

1 **A genome-wide CRISPR screen identifies interactors of the autophagy pathway as**  
2 **conserved coronavirus targets**

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18 **Summary**

19 Over the past 20 years, the emergence of three highly pathogenic coronaviruses (CoV)  
20 – SARS-CoV, MERS-CoV, and most recently SARS-CoV-2 – has shown that CoVs pose a  
21 serious risk to human health and highlighted the importance of developing effective therapies  
22 against them. Similar to other viruses, CoVs are dependent on host factors for their survival  
23 and replication. We hypothesized that evolutionarily distinct CoVs may exploit similar host  
24 factors and pathways to support their replication cycle. Here, we conducted two independent  
25 genome-wide CRISPR/Cas9 knockout screens to identify pan-CoV host factors required for  
26 the replication of both endemic and emerging CoVs, including the novel CoV SARS-CoV-2.  
27 Strikingly, we found that several autophagy-related genes, including the immunophilin  
28 FKBP8, TMEM41B, and MINAR1, were common host factors required for CoV replication.  
29 Importantly, inhibition of the immunophilin family with the compounds Tacrolimus,  
30 Cyclosporin A, and the non-immunosuppressive derivative Alisporivir, resulted in dose-  
31 dependent inhibition of CoV replication in primary human nasal epithelial cell cultures that  
32 resemble the natural site of virus replication. Overall, we identified host factors that are crucial  
33 for CoV replication and demonstrate that these factors constitute potential targets for  
34 therapeutic intervention by clinically approved drugs.

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## 38 Introduction

39       Coronaviruses (CoVs) are positive-sense single-stranded enveloped RNA viruses with  
40 a broad host tropism and in case of the three highly pathogenic zoonotic CoVs the ability to  
41 cross species barriers and infect humans. Since 1960, seven human CoVs (HCoVs) with a  
42 suspected zoonotic origin in bats, mice, or domestic animals have been identified, including  
43 four seasonally circulating well-established human pathogens (HCoV-229E, HCoV-OC43,  
44 HCoV-NL63, and HCoV-HKU1) that usually cause mild symptoms like the common cold  
45 and/or diarrhea in immunocompetent patients<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>. HCoV infections have therefore generally  
46 been considered harmless; however, the relatively recent emergence of three highly pathogenic  
47 HCoVs, which infect the upper and also lower respiratory tract and cause severe disease in  
48 humans, has demonstrated that HCoVs can impact human health. Between 2002 and 2003 the  
49 highly pathogenic Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) coronavirus was responsible  
50 for an outbreak of severe viral pneumonia causing disease in over 8,000 patients<sup>5</sup>. Moreover,  
51 the emergence of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) in 2012 marked the second  
52 occurrence of a highly pathogenic CoV in humans and has persistently caused endemics in the  
53 Middle East via zoonotic transmissions from dromedary camels and nosocomial outbreaks<sup>6,7,8</sup>.  
54 Recently, the newly emerged SARS-CoV-2, the causative agent of coronavirus disease 2019  
55 (COVID-19), continues to create an imminent threat to global health, with more than 100 Mio  
56 individuals currently infected in > 200 countries and more than 2 Mio fatalities (February 8<sup>th</sup>  
57 2021) (Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center).

58       The lack of specific pharmaceutical intervention options and/or prevention measures  
59 against HCoVs, as well as the ongoing difficulties containing the rapid global spread of the  
60 SARS-CoV-2, have intensified in the current pandemic and new therapies are urgently needed.  
61 CoVs are obligate intracellular pathogens and thus rely on selected host proteins, termed host  
62 dependency factors (HDFs), to achieve virus entry, replication, and release. The identification  
63 of HDFs is therefore of importance for the understanding of essential host-virus interactions  
64 required for successful viral replication and provide a framework to guide development of new  
65 pharmacological strategies for the treatment of CoV infections, including the disease COVID-  
66 19 and future emerging CoVs. Coronaviruses encode a spike surface glycoprotein, which  
67 enables specific binding to a host-cell receptor to mediate viral entry. Known host receptors  
68 include dipeptidyl peptidase 4 (DPP4) for MERS-CoV, human aminopeptidase N (ANPEP) for  
69 HCoV-229E, and angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 (ACE2) for SARS-CoV and SARS-  
70 CoV2<sup>9,10,11,12</sup>. Cleavage of the spike protein by cellular proteases, such as TMPRSS2, cathepsin

71 L, and/or furin facilitates membrane fusion followed by release of the viral genome into the  
72 cellular cytoplasm for replication<sup>13</sup>. One hallmark that occurs in host cells during replication  
73 of positive-stranded RNA viruses is the extensive remodeling of host endomembranes that  
74 results in coronavirus infection in the formation of both double-membrane vesicles (DMVs)  
75 and convoluted membranes (CM) to which the viral replication and transcription complexes  
76 are targeted<sup>14,15,16</sup>. However, the host factors that are required for the formation of these  
77 structures remain elusive. Newly synthesized viral RNA is assembled to viral particles at the  
78 ER-Golgi intermediate compartment (ERGIC) and trafficked to the Golgi for post-translational  
79 modifications<sup>17</sup>. While only little is known on how HCoVs exit from infected cells, recent work  
80 found that the  $\beta$ -CoVs MHV and SARS-CoV egress from cells via a lysosome-based  
81 pathway<sup>18</sup>.

82 To identify HDFs essential for CoV infection, we performed two independent genome-  
83 wide loss-of-function CRISPR screens with MERS-CoV, a highly pathogenic CoV, and  
84 HCoV-229E, an endemic CoV that causes mild respiratory symptoms in humans. We sought  
85 to uncover HDFs required for infection by a wide range of CoVs, including highly pathogenic  
86 CoVs with pandemic potential. Our results revealed that a number of autophagy-related genes,  
87 including FK506 binding protein 8 (FKBP8), transmembrane protein 41B (TMEM41B),  
88 vacuole membrane protein 1 (VMP1), and Membrane Integral NOTCH2 Associated Receptor  
89 1 (MINAR1), were among the top hits for both CoV screens, suggesting that host factors  
90 involved in autophagy may also be required for CoV replication. Importantly, we found that  
91 perturbation of FKBP8 and other members of the immunophilin family by clinically approved  
92 and well-tolerated drugs, but not inhibition of late cellular autophagy, inhibited CoV infection  
93 in a dose-dependent manner. Overall, the genes and pathways identified in our CoV screens  
94 expand the current repertoire of essential HDFs required for CoV replication that can be  
95 exploited to identify novel therapeutic targets for host-directed therapies against both existing  
96 and future emerging CoVs.

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101 **Results**

102 **Two independent genome-wide CRISPR/Cas9 knockout screens reveal CoV host  
103 dependency factors**

104 We performed two independent genome-wide loss-of-function CRISPR screens with  
105 MERS-CoV and HCoV-229E to uncover unknown HDFs required for CoV replication. To  
106 conduct these CRISPR screens, we employed the well-established Human GeCKOv2 genome-  
107 wide library, which includes 65,386 unique single guide RNAs (sgRNAs) targeting 19,052  
108 protein-coding genes<sup>19</sup>. As a screening platform, we selected human hepatoma Huh7 cells for  
109 several reasons. First, Huh7 cells endogenously express DPP4 and ANPEP/CD13, the host cell  
110 receptors for MERS-CoV and HCoV-229E, respectively<sup>9,10</sup>. Thus, Huh7 cells are susceptible  
111 to infection with both viruses. Second, both MERS-CoV and HCoV-229E induce cytopathic  
112 effects in Huh7 cells following infection, which allows for rapid selection of CRISPR  
113 knockout-mediated non-susceptible cells. Finally, several recent studies have also selected  
114 Huh7 cells for the CRISPR-based screening of other CoVs, including the novel, highly  
115 pathogenic SARS-CoV-2 virus<sup>20-22</sup>.

116 Genome-wide CRISPR/Cas9 knockout screens were performed by transducing Huh7  
117 cells with the Human GeCKOv2 library, selecting for library-transduced cells with puromycin,  
118 followed by infection with either MERS-CoV (37°C, MOI 0.05) or HCoV-229E (33°C, MOI  
119 0.1). Surviving cells were harvested 14 days post infection, genomic DNA was extracted, and  
120 sgRNA abundance was quantified using amplicon-based Illumina next-generation sequencing  
121 (NGS) (Figure 1A). Technical performance was evaluated using a number of quality control  
122 metrics, including an area under the curve (AUC) analysis of all sgRNAs found in samples  
123 from each screen. AUC analysis confirmed that library representation was diverse and properly  
124 maintained in uninfected samples from both screens. As expected, AUC analysis also revealed  
125 a much greater level of sgRNA guide dropout following infection with either MERS-CoV or  
126 HCoV-229E (Figure S1A). Pairwise correlation analysis showed that biological replicates from  
127 each screen clustered together and shared a high correlation coefficient (Figure S1B).

128 Using the MAGeCK pipeline<sup>23</sup>, we performed paired analyses on uninfected and  
129 infected samples from each screen and computed gene-level scores to identify genes that were  
130 significantly enriched in our MERS-CoV and HCoV-229E infected samples. Overall, we  
131 identified 1149 genes in the MERS-CoV screen and 517 genes in the HCoV-229E screen that  
132 had significant robust rank aggregation (RRA) enrichment ( $p < 0.05$ ) using the gene log fold

133 change (LFC) alpha median method. RRA analysis using the second-best LFC method  
134 identified 989 significantly enriched genes in the MERS-CoV screen and 332 significantly  
135 genes in the HCoV-229E screen. To prioritize genes and generate a more robust dataset, we  
136 focused on genes identified as significantly enriched using both methods (RRA p-value < 0.05)  
137 with a LFC of  $\geq 2$  (Figures S1C and S1D). In total, 944 genes from the MERS-CoV screen and  
138 332 genes from the HCoV-229E screen met these criteria, including 19 genes that were  
139 identified by both methods in both screens (Figures 1B, 1D, and S1D). Top scoring genes from  
140 both screens are shown in Figure 1E, including several virus-specific genes as well as the 19  
141 aforementioned common genes. Coronaviruses encode a spike surface glycoprotein, which  
142 enables specific binding to a host-cell receptor to mediate viral entry. Known host receptors  
143 include dipeptidyl peptidase 4 (DPP4) for MERS-CoV, human aminopeptidase N (ANPEP) for  
144 HCoV-229E, and angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 (ACE2) for SARS-CoV and SARS-CoV2  
145<sup>24,10,11,12</sup>. Subsequent cleavage of the spike protein by cellular proteases, such as TMPRSS2,  
146 cathepsin L, and/or furin enables membrane fusion followed by release of the viral genome  
147 into the cellular cytoplasm for replication<sup>13</sup>. Importantly, in the MERS-CoV screen, the  
148 DPP4/CD26 host cell receptor was identified as the top scoring gene, whereas in the HCoV-  
149 229E screen, the top scoring gene was ANPEP/CD13. Moreover, the known DPP4  
150 transcription factor HNFA1 was ranked second in the MERS-CoV screen, demonstrating the  
151 robustness of the screen.

