

1 **The *Legionella*-driven PtdIns(4)*P* gradient at LCV-ER membrane contact**
2 **sites promotes Vap-, OSBP- and Sac1-dependent pathogen vacuole**
3 **remodeling**

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22 Icm/Dot, intracellular multiplication/defective organelle trafficking; IFC, imaging flow
23 cytometry; LCV, *Legionella*-containing vacuole; GFP, green fluorescent protein; MCS,
24 membrane contact sites; OSBP, oxysterol binding protein; T4SS, type IV secretion system;
25 VAMP, vesicle-associated membrane protein; Vap, VAMP-associated protein.

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27 **Abstract**

28 The causative agent of Legionnaires' disease, *Legionella pneumophila*, governs interactions
29 with host cells by secreting ca. 330 different "effector" proteins. The facultative intracellular
30 bacteria replicate in macrophages and amoeba within a unique compartment, the *Legionella*-
31 containing vacuole (LCV). Hallmarks of LCV formation are the phosphoinositide (PI) lipid
32 conversion from PtdIns(3)*P* to PtdIns(4)*P*, fusion with endoplasmic reticulum (ER)-derived
33 vesicles and a tight association with the ER. Proteomics of purified LCVs revealed the
34 presence of membrane contact sites (MCS) proteins implicated in lipid exchange. Using
35 dually fluorescence-labeled *Dictyostelium discoideum* amoeba, we reveal that the VAMP-
36 associated protein (Vap), the PtdIns(4)*P* 4-phosphatase Sac1, and the large fusion GTPase
37 Sey1/atlastin-3 localize to the ER, but not to the LCV membrane, and that these ER-resident
38 proteins promote intracellular replication of *L. pneumophila* and LCV remodeling. Moreover,
39 oxysterol binding proteins (OSBPs) preferentially localize to the ER (OSBP8) or the LCV
40 membrane (OSBP11), respectively, and promote (OSBP8) or restrict (OSBP11) intracellular
41 replication of *L. pneumophila* and LCV expansion. Furthermore, the PtdIns(4)*P*-subverting *L.*
42 *pneumophila* effectors LepB and SidC also promote LCV remodeling. Taken together, the
43 *Legionella*- and host cell-driven PtdIns(4)*P* gradient at LCV-ER MCSs promotes Vap-,
44 OSBP- and Sac1-dependent pathogen vacuole remodeling.

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46 **Introduction**

47 *Legionella pneumophila* is an amoeba-resistant environmental bacterium, which causes a
48 severe pneumonia called Legionnaires' disease [1, 2]. The facultative intracellular pathogen
49 employs a conserved mechanism to grow in free-living protozoa as well as in alveolar
50 macrophages, which is a prerequisite to cause disease [3-6]. To govern the interaction with
51 host cells, *L. pneumophila* employs the Icm/Dot (Intracellular multiplication/defective
52 organelle trafficking) type IV secretion system (T4SS), which translocates ca. 330 different

53 “effector” proteins into host cells [6, 7]. These effector proteins subvert pivotal host cell
54 processes, including the endocytic, secretory, retrograde and autophagy pathways, lipid
55 metabolism, transcription, translation, and apoptosis [8-12].

56 Within host cells, *L. pneumophila* forms a unique, membrane-bound replication
57 compartment, the *Legionella*-containing vacuole (LCV), which restricts interactions with the
58 endocytic pathway [13-16]. Hallmarks of LCV formation are the phosphoinositide (PI) lipid
59 conversion from phosphatidylinositol 3-phosphate (PtdIns(3)*P*) to PtdIns(4)*P*, the subversion
60 of the small GTPase Rab1, fusion of the pathogen vacuole with endoplasmic reticulum (ER)-
61 derived vesicles, and finally, a tight association with the ER [13-16]. The LCV is decorated
62 with PtdIns(4)*P* [17], and PI conversion from the endocytic PI PtdIns(3)*P* to the secretory PI
63 PtdIns(4)*P* occurs in the first 1-2 hours after bacterial uptake [18].

64 The production of PtdIns(4)*P* on the LCV membrane implicates the sequential activity of
65 *L. pneumophila* Icm/Dot-secreted effector proteins: PtdIns 3-kinase MavQ [19], PtdIns(3)*P* 4-
66 kinase LepB [20] and PtdIns(3,4)*P*₂ 3-phosphatase SidF [21]. Moreover, host PI-modulating
67 enzymes such as the PtdIns 4-kinases PI4KIII α [22] and PI4KIII β [23], and the PtdIns(4,5)*P*
68 5-phosphatase OCRL1 [24] might also play a role in the production of PtdIns(4)*P* on the LCV
69 membrane.

70 The small GTPase Rab1 is enriched in the *cis*-Golgi apparatus and controls ER-Golgi
71 secretory trafficking [14]. Rab1 is recruited to the LCV membrane and activated by the
72 Icm/Dot secreted effector SidM (*alias* DrrA), which binds to PtdIns(4)*P* through the novel
73 P4M domain [22, 23, 25-27] and possess Rab1 guanine nucleotide exchange factor (GEF)/
74 guanine dissociation inhibitor (GDI) displacement factor (GDF) activity [28-34] as well as
75 adenosine monophosphorylation (AMPylation) activity [35, 36]. Moreover, Rab1 is de-
76 AMPylated by the effector SidD [37, 38] and reversibly phosphocholinated by the effectors
77 AnkX and Lem3 [39-41]. The covalent modifications of GTP-bound Rab1 lock the small
78 GTPase in its active state. Finally, Rab1 is inactivated by the GTPase activating protein

79 (GAP) LepB [31]. The small GTPase ARF1 controls also retrograde Golgi-ER trafficking
80 [14]. ARF1 is recruited to and activated on the LCV by the effector RalF, the first *L.*
81 *pneumophila* GEF identified [42].

82 The LCV intercepts trafficking at ER exit sites between the ER and the Golgi apparatus,
83 and inhibition of ER-Golgi transport blocks the formation of the pathogen vacuole [42-44].
84 Sec22b, a SNARE (soluble *N*-ethylmaleimide-sensitive factor (NSF) attachment protein
85 (SNAP) receptor), which promotes fusion of ER-derived vesicles with the *cis*-Golgi, is
86 recruited to LCVs shortly after infection [45, 46]. The activation of Rab1 by SidM on the
87 LCV mediates the fusion of ER-derived vesicles with the pathogen vacuole through the non-
88 canonical pairing of the vesicle (v-)SNARE Sec22b on the vesicles with plasma membrane
89 (PM)-derived target (t-)SNAREs such as syntaxin (Stx) 2, 3, 4 and SNAP23 on the LCV [47,
90 48]. The LCV intercepts anterograde as well as retrograde trafficking between the ER and the
91 Golgi apparatus [9, 11, 13, 14]. Accordingly, nascent LCVs continuously capture and
92 accumulate PtdIns(4)*P*-positive vesicles from the Golgi apparatus, and their sustained
93 association requires a functional T4SS [49]. LCVs also sequentially recruit the small GTPases
94 Rab33b, Rab6a and the ER-resident SNARE syntaxin18 (Stx18), which are implicated in
95 Golgi-ER retrograde trafficking, to promote the association of the pathogen vacuole with the
96 ER [50].

97 The association of the LCV with ER in macrophages and amoeba has been initially
98 documented more than 25 years ago [51, 52]. The vacuole containing *L. pneumophila*
99 associates with rough ER within minutes after uptake, and dependent on the Icm/Dot T4SS,
100 the vacuole and the ER form extended contact sites ($> 0.5 \mu\text{m}$ in length), which are connected
101 by tiny, periodic “hair-like” structures [53]. Remarkably, the ER elements remain attached to
102 LCVs even after cell homogenization [53], and intact LCVs purified from *L. pneumophila*-
103 infected *D. discoideum* co-purify with extensive fragments of calnexin-GFP-positive ER [54-
104 56]. In dually fluorescence labeled *D. discoideum*, LCVs accumulate calnexin-positive ER

105 within minutes, and the ER remains separate from the PtdIns(4)*P*-positive pathogen vacuole
106 for at least 8 h post infection [18, 57]. The ER tubules interacting with LCVs are decorated
107 with reticulon 4 (Rtn4) and the large fusion GTPase atlastin/Sey1, which are implicated in the
108 architecture and dynamics of the ER, respectively [58, 59]. The *L. pneumophila* effector Ceg9
109 might stabilize the LCV-ER contact sites by directly binding to the host protein Rtn4 [58].
110 Finally, depletion of the PtdIns(4)*P* 4-phosphatase Sac1, a crucial enzyme of ER membrane
111 contact sites (MCS), reduced the recruitment of endogenous Rab1 to LCVs [22].

112 The MCS between two distinct cellular compartments or organelles adopt a number of
113 functions and are of crucial importance for the non-vesicular exchange of lipids in
114 mammalian cells [60]. MCS between the ER and the PM or organelles promote lipid
115 exchange driven by a gradient of PtdIns(4)*P*, which is established by PtdIns 4-kinases on the
116 PM or organelles and maintained by the integral ER membrane protein PtdIns(4)*P* 4-
117 phosphatase Sac1 [61, 62]. Driven by the PtdIns(4)*P* gradient, phosphatidylserine
118 accumulates at the inner leaflet of the PM [63, 64] and cholesterol accumulates at the Golgi
119 apparatus [61, 65]. The lipid exchange is promoted by lipid transfer proteins termed oxysterol
120 binding proteins (OSBPs), several of which bind PtdIns(4)*P* through a PH domain and by the
121 ER-resident Vap (vesicle-associated membrane protein (VAMP)-associated protein) through a
122 FFAT (two phenylalanines (FF) in an acidic tract) motif [60].

123 Given the accumulation of PtdIns(4)*P* on the limiting LCV membrane and the tight
124 association of the pathogen vacuole with ER, the LCV-ER interface might actually form
125 functionally important MCS, which promote pathogen vacuole remodeling through a
126 PtdIns(4)*P* gradient. Using dually fluorescence-labeled *D. discoideum* amoeba, we identify
127 Vap, Sac1 and Sey1 on the ER, but not on the LCV membrane, while OSBP8 and OSBP11
128 exclusively localize to the ER or the LCV membrane, respectively. The MCS components are
129 implicated in LCV remodeling and intracellular growth of *L. pneumophila*, and a LCV-to-ER
130 PtdIns(4)*P* gradient is established by bacterial effector proteins. These findings indicate that

131 the *Legionella*-driven PtdIns(4)*P* gradient at LCV-ER MCSs promotes Vap-, Sac1- and
132 OSBP-dependent pathogen vacuole remodeling.

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134 **Results**

135 **Comparative proteomics of LCVs from *D. discoideum* wild-type and Δ *sey1* reveals MCS** 136 **components**

137 Given the tight and stable association of the LCV limiting membrane with the ER, MCS are
138 likely formed between the compartments. The ER tubule-resident large GTPase Sey1/Atl3
139 (DDB_G0279823) promotes the decoration of LCVs with ER, and in absence of the GTPase,
140 significantly less ER accumulates on the pathogen vacuole, while the PtdIns(4)*P*-positive
141 LCV appears to form normally [59, 66]. To gain further insights into the process of LCV
142 formation, and in particular the role of the ER, we analyzed by comparative proteomics LCVs
143 from the *L. pneumophila*-infected *D. discoideum* Ax3 wild-type strain or the Δ *sey1* mutant.
144 This approach revealed 3658 host or bacterial proteins identified on LCVs from *D.*
145 *discoideum* Ax3 or Δ *sey1* (**Table S1**).

