

1 **A genetically-encoded toolkit of functionalized nanobodies against fluorescent proteins**
2 **for visualizing and manipulating intracellular signalling**

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15 **Abbreviations**

16 BFP, blue fluorescent protein; $[Ca^{2+}]_c$, cytosolic free Ca^{2+} concentration; CALI,
17 chromophore-assisted light inactivation; CaM, calmodulin; CFP, cyan fluorescent protein;
18 ER, endoplasmic reticulum; FKBP, FK506-binding protein; FRB, FKBP-rapamycin-binding
19 domain; FP, fluorescent protein; GFP, green fluorescent protein; GNab, GFP-binding
20 nanobody; HBS, HEPES-buffered saline; IP₃R, inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate receptor;
21 LAMP1, lysosomal membrane protein 1; mCherry, monomeric Cherry; MCS, membrane
22 contact site; MHBS, modified HBS; MP, multimerizing protein; mRFP, monomeric red
23 fluorescent protein; OMM, outer mitochondrial membrane; PM, plasma membrane; RFP, red
24 fluorescent protein; RNab, RFP-binding nanobody; ROI, region of interest; SOCE, store-
25 operated Ca^{2+} entry; TIRFM, total internal reflection fluorescence microscopy; YFP, yellow
26 fluorescent protein.

27 **Abstract**

28 **Background:** Intrabodies enable targeting of proteins in live cells, but it remains a huge task
29 to generate specific intrabodies against the thousands of proteins in a proteome. We leverage
30 the widespread availability of fluorescently labelled proteins to visualize and manipulate
31 intracellular signalling pathways in live cells by using nanobodies targeting fluorescent
32 protein tags.

33 **Results:** We generated a toolkit of plasmids encoding nanobodies against red and green
34 fluorescent proteins (RFP and GFP variants), fused to functional modules. These include
35 fluorescent sensors for visualization of Ca^{2+} , H^+ and ATP/ADP dynamics; oligomerizing or
36 heterodimerizing modules that allow recruitment or sequestration of proteins and
37 identification of membrane contact sites between organelles; SNAP tags that allow labelling
38 with fluorescent dyes and targeted chromophore-assisted light inactivation; and nanobodies
39 targeted to luminal sub-compartments of the secretory pathway. We also developed two
40 methods for crosslinking tagged proteins: a dimeric nanobody, and RFP-targeting and GFP-
41 targeting nanobodies fused to complementary hetero-dimerizing domains. We show various
42 applications of the toolkit and demonstrate, for example, that IP_3 receptors deliver Ca^{2+} to the
43 outer membrane of only a subset of mitochondria, and that only one or two sites on a
44 mitochondrion form membrane contacts with the plasma membrane.

45 **Conclusions:** This toolkit greatly expands the utility of intrabodies for studying cell
46 signalling in live cells.

47 **Background**

48 Visualizing the location of specific proteins within cells and manipulating their function is
49 crucial for understanding cell biology. Antibodies can define protein locations in fixed and
50 permeabilized cells, but antibodies are large protein complexes that are difficult to introduce
51 into live cells [1]. This limits their ability to interrogate the dynamics or affect the function of
52 proteins in live cells. Small protein-based binders, including nanobodies derived from the
53 variable region of the heavy chains (V_{HH}) of camelid antibodies, offer a promising alternative
54 [2]. Nanobodies can be encoded by plasmids and expressed in live cells. However, generating
55 nanobodies against thousands of protein variants is daunting, and even for single targets it
56 can be time-consuming, costly and not always successful. A solution to this bottleneck is
57 provided by fluorescently tagged proteins, which are widely used in cell biology [3, 4] after
58 heterologous expression of proteins or gene editing of endogenous proteins [5-7]. The most
59 common application of fluorescent protein (FP) tags is to visualize protein locations, but they
60 have additional potential as generic affinity tags to manipulate and visualize protein functions
61 in live cells. These opportunities are under-developed.

62 Green fluorescent protein (GFP) has undergone numerous cycles of optimization as a
63 reporter and non-perturbing tag [3, 8]. Most GFP-tagged proteins therefore retain their
64 endogenous localization and function [9]. Large libraries of plasmids encoding GFP-tagged
65 proteins are now available [10]. Proteome-scale expression of GFP-tagged proteins or
66 genome-scale tagging of gene products with GFP has been reported for *Drosophila* [11],
67 fungi [12-14], plants [15, 16] and bacteria [17].

68 Proteins tagged with red fluorescent proteins (RFPs) such as DsRed, mRFP and mCherry
69 (mCh) are also popular. Extensive optimization has made them attractive tags [3, 18], and
70 libraries of RFP-tagged proteins have been developed in mouse stem cells [19] and yeast
71 [14].

72 Nanobodies that bind to RFP [20, 21] or GFP [21, 22] are most commonly used in their
73 purified forms for immunoprecipitation and immunocytochemistry. However, they also offer
74 a generic means of targeting in live cells the huge variety of available tagged proteins and the
75 many emerging examples of endogenous proteins tagged with FPs by gene editing. GFP-
76 targeting nanobodies have been used for applications such as targeted proteosomal
77 degradation [23, 24] and relocation of proteins in cells [25], but these and other applications
78 are less developed for RFP-targeting nanobodies.

79 Here we develop a plasmid-encoded toolkit of nanobodies that bind common FP tags,
80 including RFPs, CFP, GFP and YFP, fused to functional modules for visualization and
81 manipulation of cell signalling (*Fig. 1*). We fused the nanobodies to a variety of functional
82 modules: fluorescent sensors for Ca^{2+} , H^+ and ATP/ADP; optimized SNAP tags for labelling
83 with bright and photostable dyes [26]; and hetero-dimerizing partners that allow inducible
84 recruitment or sequestration of proteins and visualization of membrane contact sites (MCS)
85 between organelles. We developed two methods to allow crosslinking of RFP-tagged and
86 GFP-tagged proteins: a dimeric nanobody, and co-expression of RFP-targeting and GFP-
87 targeting nanobodies fused to complementary hetero-dimerizing domains. We also describe
88 functionalized nanobodies directed to luminal sub-compartments of the secretory pathway.
89 We demonstrate the utility of nanobody fusions by visualizing local Ca^{2+} dynamics at the
90 surface of mitochondria, by manipulating the locations of proteins and organelles within
91 cells, by characterizing MCS between mitochondria and the plasma membrane (PM), and by
92 targeting luminal Ca^{2+} sensors to a sub-compartment of the endoplasmic reticulum (ER).

93 This versatile toolkit of genetically-encoded, functionalized nanobodies greatly expands
94 the utility of RFP- and GFP-targeting nanobodies. It will provide a valuable resource for
95 studying protein function and cell signalling in live cells. We illustrate some applications and
96 demonstrate, for example, that IP_3 receptors deliver Ca^{2+} to the outer membrane of only some

97 mitochondria and that MCS between mitochondria and the plasma membrane occur at only
98 one or two sites on each mitochondrion.

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100 **Results**

101 **Targeting RFP and GFP variants with genetically-encoded nanobody fusions in live** 102 **cells**

103 The RFP nanobody (RNab) and GFP nanobody (GNab) used are the previously described
104 llama variants LaM4 and LaG16, respectively [21]. They were chosen for their favourable
105 combinations of high affinity (K_d values of 0.18 nM and 0.69 nM, respectively) and ability to
106 bind a variety of RFP or GFP variants [21]. The latter attribute maximizes their potential for
107 targeting a wide variety of FPs [3, 4]. LaM4 binds both mCh and DsRed variants, but not
108 GFPs [21]. In addition to binding GFP, LaG16 binds cyan, blue and yellow FPs (CFP, BFP
109 and YFP), but not RFPs [21]. In contrast, the widely used VhhGFP4 nanobody binds GFP,
110 but not CFP [22].

111 In HeLa cells with organelles (ER, mitochondria, nucleus and lysosomes) labelled with
112 mCh or mRFP markers, expression of RNab-GFP (*Fig. 2A*) specifically identified the
113 labelled organelle (*Fig. 2B*). Similar results were obtained with GNab-mCh (*Fig. 2C*) and
114 organelles (ER, mitochondria and nucleus) labelled with GFP or mTurquoise (*Fig. 2D*).
115 These results demonstrate that plasmid-encoded RNab and GNab allow specific labelling of a
116 variety of RFP and GFP variants in live cells.

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118 **Targeting sensors to RFP and GFP**

119 The effects of intracellular messengers such as Ca^{2+} [27], H^+ [28] and ATP/ADP [29] can be
120 highly localized within cells. To enable visualization of these intracellular messengers in

121 microdomains around RFP-tagged and GFP-tagged proteins, we fused RNab and GNab to
122 fluorescent sensors for Ca^{2+} [30], H^+ [31, 32] or ATP/ADP [33].

123 RNab was fused to the green fluorescent Ca^{2+} sensor G-GECO1.2 (**Fig. 3**), and GNab was
124 fused to the red fluorescent Ca^{2+} sensors, R-GECO1.2 or LAR-GECO1.2 [30] (**Fig. 4**). The
125 affinities of these sensors for Ca^{2+} (K_D^{Ca} of 1.2 μM for G-GECO1.2 and R-GECO1.2, and 10
126 μM for LAR-GECO1.2) are low relative to global changes in the cytosolic free Ca^{2+}
127 concentration ($[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_c$) after receptor stimulation (typically ~ 300 nM) [34]. This facilitates
128 selective detection of the large, local rises in $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$ that are important for intracellular
129 signalling, at the contacts between active inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate receptors (IP_3Rs) and
130 mitochondria, for example [27]. To allow targeted measurement of relatively low resting
131 $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$ within cellular microdomains we also fused RNab to the ratiometric Ca^{2+} -sensor,
132 GEM-GECO1 ($K_D^{\text{Ca}} = 300$ nM) [30], to give RNab-GEMGECO1 (**Additional file 1: Fig. S1**).

133 In HeLa cells expressing TOM20-mCh or TOM20-GFP to identify the outer mitochondrial
134 membrane (OMM), the RNab- Ca^{2+} sensors (**Fig. 3** and **Additional file 1: Fig. S1**) and GNab-
135 Ca^{2+} sensors (**Fig. 4**) were targeted to the OMM. Both families of targeted sensor reported an
136 increase in $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$ after treatment with the Ca^{2+} ionophore, ionomycin (**Fig. 3**, **Fig. 4** and
137 **Additional file 1: Fig. S1**). This confirms the ability of the sensors to report $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$ changes
138 when targeted to the OMM microdomain.

139 In some cells, the targeted Nab- Ca^{2+} sensors revealed local changes in $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_c$ after
140 receptor stimulation with histamine, which stimulates IP_3 formation and Ca^{2+} release from the
141 ER in HeLa cells [34]. Imperfect targeting of the RNab-GGECO1.2 to the OMM allowed
142 Ca^{2+} signals at the surface of individual mitochondria to be distinguished from those in
143 nearby cytosol in some cells (**Fig. 3D-F** and **Additional file 2: Video 1**). In the example
144 shown, RNab-GGECO1.2 at both the OMM and nearby cytosol responded to the large, global
145 increases in $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$ evoked by ionomycin. However, cytosolic RNab-GGECO1.2 did not

146 respond to histamine, while the sensor at the OMM responded with repetitive spiking (**Fig.**
147 **3D-F** and **Additional file 2: Video 1**). The GNab-LARGECO1.2 sensor, which has the lowest
148 affinity for Ca^{2+} of the sensors used, revealed changes in $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_c$ at the surface of some
149 mitochondria, but not others in the same cell (**Fig. 4D-F**, **Fig. 4H** and **Additional file 3:**
150 **Video 2**). In the example shown, GNab-LARGECO1.2 at the OMM in all mitochondria
151 within the cell responded to the large, global increases in $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$ evoked by ionomycin.
152 However, in response to histamine mitochondria in the perinuclear region responded, but not
153 those in peripheral regions (**Fig. 4D-F**, **Fig. 4H** and **Additional file 3: Video 2**). Ca^{2+} uptake
154 by mitochondria affects many cellular responses, including mitochondrial metabolism, ATP
155 production and apoptosis [35], and Ca^{2+} at the cytosolic face of the OMM regulates
156 mitochondrial motility [36]. The subcellular heterogeneity of mitochondrial exposure to
157 increased $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$ suggests that these responses may be very localized in cells.

158 These observations align with previous reports showing that Ca^{2+} -mobilizing receptors
159 evoke both oscillatory $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$ changes within the mitochondrial matrix [37], and large local
160 increases in $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$ at the cytosolic face of the OMM [38]. Our results establish that
161 nanobody- Ca^{2+} -sensor fusions are functional and appropriately targeted, and can be used to
162 detect physiological changes in $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$ within cellular microdomains such as the OMM.

163 For targeted measurements of intracellular pH, RNab was fused to the green fluorescent
164 pH sensor super-ecliptic pHluorin (SEpHluorin) [31] and GNab was fused to the red
165 fluorescent pH sensor pHuji [32]. Both Nab-pH sensors were targeted to the OMM by the
166 appropriate fluorescent tags, where they responded to changes in intracellular pH imposed by
167 altering extracellular pH in the presence of the H^+/K^+ ionophore nigericin (**Fig. 5**).

168 For targeted measurements of ATP/ADP, RNab was fused to the excitation-ratiometric
169 ATP/ADP sensor Perceval-HR [33]. RNab-Perceval-HR was targeted to the surface of

170 mitochondria and responded to inhibition of glycolysis and oxidative phosphorylation (*Fig.*
171 *6*).

172 The results demonstrate that nanobodies can be used to direct sensors for Ca^{2+} , H^+ or
173 ATP/ADP to specific subcellular compartments tagged with variants of RFP or GFP.

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175 **Targeting SNAPf tags to RFP and GFP in live cells**

176 SNAP, and related tags, are versatile because a range of SNAP substrates, including some
177 that are membrane-permeant, can be used to attach different fluorophores or cargoes to the
178 tag [39]. Purified GFP-targeting nanobodies fused to a SNAP tag have been used to label
179 fixed cells for optically demanding applications [40]. We extended this strategy to live cells
180 using RNab and GNab fused to the optimized SNAPf tag [41] (*Fig. 7A* and *B*). In cells
181 expressing the mitochondrial marker TOM20-mCh, RNab-SNAPf enabled labelling of
182 mitochondria with the cell-permeable substrate SNAP-Cell 647-SiR and imaging at far-red
183 wavelengths (*Fig. 7C*). In cells expressing lysosomal LAMP1-mCh and RNab-SNAPf,
184 SNAP-Cell 647-SiR instead labelled lysosomes (*Fig. 7D*), demonstrating that SNAP-Cell
185 647-SiR specifically labelled the organelles targeted by RNab-SNAPf. Similar targeting of
186 SNAP-Cell 647-SiR to mitochondria (*Fig. 7E*) and lysosomes (*Fig. 7F*) was achieved by
187 GNab-SNAPf co-expressed with the appropriate GFP-tagged organelle markers.

188 Chromophore-assisted light inactivation (CALI) can inactivate proteins or organelles by
189 exciting fluorophores attached to them that locally generate damaging reactive superoxide.
190 Historically, antibodies were used to direct a photosensitizer to its target, but fusion of
191 fluorescent proteins or SNAP tags to proteins of interest is now widely used [42]. RNab-
192 SNAPf and GNab-SNAPf make the SNAP strategy more broadly applicable to CALI
193 applications. We demonstrate this by targeting CALI to the outer surface of lysosomes. We
194 anticipated that CALI in this microdomain might, amongst other effects, disrupt the motility

195 of lysosomes, which depends on their association with molecular motors [43]. RNab-SNAPf
196 enabled labelling of lysosomes with the CALI probe fluorescein, using the cell-permeable
197 substrate, SNAP-Cell-fluorescein (**Fig. 8A and B**). Exposure to blue light then immobilized
198 the lysosomes (**Fig. 8C-F** and **Additional file 4: Video 3**), indicating a loss of motor-driven
199 motility. Control experiments demonstrated that labelling cytosolic SNAPf with SNAP-Cell-
200 fluorescein (**Additional file 1: Fig. S2A and S2B**) had significantly less effect on lysosomal
201 motility after exposure to blue light (**Fig. 8F** and **Additional file 1: Fig. S2C-E**). These
202 results demonstrate that nanobody-SNAPf fusions allow targeting of fluorescent dyes in live
203 cells, which can be used for re-colouring of tagged proteins or targeted CALI.

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205 **Sequestration of proteins tagged with RFP or GFP**

206 Fusion of GFP nanobodies to degrons allows proteasomal degradation of GFP-tagged
207 proteins [24], but the method is slow and cumbersome to reverse. An alternative strategy is to
208 sequester tagged proteins so they cannot fulfil their normal functions. We used two strategies
209 to achieve this: artificial clustering and recruitment to mitochondria.

210 We induced artificial clustering by fusing RNab or GNab to a multimerizing protein (MP)
211 comprising a dodecameric fragment of Ca^{2+} -calmodulin-dependent protein kinase II
212 (CaMKII) [44], with an intervening fluorescent protein (mRFP or mCerulean) for
213 visualization of the Nab fusion (**Fig. 9A and B**). RNab-mCerulean-MP caused clustering of
214 the ER transmembrane protein mCh-Sec61 β (**Fig. 9C and D**) and caused lysosomes tagged
215 with LAMP1-mCh to aggregate into abnormally large structures (**Fig. 9E and F**). GNab-
216 mRFP-MP had the same clustering effect on lysosomes labelled with LAMP1-GFP (**Fig. 9G**
217 and **H**) and caused clustering of GFP-tagged proteins in the cytosol (calmodulin, **Fig. 9I** and
218 **J**), nucleus and cytosol (p53, **Fig. 9K and L**) or ER membranes (IP₃R3, **Fig. 9M and N**).

