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We fully acknowledge the importance of this point. Although the main goal of this study at the level of data analysis was to create an enrichment score allowing to rank the zebrafish genes by their subcellular localization, we fully agree that this intention was not clearly explained in the text. To improve the clarity of the text, we added a sentence highlighting this fact:

"To rank transcripts from the most membrane associated to those most likely translated by the free cytosolic polysomes, we directly compared two fractions with each other. The HS fraction was a reference in these comparisons, so all genes that are enriched in this analysis are likely to be membrane bound (MB-enriched) and those that are depleted are more likely to be translated by free cytosolic polysomes (HS-enriched)." (Page 12).

We also aimed to define a leading group of genes/proteins for which co-translational targeting is either very likely or unlikely. For this reason we performed the Kyoto Encyclopaedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG) enrichment analysis. However, as described previously this analysis revealed only enrichment of ABC transporters and genes involved in oxidative phosphorylation in the membrane-bound (MB) and high-speed fraction, respectively. Although zebrafish is the third best annotated genome, many zebrafish genes lack functional annotation. To overcome this problem and extend the analysis of MB- and HS-enriched gene classes, we also performed Gene Ontology enrichment analysis using highly and moderately enriched genes identified for each of studied fractions using two different GO aspects: "biological process" and "cellular component" (Figure 2B, Figure S2C-F and Figure S8D-E).

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Once again this is a very insightful comment. As the Weissman group's study targeting the plasticity of mitochondrial proteins solely concentrated on mitochondria, excluding ER from this analysis, we selected yeast genes with the at least two fold mitochondrial enrichment and tested them against the enrichment values for their zebrafish orthologues. The overall correlation was rather poor, as this comparison revealed the presence of two subpopulations: MB and HS enriched zebrafish genes. However, indeed, we observed zebrafish orthologues (*abcb11a*, *abcb11b* and *tap1*) of MDL1 and MDL2 to be highly enriched in the MB fraction. Moreover, we also noticed high MB-enrichment of genes involved in ion transport, e.g. zebrafish solute carriers (*slc30a1a* and *slc30a8*) that are orthologues to MMT and MMT2 in yeast. Interestingly, the overlap between MB-enriched zebrafish genes and yeast genes translated on the surface of mitochondria was higher in cells without CHX compared to CHX-treated ones (Figure S4). This effect holds also for comparison using *chchd4a<sup>-/-</sup>* fractions (Figure S9).

We previously showed that the zebrafish orthologue (*abcb7*) of Atm1 was moderately enriched in the MB-fraction (log2FC MB/HS = 0.5) (Figure 2E). In general, we were not able to provide reliable enrichment scores for other inner membrane yeast proteins (Yme1, Yme2, Yta10, Yta12). Although we found zebrafish orthologues for Yme1 gene (ENSDARG00000075192, ymellla and ENSDARG00000104401, ymelllb) these genes were not showing major changes in the localization (log2FC=-0.39 and log2FC=-0.069, respectively). Moreover, the obtained enrichment results were not statistically significant. For both Yta10 and Yta12 genes, we zebrafish orthologues (ENSDARG0000007965, detected the same afg3l1 and ENSDARG00000062272, afg3l2). There are no major changes in the localization for afg3l2  $(\log 2FC = -0.062)$ , but again the enrichment is not statistically sufficient. Whereas, the *afg311* is more HS enriched (log2FC=-0.75, FDR=1.3%), but the result is below the cutoff point for highly enriched genes (log2FC=<-1). Finally, we were not able to find zebrafish orthologues for the Yme2 gene.

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Thank you for this very interesting and important comment. We followed Reviewer's suggestion and plotted the spliced CDS length versus the enrichment in the MB and HS fraction. Although we did not observe big difference when looking at all genes for wild type fractions (Figure S11A), there is a large shift in the CDS length for *chchd4a<sup>-/-</sup>* samples, as MB-enriched transcripts have on average much longer CDSs than the ones enriched in HS fraction (Figure S11B). This effect also holds when looking only at genes encoding mitochondrial proteins (Figure S11C-D). However, the CDS length increases gradually with the MB-enrichment, in particular when looking at all enriched genes (Figure S11B) and it is not possible to set any specific threshold that could help to distinguish the MB-enriched transcripts from HS-enriched ones. Moreover, there is a link between the sequence conservation and its length, as highly conserved proteins have on average longer sequences. We confirm this finding by looking at zebrafish and human protein coding genes (Figure S11E-F). Thus, there are many factors that could drive the co-translational import of large proteins. However, it could be that the link between the protein size, protein conservation and prolonged time of the synthesis is an important aspect determining the choice of the protein import route.

