

Ubiquitin orchestrates proteasome dynamics between proliferation and quiescence in yeast

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ABSTRACT Proteasomes are essential for protein degradation in proliferating cells. Little is known about proteasome functions in quiescent cells. In nondividing yeast, a eukaryotic model of quiescence, proteasomes are depleted from the nucleus and accumulate in motile cytosolic granules termed proteasome storage granules (PSGs). PSGs enhance resistance to genotoxic stress and confer fitness during aging. Upon exit from quiescence PSGs dissolve, and proteasomes are rapidly delivered into the nucleus. To identify key players in PSG organization, we performed high-throughput imaging of green fluorescent protein (GFP)-labeled proteasomes in the yeast null-mutant collection. Mutants with reduced levels of ubiquitin are impaired in PSG formation. Colocalization studies of PSGs with proteins of the yeast GFP collection, mass spectrometry, and direct stochastic optical reconstitution microscopy of cross-linked PSGs revealed that PSGs are densely packed with proteasomes and contain ubiquitin but no polyubiquitin chains. Our results provide insight into proteasome dynamics between proliferating and quiescent yeast in response to cellular requirements for ubiquitin-dependent degradation.

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INTRODUCTION

The proteasome is a 2.5-MDa, multisubunit protease complex responsible for the degradation of proteins conjugated to polyubiquitin chains. Failures in ubiquitin-proteasome-dependent protein degradation result in intracellular accumulations of irreversible and immotile ubiquitin-containing protein inclusions, which are indicative

for age-related neurodegenerative diseases (Ciechanover and Brundin, 2003; Goldberg, 2003; Zheng *et al.*, 2016). However, not all protein inclusions detected in centenarians' brain tissues consist of irreversible and immotile proteins (Haller *et al.*, 2013; Xekardaki *et al.*, 2015). Protein inclusions that are reversible and motile, such as proteasome granules, may even protect from the early onset of neurodegenerative diseases (Amen and Kaganovich, 2015).

Proteasome granules have an enigmatic structure. The mechanism underlying their organization is unknown but seems to be conserved, as proteasome granules are found in nondividing quiescent yeast and human neuronal cells (Enenkel, 2014).

Quiescence is a reversible state in which cell proliferation is temporarily arrested during chronological aging (O'Farrell, 2011; Valcourt *et al.*, 2012). Drastic metabolic changes accompany the transition from proliferation to quiescence. The genome undergoes significant topological reorganizations (Rutledge *et al.*, 2015), and multiple molecules accumulate in storage compartments (Gray *et al.*, 2004; De Virgilio, 2012). Global repression of transcription and translation ensures longevity of the quiescent state (Miles *et al.*, 2013; McKnight *et al.*, 2015).

Proteasome granules are the result of proteasome reorganizations during quiescence, as thousands of individual proteasomes gather within one to two membrane-less organelles. In yeast, proteasome granules were originally named proteasome storage

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Abbreviations used: CP, core particle; DAPI, 4',6-diamidino-2-phenylindole; DIC, differential interference contrast; dSTORM, direct stochastic optical reconstitution microscopy; GFP, green fluorescent protein; GFPS, GFP-Strep-Tactin; IPOD, insoluble protein deposits; JUNO, juxtannuclear quality compartments; LC-MS/MS, liquid chromatography–tandem mass spectrometry; ORF, open reading frame; PSG, proteasome storage granule; RFP, red fluorescent protein; RP, regulatory particle; Rpn, regulatory particle non-ATPase; Rpt, regulatory particle triple-A (AAA) ATPase; TIRF, total internal reflection fluorescence; YPD, yeast peptone glucose.

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granules (PSGs), presumably protecting proteasomes from degradation (Laporte *et al.*, 2008). PSGs are primarily detected at a young replicative age. Their presence confers cell fitness during chronological aging (van Deventer *et al.*, 2015) and resilience toward genotoxic and proteotoxic stress (Ratnakumar *et al.*, 2011; Doherty *et al.*, 2012; Weberruss *et al.*, 2013; van Deventer *et al.*, 2015).

Proteasomes are the second most abundant protein complexes in eukaryotic cells (Marguerat *et al.*, 2012). Composed of ~40 different subunits, proteasome holo-enzymes consist of the proteolytic core particle (CP) flanked by one or two regulatory particles (RPs) (Baumeister *et al.*, 1998). The CP comprises two outer and two inner rings of seven distinct α and β subunits, respectively. The β -rings harbor the proteolytic sites. The α -rings control the access of protein substrates that are delivered by the RP. The RP is composed of approximately nine lid and approximately 10 base subunits, of which distinct Rpn (regulatory particle non-ATPase) subunits recognize the polyubiquitin chain. The ubiquitin moieties are cleaved before substrate degradation (Peth *et al.*, 2010; Rosenzweig *et al.*, 2012). The RP lid subunit Rpn11 catalyzes the en bloc removal of the polyubiquitin chain (Verma *et al.*, 2002; Yao and Cohen, 2002), while the proteasome-associated protein Ubp6, the yeast homologue of USP14, catalyzes the removal of supernumerary polyubiquitin chains (Lee *et al.*, 2016), thus allowing gradual deubiquitylation of the substrate (Crosas *et al.*, 2006; Hanna *et al.*, 2006). The deubiquitylated substrate is translocated into the proteolytic chamber of the CP through Rpt (regulatory particle triple-A (AAA) ATPase) subunits adjacent to the CP α -ring (Rabl *et al.*, 2008). During cell proliferation, when the intracellular ATP level is high (Laporte *et al.*, 2011), the RP is attached to the CP, yielding proteasome holo-enzymes that are primarily located in the nucleus and are functionally active for degrading polyubiquitylated proteins (Tanaka, 2009; Enenkel, 2014).

In yeast, the ATP level declines with the transition from proliferation to quiescence due to glucose depletion in stationary phase (Laporte *et al.*, 2011). The intracellular pH drops, and the protoplasmic fluidity decrease impacts the dynamics of soluble proteins (Laporte *et al.*, 2011; Parry *et al.*, 2014; Munder *et al.*, 2016). Proteasomes accumulate at the inner side of the nuclear envelope (Laporte *et al.*, 2008), pass through the nuclear pore, and gather in an early intermediate of the PSG, which yields the mature PSGs separate from insoluble protein deposits (IPOD) (Kaganovich *et al.*, 2008; Peters *et al.*, 2016).

Although CP and RP colocalize within the PSGs, RP-CP assemblies are less stable in carbon- (Bajorek *et al.*, 2003; Orlowski and Wilk, 2000; Weberruss *et al.*, 2013) or nitrogen-starved cells (Waite *et al.*, 2016). The instantaneous gain of ATP that occurs upon glucose feeding of carbon-starved cells triggers the resumption of growth and the immediate clearance of PSGs. Within a few minutes, RP-CP assemblies are formed that relocate to the nucleus, illustrating the reversible and motile nature of the PSGs (Laporte *et al.*, 2008; Weberruss *et al.*, 2013).

A genome-wide systematic screen in proliferating yeast revealed that lowering the intracellular pH induces premature PSG formation (Peters *et al.*, 2013). It is conceivable that pH and metabolites influence proteasome assembly and intracellular movement, but the key proteins controlling proteasome dynamics and PSG organization remained unknown. Based on our previous studies, Blm10 is the only protein known to be involved in the sequestration of the CP into PSGs. Its absence affects the sequestration of the CP but not of the RP (Weberruss *et al.*, 2013).

PSGs, which share the feature of reversibility with juxtannuclear quality compartments (JUNQ) (Kaganovich *et al.*, 2008), are not the only spherical structures of proteasome sequestrations. Cell cycle

arrest by proteasome inhibition or nitrogen starvation also induces the sequestration of proteasomes, although in irreversible and immotile protein inclusions that resemble IPOD-like structures (Marshall *et al.*, 2016). When either the proteasome is inactivated or essential amino acids are depleted, the proteasome becomes polyubiquitylated and is sacrificed for Atg8-mediated autophagic degradation (Marshall *et al.*, 2015, 2016; Cohen-Kaplan *et al.*, 2016). Dysfunctional and misassembled proteasomal subunits are also sequestered into IPOD-like compartments for final degradation (Peters *et al.*, 2015). The lysosomal targeting of these proteasomal components appear to be specific for nitrogen starvation but is not observed under glucose starvation (Waite *et al.*, 2016).

Yeast cells were grown in yeast peptone glucose (YPD) media at 30°C throughout this work to avoid mixed phenotypes with reversible and irreversible proteasome granules due to limitations of carbon and nitrogen sources.

Applying high-throughput microscopy to the yeast null-mutant collection, we screened for genes required for the orchestrated sequestration of the CP and RP into the PSGs. We also screened the yeast collection of green fluorescent protein (GFP)-labeled open reading frames (ORFs) for proteins that form reversible and motile granules in quiescence. Both screens identified genes that are involved in balancing the load of polyubiquitin chains on the proteasome versus the concentration of free ubiquitin. Reduced levels of free ubiquitin were paralleled with impaired PSG formation. Using mass spectrometry and direct stochastic optical reconstitution microscopy (dSTORM) analysis, *in vivo* cross-linked PSGs were found to be densely packed and primarily composed of CP, RP, and free ubiquitin. Overexpression of lysine-less ubiquitin variants induced premature PSG formation during proliferation. On the basis of these findings, we propose a model for proteasome movements in proliferating and quiescent cells in response to cellular requirements for ubiquitin-dependent degradation.