152 To identify and compare host cell biological processes that may be required for CoV  
153 replication, we next performed Gene Ontology (GO) enrichment analysis on each screen using  
154 the enriched genes identified above. This analysis uncovered multiple biological processes  
155 (BP) that were significantly enriched in both CoV screens, many of which clustered together  
156 into 7 overarching biological themes (Figure 2A). Next, we calculated the semantic similarity  
157 among the 636 unique GO terms (BP) that were identified as significantly enriched in one or  
158 both screens (p-value < 0.05; Table 2). Hierarchical clustering was then used to group similar  
159 GO terms together and a representative term for each group was selected based on scores  
160 assigned to each term. The latter analysis led to the identification of 44 conserved  
161 representative GO terms and 51 virus-specific representative GO terms (Figure S2A).  
162 Representative GO terms found in both MERS-CoV and HCoV-229E screens included a  
163 number of immune-related terms as well as terms related to the regulation of phosphorylation,  
164 kinase activity, autophagy, and lipid transport. Several specific GO terms were also  
165 significantly enriched in both screens, including neutrophil-mediated immunity, regulation of

166 protein dephosphorylation, and regulation of the c-Jun N-terminal kinase (JNK) cascade  
167 (Figure S2B). GO terms specific to our MERS-CoV screen included regulation of exit from  
168 mitosis, protein glycosylation, and syncytium formation via plasma membrane fusion. In  
169 contrast, GO terms specific to HCoV-229E included regulation of coagulation and nitric oxide  
170 biosynthesis (Figure S2A).

171 To establish which pathways and/or processes may be particularly important for CoV  
172 replication, we next focused on conserved representative GO terms that included one or more  
173 of the 19 genes that were significantly enriched in both of our CoV screens (Figures 1D and  
174 1E). The resulting 70 unique GO terms and their relationships to each other are the terms  
175 illustrated in Figure 2A. The 7 prominent biological themes these 70 terms clustered into are  
176 also shown and include autophagy, immunity, dephosphorylation, Golgi vesicle transport,  
177 catabolic processes, homeostatic processes, and developmental processes. To examine each  
178 biological cluster in more detail, we constructed cluster-specific heatmaps showing all enriched  
179 genes from both CoV screens associated with that cluster (Figure 2B). Furthermore, for each  
180 cluster we inspected the network of functionally related GO terms that comprise the cluster  
181 (Figure S3A-G). Overall, our results indicate the involvement of diverse biological processes  
182 in both, MERS-CoV and HCoV-229E replication cycle.

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#### 184 **Regulators of the autophagy pathway are conserved host factors for CoV infection**

185 Based on our initial gene enrichment results from the MERS-CoV and HCoV-229E  
186 screens, as well as a comparison of the respective results with previously published data<sup>25-27</sup>,  
187 we selected 21 hits for further experimental validation. Focusing on the highly pathogenic  
188 MERS-CoV screen, but also with an interest in examining common hits between both screens,  
189 we chose 17 genes that were significantly enriched in the MERS-CoV screen and 4 genes  
190 (TMEM41B, ELFN2, NOM1, and KRTAP13-4) that were significantly enriched in both  
191 MERS-CoV and HCoV-229E screens. For these 21 hits, stable CRISPR/Cas9 KO cell lines  
192 were generated for each gene and then challenged with either HCoV-229E or MERS-CoV.  
193 Specific KO of the MERS-CoV receptor DPP4 and the HCoV-229E receptor APN served as  
194 controls. MERS-CoV replication could be significantly reduced in all KO cell lines, except for  
195 WNT5A and APN, thus confirming our screen and validating our data analysis (Figures 3A  
196 and S4A). In contrast to MERS-CoV, HCoV-229E replication was significantly impaired upon

197 deletion of APN as well as CDH7, MINAR1, TMEM41B, and FKBP8. Interestingly, KO of  
198 WNT5A significantly reduced HCoV-229E titers (Figures 3B and S4B). Importantly,  
199 TMEM41B, FKBP8, and MINAR1 knockout resulted in impaired titers for both MERS-CoV  
200 and HCoV-229E. Strikingly, SARS-CoV and SARS-CoV-2 also replicated to lower titers in  
201 respective KO cell lines expressing the specific entry receptor ACE2, confirming a conserved  
202 function in the CoV replication cycle for these three genes. (Figures 3C, 3D, and S4B). Western  
203 blot analysis confirmed stable knockout of both FKBP8 and TMEM41B (Figure 3E).  
204 Moreover, CRISPR/Cas9 mediated genome editing in MINAR1, FKBP8, and TMEM41B KO  
205 cell lines were confirmed via Sanger Sequencing (Figure S4E). To further validate the effect  
206 of the CRISPR/Cas9-mediated KO of all the three host factors, we expressed CRISPR resistant  
207 variants of these host factors and observed a rescue of virus titers for MERS-CoV, HCoV-  
208 229E, SARS-CoV, and SARS-CoV-2, thereby confirming the antiviral effect of TMEM41B,  
209 FKBP8, and MINAR1 KO (Figure 3F). To investigate the step of the viral replication cycle for  
210 which these factors are required, we employed a vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV) pseudo  
211 particle system bearing spike proteins from one of several different CoVs and encoding GFP  
212 as a reporter<sup>28</sup>. We found knockdown of TMEM41B, FKBP8, or MINAR1 did not alter VSV  
213 pseudoparticle entry mediated by spike proteins from HCoV-229E, MERS-CoV, SARS-CoV,  
214 or SARS-CoV-2 (Figure 4A). Collectively, these findings show that there is a conserved  
215 requirement for the host factors TMEM41B, FKBP8, and MINAR1 during CoV replication,  
216 but not during CoV entry.

217 Despite having distinct cellular functions, TMEM41B, FKBP8, and MINAR1 are all  
218 involved in the cellular or mitochondrial autophagy pathways, albeit at different stages. As  
219 autophagy was also identified as one of the main conserved biological clusters in our GO  
220 analysis, we next chose to focus on these factors in the context of autophagy for further  
221 analysis. To confirm the association of TMEM41B, FKBP8, and MINAR1 with cellular  
222 autophagy, we induced autophagy in LC3-GFP transfected KO cells using Rapamycin and  
223 subsequently infected these cells with HCoV-229E. Under normal physiological conditions,  
224 the cytosolic protein LC3 translocates to autophagosomal membrane structures during early  
225 autophagy<sup>29</sup>. We thus analyzed the ability of LC3-GFP to translocate to such vesicles in  
226 TMEM41B, FKBP8, and MINAR1-KO cells infected with HCoV-229E and undergoing  
227 autophagy as described previously<sup>29</sup> and analyzed our results using immunofluorescence  
228 (Figures 4B and 4C). In line with previous reports, we confirmed by visualizing LC3-GFP  
229 accumulation that Rapamycin treatment induced specific vesicle formation in native Huh7

230 cells, but not in TMEM41B-KO, FKBP8-KO, or MINAR1 KO cells, reasserting the necessity  
231 of these proteins for autophagosome formation. Similarly, LC3-GFP accumulated in Huh7  
232 cells during HCoV-229E infection, but significantly less in TMEM41B-KO, FKBP8-KO, and  
233 MINAR1-KO cells (Figures 4B and 4C). Together these results show that KO of TMEM41B,  
234 FKBP8, and MINAR1 impairs membrane-remodeling during Rapamycin-induced autophagy  
235 and compromises LC3-GFP translocation during HCoV-229E infection.

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237 **Inhibition of the immunophilin protein family with pre-existing drugs**

238 TMEM41B, FKBP8, and MINAR1 have all been implicated as interactors of the  
239 autophagy pathway (Figure 5A). Moreover, FKBP8 is part of a large immunophilin family,  
240 known to bind the immunosuppressive agent Tacrolimus. Interestingly, in addition to FKBP8,  
241 several cyclophilins (additional members of the immunophilin family) were also significantly  
242 upregulated in the MERS-CoV and HCoV-229E CRISPR KO screens, including Peptidyl-  
243 prolyl isomerase (PPI) B, PPIC, PPID, PPIE, PPIF, PPIG and PPIH. Proteins of this family  
244 specifically bind Cyclosporin A, an immunosuppressant drug that is usually applied to suppress  
245 rejection after internal organ transplantation. Given the lack of specific treatment options for  
246 HCoVs, in particular during the ongoing SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, we tested Cyclosporin A ,  
247 as well as Alisporivir, a non-immunosuppressant derivative of Cyclosporin A, currently used  
248 for treatment of HCV<sup>30</sup>. Importantly, both Tacrolimus and Cyclosporin A are known to bind  
249 and thereby inhibit calcineurin (PP3R1, MERS-CoV-specific HDF, Figure 5A) in their  
250 complexed form with the respective immunophilin<sup>31</sup>.

251 Inhibitor treatment over the course of CoV infection resulted in a dose-dependent  
252 inhibition of MERS-CoV, SARS-CoV, as well as SARS-CoV-2 replication in cell lines 24  
253 hours post infection. The most substantial reduction of genome equivalent copy numbers was  
254 up to 4 log upon Cyclosporin A treatment at concentrations starting at 10  $\mu$ M for MERS-CoV  
255 (Figure 5B) and 30-40  $\mu$ M for SARS-CoV (Figure 5C). Similar dose-dependence was observed  
256 for reduction of SARS-CoV-2 replication (Figure 5D). There are currently no drugs available  
257 against SARS-CoV-2. Therefore, we analyzed the effect of these compounds specifically  
258 against SARS-CoV-2 in a more biologically relevant cell culture system: primary well-  
259 differentiated human nasal epithelial cell cultures, which mimic the natural site of SARS-CoV-  
260 2 replication. Cyclosporin A inhibited SARS-CoV-2 replication at 48 hours post infection by  
261 around 4  $\log_{10}$  TCID<sub>50</sub>/ml at non-cytotoxic concentrations with a half maximal inhibitory

262 concentration ( $IC_{50}$ ) of 7.9  $\mu$ M (Figure 5E, S5E and S5J) and Alisporivir by approximately 4  
263  $\log_{10}$  TCID $_{50}$ /ml at non-cytotoxic concentrations with an  $IC_{50}$  of 2.3  $\mu$ M (Figure 5F, S5F and  
264 S5J). In contrast, the inhibition effect of Tacrolimus was accompanied by impaired cell  
265 viability in the nasal epithelial cell cultures (Figure 5G, S5G and S5J). Taken together, these  
266 findings suggest that these immunophilin interactors inhibit the function of certain HCoV  
267 HDFs, thereby impairing virus replication.

