Control of endoplasmic reticulum membrane biogenesis by regulators of lipid metabolism

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1 ABSTRACT

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3   Cells dynamically adapt organelle size to current physiological demand. Organelle

4   growth and proliferation require membrane biogenesis and need to be coordinated

5   with lipid metabolism. The endoplasmic reticulum (ER) can undergo massive

6   expansion but the mechanisms that govern ER membrane biogenesis are unclear.

7   Here, we genetically screen for factors mediating ER expansion in budding yeast

8   and identify lipid synthesis enzymes and the ER transmembrane protein Ice2 as

9   strong hits. Ice2 inhibits the conserved phosphatidic acid phosphatase Pah1 by

10 opposing the activity of the Nem1-Spo7 complex. This regulation counteracts the

11 production of storage lipids and directs lipid metabolism towards membrane

12 biogenesis. Furthermore, Ice2 acts in concert with the transcriptional control of lipid

13 synthesis enzymes and cooperates with the unfolded protein response to maintain

14 ER homeostasis. These findings establish the regulation of the lipin ortholog Pah1 as

15 a key determinant of ER membrane biogenesis.

INTRODUCTION

Cells reshape and resize their organelles when they undergo differentiation or adapt to changing conditions. An increase in organelle size or number typically involves enhanced membrane biogenesis, which in turn requires an adequate supply of membrane lipids. As a result, organelle biogenesis depends on whether cells employ available lipids as building blocks for new membranes, consume them for energy production or store them for future use. Accordingly, the mechanisms that control lipid synthesis and utilization are fundamental for organelle biogenesis and, consequently, for cell differentiation and adaptation.

The ER is a morphologically complex organelle with essential functions in protein folding and lipid synthesis (Westrate et al., 2015). It forms the nuclear envelope and extends into the cytoplasm as an interconnected network called the peripheral ER. The principal structural elements of the ER are tubules and sheets (Shibata et al., 2010). In addition, intermediate structures exist, such as tubular matrices and sheets with fenestrations or nanoholes (Puhka et al., 2012; Nixon-Abell et al., 2016; Schroeder et al., 2019). A variety of organelle morphologies can arise according to physiological demand, ranging from mainly tubular ER in lipid hormone-producing cells of the testis to mainly cisternal ER in secretory cells of the pancreas (Fawcett, 1981). ER size is also tuned to cellular need. The ER expands several-fold when B lymphocytes differentiate into antibody-secreting plasma cells or when cells face protein folding stress in the ER (Wiest et al., 1990; Bernales et al., 2006). Stress-induced ER expansion is mediated by signaling through the unfolded protein response (UPR), which induces genes encoding ER-resident protein folding enzymes to restore homeostasis (Walter and Ron, 2011). Besides determining the abundance of protein folding enzymes, the UPR also regulates the biogenesis of the ER membrane. It does so, at least in part, through the induction of genes that encode lipid synthesis enzymes (Sriburi et al., 2007; Bommiasamy et al., 2009; Schuck et al., 2009).

47   Yeast synthesize membrane phospholipids primarily from phosphatidic acid (PA)

48   through the CDP-DAG pathway (Henry et al., 2012). Many enzymes of this pathway

49   are controlled transcriptionally by the activators Ino2/4 and the repressor Opi1. Ino2

50   and Ino4 form a heterodimer that binds to promoter elements of lipid synthesis

51   genes. Opi1 inhibits Ino2/4 by binding to Ino2 (Heyken et al., 2005). Repression of

52   Ino2/4 by Opi1 is relieved when accumulating PA tethers Opi1 to the ER membrane

53   and sequesters it away from the nucleoplasm (Loewen et al., 2004). The PA-Opi1-

54   Ino2/4 system thus forms a feedback loop and matches PA availability to the cellular

55   capacity for converting PA into other phospholipids. Removal of Opi1 results in

56   activation of lipid synthesis and ER membrane expansion, even in cells lacking the

57   UPR (Schuck et al., 2009). This membrane expansion without a corresponding

58   upregulation of the protein folding machinery increases resistance to ER stress,

59   highlighting the physiological importance of ER membrane biogenesis. However, it is

60   unknown whether activation of Ino2/4 is the only mechanism relevant for ER

61   membrane biogenesis. Furthermore, Ino2/4 and Opi1 are not conserved in

62   metazoans. Lipid metabolism could therefore be regulated in unique ways in yeast.

63   Alternatively, conserved lipid metabolism regulators unrelated to Ino2/4 and Opi1

64   could determine ER size in both yeast and higher eukaryotes.

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66   Here, we systematically search for genes involved in ER membrane expansion in

67   budding yeast, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, to better define the regulatory circuitry

68   that connects lipid metabolism and organelle biogenesis.

69 **RESULTS**

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71 *An inducible system for ER membrane biogenesis*

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73 Removal of Opi1 induces Ino2/4-driven lipid synthesis genes and thereby leads to

74 expansion of the ER (Schuck et al., 2009). To improve experimental control over ER

75 membrane biogenesis, we developed an inducible system using ino2(L119A), which

76 is an Ino2 variant that cannot be inhibited by Opi1 (Heyken et al., 2005). We placed

77 ino2(L119A), here termed ino2*, under the control of the *GAL1* promoter and

78 employed an expression system that activates this promoter upon addition of the

79 metabolically inert sterol ß-estradiol (Pincus et al., 2014). High-level expression of

80 ino2* is expected to displace endogenous Ino2 from the promoters of its target

81 genes, stimulate lipid synthesis and drive ER membrane biogenesis (Figure 1A;

82 Schuck et al., 2009). Fluorescence microscopy confirmed that expression of ino2*

83 triggered pronounced ER expansion (Figure 1B). In untreated cells, the peripheral

84 ER mostly consisted of tubules, which appeared as short membrane profiles along

85 the cell cortex in optical mid sections and as a network in cortical sections. In

86 contrast, estradiol-treated cells had a peripheral ER that predominantly consisted of

87 ER sheets, as evident from long membrane profiles in mid sections and solid

88 membrane areas in cortical sections.

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90 To test whether ino2*-induced ER expansion causes ER stress, we measured UPR

91 activity by means of a transcriptional reporter. This reporter is based on the UPR

92 response element controlling expression of GFP (Jonikas et al., 2009). Treatment

93 with the ER stressor DTT activated the UPR reporter, as expected, whereas

94 expression of ino2* from the *GAL1* promoter did not (Figure 1C). Furthermore,

95 expression of ino2* or removal of Opi1 did not alter the abundance of the

96 chromosomally tagged ER proteins Sec63-mNeon or Rtn1-mCherry, even though

97 Sec63 is encoded by a UPR-regulated gene (Figure 1D; Pincus et al., 2014). These

98 observations indicate that ino2*-induced ER expansion is not an indirect

99 consequence of ER stress but directly arises from enhanced lipid synthesis.

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101   To assess ER membrane biogenesis quantitatively, we developed three metrics for

102   the size of the peripheral ER at the cell cortex, as visualized in mid sections. These

103   metrics are: (1) total area of the peripheral ER relative to cell periphery length, (2)

104   mean length of individual ER profiles relative to cell periphery length and (3) number

105   of gaps between ER profiles per micrometer cell periphery (Figure 1E). These new

106   metrics are less sensitive to variation in image quality than the index of expansion

107   we used previously (Schuck et al., 2009). Measurements of ER size upon induction

108   of ino2* expression with different concentrations of estradiol showed a dose-

109   dependent increase in total area and mean profile length, and a decrease in the

110   number of gaps. At 800 nM estradiol, ER size was indistinguishable from that in

111   *Δopi1* cells and we used this concentration in subsequent experiments. These

112   results show that this inducible system allows titratable control of ER membrane

113   biogenesis without causing ER stress.

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115   *A genetic screen for regulators of ER membrane biogenesis*

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117   To identify genes involved in ER expansion, we introduced the inducible ER

118   biogenesis system and the ER markers Sec63-mNeon and Rtn1-mCherry into the

119   knockout strain collection. This collection contains single deletion mutants for most of

120   the approximately 4800 non-essential genes in yeast (Giaever et al., 2002). We

121   induced ER expansion by ino2* expression and acquired images by high-throughput

122   microscopy. Based on inspection of Sec63-mNeon images of optical mid sections,

123   we defined six phenotypic classes. Mutants were grouped according to whether their

124   ER was (1) underexpanded, (2) properly expanded and hence morphologically

125   normal, (3) overexpanded, (4) overexpanded with extended cytosolic sheets, (5)

126   overexpanded with disorganized cytosolic structures, or (6) clustered. Figure 2A

127   shows two examples of each class. To refine the search for mutants with an

128   underexpanded ER, we applied the three ER size metrics described above (Figure

129   2B and Table S1A). This computational analysis confirmed the underexpansion

130   mutants identified visually and retrieved a number of additional, weaker hits. In total,

131   we found 141 mutants that fell into at least one phenotypic class other than

132   morphologically normal (Table S1B).

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134   Hits included mutants lacking the ER-shaping gene *LNP1*, which had an

135   overexpanded cortical ER with large gaps, and mutants lacking the *SEY1* gene

136   important for homotypic ER fusion, which displayed ER clusters (Figure 2C; Hu et

137   al., 2009; Chen et al., 2012). The re-identification of these known ER morphogenesis

138   genes validated our screening approach. About two thirds of the identified mutants

139   had an overexpanded ER, one third had an underexpanded ER and some showed

140   ER clusters together with an otherwise underexpanded, normal or overexpanded ER

141   (Figure 2D). Overexpansion mutants were significantly enriched in gene deletions

142   that cause UPR activation (Table S1C; Jonikas et al., 2009). This enrichment

143   suggested that ER expansion in these mutants results from ER stress and not

144   enforced lipid synthesis. Indeed, re-imaging of the overexpansion mutants revealed

145   that their ER was expanded also in the absence of ino2* (data not shown).

146   Underexpansion mutants included those lacking *INO4*, as expected, or the known

147   lipid synthesis genes *OPI3, CHO2* and *DGK1*. In addition, mutants lacking *ICE2*

148   showed a particularly strong underexpansion phenotype (Figure 2B).

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150   Overall, our screen showed that a large number of genes impinge on ER membrane

151   biogenesis, as might be expected for a complex biological process. The functions of

152   many of these genes in ER biogenesis remain to be uncovered. We here follow up

153   on *ICE2* because of its apparent key role in building an expanded ER. In addition,

154   Ice2 is a polytopic ER membrane protein and has previously been implicated in the

155   formation or maintenance of the peripheral ER network (Estrada de Martin et al.,

156   2005). Ice2 may thus have an immediate role in ER membrane biogenesis.

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158   *Ice2 promotes ER membrane biogenesis*

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160   To more precisely define the contribution of *ICE2* to ER membrane biogenesis, we

161   analyzed optical sections of the cell cortex. Well-focused cortical sections are more

162   difficult to acquire than mid sections but provide more morphological information.

163   Qualitatively, deletion of *ICE2* had little effect on ER structure at steady state but

164   severely impaired ER expansion upon ino2* expression (Figure 3A).

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166 To describe ER morphology quantitatively, we developed a semi-automated

167 algorithm that classifies ER structures as tubules or sheets based on images of

168 Sec63-mNeon and Rtn1-mCherry in cortical sections (Figure 3B). First, the image of

169 the general ER marker Sec63-mNeon is used to segment the total ER. Second,

170 morphological opening, that is the operation of erosion followed by dilation, is applied

171 to the segmented image to remove narrow structures. The structures removed by

172 this step are defined as tubules and the remaining structures are provisionally

173 classified as sheets. Third, the same procedure is applied to the image of Rtn1-

174 mCherry, which marks high-curvature ER (Westrate et al., 2015). Rtn1 structures

175 that remain after morphological opening and overlap with persistent Sec63 structures

176 are termed tubular clusters. These structures appear as sheets in the Sec63 image

177 but the overlap with Rtn1 identifies them as tubules. Tubular clusters made up only a

178 minor fraction of the total ER and may correspond to so-called tubular matrices

179 observed in mammalian cells (Nixon-Abell et al., 2016). Last, for a simple two-way

180 classification, tubular clusters are added to the tubules and any remaining Sec63

181 structures are defined as sheets. This analysis using a general and a high-curvature

182 ER marker allows densely packed tubules to be distinguished from sheets.

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184 Application of this algorithm showed that the ER covered approximately 50% of the

185 cell cortex in untreated wild-type cells and consisted mostly of tubules, in agreement

186 with previous studies (Figure 3C; Schuck et al., 2009; West et al., 2011). Expression

187 of ino2* triggered ER expansion by inducing the formation of sheets. *Δice2* cells had

188 a defect in sheet formation already at steady state and membrane expansion upon

189 ino2* expression failed almost completely. Importantly, activation of the prototypic

190 Ino2/4 target gene *INO1* upon ino2* expression was intact in *Δice2* cells, ruling out

191 that *ICE2* deletion disrupts the inducible ER biogenesis system (Figure 3D). In

192 addition, *ICE2* deletion also abrogated the constitutive ER expansion in *Δopi1* cells,

193 excluding that the expansion defect in *Δice2* cells merely reflects a delay (Figure 3E).