RESULTS

Systematic identification of yeast null mutants with deficiencies in PSG formation

To shed light into proteasome dynamics in yeast, we set out to explore genes that are involved in the sequestration of proteasomes into PSGs by exploiting high-throughput imaging screens based on automated image acquisition coupled with the quantification of specific morphological phenotypes (Boone *et al.*, 2007; Tong *et al.*, 2001). To systematically survey the yeast deletion collection for defects in PSG formation, we created a library of ~4300 null mutants expressing the GFP-labeled variant of the β 5-subunit Pre2 (Pre2-GFP), which is a well-established reporter protein of the CP (Figure 1A) (Enenkel, 2012). In addition to Pre2-GFP, mCherry-labeled histone Hta2 (Hta2-mCherry) and the ribosomal RPL39 promoter region driving expression of tdTomato (RPL39pr-dt-Tomato) were crossed into the arrayed collection of null mutants as markers of the nucleus and cytoplasm, respectively (Supplemental Figure S1).

Forty-five null mutants were identified with deficiencies in PSG formation (Supplemental Table S1). The mutants were grouped according to their biological functions: 1) nuclear transport; 2) ubiquitin modifying proteins; 3) proteins regulating energy levels; 4) kinases and phosphatases; 5) DNA repair and chromatin remodeling; and 6) proteins with miscellaneous functions. V-type ATPases involved in premature PSG formation in proliferating cells (Peters *et al.*, 2013) were not among our hit genes, consistent with the finding that V-type ATPases disassemble with glucose deprivation in quiescence (Martinez-Munoz and Kane, 2008).

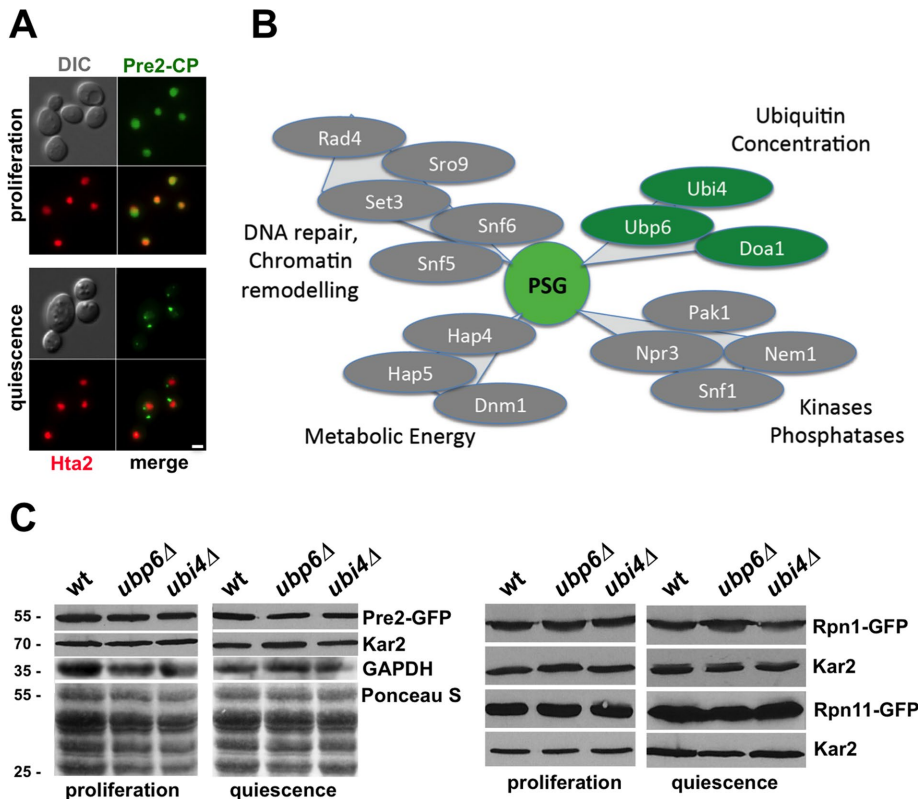


FIGURE 1: High-throughput survey for yeast null mutants with perturbed PSG formation. (A) Direct fluorescence microscopy of proteasome localization in the query wild-type (WT) cells expressing GFP-labeled CP subunit Pre2 (Pre2-GFP) and Hta2-mCherry. Cells were monitored during cell proliferation (corresponding to growth to logarithmic phase, $OD_{600} \sim 1.0$) or during quiescence (corresponding to stationary phase, $OD_{600} \sim 10$) by using differential interference contrast (DIC), GFP, and RFP filter sets. Scale bar: 3 μ m. (B) Proteins required for orchestrating the sequestration of CP, RP lid, and RP base complexes into PSGs were assigned to functional groups as listed in Table 1. (C) Protein levels of GFP-labeled Pre2, RP base subunit Rpn1, and RP lid subunit Rpn11 in wild-type, *ubp6* Δ , and *ubi4* Δ cells were analyzed by SDS-PAGE and Western blotting using antibodies against GFP, Kar2, and GAPDH. Western blots were stained by Ponceau S before antibodies were added.

A high-throughput imaging screen of temperature-sensitive mutants of essential genes turned out to be hardly feasible, because each mutant requires a specific restrictive temperature and incubation time to display its phenotype in quiescence (e.g., *uba1-1* mutants of the ubiquitin-activating enzyme Uba1 [Shimada *et al.*, 2002] formed PSGs upon growth for 3 d at 35°C).

Because CP and RP colocalize within PSGs, our main focus was directed toward proteins that orchestrate the sequestration of the CP and RP into the PSGs. The hit mutants that were identified using Pre2-GFP were assayed with GFP-labeled RP base subunit Rpn1 and lid subunit Rpn11 (Rpn1-GFP, Rpn11-GFP). Once again, Hta2-mCherry and cytosolic RPL39pr-tdTomato marked the nucleo- and cytoplasm, respectively. Twenty-one null mutants showed perturbed sequestration of the RP into PSGs, suggesting that the sequestration of the CP and RP into PSGs depends on the same genes in these null mutants. The cutoff for marking a defect in these mutants was set to 30% PSG formation compared with the wild type (Table 1; 15 mutants could be grouped by related functions as shown in Figure 1B). None of the mutants fell into the category of mutants that fail to enter quiescence (Li *et al.*, 2015), consistent with our observation that disturbed PSG formation was not caused by blocked upstream processes such as nuclear retention of proteasomes.

Blm10 was identified in the high-throughput imaging analysis as a protein known to be involved in the sequestration of the CP into PSGs. Because *BLM10* deletion does not impair the sequestration of the RP into the PSGs (Weberruss *et al.*, 2013), Blm10 does not fulfill the criterion of a protein orchestrating PSG formation (see the Supplemental Material for *blm10* Δ strains with two different genetic backgrounds; Supplemental Figure S2).

As shown by our previous studies on *blm10* Δ mutants, the deficiency in PSG formation is linked with a delay in the resumption of growth upon exit from quiescence, notably after DNA damage by phleomycin (Weberruss *et al.*, 2013). To test the correlation between delayed outgrowth from quiescence and failures in PSG formation in our hit mutants, we plotted regrowth curves for lag-phase differences with and without phleomycin. Eight hit mutants showed delays in the resumption of growth upon exit from quiescence and perturbed PSG formation (Supplemental Figure S3A). Among them were null mutants of *UBP6*, *UBI4*, and *DOA1* involved in the regulation of the cellular ubiquitin concentration (Kraut *et al.*, 2007) (Supplemental Figure S3B). SDS-PAGE and Western blot analysis verified that each GFP-labeled proteasomal reporter subunit is expressed during proliferation and quiescence (Figure 1C, wild type, *ubp6* Δ , and *ubi4* Δ).

In particular, the deletion of *UBP6* and *UBI4* resulted in PSG frequencies below 10% (Figure 2A, wild type and *ubp6* Δ cells; Figure 2C, *ubi4* Δ cell; Figure 2, B and D, quantification). The null mutant of *DOA1* displayed ~30% PSG formation and was omitted from follow-up investigations. In the hit mutants, proteasomes were equally abundant, showing that disturbed PSG formation is not caused by proteasome depletion (Supplemental Figures S7 and S8).

UBP6 codes for a proteasome-associated ubiquitin-specific protease that contributes to the replenishment of ubiquitin (Crosas *et al.*, 2006; Sakata *et al.*, 2011). *UBI4* encodes a penta-repeat of ubiquitin molecules and is required to resist starvation and stress in stationary phase (Finley *et al.*, 1987). Both *ubp6* Δ and *ubi4* Δ mutants are characterized by low levels of free ubiquitin (Figure 2E) (Hanna *et al.*, 2006, 2007).

To test whether the perturbed PSG phenotype of *ubp6* Δ mutants is caused by the lack of the ubiquitin hydrolase activity of Ubp6, we analyzed the active-site mutant Ubp6-C118A (*ubp6*-C118A) for PSG formation. The *ubp6* Δ cells were transformed with centromere-based plasmids expressing either wild type or Ubp6-C118A. In addition, Pre2-, Rpn1-, and Rpn11-GFP were coexpressed to monitor the localization of the CP, RP base, and RP lid, respectively. Fluorescence microscopy revealed that PSGs are formed in reconstituted wild type but not in the *ubp6*-C118A active-site mutant (Figure 3A). Again, the ubiquitin level in the *ubp6*-C118A active-site mutant was confirmed to be lower than in wild type (Figure 2E).

