Exocytosis coordinates epithelial cell-turnover in *Drosophila* ribosomal protein mutants

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Abstract

Robust tissue growth is orchestrated by the precise coordination of cell death and cell proliferation. Our previous study found that in the developing wing pouches of *Drosophila Minute*/+ animals, both cell death and compensatory cell proliferation are dramatically increased, which contributes to robust growth of mutant tissue. The induction of this cell-turnover depends on activation of JNK signaling, although the mechanism by which JNK activation causes cell-turnover remained unclear. Here, we found that JNK-mediated elevation of exocytosis in dying cells is crucial for inducing cell-turnover in *M/+* wing morphogenesis. Mechanistically, elevated JNK signaling in dying cells upregulates exocytosis-related genes and Wingless (Wg), leading to enhanced Wg secretion. Our data also suggested that secreted Wg from dying cells enhances Wg signaling activity in neighboring living cells via their Frizzled-2 (Fz2) receptors. This interaction between dying cells and their neighboring living cells is pivotal in determining cell fate, dictating which cells will undergo apoptosis and which cells will proliferate. Our findings provide mechanistic insights into the complex interplay between cell death and proliferation, governed by exocytosis and Wg signaling, in coordinating robust tissue growth.

Introduction

Ribosomes are essential molecular machines responsible for protein synthesis in living cells, and thus fundamental to life. In humans, heterozygosity of genes related to ribosomal proteins or ribosomal biogenesis factors leads to a group of genetic disorders collectively termed ribosomopathies. For instance, heterozygous mutations in various ribosomal protein genes, including *RPS17* (1)*, RPS26* (2), *RPS19* (3), *RPS24* (4), and *RPL27* (5), are associated with Blackfan anaemia (DBA), with some patients exhibiting tissue-specific developmental anomalies such as limb defects, cleft palate, and abnormal heart development (6, 7). In addition, heterozygous mutations in the *RpSA* gene are linked to isolated congenital asplenia (ICA), a disorder characterized by the absence of a spleen at birth (8). However, the precise mechanisms by which a reduction in ribosomal protein gene dosage leads to these genetic disorders remain elusive.

In *Drosophila*, a series of heterozygous mutants for ribosomal protein genes, called *Minute/+* (*M/+*), exhibit a pronounced developmental delay during larval stages (9). Despite this significant delay, *M/+* animals are essentially normal flies without noticeable morphological defects, except for the thinner bristles, suggesting that *M/+* animals exert certain mechanisms to overcome developmental perturbations caused by reduced ribosomal protein levels. It has been reported that extensive cell death (10), as well as cellular stress (10, 11, 12, 13), is a distinctive characteristic of the *M/+* wing pouch. Our previous study (14) has shown that apoptotic cell death and the subsequent cell proliferation are dramatically increased in the *M/+* wing pouch. Blocking this cell-turnover by inhibiting cell death resulted in morphological abnormalities, indicating the essential role of cell-turnover in *M/+* wing morphogenesis. Genetic analyses have revealed that the induction of this cell-turnover depends on activation of JNK signaling. However, downstream events of JNK activation remain to be elucidated.

The coordination of cell death and proliferation through cell-cell communications is crucial for proper development and homeostasis of multicellular organisms. Apoptotic cells, for example, can secrete mitogens such as Winless (Wg; a Wnt homolog), dpp (a BMP homolog), and Hh, which could promote the proliferation of nearby cells in the *Drosophila* epithelium (15, 16, 17, 18). Cell competition, a phenomenon in which cells with higher fitness ("winners") eliminate neighboring less fit cells ("losers") by

inducing cell death (19), is another aspect of cell-turnover. It has been reported that

secretory factors from prospective loser cells contribute to cell competition. For

instance, the cytokine-like ligand unpaired 3 (upd3) produced by losers promotes cell

competition between wild-type (winners) and *M/+* cells (losers) in the *Drosophila*

epithelium (12). Furthermore, Madin-Darby canine kidney cells depleted of the polarity

regulator gene *scribble* (*scrib*^{KD} MDCK cells) secrete Fibroblast Growth Factor 21

(FGF21), which in turn promotes cell competition with neighboring wild-type MDCK

cells (20). However, the mechanism by which these secreted factors from dying cells

orchestrate both their own cell death and the proliferation of neighboring living cells is

still not fully understood.

Here, we found that exocytosis, as a downstream event of JNK signaling in dying

cells, contributes to cell-turnover in the *M/+* wing pouch, which is essential for robust

wing development in *M*/+ animals. Our genetic analyses suggest that elevated

exocytosis likely facilitates the release of Wg from dying cells, which in turn stimulates

their own cell death and the proliferation of neighboring living cells. Our observations

could provide new mechanistic insights into how dying cells coordinate robust

development through cell-cell interactions.

Results

***M/+* wing pouch elevates exocytosis downstream of JNK signaling**

To elucidate the downstream event of JNK signaling in the *M/+* wing pouch, we

conducted RNA sequence (RNA-seq) analyses on GFP-labeled fluorescence-activated

cell sorting (FACS)-sorted wing pouch cells from one of the *M/+* mutants *RpS3/+*,

compared to GFP-labeled wild-type control or *RpS3/+* wing pouch cells overexpressing

JNK inhibitor Puckered (Puc) (Fig S1A; the wing pouch is green-marked oval domain

that becomes the adult wing blade). Among the 1,097 genes that were upregulated or

downregulated in the *RpS3/+* wing pouch relative to the wild-type, we identified

positive regulators of JNK signaling such as *reaper* and *pvf1*, JAK/STAT targets

including *Socs36E* and c*hinmo*, Gr64 gustatory receptors and numerous genes

associated with oxidative stress and DNA repair (Fig S1B, S1 Table, and S3 table),

which aligns with previous reports on genes upregulated in the *RpS3/+* or *RpS17/+*

wing disc (12, 13). These data validate our experimental conditions for identifying

genes required for JNK-mediated events in the *M/+* wing pouch.

Mining the list of genes differentially expressed in the *RpS3/+* wing pouch cells

dependent on JNK signaling (Fig S1C and S2 Table), we noticed that among the genes

associated with the "secretion by cell" GO term (Fig S1B), the evolutionarily conserved

exocytosis-related genes *unc-13*, *SNAP25,* and *cadps* (*Calcium-dependent secretion*

activator) were upregulated in a JNK-dependent manner (Fig S1D). Among these

exocytosis-related genes, the upregulation of *SNAP25* and *unc-13* was consistent with

the previous reports concerning genes upregulated in *RpS3/+* or *RpS17/+* cells (12, 13) .

