Correction: ESCRT-I fuels lysosomal degradation to restrict TFEB/TFE3 signaling via the Rag-mTORC1 pathway

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Dear Editors

It came to our attention that in several places of the manuscript, the name of the S122 phosphorylation site in TFEB protein has been misspelled as S112. The errors and their proposed corrections are indicated below (corrections are needed in 13 places). We apologize for the inconvenience; this correction bears no impact on the meaning of the text.

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In the Abstract

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