Phosphatidylethanolamine produced in the inner mitochondrial membrane is essential for yeast cytochrome bc$_1$ complex function

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ABBREVIATIONS:

Cardiolipin (CL), Cytochrome bc$_1$ complex (complex III), cytochrome oxidase (complex IV), Coenzyme Q (CoQ), diacylglycerol (DAG), endoplasmic reticulum (ER), inner membrane (IM), intermembrane space (IMS), m-chlorophenyl hydrazine (CCCP), mitochondrial-associated membrane (MAM), mitochondrial contact site and cristae organizing system (MICOS), mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA), n-Dodecyl-β-D-maltoside (DDM), outer membrane (OM), oxidative phosphorylation (OXPHOS), phosphatidic acid (PA), phosphatidylcholine (PC), phosphatidylethanolamine (PE),phosphatidylinositol (PI), phosphatidylserine (PS), phosphatidylserine decarboxylase 1 (Psd1), respiratory control ratio (RCR), synthetic complete dextrose (SCD), synthetic complete lactate (SC-LAC), synthetic complete ethanol glycerol (SCEG), tetramethyl-p-phenyldiamine (TMPD), wildtype (WT)

ABSTRACT:

The capacity of mitochondria to produce ATP is linked with its ability to generate phosphatidylethanolamine (PE). Of the four separate PE biosynthetic pathways in eukaryotes, three reside in the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) and one occurs in the inner membrane (IM) of mitochondria and is executed by phosphatidylserine (PS) decarboxylase (Psd1p). Deletion of Psd1 is lethal in mice and disrupts mitochondrial morphology, impairs cell growth, and diminishes respiratory capacity in both yeast and mammalian cells. This implies that the ER pathways for PE biosynthesis are unable to compensate for the absence of Psd1. We hypothesize that this failure is due to the inefficient trafficking of extra-mitochondrial PE into the IM. Here, we sought to determine which aqueous compartment, the cytosol or the mitochondrial intermembrane space, is the greatest barrier for PE trafficking to the IM. Yeast strains expressing two novel chimeric constructs that re-direct Psd1p to either the outer mitochondrial membrane (OM-Psd1p) or the endomembrane system (ER-Psd1p) were characterized. By comparing growth phenotypes, phospholipid turnover, and the activities of electron transport chain complexes of these PE re-routed strains, we identified the intermembrane space as the greatest barrier for PE import. Interestingly, PE made outside of the IM was able to rescue the activity of respiratory complex IV but not complex III. Since the activity of both complexes is dependent on PE, this suggests that Psd1p and/or PE made in the IM is uniquely able to support complex III function.

INTRODUCTION:

The evolutionary design of living cells has revealed redundancies in various metabolic pathways to promote survival. Importantly however, the sequestration of enzymes and their substrates into different membrane compartments allows for the enrichment and regulation of

metabolite synthesis in regions of the cell where they are essential. Such is the case for the

biosynthesis of the abundant membrane phospholipid, phosphatidylethanolamine (PE). In

mammalian cells PE is synthesized by four separate pathways, three of which localize to the

endoplasmic reticulum (1). A final pathway is dependent on phosphatidylserine decarboxylase

(Psd1p) which is spatially isolated within the mitochondrial inner membrane (IM) (2-5). The

predominant pathways for PE production include the Kennedy pathway, which synthesizes PE

through the stepwise conjugation of CDP-ethanolamine to diacylglycerol (DAG) and the Psd

pathway which utilizes phosphatidylserine (PS) as a substrate to generate PE (1). In multicellular

organisms, preference for either the Kennedy pathway or the Psd pathway varies between tissues

and cell types (6). Notably, deletion of either pathway is lethal during murine embryogenesis,

highlighting the importance of PE generation in both the ER and mitochondrial compartments for

development (7, 8).

Conservation of the Psd pathway from bacteria to humans likely reflects the endosymbiotic

origin of mitochondria which in turn suggests that mitochondrial PS and PE metabolism has been

preserved to optimize mitochondrial performance (6). Indeed, deletion of phosphatidylserine

decarboxylase (*Pisd* in mouse and humans and *PSD1* in yeast) in eukaryotic cells decreases cellular

growth, impairs oxidative phosphorylation, produces aberrant mitochondrial morphology, and

diminishes PE levels in cells and mitochondria (7, 9-12). The Psd pathway is the predominant

pathway for PE production in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and produces up to 70% of cellular PE in

the cell (13). In contrast to mammals, yeast additionally contain Psd2p which localizes to either

Golgi or endosomal compartments (5, 14). Deletion of *PSD2* alone does not recapitulate any of

the mitochondrial defects associated with loss of *PSD1*, further emphasizing the importance of the

mitochondrial PE biosynthetic pathway therein (5). The combined absence of *PSD1* and *PSD2*

produces a strain that is auxotrophic for exogenous ethanolamine which is used to generate PE

through the Kennedy pathway. As the severity of PE depletion can be genetically and

metabolically adjusted in yeast, this organism has served as an efficient model for studying the

importance of the mitochondrial Psd pathway for cellular respiration.

To our knowledge, characterization of the Psd pathway over the last 50 years of research

has revealed detailed mechanistic insight into the biogenesis of the mature Psd1p enzyme (15). In

yeast, *PSD1* is a nuclear encoded gene whose transcript is translated on cytosolic ribosomes which

produce a full-length zymogen that is catalytically inactive. Upon its mitochondrial import, two

matrix metalloproteases sequentially process the N-terminus of Psd1p which then undergoes a

third processing event that is executed internally by the enzyme itself at the conserved C-terminal

LGST motif (2, 3). This unique autocatalytic processing event severs Psd1p into the large

membrane-anchored β subunit and the small α subunit and is performed by a self-contained

catalytic triad typical of serine proteases (16, 17). Self-processing endows the small α subunit with

an N-terminal pyruvoyl prosthetic group that is crucial for its decarboxylase activity. Post-

cleavage, the two Psd1p subunits remain non-covalently associated within the inner membrane

where they decarboxylate PS to PE (17).