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195 Next, we tested whether Ice2 is also required for ER expansion induced by ER

196 stress. DTT treatment of wild-type cells triggered rapid ER expansion, which was

197   again driven by ER sheet formation (Figures 4A). Expansion appeared to be

198   retarded in Δice2 cells. Furthermore, induction of the UPR reporter by ER stress was

199   reduced in Δice2 cells, showing slowed UPR activation (Figure 4B). However,

200   images of DTT-treated wild-type and Δice2 cells revealed that ER expansion in ice2

201   mutants was aberrant rather than delayed. Specifically, DTT induced the appearance

202   of striking puncta positive for Rtn1-mCherry but not Sec63-mNeon, and these puncta

203   were much more abundant in Δice2 than in wild-type cells (Figure 4C-E). Hence,

204   removal of Ice2 also impairs ER expansion during ER stress.

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206   Finally, we asked whether raising Ice2 levels is sufficient to expand the ER. Indeed,

207   *ICE2* overexpression caused ER expansion, and this still occurred in UPR-deficient

208   *Δhac1* cells (Figure 4F; Emmerstorfer et al., 2015). In addition, *ICE2* overexpression

209   did not activate the UPR (Figure 4G). These data show that Ice2 can drive ER

210   membrane biogenesis independently of the UPR. However, the UPR could still

211   function upstream of Ice2 and induce ER expansion by activating it.

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213   Collectively, these data show that Ice2 is required for and promotes ER membrane

214   biogenesis. These effects do not result from disrupted Ino2/4 target gene induction in

215   the absence of Ice2 or from activation of the UPR upon *ICE2* overexpression.

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217   *Ice2 acts in the same pathway as Nem1, Spo7 and Pah1*

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219   Ice2 has been implicated in ER morphogenesis and lipid metabolism (Estrada de

220   Martin et al., 2005; Tavassoli et al., 2013; Markgraf et al., 2014). In particular, Ice2

221   has been suggested to channel diacylglycerol (DAG) from lipid droplets (LDs) to the

222   ER for membrane lipid synthesis (Markgraf et al., 2014). We therefore tested

223   whether defective ER membrane biogenesis in Δice2 cells could result from an

224   insufficient supply of lipids from LDs. Deletion of *ICE2* causes a growth defect

225   (Markgraf et al., 2014). Abolishing LD formation by combined deletion of *ARE1*,

226   *ARE2*, *LRO1* and *DGA1* (Sandager et al., 2002) did not affect growth under our

227   assay conditions, and deletion of *ICE2* still impaired growth in the absence of LDs

228   (Figure S1A). Therefore, Ice2 must have functions that are independent of LDs.

229   Furthermore, lack of LDs had no effect on ER expansion after ino2* expression or

230   DTT treatment, and deletion of *ICE2* still impaired ER expansion in the absence of

231   LDs (Figure 5A, B). Hence, the role of Ice2 in ER membrane biogenesis cannot be

232   explained by LD-related functions. These experiments additionally show that ER

233   expansion can occur without lipid mobilization from LDs.

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235   To define the functional context of Ice2, we carried out protein proximity screens

236   using split-DHFR (Tarassov et al., 2008). An amino- or carboxy-terminal fragment of

237   a methotrexate-resistant dihydrofolate reductase (DHFR*) was fused to the carboxy-

238   terminus of Ice2. These Ice2 fusion proteins were functional as judged by growth

239   assays (Figure S1B). The two Ice2-DHFR* variants were introduced into genome-

240   wide strain collections in which the respective other DHFR* fragment was fused to

241   every open reading frame. The resulting strains were grown in the presence of

242   methotrexate, which blocks endogenous DHFR and prevents cell proliferation.

243   Proximity of Ice2 and a protein fused to the other DHFR* fragment reconstitutes

244   dihydrofolate reductase activity and restores growth (Figure 5C). To remove spurious

245   hits, we performed identical screens with Hmg2, a polytopic ER membrane protein

246   with similar abundance and distribution as Ice2 (Tkach et al., 2012). Proximity hits

247   specific for Ice2 predominantly localized to the ER and included many proteins

248   involved in lipid metabolism, including Cho1, Pis1, Spo7 and Ice2 itself (Figure 5C).

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250   High-throughput studies have identified numerous genetic interactions between *ICE2*

251   and lipid synthesis genes (Schuldiner et al., 2005; Costanzo et al., 2010; Surma et

252   al., 2013). An interesting pattern emerged from mapping these genetic data onto the

253   biochemical pathways for membrane biogenesis and lipid storage (Figure 5D and

254   Table S2). *ICE2* displays negative interactions with genes for membrane lipid

255   synthesis but positive interactions with *NEM1*, *SPO7* and *PAH1*, which together

256   control the conversion of PA into DAG for lipid storage. Negative genetic interactions

257   typically indicate involvement in parallel pathways relevant for the same biological

258   process, whereas positive genetic interactions often reflect involvement in the same

259   pathway (Costanzo et al., 2019).

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261   In light of these data, we focused on *NEM1*, *SPO7* and *PAH1*. To validate the

262   positive genetic interactions between these three genes and *ICE2*, we performed

263   growth assays. Remarkably, the growth defect caused by *ICE2* deletion was

264   completely suppressed by deletion of *NEM1*, *SPO7* or *PAH1*, confirming strong

265   positive genetic interactions (Figures 5E and S2A, C). Next, we analyzed ER

266   morphology. Deletion of *NEM1*, *SPO7* or *PAH1* drastically expands the ER and

267   causes nuclear morphology defects (Siniossoglou et al., 1998; Santos-Rosa et al.,

268   2005; Campbell et al., 2006). Additional deletion of *ICE2* in *Δnem1*, *Δspo7* or *Δpah1*

269   cells had no effect on ER morphology, consistent with *ICE2* acting in the same

270   pathway as the other three genes (Figures 5F and S2B, D). In contrast, deletion of

271   *DGK1* rescued the aberrant ER morphology of *Δnem1*, *Δspo7* and *Δpah1* cells

272   (Figure S2E). This was expected because Dgk1 opposes Nem1, Spo7 and Pah1

273   through a distinct pathway, namely the conversion of DAG into PA (Figure 5D; Han

274   et al., 2008). In conclusion, *ICE2, NEM1, SPO7* and *PAH1* likely control ER

275   membrane biogenesis as part of the same pathway.

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277   *Ice2 promotes ER membrane biogenesis by inhibiting Pah1*

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279   Pah1 is a phosphatidic acid phosphatase that converts PA into DAG (Figure 5D; Han

280   et al. 2006). In yeast, PA is a precursor of all phospholipids, whereas DAG is the

281   precursor of the storage lipid triacylglycerol (Henry et al., 2012). Pah1 thus promotes

282   LD biogenesis (Figure 5D; Adeyo et al., 2011). Pah1 activity is regulated by

283   reversible membrane association, which in turn depends on the phosphorylation

284   status of Pah1 (Figure 6A). Phosphorylated Pah1 is cytosolic and inactive. Activation

285   of Pah1 requires its dephosphorylation by the ER-localized phosphatase Nem1 in

286   complex with Spo7. Pah1 can then associate with the ER membrane and gain

287   access to its substrate, PA (O'Hara et al., 2006; Karanasios et al., 2010).

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289   Even though Ice2 and Pah1 appear to act in the same pathway, deletion of *ICE2*

290   impairs ER biogenesis whereas deletion of *PAH1* promotes it. These contrasting

291   phenotypes raised the possibility that Ice2 inhibits Pah1. To test this idea, we

292   separated different phospho-forms of Pah1 on Phos-tag gels and used the

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293   phosphorylation status of Pah1 as a readout for its activity (Dubots et al., 2014).

294   Removal of Ice2 strongly stimulated dephosphorylation of Pah1, and this effect was

295   dependent on Nem1 (Figure 6B). These result suggests that Ice2 opposes the

296   activity of the Nem1-Spo7 complex to restrain Pah1 activity.

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298   We challenged this model in two ways. First, we compared the lipidome of wild-type,

299   *Δice2*, *Δnem1* and *Δspo7* cells to determine whether they showed the expected shifts

300   in the relative abundance of storage and membrane lipids. Compared with wild-type

301   cells, *ice2* mutants had increased levels of ergosterol esters and triacylglycerol, the

302   two lipid classes that make up LDs (Figure 6C, D). In contrast, the levels of the major

303   phospholipids phosphatidylethanolamine and phosphatidylcholine were decreased.

304   These changes agree with earlier data (Markgraf et al., 2014) and indicate that

305   deletion of *ICE2*, and hence activation of Pah1, shifts lipid metabolism towards lipid

306   storage. In contrast, *Δnem1* and *Δspo7* cells showed shifts in the opposite direction.

307   These data confirm that removal of Nem1 or Spo7, and hence inactivation of Pah1,

308   shifts lipid metabolism towards membrane biogenesis. The lipidomes of *Δnem1*

309   *Δice2* and *Δspo7 Δice2* double mutants were indistinguishable from those of *Δnem1*

310   and *Δspo7* single mutants. These observations are consistent with the prediction that

311   removal of Nem1 or Spo7 should abrogate the effects of their inhibitor Ice2.

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313   As a second test of the above model, we asked whether the impact of Ice2 on ER

314   biogenesis depends on inactivation of Pah1. We employed pah1(7A), which carries

315   mutations in seven of the residues that are phosphorylated by various kinases and

316   dephosphorylated by Nem1-Spo7 (O'Hara et al., 2006; Carman and Han, 2019). As

317   a result, pah1(7A) displays constitutive activity, although some phospho-regulation

318   by Nem1-Spo7 remains (Su et al., 2012). We quantified ER expansion upon *ICE2*

319   overexpression in wild-type and pah1(7A)-expressing cells. Overexpression of *ICE2*

320   in wild-type cells expanded the ER, as before (Figure 6E, also see Figure 4F).

321   Replacement of Pah1 with pah1(7A) caused a slight shrinkage of the ER at steady

322   state, consistent with reduced membrane biogenesis. Moreover, pah1(7A) almost

323   completely blocked ER expansion upon *ICE2* overexpression. Similarly, pah1(7A)

324   impaired ER expansion upon DTT treatment, almost completely phenocopying the

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325   effects of *ICE2* deletion (Figures 6F, G and 4A, E). These data further support the

326   idea that Ice2 contributes to ER membrane biogenesis by restricting Pah1 activity.

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328   In summary, Ice2 inhibits Pah1 dephosphorylation by the Nem1-Spo7 complex,

329   thereby promoting ER membrane biogenesis and opposing Pah1-mediated

330   channeling of lipids towards LDs.

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332   *Ice2 cooperates with the PA-Opi1-Ino2/4 system and the UPR*

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334   Deletion of *OPI1* and overexpression of *ICE2* both cause ER expansion. These

335   effects could be independent of each other or they could be linked. For instance,

336   *ICE2* overexpression could inactivate Opi1 by causing an accumulation of PA

337   (Loewen et al., 2004). However, combined deletion of *OPI1* and overexpression of

338   *ICE2* produced an extreme ER expansion, which exceeded that in *Δopi1* mutants or

339   *ICE2*-overexpressing cells (Figures 7A, B). This hyperexpanded ER covered most of

340   the cell cortex and contained an even greater proportion of sheets than the ER in

341   DTT-treated wild-type cells (Figures 7B and 4A). Therefore, the PA-Opi1-Ino2/4

342   system and Ice2 make independent contributions to ER membrane biogenesis.

