding Protein 1 couples mechanical cues and lipid metabolism

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Supplementary figures



Supplementary Fig. 1 | **a**, SCD1-Luc assay in MCF-10A cells treated with cholesterol (CHOL), geranylgeranyl (GGPP) or farnesyl pyrophosphate (FPP). 5% horse serum (HS) medium (control) was supplemented with 10 μM cerivastatin (STATIN), replaced with serum-free (SFM), or 2% lipid serum (lipid-depleted serum, LDS) medium. **b-d**, SCD1-Luc assay (**b**), *LDLR*, *SCD1*, *ACC1* and *FASN* RT-qPCR (**c**) SREBP1 and SCD1 western blot (**d**) in MCF-10A cells. 5% HS medium (control) was replaced with 2% LDS medium supplemented with 1 μM cerivastatin (STATIN) and 20, 40, 100 μM GGPP. **e**, *LDLR*, *SCD1*, *ACC1* and *FASN* RT-qPCR in IHH cells. 5% HS medium (control) was replaced with SFM or SFM supplemented with GGPP. **f**, SREBP1 and SCD1 western blot in MDA-MB 231,

H1299, Mahlavu and IHH cells cultured in 10% foetal bovine serum (FBS) medium, SFM, or SFM supplemented with GGPP. **g**, SREBP1 Immunofluorescence (green) in MDA-MB 231 cells cultured in 10% FBS medium, SFM, or SFM supplemented with GGPP. Nuclei were stained with HOECHST (in blue). Scale bar 15 µm. **h** LDLR-Luc assay in IHH cells treated with DMSO (control) or geranylgeranyl transferase I inhibitor (GGTI-298). **i**, SCD1-Luc assay in MCF-10A cells treated with DMSO (control) or 5µM GGTI-298. **j**, *LDLR*, *SCD1*, *ACC1* and *FASN* RT-qPCR in IHH cells treated with DMSO (control) or 5µM GGTI-298. **k**, Western blot analysis of Mahlavu cells treated with control (siCTL), SREBP1 (siBP1) or SREBP2 (siBP2) siRNA and treated with GGTI-298. **m**, Western blot analysis of MCF-10A cells treated with DMSO, GGTI-298. **m**, Western blot analysis of MCF-10A cells treated with control (siCTL), SREBP1 (siBP1) or SREBP2 (siBP2) siRNA and treated with GGTI-298. **m**, Western blot analysis of MCF-10A cells treated with DMSO, GGTI-298 and GGPP.

Graph bars represent mean \pm s.d. of n=3 biological replicates. Treatments lasted 24 hours Values in **a**, **b**, **h** are expressed as Relative Luminometer Units (RLU). RT-qPCR values are expressed as mRNA levels relative to control. P value: *P < 0.05, **P < 0.01, ***P < 0.001 by two-tailed Student's t –test for all the analyses. Blots are representative of n=3 biological replicates. For western blots, mSREBP indicates mature protein, Actin and Hsp90 were loading controls.



Supplementary Fig. 2 | a, Gene ontology Biological Process categories that are significantly enriched in geranylgeranylated proteins that negatively regulate SREBP. **b**, *RhoE/AHRE, RhoA, RhoBTB3, Rac2 and Lamin A* RT-qPCR in MDA-MB-231, 48h after transfection with control siRNA (siCTL) or siRNAs targeting *RhoE (siARHE), RhoA (siR#1 and siR#2), RhoBTB3 (siRHOBTB3), Rac2 (siRAC2) and Lamin A (siLMNA).* **c**, LDLR-Luc assay in MDA-MB 231 cells transfected with siCTL siARHE, siRhoA#1, siRhoA#2, siRHOBTB3, siRAC2 or siLMNA. **d**, SCD1-Luc assay in MDA-MB 231 cells transfected with either siCTL siARHE, siRhoA#1, siRhoA#2, siRHOBTB3, siRAC2 or siLMNA. **e**, LDLR-Luc assay in IHH cells transfected with siCTL, siRhoA#1, or siRhoA#2, Cells transfected with the mutated construct LDLR-Luc MUT underwent the same treatments. **f**, Western blot analysis of

