

Genetic Networks Inducing Invasive Growth in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* Identified Through Systematic Genome-Wide Overexpression

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ABSTRACT The budding yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* can respond to nutritional and environmental stress by implementing a morphogenetic program wherein cells elongate and interconnect, forming pseudohyphal filaments. This growth transition has been studied extensively as a model signaling system with similarity to processes of hyphal development that are linked with virulence in related fungal pathogens. Classic studies have identified core pseudohyphal growth signaling modules in yeast; however, the scope of regulatory networks that control yeast filamentation is broad and incompletely defined. Here, we address the genetic basis of yeast pseudohyphal growth by implementing a systematic analysis of 4909 genes for overexpression phenotypes in a filamentous strain of *S. cerevisiae*. Our results identify 551 genes conferring exaggerated invasive growth upon overexpression under normal vegetative growth conditions. This cohort includes 79 genes lacking previous phenotypic characterization. Pathway enrichment analysis of the gene set identifies networks mediating mitogen-activated protein kinase (MAPK) signaling and cell cycle progression. In particular, overexpression screening suggests that nuclear export of the osmoreponsive MAPK Hog1p may enhance pseudohyphal growth. The function of nuclear Hog1p is unclear from previous studies, but our analysis using a nuclear-depleted form of Hog1p is consistent with a role for nuclear Hog1p in repressing pseudohyphal growth. Through epistasis and deletion studies, we also identified genetic relationships with the G2 cyclin Clb2p and phenotypes in filamentation induced by S-phase arrest. In sum, this work presents a unique and informative resource toward understanding the breadth of genes and pathways that collectively constitute the molecular basis of filamentation.

THE budding yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* is dimorphic, exhibiting both a unicellular growth form and a multicellular filamentous state generated presumably as a foraging mechanism under conditions of nutritional stress (Gimeno *et al.* 1992; Liu *et al.* 1993; Roberts and Fink 1994; Cook *et al.* 1996). In *S. cerevisiae*, nitrogen stress (Gimeno *et al.* 1992), growth in the presence of short-chain alcohols (Dickinson 1996; Lorenz *et al.* 2000a), and glucose stress (Cullen and Sprague 2000) can induce the transition to a filamentous form characterized morphologically as follows. Yeast cells undergoing filamentous growth are elongated in shape, due

to delayed G2/M progression and prolonged apical growth (Gimeno *et al.* 1992; Kron *et al.* 1994; Ahn *et al.* 1999; Miled *et al.* 2001). Some reports indicate that these cells bud in a preferentially unipolar fashion (Gimeno *et al.* 1992; Kron *et al.* 1994), and, most distinctively during filamentous growth, daughter cells bud from mother cells but remain physically connected after septum formation (Gimeno *et al.* 1992). As a result, the interconnected cells form filaments that are termed pseudohyphae since they superficially resemble hyphae but lack the structure of a true hyphal tube with parallel-sided walls (Berman and Sudbery 2002). Depending on the induction condition and strain ploidy, pseudohyphal filaments can spread outward from a yeast colony over an agar surface and can also invade the agar (Gancedo 2001). This pseudohyphal growth response is not unique to *S. cerevisiae*; the related pathogenic fungus *Candida albicans* also exhibits pseudohyphal and hyphal morphologies, and the ability to switch between yeast, pseudohyphal,

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and hyphal growth forms is generally considered to be necessary for virulence in *C. albicans* (Braun and Johnson 1997; Lo *et al.* 1997; Jayatilake *et al.* 2006).

Pseudohyphal growth in *S. cerevisiae* is mediated by at least three well-studied signaling pathways encompassing the mitogen-activated protein kinase (MAPK) *Kss1p*, the AMP-activated kinase family member *Snf1p*, and cyclic AMP-dependent protein kinase A (PKA). The filamentous growth MAPK cascade consists of *Ste11p*, *Ste7p*, and *Kss1p* (Liu *et al.* 1993; Roberts and Fink 1994; Cook *et al.* 1997; Madhani *et al.* 1997). *Ste11p* is a substrate of *Ste20p*, and *Ste20p* is itself regulated by the small rho-like GTPase *Cdc42p* and the GTP-binding protein *Ras2p* (Mosch *et al.* 1996; Peter *et al.* 1996; Leberer *et al.* 1997). In yeast, PKA consists of the regulatory subunit *Bcy1p* and one of three catalytic subunits *Tpk1p*, *Tpk2p*, or *Tpk3p*; *Tpk2p* is required for pseudohyphal growth (Robertson and Fink 1998; Pan and Heitman 1999). The adenylate cyclase *Cyr1p* is regulated by *Ras2p* (Minato *et al.* 1994); thus, *Ras2p* acts upstream of both the filamentous growth MAPK and PKA pathways. The serine/threonine kinase *Snf1p* regulates transcriptional changes associated with glucose derepression, mediates several stress responses, and is required for pseudohyphal growth (Cullen and Sprague 2000; Vyas *et al.* 2003). *Snf1p*, *Kss1p*, and *Tpk2p* regulate the activity of *FLO11/MUC1*, which encodes a GPI-anchored cell surface flocculin, which is a key downstream effector of pseudohyphal growth (Lo and Dranginis 1998; Rupp *et al.* 1999; Guo *et al.* 2000; Kuchin *et al.* 2002; Pan and Heitman 2002; Karunanithi *et al.* 2010).

The genetic basis of the yeast pseudohyphal growth response extends well beyond the core signaling modules outlined above (Li and Mitchell 1997; Mosch and Fink 1997; Madhani *et al.* 1999; Ma *et al.* 2007a,b; Granek and Magwene 2010; Xu *et al.* 2010). By transposon-mediated gene disruption of 3627 genes, we have previously identified 309 genes required for pseudohyphal growth in a haploid strain under conditions of butanol induction (Jin *et al.* 2008). The Boone laboratory has generated genome-wide collections of single gene deletion strains in a filamentous genetic background and has identified 700 genes required for the formation of surface-spread filaments in a diploid strain under conditions of nitrogen stress (Dowell *et al.* 2010; Ryan *et al.* 2012). Thus, loss-of-function studies identify a broad set of genes that contribute to the filamentous growth response; however, even these studies are limited in that: (1) essential genes cannot be easily analyzed other than for haploinsufficiency; (2) some deletion phenotypes may be below a threshold that can be easily observed by standard assays; and (3) many phenotypes may be obscured by compensatory buffering effects in mutational analyses that rely on single gene deletions/disruptions. Obviously, no single genetic approach can be expected to yield comprehensive results, and in this light, gene overexpression-based studies have proven to be an effective complement to loss-of-function analyses (Sopko *et al.* 2006; Douglas *et al.* 2012). Upon integration with results from the studies above,

the analysis of filamentation phenotypes from gene overexpression should identify more completely the genetic scope of pseudohyphal growth.

We present here the first genome-wide overexpression analysis of yeast pseudohyphal growth. For this study, we systematically overexpressed 4909 yeast genes and identified 551 genes that enable pseudohyphal growth under conditions of normal vegetative growth. The data set was analyzed computationally to identify enriched pathways and signaling cascades, highlighting networks mediating MAPK signaling and cell cycle progression. Subsequent studies address a function for nuclear localization of the high osmolarity pathway MAPK *Hog1p* in repressing pseudohyphal growth, relevant to recent reports that the nuclear localization of *Hog1p* is not required for osmotolerance. We also identify genetic relationships with the G2 cyclin *Clb2p* and genes required for filamentation induced by S-phase arrest. Collectively, the work provides a valuable information resource for studies of yeast pseudohyphal growth.

Materials and Methods

Strain and growth conditions

The filamentous strains Y825, Y825/6, and HLY337 used in this study are derived from the Σ 1278b genetic background (Gimeno *et al.* 1992), and all strains are listed in [Supporting Information, Table S1](#). The genotype of haploid Y825 is *MATa ura3-52 leu2 Δ 0*; the genotype of diploid Y825/6 is *ura3-52/ura3-52 leu2 Δ 0/leu2 Δ 0*; and the genotype of HLY337 is *MAT α ura3-52 trp1-1*. Gene deletion mutants were generated using PCR-mediated gene disruption with pFA6a-kanMX6 (Longtine *et al.* 1998) or pUG72 (Gueldener *et al.* 2002). In addition to synthetic complete (SC) and SC drop-out media (US Biological), media for specific applications are described below.

The overexpression collection and high throughput plasmid transformations

The plasmids utilized for overexpression are high-copy yeast shuttle vectors, with each construct containing a yeast open reading frame (ORF) cloned under transcriptional control of a galactose-inducible promoter. The 3' end of the open reading frame is fused in-frame with sequence encoding a triple affinity tag of His6, an HA epitope, a protease 3C cleavage site, and the IgG binding domain from protein A. In total, this plasmid collection encompasses 5854 yeast ORFs, including 4973 verified protein-coding ORFs as currently annotated in the *Saccharomyces* Genome Database (www.yeastgenome.org). It should be noted that the affinity tags may perturb protein folding at the carboxy terminus of some of the gene products, but we expect that the majority of genes in this collection (~80–90%) should encode fully functional proteins, extrapolating from large-scale protein localization and affinity purification studies (Gavin *et al.* 2002; Ho *et al.* 2002; Kumar *et al.* 2002a; Ghaemmghami *et al.* 2003; Huh *et al.* 2003; Bharucha *et al.* 2008). To

generate overexpression strains for phenotypic analysis of filamentous growth, we introduced the plasmids individually in 96-well format into a diploid strain of the filamentous Σ 1278b genetic background by a modified form of lithium acetate-mediated transformation as described (Kumar *et al.* 2000, 2002b; Ma *et al.* 2007a,b; Bharucha *et al.* 2008; Jin *et al.* 2008). All transformants were selected on SC –Ura, and glycerol stock solutions (15% glycerol) were prepared. In total, we performed 6894 plasmid preparations and yeast transformations to generate a collection of 5854 strains (~85% efficiency).

