Sphingolipid depletion inhibits bulk endocytosis while triggering selective clearance of

the methionine transporter Mup1

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Abstract

Myriocin is a potent inhibitor of sphingolipid biosynthesis that increases lifespan in a variety of model organisms, but how slowing sphingolipid biosynthesis promotes longevity remains unknown. Previously, we reported that myriocin treatment of yeast cells triggers an acute decline in the abundance of most amino acids, resulting in a state of amino acid restriction. Myriocin also triggers the endocytic downregulation of the methionine transporter Mup1, although its effect on other nutrient transporters is unknown. Here, we characterized a panel of different PM proteins – including amino acid transporters, hexose transporters, proton pumps, and signaling receptors – during a myriocin treatment time course. In contrast to Mup1, all other PM proteins examined were either unaffected or accumulated at the PM in response to myriocin treatment. Notably, myriocin treatment inhibits bulk endocytosis after 4 hours of treatment, which may account for the accumulation of various PM proteins in response to myriocin. Our data indicates that the mechanism of myriocin-induced Mup1 endocytosis is distinct from methionine-induced Mup1 endocytosis in that it is dependent on the Rsp5 adaptor Art2, C-terminal lysine residues, and the formation of K63-linked ubiquitin polymers. These findings shed new light on how cells adapt to sphingolipid depletion and reveal a novel mechanism for endocytic clearance of Mup1.

Introduction

Sphingolipids (SLs) are a diverse class of lipids that serve as a structural component of eukaryotic membranes but also have important regulatory functions related to cell signaling. The first steps of SL biosynthesis occur in the ER and result in the production of ceramide, which is then transported to the Golgi complex for further modification into complex SLs. These complex SLs are then transported to different membranes throughout the cell where they serve a multitude of functions [1]. For example, sphingomyelin regulates sorting of specific secretory cargo in the trans-Golgi network of mammalian cells [2, 3]. In the PM of mammalian cells, sphingosine 1-phosphate is generated and can be secreted to act as a signaling molecule that mediates complex processes including vascular development and coordination of immune responses [4]. In yeast, sphingolipids at the PM regulate the activation of TORC2 [5]. Indeed, the variety of regulatory functions served by SLs is underscored by their important role in processes that range from memory and cognition [6] to the progression of cancer [7, 8].

Myriocin (Myr) is a potent inhibitor of serine palmitoyltransferase (SPT) which catalyzes the first step of SL biosynthesis and increases lifespan in a variety of model organisms [9]. There is a growing body of data showing that Myr treatment reduces the severity of age-related diseases in mice and rats, including atherosclerosis and cardiac impairment [10-13], factors for metabolic syndrome, obesity, diabetes and cancer [14-18], amyloid beta and tau hyperphosphorylation in Alzheimer's disease [19] and other neurodegenerative diseases [20, 21]. Despite its therapeutic potential, it remains unclear how dampening SL biosynthesis confers these health benefits to enhance longevity.

Perturbations that alter sphingolipid homeostasis have complex effects on cellular processes, and how myriocin slows aging and supports longevity is currently unclear. Using the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, we have worked to understand how myriocin treatment and sphingolipid depletion lead to increased longevity. Recently, we reported that Myr-treated yeast cells experience a state of amino acid restriction, which is associated with decreased uptake of

amino acids from the media into the cell. We also reported that Myr triggered the endocytic

clearance of the high affinity methionine transporter Mup1, although the fate of other nutrient

transporters remains unclear. Here, we report on how Myr affects a broad panel of different PM

proteins – including amino acid transporters, hexose transporters, proton pumps, and signaling

receptors. Our analysis reveals that Myr triggers selective endocytic clearance of Mup1 while

inhibiting bulk endocytosis, leading to PM accumulation of many other nutrient transporters. We

also address the mechanism of Myr-mediated Mup1 endocytosis, which is mechanistically distinct

from methionine-induced Mup1 endocytosis. These studies are crucial to understanding how Myr

treatment leads to a state of amino acid restriction, and they provide new insights into how the

PM is remodeled in response to sphingolipid depletion.

Results

Myriocin triggers remodeling of AAT composition at the PM

Our previous finding that Myr treatment generally decreases the intracellular pool and the

rate of uptake of amino acids [22] raised the possibility that gradual sphingolipid depletion alters

the composition of amino acid transporters (AATs) at the PM. To explore this possibility, we

examined cells harboring chromosomal mNeonGreen (mNG) fusions to a panel of AAT genes

(*MUP1, CAN1, DIP5, LYP1, BAP3, GAP1*, and *TAT2*) in wildtype (SEY6210) and vacuolar Vph1-

mCherry-expressing background strains. Cells at mid-log phase were treated with Myr or mock-

treated (drug solvent) for 5 hours and mixed just prior to visualization by fluorescence microscopy.

