Cross-compartment signal propagation in the Mitotic Exit Network.

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ABSTRACT (150 words)

In budding yeast, the Mitotic Exit Network (MEN), a GTPase signaling cascade integrates

spatial and temporal cues to promote exit from mitosis. This signal integration requires

transmission of a signal generated on the cytoplasmic face of spindle pole bodies (SPBs; yeast

equivalent of centrosomes) to the nucleolus, where the MEN effector protein Cdc14 resides.

Here, we show that the MEN activating signal at SPBs is relayed to Cdc14 in the nucleolus

through the dynamic localization of its terminal kinase complex Dbf2-Mob1. Cdc15, the protein

kinase that activates Dbf2-Mob1 at SPBs, also regulates its nuclear access. Once in the nucleus,

priming phosphorylation of Cfi1/Net1, the nucleolar anchor of Cdc14, by the Polo-like kinase

Cdc5 targets Dbf2-Mob1 to the nucleolus. Nucleolar Dbf2-Mob1 then phosphorylates Cfi1/Net1

and Cdc14, activating Cdc14. The kinase-primed transmission of the MEN signal from the

cytoplasm to the nucleolus exemplifies how signaling cascades can bridge distant inputs and

responses.

INTRODUCTION

In cellular signaling, the sensing of signals (e.g. binding of signaling molecules at cell surface) and the response (e.g. transcription in the nucleus) often occur in different cellular compartments. Determining how signals are transmitted across compartments is thus essential for understanding signal transmission. The Mitotic Exit Network (MEN), a Ras-like GTPase kinase signaling cascade and budding yeast homolog of the Hippo pathway (Hergovich and Hemmings, 2012), represents such an example for signaling across cellular compartments. The MEN-activating signal is sensed and processed at the cytoplasmic face of spindle pole bodies (SPBs; yeast functional equivalent of the centrosomes), whereas the MEN effector protein Cdc14 resides in the nucleolus (Figure 1A). Because budding yeast undergo a closed mitosis without disassembling the nuclear envelope and nucleolus, the MEN must transmit a signal generated at the cytoplasmic face of SPBs, across the nuclear envelope and into the nucleolus to activate its effector Cdc14. The molecular mechanisms governing this cross-compartment signaling process remain largely unknown.

The central function of the MEN is to couple the final cell cycle transition, exit from mitosis (when the mitotic spindle is disassembled, chromosomes decondense and cytokinesis ensues), to nuclear/spindle position. In many organisms including budding yeast, fission yeast and some plant species, the site of cytokinesis/division plane (i.e. the bud neck) is determined prior to mitosis (Guertin et al., 2002). Thus, the mitotic spindle must be positioned appropriately to ensure accurate genome partitioning between the daughter cells. In addition, these organisms have evolved surveillance mechanisms to monitor spindle position and regulate cell cycle progression in response. This surveillance mechanism is best understood in budding yeast where spindle position controls the activity of the MEN.

The MEN senses spindle position through a Ras-like GTPase Tem1. Tem1 is activated

when a SPB enters the bud (Bardin et al., 2000; Pereira et al., 2000). Together with the Polo-like

kinase Cdc5, Tem1 activates its effector, the Hippo-like protein kinase Cdc15, presumably by

recruiting Cdc15 to the SPBs (Rock and Amon, 2011) (Figure 1A). Cdc15 then activates the

LATS/NDR kinase Dbf2-Mob1 via a two-step process (Rock et al., 2013). Cdc15 first

phosphorylates the MEN scaffold Nud1, a core component of the SPB outer plaque. This

phosphorylation creates a docking site for Dbf2-Mob1 on Nud1, facilitating phosphorylation and

activation of Dbf2-Mob1 by Cdc15 (Mah et al., 2001; Rock et al., 2013).

In addition to sensing spindle position, the MEN also integrates cues of cell cycle

progression through the downstream kinases Cdc15 and Dbf2-Mob1 (Campbell et al., 2019).

Two cell cycle events are sensed by the MEN: (1) Activity of the Polo-like kinase Cdc5:

activation of Cdc15 depends on Cdc5 activity (Rock and Amon, 2011) which occurs only in

mitosis (Cheng et al., 1998); (2) Initiation of anaphase: cyclin-dependent kinases (CDKs)

phosphorylate Cdc15 and Mob1 thereby inhibiting their activity (Jaspersen and Morgan, 2000;

König et al., 2010). At the onset of anaphase, CDK activity declines due to cyclin degradation,

which lifts this inhibition. This loss of inhibition by CDKs creates a state whereby the MEN is

poised for activation.

Once activated, the MEN promotes exit from mitosis by activating the phosphatase

Cdc14. As an antagonist of CDKs, Cdc14 reverses CDK-dependent phosphorylation and

promotes mitotic CDK inactivation thereby returning the cell to a G1 state (reviewed in

Stegmeier and Amon, 2004). Given the central role of Cdc14 in promoting mitotic exit, it is not

surprising that the phosphatase is tightly regulated. Cdc14 is sequestered in the nucleolus by its

inhibitor Cfi1/Net1 from G1 until the onset of anaphase (Shou et al., 1999; Visintin et al., 1999).

During anaphase, Cdc14 is released from its inhibitor and spreads throughout the nucleus and

cytoplasm to dephosphorylate its targets.

Two pathways, the Cdc fourteen early anaphase release (FEAR) network and the MEN

promote the dissociation of Cdc14 from its inhibitor during anaphase. Upon anaphase entry,

Cdc14 is transiently released from the nucleolus by the FEAR network (reviewed in Rock and

Amon, 2009). The FEAR network promotes dissociation of Cdc14 from Cfi1/Net1 by facilitating

phosphorylation of Cfi1/Net1 by mitotic CDKs (Azzam, 2004; Queralt et al., 2006). This

transient release, although not essential for exit from mitosis, is crucial for the timely execution

of several anaphase events such as segregation of the nucleolus (D'Amours et al., 2004; Sullivan

et al., 2004; Torres-Rosell et al., 2004) and MEN activation by counteracting CDK inhibition of

MEN kinases (Campbell et al., 2019; Jaspersen and Morgan, 2000; König et al., 2010). In late

anaphase, the activated MEN drives a more sustained and complete release of Cdc14 from the

nucleolus which ultimately results in exit from mitosis. In the absence of MEN activity, Cdc14,

after a transient FEAR network-mediated release from the nucleolus during early anaphase, is re-

sequestered in the nucleolus and cells arrest in late anaphase.

Despite our extensive knowledge of the MEN and Cdc14, how the MEN promotes the

sustained release of Cdc14 from its inhibitor in the nucleolus is not well understood. One

contributing mechanism involves the phosphorylation of the nuclear localization signal (NLS)

sequence in the C-terminus of Cdc14 by the MEN kinase Dbf2-Mob1 (Mohl et al., 2009).

Inactivation of the NLS by the MEN promotes redistribution of Cdc14 via its nuclear export

signal (NES) from the nucleus to the cytoplasm. However, retention of Cdc14 in the cytoplasm is

not required for mitotic exit (Bembenek et al., 2005; Kuilman et al., 2015; Mohl et al., 2009).

Furthermore, a Cdc14 mutant lacking the Dbf2 phosphorylation sites within its NLS is still

released from the nucleolus in late anaphase (Mohl et al., 2009). These results suggest that MEN-

mediated cytoplasmic retention of Cdc14 is not the main mechanism whereby the MEN activates

Cdc14. Rather, the MEN must also disrupt the interaction between Cdc14 and its inhibitor

Cfi1/Net1 in the nucleolus.

How does the MEN, activated at the outer plaque of SPBs in the cytosol, liberate Cdc14

from its inhibitor in the nucleolus? Proteome array screens for Dbf2-Mob1, the terminal kinase

in the MEN, have identified Cfi1/Net1 as a potential Dbf2 substrate *in vitro* (Mah et al., 2001;

Ptacek et al., 2005) suggesting that the MEN might liberate Cdc14 from Cfi1/Net1 through

phosphorylating Cfi1/Net1. However, given that Dbf2-Mob1 and Cfi1/Net1 normally reside in

different cellular compartments, whether this phosphorylation occurs *in vivo* and contributes to

Cdc14 activation is unclear. In addition, the Polo-like kinase Cdc5, an important regulator of

mitotic exit and essential for Cdc14 activation, has also been shown to phosphorylate Cfi1/Net1

(Loughrey Chen et al., 2002; Shou et al., 2002; Yoshida and Toh-e, 2002). Whether and how this

phosphorylation contributes to MEN-mediated Cdc14 release is not understood.

Here, we demonstrate that Dbf2-Mob1 serves as a molecular messenger traveling

between the SPBs and the nucleolus to release Cdc14 from its inhibitor. We show that Dbf2-

Mob1, normally kept out of the nucleus by Crm1, gains access to the nucleus following

activation by Cdc15. We further demonstrate that Dbf2-Mob1 utilizes a nucleolar docking site

created by Cdc5 to phosphorylate Cfi1/Net1, resulting in Cdc14 liberation. These findings define

the molecular mechanisms of cross-compartment signal transmission in the MEN and provide a

novel paradigm for how signaling can occur across organelle boundaries.

RESULTS

Dbf2-Mob1 dynamically associates with SPBs.

When the MEN is activated in anaphase, Dbf2-Mob1 is recruited to the outer plaque of SPBs by

binding to Cdc15-phosphorylated Nud1 (Rock et al., 2013). However, immobilizing Dbf2-Mob1

at SPBs by fusing Mob1 to Nud1 disrupts MEN activity (Rock et al., 2013), suggesting that

Dbf2-Mob1 is likely needed away from the SPBs for the MEN to function. Additionally, a small

fraction of Dbf2-Mob1 was found to enter mitotic nuclei (Stoepel et al., 2005). Thus, we

hypothesized that the MEN liberates Cdc14 from its nucleolar inhibitor through the dynamic

shuttling of Dbf2-Mob1 between the outer plaque of the SPB and the nucleolus. We reasoned

that as a messenger between the SPB and nucleolus, Dbf2-Mob1 needs to be mobile at the SPB.

To test this hypothesis, we performed fluorescence recovery after photobleaching (FRAP)

analysis on eGFP tagged Mob1 in anaphase cells (Figure 1B). We observed a rapid recovery of

fluorescence with a half-recovery time of 4.6 ± 0.7 s (mean $\pm$ std, $n = 6$ cells) after

photobleaching of Mob1-eGFP fluorescence either at the daughter (dSPB) or the mother (mSPB)

SPB. This fast turnover rate (~1/500 of the total duration for Dbf2-Mob1's SPB localization in

anaphase) indicates that localization of Dbf2-Mob1 to SPBs is highly dynamic.

Dbf2-Mob1 transiently localizes to the nucleolus during anaphase.

We next investigated whether Dbf2-Mob1 localizes to the nucleolus by live-cell fluorescence

microscopy. Although subtle, we observed transient localization of Mob1-eGFP to the nucleolus

in some cells as judged by co-localization with the nucleolar protein Cfi1/Net1. Importantly, this

nucleolar localization was only observed in late anaphase cells after nucleolar segregation, when

the MEN is normally active (Figure 1C).

It was reported previously that two N-terminally truncated Mob1 mutant proteins,

Mob1Δ78 and Mob1Δ132 (Mob1 missing the first 78 and 132 amino acids, respectively),

localize more prominently to the nucleus (Stoepel et al., 2005). We found that they also

displayed increased nucleolar localization (Figure 1D-F). We hypothesize that the N-terminus of

Mob1 harbors auto-inhibitory sequences that prevent access of the protein to the nucleolus.

Hence, deleting these sequences ought to cause hyperactivation of Dbf2-Mob1. Indeed, we found

that N-terminal truncation mutants of Mob1 partially suppressed temperature sensitive alleles of

upstream MEN components (*cdc15-2* and *tem1-3*; Figure 1-figure supplement 1A). This

suppression was not a result of elevated Mob1 protein levels because overexpression of Mob1

from the *GPD* promoter did not suppress the growth defect of *cdc15-2* or *tem1-3* mutants (Figure

1-figure supplement 1A-B), nor did it increase Mob1's nucleolar localization (Figure 1-figure

supplement 1C-D). We conclude that N-terminal truncations result in enhanced nucleolar

localization and hyperactivation of Mob1.

To further characterize the cellular localization of Dbf2-Mob1, we quantified the relative

enrichment of full-length and truncated GFP-Mob1 at SPBs and in the nucleolus during the cell

cycle (Figure 1E). Full-length Mob1 localized to SPBs and the nucleolus during anaphase.

Localization of Mob1Δ78 and Mob1Δ132 to SPBs was similar to that of full-length Mob1. The

nucleolar localization of Mob1 and truncated Mob1 (Figure 1E) correlated with MEN activation,

as judged by Mob1 association with SPBs, translocation of the MEN activity reporter NLS_{Cdc14}

(Campbell et al., 2019) into the cytoplasm, and MEN-mediated Cdc14 release from the nucleolus

(Figure 1-figure supplement 2). Consistent with earlier observations, the Mob1 truncations

displayed significantly greater nucleolar enrichment relative to full-length Mob1 in anaphase

(~30% and 120% increase on average for Mob1Δ78 and Mob1Δ132 respectively, Figure 1F).

Mob1Δ78 localization to the nucleolus was, like full-length Mob1, restricted to anaphase but

accumulated in the nucleolus to higher levels. In contrast, Mob1Δ132 displayed both greater and

earlier nucleolar enrichment, evident already in metaphase. We conclude that Dbf2-Mob1

localizes to the nucleolus during anaphase when the MEN is active. N-terminal truncation

mutants of Mob1 exhibit enhanced nucleolar localization and are hypermorphic. Given that the

nucleolar localization of full-length Mob1 is quite subtle, we used the Mob1 truncation mutants

as tools to study Dbf2-Mob1's nucleolar localization.

Dbf2-Mob1 localizes to the nucleolus through interacting with Cfi1/Net1.

To validate the nucleolar localization of Mob1 we observed by microscopy and to identify the

potential nucleolar receptor for Dbf2-Mob1, we performed TurboID proximity-based labeling

(Branon et al., 2018). We fused the promiscuous biotin ligase TurboID to the MEN components

Mob1, Dbf2, Tem1 and Cdc15, and identified their protein interactors by streptavidin pull-down

followed by mass spectrometry (MS) (Figure 2-figure supplement 1A). In this experiment, we

identified the nucleolar protein Cfi1/Net1 as the top hit for Mob1- and Dbf2-TurboID labeling

(Figure 2A, Figure 2-figure supplement 1B, Table S3). Biotinylation of Cfi1/Net1 by Mob1-

TurboID was further confirmed by the detection of a biotinylated peptide of Cfi1/Net1 (Figure 2-

figure supplement 1C). Importantly, Cfi1/Net1 was only detected in the labeling experiments

where Mob1 or Dbf2 were tagged with TurboID but not when Tem1 or Cdc15 were used as baits

(Figure 2A). In contrast, Nud1, the MEN scaffold protein at SPBs, was detected in the TurboID

labeling experiments for all MEN proteins (Figure 2A).