Phenotypic screening

By design of the overexpression vectors, galactose induction was used to regulate transcription of the plasmid-based target genes as follows. Yeast strains were sequentially cultured in a 30° shaking incubator in nitrogen-sufficient minimal liquid media containing glucose, raffinose, and galactose for 2–3 days, overnight, and 6 hr, respectively. Minimal liquid media consisted of 0.67% yeast nitrogen base (YNB) without amino acids and ammonium sulfate (Difco), 2% carbon source (glucose, raffinose, or galactose), 5 mM ammonium sulfate (nitrogen sufficiency), and additional amino acids to correct for auxotrophies as necessary. Following galactose induction for 6 hr, yeast cultures were spotted using a multichannel pipette onto agar plates consisting of 2% galactose, 0.67% YNB without amino acids and ammonium sulfate (Difco), 5 mM ammonium sulfate, and additional amino acids to correct for auxotrophies. Galactose induction typically drives gene expression to levels 1000-fold of those observed in the presence of glucose (St John and Davis 1981), and we estimate similar levels of inducible expression here by Western blotting (Figure S1).

The presence of galactose in the medium significantly diminished the degree of observed surface-spread filamentation for all strains, including control wild-type strains under conditions of low nitrogen, consistent with results reported in Lorenz *et al.* (2000b). Strong levels of invasive filamentation, however, were still observed, and we used this filamentation phenotype as an indicator of pseudohyphal growth. Invasive growth was assessed by a standard plate-washing assay as follows. Spotted cultures were incubated at 30° for 7 days and photographed before plate washing. Agar plates were rinsed with a gentle stream of water to remove noninvasive cells, and the remaining cells were photographed. Invasive clones were recorded and rescreened with the same protocol in a second pass. The degree of invasive growth was quantified by the pixel intensity ratio of spotted cultures pre- and postwashing.

Quantification of screen results

The level of invasiveness for each clone in the second pass was quantitatively measured using the integrated density feature of ImageJ. Images of individual clones pre- and postplate washing were analyzed after background subtraction. Scores indicate the ratios of post- to prewash pixel intensity for each indicated clone.

Plasmid construction

For galactose-independent overexpression, yeast ORFs with 1 kb upstream sequence and 300 bp downstream sequence were cloned into pRS426 (Sikorski and Hieter 1989) using standard restriction enzyme digestion and ligation techniques.

Plasmids pFA6a-GFP(S65T)-CAAX-kanMX6 and pFA6a-GFP(S65T)-CAAX-HIS3MX6 carrying GFP-CAAX modules were modified from pFA6a-GFP(S65T)-kanMX6 and pFA6a-GFP(S65T)-HIS3MX6 (Longtine *et al.* 1998). The *Pac1* and *Asc1* restriction sites of these plasmids were used to replace the GFP module with a GFP-CAAX module, generated by PCR amplification using a 3' primer encoding the nine carboxy-terminal residues of the budding yeast *Ras2p* CAAX box (Westfall *et al.* 2008). The following forward and reverse primers were used: HOG1_RAS_F1: CGGTAACCAGGCCATA CAGTACGCTAATGAGTTCCAACAGCGGATCCCCGGGTTAAT TAA and HOG1_RAS_R1: TCTTTTTTTTTTTGTTTCCTCTA TACAATATATAC GTAAGAATTCGAGCTCGTTTAAAC. All plasmids are available upon request.

Galactose-independent overexpression

Y825/6 strains with overexpression vectors (pRS426 carrying yeast ORFs with 1 kb upstream sequence and 300 bp downstream sequence) were streaked on synthetic low ammonium dextrose (SLAD) plates (2% glucose, 0.67% YNB without amino acids and ammonium sulfate, 50 μ M ammonium sulfate, and supplemental leucine to correct for auxotrophy). Plates were incubated 5 days at 30° prior to imaging.

Verification of overexpression by Western blotting

Selected moveable open reading frame (MORF) strains of the Y825/6 background were cultured in 5 ml SC –Ura media overnight at 30°, followed by back dilution into nitrogen sufficient minimal media with galactose for 4 hr. Following protein extraction, SDS-PAGE resolution and transfer to nitrocellulose membrane by standard procedures, membranes were incubated with protein A antibody against the tandem affinity purification (TAP) tag in a 1:10,000 dilution. Blots were developed using SuperSignal West Dura Extended Duration Substrate (Thermo Scientific).

Identifying network modules and signaling cascades by computational analysis

The gene set identified from this overexpression screen was submitted to the functional analysis tool DAVID (Huang Da *et al.* 2009) to identify enriched Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG)-annotated pathways. Since the overexpression screen was genome-wide in scope, the default background set was used. The most enriched pathways, mediating cell cycle progression (sce04111), meiosis (sce04113), and MAPK signaling (sce04011), were selected for further analysis. The KEGG.xml files of these pathway maps were downloaded and parsed using an in-house program that generates nodes and edge lists. The KGML pathway .xml (kgml) file consists of “entry” tags, which can be represented as nodes, and “relation” tags, which can be represented as edges of

a network. The entry tags consist of genes, compounds, and complexes, while the relation tags include manually curated molecular interactions, reaction networks, genetic and environmental information processing, and cellular networks (Kanehisa *et al.* 2012). Cytoscape (Killcoyne *et al.* 2009), which constructs a ball-and-stick representation of a network using an edge list, was used to visualize the network. Since the three pathways possess overlapping gene sets, the edge lists were concatenated and visualized as one single network.

Cell cycle analysis

For *CLB2* epistasis analysis, a sampling of 10 genes was selected that fulfilled the following criteria: (1) genes that had been identified in this overexpression screen as yielding filamentous growth under noninducing conditions of nutrient sufficiency; and (2) genes that had either not been placed in a clear signaling pathway or that functioned in a pathway with unclear upstream components. The sampled gene set was not intended to be comprehensive, but rather served as a probe for additional genes that may contribute to filamentation through mechanisms that impact *CLB2* and cell cycle progression. Homozygous diploid double deletion mutants were constructed for this analysis, and the mutant strains were streaked onto SC agar plates, incubated overnight at 30°, and then photographed. For surface-spread filamentation using hydroxyurea treatment, hydroxyurea was added to SC agar plates to a final concentration of 100 mM (Kang and Jiang 2005). Strains were photographed following overnight incubation at 30°.

Invasive growth analysis of strains with modified *HOG1* alleles

Yeast strains of the Y825 genetic background containing integrated *HOG1-GFP*, *HOG1-GFP-CAAX*, and *hog1Δ* alleles were assayed for invasive growth by plating spotted cultures on SLAD plates (2% glucose, 0.67% YNB without amino acids and ammonium sulfate, 50 μM ammonium sulfate, and supplemental amino acids to correct for auxotrophies) with 1% (vol/vol) butanol. Plates were sealed in parafilm and incubated for 7 days at 30°. Strains were assayed for invasive growth by rinsing with water and rubbing away nonadherent cells (Cullen and Sprague 2000). Spotted cultures were photographed pre- and postwash, and invasiveness was measured using the integrated density feature of ImageJ.

β-Galactosidase assays

The *FRE-lacZ* reporter construct (Madhani and Fink 1997) was used to measure filamentous growth signaling using the Yeast β-Galactosidase Assay kit (Thermo Scientific) according to protocols described previously (Ma *et al.* 2008; Xu *et al.* 2010).

Fluorescence microscopy

Fluorescence images were taken using a DeltaVision-RT Live Cell Imaging system (Applied Precision). Image capture was conducted using Applied Precision's SoftWorx imaging software.

Results

Generating a mutant collection for genome-wide overexpression analysis

Standard laboratory strains of *S. cerevisiae* (e.g., derivatives of S288c) are nonfilamentous and, consequently, inappropriate for studies of pseudohyphal growth. The Σ1278b strain has emerged as the preferred background for studies of filamentation, since it undergoes a significant and easily controlled transition to filamentous growth (Grenson 1966; Gimeno *et al.* 1992); however, no genome-wide mutant collections suitable for this study have been generated previously in the Σ1278b background (Coelho *et al.* 2000). Here, we sought to construct an extensive reagent base for overexpression studies of pseudohyphal growth, generating a collection of yeast strains in Σ1278b with each mutant carrying a single plasmid enabling galactose-inducible gene overexpression. For this purpose, we utilized the plasmid collection constructed in Gelperin *et al.* (2005) and introduced the plasmids individually by transformation into diploid yeast. Of the 5854 plasmids encompassed in this overexpression collection, we identified 4909 clones that: (1) contained an ORF corresponding to an annotated and verified yeast gene and (2) allowed for sufficient cell growth upon galactose induction in the Σ1278b background such that invasive growth assays could be performed.

The design of the phenotypic screen is outlined in Figure 1A and detailed in *Materials and Methods*. In brief, we drove gene overexpression by growth in galactose under conditions of nitrogen sufficiency; this approach identifies genes that upon overexpression can enable pseudohyphal growth in the absence of stimuli capable of inducing filamentation. To ensure that gene overexpression was efficient, we analyzed resulting protein levels by Western blotting for a sampling of seven strains in the constructed mutant collection (Figure S1). Filamentation was assessed by invasive growth analysis, as surface filamentation is lessened in the presence of galactose (Lorenz *et al.* 2000b). To confirm that invasive filamentation was indeed an effective indicator of diploid pseudohyphal growth, we cloned five genes along with native promoters into a high-copy yeast shuttle vector such that gene overexpression phenotypes could be measured without effects from galactose induction. Strains carrying the high-copy number vector clones yielded surface-spread filamentation phenotypes matching the corresponding invasive growth phenotypes observed in the screen (Figure S2). In addition, a positive control consisting of galactose-induced overexpression of eight genes known to affect pseudohyphal growth yielded exaggerated invasive phenotypes as shown in Figure 1B. The phenotypic difference between a wild-type strain and the indicated overexpression mutants is clear and establishes an easily identifiable threshold for positive results.

