

The WD40 protein Caf4p is a component of the mitochondrial fission machinery and recruits Dnm1p to mitochondria

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The mitochondrial division machinery regulates mitochondrial dynamics and consists of Fis1p, Mdv1p, and Dnm1p. Mitochondrial division relies on the recruitment of the dynamin-related protein Dnm1p to mitochondria. Dnm1p recruitment depends on the mitochondrial outer membrane protein Fis1p. Mdv1p interacts with Fis1p and Dnm1p, but is thought to act at a late step during fission because Mdv1p is dispensable for Dnm1p localization. We identify the WD40 repeat protein Caf4p as a Fis1p-associated protein that localizes to mitochondria in a Fis1p-dependent manner. Caf4p interacts with each

component of the fission apparatus: with Fis1p and Mdv1p through its NH₂-terminal half and with Dnm1p through its COOH-terminal WD40 domain. We demonstrate that *mdv1Δ* yeast contain residual mitochondrial fission due to the redundant activity of Caf4p. Moreover, recruitment of Dnm1p to mitochondria is disrupted in *mdv1Δ caf4Δ* yeast, demonstrating that Mdv1p and Caf4p are molecular adaptors that recruit Dnm1p to mitochondrial fission sites. Our studies support a revised model for assembly of the mitochondrial fission apparatus.

Introduction

Mitochondria are dynamic organelles that undergo fusion and fission. These processes intermix the mitochondria within cells and control their morphology. In addition to controlling mitochondrial shape, recent studies have also implicated components of the fission machinery in regulation of programmed cell death (Frank et al., 2001; Fannjiang et al., 2004; Jagasia et al., 2005). Genetic approaches in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* have identified *DNM1*, *FIS1*, and *MDV1* as components of the mitochondrial fission pathway (Shaw and Nunnari, 2002). Dnm1p and its mammalian homologue Drp1 are members of the extensively studied dynamin family of large, oligomeric GTPases. Although the precise mechanism remains controversial, dynamins may couple GTP hydrolysis to a conformational constriction that causes membrane scission (Praefcke and McMahon, 2004). In yeast cells, Dnm1p dynamically localizes to dozens of puncta that are primarily associated with mitochondria (Otsuga et al., 1998; Bleazard et al., 1999; Sesaki and Jensen, 1999; Legesse-Miller et al., 2003). A subset of these puncta are sites of future fission.

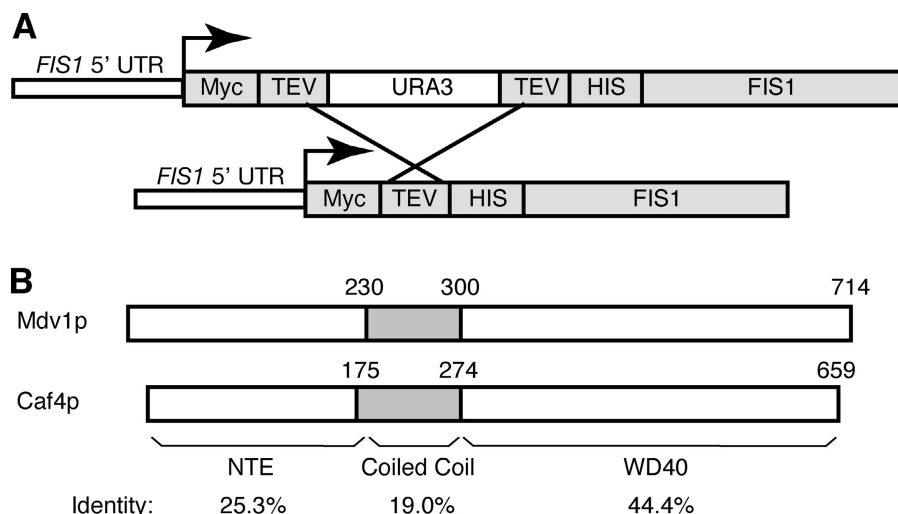
The assembly of functional Dnm1p complexes on mitochondria is a critical issue in understanding the mechanism of mitochondrial fission. The mitochondrial outer membrane protein Fis1p is required for the formation of normal Dnm1p puncta on mitochondria. In *fis1Δ* cells, Dnm1p puncta are primarily cytosolic or form abnormally large aggregates on mitochondria (Fekkes et al., 2000; Mozdy et al., 2000; Tieu and Nunnari, 2000). Mdv1p interacts with Fis1p through its NH₂-terminal half and with Dnm1p through its COOH-terminal WD40 domain. However, Mdv1p appears dispensable for Dnm1p assembly on mitochondria because *mdv1Δ* cells show little or no change in Dnm1p localization, even though mitochondrial fission is disrupted (Fekkes et al., 2000; Tieu and Nunnari, 2000; Tieu et al., 2002; Cervený and Jensen, 2003). These observations have led to two important features of a recently proposed model for mitochondrial fission (Shaw and Nunnari, 2002; Tieu et al., 2002; Osteryoung and Nunnari, 2003). First, Fis1p acts to assemble and distribute Dnm1p on mitochondria in an Mdv1p-independent step. Second, Mdv1p acts downstream of Dnm1p localization to stimulate membrane scission. An alternative model proposes that Dnm1p marks the site of mitochondrial fission and recruits Fis1p and Mdv1p into an active fission complex (Cervený and Jensen, 2003). Again, in this model Mdv1p functions downstream of Dnm1p localization.

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Abbreviations used in this paper: CC, coiled coil; MudPIT, multidimensional protein identification technology; NTE, NH₂-terminal extension; TEV, tobacco etch virus; UTR, untranslated region.

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Figure 1. **Construction of M₉TH-FIS1 and Caf4p/Mdv1p alignment.** (A) A 9xMyc-TEV-URA3-TEV-His₈ cassette was PCR amplified with *FIS1*-targeting primers and integrated in-frame into the NH₂ terminus of *FIS1*. Pop-out of the *URA3* cassette by recombination between flanking TEV sites yielded M₉TH-FIS1 under the control of the endogenous *FIS1* promoter. UTR: untranslated region. (B) Schematic of Mdv1p and Caf4p. The NH₂-terminal extension (NTE), coiled-coil, and WD40 regions are shown with percent identity. Overall identity is 37% and overall similarity is 57%.



Despite extensive efforts, however, there is no evidence that Fis1p can interact directly with Dnm1p. We speculated that there may be an additional component of the mitochondrial fission pathway required for the Fis1p-dependent assembly of Dnm1p puncta on mitochondria. Because a genome-wide screen for mitochondrial morphology mutants (Dimmer et al., 2002) did not yield obvious candidates, we used a biochemical approach to identify additional components of the mitochondrial fission machinery. Using immunopurification and mass spectrometry, we have identified the WD40 repeat protein Caf4p as a Fis1p-interacting protein. Caf4p localizes to mitochondria and associates with Fis1p, Mdv1p, and Dnm1p. Moreover, we show that *mdv1*Δ cells are only partially deficient in mitochondrial fission due to the redundant activity of Caf4p. Importantly, Caf4p mediates recruitment of Dnm1p puncta to mitochondria in *mdv1*Δ yeast. Inclusion of *CAF4* significantly clarifies the current models for mitochondrial fission.

Results

Caf4p is associated with Fis1p

To identify Fis1p-associated proteins by multidimensional protein identification technology (MudPIT) (Link et al., 1999; Graumann et al., 2004), we constructed a yeast strain containing endogenous Fis1p with an NH₂-terminal tandem affinity tag (Fig. 1 A). NH₂-terminal tagging is necessary because *FIS1* is nonfunctional when COOH-terminally tagged (unpublished data). We first designed a recombination cassette containing 9XMyc/TEV/URA3/TEV/His₈ modules (Fig. 1 A). After targeted integration into the *FIS1* locus, spontaneous and precise recombination between the flanking ~50-bp tobacco etch virus (TEV) protease sites excises *URA3*. This strategy was used to generate a yeast strain (DCY1557) that expresses a functional Fis1p with an NH₂-terminal 9XMyc/TEV/His₈ tag (M₉TH-Fis1p) from the endogenous locus.

Tandem affinity-purified M₉TH-Fis1p was subjected to MudPIT analysis in two independent experiments (see Materials and methods). Fis1p was identified in both experiments (61.3%

coverage, 14 unique peptides; 58.7% coverage, 9 unique peptides). Mdv1p, a previously identified member of the mitochondrial fission pathway and a known Fis1p-interacting protein, was also identified in both experiments (22.1% coverage, 12 unique peptides; 10.2% coverage, 5 unique peptides). These data confirmed that our MudPIT procedure could preserve and identify Fis1p complexes relevant to mitochondrial fission. Dnm1p was not observed in either dataset, in agreement with previous immunoprecipitation experiments (Mozdy et al., 2000). The complete datasets are presented in Table S1 (available at <http://www.jcb.org/cgi/content/full/jcb.200503148/DC1>).