We validated these MS findings using streptavidin gel-shift assays (Fairhead and

Howarth, 2015; Housley et al., 2014). To monitor whether a target protein was biotinylated by

the TurboID-tagged bait protein *in vivo*, we treated the denatured cell lysates with excess

streptavidin prior to immunoblotting. Biotinylated form(s) of the target protein will migrate more

slowly in SDS-PAGE due to binding of streptavidin, with each added biotin molecule causing a

theoretical size increase of up to 53 kD, the size of a streptavidin tetramer (Figure 2-figure

supplement 1D). Using this assay, we observed a slower migrating form of Nud1 in cell lysates

from cells expressing all TurboID-tagged MEN proteins (Figure 2B). Slower migrating forms of

Cfi1/Net1 were only observed in lysates obtained from cells expressing Mob1-TurboID (Figure

2B).

To determine whether Cfi1/Net1 was the sole receptor for Mob1 in the nucleolus, we

characterized the localization of Mob1Δ78 and Mob1Δ132 in cells lacking *CFI1/NET1*. While

still localized to SPBs, Mob1Δ78 and Mob1Δ132 no longer accumulated in the nucleolus during

anaphase in *cfi1/net1Δ* cells (Figure 2C-D). Furthermore, when we overexpressed *CFI1/NET1*

from the strong galactose-inducible *GAL1-10* promoter, nucleolar localization of both full-length

and N-terminal truncation mutants of Mob1 was increased by at least 50% (full-length) and up to

300% (truncations) (Figure 2E-F). It is worth noting that the observed decrease in Mob1's dSPB

localization with *CFI1/NET1* overexpression (Figure 2F) is likely the result of Cdc14 inhibition

by Cfi1/Net1 (Visintin et al., 1999) leading to reduced MEN activation. We conclude that Dbf2-

Mob1 localization in the nucleolus during anaphase is mediated by interactions with Cfi1/Net1.

Nucleolar localization of Dbf2-Mob1 depends on MEN activation.

The localization pattern of Dbf2-Mob1 leads to the model in which Dbf2-Mob1 is activated by

Cdc15 at SPBs. Active Dbf2-Mob1 then binds to and phosphorylates Cfi1/Net1, promoting the

dissociation of Cdc14 from its inhibitor to carry out mitotic exit. This model predicts that the

nucleolar localization of Dbf2-Mob1 depends on MEN activity. To test this prediction, we

employed an analog-sensitive allele of *CDC15*, *cdc15-as1* (Bishop et al., 2000; D'Aquino et al.,

2005). As expected, inhibition of *cdc15-as1* (through addition of the analog 1-NA-PP1)

prevented localization of Mob1 to SPBs and translocation of the MEN activity reporter NLS$_{Cdc14}$

into the cytoplasm (Figure 3A). Nucleolar localization of full-length Mob1 was also significantly

reduced (Figure 3A). Nucleolar localization of the N-terminally truncated Mob1Δ78 and

Mob1Δ132 mutants, on the other hand, was only moderately reduced (Figure 3A), which is

consistent with the finding that these alleles partially suppress the temperature sensitive growth

defect of *cdc15-2* cells (Figure 1-figure supplement 1B). We conclude that Mob1 localization to

the nucleolus depends on MEN activity. The N-terminal hyperactive truncation mutations in

Mob1 are less reliant on upstream MEN kinases for their nucleolar localization.

Cdc15 regulates nuclear access of Dbf2-Mob1.

How does Cdc15 cause Dbf2-Mob1 to localize to the nucleolus? To reach the nucleolus, Dbf2-

Mob1 must first enter the nucleus. Considering that the size of the complex (102 kD) is above

the passive diffusion limit of the nuclear envelope (~40-60 kD) (Knockenhauer and Schwartz,

2016), we hypothesized that nuclear access of Dbf2-Mob1 is regulated. We explored this

possibility using the PhyB-PIF based light-inducible organelle targeting system (Yang et al.,

2013) (Figure 3-figure supplement 1A). We fused Mob1-eGFP to the PIF protein, which binds

PhyB upon exposure to red light (650 nm). Using this system, we successfully recruited Mob1-

eGFP-PIF to various subcellular locations such as SPBs or the outer mitochondrial membrane

(Figure 3-figure supplement 1B).

To gauge Dbf2-Mob1's nuclear access in different cell cycle stages, we created a trap for

nuclear Dbf2-Mob1 using nucleolar-anchored PhyB (PhyB-Sik1, Figure 3B). If Dbf2-Mob1 was

shuttling between the nucleus and cytoplasm, PhyB-Sik1 would capture nuclear Mob1-eGFP-PIF

when activated by light. Interestingly, in pre-anaphase cells, we were not able to capture a

notable amount of nuclear Dbf2-Mob1 after 2 minutes of red-light activation. In contrast, in

anaphase cells in which the MEN is active, Dbf2-Mob1 was readily recruited to the nucleolus

within 2 minutes (Figure 3C). We obtained similar results with a Dbf2-PIF fusion (Figure 3-

figure supplement 1C). Furthermore, when we activated PhyB every 15 minutes for 2 minutes to

recruit Mob1 to the nucleolus in cells progressing through the cell cycle, Mob1 was only

recruited to the nucleolus by light during anaphase when the protein was also present at SPBs

(Figure 3-figure supplement 1D). By comparison, we were not able to recruit the upstream

kinase Cdc15 to the nucleolus in any cell cycle stage (Figure 3-figure supplement 1C). Given

that (1) Dbf2-Mob1 protein levels do not fluctuate considerably during the cell cycle (Visintin

and Amon, 2001), that (2) the interaction between other PIF fusions and PhyB-Sik1 are not cell

cycle regulated (Yang et al., 2013), and that (3) Mob1 can be recruited to cytoplasmic targets

throughout the cell cycle (Figure 3-figure supplement 1B), we conclude that nuclear access of

Dbf2-Mob1 is cell cycle regulated.

Because nuclear access of Dbf2-Mob1 correlates with MEN activation, we next tested

whether it was regulated by the MEN by quantifying the relative enrichment of Mob1 in the

nucleolus as a function of PhyB activation time (exposure to 650 nm light) in *CDC15* or *cdc15-2*

cells. In cells with wild-type *CDC15*, light-induced nucleolar recruitment of Mob1 was higher in

anaphase than pre-anaphase cells. In contrast, in *cdc15-2* cells this difference was abolished

(Figure 3D). We conclude that in addition to activating Dbf2's kinase activity (Mah et al., 2001),

Cdc15 regulates Dbf2-Mob1's nuclear access. Consistent with this notion, we find that

Mob1Δ78, which partially suppresses the temperature sensitivity of the *cdc15-2* allele, displayed

increased nuclear access in all cell cycle stages (Figure 3-figure supplement 1E).

Dbf2-Mob1 is exported from the nucleus by Crm1.

Dbf2-Mob1 is a substrate of the nuclear exportin Crm1 *in vitro* (Kırlı et al., 2015). To

determine whether Crm1 plays a role in controlling Dbf2-Mob1 localization *in vivo*, we

quantified the nucleolar localization of full-length and truncated Mob1 in cells carrying an allele

of *CRM1* (*crm1T539C*) that is sensitive to the nuclear export inhibitor leptomycin B (LMB)

(Neville, 1999). Treatment of *crm1T539C* cells with LMB led to an increase in nucleolar

localization of both full-length and N-terminally truncated Mob1 (Figure 3-figure supplement

2A), suggesting that Crm1 controls nuclear export of Dbf2-Mob1.

Crm1 recognizes substrates with a leucine-rich nuclear export signal (NES). To test

whether there was a functional NES in Dbf2 or Mob1, we overexpressed Dbf2 or Mob1 from the

galactose-inducible *GAL1-10* promotor. Overexpressed Mob1 was enriched in the nucleus

(Figure 3-figure supplement 2B) similar to what we observed for *pGPD-GFP-MOB1* (Figure 1-

figure supplement 1C). In contrast, when we overexpressed Mob1 together with Dbf2, Mob1 was

no longer nuclear enriched, suggesting that Dbf2 not Mob1 harbors a NES. Consistently, when

overexpressed on its own, Dbf2 exhibited diffuse localization but inhibition of *crm1T539C* with

LMB led to accumulation of Dbf2 in the nucleus (Figure 3-figure supplement 2C).

Sequence analysis identified a putative NES sequence in the N-terminus of Dbf2

beginning with L12 (Figure 3-figure supplement 2D). Incidentally, we noticed that this leucine

was mutated to methionine in a previously isolated hyperactive allele of *DBF2* (*DBF2-*

HyA)(Geymonat et al., 2009). Dbf2-HyA, when overexpressed, was nuclear enriched (Figure 3-

figure supplement 2E). Inspired by this observation, we overexpressed *DBF2* mutants where L12

had been mutated to either methionine (*dbf2-L12M*) or alanine (*dbf2-L12A*). Both mutants

accumulated in the nucleus (Figure 3-figure supplement 2E). Furthermore, we found that the first

23 amino acids of Dbf2 were sufficient to drive nuclear export of eGFP (Figure 3-figure

supplement 2E, G). To test whether the NES in Dbf2 influences Dbf2-Mob1's nucleolar

localization in anaphase under normal expression level, we characterized Mob1's cellular

localization in *dbf2-L12A* and observed an increase in nucleolar localization by at least 40% for

both full-length and N-terminally truncated Mob1(Figure 3E).

A previous phosphoproteomic study reported that S17 and S20 within the NES of Dbf2

are phosphorylated in anaphase-arrested cells (Holt et al., 2009). We found that mutating S17

and S20 to phospho-mimetic residues (S17,20D or S17,20E) disrupted the NES whereas

mutating these residues to alanine (S17,20A) retained the NES activity of Dbf2 (Figure 3-figure

supplement 2F, G). We propose that phosphorylation of S17 and S20 is regulated, possibly by

Cdc15, to control nuclear access of Dbf2-Mob1. Nucleolar localization of Mob1, particularly of

Mob1Δ78, was reduced in cells harboring the *dbf2-S17,20A* allele compared to cells with wild-

type *DBF2* (Figure 3-figure supplement 3A). However, cells carrying the *dbf2-S17,20A* allele,

while exhibiting reduced nuclear access of Mob1 during all cell cycle stages, still showed

differential nuclear access between pre-anaphase and anaphase, as is observed in *DBF2* cells

(Figure 3-figure supplement 3B). This observation suggests that additional regulatory

mechanism(s) control Dbf2-Mob1's nuclear access. In contrast, cells harboring the *dbf2-S17,20D*

allele exhibited increased nuclear access of Mob1 during all cell cycle stages (Figure 3-figure

supplement 3B), confirming that Dbf2-Mob1 is normally kept out of the nucleus through Dbf2's

NES. The NES sequence in Dbf2 is well conserved among *Saccharomycetes* (Figure 3-figure

supplement 2D) suggesting that regulated nuclear access of Dbf2-Mob1 is conserved at least

across this class of fungi.

Nucleolar localization of Dbf2-Mob1 is regulated by Cdc5.

The analysis of nuclear access and nucleolar localization of the N-terminal truncations of Mob1

indicated that the MEN is not the only pathway controlling Dbf2-Mob1's nucleolar localization.

The truncation mutants localize to the nucleolus in a manner largely independent of the MEN,

yet their nucleolar localization is still restricted to metaphase and anaphase (Figure 3A). This

restriction of nucleolar localization is not due to limited nuclear access. Truncated Mob1 mutants

have increased nuclear access prior to anaphase (Figure 3-figure supplement 1E). These data

indicate that nucleolar localization or the interaction between Dbf2-Mob1 with Cfi1/Net1 is

regulated by additional factors.

An obvious candidate for this additional regulator is the Polo-like kinase Cdc5, which is

active throughout mitosis and plays multiple essential roles in mitotic exit (Lee et al., 2005). As

part of both the FEAR network (Rock and Amon, 2009; Stegmeier et al., 2002) and the MEN,

Cdc5 is indispensable for Cdc14's nucleolar release. However, the exact role(s) of Cdc5 during

this process is not fully understood. To determine whether Cdc5 regulates binding of Dbf2-Mob1

to Cfi1/Net1, we examined the consequences of inhibiting Cdc5's kinase activity on nucleolar

localization of Dbf2-Mob1 using an analog-sensitive allele of *CDC5* (*cdc5-as1*). Consistent with

the known functions of Cdc5 in MEN activation, we observed loss of Mob1's SPB localization

and Dbf2-Mob1's kinase activity as monitored by translocation of the NLS_{Cdc14} reporter into the

cytoplasm when Cdc5 was inhibited (Figure 4A). Nucleolar localization of Mob1, Mob1Δ78 and

Mob1Δ132 was also lost in cells lacking Cdc5 activity (Figure 4A). This is in direct contrast to

Cdc15 inhibition, where the nucleolar localization of N-terminal Mob1 truncation mutants

particularly Mob1Δ132 was only partially reduced (Figure 3A). These results suggested that

Cdc5 regulates Dbf2-Mob1's nucleolar localization independently of its role in activating Cdc15.

To directly determine whether *CDC5* regulated Dbf2-Mob1's nucleolar localization

independently of the MEN, we took advantage of a hyperactive *CDC15* allele, *GAL-CDC15(1-*

750) (Bardin et al., 2003), which is active even in the absence of *CDC5* (Rock and Amon, 2011).

When *GAL-CDC15(1-750)* was expressed, Mob1's SPB localization and Dbf2-Mob1's kinase

activity was no longer restricted to anaphase but rather was high throughout the cell cycle as a

result of MEN hyper-activation (Figure 4B). Interestingly, *GAL-CDC15(1-750)* did not abolish

cell-cycle regulation of Mob1's nucleolar localization but rather advanced it to early anaphase

and metaphase (Figure 4B). In cells expressing *GAL-CDC15(1-750),* inactivation of *CDC5* still

abolished nucleolar localization of both full-length and the hyperactive N-terminally truncated

Mob1 while Mob1 binding to SPBs was unaffected (Figure 4B). These results demonstrate that

nucleolar localization of Dbf2-Mob1 directly depends on Cdc5 independently of its role in MEN

activation.

Could *CDC5* regulate the nucleolar localization of Dbf2-Mob1 through its role in the

FEAR network? To test this, we quantified Mob1's nucleolar localization in cells lacking the

FEAR network component *SLK19* (*slk19Δ*). MEN activation (as determined by Mob1

localization to the dSPB and nuclear release of the $\text{NLS}_{\text{Cdc14}}$ reporter) and as a result mitotic exit

were considerably delayed and more variable in *slk19Δ* cells (Figure 4-figure supplement 1A).

Consistent with a delay in MEN activation, nucleolar localization of Mob1 and Mob1Δ78 but not

Mob1Δ132 was also delayed. Importantly, maximum enrichment of Mob1 in the nucleolus was

not reduced in *slk19Δ* cells for all three forms of Mob1 (Figure 4-figure supplement 1B). We

conclude that Cdc5 regulates Dbf2-Mob1's nucleolar localization through mechanisms in

addition to its role in the MEN and the FEAR network.

Cdc5 and Dbf2-Mob1 phosphorylate Cfi1/Net1 at distinct sites.

