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Metabolic rewiring of mitochondria in senescence revealed by time-resolved analysis of the mitochondrial proteome

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29 **Abstract**

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31 Mitochondrial dysfunction and cellular senescence are hallmarks of aging. However, the
32 relationship between these two phenomena remains incompletely understood. In this
33 study, we investigated the rewiring of mitochondria upon development of the senescent
34 state in human IMR90 fibroblasts. Determining the bioenergetic activities and abundance
35 of mitochondria, we demonstrate that senescent cells accumulate mitochondria with
36 reduced OXPHOS activity, resulting in an overall increase of mitochondrial activities in
37 senescent cells. Time-resolved proteomic analyses revealed extensive reprogramming of
38 the mitochondrial proteome upon senescence development and allowed the identification
39 of metabolic pathways that are rewired with different kinetics upon establishment of the
40 senescent state. Among the early-responding pathways, the degradation of branched-chain
41 amino acid (BCAA) was increased, while the one carbon-folate metabolism was decreased.
42 Late-responding pathways include lipid metabolism and mitochondrial translation. These
43 signatures were confirmed by metabolic tracing experiments, highlighting metabolic
44 rewiring as a central feature of mitochondria in cellular senescence. Together, our data
45 provide an unprecedentedly comprehensive view on the metabolic status of mitochondria
46 in senescent cells and reveal how the mitochondrial proteome adapts to the induction of
47 senescence.

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49 Introduction

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51 Cellular senescence (CS) is known to contribute to a wide array of age-related diseases such
52 as cancer, cardiovascular diseases, and osteoarthritis (1). Diverse stressors including
53 genotoxic, epigenotoxic, oxidative, and oncogenic insults induce the senescent state of cells,
54 which is characterized by the secretion of a plethora of bioactive molecules, termed
55 senescence-associated secretory phenotype (SASP) (2). The SASP mainly comprises pro-
56 inflammatory cytokines, growth factors, and extracellular matrix modifiers, which remodel
57 the tissue environment of senescent cells. It largely depends on the type of stress, the type
58 of the recipient cell, and the duration of being senescent. Thus, both the composition and
59 the temporal dynamics of the SASP determine how senescent cells affect their environment.
60 For example, acute SASP is necessary for tissue development and wound healing (3-7),
61 whereas chronic SASP is detrimental and disrupts tissue homeostasis, driving age-related
62 dysfunctions and diseases (8). Accordingly, there has been great interest either in
63 eliminating senescent cells or modulating the chronic SASP to tackle age-related diseases,
64 called senotherapy (9).

65 Mitochondria have been shown to play regulatory roles in CS and modulate the
66 SASP. Increased mitochondrial biogenesis and decreased turnover of mitochondria by
67 mitophagy results in the accumulation of mitochondria in senescent cells (10). Correlating
68 with the abundance of mitochondria, increased mitochondria-derived reactive oxygen
69 species (mtROS) potentiate the DNA damage response in senescent cells (11) and enhance
70 the SASP by promoting the formation of cytoplasmic chromatin fragments (CCFs), which
71 activate innate immune signaling along the cGAS-STING pathway (12). Moreover,
72 oxidative phosphorylation (OXPHOS) regulates CS and modulates the SASP. Senescent
73 cells are characterized by a higher mitochondrial fatty acid oxidation (FAO) and the
74 inhibition of FAO led to an impaired SASP expression (13). Increased activity of the
75 pyruvate dehydrogenase (PDH) complex, which converts pyruvate to acetyl-CoA in
76 mitochondria, enhances OXPHOS activity and is a rate-limiting factor to drive oncogene-
77 induced senescence (14). Similarly, increased OXPHOS activity in senescent cells governs

78 the strength of the SASP by promoting NAD⁺ regeneration, preventing the activation of
79 AMPK-p53 signaling, which is known to suppress the SASP (15). On the other hand, a
80 decreased cellular NAD⁺/NADH ratio upon OXPHOS dysfunction is sufficient to drive cells
81 into senescence but results in a distinct SASP profile lacking pro-inflammatory IL1
82 cytokines (16). Together, these studies establish a central role of mitochondria in CS and
83 the SASP and posit mitochondria as an attractive target for senotherapy (17).

84 Although the importance of mitochondria for CS and the SASP has been established,
85 the functional state of mitochondria in senescent cells remained unclear. Several studies
86 reported an OXPHOS dysfunction and lower mitochondrial membrane potential (MMP)
87 in senescent cells (18-23), whereas the MMP was found to increase with mitochondrial
88 abundance in these cells (24). Moreover, the increased catabolism of central carbons such
89 as pyruvate, fatty acids, and glutamine in senescent cells is difficult to reconcile with
90 dysfunctional mitochondria (13-15, 25-27).

91 In this study, we performed an in-depth, time-resolved analysis of the
92 mitochondrial proteome upon the establishment of CS. Our findings discover the metabolic
93 rewiring of mitochondria and define their functional status in CS, which provides a possible
94 explanation for apparent discrepancies in the literature.

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96 **Result**

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98 **Accumulation of mitochondria with reduced bioenergetic activity in senescent fibroblasts**

99 We treated IMR90 human lung fibroblasts with two chemotherapeutic agents,
100 decitabine and doxorubicin to establish CS. Decitabine is a deoxycytidine analog harboring
101 nitrogen instead of a carbon atom at the 5' position of the pyrimidine ring (Supplementary
102 figure 1A). Upon incorporation into the replicating genomic DNA, it impairs DNA
103 methylation and causes epigenetic stress. Doxorubicin, on the other hand, blocks
104 topoisomerase II and causes DNA damage. Treatment of IMR90 fibroblasts with decitabine
105 or doxorubicin for 7 days increased mRNA levels of CDKN1A, decreased mRNA levels of
106 LMNB1, and induced the common SASP genes IL1A and IL6, indicating the senescent state
107 (Supplementary figure 1B, 1C). Consistently, the cells had little or no cell-cycle activity
108 (Supplementary figure 1D) and 60-70% of them were senescence-associated β -galactosidase
109 (SA- β -gal) positive (Supplementary figure 1E, 1F). These data demonstrate the successful
110 establishment of the senescent state.

111 To examine mitochondrial functions in senescent IMR90 fibroblasts, we first aimed
112 to unambiguously determine the mitochondrial abundance in these cells. We therefore
113 determined the volume of mitochondria, rather than relying on a two-dimensional analysis
114 of the mitochondrial network. We used an immunocytochemistry-based quantification
115 method, which, in contrast to other probes such as MitoTracker and NAO, allowed the
116 determination of the mitochondrial volume largely independent of mitochondrial activities
117 (28). Confocal images of mitochondria from a single cell were stacked and rendered into a
118 three-dimensional image using MitoGraph 3.0 (Figure 1A) (29). It showed that the
119 mitochondrial length was increased on average >12-fold in a senescent fibroblast, while the
120 average width remained unaltered (Figure 1B). Accordingly, the volume of mitochondria
121 was increased over 12-fold in a senescent fibroblast when compared to a proliferating
122 fibroblast. This is largely commensurate with the 8-fold increase in the volume of a
123 senescent fibroblast (30).

124 We next determined mtDNA levels in senescent IMR90 fibroblasts. Although the
125 relative amount of mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) was higher in these cells, normalization
126 to the mitochondrial volume revealed decreased mtDNA levels per mitochondrion (Figure
127 2A). Similarly, the measurement of mitochondrial membrane potential (MMP) with
128 TMRM showed an increase in the MMP in the senescent fibroblasts (Figure 2B-E).
129 However, normalization to the mitochondrial volume revealed a decreased MMP per
130 mitochondrion (Figure 2B-E). In agreement with the alterations in the MMP, senescent
131 cells showed an increased oxygen consumption rate (OCR) on a cellular basis, which
132 however corresponds to a decreased OCR per mitochondrial volume (Figure E, F). We
133 observed a similar pattern for mitochondrial superoxide levels in the senescent fibroblasts
134 (Figure 2G, 2H).

135 We therefore conclude that the bioenergetic activity of mitochondria is decreased
136 in senescent fibroblasts. However, the accumulation of such hypoactive mitochondria
137 results in the overall enhancement of mitochondrial functional parameters in these cells.
138 These findings highlight the importance to consider mitochondrial abundance when
139 assessing the functional status of mitochondria and possibly resolve conflicting reports on
140 mitochondrial fitness in senescent cells.

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142 **Reshaping of the mitochondrial proteome during CS development**

143 To gain further insights into the reprogramming of mitochondria in senescence, we
144 monitored the rewiring of the mitochondrial proteome upon transition to the senescent
145 state by tandem mass tag labeling mass spectrometry (TMT-MS) in a time-resolved fashion
146 (Figure 3A). Cellular proteomes were analyzed on days 1, 3, 5, and 7 after the treatment
147 with DMSO or decitabine (Figure 3A). 6482 proteins were quantified in all samples,
148 corresponding to more than 80% of the total identified proteins, which showcased the
149 power of TMT-MS to minimize missing values across the samples, and hence were used for
150 further analyses (Supplementary figure 2A). Principal component analysis (PCA) revealed
151 progressive changes in the cellular proteome during the development of the CS, while that
152 of proliferating control cells with DMSO remained largely unaltered as expected

153 (Supplementary figure 2B). Changes in protein levels of key senescence markers confirmed
154 the establishment of the CS by decitabine (Supplementary figure 2C). Our dataset covered
155 around 60% of the proteomes of major cellular organelles based on the reference proteome
156 of each organelle, including nucleus (31), cytosol (32), ER membrane (33), and
157 mitochondria (34) (Supplementary figure 2D).

158 To define mitochondrial proteomic changes, we first examined whether the
159 increased mitochondrial abundance in senescent cells introduces bias in our proteomic
160 analysis. We calculated the proportion of mitochondrial proteins in the cellular proteome
161 at each time point but did not observe alterations in the fraction of mitochondrial proteins
162 during the CS development, unlike that of ER membrane or nuclear proteins (Figure 3B,
163 Supplementary figure 2F). We also compared mitochondrial proteomic changes by two
164 different normalization units: total peptide counts and mitochondrial-specific peptide
165 counts. The comparison yielded extremely high correlations between fold changes
166 calculated by the two normalization units at all time points (Supplementary figure 2E).
167 These results indicate that the mitochondrial proteome increased proportionately to the
168 cellular proteome throughout the development of the CS and the proteomic changes can
169 be faithfully analyzed from the data normalized by the total peptide counts.

170 The mitochondrial proteome was significantly altered during the CS development,
171 yielding 279 differentially expressed genes (DEGs) on day 7, corresponding to nearly 40%
172 of the total mitochondrial proteins quantified (Figure 3C, 3D). We observed similar changes
173 for nuclear, cytosolic, and ER membrane proteins, which indicates a lack of strong bias in
174 organellar proteomic changes during the CS development (Figure 3D). Based on the
175 affected mitochondrial pathways (MitoPathways, curated in MitoCarta 3.0), the 279
176 mitochondrial DEGs on day 7 were categorized into 6 major groups and the percentage of
177 DEGs within each group was calculated. This analysis showed a general upregulation of
178 genes related to metabolism, signaling, dynamics/surveillance, and downregulation of
179 mtDNA-related genes, whereas we observed mixed alterations in genes related to OXPHOS
180 and mitochondrial proteostasis (Figure 3E). Changes in the mitochondrial proteome were
181 also subjected to a gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA), which highlighted alterations in

182 metabolic pathways (e.g. branched-chain amino acid metabolism, fatty acid oxidation,
183 SLC25A family) and in the translation of mtDNA-encoded genes (Figure 3F), corroborating
184 the previous analysis (Figure 3E). Moreover, the GSEA of sub-mitochondrial localization
185 revealed a general increase in inner and outer membrane proteins, while matrix proteins
186 were decreased on day 5 and 7 (Figure 3G). These alterations mainly result from a general
187 increase in SLC25A family proteins which are integral membrane proteins and an overall
188 decrease in the translational apparatus in the matrix space. The increase in membrane
189 proteins is unlikely due to the enhanced protein import because the small TIM proteins
190 (TIMM8B, TIMM9, TIMM10, TIMM13) which are responsible for the chaperone-mediated
191 import of many hydrophobic membrane proteins were reduced altogether on day 7
192 (Supplementary figure 3; protein import & sorting). Considering that the mitochondrial
193 protein abundance remained constant throughout the CS development, these analyses
194 suggest remodeling of the mitochondrial proteome with an altered ratio between the
195 membrane and matrix proteins.

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197 **Changes in the mitochondrial proteome reveal broad metabolic rewiring of senescent** 198 **fibroblasts**

199 We further monitored how individual pathways were affected throughout the CS
200 establishment. We identified four groups of DEGs differing in their temporal dynamic
201 patterns (Figure 4A, Supplementary figure 4 for detailed lists of genes). Groups 1 and 2
202 include mitochondrial proteins that were altered rather early (day 3 or 5) and whose
203 abundance either kept increasing (group 1) or decreasing (group 2) upon the decitabine
204 treatment (Figure 4A). On the contrary, groups 3 and 4 contain late-responding proteins,
205 whose abundance changed only on day 7. Notably, only 1.5 % of the analyzed DEGs
206 fluctuated over the CS development and did not fall into any of the four groups (Figure 4C).

207 Each group of proteins was then subjected to an over-representation analysis with
208 KEGG and GO databases (Figure 4B). The analysis revealed an enrichment of branched-
209 chain amino acid (BCAA) catabolism in group 1 as well as the mitochondrial arm of the
210 one-carbon (1C)-folate metabolism in group 2 (Figure 4B). Proteins associated with fatty

211 acid metabolism and calcium import into mitochondria were over-represented in the late-
212 responding group 3, indicating upregulation of these pathways upon senescence induction
213 (Figure 4A, B), in agreement with previous findings (13, 35). On the contrary, we observed
214 a strong enrichment of subunits of mitochondrial ribosomes and components of the
215 mitochondrial gene expression apparatus in group 4, suggesting a reduction of
216 mitochondrial translation in the established senescent state (Figure 4A, B). To validate
217 these findings and to exclude any bias due to mitochondrial abundance, we synthesized
218 mtDNA-encoded proteins in isolated mitochondria in the presence of ³⁵S-methionine
219 (Figure 4D). In agreement with our proteomic analysis, mitochondrial translation was
220 reduced in the senescent fibroblasts (Figure 4D, 4E).