The substrate of Psd1p, PS, is synthesized on the mitochondrial-associated membrane

(MAM) of the ER (18). Thus, the amphipathic PS must be imported from the ER and traverse

through two aqueous compartments, the cytosol and the mitochondrial intermembrane space

(IMS), to reach Psd1p at the IM (19). Although the specific role played by ER-mitochondria

membrane tethers in PS import remains elusive (20-24), recent evidence in yeast implicates that

Mic60p, a subunit of the mitochondrial contact site and cristae organizing system (MICOS) works

in conjunction with the soluble lipid carrier, Ups2p, to expose PS for Psd1p decarboxylation (25,

26). Whether or not a parallel pathway exists for PE import into the IM remains unclear. The lethal consequence of *pisd* deletion in mice and the failure of supplemental ethanolamine to rescue the respiratory defects of *psd1Δ* yeast were taken as evidence that PE made outside of the mitochondrion is unable to compensate for the absence of Psd1p (1, 7, 11, 27). However, it was recently reported that PE made by the Kennedy pathway can in fact restore the impaired oxidative phosphorylation of *psd1Δ* yeast suggesting that extra-mitochondrial PE can partially compensate for the absence of the Psd pathway (28).

Here, we sought to define which aqueous compartment is a barrier for PE trafficking into the mitochondrion in *S. cerevisiae*. Previously, we generated a chimeric Psd1p protein, ER-Psd1p, which is targeted to the endosomal compartment by switching the mitochondrial targeting sequence of Psd1p with the signal sequence of carboxypeptidase Y (29, 30). In the current study, we further characterized the cell biology of ER-Psd1 yeast, together with an OM-targeted chimeric Psd1p (OM-Psd1p), to test if the cytosol, IMS, or both, are barriers that prevent non-mitochondrially produced PE from functionally rescuing the absence of PE made in the IM. Alongside strains expressing these re-directed Psd1p constructs, we compared the mitochondrial function of *psd1Δpsd2Δ* yeast grown in the non-fermentable carbon source, lactate, with or without exogenous ethanolamine supplementation, to evaluate the ability of the Kennedy pathway to support mitochondrial function. Intriguingly, in contrast to cytochrome *c* oxidase (complex IV), cytochrome bc_1 respiratory complex (complex III) activity was impaired in the absence of IM-synthesized PE even after supplementation with ethanolamine. This indicates that the IMS is the greatest obstacle for extra-mitochondrially produced PE to reach the IM where it is crucial for complex III function. Our results demonstrate that Psd1p and/or PE made in the IM by Psd1p is critical to support full complex III function.

RESULTS

The impaired respiratory growth of psd1Δ yeast is not rescued by PE synthesis through the

Kennedy pathway

The ability of supplemental ethanolamine to rescue to the respiratory growth defect of

psd1Δ yeast has been reported by some groups (28) but not others (1, 11, 27). Thus, this is an

important controversy to resolve. If extra-mitochondrially produced PE can replace PE normally

made in the IM, then this would imply that the mitochondrial Psd1 pathway *per se,* is not necessary

for mitochondrial function. By extension, it would suggest that mechanisms to move extra-

mitochondrially produced PE into mitochondria are robust enough to compensate for the absence

of Psd1p. Therefore, we tested the growth of wildtype (WT), *psd1Δ, psd2Δ,* and *psd1Δpsd2Δ* in

synthetic complete ethanol-glycerol (SCEG) medium with or without 2mM ethanolamine

supplementation (Fig 1A). Consistent with previous findings (1, 11, 27), we found that exogenous

ethanolamine supplementation restored respiratory growth of *psd1Δpsd2Δ* yeast to *psd1Δ* levels

but failed to fully restore the respiratory defect associated with *psd1Δ* yeast. Importantly, this basic

result was confirmed in *psd1Δ* yeast made in three additional yeast strain backgrounds (Fig 1B).

Thus, these findings indicate that the Kennedy pathway cannot fully compensate for the absence

of Psd1p function, potentially due to inefficient trafficking of PE from the ER to mitochondrial

OM and/or from the OM to the IM.

Validation of constructs that re-direct Psd1p to OM or ER membranes

To interrogate whether the cytosol and/or the IMS is the barrier that prevents extra-

mitochondrially produced PE from replacing PE normally made in the IM, we generated chimeric

Psd1p constructs that are localized to either the ER or OM to redirect PS and PE metabolism. As

depicted in Fig 2A, these two constructs, and the WT IM-localized Psd1p control (referred to as

IM-Psd1p to distinguish it from strains expressing endogenous Psd1p), contain a C-terminal

3XFLAG tag to track autocatalytic function of these chimeras by immunodetecting the released

Psd1p α subunit. To re-direct Psd1p to the mitochondrial OM, the mitochondrial targeting

sequence and transmembrane domain of Psd1p were replaced by the equivalent domains of the

single-pass OM resident protein, Tom20p. ER-Psd1p, which is directed to the secretory pathway,

was generated by replacing the mitochondrial targeting sequence of Psd1p with the NH_2-terminal

signal sequence of carboxypeptidase Y as mentioned above (30). The ER-Psd1p construct

additionally contains an *N*-glycosylation signal immediately downstream of the CPY leader

sequence to track its topology. OM-Psd1p and ER-Psd1p each yielded mature β and α subunits as

detected by immunoblot of yeast cell extracts demonstrating that self-processing of Psd1p was not

impaired by these modifications to its NH_2-terminus (Fig 2B). All three integrated constructs were

similarly expressed relative to each other and over-expressed compared to endogenous Psd1p.

