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**Cover** Small heterodimer partner (SHP) is an atypical orphan member of the nuclear receptor family that is best known for its regulation of bile acid and lipid metabolism in the liver; however, its function in other tissues is poorly understood. An unexpected role for SHP was identified in the exocrine pancreas as a modulator of the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) stress response. Shp expression is induced in acinar cells in response to ER stress and regulates the protein stability of the spliced form of X-box-binding protein 1 (XBP1s), a key mediator of ER stress response. Shown here is a confocal image of HEK293T cells expressing SHP (red) and XBP1s (green), demonstrating their colocalization in the nucleus. SHP physically interacts with XBP1s, thereby inhibiting its polyubiquitination and degradation. (For details, see Sun et al., p. 1083.)