221 Together, we conclude that mitochondria are broadly rewired upon CS induction,
222 pointing to metabolic adaptations, favoring the degradation of BCAA but downregulating
223 the 1C-folate metabolism. This is accompanied by a decrease in mitochondrial translation,
224 consistent with the observed decreased respiratory activity of mitochondria in senescent
225 cells.

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227 **Enhanced catabolism of BCAA in senescent fibroblasts**

228 In further experiments, we used metabolic tracing experiments to validate early
229 metabolic adaptations indicated by our proteomic analysis. We observed the accumulation
230 of enzymes of the BCAA metabolism upon CS induction, suggesting an enhanced
231 degradation of BCAAs in the senescent cells (Figure 5A). The nitrogen in BCAAs
232 accumulates in glutamate, which is used to synthesize several non-essential amino acids
233 (NEAAs). On the other hand, carbon atoms of BCAA are found in acyl-CoAs, used for the
234 synthesis of fatty acids or cholesterol, or fed into the TCA cycle (Figure 5B). To monitor
235 the catabolism of BCAA in senescent cells, we performed metabolic tracing experiments
236 with BCAAs that are labeled with stable isotopes of either nitrogen or carbons. These
237 experiments revealed an increased flux of both carbons and nitrogen to the downstream
238 metabolites in the senescent fibroblasts (Figure 5C, 5D). We also observed an accumulation
239 of BCAAs-derived short-chain acylcarnitines such as acetyl-carnitine, propionyl-carnitine,

240 and isobutyryl-carnitine (Supplementary figure 5C), which in agreement with the observed
241 respiratory deficiency and points to enhanced BCAA degradation (36). These data
242 demonstrate the validity of the proteomics signature of increased BCAA degradation in
243 senescent cells.

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245 **Early reduction of 1C-folate metabolism in senescent fibroblasts**

246 Our proteomic analysis also suggested that the 1C-folate cycle is an early-
247 responding pathway that is rapidly reduced upon the decitabine treatment (Figure 4B;
248 group 2, Supplementary figure 4A; group 2). Notably, although the over-representation
249 analysis was restricted to mitochondrial proteins, enzymes involved in the cytosolic arm of
250 1C-folate metabolism were also acutely decreased upon induction of the senescent state
251 (Figure 6A). To validate the proteomic footprints in 1C-folate metabolism, we performed
252 targeted metabolomics, focusing on polar metabolites including nucleotides and amino
253 acids. PCA showed that the metabolome of the senescent fibroblasts is distinct from that of
254 proliferating cells (Supplementary figure 5A). The metabolomics revealed a significant
255 reduction of purines (AMP, GMP) and deoxythymidines (dTTP, note that dTMP was under
256 the detection threshold exclusively in the senescent cells), which is indicative of the
257 reduced 1C-folate metabolism (Figure 6B, Supplementary figure 5B, 5C). Another indicator
258 of the activity of the pathway is the serine catabolism by cytosolic SHMT1 and
259 mitochondrial SHMT2. We found decreased glycine levels and an increased serine-to-
260 glycine ratio in the senescent cells, consistent with the decreased SHMT2 level in these
261 cells (Figure 6C, D). These observations were further substantiated by tracing carbons of
262 glucose, which demonstrated that the formation of serine from glucose and glycine from
263 serine was significantly reduced (Figure 6E). To distinguish effects on the cytosolic and
264 mitochondrial arm of the 1C-folate metabolism, we performed tracing experiments using a
265 serine stable isotope with deuterium (Figure 6F). Monitoring the accumulation of dTTP
266 isotopologues allowed us to determine the directionality of the pathway (37). M+1 dTTP
267 was exclusively detected but not M+2 dTTP (Figure 6G), indicating that serine was
268 catabolized exclusively in the mitochondria in proliferating IMR90 fibroblasts.

269 Accordingly, inhibition of the 1C-folate/serine catabolism in senescent cells results in the
270 depletion of deoxythymidines in the senescent cells (Figure 6B), without any detectable
271 increase in the cytosolic catalysis of serine (Figure 6G). Thus, the 1C-folate metabolism is
272 downregulated in the senescent cells in accordance with the proteomic analysis.

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275 Discussion

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277 We have performed a time-resolved proteomic analysis to define mitochondrial
278 adaptations in senescent cells. Using anti-cancer drugs in human fibroblasts as a CS model
279 (38), we show broad reshaping of the mitochondrial proteome and metabolic rewiring of
280 mitochondria upon establishment of the senescent state. About 40% of the mitochondrial
281 proteins were significantly changed in senescent cells, with membrane proteins being
282 generally enriched over soluble matrix proteins. Our time-resolved proteomic analysis did
283 not only establish a broad rewiring of the mitochondrial proteome but also allowed us to
284 distinguish early and late proteomic adaptations. Our enrichment analysis yielded
285 primarily metabolism-related signatures among the early responding pathways,
286 highlighting the importance of metabolic rewiring of mitochondria in senescence.

287 We identified enhanced catabolism of BCAAs as an early-responding metabolic
288 pathway in senescent cells. We observed an increased flux of both nitrogen and carbons of
289 BCAAs to their downstream metabolites, such as some NEAAs and acyl-CoAs. On one hand,
290 transamination of BCAAs to the NEAAs supports the maintenance of the levels of alanine,
291 glutamate, proline, and serine, which we found to be preserved in senescent cells. Acyl-
292 CoAs, on the other hand, are used for lipid synthesis. In agreement with previous findings
293 showing that senescent cells enhance both synthesis and oxidation of fatty acids (13, 39-
294 42), we observed a late upregulation of lipid metabolizing proteins in our proteomic
295 analysis. It is therefore conceivable that BCAAs serve as a source for lipid synthesis in
296 senescent cells, as has been described for adipose tissue (43, 44).

297 In contrast to BCAA degradation, the 1C-folate metabolism was downregulated at
298 the early stages of CS development. The 1C-folate cycle provides intermediates for the
299 synthesis of purines and dTMP in the cytosol which are required for the replication of the
300 genome. Low demand for nucleotide synthesis with the reduced 1C-folate metabolism is
301 therefore consistent with the stably cell-cycle arrested state of senescent cells. Indeed,
302 inhibition of deoxynucleotide metabolism was found to be both necessary and sufficient
303 for oncogene-induced senescence (45). In addition to its role in nucleotide synthesis, the

304 1C-folate cycle supports mitochondrial translation by supplying formyl-methionine for
305 translation initiation in mitochondria (46). Our metabolic tracing experiments revealed
306 that serine is catabolized exclusively via the mitochondrial arm of the 1C-folate cycle,
307 which is downregulated in senescent cells without compensation from the cytosol.
308 Accordingly, we observed reduced mitochondrial translation in senescent cells, which is
309 consistent with the decreased bioenergetic activity of mitochondria in these cells. Since a
310 decrease in mitochondrial translation and OXPHOS activity makes cells vulnerable to
311 inhibition of glycolysis (46), our data would explain such susceptibility of senescent cells
312 to glucose restriction (27). It should be noted that mitochondrial translation is a late-
313 responding pathway upon induction of the senescent state. This likely explains why we did
314 not observe a general decrease of OXPHOS subunits in our proteomic analysis, despite
315 attenuated mitochondrial translation.

316 The mitochondrial volume was increased >12-fold on average in senescent IMR90
317 fibroblasts. The increased mitochondrial volume in senescent cells can be attributed to both
318 enhanced mitochondrial biogenesis and impaired mitophagy (10). For example, the
319 mitochondrial biogenesis factor PGC-1 β mediates the increase of mitochondrial abundance
320 in senescent cells (11). On the other hand, mitophagy was shown to be impaired in these
321 cells (47), which also exhibit lysosomal dysfunctions (48). However, it is important to note
322 that despite the larger mitochondrial volume, the mitochondrial proteome scaled with the
323 cellular proteome in senescent cells which are about 8-fold larger in volume compared to
324 proliferating cells (30). This contrasts with the nuclear proteome, whose fraction on the
325 cellular proteome decreased, and the ER proteome, whose fraction increased in senescent
326 cells, in agreement with a previous finding (49). The changes in mitochondrial volume
327 upon establishment of the senescent state must be taken into account when assessing
328 mitochondrial activities. Our results revealed that senescent cells indeed accumulate
329 mitochondria although their bioenergetic activity is reduced. Measuring mitochondrial
330 abundance in senescent cells, often employing two-dimensional images or $\Delta\Psi_m$ -dependent
331 fluorescent probes (11, 18, 19), may systematically underestimate the accumulation of

332 mitochondria and explain conflicting observations on mitochondrial functions and fitness
333 in these cells.

334 Together, our findings establish extensive reprogramming of the mitochondrial
335 proteome and metabolism in senescent fibroblasts. We demonstrate increased BCAA
336 degradation and lipid metabolism and decreased 1C-folate metabolism and OXPHOS
337 activities associated with reduced mitochondrial translation in senescent cells. Since
338 mitochondria dictate the profile of the SASP, it is conceivable that metabolic rewiring of
339 mitochondria is required for and shapes the SASP and therefore may impact the effects of
340 senescent cells in the context of age-related diseases such as cancer.

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342 **Materials and Methods**

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344 **Cell culture and chemicals**

345 Human lung IMR90 fibroblasts were obtained from ATCC (CCL-186) and
346 maintained in Minimum Essential Medium (MEM+glutaMAX, Thermo; 41090)
347 supplemented with 9.5% FBS (Sigma; F7524). IMR90 cells were cultured under 3% O₂, 5%
348 CO₂, and 92% N₂. Cells with SA-β-Gal positivity less than 10% of the population were used
349 in all experiments. Upon the induction of CS, the medium was replaced every other day to
350 exclude nutrient availability as a limiting factor for CS. For lentivirus production, HEK293T
351 cells were maintained in DMEM (Thermo; 61965) supplemented with 9.5% FBS. All cells
352 were cultured without antibiotics and routinely checked for Mycoplasma contamination.
353 The cell number was calculated with trypan blue using Countess automated cell counter
354 (Thermo). The chemicals used in the cell culture experiments are as follows: DMSO (Sigma;
355 D2650), decitabine (Abcam; ab120842), doxorubicin (Sigma; D1515). Decitabine and
356 doxorubicin were dissolved in DMSO and H₂O, respectively.

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358 **Establishment of cellular senescence**

359 IMR90 fibroblasts were seeded on a diverse size of culture vessels with the density
360 of 2,100/cm² for DMSO (0.01% v/v) and decitabine (1 μM), or 6,500/cm² for doxorubicin
361 (300 nM) treatment. Cells were treated with the compounds on the next day and,
362 subsequently, the medium was replaced every other day. DMSO and decitabine were
363 present in the media at all times, while doxorubicin was washed out after the first medium
364 change. Unless denoted otherwise, the timing of cell harvest was synchronized to be 24 (±3)
365 hours from the last medium replacement and DMSO-treated cells were timely re-plated so
366 that they did not reach the confluence by the time of harvest to maintain a proliferating
367 state. All senescence assays were performed 7 days after the initial treatment unless
368 otherwise specified.

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370 **Cell proliferation assay**

371 Cells were incubated with 10 μ M EdU in DMSO for 24 h corresponding to the
372 population doubling time. Cells were collected by trypsinization and then processed
373 according to the manufacturer's protocol (Thermo; C10634). The number of EdU-positive
374 cells was counted by flow cytometry (BD Biosciences; FACS Canto) in the APC channel
375 using conventional FSC/SSC gating criteria without a viability dye.

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377 **Measurement of mitochondrial membrane potential, superoxide, and polarized** 378 **mitochondria by flow cytometry**

379 Cells were seeded on a 6-well plate with the density described above. On day 7, cells
380 were collected by trypsinization and pelleted, and then processed according to the
381 manufacturer's protocol for labeling with mitoSOX (Thermo; M36008), TMRM (Thermo;
382 M20036), and Mitotracker Deep Red FM (Thermo; M22426). Briefly, the collected cell
383 pellets were resuspended in the 1 ml PBS with mitoSOX (5 μ M), TMRM (20 nM), or
384 Mitotracker Deep Red FM (50 nM) and incubated in a non-CO₂ incubator at 37°C for 20
385 min. Cells were pelleted and washed with PBS twice and DAPI (1 ng/ml) was added to
386 select live cells. Then, cells were filtered through a 50 μ m cell strainer and analyzed by
387 flow cytometry (BD Biosciences; FACScanto) in the corresponding channels (PE or APC)
388 with the conventional SSC/FSC single cell gating strategy. The mean fluorescence intensity
389 of the gated population was taken.

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391 **Senescence-associated β -galactosidase assay**

392 Cells were washed twice with PBS and subject to SA- β -Gal assay according to the
393 manufacturer's protocol (Abcam; ab65351). On the next day, cells were washed twice with
394 PBS and permeabilized with 0.2% TX-100/PBS for 5 min. After washing twice, DAPI (1
395 ng/ml) was added to allow cell counting. The images were taken under the DAPI channel
396 and transparent channel using an EVOS microscope (Thermo). At least 50 cells per
397 condition were analyzed.

