Metabolic capabilities and systems fluctuations in *Haloarcula marismortui* revealed by integrative genomics and proteomics analyses

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Abstract

The 1,310 *Haloarcula marismortui* proteins identified from mid-log and late-log phase soluble and membrane proteomes were analyzed in metabolic and cellular process networks to predict the available systems and systems fluctuations upon environmental stresses. When the connected metabolic reactions with identified proteins were examined, the availability of a number of metabolic pathways and a highly connected amino acid metabolic network were revealed. Quantitative spectral count analyses suggested 300 or more proteins might have expression changes in late-log phase. Among these, integrative network analyses indicated approximately 106 were metabolic proteins which might have growth-phase dependent changes. Interestingly, a large proportion of proteins in affected biomodules had same trend of changes in spectral counts. Disregard the magnitude of changes, we had successfully predicted and validated the expression changes of nine genes including the *rimK, gltCP, rrnAC*, and *argC* in lysine biosynthesis pathway which were downregulated in late-log phase. This study had not only revealed the expressed proteins but also the availability of biological systems in two growth phases, systems level changes in response to the stresses in late-log phase, cellular locations of identified proteins, and the likely regulated genes to facilitate further analyses in the postgenomic era.

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Introduction

Halophilic archaea are prokaryotes living in high salt artificial or natural environments such as solar salterns, the Great Salt Lake, and the Dead Sea [1-4]. Of the culturable groups of archaea, which included the methanogens, halophiles, and thermophiles, the availability of several genome sequences and genetic manipulation tools and their ease of culture had made halophiles attractive models to understand the biology of the domain archaea. Since the completion of the *Halobacterium salinarum* strain NRC-1 genome [5-8], at least ten other halophiles including *Haloarcula marismortui* [9], *Natronomonas pharaonis* [10], *Haloquadratum walsbyi* [11], *Haloferax volcanii* [12], *Halalkalicoccus jeotgali* [13], *Halomicrobium mukohataei, Halorhabdus utahensis*, Halorubrum lacusprofundi, *Haloterrigena turkmenica*, and *Natrialba magadii* (unpublished, Joint Genome Institute, DOE, USA; www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/genome) had also been sequenced. Among these, *H. salinarum* NRC-1 had the smallest genome consisted of a large chromosome (2,014,239 bp) and two smaller replicons (191,346-bp pNRC100 and 365,425-bp pNRC200) encoding a total of approximately 2,400 unique proteins [6]. In contrast, *H. marismortui* had the second largest (4,274,642 bp) and the most complex genome architecture consisted of nine replicons ranging from 33,303 to 3,131,724 bp [9].

Analyses of the completed halophile genome sequences had shed light on how these organisms survive in extreme environments [6, 14]. For instance, examination of the *H. salinarum* NRC-1 genome revealed an acidic proteome with an average *pI* of 4.5 which is important for maintaining the solubility and functionality of proteins in the hypersaline cytoplasm [14, 15]. Another discovery was the possession of an array of sensors, signal transducers, and transcriptional regulators, including multiple general transcription factors, which enable it to sense and tailor its physiology to perturbations in a diverse set of environmental factors. Comparison of the *H. salinarum* and *H. marismortui* genomes suggested both halophilic archaea use the same strategy of high surface negative charge of folded proteins as a mechanism to circumvent the salting-out phenomenon in a hypersaline cytoplasm [9]. The analyses of the 4,240 predicted genes of *H. marismortui* revealed the presence of six opsins [16], 19 MCP and/or HAMP domain signal transducers, and an unusually large number of environmental response regulators, nearly five times as many as those encoded in *H. salinarum* NRC-1. This suggested *H. marismortui* is significantly more physiologically capable of exploiting a variety of diverse environments.

The rapid expansion of genomic data has provided a large amount of information for comprehensive prediction of most, if not all, possible biological activities present in the sequenced organisms. However, the information predicted from genome analyses are static and thus dynamic gene expression data are required to elucidate the *in vivo* status of the predicted biological activities. This gap can be filled either by high-throughput expression profiling of mRNAs or proteins prepared from one or more growth conditions [17-23]. For instance, our previous analyses of the *H. salinarum* proteome by LC-MS/MS had shed light on the status of a number of biomodules in standard culture condition [22, 23].

Stresses from decreases of nutrients and oxygen concentration and increases of cell density and metabolic waste concentration in medium in the late growth phases could be easily reproduced to reveal global cellular responses. The possession of a relatively large coding capacity of the *H. marismortui* genome among the sequenced halophiles made it an interesting model to learn how halophiles respond to the environmental/metabolic stresses prevalent in late growth phase. In addition to cataloging the expressed proteins, defining their subcellular locations, and analyzing their expression profile changes, this study also tried to shed light on the differences in available biochemical systems and their fluctuations between the mid-log and late-log phases via integrative proteomics and network analyses.

Materials and Methods

Strain, Medium, and Culture Conditions

Haloarcula marismortui (ATCC43049) starter culture was prepared by inoculating a single colony into 4 ml of *Halobacterium* medium containing trace metals (CM^+) [24, 25] and incubated with shaking at 225 rpm and 37°C for one week. One ml of starter culture was transferred to 1 liter of CM^+ medium and incubated as above until OD_{600} 0.7 (mid-log phase) and 1.2 (late-log-phase) for preparing the proteome samples.

Proteome Preparations

H. marismortui cells were harvested by centrifugation at 5,500×g for 15 minutes at 4°C. The cell pellets were resuspended in 25 ml of basal salt solution [24] containing 1 mM of phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride (PMSF) and 0.5 mg each of DNase I and RNase A. The cells were lyzed via osmotic shock inside dialysis tubing (Spectra/por® membrane MWCO: 3,500; Spectrum, Rancho Dominguez, CA) and the membrane and soluble proteins were fractionated as previously described [22].

Protein Digestion and Peptide Purification

An aliquot of 100 μg of proteins was digested with 2 μg of sequencing grade modified trypsin (Promega, Madison, WI) in a final volume of 500 μl of solution containing 50 mM ammonium bicarbonate (pH 8.3) and 0.05% of SDS at 37°C for 12 hours. The resulting peptides were purified using a C18 spin column (Pierce, Rockford, IL) according to the manufacturer's procedure. The samples were then lyophilized and stored at -20°C until LC-MS/MS analyses.

Tandem Mass Spectrometry

Peptides were analyzed using a nano-HPLC (nanoAcquity UPLC systems; Waters, Milford, MA) coupled to a hybrid linear ion trap Orbitrap (LTQ-Orbitrap XL; Software: *XCalibur 2.0.7, FT programs 2.0.7*, and *LTQ-Orbitrap XL MS2.4 SP1*) mass spectrometer (Thermo Scientific, San Jose, CA) similar to previously described [26-28]. Each protein sample was analyzed by five MS/MS analyses in which the MS survey scans were acquired over a full m/z range of 400~2000 and by gas-phase fractionation within four smaller windows of 400-520, 516~690, 685~968, and 963~2000 m/z. The six most intense precursor ions were sequentially isolated using data-dependent mode (isolation width: 1 m/z) and subjected to collision induced dissociation (CID) in the linear ion trap with a dynamic exclusion duration of 45 seconds and exclusion list size of 150.

Computational Analysis of MS/MS Spectra

MS raw data in Thermo *XCalibur* (version 2.0.7) binary format were converted to the mzXML open data format using a modified version of the *ReAdW* program [29] and then searched with the *SEQUEST* (version 27) [30] algorithm against the forward and reversed (decoy) sequences of 4,240 *H. marismortui* proteins from the EMBL-EBI Integr8 proteome database (www.ebi.ac.uk/integr8/EBI-Integr8-HomePage.do) [31]. The search parameters included a peptide mass tolerance of ±2.1 Da [32], possible oxidation of methionine (+16.0 Da) residue, and default settings of other parameters as suggested by the software developers. Cleaving agent was not specified for non-constraint database searches. *SEQUEST* search results were further processed using the *Trans Proteomic Pipeline* [33-35] as previously described [36].

Subcellular Locations

The total numbers of peptides of each protein identified from the soluble and membrane proteomes were counted. Proteins with peptides identified exclusively (100%) or predominantly (≥75%) from the membrane and soluble proteomes were considered as potential membrane and soluble, respectively, proteins. All identified proteins were analyzed with the *TMHMM* program for the presence of transmembrane helices [37].

Systems Analysis

Both genomics and proteomics data were analyzed to evaluate the available systems or biomodules in *H. marismortui*. The number of proteins, number of reactions, and number of connected reactions (or interacting proteins) in each KEGG (Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes; www.genome.jp/kegg/pathway.html) metabolic pathways or cellular processes were counted to predict the available systems. To shed light on systems fluctuations, protein expression changes were estimated by spectral counting of all peptides of each protein identified in mid- and late-log phases. Integrative proteomics and metabolic network analyses were facilitated with the *Cytoscape* software (www.cytoscape.org).

