A Genome-Wide Enhancer Screen Implicates Sphingolipid Composition in Vacuolar ATPase Function in Saccharomyces cerevisiae

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ABSTRACT

The function of the vacuolar H⁺-ATPase (V-ATPase) enzyme complex is to acidify organelles; this process is critical for a variety of cellular processes and has implications in human disease. There are five accessory proteins that assist in assembly of the membrane portion of the complex, the V_0 domain. To identify additional elements that affect V-ATPase assembly, trafficking, or enzyme activity, we performed a genome-wide enhancer screen in the budding yeast Saccharomyces cerevisiae with two mutant assembly factor alleles, [VMA21](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) with a dysfunctional ER retrieval motif ($vma21QQ$) and $vma21QQ$ in combination with $voa1\Delta$ $voa1\Delta$, a nonessential assembly factor. These alleles serve as sensitized genetic backgrounds that have reduced V-ATPase enzyme activity. Genes were identified from a variety of cellular pathways including a large number of trafficking-related components; we characterized two redundant gene pairs, [HPH1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005851)/ [HPH2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000026) and [ORM1/](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003270)[ORM2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342). Both sets demonstrated synthetic growth defects in combination with the $vma21QQ$ allele. A loss of either the HPH or ORM gene pairs alone did not result in a decrease in vacuolar acidification or defects in V-ATPase assembly. While the Hph proteins are not required for V-ATPase function, [Orm1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003270) and [Orm2p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342) are required for full V-ATPase enzyme function. Consistent with the documented role of the Orm proteins in sphingolipid regulation, we have found that inhibition of sphingolipid synthesis alleviates Orm-related growth defects.

THE vacuolar H⁺-ATPase (V-ATPase) is a multisubunit complex that is highly conserved across eukaryotes (Graham et al. 2003). It functions to actively acidify cellular compartments by coupling the hydrolysis of ATP to the translocation of protons across membranes through a conserved rotary mechanism (Hirata et al. 2003; Yokoyama et al. 2003; Imamura et al. 2005). Organelle acidification plays a crucial role in various cellular functions such as vesicular trafficking, endocytosis, neurotransmitter uptake, membrane fusion, and ion homeostasis (KANE 2006; FORGAC 2007). Specialized isoforms of the V-ATPase complex can be found on different cellular membranes including the plasma membrane (Forgac 2007). A number of human diseases have been associated with or directly linked to defects in the V-ATPase complex: osteopetrosis (FRATTINI et al. 2000), renal tubular acidosis (KARET et al. 1999), and cancer cell migration (MARTINEZ-ZAGUILÁN et al. 1999). The V-ATPase is an essential complex for all eukaryotes with the exception of some fungi.

The budding yeast Saccharomyces cerevisiae requires the V-ATPase to survive under specific environmental conditions, including alkaline conditions or otherwise toxic levels of metals (EIDE et al. 2005; KANE 2006). Yeast utilize the proton gradient created by the V-ATPase to drive sequestration of Ca^{2+} and Zn^{2+} ions within the vacuole (KLIONSKY et al. 1990). A variety of protonexchange antiporter pumps reside on the vacuolar membrane and other organelles that participate in maintaining nontoxic cytosolic levels of various ions and metals including calcium and zinc (MISETA et al. 1999; MACDIARMID et al. 2002). Deletion of any of the V-ATPase component proteins results in a number of specific growth and cellular phenotypes, including sensitivity to excess metals and a lack of vacuolar acidification. This makes yeast a useful model system to study the V-ATPase complex (GRAHAM et al. 2003; KANE 2006). Complete disruption of V-ATPase function in yeast results in a characteristic Vma– phenotype: failure to grow on media buffered to pH 7.5 (Kane 2006). Additionally, numerous genetic screens have demonstrated that a loss of the V-ATPase renders yeast sensitive to a variety of metals (including zinc and calcium) and drugs (EIDE et al. 2005; KANE 2007). Yeast lacking the V-ATPase complex do not acidify their vacuoles as shown through a lack of quinacrine staining (Weisman et al. 1987).

The V-ATPase enzyme in yeast contains 14 protein subunits within two domains: the V_1 portion is responsible for hydrolyzing ATP, and the V_0 portion

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shuttles protons across a lipid bilayer (FORGAC 2007). The V_1 domain (subunits A–H) is peripherally associated, and the V_0 domain (subunits a, d, e, c, c', and c'') is imbedded within the membrane except subunit d, which is a peripheral membrane protein. The functional V-ATPase enzyme requires the presence of all of these subunits. Subunit a has two isoforms in yeast, the absence of one of them is not sufficient to cause a Vma– phenotype. Yeast contain two populations of the V-ATPase complex and their localization is dictated by the incorporation of one of two isoforms of subunit a, [Stv1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004658) or [Vph1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005796) (MANOLSON et al. 1992, 1994). While higher eukaryotes contain numerous isoforms for many of the different V-ATPase subunits (Marshansky and Futai 2008), [Stv1p/](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004658)[Vph1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005796) is the only structural difference between the two yeast enzymes. V-ATPase complexes containing the [Vph1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005796) protein are trafficked to the vacuolar membrane while [Stv1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004658)-containing V-ATPases are retained within the Golgi/endosomal network (MANOLSON et al. 1994). Similarly, higher eukaryotes use different isoforms of subunit a to direct the localization of the V-ATPase to specific cellular compartments (Forgac 2007). One mechanism of V-ATPase regulation occurs through the rapid, reversible dissociation of the V_1 and V_0 domains (KANE 2006).

In the absence of any V_1 subunit, the V_0 domain is still properly assembled and targeted to the vacuole (GRAHAM *et al.* 2003). In the absence of the V_0 domain, V_1 is still assembled (TOMASHEK *et al.* 1997). Loss of any V_0 subunit protein prevents proper V_0 assembly and ER exit (GRAHAM et al. 2003), and [Vph1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005796) undergoes ubiquitin-dependent ER-associated degradation (ERAD) (HILL and COOPER 2000). Assembly of the V_0 domain occurs in the ER and requires the presence of a number of additional proteins (Forgac 2007). Five ER-localized assembly factors have been identified in yeast that are required for full V-ATPase function yet are not part of the final complex: [Vma21p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337), [Vma22p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000001102), [Vma12p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000001602), [Pkr1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004730), and [Voa1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003338) (HIRATA et al. 1993; HILL and STEVENS 1995; Malkus et al. 2004; Davis-Kaplan et al. 2006; Ryan et al. 2008). Deletion of [VMA21](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337), [VMA12](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000001602), or [VMA22](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000001102) causes a failure of the V_0 subunits to properly assembly in the ER and a complete loss of V-ATPase function, resulting in a full Vma⁻ phenotype (GRAHAM et al. 2003). Yeast lacking *[PKR1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004730)* show a limited amount of V_0 assembly (Davis-Kaplan et al. 2006) and yeast lacking [VOA1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003338) display only a slight reduction in V-ATPase enzyme activity (RYAN et al. 2008). Consequently, $pkrI\Delta$ cells score a partial Vma[–] phenotype while *[voa1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003338)* Δ cells appear normal.

Genetic screens in S. cerevisiae have been critical in identifying the components of the V-ATPase and its associated factors (OHYA et al. 1991; Ho et al. 1993; SAMBADE et al. 2005). However, the most recently discovered V-ATPase assembly factor, [Voa1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003338), was identified by proteomics and $\textit{voa1}\Delta$ $\textit{voa1}\Delta$ $\textit{voa1}\Delta$ cells have no detectable growth phenotype (Ryan et al. 2008). [Voa1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003338) physically associates with the Vma $21p-V_0$ complex early in V-ATPase assembly and deletion of [VOA1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003338) displays a dramatic growth phenotype in conjunction with a specific mutant allele of the [VMA21](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) assembly factor, [vma21QQ](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) (Ryan et al. 2008). In yeast, it has been shown that [Vma21p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) plays a critical role in V-ATPase assembly and chaperones the completed V_0 subcomplex out of the ER to the Golgi (Hill and Stevens 1994; Malkus et al. 2004). [Vma21p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) is retrieved back to the ER through a conserved, Cterminal dilysine motif and participates in multiple rounds of assembly and transport (HILL and STEVENS 1994; MALKUS et al. 2004). Mutation of the dilysines to diglutamine residues, as in [vma21QQ](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337), results in mislocalization of yeast [Vma21p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) to the vacuolar membrane and a significant loss of V-ATPase function.

