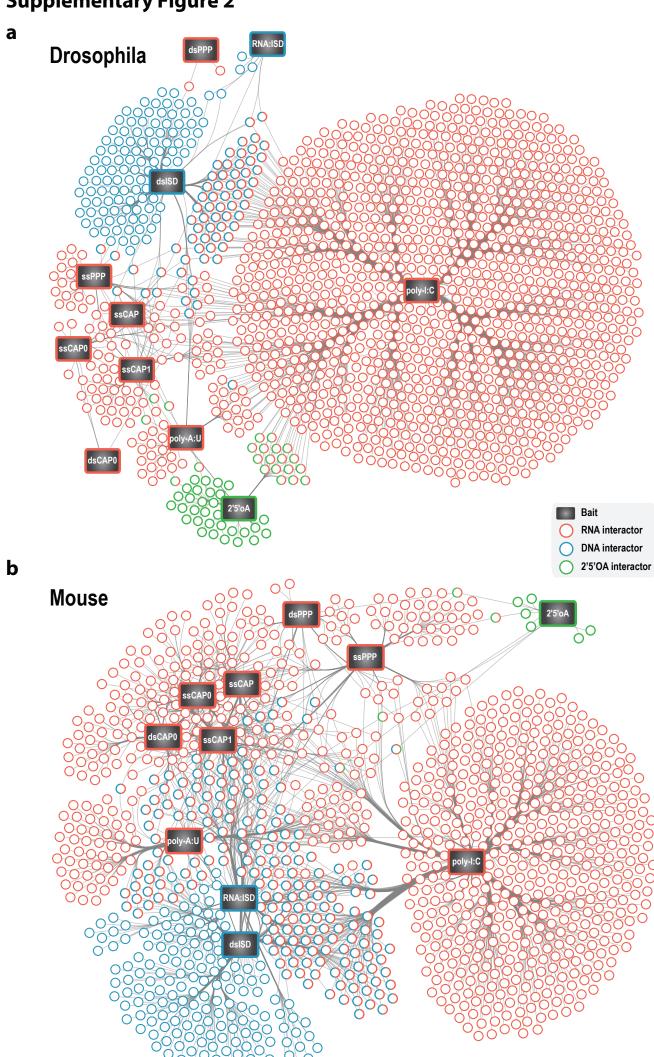


Supplementary Figure 1: AP-MS validation and enrichment analyses

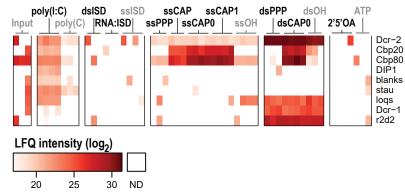
(a) Log₂ LFQ intensities for a selected set of known nucleic acid binders identified in the THP-1 AP-MS screen. ND: not detected. Protein clustering is based on Euclidian distance and Ward as agglomeration method. (b) Western blots confirming nucleic acid binding for a selected set of AP-MS screen hits. Whole cell lysates (lysates from THP-1 cells were used, except for the ABCF1 and RNase L panel, where HeLa and HEK293T were used, respectively) were incubated with beads loaded with the indicated nucleic acid and co-precipitation of proteins was evaluated by western blotting against the indicated proteins. Data is representative of at least two biological repeats. (c) Percentage of proteins identified as interactors of RNA baits, DNA baits, and RNA/DNA baits that are already known NA binding proteins. (d) Gene Ontology Biological Processes (GOBP) terms enriched among the NA-binding proteins. The color denotes the -log₁₀(p-value) (one-sided, unadjusted) of the Fisher Exact Test for the enrichment of the given GOBP term with the given NA bait. (e) Enrichment of known nucleic acid biding domains in the indicated AP-MS dataset. Domains with a Benjamini-Hochberg-corrected FDR < 0.05 were considered as significantly enriched (Fisher Exact Test) and RNA baits are colored in red, DNA baits in blue and 2'5'OA in green. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



