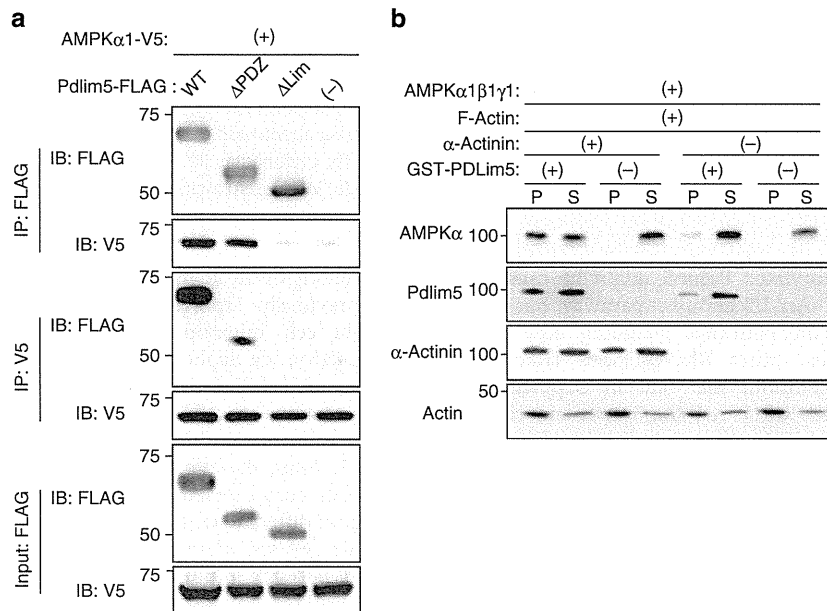


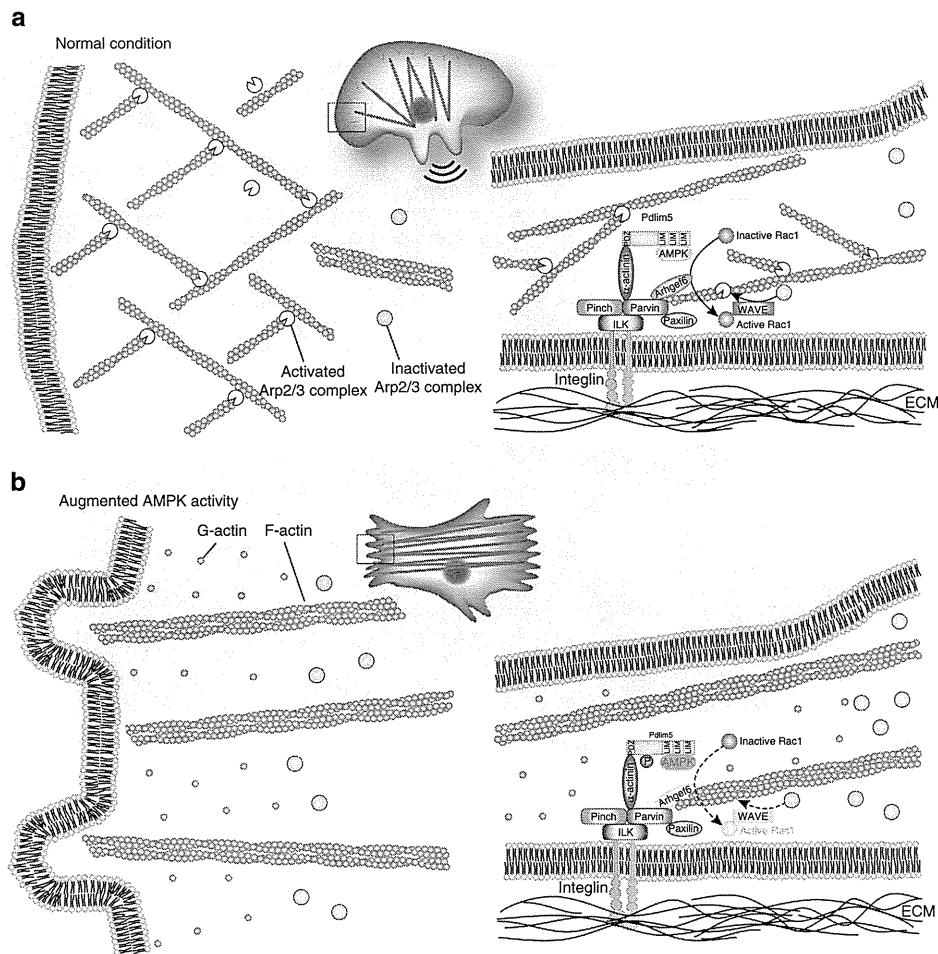
**Figure 8 | Ser177 phosphorylation of Pdlim5 disrupts its association with Arhgef6 at the cell periphery.** (a) Immunoblotting analysis of GST-Pdlim5 pull-down assay. Eluates were subjected to immunoblotting with anti-Arhgef6 antibody. Coomassie staining demonstrates equal loading of GST-Pdlim5 proteins. (b) Immunostaining images of Arhgef6 and Pdlim5 from KDR/EGFP-Pdlim5 cells. Boxed area in KDR/EGFP-WT-Pdlim5 cell highlights representative co-localization of Arhgef6 with Pdlim5 at the cell periphery. Scale bars, 10  $\mu$ m. (c) Immunostained images of Arhgef6 knockdown vSMCs stained with anti-Pdlim5 antibody, anti-Arhgef6 antibody and phalloidin. Scale bars, 10  $\mu$ m.