Our results suggest a model where Cdc5 promotes the interaction between Dbf2-Mob1 and its

nucleolar receptor Cfi1/Net1, likely through phosphorylating Cfi1/Net1. This interaction then

facilitates phosphorylation of Cfi1/Net1 by Dbf2-Mob1 to bring about the release of Cdc14 from

Cfi1/Net1. Cfi1/Net1 is a highly phosphorylated protein with 64 known phosphorylation sites *in*

vivo (Holt et al., 2009; Swaney et al., 2013). About one fifth of these sites were identified as

CDK targets (Holt et al., 2009) including six key CDK sites whose phosphorylation is controlled

by the FEAR network (Azzam, 2004). To map sites in Cfi1/Net1 that are phosphorylated in a

CDC5 or MEN-dependent manner, we performed phosphoproteomic analyses on wild-type

anaphase cells and cells in which Cdc5 or Cdc15 were inhibited using the *cdc5-as1* and *cdc15-*

as1 alleles, respectively (Figure 5-figure supplement 1A). This analysis identified 44 of the 64

previously known sites in Cfi1/Net1 and 18 new sites (Table S4). To achieve complete or close

to complete coverage of Cfi1/Net1's phosphorylation sites in anaphase, we also performed

immunoprecipitation-mass spectrometry (IP-MS) for Cfi1/Net1 in anaphase enriched cultures

and identified 9 additional sites (Table S4) resulting in an astonishing total of 91 phosphorylation

sites in Cfi1/Net1. These phosphorylation sites appear to cluster in regions of disorder as

predicted by the PONDR score (Romero et al., 1997) (Figure 5A).

By comparing the peptide signals between wild-type, *cdc15-as1*, and *cdc5-as1* cells in

our quantitative phosphoproteomics dataset, we identified phosphorylation sites that depended

on Cdc15 or Cdc5 activity or both (Figure 5-figure supplement 1B-E). Among them, we found

11 *CDC15*-dependent and 22 *CDC5*-dependent sites in Cfi1/Net1. Six of the *CDC15*-dependent

sites fit Dbf2-Mob1's preferred sequence motif RXXS* (* represents the phosphorylation site)

(Mah et al., 2005), supporting our model that Dbf2-Mob1 phosphorylates Cfi1/Net1. Given that

Cdc5 activates Cdc15, sites that depended on *CDC15* ought to also depend on *CDC5*. This was

indeed the case for 10 of the 11 *CDC15*-dependent phosphorylation sites in Cfi1/Net1.

To identify sites that only depended on *CDC5* but not *CDC15*, we subtracted *CDC15*-

dependent sites from *CDC5*-dependent sites yielding 12 sites (denoted as *CDC5*-only, Figure

5A). Based on the distribution of all 91 phosphorylation sites and degree of disorder, we divided

Cfi1/Net1 into four zones: residues 31-69 (z1, 7 sites), 160-615 (z2, 53 sites), 676-840 (z3, 12

sites) and 1017-1166 (z4, 19 sites) (Figure 5A). *CDC15*-dependent phosphorylation sites were

concentrated in zone 2, whereas *CDC5*-dependent sites were also found in zones 1 and 3. In

contrast to Cfi1/Net1, all the *CDC5*-dependent phosphorylation sites in Dbf2 and Mob1 were

also *CDC15*-dependent (Figure 5-figure supplement 1F). These data indicate that Cdc5 and

Dbf2-Mob1 directly phosphorylate Cfi1/Net1. Dbf2-Mob1 on the other hand is a direct substrate

of Cdc15 but not Cdc5.

Cdc5 promotes Dbf2-Mob1's nucleolar localization by phosphorylating Cfi1/Net1.

Having identified phosphorylation sites within Cfi1/Net1, we next asked whether they were

important for the interaction between Cfi1/Net1 and Dbf2-Mob1. We generated a *CFI1* allele in

which all 91 phosphorylation sites were mutated to alanine (*cfi1-91A*). Cells harboring this allele

as the sole source of *CFI1/NET1* were viable and progressed through anaphase with only a slight

delay in mitotic exit as judged by the timing of Mob1's dissociation from the SPBs (Figure 5B).

Interestingly, Mob1Δ132, which showed the most pronounced nucleolar localization among all

Mob1 alleles analyzed, still localized to the SPBs during anaphase in *cfi1-91A* cells, but failed to

accumulate in the nucleolus (Figure 5B-C, Figure5-figure supplement 2A). We conclude that

Cfi1/Net1 phosphorylation is required for interacting with Dbf2-Mob1.

Next, we tested whether *CDC5*-dependent phosphorylation of Cfi1/Net1 regulated Dbf2-

Mob1's nucleolar localization. We focused our analysis on zone 2 of Cfi1/Net1 because previous

studies had shown that the first 621 amino acids of the protein are sufficient to confer Cdc14

regulation (Azzam, 2004). We further note that mutating phosphorylation sites in zone 1 and 3 of

Cfi1/Net1 did not affect the nucleolar localization of Mob1Δ132 (Figure 5B-C, Figure 5-figure

supplement 2A). We generated a *CFI1/NET1* allele with mutated phosphorylation sites in zone 2

that were phosphorylated in a *CDC5*-dependent but *CDC15*-independent manner (henceforth

cfi1-Cdc5only(z2)). For comparison we generated a *CFI1/NET1* allele in which we only mutated

sites that were phosphorylated in a *CDC15*- dependent manner (henceforth *cfi1-Cdc15(z2)*).

Analysis of Mob1Δ132 localization in these mutants revealed that, similar to inhibition of Cdc5,

cfi1-Cdc5only(z2) abolished the nucleolar localization of Mob1Δ132, while *cfi1-Cdc15(z2)*

slightly increased nucleolar localization of the protein (Figure 5D-E, Figure 5-figure supplement

2B). To validate these findings, we performed TurboID labeling experiments followed by

Streptavidin gel-shift assays to probe the interaction between TurboID tagged full-length Mob1

and 13Myc tagged Cfi1/Net1. The slower migrating form corresponding to biotinylated

Cfi1/Net1 was absent in cells expressing *cfi1-Cdc5only(z2)* but present in cells expressing *CFI* or

cfi1-Cdc15(z2) (Figure 5F). We conclude that phosphorylation of Cfi1/Net1 by Cdc5 is required

for Dbf2-Mob1 binding to the protein.

403   Three lines of evidence indicate that Cdc5 directly phosphorylates Cfi1/Net1. First,

404 consistent with the finding that Cdc5 is already active in metaphase, 10 out of 12 *CDC5*-only

405 sites identified in anaphase cells are already phosphorylated in cells arrested in metaphase using

406 the microtubule depolymerizing drug nocodazole (Figure 5-figure supplement 3) with 6 of them

407 also determined to be *CDC5*-dependent in metaphase (Figure 5-figure supplement 3E). Second,

408 we found considerable overlap between *CDC5*-dependent phosphorylation sites *in vivo* and sites

409 identified *in vitro* (Loughrey Chen et al., 2002; Shou et al., 2002). Four out of five *in vivo*

410 Cdc5only sites in region 1-341 were previously found to be phosphorylated by Cdc5 *in vitro*

411 (Table S4). Third, Cdc5 and Cfi1/Net1 interact with each other *in vivo* as determined by TurboID

412 labeling (Figure 5-figure supplement 4A). The biotinylation of Cfi1/Net1 by Cdc5-TurboID was

413 further confirmed by the detection of biotinylated peptides in Cfi1/Net1 as well as the

414 streptavidin gel-shift assay (Figure 5-figure supplement 4B-C). We conclude that Cdc5

415 phosphorylates Cfi1/Net1 at the onset of metaphase which serves as a priming event for Dbf2-

416 Mob1 binding to Cfi1/Net1 in anaphase. We note that these findings also explain why

417 Mob1Δ132's nucleolar localization is already evident in metaphase (Figure 4B).

418   How does phosphorylation of Cfi1/Net1 by Cdc5 promote its binding to Dbf2-Mob1?

419 Dbf2-Mob1 binds to Cdc15-phosphorylated Nud1 through Mob1's phosphoserine-threonine

420 binding domain (Rock et al., 2013). We propose that a similar mechanism might also mediate the

421 interaction between Dbf2-Mob1 and Cdc5-phosphorylated Cfi1/Net1. To test this possibility, we

422 introduced the mutation R253A,R254A,R257A (3RA), shown to abolish Mob1's ability to bind

423 phosphopeptides (Rock et al., 2013), to Mob1Δ132 and compared the localization of Mob1Δ132-

424 eGFP and Mob1Δ132-3RA-eGFP expressed ectopically (Figure 5-figure supplement 5A). The

3RA mutation, while retained nuclear access, abolished both the SPB and nucleolar localization

of Mob1Δ132 (Figure 5G and Figure 5-figure supplement 5).

Dbf2-Mob1 promotes the release of Cdc14 from the nucleolus through Cdc5-mediated priming

of Cfi1/Net1.

To determine whether the *CDC5* and MEN-dependent phosphorylation sites in Cfi1/Net1

regulate the interaction between Cfi1/Net1 and Cdc14 as our model predicted, we examined the

consequences of disrupting these phosphorylation sites on the release of Cdc14 from the

nucleolus. We first determined which region of Cfi1/Net1 was mediating phospho-regulation of

this interaction. We mutated all phosphorylation sites in the individual zones as well as in

combination and analyzed the effects on Cdc14 release from the nucleolus. This analysis

revealed that only phosphorylation in zone 2 controlled Cdc14 release from Cfi1/Net1 (Figure 6-

figure supplement 1A-B). It is important to note that mutating the phosphorylation sites in zone 2

also affected the ability of Cfi1/Net1 to bind Cdc14, as judged by the lower degree of Cdc14

nucleolar sequestration prior to anaphase and localization of Cdc14 to the dSPB prior to

anaphase (Figure 6-figure supplement 1C). This finding indicates that the same residues involved

in regulating the interaction between Cfi1/Net1 and Cdc14 are also important for forming the

complex in the first place and mutating them to alanine weakens this interaction. Alternatively,

mutating so many residues at once (53 sites in zone 2) could change the structure of Cfi1/Net1

and thus disrupt binding to Cdc14. Nevertheless, the increased level of free Cdc14 in the cell

with *cfi1-91A* and the zone 2-phosphomutant explains why such severe defect in Cdc14 release

from the nucleolus did not cause a significant anaphase delay as assayed by the kinetics of Cdc14

re-sequestration.

Next, we examined kinase-specific phospho-mutants in Cfi1/Net1. There are three known

kinases that phosphorylate Cfi1/Net1 to regulate binding to Cdc14: mitotic CDKs (mainly Clb2-

Cdk1), Cdc5 and Dbf2-Mob1. CDK phosphorylation of Cfi1/Net1 during early anaphase

underlies FEAR network-dependent release of Cdc14 from its inhibitor (Azzam, 2004). In FEAR

network mutants such as *slk19Δ*, Cdc14 release from the nucleolus and anaphase progression are

delayed and are accompanied by increased cell-to-cell variability (Figure 6A). As reported

previously (Azzam, 2004), cells harboring a *CFI1/NET1* allele with 6 CDK sites mutated to

alanine, *cfi1/net1-6Cdk*, caused Cdc14 release defects similar to those of FEAR network mutants

(Figure 6B).

Inactivation of the MEN using the *cdc15-as1* allele led to the previously described

pattern of Cdc14 localization, where Cdc14 is initially released from the nucleolus by the FEAR

network during early anaphase but is then re-sequestered in the nucleolus during later stages of

anaphase (Stegmeier et al., 2002) (Figure 6A). Mutating the *CDC15*-dependent phosphorylation

sites in zone 2 (*cfi1-Cdc15(z2)*) resulted in a significant reduction of Cdc14 release from the

nucleolus but only recapitulated ~50% of the effect of inactivating *CDC15* (compare Figure 6A

and B). As previously reported (Visintin et al., 2008), inhibition of the analog sensitive *cdc5-as1*

allele caused defects in both FEAR network and MEN-mediated release of Cdc14 from the

nucleolus (Figure 6A). Mutating the *CDC5*-only phosphorylation sites in zone 2 (*cfi1-*

Cdc5only(z2)) resulted in a similar reduction of Cdc14 release from the nucleolus (Figure 6B) as

inhibiting Cdc5. Finally, combining *cfi1-Cdc5only(z2)* with *cfi1-Cdc15(z2)* (*cfi1-*

Cdc15&Cdc5(z2)) caused an even greater defect in Cdc14 release from the nucleolus than either

mutant alone (Figure 6B, Figure 6-figure supplement 2). These results confirmed our model

where Cdc5, in addition to activating the MEN, directly phosphorylates Cfi1/Net1 to target

Dbf2-Mob1 to Cfi1/Net1. Phosphorylation of Cfi1/Net1 by Dbf2-Mob1 then promotes the

dissociation of Cdc14 from Cfi1/Net1.

Phosphorylation of Cfi1/Net1 by Cdc5 and Dbf2-Mob1 promotes mitotic exit.

Preventing the dissociation of Cdc14 from its inhibitor during anaphase ought to interfere

with mitotic exit. Indeed, we observed a delay in all mutants analyzed (Figure 6C, Figure 6-

figure supplement 3). Both *cfi1-Cdc15(z2)* and *cfi1-Cdc5only(z2)* mutant cells exited mitosis

with an average delay of ~6 minutes (~25% increase, Figure 6C). In addition, consistent with

Cdc5's role in the FEAR network, we observed a significant delay in nucleolar segregation in

cfi1-Cdc5only(z2) mutant cells (Figure 6C). Surprisingly, *cfi1-Cdc15&Cdc5(z2)* double mutant

cells which had the most severe defect in Cdc14 release from the nucleolus exhibited a similar

delay in mitotic exit as the *cfi1-Cdc15(z2)* and *cfi1-Cdc5only(z2)* single mutants and a less severe

defect in nucleolar segregation compared to *cfi1-Cdc5only(z2)* (Figure 6C). This relatively short

delay in mitotic exit is likely due to the fact that Cdc14 was not tightly sequestered in this mutant

prior to anaphase. We observed elevated levels of Cdc14 at dSPB, indicating the presence of free

Cdc14 not sequestered in the nucleolus, in both *cfi1-Cdc15(z2)* and *cfi1-Cdc15&Cdc5(z2)* cells

prior to anaphase (Figure 6D, Figure 6-figure supplement 2). It appears that mutating *CDC15-*

dependent sites in Cfi1/Net1 interferes with its ability to bind Cdc14. Nonetheless, the majority

(>60%) of Cdc14 was not released during anaphase in cells harboring *cfi1-Cdc15&Cdc5*.

One possible explanation for the apparent discrepancy between the severity of the Cdc14

release defect and the more subtle delay in mitotic exit is that, in addition to targeting Cfi1/Net1,

MEN also promotes cytoplasmic retention of Cdc14 by phosphorylating its NLS (Mohl et al.,

2009). To determine the contribution of this MEN function to promoting mitotic exit in

Cfi1/Net1 mutants, we constructed a *CDC14* mutant (*cdc14-3A*) in which all three potential

Dbf2-Mob1 phosphorylation sites capable of driving translocation of the NLS$_{Cdc14}$ reporter into

the cytoplasm were mutated to alanine (Figure 6-figure supplement 4A). Interestingly, cells

expressing *cdc14-3A* instead of *CDC14* exited from mitosis without significant delays (Figure 6-

figure supplement 4B) indicating that cytoplasmic retention of Cdc14 does not play a major role

in promoting mitotic exit.

Another possibility is that some MEN-dependent phosphorylation sites in Cfi1/Net1

eluded our MS analysis. However, given that Cdc14 is a potent phosphatase, we favor the idea

that, incomplete sequestration of Cdc14 prior to anaphase coupled with FEAR network-mediated

nucleolar release of Cdc14 during early anaphase is sufficient to promote exit from mitosis with

only a modest delay in the *cfi1-Cdc15&Cdc5* mutant. Consistent with this idea, we found that the

cfi1-Cdc5only(z2) mutant, which does not display defects in sequestering Cdc14 prior to

anaphase, was synthetic lethal with the FEAR network mutants *slk19Δ* and *spo12Δ* (Figure 6E).