Appropriate text explaining these findings has been added to the Results section (Page 23) and Discussion (Page 28).

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We appreciate this suggestion. Appropriate text has been added to the discussion (Page 25):

"Recent technological advancements in the RNA sequencing field also triggered a substantial progress in studying RNA at subcellular resolution. Currently, there are two main methods for producing quantitative subcellular RNA maps: (1) "CeFra-seq" developed within the ENCODE project, where the cells are fractionated to extract RNA from specific compartments and (2) the APEX-seq method, using transgenic labelled proteins of known localization to cross-link nearby RNAs. Although both methods are very versatile and can capture the landscape of all RNA types (coding and noncoding) for any subcellular region in the cell, the application of APEX-seq in vivo is more challenging. This method employs APEX2 peroxidase that is genetically targeted to the cellular region of interest to tag endogenous RNAs using proximity biotinylation. Thus, requires genetic manipulations that allow to incorporate these elements into the genome of studied organism. Although similar genetic modifications have been previously described for zebrafish, in general production of transgenic lines for vertebrate species is not only much more challenging and time consuming, but also often requires specialized equipment. New genetic modifications are particularly problematic for mutant lines, especially if the mutation inhibits the development or turns out to be lethal in its early stage, as in case of the chchd4 $a^{-/-}$  mutation in zebrafish. Another possibility is a proximity specific ribosome profiling that enables investigation of localized translation genome-wide at subcellular resolution. It has been mainly employed to profile in vivo actively translated mRNAs on the endoplasmic reticulum membrane and on the surface of mitochondria. However,

this method employs a spatially restricted biotin ligase (BirA) to label ribosomes with a biotin acceptor peptide (AviTag) in live cells. Therefore, limitations of adopting this strategy for zebrafish are similar as for the APEX-seq approach. Finally, other methods for direct analysis of RNA localization at high-throughput exist, including highly multiplex RNA profiling. However, these methods require designing thousands of barcoded oligonucleotide probes to target RNA of interest. Moreover, they can only measure a limited number of RNA molecule types in a single experiment, which often does not exceed 1,000 RNA types. One of the major drawbacks of all fluorescence in situ hybridization based approaches is the need for cell fixation and permeabilization that can lead to the displacement of cellular components. Considering the above, biochemical fractionation is still one of the most accessible approaches for studying the subcellular localization of nuclear-encoded mitochondrial gene products in zebrafish." (All of these statements are properly referenced in the main text.)

Although we fully agree that the current technological advancements resulted in the development of new and more specific technologies for studying subcellular RNA localization at high-throughput, it is still difficult to directly adopt them for studying RNA localization *in vivo* using vertebrate models. Especially, if one aims to study RNA localization under mitochondrial stressed conditions triggered by the mutation. We developed two transgenic lines with (1) biotin ligase (BirA) fused with TOM20, an outer mitochondrial membrane protein and (2) Avi-tagged ribosomal lines. However, crossing them together was very challenging, as well as generating them for *chchd4a<sup>-/-</sup>* zebrafish mutants.

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Thank you for pointing this out. Indeed this is an editorial mistake that distorted the meaning of the entire statement. The proper explanation is available on Page 11:

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This is a very insightful comment. Previous studies, including Weissman's proximity specific ribosome profiling at the surface of mitochondria revealed the mitochondrial enrichment of ABC transporters such as *ATM1*, *MDL1* and *MDL2*. Moreover, this data supported enrichment of ion transporters such as *MMT1*, *MMT2* and *OAC1*. Interestingly, a recently published APEX-seq study revealed the SLC39A10 gene to be located in the close proximity to the mitochondrial outer membrane. Similarly, our data supported the enrichment of genes encoding ABC transporters and solute carriers. As we observed rather moderate MB-enrichment of mitochondrial ABC transporter genes, we can openly admit that detected membrane