146 These proteins include the OSBPs OSBP7 (*osbG*) and OSBP8 (*osbH*), the PtdIns(4)*P* 4-
147 phosphatase Sac1, the hydrolase receptor sortilin, the ER proteins calnexin, calmodulin,
148 calreticulin and reticulon, the ER-Golgi intermediate compartment protein-3 (Ergic3), the
149 Golgi proteins golgesin and YIPF1, the vesicle transport through interaction with t-SNAREs
150 homolog 1A (Vti1A), the vesicle-associated membrane protein-7A/B (Vamp7A/B), the
151 vesicle-fusing ATPase (NsfA), the vacuolar protein sorting-associated proteins Vps26, Vps29,
152 and Vps35 (retromer coat complex subunits), dynamin A/B (DymA/B), dynamin-like protein
153 A/C (DlpA/C), Vps4, Vps11, Vps13A, Vps16, Vps45, Vps51, Vps53, syntaxins (5, 7A/B,
154 8A/B), t-SNAREs, synaptobrevin B, α -SNAP, and many small GTPases or their modulators
155 (Arf1, Arf1 GEF, Arl8, Rab1A/B/C/D, Rab2A/B, Rab4, Rab5A/B, Rab6, Rab7A, Rab8A,
156 Rab11A/C, Rab14, Rab18, Rab21, Rab32A/B/C/D, RabC, RabJ, RabG2, RabQ, Rab GDI,

157 Rac1A, RacB, RacE, RagA, RanA, RanBP1, RasB, RasC, RasG, RasS, RapA, Rap GAP, Rho
158 GAP, Rho GDI, Sar1, Spg1), as well as the interaptin AbpD [67], the metal ion transporter
159 Nramp1 [68, 69], and the GPCR and receptor protein kinase RpkA [70]. Moreover, many
160 mitochondrial proteins were found to associate with LCVs (**Table S1**). Finally, the *L.*
161 *pneumophila* PtdIns 4-kinase LepB [20], the PtdIns(4)*P*-binding effectors SidC, its paralogue
162 SdcA, and SidM/DrrA [17, 23, 71], as well as the retromer interactor RidL [72] and the
163 deAMPyase SidD [37, 38] were also identified on LCVs from *D. discoideum* Ax3 and Δ *sey1*
164 (**Table S1**).

165 Furthermore, 74 *D. discoideum* or 34 *L. pneumophila* proteins were identified only on
166 LCVs from *D. discoideum* Ax3, while 11 host and 3 bacterial proteins were present only on
167 LCVs from Δ *sey1* mutant amoeba (**Fig. 1A, Table S1**). Among the host proteins present only
168 on LCVs from *D. discoideum* Ax3, we identified several putative MCS components possibly
169 involved in (PI-driven) lipid transport (OSBP7, Vps13B, CRAL-TRIO domain protein), as
170 well as proteins possibly implicated in ER-Golgi transport (TRAPPC3, YIPF5, γ -SNAP), or
171 localizing to the ER (syntaxin18, calmodulin, Sey1) (**Table S1**). Among the *L. pneumophila*
172 proteins identified only on LCVs from *D. discoideum* Δ *sey1* was the PtdIns(4)*P*-binding
173 effector Lpg2603 [73] (**Table S1**). Based on these findings, we sought to analyze *D.*
174 *discoideum* factors possibly involved in LCV-ER MCS.

175 *D. discoideum* harbors single putative orthologues of the PtdIns(4)*P* 4-phosphatase Sac1
176 (DDB_G0271630), and the VAMP-associated protein (Vap; DDB_G0278773), as well as
177 several OSBPs, including OSBP7 (DDB_G0283035; *osbG*), OSBP8 (DDB_G0283709; *osbH*)
178 and OSBP11 (DDB_G0288817; *osbK*). All 12 *D. discoideum* OSBPs belong to the class of
179 “short OSBPs”, which harbor a putative lipid-binding ORD domain (OSBP-related domain)
180 but lack ankyrin repeats (protein-protein interaction), a PH domain (PI binding), a trans-
181 membrane domain (TMD; membrane interaction), and the FFAT motif (Vap interaction) (**Fig.**
182 **S1**). OSBP8 and OSBP11 are most similar to one another and most closely related to human

183 short OSBPs. OSBP7 represents an OSBP more distantly related to the other paralogues, and
184 OSBP1 (*osbA*), OSBP2 (*osbB*), OSBP3 (*osbC*), OSBP5 (*osbE*) and OSBP6 (*osbF*) form a
185 separate cluster.

186 In order to validate the localization of MCS components to LCVs, GFP fusion proteins of
187 Vap, OSBP7, OSBP8, OSBP11 or Sac1 were co-produced alongside the PtdIns(4)*P*/LCV
188 probe P4C-mCherry [59] in *D. discoideum* Ax3 or Δ *sey1*, and their localization to LCVs was
189 assessed by imaging flow cytometry (IFC) (**Fig. 1B**). All putative MCS components were
190 found to localize to PtdIns(4)*P*-positive LCVs, and Vap accumulated on significantly fewer
191 LCVs in Δ *sey1* mutant amoeba. Since IFC has a rather low spatial resolution, the PtdIns(4)*P*-
192 positive limiting LCV membrane cannot be discriminated from tightly associated ER. In
193 summary, comparative proteomics identified MCS components on purified LCVs, the
194 localization of which to the pathogen vacuole was confirmed by IFC.

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196 ***D. discoideum* MCS components localize to the ER or the LCV membrane**

197 Based on the above bioinformatic and experimental considerations, we sought to analyze the
198 role of the putative MCS components Vap, OSBP7, OSBP8, OSBP11 and Sac1 for LCV
199 formation and the LCV-ER MCS in detail. Using dually fluorescently labeled *D. discoideum*,
200 we assessed by confocal fluorescence microscopy the co-localization of GFP fusions of Vap,
201 OSBP7, OSBP8, OSBP11 or Sac1 with either the ER-resident protein calnexin A-mCherry
202 (CnxA-mCherry), the PtdIns(4)*P*/LCV probe P4C-mCherry, or the endosomal transporter
203 AmtA-mCherry (**Fig. 2A, Fig. S2A**). This high-resolution approach revealed that Vap and
204 OSBP8, but significantly less OSBP7 and OSBP11, co-localize with CnxA-mCherry in *L.*
205 *pneumophila*-infected (**Fig. 2B**) as well as in uninfected amoeba (**Fig. S2B-D**). The
206 PtdIns(4)*P* 4-phosphatase Sac1 and its catalytically inactive mutant, Sac1_C383S, also co-
207 localized with CnxA-mCherry, while a Sac1 variant lacking the ER-targeting transmembrane
208 domain, Sac1_ΔTMD, diffusely localized throughout the cell (**Fig. 2B**). Moreover, Vap and

209 OSBP11 co-localized with P4C-mCherry, while OSBP7, OSBP8 and Sac1 did not (**Fig. 2C**),
210 and Vap and OSBP11 also co-localized with AmtA-mCherry more extensively than the other
211 MCS components (**Fig. 2D**). Finally, OSBP11 intensely localized to the PM. In summary,
212 Vap, OSBP8 and Sac1 co-localize with ER-resident CnxA-mCherry, and Vap as well as
213 OSBP11 co-localize with the PtdIns(4)*P* probe P4C-mCherry and the endosomal/LCV marker
214 AmtA-mCherry (**Table 1**). Hence, at LCV-ER MCS Vap localizes to LCVs as well as to the
215 ER, while OSBP8 and Sac1 preferentially localize to the ER, and OSBP11 preferentially
216 localizes to LCVs.

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218 **MCS components modulate the replication of *L. pneumophila* in *D. discoideum* and** 219 **mammalian cells**

220 To further assess the role of the MCS components for intracellular replication of *L.*
221 *pneumophila* and LCV formation, we constructed *D. discoideum* deletion mutant strains
222 lacking *vap*, *osbG*, *osbH* or *osbK* by disrupting the corresponding genes with a blasticidin
223 selection marker (**Fig. S3**). Several independent clones of the deletion mutants were picked
224 and further analyzed. Despite repeated attempts, we failed to obtain a $\Delta sac1$ deletion mutant,
225 and therefore, the gene might be essential in *D. discoideum*. Instead, we constructed and used
226 a dominant negative Sac1 variant lacking the ER-targeting transmembrane domain,
227 Sac1_ΔTMD, and the catalytically inactive Sac1_C383S mutant.

228 To assess the role of these putative MCS components for intracellular replication of *L.*
229 *pneumophila*, we used mCherry-producing bacteria and quantified fluorescence intensity
230 (RFU) (**Fig. 3**) and colony forming units (CFU) (**Fig. S4A**). We compared intracellular
231 growth of the wild-type *L. pneumophila* strain JR32 in *D. discoideum* Δvap , as well as in the
232 $\Delta osbG$, $\Delta osbH$, and $\Delta osbK$ mutant strains (**Fig. 3A**). In *D. discoideum* Δvap , intracellular
233 bacterial growth was reduced at 4-8 days post infection (p.i.) and enhanced at 10 days p.i.
234 Moreover, intracellular bacterial growth was enhanced in *D. discoideum* $\Delta osbH$, reduced in

235 $\Delta osbK$ and not affected in $\Delta osbG$. The intracellular growth phenotypes of *L. pneumophila* in
236 the *D. discoideum* Δvap , $\Delta osbH$ and $\Delta osbK$ mutants were reverted by expressing the
237 corresponding genes on a plasmid (**Fig. 3A**). The intracellular growth of *L. pneumophila*
238 strain JR32 was similar in *D. discoideum* Ax3 producing GFP, GFP-Sac1 or GFP-
239 Sac1_C383S but significantly reduced in amoeba producing GFP-Sac1_ΔTMD (**Fig. 3B, Fig.**
240 **S4A**). These results are in agreement with the notion that Sac1 is implicated in intracellular
241 growth of *L. pneumophila*, and Sac1_ΔTMD but not GFP-Sac1_C383S interfere with growth
242 in a dominant negative manner. An *L. pneumophila* $\Delta icmT$ mutant, lacking a functional
243 Icm/Dot T4SS, did not replicate in any of the *D. discoideum* mutant strains (data not shown).
244 Taken together, compared to the parental *D. discoideum* strain, *L. pneumophila* replicates less
245 efficiently in absence of the MCS components Vap or OSBP11 and upon the production of
246 Sac1_ΔTMD, while the bacteria replicate more efficiently in absence of OSBP8 (**Table 1**).

247 OSBPL8 was identified on LCVs purified from *L. pneumophila*-infected RAW 264.7
248 macrophages [55, 56], suggesting that OSBPs and MCS components might also play a role
249 for LCV formation in mammalian cells. To assess the role of MCS components for
250 intracellular replication of *L. pneumophila* in mammalian cells, we used a pharmacological
251 approach and RNA interference. Upon treatment of RAW 264.7 macrophages with the
252 steroidal saponin OSBP inhibitor OSW-1 [65], the intracellular replication of GFP-producing
253 *L. pneumophila* JR32 was significantly inhibited in a dose-dependent manner (**Fig. 3C**).
254 Furthermore, the depletion of Sac1 by RNA interference reduced the intracellular replication
255 of *L. pneumophila* in A549 lung epithelial cells by approximately 25% (**Fig. 3D, Fig. S4BC**),
256 similarly to the depletion of the small GTPase Arf1 used as a positive control [59]. Taken
257 together, pharmacological and RNA interference experiments indicate that MCS components
258 also promote the intracellular replication of *L. pneumophila* in mammalian cells.