A collection of yeast genes capable of inducing pseudohyphal growth

By the systematic genome-wide overexpression analysis described above, we identified 551 genes that resulted in

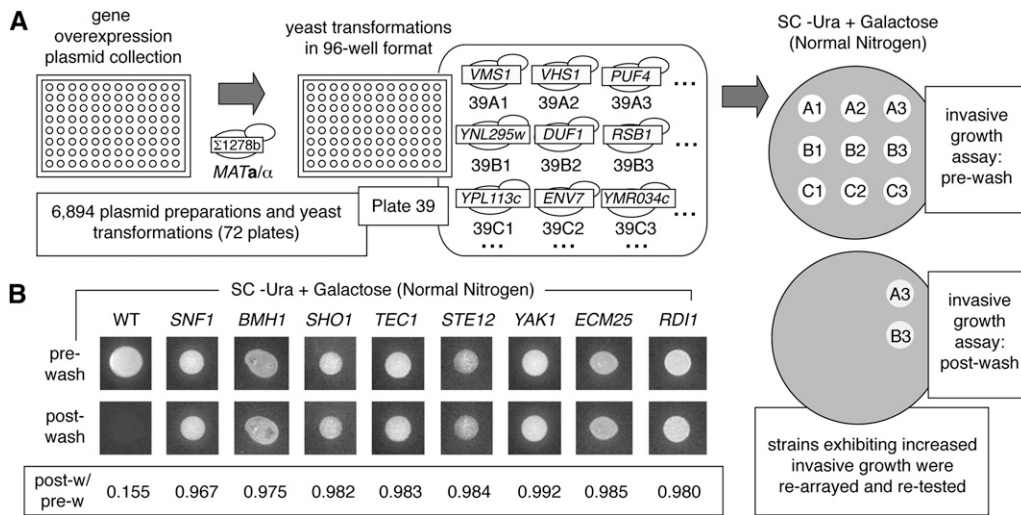


Figure 1 Systematic overexpression screen to identify genes capable of inducing filamentous growth. (A) Overview of the experimental design. Sample set of overexpression constructs from plate 39 (of 72 plates in total) is shown. Spotted cultures were assayed for invasive growth in an arrayed pattern with 48 spots per plate. Cultures were rearrayed in an altered pattern during retesting to control for positional effects. (B) Sampling of assay results for the wild-type background strain and eight overexpression mutants yielding invasive growth under conditions of nitrogen sufficiency.

The degree of invasive growth was quantified by determining the pixel intensity of the spotted culture postwash relative to its prewash intensity. Complete listing of quantified scores for the genes identified in this screen is provided in Figure S3.

invasive filamentation upon galactose induction under conditions of nitrogen sufficiency (Figure 2A); the full gene list is provided in Figure S3. This gene set is comparable in size to the complement of genes that yield pseudohyphal growth defects upon gene deletion under conditions of butanol induction (Jin *et al.* 2008) and nitrogen deprivation (Ryan *et al.* 2012). The individual genes, however, vary between these gene sets, and the distinctions between overexpression-based screens vs. loss-of-function screens are presented in Discussion.

By simple Gene Ontology (GO) term analysis, the invasive growth overexpression gene set was not enriched for any molecular functions or protein-associated subcellular components; however, we did identify several enriched biological process terms (Figure 2B). Genes annotated as contributing to the regulation of metabolic processes associated with nitrogenous compounds were enriched in the overexpression gene set (P -value of 8.2×10^{-7}). This is not surprising since nitrogen availability is an important regulator of pseudohyphal growth. This GO term is broad in scope; among the associated genes are several known pseudohyphal growth regulators, including the *STE12* and *TEC1* genes that collectively encode a transcriptional complex acting downstream of *Kss1p* to activate gene promoters with filamentation-and-invasion response elements (FREs) (Madhani and Fink 1997). Genes involved in the cellular response to nutrient levels were also enriched in the results from our screen, as were overlapping gene sets associated with cytoskeletal organization and spindle pole body organization. The nutrient-responsive gene set encompasses the *SNF1* kinase gene, which plays an established role in regulating pseudohyphal growth (Kuchin *et al.* 2002). Interestingly, a large cohort of 79 functionally uncharacterized genes that lack a standard gene name indicative of function was identified in this screen. Mutant alleles of these genes lack extensive phenotypic characterization, and, for many of the indicated genes, the overexpression studies presented here offer initial insight into the regulatory consequences of

increased transcription, particularly in a filamentous genetic background.

To consider the possibility that genes mediating specific cellular processes may affect pseudohyphal growth to differing degrees, we analyzed our quantified screening results for GO term enrichment within genes grouped by the intensity of observed overexpression-induced invasive growth (Figure 2D). The degree of invasive growth was estimated by the pixel intensity postwash to prewash of each spotted overexpression culture. The pixel intensities were binned into categories (ranging from 0.94 to 0.99 and above), and the associated genes within each grouping were assessed for enrichment of GO terms. By this analysis, genes annotated as being associated with M phase of the meiotic cell cycle (GO:0051327) were enriched in the gene set that yielded the strongest level of invasive growth upon overexpression (postwash:prewash pixel intensity greater than 0.99).

Signaling pathways that regulate pseudohyphal growth

While the GO term analysis above provides broad indications of cellular processes contributing to pseudohyphal growth, we also sought to identify specific pathways that affect filamentation by searching for KEGG signaling pathways overrepresented in the overexpression screen results. KEGG is an online database that provides annotated and manually drawn signaling pathway maps for a broad range of eukaryotes (www.genome.jp/kegg/). For our purposes, KEGG provides the largest set of yeast pathway annotations.

To identify enriched KEGG-annotated signaling pathways in our overexpression data set, we implemented a computational approach utilizing the functional annotation tool DAVID. By this analysis, we found pathways controlling cell cycle progression (sce04111), meiosis (sce04113), and MAPK signaling (sce04011) to be the most highly enriched in the overexpression data (Figure 3A). As these pathways encompass overlapping gene sets, we constructed network

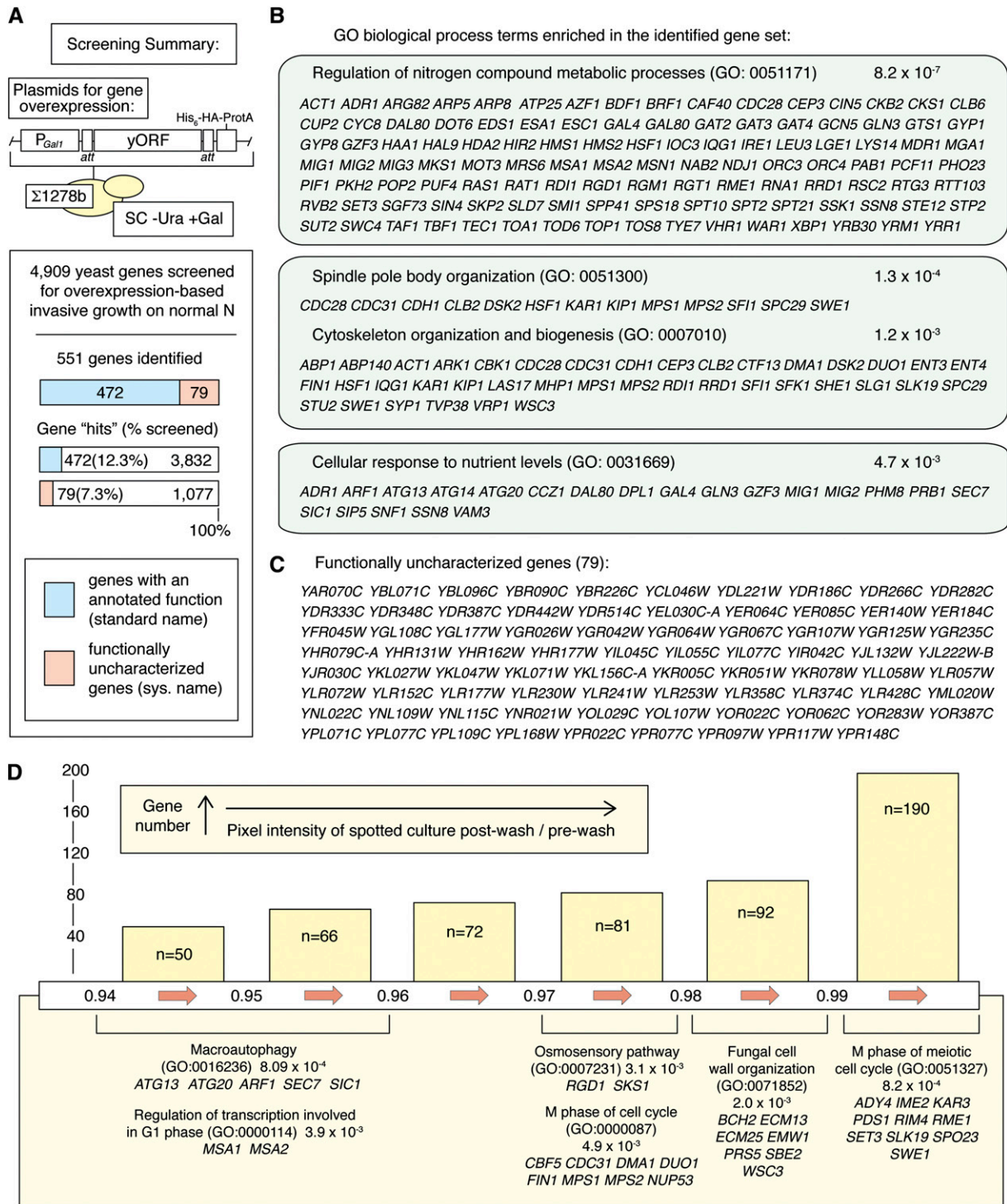


Figure 2 Summary of overexpression screen results. (A) Yeast genes were overexpressed by galactose induction using the indicated vector. Summary of screening results is presented below the vector diagram. The percentage of genes that yielded an overexpression-based filamentous growth phenotype is shown, with a breakdown separating functionally uncharacterized yeast genes from those with an annotated function and standard name. Percentages are indicated out of total genes screened per category. (B) Listing of Gene Ontology (GO) biological process categories enriched in the set of genes yielding filamentous growth phenotypes upon overexpression. Identified genes belonging to each category are indicated; extensively overlapping biological process categories are grouped together for convenience. (C) Listing of functionally uncharacterized genes identified in the screen. For purposes of this study, functionally uncharacterized genes are defined as such if they lack a standard gene name and lack GO biological process or molecular function annotation. (D) Quantified invasive growth scores were clustered and analyzed for enriched GO biological process terms. Identified GO terms are indicated along with gene "hits" annotated to each category. The number of genes (n) within each scoring range is indicated by the bar.