Vph1-mCherry expression was used to identify cells that had been Myr-treated, while mock

treatment was performed on cells lacking any mCherry expression. Quantification of images was

performed by measuring mean fluorescence intensity at the PM of individual cells. Surprisingly,

Myr treatment did not alter PM levels of Can1, Dip5, and Lyp1, and slightly increased the levels

of Bap3 and Tat2 (**Fig. 1A-B**). Consistent with previously reported results, Myr-treated cells

exhibited decreased Mup1-mNG at the PM and increased Mup1-mNG flux into the vacuole (**Fig.**

1A-B), suggesting that sphingolipid depletion induces a selective endocytic clearance of the

methionine transporter, Mup1.

Yeast cells respond to Myr by increasing abundance of specific glucose transporters

Given that yeast cells respond to Myr by altering the PM composition of AATs we

considered the possibility that other nutrient transporters may also be affected. Specifically, given

the relationship between glucose metabolism and aging, we hypothesized that Myr treatment may

alter composition or activity of glucose transporters. To examine the effect of Myr on glucose

transport, yeast cells were incubated with radiolabeled ^{3}H-glucose and uptake was measured with

or without Myr treatment. Notably, glucose uptake was significantly lowered in cells treated with

Myr for at least 2 hours (**Fig. 2A**). To test if Myr treatment affects the abundance of glucose

transporters at the PM, we examined cells harboring chromosomal mNeonGreen (mNG) fusions

to a panel of hexose transporter genes (*HXT1, HXT2, HXT3, HXT6*) in wildtype (SEY6210) and

vacuolar Vph1-mCherry-expressing background strains. Cells were grown to mid-log phase,

treated with Myr or mock (drug solvent) for 5 hours and mixed just prior to visualization by

fluorescence microscopy (as described in **Fig. 1**). We found that Myr treatment had no effect on

the PM abundance of Hxt3 or Hxt6, while the low-affinity glucose transporter Hxt1 and the high-

affinity glucose transporter Hxt2 exhibited increased abundance at the PM (**Fig. 2B-C** and **Fig.**

S2A-B). Thus, Myr-treated cells selectively increase PM abundance of specific hexose

transporters, while experiencing decreased capacity for glucose uptake. These results are

unexpected and suggest impaired or suppressed activity of glucose transporters in sphingolipid-

depleted cells.

We expanded our analysis to include other categories of integral membrane proteins at

the PM. Importantly, Myr-treatment had negligible effects on the localization of the PM proton

pumps Pma1 and Pma2 as well as the cell wall stress sensor Wsc1 (**Fig. S3A**). Interestingly, Myr-

treated conferred PM stability to the pheromone receptor Ste2 and the ABD transporter Pdr5 (**Fig.**

S3A). We also observed an increase in PM association of several peripheral membrane proteins

that function in endocytosis, including several endocytic adaptors (Ent1, Ent2 and Ede1) (**Fig.**

S3B-C). The results of our analysis of how various PM proteins respond to Myr treatment are

summarized in **Table 1**.

Myriocin decreases the bulk inflow of the PM

It is noteworthy that several PM proteins accumulated at the PM following Myr treatment,

which we hypothesized may be due to a decrease in bulk endocytosis. To measure bulk

endocytosis, the lipophilic tracer dye FM4-64 (N-(3-triethylammoniumpropyl)-4-(p-

diethylaminophenylhexatrienyl) pyridium dibromide) was added to pulse-label the PM, followed

by washing and chasing for 1 hour. Bulk endocytosis results in most FM4-64 being delivered to

the limiting membrane of the vacuole (labelled by Vph1-mNG) in mock-treated cells (**Fig. S4A-B**

and **3A-B**). In contrast, cells treated with Myr for 4 hours exhibited reduced colocalization of FM4-

64 with Vph1-mNG (**Fig. 3A-B** and **Fig. S4C-D**), indicating a significant reduction in bulk

endocytosis. Notably, treatment of cells with Myr for 1 hour had no effect on bulk endocytosis,

while Myr treatment for 2 hours resulted in a partial but significant defect in bulk endocytosis (**Fig.**

3A-B). This defect in bulk endocytosis after 4 hours of Myr treatment likely contributes to the

accumulation of various PM proteins in the PM (**Table 1**). However, it is unclear how Myr triggers

the endocytic clearance of the high-affinity methionine permease Mup1 (**Fig. 1**) despite

impairment of bulk PM lipid endocytosis.