Calcium-dependent exocytosis is the process whereby cells release intracellular

contents into the extracellular space. It has been shown that *unc-13, SNAP25*, and *cadps*

collectively regulate the docking process of secretory vesicles to the plasma membrane

during Ca^{2+}-mediated exocytosis ((21, 22, 23), Reviewed in (24)). First, to investigate

whether exocytosis is upregulated in the *M/+* wing pouch, we utilized the exosome

marker CD63 tagged with EGFP (EGFP-CD63) (25, 26, 27, 28). Additionally, we

utilized Syt1 tagged with EGFP (Syt1-EGFP), a widely used vesicle marker prevalent

in both neuronal and non-neuronal cells (29, 30, 31). We observed a significant increase

in EGFP-CD63- positive and Syt1-EGFP-positive vesicles in the *RpS3/+* wing pouch

compared to the wild-type control (Fig 1A, 1B, 1G and 1H, corresponding to the boxed

region in Fig 1E, quantified in Fig 1F and Fig 1K). EGFP-CD63-positive vesicles were

also found to be increased in the *RpL19/+* wing pouch (Fig S1E, quantified in Fig S1F).

Notably, these vesicles were predominantly observed in regions of the *RpS3/+* wing

pouch undergoing massive cell death (as indicated by arrowheads in Fig 1B, 1H, and

S1E), a phenomenon we previously reported (14) and also confirmed in this study

(shown in Fig 2G, compared to Fig 2F, quantified in Fig 2Q). Furthermore, we noted

an increase in vesicles positive for the ESCRT protein Hrs, another exosome marker,

in the *RpS3/+* wing pouch relative to the wild-type control (Fig S1G and S1H,

quantified in Fig S1I). To further investigate the enhanced exocytosis in the *RpS3/+*

wing pouch, we utilized the GCaMP6m fluorescent calcium reporter (32) to monitor

Ca2+ activity, a known inducer of exocytosis. We observed persistent Ca^{2+} activity in

morphologically dying cells, along with spontaneous Ca^{2+} flashes similar to those in

the wild-type control (Fig 1L and 1M, quantified in Fig 1P). This persistent activity

suggested an enhanced exocytic process in dying cells in the *M/+* wing pouch,

potentially driven by elevated calcium levels.

We then examined whether exocytosis is the downstream event of JNK activation

in the *M/+* wing pouch. We found that blocking JNK signaling by overexpressing Puc

significantly suppressed the increased number of EGFP-CD63/Syt1-EGFP-positive

vesicles, as well as the emergence of cells exhibiting persistent Ca^{2+} signaling (Fig 1C,

quantified in Fig 1F; Fig 1I, quantified in Fig 1K; Fig 1N, quantified in Fig 1P).

Together, these observations suggest that exocytosis is elevated in dying cells within

the *M/+* wing pouch as a downstream event of JNK signaling.

Exocytosis is required for massive cell-turnover in the *M/+* wing pouch

We have previously demonstrated that JNK signaling is required for cell-turnover

in the *M/+* wing pouch (14). In line with our previous study, using the *puc-gal4* driver,

where *gal4* is driven by the JNK target gene *puc* promoter, we observed JNK activation

in the *RpS3/+* wing pouch compared to the wild-type control (Fig 2M and 2N).

Blocking JNK signaling by overexpressing Puc significantly reduced cell death and

mitoses in the *RpS3/+* wing pouch, as assayed by the CD8-PARP-Venus probe for

caspase activity in the imaginal disc (33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40), and the M phase

marker phospho-Histone H3 (Fig 2A-2C, quantified in Fig 2P; Fig 2F, 2G and S2A,

quantified in Fig S2N). In addition, we intriguingly found that downregulating *unc-13*,

a docking factor involved in exocytosis, similarly diminished cell death and mitoses

(Fig 2H and S2B, quantified in Fig 2Q and S2N, respectively; Fig 2D, quantified in Fig

2P), and also reduced EGFP-CD63-positive and Syt1-EGFP-positive vesicles in the

RpS3/+ wing pouch (Fig 1D and 1J, quantified in Fig 1F and 1K, respectively).

Knocking down *rab3*, a "Secretory GTPase Rabs" required for vesicle exocytosis, also

significantly reduced cell death and mitoses in the *RpS3/+* wing pouch (Fig 2I and S2C,

quantified in Fig 2Q and S2N, respectively; Fig 2E, quantified in Fig 2P). Furthermore,

overexpressing Puc or downregulating either *unc-13* or *rab3* led to morphological

defects in the *RpS3/+* adult wing, while their individual overexpression or

downregulation did not affect wing development (Fig 2K, 2L, and S2K). These results

suggest that exocytosis, as a downstream component of JNK signaling, is pivotal for

cell turnover and subsequent normal morphogenesis in the *M/+* wing pouch. Indeed,

downregulating other docking factors such as *SNAP25* or *Syt1* (41), another Secretory

GTPase *Rab27*, or *ALIX*, an ESCRT (endosomal sorting complexes required for

transport)-related protein involved in the biogenesis of extracellular vesicles (42, 43),

also significantly suppressed cell death in the *RpS3/+* wing pouch (Fig 2J, quantified in

Fig 2Q; Fig S2D-S2J, quantified in Fig S2N). In addition, using the *puc-gal4* driver,

Rab3 knockdown in JNK-activating cells notably reduced cell death in both *RpS3/+*

and *RpL19/+* wing discs (Fig 2N and 2O, quantified in Figs 2R; Fig S2L and S2M,

quantified in Fig S2O). Together, these data reinforce the vital role of exocytosis in cell

turnover within the M/+ wing pouch, functioning as a downstream process of JNK

signaling.

