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Validation of regulated protein phosphorylation events in yeast by quantitative mass spectrometry analysis of purified proteins

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Abstract

Global phosphoproteomic studies based on mass spectrometry have generated qualitative and quantitative data describing protein phosphorylation events in various biological systems. Since high throughput data for protein modifications are inherently incomplete we developed a strategy to extend and validate such primary data sets. We selected interesting protein candidates from a global screen in yeast and employed a modified histidine biotin tag that allows tandem affinity purifications of our targets under denaturing conditions. Products in question can be digested directly from affinity resins and phosphopeptides can be further enriched via TiO₂ before MS analysis. Our robust protocol can be amended for SILAC as well as iTRAQ quantifications or label free approaches based on selective reaction monitoring, allowing completion of the phosphorylation pattern in a first step, followed by a detailed analysis of the phosphorylation kinetics. We exemplify the value of such a strategy by an in depth analysis of Pan1, a highly phosphorylated factor involved in early steps of endocytosis. The study of Pan1 under osmotic stress conditions in different mutant backgrounds allowed us to differentiate between mitogen-activated protein (MAP) kinase Hog1 driven and Hog1 independent stress responses.

Keywords

Endocytosis; Phosphorylation; Quantitative Proteomics; Signal Transduction

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Introduction

The processing of environmental and intracellular signals involves highly intertwined networks of protein kinases and protein phosphatases that will alter a cell's phosphorylome upon stimulation. Often different signaling cascades are integrated at the level of common target-proteins making the efforts to understand the complex nature of signaling responses extremely difficult. In addition, there are also cyclical phosphorylation/dephosphorylation events that are necessary for the execution of basic cellular mechanisms such as vesicular trafficking. Quantitative MS has become a powerful tool for the observation of global changes in the abundance as well as in the modification pattern of proteins during specific biological conditions. In the last decade high throughput MS studies have provided insight into the activity of signaling systems and have greatly helped to identify target proteins and sites modified by kinases and phosphatases [1–10]. However, due to the complexity of the samples, these shotgun studies provide incomplete modification patterns of a specific protein although the data help in selecting candidates that are best suited and interesting for subsequent functional and physiological studies. Also, apart from the incompleteness problem, high throughput experiments result in a certain fraction of false positive peptide identifications. Since they are further prone to quantitative variations, they generate a demand for procedures that allow the validation of such primary data.

A popular model for signal transduction processes is the cellular response of the budding yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* to the challenges of osmotic stress (reviewed in [11]). *S. cerevisiae* reacts to increased external osmolarity by activation of the high-osmolarity glycerol (HOG) Mitogen-activated Protein Kinase (MAPK) pathway, a homologue to the mammalian p38 MAPK pathway. Upon activation the central MAPK Hog1 undergoes dual phosphorylation and coordinates the osmo-stress response by phosphorylating serine/threonine proline (S/T-P) motifs on several target proteins. Hog1 function has mainly been associated with the regulation of transcriptional events [11–15], however, several lines of evidence suggest that additional cellular roles of Hog1 must exist [16, 17]. With the help of SILAC based shotgun experiments we were able to identify several new candidate substrates of Hog1 including factors involved in early endocytosis such as Pan1.

Endocytosis is an evolutionarily conserved process by which cells absorb external or surface associated molecules. In the course of a coordinated series of events these molecules become selected and engulfed at specific sites on the cell surface, the so called coated pits. These cargo associated coated pits invaginate, leading to formation of a vesicle that ultimately becomes released into the cell and fused to the endosome (reviewed in [18]). A central factor of this process is the scaffold protein Pan1 [19–24]. Pan1 is first found at coated pits but remains at these sites throughout patch maturation and vesicle formation and thus is thought to coordinate the transition from early to late events [25]. The protein becomes modified at the N-terminus by cycles of phosphorylation and dephosphorylation mediated by kinases Ark1 and Prk1 [23, 26, 27] and the type 1 phosphatase Glc7 [28]. Our (and other [1–10]) shotgun studies provided several novel phosphorylation sites on Pan1, some of which appeared to become hyperphosphorylated in response to osmotic stress. To follow up this interesting observation we wanted to determine the number, the kinetics and stoichiometry of these phosphorylation events.

For this purpose, we developed a general strategy to validate and extend initial observations of shotgun screens. We applied a modified histidine biotin tandem affinity tag for a fast and robust affinity purification workflow and provide an in-depth classical MS analysis of purified Pan1 under different environmental conditions followed by quantitative MS measurements. First, we employed label based methods such as SILAC [3, 29] and iTRAQ [30] for a general phosphopattern characterization. Then we determined the phosphorylation kinetics of individual regulated sites with label free SRM [31]. Although several phosphorylation sites on the C-terminal half of Pan1 become up-regulated in response to osmotic stress our approach revealed that they differ in their response kinetics, stoichiometry and dependency on Hog1. Only one of these sites is directly dependent on the activity of Hog1 and thereby provides evidence for a direct involvement of this signal system in the endocytotic network in *S. cerevisiae*.

Materials and Methods

Yeast Strain and Plasmid construction

Yeast strains and plasmids (listed in Supplemental Table S13) were constructed as described in Supplemental Material and Methods.

One step and tandem affinity purification

The histidine biotin tandem affinity purification is based on methods described elsewhere [32] with modifications: cells were grown to an OD₆₀₀ of 1, harvested by filtration and deep frozen in liquid N₂. Cell breakage was performed using SPEX Freezer Mills (Mill 6770 or Mill 6870, SPEXSamplePrep, Metuchen, NJ, USA). Breakage conditions were chosen as follows: 10mins pre-cooling, then 7 cycles: 3mins breakage, 3mins cooling, 15 cycles per second. The cell powder was resuspended in denaturing buffer conditions (6 M Guanidine-HCl, 50 mM Tris, 5 mM NaF, 1 mM PMSF, 0.1% Tween, protease inhibitor cocktail (Roche, 11 873 580 001), pH 8) and cleared of debris by centrifugation 10000xg, 15 mins, 4°C. For one step purifications cell extracts were incubated for 4 hours with Streptavidine-Agarose (Thermo Scientific Pierce, Rockford, IL, USA, 20349). The beads were washed twice with urea buffer (8M urea, 50 mM Na-PO₄, 300 mM NaCl, 0.01% Tween, pH 8), three times with urea buffer 6.3, three times with urea stringent wash buffer (8 M urea, 50 mM Na-PO₄, 400 mM NaCl, 1 % SDS, 10 mM EDTA, 0.01% Tween, pH 8) and three times with urea wash buffer (8 M urea, 100 mM Tris, 200 mM NaCl, pH 8). Tandem purifications were performed as follows: cell extracts were incubated for 4 hours with Ni²⁺-Sepharose beads (GE Healthcare, Buckinghamshire, UK, 17-5318-06). The beads were washed twice with urea buffer and three times with urea buffer pH6.3. Proteins were eluted in three subsequent elution steps using urea buffer pH 4.3 containing 10 mM EDTA. The eluates were unified, incubated overnight with streptavidin-agarose beads and washed three times using urea wash buffer containing 1% SDS. SDS was removed by three washing steps with pure urea wash buffer.

MS-based analysis

A detailed description of labeling and MS procedures can be found in Supplemental Material and Methods.