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## 269 **Discussion**

270 Identification of HDFs essential for HCoV infection offers great potential to reveal novel  
271 therapeutic targets and enhance our understanding of HCoV infection and pathogenesis (e.g.,  
272 COVID-19). Here, we have performed two independent genome-wide CRISPR/Cas9 knockout  
273 screens in Huh7 cells with HCoV-229E and MERS-CoV to identify functionally important  
274 genes during HCoV infection. Using MERS-CoV as a representative emerging virus and  
275 HCoV-229E as a representative endemic virus, we identified multiple virus-specific and  
276 conserved HDFs, including several that are required for the replication of the novel pandemic  
277 CoV SARS-CoV-2. GO enrichment analysis revealed that the conserved HDFs were involved  
278 in diverse biological processes that clustered into seven major categories. Interestingly, we  
279 found that MERS-CoV and HCoV-229E seemed to exploit different components of the same  
280 biological processes, as the majority of genes involved in each biological cluster were virus  
281 specific, but the overall biological processes were similar. This may be due to evolutionary  
282 differences between the viruses, as MERS-CoV is part of the betacoronavirus genus whereas  
283 HCoV-229E is a member of alphacoronavirus genus. Furthermore, many commonly enriched  
284 genes were involved in Golgi vesicle transport, or more specifically in vesicle coating and  
285 budding from membranes, as well as regulation of endocytosis and exocytosis, which are  
286 known to be associated with virus entry and exit<sup>32</sup>. Moreover, Golgi vesicle markers have been  
287 found in close proximity to CoV replication compartments, suggesting another potential  
288 function for genes in this cluster during CoV replication, e.g. membrane re-organization for  
289 membranous replication compartments<sup>33</sup>. A second prominent category was the immune  
290 system cluster, which may be associated with direct exploitation of immunological host  
291 responses against CoVs and thus offer potential intervention strategies. These strategies may  
292 also have antiviral efficacy and work to lower dysfunctional immune responses, which is a  
293 known driver of disease progression and severe lung pathology<sup>34</sup>. Another major category

294 containing enriched genes in both HCoV screens was dephosphorylation. Genes involved in  
295 phosphorylation and kinase activities were strongly enriched in our screens, suggesting that  
296 these processes are required for HCoV replication and that other CoVs also exploit the host's  
297 phosphorylation machinery for their benefit. Importantly, recent work observed striking  
298 changes in phosphorylation on host and viral proteins during SARS-CoV-2 infection, including  
299 many changes related to dephosphorylation and altered kinase activity<sup>35,36</sup>. For example, the  
300 JNK signaling cascade, but also the regulation of tau-protein kinase activity, were highly  
301 enriched in our MERS-CoV screen. JNKs belong to the mitogen-activated protein kinase  
302 (MAPK) family and SARS-CoV-2 infection was recently shown to promote p38 MAPK  
303 signaling activity<sup>35</sup>. Of note, the FKBP8 gene clustered into the dephosphorylation category  
304 and the MINAR1 gene was included in regulation of tau-protein kinase activity, suggesting  
305 that these two genes may influence CoV replication via other biological processes in addition  
306 to autophagy. Along this line, therapeutical intervention targeting AP2M1 (part of the clathrin-  
307 dependent endocytic pathway) phosphorylation using a kinase inhibitor resulted in reduced  
308 SARS-CoV, MERS-CoV and SARS-CoV-2 infection, exemplifying the antiviral potential of  
309 targeting specific phosphorylation sites during viral infection<sup>37</sup>. Finally, our analysis also found  
310 that genes involved in catabolic and homeostatic processes were significantly enriched in both  
311 CoV screens. Interestingly, a similar cluster linked to cholesterol metabolism was identified in  
312 previous studies, including SARS-CoV-2, HCoV-229E, and HCoV-OC43 genome-wide  
313 CRISPR/Cas9-mediated KO screens and SARS-CoV-2 interactome studies<sup>21,38</sup> and has been  
314 linked to CoV entry and membrane fusion<sup>39</sup>.

315 For our downstream experimental analysis, we focused on the autophagy cluster.  
316 Autophagy is a cellular stress response to e.g. starvation or infection by pathogens for the  
317 recycling of proteins and cell organelles to maintain cellular homeostasis<sup>40</sup>. The processes  
318 comprises a very wide-ranging family of trafficking pathways required for the transportation  
319 of cytoplasmic material to the lysosome for destruction. The ER localized TMEM41B was  
320 recently identified as a gene required for early autophagosome formation and lipid mobilization  
321 in three independent genome-wide CRISPR knockout screens, which also observed that  
322 TMEM41B and the well-characterized early-stage autophagy protein VMP1 (top scoring HDF  
323 in HCoV-229E screen) implement related functions<sup>25,26,27</sup>. Furthermore, interaction of  
324 TMEM41B with Beclin1 (PI3K complex) underscores the importance of this protein in the  
325 induction of autophagy<sup>41</sup>. Interestingly, the FK506-binding protein 8 (gene: FKBP8, protein:  
326 FKBP38), a member of the immunophilin protein family is located in the outer mitochondrial

membrane and plays a key role in mitophagy by inhibiting the mTORC1 complex during nutrient deprivation<sup>42</sup>. Moreover, FKBP8 targets Beclin-1 to ER-mitochondria membranes during mitophagy and recruits LC3A to damaged mitochondria, thereby actively inducing the removal of excess mitochondria by autophagy<sup>43</sup>. FKBP8 itself avoids degradation by escaping from mitochondria and is translocated to the ER<sup>44</sup>. MINAR1 (also known as Ubtor or KIAA1024) was the third MERS-CoV HDF with a possible indirect involvement in autophagy regulation. The otherwise very rudimentary characterized protein plays a role in regulating cell growth and mTOR signaling, as MINAR1 depletion resulted in higher mTOR activity<sup>45</sup> (Figure 5A). In addition, the phosphatase PPP3R1, commonly referred to as calcineurin, is upregulated during cell starvation and controls the activity of the TFEB transcriptional regulator of lysosomal biogenesis and autophagy<sup>46</sup>. Importantly, the interaction between autophagy components and CoVs but also other positive-stranded RNA viruses during viral replication has been under discussion for a long time, as parts of the autophagy process show similarities to the process of DMV formation<sup>47,33,48</sup>. CoVs rely on the formation of replication complexes at DMVs, the presumed site of viral genome replication and transcription. Due to a lack of conventional endoplasmic reticulum (ER) or Golgi protein markers the exact origin of DMVs remains unclear and studies investigating the possible involvement of the early autophagy machinery in the conversion of host membranes into DMVs reached conflicting conclusions<sup>49,50</sup>. Another possibility is that single components of the autophagic machinery may be hijacked by CoVs independently of their activity in autophagic processing. The non-lipidated autophagy marker LC3 has been observed to localize to DMVs and the downregulation of LC3, but not inactivation of host cell autophagy, protects cells from CoV infection<sup>51,52,47,53</sup>. We show that TMEM41B, MINAR1 and FKBP8 are involved in regulating vesicle formation during autophagy as LC3-GFP did not relocate to characteristic foci indicative of autophagosomes following chemical induction of autophagy and that KO of each gene distinctly impairs HCoV replication, but the mechanistic connection of both processes remains elusive. Further roles of the three identified host factors have been suggested. Both TMEM41B and FKBP8 are thought to interact with Beclin-1, which is a core subunit of the PI3K complex that drives autophagy<sup>41,54</sup>. Captivatingly, inhibition of SKP2, another Beclin-1 interactor, reduced MERS-CoV infection.<sup>55</sup> Recent work suggested a putative autophagy-independent role for TMEM41B as a pan-coronavirus and flavivirus replication factor, which is recruited to flavivirus RNA replication complexes to facilitate membrane curvature and create a protected environment for viral genome replication<sup>56,20</sup>. Furthermore, MINAR1 serves

360 as a regulator of mTOR signaling, which regulates numerous cellular processes including the  
361 cap-dependent mRNA translation and synthesis machinery required during viral replication.  
362 These observations add further potential layers of modulation by TMEM41B, FKBP8 and  
363 MINAR1 during CoV replication.

364 Independently of the exact underlying mechanism, our results suggest that the HDFs  
365 FKBP8, TMEM41B, and MINAR1 herein represent potential targets for host-directed  
366 therapeutics. Its immunomodulating component, make FKBP8 a very interesting HDF for CoV  
367 replication. FKBP8 is part of the immunophilin family of FK506-binding proteins, which share  
368 the ability to act as a receptor for the immunosuppressive drug FK506 (Tacrolimus), usually  
369 used to lower the risk of transplant rejection after allogenic transplantation<sup>57</sup>. On a different  
370 note, knockdown of FKBP8 promotes the activation of IFN-beta and the antiviral response  
371 during Sendai virus infection in HEK293T cells, suggesting a possible immunomodulatory  
372 component for its role in CoV infection<sup>58</sup>. In addition to FKBP8, cyclophilins were upregulated  
373 in both HCoV screens. Cyclophilins express PPI activity, which catalyzes the isomerization of  
374 peptide bonds in proline residues from *trans* to *cis*, thereby facilitating protein folding. Proteins  
375 of this family specifically bind Cyclosporin A, an immunosuppressant drug that is usually  
376 applied to suppress rejection after internal organ transplantation. Moreover, immunophilins and  
377 cyclophilin have been in the focus of several CoV studies showing impaired HCoV-229E,  
378 HCoV-NL63, as well as SARS-CoV and MERS-CoV replication upon immunophilin and  
379 cyclophilin inhibitor treatment<sup>59,60,61,62,63,64</sup>. Given the lack of specific treatment options during  
380 the ongoing SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, we tested Tacrolimus, Cyclosporin A, as well as  
381 Alisporivir, a non-immunosuppressant derivative of Cyclosporin A and showed that antiviral  
382 intervention using these clinically approved immunosuppressive drugs inhibited the replication  
383 of the highly pathogenic CoVs MERS-CoV, SARS-CoV, and SARS-CoV-2 in a dose-  
384 dependent manner. While Huh7 and VeroE6 cells are valuable model cell lines for highly  
385 pathogenic CoVs, they likely do not capture important aspects of infection compared to  
386 primary human airway epithelial cells nor fully recapitulate the complex cellular milieu present  
387 in human patients. To address these limitations, we also tested these drugs on primary human  
388 nasal epithelial cell cultures and found that both Alisporivir and Cyclosporin A potently inhibit  
389 SARS-CoV-2 replication at concentrations known to be achievable and efficacious in patients.  
390 Together these findings depict a promising path towards the repurposing of Cyclosporin A and  
391 Alisporivir as COVID-19 treatment options. Infection with highly pathogenic CoVs is  
392 frequently accompanied by inflammatory immunopathogenesis, including the virus-induced

393 destruction of lung tissue and subsequent triggering of a host immune response. Importantly,  
394 in certain cases a dysregulated immune response is associated with severe lung pathology and  
395 systemic pathogenesis<sup>34</sup>. The latter highlights the need for dual-acting antiviral drugs that also  
396 target inflammation and/or cell death. Of interest, Alisporivir also blocks mitochondrial  
397 cyclophilin-D, a key regulator of mitochondrial permeability transition pore (mPTP) opening,  
398 which is a mechanism involved in triggering cell death. Hence, besides its antiviral properties,  
399 it is possible that Alisporivir also reduces CoV-induced lung tissue damage<sup>65</sup>. Trials using  
400 either Cyclosporin in patients with moderate COVID-19 (ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier:  
401 NCT04412785 and NCT04540926) or Alisporivir (ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier:  
402 NCT04608214) for the treatment of hospitalized COVID19 patients have been registered.

403 The identification of MINAR1, TMEM41 and FKBP8 as conserved HCoVs HDFs in  
404 our MERS-CoV and HCoV-229E screens extend the knowledge on HCoVs. Furthermore, the  
405 involvement of FKBP8 and other members of the cyclophilin family in the HCoV replication  
406 provide information on how Tacrolimus, Cyclosporin A and Alisporivir are able reduce CoV  
407 replication by interfering with essential HCoV HDFs. We confirm the potential of all three  
408 inhibitors as treatment against HCoV infections, and additionally observed similar reduction  
409 in SARS-CoV-2 replication. Altogether our findings highlight the potential of genome-wide  
410 CRISPR/Cas9 knockout screens to identify novel HDFs essential for HCoV infection, which  
411 can in turn be used in combination with clinically available drugs to identify and evaluate host-  
412 directed therapies against existing and future pandemic CoVs.

