




# OXPHOS deficiency activates global adaptation pathways to maintain mitochondrial membrane potential

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## Abstract

Reduction of mitochondrial membrane potential ( $\Delta\psi_m$ ) is a hallmark of mitochondrial dysfunction. It activates adaptive responses in organisms from yeast to human to rewire metabolism, remove depolarized mitochondria, and degrade unimported precursor proteins. It remains unclear how cells maintain  $\Delta\psi_m$ , which is critical for maintaining iron-sulfur cluster (ISC) synthesis, an indispensable function of mitochondria. Here, we show that yeast oxidative phosphorylation mutants deficient in complex III, IV, V, and mtDNA, respectively, exhibit activated stress responses and progressive reduction of  $\Delta\psi_m$ . Extensive omics analyses of these mutants show that these mutants progressively activate adaptive responses, including transcriptional downregulation of ATP synthase inhibitor *Inh1* and OXPHOS subunits, Puf3-mediated upregulation of import receptor *Mia40* and global mitochondrial biogenesis, *Snf1*/AMPK-mediated upregulation of glycolysis and repression of ribosome biogenesis, and transcriptional upregulation of cytoplasmic chaperones. These adaptations disinherit mitochondrial ATP hydrolysis, remodel mitochondrial proteome, and optimize ATP supply to mitochondria to convergently maintain  $\Delta\psi_m$ , ISC biosynthesis, and cell proliferation.

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## Introduction

Oxidative phosphorylation (OXPHOS) system consists of electron transport chain (ETC) complexes I–IV and the ATP synthase

(complex V). ETC complexes oxidize reducing equivalents (NADH and FADH<sub>2</sub>) and transport electrons to oxygen. Energy released by electron transport pumps protons from matrix to inter-membrane space (IMS) to generate  $\Delta\psi_m$ , which powers ATP synthesis by complex V. OXPHOS-linked mitochondrial diseases are caused by mutations of over 150 genes; these genes encode OXPHOS subunits, cofactor synthesis, OXPHOS complex assembly factors, and mitochondrial gene expression system (mitochondrial DNA maintenance, transcription, and translation; Gorman *et al.*, 2016; Craven *et al.*, 2017).

Reduction of  $\Delta\psi_m$  is a common and dangerous situation associated with OXPHOS impairment because  $\Delta\psi_m$  drives the import of carriers and pre-sequence guided mitochondrial precursors, including enzymes for iron-sulfur cluster (ISC) synthesis (Chacinska *et al.*, 2009; Pfanner *et al.*, 2019). ISCs are essential cofactors that are synthesized in mitochondrial matrix and required for house-keeping enzymes such as DNA polymerases and ribosome recycling factor (Lill, 2009). Reduction of  $\Delta\psi_m$  compromises ISC synthesis to cause secondary defects in extra-mitochondrial ISC-containing enzymes (Veatch *et al.*, 2009).

Oxidative phosphorylation impairment and the associated reduction of  $\Delta\psi_m$  activate stress responses in diverse organisms. Early studies in yeast highlight that OXPHOS impairment activates a retrograde signaling pathway, the RTG pathway, to rewire metabolism (to synthesize glutamate; Epstein *et al.*, 2001; Liu & Butow, 2006). Recent studies in yeast show that  $\Delta\psi_m$  reduction as well as other forms of mitochondrial stresses impairs the import of mitochondrial precursor proteins to cause mPOS (mitochondrial precursor over-accumulation stress; Wang & Chen, 2015) and activate the UPR<sup>am</sup> (unfolded protein response activated by mistargeting of proteins; Wrobel *et al.*, 2015), as well as the mitoCPR (mitochondrial compromised protein import response; Weidberg & Amon, 2018) to activate proteasome, inhibit cytoplasmic protein synthesis, and degrade precursors accumulated in the cytosol and clogged in the TOM import channel. In *C. elegans*, genetic and chemical disruption of

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OXPHOS decreases the mitochondrial import of transcription factor ATFS-1, causing its nuclear translocation to upregulate glycolysis, repress the transcription of mitochondrial OXPHOS subunits, and promote mitochondrial biogenesis and quality control (Nargund *et al*, 2012; Nargund *et al*, 2015). In multi-cellular organisms such as *C. elegans*, *D. melanogaster*, and human,  $\Delta\psi_m$  reduction stabilizes PINK1 kinase on mitochondrial outer membrane (OM) to recruit ubiquitin E3 ligases Parkin to activate proteosomal degradation of mitochondrial proteins and mitophagy (Youle & Narendra, 2011). Recent studies showed that in mammalian cells, OXPHOS impairment activates inner membrane (IM) metalloprotease OMA1 to cleave DELE1, which then translocates to the cytosol to activate integrative stress response (Fessler *et al*, 2020; Guo *et al*, 2020).

These progresses are remarkable examples demonstrating how cells deal with the consequence of OXPHOS impairment and  $\Delta\psi_m$  reduction by removing toxic precursor proteins and degrading dysfunctional mitochondria. But none has directly addressed how to maintain  $\Delta\psi_m$ . Here, we have characterized the global adaptations of yeast OXPHOS mutants through multiple-omics approaches. We report the surprising finding that accompanying increasing proteostatic stresses and reduction of  $\Delta\psi_m$ , OXPHOS mutants progressively activate increasing number of adaptive responses. We report the key pathways and effectors of these adaptations and show they convergently maintain  $\Delta\psi_m$ .

## Results

### Decreasing $\Delta\psi_m$ and proliferation rates among OXPHOS mutants

To model OXPHOS deficiency, we deleted complex III subunit *Cor1* (*cor1Δ*), complex IV subunit *Cox9* (*cox9Δ*), ATP synthase stalk subunit *Atp7* (*atp7Δ*), and mtDNA ( $\rho^0$ ). These cells were incapable of proliferation under respiratory growth condition (YPEG) (Appendix Fig S1A). Because some OXPHOS subunits are required for mtDNA maintenance (Merz & Westermann, 2009), we mated *cor1Δ*, *cox9Δ*, and *atp7Δ* cells with  $\rho^0$  cells to examine their mtDNA quality. The diploid cells had normal growth on YPEG plates (Appendix Fig S1A), indicating these mutants have intact mtDNA. For simplicity, we labeled *cor1Δ*, *cox9Δ*, *atp7Δ* as  $\Delta$ III,  $\Delta$ IV, and  $\Delta$ V. Cells were cultured in synthetic medium with 2% glucose (SCD) to OD600 0.4–0.6, and RNAseq and proteomic analyses were performed within this OD range. At this condition,  $\rho^0$  cells consumed < 15% of total glucose (Appendix Fig S1B) and maintained exponential growth.

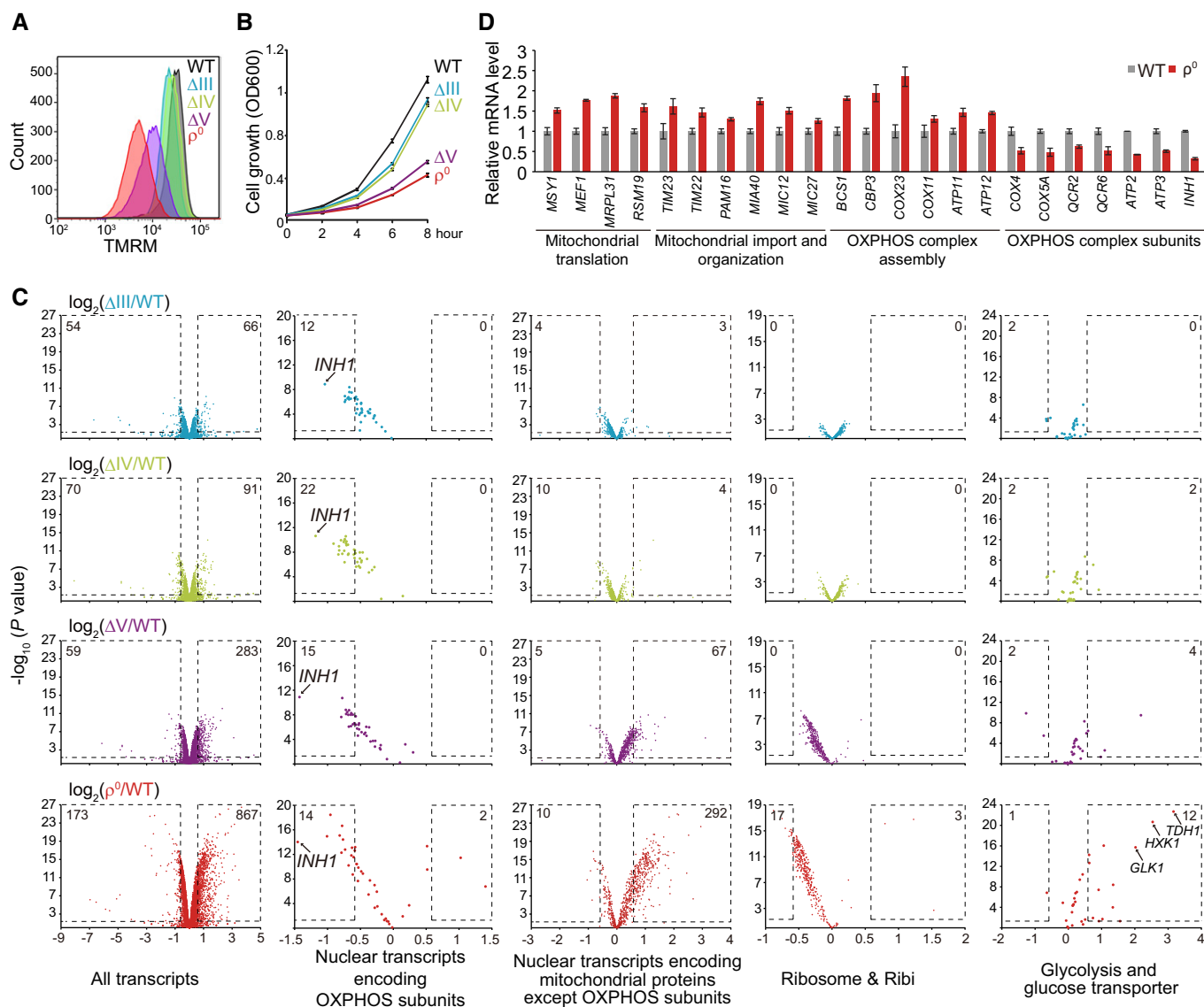
Although these mutants had common impairment of OXPHOS, we were surprised to find that comparing with wild-type (WT) cells,  $\Delta$ III and  $\Delta$ IV cells had slightly decreased  $\Delta\psi_m$  and proliferation rates,  $\Delta$ V cells had lower and  $\rho^0$  cells had the lowest  $\Delta\psi_m$  and proliferation rates (Fig 1A and B). Two factors may contribute to the increasing difficulty/stresses to maintain  $\Delta\psi_m$  and proliferation among these mutants. First, mtDNA encodes subunits of complex III, IV, and V, and mtrRNAs, as well as mttRNAs and several other proteins.  $\rho^0$  cells have multiple disassembled OXPHOS complexes and disassembled mtRibosome, thus more proteostatic stresses as compared to other OXPHOS mutants. Second, the differential  $\Delta\psi_m$  maintenance mechanisms among these mutants may cause extra stresses in  $\Delta$ V and  $\rho^0$  cells (Appendix Fig S1C). In  $\Delta$ III and  $\Delta$ IV cells,  $\Delta\psi_m$  is maintained by the reversal of complex V to hydrolyze ATP and export protons to

IMS (Chinopoulos & Adam-Vizi, 2010). In this way,  $\Delta$ III and  $\Delta$ IV cells hydrolyze 1 ATP to export 3.33 protons (yeast complex V contains a  $c_{10}$  ring) and 1 positive charge (exchange of  $ADP^{3-}$  with  $ATP^{4-}$ ).  $\rho^0$  cells lose mtDNA-encoded  $F_o$  components of complex V and maintain  $\Delta\psi_m$  through  $F_1$ -dependent ATP hydrolysis (Buchet & Godinot, 1998; Appleby *et al*, 1999). In this way, mitochondria import 1  $ATP^{4-}$  at the exchange of 1  $ADP^{3-}$  through the ATP/ADP antiporter *Aac2*, thus importing 1 negative charge at the cost of 1 ATP (Appendix Fig S1C). Theoretically,  $\Delta$ V cells block proton flux into matrix and thus should have elevated  $\Delta\psi_m$ . However,  $\Delta$ V cells had intermediate  $\Delta\psi_m$  between  $\Delta$ III/IV and  $\rho^0$  cells (Fig 1A). We observed that  $\Delta$ V cells had greatly reduced complex IV level (Appendix Fig S1D), similar to other mutants of complex V subunits (Hadikusumo *et al*, 1988; Marzuki *et al*, 1989; Paul *et al*, 1989; Spannagel *et al*, 1997; Marsy *et al*, 2008). This indicates that  $\Delta\psi_m$  of  $\Delta$ V cells is not maintained by the ETC. Interestingly,  $\Delta\psi_m$  and the proliferation of  $\Delta$ V cells were significantly impaired by deleting *AAC2* (Appendix Fig S1E and F), indicating  $\Delta\psi_m$  of  $\Delta$ V cells is maintained by mechanism similar to that of  $\rho^0$  cells.