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344   Last, to gain insight into the physiological significance of Ice2, we analyzed the

345   possible interplay between Ice2 and the UPR. UPR-deficient *Δhac1* mutants

346   behaved like wild-type cells under standard growth conditions (Sidrauski et al., 1996)

347   and *Δice2* cells showed a modest growth defect. However, *Δhac1 Δice2* cells grew

348   worse than *Δice2* cells (Figure 7C). This synthetic phenotype indicates that Ice2 and

349   the UPR cooperate to maintain ER homeostasis.

350 **DISCUSSION**

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352 In this study, we identify factors involved in ER membrane expansion upon enforced

353 lipid synthesis in yeast. Among these are the DAG kinase Dgk1, which generates PA

354 for membrane biogenesis. Furthermore, we find that Ice2 is essential for proper ER

355 expansion, both upon enforced lipid synthesis and during ER stress. We show that

356 Ice2 inhibits the phosphatidic acid phosphatase Pah1 by opposing the activity of the

357 Nem1-Spo7 phosphatase complex, thereby promoting membrane lipid synthesis.

358 Finally, we provide evidence that Ice2 cooperates with the PA-Opi1-Ino2/4 system

359 and the UPR to regulate ER membrane biogenesis and maintain ER homeostasis.

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361 Together with earlier findings, our results help delineate a regulatory network

362 controlling ER membrane biogenesis (Figure 7D). At the core of this network is the

363 interconversion of DAG and PA by Dgk1 and Pah1. The activity of Pah1 depends on

364 its dephosphorylation by the Nem1-Spo7 complex, which is opposed by Ice2. The

365 Pah1-regulated production of the critical metabolic precursor PA is coordinated with

366 the production of lipid synthesis enzymes that convert PA into other phospholipids.

367 Active Pah1 directly represses Ino2/4-controlled lipid synthesis genes (Santos-Rosa

368 et al., 2005). In addition, PA sequesters Opi1 and thereby derepresses Ino2/4 target

369 genes (Loewen et al., 2004). Hence, Pah1 inactivation favors net PA production and

370 both directly and indirectly induces lipid synthesis genes. Figuratively speaking,

371 Pah1 is a shunt that diverts lipids to LDs, and Ice2 restricts the flow through this

372 shunt to direct lipids towards ER membrane biogenesis.

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374 The above model readily accounts for the available data on Ice2. The fact that *ICE2*

375 deletion disrupts ino2*-driven ER expansion may be explained by the need to

376 coordinate the production of lipid metabolic precursors with the expression of lipid

377 synthesis genes. As we show, ino2* still induces genes encoding lipid synthesis

378 enzymes in *ice2* mutants. Nevertheless, ER expansion fails, likely because the

379 supply of substrates for these enzymes is insufficient. The same reasoning can

380 explain the additive effects of *OPI1* deletion and *ICE2* overexpression on ER

381 membrane biogenesis. *ICE2* overexpression favors PA production and presumably

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382   releases some repression of Ino2/4 target genes. However, *OPI1* deletion likely

383   further boosts the abundance of lipid synthesis enzymes. Conversely, constitutive

384   Pah1 activation upon *ICE2* deletion can explain the increase in LD abundance in

385   *ice2* mutants (Markgraf et al., 2014), although our data do not exclude additional

386   roles of Ice2 in lipid mobilization from LDs. It now needs to be determined exactly

387   how Ice2 inhibits Pah1. A possibility consistent with our protein proximity data is that

388   Ice2 inhibits Spo7. However, we currently cannot exclude more indirect explanations,

389   for example that Ice2 activates a Pah1 kinase.

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391   Changing physiological conditions impose an additional layer of control onto the

392   regulatory network outlined above. For instance, entry into stationary phase, when

393   cell division ceases, promotes LD formation at the expense of ER proliferation. In

394   contrast, growth resumption upon stationary phase exit is accompanied by LD

395   consumption and the biogenesis of new ER. These changes are brought about, at

396   least in part, through the phosphorylation of Pah1, Nem1 and possibly Dgk1 by

397   nutrient-responsive kinases (Kwiatek et al., 2020). Whether Ice2 activity is regulated

398   under these conditions needs to be explored. Another relevant setting is ER

399   membrane expansion during ER stress. Since ER expansion is unaffected in LD

400   mutants, it does not require lipid mobilization from LDs and can be fueled exclusively

401   by *de novo* lipid synthesis. This notion is supported by the upregulation of Ino2/4

402   target genes by ER stress (Schuck et al., 2009). In addition, *DGK1* is a UPR target

403   gene (Pincus et al., 2014) and the resulting increase in Dgk1 protein abundance

404   during ER stress presumably contributes to ER expansion. In contrast, the UPR

405   does not control the *ICE2* gene and it is a question for future investigation whether

406   and how ER stress regulates Ice2 and Pah1 activity. Interestingly, ER stress upon

407   inhibition of protein N-glycosylation can stimulate not only ER expansion but also LD

408   formation (Schuck et al., 2009; Fei et al., 2009; James et al., 2019). This may,

409   however, depend on exactly how N-glycosylation is perturbed (James et al., 2016).

410   The effects of ER stress on lipid droplet biogenesis clearly warrant further study.

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412   Bioinformatic analysis using HHpred suggests mammalian SERINC proteins as

413   distant Ice2 orthologs (unpublished results). SERINC1 was initially proposed to be at

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414   the ER, but later work detected SERINC proteins only at endosomes and the plasma

415   membrane (Inuzuka et al., 2005; Rosa et al., 2015; Davies et al., 2018). Whether

416   SERINC proteins have similar roles as Ice2 remains to be tested. In contrast, Nem1,

417   Spo7 and Pah1 are known to be conserved (Han et al., 2012). The Pah1 orthologs

418   lipin-1/2/3 are phospho-regulated in a similar manner as Pah1 and function in lipid

419   storage in mice and humans (Harris and Fink, 2011; Zhang and Reue, 2017). Like in

420   yeast, removal of lipins causes ER expansion in protozoa, plants, worms and flies

421   (Golden et al., 2009; Eastmond et al., 2010; Bahmanyar et al., 2014; Grillet et al.,

422   2016; Pillai et al., 2017). However, an important difference is that metazoans

423   synthesize phospholipids mainly through the Kennedy pathway, which uses DAG

424   and not PA as a precursor (McMaster, 2018). Therefore, DAG is a precursor for both

425   LD and membrane biogenesis, seemingly ruling out the possibility that the balance

426   between DAG and PA could determine whether LD or ER biogenesis is favored. This

427   incongruence may be resolved by the finding from *A. thaliana* that CCT, the rate-

428   limiting enzyme for phosphatidylcholine synthesis by the Kennedy pathway, is

429   allosterically activated by PA (Craddock et al., 2015). Activation of CCT by PA may

430   also exist in mice (Zhang et al., 2019). Thus, accumulation of PA may increase flux

431   through the Kennedy pathway and channel DAG towards phospholipid synthesis

432   (Jacquemyn et al., 2017). This model raises the unifying possibility that lipins

433   inversely govern LD and ER biogenesis in all eukaryotes.

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435   The regulation of lipid metabolism determines whether lipids are consumed, stored

436   or used to build membranes. Elucidating how this decision is made will yield a

437   deeper understanding of differentiation processes, for example the massive

438   expansion of the ER during plasma cell development or the huge increase in LD

439   abundance during adipogenesis. Moreover, it may enable therapeutic intervention in

440   diseases associated with ER overload and aberrant lipid metabolism, such as

441   diabetes and obesity. Besides organelle biogenesis, lipin activity has an impact on

442   autophagy, axon regeneration, myopathy, dystonia and neurodegeneration (Zhang

443   et al., 2014; Grillet et al., 2016; Zhang and Reue, 2017; Fanning et al., 2019; Yang et

444   al., 2019; Schäfer et al., 2020). Unraveling the regulation of lipin will therefore have

445   implications for a wide variety of cellular processes and associated diseases.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Plasmids

Plasmids used in this study are listed in Table S3. To generate pNH605-P_{ADH1}-GEM-P_{GAL1}-ino2(L119A), the *ino2(L119A)* coding sequence was first subcloned from pRS415$_{MET25}$-ino2(L119A) into pRS416-P_{GAL1}. The P_{GAL1}-ino2(L119A)-T_{CYC1} cassette was then transferred into pNH605-P_{ADH1}-GEM. Similarly, pRS306-P_{ADH1}-GEM-P_{GAL1}-ino2(L119A) was generated by transferring the P_{GAL1}-ino2(L119A) cassette from pRS416-P_{GAL1}-ino2(L119A) into pRS306-P_{ADH1}-GEM. To generate pFA6a-mNeon-kanMX6 and pFA6a-mNeon-HIS3MX6, mNeonGreen (Shaner et al., 2013) was amplified from pFA6a-mNeon-kanMX4 and inserted into pFA6a-GFP(S65T)-kanMX6 and pFA6a-GFP(S65T)-HISMX6, replacing GFP(S65T). To generate pRS415-P_{ADH1}-Ice2, the *ICE2* coding sequence was amplified from yeast W303 genomic DNA and inserted into pRS415-P_{ADH1}. To generate expression plasmids for HA-tagged Pah1, YCplac111-Pah1-PrtA was linearized by inverse PCR and religated using the NEBuilder HiFi DNA assembly mix (New England Biolabs, Ipswitch, Massachusetts) such that the sequence encoding Protein A was replaced with a triple HA tag. A segment of the *pah1(7A)* coding sequence containing the seven alanine substitutions was amplified from YCPlac111-pah1(7A)-PrtA and inserted into YCPlac111-Pah1-3HA to yield YCplac111-pah1(7A)-3HA.

Yeast strain generation and growth

Strains used in this study are listed in Table S4. Strains generated for screening procedures were in the S288C background. All other strains were in the W303 background. Chromosomal modifications were introduced using PCR products or linearized plasmids (Longtine et al., 1998; Janke et al., 2004). The marker-free strains SSY2836 and SSY2837 were derived from SSY2809 by transformation with the *pah1(7A)-3HA* sequence amplified from plasmid pSS1047, followed by counterselection on 5-fluoroorotic acid.

Strains were grown at 30°C on YPD, SCD-MSG or SCD medium as indicated. YPD medium consisted of 1% yeast extract (Becton Dickinson, Heidelberg, Germany), 2% peptone (Becton Dickinson) and 2% glucose (Merck, Darmstadt, Germany). SCD-

478 MSG medium consisted of 0.17% yeast nitrogen base without amino acids and

479 ammonium sulfate (Formedium, Norfolk, UK), 0.1% monosodium glutamate, amino

480 acids and 2% glucose. SCD medium consisted of 0.7% yeast nitrogen base without

481 amino acids (Sigma, Taufkirchen, Germany), amino acids and 2% glucose. Media

482 contained antibiotics or lacked certain amino acids as appropriate for selection.

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484 **Light microscopy**

485 Precultures were grown in liquid SCD medium during the day, diluted into fresh

486 medium and grown overnight for 16 h so that they reached mid log phase (OD_{600} =

487 0.5 - 1). For induction of the GEM-GAL system, overnight cultures were diluted to

488 OD_{600} = 0.05 in fresh medium and treated with the indicated concentrations of ß-

489 estradiol (Sigma) for up to 6 h. For DTT treatment, overnight cultures were diluted to

490 OD_{600} = 0.1 and treated with 8 mM DTT (Roche, Mannheim, Germany) for up to 2 h.

491 Immediately before imaging, cells were harvested by centrifugation, mounted on

492 coverslips and covered with a 1% (w/v) agarose pad. Images were acquired with a

493 DMi8 inverted microscope (Leica, Wetzlar, Germany) equipped with a CSU-X1

494 spinning-disk confocal scanning unit (Yokogawa, Musashino, Japan) and an ORCA-

495 Flash 4.0 LT camera (Hamamatsu, Hamamatsu, Japan). A HC PL APO 63x/1.40-

496 0.60 or a HC PL APO 100x/1.4 CS2 oil objective lens (Leica) was used.