Myriocin-induced trafficking of Mup1 requires the Rsp5 adaptor Art2

To better understand how Myr triggers the endocytic clearance of Mup1, we first attempted

to validate our findings using yeast cells with chromosomal *MUP1* fused at its C-terminus to

superecliptic pHluorin, a GFP variant that does not fluoresce in the acidic environment of the

vacuole [23]. In this yeast variant, steady state levels of Mup1 at the PM can be measured by flow

cytometry [24]. Similar to our fluorescence microscopy results, this approach revealed Mup1

levels at the PM begin to decrease after 4 hours of Myr treatment (**Fig. 4A**). To test whether this

response is due to sphingolipid depletion, we analyzed the effect of Myr in cells cultured with

phytosphingosine (PHS)-supplemented media. Notably, the PHS supplementation prevents the

clearance of Mup1, indicating this response is the result of sphingolipid depletion (**Fig. 4B**).

Similar to Myr, aureobasidin (AbA), which inhibits the inositol phosphorylceramide synthase

AUR1, also triggered the clearance of Mup1, an effect which could not be reversed by PHS

supplementation (**Fig. 4C**). Taken together, these results reveal that PM clearance of Mup1 is

triggered by depletion of complex SLs which are synthesized downstream of ceramide (e.g.,

inositol phosphorylceramides and their mannosylated derivatives).

The endocytosis of nutrient transporters in yeast is controlled primarily by Rsp5-mediated

ubiquitylation events (reviewed in [25]). Pairing of the E3 ubiquitin ligase Rsp5 with cargo adaptors

called ARTs (*a*rrestin-*r*elated *t*rafficking adaptors) determines the specificity of substrate targeting

and promotes adaptation to nutrient fluctuations and stress conditions [26, 27]. Analysis of the

yeast transcriptional response to Myr treatment revealed increased transcript abundance for Rsp5

and several ARTs (**Fig. S5A**), indicating that sphingolipid depletion alters gene expression in a

way that could affect endocytic trafficking. For example, *ART1* and *ART2* were notably

upregulated in a Myr-treatment time course (**Fig. S5A-B**), and both are known to regulate Mup1

endocytosis in response to excess methionine [27, 28] and nitrogen starvation [29], respectively.

To test if ARTs are involved in this response, we characterized Myr-triggered Mup1-pHluorin

clearance in a panel of ART deletion yeast strains and found that all ARTs tested were

dispensable except for *ART2* (**Fig. 4D).** To validate this result, we performed fluorescence

microscopy to compare the PM abundance of Mup1-pHluorin in wildtype, *Δart1* or *Δart2* yeast

cells. Strikingly, Mup1 clearance was not detected in Myr-treated *Δart2* yeast cells, while loss of

ART1 did not affect this response (**Fig. 4E**). These findings indicate that Art2 mediates the

endocytic clearance of Mup1 in response to Myr treatment.

Myr-induced trafficking of Mup1 requires Lys63-linked polyubiquitylation at its C-terminus

Ubiquitylation at N-terminal lysines (K27 and K28) is required for Mup1 endocytosis in

response to excess methionine [30-32] while ubiquitylation at C-terminal lysines (K567 and K572)

is reported to mediate endocytic clearance in response to nitrogen starvation [29] (**Fig. 5A**). Since

Art1-mediated ubiquitylation of Mup1 occurs at N-terminal lysines (K27 and K28) and Art2 was

previously reported to bind at the C-terminus of Mup1 [29] we predicted that ubiquitylation of C-

terminal lysine residues may be required for Myr-induced endocytosis of Mup1. To test this

prediction we characterized Myr-induced trafficking of Mup1-mNG in strains with short C-terminal

truncations lacking one or both C-terminal lysine residues (ΔK572 and ΔK567ΔK572,

respectively) (**Fig. 5B**). While Mup1$^{\Delta K572}$-mNG exhibited Myr-induced endocytic clearance,

Mup1$^{\Delta K567 \Delta K572}$-mNG was unresponsive to Myr treatment (**Fig. 5C-D**). These results indicate that

Myr-triggered Mup1 endocytosis requires ubiquitylation at its C-terminal lysine residues.

To measure the ubiquitylation of Mup1, we affinity purified Mup1-FLAG from yeast lysates

and analyzed it by SDS-PAGE and quantitative immunoblotting. This analysis revealed a

significant increase in K63-linked ubiquitin polymers associated with Mup1 in response to Myr

treatment (**Fig. 5E**). Previous work demonstrated that conjugation to monoubiquitin is sufficient

for Mup1 endocytosis in response to excess methionine [33]. In contrast, we found that yeast cells

expressing Ub^{K63R} as the sole source of ubiquitin were deficient for Myr-triggered endocytosis of

Mup1 (**Fig 5F** and **S5A-B**), indicating that K63-linked ubiquitin polymers are required for this

response. Taken together, our results reveal that Myr-induced endocytosis of Mup1 is ubiquitin-

mediated but proceeds by a mechanism that is distinct from methionine-induced endocytosis.

