Role of the Hof1–Cyk3 interaction in cleavagefurrow ingression and primary-septum formation during yeast cytokinesis

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ABSTRACT In Saccharomyces cerevisiae, it is well established that Hof1, Cyk3, and Inn1 contribute to septum formation and cytokinesis. Because $hof1\Delta$ and $cyk3\Delta$ single mutants have relatively mild defects but $hof1\Delta cyk3\Delta$ double mutants are nearly dead, it has been hypothesized that these proteins contribute to parallel pathways. However, there is also evidence that they interact physically. In this study, we examined this interaction and its functional significance in detail. Our data indicate that the interaction 1) is mediated by a direct binding of the Hof1 SH3 domain to a proline-rich motif in Cyk3; 2) occurs specifically at the time of cytokinesis but is independent of the (hyper)phosphorylation of both proteins that occurs at about the same time; 3) is dispensable for the normal localization of both proteins; 4) is essential for normal primary-septum formation and a normal rate of cleavage-furrow ingression; and 5) becomes critical for growth when either Inn1 or the type II myosin Myo1 (a key component of the contractile actomyosin ring) is absent. The similarity in phenotype between $cyk3\Delta$ mutants and mutants specifically lacking the Hof1–Cyk3 interaction suggests that the interaction is particularly important for Cyk3 function, but it may be important for Hof1 function as well.

INTRODUCTION

In the budding yeast Saccharomyces cerevisiae, cleavage-furrow formation and cytokinesis are achieved by the coordinated actions of the septins, the contractile actomyosin ring (CAR), and the enzymes that reorganize the plasma membrane and form the septal cell wall (Weiss, 2012; Wloka and Bi, 2012; Onishi *et al.*, 2013; Foltman *et al.*, 2016; Meitinger and Palani, 2016). The septins are a family of GTP-binding, filament-forming proteins that localize to the bud neck throughout the cell cycle and play an essential role in cytokinesis that involves the scaffolding of other proteins but remains incompletely understood (Longtine *et al.*, 1996; Gladfelter *et al.*,

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2001; McMurray *et al.*, 2011a,b; Oh and Bi, 2011; Wloka and Bi, 2012; Bridges and Gladfelter, 2015). Formation of the CAR depends on Myo1 (the only type II myosin in *S. cerevisiae*), actin, an actinnucleating formin, several accessory proteins, and the small GTPase Rho1 (Bi *et al.*, 1998; Lippincott and Li, 1998a; Tolliday *et al.*, 2002; Fang *et al.*, 2010; Pollard and Wu, 2010; Wloka and Bi, 2012; Wloka *et al.*, 2013; Foltman *et al.*, 2016; Meitinger and Palani, 2016). Null mutations of *MYO1* are not lethal in most strain backgrounds, despite the absence of the CAR, showing that the CAR is not essential for cytokinesis in *S. cerevisiae* (Bi *et al.*, 1998; Schmidt *et al.*, 2002; Lord *et al.*, 2005; Ko *et al.*, 2007; Fang *et al.*, 2010; Wloka and Bi, 2012; Wloka *et al.*, 2013). Indeed, some *myo1*Δ cells form nearly normal cleavage furrows (Schmidt *et al.*, 2002; Fang *et al.*, 2010; our unpublished results).

Concomitant with CAR constriction, the plasma membrane invaginates, and a chitinous primary septum (PS) is deposited by the chitin synthase Chs2 (Shaw *et al.*, 1991; Schmidt *et al.*, 2002; Chin *et al.*, 2012; Devrekanli *et al.*, 2012; Weiss, 2012; Wloka and Bi, 2012; Wloka *et al.*, 2013; Foltman *et al.*, 2016; Meitinger and Palani, 2016). As PS formation is completed, glucan and mannan are deposited on both sides of the PS to form the secondary septa (SS; Bowers *et al.*, 1974; Orlean, 2012; Weiss, 2012; Onishi *et al.*, 2013).

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Abbreviations used: CAR, contractile actomyosin ring; PRS, proline-rich sequence; PS, primary septum; SS, secondary septa.

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Chitin in the PS is then digested by a chitinase secreted from the daughter cell, leading to separation of the mother and daughter cells (Kuranda and Robbins, 1991; Colman-Lerner *et al.*, 2001; Brace *et al.*, 2011).

The assembly and function of the CAR and PS-formation machinery also depend on a set of functionally and physically interacting proteins that includes Igg1, Hof1, Inn1, and Cyk3. Igg1 is the only S. cerevisiae IQGAP; it is required for the formation of both the CAR (Epp and Chant, 1997; Lippincott and Li, 1998a; Shannon and Li, 1999; Fang et al., 2010; Naylor and Morgan, 2014; Miller et al., 2015) and the PS (Lippincott and Li, 1998a; Ko et al., 2007; Onishi et al., 2013; Foltman et al., 2016). Hof1 is a member of the PCH (Pombe Cdc15 Homology) protein family (Kamei et al., 1998). Although some PCH proteins induce membrane deformation by means of their "F-BAR" domains (Chitu and Stanley, 2007; Heath and Insall, 2008; Aspenström, 2009), some others (including Hof1) may not do so (McDonald et al., 2015; Moravcevic et al., 2015; Mc-Donald, Takizawa, et al., 2016). Hof1 also contains a C-terminal SH3 domain, by which it interacts with a proline-rich motif in Inn1 (Sanchez-Diaz et al., 2008; Jendretzki et al., 2009; Nishihama, Schreiter, Onishi, Vallen, et al., 2009; Tonikian, Xin, Toret, et al., 2009; Meitinger et al., 2011; Devrekanli et al., 2012; Labedzka et al., 2012), and a PEST domain that appears to be responsible for its cell-cyclespecific degradation (Blondel et al., 2005). Phosphorylation of Hof1 by the mitotic-exit kinase Dbf2-Mob1 appears to regulate its interactions with septins and Myo1, which are important for septin organization and CAR constriction (Meitinger et al., 2011, 2013; Wolken et al., 2014).

Inn1 is normally essential for PS formation, but the *inn*1 Δ defect in PS formation can be suppressed by overexpression of CYK3 (Nishihama, Schreiter, Onishi, Vallen, et al., 2009). The C2-like domain at the N-terminus of Inn1 can promote PS formation even in the absence of the rest of the protein, apparently by directly activating Chs2 (Nishihama, Schreiter, Onishi, Vallen, et al., 2009; Devrekanli et al., 2012; Foltman et al., 2016). Cyk3 (Korinek et al., 2000) also contains an SH3 domain, by which it interacts with a proline-rich motif in Inn1 that is distinct from the Hof1-binding site (Jendretzki et al., 2009; Nishihama, Schreiter, Onishi, Vallen, et al., 2009; Labedzka et al., 2012; Palani et al., 2012; Foltman et al., 2016), and a transglutaminase-like domain that appears to be involved in the regulation of both Chs2 and Rho1, and hence of both PS and SS formation (Nishihama, Schreiter, Onishi, Vallen, et al., 2009; Oh et al., 2012; Onishi et al., 2013; Foltman et al., 2016). Overexpression of CYK3 also suppresses the $myo1\Delta$ and $iqg1\Delta$ growth defects without restoring the CAR (Korinek et al., 2000; Ko et al., 2007; our unpublished results), suggesting that Cyk3 acts downstream from lgg1 to promote CAR-independent cytokinesis. Electron-microscopic analyses of septum morphology in CYK3-overexpressing cells have supported the hypotheses that Cyk3 functions in membrane invagination, PS formation, and the regulation of SS formation during cytokinesis (Nishihama, Schreiter, Onishi, Vallen, et al., 2009; Meitinger et al., 2010; Onishi et al., 2013; our unpublished results).