Interestingly, peptides derived from the WD40 repeat protein Caf4p were identified in both Fis1p MudPIT experiments (24.4% coverage, 9 unique peptides; 8.5% coverage, 3 unique peptides). *CAF4* (YKR036C) was first identified in a yeast two-hybrid screen for CCR4p-interacting proteins (Liu et al., 2001). CCR4p is a central component of the CCR4-NOT transcriptional regulator and cytosolic deadenylase complex (Denis and Chen, 2003). Caf4p is the nearest homologue of Mdv1p in *S. cerevisiae* (38% identity and 57% similarity), and the two proteins show extensive sequence identity throughout their lengths (Fig. 1 B). Both proteins share a unique NH₂-terminal extension (NTE) (25.3% identity), a central coiled-coil (CC) domain (19% identity) and a COOH-terminal WD40 repeat domain (44.4% identity). The Caf4p CC scores significantly more weakly (~0.3 probability) than the Mdv1p coiled coil (~1.0 probability) in the MultiCoil prediction program (Wolf et al., 1997).

Caf4p interacts with components of the mitochondrial fission machinery

We sought independent confirmation of the physical interaction between Fis1p and Caf4p. For immunoprecipitation experiments, Caf4p-HA or Mdv1p-HA were expressed from their endogenous promoters in strains carrying chromosomal M₃TH-FIS1 (3XMyc/TEV/His₈-FIS1) and deleted for *CAF4* or *MDV1*, respectively. When M₃TH-Fis1p was immunoprecipitated, ~5% of both Caf4p-HA and Mdv1p-HA coprecipitated (Fig. 2 A, lanes 7 and 10).

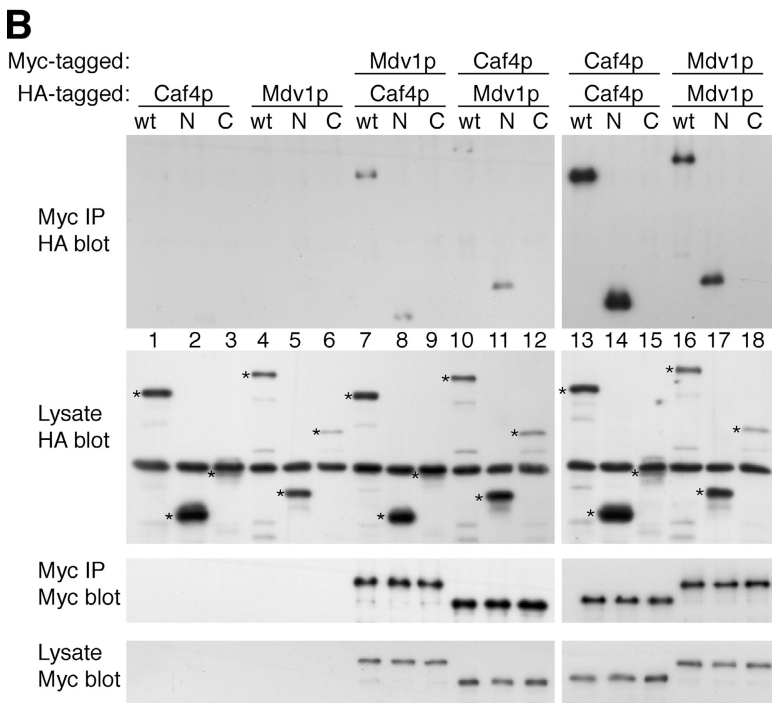
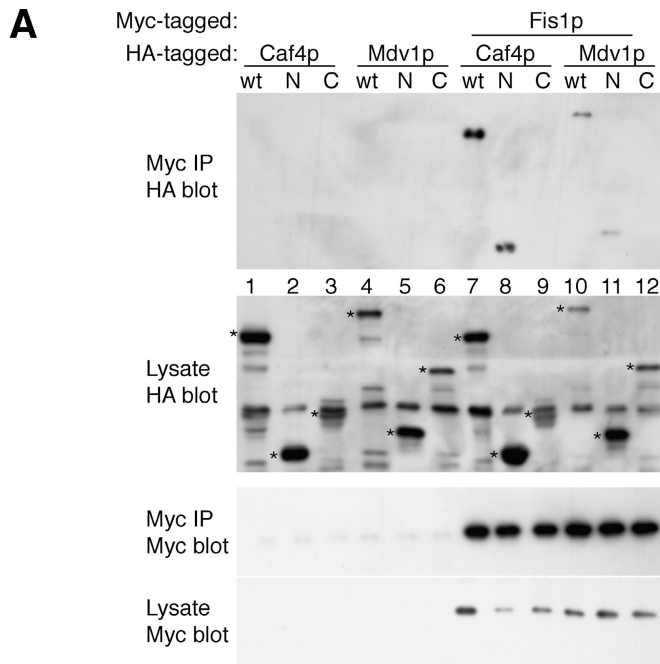


Figure 2. Caf4p and Mdv1p coimmunoprecipitation experiments. (A) Yeast carrying the indicated HA- and Myc-tagged constructs were lysed and immunoprecipitated with an anti-Myc antibody. Total lysates (labeled "Lysate") and immunoprecipitated samples (labeled "Myc IP") were analyzed by immunoblotting with anti-Myc (9E10) and anti-HA (12CA5) antibodies as indicated. The expression constructs were: Caf4p wt (residues 1–659), Caf4p N (residues 1–274), Caf4p C (residues 275–659), Mdv1 wt (residues 1–714), Mdv1p N (residues 1–300), and Mdv1p C (residues 301–714). The yeast backgrounds were: (A) wild-type, lanes 1–6; *caf4Δ* *M₃TH-FIS1*, lanes 7–9; *mdv1Δ* *M₃TH-FIS1*, lanes 10–12; (B) wild-type, lanes 1–6; *caf4Δ* *MDV1-HTM*, lanes 7–9; *mdv1Δ* *CAF4-HTM*, lanes 10–12; *CAF4-HTM*, lanes 13–15; *MDV1-HTM*, lanes 16–18. (B) Yeast carrying the indicated HA- and Myc-tagged constructs were immunoprecipitated and analyzed as in A. Immunoprecipitated samples were loaded at 10 (A) and 20 (B) equivalents of the lysate samples. HA-tagged proteins in the lysate are marked with an asterisk. The HA-tagged Caf4p C polypeptide comigrates with a background band in the total lysate blot probed with HA antibody.

Previous yeast two-hybrid analysis determined that the NTE/CC region of Mdv1p (residues 1–300) is responsible for its interaction with Fis1p (Tieu et al., 2002). We detected the same interaction by coimmunoprecipitation (Fig. 2 A, lane 11). Additionally, we found that the analogous region of Caf4p (residues 1–274) also interacted with Fis1p (Fig. 2 A, lane 8). A shorter Caf4p fragment lacking the majority of the predicted coiled coil (residues 1–250) interacted equally well with Fis1p (unpublished data). In contrast, Fis1p did not bind to the COOH-terminal regions of either Mdv1p or Caf4p (Fig. 2 A,

lanes 9 and 12). These data suggest that both Caf4p and Mdv1p likely interact with Fis1p through a common mechanism involving the NTE domain.

We also used a yeast two-hybrid assay to analyze the interaction of Caf4p and Mdv1p with Fis1p and Dnm1p (Table I). Full-length Caf4p and an NTE/CC fragment of Caf4p interacted strongly with the cytosolic portion of Fis1p (residues 1–128), consistent with our immunoprecipitation data. Similar interactions were observed between Fis1p and both full-length Mdv1p and the NTE/CC region of Mdv1p, as has been previ-

Table I. Caf4p and Mdv1p interact with Dnm1p and Fis1p in a yeast two-hybrid assay

		Fis1p	Dnm1p	Caf4p			Mdv1p		
				wt	N	C	wt	N	C
Fis1p		-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-
Dnm1p		-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Caf4p	wt	+	-	-	-	-	-	weak	-
	N	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mdv1p	wt	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-
	N	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-
	C	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-

Caf4p, Mdv1p, Fis1p, and Dnm1p fragments were scored for growth (+), no growth (-), or poor growth (weak) on adenine-deficient plates. All constructs showed no growth when paired with empty activation domain or DNA-binding domain vector. Binding domain fusions are listed across the top of the table and activation domain fusions are listed down the left. Caf4p and Mdv1p N and C fragments are defined in Fig. 2.

ously reported (Tieu et al., 2002; Cerveny and Jensen, 2003). The WD40 domain of both Mdv1p and Caf4p interacted strongly with Dnm1p. However, full-length Mdv1p interacted more weakly and an interaction between full-length Caf4p and Dnm1p was not detected. These results suggest that the interaction of the WD40 domain with Dnm1p is regulated and may be inhibited by the NH₂-terminal region of Caf4p and Mdv1p.