Importantly, both OM-Psd1p and ER-Psd1p rescued the ethanolamine auxotrophy of

psd1Δpsd2Δ yeast indicating that these constructs are fully functional and capable of generating

levels of PE necessary for cellular growth (Fig 2C).

Previously, localization of ER-Psd1p was established by virtue of its enrichment in the

40,000 x *g* pellet (P40) after subcellular fractionation by gravity centrifugation and its sensitivity

to endoglycosidase H, which revealed a mobility shift following SDS-PAGE post-treatment (30).

To confirm the OM localization of OM-Psd1p, its protease accessibility was determined in intact

mitochondria, OM-ruptured mitoplasts, and detergent-solubilized mitochondria and compared to

IM-Psd1p. Protease treatment of intact mitochondria expressing IM-Psd1p showed protection

against degradation of IM-Psd1p and the IM control, Tim54p (Fig 2D). In contrast, similar to the

OM control Tom70p, OM-Psd1p was completely degraded in intact mitochondria verifying that it

was successfully re-localized to the OM with the bulk of the enzyme facing the cytosol. As

expected given the presence of inter-organelle contact sites, a proportion of ER-Psd1p co-

fractionated with crude mitochondria (Fig S1A) and demonstrated protease-sensitivity in intact

mitochondria (Fig 2D), a topology that is consistent with its N-glycosylation status (Fig 2E). Thus,

a portion of ER-Psd1p is retained in the ER and/or resides in an endosomal compartment that is

co-purified with mitochondria.

OM-Psd1p and ER-Psd1p generate levels of PE in mitochondrial membranes that exceed WT

Next, the lipid content of cellular and mitochondrial membranes was assessed in WT,

psd1Δ, psd2Δ, psd1Δpsd2Δ, IM-Psd1, OM-Psd1 and ER-Psd1 yeast (Fig 3 and Fig S2). The

absence of Psd1p resulted in reduced levels of cellular and mitochondrial PE; the combined

absence of Psd1p and Psd2p resulted in an additive effect on the steady state abundance of PE (Fig

3D and 3J). In *psd1Δ* and *psd1Δpsd2Δ* membranes, the levels of phosphatidylinositol (PI) was

increased (Fig 3B and 3H) and cardiolipin (CL) decreased (Fig 3F and 3L), consistent with

previous reports (9, 28, 31). Interestingly, a compensatory increase in PS was not detected in these

yeast strains, and in fact, the amount of PS was decreased in *psd1Δpsd2Δ* mitochondria (Fig 3I).

While mitochondrial PE levels were modestly reduced in the absence of Psd2p (Fig 3J), this

decrease failed to result in a respiratory growth defect (Fig 1). Combined, these results indicate

that Psd2p contributes to the pool of PE associated with mitochondria but is somehow unable to

functionally replace PE made by Psd1p.

Interestingly, OM-Psd1 and ER-Psd1 yeast contained significantly higher relative amounts

of PE than IM-Psd1 in both cellular and mitochondrial membranes (Fig 3D and 3J). As IM-Psd1p,

OM-Psd1p, and ER-Psd1p are similarly over-expressed, this suggests that OM-Psd1p and ER-

Psd1p, which are either present in compartments where PS is made (ER-Psd1p) or through which

PS must traffic to reach IM-Psd1p (OM-Psd1p), have short-circuited normal mitochondrial PE

metabolism. In support of this interpretation, the levels of mitochondrial PS were increased by

OM-Psd1p but not ER-Psd1p (Fig 3I), consistent with a mitochondrial trafficking requirement for

the former, but not the latter, chimera. The relative abundance of PC was reduced in OM-Psd1 and

ER-Psd1, which also failed to restore CL levels to normal. The reduced levels of PC in OM-Psd1

and ER-Psd1 is notable as it might have been predicted that an increased production of PE would

have resulted in augmented PC synthesis by Pem1p and Pem2p, methyltransferases which reside

in the ER and convert PE to PC (32). Overall, the increased levels of PE detected in OM-Psd1 and

ER-Psd1 suggests that both chimeras have increased access to substrate compared to IM-Psd1.

This conclusion is bolstered both by the fact that overexpressed IM-Psd1p only restored PE to WT

levels (Fig 3 D and J), as well as results from a prior study that used a plasmid-based

overexpression system (1). Thus, access to substrate is a major regulatory component that

determines Psd1p activity.

A limitation of the radiolabeling-based phospholipid analysis is that it utilized crude

mitochondria generated following physical disruption of intact yeast with glass beads. As such,

phospholipid analyses were additionally performed using sucrose gradient purified mitochondria

derived from non-radiolabeled yeast cultures. Sucrose purification resulted in mitochondria that

were enriched in mitochondrial proteins compared to crude mitochondria (Fig S3A). Subsequent

phospholipid analyses of the sucrose purified mitochondria provided a profile that was consistent

with results derived using crude mitochondria (Fig 3), with one notable exception: the PE levels

were roughly equal in OM-Psd1 and ER-Psd1 sucrose purified mitochondria (Fig S3E). The

reduced amounts of mitochondrial PE in ER-Psd1 following sucrose purification likely reflects

their increased purity and provides evidence that PE made in the ER can access mitochondrial

membranes. Overall, re-routing Psd1p to either the OM or ER results in a robust increase in cellular

and mitochondrial PE levels which may or may not reach the mitochondrial IM.

