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Transcriptome-wide analysis of the function of Ded1 in translation preinitiation complex assembly in a reconstituted in vitro system

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ABSTRACT

We have developed a deep sequencing-based approach, Rec-Seq, that allows simultaneous monitoring of ribosomal 48S pre-initiation complex (PIC) formation on every mRNA in the translatome in an in vitro reconstituted system. Rec-Seq isolates key early steps in translation initiation in the absence of all other cellular components and processes. Using this approach we show that the DEAD-box ATPase Ded1 promotes 48S PIC formation on the start codons of >1000 native mRNAs, most of which have long, structured 5'-untranslated regions (5'UTRs). Remarkably, initiation measured in Rec-Seq was enhanced by Ded1 for most mRNAs previously shown to be highly Ded1-dependent by ribosome profiling of *ded1* mutants in vivo, demonstrating that the core translation functions of the factor are recapitulated in the purified system. Our data do not support a model in which Ded1acts by reducing initiation at alternative start codons in 5'UTRs and instead indicate it functions by directly promoting mRNA recruitment to the 43S PIC and scanning to locate the main start codon. We also provide evidence that eIF4A, another essential DEAD-box initiation factor, is required for efficient PIC assembly on almost all mRNAs, regardless of their structural complexity, in contrast to the preferential stimulation by Ded1 of initiation on mRNAs with long, structured 5'UTRs.

INTRODUCTION

Translation initiation in eukaryotes begins with the assembly of the 43S preinitiation complex (PIC), containing the small (40S) ribosomal subunit bound to the eIF2•GTP•Met-tRNA$_i$ ternary complex and several initiation factors (eIFs), including eIF1, eIF1A, eIF5, eIF4B, and eIF3. The 43S PIC binds the 5' end of m^{7}G-capped mRNAs with the assistance of the cap-binding protein complex eIF4F, comprised of cap-binding subunit eIF4E, scaffolding and mRNA-binding subunit eIF4G, and DEAD-box RNA helicase eIF4A. The resulting 43S•mRNA complex, or 48S PIC, scans the 5'-untranslated region (5'UTR) for a suitable start codon, whose selection triggers release of most of the initiation factors. Subsequent joining of the large (60S) ribosomal subunit to the 40S•Met-tRNA$_i$ complex, with the aid of eIF1A and the GTPase factor eIF5B, forms the 80S initiation complex, poised to begin the elongation phase of protein synthesis (Hinnebusch 2014).

The efficiency of translation initiation on specific mRNAs is strongly influenced by the secondary structures in the 5'UTR and the length of the 5'UTR (Sonenberg and Hinnebusch 2009; Niederer et al. 2022). It is believed that the inhibitory structures in mRNA 5'UTRs are resolved by DEAD/H-box RNA helicases (Hinnebusch 2014). However, we and others have demonstrated that eIF4A is required for the efficient recruitment of a variety of mRNAs tested in vitro regardless of their degrees of structure (Pestova and Kolupaeva 2002; Yourik et al. 2017). Consistent with this, profiling of translating 80S ribosomes in vivo (Ribo-Seq analysis) in an eIF4A temperature-sensitive yeast mutant (*tif1-ts*) revealed that eIF4A inactivation reduced the relative translation efficiencies of less than 40 mRNAs, despite a strong reduction in bulk polysome assembly (Sen et al. 2015), thus suggesting that the majority of mRNAs have similarly strong requirements for eIF4A in yeast cells. Mammalian eIF4A has been suggested to remodel

the 40S subunit to enhance PIC attachment to mRNAs and function beyond its role in RNA

unwinding (Sokabe and Fraser 2017) and might facilitate the threading of the 5′-end of mRNA

into the 40S entry channel (Kumar et al. 2016).

In contrast to eIF4A, inactivation of yeast DEAD-box helicase Ded1 in a cold-sensitive

mutant (*ded1-cs*) was found to reduce the relative TEs of more than 1100 mRNAs in Ribo-Seq

experiments (Sen et al. 2015; Sen et al. 2019). These Ded1-hyperdependent mRNAs displayed a

marked tendency for long and structured 5'UTRs (Sen et al. 2015). Profiling of small (40S)

ribosomal subunits in the *ded1-cs* mutant provided evidence that Ded1 stimulates the translation

of Ded1-hyper-dependent mRNAs by promoting attachment of 43S PICs to the mRNA 5'ends or

subsequent scanning to the start codon (Sen et al. 2019). Furthermore, in a purified yeast

translation initiation system several mRNAs identified as being hyperdependent on Ded1 in vivo

also displayed greater stimulation by Ded1 of 48S PIC assembly than observed for either Ded1-

hypodependent mRNAs or variants of the hyperdependent mRNAs lacking their 5'UTR

secondary structures (Gupta et al. 2018). Together, these findings suggest that Ded1 is important

particularly for stimulating translation of mRNAs that have long, structured 5'UTRs. Several

lines of evidence indicate that Ded1 activity on such mRNAs is enhanced by interaction of its N-

terminal domain with eIF4A and eIF4E, and of its C-terminal domain with eIF4G (Gao et al.

2016; Gupta et al. 2018; Gulay et al. 2020), indicating functional coupling between eIF4F and

Ded1 in 48S PIC assembly. Other evidence suggests that Ded1 broadly promotes scanning

through 5'UTRs by blocking initiation at alternative start codons positioned just upstream of

secondary structures that are unwound by Ded1 in vivo, thus allowing the scanning PIC to

continue downstream to the main start codon of the mRNA (Guenther et al. 2018).

It appears that Ded1 can regulate translation of mRNAs in vivo in ways ostensibly

distinct from its functions in promoting PIC attachment or scanning on structured mRNAs. Ded1

and its mammalian ortholog DDX3 have been implicated in facilitating the joining of the large

ribosomal subunit to the 48S PIC after start codon recognition (Geissler et al. 2012; Wang et al.

2022). There is also evidence that Ded1 can repress translation by segregating mRNAs into

phase-separated RNA–protein granules, processing bodies (PBs) or stress granules (SGs), during

cell stresses. Granule formation in glucose-starved cells is reduced by depletion of Ded1, and is

enhanced by Ded1 overexpression or impairment of its ATPase activity in non-starved cells in a

manner regulated by regions in the Ded1 NTD and CTD (Beckham et al. 2008; Hilliker et al.

2011; Hondele et al. 2019). It was suggested that Ded1 initially forms an inactive complex with

eIF4F and mRNA that is stalled at a step upstream of 43S PIC joining and subsequently utilizes

ATP hydrolysis to allow progression into the initiation pathway (Beckham et al. 2008; Hilliker et

al. 2011).

Heat-shock also evokes Ded1 sequestration in SGs in a manner antagonized at low

temperatures by a polar intrinsically disordered region (IDR) in the Ded1 NTD. Purified Ded1

displayed heat-induced phase separation in vitro that was enhanced by mRNA and the Ded1

CTD but suppressed by the N-terminal IDR. Interestingly, heat-shock preferentially reduced the

TEs of mRNAs with structured 5' UTRs and increased their condensation, in a manner

modulated by the N-terminal IDR, leading to the model that condensation of Ded1 and

associated mRNAs preferentially reduces the translation of Ded1-hyperdependent mRNAs with

structured 5'UTRs during heat-shock (Iserman et al. 2020). Other findings indicate that glucose-

starvation or heat-shock leads to widespread dissociation of Ded1, eIF4A and eIF4B from the

5'UTRs of mRNAs (Castelli et al. 2011; Bresson et al. 2020), which could underlie reduced

translation of Ded1-hyperdependent mRNAs that remain soluble in stressed cells. Examining

the TE changes conferred by glucose starvation or heat-shock by ribosome profiling suggested

that Ded1-hyperdependent mRNAs vary greatly in their translational suppression during stress,

which might involve a combinatorial effect of impairing eIF4A, eIF4B, and Ded1 function on the

most affected subsets (Sen et al. 2021).

It is possible that Ded1 has additional functions in the nucleus, as it appears to shuttle

between nucleus and cytoplasm and interacts both physically and functionally with the nuclear

cap-binding proteins (Senissar et al. 2014). Ded1 was also found to co-purify with pre-90S and

pre-40S immature ribosomes (Schäfer et al. 2003), and thus might function in ribosome

biogenesis.

A difficulty with interpreting the previous ribosome profiling experiments with *ded1*

mutations is that the inactivated mutant protein could have had dominant effects rather than

simply producing a loss of Ded1 function. For example, in view of evidence that inhibition of

Ded1 ATPase activity can lead to the formation of translationally inert mRNP granules, it is

possible that the *ded1* mutations in the catalytic domain analyzed by ribosome profiling led to

impaired translation of many Ded1-hyperdependent mRNAs in non-stressed cells owing to their

sequestration with the mutant *ded1* proteins in condensates inaccessible to the initiation

machinery. It was also possible that the inactivated mutant proteins bound to mRNAs, the

ribosome or other initiation factors in a manner that inhibited translation. The *ded1* mutations

could also indirectly impair translation of Ded1-hyperdependent mRNAs by reducing their

export from the nucleus, by reducing expression of another protein with a role in production or

function of the translation initiation machinery, by activating stress responses that alter the

functions of initiation factors, or by eliciting quality control responses that alter the rate of

translation elongation. Even wild-type Ded1 could influence translation indirectly by

modulating the association of various RNA-binding proteins with mRNAs, a function ascribed to

other DEAD-box proteins (Linder and Jankowsky 2011). As noted above, we demonstrated that

several mRNAs that were found to be Ded1-hyperdependent in vivo displayed a greater

stimulation of 48S PIC assembly by Ded1 compared to several in vivo hypodependent mRNAs

in a fully purified system, confirming a direct role of Ded1 in stimulating initiation on these few

mRNAs in the soluble phase in the absence of any other cellular proteins besides ribosomes and

canonical initiation factors. However, it was possible that many other mRNAs found to be

hyperdependent on Ded1 in vivo are not stimulated directly by Ded1's ability to resolve

secondary structures in 5'UTRs and promote PIC recruitment or scanning to the start codon.

We have developed an elaboration of the reconstituted yeast translation initiation system

(Acker et al. 2007) that enables examination of 48S PIC assembly on all native yeast mRNAs

simultaneously. This approach, dubbed Recruitment-Sequencing (Rec-Seq), allowed us to

measure direct effects of Ded1 on PIC attachment to mRNA and scanning to the start codon in

reactions containing only 40S ribosomal subunits, methionyl-initiator tRNA (Met-tRNA$_i$),

GDPNP and ATP, and the core initiation factors. In previous work using the reconstituted yeast

initiation system, we found that stable 48S PIC formation on mRNA start codons was strongly

dependent on the 5'-cap (Mitchell et al. 2010; Yourik et al. 2017). The cap also prevented off-

pathway events and enforced a requirement for the full set of initiation factors to efficiently

assemble a 48S PIC. These results indicate that in the reconstituted system 43S PICs are loaded

onto the 5'-ends of mRNAs in a cap-dependent manner and that they scan from 5' to 3' to locate

the start codon.

Rec-Seq allowed us to isolate the crucial and highly regulated series of events leading up

to 48S PIC assembly from all later steps of initiation and elongation. Processes such as mRNA

localization and decay and RNA and protein compartmentalization, which can complicate in

vivo analyses, likewise do not contribute to the outcome of Rec-Seq experiments. Because we

could vary Ded1 concentration in reactions, or leave it out entirely, Rec-Seq allowed us to

directly interrogate the factor's role instead of relying on inferences from the effects of *ded1*

mutations. Moreover, we could evaluate whether preventing initiation at alternative start codons

in 5'UTRs is an important aspect of Ded1 enhancement of PIC assembly at the canonical start

codons on Ded1-stimulated transcripts in vitro.

Our studies indicate that in the Rec-Seq system Ded1 stimulates 48S PIC assembly on

~1000 mRNAs. These Ded1-dependent mRNAs include ~90% of the mRNAs previously found

to be hyperdependent on Ded1 in vivo by ribosome profiling of the *ded1-cs* mutant. The fact that

addition of Ded1 stimulates 48S PIC assembly on these mRNAs in the reconstituted Rec-Seq

system argues against the involvement of other cellular processes or proteins beyond the core

initiation machinery in Ded1 function, and the possibility that the in vivo ribosome profiling

results were influenced by dominant negative effects of the *ded1-cs* mutation or by altered

expression or activity of the translational machinery in the mutant cells. The mRNAs that are

strongly dependent on Ded1 in the Rec-Seq system exhibit a high propensity for long and

structured 5'UTRs, providing compelling evidence that Ded1 acts directly to stimulate 48S PIC

formation by unwinding 5'UTR structures to facilitate mRNA binding to the PIC and scanning to

find the start codon. Our results also indicate that alternative initiation at upstream start codons is

too infrequent, and the suppression of these events by addition of Ded1 too small, to account for

the stimulatory effects of Ded1 on 48S PIC assembly in the reconstituted system. Finally, we

show that eIF4A strongly stimulates the formation of 48S PICs on the vast majority of yeast

mRNAs, regardless of their 5'UTR length or degree of secondary structure, in contrast to the

specificity we observe for Ded1 in stimulating recruitment of mRNAs with long, structured

5'UTRs. These data are consistent with the model that eIF4A plays a general role in facilitating

binding of all mRNAs to the 43S PIC, whereas Ded1 unwinds inhibitory secondary structures to

promote PIC binding and scanning on mRNAs with structured 5'UTRs.