Gene product	% CP	% RP base	% RP lid	Granule
Ubiquitin-modifying proteins				
Doa1	–	–	–	+
Ubi4	–	–	–	+++
Ubp6	–	–	–	+++
Regulators of energy levels				
Dnm1	–	–	–	+
Hap4	–	–	–	–
Hap5	–	–	–	–
Kinases and phosphatases				
Nem1	–	–	–	+
Npr3	–	–	–	n.d.
Pak1	+	–	+	+
Snf1	+	–	–	+
DNA repair, chromatin remodeling				
Rad4	+	–	–	–
Set3	–	–	–	+
Snf5	+	–	–	+
Snf6	+	–	+	+
Sro9	–	–	–	+
Proteins with miscellaneous functions				
Ade4	–	–	–	+
Cpr7	+	–	–	–
Icl1	–	–	–	n.d.
Sec66	–	–	+	–
Tps2	–	–	–	–
Vps24	+	–	–	+

Null mutants of selected hit genes expressing either Pre2-, Rpn1-, or Rpn11-GFP were manually analyzed for PSG formation in quiescence. Two hundred cells were monitored by direct fluorescence microscopy. The percentage of cells that sequester CP, RP lid, and RP base into the PSG was counted. –, less than 30%, + between 30% and 50% of the respective proteasomal complex is sequestered into the PSGs. The sequestration of the hit gene products into cytosolic granules in quiescence was analyzed by monitoring wild-type cells expressing GFP-labeled versions of the hit gene products, respectively. All protein granules formed by the respective GFP-labeled gene product were tested for reversibility upon exit from quiescence. Reversible and motile protein granules are designated in red (+), irreversible and immotile in black (+). Proteins colocalizing with PSGs were designated (+ + +); n.d. the localization could not be detected.

TABLE 1: Proteins required for PSG formation identified in imaging screen with deletion collection.

We next analyzed whether proteasome relocalization into the nucleus is delayed in *ubp6Δ* and *ubp6-C118A* mutants upon exit from quiescence, when PSGs resolve and mature proteasomes reappear within a few minutes in the nucleus of wild-type cells. In *ubp6Δ* and *ubp6-C118A* mutants lacking PSGs, the replenishment of nuclear proteasomes took more than one regular generation time (Figure 3, B and D, top graph); *ubi4Δ* cells displayed similar phenotypes (Figure 3, C and D, bottom graph). Thus perturbed PSG formation is connected with the inability to rapidly relocate proteasomes into the nucleus upon growth resumption. Perturbed PSG formation may also contribute to the hypersensitivity of *ubp6Δ* and

ubi4Δ mutants toward a variety of agents inducing proteo- and genotoxic stress (Finley *et al.*, 1987; Chernova *et al.*, 2003).

PSGs are unique cytosolic granules densely packed with proteasomes

To extend our search for possible PSG scaffold proteins, we performed a systematic survey for proteins forming PSG-like structures by high-throughput imaging of the collection of strains expressing ~4100 GFP-labeled ORFs (Huh *et al.*, 2003). Hta2-mCherry was crossed into the arrayed strain collection as marker of the nucleus. The screen was performed by automated imaging analysis using the Evotec Opera microscope and analyzed manually by eye. Only when three individuals independently found matching results was a strain counted as a hit.

In follow-up experiments, each hit strain was manually analyzed for PSG-like structures. Specifically, their motility during quiescence and their reversibility upon exit from quiescence were tested. Most GFP-labeled foci formed during quiescence were irreversible, confirming previous work by other groups (Narayanaswamy *et al.*, 2009; O'Connell *et al.*, 2014). As expected, all proteasomal components accumulated in reversible cytosolic foci. GFP-labeled versions of proteins encoded by *ADE4*, *DNM1*, *DOA1*, *NEM1*, *PAK1*, *SET3*, *SNF1*, *SNF5*, *SNF6*, *SRO9*, *UBI4*, *UBP6*, and *VPS24*, whose deletions resulted in perturbed PSG formation, were also found to form cytosolic foci in quiescence (Table 1). To examine whether these cytosolic foci behave like PSGs, we tested their clearance upon exit from quiescence. With the exception of Ade4, Ubp6, and Ubi4, the cytosolic foci of all other gene products did not clear with the resumption of growth, showing that they did not behave like PSGs.

Only a small number of proteins, namely Ade16, Nam7, Kap95, Crm1, and Kap123, the latter three of which are members of the β-karyopherin family (Wozniak *et al.*, 1998), joined the list of proteins forming motile and reversible cytosolic foci in quiescence (Supplemental Table S2). None of them colocalized with PSGs (Supplemental Figure S4). Proteins known to be associated with the proteasomes, such as Ubp6 and Blm10, colocalized with PSGs (Figure 4, A and B). Colocalization studies of GFP-labeled Ubi4-GG, which was chromosomally deleted for the diglycine motif to avoid C-terminal cleavage of the GFP moiety from ubiquitin, and mCherry-labeled Pre2 suggested the presence of GFP-tagged ubiquitin within PSGs (Figure 4C). Western blot analysis confirmed the presence of GFP-tagged ubiquitin, which results from proteolytic processing of the polyubiquitin precursor Ubi4 during stationary phase (Figure 4C, panel labeled Ub-GG-GFP). Attempts to replenish (tagged versions of) ubiquitin in quiescent *ubp6Δ* and *ubi4Δ* cells by using *GAL1*, *ADH1*, *ADH2*, and *UBI4* promoter-driven plasmids failed, suggesting that the ubiquitin level is hardly manipulated in quiescence.

To investigate the structural organization of PSGs, we imaged cross-linked PSGs from wild-type cells expressing Rpn1-GFP via dSTORM (for enrichment of cross-linked PSGs, see Figure 5). The PSG signals appear as discrete isolated structures when imaged via wide-field total internal reflection fluorescence (TIRF) microscopy (Jain *et al.*, 2016) (Figure 4D, left panel). The nanoscale resolution achieved via dSTORM revealed a finer organization not readily observable by conventional microscopy (Figure 4D, right and bottom panels). Three-dimensional surface projections of a representative dSTORM image (Figure 4E) revealed a highly heterogeneous structure with a high number of overlapping single-molecule localizations at its center (dark blue). This area likely represents the core of the PSG with a diameter of ~200 nm, similar to that reported by immunoelectron microscopy (Laporte *et al.*, 2008), while single localizations at the periphery may arise from free proteasomes and/or

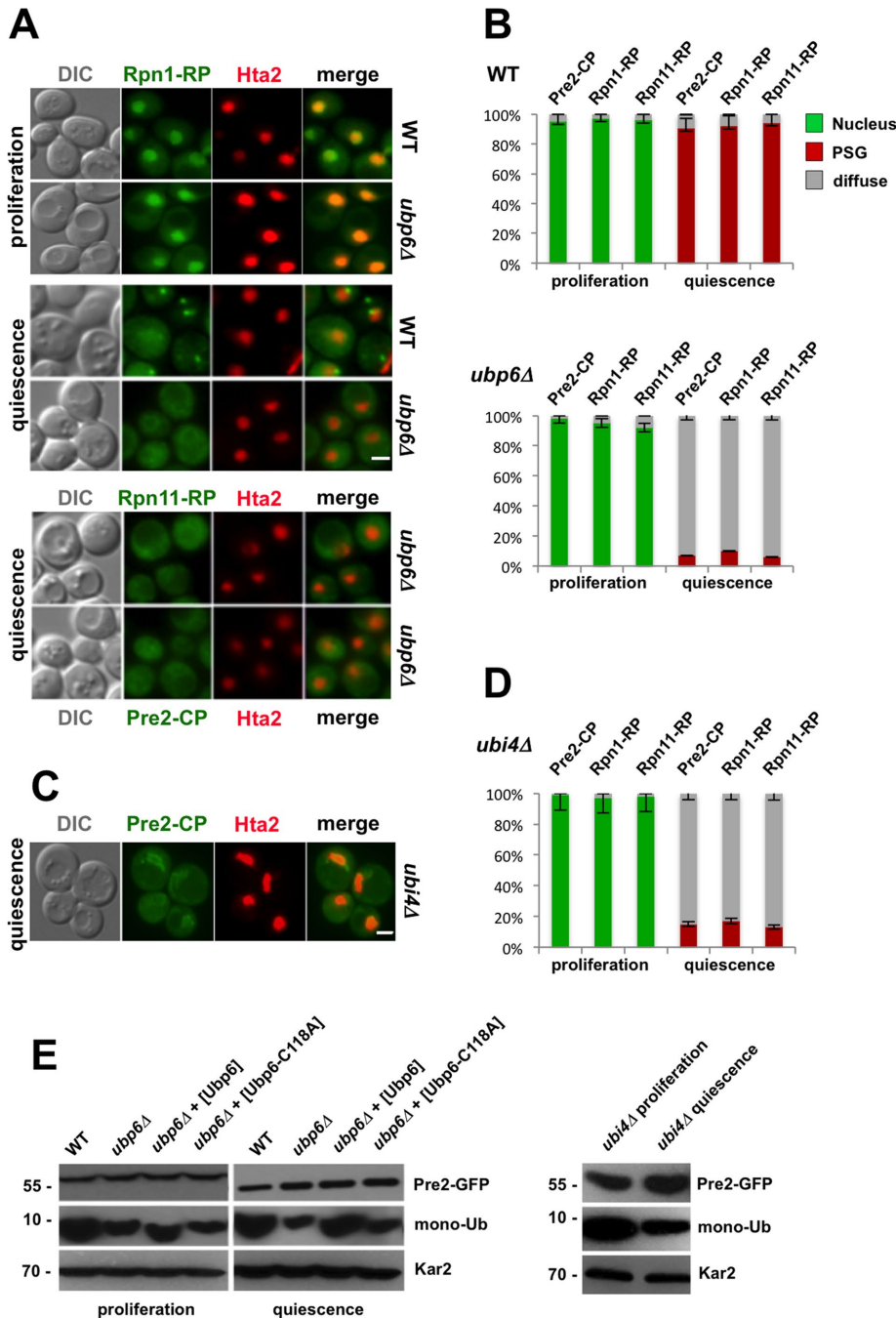


FIGURE 2: Proteasome localizations in *ubp6* Δ and *ubi4* Δ cells. (A) Direct fluorescence microscopy of wild-type and mutant *ubp6* Δ cells expressing RP base Rpn1-GFP and Hta2-mCherry during cell proliferation and quiescence (top panels). Direct fluorescence microscopy of quiescent *ubp6* Δ cells expressing either Pre2-GFP or PR lid Rpn11-GFP and Hta2-mCherry (bottom panel). Scale bar: 3 μ m. (B) Fluorescence of Pre2-, Rpn1-, and Rpn11-GFP in proliferating and quiescent wild-type and *ubp6* Δ cells was scored as nuclear (green), diffuse (gray), or in PSGs (red); $n > 200$ cells, three experiments, error bars show SD. (C) Direct fluorescence microscopy of quiescent *ubi4* Δ cells expressing Pre2-GFP. Scale bar: 3 μ m. (D) Fluorescence of Pre2-, Rpn1-, and Rpn11-GFP in quiescent *ubi4* Δ cells was scored as nuclear (green), diffuse (gray), or in PSGs (red); $n > 200$ cells, three experiments, error bars show SD. (E) Levels of free ubiquitin were detected in cell lysates by SDS-PAGE and Western blot using antibodies against ubiquitin and GFP. Kar2 was probed as loading control.