219 For inducible sequestration, sometimes known as ‘knocksideways’ [45], we used two
220 approaches based on hetero-dimerizing modules, one chemical and one optical. First, we
221 adapted the original knocksideways method, where proteins tagged with FKBP (FK506-
222 binding protein) are recruited by rapamycin to proteins tagged with FRB (FKBP-rapamycin-
223 binding domain) on the OMM, and thereby sequestered. The method has hitherto relied on
224 individual proteins of interest being tagged with FKBP [45]. RNab-FKBP and GNab-FKBP
225 (**Fig. 10A** and **B**) extend the method to any protein tagged with RFP or GFP. For our
226 analyses, we expressed TOM70 (an OMM protein) linked to FRB through an intermediary
227 fluorescent protein (GFP or mCh, to allow optical identification of the fusion protein). RNab-
228 FKBP sequestered the ER transmembrane protein mCh-Sec61 β at the OMM (TOM70-GFP-
229 FRB) within seconds of adding rapamycin (**Additional file 5: Video 4**) and rapidly depleted
230 mCh-Sec61 β from the rest of the ER (**Fig. 10C-E**). After addition of rapamycin, GNab-
231 FKBP rapidly sequestered endogenous IP₃R1 tagged with GFP (GFP-IP₃R1) [7] (**Fig. 10F**
232 and **G**, and **Additional file 6: Video 5**) and cytosolic GFP-tagged calmodulin (**Fig. 10H** and
233 **Additional file 7: Video 6**) at mitochondria expressing TOM70-mCh-FRB. Rapamycin
234 caused no sequestration in the absence of the nanobody fusions (**Additional file 1: Fig. S3**).

235 To make sequestration reversible and optically activated, we adapted the light-oxygen-
236 voltage-sensing domain (LOV2)/Zdark (zdk1) system in which light induces dissociation of
237 LOV2-zdk1 hetero-dimers [46]. Because this system is operated by blue light at intensities
238 lower than required for imaging GFP [46], it is most suitable for use with red fluorescent
239 tags. RNab-zdk1 (**Fig. 11A**) sequestered cytosolic mCh on the OMM in cells expressing
240 TOM20-LOV2, and blue laser light rapidly and reversibly redistributed mCh to the cytosol
241 (**Fig. 11B** and **C**).

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244 **Inducible recruitment of tagged proteins to membrane contact sites**

245 The ability of Nab-FKBP fusions to recruit membrane proteins to FRB-tagged targets
246 suggested an additional application: revealing contact sites between membrane-bound
247 organelles. ER-mitochondrial membrane contact sites (MCS) have been much studied [47],
248 but contacts between the PM and mitochondria, which are less extensive [48], have received
249 less attention. In HeLa cells co-expressing the PM β_2 -adrenoceptor tagged with mCh (β_2 AR-
250 mCh), TOM20-GFP-FRB and RNab-FKBP, rapamycin caused rapid recruitment of β_2 AR-
251 mCh within the PM to mitochondria at discrete puncta that grew larger with time (**Fig. 12A-E**
252 and **Additional file 8: Video 7**). Recruitment was not seen in the absence of co-expressed
253 RNab-FKBP (**Fig. 12F**). Rapamycin also triggered similar punctate accumulation of β_2 AR at
254 mitochondria in COS-7 cells expressing β_2 AR-GFP, TOM20-mCh-FRB and GNab-FKBP
255 (**Additional file 1: Fig. S4**). In similar analyses of ER-mitochondria and PM-mitochondria
256 MCS, the initial punctate colocalization of proteins was shown to report native MCS, which
257 grew larger with time as rapamycin zipped the proteins together [48]. Our results are
258 consistent with that interpretation. In most cases, β_2 AR were recruited to only one or two
259 discrete sites on each mitochondrion, which expanded during prolonged incubation with
260 rapamycin, but without the appearance of new sites (**Fig. 12D and E**, and **Additional file 1:**
261 **Fig. S4**). Rapamycin had no evident effect on recruiting new mitochondria to the PM, but it
262 did cause accumulation of tagged TOM70 at MCS and depletion of TOM70 from the rest of
263 each mitochondrion, indicating mobility of TOM70 within the OMM (**Additional file 1: Fig.**
264 **S4**). Our results suggest that inducible cross-linking using RNab-FKBP or GNab-FKBP
265 identifies native MCS between mitochondria and PM, with each mitochondrion forming only
266 one or two MCS with the PM. We have not explored the functional consequences of these
267 restricted MCS, but we speculate that they may identify sites where proteins involved in
268 communication between the PM and mitochondria are concentrated, facilitating, for example,

269 phospholipid transfer [49], the generation of ATP microdomains [50], or Ca^{2+} exchanges
270 between mitochondria and store-operated Ca^{2+} entry (SOCE) [51] or PM Ca^{2+} -ATPases [52].

271 We next tested whether PM proteins could be recruited to the MCS between ER-PM that
272 are important for SOCE and lipid transfer [53]. In response to rapamycin, mCh-Orai1, the
273 PM Ca^{2+} channel that mediates SOCE [54], was recruited by RNab-FKBP to ER-PM MCS
274 labelled with the marker GFP-MAPPER-FRB [55] (*Fig. 13A and B*). Recruitment was not
275 observed in the absence of RNab-FKBP (*Fig. 13C*). We conclude that the method identifies
276 native ER-PM MCS during the initial phase of Nab recruitment, and the Nab subsequently
277 exaggerates these MCS.

278 One of the least explored MCS is that between lysosomes and mitochondria [56]. Recent
279 evidence shows that these MCS control the morphology of both organelles [57] and probably
280 mediate exchange of cholesterol and other metabolites between them [58]. We assessed
281 whether the nanobody fusions could be used to inducibly recruit lysosomes to mitochondria.
282 GNab-FKBP enabled recruitment of lysosomes labelled with LAMP1-GFP to mitochondria
283 labelled with TOM20-mCh-FRB, in response to rapamycin (*Fig. 14A-C*). Lysosomes were
284 not recruited to mitochondria in the absence of GNab-FKBP (*Fig. 14D*).

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286 **Cross-linking RFP-tagged and GFP-tagged proteins**

287 We generated a dimeric nanobody (GNab-RNab) that binds simultaneously to GFP and RFP
288 (*Fig. 15A*), and demonstrated its utility by crosslinking a variety of GFP-tagged and RFP-
289 tagged proteins. Cytosolic GFP, normally diffusely distributed in the cytosol (data not
290 shown), was recruited to nuclei by H2B-mCh (*Fig. 15B*) or to mitochondria by TOM20-mCh
291 (*Fig. 15C*). In the presence of GNab-RNab, mCh-Orai1 and endogenously tagged GFP-
292 $\text{IP}_3\text{R1}$ formed large co-clusters (*Fig 15D*) that differed markedly from the distributions of
293 GFP- $\text{IP}_3\text{R1}$ (*Fig. 10F*) and mCh-Orai1 (*Fig 13*) in the absence of crosslinking. Consistent

294 with earlier results (**Fig. 12** and **Additional file 1: Fig. S4**), β_2 AR-mCh, which is normally
295 diffusely distributed in the PM, formed mitochondria-associated puncta when crosslinked to
296 mitochondria expressing TOM20-GFP (**Fig. 15E**). Whole organelles could also be
297 crosslinked. Co-expression of LAMP1-GFP and LAMP1-mCh labelled small, mobile
298 lysosomes in control cells (**Fig. 15F**), while additional co-expression of GNab-RNab caused
299 accumulation of lysosomes into large clusters (**Fig. 15G**).

300 This crosslinking of GFP and RFP was made rapidly inducible with an RNab-FRB fusion
301 that hetero-dimerizes with GNab-FKBP in the presence of rapamycin (**Fig. 16A**). Co-
302 expression of GNab-FKBP with RNab-FRB in cells co-expressing TOM20-GFP and mCh-
303 Sec61 β led to rapid colocalization of GFP and mCh after addition of rapamycin (**Fig. 16B**
304 and **C**, and **Additional file 9: Video 8**). Similar results were obtained with RNab-FKBP and
305 GNab-FRB (**Additional file 1: Fig. S5**). We conclude that GNab-FKBP and RNab-FRB
306 provide a rapidly inducible system for crosslinking any GFP-tagged protein to any RFP-
307 tagged protein.

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309 **Targeting secretory compartments with luminal nanobodies**

310 GNab and RNab were directed to the lumen of the secretory pathway by addition of an N-
311 terminal signal sequence, giving ssGNab and ssRNab. Targeting of ssGNab-mCh to the
312 Golgi, ER network, or ER-PM MCS was achieved by co-expression of organelle markers with
313 luminal FP tags (**Fig. 17A and B**). In each case, there was significant colocalization of green
314 and red proteins. Similar targeting of ssRNab-GFP to the ER network or ER-PM MCS was
315 achieved by co-expression with mCh-tagged luminal markers of these organelles (**Fig. 17C**
316 and **D**). These results demonstrate that ssGNab and ssRNab fusions can be directed to the
317 lumen of specific compartments of the secretory pathway.

318 Fluorescent Ca²⁺ sensors targeted to the lumen of the entire ER [59, 60] are widely used
319 and have considerably advanced our understanding of Ca²⁺ signalling [61, 62]. Fluorescent
320 Ca²⁺ sensors targeted to ER sub-compartments and the secretory pathway have received less
321 attention but have, for example, been described for the Golgi [63, 64]. Our nanobody
322 methods suggest a generic approach for selective targeting of luminal Ca²⁺ indicators. Fusion
323 of ssRNab to GCEPIA1 or GEM-CEPIA [60] provided ssRNab-GCEPIA1 and ssRNab-
324 GEMCEPIA (*Fig. 18A*). These fusions were targeted to the luminal aspect of ER-PM
325 junctions by co-expression with mCh-MAPPER [7] (*Fig. 18C and D*). Fusion of ssGNab to
326 the low-affinity Ca²⁺ sensors LAR-GECO1 [59] or RCEPIA1 [60] provided ssGNab-
327 LARGECO1 and ssGNab-RCEPIA1 (*Fig. 18B*). These fusions allowed targeting to ER-PM
328 junctions labelled with GFP-MAPPER (*Fig. 18E and F*). The targeted Ca²⁺ sensors
329 responded appropriately to emptying of intracellular Ca²⁺ stores by addition of ionomycin in
330 Ca²⁺-free medium (*Fig. 18G-K*). These results confirm that Ca²⁺ sensors targeted to a
331 physiologically important ER sub-compartment, the ER-PM junctions where SOCE occurs,
332 report changes in luminal [Ca²⁺]. Our results demonstrate that nanobody fusions can be
333 targeted to luminal sub-compartments of the secretory pathway and they can report [Ca²⁺]
334 within physiologically important components of the ER.

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336 **Discussion**

337 The spatial organization of the cell interior influences all cellular activities and it is a
338 recurrent theme in intracellular signalling [65, 66]. Hence, tools that can visualize and
339 manipulate the spatial organization of intracellular components are likely to find widespread
340 application. We introduce a toolkit of plasmids encoding functionalized nanobodies against
341 common FP tags, including CFP, GFP, YFP and RFPs (*Fig. 1*). Use of this toolkit is
342 supported by genome-wide collections of plasmids, cells and organisms expressing proteins

343 tagged with GFP and RFP [10-17, 19], and by facile methods for heterologous expression of
344 tagged proteins or editing of endogenous genes to encode FP tags [5, 6]. The functionalized
345 nanobodies provide new approaches to studying intracellular signalling in live cells.

346 Our toolkit expands the repertoire of functionalized RFP-binding nanobodies, which are
347 less developed than their GFP-binding counterparts [67]. The RNab fusions provide new
348 opportunities to use RFP, which often has advantages over GFP. For example, RFP is
349 spectrally independent from blue-green sensors, which are usually superior to their red
350 counterparts [30, 32]; from the CALI probe, fluorescein; and from optogenetic modules,
351 which are often operated by blue-green light [68].

352 Nanobody-sensor fusions allow targeting of sensors to specific proteins and organelles
353 (*Figs. 2-6*), and will aid visualization of signalling within cellular microdomains. Fusion of
354 nanobodies to the Ca^{2+} sensors G-GECO1.2, R-GECO1.2 and LAR-GECO1.2 [30] (*Figs. 3*
355 and *4*), which have relatively low affinities for Ca^{2+} (K_D values of 1.2 μM , 1.2 μM and 10
356 μM , respectively), should facilitate selective detection of the relatively large, local rises in
357 $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_c$ that are important for cell signalling [27]. The GEM-GECO Ca^{2+} sensor [30], H^+
358 sensors [31, 32] and ATP/ADP sensors [33] used for nanobody fusions are poised to detect
359 fluctuations of their ligands around resting concentrations in the cell (*Figs. 4-6*).

360 Relative to direct fusions of sensors to proteins of interest, nanobody-sensor fusions have
361 several advantages. Firstly, the generic nanobody toolkit (*Fig. 1*) can be combined with
362 collections of FP-tagged proteins to provide many combinations; each would otherwise
363 require expression of a unique construct. Secondly, each sensor is attached to the same entity
364 (nanobody), which binds to the same partner (FP). Since the biophysical and biochemical
365 properties of sensors may be influenced by their fusion partners, this provides greater
366 confidence that sensors dispatched to different locations will respond similarly to their
367 analyte.

368 Nanobodies allow re-colouring of FPs. Nanobody-SNAPf fusions, for example, can be
369 used to attach fluorescent dyes, including CALI probes and far-red fluorophores, to FP tags
370 (*Figs. 7 and 8*). Longer excitation wavelengths cause less phototoxicity and allow greater
371 penetration through tissue, which may be useful in studies of transgenic organisms and
372 tissues. We also envisage live-cell applications in pulse-chase analyses and using super-
373 resolution microscopy, Förster resonance energy transfer (FRET) and fluorescence lifetime
374 imaging.

375 Membrane-permeant forms of the SNAP ligand, O⁶-benzylguanine, are available
376 conjugated to conventional Ca²⁺ indicators (Fura-2FF, Indo-1 and BOCA-1), which are
377 brighter than genetically-encoded indicators [69-71]; to derivatives of the two-photon
378 fluorophore naphthalimide [72]; to the hydrogen peroxide sensor
379 nitrobenzoylcarbonylfluorescein [73]; and to reversible chemical dimerizers [74, 75].
380 Nanobody-SNAPf fusions will allow facile targeting of these modules to any protein or
381 organelle tagged with RFP or GFP.

382 Cross-linking methods have many applications in cell biology, including stabilizing
383 protein interactions (eg, for pull-downs), identifying and manipulating MCS, enforcing
384 protein interactions (eg, receptor dimerization), redirecting proteins to different subcellular
385 locations (eg, knocksideways) and many more. Functionalized nanobodies provide many
386 additional opportunities to regulate protein associations. The nanobody-FKBP/FRB fusions,
387 for example, allow rapid rapamycin-mediated crosslinking of any pair of proteins tagged with
388 GFP/RFP, or tagged with either FP and any of the many proteins already tagged with FKBP
389 or FRB [76] (*Figs. 10 and 12-16*). Nanobody-FKBP fusions may allow crosslinking to
390 SNAP-tagged proteins [75], and the nanobody-SNAPf fusions to HaloTag-tagged proteins
391 [74] and FKBP-tagged proteins [75]. RNab-zdk1 fusions allow photo-inducible crosslinking
392 of RFP-tagged proteins to LOV-tagged proteins [46] (*Fig. 11*). Nanobodies that crosslink

393 GFP-tagged proteins to RFP-tagged proteins (GNab-RNab; and the GNab-FKBP/RNab-FRB
394 and GNab-FRB/RNab-FKBP pairings) may have the most applications, as they can take
395 fullest advantage of the numerous combinations of existing RFP and GFP-tagged proteins
396 (*Figs. 15 and 16*).

397 Functionalized nanobodies directed to luminal compartments of the secretory pathway
398 would provide useful tools, but they are under-developed. Their potential is shown by
399 nanobodies retained within the ER, which restrict onward trafficking of target proteins and
400 inhibit their function [77]. We show that functionalized nanobodies, including nanobody-Ca²⁺
401 sensors, can be directed to sub-compartments of the secretory pathway (*Figs. 17 and 18*).
402 Luminal Ca²⁺ provides a reservoir within the ER, Golgi and lysosomes that can be released
403 by physiological stimuli to generate cytosolic Ca²⁺ signals [78, 79]. Compartmentalization of
404 Ca²⁺ stores within the ER [63] and Golgi [79] adds to the complexity of luminal Ca²⁺
405 distribution in cells. Furthermore, luminal Ca²⁺ itself regulates diverse aspects of cell
406 biology, including SOCE [54], sorting of cargo in the Golgi [80], binding of ERGIC-53 to
407 cargoes within the ER-Golgi intermediate compartment (ERGIC) [81], and exocytosis of
408 neurotransmitters by secretory vesicles [82, 83]. Hence, there is a need for tools that can
409 effectively report luminal [Ca²⁺] within this complex luminal environment. The luminal
410 nanobody-Ca²⁺ sensors detected changes in luminal [Ca²⁺] at the ER-PM MCS where SOCE
411 occurs (*Fig. 18*).

412 In addition to nanobodies, other protein-based binders, including single-domain
413 antibodies, designed ankyrin-repeat proteins (DARPINs), affimers, anticalins, affibodies and
414 monobodies have been developed to recognise many important intracellular proteins [2, 84-
415 86]. These binding proteins can be easily transplanted into the fusion scaffolds described to
416 maximize their exploitation.