The identification of V-ATPase assembly factors like [Voa1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003338) that do not display a full Vma– are not likely to be found using traditional forward genetic screens. Also, pathways involved in promoting full V-ATPase function may act independently of V_1 and/or V_0 assembly and require a sensitized genetic background to produce a detectible growth phenotype. However, [vma21QQ](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) mutant yeast and, more so, the $vma21QQ$ voa 1Δ double mutant are two cases where the V-ATPase is partially compromised for function (HILL and STEVENS 1994; Ryan et al. 2008). We have chosen to use these two assembly mutants in genome-wide enhancer screens to identify additional factors that assist in promoting full V-ATPase function by searching for genes that will cause an increase in calcium or zinc sensitivity when deleted.

Here we report the identification of [HPH1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005851) and [ORM2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342) in a genome-wide search for V-ATPase effectors. We describe the characterization of these two redundant yeast gene pairs, [HPH1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005851)[/HPH2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000026) and [ORM1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003270)/[ORM2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342), both of which display synthetic growth defects when deleted in combination with the [vma21QQ](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) mutant. Both sets of genes were found to have specific growth phenotypes on zinc and calcium media. Deletion of either gene pair did not affect vacuolar acidification or assembly of the V_0 domain. However, deletion of [ORM1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003270) and [ORM2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342) results in a reduction of V-ATPase activity. The Orm proteins have very recently been shown to be negative regulators of sphingolipid synthesis (Breslow et al. 2010; Han et al. 2010). Consistent with these reports, we find that disruption of sphingolipid biogenesis is able to suppress Orm-related growth defects.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Plasmids and yeast strains: Bacterial and yeast manipulations were done using standard laboratory protocols for molecular biology (SAMBROOK and RUSSEL 2001). Plasmids for this study are listed in Table 1. [ORM1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003270) plus flanking sequence was amplified by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) from BY4741 (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA) genomic DNA using primers containing an upstream BamHI restriction site and downstream SalI restriction site. This fragment was inserted into pCR4Blunt-TOPO (Invitrogen), digested, and ligated

TABLE 1

Plasmids used in this study

Plasmid	Description	Reference
pRS415	CEN, LEU2	SIMONS et al. (1987)
pRS316	CEN, URA3	SIKORSKI and HIETER (1989)
YEp351	2μ , <i>LEU2</i>	HILL et al. (1986)
pGF127	YEp351 ORM1	This study
p GF87	$pRS415 VPH1::GFP::Sp_HIS5$	This study
pGF06	$pRS316 VPH1::GFP::Sp_HIS5$	RYAN <i>et al.</i> (2008)
pGF20	pRS316 VMA2::mCherry:∶Nat ^R	This study

into the *Bam*HI and *Sal*I sites of YEp351 to create pGF127. pGF87 was created using homologous recombination and in vivo ligation by gapping pRS415 and cotransforming a PCR fragment containing $prVPH1::VPH1::GFP::Sp_HIS5$ $prVPH1::VPH1::GFP::Sp_HIS5$ $prVPH1::VPH1::GFP::Sp_HIS5$ (amplified from pGF06) with flanking sequence to the pRS415 vector.

Yeast strains used in this study are listed in Table 2. GFY164 was created by PCR amplifying the $hph1\Delta::Kan^R$ $hph1\Delta::Kan^R$ cassette plus 500 bp flanking sequence from corresponding BY4741 strains of the genome deletion collection (Open Biosystems, Huntsville, AL). It was subcloned into pCR4Blunt-TOPO, reamplified by PCR, transformed into SF838-1Da, and selected on YEPD plus G418 (Gold Biotechnology, St. Louis, MO). Strains containing deletion cassettes other than Kan^R (Hyg^R or Nat^R) were created by PCR amplifying either the Hyg^R or Nat^R cassette from pAG32 or pAG25, respectively (GOLDSTEIN and McCuster 1999) and transforming the fragment into the corresponding KanR genome deletion strain to exchange drug resistance markers. Deletions in the SF838-1Da strain (GFY164, GFY165, GFY166, GFY168, GFY169, and GFY170) were constructed by PCR amplifying the appropriate gene locus (including 500 bp of $5'$ -UTR and $3'$ -UTR flanking sequence), transforming into wild-type (WT) SF838-1D α , and selecting for the appropriate drug resistance. GFY167, GFY171, and GFY172 were created using LGY183 as the parental strain. GFY173 was created using MRY5 as the parental strain. All deletion strains in $SF838-1D\alpha$ were confirmed by diagnostic PCR from genomic DNA with primers complementary to the $5'$ -UTR (750–1000 bp upstream of the start codon) and internal to the drug resistance gene. A disruption cassette was created to delete [TSC3](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000007521) by first PCR amplifying the [TSC3](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000007521) open reading frame with 500 bp of flanking UTR, subcloning in pCR4Blunt-TOPO, and introducing a unique restriction site within the ORF. The [TSC3](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000007521) gene was subcloned into pRS316 and the entire ORF was replaced by the Nat^R cassette using homologous recombination. The deletion cassette was amplified and cloned into pCR4Blunt-TOPO for use in creating both GFY174 (using $SFS38-1D\alpha$ as the parental strain), GFY175 (using GFY170 as the parental strain), and GFY313 (using MRY5 as the parental strain). pGF20 was created by first swapping GFP for mCherry (SHANER et al. 2004) in pRS316 [VMA2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000331)-GFP and introducing a unique PmeI restriction site downstream of mCherry using site-directed mutagenesis. Second, in vivo ligation was used to insert the $ADH\overline{I}$ terminator and Nat^R cassette at the 3' end of [VMA2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000331)mCherry. A single, C-terminal mCherry (PCR amplified from pGF20 including the Nat^R cassette) was integrated at the [VMA2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000331) locus in strains GFY170, SF838-1D α , and TASY006. This created yeast strains GFY302, GFY304, and GFY305, respectively.

The synthetic genetic array (SGA) query strains were created from yeast parental strain Y7092 (Tong and Boone 2006). After PCR amplifying the $vma21QQ::HA::Na^R$ $vma21QQ::HA::Na^R$ locus with 500 bp of flanking sequence from GFY163 genomic DNA, the PCR product was transformed into Y7092 to create GFY36. To create GCY3, GCY2 ($vma21QQ::HA$ $vma21QQ::HA$ $voa1\Delta::Kan^R$ $voa1\Delta::Kan^R$) was transformed with the Nat^R cassette to replace the Kan^R cassette. Both the [VMA21](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) and [VOA1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003338) loci were PCR amplified with flanking sequence and the PCR product was transformed into Y7092. GFY104 was created by PCR amplifying both the [VMA21](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) and [VOA1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003338) loci from MRY5 ([vma21QQ](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337)::HA $\textit{voa1::Hyg}^R$ $\textit{voa1::Hyg}^R$ $\textit{voa1::Hyg}^R$ with 500 bp of flanking sequence and transforming the fragment into GCY3.

Culture conditions: Yeast were cultured in YEPD (1% yeast extract, 2% peptone, and 2% dextrose), YEPD buffered to pH 5.0 using 50 mm succinate/phosphate plus 0.01% adenine, or synthetic minimal media with dextrose (SD) and the appropriate amino acids. Growth tests were performed by culturing exponentially growing yeast in rich medium to a cell density of 1.0 OD₆₀₀, serially diluted fivefold, and spotted onto agar plates. Plates used included YEPD pH 5.0, YEPD $+4.0$ mm or 5.0 mm ZnCl₂, YEPD $+$ 100 mm CaCl₂, and YEPD $+$ 25 mm or 50 mm CaCl₂ pH $7.5 \text{ (using } 50 \text{ mm }$ HEPES).