We also detected homotypic and heterotypic interactions between Caf4p and Mdv1p. Approximately 5% of Caf4p-HA and Caf4p-N-HA (residues 1–274), but not Caf4p-C-HA (residues 275–659), coimmunoprecipitate with full-length Caf4p-HTM (Fig. 2 B, lanes 13–15). A similar level of Mdv1p-HA and Mdv1p-N-HA (residues 1–300), but not Mdv1p-C-HA (residues 301–714), coimmunoprecipitated with Mdv1p-HTM (Fig. 2 B, lanes 16–18). When Caf4p-HTM was precipitated, ~1% of Mdv1p-HA and Mdv1p-N-HA, but not Mdv1p-C-HA, coprecipitated (Fig. 2 B, lanes 10–12). Similarly, when Mdv1p-HTM was precipitated, ~1% of Caf4p-HA and Caf4p-N-HA, but not Caf4p-C-HA, coprecipitated (Fig. 2 B, lanes 7–9). Moreover, the NTE/CC regions of Caf4p and Mdv1p interact in the two-hybrid assay (Table I). Therefore, Caf4p interacts with all three members of the fission pathway, with the NH₂-terminal region mediating interactions with Fis1p, Mdv1p, and homotypic interactions with Caf4p.

Caf4p is involved in mitochondrial division

Given that Caf4p interacts with Fis1p, Mdv1p, and Dnm1p, we hypothesized that Caf4p, like Mdv1p, is a component of the mitochondrial division apparatus. *caf4Δ* yeast, however, display normal mitochondrial morphology, with tubular mitochondria evenly dispersed around the cell cortex (Fig. 3). Wild-type mitochondrial morphology was also observed at elevated temperatures and on carbon sources other than dextrose (glycerol or galactose; unpublished data). This observation is not surprising, given that *CAF4* was not identified in a genome-wide screen of deletion strains for mitochondrial morphology mutants (Dimmer et al., 2002).

We next tested whether *caf4Δ* cells show synthetic defects in mitochondrial morphology when other components of the

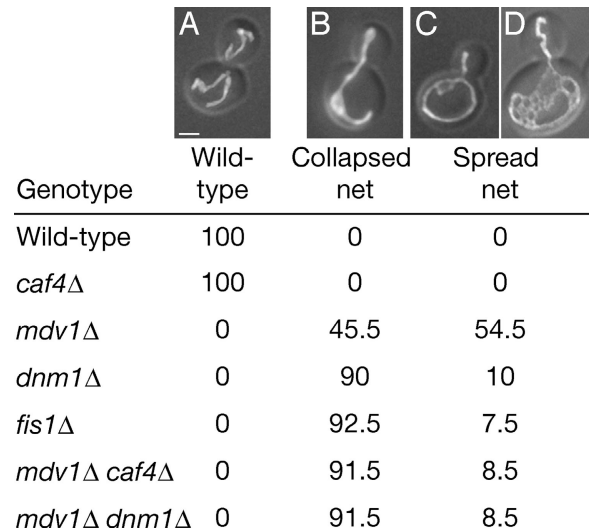


Figure 3. **CAF4 regulates mitochondrial morphology.** Strains expressing mitochondrially targeted GFP were grown in YP dextrose to mid-log phase and fixed. The percentage of cells ($n = 400$) with mitochondria having wild-type (A), collapsed net (B), or spread net morphology (C and D) is tabulated. The spread net phenotype encompasses a distribution of morphologies ranging from simple structures containing one or two loops (C) to complexly fenestrated mitochondria with dozens of loops (D). For both wild-type and *caf4Δ* strains, the wild-type category includes 1% fragmented cells. Bar, 1 μ m.

fission machinery are deleted. Yeast defective in mitochondrial fission display net-like mitochondrial morphology due to unopposed mitochondrial fusion (Bleazard et al., 1999; Sesaki and Jensen, 1999). These mitochondrial nets can have a spread morphology (Fig. 3, C and D), or they can collapse to one side of the cell (Fig. 3 B). Although *FIS1*, *DNM1*, and *MDV1* are all involved in mitochondrial fission, we found that *mdv1Δ* cells have a distribution of mitochondrial profiles that can be readily distinguished from both *fis1Δ* and *dnm1Δ* cells (Fig. 3). In rich dextrose medium, almost all *fis1Δ* or *dnm1Δ* cells (93 and 90%, respectively) contain collapsed mitochondrial nets. In contrast, less than half of *mdv1Δ* cells contain collapsed nets, with the majority displaying a spread net morphology. The spread nets range in morphology from interconnected tubules with several loops (Fig. 3 C) to networks with complex fenestrations (Fig. 3 D). *mdv1Δ dnm1Δ* cells behave identically to *dnm1Δ* cells, with >90% collapsed nets in dextrose (Fig. 3). This observation indicates that the *dnm1Δ* collapsed net phenotype is epistatic to the *mdv1Δ* spread net phenotype. In rich galactose medium (unpublished data), a greater portion of all strains contain spread nets, but again *mdv1Δ* cells have a higher percentage of cells with spread nets (80%) compared with *fis1Δ* (45.5%), *dnm1Δ* (53%), or *mdv1Δ dnm1Δ* cells (40.5%). These results agree with a previous report that *mdv1Δ* cells have more spread nets compared with *dnm1Δ* cells in galactose medium (Cerveny et al., 2001). However, this study found that the *mdv1Δ* spread net phenotype is epistatic to the *dnm1Δ* collapsed net phenotype (Cerveny et al., 2001). The reason for this discrepancy is unclear, but we note the *mdv1Δ* morphology is most distinct in dextrose cultures.

Most interestingly, we found that *mdv1Δ caf4Δ* cells have mitochondrial net distributions indistinguishable from

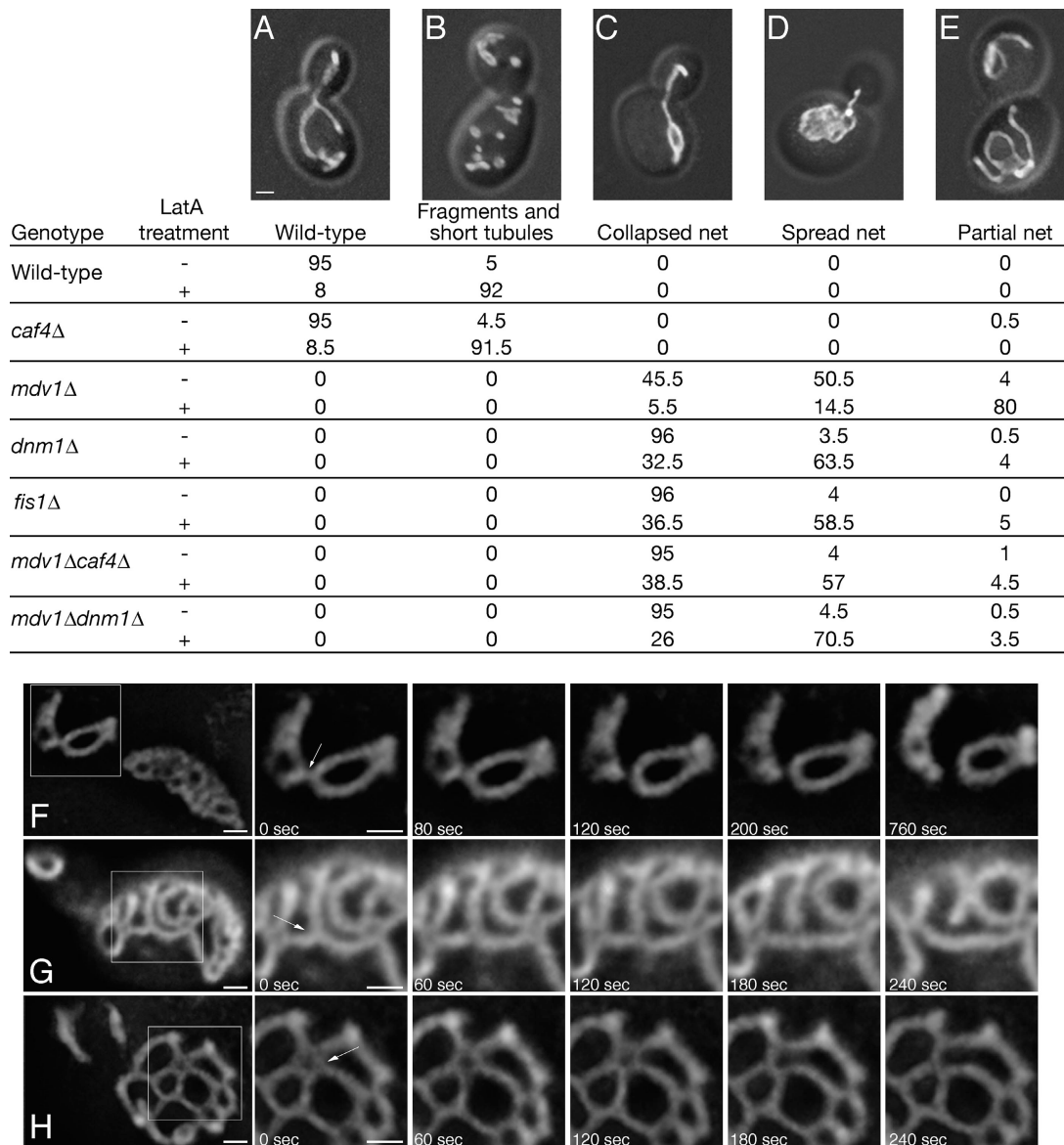


Figure 4. **CAF4 mediates residual fission in *mdv1Δ* cells.** Top: mid-log cultures grown in YP dextrose were treated for 60 min with 200 μ M latrunculin A (+) or vehicle (-). For each strain, 200 cells were scored into the following phenotypic categories: wild-type (A), fragments and short tubules (B), collapsed net (C), spread net (D), or partial net (E). Numbers shown are percentages. The fragments and short tubules category encompasses a range of morphologies from completely fragmented (as shown in B) to a mixture of fragments and short tubules. (F-H) Still images from time-lapse movies showing fission events in *mdv1Δ* yeast treated with 200 μ M latrunculin A. The boxed area in the first frame is magnified in the subsequent sequence of five images. Arrows indicate fission events. Mitochondria were visualized with the outer membrane marker OM45-GFP. Bars, 1 μ m.