**Figure 9 | AMPK is recruited onto F-actin by directly binding the LIM domain of Pdlim5.** (a) HEK293T cells were co-transfected with V5-tagged AMPK $\alpha$  and FLAG-tagged Pdlim5 (WT,  $\Delta$ PDZ or  $\Delta$ LIM domain). TCLs were immunoprecipitated by FLAG or V5 and then immunoblotted with the indicated antibodies. (b) F-actin binding assay of AMPK. AMPK was mixed with a fixed amount of F-actin in the presence or absence of  $\alpha$ -actinin and GST-Pdlim5, incubated for 1 h at 24  $^{\circ}$ C and then centrifuged at 150,000 g for 1.5 h at 24  $^{\circ}$ C, to pellet the F-actin polymer and associated proteins. A sample of the pellet (P) and supernatant (S) were analysed by immunoblotting for the indicated antibodies.

and can elongate actin directly proportional to the G-actin monomer concentration<sup>42</sup>. Thus, mDia at the cell periphery under increased G-actin concentration may also contribute to

elevated formation of stress fibres and filopodia in KDR/S177D-Pdlim5 cells. Taken together, these data indicate that the morphological and migratory phenotypes observed in cells



**Figure 10 | Model depicting how the Ser177 phosphorylation of Pdlim5 attenuates lamellipodia formation.** (a) Under normal conditions, Arhgef6 recruited to the IPP complex at the cell periphery activates Rac1, contributing to efficient lamellipodia formation. (b) Once AMPK activity is augmented, Ser177 of Pdlim5 is phosphorylated, displacing Arhgef6 from the IPP complex and causing attenuation of lamellipodia. Boxed areas at the cell periphery are expanded, representing views from the top (left) and from the side (right); see text for explanation. ILK, integrin-linked kinase; PINCH, particularly interesting new cysteine-histidine-rich protein; Pdlim5, PDZ and LIM domain 5; WAVE, Wiskott-Aldrich Syndrome protein family verprolin homologous.

expressing Ser177-phosphorylated Pdlim5 might be caused not only by the Arhgef6–Rac1–Arp2/3 complex pathway, but also by other additional mechanisms/pathways including other GEFs/GTPase-activating proteins, other Rho-GTPases (RhoA and Cdc42) and mDia. In addition, the data in Supplementary Fig. 6 demonstrate that KDR/S177A-Pdlim5 cells moved more slowly when treated with AMPK activator, indicating that Pdlim5 is the primary regulator of migration downstream of AMPK, although other pathways are also involved.