Hof1 and Cyk3 have been hypothesized to function in parallel pathways because *hof1* and *cyk3* loss-of-function mutations, although they have only moderate growth defects on their own, are nearly lethal in combination (Korinek *et al.*, 2000; Meitinger *et al.*, 2011; Labedzka *et al.*, 2012). Paradoxically, however, there is also evidence suggesting that Hof1 and Cyk3 interact physically with each other via the Hof1 SH3 domain and a proline-rich motif in Cyk3 (Tonikian, Xin, Toret, *et al.*, 2009; Meitinger *et al.*, 2011; Labedzka *et al.*, 2012). In this study, we have used several methods to demonstrate that the proteins indeed interact via the domains suggested previously; shown that this interaction occurs specifically at the time of cytokinesis but does not depend on the phosphorylation of both proteins that occurs at about the same time; and used point mutations that disrupt the interaction to provide evidence for its importance in the function of both proteins.

RESULTS

Physical interaction between Hof1 and Cyk3

Cyk3 and Hof1 are multidomain proteins (Figure 1A) that interact with a third cytokinesis protein, Inn1, by means of the Hof1 and Cyk3 SH3 domains and distinct proline-rich sequences (PRSs) in Inn1 (see Introduction). Hof1 and Cyk3 have been hypothesized to function in parallel pathways because of the synthetic lethality between cyk3 Δ and hof1 Δ mutations (Korinek et al., 2000; Meitinger et al., 2011; Labedzka et al., 2012). However, in seeming conflict with this hypothesis, we and others have observed an apparent physical interaction between Hof1 and Cyk3 using yeast two-hybrid, phagedisplay, split-ubiquitin, and pull-down assays (Figure 1B, patches 1-3; Tonikian, Xin, Toret, et al., 2009; Meitinger et al., 2011; Labedzka et al., 2012; Onishi et al., 2013). We confirmed this interaction both by coimmunoprecipitation of the two proteins from yeast extracts (Figure 1C) and by showing coprecipitation of the two proteins in vitro after they had been expressed separately and purified from bacterial cell extracts (Figure 1D, lanes 1-4). Importantly, the in vitro coprecipitation also indicates that Hof1 and Cyk3 interact directly and not just via their mutual interactions with Inn1.

To localize the regions in Cyk3 and Hof1 responsible for their interaction with each other, we first extended the two-hybrid analyses. We observed a strong interaction between a short segment of Cyk3 (amino-acids 177-196) containing its PRS and a short segment of Hof1 (amino-acids 576-669) containing its SH3 domain (Figure 1B, patches 4-6). The PRS sequence in Cyk3 agrees with that predicted by Tonikian, Xin, Toret, et al. (2009) to be favored for binding by the Hof1 SH3 domain. In addition, the two-hybrid interaction was weakened or abolished by mutations that altered the Cyk3 PRS (Cyk3^{PA} and Cyk3^{PAPA}) or the Hof1 SH3 domain (Hof1^{WA}; Figure 1, A and B, patches 7-12). The same mutations also effectively eliminated the coprecipitation of the two proteins from yeast cell extracts (Figure 1E) and the interaction in vitro of bacterially expressed proteins (Figure 1D, lanes 5-8). Taken together, these data indicate that the PRS of Cyk3 and the SH3 domain of Hof1 are both necessary and sufficient for a direct interaction between the two proteins. As expected, Hof1^{WA} was also defective for interaction with Inn1 (Supplemental Figure S1, A, patches 1–4, and B; Meitinger et al., 2011).

Cytokinesis-specific association of Hof1 and Cyk3

To determine when the Hof1–Cyk3 interaction occurs during the cell cycle, we synchronized cells at mitotic exit using the *cdc15-2* mutation and performed coprecipitation experiments at various times after release from the block. Although both Cyk3 and Hof1 were present throughout the period of observation (Figure 2A, input), the Hof1–Cyk3 interaction was detectable only beginning ~40 min after the release and appeared to be maintained even as the level of Hof1 decreased (Blondel *et al.*, 2005; Wolken *et al.*, 2014) following cytokinesis (Figure 2A, IP: TAP). The onset of the interaction coincided approximately with several other events, including 1) the appearance of lower-mobility forms of Hof1, Cyk3, and Inn1, which in the cases of Hof1 and Inn1 have been shown previously to represent (hyper)phosphorylated species (Figure 2A; Vallen *et al.*, 2000; Nishihama, Schreiter, Onishi, Vallen, *et al.*, 2009; Meitinger *et al.*, 2010, 2011, 2013; Palani *et al.*, 2012; Wolken *et al.*, 2014); 2) the



FIGURE 1: Physical interaction between Cyk3 and Hof1 and its mediation by the Cyk3 proline-rich sequence (PRS) and the Hof1 SH3 domain. (A) Domain structures of Cyk3 and Hof1. SH3, Src-homology 3 domain; PRS, proline-rich sequence; TGase, transglutaminase-like domain; Ky repeats, repeats of a motif first identified in a protein involved in kyphoscoliosis; F-BAR, FCH (Fer/CIP4 homology)-Bin-Amphiphysin-Rvs domain; PEST, putative protein-degradation signal. Amino-acid numbers are indicated, and residues mutated in Cyk3^{SH3}, Cyk3^{PR5}, or Hof1^{SH3} are underlined. (B) Two-hybrid interaction between Cyk3 and Hof1 mediated by the Cyk3^{PRS} and Hof1^{SH3} domains. Patches 1–6: the Gal4 DNA-binding domain (DBD) alone and the DBD fused to either full-length Cyk3 or a segment containing its PRS (amino-acids 177–196) were tested for interaction with the Gal4 activation domain (AD) alone and the AD fused to either full-length Hof1 or its SH3 domain (amino-acids 576-669). Patches 7-10: AD-Hof1 was tested for interaction with DBD-Cyk3 (amino-acids 1-403) with a normal or mutated PRS (PA: P188A; PAPA: P188A, P191A; △PRS: deletion of amino-acids 183–191). Patches 11 and 12: DBD-Cyk3 was tested for interaction with AD–Hof1 (amino-acids 342–669) with a normal or mutated SH3 domain (WA: W637A). (C) Coprecipitation of Cyk3 and Hof1 from yeast extracts. Strains MWY999 (CYK3-TAP HOF1), MWY1006 (CYK3-TAP HOF1-GFP), MWY1003 (CYK3 HOF1-GFP), MWY1019 (CYK3 HOF1-TAP), MWY1025 (CYK3-GFP HOF1-TAP), and MWY1021 (CYK3-GFP HOF1) were grown to exponential phase in YM-P medium at 24°C. The TAP-tagged proteins were precipitated, and precipitates were analyzed by Western blotting as described in Materials and Methods. Protein extracts loaded in the input lanes were 1/83 of the amounts used for the IP lanes. (D) Direct interaction in vitro between Cyk3 and Hof1 and its mediation by Cyk3^{PRS} and Hof1^{SH3}. Bacterially expressed His₆-Hof1 (amino-acids 341–669; normal or carrying the W637A mutation), MBP, and MBP-Cyk3 (normal or carrying the P188A and P191A mutations) were purified and tested for binding in vitro by precipitating His₆-Hof1 and testing for the presence of MBP or MBP-Cyk3 in the supernatant (S) and pellet (P) fractions (see Materials and Methods). The experiment was performed twice with indistinguishable results. (E) Dependence of Hof1–Cyk3 coprecipitation from yeast extracts on Cyk3^{PRS} and Hof1^{SH3}. Strains MWY822 (CYK3-2GFP HOF1-TAP cdc15-2), MWY761 (cyk3^{PAPA}-2GFP HOF1-TAP cdc15-2), MWY2117 (CYK3-TAP HOF1-3HA cdc15-2), and MWY2154 (CYK3-TAP hof1^{WA}-3HA cdc15-2) were synchronized as in Figure 2A and collected 45 min after release. Coprecipitation assays were performed as in C. Protein extracts loaded in the input lanes were 1/200 of the amounts used for the IP lanes.