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418 **Conclusions**

419 We present a toolkit of plasmids encoding functionalized nanobodies directed against
420 common fluorescent protein tags, which will allow a wide range of applications and new
421 approaches to studying intracellular signalling in live cells. We illustrate some applications
422 and demonstrate, for example, that IP₃ receptors deliver Ca²⁺ to the OMM of only some
423 mitochondria, and that MCS between mitochondria and the plasma membrane occur at only
424 one or two sites on each mitochondrion.

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426 **Materials and Methods**

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428 **Materials**

429 Human fibronectin was from Merck Millipore. Ionomycin was from Apollo Scientific
430 (Stockport, UK). Rapamycin was from Cambridge Bioscience (Cambridge, UK). SNAP
431 substrates were from New England Biolabs (Hitchin, UK). Other reagents, including
432 histamine and nigericin, were from Sigma-Aldrich.

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434 **Plasmids**

435 Sources of plasmids encoding the following proteins were: mCherry-C1 (Clontech
436 #632524); GFP-ERcyt, mCherry-ERcyt and mTurquoise2-ERcyt (GFP, mCherry or
437 mTurquoise2 targeted to the cytosolic side of the ER membrane via the ER-targeting
438 sequence of the yeast UBC6 protein) [87]; mCherry-ERlumen (Addgene #55041, provided
439 by Michael Davidson); LAMP1-mCherry [88]; TPC2-mRFP [89]; TOM20-mCherry
440 (Addgene #55146, provided by Michael Davidson); CIB1-mRFP-MP (Addgene #58367)
441 [44]; CIB1-mCerulean-MP (Addgene #58366) [44]; H2B-GFP (Addgene #11680) [90];
442 TOM20-LOV2 (Addgene #81009) [46]; mCherry-Sec61β [91]; GFP-MAPPER [55]; GFP-

443 CaM (Addgene #47602, provided by Emanuel Strehler); TOM70-mCherry-FRB (pMito-
444 mCherry-FRB, Addgene #59352) [92]; pmTurquoise2-Golgi (Addgene #36205) [93];
445 pTriEx-mCherry-zdk1 (Addgene #81057) [46]; pTriEx-NTOM20-LOV2 (Addgene
446 #81009) [46]; β_2 AR-mCFP (Addgene #38260) [94]; pCMV-G-CEPIA1er (Addgene
447 #58215) [60]; pCMV-R-CEPIA1er (Addgene #58216) [60]; pCIS-GEM-CEPIA1er
448 (Addgene #58217) [60]; CMV-ER-LAR-GECO1 and CMV-mito-LAR-GECO1.2 [59];
449 mCherry-MAPPER and mCherry-Orai1 [7].

450 H2B-mCh was made by transferring H2B from H2B-GFP to pmCherry-N1 (Clontech)
451 using *KpnI/BamHI*. LAMP1-GFP was made by transferring LAMP1 from LAMP1-
452 mCherry into pEGFP-N1 (Clontech) using *EcoRI/BamHI*. β_2 AR-mCherry was made by
453 transferring β_2 AR from β_2 AR-mCFP to pmCherry-N1 (Clontech) using *NheI/XhoI*. β_2 AR-
454 GFP was made by transferring GFP from pEGFP-N1 (Clontech) into β_2 AR-mCherry using
455 *XhoI/NotI*. The mCherry-Golgi plasmid was made by transferring mCherry from
456 pmCherry-N1 into pEYFP-Golgi (Clontech) using *AgeI/NotI*. GFP-Golgi was made by
457 transferring GFP from pEGFP-N1 (Clontech) into Golgi-mCherry using *AgeI/NotI*.
458 TOM20-GFP was made by transferring EGFP from pEGFP-N1 into TOM20-mCherry
459 using *BamHI/NotI*. TOM70-GFP-FRB was made by insertion of EGFP from pEGFP-N1 into
460 TOM70-mCh-FRB using *AgeI/BsrGI*. SNAPf-pcDNA3.1(+) was made by transferring
461 SNAPf from pSNAPf (New England Biolabs) to pcDNA3.1 (+) using *NheI/NotI*.

462 DNA constructs encoding GNab and RNab were synthesized as DNA Strings
463 (ThermoFisher) and introduced by Gibson assembly (Gibson Assembly Master Mix, New
464 England Biolabs) into pcDNA3.1(+) digested with *BamHI/EcoRI*. Sequences encoding
465 GNab and RNab are shown in **Additional file 1: Fig. S6**. Plasmids encoding nanobody
466 fusion constructs (**Fig. 1**) were constructed from the GNab and RNab plasmids using PCR,

467 restriction digestion and ligation, or synthetic DNA Strings and Gibson assembly, and
468 their sequences were confirmed.

469 RNab-mCerulean-MP was made by PCR of RNab using forward
470 (ATGCTAGCAAGCTTGCCACCATGGCTC) and reverse
471 (ATACCGGTGAGGATCCAGAGCCTCCGC) primers, followed by insertion into CIB1-
472 mCerulean-MP using *NheI/AgeI*. GNab-mRFP-MP was made by PCR of GNab-FKBP with
473 forward (TAGCTAGCGCCACCATGGCTCAGGTG) and reverse
474 (CGACCGGTACGGACACGGTCACTTGGG) primers, and insertion into CIB1-mRFP1-
475 MP using *NheI/AgeI*. RNab-mCerulean-MP was made by PCR of RNab-pcDNA3.1 (+) using
476 forward (ATGCTAGCAAGCTTGCCACCATGGCTC) and reverse
477 (GCGGAGGCTCTGGATCCTCACCGGTAT) primers, followed by transfer into CIB1-
478 mCerulean-MP using *NheI/AgeI*. GNab-SNAPf and RNab-SNAPf were made by PCR of
479 GNab-pcDNA3.1(+) and RNab-pcDNA3.1(+) using forward
480 (CAGCTAGCTTGGTACCGAGCTCAAGCTTGC) and reverse
481 (ATGAATTCAGATCCCCCTCCGCCAC) primers, followed by insertion into SNAPf-
482 pcDNA3.1 (+) using *NheI/EcoRI*.

483 ss-GNab-mCherry was made by inserting mCherry from GNab-mCherry into ss-GNab-
484 FKBP using *BamHI/NotI*. ss-RNab-GFP was made by inserting GFP from RNab-GFP into
485 ss-RNab-pcDNA3.1(+) using *BamHI/NotI*. ss-GNab-RCEPIA was made by transferring
486 RCEPIA from pCMV-R-CEPIA1er to ss-RNab-pcDNA3.1(+) using *BamHI/NotI*. ss-RNab-
487 GCEPIA was made by transferring GCEPIA from pCMV-G-CEPIA1er to ss-RNab-
488 pcDNA3.1(+) using *BamHI/NotI*. ss-RNab-GEMCEPIA was made by transferring GEM-
489 CEPIA from pCIS-GEM-CEPIA1er to ss-RNab-pcDNA3.1(+) using *BamHI/NotI*.

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492 **Cell culture and transient transfection**

493 HeLa and COS-7 cells (American Type Culture Collection) were cultured in Dulbecco's
494 modified Eagle's medium/F-12 with GlutaMAX (ThermoFisher) supplemented with foetal
495 bovine serum (FBS, 10%, Sigma). Cells were maintained at 37°C in humidified air with
496 5% CO₂, and passaged every 3-4 days using Gibco TrypLE Express (ThermoFisher). For
497 imaging, cells were grown on 35-mm glass-bottomed dishes (#P35G-1.0-14-C, MatTek)
498 coated with human fibronectin (10 µg ml⁻¹). Cells were transfected, according to the
499 manufacturer's instructions, using TransIT-LT1 (GeneFlow) (1 µg DNA per 2.5 µl
500 reagent). Short tandem repeat profiling (Eurofins, Germany) was used to authenticate the
501 identity of HeLa cells [7]. Screening confirmed that all cells were free of mycoplasma
502 infection.

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504 **Fluorescence microscopy and analysis**

505 Cells were washed prior to imaging at 20°C in HEPES-buffered saline (HBS: NaCl 135
506 mM, KCl 5.9 mM, MgCl₂ 1.2 mM, CaCl₂ 1.5 mM, HEPES 11.6 mM, D-glucose 11.5 mM,
507 pH 7.3). Ca²⁺-free HBS lacked CaCl₂ and contained EGTA (1 mM). For manipulations of
508 intracellular pH, cells were imaged in modified HBS (MHBS: KCl 140 mM, MgCl₂ 1.2
509 mM, CaCl₂ 1.5 mM, HEPES 11.6 mM, D-glucose 11.5 mM, pH 7.2). The H⁺/K⁺ ionophore
510 nigericin (10 µM) was added 5 min before imaging to equilibrate intracellular and
511 extracellular pH, and the extracellular pH was then varied during imaging by exchanging
512 the MHBS (pH 6.5 or pH 8).

513 Fluorescence microscopy was performed at 20°C as described previously [7] using an
514 inverted Olympus IX83 microscope equipped with a 100× oil-immersion TIRF objective
515 (numerical aperture, NA 1.49), a multi-line laser bank (425, 488, 561 and 647 nm) and an
516 iLas2 targeted laser illumination system (Cairn, Faversham, Kent, UK). Excitation light

517 was transmitted through either a quad dichroic beam splitter (TRF89902-QUAD) or a
518 dichroic mirror (for 425 nm; ZT442rdc-UF2) (Chroma). Emitted light was passed through
519 appropriate filters (Cairn Optospin; peak/bandwidth: 480/40, 525/50, 630/75 and
520 700/75 nm) and detected with an iXon Ultra 897 electron multiplied charge-coupled device
521 (EMCCD) camera (512 × 512 pixels, Andor). For TIRFM, the penetration depth was
522 100 nm. The iLas2 illumination system was used for TIRFM and wide-field imaging. For
523 experiments with RNab-PercevalHR, a 150× oil-immersion TIRF objective (NA 1.45) and
524 a Prime 95B Scientific metal-oxide-semiconductor (CMOS) camera (512 × 512 pixels,
525 Photometrics) were used.

526 For CALI and LOV2/zdk1 experiments, the 488-nm laser in the upright position
527 delivered an output at the objective of 2.45 mW (PM100A power meter, Thor Labs,
528 Newton, NJ, USA). For CALI, a single flash of 488-nm laser illumination (3-s duration)
529 was applied, with 10-ms exposures to 488-nm laser immediately before and after the CALI
530 flash to allow imaging of SNAP-Cell-fluorescein (i.e. 3.02 s total CALI flash). For
531 LOV2/zdk1 experiments, repeated flashes of 488-nm light (1-s duration each) were used at
532 2-s intervals to allow imaging with 561-nm laser illumination during the intervening
533 periods.

534 Before analysis, all fluorescence images were corrected for background by subtraction
535 of fluorescence detected from a region outside the cell. Image capture and processing used
536 MetaMorph Microscopy Automation and Image Analysis Software (Molecular Devices)
537 and Fiji [95]. Particle tracking used the TrackMate ImageJ plugin [96], with an estimated
538 blob diameter of 17 pixels and a threshold of 5 pixels. Co-localization analysis used the
539 JACoP ImageJ plugin [97]. Pearson's correlation coefficient (r) was used to quantify
540 colocalization. We report r values only when the Costes' randomization-based colocalization
541 value (P-value = 100 after 100 iterations) confirmed the significance of the original

542 colocalization. Where example images are shown, they are representative of at least three
543 independent experiments (individual plates of cells from different transfections and days).

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545 **Statistics**

546 Results are presented as mean \pm SEM for particle-tracking analyses and mean \pm SD for
547 colocalization analyses, from n independent analyses (individual plates of cells from
548 different transfections). Statistical comparisons used paired or unpaired Student's t -tests,
549 or analysis of variance with the Bonferroni correction used for multiple comparisons. * $p <$
550 0.05 was considered significant.

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552 **Availability of data and materials**

553 All plasmids and data generated or analysed in this study are available from the
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823 **Fig 1. Nanobody fusions for visualizing and manipulating intracellular signalling.**

824 Plasmids were generated that encode nanobodies specific for GFP variants (GNab) or RFP
825 variants (RNab), fused to functional modules. Nanobody fusions with an N-terminal signal
826 sequence to target them to the secretory pathway are also shown (ss-GNab and ss-RNab).

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828 **Fig 2. RNab and GNab fusion proteins bind to their respective tagged proteins in live**

829 **cells. (A)** Schematic of the RNab-GFP fusion binding to RFP. **(B)** HeLa cells expressing
830 RNab-GFP with RFP-tagged markers for the ER surface (mCh-Sec61 β), the mitochondrial
831 surface (TOM20-mCh), the nucleus (H2B-mCh) or the surface of lysosomes (TPC2-mRFP).
832 Cells were imaged in HBS using epifluorescence microscopy (cells expressing H2B-mCh) or
833 TIRFM (other cells). Yellow boxes indicate regions enlarged in the subsequent panels.

834 Colocalization values (Pearson's coefficient, r) were: mCh-Sec61 β ($r = 0.93 \pm 0.09$, $n = 10$
835 cells); TOM20-mCh ($r = 0.94 \pm 0.09$, $n = 10$ cells); H2B-mCh ($r = 0.97 \pm 0.06$, $n = 10$ cells)
836 and TPC2-mRFP ($r = 0.78 \pm 0.09$, $n = 5$ cells). **(C)** Schematic of the GNab-mCh fusion

837 binding to GFP. **(D)** HeLa cells co-expressing GNab-mCh with GFP-tagged markers for the
838 ER surface (GFP-ERcyt), the mitochondrial surface (TOM20-GFP) and the nucleus (H2B-
839 GFP), or an mTurquoise2-tagged ER-surface marker (mTurq-ERcyt). Cells were imaged
840 using epifluorescence microscopy (cells expressing H2B-GFP) or TIRFM (other cells).

841 Yellow boxes indicate regions enlarged in the subsequent panels. Colocalization values were:
842 GFP-ERcyt ($r = 0.92 \pm 0.08$, $n = 8$ cells); TOM20-GFP ($r = 0.87 \pm 0.05$, $n = 7$ cells); H2B-
843 GFP ($r = 0.94 \pm 0.07$, $n = 6$ cells) and mTurq-ERcyt ($r = 0.97 \pm 0.03$, $n = 7$ cells). Scale bars
844 10 μm (main images) or 2.5 μm (enlargements).

845 **Fig 3. Targeting RNab- Ca^{2+} sensors to RFP-tagged proteins.** (A) Schematic of RNab-
846 GGECO fusion binding to RFP. (B-D) HeLa cells expressing RNab-GGECO1.2 and TOM20-
847 mCh, before and after addition of histamine (100 μM) and then ionomycin (5 μM). Cells
848 were imaged in HBS using TIRFM. The TOM20-mCh image is shown after the histamine
849 and ionomycin additions. The merged images are shown using images of RNab-GGECO1.2
850 after ionomycin (B, C) or histamine (D). The yellow and cyan boxed regions in panel B are
851 shown enlarged in panels C and D, respectively. Scale bars are 10 μm (B) or 1.25 μm (C, D).
852 (E) Timecourse of the effects of histamine (100 μM) and ionomycin (5 μM) on the
853 fluorescence of RNab-GGECO1.2 (F/F_0 , where F and F_0 are fluorescence recorded at t and t
854 $= 0$). The traces are from regions coinciding with a single mitochondrion or cytosol (regions
855 identified in panel D), indicating changes in $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$ at the OMM. (F) Enlarged region (70-180
856 s) of the graph shown in E. Results are representative of cells from 13 independent
857 experiments.

858 **Fig 4. Targeted GNab-Ca²⁺ sensors detect changes in [Ca²⁺] at the surface of**
859 **mitochondria.** (A) Schematic of GNab-RGECO fusions binding to GFP. (B, C)
860 Representative HeLa cells co-expressing TOM20-GFP and GNab-RGECO1.2 imaged in HBS
861 using TIRFM before and after addition of histamine (100 μ M) and then ionomycin (5 μ M).
862 The TOM20-GFP images are shown after the histamine and ionomycin additions. Histamine
863 and ionomycin evoked changes in fluorescence of GNab-RGECO1.2 at the OMM. (D-F)
864 Similar analyses of HeLa cells co-expressing TOM20-GFP and and GNab-LAR-GECO1.2
865 (GNab-LARG1.2). Histamine (100 μ M) evoked changes in fluorescence of GNab-LARG1.2
866 at the OMM of mitochondria in the perinuclear region (region of interest 1 (ROI 1) in E), but
867 not in a peripheral region (ROI 2 in F). All mitochondria responded to ionomycin (5 μ M),
868 indicating that histamine evoked local changes in [Ca²⁺] at the OMM. The cyan and yellow
869 boxed regions in D are shown enlarged in E and F, respectively. Scale bars 10 μ m (B, D) or
870 2.5 μ m (C, E, F). (G) Timecourse of the changes in fluorescence of GNab-RGECO1.2 at the
871 OMM evoked by histamine and ionomycin for the entire cell shown in B. (H) Fluorescence
872 changes recorded from ROI 1 and ROI 2 in panels E and F. Results are representative of cells
873 from 4 independent experiments.

874 **Fig 5. Targeting H⁺ sensors to RFP-tagged and GFP-tagged proteins.** (A) Schematic of
875 RNab fused to the pH sensor superecliptic pHluorin (RNab-SEpH) and bound to RFP. (B)
876 Schematic of GNab-pHuji binding to RFP. (C, D) HeLa cells co-expressing RNab-SEpH and
877 TOM20-mCh were imaged in modified HBS (MHBS) using epifluorescence microscopy and
878 exposed to extracellular pH 6.5 (C) or pH 8 (D) in the presence of nigericin (10 μ M). Scale
879 bars 10 μ m. (E, F) HeLa cells co-expressing GNab-pHuji and TOM20-GFP were exposed to
880 extracellular pH 6.5 (E) or pH 8 (F) in the presence of nigericin. Scale bars 10 μ m. (G, H)
881 Timecourse from single cells of the fluorescence changes (F/F_0) of mitochondrially targeted
882 RNab-SEpH or GNab-pHuji evoked by the indicated manipulations of extracellular pH.
883 Results shown are representative of 3 independent experiments.

