Multiple roles for the ESCRT machinery in maintaining plasma membrane homeostasis

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ABSTRACT

The endosomal sorting complexes required for transport (ESCRT) execute evolutionary conserved membrane remodeling processes. Here we used budding yeast to explore how the ESCRT machinery contributes to plasma membrane (PM) homeostasis. In response to reduced membrane tension and inhibition of the target of rapamycin complex 2 (TORC2), ESCRT-III/Vps4 assemblies form at the PM and help to maintain membrane integrity. Conversely, the growth of ESCRT mutants strongly depends on TORC2-mediated homeostatic regulation of sphingolipid (SL) metabolism. This is caused by calcineurin phosphatase activity which causes Orm2 to accumulate at the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) in ESCRT mutants. Orm2 is a repressor of SL biosynthesis and its accumulation provokes increased membrane stress. This necessitates TORC2 signaling through its downstream kinase Ypk1 to control Orm2 protein levels and prevent a detrimental imbalance of SL metabolism. Our findings reveal new aspects of antagonistic calcineurin/TORC2 signaling for the regulation of SL biosynthesis and the maintenance of PM homeostasis, and suggest that the ESCRT machinery contributes directly and indirectly to these processes.

Introduction

Eukaryotic cells harmonize lipid homeostasis and protein homeostasis (proteostasis) to maintain the integrity of their membranes. This requires the balanced synthesis of proteins and lipids and their selective degradation. How these processes are coordinated is only partially understood.

Selective membrane protein degradation is mediated through several ubiquitin-dependent degradation pathways. In the ER, the multi-subunit transmembrane ubiquitin ligases of the ER-associated degradation (ERAD) machinery ubiquitinate membrane proteins for retro-translocation into the cytoplasm and subsequent proteasomal degradation (1,2). ERAD can also degrade functional proteins in a regulated manner and thereby control membrane homeostasis. An important regulated ERAD substrate is the 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl coenzyme A reductase (HMGR), a key enzyme in sterol biosynthesis (3,4). HMGR degradation is part of a rheostat that is critical for sterol homeostasis in yeast and humans. Also, squalene monooxygenase is subject to sterol-regulated ERAD (5,6). When the folding and degradation capacity of the ER and ERAD are overwhelmed, mis-folded proteins accumulate and induce a cellular stress response pathway, called the unfolded protein response (UPR). The UPR implements adaptive transcriptional programs that resolve ER stress by a decrease in overall protein synthesis and a specific up-regulation of hundreds of genes including lipid biosynthesis, ER chaperons and ERAD machineries (7). Consistently, simultaneous loss of ERAD and UPR decreases viability of yeast cells (8).

Proteins in post-ER organelles are degraded by different degradation pathways. We recently described the endosome and Golgi-associated degradation (EGAD) pathway (9). EGAD is mediated by the defective in sterol-responsive element binding protein (SREBP) cleavage (Dsc) complex, a multi-subunit transmembrane ubiquitin ligase reminiscent of the complexes operating in ERAD (10). During EGAD, the Dsc complex ubiquitinates membrane proteins at the Golgi and endosomes and thereby initiates their extraction into the cytosol by the AAA (ATPase associated with diverse cellular activities) protein Cdc48, which leads to their proteasomal degradation (9). The Dsc complex also ubiquitinates a distinct set of substrates for lysosomal degradation via the ESCRT machinery (discussed below) (11-14). The EGAD and ESCRT machineries show a strong negative genetic interaction (synthetic growth defect), suggesting that they have non-redundant functions and non-overlapping substrates (9,14).

A substrate that is exclusively degraded via the EGAD pathway is the transmembrane protein

Orm2 (9). Orm2 and its paralog Orm1 are critical components of the multi-subunit SPOTS

complex in the ER. The SPOTS complex consists of Orm1/2, the catalytic subunits of the

serine-palmitoyl-coenzyme A transferase (SPT, Lcb1 and Lcb2) and of the regulatory factors

Tsc3 and Sac1 (15). The SPT mediates sphingoid long chain base (LCB) synthesis and is rate

limiting for sphingolipid metabolism. The Orm1/2 proteins repress SPT activity and ensure that

the SPT only produces LCBs that are subsequently consumed in SL biosynthesis. Thereby

Orm1/2 prevent the toxic accumulation of LCBs. The function of Orm1/2 is evolutionary

conserved. Loss of ORMDL1-3, their mammalian orthologues, results in neurotoxicity in mice

(16), whereas increased expression of ORMDL3 causes imbalances in sphingolipid metabolism

in humans, and is associated with childhood asthma, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis and

diabetes (17-20). In yeast, the de-repression of SPT activity is mediated by phosphorylation of

the Orm1/2 proteins in their N-terminal cytosolic domain by the AGC-family serine-threonine

protein kinase Ypk1 (21). Phosphorylated Orm2 is exported from the ER to Golgi and

endosomes, where the protein is degraded by the EGAD machinery (9).

Ypk1, the yeast orthologue of the mammalian serum- and glucocorticoid-induced protein

kinase SGK1, is activated through phosphorylation by two upstream kinases. Phosphorylation

of the activation loop by phosphoinositide-dependent kinase (Pkh1/2 in yeast) is essential for

activity, but full activation requires phosphorylation from the target of rapamycin complex 2

(TORC2) (22). In yeast, TORC2 is an essential, PM-localized multi-subunit protein kinase

whose activity responds to membrane stress conditions such as changes in PM tension (23,24)

and sphingolipid levels (25). How TORC2 senses membrane stress is largely unknown, but its

regulation involves the dynamic partitioning of TORC2 subunits into membrane subdomains

which can either promote (23,26) or inhibit (24) activity. In addition TORC2 can be regulated

by association with Rab5-family proteins (27). Activation of Ypk1 by TORC2 requires its

regulated recruitment to the plasma membrane by the TORC2 accessory proteins Slm1/2

(23,28) and the TORC2 subunit Avo1 (29). The phosphorylation of the Orm1/2 proteins

constitutes the essential function of the TORC2-Ypk1 signaling axis (21,30). Further Ypk1-

regulated processes include the stimulation of ceramide synthesis (31), aminophospholipid

transport (32), osmoregulation (33,34) and endocytosis/actin cytoskeleton dynamics (30,35-

37), all impinging in one way or another on membrane homeostasis. Ypk1 has a paralogue,

Ypk2, which shares its activation by Pkh1/2 and TORC2. Ypk1 and Ypk2 are believed to share

a largely overlapping substrate spectrum. Since the simultaneous deletion of both kinases is

lethal, Ypk1 and Ypk2 at least partially compensate for each other's function (38). However,

only Ypk1 activity is required for normal growth of yeast cells.

The degradation of most membrane proteins of the PM, the Golgi or endo- and lysosomal

membranes occurs inside lysosomes (vacuoles in yeast) and depends on the ESCRT machinery

(39-42). Early ESCRT complexes (ESCRT-0, -I, -II) probably cluster and sequester

ubiquitinated cargo proteins on the endosome surface and initiate the formation of the

filamentous ESCRT-III complex. Dynamic remodeling of the ESCRT-III complex by the AAA

ATPase Vps4 and its partner proteins drives the budding of small cargo-laden vesicles into the

lumen of the endosome (43). This process generates multivesicular bodies (MVB), which

subsequently fuse with the lysosome/vacuole. Some cargo proteins are also budded by the

ESCRT machinery directly from the lysosomal surface into the lumen in response to TORC1

inactivation (44-46). Loss of function of the ESCRT machinery leads to the formation of

aberrant, peri-vacuolar endosomal structures called class E compartments, where substrates of

the MVB pathway accumulate (47). The ESCRT machinery is additionally involved in many

other cellular membrane remodeling events, including abscission of the midbody at the end of

cytokinesis, plasma and nuclear membrane resealing, the generation of exosomes, or budding

of enveloped viruses (e.g. HIV) (for a recent review on ESCRT functions, see (40,48)).

While regulatory roles of ERAD and EGAD in lipid metabolism have been described, it is less

clear how the ESCRT machinery contributes to membrane homeostasis. Here we show that the

ESCRT machinery has an essential and complex role in maintaining PM homeostasis. ESCRT-

III/Vps4 assemblies form at the PM in response to reduced PM tension or TORC2 inhibition.

Cells without a functional ESCRT machinery are hyper-sensitive to plasma membrane stress

conditions and require TORC2-Ypk1 signaling to maintain PM integrity and promote growth

and survival. The mutual dependence of the ESCRT machinery and TORC2-Ypk1 signaling is

caused by accumulation of Orm2 at the ER. In ESCRT mutants, Orm2 is not efficiently

exported from the ER because the phosphatase calcineurin counteracts Orm2 ER export by

causing its untimely dephosphorylation. The accumulating Orm2 proteins at the ER trigger

elevated TORC2-Ypk1 signaling to maintain homeostasis, and loss of Ypk1 signaling in

ESCRT mutants results in a fatal imbalance in SL metabolism with an accumulation of LCBs.

Importantly, preventing calcineurin-dependent Orm2 dephosphorylation promoted the

degradation of Orm2 by EGAD, and was sufficient to break the dependence of ESCRT mutants

on TORC2-Ypk1 signaling. This demonstrates that the accumulation of Orm2 at the ER is a

major membrane stressor. Moreover, our results reveal an important link between selective

membrane protein degradation systems in post-ER compartments and TORC2-Ypk1 dependent

membrane stress signaling.

Results

ESCRT mutants depend on TORC2-Ypk1 signaling for cell growth and survival

The evolutionary conserved ESCRT complexes assemble into membrane remodeling machineries that execute fundamental biological processes, including the biogenesis of multivesicular bodies for lysosomal membrane protein degradation and the repair of diverse cellular membranes (40). Given these key roles of the ESCRT machinery, it is surprising that ESCRT mutant cells are viable. This implies that cells can at least in part compensate for the loss of ESCRT function. Understanding how cells achieve this compensation would therefore also provide a better understanding for the role of the ESCRT machinery in cellular homeostatic processes.

To identify the processes that enable the survival of ESCRT-deficient cells, we used the budding yeast, *S. cerevisiae*, as a model system and conducted a genome-wide synthetic genetic interaction screen (9). Gene ontology (GO) term enrichment analysis revealed 'lipid metabolism' among the top ranked hits that are required by ESCRT mutants (*vps4Δ*) (Fig. 1A, Table S1). This GO term included genes involved in the metabolism of various lipid classes, but predominantly enzymes mediating non-essential steps of sterol biosynthesis, and genes regulating SL homeostasis. We confirmed the synthetic growth defect of *vps4Δ* cells with four of these genes (*ypk1Δ, sac1Δ, csg2Δ, erg2Δ*) in a different genetic background (the SEY6210 strain) (Fig. S1A). These results suggested that the loss of ESCRT-dependent membrane remodeling rendered cells particularly sensitive to perturbations of membrane homeostasis.

We focused on the role of the protein kinase Ypk1 in ESCRT-deficient cells, because it functions together with TORC2 to maintain membrane homeostasis (21,23,32,35,49,50). *YPK1* deletion (but not deletion of *YPK2*) also caused synthetic growth defects with ESCRT-II (*vps25Δ*) and ESCRT-III mutants (*vps2Δ*), but not with mutants of Chm7 (*chm7Δ*)(Fig. S1B), which recruits the ESCRT machinery to the ER and the inner nuclear membrane (51-53). This result suggested that the function of Ypk1 was required to compensate for the loss of ESCRT functions that are independent of Chm7.

The growth of *vps4Δ ypk1Δ* double mutants was restored by re-expression of *VPS4* and *YPK1* from plasmids (Fig. S1C), but not by an additional copy of *YPK2* (38,54). Expression of a Ypk1 mutant (Ypk1 S644A, T662A) that can no longer be activated by TORC2 failed to rescue the

growth of *vps4Δ ypk1Δ* (Fig. 1B,C) or *vps2Δ ypk1Δ* (Fig. S1D) double mutants, similar to the

catalytically dead T504A mutant (55). The constitutively active D242A mutant (21) restored

normal growth of the double mutants, even when the TORC2 acceptor sites were mutated (Fig.

1B, S1D). Hence, TORC2-dependent Ypk1 activation was required in ESCRT mutants.