Furthermore, combining *cfi1-Cdc5only(z2)* with the FEAR mutant *cfi1-6Cdk* resulted in severe

defects in both FEAR network and MEN mediated Cdc14 release (Figure 6-figure supplement

5A) and ~20-minute delays in both mitotic exit and nucleolar segregation (Figure 6-figure

supplement 5B), the strongest defect in all mutants we have characterized. We conclude that

CDC5 and MEN-dependent phosphorylation of Cfi1/Net1 controls the protein's binding to

Cdc14 and exit from mitosis.

DISCUSSION

As a model system for mitotic exit control and cellular signaling in eukaryotes, the MEN has

been studied extensively for decades. Yet, how the MEN activates its effector Cdc14 to promote

exit from mitosis has remained an enigma. Furthermore, the spatial aspect of signal transmission

in the MEN, namely how a signal generated at the outer plaque of the SPBs in the cytosol

reaches its target in the nucleolus, was largely unexplored. Our study provides mechanistic

insights into these questions and together with prior observations lead to a model for Cdc14

regulation and mitotic exit in budding yeast (Figure 7).

The role of the Polo-like kinase Cdc5 in regulating Cdc14 activation.

The Polo-like kinase Cdc5 is essential for Cdc14 activation and is part of both the FEAR

network and the MEN. However, the exact role(s) of Cdc5 in regulating Cdc14's nucleolar

release has remained elusive due to its multiple functions in the MEN and the FEAR network.

Using an allele that bypasses *CDC5*'s role in MEN activation, we revealed a novel function of

Cdc5 as a priming kinase that targets Dbf2-Mob1 to its substrate Cfi1/Net1.

It was hypothesized that phosphorylation of Cfi1/Net1 by Cdc5 weakens the interaction

between Cfi1/Net1 and Cdc14. Additional phosphorylation by mitotic CDKs or Dbf2-Mob1

were thought to further reduce the interaction resulting in the dissociation of Cdc14 from its

inhibitor. Our results suggest an alternative model. Instead of, or at least in addition to,

weakening the Cfi1/Net1-Cdc14 interaction, Cdc5 phosphorylation targets Dbf2-Mob1 to

Cfi1/Net1. Mutating the Cdc5-only phosphorylation sites in Cfi1/Net1 abolished nucleolar

enrichment of Dbf2-Mob1 and resulted in a reduction in MEN-mediated dissociation of Cdc14

from Cfi1/Net1. Interestingly, this mutation also caused severe defects in the FEAR network

mediated release of Cdc14 from Cfi1/Net1. We thus propose that Cdc5 priming phosphorylation

is required not only for Dbf2-Mob1 to phosphorylate Cfi1/Net1 but also for mitotic CDKs

(Figure 7). Consistent with this hypothesis, we found that most Cdc5 phosphorylation sites in

Cfi1/Net1 are already phosphorylated by Cdc5 in metaphase (Figure 5-figure supplement 3E).

This observation indicates that the docking site(s) on Cfi1/Net1 for Dbf2-Mob1 (and mitotic

CDKs) is already present in metaphase prior to the activation of the FEAR network and the MEN

(Figure 7). This model is further supported by the observation that inhibition of Cdc5 eliminates

CDK mediated phosphorylation of T212 in Cfi1/Net1 (Azzam, 2004). Cdc5 activity is regulated

by the DNA damage checkpoint (Cheng et al., 1998; Sanchez, 1999). We speculate that making

FEAR network and MEN-mediated release of Cdc14 from the nucleolus dependent on Cdc5's

priming activity ensures that DNA damage has been repaired and the checkpoint silenced prior to

exit from mitosis.

The FEAR network and the MEN regulate Cdc14 binding to Cfi1/Net1 by different

mechanisms.

Although both mitotic CDKs and Dbf2-Mob1 appear to require *CDC5*-dependent priming

phosphorylation of Cfi1/Net1, the mechanism whereby mitotic CDKs and Dbf2-Mob1 disrupt

the interaction between Cfi1/Net1 and Cdc14 is quite different. Mitotic CDKs phosphorylate

Cfi1/Net1 mainly on S166, T212, S252, T297 and T304; Dbf2-Mob1 targets sites S259, S295,

S362, S439 and S497 (Figure 5A, Table S4). Given that mitotic CDKs and Dbf2-Mob1 target

different sites, we propose that increasing the acidity of aa160–500 within Cfi1/Net1 rather than

site-specific phosphorylation disrupts the interaction between Cdc14 and its inhibitor. Cfi1/Net1

is an integral part of the nucleolus, which has recently been described as a phase-separated

structure (Feric et al., 2016; Shin and Brangwynne, 2017). Overall phosphorylation rather than

phosphorylation of specific sites has been shown to disrupt interactions within such structures

(Carpenter et al., 2018; Owen and Shewmaker, 2019). Perhaps extraction of Cdc14 from the

nucleolar phase requires a similar mechanism.

The MEN as a model for cross-compartment signaling.

The MEN, most closely related to the Hippo pathway, employs most, if not all, of the principles

governing classic receptor tyrosine signaling logic to convey a signal generated at SPBs to the

MEN effector Cdc14 in the nucleolus: (1) scaffold assisted signaling (at the SPB), (2) signal

transmission across organelle boundaries - from the cytoplasm to the nucleus, and (3) activation

of the effector in a sub-compartment (the nucleolus). As such, we believe that the molecular

mechanisms governing MEN activity are broadly applicable to intracellular signal transmission

in general.

(1) Dynamic scaffold assisted signaling.

Scaffold assisted assembly of signaling complexes is a widespread phenomenon in eukaryotic

signal transduction cascades (Good et al., 2011). We find that in the MEN, assembly of Cdc15-

(Dbf2-Mob1) signaling complex on the scaffold Nud1 is highly dynamic and this dynamicity is

crucial for effector activation. We propose that this dynamicity also serves to amplify the signal.

Cdc15 is the limiting enzyme of the pathway: it is the least abundant component of the MEN and

hyperactivating Cdc15 increases Dbf2-Mob1's kinase activity by > 40-fold (Rock and Amon,

2011). We further hypothesize that the relatively low affinity of Mob1 for phosphorylated-Nud1

(K_d = 2.4 μM; note that for an optimal Mob1 binding phosphopeptide the K_d is 174 nM) (Rock et

al., 2013) is selected for to facilitate the fast turnover rate of Dbf2-Mob1 at SPBs and thus to

promote release of the kinase and signal amplification. In this model, the binding

affinity/kinetics of kinases to their signaling scaffolds is an important parameter that cells fine-

tune to generate desirable signaling properties of scaffold-assisted signaling pathways.

(2) Regulated compartment access.

Many signals, be they generated outside or within the cell, ultimately, result in a nuclear

response. As such, signals have to be propagated from the cytoplasm into the nucleus. Our

studies have led to the discovery that in the MEN, this nuclear access is cell cycle regulated.

Prior to anaphase, Dbf2-Mob1 is actively exported out of the nucleus by Crm1 through the

conserved NES within the N-terminus of Dbf2. Upon MEN activation, nuclear partitioning of

Dbf2-Mob1 increases, likely a result of both increased nuclear import through modification of

Mob1's inhibitory N-terminus and decreased nuclear export through modification of Dbf2. One

potential mechanism for the latter is via phosphorylation of Dbf2's NES at S17 and S20, possibly

by Cdc15. Our observation that mutating these two sites exacerbated the temperature sensitivity

of *cdc15-2* (Figure 3-figure supplement 3C) is consistent with this possibility.

Disrupting the NES resulted in an increase in nuclear/nucleolar localization of Dbf2-

Mob1 in all cell cycle stages, interestingly, including anaphase (Figure 3E). This increase of

nuclear localization in anaphase suggests that only a small fraction of Dbf2-Mob1 is activated by

Cdc15 to enter the nucleus at any given time during anaphase. Active Dbf2-Mob1 is also needed

in the cytosol to phosphorylate substrates other than Cfi1/Net1 such as those involved in

cytokinesis. We speculate that fine-turning the balance of nuclear versus cytosolic Dbf2-Mob1,

possibly through maintaining a dynamic shuttling of active Dbf-Mob1 between the nucleus and

cytoplasm, is important for the timing of late cell cycle events. The dynamic shuttling of Dbf2-

Mob1 in combination with the relatively small fraction of active Dbf2-Mob1 would also explain

the absence of visible nuclear translocation of Dbf2-Mob1 upon activation. Interestingly,

mammalian Dbf2, known as LATS and is thought to mainly function in the cytosol (Yu and

Guan, 2013), has been found to localize to the nucleus (Britschgi et al., 2017; Li et al., 2014),

indicating nuclear shuttling of kinases might play a role in Hippo signaling as well.

(3) Substrate targeting by priming phosphorylation.

Upon entry into the nucleus, Dbf2-Mob1 specifically functions in the nucleolus to promote the

dissociation of Cdc14 from its inhibitor Cfi1/Net1. Priming phosphorylation by Cdc5 on

Cfi1/Net1 ensures that Dbf2-Mob1 executes this function effectively. Dbf2-Mob1 binds to

Cdc15-phosphorylated Nud1 through Mob1's phosphoserine-threonine binding domain (Rock et

al., 2013). We demonstrated that a similar mechanism mediates the interaction between Dbf2-

Mob1 and Cdc5-phosphorylated Cfi1/Net1 (Figure 5G). Interestingly, during cytokinesis,

phosphorylation of Dbf2-Mob1's substrate Hof1 by Cdc5 has also been shown to facilitate the

binding of Hof1 to Mob1 (Meitinger et al., 2011; Rock et al., 2013). Based on our observation

that a quarter of potential Dbf2-Mob1 substrates are also targets of Cdc5 (Figure 5-figure

supplement 1E) we further speculate that priming phosphorylation by Cdc5 is a general

mechanism for targeting Dbf2-Mob1 to its substrates.

It is worth noting that Cdc5's consensus motif with an acidic residue at the -2 position of

the pS/T (Kettenbach et al., 2011; Nakajima et al., 2003) does not fit well with the optimal Mob1

binding motif which prefers Y/F at the -2 position of the pS/T (Rock et al., 2013). This is likely

beneficial as a low affinity between Dbf2-Mob1 and its substrates would increase substrate

turnover and prevent sequestration of active Dbf2-Mob1. This low affinity would also explain

the weak and transient localization of Dbf2-Mob1 in the nucleolus that evaded detection

previously. Mob1's phosphoserine-threonine binding domain is well conserved from yeast to

humans (Rock et al., 2013) suggesting that substrate targeting through priming phosphorylation

might occur for LATS-MOB1 in the Hippo pathway as well.

Priming phosphorylation is a widely used mechanism to ensure effective kinase action at

a particular site in the cell. Perhaps the best studied example for priming is the Polo-like kinases

whose polo-box domain directs the kinase to specific subcellular structures and substrates that

have been previously phosphorylated by a priming kinase such as CDKs (Elia et al., 2003;

Lowery et al., 2005). Although MAP kinases are mainly directed to their substrates through

specialized docking motifs (Bardwell, 2006; Cargnello and Roux, 2011) without priming, it has

been demonstrated that successive phosphorylation through priming could contribute to the

sensing of MAPK signal duration and strength (Murphy et al., 2002). These examples together

with our findings for Dbf2-Mob1 underscore the importance of priming phosphorylation as a

conserved paradigm for achieving specificity and efficiency in cellular signal transduction.

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 MATERIALS AND METHODS

Key Resources Table				
Reagent type (species) or resource	**Designation**	**Source or reference**	**Identifiers**	**Additional information**
gene (*S. cerevisiae*)	See Table S1			
strain, strain background (*S. cerevisiae*)	W303			
genetic reagent (*S. cerevisiae*)	See Table S1			
recombinant DNA reagent	See Table S2			
strain, strain background (*E. coli*)	DH5α	New England Biolabs	Cat# C2987U	Chemical competent cells
antibody	anti-GFP [JL-8] (Mouse monoclonal)	Takara Bio	Cat# 632381; RRID:AB_2313808	WB (1:1000)
antibody	anti-Myc [9E10] (Mouse monoclonal)	Abcam	Cat# ab32; RRID:AB_303599	WB (1:500)
antibody	anti-V5 (Mouse monoclonal)	Invitrogen	Cat# R960-25; RRID:AB_255656	WB (1:2000)
antibody	Rabbit polyclonal anti-Kar2	Gift from Mark Rose	N/A	WB (1:200,000)
antibody	HRP-conjugated anti-mouse IgG	GE	Cat# NA9310; RRID:AB_772193	(1:10,000)

antibody	HRP-conjugated anti-rabbit IgG	GE	Cat# NA934; RRID:AB_772206	(1:10,000)
antibody	anti-tubulin [YOL1/34] (Rat monoclonal)	Abcam	Cat# Ab6161; RRID:AB_305329	IF (1:100)
antibody	FITC-Donkey anti-Rat IgG	Jackson ImmunoResearch	Cat# 712-095-153; RRID:AB_2340652	(1:50)
peptide, recombinant protein	Streptavidin	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat# 189730	
peptide, recombinant protein	α-factor	The Koch Institute Swanson Biotechnology Center – Biopolymers Core Facility	N/A	
commercial assay or kit	Gibson Assembly Master Mix	New England Biolabs	Cat# E2611S	
commercial assay or kit	Q5 Site-Directed Mutagenesis Kit	New England Biolabs	Cat# E05545	
commercial assay or kit	Bradford protein assay	BioRad	Cat# 5000006	
commercial assay or kit	BCA protein assay	Pierce	Cat# 23227	
commercial assay or kit	MyOne Streptavidin C1 dynabeads	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat# 65001	
chemical compound, drug	Nocodazole	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat# M1404	

chemical compound, drug	Biotin	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat# B4639	
chemical compound, drug	1-NA-PP1	Cayman Chemical	Cat# 10954	
chemical compound, drug	CMK	MedChem Express	Cat# HY-52101	
chemical compound, drug	Phycocyanobilin (PCB)	Santa Cruz Biotechnology	Cat# sc-396921	
software, algorithm	FIJI (ImageJ)	(Schindelin et al., 2012)	RRID:SCR_002285	
software, algorithm	MATLAB_R2018 b	Mathworks, Inc. (2018)	RRID:SCR_001622	
software, algorithm	SnapGene v4.3	https://www.snapgene.com	RRID:SCR_015052	
software, algorithm	Custom MATLAB codes	This paper	https://github.com/snow-zhou/Dbf2-Mob1	
other	Mini Bead Beater	Biospec Products	N/A	

Construction of Yeast strains and plasmids

All *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* yeast strains used in this study are derivatives of W303 (A2587)

and are listed in Table S1. All plasmids used in this study are listed in Table S2. Yeast were

cultured in standard YEP media (1% yeast extract, 2% peptone) with 2% D-glucose, or in

standard Synthetic Complete media (SC) with either 2% D-glucose or 2% raffinose prior to

induction of *GAL1/10* promoters with 1% raffinose + 1% galactose as indicated in the figure

legends. Cells were cultured at 25°C unless noted otherwise.

