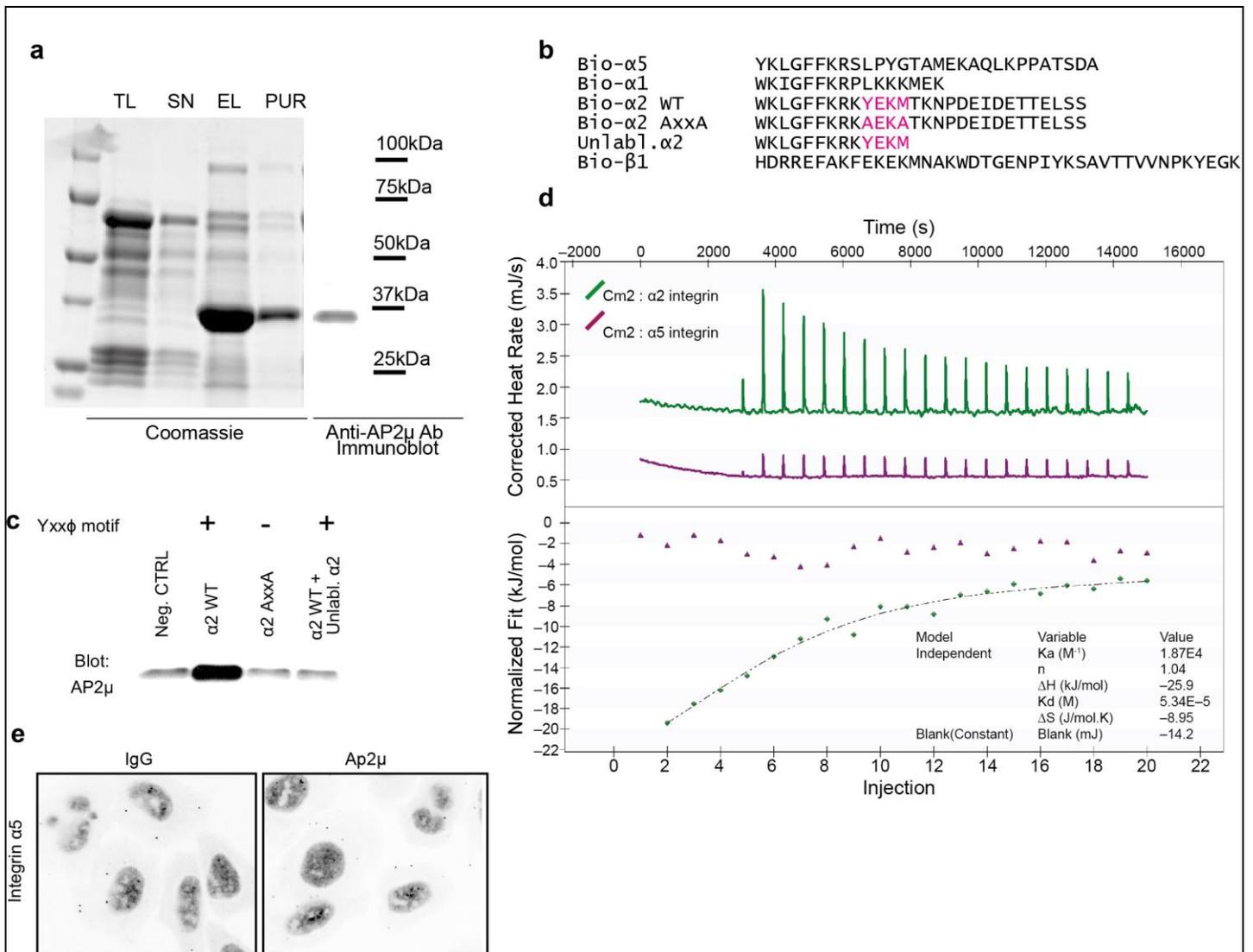


Supplementary Figure 1

Evolutionary and splicing analysis of Yxx ϕ motif distribution

- a:** Comparison of the distribution of the Yxx ϕ motif across integrin α -subunits in *Homo Sapiens* and *Clupeocephala*.
- b:** Alignment of membrane proximal and cytoplasmic region of splice variants of $\alpha 3$, $\alpha 6$ and $\alpha 7$ integrins from *Homo Sapiens*. Uniprot accession codes are indicated; the Yxx ϕ motif is highlighted in red.
- c:** Residue variation across 6 mammals in membrane-proximal and cytoplasmic region of ITAD, ITAE, ITAM, ITAX (organisms: *Homo Sapiens*, *Mus Musculus*, *Canis Familiaris*, *Equus Caballus*, *Sus Scrofa*, *Bos Taurus*). Values on the Y-axis indicate the number of substitution for each residue.
- d:** Residue variation across 10 organisms in membrane-proximal and cytoplasmic region of ITA2 and ITA4 (*Homo Sapiens*, *Mus Musculus*, *Canis Familiaris*, *Equus Caballus*, *Sus Scrofa*, *Bos Taurus*, *Gallus Gallus*, *Xenopus Tropicalis*, *Anolis Carolinensis* and *Danio Rerio*). Asterisks indicate substitutions that are compatible with the Yxx ϕ motif.