To further characterize the relation between TORC2 signaling and the ESCRT machinery, we

analyzed the growth of WT and ESCRT mutant cells, which were genetically engineered for

the selective inhibition of TORC2 (*tor1-1 AVO3$^{Δ1274-1430}$*) with rapamycin (56). At 2 nM

rapamycin the growth of WT cells was only mildly affected (56), but the growth of *vps4Δ*

mutants was already markedly reduced (Fig. 1D).

TORC2 responds to perturbation of the PM, and acute reduction of PM tension with palmitoyl-

carnitine (PalmC) leads to transient TORC2 inactivation (24). Importantly, the growth of WT

cells was not affected by low doses of PalmC (5 µM), suggesting that they were capable to

maintain homeostasis. Yet, the same PalmC concentration already slowed down the growth of

vps4Δ or *vps2Δ* cells (Fig. 1E), suggesting that ESCRT function somehow contributed to

viability upon PM stress.

Thus, our results imply that TORC2-Ypk1 signaling and the ESCRT machinery have non-

redundant functions that together are critical to maintain membrane homeostasis and promote

growth.

ESCRT-III and Vps4 localize to plasma membrane structures upon TORC2 inhibition.

TORC2 signaling responds to tensile stress at the PM and in consequence controls sphingolipid

synthesis and other processes to maintain PM homeostasis (23,24,57). How the ESCRT

machinery contributes to maintaining PM homeostasis was less clear. In human cells, the

ESCRT machinery localizes to PM lesions and repairs the ruptured areas, and also prolongs

PM integrity during necroptosis (58-61). If and how these processes might be correlated to

tensile PM stress and TORC2 signaling in budding yeast is unknown.

We therefore analyzed the localization of the major ESCRT-III subunit Snf7 in cells that were

treated with 5µM PalmC, a concentration that did not affect the growth of WT cells (Fig. 1E).

In untreated cells, Snf7-eGFP was mainly detected in the cytosol and on objects corresponding

to endosomes and multivesicular bodies (MVBs) (43) (Fig. 2A, arrowheads). Upon addition of

PalmC, we detected the formation of additional Snf7-eGFP foci at or close to the PM (Fig. 2A,

arrows). After 2 hours, at least three of these structures were observed in the majority of cells

(66%) (Fig. 2A, B). Thus, ESCRT-III assemblies formed at the PM in response to PalmC-

induced membrane perturbations.

Next, we tested if the localization of ESCRT-III to the PM was a consequence of TORC2

inactivation. We determined the localization of Snf7 and of the AAA-ATPase Vps4 upon

sublethal inhibition of TORC2 signaling (2 nM rapamycin) (Fig. 1D). Similar to the PalmC-

treated cells, Snf7-eGFP and Vps4-eGFP assemblies formed at the PM in many cells (> 75%)

after 2 hours of TORC2 inhibition (Fig. 2B, C, arrows). One or two sub-cortical Snf7-eGFP

and Vps4-eGFP dots but rarely more were also observed in control WT cells (in 22-34% of

cells) (Fig. 2B).

To describe the identity of the Snf7-eGFP positive structures that emerge upon PM stress at the

ultrastructural level, we performed cryofixation and immunogold electron microscopy (43).

After 60 min of sublethal TORC2 inhibition, we observed numerous vesicular structures at or

near the PM (Fig. 2D). PM-associated vesicles likely represented invaginations, possibly

reflecting stalled endocytic events, since TORC2 signaling stimulates endocytosis on multiple

levels (30,35,57). Snf7-eGFP localized to these invaginations (Fig. 2D (i)), to extended tubular

invaginations (ii) as well as to flat areas and vesicular structures in close vicinity to the PM (iii).

The localization of Snf7-eGFP to PM foci in response to PalmC treatment or direct TORC2

inhibition required the activity of Vps4. In *vps4Δ* mutants, Snf7-eGFP remained associated with

class E compartments (43) (Fig. 2A, B, C). Of note, the growth of *vps4Δ* cells was already

severely affected under these conditions (Fig.1D, E) suggesting that the localization of ESCRT-

III/Vps4 to the PM might help to mitigate PM stress and prevent cell injuries.

Chronic inactivation of Ypk1 (chronic TORC2 inactivation is lethal) in *vps4Δ* mutants

dramatically increased the frequency of PM integrity defects. This was assessed using

propidium iodide (PI) staining. PI is membrane impermeable and only enters yeast cells when

the integrity of the PM is corrupted. In WT cells, but also in *vps4Δ* and *ypk1Δ* single mutants

the frequency of PI positive cells was low (Fig. 2E). However, the frequency of PI positive cells

strongly increased in *vps4Δ ypk1Δ* double mutants (Fig. 2E), suggesting that they failed to

maintain PM integrity.

These results demonstrated that TORC2-Ypk1 signaling and the ESCRT machinery helped to

maintain the integrity of the PM. In response to acute PM stress the formation of ESCRT-

III/Vps4 assemblies at the PM promoted cell survival. Chronic loss of Ypk1 signaling and the

inability to form ESCRT-III/Vps4 assemblies at the PM compromised membrane integrity. This

might be the leading cause for their synthetic genetic interaction and the mutual dependence of

ESCRT function and TORC2-Ypk1 signaling

TORC2-Ypk1 signaling prevents detrimental SL imbalance in ESCRT mutants

Next, we addressed how TORC2-Ypk1 signaling and the function of the ESCRT machinery

converge to mitigate membrane stress. Therefore, we first defined the molecular nature of

membrane stress in ESCRT mutants that is controlled by TORC2-Ypk1 signaling. Ypk1 is

activated by TORC2 through phosphorylation primarily of Ser 644 and Thr 662 (Fig. 1C)

(22,62). Importantly, ESCRT mutants not only had slightly higher steady state Ypk1 protein

levels, but also higher levels of active Ypk1 phosphorylated on Thr 662 (pT662) (Fig. 3A, Fig.

S3A, B). We found no evidence for ESCRT-dependent lysosomal turnover of Ypk1 (63) in

growing cells (Fig. S3C, D). The Ypk1 activation level in ESCRT mutants was substantial, but

still lower compared to the hyperactivation of TORC2 signaling upon treatment with the SPT

inhibitor myriocin (Fig. 3A, lane 1). Of note myriocin treatment for 150 min also reproducibly

resulted in the up-regulation of Ypk1 protein levels (Fig. 3A, lane 1). The elevated Ypk1 protein

levels that were detected in ESCRT mutants and in response to myriocin treatment might thus

reflect Ypk1 stabilization by TORC2 phosphorylation as described earlier (62). We also

observed a slight increase of *YPK1* mRNA in *vps4Δ* cells (Fig. S3E).

Ypk1 has a range of different cellular targets (30,31,49). Among those, the paralogous ER

proteins Orm1 and Orm2 are the essential targets of TORC2-Ypk1 (21,30). In ESCRT mutant

cells Orm2 protein levels and its Ypk1-dependent phosphorylation were increased (Fig. 3B).

Deletion of *YPK1* reduced but did not completely abrogate steady state phosphorylation of

Orm2 (presumably due to the presence of Ypk2), and caused upregulation of Orm2 protein

levels (Fig. 3B). In *vps4Δ ypk1Δ* double mutants Orm2 protein levels were higher than in either

single mutant.

TORC2-Ypk1 dependent phosphorylation of Orm2 and its paralogue Orm1 is required to de-

repress the synthesis of LCBs by the SPT complex (15,21) (Fig. 3C). TORC2 and Ypk1 also

stimulate a subsequent step in the SL biosynthetic pathway by phosphorylating Lag1 and Lac1,

two components of the ER-resident ceramide synthase (CS) (64,65) (Fig. 3C). This concerted

regulation avoids the toxic accumulation of biosynthetic intermediates and helps to maintain

SL homeostasis (31).

We assessed the steady state levels of LCBs and ceramides using liquid chromatography - mass

spectrometry (LC-MS) analysis. Despite the accumulation of Orm2 in *vps4Δ* cells, total LCBs

(C18-PHS and C18-DHS) and ceramides were not lower than in WT cells (Fig. 3D). Also *in*

vivo labeling of the SL pool with [^{3}H]-L-serine in WT cells and *vps4Δ* cells showed only subtle

differences in the steady state levels of mannosylated SL species, but the overall formation of

[^{3}H]-labelled complex SL was comparable (Fig. 3E). It seemed that steady state levels of SL

synthesis in ESCRT mutants were maintained by Ypk1-dependent phosphorylation of Orm2.

Consistently, loss of Ypk1 in *vps4Δ* mutants skewed SL biosynthesis. In *vps4Δ ypk1Δ* double

mutants, the steady state LCB levels were increased (> 3-fold), while ceramide levels remained

similar to *vps4Δ* single mutants (Fig. 3D). The loss of Ypk1 signaling in ESCRT mutants

apparently caused an imbalance of SPT and CS activity, implying that the activity of CS might

have become a bottleneck. Consistently, we observed that *vps4Δ ypk1Δ* double mutants

produced less complex SL (predominantly inositolphosphoryl-ceramide (IPC)) than both WT

and *vps4Δ* cells (Fig. 3E). Expression of a phospho-mimetic variant of CS can promote the

formation of ceramides and complex SL independently of Ypk1 activity (31). Indeed, ectopic

expression of the *LAG1*-S23,24E allele, which mimics constitutive Ypk1 phosphorylation (31),

partially restored the growth of *vps4Δ ypk1Δ* cells (Fig. 3F).

These results demonstrate that ESCRT mutants have elevated Orm2 protein levels. TORC2-

Ypk1 signaling partially compensates for the defects ensuing from Orm2 accumulation.

Therefore, the SL profile of ESCRT mutants shows rather subtle differences compared to WT

cells. Consistent with this notion, the deletion of *YPK1* in ESCRT mutants caused a detrimental

imbalance in SPT and CS activity, characterized by an accumulation of LCBs and an impaired

conversion into ceramides and complex SL. This imbalance in SL homeostasis might contribute

to the defects in PM integrity observed in *vps4Δ ypk1Δ* mutants.

In ESCRT mutants Orm2 is retained in the ER

While Orm2 protein levels were up-regulated in ESCRT mutants, the protein levels of Orm1 or other subunits of the SPOTS complex were unaffected (Fig. S4A). The changes in *ORM2* mRNA levels were minor and similar to *ORM1* (Fig. S4B), and cannot explain the increase of Orm2 protein. We concluded that the increase in Orm2 protein levels was caused by selective post-transcriptional mechanisms. The protein levels of Orm2 (but not Orm1) are controlled by a multistep process that delivers Orm2 from the ER to EGAD. First Orm2 is phosphorylated on Ser 46,47,48 by Ypk1. Next, phosphorylated Orm2 is exported from the ER in a COP-II-dependent manner. Once Orm2 arrives at the Golgi and on endosomes, it is recognized and ubiquitinated by the Dsc ubiquitin ligase complex, which ensures its proteasomal degradation (9).

To understand which of these steps are affected in ESCRT mutants, we compared them to EGAD mutants. Orm2 protein levels and its phosphorylation were similar in ESCRT (*vps4Δ*) and EGAD (*tul1Δ*) mutants (Fig. 4A). However, Orm2 accumulated in different subcellular compartments. In *tul1Δ* mutants GFP-Orm2 accumulated at the ER and on post-ER compartments, including Golgi, endosomes and the vacuolar limiting membrane, as reported earlier (9). In contrast, in the majority of *vps4Δ* cells, GFP-Orm2 was detected almost exclusively at the ER (Fig. 4B). Only in some cells, we observed a partial colocalization of GFP-Orm2 with the ESCRT substrate mCherry-CPS in class E compartments (Fig. S4C). Thus, it seemed that in ESCRT mutants Orm2 accumulated mainly at the ER.

Consistent with earlier reports (66), we detected Tul1 and Ubx3, two essential components of the Dsc complex, at the class E compartment in ESCRT mutants (Fig. S4D). Hence, the Dsc complex could degrade Orm2 once it reached the class E compartment. Indeed, GFP-Orm2 strongly accumulated in class E compartments when the EGAD pathway was additionally compromised in *vps4Δ tul1Δ* cells (Fig. 4B), in agreement with our earlier findings (9). The mutant Orm2-K25,33R, which is no longer ubiquitinated by the Dsc complex and hence no longer degraded, was also found predominantly in class E compartments in ESCRT mutants (Fig. S4E). Native immunoprecipitation (IP) of Flag-Orm2 demonstrated that a fraction of Orm2 still physically interacted with the Dsc complex in *vps4Δ* mutants (Fig. 4C), and denaturing IP of Flag-Orm2 showed that it was ubiquitinated (Fig. 4D), although to a lower extent compared to WT cells.