RESULTS

Rec-Seq, an in vitro approach to measure 48S PIC formation transcriptome-wide. We

previously developed a fully reconstituted yeast translation initiation system (Acker et al. 2007)

that allows measurement of stable recruitment of mRNAs to 43S pre-initiation complexes

(Mitchell et al. 2010) to form 48S PICs using defined concentrations of purified components for

individual mRNAs. In addition to purified small (40S) ribosomal subunits, reactions include

initiation factors eIF1, eIF1A, eIF5, the eIF2·GTP·Met-tRNA$_i$ ternary complex (TC, assembled

using non-hydrolyzable GDPNP), eIF3, the mRNA-recruitment factors eIF4G·eIF4E complex,

eIF4A and eIF4B, and ATP. In the initial version of this system, we monitored recruitment of a

single capped, radiolabeled, in vitro transcribed mRNA in each reaction. Formation of a stable

48S PIC with the anticodon of Met-tRNA$_i$ base paired to the AUG start codon in the mRNA was

resolved from free mRNA by native gel electrophoresis and quantified by phosphorimaging of

the mRNA. Among other things, this assay has been used to elucidate the molecular roles of eIFs

essential for 48S PIC assembly (Hinnebusch 2014); provide evidence that eIF4A is essential for

recruitment of various mRNAs to the 43S PIC regardless of the amount of secondary structure in

their 5'UTRs (Yourik et al. 2017); and reconstitute the ability of Ded1 to overcome 5'UTR

secondary structures found in several Ded1-hyperdependent mRNAs (Gupta et al. 2018). An

important limitation of the assay, however, was that only a single mRNA could be examined at a

time, and the effects of competition among the many different mRNAs that exist in a cell could

not be assessed. In addition, the use of an electrophoretic mobility-shift assay (EMSA) limits the

analysis to very short native transcripts, eg. *RPL41A* mRNA, or the use of synthetic constructs

truncated at their 3' ends in place of longer, full-length native mRNAs (Gupta et al. 2018). Such

constructs might not recapitulate functionally important interactions between the 5'UTR and

other parts of the mRNA.

To circumvent these limitations, we modified the system to allow 48S PIC formation on

all native mRNAs in the standard yeast transcriptome to be monitored simultaneously using an

approach we call Rec-Seq for "Recruitment-Sequencing" (Fig. 1A). In place of a single,

radiolabeled mRNA we used oligo(dT) affinity-purified total mRNA from wild-type yeast cells

grown in nutrient-replete conditions. This total polyA(+) mRNA was incubated for various times

with pre-assembled 43S PICs, eIF3, eIF4 factors, ATP and other components (depending on the

experiment; Fig. 1-S1). The reactions were then treated with RNase I to digest mRNA regions

not protected by the ribosomal complex. For each reaction, 48S PICs were isolated by

sedimentation through a sucrose gradient and ribosome-protected fragments (RPFs) were

purified by gel electrophoresis and converted to cDNAs by reverse-transcription followed by

PCR amplification to generate sequencing libraries. This approach allowed us to monitor PIC

assembly on all native yeast mRNAs in parallel.

To make results comparable among replicates and across experiments, we used an

internal normalization approach in which 48S PICs were assembled on two non-native mRNAs

encoding Renilla or firefly luciferase and treated with RNase I. A constant amount of these

"spike-in" 48S PICs were added to each experimental reaction prior to sucrose gradient

sedimentation (Fig. 1-S2A). RPFs corresponding to both the main AUG (mAUG) and several

internal AUGs (iAUGs) were found to be highly reproducible among biological replicates for

these spike-in controls (Fig. 1-S2B-D). Normalizing results with these control RPFs allowed us

to achieve high reproducibility among triplicate biological replicate experiments (Fig. 1-S3) and

also allowed us to measure absolute rather than relative 48S PIC formation efficiencies despite

differences in final read depths from reaction to reaction.

To assess the function of Ded1 in mRNA recruitment, scanning and start codon

recognition, we carried out Rec-Seq experiments on reactions that contained all of the canonical

initiation factors shown in Figure 1A (including eIF4A) and either lacked Ded1 or contained 100

or 500 nM Ded1. The reactions were initiated by adding total polyA(+) mRNA to the pre-formed

43S complexes and other factors, and then quenched rapidly after 15 min by

depleting ATP with addition of a "Stop buffer" containing hexokinase and glucose. We chose 15

minutes because recruitment has reached its observed endpoint for nearly all mRNAs at this

time. The RPFs thus measured give the final distribution of competitive recruitment efficiencies

under these experimental conditions, in which there is a two-fold excess of total mRNA over 43S

PICs. After sequencing cDNA libraries prepared from the RNAse I-treated purified 48S PICs

and removing sequencing reads mapping to non-coding RNAs, the reads mapping to protein

coding sequences were examined.

A metagene plot of the number of RPF reads versus position of RPF 5'ends relative to the

mAUG codon for each mRNA revealed that the overwhelming majority contain a single peak of

RPFs with the bulk of 5' ends located 12 nt upstream of the mAUG codon (Fig. 1B-D). This is

the position expected for PICs with the 40S P site containing the AUG start codon base paired

with the anticodon of Met-tRNA$_i$ (Ingolia et al. 2009; Archer et al. 2016). A minority of RPFs

have 5'ends closer to the AUG codon (Fig. 1B-D), which could result from invasion of RNase I

into the 40S exit channel in a minor fraction of PICs positioned at the start codon, or from low-

level degradation of purified RPFs during library construction. The two reactions containing

Ded1 have a somewhat greater abundance of RPFs at the start codons compared to the reaction

lacking Ded1 (Fig. 1-S4A).

We examined individual Rec-Seq traces for several mRNAs previously shown through

ribosome profiling to be either hyper- or hypo-dependent on Ded1 for translational efficiency

and that had also been shown to be similarly dependent on Ded1 for 43S PIC recruitment in vitro

in the reconstituted yeast initiation system (Fig. 1E, F; Fig. 1S-4). The Ded1 hyper-dependent

mRNAs showed strong Ded1-enhancement of Rec-Seq RPF peaks mapping to the mAUG (Fig.

1S-4B-E), as exemplified for *OST3* in Fig. 1E. In contrast, mRNAs previously shown to be

hypo-dependent on Ded1 by ribosome profiling, including *HOR7* (Fig. 1F), showed modest

stimulation, no enhancement, or even diminished RPF counts at the mAUG in reactions

containing 100 or 500 nM Ded1 vs. no Ded1 (Fig. 1S-4F-I).

We conducted differential expression analysis using the software DESeq2 (Love et al.

2014) to identify mRNAs that exhibit statistically significant changes in normalized RPFs

mapping to the main start codon (mRPFs) on addition of Ded1. Groups of ~1000 transcripts

among the 3052 for which Rec-Seq data were obtained showed >2-fold increased mRPFs in the

presence of 100 or 500 nM Ded1 compared to no added Ded1, whereas only ~100 transcripts

showed higher mRPFs at 500 nM versus 100 nM Ded1 (Fig. 2A-C, red dots). Substantially

smaller numbers of mRNAs displayed decreased mRPFs as Ded1 concentration was increased

(Fig. 2A-C, dark blue dots; 71, 182 and 51 mRNAs, respectively). Importantly, 87% of mRNAs

showing significant increases in mRPFs at 100 nM Ded1 were also increased at 500 nM Ded1

(Fig. 2D), and 68% of the mRNAs with significantly diminished mRPFs at 100 nM Ded1 were

also decreased at 500 nM Ded1 (Fig. 2E)—both highly significant overlaps. These data indicate

consistency in the effects of Ded1 observed in different experiments. The 1006 mRNAs with

significantly increased mRPFs at 500 nM Ded1 had median increases of 3.6-fold and 4.8-fold at

100 nM and 500 nM Ded1, respectively (Fig. 2F, cols. 3-4). Similarly, the 911 mRNAs that had

significantly increased mRPFs in 100 nM Ded1 had median increases of 4.1-fold and 5.2-fold at

100 nM and 500 nM Ded1, respectively, and the 793 mRNAs common to both sets had median

increases of 4.7-fold and 6.1-fold (Fig. 2F, cols. 5-8). Although the greater median stimulation

at 500 nM vs. 100 nM Ded1 is significant for all three mRNA groups, these results indicate that

100 nM Ded1 is nearly saturating for enhancement of 48S PIC assembly for the majority of

Ded1-stimulated mRNAs in the in vitro system.

The set of mRNAs displaying diminished mRPFs at 500 nM Ded1 showed smaller

reductions at 100 nM (Fig. 2F, cols. 9-10; median mRPF changes of 0.59 vs. 0.37 at 100 nM and

500 nM Ded1, respectively), indicating that the inhibitory effect of Ded1 on these mRNAs is not

saturated at the lower concentration. For the remaining two groups that showed Ded1

suppression of mRPFs at 100 nM or both 100nM and 500 nM Ded1, the median degree of Ded1

inhibition did not differ significantly between the two concentrations (Fig. 2F, cols. 11-14),

indicating that inhibition by Ded1 was saturated at 100 nM.

The mRPF reads for each gene were normalized to the total RNA reads across the coding

sequences (CDS) of the mRNA (normalized for CDS length)—a measure of transcript

abundance—to calculate the recruitment efficiency (RE) of each transcript. The RE is analogous

to translational efficiency (TE) determined by in vivo Ribo-Seq experiments. We examined

changes in RE between experiments containing different concentrations of Ded1 by ordering

mRNAs according to the change in RE between 0 and 100 nM Ded1 and then using this ordering

to generate a heat-map depiction of ΔRE values for all 3052 transcripts observed by Rec-Seq

between 0 and 100 nM Ded1, 0 and 500 nM Ded1, and 100 and 500 nM Ded1 (Fig. 2G).

Consistent with Figures 2D and E, the results indicate that most mRNAs with increased REs on

addition of 100 nM Ded1 also have increased RE at 500 nM Ded1 (compare red lines in cols. 1-

2), which for certain mRNAs is of greater magnitude at 500 nM (relatively darker red bars in col.

2). The decrease in RE observed for a smaller number of mRNAs upon Ded1 addition (Fig. 2G,

blue lines) generally appears to be greater at 500 nM versus 100 nM Ded1 (cf. blue lines in cols.

1-2), which is also consistent with the results in Figs. 2E and F.

Examining the distributions of all mRNAs across 10 bins of increasing RE values at each

concentration of Ded1 revealed an obvious shift of mRNAs from bins of lowest RE to bins of

higher RE when Ded1 was included in the Rec-Seq reactions (Fig. 2H, cf. orange vs. blue and

magenta bars, particularly in the first three bins on the left). The similar distributions observed

for the 100 nM and 500 nM Ded1 data are consistent with results in Figs. 2F-G indicating that

stimulation by Ded1 is nearly saturated at 100 nM. These data suggest that Ded1 confers

relatively greater stimulation for mRNAs that are recruited by 43S PICs poorly in the absence of

Ded1. Supporting this conclusion, the increase in RE between reactions with 500 nM vs. no

Ded1 was greatest for the subset of mRNAs of lowest RE and least for the mRNAs with highest

RE in reactions without Ded1 (Fig. 2I). This finding recapitulates and extends previous results on

several individual mRNAs wherein Ded1 strongly stimulated 43S PIC recruitment of Ded1

hyper-dependent transcripts exhibiting poor recruitment in reactions lacking Ded1, while more

weakly stimulating Ded1 hypo-dependent mRNAs that could be recruited efficiently without

Ded1 (Gupta et al. 2018).

In summary, the Rec-Seq results are highly consistent among biological replicates and

reproducibly identify a subset of ~1000 of the 3052 mRNAs detected in the analysis for which

assembly of 48S PICs is strongly stimulated by Ded1, with a marked tendency for greater

stimulation for mRNAs that recruit PICs poorly in Ded1's absence. These data support previous

conclusions from in vivo ribosome profiling analysis of a *ded1-cs* mutant that a significant

number (~600 to ~1100) of yeast mRNAs exhibit heightened dependence on Ded1 relative to the

average mRNA (Ded1-hyperdependent transcripts) (Sen et al. 2015; Sen et al. 2019). The

previous ribosome profiling studies also identified transcripts exhibiting increased relative TEs

in *ded1* mutant cells deficient in Ded1 activity (Ded1-hypodependent transcripts), consistent with

translational repression by wild-type Ded1. It was unclear, however, whether the translational

efficiencies of these last mRNAs were truly elevated in *ded1* cells or merely reduced by a

smaller amount than the average transcript to yield an increase in relative TE. Owing to the

spike-in normalization employed here, it is clear that the absolute occupancies of 48S PICs at

mAUGs on mRNAs showing reduced REs on Ded1 addition are indeed diminished by Ded1,

although it remains unclear whether the repression is direct or results indirectly from increased

competition for limiting PICs conferred by enhanced PIC recruitment on the Ded1-stimulated

mRNAs. We examine this question further below.