Results

MAPK Hog1 is involved in the regulation of the early endocytotic pathway

S. cerevisiae reacts to increased external osmolarity by activation of the HOG MAPK pathway. To identify novel target proteins of the MAPK Hog1, we followed global changes in the phosphorylation pattern of the yeast proteome upon osmotic stress by employing shotgun experiments based on SILAC technology in combination with an enrichment protocol for phosphopeptides based on IMAC. Cells were stressed for 5 minutes and mixed with an equal amount of cells grown on ^{13}C lysine/arginine medium, serving as unstressed control, prior to cell lysis. Proteins were extracted with TRIzol and subsequently digested with trypsin (Supplemental Table S1).

We identified Pan1 and Ede1, two factors annotated to the early endocytotic pathway, as putative targets of Hog1 based on an increase in phosphorylation at S/T-P MAPK motifs in response to hyperosmotic shock. In total, 6 phosphorylation sites of Pan1 have been identified in our shotgun approach (Fig 1 A), three of which (threonine 748 (covered by peptide sequence: NEEQSSFSS#PSAK), serine 1003 (SSS#PSYSQFK) and threonine 1225 (SVHAAVT#PAAGK)) are in accordance with the classical S/T-P consensus motif (Fig 2 A). Interestingly, we measured a 2.35 fold increase of phosphoserine 748 after 5 minutes exposure to hyperosmotic stress indicating a role of Pan1 in osmo-stress response (Fig 2 A). We also identified (amongst other phosphorylation sites) three S/T-P motifs to be phosphorylated on Ede1, one of which, namely phosphothreonine 1307, was up-regulated 4.01 fold in response to stress. Additionally, we could confirm Pan1 to be an *in vitro* substrates of kinase Hog1 (Supplemental Figure 3B). Similar observations were made with Ede1 (data not shown), hence our observations establish a direct interconnection of the osmotic stress response and the endocytotic machinery. Since Pan1 has previously been described as the central scaffolding factor of the endocytic process we have subsequently focused solely on this protein.

Integration of our dataset with previous high throughput studies [1–10] revealed one previously unknown phosphorylation site of Pan1: phosphothreonine 1225 (Fig 2 A and B). Even though several phosphopeptides of Pan1 have independently been identified in these studies, changes in phosphorylation in response to environmental conditions have not been quantified. We therefore decided to validate modification events by directly analyzing purified Pan1 (Fig 1 B - D).

Pan1 is highly phosphorylated

To follow up modification events on Pan1 *in vivo*, we chose a tandem affinity approach, that works under denaturing conditions ensuring that post-translational modifications are not altered during extract preparation and sample processing such as provided by the HB-tag (poly histidine, biotinylation signal) family [33]. We reconstructed and modified the original HB-tag to improve efficiency and versatility of the purification protocol. We named the new tag HTB_{eq} (HTB-effective cleavage plus absolute quantification) (Fig 1 B, for details see Supplemental Results and Supplemental Figure 1). MS/MS and MS/MS/MS spectra of tandem purified Pan1-HTB_{eq} samples were obtained on an LTQ-FT or a Velos Orbitrap

mass spectrometer. In total, we covered 57.4 percent of the Pan1 peptide sequence with tryptic digests, including most of the C-terminal half of Pan1. The N-terminal part of Pan1 was less covered due to peptide stretches absent of arginine and lysine, preventing the generation of suitable tryptic peptides. Up to 23 phosphorylation sites with a site probability > 75% [34] have been identified in our in-depth MS analysis of purified Pan1 (Fig 3 A and B, Table 1 and Supplemental Table S2), including all 6 phosphorylation sites that have been described above. When comparing our data to previous studies [1–10] 15 sites have independently been covered (Fig 3 B). The 8 novel unambiguously identified phosphorylation sites from our study are serines 753, 896, 986, 1219 and 1387, and threonines 944, 993 and 1225. Assignments with a site probability below 75% were considered as ambiguous and are listed in Supplemental Table S3.

A comparison of the Pan1 phosphorylation sites with known kinase motifs showed that 8 sites, namely serines 621, 748, 986, 1003 and threonines 993, 995, 1225 and 1321 lie within a S/T-P MAPK consensus motif. Threonine 570 is a target site of kinase Prk1.

Pan1 becomes hyperphosphorylated in response to hyperosmotic stress

We assessed which of the phosphorylation sites of Pan1 become up or down-regulated in response to hyperosmotic stress. We first made use of SILAC labeling because this method allows the simultaneous quantification of all phosphorylation events within the covered protein sequence and also provided a dataset directly comparable to our shotgun approach. Furthermore, we wanted to identify suitable peptide-ions for SRM measurements to study phosphorylation kinetics (see below). Our analysis confirmed that five phosphorylation sites, namely phosphoserines 748 (covered by peptide sequence: NEEQSSFSS#PSAK), 1003 (SSS#PSYSQFK), 1253 (DASASS#TSTFDAR) and phosphothreonines 995 (SVTESSPFVPSSTPT#PVDDR) and 1225 (SVHAAVT#PAAGK), became significantly up-regulated after a 10 minutes exposure to osmotic stress (Fig 4 A and Supplemental Table S4). Interestingly, with the exception of phosphoserine 1253 all of these sites lie within a S/T-P MAPK consensus motif. No dephosphorylation events have been detected by our analysis.

However, while phosphoserines 748 and 1003 and phosphothreonine 995 of the S/T-P motifs became only moderately induced between 2- to 4- fold, we observed a 23-fold increase in abundance of phosphothreonine 1225 (Fig 4 A and Table 2). We also quantified the corresponding unphosphorylated peptides to get information on the stoichiometry of the phosphopeptides (Fig 4 A). We observed that the levels of unphosphorylated peptides covering threonine 995 and serine 1003 become reduced in the same order of magnitude as the corresponding phosphopeptides become increased. Furthermore, at basal conditions the signals of the unphosphorylated and of the phosphorylated precursors were of similar intensities. Therefore, we conclude that a stoichiometric fraction of Pan1 molecules is already phosphorylated at these sites before stress application. Similar observations were made for the S/T-P independent phosphoserine 1253 (Supplemental Table S4). In contrast, the unphosphorylated peptide of threonine 1225 did not change in abundance although we observed a significant increase of the phosphopeptide signal. Therefore we predict that only a very minor percentage of Pan1 is phosphorylated at this site before stress exposure, and

that probably most of Pan1 remains unphosphorylated at threonine 1225 even after osmotic stress induction. Hence this site, while strikingly up-regulated, is phosphorylated only at sub-stoichiometric levels (Fig 4 A).