FIGURE 2: Cytokinesis-specific association of Hof1 and Cyk3 and its apparent independence from the concomitant (hyper) phosphorylation. (A) Cytokinesis-specific association of Hof1 and Cyk3. Strain MWY1025 (CYK3-GFP HOF1-TAP cdc15-2) was grown to exponential phase in YM-P medium at 24°C, shifted to 37°C for 3 h to arrest the cell cycle at mitotic exit, and then released from arrest by shifting to 24°C. See Figure 3A for images of the cells from each time point. Cells were collected at the indicated times after release, and coprecipitation assays were performed as in Figure 1C. Protein extracts loaded in the input lanes were 1/40 of the amounts used for the IP lanes. (B) Phosphorylation of Cyk3 and apparent independence of Hof1-Cyk3 association from the cell-cycle-regulated (hyper) phosphorylation of both proteins. Strains MWY1025 (lanes 1-4) and MWY2117 (CYK3-TAP HOF1-3HA cdc15-2; lanes 5-8) were synchronized as in A, and cells were collected 45 min after release. Hof1-TAP or Cyk3-TAP was precipitated, and precipitates were subjected to phosphatase (PPase) treatments as indicated.

localization of Cyk3 to the neck in a single, central ring at the cleavage site (Figure 3, A and B; Korinek et al., 2000; Meitinger et al., 2010; Labedzka et al., 2012; Palani et al., 2012; Onishi et al., 2013); 3) the rearrangement of Hof1 from a septin-like collar at the neck into a single, central ring at the cleavage site (Figure 3B; Vallen et al., 2000; Meitinger et al., 2011, 2013; Labedzka et al., 2012; Oh et al., 2013); and 4) the initiation of CAR contraction and cleavagefurrow ingression (which typically began at ~40 min in parallel experiments using this synchronization technique (Nishihama, Schreiter, Onishi, Vallen, et al., 2009; Onishi et al., 2013; our unpublished data).

Not surprisingly, protein–phosphatase experiments indicated that the slower-migrating form(s) of Cyk3, like those of Hof1 and Inn1, were phosphorylated (Figure 2B). Interestingly, in these experiments, we also observed that precipitation of Hof1-TAP pulled down both the higher- and lower-mobility forms of Cyk3, and the higher-mobility form appeared to comigrate with the species produced by phosphatase treatment (Figure 2B, lanes 1–4). Similarly, precipitation of Cyk3-TAP pulled down both higher- and lower-mobility forms of Hof1, although in this case the highest-mobility form present in the input or precipitate appeared to migrate slightly more slowly than the species produced by phosphatase treatment (Figure 2B, lanes 5–8), suggesting that a basal phosphorylation of

Hof1 may be succeeded by a hyperphosphorylation at the time of cytokinesis (as suggested previously by Vallen *et al.*, 2000). Taken together with the evidence for binding of bacterially produced Cyk3 and Hof1 (Figure 1D; Labedzka *et al.*, 2012), these results suggest that the cell-cycle-regulated onset of association between Cyk3 and Hof1 is independent of the phosphorylation/hyperphosphorylation of the two proteins that occurs at about the same time. The hyperphosphorylation of Hof1 also does not appear to affect (positively or negatively) its association with Inn1 (Supplemental Figure S1C). Our results do not address whether the putative basal phosphorylation of Hof1 might be necessary for its association with Cyk3 and/or Inn1.

Independent localization of Hof1 and Cyk3 to the division site

The spatial and temporal coincidences noted above also suggested that the localization of Cyk3 to the neck, the rearrangement of Hof1 organization at the neck, or both might depend on the association between the two proteins. However, Cyk3-GFP became detectable at the neck 5-10 min before the association between the proteins was detectable by coprecipitation (Figures 2A and 3A), and the rearrangement of Hof1 appeared to occur even earlier: among 102 cells examined in the experiment of Figure 3B, all 36 in which Hof1 retained the collar-like arrangement showed no localized Cyk3 (e.g., Figure 3B, top row), while 10 with rearranged Hof1 still had no detectable colocalized Cyk3 (e.g., Figure 3B, second row). Moreover, both stages of Hof1 localization appeared normal either when the Hof1-Cyk3 interaction was disrupted by a hof1^{WA} mutation (Figure 3C) or when Cyk3 was absent altogether (Figure 3D). In addition, Cyk3 localization appeared nearly normal both when the Hof1–Cyk3 interaction was disrupted by a cyk3^{PAPA} mutation (Figure 3E) and in most cells that lacked Hof1 altogether (Figure 3F). However, in 18 of 50 hof1∆ cells examined, Cyk3-2GFP appeared as an asymmetric dot (Figure 3F, arrows). Because such abnormal Cyk3 localization was not seen in cyk3^{PAPA}-2GFP or hof1^{WA} cells (Figure 3E and our unpublished results) and parallels the asymmetric localizations of Myo1 (Lippincott and Li, 1998b), Inn1 (Nishihama, Schreiter, Onishi, Vallen, et al., 2009), and Chs2 (Supplemental Figure S2, arrows) that are also seen in some $hof1\Delta$ cells, we suggest that it does not directly reflect the loss of Hof1-Cyk3 interaction but rather is secondary to a more general abnormality of cleavage-furrow organization in a fraction of $hof1\Delta$ cells (see also below).

Abnormal PS formation in the absence of Hof1

As reported previously (Kamei et al., 1998; Lippincott and Li, 1998b; Vallen et al., 2000), hof1∆ cells grow well at 24°C but show obvious growth and cell-division defects at 37°C. Consistent with these observations, electron microscopy revealed approximately normal PS structures and SS structures in most of the cells examined from a culture grown at 24°C (Figure 4, A and B). However, some cells showed SS without any evident PS, and other cells showed PSs that appeared to be growing asymmetrically from one side of the neck (Figure 4, C and D). Such abnormalities were more severe in cells grown at 37°C. Of 63 cells examined, 21 showed asymmetric PSs like those seen at 24°C (Figure 4, E and F), nine showed seemingly symmetric but incomplete PSs (Figure 4G), and 33 showed SS without any evident PS (Figure 4H). These results indicate that like Inn1 (Sanchez-Diaz et al., 2008; Nishihama, Schreiter, Onishi, Vallen, et al., 2009; Foltman et al., 2016) and Cyk3 (Onishi et al., 2013; Foltman et al., 2016), Hof1 is important for normal PS formation (as also indicated by previously published data [Meitinger et al., 2011;



site during cytokinesis. (A) Timing of Cyk3 localization to the cytokinesis site. Cells from the experiment in Figure 2A were examined for the localization of Cyk3-GFP. Representative fields of cells are shown. Note that these cells were from the same samples as used for the protein analyses and thus had been frozen and thawed before examination by fluorescence microscopy, presumably accounting for the dispersion of Cyk3–GFP signal (cf. panel B). (B-F) Independence of Hof1 and Cyk3 localization to the division site. Strains were grown to exponential phase in SC medium at 24°C and visualized by DIC and/or fluorescence microscopy. Each experiment was performed two or more times with indistinguishable results, and representative fields of cells are shown. (B) Localization of Hof1 to the neck before the localization of Cyk3 in wild-type cells (strain MWY1408). The top two cells are presumed to be earlier in the cell cycle than the bottom three cells. (C, D) Seemingly normal Hof1 localization in the absence of the Hof1-Cyk3 interaction (C; strain MWY1252) or in the complete absence of Cyk3 (D; strain MWY2120).

Oh et al., 2013]) and appear to explain why a variety of furrow-associated proteins would show asymmetric localization in a subset of $hof1\Delta$ cells (see above).