Multiple ubiquitin-binding endocytic adaptors function in Myr-mediated Mup1 endocytosis

Multiple ubiquitin-binding proteins in yeast, including the epsins Ent1 and Ent2 and the

epsin-like Ede1, function as adaptors that capture ubiquitylated cargoes during endocytic vesicle

formation. Among these, Ede1 was previously found to be crucial in mediating Mup1 trafficking in

response to excess methionine [34]. We observed an increased colocalization of Mup1-mNG with

Ent1-mCherry and Ent2-mNG, but not with Ede1, after 2.5 hours of Myr treatment (**Fig. 6A**).

However, a significant increase of Mup1-mNG colocalization with Ede1-mCherry occurred after 5

hours of Myr treatment (**Fig. 6B**). These results suggest that Mup1 association with all three

endocytic adaptors increases with variable kinetics during a Myr treatment time course. In

contrast, we did not observe any change in association between the arginine transporter Can1

and Ede1 during the same time course (**Fig. S6A**). To determine if the increased association

between Mup1 and Ede1 was due to ubiquitin binding, we analyzed association between Mup1-

mNG and a variant of Ede1 lacking its C-terminal UBA domain, which is known to preferentially

interact with K63-linked polymers [35]. Notably, the Ede1$^{\Delta uba}$ variant did not exhibit increased

association with Mup1 in response to Myr treatment (**Fig. 6C**). Taken together, our data suggest

that multiple endocytic adaptors contribute to Mup1 clearance in response to Myr treatment.

Discussion

Myriocin extends yeast chronological lifespan and our prior results revealed that this is

accomplished by establishing a state of amino acid restriction, which is accomplished at least in

part by decreasing the uptake of extracellular amino acids. Since our previous analysis revealed

that the high affinity methionine transporter undergoes Myr-induced endocytosis, we

hypothesized that other AATs would likewise be cleared from the PM following Myr treatment,

which would account for the broad decrease in the abundance of amino acids. Here, we report

the unexpected result that for almost all nutrient transporters and PM-associated proteins

examined Myr treatment induced either no change or increased abundance at the PM (**Table 1**).

The exception Mup1, which undergoes endocytic clearance following 4 hours of Myr treatment

(**Fig. 4**). These findings reveal that the decreased abundance of most amino acids observed

upon Myr treatment is not likely due to endocytic clearance of AATs, and in fact occurs despite

the increased PM abundance of Bap3 and Tat2. Thus, it is likely that the sphingolipid depletion

that occurs during Myr treatment lowers the transport activity of many AATs without inducing

endocytic clearance. Similar results were observed for hexose transporters, some of which

accumulated at the PM despite decreased glucose uptake during a Myr treatment time course. It

is possible the accumulation of specific PM proteins following Myr treatment is due to inhibition of

bulk endocytosis, which was observed using FM4-64 trafficking assays. Increased levels of

endocytic adaptors at the PM following Myr treatment suggests cargo capture and accumulation

of early endocytic intermediates which do not proceed to formation of vesicles, which is consistent

with the inhibition of bulk endocytosis. Alternatively, it is also possible that cells respond to

decreased amino acid and glucose availability by upregulating the biosynthesis and secretion of

specific nutrient transporters. Future studies will need to address why sphingolipid depletion

broadly decreases the activity of nutrient transporters at the PM.

The methionine transporter Mup1 was unique in that it was targeted for endocytic

clearance during a Myr treatment time course. Methionine-induced endocytosis of Mup1 is well-

characterized: it involves ubiquitylation of N-terminal lysine residues by the Art1-Rsp5 E3 ubiquitin

ligase complex, it occurs independently of ubiquitin polymer formation, and it requires the

endocytic adaptor Ede1. In contrast, we find that Myr-induced endocytosis of Mup1 is mediated

by the Art2-Rsp5 E3 ubiquitin ligase complex and it requires C-terminal lysine residues and the

formation of K63-linked ubiquitin polymers. Furthermore, Myr treatment induces co-localization of

Mup1 with Ent1 and Ent1 at early time points and with Ede1 at later time points – suggesting all

three endocytic adaptors contribute to Myr-mediated Mup1 clearance. Taken together, these

results reveal that Myr-mediated Mup1 endocytosis is mechanistically distinct from methionine-

mediated Mup1 endocytosis (**Fig. 7**). It remains unclear why Mup1 is selectively targeted for

endocytic clearance following sphingolipid depletion, and we hypothesize that altered methionine

homeostasis may be critical for Myr-mediated longevity. These findings shed new light on how

cells adapt to sphingolipid depletion and suggest that the regulation of methionine transport plays

a major role in determining yeast chronological life span.