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498 **UPR assays**

499 UPR activity was measured by flow cytometry as described in Schmidt et al., 2019.

500 Cells expressing cytosolic BFP and the 4xUPRE-GFP transcriptional reporter for

501 UPR activity (Jonikas et al., 2009) were grown to mid log phase. Where indicated,

502 cells were treated with estradiol or DTT as above. Fluorescence was measured with

503 a FACS Canto flow cytometer (BD Biosciences, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey)

504 equipped with a high-throughput sampler. Background autofluorescence was

505 determined with identically grown isogenic control strains not harboring the UPR

506 reporter. Background-subtracted GFP fluorescence was divided by BFP

507 fluorescence to account for differences in protein translation capacity. GFP/BFP

508 ratios were normalized to untreated wild-type cells.

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Cell lysis and western blotting

For standard western blotting, cells were harvested by centrifugation, washed once with water, resuspended in 50 mM HEPES pH 7.5 containing 0.5 mM EDTA, 1 mM PMSF and complete protease inhibitors (Roche), and disrupted with glass beads using a FastPrep 24 (MP Biomedicals). SDS was added to 1.5% (w/v) and proteins were solubilized by incubation at 65°C for 5 min. Equal protein amounts, as determined with the BCA assay kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific Pierce, Waltham, Massachusetts), were resolved by SDS-PAGE and transferred onto nitrocellulose membranes. Membranes were probed with primary and HRP-coupled secondary antibodies and developed with homemade ECL. Chemiluminescence was detected with an ImageQuant LAS 4000 imaging system (GE Healthcare, Chalfont St Giles, UK). Primary antibodies were rabbit anti-Sec63 (Feldheim et al., 1992), mouse anti-mCherry 1C51 (Abcam, Cambridge, UK), mouse anti-Pgk1 22C5 (Abcam) and rat anti-HA 3F10 (Roche). To assess the phosphorylation status of Pah1, cells were lysed by alkaline extraction and incubation in a modified SDS-PAGE sample buffer at 65°C for 3 min (Kushnirov, 2000). Proteins were resolved on Zn^{2+}-containing Phos-tag gels according to Nagy et al., 2018 with minor modifications. Gels contained 8% acrlylamide/bisacrylamide (29:1), 25 μM Phos-tag acrylamide (Fujifilm Wako Chemicals, Neuss, Germany) and 50 μM $ZnCl_2$ in 350 mM Bis-Tris-HCl pH 6.8. Gels were run at 200 V at room temperature, washed 3 x 10 min in transfer buffer (25 mM Tris-HCl, 192 mM glycine, 20% methanol) containing 1 mM EDTA and 2 x 20 min in transfer buffer. Blotting was done at 100 V at 4°C for 3 h.

Construction of diploid ER marker knockout library

Using strains SSY2589 and SSY2590, the ER marker proteins Sec63-mNeon and Rtn1-mCherry along with the GEM-P_{GAL1}-ino2* cassette were integrated into the yeast knockout collection through modified SGA methodology (Giaever et al., 2002; Tong and Boone 2007). SSY2589 and SSY2590 were independently mated to the knockout collection on YPD medium using a Singer RoToR robot. For each library, diploids were selected on SCD-MSG lacking uracil and containing G418. Cells were pinned onto enriched sporulation medium (1% potassium actetate, 0.1% yeast extract, 0.05% glucose, 0.01% amino acid supplement consisting of only histidine,

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542   leucine, lysine and uracil) and kept at 23°C for 5 days. Haploids were selected by

543   two rounds of pinning onto SCD-MSG lacking histidine/arginine/lysine with

544   canavanine and thialysine or SCD-MSG lacking leucine/arginine/lysine with

545   canavanine and thialysine to select for MATa (Sec63-mNeon library) and MATα

546   (Rtn1-mCherry library) cells, respectively. Haploid cells harboring the required

547   markers were selected by sequential pinning onto appropriate media. The two

548   libraries were then mated together and diploids were selected on YPD containing

549   nourseothricin and hygromycin to generate the final library with the genotype:

550   *xxxΔ::kan/xxxΔ::kan SEC63-mNeon::HIS3/SEC63 RTN1-mCherry::nat/RTN1*

551   *can1Δ::GEM-P$_{GAL1}$-ino2*-URA3/can1Δ::P$_{STE2}$-HIS3 lyp1Δ::GEM-P$_{GAL1}$-ino2*-*

552   *URA3/lyp1Δ::P$_{STE3}$-LEU2 his3Δ::P$_{GPD}$-TagBFP-hph/his3Δ0.* This diploid library

553   afforded two benefits compared with a haploid library. The larger size of diploid cells

554   facilitated acquisition of informative images and the fact that cells were heterozygous

555   for the fluorescently tagged ER marker proteins reduced the risk that specious

556   morphological phenotypes arose from impaired functionality of Sec63 or Rtn1.

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558   **High-throughput microscopy**

559   Cells were grown to saturation overnight in 100 μl cultures in SCD medium in regular

560   96 well microtiter plates. Prior to imaging, 7 μl of culture was transferred into 1 ml

561   fresh SCD medium containing 800 nM estradiol and grown for 5 h in 96 deep-well

562   microtiter plates to reach logarithmic growth phase. One-hundred μl of each sample

563   was transferred into 96 well glass bottomed microtiter plates (Brooks Life Sciences,

564   Chelmsford, Massachusetts) coated with concanavalin A and allowed to attach.

565   Medium was refreshed after 1 h to remove non-attached cells. Samples were

566   imaged with a Nikon Ti-E wide-field microscope equipped with a motorized stage, a

567   Nikon perfect focus system, a Flash4 Hamamatsu sCMOS camera and a 60x/1.49

568   oil immersion lens. For each sample, two fields of view were acquired consisting of

569   five optical slices spaced 1 μm apart. Untreated wild-type control strains were

570   included in duplicate on each plate as a reference for unexpanded ER.

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572   **Automated cell segmentation and peripheral ER size measurement**

573   Image analysis was conducted in MATLAB using custom scripts. Initial cell objects

574   were identified based on the cytoplasmic BFP. The best overall mid-section image

575   was selected by assessing the standard deviation in the BFP image, which is highest

576   when the image is in focus. Next, a fast Fourier transformation and bandpass filter

577   were used to enhance contrast at the cell border. A Frangi filter (based on the

578   implementation by D.J. Kroon, "Hessian based Frangi Vesselness filter", MATLAB

579   Central File Exchange. Retrieved May 2017) followed by Otsu thresholding was then

580   used to generate a mask of apparent cell borders. Morphological opening followed

581   by a minimum size filter was used to remove false labeling created by yeast

582   vacuoles. The resulting image highlighted the cell borders. Because the borders of

583   many cells touched each other, the internal space was used to identify and separate

584   the individual cell objects. The intensity of these initial cell objects was measured

585   and only objects brighter than two median absolute deviations below the median

586   were kept. Finally, any remaining touching cells, including connected mother cells

587   and buds, were separated by watershedding. The segmentation of individual cell

588   objects obtained through this procedure was then optimized to generate more

589   accurate cell boundaries and peripheral ER segmentation. For this, cells were

590   cropped and the best mid-section was reassessed on a per cell basis using the

591   standard deviation of the Rtn1-mCherry image. The BFP images were re-segmented

592   using the above procedure based on the new mid-section. To accurately define the

593   cell periphery for image quantification, object borders were expanded but contained

594   within watershed boundaries. The ER was segmented in both the Sec63-mNeon and

595   Rtn1-mCherry images using a Frangi tubeness filter. A more accurate cell border

596   was defined by fitting a minimum volume ellipse (based on the implementation by N.

597   Moshtagh, "Minimum Volume Enclosing Ellipsoid", MATLAB Central File Exchange.

598   Retrieved July 2017) to the combined masks of the segmented ER. Based on this

599   segmentation, cell area, mean Sec63-mNeon and Rtn1-mCherry fluorescence, and

600   cell roundness were calculated. An area five pixels from the border was used to

601   define the peripheral ER. From this, total ER area (peripheral ER area divided by cell

602   periphery length), ER profile length (mean length of ER profiles divided by cell

603   periphery length) and ER gaps (number of gaps in the peripheral ER mask per

604   micrometer) were calculated. Finally, to remove false cell objects, poorly segmented

605   cells and dead cells, all of these measurements were used to limit the cell population

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606   to values within 2.5 standard deviations of the population mean. On average, 248

607   cells were analyzed per mutant, with the minimum being 25.

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609   **Visual ER morphology analysis**

610   To identify mutants with aberrant ER morphology, images were assessed visually

611   using a custom image viewer application made in MATLAB. Segmented cells were

612   arrayed in a montage displaying 7 x 15 cells at a time. Any strains with abnormal ER

613   morphology were re-imaged as described above to ensure that the phenotype was

614   robust. ER morphologies were independently annotated by two individuals with one

615   or more of the following features: underexpanded, overexpanded, extended sheets,

616   disorganized and clustered.

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618   **Computational ER expansion analysis**

619   Since most gene deletions did not affect ER expansion, mutants from the same

620   imaging plate can serve as a plate-specific background population for comparison to

621   individual deletion strains. Sec63-mNeon intensity was used to define this

622   background population and exclude the influence of extreme outliers. First, to

623   remove plate effects, mNeon intensities were normalized by subtracting the plate

624   means. Next, values were corrected for cell size (bigger cells being brighter) and cell

625   count (densely crowded areas having an overall higher fluorescence) by local

626   regression. Finally, the background population (BP) was defined for each plate as

627   mutants that were within 1.5 standard deviations of the mean. To normalize the ER

628   expansion measurements, a Z score was calculated as (sample - BP mean)/BP

629   standard deviation, thereby removing plate effects. The time spent imaging each

630   plate (approximately 50 minutes) was accounted for by correcting for well order by

631   local regression. Similarly, cell density effects were corrected for by local regression

632   against cell count. Scores were calculated separately for each field of view and the

633   maximum value was taken for each sample. False positives were removed by visual

634   inspection, which were often caused by an out of focus field of view. Strains passing

635   arbitrary thresholds of significance (Z score less than -2 for total ER area and ER

636   profile length, and greater than 2 for ER gaps) in at least two of the measurements

637   and no overall morphology defects as defined above were re-imaged in triplicate

638   along with wild-type control strains under both untreated and estradiol-treated

639   conditions. Images were inspected visually as a last filter to define the final list of

640   strains with ER expansion defects.

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642   **Semi-automated cortical ER morphology quantification**

643   For cell segmentation, bright field images were processed in Fiji to enhance the

644   contrast of the cell periphery. For this, a Gaussian blur (sigma = 2) was applied to

645   reduce image noise, followed by a scaling down of the image (x = y = 0.5) to reduce

646   the effect of small details on cell segmentation. A tubeness filter (sigma = 1) was

647   used to highlight cell borders and the images were scaled back up to the original

648   resolution. Cells were segmented using CellX (Dimopoulos et al., 2014) and out of

649   focus cells were removed manually. A user interface in MATLAB was then used to

650   assist ER segmentation. Users input images of Sec63-mNeon and Rtn1-mCherry

651   from cortical sections (background subtracted in Fiji using the rolling ball method with

652   a radius of 50 pixels) and the cell segmentation file generated in CellX. Adjustable

653   parameters controlled the segmentation of ER tubules and sheets for each image.

654   These parameters were tubule radius, tubule strength and sheet background.

655   Manual fine-tuning of these parameters was important to ensure consistent ER

656   segmentation across images with different signal intensities. These parameters were

657   set independently for Sec63-mNeon and Rtn1-mCherry images together with one

658   additional parameter called 'trimming factor', which controls the detection of ER

659   sheets. ER masks were calculated across entire images and were assigned to

660   individual cells based on the CellX segmentation. For each channel, the background

661   (BG) levels were automatically calculated using Otsu thresholding and fine tuned by

662   multiplying the threshold value by the 'tubule BG' (Rtn1 channel) or 'sheet BG'

663   (Sec63 channel) adjustment parameters. A 3x3 median filter was applied to

664   smooth the images and reduce noise that is problematic for segmentation. Two

665   rounds of segmentation were passed for each image channel (Sec63 or Rtn1) with

666   one optimised for finding smaller features (i.e. ER tubules) and the other for larger

667   features (i.e. ER sheets). Firstly, convolution kernels were calculated for small and

668   large features, respectively, defined as a ring of radius +1, where the radius is given

669   in the 'tubule radius' (small feature) or 'sheet radius' (large feature) parameters.