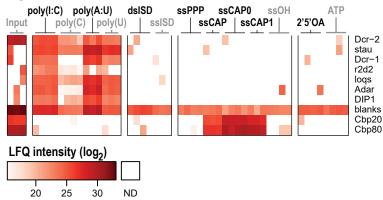
Supplementary Figure 2: Network analysis of fly and mouse AP-MS data

Network analysis of proteins identified to be significantly enriched in precipitates of the indicated NA bait (red: RNA baits, blue: DNA baits, green: 2'5'OA) in *drosophila melanogaster* (fly) (a) and mouse (b). Significance was calculated using the Welch's t-test with an FDR < 0.05 (for the whole fly poly(I:C) samples the FDR was reduced < 0.001).



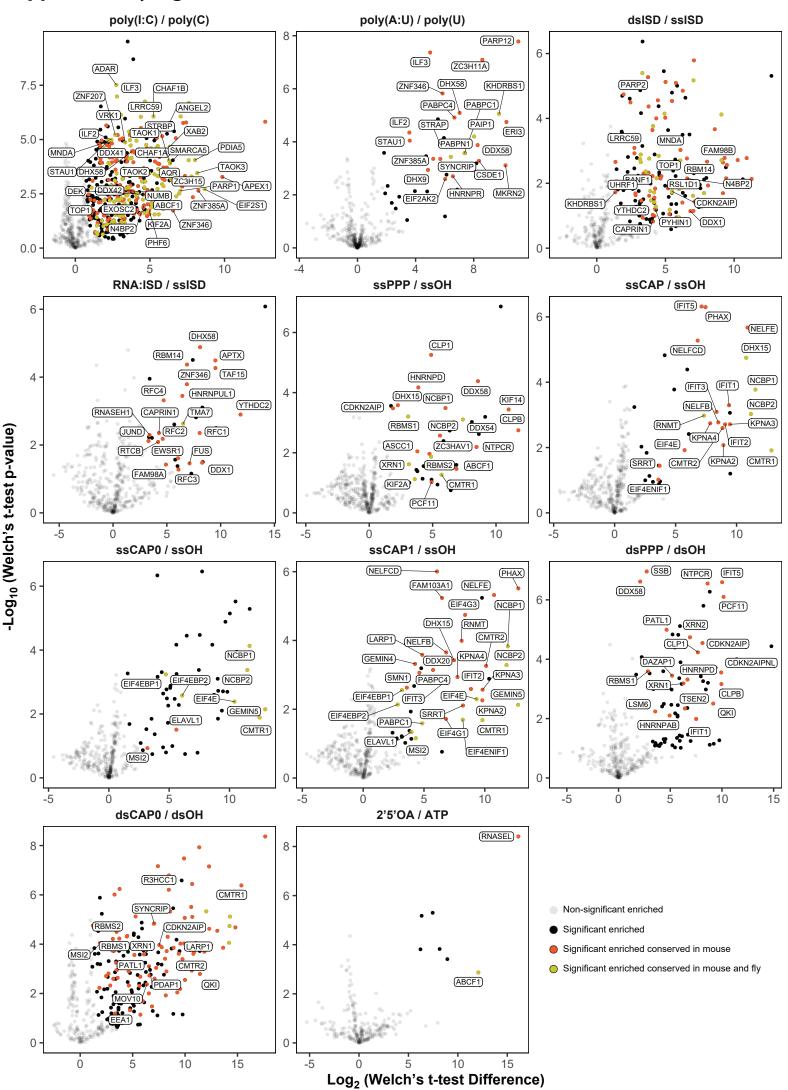






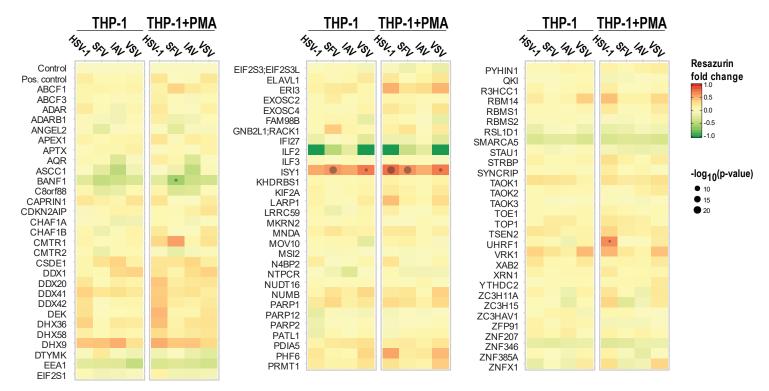
Supplementary Figure 3: Known NA binders identified in Fly and S2 cell lysates

Heatmaps displaying the log₂ LFQ intensity for the selected known NA interactors identified in fly (a) and Schneider S2 cells (b). ND: not detected. Protein clustering is based on Euclidian distance and Ward as agglomeration method.



Supplementary Figure 4: Integrating binding information in human AP-MS screening

Volcano plots showing the \log_2 fold enrichment (x-axis) and $-\log_{10}$ p-value (y-axis) of significantly enriched proteins (black: significantly enriched, grey: non-significantly enriched) per bait/control comparison for the human AP-MS screening and considering conservation of this interaction in other baits. All enriched proteins with conserved binding patterns in mouse (red) or mouse and fly (yellow) are labelled, except for poly(I:C), dsISD and dsCAP0, where only a subset of candidates are labelled. Significance was assessed by a two-sided Welch's t-test (S0 = 1; min. 2 valid values in at least one group) using a permutation-based FDR of ≤ 0.05 .



Supplementary Figure 5: Cell viability of infected THP-1 KO cells