Dying cells secrete Wg via exocytosis in the *M/+* wing pouch

We next aimed to identify the protein secreted through exocytosis from dying cells

in the *M/+* wing pouch. Our previous genetic analyses (14) indicated that cell-turnover

in the *M/+* wing pouch is initiated by a mechanism akin to Wg-dependent cell

competition, a phenomenon by which cells with higher Wg signaling activity eliminate

neighboring cells with lower Wg signaling activity in the wing disc (44). Indeed, areas

exhibiting massive cell death corresponded to regions showing relatively lower Wg

signaling activity, as indicated by the *nmo-lacZ* reporter (Fig S3A), a finding also

reported in our previous study (14). In addition, we have previously shown that

genetically reducing the Wg signaling gradient in the entire *M/+* pouch significantly

suppressed cell death (14). These our observations prompted us to consider the idea that

dying cells in the *M/+* wing pouch might release Wg via JNK-mediated exocytosis,

potentially conferring a survival advantage to their neighboring living cells. Consistent

with this hypothesis, it has been reported that Wnt/Wg can be released through

extracellular vesicles including exosome (26, 45, 46, 47, 48). Interestingly, we found

that the *RpS3/+* wing pouch expressing the cell death inhibitor p35 (which allows dying

RpS3/+ cells to survive) exhibited elevated levels of Wg protein, compared to the wild-

type control (Fig 3A and 3B). This increase in Wg protein was significantly diminished

by overexpressing the JNK inhibitor Puc (Fig 3C), suggesting that Wg expression is

upregulated via JNK signaling in the *M/+* wing pouch, similar to apoptotic cells in

which JNK signaling induces the production of secreted growth factor, including Wg

(17, 49, 50). In addition, we noted that GFP-Wg-positive puncta, derived from a knock-

in allele (51), were increased in the area with massive cell death in the *RpS3/+* wing

pouch, compared to the wild-type control (Fig 3D and 3E). This increase in GFP-Wg-

positive puncta was more evident when using a membrane-tethered anti-GFP nanobody

(Vhh4-CD8), which immobilizes GFP-Wg on the cell surface (51)   (Fig 3G and 3H,

quantified in Fig 3K). Intriguingly, these GFP-Wg-positive puncta sometimes

colocalized with CD63-mCherry-positive vesicles (Fig 3E and Fig S3C, indicated by
arrowheads), suggesting the possibility that GFP-Wg might be secreted via
extracellular vesicles through JNK-mediated exocytosis. To support this possibility, we
found that blocking JNK signaling by overexpressing Puc or knocking down *unc-13*
significantly reduced the number of GFP-Wg-positive puncta in the *RpS3/+* wing
pouch (Fig 3I and 3J, quantified in Fig 3K). In addition, we observed a significant
increase in extracellular GFP-positive puncta and extracellular CD63-mCherry-positive
vesicles in the *RpS3/+* wing pouch when GFP-Wg was captured using the Vhh4-CD8
morphotrap on the cell surface, compared to the wild-type control (Fig S3D and S3E,
quantified in Fig S3F and Fig S3G). Furthermore, these extracellular GFP-positive
puncta captured on the cell surface by the Vhh4-CD8 morphotrap occasionally
colocalized with extracellular CD63-mCherry-positive vesicles (6.88% in the wild-type,
and 16.45% in the *RpS3/+* wing pouch region, which is characterized by massive cell
death, as indicated by the arrowheads in Fig S3D and S3E). Together, these data suggest
that dying cells secrete Wg via exocytosis in the *M/+* wing pouch.

Fz2 contributes to massive cell-turnover in the *M/+* wing pouch

Finally, we investigated the potential role of the Wg receptor in mediating cell-
turnover in the *M/+* wing pouch, which could interact with Wg released from dying
cells. We found that the expression of the Wg receptor Frizzled2 (Fz2) (52, 53, 54) was
upregulated in the *RpS3/+* wing pouch compared to the wild-type control, as assayed
by the *Fz2-lacZ* (55) and the *Fz2-Venus* protein trap (56, 57) (Fig 4A-4C, quantified in
Fig 4F; Fig S4A-S4C). Additionally, a downregulation of Fz2 expression was observed
in the dying cells of the *M/+* wing pouch (Fig 4B, 4C, S4B and S4C), which is
associated with JNK signaling (Fig 4D and S4D), though it is unclear whether this is
directly mediated by JNK signaling or a consequence of JNK-mediated dying process.
Furthermore, we intriguingly found that cell death and mitoses were significantly
suppressed in the *M/+* wing pouch when the difference in Fz2 expression level was
reduced, either by deleting one copy of the Fz2 gene or by knocking down *Fz2*
throughout the entire wing pouch (Fig 4G-4I and 4K, quantified in Fig 4J and 4L,
respectively). These observations are consistent with our previous study, which
demonstrated that cell death was significantly suppressed when the Wg signaling
gradient in the *M/+* pouch was genetically reduced (14). Taken together, these results
suggested that the elevated expression of Fz2 in the M/+ wing pouch, relative to the

wild-type control, plays a critical role in potentially facilitating the activation of Wg
signaling in response to Wg released from dying cells, thereby driving massive cell
turnover in the M/+ pouch.

Discussion

Our current study reveals that exocytosis is crucial for massive cell-turnover in
M/+ wing morphogenesis, functioning as a downstream event of JNK signaling. In
dying cells, JNK signaling elevates the expression of exocytosis-related genes and Wg,
leading to increased Wg secretion. This secreted Wg likely interacts with the Fz2
receptors on neighboring living cells, enhancing Wg signaling and thereby determining
their cell fates by specifying which cell undergo apoptosis and which are primed for
proliferation (Fig. 5). Notably, impairment of exocytosis in dying cells in *RpS3/+*
animals leads to phenotypic variations in adult wings (Fig 2K and 2L in this study),
suggesting that increased exocytosis in dying cells, followed by subsequent cell-
turnover, may provide the flexibility needed to adjust developmental programs.

We identified Wg as a crucial factor secreted through exocytosis from dying cells,
which is essential for the proliferation of neighboring living cells to maintain tissue
homeostasis. Previous studies have shown that 'undead' cells, stimulated toward
apoptosis but kept alive by the caspase inhibitor p35, are able to promote the
proliferation of neighboring cells in the *Drosophila* epithelium (58, 59, 60). Several
mitogens including Wg, Dpp, and Spitz (a EGF homolog) have been identified as being
produced by apoptotic cells in a JNK-dependent manner (17, 50, 61). In addition,
Hedgehog (Hh) (15) have also been identified as products of apoptotic cells.
Furthermore, during cell competition between wild-type (winners) and *M/+* cells
(losers) in the *Drosophila* epithelium, prospective loser cells secrete Upd3, which
promotes competitive elimination by winner cells (12). Hence, in addition to Wg, other
mitogens could also be secreted thorough exocytosis from dying cells, potentially
contributing to massive cell-turnover in the *M/+* wing pouch.