670 These convolution kernels were applied pixel-wise to determine if a pixel is brighter

671 than the mean intensity of the surrounding ring of pixels. The strength of this filter

672 was fine-tuned by adjusting the 'tubule strength' or 'sheet strength' parameters.

673 Additionally, segmented pixels had to be brighter than the background levels defined

674 above. This procedure generated two segmented images per channel, which were

675 then combined to generate the 'total ER' mask for that channel. To define which

676 regions in each channel represented sheets or tubules a morphological opening was

677 applied, the degree of which was controlled by the parameter 'trimming factor'.

678 Features that remained in the Sec63 segmentation mask after morpholical opening

679 were provisionally designated as sheets, whereas the remainder of the ER mask

680 was designated tubules. Finally, areas that were sheet-like in the Rtn1 segmentation

681 mask and overlapped with the Sec63 mask were designated tubular clusters.

682 Tubular clusters were subtracted from provisonal sheets to obtain the final

683 designation of sheets. The median size measurements of each class were taken

684 from the whole cell population for further analyses.

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686 **Quantitative real-time PCR**

687 Quantitative real-time PCR was done exactly as described (Schmidt et al., 2019).

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689 **Ice2 protein proximity screen**

690 Ice2 proximity was screened by split DHFR protein complementation assay

691 (Tarassov et al., 2008). Hmg2 served as a control for non-specific hits. *MATa ICE2-*

692 *DHFR[1,2]* and *MATα ICE2-DHFR[3]* strains as well as the control strains *MATa*

693 *HMG2-DHFR[1,2]* and *MATα HMG2-DHFR[3]* were mated to the library of the

694 opposite mating type in 1536 colony format. Diploid cells were pinned onto SCD

695 medium containing 200 µg/ml methotrexate (Merck). Colonies were grown for 4 days

696 at 30°C before imaging using a Singer PhenoBooth with bottom illumination. Since

697 methotrexate is light sensitive, plate preparation and cell growth were carried out in

698 the dark. Data analysis was conducted in R. Colony size was measured using the

699 Gitter package (Wagih and Parts, 2014). Raw colony size measurements were

700 median polished to remove row and column effects. Z scores were calculated to

701 remove plate effects. Scores were converted into p-values and subjected to

702   Benjamini Hochberg multiple testing correction with corrected p-values below 0.05

703   being considered significant. The Ice2 screen was conducted twice and the Hmg2

704   screen once. Proteins were considered hits if they were significant in three out of

705   four possible outcomes (MATa and MATα libraries in duplicate). Proteins that were

706   only present in one of the MAT type libraries were also considered hits if they were

707   significant in both repeats. Finally, any proteins that were also hits in either of the

708   Hmg2 libraries (MATa or MATα) were excluded.

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710   **Growth assays**

711   For growth assays in liquid culture, cells were grown to saturation and diluted to

712   OD_{600} = 0.05. For each strain, 500 μl culture was transferred into 48-well plates in

713   triplicate and absorbance at 600 nm was measured at room temperature in 5 minute

714   intervals for 24 hours using a Tecan Infinite M1000 Pro plate reader. The area under

715   the curve was calculated with the R package Growthcurver (Sprouffske and Wagner,

716   2016) and used as a measure for cell growth. For the growth assays shown in Figure

717   7C, cells were grown to mid log phase, diluted as above and absorbance was

718   measured at 30°C using a Tecan Spark Cyto plate reader. This experimental regime

719   ensured that *Δhac1* mutants grew as well as wild-type cells.

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721   **Lipidomics**

722   For each sample, approximately 2 x 10^8 cells (10 ODs) were harvested from cultures

723   grown to mid log phase and snap frozen in liquid nitrogen. Cells were disrupted with

724   glass beads as above in 50 mM HEPES pH 7.5 containing 0.5 mM EDTA. Aliquots

725   were subjected to acidic Bligh and Dyer lipid extractions in the presence of internal

726   lipid standards added from a master mix containing 40 pmol d7-PC mix (15:0/18:1-

727   d7, Avanti Polar Lipids), 25 pmol PI (17:0/20:4, Avanti Polar Lipids), 25 pmol PE and

728   15 pmol PS (14:1/14:1, 20:1/20:1, 22:1/22:1, semi-synthesized as described in

729   Özbalci et al., 2013), 20 pmol DAG (17:0/17:0, Larodan), 20 pmol TAG (D5-TAG-

730   Mix, LM-6000 / D5-TAG 17:0,17:1,17:1, Avanti Polar Lipids), 20 pmol PA (PA

731   17:0/20:4, Avanti Polar Lipids), 5 pmol PG (14:1/14:1, 20:1/20:1, 22:1/22:1, semi-

732   synthesized as described in Özbalci et al., 2013), 40 pmol ergosteryl ester (15:0 and

733   19:0, semi-synthesized as described in Gruber et al., 2018) and 20 pmol t-Cer (18:0,

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734   Avanti Polar Lipids). Lipids recovered in the organic extraction phase were

735   evaporated by a gentle stream of nitrogen. Prior to measurements, lipid extracts

736   were dissolved in 10 mM ammonium acetate in methanol and transferred into

737   Eppendorf twin.tec 96-well plates. Mass spectrometric measurements were

738   performed in positive ion mode on an AB SCIEX QTRAP 6500+ mass spectrometer

739   equipped with chip-based (HD-D ESI Chip, Advion Biosciences) nano-

740   electrospray infusion and ionization (Triversa Nanomate, Advion Biosciences) as

741   described (Özbalci et al., 2013). The following precursor ion scanning (PREC) and

742   neutral loss scanning (NL) modes were used for the measurement of the various

743   lipid classes: +PREC 184 (PC), +PREC282 (t-Cer), +NL141 (PE), +NL185 (PS),

744   +NL277 (PI), + NL189 (PG), +NL115 (PA), +PREC 77 (ergosterol), +PREC379

745   (ergosteryl ester). Ergosterol was quantified following derivatization to ergosterol

746   acetate in the presence of 200 pmol of the internal standard (22E)-Stigmasta-5,7,22-

747   trien-3-beta-ol (Aldrich, R202967) using 100 μl acetic anhydride/chloroform (1:12 v/v)

748   overnight under argon atmosphere (Ejsing et al., 2009). Mass spectrometry settings:

749   Resolution: unit, low mass configuration; data accumulation: 400 MCA; curtain gas:

750   20; Interface heater temperature: 60; CAD: medium; DR: open; separation voltage:

751   3800; DMO: -3; compensation voltage: 10; DMS temperature: 60°C. Data evaluation

752   was done using LipidView (Sciex) and a software developed in house, ShinyLipids.

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1048 **FIGURE LEGENDS**

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1050 **Figure 1.** An inducible system for ER membrane biogenesis. **(A)** Schematic of the

1051 control of lipid synthesis by estradiol-inducible expression of ino2*. **(B)** Sec63-

1052 mNeon images of mid and cortical sections of cells harboring the estradiol-inducible

1053 system (SSY1405). Cells were untreated or treated with 800 nM estradiol for 6 h.

1054 Estradiol induces expansion of the peripheral ER. **(C)** Flow cytometric measurement

1055 of GFP levels in cells containing the UPR reporter. WT cells containing the UPR

1056 reporter (SSY2306), cells additionally harboring an estradiol-inducible *GAL* promoter

1057 (SSY2307) and cells additionally harboring the system for estradiol-inducible

1058 expression of ino2* under the *GAL* promoter (SSY2308) were untreated, treated with

1059 800 nM estradiol for 6 h or treated with 8 mM DTT for 1 h, as indicated. Data are

1060 normalized to untreated wild-type cells. Mean ± SEM, n = 3. WT, wild-type. **(D)**

1061 Western blot of Sec63, mCherry and Pgk1 from WT cells (SSY1404), cells harboring

1062 the estradiol-inducible system (SSY1405) or *Δopi1* cells (SSY1607), all of which

1063 expressed Sec63-mNeon and Rtn1-mCherry. Cells were untreated or treated with

1064 800 nM estradiol for 6 h. Pgk1 served as a loading control. **(E)** Quantification of ER

1065 size in estradiol-treated cells harboring the inducible system (SSY1405), untreated

1066 *Δopi1* cells (SSY1607) and WT cells (SSY1404) treated with 8 mM DTT for 1 h. The

1067 three metrics for the size of the peripheral ER at the cell cortex show dose-

1068 dependent ER expansion upon estradiol treatment, reaching the constitutive

1069 expansion in *Δopi1* cells. Mean ± SEM, n = 3.

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1071 **Figure 2.** A genetic screen for factors involved in ER membrane biogenesis. **(A)**

1072 Sec63-mNeon images of cells of the indicated genotypes harboring the inducible

1073 system. Cells were treated with 800 nM estradiol for 6 h. Two examples of each

1074 phenotypic class are shown. WT, wild-type. **(B)** Violin plots of Z scores from the

1075 three metrics for ER size determined for each of the 4800 mutants strains in the

1076 yeast knockout collection. The untreated WT is shown for reference. **(C)** Sec63-

1077 mNeon and Rtn1-mCherry images of *Δlnp1* and *Δsey1* cells harboring the inducible

1078 system and treated with 800 nM estradiol for 6 h. **(D)** Classification of hits. Numbers

1079   in brackets indicate the number of mutants in each class. Striped areas indicate

1080   mutants falling into two classes.

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1082   **Figure 3.** Ice2 is required for ER membrane biogenesis upon activation of Ino2/4.

1083   **(A)** Sec63-mNeon images of the cortical ER of WT and *Δice2* cells harboring the

1084   inducible system (SSY1405 and 1603). Cells were untreated or treated with 800 nM

1085   estradiol for 6 h. WT, wild-type. **(B)** Classification of peripheral ER structures from

1086   cortical sections of cells expressing Sec63-mNeon and Rtn1-mCherry as tubules

1087   (purple), sheets (green) or tubular clusters (yellow). Tubular clusters are added to

1088   the tubules in the final classification, as illustrated by the overlay. **(C)** Quantification

1089   of peripheral ER structures in WT and *Δice2* cells harboring the inducible system

1090   (SSY1405 and 1603) and treated with 800 nM estradiol for the times indicated.

1091   Plotted is the percentage of cell cortex covered by tubules (purple) or sheets (green).

1092   Error bars show the SEM for tubules and sheets, respectively. n = 3. ER expansion

1093   is driven by sheet formation, which fails in *Δice2* cells. **(D)** Activity of the Ino2/4 target

1094   gene *INO1* before and after ino2* expression in WT and *Δice2* cells harboring the

1095   inducible system (SSY1405 and 1603) as judged by mRNA levels measured by

1096   quantitative real-time PCR. Data are normalized to untreated WT cells. Mean ± SEM.

1097   n = 3. **(E)** Quantification of peripheral ER structures in untreated WT, *Δice2*, *Δopi1*

1098   and *Δice2 Δopi1* cells (SSY1404, 2356, 2595 and 2811). Deletion of *ICE2* impaires

1099   ER expansion caused by deletion of *OPI1*.

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1101   **Figure 4.** Ice2 is required for ER membrane biogenesis upon ER stress and *ICE2*

1102   overexpression is sufficient to induce ER expansion. **(A)** Quantification of peripheral

1103   ER structures in WT and *Δice2* cells (SSY1405 and 1603) treated with 8 mM DTT for

1104   the times indicated. Plotted is the percentage of cell cortex covered by tubules

1105   (purple) or sheets (green). Error bars show the SEM for tubules and sheets,

1106   respectively. n = 3. WT, wild-type. **(B)** Flow cytometric measurement of GFP levels

1107   of WT and *Δice2* cells containing the UPR reporter (SSY2306 and 2312). Cells were

1108   treated with 8 mM DTT for the times indicated. Data are normalized to untreated WT

1109   cells. Mean ± SEM, n = 3. **(C)** Fluorescence images of cortical sections of untreated

1110   WT and *Δice2* cells expressing Sec63-mNeon and Rtn1-mCherry (SSY1405 and

1111   1603). **(D)** As in panel C, but after treatment with 8 mM DTT for 1 h. **(E)**

1112   Quantification of WT and *Δice2* cells with Rtn1-mCherry puncta after treatment with 8

1113   mM DTT for the times indicated. Mean ± SEM. n = 3. **(F)** Quantification of peripheral

1114   ER structures in untreated WT and UPR-deficient *Δhac1* cells (SSY2228 and 2331),

1115   overexpressing *ICE2* from a centromeric plasmid where indicated. **(G)** Flow

1116   cytometric measurement of GFP levels of WT and *Δhac1* cells containing the UPR

1117   reporter (SSY2306 and 2314) and overexpressing *ICE2* from a centromeric plasmid

1118   where indicated. Data are normalized to untreated WT cells. Mean ± SEM, n = 3.