OM-Psd1 and ER-Psd1 phenocopy the respiratory defect of psd1Δ yeast

We initially evaluated oxidative phosphorylation in these strains by determining their

growth on synthetic mediums containing dextrose -/+ 2mM ethanolamine, lactate, or

ethanol/glycerol -/+ 2mM ethanolamine (Fig 4A). Compared to IM-Psd1p, OM-Psd1p and ER-

Psd1p only partially improved growth of *psd1Δpsd2Δ* yeast on respiratory carbon sources (lactate

and ethanol/glycerol). In fact, they supported respiratory growth that was similar to (ER-Psd1p) or

slightly better than (OM-Psd1p) *psd1Δ* yeast, but still significantly reduced compared to the WT

strain. Interestingly, respiratory growth was slightly better for *psd1Δpsd2Δ* yeast expressing OM-

Psd1p *versus* ER-Psd1p. The respiratory phenotype of OM-Psd1 and ER-Psd1 yeast suggests that

PE made in either the OM or ER cannot functionally replace PE produced in the IM. Indeed,

ethanolamine supplementation did not further improve the respiratory growth of either OM-Psd1

or ER-Psd1 yeast (Fig 4A).

To directly assess OXPHOS capacity in these strains, oxygen consumption was monitored

in isolated mitochondria using an O_2 electrode after the addition of ADP and ascorbate tetramethyl-

p-phenyldiamine (TMPD) which promotes proton pumping by complex IV (Fig 4B-4E). To

determine maximal respiratory capacity, carbonyl cyanide *m*-chlorophenyl hydrazine (CCCP) was

added after ADP was depleted and mitochondrial respiration had returned from the ADP-

stimulated (State 3) to the resting (State 4) respiratory rate. Mitochondria lacking Psd1p, but not

Psd2p, had reduced maximal uncoupled respiratory rate compared to WT mitochondria. Even

though *psd2Δ* mitochondria consumed O_2 like WT, the combined absence of Psd1p and Psd2p

caused a more severe respiratory defect than was observed when only Psd1p was missing. This

indicates that in the absence of Psd1p, PE made by Psd2p has some capacity to compensate for

Psd1p and can support limited complex IV activity. Interestingly, the uncoupled respiratory rate

for OM-Psd1 and ER-Psd1 was significantly improved compared to *psd1Δpsd2Δ* mitochondria

but still impaired relative to IM-Psd1 (Fig 4B). The respiratory control ratio (RCR) is an indication

of how well respiration is coupled to ATP synthesis and is calculated by dividing the ADP-

stimulated respiration rate by the resting respiration rate (State 3/State 4). RCR ratios were

significantly decreased in *psd1Δ* and *psd1Δpsd2Δ* mitochondria but perplexingly, OM-Psd1 and

ER-Psd1 displayed a ratio similar to WT and IM-Psd1 levels (Fig 4C). For *psd1Δpsd2Δ* yeast

expressing OM-Psd1p and ER-Psd1p, the normal RCR stems from the fact that they improved

State 3 O_2 consumption more than State 4. Similar to Psd2p in the context of *psd1Δ* yeast, OM-

Psd1p and ER-Psd1p significantly improved *psd1Δpsd2Δ* respiratory rates to roughly

psd1Δ levels, indicating that extra-mitochondrial PE can indeed play an important role in

enhancing respiration. Combined, these results suggest that defective complex IV function may

contribute to the reduced respiratory growth observed when Psd1p is absent from the IM.

Complex IV function in psd1Δpsd2Δ mitochondria is rescued by ER-Psd1p expression

When grown in dextrose, *psd1Δ* and *psd1Δpsd2Δ* yeast lose their mitochondrial genome,

visualized by formation of petite colonies, at a high frequency (1, 28, 33). Due to this, we harvested

mitochondria from cultures grown in rich lactate to select for growth of respiratory competent

cells. As expected, mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) levels were equivalent between strains in these

growth conditions (Fig 5A; ρ^0 yeast, which are devoid of mtDNA, served as a negative control).

Next, isolated complex IV activity measurements were recorded by monitoring the rate of

oxidation of reduced cytochrome *c* in mitochondria solubilized in 0.5% *n*-Dodecyl-β-D-maltoside

(DDM). Complex IV activity was significantly decreased in *psd1Δ*, *psd1Δpsd2Δ*, and OM-Psd1

mitochondria but surprisingly, ER-Psd1 retained WT function (Fig 5B). To determine if the

different complex IV activities associated with OM-Psd1 and ER-Psd1 mitochondria reflected

changes in its expression, we analyzed the steady state amounts of both nuclear and mtDNA

encoded subunits of complex IV (Fig 5F). While the levels of the mtDNA-encoded subunit, Cox2p,

was significantly decreased in *psd1Δpsd2Δ* and OM-Psd1 strains, the steady state abundance of

the two additional mtDNA-encoded subunits, Cox1p and Cox3p, as well as a constituent encoded

in the nucleus, Cox4p, was not significantly changed (Fig S4; while the amount of Cox3p was

reduced for *psd1Δpsd2Δ* and OM-Psd1, it did not achieve statistical significance). Further, blue

native-PAGE analyses indicated that complex IV assembly into respiratory supercomplexes that

consist of a complex III dimer affiliated with either one or two complex IV monomers (34), was

normal regardless of the absence of *PSD1* or *PSD2*, singly or in combination, as reported by others

(28), or whether Psd1p was expressed in the IM, OM, or ER (Fig 5C).