Functional significance of the Hof1–Cyk3 interaction

Cells expressing Cyk3^{PAPA} instead of Cyk3 or Hof1^{WA} instead of Hof1 showed no obvious growth defect at temperatures from 24 to 37°C (our unpublished results). However, because the association between Cyk3 and Hof1 begins approximately coincident with the onset of CAR constriction, cleavage-furrow ingression, and PS formation (see above), it seemed possible that the Hof1-Cyk3 interaction is important for these processes. Indeed, time-lapse microscopy revealed that CAR constriction and furrow ingression in cyk3^{PAPA} and hof1^{WA} cells proceeded at about half the speed seen in wild-type cells (Figure 5A). In addition, electron microscopy revealed abnormal septal structures in 38 of 47 cyk3PAPA cells and 39 of 45 hof1^{WA} cells. In most of the cells with abnormal septa, PS and SS appeared to be forming simultaneously (Figure 5, B, panels 1 and 2, and C, panels 1 and 2), as seen also in $cyk3\Delta$ cells (Onishi et al., 2013), suggesting that PS formation is delayed or slowed, and/or that SS formation is not properly suppressed during PS formation, in the absence of the Hof1-Cyk3 interaction. The remaining cells showed either asymmetric PS formation, as in $hof1\Delta$ cells (see Figure 4), or branched or multiple PSs (Figure 5, B, panel 3, and C, panels 3 and 4). These effects may not be due solely to the loss of the Hof1–Cyk3 interaction, because Hof1^{WA} is known to be defective in at least one other relevant interaction (i.e., that with Inn1: Supplemental Figure S1, A and B; Meitinger et al., 2011), and Cyk3PAPA may conceivably also lack some other significant interaction (given the slightly weaker growth of a $cyk3^{PAPA}$ hof1 Δ strain relative to that of a CYK3 hof1 Δ strain: Figure 6A, rows 1 and 2).

The importance of the Hof1–Cyk3 interaction was even more evident in cells lacking the CAR because of a *myo1* Δ mutation. A *cyk*-3^{PAPA} *hof1* Δ strain grew only slightly less well than a CYK3 *hof1* Δ strain and much better than a *cyk3* Δ *hof1* Δ strain (Figure 6A, rows 1–3), indicating that Cyk3^{PAPA} retains much of its function despite its inability to interact with Hof1. In contrast, a *cyk3*^{PAPA} *myo1* Δ strain grew much worse than a CYK3 *myo1* Δ strain and nearly as badly as a *cyk3* Δ *myo1* Δ strain (Figure 6A, rows 4–6), indicating that the Hof1–Cyk3 interaction becomes critical when Myo1 (and thus the CAR) is absent. Similarly, a *hof1*^{WA} *myo1* Δ strain was inviable like the *hof1* Δ *myo1* Δ double mutant (Figure 6A, rows 4, 7, and 8), although this result could reflect the loss of Hof1–Inn1 interaction, as well as of Hof1–Cyk3 interaction, in the Hof1^{WA} strain (Supplemental Figure S1, A and B; Meitinger *et al.*, 2011).

Electron microscopy has shown that >80% of $myo1\Delta$ cells form a readily observable PS, although these PSs are typically abnormal in structure and/or orientation (Figure 6B, top panels; Fang *et al.*, 2010; our unpublished observations). In contrast, no PSs were observed in 50 $cyk3^{PAPA}$ $myo1\Delta$ cells examined (Figure 6B, bottom panels). Taken together, the data indicate that the Hof1–Cyk3 interaction is important for PS formation even in otherwise wild-type

Merged Hof1–3GFP fluorescence and DIC images are shown. In each panel, cells with Hof1 before (left) and after (right) rearrangement are shown. (E, F) Nearly normal Cyk3 localization in the absence of the Hof1–Cyk3 interaction (E; strain MWY2111) or in the complete absence of Hof1 (F; strain MWY2122). Merged Cyk3–2GFP (green) and Cdc3–CFP (magenta; to demarcate the entire neck region) images are shown. Cell bodies are outlined; arrows indicate asymmetric localization of Cyk3–2GFP. Scale bars (all panels), 2 µm.



FIGURE 4: Abnormal PS formation in the absence of Hof1. Strain RNY370 (*hof1* Δ) was grown to exponential phase at 24°C (A–D) or 37°C (E–H) in SC medium and examined by electron microscopy (see *Materials and Methods*). Representative images are shown (see text for quantitation of the phenotypes observed). Scale bar, 0.5 µm.

cells and becomes critical for PS formation in the absence of Myo1 and the CAR.

Because Inn1 interacts with both Cyk3 and Hof1 and is also implicated in the control of PS formation (Sanchez-Diaz et al., 2008; Jendretzki et al., 2009; Nishihama, Schreiter, Onishi, Vallen, et al., 2009; Devrekanli et al., 2012; Labedzka et al., 2012; Palani et al., 2012; Foltman et al., 2016), we explored the interplay among these three proteins by investigating the role of the Hof1–Cyk3 interaction in Inn1-deficient cells. As shown previously (Nishihama, Schreiter, Onishi, Vallen, et al., 2009), overexpression of wild-type Cyk3 can suppress both the growth and PS-formation defects of $inn1\Delta$ cells (Figure 7, A, rows 1 and 2, and B, left panel). In striking contrast, overexpression of Cyk3^{PAPA} could suppress neither defect (Figure 7, A, row 3, and B, right two panels). Similarly, overexpression of wildtype Cyk3 in a $hof1^{WA}$ inn1 Δ strain also produced little or no suppression of the inn 1 Δ growth defect (Figure 7A, rows 5–7). Thus, the Hof1-Cyk3 interaction becomes critical for PS formation in the absence of either Myo1 or Inn1.

Because Cyk3 is able to localize to the division site in the absence of either Inn1 (Nishihama, Schreiter, Onishi, Vallen, et al., 2009; Palani et al., 2012) or Hof1 (Figure 3F), we asked whether interaction with both Inn1 and Hof1 might contribute to Cyk3 localization. To test this, we constructed a W45A mutation in the SH3 domain of Cyk3, which was expected to eliminate the interaction of Cyk3 with Inn1 (Jendretzki et al., 2009; Nishihama, Schreiter, Onishi, Vallen, et al., 2009; Labedzka et al., 2012) and indeed appeared to do so (Supplemental Figure S1A, patches 5-8). By itself, this mutation did not detectably affect the localization of Cyk3 to the division site (Figure 7C, top left two panels), but Cyk3 carrying both the WA and PAPA mutations failed to localize (Figure 7C, top right two panels), although the protein appeared to be present at normal levels in cells (Figure 7C, bottom panel). Thus, it appears that interaction with either Hof1 or Inn1 (and/or perhaps with another binding partner[s] of the Cyk3 SH3 or PRS domain-see below) is necessary and sufficient for Cyk3 localization.

Evidence for a Cyk3 binding partner(s) other than Hof1 and Inn1

In the course of the above studies, we unexpectedly observed that overexpression of Cyk3^{WA} was also unable to suppress the growth

defect of an $inn1\Delta$ mutant (Figure 7A, row 4). In the absence of Inn1, a mutation whose only effect was to disrupt the interaction with Inn1 should be irrelevant. Thus, it appears that the SH3 domain of Cyk3 must also interact with at least one other protein and that this interaction also contributes to Cyk3 function.

DISCUSSION

Since the original descriptions of Hof1 (Kamei et al., 1998), Cyk3 (Korinek et al., 2000), and Inn1 (Sanchez-Diaz et al., 2008; Nishihama, Schreiter, Onishi, Vallen, et al., 2009), much has been learned about the regulation of these proteins and their function in promoting PS formation and regulating SS formation (see *Introduction*). However, a remaining puzzle has been whether Hof1 and Cyk3 function in parallel pathways, as suggested by the synthetic lethality of $hof1\Delta$ and $cyk3\Delta$ mutations (Korinek et al.,

2000; Meitinger et al., 2011; Labedzka et al., 2012), or as components of a single functional complex, as suggested both by the evidence for physical interaction between them (Tonikian, Xin, Toret, et al., 2009; Meitinger et al., 2011; Labedzka et al., 2012; Onishi et al., 2013) and by their isolation in association with Inn1, Iqg1, Myo1, and Chs2 (Foltman et al., 2016). In this study, we focused on clarifying the nature and functional significance of the putative Hof1–Cyk3 physical interaction.

