

1 Subcellular NAD⁺ pools are interconnected and buffered by mitochondrial 2 NAD⁺

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29 Abstract

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31 The coenzyme NAD⁺ is consumed by signaling enzymes, including poly-ADP-

32 ribosyltransferases (PARPs) and sirtuins. Aging is associated with a decrease in cellular NAD⁺

33 levels but how cells cope with persistently decreased NAD⁺ concentrations is unclear. Here,

34 we show that subcellular NAD⁺ pools are interconnected, with mitochondria acting as a

35 rheostat to maintain NAD⁺ levels upon excessive consumption. To evoke chronic,

36 compartment-specific over-consumption of NAD⁺, we engineered cell lines stably expressing

37 PARP activity in mitochondria, the cytosol, endoplasmic reticulum, or peroxisomes, resulting

38 in a decline of cellular NAD⁺ concentrations by up to 50%. Isotope-tracer flux measurements

39 and mathematical modeling show that the lowered NAD⁺ concentration kinetically restricts

40 NAD⁺ consumption to maintain a balance with the NAD⁺ biosynthesis rate, which remains

41 unchanged. Chronic NAD⁺ deficiency is well tolerated unless mitochondria are directly

42 targeted. Mitochondria maintain NAD⁺ by import through SLC25A51, and reversibly cleave

43 NAD⁺ to NMN and ATP, when NMNAT3 is present. Thereby, these organelles can maintain an

44 additional, virtual NAD⁺ pool. Our results are consistent with a well-tolerated aging-related

45 NAD⁺ decline as long as the vulnerable mitochondrial pool is not directly affected.

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47 **Introduction**

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49 Among the most versatile biomolecules in all living cells is NAD⁺. As a redox factor, it
50 participates in most, if not all branches of metabolism¹⁻⁶. Moreover, in signaling NAD⁺ serves
51 as substrate of ADP-ribosyltransferases (ARTs), sirtuins and ADP-ribosylcyclases such as CD38
52 and SARM1⁷⁻¹⁸, and is thus involved in processes ranging from DNA repair, epigenetic and
53 transcriptional control to direct regulation of metabolic enzymes. Common to these signaling
54 reactions is the cleavage of NAD⁺, followed by the release of nicotinamide (Nam). For example,
55 PARP1 detects DNA damage and modifies itself and other proteins with polymers of ADP-
56 ribose (PAR) derived from cleavage of NAD⁺¹⁹. These polymers facilitate DNA repair by serving
57 as a molecular scaffold for the DNA repair machinery.

58 This remarkable array of NAD⁺-consuming processes needs to be counterbalanced by NAD⁺
59 biosynthesis. The major route of NAD⁺ synthesis in mammals recycles Nam produced in the
60 signaling reactions²⁰⁻²². Nam is converted to nicotinamide mononucleotide (NMN) by
61 nicotinamide phosphoribosyl transferase (NAMPT)^{20,21,23,24}. To form NAD⁺, NMN combines
62 with the adenylyl moiety of ATP in a reaction catalyzed by NMN adenylyltransferases
63 (NMNATs)²⁵⁻²⁷. In the Preiss-Handler pathway NAD⁺ is synthesized from nicotinic acid (NA) via
64 nicotinic acid phosphoribosyltransferase (NAPRT)^{28,29}. Common to all pathways is the enzyme
65 NMNAT which catalyzes the formation of the dinucleotide. There are three mammalian
66 NMNAT isoforms that have been localized to the nucleus (NMNAT1), the Golgi complex, facing
67 the cytosol (NMNAT2), and the mitochondrial matrix (NMNAT3)^{26,27}.

68 Compartment-specific NAD⁺ homeostasis has been highlighted in recent studies as an
69 important determinant of physiological processes such as adipocyte differentiation, neuronal
70 cell survival, metabolic regulation of transcription, and electron transport chain activity³⁰⁻³⁵.

71 The mitochondrial NAD⁺ pool appears to be of particular importance to protect cells in stress

72 situations³⁶⁻³⁸. However, the way in which mitochondrial NAD⁺ might contribute to counteract
73 stress originating from other cellular components is not known. The mitochondrial NAD⁺ pool
74 has a certain degree of autonomy, which is further indicated by the presence of NMNAT3
75 within this organelle suggesting the possibility of mitochondrial NAD⁺ synthesis²⁶. In line with
76 this notion, evidence has been presented suggesting the uptake of NMN or NAD⁺ into the
77 organelles^{32,39,40}. However, with the recent discovery of SLC25A51, or MCART1, as a
78 mammalian mitochondrial NAD⁺ transporter, the molecular basis for the major route of
79 generation of the mitochondrial NAD⁺ pool has been established.⁴¹⁻⁴³ Additionally, NMNAT3
80 has been demonstrated to be dispensable in mice, further suggesting that this enzyme is not
81 essential for mitochondrial NAD⁺ synthesis⁴⁴.

82 Besides the nucleus, cytosol and mitochondria, NAD⁺ has also been detected in other
83 subcellular compartments including the peroxisomes and the endoplasmic reticulum (ER)^{45,46}.
84 For peroxisomes, a carrier has been described as a possible candidate⁴⁷, whereas the route
85 of entry of NAD⁺ into the ER remains unknown. A fundamental question therefore relates to
86 the connectivity between the individual NAD⁺ pools. To what extent are they autonomous or
87 independent? Does local consumption of NAD⁺ remain a local affair or does excessive
88 consumption in one organelle affect other NAD⁺ pools? This question becomes particularly
89 relevant in view of the observed decline of tissue NAD⁺ content in some diseases such as
90 mitochondrial myopathies⁴⁸⁻⁵¹ and, especially, in aging^{10,11,52-55}. Decreased NAD⁺ contents are
91 most often interpreted to result from excessive NAD⁺ consumption or decreased NAD⁺
92 biosynthesis. As a cause for the initial change, this is probably true. However, at equilibrium,
93 synthesis and consumption must have equal rates. Therefore, cause and consequence cannot
94 be readily identified when the change has become stably manifested. In line with this notion,
95 Liu *et al*⁵⁶ have established NAD⁺ turnover rates in cells and tissues by means of stable isotope

96 labeling and LC-MS based quantification. Using this approach, they were unable to detect
97 changes in NAD⁺ turnover in aged mice while NAD⁺ concentrations were lowered in most
98 tissues⁵⁷.

99 So far, the consequences of NAD⁺ depletion on physiological functions have largely been
100 studied through pharmacological blockage of NAMPT, for example, using the inhibitor FK866
101 ^{36,58-64}. However, this approach is unsuitable to study the consequences of chronically
102 decreased NAD⁺ levels, as observed in aging.

103 Here, we present a model system for constitutive, compartment-specific NAD⁺ depletion in
104 human cells. Expression of the catalytic domain of PARP1 (referred to as PARP1cd) resulted in
105 significantly lowered total cellular NAD⁺ contents, irrespective of the subcellular compartment
106 targeted. NAD⁺ depletion was well tolerated provided the mitochondrial pool was not directly
107 affected. The excessive NAD⁺-degrading activity did not result in an upregulation of
108 biosynthesis. Thereby, total NAD⁺ turnover remained mostly unchanged despite the lowered
109 NAD⁺ concentration. Our study thus revealed a demand-dependent kinetic regulation of
110 cellular NAD⁺ metabolism and distinct cellular responses to chronically lowered NAD⁺ levels
111 that are different from acute NAD⁺ depletion.

112 Regardless of the compartment targeted, PARP1cd expression was largely accompanied by a
113 decrease of NAD⁺ in mitochondria, indicating a buffering function of this pool. Mechanistically,
114 we propose that NMNAT3, based on its reversibility, maintains a balance between NAD⁺,
115 imported by SLC25A51, and NMN (+ATP), which provides a buffer of “NAD⁺ equivalents” in
116 addition to mitochondrial NAD⁺ itself.

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118 **Results**

119 **Chronic NAD⁺ depletion by stable expression of PARP1cd**

120 To study the consequences of constitutively diminished NAD⁺ levels, we generated cell lines
121 stably overexpressing NAD⁺-consuming activity, targeted to different subcellular
122 compartments. Our design was based on the previous demonstration that targeted expression
123 of the PARP1 catalytic domain (PARP1cd) in the cytosol or mitochondria resulted in decreased
124 cellular NAD⁺ contents^{45,65,66}. We used U2OS, HEK293 (293) and HeLa S3 cells to engineer three
125 sets of cell lines expressing PARP1cd in the mitochondria (mitoPARP1cd or mP), the cytosol
126 (cytoPARP1cd or cP), the peroxisomes (pexPARP1cd or pP) and the endoplasmic reticulum (ER-
127 PARP1cd or erP) (Figs. 1 and Extended Data Fig. 1). PARP1cd, endowed with an N-terminal
128 EGFP-tag, was targeted to peroxisomes by adding a C-terminal SKL targeting signal or to the
129 ER by adding the ER-targeting sequence of Binding immunoglobulin protein (BiP) and the KDEL
130 ER retention signal (Fig. 1a). Cell lines expressing mitochondrial or cytosolic PARP1cd were
131 prepared as previously reported for 293 cells⁴⁶. The resulting proteins consume NAD⁺ as a
132 substrate for PAR formation in the targeted compartment^{45,46} (Fig. 1b). Expression levels of
133 the PARP1cd construct varied in the different cell lines with a tendency for higher expression
134 levels when targeted to the peroxisomes or the ER. Immunodetection of PAR in the pP cells
135 (Figs. 1c, 1d, and Extended Data Fig. 1a-d), and peroxisomal localization of the PARP1cd
136 construct were confirmed by colocalization with the peroxisomal marker PMP70 (Extended
137 Data Fig. 1d).

138 In U2OS and HeLa S3 cells stably expressing erP, PAR formation was demonstrated by
139 immunocytochemistry (Fig. 1c and Extended Data Fig. 1a) and Western blotting (Fig. 1d and
140 Extended Data Fig. 1b). In 293 cells stably expressing ER-PARP1cd^{45,46}, PAR formation was
141 undetectable (Extended Data Fig. 1c and e), while transient expression of the construct
142 resulted in readily detectable PAR^{45,46}. We reasoned that PAR degrading activity in the stable
143 293 erP cells might exceed the speed of PAR generation. If so, increased NAD⁺ supply would

144 shift the equilibrium towards PAR accumulation. Indeed, overexpression of nicotinic acid
145 phosphoribosyltransferase (NAPRT) and addition of its substrate, nicotinic acid (NA), to the
146 medium enabled the formation of PAR readily detectable by Western blotting (Extended Data
147 Fig. 1e). The correct targeting of the erP construct was confirmed by colocalization with the
148 ER marker calnexin (Extended Data Fig. 1f).

149 Exploiting PARP1cd as a compartment-specific NAD⁺ consumer requires the presence of PAR-
150 degrading activity, that is, a dynamic equilibrium of polymer synthesis and degradation.
151 Otherwise, PARP1cd would be mostly in its maximally PARylated form and inactive. The
152 presence of PAR-degrading activities has been previously verified for mP and cP cells^{40,65} and
153 here for erP cells (see above and Extended Data Fig. 1e). PAR degrading activity in peroxisomes
154 was detected by incubating pP cells in presence of the PARP inhibitor 3-aminobenzamide
155 (3AB). Under this condition, the signal for PAR in pP cells weakened in a time-dependent
156 manner (Extended Data Fig. 1g). Pre-incubation of the cells in presence of 3AB for 48 hours
157 followed by release of the inhibition showed that polymer levels were fully restored in the pP
158 cells at 24 hours (Extended Data Fig. 1h). These results verified PAR turnover in all targeted
159 organelles.

160 Next, we validated the suitability of the established PARP1cd cell lines as model systems for
161 chronic NAD⁺ depletion. Compared to their parental (wt) counterparts, the total cellular NAD⁺
162 contents of PARP1cd-expressing cells were diminished to varying extent in all PARP1cd
163 expressing cells, with the only exception of cP in HeLa cells (Fig. 1e). Expression of PARP1cd in
164 mitochondria and peroxisomes caused the strongest decrease of NAD⁺ levels, up to ~50%, in
165 all cell types, while NAD⁺/NADH levels were largely unaffected (Extended Data Fig. 1i).
166 Inhibition of PARP activity by 3AB reversed the NAD⁺ decrease, even exceeding the level of

167 untreated wt cells (Fig. 1e). Consequently, NAD⁺ depletion upon expression of PARP1cd can
168 indeed be ascribed to the catalytic activity of the constructs.

169 **Only direct mitochondrial NAD⁺ depletion is detrimental**

170 Growth rates were largely unaffected by the presence of PARP1cd. Expression of PARP1cd in
171 the peroxisomes, the cytosol or the ER slightly increased growth rates in U2OS PARP1cd cell
172 lines, while expression of cP in 293 and mP in HeLa cells decreased them (Fig. 2a). Next, we
173 evaluated energy metabolism by monitoring mitochondrial respiration and glycolysis based
174 on the oxygen consumption rates (OCR) and the extracellular acidification rates (ECAR, Fig. 2b
175 and Extended Data Fig. 2a and b). Notably, mP cells generated from all backgrounds (U2OS,
176 293, HeLa S3) displayed substantially lowered basal and maximum (uncoupled) respiration
177 rates, whereas these rates were only somewhat diminished in pP, cP and erP cells (Fig. 2b and
178 Extended Data Fig. 2a and b). Glycolysis was strongly elevated in 293 mP cells (Extended Data
179 Fig. 2a). None of the modified cell lines presented increased leak respiration, indicating that
180 the mitochondrial inner membrane integrity and respiratory control were preserved (Fig. 2b).
181 Consequently, the major bioenergetic functions appear to be well maintained during
182 constitutive NAD⁺ deficiency, unless the depletion originates from the mitochondria.

183 We hypothesized that the constitutive NAD⁺ deficiency in the PARP1cd cell lines might be well
184 compensated under resting conditions but forcing them to rely predominantly on oxidative
185 phosphorylation could provoke growth defects. To test this, we measured growth rates in
186 media containing galactose as sole carbon source. Generally, this growth condition resulted
187 in decreased cell proliferation in all cell lines investigated, including the parental cells (Fig. 2c
188 and Extended Data Fig. 2c and d). In 293 cells, PARP1cd expression further decreased
189 proliferation rates irrespective of the compartment targeted.

190 To further test mitochondrial function in 293 cells, we employed the resazurin assay, which is
191 an indicator of the activity of mitochondrial NAD⁺-dependent dehydrogenases⁶⁷.
192 Mitochondrial dehydrogenase activities were maintained in PARP1cd expressing cells
193 regardless of the origin of NAD⁺ depletion (Extended Data Fig. 2e). The 293 PARP1cd cells were
194 then challenged with FK866, thereby testing their sensitivity to further NAD⁺ depletion based
195 on NAMPT inhibition. Both mP and pP cells were highly sensitive to this condition displaying a
196 marked decrease in signal intensity already after 24 hours with a further decline after 48
197 hours, whereas cP and erP cells tolerated the treatment for the first 24 hours (Extended Data
198 Fig. 2e). Regarding pP cells, this finding was surprising, as these cells displayed normal oxygen
199 consumption rates.

200 To compare the sensitivity towards peroxisomal versus mitochondrial NAD⁺ depletion, we
201 assessed the functionality of β -oxidation in the 293 PARP1cd cell lines, an NAD⁺-dependent
202 process taking place both in peroxisomes (preferential catabolism of long and very long-chain
203 fatty acids) and mitochondria (preferential oxidation of short/medium chain fatty acids)⁶⁸. As
204 shown in Fig. 2d, the mitochondrial NAD⁺ depletion in mP cells caused a dramatic
205 accumulation of medium-chain fatty acids, whereas peroxisomal NAD⁺ depletion (pP cells)
206 resulted only in a slight increase in very long-chain fatty acids. Since the NAD⁺ dependency of
207 peroxisomal and mitochondrial fatty acid oxidation is similar, it appears that peroxisomal
208 NAD⁺ depletion is well compensated to maintain oxidation of very-long-chain fatty acids,
209 whereas mitochondrial NAD⁺ depletion results in a profound deficiency of β -oxidation.

210 These results indicated that, despite a considerably lower NAD⁺ content in the PARP1cd-
211 expressing cells, metabolic and bioenergetic functions are well maintained, unless the
212 mitochondrial NAD⁺ pool is targeted directly. The generally mild effects of chronic NAD⁺

213 depletion were further confirmed by essentially unchanged cellular ATP levels in all PARP1cd
214 expressing cell lines (Extended Data Fig. 2f).

215 Since sirtuins deacetylate proteins in an NAD⁺-dependent manner, changes in cellular NAD⁺
216 levels may affect the acetylation state of a variety of proteins⁶⁹⁻⁷¹. However, no pronounced
217 changes were detectable when comparing protein acetylation in whole cell lysates of wt 293
218 and 293 PARP1cd cell lines (Fig. 2e). Likewise, the expression of sirtuins was nearly unaffected
219 in 293- and HeLa-derived PARP1cd cells (Extended Data Fig. 2g).

220 Taken together, the cells coped surprisingly well with constitutive, targeted NAD⁺ depletion.
221 These observations indicate that, unlike during acute NAD⁺ depletion, cells adapt to chronic
222 NAD⁺ deficiency and efficiently maintain physiological functions. However, the pronounced
223 functional deficiencies in mP cells revealed a serious vulnerability when NAD⁺ depletion
224 originates from the mitochondrial pool.

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226 **NAD⁺ turnover does not change upon PARP1cd overexpression**

227 Given the unexpected lack of distinct phenotypical consequences of constitutive NAD⁺
228 deficiency in the majority of PARP1cd cells, we wondered how NAD⁺-dependent processes
229 could be maintained, despite the lowered concentration of the dinucleotide. These are stable
230 cell lines that have attained a new balance in NAD⁺ metabolism. To establish this equilibrium,
231 an augmented NAD⁺ consumption could be counterbalanced by a matching elevation of
232 biosynthesis activity which would result in an increased NAD⁺ turnover (Fig. 3a). Alternatively,
233 even though the capacity to degrade NAD⁺ is increased in the PARP1cd cells, the actual NAD⁺
234 consumption could be limited, for example, by regulatory mechanisms, to not exceed the
235 available rate of NAD⁺ synthesis (Fig. 3a). To distinguish between these possibilities, we
236 determined cellular NAD⁺ turnover using stable isotope labeling-based flux measurements.

237 We substituted the respective unlabeled cell culture medium components by ^{13}C glucose and
238 ^{15}N -labeled Nam (for 293-derived cells, Figs. 3b and c and Extended Data Fig. 3a and b) or ^{18}O -
239 labeled Nam for the other cell lines (Extended Data Fig. 4a-d). This approach enables the
240 labeling of NAD^+ in both the Nam and the two ribose moieties (Fig. 3b). Thereby, six different
241 isotopologs can be expected in the measurements (Fig. 3b): unlabeled NAD^+ , NAD^+ M+1 (only
242 labeled in the Nam moiety), NAD^+ M+5 (labeled in one of the two riboses), NAD^+ M+6 (labeled
243 both in Nam and one of the two riboses), NAD^+ M+10 (labeled in both riboses) and NAD^+ M+11
244 (labeled in Nam and both riboses).

245 As determined by high-resolution LC-MS, in 293-derived cells, the M+1, M+5 and M+10
246 isotopologs were hardly detectable, independent of the presence of PARP1cd (Extended Data
247 Fig. 3a). Initial accumulation of a M+6 isotopolog was observed, followed by nearly exclusive
248 formation of the M+11 (the fully labeled) isotopolog (Extended Data Fig. 3a). To identify the
249 position of the ribose in the M+6 isotopolog, we used MS-MS fragment analysis. As shown in
250 Extended Data Fig. 3b, a labeled ADP fragment of the M+6 isotopolog was almost absent,
251 whereas the ADP-ribose fragment was completely present in the M+5 form. These findings
252 establish that the first labeled ribose that gets incorporated into NAD^+ is on the NMN, and not
253 the AMP side of the molecule. Consequently, the added ^{13}C glucose must be rapidly converted
254 to ^{13}C PRPP (Fig. 3b), indicating that the cellular PRPP pool is turned over rather quickly. ^{13}C
255 PRPP and ^{15}N Nam are then used by NAMPT to form $^{15}\text{N}/^{13}\text{C}$ NMN M+6 (Fig. 3b). The final
256 conversion to NAD^+ M+6 is catalyzed by NMNAT, initially using the large pool of unlabeled
257 ATP. Over time, the ATP pool also becomes labeled in the ribose moiety, resulting in the
258 accumulation of NAD^+ M+11. As label incorporation of any sort represents newly synthesized
259 NAD^+ , the sum of all detected isotopologs was used to calculate the NAD^+ turnover (Fig. 3b,
260 lower panel, "Sum of labeled NAD^+ "). In the steady state, the rate of incorporation of label

261 into newly synthesized NAD⁺ equals the rate of degradation (disappearance) of unlabeled
262 NAD⁺ present at time=0 (Fig. 3b, lower panel, “Unlabeled NAD⁺”). In other words, the
263 biosynthetic rate equals the consumption rate.