To investigate whether the up-regulation of phosphorylation in response to osmotic stress depends on the MAPK Hog1 we repeated our analysis using a W303 SILAC *hog1* strain (Fig 4 B and Supplemental Table S5). Interestingly, unphosphorylated and phosphopeptides of serine 748 and serine 1003 gave similar fold change like in the wild type. Regarding phosphothreonine 995, no induction ratio was determined due to the absence of the ^{13}C labeled variant of the peptide. However, a comparison of peak areas of phosphopeptide SVTESSPFVPSSTPT#PVDDR (phosphothreonine 995) revealed similar intensities for the stressed samples (^{12}C) in the wild type and *hog1* mutant (Fig 4 C). Furthermore, Kss1, the MAPK of the filamentous growth pathway of budding yeast, can partly complement the effects of a *hog1* deletion due to pathway crosstalk. To test whether the phosphorylation sites are affected by pathway crosstalk of Kss1 [35], we performed an additional series of experiments using a *hog1 kss1* double deletion mutant (Supplemental Table S6). Regarding serine 748 and serine 1003 we obtained similar phosphorylation patterns in wild type, the *hog1* single deletion (Fig 4 A and B) and the *hog1 kss1* double deletion mutant (Table 2). Peak areas of phosphothreonine 995 again revealed similar intensities for the stressed samples in the wild type and double mutant (data not shown). This strongly indicates that phosphorylation at these sites is independent of Hog1 and that therefore they become phosphorylated by another, unknown kinase in response to osmotic stress. In contrast, the signal for the stressed, ^{12}C -labeled phosphothreonine 1225 was almost abolished in a *hog1* deletion strain compared to wild type (Fig 4 C) strongly indicating that this site indeed becomes directly phosphorylated by the MAPK. Thus, our targeted approach revealed that the stress regulated phosphorylation events which initially made Pan1 an interesting novel putative Hog1 target are in fact independent of the MAPK. Nevertheless, our observations on phosphothreonine 1225 (a site not quantified in our primary shotgun experiment) strongly suggests that Pan1 is a direct target of Hog1. This illustrates the significance of our validation approach, which allowed us to differentiate kinase dependencies of individual S/T-P sites.

Comparison of different strategies for quantification

Both, our shotgun analysis and our validation approach with purified Pan1, were based on SILAC labeling as a quantitative method for MS. To investigate whether our experimental settings are generally applicable for different quantitative MS methods we analyzed the stress dependent increase in phosphorylation of Pan1 by three independent quantitative methods for MS: SILAC, iTRAQ and SRM. We focused on two phosphopeptides of Pan1 which become phosphorylated with a different stoichiometry and compared ratios of unstressed to osmo-stressed samples. We analyzed phosphopeptides SSS#PSYSQFK (phosphoserine 1003) and SVHAAVT#PAAGK (phosphothreonine 1225) and their corresponding unmodified counterparts. Pan1 was isolated by HTBeaq tandem affinity purification from SILAC labeled cultures and the sample was split to allow an analysis by two independent methods. Ratios were either determined by peak area integration of extracted ion chromatograms measured on an LTQ-FT or by quantifying SRM transitions on

a triple quadrupole instrument (TSQ). Interestingly, we obtained highly consistent ratios for all measured peptides (Fig 4 D and Supplemental Table S8). Additionally, Pan1 peptides obtained by tandem purification and digestion with trypsin were labeled with 4-plex iTRAQ reagents (Supplemental Table S7). Again we obtained highly consistent unstressed to osmo-stressed ratios by iTRAQ measurements, even for the low abundance peptide SVHAAVT#PAAGK (Fig 4 D). Hence, our purification workflow leads to peptide samples of sufficiently reduced complexity to allow a general application for all current types of quantitative mass spectrometry. Importantly, known limitation due to co-eluting peptides in the isolation window, such as the iTRAQ ratio compression [36] or the background interference on SRM transitions, are minimized or even eliminated when HTBeaq purified samples are analyzed.

Phosphorylation on threonine 1225 is regulated by MAPK Hog1

To verify threonine 1225 of Pan1 as a direct substrate of the MAPK Hog1 we studied the phosphorylation kinetics of this site during the response to osmotic stress. We prepared Pan1-HTBeaq purifications (Supplemental Figure 1E shows SRM sample preparation conditions) from cultures at logarithmic growth and after 10, 20, 30, 45 and 60 minutes induction with 0.5 M NaCl and analyzed the abundance of peptides of interest with SRM. Our analysis showed that phosphorylation at threonine 1225 reaches a maximum (70 fold induction) after 10 minutes and subsequently decreases back to basal levels within 60 minutes (Fig 5 A and Supplemental Table S10). Again, no change in the abundance of the unphosphorylated peptide was detected, indicating that most of the Pan1 proteins of a cell remain unphosphorylated at this site throughout the osmotic stress response. This is an indication for a very transient phosphorylation at threonine 1225. The observed phosphorylation kinetics reflects those of kinase Hog1 which becomes activated by a dual phosphorylation at residues threonine 174 and tyrosine 176 within a similar timeframe (see [14]).

Interestingly, similar experiments covering serine 1003 showed a different kinetic of phosphorylation: The abundance of phosphoserine 1003 continuously rises until a maximum (~ 6.5 fold) is reached after 30 minutes of stress induction. Thereafter the abundance of this phosphopeptide drops continuously, however levels were still not completely back to basal after 60 minutes. Again we could observe a reduction in the abundance of the corresponding unphosphorylated peptide, reaching a minimum at 30 minutes. Taken together the results of the phosphorylation kinetics measurements further supported our observation that threonine 1225 of Pan1 is a Hog1 phosphorylation site.

Based on these observations, we reasoned that threonine 1225 should be the only site of Pan1 susceptible to inhibitors specifically affecting the Hog1 kinase. Therefore, we tested the effect of two novel kinase inhibitors on the phosphorylation pattern of Pan1 (Fig 5 B, Supplemental Figure 2 and Supplemental Table S11). The inhibitors were a newly designed, Hog1-specific inhibitor [37] and a novel analogue sensitive (as) inhibitor [38]. Pan1-HTBeaq was purified from yeast treated for 10 minutes with 5 μ M of inhibitor prior the harvest or prior an additional 10 or 30 minutes exposure of 0.5 M NaCl. For as-inhibitor studies a W303 SILAC *hog1as* strain was used (in absence of an as-inhibitor the *hog1as*

allele is fully functional [38]). Additionally, a *hog1* deletion strain was included in the study. Incubation with DMSO was used for mock samples and induction of Hog1 signaling was controlled by western blots (data not shown). Unphosphorylated peptides and phosphopeptides of serine 1003 and threonine 1225 were quantified by SRM analysis (Fig 5 B). The abundance of phosphoserine 1003 and the corresponding unphosphorylated peptide was not affected by the inhibitors, whereas phosphothreonine 1225 could not be detected. However, we were able to monitor standard phosphorylation kinetics for the latter site in mock samples (Fig 5 B). These results clearly indicate that phosphorylation of threonine 1225 is regulated by the MAPK Hog1 in response to osmotic stress.

Discussion

The study presented in this manuscript provides a general strategy for validation and expansion of primary high throughput datasets based on selective protein purification under denaturing conditions. We demonstrate the value of our strategy by an in-depth phosphorylation analysis of Pan1, an essential factor of early endocytosis in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. Our analysis revealed different kinase dependencies of the protein.

A two-step approach for the validation of regulated protein modifications

Phosphorylation is one of the most common modes for regulation of protein function. Identification of novel kinase (and phosphatase) substrates is of high relevance in signaling research. Nowadays high throughput MS screens provide large datasets on putative target sites. However, besides reliable allocation of phosphorylation sites, an in-depth (ideally quantitative) characterization of the protein of interest provides the groundwork for functional and physiological studies. Here we presented a methodological workflow (Fig 1) for extending and validating high throughput data sets based on selective protein purification and showed that it reliably yielded data on kinase-dependency, stoichiometry and kinetics of individual regulated phosphorylation sites.