We observed a physical and functional association between AMPK, Pdlim5 and F-actin. Pdlim5 binds to AMPK directly through its LIM domain and to F-actin through its PDZ domain, which places AMPK close to F-actin. This interaction seems to rapidly and efficiently transmit AMPK signalling to the actin filament architecture. Thus, we propose that once energy depletion occurs and AMPK is activated, the signal might be transmitted to peripheral actin filaments through this complex, leading to the remodelling of actin-filament architecture and inhibition of cell migration.

A striking feature of the regulation of cell migration by AMPK activity level is that both suppression and augmentation of AMPK inhibit cell migration. Cell migration is a highly complex behaviour that is accomplished by tightly orchestrated dynamic

remodelling of the actin cytoskeleton and microtubule network<sup>16</sup>. We previously reported that suppression of AMPK activity inhibits cell migration by hyperstabilizing the microtubule cytoskeleton via dephosphorylation of the microtubule plus-end protein CLIP-170 (ref. 4). In this study, we demonstrated that augmentation of AMPK activity inhibits cell migration by reorganizing actin filaments through phosphorylation of Pdlim5. Thus, the effects of high or low AMPK activity on cell migration may be mediated by completely different mechanisms acting on different substrates, and the two types of substrates may regulate cell migration separately by sensing the level of AMPK activity between two extremes.

## Methods

**Reagents and antibodies.** The following reagents were purchased from the indicated suppliers: AICAR (Sigma-Aldrich), 2-DG (Sigma-Aldrich), A769662 (Santa Cruz Biotechnology) and GST-AMPK $\alpha$ 1/ $\beta$ 1/ $\gamma$ 1 (Carna Biosciences). The following antibodies were purchased from the indicated suppliers: anti-AMPK $\alpha$  (1:2,000; Cell Signaling, 2603), phospho-Thr172 AMPK $\alpha$  (1:2,000; Cell Signaling, 2535), ACC (1:2,000; Cell Signaling, 3676), phospho-Ser79 ACC (1:2,000; Cell Signaling, 3661), anti-paxillin (1:1,000, Zymed Laboratories), anti- $\alpha$ -actinin (D6F6) (1:1,000 for immunoblot; Cell Signaling, 6487), monoclonal anti- $\alpha$ -actinin (1:1,000 for immunostain; Sigma-Aldrich, A5044), anti-Arp2 antibody (1:1,000; Cell Signaling, 3128), anti-Arp3 (FMS338) (1:500 for immunostaining; Abcam, ab49671),

anti-Arpc2 (EPR8533) (1:2,000; Abcam, ab133315), anti-Arhgef6/Cool2/ $\alpha$ PIX (C23D2) (1:1,000 for immunoblot; 1:400 for immunostain; Cell Signaling, 4573), anti-Gapdh antibody (1:5,000; Millipore, MAB374), anti-GFP-horseradish peroxidase (HRP) (1:3,000; MBL, 598-7), anti-RFP-HRP (1:3,000; MBL, PM005-7), anti-FLAG M2-HRP (1:5,000; Sigma-Aldrich, A8592), anti-V5-HRP antibody (1:5,000; Life Technologies, R961-25), HRP-coupled goat anti-rabbit (1:8,000; Cappel, 55696), anti-mouse IgG (1:8,000; Cappel, 55550), Alexa Fluor 488- (1:1,000 for staining; Life Technologies, A11029), Alexa Fluor 546- (1:1,000 for staining; Life Technologies, A11003) and Alexa Fluor 568-labelled secondary antibodies (1:1,000 for staining; Life Technologies, A11011), and Alexa Fluor 647 phalloidin (1:100 for staining; Cell Signaling, 8940). Anti-FLAG M2 affinity gel (A2220) and anti-V5 agarose affinity gel (A7345) were from Sigma-Aldrich. We used three different AMPK activators: AICAR is metabolized intracellularly to ZMP (5-aminoimidazole-4-carboxamide-1- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranotide), an AMP analogue. A796662 is a thienopyridone derivative that acts as an allosteric activator of the AMPK by binding to an alternative site that does not overlap with the AMP-binding site. 2-DG is a non-metabolizable glucose analogue and inhibitor of phosphohexose isomerase that inhibits glycolysis and mimics glucose starvation, increases the AMP/ATP ratio and thereby activates AMPK.