nonspecific antibody reactions. Around 700 localizations were detected per sample (20 samples) versus $\sim 10,000$ existing proteasomes in a yeast cell (Kulak et al., 2014), suggesting a densely

packed core in which the majority of GFP epitopes are sterically occluded and therefore not readily accessible for immunofluorescence. Alternatively, the finding of one-tenth of the proteasomes within the PSG sample could be explained by the fact that the PSGs were not isolated as intact organelles, collapsed during fixation, or do not contain all proteasomes of the cell.

Mass spectrometry-based approaches determine the protein composition of PSGs

To identify PSG-resident proteins in quiescent yeast cells, we used an integrated proteomic approach based on in vivo cross-linking of cells followed by lysis under denaturing conditions (Guerrero et al., 2006; Kaake et al., 2010). This cross-linking strategy was chosen because the PSG is a membrane-less droplet of soluble proteins (Laporte et al., 2008). For retention of transiently interacting proteins within PSGs, quiescent cells were cross-linked by formaldehyde. The cross-linked cells were disintegrated in the presence of urea, and proteasomes were harvested by tandem-affinity purification using a dodeca-histidine tag combined with the in vivo biotinylation signal peptide sequence (HBH) on Pre2. Wild-type and *blm10* Δ cells with WCGa background were analyzed, because PSG formation occurs in nearly all wild-type cells and is abrogated in *blm10* Δ cells with regard to the CP (Weberruss et al., 2013). Cross-linked quiescent cells from both strains were processed for tandem affinity purification. The eluates were analyzed by SDS-PAGE and Western blot before liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) analysis (Supplemental Figure S5). Possible PSG scaffold proteins should be identifiable through the comparison of the proteomic profiles of quiescent wild-type and *blm10* Δ cells. Two sets of duplicates were analyzed, and only peptides resolved in all four experiments were counted. As a control for nonspecific binding to the beads, lysates of cross-linked quiescent cells without HBH-tagged protein were subjected to tandem-affinity purification and LC-MS/MS analysis. In this control, no proteasomal peptides were isolated, but low numbers of peptides from metabolic enzymes and ribosomal subunits were identified (unpublished data), which usually arise from cross-linked and aggregation-prone proteins in quiescent cells (Narayanaswamy et al., 2009; O'Connell et al., 2014). The

peptides of the control were subtracted from the peptides yielded from wild-type and *blm10* Δ cells expressing Pre2-HBH. High peptide counts resulted for the complete set of proteasomal subunits in

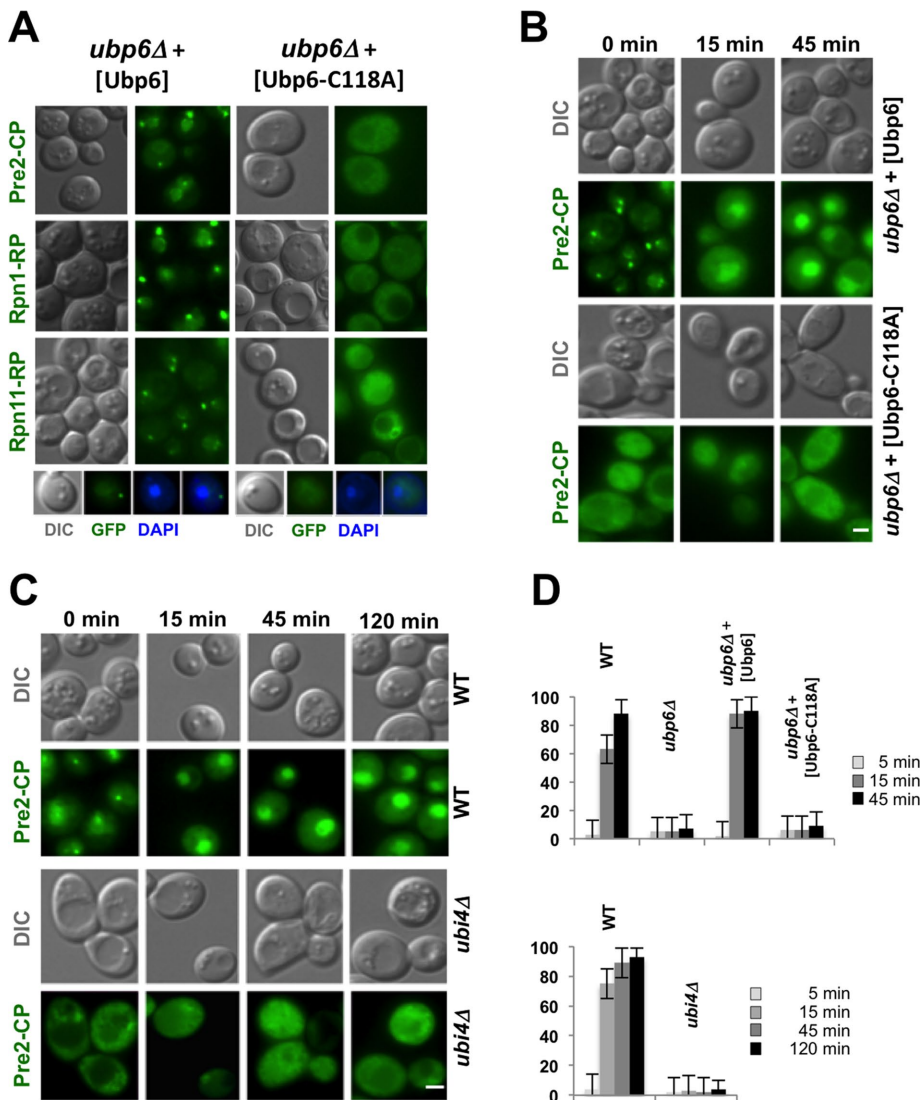


FIGURE 3: Nuclear recovery of GFP-labeled CP in *ubp6Δ* and *ubi4Δ* cells upon exit from quiescence. (A) Direct fluorescence microscopy of quiescent *ubp6Δ* cells expressing Pre2-, Rpn1-, and Rpn11-GFP, respectively, and complemented with plasmid-born expression of *UBP6* and *UBP6-C118A* (top, left panels). Representative cells are stained with DAPI to visualize the nuclei (bottom, left panels). Direct fluorescence microscopy (B) of *ubp6Δ-UBP6* and *ubp6Δ-UBP6-C118A* cells expressing Pre2-GFP and of (C) *ubi4Δ* cells expressing Pre2-GFP was performed at indicated time points upon exit from quiescence. Scale bar: 3 μm. (D) Numbers of cells with nuclear CP were scored at indicated time points; $n > 200$ cells, three experiments, error bars show SD.

wild type and *blm10Δ*. The proteomic profiles of wild-type and *blm10Δ* cells were identical, except that Blm10 was present in wild-type cells and absent from *blm10Δ* cells, and ubiquitin was enriched in wild type compared with *blm10Δ* (Supplemental Table S3). We also compared the proteomic proteasome profile of quiescent cells with previous profiles from proliferating cells using in vivo cross-linking of HBH-tagged proteasomal subunits (Guerrero et al., 2006). No other protein except Blm10 was found to be present at high levels in quiescence compared with proliferation. The mass spectroscopy allowed the identification of ubiquitin but no ubiquitylated peptides (L.H., unpublished observations).

Ubiquitin is a key component of proteasome storage granules

For analysis of the protein composition of PSGs in detail, cross-linked PSGs were enriched from quiescent BY4741 wild-type cells expressing GFP_S (Strep-Tactin)-labeled Pre2 (Pre2-GFP_S). Stepwise

sucrose cushion ultracentrifugation yielded GFP-labeled PSGs, which cosedimented with fragments of 4',6-diamidino-2-phenylindole (DAPI)-stained organelles as revealed by fluorescence microscopy (Figure 5A). Filter devices were used (as specified in the Supplemental Materials) to further separate the PSGs from DAPI-stainable nuclear and mitochondrial remnants (Figure 5B), as confirmed by Western blot analysis using antibodies against histone H3 and Tim23, a protein of the mitochondrial translocase complex. Also, markers of ribosomes (Rps6) and autophagosomes (Atg8) did not react with PSGs enriched by sucrose cushion ultracentrifugation followed by filtration (Figure 5C). The enriched PSGs were briefly boiled to reverse formaldehyde cross-links. SDS-PAGE followed by Coomassie blue staining of the released proteins revealed the typical banding pattern of CP subunits, which is identical to the banding pattern of purified CP (Figure 5D, top panel, compare lanes 1 and 2). High molecular mass subunits of the RP and Blm10 were detected by Western blot analysis after overnight heating at 65°C (Figure 5D, bottom panel, lane 3). Finally, bands in the range of 60–240 kDa were excised and analyzed by mass spectrometry. Pre2-GFP, Rpn1, and Blm10 were identified but did not migrate at the expected size due to the overnight treatment (unpublished data). Because PSGs do not form under conditions of ubiquitin depletion, we tested whether ubiquitin is present within PSGs. As a control, proteasome holo-enzymes were affinity purified as GFP_S-labeled protein complexes from proliferating cells and probed for ubiquitin. Consistent with the literature (Besche et al., 2014), polyubiquitin chains were detected on proteasome holo-enzymes trapped during protein degradation (Figure 5E, lanes 1 and 2).