Supplementary Figure 2

Characterization of C- μ 2 interaction with α -integrins

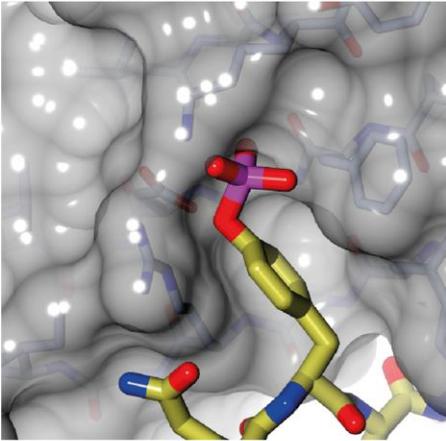
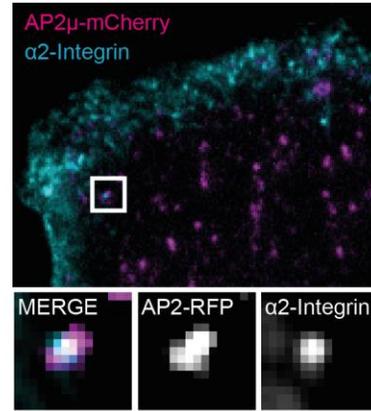
a: Purification of recombinant C- μ 2. Enrichment of AP2 μ in subsequent purification steps is shown, along with immunoblot with AP2 μ Ab.

b: Sequences of the peptides used in this study.

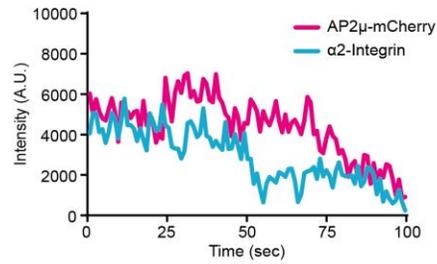
c: Pull-down assay with recombinant C- μ 2 and integrin biotinylated peptides. Equal amount of AP2 μ and equimolar peptide concentrations were added to each sample. Neg. CTRL= beads alone. Tenfold excess of soluble, unlabelled α 2 peptide was pre-incubated with AP2 μ CT.

d: Representative isothermal titration calorimetry of integrin α 2 peptide binding to C- μ 2 (magenta). No detectable binding was seen for integrin α 5 peptide (black).

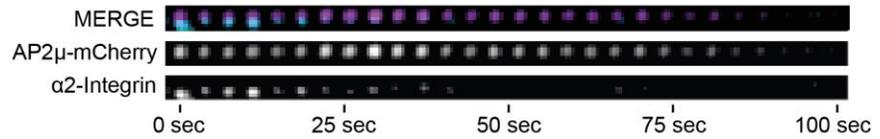
e: Proximity Ligation assay between endogenous AP2 and endogenous α 5 integrin.