C-terminal fusions were constructed using standard PCR-based methods. N-terminal

truncation of *MOB1* mutants were made by first constructing the truncations with N-terminal

eGFP fusion in plasmids (pA2828-2830) based on pRS305H-*MOB1* (König et al., 2010). PCR

products of the fusion with 500bp upstream promoter region and 300bp downstream of the

MOB1 ORF as well as the hphMX6 marker were transformed and integrated at the *MOB1* locus.

Correct integration and mutations were confirmed by PCR and sequencing. The NLS$_{Cdc14}$

reporter was made by Gibson assembly. NLS$_{Cdc14}$ (Cdc14aa450-551) from pA2725 (Mohl et al.,

2009) and synthesized yeast codon optimized miRFP670 (Shcherbakova and Verkhusha, 2013)

(denoted as ymiRFP670) were assembled into the p404TEF1 vector (pA2726) which yielded

pA2786 for integration at the *trp1* locus. The PhyB constructs were integrated at the *leu2* locus

as single integrants (Yang et al., 2013). The eGFP-PIF C-terminal tagging plasmid (pA2821) was

made by replacing the mCitrine in pA2721 with eGFP and correcting the frame shift mutation

(missing a G at codon#2) in the *natMx6* coding sequence in the original plasmid acquired from

Addgene. The TurboID tagging plasmid (pA2859) was constructed by inserting the TurboID-V5

sequence from pA2847 (Branon et al., 2018) into the vector backbone of pA2821 between the

linker and natMx6.

Point mutations and truncations in the *GAL-DBF2* plasmids were made using Q5 site-

directed mutagenesis (NEB). Single point mutation in *DBF2* (*dbf2-L12A*) was introduced at the

endogenous locus using Cas9-mediated gene editing based on previously published protocols

(Anand et al., 2017) with modifications. Briefly, BplI cut plasmid pA2911 containing Cas9 and

gRNA missing the 20 bp target specific complementary sequence was transformed into A2587

693 together with (1) a ~250 bp synthesized double stranded DNA (IDT) containing the 20 bp

694 complementary sequence for *DBF2* (TGCTCATATTGCCTGCCAAG) sandwiched with

695 homologous sequences to the gRNA sequence in plasmid pA2911 for gap repair, and (2) an

696 80mer single strand DNA harboring *dbf2-L12A* mutation as the repair template. Successfully

697 edited clones were checked by sequencing and cured of the Cas9 plasmid. Phospho-mutants of

698 *DBF2* (*dbf2-S17,20A* and *dbf2-S17,20D*) were first constructed in plasmids (pA2948, pA2953

699 and pA2954) by Q5 site-directed mutagenesis. The *DBF2* ORF as well as the *URA3* marker were

700 then PCR amplified and transformed into A32629 to integrate at the *DBF2* locus as the sole copy

701 of *DBF2*. Correct integration and mutations were confirmed by PCR and sequencing.

702  To generate *CFI1/NET1* phospho-mutants, a fusion of wild-type *CFI1/NET1* and

703 mScarlet-I with ~300 bp upstream and downstream regions of *CFI1/NET1* were first Gibson

704 assembled into a single-integration vector backbone to generate plasmid pA2898. *CFI1/NET1*

705 phospho-mutants were synthesized (Twist Bioscience) in two segments (aa25-624 and aa617-

706 1173) and Gibson assembled into the vector backbone of pA2898 to replace wild-type

707 *CFI1/NET1*. These *CFI1/NET1* constructs were integrated into strain A41362 harboring a

708 heterozygous deletion of *CFI1/NET1*and haploid strains with *cfi1Δ* and different phospho-mutant

709 forms of *CFI1/NET1* integrated as a single copy at the *leu2* locus as the sole source of

710 *CFI1/NET1* were obtained through tetrad dissection. We attempted to generate phospho-mimetic

711 mutants of *CFI1/NET1* where either the Cdc15-dependent or Cdc5only sites in zone 2 were

712 replaced with the Asp or Glu to mimic phosphorylation (A41695-A41706). However, as

713 observed with many other proteins such as Cdc15 phosphorylation of Nud1 (Rock et al., 2013),

714 these mutations did not effectively mimic phosphorylation and in the case of Cdc5only sites led

715 to a loss of function with respect to Mob1 localization to the nucleolus.

Phospho-mutants in the NLS_{Cdc14} reporter were made by first introducing the point

mutations into the integration plasmid (pA2735) with Q5 site-directed mutagenesis and then

transformed and integrated at the *ura3* locus. The triple mutants of *CDC14* (S531,537,546A) was

introduced at the endogenous locus in A2588 using Cas9-mediated gene editing as described

above. The 20 bp complementary sequence for the gRNA used to target *CDC14* was

GGAGAGTAACGTCAGGGAGA. Ectopically expressed *mob1Δ132-eGFP* and *mob1Δ132-*

3RA-eGFP were made by removing the first 132aa of Mob1 from pA2124 and pA2126 (Rock et

al., 2013) with Q5 site-directed mutagenesis, generating pA2972 and pA2973. These plasmids

were integrated at the *trp1* locus and were expressed under the endogenous *MOB1* promoter in

the presence of a wild-type copy of *MOB1*.

FRAP analysis

FRAP analysis was performed on a DeltaVision-OMX Super-Resolution Microscope (Applied

Precision, GE Healthcare Bio-Sciences) using a 60x oil objective and a 488 nm laser adjusted to

bleach an area of approximately 0.5 μm in radius. Two prebleach images were acquired followed

by a laser pulse (100% intensity) of 0.02 s duration and postbleach images were acquired at 1

s/frame for 30 s. Images at each time points were maximum projections of 7 *z* stacks with 0.5 μm

spacing. Images were analyzed with a custom MATLAB script. After subtracting the

background, fluorescence intensities in the cytosol, $I_{cytosol}(t)$, and at the SPB, $I_{SPB}(t)$ were

measured after segmenting the cell and SPBs. Photobleaching was corrected by normalizing I_{SPB}

(t) with $I_{cytosol}(t)$, $I_{SPB\_norm}(t) = I_{SPB}(t) / I_{cytosol}(t)$. Double normalization for FRAP was calculated

to scale the photobleaching effect between 0 and 1: $I_{SPB\_FRAP}(t) = [I_{SPB\_norm}(t) - I_{SPB\_norm}(0)] /$

$[I_{SPB\_norm}(pre) - I_{SPB\_norm}(0)]$, where $t = 0$ is the time point (frame) right after photobleaching and

$t = pre$ is the time point (frame) right before photobleaching. The double normalized FRAP

curves were then fitted to a single exponential curve: $y = y_{max}\left(1 - e^{\left(-ln2/t_{1/2}\right)t}\right)$, where y_{max}

is the fraction recovered while $t_{1/2}$ is the half-recovery time.

Microscopy and image analysis

For live-cell microscopy, cells were imaged on agarose pads (2% agarose in SC medium + 2%

glucose, unless otherwise noted) affixed to a glass slide and covered with a coverslip. Imaging

was performed on a DeltaVision Elite platform (GE Healthcare Bio-Sciences) with an InsightSSI

solid state light source, an UltimateFocus hardware autofocus system and a model IX-71,

Olympus microscope controlled by SoftWoRx software. A 60x Plan APO 1.42NA objective and

CoolSNAP HQ2 camera were used for image acquisition. For each time point, 7 z sections with

1 μm spacing were collect for each channel and were deconvolved. Maximum projections of the

deconvolved z stack were used for fluorescence quantification.

Image analysis was performed with custom scripts in MATLAB. First, yeast cells were

segmented and tracked through time using the bright-field image stacks and a previously

reported algorism (Ricicova et al., 2013). A few modifications were made for the tracking

process. Images were first aligned to correct for drift in the xy plane and cell segmentations in the

last frame of the time-lapse series were used as the reference for tracking. Next, fluorescence

images of cell cycle markers (such as Spc42 and or Cfi1/Net1) were segmented and tracked

based on cell segmentation. Appearance of a cell cycle marker in a cell during the acquisition

period was used to identify buds (daughter cells) and cell division events. Tracking of the cell

cycle markers that migrated into the buds were used to identify the corresponding mother cells.

Finally, for each division event identified, localization of Mob1 (or Cdc14) at regions defined by

the cell cycle markers was quantified.

For Mob1 localization at the SPBs (I_{SPB}), maximum intensity of Mob1 at SPBs (dilated

from the SPB area based on segmentation of Spc42) was used given that the size of SPBs (~100

nm) is within the diffraction limit of light microscopy. For Mob1 localization in the nucleolus

($I_{nucleolus}$), the median intensity of Mob1 in the nucleolus as segmented by Cfi1/Net1 was used.

To calculate the relative enrichment of Mob1 at the SPB or in the nucleolus, Mob1 intensities at

these sites as defined above were normalized to the median intensity of Mob1 in the cytosol

which was defined as the cell area with cell cycle marker area subtracted ($I_{cytosol}$):

$I_{SPB\ or\ nucleolus}/I_{cytosol} - 1$. For the Dbf2-Mob1 kinase activity reporter, NLS$_{Cdc14}$, its

translocation from the nucleus into the cytoplasm was quantified with the coefficient of variation

(CV) of the pixel intensities within the dividing cell. CV is defined as the standard deviation

divided by the mean.

To quantify Cdc14 release from the nucleolus, the ratio of Cdc14 intensity to Cfi1/Net1

intensity (I_{Cdc14}/I_{Cfi1}) was calculated for each pixel within the nucleolus as segmented using

Cfi1/Net1 and averaged.

Single cell traces were aligned based on the timing of anaphase onset or the movement of

a SPB into the bud as indicated in figures, and averaged. 95% confidence intervals were

calculated as $\mu \pm 1.96 * \sigma/\sqrt{n}$, where μ and σ denote the mean and standard deviation

respectively and n is the number of cells measured.

Immunoblot analysis

Log-phase cultures of cells grown in YEP + 2% glucose were harvested and treated with

5% TCA at 4°C overnight. TCA treated cell pellets were washed with acetone, air dried, and

resuspended in lysis buffer (10 mM Tris, 1 mM EDTA, 2.75 mM DTT, pH = 8). Cells were

lysed by bead-beating using a Multivortexer (max speed, 20 minutes) and glass beads at 4°C and

followed by boiling in SDS PAGE protein loading buffer for 5 minutes. Lysates were clarified

by centrifugation and were resolved on a 15-well NuPAGE 4-12% Bis-Tris protein gel (Thermo

Fisher Scientific) prior to transfer onto nitrocellulose membranes. GFP-Mob1 and variants were

detected using an anti-GFP antibody (Clontech, JL-8) at a 1:1000 dilution. Nud1-13myc and

Cfi1/Net1-3myc were detected using an anti-Myc antibody (abcam, 9E10) at a 1:500 dilution.

Mob1-V5-TurboID was detected using an anti-V5 antibody (Invitrogen) at a 1:2000 dilution.

Kar2 was detected using a rabbit anti-Kar2 antiserum at a 1:200,000 dilution. Secondary

antibodies were used at a 1 :10,000 dilution. Blots were imaged using the ECL Plus system (GE

Healthcare).

TurboID-MS and streptavidin gel-shift assay

To identify biotinylated proteins as a result of interaction or physical proximity with TurboID

tagged bait protein by mass spectrometry (MS), log-phase cells with TurboID tagged bait and

untagged control cells were grown in YEP + 2% glucose + 50 μM biotin at room temperature for

3.5 h (~ two doublings). ~40 OD of cells were harvested for each sample and were treated with

5% trichloroacetic acid (TCA) at 4°C for a minimum of 10 minutes. TCA treated cells were

pelleted, washed with 50 mM Tris (pH = 7.5) and acetone, and dried. Dried cell pellets were

resuspended in lysis buffer (50 mM Tris, pH 7.5, 1 mM EDTA, 5 mM DTT, 1 mM PMSF, and

complete mini protease inhibitor cocktail by Roche) and were lysed by bead-beating with chilled

MiniBeadbeater (Biospec) and glass beads for 5 minutes followed by boiling in 1% SDS for 5

minutes. Lysates were diluted with RIPA buffer (50 mM Tris, pH 7.5, 150 mM NaCl, 0.1% SDS,

0.5% sodium deoxycholate, 1% NP40) and clarified by centrifugation. Protein concentration of

the lysates was measured by Bradford assay. 350 µl MyOne streptavidin C1 dynabeads (Thermo

Fisher Scientific) were washed twice with RIPA buffer, incubated with clarified lysates

containing ~ 3 mg of total protein for each sample with rotation for 1 hour at room temperature,

then moved to 4°C and incubated overnight with rotation. On the second day, the supernatants

(flow through) were removed and the beads were washed twice with 1 ml of 0.1 M Na_2CO_3,

once with 1 ml of 2 M urea in 10 mM Tris (pH = 7.5), and twice with 1 ml RIPA buffer. Bound

proteins were eluted by boiling the beads in 30 µl 3x protein loading buffer supplemented with 2

mM biotin. Small aliquots of samples were saved along the process to monitor for the

enrichment for biotinylated proteins by immunoblotting for V5 (included in the TurboID tagged

bait) and biotin.

Eluted proteins were resolved on a 10-well NuPAGE 4-12% Bis-Tris protein gel (Thermo

Fisher Scientific), stained with Coomassie (Imperial Protein Stain, Thermo Fisher Scientific) and

entire gel lanes were excised and cut into 1-mm pieces. Proteins were reduced with 20 mM

dithiothreitol (Sigma) for 1 hour at 56°C and then alkylated with 60 mM iodoacetamide (Sigma)

for 1 hour at 25°C in the dark. Proteins were then digested with 12.5 ng/uL modified trypsin

(Promega) in 50 µL 100 mM ammonium bicarbonate, pH 8.9 at 25°C overnight. Peptides were

extracted by incubating the gel pieces with 5% formic acid in 50% acetonitrile then 100 mM

ammonium bicarbonate, repeated twice followed by incubating the gel pieces with 100%

acetonitrile then 100 mM ammonium bicarbonate, repeated twice. Each fraction was collected,

combined, and reduced to near dryness in a vacuum centrifuge. Peptides were desalted using

C18 SpinTips (Protea, Morgantown, WV).

Peptides were separated by reverse phase HPLC (Thermo Easy nLC1000) using a

precolumn (made in house, 6 cm of 10 µm C18) and a self-pack 5 µm tip analytical column (12

cm of 5 µm C18, New Objective) over a 140-minute gradient before nanoelectrospray using a

QExactive HF-X mass spectrometer (Thermo). Raw mass spectral data files (.raw) were searched

using Proteome Discoverer (Thermo) and Mascot version 2.4.1 (Matrix Science). Mascot search

parameters were: 10 ppm mass tolerance for precursor ions; 15 mmu for fragment ion mass

tolerance; 2 missed cleavages of trypsin; fixed modification was carbamidomethylation of

cysteine; variable modifications were methionine oxidation and lysine biotinylation. Only

peptides with a Mascot score greater than or equal to 25 and an isolation interference less than or

equal to 30 were included in the data analysis.

There are several endogenous biotinylated proteins in yeast. To identify specific proteins

enriched in the TurboID labeling experiments (hits), total peptides identified for each protein in

cells with TurboID tagged bait were compared with the unlabeled control cells to calculate the

ratio of enrichment. A threshold of 10 standard deviations above the average ratio of enrichment

for all proteins in each sample was used to identify hits (see Figure 2-figure supplement 1B).