Interestingly, polyubiquitylated proteins were hardly detected within cross-linked PSGs that were heated in sample buffer overnight to release high molecular mass proteins (Figure 5E, lanes 3 and 4). Instead of polyubiquitin, free ubiquitin was enriched within PSGs. The presence of ubiquitin within purified PSGs was also verified by mass spectrometry by excising the ~8 kDa protein reacting with anti-ubiquitin antibodies (unpublished data).

Overexpression of lysine-less ubiquitin induces premature PSG formation and inhibits cell growth

For investigation of whether PSG formation is prematurely induced in proliferating cells by manipulating the level of free ubiquitin, the expression of His-tagged ubiquitin behind the *CUP1*-promoter was induced in wild-type cells expressing Pre2-GFP grown in YPD medium. As revealed by fluorescence microscopy, overnight overexpression of His-ubiquitin forced the sequestration of the CP into PSGs, while the CP remained nuclear in mock-treated cells with endogenous ubiquitin levels (Figure 6A, left panel). The expression of

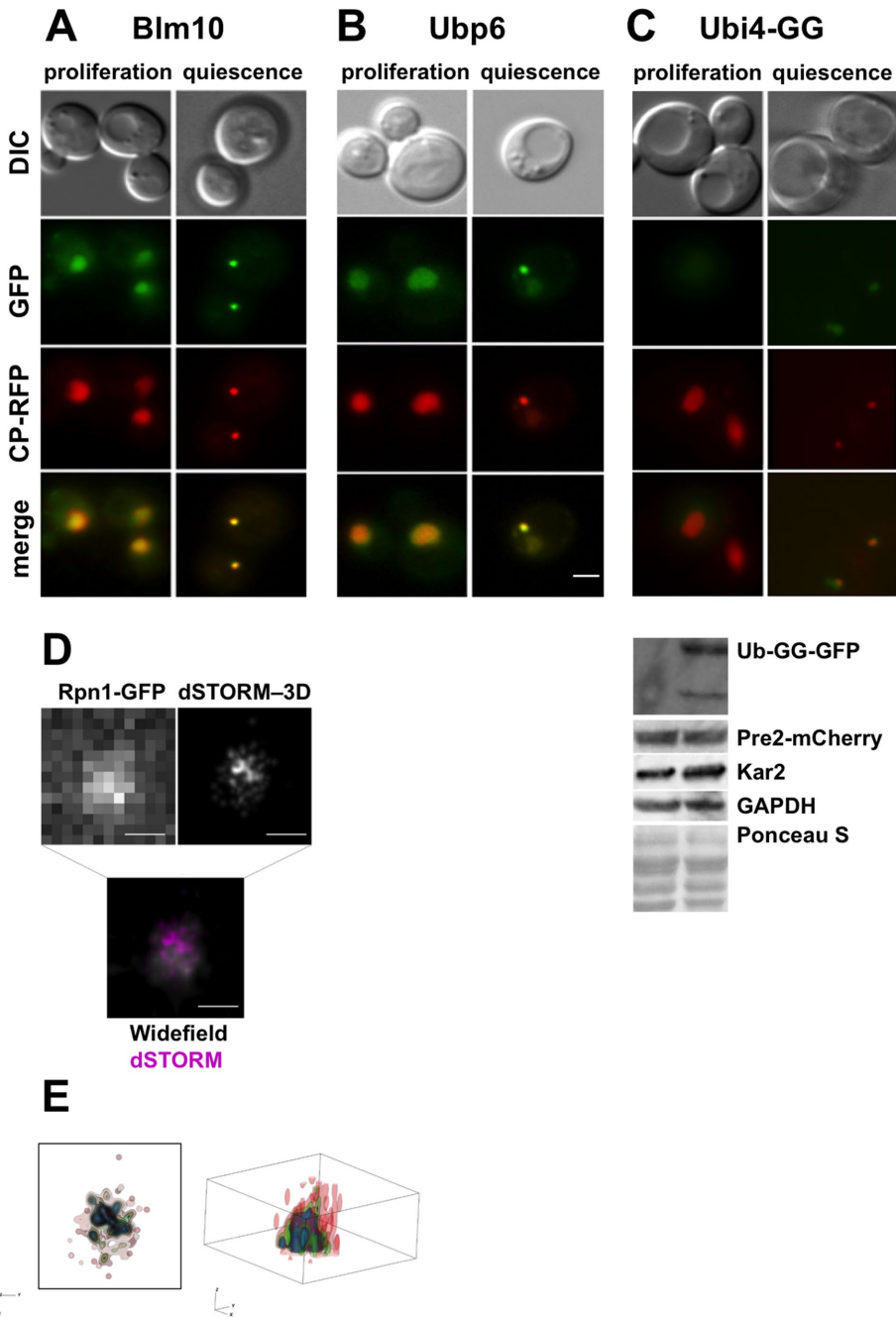


FIGURE 4: Fluorescence microscopy studies of PSGs. GFP-labeled versions of either (A) Blm10, (B) Ubp6, or (C) Ubi4 chromosomally harboring a C-terminal deletion of the C-terminal diglycine motif (–GG) and Pre2-mCherry were monitored in proliferating and quiescent yeast cells. Scale bar: 3 μ m. Western blot analysis for ubiquitin-GG-GFP, the cleavage product of Ubi4-GG-GFP, Pre2-mCherry, Kar2, and GAPDH in proliferating and quiescent yeast. Ponceau S staining shows equal protein load (bottom panel). (D) Wide-field HiLo fluorescence image of a single PSG core obtained from a cross-linked PSGs, enriched from wild-type cells expressing Rpn1-GFP (left). Three-dimensional projection of the corresponding dSTORM image generated with Alexa Fluor 647–anti-GFP (right). Overlay of the wide-field HiLo and dSTORM images (bottom). The wide-field HiLo image was rescaled and smoothed to a pixel size of 10 nm for compatibility with the dSTORM image. (E) Surface projection renderings of the dSTORM reconstruction. Areas of dark blue indicate a relative high density of single-molecule localizations. Scale bars: 500 nm.

His-ubiquitin was confirmed by Western blot (Figure 6A, right panel). Additionally, we tested the effect of lysine-less (KO) ubiquitin in which all lysines are mutated to arginines and the C-terminal diglycine motif is deleted (–GG), so that it is not linkable to any substrate or

proceeding ubiquitin molecule. Among pleiotropic effects, KO ubiquitin inhibits proteasomal degradation (Bloom *et al.*, 2003; Ziv *et al.*, 2011). Again, KO ubiquitin-GG was overexpressed behind the *CUP1* promoter in wild-type cells expressing Pre2-GFP. After a few hours in YPD, PSGs were formed, and cell cycle progression was arrested, whereas mock-treated cells proliferated with continuous nuclear localization of proteasomes (Figure 6B). The cells forming PSGs upon KO ubiquitin overexpression were serially diluted and spotted on YPD medium with and without copper. The cells did not resume growth on copper-containing medium, suggesting that KO ubiquitin interferes with cell cycle progression. As a control, cells containing wild-type ubiquitin grew on copper-containing medium (Figure 6C).

Ideally, the overexpression of ubiquitin variants would have been performed in quiescent *ubi4 Δ* cells. However, protein overexpression is only feasible in proliferating cells, where proteasomes are located in the nucleus independent of the genetic background. Galactose-induced overexpression of Ubi4 in *ubi4 Δ* cells yielded unprocessed Ubi4, suggesting that the ubiquitin-processing hydrolase is not active during proliferation (unpublished data).

Proteasome holo-enzymes are unstable in quiescence
As is well known from the literature, proteasome holo-enzymes remain stable in the presence of ATP and during the degradation of polyubiquitylated substrates (Kleijnen *et al.*, 2007; Kriegenburg *et al.*, 2008). With the decline of ATP, proteasome holo-enzymes tend to dissociate. Thus proteasome holo-enzymes are unstable in quiescent cells (Bajorek *et al.*, 2003). For testing this in our set of mutants, lysates of wild-type and mutant cells were subjected to native PAGE and analyzed by fluorimaging of the GFP moieties attached to either CP, RP base, or RP lid subunit. Proteasome configurations were assigned according to our previous analysis using specific antibodies and mass spectrometry (Supplemental Figure S6) (Enenkel, 2012). Because *ubp6 Δ* cells displayed one of the most striking phenotypes with regard to orchestrating PSG organization, we depicted proteasome configurations from proliferating and quiescent *ubp6 Δ* cells. Proteasome holo-enzymes with either RP–CP–RP or RP–CP configuration were present in proliferating cells (Figure

Proteasome holo-enzymes are unstable in quiescence

7A) and dissociated into RP and CP in quiescent cells (Figure 7B). In wild type, a considerable fraction of CP was bound to Blm10. In quiescent *ubp6 Δ* cells, the overall proteasome configurations were similar to wild type, but less Blm10 was bound to the CP (Figure 7,