**Antibodies for Pdlim5 and pS177 of Pdlim5.** Six polyclonal Pdlim5 antibodies (1:1,000 for immunoblotting and immunostaining) and two polyclonal phospho-Ser177 (pS177)-Pdlim5 antibodies (1:1,000 for immunoblotting) were generated as follows. Three different peptides corresponding to mouse Pdlim5 sequences (amino acids 229–245, QGDIKQNGPPRKHIVEC; amino acids 290–306, CTGTEHLTESENDNTKKA; and amino acids 381–397, SSGTGASVGPQPSDQDC), as well as Ser-phosphorylated and non-phosphorylated peptides corresponding to the mouse Pdlim5 sequences surrounding Ser177 (amino acids 172–182, LHLSA(pS)GLHVS), were chemically synthesized. Rabbits were immunized five times with the keyhole limpet haemocyanin–phosphopeptide conjugates mixed with Freund's complete adjuvant and bled 7 days after the last immunization. Phosphopeptide-reactive antibody was captured by a column containing phosphopeptide-conjugated Sepharose. The antibodies were then eluted, and those reactive to sequences other than phosphoserine were removed using a column containing non-phosphorylated peptides. Specific reactivity with the targeted phosphoserine sequence was confirmed by ELISA using phosphorylated and non-phosphorylated peptides.

**Cell culture and siRNA transfection.** C2C12 cells (an immortalized mouse myoblast cell line) and HEK293T cells were obtained from the American Type Culture Collection. A vSMC line established from thoracic aorta of a p53-knockout mice (P53LMACO1) was purchased from Health Science Research Resources Bank. These cells were maintained in DMEM medium (Sigma-Aldrich) supplemented with 10% FCS (Equitech-Bio) and 1% penicillin–streptomycin at 37 °C in a 5% CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere at constant humidity and passaged by trypsinization at 70–80% confluence. HL60 cells and RAW264.7 cells were obtained from the Japanese Collection of Research Bioresources Cell Bank and American Type Culture Collection, respectively. These cells were maintained in RPMI1640 medium with 10% FCS and 1% penicillin–streptomycin. HEK293T cells and vSMCs were transfected with plasmids using Lipofectamine 2000 reagent (Invitrogen). To knock down endogenous Pdlim5, C2C12 cells and vSMCs were transfected with siRNAs (30 nM) targeting Pdlim5 (siPdlim5-1, sense: 5'-ggaacaaauugucguggauTT-3'; antisense: 5'-aucacgacaaauugucTT-3'; siPdlim5-2, sense: 5'-ggguaguagcuauaggaauTT-3'; antisense: 5'-auucucuaagcuauacCCTT-3') using Lipofectamine RNAiMAX (Invitrogen). To knock down endogenous Arpc2, vSMCs were transfected with siRNAs (5 nM) targeting Arpc2 (siArpc2-1, sense: 5'-ggccuauuaucaucacgaTT-3'; antisense: 5'-ucguguaugaaauagggcTT-3'; siArpc2-2, sense: 5'-gaaccaggauuauuguuTT-3'; antisense: 5'-aaacuuauuauucggucTG-3') using Lipofectamine RNAiMAX (Invitrogen). RAW264.7 cells (mouse leukemic monocyte macrophage cell) were used to check the effect of siRNAs against Arhgef6. RAW264.7 cells were transfected with siRNAs (50 nM) targeting Arhgef6 (siArhgef6-1, sense: 5'-gauucuaaggugaucgaaTT-3'; antisense: 5'-uucgacaccuuagaucTG-3'; siArhgef6-2, sense: 5'-gugaugaucuagaagcauuTT-3'; antisense: 5'-aucgucuaagcaucacTG-3') using GenMute siRNA Transfection Reagent for RAW 264.7 (SigmaGen). siControl was used as a negative control. Efficiency of siRNA-mediated knockdown was confirmed at 24 and 72 h after incubation with siRNAs. AMPK $\alpha$  double-knockout (AMPK $\alpha$ 1<sup>-/-</sup> $\alpha$ 2<sup>-/-</sup>) MEFs (AMPK $\alpha$ -null MEFs)<sup>25</sup> were kindly provided by Dr B. Viollet (INSERM, France) and maintained in DMEM supplemented with 10% FCS, 1 mM sodium pyruvate and 1% penicillin–streptomycin at 37 °C in a 5% CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere at constant humidity.