Previous studies have identified exosomes as carriers of Wnt/Wg in the
extracellular space of both mammalian and *Drosophila* cells, including wing disc cells
(26, 45, 46, 47, 48, 62). Concurrently, alternative mechanisms for Wg transport, such
as those involving lipoprotein particles or a lipocalin Swim in the *Drosophila* wing disc,
have been reported (27, 63). Additionally, the cell-surface proteoglycan Dally-like-

protein (Dlp) has been reported to enable long-range signaling of the palmitoylated Wg

(51). Our data from the *M/+* wing disc reveal partial colocalization of Wg-GFP puncta

with exosome markers such as CD63-mCherry and Hrs. This indicates that while

exosomes contribute significantly to Wg transport, other mechanisms may also be

involved. Importantly, our study stands out by focusing on Wg transport in the unique

context of the *M/+* wing pouch, which is characterized by massive cell turnover

essential for normal development. This suggests the potential for Wg transport

mechanisms to be highly context-dependent, particularly in environments with active

cellular dynamics.

Rp genes are crucial in a broad range of organisms, from yeast to humans,

frequently exhibiting haploinsufficient mutant phenotypes. Notably, heterozygous

mutations in genes encoding ribosomal proteins or ribosomal biogenesis factors are

linked to tissue-specific human diseases known as ribosomopathies (64). In patients

affected by these conditions, some tissues may preserve normal patterning and

functions, potentially by buffering stresses caused by ribosomal mutations. Given the

evolutionary conservation of the molecules we identified in *Drosophila*, regulating cell

turnover through exocytosis in dying cells may represent evolutionarily conserved

strategy to prevent developmental abnormalities in ribosomal protein mutants.

Method

Fly strains

Fly stocks were cultured at 25°C on standard fly food. To detect dying cells in the wing

pouch, the following strains were used: *nub-Gal4; UAS-CD8-PARP-Venus* (control);

nub-Gal4; UAS-CD8-PARP-Venus, RpS3^{Plac92}/TM6B (*RpS3*/+ tester); *puc-Gal4, UAS-*

CD8-PARP-Venus/TM6B. Additional strains were used as follows: *UAS-*

EGFP.CD63 (BL91390), *UAS-CD63.mCherry* (BL91389), *UAS-Syt1-eGFP* (BL6925),

RpL19^{K03704} (DGRC102285), *20XUAS-IVS-GCaMP6m* (BL42750), *UAS-unc-13-RNAi*

(VDRC33609, NIG2999R-2), *UAS-LexA-RNAi* (BL67947), *UAS-Rab3-RNAi*

(NIG7576R-3, BL31691), *UAS-SNAP25-RNAi* (HMS01367, BL27306), *UAS-Syt1-*

RNAi (NIG3139R-1, BL31668), *UAS-Rab27-RNAi* (NIG14791R-2, BL31887), *UAS-*

ALiX-RNAi (HMS00298, VDRC32049), *UAS-fz2-RNAi* (NIG9739R-1, 9739R-2),

UAS-Puc (65), *UAS-p35* (66), *nmo^{P1}* (BL27897), *fz2^{CPTI003490}* (*fz2-Venus*)

(DGRC115411), *fz2^{SB227}* (*fz2-lacZ*) (DGRC103079), *GFP-Wingless^{S239A}* (JP. Vincent)

(51), *UAS-VHH4-CD8-HA* (JP. Vincent) (51), and *fz2^{C1}* (G. Struhl) (67).

Histology

Wandering third instar larvae were dissected in phosphate buffered saline (PBS) and

fixed with 4%-Paraformaldehyde (PFA) for 5 min on ice, followed by 20 min at room

temperature. The fixed larvae were washed 3 times with PBT (PBS + 0.1% TritonX100)

for 20 min each, and were then blocked with PBTn (5% donkey serum + PBT) solution

for 30 min. For immunostaining, they were incubated overnight at 4°C with primary

antibodies in PBTn. After four 30-minute washes with PBT, the samples were re-

blocked in PBTn for 30 minutes, then incubated with secondary antibodies for 2 hours

at room temperature. Following another set of four 30-minute washes with PBT, the

samples were mounted using either SlowFade Diamond Antifade Mountant (Invitrogen,

#S36972) or an alternative anti-fade mounting medium. The latter was composed of

70% Glycerol (Sigma, #G5516), 0.2% n-Propyl Gallate (KANTO CHEMICAL,

#32465-31), and supplemented with DAPI (Sigma, #D9542). For extracellular

immunostaining, larvae were dissected in ice-cold Schneider's *Drosophila* Medium

(Gibco, #21720024) and incubated with primary antibodies for 2 hours on ice. The

larvae were then rinsed with ice-cold Schneider's *Drosophila* Medium followed by

PBS and fixed with 4% PFA for 40 min at room temperature. After fixation, samples

were washed with PBS. Subsequent processing was the same as in the preceding

protocol. Images were taken with Leica SP5, Leica SP8, Leica SPE, Leica STELLARIS

and ZEISS LSM900 confocal microscopes. Primary antibodies used are as follows; rat

anti-GFP antibody (Nacalai Tesque, #04404-26, 1:1000) (Extracellular GFP, 1:300),

rabbit anti-cleaved PARP (Asp214) antibody (Cell Signaling Technology (CST), #9541,

1:200), rabbit anti-phospho-histone H3 (Ser10) antibody (CST, #9706, 1:100), mouse

anti-Wg antibody (Developmental Studies Hybridoma Bank (DSHB), #4D4-c, 1:500),

rabbit anti-DsRed antibody (Takara Bio Clontech (CLN), #632496, 1:250)

(Extracellular DsRed, 1:75), mouse anti-β-galactosidase antibody (Sigma, #G8021,

1:500), mouse anti-Hrs antibody (DSHB, #27-4-s, 1:250), and rabbit anti-Cleaved

Drosophila Dcp-1 (Asp216) antibody (CST, #9678, 1:100) for 3 days. Secondary

antibodies used are as follows; Goat anti-rabbit Alexa 488 (1:250, Invitrogen #A11034),

Goat anti-rabbit Alexa 546 (1:250, Invitrogen #A11035), Goat anti-rat Alexa 488

(1:250, Invitrogen #A11006), Goat anti-chicken Alexa 488 (1:250, Invitrogen,

#A11039), and Goat anti-mouse Alexa 647 (1:250, Invitrogen #A21237) antibodies.