Synthetic genetic array screen: A synthetic genetic enhancer screen was performed as previously described (Tong et al. 2001; Tong and Boone 2006). Briefly, the query strains (GFY36, GCY3, and GFY104) were mated to the MATa haploid genome deletion collection (BY4741, his 3Δ 1 [leu2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000523) Δ 0, met $\overline{15\Delta}0$, $ura3\Delta$ $ura3\Delta$ 0) and double or triple haploid mutants were selected. The final haploid mutant array was spotted onto YEPD pH 5.0, YEPD + ZnCl₂, or YEPD + CaCl₂ pH 7.5 and incubated at 30° for 2–3 days. Scans of each plate were visually scored for colony size on each plate type used; colonies were scored for increased sensitivity to calcium or zinc. The genome deletion collection was also arrayed under identical conditions and scored in the same way. Colonies that showed equivalent sensitivity to either metal as a single deletion strain and as part of the double (or triple) mutant collection were not scored as positive hits. Only mutants that displayed a synthetic growth defect that was not present (or not as strong) in either of the single mutant strains were scored as positive hits. Gene ontology (GO) analysis was performed using the Saccharomyces Genome Database (SGD) GO term finder (version 0.83) using a *P*-value cutoff of 0.01.

Whole cell extract preparation and immunoblotting: Whole cell extracts were prepared as previously described (Ryan et al. 2008). Briefly, cultures were grown overnight in SD dropout media and then diluted to $0.2\tilde{5}$ \rm{OD}_{600}/\rm{ml} in YEPD pH 5.0 and grown to a cell density of $OD_{600} = 1.0$. A total of 10 OD_{600} of the culture was centrifuged, resuspended in 0.25 ml Thorner buffer $(8 \text{ m} \text{ urea}, 5\% \text{ SDS}, \text{ and } 50 \text{ mm} \text{ TRIS pH } 6.8)$, and vortexed with 0.2 ml of glass beads. Following centrifugation, protein concentrations were determined using a modified Lowry protein assay (MARKWELL et al. 1978). Equal amounts of protein were separated by SDS–PAGE, transferred to nitrocellulose membrane, and probed with antibodies. Antibodies used

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included monoclonal primary anti[-Vph1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005796) (10D7; Invitrogen), anti[-Vma1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000002344) (8B1; Invitrogen), and anti-[Dpm1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000006387) (5C5; Invitrogen), and secondary horseradish peroxidase-conjugated antimouse antibody (Jackson ImmunoResearch Laboratories, West Grove, PA). Blots were visualized by ECL detection.

Fluorescence microscopy: Yeast were stained with quinacrine as previously described (Flannery et al. 2004). Briefly, cells were grown overnight in YEPD pH 5.0 plus adenine, and diluted to a cell density of 0.25 OD $_{600}/$ ml in YEPD. Yeast were harvested at a density of $0.8\text{--}1.0$ \rm{OD}_{600}/\rm{ml} and 1 ml of culture was placed on ice for 5 min. Cells were pelleted and resuspended in 200 mm quinacrine, 100 mm Hepes pH 7.6, and 50 mg/ml of concanavalin A tetramethylrhodamine (Invitrogen) in YEPD for 10 min at 30° . Following staining with quinacrine, cells were placed on ice and washed three times in 100 mm Hepes pH 7.6 plus 2% glucose (4). Microscopy images were obtained using an Axioplan 2 fluorescence microscope (Carl Zeiss, Thornwood, NY). A $\times 100$ objective was used as well as AxioVision software (Carl Zeiss).

V-ATPase activity assay: Yeast vacuoles were isolated from wild-type (SF838-1D α and BY4741), $vma21\Delta::Kan^R$ $vma21\Delta::Kan^R$ (TASY006), $vma21QQ$: HA (LGY183), $orm1\Delta$ $orm1\Delta$: Hyg^R $orm2\Delta$ $orm2\Delta$: Kan^R (GFY170), $vma21QQ$: HA $voa1$: Hyg^R (MRY5), $vma21QQ$: HA orm 1Δ : Hyg^R $orm2\Delta: Kan^R$ $orm2\Delta: Kan^R$ (GFY172), and $hph1\Delta: Kan^R hph2\Delta: Hyg^R$ $hph1\Delta: Kan^R hph2\Delta: Hyg^R$ $hph1\Delta: Kan^R hph2\Delta: Hyg^R$ $hph1\Delta: Kan^R hph2\Delta: Hyg^R$ (GFY166 and GFY181) strains as previously published (UCHIDA et al. 1985). Modifications to this protocol included harvesting cells at 1.8–2.2 \rm{OD}_{600}/\rm{ml} and use of a tighter-fitting dounce homogenizer (five strokes). Fresh vacuoles were assayed by a coupled spectrophotometric assay (CONIBEAR and STEVENS 2002). In

this assay system, ATP hydrolysis is coupled to NADH oxidation (340 nm) in a reaction mixture containing 50 μ g/ml vacuole membrane protein, 25 mm MES, 25 mm MOPS, 25 mm KCl, 5 mm MgCl₂, 1 mm NaN₃, 0.05 mm Na₃VO₄, 2 mm phosphoenolpyruvate, 0.5 mm NADH, 30 units/ml pyruvate kinase, and 37 units/ml lactate dehydrogenase; pH 7 (KOH), with and without 1μ m concanamycin A. Reactions were initiated by adding Mg^{2+} -ATP to 2 mm and thermostatted at 30°. For each mutant strain, one to three separate vacuole preparations were assayed, and the assay was repeated two to six times for each preparation. Concanamycin A-sensitive ATPase activities were determined by calculating the activity as a percentage of wild-type activity for each biological replicate. For samples with multiple vacuole preparations, these percentages were averaged and the error was presented as the standard error of the mean. For samples with only a single biological preparation, the error is presented as the standard deviations for replicate assays.

RESULTS

Genome-wide SGA screen for V-ATPase effectors: To identify new genes that assist in promoting full V-ATPase function, we performed three SGA Vma– enhancer screens using the S. cerevisiae haploid deletion mutant collection (4741 mutants). Since a loss of [VOA1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003338) only displayed a synthetic growth defect upon combination with the [vma21QQ](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) mutation, additional

factors might only be identified in a sensitized genetic background. The three query mutants used were $vma21QQ::Nat^R$ $vma21QQ::Nat^R$, $vma21QQ$ $voa1Δ::Nat^R$, and $vma21QQ$ $\textit{voal::Hyg}^R$ (subsequent experiments were all performed with the $\textit{voal}::Hyg^R$ allele, designated as $\textit{voal}\Delta$). The [VMA21](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) and [VOA1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003338) loci are tightly linked; only 146 bp separate their open reading frames. We chose to use both mutants containing the [VOA1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003338) disruption as it has been shown that a complete deletion of this open reading frame results in a decrease in the steady-state levels of [Vma21p,](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) whereas the $\textit{voal::Hyg}^R$ allele does not lower [Vma21p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) levels (Ryan et al. 2008). Therefore, the $\textit{voa1}\Delta\text{::}\textit{Nat}^R$ $\textit{voa1}\Delta\text{::}\textit{Nat}^R$ $\textit{voa1}\Delta\text{::}\textit{Nat}^R$ allele served as an additional sensitized genetic background.

Yeast that contain [Vma21p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) having the mutated retrieval/retention signal, [vma21QQ](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337), show a partial growth defect on elevated calcium media buffered to pH 7.5 and have reduced V-ATPase activity (HILL and Stevens 1994; Ryan et al. 2008). Additionally, [vma21QQ](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) $\textit{voa1}\Delta$ $\textit{voa1}\Delta$ $\textit{voa1}\Delta$ yeast are also compromised for V-ATPase function yet do not display a full Vma[–] phenotype (Ryan *et al.* 2008).