Validation of Differential Expressions

Differential expressed candidates with at least 3-fold differences in spectral counts between the two growth phases and two immediate protein neighbors in connected reactions with the same trend of change in spectral counts were chosen as the "primary candidates" for RT-PCR analyses. Then the connected neighbors of the validated genes, namely the "extended candidates", disregard the magnitude of spectral count changes, were chosen for another round of RT-PCR analyses. The isolation of total RNA and RT-PCR analyses with the gene specific primers (Supplementary Table 1, Supporting Information) were performed as previously described [16].

(*H. marismortui* is a nonpathogenic microorganism. All laboratory procedures were conducted in accordance with the safety requirements of the Institutional Biosafety Committee in National Yang Ming University).

Results

Protein Identifications

Upon a total of forty LC-MS/MS analyses of duplicate membrane and soluble proteomes from *H. marismortui* grown to mid-log and late-log phases, 60,062 peptides were identified with a *PeptideProphet* probability (*p*) above 0.9 and a false discovery rate (FDR) of less than 0.4% in each dataset. A total of 1,310 proteins were detected with a *ProteinProphet (P)* probability above 0.9 and a minimum of two different unique peptides (Table 1; Supplementary Tables 2 to 6, Supporting Information). Among these, 692 and 913 proteins were identified from the membrane and soluble proteomes, respectively.

Membrane and Cytosolic Proteins

Of the 1,310 identified proteins, 441 had peptides exclusively (100% membrane: 397 proteins) or predominantly (≥ 75% membrane: 44 proteins) found in the membrane samples and were likely membrane proteins (Supplementary Table 7, Supporting Information), and 804 had peptides exclusively (100% soluble: 618 proteins) or predominantly (≥ 75% soluble: 186 proteins) found in the soluble proteomes were likely cytosolic proteins. Further *TMHMM* analysis indicated 63.2% and 15.9% proteins exclusively and predominantly, respectively, identified in membrane contained one or more transmembrane domain (TD), but only one (0.1%) of the 804 putative cytosolic proteins contains such a domain

(Supplementary Table 8, Supporting Information). Among the detected proteins, the cell surface glycoprotein (Csg1) encoded by the 132,678 bp replicon pNG500 topped the list with 4,176 peptide identifications.

Expression Changes

Given similar numbers of peptides, 30,092 and 29,970, were identified from the mid- and late-log phases, respectively, the spectral counts were directly used to estimate expression changes (Supplementary Table 9, Supporting Information). Of the 1,310 identified proteins, 61 (each had 2 to 12 peptide identifications) were only found in mid-log phase and 69 proteins (each had 2 to 59 peptides) only in late-log phase. Among these, at least seven proteins, each had more than 10 peptide identifications, might be differentially expressed in one of the growth phases. These included the two hypothetical proteins rrnB0067 (12 peptides) and rrnAC3015 (11 peptides) identified in mid-log phase only, and thiamine biosynthesis protein ThiC (59 peptides), phosphate import ATP-binding protein PstB2 (37 peptides), sugar ABC transporter ATP-binding protein MsmX-3 (24 peptides), Sn-glycerol-3-phosphate transport system permease UgpE (23 peptides), and universal stress protein Usp25 (10 peptides) identified in late-log phase only. In addition, the expression levels of 52 and 58 proteins, each of which had at least five detected peptides and more than 3-fold higher number of peptides found in OD 0.7 and OD 1.2, respectively, might have altered due to the depletion of nutrients or other changes in the medium during late-log phase.

Systems Availability and Fluctuations

Of the 4,240 proteins predicted from the *H. marismortui* genome [9], 1,033 were assigned to one or more cellular processes or metabolic pathways in the KEGG database. Examination of the predicted proteins in metabolic pathways indicated at least 25 pathways had proteins catalyzing at least one cluster of five connected reactions. A total of 582 proteins with at least two different unique peptide identifications (Supplementary Table 10, Supporting Information) and 29 proteins with single unique peptide identification (Supplementary Figure 1, Supporting Information), representing 59.1% proteins with a KEGG assignment, were detected by MS/MS. Further analyses of these proteins indicated 20 pathways in mid-log phase and 21 pathways in late-log phase had enzymes catalyzed at least one cluster of five or more "connected reactions" (Table 2). These represented the likely complete or partial pathways present in an active or standby mode in these cultures. Since there were no dramatic differences between the identified proteins in these metabolic pathways or biological processes, the cells were likely possessing very similar biomodules in both growth phases. However, at least 13 pathways, in which three or more proteins had differential spectral counts, might have systems level changes in nutrient deficit late-log phase. Details of the representative available systems and systems fluctuations were summarized below.

Genetic Information Processing

A total of 178 (73.6%) of the 242 predicted proteins involved in genetic information processing including those for DNA replication and repair, transcription, translation, and protein folding, sorting, and degradation, were identified by MS/MS. Of these, a significant fraction of the RNA polymerase and ribosome subunits, basal transcription factors, and DNA replication proteins had relatively fewer peptides detected in the late-log phase suggesting the cells might be less active in DNA replication and gene expression (Table 3 and Supplementary Table 11, Supporting Information). These included 33 of the 44 ribosomal proteins, 9 of the 11 RNA polymerase subunits (including all the five subunits encoded by the putative *rpoN-rpoB′-rpoB″-rpoA-rpoC* operon), and the three basal

transcription factors TATA-box binding protein E (TbpE), transcription initiation factors IIB (TfbA), and IIE alpha subunit (TfeA).

Amino Acid Metabolism

The identification of a number of amino, dipeptide, and oligopeptide transporters, peptidases, and amino acid metabolic proteins suggested the amino acids and peptides in medium were actively transported and metabolized in the cells (Supplementary Tables 10, 12, and 13, Supporting Information). Among the 158 identified proteins (including 17 with single unique peptide identification) in 13 amino acid metabolic networks, acetolactate synthase small subunit (IlvN) was only found in mid-log phase and sacrosine dehydrogenase/glycine cleavage T-protein (GcvT1), methylmalonyl-CoA mutase subunit α (McmA2), imidazole glycerol phosphate synthase subunit (HisF), zinc-binding dehydrogenase (Adh10), and arginase (Arg1) were only detected in late-log phase. The examination connectivity of reactions with identified proteins indicated there were no differences in the availability of amino acid metabolic systems between the two growth phases (Table 2).

Despite only a limited number of proteins had more than 3-fold changes in spectral counts, a trend toward an increase or decrease of a high proportion of proteins catalyzing clusters of connected reactions were noticed in some of the pathways. For example, histidine metabolism might have upregulated in late-log phase. In addition to the HisF (found only in late-log phase), 1-(5-phosphoribosyl)-5-[(5-phosphoribosylamino)methylideneamino]imidazole-4-carboxamide isomerase (HisA) (>3 fold), and histidine ammonia-lyase (HutH), imidazolonepropionase (HutI), and urocanate hydratase (HutU) (2 to 3 fold), and four other proteins linked to the major connected reaction cluster also had slightly more peptides identified in the late culture (Figure 1A). Similarly, the lysine biosynthesis might have reduced because 9 of the 11 proteins (including two > 3 fold and one 2 to 3-fold) had fewer peptides detected in late-log phase (Figure 1B).

Spectral counts also suggested some other amino acid metabolism pathways might have subsystem level changes or were only partially available in the cell. For instance, the two clusters of aspartate and glutamate subnetworks in the alanine, aspartate, and glutamate metabolism pathway seemed to have opposite changes in protein expressions (Figure 1C). Possibly due to sufficient supply of tryptophan in the medium, the tryptophan biosynthesis subnetwork in the phenylanaline, tyrosine, and tryptophan biosynthesis pathway might have little or no activity during the culture. Of the 12 predicted Trp proteins in this pathway, only the tryptophan synthase α chain (TrpA), anthranilate phosphoribosyltransferase (TrpD), and anthranilate synthase component I 1 (TrpE1) were identified raised the question as to whether most of these proteins were not expressed or expressed at undetectable low levels (Figure 1D). Although 23 (85.2%) of the 27 predicted proteins in lysine degradation, 27 (81.8%) of the 33 predicted proteins in the tryptophan metabolism, and 13 (54.2%) of the 24 predicted proteins in tyrosine metabolism were identified by MS/MS, the fact that they had low connectivity in reactions (≤ 2) suggested none of these pathways had enough connected reactions to drive the metabolisms.

Nucleotide Metabolism

The purine and pyrimidine metabolism pathways consisted of 64 and 51, respectively, predicted proteins were two of the most highly connected metabolic pathways in KEGG database (Table 2). Most of the proteins in purine metabolism pathway catalyzed a large cluster of 49 connected reactions. Proteomic and network analyses indicated approximately 32 and 30 of the 49-linked biochemical reactions had proteins identified in mid-log and late-

log phases, respectively. Similarly, most of the predicted proteins in pyrimidine metabolism pathway also catalyzed a big cluster of 40 linked reactions. Proteomics and network analyses indicated approximately 39 of the 40-connected pyrimidine reactions had proteins identified in each growth phase. Other than the decrease of RNA polymerase level as suggested by lower spectral counts of nine of the subunit proteins in late-log phase, there were no obvious patterns of shifts in spectral counts to conclude other subsystems level changes in these pathways.