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885 **Fig 6. Targeting an ATP/ADP sensor to RFP-tagged proteins.** (A) Schematic of RNab-
886 Perceval-HR fusion (RNab-PHR) bound to RFP. (B) HeLa cells co-expressing RNab-PHR
887 and TOM20-mCh were imaged in HBS using epifluorescence microscopy. The yellow box
888 indicates the region enlarged in subsequent panels. Scale bars 10 μ m (main image) and 2.5
889 μ m (enlarged images). (C, D) Changes in fluorescence for each excitation wavelength (405
890 and 488 nm, F/F_0) (C) and their ratio (R/R_0 , where $R = F_{405}/F_{488}$) (D) of mitochondrially
891 targeted RNab-PercevalHR after addition of 2-deoxyglucose (2DG, 10 mM), oligomycin
892 (OM, 1 μ M) and antimycin (AM, 1 μ M). The results indicate a decrease in the ATP/ADP
893 ratio at the OMM. Results are representative of 3 independent experiments.

894 **Fig 7. Nanobody-SNAPf fusion proteins allow labelling of RFP-tagged and GFP-tagged**
895 **proteins with fluorescent O⁶-benzylguanine derivatives in live cells. (A, B) Schematics of**
896 RNab-SNAPf fusion bound to RFP, and GNab-SNAPf fusion bound to GFP, after labelling
897 with SNAP-Cell-647-SiR (magenta circles). **(C-F)** HeLa cells co-expressing RNab-SNAPf
898 and mitochondrial TOM20-mCh (C), RNab-SNAPf and lysosomal LAMP1-mCh (D), GNab-
899 SNAPf and TOM20-GFP (E) or GNab-SNAPf and LAMP1-GFP (F) were treated with
900 SNAP-Cell-647-SiR (0.5 μ M, 30 min at 37°C) and imaged using TIRFM. Scale bars 10 μ m
901 (main images) or 2.5 μ m (enlarged images). Colocalization values: RNab-SNAPf + TOM20-
902 mCh ($r = 0.95 \pm 0.02$, $n = 6$ cells); RNab-SNAPf + LAMP1-mCh ($r = 0.84 \pm 0.06$, $n = 8$
903 cells); GNab-SNAPf + TOM20-GFP ($r = 0.78 \pm 0.09$, $n = 10$ cells); and GNab-SNAPf +
904 LAMP1-GFP ($r = 0.85 \pm 0.10$, $n = 11$ cells).

905 **Fig 8. Targeting CALI to lysosomes using RNab-SNAPf reduces lysosomal motility. (A)**
906 Schematic of RNab-SNAPf after labelling with SNAP-Cell-fluorescein (green circle) and
907 bound to RFP. **(B)** HeLa cells co-expressing LAMP1-mCh and RNab-SNAPf were incubated
908 with SNAP-Cell-fluorescein (0.5 μ M, 30 min, 37°C), which labelled lysosomes
909 (colocalization values, $r = 0.73 \pm 0.02$, $n = 6$ cells), and imaged using TIRFM. **(C, D)** Cells
910 were then exposed to 488-nm light for 3 s to induce CALI. TIRFM images show a
911 representative cell at different times before **(C)** and after **(D)** CALI, with the image at $t = 0$ s
912 shown in magenta and the image at $t = 60$ s in green. White in the merged image indicates
913 immobile lysosomes, while green and magenta indicate lysosomes that moved in the interval
914 between images. Yellow boxes show regions enlarged in subsequent images. Scale bars 10
915 μ m (main images) and 2.5 μ m (enlargements). For clarity, images were auto-adjusted for
916 brightness and contrast (ImageJ) to compensate for bleaching of mCh during tracking and
917 CALI. **(E)** Effect of CALI on the displacements of individual lysosomes, determining by
918 particle-tracking (TrackMate), during a 60-s recording from a representative cell (images
919 taken every 1 s). **(F)** Summary data (mean \pm SEM, $n = 6$ cells from 6 independent
920 experiments) show the mean fractional decrease in displacement (Δ Displacement) due to
921 CALI in cells expressing RNab-SNAPf or cytosolic SNAPf (see *Additional file 1: Fig. S2*).
922 The fractional decrease in displacement for each cell was defined as: $(MD_{pre} - MD_{post}) /$
923 MD_{pre} , where MD_{pre} and MD_{post} are the mean displacement of all tracked particles in 60 s
924 before and after CALI. * $p < 0.05$, unpaired Student's t -test.

925 **Fig 9. Clustering of RFP-tagged and GFP-tagged proteins and organelles using RNab-**
926 **mCerulean-MP and GNab-mRFP-MP.** (A) Schematic of RNab-mCerulean-MP fusion
927 bound to RFP. (B) Schematic of GNab-mRFP-MP fusion bound to GFP. (C-F) HeLa cells
928 expressing RFP-tagged proteins in the absence (C, E) or presence (D, F) of co-expressed
929 RNab-mCerulean-MP (RNab-mCer-MP) were imaged using epifluorescence microscopy. (G-
930 N) HeLa cells expressing GFP-tagged proteins in the absence (G, I, K, M) or presence (H, J,
931 L, N) of co-expressed GNab-mRFP-MP were imaged using epifluorescence microscopy.
932 Results are representative of at least 5 cells, from at least 3 independent experiments. Scale
933 bars 10 μm .

934 **Fig 10. RNab-FKBP inducibly recruits ER transmembrane proteins to mitochondria.**
935 (A) Schematic of RNab-FKBP bound to RFP. (B) Schematic of GNab-FKBP bound to GFP.
936 (C, D) HeLa cells co-expressing RNab-FKBP, mitochondrial TOM70-GFP-FRB and mCh-
937 Sec61 β were imaged using TIRFM. A representative cell (n = 7) is shown before (C) and
938 after (D) treatment with rapamycin (100 nM, 10 min). The boxed region is enlarged in
939 subsequent images. Scale bars 10 μ m (main images) and 2.5 μ m (enlargements). (E)
940 Timecourse of mCh-Sec61 β fluorescence changes (F/F_0) evoked by rapamycin recorded at a
941 representative mitochondrion and in nearby reticular ER. Results show ~80% loss of
942 fluorescence from the ER devoid of mitochondrial contacts. (F, G) HeLa cells co-expressing
943 endogenously tagged GFP-IP₃R1, GNab-FKBP and mitochondrial TOM70-mCh-FRB were
944 imaged using TIRFM. A representative cell (n = 6) is shown before (F) and after (G)
945 treatment with rapamycin (100 nM, 10 min). The boxed region is enlarged in subsequent
946 images. Scale bars 10 μ m (main images) and 2.5 μ m (enlargements). (H) HeLa cells co-
947 expressing GFP-calmodulin (GFP-CaM), GNab-FKBP and TOM20-mCh-FRB were imaged
948 using epifluorescence microscopy. A representative cell (n = 3) is shown before and after
949 treatment with rapamycin (100 nM, 10 min). The image for TOM-mCh-FRB is shown in the
950 presence of rapamycin. Scale bar 10 μ m.

951 **Fig 11. Reversible optogenetic recruitment of RFP-tagged proteins using RNab-zdk1.**

952 (A) Schematic of RNab-zdk1 fusion bound to RFP, showing the reversible light-evoked
953 dissociation of zdk1 from LOV2. (B) HeLa cells co-expressing RNab-zdk1, mitochondrial
954 TOM20-LOV2 and cytosolic mCh were imaged using TIRFM. A representative cell is shown
955 before and after one or five 1-s exposures to blue light (488-nm laser at 2-s intervals) and
956 after a 3-min recovery period in the dark. Scale bar 10 μ m. (C) Timecourse of the mCherry
957 fluorescence changes (F/F_0) recorded at a representative mitochondrion and in nearby cytosol
958 after each of the indicated light flashes. There is a reversible decrease ($\sim 60\%$) in
959 mitochondrial mCh fluorescence and a corresponding reversible increase ($\sim 70\%$) in cytosolic
960 fluorescence. A single measurement of mCh fluorescence was made at the end of a 3-min
961 recovery period in the dark (REC) before further light flashes. Results are representative of 5
962 cells from 3 independent experiments.

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964 **Fig 12. Recruitment of proteins to native PM-mitochondria MCS using RNab-FKBP.**

965 (A) Schematic of RNab-FKBP fusion bound to RFP. (B, C) HeLa cells co-expressing RNab-
966 FKBP, mitochondrial TOM70-GFP-FRB and β_2 AR-mCh were imaged using TIRFM before
967 (B) and after (C) treatment with rapamycin (100 nM, 10 min). Scale bar 10 μ m. (D, E)
968 Enlarged images from C of the yellow box (D) and cyan box (E) show punctate recruitment
969 of β_2 AR-mCh to individual mitochondria at the indicated times after addition of rapamycin.
970 Scale bars 1.25 μ m. (F) TIRFM images of HeLa cells co-expressing mitochondrial TOM70-
971 GFP-FRB and β_2 AR-mCh in the presence of rapamycin (100 nM, 10 min) show no
972 recruitment in the absence of co-expressed RNab-FKBP. The yellow box shows a region
973 enlarged in the subsequent image. Scale bars 10 μ m (main images) and 2.5 μ m (enlargement).
974 Results (B-F) are representative of 5 independent experiments.

975 **Fig 13. Recruitment of PM proteins to ER-PM MCS using RNab-FKBP.** (A) Schematic
976 of RNab-FKBP fusion bound to RFP. (B) HeLa cells co-expressing RNab-FKBP, mCh-Orai1
977 and the ER-PM junction marker GFP-MAPPER-FRB were imaged using TIRFM. A
978 representative cell (n = 5) is shown before (top row) and after (bottom row) treatment with
979 rapamycin (100 nM, 10 min). The boxed region is shown enlarged in subsequent images. (C)
980 HeLa cells co-expressing mCh-Orai1 and GFP-MAPPER-FRB alone were imaged using
981 TIRFM. A representative cell (n = 3) is shown before (top row) and after (bottom row)
982 treatment with rapamycin (100 nM, 10 min). The boxed region is shown enlarged in
983 subsequent images. The results show no recruitment in the absence of co-expressed RNab-
984 FKBP. Scale bars (B, C) 10 μm (main images) and 2.5 μm (enlargements).

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986 **Fig 14. Inducible recruitment of lysosomes to mitochondria using GNab-FKBP.** (A)
987 Schematic of GNab-FKBP fusion bound to GFP. (B) HeLa cells co-expressing mitochondrial
988 TOM70-mCh-FRB (magenta), lysosomal LAMP1-GFP (green) and GNab-FKBP were
989 imaged using TIRFM. Merged images of a representative cell (n = 5) are shown before and at
990 times after treatment with rapamycin (rapa, 100 nM). Scale bar 10 μm . (C) Enlargements of
991 the boxed region in (B). Scale bar 2.5 μm . (D) HeLa cells co-expressing TOM70-mCh-FRB
992 (magenta) and lysosomal LAMP1-GFP (green) were imaged using TIRFM. A representative
993 cell (n = 3) is shown before and after treatment with rapamycin (100 μm , 10 min); there is no
994 recruitment in the absence of co-expressed GNab-FKBP. The yellow box shows a region
995 enlarged in the subsequent image. Scale bars 10 μm (main images) and 2.5 μm (enlargement).

996 **Fig 15. Crosslinking GFP-tagged and RFP-tagged proteins and organelles using GNab-**
997 **RNab.** (A) Schematic of GNab-RNab bound to GFP and RFP. (B-E) HeLa cells co-
998 expressing the tagged proteins indicated with GNab-RNab were imaged using
999 epifluorescence microscopy (B) or TIRFM (C-E). Representative cells (n = 5-7) are shown.
1000 Control images for GFP-IP₃R1 are shown in *Fig. 10* and *Additional file 1: Fig S3*. (F, G)
1001 HeLa cells co-expressing LAMP1-GFP and LAMP1-mCh in the absence (F) or presence (G)
1002 of co-expressed GNab-RNab were imaged using TIRFM. Representative cells (n = 5) are
1003 shown. Scale bars (B-G) 10 μm (main images) and 2.5 μm (enlargements of boxed areas).

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1005 **Fig 16. Inducible crosslinking of RFP-tagged and GFP-tagged proteins with GNab-**
1006 **FKBP and RNab-FRB.** (A) Schematic of the nanobody fusions used, with rapamycin shown
1007 as a blue sphere. (B, C) HeLa cells co-expressing GNab-FKBP, RNab-FRB, TOM20-GFP
1008 and mCh-Sec61β were imaged using TIRFM. A representative cell (n = 3) is shown before
1009 (B) and after (C) treatment with rapamycin (100 nM, 10 min). Scale bars 10 μm (main
1010 images) and 2.5 μm (enlargements of boxed areas).

1011 **Fig 17. Nanobody fusions can be targeted to different luminal compartments of the**
1012 **secretory pathway. (A)** Schematic of ssGNab-mCh bound to GFP. **(B)** HeLa cells co-
1013 expressing ssGNab-mCh and either the luminal ER marker mTurquoise2-ERlumen, the
1014 marker of ER-PM junctions GFP-MAPPER, or the Golgi marker GFP-Golgi. Cells were
1015 imaged using epifluorescence microscopy. Representative cells are shown. Colocalization
1016 values were: mTurquoise2-ERlumen ($r = 0.96 \pm 0.03$, $n = 10$); GFP-MAPPER ($r = 0.94 \pm$
1017 0.02 , $n = 5$); and GFP-Golgi ($r = 0.91 \pm 0.06$, $n = 4$). **(C)** Schematic of ssRNab-GFP bound to
1018 RFP. **(D)** HeLa cells co-expressing ssRNab-GFP and either mCh-ERlumen or mCh-MAPPER
1019 were imaged using epifluorescence microscopy. Representative cells are shown.
1020 Colocalization values were: mCh-ERlumen ($r = 0.98 \pm 0.009$, $n = 9$) and mCh-MAPPER ($r =$
1021 0.93 ± 0.07 , $n = 13$). Scale bars 10 μm (main images) and 2.5 μm (enlargements).

1022 **Fig 18. Nanobody-mediated targeting of low-affinity Ca²⁺ sensors allows measurement**
1023 **of changes in [Ca²⁺] in an ER sub-compartment at ER-PM MCS. (A)** Schematic of
1024 ssRNab-Ca²⁺ sensor bound to RFP. **(B)** Schematic of ssGNab-Ca²⁺ sensor bound to GFP. **(C-**
1025 **F)** HeLa cells co-expressing the indicated combinations of mCh-MAPPER, GFP-MAPPER,
1026 ssRNab-GCEPIA (ssRNab-GC), ssRNab-GEMCEPIA (ssRNab-GEM; image is shown for
1027 the 525-nm emission channel), ssGNab-LAR-GECO1 (ssGNab-LGECO) or ssGNab-
1028 RCEPIA were imaged in Ca²⁺-free HBS using TIRFM. Yellow boxes indicate regions
1029 enlarged in subsequent images. Scale bars 10 μm (main images) and 2.5 μm (enlargements).
1030 **(G-J)** Timecourses of fluorescence changes recorded from cells co-expressing mCh-
1031 MAPPER and ssRNab-GCEPIA (G), mCh-MAPPER and ssRNab-GEMCEPIA (H), GFP-
1032 MAPPER and ssGNab-LAR-GECO1 (ssGNab-LARG1) (I) and GFP-MAPPER and ssGNab-
1033 RCEPIA (J) in response to emptying of intracellular Ca²⁺ stores with ionomycin (5 μM). **(K)**
1034 Summary results (mean ± SD, n = 4 cells) show mean fractional decreases (ΔF) in either
1035 fluorescence or emission ratio (for ssRNab-GEM) recorded 90 s after addition of ionomycin.

1036 **Additional files**

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1038 **Additional file 1 (.pptx): Figures S1-S6**

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1040 **Fig. S1 Targeting RNab-GEMGECO Ca²⁺ sensor to RFP-tagged proteins.** (A) Schematic
1041 of RNab-GEMGECO fusion binding to RFP. (B) HeLa cells co-expressing RNab-
1042 GEMGECO and TOM20-mCh were imaged in HBS using TIRFM. Images are shown before
1043 and after addition of histamine (100 μ M) and then ionomycin (5 μ M). The TOM20-mCh and
1044 merged images are before additions of histamine and ionomycin. The yellow boxed region in
1045 shown enlarged in (C). Scale bar 10 μ m. (C) Enlarged regions from (B). Scale bar 2.5 μ m.
1046 (D, E) Representative timecourses of histamine and ionomycin-evoked changes in
1047 fluorescence (D) and fluorescence emission ratio ($R/R_0 = F_{480}/F_{525}$) (E) of mitochondrially
1048 targeted RNab-GEMGECO. Results are representative of cells from 4 independent
1049 experiments.