### Progressive activation of transcription responses in OXPHOS mutants

We performed RNAseq analysis to understand how OXPHOS mutants respond to mitochondrial stresses (Fig 1C and Dataset EV1). mRNA level changes of selected transcripts in  $\rho^0$  cells were confirmed by qPCR analysis (Fig 1D). Apparently, there were increasing transcriptional changes from  $\Delta$ III to  $\rho^0$  cells. In  $\rho^0$  cells, there were 173 down-regulated transcripts and 867 up-regulated transcripts reaching the significance threshold ( $P < 0.05$ , fold change  $> 1.5$  or  $< 0.67$ ). Gene ontology analysis (Ashburner *et al*, 2000) of transcripts with  $P < 0.05$  in  $\rho^0$  cells showed that the three most downregulated biological processes all relate to ribosome biogenesis (Fig EV1A) and mainly consist of transcripts encoding ribosome subunits and ribosome processing and assembly (Ribi) factors. The most-upregulated processes are mitochondrial translation, mitochondrial gene expression, and carbohydrate metabolic process (glucose transporters and glycolysis genes) (Fig EV1A). We further analyzed transcripts encoding mitochondrial proteins (gene list in Table EV1A) with  $P < 0.05$  in  $\rho^0$  cells and showed the upregulation of mitochondrial gene expression, mitochondrial organization, and mitochondrial translation, and the downregulation of ATP metabolic process and oxidative phosphorylation (both consist of OXPHOS subunits) (Fig EV1B). We thus collected four gene lists for further analysis in all the OXPHOS mutants, these genes encode: nuclear-encoded OXPHOS subunits, mitochondrial proteins other than OXPHOS subunits, ribosome subunits and Ribi factors, as well as glycolysis enzymes and glucose transporters (gene lists in Table EV1B).

We observed interesting patterns of gene expression changes in these mutants (Fig 1C): (i) Nuclear transcripts encoding OXPHOS subunits were commonly downregulated in all the mutants. (ii) Nuclear transcripts encoding mitochondrial proteins except OXPHOS subunits were progressively upregulated in  $\Delta$ V and  $\rho^0$  cells. We selected gene lists encoding several important pathways/functions of mitochondrial proteins (gene list in Table EV1C). The heat map plots of the mRNA level changes of these genes showed the increasing upregulation of mitochondrial proteostasis, import, organization, OXPHOS complex assembly, translation, and metabolism in  $\Delta$ V and  $\rho^0$  cells (Fig EV1C). (iii) Transcripts encoding ribosomal subunits and



**Figure 1. Yeast OXPPOS mutants have progressive reduction of  $\Delta\psi_m$  and cell proliferation, and increasing activation of transcriptional responses.**

**A** Decreasing  $\Delta\psi_m$  from  $\Delta III$  to  $\rho^0$  cells. WT and mutant yeast cells were cultured to log phase and stained with TMRM for FACS analysis.

**B** Decreasing proliferation rates from  $\Delta III$  to  $\rho^0$  cells. Cells were cultured from 0.05 OD600 in SCD. OD600 was measured every 2 h.

**C** Transcriptome analysis of OXPPOS mutants. WT and mutant yeast cells were cultured to log phase. RNAseq was performed with three biological replicates per genotype (Dataset EV1). All the transcripts and four categories of transcripts (gene lists in Table EV1B) are shown. Significantly changed genes ( $P$  value < 0.05; fold change > 1.5 or < 0.67) are highlighted with dashed lines; numbers of significantly changed genes are indicated.

**D** qRT-PCR analysis of selected transcripts in  $\rho^0$  cells.

Data information: Data are mean  $\pm$  SD from three biological replicates (B, D).

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Ribi factors were progressively downregulated in  $\Delta V$  and  $\rho^0$  cells; (iv) Transcripts encoding glucose transporters and glycolysis enzymes were progressively upregulated in  $\Delta V$  and  $\rho^0$  cells.

### Proteome remodeling in OXPPOS mutants

To examine whether transcriptional changes remodel mitochondrial proteome, we performed stable isotope labeling using amino acids in cell culture (SILAC) analysis of  $\Delta IV$  and  $\rho^0$  cells (Dataset EV2).

Equal number of isotope-labeled WT cells and isotope-unlabeled mutant cells were mixed together. Mitochondrial fraction was purified for mass spectrometry analysis.

Our results showed that  $\Delta IV$  cells had small changes of mitochondrial proteome with 17 downregulated proteins and 28 upregulated proteins reaching the significance threshold ( $P$  < 0.05, fold change > 1.5 or < 0.67). In contrast, 251 proteins were significantly upregulated and 84 proteins were significantly downregulated in  $\rho^0$  cells (Fig 2A). Integrating RNAseq and proteome results showed

correlative changes of most mRNA and protein levels in  $\Delta IV$  and  $\rho^0$  cells with two exceptions (Fig EV2). First, in  $\rho^0$  cells, some mtRibosome subunits were upregulated at both mRNA and protein levels, whereas the others were upregulated at mRNA but downregulated at protein levels. Because mtDNA encodes mtrRNAs, the scaffolds for mtRibosome assembly and function, we speculate the downregulated subunits may be destabilized by mtrRNA depletion. Second, in  $\rho^0$  cells, about half of the carriers showed discordant changes at mRNA and protein levels. The underlying reason remains unclear.

We then tagged endogenous mitochondrial proteins with an HA tag and deleted selection marker with the Cre-loxP system to preserve endogenous gene regulation. We confirmed the upregulation of mitochondrial import, ISC synthesis, and  $F_1$  assembly factors in  $\rho^0$  cells (Fig 2B). Importantly, the upregulation of mitochondrial proteins specifically occurred in  $\Delta V$  and  $\rho^0$  cells but not in  $\Delta III$  and  $\Delta IV$  cells (Fig 2B), matching the RNAseq and SILAC results.

Ribosome biogenesis was progressively downregulated at transcript level (Fig 1C). Fractionation analysis showed that  $\Delta III$  and  $\Delta IV$  cells had similar polysome profiles as WT cells, but  $\Delta V$  and  $\rho^0$  cells had significantly reduced ribosome contents, especially in the 40S, 60S, and 80S fractions (Fig 2C), correlating with transcript changes.

### Transcriptional repression of *Inh1*, the ATP synthase inhibitor, maintains $\Delta\psi_m$ and proliferation of $\rho^0$ cells

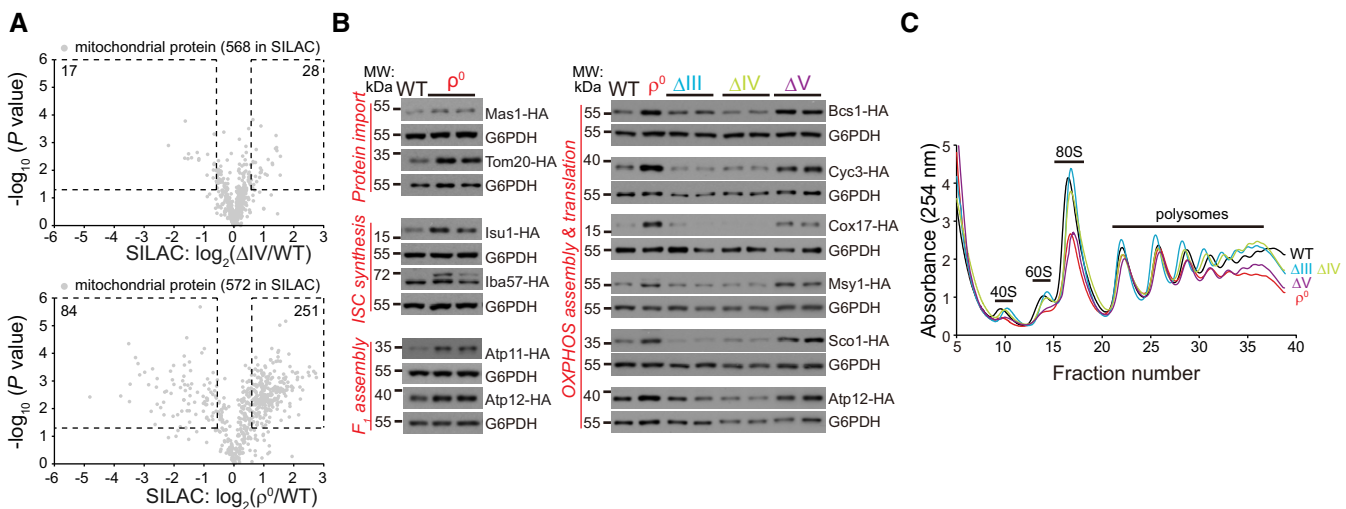
Downregulation of the transcript level of OXPHOS subunits happens in all the mutants (Fig 1C). We noticed the most downregulated one is *Inh1* (Fig 1C), a conserved inhibitor of complex V (ATPIF1 in mouse and human) (Garcia-Bermudez & Cuezva, 2016). Deletion of

*Inh1*/ATPIF1 disinhibits the ATPase activity of  $F_1$  to maintain  $\Delta\psi_m$  in both yeast and human cells (Clark-Walker, 2007; Lefebvre *et al*, 2013; Chen *et al*, 2014; Martinez-Reyes *et al*, 2016). But it is unclear whether *Inh1*/ATPIF1 is regulated by mitochondrial adaptive response.

We confirmed *Inh1* downregulation at mRNA and protein levels in all the OXPHOS mutants (Fig 3A and B). Deleting *Inh1* in  $\rho^0$  cells benefited cell proliferation at 37°C (Fig 3C). We then used copper-inducible promoter to inducibly overexpress *Inh1* (Fig 3D). *Inh1* overexpression selectively inhibited  $\Delta\psi_m$  and cell proliferation of  $\rho^0$  cells but had no effect in WT,  $\Delta III$ ,  $\Delta IV$ , or  $\Delta V$  cells (Fig 3E and F). To examine the detrimental effect of losing  $\Delta\psi_m$ , we genetically tagged endogenous *Nfs1* and *Yah1*, two ISC-synthesis enzymes in mitochondrial matrix, and DNA polymerase *Pol3*, an essential nuclear ISC-containing protein required for DNA replication (Lill, 2009), and examined their protein levels by Western blot. *Inh1* overexpression in  $\rho^0$  cells greatly downregulated mitochondrial ISC-synthesis enzymes *Nfs1* and *Yah1* and also downregulated nuclear ISC-containing protein *Pol3* (Fig 3G, lane 8 vs. 7). These results indicate  $\Delta\psi_m$  reduction causes import defects to compromise ISC synthesis and destabilize ISC-containing proteins. Taken together, OXPHOS mutants commonly downregulate *Inh1* but this response is specifically critical for  $\rho^0$  cells to maintain  $\Delta\psi_m$  and ISC synthesis, as well as cell proliferation.