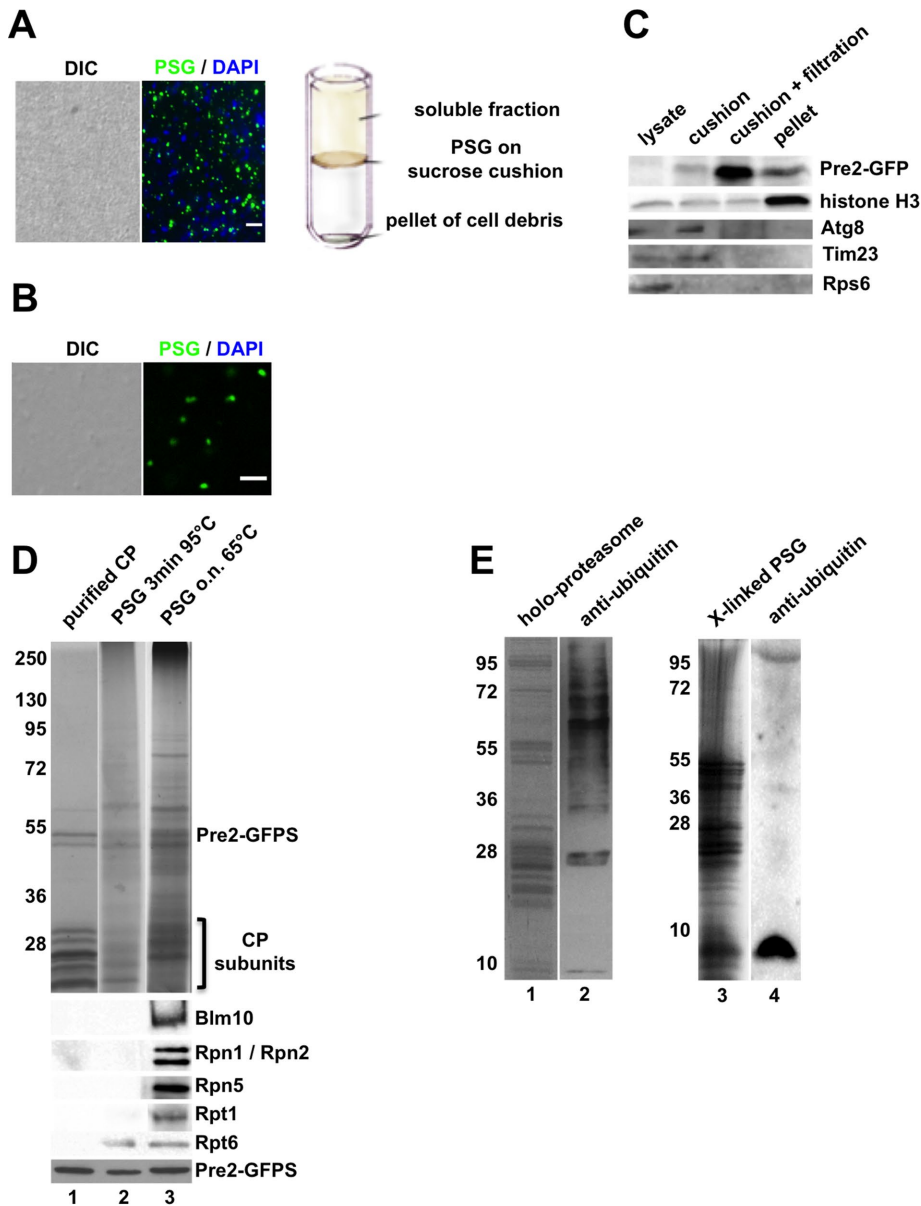


FIGURE 5: Determination of protein composition of PSGs. (A) Sucrose cushion ultracentrifugation for PSG enrichment. Lysates of cross-linked wild-type cells expressing Pre2-GFPS were subjected to sucrose cushion ultracentrifugation. PSGs were harvested from the layer on top of the 2 M sucrose cushion and analyzed by fluorescence microscopy. GFP-labeled PSGs do not coincide with nuclear structures stained by DAPI. DIC was used to monitor the sample homogenization. Scale bar: 1 μ m. (B) Filtered PSG samples containing GFP-labeled CP were stained with DAPI and monitored by fluorescence microscopy. Scale bar: 1 μ m. (C) Cell equivalents of crude lysate and ultracentrifugation fractions before and after filtration were subjected to SDS-PAGE and Western blotting using specific antibodies against Pre2-GFP, histone H3, Atg8, Tim23, and Rps6. Note that formaldehyde cross-links are reversed by boiling in sample buffer. (D) The protein banding pattern of purified GFP-labeled CP (lane 1) was compared with filtered PSGs by SDS-PAGE, Coomassie blue staining (top panel), and Western blotting (bottom panel). Cross-linked PSGs were either boiled for 3 min at 95°C (lane 2) or heated overnight at 65°C to release high molecular mass proteins (lane 3). Blm10, Rpn1, Rpn2, Rpn5, Rtp1, Rpt6, and Pre2-GFP were detected by specific antibodies (bottom panel). (E) Proteasome holo-enzymes were affinity purified by Pre2-GFPS in the presence of 100 μ M MG132 and subjected to SDS-PAGE. Coomassie blue staining revealed the protein banding pattern of the RP and CP subunits (lane 1). Polyubiquitin chains (high molecular mass range) and traces of free ubiquitin (8 kDa) were detected by Western blot (lane 2). Filtered PSGs were heated overnight in sample buffer and subjected to SDS-PAGE and either stained with Coomassie blue (lane 3) or blotted against ubiquitin (lane 4).

bottom panel). Because the sequestration of the CP into PSGs is facilitated by Blm10 (Weberuss *et al.*, 2013), diminished fractions of Blm10-bound CP may contribute to perturbed PSG organization in addition to low ubiquitin levels in *ubp6 Δ* mutants. Consistent with our finding in *ubp6 Δ* cells, our hit mutants with disturbed PSG formation showed RP and CP dissociated as well, confirming that the decline of ATP has a critical influence on proteasome stability during quiescence (selection of hit mutants, Supplemental Figures S7 and S8).

DISCUSSION

Here we explored different approaches to understand PSG organization and to identify key proteins apart from proteasomal components that are required to assemble these reversible and motile granules in the cytoplasm of quiescent yeast cells.

Our initial high-throughput screen for yeast null mutants with perturbed PSGs identified Blm10, a protein required for CP but not RP sequestration into PSGs (Weberuss *et al.*, 2013) (Supplemental Table S1). To identify proteins that orchestrate the sequestration of both the CP and RP into PSGs, we extended our array to mutants with defective RP sequestration into PSGs (Table 1). The proteins affected in these mutants have diverse functions, being either involved in phosphorylation, the regulation of metabolic energy, genotoxic stress response, or ubiquitin regulation. Npr3 kinase, which acts on TORC1 kinase, Pak1, the upstream kinase of AMP-dependent kinase Snf1, and Snf1 kinase emerged in our extended screen for mutants with reduced PSG formation. TORC1 and Pak1 govern the sensing of glucose depletion in quiescence (Zhang *et al.*, 2011) and may modify proteasomal components by phosphorylation, thus influencing proteasome dynamics and their propensity to assemble into PSGs. Eighteen kinases have been reported to form reversible cytosolic foci in quiescence, although Npr3, Pak1, and Snf1 were not among them (Shah *et al.*, 2014). None of these kinases including Npr3, Pak1, and Snf1, colocalized with PSGs, and none of them were identified in our mass spectrometry analysis of cross-linked PSGs. However, it is interesting to note that the phenotypes of quiescent yeast cells lacking either kinase granules or PSGs are similar. Both displayed reduced fitness in chronological aging, suggesting that the global reorganization of various enzymes into cytosolic foci is beneficial for the longevity and reversibility of quiescence (Shah *et al.*, 2014).

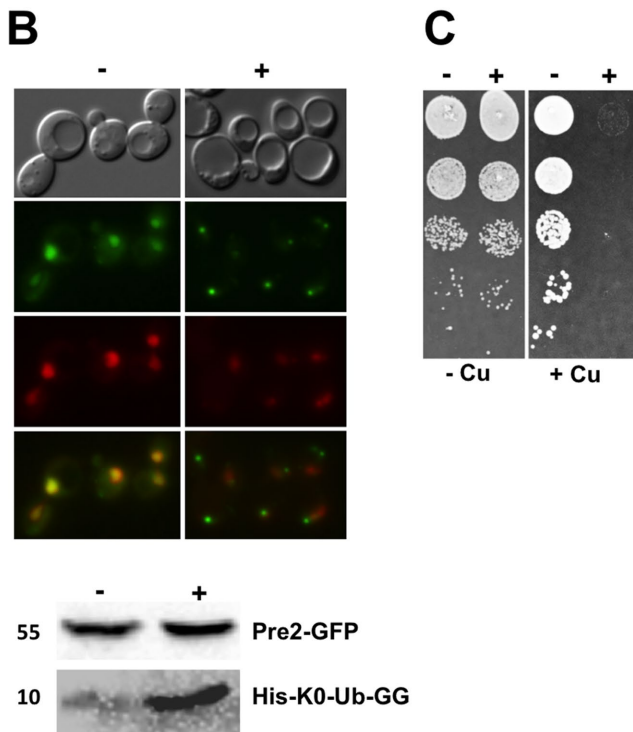
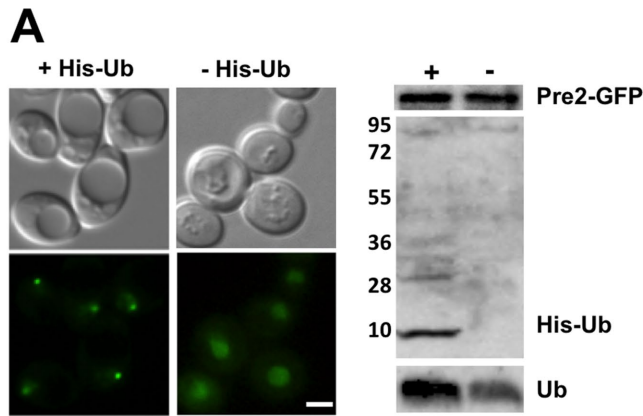


FIGURE 6: Overexpression of ubiquitin induces premature PSG formation. (A) Wild-type cells containing a plasmid for *CUP1*-promoter driven expression of His-tagged ubiquitin (His-Ub) were grown to early logarithmic phase (OD ~ 0.3) in YPD medium and induced overnight with copper (+) or mock treated (-). Cells were monitored by direct fluorescence microscopy (left panel). Scale bar: 3 μ m. Lysates were subjected to SDS-PAGE and probed for Pre2-GFP, endogenous Ub or episomally expressed His-Ub (right panel). (B) Wild-type cells harboring a plasmid for *CUP1*-promoter driven expression of His-tagged K0 Ub-GG were grown to early logarithmic phase in YPD and either induced with copper for few hours or mock treated. Cells were monitored by direct fluorescence microscopy. Scale bar: 3 μ m. Total cell lysates were subjected to SDS-PAGE, blotted, and probed with anti-GFP and anti-His antibodies. (C) Serial dilutions of wild-type cells harboring the expression plasmid for *CUP1*-driven K0 Ub expression were spotted on YPD medium either containing or lacking 200 μ M copper.