either *dnm1Δ* cells or *fis1Δ* cells. Deletion of *CAF4* in *mdv1Δ* cells markedly shifts the distribution to one composed almost entirely of collapsed mitochondrial nets (>90% in dextrose, Fig. 3). Our results support a model in which partial reduction of mitochondrial fission results in predominantly spread mitochondrial nets, and complete loss of fission eventually results in collapse of the nets. That is, *mdv1Δ* cells retain residual mitochondrial fission, whereas *mdv1Δ caf4Δ* cells are devoid of fission, similar to *dnm1Δ*, *fis1Δ*, or *mdv1Δ dnm1Δ* cells. An analogous situation appears to exist in mammalian cells, in which weak Drp1 dominant-negative alleles cause the formation of spread nets, whereas strong dominant-negative alleles cause nets to collapse (Smirnova et al., 2001).

We tested this model by reanalyzing mitochondrial morphologies in the presence of latrunculin A, which disrupts the actin cytoskeleton. Disruption of the actin cytoskeleton leads to rapid fragmentation of the mitochondrial network due to ongoing mitochondrial fission (Boldogh et al., 1998; Jensen et al., 2000). Latrunculin A treatment rapidly resolves a fraction of collapsed nets into spread nets (Jensen et al., 2000; Cervený et al., 2001), and allows a closer examination of the degree of connectivity in mitochondrial nets. Similarly, in mammalian cells, collapsed mitochondrial nets induced by overexpression of dominant-negative Drp1 can be spread by the microtubule-depolymerizing agent nocodazole (Smirnova et al., 2001). Both wild-type and *caf4Δ* yeast treated with latrunculin A show

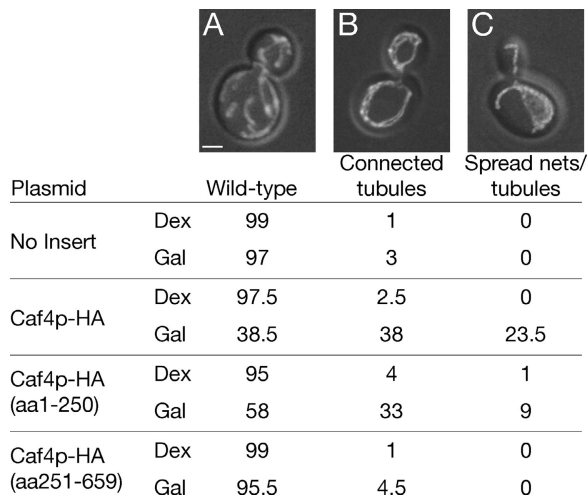


Figure 5. **Caf4p overexpression blocks mitochondrial fission.** Wild-type yeast (DCY1979) carrying the pRS416 GalI vector with no insert, full-length CAF4-HA, CAF4-HA N, or CAF4-HA C were grown in rich dextrose or galactose media for 180 min and fixed. Cells were scored into the following phenotypic categories: wild-type (A), connected tubules (B), or spread nets with tubules (C). Numbers shown are percentages ($n = 200$). Overexpression in galactose cultures was estimated to result in 20-fold greater expression than endogenous levels by Western blots of serially diluted lysates (not depicted). Bar, 1 μ m.

mitochondrial fragmentation (Fig. 4). 80% of *mdv1* Δ cells treated with latrunculin A contain partial mitochondrial nets (Fig. 4 E, partial net) that are less interconnected and have fewer fenestrations than the collapsed or spread nets that predominate in latrunculin A-treated *dnm1* Δ or *fis1* Δ cells. 95% of latrunculin A-treated *mdv1* Δ *caf4* Δ cells show either collapsed nets or highly fenestrated spread nets, a profile indistinguishable from that in *dnm1* Δ or *fis1* Δ cells (Fig. 4). Thus, after disruption of the actin cytoskeleton, *mdv1* Δ yeast display a distribution of mitochondrial morphologies that suggest an incomplete defect in mitochondrial fission. In contrast, *mdv1* Δ *caf4* Δ yeast have mitochondrial morphologies similar to that in *fis1* Δ and *dnm1* Δ yeast. We conclude that *CAF4* mediates low levels of mitochondrial fission in *mdv1* Δ cells.

We next monitored the mitochondrial network in *mdv1* Δ cells by time-lapse microscopy to assess the levels of mitochondrial fission. In pilot experiments, we found that free mitochondrial ends produced by fission events in *mdv1* Δ cells were rapidly involved in fusion events, making unambiguous documentation of fission difficult. Because latrunculin A reduces the levels of fusion and thereby should prolong the presence of free mitochondrial ends, we monitored mitochondrial dynamics in latrunculin A-treated *mdv1* Δ cells carrying the outer membrane marker OM45-GFP. In 8 out of 10 *mdv1* Δ cells, we observed at least one fission event in a 30-min recording period (Fig. 4, F–H; Videos 1 and 2, available at <http://www.jcb.org/cgi/content/full/jcb.200503148/DC1>). Due to the complexity and rapid rearrangements of the mitochondrial networks in these cells (see Videos 1 and 2), these numbers likely underestimate the actual levels of fission. In contrast, no fission events were observed in 8 *mdv1* Δ *caf4* Δ cells. We conclude that the ability of *CAF4* to mediate mitochondrial fission

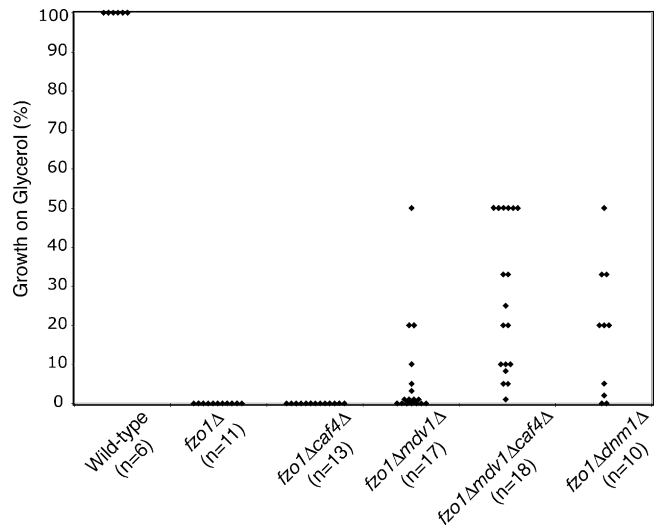


Figure 6. **Suppression of the glycerol growth defect of *fzo1* Δ cells.** Individual spores of the indicated genotypes were assayed by serial dilution on YP glycerol and YP dextrose plates to determine the percent survival on glycerol-containing medium. Each point represents the viability of an individual spore. For clarity, spores showing 1% or less survival were plotted as 1%.

events contributes significantly to the spread net morphology of *mdv1* Δ cells.

Mitochondrial fission is blocked by overexpression of Caf4p or Caf4p fragments

Because overexpression of Mdv1p or Mdv1p fragments inhibits mitochondrial fission (Cervený and Jensen, 2003), we next tested the effects of Caf4p overproduction. Caf4p-HA under the control of the GalI promoter was expressed \sim 20 times above endogenous levels in rich galactose medium (unpublished data). Spread mitochondrial nets formed in 23.5% of cells (Fig. 5 C). An additional 38% of cells had an intermediate phenotype that we termed “connected tubules,” consisting of a completely interconnected mitochondrial network in which no tubular ends were detected (Fig. 5 B). Overexpression of an NH₂-terminal fragment that interacts with Fis1p (residues 1–250; unpublished data) had a similar effect (9% spread nets, 33% connected tubules; Fig. 5), suggesting that the formation of mitochondrial net-like structures may result from a dominant-negative effect on Fis1p function. A similar distribution of mitochondrial phenotypes resulted from 20-fold overproduction of Mdv1p-HA (7.5% spread nets and 24.5% interconnected tubules) and an Mdv1p-HA NH₂-terminal fragment (5% spread nets and 39% interconnected tubules; unpublished data). These data confirm that Caf4p interacts with the mitochondrial fission apparatus.