First, we used yeast two-hybrid assays, coimmunoprecipitation from yeast extracts, and coprecipitation in vitro of bacterially synthesized proteins to provide strong confirmation that the interaction indeed occurs and is direct. Moreover, we used all three assays to show that the interaction is disrupted by point mutations ($hof1^{W637A}$, $cyk3^{P188A}$, $cyk3^{P191A}$) in either the SH3 domain of Hof1 or the prolinerich motif of Cyk3, thus confirming the suggestion from previous work that the interaction involves these domains of the proteins.

Second, we used synchronized cultures and coimmunoprecipitation to show that the interaction occurs specifically at the time of cytokinesis, even though both proteins are readily detectable in cell extracts for a considerable time before this. Moreover, although the onset of the interaction coincides approximately with the onset of hyperphosphorylation of Hof1 and of phosphorylation of Cyk3, the interaction does not appear to depend on these phosphorylation events, given 1) that pull downs of either protein contain both lessphosphorylated and more-phosphorylated forms of the other and 2) that the interaction is also observed in vitro with bacterially synthesized proteins. However, until more detailed determinations of binding affinities have been performed, this interpretation must remain tentative.

Third, we found that Hof1 can localize normally to the cytokinesis site in the absence of its normal interaction with Cyk3, and vice versa. However, Cyk3 could not localize normally if its interactions with both Hof1 and Inn1 were disrupted by point mutations in both its proline-rich and SH3 domains ($cyk3^{W45A,P18BA,P191A}$). Meitinger *et al.* (2010) also reported normal localization of Cyk3 to the neck in $hof1\Delta$ cells, whereas Labedzka *et al.* (2012) reported that Cyk3 localization was largely lost in $hof1\Delta$ cells. This discrepancy might possibly be explained if the interaction of Cyk3 with Inn1 were less robust in the strain background used by Labedzka *et al.* (2012). **A** (24°C)



Myo1-GFP in cyk3PAPA HOF1



Myo1-GFP in CYK3 hof1^{WA}



Β *cyk3*^{PAPA} (24°C)



C hof1∆ [pHOF1^{WA}] (24°C)



FIGURE 5: Importance of the Hof1–Cyk3 interaction for cleavage-furrow ingression and the formation of normal septa. (A) Slow constriction of the CAR in the absence of the Hof1–Cyk3 interaction. Constriction of the Myo1–GFP ring was observed by time-lapse microscopy in wild-type (MWY1327), *cyk3*^{PAPA} (MWY1315), and *hof1*^{WA} (MWY1317) strains. All strains were grown to exponential phase and examined in SC medium at 24°C. Times are indicated in minutes; the onset of constriction is set at 0. Mean \pm SD constriction times for 10 cells of each genotype were 6.6 \pm 0.8 min (wild type), 13.4 \pm 2.7 min (*cyk3*^{PAPA}), and 11.4 \pm 2.4 min (*hof1*^{WA}). Scale bar, 2 µm. (B, C) Abnormal septal structures in the absence of the Hof1–Cyk3 interaction. Strains (B) MWY732 (*cyk3*^{PAPA}) and (C) MWY864 (*hof1* Δ [pHOF1^{WA}]) were grown to exponential phase at 24°C in SC (MWY732) or SC–Leu (MWY864) medium and examined by electron microscopy. Representative images are shown (see text). Scale bars, 0.2 µm.

Fourth, we found that the Hof1–Cyk3 interaction is important for normal PS formation and a normal rate of cleavage-furrow ingression. As the PS and SS formed by $cyk3^{P188A,P191A}$ and $hof1^{W637A}$ cells at 24°C appeared more similar to those formed at that temperature by $cyk3\Delta$ cells than those formed by $hof1\Delta$ cells, the results suggest that the Hof1–Cyk3 interaction may be particularly important for Cyk3 function, although it seems likely to be important for Hof1 function as well. In any case, it appears that the Hof1–Cyk3 interaction becomes critical when either Inn1 or Myo1 is absent, given 1) the lethality or near lethality of cyk3^{P188A,P191A} myo1 Δ and hof1^{W637A} myo1 Δ cells, 2) the complete loss of PS formation in a cyk3^{P188A,P191A} myo1 Δ strain, and 3) the inability of high-copy cyk3^{P188A,P191A} to suppress the inn1 Δ growth and PS-formation defects and the inability of high-copy CYK3 to suppress inn1 Δ in a hof1^{W637A} background.

In summary, it seems clear that Hof1 and Cyk3 interact directly by means of their respective SH3 and proline-rich domains and that this interaction is important for their function. The interaction occurs specifically at the time of cytokinesis and is triggered by a mechanism that remains unclear. Taking all the available data together, the most plausible model is that Hof1 and Cyk3 do not function in parallel pathways but rather as interacting components of a common complex that also contains Inn1 and (for at least part of its lifetime) also lqg1 and Myo1. The stoichiometry of complex components is likely to matter, perhaps explaining the observation by Jendretzki et al. (2009) that overexpression of Cyk3 can rescue the defects due to overexpression of Hof1. The complex may also contain other proteins, as suggested by the evidence that the Cyk3 SH3 domain has an interaction partner(s) other than Inn1 (see above; Tonikian, Xin, Toret, et al., 2009; Labedzka et al., 2012; our unpublished results). The complex functions both to promote PS formation, through activation of Chs2 (a role that Inn1 and Cyk3 both seem able to fill), and to regulate SS formation. Complex formation and function appear able to withstand single insults (e.g., the loss of Hof1, Cyk3, or their direct interaction) but not multiple ones (e.g., the loss of two core components of the complex). Despite the recent progress in understanding the composition and function of this complex, more work will be needed to fully understand its function and, in particular, how this function relates to that of the CAR during cleavage-furrow formation.

MATERIALS AND METHODS Growth conditions, strains,

and genetic methods

Standard yeast culture media (Guthrie and Fink, 1991) were used except where noted; cells were grown at 24°C on YM-P rich liquid medium (Lillie and Pringle, 1980), YPD rich solid medium, or liquid or solid synthetic-complete (SC) medium lacking appropriate nutrients as needed to select plasmids or transformants. Dextrose (2%) was used as carbon source. 5-Fluoroorotic acid (5-FOA; 1 mg/ml; Research Products International) was used to

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- 1. MOY122: hof1∆ [pHOF1-URA3]
- 2. MWY770: cvk3^{PAPA} hof1∆ [pHOF1-URA3]
- 3. MOY66: cyk3 hof1 [pHOF1-URA3]
- 4. RNY471: *myo1*∆ [pMYO1-URA3]
- 5. MWY767: *cyk3^{PAPA} myo1*∆ [pMYO1-URA3]
- 6. RNY598: cyk3 myo1 [pMYO1-URA3]
- 7. MWY1293: *hof1^{wA} myo1*∆ [pMYO1-URA3]
- 8. RNY757: hof1 myo1 [pMYO1-URA3]

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FIGURE 6: Importance of the Hof1–Cyk3 interaction for growth (A) and PS formation (B) in myo1 Δ cells. (A) The indicated strains were grown overnight on SC–Ura plates at 24°C, suspended in SC–Ura medium, spotted onto both SC–Ura and SC± 5-FOA plates (4-µl aliquots of 5×-serial-dilution series; $1 \times = 10^5$ cells in 4 µl), and incubated at 24°C for 4 d. The experiment was performed twice with indistinguishable results. (B) Strains RNY471 (myo1a) and MWY767 $(cyk3^{PAPA} myo1\Delta)$ were grown to exponential phase at 24°C in SC medium and examined by electron microscopy; both strains had previously been grown on an SC + 5-FOA plate at 24°C for 3 d to eliminate the URA3 MYO1 plasmid. Representative images are shown (see text). Scale bars, 0.2 µm.