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1120   **Figure 5.** Ice2 cooperates with Nem1, Spo7 and Pah1. **(A)** Quantification of

1121   peripheral ER structures in WT, *Δice2*, *ΔLD* and *ΔLD Δice2* cells harboring the

1122   inducible system (SSY2598, 599, 2600 and 2601), which were untreated or treated

1123   with 800 nM estradiol for 6 h. Plotted is the percentage of cell cortex covered by

1124   tubules (purple) or sheets (green). Error bars show the SEM for tubules and sheets,

1125   respectively. n = 3. WT, wild-type; *ΔLD, Δlipid droplet*. The absence of lipid droplets

1126   has no effect on ER expansion or the expansion defect caused by deletion of *ICE2*.

1127   **(B)** As in panel A but after treatment with 8 mM DTT for 1 h. **(C)** Principle of the Ice2

1128   protein proximity screen (left) and table of the hits obtained (right). DHFR*$_N$ and

1129   DHFR*$_C$ are the amino-terminal and carboxy-terminal fragments of methotrexate-

1130   resistant dihydrofolate reductase. **(D)** Genetic interactions between *ICE2* and

1131   selected lipid synthesis genes. CDP, cytidine diphosphate; DAG, diacylglycerol; PA,

1132   phosphatidic acid; PI/PS/PE/PC, phosphatidyl-inositol/serine/ethanolamine/choline.

1133   **(E)** Growth assays of untreated WT, *Δice2, Δpah1* and *Δpah1Δice2* cells (SSY1404,

1134   2356, 2807 and 2808). Numbers represent the areas under the curves and serve as

1135   growth indices. Mean ± SEM. n = 3. Deletion of *PAH1* suppresses the growth

1136   phenotype caused by deletion of *ICE2*. **(F)** Fluorescence images of WT, *Δpah1* and

1137   *Δpah1Δice2* cells expressing Sec63-mNeon (SSY1404, 2807 and 2808). *ICE2*

1138   deletion has no effect on nuclear or peripheral ER morphology in *Δpah1* cells.

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1140   **Figure 6.** Ice2 promotes ER membrane biogenesis by opposing Pah1 activity. **(A)**

1141   Schematic of Pah1 phospho-regulation. Phosphorylated Pah1 is cytosolic and

1142   inactive. Interaction between Pah1 and the ER-localized Nem1-Spo7 complex

1143 results in Pah1 dephosphorylation and activation, leading to conversion of PA into

1144 DAG. **(B)** Western blot of HA from WT, *Δice2*, *Δnem1* and *Δnem1 Δice2* cells

1145 expressing endogenously tagged Pah1-3HA (SSY2592, 2593, 2595 and 2718).

1146 SDS-PAGE (top) and Phos-tag PAGE (bottom) gels are shown. WT, wild-type. Loss

1147 of Ice2 results in dephosphorylation and hence activation of Pah1 by Nem1,

1148 indicating that Ice2 opposes Pah1 activity. **(C)** Lipidomic analysis of WT, *Δice2*,

1149 *Δnem1* and *Δice2 Δnem1* cells (SSY1404, 2356, 2482 and 2484). Mean ± SEM. n =

1150 4. TAG, triacylglycerol; DAG, diacylglycerol; PA, phosphatidic acid; PI/PS/PE/PC,

1151 phosphatidyl-inositol/serine/ethanolamine/choline. **(D)** As in panel C, but of WT,

1152 *Δice2, Δspo7* and *Δice2 Δspo7* cells (SSY1404, 2356, 2481 and 2483). Data for WT

1153 and *Δice2* cells are the same as in panel C. **(E)** Quantification of peripheral ER

1154 structures in WT cells and cells in which *PAH1* was replaced by *pah1(7A)*, without

1155 and with overexpression of *ICE2* (SSY2841, 2842, 2843 and 2844). Plotted is the

1156 percentage of cell cortex covered by tubules (purple) or sheets (green). Error bars

1157 show the SEM for tubules and sheets, respectively. n = 3. The constitutively active

1158 *pah1(7A)* prevents ER membrane expansion upon *ICE2* overexpression. **(F)**

1159 Quantification of peripheral ER structures in WT cells and cells in which *PAH1* was

1160 replaced by *pah1(7A)* (SSY2841 and 2842), treated with 8 mM DTT for 1 h. **(G)**

1161 Quantification of WT and *Δice2* cells with Rtn1-mCherry puncta after treatment with 8

1162 mM DTT for the times indicated. Mean ± SEM. n = 3.

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1164 **Figure 7.** Ice2 cooperates with the PA-Opi1-Ino2/4 system and the UPR. **(A)** Sec63-

1165 mNeon images of mid and cortical sections of untreated WT and *Δopi1* cells,

1166 overexpressing *ICE2* where indicated (SSY1404, 2595, 2588 and 2596). WT, wild-

1167 type. **(B)** Quantification of peripheral ER structures in the strains shown in panel A.

1168 Plotted is the percentage of cell cortex covered by tubules (purple) or sheets (green).

1169 Error bars show the SEM for tubules and sheets, respectively. n = 3. **(C)** Growth

1170 assays of untreated WT, *Δhac1*, *Δice2*, and *Δhac1Δice2* cells (SSY1404, 2356,

1171 2805 and 2806). Numbers represent the areas under the curves and serve as growth

1172 indices. Mean ± SEM. n = 3. **(D)** Model for the regulation of ER membrane

1173 biogenesis. High Pah1 activity promotes conversion of phosphatidic acid (PA) into

1174 diacylglycerol (DAG) for lipid droplet biogenesis. Low Pah1 activity allows net DAG-

1175   to-PA conversion by Dgk1 and derepression of Ino2/4-driven lipid synthesis genes,

1176   resulting in phospholipid production and ER membrane biogenesis. These

1177   mechanisms coordinate the production of lipid metabolic precursors and lipid

1178   synthesis enzymes.

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1180   **Figure S1. (A)** Growth assays of untreated WT, *Δice2*, *ΔLD* and *ΔLD Δice2* cells

1181   (SSY2228, 2229, 2230 and 2256). Numbers represent the areas under the curves

1182   and serve as growth indices. WT, wild-type. Mean ± SEM. n = 3. *ΔLD, Δlipid droplet*.

1183   The absence of lipid droplets has no effect on ER expansion or the expansion defect

1184   caused by deletion of *ICE2*. **(B)** Growth assay of untreated S288C WT cells mating

1185   type a or alpha, the corresponding cells harboring Ice2 fused to either fragment of

1186   DHFR*, and *Δice2* cells. Numbers represent the areas under the curves and serve

1187   as growth indices. n = 1. Ice2-DHFR fusion proteins support normal growth,

1188   indicating that they are functional.

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1190   **Figure S2.** Ice2 but not Dgk1 acts in the same pathway as Nem1, Spo7 and Pah1.

1191   **(A)** Growth assays of untreated WT, *Δice2*, *Δnem1* and *Δnem1Δice2* cells

1192   (SSY1404, 2356, 2482 and 2484). Numbers represent the areas under the curves

1193   and serve as growth indices. Mean ± SEM. n = 3. WT, wild-type. Deletion of *NEM1*

1194   suppresses the growth phenotype caused by deletion of *ICE2*. **(B)** Sec63-mNeon

1195   images of untreated WT, *Δice2*, *Δnem1* and *Δnem1Δice2* cells (SSY1404, 2356,

1196   2482 and 2484). *ICE2* deletion has no effect on nuclear or peripheral ER morphology

1197   in *Δnem1* cells. **(C)** As in panel A but for WT, *Δice2*, *Δspo7* and *Δspo7Δice2* cells

1198   (SSY1404, 2356, 2481 and 2483). Data for WT and *Δice2* cells are the same as in

1199   panel A. **(D)** As in panel B but for WT, *Δice2*, *Δspo7* and *Δspo7Δice2* cells

1200   (SSY1404, 2356, 2481 and 2483). **(E)** Sec63-mNeon images of untreated cells of

1201   the indicated genotypes (SSY1404, 2482, 2481, 2807, 2480, 2485, 2486 and 2822).

1202   *DGK1* deletion rescues the nuclear envelope defects and constitutive ER expansion

1203   in *Δnem1*, *Δspo7* and *Δpah1* cells.

Table S3. Plasmids used in this study. GEM = GAL4DBD-EstR-Msn2TAD.

Plasmid	Alias	Source
pRS415-P$_{MET25}$-ino2(L119A)	pSS108	Heyken et al., 2005
pRS416-P$_{GAL1}$	pSS031	Mumberg et al., 1994
pRS415-P$_{GAL1}$-ino2(L119A)	pSS448	this study
pNH605-P$_{ADH1}$-GEM	pDEP151	David Pincus
pNH605-P$_{ADH1}$-GEM-P$_{GAL1}$	pSS474	Schmidt et al., 2019
pNH605-P$_{ADH1}$-GEM-P$_{GAL1}$-ino2(L119A)	pSS475	this study
pRS306-P$_{ADH1}$-GEM	pDEP001	Pincus et al., 2014
pRS306-P$_{ADH1}$-GEM-P$_{GAL1}$	pSS476	Schmidt et al., 2019
pRS306-P$_{ADH1}$-GEM-P$_{GAL1}$-ino2(L119A)	pSS477	this study
pRS303H-P$_{GPD}$-TagBFP	pMaM245	Szoradi et al., 2018
pFA6a-mNeon-kanMX4	pMaM375	Michael Knop
pFA6a-GFP(S65T)-kanMX6	pSS037	Longtine et al., 1998
pFA6a-GFP(S65T)-HISMX6	pSS039	Longtine et al., 1998
pFA6a-mNeon-kanMX6	pSS445	Schäfer et al., 2020
pFA6a-mNeon-HIS3MX6	pSS447	this study
pRS415-P$_{ADH1}$	pSS022	Mumberg et al., 1995
pRS415-P$_{ADH1}$-Ice2	pSS761	this study
pRS304-4xUPRE-GFP	pDEP017	Pincus et al., 2010
YCplac111-Pah1-PrtA	pSS1005	O'Hara et al., 2006
YCplac111-pah1(7A)-PrtA	pSS1006	O'Hara et al., 2006
YCplac111-Pah1-3HA	pSS1045	this study
YCplac111-pah1(7A)-3HA	pSS1047	this study

Table S4. Yeast strains used in this study. mNeon = mNeonGreen. GEM = P_{ADH1}-GAL4DBD-EstR-Msn2TAD.