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260 ***D. discoideum* Vap, OSBP11 and Sac1 promote the expansion of PtdIns(4)P-positive**
261 **LCVs**

262 Next, we sought to correlate the intracellular replication of *L. pneumophila* in *D. discoideum*
263 lacking MCS components with alterations of the LCVs. To this end, we quantified the LCV
264 area in *D. discoideum* Ax3 and compared it to the LCVs in the Δvap , $\Delta osbG$, $\Delta osbH$, $\Delta osbK$
265 or $\Delta sey1$ mutants or to LCVs obtained in strain Ax3 upon production of GFP-Sac1_ΔTMD
266 (**Fig. 4A, Fig. S5A**).

267 Compared to LCVs in *D. discoideum* Ax3, LCVs in the Δvap strain were significantly
268 smaller at 2 h and 8 h p.i., and larger at 16 h p.i. (**Fig. 4B**). Moreover, the LCVs were
269 significantly smaller in the $\Delta osbK$ mutant strain at 2 h, 8 h and 16 h p.i., larger in the $\Delta osbH$
270 mutant at 8 h and 16 h p.i. and did not change in the $\Delta osbG$ mutant (**Fig. 4B**). Intriguingly, the
271 LCVs in the $\Delta osbK$ mutant strain were even smaller than in the $\Delta sey1$ mutant used as a
272 control [66]. The production of GFP-Sac1_ΔTMD in *D. discoideum* Ax3 significantly
273 reduced the LCV size at 2 h, 8 h and 16 h post infection compared to amoeba producing GFP-
274 Sac1 or GFP-Sac1_C383S (**Fig. 4B**). Upon production of GFP-Sac1_ΔTMD in the Δvap ,
275 $\Delta osbG$, $\Delta osbH$, $\Delta osbK$, or $\Delta sey1$ mutant strains the LCV size was also reduced at all time
276 points p.i. compared to amoebae producing GFP-Sac1 (**Fig. S5B**). Taken together, reduced
277 intracellular replication in some *D. discoideum* strains (Δvap , $\Delta osbK$, $\Delta sey1$, and
278 Sac1_ΔTMD) is positively correlated with a reduced LCV expansion, and increased
279 intracellular replication in the $\Delta osbH$ mutant is correlated with an enhanced LCV expansion.

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281 **Sac1_ΔTMD reduces the accumulation of PtdIns(4)P, Vap and OSBP8 on LCV-ER**
282 **MCS**

283 We then sought to assess the effects of *D. discoideum* MCS components on the LCV
284 PtdIns(4)P levels. To this end, we infected amoeba with either mCerulean- or mPlum-

285 producing *L. pneumophila* and analyzed PtdIns(4)*P* on LCVs by confocal microscopy and
286 imaging flow cytometry (IFC) using dually labeled *D. discoideum* strains producing P4C-
287 mCherry and either GFP-Sac1 (**Fig. 5AB, Fig. S6**) or GFP-Sac1_ΔTMD (**Fig. 2A, Fig. 4A,**
288 **Fig. 5B**, data not shown).

289 Compared to the ectopic production of GFP-Sac1, the production of GFP-Sac1_ΔTMD in
290 *D. discoideum* Ax3 resulted in a significant decrease of the IFC P4C colocalization score (see
291 Materials and Methods) for the acquisition of P4C-mCherry on LCV-ER MCS (**Fig. 5B**).
292 GFP-Sac1_ΔTMD localized in strain Ax3 throughout the cell and does not appear to have an
293 organelle preference (**Fig. 2A, Fig. 4A**). Accordingly, this result suggests that ectopic
294 production of GFP-Sac1_ΔTMD reduces the PtdIns(4)*P* levels on both the ER as well as the
295 limiting LCV membrane, which cannot be discriminated due to the lower resolution of IFC
296 compared to confocal microscopy. Similarly, the ectopic production of GFP-Sac1_ΔTMD in
297 the *D. discoideum* Δ*vap*, Δ*osbG*, Δ*osbH*, or Δ*osbK* mutant strains resulted in a decrease of
298 PtdIns(4)*P* on LCV-ER MCS (**Fig. 5B**), while GFP-Sac1_ΔTMD localized in the mutant
299 strains throughout the cell (data not shown). At the same time the P4C colocalization score on
300 LCV-ER MCS in the Δ*vap*, Δ*osbG*, Δ*osbH*, or Δ*osbK* mutant strains was similar among the
301 mutants but overall higher than on LCVs in the Ax3 parental strain (**Fig. 5B**). These findings
302 suggest that the depletion of a single MCS component suffices to increase the overall levels of
303 PtdIns(4)*P* on LCV-ER MCS.

304 Upon production of GFP-Sac1 in the *D. discoideum* Δ*vap*, Δ*osbG*, Δ*osbH*, or Δ*osbK*
305 mutant strains, the IFC Sac1 colocalization score was similar for all LCV-ER MCS (**Fig. 5C**).
306 This result indicates that the localization of Sac1 to LCV-ER MCS is not dependent on Vap or
307 the OSBPs tested. The Sac1 colocalization score was slightly (but not significantly) lower in
308 the Δ*sey1* mutant strain, suggesting that Sey1 might play a role in the acquisition of Sac1 to
309 LCV-ER MCS (**Fig. 5C**). This result is reflected in the finding that Sey1 promotes the

310 recruitment of ER to LCVs [66]. In summary, compared to the production of GFP-Sac1, the
311 production of GFP-Sac1_ΔTMD in *D. discoideum* Ax3 or the Δvap, ΔosbG, ΔosbH, ΔosbK or
312 Δsey1 mutant strains decreased the PtdIns(4)P level on LCV-ER MCS, while Sac1 did not
313 change, in agreement with the notion that GFP-Sac1_ΔTMD globally reduces PtdIns(4)P
314 levels.

315 We also assessed by confocal microscopy and IFC the effect of Sac1_ΔTMD for the
316 accumulation of Vap, OSBP7, OSBP8 or OSBP11 on LCVs (**Fig. 5DE, Fig. S7**). To this end,
317 we used dually fluorescent labeled *D. discoideum* Ax3 producing either mCherry-Sac1 or
318 mCherry-Sac1_ΔTMD and GFP fusion proteins of Vap, OSBP7, OSBP8 or OSBP11.
319 Compared to the ectopic production of mCherry-Sac1, the production of mCherry-
320 Sac1_ΔTMD in *D. discoideum* Ax3 resulted in a significant decrease of the IFC MCS
321 component colocalization score for the acquisition on LCV-ER MCS of GFP fusions of Vap
322 and OSBP8, but not OSBP7, OSBP11 or Sey1 (**Fig. 5E**). Taken together, compared to the
323 production of mCherry-Sac1, the production of mCherry-Sac1_ΔTMD in *D. discoideum* Ax3,
324 decreased the levels of Vap and OSBP8 on LCV-ER MCS, suggesting that the localization of
325 these MCS components is regulated by PtdIns(4)P levels on the LCVs.

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327 **The *L. pneumophila* effectors LepB and SidC promote expansion of PtdIns(4)P-positive** 328 **LCVs**

329 To assess the role of *L. pneumophila* effector proteins for LCV remodeling and PtdIns(4)P
330 levels, we analyzed LepB, a Rab1 GTPase activating protein (GAP)/PtdIns 4-kinase [20, 31]
331 and SidC, a PtdIns(4)P interactor/ubiquitin ligase [17, 57, 74, 75]. To this end, we quantified
332 the LCV area in *D. discoideum* Ax3 producing CnxA-GFP, GFP-Sac1 or GFP-Sac1_ΔTMD,
333 following an infection with mCerulean-producing *L. pneumophila* JR32, ΔlepB or ΔsidC (**Fig.**
334 **6A, Fig. S8**).

335 In *D. discoideum* producing CnxA-GFP, LCVs harboring $\Delta lepB$ or $\Delta sidC$ mutant *L.*
336 *pneumophila* were significantly smaller than LCVs harboring strain JR32 at 1 h, 2 h and 8 h
337 p.i. (**Fig. 6B**). Overall, the LCVs were of similar size in *D. discoideum* producing GFP-Sac1,
338 but significantly smaller in *D. discoideum* producing GFP-Sac1_ΔTMD. In the latter case,
339 LCVs harboring $\Delta lepB$ or $\Delta sidC$ mutant *L. pneumophila* were also significantly smaller than
340 LCVs harboring strain JR32 at 1 h, 2 h and 8 h p.i. ($\Delta lepB$) and at 1 h p.i. ($\Delta sidC$).

341 In order to correlate the LCV area with the PtdIns(4)*P* levels on the pathogen
342 compartment, we used IFC and *D. discoideum* strains producing in parallel P4C-mCherry and
343 CnxA-GFP, GFP-Sac1 or GFP-Sac1_ΔTMD, infected with mPlum-producing *L. pneumophila*
344 JR32, $\Delta lepB$ or $\Delta sidC$ (**Fig. 6C**). In all cases, the IFC colocalization score for the acquisition
345 of P4C-mCherry on LCVs decreased in the course of an infection (1-8 h p.i.). Compared to
346 the parental strain JR32, the score was lowest for $\Delta lepB$ and intermediate for $\Delta sidC$. The
347 colocalization scores were similar in *D. discoideum* producing CnxA-GFP or GFP-Sac1, but
348 significantly lower in *D. discoideum* producing GFP-Sac1_ΔTMD. Taken together, the lack
349 of the *L. pneumophila* Rab1 GAP/PtdIns 4-kinase LepB or the PtdIns(4)*P* interactor/ubiquitin
350 ligase SidC causes a reduction in LCV area and PtdIns(4)*P* levels. These results indicate that
351 the *L. pneumophila* effector proteins LepB and SidC play a role in the PtdIns(4)*P*-dependent
352 LCV remodeling at LCV-ER MCS.

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354 **Discussion**

355 In this study, we identified several *D. discoideum* MCS components localizing to LCVs (**Fig.**
356 **1**). We then used dually fluorescence-labeled *D. discoideum* amoeba to visualize and quantify
357 MCS components at the LCV-ER interface. The protein Vap localized to the PtdIns(4)*P*-
358 positive LCV membrane as well as the ER, while OSBP8 and Sac1 exclusively localized to
359 the ER, and OSBP11 was detected solely on the LCV membrane (**Fig. 2, Table 1**). The MCS

360 components were found to be implicated in intracellular growth of *L. pneumophila* (**Fig. 3**)
361 and LCV remodeling (**Fig. 4**). Host and bacterial factors regulate the PtdIns(4)*P* levels on
362 LCVs: a derivative of the PtdIns(4)*P* 4-phosphatase Sac1 lacking its membrane anchor,
363 Sac1_ΔTMD (**Fig. 5**), or the lack of the *L. pneumophila* PtdIns 4-kinase, LepB (**Fig. 6**),
364 reduced the PtdIns(4)*P* score on LCVs. Taken together, these findings are compatible with the
365 notion that a *Legionella*- and host cell-driven PtdIns(4)*P* gradient at LCV-ER MCSs promotes
366 Vap-, Sac1- and OSBP-dependent pathogen vacuole remodeling (**Fig. 7**).