1050 **Fig. S2 Targeting CALI to lysosomes with SNAP-Cell-fluorescein: cytosolic controls. (A)**
1051 Schematic of cytosolic SNAPf, which does not bind to RFP, after its labelling with SNAP-
1052 Cell-fluorescein. **(B-D)** HeLa cells co-expressing LAMP1-mCh and cytosolic SNAPf (Cyt-
1053 SNAPf) were treated with SNAP-Cell-fluorescein (0.5 μ M, 30 min, 37°C) and imaged using
1054 TIRFM. Scale bar 10 μ m. Cells were then exposed to 488-nm light for 3 s to induce CALI.
1055 Images show a representative cell at different times before (C) and after (D) CALI, with the
1056 image at t = 0 s shown in magenta and the image at t = 60 s in green. White in the merged
1057 image indicates immobile lysosomes, while green and magenta indicate lysosomes that
1058 moved during the 60 s between images. Yellow boxes show regions enlarged in subsequent
1059 images. Scale bars 10 μ m (main images) and 2.5 μ m (enlargements). For clarity, images were
1060 auto-adjusted for brightness and contrast (ImageJ) to compensate for bleaching of mCh
1061 during tracking and CALI. **(E)** Displacements of individual lysosomes during a 60-s
1062 recording (determined by TIRFM using TrackMate, with images taken every 1 s) for a
1063 representative HeLa cell co-expressing LAMP1-mCh and cytosolic SNAPf before and after
1064 CALI (3-s exposure to 488-nm light). Typical of n = 6 cells. Summary data are shown in **Fig.**
1065 **8F**.

1066 **Fig. S3 Rapamycin alone does not recruit RFP-tagged or GFP-tagged proteins to**
1067 **mitochondria.** (A, B) HeLa cells co-expressing mitochondrial TOM70-mCh-FRB and mCh-
1068 Sec61 β were imaged using TIRFM before (A) and after (B) addition of rapamycin (100 nM,
1069 10 min). (C, D) HeLa cells co-expressing endogenously tagged GFP-IP₃R1 and
1070 mitochondrial TOM70-mCh-FRB were imaged using TIRFM before (C) and after (D)
1071 addition of rapamycin (100 nM, 10 min). (E) HeLa cells co-expressing GFP-calmodulin
1072 (GFP-CaM) and mitochondrial TOM70-mCh-FRB were imaged using TIRFM before and
1073 after addition of rapamycin (100 nM, 10 min). Results are each representative of cells from 3-
1074 5 independent experiments. Scale bars 10 μ m (main images) and 2.5 μ m (enlargements).

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1076 **Fig. S4 Recruitment of proteins to native PM-mitochondria MCS using GNab-FKBP.**
1077 (A) Schematic of GNab-FKBP fusion bound to GFP. (B) TIRFM images of COS-7 cells co-
1078 expressing GNab-FKBP, β_2 AR-GFP and TOM70-mCh-FRB. A representative cell (n = 3) is
1079 shown before (top row) and at the indicated times after addition of rapamycin (100 nM).
1080 Scale bar 10 μ m. (C) Enlargements of the boxed regions in (B). Scale bar 3.75 μ m.

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1082 **Fig. S5 Inducible crosslinking of RFP-tagged and GFP-tagged proteins with RNab-**
1083 **FKBP and GNab-FRB.** (A) Schematic of the nanobody fusions used, with rapamycin shown
1084 as a blue sphere. (B, C) HeLa cells co-expressing RNab-FKBP, GNab-FRB, TOM20-GFP
1085 and mCh-Sec61 β were imaged using TIRFM. A representative cell (n = 3) is shown before
1086 (B) and after (C) treatment with rapamycin (100 nM, 10 min). Scale bars 10 μ m (main
1087 images) and 2.5 μ m (enlargements).

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1089 **Fig. S6. DNA sequences encoding the nanobodies used.**

1090 **Additional file 2 (.wmv): Video 1. RNab-GGECO1.2 detects changes in $[Ca^{2+}]$ at the**
1091 **surface of mitochondria expressing TOM20-mCh.** The top panel shows RNab-GGECO1.2
1092 fluorescence (488-nm TIRFM excitation) and the bottom panel shows TOM20-mCh
1093 fluorescence (561-nm TIRFM excitation). In response to histamine (100 μ M, added at 60 s),
1094 local rises in $[Ca^{2+}]_c$ were detected at the surfaces of individual mitochondria, but not in the
1095 bulk cytosol. Ionomycin (5 μ M) was added at 3 min. Video was acquired at 1 Hz and is
1096 shown at 30 frames per second (fps). Clock is in min:s. Relates to **Fig. 3D**.

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1098 **Additional file 3 (.wmv): Video 2. GNab-LARGECO1.2 detects local changes in $[Ca^{2+}]$**
1099 **at the surface of mitochondria expressing TOM20-GFP.** The video shows GNab-
1100 LARGECO1.2 fluorescence (488-nm TIRFM excitation). Histamine (100 μ M, added at 60 s)
1101 causes local rises in $[Ca^{2+}]_c$ at the OMM of individual mitochondria in the perinuclear region
1102 (cyan box in **Fig. 4D**), but not in peripheral regions (e.g. yellow box in **Fig. 4D**). Ionomycin
1103 (5 μ M) was added at 3 min. Video was acquired at 1 Hz and is shown at 33 fps. Clock is in
1104 min:s. Relates to **Fig. 4D-F**.

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1106 **Additional file 4 (.wmv): Video 3. Effect of targeted CALI on lysosomal motility.** HeLa
1107 cells expressing LAMP1-mCh and RNab-SNAPf were imaged using TIRFM and 561-nm
1108 laser illumination before (top) and after (bottom) CALI (3.02 s exposure to 488-nm
1109 epifluorescence laser illumination). Video was acquired at 0.5 Hz and is shown at 3 fps.
1110 Clock is in min:s. Relates to **Fig. 8**.

1111 **Additional file 5 (.wmv): Video 4. RNab-FKBP rapidly sequesters an ER integral**
1112 **membrane protein at the OMM.** TIRFM images of HeLa cells expressing TOM70-GFP-
1113 FRB, RNab-FKBP and mCh-Sec61 β were treated with rapamycin (100 nM, added at 60 s).
1114 The ER membrane protein, mCh-Sec61 β , is then rapidly sequestered at the OMM. Video
1115 was acquired at 0.5 Hz and shown at 33 fps. Clock is in min:s. Relates to *Fig. 10C* and *D*.

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1117 **Additional file 6 (.wmv): Video 5. GNab-FKBP rapidly sequesters endogenously tagged**
1118 **GFP-IP₃R1 at the OMM.** TIRFM images show HeLa cells with endogenously GFP-tagged
1119 IP₃R1 and transiently expressing TOM70-mCh-FRB and GNab-FKBP and then treated with
1120 rapamycin (100 nM, added at 60 s). GFP-IP₃R1 is rapidly sequestered at the OMM. Video
1121 was acquired at 0.5 Hz and is shown at 33 fps. Clock is in min:s. Relates to *Fig. 10F* and *G*.

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1123 **Additional file 7 (.wmv): Video 6. GNab-FKBP rapidly sequesters GFP-CaM at the**
1124 **OMM.** Epifluorescence microscopy images show HeLa cells transiently expressing GFP-
1125 CaM, GNab-FKBP and TOM20-mCh-FRB, and then treated with rapamycin (100 nM, added
1126 at 60 s). GFP-CaM is rapidly sequestered at the OMM. Video was acquired at 0.5 Hz and is
1127 shown at 9 fps. Clock is in min:s. Relates to *Fig. 10H*.

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1129 **Additional file 8 (.wmv): Video 7. RNab-FKBP recruits a PM protein to the OMM in**
1130 **response to rapamycin.** TIRFM images of HeLa cells expressing TOM70-GFP-FRB, RNab-
1131 FKBP and the PM protein, β_2 AR-mCh, and then exposed to rapamycin (100 nM, added at 60
1132 s). There is a rapid translocation of β_2 AR-mCh to the OMM. Video was acquired at 0.5 Hz
1133 and is shown at 33 fps. Clock is in min:s. Relates to *Fig. 12B-E*.

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1135 **Additional file 9 (.wmv): Video 8. Crosslinking GNab-FKBP and RNab-FRB with**
1136 **rapamycin recruits mCh-Sec61 β to TOM20-GFP in the OMM.** HeLa cells expressing
1137 GNab-FKBP, RNab-FRB, mCh-Sec61 β and TOM20-GFP were stimulated with rapamycin
1138 (100 nM, added at 100 s). The TIRFM images show rapid recruitment of mCh-Sec61 β to the
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1140 **16.**

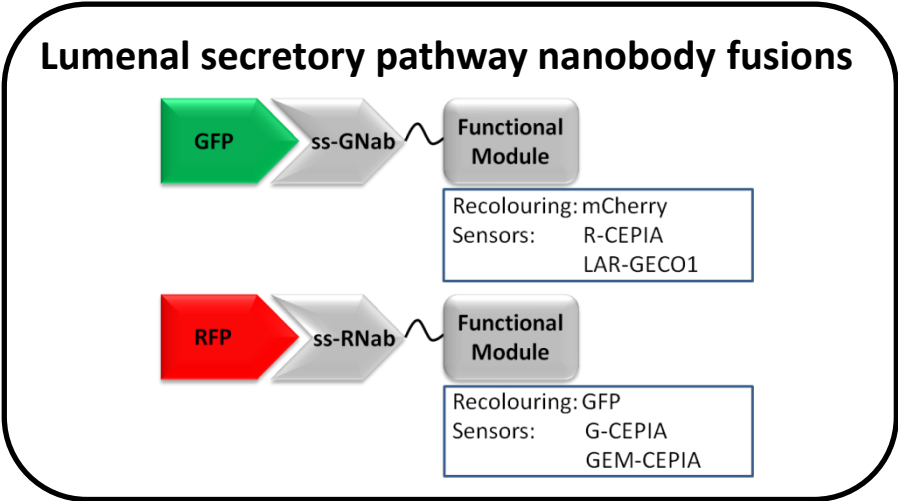
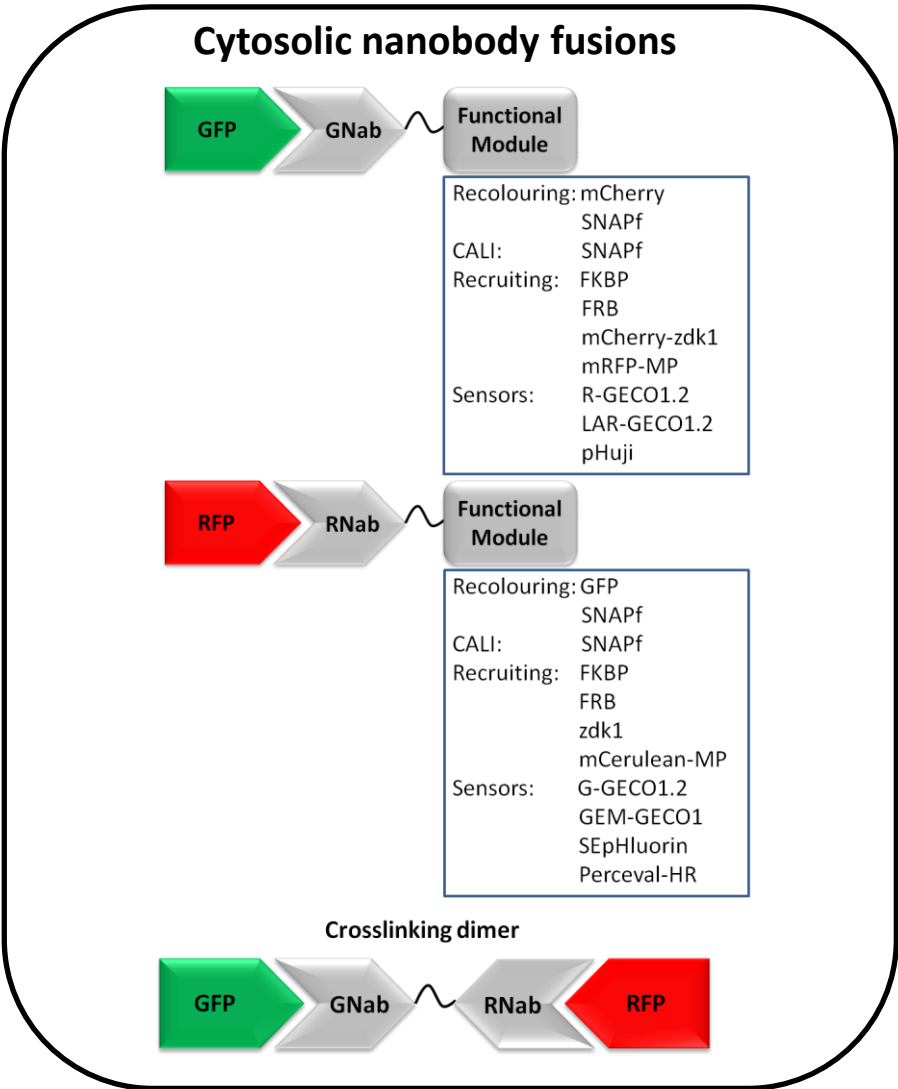


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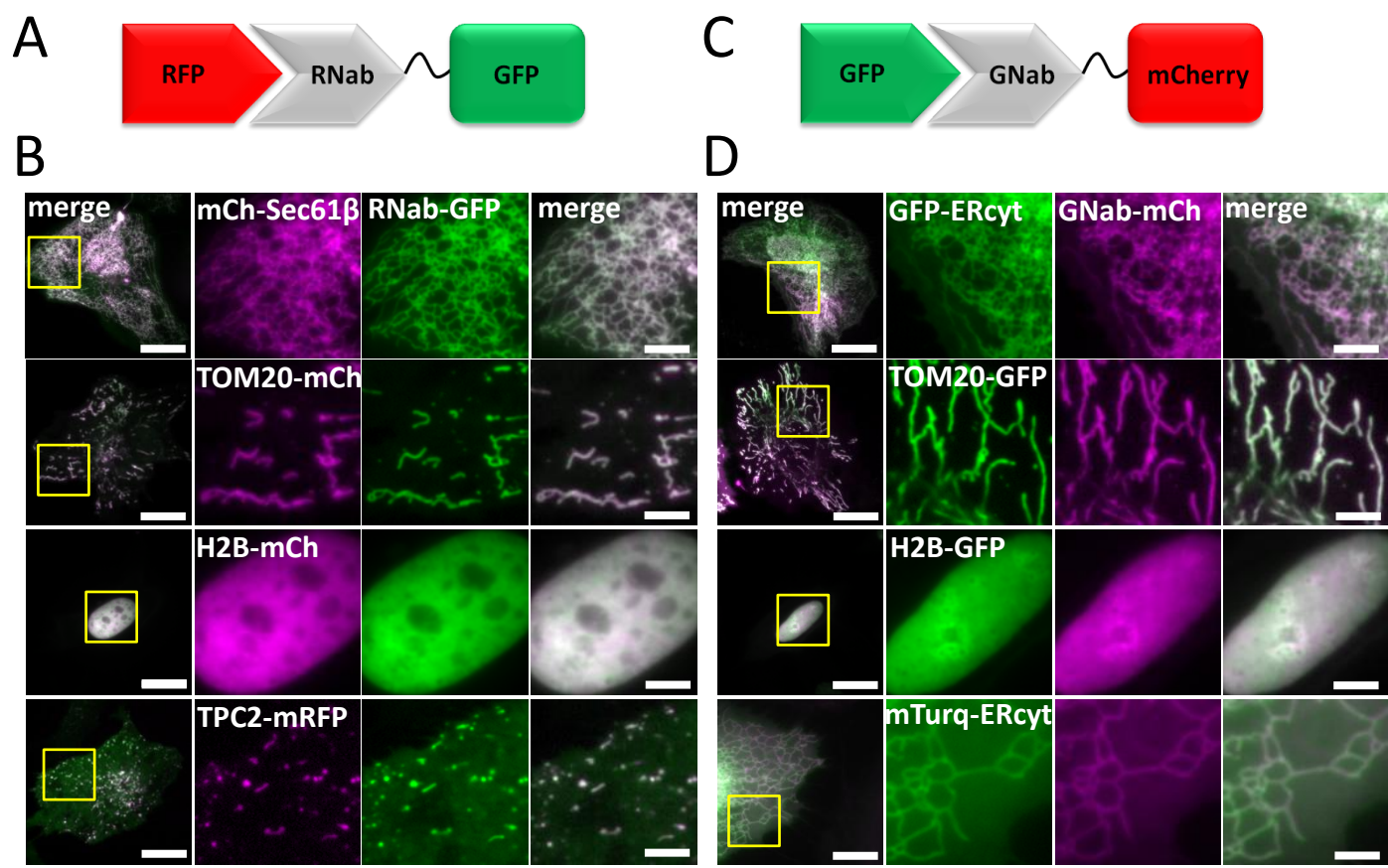