Full bypass suppression of *fzo1* Δ requires loss of both *MDV1* and *CAF4*

Yeast fission mutants are able to suppress the glycerol growth defect of cells deficient in mitochondrial fusion (Bleazard et al., 1999). Indeed, *MDV1* was originally identified because of

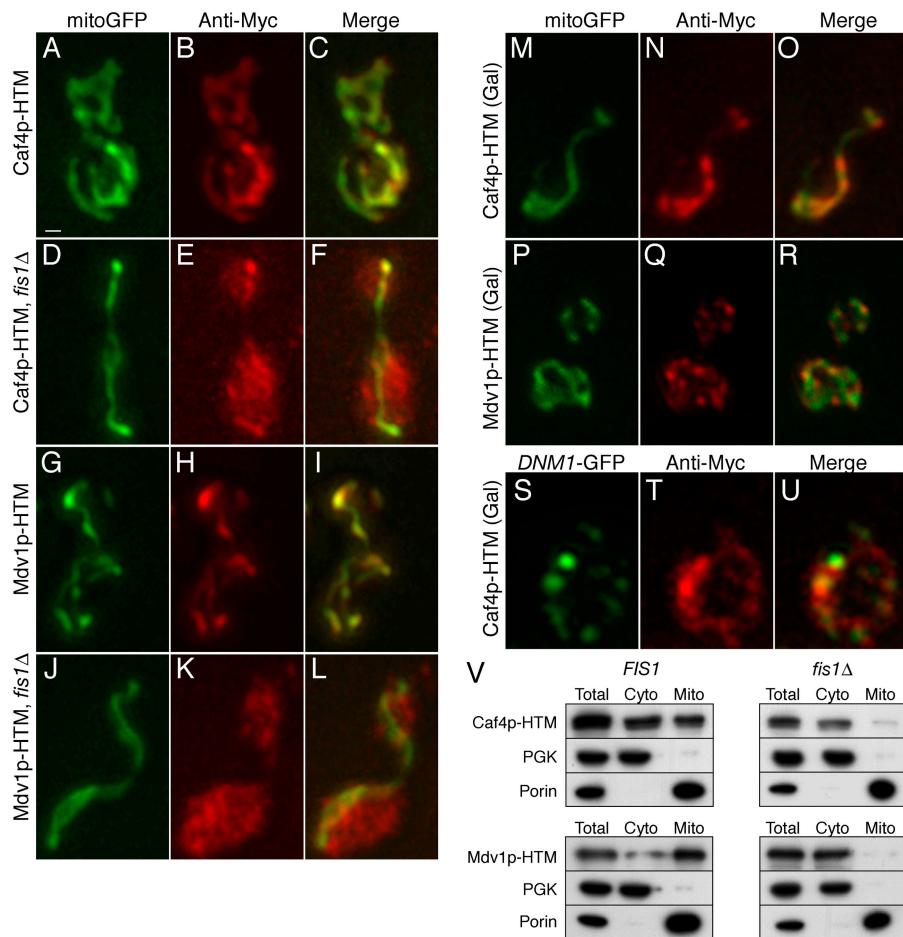


Figure 7. Mitochondrial localization of Caf4p and Mdv1p requires Fis1p. Immunofluorescence (red, middle panels) was used to localize Myc-tagged Caf4p (Caf4p-HTM; A–F and M–U) and Mdv1p (Mdv1p-HTM; G–L and P–R) in wild-type (A–C, G–I, and M–U) and *fis1Δ* cells (D–F and J–L). Caf4p-HTM and Mdv1p-HTM are expressed from the endogenous loci and are functional. Mitochondria were labeled with mitochondrially targeted GFP (A–R, left, green). The majority of Dnm1p-GFP puncta colocalize with Caf4p-HTM (S–U). Overlays of the two signals are shown in the merged images (right). Note that both Caf4p and Mdv1p localize to mitochondria in wild-type cells, but are diffusely cytosolic in *fis1Δ* cells. Cells were grown in YP dextrose (A–L) or YP galactose (M–U). Representative maximum intensity projections of deconvolved z-stacks are shown. Bar, 1 μ m. (V) Caf4p-HTM and Mdv1p-HTM were analyzed by subcellular fractionation. The total cell lysate (Total), high-speed supernatant (Cyto), and mitochondrial pellet (Mito) were analyzed by Western blot with an anti-Myc antibody in wild-type (left) and *fis1Δ* (right) yeast. PGK (3-phosphoglycerate kinase) is a cytosolic marker, and porin is a mitochondrial outer membrane marker.

its ability to suppress the glycerol growth defect of strains carrying temperature-sensitive *fzo1* or *mgm1* alleles (Fekkes et al., 2000; Mozdy et al., 2000; Tieu and Nunnari, 2000; Cerveny et al., 2001). Deletion of *MDVI* has previously been reported to suppress the glycerol growth defect of *fzo1Δ* cells less efficiently than deletion of *DNM1* (Cerveny et al., 2001). To further test our hypothesis that *mdv1Δ* cells have only a partial loss of mitochondrial fission, we compared the efficiencies with which the *mdv1Δ* and *dnm1Δ* mutations suppress the glycerol growth defect of *fzo1Δ* cells. Diploids were sporulated, genotyped, and scored by serial dilution for their ability to grow on glycerol plates relative to dextrose plates (Fig. 6). As expected, all wild-type and no *fzo1Δ* spores grew on glycerol plates. Of 17 *mdv1Δ fzo1Δ* spores tested, 7 showed no detectable growth on glycerol and an additional 4 spores grew very poorly, with <1% cell survival on glycerol. Only 3 of the 6 remaining spores showed >20% survival on glycerol. More than half of *dnm1Δ fzo1Δ* spores grew robustly on glycerol plates, with between 20 and 50% cell survival. Most importantly, the triple mutant *mdv1Δ caf4Δ fzo1Δ* spores grew much more robustly than the *mdv1Δ fzo1Δ* spores, with all spores growing on glycerol and the majority between 20 and 50% cell survival. The markedly enhanced bypass suppression of *fzo1Δ* by *mdv1Δ caf4Δ* double mutations compared with the *mdv1Δ* mutation provides genetic evidence that *mdv1Δ* cells retain residual mitochondrial fission due to the activity of Caf4p.

Caf4p localizes to mitochondria in a Fis1p-dependent manner

We next sought to determine the subcellular localization of Caf4p. Caf4p was detected in highly purified mitochondrial preparations (Sickmann et al., 2003), and a Caf4p-GFP fusion generated in a genome-wide analysis localizes to mitochondria (Huh et al., 2003). We confirmed the mitochondrial localization of Caf4p-GFP, but did not study it further because the GFP fusion protein was not functional when expressed from the *CAF4* locus (unpublished data). We instead used immunofluorescence to localize Myc-tagged versions of Caf4p and Mdv1p (termed Caf4p-HTM and Mdv1p-HTM) that are expressed from the endogenous locus and are functional. Caf4p-HTM and Mdv1p-HTM showed clear mitochondrial localization (Fig. 7). When cells were grown in rich dextrose medium, both Caf4p-HTM and Mdv1p-HTM displayed a largely uniform mitochondrial distribution with occasional areas of increased intensity. In rich galactose medium, Caf4p-HTM and Mdv1p-HTM localize in a more punctate pattern on mitochondria (Fig. 7, M–R). Caf4p-HTM partially colocalizes with Dnm1-GFP puncta (Fig. 7, S–U). In *fis1Δ* cells grown in either dextrose or galactose media, both Caf4p-HTM and Mdv1p-HTM are found predominantly in the cytosol (Fig. 7, D–F and J–L). In some cells, however, low levels of residual localization to mitochondria could be discerned (e.g., Fig. 7, D–F). In *fis1* mutant yeast, overexpressed GFP-Mdv1p is dif-

fusely cytosolic but also retains some localization to mitochondria (Tieu and Nunnari, 2000; Tieu et al., 2002). Together, these data indicate that the normal mitochondrial localization of both Caf4p and Mdv1p depends largely on Fis1p, although some low levels of residual localization can occur in the absence of Fis1p.

We also evaluated the localization of Caf4p-HTM by subcellular fractionation. We found a significant portion of both Caf4p and Mdv1p in the mitochondrial pellet (Fig. 7 V). Mdv1p had previously been shown to be present in mitochondrial fractions (Fekkes et al., 2000; Tieu and Nunnari, 2000; Cerveny et al., 2001). However, in *fis1Δ* yeast both proteins behave as cytosolic proteins (Fig. 7 V). These data support our immunofluorescence studies and confirm that Mdv1p and Caf4p localize to mitochondria through their association with Fis1p.