367 We quantified LCV size changes at early infection time points (1-2 h p.i.) to assess the role
368 of MCS components in LCV remodeling (**Fig. 4, Fig. 6**). This approach revealed that Vap and
369 even more pronouncedly OSBP11 promote LCV expansion. The size reduction of LCVs in *D.*
370 *discoideum* Δ*vap* or Δ*osbK* mutant strains was relatively small: the LCVs in the mutant
371 strains were ca. 2-2.5 μm², compared to ca. 3 μm² in the Ax3 parental strain. Accordingly,
372 these small LCV size changes likely reflect a structural remodeling of the pathogen vacuole
373 rather than a substantial LCV expansion. MCS promote the non-vesicular exchange of lipids
374 in mammalian cells [60], and “counter lipids” transported by OSBPs along a Sac1-dependent
375 PtdIns(4)*P* gradient at ER MCS include phosphatidylserine [63, 64] and cholesterol [61, 65].
376 The identification of the lipids exchanged by the LCV-ER PtdIns(4)*P* gradient and the
377 specific OSBPs involved will be the subject of future studies.

378 A massive expansion of the pathogen vacuole at later infection time points (> 8 h p.i.) is
379 required to accommodate intracellular replication of *L. pneumophila* and is likely promoted
380 by vesicle fusion. Indeed, LCV formation implicates the interception of (anterograde and
381 retrograde) vesicular trafficking between the ER and the Golgi apparatus [42-44], and nascent
382 LCVs continuously capture and accumulate PtdIns(4)*P*-positive vesicles from the Golgi
383 apparatus [49]. Further supporting the notion that ER-derived vesicles fuse with LCVs is the
384 finding that the SNARE Sec22b, which promotes fusion of ER-derived vesicles with the *cis*-
385 Golgi, is recruited to LCVs shortly after infection [45, 46]. The fusion requires the *L.*

386 *pneumophila* effector-mediated activation of Rab1 on LCVs and is mediated by the non-
387 canonical pairing of the v-SNARE Sec22b on the vesicles with PM-derived t-SNAREs such
388 as syntaxin2, -3, -4 and SNAP23 on the LCV [47, 48]. In agreement with this scenario,
389 syntaxins (5, 7A/B, 8A/B, 18), t-SNAREs, α - and γ -SNAP as well as Vti1A, Vamp7A/B and
390 NsfA were identified on LCVs by proteomics (**Table S1**).

391 Moreover, several Icm/Dot-translocated *L. pneumophila* effector proteins were identified
392 on LCVs by the comparative proteomics approach (**Table S1**). These effectors prominently
393 include several PtdIns(4)*P*-binding *L. pneumophila* enzymes: the ubiquitin ligase SidC and its
394 paralogue SdcA, the Rab1 GEF/AMPyase SidM/DrrA and the phytate-activated protein
395 kinase Lpg2603. Furthermore, the deAMPyase and SidM antagonist SidD, as well as the
396 retromer interactor RidL were identified on purified LCVs. To study the role of effector
397 proteins for LCV remodeling and PtdIns(4)*P* levels, we analyzed the $\Delta lepB$ and $\Delta sidC$ mutant
398 strains (**Fig. 6**). LCVs harboring these mutant strains were smaller and showed a reduced P4C
399 score at LCV-ER MCS. Noteworthy, the effects were augmented in *D. discoideum* producing
400 Sac1_ΔTMD. These results are readily explicable for the PtdIns 4-kinase LepB: if this kinase
401 is lacking, the PtdIns(4)*P* levels on LCVs are lower and LCV remodeling is impaired. The
402 findings are more difficult to interpret for SidC. This effector localizes exclusively on LCVs
403 in *L. pneumophila*-infected *D. discoideum* [54-57] and tightly binds PtdIns(4)*P* with a
404 dissociation constant, K_d , in the range of 240 nM [76]. Hence, SidC might titrate PtdIns(4)*P*
405 levels on LCVs, and its absence in *L. pneumophila* is expected to expose more PtdIns(4)*P* on
406 the pathogen vacuole. Accordingly, the finding that LCVs harboring the $\Delta sidC$ mutant strain
407 show a lower P4C score is caused by more indirect features of the effector.

408 In addition to the ER-localizing PtdIns(4)*P* 4-phosphatase Sac1, other host cell factors
409 involved in PtdIns(4)*P* turnover might play a role at LCV-ER MCS. The PM-derived PtdIns
410 4-kinase III α (PI4KIII α) [22] and trans-Golgi-derived PI4KIII β [23] promote the membrane
411 localization of PtdIns(4)*P*-binding effectors, and therefore, might modulate PtdIns(4)*P* levels

412 on LCVs. Moreover, while the PtdIns(4,5) P_2 5-phosphatase OCRL/Dd5P4 produces
413 PtdIns(4) P on LCVs, it restricts intracellular replication of *L. pneumophila* [24, 72],
414 suggesting that this PI phosphatase exerts pleiotropic and complex functions in the context of
415 LCV formation and intracellular bacterial replication.

416 The association of the LCV with ER in amoeba and macrophages represents a
417 longstanding observation [51, 52], which is not understood on a molecular level. In particular,
418 the identity of the tiny, periodic “hair-like” structures between the pathogen vacuole and the
419 ER is unknown. On a similar note, the identity of possible (bacterial or host) tether proteins is
420 not known. A possible candidate for a *L. pneumophila* tether protein is the Icm/Dot-secreted
421 effector Ceg9. This effector might stabilize the LCV-ER contact sites by directly binding to
422 the host protein Rtn4 [58].

423 Several intracellular bacterial pathogens hijack MCS components during infection [77].
424 The mechanistically best characterized case is *Chlamydia trachomatis*, which forms a
425 replication-permissive compartment termed inclusion [77]. Intriguingly, the *Chlamydia*
426 integral membrane proteins IncV and IncD tether the inclusion to the ER [78]. While IncV
427 directly binds Vap on the ER through a FFAT motif [79], IncD indirectly makes contact to
428 Vap through the FFAT motif-containing host protein CERT (ceramide transfer protein) [80,
429 81].

430 Taken together, this study has revealed the importance of host and bacterial factors for
431 MCS formation, LCV remodeling and intracellular replication of *L. pneumophila*. The study
432 paves the way for an in-depth functional and structural analysis of LCV-ER MCS, and future
433 studies will identify possible *L. pneumophila* tethering factors, which promote and stabilize
434 the LCV-ER MCS.

435

436 **Materials and Methods**

437 **Molecular cloning**

438 All plasmids constructed and used are listed in the Supplementary Information (**Table S2**).
439 Cloning was performed using standard protocols, plasmids were isolated by using
440 commercially available kits from Macherey-Nagel, DNA fragments were amplified using
441 Phusion High Fidelity DNA polymerase. For Gibson assembly, the NEBuilder HiFi DNA
442 assembly kit was used. All constructs were verified by DNA sequencing.

443 To construct the knockout vectors for *vap*, *osbG*, and *osbK* (**Table S2**), the corresponding
444 5' fragments were amplified from *D. discoideum* genomic DNA with specific primer pairs
445 oL1277/oL1278, oL1256/oL1356, or oL1687/oL1688, respectively, and cloned into the
446 pBlueScript vector (Stratagene, La Jolla, CA). The 3' fragments were identically produced
447 using the matching primer pairs, oL1279/oL1280, oL1358/oL1359, or oL1693/oL1694,
448 respectively and cloned into pBlueScript containing the 5' fragment. After plasmid sequence
449 verification, the blasticidin resistance cassette was inserted between the two 5' and 3'
450 fragments. The final knockout vectors were digested with KpnI and NotI restriction enzymes
451 before electroporation into Ax3 cells. Blasticidin selection (10 µg/ml) was applied 24 h after
452 transfection. Individual colonies were tested by PCR to confirm gene replacement (**Fig. S3**).
453 The knockout vectors for *osbH* (#629), a kind gift of Prof. Markus Maniak (University of
454 Kassel, Germany), was digested by SpeI and SphI before transfection of Ax3 cells, and
455 transfectants were selected as described above.

456 The *lepB* deletion strain (IH03) was generated essentially as described [83] by double
457 homologous recombination allelic exchange using counter-selection on sucrose (Suc). The 3'
458 and 5' flanking regions of *lepB* (*lpg2490*) were amplified by PCR using the primer pairs
459 oIH011/oIH013 and oIH012/oIH014, respectively, and genomic *L. pneumophila* DNA as a
460 template. The flanking regions, the Kan^R cassette and the pLAW344 backbone cut with the
461 appropriate restriction enzymes were assembled using a four-way ligation, yielding the
462 suicide plasmid pIH29. *L. pneumophila* JR32 was transformed by electroporation with pIH29,
463 and co-integration of the plasmid was assayed by selection on CYE/Km (5-7 days, 30°C).

464 Several clones thus obtained were picked and re-streaked on CYE/Km, grown overnight in
465 AYE medium (96-well plates, 180 rpm) and streaked on CYE/Km/2% Suc. After 3-5 days at
466 37°C, single colonies were spotted on CYE/Cm, CYE/Km/2% Suc and CYE/Km plates to
467 screen for Cm^S, Km^R, Suc^R colonies. Double-cross-over events (deletion mutants) were
468 confirmed by PCR screening and sequencing.

469 The constructs pMIB39 (*gfp-osbK*), pMIB41 (*gfp-vap*), pMIB87 (*gfp-osbG*), and pMIB89
470 (*osbH-gfp*) were constructed by PCR amplification using the primers oMIB38/oMIB39,
471 oMIB14/oMIB12, oMIB20/oMIB18 or oMIB21/oMIB22 and cloned into plasmid pDM317
472 (*osbK*, *vap*, *osbG*) or pDM323 (*osbH*) after digestion with XhoI/SpeI (*osbK*), BamHI/SpeI
473 (*vap*) or BglII/SpeI (*osbG*, *osbH*).

474 A GFP-Sac1 fusion was constructed by PCR amplification of the putative open reading
475 frame using *D. discoideum* genomic DNA and the primers oLS039 and oLS040 respectively.
476 The DNA fragment was cloned into BglII and SpeI sites of pDM317, yielding pLS037 (GFP-
477 Sac1). The GFP-Sac1 catalytically inactive mutant (Sac1_C383S) was obtained exchanging
478 the codon TGT (cysteine) in position 383 to AGC coding for serine. Nucleotide substitution
479 was carried out by site-directed mutagenesis according to the manufacturer's recommendation
480 (QuickChange, Agilent) using pLS037 as template and the PAGE purified primers oSV159
481 and oSV161 yielding pSV015 (GFP-Sac1_C383S). The truncated GFP-Sac1_ΔTMD was
482 obtained by deletion of the transmembrane domain of the *D. discoideum sac1* gene. To this
483 end, pLS037 excluding the transmembrane domain was amplified with the primers oSV227
484 and oSV228 yielding pSV034. The plasmids pSV044 and pSV045 harboring Sac1 or
485 Sac1_ΔTMD fused to mCherry were constructed by cloning the genes into BglII and SpeI
486 sites of pDM1042. pLS037 and pSV034 were used as templates.

487

488 **Bacteria, cells, growth conditions, and transformation**

489 Bacterial strains and cell lines used are listed in **Table S2**. *L. pneumophila* strains were grown
490 3 days on charcoal yeast extract (CYE) agar plates, buffered with *N*-(2-acetamido)-2-
491 aminoethane sulfonic acid (ACES) at 37°C. Liquid cultures in ACES yeast extract (AYE)
492 medium were inoculated at an OD₆₀₀ of 0.1 and grown at 37°C for 21 h to an early stationary
493 phase (2×10^9 bacteria/ml). Chloramphenicol (5 µg/ml) was added as required.