The CCAAT transcription factor complex is a global regulator of respiratory gene expression that is repressed by glucose. Our high-throughput imaging screen identified Hap subunits of the CCAAT transcription factor, which mirrors metabolic changes during

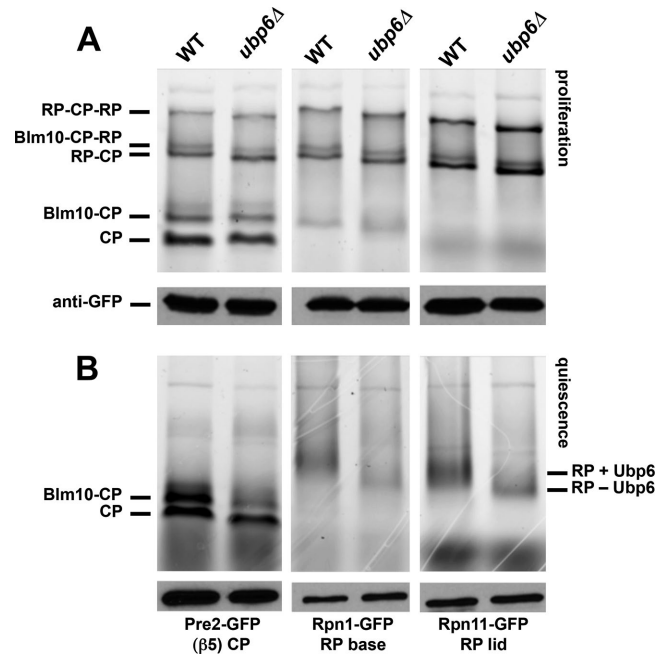
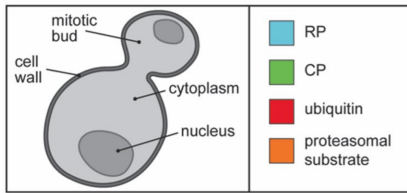


FIGURE 7: Proteasome complexes in proliferating and quiescent wild-type and *ubp6* Δ cells. (A) Lysates of proliferating wild-type and *ubp6* Δ cells expressing either Pre2-, Rpn1-, or Rpn11-GFP were subjected to native PAGE. The GFP moieties of the CP and RP were visualized by fluoroimaging. Proteasome configurations were assigned to RP-CP-RP, Blm10-CP-RP, RP-CP, Blm10-CP, and CP as previously elaborated (Enekel, 2012). The protein loaded to each lane was analyzed by SDS-PAGE followed by Western blotting using anti-GFP antibodies. (B) Lysates of quiescent wild-type and *ubp6* Δ cells expressing the proteasomal reporter proteins above were subjected to native PAGE. Again, CP and RP species were visualized by GFP imaging and assigned to RP, Blm10-CP, and CP, as previously elaborated (Weberruss *et al.*, 2013). The protein load to each lane was detected, as above. Note that, in *ubp6* Δ cells, the RP migrates slightly faster than in wild type due to the lack of Ubp6.

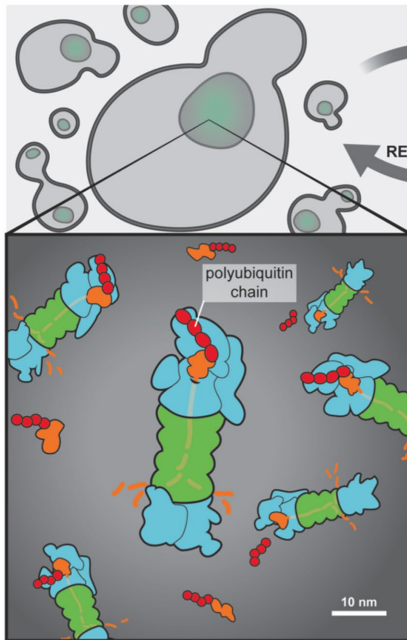
the diauxic shift from glycolysis to gluconeogenesis (Zampar *et al.*, 2013). Dnm1, a short-lived GTPase regulating mitochondrial fission during diauxic shift, was identified as well. The half-life of Dnm1 depends on Blm10 (Tar *et al.*, 2014), linking two hit proteins of our high-throughput analysis.

All hit genes listed in the complete set of data (see the Supplemental Material) showed biological variability with regard to their impact on PSG formation. Thus we focused our efforts on those genes, in which the sequestration of CP and RP into PSGs was almost abrogated. These genes, namely *UBP6* and *UBI4*, encode proteasins regulating ubiquitin concentration. Disturbed PSG formation as displayed by *ubp6* Δ and *ubi4* Δ mutants correlated with significantly decreased levels of free ubiquitin, which below a yet unknown threshold abrogates PSG formation. Ubp6, an ubiquitin-specific hydrolase associated with the RP base, aids to replenish the pool of free ubiquitin and modifies protein substrates by trimming branched polyubiquitin chains (Crosas *et al.*, 2006; Hanna *et al.*, 2006), specifically by catalyzing the removal of supernumerary polyubiquitin chains (Lee *et al.*, 2016). Its activity contributes to PSG formation, supporting our assumption that proteasomes devoid of branched polyubiquitin chains are preferentially sequestered into PSGs. Mutations in Rpn11, the RP lid subunit responsible for the removal of ubiquitin moieties from polyubiquitinated substrates, lead to nuclear retention of proteasomes and impaired PSG formation (Saunier

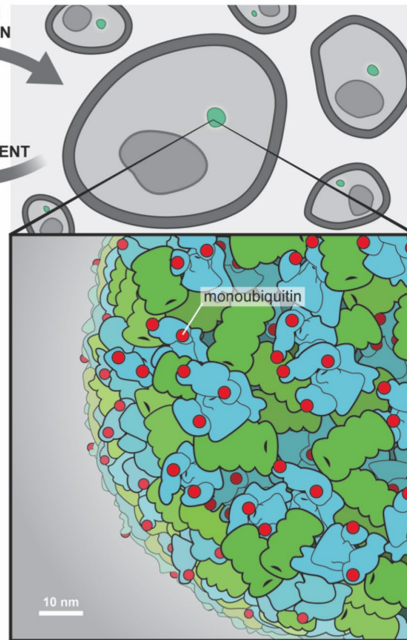
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FIGURE 8: Model of PSG organization and proteasome dynamics between proliferation and quiescence. In proliferating cells in which the ATP level is high, proteasome holo-enzymes mainly occur in the nucleus and are engaged in the degradation of polyubiquitinated proteins. During transition to quiescence, glucose is depleted, the ATP level declines, and fewer proteins might be degraded in the nucleus. Proteasomes migrate to the nuclear envelope and exit the nucleus, most likely through nuclear pores. PSGs are formed and move as membrane-less entities through the cytoplasm. Because proteasome holo-enzymes are less stable at low ATP concentration, RP and CP might be separately stored within PSGs. RP, CP, and mono-ubiquitin are major constituents of the PSGs. With the addition of glucose, cells receive the signal to resume growth. The ATP level increases, and PSGs dissolve within a few minutes. Proteasomes are rapidly relocated to the nucleus, where ubiquitin-dependent proteolysis of short-lived proteins promotes cell cycle progression.

et al., 2013). Furthermore, the lack of Hul5, which works as an antagonist of Ubp6 by elongating polyubiquitin chains (Finley, 2011), leads to proteasomes loaded with polyubiquitin chains, their retention in the nucleus, and consequently, reduced PSG formation (van Deventer *et al.*, 2015).

On the basis of these findings we propose the following model in which proteasomes loaded with polyubiquitin chains are mainly localized in the nucleus, where a major need for proteasomal protein degradation seems to be required during cell proliferation. The release of polyubiquitin chains and the presence of mono-ubiquitin trigger nuclear export and the sequestration of proteasomes into PSGs (Figure 8). The decline of ATP in quiescence impacts the stability of proteasome holo-enzymes, suggesting that proteasomes do not exist as holo-enzymes within PSGs. They are rather dissociated into RP and CP with a significant fraction bound to Blm10,

which facilitates CP sequestration into the PSG and its reimport into the nucleus upon exit from quiescence. Mono-ubiquitin is a crucial component for the formation of PSGs. Its overexpression, especially if ubiquitin cannot be conjugated to a growing polyubiquitin chain, induces premature PSG formation in proliferating cells.