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431 **Main Figure Titles and Legends**

432 **Figure 1: MERS-CoV and HCoV-229E genome-wide CRISPR/Cas9-mediated knockout**  
433 **screens.** (A) Native Huh7 cells were transduced with the GeCKOv2 lentiviral genome-wide  
434 CRISPR library, ensuring a coverage of ~500 cells per sgRNA. Transduced cells were selected  
435 and then infected with either MERS-CoV or HCoV-229E at indicated MOIs and temperatures.  
436 Surviving cells were harvested and prepared for deep sequencing. Deconvolution identified  
437 both virus-specific and pan-coronavirus host dependency factors (HDFs). (B) Volcano plot  
438 showing the log fold change ( $\text{Log}_2 \text{ FC}$ ) and  $\log_{10} \text{ p-value}$  for each gene in the MERS-CoV  
439 CRISPR screen. Genes with a  $\text{FC} \geq 2$  and  $\text{p-value} < 0.05$  are highlighted in red. Selected top  
440 genes are annotated in the plot, including the MERS-CoV receptor (DPP4) and the 5 most  
441 highly ranked genes in the MERS-CoV screen. (C) Volcano plot showing the  $\text{Log}_2 \text{ FC}$  and  
442  $\log_{10} \text{ p-value}$  for each gene in the HCoV-229E CRISPR screen. Genes with a  $\text{FC} \geq 2$  and  $\text{p-}$   
443  $\text{value} < 0.05$  are highlighted in red. Selected top genes are annotated, including the HCoV-  
444 229E receptor (ANPEP) and the 5 most highly ranked genes in the HCoV-229E screen. (D)  
445 Pairwise comparison of enriched genes in the HCoV-229E and MERS-CoV CRISPR screens.  
446 Dotted lines indicate a  $\text{Log}_2 \text{ FC} \geq 2$ . Genes with a  $\text{Log}_2 \text{ FC} \geq 2$  and  $\text{p-value} < 0.05$  in both  
447 screens are highlighted in red and annotated. (E) Heatmap comparing the log RRA p-values  
448 for selected top virus-specific and common hits in both CoV screens. CoV receptors (DPP4  
449 and ANPEP) are demarcated by the blue boxes, MERS-CoV specific genes by the purple  
450 boxes, and HCoV-229E specific genes by the green boxes. Common significantly enriched

451 genes, which are also annotated in Figure 2D, are demarcated by the orange boxes. Heatmap  
452 clustering was performed using the complete linkage method and Euclidean distance.

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454 **Figure 2: Enrichment analysis uncovers host biological networks crucial for CoV**  
455 **replication.** (A) Enrichment map summarizing major host biological networks co-opted by  
456 CoVs during infection. Gene Ontology (GO) enrichment analysis was performed using hits  
457 from both MERS-CoV and HCoV-229E CRISPR screens and filtered to contain conserved  
458 representative GO terms and genes. Each node represents an individual GO term and nodes  
459 that are functionally related cluster together into a larger network. Node size reflects number  
460 of significantly enriched genes in the node and color indicates the CoV screen for which the  
461 node was significant. A complete list of significant GO terms can be found in Table 2. (B)  
462 Heatmaps of individual biological clusters displayed in (A). Heatmaps contain significantly  
463 enriched genes from both CoV screens that were associated with significantly enriched GO  
464 terms found within the individual biological clusters in (A). Colored panels on the left-hand  
465 side of heatmaps show which CoV screen contained specific enriched genes (purple: MERS-  
466 CoV, green: HCoV-229E, and orange: enriched in both CoV screens). Colors in each legend  
467 represent the log RRA p-values for each gene in each CoV screen. Heatmap clustering was  
468 performed using the complete linkage method and Euclidean distance.

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470 **Figure 3 Top scoring host dependency factors are interactors of the autophagy pathway.**

471 MERS-CoV (A) and HCoV-229E (B) titers upon KO of top scoring HDFs are displayed in  
472 Log<sub>10</sub> TCID<sub>50</sub>/ml. SARS-CoV (C) and SARS-CoV-2 (D) titers upon KO of TMEM41B,  
473 FKBP8 and MINAR1 are displayed in Log<sub>10</sub> TCID<sub>50</sub>/ml. (E) Western Blot analysis of FKBP8-  
474 KO and TMEM41B-KO in Huh7 cells, including beta actin as loading control. MERS-CoV  
475 (F), HCoV-229E (G), SARS-CoV (H) and SARS-CoV-2 (I) titers upon reconstruction of  
476 TMEM41B, FKBP8 and MINAR1 in respective KO cell lines. Titers are shown relative to  
477 Huh7(-ACE2) control in %. Results are displayed as a mean of three with SD, represented by  
478 error bars. In A – D, statistical analysis was determined by ordinary one-way ANOVA,  
479 Dunnett's multiple comparison test, using Nev 2020 version 9.0. In F, statistical significance  
480 was determined by two-tailed unpaired student t-test with Welch's correction. Statistical  
481 calculations were performed in GraphPad Prism 8.3.1.

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483 **Figure 4: LC3-GFP translocation is impaired in TMEM41B, FBKP8 and MINAR1-KO**  
484 **cells.** (A) VSV-G-based CoV-spike-mediated pseudo particle entry is shown in RLU in  
485 TMEM41B-KO, FKBP8-KO and MINAR1-KO cells normalized to entry in native cells.  
486 Results are displayed as a mean of three with SD, represented by error bars. One-way ANOVA  
487 statistical analysis was performed in Graph 8.3.1. (B) Quantification of (C) of LC3-GFP  
488 translocation shows relative autophagosome formation upon rapamycin treatment and HCoV-  
489 229E infection in native Huh7, as well as TMEM41B-KO, FKBP8-KO and MINAR1-KO cells.  
490 5 images per condition in 3 independent experiments were acquired using an Evos FL Auto 2  
491 imaging system with a 4x air objective, analyzed and quantified in Fiji. Statistical analysis was  
492 determined by two-tailed unpaired student t-test in GraphPad Prism 8.3.1. (C)  
493 Immunofluorescence staining of LC3-GFP expressing Huh7, TMEM41B-KO, FKBP8-KO and  
494 MINAR1-KO cells upon rapamycin treatment and HCoV-229E infection. LC3-GFP is  
495 depicted in green, dsRNA is shown in red and DAPI in blue, scale bar is 20  $\mu$ m. Representative  
496 images of one out of four independent replications are shown. Images were acquired using an  
497 EVOS FL Auto 2 imaging system with a 20x air objective and processed using Fiji.

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499 **Figure 5: CoV HDFs are interactors of the autophagy pathway but do not depend on**  
500 **autophagy for replication.** (A) Upon starvation, the mTORC1 complex is blocked and  
501 activation of the PI3K complex, as well as the ULK1 complex leads to the initiation of  
502 phagophore formation, as an initial step in the autophagy pathway. MERS-CoV and HCoV-  
503 229E top scoring CRISPR knockout screen hits FKBP8, MINAR1, TMEM41B and VMP1 are  
504 involved in this early pathway. Furthermore, the ATG8 system containing among others LC3,  
505 which is recruited by VPM1 or FBKP8 is necessary for targeting cellular cargo to the  
506 autophagosome. PPP3R1 is upregulated and initiates TFEB translocalization to the nucleus,  
507 where it catalyzes transcription of ATGs. MERS-CoV or conserved host dependency factors  
508 (HDFs) are indicated in respective colors. Inhibitor intervention in this pathway is shown in  
509 red. MERS-CoV (B), SARS-CoV (C) and SARS-CoV-2 (C) titers in TCID/ml upon treatment  
510 of Huh7 (MERS-CoV) and VeroE6 (SARS-CoV and SARS-CoV-2) cell lines with Tacrolimus,  
511 Cyclosporin A and Alisporivir at indicated concentrations. SARS-CoV-2 titers in TCID50/ml  
512 in primary human nasal epithelial cells at 48 hpi (E-G) and in presence of Cyclosporin A,  
513 Alisporivir and Tacrolimus. (H) Immunofluorescence staining of SARS-CoV-2 infected

514 human primary nasal epithelial cells, following DMSO, Tacrolimus, Alisporivir, Cyclosporin  
515 A and untreated treatment. dsRNA is shown in red, tight junctions (ZO-I) are shown in white  
516 and cilia ( $\beta$ -Tubulin) are shown in light blue. Images were acquired using an EVOS FL Auto  
517 2 imaging system with a 40x air objective and processed using Fiji. dsRNA (red), cilia ( $\beta$ -  
518 Tubulin, light blue) and the outline of segmented cells (ZO-I, white) of representative images  
519 are shown. Scale bar: 20  $\mu$ m.

520 **Main tables**

521 **Table 1: MAGeCK results for MERS-CoV and HCoV-229E screens**

522 **Table 2: GO term analysis results**

523 **Supplemental figure titles and legends**

524 **Figure S1: Quality control metrics and enriched gene identification for MERS-CoV and**  
525 **HCoV-229E genome-wide CRISPR screens.** (A) Area under the curve (AUC) analysis of  
526 MERS-CoV and HCoV-229E CRISPR screens evaluating sgRNA library representation in  
527 surviving Huh7 cells from uninfected (Mock) and MERS-CoV (left two panels) or HCoV-  
528 229E (right two panels) infected samples. For each CRISPR screen, sgRNA abundance was  
529 calculated based on average sgRNA abundance over 3 independent biological replicates. (B)  
530 Correlation matrix depicting the Pearson correlation for guide-level normalized read counts  
531 among biological replicates and samples from both screens. R1, R2, and R3 represent the  
532 biological replicates 1, 2, and 3, respectively. Clustering was performed in pheatmap using  
533 correlation as a distance metric (C) Robust Rank Aggregation (RRA) p-value distribution of  
534 all genes in the GeCKOv2 library for both MERS-CoV (left) and HCoV-229E (right) CRISPR  
535 screens. Genes that met the criteria for significance (RRA p-value  $\leq 0.05$  and FC  $\geq 2$ ) are  
536 highlighted in red. (D) Venn diagram illustrating the overlap between significantly enriched  
537 genes from both CRISPR screens that were identified via two different RRA-based analysis  
538 methods (alpha median and second best). A total of 19 genes were identified by both methods  
539 in both MERS-CoV and HCoV-229E CRISPR screens.

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541 **Figure S2:** (A) Representative GO terms identified using full list of enriched GO terms for  
542 MERS-CoV and HCoV-229E screens (Table 2). Representative terms found in both screens

543 are shown in the top panel, whereas virus-specific terms are shown in the bottom panel. BP,  
544 CC, and MF represent different GO term categories. (B) Specific GO terms enriched in both  
545 CoV screens (individual GO terms, not representative GO terms).

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547 **Figure S3:** Cnet plots for GO BP terms found in each individual biological cluster shown in  
548 Figure 2A (S3A Golgi Vesicle Transport, S3B Autophagy, S3C Catabolic Processes, S3D  
549 Dephosphorylation, S3E Immunity, S3F Developmental Processes, S3G Homeostatic  
550 Processes). Plots include both GO terms that contain one or more of the 19 common  
551 significantly enriched genes found in both CoV screens (as in Figure 2A and 2B) as well as  
552 representative GO terms found in both screens that do not contain these genes. Each plot shows  
553 the relationship among individual GO terms and genes found in each biological cluster. Larger  
554 nodes represent individual GO terms and smaller nodes represent individual gene. Nodes that  
555 are functionally related cluster together into a larger network. Node size reflects the number of  
556 significantly enriched genes in the node and color indicates the CoV screen for which the node  
557 was significant.