Cofactors and Vitamins Metabolism

The fact that *Haloarcula marismortui* could grow well in CM$^+$ medium [24, 25] suggested it could synthesize all essential cofactors and vitamins. Among the eleven cofactor and vitamin metabolism pathways, only five had predicted proteins catalyzing more than five connected reactions (Table 2). The one carbon pool by folate metabolism pathway had a relative large number of connected reactions and a high percentage of the predicted proteins identified by MS/MS. Network analysis indicated the 17 predicted proteins in the pathway formed a single cluster of 15 connected reactions. The identified proteins catalyzed a cluster of 11 connected reactions in both cultures. Although the riboflavin metabolism network had only five predicted proteins, the presence of the genes of RibB, H, and C for converting ribulose 5-phosphate from the pentose phosphate pathway to 3,4-dihydroxy 2-butanone 4-phosphate,6,7-dimethyl-8-ribityllumazine, and the final product riboflavin suggested the presence of this pathway. However, the fact that none of these enzymes were identified by MS/MS implied these proteins might not have detectable levels in the samples. The nicotinate and nicotinamide metabolism pathway had 12 predicted proteins catalyzing a single cluster of reactions, among which five were identified in this study. The linkage between nicotinamide and the metabolic intermediates derived from aspartate in the culture medium or from the alanine, aspartate, and glutamate metabolism or quinolinate from tryptophan metabolism suggested this might be a functional pathway.

Analyses of the thiamine, vitamin B6, biotin, and lipoic acid metabolisms, and pantothenate and CoA, folate, and ubiquinone and other terpenoid-quinone biosynthesis pathways in KEGG database indicated these pathways might be partially functional or absent in *H. marismortui*. The thiamine metabolism pathway had three of the nine predicted proteins identified in both growth phases and another two proteins, thiamine biosynthesis protein (ThiC) (59 peptide identifications) and putative transcriptional regulator (TenA-2) (9 peptides), were only identified in late-log phase. An examination of the predicted pathway suggested *H. marismortui* might be able to utilize, but not synthesize thiamine. Although 12 of the 15 proteins in the Pantothenate and CoA biosynthesis pathway were identified by MS/MS, the absence of the genes of at least three key enzymes, pantothenate synthetase (PanC), pantothenate kinase (CoaA), and dephospho-CoA kinase (CoaE), suggested the pathway is incomplete. The folate and the ubiquinone and other terpenoid-quinone biosynthesis networks had eight and nine, respectively, predicted proteins but both lacked sufficient connectivity for carrying out the functions. Both vitamin B6 and biotin metabolism pathways did not seem to have enough enzymes for synthesizing the vitamins.

Among the cofactors and vitamins metabolism pathways containing five or more connected reactions, several proteins in the one carbon pool by folate metabolism network might have a higher expression level in the late-log phase. Except for the thymidylate synthase (ThyX) and serine hydroxymethyltransferase (GlyA) catalyzing the bidirectional conversion of 5,6,7,8-tetrahydrofolate and 5,10-methylene tetrahydrofolate, all of the other proteins had a higher number of peptides identified in the late culture (Table 2). These included four proteins with at least 3-fold more peptides and another three proteins with peptides exclusively detected in late-log phase. Although the folate biosynthesis pathway did not seem to contain a highly linked cluster of reactions, all of the four proteins detected by MS/

MS showed higher spectral counts in late growth phase. These included the N(5)N(10)-methenyltetrahydromethanopterin cyclohydrolase (Mch) (>3 fold), and dihydropteroate synthase (FolP2) and F420-dependent N5N10-methylene-tetrahydromethanopterin reductase (Mer1) identified only in the late culture.

Carbohydrate Metabolism

Previous studies indicated *H. marismortui* could metabolize several carbohydrates including glucose, fructose, arabinose, xylulose, sucrose, and lactose [38-42] and synthesize glycoproteins [43-45]. Analyses of the carbohydrate metabolism pathways revealed eight pathways contained at least one cluster of five connected reactions (Table 2). The glycolysis/gluconeogenesis pathway consisted of 65 predicted proteins to catalyze a single cluster of 27 linked reactions in glycolysis, conversion of pyruvate to acetyl-CoA and ethanol, and most of the gluconeogenesis reactions. Although amino acids and citrate were the only organic compounds in the medium, 42 proteins in 21 linked reactions and 44 proteins in 23 linked reactions were identified in mid-log and late-log phases, respectively. *H. marismortui* might also have a semi-complete fructose and mannose metabolism pathway consisted of 22 predicted proteins (14 predicted reactions). The cluster containing eight connected reactions in the pathway might allow fructose metabolism to occur. The detections of 13 (catalyzed 10 of the 14 predicted reactions) and 12 (catalyzed 9 reactions) proteins raised the possibility of constitutive expression of this pathway.

Apparently the pentose phosphate pathway for production of 5-phospho-α-D-ribose 1-diphosphate (PRPP), an important substrate for nucleotide synthesis, lacked the critical enzyme dihydroxyacid dehydratase (IlvD) in the KEGG network. Upon the examination of the *H. marismortui* proteome, the annotated IlvD protein (*rrnAC0302*), which had 38% identity (92% sequence coverage) and 30% identity (79% coverage) with the *E. coli* IlvD and 6-phosphogluconate dehydratase (Edd), respectively, was likely the missed enzyme. Proteomics analysis identified 20 and 18 of the 24 predicted proteins in mid-log and late-log phases, respectively, suggesting the presence of this pathway.

The pyruvate metabolism pathway contained 44 predicted proteins that catalyzed a cluster of 19 linked reactions, among which 34 proteins catalyzing 17 linked reactions were identified in both growth phases. The citrate cycle had 24 and 23 of the 29 predicted proteins, which catalyzed a cluster of 15 linked reactions and an orphan reaction, identified in mid-log and late-log phase, respectively. The starch and sucrose metabolism pathway contained the key enzymes to metabolize sucrose to α-D-glucose and β-D-fructose which might be further degraded in the glycolysis/gluconeogenesis and/or the fructose and mannose metabolism pathways. Among these, the proteins α-glucosidase (AglA1) and sucrose-6-phosphate hydrolase (ScrB) for degrading sucrose to β-D-fructose and α-D-glucose were identified by MS/MS. On the other hand, the other carbohydrate metabolism pathways such as pentose and glucuronate interconversion, galactose metabolism, and ascorbate and aldarate metabolism, which had very few predicted proteins and very limited connected reactions, might not exist in *H. marismortui*.

Miscellaneous proteins

There were other proteins, which did not have well defined biomodule or network relationships as those discussed above but had similar annotations or functions, might also have expression changes in late-log phase. For instance, of the 33 predicted universal stress proteins (Usp), 10 of the 23 identified proteins had more than 3-fold difference in spectral counts between the two growth phases. These included four exclusively found in the late-log phase and five had approximately 3- to 5.5-fold higher and one had 5-fold lower spectral counts in late-log phase (Table 4).

System level changes among the 117 identified transporters (total 274 predicted) were also suggested by the spectral counts (Supplementary Table 13, Supporting Information). For instance, four phosphonates transporter proteins (total of seven predicted) encoded by the *phnD1, phnC2, phnE*, and *phnD2* gene cluster were all identified with a relatively lower number (3.4 to 7.3-fold decreases) of peptides in late-log phase. Of the nine phosphate transporter proteins, the phosphate import ATP-binding proteins (PstB1 and PstB2), phosphate ABC transporter permease proteins (PstA1 and PstC2), and phosphate ABC transporter binding protein (YqgG) were predominantly or exclusively found in late-log phase. Most of the dipeptide and oligopeptide transporter proteins, except for oligopeptide ABC transporter solute-binding protein (OppA) and oligopeptide ABC transporter ATPase component (OppD2), had relatively fewer peptides identified in late-log phase. These included the proteins encoded by the "dipeptide ABC transporter ATP-binding proteins (DppF and DppD) and dipeptide ABC transporter permease (DppB1)" and "oligopeptide ABC transporter permease protein (OppC), dipeptide ABC transporter permease (DppB), and dipeptide ABC transporter dipeptide-binding protein (DppA)" gene clusters. A total of 10 dipeptide transporters were identified with 18 to 551 peptides. Interestingly all of them had relatively fewer (0.71 to 0.96 folds) peptides identified in the late-log samples. A total of 24 amino acid transporter proteins were detected by MS/MS, among which 17 had slightly higher to 3-fold more peptides in late-log phase. Despite the absence of carbohydrate in the culture medium, 16 sugar transporter proteins were identified in either one or both growth phases (Supplementary Table 13, Supporting Information). Among these, the sugar ABC transporter ATP-binding protein (MsmX-3; 24 peptides), Sn-glycerol-3-phosphate transport system permease (UgpE; 23 peptides), ABC transporter permease protein (UgpA; 9 peptides), and putative ABC transporter substrate binding protein (RbsB-3; 9 peptides) were only detected in the late-log phase.