Materials and Methods

Strains, media and growth conditions

Saccharomyces cerevisiae strains expressing endogenous reporter proteins fused with fluorescent proteins were generated by homologous recombination or mating. Cells in synthetic complete dextrose (SCD) media (preparation described in Hepowit et al. 2022) were grown at 26°C with agitation (220 rpm) to mid-log phase (OD600 = 0.3 – 0.6) and treated with 400 ng·mL^{-1} myriocin (Cayman Chemical Company), Aureobasidin A (TaKaRa), phytosphingosine (Tokyo Chemical Industry), or mock solution (95% ethanol) as needed. Cells expressing Hip1-mNG were cultured in low-histidine SCD (2 µg·mL^{-1}), while strains expressing Hxt6-mNG and Hxt7-mNG were grown in low-glucose SCD (0.2% glucose).

Fluorescence Microscopy

Yeast cells endogenously expressing fluorescent fusion proteins (mNG, MARS or mCherry) were grown to mid-log phase in indicated SCD broth, treated with Myr for 5 h, concentrated by centrifugation (3,500 X *g* for 10 s), and visualized using a DeltaVision Elite Imaging system (Olympus IX-71 inverted microscope; Olympus 100× oil objective (1.4 NA); DV Elite sCMOS camera, GE Healthcare). For the bulk endocytosis experiments using the 4-[6-[4-(diethylamino)phenyl]-1,3,5-hexatrien-1-yl]-1-[3-(triethylammonio)propyl]-pyridiniumbromide dye (FM 4-64, Invitrogen), the cells were prepared as previously described [36]. Fluorescence colocalization was measured using Pearson correlation coefficients analyzed by the Softworx software (GE Healthcare). Images obtained from the red and green filter channels were merged and the background-subtracted mean fluorescence at the plasma membrane was measured using Fiji [37].

Flow Cytometry

The endocytic trafficking of Mup1-pHluorin was analyzed using a flow cytometer as previously described [22, 38] with minor modifications. Briefly, cells endogenously expressing Mup1-pHluorin were grown to mid-log phase, treated with Myr or AbA, or in combination with PHS for 5 h, and analyzed using the BD Accuri™ C6 Plus Flow Cytometer. The flow was set in fast fluidics and the relative intensity of Mup1-pHluorin in 10,000 cells was measured in the FITC channel using 90% histogram gating of the mock-treated cells for signal normalization.

Western Blotting

Endogenously expressed Mup1-FLAG was isolated by anti-FLAG immunoprecipitation as previously described [39], dissolved in urea sample buffer containing 10% β-mercaptoethanol, and resolved in 12% Bis-Tris PAGE gel by electrophoresis. Proteins were transferred onto PVDF membrane (0.45 μm, GE Healthcare Amersham) by electrophoretic transblotting, blocked with 3% bovine serum albumin, and incubated with the following primary antibodies: anti-FLAG (1:1,000; Sigma; Mab), anti-ubiquitin (1:10,000; LifeSensors; Mab; clone VU-1), anti-K63 (1:1,000; EMD Millipore, RAb; clone apu3). Secondary antibodies used were anti-mouse (IRDye 680RD-goat anti-mouse; LI-COR) and anti-rabbit (IRDye 800CW-goat anti-rabbit; LI-COR). Fluorescence of blots was visualized using the Odyssey CLx Imaging System (LI-COR) and quantified using Image Studio Lite (LI-COR).

RNA seq analysis

Total RNA was isolated from the lysate of 5 OD_{600} unit of cells, sampled every 1 h increment of Myr treatment (up to 6 h), using the RNAeasy Mini Kit (Qiagen, Maryland). RNA samples were frozen in dry-ice ethanol bath and stored at -80°C until use. RNA seq was performed at the J. Carver Biotechnology Center at the University of Illinois and data are deposited in the Gene Expression Omnibus (GSE199904; NCBI tracking system #22817261).