Consistently, Orm2 was still degraded in *vps4Δ* and *vps25Δ* mutants in cycloheximide chases, although the half-life was substantially longer (Fig. 4E). In WT cells Orm2 was degraded with a half-life of approximately 90 minutes, and in *vps4Δ* mutants the half-life of Orm2 was approximately 180 minutes (Fig. 4E, F). In contrast, Orm2 degradation was fully blocked in mutants of the Dsc complex (*tul1Δ*) (9) (Fig. 4E, F).

Collectively, these results support the idea that the ER export of Orm2 is reduced in ESCRT mutants and causes accumulation of Orm2, despite a functional EGAD machinery.

ER accumulation of Orm2 is caused by calcineurin and renders ESCRT mutants addicted to TORC2-Ypk1 signaling

Our results so far present a conundrum: In ESCRT mutants Orm2 is phosphorylated by TORC2-Ypk1 (Fig. 3B, Fig. 4A), but still accumulates at the ER. Mutation of Ser 46,47,48 to alanine in Orm2 (Orm2-3A) prevented phosphorylation by Ypk1 (21), reduced Orm2 ER export and subsequent EGAD (9), and therefore Orm2-3A accumulated in WT cells and in *vps4Δ* mutants (Fig. 5A). We also reported earlier that Ser 46,47,48 to aspartic acid mutations (Orm2-3D) mimic constitutive phosphorylation and trigger constitutive ER export, leading to degradation via EGAD. Therefore, Orm2-3D protein levels are low in WT cells. Importantly also in *vps4Δ* mutants, Orm2-3D protein levels were strongly reduced (Fig. 5A). This result implied that in *vps4Δ* mutants the phospho-mimetic Orm2-3D mutant could be exported more efficiently from the ER, and then was degraded by EGAD. Remarkably, expression of the Orm2-3D mutant, but not Orm2-3A, improved also the growth of *vps4Δ ypk1Δ* cells (Fig. 5B).

Since mimicking of constitutive phosphorylation improved Orm2 ER export and degradation in ESCRT mutants, we can rule out general defects in ER export machineries or Orm2 degradation. Rather, these results implied that untimely dephosphorylation might hamper ER export of Orm2. The calcium-dependent protein phosphatase calcineurin is a major antagonist of TORC2 signaling (67), with regulatory roles in sphingolipid biosynthesis (25,31,50). Moreover, membrane stress during heat shock has been linked to a mis-regulation of calcium dynamics and calcineurin signaling impairing sphingolipid synthesis in the ER (50). ESCRT mutant cells have been reported to be prone to accumulate intra-cellular calcium (68), with increased activity of a calcineurin-dependent transcriptional reporter (69). Therefore, we

hypothesized that calcineurin activity in ESCRT mutants could counteract TORC2-Ypk1

signaling and thereby delay ER export and degradation of Orm2.

To test this hypothesis, we first acutely inhibited calcineurin with FK-506. Inhibition of

calcineurin for 30 minutes resulted in hyper-phosphorylation of Orm2 (Fig. 5C). It had been

shown before that calcineurin inhibition does not augment Ypk1 activation by TORC2 or

Pkh1/2 (21,23,31). Hyper-phosphorylation of Orm2 in response to calcineurin inhibition

suggested that this phosphatase was involved in the dephosphorylation of Orm2. Next, we

deleted the regulatory calcineurin subunit Cnb1, which chronically abrogates calcineurin

activity (70). Chronic loss of calcineurin activity in *cnb1Δ* cells also caused hyper-

phosphorylation of Orm2 and additionally led to slightly lower Orm2 protein levels compared

to WT cells. In *vps4Δ* mutants, deletion of *CNB1* markedly decreased Orm2 to levels that were

similar to WT cells (Fig. 5D). Thus, calcineurin activity results either directly or indirectly in

the dephosphorylation of Orm2, and thereby antagonizes TORC2-Ypk1-induced ER export and

degradation of Orm2.

Calcineurin activity also rendered ESCRT mutants dependent on TORC2-Ypk1 signaling, since

deletion of *CNB1* partially restored the growth of *vps4Δ ypk1Δ* mutants (Fig. 5E). Likewise,

pharmacological inhibition of calcineurin activity (2μg/ml FK-506) or addition of the calcium-

chelator EGTA to the growth medium improved growth of *vps4Δ ypk1Δ* cells (Fig. 5F).

Calcineurin inhibition with FK-506 markedly decreased Orm2 protein levels in the *vps4Δ*

ypk1Δ double mutants (Fig. 5G). The inhibitory function of calcineurin was likely independent

of the transcription factor Crz1 which is a major downstream effector of calcineurin (71,72).

Unlike the deletion of *CNB1*, deletion of *CRZ1* did not rescue growth of *vps4Δ ypk1Δ* cells

(Fig. S5A). This is consistent with a role of calcineurin in controlling either directly or indirectly

Orm2 phosphorylation. Thus, calcineurin activity in ESCRT mutants reduced the ER export

and degradation of Orm2, which contributed to accumulation of Orm2 in the ER and rendered

the growth of ESCRT mutants dependent on TORC2-Ypk1 signaling.

Clearly, the accumulation of Orm2 constituted a major membrane stress factor in ESCRT

mutants: In *vps4Δ orm2Δ* double mutants Ypk1 activation by TORC2 (pT662) was no longer

elevated (Fig. 5G). In addition, *vps4Δ orm2Δ* cells grew better in presence of PalmC than *vps4Δ*

single mutants, suggesting a decreased susceptibility to PM stress (Fig. S5B). Furthermore,

deletion of *ORM2* in *vps4Δ ypk1Δ* double mutants restored membrane integrity and decreased

the fraction of PI-positive cells to *orm2Δ* single mutant levels (Fig S5C). Finally, the deletion
of *ORM2* fully rescued the growth defect of *vps4Δ ypk1Δ* cells (Fig. 5H). A partial rescue was
also observed upon deletion of *ORM1*.
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436 Our results suggest that calcineurin activity in ESCRT mutant cells hampered the homeostatic
437 regulation of Orm2 ER export. In turn, Orm2 accumulated at the ER and was no longer
438 efficiently degraded by EGAD. The accumulation of Orm2 at the ER renders the growth of
439 ESCRT mutants dependent on TORC2-Ypk1 signaling to prevent imbalance in SL homeostasis
440 and loss of plasma membrane integrity (Fig. S5D).
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Discussion

Here we show that the ESCRT machinery contributes directly and indirectly to PM homeostasis in budding yeast and thereby takes part in ER-PM crosstalk to preserve the barrier function of the PM.

ESCRT-III/Vps4 assemblies that form at the plasma membrane might play a direct role in maintaining membrane integrity. A role for ESCRT complexes in repairing damaged PM was described in human cells (58-61). There, injury-triggered calcium increase results in assembly of ESCRT-III and accessory proteins at the site of repair via Alix (61). Yet, it is unclear if ESCRTs also prevents membrane lesions in the first place. We observed ESCRT assemblies at the PM in response to indirect (i.e by reduction of membrane tension) and direct TORC2 inhibition. The major ESCRT-III subunit Snf7 and the AAA-ATPase Vps4 were detected at PM invaginations and subcortical foci, which are reminiscent of stalled endocytic buds. This seems plausible, since TORC2 promotes endocytosis by controlling actin and endocytic proteins and by modulating membrane tension (30,35,57).

How ESCRT-III was recruited to these structures is currently unclear, but several scenarios appear possible. ESCRT-III/Vps4 recruitment could be driven by ESCRT-0, -I or -II complexes interacting with the ubiquitinated membrane proteins in these stalling endocytic buds. Indeed, ESCRT-II mutants also genetically interact with *YPK1* (Fig. S1B). Alternatively, Bro1 − like Alix in human cells - might help to recruit ESCRT-III directly to the PM. In budding yeast, ESCRT-III subunits (Snf7) are also recruited to the PM during adaptation to alkaline pH and are critically required for the regulator of Ime2 (RIM) pathway (73). Alternatively, changes in PM tension might recruit the ESCRT machinery as described (74,75). Interestingly, ESCRT-III subunits are recruited onto endosomal membranes when membrane tension is reduced (75). In analogy, we speculate that ESCRT assemblies might recognize areas of decreased tension at the PM.

Once there, the ESCRT machinery is involved in consolidating a slack PM. This might be achieved either through stabilization of PM deformations, or via active remodeling (e.g. removing (budding out) or deforming membranes), which could increase tension again. How exactly ESCRT-III/Vps4 assemblies help to maintain the integrity of the PM in response to tensile stress remains an open question at the moment.

The results from our genetic screen indicated that ESCRT-deficient cells are particularly

sensitive to perturbations in the homeostasis of two classes of lipids: the fungal cholesterol

analog ergosterol and sphingolipids. In concert, these lipids are known to promote membrane

rigidity and also to stabilize many membrane proteins (76-78). In yeast, they are important for

the formation of eisosomes (79), protein-coated membrane invaginations that have been

suggested to function as membrane reservoirs that can balance changes in membrane tension,

in analogy to caveolae (80-82). Moreover, eisosomes are involved in the regulation of TORC2

signaling (23). Sphingolipids and ergosterol might therefore become essential in ESCRT

mutants to counteract membrane stress.

Orm2 emerges here as a central player in membrane homeostasis. The accumulation of Orm2

at the ER in ESCRT mutants and/or in post-ER compartments in EGAD mutants causes

membrane stress in budding yeast, judged from increased activity of TORC2 (9). Hence

maintaining proper control of Orm2 levels is important to restrain SPT activity and prevent the

potentially toxic accumulation of metabolic intermediates, such as LCBs (83). Similarly, failure

to control ORMDL protein levels is associated with several disease conditions in humans

(15,17-20), which are probably connected to mis-regulation of SPT activity (84,85) and might

well involve increased susceptibility to membrane stress.

Levels of LCBs are usually tightly controlled on the levels of synthesis, degradation and

conversion into ceramides and complex SL (86,87). Primarily Ypk1 (and to a lesser extent

Ypk2) regulates flux of LCBs into complex SL through phosphorylation of the CS subunits

Lag1 and Lac1 (31). Failure to phosphorylate CS also causes accumulation of LCBs and

diminished formation of complex SL. Thus, we speculate that in *vps4Δ ypk1Δ* cells the

coordination of SPT and CS activity is lost. Probably SPT activity can still be to some degree

de-repressed by TORC2 via Ypk2, whereas CS activity cannot be efficiently stimulated when

Ypk1 is deleted (31). This may additionally be aggravated by the accumulation of Orm2 in the

ER, because high Orm2 levels can diverge Ypk1 (and hence probably also Ypk2) activity away

from other important targets (31). Collectively, this leads to a built up of LCBs in *vps4Δ ypk1Δ*

cells and the ensuing defects in membrane integrity. Consistently, mimicking phosphorylation

of Lag1 slightly improved the growth of *vps4Δ ypk1Δ* mutants (Fig. 3F).

The major culprit for the accumulation of Orm2 at the ER in ESCRT mutants appears to be its

premature dephosphorylation in a calcineurin-dependent manner, which decreases ER export

of Orm2 and thus slows down Orm2 degradation through the EGAD pathway. Calcineurin is

activated by elevated intracellular calcium levels, and calcineurin activity is probably increased

in ESCRT mutants (69). ESCRT mutants have been found to be sensitive to calcium, which

can be suppressed by calcineurin inhibition or by stimulating intracellular calcium storage

(68,88). *vps4Δ* mutants upregulate the Golgi calcium pump Pmr1 (89), possibly to decrease

intracellular calcium. Pmr1 is also essential for the survival of ESCRT mutants (9). Similarly,

Csg2 is required for growth under high calcium conditions (90) and for growth of *vps4Δ*

mutants (Fig. S1A), indicating tight links between the ESCRT machinery, calcium signaling

and the regulation of SL biosynthesis.