Validation of expression changes

The primary differential expressed candidate genes *arg2* (arginase), *rimK* (Ribosomal protein S6 modification protein), *fmdA* (formamidase), *gcvT1* (sacrosine dehydrogenase/ glycine cleavage T-protein), *acaB4* (3-ketoacyl-CoA thiolase) and *ech4* (enoyl-CoA hydratase), which had **(i)** more than 3-fold differences in spectral counts between the two growth phases or more than nine peptides exclusively identified in mid- or late-log phase and **(ii)** at least two connected neighbors in the pathway or were expressed from genes in an operon with the same trend of changes in spectral counts, were chosen for expression validation. The RT-PCR results indicated their mRNA profiles are comparable with the spectral counts (Figure 2A, B, and C). To validate the down regulation of lysine biosynthesis in late-log phase, the mRNA levels of the ribosomal protein S6 modification protein (RimK) and glutamate carboxypeptidase (GltCP), which showed a 3-fold decrease in spectral counts in late-log phase, were analyzed by RT-PCR. As shown in Figure 2D, E, and F, the mRNA expression levels of *rimK* and *gltCP* were reduced by approximately 4.5- and 4.8-fold, respectively, in late-log phase. Further RT-PCR examinations of their adjacent neighbors (i.e. the "extended candidates"), *rrnAC0132* (lysine-ketoglutarate reductase/saccharopine dehydrogenase) and *argC* (N-acetyl-γ-glutamyl-phosphate reductase), which only had minor decreases in spectral counts, also showed an mRNA decrease in late-log phase.

Discussion

H. marismortui grows well in the *Halobacterium* medium [25, 46] which provides the amino acids, peptides, citrate and salts for the syntheses of other simple or more complex molecules. With the completed genome sequence and recent advances in proteomic and bioinformatic technologies, it became possible to investigate at a systems level of how nucleotides, carbohydrates, lipids, amino acids, cofactors, vitamins, etc. are synthesized [9, 23].

Systems analyses indicated *H. marismortui* had a complex metabolic network to utilize amino acids. To shed light on the availabilities, interactions, and fluctuations of different amino acid metabolism pathways, the networks of amino acid metabolisms and TCA cycle were integratively analyzed with the proteomic data (Figure 3). Of the 244 predicted proteins in these pathways, 166 and 167 proteins were identified in the mid-log and late-log phase, respectively. The discovery of less than two protein identification differences in each pathway between the growth phases suggested very similar amino acid metabolic systems were present in both growth phases. The integrative analyses suggested ten of the amino acids might be converted to acetyl Co-A (alanine, glycine and serine), fumarate or oxaloacetate (arginine, aspartate, asparagine, and proline), or oxoglutarate (glutarate, glutamate, and histidine), and entered the TCA cycle for energy production or as the metabolic intermediates for synthesizing other metabolites. Despite the fact that similar proteins in amino acid metabolism pathways were found, the differences in spectral counts between the mid- and late-log phases suggested the expressions of at least some of the proteins might have changed. Among these, dramatic changes in spectral counts of three or more proteins were noticed in the "alanine, aspartate, and glutamate metabolism", "glycine, serine, and threonine metabolism", and "phenylalanine, tyrosine and tryptophan biosynthesis" pathways. Concurrent changes for a significant fraction of the proteins (some of the proteins < 3-fold) in histidine metabolism and lysine biosynthesis pathways were also noticed in our analyses (Table 2 and Figure 1). The down regulation of the lysine biosynthesis module is supported by lower transcript levels of the four genes *rimK, gltCP*, rrnAC0132 (*lys1*), and *argC* (Figure 2)

In addition to the proteins involved in metabolisms or cellular processes, a number of other proteins which might be important to *H. marismortui* were also suggested by the proteomic data. For instance, the cell surface glycoprotein (Csg1), a critical structural component for maintaining cell morphology, had the highest number of peptide (4,176) identifications (Supplementary Table 12, Supporting Information). Interestingly, the second to the ninth most identified proteins (754 to 2633 peptides), which had more than 98% of peptides detected from the membrane proteome, were also membrane proteins. These included in descending order of the number of detected peptides two hypothetical proteins RrnAC1803 and RrnAC3098, proteinase IV-like protein (Edp), H^+-ATP synthase subunit C (AtpC1), dipeptide ABC transporter ATP-binding (DppD), phosphate ABC transporter binding (YqgG), dipeptide ABC transporter dipeptide-binding (DppA), and an halocyanin-like protein (Hcp9). The top ten most identified protein list ended with the cytosolic proteins malate dehydrogenase (Mdh) of the TCA cycle that had a total of 483 peptides identified from the soluble proteomes and 3 peptides from membrane proteomes. Although the two highly detected hypothetical proteins RrnAC1803 and RrnAC3098 did not have a known function, the fact that they both contained one *TMHMM* predicted transmembrane domain (23 aa) near their N-termini suggested they might play an important role in the cell surface.

An important candidate that might have orchestrated the expression changes of metabolic proteins was the transcription regulator TrmB. Previous studies had shown TrmB regulated diverse, but functionally linked metabolic pathways in *Halobacterium salinarum* strain NRC-1 [47]. *H. marismortui* had four TrmB homologues (encoded by *rrnAC0914, rrnAC2354, rrnAC0924*, and *rrnAC0172*) with sequence identities between 28 and 57% with the TrmB in NRC-1. Among these, only the regulators encoded by *rrnAC0914* (TrmB1) and *rrnAC2354* were identified in both growth phases. Since less than three peptides were identified in each sample, we cannot say for sure whether the TrmB-1, which had the highest homology with the NRC-1 homologue, or RrnAC2354 had expression change in response to the stimulations in late-log phase. Nonetheless, we could correlate the expression changes of some other regulators with their putative target proteins. For instance, the expressions of the phosphate regulatory protein-like Prp1 (mid-log:late-log peptides = 7:26) and the phosphate

ABC transporter proteins PstA1 (14:39), PstB2 (0:37), PstC2 (1:11), and YqgG (79:729) encoded by adjacent genes might have increased to raise phosphate uptake in late-log phase. The increase of the transcription activator TenA (3:21) might be related to the higher peptide detection rates of the other proteins including cysteine desulfurase (Csd1), thiamine biosynthesis protein (ThiC), and putative transcriptional regulator (TenA-2) in thiamine metabolism pathway.

Conclusion

We had performed integrative network analyses on the genomic and proteomic data to shed light on *H. marismortui* metabolic capacities and systems fluctuations between the mid-log and late-log phases. By examining the connectivity of metabolic reactions and the proteins in cellular processes (Table 2), we could predict whether the available systems were likely present in a functional or standby mode. Spectral count analyses of the identified proteins (Table 2, Figure 3, and Supplementary Table 10, Supporting Information) suggested some of the biomodules might have system or subsystem level changes in response to the metabolic and other stresses in the late-log phase. Based on the presence of concurrent increases or decreases in spectral counts among the proteins in connected reactions or among proteins encoded by the same operon, the expression profiles of several differential candidates were validated by RT-PCR. Once the expression changes of the proteins with dramatic changes were validated, the mRNA levels of their juxtaposed proteins in metabolic networks, or those encoded by the same operon, were also found to be in agreement with the spectral count estimations. Thus the identification of expression changes of at least some of the proteins, disregarding the magnitude of fluctuations, could be facilitated by integrative network analyses. Despite the fact that how these genes were regulated in *H. marismortui* have yet to be elucidated, a list of possibly regulated genes or systems, which may be useful for understanding how this organism manage metabolic stresses and other environmental perturbations, has been obtained in this study.