Caf4p recruits Dnm1p-GFP to mitochondria

To understand the mechanism of mitochondrial fission, it is crucial to elucidate how Dnm1p is recruited to mitochondria. Given that Mdv1p associates with both Fis1p and Dnm1p, it is puzzling that Dnm1p assembly on mitochondria shows little or no dependence on Mdv1p (Fekkes et al., 2000; Mozdy et al., 2000; Tieu and Nunnari, 2000; Tieu et al., 2002; Cerveny and Jensen, 2003). With the identification of Caf4p as a component of the fission machinery, we reexamined this issue. We constructed a fully functional Dnm1p-GFP allele and analyzed its localization pattern using deconvolution microscopy (Table II). Similar to previous reports (Otsuga et al., 1998), Dnm1p-GFP is found predominantly in puncta associated with mitochondria (average 16.9 mitochondrial vs. 3.3 cytosolic puncta per cell) (Table II and Fig. 8, A–C). Deletion of *CAF4* or *MDV1* alone had little effect on this localization (15.4 mitochondrial vs. 5.2 cytosolic and 13.7 mitochondrial vs. 5.1 cytosolic per cell, respectively; Table II and Fig. 8, D–I). In all these strains, the Dnm1p puncta are relatively uniform in size and intensity.

In contrast, *fis1Δ* mutants showed dramatic defects, with the majority of the puncta now cytosolic (4.9 mitochondrial vs. 9.6 cytosolic) (Table II and Fig. 8, J–L). As has been previously noted, a small fraction of Dnm1p still localizes to mitochondria in *fis1Δ* cells (Tieu et al., 2002; Cerveny and Jensen, 2003), suggesting that Dnm1p may be recruited by a second pathway, perhaps through an intrinsic affinity for mitochondrial lipids or an unidentified mitochondrial binding partner. Importantly, a similar defect in Dnm1p localization was found in *mdv1Δ caf4Δ* cells (4.8 mitochondrial vs. 10.4 cytosolic per cell) (Table II and Fig. 8, M–O). In both *fis1Δ* and *mdv1Δ caf4Δ* cells, Dnm1p-GFP forms a few large aggregates and numerous less intense puncta. Similar results were obtained using immunofluorescence against a Dnm1p-HTM protein (unpublished data). These data clearly demonstrate that either Caf4p or Mdv1p is sufficient for effective recruitment of Dnm1p to mitochondria, and that Caf4p is essential for Mdv1p-independent recruitment of Dnm1p by Fis1p.

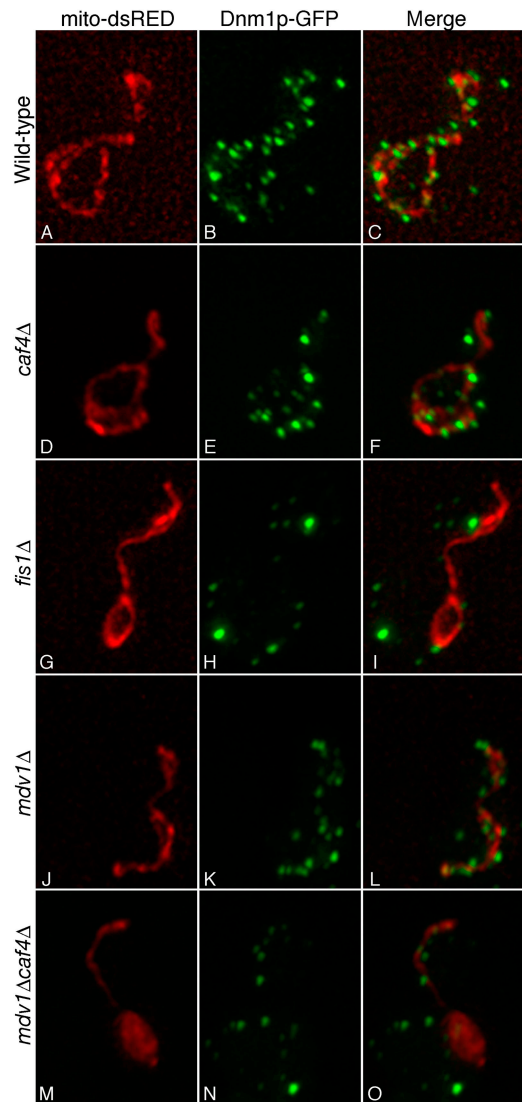


Figure 8. **Fis1p mediates Dnm1p-GFP localization through either Mdv1p or Caf4p.** The localization of Dnm1p-GFP (middle, green) was compared to mito-DsRed (left, red) in yeast of the indicated genotype. Merged images are shown on the right. Representative maximum intensity projections of deconvolved z-stacks are shown.

Discussion

CAF4 and MDV1 perform similar functions in mitochondrial fission

By applying affinity purification and mass spectrometry to Fis1p, we have identified Caf4p as a novel component of the mitochondrial fission machinery. Our biochemical and genetic characterization indicate that *CAF4* functions in the same manner as *MDV1* in mitochondrial fission. Biochemically, both proteins interact with Fis1p and Dnm1p. Caf4p and Mdv1p share a common domain architecture comprised of an NTE, a central CC, and a COOH-terminal WD40 repeat. The NH₂-terminal regions mediate oligomerization and association with Fis1p, whereas the COOH-terminal WD40 regions mediate interactions with Dnm1p. In addition, both Caf4p and Mdv1p localize to mitochondria in a Fis1p-dependent manner.

Table II. **Quantification of Dnm1-GFP puncta localization**

	Mitochondrial	Cytosolic
Wild-type	16.9 (\pm 5.5)	3.3 (\pm 2.1)
<i>caf4</i> Δ	15.4 (\pm 5.2)	5.2 (\pm 2.6)
<i>mdv1</i> Δ	13.7 (\pm 5.0)	5.1 (\pm 3.0)
<i>fis1</i> Δ	4.9 (\pm 2.7)	9.6 (\pm 4.3)
<i>mdv1</i> Δ <i>caf4</i> Δ	4.8 (\pm 2.5)	10.4 (\pm 3.9)

Dnm1p puncta were scored for colocalization with mitochondrially localized DsRed in deconvolved images. For each genotype, 140 budded cells were analyzed by scoring Dnm1p-GFP spots in both the mother and bud, and the average is presented with the SD in parentheses.

Genetically, both *MDVI* and *CAF4* act positively in the mitochondrial fission pathway. *mdv1* Δ cells are dramatically compromised for mitochondrial fission, but a residual level of fission is mediated by *CAF4*. This residual fission activity is revealed by the observation that *mdv1* Δ yeast have a less severe mitochondrial morphology defect compared with *fis1* Δ or *dnm1* Δ yeast. In contrast, *mdv1* Δ *caf4* Δ yeast display predominantly collapsed mitochondrial nets, identical to those seen in *fis1* Δ and *dnm1* Δ cells. Time-lapse imaging of mitochondria in *mdv1* Δ cells indeed reveals a residual level of fission that is absent from *mdv1* Δ *caf4* Δ cells. These results directly support our conclusion that the morphology differences between *mdv1* Δ cells versus *mdv1* Δ *caf4* Δ , *fis1* Δ , and *dnm1* Δ cells are primarily due to differences in fission rates. It is also possible that the proposed role of Dnm1p in cortical distribution of mitochondria may contribute in part to the morphological differences (Otsuga et al., 1998). The *mdv1* Δ mutation acts as a weak suppressor of the glycerol growth defect in *fzo1* Δ cells. The *mdv1* Δ *caf4* Δ double mutation suppresses this phenotype much more efficiently. Based on these physical interaction and genetic data, we conclude that Caf4p likely acts in a similar manner to Mdv1p to promote mitochondrial fission.

Why are there two proteins that appear to perform similar and partially redundant roles in mitochondrial fission? This question is particularly intriguing because *caf4* Δ yeast have normal mitochondrial morphology, indicating that disruption of Caf4p does not cause a major loss of mitochondrial fission. First, *CAF4* may play a more important role in mitochondrial fission under conditions not yet tested. Second, the presence of two proteins mediating interactions between Fis1p and Dnm1p would increase the ability of cells to accurately regulate the rate of mitochondrial fission. The heterotypic and homotypic interactions between Caf4p and Mdv1p may provide an additional layer of regulation. Finally, Caf4p may have an additional function in another pathway. Previous two-hybrid studies have implicated Caf4p in the CCR4-NOT complex, which is thought to be involved in regulation of transcription and/or mRNA processing (Liu et al., 2001).

A revised model for mitochondrial fission

The current models for mitochondrial fission propose that Mdv1p acts late in the fission pathway. One model proposes a two-step pathway in which Fis1p first recruits Dnm1p, in an Mdv1p-independent manner. Mdv1p then acts as a molecular adaptor at a post-recruitment step, along with Fis1p, to promote

fission by Dnm1p (Shaw and Nunnari, 2002; Tieu et al., 2002; Osteryoung and Nunnari, 2003). A second model also proposes that Mdv1p acts after Dnm1p recruitment to organize an active fission complex (Cervený and Jensen, 2003).