264 The results of the time-course analyses of NAD⁺ labeling in wt 293 and PARP1cd cells are
265 shown in Fig. 3c. The time ($t_{1/2}$) needed to replace 50% of the original, unlabeled NAD⁺ pool
266 by newly synthesized, labeled NAD⁺ is markedly shortened in the PARP1cd cell lines, in
267 particular, mP and pP cells (Fig. 3c, for the U2OS- and HeLa-derived cell lines, see Extended
268 Data Fig. 4c and d, respectively). Note that these are also the two cell lines whose total NAD⁺
269 concentrations are lowest. Consequently, at similar NAD⁺ synthesis rates, it would take less
270 time to resynthesize 50% of their total NAD⁺ pool compared to the wt cells. This is visualized
271 in Fig. 3d, in which NAD⁺ synthesis is shown in absolute numbers rather than %. Here, the
272 attained maximum of labeled NAD⁺ corresponds to the cellular NAD⁺ contents, which is
273 approximately half in pP compared to the wildtype. As shown in the bar graphs in Fig. 3e,
274 when scaling to the cellular NAD⁺ pool sizes, it becomes obvious that the actual NAD⁺ turnover
275 is hardly affected by the expression of the PARP1cd constructs. Consequently, changes in the
276 rates of NAD⁺ biosynthesis and consumption in the cells overexpressing the NAD⁺ consumer
277 PARP1cd, if any, are rather small. These results argued against a compensatory upregulation
278 of NAD⁺ biosynthesis and suggested a kinetic limitation of NAD⁺ consumption (Fig. 3a,
279 bottom).

280 To validate this interpretation, we generated a kinetic model of NAD⁺ metabolism to simulate
281 PARP1cd overexpression. As shown in Figure 3f, the model recapitulates the observations of
282 the experiments (Fig. 3d and e) when arbitrarily assuming increases of total maximal NAD⁺
283 consuming activities by 10 or 20% elicited by PARP1cd overexpression. Therefore, both the
284 experimental data and the model suggest that, in the new steady state, maximal consumption

285 activities cannot be attained owing to a kinetic counterbalancing resulting from lowered NAD⁺
286 concentrations. That is, the K_m values of the NAD⁺ consumers (both endogenous and PARP1cd)
287 are in the range of the (free) NAD⁺ concentrations in the cell^{32,72}. Therefore, a decrease of the
288 NAD⁺ concentration will cause a decrease of the overall NAD⁺ consumption rate until the
289 biosynthetic rate is matched (Fig. 3g). Assuming an unchanged rate of NAD⁺ biosynthesis,
290 increased consumption capacity (yellow line) would cause a decrease of the NAD⁺
291 concentration. Lower enzyme saturation then slows down NAD⁺ consumption until
292 degradation and synthesis rates match again to establish a new steady state.

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294 **Stable NAD⁺ biosynthesis kinetically limits NAD⁺ consumption**

295 To consolidate this finding, we analyzed the expression of enzymes involved in NAD⁺
296 biosynthesis. Under the conditions of our experiments, the only available NAD⁺ precursor was
297 nicotinamide. Therefore, NAD⁺ biosynthesis proceeded via NAMPT and NMNAT, the only
298 intermediate being NMN (Fig. 3b). The amount of NAMPT, as detected by Western blotting,
299 was unchanged in all PARP1cd overexpressing cell lines compared to the parental cell lines
300 (Fig. 4a). Similarly, NMNAT1 protein levels were largely unchanged in U2OS- and HeLa-derived
301 PARP1cd cells and slightly increased in the corresponding 293-derived PARP1cd cells (Fig. 4b).
302 Because it had been reported, at least in 293 and HeLa cells, that changes in *NMNAT* transcript
303 levels correlated with protein abundance³² we used RNASeq to establish expression levels of
304 the corresponding genes. First, we validated the results obtained from the Western blots for
305 *NAMPT* and *NMNAT1* expression (Fig. 4c). We detected a slight increase in *NAMPT* expression
306 in 293 mP and pP and a decrease in HeLa mP and pP. Given that NAMPT catalyzes the rate-
307 limiting step in NAD⁺ synthesis, these results are in accordance with the minor changes
308 observed in NAD⁺ turnover (Fig. 3). *NMNAT1* mRNA is slightly increased in HeLa pP and cP and

309 293 erP (Fig. 4b). In 293 mP cells, *NMNAT3* mRNA levels were increased while *NMNAT2*
310 expression was decreased to a similar extent indicating an interesting compensatory swap
311 from cytosolic to mitochondrial NMNAT activity. In agreement with previous reports³²
312 *NMNAT2* and *NMNAT3* mRNA levels are extremely low or undetectable in HeLa S3 cells.
313 Interestingly, a downregulation of *NAPRT* mRNA, in particular in 293 mP cells, was detected
314 (Fig. 4c). NAD⁺ biosynthesis from nicotinic acid (NA) through the Preiss-Handler pathway^{28,29}
315 is independent of NAMPT (Fig. 4d), and it was previously established that NA can sustain NAD⁺
316 synthesis and cell growth in 293 and mP, when NAMPT is inhibited by FK866⁴⁰. Indeed, under
317 this condition, NAD⁺ is efficiently synthesized from ¹³C-NA (Fig. 4e) indicating that this pathway
318 is functional and active in the cell lines used in the present study. We reasoned that the
319 PARP1cd cells might increase the use of NA when it is available in the medium to increase
320 NAD⁺ concentrations. However, this was not the case. Rather to the contrary, PARP1cd cells,
321 in particular, mP cells, used even less ¹³C-NA (in addition to the unlabeled Nam in the medium)
322 compared to wt 293 cells (Fig. 4f). In fact, these measurements provided a functional
323 validation of the observed decrease of expression of *NAPRT* in 293 mP, pP and cP cells (Fig.
324 4c), although the reason for this regulation remains unclear.
325 Collectively, these results further supported the notion that, independent of the compartment
326 harboring the overexpressed NAD⁺ consumer, NAD⁺ biosynthesis was not increased to
327 counterbalance the increased NAD⁺ consumption. Rather, by maintaining the expression level
328 of *NAMPT*, encoding the rate-limiting enzyme⁷³, total NAD⁺ consumption was limited and
329 mostly unchanged compared to wt cells (cf. Fig. 3a, bottom panel). However, as already noted
330 during the functional characterization, mP cells again stood out with the strongest alterations.
331 Clearly, the constitutive presence of an excessive NAD⁺ consumer within mitochondria

332 affected the cells more severely compared to any other subcellular compartment tested.

333 Therefore, we decided to scrutinize the mitochondrial NAD⁺ pool in more detail.

334 **Extramitochondrial consumption lowers mitochondrial NAD⁺**

335 As shown in Fig. 5a, mitochondrial NAD⁺ levels were decreased in all PARP1cd cell lines derived
336 from wt 293 or HeLa S3 cells as well as mP and pP cells generated from U2OS cells. This result
337 implies an interconnectivity of subcellular NAD⁺ pools, suggesting “NAD⁺ sharing” of
338 subcellular NAD⁺ at least by the mitochondrial pool (Fig. 5a).

339 As expected, the decrease of NAD⁺ in mitochondria was strongest when PARP1cd was
340 expressed within these organelles directly. It was also noted that pP expression consistently
341 evoked a considerable depletion of the mitochondrial NAD⁺ pool (Fig. 5a). To validate these
342 measurements, we made use of HeLa cells constitutively expressing a genetically encoded
343 NAD⁺ biosensor in mitochondria³². Transient expression of the mitochondrial PARP1cd
344 construct in these cells demonstrated a similar decline of the free mitochondrial NAD⁺
345 concentration (Extended Data Fig. 5a) as measured in the organelles isolated from mP cells
346 (Fig. 5a). Moreover, expression of pP in HeLa cells expressing the mitochondrial NAD⁺ sensor
347 (Extended Data Fig. 5a-c) confirmed the notion that the mitochondrial NAD⁺ pool may be
348 “tapped” in a situation of NAD⁺ shortage in other subcellular locations (Fig. 5a).

349 **Dynamics of the mitochondrial NAD⁺ pool**

350 Given the consistent draining of the mitochondrial NAD⁺ pool upon PARP1cd expression in
351 various extramitochondrial compartments, it seemed surprising that the corresponding
352 PARP1cd cell lines hardly exhibited any functional defects. Therefore, we wondered to what
353 extent the dynamics of the mitochondrial NAD⁺ pool might be affected under these conditions.
354 We conducted time course experiments using stable isotope labeling, similar to those shown
355 in Fig. 3, in 293-derived PARP1cd cell lines. To assess the dynamics of the mitochondrial NAD⁺

356 pool, we isolated the organelles and measured isotope incorporation into this pool. Taking
357 into account the cellular and mitochondrial NAD⁺ contents (see Materials and Methods for
358 details), we estimate that, in parental 293 cells, mitochondria contribute ~15% to the total
359 cellular NAD⁺ turnover (Fig. 5b). In 293 mP cells, mitochondrial NAD⁺ turnover was hardly
360 measurable, consistent with the very low remaining NAD⁺ concentration (Fig. 5a). Likewise,
361 mitochondrial NAD⁺ turnover was somewhat reduced in pP, cP and erP cells. However, this
362 decrease was fairly small with no significant difference from the wt situation. Together, these
363 results demonstrate that increased extramitochondrial NAD⁺ consumption may be
364 compensated, in part, by draining the mitochondrial pool whose dynamics remain largely
365 unaffected.

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367 **SLC25A51, but not NMNAT3, controls mitochondrial NAD⁺ levels**

368 The NAD⁺ concentration in mitochondria (~230 μM) is known to be considerably higher than
369 in other compartments, such as the nucleus or cytosol (~100 μM)^{32,72}, even though the K_m
370 values of the majority of mitochondrial NAD-dependent metabolic reactions are far below this
371 concentration⁷⁴. Consequently, mitochondria might represent a reservoir that could
372 potentially compensate cellular NAD⁺ fluctuations. Such a function should be intrinsically
373 linked to the mechanisms underlying the establishment and maintenance of the mitochondrial
374 NAD⁺ pool. In mammalian cells, mitochondrial NAD⁺ originates from the cytosol and is
375 imported by SLC25A51/MCART1, an NAD⁺ carrier in the mitochondrial inner membrane⁴¹⁻⁴³
376 (Fig. 5c). We generated 293 cells overexpressing (A51 OE) or deficient (A51 KO) in the
377 mitochondrial NAD⁺ carrier SLC25A51 (Extended Data Fig. 6a-c). In accordance with previous
378 reports^{41,42}, the absence of the carrier had little effect on cellular NAD⁺ levels (Fig. 5d),
379 whereas mitochondrial NAD⁺ was hardly detectable (Fig. 5e). In contrast, overexpression of

380 SLC25A51 increased cellular NAD⁺ contents (Fig. 5e), with a large share of the additional NAD⁺
381 present in mitochondria (Fig. 5e). These observations demonstrate that SLC25A51 controls the
382 mitochondrial NAD⁺ content and regulates the distribution between intra- and
383 extramitochondrial NAD⁺ pools.

384 In a variety of cell types, including 293, mitochondria contain NMNAT3, an enzyme that
385 reversibly converts NMN and ATP to NAD⁺ and pyrophosphate (Fig. 6a). While nuclear
386 NMNAT1 and cytosolic NMNAT2 are required for NAD⁺ synthesis, the function of NMNAT3 in
387 mitochondria has remained elusive.

388 To understand the role of NMNAT3 in mitochondrial and cellular NAD⁺ homeostasis, we used
389 commercially available HAP1 KO cells and generated stable 293-derived cell lines
390 overexpressing (*NMNAT3* OE) or deficient (*NMNAT3* KO) in this protein (Extended Data Fig. 7-
391 9). In contrast to the effects of SLC25A51 modulation, neither overexpression nor knockout of
392 *NMNAT3* had any noticeable effect on cellular or mitochondrial NAD⁺ levels (Fig. 6b and c).
393 Moreover, deletion of *NMNAT3* in 293 cells did not alter mitochondrial NAD⁺ availability as
394 determined using mitoPARP1cd as a sensor (Fig. 6d and e). The same results were obtained
395 when comparing HAP1 *NMNAT3* KO cells to their wt counterpart (Extended Data Fig. 7a-c).
396 Thereby, we confirm that NMNAT3 is not required for mitochondrial NAD⁺ synthesis.
397 Moreover, this enzyme does not directly control mitochondrial or total cellular NAD⁺ pools.

398

399 **The NMNAT3 equilibrium establishes a mitochondrial NAD⁺ buffer**

400 The NMNAT-catalyzed reaction is fully reversible^{26,75}, with the chemical equilibrium favoring
401 the production of NMN and ATP from NAD⁺ and pyrophosphate^{25,26,76} (Fig. 6a). We
402 hypothesized that NMNAT3 might preferentially work in the direction of NAD⁺ cleavage until
403 the equilibrium between NAD⁺ + PPi and NMN + ATP is reached. To test this, we first exploited

404 the mitochondrial NAD⁺ sensing capacity of mitochondrial PARP1cd⁴⁶. We speculated that, if
405 NMNAT3 preferentially cleaved NAD⁺, then the *NMNAT3* KO should have more mitochondrial
406 NAD⁺ available for the PARP1cd to produce PAR. As shown in Fig. 6d, no difference in PAR
407 formation by mitoPARP1cd between wt and *NMNAT3* KO 293 cells was detectable.
408 Additionally, in *SLC25A51* KO cells, the very low remaining mitochondrial NAD⁺ content (Fig.
409 5f) is undetectable using this assay (Fig. 6f – third lane from the right). Remarkably, if under
410 this condition *NMNAT3* is knocked out as well, PAR becomes detectable, clearly indicating a
411 rise of NAD⁺ available to the mitochondrial PARP1cd (Fig 6f, rightmost lane). This observation
412 suggested that NMNAT3 preferentially cleaves NAD⁺, thereby competing with PAR generation
413 by PARP1cd. According to this concept, NMNAT3 should produce and thereby elevate the
414 NMN level in mitochondria. Hence, we decided to measure mitochondrial NMN
415 concentrations in the context of *NMNAT3* overexpression or knockout (Fig. 6g). As shown
416 above (Fig. 6c and d), the mitochondrial NAD⁺ content is indistinguishable from the wildtype
417 under these conditions. Overexpression of *NMNAT3* did also not influence the mitochondrial
418 NMN concentration (Fig. 6g). Strikingly, knockout of *NMNAT3* reduced mitochondrial NMN
419 concentrations by up to 50% (Fig. 6g). These results show that NMNAT3 can maintain an
420 equilibrium between NAD⁺ and NMN that enables accumulation of “NAD⁺ equivalents” in the
421 form of NMN (Fig. 6h).

422

423 **Discussion**

424 The present study has provided important new insights into the physiology of intracellular
425 NAD⁺ pools, their interconnectivity, dynamics and plasticity. Using the model system of
426 compartment-specific PARP1cd expression, we have identified mechanisms that enable the
427 maintenance of cellular processes under the conditions of chronic NAD⁺ depletion.

428 Surprisingly, the main mechanism relies on “autoregulation”, adjustment of NAD⁺ metabolism
429 based on the kinetic properties of the enzymes. The relatively large mitochondrial pool
430 appears to be particularly vulnerable when directly affected, but it may act as a cellular NAD⁺
431 reserve when the shortage originates outside the organelles.

432 Our experiments indicate that human cells have the capacity to compensate sustained
433 decreases of total cellular NAD⁺ contents. Out of the twelve generated PARP1cd cell lines (4 x
434 each U2OS, 293 and HeLa S3), eleven displayed a significantly lower NAD⁺ concentration
435 compared to their respective wildtypes (Fig. 1e). Yet, their growth rates were hardly affected.
436 Likewise, challenging the cells with glucose-free medium that contained galactose was well
437 tolerated. However, irrespective of their background (HeLa S3, 293, U2OS), all mP cells
438 exhibited reduced respiratory activity, whereas PARP1cd expression in other compartments
439 had little impact on bioenergetic and metabolic parameters. These observations suggest that
440 human cells are capable of efficiently adjusting their metabolism when encountering
441 prolonged NAD⁺ shortage, as long as the origin of the imbalance is located outside
442 mitochondria.

443 Increased total NAD⁺ consumption activity by PARP1cd expression caused a drop of NAD⁺
444 levels in accordance with the kinetic parameters of cellular NAD⁺ metabolism. The overall
445 rates of biosynthesis and consumption are brought back into balance by lowering the
446 saturation of NAD⁺ consumers, thereby decreasing their activity to again match the rate of
447 NAD⁺ synthesis. Accordingly, the original NAD⁺ turnover is reestablished, however, for the
448 price of a lowered NAD⁺ concentration (Fig. 3g). This conclusion is in line with an unchanged
449 NAD⁺ flux in tissues of aged mice, despite a significant decline of NAD⁺ levels⁵⁷. Even though
450 our cell models do not account for regulatory processes that may take place on an organismal
451 level, they indicate potentially important mechanistic consequences: (i) The NAD⁺

452 concentration per se is unlikely to represent a suitable parameter to evaluate changes in the
453 total activity of NAD⁺-dependent processes. Such an evaluation requires turnover
454 measurements, for example, using isotope labels as shown in this and previous studies^{56,57}. (ii)
455 Adaptation to excessive NAD⁺ consumption can be described by a purely kinetic model of
456 NAD⁺ metabolism pointing towards a lack of cellular switches that re-adjust NAD⁺ levels. The
457 only exception seems to be, when the mitochondrial pool is affected directly as indicated by
458 a reciprocal up- and down-regulation of *NMNAT3* and *NMNAT2* expression under these
459 conditions (Fig. 4c). (iii) Lowered NAD⁺ levels, for example, originating from PARP1
460 overactivation in response to accumulation of DNA damage during aging^{38,77-79}, would
461 kinetically redistribute NAD⁺ consumption. NAD⁺ would become less available to low-affinity
462 NAD⁺-dependent enzymes. This could eventually lead to perturbations both in bioenergetic,
463 metabolic and signaling pathways. (iv) NAD⁺ supplementation to replenish cellular levels could
464 result in a turnover exceeding the physiological one, unless the cause of excessive NAD⁺
465 consumption is counteracted directly. Increased NAD⁺ turnover would put pressure on
466 biosynthetic resources such as PRPP and ATP. From this perspective, supplementation with
467 metabolites that already have the ribose attached (NR, NMN)^{10,80-87} represents a clear
468 advantage over supplementation with the classical vitamin B3 forms, nicotinamide and
469 nicotinic acid⁸⁸.

470 In line with the previously reported importance of intact mitochondrial NAD⁺ homeostasis^{31,36-}
471 ^{38,77-79}, we here demonstrate an exceptional sensitivity of mitochondria towards direct NAD⁺
472 depletion. While total cellular NAD⁺ content was diminished to a similar extent when PARP1cd
473 was expressed in mitochondria or peroxisomes (Fig. 1e), this had little effect on pP cells,
474 whereas mP cells were noticeably affected.

475 The mitochondrial NAD⁺ pool is maintained through uptake from the cytosol mediated by
476 SLC25A51. Nevertheless, even under conditions when mitochondrial NAD⁺ was diminished,
477 directly or indirectly, the expression of this carrier was essentially unchanged (Extended Data
478 Fig. 7d-e). Knockout of *SLC25A51* dramatically decreased mitochondrial NAD⁺, whereas the
479 total cellular NAD⁺ content was unchanged. Similar observations were made in a system using
480 knock down of the carrier³⁸. Conversely, overexpression of the transporter tended to increase
481 cellular NAD⁺ levels^{41,43}, likely by preferred accumulation in mitochondria (Fig. 5d and e)^{42,89}.
482 These results suggest that the activity of this carrier can regulate the balance between intra-
483 and extramitochondrial NAD⁺ pools.

484 *NMNAT3* expression is tissue- and cell type-specific²⁶. For example, it is highly expressed in
485 293, but undetectable in HeLa S3 cells^{26,32}. Moreover, *NMNAT3* gene disruption in mice is not
486 lethal and causes only a mild phenotype^{44,90}. Since the mitochondrial NAD⁺ pool is maintained
487 by SLC25A51, *NMNAT3* is not required for NAD⁺ generation, although its *in vitro* NAD⁺
488 synthesis activity is similar to *NMNAT1* and *2*²⁶. It has been speculated previously that
489 *NMNAT3* may cleave rather than synthesize mitochondrial NAD⁺⁷⁵, as *NMNATs* maintain an
490 equilibrium between NAD⁺ + pyrophosphate and NMN + ATP *in vitro*^{25,26,76}. Because of the
491 high NAD⁺ demand in the nucleus and cytosol, the balance for *NMNATs* 1 and 2 is likely in
492 favor of NAD⁺ synthesis. In mitochondria, the NAD⁺ concentration exceeds that of the nucleus
493 and cytosol^{32,91,92}. Moreover, pyrophosphate is readily available⁹³ and the order of substrate
494 binding of *NMNAT3* favors NAD cleavage, unlike in the other two *NMNAT* isoforms⁹⁴. Indeed,
495 deletion of *NMNAT3* in 293 cells substantially lowered the mitochondrial NMN content (Fig.
496 6g). Given that ATP is abundant in mitochondria, *NMNAT3* can convert NMN to NAD⁺ when
497 the concentration of the dinucleotide decreases (Fig.6a). Therefore, by maintaining an

498 equilibrium between NAD⁺ and NMN, this enzyme can provide a reservoir of NAD⁺ equivalents
499 (as NMN + ATP) to buffer mitochondrial NAD⁺ fluctuations (Fig. 6h).

500 The NAD⁺ carrier SLC25A51 transports NAD⁺ into mitochondria, thereby establishing an
501 equilibrium between the cytosolic and mitochondrial NAD⁺ pools. By converting some of the
502 imported NAD⁺ into NMN (and ATP), NMNAT3 enables uptake of more NAD⁺ than would be
503 possible in its absence.