connectivity maps to better visualize the signaling modules (Figure 3B). Genes identified in the overexpression screen were used as core “seeds” along with other annotated components of the three pathways. The pathways were parsed using an in-house program and subsequently reassembled into a network using Cytoscape (*Materials and Methods*). Connections are visualized as ball-and-stick representations in Figure 3B. From this analysis, gene sets exhibiting genetic and/or physical interactions with components of the KEGG-annotated cell cycle and meiosis pathways were densely overlapping; this is not surprising since progression through the cell cycle and meiosis are obviously related processes. Genes exhibiting connections with MAPK signaling pathways share extensive connectivity with genes associated with meiosis and cell cycle progression. Interestingly, strictly from connections reported in the KEGG resources, the *Kss1p* and osmosensing *Hog1p* MAPK cascades link the MAPK signaling connectivity map with larger gene sets associated with cell cycle progression and meiosis (Figure 3B, inset).

Thus, from this analysis we identified core networks enriched in the data set mediating (1) MAPK signaling and (2) cell cycle progression/meiosis. Consequently, in the following sets of experiments we further investigated (1) the role of nuclear *Hog1p* in regulating pseudohyphal growth and (2) the genetic basis of pseudohyphal growth phenotypes resulting from altered cell cycle progression.

***Hog1p*-mediated repression of pseudohyphal growth**

Genes annotated as contributing to MAPK signaling were enriched in the results of our overexpression screen; in particular, the screen identified several genes known to regulate the activity of *Hog1p*. The *Hog1p* kinase is a MAPK best studied for its role in producing glycerol as a compensatory osmolyte in response to increased levels of extracellular osmolarity (Kultz and Burg 1998; Westfall *et al.* 2008); however, *Hog1p* is also known to repress pseudohyphal growth in the absence of filamentation-inducing stimuli (O'Rourke and Herskowitz 1998; Pitoniak *et al.* 2009). A simplified representation of the *Hog1p* pathway is presented in Figure 4A. In yeast, high extracellular osmolarity stimulates two putative osmosensors, *Sho1p* and *Sln1p* (Posas and Saito 1997). *Sho1p* activates the P21-activated kinase family member *Ste20p*, which in turn activates a cascade of the MAPKKK *Stell1p*, the MAPKK *Pbs2p*, and *Hog1p* (Raft *et al.* 2000). *Sln1p*, *Ypd1p*, and *Ssk1p* are components of a phosphorelay signaling system that activates the partially redundant kinases *Ssk1p* and *Ssk22p* upon osmostress; these kinases in turn activate *Pbs2p*, resulting in activation of *Hog1p* (Brewster *et al.* 1993; Maeda *et al.* 1994; Posas *et al.* 1996). Upon activation, *Hog1p* is rapidly translocated to the nucleus through a process that requires the importin- β family member *Nmd5p* (Ferrigno *et al.* 1998). Nuclear *Hog1p* has been identified in complexes at hundreds of promoters and genes, influencing chromatin remodeling and transcription (O'Rourke and Herskowitz 2004; Pokholok *et al.* 2006; Zapater *et al.* 2007). Subsequently, *Hog1p* is

largely dephosphorylated by the phosphatases *Ptc1p*, *Ptc2p*, *Ptc3p*, *Ptp2p*, and *Ptp3p* (Robinson *et al.* 1994; Wurgler-Murphy *et al.* 1997; Mattison *et al.* 1999). Dephosphorylated *Hog1p* is exported into the cytosol through interaction with the karyopherin *Crmlp* (Ferrigno *et al.* 1998).

Interestingly, three genes involved in the nuclear export of *Hog1p* (*NBP2*, *PTP2*, and *CRM1*) were identified in the overexpression screen as enabling invasive growth under conditions of nitrogen sufficiency. To further consider the possibility that the nuclear export of *Hog1p* promotes pseudohyphal growth, we cloned the genes and promoters for *CRM1*, *NBP2*, *PTC3*, *PTP2*, and *PTP3* into a high-copy vector, enabling analysis of overexpression phenotypes without galactose induction. Each of these genes contributes to the dephosphorylation and nuclear export of *Hog1p*; *NBP2* is not illustrated in Figure 4A, but it recruits *Ptc1p* to the *Pbs2p*-*Hog1p* complex (Mapes and Ota 2004). We introduced these plasmids into a diploid strain of the filamentous Σ 1278b genetic background and assayed for surface-spread filamentation under conditions of nitrogen limitation. In each case, the strains exhibited hyperactive surface filamentation relative to a wild-type strain carrying an empty vector control (Figure 4B).

Classically, the nuclear form of *Hog1p* had been thought to mediate osmotolerance; however, Westfall *et al.* (2008) reported that cells lacking *NMD5* and/or cells with a plasma membrane-tethered form of *Hog1p* survive hyperosmotic stress. This raises an interesting question regarding the functional contributions of nuclear *Hog1p*. Considering the overexpression results above, one function of nuclear *Hog1p* may be to repress pseudohyphal growth in a filamentation-competent strain of *S. cerevisiae*, although it should be noted that other pathways will also be affected by overexpression of genes such as *CRM1* and *NMD5*.

To investigate more directly the effect of spatial compartmentalization on *Hog1p* function, we constructed a haploid yeast strain in the Σ 1278b background wherein endogenous *HOG1* was fused at its 3' end to sequence encoding GFP and the nine C-terminal residues of *Ras2p* (designated CCAAX^{Ras2p}) as in Westfall *et al.* (2008). By virtue of S-palmitoylation and S-farnesylation of the cysteine residues in the appended *Ras2p* carboxy-terminal tail, the translated *Hog1p*-GFP-CCAAX^{Ras2p} chimera should localize at the plasma membrane, and we did observe concentrated fluorescence at the cell periphery in this strain (Figure 4C) relative to an otherwise isogenic strain containing an integrated *HOG1*-GFP allele. It should be noted that some *Hog1p*-GFP-CCAAX^{Ras2p} may be present at the nuclear membrane, although we did not observe any nuclear *Hog1p* chimera by fluorescence microscopy. Under pseudohyphal growth-inducing conditions of nitrogen stress and butanol treatment, the strain containing the *Hog1p*-GFP-CCAAX^{Ras2p} chimera showed slightly exaggerated invasive growth relative to a strain containing *Hog1p*-GFP, with invasive growth levels comparable to those observed in a *hog1* Δ strain. Under conditions of nitrogen sufficiency, the mutant strain