### Translational downregulation of *HAP4* represses *Inh1* transcription

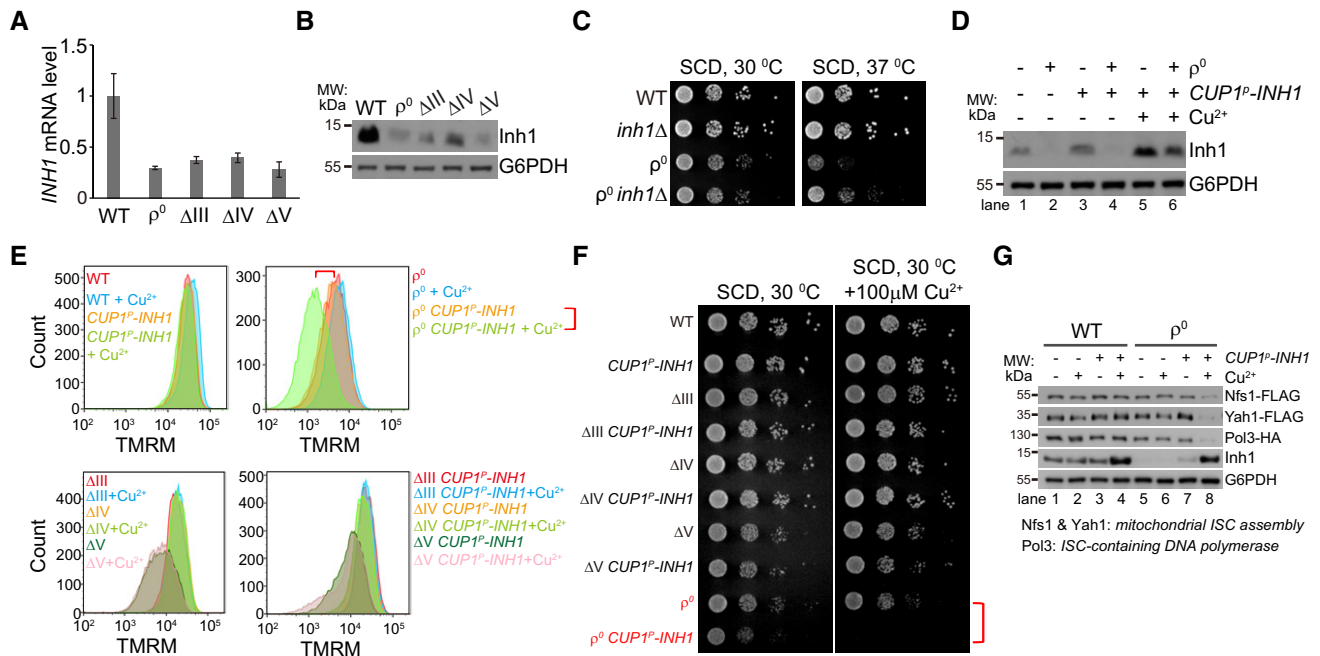
To understand how *Inh1* and OXPHOS subunits are downregulated at transcript level, we analyzed the HAP complex, consisting of



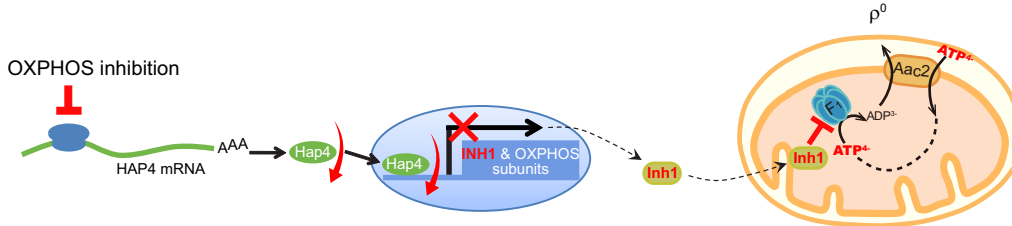
**Figure 2. Remodeling of mitochondrial proteome and cytoplasmic ribosome in the OXPHOS mutants.**

- A SILAC analysis of mitochondrial proteome of  $\Delta IV$  and  $\rho^0$  cells. Equal amount of WT cells labeled with heavy amino acids and unlabeled mutant cells were mixed to extract mitochondrial fraction for mass spectrometry analysis. Three biological replicates were prepared for each pair of strains (Dataset EV2). 568 high-fidelity mitochondrial proteins (gene/protein list in Table EV1A) in  $\Delta IV$  cells, and 572 such proteins in  $\rho^0$  cells were quantitatively measured. Significantly changed proteins ( $P$  value  $< 0.05$ ; fold change  $> 1.5$  or  $< 0.67$ ) are highlighted with dashed lines; numbers of significantly changed proteins are indicated.
- B Western blot analysis of representative mitochondrial proteins endogenously tagged with HA. The selection markers were removed by the Cre-loxP system. Whole cell lysates were extracted, and equal amount of proteins was loaded for Western blot.
- C Polysome fractionation analysis of OXPHOS mutants. Polysomes were fractionated by sucrose gradients (10%–50%), and the gradients were separated and measured at  $A_{254}$ .

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**Figure 3. Transcriptional repression of *Inh1* maintains  $\Delta\psi_m$ , ISC synthesis, and proliferation of  $\rho^0$  cells.**

- A qRT-PCR analysis of *INH1* mRNA levels. Data are mean  $\pm$  SD from three biological replicates.
- B Western blot analysis of *Inh1* protein levels. Whole cell lysates were extracted, and equal amount of proteins was loaded for Western blot.
- C Deletion of *INH1* benefits the proliferation of  $\rho^0$  cells at 37°C. Serial dilutions (tenfold dilution) of the indicated strains were analyzed on SCD plates at 30°C and 37°C for 2 days.
- D Western blot analysis of copper-inducible overexpression of *Inh1*. A cassette expressing *Inh1* under the control of *CUP1* promoter was inserted into the HO locus. *Inh1* overexpression was induced by 100  $\mu$ M  $\text{CuSO}_4$  for 12 h.
- E Overexpression of *Inh1* decreases  $\Delta\psi_m$  in  $\rho^0$  cells. Cells were cultured in SCD or SCD plus 100  $\mu$ M  $\text{CuSO}_4$  for 12 h to mid-log phase. Cells were then stained with 125 nM TMRM for FACS analysis.
- F Overexpression of *Inh1* represses the proliferation of  $\rho^0$  cells. Serial dilutions (tenfold dilution) of the indicated strains were analyzed on SCD or SCD plus 100  $\mu$ M  $\text{CuSO}_4$  plates at 30°C for 2 days.
- G Overexpression of *Inh1* reduces the protein levels of mitochondrial ISC biosynthesis proteins (*Nfs1* and *Yah1*) and nuclear ISC-containing protein *Pol3*. Cells were cultured in SCD or SCD plus 100  $\mu$ M  $\text{CuSO}_4$  for 12 h to mid-log phase. Whole cell lysates were extracted, and equal amount of proteins was loaded for Western blot. *Nfs1* and *Yah1* were endogenously tagged with FLAG, and *Pol3* was endogenously tagged with HA.
- H Cartoon illustration of the translational repression of *Hap4* and the subsequent transcriptional downregulation of *Inh1* to maintain  $\Delta\psi_m$  in  $\rho^0$  cells.

Data information: The red highlight two cell lines for comparison (E, F).  
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Hap2-5, which is responsible for the transcription of OXPHOS subunits (Boos *et al.*, 2019; Mao & Chen, 2019). In  $\rho^0$  cells, most HAP subunits were upregulated at both mRNA and protein levels with one exception that *Hap4* mRNA was increased twofold but its protein level was decreased (Fig EV3A and B). Downregulation of *Hap4* protein was observed in all the OXPHOS mutants (Fig EV3C). In  $\rho^0$  cells, we did not detect change of *Hap4* protein half-life (Fig EV3D). We then performed the ribosome footprinting to measure genome-wide changes of translation efficiency (Ingolia,

2010; Ingolia *et al.*, 2012).  $\rho^0$  cells specifically downregulated the translation efficiency of *Hap4* but not the other three HAP transcripts (Fig EV3E, Dataset EV3). The decrease of *Hap4* translation efficiency exceeds the increase of its mRNA level, thus may cause a net reduction of *Hap4* protein.

To examine whether *Hap4* level determines *Inh1* transcription, we used the copper-inducible *CUP1* promoter to drive *Hap4* expression in  $\rho^0$  cells. Without copper supplementation, we noticed the upregulation of *HAP4* mRNA (Fig EV3F, left panel, highlighted in

red) and the corresponding upregulation of *INH1* mRNA (Fig EV3F, right panel, highlighted in red) and Inh1 protein (Fig EV3G, lane 3 vs. 2). This could be due to the tracing amount of copper in the synthetic medium. Copper supplementation further induced *INH1* at mRNA (Fig EV3F, highlighted in green) and protein (Fig EV3G, lane 4 vs. 2) levels. Thus, Hap4 level is a key determinant of Inh1 transcription.

Functionally, deleting Hap4 benefited  $\rho^0$  cell proliferation at 37°C (Fig EV3H) and the leaky expression of Hap4 was sufficient to suppress  $\rho^0$  cell growth (Fig EV3I). Furthermore, deleting Inh1 completely abolished the growth suppression effect of Hap4 in  $\rho^0$  cells (Fig EV3I). Overexpression of Inh1 suppressed proliferation of  $\rho^0$  *hap4* $\Delta$  cells (Fig EV3J). These epistatic analyses demonstrate that Inh1 is the major downstream effector of Hap4. Taken together,  $\rho^0$  cells downregulate Hap4 translation to repress Inh1 transcription and thus to disinhibit the ATP hydrolysis activity of  $F_1$  component (Fig 3H).

### Puf3 promotes mitochondrial biogenesis to maintain $\Delta\psi_m$ and proliferation in $\rho^0$ cells

Next, we focused on the global mitochondrial biogenesis response in  $\Delta V$  and  $\rho^0$  cells. Puf3 is a cytoplasmic mRNA-binding protein that mainly associates with mRNAs encoding mitochondrial proteins (Gerber *et al*, 2004; Lapointe *et al*, 2015; Lapointe *et al*, 2018). It promotes mRNA degradation under fermentative condition (Olivas & Parker, 2000; Houshmandi & Olivas, 2005) and gets

phosphorylated to promote mRNA translation under respiratory growth condition (Lee & Tu, 2015). We combined two studies to generate a list of Puf3-associated mRNAs (Table EV1D) (Gerber *et al*, 2004; Lapointe *et al*, 2015). We found that most-upregulated transcripts encoding mitochondrial proteins in  $\Delta V$  and  $\rho^0$  cells overlapped with transcripts known to associate with Puf3 (Fig 4A).

To determine whether Puf3 is required for the upregulation of transcripts encoding mitochondrial proteins, we deleted *PUF3* in both WT and  $\rho^0$  cells. RNAseq analysis (Dataset EV4) showed that deleting *PUF3* modestly upregulated its associated transcripts in WT cells as previously reported (Olivas & Parker, 2000; Fig 4B), but significantly downregulated its associated transcripts (with 82 transcripts reaching the significance threshold) in  $\rho^0$  cells (Fig 4C), indicating Puf3 switches its role from promoting mRNA degradation in WT cells to mRNA stabilization in  $\rho^0$  cells.

Stable isotope labeling using amino acids in cell culture analysis of mitochondrial proteome showed that deleting *PUF3* downregulated mitochondrial proteins in  $\rho^0$  cells with 116 proteins reaching significance threshold, among which 102 proteins are encoded by Puf3-associated mRNAs (Fig 4D and Dataset EV5). Similar to  $\rho^0$  cells,  $\Delta V$  cells also required Puf3 to upregulate mitochondrial mRNAs and proteins (Appendix Fig S2A and B).

Deleting *PUF3* had no effect on  $\Delta\psi_m$  and cell proliferation in WT,  $\Delta III$ ,  $\Delta IV$ , or  $\Delta V$  cells, but decreased both  $\Delta\psi_m$  and cell proliferation in  $\rho^0$  cells (Fig 4F and G). Thus, Puf3 promotes a global mitochondrial biogenesis response in  $\Delta V$  and  $\rho^0$  cells, but is only required in  $\rho^0$  cells to maintain  $\Delta\psi_m$  and cell proliferation.

#### Figure 4. mRNA-binding protein Puf3 upregulates Mia40 and global mitochondrial biogenesis to maintain $\Delta\psi_m$ .