Our study reveals a new role for Mdv1p and Caf4p early in mitochondrial fission. Fis1p recruits Dnm1p to mitochondrial fission complexes through Mdv1p or Caf4p, which act as molecular adaptors. This revised model is strongly supported by our demonstration that Dnm1p recruitment in *mdv1* Δ yeast depends on Caf4p function. In the absence of both Mdv1p and Caf4p, Fis1p is unable to recruit Dnm1p.

Although Mdv1p and Caf4p clearly act early in the fission pathway, there is evidence that at least Mdv1p has a subsequent role in the activation of fission, as previously proposed (Shaw and Nunnari, 2002; Tieu et al., 2002; Cervený and Jensen, 2003). In *caf4* Δ cells, Mdv1p recruits Dnm1p to fission complexes, and fission occurs at apparently normal levels. However, in *mdv1* Δ cells, Caf4p is similarly able to recruit Dnm1p to fission complexes, but mitochondrial fission is severely compromised. Therefore, Mdv1p and Caf4p can independently recruit Dnm1p, but complexes recruited by Mdv1p appear to be more highly active. These observations suggest that Dnm1p recruitment by itself is insufficient for fission to occur. Indeed, studies of Dnm1p dynamics indicates that most Dnm1p puncta do not result in fission (Legesse-Miller et al., 2003). Our identification of Caf4p as part of the fission machinery clarifies the early steps in mitochondrial fission. Future studies will need to define the additional steps beyond Dnm1p recruitment necessary for fission.

Materials and methods

Media and yeast genetic techniques

Yeast strains are listed in Table S1. Standard genetic techniques and yeast media were used. SC and YP media supplemented with either 2% dextrose, 3% glycerol, 2% raffinose, or 2% galactose were prepared as described previously (Guthrie and Fink, 1991). YJG12 and DCY1557 are in the w303 background. All other strains are in the S288C background. *fis1::KanMX6*, *mdv1::KanMX6*, *caf4::KanMX6*, and *dnm1::KanMX6* are derived from the *MATa* deletion library (Open Biosystems).

Plasmid construction

The *M₀TH* cassette was generated as follows. Primers Eg258 (see Table S3, available at <http://www.jcb.org/cgi/content/full/jcb.200503148/DC1>) and Eg259 were used to amplify *URA3* from pRS416 (Stratagene). Eg260 and Eg4, an *FZO1* reverse primer, were used to amplify a TEV/His₈ module from EG704 (pRS414 + 9xMyc/TEV/His₈-*FZO1*). The 3' end of the *URA3* product overlaps by 18 bp with the 5' end of the TEV/His₈ product. This overlap allows them to anneal together and be amplified in a second PCR with the primers Eg258 and Eg4. The *URA3*/TEV/His₈ product was cloned into pRS403 as an EcoRV/Sall fragment (which removes all *FZO1* sequence), resulting in EG928. 9xMyc/TEV was amplified with Eg256 and Eg260 from EG704 and fused to the 5' end of *URA3* (Eg258/259 product) by mixing and amplifying with Eg256 and Eg259. The resulting product was cloned into EG928 as an EcoRV/EcoRI fragment, yielding EG940 (pRS403+9xMyc/TEV/*URA3*/TEV/His₈). EG940 was converted to pRS403+3xMyc/TEV/*URA3*/TEV/His₈ by digesting with Xba1, yielding EG957.

To construct HA-tagged versions of *CAF4* and *CAF4* fragments, *CAF4* sequences were PCR amplified from *end3* Δ genomic DNA (Open Biosystems). First, the *CAF4* 3' untranslated region (UTR) was amplified with the primers Eg313 and Eg314 and cloned as a KpnI/Sall fragment into pRS416, resulting in pRS416 + *CAF4* 3' UTR. 3XHA was amplified with Eg327 and Eg328 and cloned as a Sall/XhoI fragment into the Sall site to generate pRS416 + 3XHA/*CAF4* 3' UTR. The *CAF4* 5' UTR was cloned as a SacI/Spel fragment using Eg312 and Eg317, resulting in pRS416 + *CAF4* 5' UTR/3XHA/3' UTR. Full-length *CAF4* was amplified

with Eg316 and Eg315 and cloned as a SpeI/XhoI fragment into the SpeI/SalI sites, resulting in EG1041. *CAF4* N (residues 1–274) and C (residues 275–659) were amplified with Eg316/Eg353 and Eg315/Eg352, respectively, and cloned as SpeI/XhoI fragments, resulting in EG1045 and EG1043. Four independent clones encoded glutamine at residue 110 and arginine at residue 111. Full-length *CAF4*-HA was able to complement *caf4Δ* in *caf4Δ mdv1Δ* yeast, indicating that it is functional.

To construct HA-tagged versions of *MDV1* and *MDV1* fragments, *MDV1* sequences were amplified by PCR from *end3Δ* genomic DNA. First, the *MDV1* 3' UTR was amplified with the primers Eg323 and Eg324 and cloned as a SacI/SalI fragment into pRS416. A 3XHA cassette was added as described for *CAF4*-HA, resulting in the plasmid pRS416 + 3XHA-*MDV1* 3' UTR. The *MDV1* 5' UTR was amplified with primers Eg320 and Eg322 and cloned as a SacI/SpeI fragment, resulting in pRS416 + *MDV1* 5' UTR/3XHA/3' UTR. Full-length *MDV1* was amplified using primers Eg109 and Eg321 and cloned as a SpeI/XhoI fragment into the SpeI/SalI sites, resulting in EG1047. *MDV1* N (residues 1–300) and C (residues 301–714) were amplified with Eg323/Eg326 and Eg321/325, respectively, and cloned as SpeI/XhoI fragments, resulting in EG1051 and EG1049. Full-length *MDV1*-HA complemented the mitochondrial morphology defects in *mdv1Δ* cells.

The galactose-inducible Caf4p expression vectors EG1133 (Caf4p-HA), EG1135 (Caf4p-HA, residues 251–659), and EG1136 (Caf4p-HA, residues 1–250) were generated by replacing the *CAF4* 5' UTR in EG1041, EG1043, and EG1045 with a SacI/Clal Gall promoter fragment from p413 Gall (Mumberg et al., 1994) containing a start codon inserted between the XbaI and EcoRI sites.

pRS403 + GPD/mito-GFP (EG686) was generated by first cloning the GPD promoter from p413 GPD (Mumberg et al., 1995) as a SacI (blunt)/SpeI fragment into the SmaI/SpeI sites of pRS403 (Stratagene), yielding EG128. Next, a HindIII (blunt)/NotI mito-GFP fragment from pYES-mtGFP (Westermann and Neupert, 2000) was inserted into EG128 linearized with SpeI (blunt)/NotI. pRS403 + GPD/mito-DsRed (EG823) was generated by subcloning DsRed into the BamHI and NotI sites of EG686, replacing GFP with DsRed. OM45 was PCR amplified with primers Eg151 and Eg154 and cloned as an XhoI/XbaI fragment with an XbaI/BamHI GFP fragment into the XhoI/BamHI sites of pRS416, yielding pRS416 + OM45-GFP (EG252).

Yeast strain construction

An *M₀*TH-*FIS1* strain was generated by amplifying the 9XMyc/TEV/*URA3*/TEV/*His₈* cassette from EG943 (pRS403-9XMyc/TEV/*URA3*/TEV/*His₈*) with the *FIS1*-targeting primers Eg261 and Eg262 and transforming YJG12. *URA3*+ transformants were screened by PCR for correct integration (2 out of 8 positive), grown overnight in YPD to allow for loss of *URA3*, and plated on 5-FOA plates. Colonies were screened by Western blotting for expression of *M₀*TH-Fis1p (9 out of 16 positive). This strain displayed wild-type morphology in 64% of cells and moderate defects in the remaining cells. The same strategy was used to generate *M₃*TH-*FIS1* from the pRS403-3XMyc/TEV/*URA3*/TEV/*His₈* template (EG957) for subsequent experiments in the S288C background. This strain (DCY2192) displayed wild-type morphology in 89% of cells and mild defects in the remaining cells. DCY2192 was crossed to *mdv1Δ* and *caf4Δ* strains (Open Biosystems *MATa* deletion library) and sporulated to generate *M₃*TH-*FIS1 mdv1Δ* (DCY2302) and *M₃*TH-*FIS1 caf4Δ* (DCY2305).

fzo1::HIS5 was generated by transformation with a *HIS5* (*Saccharomyces kluyveri*) fragment amplified with the *FZO1* targeting primers Eg9 and Eg10. mito-GFP was integrated to the *leu2Δ0* locus by transformation with NarI-digested EG686 (pRS403 + GPD/mito-GFP). mito-DsRed was integrated to the *leu2Δ0* locus by transformation with HpaI-digested EG823 (pRS403 + GPD/mito-DsRed). *dnm1Δ::HIS5* was generated by transformation with a *HIS5* (*S. kluyveri*) fragment amplified with the *DNM1*-targeting primers Eg57 and Eg58.