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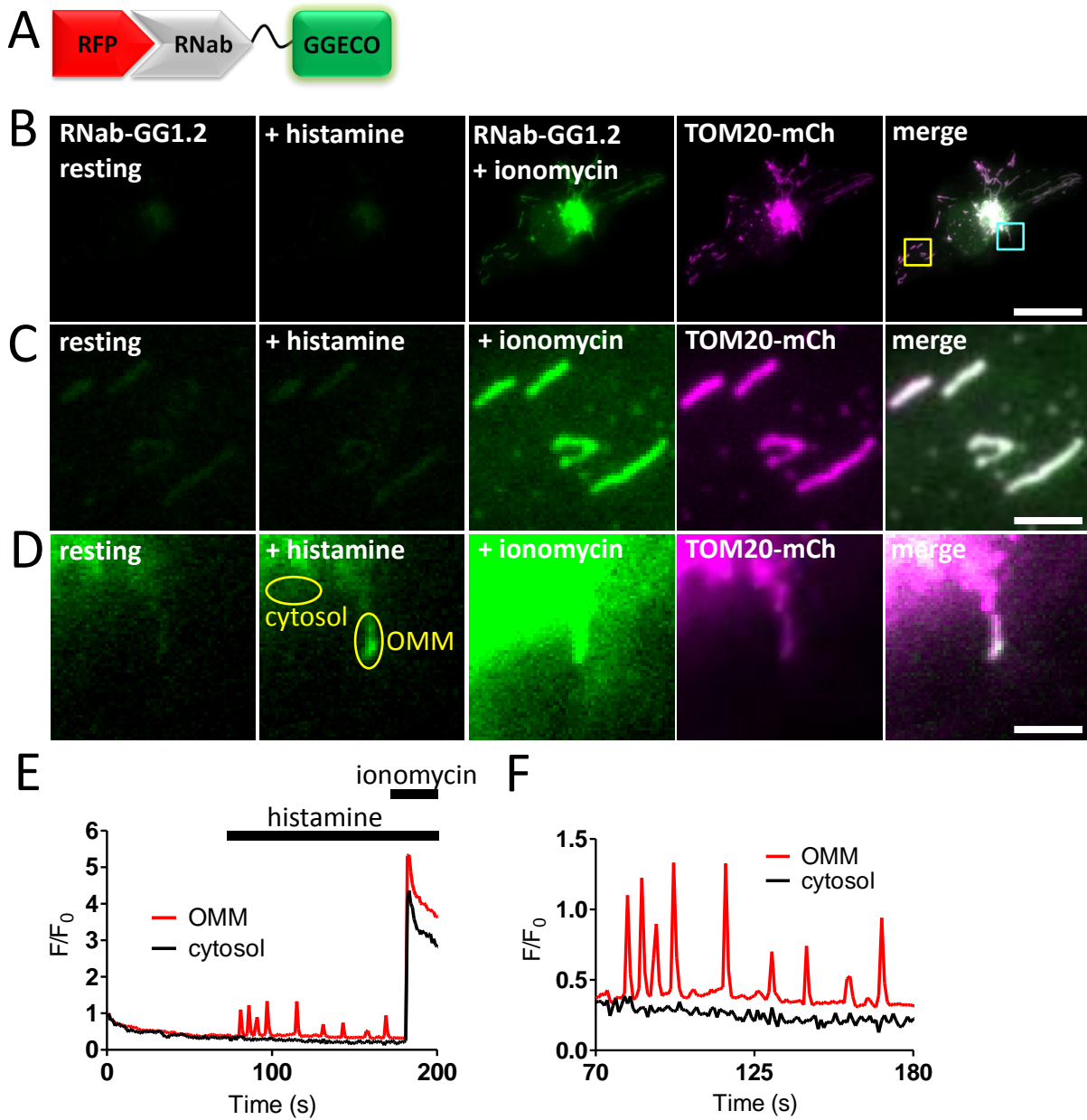


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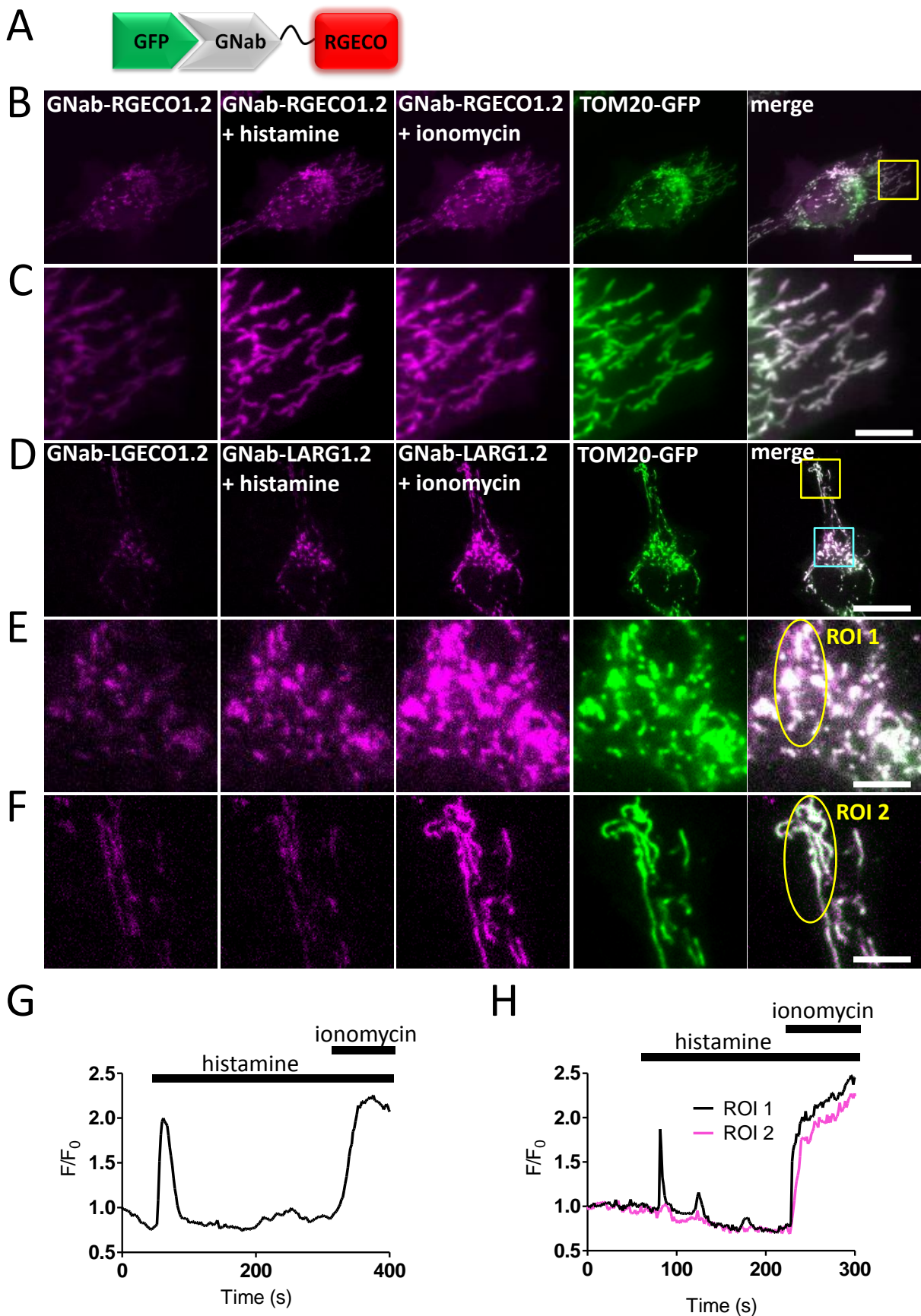


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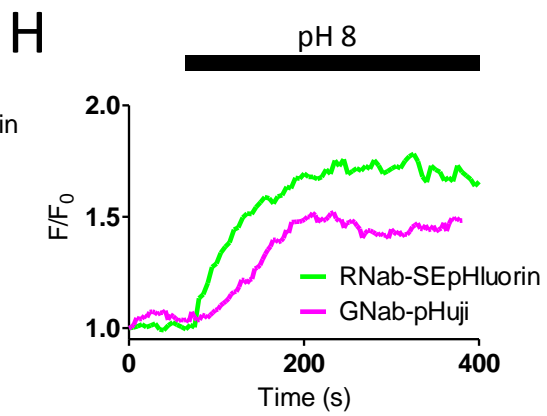
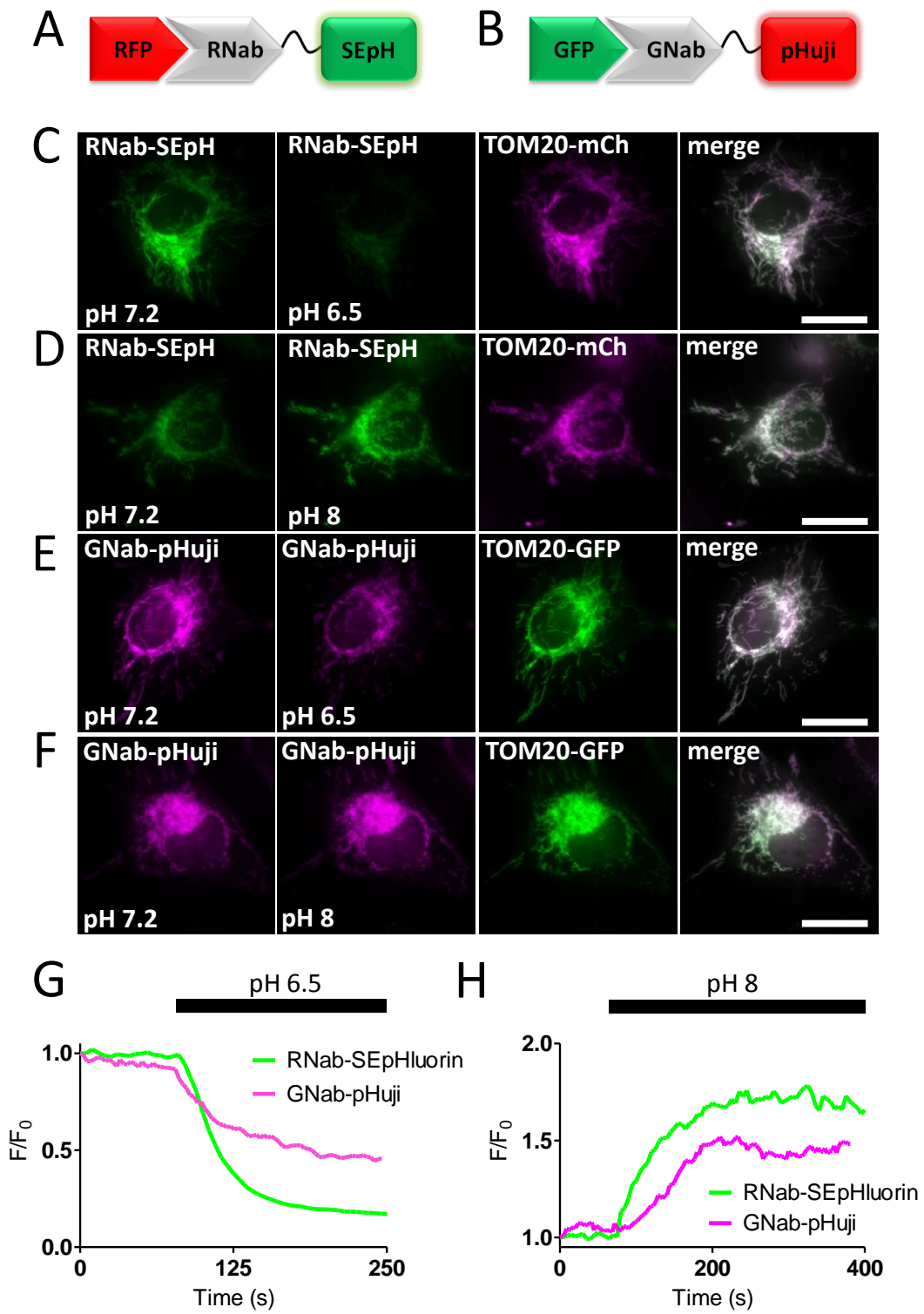


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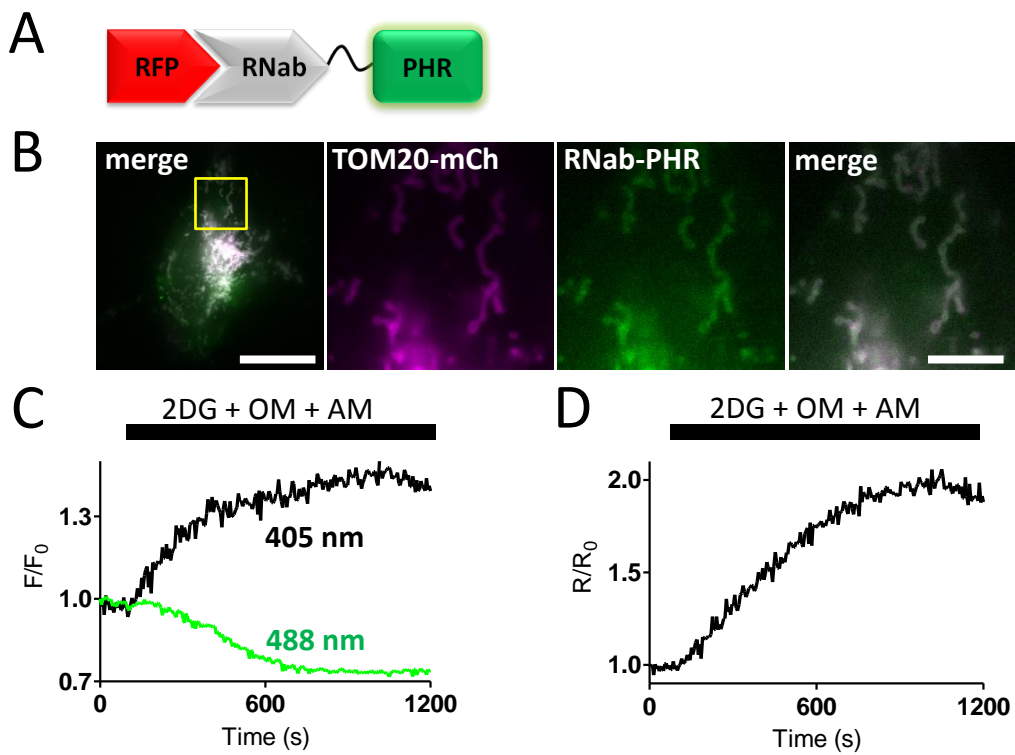


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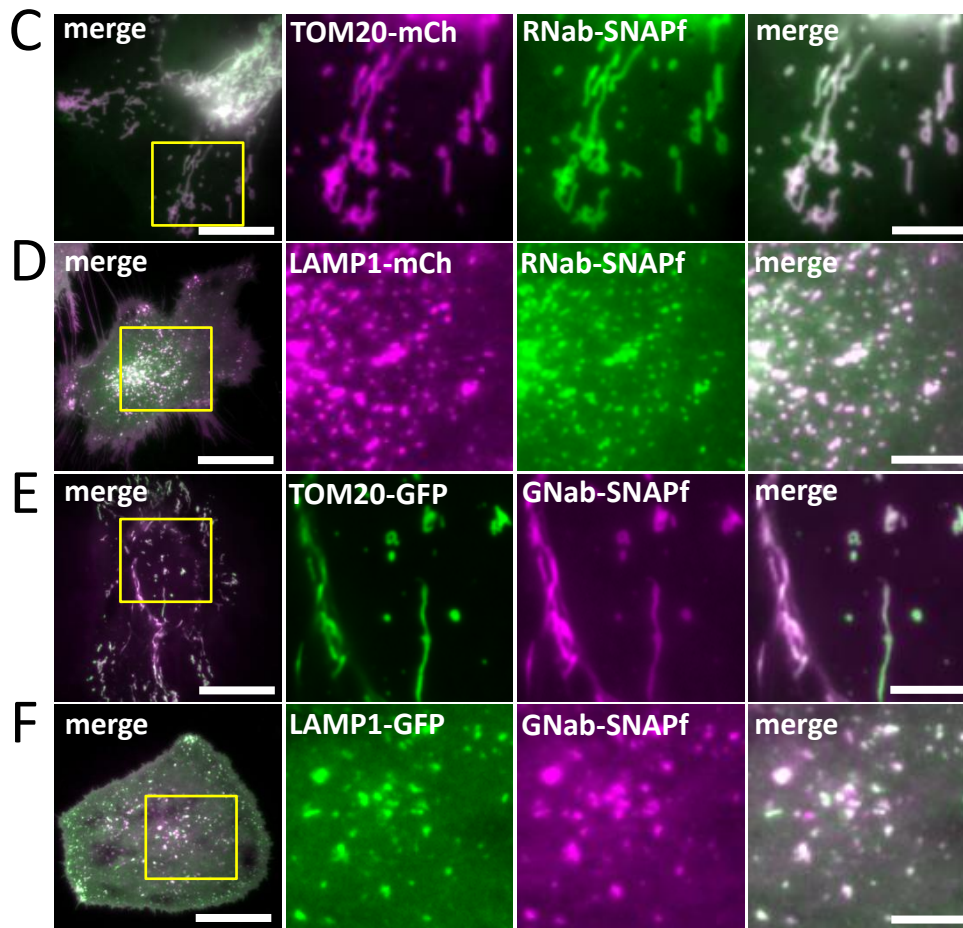