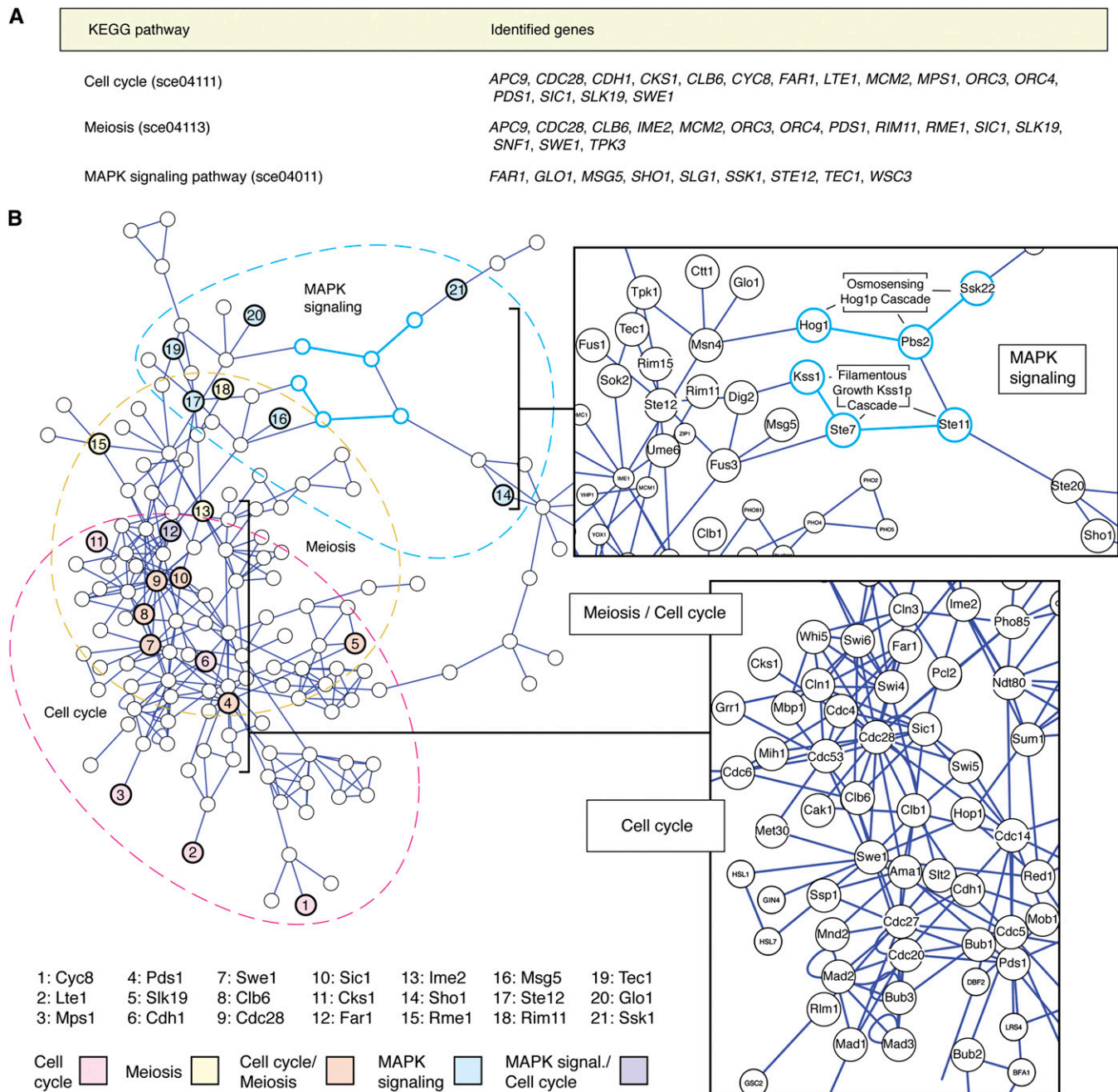


Figure 3 Identification of genetic networks that regulate the induction of filamentous growth. (A) The overexpression screen data set was analyzed for enrichment of pathways annotated in the Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG). Enriched pathways are shown (cell cycle sce04111, meiosis sce04113, and MAPK signaling sce04011) along with genes identified in the screen that are annotated as belonging to the respective pathway. (B) Network connectivity map was built for the MAPK signaling, meiosis, and cell cycle networks from interactions annotated in KEGG. In-house programs were used to parse the pathway maps into nodes and edges for visualization using Cytoscape. The numbered circles indicate a subset of the genes identified in the overexpression screen that belong to the respective networks. Blowups of central portions of the cell cycle, meiosis, and MAPK signaling networks are provided, with key network components indicated in larger circles. Components of a given pathway in the map are indicated with a dashed line to highlight the overlap between networks. Two key connections between the MAPK signaling modules and the cell cycle/meiosis networks involving the Kss1p and Hog1p signaling cascades are shown in blue within the inset box.

containing *Hog1p*-GFP-CCAAX^{Ras2p} is hyperfilamentous with respect to a strain containing *Hog1p*-GFP, although not quite to the level of a *hog1Δ* strain; the degree of filamentous growth activity is measured in Figure 4C using a filamentation MAPK *Kss1p* pathway-specific FRET-*lacZ* reporter.

If nuclear *Hog1p* does repress pseudohyphal growth, filamentation should not be observed upon activation of the *Hog1p* pathway by high osmolarity. Under conditions of nitrogen stress and high salt, inducing both pseudohyphal growth and the *Hog1p* pathway, we find that a wild-type

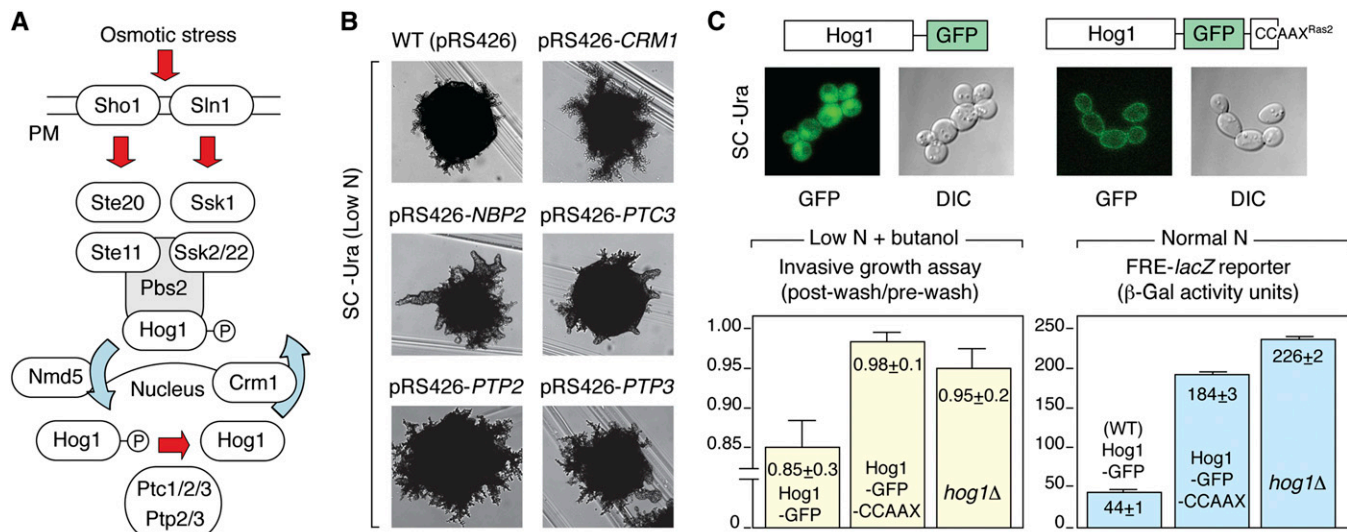


Figure 4 Regulated subcellular distribution of Hog1p and resulting filamentous growth phenotypes. (A) Diagram of the Hog1p MAPK osmosensing pathway. Regulated nuclear import and export of Hog1p is indicated. (B) Surface filamentation of genes along with native promoters cloned into a high-copy number yeast shuttle vector; the high-copy vector allows for gene overexpression without galactose induction. The selected genes regulate Hog1p phosphorylation/localization, thereby negatively regulating Hog1p function. Resulting surface filamentation phenotypes indicate that the overexpression of genes promoting Hog1p nuclear export yields exaggerated filamentous growth phenotypes under conditions of nitrogen stress. (C) Fluorescence images indicate that Hog1p-GFP with the carboxy-terminal Ras palmitoylation/farnesylation tag localizes to the cell periphery. Differential interference contrast (DIC) images are shown along with fluorescence images. Invasive growth assay results are shown for a haploid filamentous strain of the $\Sigma 1278b$ background containing Hog1p-GFP and the plasma membrane-tethered Hog1p-GFP-CCAAX form; a homozygous diploid strain in $\Sigma 1278b$ deleted for *HOG1* is also shown for purposes of comparison. The analysis was performed in triplicate, and mean values are shown. Error bars indicate standard deviation. Filamentous growth pathway activity was also assayed in the same three strains using a *lacZ* reporter driven from a promoter containing filamentation-responsive elements (FREs) recognized by the Ste12p/Tec1p transcription factor complex. Analyses were performed in triplicate, and mean results with standard deviation are indicated. Tethering Hog1p to the plasma membrane results in exaggerated invasive growth and hyperactivation of FRE-driven *lacZ* expression.

diploid strain of the filamentous $\Sigma 1278b$ background grows poorly and shows no signs of filament formation. Collectively, these findings are consistent with the notion that nuclear Hog1p contributes to the repression of pseudohyphal growth.

Genes contributing to exaggerated filamentous phenotypes from prolonged apical growth

Yeast cells undergo a switch from isotropic to apical growth upon progression through Start and a subsequent return to isotropic growth upon transition through G2/M (Hartwell *et al.* 1970; Lew and Reed 1993; Chant and Pringle 1995; Pringle *et al.* 1995). Genetic perturbations and/or chemical treatments that delay the G2/M transition in the filamentous $\Sigma 1278b$ strain result in a prolonged period of apical growth, as well as increased unipolar budding and decreased cell separation (Sheu *et al.* 2000; Miled *et al.* 2001; Rua *et al.* 2001). In yeast, the mitotic cyclins Clb1p and Clb2p antagonize polarized growth and are key in the molecular events underlying the onset of mitosis (Fitch *et al.* 1992; Booher *et al.* 1993), and a homozygous diploid *clb2Δ/Δ* strain is hyperfilamentous. Considering the importance of genes that regulate the apical-isotropic transition in affecting pseudohyphal growth phenotypes, we sought to determine if additional genes identified in our screen contributed to the hyperfilamentous phenotype of a *clb2Δ* mutant. We selected a sampling

of 10 genes identified in our screen with unclear pathway designations and/or unclear roles in promoting pseudohyphal growth (*HMS1*, *HMS2*, *MGA1*, *MSB2*, *MSN1*, *NPR1*, *PTP3*, *SNF1*, *YAK1*, and *YCK1*) and generated homozygous diploid deletions of these genes in the *clb2Δ/Δ* background for phenotypic analysis; results are shown in Table 1 and Figure S4A. Notably, under conditions of nitrogen sufficiency, the majority of double mutants yielded phenotypes mirroring *clb2Δ/Δ*; however, the *clb2Δ/Δmsb2Δ/Δ* mutant exhibited a reduction in surface-spread filamentation relative to the *clb2Δ/Δ* parent. Increased apical growth resulting from hydroxyurea-induced cell cycle arrest in S phase has also been shown to drive surface-spread filamentation (Lorenz and Heitman 1998; Kang and Jiang 2005). Consequently, we also tested homozygous diploid single deletions of the same 10 genes indicated above for the absence of surface-spread filamentation upon hydroxyurea treatment. As indicated in Table 1 and Figure S4B, the *mga1Δ/Δ*, *msn1Δ/Δ*, *ptp3Δ/Δ*, and *msb2Δ/Δ* strains exhibited decreased surface filamentation in response to hydroxyurea treatment relative to the wild-type parent. From these results, the *msb2Δ/Δ* strain exhibited the most significant decrease in hydroxyurea-induced filamentation of the strains tested. Collectively, these studies highlight the contribution of *Msb2p* under genetic perturbations and chemical treatments that induce filamentation through prolonged apical growth.