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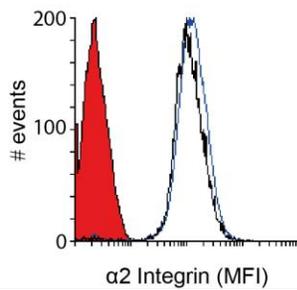
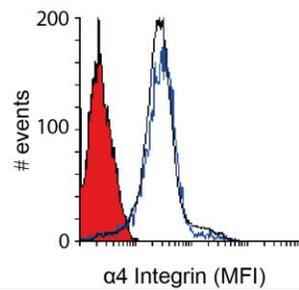
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**c**

α2-GFP WT	WKLGFFKRKYEKMTKNPDEIDETTELSS
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α4-GFP WT	WKAGFFKRQYKSIHQEENRRDSWSYINSKSND
α4-GFP AxxA	WKAGFFKRQAKSALQEENRRDSWSYINSKSND
αv-GFP WT	YRMGFFKRVRPPQEEQEREQLQPHENGEGNSET
αv-GFP (1)YERM	YRMGFFKRVRPPEEQEREQLQPHENGEGNSET
αv-GFP (1)AxxA	YRMGFFKRVRPEEQEREQLQPHENGEGNSET
αv-GFP (2)YERM	YRMGFFKRVRPPEEQEREQLQPHENGEGNSET
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d**e**

Supplementary Figure 3

Controls and additional information related to figure 2 and 3

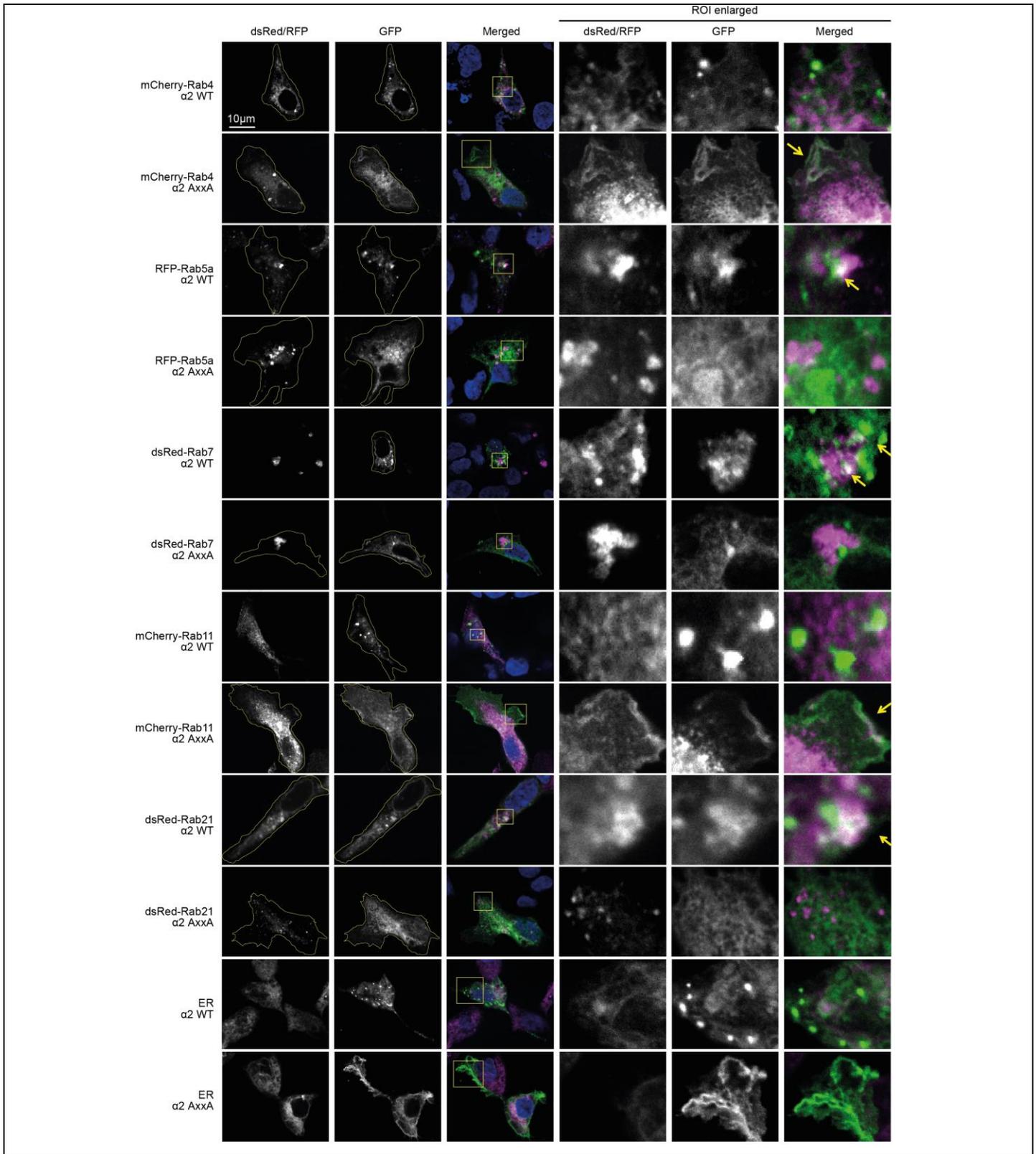
a: Modelling of a tyrosine-phosphorylated integrin $\alpha 4$ peptide (yellow backbone) in the C- $\mu 2$ binding pocket. The phosphate head group of pY1009 (red) would not fit in the binding pocket.