Supplementary Material

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Synposis

The evaluations of *in vivo* available biomodules and systems level fluctuations upon perturbation could be facilitated by the analyses of proteomics data in protein-interaction networks. Despite only a portion of the proteome was identified and the protein expression changes were not always dramatic, the trends of up- or down-regulation of a number of biomodules in mid- and late-log phase cultures were revealed after overlaid the expression information in protein networks.
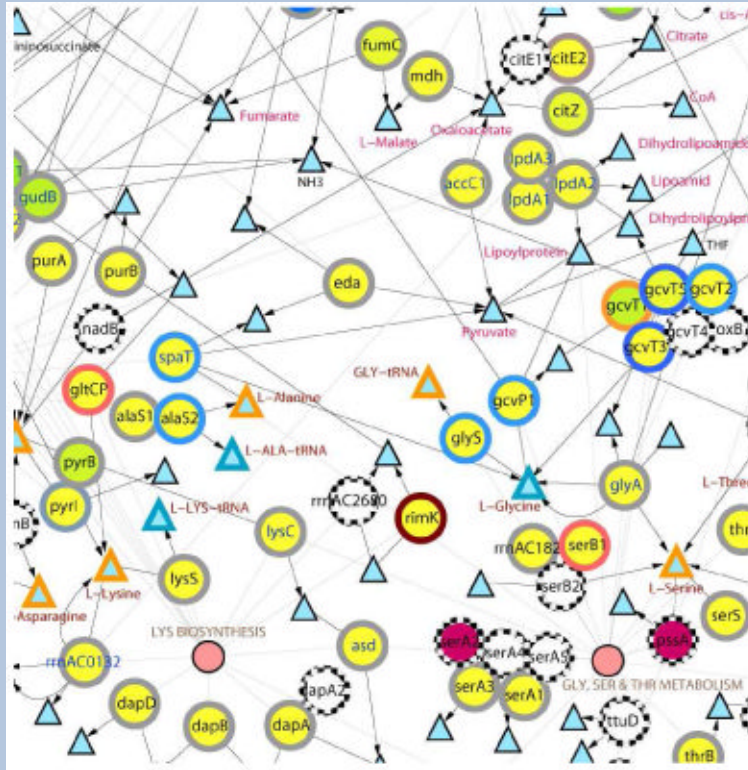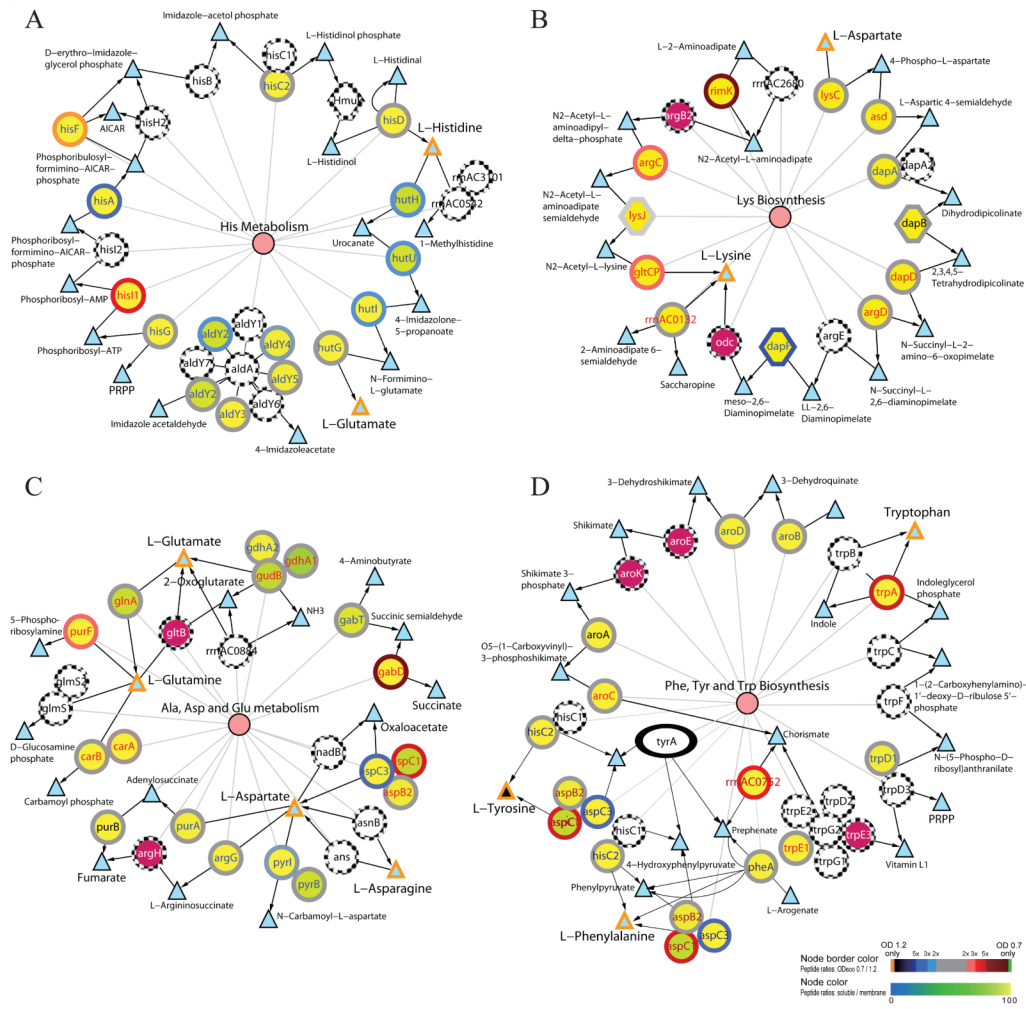
Figure 1. Comparative protein-metabolite networks analysis of the proteins identified in the mid-log and late-log phases for histidine metabolism (A), lysine biosynthesis (B), alanine, aspartate, glutamate metabolism (C), and phenylanaline, tyrosine, and tryptophan metabolism (D)

Circles and triangles indicate the enzymes and metabolites, respectively. Color scales shown on the bottom right corner indicate the $\log_2$ ratio of the number of peptides identified in OD_{600} 0.7 and 1.2 (perimeters of the circles; top color scale) and the percentage of peptides identified in the soluble fraction (color of the circles; bottom color scale). Triangles with orange and black colored perimeters depict the amino acids and the other metabolic intermediates, respectively. Purple circles with dotted perimeter denote proteins with single unique peptide identification. Pink circles indicate the metabolic pathways and they are linked to the participating enzymes with thin lines. Single and double headed arrows indicate unidirectional and reversible, respectively, reactions. White circles with dotted circumference indicate those proteins not detected by MS/MS. The expression of *tyrA* (ellipse in D), which had no peptide identification in mid- and late-log phases, was confirmed by RT-PCR (data not shown). Gene names in red and blue colors indicate relatively more peptides were observed in mid-log and late-log, respectively.
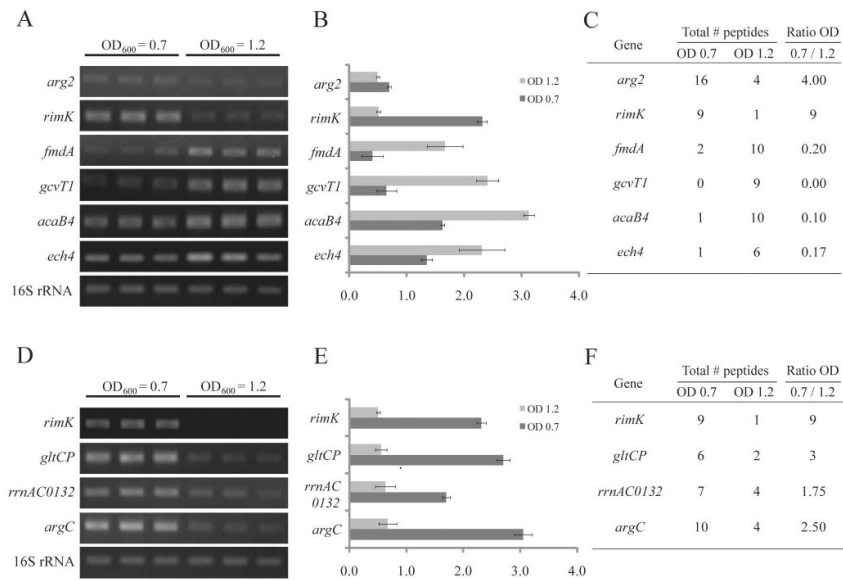
Figure 2. Validation of the differential expressed protein candidates predicted by spectral count
RT-PCR results of six "primary candidate" genes that had 3-folds or more changes in peptide ratio (**A**) and the primary candidate *rimK* and its "extended candidates" in lysine biosynthesis pathway that had the same trend of changes in spectral counts (**D**). The 16S rRNA is served as the internal control. Expression level in (**A**) and (**D**) normalized against the 16S rRNA signals are shown in (**B**) and (**E**), respectively. The spectral counts of the tested genes are shown in (**C**) and (**F**).
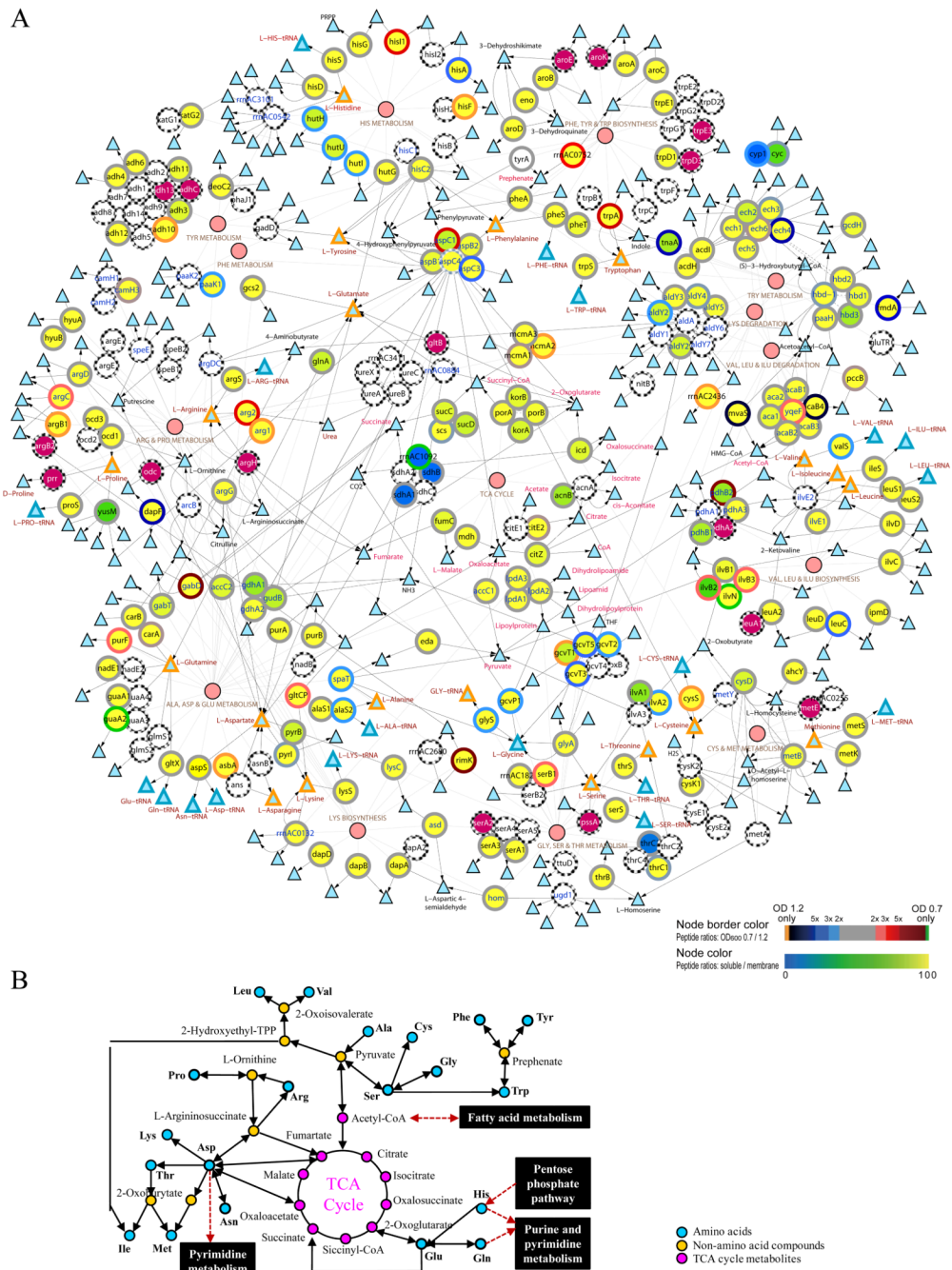
Figure 3. Integrative view of amino acid metabolisms and TCA cycle
Complete network: Large *circles* represent the enzymes and small circles denote the
pathways (**A**). Triangles with orange, blue, black colored perimeters indicate the amino
acids, aminoacyl-tRNA, and metabolic intermediates, respectively. Color scales shown on
the bottom right corner indicate the log$_2$ ratio of the number of peptides identified in OD$_{600}$
0.7 and 1.2 (perimeters of the circles; top color scale) and the percentage of peptides
identified in the soluble fraction (color of the circles; bottom color scale). Large purple
circles represent proteins with single unique peptide identification. The *arrows* represent the
direction of enzymatic reactions (double arrows denote reversible reactions) and *thin lines*
link the enzymes to their corresponding pathways. The metabolic pathways information was