Quantification of puncta number

The vesicle marker EGFP-CD63, CD63-mCherry, and Syt1-eGFP were expressed in

the wing pouch under the control of *nub-gal4 driver*. In the region where massive cell

death is observed in the *M/+* wing disc, these markers, in addition to GFP-Wingless

signals, were acquired at the confocal plane exhibiting the highest signal intensity.

Puncta were manually counted using Fiji software and the data were analyzed with

KaleidaGraph (Synergy Software).

Calcium Time-lapse imaging and quantification

To monitor Ca^{2+} activity, wandering third instar larvae were dissected and cultured in

Schneider's *Drosophila* medium supplemented with 2% FBS, 1% Insulin solution

(Sigma-Aldrich, #I0516), 3% fly extract (VDRC, #VFE1.25), and 2% low-melting

agarose (Sigma-Aldrich, #A4018)/PBS. Imaging was conducted at 10 sec intervals for

20-min with a Leica STELLARIS confocal microscope (38, 68). For quantitative

analysis, dying cells exhibiting continuous calcium activity were manually counted

using Fiji software and the data were analyzed with KaleidaGraph.

Detection of dying cells and quantification using CD8-PARP-Venus

To detect dying cells, the activated-caspase-3 indicator CD8-PARP-Venus was

expressed in the pouch under the control of *nub-gal4* driver or JNK activating cells

under the control of *puc-gal4* driver. Cleaved PARP signals were acquired at the

confocal plane where signal intensity was highest. The number of these signals in the

wing pouch was manually measured using Fiji software and the data were analyzed

with KaleidaGraph.

Quantification of pH3-positive area

For the analysis of pH3-positive cells, total area of pH3-positive cells and the size of

the wing pouch area were automatically measured from confocal slices of Z-stack

images compressed using maximum projection functions in Fiji software, as previously

described (69). The acquired data were then analyzed with KaleidaGraph.

Measurement of adult wings

Left and right wings of female flies were rinsed with xylene and mounted in a Canada Balsam (Nacalai Tesque). Images of the wings were acquired using Leica M205C stereo microscope.

Quantitative Analysis of GFP-Wingless and CD63-mCherry Colocalization

To analyze the overlap between GFP-Wingless-positive puncta and CD63-mcherry-positive vesicles, their colocalization was manually quantified in the regions exhibiting massive cell death. This quantification was conducted using the confocal plane that displayed the highest signal intensity. Images were manually thresholded to eliminate background signals, and the areas of overlap were calculated using Fiji software, followed by further analyses with KaleidaGraph.

Quantification of *Fz2-lacZ* signals

For comparing *Fz2-lacZ* expression levels, single confocal sections were used, and a fluorescence intensity profile was generated by measuring the fluorescence intensity of *Fz2-lacZ*-expressing cells along the dorsal compartment (the pale yellow-marked area indicated in Fig 4E) using Fiji software.

FACS and mRNA-seq analysis

GFP+ wing pouch cells were isolated using a FACS Aria II cell sorter (BD Bioscience). Total RNA was then extracted for RNA sequencing analysis, following the method previously described (70). Briefly, third instar larvae were dissected in ice-cold PBS. The wing disc cells were dissociated using Trypsin (10x TrypLE Select) (Gibco, #A1217701) at 37°C for 20 min. The enzymatic reaction was stopped with Schneider's medium containing 5% FBS, and GFP-positive cells from wing pouches were sorted using a FACS Aria II cell sorter (BD Bioscience). RNA samples were extracted using NucleoSpin RNA XS Kit (TaKaRa, #740902). The quality of the extracted total RNA was assessed using an Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer, and then Strand-specific Libraries for mRNA-seq were prepared using the NEBNext Ultra II Directional RNA Library Prep Kit for Illumina (E7760S). For RNA-seq, NextSeq 500/550 High output Kit v2.5 was utilized on a NextSeq 500 (Illumine), generating single-end reads at a length of 85 bases.

RNA-seq data analysis

Each genotype was analyzed across three independent replicates. Each sequencing experiment generated more than 16 million raw reads. These reads were then quality-filtered using Trim_Galore! (v0.6.5) (https://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/ trim_galore/) with the default setting to remove low-quality reads and adaptor sequences. The filtered reads were mapped to the *Drosophila* melanogaster genome (Ensembl BDGP6.32), obtained from Illumina iGenomes using STAR (71). In the *RpS3/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-Puc* experiment, one sample exhibited only 65.69% of reads being uniquely mapped, which was lower compared to other experiments where more than 80% of reads were uniquely mapped in each sample. The number of reads mapped to each gene was quantified using RSEM (v1.3.3) (72). Normalization was performed with calcNormFactors function in edgeR (v3.30.3) (73). Significantly differentially expressed genes were identified with an FDR<0.05 using the glmQLFit and glmQLFTest function in edgeR (R version 4.0.1, limma 3.44.3). Furthermore, GO enrichment analysis was performed on the 362 genes regulated by JNK signaling, utilizing the online tool available at "Gene Ontology" (https://geneontology.org).

Statistical analysis

Statistical analysis was performed, and boxplot graphs were generated using KaleidaGraph ver4.5 (Synergy Software). All experiments represented in the same graph were conducted at the same time. In bar graphs, error bars indicate the standard deviation (SD). Significance levels are indicated as follows: * P<0.05, ** P<0.01, and *** P<0.001. All statistical data were summarized in S4 Table.

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Figure legends

Fig 1. *M/+* wing pouch elevates exocytosis downstream of JNK signaling

(A-E) The exosome marker EGFP-CD63 was expressed in the wing pouch of wild-type, (A), *RpS3/+,* (B), *RpS3/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-Puc* (C), or *RpS3/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-unc-13-RNAi* (D) flies (white). The images correspond to the boxed area in the schematic diagram of the wing disc (E). Dying cells in the wing disc were visualized by anti-cleaved Dcp-1 staining (white). EGFP-CD63-positive vesicles were frequently observed in the area of morphological dying cells in the *RpS3/+* wing pouch (Indicated by Orange arrowheads). Scale bar, 50 μm.

(F) Boxplot with dots representing the number of EGFP-CD63-positive puncta in the pouch of genotypes shown in (A) (n=13, number of wing pouches), (B) (n=14), (C) (n=16), and (D) (n=13). Error bars, SEM; ***, p<0.001; Wilcoxon rank-sum test.