Transcripts showing strong Ded1 stimulation of 48S PIC assembly in Rec-Seq have long

and structured 5'UTRs. The mRNAs judged to be hyper-dependent on Ded1 from Ribo-Seq

experiments on *ded1* mutants are enriched for transcripts with longer than average 5'UTRs with

a heightened propensity for forming secondary structures (Sen et al. 2015). To examine these

trends in our in vitro system, we divided the subset of all transcripts analyzed by Rec-Seq with

annotated lengths for their predominant 5'UTRs (N = 2804, (Pelechano et al. 2013)) into six bins

of equal size and plotted their average REs in the presence or absence of Ded1. In the absence of

Ded1, the average RE values for these bins is roughly constant for the first four 5'UTR length

bins and then decreases markedly in the fifth and sixth bins (Fig. 3A, orange). The addition of

Ded1 differentially enhanced RE values depending on 5'UTR length, conferring the largest

increase for transcripts with the longest 5'UTRs (bin 6), smaller increases for bins 3-5 having the

next longest 5'UTRs, and little or no increase for the mRNAs in bins 1-2 with the shortest

5'UTRs (Fig. 3A, cyan & purple vs. orange). The 5'UTR length trends were confirmed by

plotting median RE changes conferred by 100 nM or 500 nM Ded1 versus no Ded1 for all six

bins (Fig. 3B-C) which showed little or no stimulation in bins 1-2 and progressively larger

increases in bins 3 to 6. Consistent with this, comparing 500 nm to 100 nm Ded1 (Fig. 3D)

revealed that the higher concentration of Ded1 actually reduced the median REs of the mRNAs

with shortest 5'UTRs in bins 1-2, while increasing it for the transcripts with longest 5'UTRs in

bins 5-6.

To examine the correlation between 5'UTR secondary structure and the effects of Ded1 on

RE values, we used a compilation of propensities for secondary structure in the yeast

transcriptome (Kertesz et al. 2010) in which each nucleotide in 3000 different yeast transcripts

was assigned a "parallel analysis of RNA structure" (PARS) score based on its susceptibility to

digestion with single- or double-stranded specific nucleases in yeast mRNA reannealed in vitro.

In this analysis a higher PARS score denotes a higher probability of double-stranded

conformation. We calculated various cumulative PARS scores for 5'UTRs, including the sum of

scores for (i) all 5'UTR nucleotides (Total PARS); (ii) the 30 nt surrounding the start codon

(Start30 PARS; for mRNAs with a 5'UTR ≥15 nt); (iii) the highest cumulative score in any 30 nt

window (Max30 PARS). For each sequence interval, the 1874 transcripts observed in Rec-Seq

with available PARS data were divided into 6 bins of increasing PARS scores and examined for

RE changes conferred by Ded1 in Rec-Seq.

The average REs of mRNAs binned according to the 5'UTR Max30 PARS scores decline

steadily with increasing PARS scores in Rec-Seq reactions lacking Ded1 (Fig. 3E, orange).

Importantly, the negative effect of increasing Max30 PARS scores was essentially eliminated by

addition of 100 nM or 500 nM Ded1 (Fig. 3E, purple and cyan). Consistent with this, addition of

100 nM or 500 nM Ded1 confers significant increases in median RE that get progressively larger

with increasing Max30 PARS scores (Fig. 3F,G). Increasing Ded1 from 100 to 500 nM modestly

increased the median RE for mRNAs in the two highest Max30 PARS score bins (Fig. 3H).

Similar effects on average RE values were observed for 5'UTR Total PARS and Start30 PARS

scores (Fig. 3S-1A-D), with relatively greater Ded1 stimulation for the mRNAs with larger

scores for both parameters (Fig. 3-S1C-D). Coding sequence (CDS) length also correlated with

diminished average RE values (Fig. 3I), and this effect was reversed by Ded1 for the mRNAs

with longest CDS lengths in the last two or three bins at both 100 and 500 nM Ded1 (Fig. 3I-L).

We do not know why the average RE versus CDS length curves are U shaped in the presence of

Ded1 (Fig. 3I, green and purple lines). The correlation between Ded1 stimulation of RE and CDS

length could be indirect because CDS length also correlates with 5'UTR length such that

mRNAs with longer CDSs also tend to have longer 5'UTRs (Fig. 3-S1-E,F). Importantly,

correlations between Ded1 stimulation and 5' UTR lengths are evident for all three groups of

mRNAs containing distinct ranges of CDS lengths (Fig. 3-S2A-C). In contrast, a marked

correlation between Ded1 stimulation and CDS length was detected only for the group of

mRNAs with longest 5'UTRs (Fig. 3-S2D-F), and only the latter group showed a clear

correlation between 5'UTR length and CDS length (Fig. 3-S2G-I). Thus, the correlation between

Ded1 stimulation and CDS length appears to be indirect, driven by the tendency for the mRNAs

with the longest 5'UTRs to also have correspondingly longer CDSs. Overall, the Rec-Seq results

suggest that Ded1 efficiently overcomes the impediment to 48S PIC assembly posed by

structures within 5'UTRs, which are cumulative in longer 5'UTRs. This agrees with the

conclusion reached from Ribo-Seq analysis of *ded1* mutants in which Ded1-hyperdependent

mRNAs were found to have significantly higher median PARS scores for all 5'UTR intervals

tested as well as longer than average 5'UTR lengths (Sen et al. 2015).

We next examined the dependence of Ded1 enhancement of 48S PIC assembly on the

sequences surrounding the start codon. The context scores of AUGs, AUG_{CAI}, quantify the

similarity between the -6 to +3 positions surrounding a given AUG to the start codons of the 2%

most highly translated yeast mRNAs (Zur and Tuller 2013). These context scores range from

~0.16 (poorest) to ~0.97 (best) among all yeast mAUG codons. Binning mRNAs by context

score reveals a steady increase in RE with increasing context scores in Rec-Seq reactions lacking

Ded1 (Fig. 3-S3A, orange), indicating that good sequence context around the AUG codon

promotes 48S PIC formation. However, inclusion of 100 or 500 nM Ded1 increases the average

and median RE values similarly for all bins of context scores (Fig. 3-S3A, cyan and purple; Fig.

3-S3B, C). We conclude that the stimulatory effects of Ded1 on 48S PIC formation are

independent of the sequence context surrounding the AUG codon. Thus, Ded1 preferentially

stimulates recruitment of mRNAs burdened with structured 5'UTRs but not with poor AUG

sequence context.

Transcripts showing Ded1 stimulation of 48S PIC assembly in Rec-Seq include the

majority of Ded1-hyperdependent mRNAs identified by Ribo-Seq analysis of a *ded1*

mutant.

We next asked whether mRNAs exhibiting stimulation of 48S PIC assembly by Ded1 in

Rec-Seq include those judged to be hyper-dependent on Ded1 in vivo by Ribo-Seq analysis of

the *ded1-cs* mutant (Sen et al. 2015). First, to assess the similarity between the sets of mRNAs

examined in our Rec-Seq experiments and in previous Ribo-Seq experiments, we plotted RNA-

Seq reads for all mRNAs observed in Rec-Seq versus those from WT or *ded1-cs* yeast strains in

the Ribo-Seq experiments and found that they were very strongly linearly correlated with

Spearman coefficients (ρ) of 0.90 and 0.88, respectively (Fig. 4A, B). The mRNAs from the WT

and *ded1-cs* strains identified in Ribo-Seq experiments were also well correlated ($\rho = 0.97$) (Fig.

4C). Thus, despite having been prepared using somewhat different methods, the total mRNA

used in our Rec-Seq experiments was very similar in sequence abundance to that observed in

previous in vivo ribosome profiling experiments.

Importantly, we observed a highly significant correlation ($\rho = 0.60$, $P = 4.2 \times 10^{-300}$)

between the mRPFs from Rec-Seq reactions lacking Ded1 and 80S RPFs from Ribo-Seq

experiments with the *ded1-cs* mutant at the non-permissive temperature where Ded1 function is

impaired (Fig. 4D). We saw similar correlations between mRPFs from Rec-Seq reactions

containing 100 nM or 500 nM Ded1 and 80S RPFs from Ribo-Seq experiments on the WT

DED1 strain (Figs. 4E-F; $\rho = 0.53$ and $\rho = 0.54$, respectively). A total of 3035 mRNAs were

detected in common across all these experiments. Thus, a marked correlation exists between the

amounts of translation on each mRNA observed in vivo (80S RPFs) measured in Ribo-Seq

experiments and 48S PIC formation measured in our in vitro Rec-Seq experiments, and this

holds at different levels of Ded1 activity.

We also observed significant correlations between ΔRE values measured in Rec-Seq for

reactions containing no Ded1 versus 100 nM or 500 nM Ded1 and changes in translational

efficiencies (ΔTE values) measured in Ribo-Seq for *ded1-cs* versus WT *DED1* cells at the non-

permissive temperature (Fig. 4G, H). Consistent with this, the mRNAs exhibiting increased REs

on addition of either concentration of Ded1 and the mRNAs showing decreased TEs in *ded1-cs*

versus *DED1* cells in Ribo-Seq all have significantly higher median 5'UTR lengths, Max30

PARS scores, or Total PARS scores compared to all observed mRNAs and to the mRNAs that

behave oppositely in Rec-Seq or Ribo-Seq (Fig. 4I-K). Strikingly, 80-90% of the mRNAs

showing significantly decreased TEs conferred by *ded1-cs* in Ribo-Seq displayed significantly

increased REs on addition of 100 nM or 500 nM Ded1 in Rec-Seq reactions (Fig. 4L, M).

Despite the significant correlations shown in Fig. 4A-H, it should be noted that 11% of

the Ded1-hyperdependent mRNAs showing TE reductions in *ded1-cs* cells in Ribo-Seq did not

exhibit significant stimulation of 48S PIC assembly by Ded1 in our Rec-Seq experiments (Fig.

4L, set of 39 mRNAs). Such mRNAs might be stimulated by Ded1 at a step following 48S PIC

assembly that is not monitored by Rec-Seq or they might require additional factors for Ded1

stimulation of 48S PIC assembly that are lacking in our Rec-Seq experiments. It is also evident

that the majority of mRNAs stimulated by 500 nM Ded1 in our Rec-Seq experiments were not

judged to be Ded1-hyperdependent in Ribo-Seq analysis of the *ded1-cs* mutant (Fig. 4L, set of

683 mRNAs; "Group Y"). This could be explained by the fact that TEs in the Ribo-Seq analysis

of the *ded1-cs* mutant were measured relative to the average transcript (Sen et al. 2015) and thus

both Ded1 hyper- and hypo-dependent transcripts could have decreased absolute translational

efficiencies in the Ded1-deficient mutant at the non-permissive temperature relative to WT cells,

but with the former decreased more than the average transcript and the latter decreased similar to

or less than the average. Consistent with this interpretation, bulk polysome assembly is

dramatically reduced only minutes after shifting the *ded1-cs* mutant to the non-permissive

temperature, indicating a reduction in translation initiation on a large fraction of mRNAs (Sen et

al. 2015). Because the Rec-Seq method employs an internal standard, the measured REs are

absolute rather than relative and thus lead to a larger set of mRNAs with increased RE upon

Ded1 addition than that for the relative TE reductions in the *ded1-cs* mutant at the non-

permissive temperature in the Ribo-Seq experiments. Consistent with this explanation, the 683

Group Y mRNAs that were significantly stimulated in Rec-Seq by 500 nM Ded1 but not

classified as Ded1-hyperdependent in Ribo-Seq, displayed a smaller, albeit still significant,

median increase in RE upon addition of 500 nM Ded1 than did the 319 mRNAs ("Group X")

that were classified as Ded1 hyper-dependent in the Ribo-Seq experiments (Fig. 4N). Moreover,

the Group Y mRNAs had an approximately 3-fold smaller median decrease in relative TE

between the *ded1-cs* mutant and WT cells than did the Ded1 hyper-dependent Group X mRNAs

(Fig. 4O). The median TE change of Group Y mRNAs was less than 2-fold and thus would not

have met the criteria used for significance in the Ribo-Seq experiments. Thus, normalization of

TE changes to the average mRNA in Ribo-Seq undoubtedly obscured the Ded1-dependence in

vivo of many of the mRNAs stimulated by Ded1 in Rec-Seq reactions.

Together, our findings suggest that despite the much greater complexity of the system in

vivo in terms of both components and processes, the effects of Ded1 on the translation of many

mRNAs in cells is similar to what we see in the reconstituted Rec-Seq system that contains only

a core set of translation components and is not influenced by processes such as mRNA transport,

decay and compartmentalization/phase separation. This seems a remarkable result given the

number of in vivo roles that have been ascribed to Ded1 beyond simply promoting mRNA

recruitment and scanning. The significant correlation between the effects of adding Ded1 to Rec-

Seq experiments in vitro and of inactivating Ded1 in Ribo-Seq in vivo leads to the important

insight that 48S PIC formation is frequently the rate limiting step for translation initiation that is

stimulated by Ded1 in vivo.

Evidence that Ded1 can promote leaky scanning of canonical AUG start codons.

In Rec-Seq reactions lacking Ded1, RPFs at internal AUG start codons (iAUGs) located

within CDSs (iRPFs) occur at 3.0% of all RPFs found anywhere in the CDS (at either the main

or internal start sites, cdsRPFs), but this proportion increases to 4.2% and 7.8% on addition of

100 or 500 nM Ded1 to the reactions (Fig. 5A). The increase in iRPFs as Ded1 concentration

increases is shown clearly by metagene plots for all transcripts (Fig. 5B-D) and for four specific

genes in Fig. 5E-H, three of which also illustrate that Ded1 can increase iRPFs at genes where

48S PIC assembly at the mAUG is not stimulated or is even reduced by Ded1 (Fig. 5E-G).

DESeq2 analysis reveals that Ded1 elicits >2-fold increases in iRPFs for 590 and 1586 mRNAs

at 100 or 500 nM Ded1, respectively, whereas only 1 or 2 transcripts showed reduced iRPFs on

addition of Ded1, out of all 3052 transcripts detected (Fig. 5I-J). Thus, induction of iRPFs by

Ded1 is widespread in Rec-Seq.

