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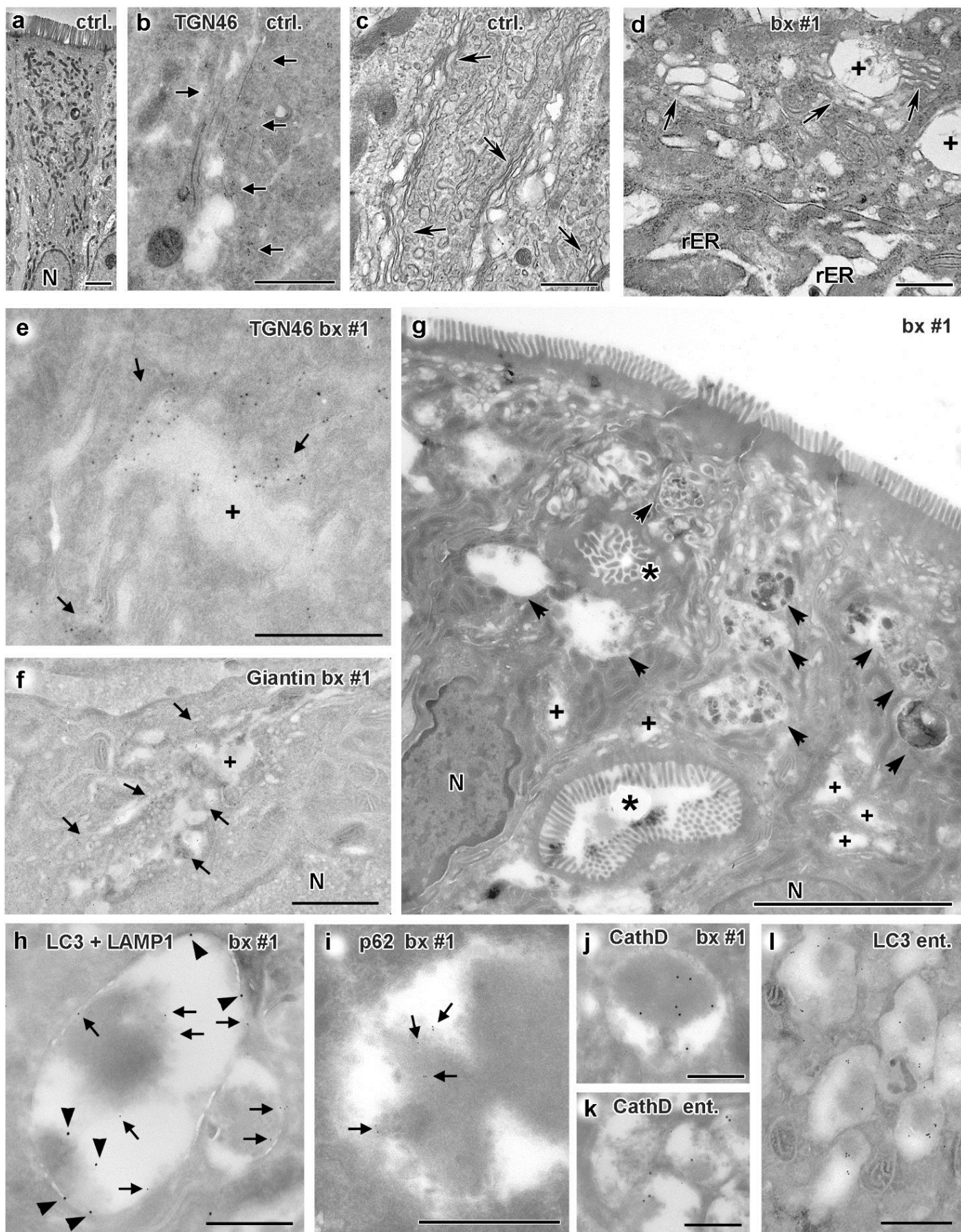