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399 **Quantification of mitochondrial volume**

400 Cells were seeded and senescence was induced. DMSO-treated control cells were
401 seeded the day before the assay was performed. On day 7, cells were washed twice with
402 PBS and fixed with 4% PFA (Santa Cruz; sc-281692) for 15 min at room temperature (RT).
403 After washing out PFA with PBS twice, cells were permeabilized with 0.2% TX-100 for 5
404 min at RT. Cells were washed twice and incubated with the antibody against ATP5B
405 (Invitrogen; A21351; diluted 1:1000 in 1% BSA/PBS) overnight at 4°C. On the next day,
406 the primary antibody was washed out and goat anti-mouse IgG (H+L) antibody conjugated
407 with Alexa fluor 568 (Invitrogen; A11031) was added (1:1000 in PBS with Alexa Fluor 647
408 Phalloidin (Invitrogen; A22287)) for F-actin staining to identify single cells. After 1 h,
409 DAPI (1 ng/ml) was added after washing out the secondary antibodies for 5 min and
410 mounted on the slides (Thermo; P10144). At least one day after the mounting, the images
411 were taken using a confocal microscope (Leica; SP8-DLS). Z-stack confocal images were
412 taken with 0.2 μm intervals from the bottom to the top of mitochondria. After a single cell
413 was defined in each image based on the F-actin staining using the software Fiji (50), the
414 stacks of 2-dimensional mitochondrial images were converted into the 3-dimensional
415 model by Mitograph 3.0 (29). The total length, average width, and volume (by length) of
416 mitochondria per cell were calculated by MitoGraph 3.0.

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418 **Real-time quantitative PCR (RT-qPCR)**

419 RNA was harvested from the cells (Macherey-Nagel; 740955) and subjected to
420 cDNA synthesis with oligo(dT) reverse transcriptase (Promega; A2791) according to the
421 manufacturer's protocol. Target mRNA levels were quantified by $\Delta\Delta\text{Ct}$ values using
422 TaqMan fast advanced master-mix (Thermo; 4444557) with the TaqMan probes as follows:
423 B2M (Hs99999907_m1), IL1A (Hs00174092_m1), IL1B (Hs01555410_m1), IL6
424 (Hs00174131_m1), CDKN1A (Hs00355782_m1), CDKN2A (Hs00923894_m1), LMNB1
425 (Hs01059210_m1). Fold changes were calculated using B2M as a reference control.

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427 **Quantification of mtDNA copy number difference**

428 Cellular DNA was extracted from the cells (Qiagen; 69504) and the mtDNA copy
429 number was measured using the TaqMan assay as described above. Genomic DNA was
430 measured using ACTB as a probe (Hs03023880_g1) and mtDNA was measured by two
431 different probes (MT-ND1; Hs02596873_s1 and MT-7s; Hs02596861_s1). mtDNA copy
432 number differences were calculated (MT-ND1/ACTB or MT-7s/ACTB) and represented by
433 MT-ND1/ACTB as both values were comparable.

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435 **Measurement of oxygen consumption rate (OCR)**

436 Mitochondrial respiration was measured using an XFe96 Seahorse analyzer (Agilent;
437 103015) according to the manufacturer's protocol. Briefly, 2×10^4 (proliferating) and
438 3×10^4 (senescent) cells were seeded per well on XFe96 plate. The next day, cells were
439 washed twice and incubated for 1 h at 37°C in the non-CO₂ chamber with 180 µl of the
440 assay medium (Agilent; 103575) supplemented with L-glutamine (2 mM) and D-glucose
441 (5.5 mM). OCR was measured with subsequent injections of the following compounds (1
442 µM oligomycin, 0.5 µM FCCP or CCCP, and rotenone and antimycin A (0.5 µM each)).
443 After the assay, cells were washed once with PBS and lysed in 25 µl of SDS buffer (50 mM
444 Tris-HCl pH 7.4, 1% SDS), followed by the BCA protein quantification. OD_{562nm} value was
445 used as the protein amount without standards. The data were first normalized to protein
446 amounts, followed by scaling to the cell number by a cell-to-protein ratio (Supplementary
447 figure 1G). Spare respiratory capacity and proton leak were calculated from the OCR data
448 by the Seahorse XF report generator (Agilent).

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450 **Measurement of the cell-to-protein ratio**

451 On day 7 after the treatment with H₂O, DMSO, decitabine, or doxorubicin, IMR90
452 fibroblasts were trypsinized and live cells were counted with trypan blue. The cells were
453 pelleted and lysed in the SDS buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.4, 1% SDS) and the protein
454 mass was measured by the BCA method.

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456 **Isolation of mitochondria**

457 The preparation of mitochondria-enriched membrane organelle was done as
458 described with a few modifications (51). Briefly, cells with around 80% confluence on three
459 15-cm dishes were collected by scraping and washed with ice-cold PBS twice. All
460 subsequent steps were performed at 4°C. The cells were incubated for 10 min in 1 ml
461 isolation buffer (10 mM HEPES-KOH pH 7.4, 225 mM mannitol, 75 mM sucrose, 1 mM
462 EGTA). Then, cells were homogenized by passing 10 times through a 27G needle. The
463 homogenates were spun down at 800xg for 5 min to remove cell debris. Supernatants were
464 centrifuged at 7000xg for 10 min, followed by two washing steps with an isolation buffer.
465 The final pellets containing membrane organelles without cytosolic fraction were
466 resuspended in the 200 µl isolation buffer.

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468 **Mitochondrial translation *in organello* assay**

469 Equal amounts of mitochondria (100-150 µg) were resuspended in 1 ml translation
470 buffer (60 µg/ml of each of 19 proteogenic amino acids except methionine, 5 mM ATP, 200
471 µM GTP, 6 mM creatine phosphate, 60 µg/ml creatine kinase, 100 mM D-mannitol, 10 mM
472 sodium succinate dibasic hexahydrate, 80 mM KCl, 5 mM MgCl₂ hexahydrate, 1 mM
473 KH₂PO₄, 25 mM HEPES, adjusted to pH 7.4 with KOH). 17 µl of ³⁵S-methionine (Hartmann
474 Analytic; SRM-01) was added and the sample was incubated for 1 h at 37°C under gentle
475 mixing (300 rpm). Mitochondria were pelleted at 7000xg for 2 min at 4°C and resuspended
476 in translation buffer, followed by 10 min incubation at 37°C under gentle mixing (300 rpm).
477 Mitochondria were washed 3 times with translation buffer to remove any residual ³⁵S-
478 methionine and then resuspended in 100 µl sample buffer and run on 12% Tris-tricine SDS-
479 PAGE. The gel was transferred to a nitrocellulose membrane and dried in the air. The
480 radioactivity was captured by the storage phosphor screen overnight and detected by the
481 Typhoon phosphor-imager (Cytiva Lifesciences). Membranes were blocked in 5% skim
482 milk in TBS-T (20 mM Tris-HCL pH7.4, 150 mM NaCl, 0.1% Tween 20, pH 7.4) for 1 h,
483 washed three times with TBS-T, and incubated with primary antibodies in 5% BSA TBS-T
484 against SDHA (1:10000, Abcam; ab14715), MT-CO1 (1:10000, Abcam; ab14705), MT-ND1
485 (1:2000, Abcam; ab181848), MT-CO2 (1:1000, Invitrogen; A6404), MT-ATP8 (1:2000,

486 Proteintech; 26723-1-AP), MT-ATP6 (1:2000, Proteintech; 55313-1-AP). Then membranes
487 were washed 3 times with TBS-T and incubated with goat anti-mouse or anti-rabbit IgG
488 HRP-conjugated secondary antibody (1:10000 in 5% BSA TBS-T, Bio-rad; #1706515,
489 #1706516) for 1 h, at RT. Membranes were washed again and developed using enhanced
490 chemiluminescence and analyzed by ChemoStar Touch (INTAS Science Imaging) and the
491 Fiji software (50).

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493 **Proteomics: peptide preparation**

494 Cells were seeded on 15-cm dishes and, on the next day, treated with either DMSO
495 or decitabine. On day 1, 3, 5, and 7, cells were collected and washed twice with PBS. In all
496 conditions, cells were collected at a confluency of around 80%. Cell pellets were
497 resuspended in 15 μ l of lysis buffer (6 M guanidinium chloride, 2.5 mM tris(2-carboxyethyl)
498 phosphine, 10 mM chloroacetamide, 100 mM tris-hydrochloride) and heated at 95°C for
499 10 min. The lysates were sonicated (30 s/30 s, 10 cycles, high performance) by Bioruptor
500 (Diagenode; B01020001), followed by centrifugation at 21000xg for 20 min at 20°C. 200 μ g
501 of supernatants were digested with 1 μ l trypsin (Promega; V5280) overnight at 37°C. On
502 the next day, formic acid was added to the digested peptide lysates (to 1% final
503 concentration) to stop trypsin digestion, and samples were desalted by homemade STAGE
504 tips (52). Eluted lysates in 60% acetonitrile/0.1% formic acid were dried by vacuum
505 centrifugation (Eppendorf; Concentrator Plus) at 45°C.

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507 **Proteomics: TMT labeling**

508 4 μ g of desalted peptides were labeled with tandem mass tags TMT10plex (Thermo;
509 90110) using a 1:20 ratio of peptides to TMT reagent. TMT labeling was carried out
510 according to the manufacturer's instruction with the following changes: dried peptides
511 were reconstituted in 9 μ l 0.1 M TEAB, to which 7 μ l TMT reagent in acetonitrile was
512 added to a final acetonitrile concentration of 43.75%. The reaction was quenched with 2 μ l
513 5% hydroxylamine. Labeled peptides were pooled, dried, resuspended in 0.1% formic acid,
514 split into two samples, and desalted using homemade STAGE tips (52).

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516 **Proteomics: high-pH fractionation**

517 Pooled TMT labeled peptides were separated on a 150 mm, 300 μ m OD, 2 μ m C18,
518 Acclaim PepMap (Thermo) column using an Ultimate 3000 (Thermo). The column was
519 maintained at 30°C. Separation was performed with a flow of 4 μ l using a segmented
520 gradient of buffer B from 1% to 50% for 85 min and 50% to 95% for 20 min. Buffer A was
521 5% acetonitrile 0.01M ammonium bicarbonate, buffer B was 80% acetonitrile 0.01 M
522 ammonium bicarbonate. Fractions were collected every 150 s and combined into nine
523 fractions by pooling every ninth fraction. Pooled fractions were dried in Concentrator plus
524 (Eppendorf), and resuspended in 5 μ l 0.1% formic acid, from which 2 μ l were analyzed by
525 LC-MS/MS.

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527 **Proteomics: LC-MS/MS analysis**

528 Dried fractions were re-suspended in 0.1% formic acid and separated on a 50 cm, 75
529 μ m Acclaim PepMap column (Thermo; 164942) and analyzed on an Orbitrap Lumos Tribrid
530 mass spectrometer (Thermo) equipped with a FAIMS device (Thermo). The FAIMS device
531 was operated in two compensation voltages, -50 V and -70 V. Synchronous precursor
532 selection based on MS3 was used for the acquisition of the TMT reporter ion signals.
533 Peptide separation was performed on an EASY-nLC1200 using a 90 min linear gradient
534 from 6% to 31% buffer; buffer A was 0.1% formic acid, and buffer B was 0.1% formic acid
535 with 80% acetonitrile. The analytical column was operated at 50°C. Raw files were split
536 based on the FAIMS compensation voltage using FreeStyle (Thermo).

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538 **Proteomics: peptide identification and quantification**

539 Proteomics data were analyzed using MaxQuant, version 1.5.2.8, (53). The isotope
540 purity correction factors, provided by the manufacturer, were included in the analysis.
541 Mitochondrial annotations were based on human MitoCarta 3.0 (34).

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543 **Proteomics: data analysis and visualization**

544 Differential expression analysis was performed using limma version 3.34.9 (54) and
545 R version 3.4.3 (55). Proteins with $P < 0.05$ (Bonferroni-Hochberg method) were deemed
546 significant and differentially expressed. Quantified proteomics data were investigated for
547 the enrichment analysis including statistics by the String database (56) and the GSEA (57,
548 58). For the GSEA analysis, the background gmt files were made with MitoPathways and
549 localization information from the human MitoCarta 3.0. The total quantified 6482 proteins
550 were used as a background. For the categorization of organellar proteome, the reference
551 proteome was used from the publicly available data as described in the main text (Figure
552 3B). Graphs were drawn by GraphPad Prism version 9.3.1 and Supplementary figure 3 and
553 4 by R version 3.4.3.

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557 **Metabolomics: metabolite preparation**

558 Cells on 6-well plates were washed twice with the wash buffer (75 mM ammonium
559 carbonate, pH 7.4) and the plates were flash-frozen in liquid nitrogen. 800 μ l extraction
560 buffer (acetonitrile:methanol:H₂O=4:4:2, -20°C) was added to the wells, scraped, and
561 centrifuged by 21,000 \times g for 20 min at 4°C. The supernatants were dried by vacuum
562 centrifugation (Labogene) for 6 h at 20°C. Pellets were lysed in 50 mM Tris-KOH pH 8.0,
563 150 mM NaCl, 1% SDS, and used for protein quantification using the BCA assay (Thermo;
564 23225). To measure steady-state levels of metabolites, the following internal standards were
565 added to the extraction buffer: 2.5 mM amino acids standard (CIL; MSK-A2-1.2), 100 μ g/ml
566 citrate d₄ (Sigma; 485438), 1 mg/ml ¹³C₁₀ ATP (Sigma; 710695). No internal standard was
567 added for the isotopologue tracing experiments. Isotopologues used in the experiments are
568 as following: ¹³C₆ D-glucose (Sigma; 389374), 2,3,3-²H L-serine (CIL; DLM-582), ¹³C₆ L-
569 leucine (Sigma; 605239), ¹⁵N L-leucine (sigma; 340960), ¹³C₅ L-valine (Sigma; 758159), ¹⁵N
570 L-valine (Sigma; 490172). Isotopologues were added to the regular culture medium (MEM
571 supplemented with 9.5% undialyzed FBS) and treated to cells as indicated in each figure
572 legend.