A hallmark of increased leaky scanning in an mRNA would be a reciprocal decrease in

mRPF when an increase in iRPF occurs (Fig. 5S-1A). This situation, particularly well-illustrated

for *ETT1* and *DBP5* in Fig. 5E-F, is consistent with Ded1-stimulated read-through of the mAUG

codon leading to PICs continuing to scan downstream and initiating at iAUGs instead.

Importantly, a reciprocal reduction in mRPFs and increase in iRPFs of comparable magnitude on

Ded1 addition is evident for the group of 182 mRNAs identified above (Fig. 2B) showing >2-

fold reduction of mRPFs at 500 nM Ded1 (Fig. 5K). Moreover, 125 (69%) of these 182

transcripts belong to the group of 1586 mRNAs identified in Fig. 5J displaying >2-fold increases

in iRPFs at 500 nM Ded1 (Fig. 5L, green/red intersection). These 125 transcripts are shown as

black dots in the scatterplot of changes in mRPFs at 500 nM vs. 0 nM Ded1 in Fig. 5M. To apply

a stringent criteria for leaky scanning, we identified the mRNAs among this last group of 125

mRNAs for which the increase in iRPFs is comparable in magnitude (>50%) to the decrease in

mRPFs in the manner expected if iRPFs arise from PICs that scan past the mAUG and initiate

internally instead (highlighted with yellow circles in Fig. 5M). An important outcome of this

analysis is that leaky scanning of the mAUG could account for at least 46% (84/182) of all

mRNAs showing decreased mRPFs on addition of 500 nM Ded1. Many of the remaining 56%

could arise from increased competition for 43S PICs caused by Ded1 stimulation of PIC

formation on other mRNAs with long, structured 5'UTRs, which are poorly recruited in the

absence of Ded1 but begin competing for PICs when Ded1 is added to the system.

513   Considering that Ded1 inhibits 48S PIC assembly at the mAUG codons of so few

mRNAs (only 182 out of 3052 tested), and that translation initiation continues on at least 46% of

these transcripts and merely shifts to iAUGs, our data do not support a model in which a high

concentration of Ded1 leads to widespread translational repression by causing mRNAs to

undergo phase-transitions into translationally silenced states. If this is a significant repressive

function of Ded1 in vivo, it likely requires even higher concentrations of Ded1, modification of

Ded1, or additional factors not present in the Rec-Seq system.

Among the 1586 transcripts showing significantly increased initiation at iAUGs at 500

nM Ded1, roughly ~1/3rd (508) exhibit increased rather than decreased mRPFs on Ded1 addition

(Fig. 5L, red/blue intersection). In fact, this trend is evident for the entire group of 1006 mRNAs

showing increased PIC assembly at the mAUGs at 500 nM Ded1 (Fig. 5N), although the median

increase in iRPFs conferred by 500 nM Ded1 (23.2 iRPFs) is smaller for this group than that

observed for the mRNAs described above where PIC assembly at the mAUG is repressed by

Ded1 (86 iRPFs, Fig. 5K). One possibility is that a high concentration of Ded1 increases

readthrough of mAUGs on a large fraction of mRNAs but that in most cases this low-level leaky

scanning is offset by larger increases in PIC attachment to mRNAs to yield a net increase in

mRPFs despite enhanced mAUG readthrough. Consistent with this proposal, box plots of RE

values show that the mRNAs with mRPFs increased by Ded1 are initiated inefficiently in the

absence of Ded1, whereas the mRNAs that display decreased mRPFs in the presence of Ded1

tend to be initiated very efficiently in Ded1's absence (Fig. 5S-1B). Presumably, because the

latter mRNAs do not exhibit significantly increased recruitment of 43S PICs when Ded1 is

added, the increased leaky scanning of their mAUGs induced by Ded1 is not offset by increased

overall recruitment of PICs, resulting in a net decrease in PIC assembly at the mAUGs.

To assess whether the sequence context around the mAUG influences its susceptibility to

Ded1-induced leaky scanning, we examined the average fraction of all coding sequence RPFs

(cdsRPF) that are iRPFs, a ratio we refer to as Relative Ribosome Occupancy ($RRO_{iRPF/cdsRPF}$), as

a function of the context score for the bases surrounding the mAUG. As shown in Fig. 5O, with

both 0 and 500 nM Ded1 the average $RRO_{iRPF/cdsRPF}$ decreases as the context scores around the

mAUGs increase (cyan and purple lines), consistent with the idea that the better the context the

more stably the PIC is bound and the less likely is leaky scanning through the mAUG. Plotting

the ratio of RRO values at 500 nM to 0 nM Ded1 yields a flat line with $\log_2 \Delta$RRO values of

~0.75 for all bins (Fig. 5O, orange line). These last results suggest that addition of 500 nM Ded1

increases the frequency of leaky scanning by ~1.7-fold regardless of mAUG context. This in

turn implies that Ded1 does not inspect the context sequence but rather promotes scanning to

reduce the dwell-time of the PIC at the AUG similarly for both weak and strong contexts.

Rather than invoking leaky scanning, it could be proposed that the RPFs formed at iAUGs

originate from a small fraction of mRNA isoforms with transcription initiation sites within the

CDSs (Arribere and Gilbert 2013; Lu and Lin 2019) that contain the internal initiation sites as

the first AUGs encountered on scanning from the cap. Alternatively, the iRPFs could be formed

on uncapped mRNAs cleaved at the 5' end in cells or in vitro, which would require cap-

independent initiation. In either case, Ded1 could stimulate PIC assembly at the iAUGs by the

same mechanism identified above for canonical mAUGs. Several lines of evidence argue against

this possibility and instead favor the Ded1-induced leaky scanning model proposed above. First,

the level of iAUG initiation relative to mAUG initiation (RRO) depends strongly on the

sequence context surrounding the mAUG (Fig. 5O), as expected for the leaky scanning model

but inconsistent with a model in which iAUG occupancy arises from 5'-truncated mRNA

isoforms or fragments. In addition, mRNAs that have a high level of iAUG occupancy relative to

mAUG occupancy (RRO $\geq$ 0.5) tend to have less secondary structure in the 5'-ends of their

coding sequences than do mRNAs with less iAUG occupancy (Fig. 5P, cols. 3-8, compare blue

and orange boxes), consistent with a model in which secondary structures just downstream of the

mAUG inhibit further scanning and diminish mAUG readthrough (Kozak 1990). This result is

not predicted by the truncated mRNA isoform/fragment model. Finally, it is difficult to account

for the reciprocal effects of Ded1 in repressing mRPFs while inducing iRPFs by comparable

amounts for the same genes (Fig. 5K) if the events occur independently on different transcript

isoforms.

Overall, these data suggest that a high Ded1 concentration increases leaky scanning of the

mAUG for approximately half (1586/3052; Fig. 5J) of the mRNAs in the yeast translatome that

were observed in this study. In some cases this leads to a decrease in mRPFs, and may account

for nearly 50% of the mRNAs for which Ded1 suppresses 48S PIC assembly at the mAUG,

while in others the overall enhancement of PIC loading on the mRNA induced by Ded1 likely

offsets the increased leaky scanning for a net stimulation of 48S PIC assembly at the mAUG.

The inhibitory effect of Ded1 on proper initiation at mAUGs for the subsets of mRNAs

described above for which mRPFs are significantly decreased by 500 nM Ded1 in the Rec-Seq

experiments also appears to be operative in vivo as the median TEs of these sets of mRNAs are

increased in *ded1-cs* cells at the non-permissive temperature relative to WT cells (Fig. 5-S2),

signifying Ded1-hypodependence. These data are consistent with Ded1 activity diminishing the

relative translation levels of these mRNAs in WT cells, in alignment with our observations in the

Rec-Seq experiments.

Ded1 does not generally increase initiation at canonical AUG codons in Rec-Seq by

suppressing alternative initiation events in 5'UTRs.

It has been proposed that a key function of Ded1 is to increase the fidelity of start codon

selection by promoting readthrough of upstream AUG (uAUG) and near-cognate codons to boost

the fraction of scanning PICs that initiate at the mAUG codon (Guenther et al. 2018). To

determine whether this mechanism operates in the reconstituted system, we analyzed the effect

of Ded1 in Rec-Seq reactions on the total RPFs mapping to the 5'-UTRs of mRNAs (uRPFs).

We observed that 40 – 60% of all uRPFs detected when Ded1 is present in the reaction mapped

to the *GCN4* 5'UTR (Fig. 6-S1), and we therefore excluded *GCN4* mRNA in calculating the

[total uRPF]/[total mRPF] ratio in order to measure effects on the overall translatome. In the

absence of Ded1, the ratio of total uRPFs to mRPFs was 0.0021 (Fig. 6A, col. 1). Addition of

100 nM Ded1 decreased the ratio to 0.0017 and increasing the concentration to 500 nM

decreased it further only slightly, to 0.0016 (Fig. 6A, cols. 2-3). These values are similar to the

0.0027 value measured for the ratio of uRPFs to mRPFs in WT yeast cells in a previous

ribosome profiling study of 5'UTR translation (Kulkarni et al. 2019), suggesting the level of

5'UTR translation occurring in the in vitro Rec-Seq system is within 2-fold of that taking place

in vivo. A decreased uRPF/mRPF ratio on addition of Ded1 is expected if Ded1 suppresses PIC

assembly at upstream start codons as proposed in the aforementioned model. However, even in

the absence of Ded1, uRPFs represent a very small fraction of all RPFs and this fraction is

decreased by only ~30% upon addition of Ded1.

We next visualized the effects of Ded1 on upstream initiation in individual mRNAs by

plotting the uRPFs in the absence of Ded1 vs. the presence of 100 or 500 nM Ded1 (Fig. 6B and

C, respectively). Going from 0 to 100 nM Ded1 led to a significant reduction (ΔRPFs < 0.5, FDR

< 0.05) in uRPFs for only 9 mRNAs (Fig. 6B, dark blue dots). Moreover, only one mRNA

(*SXM1*) showed a decrease in uRPFs comparable in magnitude (>50%) to the corresponding

increase in mRPFs in the manner expected if Ded1-stimulated leaky scanning of uAUGs

stimulates PIC assembly at the mAUG (Fig. 6B, yellow circle). In contrast, uRPFs for 14

mRNAs were significantly increased (ΔRPFs > 2, FDR < 0.05), presumably due to enhanced PIC

attachment to these mRNAs caused by addition of Ded1. Similar results were obtained in going

from 0 to 500 nM Ded1, which resulted in only 25 mRNAs with significantly decreased uRPFs,

and only two showing reductions >50% of the magnitude of the observed increase in mRPFs for

the mRNA (*MSC7* and *UIP5*), whereas 30 mRNAs showed significant increases in uRPFs (Fig.

6C). In addition, there are at least as many cases in which upstream initiation is increased rather

than decreased, most likely due to overall enhancement of PIC attachment to these mRNAs by

Ded1. These data indicate that under the conditions of the Rec-seq experiments, Ded1 directly

increases PIC attachment to mRNAs and scanning to the main start codons rather than primarily

functioning by diminishing inhibitory initiation in 5'UTRs.

619   Additional evidence supporting our conclusion came from comparing the magnitude of

changes in uRPFs versus mRPFs conferred by Ded1 for a group of 257 mRNAs containing RPFs

in both 5'UTRs and at mAUG codons exceeding a minimum threshold read abundance. Overall,

the mRPFs are an order of magnitude higher than uRPFs in the absence or presence of Ded1 at

either concentration (Fig. 6D, see median values below each column). Addition of 100 nM Ded1

decreases the median uRPFs by 2, from 10 to 8, but increases mRPFs by 80, from 65 to 145.

Likewise, with 500 nM Ded1 relative to no Ded1, uRPFs decrease by 4, whereas mRPFs

increase by 109. Thus, the magnitude of the RPF decreases in 5'UTRs are much too small to

account for the increases in RPFs at mAUG codons elicited by addition of Ded1. Taken together,

our data indicate that, at least in the reconstituted in vitro system, Ded1 functions by directly

increasing PIC attachment to mRNAs and scanning to the main start codons rather than by

diminishing inhibitory initiation in 5'UTRs.

eIF4A plays a distinct role from Ded1 and stimulates recruitment of most mRNAs

regardless of their 5'UTR lengths or structures.

Previous work in vitro and in vivo has indicated that eIF4A and Ded1 play distinct roles

in promoting translation initiation. In the reconstituted system, no assembly of 48S PICs was

observed for a variety of individual mRNAs in the absence of eIF4A but presence of Ded1,

indicating that Ded1 cannot take the place of eIF4A (Gupta et al. 2018). In contrast, 48S PIC

formation occurred efficiently on many mRNAs in vitro in the presence of eIF4A but absence of

Ded1, and all mRNAs studied required eIF4A for PIC assembly, regardless of their degree of

secondary structure (Pestova and Kolupaeva 2002; Yourik et al. 2017; Gupta et al. 2018). In vivo

ribosome profiling studies also led to the conclusion that eIF4A is universally required for

translation of most mRNAs, whereas Ded1 preferentially stimulates translation of mRNAs with

long, structured 5'UTRs (Sen et al. 2015).