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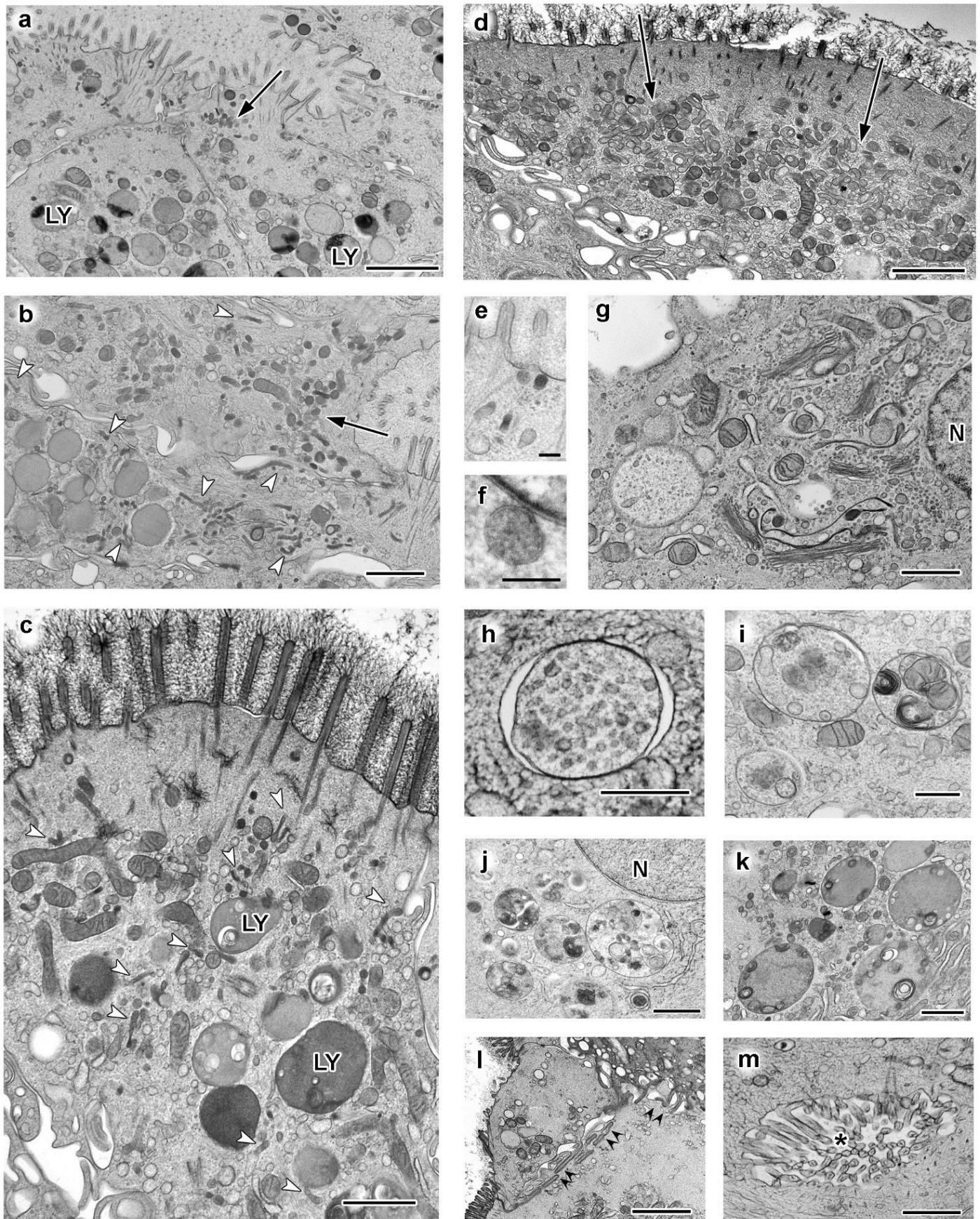