b: Co-endocytosis of AP2 μ and endogenous $\alpha 2$ -integrin in MDA-MB-231 cells expressing AP2 μ -mCherry labelled with $\alpha 2$ -integrin antibody (MCA2025) during live cell imaging. TIRF plane is shown. Dynamics of AP2 μ -RFP and endogenous $\alpha 2$ -integrin co-endocytosis was measured with live cell TIRFM over a 100 sec period. Fluorescence intensities of a single AP2 μ positive pit were plotted over time.

c: Sequence of the membrane-proximal and cytoplasmic domains of GFP-tagged integrin constructs used in this study.

d: Surface $\alpha 2$ integrin levels detected by antibody labeling and fluorescence-activated cell sorting (FACS) analysis on HeLa cells. Solid red: Control IgG. Black line: GFP $\alpha 2$ WT cells stained with anti- $\alpha 2$ antibody; blue line: GFP $\alpha 2$ AxxA stained with anti- $\alpha 2$ antibody. GFP-positive cells were gated.

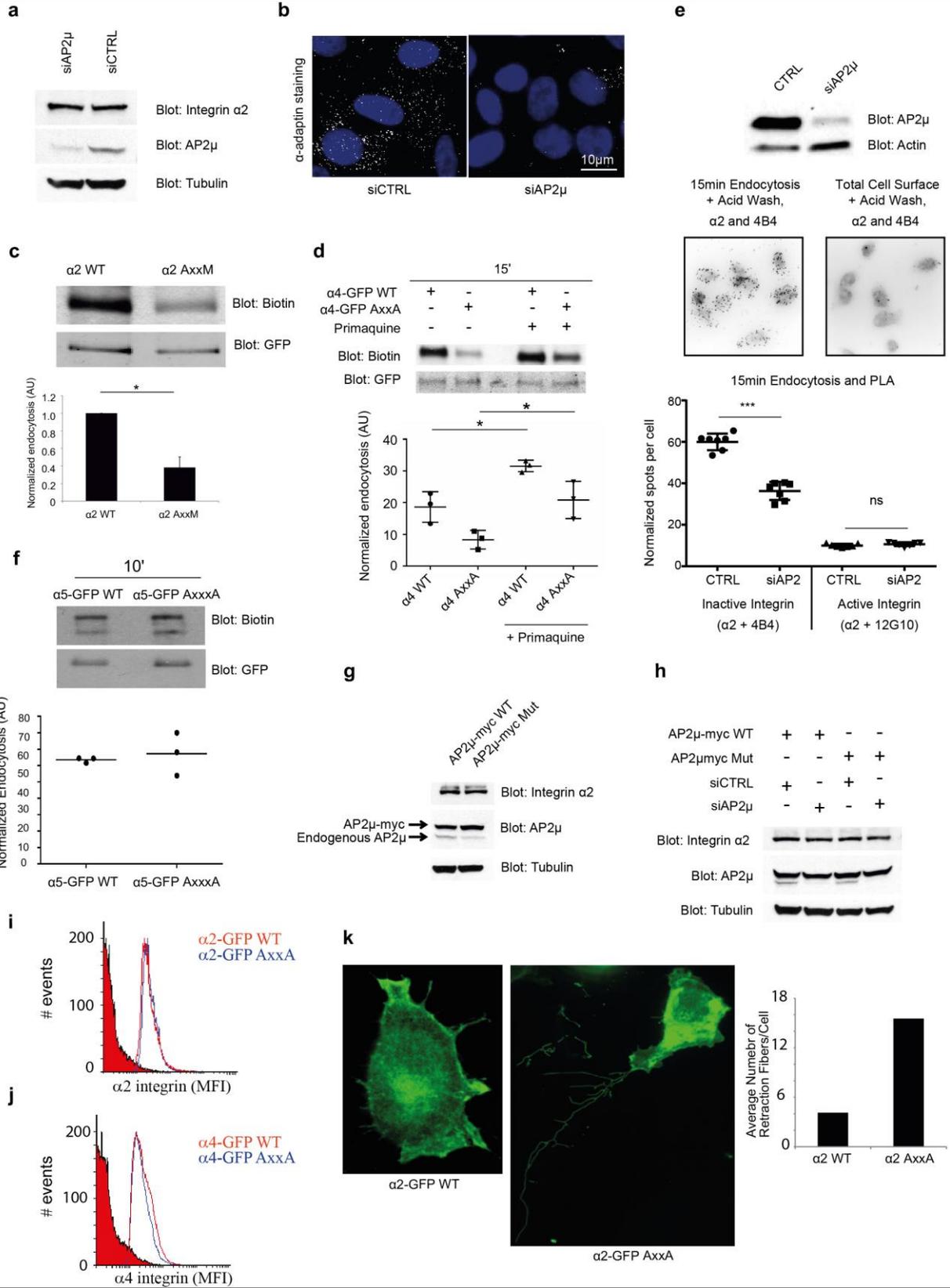
e: Surface $\alpha 4$ integrin levels detected by antibody labeling and fluorescence-activated cell sorting (FACS) analysis on HeLa cells. Solid red: Control IgG. Black line: GFP $\alpha 4$ WT stained with anti- $\alpha 4$ antibody; blue line: GFP $\alpha 4$ AxxA stained with anti- $\alpha 4$ antibody. GFP-positive cells were gated.



Supplementary Figure 4

Subcellular localization of $\alpha 2$ -GFP WT or AxxA mutant.