derived from the KEGG database and the network was displayed using the *Cytoscape* software. A simplified network of amino acid metabolisms and TCA cycle is shown in **(B)**.

Table 1

Summary of *H. marismortui* peptides identified by MS/MS.

Samples	Membrane		Soluble	
OD$_{600}$	0.7	1.2	0.7	1.2
Total # matches [a]	16,758	15,836	13,334	14,134
Total # *Hma* matches [a]	16,746	15,826	13,317	14,109
# decoy matches [a]	12	10	17	25
FDR [b]	0.07%	0.06%	0.13%	0.18%
# proteins identified	596	626	842	862
	692		913	
	1,310			

[a]Only the peptide and decoy hits with a *PeptideProphet* probability above 0.9 were counted

[b]FDR = # decoy matches/(total # *Hma* matches) × 100%

Table 2

Summary of the numbers of proteins, reactions, and connected reactions in KEGG metabolic pathways predicted from the genome sequence and MS/MS identified proteins (Pathways with many predicted proteins but low connectivity are shaded).

Metabolism	Metabolic pathway/cellular process	Genomics Prediction			All proteomic data			OD 0.7			OD 1.2			OD 0.7 versus OD 1.2 [b]			
		# predicted proteins	# Reactions	# Connected reactions [a]	#MS identified proteins (# single hit proteins)	% identified proteins	# Connected reactions with identified proteins [a]	#MS identified proteins (# single hit proteins)	% identified proteins	# Connected reactions with identified proteins [a]	#MS identified proteins (# single hit proteins)	% identified proteins	# Connected reactions with identified proteins [a]	# proteins in OD 0.7 only	# proteins with ≥ 3X Peptides identified in OD 0.7	# proteins with ≥ 3X Peptides identified in OD 1.2	# proteins in OD 1.2 only
Carbohydrates	Glycolysis/Gluconeogenesis *	65	27	27	44(6)	67.7	23	42(5)	64.6	21	44(6)	67.7	23	0	2	0	1
	Citrate cycle (TCA cycle) *	29	17	16,1	24(1)	82.8	15,1	24(1)	82.8	15,1	23(1)	79.3	15,1	1	1	0	0
	Pentose phosphate pathway *	24	17	8,9	20(4)	83.3	8,6,2	20(4)	83.3	8,6,2	18(3)	75.0	7,6,1	1	0	1	0
	Fructose and mannose metabolism *	22	14	8,4,1,1	13(2)	59.1	6,4	13(2)	59.1	6,4	12(1)	54.5	5,4	0	0	0	0
	Starch and sucrose metabolism *	19	18	4,3,3,3,2,1,1,1	12(4)	63.2	3,3,3,1,1	10(3)	52.6	2,2,1,1,1	12(4)	63.2	3,3,3,1,1	0	0	1	1
	Amino sugar and nucleotide sugar metabolism *	18	15	7,4,2,2	13(3)	72.2	6,2,2,2	9(0)	50.0	2,2,2,2,1	13(3)	72.2	2,4,2,2,2	0	0	0	0
	Pyruvate metabolism *	44	19	19	34(1)	77.3	18	34(1)	77.3	17	34(1)	77.3	17	0	3	1	0
	Glyoxylate and dicarboxylate metabolism	15	11	9,1,1	10(0)	66.7	9,1	8(0)	53.3	4,4,1	10(0)	66.7	6,4	0	0	2	2
	Propanoate metabolism	38	11	7,2,1,1	32(0)	84.2	7,2,1,1	31(0)	81.6	5,2,1,1	32(0)	84.2	5,2,1,1	0	2	1	1
	Butanoate metabolism	46	14	4,3,2,1,1,1,1,1	36(1)	78.3	4,3,2,1,1	36(1)	78.3	4,3,2,1,1	34(1)	73.9	4,3,2,1	2	4	2	0
Energy	Nitrogen metabolism *	30	15	12,2,2,1	14(1)	46.7	9,1	13(1)	43.3	9,1	13(0)	43.3	8,1	0	0	5	1