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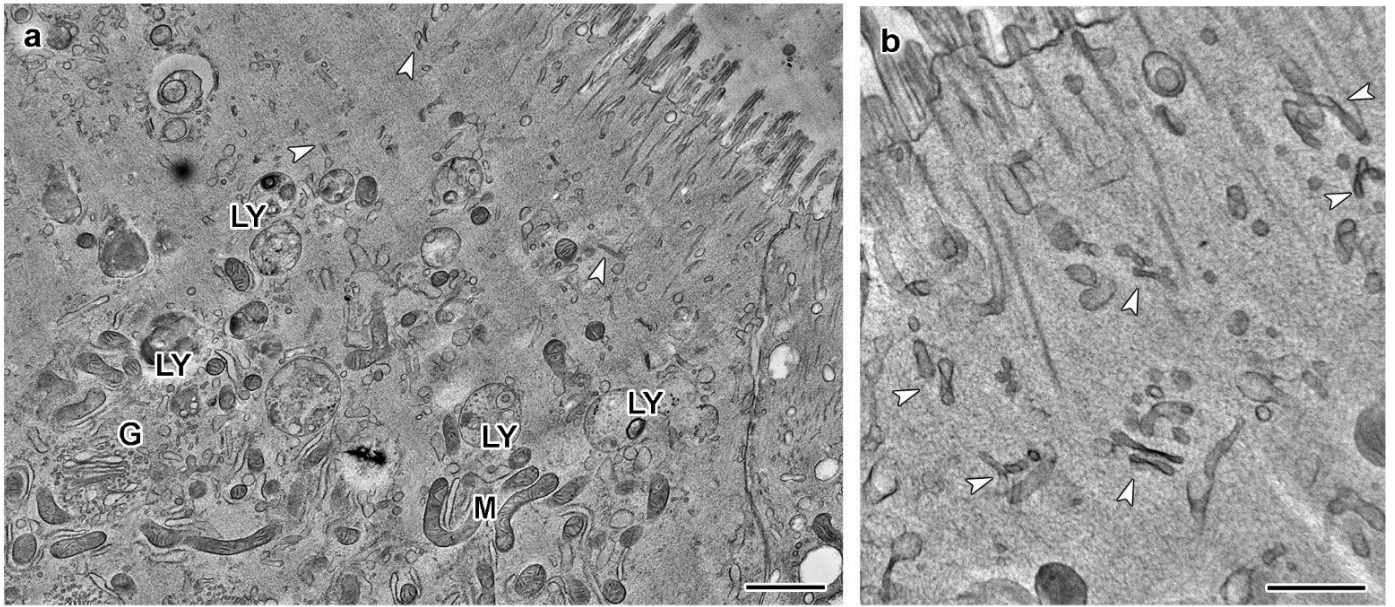