494 *D. discoideum* stains were grown at 23°C in HL5 medium (ForMedium). Transformation
495 of axenic *D. discoideum* amoeba were performed as described [18, 82]. Blasticidin (10
496 µg/mL), geneticin (G418, 20 µg/ml) and hygromycin (50 µg/ml) were appropriately added.

497 Murine macrophage-like RAW 264.7 cells and human A549 lung epithelial carcinoma
498 cells were cultivated in RPMI 1640 medium (Life Technologies) supplemented with 10%
499 heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum (FBS: Life Technologies) and 1% glutamine (Life
500 Technologies). The cells were incubated at 37°C with 5% CO₂ in a humidified atmosphere.

501

502 **Intracellular replication of *Legionella pneumophila***

503 Intracellular growth of *L. pneumophila* JR32 and $\Delta icmT$ in different *D. discoideum* strains
504 was assessed by measuring fluorescence increase during intracellular replication of mCherry-
505 producing *Legionella* strains (relative fluorescence units, RFU) and by determining colony-
506 forming units (CFU).

507 To determine intracellular replication of mCherry-producing *L. pneumophila*, *D.*
508 *discoideum* amoebae were seeded (2×10^4 cells) in 96-well culture-treated plates (Thermo
509 Fisher) and cultured in HL-5 medium at 23°C. The cells were infected (MOI 1) with the *L.*
510 *pneumophila* strains JR32 or $\Delta icmT$ harboring plasmid pNP102. After 21 h growth in AYE
511 medium, the bacteria were diluted in MB medium, centrifuged ($450 \times g$, 10 min, RT), and
512 incubated for 1 h at 25°C (well plate was kept moist with water in extra wells). Subsequently,
513 infected cells were washed three times with MB medium, incubated for the time indicated at

514 25°C, and mCherry fluorescence was measured every 2 days using a microtiter plate reader
515 (Synergy H1, Biotek).

516 To assess CFUs, *D. discoideum* amoebae were infected (MOI 1) with mCherry-producing
517 *L. pneumophila* JR32 or $\Delta icmT$ grown for 21 h, diluted in MB medium, centrifuged and
518 incubated for 1 h at 25°C. The infected cells were washed three times with MB medium and
519 incubated for the time indicated at 25°C. The infected amoebae were lysed for 10 min with
520 0.8% saponin (47036, Sigma-Aldrich). Subsequently, serial dilutions were plated every 2 days
521 on CYE agar plated containing Cam (5 µg/ml) and incubated for 3 days at 37°C. CFUs were
522 counted using an automated colony counter (CounterMat Flash 4000, IUL Instruments,
523 CounterMat software) and the number of CFUs (per ml) was calculated.

524 To test if members of the OSBP family affect intracellular replication of *L. pneumophila* in
525 murine RAW 264.7 macrophages, the steroidal saponin OSBP inhibitor OSW-1 (CAY-30310,
526 Cayman) was added at different concentrations. The macrophages were detached diluted with
527 pre-warmed supplemented RPMI to a concentration of 2.5×10^4 cells/140 µL medium and
528 grown for 24 h in 96-well plates. Liquid cultures of GFP-producing *L. pneumophila* JR32
529 (pNT28) were grown for 21 h and diluted in pre-warmed supplemented RPMI to a
530 concentration of 5×10^4 cells/50 µL medium. A 10 µM OSW-1 stock solution was prepared
531 freshly. Bacterial suspensions, the OSW-1 working solution (final concentration 5, 20 or 100
532 nM) and sterile DPBS were added to wells, yielding an MOI 1. The infection was
533 synchronized by centrifugation ($450 \times g$, 10 min.). Plates were incubated at 37°C and 5 %
534 CO₂ in a humidified atmosphere. At the indicated time points (12, 24, 36, 48, 60 h p.i.)
535 intracellular replication was assessed by measuring bacterial GFP production with a plate
536 reader.

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538 **RNA interference, determination of proteins depletion efficiency and cytotoxicity**

539 RNA interference experiments were performed as described [59]. Briefly, A549 cells were
540 treated for 48 h with siRNA oligonucleotides with a final concentration of 10 nM in a 96-well
541 plate (RFU) or 24-well plate (toxicity, Western blot) (**Table S3**). The diluted siRNA was
542 added to the wells (5-10 min) at room temperature (RT), and diluted cells (96-well: 2×10^4 ,
543 24-well: 6×10^4) in RPMI medium with FBS was added on top (48 h). Subsequently, the cells
544 were infected (MOI 10) with GFP-producing *L. pneumophila* strains (pNT28), centrifuged
545 and incubated for 1 h at 37°C with 5% CO₂, washed three times and incubated for 24 h. GFP
546 fluorescence was measured as described above at 1 h and 24 h post-infection.

547 Protein depletion efficiency was assessed as follows: cells were harvested in ice-cold PBS
548 and lysed with ice-cold NP-40 cell lysis buffer. Cell extracts were subjected to SDS PAGE.
549 After Western blotting, PVDF membranes were blocked with PBS/5% bovine serum albumin
550 (BSA; Sigma-Aldrich) for 1 h at RT. Subsequently, specific primary antibodies against
551 SacM1L (13033-1-AP, Proteintech) or GAPDH (2118, Cell Signaling) were diluted 1:500 -
552 1:1,000 in blocking buffer and used to stain the indicated proteins (4°C, overnight). Finally,
553 horse radish peroxidase (HRP)-conjugated secondary antibodies (GE Healthcare Life
554 Sciences) were diluted 1:2,000 in blocking buffer and incubated (1 h, RT). After extensive
555 washing, the enhanced chemiluminescence (ECL) signal was detected with an ImageQuant
556 LAS4000 (GE Healthcare Life Sciences).

557 To assess cell viability after siRNA treatment, the Zombie Aqua fixable viability kit
558 (BioLegend) was used. A549 cells were grown and treated with siRNA oligonucleotides
559 (**Table S3**) as described above (protein depletion efficiency). Cells treated for 1 h with 70%
560 sterile-filtered ethanol (EtOH) served as positive control for cell death. The cells were then
561 harvested in ice-cold PBS and stained for 30 min in the dark with 50 µl Zombie Aqua dye
562 1:500 diluted in PBS. Cells were washed once with supplemented RPMI, centrifuged, washed
563 once with PBS, centrifuged and fixed with 4 % paraformaldehyd (PFA) for 30 min at RT.
564 After centrifugation cells were resuspended in 500 µl PBS. Subsequently, cells were subjected

565 to flow cytometry analysis (BD FACS Canto II). Gates were set according to
566 forward/sideward scatter properties, and 10,000 events were collected for each sample. Mean
567 and standard error of mean (SEM) of Zombie-positive cells are shown.

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569 **Confocal fluorescence microscopy of infected *D. discoideum***

570 Dually fluorescence labeled *D. discoideum* strains were infected, fixed and imaged by
571 confocal fluorescence microscopy. Prior to infection, exponential phase *D. discoideum*
572 amoebae were seeded (1×10^5 cells per well) in HL5 medium containing geneticin (G418,
573 20 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) and hygromycin (50 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) in culture treated 6-well plates (VWR) and cultured
574 overnight at 23°C. Cells were infected (MOI 5) with mCerulean-producing *L. pneumophila*
575 JR32 (pNP99), centrifuged ($450 \times g$, 10 min, RT) and incubated at 25°C for 1 h.
576 Subsequently, infected cells were washed three times with HL5 medium and incubated at
577 25°C for the time indicated. At given time points, infected cells (including supernatant) were
578 collected from the 6-wells plate, centrifuged ($500 \times g$, 5 min, RT) and fixed with 4% PFA
579 (Electron Microscopy Sciences) for 30 min at RT. Following fixation, the cells were washed
580 twice with PBS, transferred to a 16-wells μ -slide dish (Ibidi) and immobilized by adding a
581 layer of PBS/0.5% agarose.

582 Image acquisition was performed using the confocal microscope Leica TCS SP8 X CLSM
583 (HC PL APO CS2, objective 63 \times /1.4–0.60 oil; Leica Microsystems) with a scanning speed of
584 200 Hz, bi-directional laser scan. Pictures were acquired with a pixel/voxel size close to the
585 instrument's Nyquist criterion of $43 \times 43 \times 130$ nm (xyz). Images were deconvolved with
586 Huygens professional version 19.10 software (Scientific Volume Imaging, <http://svi.nl>) using
587 the CMLE algorithm, set to 10-20 iterations and quality threshold of 0.05.

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589 **Imaging flow cytometry of infected *D. discoideum***

590 Processing of infected *D. discoideum* for IFC was performed as described [84, 85]. *D.*
591 *discoideum* cells harboring the plasmids indicated were seeded in a 12-well plate containing
592 HL5 medium, geneticin and hygromycin, and infected (MOI 5) with mPlum-producing *L.*
593 *pneumophila* JR32, $\Delta lepB$ or $\Delta sidC$ (pAW014). The infection was synchronized by
594 centrifugation ($450 \times g$, 10 min, RT). The cells were incubated for 1 h at 25°C, washed three
595 times with HL5 and incubated at 25°C. At the indicates time points cells were collected,
596 centrifuged ($450 \times g$, 5 min, RT) and fixed in 2 % PFA for 90 min on ice. Fixed infected
597 amoebae were washed twice in phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) and resuspended in 20 μ l ice
598 cold PBS prior to IFC analysis.

599 At least 5000 cells were acquired using an imaging flow cytometer (ImageStramX MkII;
600 Amnis) and analyzed with the IDEAS (v6.2) software (Amnis). Infected amoeba containing
601 one intracellular *L. pneumophila* bacterium were gated and assessed for colocalization of GFP
602 and mCherry (host) with mPlum produced by the bacteria. The software computes the IFC
603 colocalization score (bright detail similarity), which is the log-transformed Pearson's
604 correlation coefficient of the localized bright spots with a radius of 3 pixels or less in two
605 images and is used to quantify relative enrichment of a marker on the LCV. Data analysis was
606 performed using GraphPad Prism.

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608 **Comparative proteomics of purified LCVs**

609 LCVs from *D. discoideum* amoebae were purified basically as described [86]. Briefly, *D.*
610 *discoideum* Ax3 or $\Delta sey1$ producing CnxA-GFP (pAW016) was seeded in T75 flasks (3 per
611 sample) one day before the experiment to reach 80% confluency. The amoebae were infected
612 (MOI 50, 1 h) with *L. pneumophila* JR32 producing mCherry (pNP102) grown to stationary
613 phase (21 h liquid culture). Subsequently, the cells were washed with SorC buffer and scraped
614 in homogenization buffer (20 mM HEPES, 250 mM sucrose, 0.5 mM EGTA, pH 7.2) [45].
615 Cells were homogenized using a ball homogenizer (Isobiotec) with an exclusion size of 8 μ m

616 and incubated with an anti-SidC antibody followed by a secondary anti-rabbit antibody
617 coupled to magnetic beads. The LCVs were separated in a magnetic field and further purified
618 by a density gradient centrifugation step as described [87]. Three independent biological
619 samples were prepared each for LCVs purified from *L. pneumophila*-infected *D. discoideum*
620 Ax3 or Δ *sey1*.