The growth defect of *vps4Δ ypk1Δ* double mutants was alleviated by calcineurin inhibition and

extracellular calcium chelation, suggesting that increased calcium uptake drives detrimental

calcineurin activity in these cells. Increased calcium influx in ESCRT mutants may be caused

by deregulated trafficking or turnover of the plasma membrane calcium channel (Cch1/Mid1),

which is likely a substrate of the ESCRT machinery. Mid1 could also respond to increased

membrane stress in ESCRT mutants, since Mid1 is a stretch-activated channel and allows

calcium influx and calcineurin signaling to respond to mechanical membrane stress (91).

Alternatively, ER-PM contact sites may be corrupted in ESCRT mutants. The disruption of

these contact sites leads to increased calcium influx and calcineurin activity, which increased

LCBs and decreased ceramide levels (50).

At the moment, it is unclear whether calcineurin directly dephosphorylates Orm2. The sequence

of Orm2 does not contain an obvious calcineurin binding site (92,93). The Cdc55-containing

protein phosphatase 2A (PP2A) controls Orm2 phosphorylation levels during heat shock (94).

Inactivation of Cdc55-PP2A or another phosphatase upon calcineurin-inhibition cannot be

ruled out as an indirect cause leading to dephosphorylation of Orm2, but to our knowledge has

not been reported. However, since calcineurin antagonizes TORC2 and Ypk1 activity also

towards other targets (28,31,67,95), it might also directly contribute to the phosphorylation

status of Orm2. In addition to lowering Orm2 protein levels, inhibition of calcineurin is also

expected to promote phosphorylation of the CS subunits Lag1/Lac1 and thereby formation of

ceramides, which mitigates the buildup of harmful LCBs (31). Thus, calcineurin inactivation

probably has several beneficial effects in ESCRT mutants, which collectively render their
growth largely independent of Ypk1 signaling.

In summary, we propose that ESCRT function maintains PM homeostasis on several levels: (i)
through the MVB pathway by degrading membrane proteins and preventing proteotoxic stress
(96), (ii) by preserving or repairing the PM in response to membrane stress, and (iii) by
maintaining calcium homeostasis, which is important for controlled output of TORC2-Ypk1
signaling and regulation of Orm2. The latter promotes biosynthetic SL flux and thereby
preserves PM homeostasis. In ESCRT mutants, regulation of Orm2 is disturbed because of
increased calcineurin-dependent dephosphorylation, and hence its ER export and turnover
through EGAD is impaired. The buildup of Orm2 protein levels in the ER constitutes a stress
that must be counteracted through increased TORC2-Ypk1 activity (Fig. S5D). As long as this
is possible, ESCRT mutants have little fitness defects. However, if phosphorylation of Orm2 is
additionally impaired by any means (deletion of *YPK1*; inhibition of TORC2), or if plasma
membrane homeostasis is acutely challenged, ESCRT mutants are no longer able to
compensate. Now their PM integrity becomes compromised, and viability decreases
dramatically. Importantly, the mutual dependence of the ESCRT machinery and TORC2-Ypk1
signaling was broken by reducing steady state levels of Orm2, either through deletion of the
gene, or by enforcing phosphorylation, ER export and degradation.

These findings demonstrate the importance of post-translational regulation of ORMDL family
proteins for membrane homeostasis, and establish ORMDL protein levels as a central
determinant of PM stress in eukaryotic cells. Our data connect the ESCRT machinery to PM
stress and deregulated calcineurin signaling, and explain how ESCRT mutants become addicted
to TORC2-dependent signaling.

Experimental Procedures

Yeast strains, plasmids and growth conditions

Genetic modifications were performed by PCR and/or homologous recombination using standard techniques. Plasmid-expressed genes including their native promoters and terminators were amplified from yeast genomic DNA and cloned into centromeric vectors (pRS series) (97). Tagged version of Orm1 and Orm2 (3xHA, 3xFLAG, or GFP) and their respective mutants were expressed from plasmids in the respective deletion mutants replacing the endogenous protein (with exception of Fig. 5D, where *FLAG-Orm2* was co-expressed). All constructs were analyzed by DNA-sequencing and transformed into yeast cells using standard techniques. Genotypes of yeast strains and plasmids used in this study as well as primer for PCR-based genetic modifications and cloning are listed in Table S2.

All *S. cerevisiae* strains in this study were SEY6210 derivatives. For liquid cultures, cells were incubated in YNB synthetic medium supplemented with amino acids (according to respective auxotrophies) and 2% glucose at 26°C in a shaker and were grown to midlog phase ($OD_{600}=0.5$ – 0.8). For growth on agar plates, yeast cells were diluted to $OD_{600nm} = 0.05$ and spotted in serial dilutions on YPD or YNB (auxotrophic selection medium) plates at the indicated conditions. Rapamycin (Sigma) was added at the indicated concentrations from a 1 mM stock in DMSO and myriocin (Sigma) was added to 1.5 μM from a 5 mM stock in methanol. Untreated controls were supplied with the appropriate amount of the respective solvent. For the assessment of growth in presence of PalmC, cells were grown into log phase, diluted to an OD_{600nm} of 0.1 into fresh YNB medium containing PalmC (Sigma) at the indicated concentration (from a 5 mM stock in DMSO) and grown at 26°C, 180 rpm. For the assessment of growth in presence of FK-506 (Sigma; stock 20 mg/ml in DMSO) or EGTA (Sigma; stock 500 mM in water) cells were grown into log phase, diluted to an OD_{600nm} of 0.05 into fresh YPD medium containing 2 μg/ml FK-506 or 0.1 mM EGTA. After 24 hours the OD_{600nm} was measured.

Analysis of genetic interaction data

Gene Ontology (GO) enrichment analysis (98) was performed using the 119 genes listed in Appendix Table S1 of (9) as synthetically lethal with *vps4Δ* in two biological replicates or lethal in one and sick in the other replicate. They were analyzed with the 'generic GO-Slim: process' terms using the GO Slim mapper of the *Saccharomyces* genome database. GO term fusion and

604 enrichment analysis was performed as described (9). Only significantly scored GO terms (p <

605 0.05) are presented in Fig. 1A. The full analysis is presented in Table S1.

Preparation of whole cell protein extracts, Western blot analysis and immunodetection

To prepare whole cell lysates, proteins were extracted by alkaline extraction (99). When protein

phosphorylation was also analyzed, extraction was done by a modified protocol with

phosphatase inhibition as described (9). Protein extracts were denatured in Lämmli sample

buffer, separated by SDS-PAGE (Biorad Mini Protean) and transferred to PVDF membranes

by semi-dry electro-blotting. Phos-tag SDS PAGE as well as immunodetection of ubiquitinated

Orm2 were done as described (9). Antibodies used in this study are listed in Table S2.

FLAG-Orm2 immunoprecipitations

Immunoprecipitations of FLAG-Orm2 under denaturing or non-denaturing lysis conditions

were done as described in detail in (9).

RNA isolation and quantitative PCR (RT-qPCR)

RNA isolation, cDNA synthesis and quantitative RT-PCR analysis were performed as

described previously (9,100). TAQman gene expression assays were from Thermo Fisher

(*YPK1*: Sc04141261_s1; *ORM1*: Sc04125000_s1; *ORM2*: Sc04149509_s1; housekeeping gene

PGK1: Sc04104844_s1). RT-qPCR analysis was done from 4-6 independent biological samples

and each in 3-4 technical replicates. Data were analyzed with the PikoReal software (version

2.2; Thermo Scientific) with manual threshold adjustment, and relative mRNA abundance was

calculated in Microsoft Excel (Version 16.16.2; RRID:SCR_016137) using the $\Delta\Delta C_T$ method

(101).

Fluorescence live cell wide field microscopy

For microscopy, cells were grown to midlog (OD_{600}=0.5 − 0.8) phase in YNB media,

concentrated by centrifugation and directly mounted onto glass slides. For imaging of the Dsc

complex (Fig. S4B), cells were grown for 36 hours on selective YNB agar plates, dissolved in

sterile water and mounted for imaging. Live cell wide field fluorescence microscopy was

carried out using a Zeiss Axio Imager M1 equipped with a sola light engine LED light source

(Lumencore), a 100x oil immersion objective (NA 1.45,) standard GFP and mCherry

fluorescent filters, a SPOT Xplorer CCD camera, and Visitron VisiView software (version

2.1.4). The brightness and contrast of the images in the figures were adjusted using Photoshop

CS5 (Adobe Version 12.0.4x64; RRID:SCR_014199). For merged images the levels of red and green channels were separately adjusted.

Assessment of plasma membrane integrity by propidium iodide staining

Cells were grown in YPD medium and kept in logarithmic growth phase for >12 hours. 1 ml of culture was supplemented with 3 mg/ml propidium iodide (Sigma; stock 1 mg/ml in phosphate buffered saline (PBS)) and incubated at RT for 10 minutes. Cells were recovered by centrifugation (10000xg, 4°C, 2 min), washed once with 1 ml ice cold PBS, resuspended in 0.5 ml ice cold PBS and kept on ice. Propidium iodide-positive cells were counted on an Attune^{TM} NxT Acoustic Focusing Cytometer (Life Technologies) with Attune^{TM} NxT software (v. 3.1.1243.0). Debris and cell doublets were excluded. Propidium iodide signal was measured with 488 nm excitation and emission in the 695/40 nm window. In each experiment 50000 cells of each genotype were counted. Gating was adjusted so that more than 99.9% of WT cells were propidium iodide-negative.

Immuno-gold electron microscopy

As previously described (43) samples were high-pressure frozen, freeze-substituted and rehydrated (102), followed by indirect immunogold labeling of 100 nm-thick, thawed cryosections (43). Antibodies used were goat polyclonal anti GFP (1:500; Rockland) and rabbit anti goat Fab' NANOGOLD™ (1:150; Nanoprobes). Transmission electron microscopy was performed on a Philips CM120 (now: Thermo Fisher Scientific).

Cycloheximide chase assay

Logarithmically growing cells (20 OD$_{600nm}$) were harvested by centrifugation and cells were resuspended in fresh medium to concentration of 0.4 OD/ml. 10 ml (4 OD$_{600nm}$) were immediately (t = 0 min) harvested by centrifugation, washed once with ice-cold 10 mM NaF solution, and pellets were snap frozen in liquid nitrogen. To the remaining culture 50 μg/ml cycloheximide (Sigma Aldrich) was added from a 10 mg/ml stock. After the indicated time points 10 ml culture were harvested, washed and frozen as above. Whole cell extracts were prepared by alkaline extraction. SDS-PAGE, Western blot detection and quantification were done as described (9).

Metabolic sphingolipid labeling, sphingolipid extraction and thin layer chromatography

Sphingolipid labeling and extraction were done as described previously (9,103).

Logarithmically growing cells (5 OD_{600nm}) were harvested by centrifugation and resuspended

in 470 µl fresh medium. 30 µCi of [^{3}H]-L-serine (1µCi/µl; Hartmann Analytic) was added and

cells were incubated at 30°C, 700 rpm for 5 hours. Proteins were precipitated with 4.5%

perchloric acid, cell pellets were washed with ice-cold 100mM EDTA, resuspended in 50µl

water, and subjected to mild alkaline methanolysis (50% methanol; 10% 1-butanol; 10%

monomethylamine; 50 minutes at 50°C) of ester lipids. Lysates were vacuum dried in a speed

vac (37°C), pellets were resuspended thoroughly in 300 µl water by sonication, and tritium-

incorporation of was assessed for normalization in duplicates by szintillation counting (LS6500,

Beckmann Coulter). Sphingolipids were extracted 3 times with water-saturated 1-butanol,

vacuum dried in a speed vac (37°C), and dissolved in 50 µl chloroform : methanol : water

10:10:3 for thin layer chromatography. Thin-layer chromatography (solvent system chloroform

: methanol : 4.2N ammonium hydroxide 9:7:2) was done as described (103) on aluminium silica

TLC plates (Sigma) for 75 minutes. Subsequently, plates were dried under air flow and treated

twice with En^{3}Hance autoradiography enhancer (Perkin-Elmer), dried again, and exposed to

autoradiography films (CL-Xposure Film, Thermo) at -80°C. The identity of labeled bands was

confirmed with specific mutant yeast strains or inhibitors (data not shown). A tritium-labeled

band X close to the solvent front that was observed previously (103) is not sensitive to myriocin

treatment (Sigma Aldrich, 1.5µM), suggesting that it is not a sphingolipid.