(G-J') The vesicle marker Syt1-EGFP was expressed in the wing pouch of wild-type (G), *RpS3/+* (H), *RpS3/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-Puc* (I), or *RpS3/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-unc-13-RNAi* (J) flies (white). The images correspond to the boxed area in the schematic diagram of the wing disc (E). Dying cells in the wing disc were visualized by anti-cleaved Dcp-1 staining (white). Syt1-EGFP-positive vesicles were frequently observed in the area of morphological dying cells in the *RpS3/+* wing pouch (Indicated by Orange arrowheads). Scale bar, 50 μm.

(K) Boxplot with dots representing the number of Syt1-EGFP-positive puncta in the wing pouch of genotypes shown in (G) (n=15), (H) (n=12), (I) (n=14), and (J) (n=16). Error bars, SEM; ***, p<0.001; Wilcoxon rank-sum test.

(L-O) Time-lapse imaging of Ca^{2+} signaling in cultured wing discs. The calcium reporter GCaMP6m (shown in pseudo color) was expressed in the wing pouch of wild-type (L), *RpS3/+* (M), or *RpS3/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-Puc* (N) flies. Images were acquired at 10-second intervals. White arrowheads indicate the persistent activation of Ca^{2+} signaling. White asterisks indicate spontaneous Ca^{2+} flashes. The images correspond to the boxed area in the schematic diagram of the wing disc (O). Scale bar, 5 μm.

(P) Quantification of cells exhibiting continuous Ca^{2+} activity for 20 minutes in the wing pouch. The respective genotypes are shown in (L) (n=12), (M) (n=10) or (N) (n=9). These images are Z-stacked images from 3 confocal images (4μm). Arrowheads indicate massive cell death in the Error bars, SEM; **, p<0.01; Wilcoxon rank-sum test.

Fig 2.   Exocytosis is required for massive cell-turnover in the *M/+* wing pouch

(A-E) Wing discs of wild-type (A), *RpS3/+* (B), *RpS3/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-Puc* (C), *RpS3/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-unc-13-RNAi* (D) or *RpS3/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-Rab3-RNAi* (E) flies were stained with anti-phospho-histone H3 (pH3) (Ser10) antibody (white). Wing pouches were marked in pale green. Scale bar, 100 μm.

(F-J) The activated-caspase-3 indicator CD8-PARP-Venus was expressed in the wing pouch of wild-type (F), *RpS3/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-lexA-RNAi* (G), *RpS3/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-unc-13-RNAi* (H), *RpS3/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-Rab3-RNAi* (I), or *RpS3/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-SNAP25-RNAi* (J) flies, and dying cells in the wing pouch were visualized by anti-cleaved PARP staining (white). Orange arrowheads indicate massive cell death in the *RpS3/+* wing pouch. Scale bar, 100μm.

(L) Adult wing phenotypes were classified as following five types: (a) normal, (b) vein (weak) (weakly bearing a brunched vein in the point of "landmark 14" (arrow) (65) (c) vein (strong) (bearing other additional vein phenotypes (arrowheads) in addition to "landmark 14"), (d) notch, and (e) severe.

(K) The rate of defective wings in the genotypes of wild-type (n=55), *RpS3/+* (n=44), *RpS3/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-Puc* (n=63), *RpS3/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-unc-13-RNAi* (n=101) and *RpS3/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-Rab3-RNAi* (n=99).

(M-O') Using *puc-gal4* driver, CD8-PARP-Venus (white) was expressed in JNK-activating cells in the wing disc of wild-type (M), *RpS3/+,* (N) or *RpS3/+, UAS-Rab3-RNAi* (O) flies. Dying cells in the JNK-activating cells were visualized by anti-cleaved PARP staining (white). Scale bar, 100μm.

(P) Boxplot with individual dots representing pH3-positive areas in the pouch of genotypes shown in (A) (n=18), (B) (n=22), (C) (n=23), (D) (n=12) and (E) (n=21). Error bars, SEM; ***, $p < 0.001$; Wilcoxon rank-sum test.

(Q) Boxplot with individual dots representing the number of cleaved-PARP-positive dying cells per pouch in genotypes shown in (F) (n=18), (G) (n=24), (H) (n=18), (I) (n=13), and (J) (n=13). Error bars, SEM; ***, $p < 0.001$, *, $p < 0.05$; Wilcoxon rank-sum test.

(R) Boxplot with individual dots representing the number of cleaved-PARP-positive dying cells in JNK-activating cells per pouch. The respective genotypes are shown in

(M) (n=16), (N) (n=21), and (O) (n=23). Error bars, SEM; ***, p<0.001; Wilcoxon

rank-sum test.

Fig 3.   **Dying cells secrete Wg via exocytosis in the *M/+* wing pouch**

(A-C') Wg expression was visualized by anti-Wg staining (white) in the wing pouch of

nub-Gal4, UAS-p35 (A), *RpS3/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-p35* (B), or *RpS3/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-*

p35, UAS-Puc (C) flies. The nuclei were visualized by DAPI staining (white). Scale

bar, 100μm.

(D-E''') Immunofluorescent localization of the exosome marker CD63-mCherry, as

visualized by anti-dsRed staining (magenta), and GFP-Wingless (white) in the wing

pouch of *GFP-Wg/+* (D) or *RpS3/+, GFP-Wg/+* (E) flies expressing CD63-mCherry.

The nuclei were visualized by DAPI staining (blue). The images correspond to the area

enclosed by rectangle 1 in the schematic diagram of the wing disc (F). Orange

arrowheads indicate the colocalization of GFP-Wingless-positive puncta with CD63-

mCherry-positive puncta. Scale bar, 20μm.

(G-J') The membrane-tethered anti-GFP nanobody (Vhh4-CD8-HA) was expressed in

the wing pouch of *GFP-Wg/+* (G), *RpS3/+, GFP-Wg/+* (H), *RpS3/+, GFP-Wg/+, nub-*

Gal4, UAS-Puc (I), or *RpS3/+, GFP-Wg/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-unc-13-RNAi* (J) flies.

GFP-Wingless was visualized by anti-GFP staining (white). The nuclei were visualized

by DAPI staining (white). The images correspond to the area enclosed by the rectangle

2 in the schematic diagram of the wing disc (F). Immobilized Wg-GFP-positive puncta

were frequently observed in the area of morphological dying cells in the *RpS3/+* wing

pouch (Indicated by orange arrowheads). Scale bar, 50μm.