504 Our results revealed that the mitochondrial NAD⁺ pool is “tapped” when NAD⁺ demand is
505 excessive in other subcellular compartments. This finding suggests a role of mitochondria in
506 the communication between subcellular NAD⁺ pools. Such a role could be mediated by
507 controlled exchange of NAD⁺ between mitochondria and the cytosol and further with other
508 compartments and would involve bi-directional NAD⁺ transport by SLC25A51 (Fig. 7). When
509 NAD⁺ demand outside mitochondria increases, the dinucleotide would be released from the
510 organelles to replenish the depleted compartment. A buffering function of the mitochondrial
511 NAD⁺ pool would provide a plausible reason why the NAD⁺ concentration in these organelles
512 is significantly higher compared to those measured in the cytosol and the nucleus^{32,91,92}.
513 Importantly, with the presence of NMNAT3, the capacity of this NAD⁺ buffer could be
514 substantially increased (Fig. 6h). Therefore, we posit that, in concert with SLC25A51, NMNAT3
515 may buffer not only intra-, but also extramitochondrial NAD⁺ imbalances (Fig. 7). In the case
516 of chronic excessive NAD⁺ consumption, this buffering function is compromised due to the
517 permanent shortage of cellular NAD⁺. However, upon acute activation of extramitochondrial
518 NAD⁺ consumers, a SLC25A51-NMNAT3-based NAD⁺ rheostat could protect cells from damage
519 by buffering cellular NAD⁺ levels.

520 In conclusion, the findings of the present study provide a plausible mechanistic explanation
521 for the well-tolerated decline of NAD⁺ levels in aging. They document a key role of the

522 mitochondrial pool in cellular NAD⁺ homeostasis and inter-organelle communication and
523 suggest a buffering role of these organelles in the adaptation to increased NAD⁺ demand.
524 Moreover, the distribution of cellular NAD⁺ resources appears to be governed by kinetic
525 properties, in particular the affinity of NAD⁺-dependent enzymes, rather than other regulatory
526 mechanisms. Therefore, an important benefit of therapeutic approaches adjusting declined
527 NAD⁺ levels could consist in the re-allocation of the dinucleotide to critical low-affinity NAD⁺-
528 dependent processes. Finally, the vulnerability of cells towards direct depletion of their
529 mitochondrial NAD⁺ pool highlights an important, hitherto unexplored aspect: NAD⁺ decline
530 may arise from different subcellular locations. However, when originating from mitochondria,
531 it could represent a serious pathogenetic factor, for example, in aging-associated diseases.

532

533 **Methods**

534 **Cell culture**

535 Cells were cultivated at 37 °C in humidified atmosphere with 5% CO₂ (standard culture
536 conditions) in Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium supplemented with 10% (v/v) fetal calf
537 serum (FCS), 2 mM glutamine, and 1x penicillin-streptomycin (U2OS 293, [HEK-293], HeLaS3)
538 or 1x penicillin-streptomycin (HAP1).

539 293, U2OS and HeLaS3 cells were obtained from the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC)
540 and their identities confirmed by in-house genotyping using a 3500 Genetic Analyzer (Applied
541 Biosystems/Hitachi) with GlobalFiler™ PCR Amplification Kit (ThermoFisher/Applied
542 Biosystems #4476135) and GeneScan™ 600 LIZ™ dye Size Standard v2.0
543 (ThermoFisher/Applied Biosystems #4408399). Wild type and *NMNAT3* knock-out HAP1 cells
544 were obtained from Horizon (Supplementary Tab. 1).

545 Transfections were done using X-tremeGENE™ 9 transfection reagent (Merck/Sigma). Stably
546 transfected cell lines were generated after two rounds of clonal selection in presence of 550
547 µg/ml G418 for 293 cells and 800 µg/ml G418 for U2OS and HeLa S3 cells and were maintained
548 accordingly.

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550 **CRISPR-Cas9-mediated genome editing**

551 CRISPR-Cas9-mediated genome editing in 293 cells was done following the guidelines
552 published by Ran et al. (2013)⁹⁵ using plasmid pSpCas9(BB)-2A-Puro (PX459) V2.0 obtained
553 from Addgene (#62988). One day post transfection of 800,000 cells in 6-well plates, about 5%
554 of the transfected cells were transferred to 10-cm dishes and incubated with 2 µg/ml
555 puromycin for 48 h. After 4-6 days, cells were picked and expanded. Cells were assayed for
556 genome-editing at gDNA and cDNA level by Sanger-sequencing of gel-purified PCR and RT-PCR
557 products covering the targeted regions. Genome-editing of HAP1-*NMNAT3*-KO cells (Horizon
558 Discovery HZGHC006367c011) was assayed accordingly.

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560 **Transcriptome profile analysis**

561 The analysis of the cell transcriptome profile from total RNA isolated from 3x 5x10⁶ cells after
562 poly-A enrichment was done by Novogene (UK) Co. Differential gene expression analysis and
563 statistical significance evaluation were performed using the DESeq2 method ⁹⁶.

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565 **Cell proliferation and cell confluency measurements**

566 For assessment of growth and Galactose sensitivity in HeLa S3 and U2OS cell lines, 5000 cells
567 per well were seeded in the cavities of 96-well plates, 27 000 cells per well were seeded in
568 triplicate in poly-L-lysine coated 24-well plates. The following day, the cells were washed with

569 PBS and incubated in glucose-free DMEM (Thermo Fisher) supplemented with 10% (v/v)
570 dialysed fetal calf serum (FCS), 2 mM glutamine, and 1x penicillin-streptomycin, 10 mM
571 Glucose or 10 mM Galactose, +/- 3AB. Every 2-3 h, 100x magnified phase contrast images were
572 acquired within 5 days using Incucyte® Live-Cell Analysis System (Sartorius). Images were
573 analyzed for confluency, and growth rates were calculated from the acquired confluency data.

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575 **Determination of growth rates**

576 Growth rate estimations were conducted by fitting the data to a logistic function $(\frac{L}{1+e^{-k(x-x_0)}})$,
577 where L represents the upper asymptote, k is the growth rate, x_0 is the inflection point, and
578 e is the base of the natural logarithm. The SciPy⁹⁷ optimization function for curve fitting was
579 used to obtain the best-fit curve that captures the underlying growth dynamics.

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581 **Resazurin-based *in vitro* toxicology assay**

582 To assess mitochondrial NAD-dependent dehydrogenase activity, a resazurin-based *in vitro*
583 toxicology assay kit was used (Sigma) with incubation time of 2 h. For assessment of FK866
584 sensitivity, 10,000 cells per well were seeded in 96-well plates and treated with either FK866
585 (2 μM), FK866 (2 μM) and 3AB (1 mM) or DMF for the indicated time points. A BMG LabTech
586 FLUOstar Optima plate reader (540/10 nm excitation filter/590 nm emission filter) was used
587 for fluorescence detection.

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589 **Protein determination, SDS-PAGE and Western blot analysis**

590 Cells were washed with PBS and lysed in 20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.4), 1 mM EDTA, 2% (w/v) SDS,
591 150 mM NaCl, and 1 mM 3AB and the lysate passed ten times through a 23 gauge needle.
592 Protein concentration was determined using BCA reagent (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Pierce).

593 SDS-PAGE and immunoblot analyses were performed according to standard procedures.
594 Enhanced chemiluminescence (SuperSignal West Dura and SuperSignal West Pico PLUS,
595 ThermoFisher Scientific, Pierce) was used for immunodetection. Images were acquired using
596 a ChemiDoc XRS+ and ImageLab software (Bio-Rad).

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598 **Immunocytochemistry**

599 Cells were grown on (optionally, poly-L-lysine-coated) coverslips and fixed for 15 min with ice-
600 cold 4% (w/v) paraformaldehyde in PBS. After 15 min permeabilization with 0.5% (v/v) Triton
601 X-100 in PBS and blocking with complete medium for 1 h, primary antibodies (see
602 Supplementary Tab. 1) diluted in complete medium were added to cells followed by overnight
603 incubation at 4 °C. After washing with PBS and PBS-T (PBS with 0.1% (v/v) Triton X-100), 1 h-
604 incubation with AlexaFluor- secondary antibodies in complete medium at RT and 10 min DAPI-
605 staining, the slides were washed with PBS and PBS-T prior to mounting onto slides. Images
606 were acquired using a Leica TCS SP8 STED 3x confocal laser scanning microscope equipped
607 with a ×100 oil immersion objective (numerical aperture 1.4).

608

609 **Measurement of mitochondrial respiration and glycolysis**

610 Oxygen consumption (OCR) and extracellular acidification rates (ECAR) were measured using
611 the Seahorse XFe96 Analyzer (Agilent, Santa Clara, CA, US) following the experimental
612 procedure described in detail by VanLinden et al. (2015)⁶⁶. All data were normalized to protein
613 content using BCA reagent or to cell confluency as determined by the Incucyte® Live-Cell
614 Analysis System (Sartorius).

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616 **Fatty acids analyses**

617 Fatty acids were quantified as fatty acid methyl esters (FAMES) by gas chromatography (GC).
618 Cells were grown to confluency in 15 cm dishes. Following trypsinization, the cells were
619 collected in 8 ml fresh medium and centrifuged at 350 x g for 5 min. The pellet was washed
620 with 5 ml PBS, followed by a second centrifugation after which the pellet was resuspended in
621 200 µl PBS. The samples were stored at -20 °C in nitrogen atmosphere. Prior to analysis, 100
622 µl internal standard (C21:0 FAME dissolved in isooctane, c = 0.1956 mg/ml) were added to the
623 samples and fatty acids were derivatized to FAMES by direct esterification with methanolic
624 HCl as described by Meier, et al. ⁹⁸. The extracts were diluted 1:5 with isooctane before
625 analysis by gas chromatography. FAMES were analyzed on a 7890 gas chromatograph (Agilent)
626 equipped with split-splitless injector, flame ionization detector and a BPX70 capillary column
627 (SGE, Ringwood, Australia) as previously described with minor adjustments to the
628 temperature program ^{99,100}. Identification and quantification were performed in Chrombox C
629 (www.chrombox.org) based on templates from previous analyses of human serum and plasma
630 by gas chromatography coupled to mass spectrometry ¹⁰¹. Chromatographic areas were
631 corrected by empirical response factors based on the reference mixture GLC-793 (Nu-Chek
632 Prep.) that was run as every 6th sample in the analytical sequence.

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634 **NAD⁺ biosensor calibration**

635 NAD⁺ biosensor calibration was performed according to the method established by
636 Cambronne et al. (2016)³². Data collection was conducted on a BD LSRFortessa using 407-F
637 (ex. 407 nm, em. 525/50 nm BP filter) and 488-C (ex. 488 nm, em. 530/30 nm BP filter) for
638 sensor fluorescence intensity, and 561-E (ex. 561 nm, em. 582/15 BP filter) for PI fluorescence
639 intensity. Cells were gated to exclude debris, followed by standard doublet exclusion
640 (Extended Data Fig. 5b panel 1 and 2), and at least 10,000 cells were collected per sample.

641 Data analysis was conducted using the FlowJo X software with debris and doublet exclusion
642 followed by determination of the geometric mean of the fluorescence intensity. Ratiometric
643 488/405 nm fluorescence values from the sensor were normalized to the fluorescence from
644 the corresponding cpVenus control. Values from 3-5 independent experiments were fit to a
645 sigmoidal regression model using GraphPad Prism 8
646 $(y = \text{min} + [(\text{min} - \text{max}) / (1 + 10^{(\log EC_{50} - x) \times \text{HillSlope}})])$ with a 95% confidence interval (Extended Data
647 Fig. 5c).

648

649 **Quantification of mitochondrial free NAD⁺ using the cpVenus-based biosensor**

650 200,000 HeLa cells that stably express either the NAD biosensor or the cpVenus control³² were
651 seeded in 6-well plates. After one day, the cells were transfected with red fluorescent
652 PARP1cd constructs (mKate2-PARP1cd-SKL or MTS-mKate2-PARP1cd-myc) in the absence or
653 presence of 1 mM 3AB. Alternatively, cells were incubated with 2 μ M FK866 or its solvent
654 DMF. After 48 hours, the cells were analyzed using a BD LSRFortessa with a 407-F (ex. 407 nm,
655 em. 525/50 nm BP filter) and a 488-C (ex. 488 nm, em. 530/30 nm BP filter) for sensor
656 fluorescence intensity, and 561-E (ex. 561 nm, em. 661/20 BP filter) for mKate2 fluorescence
657 intensity. Further processing was done as described above. The change in concentration
658 between positively and negatively transfected cells was calculated in percent for each sample.
659 Alternatively, the change in concentration upon treatment with FK866 was calculated in
660 percent compared to the solvent control.

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662 **Synthesis of the ¹⁵N-Nam and ¹⁸O-Nam**

663 The ¹⁵N-Nam and the ¹⁸O-Nam were synthesized as described previously^{102,103}.

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665 **Generation of ¹³C-¹⁸O – labeled standard from HeLa S3 cells**

666 HeLa S3 cells were incubated with custom made glucose-, pyruvate-, glutamine-, pantothenic
667 acid-, nicotinamide and phenol red-free DMEM DMEM (Cell Culture Technologies)
668 supplemented with 10% dialyzed serum (Gibco, Fisher Scientific), 1 x penicillin/streptomycin,
669 2 mM L-glutamine, 33 μM ¹⁸O-Nam and 25 mM ¹³C-6 D-glucose (Cambridge Isotope
670 Laboratories Inc.). The medium was replaced after 24 h. After 48 h of incubation with the
671 labeled compounds, the medium was removed, the cells washed twice with PBS and lysed in
672 8 ml ice-cold 80% (v/v) LC-MS grade methanol (VWR). The sample was scraped from the dish
673 and transferred to 50 ml tubes. Plates were washed with 5 ml ice-cold 80% (v/v) LC-MS grade
674 methanol and the pooled samples stored at -80 °C. After one day, the samples were vortexed
675 (20 sec), centrifuged (4°C, 3000 x g, 10 min) and the supernatant was aliquoted into 1.5 ml
676 tubes. For quantification, unlabeled metabolites with known concentrations were co-injected.

677

678 **Generation of ¹⁸O-NMN**

679 Human NAMPT was expressed and purified as described previously ¹⁰⁴. Upon overnight
680 incubation of 100 μg purified human NAMPT in the presence of 1 mM ¹⁸O-Nam, 1 mM PRPP
681 (Sigma) in 1 mL 50 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 300 mM NaCl, 5 mM MgCl₂, the samples were filtered
682 (Amicon Ultracel, 0.5 ml, 10 kD cut off). The flowthrough was collected and stored at -80°C.
683 The identity was confirmed by the co-elution with authentic (unlabeled) NMN and the
684 detected m/z value corresponding to the theoretical value. For determination of cellular and
685 mitochondrial NMN levels, 3 μL of ¹⁸O NMN were mixed with 12 μL of sample.

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687 **Isotopic labeling, nucleotide extraction and LC-MS analysis**

688 250,000 cells were seeded in 12-well plate and incubated overnight. Isotopic labeling using
689 ¹³C glucose (Cambridge Isotope Laboratories Inc.), ¹⁵N/¹⁸O nicotinamide or ¹³C nicotinic acid¹⁰²
690 was performed as follows: The medium was exchanged with 1 ml custom made glucose-,
691 pyruvate-, glutamine-, pantothenic acid-, nicotinamide and phenol red-free DMEM (Cell
692 Culture Technologies) supplemented with 10% dialyzed serum (Gibco, Fisher Scientific), 1x
693 penicillin/streptomycin, 2 mM L-glutamine, 33 μM Nam (Sigma/Merck), and 25 mM D-glucose
694 (Sigma/Merck). On the next day (T0) the medium was exchanged with 1 ml custom made
695 medium containing the labeled compounds at corresponding concentrations and samples
696 were collected at the indicated time points.

697 For sample collection, cells were placed on ice, the medium was removed, and the cells were
698 washed twice with 0.4 ml ice-cold PBS. Then 0.4 ml ice-cold 80% (v/v) methanol were added,
699 the samples scraped from the wells and transferred to 1.5 ml tubes. This was repeated with
700 0.3 ml methanol and the sample frozen at -80 °C. For LC-MS measurements 420 μL ice-cold
701 Millipore H₂O, and 700 μL ice-cold chloroform (HPLC Plus, Sigma) were added, the samples
702 vortexed for 10 sec and centrifuged for 30 min at 16000 x g at 4°C. 600 μL of the polar upper
703 phase was transferred to a fresh Eppendorf tube, dried, and reconstituted in 50 μL ice-cold
704 80% (v/v) LC-MS grade methanol. The remaining inter- and lower phase were dried, the pellet
705 was lysed in 20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.4), 1 mM EDTA, 2% (w/v) SDS, 150 mM NaCl, and the
706 protein content was determined by BCA assay for normalization of the measured metabolites.
707 Separation of nucleotides by liquid chromatography was achieved on an Atlantis Premier BEH
708 Z-HILIC VanGuard FIT Column (100 x 2.1mm, 100 Å, 2.5 μm, Merck) in a Dionex UltiMate 3000
709 UPLC system coupled with a QExactive mass spectrometer (Thermo Scientific). For analysis,
710 the column was kept at 40 °C, the injection volume was 10 μl, and the flow rate 0.3 ml/min
711 for total run time of 16 min. The mobile phase consisted of 3% acetonitrile, 10 mM NH₄HCO₃,

712 pH 8.75 (buffer A) and 90% acetonitrile, 10 mM NH_4HCO_3 , pH 8.75 (buffer B). The gradient was
713 set as follows: runs were started with 94.4% buffer B for 1 min and reduced to 81% buffer B
714 over the next 5 min. The concentration of buffer B was further decreased to 65% over an
715 additional 5 min before being brought to 30% over 4 min for washout. For equilibration, the
716 concentration of buffer B was returned to 94.4% over 2 min.

717 Heated electrospray ionization (H-ESI) and positive ion polarity mode were used (spray voltage
718 of 3.5 kV, flow rates: sheath gas 48 units, auxiliary gas 11 units, sweep gas 2 units). The
719 capillary temperature was 256°C and the auxiliary gas heater temperature was 413°C. The
720 stacked-ring ion guide (S-lens) radio frequency (RF) level was at 30 units. Automatic gain
721 control was set to 2E5 ions and the maximum injection time was 200 ms. Ions were monitored
722 in Full MS and targeted single ion monitoring (t-SIM) modes with a resolution of 70000 at m/z
723 = 200. The Full MS spectra ranges were 80-400 and 400-1000 m/z while the t-SIM mass range
724 was set to 671±20 m/z . Data analysis was conducted in the Thermo Xcalibur Quant Browser
725 (Thermo Scientific).

726

727 **Isolation of mitochondria from cultured human cells**

728 Isolation of mitochondria from cultured human cells was carried out using the MidiMACS®
729 mitochondria isolation kit (Miltenyi Biotec) following manufacture description. The resulting
730 pellet was either resuspended in 100 µl lysis buffer (20 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.4, 150 mM NaCl, 2%
731 (w/v) SDS, 1% (w/v) EDTA) for immunoblot analysis, or in ice-cold 80% (v/v) LC-MS grade
732 methanol and immediate transfer to -80 °C for LC-MS analysis. For LC-MS analysis, the samples
733 were thawed for 30 min on a rotating wheel at 4 °C before centrifugation at 16,000 x g for 20
734 min at 4 °C. After centrifugation, the supernatant was removed and added to 1 volume of
735 acetonitrile prior to analysis. The samples were further mixed in a ratio of 1:5 with an internal

736 ¹³C-labeled standard for the accurate determination of the NAD⁺ concentration. The samples
737 were subsequently analyzed by LC-MS analysis as described above.

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739 **Isotopolog Correction**

740 To correct for natural isotope abundance the python package PICor v1.1.0
741 (<https://github.com/MolecularBioinformatics/PICor>) was used¹⁰⁵.

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743 **Growth correction**

744 The isotopolog-corrected ratios of labeled to total NAD over time (t) were corrected for the
745 changes in the cellular NAD abundance as per Equation 1.

$$746 \left(\frac{NAD_{label}}{NAD_{total}} \right)' = \frac{NAD_{label}/NAD_{total}}{1 + k \cdot t}, \quad (1)$$

747 where k is the growth rate estimated by fitting an exponential function ($A \cdot e^{k \cdot t}$) to the
748 measured total NAD over time t . The SciPy⁹⁷ optimization function for curve fitting was used.

749 The associated standard error was calculated as the square root of the diagonal elements of
750 the covariance matrix ($Cov(\beta)$) of parameters $\beta = \{A, k\}$. The covariance matrix of
751 parameters β is given by

$$752 Cov(\beta) = \sigma^2 (\mathbf{J}^T \mathbf{J})^{-1}. \quad (2)$$

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754 Here, \mathbf{J} is the Jacobian matrix of the exponential decay function with respect to the parameters
755 β . The matrix \mathbf{J} is

$$756 \mathbf{J}_{i,j} = \frac{\partial f(t_i; \beta)}{\partial \beta_j} \quad (3)$$

757 and

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$$\sigma^2 = \frac{S(\beta)}{n - p}. \quad (4)$$

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760 Here, each element of **J** represents the partial derivative of the function with respect to the
 761 j^{th} parameter, evaluated at the i^{th} data point. $S(\beta)$ is the sum of squared residuals evaluated
 762 at the optimal parameters, n is the number of data points, and p is the number of parameters.

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764 **Determination of cellular half-life and turnover rates**

765 The half-life ($t_{1/2}$) of NAD was estimated based on fitting an exponential decay function to the
 766 measured ratios of unlabeled to total NAD over time (t) (cf. Equations 5 and 6). The SciPy⁹⁷
 767 optimization function for curve fitting was used for determining the prefactor A and the
 768 exponential factor k . The respective standard errors were determined by taking the square
 769 root of the diagonal elements of the parameters' covariance matrix, as outlined in the
 770 previous section.