Our results here strongly support the previous conclusions that Ded1 functions by

alleviating structural impediments to PIC loading and scanning in the 5'UTRs of particular

mRNAs burdened by these features. To probe further functional differences between Ded1 and

eIF4A, we performed Rec-Seq reactions in the absence of Ded1 and presence of either 5000 nM

(1X) or 500 nM (0.1X) eIF4A. It was not possible to do the experiment in the absence of eIF4A

because the factor is essential for 48S PIC formation on most, if not all, mRNAs. A scatterplot of

mRPFs at 5000 versus 500 nM eIF4A shows that PIC assembly at the mAUGs of most mRNAs

increases when the concentration of eIF4A is raised 10-fold (Fig. 7A, light blue density above

the diagonal). Of 2809 mRNAs observed in these experiments, 782 reached the level of

significance in DEseq2 analysis of $\geq$ 2-fold change in mRPFs and FDR < 0.05. Only one

mRNA (*SCW10*) met the criteria for significantly decreased mRPFs (Fig. 7A, dark blue dot).

Consistent with these results, increasing the eIF4A concentration from 500 to 5000 nM increased

the REs of almost all mRNAs, with a median change of ~5.7-fold (Fig. 7B, col. 1). By

comparison, addition of either 100 or 500 nM Ded1 in a background of 5000 nM eIF4A

increased the median RE by only 1.3-fold, with RE for many mRNAs not changing (Fig. 7B,

cols. 2-3). Rather, a large number of outliers are increased dramatically more than the median

ΔRE value when Ded1 is added to the reactions, consistent with the preferential stimulation of

48S PIC assembly by Ded1 for mRNAs with long, structured 5'UTRs shown above (Fig. 3). In

our previous Ribo-Seq experiments on an eIF4A mutant, where changes in TE were determined

relative to the effect on the average mRNA, the vast majority of mRNAs displayed no change in

relative TE despite a strong reduction in bulk translation, implying TE reductions of similar

magnitude for nearly all mRNAs (Sen et al. 2015).

666   To examine whether length or structure of 5'UTRs influences the stimulatory effects of

eIF4A in Rec-Seq, we plotted ΔRE values between 500 and 5000 nM eIF4A as a function of

5'UTR length or Max30 PARS values. Importantly, the median ΔRE values remain constant

across the first five bins of 5'UTR lengths and four bins of Max30 PARS scores and actually

decrease significantly in the sixth bins (Fig. 7C, D). This behavior contrasts with that described

above for addition of Ded1 to Rec-Seq reactions, which showed progressively greater

enhancement of RE as 5'UTR length and Max30 PARS scores increased (Fig. 3B, C, F and G).

The distinct effects of increasing eIF4A concentration versus addition of Ded1 on mRNAs

binned according to 5'UTR length, 5'UTR Max30 PARS, or 5'UTR Total PARS values are

depicted in Figs. 7E-G. Consistent with these results, inspection of RPF traces for individual

mRNAs reveals that eIF4A enhances 48S PIC assembly on mRNAs judged to be either hypo- or

hyper-dependent on Ded1 in Ribo-Seq experiments (Sen et al. 2015) (Fig. 7H-K). Overall, these

results are consistent with previous conclusions that eIF4A stimulates recruitment of all mRNAs,

regardless of their degree of secondary structure, whereas Ded1 specifically acts on mRNAs with

long, structured 5'UTRs. Our data are also in line with previous work indicating that Ded1 has

much stronger helicase activity than eIF4A (Rogers et al. 1999; Yang et al. 2007; Rajagopal et

al. 2012) and thus the former is likely to play a role in unwinding stable secondary structures

whereas the latter mediates engagement of mRNAs with the 43S PIC by resolving ensembles of

weaker interactions within mRNAs or by modulating the structure of the mRNA channel of the

40S ribosomal subunit (Sokabe and Fraser 2017; Yourik et al. 2017).

DISCUSSION

We have developed a deep sequencing-based approach, "Rec-Seq," for measuring the

efficiency with which 48S PICs form on each mRNA in the yeast transcriptome in a

reconstituted in vitro system. Using this approach, we have provided evidence that the DEAD-

box translation initiation factor Ded1 specifically stimulates 48S PIC formation on mRNAs with

long, structured 5'UTRs, which supports the model that the factor generally acts by unwinding

secondary structures in 5'UTRs to promote 43S PIC binding and scanning to locate the start

(Berthelot et al. 2004; Sen et al. 2015; Guenther et al. 2018; Gupta et al. 2018; Sen et al. 2019;

Sen et al. 2021). We showed that 48S PIC formation on a set of ~1000 mRNAs is significantly

less efficient in the absence of Ded1 than in its presence, demonstrating a positive function for

the factor on these mRNAs. It is striking that the Ded1-stimulated mRNAs identified in our in

vitro system include the great majority of mRNAs identified as being hyperdependent on Ded1

in vivo by ribosome profiling of a *ded1-cs* mutant. This concordance argues that the mRNAs

showing the strongest dependence on Ded1 for efficient translation in vivo are stimulated by the

factor at the stage of 48S PIC assembly. It further argues against the possibility that the TE

reductions observed for Ded1 hyperdependent mRNAs in *ded1-cs* cells frequently result from

dominant inhibitory properties of the mutant *ded1* proteins. Ded1 also stimulated 48S PIC

assembly in Rec-Seq for many mRNAs not classified as Ded1-hyperdependent by Ribo-Seq.

However, as explained above, translation of these mRNAs was likely impaired by the *ded1-cs*

mutation but to a degree that was less than the 2-fold cutoff required for statistical significance,

or that was less than the effect on the average mRNA and thus yielded a positive change in the

relative TE values determined in the Ribo-Seq analysis.

Previous studies have indicated that yeast Ded1 and its mammalian ortholog DDX3 can

stimulate the subunit joining step of translation initiation (Senissar et al. 2014; Wang et al. 2022).

Although our Rec-Seq system only montored steps up to 48S PIC formation and was not able to

probe effects on 60S subunit joining, it should be noted that nearly 90% of the Ded1-

hyperdependent mRNAs identified by Ribo-seq analysis of the *ded1-cs* mutant were also

identified in our in vitro Rec-Seq experiments monitoring only 48S PIC assembly. This result

argues strongly that Ded1 affects 48S PIC assembly both in vitro and in vivo, although it does

not rule out an additional effect of the factor on subunit joining.

Compared to the sizeable group of >1000 mRNAs for which 500 nM Ded1 stimulated 48S

PIC assembly, we identified a much smaller set of only 182 mRNAs for which 48S PIC

assembly was significantly repressed by Ded1 in Rec-Seq experiments. We obtained evidence

that at least 84 of these transcripts were repressed owing to Ded1-stimulated leaky scanning of

the mAUG codon rather than by Ded1 blocking PIC attachment or scanning. As a group, the

mRNAs exhibiting Ded1 repression in Rec-Seq show increased relative TE in Ribo-Seq analysis

of the *ded1-cs* mutant, regardless of whether they display evidence of Ded1-enhanced leaky

scanning of the mAUG codons in Rec-Seq (Fig. 5-S2). This behavior is consistent with loss of

Ded1 repression or with smaller than average reductions in TE in *ded1-cs* vs. WT cells. The

latter possibility is consistent with our finding that the 182 mRNAs inhibited by 500 nM Ded1 in

Rec-Seq assemble 48S PICs very efficiently without Ded1 (Fig. 5-S1). Being relatively

independent of Ded1 for PIC assembly, these mRNAs should experience a smaller than average

reduction in translation in *ded1-cs* cells owing to reduced competition for limiting 43S PICs with

the Ded1-dependent mRNAs that should be strongly impaired for PIC assembly. We argued

above that a similar mechanism can also explain the repression of RE by Ded1 in Rec-Seq

experiments for the subset of 98 mRNAs without evidence of appreciable leaky scanning of the

mAUG codon, owing to increased competition for 43S PICs with the Ded1-stimulated

transcripts. It remains to be seen whether Ded1 acts directly to repress 48S PIC assembly on any

individual mRNAs in yeast. It is possible that at higher concentrations of Ded1 than were

achievable in these in vitro experiments or in the presence of additional factors that modify

Ded1's ATPase or RNA binding activities the factor could directly inhibit a subset of mRNAs,

by acting as an mRNA clamp that impedes scanning by the PIC, or by sequestering the mRNAs

in insoluble condensates. It might be interesting in the future to test candidate factors in Rec-Seq

to determine if they switch Ded1 from being a stimulatory helicase to an inhibitory mRNA

clamp that removes transcripts from the soluble phase.

We found that the presence of 500 nM Ded1 in Rec-Seq reactions increased 48S PIC

assembly at internal AUG codons on ~50% of all detected transcripts. In ~1/3rd of these 1586

transcripts, there is a parallel increase in RPFs at the mAUG codons, suggesting that Ded1

stimulates 43S PIC attachment at the 5' ends of these transcripts to increase initiation

proportionately at all AUGs in the mRNA. As mentioned, in ~5% of the mRNAs (84/1586), the

increased internal initiation may result from leaky scanning of the mAUG codons, as we found a

comparable reduction in initiation at the mAUG. In this view, Ded1 might resolve secondary

structures positioned just downstream of the mAUG codon that increase the dwell-time of the

PIC and increase the probability of PIC assembly versus continued scanning downstream that

leads to initiation on iAUG codons, in the manner first described for mammals by Kozak (Kozak

1990). Interestingly, Ded1 enhanced this apparent mAUG read-through to similar extents

regardless of the mAUG context, which would imply that Ded1 promotes scanning of the PIC

past the mAUG without inspecting the context nucleotides surrounding it.

Ded1 also significantly reduced RPFs at upstream AUG and near-cognate start codons in the

5'UTRs of a small number of transcripts (25 mRNAs at 500 nM Ded1), possibly by the same

mechanism mentioned above involving unwinding of downstream secondary structures.

However, this reduction was associated with a comparable increase in RPFs at the mAUG for

only two of these mRNAs. Our findings that PIC assembly at uAUGs in the absence of Ded1 is

rare, and that suppression of these rare occurrences by Ded1 cannot explain the much larger

increases in initiation at the mAUGs conferred by Ded1, argue that, at least in this in vitro

system, Ded1 functions primarily by directly promoting 43S PIC attachment to mRNAs and

scanning to the main start codons rather than by diminishing inhibitory initiation in 5'UTRs.

Finally, our data show that Ded1 and eIF4A, another essential DEAD-box translation

initiation factor, have distinct functions. Unlike Ded1, which has pronounced specificity for

activating initiation on mRNAs with long, structured 5'UTRs, eIF4A strongly promotes

initiation on nearly all mRNAs, regardless of the length or degree of structure of their 5' leaders.

Because our system employs internal "spike-in" standards, we were able to measure the absolute

enhancement provided by eIF4A for mRNA recruitment upon increasing its concentration from

500 to 5000 nM, a 5.7-fold increase in median RE (Fig. 7B). In contrast, addition of Ded1 to the

system produced a much smaller change in median RE, of only 1.3-fold, while conferring much

larger effects, >10-fold, on many mRNAs with long, structured 5'-UTRs. These findings support

our previous conclusions from Ribo-Seq analysis of Ded1 and eIF4A mutants that Ded1

preferentially stimulates translation of mRNAs burdened with structured 5'UTRs while eIF4A

enhances the translation of nearly all mRNAs equally (Sen et al. 2015).

Our data provide information on the intrinsic efficiency of 48S PIC formation on cellular

mRNAs in the yeast translatome. In the presence of 500 nM Ded1, RE values follow a roughly

normal distribution spanning a 1000-fold range (Fig. 2H), indicating that even in the presence of

Ded1, there are still large differences in the intrinsic efficiencies with which mRNAs are

recruited to the 43S PIC and scanned to locate the start codon. In the presence of Ded1, there is

little dependence of RE on 5'UTR structure or length (Fig. 3A,E) and thus other mRNA

characteristics must set the 48S PIC formation efficiencies. The strength of sequence context

around the start codon has a modest (~2-fold) effect (Fig. 3S-2A), but not nearly enough to

explain the range of REs observed. The 1000-fold range we observe here is strikingly similar to

the range reported in a systematic study of 5'UTR variants in a yeast lysate-based translation

system (Niederer et al. 2022). In that work, the authors provided evidence that a variety of

sequence elements in 5'UTRs can enhance or inhibit translation initiation through a range of

mechanisms. Thus, it is likely that in the presence of Ded1, no single mRNA feature sets the

efficiency of 48S complex assembly and instead a multitude of effects and interactions are

involved, possibly including specific interactions between mRNA elements and initiation factors

or the ribosome (Niederer et al. 2022). In addition, mRNA elements outside of the 5'UTR,

including the poly(A) tail and its interaction with PABP, might influence the efficiency of 48S

PIC formation. Further studies will be required to elucidate fundamental principles and specific

cases of how mRNA sequences dictate translational efficiency.

Study Limitations

As with all studies, this one has caveats and limitations. The fidelity of start codon

recognition in the in vitro Rec-Seq system might differ from what occurs in vivo. Likewise, the

use of an unmodified, in vitro transcribed initiator tRNA might lead to altered patterns of start

codon recognition in the Rec-Seq system relative to what is observed within living cells.

Previous studies of start codon recognition in the in vitro reconstituted yeast translation initiation

system indicated that the general trend of start codon preference reflects what is expected from in

vivo studies, with AUG codons leading to the most stable PICs, followed by near-cognate

codons with first position mismatches (Kolitz et al. 2009). The Rec-Seq system shows a very

strong preference for AUG codons over near-cognates (e.g., Figs. 1 and 6) and for good Kozak

consensus sequences surrounding the start codon (Fig. 5O). Nonetheless, it will be worthwhile in

future studies in the Rec-Seq system to explore the effects of buffer conditions, temperature and

tRNA modifications on start codon recognition fidelity and its interplay with initiation factors

and mRNA structure.