The haploid double or triple mutant yeast were plated onto rich media and media containing either zinc (2.75 mm or 7.0 mm) or calcium (50 mm or 100 mm) buffered to pH 7.5 in quadruplicate. Yeast that displayed increased sensitivity to these conditions were scored as positive hits. Genes were identified from a diverse set of cellular processes such as protein modification, metabolism, chromatin remodeling, and transcriptional regulation (Figure 1 and [supporting information](http://www.genetics.org/cgi/data/genetics.110.125567/DC1/1), [Table S1](http://www.genetics.org/cgi/data/genetics.110.125567/DC1/2)). A comprehensive GO analysis was performed for categories of genes that were enriched in our SGA screens [\(Table S2](http://www.genetics.org/cgi/data/genetics.110.125567/DC1/3)). Some of the most highly enriched categories included vacuolar transport (*P*-value of 4.94×10^{-17}), vesicle-mediated transport (*P*-value of 3.48×10^{-15}), and intracellular transport (*P*-value of 9.46×10^{-10}). Genes identified by the three SGA screens that correspond to elements of protein trafficking, vacuolar morphology, and the V-ATPase complex are listed in Table 3 and several were chosen for further study.

Since we were searching for genes that showed increased sensitivity to zinc or calcium when deleted in combination with $vma21QQ$ or $vma21QQ$ voal Δ , we did not identify any of the essential V-ATPase subunits or assembly factors (those with a VMA designation) as expected. Also, [VOA1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003338) was not identified in the [vma21QQ](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) SGA screen because it is genetically linked to the [VMA21](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) locus. For the $\text{vol}\Delta$ locus to be paired with the [vma21QQ](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) mutation during the SGA protocol, a crossover event would be required between these two loci. However, we did identify V-ATPase subunits [VPH1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005796), [STV1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004658), the assembly factor [PKR1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004730), and genes within the vacuolar transporter chaperone (VTC) and regulator of vacuolar and endosomal membrane (RAVE) complexes.

In addition, genes involved in ER-resident processes including protein folding and degradation were identi-

Figure 1.—Molecular function of 144 genes identified in at least two of three SGA screens for an enhanced Vma⁻ phenotype. Genes were categorized according to their presumed molecular function. The miscellaneous category includes lipids/sphingolipids, cellular morphogenesis, nuclear import, and several other processes, and also genes with no molecular characterization. A comprehensive list of all genes identified can be found in [Table S1](http://www.genetics.org/cgi/data/genetics.110.125567/DC1/2) and a comprehensive GO analysis can be found in [Table S2.](http://www.genetics.org/cgi/data/genetics.110.125567/DC1/3)

fied (Table 3). A number of genes were found that have been poorly characterized according to the SGD and these were most interesting to us. We chose to examine [Orm2p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342) for further study because it was an ER-localized, integral membrane protein. Also, [Hph1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005851) has been identified as an ER-localized binding partner of calcineurin (HEATH et al. 2004). Due to the genetic link between calcineurin and the V-ATPase (TANIDA et al. 1995), we also chose *[HPH1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005851)* for further study.

HPH1/HPH2 or ORM1/ORM2 null mutants cause synthetic growth defects in $vma21QQ$ yeast: The [hph1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005851) Δ mutation was moved to the SF838-1Da genetic background and carefully tested by serial dilution in comparison to Vma– and Vma-compromised strains. The growth phenotypes of $vma21QQ$ voa 1Δ yeast deleted for [HPH1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005851) were tested on media containing 50 mm calcium buffered to pH 7.5 (Figure 2A). Whereas wild-type yeast were able to grow under these conditions, yeast deleted for [VMA21](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) were unable to grow as they lack functional V-ATPase complexes. $vma21QQ$ $voa1\Delta$ yeast showed a compromised level of growth under these conditions and a deletion of [HPH1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005851) in this strain caused a further increase in sensitivity (Figure 2A). [HPH1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005851) has a homolog in S. cerevisiae, [HPH2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000026), and both [Hph1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005851) and [Hph2p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000026) reside in the ER membrane (HEATH et al. 2004). It has been reported that deletions in [HPH1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005851) and [HPH2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000026) display a synthetic growth defect under alkaline conditions of pH 8.8 (HEATH et al. 2004). Since a reduction in V-ATPase function results in increased sensitivity to calcium or zinc, we determined whether a loss of the HPH genes results in a metal-specific phenotype. Loss of either [HPH1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005851) or [HPH2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000026) did not result in any sensitivity to excess zinc yet deletion of both HPH genes caused a dramatic growth defect on 5.0 mm $ZnCl₂$ (Figure 2B). Both [HPH1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005851) and [HPH2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000026) were also deleted in a strain containing the [vma21QQ](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) mutation and tested on the less stringent conditions of $4.0 \text{ mm } ZnCl_2$. Both $vma21QQ$ and [hph1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005851) Δ [hph2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000026) Δ yeast grew comparable to

TABLE 3

Genes found in our screens that are involved in either protein trafficking or are ER localized are listed above. A comprehensive list of all genes identified in all three screens can be found in [Table S1.](http://www.genetics.org/cgi/data/genetics.110.125567/DC1/2) Screens were performed with query strains $vma2100$ $voa1:Hyg^R$ (GFY104), $vma21QQ$ $voa1\Delta Naf$ ^R (GCY3), and $vma21QQ\text{-}Na$ ^R (GFY36). Colonies from the final double or triple mutant strains were analyzed for fitness defects on rich media plus 2.75 mm or 7.0 mm ZnCl₂ or rich media buffered to pH 7.5 plus 50 mm or 100 mm CaCl2. The haploid deletion library was also tested and scored under identical media conditions. Fitness defects of single knockout strains were noted and considered when determining synthetic growth effects. HPH1 and ORM2 (shown in boldface type) were chosen for further study. A comprehensive gene ontology (GO) analysis for enriched categories of genes can be found in [Table S2.](http://www.genetics.org/cgi/data/genetics.110.125567/DC1/3)

WT but the $vma21QQ$ [hph1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005851) Δ [hph2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000026) Δ mutant was fully sensitive under these conditions and unable to grow (Figure 2C). Interestingly, the $hph1\Delta$ $hph1\Delta$ [hph2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000026) Δ double mutant did not show any sensitivity to $4.0 \text{ mm } ZnCl₂$ but displayed a dramatic shift in sensitivity between 4.0 mm and 5.0 mm $ZnCl₂$.

The SGA screens also identified cells lacking [ORM2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342) as an enhancer of the assembly factor mutant strains $vma21QQ$ and $vma21QQ$ voal Δ on media containing either zinc or calcium. The $orm2\Delta$ $orm2\Delta$ was recreated in SF838-1Da cells expressing [vma21QQ](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) and tested on media containing 25 mm calcium buffered to pH 7.5. Loss of [ORM2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342) in [vma21QQ](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) yeast caused a slight increase in the sensitivity of this strain compared to [vma21QQ](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) yeast (Figure 3A). [ORM2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342) has a homolog in S. cerevisiae, [ORM1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003270), and the double $orm1\Delta$ $orm1\Delta$ orm 2Δ mutant shows synthetic growth defects under various environmental stress conditions including elevated mercury or the reducing agent DTT (HJELMQVIST et al. 2002). We tested whether a loss of both [ORM1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003270) and [ORM2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342) caused an increase in sensitivity to 25 mm calcium at pH 7.5. While deletion of [ORM1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003270) did not result in any growth defect, yeast deleted for [ORM2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342) were partially sensitive under these conditions (Figure 3B). However, the $orm1\Delta$ $orm1\Delta$ [orm2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342) Δ double mutant displayed a synthetic growth defect under these conditions. Due to the high similarity between *[ORM1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003270)* and *[ORM2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342)* ($\sim 67\%$ identical), we tested whether [ORM1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003270) and [ORM2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342) are functionally redundant. Overexpression of [Orm1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003270) was able to fully rescue the growth defect of an $orm2\Delta$ $orm2\Delta$ strain (Figure 3C). These data suggest that *[ORM1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003270)* and *[ORM2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342)* are a functionally redundant gene pair; we chose to examine the effect of a loss of both [Orm1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003270) and [Orm2p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342) on the V-ATPase.