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$$t_{1/2} = \frac{\ln(2)}{k} \quad (5)$$

772
$$\frac{NAD_{unlabelled}}{NAD_{total}} = A \cdot e^{-kt} \quad (6)$$

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774 The turnover (τ) and the associated standard error (ε_τ) were determined using Eq. 7-8,
 775 respectively.

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$$\tau = \frac{C_{NAD}/2}{t_{1/2}} \quad (7)$$

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$$\varepsilon_\tau = \tau \cdot \sqrt{\left(\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{C_{NAD}}}{C_{NAD}} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{t_{1/2}}}{t_{1/2}} \right)^2 \right)}. \quad (8)$$

778 Here, C_{NAD} corresponds to the NAD pool size and $\varepsilon_{C_{NAD}}$ denotes the standard deviation in the
779 pool size measurement.

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781 **Determination of mitochondrial half-life and turnover rates**

782 The whole cell and mitochondrial half-lives were estimated by fitting the respective labeling
783 dynamics to the exponential decay function (Eq. 6). The extramitochondrial (*emito*) labeling
784 dynamics were determined by calculating the difference between the whole cell (*wcl*) and
785 mitochondrial (*mito*) labeling dynamics using Equation 9.

$$786 \quad \frac{NAD_{unlabeled,emito}}{NAD_{total,emito}} = C_{NAD,wcl} \cdot \frac{NAD_{unlabeled,wcl}}{NAD_{total,wcl}} - C_{NAD,mito} \cdot \frac{NAD_{unlabeled,mito}}{NAD_{total,mito}}. \quad (9)$$

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788 The estimated subcellular half-lives and the subcellular NAD abundances were used to
789 determine the extramitochondrial and mitochondrial turnovers as τ_{emito} and τ_{mito} ,
790 respectively, as per Eq. 7.

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792 **Model simulations**

793 To simulate the label integration in cell lines in a steady state situation, we created a
794 mathematical model including a reaction for NAD consumption connected to NamPT and
795 NMNAT to simulate the biosynthesis and consumption cycle. Only the major isotopologs were
796 included, assuming instant labeling of glucose, Nam and PRPP. Competition between different
797 isotopologs was simulated using competitive binding in random irreversible bimolecular
798 reactions as described earlier ¹⁰⁶. In addition, ATP synthesis and degradation were simulated
799 using mass action kinetics to be able to resemble the dynamic behavior of all major NAD
800 isotopologs. To simulate the individual enzyme kinetics, the respective substrates and

801 products were set as external. This simulates the action of enzymes in isolation. Copasi 4.29¹⁰⁷
802 was used to perform all simulations.

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804 **Statistical analyses**

805 Statistical analyses were performed using GraphPad prism version 10. Unless stated
806 otherwise, data from all experiments were analyzed with one-way ANOVA. Due to the
807 heterogeneity of variance, we applied Welch's ANOVA followed by Dunnett's T3 multiple
808 comparisons test as a post hoc analysis.

809 The statistical significance of the estimated turnovers was assessed by computing the t-
810 statistic based on the turnover (sample mean) and standard error (estimated from the
811 standard deviation). Subsequently, the p-value was derived from the cumulative distribution
812 function of the t-distribution, taking into account the relevant degrees of freedom¹⁰⁸. Scipy⁹⁷
813 statistical functions were used for these calculations.

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815 **Data availability**

816 All data are available within the manuscript, extended data, source data files or
817 supplementary files. RNA sequencing data have been deposited in GEO under accession code
818 GEO GSE255209.

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820 **Code availability**

821 Scripts used to produce figures presented in this manuscript can be downloaded from GitHub:
822 <https://github.com/MolecularBioinformatics/NADpools>. The mathematical model is available
823 at <https://www.ebi.ac.uk/biomodels/MODEL2409150001> .

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848 analyses, IH performed mathematical modeling. SAM measured esterified fatty acids. All
849 authors analyzed data. LEH, MvL, IH and MZ wrote the manuscript.

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854 **Figure Legends**

855 **Figure 1: Chronic depletion of cellular NAD⁺ by stable expression of PARP1 catalytic domain**
856 **(PARP1cd) in various subcellular compartments**

857 a) Illustration of poly-ADP-ribosyltransferase 1 (PARP1) and PARP1 catalytic domain
858 (PARP1cd) fusion proteins targeted to the cytosol, the peroxisomes, the mitochondria,
859 or the endoplasmic reticulum (ER). BIP - ER targeting signal, EGFP - enhanced green
860 fluorescent protein, KDEL - ER retention sequence, MTS - mitochondrial targeting

861 sequence, myc - myc-epitope, NLS - nuclear localization signal, SKL - peroxisomal
862 targeting sequence.

863 b) Constitutive expression of PARP1cd fusion proteins in the compartment of interest
864 results in the generation of poly-ADP-ribose (PAR).

865 c) Confocal fluorescence micrographs of U2OS PARP1cd cell lines. PAR was detected by
866 indirect immunocytochemistry using the PAR (10H) antibody, red; DAPI staining, blue;
867 EGFP, green. Scale bar 20 μ m.

868 d) PAR immunoblot analysis of lysates from parental U2OS (wt) and U2OS PARP1cd cell
869 lines. Proteins from the same experiment were loaded on two different gels (PAR and
870 GAPDH, EGFP). Results shown are representative of three repetitions.

871 e) Total cellular NAD⁺ content in PARP1cd cell lines generated from wt U2OS, HeLa S3 and
872 293 cells as determined by LC-MS analysis. Measurements were performed in
873 presence or absence of 3-aminobenzamide (3AB, 1 mM, 48h). Results were normalized
874 to protein content and data are represented relative to the respective wt cell lines.
875 Data are expressed as the mean \pm SD, n = 3-12 biological replicates (293: n = 6 for wt
876 and mP, n = 5 for pP, remaining conditions n = 3; U2OS: n = 12 for wt and wt + 3AB,
877 remaining conditions n = 9; HeLa S3: n = 12 for wt, remaining conditions n = 9).
878 Statistical significance was evaluated by Brown-Forsythe and Welch ANOVA test in
879 combination with Dunnetts T3 as post hoc test.

880 Illustrations in a) and b) were generated with BioRender (<https://biorender.com>).

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884 **Figure 2: Chronic NAD⁺ depletion is well tolerated by human cells unless the mitochondrial**
885 **pool is directly affected**

886 a) Growth rates of U2OS, 293 and HeLa S3 PARP1cd cell lines. Data are represented as
887 mean \pm SD with $n \geq 3$. biological replicates (293: $n = 20$, $n = 5$ for cP and erP, $n = 4$ for
888 mP, $n = 3$ for pP; U2OS: $n = 3$ for mP, remaining conditions $n = 6$; HeLa S3: $n = 3$).

889 b) Oxygen consumption rates (OCR) in U2OS PARP1cd cell lines and compared to parental
890 U2OS (wt) cells. Data are presented relative to U2OS wt cells as mean \pm SD with $n = 9$
891 biological replicates for wt cells and $n = 3$ for PARP1cd cell lines.

892 c) Proliferation of U2OS PARP1cd cells during 96 h of incubation with galactose as the
893 sole carbon source. Data are presented relative to the proliferation of the same cell
894 lines grown in glucose as means \pm SD, where $n = 3$ biological replicates.

895 d) Relative cellular abundance of fully saturated fatty acids in stably transfected PARP1cd
896 cell lines compared to parental 293 (wt) cells as determined by gas chromatography
897 coupled to mass spectrometry. All data are expressed as the mean \pm SD with $n = 9$
898 biological replicates for wt cells and $n = 3$ for PARP1cd cell lines.

899 e) Overall lysine (Kac), tubulin and histone acetylation as determined by immunoblot
900 analysis of lysates from parental 293 cells and stably transfected PARP1cd cell lines.
901 Expression of PARP1cd proteins was confirmed by detection of their EGFP tags, while
902 α -tubulin served as loading control. Results shown are representative of three
903 independent repetitions.

904 For a)-d) statistical significance versus wt was evaluated by one-sided Brown-Forsythe and
905 Welch ANOVA test with Dunnetts T3 as a post hoc test. mP – mitoPARP1cd, pP – pexPARP1cd,
906 cP – cytoPARP1cd, erP – erPARP1cd.

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908 **Figure 3: NAD⁺ turnover does not change upon PARP1cd overexpression**

909 Graphic summary of the alternatives of how NAD⁺ synthesis and consumption could be
910 balanced in response to increased NAD⁺ consumption capacity in PARP1cd cell lines.

911 a) Schematic representation of the metabolic labeling approach to determine NAD⁺
912 turnover. Cells were incubated with isotopically labeled nicotinamide (¹⁵N, red) or
913 glucose (¹³C, blue), allowing for labeling in both the Nam moiety and the ribose
914 moieties (upper panel). The time-dependent appearance of labeled isotopologs is
915 accompanied by the disappearance of unlabeled NAD⁺. Here shown for 293 wt cells
916 where n = 6 biological replicates (lower panel).

917 b) Time courses of label incorporation into NAD⁺ in 293 (wt) and 293 PARP1cd cell lines.
918 The half-life was calculated using the fitted exponential decay of the unlabeled NAD
919 and corresponds to the time point when 50% of NAD⁺ is labeled (dashed line) and 50%
920 unlabeled (solid line), n = 6 biological replicates

921 c) Time courses of NAD⁺ labeling in 293 wt and PARP1cd cell lines. The attained maximum
922 corresponds to the total NAD⁺ concentration in the respective cell line. Data are
923 presented as means ± SD where n = 6 biological replicates.

924 d) NAD⁺ turnover of parental (wt) 293, U2OS, HeLa S3, and the corresponding PARP1cd
925 cell lines. Data are presented as means ± SD where n = 9 biological replicates. Statistical
926 significance versus wt was evaluated by calculating the t-statistic (two-sided). The p-
927 value was estimated from the cumulative distribution function of the t-distribution.

928 e) Simulations of NAD⁺ labeling time courses using a mathematical model of NAD⁺
929 biosynthesis and consumption. PARP1cd overexpression was simulated by increasing
930 the maximal velocity (capacity) of NAD⁺ consumption while keeping the maximal
931 velocity of NAD⁺ biosynthesis constant.

932 f) Demand-supply model showing the dynamics of NAD⁺ consumption and biosynthesis.
933 To achieve steady state, both processes must balance each other. The intersections
934 therefore represent the theoretical steady state concentrations of NAD⁺, reflecting the
935 kinetic balancing effect that leads to decreased NAD⁺ concentration upon
936 overexpression of PARP1cd (simulated as 20% increased consumption capacity).

937 mP – mitoPARP1cd, pP – pexPARP1cd, cP – cytoPARP1cd, erP – erPARP1cd.

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939 **Figure 4: Unchanged NAD⁺ biosynthesis kinetically precludes NAD⁺ overconsumption in**
940 **PARP1cd cell lines**

941 a) NAMPT in PARP1cd cell lines compared to wt 293, U2OS or HeLa S3 cells as analyzed
942 by Western blotting. GAPDH and β -tubulin served as loading controls. Results shown
943 are representative of three repetitions.

944 b) NMNAT1 in PARP1cd cell lines compared to wt 293, U2OS or HeLa S3 cells as analyzed
945 by western blotting. GAPDH and β -tubulin served as a loading controls. Results shown
946 are representative of three repetitions.

947 c) Expression levels of genes encoding NAD biosynthetic enzymes in 293- and HeLa S3-
948 derived PARP1cd cell lines relative to the corresponding parental cells. Gray color
949 indicates that changes, if any, were not significant.

950 d) Schematic representation of the Preiss-Handler (starting from nicotinic acid, NA) and
951 the salvage NAD⁺ biosynthetic pathways. The red color indicates the ¹³C label in NA
952 used for the experiments shown in panels e) and f).

953 e) Distribution of NAD⁺ labeling following 48 hours of incubation of 293 wt cells and 293
954 PARP1cd cell lines in presence of ¹³C-labeled NA and FK866 (2mM). Data are presented
955 relative to parental 293 (wt) cells as mean \pm SD where n = 3 biological replicates.

956 f) Distribution of NAD⁺ labeling following 48 h incubation of parental 293 cells and stably
957 transfected PARP1cd cell lines in the presence of ¹³C-labeled NA. Data are presented
958 relative to parental 293 (wt) cells as mean ± SD where n = 3 biological replicates.

959 For e) and f) statistical significance was evaluated by Brown-Forsythe and Welch ANOVA test
960 in combination with Dunnetts T3 as a post hoc test.

961 mP - mitoPARP1cd, pP – pexPARP1cd, cP – cytoPARP1cd, erP – erPARP1cd.

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963 **Figure 5: The mitochondrial NAD⁺ pool is regulated by SLC25A51 and is diminished in**
964 **PARP1cd cell lines, irrespective of PARP1cd location**

965 a) NAD⁺ contents in mitochondria isolated from stably transfected 293, HeLa S3, or U2OS
966 PARP1cd cell lines. Results were normalized to protein concentration, and data are
967 represented relative to the respective wt cells as mean ± SD where n = 3 biological
968 replicates (except for HeLa S3 mP and cP where n = 4). Right panel: A proposed model
969 in which mitochondrial NAD⁺ is provided to other subcellular compartments upon
970 increased NAD consumption.

971 b) Relative contributions of extramitochondrial and mitochondrial NAD⁺ turnover to total
972 cellular NAD⁺ turnover in 293 wt and cell lines. Metabolic labeling was conducted as
973 described for Fig. 3, and turnovers were calculated taking into account the subcellular
974 NAD⁺ distribution.

975 c) Schematic representation of mitochondrial NAD⁺ transport via the mitochondrial NAD
976 transporter SLC25A51.

977 d) Total cellular NAD⁺ content in 293 *SLC25A51* KO (*A51* KO) and stable *SLC25A51*
978 overexpressing (*A51* OE) cells as determined by LC-MS analysis following methanol

979 extraction. Results were normalized to protein content and data are represented
980 relative to the respective wt cells as mean \pm SD where n = 3.

981 e) Total NAD⁺ content in mitochondria isolated from 293 *SLC25A51* KO (*A51* KO) and
982 stable *SLC25A51* overexpressing (*A51* OE) cells as determined by LC-MS analysis
983 following methanol extraction. Results were normalized to protein content and data
984 are represented relative to the respective wt cells as mean \pm SD where n = 3.

985 For a) and d-e) statistical significance versus wt was evaluated by Brown-Forsythe and
986 Welch ANOVA test in combination with Dunnett's T3 as a post hoc test.

987 Illustrations 5a) was generated with BioRender (<https://biorender.com>). mP -
988 mitoPARP1cd, pP – pexPARP1cd, cP – cytoPARP1cd, erP – erPARP1cd.

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990 **Figure 6: The NMNAT3 equilibrium establishes a mitochondrial NAD⁺ reserve in the form of**
991 **NMN + ATP**

992 a) Schematic representation of the reaction catalyzed by NMNAT3.

993 b) Cellular NAD⁺ content in 293 *NMNAT3* knock-out (KO) and 293 *NMNAT3*
994 overexpressing (OE) relative to 293 wt cells determined by LC-MS analysis represented
995 as mean \pm SD where n \geq 9 biological replicates (wt: n = 21, *NMNAT3* OE cell lines: n
996 =15, *NMNAT3* KO clone 1: n = 9, *NMNAT3* KO clone 2: n = 12).

997 c) Mitochondrial NAD⁺ content of *NMNAT3* KO and *NMNAT3* OE cells relative to 293 wt
998 cells determined by LC-MS analysis, represented as mean \pm SD where n = 3 biological
999 replicates.

1000 d) PAR immunoblot analysis of lysates from parental 293 and 293 cells stably expressing
1001 mitoPARP1cd in the presence (wt) and absence (KO) of a functional *NMNAT3*.

- 1002 Expression of the mitoPARP1cd fusion protein (+) was detected by its EGFP moiety,
1003 while β -tubulin and GAPDH served as loading controls.
- 1004 e) Confocal fluorescence micrographs of 293 wt and *NMNAT3* KO cells stably expressing
1005 mitoPARP1cd. PAR was visualized using PAR (10H) antibody, red; DAPI staining, blue;
1006 EGFP, green; Scale bar 20 μ m.
- 1007 f) PAR immunoblot analysis of lysates from 293 wt, 293 *NMNAT3* KO, *SLC25A51* KO and
1008 *NMNAT3-SLC25A51* double knock-out (dKO) cells with or without stable expression of
1009 mitoPARP1cd (EGFP). GAPDH served as loading control. Results shown are
1010 representative of three repetitions.
- 1011 g) Mitochondrial NMN content in *NMNAT3* KO and *NMNAT3* OE relative to 293 wt cells
1012 determined by LC-MS, represented as mean \pm SD where n = 3 biological replicates.
- 1013 h) Magnitude of the mitochondrial NAD^+ reserve provided by NMN compared to NAD^+
1014 itself in *NMNAT3* KO and *NMNAT3* OE relative to wt 293 cells. Data are represented as
1015 mean \pm SD where n = 3 biological replicates.

1016 For b-c) and g) statistical significance was evaluated by Brown-Forsythe and Welch ANOVA
1017 test in combination with Dunnett's T3 as a post hoc test.

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1019 **Figure 7: Proposed model for the cooperation of SLC25A51 and NMNAT3 to buffer cellular**
1020 **NAD^+ fluctuations**

1021 Under normal conditions, mitochondria take up NAD^+ from the cytosol. Part of the
1022 NAD^+ is cleaved to NMN and ATP by *NMNAT3*, thereby building a buffer of " NAD^+
1023 equivalents" (left panel). When NAD^+ demand increases outside mitochondria, NAD^+ is
1024 released from the organelles through *SLC25A51*. Mitochondrial NAD^+ levels are

1025 nevertheless maintained owing to the conversion of NMN and ATP back to NAD⁺ by
1026 NMNAT3 (right panel).

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1028 **Extended Data Figure 1: Functional validation of PARP1cd cell lines generated from 293**
1029 **and HeLa S3 parental cells**

1030 **a)** Confocal fluorescence micrographs of HeLa S3 PARP1cd cell lines. PAR, red; DAPI
1031 staining, blue; EGFP, green. Scale bar 20 μ m.

1032 **b)** PAR immunoblot analysis of lysates from parental HeLa S3 (wt) and HeLa S3 PARP1cd
1033 cell lines. Samples from the same experiment were run on two different gels (PAR
1034 and GAPDH, EGFP). Results shown are representative of three repetitions.

1035 **c)** PAR immunoblot analysis of lysates from parental 293 (wt) and 293 PARP1cd cell
1036 lines. Samples from the same experiment were run on two different gels (PAR and β -
1037 tubulin, EGFP and GAPDH). Results shown are representative of three repetitions.

1038 **d)** Confocal fluorescence micrographs of stably transfected 293 pexPARP1cd cells. PAR,
1039 red; DAPI staining, blue; EGFP, green. Peroxisomes were detected by PMP70. Scale
1040 bar 20 μ m.

1041 **e)** PAR immunoblot analysis of stably transfected 293 erPARP1cd (erP) cells with and
1042 without transient overexpression of nicotinic acid phosphoribosyltransferase (NAPRT)
1043 and nicotinic acid (NA) supplementation. Expression of the erPARP1cd fusion protein
1044 was confirmed by EGFP tag, while transient overexpression of NAPRT was detected
1045 by its FLAG-tag. β -tubulin served as loading control. Results shown are representative
1046 of three independent repetitions.

- 1047 **f)** Confocal fluorescence micrographs of stably transfected 293 erPARP1cd cells. DAPI
1048 staining, blue; EGFP, green. The ER was detected using the ER marker protein
1049 Calnexin. Scale bar 20 μm .
- 1050 **g)** PAR immunoblot analyses of cell lysates from 293 pexPARP1cd cells (pP) incubated in
1051 the presence of 3AB (1 mM) for up to 48h. Equal sample volumes were loaded.
1052 pexPARP1cd was detected by its EGFP tag, while β -tubulin served as a loading
1053 control. Results shown are representative of four independent repetitions.
- 1054 **h)** PAR immunoblot analyses of cell lysates from 293 pexPARP1cd cells (pP). Cells were
1055 incubated in the presence of 3AB (1 mM) for 72h. Upon washout, the cells were
1056 cultured in the absence of 3AB for up to 48h. pexPARP1cd was detected by its EGFP
1057 tag, while β -tubulin served as a loading control. Results shown are representative of
1058 four independent repetitions.
- 1059 **i)** NAD^+/NADH ratio in PARP1cd cell lines generated from U2OS, 293 or HeLa S3 cells.
1060 Results are represented as mean \pm SD where n = 9-12 biological replicates (293: n = 9;
1061 U2OS: n = 12 for wt and n = 9 for remaining conditions; HeLa S3: n = 12 for wt,
1062 remaining conditions n = 9). Statistical significance versus wt was evaluated by one-
1063 sided Brown-Forsythe and Welch ANOVA test in combination with Dunnetts T3 as a
1064 post hoc test.

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1066 **Extended Data Figure 2: Metabolic and bioenergetic characterization of PARP1cd cell lines**

- 1067 **a)** Oxygen consumption rate (OCR) and extracellular acidification rate (ECAR) in 293
1068 PARP1cd cell lines compared to parental 293 (wt) cells. Data are presented relative to
1069 293 wt cells as mean \pm SD where n = 6 for wt and n = 3 biological replicates for 293
1070 PARP1cd cell lines.

1071 **b)** Oxygen consumption rate (OCR) in stably transfected HeLa S3 PARP1cd cell lines
1072 compared to parental HeLa S3 (wt) cells. Data are presented relative to HeLa S3 wt
1073 cells as mean \pm SD where n = 3 biological replicates.