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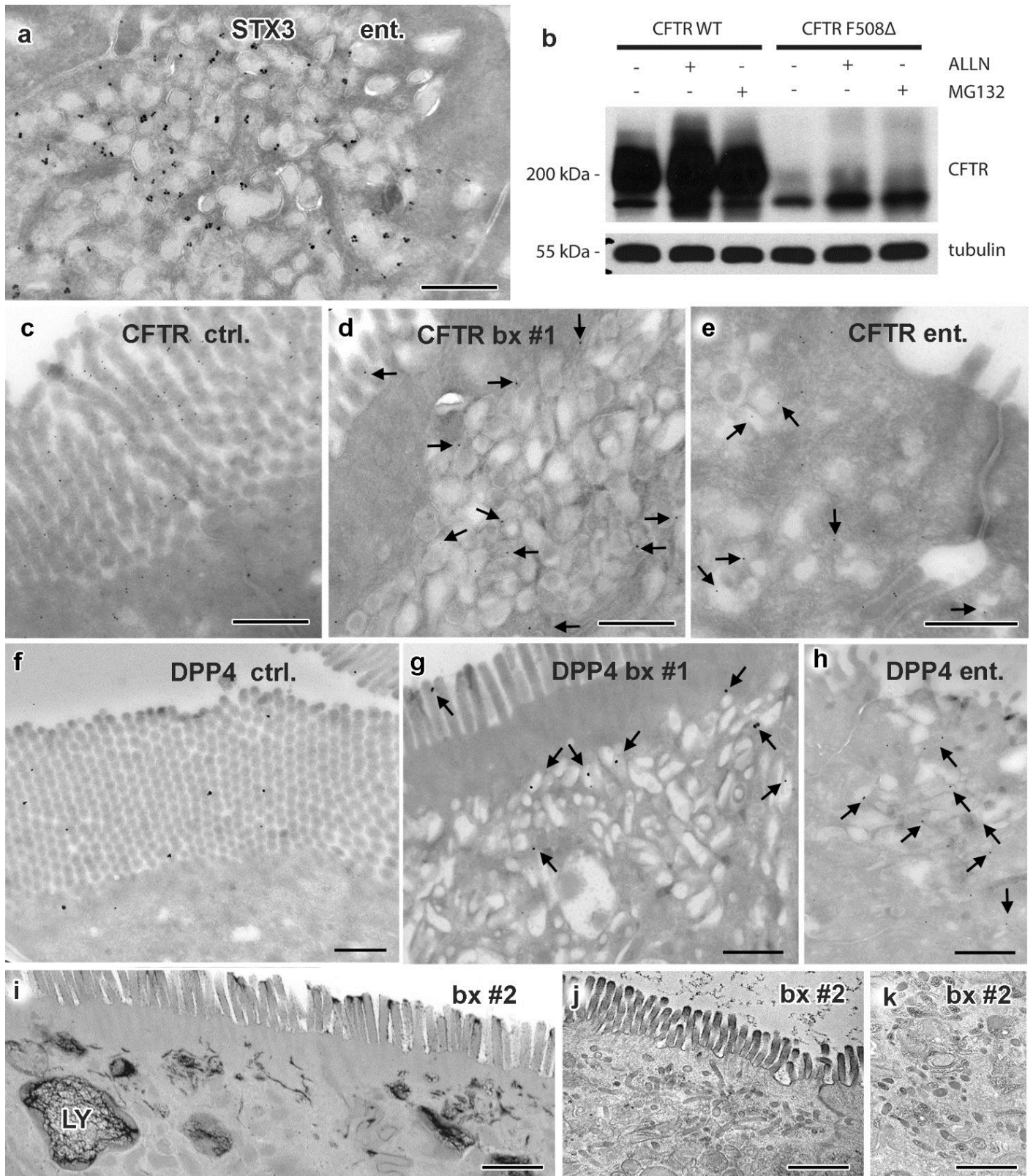


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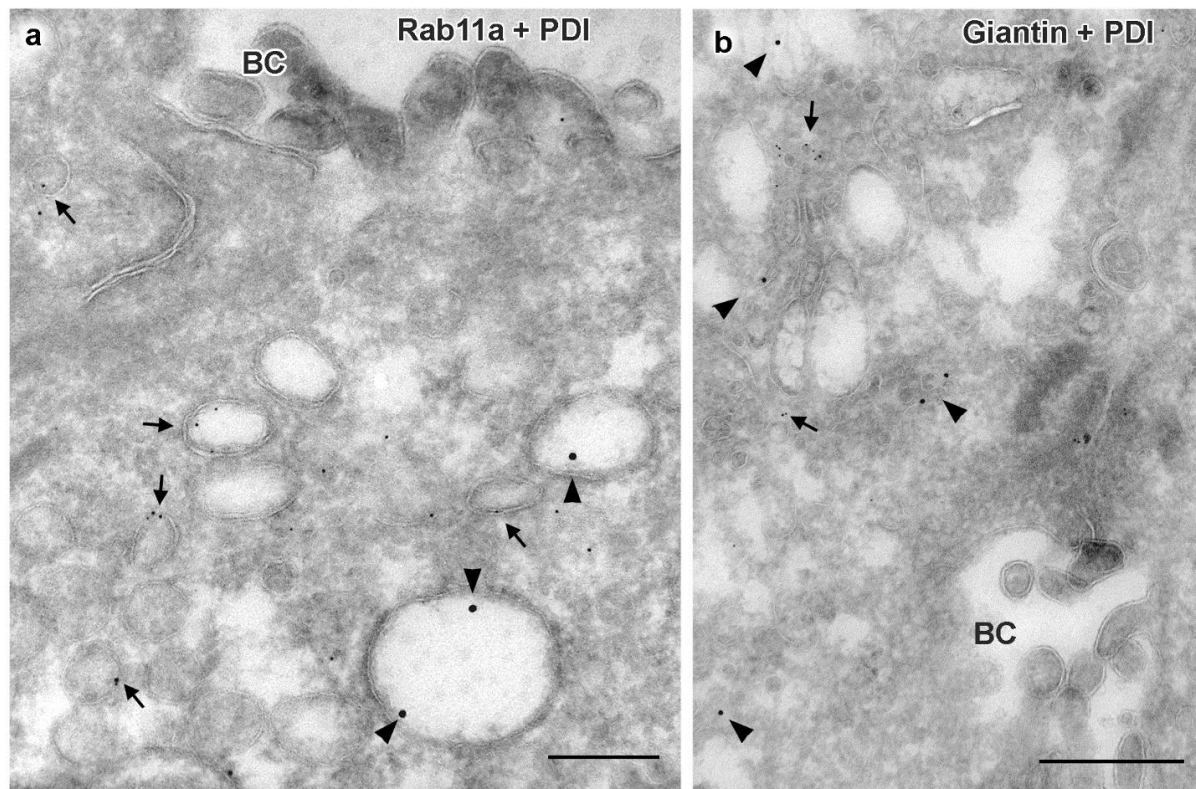