- A The changes of Puf3-associated transcripts encoding mitochondrial proteins in OXPHOS mutants. The RNAseq results in Fig 1C (Dataset EV1) are re-analyzed. Transcripts encoding high-fidelity mitochondrial proteins (gene list in Table EV1A) and the Puf3-associated transcripts encoding mitochondrial proteins (gene list in Table EV1D) are shown. The significantly changed transcripts ( $P$  value < 0.05; fold change > 1.5 or < 0.67) are highlighted with dashed lines; numbers of significantly changed transcripts are indicated.
- B, C Deletion of *PUF3* upregulates mitochondrial transcripts in WT cells (B), whereas downregulates mitochondrial transcripts in  $\rho^0$  cells (C). WT and mutant yeast cells were cultured to log phase. RNAseq was performed with three biological replicates per genotype (Dataset EV4). All the transcripts and the Puf3-associated transcripts encoding mitochondrial proteins are shown. The significantly changed transcripts ( $P$  value < 0.05; fold change > 1.5 or < 0.67) are highlighted with dashed lines; numbers of significantly changed transcripts are indicated.
- D Deletion of *PUF3* in  $\rho^0$  cells downregulates mitochondrial proteins. SILAC analysis of mitochondrial fractions from  $\rho^0$  and  $\rho^0$  *puf3* $\Delta$  cells are shown. Equal amount of  $\rho^0$  cells labeled with heavy amino acids and unlabeled  $\rho^0$  *puf3* $\Delta$  cells were mixed to extract mitochondrial fraction for mass spectrometry analysis. Three biological replicates were prepared for each pair of strains (Dataset EV5). Mitochondrial proteins encoded by Puf3-associated mRNAs are highlighted in red. Mia40 substrates are highlighted in green (gene list in Table EV1E). Mia40 substrates encoded by Puf3-associated transcripts are highlighted in green with red circle. The significantly changed proteins ( $P$  value < 0.05; fold change > 1.5 or < 0.67) are highlighted with dashed lines; numbers of significantly changed proteins are indicated.
- E Correlation plots of fold changes ( $\rho^0$  *puf3* $\Delta$  versus  $\rho^0$ ) between mitochondrial proteins and their transcripts. Puf3-associated transcripts encoding mitochondrial proteins are highlighted in red. Mia40 substrates are highlighted in green. Mia40 substrates encoded by Puf3-associated transcripts are highlighted in green with red circle.
- F Deletion of *PUF3* decreases  $\Delta\psi_m$  in  $\rho^0$  cells.
- G Deletion of *PUF3* decreases the proliferation of  $\rho^0$  cells. Serial dilutions (tenfold dilution) of the indicated strains were analyzed on SCD plates at 30°C for 2 days.
- H Schematic illustration of the consensus Puf3-binding motif (Lapointe *et al*, 2015) and the motif at Mia40 3'-UTR. Mutating the Puf3-binding motif of *MIA40* mRNA abolishes Mia40 upregulation in  $\rho^0$  cells. Mia40 was endogenously tagged with FLAG, and its 3'-UTR was edited as indicated. The selection markers were removed by the Cre-loxP system. Whole cell lysates were extracted, and equal amount of proteins was loaded for Western blot. RC: reverse complement. DE: deletion.
- I Mutating the Puf3-binding motif of *MIA40* mRNA decreases  $\Delta\psi_m$  of  $\rho^0$  cells.
- J Mutating the Puf3-binding motif of *MIA40* mRNA impairs the proliferation of  $\rho^0$  cells. Cells were cultured from 0.05 OD in SCD, and OD600 was measured every 2 h.
- K Overexpression of *MIA40* rescues  $\Delta\psi_m$  of  $\rho^0$  *puf3* $\Delta$  cells. Single copy plasmid expressing *Mia40* driven by the *MIA40* promoter was transformed into the indicated strains.
- L Overexpression of *MIA40* rescues the proliferation of  $\rho^0$  *puf3* $\Delta$  cells. Strains were prepared as in (K). Cells were cultured from 0.05 OD in SCD, and OD600 was measured every 2 h.

Data information: Cells were cultured to mid-log phase and stained with 125 nM TMRM for FACS analysis (F, I, K). The red highlight two cell lines for comparison (F, G, I, K). Data are mean  $\pm$  SD from three biological replicates (J, L). Source data are available online for this figure.

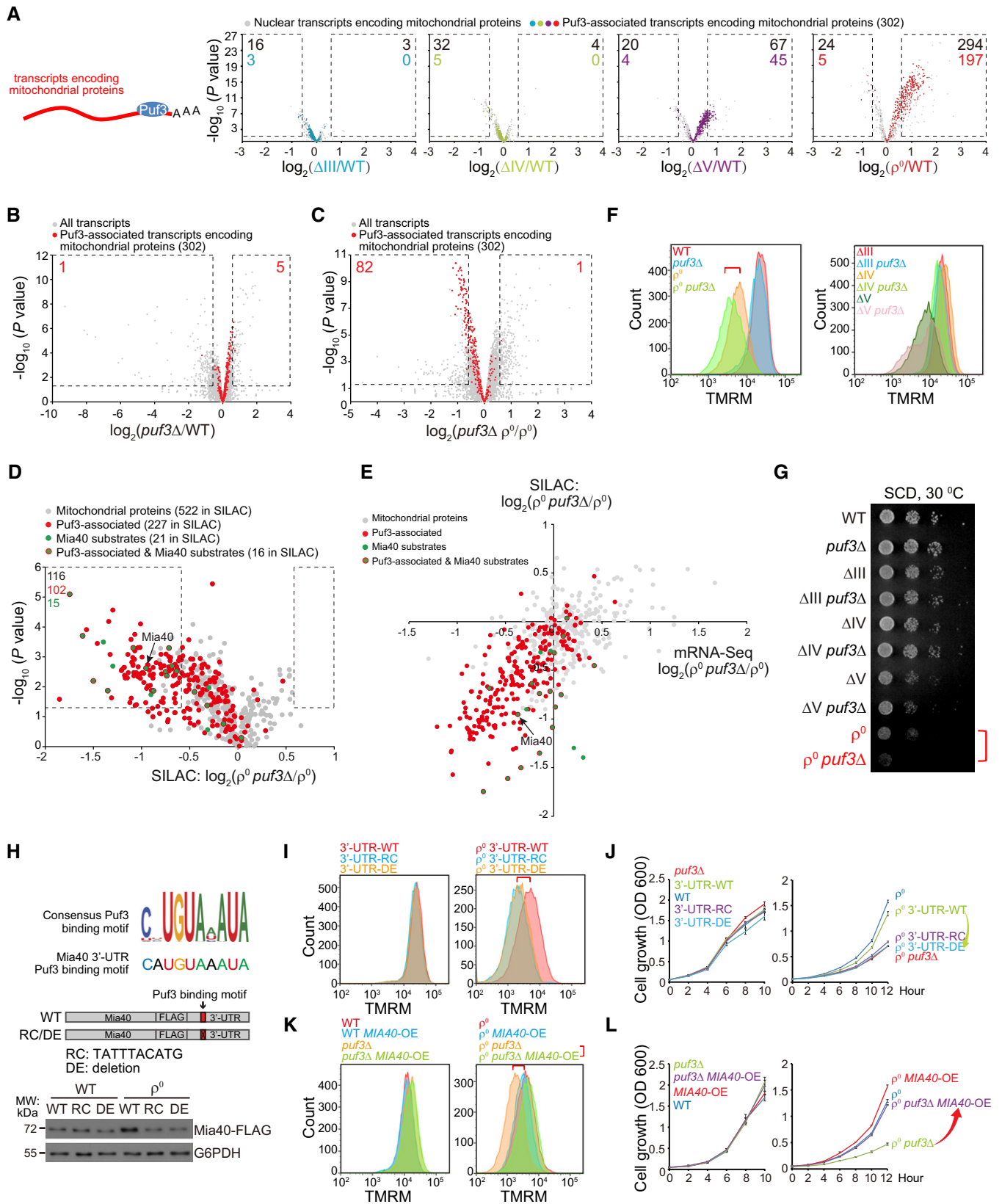


Figure 4.

Puf3 may promote mitochondrial biogenesis through mRNA stabilization and/or promoting mRNA translation. Ribosome footprinting (Dataset EV3) showed that there was no general upregulation of the translation efficiency of Puf3-associated transcripts in  $\rho^0$  cells (Fig EV4A and B), and deleting *PUF3* in  $\rho^0$  cells did not affect the translation efficiency of its associated transcripts (Fig EV4C and D). Polysome fractionation experiments also showed that Puf3 did not enter into the polysome fractions after mtDNA depletion (Fig EV4E). Thus, Puf3 has minimal effect on the translation efficiency of its associated mRNAs in  $\rho^0$  cells, which is mechanistically different from the glucose deprivation condition, in which Puf3 promotes translation of its associated mRNAs (Lee & Tu, 2015).

### Mia40 is the critical mitochondrial protein upregulated by Puf3 to maintain $\Delta\psi_m$ and proliferation in $\rho^0$ cells

It is intriguing that among the hundreds of mitochondrial mRNAs/proteins upregulated by Puf3, many of them, such as the mtRibosome subunits, seem to aggravate the folding stress inside mitochondrial matrix because many subunits cannot be properly assembled and are presumably degraded in  $\rho^0$  cells (Fig EV2). Similarly, upregulation of most OXPHOS assembly factors and mitochondrial tRNA synthetases in  $\rho^0$  cells seems to be a waste. Then, what factors upregulated by Puf3 help  $\Delta\psi_m$  maintenance?

Because  $\Delta\psi_m$  maintenance in  $\rho^0$  cells requires matrix  $F_1$  component and inner membrane (IM) carriers, enhancing the import pathway seems to be a meaningful response. In our RNAseq results, Mia40 was the most-upregulated mitochondrial import factor in  $\rho^0$  cells (Fig EV1, highlighted in red in the “import machinery” category). Mia40 is an essential mitochondrial protein that mediates the import and oxidative folding of IMS proteins (Herrmann & Riemer, 2012; Peleh et al, 2016; Stojanovski et al, 2012). Its substrates include phospholipid carriers and small TIMs (Tim8, Tim9, Tim10, Tim12, and Tim13) critical for the biogenesis of OM  $\beta$ -barrel proteins and IM carrier proteins (Koehler, 2004; Modjtahedi et al, 2016). Inactivation of Mia40 activates the UPR<sup>am</sup> (Wrobel et al, 2015). Thus, Mia40 has profound effect on mitochondrial proteome and phospholipids. *MIA40* mRNA contains a Puf3-binding site in its 3'-UTR (Fig 4H). In our SILAC results, Mia40 and its substrates (gene list in Table EV1E) were among the significantly downregulated mitochondrial proteins upon *PUF3* deletion in  $\rho^0$  cells (Fig 4, D and E, highlighted in green), supporting Mia40 as a substrate upregulated by Puf3. More importantly, many Mia40 substrates, including small TIMs, were downregulated more at protein levels as compared to mRNA levels in  $\rho^0$  *puf3* $\Delta$  cells (Fig 4E, highlighted in green), indicating Puf3 upregulates Mia40 to promote the import of Mia40 substrates in  $\rho^0$  cells.

We mutated the Puf3-binding site in *MIA40* mRNA 3'-UTR by introducing reverse complement (RC) sequence or deletion (DE) (Fig 4H). Both manipulations did not affect the basal protein level of Mia40 in WT cells but selectively blocked Mia40 upregulation in  $\rho^0$  cells (Fig 4H). Abolishing Puf3 association with Mia40 mRNA (3'-UTR-RC and 3'-UTR-DE) had no effect on  $\Delta\psi_m$  and the proliferation of WT cells, but decreased  $\Delta\psi_m$  and the proliferation of  $\rho^0$  cells (Fig 4I and J). We further overexpressed Mia40 in  $\rho^0$  *puf3* $\Delta$  cells, in which hundreds of Puf3-associated mitochondrial mRNAs remain downregulated. Strikingly, Mia40 overexpression rescued  $\Delta\psi_m$  and the proliferation of  $\rho^0$  *puf3* $\Delta$  cells to the level of  $\rho^0$  cells (Fig 4K and

L). These results strongly suggest Mia40 as the major effector upregulated by Puf3 to maintain  $\Delta\psi_m$  and cell proliferation in  $\rho^0$  cells.