The current version of the Rec-Seq system isolates events up to and including formation

of a stable 48S PIC on an mRNA start codon, but does not allow these PICs to progress to 80S

initiation complexes via 60S subunit joining. It is possible that subunit joining and 80S complex

formation could alter some of the patterns we have observed here. For example, rapid subunit

joining could diminish the Ded1-induced leaky scanning we have observed by stabilizing the

complexes and making them resistant to displacement and further scanning. Further studies will

be required to assess this possibility as well as any potential effects of Ded1 on the subunit

joining step (Senissar et al. 2014; Wang et al. 2022). It should also be noted that the Rec-Seq

system does not disentangle the steps of PIC binding to mRNA, scanning, and start codon

recognition from one another and thus independent effects on each of these processes cannot

currently be assessed with the assay.

Finally, in these experiments we monitored endpoints for 48S PIC formation at a single

timepoint (15 min) under single-turnover conditions in which neither multiple rounds of

initiation on a single start codon nor ribosome reinitiation events would be observed. The use of

single timepoints rather than kinetic measurements likely obscured some time-dependent effects.

Future experiments in which multiple timepoints are taken might allow us to observe changes in

the kinetics of 48S PIC formation upon addition of Ded1 or other factors to the system. The fact

that we cannot observe multiple-turnover initiation or reinitiation events using this system could

limit its utility in studying translational control events that require these processes.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Purification of yeast total mRNA

WT *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strain F729/BY4741 (*MATa his3Δ1 leu2Δ0 met15Δ0*

ura3Δ0) (Winzeler et al. 1999) was cultured in Yeast Extract–Peptone–Dextrose (YPD) medium

to OD_{600} of ~1. Harvested cells were washed once with cold water and stored in -80°C before

use. The frozen cell pellet from a 500 ml culture was thawed on ice and mechanically disrupted

by vortexing with glass beads three times for 2 min each at maximum speed in a cold room (4°C)

in 2 ml of buffer RL (provided in the kit), 3 ml phenol:chloroform:isoamyl alcohol 25:24:1 (pH

5.2) and 3 ml ice cold glass beads. Following 5 min incubation at 65°C and 5 min centrifugation

at 14000 rpm in a Sorvall LYNX 6000 Superspeed centrifuge using a Fiberlite F14-14 x 50cy

rotor, the supernatant was transferred to a fresh tube and total RNA was prepared using a

GenElute total RNA purification Maxi kit (Sigma-Aldrich; RNB200) following the

manufacturer's protocol. 400 μg total RNA in 250 μl water was applied to a GeneElute mRNA

miniprep kit (Sigma-Aldrich; MRN70-1KT), following the manufacturer's protocol. The purified

total mRNA was treated by 5'-Phosphate-Dependent Exonuclease (Lucigen, TER51020) to

degrade RNAs with 5' monophosphates, such as 18S and 25S ribosomal RNAs, at 0.3 μg/μl

mRNA in 1X buffer A (provided in the kit), 1U/μl RiboGuard RNase Inhibitor (Lucigen;

RG90925), 0.1 U/μl 5'-Phosphate-Dependent Exonuclease. Following a 1 h incubation at 30°C,

the total mRNA was extracted using phenol:chloroform:isoamyl alcohol 25:24:1 (pH 5.2),

ethanol precipitated, resuspended in 10 mM Tris (pH 8.0) and stored in -80 °C. The mass

concentration of purified total mRNA was determined using the RNA concentration function on

a NanoDrop One (ThermoFisher). The mass concentration was then converted to a molar

concentration using an online tool "Weight to Molar Quantity (for nucleic acids) converter"

(https://www.bioline.com/media/calculator/01_07.html), using the average molecular weight of

nucleoside monophosphates and assuming the average length of mRNAs is 1,000 nt (Miura et al.

2008). 75% of mRNAs (2719 of 3640) not observed in the Rec-Seq analysis had densities below

the median (2.3 reads per nucleotide).

Purification of 40S ribosome subunits and translation initiation factors

Eukaryotic initiation factors eIF1, eIF1A, eIF2, eIF3, eIF4A, eIF4B, eIF4G·4E and eIF5

were expressed and purified as described previously (Acker et al. 2007; Mitchell et al. 2010;

Rajagopal et al. 2012; Gupta et al. 2018). 40S ribosomal subunits were prepared as described in

Munoz et al. (2017). Ded1 protein (N-terminal His6-tag, pET22b vector) was purified as

described previously (Gupta et al. 2018).

Preparation of spike-in mRNAs and charged initiator tRNA

The templates for *in vitro* transcription of the 5' fragments of *FLUC* and *RLUC* genes

were amplified by PCR from plasmid FJZ1061 (Zhou et al. 2020) using primers T7-FLUC and

FLUC-R for *FLUC*, T7-RLUC and RLUC-R for *RLUC* (Table S1). The mRNAs and initiator

tRNA were transcribed by run-off transcription using T7 RNA polymerase and gel purified as

described previously (Acker et al. 2007; Mitchell et al. 2010). mRNAs were capped (m7GpppG)

using GTP and vaccinia virus capping enzyme (Mitchell et al. 2010). Initiator tRNA was

methionylated *in vitro* using methionine and *E. coli* methionyl-tRNA synthetase as previously

described (Walker and Fredrick 2008; Yourik et al. 2017).

mRNA recruitment assays on spike-in mRNAs and total mRNA

48S PICs were assembled on pre-mixed spike-in mRNAs (molar ratio FLUC/RLUC ~

1:10) as described previously (Mitchell et al. 2010; Yourik et al. 2017) in 1X Recon buffer (30

mM HEPES-KOH, pH 7.4, 100 mM KOAc, 3 mM Mg(OAc)2, and 2 mM DTT) containing 300

nM eIF2, 0.5 mM GDPNP·Mg^{2+}, 200 nM Met-tRNA$_i$Met, 1 μM eIF1, 1 μM eIF1A, 300 nM

eIF5, 300 nM eIF4B, 300 nM eIF3, 30 nM 40S subunits, 5 μM eIF4A, 30 nM eIF4E·eIFG, 5 μM

Ded1 and 15 nM mRNA. The reaction was incubated at 26°C for 20 min before being rapidly

quenched by adding stop buffer (1X Recon buffer, 37.5 mM glucose and 0.04 U/μl Hexokinase

(Roche Diagnostics, REF:11426362001)) in a 3:10 v/v ratio. RPFs of 48S PICs were generated

by incubating the reaction with RNase I (Thermo Fisher; AM2295) at a final concentration 2.5

U/μl, followed by adding SUPERaseIN RNase inhibitor (Thermo Fisher; AM2696) at a final

concentration 1.2 U/μl. Recruitment reactions using purified yeast total mRNA with different

Ded1 concentrations were performed similarly as for spike-in mRNAs, but incubated at 22°C for

15 min, with all of the same initiation factor concentrations except 60 nM input total mRNA and

three different Ded1 concentrations (0 nM, 100 nM and 500 nM), with 3 replicates for each

condition. The recruitment reactions were rapidly quenched by stop buffer and incubated with

RNase I to generate RPFs from 48S PICs as described above. Aliquots (4.5 μl) of spike-in RPFs

were mixed with the experimental sample RPFs and resolved on a 5-25% sucrose gradient by

ultracentrifugation for 3 h at 38,000 rpm and 4°C in an SW41Ti rotor in a Beckman Coulter

Optima XPN80 centrifuge. Fractions 6-13 of 20 total fractions were collected from the bottom of

each tube, extracted using phenol:chloroform:isoamyl alcohol 25:24:1 (pH 5.2), ethanol

precipitated, resuspended in 10 mM Tris (pH 8.0) and stored in -80 °C.

Sequencing library construction

RecSeq sequencing library construction was conducted according to a previously

described protocol (McGlincy and Ingolia 2017), with modifications, using identical barcoded

linkers (NI-810 to NI-815), RT primer (NI-802) and PCR primers (NI-798, NI-799, NI-822 to

NI-824). The RNA fragments purified from 48S PIC RPFs were dephosphorylated using T4

Polynucleotide Kinase (PNK) (NEB; M0201L) and ligated to pre-adenylated linkers (NI-810 to

NI-815) containing 5 nt sample barcodes unique for each sample using truncated T4 RNA ligase

2 (K227Q) (NEB; M0351L). Ligated fragments were separated from free linkers on a 15%

polyacrylamide TBE-Urea gel and then pooled and purified for reverse transcription using RT

primer NI-802 and ProtoScript II Reverse Transcriptase (NEB; M0368S). The ~105 nt cDNAs

were separated from free RT primers on a 15% TBE-Urea gel and circularized using

CircLigaseII ssDNA Ligase (Biosearch Technologies; CL9021K). PCR was carried out using

forward primer NI-798, and reverse primers (NI-799, NI-822 to 824) as already described

(McGlincy and Ingolia 2017) .

RNA-Seq for input total mRNA was performed as previously described (Ingolia et al.

2009; Ingolia 2010). Briefly, total mRNA was randomly fragmented at 70°C for 8 min in

fragmentation reagent (Thermo Fisher; AM8740) and size-selected for 50-90 nt fragments for

constructing a sequencing library using Universal miRNA Cloning Linker (NEB; S1315S) and

the RNA-Seq library construction procedures described above. Sequencing was done on an

Illumina NovaSeq 6000 system at the NHLBI DNA Sequencing and Genomics Core at NIH

(Bethesda, MD).

Deep sequencing data processing and downstream analysis

The constant linker sequence (AGATCGGAAGAGCAC) in barcoded linkers was

removed from Illumina NovaSeq reads using Cutadapt 4.0, and the mixed sample sequences

were separated by the sample barcodes and aligned to the *S. cerevisiae* non-coding RNA genome

using STAR 2.7.9a (Dobin et. al, 2013) to remove non-coding RNA reads. The remaining RNA

reads were then mapped to the reference genome (R64-1-1 S288C Sac cer3 Genome Assembly)

and spike-in "genome" using STAR 2.7.9a. Reads unaligned to the yeast genome were then

mapped to the spike-in genome to obtain spike-in RPF counts. Similarly, reads unaligned to the

spike-in genome were aligned to the yeast genome for genomic mRNA RPF counts. Size factors

for each sample were calculated using the geometric means of the numbers of 25-34 nt reads

mapping to both the mAUG and the many internal AUGs of the spike-in mRNAs, *FLUC* and

RLUC. Consistent with previous reports (Vandesompele et al. 2002), it was essential to use the

geometric mean rather than arithmetic mean for the spike-in normalizations, presumably because

of the exponential nature of the PCR amplification step of library construction. All samples were

normalized to the sample with highest spike-in geometric mean among 9 samples (3 replicates

each for 0 nm, 100 nm and 500 nm Ded1). Size-factor normalized wiggle tracks for each

replicate or average of replicates were produced from the alignment file, one each for genes on

the Watson or Crick strand. The sequences for the input total mRNA were processed similarly:

after trimming NEB universal linker sequences and removing non-coding RNAs, the remaining

reads were mapped to the yeast genome. Wiggle tracks were produced by assigning reads to the

position of their 5'ends. Two-dimensional metagene plots were produced by aligning all

genomic mRNAs to their mAUGs and plotting the density of all RPFs based on foot-print

lengths and the positions of their 5'ends map using a custom python script

(https://github.com/zhoufj/Metagene_plot).

For counting RPFs on mRNAs, all 25-34 nt Rec-Seq reads were assigned to their predicted

P-site mapped on the mRNA. The reads mapped between the -3 and +6 of the mAUG were

counted as main RPFs (mRPFs), the reads counted between the mAUG and the stop codon of the

CDS were counted as CDS RPFs (cdsRPFs), and the reads from the +9 position of the mAUG to

the stop codon counted as internal RPFs (iRPFs). mRNA read counts were determined for all

codons of the main CDS. DESeq2 (Love et al. 2014) was employed for differential expression

analysis of changes in RPF, recruitment efficiency (RE), or relative ribosome occupancy (RRO)

values, and to impose cutoffs for minimum read numbers (as indicated in figure legends) and

remove outliers. Size-factors calculated from spike-in RPFs were applied in DESeq2 analysis as

customized size-factors.

Main AUG Context scores

The AUG context adaptation index (context score) (Miyasaka 1999) for all mAUGs with

annotated 5'UTRs > 5 nt were previously calculated (Martin-Marcos et al. 2017).

PARS scores

The PARS scores, including Total, Max30, Start30, Plus15, Plus30 and Plus45 PARS were

caculated as previously described (Sen et al. 2015) using the same data set (Kertesz et al. 2010).

One caveat with our analyses using PARS scores is that we did not subject our mRNA

preparation to the final refolding protocol used by Kertesz et al. when they originally determined

the scores. It is possible that we would have seen stronger correlations in the analyses using

PARS scores had we followed their final renaturation protocol, although the fact that we

observed significant correlations (e.g., Fig. 3E-H) suggests the structures in the Kertesz et al.

mRNAs were similar to those in our mRNAs.

Recruitment efficiency (RE) calculations

Reads of input RNA-Seq were counted from the main start codon to the stop codon and

normalized to CDS length to calculate mRNA density. The recruitment efficiencies (REs) for

each mRNA in each codition were calculated as the ratio between the nomalized mRPF value

and mRNA density.

ACCESSION NUMBER

Sequencing data from this study have been submitted to the NCBI Gene Expression Omnibus

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 Figure Legend:

Figure 1. Recruitment Sequencing (Rec-Seq) allows transcriptome-wide analysis of early

steps of translation initiation in a purified system.