MCF-10A cells treated DMSO (as control), 1 µM cerivastatin (STAT), 1 µM cerivastatin and 20 µM GGPP (STAT+GGPP), 5 µM GGTI-298 or 5 µM FTI-277. **g**, Western blot analysis of MCF-10A cells transfected with pcDNA3-eGFP, pcDNA3-eGFP-RhoA G14V and pcDNA3-eGFP-RhoA T19N. **h**, LDLR-Luc assay in IHH cells (**h**), SCD1-Luc assay in MCF-10A cells (**i**) 12 hours after transfection with pcDNA3-GFP control plasmid, pcDNA3-GFP-RhoA G14V construct with a 6 hours DMSO treatment, pcDNA3-GFP-RhoA G14V construct with a 6 hours Latrunculin A (G14V + Lat.A) treatment, or pcDNA3-GFP-RhoA T19N construct. **j**, **k**, **l**, LDLR-Luc assay in IHH cells (**j**), SCD1-Luc assay (**k**), *LDLR*, *SCD1*, *ACC1*, *FASN and HMGCR* RT-qPCR (**I**) in MCF-10A cells treated with DMSO (control), GGTI-298, C3, Y-27632 or Blebbistatin (Blebbist.) for 24 hours.

Graph bars represent mean \pm s.d. of n=3 biological replicates. Values in **c-e**, **h-k** are expressed as Relative Luminometer Units (RLU). RT-qPCR values are expressed as mRNA levels relative to control. Blots are representative of n=3 biological replicates. P value: *P < 0.05, **P < 0.01, ***P < 0.001 by two-tailed Student's t-test for all analyses. For western blots, GAPDH and Hsp90 were loading controls.



Supplementary Fig. 3 | a, Western blot analysis of S2 Drosophila cells treated as follows: cell culture medium containing 10% foetal bovine serum (FBS) was replaced with serum-free medium or serum-free medium supplemented with GGPP. **b**, Western blot analysis of S2 Drosophila cells treated as follows: cell culture medium containing 10% FBS (non-treated, NT) was either replaced with medium containing 2% lipid serum (lipid-depleted serum, LDS), or supplemented with Y-27632 (Y27) or Latrunculin A (Lat.A). c, Western blot analysis of Drosophila larval fat bodies expressing Luciferase RNAi (Luc) or dRhoA RNAi. d, Western blot analysis of wild type Drosophila larval fat bodies treated with either DMSO or Y-27632 for 16 hours. e, RT-qPCR quantification of the expression of the Fatty Acid Synthase (FAS) dSREBP target gene in Drosophila larval fat bodies expressing Luc RNAi (as control, in black), dRhoA RNAi (in blue), or dRhoA RNAi and treated with fatostatin for 16 hours (FTS, in orange). Values are expressed as mRNA levels relative to control. Bars represent mean value \pm s.d. of n=3 biological replicates. *Rp49* was used as reference gene. **f**, Quantification of lipid droplet size in Drosophila larval fat bodies expressing Luc RNAi (as control, in black), dRhoA RNAi (in blue), or dRhoA RNAi and treated with fatostatin for 16 hours (FTS, in orange). Representative images are shown in Figure 2h. g, Quantification of lipid droplet size in wild type Drosophila larval fat bodies treated with either DMSO (in black) or Y-27632 (in blue). Representative images are shown in Fig. 2h.

Graph bars represent mean value \pm s.d. of n=3 biological replicates (**e**) or n=6 individuals (**f** and **g**). For all western blots, H3 was used as loading control. Blots are representative of n=3 biological replicates. For western blots, mSREBP indicates mature protein. P value: *P < 0.05, ***P < 0.001 by two-tailed Student's t-test for all analyses.