Modification studies of purified protein by MS are not necessarily new and individual steps of our workflow have been previously described in detail. However, here we provide an outline how to combine these steps into an experimental pipeline. A key element of our strategy is the analysis of peptide samples of reduced complexity provided by a robust and efficient protocol for protein purification. In our view, the choice of a modified histidine biotin tag is justified because it allows enrichment of individual proteins under continuous denaturing conditions [33]. Samples become significantly reduced in their complexity while posttranslational modifications are preserved. Moreover, tandem as well as one step purifications proofed to be scalable and allowed optimal preparative conditions for very low to medium abundant protein targets. Most importantly, peptide samples can be amended for all current types of quantitative MS including label based methods such as SILAC as well as iTRAQ, or label free methods like SRM.

This universal applicability was important for our study on the endocytotic scaffold protein Pan1, because it provided flexibility in the choice of quantification methods. According to our study Pan1 becomes phosphorylated by at least three independent kinases: Prk1, Hog1 and a yet unidentified kinase. Identification of phosphorylation sites alone was not sufficient

for confident allocation to the responsible kinase. Only additional information such as the kinetics and stoichiometry of phosphorylation obtained by different quantitative MS methods allowed us to differentiate between individual signaling inputs.

As many proteins are targeted by multiple regulators our validation strategy of using purified proteins (as depicted in Fig 1 C and D) might be optimal for unraveling complex networks. First, SILAC or iTRAQ labeling can be used for the discovery of the phosphorylation pattern including the signal induced changes. Second, label free and cost effective SRM can be set up to determine phosphorylation kinetics in time-course experiments. Studies in mutants and/or treatment with specific kinase inhibitors are useful for revealing the underlying regulatory mechanisms. We believe that the first step provides the necessary characteristics of peptide-ion species for a targeted SRM setup. For example, information on the correct phosphorylation site localization, retention time, missed cleavage, ionization efficiency, charge state, additional PTMs, oxidation, and to some extent suitable transitions should be obtained beforehand. Furthermore, stoichiometry of phosphorylation can only be described by comparing the signals of the corresponding precursors (of the unphosphorylated and the phosphopeptide). Nevertheless information about stoichiometry is helpful in interpreting SRM data. The analysis of the unphosphorylated counter-peptide can yield supportive information and is, in some cases of stoichiometric modifications levels, even sufficient for description of temporal changes. For instance, the reversible decrease of peptide SSSPSYSQFK over time also reflects the phosphorylation kinetics of phosphoserine 1003. However, for phosphorylation changes on threonine 1225 the levels of the unphosphorylated peptide are not informative except for indicating the low stoichiometry (Fig 5 A).

Similar performance of quantitative MS methods due to robust protein purification

Considerable effort has been undertaken to improve quantitative MS methods such as SILAC, iTRAQ or SRM. These techniques are based on different methodical principles (reviewed in [39]) and to test whether they deliver similar results is of high significance. Here we present a direct comparison of the three methods by analyzing the stress dependent increase in phosphorylation of two phosphopeptides of Pan1 which become phosphorylated with a different stoichiometry. Samples used for the direct comparison were obtained by equal culture and protein purification conditions. Interestingly, we obtained highly consistent unstressed to osmo-stressed ratios for both phosphopeptides by integration of extracted ion chromatograms of SILAC labeled samples measured on a LTQ-FT and by comparison of the reporter ion signals in iTRAQ samples measured on a Velos Orbitrap and by quantifying SRM transitions on a triple quadrupole instrument. In general, SILAC and iTRAQ datasets were highly consistent regarding quantification, number of identified phosphorylation sites and sequence coverage, indicating that iTRAQ ratio compression [36] is minimized when samples of low complexity are analyzed (Fig 4 D). Therefore MS analysis of purified proteins is not limited by the choice of labels, which is important for studies that are restricted in the options of quantitative MS methods.

The endocytotic factor Pan1 is a target of kinase Hog1

We have been able to pinpoint threonine 1225 of Pan1 to be a substrate of Hog1. To our knowledge for the first time, the involvement of the HOG MAPK pathway in the endocytotic

machinery is shown. Further observations provide additional proof for this interconnection. First, Pan1 is not the only factor of the endocytic machinery that becomes hyperphosphorylated in response to osmotic stress. We also detected an up-regulation of one S/T-P motif of the endocytotic factor Ede1 (Fig 2 A). Second, Pan1 is also an *in vitro* substrate of kinase Hog1 (Supplemental Figure 3B). Third, deletion mutants of interaction partners of Pan1 (*ede1* or *sla1*) are sensitive to high osmolarity conditions (data not shown) suggesting that a return to functional endocytosis is required for survival under osmotic stress and that the Hog1 site might be important for this process.

At the moment we can only speculate about the biological relevance of the different phosphorylation events on Pan1 during normal growth as well as stress. Pan1 lies at the core of a multi protein complex promoting assembly of the coat complex at the endocytic sites and is involved in the coupling of the vesicle coat to the actin network (for review see [40]). Actin polymerization provides a mechanical force to drive membrane invagination leading to the formation of endocytotic vesicles. Complex assembly and dissociation has been shown to be regulated by cycles of Prk1 dependent phosphorylation and PP1 dependent dephosphorylation of the N-terminal domain of Pan1 [23]. Here we present evidence that additional Pan1 domains might be the target of cyclical phosphorylation/dephosphorylation patterns as indicated by the accumulation of Hog1 independent sites. We could exclude Prk1 as a candidate kinase because all these sites lack the consensus (L/I/V/M)xx(Q/N/T/S)xTG motif [26]. Furthermore, the only Prk1 phosphorylation site of Pan1 covered in our quantitative analysis, serine 570, does not change its phosphorylation level upon osmotic stress (Fig 2 A and Supplemental Figure 3A).

Finally, the complexity of Pan1 phosphorylation patterns might serve as a good example for how important and useful a detailed phosphorylation analysis could be before any genetic and physiological approaches are initiated.

Supplementary Material

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Abbreviations

AGC	automatic gain control
AQUA	absolute quantification
ETD	electron-transfer dissociation
FDR	false discovery rate

HB	poly histidine, biotinylation signal
HCD	higher energy collision dissociation
HTB	poly histidine, TEV-protease cleavage site, biotinylation signal
HTBseq	HTB-effective cleavage plus absolute quantification
HOG	high-osmolarity glycerol
IAA	iodoacetamide
MAPK	mitogen-activated protein kinase
SC	synthetic complete medium
SGD	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> genome database
TEAB	triethylammonium bicarbonate
YPD	yeast extract, peptone, D-glucose medium