Cytochrome bc$_1$ complex function is impaired when Psd1p is absent from the IM

The ability of ER-Psd1p, but not OM-Psd1p, to rescue complex IV activity to WT levels

was surprising given that neither chimeric construct restored respiratory growth of the *psd1Δpsd2Δ*

strain to this degree (Fig 4A). Therefore, we postulated that the partial respiratory growth rescue

of OM-Psd1 and ER-Psd1 could reflect a defect at the level of complex III. Indeed, complex III

activity was reduced in *psd1Δ* and significantly decreased in *psd1Δpsd2Δ* mitochondrial extracts

(Fig 5D). While ER-Psd1p significantly improved complex IV function over that detected in

psd1Δpsd2Δ mitochondria, neither ER-Psd1p or OM-Psd1p supported complex III activity that

resembled WT. The reduced complex III activity in *psd1Δ*, *psd1Δpsd2Δ*, and *psd1Δpsd2Δ*

expressing OM-Psd1p or ER-Psd1p did not reflect alterations in the steady state abundance of its

subunits (Fig 5F, Cor2p, Rip1p, Qcr6p, and Qcr7p) or its assembly into supercomplexes (Fig 5E)

although there was proportionately more of the smaller supercomplex (III$_2$IV > III$_2$IV$_2$) detected

in *psd1Δpsd2Δ* mitochondrial extracts. Furthermore, the steady state levels of the complex III

electron acceptor cytochrome *c* were normal (Fig 5F and Fig S4M). Similarly, subunits of the

coenzyme Q (CoQ) synthome, a macromolecular complex that catalyzes the synthesis of the

complex III electron donor CoQ (35), were equal with the exception of Coq1p which was elevated

in *psd1Δ* and *psd1Δpsd2Δ* mitochondria (Fig 5F and Fig S5A). Evidence in bacteria suggests that

elevation of coenzyme Q biosynthesis may be a mechanism to diminish membrane stress (36).

Given that reduced coenzyme Q biosynthesis can be rescued by supplementation of yeast with

exogenous CoQ$_6$ (35), we evaluated if decreased levels of CoQ were implicated in the complex III

defect. However, CoQ$_6$ supplementation failed to rescue respiratory growth of *psd1Δ* or

psd1Δpsd2Δ yeast (Fig S6).

PE made by Kennedy pathway can rescue complex IV but not complex III function

As ER-derived PE restores complex IV, but not complex III, function, we isolated

psd1Δpsd2Δ mitochondria from cultures grown in rich lactate, rich lactate + 2mM choline, and

rich lactate +2mM ethanolamine, to evaluate the potential impact of PC and PE generation by the

Kennedy pathways on complex IV activity (Fig 6A-B). Similar to ER-Psd1, supplementation of

psd1Δpsd2Δ with ethanolamine, but not choline, restored complex IV (Fig 6A), but not complex

III (Fig 6B) function to WT levels. Combined, our results indicate that PE, but not PC, made in

the ER by the Kennedy pathway (Fig 6A) or in the endosomal system by either Psd2p or ER-Psd1p

(Fig 5B), can significantly rescue the severe complex IV dysfunction that occurs in *psd1Δpsd2Δ*

yeast. Furthermore, they demonstrate a crucial role for PE made in the IM in supporting the full

activity of complex III which is otherwise normally expressed and fully assembled.

DISCUSSION

PE levels have been shown to be altered in models of the neurodegenerative disorders

Parkinson's Disease (37) and Alzheimer's Disease (38), and recent evidence has implicated the

turnover of mammalian Pisd as an important regulatory mechanism that diminishes the

proliferation of breast cancer cells (39). Thus, regulation of the Psd pathway is not only important

for mitochondrial function but also organismal health and physiology.

Using an assortment of biochemical assays that measure both the combined and individual

activities of the respiratory chain complexes, we sought to clarify the respiratory defect associated

with *psd1Δ* yeast and whether or not PE made by the Kennedy pathway could rescue it. Two

different groups using the same yeast strain background have reported that supplemental

ethanolamine rescues (28) or fails to rescue (11) respiratory function of *psd1Δ* yeast. Given these

conflicting results, we first tested the ability of ethanolamine supplementation to improve the

respiratory growth phenotype of yeast lacking Psd1p. While we observed that growth of

psd1Δpsd2Δ could be rescued on respiratory medium supplemented with ethanolamine, growth

after 3 days was delayed and impaired similarly to *psd1Δ* yeast. Thus, although PE generated

through the Kennedy pathway could compensate for the absence of Psd2p, it failed to completely

replace Psd1p with respect to respiratory growth. Importantly, the inability of ethanolamine to

fully restore *psd1Δ* respiratory growth was verified in three distinct yeast strain backgrounds

suggesting that genetic differences are not the source for the disparate results reported previously

(1, 11, 27, 28). This notion is further supported by the fact that two groups that each utilized *psd1Δ*

derived from the same parental strain came to opposite conclusions regarding the rescuing capacity

of PE made by the Kennedy pathway (11, 28). Interestingly, lyso-PE supplementation (PE

containing only one acyl chain) can rescue *psd1Δ* respiratory growth but acts via a separate

pathway than the Kennedy pathway (27). Further, lyso-PE has also been demonstrated to reverse

the mitochondrial defects associated with RNAi silencing of the mammalian *Pisd* in cell culture

(10), and can increase the proliferation rate of the MCF7-RAS breast cancer cell line when Pisd

levels are depleted (39). Thus, the different ER-resident PE producing pathways appear to differ

with respect to their ability to compensate for the absence of the mitochondrial Psd pathway

suggesting that pathway-specific mitochondrial import mechanisms for PE may exist.

Our oxidative phosphorylation analyses demonstrated that both OM-Psd1 and ER-Psd1

phenocopy the respiratory defect of *psd1Δ* mitochondria. This implies that the IMS is the greatest

barrier preventing PE import into the inner membrane. Moreover, we have identified a key

oxidative phosphorylation component that is uniquely dependent on the presence of Psd1p in the

IM: respiratory complex III. Specifically, we demonstrated that while PE synthesized in the ER–

by ER-Psd1p, Psd2p, or the Kennedy pathway– can rescue the impaired complex IV activity that

occurs in the absence of Psd1p in the IM, it fails to do so for complex III (Fig 6C). Furthermore,

this pinpoints defective complex III function as the main culprit responsible for the respiratory

growth defect of *psd1Δ* yeast, which cannot be rescued by ethanolamine. Thus, our results strongly

indicate that when Psd1p is missing or mis-localized, a minimal threshold of PE is not achieved

within the IM that is necessary to promote the full activity of the OXPHOS machinery.