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select for the loss of URA3 plasmids or chromosomal URA3, and the antibiotic Geneticin (G418; Lonza) was used to select for kan^R cells.

Except for PJ69-4A, the yeast strains used (Table 1) are all in the S288C genetic background (Mortimer and Johnston, 1986) and were derived specifically from YEF473 (Bi and Pringle, 1996). Genes were deleted or tagged at their C-termini using the PCR method (Baudin et al., 1993) and either one of the template plasmids described by Longtine et al. (1998) or pFA6a-TAP-His3MX6 (provided by P. Walter, University of California, San Francisco). Oligonucleotide primers were purchased from Integrated DNA Technologies, and nonstandard primers are described in Supplemental Table 1. To construct strains containing mutant and/or tagged versions of CYK3 or HOF1 in place of the normal chromosomal genes, we used pCR8GW-based plasmids containing the desired versions of the genes (see below and Table 2). For CYK3, the plasmids were digested with Mfel, which releases a fragment containing the CYK3 coding region plus ~300 base pairs of upstream and ~300 base pairs of downstream sequence. The digests were transformed into cyk3∆::URA3:kanMX6 strain RNY2150, and transformants were collected on SC+5-FOA plates to screen for loss of the URA3 marker and then replicated onto SC+G418 plates to ensure that the kan^R marker had been lost simultaneously. For HOF1, the plasmids were digested with BamHI and Nsil, which releases a fragment containing the HOF1 coding region plus ~430 base pairs of upstream and ~470 base pairs of downstream sequence; the digests were then transformed into hof1A::URA3:kanMX6 strain RNY2240 and screened as just described. In some cases, the introduced chromosomal genes were tagged with TRP1 or His3MX6 in a subsequent step using the PCR method in order to provide a convenient marker for later crosses. Other steps in strain constructions involved conventional genetic crosses and plasmid transformations (Guthrie and Fink, 1991).

Plasmid constructions

The plasmids used in this study are listed in Table 2 and/or described below. To construct plasmids pRS315-attR, pRS316-attR, and pRS425-attR, a fragment containing attR1-ccdB-attR2 was PCR amplified with primers attR1+Sacl and attR2+Xhol using the Gateway vector-conversion system cassette A (Invitrogen) as a template, digested with Sacl and Xhol, and cloned into Sacl/Xhol-digested pRS315 (Sikorski and Hieter, 1989), pRS316 (Sikorski and Hieter, 1989), or pRS425 (Christianson et al., 1992). To construct plasmids pCR8GW-INN1, pCR8GW-HOF1, and pCR8GW-CYK3, genomic fragments containing the genes (positions relative to the start codons: INN1, -939 to +1689 base pairs; HOF1, -1000 to +2510; CYK3, -900 to +3248) were amplified by PCR and cloned into the pCR8/GW/

TOPO/TA vector (Invitrogen) following the manufacturer's instructions. To construct plasmids pCR8GW-HOF1-3GFP and pCR8GW-CYK3-2GFP, a 9-base pair sequence (GGCGGCCGC) containing a Notl site was introduced immediately before the stop codons of the HOF1 and CYK3 ORFs in plasmids pCR8GW-HOF1 and pCR8GW-CYK3 using the QuickChange II Site-Directed Mutagenesis kit (Stratagene) and primers CYK3-C-Notl-QCF, CYK3-C-Notl-QCR, HOF1-C-Notl-QCF, and HOF1-C-Notl-QCR. Notl fragments (2.2 and 1.5 kb) containing $3 \times GFP$ or $2 \times GFP$ (our unpublished results) were then inserted at the new Notl sites to generate the desired plasmids. Mutant versions of HOF1 and CYK3 (used both for plasmid constructions and for replacement of the wild-type chromosomal genes as described above) were generated in the pCR8GW-based plasmids by site-directed mutagenesis using the QuickChange kit and the primers described in Supplemental Table 1.



FIGURE 7: Importance of the Hof1–Cyk3 interaction in the absence of Inn1, and roles of the Cyk3 SH3 domain. (A, B) Inability of Cyk3 overexpression to suppress *inn1* Δ in the absence of the Hof1–Cyk3 interaction or of a normal Cyk3 SH3 domain. (A) Lack of suppression of the *inn1* Δ growth defect. Strains LY1310 (*inn1* Δ [pUG36-INN1]; rows 1–4) and MWY1296 (*inn1* Δ hof1^{WA} [pUG36-INN1]; rows 5–7) were transformed with *LEU2*-marked, high-copy plasmids carrying no insert (pRS425, 2µ vector), CYK3 (pRS425-CYK3), or cyk3 mutants (pRS425GW-CYK3^{PAPA} and pRS425GW-CYK3^{WA}), or with pRS315GW-INN1 (CEN *INN1*). Transformants were grown, spotted, and examined as described in Figure 6A except that SC–Ura-Leu and SC–Leu + 5-FOA plates were used. (B) Lack of suppression of the *inn1* Δ defect in PS formation. Strains MWY938 (*inn1* Δ [pUG36-INN1] [pRS425-

Plasmids for in vitro protein-binding assays were constructed as follows. A DNA fragment encoding full-length CYK3 was PCR amplified using primers CYK3_1004F+RI and CYK3_3658R+Pst, digested with *Eco*RI and *Pst*I, and cloned into pMAL-c2 (New England Biolabs) to create pMALC2-CYK3. Plasmids pMALC2-CYK3 and pCO-LADuet-His₆-HOF1³⁴¹⁻⁶⁶⁹ (Table 2) were subjected to site-directed mutagenesis using the QuickChange kit to generate mutations in the Cyk3 proline-rich sequence and the Hof1 SH3 domain, which were confirmed by sequencing.

Two-hybrid analyses

The two-hybrid vectors were the DNA-binding–domain (DBD) plasmid pGBDU and the activation domain (AD) plasmid pGAD (Table 2). Both full-length *CYK3* and *HOF1* and fragments of the genes were PCR amplified and cloned into pGBDU and pGAD. Plasmids pGBDU-CYK3^{1–403} and pGAD-HOF1^{342–669} were subjected to sitedirected mutagenesis using the QuickChange kit to generate mutations in the Cyk3 proline-rich sequence and the Hof1 SH3 domain, which were confirmed by sequencing. For two-hybrid analyses, strain PJ69-4A was transformed with various DBD and AD plasmids. Transformants were first selected on SC–Ura-Leu plates and then streaked or spotted onto SC–Ura-Leu-His plates and incubated at 30°C for 3 d to detect interactions. All experiments were performed two or more times with indistinguishable results.