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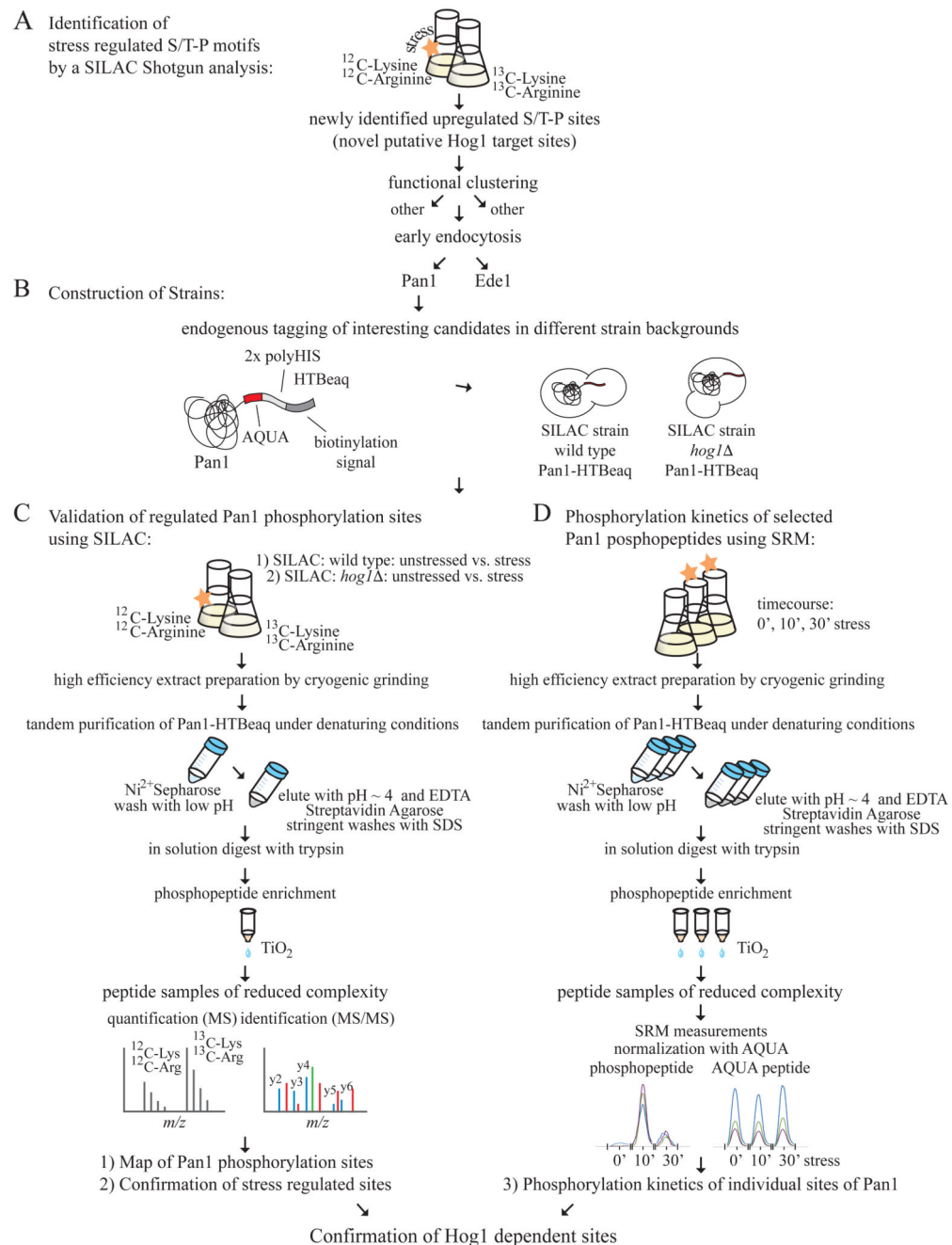


Figure 1. Representation of our methodological workflow for extending and validating high throughput data sets based on selective protein purification.

A: Primary shotgun experiments lead to the identification of candidate factors. In our case, Pan1 and Ede1, both factors of the early endocytosis machinery, popped up as putative novel Hog1 targets based on an increase in phosphorylation at S/T-P sites. **B:** Factors of interest become endogenously tagged with our modified histidine biotin tag (HTBeaq). Different strain backgrounds are used that allow determination of kinase dependency of phosphorylation sites. **C:** Completion of the phosphopattern and validation of regulated phosphorylation sites by SILAC or iTRAQ analysis of affinity purified proteins. Results

obtained with wild type and mutant strains are compared. D: Determination of phosphorylation kinetics of individual sites using a targeted SRM approach with purified proteins.

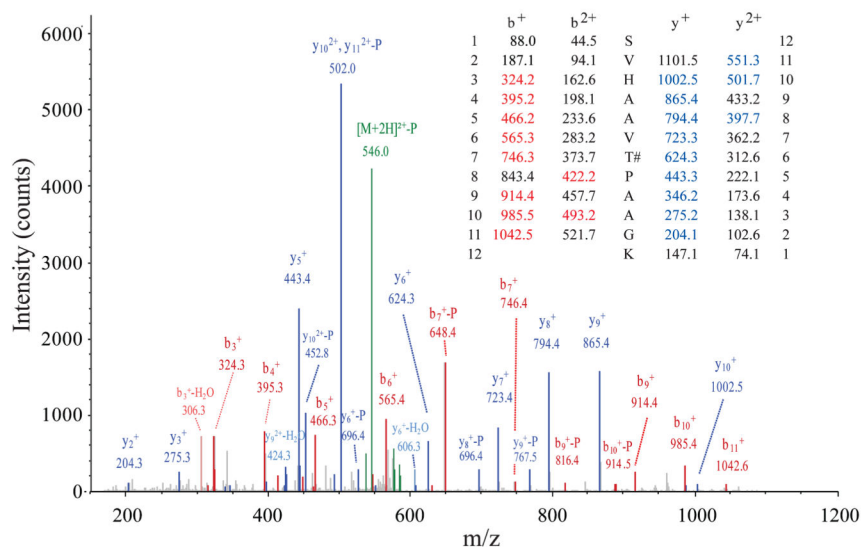
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Identified phosphopeptides of Pan1 and Ede1

Pan1	+ 0.5M NaCl 5 mins	Ede1	+ 0.5M NaCl 5 mins
T#570	* <u>T#GFGNNEIYTK</u>	S#241, S#244, S#249	TTPLS#ANS#TGVSS#LTR
S#748	NEEQSSF <u>S#PSAK</u>	S#241, S#244	TTPLS#ANS#TGVSS#LTR
S#1003	SS <u>S#PSYSQFK</u>	S#241, T#245	TTPLS#ANST#GVSS#LTR
S#1135	QES#DDEDEDDEEK	S#950	TES#DVFD
T#1225	SVHAAVT <u>T#PAAGK</u>	S#1006, S#1012	S#QSLTSS#VANNAPQSVR
S#1253	DASASS#TSTFDAR	S#1006	S#QSLTSSVANNAPQSVR
		S#1008	SQS#LTSSVANNAPQSVR
		S#1087, S#1093, S#1095, S#1100	RANS#NEDGES#VSS#IQES#PK
		S#1087, S#1093, S#1096, S#1100	RANS#NEDGES#VSS#IQES#PK
		S#1093, S#1095, S#1100	RANSNEDGES#VSS#IQES#PK
		S#1093, S#1096, S#1100	RANSNEDGES#VSS#IQES#PK
		S#1100	RANSNEDGESVSSIQES#PK
		S#1093, S#1096	RANSNEDGES#VSS#IQESPK
		S#1179	YPAPGT <u>S#PSHNEGNSK</u>
		S#1181	YPAPGTSPS#HNEGNSK
		T#1307	VA <u>T#PSIPQQPIPLK</u>

B

CID-spectrum of SVHAAVT#PAAGK (phosphothreonine 1225)

**Figure 2. The endocytotic factors Pan1 and Ede1 are a putative targets of MAPK Hog1.**

A: Stressed/unstressed ratios of Pan1 and Ede1 phosphopeptides from our shotgun experiment. Phosphorylation sites are indicated with "#". S/T-P MAPK consensus motifs are highlighted (underlined and bold). "*" indicates Prk1 consensus sites. Stress induced up-regulation is shown in red. B: Annotated collision induced dissociation (CID) spectrum of peptide SVHAAVT#PAAGK (phosphothreonine 1225). Singly and doubly charged N-terminal b ions and C-terminal y ions are indicated in red and blue respectively. Precursor is indicated in green.