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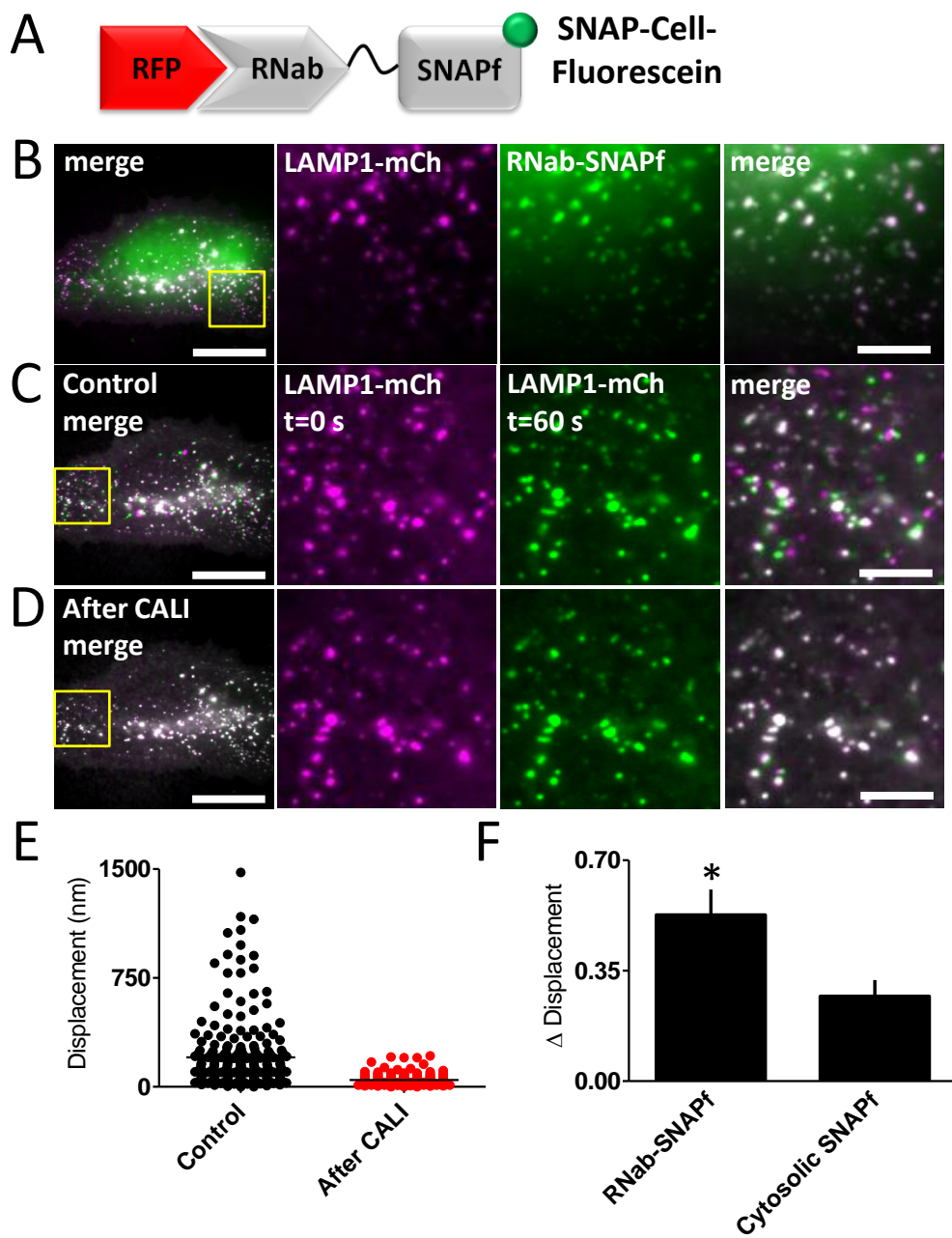


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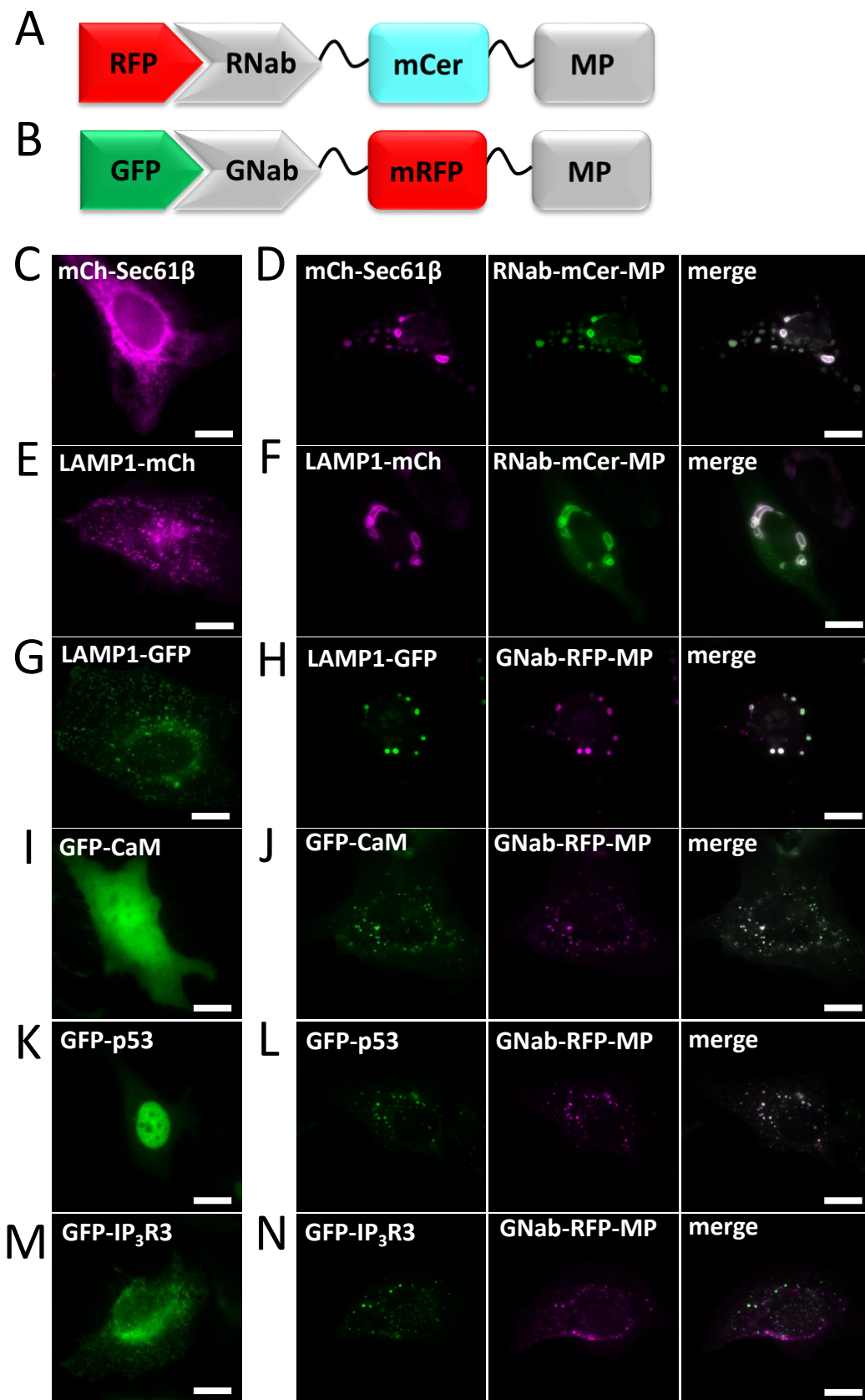


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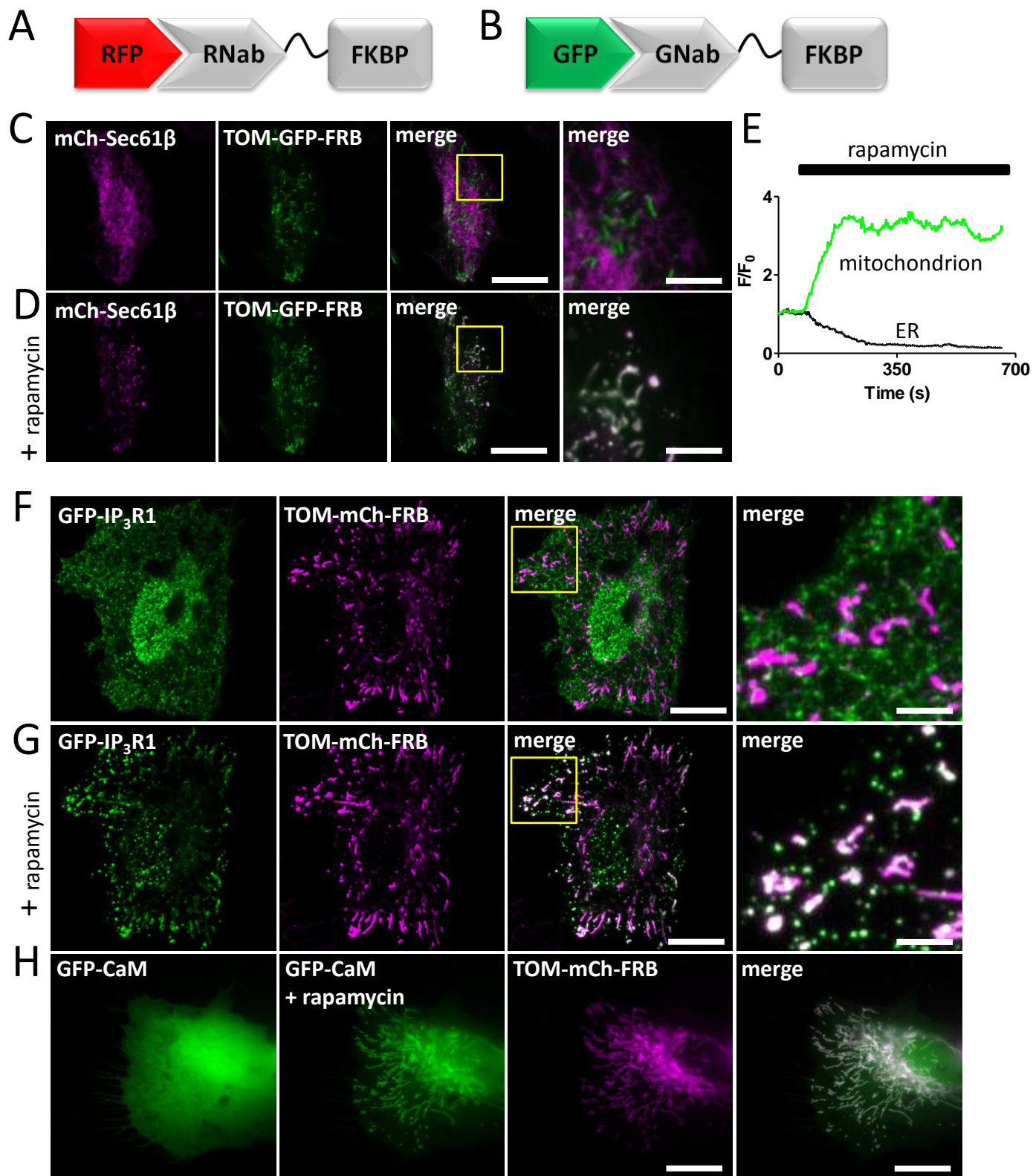


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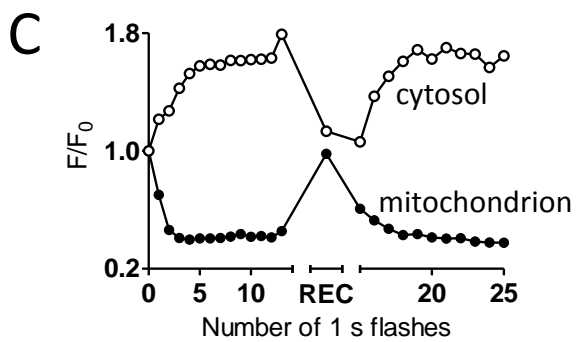
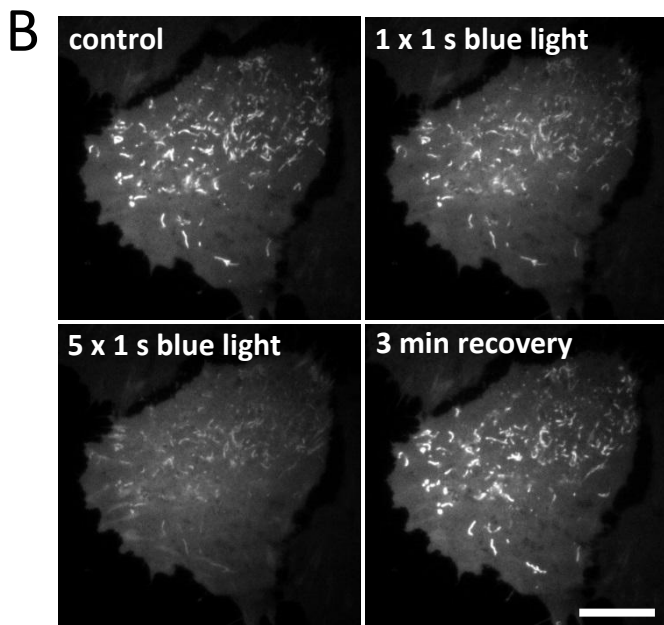
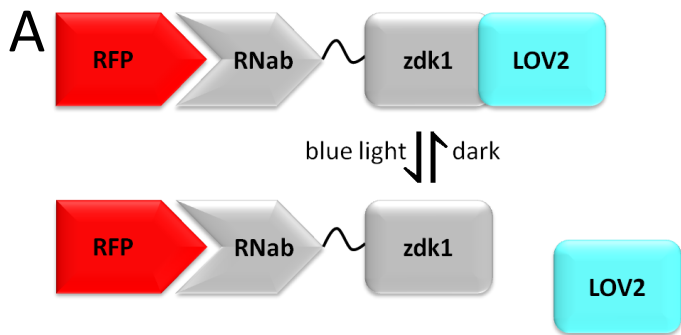


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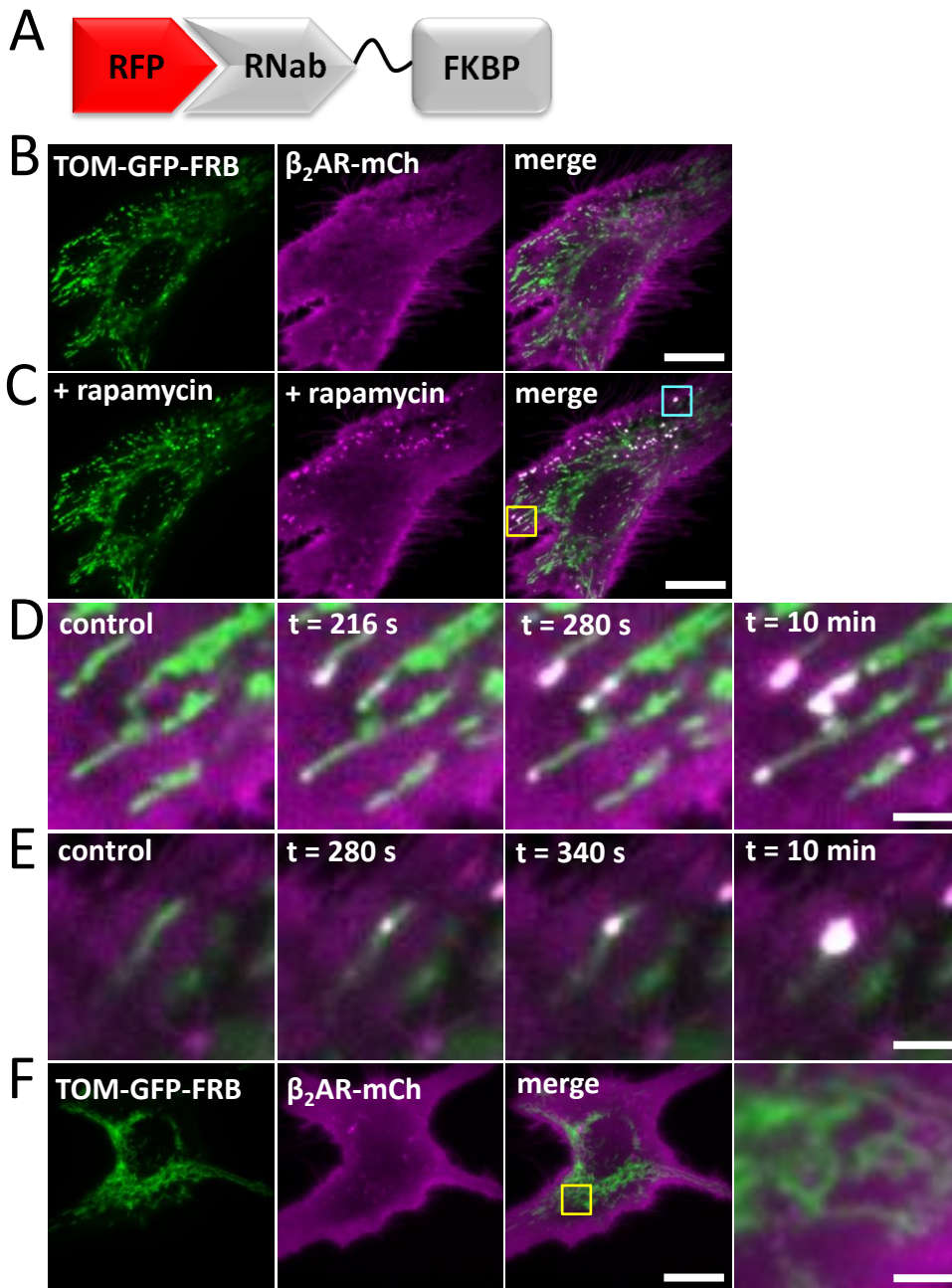