Strain	Relevant genotype	Source
SSY122	*ADE2 leu2-3,112 trp1-1 ura3-1 his3-11,15 MATa*	Szoradi, 2018
SSY1404	*Sec63-mNeon::kan Rtn1-mCherry::HIS3*	this study
SSY2328	*Sec63-mNeon::kan Rtn1-mCherry::HIS3 leu2::GEM-LEU2*	this study
SSY1405	*Sec63-mNeon::kan Rtn1-mCherry::HIS3 leu2::GEM-P$_{GAL1}$-ino2(L119A)-LEU2*	this study
SSY2306	*his3::P$_{GPD}$-TagBFP-hph trp1::4xUPRE-GFP-TRP1*	this study
SSY2307	*his3::P$_{GPD}$-TagBFP-hph trp1::4xUPRE-GFP-TRP1 ura3::GEM-P$_{GAL1}$-URA3*	this study
SSY2308	*his3::P$_{GPD}$-TagBFP-hph trp1::4xUPRE-GFP-TRP1 ura3::GEM-P$_{GAL1}$-ino2(L119A)-URA3*	this study
SSY1607	*Sec63-mNeon::kan Rtn1-mCherry::HIS3 leu2::GEM-P$_{GAL1}$-ino2(L119A)-LEU2 opi1Δ::hph*	this study
Y8205	*can1Δ::P$_{STE2}$-Sp_his5 lyp1Δ::P$_{STE3}$-LEU2 his3Δ1 leu2Δ0 ura3Δ0 MATα*	Tong, 2007
SSY2589	*Y8205 Sec63-mNeon::HIS3 his3::P$_{GPD}$-TagBFP-hph can1::GEM-P$_{GAL1}$-ino2(L119A)-URA3*	this study
SSY2590	*Y8205 Rtn1-mCherry::nat lyp1::GEM-P$_{GAL1}$-ino2(L119A)-URA3*	this study
SSY1603	*Sec63-mNeon::kan Rtn1-mCherry::HIS3 leu2::GEM-P$_{GAL1}$-ino2(L119A)-LEU2 ice2Δ::hph*	this study
SSY2356	*Sec63-mNeon::kan Rtn1-mCherry::HIS3 ice2Δ::nat*	this study
SSY2595	*Sec63-mNeon::kan Rtn1-mCherry::HIS3 opi1Δ::hph*	this study
SSY2811	*Sec63-mNeon::kan Rtn1-mCherry::HIS3 opi1Δ::hph ice2Δ::nat*	this study
SSY2312	*his3::P$_{GPD}$-TagBFP-hph trp1::4xUPRE-GFP-TRP1 ice2Δ::nat*	this study
YMG1	*ade2-1 leu2-3,112 trp1-1 ura3-1 his3-11,15 can1-100 MATa*	Velazquez, 2016
SSY2228	*YMG1 Sec63-mNeon::URA3 Rtn1-mCherry::kan*	this study
SSY2331	*YMG1 Sec63-mNeon::URA3 Rtn1-mCherry::kan hac1Δ::nat*	this study
SSY2314	*his3::P$_{GPD}$-TagBFP-hph trp1::4xUPRE-GFP-TRP1 hac1Δ::nat*	this study
YMG5	*YMG1 dga1Δ::TRP1 lro1Δ::HIS3 are1Δ::TRP1 are2Δ::HIS3*	Velazquez, 2016
SSY2598	*YMG1 ADE2 Sec63-mNeon::URA3 Rtn1-mCherry::kan leu2::GEM-P$_{GAL1}$-ino2(L119A)-LEU2*	this study
SSY2599	*SSY2598 ice2Δ::nat*	this study
SSY2600	*YMG5 ADE2 Sec63-mNeon::URA3 Rtn1-mCherry::kan leu2::GEM-P$_{GAL1}$-ino2(L119A)-LEU2*	this study
SSY2601	*SSY2600 ice2Δ::nat*	this study
BY4741	*his3Δ1 leu2Δ0 met15Δ0 ura3Δ0 MATa*	Michael Knop
BY4742	*his3Δ1 leu2Δ0 leu2Δ0 ura3Δ0 MATα*	Michael Knop
	BY4741 Ice2-DHFR$^*_{1,2}$ (from DHFR fusion collection)	Tarassov, 2008
	BY4742 Ice2-DHFR$^*_3$ (from DHFR fusion collection)	Tarassov, 2008
	BY4741 Hmg2-DHFR$^*_{1,2}$ (from DHFR fusion collection)	Tarassov, 2008
	BY4742 Hmg2-DHFR$^*_3$ (from DHFR fusion collection)	Tarassov, 2008
	BY4741 ice2Δ::kan (from knockout strain collection)	Giaever, 2002
SSY2807	*Sec63-mNeon::kan Rtn1-mCherry::HIS3 pah1Δ::hph*	this study
SSY2808	*Sec63-mNeon::kan Rtn1-mCherry::HIS3 ice2Δ::nat pah1Δ::hph*	this study
SSY2229	*YMG1 Sec63-mNeon::URA3 Rtn1-mCherry::kan ice2Δ::nat*	this study
SSY2230	*YMG5 Sec63-mNeon::URA3 Rtn1-mCherry::kan ice2Δ::nat*	this study
SSY2256	*YMG5 Sec63-mNeon::URA3 Rtn1-mCherry::kan*	this study
SSY2482	*Sec63-mNeon::kan Rtn1-mCherry::HIS3 nem1Δ::hph*	this study
SSY2484	*Sec63-mNeon::kan Rtn1-mCherry::HIS3 ice2Δ::nat nem1Δ::hph*	this study
SSY2481	*Sec63-mNeon::kan Rtn1-mCherry::HIS3 spo7Δ::hph*	this study
SSY2483	*Sec63-mNeon::kan Rtn1-mCherry::HIS3 ice2Δ::nat spo7Δ::hph*	this study
SSY2480	*Sec63-mNeon::kan Rtn1-mCherry::HIS3 dgk1Δ::nat*	this study
SSY2485	*Sec63-mNeon::kan Rtn1-mCherry::HIS3 spo7Δ::hph Δdgk1::nat*	this study
SSY2486	*Sec63-mNeon::kan Rtn1-mCherry::HIS3 nem1Δ::hph Δdgk1::nat*	this study
SSY2822	*Sec63-mNeon::kan Rtn1-mCherry::HIS3 dgk1Δ::nat Δpah1::hph*	this study
SSY2592	*Pah1-3HA::HIS3*	this study
SSY2593	*Pah1-3HA::HIS3 ice2Δ::nat*	this study
SSY2594	*Pah1-3HA::HIS3 nem1Δ::nat*	this study
SSY2718	*Pah1-3HA::HIS3 ice2Δ::nat nem1Δ::hph*	this study
SSY2809	*pah1Δ::URA3*	this study
SSY2836	*Pah1-3HA*	this study
SSY2837	*pah1(7A)-3HA*	this study
SSY2841	*Pah1-3HA Sec63-mNeon::kan Rtn1-mCherry::HIS3*	this study
SSY2842	*pah1(7A)-3HA Sec63-mNeon::kan Rtn1-mCherry::HIS3*	this study
SSY2843	*Pah1-3HA Sec63-mNeon::kan Rtn1-mCherry::HIS3 ura3::P$_{ADH1}$-Ice2-LEU2*	this study
SSY2844	*pah1(7A)-3HA Sec63-mNeon::kan Rtn1-mCherry::HIS3 ura3::P$_{ADH1}$-Ice2-LEU2*	this study
SSY2588	*Sec63-mNeon::kan Rtn1-mCherry::HIS3 ura3::Padh-Ice2-LEU2*	this study

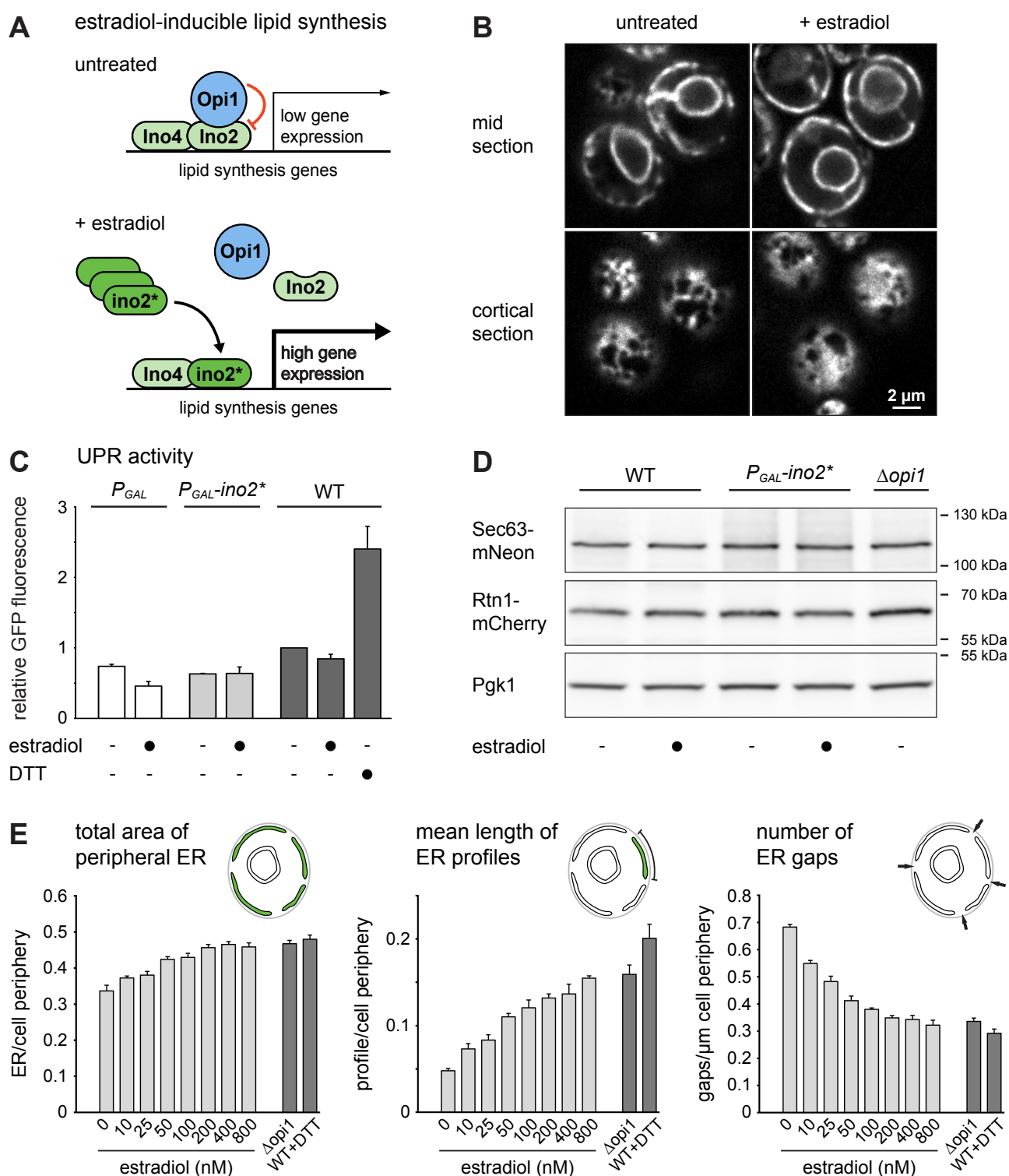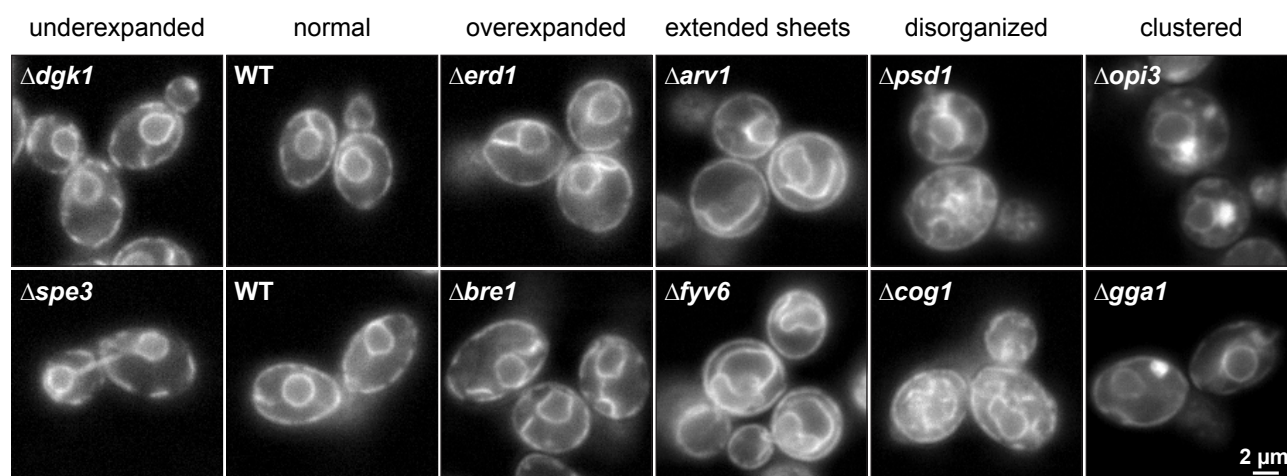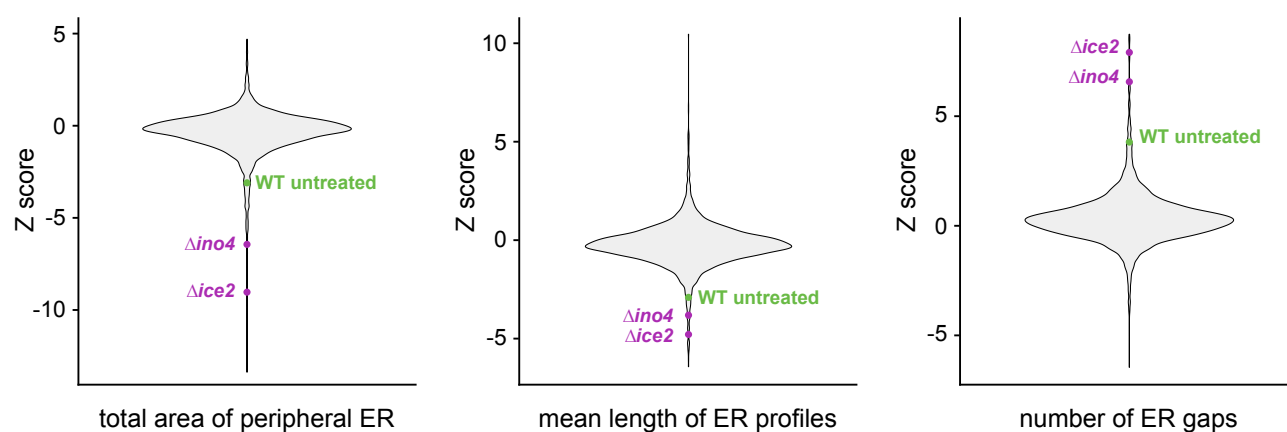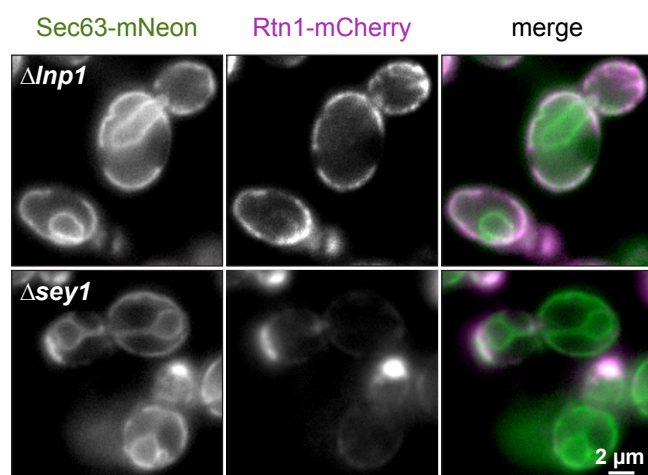| SSY2596 | *Sec63-mNeon::kan Rtn1-mCherry::HIS3 ura3::Padh-Ice2-LEU2 opi1Δ::hph* | this study |
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Figure 1