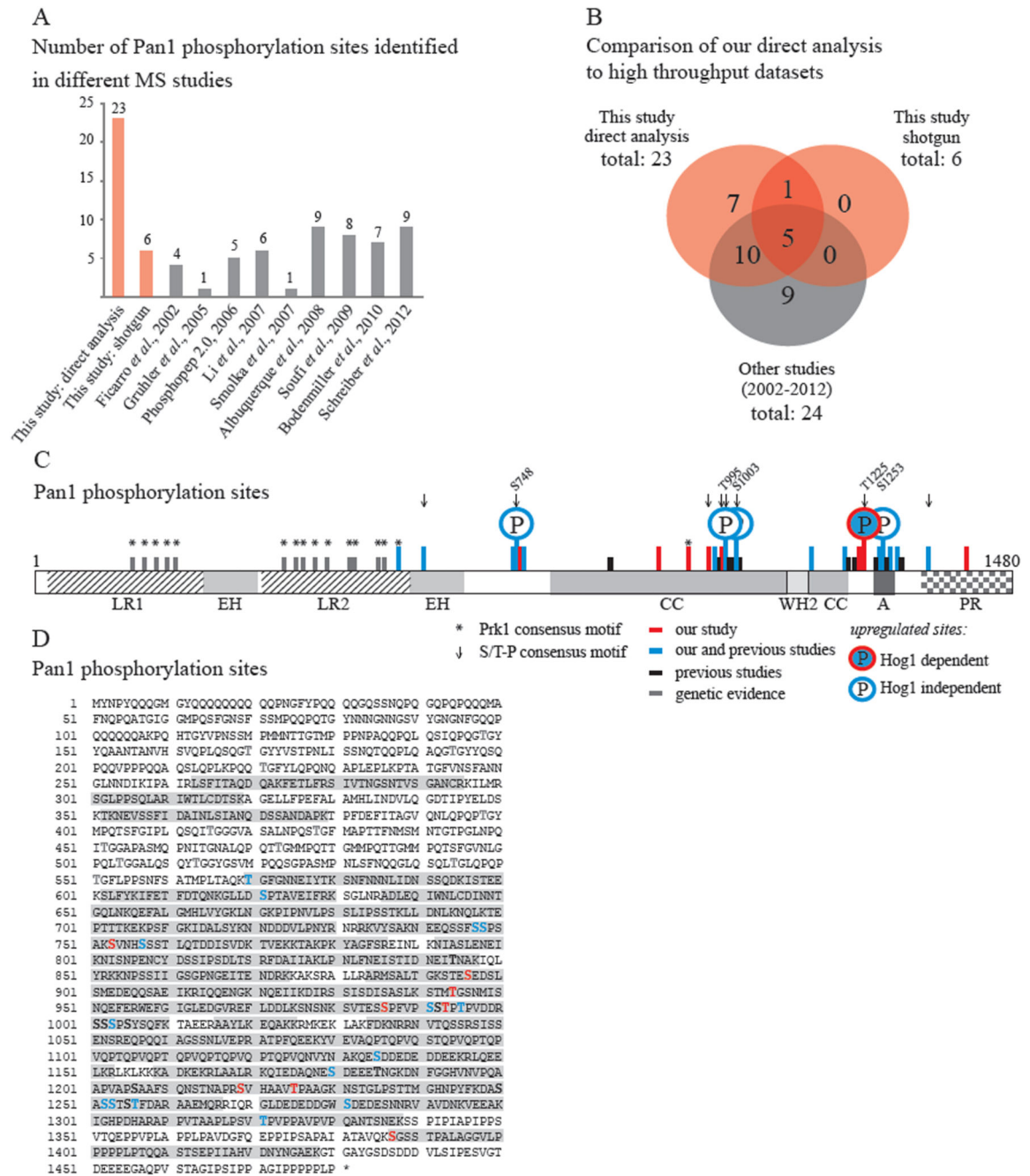


Figure 3. Pan1 is highly phosphorylated.

A and B: Comparison of the number of Pan1 phosphorylation sites identified by us (red) to the number identified in independent high throughput MS studies [1–10] (grey). C: Scheme of protein Pan1. The two long repeat regions (LR), two Eps15 homology domains (EH), the coiled-coil domain (coil), the acidic domain (A) and the proline-rich domain (PRD) are indicated. Phosphorylation sites identified by us are indicated by red and blue (also identified by others [1–10]) bars. Black bars: Phosphorylation sites identified in independent MS studies [1–10]. Grey bars: Phosphorylation sites identified by genetic studies [23]. Up-

regulated phosphorylation sites are highlighted by circles and indicated amino acid positions. S/T-P MAPK motifs (arrow) and Prk1 (*) motifs are indicated. D: Pan1 sequence with highlighted phosphorylation sites identified by us (red), identified also by others (blue) and identified by independent MS-studies (black) and genetic studies (dark grey). Sequence coverage is highlighted in light grey.

A

unstressed/stressed ratios of osmo-stress induced S/T-P sites determined by SILAC

wild type

phosphopeptide		$^{13}\text{C} : ^{12}\text{C}$ unstressed : 10 min NaCl	unphosphorylated peptide	
		ratio		ratio
S 748	NEEQSSFSS#PSAK	1 : 2.9	NEEQSSFSSPSAK	1.1 : 1
T 995	SVTESSPFVPSSTPT#PVDDR	1 : 3.7	SVTESSPFVPSSTPTPVDDR	1.8 : 1
S 1003	SSS#PSYSQFK	1 : 2.7	SSSPSYSQFK	1.6 : 1
T 1225	SVHAAVT#PAAGK	1 : 23.1	SVHAAVTPAAGK	1.2 : 1

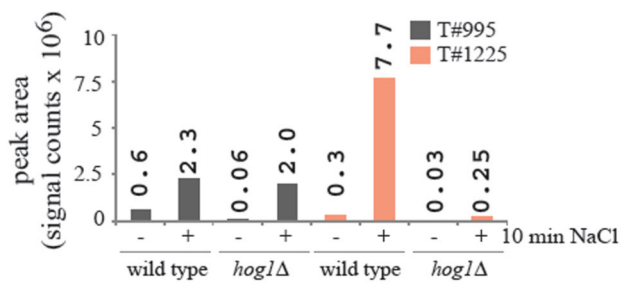
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*hog1*Δ

phosphopeptide		ratio	unphosphorylated peptide	
		ratio		ratio
S 748	NEEQSSFSS#PSAK	1 : 5.2	NEEQSSFSSPSAK	1.2 : 1
T 995	SVTESSPFVPSSTPT#PVDDR	----	SVTESSPFVPSSTPTPVDDR	1.8 : 1
S 1003	SSS#PSYSQFK	1 : 3.4	SSSPSYSQFK	1.5 : 1
➔ T 1225	SVHAAVT#PAAGK	----	SVHAAVTPAAGK	1 : 1.1