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Supplementary Table 1. Immuno-labeling patterns in intestinal and liver biopsies from MYO5B-PFIC patient #1, observed by fluorescence microscopy (IF) and EM

		Duodenum		Liver	
		Protein		normal	abnormal
IF	syntaxin3		X		
	NHE3		X		
	Rab11		X		X
	myo5b	X	X	X	X
	DPP4	X		X	
	BSEP	not done			X
	MRP2	not done			X

			Notes			
EM	Rab11		X	in / at aberrant, subapical recycling endosomes		X
	Rab11a		X			X
	Rab8a		X		X	
	DPP4		X		X	
	NHE3		X		not done	
	syntaxin3		X		not done	
	CFTR	X	X	not done		
	PDI	X		in / at enlarged organelles	X	
	giantin	X			X	
	TGN46	X			X	
	M6PR	X			not done	
	LC3	X			not done	
	p62/SQSTM1	X			not done	
	LAMP1	X			not done	
cathepsin D	X		not done			
BSEP	not done			X	X	
MRP2	not done			X		

Supplementary methods. Advantages and disadvantages of the specimen preparation protocols employed

Protocol I: Chemical fixation and standard processing for ultrastructural analyses of biopsies.

Pro: Aldehyde fixation followed by post-fixation and -staining with heavy metals, dehydration at RT/+4°C and final epoxy resin embedding (1) is a well established, inexpensive routine method without need for special infrastructure.

Con: Ultrastructural preservation is acceptable. However, reliability is limited because of artifactual ultrastructure alterations induced by the relatively slow interaction of toxic fixatives with live material (2), and other adverse properties of reagents used for post-staining and dehydration at RT/+4°C (3).

Protocol II: Cryo-fixation for ultrastructural analyses of organoids

Pro: High-pressure freezing (HPF) of live specimens (4, 5), immobilizes the dynamic subcellular architecture within less than 50 milliseconds (6, 7) circumventing the problem of artifactual (membrane) deformations (2) that are inevitably accompany fixation through chemicals (3). The frozen samples are subsequently exposed to fixative-containing organic solvents at very low temperatures of about -90°C (i.e., processed by freeze-substitution (FS): Ref. (8)). This way, the cryo-immobilized samples become dehydrated, chemically stabilized and stained in a very slow, gentle and controlled manner before they are normally embedded in epoxides.

Con: Expensive instrumentation and respective operating skills are mandatory. Because of the complex logistic requirements this special technique is usually not applied to fresh patient biopsies (3).

Protocol III: Chemical fixation for cryo-ultramicrotomy and immuno-EM of biopsies and organoids (Tokoyasu-technique (9))

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Protocol IV: Chemical fixation combined with HPF and FS for ultrastructural analyses of biopsies.

Pro: This “hybrid technique” preserves certain fragile endomembranes better than standard chemical fixation, post-fixation and dehydration at RT/+4°C (11, 12). It is recommended when direct rapid freezing of live samples (protocol II) is hardly possible (e.g., with patient biopsies or infectious material). Aldehyde-fixed samples are conveniently shipped to collaborators equipped for cryo-fixation.

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