Lipid extraction and liquid chromatography - mass spectrometry (LC-MS)

For combined LCB and ceramide analysis (Fig. 3D) lipids were extracted from lysed yeast cells

according to 200 µg of protein by chloroform/methanol extraction (104). Prior to extraction an

internal standard mix containing sphingosine (LCB 17:0) and ceramide (CER 18:0/17:1) was

spiked into each sample for normalization. Quantification was done by external quantification

with the same lipids in different concentrations. Dried lipid samples were dissolved in a 65:35

mixture of mobile phase A (60:40 water/acetonitrile, including 10 mM ammonium formate and

0.1% formic acid) and mobile phase B (88:10:2 2-propanol/acetonitrile/$H_2$0, including 2 mM

ammonium formate and 0.02% formic acid). HPLC analysis was performed employing a C30

reverse-phase column (Thermo Acclaim C30, 2.1 x 250 mm, 3 µm, operated at 40° C; Thermo

Fisher Scientific) connected to an HP 1100 series HPLC (Agilent) HPLC system and a

QExactive*PLUS* orbitrap mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific) equipped with a heated

electrospray ionization (HESI) probe. The elution was performed with a gradient of 20 min;

from 0–1 min elution starts with 40% B and increases to 100% in a linear gradient over 13 min.

100% B is maintained for 3 mins. Afterwards solvent B was decreased to 40% and maintained

for another 3.8 minutes for column re-equilibration. The mass spectrometer was run in negative

and positive ion mode. The scan rate was set from 200-1200 m/z. Mass resolution was 70,000

with an AGC target of 3,000,000 and a maximum injection time of 100 ms. The MS was

operated in data dependent mode. For MS/MS the resolution was 35000 with a maximum

injection time of 50 ms and an AGC target of 100,000. The loop count was ten. Selected ions

were fragmented by HCD (higher energy collision dissociation) with a normalized collision

energy of 30. The dynamic exclusion list was set to 10s to avoid repetitive sequencing.

Ceramide peaks were identified using the Lipid Search algorithm (MKI, Tokyo, Japan). Peaks

were defined through raw files, product ion, and precursor ion accurate masses. Ceramides were

identified by database (>1,000,000 entries) search of negative ion adducts. LCBs were

identified by positive ion adducts. The accurate mass extracted ion chromatograms were

integrated for each identified lipid precursor and peak areas obtained for quantitation. Internal

standards were used for normalization and an external standard curve was used to calculate

absolute values (in pmol/μg protein). Ceramides are presented as the sum of all quantified

ceramide species. For comparison, data were normalized to WT levels (set to 1) of ceramide

and C18-PHS, respectively. Data are presented as mean ±standard deviation from three

independent experiments.

Quantification and statistical analysis

Statistical details and sample numbers of quantitative analyses can be found in the respective

figures and corresponding figure legends. Quantitative data is usually displayed as mean

±standard deviation from at least 3 biological replicates and relates to the wildtype control.

(i) GO analysis of genetic interaction data

A hypergeometric test was used to estimate if the mapped GO term is significantly enriched

with the selected genes. The null hypothesis is that the selected genes are randomly sampled

from all yeast genes. The resulting p-values were corrected with the Benjamini-Hochberg

method. All adjusted p-values below 0.05 were reported.

(ii) Quantification of Snf7-eGFP and Vps4-eGFP localization

Images were taken in an unbiased manner by selecting and focusing cells only in brightfield

view. 50 cells of each genotype and condition were imaged and visually inspected for the

presence and number of eGFP puncta at the cell cortex. Cells were grouped into cohorts of 0-
2, 3-5 and more than 5 cortical eGFP puncta.
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741 **(iii) Quantification of cell growth**
742 Cell growth after 2 hours in culture was measured photometrically by absorbance at 600 nm.
743 Measurements from 3 independent experiments (each with up to three parallel cultures
744 representing technical replicates) were presented with box-whisker plots indicating the median,
745 first and third quartile. Individual data points including outliers were also plotted.
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747 **(iv) Quantification of Western Blot analysis**
748 Western blot signals were quantified by densitometry using ImageJ2 (Version 2.0.0-rc49/1.51h;
749 RRID:SCR_003070) (105), quantifications were exported to Microsoft Excel (Version 16.16.2;
750 RRID:SCR_016137), normalized to the respective Pgk1 loading controls, and presented as
751 mean ±standard deviation from at least three independent experiments. t=0 was set to 1.
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(v) Quantitative PCR (RT-qPCR)
Mean, normalized $\Delta\Delta C_T$ values were individually calculated for four independent biological
replicates (each with 3-4 technical replicates), log2-transformed to calculate fold change, and
presented as mean fold change over WT ±standard deviation. A one-sided Student's t-test was
used on the mean $\Delta\Delta C_T$ values (i.e. prior to log transformation) of the four biological replicates
of to assess statistical significance.
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(vi) Lipid extraction and mass spectrometry
Internal standards for ceramides (Cer 18:1;2/17:0;0) and LCBs (LCB 17:0) spiked in prior to
extraction were used for normalization and an external standard curve was used to calculate
absolute values (in pmol/µg protein). To compare data from different experimental setups, data
were normalized to WT levels of the most abundant LCB and ceramide species (C18-
phytosphingosine and Cer44:0;4). Data are presented as mean ±standard deviation from three
independent experiments.
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768 **Data availability**
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770 All relevant data has been included in the paper in main figures and supplemental information.
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Abbreviations and nomenclature

AAA – ATPase associated with diverse cellular activities

CS – ceramide synthase

DHS – dihydrosphingosine

Dsc – defective in SPRBP cleavage

EGAD – endosome and Golgi-associated degradation

EGTA – Ethylene glycol-bis(2-aminoethylether)-N,N,N′,N′-tetraacetic acid

ER – endoplasmic reticulum

ERAD – endoplasmic reticulum-associated degradation

ESCRT – endosomal sorting complex(es) required for transport

GO – gene ontology

HMGR – 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl coenzyme A reductase

IP – immunoprecipitation

IPC – inositolphosphoryl ceramide

LCB – long chanin base

LC-MS – liquid chromatography – mass spectrometry

MVB – multivesicular body

Orm2-3A – Orm2 serine 46,47,48 to alanine mutant (non-phosphorylatable)

Orm2-3D – Orm2 serine 46,47,48 to aspartic acid mutant (phospho-mimetic)

ORMDL – Orosomucoid-like protein (mammalian Orm1/2 paralogues)

SGK1 – serum and glucocorticoid-induced kinase 1

PalmC – palmitoyl carnitine

PHS – phytosphingosine

PI – propidium iodide

PM – plasma membrane

RIM – regulator of Ime2

SL - sphingolipid

SPOTS – SPT-Orm1/2-Tsc3-Sac1 complex

SPT – serine-palmitoyl-coenzyme A transferase

SREBP – sterol-responsive element binding protein

TORC1/2 – target of rapamycin complex 1/2

UPR – unfolded protein response

WT – wildtype

Figure 1

Figure 1: ESCRT mutants depend on lipid metabolism and TORC2-Ypk1 signaling for growth.

(A) Gene Ontology (GO) analysis for cellular processes of 119 genes that showed negative genetic interactions with *vps4Δ* (9). Only significantly enriched GO terms ($p < 0.05$) are shown. 15 genes comprised in the GO term 'lipid metabolic process' are shown. Full GO analysis in Table S1.

(B) Equal amounts of *vps4Δ ypk1Δ* double mutants expressing the indicated *YPK1* mutant plasmids (or empty vector) in serial dilutions were incubated on auxotrophic selection medium agar plates at 26°C.

(C) Schematic representation of the activation of the TORC2-Ypk1 signaling pathway in response to membrane stress and its putative interdependence with the ESCRT machinery. PM, plasma membrane; TORC2, target of rapamycin complex 2; Pkh1/2, yeast orthologues of 3-phosphoinositide-dependent kinase 1.

(D) Equal amounts of the indicated strains in serial dilutions were incubated on auxotrophic auxotrophic selection medium agar plates containing the indicated rapamycin concentrations at 26°C. All WT strains are the respective *vps4Δ* strain re-expressing *VPS4* from plasmid.

(E) Growth of the indicated strains in presence of palmitoyl-carnitine (PalmC). Cells were inoculated to $OD_{600nm} = 0.1$ in auxotrophic selection medium containing the indicated PalmC concentrations and grown for 24 hours in 4 independent experiments. The circles indicate the individual measurements.

See also Figure S1 and Table S1.

Figure 2

Figure 2: ESCRT-III/Vps4 assemblies form at the plasma membrane.

(A)-(D) All WT strains are isogenic to the respective *vps4Δ* cells and re-express *VPS4* (or *VPS4-eGFP* where indicated) from a plasmid.

(A) Epifluorescence and phase contrast microscopy of WT and *vps4Δ* cells co-expressing Snf7-eGFP (green) from a centromeric plasmid and treated with 5 µM palmitoyl-carnitine (PalmC) or vehicle (DMSO) for 2 hours. Arrowheads indicate Snf7 on endosomes/MVBs and arrows indicate Snf7 assemblies at the PM. Scale bars 5µm.

(B) Quantification of (B) and (C). Sub-cortical eGFP dots in 50 cells of each genotype and condition were counted and grouped into the indicated cohorts.

(C) Epifluorescence and phase contrast microscopy of the indicated strains co-expressing *SNF7-eGFP* or expressing *VPS4-eGFP* from centromeric plasmids and treated with 2nM rapamycin or vehicle (DMSO) for 2 hours. Arrowheads indicate endosomes/MVBs and arrows indicate Snf7/Vps4 assemblies at the PM. Scale bars 5µm.

(D) High-pressure freezing, anti-GFP immunogold labeling and transmission electron microscopy of the indicated cells treated with 2nM rapamycin for 60 minutes. Scale bars 200 nm.

(E) The indicated strains were grown into mid-log phase and stained with propidium iodide for 10 minutes. 50.000 cells were analyzed by flow cytometry. Data are presented as mean ±standard deviation from 3 independent experiments.

Figure 3

Figure 3: TORC2-Ypk1 signaling maintains sphingolipid homeostasis and prevents accumulation of long chain bases in ESCRT mutant cells.

(A) SDS-PAGE and Western blot analysis with the indicated antibodies of total yeast lysates from WT cells and the indicated mutants. Myr., myriocin (1.5µM; 2.5 h)

(B) SDS-PAGE or Phos-tag SDS PAGE and Western blot analysis with the indicated antibodies of total yeast lysates from WT cells and the indicated mutants expressing *FLAG-ORM2* (in *orm2Δ* background).

(C) Schematic representation of SL biosynthesis in *S. cerevisiae*. SPT, serine-palmitoyl-coenzyme A transferase; CS, ceramide synthase; IPC, Inositolphosphorylceramide; MIPC, mannosylinositolphosphorylceramide; MIP$_2$C, mannosyldiinositolphosphorylceramide.

(D) The levels of the long-chain bases (LCB) C18-dihydrosphingosine (C18-DHS) and C18-phytosphingosine (C18-PHS) and of ceramides (presented as the sum of all species) in lipid extracts from WT cells, *vps4Δ* and *vps4Δ ypk1Δ* mutants were measured using LC-MS and quantified using non-yeast LCBs/ceramides as external standards. Data are normalized to WT levels of C18-PHS and ceramide (set to 1) and presented as mean ± standard deviation from 3 independent experiments.

(E) Autoradiogram of sphingolipid extracts from [³H]-serine radiolabeled WT cells and the indicated mutants that were separated by thin layer chromatography. X indicates an unknown lipid species that is insensitive to myriocin treatment (data not shown).

(F) Equal amounts of *vps4Δ ypk1Δ* cells expressing the indicated plasmids were spotted in serial dilutions on a YPD agar plate and incubated at 26°C.

See also Figure S3.

Figure 4

Figure 4: ER export of Orm2 is impaired in ESCRT mutants.

(A) SDS-PAGE and Phos-tag SDS PAGE and Western blot analysis with the indicated antibodies of total yeast lysates from WT cells and the indicated mutants expressing *FLAG-ORM2*.

(B) Epifluorescence and phase contrast microscopy of living WT cells and the indicated mutants expressing GFP-Orm2 WT (green) and mCherry-CPS (red). ER, endoplasmic reticulum; Vac, vacuole; E, class E compartment. Arrowheads indicate GFP-Orm2 accumulations in post-ER compartments. Scale bars 5µm.