Mass Spectrometry

Comparative quantitation of different linkage types of ubiquitin polymers was performed using SILAC-based mass spectrometry as previously described [38, 39] with minor modifications. Briefly, cells in light Lys/Arg or heavy Lys/Arg synthetic media were grown to 0.3 OD_{600}, treated with 400 ng·mL^{-1} Myr or the mock solution (95% ethanol) for 2 and 4 h, harvested by centrifugation (3,500 X g for 5 min at 4°C), flush-frozen in liquid nitrogen, and stored at -80°C until use. Cells were lysed in ice-cold lysis buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl [pH7.5], 150 mM NaCl, sodium pyrophosphate, 20 mM β-glycerophosphate, 2 mM sodium orthovanadate, 1 mM phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride, 0.2% NP-40, 10 mM iodoacetamide, 20 μM MG132, 1 mM 1,10-phenanthroline, 1X EDTA-free protease inhibitor cocktail [Roche], 1X PhosStop [Roche]) by bead beater agitation (3,000 rpm for 10 min with 1 min rest each interval) at 4°C. The whole-cell extract was clarified by centrifugation at 21,000 X g for 10 min at 4°C, and the supernatant was diluted with equal volume of lysis buffer without NP-40. Protein-conjugates of 3XFLAG-ubiquitin were isolated from the lysate by immunoprecipitation using agarose bead slurry conjugated with anti-FLAG M2 (Sigma). After washing the beads with ice-chilled TBS (50 mM Tris-HCl [pH7.5], 150 mM NaCl), the bound proteins were eluted with 90 μL elution buffer (100 mM Tris-HCl [pH8.0], 1% SDS) at 98°C for min. The eluted proteins were reduced with 10 mM DTT for 15 min at RT, alkylated with 20 mM iodoacetamide (Sigma) in the dark for 30 min at RT, and precipitated with 300 μl PPT solution (50% acetone, 49.9% ethanol, and 0.1% acetic acid). Precipitated proteins were washed with 200 μL PPT solution, sonicated for 30 s, centrifuged (21,000 X g for 10 min at 4°C) to separate the pellet, and lyophilized by air-drying and quick vacuum centrifugation. Equal amounts of light and heavy proteins were mixed, resolubilized in Urea-Tris solution (8 M urea, 50 mM Tris-HCl [pH8.0]), diluted four-fold with MS-grade H_2O, and digested overnight with 1 μg MS-grade trypsin (Gold, Promega) at 37°C. The 80 μL protein digest was acidified by adding 5 μL of 10% trifluoroacetic

319 acid (TFA) and 5 µL formic acid, clarified by centrifugation (21,000 X g for 1 min at RT), cleaned

320 by passing through a C18 column, lyophilized with a vacuum centrifuge (1 h at 45°C), and

321 dissolved in 12 µL 0.1% TFA. The peptides were loaded into a capillary reverse-phase analytical

322 column (360 µm O.D. X 100 µm I.D.) using a Dionex Ultimate 3000 nanoLC and autosampler,

323 and analyzed using a Q Exactive Plus mass spectrometer (Thermo Scientific). Ubiquitin chain

324 types were identified and quantified from resolved GlyGly-peptide footprints using MaxQuant (ver.

325 1.6.5.0).

 Figure Legends

328 **Figure. 1.** Myr treatment selectively decreases the level of the primary methionine permease,
329 Mup1, at the PM.
    (A) Mixed population of yeast cells, expressing select mNG-tagged AATs, visualized under a
      fluorescence microscope after treatment with Myr (400 ng·mL^{-1}) or mock solution (95%
      ethanol). Vph1 is a vacuolar marker used to distinguish the two yeast populations in a
      mixture visualized at 0 h and 5 h after treatment.
    (B) Quantification of the mean fluorescence intensity of select AAT-mNG at the PM, measured
      using Fiji (n = 30 - 60 cells; ±SD (error bars); triple asterisks (***) p value < 0.0005).

338 **Figure 2.** Myr increases the level of certain glucose transporters at the PM.
    (A) Myr-treated cells have lower rate of ^{3}H-glucose uptake.
    (B) Mixed population of yeast cells, expressing select mNG-tagged glucose transporters,
      visualized under a fluorescence microscope after treatment with Myr (400 ng·mL^{-1}) or mock
      solution (95% ethanol). Vph1 is a vacuolar marker used to distinguish the two yeast
      populations in a mixture visualized at 0 h and 5 h after treatment.
    (C) Quantification of the mean fluorescence intensity of select glucose transporters (C-term
      tagged with mNG) at the PM, measured using Fiji (n = 30 - 60 cells; ±SD (error bars).

348 **Figure 3.** Myr inhibits the bulk endocytosis of PM lipids.
    (A) Bulk endocytic trafficking of PM lipids and fusion with the vacuolar membrane. PM lipids
      were stained with a red lipophilic dye, FM 4-64, and vacuolar membrane was marked with
      green-fluorescing Vph1-mNG.
    (B) Co-localization of FM 4-64 red fluorescence and Vph1-mNG green fluorescence
      measured as Pearson's Correlation Coefficient values using softWoRx (ver. 7.0.0).