1074 **c)** Cell proliferation in 293 PARP1cd cell lines after 96 h incubation with galactose as the
1075 sole carbon source. Data are presented relative to cell lines grown in glucose as mean
1076 \pm SD where n = 3 biological replicates.

1077 **d)** Cell proliferation in HeLa S3 PARP1cd cell lines during 96 h incubation with galactose
1078 as the sole carbon source. Data are presented relative to cell lines grown in glucose
1079 as mean \pm SD where n = 3 biological replicates.

1080 **e)** Sensitivity towards inhibition of NamPT by FK866 (2 μ M) in 293 wt cells and 293
1081 PARP1cd cell lines in absence or presence of 3-aminobenzamide (3AB, 1 mM). Data
1082 are presented as mean \pm SD where n = 3 biological replicates.

1083 **f)** ATP content in PARP1cd cell lines generated from U2OS, 293 or HeLa S3 cells.
1084 Measurements were performed in presence or absence of 3AB (1 mM, 48h). Results
1085 were normalized to protein content and data are represented relative to the
1086 respective wt cells as mean \pm SD where n = 9-12 biological replicates (293: n = 9;
1087 U2OS: n = 12 for wt and n = 9 for remaining conditions; HeLa S3: n = 12 for wt,
1088 remaining conditions n = 9).

1089 **g)** SIRT expression levels in 293 or HeLa S3 PARP1cd cell lines relative to their parental
1090 counterparts. Gray colour indicates that changes, if any, were not significant. S
1091 Statistical significance versus wt in Fig. S2a-d was evaluated by one-sided Brown-
1092 Forsythe and Welch ANOVA test in combination with Dunnetts T3 as a post hoc test.
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1095 **Extended Data Figure 3: Isotopolog time courses for 293 PARP1cd cells and MS spectra**

1096 **a)** Time-dependent appearance of labeled isotopologs in stably transfected 293
1097 PARP1cd cell lines incubated with isotope labeled nicotinamide (^{15}N), and glucose
1098 (^{13}C) where $n = 6$ biological replicates.

1099 **b)** Exemplary fragment-ion spectra of NAD^+ and the NAD^+ isotopologs NAD^+ M+6 and
1100 NAD^+ M+11 as generated by MS-MS analysis from 293 cell extracts after 13.2 h of
1101 incubation with isotopically labeled nicotinamide (^{15}N) and glucose (^{13}C).

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1103 **Extended Data Figure 4: Isotopolog time courses for wt U2OS cells and NAD^+ half-lives in**
1104 **PARP1cd cell lines derived from U2OS and HeLa S3 cells**

1105 **a)** U2OS and HeLa S3 PARP1cd cell lines were incubated with isotopically labeled
1106 nicotinamide (^{18}O , red) and glucose (^{13}C , not depicted), allowing for labeling of both
1107 the Nam-moiety and the ribose-moieties.

1108 **b)** The time-dependent appearance of labeled isotopologs is accompanied by the
1109 disappearance of unlabeled NAD^+ upon incubation of parental U2OS (wt) cells in the
1110 presence of isotopically labeled nicotinamide (^{18}O), and glucose (^{13}C) where $n = 6$
1111 biological replicates.

1112 **c)** Time course of label incorporation in NAD^+ in U2OS (wt) and U2OS PARP1cd cell lines.
1113 The half-life was calculated using the fitted exponential decay of the unlabeled NAD^+
1114 and corresponds to the time point when 50% of NAD^+ is labeled (dashed line) and
1115 50% unlabeled (solid line) where $n = 6$ biological replicates.

1116 **d)** Time course of label incorporation in NAD^+ in HeLa S3 (wt) and HeLa S3 PARP1cd cell
1117 lines. The half-life was calculated using the fitted exponential decay of the unlabeled

1118 NAD⁺ and corresponds to the time point when 50% of NAD⁺ is labeled (dashed line)
1119 and 50% unlabeled (solid line) where n = 9 biological replicates.

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1121 **Extended Data Figure 5: Determination of the free mitochondrial NAD⁺ using a fluorescent**
1122 **biosensor**

1123 **a)** Determination of the free mitochondrial NAD⁺ concentration in HeLa cells, and upon
1124 transient transfection with mKate2-fused mitoPARP1cd (mP) and pexPARP1cd (pP)
1125 constructs using a cpVenus-based NAD⁺ biosensor. NAD⁺ concentrations were
1126 calculated from sensor (488/405 nm)/control (488/405 nm) fluorescence ratios
1127 determined by flow cytometry (see Extended Data Figure 5c). Data are represented
1128 relative to untransfected control cells as mean \pm SD where n = 3-5 biological
1129 replicates. Statistical significance versus wt was evaluated by one-sided Brown-
1130 Forsythe and Welch ANOVA test in combination with Dunnetts T3 as a post hoc test.

1131 **b)** Gating strategy for flow cytometric analysis for NAD biosensor experiments. Upon
1132 identification of the cell population (SSC-A/FSC-A), doublet exclusion was conducted
1133 (FSC-H/FSC-A). The sensor-positive cell population was identified using parental HeLa
1134 cells as a negative control (FSC-H/FITC-A). These gates were applied to HeLa NAD
1135 biosensor and cpVenus control cells. HeLa NAD biosensor cells that were not
1136 transiently transfected with red fluorescent PARP1cd constructs (MTS-mKate2-
1137 PARP1cd-myc or mKate2-PARP1cd-SKL) were used to define the PARP1cd positive
1138 (mK2+) and PARP1cd negative (mK2-) gates (FSC-H/PE-Cy5-A), which were then
1139 applied to HeLa NAD biosensor/cpVenus expressing cells transiently transfected with
1140 red fluorescent PARP1cd constructs.

1141 c) Dose-response curve of the NAD biosensor. HeLa cells stably expressing the NAD
1142 biosensor or cpVenus control in the cytosol were permeabilized with digitonin and
1143 exposed to varying concentrations of NAD⁺. The fluorescence ratio (488/405 nm) of
1144 the NAD biosensor, as measured by flow cytometry, was normalized to the
1145 fluorescence ratio (488/405 nm) of the corresponding cpVenus control and the
1146 values were plotted relative to 10 μM NAD⁺. Each point represents the mean ± SD, n
1147 > 3 biological replicates.

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1149 **Extended Data Figure 6: Functional and sequencing-based validation of *SLC25A51* KO**

1150 **clones**

1151 a) PAR immunoblot analysis of lysates from untransfected parental 293 (wt) and
1152 *SLC25A51*-KO cells as well as from cells one day after transient transfection with
1153 mitoPARP1cd (+). Expression of mitoPARP1cd was confirmed using GFP antibody,
1154 while β-tubulin served as loading control. Results are representative of three
1155 independent repetitions.

1156 b) PAR immunoblot analysis of lysates from parental 293 cells as well as 293 cells and
1157 *SLC25A51*-KO constitutively expressing mitoPARP1cd (+). Expression of mitoPARP1cd
1158 was confirmed using GFP antibody, while β-tubulin served as loading control. Results
1159 are representative of three independent repetitions.

1160 c) DNA Sanger sequencing analysis of the critical region targeted by the *SLC25A51*-
1161 specific sgRNA. Sequence chromatograms were obtained from purified RT-PCR
1162 products of the full-length open reading frames using isolated total RNA as starting
1163 material.

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1165 **Extended Data Figure 7: Functional characterization of *NMNAT3* KO cell lines**

1166 **a)** Cellular NAD⁺ content in parental HAP1 (WT) and HAP1 *NMNAT3*-KO cells as
1167 determined by LC-MS analysis following methanol extraction. Results were
1168 normalized to protein content and data are represented relative to the respective wt
1169 cells as mean ± SD where n = 3 biological replicates.

1170 **b)** PAR immunoblot analysis of lysates from HAP1 cells transiently expressing
1171 mitoPARP1cd (+) or mitoEGFP (+) in the presence (WT) or absence (KO) of a
1172 functional *NMNAT3*. Expression of mitoPARP1cd and mitoEGFP was confirmed using
1173 GFP antibody, while β-tubulin served as loading control.

1174 **c)** Confocal fluorescence micrographs of parental HAP1 cells and HAP1 *NMNAT3*-KO
1175 cells after transient transfection with mitoPARP1cd. DAPI staining, blue; EGFP
1176 (mitoPARP1cd), green; PAR, red. Scale 20 μm. d, *SLC25A51* expression in parental 293
1177 (wt) and 293 PARP1cd cell lines as well as in parental HeLa S3 (wt) and HeLa PARP1cd
1178 cell lines as determined by RNAseq. Data are represented as mean ± SD where n = 3
1179 biological replicates. Statistical significance versus wt was evaluated by one-sided
1180 Brown-Forsythe and Welch ANOVA test in combination with Dunnetts T3 as a post
1181 hoc test. Changes were not significant.

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1183 **Extended Data Figure 8: Sequencing-based validation of *NMNAT3* KO cell lines**

1184 DNA Sanger sequencing analysis of the critical region targeted by the *NMNAT3*-
1185 specific sgRNA in 293 cells. Sequence chromatograms were obtained from purified
1186 RT-PCR products of the full-length open reading frame using isolated total RNA as
1187 starting material.

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1189 **Extended Data Figure 9: Sequencing-based validation of NMNAT3 KO and**

1190 **NMNAT3/SLC25A51 dKO cell lines**

1191 **a)** DNA Sanger sequencing analysis of the critical region targeted by the NMNAT3-
1192 specific sgRNA in 293 cells stably expressing mitoPARP1cd. Sequence chromatograms
1193 were obtained after RT-PCR of the full-length open reading frame using isolated total
1194 RNA as starting material.

1195 **b)** DNA Sanger sequencing analysis of the critical region targeted by the SLC25A51- and
1196 NMNAT3-specific sgRNAs in 293 SLC25A51/NMNAT3 double knockout cells.
1197 Sequence chromatograms were obtained from purified RT-PCR products of the full-
1198 length open reading frames using isolated total RNA as starting material.

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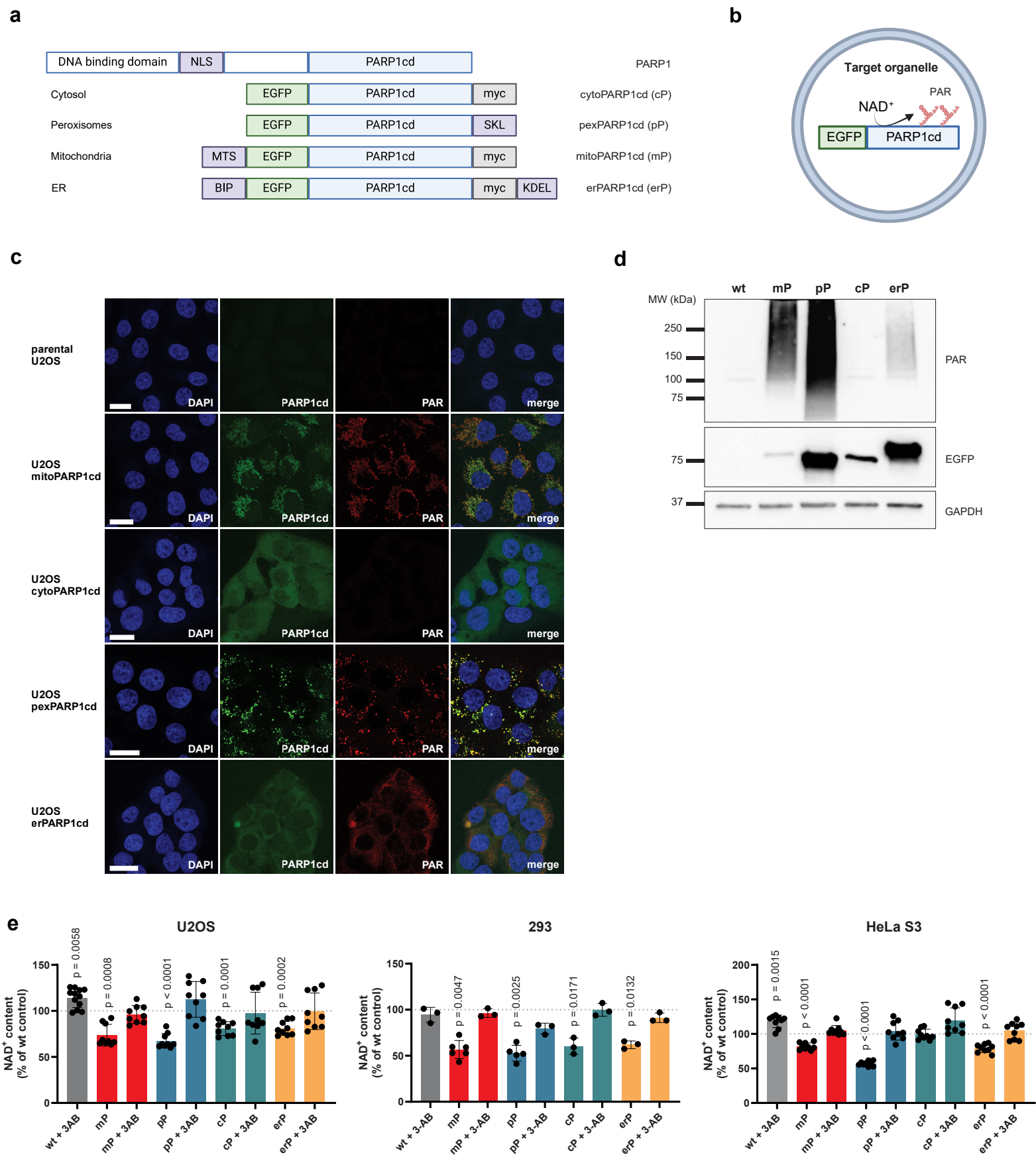


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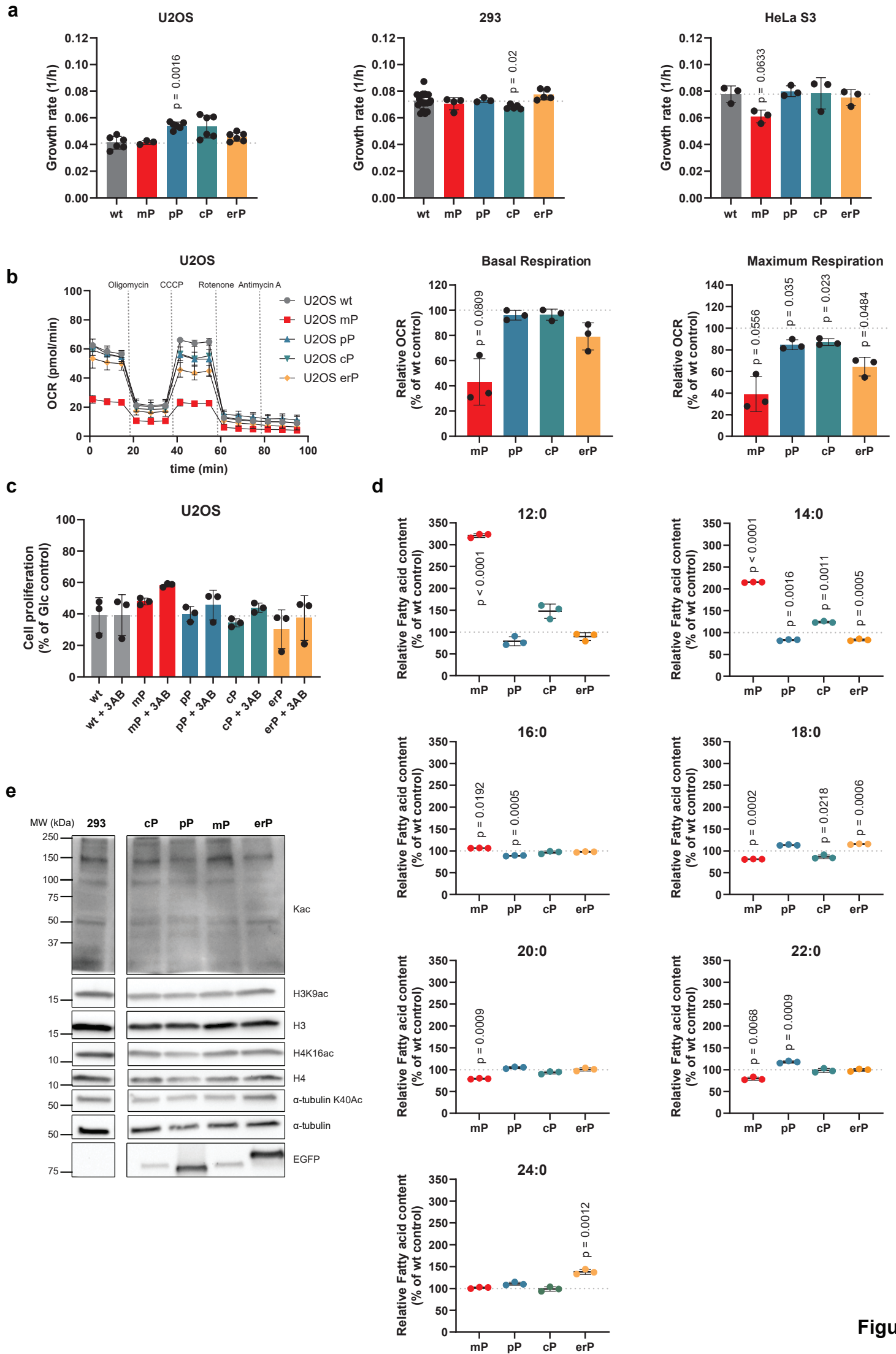


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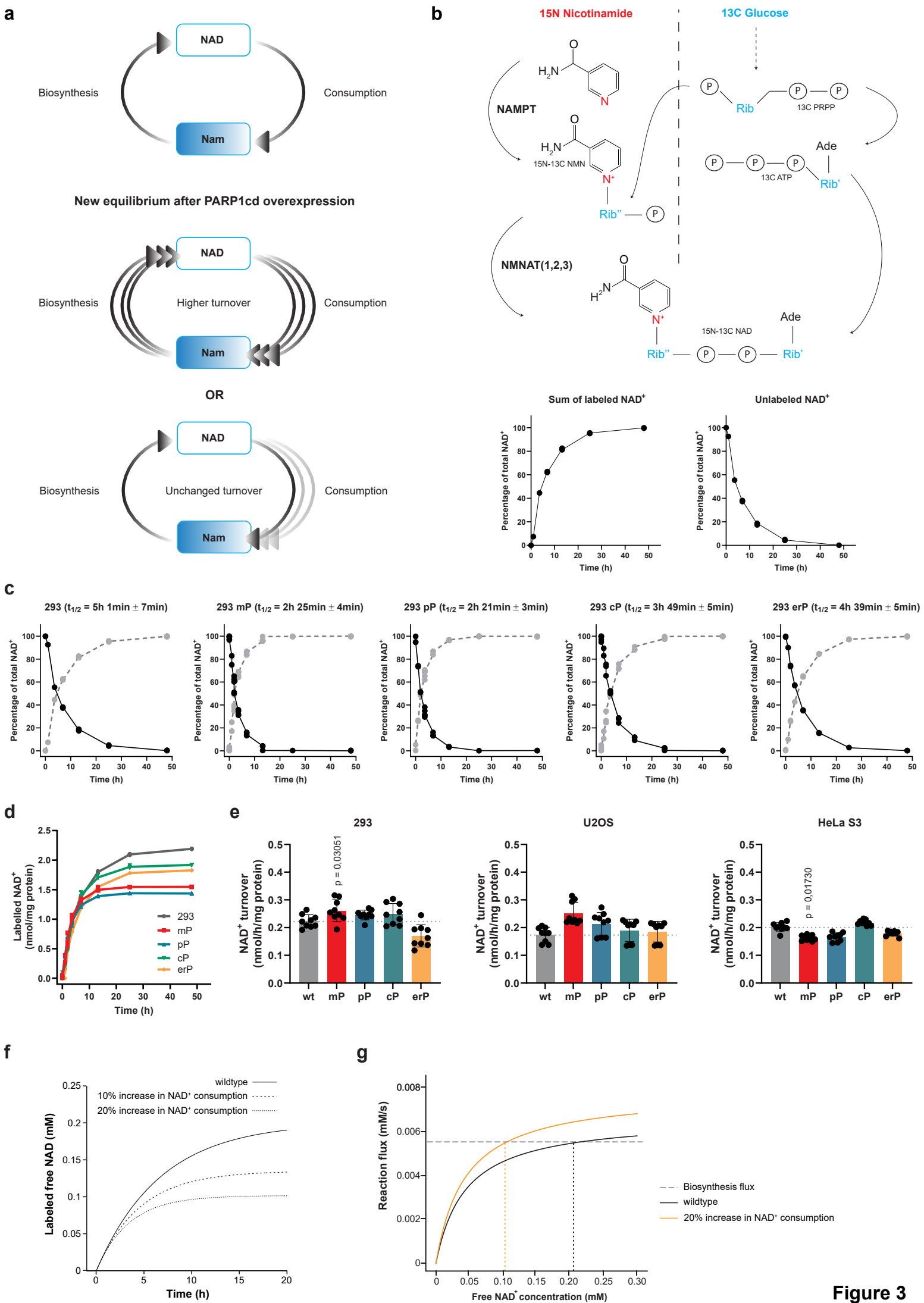