**Hypoxia.** Cultured cells were exposed to hypoxia for 2 h. Hypoxic conditions (1% O<sub>2</sub>) were maintained in a MCO-5M multi-gas incubator (Sanyo).

**Establishment of the KDR system.** To replace endogenous Pdlim5 by EGFP-tagged recombinant Pdlim5 (WT, S177A or S177D), vSMCs were transfected with siPdlim5-2 to deplete endogenous Pdlim5. Next, 12 h after siPdlim5-2 transfection, siPdlim5-2-resistant EGFP-tagged Pdlim5 (WT, S177A or S177D) was adenovirally transduced into vSMCs, to establish the KDR system. vSMCs were incubated with adenovirus at a multiplicity of infection of 10 in DMEM supplemented with 10%

FCS at 37 °C under 5% CO<sub>2</sub> for 30 min, with gentle mixing every 10 min, and then further incubated for 48 h before analysis.

**Purification and identification of Pdlim5.** C2C12 cells seeded on 15-cm dishes (2 × 10<sup>6</sup> cells per dish) were treated with 2 mM of AICAR for 1 h, harvested and lysed on ice in lysis buffer A (20 mM Tris pH 8.0, 0.5% NP-40, 0.5% CHAPS, 20% acetonitrile, 25 mM  $\beta$ -glycerophosphate, 10 mM NaF and protease inhibitor cocktail (Nacalai Tesque)). Lysates were incubated at 4 °C with agitation for 20 min, followed by centrifugation at 10,000 g for 20 min. Supernatant from six 15-cm dishes was passed through a 0.45- $\mu$ m sterilization filter and loaded onto a TSK-GEL SuperQ-5PW (7.5 × 75 mm, TOSOH) anion-exchange column pre-equilibrated with column buffer A (20 mM Tris pH 8.0, 0.5% CHAPS, 20% acetonitrile, 25 mM  $\beta$ -glycerophosphate, 10 mM NaF). After being washed with column buffer A, proteins were eluted with a linear gradient of NaCl (0–1 M over 60 min) at a flow rate of 0.5 ml min<sup>-1</sup>. Fractions (0.5 ml each) were collected and a 50- $\mu$ l aliquot of each fraction was analysed by immunoblotting with anti-pACC antibody. The corresponding fractions were prepared in the presence of 0.3% TFA (trifluoroacetic acid), 0.1% OG (*n*-octyl- $\beta$ -D-thioglucoopyranoside) and 20% acetonitrile, and loaded onto a Protein-R (4.6 × 250 mm, Nacalai Tesque) reverse-phase HPLC column pre-equilibrated with column buffer B (0.1% TFA and 0.1% OG). After being washed with column buffer B, the proteins were eluted with a linear gradient of acetonitrile (20–80% over 60 min) at a flow rate of 0.5 ml min<sup>-1</sup>. Fractions (0.5 ml each) were collected and a 25- $\mu$ l aliquot of each fraction was analysed by immunoblotting with anti-pACC antibody. The corresponding fractions were again prepared in the presence of 0.3% TFA, 0.1% OG and 20% acetonitrile, and loaded onto a 5Ph-AR-300 (4.6 × 250 mm, Nacalai Tesque) reverse-phase HPLC column pre-equilibrated with column buffer B. After being washed with column buffer B, proteins were eluted with a linear gradient of acetonitrile (20–80% over 60 min) at a flow rate of 0.5 ml min<sup>-1</sup>. Each fraction was analysed by SDS-PAGE and visualized by silver staining and immunoblotting with anti-pACC antibody. Target bands matching the pACC antibody cross-reacting bands were excised from the gel and analysed using matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization-quadrupole-time-of-flight-tandem mass spectrometry (MALDI-Qq-TOF MS/MS).