Supplementary Fig. 4 | a, Low density lipoprotein promoter-luciferase (LDLR-Luc) reporter assay in IHH cells cultured on either stiff (50 kPa elastic modulus, as control) or soft (0.5 kPa elastic modulus) fibronectin-coated hydrogel matrix for 24 hours. Graphs bars represent mean value \pm s.d. of n=3 biological replicates. P value: *P < 0.001 by two-tailed Student's t-test for all analyses. **b**, RT-gPCR quantification of the expression of the indicated genes in IHH cells cultured on either stiff (50 kPa elastic modulus, as control) or soft (0.5 kPa elastic modulus) fibronectin-coated hydrogel matrix, or soft fibronectin-coated hydrogel matrix with fatostatin treatment (FTS), for 24 hours. Graphs bars represent mean value \pm s.d. of n=3 biological replicates. P value: **P < 0.01, ***P < 0.001 by two-tailed Student's t-test for all analyses. c, Reactome gene sets that are significantly enriched (FDR q value < 0.05) in MDA-MB-231 cells cultured on a soft substrate. Dot size represents the fraction of genes contributing to the enrichment score in each gene set (count); the positive normalized enrichment score (NES) indicates the degree to which Reactome gene sets are overrepresented in cells grown on the soft (as compared to cells grown on the stiff) substrate. Gene expression data were obtained from n=4 biological replicates for each condition (GSE93529). d, Western blot analysis of cell lines originated from the indicated tissues, cultured on either stiff (50 kPa elastic modulus) or soft (0.5 kPa elastic modulus) fibronectin-coated hydrogel matrix for 24 hours. Hsp90 was used as loading control. Blots are representative of n=3 biological replicates. mSREBP indicates mature protein.



Supplementary Fig. 5 | Quantification of immunoblots shown in Fig.1 -5 and Supplementary Fig.1-4. *P \leq 0.05, **P < 0.01, ***P < 0.001 by two-tailed Student's t -test.





Supplementary Fig. 6 | Uncropped blots from Fig. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and Supplementary Fig. 1, 2, 3 and 4.



Supplementary Fig. 6 | Continued.

Supp. Fig.2





Supp. Fig.4



Supplementary Fig. 6 | Continued.

Supplementary tables

Supplementary Table 1 | List of siRNAs sequences used

Human SREBP1	siSREBP-1	AUCUCUGAAGGAUCUGGUG
Human SREBP2	siSREBP-2	GCCCUCUAUUGGAUGAUGC
Human RhoA	siRhoA#1	AUGGAAAGCAGGUAGAGUU
Human RhoA	siRhoA#2	GAAAGACAUGCUUGCUCAU
Human ARHE	siARHE	UAGUAGAGCUCUCCAAUCACA
Human RhoBTB3	siRhoBTB3	AGGAAGAAGUUGAAAGAUUUU
Human RAC2	siRAC2	CCUCUUUUGGAACAACAUA
Human LMNA	siLMNA	GGAUGAGGAUGGAGAUGAC

Supplementary table 2 | List of primers used for qRT-PCR

human I DI R	Fw	AAGCCATTCACTTCCCCAATC	
	Rv	GCCTCACCGTGCATGTTTTA	
human SCD1	Fw	CACTTGGGAGCCCTGTATGG	
	Rv	TGAGCTCCTGCTGTTATGCC	
human HMGCR	Fw	GGACCCCTTTGCTTAGATGAAA	
	Rv	CCACCAAGACCTATTGCTCTG	
human EDDS	Fw	CTTCCTATAGCTGCAGCCATGTAC	
naman Di S	Rv	GCATTGGCGTGCTCCTTCT	
human ACC1	Fw	CATATTGAGGATGACAGGCTGG	
Indinali Acci	Rv	CTCATAGTTGACCTGCTTTCTG	
human EASN	Fw	CATCCAGATAGGCCTCATAGA	
numan r ASN	Rv	CTCCATGAAGTAGGAGTGGAA	
human EADS1	Fw	GCTACTTCACCTGGGACGAG	
numani ADSI	Rv	GTGGAAGGCCACAAAGGGAT	
human ELOVILE	Fw	CTCGAAATCAAGCGCTTTACAGA	
numan ELOVLO	Rv	AGGCAGCATACAGAGCAGAAA	
human Rhad	Fw	ATTCGTTGCCTGAGCAATGG	
numan knoA	Rv	TGTGTCCCACAAAGCCAACT	
human APHE	Fw	GCCAGCCAGAAATTATCCAGC	
Παπταπ Ακπε	Rv	CTTGGCGAAGACATGGAGC	
human DUODTD2	Fw	ACTCCACAGCCTTGATGACTT	
	Rv	AAGCACCTGGTTGTTCAAGTT	
human PAC2	Fw	CGCCAAGTGGTTCCCAGAAG	
numun AC2	Rv	AGCTGAGCACTCCAGGTATTT	
human H2	Fw	GTGAAGAAACCTCATCGTTACAGGCCTGGT	
	Rv	CTGCAAAGCACCAATAGCTGCACTCTGGAA	
mouso Pagra	Fw	AAGAGCTGACCCAATGGTTG	
mouse Ppurg	Rv	ACCCTTGCATCCTTCACAAG	
mouso AdinoO	Fw	GACAAGGCCGTTCTCTCAC	
mouse Aulpoq	Rv	CAGACTTGGTCTCCCACCTC	
mouso Cohna	Fw	GAACAGCAACGAGTACCGGGTA	
mouse cebpu	Rv	GCCATGGCCTTGACCAAGGAG	
mouso Eabn4	Fw	AAGTGGGAGTGGGCTTTGC	
mouse <i>rubp4</i>	Rv	CCGGATGGTGACCAAATCC	
mouse Candh	Fw	ATCCTGCACCAACTGCT	
mouse Gapan	Rν	GGGCCATCCACAGTCTTCTG	
Droconhila EAS	Fw	CCCCAGGAGGTGAACTCTATCA	
	Rv	GACTTGACCGATCCGATCAAC	
Drosophila Rp49	Drosophila Rp49 Fw ATCGGTTACGGATCGAACAA		