Discussion

Here we implemented a systematic and genome-wide analysis of yeast invasive filamentation induced by gene overexpression. Interestingly, as compared against the results from large-scale deletion/disruption screens, systematic overexpression screens typically identify overlapping, but decidedly non-redundant, data sets (Sopko *et al.* 2006). We observe similar results here. In this screen, we identified 61 genes that were also reported in the targeted gene deletion screen by Ryan *et al.* (2012) and 79 genes that yielded pseudohyphal growth defects in a previous transposon-based disruption screen (Jin *et al.* 2008); a full listing of these overlapping genes is provided in Figure S5. Comparisons between these data sets are inexact, however, since: (1) filamentation phenotypes were assayed slightly differently in each screen; (2) the transposon-based study was smaller in scope, encompassing ~60% of the annotated yeast gene complement; (3) butanol treatment as opposed to nitrogen stress was used to induce filamentation in the transposon mutagenesis study; and (4) a haploid strain was used for transposon mutagenesis, while we used diploid cells for this overexpression screen. The partial overlap between loss-of-function and overexpression results likely stems from the fact that many genes can be required for a given cell process without being sufficient to induce that process upon overexpression. Consequently, we expected to identify a greater number of regulatory genes by this overexpression screen, and we did identify many such genes, including several that regulate cell cycle progression and MAPK signaling. However, we did not observe any statistically significant enrichment for transcription factors, kinases, and/or nutrient sensors in the data set, and the set of gene hits from this overexpression screen that overlapped the genes identified by targeted deletion and transposon-based loss-of-function screening was not significantly enriched for any GO terms. This overlapped gene set does encompass several key pseudohyphal growth genes, including *STE12*, *TEC1*, *SNF1*, and *SHO1*.

In interpreting the results from this study, it is important to bear in mind two caveats. First, 4909 genes (of 4973 verified ORFs) were analyzed by overexpression; thus, we do not consider the screen to be comprehensive, although it is the largest overexpression-based screen of pseudohyphal growth to date. Second, the plasmid library used in this study is a gene fusion library, and for a subset of the genes tested, the carboxy-terminal modification may result in dominant effects that can confound the interpretation of results. It is difficult to estimate the degree of this effect, but previous studies indicate that ~97% of the cloned gene products do encode full-length proteins (Gelperin *et al.* 2005), which may mitigate concerns regarding phenotypes from truncated proteins.

The gene set identified in this study appears large at first glance. However, systematic deletion studies in haploid and diploid strains of the Σ 1278b background have identified comparably large sets of genes yielding pseudohyphal

Table 1 Filamentous phenotypes of mutants under prolonged apical growth

Strain	Growth medium	Surface filamentation phenotype
WT	SC medium	–
<i>clb2Δ/Δ</i>	SC medium	++
<i>clb2Δ/Δ hms1Δ/Δ</i>	SC medium	++
<i>clb2Δ/Δ hms2Δ/Δ</i>	SC medium	++
<i>clb2Δ/Δ mga1Δ/Δ</i>	SC medium	++
<i>clb2Δ/Δ msb2Δ/Δ</i>	SC medium	+
<i>clb2Δ/Δ msn1Δ/Δ</i>	SC medium	++
<i>clb2Δ/Δ npr1Δ/Δ</i>	SC medium	++
<i>clb2Δ/Δ ptp3Δ/Δ</i>	SC medium	++
<i>clb2Δ/Δ snf11Δ/Δ</i>	SC medium	++
<i>clb2Δ/Δ yak1Δ/Δ</i>	SC medium	++
<i>clb2Δ/Δ yck1Δ/Δ</i>	SC medium	++
WT	SC +hydroxyurea	++
<i>hms1Δ/Δ</i>	SC +hydroxyurea	++
<i>hms2Δ/Δ</i>	SC +hydroxyurea	++
<i>mga1Δ/Δ</i>	SC +hydroxyurea	+
<i>msb2Δ/Δ</i>	SC +hydroxyurea	–
<i>msn1Δ/Δ</i>	SC +hydroxyurea	+
<i>npr1Δ/Δ</i>	SC +hydroxyurea	++
<i>ptp3Δ/Δ</i>	SC +hydroxyurea	+
<i>snf1Δ/Δ</i>	SC +hydroxyurea	++
<i>yak1Δ/Δ</i>	SC +hydroxyurea	++
<i>yck1Δ/Δ</i>	SC +hydroxyurea	++

Surface filamentation: –, absence of filamentation; +, filamentation; ++, exaggerated filamentation.

growth phenotypes. Our previous transposon-based disruption screen of 3627 genes identified 309 that were required for butanol-induced surface filamentation. Similarly, our previous smaller-scale overexpression screen identified 199 genes of 2043 tested that yielded exaggerated pseudohyphal growth under conditions of butanol induction (Jin *et al.* 2008). Extrapolating these results to the genome as a whole, we arrive again at comparably sized data sets. From these systematic disruption and overexpression screens, it is clear that many cellular processes need to occur effectively for surface filaments to appear. Cell cycle progression, cell budding, polarized growth, cytoskeletal organization, nutrient sensing/responses, and numerous metabolic/biosynthetic processes all contribute to, and are required for, the formation of extensive surface filaments. The pseudohyphal growth response represents an integrative output, the magnitude of which is modulated by a diverse complement of signaling pathways and genetic networks. In sum, the complexity and scope of the genetic machinery underlying yeast pseudohyphal growth makes it an ideal subject for genomic analysis.

Several genes that impacted the timing of G2/M progression in yeast were capable of inducing invasive growth upon overexpression. The results presented here are consistent with the importance of enhanced apical growth in establishing, at minimum, morphological phenotypes resembling those observed during pseudohyphal growth. We induced prolonged apical growth by genetic means (*clb2Δ*) and chemical treatment (hydroxyurea). Both sets of results highlight contributions from *Msb2p*, a mucin family member

that promotes activation of the MAPK *Kss1p* while also serving as an osmosensor for the HOG pathway; *msb2Δ* strains have been shown previously to exhibit decreased expression of a *FRE-lacZ* reporter and decreased filamentation (Cullen *et al.* 2004; Chavel *et al.* 2010). Interestingly, *Msb2p* was identified as a potential *Cdc28p* substrate through kinase assays using an analog-sensitive allele of *Cdk1-Clb2p* and lysate from a strain containing an *Msb2p*-GST fusion (Ubersax *et al.* 2003). With respect to the hydroxyurea-based results, Kang and Jiang (2005) previously screened the yeast deletion collection in a nonfilamentous genetic background for loss of what they termed to be semifilamentous growth induced by hydroxyurea treatment, identifying 16 genes that were required for the process. Each of those 16 genes was also required for hydroxyurea-induced filamentous growth in the filamentous Σ 1278b background, and we found 4 of 10 genes independently selected in our study that yielded hydroxyurea-induced filamentation defects. Thus, a broader genome-wide screen in the Σ 1278b background would likely reveal a large set of genes that contribute to this response, although some genetic networks required for nitrogen stress-induced pseudohyphal growth may not be required. It would further be interesting to determine if the filamentous response to hydroxyurea stems strictly from the S phase arrest or if genetic networks independent of cell cycle regulation also affect the observed filamentation.

MAPK signaling pathways are key pseudohyphal growth regulators, and the scope of genes identified in this screen that affect filamentation by impacting a MAPK signaling pathway may be large, as suggested from the network analysis presented here. In particular, our data encompass the known MAPK regulators/effectors *SHO1*, *MSB2*, *PTP3*, *STE12*, and *TEC1*, and 17 genes identified in this overexpression screen also exhibited increased mRNA transcript abundance upon induction of MAPK pathway activity (Roberts *et al.* 2000).

With respect to understanding MAPK cascade activity, considerable research efforts have been expended to consider the mechanisms ensuring MAPK signaling specificity during pseudohyphal growth (Bao *et al.* 2004; Maleri *et al.* 2004; O'Rourke and Herskowitz 2004; Hao *et al.* 2008). In particular, the *Hog1p* MAPK pathway is known to inhibit pseudohyphal growth in the absence of filamentous growth-inducing stimuli, and *HOG1* deletion mutants exhibit hyperactive surface filamentation under nutrient-rich conditions (O'Rourke and Herskowitz 1998). Interestingly, several genes that promote nuclear export of the osmoregulatory MAPK *Hog1p*, induced invasive growth upon overexpression. The nuclear-localized form of *Hog1p* is generally thought to mediate the hyperosmotic response and presumably also represses pseudohyphal growth. This notion, however, has been called into question, as Westfall *et al.* (2008) have reported that a yeast strain containing an allele of *hog1* encoding a plasma membrane-tethered form of the protein is still resistant to hyperosmotic stress. If nuclear-localized *Hog1p* is not required for resistance to hyperosmotic stress, the possibility exists that one function of nuclear *Hog1p* may

be to repress pseudohyphal growth. As presented here, our overexpression screen results are consistent with this possibility, and results using a plasma membrane-tethered form of *Hog1p* are also consistent with this model. Identification of the nuclear targets of *Hog1p* that mediate a repressive effect remains a future goal. The transcription factor *Tec1p* is a strong candidate, as Shock *et al.* (2009) propose that *Hog1p* prevents *Tec1p* binding to DNA.

The importance of *Hog1p* signaling in regulating pseudohyphal growth is not limited to *S. cerevisiae*. In *C. albicans*, Hog1 is involved in oxidative stress responses, osmotic stress responses, and in cell wall biosynthesis, and functional Hog1 represses the yeast-to-hyphal transition (San Jose *et al.* 1996; Alonso-Monge *et al.* 1999, 2003; Enjalbert *et al.* 2006). Notably, mutants defective for Hog1p function display reduced virulence in mice and increased susceptibility to phagocytic cells (Gonzalez-Parraga *et al.* 2010; Cheetham *et al.* 2011). The Hog1 MAPK cascade in *C. albicans* encompasses the MAPKK *Pbs2* and the MAPKKK *Ssk2* (Cheetham *et al.* 2007), although additional upstream and downstream regulators have not been elucidated as extensively as in *S. cerevisiae*. As this *Candida* network becomes more clearly delineated, it will be interesting to determine if the emerging model of *Hog1p*-mediated regulation of filamentous growth in *S. cerevisiae* is borne out and even further, the degree to which corresponding filamentous growth regulatory networks in baker's yeast contribute to hyphal development and virulence in *C. albicans*.