**Protein purification.** Recombinant FLAG-tagged Pdlim5 proteins were purified as follows: HEK293T cells transfected with pEF-DEST51/cFLAG plasmid encoding WT Pdlim5, S175A Pdlim5 or S177A Pdlim5 were lysed in lysis buffer B (20 mM MOPS pH 7.5, 0.15 M NaCl, 0.5% CHAPS, 1 mM EDTA, 1 mM dithiothreitol (DTT) and protease inhibitor cocktail) and immunoprecipitated with anti-FLAG M2 agarose (Sigma-Aldrich) at 4 °C for 30 min. The beads were washed three times with wash buffer (20 mM MOPS pH 7.5, 0.3 M NaCl, 0.5% CHAPS, 1 mM EDTA, 1 mM DTT and protease inhibitor cocktail) and eluted with elution buffer (20 mM MOPS pH 7.5, 0.3 M NaCl, 0.5% CHAPS, 1 mM DTT and 0.5 mg ml<sup>-1</sup> FLAG peptide (Sigma-Aldrich)) at 4 °C for 30 min. After centrifugation, the supernatants were used as recombinant FLAG-tagged proteins. Recombinant GST-Pdlim5 proteins (WT, S177A, S177D and  $\Delta$ PDZ) were purified as follows: BL21 chemically competent *E. coli* (Invitrogen) were transformed with pGEX-6P-1-WT Pdlim5, pGEX-6P-1-S177A Pdlim5, pGEX-6P-1-S177D Pdlim5 or pGEX-6P-1- $\Delta$ PDZ Pdlim5, and then induced with 0.5 mM isopropyl- $\beta$ -D-thiogalactoside (Sigma-Aldrich) at 25 °C for 10 h. The cells were collected by centrifugation and lysed by sonication in PBS containing 5 mM EDTA and protease inhibitor cocktail. After addition of 1% Triton X-100, the lysates were agitated at 4 °C for 30 min and pulled down with glutathione-Sepharose 4 Fast Flow (GE Healthcare) at 4 °C for 1 h. After being washed three times, the proteins were eluted with 15 mM reduced glutathione and ultrafiltered in elution buffer using a Nanosep 10K Device (Pall Life Science).

**Immunoblotting.** Immunoblotting was performed using the indicated antibodies. Blots were cropped such that at least one marker position is present. Uncropped full scans of the figures are supplied in Supplementary Figs 17–23.

**Phosphorylation assay.** Phosphorylation assays were carried out at 30 °C in a reaction volume of 10  $\mu$ l containing Tris-HCl (20 mM pH 7.4), glycerol (10%), NaCl (0.3 mM), AMP (0.2 mM), MgCl<sub>2</sub> (10 mM),  $\gamma$ -<sup>32</sup>P ATP (GE Healthcare BioScience, 10  $\mu$ Ci, 1.7 pmol) and AMPK purified from rat liver (2 ng  $\mu$ l<sup>-1</sup>). Purified mouse Pdlim5-cFLAG proteins or purified recombinant GST-fused mouse Pdlim5 proteins were used as substrates. After 60 min, reactions were terminated and ultrafiltered in PBS containing 0.1% SDS using a Nanosep 10K Device (Pall Life Science). Each fraction sample was analysed by SDS-PAGE and visualized by autoradiography. For immunoblotting with anti-pS177 antibody, recombinant GST-fused Pdlim5 proteins were incubated under the same conditions, except that ATP (0.1 mM) was included instead of  $\gamma$ -<sup>32</sup>P ATP.

**Scratch assay.** KDR/EGFP-Pdlim5 (WT, S177A and S177D) cells or MEFs were plated on a collagen-coated 35-mm glass dish at a density of 5 × 10<sup>5</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>. Eight hours after plating, a scratch was made with a P-200 pipette tip and the lesions were observed for a total of 8 h. Differential interference contrast images were

recorded every 5 min using an Olympus LCV110 incubator microscope (Olympus Corporation, Tokyo, Japan). To determine cell trajectories, the centrioles of cell nuclei were tracked throughout time-lapse movies, and migration-tracking images were generated using the MetaMorph 7.1.3.0 software (MDS Analytical Technologies, Downingtown, PA, USA). Overall migration speed was calculated as the average of migration speeds measured every 5 min.