(C) SDS-PAGE and Western blot analysis with the indicated antibodies of input and elution (with FLAG peptide) from native FLAG-Orm2 immunoprecipitations (IP) from WT cells and *vps4Δ* mutants. Control cells expressed untagged Orm2.

(D) SDS-PAGE and Western blot analysis with the indicated antibodies of input and elution (with FLAG peptide) from denaturing FLAG-Orm2 immunoprecipitations from WT cells and *vps4Δ* mutants.

(E) WT cells and the indicated mutants were left untreated (0 min) or were treated with cycloheximide (CHX) to block protein synthesis for 90 min and 180 min at 26°C. Total cell lysates were analyzed by SDS-PAGE and Western blotting with the indicated antibodies.

(F) Graphs display the FLAG-Orm2 protein levels determined by densitometric quantification of Western blots from cell lysates of WT cells and the indicated mutants 0, 90 and 180 min after the addition of CHX. Each experiment was repeated at least three times, FLAG-Orm2 levels were normalized to Pgk1 loading controls, and each time-point was related to t=0 min (set to 1). Data are presented as mean ±standard deviation.

(A-F) All strains are in *orm2Δ* background.

See also Figure S4.

Figure 5

Figure 5: Orm2 accumulation causes membrane stress in ESCRT mutants

(A) SDS-PAGE or Phos-tag SDS PAGE and Western blot analysis with the indicated antibodies of total yeast lysates from WT or *vps4Δ* cells expressing *FLAG-ORM2-WT, -3A or -3D* (in *orm2Δ* background).

(B) Equal amounts of *vps4Δ ypk1Δ orm2Δ* cells expressing the indicated *FLAG-ORM2* plasmids were spotted in serial dilutions on a auxotrophic selection medium agar plate and incubated at 26°C.

(C) SDS-PAGE and Phos-tag SDS PAGE and Western blot analysis with the indicated antibodies of total yeast lysates from WT cells expressing *FLAG-ORM2* (in *orm2Δ* background) treated with FK-506 (2 µg/ml) for the indicated time.

(D) SDS-PAGE and Phos-tag SDS PAGE and Western blot analysis with the indicated antibodies of total yeast lysates from WT cells and the indicated mutants expressing *FLAG-ORM2*.

(E) Equal amounts of the indicated single, double or triple mutants in serial dilutions were incubated on a YPD agar plate at 26°C.

(F) Left: Growth of *vps4Δ ypk1Δ* cells in YPD medium in presence of 2 µg/ml FK-506 or vehicle (DMSO). Right: Growth of *vps4Δ ypk1Δ* cells in YPD medium in presence of 0.1 mM EGTA or untreated. Cells were inoculated to OD_{600nm} = 0.05 and grown for 24 hours in 3 independent experiments. The circles indicate the individual measurements (7 and 9 technical replicates).

(G) SDS-PAGE PAGE and Western blot analysis with the indicated antibodies of total yeast lysates from *vps4Δ ypk1Δ* cells expressing *FLAG-ORM2* (in *orm2Δ* background) treated with FK-506 (2 µg/ml) or vehicle (DMSO) for the indicated time.

(H) SDS-PAGE and Western blot analysis with the indicated antibodies of total yeast lysates from WT cells and the indicated mutants.

(I) Equal amounts of WT cells and indicated single, double or triple mutants in serial dilutions were incubated on a YPD agar plate at 26°C.

See also Figure S5.

Figure S1 - related to Figure 1

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(A, B) Equal amounts of WT cells and indicated single or double mutants in serial dilutions were incubated on auxotrophic selection medium agar plates at 26°C.

(C) Equal amounts of the indicated single or double mutants complemented with the indicated plasmids (or empty vectors for isogenic controls) in serial dilutions were incubated on auxotrophic selection medium agar plates at 26°C.

(D) Equal amounts of *vps2Δ ypk1Δ* double mutants expressing the indicated *YPK1* mutant plasmids in serial dilutions were incubated on auxotrophic selection medium agar plates at 26°C.

A

VPS4   ESCRT III   ESCRT II   ESCRT I

vps4Δ ypk1Δ   vps4Δ   WT   vps2Δ   vps25Δ   vps36Δ   vps23Δ   ypk1Δ

100 —

70 —

— *

— Ypk1

55 —

40 —

— Pgk1

1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8

B

protein / phosphorylation
levels (Western blot)

fold change *vps4Δ* over WT

Ypk1   Ypk1-pT662   (n=4)

C

	brightfield	Ypk1-GFP	merge
YPK1-GFP vps4Δ + p*VPS4-HA*			
YPK1-GFP vps4Δ + empty vector			

D

YPK1-GFP
vps4Δ

p*VPS4-HA*:   +   –

130 —
100 —

— Ypk1-GFP

130 —
100 —
70 —
55 —
40 —
35 —
25 —

— Ypk1-GFP
(long exposure)

αGFP

70 —
55 —

— Vps4-HA

55 —
40 —

— Pgk1

1   2

E

YPK1

**
p=0.0044

fold change *YPK1* mRNA
normalized to *PGK1*

2,0

1,5

1,0

0,5

0,0

WT   *vps4Δ*   (n=6)

Figure S3 - related to Figure 3

Figure S3 - related to Figure 3.

(A) SDS-PAGE and Western blot analysis with the indicated antibodies of total yeast lysates from WT and the indicated mutants.

(B) Densitometric quantification of Ypk1 protein levels and Ypk1 pT662 phosphorylation levels in WT cells and *vps4Δ* mutants from Western blot experiments normalized to Pgk1 loading control. Data are presented as mean fold change in *vps4Δ* cells compared to WT levels ±standard deviation from 4 independent experiments.

(C) Epifluorescence and phase contrast microscopy of living WT and *vps4Δ* cells expressing Ypk1-GFP (green) and the MVB cargo mCherry-CPS (red). Ypk1-GFP does not localize to the vacuole in WT or the class E compartment in ESCRT mutant cells grown under standard conditions. Scale bars 5μm.

(D) SDS-PAGE and Western blot analysis with the indicated antibodies of total yeast lysates from WT and *vps4Δ* cells expressing *YPK1-GFP*. Only full-length Ypk1-GFP protein was observed in WT cells and ESCRT mutants. The typical free GFP fragment at 25 kD, which would be indicative of vacuolar proteolysis, was not detected.

(E) Quantification of *YPK1* mRNA normalized to stable *PGK1* mRNA from WT cells and *vps4Δ* mutants by qPCR (n=6). Data are presented as mean fold change from WT ±standard deviation. Statistical significance was assessed by Student's t-test.

Figure S4 - related to Figure 4

Figure S4 - related to Figure 4.

(A) SDS-PAGE and Western blot analysis with the indicated antibodies of total yeast lysates from the indicated WT or *vps4Δ* strains.

(B) Quantification of *ORM1* and *ORM2* mRNA normalized to stable *PGK1* mRNA from WT cells and *vps4Δ* mutants by qPCR (n=4). Data are presented as mean fold change from WT ±standard deviation. Statistical significance was assessed by Student's t-test.

(C) Epifluorescence and phase contrast microscopy of living *vps4Δ (orm2Δ)* cells expressing GFP-Orm2 (green) and mCherry-CPS (red). ER, endoplasmic reticulum; E, class E compartment.

(D) Epifluorescence and phase contrast microscopy of living *tul1Δ* cells expressing *TUL1-GFP-RING* (green) or WT cells expressing Ubx3-mNeonGreen (green) and mCherry-CPS (red), and either dominant-negative *vps4*E233Q or empty plasmid as indicated. Vac, vacuole; E, class E compartment. Scale bars 5μm.

(E) Epifluorescence and phase contrast microscopy of living *vps4Δ (orm2Δ)* cells expressing GFP-Orm2-K25,33R (green) and mCherry-CPS (red). ER, endoplasmic reticulum; E, class E compartment.

A

ypk1Δ

ypk1Δ crz1Δ

vps4Δ ypk1Δ

vps4Δ ypk1Δ crz1Δ

vps4Δ crz1Δ

vps4Δ

cell count

B

$vps4\Delta$ $vps4\Delta$ $orm2\Delta$
(n = 4)

OD$_{600 nm}$ after 24hrs in culture
(starting from OD$_{600 nm}$ = 0.1)

0 µM PalmC   5 µM PalmC   10 µM PalmC

C

n = 3 (50.000 cells each)

% propidium iodide-positive cells

vps4Δ ypk1Δ   orm2Δ   vps4Δ ypk1Δ orm2Δ

D

WT

ESCRT mutant

membrane stress

TORC2

Ca^{2+}

Cytosol

Ypk1 (Ypk2)

CN

EGAD ER export

ER

SPT

Orm2

PM

membrane stress

membrane stress

membrane stress

TORC2

Ca^{2+}

Cytosol

Ypk1 (Ypk2)

CN

ER

SPT

Orm2

Figure S5 - related to Figure 5

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(A) Equal amounts of the indicated single, double or triple mutants in serial dilutions were incubated on a YPD agar plate at 26°C.

(B) Growth of *vps4Δ* and *vps4Δ orm2Δ* cells in auxotrophic selection medium in presence of the indicated PalmC concentrations. Cells were inoculated to $OD_{600nm} = 0.1$ and grown for 24 hours in 4 independent experiments. The circles indicate the individual measurements.

(C) The indicated strains were grown into mid-log phase in YPD medium and stained with propidium iodide for 10 minutes and analyzed by fluorescence activated cell sorting. Data are presented as mean ±standard deviation from 3 independent experiments. The data for the *vps4Δ ypk1Δ* strain is the same as in Fig. 2E and was plotted again for comparison.

(D) Model for the post-translational regulation of Orm2 protein levels in WT cells and its deregulation in ESCRT mutants. PM, plasma membrane; ER, endoplasmic reticulum; TORC2, target of rapamycin complex 2; CN, calcineurin; SPT, serine-palmitoyl-coenzyme A transferase.

Supporting information for

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Table S1: Gene ontology term 'molecular processes' enrichment analysis