	Rν	GACAATCACCTTGCGCTTCT
Drosophila RhoA	Fw	GTGGATGGCAAACAGGTGGAGC
	Rv	GCGAATCGGGTGAATCCACTGAG

Supplementary table 3 | List of proteins that negatively regulate LDLR-Luc upon siRNA silencing

Protein Name	Gene ID	Fluc/Rluc, fold over siCTL	
ARHE	390	9,446	
RHOA	387	8,590	
RHOBTB3	22836	8,568	
RAC2	5880	6,500	
LMNA	4000	5,802	
KIAA1164	54629	5,448	
RHOB	388	5,253	
FLJ23878	200172	4,339	
GNG13	51764	4,264	
RAP1A	5906	4,136	
UBL3	5412	4,083	
FLJ11280	55793	4,013	
LMNB2	84823	3,898	
RHOJ	57381	3,551	
GBP5	115362	3,345	
MRAS	22808	3,126	
RHOG	391	3,003	
PALM2	114299	2,898	
ARHN	8153	2,757	
MPI	4351	2,637	
MGC42105	167359	2,620	
GNG2	54331	2,448	
ҮКТ6	10652	2,437	
BC008967	89927	2,413	
RAC3	5881	2,404	
GBP2	2634	2,324	
OAS1	4938	2,113	
GNG7	2788	2,063	
GNG10	2790	2,034	
LMNB1	4001	1,986	
PEX19	5824	1,984	
DIRAS1	148252	1,875	
RASL10B	91608	1,815	
FBXL20	84961	1,755	
RHOF	54509	1,752	
GNG12	55970	1,700	

PPP1R16A	84988	1,615	
RAB8A	4218	1,477	
GNG3	2785	1,464	
C100RF25	220979	1,429	
RHOC	389	1,425	
RRAS	6237	1,410	
RPGR	6103	1,405	
GNG4	2786	1,398	
RAB18	22931	1,392	
PDE6B	5158	1,375	
RAP1B	5908	1,332	
CPLX4	339302	1,286	
RAC1	5879	1,202	
RAB8B	51762	1,152	
PTP4A3	11156	1,132	
FBXO10	26267	1,119	
CAMK1G	57172	0,976	
KRAS2	3845	0,957	
C170RF37	84299	0,865	
RRAS2	22800	0,755	
RALB	5899	0,755	
RNF208	727800	0,754	
NRAS	4893	0,743	
DIRAS2	54769	0,726	
GRK7	131890	0,702	
ARHI	9077	0,667	
RRP22	10633	0,627	
GNG8	94235	0,606	
CPLX3	594855	0,501	
RND1	27289	0,498	
FBXL2	25827	0,495	
RHEB	6009	0,486	
CNP	1267	0,469	
RAP2B	5912	0,430	
CDC42	998	0,394	
DNAJB2	3300	0,287	
RALA	5898	0,234	
PALM	5064	0,189	

Supplementary table 4 | SREBP1 gene signature generated for human samples validation.

ACACB	ACSL4	ACSL5	CSAD
ECHDC1	EHHADH	FADS1	FADS2
GPAM	GSTM1	GSTT1	IGHM
PDK1	RARRES1	SCD	THSRP