356 **Figure 4.** Sphingolipid depletion induces the endocytic trafficking of Mup1, requiring the arrestin
357 adaptor protein, Art2.
    (A) Mup1-pHluorin fluorescence decreasing at the PM after 4 h of Myr treatment as measured
      by flow cytometry (n = 10,000 cells; ±SD (error bars)).
    (B) Phytosphingosine supplementation stabilize Mup1-pHluorin at the PM (eight biological
      replicates; n = 10,000 cells; ±SD (error bars)).
    (C) *ART2* is required in Myr-induced endocytic trafficking of Mup1-pHluorin. Mup1-pHluorin
      fluorescence signal at the PM of cells was measured by a flow cytometer (four biological
      replicates; n = 10,000 cells; ±SD (error bars)).
    (D) Fluorescence microscopy showing that the *Δart2* null-deletion strain has stable Mup1-
      pHluorin signal at the PM after Myr treatment. Quantification is shown in Suppl. Fig. 4G.

369 **Figure 5.** Myr-induced trafficking of Mup1 requires K63-linked polyubiquitylation at the C-terminus
370 of Mup1.
    (A) Diagram showing the lysine residues at the cytosolic region of PM-associated Mup1.
    (B) Diagram showing the C-terminal truncation variants of Mup1.
    (C) Fluorescence microscopy of mixed cell populations (mNG-tagged Mup1 wt and truncation
      variants) after 5 h of Myr treatment.
    (D) Quantification of Mup1-mNG expressed as mean fluorescence intensity at the PM of cells
      visualized in Fig. 5C.

(E) Anti-FLAG and anti-K63 polyUb immunoblots of Mup1-FLAG enriched by anti-FLAG immunoprecipitation after 2 or 4 h of Myr treatment.

(F) Flow cytometry of SUB280-derived cells (all four ubiquitin-coding genes deleted) that *trans*-express only the wt or K63R ubiquitin and endogenously expressing Mup1-pHluorin (four biological replicates; n = 10,000 cells; ±SD (error bars)).

(G) Fluorescence microscopy showing that SUB280 cells expressing only the Ub K63R have more stable Mup1-mNG signal at the PM after Myr treatment. Quantification is shown in Suppl. Fig. 5.

Figure 6. Myr treatment induces Mup1 colocalization with ubiquitin-binding early endocytic adaptor proteins.

(A) Colocalization of Mup1-pHluorin with Ent1-, Ent2-, and Ede1-mNG after 2 h of Myr treatment.

(B) Colocalization of Mup1-pHluorin with Ent1-, Ent2-, and Ede1-mNG after 4 h of Myr treatment.

(C) Myr-induced colocalization of Mup1 and Ede1 is abrogated when the UBA domain of Mup1 is deleted.

Figure 7. Comparison of Mup1 endocytic trafficking as induced by excess methionine and sphingolipid depletion.

Supplemental Figure Legends

Suppl. Fig 1. Quantification of mean fluorescence intensity of Bap1-, Gnp1-, and Hip1-mNG at the PM of cells after 5 h of Myr treatment (n = 20 cells; ±SD (error bars)).

Suppl. Fig. 2A. Fluorescence microscopy of mixed population of cells expressing endogenous Hxt1-mNG after Myr (SEY6210 wildtype cells) or mock solution (SEY6210 Vph1-MARS) treatment.

Suppl. Fig. 2B. Quantification of Hxt1-mNG fluorescence measurements obtained from fluorescence microscopy images (n = 20 cells; ±SD (error bars); subpopulation of cells presented in Suppl. Fig. 2A).

Suppl. Fig. 2C. Fluorescence microscopy of mixed population of cells endogenously expressing select AATs (C-term tagged with mNG) after Myr (SEY6210 Vph1-MARS) or mock solution (SEY6210 wildtype cells) treatment.

Suppl. Fig. 2D. Fluorescence microscopy of mixed population of cells endogenously expressing select early endocytic proteins (C-term tagged with mNG) after Myr (SEY6210 Vph1-MARS) or mock solution (SEY6210 wildtype cells) treatment.

Suppl. Fig. 2E-G. Quantification of the total fluorescence of cells expressing Pdr5-, Ede1-, or Abp1-mNG after Myr treatment.

Suppl. Fig. 3A. Bulk endocytic trafficking of FM 4-64-stained PM-derived lipids (red) and fusion with the vacuolar membranes (green, Vph1-mNG as marker).

Suppl. Fig. 3B. Myr treatment delays the rate of bulk PM lipid (red, stained with FM 4-64) endocytic trafficking as measured by its colocalization with the vacuolar membrane (green, Vph1-mNG as marker). Colocalization expressed as Pearson Correlation Coefficient values (n = 10 cells; ±SD (error bars). After 1 h of Myr treatment, cells were washed and resuspended in fresh SCD media and the bulk PM lipid trafficking was visualized after 0, 30, 60 min of incubation at 26°C.