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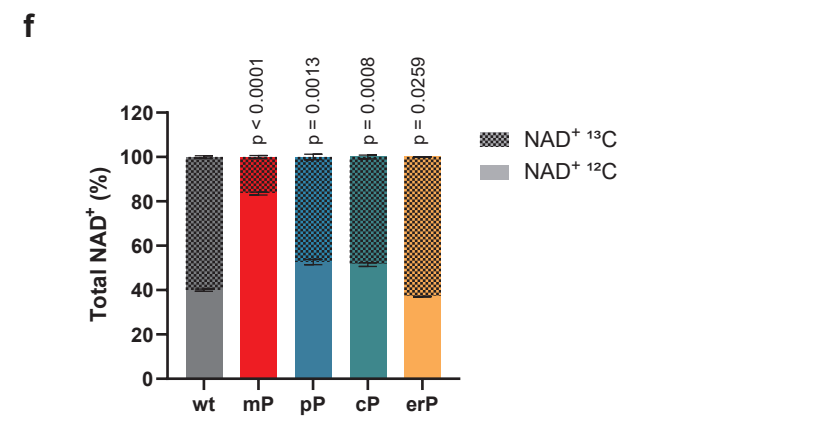
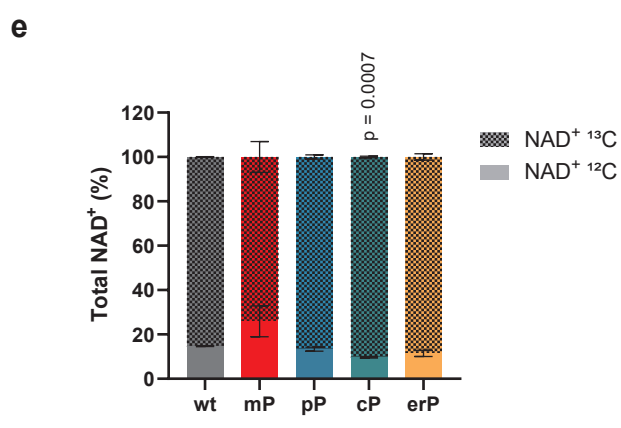
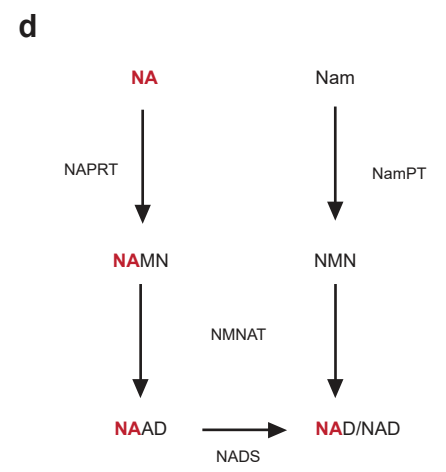
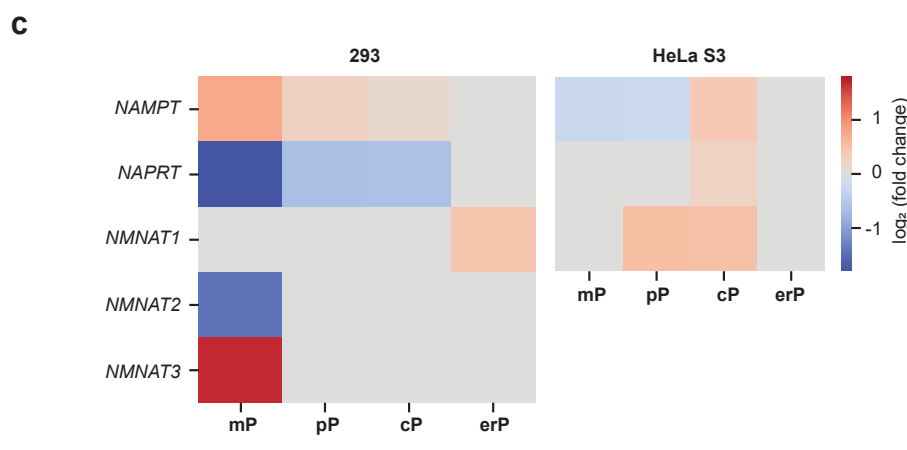
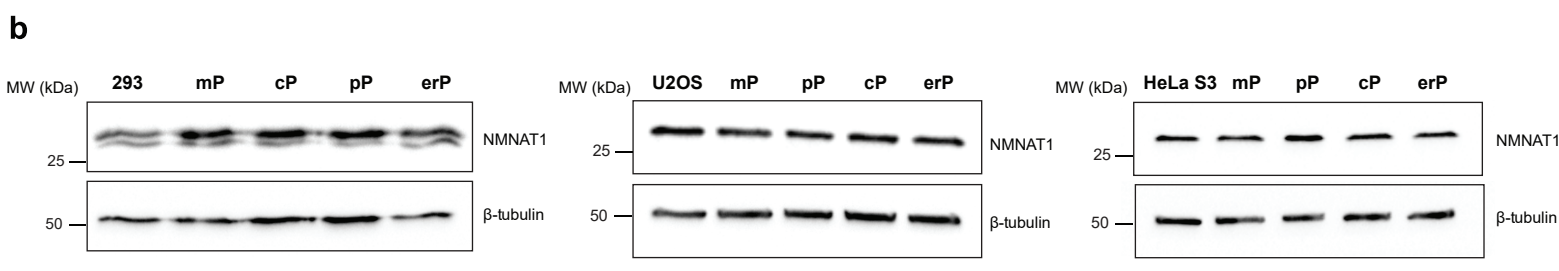
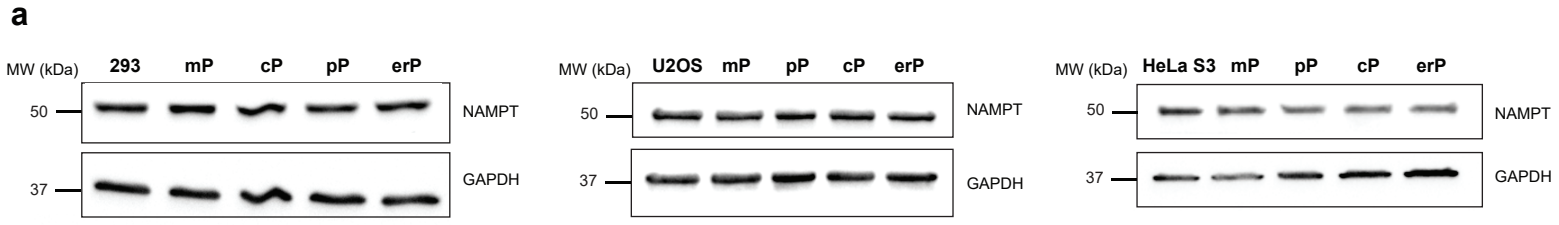


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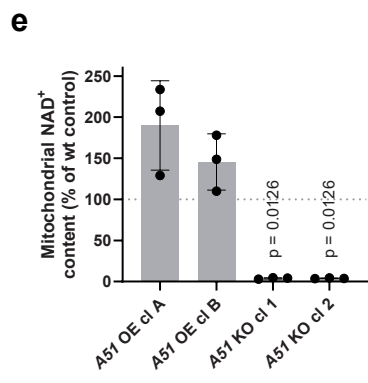
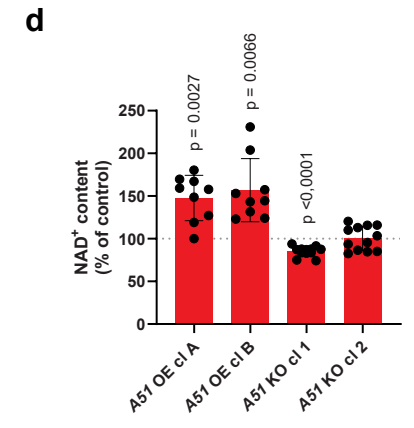
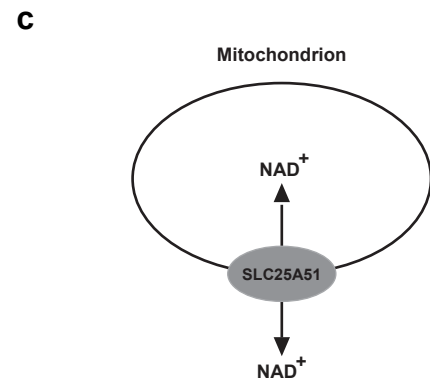
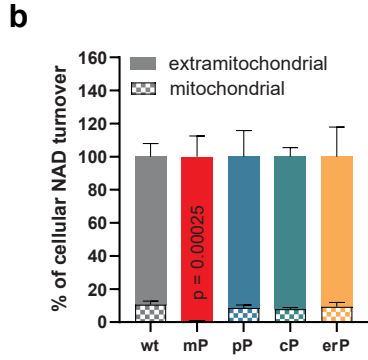
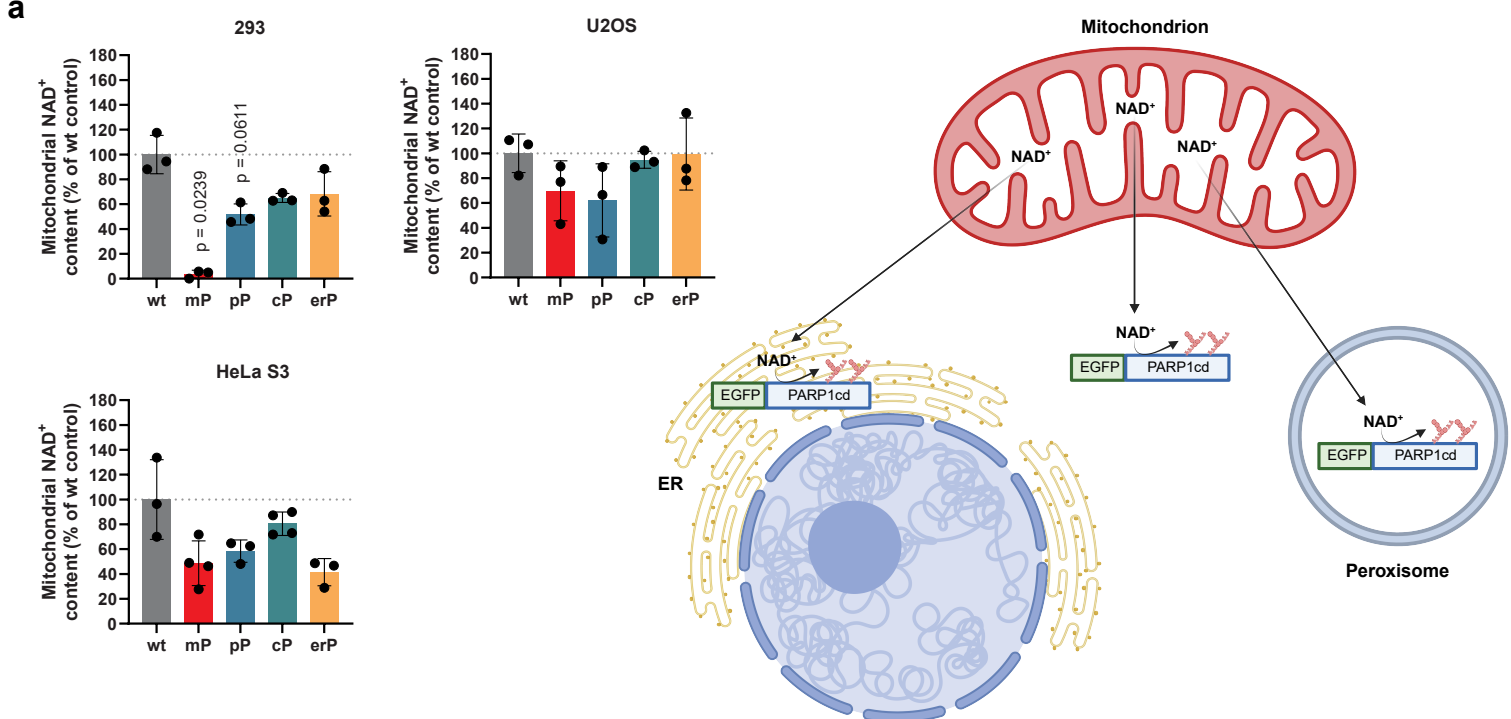


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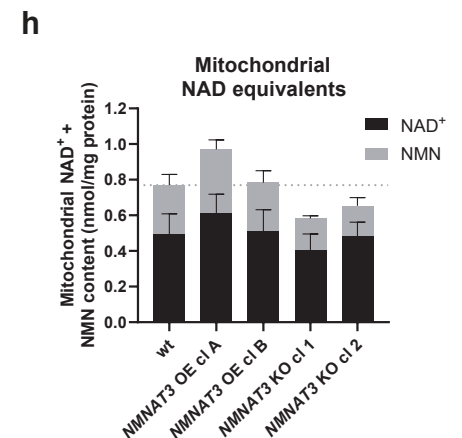
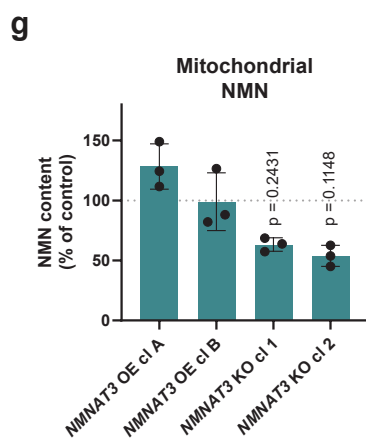
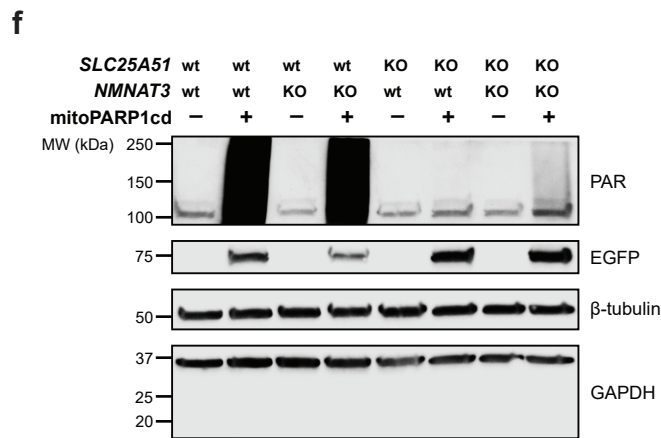
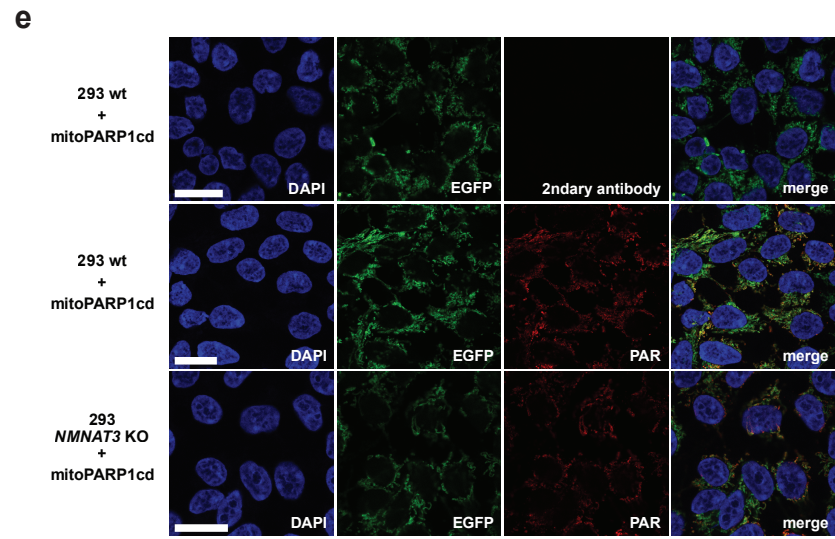
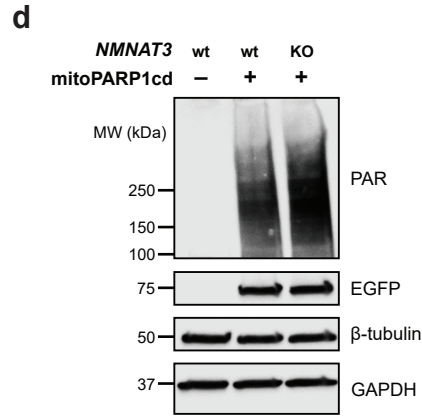
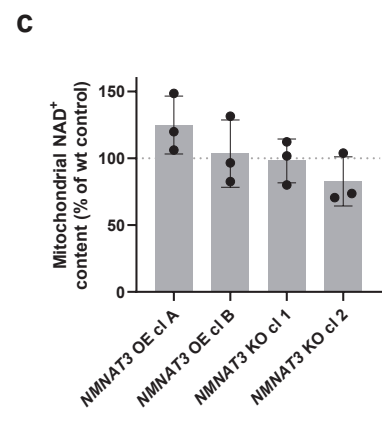
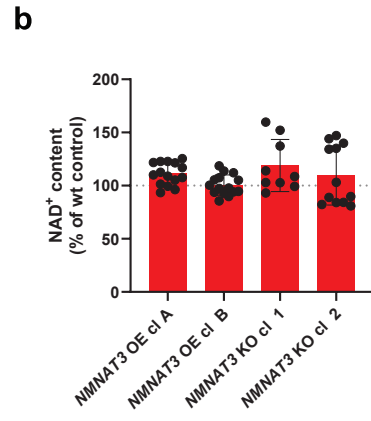
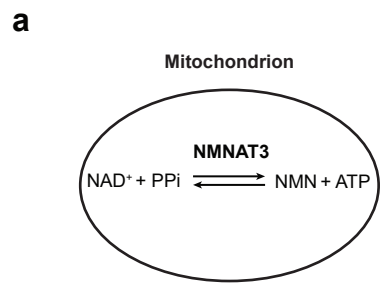
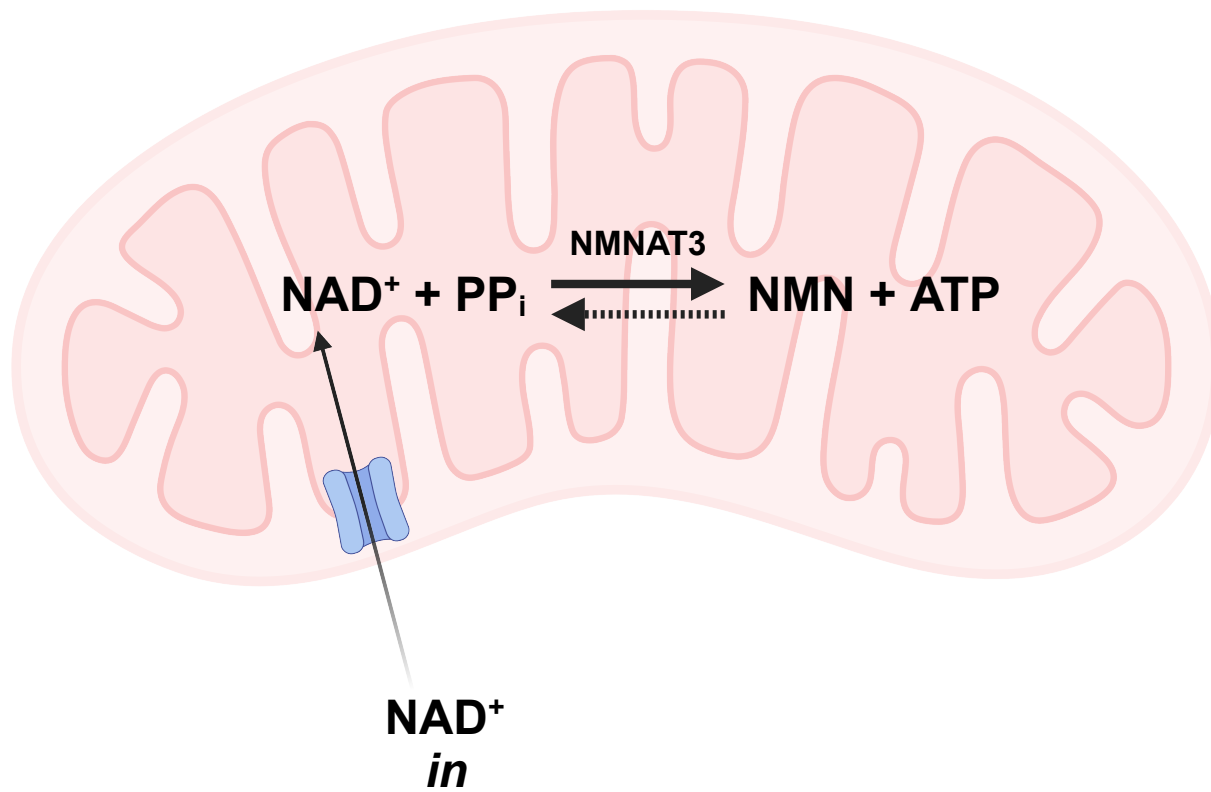
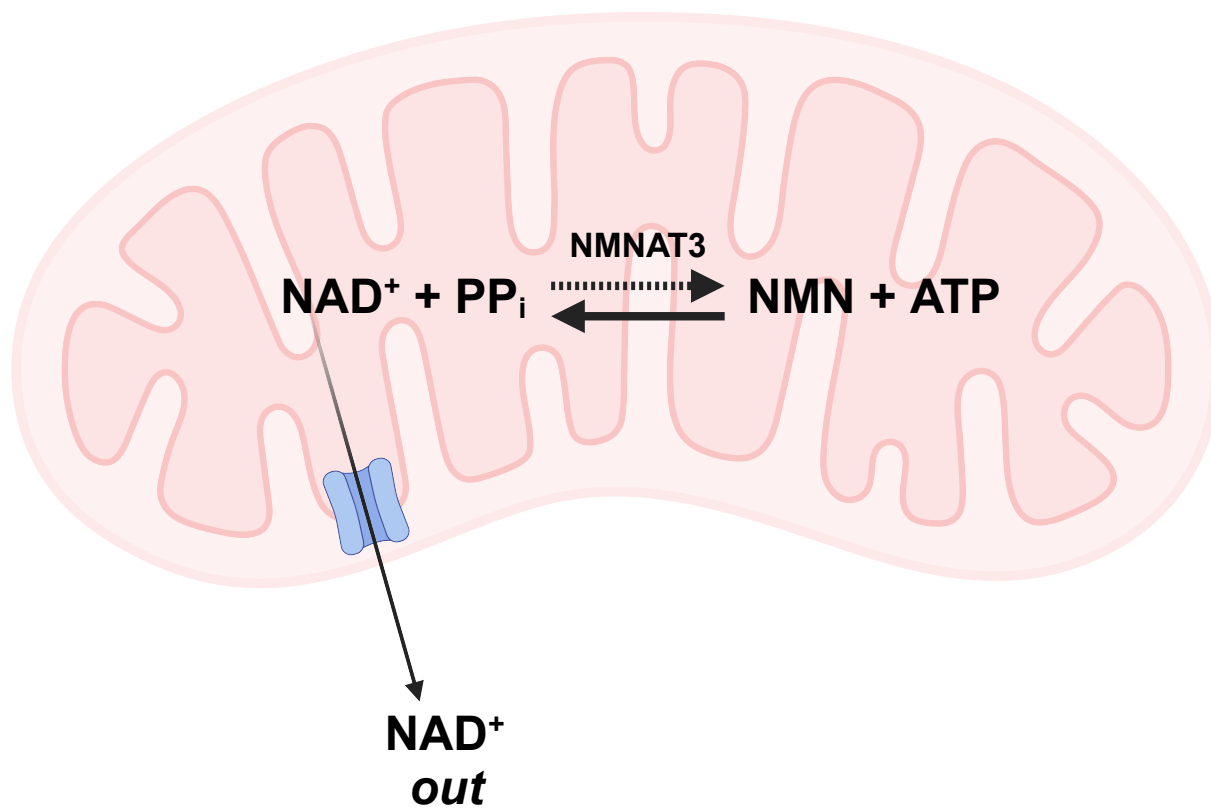