For the streptavidin gel-shift assays, cell lysates were prepared as for typical

immunoblotting experiments. Prior to loading samples onto protein gels, 20 ul of lysates for each

sample was incubated with 2 µl of 10 mg/ml streptavidin for 10 min at room temperature with

rotation. Treated samples were then resolved by SDS-PAGE gel at 4°C and processed for

immunoblotting as described above.

PhyB-PIF based optogenetics

The PhyB-PIF based optogenetics experiments were performed based on previous reports (Jost

and Weiner, 2015; Yang et al., 2013). Cells grown to log phase in 1x SC medium + 2% glucose

were incubated with 31.25 μM (0.5 μl of 12.5 mM stock in 200 ul culture) Phycocyanobilin

(PCB, Santa Cruz Biotechnology) for 2 hours at room temperature in the dark. Cells were then

pelleted and resuspended in fresh medium without PCB and were mounted onto an agarose pad

with 2x SC medium + 2% glucose for imaging. To apply the light, we attached one 650 nm and

one 750 nm light-emitting diode (LED, Light-speed Technologies) onto the microscope

condenser. Light was controlled manually during the experiments. For the continuous exposure

of 650 nm light during time-course experiments, the light was briefly turned off for each image

acquisition. To quantify the relative enrichment of target protein in the PhyB-anchored region,

pixel intensities of the target protein (Mob1-eGFP-PIF, I_{PIF}) and PhyB (PhyB-mCherry, I_{PhyB})

inside the cell were fitted to a line ($I_{\mathrm{PIF}} = \alpha + \beta I_{\mathrm{PhyB}}$). The slope of the fitted line (β) was used

to assess the extent of co-localization or enrichment of the target protein in the PhyB-anchored

region. This method is robust against both photobleaching of the target protein during the time-

course and difference in the shape and size of the anchored region (the nucleolus) at different cell

cycle stages.

Phosphoproteomics

To map phosphorylation events that depend on *CDC5* or *CDC15* (MEN) activity, we used the

analog-sensitive alleles of *CDC5* (*cdc5-as1*) or *CDC15* (*cdc15-as1*) and compared

phosphopeptides with and without inhibiting the kinase in anaphase (and metaphase for Cdc5)

enriched cultures. To enrich for anaphase cells, we first synchronized cells in G1 with α-factor (5

μg/ml for 2.5 hours). α-factor arrested cultures were then washed and released into YEP + 2%

glucose + inhibitor (5 μM CMK for *CDC5*/*cdc5-as1* or 10 μM 1-NAPP1 for *CDC5*/*cdc5-as1*) at

room temperature to progress to anaphase (~ 100 minutes). Synchronization and cell cycle stage

were assessed by monitoring budding and spindle length at various time points. Spindles were

visualized by immunofluorescence using an anti-tubulin antibody (Abcam ab6161). Cultures

collected for the anaphase experiment harbored 74% (*WT* + 1-NA-PP1), 95% (*cdc15-as1*, 1-NA-

PP1), 69% (*WT* + CMK), and 94% (*cdc5-as1* + CMK) cells with anaphase spindles.

Phosphopeptide preparation was based on previous methods (Holt et al., 2009; Villén and

Gygi, 2008). ~25 ODs of cells were harvested for each replicate (6 replicates per samples for the

anaphase experiment and 3 replicates per sample for the metaphase experiment) by

centrifugation (5 min at 3000 rpm). Cell pellets were washed with cold 50 mM Tris (pH = 7.5)

and resuspended in cold lysis buffer containing 8 M urea in 50 mM Tris (pH = 7.5), 75 mM

NaCl, 50 mM NaF, 50 mM β-glycerophosphate, 1 mM sodium orthovanadate, 10 mM sodium

pyrophosphate and protease inhibitor cocktail (complete mini, EDTA-free, Roche). Cells were

lysed under denaturing conditions by bead-beating with a chilled MiniBeadbeater (Biospec, two

rounds of 3 cycles of 90 s each) and glass beads. The protein extract was then separated from the

beads and insoluble material by centrifugation. Protein concentration of the lysate was

determined by BCA protein assay (Pierce).

The protein extraction was ultrasonically lysed at 4°C for 2 minutes with six rounds using

a VialTweeter device (Hielscher-Ultrasound Technology). The proteins extracted were then

processed with a precipitation-based digestion protocol using trypsin (Promega) at a ratio of 1:20

as described previously(Collins et al., 2017). About 500 μg of resultant peptides from each

sample were subjected for phosphopeptide enrichment, using the High-Select™ Fe-NTA kit

(Thermo Scientific, A32992) according to the kit instruction, as described previously(Gao et al.,

2019). About 1.5 µg of phosphopeptides enriched from each sample were used for DIA-MS

measurement on an Orbitrap Fusion Lumos Tribrid mass spectrometer (Thermo Scientific)

platform coupled to a nanoelectrospray ion source, as described previously (Mehnert et al.,

2019). DIA-MS data analyses were performed using Spectronaut v13 (Bruderer et al., 2017)

using default setting, by searching against a database of 6632 yeast open reading frames(Hebert

et al., 2014) and the Swiss-prot yeast proteome database. In particular, the PTM localization

option in Spectronaut v13 was enabled to locate phosphorylation sites (Bekker-Jensen et al.,

2020; Collins et al., 2017), with the probability score cutoff >0.75(7), resulting Class-I peptides

to be identified and quantified. Both peptide and protein FDR cutoff (Q value) were controlled at

1%, and the label-free protein quantification of proteome and phospho-proteome was performed

using the default settings in Spectronaut.

To identify peptides whose phosphorylation depended on *CDC5* or *CDC15*, we

calculated the ratio as well as the *p*-value of peptide intensities in *WT* versus *as1* samples. The *p*-

values were calculated using a two-sided Student's *t*-test and were adjusted for false discovery

rate (FDR) of multiple hypothesis testing using the linear step-up procedure (Benjamini-

Hochberg procedure). A threshold of ratio $R > 2$ and $p_{adj} < 0.05$ was used to identify hits.

Additional hits were also included for peptides that were not defected in the *as1* samples but

were detected in at least 5 out of 7 replicates (or 4 out of 6 replicates in the metaphase

experiment) of the *WT* samples. Peptides that were only detected in one replicate of the *as1*

samples but were detected in at least 5 out of 7 replicates (or 4 out of 6 replicates in the

metaphase experiment) of the *WT* samples with a ratio > 2 were also included. After we have

identified hits for peptides, we mapped the peptides and phosphorylation sites in those peptides

920 to proteins in the yeast proteome. For phosphorylation sites that were detected in multiple

921 peptides, peptides with a single phosphorylation were given priority. We marked a site as a

922 strong hit only when all single phosphorylation peptides for the specific site fit our selection

923 criteria. If a site was only detected in multi-phosphorylation peptides that fit our selection

924 criteria, we designated that site as a weak hit.

926 ***Plasmid shuffling***

927 To assess the genetic interactions between different *CFI1/NET1* phospho-mutants and FEAR

928 mutants (*slk19Δ* or *spo12Δ*), we constructed strains in the background of *slk19Δ* or *spo12Δ* with

929 *cfi1/net1Δ* carrying a *URA3*-based *CEN* plasmid expressing wild-type *CFI1/NET1* (pA2858) and

930 different *CFI1/NET1* phospho-mutants integrated at the *leu2* locus (A41645-A41654). Growing

931 these strains on plates with 5'-fluoroorotic acid (5-FOA) selects cells that are viable after losing

932 the *URA3* plasmid.

934 ***Data and Code Availability***

935 The mass spectrometry phosphoproteomics data have been deposited to the ProteomeXchange

936 Consortium via the PRIDE (Perez-Riverol et al., 2019) partner repository with the dataset

937 identifier PXD020369. Custom MATLAB scripts are available at https://github.com/snow-

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Figure 1. Dbf2-Mob1 transiently localizes to the nucleolus in late anaphase.

(**A**) Major components of the MEN and their subcellular localization.

(**B**) FRAP analysis of Mob1-eGFP (A39695). Red circles indicate the area of photo-bleaching. Cells were grown and imaged at room temperature in SC medium + 2% glucose. Graph to the right represents average measurements of double normalized fluorescence intensities ($n = 6$ cells) after correcting for photo-bleaching during acquisition. Red curve is the average fit and shaded area represents standard deviation (SD) of the fits. Half recovery time $t_{1/2} \pm$ SD is indicated.

(**C**) Localization of Mob1 during the cell cycle. A40257 (with Mob1-eGFP, Cfi1-mCherry and Spc42-mCherry) cells were grown at room temperature in SC medium + 2% glucose and imaged every minute for 2 hours. Arrows highlight the nucleolar localization.

(**D**) Nucleolar localization of full-length (A39931) and N-terminally truncated (A39933 and A39935) Mob1. Cells were grown at room temperature in SC medium + 2% glucose and imaged every 3 minutes for 4 hours. Arrows highlight the nucleolar localization.

(**E**) Enrichment of Mob1 (A41211, *n* = 62 cells), Mob1Δ78 (A41212, *n* = 60 cells) and Mob1Δ132 (A41213, *n* = 48 cells) at the dSPB (left) and in the nucleolus (right) as a function of cell cycle progression. Cells were grown at 25°C in SC medium + 2% glucose and imaged every 3 minutes for 4 hours. Single cell traces were aligned based on anaphase onset, as defined as spindle length > 3 μm (Figure1-figure supplement 1F, measured based on SPB marker Spc42-mCherry), and averaged. Solid lines represent the average, shaded areas represent 95% confidence intervals.

(**F**) Maximum enrichment of full-length Mob1 (WT) and truncated Mob1 (Mob1Δ78 and Mob1Δ132) in the nucleolus in anaphase of cells in (E). Solid lines represent the median. ****P < 0.0001 by two-sided Wilcoxon rank sum test.

Figure 2. Dbf2-Mob1 localizes to the nucleolus through interacting with Cfi1/Net1.

(**A**) Results of proximity-based biotinylation with TurboID for MEN proteins (A41367, A41370, A41368, A41369 and A2588). Cells were grown at room temperature in YEP + 2% glucose + 50 μM biotin.

(**B**) Streptavidin gel-shift assays to probe the interactions of TurboID-labeled MEN proteins with the MEN scaffold Nud1 (left, A11869, A41381, A41382 and A41380) or Cfi1/Net1 (right, A1638, A41406, A41407 and A41372). Cells were grown at room temperature in YEP + 2% glucose and lysates were treated with streptavidin and immunoblotted as indicated. Red arrows highlight biotinylated proteins.

(**C** and **D**) Representative images (C) and quantification (D) of Mob1Δ78 localization in wild-type *CFI1/NET1* (A41344, *n* = 106 cells) or *cfi1/net1Δ* (A41347, *n* = 18 cells) cells and Mob1Δ132 localization in *CFI1/NET1* (A41345, *n* = 95 cells) or *cfi1/net1Δ* (A41348, *n* = 18 cells) cells. Cells were grown at 25°C in SC medium + 2% glucose and imaged every 5 minutes for 4 hours. Arrows highlight nucleolar localization.

(**E** and **F**) Representative images (E) and quantification (F) of Mob1 localization in wild-type (A41343, *n* = 110 cells) or *GAL-CFI1/NET1* expressing cells (A41340, *n* = 71 cells), Mob1Δ78 localization in wild-type (A41344, *n* = 103 cells) or *GAL-CFI1/NET1* expressing cells (A41341,

n = 68 cells), and Mob1Δ132 localization in wild-type (A41345, *n* = 71 cells) or cells expressing *GAL-CFI1/NET1* (A41342, *n* = 53 cells). # denotes that the image was linearly contrast adjusted to avoid over-saturation for Mob1Δ78 and Mob1Δ132. Cells were first grown at room temperature in SC medium + 2% raffinose. Cells were then mounted onto agarose pads made with SC medium + 1% raffinose + 1% galactose and imaged every 5 minutes for 5 hours at 25°C. Arrows highlight nucleolar localization. Solid lines represent the average of single cell traces aligned to anaphase onset while shaded areas represent 95% confidence intervals. For maximum enrichment, each dot represents a single cell. The solid lines represent the median. ****P < 0.0001 by two-sided Wilcoxon rank sum test.

Figure 3. *CDC15* regulates nuclear access of Dbf2-Mob1.

(**A**) Enrichment of Mob1 at the dSPB, in the nucleolus, and Dbf2-Mob1's kinase activity were determined in cells going through anaphase in *CDC15* (A41211, A41212, and A41213; $n = 74$, 94, and 55 cells respectively) or *cdc15-as1* (A41214, A41215, and A41216; $n = 37$, 63, and 30 cells respectively) cells. Cells were grown at 25°C in SC medium + 2% glucose and 10 μM 1-NA-PP1 and imaged every 3 minutes for 4 hours.

(**B**) Probing Dbf2-Mob1's nuclear access by recruiting Mob1 to the nucleolus with the PhyB-PIF optogenetics system. By anchoring PhyB to the nucleolus, diffuse nuclear Dbf2-Mob1, if present, can be visualized by recruiting Mob1-eGFP-PIF to the nucleolus.

(**C**) Recruiting Mob1 to the nucleolus at different cell cycle stages. A40260 cells were grown at 25°C in SC medium + 2% glucose, imaged after a 2-hour incubation with 12.5 μM PCB in the dark. Red dot denotes the frame where 650 nm light was applied to activate PhyB. Yellow arrows highlight the light-induced recruitment.

(**D**) Recruitment of Mob1 to the nucleolus in *CDC15* (A41360) or *cdc15-2* (A41361) cells. Quantifications of Mob1's enrichment in the nucleolus as a function of PhyB activation time in *CDC15* (A41360, $n = 27$ and 16 cells for pre-anaphase and anaphase respectively) or *cdc15-2*

(A41361, n = 14 and 36 cells for pre-anaphase and anaphase respectively) cells. Cells were grown at room temperature in SC medium + 2% glucose, incubated with 12.5 µM PCB for 2 hours in the dark, and shifted to 34 °C for 50 minutes before imaging.

(**E**) Nucleolar enrichment of wild-type and truncated Mob1 in wild-type and *dbf2-L12A* cells (A41394, A41395 and A41396; n = 32, 28 and 31 cells respectively). Wild-type traces for comparison were the same as in Fig. 1E. Cells were grown similarly as in Fig. 1E.

For graphs in (A) and (E), solid lines represent the average of single cell traces aligned to anaphase onset. Shaded areas represent 95% confidence intervals. For maximum enrichment, each dot represents a single cell. Solid lines represent the median. ****P < 0.0001; ***P < 0.001 by two-sided Wilcoxon rank sum test.

Figure 4. Nucleolar localization of Dbf2-Mob1 is regulated by *CDC5* independently of *CDC15*.

(**A**) Enrichment of Mob1 at the dSPB, in the nucleolus, and Dbf2-Mob1's kinase activity in cells wild-type for *CDC5* (A41211, A41212, and A41213; *n* = 49, 60 and 47 cells respectively) or harboring a *cdc5-as1* allele (A41334, A41335, and A41336; *n* = 23, 30 and 28 cells respectively). Cells were grown at 25°C in SC medium + 2% glucose and 5 μM CMK and imaged every 3 minutes for 4 hours.