Finally, we compared the growth of [vma21QQ](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) and [orm1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003270) Δ [orm2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342) Δ yeast to the triple [vma21QQ](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) [orm1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003270) Δ orm2 Δ mutant using less stringent conditions of unbuffered 100 mm CaCl₂. Since a loss of both [ORM1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003270) and [ORM2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342) was only sensitive under stringent growth conditions, we tested whether reducing V-ATPase function using the [vma21QQ](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) mutant would result in a more dramatic growth phenotype. Similar to the [HPH1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005851)/[2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000026) genes, a loss of both ORM genes in [vma21QQ](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) yeast caused a severe growth defect (Figure 3D). This suggests that the ORM genes are required when V-ATPase activity is reduced.

FIGURE 2.—HPH1 and HPH2 display synthetic growth defects with V_0 assembly mutants. (A) Exponentially growing cultures of wild type (WT; SF838-1D α), v ma21 Δ (21 Δ ; TASY006), $vma21QQ$ $voa::Hyg^R$ (21QQ $voa1\Delta$; MRY5), and $vma21QQ$ $voa1::Hyg^R hph1\Delta$ (21QQ $voa1\Delta$ hph1 Δ ; GFY173) were serially diluted and spotted onto rich media buffered to pH 5.0 or rich media buffered to pH 7.5 plus 50 mm $CaCl₂$. (B) Exponentially growing cultures of wild type, $hph1\Delta$ (hph1 Δ ; GFY164), hph2 Δ (hph2 Δ ; GFY165), and hph1 Δ hph2 Δ $(hph1\Delta hph2\Delta;$ GFY166) were spotted onto rich media or rich media plus 5.0 mm ZnCl₂. (C) Cultures of wild type, $vma21\Delta$, $vma21QQ$ (21QQ; LGY183), hph1 Δ hph2 Δ , and $vma21QQ$ hph1 Δ hph2 Δ (21QQ hph1 Δ hph2 Δ ; GFY167) were serially diluted and spotted onto rich media buffered to pH 5.0 or rich media plus 4.0 mm ZnCl₂.

Vacuolar acidification, V_0 assembly, and V-ATPase localization are normal in HPH and ORM mutants: Yeast disrupted for V-ATPase function show decreases in vacuolar acidification (Davis-Kaplan et al. 2006; Ryan et al. 2008). To determine whether the growth defects seen with both the HPH and ORM mutants result from a loss of V-ATPase function, we assayed vacuolar acidification by fluorescent staining with quinacrine (Figure 4). Wild-type yeast displayed accumulation of quinacrine within the acidified vacuole while $vma21\Delta$ $vma21\Delta$ yeast showed no quinacrine staining. As previously shown, yeast mutant for either $vma21QQ$ or $voa1\Delta$ $voa1\Delta$ displayed wild-type levels of quinacrine staining and vacuolar acidification (Ryan et al. 2008; Figure 4). As expected, the

FIGURE 3.—ORM1 and ORM2 display synthetic growth effects in cells expressing vma21QQ. (A) Exponentially growing cultures of wild type (WT; SF838-1D α), $vma21\Delta$ (21 Δ ; TASY006), vma21QQ (21QQ; LGY183), and vma21QQ orm2 Δ $(21QQ)$ orm2 Δ ; GFY171) were serially diluted and spotted onto rich media buffered to pH 5.0 or rich media buffered to pH 7.5 plus 25 mm CaCl₂. (B) Cultures of wild type, $orm1\Delta$ (orm1 Δ ; GFY168), orm2 Δ (orm2 Δ ; GFY169), and orm1 Δ orm2 Δ ($orm1\Delta$ $orm2\Delta$; GFY170) spotted onto rich media and rich media buffered to pH 7.5 plus $25 \text{ mm } \text{CaCl}_2$. (C) Cultures of wild type, $orm2\Delta$, and $orm2\Delta$ transformed with a high-copy vector expressing ORM1 were spotted onto rich media and rich media buffered to pH 7.5 plus 50 mm CaCl₂. (D) Exponentially growing cultures of wild type, $vma21\Delta$, $vma21QQ$, $orm1\Delta$ orm2 Δ , and $vma21QQ$ orm1 Δ orm2 Δ (21QQ orm1 Δ orm2 Δ ; GFY172) were serially diluted and spotted onto rich media buffered to pH 5.0 or rich media plus 100 mm CaCl₂.

 $vma21QQ$ voa 1Δ double mutant accumulated a very low level of quinacrine (Figure 4). Surprisingly, both the double mutants ($hph1\Delta hph2\Delta$ $hph1\Delta hph2\Delta$ $hph1\Delta hph2\Delta$ $hph1\Delta hph2\Delta$ and $orm1\Delta \text{ or } m2\Delta$ $orm1\Delta \text{ or } m2\Delta$) and the triple mutant ($vma21QQ$ [hph1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005851) Δ [hph2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000026) Δ) had fully acidified vacuoles (Figure 4). Only the $vma21QQ$ orm 1Δ

Figure 4.—Loss of HPH1/HPH2 or ORM1/ ORM2 does not result in a loss of vacuolar acidification. Exponentially growing cultures of wild type (WT; SF838-1D α), v ma21 Δ (21 Δ ; TASY006), $vma21QQ$ (21QQ; LGY183), $voa1:H$ ($voa1\Delta$; MRY14), $vma21QQ$ $voa1::H$ $(21QQ$ $voa1\Delta;$ MRY5), hph1 Δ hph2 Δ (hph1 Δ hph2 Δ ; GFY166), and $vma21QQ$ hph1 Δ hph2 Δ (21QQ hph1 Δ hph2 Δ ; GFY167), orm 1Δ orm 1Δ (orm 1Δ orm 2Δ ; GFY170), and $vma21QQ$ orm1 Δ orm2 Δ (21QQ orm1 Δ orm2 Δ ; GFY172) were stained with quinacrine (green) and concanavalin A-tetramethylrhodamine (red) and viewed by fluorescent and DIC microscopy.

 $orm2\Delta$ $orm2\Delta$ mutant displayed a partial loss of quinacrine staining, indicating reduced V-ATPase function.

While there was no detectable difference in vacuolar acidification, it is possible that the HPH and ORM mutants have slightly reduced levels of the V-ATPase present on the vacuole that might not be apparent using fluorescent microscopy but still be consistent with the observed growth phenotypes. We assayed the levels of [Vph1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005796) within these mutant strains by Western blotting to examine any defects in V_0 assembly (Figure 5). In wild-type yeast, [Vph1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005796) protein is extremely stable $(>4$ -hr half-life; GRAHAM et al. 1998; HILL and COOPER 2000) and incorporated into the V_0 subcomplex. However, [Vph1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005796) is rapidly degraded (25–30 min half-life) if there is a V_0 assembly defect in the ER (GRAHAM et al. 1998; HILL and COOPER 2000). As predicted, the levels of [Vph1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005796) in $vma21\Delta$ $vma21\Delta$ yeast were greatly reduced compared to wild-type levels. In contrast, $\text{vol}\Delta$, $\text{hph1}\Delta$ $\text{hph1}\Delta$ $\text{hph1}\Delta$ $\text{hph2}\Delta$ $\text{hph2}\Delta$ $\text{hph2}\Delta$, and $orm1\Delta$ $orm1\Delta$ [orm2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342) Δ yeast all displayed wild-type levels of [Vph1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005796). This result indicates there is no V_0 assembly defect in these strains that would result in increased turnover of [Vph1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005796). The [vma21QQ](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) mutant showed a slight decrease in [Vph1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005796) levels. Careful analysis has shown that this decrease was mirrored in HPH and ORM mutant strains also containing the [vma21QQ](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) mutation ($vma21QQ$ [hph1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005851) Δ [hph2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000026) Δ and $vma21QQ$ [orm1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003270) Δ [orm2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342) Δ). Only [vma21QQ](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) [voa1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003338) Δ yeast showed a clear reduction in [Vph1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005796) that was greater than that seen in the [vma21QQ](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) mutant. The ER-resident protein [Dpm1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000006387) was probed as a loading control. The steady-state levels of the V_1 subunit [Vma1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000002344) did not change in any of the queried mutants.