In sum, we present here the first systematic overexpression screen for genes capable of inducing yeast pseudohyphal growth. Our results provide overexpression phenotypes for a large number of genes with uncharacterized function, and it is tempting to speculate that some of these genes may exhibit functions in the filamentous Σ 1278b background but not in nonfilamentous strains. We further identified several signaling networks that modulate pseudohyphal growth levels upon overexpression-based perturbation, and collectively, the work presents a significantly enhanced foundation for the mapping of genetic relationships within the pseudohyphal growth regulatory network.

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Genetic Networks Inducing Invasive Growth in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* Identified Through Systematic Genome-Wide Overexpression

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Table S1. Strains used in this study.

Strain	Genotype	Source
Y825	<i>MATa ura3-52 leu2Δ0</i>	M. Snyder (Stanford U., CA)
HLY337	<i>MATα ura3-52 trp1-1</i>	G. Fink (MIT, MA)
Y825/6	<i>MATa/α ura3-52 leu2Δ0</i>	M. Snyder (Stanford U., CA)
YAK99	<i>MATa/α ura3-52/ura3-52 leu2Δ0 trp1-1</i> (HLY337 + Y825)	This study
YAK100	<i>MATa clb2Δ::URA3 ura3-52 leu2Δ0</i>	This study
YAK101	<i>MATα clb2Δ::URA3 ura3-52 trp1-1</i>	This study
YAK102	<i>MATa/MATα clb2Δ::URA3/clb2Δ::URA3 ura3-52/ura3-52 leu2Δ0 trp1-1</i>	This study
YAK103	<i>MATa hms1Δ::G418 ura3-52 leu2Δ0</i>	This study
YAK104	<i>MATα hms1Δ::G418 ura3-52 trp1-1</i>	This study
YAK105	<i>MATa/MATα hms1Δ::G418/hms1Δ::G418 ura3-52/ura3-52 leu2Δ0 trp1-1</i>	This study
YAK106	<i>MATa hms2Δ::G418 ura3-52 leu2Δ0</i>	This study
YAK107	<i>MATα hms2Δ::G418 ura3-52 trp1-1</i>	This study
YAK108	<i>MATa/MATα hms2Δ::G418/hms2Δ::G418 ura3-52/ura3-52 leu2Δ0 trp1-1</i>	This study
YAK109	<i>MATa mga1Δ::G418 ura3-52 leu2Δ0</i>	This study
YAK110	<i>MATα mga1Δ::G418 ura3-52 trp1-1</i>	This study
YAK111	<i>MATa/MATα mga1Δ::G418/mga1Δ::G418 ura3-52/ura3-52 leu2Δ0 trp1-1</i>	This study
YAK112	<i>MATa msb2Δ::G418 ura3-52 leu2Δ0</i>	This study
YAK113	<i>MATα msb2Δ::G418 ura3-52 trp1-1</i>	This study
YAK114	<i>MATa/MATα msb2Δ::G418/msb2Δ::G418 ura3-52/ura3-52 leu2Δ0 trp1-1</i>	This study
YAK115	<i>MATa msn1Δ::G418 ura3-52 leu2Δ0</i>	This study
YAK116	<i>MATα msn1Δ::G418 ura3-52 trp1-1</i>	This study
YAK117	<i>MATa/MATα msn1Δ::G418/msn1Δ::G418 ura3-52/ura3-52 leu2Δ0 trp1-1</i>	This study
YAK118	<i>MATa npr1Δ::G418 ura3-52 leu2Δ0</i>	This study
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YAK121	<i>MATa ptp3Δ::G418 ura3-52 leu2Δ0</i>	This study

YAK122	<i>MATα ptp3Δ::G418 ura3-52 trp1-1</i>	This study
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YAK174	<i>Y825/6 + pRS426</i>	This study
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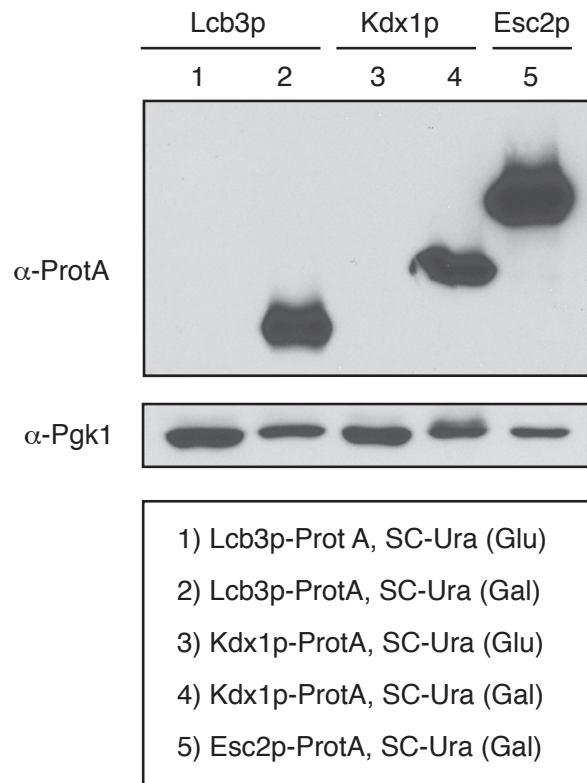


Figure S1 Western blot indicating galactose-induced overexpression of cloned genes. By virtue of the cloning vector, genes were fused at their 3'-ends to an affinity tag including sequence encoding the IgG binding domain from Protein A. Antibody against Protein A was used to detect the overexpressed gene product in medium with glucose and galactose, respectively. Pgk1p levels were assessed as a loading control. Seven overexpressed proteins in total were analyzed by Western blotting to confirm galactose induction (Apj1p, Erg9p, Esc1p, Esc2p, Kdx1p, Lcb3p, and Mgr1p); the expression of each gene product was strongly increased in galactose-containing medium, and results for Lcb3p, Kdx1p, and Esc2p are shown here.

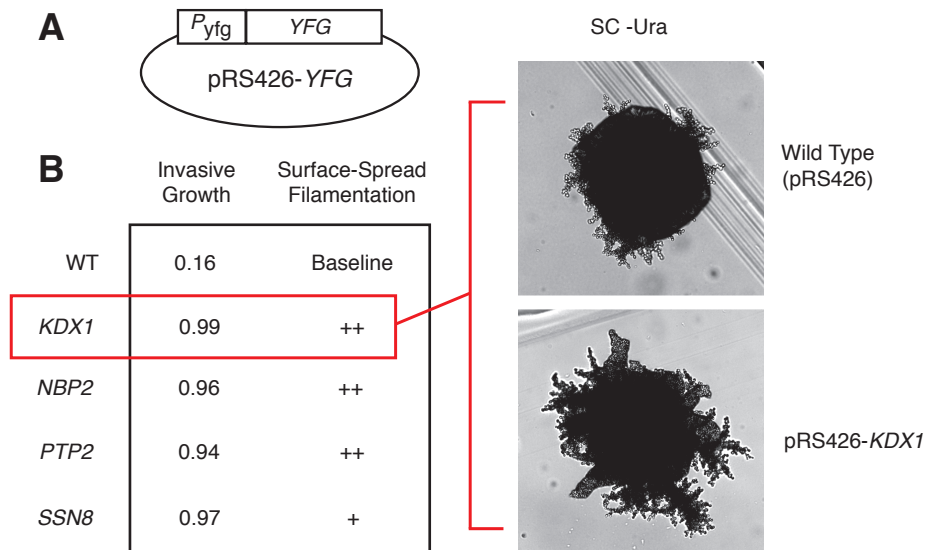


Figure S2 Gene overexpression phenotypes assessed without galactose induction. (A) Genes were cloned into the pRS426 yeast shuttle vector allowing for high copy levels in yeast; genes were cloned along with native promoters. *YFG*, Your Favorite Gene. (B) Invasive growth scores are shown along with qualitative surface filamentation phenotypes for a sampling of genes. Images (right column) are shown for a yeast strain of the filamentous $\Sigma 1278b$ background with the pRS426-*KDX1* construct; an isogenic strain carrying the empty pRS426 vector serves as a wild-type control. Surface filamentation was scored qualitatively, with the “++” and “+” designations indicating the extent of exaggerated filamentation.

Agar invasion score 0.94:

YAL024C, YAL027W, YBL079W, YBR276C, YCL046W, YCR005C, YDL051W, YDR186C, YDR289C, YDR348C, YGL006W, YGL057C, YGL110C, YGL123W, YGL227W, YGR240C, YHR002W, YIL078W, YKR005C, YKR035C, YKR077W, YLR102C, YLR152C, YLR399C, YLR451W, YML004C, YNL066W, YNL149C, YNL204C, YNL311C, YNR032W, YOL107W, YOL116W, YOR022C, YOR038C, YOR049C, YOR066W, YOR145C, YOR208W, YOR241W, YOR244W, YOR283W, YOR334W, YPL054W, YPL124W, YPL210C, YPL217C, YPR085C, YPR117W, YPR140W

Agar invasion score 0.95:

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Agar invasion score 0.96:

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Agar invasion score 0.97:

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Agar invasion score 0.98:

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Agar invasion score >0.99:

YBL023C, YBL035C, YBL050W, YBL054W, YBL076C, YBR029C, YBR086C, YBR090C, YBR092C, YBR112C, YBR135W, YBR156C, YBR160W, YBR250W, YBR262C, YBR264C, YBR273C, YCL025C, YCL063W, YCR030C, YCR031C, YCR088W, YDL122W, YDL195W, YDL210W, YDL221W, YDL224C, YDR080W, YDR113C, YDR188W, YDR192C, YDR200C, YDR228C, YDR231C, YDR284C, YDR378C, YDR442W, YER032W, YER040W, YER085C, YER094C, YER105C, YER110C, YER114C, YER161C, YER184C, YFL027C, YFR023W, YGL003C, YGL023C, YGL035C, YGL066W, YGL164C, YGL166W, YGL180W, YGL181W, YGL209W, YGR026W, YGR044C, YGR067C, YGR096W, YGR100W, YGR105W, YGR109C, YGR123C, YGR159C, YGR218W, YGR246C, YGR249W, YGR274C, YHL024W, YHR014W, YHR032W, YHR079C, YHR135C, YHR161C, YHR177W, YIL045C, YIL056W, YIL077C, YIL094C, YIL136W, YIL137C, YIR013C, YJL047C, YJL054W, YJL090C, YJL092W, YJL105W, YJL106W, YJL141C, YJL187C, YJL191W, YJL200C, YJL204C, YJR030C, YJR093C, YJR116W, YJR147W, YKL027W, YKL038W, YKL047W, YKL119C, YKL129C, YKL146W, YKL161C, YKL210W, YKR002W, YKR029C, YKR088C, YLL003W, YLR013W, YLR072W, YLR136C, YLR227C, YLR241W, YLR251W, YLR253W, YLR273C, YLR337C, YLR357W, YLR403W, YLR405W, YML052W, YML057W, YML061C, YML076C, YML081W, YML086C, YMR010W, YMR032W, YMR070W, YMR094W, YMR136W, YMR179W, YMR182C, YMR212C, YMR219W, YMR309C, YNL020C, YNL053W, YNL076W, YNL109W, YNL161W, YNL182C, YNL183C, YNL188W, YNL233W, YNL236W, YNL238W, YNL251C, YNR034W, YNR059W, YOL013C, YOL089C, YOR008C, YOR028C, YOR032C, YOR098C, YOR101W, YOR106W, YOR113W, YOR118W, YOR138C, YOR141C, YOR162C, YOR181W, YOR195W, YOR227W, YOR239W, YOR251C, YOR271C, YOR299W, YOR307C, YOR317W, YOR360C, YPL055C, YPL071C, YPL105C, YPL125W, YPL128C, YPL158C, YPL222W, YPL250C, YPL269W, YPR009W, YPR026W, YPR097W, YPR141C, YPR157W

Figure S3 Listing of genes yielding invasion phenotypes upon gene overexpression. Agar invasion scores were generated as the pixel intensity of the spotted culture post-wash relative to its pre-wash intensity; genes are grouped according to these scores with the genes exhibiting strongest invasion yielding values of 0.99 or greater.

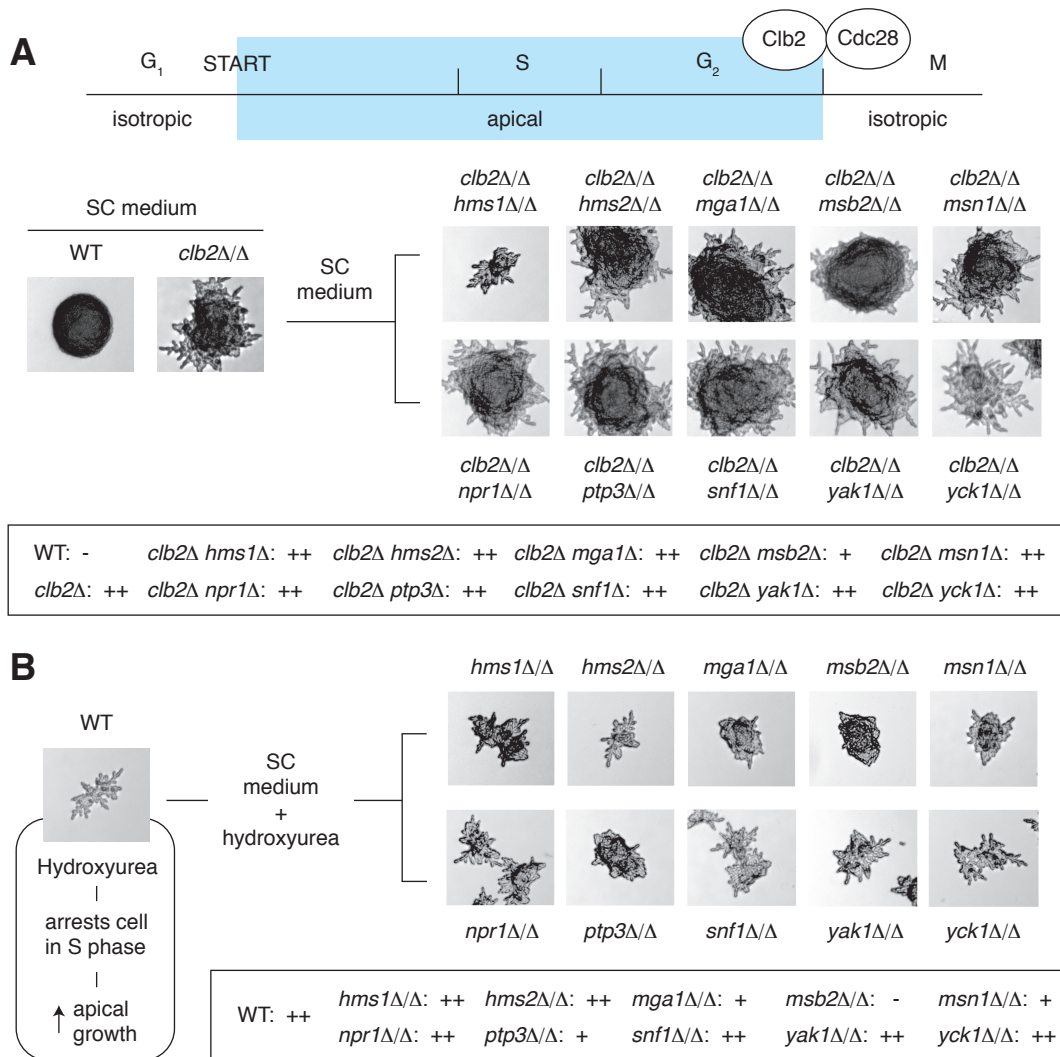


Figure S4 Analyzing the genetic basis of enhanced filamentous growth from perturbed cell cycle progression. (A) Surface-spread filamentation of indicated homozygous diploid $clb2\Delta$ double deletion mutants on standard growth medium under conditions of nitrogen sufficiency. The degree of observed filamentous growth is indicated in the boxed inset (as in Table 1). (B) filamentous growth induced by hydroxyurea treatment. Surface filamentation is shown for indicated homozygous diploid deletion mutants on standard growth medium supplemented with hydroxyurea. The degree of surface filamentation is qualitatively represented in the boxed inset as above.

A Genes exhibiting filamentous growth phenotypes from both overexpression screening and gene deletion analysis: (61 genes)

YBL063W	YDR289C	YGL003C	YGR255C	YLR337C	YNL076W	YOR066W	YPL055C	YPR119W
YBR083W	YDR387C	YGL014W	YHR084W	YLR357W	YNL097C	YOR205C	YPL109C	YPR140W
YBR131W	YDR477W	YGL064C	YJL092W	YML086C	YNL169C	YOR307C	YPL168W	YPR148C
YCR088W	YER014W	YGL228W	YJL101C	YMR063W	YNL175C	YOR317W	YPL222W	YPR157W
YDL090C	YER040W	YGR123C	YKL143W	YMR098C	YNL183C	YOR356W	YPL270W	YPR185W
YDR120C	YER118C	YGR162W	YKL204W	YMR193W	YNR034W	YPL022W	YPR026W	
YDR162C	YER161C	YGR229C	YLL006W	YNL053W	YOR065W	YPL040C	YPR097W	

B Genes exhibiting filamentous growth phenotypes from both overexpression screening and mTn-based gene disruption analysis: (79 genes)

YAR070C	YDR282C	YER140W	YGR107W	YIL077C	YKR005C	YLR241W	YNR021W	YPL109C
YBL071C	YDR333C	YER184C	YGR125W	YIR042C	YKR051W	YLR253W	YOL029C	YPL168W
YBL096C	YDR348C	YFR045W	YGR235C	YJL132W	YKR078W	YLR358C	YOL107W	YPR022C
YBR090C	YDR387C	YGL108C	YHR079C-A	YJL222W-B	YLL058W	YLR374C	YOR022C	YPR077C
YBR226C	YDR442W	YGL177W	YHR131W	YJR030C	YLR057W	YLR428C	YOR062C	YPR097W
YCL046W	YDR514C	YGR026W	YHR162W	YKL027W	YLR072W	YML020W	YOR283W	YPR117W
YDL221W	YEL030C-A	YGR042W	YHR177W	YKL047W	YLR152C	YNL022C	YOR387C	YPR148C
YDR186C	YER064C	YGR064W	YIL045C	YKL071W	YLR177W	YNL109W	YPL071C	
YDR266C	YER085C	YGR067C	YIL055C	YKL156C-A	YLR230W	YNL115C	YPL077C	

C Genes exhibiting filamentous growth phenotypes from current and previous (smaller) overexpression screens: (18 genes)

YBR083W	YDR266C	YGL035C	YJR125C	YKL132C	YMR063W	YMR139W	YNL076W	YOR032C
YCL044C	YER040W	YGR240C	YKL051W	YML061C	YMR070W	YNL066W	YNL175C	YPL158C

D Overexpression gene hits that also exhibited increased mRNA transcript levels upon activation of MAPK signaling: (17 genes)

YBL054W	YBR226C	YDL135C	YEL060C	YGR123C	YJR078W	YKL161C	YOL104C	YPR141C
YBR083W	YBR294W	YDR085C	YGR043C	YJL157C	YJR095W	YNL053W	YPL054W	

Figure S5 Overlap between genes showing filamentation phenotypes in the current overexpression study on medium with normal nitrogen levels and (A) systematic and targeted gene deletion analyses (invasive growth) under conditions of nutrient sufficiency; (B) large-scale transposon-based gene disruption analyses (surface filamentation) under conditions of butanol induction; (C) previous overexpression analysis of 2043 constructs (surface filamentation) under conditions of butanol induction (Rin *et al.*, *Mol. Biol. Cell*, 2008, 19:284); and (D) increased mRNA abundance upon activation of MAPK signaling by various stimuli (Roberts *et al.*, *Science*, 2000, 287: 873)