Suppl. Fig. 3C. Fluorescence microscopy of BY4741 cells, showing that Myr inhibits the bulk endocytosis of PM lipids. PM was stained with FM 4-64 after 4 h of mock (95% EtOH) or Myr treatment.

Suppl. Fig. 3D. Quantification of the colocalization of FM 4-64 (red, PM-derived lipids) and Vph1-mNG (green, vacuolar membrane marker) expressed as Pearson Correlation Coefficient values (n = 20 cells; ±SD (error bars)).

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Figure 1

A

Vph1-MARS

B

Figure 2

A

B

Vph1-MARS

C

Figure 3

A

B

Figure 4

A

B

C

D

wt/wt   Δart1/wt   Δart2/wt

Figure 5

Figure 6

Figure 7

Excess Methionine

Sphingolipid Depletion

Suppl. Fig. 1

Suppl. Fig. 2A

sham (EtOH):   Hxt1-GFP Vph1-MARS
myriocin (400 ng/ml): Hxt1-GFP

Suppl. Fig. 2B

Suppl. Fig. 2C

Pma1-mNG	Pma2-mNG	Ste2-mNG	Wsc1-mNG	Pdr5-mNG

0 h

5 h

Vph1-mCherry

Suppl. Fig. 2D

5 h treatment

Ent1-mNG	Ent2-mNG	Ede1-mNG

Sla1-mNG	Abp1-mNG	Chc1-mNG

Vph1-mRuby

Suppl. Fig. 2E

Suppl. Fig. 2F

Suppl. Fig. 2G

Suppl. Fig. 3A

FM 4-64
Vph1-mNG

Suppl. Fig. 3B

Suppl. Fig. 3C

	mock	myriocin
FM 4-64 **Vph1-mNG**

 | |
| **FM 4-64**
Vph1-mNG
DIC | | |

Suppl. Fig. 3D

FM4-64/Vph1-mNG

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Pearson Correlation Coefficient

1.0

0.5

0.0

mock   myriocin

BY4741 Vph1-mNG

Suppl. Fig. 4A

Hours of myriocin treatment

Suppl. Fig. 4B

ART1

Suppl. Fig. 4C

ART2

Suppl. Fig. 4D

ART4

Suppl. Fig. 4E

ART7

Suppl. Fig. 4F

Suppl. Fig. 4G

Suppl. Fig. 5

Suppl. Fig. 6A

Mup1-mCherry/**Endocytic Markers-mNG**

Suppl. Fig. 6B

Can1-mNG/**Ede1-mCh**

Suppl. Fig. 6C

Pil1-mNG/**Ede1-mCh**

Suppl. Fig. 6D

Suppl. Fig. 6E

Suppl. Fig. 6F

Tables

Table 1. Nutrient transporters and other PM proteins of yeast in response to myriocin treatment.

Functional Classification	PM Protein	Description	Response to Myriocin
	Mup1	high-affinity Met permease	endocytosis and vacuolar degradation
	Can1	uptake of Arg	no change
	Dip5	uptake of Asp, Glu, Gln, Asn, Ser, Gly and Ala	no change
	Lyp1	uptake of Lys	no change
amino acid transporters	Bap3	uptake of Cys, Leu, Ile and Val	increased level at PM
	Tat2	uptake of Trp and Tyr	increased level at PM
	Bap2	high-affinity Leu permease	increased level at PM
	Gnp1	broad specificity amino acid permease	no change
	Hip1	high-affinity His permease	no change
	Gap1	general amino acid permease	no change
	Hxt1	low-affinity glucose transporter	increased level at PM
hexose transporters	Hxt2	high-affinity glucose transporter	increased level at PM
	Hxt3	low-affinity glucose transporter	no change
	Hxt6	high-affinity glucose transporter	no change
proton pumps	Pma1	pumps protons out of cell	no change
	Pma2	pumps protons out of cell	no change
	Ent1	epsin protein that binds K63-linked polyUb	increased total level
	Ent2	epsin-like protein that binds K48- or K63-linked polyUb	increased total level
early endocytic proteins	Ede1	epsin protein that binds K63-linked polyUb	increased total level
	Sla1	cytoskeletal protein binding protein	no change
	Abp1	actin-binding protein	increased total level
	Chc1	clathrin heavy chain	no change
	Ste2	receptor for alpha-factor pheromone	increased level at PM
other PM proteins	Wsc1	sensor-transducer of the stress-activated PKC1-MPK1 kinase pathway	no change
	Pdr5	multidrug and steroid transport	increased level at PM