The localization of the V-ATPase was also examined in both the ORM and HPH mutant strains. Yeast expressing both the V_0 subunit [Vph1p-](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005796)GFP and the V_1 subunit [Vma2p-](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000331)mCherry were visualized by fluorescent microscopy. In wild-type yeast, [Vph1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005796)-GFP localized to the limiting membrane of the vacuole and colocalized with [Vma2p-](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000331)mCherry (Figure 6). There was also a pool of [Vma2p-](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000331)mCherry staining within the cytosol in a diffuse pattern. In $vma21\Delta$ $vma21\Delta$ yeast, [Vph1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005796)-GFP was found in both cortical and perinuclear ER structures and [Vma2p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000331)mCherry was only localized within the cytosol. Yeast mutant for $orm1\Delta$ $orm1\Delta$ [orm2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342) Δ showed both V_0 and V_1 localized to the vacuolar membrane similar to wild-type cells (Figure 6). Strains mutant for $hph1\Delta$ $hph1\Delta$ [hph2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000026) Δ localized [Vph1p-](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005796)GFP to the vacuole (data not shown).

Loss of the ORM genes (but not the HPH genes) results in reduced V-ATPase enzyme activity: Since it is possible that the growth defects seen in the HPH and ORM strains could result from defects in V-ATPase enzyme function (rather than from assembly defects), we performed V-ATPase activity assays on isolated vacuole membranes in these mutant strains. We measured vacuole membranes from the $hph1\Delta$ $hph1\Delta$ [hph2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000026) Δ strain to have 88% V-ATPase activity, whereas the $orm1\Delta$ $orm1\Delta$ $orm2\Delta$ $orm2\Delta$ mutant had 67% activity relative to wild-type yeast (Table 4). We also tested V-ATPase enzyme activity for the $hph1\Delta$ $hph1\Delta$ $hph2\Delta$ $hph2\Delta$ mutant in a separate genetic background (BY4741) and found no difference from wild-type vacuole membranes (116% of WT; Table 4). We determined the $vma21QQ$ mutant activity to be 22% of wild-type yeast despite the appearance of fully acidified vacuoles. The double $vma21QQ$ voa 1Δ mutant showed a dramatic decrease to 9%. The $vma21QQ$ orm 1Δ orm 2Δ triple mutant had a comparable reduction of V-ATPase activity to 8% relative to wild-type yeast. These results indicate that the Hph proteins do not affect the activity of the V-ATPase and that the Orm proteins are required for full V-ATPase function.

FIGURE 5.—Vph1p levels are not reduced in strains lacking either HPH1/HPH2 or ORM1/ORM2. Whole cell extracts were prepared from wild type (WT; SF838-1D α), $vma21\Delta$ (21 Δ ; TASY006), vma21QQ (21QQ; LGY183), voa1: H (voa1 Δ ; MRY14), $vma21QQ$ $voa1:H$ (21QQ $voa1\Delta$; MRY5), hph1 Δ hph2 Δ (hph1 Δ hph2 Δ ; GFY166), and vma21QQ hph1 Δ hph2 Δ (21QQ hph1 Δ hph2 Δ ; GFY167), orm1 Δ orm1 Δ (orm1 Δ orm2 Δ ; GFY170), and $vma21QQ$ orm1 Δ orm2 Δ (21QQ orm1 Δ orm2 Δ ; GFY172). Proteins were separated by SDS–PAGE and probed with anti-Vph1p and anti-Vma1p antibodies. Anti-Dpm1p antibody was used as a loading control. The molecular mass (kilodaltons) of the nearest marker is shown on the left.

The Orm proteins function in sphingolipid regulation: Two reports have recently demonstrated that [Orm1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003270) and [Orm2p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342) are negative regulators of the serine palmitoyltransferase (SPT) complex responsible for the first and rate-limiting enzymatic step of sphingolipid synthesis (BRESLOW et al. 2010; HAN et al. 2010). Since loss of [Orm1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003270) and [Orm2p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342) has been shown to result in increased sphingolipid production (BRESLOW et al. 2010; Han et al. 2010), we tested whether inhibition of the SPT complex alleviated the defects seen in an $orm1\Delta$ $orm1\Delta$ $orm2\Delta$ $orm2\Delta$ mutant. [Tsc3p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000007521) is a small protein that associates with the SPT enzyme and is required for full activity of this complex (GABLE *et al.* 2000). We deleted *[TSC3](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000007521)* in the *[orm1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003270)* Δ *[orm2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342)* Δ mutant and tested the triple mutant strain on media containing elevated calcium and buffered to pH 7.5 (Figure 7A). Yeast lacking [TSC3](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000007521) did not display any growth defect under these conditions. However, loss of [TSC3](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000007521) allowed for increased growth of the $orm1\Delta$ $orm1\Delta$ [orm2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342) Δ strain. Additionally, suppression by deletion of [TSC3](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000007521) was specific to the $orm1\Delta$ $orm1\Delta$ [orm2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342) Δ mutant, as loss of this regulator did not suppress the calcium sensitivity of the $vma21QQ$ voal Δ mutant (Figure 7B). These results suggest that the growth defects seen in the $orm1\Delta$ $orm1\Delta$ [orm2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342) Δ mutant strain are due to perturbation of sphingolipid synthesis.

DISCUSSION

The goal of this study was to identify additional factors that contribute to V-ATPase function that may have been missed by previous forward genetic screens. The power of enhancer and suppressor screens is evident from work in both Drosophila melanogaster and Caenorhabditis elegans where it is often necessary to use a sensitized background to uncover new genetic pathways (Jorgensen and Mango 2002; St Johnston 2002). In the case of the yeast V-ATPase, parallel genetic pathways are most likely not the main obstacles for identifying subtle effectors of this complex. Instead, the V-ATPase enzyme within the cell requires a dramatic decrease in enzyme function or assembly before cellular growth phenotypes become evident (Ryan et al. 2008). The discovery of the fourth and fifth factors that participate in V_0 assembly ([Pkr1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004730) and [Voa1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003338)) demonstrates the complexity of the assembly processes required for the V-ATPase enzyme complex. While [Voa1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003338) has been shown to physically associate with the V_0 subcomplex in the ER (Ryan et al. 2008), no physical association has been characterized for [Pkr1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004730) despite a strong genetic link to the assembly factor [Vma21p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) (Graham and Stevens 1998; Davis-Kaplan et al. 2006; data not shown). Growth phenotypes associated with perturbation of the V-ATPase are only evident upon a significant reduction in enzyme activity to $\sim 20\%$ of wild type as in the case of the mutant assembly factor allele, [vma21QQ](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) (Hill and Stevens 1994). This retrieval-defective mutant allele of the highly conserved assembly factor,

FIGURE $6.-V_1$ and V_0 are localized to the vacuole membrane in Orm mutant yeast. A single mCherry was integrated at the VMA2 locus in the following strains: wild type (WT; GFY304), $vma21\Delta$ (21 Δ ; GFY305), and $orm1\Delta$ $orm2\Delta$ ($orm1\Delta$ $orm2\Delta$; GFY302). Yeast strains also contained a vector expressing Vph1p-GFP (pGF87). Exponentially growing cells were visualized by fluorescent and DIC microscopy.