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574 **Metabolomics: Anion-Exchange Chromatography Mass Spectrometry (AEX-MS) for the**
575 **analysis of anionic metabolites**

576 Extracted metabolites were re-suspended in 200 μ l of Optima UPLC/MS grade water
577 (Thermo). After 15 min incubation on a thermomixer at 4°C and a 5 min centrifugation at
578 16000 \times g at 4°C, 100 μ l of the cleared supernatant was transferred to polypropylene
579 autosampler vials (Chromatography Accessories Trott). The samples were analyzed using a
580 Dionex ion chromatography system (Integrion, Thermo) as described previously (59). In
581 brief, 5 μ l of polar metabolite extract were injected in full loop mode using an overfill factor
582 of 1, onto a Dionex IonPac AS11-HC column (2 mm \times 250 mm, 4 μ m particle size, Thermo)
583 equipped with a Dionex IonPac AG11-HC guard column (2 mm \times 50 mm, 4 μ m, Thermo).
584 The column temperature was held at 30°C, while the autosampler was set to 6°C. A
585 potassium hydroxide gradient was generated using a potassium hydroxide cartridge (Eluent
586 Generator, Thermo), which was supplied with deionized water. The metabolite separation
587 was carried at a flow rate of 380 μ l/min, applying the following gradient conditions: 0-3
588 min, 10 mM KOH; 3-12 min, 10–50 mM KOH; 12-19 min, 50-100 mM KOH, 19-21 min,
589 100 mM KOH, 21-22 min, 100-10 mM KOH. The column was re-equilibrated at 10 mM for
590 8 min.

591 For the analysis of metabolic pool sizes, the eluting compounds were detected in
592 negative ion mode using full scan measurements in the mass range m/z 50 – 750 on a Q-
593 Exactive HF high-resolution MS (Thermo). The heated electrospray ionization (ESI) source
594 settings of the mass spectrometer were: Spray voltage 3.2 kV, the capillary temperature was
595 set to 300°C, sheath gas flow 60 AU, aux gas flow 20 AU at a temperature of 330°C and a
596 sweep gas glow of 2 AU. The S-lens was set to a value of 60.

597 The semi-targeted LC-MS data analysis was performed using the TraceFinder software
598 (Version 4.1, Thermo). The identity of each compound was validated by authentic
599 reference compounds, which were measured at the beginning and the end of the sequence.

600 For data analysis, the area of the deprotonated [M-H⁻]- monoisotopic mass peak of
601 each compound was extracted and integrated using a mass accuracy of <5 ppm and a

602 retention time (RT) tolerance of <0.05 min as compared to the independently measured
603 reference compounds. Areas of the cellular pool sizes were normalized to the internal
604 standards added to the extraction buffer, followed by total ion counts (TIC) normalization.

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606 **Metabolomics: semi-targeted liquid chromatography-high-resolution mass spectrometry-**
607 **based (LC-HRS-MS) analysis of amine-containing metabolites**

608 The LC-HRMS analysis of amine-containing compounds was performed using an
609 adapted benzoylchloride-based derivatization method (60). In brief, the polar fraction of
610 the metabolite extract was re-suspended in 200 µl of LC-MS-grade water (Optima-Grade,
611 Thermo) and incubated at 4°C for 15 min on a thermomixer. The re-suspended extract was
612 centrifuged for 5 min at 16000 x g at 4°C and 50 µl of the cleared supernatant was mixed
613 with 25 µl of 100 mM sodium carbonate (Sigma), followed by the addition of 25 µl 2% [v/v]
614 benzoylchloride (Sigma) in acetonitrile (Optima-Grade, Thermo). Samples were vortexed
615 and kept at 20°C until analysis. For the LC-HRMS analysis, 1 µl of the derivatized sample
616 was injected onto a 100 x 2.1 mm HSS T3 UPLC column (Waters). The flow rate was set to
617 400 µl/min using a binary buffer system consisting of buffer A (10 mM ammonium formate
618 (Sigma), 0.15% [v/v] formic acid (Sigma) in LC-MS-grade water (Optima-Grade, Thermo).
619 Buffer B consisted solely of acetonitrile (Optima-grade, Thermo). The column temperature
620 was set to 40°C, while the LC gradient was: 0% B at 0 min, 0-15% B 0- 4.1min; 15-17% B
621 4.1 – 4.5 min; 17-55% B 4.5-11 min; 55-70% B 11 – 11.5 min, 70-100% B 11.5 - 13 min; B
622 100% 13 - 14 min; 100-0% B 14 -14.1 min; 0% B 14.1-19 min; 0% B. The mass spectrometer
623 (Q-Exactive Plus, Thermo) was operating in positive ionization mode recording the mass
624 range m/z 100-1000. The heated ESI source settings of the mass spectrometer were: Spray
625 voltage 3.5 kV, capillary temperature 300°C, sheath gas flow 60 AU, aux gas flow 20 AU at
626 a temperature of 330°C, and the sweep gas to 2 AU. The RF-lens was set to a value of 60.
627 Semi-targeted data analysis for the samples was performed using the TraceFinder software
628 (Version 4.1, Thermo). The identity of each compound was validated by authentic
629 reference compounds, which were run before and after every sequence. Peak areas of
630 [M+nBz+H]⁺ ions were extracted using a mass accuracy (<5 ppm) and a retention time

631 tolerance of <0.05 min. Areas of the cellular pool sizes were normalized to the internal
632 standards ([U]-¹⁵N;[U]-¹³C amino acid mix (MSK-A2-1.2), Cambridge Isotope Laboratories),
633 which were added to the extraction buffer, followed by normalization to the TIC.

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635 **Metabolomics: semi-targeted liquid chromatography-high-resolution mass spectrometry-** 636 **based (LC-HRS-MS) analysis of Acyl-CoA metabolites**

637 The LC-HRMS analysis of Acyl-CoAs was performed using a modified protocol
638 based on the previous method (60). In brief, the polar fraction of the metabolite extract was
639 re-suspended in 50 µl of LC-MS-grade water (Optima-Grade, Thermo). For the LC-HRMS
640 analysis, 1 µl of the sample was injected onto a 30 x 2.1 mm BEH Amide UPLC column
641 (Waters) with a 1.7 µm particle size. The flow rate was set to 500 µl/min using a quaternary
642 buffer system consisting of buffer A (5 mM ammonium acetate, Sigma) in LC-MS-grade
643 water (Optima-Grade, Thermo). Buffer B consisted of 5 mM ammonium acetate (Sigma) in
644 95% acetonitrile (Optima-grade, Thermo). Buffer C consisted of 0.1% phosphoric acid (85%,
645 VWR) in 60% acetonitrile (acidic wash) and buffer D of 50% acetonitrile (neutral wash).
646 The column temperature was set to 30°C, while the LC gradient was: 85% B for 1 min, 85-
647 70% B 1- 3min; 70-50% B 3 – 3.2 min; holding 50% B till 5 min; 100% C 5.1 – 8 min, 100%
648 D 8.1 - 10 min; followed by re-equilibration 85% B 10.1 - 13 min. The mass spectrometer
649 (Q-Exactive Plus, Thermo) was operating in positive ionization mode recording the mass
650 range m/z 760-1800. The heated ESI source settings of the mass spectrometer were: Spray
651 voltage 3.5 kV, capillary temperature 300°C, sheath gas flow 50 AU, aux gas flow 15 AU at
652 a temperature of 350°C, and the sweep gas to 3 AU. The RF-lens was set to a value of 55.

653 Semi-targeted data analysis for the samples was performed using the TraceFinder software
654 (Version 4.1, Thermo). The identity of Acetyl-CoA and Malonyl-CoA was validated by
655 authentic ¹³C-labelled reference compounds, which were run before. Other Acyl-CoAs
656 were validated by using *E. coli* reference material matching exact mass and reporter ions
657 from PRM experiments. Peak areas of [M+H]⁺ ions and corresponding isotopomers were
658 extracted using a mass accuracy (<5 ppm) and a retention time tolerance of <0.05 min. The
659 Peak area was normalized by the TIC.

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661 **Metabolomics: data analysis and visualization**

662 The steady-state level of metabolites was normalized by the total ion counts (TIC)
663 value. Statistical analysis of differential abundance was performed with fold changes in log₂
664 values by the welch t-test with correction using the Bonferroni-Dunn method. For mass
665 isotopologue experiments, the natural abundance of ¹³C was not corrected and the kinetic
666 isotope effect of the ²H tracer was not considered. All the statistical analysis and graphs
667 were done by GraphPad Prism version 9.3.1. For the heatmap in Supplementary figure 5C,
668 Flaski was used (61).

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670 **Data analysis and statistics**

671 All statistical analyses were performed by GraphPad Prism version 9.3.1 except
672 proteomics data. When two groups were compared, the Welch t-test was used with a
673 multiple comparison correction by the Bonferroni-Dunn method, if needed. When 3 or
674 more groups were compared, the ordinary ANOVA test was used. One-way ANOVA was
675 used for multiple groups under one condition and two-way ANOVA for multiple groups
676 under two conditions. Each subject group was compared to the control group with a
677 multiple comparison correction by the Dunnett method. *:p<0.05, **:p<0.01, ***:p<0.001.

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857 **Figure legends**

858 **Figure 1. Determination of the mitochondrial volume in senescent fibroblasts.**

859 (A) Representative images of mitochondria in IMR90 fibroblasts on day 7 after the
860 treatment with DMSO, decitabine, or doxorubicin. (Left) The maximal projection of of
861 confocal images from different z-levels is shown. (Right) Each z-stack image was combined
862 and rendered into a three-dimensional image using MitoGraph 3.0 (29). ATP5B was used
863 as a mitochondrial marker. F-actin was stained to define a cellular boundary. AU: arbitrary
864 unit.

865 (B) Quantification of mitochondrial length, width, and volume using MitoGraph 3.0. Each
866 dot represents a single cell value. Between 11 and 29 cells were analyzed per replicate and
867 condition. Whisker stands for the mean. Mean fold changes are shown. Nested one-way
868 ANOVA, Dunnett correction. n=2.

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870 **Figure 2. Accumulation of mitochondria with reduced bioenergetic activity in senescent** 871 **fibroblasts.**

872 The values are first measured per cellular basis on day 7 after the treatment with DMSO,
873 decitabine, or doxorubicin to IMR90 fibroblasts and followed by scaling with the relative
874 mitochondrial volume per cell.

875 (A) Determination of mtDNA levels in cellular DNA extracts by RT-qPCR using MT-ND1
876 and ACTB as probes for mtDNA and nuclear DNA, respectively. One-way ANOVA,
877 Dunnett correction. n=3 from independent cultures.

878 (B-F) Measurement of mitochondrial membrane potential and mitochondrial superoxide
879 level. IMR90 fibroblasts were subjected to staining with TMRM (B, C), Mitotracker Deep
880 Red FM (D), or mitoSOX (E, F) and analyzed by flow cytometry. Antimycin A (10 μ M) and
881 CCCP (50 μ M) were used as controls. (B, D, E): one-way ANOVA, Dunnett correction. (C,
882 F): Welch t-test, Bonferroni-Dunn correction. (B): n=5, (C): n=6, (D, E, F): n=3 from
883 independent cultures.

884 (G, H) Measurement of oxygen consumption rate (OCR). Left: real-time OCR before and
885 after the sequential addition of oligomycin (1 μ M), FCCP (0.5 μ M), and rotenone/antimycin
886 A (Rot/AA, 0.5 μ M each). Right: Fold changes calculated from the left graphs. The % values
887 were transformed to Log₂ values and subjected to statistical analysis. Welch t-test,
888 Bonferroni-Dunn correction. n=5.

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890 **Figure 3. Reprogramming of the mitochondrial proteome upon the development of CS.**

891 (A) Workflow for the time-resolved analysis of the mitochondrial proteome upon CS
892 induction by decitabine. Cellular proteome was measured by tandem mass tag labeling
893 mass-spectrometry (TMT-MS) on days 1, 3, 5, and 7 after DMSO or decitabine treatment
894 in IMR90 fibroblasts. All samples were measured in biological quadruplicates.

895 (B) The percentage of mitochondrial proteins within the cellular proteome during CS
896 development. Mitochondrial protein abundance was calculated as
897 $2^{\Sigma(\text{mitochondrial peptides reporter intensities})} / 2^{\Sigma(\text{total reporter intensities})}$. Welch t-test at each
898 time point, Bonferroni-Dunn correction. n=4.

899 (C) The number of differentially expressed genes (DEGs) encoding mitochondrial proteins
900 at each time point of CS development.

901 (D) The percentage of DEGs encoding different organellar proteins among all quantified
902 proteins at different time points of CS development.

903 (E) Representation of mitochondrial pathways within DEGs on day 7. Six major categories
904 can be distinguished using MitoPathways enlisted in the human MitoCarta 3.0. The
905 number of genes beneath the circles indicates the number of quantified proteins in each
906 category.

907 (F) Gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA) of the proteomics data according to MitoPathways.
908 FDR=0.05 was used as the cutoff.

909 (G) GSEA of sub-mitochondrial localization of the proteomics data on days 5 and 7
910 according to the human MitoCarta 3.0. MOM: mitochondrial outer membrane, MIM:
911 mitochondrial inner membrane, IMS: intermembrane space.

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913 **Figure 4. Classification of mitochondrial proteins according to their time-dependent**
914 **changes during the CS development**

915 (A) Classification of mitochondrial DEGs into four groups according to the temporal
916 dynamics of Log₂ fold changes during the development of CS. The bold line in each group
917 indicates the average of Log₂ values. For detailed lists of genes in each category, see
918 Supplementary figure 4.

919 (B) Over-representation analysis of mitochondrial DEGs in each group from (A) based on
920 two different databases. KEGG: Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes, GO: Gene

921 Ontology. Highlighted are terms with the highest enrichments and/or significance. The
922 color corresponds to the groups in (A).