C

Comparison of peak areas of T#995 and T#1225



D

Comparison of quantitative MS strategies

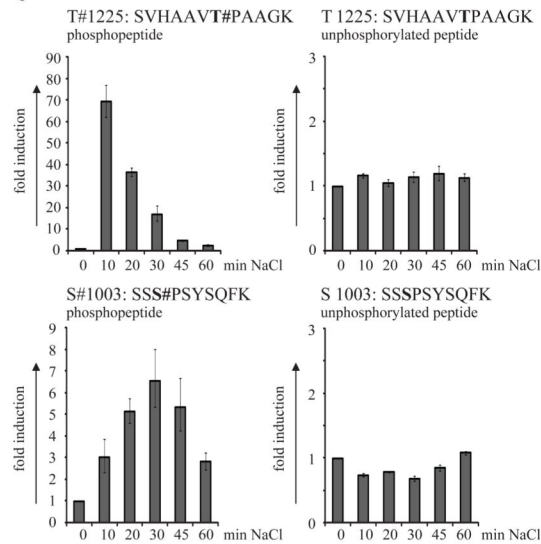
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S 1003	SSSPSYSQFK:	0.71	0.60	0.81
	SSS#PSYSQFK:	3.16	2.32	3.51
T 1225	SVHAAVTPAAGK:	0.95	0.93	1.51
	SVHAAVT#PAAGK:	24.55	15.02	16.56

Figure 4. Regulated S/T-P phosphorylation sites of Pan1.

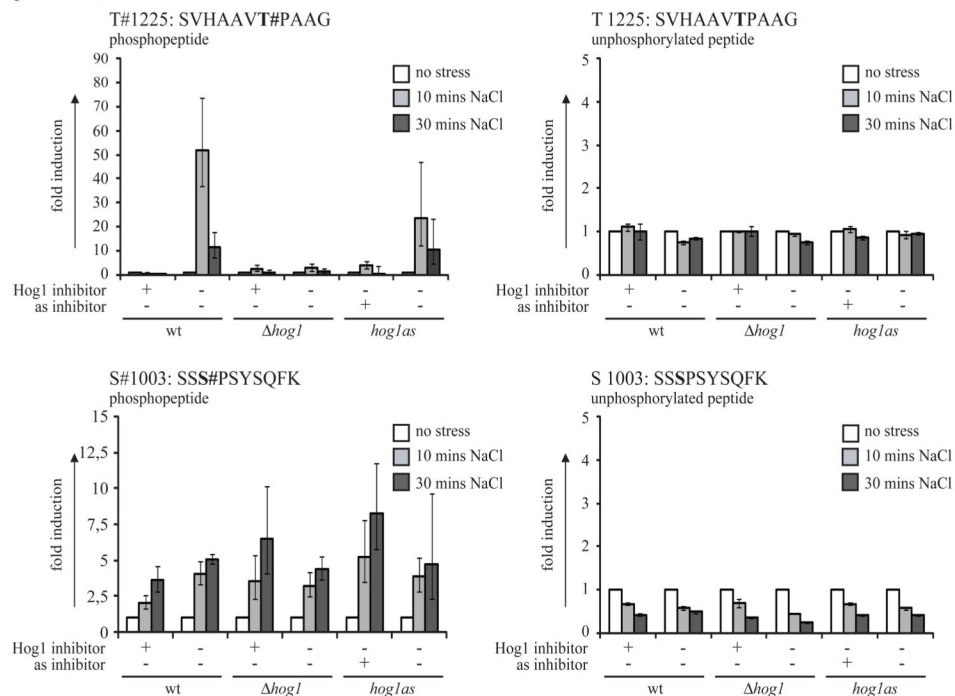
A and B: Pan1-HTBeaq was purified from either wt (A) or *hog1* (B) strain backgrounds. Untreated (^{13}C arginine and ^{13}C lysine) to osmo-stressed (^{12}C arginine and ^{12}C lysine) ratios are shown. Phosphothreonine 1225 is marked with an arrow. C: Peak areas of phosphopeptides SVTESSPFVPSSTPT#PVDDR (T995) and SVHAAVT#PAAGK (T1225). Note: No ^{13}C peaks were detected in a *hog1* strain background for both phosphopeptides. However, ^{12}C peak areas of phosphothreonine 995 were comparable between wild type and *hog1* mutant indicating a Hog1 independent phosphorylation of the site. Data from a representative experiment are shown. D: Comparison of different strategies for

quantification. Ratios (stressed/unstressed) obtained for phosphopeptides SSS#PSYSQFK (S1003) or SVHAAVT#PAAGK (T1225) and the corresponding unphosphorylated peptides of Pan1 are indicated. SRM measurements have been corrected for proline conversion (correction value was obtained from SILAC quantification Supplemental Table S12).

A Quantification of SRM transitions



B Quantification of SRM transitions

**Figure 5. Phosphorylation kinetics of S/T-P sites of Pan1.**

A: Time course of phosphorylation of threonine 1225 and serine 1003 of Pan1 using SRM analysis. Pan1-HTBeaq has been purified from cells exposed to 0.5M NaCl for 0, 10, 20, 30, 45 and 60 minutes. Shown are geometric means of 4 technical replicates. Error bars denote the geometric standard deviation. B: Time course of phosphorylation of threonine 1225 and serine 1003 of Pan1 using Hog1 specific inhibitors. A specific Hog1 inhibitor was used for wild type and *hog1* strains, for as-inhibitor treatment a *hog1as* strain was used. Cells have been exposed to 0.5M NaCl for 0, 10 and 30 minutes in presence (+) or absence (-) of the

inhibitors. Shown are geometric means of 3 technical replicates. Error bars denote the geometric standard deviation.

Table 1

Summary of high confidence PAN1-phosphorylation sites from all LC-MS/MS runs. Site probability was determined by phosphoRS 2.0. Phosphopeptides are split for Site Probability >95 % and 95% > x >75%.