TABLE 4

V-ATPase activity and quinacrine staining of mutants

Strain	% wild-type ATPase activity	Quinacrine
Wild type (SF838-1D α)	100	$+++++$
Wild type (BY4741)	100	$++++^a$
$vma21\Delta$	1 ± 0.3 $(1)^d$	
hph1 Δ hph2 Δ (SF838-1D α)	88 ± 6 (4) ^b	$+++++$
$hph1\Delta hph2\Delta$ (BY4741)	116 ± 0.7 $(1)^d$	$++++$ ^a
orm1 Δ orm2 Δ	67 ± 6 (3)	$+++++$
ν oal Δ	75 ^c	$+++++$
vma21QQ	$22 \pm 1(3)$	$+++++$
$vma21QQ$ $voa1\Delta$	9 ± 0.5 (2)	$^{+}$
$vma21QQ$ orm 1Δ orm 2Δ	8 ± 0.5 (2)	$++$

Loss of both ORM1 and ORM2 results in a decrease in V-ATPase activity. Activity assays were performed for wild-type strains (WT; $SFS88-1D\alpha$ and WT; BY4741), $vma21\Delta$ ($vma21\Delta$; TASY006), $vma21QO$ ($vma21QQ$, LGY183), $voa1:H$ ($voa1\Delta$; MRY14), $orm1\Delta$ orm1 Δ (orm1 Δ orm2 Δ ; GFY170), vma21QQ voa1::H (vma21QQ voa1 Δ ; MRY5), hph1 Δ hph2 Δ SF838-1D α (hph1 Δ hph2 Δ ; GFY166), hph1 Δ hph2 Δ BY4741 (hph1 Δ hph2 Δ ; GFY181), and vma21QQ orm1 Δ orm2 Δ (vma21QQ orm1 Δ orm2 Δ ; GFY172). A continuous, coupled spectrophotometric assay (Conibear and Stevens 2002) was used to assay freshly prepared vacuole membranes for concanamycin A-sensitive ATPase activity. The wild-type strain SF838-1D α had an average specific activity of 0.817 μ mol min⁻¹ mg⁻¹ (average of $n = 7$ independent vacuole isolations) and the wild-type strain BY4741 has a specific activity of 0.836 μ mol min⁻¹ mg⁻¹ (1 vacuole isolation). The specific activity of mutant samples was divided by the wild-type specific activity measurement for each independent vacuolar preparation to produce a relative percentage. For samples prepared more than once (biological replicates indicated in parentheses), the different percentages were averaged to produce the percentage of wild-type activity measurements \pm the standard error of the mean. Quinacrine staining is derived from Figure 3. \degree Data not shown.

^b Three of four measurements for $hph\Delta hph2\Delta$ (SF838-1D α) averaged 97% of wild type.

From Ryan *et al.* (2008).
^d For strains with only a single biological preparation, the error is expressed as the standard deviation of technical replicates.

[Vma21p,](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) is a unique scenario to serve as a genetic tool for enhancer (and suppressor) screens because (i) the levels of functional V-ATPase are sufficiently low to allow

Figure 7.—Orm sensitivity to buffered calcium media can be suppressed by inhibition of sphingolipid biogenesis. (A) Cultures of wild type (WT; $SF838-1D\alpha$), $vma21\Delta$ (21 Δ ; TASY006), $tsc3\Delta$ ($tsc3\Delta$; GFY174), $orm1\Delta$ $orm2\Delta$ ($orm1\Delta$ $orm2\Delta$; GFY170), and $orm1\Delta$ orm2 Δ tsc3 Δ (orm1 Δ orm2 Δ tsc3 Δ ; GFY175) were spotted onto rich media and media containing 25 mm CaCl₂ buffered to pH 7.5. (B) Wild type, $vma21QQ$ voa1 Δ (21QQ voa1 Δ ; MRY5), tsc3 Δ , and vma21QQ voa1 Δ tsc3 Δ (21QQ voa1 Δ tsc3 Δ ; GFY313) yeast were spotted onto rich media and media containing 100 mm CaCl₂.

for phenotypic scoring, and (ii) the V-ATPase is not compromised for enzyme function, but rather, is defective for assembly due to the limited supply of [Vma21p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) in the ER.

In performing genome-wide enhancer screens with the $vma21QQ$ and $vma21QQ$ $voa1\Delta$ alleles, a large number of genes involved in vesicular trafficking pathways, endosomal sorting complex required for transport (ESCRT) machinery, vesicle formation, and vacuolar morphology were identified. Deletion of some trafficking-related genes has been shown to result in sensitivity to zinc, calcium, or alkaline conditions (Serrano et al. 2004; Sambade et al. 2005; Pagani et al. 2007). Our strategy for screening effectively detected reduced V-ATPase activity levels to \sim 10% of wild-type yeast (scored as $<50\%$ of activity in the $vma21QQ$ mutant strain). It is therefore not surprising that we have identified additional genes involved in trafficking pathways that were not previously found in forward genetic screens. For instance, many of the vacuolar protein sorting (VPS) genes have not been identified in previous genomewide screens for Vma⁻ phenotypes (SAMBADE et al. 2005). The genetic relationship between these sorting pathways and vacuolar acidification most likely results from aberrant sorting of the V-ATPase. There are many ways by which disruption of vesicular trafficking can result in mislocalization of the V-ATPase enzyme. For example, loss of the AAA-ATPase [Vps4p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000006377) results in an aberrant multivesicular body that traps vacuole-bound

cargo in this compartment (RAYMOND *et al.* 1992). In addition, loss of the syntaxin [Pep12p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005562) (another class of trafficking mutants) results in mislocalization of [Vph1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005796) (GERRARD *et al.* 2000). If the V-ATPase is not targeted to the vacuolar membrane, the pH gradient necessary to drive the sequestration of excess metals is not established, and the result is an increased sensitivity in our screen. Due to the complexity of protein sorting from the Golgi to the vacuole, there are many components that are required for proper transport of the V-ATPase to the vacuole membrane (Bowers and STEVENS 2005). It will be of interest to determine whether disruption of other trafficking pathways is able to affect metal sensitivity without perturbation of V-ATPase localization and function.

We chose to characterize two gene families, $HPH1$ and [ORM2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342), whose protein products had been previously reported to localize to the ER; both have homologs within budding yeast, [HPH2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000026) and [ORM1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003270), respectively (HJELMQVIST et al. 2002; HEATH et al. 2004). [HPH1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005851) and [HPH2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000026) have been characterized as new components of calcineurin signaling (HEATH et al. 2004). Genetic screens have also found that deletion of any of the essential subunits of the V-ATPase is synthetic lethal with a loss of calcineurin (TANIDA et al. 1995; PARSONS et al. 2004). We therefore investigated the involvement of the Hph proteins in the function and/or assembly of the V-ATPase complex in the ER.

[HPH1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005851) and [HPH2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000026) have been previously reported to be functionally redundant and sensitive to high salinity or alkaline conditions (HEATH *et al.* 2004). We have found a unique set of growth phenotypes associated with a loss of [HPH1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005851) and [HPH2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000026) on media containing excess metals. The $hph1\Delta hph2\Delta$ $hph1\Delta hph2\Delta$ $hph1\Delta hph2\Delta$ $hph1\Delta hph2\Delta$ mutant did not display any sensitivity to elevated calcium (data not shown) yet displayed a nonlinear shift in zinc sensitivity. This was unusual, as our previously observed V-ATPase mutants with a partial reduction in function, $pkr1\Delta$ $pkr1\Delta$, $vma21QQ$, and $vma21QQ$ $\textit{voa1}\Delta$ $\textit{voa1}\Delta$ $\textit{voa1}\Delta$ (data not shown), exhibit growth defects on both zinc and calcium to varying degrees and have a gradual response to increasing concentrations of ZnCl₂. Preliminary work has also demonstrated that the zinc sensitivity of the $hph1\Delta$ $hph1\Delta$ [hph2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000026) Δ mutant was not completely dependent on calcineurin (data not shown). On the basis of our results, we propose that the growth defect of $hph1\Delta hph2\Delta$ $hph1\Delta hph2\Delta$ $hph1\Delta hph2\Delta$ $hph1\Delta hph2\Delta$ yeast on $ZnCl_2$ likely results from a V-ATPase independent mechanism. It is unclear whether the zinc sensitivity in Hph mutants results from an effect on vacuole-localized Zn^{2+} transportation or some other mechanism.

Genome-wide screens for zinc or calcium (at pH 7.5) sensitivity have found genes that do not directly contribute to V-ATPase function yet show sensitivity to excess metals (SAMBADE et al. 2005; PAGANI et al. 2007). An example is deletion of the vacuolar zinc transporter [Zrc1p,](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004856) which confers zinc sensitivity even though vacuolar acidification is normal (data not shown). Also, a loss of the serine protease [Kex2p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005182) results in both calcium and zinc sensitivity yet does not cause any defect in vacuolar acidification (SAMBADE et al. 2005). Identifying which genetic pathways are directly linked to metal sensitivity independent of V-ATPase function will require further study.