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559 **Figure S4: CRISPR-mediated KO of top scoring host dependency factors impairs CoV  
560 replication.** (A) Immunofluorescence staining of MERS-CoV infected of Huh7 cells  
561 containing KO of top scoring HDFs. dsRNA is shown in green, DAPI is shown in blue. (B)  
562 Immunofluorescence staining of HCoV-229E, SARS-CoV and SARS-CoV-2 infected Huh7  
563 cells with TMEM41B, FKBP8 and MINAR1-KO, as well as a stable ACE2 expression. dsRNA  
564 is shown in green, DAPI is shown in blue, ACE2 is shown in red. Scale bar is 50  $\mu$ m. All  
565 images were acquired using an Evos Auto FL2 and processed in Fiji. (D) Relative cytotoxicity  
566 of TMEM41-KO, FKBP8-KO and MINAR1-KO is depicted in %. Two tailed unpaired student  
567 t-test was used to determine significance in GraphPad Prism 8.3.1. (E) Sanger sequencing of  
568 FKBP8-KO, MINAR1-KO and TMEM41B-KO verifies Cas9-mediated double strand break in  
569 multiple alleles of the KO cells. PAM sequence is indicated in red, binding site of sgRNA is  
570 indicated in blue.

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572 **Figure S5: Cyclosporin A, Alisporivir and Tacrolimus inhibit CoV infection in a dose-  
573 dependent manner in cell lines and primary human nasal epithelial cells at non-cytotoxic**

574 **concentrations.** Immunofluorescence staining of SARS-CoV (A), as well as SARS-CoV-2 (B)  
575 infected VeroE6 cells and MERS-CoV (C) infected Huh7 cells following Cyclosporin A,  
576 Alisporivir, Tacrolimus treatment at 10  $\mu$ M to 40  $\mu$ M and Bafilomycin treatment at 10 nM –  
577 40 nM, as well as well as DMSO CTRL as respective volumes 24 hrs post infection/inhibitor  
578 treatment. dsRNA is shown in green, DAPI is shown in blue. Scale bar is 50  $\mu$ m. (D)  
579 Immunofluorescence staining of SARS-CoV-2 infected and Cyclosporin A, Alisporivir and  
580 Tacrolimus, as well as DMSO treated primary human nasal epithelial cells at 10  $\mu$ M to 60  $\mu$ M  
581 48 hpi/post inhibitor treatment. dsRNA (red), cilia ( $\beta$ -Tubulin, light blue) and the outline of  
582 segmented cells (ZO-I, white) are shown. Scale bar is 20  $\mu$ m. All images were acquired using  
583 an EVOS FL Auto 2 imaging system with a 10x air objective (A, B, C) and a 40x air objective  
584 (D) and processed using Fiji. (E-G) Inhibitor treated primary nasal epithelial cell cultures  
585 displayed as inhibitor versus normalized response. IC<sub>50</sub> value is marked with dotted line and  
586 indicated on y axis. Calculations were performed in GraphPad Prism 8.3.1. Cyclosporin A,  
587 Alisporivir and Tacrolimus treatment-mediated cytotoxicity in Huh7 cells (H) and VeroE6 cells  
588 (I) shown relative to dead cell control. (J) Relative nasal epithelial cell culture viability upon  
589 treatment of (50  $\mu$ M and) 60  $\mu$ M Cyclosporin A, Alisporivir and Tacrolimus normalized to  
590 DMSO.

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## 592 **Methods**

### 593 **Lead Contact**

594 Further information and request for resources and reagents should be directed to and will be  
595 fulfilled by Volker Thiel (Volker.thiel@vetuisse.unibe.ch). Unique reagents generated in this  
596 study will be made available on request.

### 597 **Materials Availability**

598 Unique reagents generated in this study will be made available on request. This applies to  
599 pCaggs-MINAR1mut, pCaggs-FKBP8mut, with silent mutations in Cas9 binding PAM region,  
600 as well as pCaggs-TMEM41Bmut. Payment/MTA may be required.

601 **Data and Code Availability**

602 Sequencing data from CRISPR/Cas9 knockout screens will be made available in a public  
603 repository upon publication.

604 **Experimental Model and Subject Details**

605 **Cell Lines**

606 Human hepatoma (Huh7) cell line (kindly provided by Volker Lohmann) and African green  
607 monkey kidney (VeroE6) cell line (kindly provided by Doreen Muth, Marcel Müller and  
608 Christian Drosten, Charité, Berlin, Germany) and 293LTV cells (purchased from Cell Biolabs  
609 Inc.) were propagated in Dulbecco's modified Eagle Medium (DMEM), supplemented with  
610 10% heat inactivated fetal bovine serum, 1% nonessential amino acids, 100 µg/mL of  
611 streptomycin and 100 IU/mL of penicillin, and 15 mMol of HEPES. Cells were maintained at  
612 37°C in a humidified incubator with 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. Profiling of cell lines was performed using  
613 highly-polymorphic short tandem repeat loci (STRs) and amplification using PowerPlex 16 HS  
614 System (Promega), followed by fragment analysis on an ABI3730xl (Life Technologies) and  
615 analysis with GeneMarker HID software (Softgenetics) by Mircosynth. Huh7 cell line was  
616 confirmed to be of human origin without contamination, matching the reference DNA of the  
617 cell line Huh7 (Microsynth reference, Mic\_152021) with 96.7 % and the DNA profile of Huh7  
618 (Cellosaurus, RRID:CVCL\_0336) with 90 %. 293 LTV cell line was confirmed to be of human  
619 origin without contamination, matching the reference DNA of the cell line HEK293T (ATCC®  
620 CRL-3216™) with 93.8 % and the DNA profile of HEK293 with 86.7 % (Cellosaurus,  
621 RRID:CVCL\_0045). Matching at ≥ 80 % of alleles across eight reference loci are said to be  
622 related. VeroE6 cell line was identified to be 100% identical with Chlorocebus sabaeus, upon  
623 amplification and blast of mitochondrial cytochrome b gene according to DM Irwin *et al.*<sup>69</sup>,  
624 using primers:

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L14724 CGAAGCTTGTATGAAAAACCATCGTTG

H15149 AACTGCAGCCCTCAGAATGATTTGTCCTCA

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627 **Primary Cell Culture**

628 Primary human nasal epithelium cell cultures: MucilAir™ were purchased from epithelix.  
629 Cultures are reconstituted using human primary cells from healthy nasal region from 14 donors  
630 and cultured at an air-liquid interface in ready-to-use MucilAir™ Culture Medium purchased  
631 from epithelix is serum free, contains phenol red and is supplemented with  
632 penicillin/streptomycin. The apical side was washed with HBBS prior to infection. The  
633 anonymity of the donors prevents from the determination of the cells' sex.

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635 **Method Details**

636 **Genome-wide CRISPR/Cas9-mediated Knockout Screens**

637 The vector lentiviral human GeCKOv2 library A<sup>70</sup>, containing 3 sgRNAs per gene, was  
638 transfected into 293 LTV cells for lentivirus production using Lipofectamine 2000 (Thermo  
639 Fisher Scientific). The supernatant was collected 48 hours post transfection and clarified by  
640 centrifugation (3500 *rcf*, 15 min). Huh7 cells were subsequently transduced with GeCKO  
641 lentiviruses at a MOI of 0.3 and selected for with puromycin at a concentration of 0.25 µg/ml  
642 for 7 days. To ensure sufficient sgRNA coverage, 60 Mio selected Huh7 cells were infected  
643 with either HCoV-229E (33°C, MOI 0.1) or MERS-CoV (37°C, MOI 0.05) and then incubated  
644 until the non-transduced control cells died. Non-transduced Huh7 cells were infected with  
645 respective viruses to control for complete cytopathic effect. Both screens were performed in 3  
646 independent biological replicates. Surviving cells were harvested approximately two weeks  
647 post infection and genomic DNA was isolated using the Macherey Nagel NucleoSpin Tissue  
648 Kit according to the manufacturer's instructions. All sgRNAs were amplified from genomic  
649 DNA using a two-step PCR protocol, enabling multiplexing and the addition of specific  
650 barcodes for Illumina sequencing on a NovaSeq using 60 Mio reads and paired end reads 150.  
651 Illumina Adapter Primers<sup>71</sup>:

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PCR1 fwd  
(F\_PCR1\_CRSPrV2\_1-7)  
PCR1 rev  
(R\_PCR1\_CRSPrV2)  
PCR2 fwd  
(F\_PCR2\_CRSPrV2)  
PCR2 rev  
(R\_PCR2\_CRSPrV2\_1)

ACACTCTTCCCTACACGACGCTTCCGATCTXXXXXXCTTGTGAAAGGACGAAACACCGG  
GTGACTGGAGTTCAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTACTGACGGGCACCGGAGCCAATTCC  
AATGATAACGGCGACCACCGAGATCTACACTCTTCCCTACAGACGCTTCCGATCT  
CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATACTGAGATATCACGGTGACTGGAGTTCAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCT

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654 PCR products were then purified using Macherey Nagel PCR Clean Up pooled, and sequenced  
655 on the Illumina NovaSeq 6000 at the Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) facility at the  
656 University of Bern. The input library was also sequenced using the Illumina NGS platform to  
657 ensure full representation of sgRNAs in the GeCKO library.

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## 659 **Computational Analysis of Genome-wide CRISPR/Cas9-mediated Knockout Screens**

660 Demultiplexed FASTQ files were trimmed and aligned to the reference sequences in the  
661 sgRNA library file. sgRNA abundance was quantified using the ‘count’ command from the  
662 MAGeCK pipeline and counts were compared between uninfected and infected samples to  
663 determine positive enrichment scores for each gene. MAGeCK testing was performed using  
664 paired analysis with the ‘alpha mean’ and ‘second best’ methods. Genes with a Robust Rank  
665 Aggregation (RRA) p-value of  $\leq 0.05$  and a log fold change (LFC) of  $\geq 2$  were considered  
666 significantly enriched. For both the MERS-CoV and HCoV-229E screens, data from three  
667 independent biological replicates was used as the input for data analysis. The gene ontology  
668 (GO) enrichment was performed on significantly enriched genes from each CoV screen using  
669 the ‘compareCluster’ function in clusterProfiler with the ‘fun’ option set to “enrichGO” and a  
670 formula of “Entrez ~ Screen”. To reduce GO term redundancy and identify a representative  
671 GO term for groups of similar terms, the rrvgo package was used in R with the similarity  
672 threshold set to 0.75. Finally, the plot in Figure 2A was created using the ‘emapplot\_cluster’  
673 function in the enrichplot package with a filtered version of the compareCluster enrichment  
674 result (filtered to include representative GO terms found in both CoV screens that contained  
675 one or more of the 19 common significantly enriched genes). All heatmaps were generated  
676 using the pheatmap package in R with clustering distance set to “Euclidean” and using the  
677 complete linkage clustering method. Volcano plots and venn diagrams were created using the  
678 EnhancedVolcano and VennDiagram packages, respectively.

## 679 **Characterization and Analysis of Top Scoring Host Dependency Factors**

### 680 **ACE2 Expression, FKBP8, TMEM41B and MINAR1 KO in Huh7 Cells**

681 pSCRPSY-Tag-RFP-ACE2 (kindly provided by John Schoggins) was used for lentivirus  
682 production as described above and Huh7 cells were transduced and selected for using 0.5 ug/ml  
683 Blasticidin. ACE2 expression was confirmed via RFP expression. sgRNAs with highest scores

684 in CRISPR-KO screen were ordered as forward and reverse oligos for creation of stable knock-  
685 out cell lines.