(**A**) Overview of steps in the Rec-Seq method. 48S ribosomal pre-initiation complexes (PICs)

are assembled in vitro from purified *S. cerevisiae* components. 48S PICs are treated with RNase

I to digest unprotected mRNA and then isolated using sucrose density gradient

ultracentrifugation. Ribosome-protected mRNA fragments (RPFs) are used to construct a

sequencing library. **(B-D)** Metagene plots of RPF distributions over 150 nt windows (-50 to +100

nt) on all mRNAs aligned to their main AUG start codons for no Ded1 (B); 100 nM Ded1 (C), or

500 nM Ded1 (D). RPF lengths are shown on the Y axis and the position of the 5'ends of the

RPFs relative to the main start codon are shown on the X axis. A 5'end located 12 nt from the

start codon is expected for 48S PICs with the AUG in the P site of the 40S subunit (Wagner et al.

2020). The color scale shows RPF density. All reads for 3 replicates for each condition were

combined. **(E, F)** RPFs for the 0, 100 and 500 nM Ded1 experiments for previously identified

Ded1 hypo-dependent (*OST3,* E) and hyper-dependent (*HOR7,* F) mRNAs. The position of the

main CDS is shown in cyan and the −3 to −1 and +4 context nucleotides surrounding the main

AUG are shown in brick red text. mRNA sequencing reads are also shown below each set of

tracks (gray). The Integrated Genome Viewer (IGV, Broad Institute) was used to display RPF

and mRNA reads, with RPF and nucleotide (nt) scales indicated on top of each panel. For these

and all other gene browser views, the RPFs are plotted to their predicted P-site positions, and the

mRNA reads are plotted to their first position from their transcript 5'ends.

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Figure 1-S1. A schematic diagram of mRNA recruitment in translation initiation. The cap-

binding protein complex eIF4F, consisting of eIF4E, eIF4G and eIF4A subunits attaches to the

cap at the mRNA 5' end. The 43S PIC, which includes the 40S ribosomal subunit, eIFs 1, 1A, 3

and 5 and the eIF2•GTP•Met-tRNA$_i$ ternary complex, binds to the 5' end of mRNA with the aid

of the eIF4F complex and eIF4B and scans downstream in search of the start codon. A stable

48S-PIC is formed when a start codon is recognized.

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Figure 1-S2. Internal spike-in normalization controls using preformed 48S PICs on non-

native mRNAs. **(A)** Steps in applying 48S-PIC spike-in controls for data normalization. Firefly

and Renilla luciferase mRNAs (*FLUC* and *RLUC)* were in vitro transcribed from PCR-amplified

gene templates containing T7 promoters and enzymatically capped using previously described

protocols (Acker et al. 2007). The 48S PICs formed on the spike-in mRNAs were prepared

separately from the testing samples in a recruitment reaction followed by RNase I treatment to

digest unprotected mRNA. A constant amount of spike-in 48S PICs were resolved by

sedimentation through the same sucrose gradients containing the experimental samples. The

RPFs from these spike-in PICs served as internal controls for losses occurring during library

construction and allowed data normalization across experimental samples. For deep sequencing

data processing, non-coding RNA reads were removed and the remaining RPFs were aligned to

spike-in mRNA sequences for calculating sample size factors and also aligned to the yeast

genome to produce RPF counts on all yeast mRNAs. The RPF counts for all mRNAs in the

genome were applied to DESeq2 using sample size factors calculated from the geometric means

of spike-in mRNA RPFs mapped to *FLUC*/*RLUC* main AUGs and a number of internal AUGs.

Recruitment efficiency (RE) values were calculated by normalizing the size-factor corrected

RPFs to input mRNA densities. **(B-D)** Scatterplots of *FLUC* and *RLUC* RPF reads at the main

and internal AUGs, in the first two of three replicate samples for each condition. The green

diagonal line is for 1:1 ratio and the Spearman correlation coefficients (r) were calculated using

"cor.test" function in R using option "method = spearman."

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Figure 1-S3. Transcriptome-wide reproducibility of RPFs among replicates

(A-I) Scatterplots of log2 main AUG ribosome occupancies (normalized by the geometric means

of RPF reads on *FLUC* and *RLUC* spike-in mRNAs) for comparing each of two of the three

replicates in different conditions, 0 nM Ded1 (A, D and G), 100 nM Ded1 (B, E and H) and 500

nM Ded1 (C, F and I) for all mRNAs with ⩾ 90 total RPF reads in the 9 samples combined.

Spearman correlation coefficients (r) were calculated as in Fig. 1-S2B-D.

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Figure 1-S4. RPFs on main AUGs are consistent among replicates.

(A) Box plot analysis of normalized RPF reads for 3052 mRNAs with > 90 total reads in 9

samples (each of 3 replicates for 0, 100 and 500 nM Ded1). **(B-I)** 48S PIC-protected fragments

(RPFs) and input mRNA reads for 3 replicates of each of the 3 conditions (0, 100 and 500 nM

Ded1) on 8 example mRNAs across 3' portions of the 5'UTR and 5' portions of the CDS regions

flanking the main AUGs. RPF and nt scales are shown in the top right corner of each panel. The

position of the main CDS and the −3 to −1 and +4 context nucleotides surrounding the main

AUG are labeled as in Fig. 1E-F. mRNAs shown are (B) *NPT1*; (C) *PMA1*; (D) *SFT2*; (E) *ICE2*;

(F) *AIM41*; (G) *RCP10*; (H) *RPL41A;* and (I) *RPL16A*.

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Figure 2. Ded1 promotes the recruitment of a group of 1000 mRNAs.

(A-C) Scatterplots of normalized read densities on the main start codons of mRNAs (mRPF,

number of RPFs mapping to the main AUG normalized by the geometric means of the spike-in

internal control RPFs) for 3052 mRNAs with > 90 total reads in 9 samples (3 replicates each for

0, 100 and 500 nM Ded1) for 100 versus 0 nM Ded1 (A), 500 versus 0 nM Ded1 (B), or 500

versus 100 nM Ded1 (C). mRNAs with significantly changed recruitment were defined as those

with false discovery rates (FDR) < 0.05 and RPF changes (ΔRPF) of > 2 for increased or < 0.5

for decreased are indicated in red or dark blue, respectively. The number of significantly changed

mRNAs are indicated in red (increased) and blue (decreased). **(D and E**) Overlaps between the

mRNAs displaying significantly increased (D) or significantly reduced (E) mRPFs between 100

and 500 nM Ded1 conditions. P-values for the overlap between each group were calculated using

an online tool (http://nemates.org/MA/progs/overlap_stats.html). **(F)** Box plot analysis of the

distribution and median of log2 change in mRPF between 0 and 100 nM Ded1 (ΔmRPF$_{100/0 \text{ nM}}$

$_{Ded1}$, orange) or 0 and 500 nM Ded1 (ΔmRPF$_{500/0 \text{ nM Ded1}}$, cyan) for all 3052 mRNAs (cols. 1-2),

and for the following 6 groups of mRNAs: 1006 or 911 for which mRPFs were significantly up

in 500 or 100 nM Ded1, respectively, relative to no Ded1 (cols. 3-6, for red dots in B and A);

793 mRNAs for which mRPFs were significantly up with both 100 and 500 nM Ded1 (cols. 7-8,

for the overlapping mRNAs in D); 182 and 71 mRNAs for which mRPFs were significantly

down in 500 or 100 nM Ded1 relative to no Ded1 (cols. 9-12, blue dots in B and A); and 48

mRNAs for which mRPFs were significantly down with both 100 and 500 nM Ded1 (cols.13-14,

for the overlaps in E). The blue horizontal line shows no change in mRPFs (ΔmRPF = 1). **(G)**

Heat-map analysis of the recruitment efficiency changes ΔRE$_{100/0 \text{ nM Ded1}}$, ΔRE$_{500/0 \text{ nM Ded1}}$ and

ΔRE$_{500/100 \text{ nM Ded1}}$ for the 3052 mRNAs described in A-C, ordered by rank of ΔRE$_{100/0 \text{ nM Ded1}}$

from most increased (top) to most decreased (bottom) using the R heatmap.2 function. **(H)** The

distributions of all observed mRNAs across 10 bins of increasing RE values at each

concentration of Ded1 (0, 100, 500 nM). **(I)** Boxplot analysis of $\Delta RE_{500/0\ nM\ Ded1}$ for all 3052

observed mRNAs binned by RE in the absence of Ded1 (RE_{-Ded1}) from the lowest to the highest.

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Figure 3. Ded1 promotes the recruitment of mRNAs with long or structured 5'UTRs.

(A) Line plot analysis of average recruitment efficiency (RE) for the 2804 mRNAs observed in

the RecSeq experiments that have annotated 5'UTRs binned by 5'UTR length at 0, 100 and 500

nM Ded1. Average RE values were determined from the RE values of all mRNAs in each bin.

(B-D) Box plot analyses of the recruitment efficiency changes (ΔRE) between each of two

different conditions for the same mRNA bins as in (A) for $\Delta RE_{100/0nM\_Ded1}$ (B), $\Delta RE_{500/0nM\_Ded1}$

(C), or $\Delta RE_{500/100nM\_Ded1}$ (D). **(E)** Line plot analysis of average RE values for the 1874 mRNAs

observed in the RecSeq experiments with reported PARS scores binned according to Max30

PARS scores from the lowest to highest. PARS scores were determined by Kertesz et al. (2010)

and Max30 and other PARS score intervals were calculated as described in Sen et al. (2015). **(F-**

H) Box plot analyses for the same mRNA bins as in (E) for $\Delta RE_{100/0nM\_Ded1}$ (F), $\Delta RE_{500/0nM\_Ded1}$

(G), or $\Delta RE_{500/100nM\_Ded1}$ (H). **(I)** Line plot analysis of average REs for all 3052 mRNAs divided

into six equal-sized bins according to CDS lengths from the shortest to the longest for 0, 100 and

500 nM Ded1. **(J-L)** Box plot analysis for the same mRNA bins as in (I) for $\Delta RE_{100/0nM\_Ded1}$ (J),

$\Delta RE_{500/0nM\_Ded1}$ (K), or $\Delta RE_{500/100nM\_Ded1}$ (L). All bins contain an equal number of mRNAs.

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Figure 3-S1. Ded1 preferentially stimulates 48S PIC formation on structured mRNAs. (A,

B) Line plot analysis of log2 average REs at 0, 100 and 500 nM Ded1for mRNAs binned

according to total PARS scores (A) or the sum of PARS scores of the 30 nucleotides surrounding

the start codon (for mRNAs with a 5'UTR of $\geq$ 15 nt) (Start30 PARS, B). **(C, D)** Line plot

analysis of log2 average ΔREs for 100/0 nM, 500/0 nM and 500/100 nM Ded1 for the 2035

mRNAs observed in RecSeq that have annotated PARS scores binned according to Total PARS

(C) or Start30 PARS (D) scores from the lowest to highest. **(E-F)** Box plots comparing 5'UTR

or CDS lengths for the 4694 yeast mRNAs that have annotated 5'UTRs (Pelechano et al. 2013)

for CDS lengths plotted for mRNAs binned by 5'UTR length from the shortest to the longest (E),

or 5'UTR lengths plotted for mRNAs binned by CDS lengths from shortest to longest (F). All

bins contain equal numbers of mRNAs.

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Figure 3-S2. Ded1 promotes the recruitment of mRNAs with long 5'UTRs independent of

CDS lengths. (A-C) Similar to Fig. 3C, but for mRNAs with different CDS length ranges, short

(**A**, 78 – 804 nt, n=936), medium (**B**, 807-1389 nt, n=934) and long (**C**, 1392-7242 nt, n=934).

(D-F) Similar to Fig. 3K, but for mRNAs with different 5'UTR length ranges, short (**D**, 1-31 nt,

n=958), medium (**E**, 32-60 nt, n=925) and long (**C**, 1392-7242nt, n=921). **(G-I)** Box plot

analysis of mRNA 5'UTR lengths for the same groups of mRNAs as in panels D-F, respectively.

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1115   **Figure 3-S3. Ded1 has little effect on discriminating main AUG context scores. (A)** Line plot

1116   analysis of average REs for the 2768 observed in RecSeq that have annotated 5'UTR lengths >5

1117   nt, divided into six equal-sized bins according to context scores from lowest to the highest at 0,

1118   100 and 500 nM Ded1. **(B-C)** Box-plot analyses of $\Delta RE_{100/0nM\ Ded1}$ (B) and $\Delta RE_{500/0nM\ Ded1}$ (C)

1119   values for the same mRNA bins as in (A).

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Figure 4. Ded1 dependencies observed in Rec-Seq experiments correlate strongly with in

vivo results from previous ribosome profiling of the *ded1-cs* mutant.

(A-B) Scatterplots comparing Rec-Seq input RNA reads and ribosome profiling mRNA reads of

WT (A) or *ded1-cs* (B) strains. **(C)** Scatterplot comparing ribosome profiling mRNA reads

between WT and *ded1-cs* strains. **(D-F)** Scatterplots comparing 48S PIC RPFs from Rec-Seq to

80S RPFs from ribosome profiling for the 3035 mRNAs that passed the significance cutoffs in

both experiments for Rec-Seq at 0 nM Ded1 versus ribosome profiling of the *ded1-cs* mutant (D)

or Rec-Seq at 100 nM (E) or 500 nM (F) Ded1 versus ribosome profiling of the WT strain. **(G-**

H) Scatterplots comparing changes in translational efficiency (ΔTE) from ribosome profiling of

the *ded1-cs* mutant versus WT to $\Delta RE_{0/100nM\_Ded1}$ (G) or $\Delta RE_{0/500nM\ Ded1}$ (H) values from Rec-Seq.