621 LCVs purified by immuno-magnetic separation and density gradient centrifugation
622 (fraction 4) were resolved by 1D-SDS-PAGE, the gel lanes were excised in ten equidistant
623 pieces and subjected to trypsin digestion [88]. For the subsequent LC-MS/MS measurements,
624 the digests were separated by reversed phase column chromatography using an EASY nLC
625 1000 (Thermo Fisher Scientific) with self-packed columns (OD 360 μ m, ID 100 μ m, length
626 20 cm) filled with 3 μ m diameter C18 particles (Dr. Maisch, Ammerbuch-Entringen,
627 Germany) in a one-column setup. Following loading/ desalting in 0.1% acetic acid in water,
628 the peptides were separated by applying a binary non-linear gradient from 5-53% acetonitrile
629 in 0.1% acetic acid over 82 min. The LC was coupled online to a LTQ Orbitrap Elite mass
630 spectrometer (Thermo Fisher, Bremen, Germany) with a spray voltage of 2.5 kV. After a
631 survey scan in the Orbitrap ($r = 60,000$), MS/MS data were recorded for the twenty most
632 intensive precursor ions in the linear ion trap. Singly charged ions were not considered for
633 MS/MS analysis. The lock mass option was enabled throughout all analyzes.

634 After mass spectrometric measurement, database search against a database of
635 *Dictyostelium discoideum* and *Legionella pneumophila* Philadelphia downloaded Uniprot on
636 14/10/2019 (25,478 and 3,024 entries, respectively) as well as label-free quantification (LFQ)
637 was performed using MaxQuant (version 1.6.7.0) (Cox, J and Mann, M (2008). MaxQuant
638 enables high peptide identification rates, individualized p.p.b.-range mass accuracies and
639 proteome-wide protein quantification. Nature Biotechnology 26, 1367–72). Common
640 laboratory contaminants and reversed sequences were included by MaxQuant. Search
641 parameters were set as follows: trypsin/P specific digestion with up to two missed cleavages,

642 methionine oxidation and N-terminal acetylation as variable modification, match between
643 runs with default parameters enabled. The FDRs (false discovery rates) of protein and PSM
644 (peptide spectrum match) levels were set to 0.01. Two identified unique peptides were
645 required for protein identification. LFQ was performed using the following settings: LFQ
646 minimum ratio count 2 considering only unique for quantification.

647 Results were filtered for proteins quantified in at least two out of three biological replicates
648 before statistical analysis. Here, two conditions were compared by a student's t-test applying a
649 threshold p-value of 0.01, which was based on all possible permutations. Proteins were
650 considered to be differentially abundant if the log₂-fold change was greater than |0.8|. "ON/OFF proteins" were defined as being identified in all bioreplicates of one strain whereas
651 the protein was not identified in any replicate of the other strain.
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654 **Statistical methods**

655 Microscopy data analysis was performed using GraphPad Prism. The two-sample Student's t-
656 test (Mann-Whitney test, no assumption of Gaussian distributions) was used. Probability
657 values of less than 0.05, 0.01, and 0.001 were used to show statistically significant differences
658 and are represented with *, **, or ***, respectively. The value of "n" represents the number
659 of independent experiments performed or the number of analyzed cells per conditions (**Fig.**
660 **4B, Fig. 6B**). For the comparative proteomics, the summarized protein expression values were
661 used for statistical testing of between condition differentially abundant proteins. Empirical
662 Bayes moderated t-tests were applied, as implemented in the R/Bioconductor limma package.

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664 **Data Availability**

665 The MS proteomics data discussed in this publication have been deposited to the
666 ProteomeXchange Consortium via the PRIDE [89] partner repository with the dataset

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921 **Table 1.** Features of selected *D. discoideum* MCS components.

MCS component	Colocalization			<i>Legionella</i> Icm ^a
	Calnexin (ER) ^a	P4C (PI4P/LCV) ^a	AmtA (PM/EE) ^a	
Vap	++	++	+	positive
OSBP7 (<i>osbG</i>)	++/- ^b	-	-	no effect
OSBP8 (<i>osbH</i>)	++	-	-	negative
OSBP11 (<i>osbK</i>)	-	++	++	positive
Sac1	++	-	-	no effect
Sac1_C383S	++	-	-	no effect
Sac1_ΔTMD	-	-	-	negative

922 ^a Abbreviations: Icm, intracellular multiplication of *L. pneumophila* in *D. discoideum*
 923 producing the Sac1 variants or lacking *vap*, *osbG*, *osbH* or *osbK*, compared to replication in
 924 the parental strain Ax3; ER, endoplasmic reticulum; EE, early endosome; PI4P/LCV,
 925 phosphatidylinositol 4-phosphate/*Legionella*-containing vacuole; PM, plasma membrane.

926 ^b +: co-localization in *L. pneumophila*-infected cells; -: no co-localization in uninfected cells.

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928 **Figure Legends**

929 **Figure 1.** *D. discoideum* MCS components localizing to LCVs.

930 (A) Comparative proteomics was performed by mass spectrometry with LCVs purified from
931 *L. pneumophila*-infected *D. discoideum* Ax3 or Δ sey1 (for details see Materials and Methods).
932 Among the total of 3658 eukaryotic or bacterial proteins identified, the Venn diagrams show
933 proteins identified in biological triplicates only on LCVs from *D. discoideum* Ax3 (108
934 proteins; 74 *D. discoideum*, 34 *L. pneumophila*) or only on LCVs from Δ sey1 mutant amoeba
935 (14 proteins; 11 *D. discoideum*, 3 *L. pneumophila*). (B) Imaging flow cytometry (IFC) of *D.*
936 *discoideum* Ax3 or Δ sey1 producing P4C-mCherry (pWS032) and GFP fusion proteins of
937 Vap, OSBP7, OSBP8, OSBP11, or Sac1, infected (MOI 5, 1 h) with mPlum-producing *L.*
938 *pneumophila* JR32 (pAW014). Mean IFC colocalization score and standard error of mean
939 (SEM) for MCS component GFP fusion proteins for > 5000 LCVs is depicted. The data are
940 representative for three independent experiments (**P<0.001).

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942 **Figure 2.** *Dictyostelium discoideum* MCS components localize to LCVs and/or ER.

943 (A) Dually labeled *D. discoideum* amoebae producing MCS components fused to GFP, and
944 either calnexin (CnxA)-mCherry (pAW012), P4C-mCherry (pWS032), or AmtA-mCherry
945 were infected (MOI 5, 2 h) with mCerulean-producing *L. pneumophila* JR32 (pNP99), fixed
946 with 4 % PFA, and imaged by confocal fluorescence microscopy. Merged images are shown.
947 Scale bars: 3 μ m. The Pearson's correlation coefficient was generated using Coloc 2 from Fiji
948 (ImageJ) and is shown for MCS components fused to GFP with respect to (B) CnxA-
949 mCherry, (C) P4C-mCherry, or (D) AmtA-mCherry.

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951 **Figure 3.** MCS components modulate replication of *Legionella pneumophila* in *Dictyostelium*
952 *discoideum* and mammalian cells.

953 (A) *D. discoideum* Ax3, or the Δvap , $\Delta osbG$, $\Delta osbH$, or $\Delta osbK$ mutant strains producing GFP
954 (pDM317) or GFP fusions of the MCS components were infected (MOI 1) with mCherry-
955 producing *L. pneumophila* JR32 (pNP102), and intracellular replication was assessed by
956 relative fluorescence units (RFU). Mean and SEM of three independent experiments are
957 shown (*P<0.05; **P<0.01; ***P<0.001). (B) *D. discoideum* Ax3 producing CnxA-GFP
958 (pAW016), GFP-Sac1 (pLS037), GFP-Sac1_C383S (pSV015) or GFP-Sac1_ΔTMD
959 (pSV034) were infected (MOI 1) with mCherry-producing *L. pneumophila* JR32 (pNP102),
960 and intracellular replication was assessed by relative fluorescence units (RFU). Mean and
961 SEM of three independent experiments are shown (***P<0.001). (C) RAW 264.7
962 macrophages were treated with increasing concentrations of OSW-1 (0-100 nM, 1-60 h),
963 infected (MOI 1) with GFP-producing *L. pneumophila* JR32 (pNT28), and intracellular
964 replication was assessed by relative fluorescence units (RFU). Mean and SEM of three
965 independent experiments are shown (*P<0.05; ***P<0.001). (D) A549 epithelial cells
966 transfected for 48 h with 10 nM siRNA oligonucleotides were infected (MOI 10) with GFP-
967 producing *L. pneumophila* JR32 or $\Delta icmT$ (pNT28), and intracellular replication was assessed
968 by fluorescence with a microplate reader. Growth after 24 h was compared to growth at 1 h.
969 Mean and SEM of three independent experiments are shown (**P<0.01).

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971 **Figure 4.** *Vap*, *OSBP11*, and *Sac1* promote expansion of PtdIns(4)*P*-positive LCVs.

972 (A) Dually labeled *D. discoideum* Ax3, Δvap , $\Delta osbG$, $\Delta osbH$, $\Delta osbK$ or $\Delta sey1$ mutants
973 producing P4C-mCherry (pWS032) and CnxA-GFP (pAW016), or Ax3 producing P4C-
974 mCherry and either GFP-Sac1 (pLS037), GFP-Sac1_C383S (pSV015) or GFP-Sac1_ΔTMD
975 (pSV034) were infected (MOI 5, 2-16 h) with mCerulean-producing *L. pneumophila* JR32
976 (pNP99) and fixed with 4 % PFA. Merged images for the analyzed time points are shown.
977 Scale bars: 3 μm. (B) LCV area was measured using ImageJ (n=100-200 per condition from 3

978 independent biological replicates). Means and SEM of single cells are shown (**P<0.01;
979 ***P<0.001).

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981 **Figure 5.** Sac1_ΔTMD reduces the accumulation of PtdIns(4)P, Vap and OSBP8 on LCVs.

982 (A) Dually labeled *D. discoideum* Ax3, Δvap, ΔosbG, ΔosbH, ΔosbK or Δsey1 mutants
983 producing P4C-mCherry (pWS032) and GFP-Sac1 (pLS037) were infected (MOI 5, 2-16 h)
984 with mCerulean-producing *L. pneumophila* JR32 (pNP99) and fixed with 4 % PFA. Merged
985 images for the analyzed time points are shown. Scale bars: 3 μm. (B, C) Imaging flow
986 cytometry (IFC) analysis of dually labeled *D. discoideum* Ax3, Δvap, ΔosbG, ΔosbH, ΔosbK
987 or Δsey1 mutants producing P4C-mCherry (pWS032) and either GFP-Sac1 (pLS037) or GFP-
988 Sac1_ΔTMD (pSV034), infected (MOI 5, 2 h) with mPlum-producing *L. pneumophila* JR32
989 (pAW014). (D) Dually labeled *D. discoideum* Ax3 producing GFP fusions of MCS
990 components and either mCherry-Sac1 (pSV044) or mCherry-Sac1_ΔTMD (pSV045) were
991 infected (MOI 5, 2 h) with mCerulean-producing *L. pneumophila* JR32 (pNP99) and fixed
992 with 4 % PFA. Merged images for the analyzed time points are shown. Scale bars: 3 μm. (E)
993 IFC analysis of dually labeled *D. discoideum* Ax3 producing GFP fusions of MCS
994 components and either mCherry-Sac1 (pSV044) or mCherry-Sac1_ΔTMD (pSV045), infected
995 (MOI 5, 2 h) with mPlum-producing *L. pneumophila* JR32 (pAW014). Quantification of (B)
996 P4C-mCherry (C) Sac1-GFP or (E) GFP fusions of MCS components localizing to LCVs at 2
997 h p.i. Due to the lower resolution of IFC, “LCVs” designates the LCV limiting membrane and
998 tightly attached ER. Number of events per sample, n = 5000. Data represent mean and SEM
999 of three independent experiments (*P<0.05; **P<0.01; ***P<0.001).