Interestingly, proteasome inhibition and conditional mutations within the proteasome cause cell cycle arrest and the formation of reversible proteasome granules, named JUNQ (Kaganovich *et al.*, 2008), close to the nuclear envelope. These observations support our model that proteasomes with polyubiquitin chains and inhibited during degradation remain stuck at the nuclear envelope.

None of our hit proteins, except proteins of the ubiquitin–proteasome system, colocalized with the PSGs. This is consistent with other work showing that most cytosolic foci induced by thermal, chemical, and nutritional stress are not composed of multisubunit complexes. From a selection of ~800 cytosolic proteins, nearly 200 proteins reside in irreversible foci and do not colocalize with enzymes participating in the same metabolic pathway. Mass spectrometry analysis of these foci did not yield peptides from proteasomal subunits (O’Connell *et al.*, 2014), but rather peptides overlapping with those detected in our untagged cells used as control (Guerrero *et al.*, 2006). Stress granules, as analyzed in an approach similar to ours (Wallace *et al.*, 2015; Jain *et al.*, 2016), did not contain proteasomal components, further supporting the conclusion that PSGs are unique reservoirs of ubiquitin and proteasomes, which according to our dSTORM analysis are densely packed into granules. This reservoir of key components of the ubiquitin–proteasome system can be instantaneously mobilized with the resumption of growth. PSGs dissolve, and mature proteasomes are translocated within minutes into the nucleus to

degrade polyubiquitinated proteins. The synthesis of new proteins and degradation of short-lived proteins (e.g., cell cycle regulators) resume with the exit from quiescence. In contrast to proliferating cells with high ATP levels, quiescent cells experience an austerity budget, and protein homeostasis is adjusted to the economic challenge of decreased ATP levels. Therefore we assume that quiescence lasts with less degradation of polyubiquitinated proteins. Protein synthesis is stalled, and fewer short-lived proteins accrue as polyubiquitinated substrates.

It still remains a mystery how proteasomes and ubiquitin separate in PSGs in the aqueous environment of the cytoplasm. Recent studies show that the cytoplasmic fluidity changes between the metabolically active and dormant state of cells. Accordingly, the motion of intracellular components may become disproportionately constrained with increasing size during the transition from proliferation to quiescence

(Parry *et al.*, 2014; Munder *et al.*, 2016). However, PSG organization may be driven not only by extrinsic changes in the solvent structure but also by intrinsic features of the solute protein. Proteins that tend to undergo liquid–liquid phase separations in an aqueous environment are often intrinsically disordered (Marsh and Forman-Kay, 2010; Brangwynne, 2013). How proteasomes follow this concept of liquid–liquid phase separation is to be tested, because their subunits are folded proteins with only a few intrinsically disordered domains (Aufderheide *et al.*, 2015). Intrinsically disordered proteins are even at risk of being degraded by the proteasomes (Liu *et al.*, 2003) if they serve as PSG scaffolds. Future reconstitution assays of PSGs using CP and RP components and ubiquitin followed by biophysical investigations of protein conformations will shed light into molecular dynamics of proteasomes, which seem to exist either as freely diffusible protein complexes or as condensed particles in a liquid droplet.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Automated image acquisition

PCR-based homologous recombination (Tong *et al.*, 2001) was used to create the query strain expressing Pre2-GFP, RPL39^{pr}-tdTomato, and Hta2-mCherry. The query strain was mated to the collection of yeast deletion strains by replica pinning (Giaever *et al.*, 2002). Diploids were selected and sporulated using standard selection strategies (Tong *et al.*, 2001). The *genexΔ* haploids expressing Pre2-GFP, RPL39^{pr}-tdTomato, and Hta2-mCherry were isolated through successive pinning onto selective media lacking histidine, uracil, leucine, arginine, and lysine, but supplemented with canavanine, *S*-(2-aminoethyl)-L-cysteine hydrochloride, geneticin, and nourseothricin. Then cells were transferred into liquid YPD by using the RAININ Liquidator96 manual benchtop pipetting system (Mettler Toledo). Antibiotics were omitted, as they impact the growth to stationary phase. Cells were grown overnight in 96-well plates covered with Breathe Easy Sealing Tape (E&K Scientific) before they were diluted by 1:3 in 500 μ l YPD in 96-deep well plates and incubated for 5 d in at a 30° angle, 220 rpm, and 30°C. For optimization of cell density and elimination of autofluorescence of aged YPD for image analysis, each subculture was diluted in sterile water at 1:100 and transferred into Greiner 96-well plates. The optical density at 600 nm (OD_{600}) was measured using the spectrophotometer Synergy2 (BioTek). Gen5 software was used to calculate the average cell density, and adjusted volumes were transferred to a 384-well CellCarrier glass slide (PerkinElmer; 6007558) for high-throughput imaging with the Evotec Opera microscope, an automated spinning-disk confocal microscope equipped with a 60 \times /1.2 NA water-immersion objective (Perkin Elmer-Cetus). GFP was detected at 488-nm laser excitation and with 520/535-nm emission filters. mCherry and tdTomato (red fluorescent protein [RFP]) were detected at 561-nm laser excitation and with 600/40-nm emission filters. An exposure time of 800 ms and laser-based autofocusing were used. For each mutant strain, four fields in a well were imaged. Images were stored as proprietary multipage 16-bit TIFF files called FLEX files.

For image analysis, cells and nuclei were defined using CellProfiler software. The open-source image-analysis software CellProfiler (version 2.0.10415) was downloaded from www.cellprofiler.org. On each imaging plate, the query wild-type strain was spotted as a reference for PSG formation.

In addition to the automated image analysis, three individuals manually re-examined the micrographs. Four micrographs of each strain with at least 200 cells in total were evaluated. The mutant was counted as a hit when all three individuals independently found matching results in agreement with the results from the automated image analysis.

Yeast strains used in this study

All the strains used in the high-throughput array are isogenic to BY4741. The relevant genotypes are listed in Supplemental Table S4. GFP, tdTomato, and mCherry fusions were constructed using one-step PCR-mediated homologous recombination (Longtine *et al.*, 1998). All genes listed in Supplemental Table S1 were confirmed to be chromosomally deleted in the respective mutant by using PCR. The expression of fluorescent protein-labeled proteins was confirmed by Western blot analysis. Antibodies against Rpn1 and Rpn2 were kindly provided by Michael Glickman (Technion, Haifa, Israel), against Rpt1 and Rpt6 by Carl Mann (University of Paris-South, France), and against Tim23 by Angus McQuibban (University of Toronto, Canada). The source of anti-Blm10, Kar2 and Rpn5 antibodies is described previously (Weberruss *et al.*, 2013). Monoclonal mouse antibodies against GFP and mCherry were purchased from Clontech, against RGS-His from Qiagen, polyclonal rabbit antibodies against RPS6, Histone H3, and anti-GAPDH-HRP conjugates were from Abcam and antibodies against ubiquitin (BML-UG9511) from Enzo. Before blocking and adding antibodies blots were always stained with either Amido Black or Ponceau S to test for equal protein load.

Fluorescence microscopy

Manual fluorescence microscopy was performed with an AxioVision fluorescence microscope (Zeiss) equipped with the 100/1.4 oil-immersion objective lens (Plan-Apochromat) and the HBO103W/2 mercury vapor short-arc lamp. The GFP fluorescence was observed with an excitation maximum of 488 nm and an emission maximum of 520 nm, and the RFP fluorescence with an excitation maximum of 595 nm and an emission maximum of 615 nm. Images were taken with the Hamamatsu Orca-ER digital camera using Velocity software (Improvision). tdTomato cannot be visualized by using these settings and can only be viewed with the Evotech high-throughput microscope.

The resumption of growth after quiescence was induced by adding fresh YPD, and the protein dynamics were immediately monitored by fluorescence microscopy within a time frame of 10–30 min, as described previously (Weberruss *et al.*, 2013).

dSTORM sample preparation, imaging, and analysis

Cross-linked PSGs were isolated from wild-type cells expressing Rpn1-GFP and stained with an anti-GFP single-domain antibody (ChromoTek gt-250) conjugated with Alexa Fluor 647. Single-molecule localization microscopy was performed on a home-built super-resolution epifluorescence/TIRF microscope comprising an Olympus IX-83 inverted fluorescence microscope base equipped with a 100 \times /1.49 NA oil-immersion UPAON objective lens; a 100-mW, 643-nm DPSS laser (Ultralasers); and a Cy5 filter set (Chroma). Imaging was performed with laser configuration in a highly inclined and laminated optical sheet (HiLo). A cylindrical lens (LK1002L1-A $f = -1000$, Thorlabs) was placed in the emission path between the microscope body and the camera to induce asymmetry in the x and y focal planes, allowing for estimation of the z -position of single-molecule localizations via the astigmatism method (Huang *et al.*, 2008). Five thousand frames were captured for each sample at a sampling rate of 50 Hz. Images were acquired in MicroManager (v.1.4.23) using a Photometrics QuantEM EMCCD (multiplier gain = 100). Raw data were processed and superresolution reconstructions were generated with the ImageJ plug-in ThunderSTORM using a maximum-likelihood estimation and multi-emitter fitting for subpixel localizations. Three-dimensional surface renderings were generated with VisIt (Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory).

Proteomic analysis of PSGs in quiescent yeast cells

The affinity purification of HBH- and GFPS-labeled CP and the enrichment of PSGs from formaldehyde cross-linked cells are described in detail in the Supplemental Material. The proteomic analysis was performed according to previous protocols (Guerrero *et al.*, 2006; Kaake *et al.*, 2010).

CUP1-induced overexpression of His-tagged versions of ubiquitin was performed as described previously (Finley *et al.*, 1994). Cells transformed with an episomal plasmid were grown on selective synthetic complete medium. Copper induction of protein expression was done in YPD.

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