Cell viability of THP-1 KO cells that were infected with the indicated viruses for 17 h. The screening was performed on THP-1 cells with or without PMA differentiation, as indicated. The color indicates the mean relative cell viability of three repeats as compared to the non-targeted control. The two-sided P-value is defined as probability that $\log_2(Luc_{KO}/Luc_C)$ is different from 0 using a random effects generalized linear Bayesian model; significant changes (p-value ≤ 0.05 , unadjusted for multiple hypothesis testing; $Luc_{KO}/Luc_C \geq \log_2(1.5)$) are highlighted with dots. Data represents the median of biological triplicates. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 6 b Fly **S2** SISD SSISD |RNA:ISD| S poly(I:C) ds Input | poly(C) poly(I:C) poly(A:U) dsISD ssCAP ssCAP1 dsPPP dsISD ssPPP ssCAP0 dsOH ssOH ssPPP | ssCAP0 | ssOH |dsCAP0| 2'5'OA ssISD ssCAP ssCAP1 2'5'OA Input CG2118 CG4622 blw Vps4 blp CG4538 lost CG4538 pst Vps4 Hrb27C La lost Hrb27C cup Droj2 CG7488 ATPsynE Klp59D sun blp eff ncd CG2118 blw Droj2 Rat1 shep CG3178 Top1 CG2199 Gnf1 ben CG8963 caz MFE2 CG11505 CG7194 CHD1 msi Pabp2 shep Sucb yps CG5414 obe CG12258 Tlk I(3)07882 CG11505 Gnf1 qkr58E-2 elav Rbp9 CG5316 qkr58E-2 mRpL46 Top1 CG3178 Tlk CG13364 CG11858 CG2199 Cf2 WRNexo CG1703 CG5641 CG3800 MEE2 stau Adar DIP1 logs Tao Slik mle mie CG8963 CG9684 LSm-4-RB qkr58E-2 Pabp2 qkr58E-1 MFF2 CG8726-RB CG9330 CG31156 CG31368 CHD1 qkr58E-1 yps Zn72D CG5641 U2af50 ADF1 XRCC1 WRNexo CG5757 CG9418 RecQ5 trl stau Fandango Tao CG7194 CG7194 CG9684 CG12258 XRCC1 CG6103 CG12112 CG6103 ncd sl CG9667 qkr58E-1 trl msi CG31156 CG42232 rig Cbp20 Thor CG3800 CG6379 ATPsynE Rab10 ben trl ADF1 DIP1 CG4622 mle CG5800 CG32344 CG6227 Slik ben CG9330 CG1703 I(3)07882 loqs Zn72D rig La Rbp9 trsn CG9667 CG31368 Fandango CG32344 CG6227 obe LSm-4-RB U2af50 caz elav cup Rat1 CG5316 LFQ intensity (log₂) Thor Cbp20 CG6379 metro Bre1 15 ND 20 25 30 LFQ intensity (log₂)