What is the basis for the capacity of extra-mitochondrially produced PE to rescue complex

IV but not complex III function? As both complex III and complex IV are IM residents, one

possibility is that these respiratory complexes require different levels of PE within the inner

membrane to function appropriately. If true, this would imply that the relative levels of PE in the

IM in the strains analyzed are equivalent between WT, *psd2Δ*, and IM-Psd1, similarly depleted in

ER-Psd1 and *psd1Δ*, less than *psd1Δ* in OM-Psd1, and almost completely absent in *psd1Δpsd2Δ*.

Unfortunately, while it is clear that OM-Psd1 and ER-Psd1 mitochondria contain robust levels of

PE, we have yet to determine its steady state distribution between the outer and inner membranes.

Another possible explanation for the different dependence of complex III and IV function on IM-

produced PE could reflect the nature of the PE made in the mitochondrion versus elsewhere.

Evidence that polyunsaturated 38:4 and 38:5 PE species are enriched in the mitochondrial inner

membrane of HeLa cells has been previously reported (40). While both the Kennedy and Psd

pathways have the capacity to produce all diacyl-PE species, the Kennedy pathway preferentially

synthesizes mono 34:2 or di-unsaturated 36:3 PE and Pisd mainly generates polyunsaturated 38:4

or 38:5 PE (41). However, *S. cerevisiae* is unable to synthesize complex unsaturated fatty acids

and the PE acyl chain pattern is the same between whole cells and isolated mitochondria (42, 43).

It is interesting to note that, even though the Kennedy and Psd pathways both share a preference

for generating both mono- and di-unsaturated PE in yeast, there is a 10% enrichment of 34:2 PE

that contains oleic and palmitoleic acid in crude mitochondria versus ER-derived microsomes (42).

Another intriguing possibility is that the synthesis of PE by Psd1p in the IM is somehow directly

coupled to the incorporation of this lipid into partially or fully assembled complex III. Recently, a

subunit of complex IV was found to associate with the MICOS subunit, Mic19, in mammalian

cells by EM tomography and immunoprecipitation (44). As the MICOS complex was suggested

to work in concert with Ups2p to regulate mitochondrial PS/PE metabolism in yeast (26),

potentially, contact sites between the OM and IM could facilitate the transport of ER-derived PE

to complex IV more directly than it can to complex III. Finally, perhaps when PE is absent or

limiting in the IM, inhibitory molecules are able to bind complex III and impair its activity. Moving

forward, it will be important to distinguish between these non-mutually exclusive models.

365     Another outstanding question raised by our study is exactly how Psd1p or PE made by

Psd1p promotes complex III function. Since *psd1Δpsd2Δ* yeast contain normal amounts of

cytochrome c and CoQ_6 supplementation is without effect with respect to respiratory growth, the

underlying respiratory defect is presumed to be intrinsic to complex III. Potentially, Psd1p supports

complex III function independent of its role in PE production. Alternatively, PE was identified in

a crystal structure of the yeast cytochrome bc_1 complex in association with the essential catalytic

subunit cytochrome b (Cob1p) as well as the Qcr7p subunit. Qcr7p is associated with the matrix

facing surface of Cob1p and it is postulated that hydrogen bonding interactions between the

headgroup of PE and Glu82 of Qcr7p may help position the complex vertically within the bilayer.

As the second PE is found adjacent to the dimer interface of this complex, the acyl chains of PE

are thought to interact with both monomers and assist in dimer formation. Additionally, the acyl

chains of PE at the dimer interface could potentially promote quinol-quinone exchange at the Q_i

and Q_0 sites. More broadly, during quinol-quinone exchange, sidechain movement of Cob1p is

thought to be necessary to transfer protons from His202 to ubiquinone, and perhaps depletion of

PE hinders this movement and delays proton flux (45). Notably, a recent cryo-EM analysis of

respiratory supercomplexes purified from human cells identified PE at the dimer interface of

complex III and in close proximity of the mammalian equivalent of Qcr7p (46), suggesting that

the important role of PE for complex III function identified here is likely to be evolutionarily

conserved.

Further, electron-transfer reactions occur within microsecond-to-millisecond time scales

and electron-tunneling between complex III monomers is thought to maximize the efficiency of

coupled redox reactions between monomers (47). The generation of the free radical semiquinone

during the Q cycle performed by complex III is proposed to be diminished by a mechanism that

delays quinol oxidation in the Q_o site when electron transfer is pharmacologically impaired (48).

If depletion of PE diminishes the efficiency of electron transfer between complex III monomers or

between complex III and its substrates, this could result in diminished complex III function as a

means to prevent superoxide production. These structural observations will guide future efforts to

determine the role(s) of PE as it relates to complex III activity.