923 (C) Percentage of each group within total mitochondrial DEGs from (A). The color
924 corresponds to the groups in (A).

925 (D) *In organello* assay of mitochondrial translation. Mitochondria were isolated from
926 IMR90 fibroblasts on day 7 after the treatment with indicated compounds and incubated
927 in a translation buffer in the presence of ³⁵S-methionine as described in Material and
928 Methods. Each protein was annotated based on direct verification by immunoblot or size
929 information. SDHA blot was used as a reference for equal loading.

930 (E) Quantification of (D). Radioactivity in each total lane was quantified and divided by
931 the intensity of the SDHA blot. Log₂ fold change relative to the DMSO-treated control is
932 shown. One-way ANOVA, Dunnett correction. n=3 for decitabine, n=2 for doxorubicin.

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934 **Figure 5. Enhanced mitochondrial BCAA degradation in senescent fibroblasts**

935 (A) The BCAA catabolism in mitochondria. Enzyme levels are derived from the proteomics
936 data. The DEGs are shown as closed circles and in bold italicized font. The color code
937 indicates Log₂ fold changes. BCKA: branched-chain α -keto acid, α KIC: α -keto-isocaproate,
938 α KIV: α -keto-isovalerate, α KMV: α -keto-beta-methylvalerate.

939 (B) Carbon and nitrogen flux throughout BCAA catabolism. Metabolites incorporating
940 BCAA-derived nitrogen are marked with circled numbers and highlighted in blue. α KG:
941 α -ketoglutarate, CoQ: coenzyme Q, OAA: oxaloacetate.

942 (C) Metabolic tracing of the BCAA metabolism using ^{15}N -L-leucine and ^{15}N -L-valine at
943 equimolar concentrations (100 μM each) for 24 h in IMR90 fibroblasts on day 7 after the
944 treatment of indicated compounds. One-way ANOVA for each metabolite, Dunnett
945 correction. n=3 from independent cultures.

946 (D) Metabolic tracing of the BCAA metabolism using $^{13}\text{C}_6$ -L-leucine and $^{13}\text{C}_5$ -L-valine at
947 equimolar concentrations (100 μM each) for 2.5 h in IMR90 fibroblasts on day 7 after the
948 treatment of indicated compounds. Welch t-test, Bonferroni-Dunn correction. n=3 from
949 independent cultures.

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951 **Figure 6. Early downregulation of 1C-folate metabolism coordinated between**
952 **mitochondria and cytosol in senescent fibroblasts**

953 (A) The mammalian 1C-folate metabolism. Enzyme levels are derived from the proteomics
954 data. DEGs are shown in bold font. The color code indicates Log2 fold changes. The major
955 products of the pathway are shown in green italicized font. fMet: formyl-methionine.

956 (B) Steady-state levels of nucleotides relevant to 1C-folate metabolism are shown. The
957 statistical analysis was performed for Log2 fold changes of each treatment compared to
958 DMSO. See method and Supplementary figure 5. n.d.: not detected. Welch t-test,
959 Bonferroni-Dunn correction. n=5 from independent cultures.

960 (C, D) Steady-state levels of serine and glycine and their ratio. One outlier in the
961 measurement of glycine was excluded from both decitabine- and doxorubicin-treated
962 samples. One-way ANOVA, Dunnett correction. n=4-5 from independent cultures.

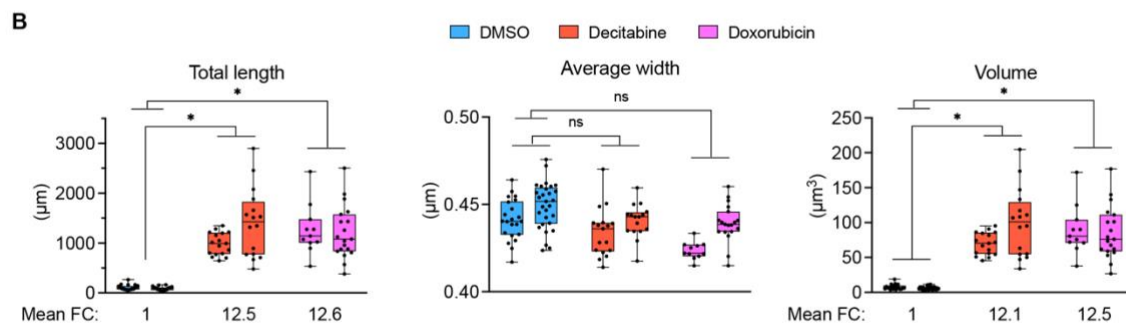
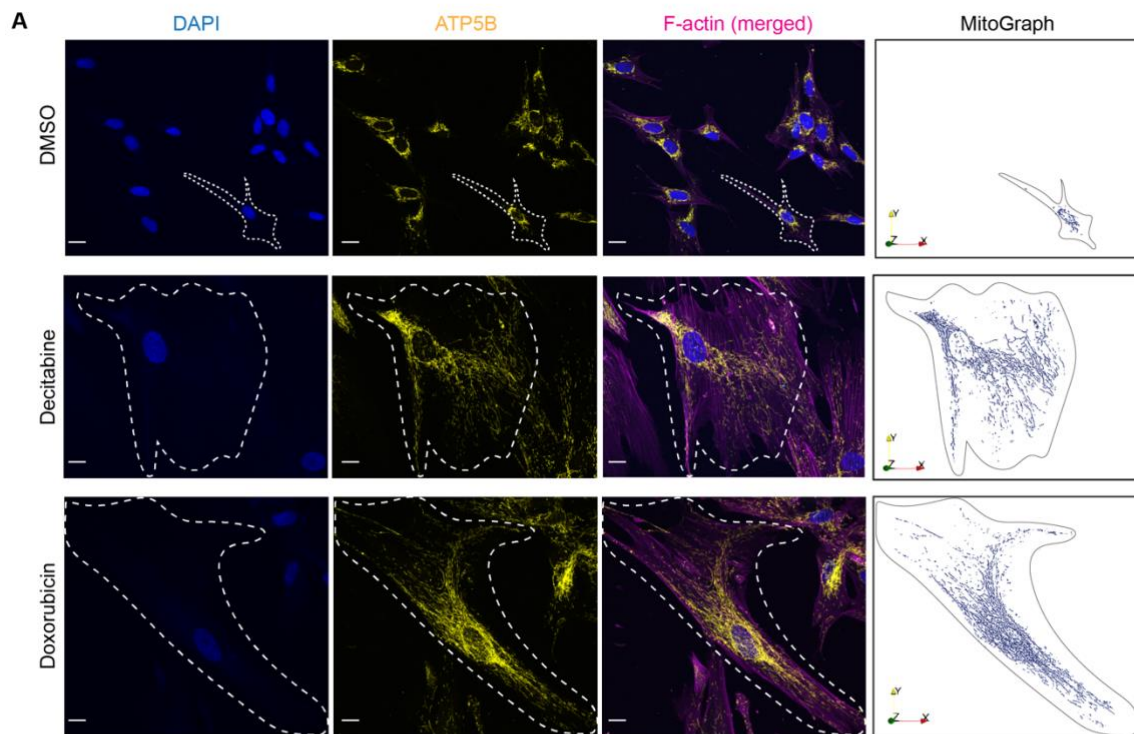
963 (E) Metabolic tracing of serine and glycine using 5.5 mM [U-¹³C] glucose added to the MEM
964 (¹³C:¹²C=1:1) for 24 h in IMR90 fibroblasts on day 7 after the treatment of DMSO, decitabine,
965 or doxorubicin. One-way ANOVA, Dunnett correction. n=3 from independent cultures.

966 (F) Schematic diagram of the serine metabolism highlighting the compartmentalized flux
967 of carbons and hydrogens through the 1C-folate cycle.

968 (G) Metabolic tracing of dTTP using [2,3,3-²H] serine (200 μM) for 24 h in IMR90
969 fibroblasts on day 7 after the treatment with DMSO, decitabine, or doxorubicin. One-way
970 ANOVA, Dunnett correction. n=3 from independent cultures.