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1001 **Figure 6.** The *L. pneumophila* effectors LepB and SidC determine PtdIns(4)P decoration and
1002 expansion of LCVs.

1003 (A) Dually labeled *D. discoideum* Ax3 producing P4C-mCherry (pWS032) and either CnxA-
1004 GFP (pAW016), GFP-Sac1 (pLS037), or GFP-Sac1_ΔTMD (pSV034) were infected (MOI 5,
1005 1-8 h) with mCerulean-producing *L. pneumophila* JR32, Δ*lepB* or Δ*sidC* (pNP99) and fixed
1006 with 4 % PFA. Merged images for the analyzed time points are shown. Scale bars: 3 μm. (B)
1007 LCV area was measured using ImageJ (n=100-200 per condition). Means and SEM of single
1008 cells are shown (**P<0.01; ***P<0.001). (C) Imaging flow cytometry (IFC) analysis of
1009 dually labeled *D. discoideum* Ax3 producing P4C-mCherry (pWS032) and either CnxA-GFP
1010 (pAW016), GFP-Sac1 (pLS037), or GFP-Sac1_ΔTMD (pSV034), infected (MOI 5, 1-8 h)
1011 with mPlum-producing *L. pneumophila* JR32 (pAW014). Number of events per sample, n =
1012 5000. Data represent mean and SEM of three independent experiments (*P<0.05; **P<0.01;
1013 ***P<0.001).

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1015 **Figure 7.** Localization and function of host and bacterial factors at LCV-ER MCS.

1016 In dually fluorescence-labeled *D. discoideum* amoeba MCS components such as Vap, OSBPs
1017 and Sac1 localize to the LCV-ER interface. The host proteins Vap, OSBP8, Sac1 and Sey1
1018 localize to the ER, and OSBP11 is detected on the PtdIns(4)P-positive LCV membrane as
1019 well as on the PM. The MCS components are implicated in intracellular growth of *L.*
1020 *pneumophila* and LCV remodeling. The PtdIns(4)P 4-phosphatase Sac1 lacking its membrane
1021 anchor, Sac1_ΔTMD, or the lack of the *L. pneumophila* PtdIns(3)P 4-kinase, LepB, reduced
1022 the PtdIns(4)P score on LCV-ER MCS. These findings suggest that a *Legionella*- and host
1023 cell-driven PtdIns(4)P gradient at LCV-ER MCS promotes Vap-, OSBP- and Sac1-dependent
1024 pathogen vacuole remodeling.

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1026 **Supplementary Figures**

1027 **Figure S1.** Phylogenetic tree of short OSBPs from *D. discoideum*, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*
1028 and humans.

1029 Sequences of all proteins were either derived from dictybase.org or uniprot and aligned with
1030 MAFFT (<https://mafft.cbrc.jp>) using the G-INS-I strategy, unalignlevel 0.8 and “leave gappy
1031 regions” to generate a phylogenetic tree in phylo.ilo using NJ conserved sites and the JTT
1032 substitution model. Numbers on the branches indicate bootstrap support for nodes from 100
1033 bootstrap replicates.

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1035 **Figure S2.** *Dictyostelium discoideum* MCS components localize to LCVs and/or ER.

1036 (A) Dually labeled *D. discoideum* amoebae producing MCS components fused to GFP and
1037 either CnxA-mCherry (pAW016), P4C-mCherry (pWS032), or AmtA-mCherry were infected
1038 (MOI 5, 2 h) with mCerulean-producing *L. pneumophila* JR32 (pNP99), fixed with 4 % PFA,
1039 and imaged by confocal fluorescence microscopy. Single channels are shown. scale bars: 3
1040 μm . The Pearson’s correlation coefficient of uninfected cells was generated using Coloc 2
1041 from Fiji (ImageJ) and is shown for MCS components fused to GFP with respect to (B)
1042 CnxA-mCherry, (C) P4C-mCherry, or (D) AmtA-mCherry. Data represent mean and SEM of
1043 three independent experiments (* $P < 0.05$; *** $P < 0.001$).

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1045 **Figure S3.** Construction of *D. discoideum* deletion mutants.

1046 Schematic representation of the strategies followed for the construction of *D. discoideum*
1047 strains lacking (A) *osbG*, (B) *osbH*, (C) *osbK*, or (D) *vap*, and PCR-based validation.

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1049 **Figure S4.** MCS components modulate replication of *L. pneumophila* in *D. discoideum* and
1050 mammalian cells.

1051 (A) *D. discoideum* Ax3, or Δvap , $\Delta osbG$, $\Delta osbH$, or $\Delta osbK$ mutants producing GFP-Sac1
1052 (pLS037) or GFP-Sac1_ΔTMD (pSV034) were infected (MOI 1) with mCherry-producing *L.*
1053 *pneumophila* JR32 (pNP102), and intracellular replication was assessed by colony-forming
1054 units (CFU). Mean and SEM of three independent experiments are shown (* $P < 0.05$;

1055 **P<0.01; ***P<0.001). To improve clarity, the different mutant strains are shown in separate
1056 graphs, each depicting the same data for Ax3/GFP-Sac1. **(B)** Cytotoxicity toward A549 cells
1057 of oligonucleotides targeting Arf1 and Sac1 (10 nM siRNA, 48 h) was determined by the
1058 Zombie Aqua fixable viability kit (BioLegend) using flow cytometry. Percentage of Zombie-
1059 positive cells is shown (means and SEM of triplicate experiments). Untreated cells were used
1060 as a negative control, and treatment with 70% EtOH for 1 h served as positive control for cell
1061 death. **(C)** A549 epithelial cells were treated with oligonucleotides targeting Sac1 (10 nM
1062 siRNA, 48 h), and the efficiency of protein depletion was assessed by Western blot (WB) with
1063 the antibodies indicated. Qiagen AllStars unspecific oligonucleotides (“Scrambled”, “Scr”)
1064 were used to control for off-target effects, and GAPDH served as WB loading control. Data
1065 are representative of two independent experiments.

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1067 **Figure S5.** Vap, OSBP11, and Sac1 promote expansion of PtdIns(4)*P*-positive LCVs.

1068 Dually labeled *D. discoideum* Ax3, Δvap , $\Delta osbG$, $\Delta osbH$, $\Delta osbK$ or $\Delta sey1$ mutants producing
1069 P4C-mCherry (pWS032) and CnxA-GFP (pAW016), or Ax3 producing P4C-mCherry and
1070 either GFP-Sac1 (pLS037), GFP-Sac1_C383S (pSV015) or GFP-Sac1_ΔTMD (pSV034)
1071 were infected (MOI 5, 2-16 h) with mCerulean-producing *L. pneumophila* JR32 (pNP99) and
1072 fixed with 4 % PFA. Single channels for the analyzed time points are shown. Scale bars: 3
1073 μm.

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1075 **Figure S6.** Localization of GFP-Sac1 in *D. discoideum* Ax3 or strains lacking MCS
1076 components.

1077 Dually labeled *D. discoideum* Ax3, Δvap , $\Delta osbG$, $\Delta osbH$, $\Delta osbK$ or $\Delta sey1$ mutants producing
1078 P4C-mCherry (pWS032) and GFP-Sac1 (pLS037) were infected (MOI 5, 2-16 h) with
1079 mCerulean-producing *L. pneumophila* JR32 (pNP99) and fixed with 4 % PFA. Single
1080 channels for the analyzed time points are shown. Scale bars: 3 μm.

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1082 **Figure S7.** Localization of GFP-MCS components in *D. discoideum* wild-type producing
1083 Sac1 or Sac1_ΔTMD.

1084 Dually labeled *D. discoideum* Ax3 producing GFP fusions of MCS proteins and either
1085 mCherry-Sac1 (pSV044) or mCherry-Sac1_ΔTMD (pSV045) were infected (MOI 5, 2 h)
1086 with mCerulean-producing *L. pneumophila* JR32 (pNP99) and fixed with 4 % PFA. Single
1087 channels for the analyzed time points are shown. Scale bars: 3 μm.

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1089 **Figure S8.** The *L. pneumophila* effectors LepB and SidC determine PtdIns(4)*P* decoration
1090 and expansion of LCVs.

1091 Dually labeled *D. discoideum* Ax3 producing P4C-mCherry (pWS032) and either CnxA-GFP
1092 (pAW016), GFP-Sac1 (pLS037), or GFP-Sac1_ΔTMD (pSV034) were infected (MOI 5, 1-8
1093 h) with mCerulean-producing *L. pneumophila* JR32, Δ*lepB* or Δ*sidC* (pNP99) and fixed with
1094 4 % PFA. Single channels for the analyzed time points are shown. Scale bars: 3 μm.