GOID	GO term	Frequency	Genome Frequency	adj. p-value	enrichment	Gene(s)
GO:0042592	**homeostatic process**	**15 out of 119 genes, 12.6%**	**276 of 6433 genes, 4.3%**	**4,85E-03**	**2,94**	**CSG2,VMA2,PER1,VMA1,NHX1,VMA3,PMR1,VMA7, VMA10,ICE2,VPS53,VMA5,RAD50,PHO80,VMA4**
GO:0006629	**lipid metabolic process**	**15 out of 119 genes, 12.6%**	**296 of 6433 genes, 4.6%**	**5,06E-03**	**2,74**	**DEP1,CSG2,PER1,UME6,CAX4,HTD2,OAR1,YPK1,SAC1, ERG6,ERG5,PAH1,ERG2,ERG24,MCT1**
GO:0006351	**transcription, DNA-templated**	**23 out of 119 genes, 19.3%**	**673 of 6433 genes, 10.5%**	**2,01E-02**	**1,85**	**DEP1,CCR4,RRN10,NHP6B,RXT2,SRB8,HPR1,UME6,HTA1 ,RAD4,SNF6,PFD1,NNT1,SFP1,GIM5,CTK3,MKS1,SIN4, YNL296W,PHO80,THP1,CKA2,SSN3**
GO:0006464	cellular protein modification process	20 out of 119 genes, 16.8%	665 of 6433 genes, 10.3%	7,35E-02	1,63	DEP1,GCV3,PER1,UBX3,NBP2,GDA1,CAX4,TUL1,ELM1, YPK1,LIP2,NNT1,STE11,CTK3,YDJ1,URE2,PHO80,CKA2, SSN3,PPT2
GO:0040007	growth	8 out of 119 genes, 6.7%	165 of 6433 genes, 2.6%	7,35E-02	2,62	RXT2,SEC66,UME6,PDA1,ELM1,STE11,MKS1,SSN3
GO:0006950	response to stress	20 out of 119 genes, 16.8%	672 of 6433 genes, 10.4%	7,35E-02	1,61	DEP1,HTA2,SHP1,TPS1,HPR1,SAC3,ACL4,NBP2,HTA1, EAF1,RAD4,SNF6,YLR235C,IMH1,MMS22,STE11,YDJ1, RAD50,THP1,CKA2
GO:0051276	chromosome organization	17 out of 119 genes, 14.3%	554 of 6433 genes, 8.6%	7,84E-02	1,66	DEP1,TPD3,HTA2,SHP1,NHP6B,RXT2,SAC3,UME6, HTA1,EAF1,RAD4,SNF6,NNT1,MMS22,RAD50,THP1
GO:0016192	vesicle-mediated transport	12 out of 119 genes, 10.1%	351 of 6433 genes, 5.5%	8,51E-02	1,85	SLA1,CDC50,UBX3,SWA2,VMA3,GLO3,PMR1,EMP24, VPS53,IMH1,END3,SLA2
GO:0006461	protein complex assembly	10 out of 119 genes, 8.4%	282 of 6433 genes, 4.4%	8,82E-02	1,92	SLA1,PIM1,VMA2,EAF1,VMA21,ICE2,ELM1,GIM5,PKR1, MDM12
GO:0006412	translation	7 out of 119 genes, 5.9%	727 of 6433 genes, 11.3%	8,82E-02	0,52	TPD3,RPS9B,DHH1,RPS24A,RPL34B,MRPL15,CTK3
GO:0005975	carbohydrate metabolic process	7 out of 119 genes, 5.9%	198 of 6433 genes, 3.1%	1,17E-01	1,91	DEP1,SHP1,TPS1,UME6,SNF6,ELM1,EXG1
GO:0061024	membrane organization	9 out of 119 genes, 7.6%	282 of 6433 genes, 4.4%	1,17E-01	1,73	SEC66,CDC50,GLO3,ICE2,YPK1,IMH1,PAH1,PHO80, MDM12
GO:0006259	DNA metabolic process	13 out of 119 genes, 10.9%	453 of 6433 genes, 7.0%	1,17E-01	1,55	DEP1,CCR4,HTA2,HPR1,SAC3,HTA1,EAF1,RAD4,HUR1, SNF6,MMS22,RAD50,THP1
GO:0007010	cytoskeleton organization	8 out of 119 genes, 6.7%	238 of 6433 genes, 3.7%	1,17E-01	1,82	SLA1,SAC6,ICE2,PFD1,ELM1,END3,SRV2,SLA2
GO:0034655	nucleobase-containing compound catabolic process	5 out of 119 genes, 4.2%	146 of 6433 genes, 2.3%	1,39E-01	1,85	CCR4,DHH1,SAC3,THP1,SSN3
GO:0007049	cell cycle	14 out of 119 genes, 11.8%	644 of 6433 genes, 10.0%	1,39E-01	1,18	TPD3,CCR4,SHP1,BUD31,SAC3,UME6,ELM1,MMS22, END3,SLA2,RAD50,YNL296W,PHO80,THP1
GO:0044281	small molecule metabolic process	15 out of 119 genes, 12.6%	675 of 6433 genes, 10.5%	1,39E-01	1,20	DEP1,GCV3,UME6,RNR1,PDA1,HTD2,CYC1,ADO1,ELM1, OAR1,ERG6,ERG5,ERG2,ERG24,MCT1
GO:0071554	cell wall organization or biogenesis	6 out of 119 genes, 5.0%	198 of 6433 genes, 3.1%	1,39E-01	1,64	NBP2,PRS3,EXG1,STE11,END3,SLA2
GO:0006091	generation of precursor metabolites and energy	5 out of 119 genes, 4.2%	154 of 6433 genes, 2.4%	1,39E-01	1,76	SHP1,CYC1,OAR1,YLR294C,PAH1
GO:0007005	mitochondrion organization	2 out of 119 genes, 1.7%	265 of 6433 genes, 4.1%	1,39E-01	0,41	YDJ1,MDM12
GO:0051301	cell division	5 out of 119 genes, 4.2%	127 of 6433 genes, 2%	1,39E-01	2,13	BUD31,ELM1,END3,SLA2,THP1
GO:0000003	reproduction	12 out of 119 genes, 10.1%	467 of 6433 genes, 7.3%	1,39E-01	1,39	SHP1,RXT2,UME6,ELM1,YPK1,MMS22,STE11,END3,SLA2, RAD50,YNL296W,CKA2
GO:0042254	ribosome biogenesis	5 out of 119 genes, 4.2%	416 of 6433 genes, 6.5%	1,45E-01	0,65	RPS9B,SAC3,RPS24A,SNF6,DBP7
GO:0006913	nucleocytoplasmic transport	5 out of 119 genes, 4.2%	180 of 6433 genes, 2.8%	1,72E-01	1,50	HPR1,SAC3,YDJ1,URE2,THP1
GO:0006397	mRNA processing	4 out of 119 genes, 3.4%	170 of 6433 genes, 2.6%	2,09E-01	1,27	BUD31,HPR1,SAC3,THP1
GO:0030154	cell differentiation	4 out of 119 genes, 3.4%	160 of 6433 genes, 2.5%	2,09E-01	1,35	SHP1,END3,YNL296W,CKA2
GO:0007165	signal transduction	5 out of 119 genes, 4.2%	240 of 6433 genes, 3.7%	2,09E-01	1,13	NBP2,STE11,MKS1,SRV2,PHO80
GO:0055085	transmembrane transport	3 out of 119 genes, 2.5%	234 of 6433 genes, 3.6%	2,09E-01	0,69	VMA2,SEC66,NHX1
GO:0048856	anatomical structure development	4 out of 119 genes, 3.4%	160 of 6433 genes, 2.5%	2,09E-01	1,35	SHP1,ELM1,END3,YNL296W
GO:0006605	protein targeting	5 out of 119 genes, 4.2%	307 of 6433 genes, 4.8%	2,09E-01	0,88	SEC66,VMA3,ICE2,YDJ1,URE2
GO:0007059	chromosome segregation	3 out of 119 genes, 2.5%	203 of 6433 genes, 3.2%	2,34E-01	0,80	TPD3,SHP1,MMS22
GO:0007034	vacuolar transport	2 out of 119 genes, 1.7%	168 of 6433 genes, 2.6%	2,34E-01	0,64	VMA3,VPS53
GO:0048646	anatomical structure formation involved in morphogenesis	3 out of 119 genes, 2.5%	137 of 6433 genes, 2.1%	2,34E-01	1,18	SHP1,END3,YNL296W
GO:0006790	sulfur compound metabolic process	2 out of 119 genes, 1.7%	122 of 6433 genes, 1.9%	2,71E-01	0,89	PDA1,MET10
GO:0006457	protein folding	2 out of 119 genes, 1.7%	95 of 6433 genes, 1.5%	2,71E-01	1,14	PFD1,YDJ1

Table S2: Yeast strains, plasmids and reagents

Antibodies	SOURCE	IDENTIFIER
Goat anti mouse IgG-Peroxidase	Sigma	Cat. # A4416; RRID:AB_258167
Goat anti rabbit IgG-Peroxidase	Sigma	Cat. # A0545; RRID:AB_257896
Rabbit anti goat IgG-Peroxidase	Sigma	Cat. # A5420; RRID:AB_258242
Mouse monoclonal anti PGK1 (22C5D8)	Invitrogen	Cat. # 459250; RRID:AB_2532235
Mouse monoclonal anti GFP (IgG1K, clones 7.1 and 13.1)	Roche Diagnostics	Cat. # 11814460001; RRID:AB_390913
Goat anti-GFP polyclonal	Rockland	Cat. # 600-101-215; RRID:AB_218182
Rabbit anti goat Fab' 1.4 nm NANOGOLD™	Nanoprobes	Cat. # 2004
Mouse monoclonal anti FLAG M2	Sigma	Cat. # F3165; RRID:AB_259529
Mouse monoclonal anti HA (12CA5)	Abcam	Homemade hybridoma supernatant, lot 20081201
Mouse monoclonal anti ubiquitin (P4D1)	Santa Cruz	Cat. # sc-8017; RRID:AB_628423
Mouse monoclonal anti Ypk1 phospho-T662	Gift from Robbie Loewith	(Berchtold et al., 2012)
Goat polyclonal anti-Ypk1	Santa Cruz	Cat. # yl15; RRID:AB_793265
Rabbit polyclonal anti-Orm2, generated against N-terminal peptide MIDRTKNESPAFEESPLTP	Gift from Howard Riezman	This study
Rabbit polyclonal anti-Lcb1	Gift from Teresa Dunn	(Gable, Slife et al., 2000)
Rabbit polyclonal anti-Lcb2	Gift from Teresa Dunn	(Gable et al., 2000)
Rabbit polyclonal anti-Tul1	Gift from Peter Espenshade	(Tong et al., 2014)
Rabbit polyclonal anti-Ubx3	Gift from Peter Espenshade	(Tong et al., 2014)
Rabbit polyclonal anti-Dsc2	Gift from Peter Espenshade	(Tong et al., 2014)
Rabbit polyclonal anti-Dsc3	Gift from Peter Espenshade	(Tong et al., 2014)
Rabbit polyclonal anti-Vps4	Gift from Scott Emr	(Babst et al., 1998)
Chemicals, Peptides, and Recombinant Proteins	**SOURCE**	**IDENTIFIER**
[3H]-L-serine	Hartmann analytics	Cat. # MT910
anti-Flag magnetic beads M2	Sigma	Cat. # M8823; RRID:AB_2637089
3xFLAG peptide	Sigma	Cat. # F4799
Phos-tag acrylamide	Wako	Cat. # 304-93521
Cycloheximide	Sigma	Cat. # C7698
Myriocin	Sigma	Cat. # M1177-5MG
Rapamycin	LC Laboratories	Cat. # R-5000
Palmitoyl carnitine	Sigma	Cat. # 91503-10MG
Propidium iodide	Sigma	Cat. # 81845
FK-506	Sigma	Cat. # E3889
Ethylene glycol-bis(2-aminoethylether)-N,N,N,N′ -tetraacetic acid (EGTA)	Sigma	Cat. # 3779

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Commercial Assays	SOURCE	IDENTIFIER
TAQman gene expression assay for ORM1	Thermo Scientific	Cat. # Sc04125000_s1
TAQman gene expression assay for ORM2	Thermo Scientific	Cat. # Sc04149509_s1
TAQman gene expression assay for YPK1	Thermo Scientific	Cat. # Sc04141261_s1
TAQman gene expression assay for PGK1	Thermo Scientific	Cat. # Sc04104844_s1
RNeasy Mini kit	Qiagen	Cat. # 74104
Revert Aid First strand cDNA synthesis kit	Thermo	Cat. # K1622

Yeast strains:	SOURCE	IDENTIFIER
SEY6210 wildtype (*MATalpha leu2-3, 112 ura3-52 his3-200 trp1-901 lys2-801 suc2-9*)	(Robinson, Klionsky et al., 1988)	SEY6210
SEY6210.1 wildtype (*MATa leu2-3, 112 ura3-52 his3-200 trp1-901 lys2-801 suc2-9*)	(Robinson et al., 1988)	SEY6210.1
SEY6210 *vps4::TRP1*	(Babst et al., 1997)	MBY3
SEY6210.1 *vps4::TRP1*	(Babst et al., 1997)	MBY4
SEY6210.1 *vps23::HIS3*	(Babst et al., 2000)	MBY23
SEY6210.1 *vps36::HIS3*	(Babst et al., 2000)	MBY13
SEY6210.1 *vps2::HIS3*	this study, (Babst et al., 2002a)	DTY521
SEY6210.1 *vps25::HIS3*	this study, (Babst et al., 2002b)	OSY396
SEY6210.1 *tul1::HIS3*	(Schmidt et al., 2019)	SSY17
SEY6210.1 *orm1::HIS3*	(Schmidt et al., 2019)	OSY510
SEY6210 *orm2::TRP1*	(Schmidt et al., 2019)	YSC580
SEY6210.1 *orm2::TRP1*	(Schmidt et al., 2019)	OSY774
SEY6210.1 *orm2::TRP1 tul1::HIS3*	(Schmidt et al., 2019)	YWY027
SEY6210.1 *vps4::TRP1 orm2::TRP1*	(Schmidt et al., 2019)	VBY51
SEY6210.1 *vps4::TRP1 tul1::HIS3 orm2::TRP1*	(Schmidt et al., 2019)	YWY029
SEY6210.1 *orm2::TRP1 ypk1::HIS3*	this study	VBY61
SEY6210.1 *orm2::TRP1 ypk1::HIS3 vps4::TRP1*	this study	VBY60
SEY6210.1 *orm1::HIS3 vps4::TRP1*	this study	OSY520
SEY6210.1 *orm1::HIS3 ypk1::HIS3 vps4::TRP1*	this study	OSY492
SEY6210.1 *ypk1::HIS3*	this study	MMY059
SEY6210.1 *ypk1::HIS3 vps4::TRP1*	this study	OSY323
SEY6210.1 *sac1::HIS3*	this study	OSY566
SEY6210.1 *sac1::HIS3 vps4::TRP1*	this study	OSY570
SEY6210.1 *csg2::HIS3*	this study	OSY529
SEY6210.1 *csg2::HIS3 vps4::TRP1*	this study	OSY531
SEY6210.1 *erg2::HIS3*	this study	OSY568
SEY6210.1 *erg2::HIS3 vps4::TRP1*	this study	OSY572
SEY6210.1 *ypk2::HIS3*	this study	OSY397
SEY6210.1 *ypk2::HIS3 vps25::HIS3*	this study	OSY398
SEY6210.1 *ypk1::HIS3 vps25::HIS3*	this study	OSY393
SEY6210.1 *ypk2::HIS3 vps2::HIS3*	this study	OSY401
SEY6210.1 *ypk1::HIS3 vps2::HIS3*	this study	OSY394
SEY6210 *ypk1::HIS3*	this study	OSY402
SEY6210.1 *chm7::TRP1*	this study	OSY577
SEY6210.1 *chm7::TRP1 ypk1::HIS3*	this study	OSY579
SEY6210.1 *YPK1-GFP::HIS3 vps4::TRP1*	this study	MMY075