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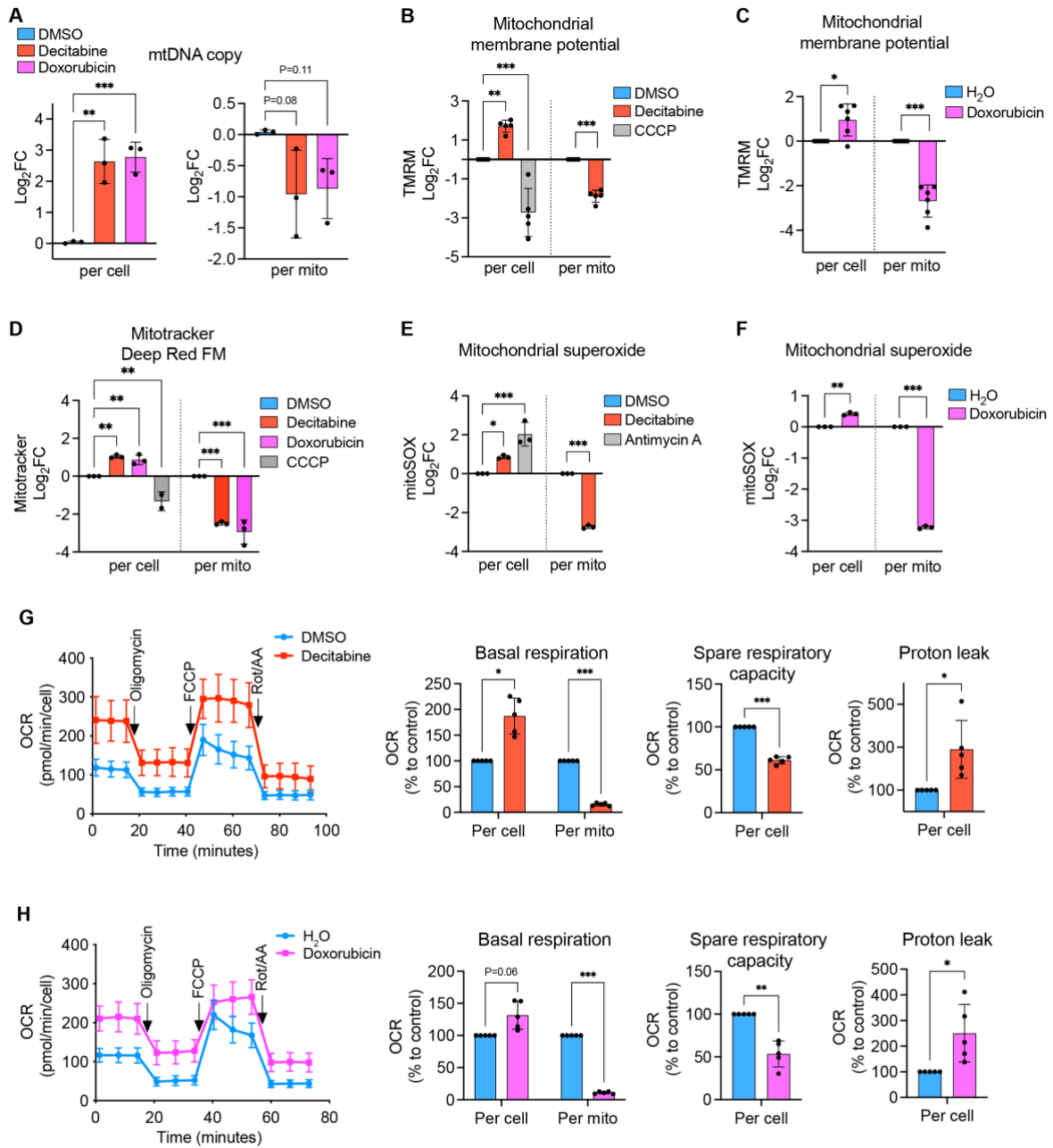
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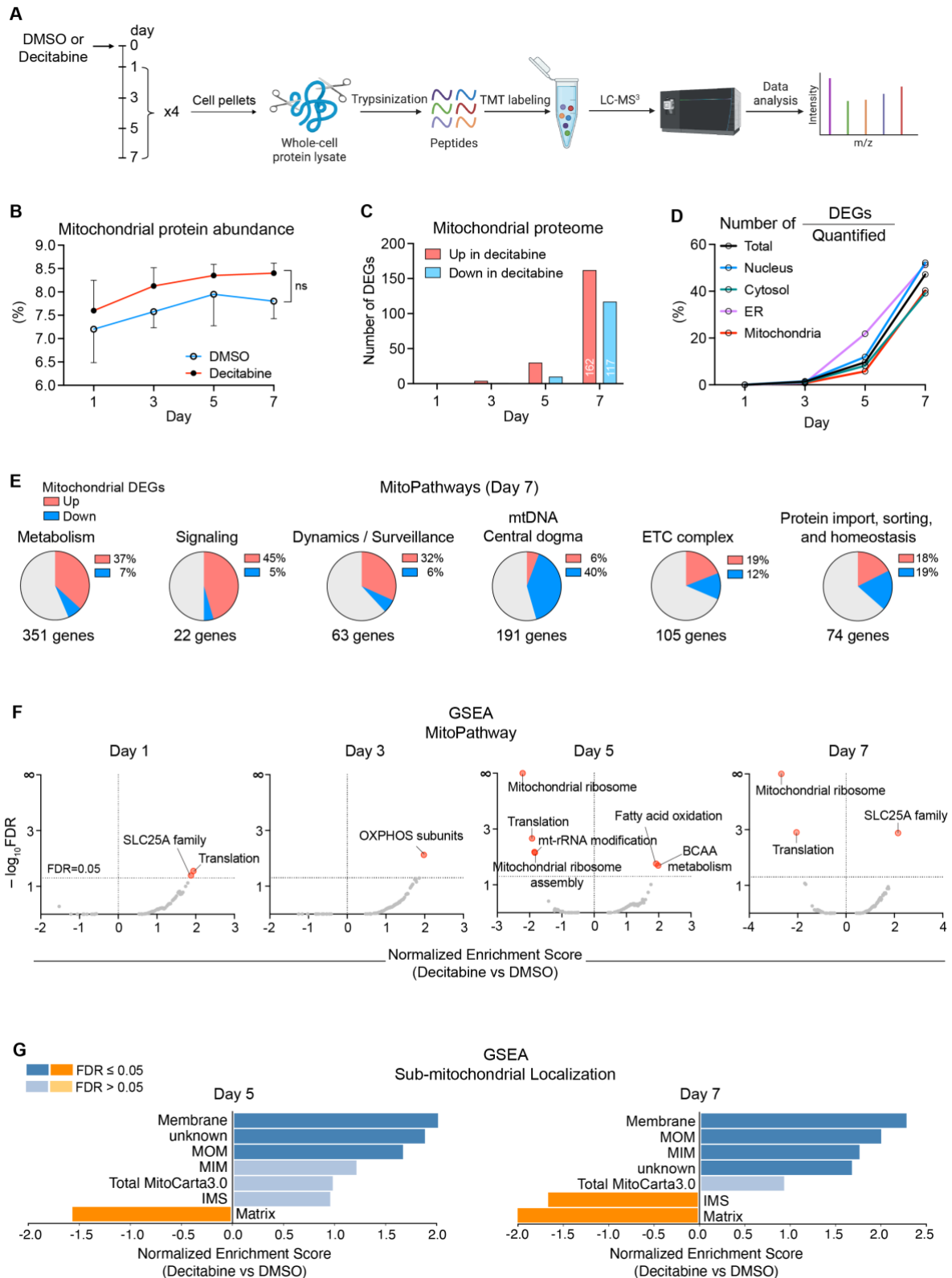
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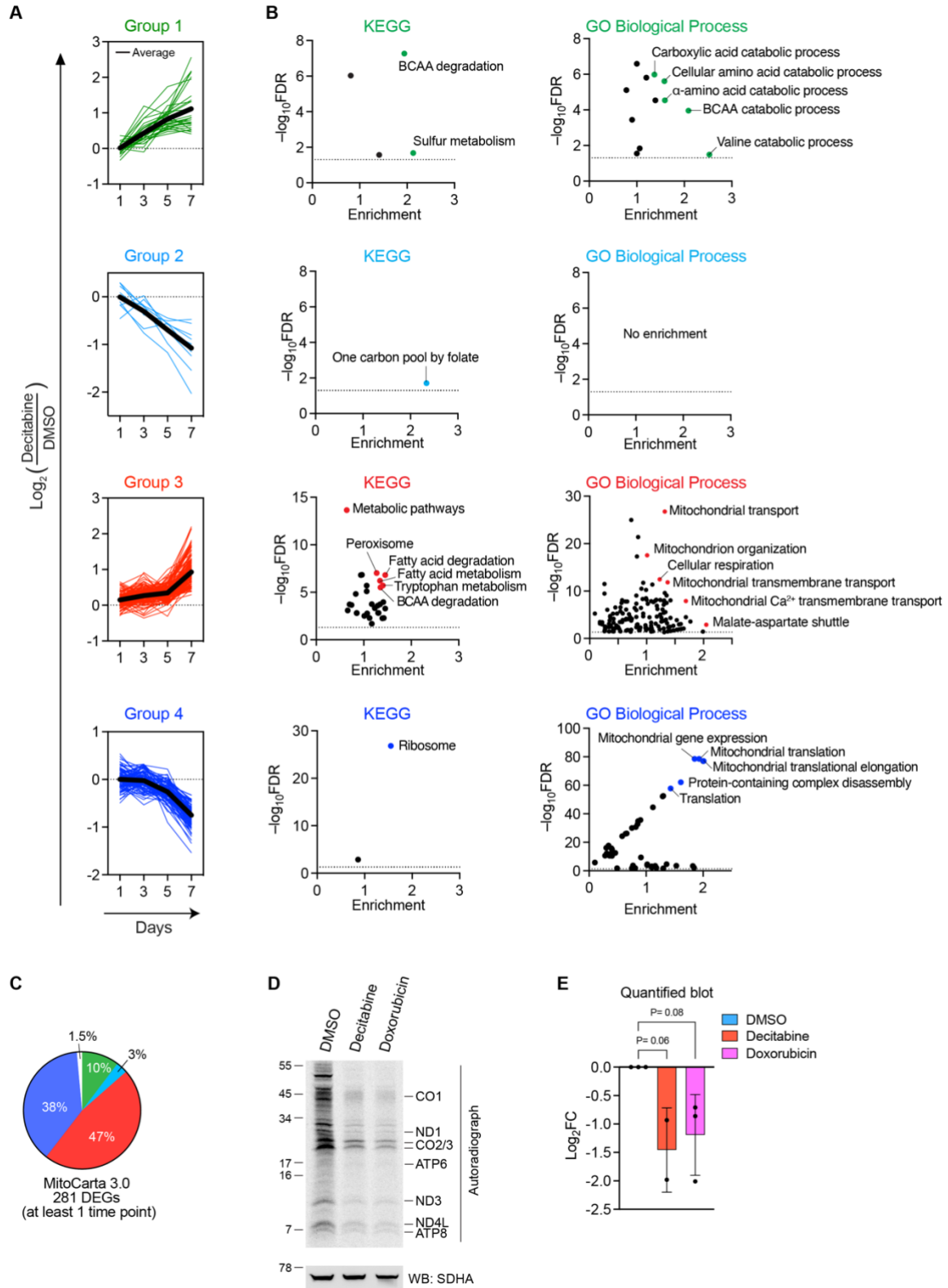
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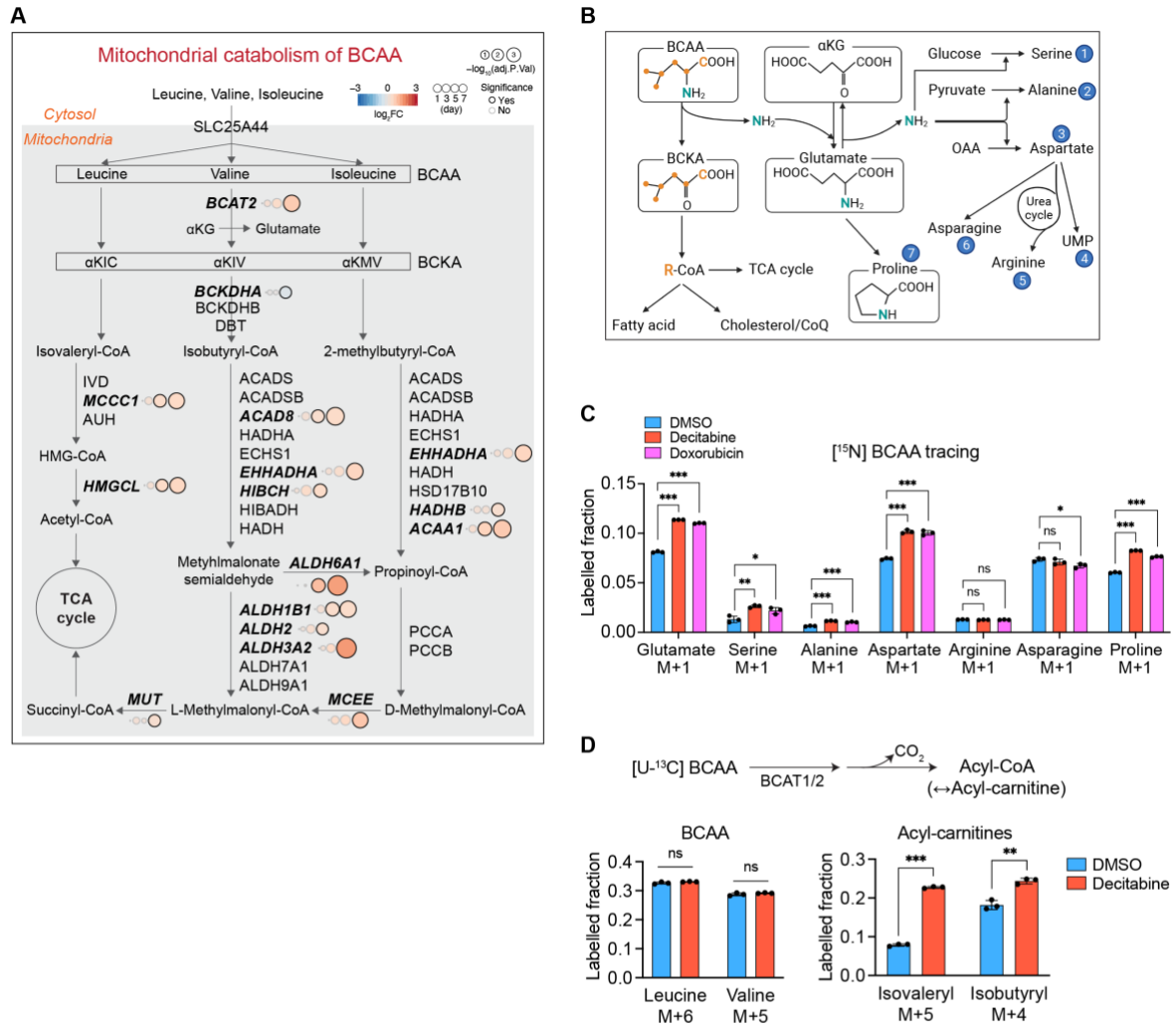
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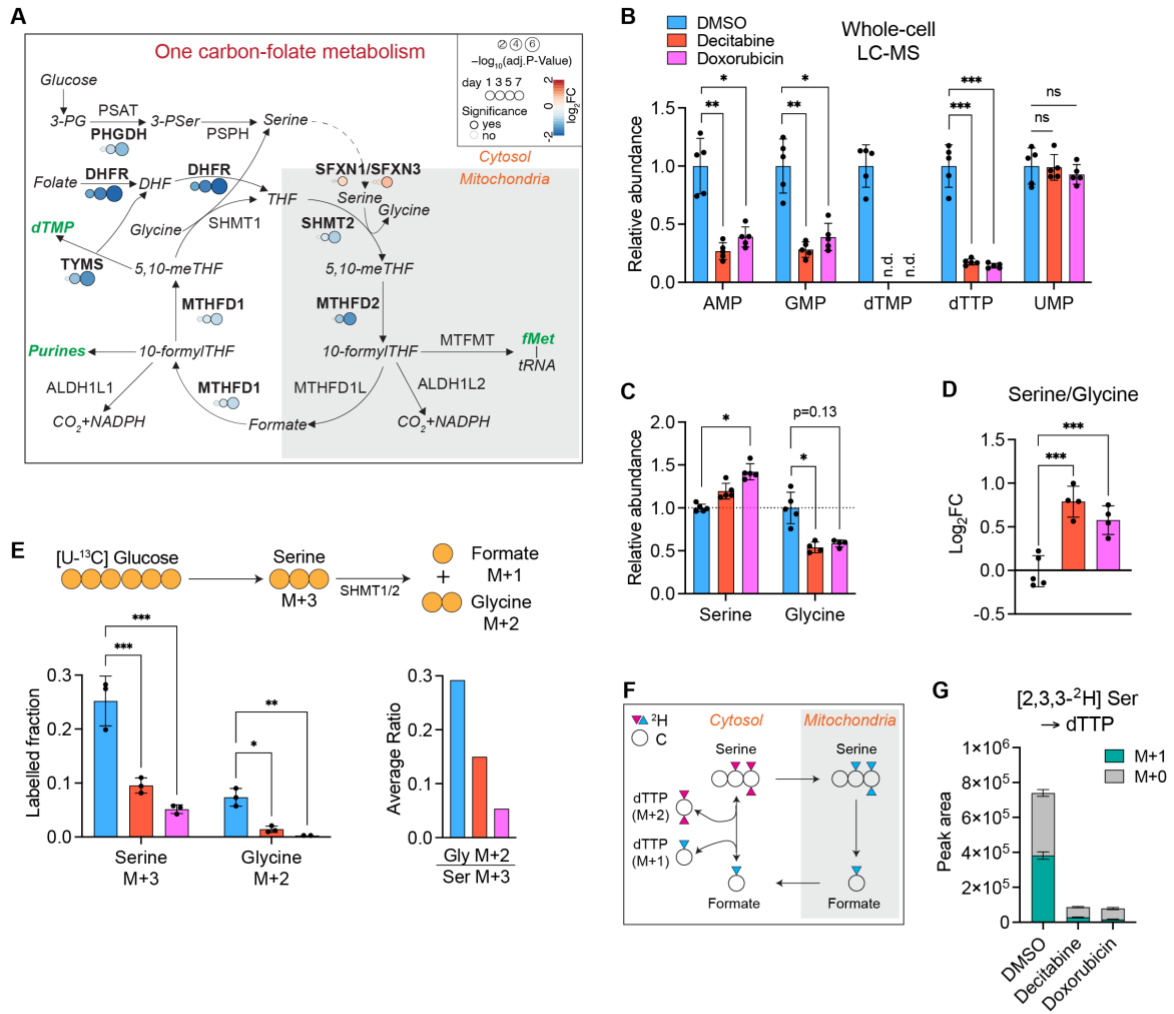
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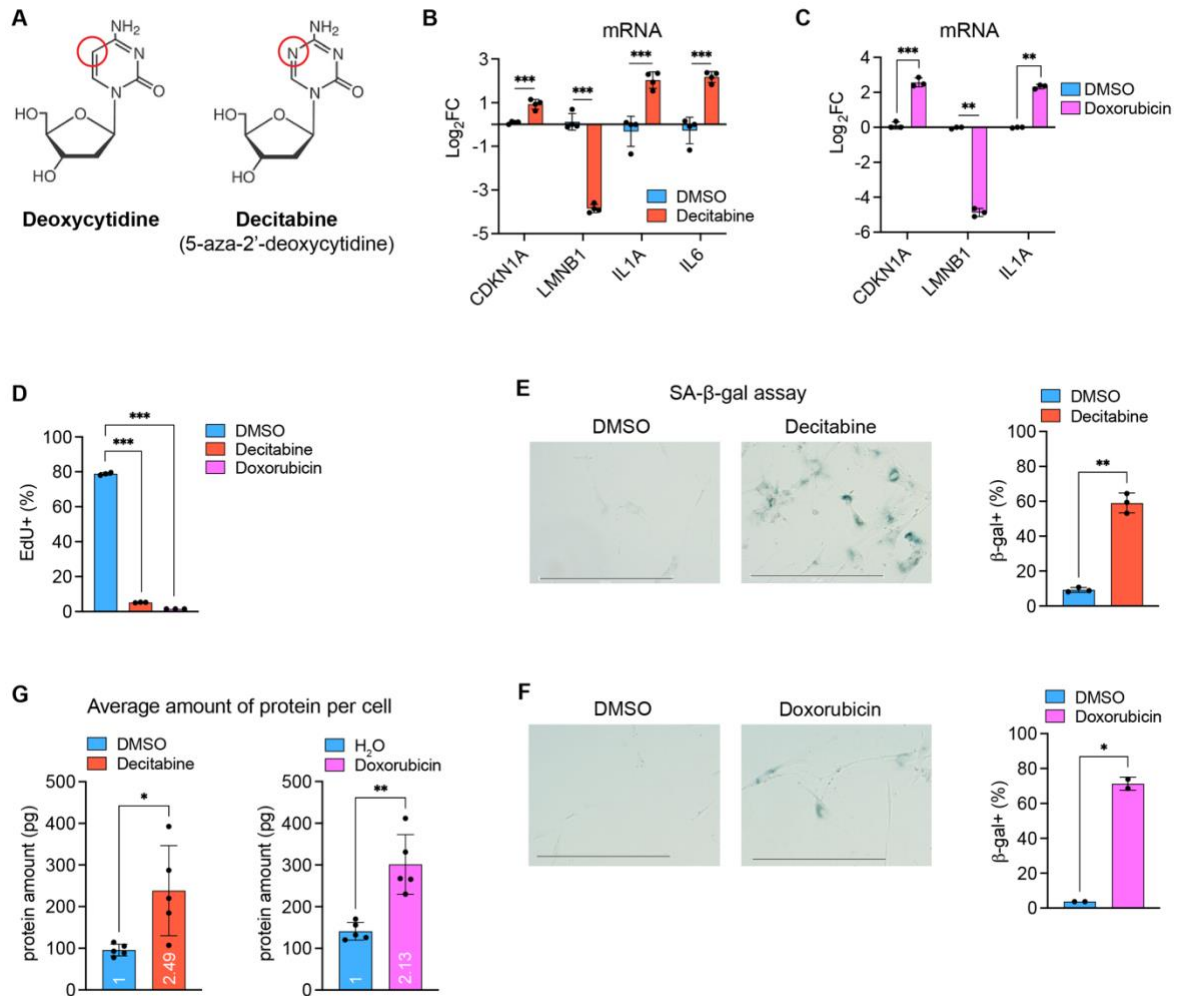
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Supplementary figure 1