(I-K) Boxplot analysis of 5'UTR lengths (I), Max30 PARS (J), or Total PARS (K) for mRNAs

with annotated 5'UTR lengths or PARS scores that showed significantly decreased (Down) or

increased (Up) REs in 100 nM or 500 nM Ded1 versus no Ded1, or significantly increased (Up)

or decreased (Down) TEs in the *ded1-cs* mutant versus WT. **(L-M)** Overlaps between mRNAs

identified by Rec-Seq at 100 nM Ded1 (L) or 500 nM Ded1 (M) with significantly increased REs

versus no Ded1 in Rec-Seq and mRNAs with significantly increased TEs in ribosome profiling

of the *ded1-cs* mutant versus WT. P-values for the overlaps were calculated as described in Fig.

2D-E**.** Group X and Y mRNAs in (L) are those in common between the two groups being

compared (X) or those found exclusively in the set of 1002 mRNAs with significantly increased

RE in 500 nM Ded1 versus no Ded1 in Rec-Seq (Y). **(N-O)** Boxplot analysis of log2

$\Delta RE_{500/0nM\_Ded1}$ (N) or log2 $\Delta TE_{ded1-ts-}$ (O) values for all 3035 mRNAs observed in both Rec-Seq

and ribosome profiling, the 1002 mRNAs with significantly increased recruitment with 500 nM

Ded1 versus no Ded1 (of L), the 319 mRNAs in group X (of L), and the 683 mRNAs in group Y

(of L).

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Figure 5. Ded1 increases leaky scanning of main start codons

(**A**) The ratio of the total RPFs internal to the CDS in mRNAs, excluding the main start codon, to

the total RPFs for the full CDS including the main start codon (iRPF/cdsRPF ratio) for each of

the three replicates at 0, 100 and 500 nM Ded1. iRPFs were counted from the +9 position of the

main AUG to the stop codon, while the cdsRPFs were counted from the start codon to the stop

codon of the CDS. The average of the three replicates is indicated by the colored bars (red,

green and blue for 0, 100 and 500 nM Ded1, respectively). (**B-D)** Metagene plots showing RPF

density distribution on all mRNAs aligned to their main AUGs as in Fig. 1B-D for 0 (B), 100 (C)

and 500 nM Ded1 (D), with color scales adjusted to show internal RPFs (iRPFs). (**E-H)** 48S PIC

RPFs and input mRNA reads on four selected mRNAs that showed elevated internal ribosome

occupancies in 100 and 500 nM Ded1 conditions. The -3 to -1 and +4 context nucleotides

surrounding the main AUG, iAUG or upstream AUG (uAUG) are indicated in brick red text. (**I-**

J) Scatterplots comparing log2 iRPF between 100 (I) or 500 nM Ded1 (J) to 0 nM Ded1 as

described in Fig. 2A-B for the same group of 3052 mRNAs. Red dots show mRNAs that meet

the significance cutoff for increases in iRPF (FDR < 0.05, >2-fold increase in iRPFs) and blue

dots show mRNAs that meet the significance cutoff for decreases in iRPF (FDR < 0.05, <0.5-

fold decrease in iRPFs). (**K)** Box plot comparing mRPFs and iRPFs between 500 and 0 nM

Ded1 for the 182 mRNAs that showed significantly reduced mRPFs with 500 nM Ded1 versus

no Ded1. (**L)** Overlaps between mRNAs with significantly elevated iRPFs (orange), significantly

reduced mRPFs (green) or significantly increased mRPFs (blue) with 500 nM Ded1 relative to 0

nM Ded1. The Venn diagram was generated and p-values calculated as in Fig. 2D. **(M)** Scatter

plot comparing mRPFs with 500 nM versus 0 nM Ded1. The 125 mRNAs that showed

significantly increased iRPFs and significantly decreased mRPFs in 500 nM Ded1 relative to 0

nM Ded1 are labeled by black dots. Among this set, the mRNAs for which the iRPFs increase by

at least 50% of the decrease in mRPFs are labeled by yellow circles, to indicate the 84 mRNAs

for which the decrease in mRPFs could be responsible for the increase in iRPFs. **(N)** Boxplot

comparing mRPFs and iRPFs between 500 nM and 0 nM Ded1 for the 1006 mRNAs that

showed significantly increased mRPFs. **(O)** Line plot analysis of average RRO (relative

ribosome occupancy; iRPF/cdsRPF ratio; left axis) and $\Delta RRO_{500/0 \text{ nM Ded1}}$ (right axis) for 2441 of

3052 mRNAs in J with 5'UTR length >5 nt binned by main AUG context scores from lowest to

highest. **(P)** Boxplot analysis of Start30, Plus15, Plus30 and Plus45 PARS scores for mRNAs

with $RRO_{iRPF/cdsRPF} < 0.5$ (orange) or ≥ 0.5 with 500 nM Ded1.

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Figure 5-S1. Supporting evidence that Ded1 promotes leaky scanning of the main start

codon. (A) Schematic of a 43S PIC leaky scanning through the main AUG and assembling at an

internal AUG in the presence of Ded1. **(B)** Evidence that mRNAs whose recruitment is inhibited

by 500 nM Ded1 in Rec-Seq assays generally assemble 48S PICs very efficiently without Ded1.

Boxplot analysis of REs of groups of mRNAs at 0 nM (cyan) or 500 nM (yellow) Ded1 for all

3052 mRNAs observed in Rec-Seq, the 1006 mRNAs with significantly increased mRPFs at 500

nM Ded1 versus no Ded1 (Fig. 2B, red dots); and the 182 mRNAs with significantly decreased

mRPFs with 500 nM Ded1 versus no Ded1 (Fig. 2B, blue dots).

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Figure 5-S2. mRNAs with reduced RE at 500 nM Ded1 versus no Ded1 in Rec-Seq assays

tend to show increased relative TE in the *ded1-cs* mutant versus WT in ribosome profiling

experiments. Boxplot analysis of $\Delta TE_{ded1-cs}$ for the groups of mRNAs described in Figure 5L-M:

The 182 mRNAs with mRPFs significantly reduced at 500 nM Ded1 versus no Ded1 (cyan); the

125 mRNAs with significantly decreased mRPFs and increased iRPFs with 500 nM Ded1 versus

no Ded1 (magenta); the 84 mRNAs from the previous set that had an increase in iRPFs that was

at least 50% the of the decrease in mRPFs (yellow circles in Fig. 5M; orange).

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Figure 6. Ded1 modestly promotes readthrough of start codons in 5' UTRs of mRNAs.

(A) The ratios of RPFs in 5'UTRs to RPFs on main start codons (uRPF/mRPF ratios) for each of

the three replicates with 0 (blue), 100 (magenta) or 500 (green) nM Ded1. The 5'UTR RPFs

(uRPFs) were counted from the 5'end of the mRNA to the -5 position relative to the main AUG.

The mean of the three replicates is indicated by the colored bars. uRPFs on *GCN4* mRNA were

analyzed separately (Fig. 6-S1), because 42% and 57% of all uRPFs were mapped to the *GCN4*

5'UTR in assays with 100 and 500 nM Ded1, respectively. **(B-C)** Scatterplots comparing uRPFs

in the presence of either 100 nM (B) or 500 nM (C) Ded1 versus 0 nM Ded1. mRNAs with

significantly increased or decreased uRPFs in the presence of Ded1 are indicated in red or dark

blue dots, respectively. The criteria used for significance were FDR < 0.05 and a greater than 2-

fold increase or decrease. Yellow circles denote the very few mRNAs whose uRPF read number

decreases by more than 50% of the increases in their mRPF reads, indicating a clear reciprocal

relationship between the decrease in uRPFs and the increase in mRPFs. **(D)** Box plot analysis of

mRPF and uRPF read numbers for the 257 mRNAs that had both uRPFs and mRPFs $\geq$ 2 reads

averaged over all assays conducted at 0, 100 and 500 nM Ded1 concentrations. Unlogged median

RPF numbers are labeled under each box.

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1213 **Figure 6-S1. Approximately half of all uRPFs map to the *GCN4* 5'UTR.** Percentages of all

1214 uRPFs mapped to the *GCN4* 5'UTR for each of the three replicates with 0 (blue), 100 (magenta),

1215 or 500 (green) nM Ded1 concentrations. Colored bars indicate the means of the replicates.

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Figure 7. eIF4A enhances the recruitment of almost all mRNAs

(A) Scatterplots of normalized read densities mapped to main AUGs (mRPFs) with 5000 nM

versus 500 nM eIF4A for the 2809 mRNAs with $\geq$ 8 total reads in 4 samples (2 replicates each

for 5000 and 500 nM eIF4A). Red and blue dots show mRNAs with mRPFs significantly

increased or decreased, respectively, at 5000 versus 500 nM eIF4A. The criteria for significance

were FDR < 0.05 and a > 2-fold change in RPFs. **(B)** Boxplot comparing $\Delta RE_{5000/500 \text{ nM eIF4A}}$

(grey) to $\Delta RE_{100/0 \text{ nM Ded1}}$ and $\Delta RE_{500/0 \text{ nM Ded1}}$ (cyan) for the 2698 mRNAs that passed the cutoff

mentioned in (A) in both experiments. **(C)** Boxplot of $\Delta RE_{5000/500 \text{ nM eIF4A}}$ for the 2538 of all 2809

mRNAs in (A) that have annotated 5'UTRs, divided into six equal sized bins according to

5'UTR lengths from the shortest to the longest. (**D**) Similar to (C), but for the 1708 of all 2809

mRNAs in (A) with annotated PARS scores, binned by Max30 PARS from lowest to highest. **(E-**

G) Line plots of mean $\log_2$ RE changes, $\Delta RE_{5000/500 \text{ nM eIF4A}}$ (green), $\Delta RE_{100/0 \text{ nM Ded1}}$ (magenta),

and $\Delta RE_{500/0 \text{ nM Ded1}}$ (blue), for mRNAs divided into six equal sized bins according to the specific

mRNA features of 5'UTR length (E), Max30 PARS score (F), or Total PARS score (G). **(H-K)**

RPFs assembled with 500 or 5000 nM eIF4A and input mRNA reads for mRNAs shown

previously to be hypo-dependent on Ded1 (*RPC10*, *RPL41A*, *HOR7*) or hyper-dependent on

Ded1(*PMA1*) by in vivo ribosome profiling experiments in the *ded1-cs* mutant.

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1367 Table S1: Oligonucleotides used for Spike-in mRNA template amplification

Primer name	Sequence (5' – 3')
T7-FLUC	AAGGAATTCATCTTAACTTT**TAATACGACTCACTATAG**GGCAAAC AAACAAACCAAAACCAAAACCACA***ATG***GAAGACGCCAAAAACATA
T7-RLUC	AAGGAATTCATCTTAACTTT**TAATACGACTCACTATAG**GGCAAAC AAACAAACCAAAACCAAAACCACC***ATG***ACTTGCAAAGTTTATGAT
FLUC-R	GTCGACGAGGAATTCATTATCAGTGC
RLUC-R	GTCGACTTCTCCTTCTTCAGATTTGATC

1368 Note: T7 promoter sequences are in boldface and underlined; mAUGs are in boldface and italicized
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Figure 1

Figure 1-S1

Figure 1-S2

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A

Normalized reads (log₂)

R1 R2 R3 | R1 R2 R3 | R1 R2 R3
-Ded1 | 100 nM Ded1 | 500 nM Ded1

B
500 rpf / 12nt
-Ded1 #1 #2 #3
100 nM Ded1 #1 #2 #3
500 nM Ded1 #1 #2 #3
mRNA
NPT1
aagAUGu

C
1000 rpf / 12nt
-Ded1 #1 #2 #3
100 nM Ded1 #1 #2 #3
500 nM Ded1 #1 #2 #3
mRNA
PMA1
aauAUGa

D
10 rpf / 12nt
-Ded1 #1 #2 #3
100 nM Ded1 #1 #2 #3
500 nM Ded1 #1 #2 #3
mRNA
SFT2
aauAUGa

E
60 rpf / 12nt
-Ded1 #1 #2 #3
100 nM Ded1 #1 #2 #3
500 nM Ded1 #1 #2 #3
mRNA
ICE2
auuAUGa

F
1000 rpf / 12nt
-Ded1 #1 #2 #3
100 nM Ded1 #1 #2 #3
500 nM Ded1 #1 #2 #3
mRNA
AIM41
aagAUGu

G
1000 rpf / 12nt
-Ded1 #1 #2 #3
100 nM Ded1 #1 #2 #3
500 nM Ded1 #1 #2 #3
mRNA
RPC10
acaAUGu

H
50k rpf / 10nt
-Ded1 #1 #2 #3
100 nM Ded1 #1 #2 #3
500 nM Ded1 #1 #2 #3
mRNA
RPL41A
gaaAUGa

I
8000 rpf / 12nt
-Ded1 #1 #2 #3
100 nM Ded1 #1 #2 #3
500 nM Ded1 #1 #2 #3
Input mRNA
RPL16A
aaaAUGu

Figure 2

Figure 3

Figure 3-S1

Figure 3S-2

Figure 3-S3

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B

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Figure 4

Figure 5

Figure 5-S1

A

B

RE

0 nM Ded1
500 nM Ded1

All mRNAs
n=3052

up in 500 nM
n=1006

down in 500 nM
n=182

Figure 5-S2

Figure 6

Figure 6-S1

Figure 7