Figure 2

A   ER expansion phenotypes

B   Computational identification of underexpansion mutants
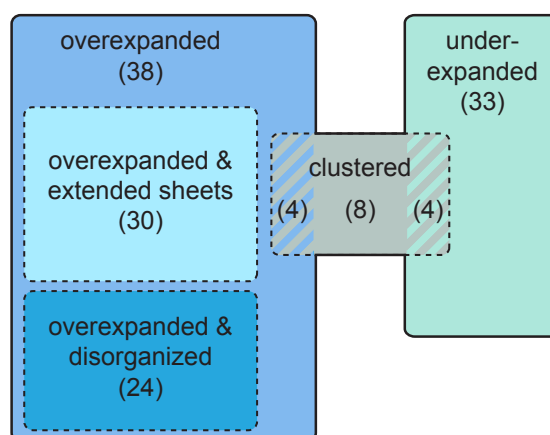

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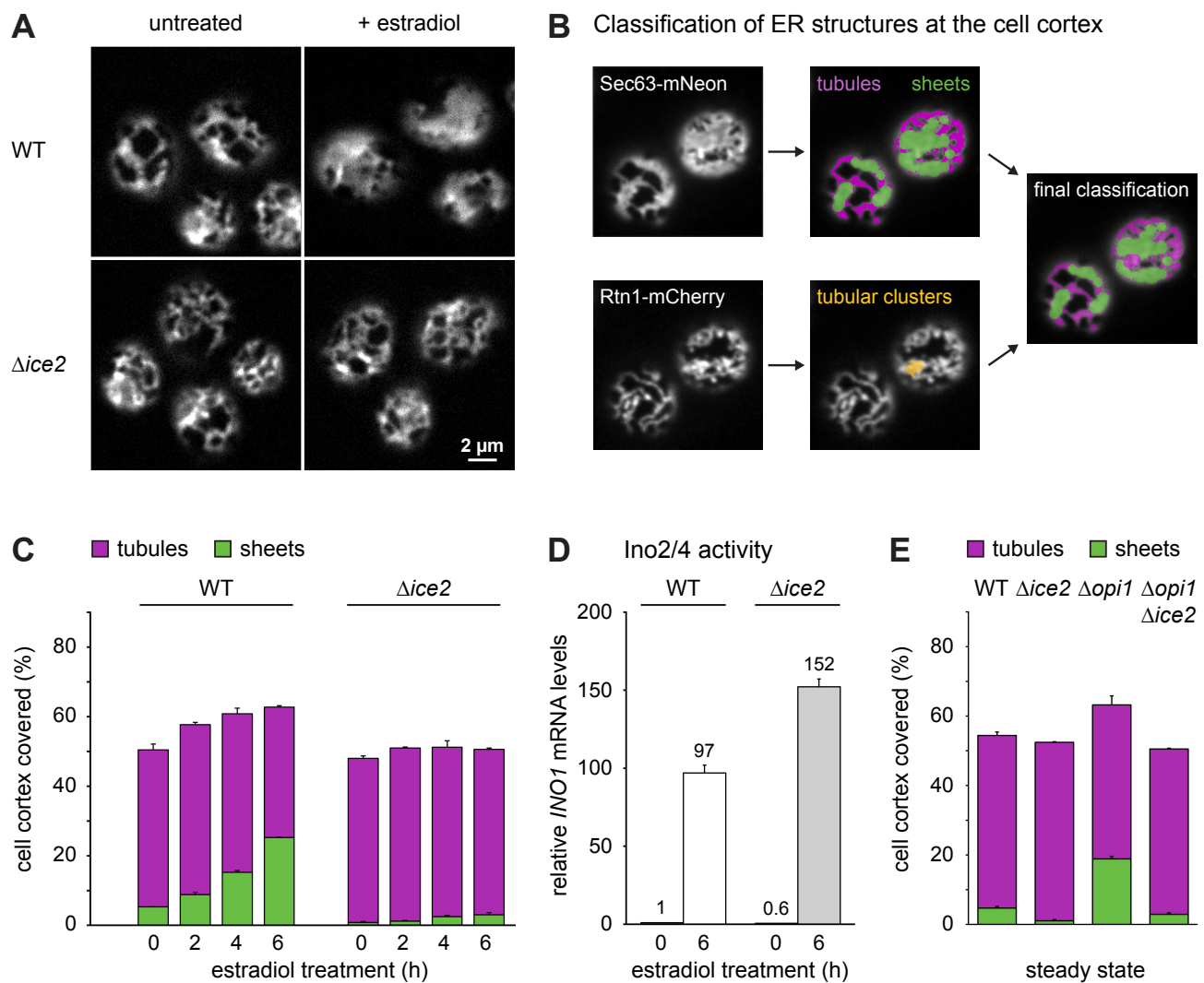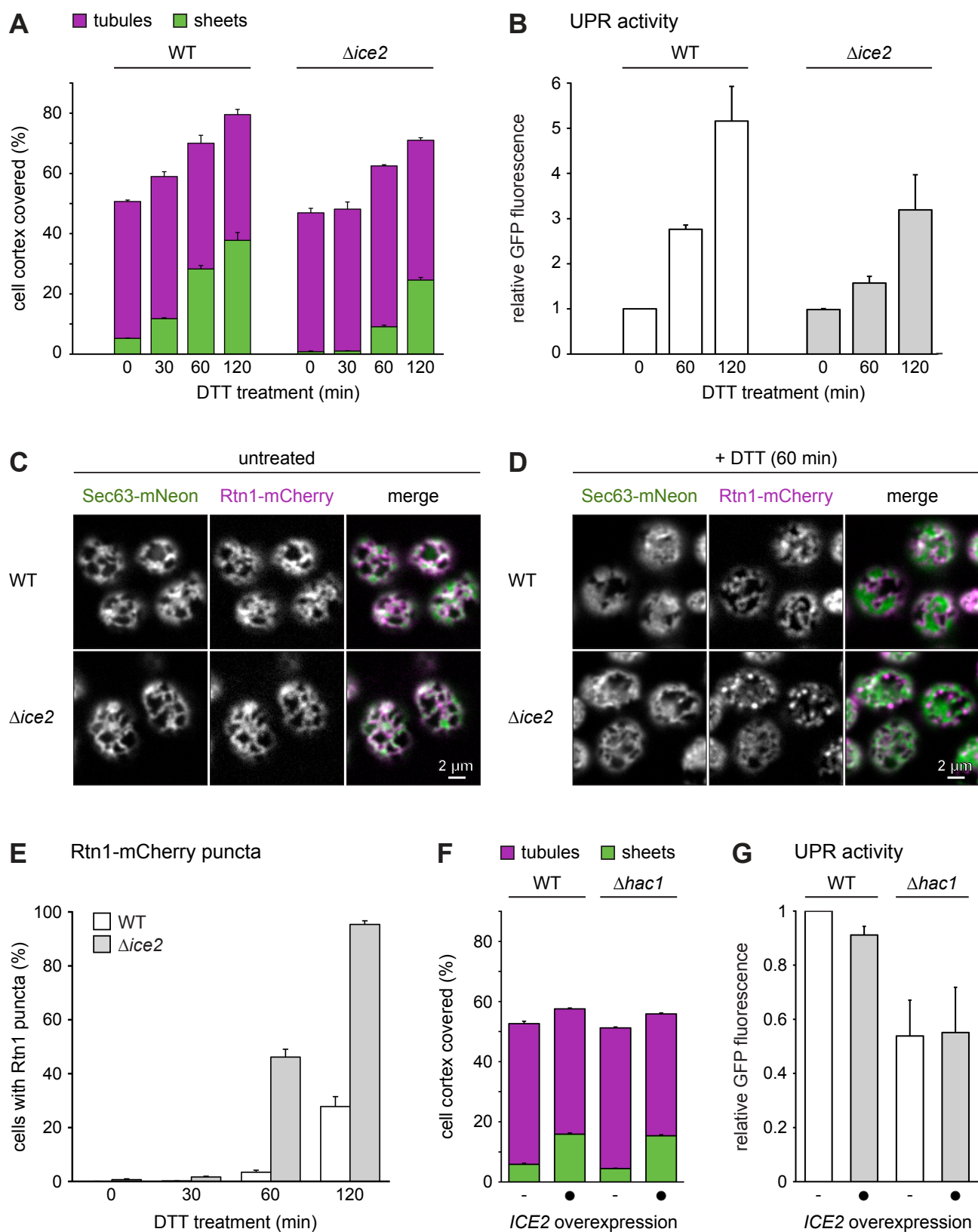**D**   Classification of hits (141 total)

Figure 3

A untreated + estradiol

WT

Δice2

2 µm

B Classification of ER structures at the cell cortex

Sec63-mNeon → tubules sheets

Rtn1-mCherry → tubular clusters

→ final classification

C ■ tubules ■ sheets

WT Δice2

cell cortex covered (%)

estradiol treatment (h)

D Ino2/4 activity

WT Δice2

relative INO1 mRNA levels

97 152
1 0.6

estradiol treatment (h)

E ■ tubules ■ sheets

WT Δice2 Δopi1 Δopi1 Δice2

cell cortex covered (%)

steady state

Figure 4

Figure 5

Figure 6

A Pah1 phospho-regulation

B

C

D

E ■ tubules ■ sheets

F ■ tubules ■ sheets

G Rtn1-mCherry puncta

Figure 7

A

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Figure S1

Figure S2