HFNA1_FWD	GTCGTCTCCCACCGAGACACGACCTCCGTGACGGTTCGAGACGTG
ATP9B_FWD	GTCGTCTCCCACCGAAGAGTTCAGACATACAAGTGTTCGAGACGTG
CDH7_FWD	GTCGTCTCCCACCGGGTCCCGGACCAAGCGCAGCGTTCGAGACGTG
FAM110B_FWD	GTCGTCTCCCACCGTCCACGTCGCGTCCACTGTTCGAGACGTG
GUCY2C_FWD	GTCGTCTCCCACCGGTGAAGGCCTCGACCTACTCGTTCGAGACGTG
KIAA1024_FWD	GTCGTCTCCCACCGTGCACGGAATCGGGGACAGTTCGAGACGTG
MAP3K11_FWD	GTCGTCTCCCACCGCTTCGACGAGCTCGAGCCAGTTCGAGACGTG
OR9K2_FWD	GTCGTCTCCCACCGCATTATTATGACTGATCCTGTTCGAGACGTG
PCTP_FWD	GTCGTCTCCCACCGGATCGAGAGTGAAGGCAAGAGTTCGAGACGTG
C7orf50_FWD	GTCGTCTCCCACCGGAGGGCCAGCGCATCCGACGTTCGAGACGTG
DIO1_FWD	GTCGTCTCCCACCGCTGCCTGCAAGCGATCTGAGTTCGAGACGTG
ECI2_FWD	GTCGTCTCCCACCGCCTGTAACATGCCAAACCCTTCGAGACGTG
ELFN2_FWD	GTCGTCTCCCACCGGTGCCGTGCGACTGCCGTTCGAGACGTG
GLCCI1_FWD	GTCGTCTCCCACCGAATAAGGCAACCTCTTGTGAGACGTG
HOXB6_FWD	GTCGTCTCCCACCGAGACATTACCCCGCCCTAGTTCGAGACGTG
KAT7_FWD	GTCGTCTCCCACCGGACAACTCACCATGTGCCGGTTCGAGACGTG
NOM1_FWD	GTCGTCTCCCACCGGGAGTTCTGTCAGCGACTTGTGTTCGAGACGTG
PIGR_FWD	GTCGTCTCCCACCGGCAGGAAGGCTCGCTATCGTTCGAGACGTG
TIGD1_FWD	GTCGTCTCCCACCGTATACTTACTCACTAAAGCTGGTTTCGAGACGTG
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ZNF480_FWD	GTCGTCTCCCACCGTCACTTACATCTGCTGAAACGTTTCGAGACGTG
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ATP9B_REV	CACGTCTCGAAACACTTGTATGTCGAACCTTCGGTGGAGACGAC
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OR9K2_REV	CACGTCTCGAAACTCTTGGCGTACTCTGATCCGGTGGAGACGAC
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KAT7_REV	CACGTCTCGAAACCCGGCACATGGTAGGTGAGTTCCGGTGGAGACGAC
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ART1_REV	CACGTCTCGAAACCCAGTGGCATGGGTGGCCCGGTGGAGACGAC
CD1C_REV	CACGTCTCGAAACCGCAGCTCTGCAGATGTAACGGTGGAGACGAC
FKBP8_REV	CACGTCTCGAAACCGCAGCTCGCAGATGTAACGGTGGAGACGAC
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WNT5A_REV	CACGTCTCGAAACTCGATGTCGAATTGATACTCGGTGGAGACGAC
ZNF480_REV	CACGTCTCGAAACGTTCAGACAGATGTAAGTGACGGTGGAGACGAC
KRTAP13-4_REV	CACGTCTCGAAACGGGCGGTAGCAGGATTCTCGGTGGAGACGAC

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687 Oligonucleotides were denatured for 5 min at 99°C in TE buffer and then slowly adapted to  
688 room temperature and assembled with pLentiCRISPRv2 vector using Golden Gate cloning.

689 Plasmids were transformed in Stellar cells (Takara) and prepped for sanger sequencing and  
690 lentivirus production. ACE2-expressing Huh7 cells were transduced with pLentiCRISPRv2  
691 containing sgRNAs for top scoring hits and selected with 0.25 ug/ml puromycin. Bulk knock-  
692 out of FKBP8, TMEM41B and MINAR1 was verified using Sanger Sequencing and Western  
693 Blot.

694 **Western Blot**

695 500.000 cells were lysed in M-PER Mammalian Protein Extraction Reagent (Thermo Scientific  
696 78501) containing 1x protease inhibitor (cOmplete Tablets, Mini EDTA-free, EASYpack,  
697 Roche, 04693159001), mixing at 600 rpm for 10 min at RT in a ThermoMixer. Lysed cells  
698 were denatured with SDS at 95°C for 5 min and separated on an 10% SDS PAGE (SurePAGE  
699 Bis-Tris, 10x8, GenScript, M00666) at 200V for 30 min. eBlot L1 –Fast Wet Protein Transfer  
700 System (GenScript) was used for blotting and proteins were stained using the following  
701 antibodies: (Sigma-Aldrich AV46863), TMEM41B (Sigma-Aldrich HPA014946), MINAR1  
702 (Sigma-Aldrich HPA011545), β-Actin-HRP (Sigma, A3854), as well as donkey anti rabbit-  
703 HRP (JacksonImmunoResearch, 711-035-152). Proteins were visualized using WesternBright  
704 ECL HRP substrate (Advansta, K-12045-D20) and the Fusion FX (Vilber) imaging system.

705 **VSV Pseudotype Particles Bearing CoV Spike Proteins**

706 Approximately  $6 \times 10^5$  293LTV cells were seeded into a six-well plate and transfected with  
707 expression plasmids encoding either VSV-G surface protein (positive control, VSV-G; GenBank  
708 accession number NC\_001560), HCoV-229E spike (pCAGGS-229E S; GenBank accession  
709 number X16816), MERS-CoV spike (pCAGGS-MERS S; GenBank accession number  
710 JX869059, with a silent point mutation (C4035A, removing internal XhoI)), SARS-  
711 CoV spike (pCAGGS-SARS S; GenBank accession number: AY291315.1, with two silent  
712 mutations (T2568G and T3327C)) or SARS-CoV-2 spike (generated as described<sup>28</sup>) using  
713 the transfection reagent Lipofectamine 2000 as described previously<sup>28</sup>. At 20 hours post  
714 transfection, cells were infected with VSV-G-trans-complemented VSV\*ΔG(FLuc) (MOI = 5)  
715 at 37 °C. After inoculating the cells with virus for 30 min, they were washed with PBS and  
716 incubated for 24 hours with DMEM medium containing a monoclonal neutralizing monoclonal  
717 antibody directed to the VSV-G protein (antibody I1, ATCC, 1:100). The cell culture  
718 supernatant was harvested and cleared by centrifugation (3,000g for 10 min) and used to  
719 inoculate Huh7 native and knockout cell lines for 24 hours, prior to measurement of luciferase

720 using Bright-Glo Luciferase Assay System (Promega, E2620) and using a plate luminometer  
721 (EnSpire 2300 Multilabel reader; Perkin Elmer).

722 **Viruses**

723 HCoV-229E<sup>66</sup> was propagated on Huh7 cells. MERS-CoV strain EMC<sup>67</sup> was propagated in  
724 VeroB4 cells. SARS-CoV strain Frankfurt-1<sup>68</sup> and SARS-CoV-2 (SARS-CoV-2/München-  
725 1.1/2020/929, kindly provided by Daniela Niemeyer, Marcel Müller and Christian Drosten)  
726 were propagated on VeroE6 cells.

727 **Virus Infection**

728 Huh7 cells were plated to 15.000 cells and VeroE6 cells were plated to 20.000 per 96 well 24  
729 hours prior to infection. Cells were infected with HCoV-229E (33°C), MERS-CoV (37°C),  
730 SARS-CoV (37°C) and SARS-CoV-2 (37°C) at an MOI of 0.01 (MOI 0.1 for HCoV-229E)  
731 for 2 hours. The virus inoculum was removed and cells were washed 3 times with PBS. Primary  
732 human nasal epithelial cell cultures were infected with SARS-CoV-2 at an MOI of 0.1 at 37°C  
733 for 1 hour from the apical side. Inoculum was removed and cell 3 times with HBBS. In case of  
734 inhibitor treatment, Tacrolimus, Cyclosporin A or Alisporivir were added to the cell  
735 supernatant/basolateral medium directly after the removal of the inoculum and the washing of  
736 the cells at following concentrations: 0 uM, 10 uM, 20 uM, 30 uM, 40 uM, 50 uM, 60 uM.  
737 DMSO solvent control was added at respective volumes. The inhibitor was not removed during  
738 the course of infection. At 24-48 hours post infection the cells/supernatant were/was harvested  
739 and analyzed using titration, immunofluorescence staining or quantitative RT-PCR.

740 **Virus Titration**

741 In order to determine the 50% tissue culture infectious dose (TCID<sub>50</sub>) per milliliter (apical)  
742 supernatant was serially diluted at indicated hours post infection, Huh7 (MERS-CoV, HCoV-  
743 229E) VeroE6 cells (SARS-CoV(-2)) were inoculated with serial dilution and TCID<sub>50</sub> per  
744 milliliter was visualized using Crystal Violet and calculated by the Spearman-Kärber algorithm  
745 after 72 hrs -120 hrs as described<sup>72</sup>.

746 **Quantitative RT-PCR**

747 Virus replication was analyzed via qRT PCR, viral RNA was isolated from the supernatant at  
748 indicated hours post infection using the NucleoMag Vet Kit (Macherey Nagel) and a Kingfisher  
749 Flex Purification System (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Darmstadt, Germany) according to

750 manufacturer's guidelines. Extracted RNA was amplified using TagMan™ Fast Virus 1-Step  
751 Master Mix (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Following primers were used for detection of MERS-  
752 CoV<sup>73</sup>:

forward	5'-GCAACGCGCGATTCAAGTT-3'
reverse	5'-GCCTCTACACGGGACCCATA-3'
probe	5'-FAM-CTCTTACATAATCGCCCCGAGCTCG-BHQ1--3'

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754 SARS-CoV and SARS-CoV-2:

forward	5'-ACAGGTACGTTAATAGTTAATAGCGTACTTCT-3'
reverse	5'-ATATTGCAGCAGTACGCACACA-3'
probe	5'-FAM-ATCCTTACTGCGCTTCGA-BHQ1-3'

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756 targeting the Envelope gene of SARS-CoV-2 (MN908947.3) The primers were adapted from  
757 Corman and colleagues<sup>74</sup>. A serial dilution of *in vitro* transcribed MERS-CoV RNA (kindly  
758 provided by Marcel Müller and Christian Drosten)<sup>73</sup> and RdRp-E-N RNA mixture derived from  
759 a SARS-CoV-2 synthetic construct (MT108784) was included to determine the genome copy  
760 number<sup>75</sup>. Five *in vitro* transcribed (IVT) RNA preparations were produced from five different  
761 DNA fragments to cover the regions used for real-time RT-qPCR methods for the detection of  
762 SARS-CoV-2 and SARS-CoV viral RNA. Measurements and analysis were performed with  
763 the Applied Biosystems™ 7500 Fast Dx Real-Time PCR Systems and associated software  
764 (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA, USA).