Immunoprecipitation

Cells were collected by centrifugation, and the pellets were frozen immediately in liquid nitrogen. Extracts were prepared by several rounds of vortexing with glass beads on ice in NP-40 buffer (6 mM Na₂HPO₄, 4 mM NaH₂PO₄, 1% Nonidet P-40, 150 mM NaCl, 2 mM EDTA) supplemented with 50 mM NaF, 0.1 mM Na₃VO₄, 1 mM dithiothreitol (DTT), and "complete protease-inhibitor cocktail" (Roche #11697498001) and centrifuged at 13,000 \times g for 10 min. To precipitate TAP-tagged proteins, 25 mg of protein extract were incubated with 25 µl Dynabeads Pan Mouse IgG (Invitrogen #11041) at 4°C for 2 h, washed five times with NP-40 buffer containing the supplements indicated above, and eluted with SDS sample buffer. Samples were analyzed by SDS-PAGE and Western blotting using a mouse anti-GFP antibody (Roche #11814460001) and a horseradish peroxidase-conjugated rabbit anti-mouseimmunoglobulin-G antibody (MP Biomedicals #0861204) to detect GFP-fusion proteins, a horseradish peroxidase-conjugated rat

CYK3]) and MWY934 (inn1∆ [pUG36-INN1] [pRS425GW-CYK3PAPA]) were grown on SC-Leu + 5-FOA plates at 24°C for 3 d to eliminate the URA3 INN1 plasmid and then grown to exponential phase at 24°C in SC-Leu medium and examined by electron microscopy. Cells shown are representative of more than 50 cells examined for MWY938 (see also Nishihama, Schreiter, Onishi, Vallen, et al., 2009) and of 50 cells examined for MWY934; of the latter, only two cells had recognizable PS-like structures. Scale bar, 0.5 µm. (C) Loss of Cyk3 localization in the absence of both Hof1–Cyk3 interaction and a functional Cyk3 SH3 domain. (Top panel) Merged GFP (green) and CFP (magenta) images are shown for strains MWY1436 (left; cyk3^{WA}-2GFP [YCp111-CDC3-CFP]) and MWY1438 (right; cyk3^{WA,PAPA}-2GFP [YCp111-CDC3-CFP]). Representative cells are shown; cell bodies are outlined. Scale bar, 2 μ m. Bottom panel, protein levels of wild-type and mutant Cyk3. Strains MWY815 (CYK3-2GFP), MWY1414 (cyk3^{WA}-2GFP), MWY673 (cyk3^{PAPA}-2GFP), and MWY1418 (cyk3^{WA,PAPA}-2GFP) were grown to exponential phase in YM-P medium at 24°C, and protein extracts were analyzed by Western blotting (see Materials and Methods).

Strain	Genotypeª	Source
PJ69-4A	MATa trp1-901 leu2-3,112 ura3-52 his3-200 gal4∆ gal80∆ LYS2::GAL1-HIS3 GAL2- ADE2 met2::GAL7-lacZ	James <i>et al.</i> , 1996
YEF473A	MATa his3-∆200 leu2-∆1 lys2-801 trp1-∆63 ura3-52	Bi and Pringle, 1996
YEF473B	MATα his3-Δ200 leu2-Δ1 lys2-801 trp1-Δ63 ura3-52	Bi and Pringle, 1996
LY1310	as YEF473A except <i>inn1</i> Δ:: <i>kanMX6</i> [pUG36-INN1]	Nishihama, Schreiter, Onishi, Vallen, <i>et al.</i> , 2009
MOY66	as YEF473B except cyk3Δ::TRP1 hof1Δ::kanMX6 [pRS316GW-HOF1]	Onishi <i>et al.</i> , 2013
MOY122	as YEF473B except <i>hof1</i> Δ:: <i>TRP1</i> [pRS316GW-HOF1]	This study
RNY370	as YEF473A except hof1∆::TRP1	This study
RNY471	as YEF473B except <i>myo1∆::kan</i> MX6 [pRS316-MYO1]	This study
RNY598	as YEF473A except myo1∆::kanMX6 cyk3∆::TRP1 [pRS316-MYO1]	This study
RNY757	as YEF473A except myo1∆::kanMX6 hof1∆::TRP1 [pRS316-MYO1]	This study
RNY2150	as YEF473A except <i>cyk3∆::URA3:kanMX6</i>	Onishi <i>et al.</i> , 2013
RNY2240	as YEF473B except hof1∆::URA3:kanMX6	This study ^b
RNY2720	as YEF473A except CHS2-GFP:TRP1 hof1Δ::TRP1 [YCp111-CDC3-CFP]	This study
MWY636	as YEF473A except cyk3 ^{P188A,P191A}	See text
MWY673	as YEF473A except cyk3 ^{P188A,P191A} -2GFP	See text
MWY732	as YEF473A except cyk3 ^{P188A,P191A} :TRP1	See text
MWY761	as YEF473B except cdc15-2 HOF1-TAP:His3MX6 cyk3 ^{P188A,P191A} -2GFP	This study
MWY767	as YEF473A except cyk3 ^{P188A,P191A} :TRP1 myo1∆::kanMX6 [pRS316-MYO1]	This study
MWY770	as YEF473A except cyk3 ^{P188A,P191A} :TRP1 hof1∆::TRP1 [pRS316GW-HOF1]	This study
MWY815	as YEF473A except CYK3-2GFP	See text
MWY822	as YEF473B except cdc15-2 HOF1-TAP:His3MX6 CYK3-2GFP	This study
MWY864	as YEF473B except <i>hof1</i> Δ:: <i>TRP1</i> [pRS315GW-HOF1 ^{W637A} -3GFP]	See text
MWY934	as YEF473A except inn1∆::kanMX6 [pUG36-INN1] [pRS425GW-CYK3 ^{P188A,P191A}]	This study
MWY938	as YEF473A except inn1∆::kanMX6 [pUG36-INN1] [pRS425-CYK3]	This study
MWY999	as YEF473A except cdc15-2 CYK3-TAP:His3MX6	This study
MWY1003	as YEF473A except cdc15-2 HOF1-GFP:kanMX6	This study
MWY1006	as YEF473A except cdc15-2 CYK3-TAP:His3MX6 HOF1-GFP:kanMX6	This study
MWY1019	as YEF473A except cdc15-2 HOF1-TAP:His3MX6	This study
MWY1021	as YEF473A except cdc15-2 CYK3-GFP:kanMX6P	This study
MWY1025	as YEF473A except cdc15-2 HOF1-TAP:His3MX6 CYK3-GFP:kanMX6	This study
MWY1252	as YEF473B except hof1 ^{W637A} -3GFP	See text
MWY1256	as YEF473B except <i>hof1^{W637A}</i>	See text
MWY1259	as YEF473B except <i>hof1^{W637A}-His3MX6</i>	See text
MWY1293	as YEF473A except hof1 ^{W637A} :His3MX6 myo1∆::kanMX6 [pRS316-MYO1]	This study
MWY1296	as YEF473A except hof1 ^{W637A} :His3MX6 inn1∆::kanMX6 [pUG36-INN1]	This study
MWY1315	as YEF473B except cyk3 ^{P188A,P191A} :TRP1 MYO1-GFP:kanMX6	This study
MWY1317	as YEF473B except hof1 ^{W637A} :His3MX6 MYO1-GFP:kanMX6	This study
MWY1327	as YEF473B except MYO1-GFP:kanMX6	This study
MWY1408	as YEF473A except CYK3-CFP:kanMX6 HOF1-GFP:kanMX6	This study
MWY1414	as YEF473A except <i>cyk3^{W45A}-2GFP</i>	See text
MWY1418	as YEF473A except cyk3 ^{W45A,P188A,P191A} -2GFP	See text
MWY1436	as YEF473A except cyk3 ^{W45A} -2GFP [YCp111-CDC3-CFP]	This study
MWY1438	as YEF473A except <i>cyk3^{W45A,P188A,P191A-2GFP}</i> [YCp111-CDC3-CFP]	This study

TABLE 1: Saccharomyces cerevisiae strains used in this study.

Strain	Genotypeª	Source
MWY2111	as YEF473A except cyk3 ^{P188A,P191A} -2GFP [YCp111-CDC3-CFP]	This study
MWY2117	as YEF473A except cdc15-2 CYK3-TAP:His3MX6 HOF1-3HA:TRP1	This study
MWY2119	as YEF473A except cdc15-2 INN1-TAP:His3MX6 HOF1-3HA:TRP1	This study
MWY2120	as YEF473B except cyk3Δ::TRP1 HOF1-3GFP	See text
MWY2122	as YEF473B except hof1Δ::TRP1 CYK3-2GFP [YCp111-CDC3-CFP]	This study
MWY2150	as YEF473A except cdc15-2 INN1-TAP:His3MX6 hof1 ^{W637A} -3HA:TRP1	This study
MWY2154	as YEF473A except cdc15-2 CYK3-TAP:His3MX6 hof1 ^{W637A} -3HA:TRP1	This study

^aPlasmids are indicated in square brackets and are described in Table 2. ^bConstructed in the same way as RNY2150.