Chromosomal *CAF4*-HTM was generated by transformation of DCY1979 with a *His₈*/2TEV/9XMyc/*HIS5* cassette (Seol et al., 1999) amplified with the *CAF4* targeting primers Eg284 and Eg285. Chromosomal *MDV1*-HTM was generated transformation with the same cassette amplified with *MDV1* targeting primers Eg80 and Eg81. Both *CAF4*-HTM and *MDV1*-HTM are functional because 70% of *CAF4*-HTM *mdv1Δ* yeast display spread mitochondrial nets and 95% of *MDV1*-HTM yeast cells display wild-type mitochondrial morphology.

DNM1-GFP was generated by amplifying GFP/*HIS5* from pKT128 (Sheff and Thorn, 2004) with Eg342 and Eg343. This product was transformed into DCY1626 (wild-type yeast with mito-DsRed) to generate DCY2370. DCY2370 was crossed to *fis1Δ* and *mdv1Δ caf4Δ*

strains to generate DCY2404 (*DNM1*-GFP *fis1Δ*), DCY2414 (*DNM1*-GFP *caf4Δ*), DCY2417 (*DNM1*-GFP *mdv1Δ*), and DCY2418 (*DNM1*-GFP *mdv1Δ caf4Δ*).

Tandem affinity purification MudPIT

Pellets from 2-l cultures ($OD_{600} \sim 1.5$) grown in YPD were prepared essentially as described previously for HPM tag Dual-Step affinity purification (Graumann et al., 2004), with the following modifications. Fungal protease inhibitors were used (Sigma-Aldrich) and lysates were cleared at 20 kg for 15 min. Cleavage from 9E10 beads was performed with GST-TEV protease for 3 h at RT. The second affinity step was performed with 40 μ l Magne-His beads (Promega). Samples were proteolytically digested and analyzed by multidimensional chromatography in-line with a Deca XP ion trap mass spectrometer (ThermoElectron) as described previously (Mayor et al., 2005). Samples were released stepwise from the strong cation exchanger phase of the triphasic capillary columns as reported previously (Graumann et al., 2004).

Immunoprecipitation

CAF4-HA (EG1041), *CAF4*-HA residues 1–274 (EG1043), and *CAF4*-HA residues 275–659 (EG1045) were expressed in strains DCY1979 (wild-type) and DCY2305 (*M₃*TH-*FIS1 caf4Δ*). *MDV1*-HA (EG1047), *MDV1*-HA residues 1–300 (EG1049), and *MDV1*-HA residues 301–714 (EG1051) were expressed in DCY1979 or DCY2302 (*M₃*TH-*FIS1 mdv1Δ*). Cultures were grown in selective SD media and harvested at $OD_{600} \sim 0.8$. 20 OD_{600} units of cells were lysed with glass beads (40 s with a vortex mixer, 4 times) in 500 μ l ice-cold lysis buffer (50 mM Tris, pH 7.4, 150 mM NaCl, 0.1 mM EDTA, and 0.2% Triton X-100) in the presence of Fungal protease inhibitors (Sigma-Aldrich). Lysates were cleared by centrifuging 5 min at 5 krpm and 15 min at 14 krpm. At this point, a total lysate sample was taken. 400 μ l of cleared lysate was mixed with a 20- μ l bead volume of 9E10-conjugated protein A-Sepharose beads (Sigma-Aldrich) for 90 min. Beads were washed four times with 1-ml washes of lysis buffer. Precipitate was eluted with 100 μ l SDS buffer at 95°C for 5 min. SDS-PAGE Western blotting was performed with 9E10 hybridoma supernatant (anti-Myc) or 12CA5 ascites fluid (anti-HA).

Yeast two-hybrid assay

pGAD vectors were transformed into PJ69-4 α . pGBDU vectors were transformed into PJ69-4a (James et al., 1996). Indicated vectors were mated on YPD plates using two transformants for each vector (totaling four matings per combination). Diploids were selected by replica plating to SD-leu-ura plates. Interactions were assayed by replica plating to SD-leu-ura-lys-ade and incubating for 4 d at 30°C.

Mitochondrial morphology analysis

Mitochondrially targeted GFP (mito-GFP) was used to monitor mitochondrial morphology. DCY1979 (wild-type), DCY1945 (*caf4Δ*), DCY1984 (*caf4Δ mdv1Δ*), DCY2009 (*fis1Δ*), DCY2128 (*mdv1Δ*), DCY2155 (*mdv1Δ dnm1Δ*), and DCY2312 (*dnm1Δ*) were grown overnight, diluted 1:20 into fresh medium, and grown for 4 h at 30°C. Cultures were fixed by adjusting cultures to 3.7% formaldehyde and incubated 10 min at 30°C. Cells were washed 4 times with 1 ml PBS and scored for mitochondrial morphology. For *CAF4* overexpression studies, plasmids p416 Gall/*CAF4*-HA (EG1133), p416 Gall/*CAF4*-HA residues 251–659 (EG1135), or p416 Gall/*CAF4*-HA residues 1–250 (EG1137) were transformed into DCY1979. Cultures were grown overnight in selective S Raff and diluted 1:20 in fresh YPD or YPGal and grown 3 h at 30°C. Samples were taken for Western analysis and the remaining culture was fixed as described above.

For latrunculin A treatment, overnight YPD cultures were diluted 1:20 in fresh YPD and grown for 3 h. Cultures were then treated for 1 h at 30°C with 200 μ M latrunculin A in or with an equivalent amount of vehicle (DMSO). Cultures were then fixed as described above.

For time-lapse imaging, overnight S Gal cultures were diluted 1:20 in fresh YPGal and grown for 3 h. Cells were pelleted, resuspended in fresh media, and embedded in 1% low melting point agarose containing 200 μ M latrunculin A.

Bypass suppression assay

DCY2002 and DCY2343 were sporulated and dissected onto YPD plates. Spores were picked, grown overnight in 3 ml YPD at 30°C, pelleted, and resuspended to $OD_{600} \sim 1.0$ in YP. 3 μ l of 1:5 serial dilutions were spotted on YPD and YPGlycerol and grown at 30°C for 2 and 4 d, respectively, to determine the fraction of cells that grow on glycerol. Genotypes were determined by PCR.

Differential centrifugation

Yeast strains CAF4-HTM (DCY2055), CAF4-HTM *fis1Δ* (DCY2094), MDV1-HTM (DCY2053), and MDV1-HTM *fis1Δ* (DCY2097) were grown in YPD and harvested at $OD_{600} \sim 1.2$. 100 OD units of cells were spheroplasted with zymolyase and lysed in a small clearance Dounce homogenizer (0.6 M sorbitol and 10 mM Tris, pH 7.4). The lysate was spun twice at 2.9 krpm for 5 min. An aliquot of the second supernatant was saved as the total lysate sample. The second supernatant was spun at 10 krpm for 10 min, and an aliquot of the supernatant was saved as the cytosol sample. The pellet was resuspended and spun again at 10 krpm for 10 min. An aliquot of the final pellet was saved as the mitochondrial pellet. Equal cell equivalents were loaded for Western blot analysis. The difference in porin intensity between the total and mitochondrial fractions most likely results from fewer obscuring proteins in the mitochondrial fraction.

Imaging

Images were acquired on a microscope (Axiovert 200M; Carl Zeiss Micro-Imaging, Inc.) using a 100× Plan-Apochromat, NA 1.4, oil-immersion objective. Z-stack images (between 0.1- and 0.2- μ m intervals for still images and between 0.3- and 0.4- μ m intervals for time-lapse images) were collected at RT with an ORCA-ER camera (Hamamatsu), controlled by AxioVision 4.2 software. Images were collected at either 30- or 40-s intervals for 30 min for time-lapse experiments. Iterative deconvolutions were performed with Axiovision 4.2 and maximum intensity projections were generated with AxioVision 4.2 for still images and Image J for time-lapse images. Fluorescent images in Figs. 3–5 were overlaid with differential interference contrast images (set at 50% opacity) in Adobe Photoshop CS.

Immunofluorescence

Cells were processed for immunofluorescence essentially as described previously (Guthrie and Fink, 1991) with the following modifications. Cultures were fixed for 15 min with 3.7% formaldehyde. Tween 20 (0.5%) was included in blocking buffer (PBS, 1% BSA) during a 15-min block step. Cells were stained with 9E10 hybridoma supernatant and a Cy3-conjugated anti-mouse secondary antibody. Washes after primary and secondary incubations were 5 min with blocking buffer, 5 min with blocking buffer containing 0.5% Tween 20, and two 5-min washes with blocking buffer. All incubations were performed at RT. GelMount (Biomed) was used as mounting medium to preserve fluorescence.

Online supplemental material

Table S1 lists proteins identified in MudPIT experiments with M_0 TH-Fis1p. Table S2 shows yeast strains. Table S3 lists primer sequences. Videos 1 and 2 show mitochondrial fission in *mdv1Δ* yeast. Mitochondria were monitored by the mitochondrial outer membrane marker OMA45-GFP. Arrows highlight a subset of fission events. Online supplemental material available at <http://www.jcb.org/cgi/content/full/jcb.200503148/DC1>.

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