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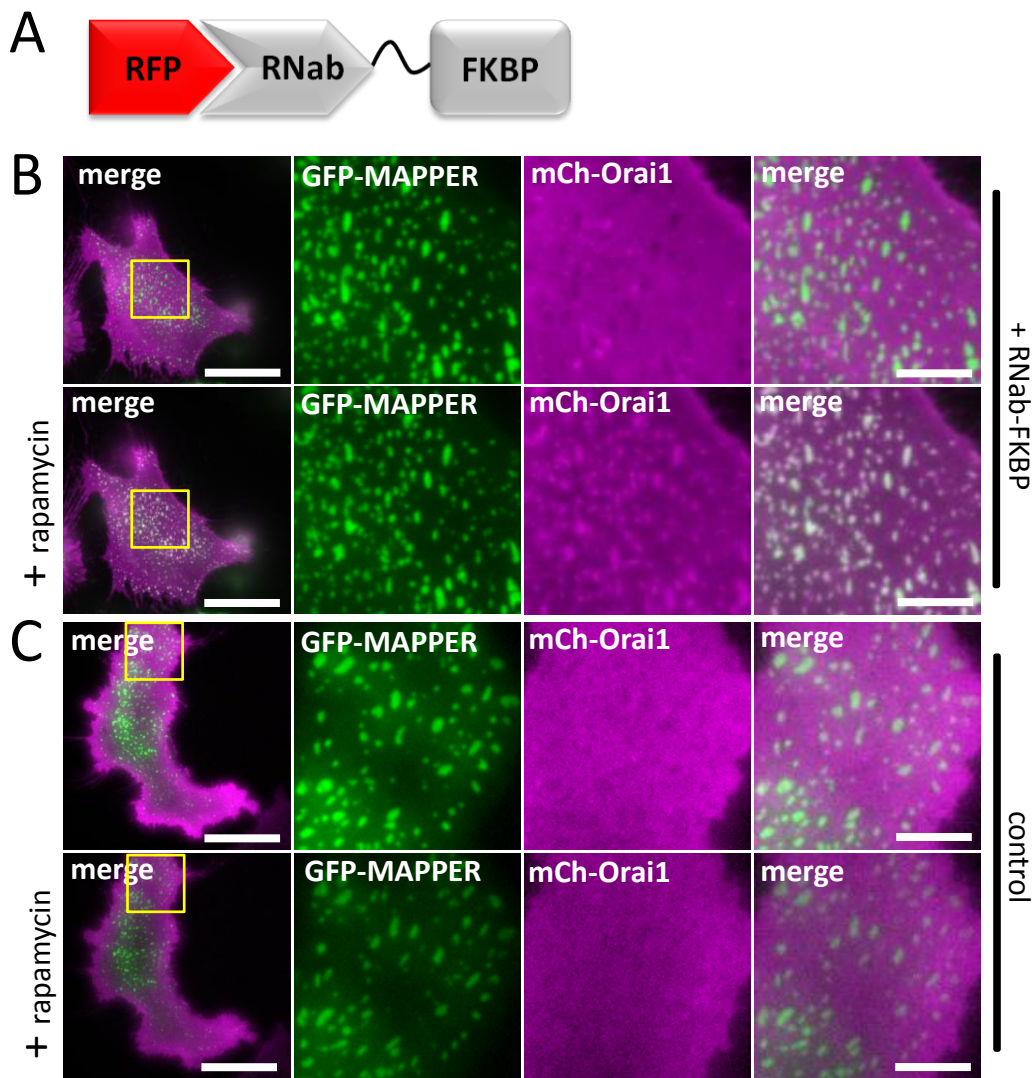


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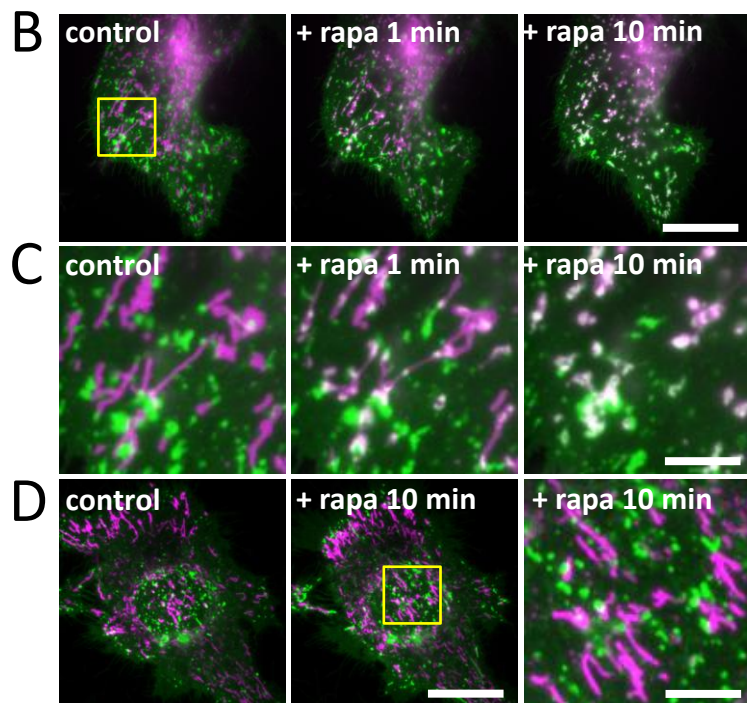


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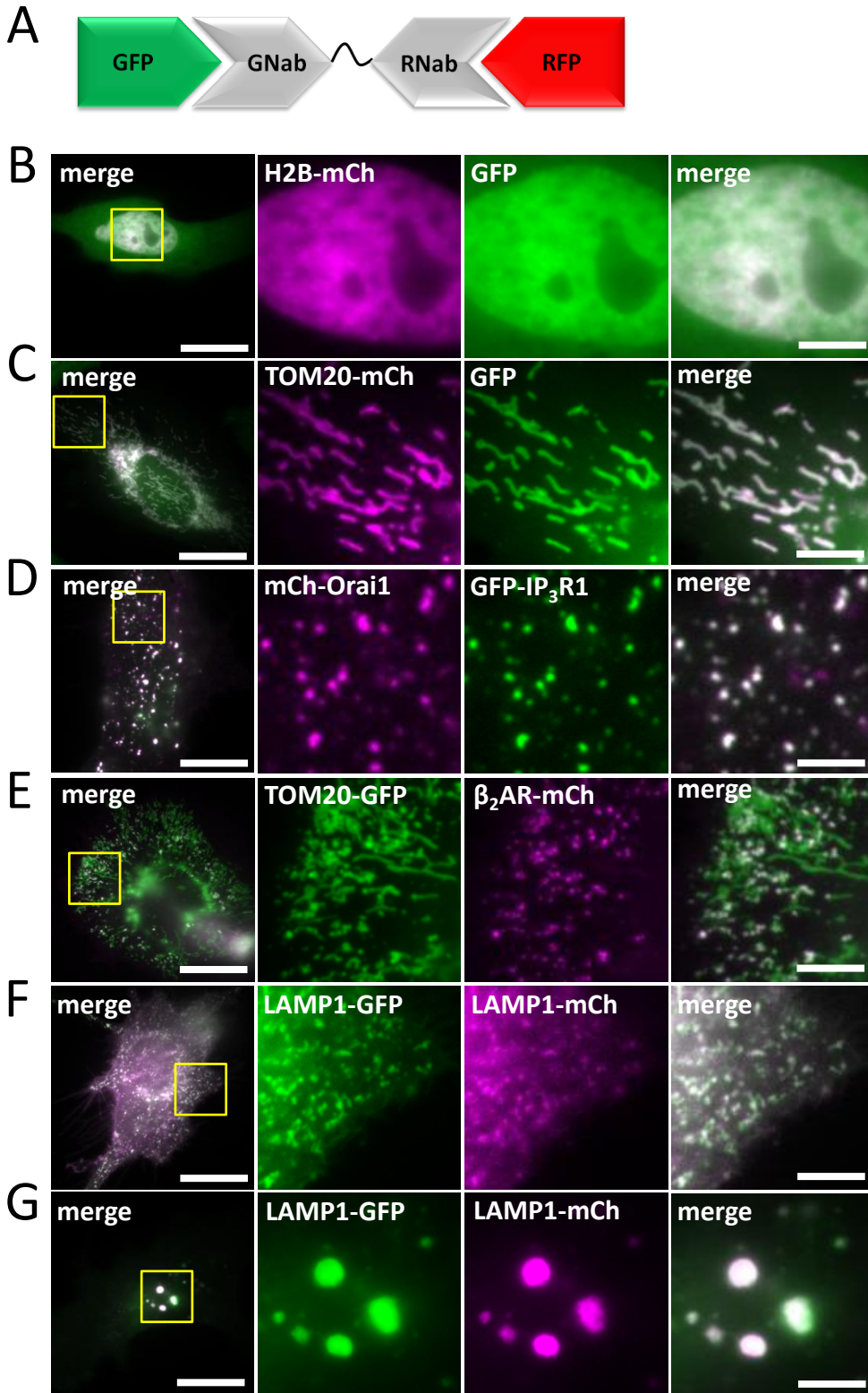


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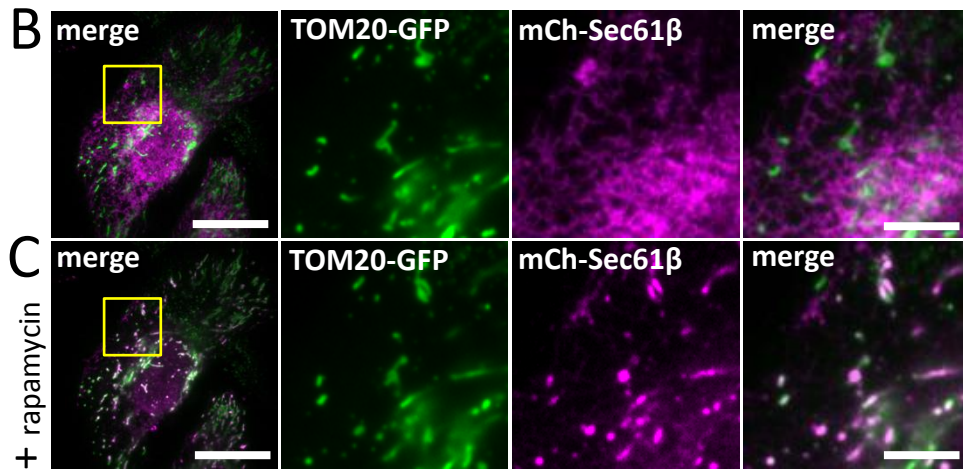
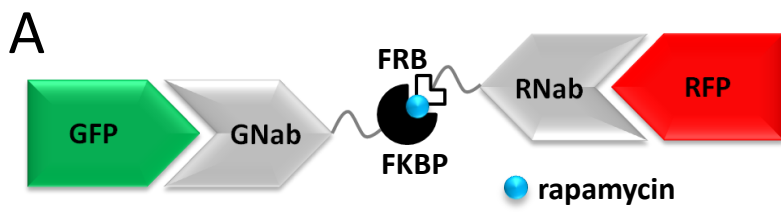


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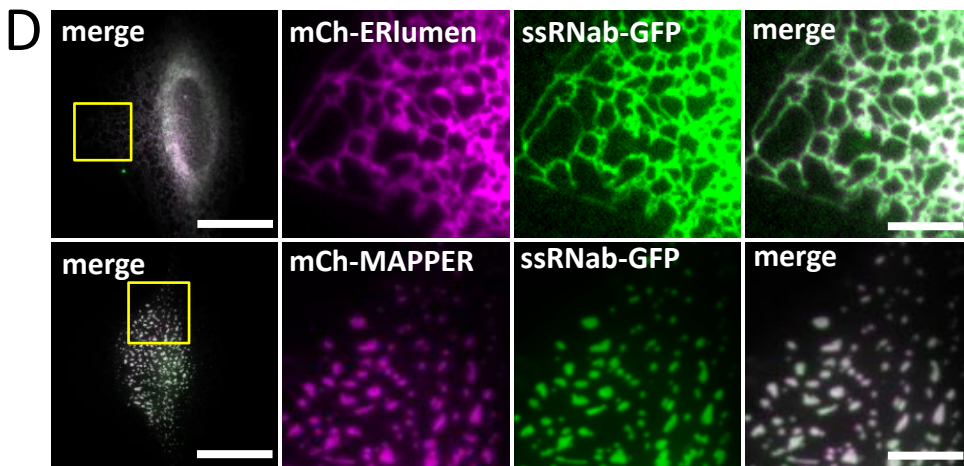
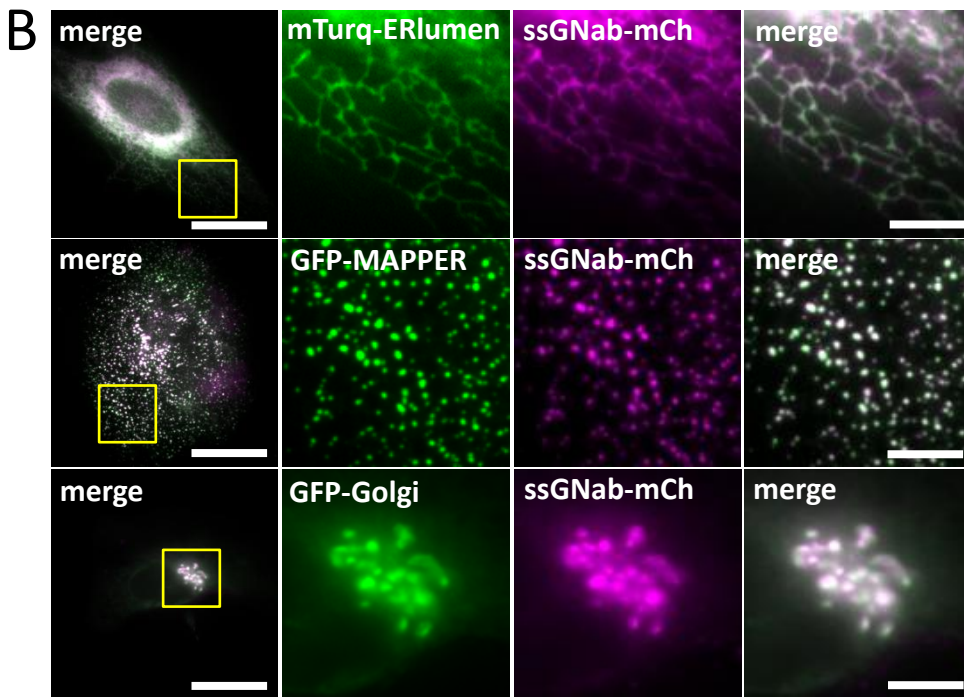


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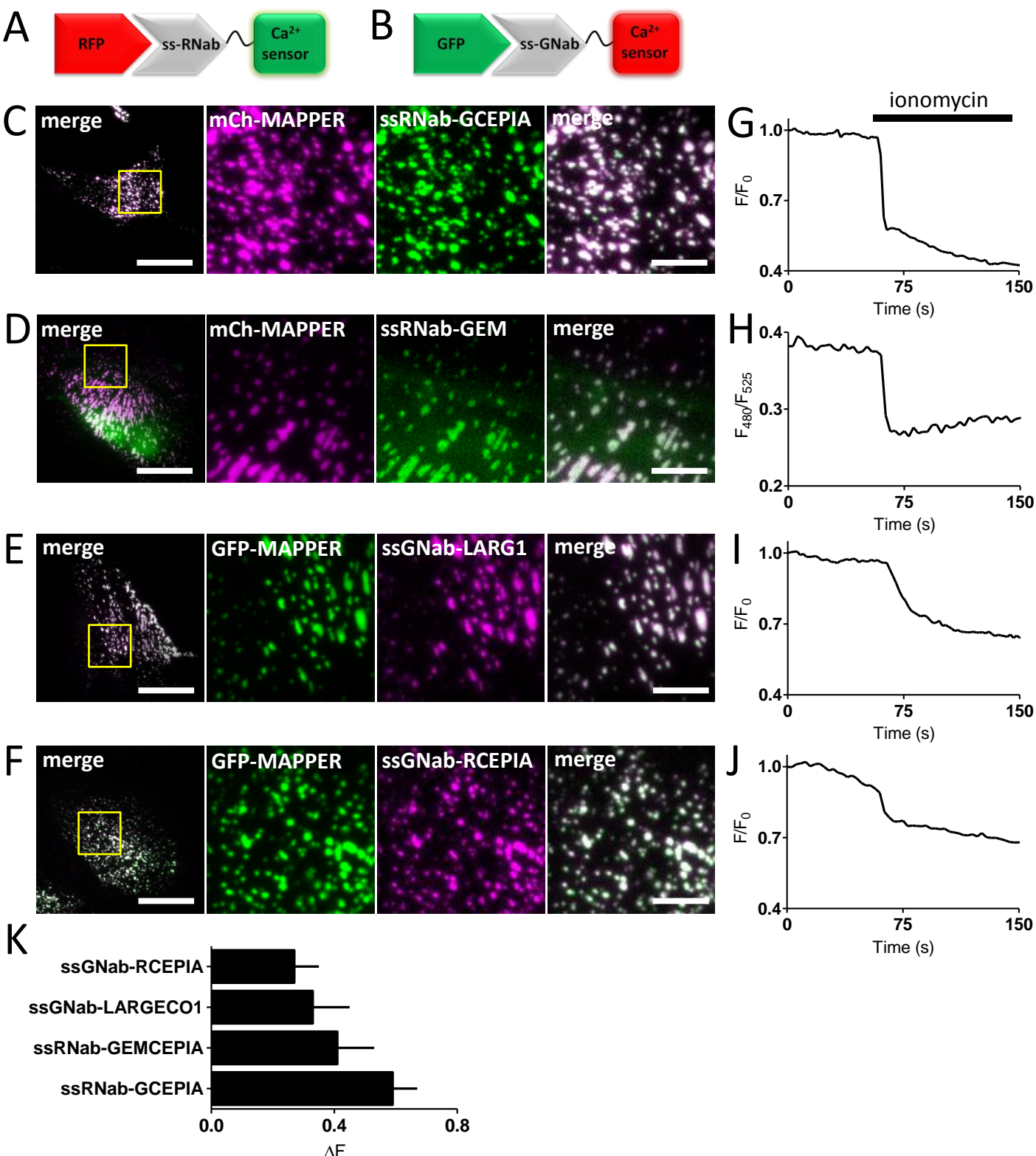


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