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986 Supplementary figure 1. Establishment of CS in IMR90 fibroblasts

987 (A) Chemical structures of deoxycytidine and decitabine.

988 (B-G) IMR90 cells were treated with DMSO (0.01%), decitabine (1 μM), or doxorubicin

989 (300 nM) for 7 days and analyzed.

990 (B, C) mRNA levels were measured on day 7 by RT-qPCR. Welch t-test, Bonferroni-Dunn

991 correction. (B) n=4, (C) n=3 from independent cultures.

992 (D) Cells were treated with EdU (10 μM) for 24 h on day 7. EdU positivity was measured

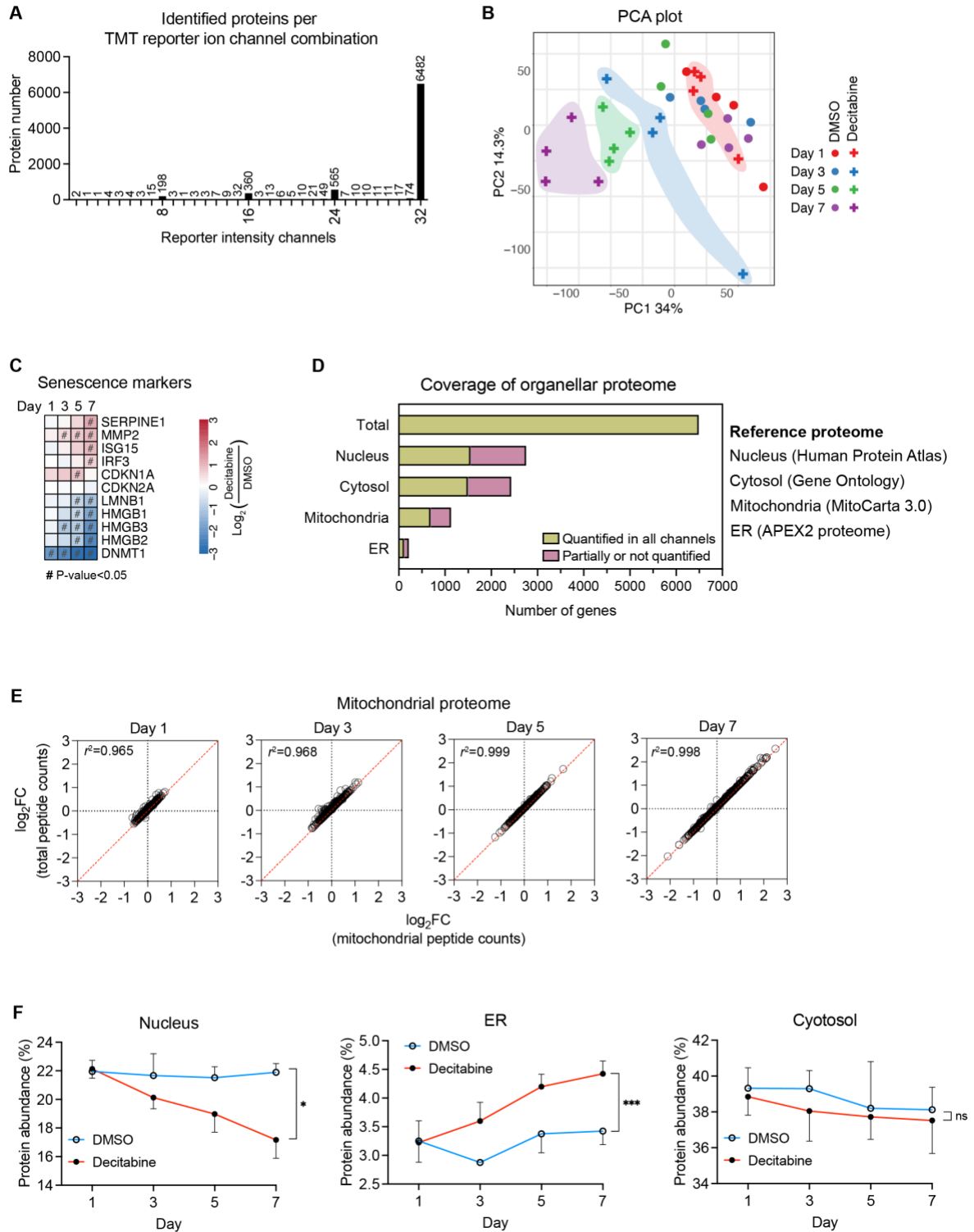
993 by flow cytometry. One-way ANOVA, Dunnett correction. n=3 from independent cultures.

994 (E, F) Senescence-associated β -galactosidase (SA- β -gal) assay on day 7. At least 50 cells were
995 counted per replicate in each condition. Scale bar: 500 μ m. Welch t-test. (E) n=3, (F) n=2
996 from independent cultures.

997 (G) Protein mass per cell was measured on day 7. The mean fold changes are shown within
998 the bars. Welch t-test, n=5 from independent cultures.

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Supplementary figure 2, related to figure 3



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Supplementary figure 2. Time-resolved proteomics throughout the development of CS

1004 (A) The number of proteins identified in 32 TMT reporter ion channels is shown. In
1005 addition, proteins only identified in groups of 8, 16, 24, and 32 TMT reporter ion channels
1006 are shown. Proteins identified in all 32 channels are subjected to subsequent analyses.

1007 (B) Principal component analysis (PCA) of the time-resolved proteome dataset. Decitabine-
1008 treated samples on each day are grouped with colors.

1009 (C) Steady-state levels of several senescence marker proteins upon the CS induction.

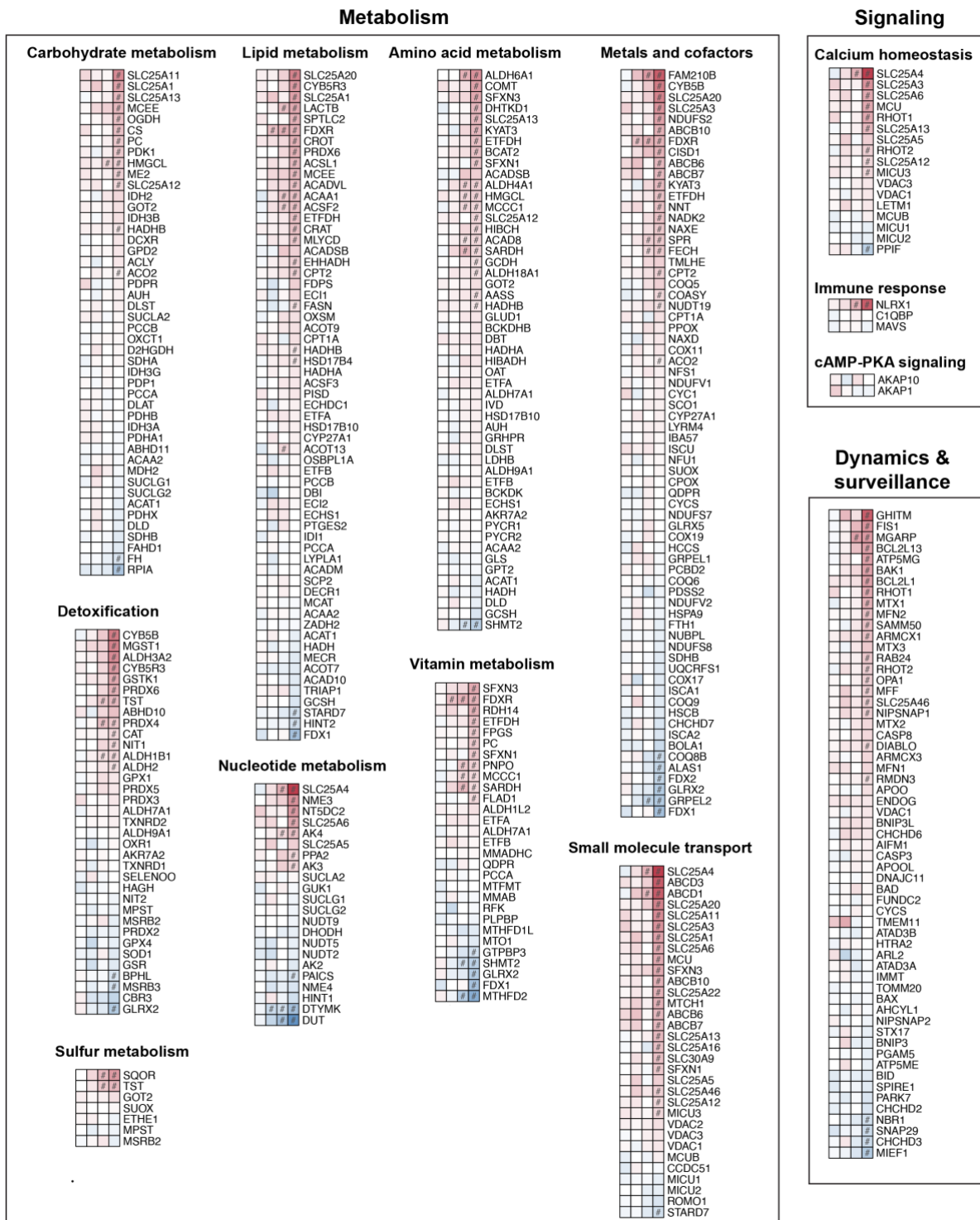
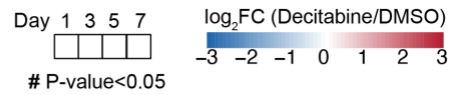
1010 (D) Coverage of several organellar proteomes. Reference proteomes were used as
1011 backgrounds as described in the main text for Figure 3B. Proteins quantified in all 32
1012 samples were compared to the reference proteomes to calculate the coverage.

1013 (E) Correlation between mitochondrial proteomic change quantified by two different
1014 normalization units: total peptide counts and mitochondrial peptide counts. r =Pearson
1015 coefficient.

1016 (F) The protein abundance of indicated organelle was calculated as described in Figure 3B,
1017 based on the reference proteome from (D).