### Puf3 hyper-phosphorylation upregulates Mia40 and mitochondrial biogenesis

Then how does Puf3 switch from repressing to promoting mitochondrial biogenesis in  $\Delta V$  and  $\rho^0$  cells? We generated *PUF3-FLAG* knock-in cells and observed that Puf3-FLAG prepared from WT cells migrated as a slightly smeared band in Western blot and Puf3-FLAG from  $\rho^0$  cells migrated as a wider and upshifted band (Fig 5A), indicating post-translational modifications. Treatment with  $\lambda$ -phosphatase collapsed Puf3-FLAG from both WT and  $\rho^0$  cells into a single band with lower molecular weight (Fig 5A), indicating Puf3 is a phosphor protein in both WT and  $\rho^0$  cells. We thus run samples with the Phos-tag gel, in which the migration of phosphor protein is impeded (Kinoshita et al, 2009). The result showed that Puf3 is a heavily phosphorylated protein in WT cells and gets hyper-phosphorylated in  $\rho^0$  cells (Fig 5A). Furthermore, Puf3 hyper-phosphorylation was induced by treating with complex V inhibitor oligomycin and in  $\Delta V$  and  $\rho^0$  cells but not affected by genetic inactivation or chemical inhibition of complex III and complex IV (Fig 5B). Thus, Puf3 hyper-phosphorylation correlates with the upregulation of mitochondrial biogenesis in  $\Delta V$  and  $\rho^0$  cells.

We performed SILAC analysis of Puf3 phosphorylation (Dataset EV6). We reached 70% peptide coverage and identified 43 phosphorylation sites in the N-terminal unstructured region of Puf3 (Fig EV5A). Phosphorylation of 34 sites could be reliably quantified (Fig EV5B and Dataset EV6). We progressively mutated the sites with enhanced phosphorylation to alanine and reconstituted the mutant *PUF3-FLAG* into *puf3* $\Delta$  cells. We found that mutation of 15 sites (Puf3-15A, sites highlighted in red in Fig EV5B) abolished most of the Puf3 hyper-phosphorylation in  $\rho^0$  cells without affecting the basal Puf3 phosphorylation in WT cells (Fig 5C). Puf3 hyper-phosphorylation upon oligomycin treatment and in  $\Delta V$  cells were also inhibited by the 15A mutation (Fig 5D).

Puf3-associated mitochondrial transcripts were decreased by the Puf3-15A mutation in  $\rho^0$  cells (Fig 5E, and Dataset EV7). Importantly, Puf3-15A mutation did not affect the protein level of Mia40 in WT cells but selectively prevented Mia40 upregulation in  $\Delta V$  and  $\rho^0$  cells (Fig 5F). Accordingly, Puf3-15A mutation did not affect  $\Delta\psi_m$  and cell proliferation in WT cells but decreased both  $\Delta\psi_m$  and cell proliferation in  $\rho^0$  cells (Fig 5G–I). Mia40 overexpression rescued the proliferation defect of  $\rho^0$  *puf3-15A* cells (Fig 5J). Taken together these findings, Puf3 gets hyper-phosphorylated in  $\Delta V$  and  $\rho^0$  cells to upregulate mitochondrial biogenesis, particularly Mia40 (Fig 5K). This response is critical for  $\rho^0$  cells to maintain  $\Delta\psi_m$  and cell proliferation.

### Snf1/AMPK represses ribosome biogenesis and upregulates glycolysis to maintain $\Delta\psi_m$ and proliferation in $\Delta V$ and $\rho^0$ cells

$\Delta V$  and  $\rho^0$  cells consume glycolytic ATP in an expensive way to maintain  $\Delta\psi_m$ . Transcriptional upregulation of glucose transporters and glycolysis genes and repression of ribosome biogenesis genes in these two mutants (Fig 1C) seem to enhance glycolytic ATP production and reduce ATP expenditure. Ribosomes compose approximately 30% of cellular mass and ribosome biogenesis consumes about 80%



of newly synthesized nucleotides (Lunt & Vander Heiden, 2011). In yeast, about 60% of total transcription is to transcribe rRNA and 50% of RNA polymerase II transcription and 90% of mRNA splicing are devoted to ribosomal proteins (Warner, 1999).

We found that the stress-responsive kinase Snf1, the yeast AMPK (Hedbacker & Carlson, 2008), mediates these two changes. *snf1Δ* cells were inviable after mtDNA depletion. Therefore,  $\rho^0$  *snf1Δ* cells were generated by acute mtDNA depletion through EB treatment. RNAseq (Dataset EV8) showed that deleting *SNF1* downregulated transcripts encoding glucose transporter and glycolysis genes in both WT and  $\rho^0$  cells, and specifically upregulated ribosome and Ribi transcripts in  $\rho^0$  cells (Fig 6A, highlighted in red). Polysome fractionation experiment showed that deleting *SNF1* in WT cells upregulated monosome and polysomes (Fig 6B, solid red line vs. solid black line), indicating Snf1 represses ribosome biogenesis through post-transcriptional mechanisms in WT cells. *SNF1* deletion in  $\rho^0$  cells

significantly upregulated 40S, 60S, and 80S ribosomes but had minimal effect on polysomes (Fig 6B, dashed red line vs. dashed black line). The production of excessive ribosomes in  $\rho^0$  *snf1Δ* cells is apparently uneconomical for energy metabolism. Accordingly, *SNF1* deletion reduced  $\Delta\psi_m$  and impaired cell proliferation in  $\Delta V$  and  $\rho^0$  cells but not in WT,  $\Delta III$ , or  $\Delta IV$  cells (Fig 6C and D).

To determine the contributions of Snf1's two downstream pathways, we tried to upregulate glycolysis and repress ribosome biogenesis in  $\rho^0$  *snf1Δ* cells. Snf1 phosphorylates transcription repressor Mig1 and induces its nuclear export to turn on gene transcription (Treitel et al, 1998; Hedbacker & Carlson, 2008). RNAseq showed that deleting *MIG1* in  $\rho^0$  *snf1Δ* cells upregulated glucose transporter and glycolysis genes and modestly repressed ribosome and Ribi genes (Appendix Fig S3A and Dataset EV9). Functionally, deleting *MIG1* in  $\rho^0$  *snf1Δ* cells partially restored  $\Delta\psi_m$  and proliferation (Fig 6E and F). Nog2 is a GTPase that binds to and inhibits the

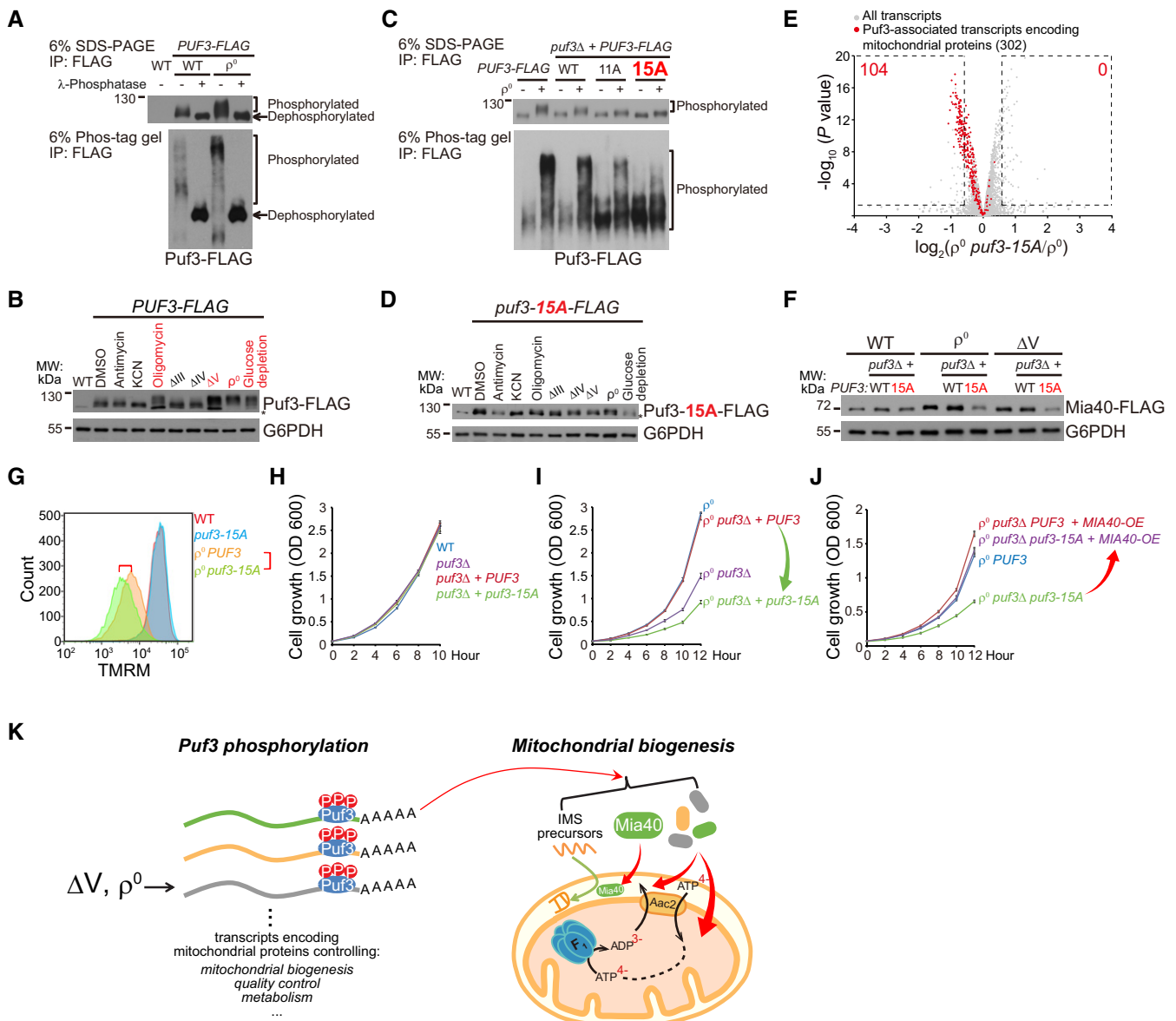


Figure 5.

**Figure 5. Puf3 hyper-phosphorylation upregulates Mia40 and mitochondrial biogenesis to maintain  $\Delta\psi_m$ .**

- A Puf3 is phosphorylated in WT cells and is hyper-phosphorylated in  $\rho^0$  cells. Puf3-FLAG was immunoprecipitated from the indicated strains and treated with/without  $\lambda$ -phosphatase, and analyzed by regular and Phos-tag SDS-PAGE.
- B Puf3 phosphorylation in response to OXPHOS inhibitors and in OXPHOS mutants. WT cells were treated with antimycin (10  $\mu$ M), KCN (10  $\mu$ M), or oligomycin (10  $\mu$ M) for 3 h, or shifted from SCD to SCEG medium for 3 h. Whole cell lysates were extracted, and equal amount of proteins was loaded for Western blot. Treatments and strains with Puf3 hyper-phosphorylation was highlighted in red. Glucose depletion was used as a positive control. Asterisk indicates a non-specific band.
- C Puf3-15A mutation inhibits Puf3 hyper-phosphorylation in  $\rho^0$  cells. A cassette expressing WT or mutant Puf3-FLAG (11A or 15A) under the control of *PUF3* promoter was inserted into the HO site in *puf3* $\Delta$  cells. The 15A mutant that blocks Puf3 hyper-phosphorylation is highlighted in red. Puf3-FLAG was immunoprecipitated from the indicated strains and analyzed by regular and Phos-tag SDS-PAGE.
- D Puf3-15A mutation inhibits Puf3 hyper-phosphorylation upon oligomycin treatment and in  $\Delta V$  and  $\rho^0$  cells. WT cells were treated with antimycin (10  $\mu$ M), KCN (10  $\mu$ M) or oligomycin (10  $\mu$ M) for 3 h, or shifted from SCD to SCEG medium for 3 h. Whole cell lysates were extracted, and equal amount of proteins was loaded for Western blot. Asterisk indicates a non-specific band.
- E Puf3-15A mutation downregulates Puf3-associated mitochondrial transcripts in  $\rho^0$  cells.  $\rho^0$  and  $\rho^0$  *puf3-15A* cells were cultured to log phase. RNAseq was performed with three biological replicates per genotype (Dataset EV7). All the transcripts and the Puf3-associated transcripts encoding mitochondrial proteins (gene lists in Table EV1D) are shown. The significantly changed transcripts ( $P$  value < 0.05; fold change > 1.5 or < 0.67) are highlighted with dashed lines; numbers of significantly changed transcripts are indicated.
- F Puf3-15A mutation inhibits the upregulation of Mia40 in  $\Delta V$  and  $\rho^0$  cells. Mia40 was endogenously tagged with FLAG. The selection markers were removed by the Cre-loxP system. Whole cell lysates were extracted, and equal amount of proteins was loaded for Western blot.
- G Puf3-15A mutation decreases  $\Delta\psi_m$  in  $\rho^0$  cells. Cells were cultured to mid-log phase and stained with 125 nM TMRM for FACS analysis. The red highlight two cell lines for comparison.
- H Puf3-15A mutation has no effect on the proliferation of WT cells.
- I Puf3-15A mutation inhibits the proliferation of  $\rho^0$  cells.
- J Mia40 overexpression rescues the proliferation defect of  $\rho^0$  *puf3-15A* cells. Single copy plasmid expressing *Mia40* driven by *MIA40* promoter was transformed into the indicated strains.
- K Cartoon illustration that Puf3 hyper-phosphorylation in  $\Delta V$  and  $\rho^0$  cells upregulates Puf3-associated mitochondrial transcripts, especially Mia40, to enhance mitochondrial biogenesis and  $\Delta\psi_m$  maintenance.