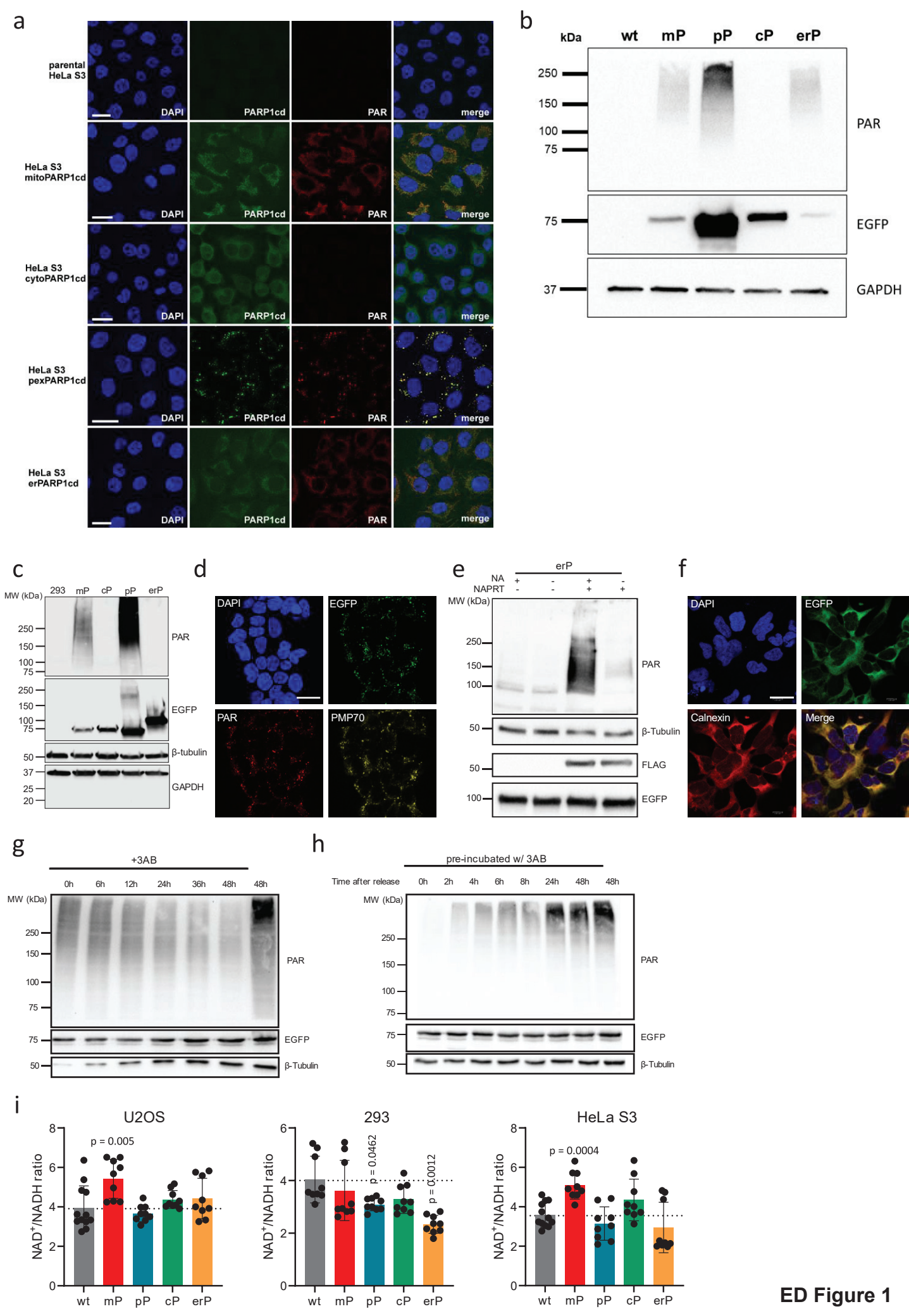
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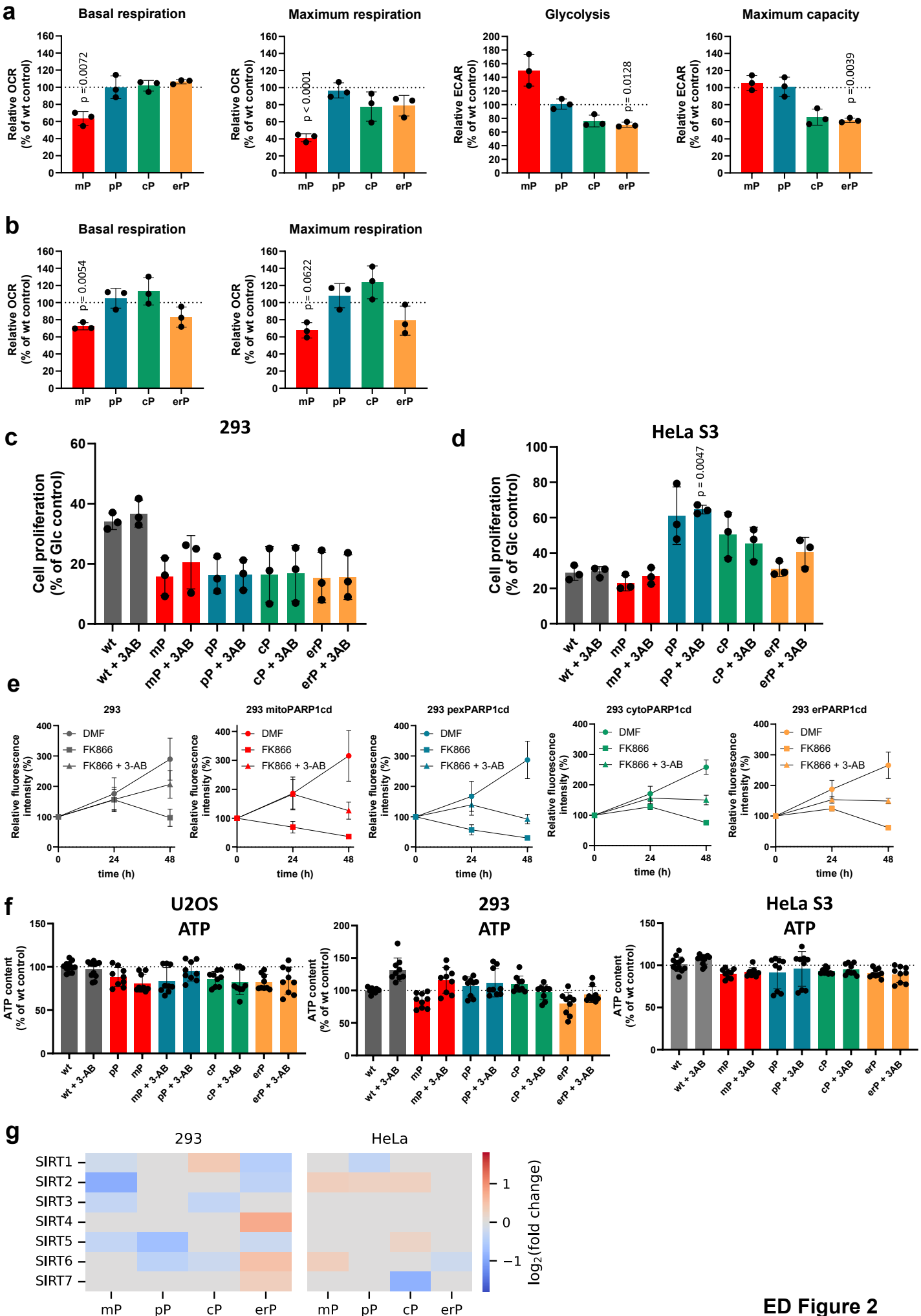
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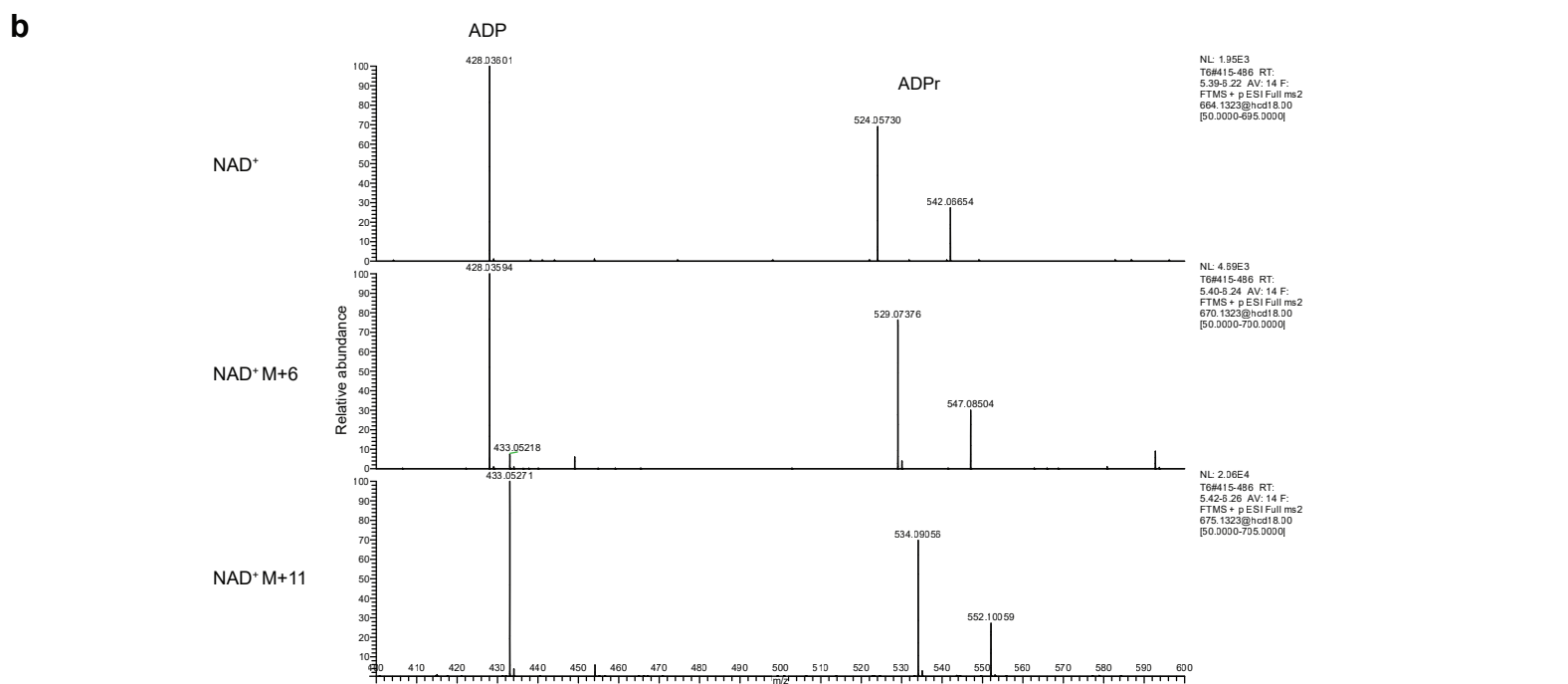
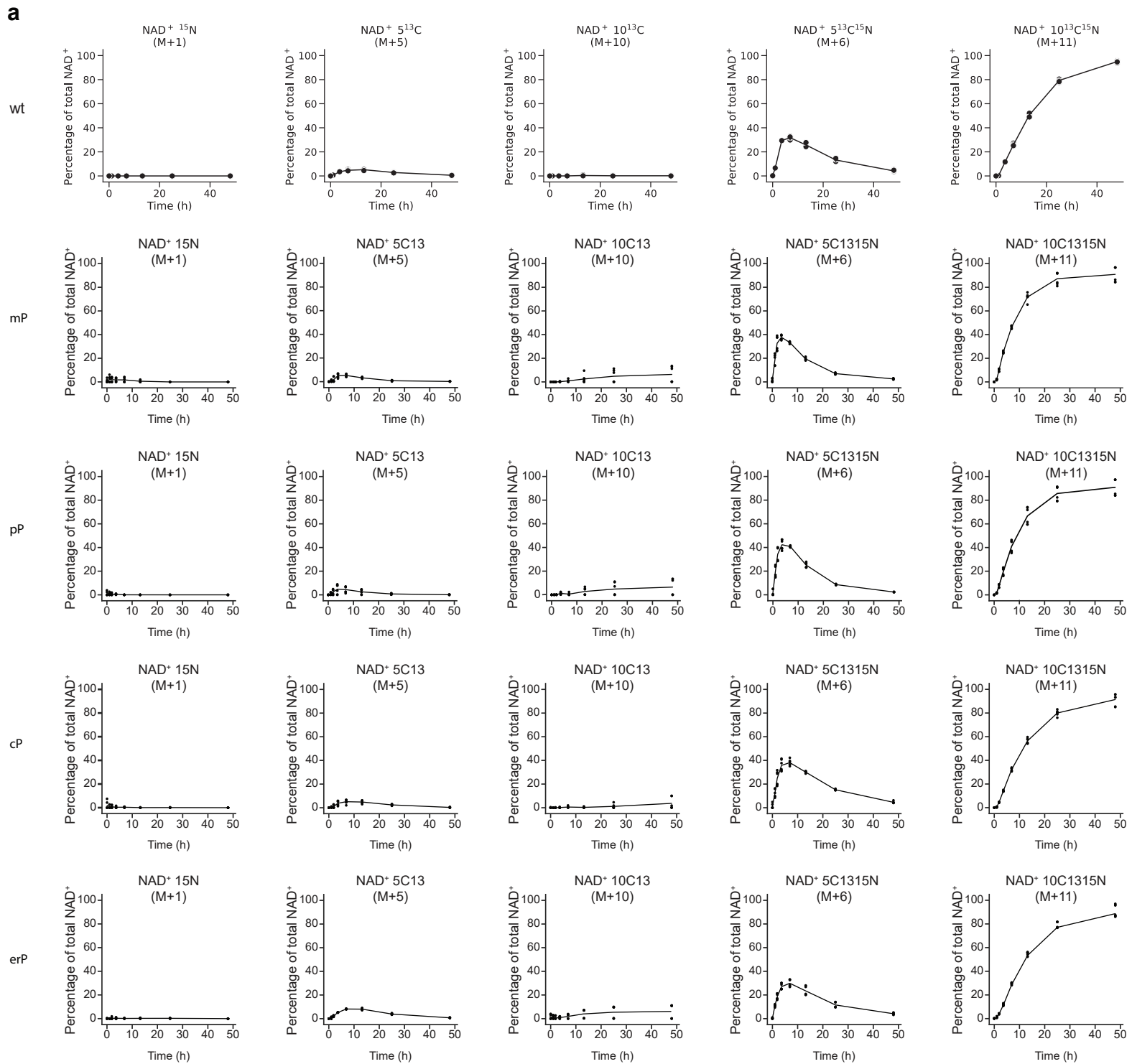


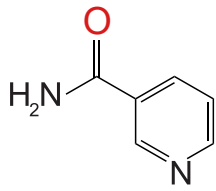
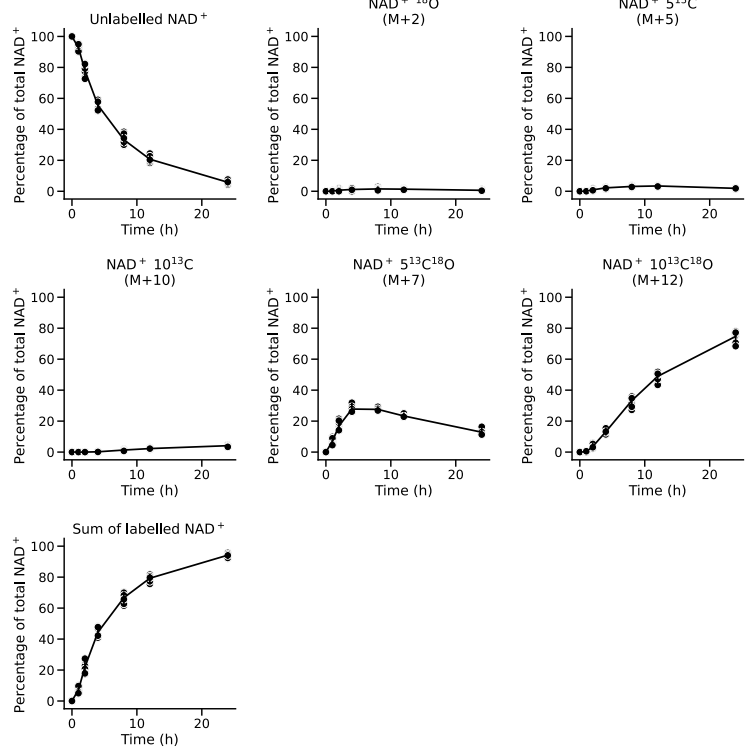
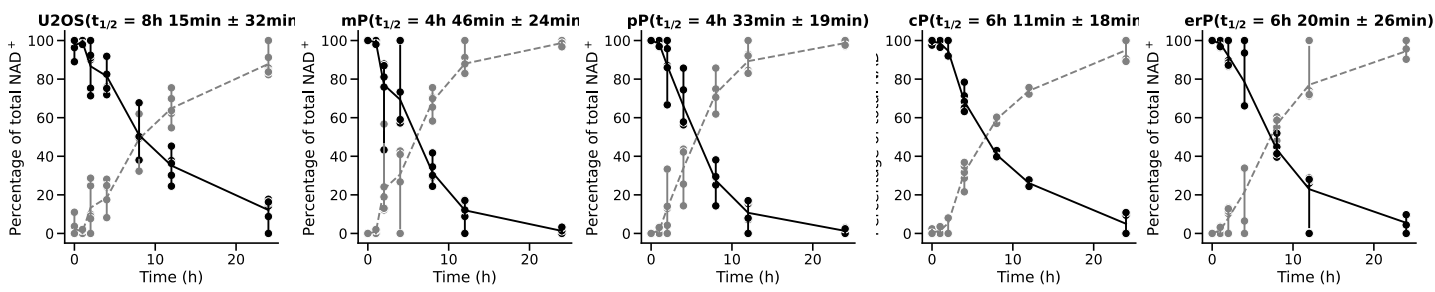
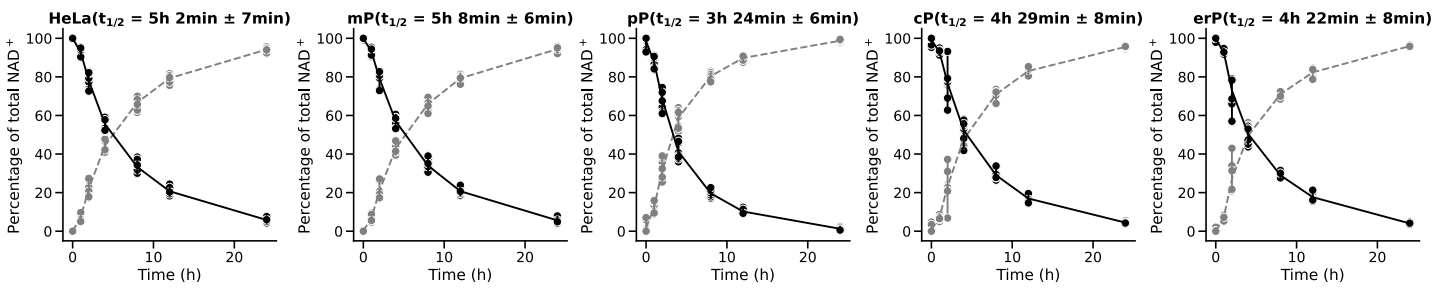
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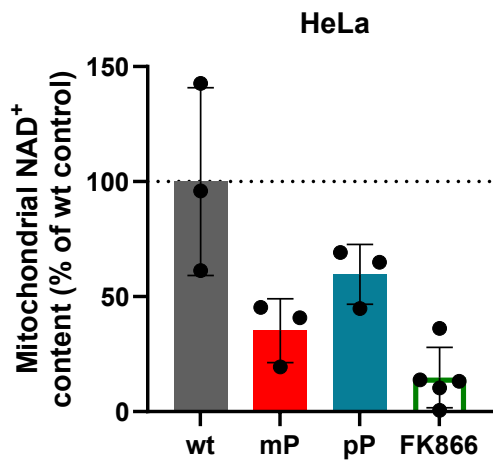