## 765 Immunofluorescence Staining

766 For immunofluorescence staining cells were fixated with 4% formalin. Fixated cells were  
767 permeabilized in PBS supplemented with 50 mM NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, 0.1% (w/v) Saponin and 2% (w/v)  
768 Bovine Serum Albumin and stained with a mouse monoclonal antibody against dsRNA  
769 (SCICONS, clone J2). Alexa-Fluor 488-labeled donkey-anti mouse IgG (H+L)  
770 (JacksonImmuno, 715-545-150) was used as a secondary antibody. Alexa-Fluor® 647-labelled  
771 rabbit anti-beta-tubulin IV (Cell Signalling Technology, 9F3) and Alexa-Fluor® 594-labelled  
772 mouse anti ZOI-1 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 1A12) were used to visualize cilia and tight  
773 junctions in nasal epithelial cell cultures. Cells were counterstained using 4',6-diamidino-2-  
774 phenylindole (DAPI, Thermo Fisher Scientific) to visualize the nuclei. Images were acquired  
775 using an EVOS FL Auto 2 Imaging System, using 10x, 20x and 40x air objectives. Brightness  
776 and contrast were adjusted identically to the corresponding controls using the Fiji software  
777 packages<sup>76</sup> and figures were assembled using FigureJ<sup>77</sup>. Segmentation of individual cells was

778 based on the ZO-1 staining and performed using CellPose<sup>78</sup>. Outlines were imported and  
779 overlayed in Fiji.

780 **Cytotox and Cellviability Assay**

781 Cytotoxicity in Huh7 knock-out cell lines and upon inhibitor treatment of Huh7 and VeroE6  
782 cell lines was monitored using CytoTox 96® Non-Radioactive Cytotoxicity Assay (Promega,  
783 G1780). Relative cytotoxicity compared to lysed control cells was analyzed. Cell viability of  
784 primary human nasal epithelial cells was analyzed during inhibitor only treatment at highest  
785 concentrations (50 uM, 60 uM) using the CellTiter-Glo® 2.0 Cell Viability Assay (Promega,  
786 G9241) and related to DMSO treated cells.

787 **LC3-GFP Autophagy**

788 Autophagosome formation was assessed in native Huh7 and Huh7-KO cell lines. Huh7,  
789 TMEM41B-KO, MINAR1-KO and FKBP8-KO cells were seeded in a 96 well formation (1.5  
790 Mio cells per plate). LC3-GFP was transfected using Lipofectamine 2000 for 24 hrs. After 24  
791 hrs cells were treated with 100 nM Rapamycin (Sigma Aldrich, S-015) or an equal volume of  
792 DMSO for 6 hrs and GFP was analyzed using an EVOS FL Auto 2 Imaging System, using 10x  
793 and processed as mentioned above. Alternatively, transfected cells were infected with HCoV-  
794 229E at a MOI 0.1 for 24 hrs and GFP expression was analyzed. Images were quantified for  
795 autophagosome formation by manual counting using 5 images per condition and three  
796 replicates in Fiji. Autophagosome formation was normalized to number of transfected cells.

797 **Quantification and Statistical Analysis**

798 **Genome-wide CRISPR/Cas9-mediated KO Screen**

799 For the CRISPR screens, positive enrichment scores, RRA p-values, log fold change (LFC),  
800 and false discovery rates were calculated using the MAGeCK algorithm. In Figure S1B, the  
801 mean normalized sgRNA counts for each biological replicate were used as input to calculate  
802 pairwise correlation. The correlation matrix was generated using the ‘cor’ function in R with  
803 the Pearson correlation method and visualized using pheatmap with the clustering performed  
804 using correlation as distance metrics.

805 **Characterization and Analyses of Top Scoring Host Dependency Factors**

806 Significant difference in data was tested using Nev 2020, version 9.0 or GraphPad Prism  
807 version 8.3.1 for Windows (GraphPad). Please refer to figure captions for details regarding the  
808 statistical tests applied. *P* values  $< 0.05$  were considered significant.

809 **Additional Resources**

810 No additional resources have been created during this study.

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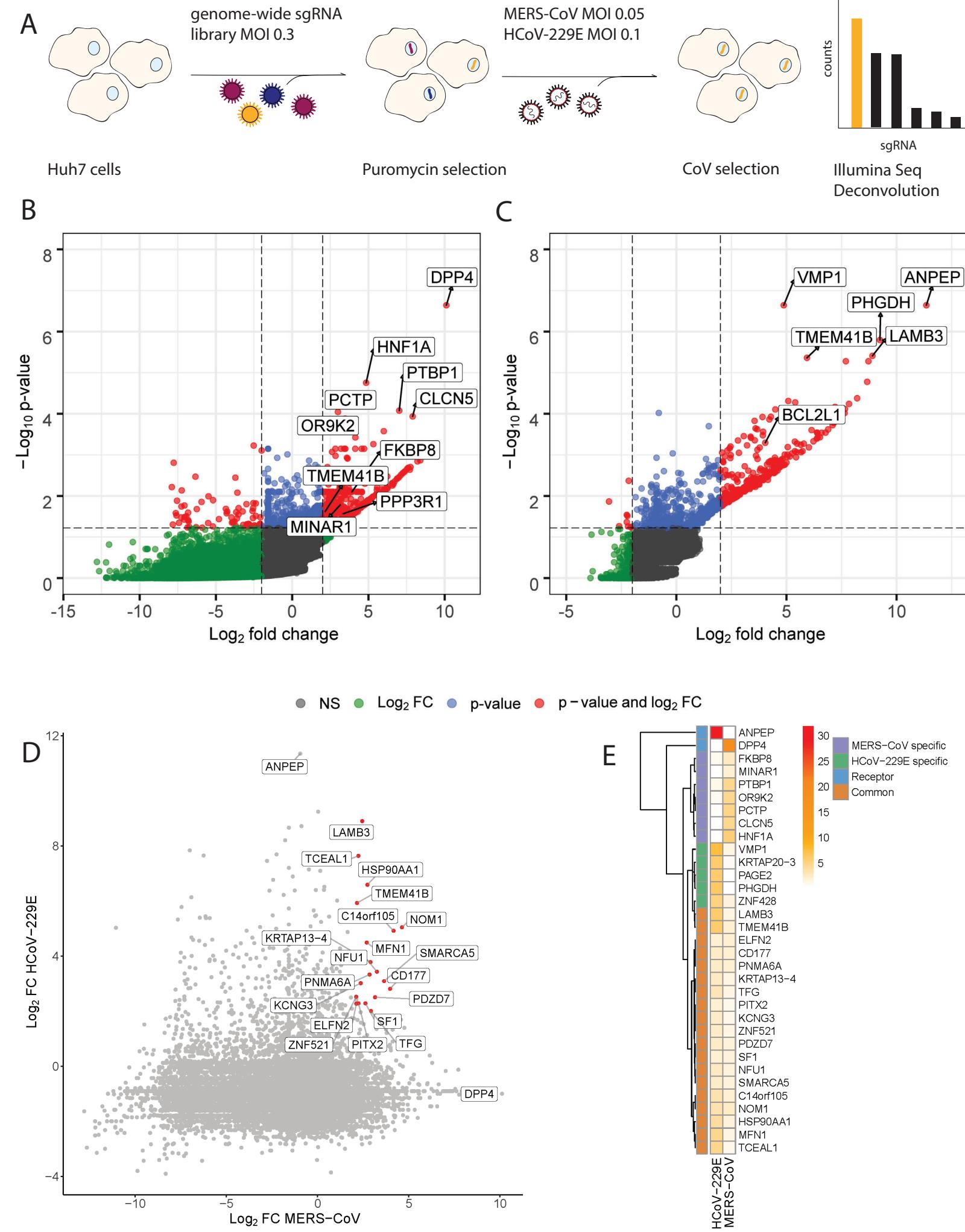
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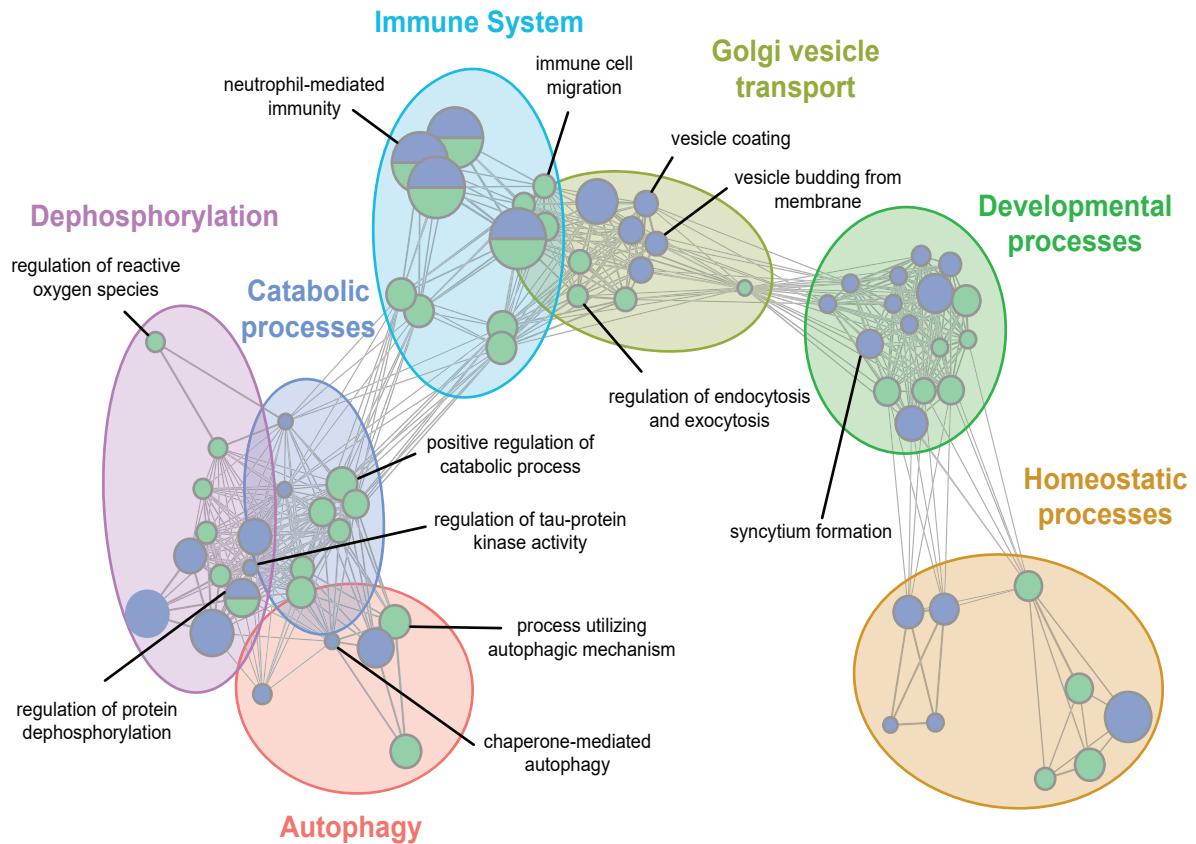
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# Figure 1