Data information: Cells were cultured from 0.05 OD in SCD, and OD600 was measured every 2 h; Data are mean  $\pm$  SD from three biological replicates (H, I, J). Source data are available online for this figure.

nuclear export of pre-60S subunit and its overexpression inhibits ribosome biogenesis (Matsuo *et al*, 2014; Wang & Chen, 2015). We overexpressed *Nog2* in  $\rho^0$  *snf1* $\Delta$  cells and observed no rescuing effect (Fig 6G). However, *Nog2* overexpression in  $\rho^0$  *snf1* $\Delta$  *mig1* $\Delta$  cells fully restored cell proliferation to the level of  $\rho^0$  cells (Fig 6G). These results suggest glycolysis upregulation plays a major role and ribosome biogenesis repression plays a minor role downstream of *Snf1* activation. Activation of both pathways fully mimics the effect of *Snf1* activation (Fig 6H).

Three adaptive responses, namely *Inh1* downregulation, Puf3-mediated mitochondrial biogenesis, and *Snf1* activation, are activated in  $\Delta V$  but only *Snf1* is required in  $\Delta V$  cells. We examined if *Snf1* and the other two adaptive responses have synergistic effect in  $\Delta V$  cells. In  $\Delta V$  *snf1* $\Delta$  cells, deleting either one or both of the responses exacerbated proliferation (Appendix Fig S3B, highlighted in red). As control, deleting all the three responses in WT cells had no effect on proliferation (Appendix Fig S3C).

### Upregulation of cytosolic chaperones maintains $\Delta\psi_m$

We observed that accompanying increasing stresses in WT,  $\Delta III$ ,  $\Delta IV$ ,  $\Delta V$ , and  $\rho^0$  cells, there was gradual induction of chaperones, ubiquitin-proteasome system, and autophagy genes (gene lists in Table EV1F). These quality control/degradation genes were further induced in *Inh1*-overexpressing  $\rho^0$  cells (Fig 7A and Dataset EV10). These genes are most likely induced in response to the accumulation of mitochondrial precursor proteins under import arrest (Wrobel *et al*, 2015; Boos *et al*, 2019). Proteasome activation has been shown to alleviate proteostatic stress caused by precursor accumulation (Wrobel *et al*, 2015).

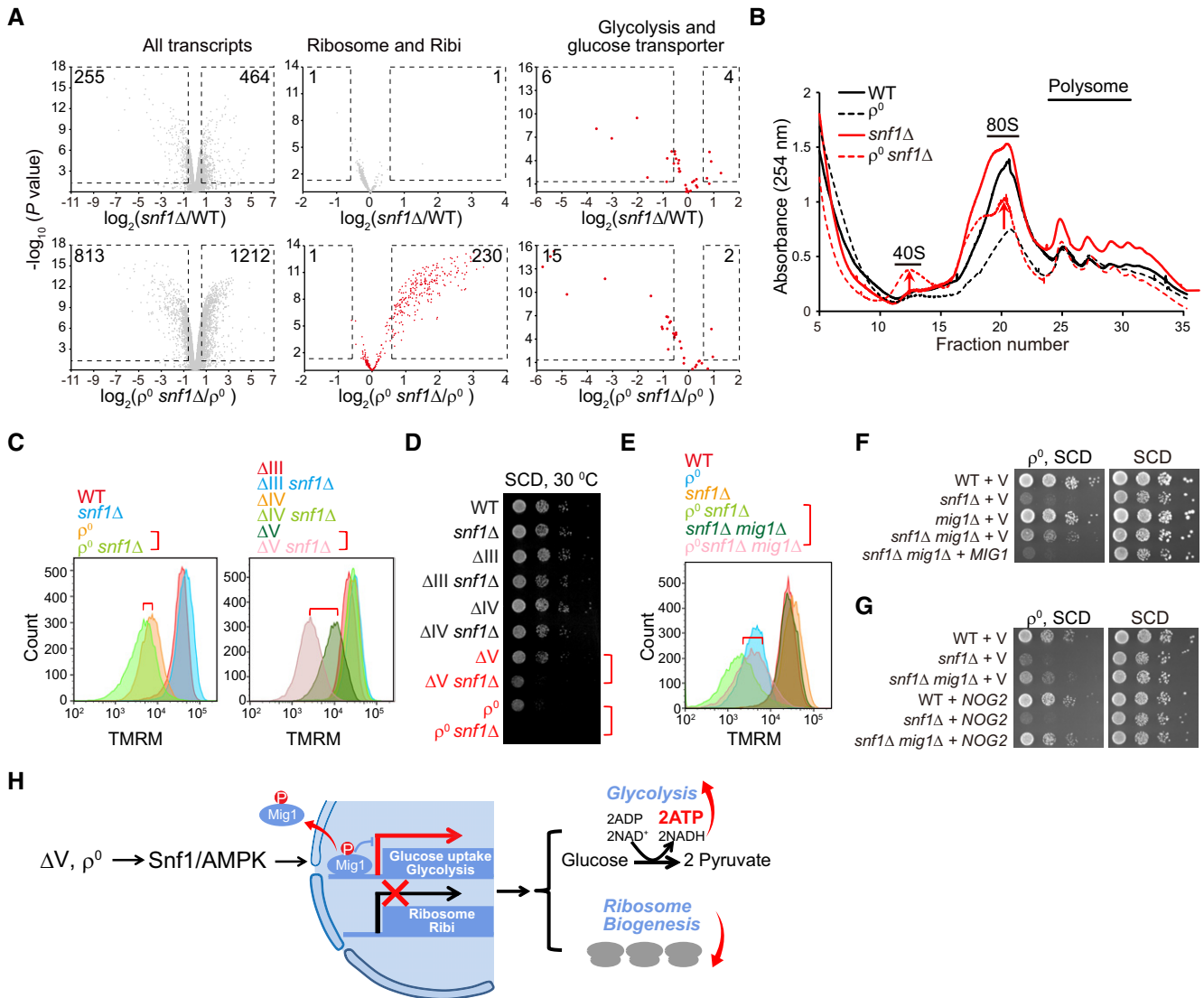
To understand whether chaperones and autophagy have a role under low  $\Delta\psi_m$  condition, we selected a representative group of

genes and deleted them in WT,  $\rho^0$ , and  $\rho^0$  *puf3* $\Delta$  cells. These genes include chaperones *Hsp70* and *Hsp90*, disaggregase *Hsp104*, antiaggregase *Hsp26* and *Hsp42*, membrane chaperone *Hsp12* (Verghese *et al*, 2012), autophagy gene *Atg8*, and mitophagy receptors *Atg32* and *Atg33* (Okamoto *et al*, 2009; Kanki *et al*, 2009a; Kanki *et al*, 2009b). As summarized in Fig 7B, disrupting autophagy, mitophagy, disaggregase, and antiaggregase individually or in combination had no effect on cell proliferation. Interestingly, deleting *HSC82*, the dominant isoform of *Hsp90*, impaired growth selectively in  $\rho^0$  *puf3* $\Delta$  cells, but not in WT and  $\rho^0$  cells (Fig 7B and C). Similarly,  $\rho^0$  *puf3* $\Delta$  cells relied more on *Hsp70* family members *Ssa1* and *Ssa2* to maintain cell proliferation as compared to WT and  $\rho^0$  cells (Fig 7B). Deleting *HSC82* in  $\rho^0$  *puf3* $\Delta$  cells decreased  $\Delta\psi_m$  (Fig 7D), indicating *Hsp90* activity becomes critical for  $\Delta\psi_m$  maintenance under very low  $\Delta\psi_m$  condition.

## Discussion

### Progressive activation of mitochondrial stress responses in response to increasing stresses among OXPHOS mutants

Through extensive omics analyses and characterizations of pathways and effectors, we summarize the global stress responses in OXPHOS mutants and show how these responses maintain  $\Delta\psi_m$  (Fig 7E). Briefly, in  $\Delta III/\Delta IV$  cells, a common response, *Inh1* downregulation, is activated to release mitochondrial ATP hydrolysis activity. In  $\Delta IV$  and  $\rho^0$  cells with increased stresses, two additional responses are induced. One response is the activation of *Snf1*/*AMPK* to upregulate glycolysis and repress ribosome biogenesis. This response enhances ATP supply and reduces ATP expenditure, thus optimizing ATP supply to mitochondria. The other response is the



**Figure 6. Snf1/AMPK upregulates glycolysis and represses ribosome biogenesis to maintain  $\Delta\psi_m$ .**

**A** Snf1 maintains glycolysis and glucose transporter gene expression in both WT and  $\rho^0$  cells, and represses ribosome and Ribi gene expression in  $\rho^0$  cells.  $\rho^0 \text{ snf1}\Delta$  cells were prepared by acute EtBr (25  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ ) treatment of  $\text{snf1}\Delta$  cells in SCD for 2 days. RNAseq was performed with three biological replicates per genotype (Dataset EV8). All the transcripts and two categories of transcripts (gene lists in Table EV1B) are shown. Significantly changed genes ( $P$  value < 0.05; fold change > 1.5 or < 0.67) are highlighted with dashed lines; numbers of significantly changed genes are indicated.

**B** Snf1 represses ribosome biogenesis in WT and  $\rho^0$  cells. Polysomes of the indicated strains were fractionated by sucrose gradients (10%–50%), and the gradients were separated and measured at  $A_{254}$ .

**C** Deletion of *SNF1* decreases  $\Delta\psi_m$  in both  $\Delta\text{V}$  and  $\rho^0$  cells.

**D** Deletion of *SNF1* decreases the proliferation of both  $\Delta\text{V}$  and  $\rho^0$  cells. Serial dilutions of the indicated strains were analyzed on SCD plates at 30°C for 2 days.

**E** Deletion of *MIG1* in  $\rho^0 \text{ snf1}\Delta$  cells rescues  $\Delta\psi_m$ .

**F** Deletion of *MIG1* in  $\rho^0 \text{ snf1}\Delta$  cells partially rescues cell proliferation. A plasmid overexpressing *MIG1* under the control of *MIG1* promoter was transformed into the indicated strains. Serial dilutions (tenfold dilution) were analyzed on SCD plates at 30°C for 2 days. V: empty vector.

**G** Combining *MIG1* deletion and *NOG2* overexpression in  $\rho^0 \text{ snf1}\Delta$  cells fully rescues cell proliferation. A plasmid overexpressing *NOG2* under the control of *TEF1* promoter was transformed into the indicated strains. Serial dilutions (tenfold dilution) were analyzed on SCD plates at 30°C for 2 days. V: empty vector.