**Single-cell migration assay.** KDR/EGFP-Pdlim5 (WT, S177A and S177D) cells were plated on a collagen-coated 35-mm glass dish at a density of  $5 \times 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-2}$ . Five hours after the plating, we started to observe cell migration by recording differential interference contrast images every 5 min for a total of 4 h using an Olympus LCV110 incubator microscope (Olympus Corporation).

**Immunocytochemistry and fluorescence imaging.** vSMCs or KDR cells were seeded on a collagen-coated 35-mm glass dishes (Asahi Techno Glass Corporation, Chiba, Japan). After cells firmly attached to the dish, they were washed once with warm PBS and fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde for 5 min at room temperature. Next, the cells were permeabilized with 0.1% Triton X-100 in PBS for 5 min at room temperature and then blocked with 1% BSA at 4 °C overnight. The next day, samples were immunostained with primary antibodies (1:1,000 in 1% BSA, 1 h). For secondary reactions, species-matched Alexa Fluor 488- or Alexa Fluor 568-labelled secondary antibody was used (1:1,000 in 1% BSA, 30 min). Just before imaging, the sample was incubated with Alexa Fluor 647-conjugated phalloidin in CGS-Sol A for 1 h. Fluorescence images of EGFP, Alexa Fluor 488, Alexa Fluor 546, Alexa Fluor 568 and Alexa Fluor 647 were recorded using an Olympus FV1000-D confocal laser scanning microscope (Olympus Corporation) equipped with a cooled charge-coupled device CoolSNAP-HQ camera (Roper Scientific, Tucson, AZ, USA) and a PLAPO  $\times 60$  oil-immersion objective lens. To measure the paxillin-positive area, all intensity profiles were analysed using the MetaMorph 7.1.3.0 software.

**Time-lapse imaging of KDR/EGFP-Pdlim5 cells.** KDR/EGFP-Pdlim5 (WT and S177A) cells were seeded on collagen-coated 35-mm glass dishes at a density of  $4 \times 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-2}$ . Five hours after plating, cells were treated with AICAR (2 mM). The fluorescence images were recorded from 10 min before to 60 min after AICAR treatment, using an Olympus IX-81 inverted fluorescence microscope (Olympus Corporation) equipped with a cooled charge-coupled device CoolSNAP-HQ camera (Roper Scientific) and a PLAPO  $\times 60$  oil-immersion objective lens controlled by MetaMorph version 7.1.3.0. An EGFP image was obtained every 30 s through a U-MNIBA2 filter (Olympus Corporation), which had a 470–495 excitation filter and a 510–550 emission filter. Cells were maintained on a microscope at 37 °C with a 5% carbon dioxide mixture using a stage-top incubator (Tokai Hit). MetaMorph was used to convert a series of time-lapse images to video format.

**Measurement of the GTP-bound form of Rac1, RhoA and Cdc42.** KDR cells at 50% confluence were incubated for 24 h in FCS-free DMEM to starve the cells, and then treated with 10% FCS for 30 min. Cell lysates were collected and levels of activated GTP-bound Rac1, RhoA and Cdc42 were determined using the G-LISA Rac1 Activation Assay Biochem Kit (BK126, Cytoskeleton Inc., CO, USA), G-LISA RhoA Activation Assay Biochem Kit (BK121, Cytoskeleton Inc.) and G-LISA Cdc42 Activation Assay Biochem Kit (BK127, Cytoskeleton Inc.), respectively.