(K) Boxplot with individual dots representing the number of GFP-Wingless-positive

puncta per rectangle-2 in the wing pouch (F). The respective genotypes are shown in

(G) (n=9), (H) (n=14), (I)(n=11), and (J) (n=11). Error bars, SEM; ***, p<0.001, **,

p<0.01; Wilcoxon rank-sum test.

Fig 4.   **Fz2 contributes to massive cell-turnover in the *M/+* wing pouch**

(A-D''') The expression of *fz2* in the wing disc of *fz2-lacZ/+* (A), *RpS3/+, fz2-lacZ/+*

(B), or *RpS3/+, fz2-lacZ/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-Puc* (D) flies was visualized by anti-β-

galactosidase staining (white). Dying cells in the wing disc were visualized by anti-cleaved Dcp-1 staining (magenta). The nuclei were visualized by DAPI staining (blue). (C)–(C''') are high-magnification images of the boxed area in (B)–(B'''). Orange arrowheads in (B-C''') indicate dying cells that exhibit relatively lower *fz2* expression compared to their surrounding cells.

(F) Average fluorescence intensities of *Fz2-lacZ* along the dorsal compartment (as indicated the pale yellow area in (E)). Each line represents the average intensity in either *fz2-lacZ/+* (n=6) (blue) or *RpS3/+, fz2-lacZ/+* (n=6) (red) flies.

(G-I) Dying cells were visualized by anti-cleaved PARP staining in the wing pouch of *RpS3/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-fz2-RNAi* (9739R-1) (G), *RpS3/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-fz2-RNAi* (9739R-2) (H), or *RpS3/+, fz2/+* (I) flies expressing CD8-PARP-Venus (white). Scale bar, 100μm.

(J) Boxplot with individual dots representing the number of cleaved-PARP-positive dying cells per pouch. The respective genotypes are shown in (Fig 2G) (n=24, number of wing pouches), (G) (n=22), (H) (n=25), and (I) (n=19). Error bars, SEM; ***, $p < 0.001$; Wilcoxon rank-sum test.

(K) Wing discs of *RpS3/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-fz2-RNAi* flies were stained with anti-phospho-histone H3 (pH3) (Ser10) antibody (white). Wing pouches were marked in pale green. Scale bar, 100μm.

(L) Boxplot with individual dots representing pH3-positive areas in the pouch of genotypes shown in (2A) (n=18, number of wing pouches), (2B) (n=22), and (K) (n=21). Error bars, SEM; ***, $p < 0.001$, **, $p < 0.01$; Wilcoxon rank-sum test.

Fig 5. A model for ensuring robust coordination of tissue growth in *M/+* animals
During the larval period of *M/+* animals, JNK signaling is activated in the *M/+* wing pouch, which induces the expression of exocytosis-related genes and Wg, leading to the secretion of Wg through exocytosis in dying cells. Subsequently, neighboring cells then receive Wg via Fz2 receptor, establishing their apoptosis/proliferative status and consequently leading to massive cell-turnover in the *M/+* wing pouch.

<u>Supporting information</u>

S1 Fig, related to Figure 1. *M/+* **wing pouch elevates exocytosis downstream of JNK signaling.**

(A) Schematic representation of the genotypes used for transcriptional profiling: mRNA was isolated from FACS-Sorted GFP$^+$ pouch cells (green) in third instar wing discs of wild-type, *RpS3/+*, or *RpS3/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-Puc* flies.

(B) Four GO terms for biological process were significantly enriched in the *RpS3/+*-regulated genes.

(C) Venn diagram depicting genes that are differentially expressed in *RpS3/+* cells compared to wild-type cells, with 362 of these changes being regulated by JNK signaling.

(D) Expression levels (fold changes relative to wild-type control or *RpS3/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-Puc*) for *RpS3/+* -regulated genes associated with the "secretion by cell" GO term. These genes were regulated by JNK signaling in the *RpS3/+* wing pouch.

(E) EGFP-CD63 was expressed in the wing pouch of *RpL19/+* flies (white). Dying cells were visualized by anti-cleaved Dcp-1 staining in the wing discs (white). Arrowheads indicate massive cell death in the *RpS3/+* wing pouch. Scale bar, 50 μm.

(F) Boxplot with individual dots representing the number of EGFP-CD63-positive puncta in the pouch of genotypes shown in Fig.1(A) (n=13, number of wing pouches) and Fig S1(E) (n=13). Error bars, SEM; ***, p<0.001; Wilcoxon rank-sum test.

(G-H') Wing discs of wild-type (G) or *RpS3/+* (H) flies were stained with anti-Hrs antibody (white). The nuclei were visualized by DAPI staining (blue). Hrs-positive vesicles were frequently observed in the area of morphological dying cells in the *RpS3/+* wing pouch (Indicated by orange arrowheads). The images correspond to the area enclosed by rectangle 1 in the schematic diagram of the wing disc (Fig S3B). Scale bar, 20μm.

(I) Boxplot with individual dots representing the number of Hrs-positive puncta in the pouch of genotypes shown in Fig.S1(G) (n=14, number of wing pouches) and Fig.S1(H) (n=14). Error bars, SEM; ***, p<0.001; Wilcoxon rank-sum test.

S2 Fig, related to Figure 2. **Exocytosis is required for massive cell-turnover in the *M/+* wing pouch.**

(A-J) CD8-PARP-Venus was expressed in the wing pouch of *RpS3/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-Puc* (A), *RpS3/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-unc-13-RNAi* (B), *RpS3/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-Rab3-RNAi* (C), *RpS3/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-SNAP25-RNAi* (D), *RpS3/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-Syt-RNAi* (E and F), *RpS3/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-Rab27-RNAi* (G and H), or *RpS3/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-ALiX-RNAi* (I and J) flies, and dying cells in the wing pouch were visualized by anti-cleaved PARP staining (white). Scale bar, 100μm.

(K) The rate of defective wings in the genotypes of *nub-Gal4, UAS-Puc* (n=41), *nub-Gal4, UAS-unc-13-RNAi* (n=55) and *nub-Gal4, UAS-Rab3-RNAi* (n=61).

(L-M') Using *puc-gal4* driver, CD8-PARP-Venus (white) was expressed in JNK-activating cells in the wing disc of *RpL19/+,* (L) or *RpL19/+, puc-Gal4, UAS-Rab3-RNAi* (M). Dying cells in the JNK-activating cells were visualized by anti-cleaved PARP staining (white). Scale bar, 100 μm. Scale bar, 100μm.