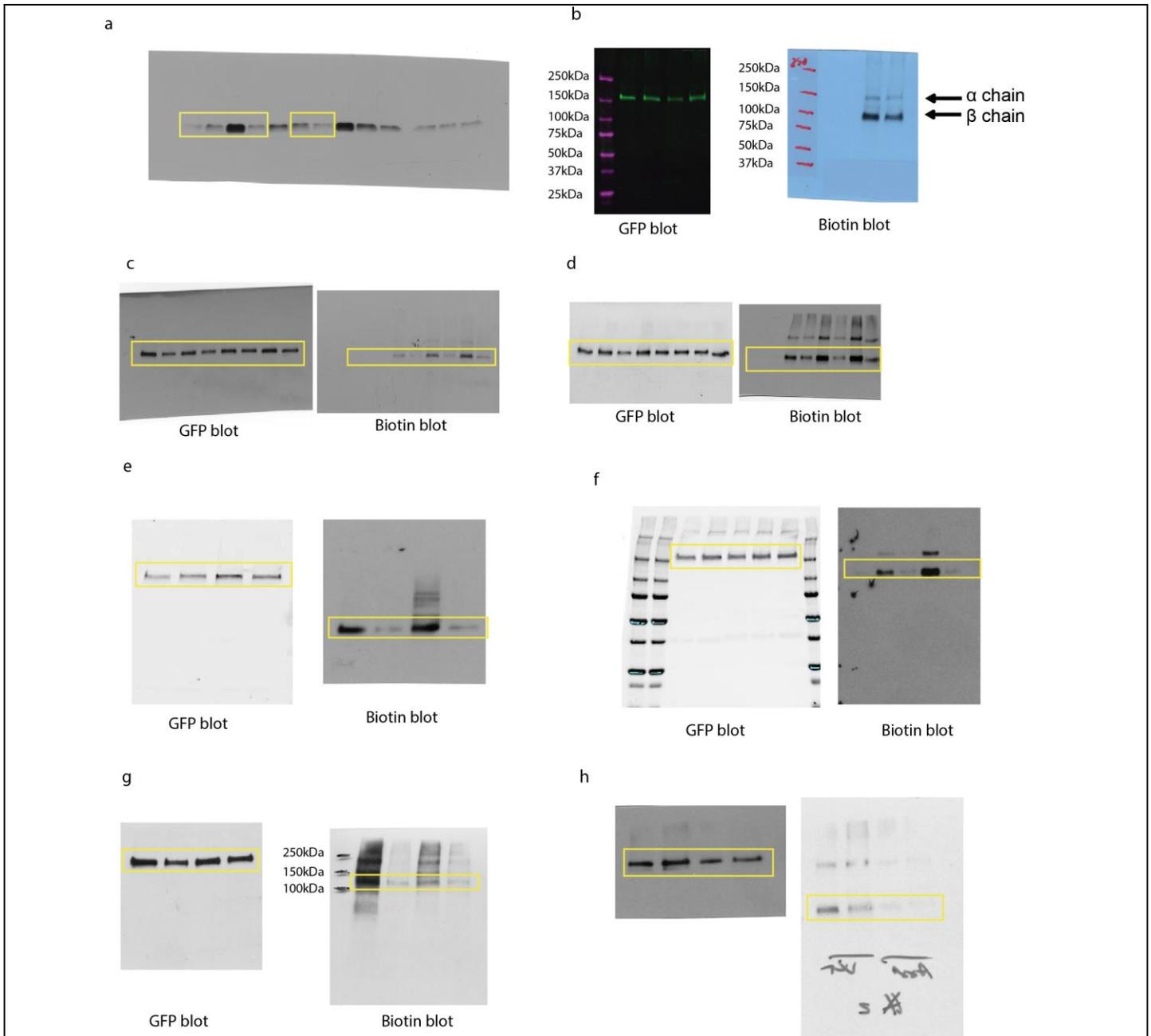
Co-localization analysis of $\alpha 2$ -GFP WT or AxxA mutant in HEK293 cells labelled with the ER-Tracker™ or overexpressing different Rab GTPases as indicated. Yellow boxes indicate the regions of interest (ROI) enlarged in the black and white images. Arrows point to areas of overlapping signal. Images are single planes from confocal stacks acquired with 63x magnification.