Supplementary Figure 6: Selected candidates identified in Fly and S2 cell lysates

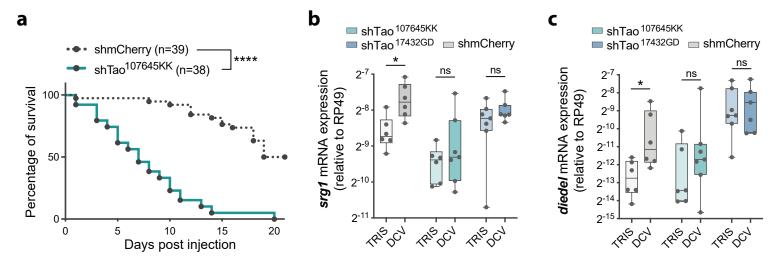
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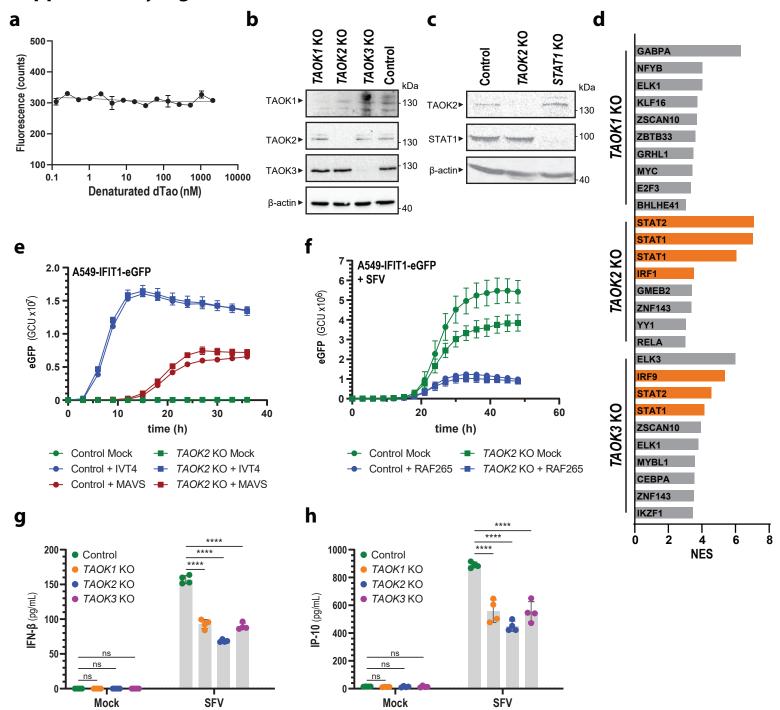
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Heatmaps displaying the log₂ LFQ intensity for the selected candidates identified in fly (a) and Schneider S2 cells (b). ND: not detected. Candidate clustering is based on Euclidean distance and Ward as agglomeration method.