# Figure 2

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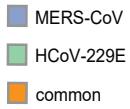
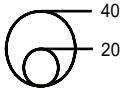
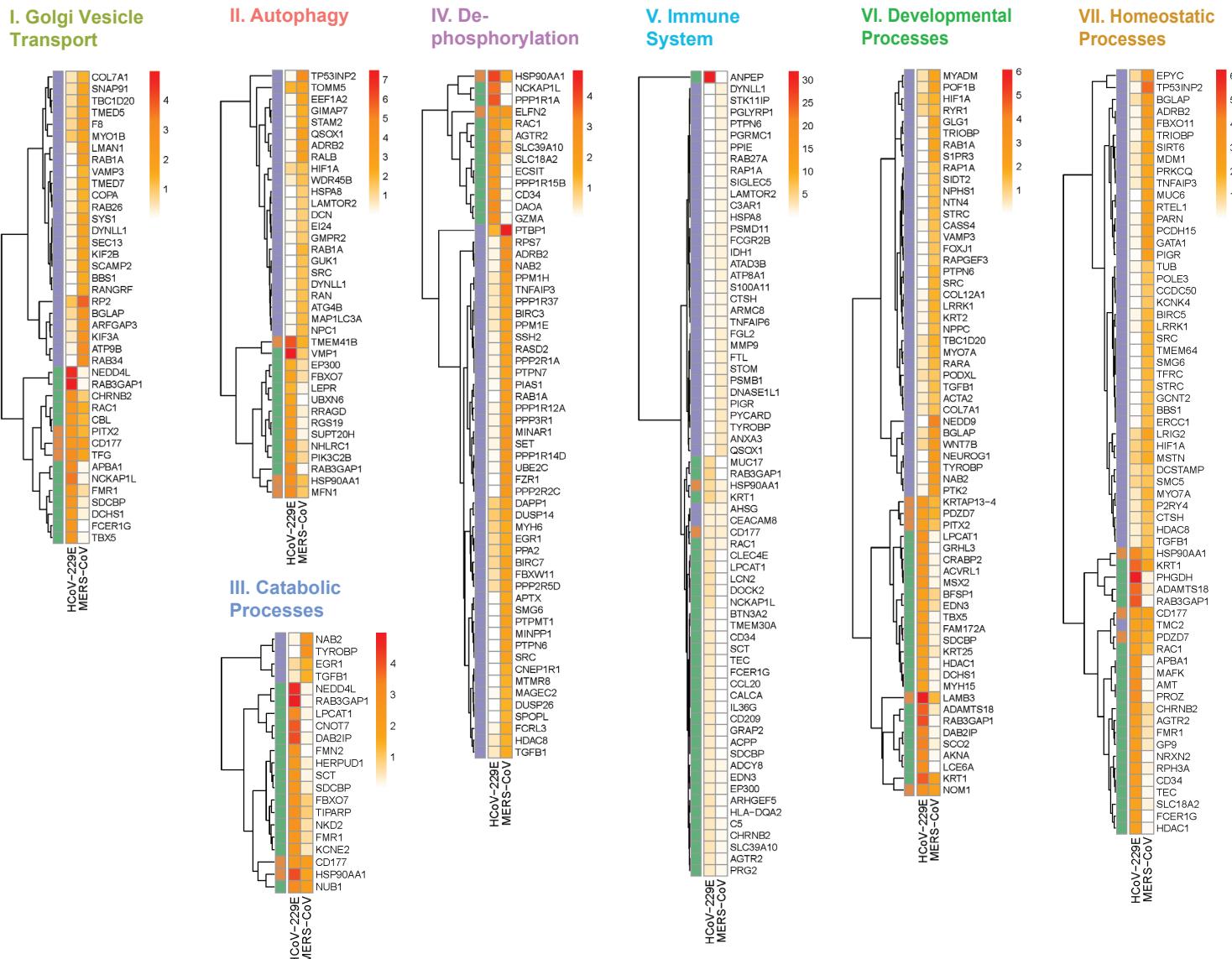


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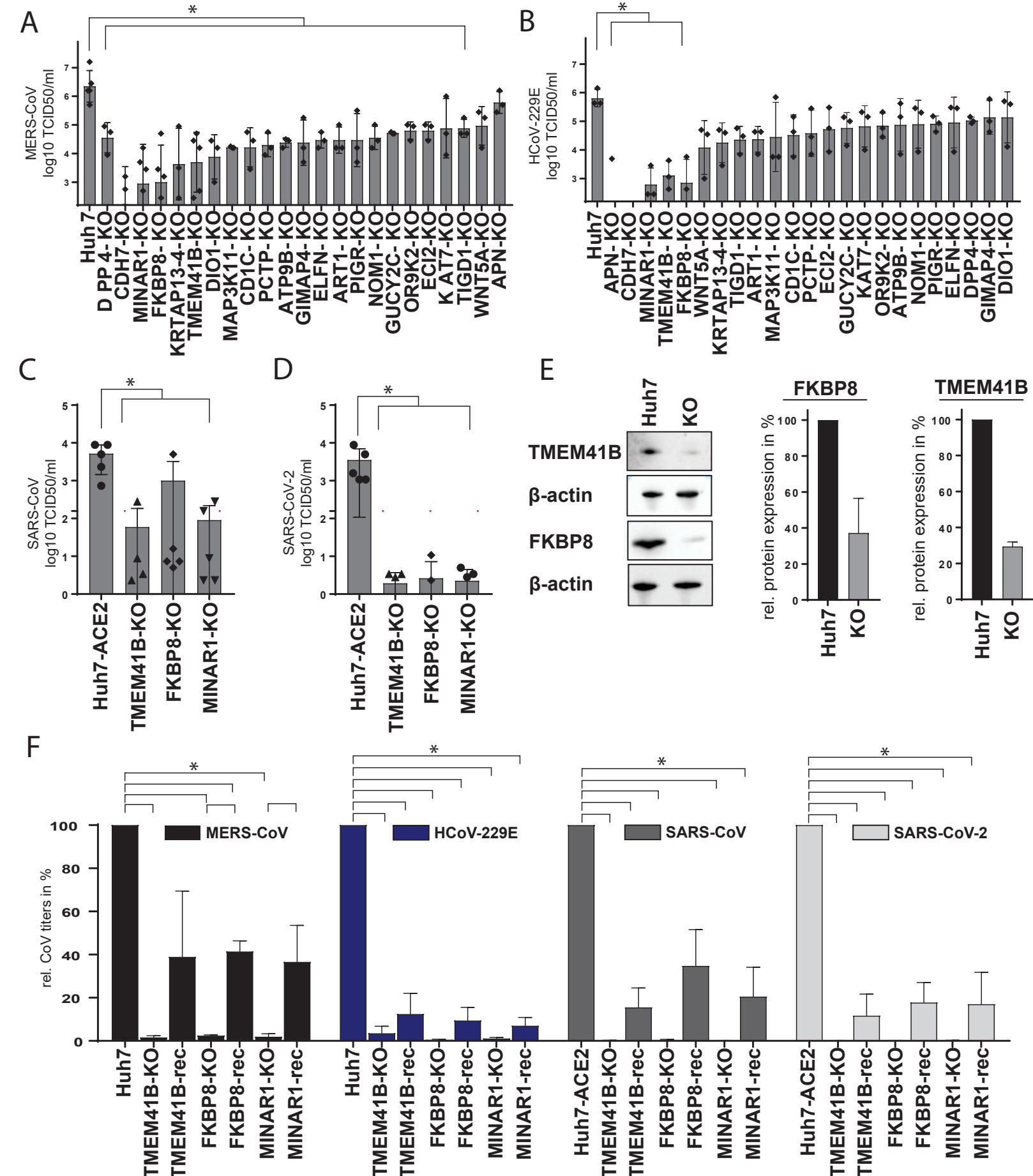


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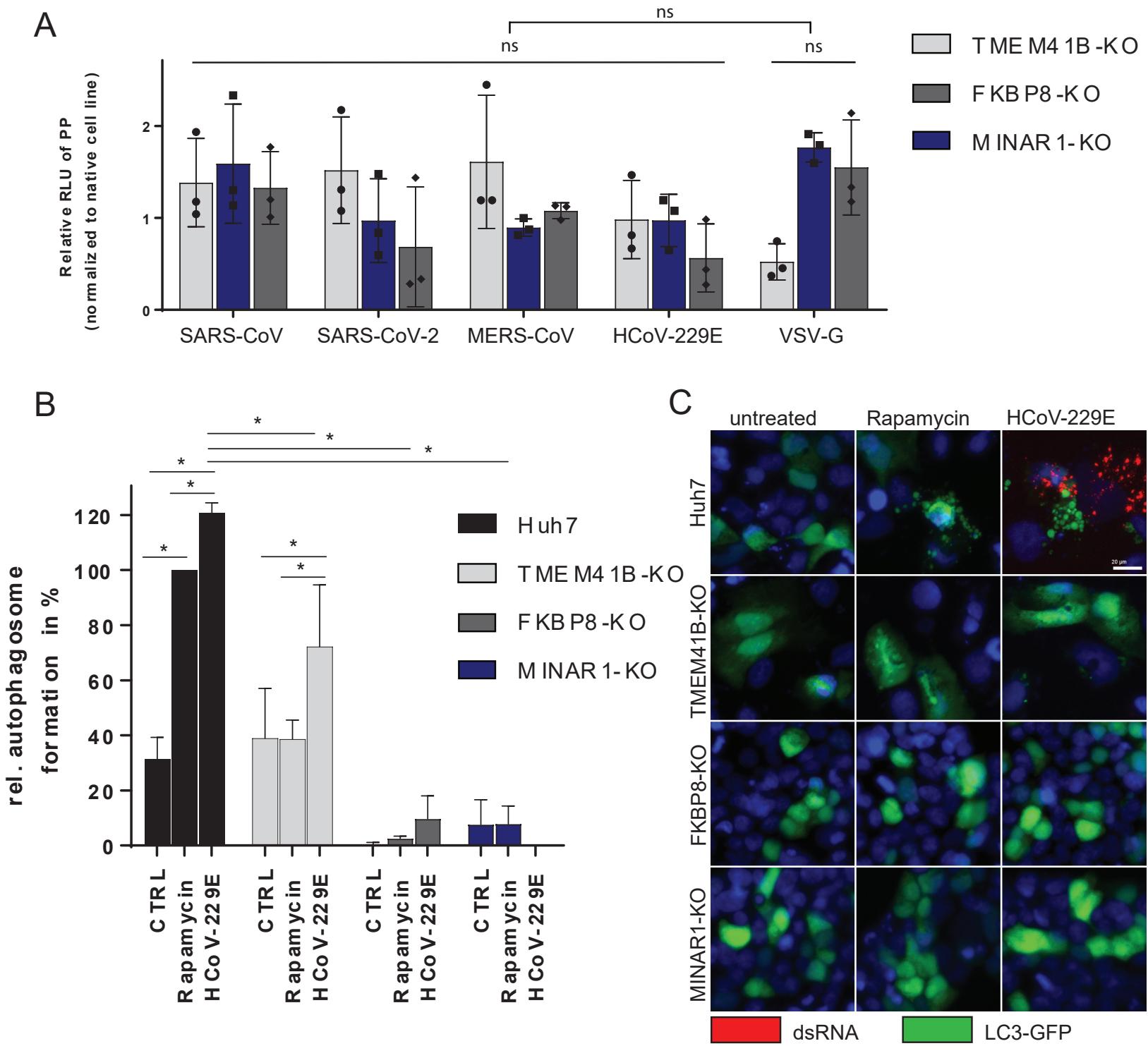


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