Metabolism	Metabolic pathway/ cellular process	Genomics Prediction			All proteomic data			OD 0.7			OD 1.2			OD 0.7 versus OD 1.2 [b]			
		# predicted proteins	# Reactions	# Connected reactions [a]	#MS identified proteins (# single hit proteins)	% identified proteins	# Connected reactions with identified proteins [a]	#MS identified proteins (# single hit proteins)	% identified proteins	# Connected reactions with identified proteins [a]	#MS identified proteins (# single hit proteins)	% identified proteins	Connected reactions with identified proteins [a]	# proteins in OD 0.7 only	# proteins with ≥ 3X Peptides identified in OD 0.7	# proteins with ≥ 3X Peptides identified in OD 1.2	# proteins in OD 1.2 only
Lipids	Fatty acid metabolism *	48	27	4,4,3,3(×5),1	36(1)	75.0	4,4,3,3(×5),1	35(1)	72.9	4,4,3,3(×5),1	36(1)	75.0	4,4,3,3(5),1	0	2	3	1
	Glycerolipid metabolism	12	4	4	7(1)	58.3	2,1	6(0)	50.0	1,1	7(1)	58.3	2,1	0	0	1	0
Nucleotides	Purine metabolism *	64	54	49,1,1,1,1,1,1	43(2)	67.2	32,5,1,1,1	42(1)	65.6	32,5,1,1,1	39(1)	60.9	30,5,1,1,1	3	4	1	0
	Pyrimidine metabolism *	51	45	40,1,1,1,1,1	38(4)	74.5	39,1,1	37(2)	72.5	39	38(4)	74.5	39,1,1	1	3	2	0
Amino Acids	Alanine, aspartate and glutamate metabolism *	25	17	17	19(2)	76.0	13	19(2)	76.0	13	17(0)	68.0	11	0	3	1	0
	Glycine, serine and threonine metabolism *	35	17	6,9,1,1	24(1)	68.6	9,6,1	23(1)	65.7	9,6,1	23(0)	65.7	8,6,1	0	2	4	1
	Cysteine and methionine metabolism *	19	19	12,4,1,1,1	13(2)	68.4	8,3,4,1,1	13(2)	68.4	8,3,4,1,1	11(0)	57.9	6,3,2,1,1,1	0	1	1	0
	Valine, leucine and isoleucine degradation *	40	24	4(×3),2(×3),2,2,2	34(0)	85.0	4(×3),4,2(×3),2	33(0)	82.5	4(×3),4,2(×3),2	34(0)	85.0	4(3),4,2(3),2	0	1	3	1
	Valine, leucine and isoleucine biosynthesis *	25	24	24	22(2)	88.0	24	22(2)	88.0	24	20(1)	80.0	23	1	1	2	0
	Lysine biosynthesis *	16	15	8,4,3	13(2)	81.3	7,4,3	12(1)	75.0	7,3,3	13(2)	81.3	7,4,3	0	2	0	0
	Lysine degradation	27	6	2,2,1,1	23(0)	85.2	2,2,1,1	23(0)	85.2	2,2,1,1	23(0)	85.2	2,2,1,1	0	1	1	0
	Arginine and proline metabolism *	44	24	15,3,2,1,1,1,1	28(4)	63.6	7,3,3,2,1,1,1,1	26(3)	59.1	6,3,3,2,1,1,1,1	26(2)	59.1	4,3,3,3,1,1,1,1	0	2	2	1
	Histidine metabolism *	25	15	7,7,1	15(0)	60.0	6,2,2,1,1	14(0)	56.0	6,2,1,1,1	15(0)	60.0	6,2,2,1,1	0	1	1	1

Metabolism	Metabolic pathway/ cellular process	Genomics Prediction			All proteomic data			OD 0.7			OD 1.2			OD 0.7 versus OD 1.2[b]			
		# predicted proteins	# Reactions	# Connected reactions[a]	#MS identified proteins (# single hit proteins)	% identified proteins	# Connected reactions with identified proteins[a]	#MS identified proteins (# single hit proteins)	% identified proteins	# Connected reactions with identified proteins[a]	#MS identified proteins (# single hit proteins)	% identified proteins	# Connected reactions with identified proteins[a]	# proteins in OD 0.7 only	# proteins with ≥ 3X Peptides identified in OD 0.7	# proteins with ≥ 3X Peptides identified in OD 1.2	# proteins in OD 1.2 only
Metabolism	Tyrosine metabolism	24	6	2,1,1,1,1	12(1)	50.0	1,1,1	11(1)	45.8	1,1,1	12(1)	50.0	1,1,1	0	2	1	1
	Tryptophan metabolism	33	10	2,2,2,1,1,1,1	27(0)	81.8	2,2,1,1,1,1	27(0)	81.8	2,2,1,1,1,1	27(0)	81.8	2,2,1,1,1,1	0	1	3	0
	Phenylalanine, tyrosine and tryptophan biosynthesis *	26	19	19	15(2)	57.7	12,2,1	15(2)	57.7	12,2,1	15(2)	57.7	12,2,1	0	3	1	0
	Beta-Alanine metabolism *	22	7	3,2,1,1	16(1)	72.7	3,2	15(0)	68.2	3,2	16(1)	72.7	3,2	0	0	1	0
Other Amino Acids	Selenoamino acid metabolism *	10	8	4,4	6(0)	60.0	3,3	6(0)	60.0	3,3	6(0)	60.0	3,3	0	0	0	0
	Ubiquinone and other terpenoid-quinone biosynthesis	8	10	4,2,2,1,1	3(1)	37.5	4,1,1	3(1)	37.5	4,1,1	3(1)	37.5	4,1,1	0	0	0	0
Cofactors and Vitamins	One carbon pool by folate *	17	15	15	13(1)	76.5	12	10(1)	58.8	11	12(0)	70.6	11	0	0	4	3
	Thiamine metabolism *	9	8	6,2	5(0)	55.6	4,1	3(0)	33.3	3,1	5(0)	55.6	4,1	0	1	1	2
	Riboflavin metabolism *	5	5	4,1	3(1)	60.0	2,1	3(1)	60.0	2,1	3(1)	60.0	2,1	0	0	1	0
	Pantothenate and CoA biosynthesis	15	11	6,3,1,1	12(3)	80.0	5,3,1	10(1)	66.7	5,1	10(2)	66.7	5,3,1	1	0	0	0
	Folate biosynthesis	9	12	5,3,2,1,1	3(1)	33.3	2,1,1	2(0)	22.2	1,1	3(1)	33.3	1,1,1	0	0	1	0
	Nicotinate and nicotinamide metabolism *	12	11	11	5(1)	41.7	7	4(0)	33.3	2,2,1	5(1)	41.7	4,1	0	1	0	0
	Porphyrin and chlorophyll	25	32	15,7,6,2,1,1	20(4)	80.0	8,7,4,4,2,1	18(2)	72.0	8,7,3,2,1,1,1,1	17(3)	68.0	7,4,3,1,1,1,1	2	0	0	0

Metabolism / Metabolic pathway/ cellular process	Genomics Prediction			All proteomic data			OD 0.7			OD 1.2			OD 0.7 versus OD 1.2 [b]			
	# predicted proteins	# Reactions	# Connected reactions [a]	#MS identified proteins (# single hit proteins)	% identified proteins	# Connected reactions with identified proteins [a]	#MS identified proteins (# single hit proteins)	% identified proteins	# Connected reactions with identified proteins [a]	#MS identified proteins (# single hit proteins)	% identified proteins	# Connected reactions with identified proteins [a]	# proteins in OD 0.7 only	# proteins with ≥ 3X Peptides identified in OD 0.7	# proteins with ≥ 3X Peptides identified in OD 1.2	# proteins in OD 1.2 only
metabolism *																
Biosynthesis of Polyketides and Terpenoids																
Terpenoid backbone biosynthesis *	14	11	4,3,3,1	11(0)	78.6	4,2,1	11(0)	78.6	4,2,1	11(0)	78.6	4,2,1	0	1	1	0
Carotenoid biosynthesis	2	5	5	2(0)	100.0	5	2(0)	100.0	5	2(0)	100.0	5	0	0	0	0

[a] Number of reactions within each "cluster of linked reaction(s)" separated by commas. Number in parenthesis indicates the number reaction cluster catabolized by the same enzyme(s).

[b] The numbers included only the proteins with at least 2 unique peptide identifications.

* Indicate the biomodules seemed to contain sufficient number of connected reactions (predicted proteins) to drive the functions.

Table 3

Comparison of the number of peptides of the major genetic information processing proteins identified in OD_{600} 0.7 and 1.2.

Locus name	Gene name	Protein description	Total # peptides		OD 0.7/1.2
			OD 0.7	OD 1.2	
		RNA polymerase			
rrnAC0067	rpoN	DNA-directed RNA polymerase subunit N	2	0	∞
rrnAC2829	rpoE	DNA-directed RNA polymerase subunit E′	22	7	3.1
rrnAC2432	rpoH	DNA-directed RNA polymerase subunit H	9	3	3.0
rrnAC2428	rpoA	DNA-directed RNA polymerase	70	41	1.7
rrnAC2430	rpoB	DNA-directed RNA polymerase subunit B	54	34	1.6
rrnAC2830	rpoE	DNA-directed RNA polymerase subunit E	3	2	1.5
rrnAC2429	rpoB	DNA-directed RNA polymerase β subunit	56	40	1.4
rrnAC2427	rpoC	RNA polymerase Rpb1 domain 5	22	16	1.4
rrnAC0259	rpb4	RNA polymerase Rpb4	20	17	1.2
rrnAC1396	rpoL	DNA-directed RNA polymerase subunit L	4	4	1.0
rrnAC0062	rpoD	DNA-directed RNA polymerase subunit D	4	7	0.6
		DNA replication proteins			
rrnAC0455	gyrA	DNA gyrase subunit A	13	4	3.2
rrnAC2691	polC	DNA polymerase II large subunit	3	1	3.0
rrnAC1645	topA	DNA topoisomerase I	4	2	2.0
rrnAC2565	rfcS	Replication factor C small subunit	12	7	1.7
rrnAC0457	top6B	Type II DNA topoisomerase VI subunit B	37	24	1.5
rrnAC0456	gyrB	DNA gyrase subunit B	7	5	1.4
rrnAC2487	rfcC2	Replication factor C small subunit	5	4	1.3
rrnAC1831	polB1	DNA polymerase B elongation subunit	1	2	0.5
rrnAC0459	top6A	Type II DNA topoisomerase VI subunit A	2	5	0.4
		DNA repair and recombination proteins			
rrnAC2996	uvrB	UvrABC system protein B	2	0	∞