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TABLE 1 - Strains used in this work		
Strain	**Genotype**	**Source**
Parental		
GA74-1A	*MAT*a, *his3-11,15, leu2, ura3, trp1, ade8 [rho+, mit+]*	Carla Koehler
Deletions		
psd1Δ	*MAT*a, psd1Δ::HIS3MX6, leu2, ura3, trp1, ade8 [rho+, mit+]	Ref. 30
psd2Δ	*MAT*a, psd2Δ::HIS3MX6, leu2, ura3, trp1, ade8 [rho+, mit+]	Ref. 30
psd1Δpsd2Δ	*MAT*a, psd2Δ::HIS3MX6, leu2, ura3, psd1Δ::TRP1, ade8 [rho+, mit+]	Ref. 30
crd1Δ	*MAT*a, *his3-11,15, leu2, ura3, crd1Δ::TRP1, ade8 [rho+, mit+]*	Ref. 52
ρ^0	*MAT*a, *his3-11,15, leu2, ura3, trp1, ade8 [rho-, mit+]*	This study
Integrations		
psd1Δpsd2Δ::Psd1	*MAT*a, *psd2Δ::HIS3MX6, Psd3XFLAG::LEU2, ura3, psd1Δ::TRP1, ade8 [rho+, mit+]*	Ref. 30
psd1Δpsd2Δ::OM−Psd1	*MAT*a, *psd2Δ::HIS3MX6, Tom20-Psd3XFLAG::LEU2, ura3, psd1Δ::TRP1, ade8 [rho+, mit+]*	This study
psd1Δpsd2Δ::ER−Psd1	*MAT*a, *psd2Δ::HIS3MX6, CPY*mPsd3XFLAG::LEU2, ura3, psd1Δ::TRP1, ade8 [rho+, mit+]*	Ref. 30
Parental/Deletion		
W303	*MAT*a, *his3-11, ura3-1,15, trp-1-1, ade2-1, can1-100 [rho+, mit+]*	Cathy Clarke
psd1Δ W303	*MAT*a, psd1Δ::HIS3MX6, ura3-1,15, trp1-1, ade2-1, can1-100 [rho+, mit+]	This study
D2730-10B	*MAT*a, *[rho+, mit+]*	Carla Koehler
psd1Δ D273-10B	*MAT*a, psd1Δ::KANMX6, [rho+, mit+]	This study
PTY144 (D273-10B derivative)	*MAT*a, *his3::hisg, leu2-3, ura3-52, trp1-delta1, lys2, ade8 [rho+, mit+, LYS2]*	Peter Thorsness
psd1Δ PTY144	*MAT*a, *psd1Δ::HIS3MX6, leu2-3, ura3-52, trp1-delta1, lys2, ade8 [rho+, mit+, LYS2]*	This study

Yeast strains and growth conditions

All yeast strains used in this study are listed in Table 1 and were derived from GA74-1A unless

otherwise noted. Deletion strains were generated by PCR-mediated gene replacement of the entire

reading frame as previously described (49). Psd1p containing a COOH-terminal 3XFLAG tag

subcloned into pRS305 has been described (17, 30). To re-direct Psd1p to the mitochondrial OM,

the first 100 amino acids of Psd1p, encompassing its mitochondrial targeting sequence and

transmembrane domain, were replaced by the equivalent domains (amino acids 1-34) of the single-

pass OM resident protein, Tom20p. ER-Psd1p, which is directed to the secretory pathway, was

generated by replacing the first 57 amino acids of Psd1p, encompassing its mitochondrial targeting

signal (MTS), with the N-terminal signal sequence (amino acids 1-23) of carboxypeptidase Y, as

previously described (30). Additionally, the ER-Psd1p construct contains an NXS *N*-glycosylation

signal immediately downstream of the CPY leader sequence to track its topology. The IM-Psd1,

OM-Psd1, and ER-Psd1 constructs, which all contained the C-terminal 3XFLAG tag, were

subcloned into the pRS305 plasmid, linearized, and integrated into the *LEU2* locus in the

psd1Δpsd2Δ background. Clones were selected on synthetic dropout medium (0.17% yeast

nitrogen base, 0.5% ammonium sulfate, 0.2% dropout mixture synthetic-leu, 2% dextrose) and

verified by immunoblot.

Yeast were grown on YPD (1% yeast extract, 2% tryptone, 2%dextose) plates. To assess

the function of the assorted re-directed Psd1p constructs, overnight cultures grown in synthetic

complete dextrose (SCD; 0.17% yeast nitrogen base, 0.5% ammonium sulfate, 0.2% complete

amino acid mixture, 2% dextrose) supplemented with 2mM ethanolamine hydrochloride were

spotted on SCD plates in the absence or presence of 2mM ethanolamine hydrochloride, or spotted

onto rich lactate (1% yeast extract, 2% tryptone, 0.05% dextrose, 2% lactic acid, 3.4mM $CaCl_2$-

$2H_2O$, 8.5mM NaCl, 2.95mM $MgCl_2$-$6H_2O$, 7.35mM KH_2PO_4, 18.7mM NH_4Cl, pH 5.5), or

synthetic complete ethanol glycerol (SCEG; 0.17% yeast nitrogen base, 0.5% ammonium sulfate,

0.2% complete amino acid mixture, 1% ethanol, 3% glycerol) or synthetic complete lactate (SC-

LAC; 0.17% yeast nitrogen base, 0.5% ammonium sulfate, 0.2% complete amino acid mixture,

0.05% dextrose, 2% lactic acid, 3.4mM $CaCl_2$-$2H_2O$, 8.5mM NaCl, 2.95mM $MgCl_2$-$6H_2O$,

7.35mM KH_2PO_4, 18.7mM NH_4Cl, pH 5.5) in the absence or presence of 2mM ethanolamine

hydrochloride to test respiratory growth.

For CoQ_6 supplementation experiments, starter cultures were growth in SCD + 2mM

ethanolamine overnight and diluted to 0.025 OD_{600} in 500μL of either SCEG, SCEG + 2mM

ethanolamine, SCEG + 2μM CoQ_6, SCEG + 2μM CoQ_6 + 2mM ethanolamine, SCEG + 10μM

CoQ_6, or SCEG + 10μM CoQ_6 + 2mM ethanolamine in duplicate in a 48 well plate. OD_{600}

measurements were then recorded every 30 minutes for a period of 48 hours at 30°C using a Tecan

Infinite 200 Pro instrument.

Mitochondrial Isolation

Isolation of crude mitochondria was performed as previously described (50). Yeast were selected

on rich lactate plates and grown on rich lactate media to prevent the loss of mitochondrial DNA.