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TB50xSEY *vps4::TRP1 tor1-1 avo3Δ1274-1430::hphMX6, Mat.A*	this study, (Gaubitz et al., 2015)	OSY486
TB50xSEY *vps4::TRP1 tor1-1, Mat.A*	this study, (Gaubitz et al., 2015)	OSY490
SEY6210.1 *orm2::TRP1 vps25::HIS3*	this study	YWY016
SEY6210 *UBX3-mNeonGreen::TRP1*	this study, (Yang et al., 2018)	MWY218
SEY6210.1 *cnb1::HIS3*	this study	OSY274
SEY6210.1 *vps4::TRP1 cnb1::HIS3*	this study	OSY291
SEY6210 *cnb1::HIS3 ypk1::HIS3*	this study	OSY426
SEY6210.1 *vps4::TRP1 cnb1::HIS3 ypk1::HIS3*	this study	OSY427
SEY6210.1 *vps4::TRP1 crz1::HIS3*	this study	OSY466
SEY6210 *crz1::HIS3 ypk1::HIS3*	this study	OSY499
SEY6210.1 *vps4::TRP1 crz1::HIS3 ypk1::HIS3*	this study	OSY497
Primer for gene knock out / knock in	**Used for strain:**	**Primer name:**
GTTCCTCTCATATCAACAAACATTAATACAGTTCCTGAAACGGATCCCCGGGTTAATTAA	OSY323	YPK1_KO_F
CATCATTCCTGAACTTGAGGTGGCATCATTGGGTGTCCCTGAATTCGAGCTCGTTTAAAC	OSY323	YPK1_KO_R
TGGGTCAAATTATCGCGTATACAAATATACATATAGTAACCGGATCCCCGGGTTAATTAA	OSY397	YPK2_KO_F
TAAAATAGTAGAGTTAGAGGTGATAGGGAAGGGAAGAGTAGAATTCGAGCTCGTTTAAAC	OSY397	YPK2_KO_R
CACCACCAAAGCCAGCCAAATAGTATCTCACTGTATCTGACGGATCCCCGGGTTAATTAA	OSY577	CHM7_KO_F
CCCACTTTAACACTAGCAATTCGAAGGTCATTTTCTGTGATGCGAATTCGAGCTCGTTTAAAC	OSY577	CHM7_KO_R2
TCGCTCAATCAAACTAAGACTAGCCCAGACCATTATAGCCCGGATCCCCGGGTTAATTAA	OSY568	ERG2_KO_F
GGACTACCGCATGACTGATTTCGTGAGGTCGGGCAGCTTAGAATTCGAGCTCGTTTAAAC	OSY568	ERG2_KO_R
GCTGGTGAGTTAGCACGATAACAAACAAAGATACAGCGTCCGGATCCCCGGGTTAATTAA	OSY529	CSG2-KO-F
CAAGAATGGGTCAGAAAGTTCACCCGTGTTAGGGTTGACGGAATTCGAGCTCGTTTAAAC	OSY529	CSG2-KO-R
TTTAGTCTCGATTGGAAGTTTCGTCAGACAGTACAAGGAAGCGGATCCCCGGGTTAATTAA	OSY466	CRZ1_KO_F
AAAAAAAAATTCCTATTCAAAGCTTAAAAAAACAAAAATAAGAATTCGAGCTCGTTTAAAC	OSY466	CRZ1_KO_R
CAGTAACGATAATATTTATATACACGTATATTTTCTCGTCTAGATCGGATCCCCGGGTTAATTAA	OSY566	SAC1_KO_F2
CAGCCCAGTATATTGGCACAGATCCTCTTGTCTGTAAGAAGGAGGAATTCGAGCTCGTTTAAAC	OSY566	SAC1_KO_R2
ATGGTGATCAGAATCCATAGAAGCATTTTTATTTCTTAAACGGATCCCCGGGTTAATTAA	OSY274	CNB1_KO_F
AAATCCACGTCCCCACTATTATCAGCATCGAAAACCTCCAGAATTCGAGCTCGTTTAAAC	OSY274	CNB1_KO_R
Primer for plasmid cloning	**Used for plasmid(s):**	**Primer name:**
gcgGGATCCACTTCCTGAACCTTTGTATAGTTCATCC	pOS218	GFP-Orm2-BamHI-R
cgcaacgttGCTGACGTCTTCTTGAAACCCGTC	pVB01	YPK1_HindIII_F
gcgctcgagGGATCTCGGAAGGGTAAGAGAGG	pVB01	YPK1_XhoI_R
GGTTTCAATAAGATATCTACCTTTGCTGTGACAAGGAAATTACCTTATTTAAAG	pOS096, pOS097	Ypk1_D242A_F
CTTTAAATAAGGTAATTTCCTTGTCACAGCAAAGGTAGATATCTTATTGAAACC	pOS096, pOS097	Ypk1_D242A_R
GATCgtcgacGCTGAAGAATACTTGAAGCC	pVB03	SalI_YPK2_fw
CATGactagtCTTCGCTTTGACATCCGC	pVB03	SpeI_YPK2_rev

gcgTCTAGAGTTTATGTATGTGTTTTTTGTAGTTATAGATTTAAGC	pOS246	Prom-TPI1_XbaI_R
cgcGAGCTC<u>GTACTGTCATCATCGTTTGC</u>	pYW036	TUL1-SacI-F
gcgACTAGTGGAGTTGGAGCGATTTAG	pYW036	TUL1-SpeI-R
CGAGTATATATCGGAGCATGGTAGTAAAGGAGAAGAACTTTTCACTGG	pYW036	TUL1-pH-RING-F1
CCAGTGAAAAGTTCTTCTCCTTTACTACCATGCTCCGATATATACTCG	pYW036	TUL1-pH-RING-R1
GGCATGGATGAACTATACAAAGGTGGAACTGCTGAACATACC	pYW036	TUL1-pH-RING-F2
GGTATGTTCAGCAGTTCCACCTTTGTATAGTTCATCCATGCC	pYW036	TUL1-pH-RING-R2
Plasmids	**SOURCE**	**IDENTIFIER**
empty centromer vector *HIS3*	(Sikorski & Hieter, 1989)	pRS413
empty centromer vector *TRP1*	(Sikorski & Hieter, 1989)	pRS414
empty centromer vector *LEU2*	(Sikorski & Hieter, 1989)	pRS415
empty centromer vector *URA3*	(Sikorski & Hieter, 1989)	pRS416
pRS415 - *VPS4* (endogenous 5' and 3')	(Müller et al., 2015)	pOS014
pRS416 - *VPS4* (endogenous 5' and 3')	(Müller et al., 2015)	pMM22
pRS415 - *VPS4-3xHA* (endogenous 5' and 3')	(Adell et al., 2014)	pOS063
pRS413 - *VPS4-3xHA* (endogenous 5' and 3')	(Adell et al., 2014)	pDT74
pRS416 - *3xFLAG-ORM2* (endogenous 5' and 3')	(Schmidt et al., 2019)	pOS129
pRS415 - *HA-SAC1* (endogenous 5' and 3')	(Schmidt et al., 2019)	pOS166
pRS415 - *GFP-ORM2* (endogenous 5' and 3')	(Schmidt et al., 2019)	pOS173
pRS416 - *GFP-ORM2* (endogenous 5' and 3') (BamHI site)	this study	pOS218
pRS416 - *ORM2* (endogenous 5' and 3')	(Schmidt et al., 2019)	pVB17
pRS416 - *3xFLAG-ORM2*^{S46A,S47A,S48A} (endogenous 5' and 3')	(Schmidt et al., 2019)	pYW001
pRS416 - *3xFLAG-ORM2*^{S46D,S47D,S48D} (endogenous 5' and 3')	(Schmidt et al., 2019)	pYW002
pRS416 - *GFP-ORM2* (endogenous 5' and 3')	(Schmidt et al., 2019)	pYW006
pRS416 - *GFP-ORM2*^{K25R,K33R} (endogenous 5' and 3')	(Schmidt et al., 2019)	pYW028
pRS415 - *VPS4-3xHA-eGFP* (endogenous 3' and 5')	(Adell et al., 2017)	pSS37
pRS415 - *P^{TDH3}-mCherry-CPS1(2-270)*	(Adell et al., 2014)	pC29
pRS416 - *P^{TDH3}-mCherry-CPS1*	(Adell et al., 2014)	pC6
pRS414 - *P^{TDH3}-mCherry-CPS1(2-270)*	this study	pMM29
pRS415 - *P^{TPI1}-mCherry-CPS1*	this study	pOS246
pRS416 - *YPK1* (endogenous 5' and 3')	this study	pVB01
pRS416 - *YPK2* (endogenous 5' and 3')	this study	pVB03
pRS415 - *YPK1-13xmyc* (endogenous 5' and 3')	this study, Courtesy from C. Stefan	pOS109
pRS415 - *YPK1-13xmyc T504A* (endogenous 5' and 3')	this study, Courtesy from C. Stefan	pOS110
pRS415 - *YPK1-13xmyc D242A* (endogenous 5' and 3')	this study	pOS096
pRS415 - *YPK1-13xmyc S644A T662A* (endogenous 5' and 3')	this study, Courtesy from C. Stefan	pOS111
pRS415 - *YPK1-13xmyc S644A T662A D242A* (endogenous 5' and 3')	this study	pOS097
pRS415 - *P^{ADH1}-GFP-SAC1*	this study, Courtesy from C. Stefan	pOS229
pRS415 - *SNF7-LAP-eGFP* (endogenous 5' and 3')	(Adell et al., 2017)	pSM35
pRS416 - *3xHA-ORM1* (endogenous 5' and 3')	(Schmidt et al., 2019)	pOS127

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pRS415 - *TUL1-GFP-RING* (endogenous 5' and 3')	this study	pYW036
pRS415 - *VPS4*-E233Q	(Adell et al., 2014)	pOS015
pRS416 - *VPS4*-E233Q	(Müller et al., 2015)	pDT84

Software and Algorithms	**SOURCE**	**IDENTIFIER**
Photoshop CS5	Adobe	Version 12.0.4x64; RRID:SCR_014199
Illustrator CS5.1	Adobe	Version 15.1.0; RRID:SCR_010279
Affinity Photo	Serif	Version 1.7.3 RRID:SCR_016951
Affinity Designer	Serif	Version 1.7.3 RRID:SCR_016952
Excel for Mac	Microsoft	Version 16.16.2; RRID:SCR_016137
ImageJ2	(Rueden et al., 2017)	Version 2.0.0-rc49/1.51h; RRID:SCR_003070
Fiji	(Schinderlin et al., 2012)	Version 1.0
Visi View	Visitron	Version 2.1.4
Attune™ NxT software	Life Technologies	v. 3.1.1243.0