(**B**) Cells harboring *GAL-CDC15(1-750)* and *cdc5-as1* either containing *eGFP-MOB1* (A41211, A41334, A41376 and A41337; $n = 44, 41, 58$ and 61 cells respectively), or *eGFP-MOB1Δ78* (A41212, A41335, A41377, and A41338; $n = 54, 30, 12$ and 22 cells respectively), or *eGFP-MOB1Δ132* (A41213, A41336, A41378 and A41339; $n = 62, 28, 26$ and 22 cells respectively) were analyzed to determine Mob1 localization. Localization to the mSPB instead of dSPB was quantified here because cells expressing *GAL-CDC15(1-750)* often exit from mitosis in the mother (without movement of a SPB into the bud). For cells exited with two SPBs in the mother cell, maximum intensities of the two SPBs were used. Cells were grown at 25°C in SC medium + 1% raffinose, 1% galactose and 5 μM CMK and imaged every 5 minutes for 5 hours. Solid lines represent the average of single cell traces aligned to anaphase onset. Shaded areas represent 95% confidence intervals. For maximum enrichment, each dot represents a single cell. Solid lines represent the median. ****$P < 0.0001$; **$P < 0.01$; *$P < 0.05$ by two-sided Wilcoxon rank sum test.

Figure 5. Cdc5 promotes Dbf2-Mob1's nucleolar localization by phosphorylating Cfi1/Net1.

(**A**) Distribution of all, CDK sites, *CDC15*- and *CDC5*-dependent phosphorylation sites (Table S4) and disordered regions in Cfi1/Net1. For CDK sites, open circles represent sites identified and mutated in Azzam et al. 2004 (*cfi1/net1-6Cdk*) and filled circles represent sites identified in Holt et al. 2009. Dashed boxes denote the four zones.

(**B-E**) Localization of Mob1Δ132 in *CFI1/NET1* (A41411, *n* = 67 cells for B-C and 66 cells for D-E), *cfi1-91A* mutants (A41412 and A41413, *n* = 36 and 35 cells), *cfi1-Cdc15(z2)* (A41593, *n* = 34 cells) or *cfi1-Cdc5only(z2)* (A41594, *n* = 69 cells). Cells were grown at 25°C in SC medium + 2% glucose and imaged every 3 minutes for 4 hours.

(**F**) Streptavidin gel-shift assays to probe the interactions between TurboID-tagged Mob1 and different *CFI1/NET1* alleles (from left to right: A2587, A41596, A41597, A41598, A41379, A41611, A41612, A41613). -, not tagged; WT, wild-type Cfi1-13myc; 15, Cfi1-Cdc15(z2)-13myc; 5, Cfi1-Cdc5only(z2)-13myc. Cells were grown at room temperature in YEP + 2% glucose and lysates were treated with streptavidin and immunoblotted as indicated. Red arrows highlight biotinylated proteins.

(**G**) Enrichment of Mob1Δ132 (A41664, *n* = 50 cells) or Mob1Δ132-3RA (A41665, *n* = 85 cells) in the nucleolus. Cells were grown at 25°C in SC medium + 2% glucose and imaged every 3 minutes for 4 hours.

For graphs in (B-E and G), solid lines represent the average of single cell traces aligned to anaphase onset. Shaded areas represent 95% confidence intervals. For maximum enrichment, each dot represents a single cell. Solid lines represent the median. ****$P < 0.0001$ by two-sided Wilcoxon rank sum test.

Figure 6. MEN and Cdc5 promote release of Cdc14 from the nucleolus by phosphorylating Cfi1/Net1.

(**A**) Cdc14 nucleolar release kinetics in wild-type (A41387, *n* = 134, 123 and 96 cells for each condition), *slk19Δ* (A41410, *n* = 86 cells), *cdc15-as1* (A41408, *n* = 38 cells) or *cdc5-as1* mutant (A41409, *n* = 61 cells). Cells were grown at 25°C in SC medium + 2% glucose with corresponding inhibitors and imaged every 5 minutes for 5 hours. Release of Cdc14 from the nucleolus was quantified as the ratio of fluorescence intensity of Cdc14-eGFP to Cfi1/Net1-mScarlet in the nucleolus (I_{Cdc14}/I_{Cfi1}). Relative degree of Cdc14 release from the nucleolus was calculated as the normalized minimal Cdc14 level in the nucleolus: $(I_{Cdc14}(t_{min})/I_{Cfi1}(t_{min}))/(I_{Cdc14}(t_{-20})/I_{Cfi1}(t_{-20}))$ where t_{min} represents the frame with minimal Cdc14 level in the nucleolus and t_{-20} represent 20 min before movement of the SPB into bud.
(**B**) Cdc14 nucleolar release kinetics in cells harboring wild-type *CFI1/NET1* (A41387, *n* = 102 and 114 cells) or *CFI1/NET1* phospho-mutants for CDK sites (A41420, *n* = 95 cells), Cdc15 sites (A41587, *n* = 104 cells), Cdc5 sites (A441588, *n* = 86 cells), and Cdc15&Cdc5 sites (A41589, *n* = 131 cells). Cells were grown at 25°C in SC medium + 2% glucose and imaged every 5 minutes for 5 hours.
(**C**) Distribution of anaphase duration and relative delay of nucleolar segregation for different *CFI1/NET1* phospho-mutants (A41436, A41590, A41591 and A41592; *n* = 76, 85, 99, 92 cells respectively) measured using the SPB marker Spc42-eGFP and the nucleolar marker Cfi1/Net1-

mScarlet- I (see Figure 6-figure supplement 3 for details). Cells were grown at 25°C in SC medium + 2% glucose and imaged every 3 minutes for 4 hours.

(**D**) Intensities of Cdc14-eGFP at dSPBs in different *CFI1/NET1* phospho-mutant cells (A41387, A41587, A441588 and A41589; *n* = 80, 82, 77 and 89 cells respectively). Cells were grown and imaged as in (B).

(**E**) Genetic interactions between different *CFI1/NET1* phospho-mutants and *slk19Δ* (A41645, A41646, A41647, A41648, A41649) or *spo12Δ* (A41650, A41651, A41652, A41653, A41654) analyzed by plasmid shuffling (see Methods for details). 5-fold serial dilutions were spotted onto plates with or without 5'-fluoroorotic acid (5-FOA) and incubated at 25°C for 2 to 3 days. The presence of 5-FOA selects cells that are viable after losing the *CFI1(URA3/CEN)* plasmid.

For all graphs, single cell traces were aligned to the frame where the dSPB entered the bud and averaged. Solid lines represent the average. Shaded areas represent 95% confidence intervals. For distributions, each dot represents a single cell. Solid lines represent the median for (A-B) and the mean for (C). ****P* < 0.0001; ***P* < 0.001; *P < 0.01; *P* < 0.05 by two-sided Wilcoxon rank sum test.

Figure 7. Phosphorylation of Cfi1/Net1 by Cdc5 and Dbf2-Mob1 promotes mitotic exit.

A model for Cdc14 activation. In metaphase, Cdc5 phosphorylates Cfi1/Net1 in the nucleolus to prepare for Cdc14 release/activation in anaphase. Upon anaphase onset, the FEAR network promotes phosphorylation of Cfi1/Net1 by Clb2-Cdk1 which results in transient release of Cdc14 from the nucleolus. In the meantime, the MEN kinase Cdc15 is activated integrating inputs from both spindle position (via Tem1) and cell cycle progression (via Cdc5 and CDK activities). Activated (SPB-localized) Cdc15 phosphorylates the SPB outer plaque protein Nud1 which creates a dynamic docking site for the MEN terminal kinase complex Dbf2-Mob1 and facilitates phosphorylation and activation of Dbf2-Mob1 by Cdc15. Activated Dbf2-Mob1 gains access to the nucleus and is targeted to the nucleolus by interacting with Cdc5-primed Cfi1/Net1. Nucleolar Dbf2-Mob1 then phosphorylates Cfi1/Net1, keeping Cdc14 dissociated from its nucleolar inhibitor to trigger exit from mitosis. In addition, active Dbf2-Mob1 in the nucleolus and/or cytoplasm phosphorylates Cdc14 at its NLS resulting in cytoplasmic retention of Cdc14 to facilitate cytokinesis.

Figure 1–figure supplement 1: N-terminally truncated Mob1 is hyperactive.

(**A**) 5-fold serial dilutions of *cdc15-2* (A41424, A41425, A41426, A41427), *tem1-3* (A41429, A41430, A41431, A41428) and *cdc5-1* (A41432, A41433, A41434, A41435) harboring the indicated *MOB1* constructs in YEP + 2% glucose at the indicated temperatures.

(**B**) Immunoblot (top) and quantification (bottom) of untagged (A2587), full-length (A41351) and truncated GFP-Mob1 (A41352, A41353) as well as full-length GFP-Mob1 expressed from the *pGPD/TDH3* promoter (A41350).

(**C**) Localization of GFP-Mob1 expressed under the control of *pGPD* promoter (A41595) during the cell cycle. Cells were grown and imaged as in Figure 1E. Increased nuclear but not nucleolar localization of Mob1 was observed.

(**D**) Enrichment of Mob1Δ132 (A41213, $n = 14$ cells) and pGPD-Mob1 (A41595, $n = 17$ cells) in the nucleolus (solid lines) compared to the nucleus (dashed lines) as a function of cell cycle progression. Cells were grown and imaged as in Figure 1E.

(**E**) Kinetics of MEN activation as measured by the release of NLS$_{Cdc14}$ reporter from the nucleus (see Figure 1-figure supplement 2) and anaphase progression as indicated by spindle length for cells harboring Mob1 (A41213, $n = 62$ cells) or pGPD-Mob1 (A41595, $n = 43$ cells). pGPD-Mob1 slightly delays MEN activation and exit from mitosis.

(**F**) Kinetics of MEN activation and anaphase progression for experiments shown in Figure 1E. Mob1Δ78 slightly accelerated mitotic exit.

For graphs in (D-F), single cell traces were aligned based on anaphase onset and averaged. Solid lines represent the average, shaded areas represent 95% confidence intervals.

Figure 1–figure supplement 2: Mob1's nucleolar localization correlates with MEN activation and Cdc14 release from the nucleolus.

(**A**) Illustration of Mob1's SPB localization and translocation of NLS$_{Cdc14}$ reporter in response to MEN activation.

(**B**) Localization of Mob1Δ132 and the MEN activity reporter NLS$_{Cdc14}$ during the cell cycle. A41213 (*GFP-MOB1Δ132*, *CFI1/NET1-mCherry*, *SPC42-mCherry* and *NLS$_{Cdc14}$-ymiRFP670*) cells were grown as in Figure 1E. Red square indicates anaphase.

(**C**) Relative timing of nucleolar localization of Mob1 (black) and SPB localization of Mob1 (green) in cells harboring the indicated *MOB1* alleles.

(**D**) Relative timing of nucleolar localization of Mob1 (black) and release of the NLS_{Cdc14} reporter from the nucleus (red) in cells harboring the indicated *MOB1* alleles.

(**E**) Localization of Mob1 and Cdc14 during the cell cycle. A40314 (*MOB1-eGFP*, *SPC42-mCherry* and *CDC14-mCherry*) cells were grown at room temperature in SC medium + 2% glucose and imaged every 2 minutes for 4 hours. The colored squares indicate the frames where Cdc14 is released from the nucleolus mediated by either the FEAR network or the MEN. Yellow arrows highlight localization of Mob1 in the nucleolus.

Figure 2–figure supplement 1: TurboID identified interaction between Dbf2-Mob1 and Cfi1/Net1.

(**A**) Overview of TurboID proximity-based biotinylation to identify interaction partners of a target protein.

(**B**) Number of total peptides detected for MS-identified proteins in cells with TurboID tagged baits relative to untagged control cells (source data for Figure 2A). Shaded red dots represent proteins (hits) identified as interaction partners of the bait protein. Solid yellow lines denote the mean ratio of total peptide detected for all proteins. Dashed lines denote the threshold used for identifying hits (10 standard derivations above the mean).

(**C**) Biotinaylated peptide of Cfi1/Net1 detected in cells harboring Mob1-TurboID.

(**D**) Streptavidin gel-shift assay to probe the interaction between Mob1 and Cfi1/Net1. Lysates of A41379, A1638, and A41372 cells with or without streptavidin treatment were immunoblotted as indicated. Red arrows highlight biotinylated proteins.

Figure 3–figure supplement 1: Examining nuclear access of Dbf2-Mob1 by optogenetics.

(**A**) The PhyB-PIF based light-inducible organelle targeting system. When exposed to 650 nm light, anchored PhyB interacts with PIF and thus targets protein of interest (POI) to designated subcellular regions. This interaction is reversed with exposure to 750 nm light.

(**B**) Recruiting Mob1 to SPBs (A40346) or the mitochondrial surface (A40354) with the PhyB-PIF optogenetics system. Cells were grown at room temperature in SC medium + 2% glucose, incubated with 12.5 µM PCB for 2 hours in the dark prior to imaging. Red dots indicate application of red light (650 nm) for 5 minutes to activate PhyB.

(**C**) Recruiting Dbf2 (A40262) or Cdc15 (A40258) to the nucleolus with PhyB-Sik1. Cells were grown similarly to (B). Yellow arrows highlight the light-induced recruitment.

(**D**) Probing Mob1's nuclear access during the cell cycle with PhyB-Sik1. A40260 cells were grown similarly to (B) and imaged every 5 minutes while the red light (650 nm) was applied for 2 minutes every 15 minutes. Red dots denote frames where 650 nm light was applied to activate PhyB prior to imaging as indicated in the cartoon above. Yellow arrows highlight the light-induced recruitment.

(**E**) Quantifications of enrichment of Mob1 in the nucleolus as a function of PhyB activation time for wild-type Mob1 (A41360; $n = 22$, 14, and 21 cells for G1-S, metaphase and anaphase respectively), Mob1Δ78 (A41366; $n = 11$, 6, and 2 cells for G1-S, metaphase and anaphase respectively) at 25°C and for Mob1Δ78 in *CDC15* (A41366; $n = 25$, 4, and 9 cells for G1-S, metaphase and anaphase respectively) or *cdc15-2* cells (A41365; $n = 39$, 9, and 10 cells for G1-S, metaphase and anaphase respectively) at 34°C. Cells were grown similarly to (B).

Figure 3–figure supplement 2: Identification of a functional NES in Dbf2.

(A) Mob1's cellular localization when nuclear export is inhibited. Left, cells (A39893, A41349) were grown at room temperature in SC medium + 2% glucose and leptomycin B. Red box indicates anaphase and yellow arrows highlight increased nuclear and nucleolar localization. Right, comparison of nucleolar enrichment of Mob1 in *CRM1* (A41211, A41212 and A41213; *n* = 12, 18 and 11 cells respectively) and *crm1T539C* cells (A41373, A41374 and A41375; *n* = 13, 9 and 16 cells respectively). Cells were grown at 25°C in SC medium + 2% glucose with 100 ng/ml LMB and imaged every 3 minutes for 4 hours.

(**B**) Localization of overexpressed Mob1-eGFP from the *GAL1-10* promoter with (A41363) or without (A41364) co-overexpressing Dbf2 from the same promoter. Cells were grown in SC medium + 2% raffinose and mounted onto agarose pads made with SC medium + 1% raffinose and 1% galactose.

(**C**) Localization of overexpressed Dbf2-eGFP with (A41383) or without (A41384) inhibiting Crm1 with LMB. Cells were grown in SC medium + 2% raffinose and mounted onto agarose pad made with SC medium + 1% raffinose, 1% galactose and 100 ng/ml LMB.