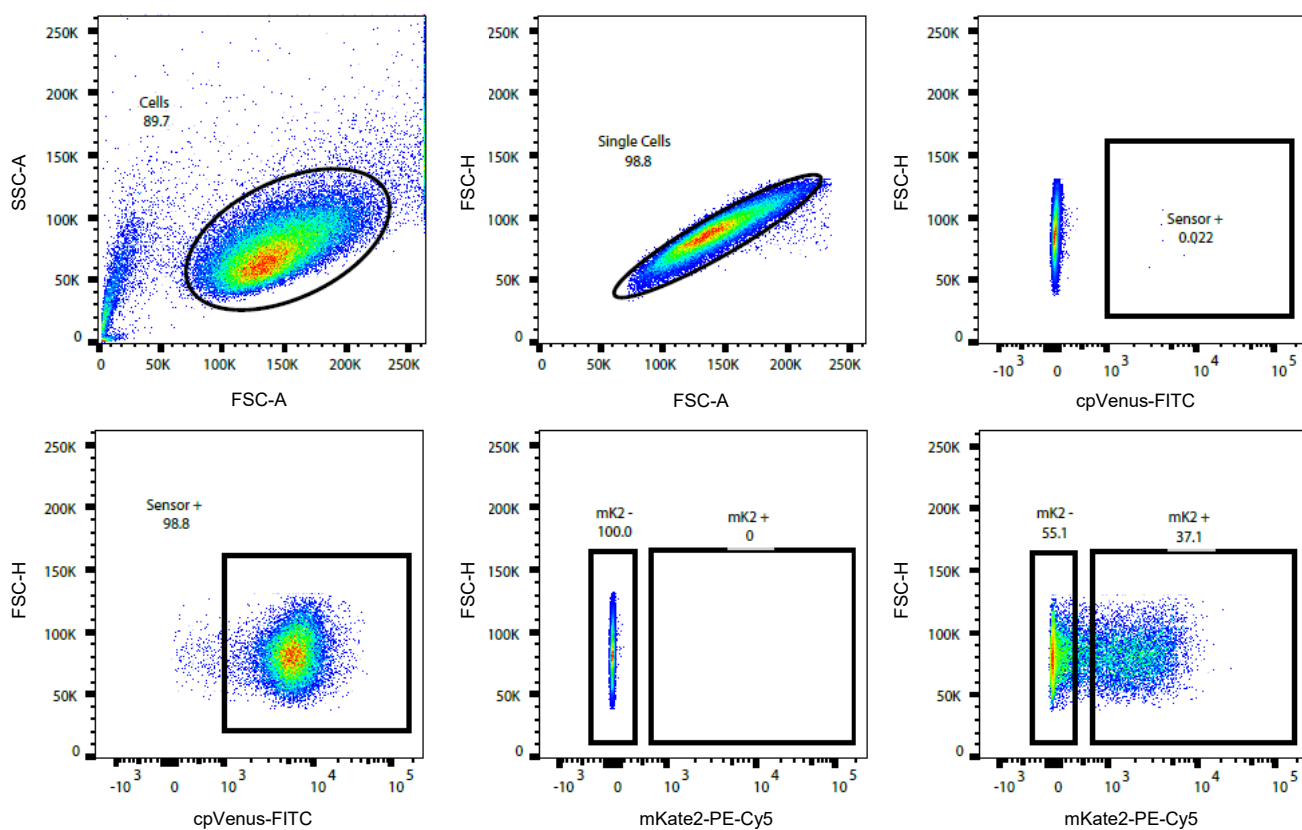


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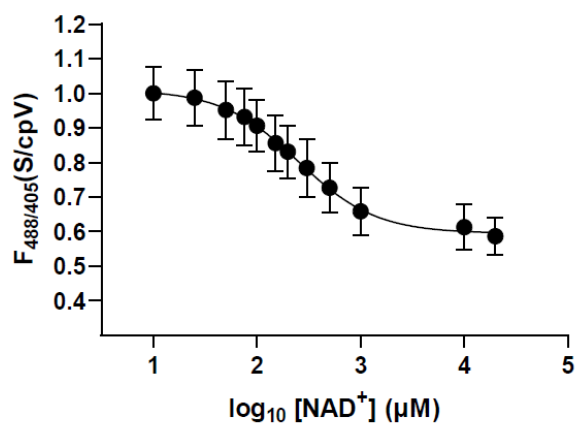
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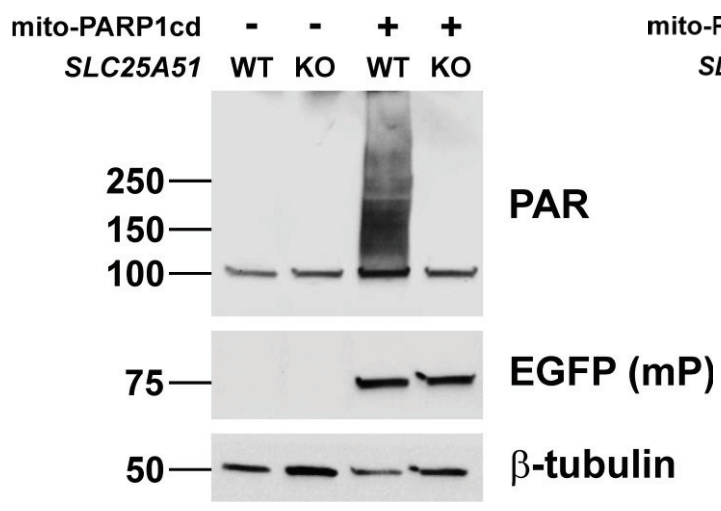
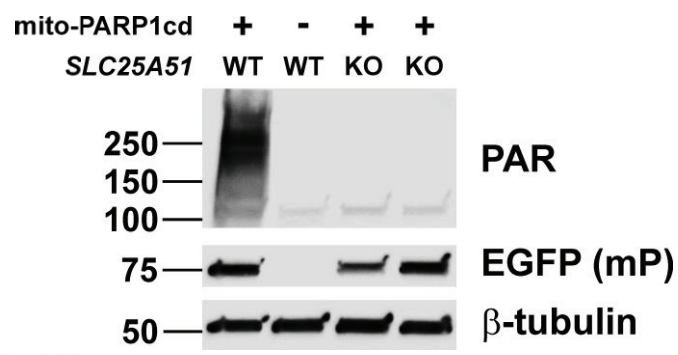
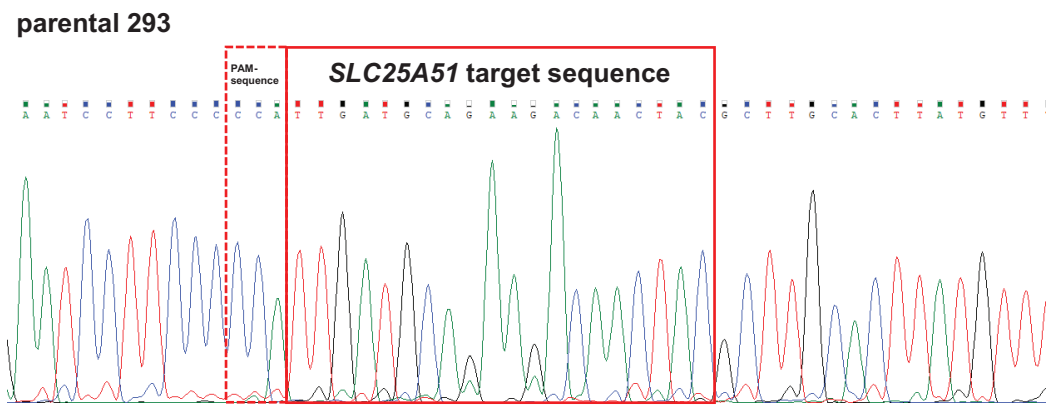


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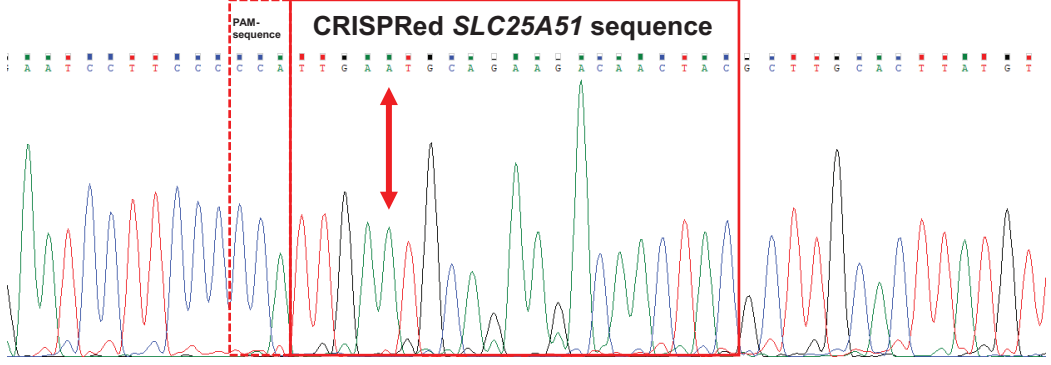


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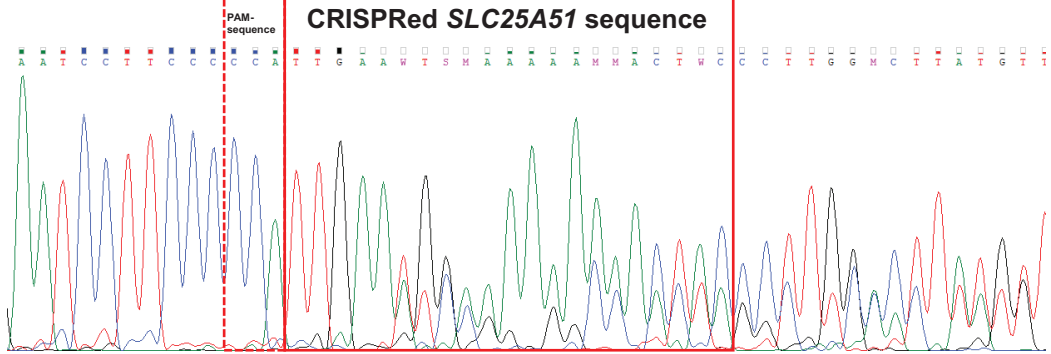


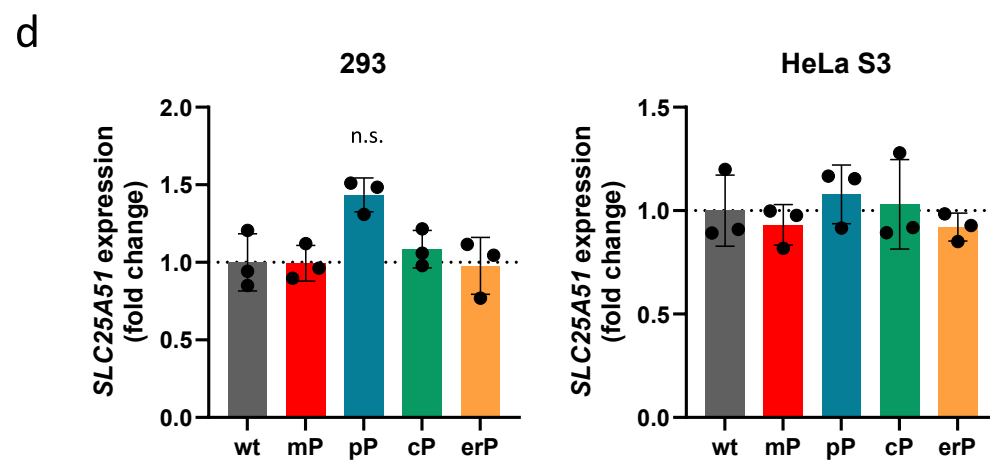
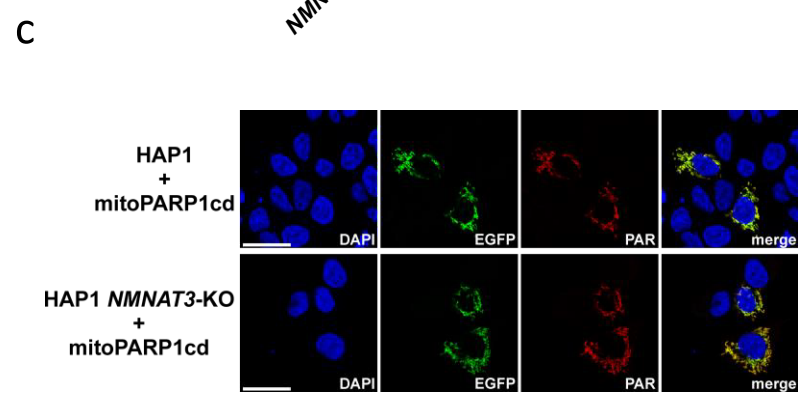
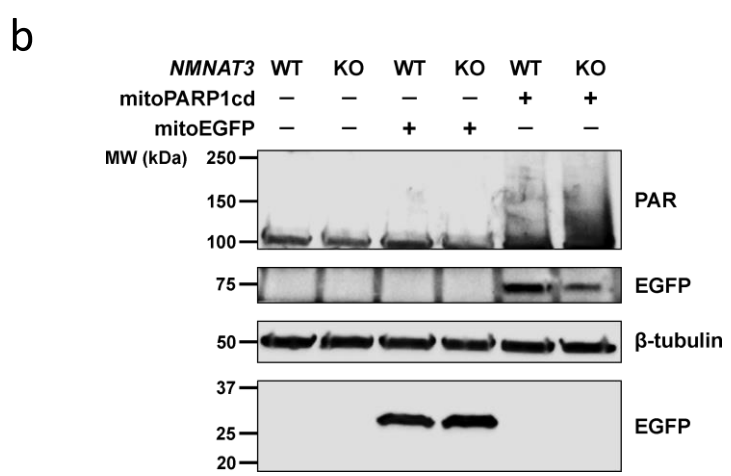
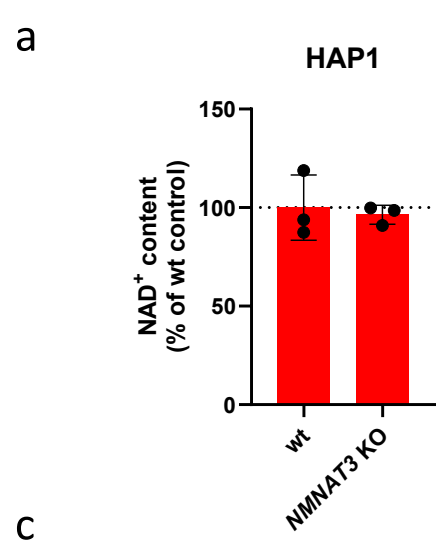
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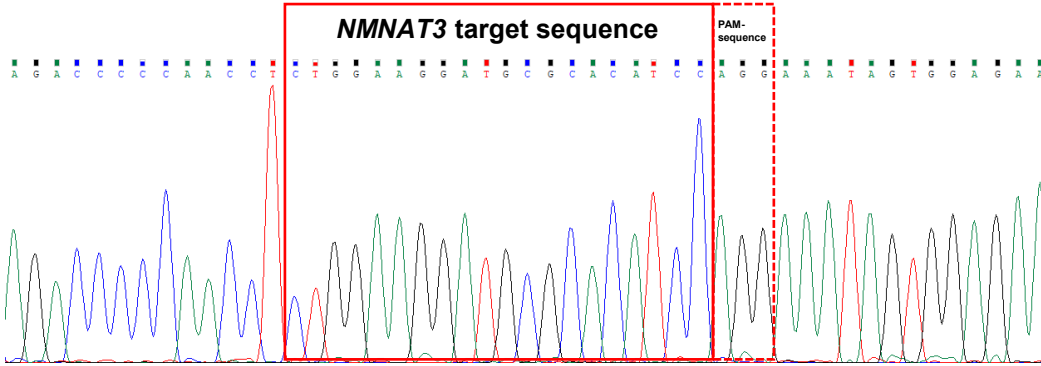


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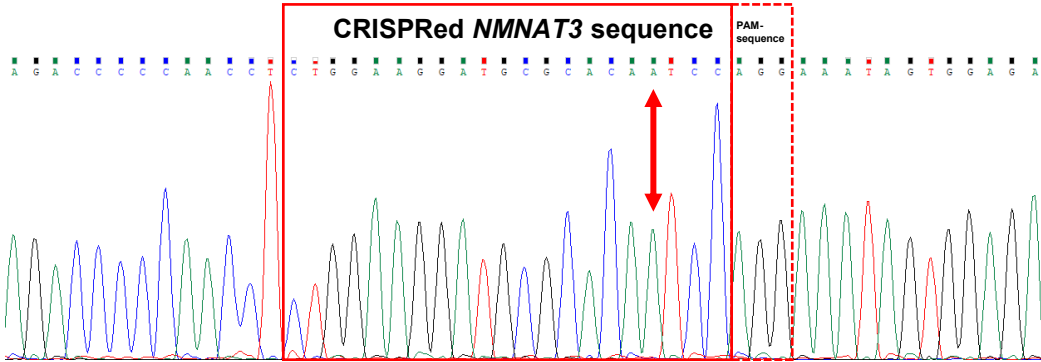




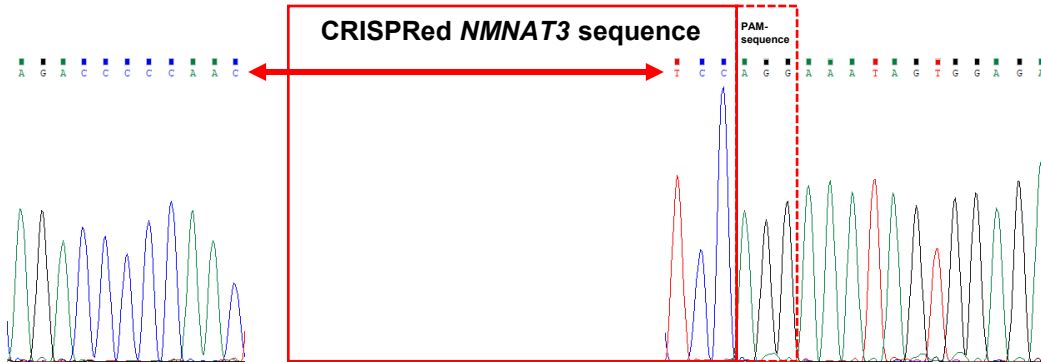
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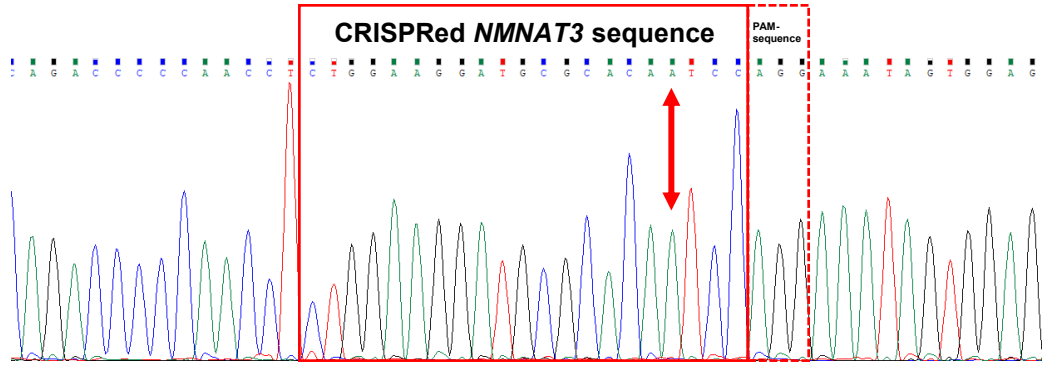
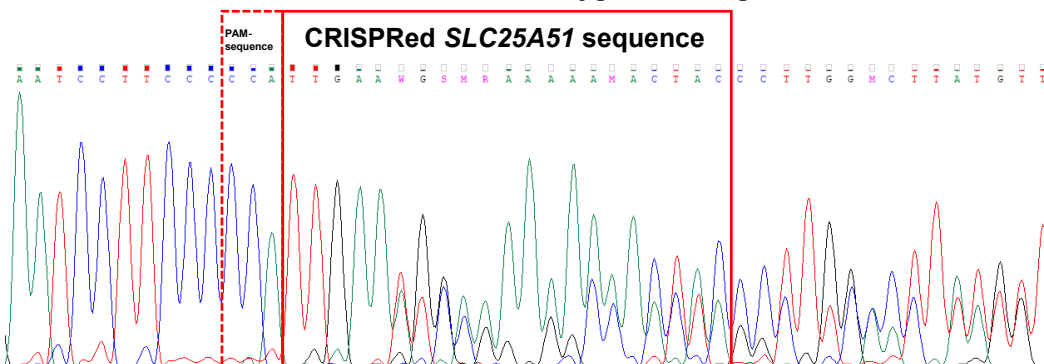


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