association of ABC transporters could be also ER driven. To seek for the possible link to a function that could specifically drive the MB enrichment of ABC transporters and SLC family members, we investigated the enrichment for proteins containing other TMDs, in particular 7TMD proteins. In this analysis we concentrated on the G protein-coupled receptor (GPCR) superfamily (Figure S5C). We were able to detect 10 GPCRs in our data and interestingly 6 and 4 of them were highly and moderately enriched, respectively in the MB fraction. Furthermore, we tested the enrichment for Cytochrome P450 proteins (CYPs) as some of them (cyp20a1) were shown to localize to mitochondria. We were able to detect 42 CYP genes and all of them, except cyp17a1were highly MB enriched (Figure S5A). In general, CYP localization in mitochondria is regulated in one of two ways: (1) direct targeting of inherent CYPs with canonical mitochondrial signals in their protein sequence after synthesis in the cytosol or (2) mitochondrial localization of microsomal CYPs after processing of the NH(2)terminal region. Therefore, it seems that all these genes can use distinct mechanisms to localize to mitochondria (or ER). Although there can exist a functional link for ABC transporters and SLC genes driving their mitochondrial localization, this will require further investigation, as this study lacks the power to properly answer this question. Therefore, we stick with the general mechanism that coupling import to translation can protect transmembrane proteins from being randomly incorporated to other membranes. Finally, absence of some of the gene classes in both KEGG and GO enrichment analysis confirms that poor functional annotation of zebrafish genes hampers analysis at the global level. Moreover, despite many attempts to fix this problem, GO remains messy with not fully controlled assignment of genes to parent and child GO terms.

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We fully acknowledge the importance of this point. Following Reviewer's suggestion the discussion has been expanded and the possible link between  $chchd4a^{-/-}$  mutation in zebrafish and the reduced proteolysis and upregulated cholesterol biosynthesis have been explained (Page 20):

"As disruption of mitochondrial functions leads to widespread consequences, we also observed expression changes for genes involved in several metabolic pathways such as proteolysis and cholesterol biosynthetic processes. As previously described chchd4a<sup>-/-</sup> mutation leads to pancreatic insufficiency due to reduced expression of various digestive enzymes and their precursors, which affects the overall development of pancreas and as a result to inability of chchd4a<sup>-/-</sup> mutants to digest and absorb proteins. Whereas, the current analysis revealed an additional link between chchd4a<sup>-/-</sup>mediated mitochondrial insufficiency and the upregulation of cholesterol biosynthesis. Mitochondrial dysfunction has been shown to be associated with increased accumulation of cholesterol in the cell, as mitochondrial retrograde signalling, which determines the way mitochondria contact with the rest of the cell. As a consequence cholesterol synthesis is strictly regulated by the endoplasmic reticulum, in particular its membrane proteins possessing the ability to sense cholesterol levels. Impairing mitochondrial functions disrupts retrograde signalling, which in turns affects the distribution of free cholesterol in the cell and finally the ability of ER proteins to properly sense sterol levels. Elevated cholesterol levels have been shown to downregulate mevalonate pathway genes, reducing the biosynthesis of endogenous cholesterol and as a result disrupting the final metabolic outcome of this pathway. Interestingly, one of the upregulated genes upon chchd4a <sup>/-</sup>mutation is hmgcs1 encoding a key enzyme in the mevalonate pathway. Recently, HMGCS1 its human orthologue, has been shown to activate unfolded protein response (UPR) components (ATF4, XBP1 and ATF6) and protect mitochondria and ER from the damage under proteostatic stress. Increased cholesterol biosynthesis can also act as a compensatory mechanism reducing redox stress by consuming elevated NAD(P)H levels in the cell." (All of these statements are properly referenced in the main text.)

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# Correction: Profiling subcellular localization of nuclearencoded mitochondrial gene products in zebrafish

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The authors would like to correct an error in the sequences of several primers listed in the Table S2. The corrected sequences have been updated in the table as follows:

mrpl52\_F CGTGGTGGATCAGAGTACGG mrpl52\_R ACGGCTCTTCTAGCAAACTCC mrps33 F CGGGATTCCAGAAAAGGGTGA mrps33\_R GATTCGAGCACTCAGACGGG mrpl32\_F TTGCATCGTCTGGAACTCCG mrpl32\_R TACTGCCAGAGCTGGACCTAA timm9\_F GTAACGATGGCAGCTCAGGTC timm9\_R CATGTGGTCTCCTCTGGCTTGA

ndufa8\_F



GCTGTCAACTTCTTCAGGCAG ndufa8\_R CGCAGCTCACCCATGTTAGA coa6\_F CGTACCTGATAGAGTGAGGAGAG coa6\_R ACTCTCGCTGGTGTTTCTCG mcur1\_F AGGGTGTTCAGAGAGTTGAGC mcur1\_R GGACCATTGCATGAGTGTCG

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