(**D**) Alignment of Dbf2 homologs in *Saccharomycetes* and *S. pombe*.

(**E-G**) Localization of various Dbf2-eGFP mutants expressed from the *GAL1-10* promoter (A41388, A41389, A41386, A41390, A41391, A41392, A41393, A41440, A41441 and A41442; *n* = 97, 98, 123, 135, 120, 88, 58, 76 and 79 cells respectively). Cells were grown as in (B) and analyzed after 5 hours of growth in galactose containing medium.

Figure 3–figure supplement 3: Phosphorylation of Dbf2's NES partially regulates Dbf2-Mob1's nuclear access.

(**A**) Nucleolar enrichment of wild-type and truncated Mob1 in wild-type, *dbf2-S17/20A* or *dbf2-S17/20D* cells (A41614, A41617, A41620, A41615, A41618, A41621, A41616, A41619, A41622; *n* = 32, 28, 33,39, 43, 37, 31, 35 and 37 cells respectively). Cells were grown and imaged as in Figure 1E. Solid lines represent the average; shaded areas represent 95% confidence intervals. For maximum enrichment, each dot represents a single cell. Solid lines represent the median. ****$P < 0.0001$; *$P < 0.05$ by two-sided Wilcoxon rank sum test.
(**B**) Quantifications of enrichment of Mob1 in the nucleolus as a function of PhyB activation time for wild-type *DBF2* (A41608; *n* = 42 and 24 cells for pre-anaphase and anaphase, respectively), *dbf2-S17/20A* (A41609; *n* = 55 and 41 cells for pre-anaphase and anaphase, respectively) and *dbf2-S17/20D* (A41610; *n* = 58 and 28 cells for pre-anaphase and anaphase, respectively). Cells were grown as in Figure3-figure supplement 1.
(**C**) 5-fold serial dilutions of *cdc15-2* cells harboring wild-type *DBF2* (A41624), *dbf2-S17/20A* (A41625) or *dbf2-S17/20D* (A41626) in YEP + 2% glucose at the indicated temperatures.

Figure 4–figure supplement 1: Nucleolar localization of Dbf2-Mob1 does not depend on the FEAR network.

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B

(**A**) Enrichment of Mob1 at the dSPB, in the nucleolus, and Dbf2-Mob1's kinase activity in wild-type (A41211, A41212 and A41213; n = 12, 18, 11) or *slk19Δ* (A41357, A41358, A41359; n = 26, 29, 22 cells) cells. Cells were grown at 25°C in SC medium + 2% glucose and imaged every 3 minutes for 4 hours. Solid lines represent the average of single cell traces aligned to anaphase onset. Shaded areas represent 95% confidence intervals.

(**B**) Maximum enrichment of Mob1 in the nucleolus. Each dot represents a single cell. The solid lines represent the median. *ns*, not significant ($P > 0.05$) by two-sided Wilcoxon rank sum test.

Figure 5–figure supplement 1: Phosphoproteomics identifies *CDC15* (MEN) and *CDC5* dependent phosphorylation in anaphase.

(**A**) Overview of the sample preparation for phosphoproteomics analysis to map *CDC15* (MEN) and *CDC5* dependent phosphorylation in anaphase. Paired wild-type (*WT*, A2587) and *cdc15-as1* (A10991) or paired wild-type and *cdc5-as1* (A40903) cultures were synchronized in G1 with α-factor (5 µg/ml). After 150 minutes cells were released into fresh medium with the

corresponding inhibitors in the absence of pheromone at room temperature. After ~100 minutes cells were harvested to extract proteins and processed for data-independent acquisition mass spectrometry (DIA-MS) analysis with 7 technical replicates for each sample. Immuno-fluorescence (IF) using an anti-tubulin antibody was performed on the collected cells to determine the percentage of cells with anaphase spindle (~70% for wild-type cells and ~95% for cdc5-as1 and cdc15-as1 cells).

(**B**) Volcano plots of -$\log_{10}$ transformed FDR adjusted *P*-value versus $\log_2$(fold change or ratio) of intensities measured for peptides identified in anaphase cells with *WT* or analog-sensitive (*as1*) alleles of *CDC15* or *CDC5*. Yellow dashed lines indicate the cutoff ($R > 2$ and $p_{adj} < 0.05$) used to identify peptides whose phosphorylation depends on the corresponding kinase as marked with red shaded dots.

(**C**) Correlations of peptide intensity in *WT* and *as1* samples for Cdc15 and Cdc5 inhibition in anaphase. Data points on the axis represent peptides that were only detected in one sample but not the other. Red shaded dots denote hits for *CDC15* or *CDC5*-dependent phosphopeptides identified based on the cutoff described in (B) and for peptides that were detected in at least 5 out of 7 replicates in *WT* samples but were missing in *as1* samples (thus no fold change could be calculated).

(**D-E**) Summary of phosphorylation sites (D) and phospho-proteins (E) determined as *CDC15*- or *CDC5*-dependent. Potential Dbf2-Mob1 targets were identified as *CDC15*-dependent and to fit the Dbf2 phosphorylation consensus motif RXXS*, where * denotes the site of phosphorylation. Cdc5-only sites are sites that are *CDC5*-dependent but not *CDC15*-dependent.

(**F**) *CDC15*- and *CDC5*-dependent sites in Mob1 and Dbf2. Light gray sites represent sites that were detected but were not determined as either *CDC15*- or *CDC5*-dependent.

Figure 5–figure supplement 2: Phosphorylation of Cfi1/Net1 modulates Dbf2-Mob1's nucleolar localization.

(**A-B**) Representative images of Mob1Δ132 localization in *CFI1/NET1* (A41411), *cfi1-91A* (A41412 and A41413), *cfi1-Cdc15(z2)* (A41593) or *cfi1-Cdc5only(z2)* (A41594) cells.

Figure 5–figure supplement 3: Identification of *CDC5*-dependent phosphorylation sites in metaphase.

(**A**) Overview of the sample preparation for phosphoproteomics analysis to map *CDC5*-dependent phosphorylation sites in metaphase. Same procedures were followed as in Figure S8A except that following release of cells from the G1 arrest, cells were resuspended in medium containing the inhibitor CMK (5 µM) and nocodazole (15 µg/ml).

(**B**) Volcano plot and correlation of peptide intensities with and without inhibition of Cdc5 (*cdc5-as1* or *WT*) in metaphase. Yellow dashed lines indicate the cutoff ($R > 2$ and $P_{adj} < 0.05$, or detected in at least 4 out of 6 replicates in *WT* sample but missing in *cdc5as1* sample) used to identify peptides whose phosphorylation depends on *CDC5* as marked with red shaded dots.

(**C-D**) Summary and comparison of phosphorylation sites (C) and phospho-proteins (D) detected in metaphase and anaphase.

(**E**) *CDC5*-only and *CDC15*-dependent sites in Cfi1/Net1 and Cdc14 mapped in metaphase and anaphase. Light gray sites in metaphase/anaphase represent phosphorylation sites that were detected but were not determined as *CDC5*-dependent.

Figure 5–figure supplement 4: Cdc5 interacts with Cfi1/Net1 *in vivo*.

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618
Cfi1 IVPQDSDSSSFPkSDLFK
↑
biotin

623
Cfi1 IVPQDSDSSSFPKSDLFkMIEGDDTDLPQWFK
↑
biotin

(**A**) Results of TurboID proximity-based biotinylation for Cdc5 (A41385 and A2588).
(**B**) Biotinaylated peptides of Cfi1/Net1 detected in cells with Cdc5-TurboID.
(**C**) Streptavidin gel-shift assay to probe the interaction between Cdc5-TurboID and Cfi1/Net1 (A1638 and A41418). Cells were grown at room temperature in YPED. Lysates were treated with streptavidin and immunoblotted as indicated. Red arrows highlight biotinylated proteins.

Figure 5–figure supplement 5: Dbf2-Mob1 localizes to the nucleolus via Mob1's phosphoserine-threonine binding domain.

(**A**) Representative images of Mob1Δ132 (A41664) and Mob1Δ132-3RA (A41665) localization.

(**B**) Enrichment of Mob1Δ132 (A41664, *n* = 50 cells) or Mob1Δ132-3RA (A41665, *n* = 85 cells) at the dSPB. Cells were grown like in Figure 5G. Solid lines represent the average of single cell traces aligned to anaphase onset. Shaded areas represent 95% confidence intervals. For maximum enrichment, each dot represents a single cell. Solid lines represent the median. *****P* < 0.0001 by two-sided Wilcoxon rank sum test.

(**C**) Enrichment of Mob1Δ132 (A41666, *n* = 54 cells) or Mob1Δ132-3RA (A41667, *n* = 77 cells) in the nucleus. Cells were grown at 25°C in SC medium + 2% glucose and imaged every 3 minutes for 4 hours. Solid lines represent the average of single cell traces aligned to anaphase onset. Shaded areas represent 95% confidence intervals.

Figure 6–figure supplement 1: Phosphorylation in zone 2 of Cfi1/Net1 regulates Cdc14 release from the nucleolus.

(**A-B**) Kinetics of Cdc14 release from the nucleolus in cells harboring wild-type *CFI1/NET1* (A41387, $n = 103$ cells for A, $n = 130$ cells for B) or different *CFI1/NET1* phospho-null mutants (A41398, A41399, A41400, A41401, A41404, A41405, A41397, A41402 and A41403; $n = 95$, 103, 146, 59, 102, 113, 128, 114 and 102 cells respectively). Cells were grown at 25°C in SC medium + 2% glucose and imaged every 5 minutes for 5 hours. Release of Cdc14 from the nucleolus was quantified as the ratio of fluorescence intensity of Cdc14-eGFP to Cfi1/Net1-mScarlet in the nucleolus (I_{Cdc14}/I_{Cfi1}). Relative degree of Cdc14 release from the nucleolus was calculated as the normalized minimal Cdc14 level in the nucleolus: $(I_{Cdc14}(t_{min})/I_{Cfi1}(t_{min}))/(I_{Cdc14}(t_{-20})/I_{Cfi1}(t_{-20}))$ where t_{min} represents the frame with minimal Cdc14 levels in the nucleolus and t_{-20} represent 20 min before movement of the SPB into bud. Each dot represents a single cell and the solid lines represent the median. ****P < 0.0001; **P < 0.01; *P < 0.05 by two-sided Wilcoxon rank sum test.

(**C**) Representative images showing Cdc14 nucleolar release kinetics for cells harboring wild-type *CFI1/NET1* (A41387) or *CFI1/NET1* phospho-mutants with all 91 sites (A41404) or only sites in zone 2 (A41399) mutated to alanine. Yellow arrows highlight localization of Cdc14 at dSPB prior to anaphase.

Figure 6–figure supplement 2: The MEN and *CDC5* promote release of Cdc14 from the nucleolus by phosphorylating Cfi1/Net1.

Representative images showing Cdc14 nucleolar release kinetics for cells harboring wild-type *CFI1/NET1* (A41387) or *CFI1/NET1* phospho-mutants for Cdc15 sites (A41587), Cdc5 sites (A441588), and Cdc15&Cdc5 sites (A41589). Red box highlights anaphase when Cdc14 is fully released in WT cells. Yellow arrows highlight localization of Cdc14 at dSPB prior to anaphase.

Figure 6–figure supplement 3: Cfi1/Net1 phospho-mutants delay mitotic exit and nucleolar segregation.

(**A**) Tracking anaphase progression and nucleolar segregation using Spc42-eGFP and Cfi1/Net1-mScarlet-I as markers, respectively. A41436 cells were grown at 25°C in SC medium + 2% glucose and imaged every 3 minutes for 4 hours.

(**B**) Quantification of spindle elongation (spindle length was estimated by measuring the distance between the two SPBs) and nucleolar segregation (nucleoli length was estimated by measuring the length of the major axis of the nucleolar mass) for *CFI1/NET1* mutants using the SPB marker Spc42-eGFP and the nucleolar marker Cfi1/Net1-mScarlet-I (A41436, A41590, A41591 and

A41592; same dataset as in Figure 6C). Single cell traces were aligned to anaphase onset (spindle length > 3 µm) and averaged. Solid lines represent the average. Shaded areas represent 95% confidence intervals.

(**C**) Cumulative density of anaphase duration (left) and delay of nucleolar segregation (right) for cells in (B). Anaphase duration was defined as the time from anaphase onset (spindle length > 3 µm) to mitotic exit (spindle breakdown, determined as relaxation of the distance between SPBs). Delay of nucleolar segregation was defined as the time of nucleolar segregation (clear separation of two nucleolar masses) relative to anaphase onset.

Figure 6–figure supplement 4: Phosphorylation of the Cdc14 NLS does not play a major role in promoting mitotic exit.

(**A**) Profiles (left) and relative degrees (right) of nuclear release of wild-type (A41584, $n = 69$ cells) and mutant NLS_{Cdc14} reporters where all three potential Dbf2-Mob1 (MEN) target sites (A41585, $n = 59$ cells) or only two out of three sites (A41586 and A41623, $n = 77$ and 55 cells) were mutated to alanine. Cells were grown at 25°C in SC medium + 2% glucose and imaged every 5 minutes for 4 hours. Solid lines (right) represent the median.

(**B**) Distribution of anaphase duration for *CDC14* phospho-mutants in combination with *CFI1* or *cfi1-Cdc15&5* measured using the SPB marker Spc42-eGFP (A41436, A41707, A41592 and A41708; $n = 64$, 65, 61 and 58 cells, respectively). Cells were grown at 25°C in SC medium + 2% glucose and imaged every 3 minutes for 4 hours. Anaphase duration was defined as the time from anaphase onset (spindle length > 3 μm) to mitotic exit (spindle breakdown). Solid lines represent the mean. ****$P < 0.0001$; *$P < 0.05$; *ns*, not significant ($P > 0.05$) by two-sided Wilcoxon rank sum test.

Figure 6–figure supplement 5: Mutating both CDK and Cdc5 sites in Cfi1/Net1 results in severe delays in exit from mitosis and nucleolar segregation.

(**A**) Cdc14 nucleolar release kinetics in cells harboring wild-type *CFI1/NET1* (A41387, *n* = 39 cells) or *CFI1/NET1* phospho-mutants for CDK sites combined with Cdc5 sites in zone 2 (A41691, *n* = 79 cells). Cells were grown at 25°C in SC medium + 2% glucose and imaged every 5 minutes for 5 hours. Single cell traces were aligned to the frame where the dSPB entered the bud and averaged. Solid lines represent the average. Shaded areas represent 95% confidence intervals. Each dot represents a single cell. Solid lines represent the median. ****$P < 0.0001$ by two-sided Wilcoxon rank sum test.

(**B**) Distribution of anaphase duration and relative delay of nucleolar segregation for different *CFI1/NET1* phospho-mutants (A41436, A41692 and A41694; *n* = 58, 55, 44 cells respectively) measured using the SPB marker Spc42-eGFP and the nucleolar marker Cfi1/Net1-mScarlet-I. Cells were grown at 25°C in SC medium + 2% glucose and imaged every 3 minutes for 4 hours. Each dot represents a single cell. Solid lines represent the median. ****$P < 0.0001$ by two-sided Wilcoxon rank sum test.

Supplementary tables and datasets

Table S1. Yeast strains used in this study.

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Dataset S2. Complete list of phosphopeptides for each phosphorylation site detected in the DIA-MS experiments.