(N) Boxplot with individual dots representing the number of cleaved-PARP-positive dying cells per pouch in genotypes shown in (Fig 2F) (n=18), (Fig 2G) (n=24), (A) (n=18), (B) (n=14), (C) (n=13), (D) (n=12), (E) (n=15), (F) (n=10), (G) (n=13), (H) (n=14), (I) (n=13), and (J) (n=13). Error bars, SEM; ***, p<0.001, **, p<0.01 ; Wilcoxon rank-sum test.

(O) Boxplot with individual dots representing the number of cleaved-PARP-positive dying cells in JNK-activating cells per pouch. The respective genotypes are shown in (L) (n=11), and (M) (n=9). Error bars, SEM; ***, p<0.001; Wilcoxon rank-sum test.

S3 Fig, related to Figure 3.   Dying cells Secrete Wg via exocytosis in the M/+ wing pouch.

(A-B) Relative position of dying cells (cleaved PARP, magenta) and Wg signaling activity (anti-β-galactosidase, white) in the wing pouch of *RpS3/+, nmo-LacZ/+* flies (A). Orange arrowheads in (A-A''') indicate dying cells that exhibit relatively lower Wg activity compared to their surrounding cells. The nuclei were visualized by DAPI staining (blue). The images correspond to the area enclosed by rectangle 1 in the schematic diagram of the wing disc (B). Scale bar, 50μm.

(C) CD63-mcherry and Vhh4-CD8-HA were expressed in the wing pouch of *RpS3/+, GFP-Wg/+* flies. CD63-mCherry was visualized by anti-dsRed staining (magenta). GFP-Wingless was visualized by anti-GFP staining (white). The nuclei were visualized by DAPI staining (blue). Orange arrowheads indicate the colocalization between

CD63-mCherry-positive and GFP-Wingless-positive puncta. The images correspond to

the area enclosed by rectangle 2 in the schematic diagram of the wing disc (B). Scale

bar, 20μm.

(D-E''') Vhh4-CD8-HA was expressed in the wing pouch of *GFP-Wg/+* (D) or *RpS3/+,*

GFP-Wg/+ (E) flies. Extracellular CD63-mCherry and extracellular GFP-Wingless

were visualized by anti-dsRed staining (magenta) and anti-GFP staining (white),

respectively. The nuclei were visualized by DAPI staining (blue). Orange arrowheads

indicate the colocalization of extracellular GFP-Wingless-positive puncta with

extracellular CD63-mCherry-positive puncta. The images correspond to the area

enclosed by the rectangle 2 in the schematic diagram of the wing disc (B). Scale bar,

20μm.

(F) Boxplot with individual dots representing extracellular CD63-mCherry-positive

area in the region enclosed by rectangle 2 in the schematic diagram of the wing disc

(B). The respective genotypes are shown in (D) (n=10) and (E) (n=12). Error bars,

SEM; *, $p < 0.05$; Wilcoxon rank-sum test.

(G) Boxplot with individual dots representing extracellular GFP-Wingess-positive area

in the region enclosed by rectangle 2 in the schematic diagram of the wing disc (B).

The respective genotypes are shown in (D) (n=10), and (E) (n=12) Error bars, SEM;

***, $p < 0.001$; Wilcoxon rank-sum test.

S4 Fig, related to Figure 4.   Fz2 contributes to massive cell-turnover in the *M/+*

wing pouch.

(A-D''') The expression of Fz2 in the wing disc of *fz2-Venus/+* (A), *RpS3/+, fz2-*

Venus/+ (B), or *RpS3/+, fz2-Venus/+, nub-Gal4, UAS-Puc* (D) flies was visualized by

anti-GFP staining (white). Dying cells in the wing disc were visualized by anti-cleaved

Dcp-1 staining (magenta). The nuclei were visualized by DAPI staining (blue). (C)–

(C''') are high-magnification images of the boxed area in (B)–(B'''). Orange

arrowheads in (B-C''') indicate dying cells that exhibit relatively lower Fz2 expression

compared to their surrounding cells.

S1 Movie. Calcium Time-lapse imaging of wing discs

The calcium reporter GCaMP6m was expressed in wing pouches of wild-type larvae.

Wing discs were dissected and subjected to time-lapse imaging at 10-second intervals

with a Leica STELLARIS confocal microscope. See *Methods* for details.

S2 Movie. Calcium Time-lapse imaging of wing discs

The calcium reporter GCaMP6m was expressed in wing pouches of *RpS3/+* larvae.

Wing discs were dissected and subjected to time-lapse imaging at 10-second intervals

with a Leica STELLARIS confocal microscope. See *Methods* for details.

S3 Movie. Calcium Time-lapse imaging of wing discs

The calcium reporter GCaMP6m was expressed in wing pouches of *RpS3/+*, *nub-Gal4,*

UAS-Puc larvae. Wing discs were dissected and subjected to time-lapse imaging at 10-

second intervals with a Leica STELLARIS confocal microscope. See *Methods* for

details.

S1 Table

List of genes identified as differentially expressed by RNA-seq between RpS3/+

and WT, and between RpS3/+, +Puc and WT pouch cells.

S2 Table

List of genes identified as differentially expressed by RNA-seq between *RpS3*/+

and *RpS3*/+, +Puc pouch cells.

S3 Table

List of genes differentially expressed in *RpS3*/+ pouch cells, associated with JNK

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S4 Table

Summary of statistical analysis.

S1 Text

Detailed Genotypes used in each figure.

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A

C 1097 *RpS3/+*-regulated genes

735   JNK-dependent 362

B

GO term	P value
receptor signaling pathway via JAK-STAT	3.82E-04
DNA repair	5.66E-08
positive regulation of JNK cascade	2.25E-04
secretion by cell	1.06E-03

D

gene	Fold change *unc-13*	secretion by cell *SNAP25*	*cadps*
RpS3/+ / Wild-type	5.97	82.14	2.29
RpS3/+ / *RpS3/+, +Puc*	2.42	2.52	3.44

F

No. of EGFP.CD63 puncta/ area

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wt   *RpL19/+*

E EGFP-CD63   *RpL19/+*

E' cDCP1

G *wt* DAPI

H *RpS3/+* DAPI

G' Hrs

H' Hrs

I

Relative Hrs-positive area / pouch

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wt   *RpS3/+*