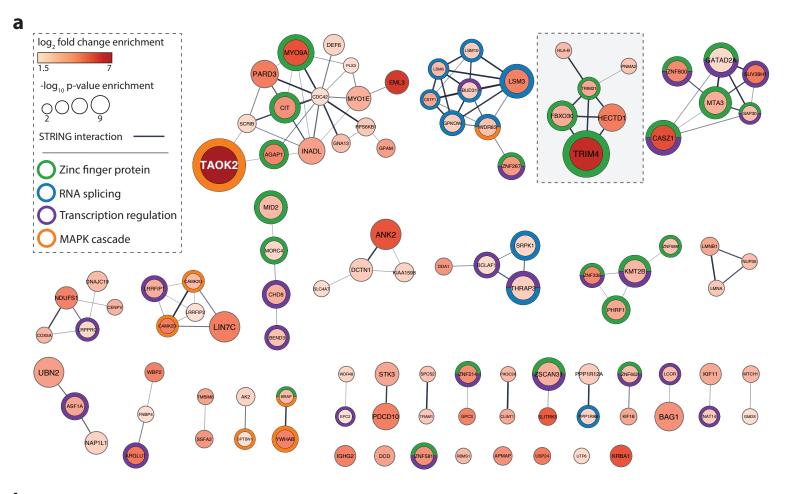
Supplementary Figure 7: Drosophila Tao silencing and its effect on gene expression

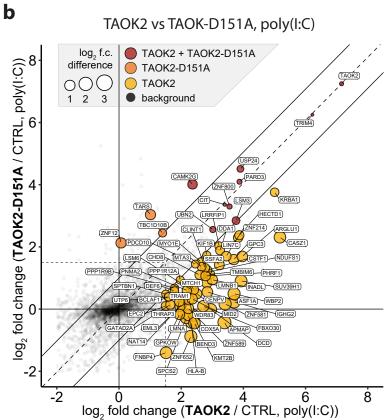
(a) Survival of Tao knockdown flies. Silencing of Tao expression in transgenic flies expressing a RNAi line targeting Tao (107645KK, green) using the Gal4-UAS system and the broadly expressed actin-Gal4 driver controlled by the thermosensitive (TS) tub-Gal80 repressor. shRNA targeting mCherry (black) was used as a control. Tao-depleted flies injected with TRIS buffer succumbed rapidly in comparison to control flies (shmCherry). **** p < 0.0001 as assessed by Log-rank (Mantel-Cox) test. (b, c) Expression of *Sting* (*srg-1*) and *diedel* mRNA in Tao depleted flies. Two independent RNAi lines were used to silence dTao (green: shTao 107645KK, blue: shTao 17432GD, grey: shmCherry control). Flies were infected via injection of DCV (500 pfu/fly) and gene expression was monitored by RT-qPCR at 2 days post infection. The plot shows data obtained from individual flies (dots). Center line, median; box limits, from the 25th to 75th percentiles; whiskers, from min to max. Statistical analysis was performed comparing the different lines and all the marker genes by Kruskal-Wallis test ($p = 1.37 \times 10^{-25}$, one-sided) with a Holm correction for multiple comparisons using the Dunn test (* p < 0.05). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 8: TAOK supplementary data

(a) Fluorescent quenching assay testing the affinity between denatured dTao and poly(I:C). dTao was denatured by 1:1 dilution in 4% SDS and boiled at 95°C for 5 minutes followed by the fluorescence intensity measurement. Shown are mean fluorescence intensity (± SD) of three measurements. (b) Western Blot confirming KO of TAO kinases in THP-1 cells. One representative blot of two independent experiments is shown. (c) Western Blot confirming KO of TAOK2 in A549-IFIT1-eGFP cells. One representative blot of one independent experiment is shown. (d) Upstream promoter analysis of proteins where a lack of upregulation is observed in SFV infected TAOK KO cells vs infected control THP-1 cells. Transcription factors linked to interferon-regulated innate immunity, based on Reactome pathway enrichment analysis, are marked in orange. Normalized Enrichment Score (NES) indicates the enrichment score of transcription factor. (e, f) Scrambled sgRNA control (circle) or TAOK2 KO A549-IFIT1-eGFP cells (square) were transfected with IVT4 (100 ng/mL, blue), 100 ng pTO-SII-HA-MAVS expression plasmid (red) or PBS (green) (e) or were infected with SFV-mCherry (MOI 5) and simultaneously treated with the TAOK2 inhibitor RAF265 (500 nM, blue) (f). Green fluorescence intensity was measured at the indicated time points using an IncuCyte S3 live cell imaging system. Mean green intensity per image (GCU) \pm SD (y-axis) is shown over time (x-axis). Data presented in (e) is averaged across three and data in (f) is averaged across five biological replicates. (g, h) TAOKI KO (orange), TAOK2 KO (blue), TAOK3 KO (purple) or control (green) THP-1 cells were infected with SFV (MOI 1) and 24 h later the accumulation of IFN-β (g) and IP-10 (h) in the supernatant was measured by ELISA. Data presented is averaged across four biological repeats \pm SD, **** p < 0.0001 (Two-way ANOVA with Šídák's multiple comparison test). ns: not significant. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.