TABLE 1: Saccharomyces cerevisiae strains used in this study. Continued

Plasmid	Description ^a	Source
pGBDU	2µ, URA3, GAL4-DBD	James <i>et al.</i> , 1996
pGAD	2μ, LEU2, GAL4-AD	James <i>et al.</i> , 1996
pRS316-MYO1	CEN, URA3, MYO1	Ko et al., 2007
YCp111-CDC3-CFP	CEN, LEU2, CDC3-CFP	Nishihama, Schreiter, Onishi, Vallen, <i>et al.</i> , 2009
pUG36-INN1	CEN, URA3, pMET25-yEGFP-INN1	Nishihama, Schreiter, Onishi, Vallen, <i>et al.</i> , 2009
pCR8GW-INN1	INN1	See text
pRS315GW-INN1	CEN, LEU2, INN1	This study ^b
pCR8GW-HOF1	HOF1	See text
pCR8GW-HOF1-3GFP	HOF1-3GFP	See text
pRS316GW-HOF1	CEN, URA3, HOF1	This study ^c
pRS315GW-HOF1 ^{W637A} -3GFP	CEN, LEU2, hof1 ^{W637A} -3GFP	This study ^d
pRS425-CYK3	2µ, LEU2, CYK3	Ko et al., 2007
pCR8GW-CYK3	СҮК3	See text
pCR8GW-CYK3-2GFP	CYK3-2GFP	See text
pRS425GW-CYK3 ^{P188A,P191A}	2μ, LEU2, CYK3 ^{P188Α,P191Α}	This study ^e
pRS425GW-CYK3 ^{W45A}	2μ, <i>LEU2</i> , <i>CYK3</i> ^{W45A}	This study ^e
pMALC2-CYK3	malE-CYK3	See text
pMALC2-CYK3 ^{P188A,P191A}	malE-CYK3 ^{P188A,P191A}	This study ^f
pCOLADuet-His ₆ -HOF1 ³⁴¹⁻⁶⁶⁹	His ₆ -HOF1 (codons 341–669)	Nishihama, Schreiter, Onishi, Vallen, <i>et al.</i> , 2009
pCOLADuet-His ₆ -HOF1 ^{341-669(W637A)}	His ₆ -HOF1 (codons 341–669) with W637A mutation	This study ^f

^aCEN indicates low-copy-number plasmids; 2µ indicates high-copy-number plasmids.

^bConstructed by Gateway recombination between pCR8GW-INN1 and pRS315-attR (see text).

Constructed by Gateway recombination between pCR8GW-HOF1 and pRS316-attR (see text).

^dConstructed by Gateway recombination between pRS315-attR (see text) and pCR8GW-HOF1-3GFP into which the indicated mutation had been introduced (see text).

^eConstructed by Gateway recombination between pRS425-attR (see text) and pCR8GW-CYK3 into which the indicated mutations had been introduced (see text). ^fSite-directed mutagenesis was performed (see text) on pMALC2-CYK3 and pCOLADuet-His₆-HOF1³⁴¹⁻⁶⁶⁹, respectively.

TABLE 2: Plasmids used in this study.

anti-3HA antibody (Roche #12013819001) to detect 3HA-fusion proteins, and peroxidase–anti-peroxidase soluble complex (Sigma-Aldrich #P1291) to detect TAP-tagged proteins. All experiments were performed two or more times with indistinguishable results.

Analysis of protein phosphorylation

Protein extracts were prepared, incubated with Dynabeads, and washed as described above; the Dynabeads were then separated into four aliquots. SDS sample buffer was added immediately to one aliquot as a control. The other three aliquots were washed twice with lambda–protein-phosphatase buffer (New England Biolabs #P0753S) and incubated at 30°C for 30 min in 50 μ l of the same buffer with or without lambda protein phosphatase and phosphatase inhibitors (50 mM NaF and 1 mM Na₃VO₄). Reactions were terminated by adding SDS sample buffer, and samples were analyzed by SDS–PAGE and Western blotting as described above. All experiments were performed two or more times with indistinguishable results.

In vitro protein-binding assays

To purify wild-type and mutant His6-Hof1341-669, Escherichia coli strain BL21 (Invitrogen) was transformed with pCOLADuet-His₆-Hof1³⁴¹⁻⁶⁶⁹ or pCOLADuet-His6-Hof1^{341-669(W637A)}, grown to exponential phase at 37°C, and induced with 1 mM IPTG (isopropyl β -D-1-thiogalactopyranoside) for 3 h at 24°C. Cells were collected by centrifugation, and the pellets were frozen immediately in liquid nitrogen. Subsequently, the pellets were suspended in Ni-NTA lysis buffer (20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 300 mM NaCl, 20 mM imidazole, 10 mM 2-mercaptoethanol, and 0.1% Triton X-100) containing 1 mM phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride, sonicated twice for 10 s at low power, placed on ice for 15 min, and centrifuged at $12,000 \times g$ for 15 min. The supernatants were then mixed with Ni-NTA agarose beads (Qiagen #30210) that were preequilibrated with Ni-NTA lysis buffer. After 90 min of rocking at 4°C, the beads were collected by centrifugation, washed four times with Ni-NTA lysis buffer, and stored in aliquots at -80°C.

To purify wild-type and mutant MBP-Cyk3, *E. coli* BL21 was transformed with pMALC2-CYK3 or pMALC2-CYK3^{P188A,P191A}, grown to exponential phase at 37°C, and induced with 1 mM IPTG for 3 h at 24°C. Protein extracts were prepared as described above except that lysis was in STE buffer (20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 200 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 10 mM 2-mercaptoethanol, and 0.1% Triton X-100) containing the complete protease-inhibitor cocktail. The supernatants obtained after centrifugation (12,000 × *g* for 15 min) were mixed with amylose resin (New England Biolabs #E8021S) that had been preequilibrated with STE buffer containing the protease-inhibitor cocktail (see above), and rocked for 1 h at 4°C. The beads were collected by centrifugation, washed four times with STE buffer, and eluted three times with elution buffer (20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 200 mM NaCl, 100 mM maltose, 1 mM DTT). Eluates were separated into aliguots and stored at -80° C.

To test for protein binding in vitro, 5 μg of His₆-Hof1³⁴¹⁻⁶⁶⁹ or His₆-Hof1³⁴¹⁻⁶⁶⁹(W637A) (on the Ni-NTA beads) were mixed with 5 μg of MBP, MBP-Cyk3, or MBP-Cyk3^{P188A,P191A} and rocked for 1 h at 4°C. The beads were washed two times with Ni-NTA lysis buffer, collected by brief centrifugation, and resuspended in 40 μl SDS sample buffer; they were then analyzed by SDS–PAGE and Coomassie staining.

Light and electron microscopy

To visualize proteins tagged with fluorescent markers, cells were grown to exponential phase and examined using a Nikon Eclipse 600-FN microscope equipped with an Apochromat 100×/1.40 NA oil-immersion objective and an ORCA-2 cooled charge-coupleddevice camera (Hamamatsu Photonics). Both fluorescence and differential-interference-contrast (DIC) images were acquired and processed with Metamorph version 7.0 software (Molecular Devices).

Electron microscopy was performed essentially as described by Nishihama, Schreiter, Onishi, Vallen, *et al.* (2009): exponential-phase cells were collected by filtration, fixed with glutaraldehyde and potassium permanganate, embedded in LR white resin (Sigma-Aldrich), and stained with uranyl acetate and lead citrate. Images were acquired and processed using a JEOL (Tokyo, Japan) TEM1230 transmission electron microscope equipped with a Gatan Orius SC1000 cooled charge-coupled-device camera. For each experiment, three grids were prepared and examined, and representative cells are shown.

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