Supplementary Figure 5

Controls and additional information related to figure 4 and 5

- a:** Western blot analysis of AP2 μ , α 2-integrin and tubulin levels in AP2 μ and control siRNA transfected HeLa cells.
- b:** AP2 μ or control silenced HeLa cells stained for endogenous AP2 α -adaptin (white) and dapi (blue).
- c:** Biotin-based endocytosis assays in HEK293 cells transfected with GFP-tagged α 2-integrin WT or AxxM mutant. Biotin signal was normalized against total α 2 amount measured from the GFP blot. Time point: 15 minutes (mean \pm SEM; n=3; *, p<0.05 (unpaired Student's t test; 2-tails distribution)).
- d:** Biotin-based endocytosis assays in HEK293 cells expressing either GFP-tagged α 4-integrin WT or AxxA mutant in the presence or absence of primaquine treatment. Biotin signal was normalized against total α 4 amount measured from the GFP blot. Time point: 15 minutes. Bars indicate mean \pm s.e.m.; n=4 (n=biological replicates, each one being an independent cell culture); *, p<0.05 (unpaired Student's t test; 2-tails distribution).
- e:** Antibody-based endocytosis assay using PLA to detect the active or inactive α 2 β 1 heterodimers in AP2 μ silenced background. Endocytosis of α 2 was allowed for 15 min after which cells were fixed, permeabilized and counterstained with active and inactive epitope recognizing anti- β 1 antibodies (clones 12G10 and 4B4, respectively). The endocytosed PLA signal was normalized against total cell surface α 2 β 1 levels (α 2+4B4 for inactive and α 2+12G10 for active heterodimers). Bars indicate mean \pm s.e.m.; n=2 (n=biological replicates, each one being an independent cell culture. In total, 120–144 cells were analyzed for each condition); ***, p<0.0001 (Mann Whitney test; 2-tails distribution).
- f:** Biotin-based endocytosis assays in HEK293 cells expressing GFP-tagged α 5-integrin WT or AxxxA mutant. Endocytosis was allowed for 10 min and biotin signal was normalized against total α 5 amount measured from the GFP blot. n=3 (n=biological replicates, each one being an independent cell culture).
- g:** Western blot analysis of AP2 μ , α 2-integrin and tubulin levels in HEK293 stably expressing AP2 μ -myc WT or F174A/D176S mutant.
- h:** Western blot analysis of AP2 μ , α 2-integrin and tubulin levels in HEK293 stably expressing AP2 μ -myc WT or F174A/D176S mutant and transfected with control or AP2 μ siRNA.
- i:** Surface α 2 integrin levels detected by antibody labeling and fluorescence-activated cell sorting (FACS) analysis on GD25b1A cells. Solid red: α 2 Ab staining of non-transfected cells. Red line: α 2-GFP WT-gated cells; blue line: α 2-GFP AxxA-gated cells.
- j:** Surface α 4 integrin levels detected by antibody labeling and fluorescence-activated cell sorting (FACS) analysis on GD25b1A cells. Solid red: α 4 Ab staining of non-transfected cells. Red line: α 4-GFP WT-gated cells; blue line: α 4-GFP AxxA-gated cells.
- k:** Retraction fibers in HEK293 cells plated on collagen I and expressing either α 2-GFP WT or AxxA mutant.



Supplementary Data Set 1

Uncropped blots

a: Uncropped blot of Fig.1d. Single band obtained by blotting with anti-AP2 μ antibody: the single band corresponds to purified recombinant AP2 μ , as shown in Supplementary Figure 2a.

b: Example of immunodetection of GFP and Biotin, including the molecular marker, used to quantify all the biotin-based endocytosis assays. The pattern of bands obtained in the context of this protocol is very peculiar and reproducible. The upper band (about 150kDa) corresponds to α 2-GFP or α 4-GFP as indicated. The lower band (just above 100kDa) corresponds to β 1 integrin, which is co-immunoprecipitated with the paired α 2-GFP or α 4-GFP protein. The β 1 band is shown and quantified for sake of clarity and to minimize the influence of the background on the quantification, since the signal from the β 1 band is always stronger. It can be noticed, however, that the α and the β band intensities are always correlated.

c: Uncropped blots of Fig.4b.
d: Uncropped blots of Fig.4c.
e: Uncropped blots of Fig.4d.
f: Uncropped blots of Fig.5a.
g: Uncropped blots of Fig.5b.
h: Uncropped blots of Fig.5c.