Supplementary Figure 9: TAOK2 AP-MS supplementary data

(a) STRING enriched network of rat TAOK2 interacting proteins in mock and poly(I:C) stimulated cells. Significantly enriched proteins were identified by a two-sided Student's T-tests (permutationbased FDR < 0.05) and further filtered to show a \log_2 fold change of ≥ 1.5 . Proteins are colored and sized according to their log₂ fold change enrichment or -log₁₀ p-value in TAOK2 versus control comparisons, respectively. A confidence cutoff of 0.2 was set to filter for functional connections and an MCL inflation parameter of 4 was used to cluster the STRING-enriched network. Zinc finger proteins are highlighted in green, proteins regulating RNA splicing in blue, proteins involved in transcription regulation in purple and proteins of the MAPK cascade in orange. (b) Scatter plot comparing the log2 fold change enrichment of proteins following affinity purification of wild-type rat TAOK2 (x-axis) versus rat TAOK2-D151A (y-axis) in poly(I:C) stimulated HEK293T cells. Significantly enriched proteins were identified by a two-sided Student's T-tests (permutation-based FDR < 0.05), further filtered to show a log_2 fold change of ≥ 1.5 , and colored in yellow (only significant in wild-type TAOK2 with a log₂ fold change difference ≥ 1 between wild-type and D151A-mutated TAOK2 affinity purifications), orange (only significant in TAOK2-D151A with a log₂ fold change difference ≥ 1 between D151A-mutated and wild-type TAOK2 affinity purifications), red (significant in wild-type and D151A-mutated TAOK2) or black (non-significant, significant but a log₂ fold change < 1.5, or significant and a log_2 fold change ≥ 1.5 but a log_2 fold change difference < 1). Point size corresponds to the absolute log₂ fold change difference of a given protein between wild-type and D151A-mutated TAOK2 affinity purifications. Log₂ fold change difference values for each protein were normalized by the log₂ fold change difference of TAOK2 to account for differences in enrichment efficiencies between the two TAOK2 variants.

Supplementary Table 1

| Target | Primer-Sequence (forward) | Primer-Sequence (reverse) |
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| MX1 | TGGAGGCACTGTCAGGAGTT | CCACAGCCACTCTGGTTATG |
| CrPV | GCTGAAACGTTCAACGCATA | CCACTTGCTCCATTTGGTTT |
| DCV | TCATCGGTATGCACATTGCT | CGCATAACCATGCTCTTCTG |
| FHV | TTTAGAGCACATGCGTCCAG | CGCTCACTTTCTTCGGGTTA |
| SINV | CAAATGTGCCACAGATACCG | ATACCCTGCCCTTTCAACAA |
| VSV | CATGATCCTGCTCTTCGTCA | TGCAAGCCCGGTATCTTATC |
| srg-1 | GTGTCCATTATCCGCACAAG | ACTGGGGTATCTGACGGATG |
| diedel | GAGGAGGAACCAGCAGTACG | GGTTAAAATGGCAGCCTGGT |
| Rp49 | GCCGCTTCAAGGGACAGTATCT | AAACGCGGTTCTGCATGAG |

Supplementary Table 1: qPCR primer sequences