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Locus name	Gene name	Protein description	Total # peptides		OD 0.7/1.2
			OD 0.7	OD 1.2	
rrnB0041	xseA2	Probable exodeoxyribonuclease VII large subunit	3	0	∞
rrnAC0455	gyrA	DNA gyrase subunit A	13	4	3.3
rrnAC2267	uvrD	Repair helicase	27	9	3.0
rrnAC0832	phrB1	Deoxyribodipyrimidine photolyase	2	1	2.0
rrnAC2159	dcd3	Probable deoxyuridine 5′-triphosphate nucleotidohydrolase	2	1	2.0
rrnAC2532	mutS1	DNA mismatch repair protein mutS 1	2	1	2.0
rrnAC1840	smc1	Structural maintenance of chromosomes	2	1	2.0
rrnAC2847	hjr	Holliday junction resolvase	4	2	2.0
rrnAC1645	topA	DNA topoisomerase I	4	2	2.0
rrnAC2116	uvrA	Excinuclease ABC subunit A	14	8	1.8
rrnAC2744	rrnAC2744	Hypothetical protein	5	3	1.7
pNG2007	pNG2007	Hypothetical protein	18	11	1.6
rrnAC2015	nfo	Probable endonuclease 4	3	2	1.5
rrnAC0456	gyrB	DNA gyrase subunit B	7	5	1.4
rrnAC1622	nrdA	Ribonucleoside-diphosphate reductase α chain	108	91	1.2
rrnAC0669	polX	DNA polymerase IV	9	8	1.1
pNG7116	nhC	Endonuclease III	4	4	1.0
rrnAC2910	radA	DNA repair and recombination protein RadA	25	27	0.9
rrnAC2851	pcn	DNA polymerase sliding clamp	24	33	0.7
rrnAC1133	rpaA	Replication protein A	12	17	0.7
rrnAC2550	mutL	DNA mismatch repair protein mutL	2	3	0.7
rrnAC0265	apl	AP-endonuclease/AP-lyase	4	7	0.6
pNG6094	xseA1	Probable exodeoxyribonuclease VII large subunit	0	2	0
Basal transcription factors					
rrnAC0016	tfbA	Transcription initiation factor IIB	4	0	∞
rrnAC0861	tfeA	Transcription initiation factor IIE α subunit	9	3	3.0
rrnAC0681	tbpE	TATA-box binding protein E	22	12	1.8
Ribosome					

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Locus name	Gene name	Protein description	Total # peptides		OD 0.7/1.2
			OD 0.7	OD 1.2	
rrnAC1596	rpl6p	50S ribosomal protein L6P	5	0	∞
rrnAC1418	rpl12p	50S ribosomal protein L12P	3	0	∞
rrnAC1607	rps19p	30S ribosomal protein S19P	12	2	6.0
rrnAC1604	rpl29p	50S ribosomal protein L29P	5	1	5.0
rrnAC0059	rps4p	30S ribosomal protein S4P	27	7	3.9
rrnAC0061	rps11p	30S ribosomal protein S11P	23	6	3.8
rrnAC1598	rpl5p	50S ribosomal protein L5P	13	4	3.3
rrnAC0058	rps13p	30S ribosomal protein S13P	21	8	2.6
rrnAC2488	rps24e	30S ribosomal protein S24e	16	6	2.7
rrnAC1605	rps3p	30S ribosomal protein S3P	53	21	2.5
rrnAC1417	rplP0	50S ribosomal protein L10E	17	8	2.1
rrnAC1429	rps3Ae	30S ribosomal protein S3Ae	80	39	2.1
rrnAC1600	rps4e	30S ribosomal protein S4E	34	17	2.0
rrnAC2212	rps6e	30S ribosomal protein S6e	14	7	2.0
rrnAC1610	rpl4p	50S ribosomal protein L4P	2	1	2.0
rrnAC2357	rpl10e	50S ribosomal protein L10e	14	7	2.0
rrnAC1592	rps5p	30S ribosomal protein S5P	63	35	1.8
rrnAC1611	rpl3p	50S ribosomal protein L3P	91	57	1.6
rrnAC0064	rpl18e	50S ribosomal protein L18e	41	26	1.6
rrnAC1595	rpl32e	50S ribosomal protein L32e	8	5	1.6
rrnAC1426	rps15p	30S ribosomal protein S15P/S13e	18	12	1.5
rrnAC3179	rps19e	30S ribosomal protein S19e	22	15	1.5
rrnAC0070	rps2p	30S ribosomal protein S2P	26	18	1.4
rrnAC2065	rpl15e	50S ribosomal protein L15e	16	11	1.5
rrnAC1608	rpl2p	50S ribosomal protein L2P	24	17	1.4
rrnAC3112	rpl39e	50S ribosomal protein L39e	7	5	1.4
rrnAC1511	rps8e	30S ribosomal protein S8e	12	9	1.3
rrnAC1591	rpl30p	50S ribosomal protein L30P	9	7	1.3
rrnAC1603	rps17p	30S ribosomal protein S17P	10	8	1.3
rrnAC0260	rpl21e	50S ribosomal protein L21e	5	4	1.3

Locus name	Gene name	Protein description	Total # peptides		OD 0.7/1.2
			OD 0.7	OD 1.2	
rrnAC0055	rps17e	30S ribosomal protein S17e	6	5	1.2
rrnAC1606	rpl22p	50S ribosomal protein L22P	12	10	1.2
rrnAC0065	rpl13p	50S ribosomal protein L13P	30	27	1.1
rrnAC1597	rps8p	30S ribosomal protein S8P	7	7	1.0
rrnAC2424	rps12p	30S ribosomal protein S12P	15	15	1.0
rrnAC0103	rpl7ae	50S ribosomal protein L7Ae	16	16	1.0
rrnAC2423	rps7p	30S ribosomal protein S7P	35	40	0.9
rrnAC1602	rpl14p	50S ribosomal protein L14P	21	29	0.7
rrnAC3113	rpl31e	50S ribosomal protein L31e	4	6	0.7
rrnAC1415	rpl1p5	50S ribosomal protein L1P	1	2	0.5
rrnAC1594	rpl19e	50S ribosomal protein L19e	2	5	0.4
rrnAC1590	rpl15p	50S ribosomal protein L15P	10	28	0.4
rrnAC2405	rps10p	30S ribosomal protein S10P	1	3	0.3
rrnAC3513	rps27E	30S ribosomal protein S27e	1	3	0.3

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Ratios of proteins with lower spectral counts in OD600 1.2 are shaded.

Table 4

Summary of the 23 universal stress proteins identified by MS/MS.

Locus name	Gene name	Protein description	Total # peptides		OD 0.7/1.2
			OD 0.7	OD 1.2	
pNG7373	*usp25*	**Universal stress protein**	**0**	**10**	**0.00**
pNG7142	*usp31*	**Universal stress protein**	**0**	**8**	**0.00**
rrnAC2359	*usp16*	Universal stress protein	0	2	0.00
rrnB0291	*usp27*	Universal stress protein	0	2	0.00
rrnAC3171	*usp19*	**Universal stress protein**	**2**	**11**	**0.18**
rrnAC3225	*usp22*	**Universal stress protein**	**3**	**12**	**0.25**
rrnAC2000	*usp9*	**Universal stress protein family**	**3**	**11**	**0.27**
rrnAC3395	*usp24*	**Universal stress protein family**	**10**	**30**	**0.33**
rrnAC3508	*usp7*	**Universal stress protein**	**1**	**3**	**0.33**
rrnAC0716	*usp6*	Universal stress protein	3	8	0.38
rrnAC0758	*usp17*	Universal stress protein	7	12	0.58
rrnAC2809	*usp21*	Universal stress protein	3	5	0.60
rrnAC0738	*usp29*	Universal stress protein	5	8	0.63
rrnAC3125	*usp33*	Universal stress protein	31	45	0.69
rrnAC3460	*usp26*	Universal stress protein	16	23	0.70
rrnAC0402	*usp15*	Universal stress protein	8	9	0.89
pNG5052	*usp8*	Universal stress protein	12	13	0.92
pNG7139	*usp13*	Universal stress protein	8	7	1.14
rrnAC1404	*usp28*	Universal stress protein	37	31	1.19
rrnAC2223	*usp2*	Universal stress protein family	6	5	1.20
pNG7083	*usp23*	Putative universal stress protein family	4	3	1.33
rrnAC2220	*usp5*	Universal stress protein	9	6	1.50
rrnB0192	*usp1*	**Universal stress protein 1**	**10**	**2**	**5.00**

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Ratios of proteins with higher spectral counts in OD600 1.2 are shaded and rows with more than 3-fold difference are bolded.