Protein Site	Sequence	pRS Site Probabilities >95%	Modifications	Activation Type	XCorr	# MC	Charge	m/z [Da]	MH+ [Da]	M [ppm]
T570	IGFGNNEIYTK	T(1): 100.0	T1(Phospho)	CID	3.77	0	2	662.284	1323.562	-0.10
S621	GLLDsPTAVEIFR	S(5): 100.0	S5(Phospho)	CID	4.17	0	2	749.371	1497.734	-0.34
S747	NEEQSSFsPSAK	S(8): 99.4	N- Term(iTRAQ4plex) S9(Phospho) K13(iTRAQ4plex)	HCD	3.43	0	2	883.398	1765.789	0.24
S748	NEEQSSFsPSAK	S(9): 99.6	S9(Phospho)	CID	3.81	0	2	739.296	1477.585	0.78
S753	sVNHSSsTLQTDdISVDK	S(1): 100.0	S1(Phospho)	CID	6.36	0	2	1006.945	2012.884	1.33
S986	sVTESsPFVPSsTPVDDR	S(6): 96.9	N- Term(iTRAQ4plex) S6(Phospho)	CID	2.25	0	2	1165.042	2329.077	2.10
T995	SVTESSPFVPSsTPVDDR	T(15): 100.0	T15(Phospho)	CID	4.86	0	2	1092.987	2184.967	-1.16
S991 T995	SVTESSPFVPSsTPVDDR	S(11): 99.5 T(15): 99.5	S11(Phospho) T15(Phospho)	CID	5.46	0	2	1132.973	2264.938	1.04
S1003	SSsPSYSQFK	S(3): 99.8	S3(Phospho)	CID	3.42	0	2	599.245	1197.482	-0.11
S1135	QEsDDEDEDEEK	S(3): 100.0	S3(Phospho); K13(Label:13C(6))	CID	4.52	0	2	834.772	1668.536	-0.87
S1180	KQIEDAQNEsDEEETNGK	S(10): 100.0	S10(Phospho)	CID	6.53	1	2	1072.438	2143.869	1.25
S1219	sVHAAVTPAAGk	S(1): 100.0	S1(Phospho) K12(Label:13C(6))	CID	2.99	0	2	597.802	1194.597	-0.26
T1225	SVHAAVIPAAGK	T(7): 100.0	T7(Phospho)	CID	3.41	0	2	594.792	1188.577	0.13
S1252	dASAsTSTFDAR	S(5): 99.6	N- Term(iTRAQ4plex); S5(Phospho)	HCD	2.85	0	2	770.326	1539.645	0.12
S1253	DASAsTSTFDAR	S(6): 95.9	S6(Phospho); R13(Label:13C(6))	CID	3.11	0	2	701.285	1401.563	0.40
S1253 T1256	DASAsTSTFDAR	S(6): 96.1 T(9): 99.8	S6(Phospho); T9(Phospho)	CID	3.94	0	2	738.258	1475.509	0.37
S1281	GLDEDEDDGwSDEDESNNR	S(11): 100.0	S11(Phospho)	CID	6.53	0	2	1138.892	2276.776	1.11
T1321	aPPVTAAPLPSVIVPPAVVPPQANTSNEK	T(13): 100.0	N- Term(iTRAQ4plex)	HCD	5.95	0	4	829.446	3314.763	-0.31

Protein Site	Sequence	pRS Site Probabilities >95%	Modifications	Activation Type	XCorr	# MC	Charge	m/z [Da]	MH+ [Da]	M [ppm]
S1387	sGSSTPALAGGVLPPPPPLPTQQASTSEPIAHVDN _n GAEk	S(1): 97.8	T13(Phospho) K30(iTRAQ4plex) N- Term(iTRAQ4plex) S1(Phospho) N38(Deamidated) K42(iTRAQ4plex)	HCD	6.91	0	3	1512.428	4535.268	2.11

Protein Site	Sequence	pRS Site Probabilities >75% and <95%	Modifications	Activation Type	XCorr	# MC	Charge	m/z [Da]	MH+ [Da]	M [ppm]
S757	SVNHsSTLQTD _{DD} ISVDKTVEK	S(5): 93.3	S5(Phospho)	CID	5.33	1	3	824.050	2470.135	0.32
S896	STEsEDSL _S MEDEQSAEIKR	S(4): 76.9	S4(Phospho)	CID	4.24	1	3	827.011	2479.018	-0.03
T944	STMIGSNNISNQEFER	T(4): 92.3	T4(Phospho)	CID	5.60	0	2	956.385	1911.762	0.26
T993	SVTESSPFVPSSiPTPVDDR	T(13): 93.8	T13(Phospho)	CID	4.27	0	2	1092.988	2184.969	-0.33

Table 2

Fold changes of PAN1 phosphorylation sites upon salt stress in wild type yeast (SILAC and iTRAQ), and in the mutants *hog1* and *hog1 kss1* (SILAC). Ratios were manually normalized and corrected for Arg-Pro conversion and averaged over biological replicates. Quantification of site-specific phosphorylation events as well as unambiguous site assignment require that the phosphopeptide isoforms are chromatographically resolved which (according to the XICs) is the case for the phosphopeptides covering S1252-S1253 but not for those covering S747-S748.

Protein Site	Peptide	SILAC			iTRAQ
		wt	<i>hog1</i>	<i>hog1 kss1</i>	wt
T570	T#GFGNNEIYTK	0.84	1.07	1.14	1.28
S621	GLLDS#PTAVEIFR	noID	noID	0.99	noID
S747-S748	NEEQSSFSS#PSAK	2.94	4.66	3.67	2.30
S747-S748	KVYSAKNEEQSSFSS#SPSAK, KVYSAKNEEQSSFSS#PSAK	3.27	5.16	noID	noID
S753	S#VNHSSSTLQTDDISVDK	noID	noQuan	noID	noID
S753	S#VNHSSSTLQTDDISVDKTVEK	noQuan	noID	noID	noID
S757	SVNHS#SSTLQTDDISVDKTVEKK	8.26	noID	noID	noID
S896	STES#EDSLMEDEQQSAEIKR	4.38	noID	noID	noID
T944	STMT#GSNMISNQEFER	2.56	noID	noID	noID
S986	SVTESS#PFVPSSTPTPVDDR	noID	noID	1.56	noQuan
T993	SVTESSPFVPSST#PTPVDDR	noQuan	noID	noQuan	noQuan
T995	SVTESSPFVPSSTPT#PVDDR	3.73	noQuan	noQuan	2.91
S991 & T995	SVTESSPFVPS#STPT#PVDDR	7.86	noQuan	noQuan	1.24
S1003	SSS#PSYSQFK	2.74	3.09	4.76	3.51
S1135	QES#DDEDEDDEEK	noID	0.72	noID	1.11
S1135	QES#DDEDEDDEEKR	1.17	1.04	1.02	noID
S1180	QIEDAQNES#DEEETNGK	noID	0.89	1.15	1.24
S1180	kQIEDAQNES#DEEETNGk	noID	0.86	0.98	noID
S1219	S#VHAAVTPAAGK	1.89	noQuan	noQuan	noID
T1225	SVHAAVT#PAAGK	23.10	noQuan	noQuan	16.56
S1252	DASAS#STSTFDAR	noID	noID	noQuan	1.96
S1253	DASASS#TSTFDAR	3.90	2.52	2.57	3.22
S1253 & T1256	DASASS#TST#FDAR	6.97	noID	noID	noID
S1281	GLDEDEDGWS#DEDESNNR	1.06	0.99	1.07	1.16
S1281	GLDEDEDGWS#DEDESNNRVAVDNKVEEAK	1.00	1.05	1.04	noID
T1321	APPVTAAPLPSVT#PVPPAVPVPQANTSNEK	noQuan	noID	noQuan	2.33
S1387	S#GSSTPALAGGVLPPLPTQQASTSEPIIAHVDNYNGAEK	noID	noID	noID	2.02
S1387 & T1391	S#GSST#PALAGGVLPPLPTQQASTSEPIIAHVDNYNGAEK	noID	noID	0.88	noID