The Orm proteins are also functionally redundant, integral membrane proteins that localize to the ER in yeast (data not shown). Since loss of both ORM genes caused a reduction in vacuolar acidification and V-ATPase enzyme activity in the context of the [vma21QQ](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337) mutation, we propose that [Orm1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003270) and [Orm2p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342) are necessary for full V-ATPase function. However, the phenotype associated with disruption of only the ORM genes does not completely phenocopy a loss of other assembly factors (such as [PKR1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004730) or the combination $vma21QQ$ voal Δ). Key differences highlight the potential mechanism through which the Orm proteins may impact the V-ATPase including the lack of an apparent V_0 assembly defect. It is unlikely that the Orm proteins transiently participate in V_0 assembly of the V-ATPase, as we were unable to determine any physical association of [Orm2p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342) with the [Vma21p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337)- V_0 subcomplex (data not shown).

We also examined whether a variety of cargo proteins (including both subdomains of the V-ATPase) were aberrantly targeted upon a loss of the Orm proteins. Resident ER [\(Vma21p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003337)), Golgi ([Vps10p\)](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000113), plasma membrane ([Pma1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000002976), [Ste3p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000001661), and [Snf3p\)](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000002353), and vacuolar proteins [\(Sna3p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003687), [Zrt3p,](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000001658) [Vcx1p,](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000002286) [Pho8p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000002889), and [Cps1p\)](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003708) did not display changes in localization patterns compared to wild-type yeast (data not shown). Consistent with these data, we found normal V_1V_0 localization of the V-ATPase to the vacuole membrane, suggesting an indirect involvement of [Orm1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003270) and [Orm2p.](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342) A more likely scenario involves perturbation of V-ATPase function through other cellular pathways.

Recently, two studies have characterized [Orm1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003270) and [Orm2p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342) as negative regulators of sphingolipid synthesis (Breslow et al. 2010; Han et al. 2010). Both groups have reported that the Orm proteins physically associate with and regulate the SPT complex in the ER. Interestingly, inhibition of the SPT enzyme complex was found to alleviate phenotypes associated with a loss of [ORM1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003270) and [ORM2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342), including cold sensitivity and sensitivity to tunicamycin (Han et al. 2010). Our data are consistent with these findings and it is likely that [ORM1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003270) and [ORM2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342) indirectly affect V-ATPase function through perturbation of sphingolipid production. This interpretation is in agreement with the effect of the lipid environment on the assembly, transport, or function of various enzymes including the amino acid permease [Gap1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000001747) (Lauwers et al. 2007), uracil permease [Fur4p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000225) (Hearn et al. 2003), and plasma membrane H^+ -ATPase [Pma1p](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000002976) (WANG and CHANG 2002; GAIGG et al. 2006).

Also, deletion of two components of the fatty acid elongation pathway required for sphingolipid C26 acyl group synthesis ($fen1\Delta$ $fen1\Delta$ and $sur4\Delta$ $sur4\Delta$) resulted in perturbation of vacuolar acidification, a decrease in V-ATPase enzyme activity, and a functionally compromised V_1 domain (Chung et al. 2003). This previous study reported destabilization of the V-ATPase; specifically, a portion of the V_1 subdomain dissociates from the membrane during vacuole membrane preparation of the $sur4\Delta$ $sur4\Delta$ mutant. Since loss of the Orm proteins results in a similar change in the lipidome as $sur4\Delta$ $sur4\Delta$ yeast (BRESLOW *et al.* 2010), loss of the V_1 subdomain during vacuolar preparation could explain why $vma21QQ$ orm 1Δ orm 2Δ cells display levels of V-ATPase activity similar to vma21Q $\textit{val}\Delta$ yeast but higher vacuolar acidification in vivo. Since they are negative regulators, deletion of [ORM1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000003270) and [ORM2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000004342) results in an increase in the sphingolipid composition of the cell (Breslow et al. 2010). Loss of the Orm proteins results in a subtle decrease in V-ATPase function and this differs from both the $sur4\Delta$ $sur4\Delta$ and f en 1Δ mutations. However, this connection between sphingolipid regulation and V-ATPase function would have been missed in previous forward genetic screens. Overproduction of sphingolipids likely results in an altered lipid environment for the V-ATPase as sphingolipids play crucial roles for many cellular functions (HANADA 2003; COWART and OBEID 2007).

The use of sensitized genetic backgrounds to identify factors that have subtle effects on V-ATPase function has revealed genes involved in a variety of cellular pathways. We have identified the Orm proteins and implicated sphingolipid regulation as important contributors to full V-ATPase enzyme activity. Future genome-wide screens that specifically assay V-ATPase function will aid in separating genes, like [HPH1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005851) and [HPH2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000026), which do not directly affect enzyme activity, from those that are dedicated effectors of V-ATPase assembly, transport, or enzyme function. Finally, further characterization of the precise mechanism by which alteration of sphingolipids and the cellular lipid composition affect function of the V-ATPase will be of great interest and provide a more complete understanding of this crucial molecular machine.

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Note added in proof: A very recent study implicated [HPH1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005851)/[HPH2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000026) in V-ATPase biogenesis (PIÑA et al., Euk. Cell, 10: 63-71, 2011). PIÑA et al. report that [Vph1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005796)p is degraded equally rapidly in $vma21\Delta$ $vma21\Delta$ and [hph1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005851) Δ [hph2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000026) Δ mutants (PIÑA et al. 2011; Figure 3D), in contrast to our findings that [Vph1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005796)p levels are normal in $hph1\Delta hph2\Delta$ $hph1\Delta hph2\Delta$ $hph1\Delta hph2\Delta$ $hph1\Delta hph2\Delta$ mutants, but significantly reduced in $vma21\Delta$ $vma21\Delta$ mutants (our Figure 5). Rapid turnover of [Vph1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005796)p in $hph1\Delta hph2\Delta$ $hph1\Delta hph2\Delta$ $hph1\Delta hph2\Delta$ $hph1\Delta hph2\Delta$ yeast is inconsistent with nearnormal growth in the presence of 250 mM Ca^{2+} (PIÑA et al. 2011; Figure 3A) and $4 \text{ mM } Zn^{2+}$ (our Figure 2C). Additionally, the stability of [Vph1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005796)p in wild-type yeast determined by PIÑA et al. is inconsistent with previously published measurements (>5 hours; GRAHAM et al., 1998). Finally and most importantly, our study reports that vacuoles from $hph1\Delta$ $hph1\Delta$ $hph2\Delta$ $hph2\Delta$ yeast (in two different genetic backgrounds) have 100% of wild-type V-ATPase activity, whereas $vma21\Delta$ $vma21\Delta$ cells have no measureable V-ATPase activity (our Table 4). In contrast to PIÑA et al., based on our data, we conclude that the [HPH1](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000005851)/[HPH2](http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.fpl?dbid=S000000026) genes do not play a role in V-ATPase biogenesis.

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TABLE S1

Genes identified by genome-wide SGA screens for V-ATPase effectors

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The standard gene name and systematic names of all the genes identified from the 3 SGA enhancer screens are listed. X's indicate which of the three different SGA screens genes were identified from. The three different query strains used are labeled above each column. These data include scoring of double mutants on media containing either Ca²⁺ or Zn²⁺.

TABLE S2

Gene Ontology (GO) analysis of genes identified from enhancer SGA screens

Gene Ontology (GO) analysis was performed using the Saccharomyces Genome Database (SGD) "Gene Ontology Term Finder" (v. 0.83). Of the 538 genes identified from our three SGA screens, 492 were included within the GO analysis (overlapping ORFs were excluded). The GO term ID# and GO categories are listed. The cluster and background frequency are shown for each GO term and hits with p-values of less than 0.01 were included. Results are listed beginning with GO categories with the lowest p-values.