**H** Cartoon illustration that Snf1 signaling in  $\Delta\text{V}$  and  $\rho^0$  cells upregulates glycolysis and represses ribosome biogenesis to optimize energy metabolism.

Data information: Cells were cultured to mid-log phase and stained with 125 nM TMRM for FACS analysis (C, E). The red highlight two cell lines for comparison (C, D, E).

phosphorylation of Puf3 to upregulate global mitochondrial biogenesis. We identified Mia40, the import receptor of IMS proteins, as the key factor upregulated by Puf3. The exact mechanism of  $\Delta\psi_m$  maintenance by Mia40 remains unclear, but may link with its broad effect on mitochondrial proteome and lipid metabolism. Finally,

when  $\Delta\psi_m$  gets further decreased in  $\rho^0$  cells, cells upregulate chaperones and degradation pathways. Chaperones bind precursor proteins and may escort substrates to import or degradation pathways. The requirement of Hsp90 to maintain  $\Delta\psi_m$  in  $\rho^0 \text{ puf3}\Delta$  cells (Fig. 7D) indicates its role in mitochondrial protein import. These

diverse cytoplasmic and mitochondrial responses convergently maintain  $\Delta\Psi_m$  (Fig 7E). The conserved effectors mechanistically connect mitochondrial stress responses with mitochondrial repair/compensation, filling a major gap in our understanding of mitochondrial adaptive responses.

Caveats and remaining questions of the current study are also evident. First, what aspects of mitochondrial dysfunction are being sensed and how the initial signals are activated remain unclear. Reduction of  $\Delta\Psi_m$  is an attractive inducer, but may not be the only one, especially in  $\rho^0$  cells with extensive proteostatic stresses.

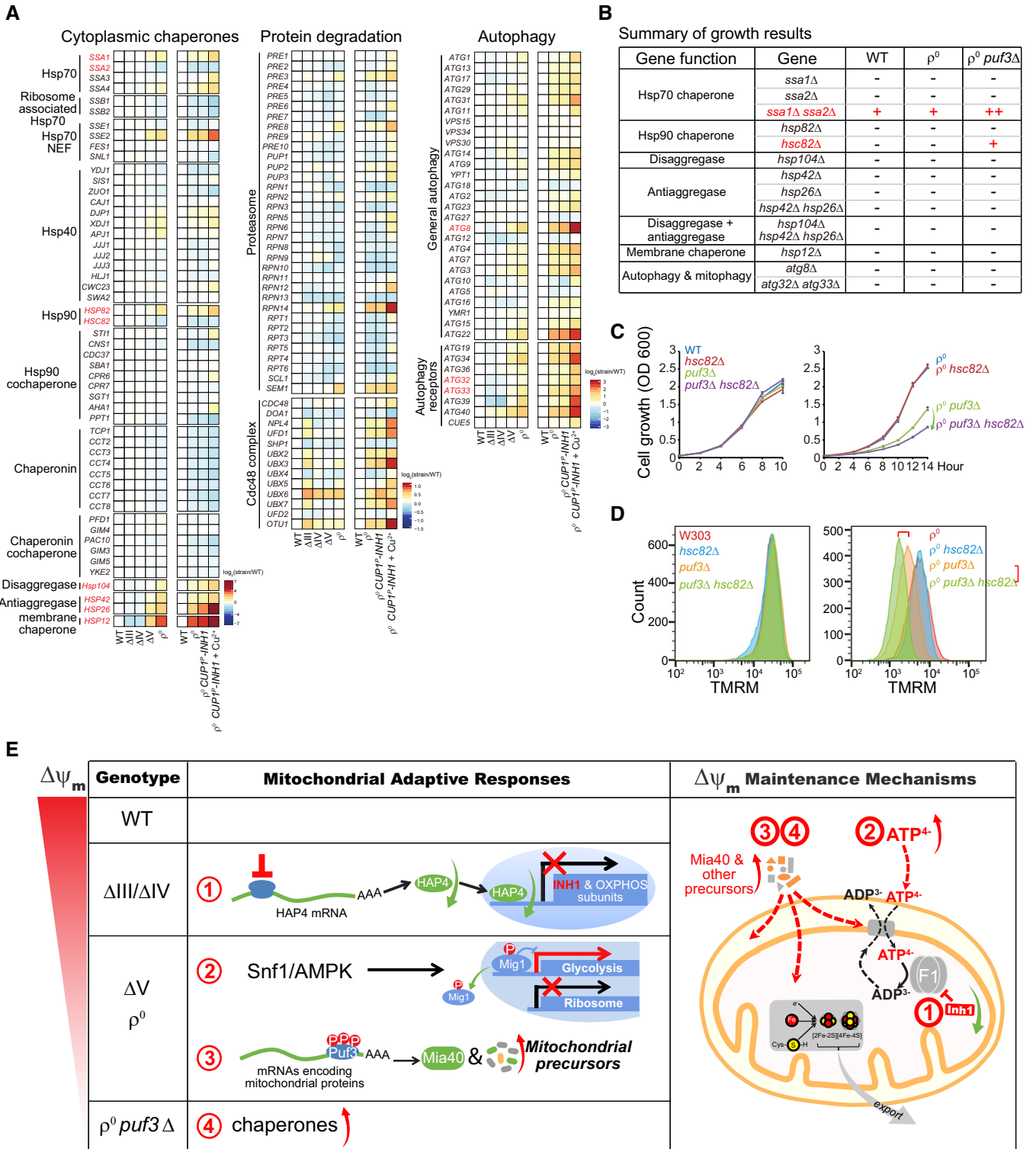


Figure 7.

**Figure 7. Upregulation of chaperones maintains  $\Delta\psi_m$ .**

- A Heat map plots of the mRNA level changes of chaperones, ubiquitin-proteasome pathway, and autophagy genes (gene list in Table EV1F) in the indicated strains (data from Dataset EV1 and Dataset EV10). Selected genes for growth analysis in B are highlighted in red.
- B Summary of the growth results of the indicated strains. –: no effect on growth. +: growth inhibition. ++: strong growth inhibition. Genes that are preferentially required in  $\rho^0$  *puf3* $\Delta$  cells are highlighted in red.
- C Deletion of *HSC82* selectively impairs the proliferation of  $\rho^0$  *puf3* $\Delta$  cells. Cells were cultured from 0.05 OD in SCD, and OD600 was measured every 2 h. Data are mean  $\pm$  SD from three biological replicates.
- D Deletion of *HSC82* selectively decreases  $\Delta\psi_m$  in  $\rho^0$  *puf3* $\Delta$  cells. Cells were cultured to mid-log phase and stained with 125 nM TMRM for FACS analysis. The red highlight two cell lines for comparison.
- E Cartoon illustration of the progressive activation of adaptive responses to convergently maintain  $\Delta\psi_m$  in OXPHOS mutants.
- Source data are available online for this figure.

Second, whether these diverse pathways are activated by a common upstream molecule or by different sensor molecules are unclear. Third, other types of changes, e.g., protein translocation from mitochondria to other subcellular locations cannot be revealed by our approach. Future studies are thus warranted.

### Evolutionary conservation of the stress responses and implication for mitochondrial diseases

The yeast strategy to cope with OXPHOS dysfunction provides a unique angle to consider human mitochondrial diseases. First, our results highlight the importance of removing *Inh1*/*ATPIF1* to maintain  $\Delta\psi_m$ . *ATPIF1* knockout increases  $\Delta\psi_m$  in OXPHOS-defective mammalian cell lines (Lefebvre *et al*, 2013; Chen *et al*, 2014). Whether *ATPIF1* knockout can have beneficiary effects in mitochondrial diseases remains to be determined. Second, yeast activates *Snf1* to upregulate glycolytic ATP supply and suppress ATP expenditure processes, thus channeling glycolytic ATP to mitochondria; yeast also activates mitochondrial biogenesis through *Puf3* hyperphosphorylation. Interestingly, mammalian AMPK upregulates glycolysis, represses ATP consumption processes, and also promotes mitochondrial biogenesis (Herzig & Shaw, 2018). Thus, AMPK activation in mammalian cells achieves two major adaptations in yeast, and AMPK is an attractive target for mitochondrial diseases. AMPK activation, glycolysis upregulation, and mitochondrial biogenesis have been documented in mouse and *C. elegans* OXPHOS disease models (Gioran *et al*, 2019; Haynes *et al*, 2007; Kuhl *et al*, 2017; Nargund *et al*, 2015; Viscomi *et al*, 2011; Wredenberg *et al*, 2002). Importantly, pharmacological activation of AMPK by AICAR partially corrects COX deficiency (Viscomi *et al*, 2011). New generation of AMPK agonists with better pharmacological properties as compared to AICAR may provide a better therapeutic opportunity (Cokorinos *et al*, 2017; Myers *et al*, 2017).

## Materials and Methods

Reagents or resources used in this paper are listed in Appendix Table S1.

### Yeast strains and media

The yeast strains used in this study are listed in Table EV2. All the strains were derived from the wild-type strain W303-1A. To generate stable  $\rho^0$  cell lines, corresponding WT cells were treated with

25  $\mu$ g/ml EtBr in SCD for 2 days and then plated on YPD plates. Single clones were picked up after 2–3 days. The  $\rho^0$  clones were streaked on YPEG plates to verify the absence of respiratory growth and were confirmed by DAPI staining and Western blot detecting mtDNA-encoded *Cox2*.

Gene deletions were performed by PCR-based homologous recombination to replace the target gene with appropriate selection marker (Longtine *et al*, 1998; Gueldener *et al*, 2002). C-terminal tagging was similarly performed by PCR-based homologous recombination to replace the endogenous stop codon with cassettes containing appropriate tags and selection markers. To preserve the intact 3'-UTR for *Puf3* regulation, C-terminal tagging of *Puf3*-associated genes was performed by using plasmids pUG27-CYC1t-3  $\times$  HA or pUG27-CYC1t-3  $\times$  FLAG containing tags and floxed selection markers, and then, the selection markers were removed by plasmid pSH47 expressing Cre recombinase (Gueldener *et al*, 2002). *MIA40* 3'-UTR mutants were generated by replacing *MIA40* 3'-UTR ~150 bp with mutated sequences in which the *Puf3*-binding motif (CATG-TAAATA) was deleted or reverse complemented. *INH1* or *HAP4* overexpression strains were generated by introducing a cassette expressing *INH1* or *HAP4* under the control of *CUP1* promoter into the HO locus. *PUF3-15A* strain was generated by introducing a cassette expressing *PUF3-15A* under the control of endogenous *PUF3* promoter (1 kb upstream of ORF) into the HO locus after disrupting endogenous *PUF3*.

Media used in this study included SCD (0.67% yeast nitrogen base without amino acids, 0.079% complete supplement mixture, and 2% glucose), and SCEG (0.67% yeast nitrogen base without amino acids, 0.079% complete supplement mixture, 3% ethanol, and 3% glycerol), YPD (1% yeast extract, 2% peptone, and 2% glucose), YPEG (1% yeast extract, 2% peptone, 3% ethanol, and 3% glycerol). Strains were grown at 30°C if not indicated.

### Plasmids

The plasmids pUG27-CYCt-3  $\times$  HA or pUG27-CYCt-3  $\times$  FLAG were generated as follows: *CYC1* terminator was inserted into pUG27 (Gueldener *et al*, 2002) at BglII site by Gibson assembly (Gibson *et al*, 2009) to generate pUG27-CYCt; a 3  $\times$  HA or 3  $\times$  FLAG tag was inserted into pUG27-CYCt at HindIII-SalI sites.

Plasmid overexpressing *MIA40* was generated as follows: a cassette including *MIA40* promoter (1 kb upstream of ORF), ORF, and downstream 1 kb was inserted into p417-TEF1 at SacI-BamHI sites (*TEF1* promoter was removed by restriction enzyme digestion; Wu & Tu, 2011).

Plasmid expressing *PUF3-15A* mutant was made as follows: a fragment including *PUF3* promoter (1 kb upstream of ORF), ORF, a 3 × FLAG tag and downstream 1 kb was generated by overlap extension PCR, and inserted into HO-natNT2 (KanMX4 in HO-KanMX4 was replaced by natNT2) at Sall-BglII sites (Voth *et al*, 2001). Mutations of *PUF3* phosphorylation sites were introduced by QuikChange site-directed mutagenesis (Agilent Technologies).