**Imaging of Rho GTPases (Rac1, RhoA and Cdc42) activities.** To visualize activities of Rho GTPases in living cells, we established a vSMC cell line stably expressing a Rho GTPase FRET biosensor consisting of cyan fluorescent protein (CFP) and yellow fluorescent protein (YFP), as previously described<sup>43</sup>. In brief, vSMCs were transfected with the CFP/YFP-type FRET biosensor gene for Rho GTPases, using the PiggyBac retrotransposon-mediated gene transfer system, and then cultured for 2 w with  $10 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$  blasticidin S to select for vSMCs stably expressing the FRET biosensor (Raichu-Rac1, RhoA or Cdc42/vSMC). Next, a KDR system for vSMCs expressing Raichu-Rac1, Raichu-RhoA or Raichu-Cdc42 was established as described above, except for the use of an adenovirus encoding non-tagged Pdlim5 (WT, S177A and S177D)-T2A-mCherry instead of EGFP-tagged Pdlim5 (Raichu-Rac1, RhoA or Cdc42/KDR-Pdlim5-T2A-mCherry). Forty-eight hours after the transduction of Pdlim5-T2A-mCherry, Raichu-Rac1, RhoA or Cdc42/KDR-Pdlim5-T2A-mCherry cells were re-plated on collagen-coated glass-base dishes. All experiments were performed at 37 °C in a 5% CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere using a heating chamber. Dual images for CFP and YFP were obtained on a laser scanning microscope (LSM710, Zeiss) using an excitation wavelength of 405 nm and emission bandpass filters of 458–510 nm for CFP and 517–598 nm for YFP. After background subtraction, FRET/CFP ratio images were created using the LSM software ZEN2011 (Zeiss) and displayed as an intensity-modulated display image. For quantitative FRET analysis, the FRET/CFP ratio of each cell was calculated by dividing the fluorescence intensity of YFP by that of CFP over the total cellular area.

**GST pull-down assay.** For identification of proteins associated with Pdlim5, 20  $\mu\text{g}$  of purified GST-tagged Pdlim5 WT or S177D-Pdlim5 was immobilized on

glutathione-Sepharose beads and incubated at 4 °C for 2 h with cell lysate from  $2 \times 10^9$  U937 cells in lysis buffer (30 mM MOPS pH 7.5, 150 mM NaCl, 0.5% Triton-X100, 1.5 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 1 mM EGTA, 1 mM DTT and protease inhibitor cocktail). After three washes of the beads with lysis buffer, associated proteins were eluted in elution buffer (30 mM MOPS pH 7.5, 500 mM NaCl, 0.5% Triton-X100, 1.5 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 1 mM EGTA, 1 mM DTT and protease inhibitor cocktail) and then subjected to silver staining and high-sensitivity shotgun liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LTQ Orbitrap ELITE, Thermo Scientific).

**F-actin binding assay of AMPK.** F-actin binding assays were performed using the Actin Binding Protein Biochem Kit (BK001, Cytoskeleton, Inc.) according to the manufacturer's protocol, with minor modifications. Briefly, 1  $\mu\text{l}$  of F-actin (21  $\mu\text{M}$  actin) in actin polymerization buffer (100 mM KCl, 2 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.5 mM ATP, 0.2 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0) was mixed with 0.5  $\mu\text{l}$  of purified AMPK (200 ng  $\mu\text{l}^{-1}$ ) in the presence or absence of GST-tagged WT-Pdlim5 and 1  $\mu\text{l}$  of  $\alpha$ -actinin (1  $\mu\text{g} \mu\text{l}^{-1}$ ) in 60  $\mu\text{l}$  reaction volume, incubated for 1 h at 24 °C and then centrifuged at 150,000 g for 1.5 h at 24 °C, to pellet the F-actin polymer and associated proteins. Equal amounts of pellet (P) and supernatant (S) were resolved by SDS-PAGE and analysed by immunoblotting with the indicated antibodies.

**Statistical analyses.** Box plots show the entire population. Other data are expressed as means  $\pm$  s.e.m. Two-tailed Student's *t*-test was used to analyse differences between two groups. Differences among multiple groups were compared by one-way analysis of variance, followed by a *post-hoc* comparison with Dunnett's method using the JMP 8.0.1 software (SAS Institute Inc., Cary, NC, USA). *P* < 0.01 was considered to indicate statistically significant differences.

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