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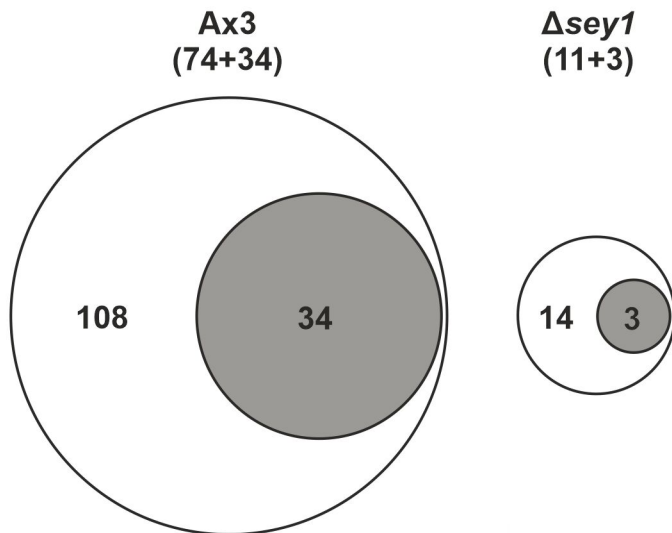
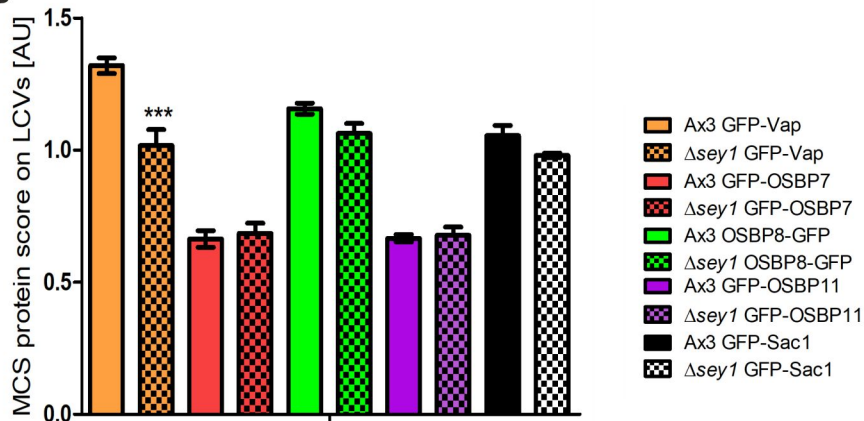
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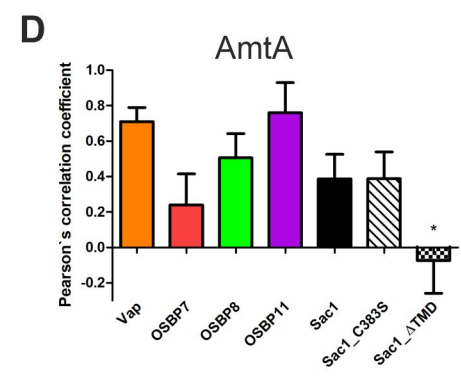
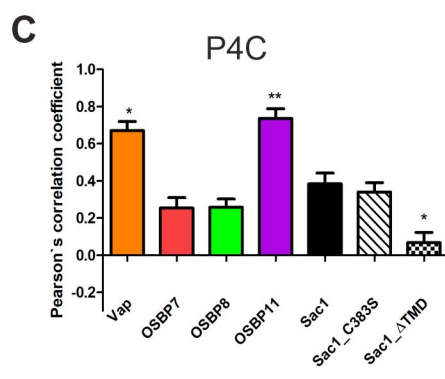
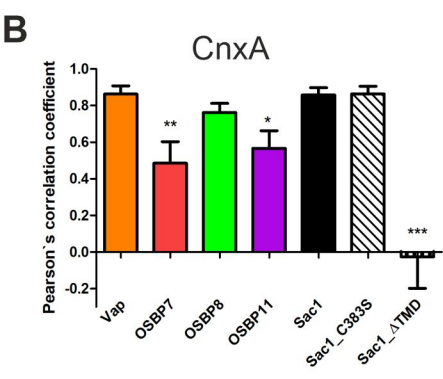
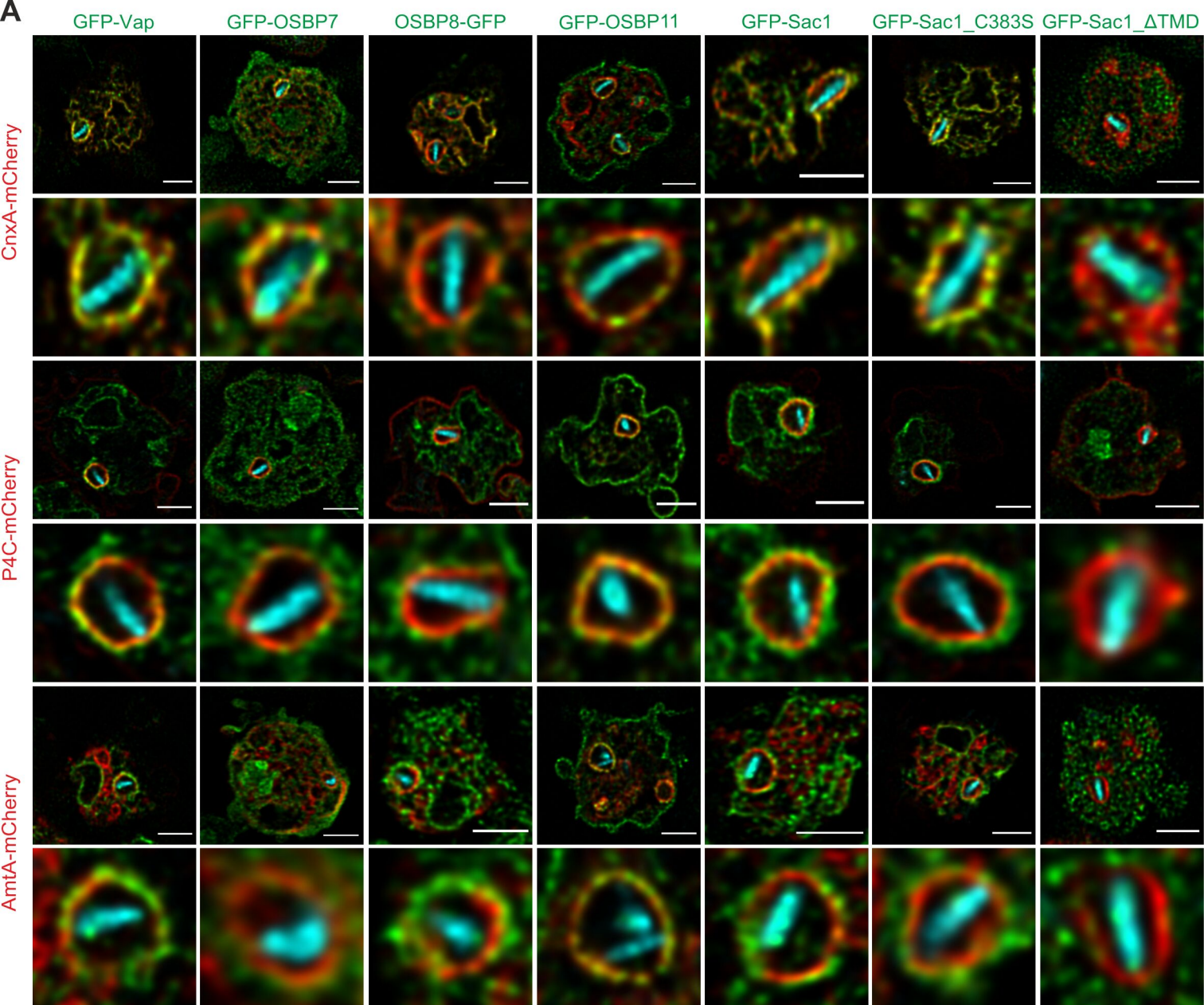
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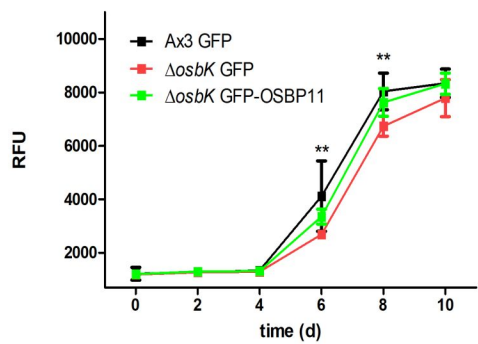
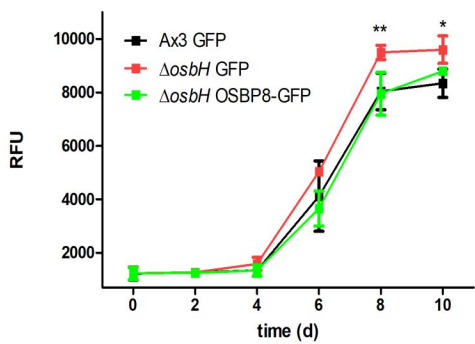
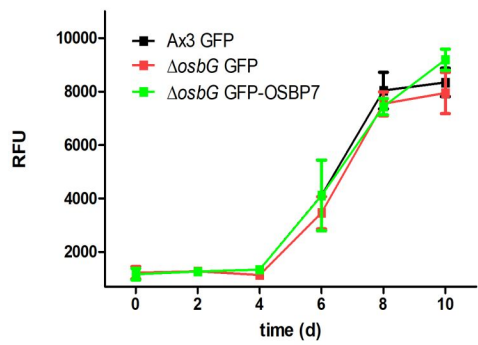
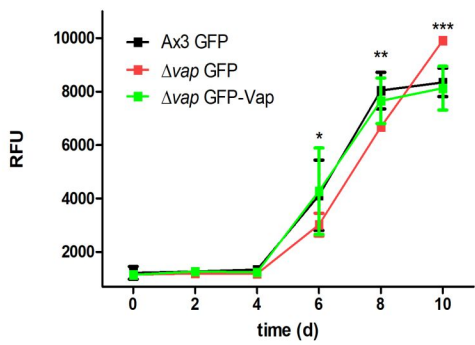
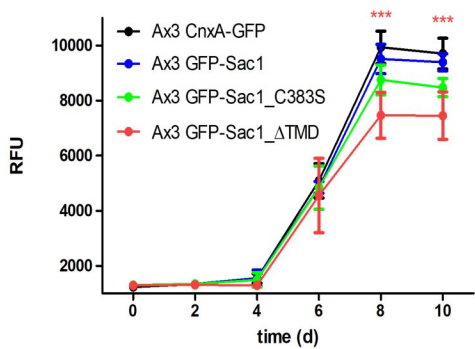
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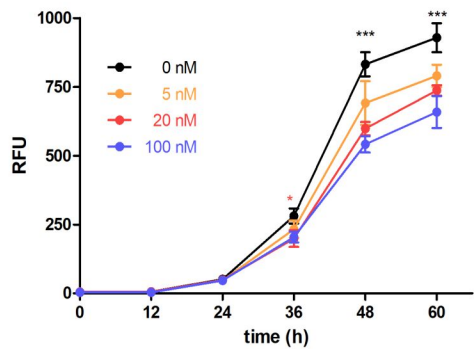
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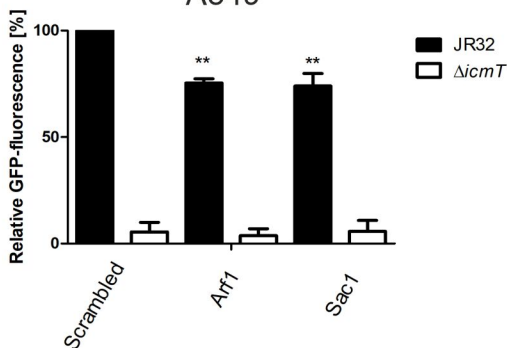


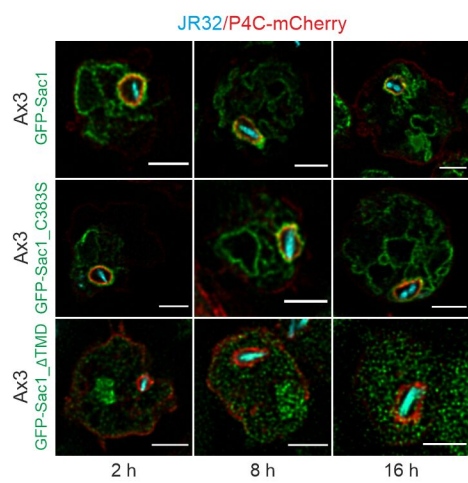
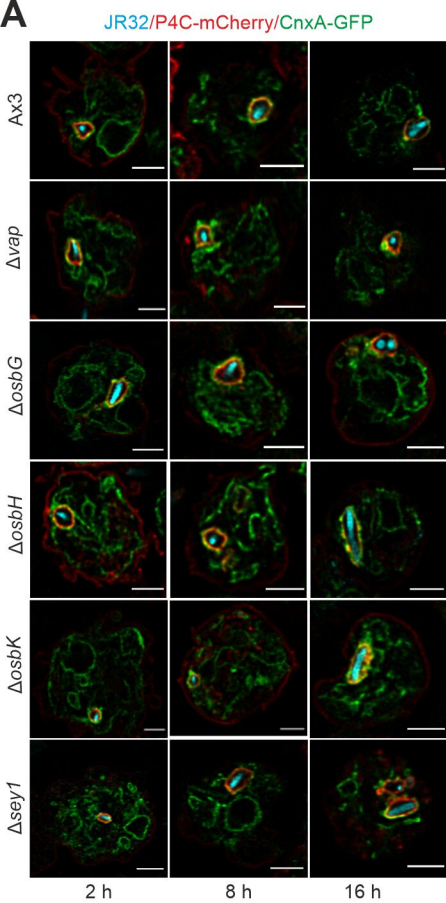
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