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Supplementary figure 3, related to figure 3



Central dogma

mtDNA maintenance		Translation	
	PPA2		RMND1
	POLRMT		RARS2
	ENDOG		MTFMT
	POLG		OXAL1L
	EXOG		MRPS27
	POLDIP2		NARS2
	ATAD3B		LRPPRC
	POLB		FARS2
	ATAD3A		MARS2
	TFB2M		PPA2
	APEX1		CARS2
	LIG3		GFM2
	MGME1		EXD2
	RNASEH1		YARS2
	TFAM		LARS2
			PTCD3
			AARS2
			DAP3
			MRPS2
			TIMM21
			MRPL37
			NOA1
			DARS2
			MTFMT
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			QRSL1
			MRPL21
			FARS2
			MRPS31
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			TSM
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			MRPS9
			MRPL40
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			MRPL22
			MRPL9
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			MRPL41
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			MRPL35
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			MRPS26
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			MRPF
			MIEF1
			MRPL14
			MRPL11
			MRPL51
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			MRM3
			GRSF1
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mtRNA metabolism	
	RMND1
	LRPPRC
	PPA2
	FASTKD5
	CDK5RAP1
	SUPV3L1
	TBRG4
	POLRMT
	ENDOG
	PDE12
	HSD17B10
	NSUN2
	LACTB2
	MTPAP
	TRMT1
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	OSGEPL1
	NSUN4
	TRNT1
	QTRT1
	TRMT5
	TFB2M
	REXO2
	RCC1L
	DHX30
	PNP1
	TRMT10C
	ELAC2
	TFB1M
	SLIRP
	MTO1
	PUS1
	METTL5
	TRIT1
	TRUB2
	FASTKD2
	DUS2
	YRDC
	METTL15
	RPUSD3
	GTPBP3
	MRPL12
	MRPS7
	METTL17
	MRPS9
	DDX28
	RPUSD4
	ERAL1
	RNASEH1
	MRM3
	GRSF1
	MRPL47
	TFAM

Protein import/sorting/homeostasis

Protein homeostasis		Import & sorting	
	LACTB		MTX1
	SPG7		TOMM5
	NRDC		OXAL1L
	MAIP1		SAMM50
	CASP8		NRDC
	PITRM1		MTX2
	FKBP10		TOMM40
	PMPCB		CHCHD4
	AFG3L2		PMPCB
	TRAP1		PMPCA
	PMPCA		TIMM44
	IDE		TIMM23
	NLN		UQCRC2
	XPNPEP3		XPNPEP3
	YME1L1		AIFM1
	CASP3		DNAJC11
	LONP1		TIMM21
	MIPEP		TOMM22
	HTRA2		MIPEP
	LAP3		UQCRC1
	CLPX		TIMM50
	STOML2		GRPEL1
	CLPP		TOMM20
	PHB		TIMM29
	PHB2		TIMM17A
	CLPB		TOMM70
	TIMM8A		DNAJC19
	PDF		TOMM6
	HSPD1		TIMM8A
	PARK7		ROMO1
	TIMM13		TIMM13
	HSPE1		DNAJC15
	TIMM9		TIMM9
	TIMM10		TIMM10
	TIMM8B		GFER
	DNLZ		TIMM8B
			GRPEL2
			TOMM34

ETC complex

Complex 1		OXPHOS assembly	
	NDUFB5		NDUFA4
	NDUF52		BCS1L
	NDUFC2		ATPAF2
	NDUFA9		TMEM126A
	NDUFA11		PNKD
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	NDUFA13		ACAAD9
	NDUFA10		TIMMDC1
	NDUFB6		COX11
	NDUFV1		AIFM1
	NDUF57		SCO1
	NDUFA12		TIMM21
	NDUF7		SMIM20
	NDUFB9		FOXRED1
	NDUF81		LYRM2
	NDUFV2		COX19
	NDUF810		CMC1
	NDUF4		COX7A2L
	NDUF58		NDUFA23
	NDUF55		NDUFAF2
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	NDUFA2		NUBPL
	NDUFA5		COA3
	NDUFA8		UQCRC2
	NDUF56		COX17
	NDUFA7		DMAC2
			NDUFAF8
			ECSIT
			TACO1
			NDUFAF1
			COA7
			COA6
			CEP89
			COA4
			LYRM7
			CMC2

Complex 2		Respirasome assembly	
	SDHA		COX7A2L
	SDHB		

Complex 3		Electron carrier	
	UQCRCQ		CYB5B
	UQCRC2		SOOR
	CYC1		ETFDH
	UQCRC1		GP2D
	UQCRCFS1		ETFA
	UQCRCB		CYC1
	UQCRCR		ETFB
			CYCS
			DHODH

Complex 4		Cytochrome C	
	MT-CO2		CYCS
	NDUFA4		HCCS
	COX411		
	COX7A2L		
	COX5B		
	COX5A		
	COX6C		
	COX6B1		
	COX7C		

Complex 5	
	ATP5PB
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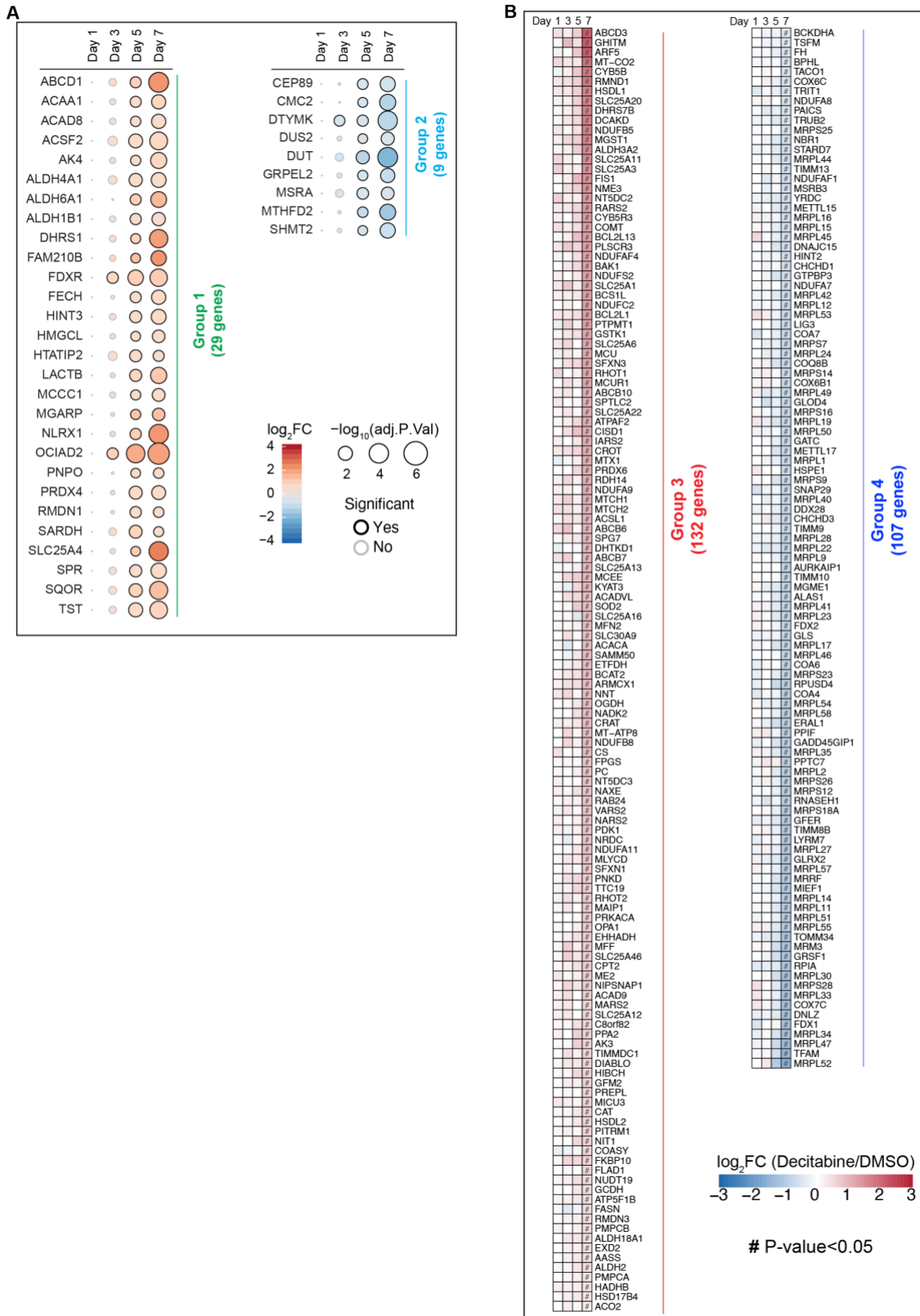
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1024 **Supplementary figure 3. List of mitochondrial proteins quantified**

1025 All mitochondrial proteins quantified in the proteomic dataset are presented according to
1026 the categories based on the MitoCarta 3.0. Genes in each category are shown in an
1027 ascending order based on the Log₂FC values on day 7.

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Supplementary figure 4, related to figure 4



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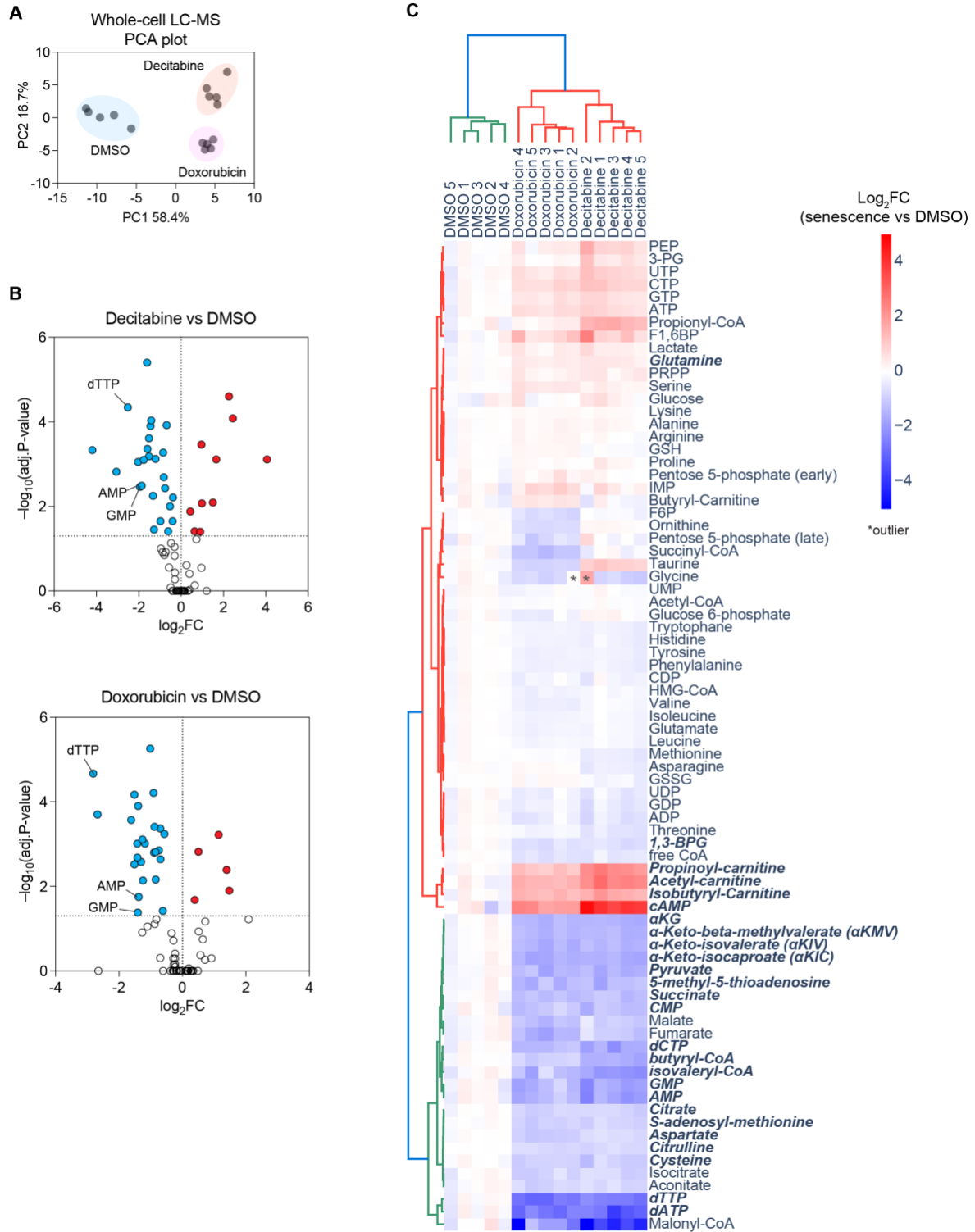
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1032 **Supplementary figure 4. Classification of proteins according to the temporal dynamics of**
1033 **their steady-state levels upon CS induction.**

1034 Mitochondrial proteins in early responding pathways (A, groups 1 and 2) and late
1035 responding pathways (B, groups 3 and 4) are shown.

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Supplementary figure 5, related to figure 5 and 6



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1040 **Supplementary figure 5. Metabolomic analysis of senescent fibroblasts on day 7 after**
1041 **treatment with decitabine and doxorubicin.**

1042 (A) PCA plot of targeted metabolomics data measured by LC-MS. 79 metabolites were
1043 quantified in total. The peak area of each metabolite was normalized by total ion counts
1044 (TIC) and subjected to PCA. n=5 from independent cultures.

1045 (B) Volcano plots of metabolomics data. The TIC normalized peak area of each metabolite
1046 was compared between senescence and proliferating (DMSO) conditions. Significantly
1047 changed metabolites ($P < 0.05$) are highlighted with colors. Metabolites derived from the
1048 1C-folate metabolism are denoted. Welch t-test, Bonferroni-Dunn correction. n=5

1049 (C) Heatmap of metabolomics data with Log_2FC values. Treatments and metabolites are
1050 hierarchically clustered according to the Ward method with Euclidean distance.
1051 Significantly changed metabolites ($P < 0.05$) in the same direction in both decitabine and
1052 doxorubicin senescent cells are shown in bold italicized font. Metabolites that were not
1053 detected in all samples (i.e. dTMP) are not shown.

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