To improve growth on rich lactate, *psd1Δpsd2Δ* yeast were grown in the presence of 2mM choline

prior to harvesting mitochondria (except where indicated in Fig 6A,B). Purification of

mitochondria by sucrose step gradient was performed as previously described (30).

mtDNA quantitation

DNA was extracted as described (51). In brief, yeast cells were grown for 2 days in rich lactate

and the collected cell pellets were vortexed at level 10 for 3 minutes with 200μL breaking buffer

(2% Triton X-100 (w/v), 1% SDS (v/v), 100mM NaCl, 10mM Tris pH8.0, 1mM EDTA pH 8.0),

0.3g glass beads, and 200μL phenol/chloroform/isoamyl alcohol at room temperature. The solution

was neutralized with the addition of 200μL of TE buffer pH 8.0 and phases were separated by

centrifugation at 21,000 x *g* for 5 minutes. The aqueous phase was collected and DNA was

precipitated by the addition of 100% ethanol and collected in the pellet after centrifugation at

21,000 x *g* for 3 minutes. The pellets were resuspended in 400μL Tris-EDTA (TE) buffer, pH 8.0

and RNA was digested with the addition of 3μL of 10mg/mL RNAse A and incubation at 37°C

for 5 minutes before addition of 10 μL of 4M Ammonium acetate and 1mL 100% ethanol. DNA

pellets were recovered by centrifugation 21,000 x g for 3 minutes, dried, and resuspended in 30

µL TE buffer pH 8.0. DNA was stored at -80ºC until ready for use, quantitated, and a portion

diluted to 10ng/µL to be used as template in the qPCR reaction. The FastStart Universal SYBR

Green Master Rox (Roche) was used for qPCR performed according to the manufacturer's

instructions. 50ng of genomic DNA was used as a template and the following primers were used

at 100nM concentration in a 20µL reaction: COX1 forward (5′-

CTACAGATACAGCATTTCCAAGA-3′), COX1 reverse (5′-

GTGCCTGAATAGATGATAATGGT-3′), ACT1 forward (5′-

GTATGTGTAAAGCCGGTTTTG-3′), ACT1 reverse (5′- CATGATACCTTGGTGTCTTGG -

3′). The reactions were performed in technical duplicate with three biological replicates. After

completion of thermocycling in a QuantStudio 6 Flex Real-Time PCR System (Thermo Fisher),

melting-curve data was collected to verify PCR specificity. The absence of primer dimers and the

Ct value difference between the nuclear (ACT1) and mitochondrial (COX1) target were computed

as a measure of the level mitochondrial DNA copy number relative to nuclear genome.

Mitochondrial respiration measurements

Mitochondrial oxygen consumption was measured using a Clark-type oxygen electrode in a

magnetically stirred, thermostatically controlled 1.5-mL chamber at 25°C (Oxytherm; Hansatech)

as previously described (52) with some variations. 100µg of mitochondria were resuspended in

0.25M sucrose, 0.25mg/mL BSA, 20mM KCl, 20mM Tris-Cl, 0.5mM EDTA, 4mM KH_2PO_4, and

3mM $MgCl_2$, pH 7.2. After addition of 1mM ascorbate + 0.3mM TMPD, state 2 rate was monitored

for approximately 30 sec. State 3 respiration was initiated by addition of 50µM ADP. After state

4 rate was measured, 10µM CCCP was added to induce uncoupled respiration, and the rate was

followed for either 2 minutes or until oxygen level reached zero.

Complex III and IV Activity Measurements

Complex III and IV activities were measured as described (53, 54). To measure complex III activity, 25μg of mitochondria solubilized in 0.5% (w/v) n-dodecyl-β-D-maltoside were added to reaction buffer (50mM KP$_i$, 2mM EDTA, pH 7.4) with 0.008% (w/v) horse heart cytochrome c and 1mM KCN. The reaction was started by adding 100μM decylubiquinol, and the reduction of cytochrome c followed at 550nM. Complex IV activity was initiated by adding 5μg of solubilized mitochondria to reaction buffer with 0.008% ferrocytochrome c and measured by recording cytochrome c oxidation at 550nm.

Antibodies

Most antibodies used in this study were generated by our laboratory or in the laboratories of J. Schatz (University of Basel, Basel, Switzerland) or C. Koehler (UCLA) and have been described previously (3, 50, 52, 54-56). Other antibodies used were mouse anti-Sec62p (kind gift of Dr. David Meyers (UCLA)), mouse anti-FLAG (clone M2, Sigma), anti-Dpm1p (113 686, Abcam), rabbit anti-Qcr7p (57), rabbit antisera reactive to Coq1p (58), Coq4p (59), Coq7p (60), or Coq9p (61) and horseradish peroxidase-conjugated (Thermo Fisher Scientific) or IRDye 800CW (LI-COR) secondary antibodies.

Miscellaneous

Preparation of yeast cell extracts, submitochondrial fractionation, phospholipid analysis, 1D BN-PAGE, and immunoblotting were performed as described previously (17, 30). Immunoblots using IR 800 CW secondary antibodies were imaged using an Odyssey CLx Imaging System. Immunoblots and TLC plates were quantitated by Quantity One Software by Bio-Rad Laboratories. Statistical comparisons (ns, $P > 0.05$; 1 symbol $P \leq 0.05$; 2 symbols $P \leq 0.01$; 3 symbols $P \leq 0.001$; 4 symbols $P \leq 0.0001$) were performed by student t test or one-way analysis

of variance (ANOVA) with Holm-Sidak pairwise comparison using SigmaPlot 11 software (Systat

Software, San Jose, CA); P ≤ 0.05 were deemed significant. All graphs show the mean ± S.E.M.

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