Plasmid expressing *MIG1* was generated as follows: a cassette including *MIG1* promoter (1 kb upstream of ORF), ORF, and downstream 1 kb was inserted into pRS416 at KpnI-SacI sites (Sikorski & Hieter, 1989).

Plasmid expressing *NOG2* was generated by inserting *NOG2* ORF into p417-TEF1-natNT2 (KanMX4 in p417-TEF1 was replaced by natNT2) at EcoRI-Sall sites.

### Growth test

Growth curves were performed by measuring absorbance at 600 nm ( $A_{600}$ ) in biological triplicates. Strains were cultured from 0.05 OD, and  $A_{600}$  was measured every 2 or 3 h for 12 h at the indicated temperature.

For drop dilution assays, strains were grown in SCD media to mid-log phase (OD ~0.4–0.6), washed with ddH<sub>2</sub>O, and then diluted to 10<sup>-1</sup>, 10<sup>-2</sup>, 10<sup>-3</sup>, and 10<sup>-4</sup> OD. Drop dilutions on the indicated plates and incubated at the indicated temperatures for 2 days.

### Mitochondrial membrane potential measurement

Strains were cultured to mid-log phase in SCD and washed once with washing buffer (10 mM HEPES, pH 7.4, 5% glucose). 0.2 OD cells were stained for 20 min in 1 ml staining buffer (10 mM HEPES, pH 7.4, 5% glucose, 125 nM TMRM). The fluorescence of 20,000 cells was analyzed by BD FACSAria II (BD Biosciences), and results were plotted with FlowJo V10. Mitochondrial localization of TMRM signal was confirmed by microscope.

### Glucose consumption assay

Glucose concentration was measured by Glucose Assay Kit (Sigma). Strains were cultured from 0.05 OD, and media were collected at 0.4, 0.8, and 1.5 OD. The media were diluted 40 times and measured following the manufacturer's instruction. Glucose concentration of the original SCD media was set as 100%.

### Total RNA isolation

Strains were grown to mid-log phase in SCD, and 5–10 OD cells were collected, snap-frozen in liquid nitrogen, and stored at -80°C. Total RNA was isolated using hot phenol method as described previously (Lyne *et al*, 2003). Cells were resuspended in 600 µl TES buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 10 mM EDTA, pH 8, 0.5% SDS), and immediately added with 600 µl acidic phenol-chloroform-isoamylalcohol (25:24:1). Samples were incubated at 65°C for 1 h and mixed thoroughly every 10 min. RNA was extracted with acidic phenol-chloroform-isoamylalcohol (25:24:1, two times) and chloroform-isoamylalcohol (24:1, one time). Then, RNA was precipitated by adding 1 volume isopropanol and 0.1 volume 3 M NaAc (pH 5.2), and dissolved in

RNase-free water. RNA integrity was assessed by 1% agarose gel electrophoresis.

### qRT-PCR

Total RNA was digested with DNase I (NEB) and extracted again. Complementary DNA was synthesized with 1 µg RNA by PrimeScript™ RT Reagent Kit (Takara). qRT-PCR was performed by using CFX96 Touch Real-Time PCR Detection System (Bio-Rad) in biological triplicates. PCRs were prepared with TB Green Premix Ex Taq (Takara). Primers used for qPCR were listed in Table EV3, and *ACT1* was selected as reference gene for normalization. Data were analyzed by 2<sup>-ΔΔCt</sup> method, and arithmetic mean ± SD were shown in plots.

### RNAseq and data processing

mRNA was purified from total RNA by Oligo d(T)<sub>25</sub> Magnetic beads (NEB). mRNA was fragmented by incubating with magnesium ion at 94°C for 5 min. Reverse transcription was performed by SuperScript II Reverse Transcriptase (Invitrogen). Complementary DNA was synthesized by DNA polymerase I (Takara) and Random primers (Takara). Sequencing libraries were prepared by NEBNext Ultra II DNA Library Prep Kit for Illumina (NEB). The quality of libraries was assessed by 2100 Bioanalyzer Instrument (Agilent) and Qubit (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Libraries were quantified by KAPA Library Quantification Kit (Roche) and sequenced by HiSeq2500 (Illumina). Three biological replicates were prepared for each strain.

All the raw data were assessed by FastQC and showed good quality. Alignment to *S. cerevisiae* genome (R-64-1-1) was performed by STAR (2.6.1a) with default parameters. Output BAM files were indexed using SAMtools (1.9). Reads counts for each gene were quantified to the Ensembl R64 GTF annotation file by Rsubread package (1.34.7) with default parameters. Normalization to RPKM (reads per kilobase of exon model per million mapped reads) and differential expression analysis was executed by edgeR (3.26.8). TMM (trimmed mean of M-values) normalization was applied to dataset to account for compositional difference between the libraries. Then the common dispersion and tagwise dispersions were estimated, and the quasi-likelihood F-tests was performed. All the non-coding RNAs and mtDNA-encoded mRNAs were removed from results due to lack of polyadenylation.

### Gene function classification

Gene functional categories were generated according to literatures or *Saccharomyces* Genome Database (SGD) and listed in Table EV1. High-fidelity nuclear-encoded mitochondrial gene list was selected from gene ontology mitochondrion (GO: 0005739) category after manual checking of the SGD database for protein annotation and localization. OXPHOS subunits, glycolysis genes, and glucose transporter genes are from SGD. Gene list of cytosolic ribosome subunits is from Steffen *et al* (2012) and gene list of ribosome processing and assembly (Ribi) is from Woolford and Baserga (2013). Gene list of Puf3-associated transcripts was combined from Gerber *et al*, 2004; Lapointe *et al* (2015), and gene list of Puf3-associated transcripts encoding mitochondrial proteins was selected according to high-fidelity mitochondrial gene list. Gene list of Mia40 substrates is from

Herrmann & Riemer, 2012; Mordas and Tokatlidis (2015). Gene list of “Proteostasis” is from Quiros *et al* (2015). Gene list of “Import machinery” is from Schmidt *et al* (2010). Gene list of “OXPHOS assembly factors” was combined from Ndi *et al* (2018), Ruhle and Leister (2015), and Soto *et al* (2012). Gene list of “mitoRibosome” was combined from Amunts *et al* (2014) and Desai *et al* (2017). Gene list of “Iron-sulfur cluster synthesis” is from Lill (2009). Gene list of “Phospholipid trafficking and synthesis” is from Tatsuta *et al* (2014). Gene list of “Coenzyme Q” is from Stefely and Pagliarini (2017). Gene list of “Carriers” is from Ogunbona and Claypool (2019). Gene list of “cytoplasmic chaperone” is from Vergheze *et al* (2012). Gene list of proteasome subunits is from Boos *et al* (2019), and gene list of Cdc48 cofactors is from Wu *et al* (2016). Gene list of “Autophagy” is from Farre and Subramani (2016), Reggiori and Klionsky (2013), and Farre and Subramani (2016).

### Protein isolation and Western blot

5–10 OD yeast cell pellets were resuspended in 300  $\mu$ l yeast lysis buffer (50 mM NaCl, 50 mM NaF, 100 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 1 mM EDTA, 1 mM EGTA, 1% Triton X-100, 10% glycerol, 14 mM 2-mercaptoethanol, 2 mM PMSF, 5  $\mu$ M pepstatin A, and 10  $\mu$ M leupeptin). After adding  $\sim$ 100  $\mu$ l of glass beads, cells were lysed via three rounds of bead-beating (40 s of beating followed by 1 min of cooling on ice), and centrifuged at 18,407 g for 10 min at 4°C to collect the supernatants. Proteins were separated by 4–12% gradient gel and then transferred onto nitrocellulose membrane (GE healthcare). Immunodetection was performed by Western Lightning Plus-ECL (PerkinElmer).

### SILAC analysis of mitochondrial proteome

Strains used for SILAC mass spectrometry were in *lys2 $\Delta$  arg4 $\Delta$  CAN1* + background. Strains were cultured to mid-log phase in SCD (0.67% yeast nitrogen base without amino acids, 0.079% complete supplement mixture lacking arginine and lysine, 2% glucose) supplemented with 50 mg/l [ $^{13}$ C<sub>6</sub>/ $^{15}$ N<sub>4</sub>] L-arginine and 50 mg/l [ $^{13}$ C<sub>6</sub>/ $^{15}$ N<sub>2</sub>] L-lysine (Cambridge Isotope Laboratory) or non-labeled L-arginine and L-lysine. The average incorporation efficiency of labeled amino acids was detected by LC-MS/MS, reaching 98.0%.

Three biological replicates were prepared for each strain. Equal amounts of heavy-isotope and light-isotope labeled cells ( $\sim$ 150 OD) were harvested and mixed together. Mitochondria were isolated following a previously described method with some modifications (Diekert *et al*, 2001). Briefly, cells were washed once with water, resuspended in TD buffer (10 mM DTT and 100 mM Tris-SO<sub>4</sub>, pH 9.4) and incubated for 15 min at 30°C. Cells were then pelleted and washed once with SP buffer (1.2 M sorbitol and 20 mM potassium phosphate, pH 7.4) and treated with Zymolyase 100T (MP Biomedical) for 40 min at 30°C to generate spheroplasts. After two times of washes with SP buffer, the spheroplasts were resuspended in SHE buffer (0.6 M sorbitol, 20 mM HEPES-KOH, pH 7.4, 1 mM EGTA, pH 8.0, and 2 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>) supplemented with protease inhibitors and BSA, and homogenized by a French press (EmulsiFlex-C3, AVESTIN Inc.) at pressures in the range of 1,000–1,500 psi. The mitochondria-enriched fraction was obtained by differential centrifugation, snap-frozen by liquid nitrogen, and stored at  $-80^{\circ}$ C until use.

Mitochondria pellets were lysed in 100  $\mu$ l 1% SDS lysis buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.4, 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 1% SDS, EDTA-free protease inhibitor cocktail (Roche)) and boiled at 98°C for 10 min. After centrifugation at 18,407 g, 4°C for 10 min, the supernatant was collected and mitochondrial proteins were precipitated overnight at  $-20^{\circ}$ C by adding 8 volumes of ice-cold acetone. The protein pellets were redissolved in 8 M urea in 50 mM ammonium bicarbonate (pH 8.0). Aliquot of 100  $\mu$ g protein was reduced in 2 mM DTT at 56°C for 30 min followed by alkylation in 5 mM iodoacetamide at dark for 1 h. Around 2.5  $\mu$ g of sequencing grade modified trypsin was added to each protein solution and incubated at 37  $^{\circ}$ C overnight. The resulting tryptic peptides were desalted and fractionated into eight fractions with Thermo Scientific™ Pierce™ High pH Reversed-Phase Peptide Fractionation Kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific).

Each fraction of peptides was separated by a home-made analytical capillary column (50  $\mu$ m  $\times$  15 cm) packed with 5  $\mu$ m spherical C18 reversed-phase material (YMC). A Waters nanoAcquity UPLC system was used to generate the following HPLC gradient: 0–30% B in 75 min, 30–70% B in 15 min, 70–90% B in 5 min (A = 0.1% formic acid in water, B = 0.1% formic acid in acetonitrile). The eluted peptides were sprayed into a Q Exactive mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific) equipped with a nano-ESI ion source. The mass spectrometer was operated in data-dependent mode with one MS scan followed by ten HCD (High-energy Collisional Dissociation) scans for each cycle.

Data were analyzed using MaxQuant (1.6.17.0) and searched against UniProt\_Scerevisiae protein database. The search parameters were set as follows: variable modification included “Oxidation (M)”, “Acetyl (Protein N-term)” and “Carbamidomethyl (C)”; digestion enzyme was chosen as “Trypsin/P”, and 2 missed cleavage sites were allowed; protein quantification was based on at least one unique peptide with minimal length of 7 amino acids; protein identification was based on at least one peptide, and false discovery rate at peptide spectrum level and protein level was 0.01; “First search peptide tolerance” was 20 ppm, and “Main search peptide tolerance” was 4.5 ppm. Other parameters were set by default if not indicated. More than 3000 proteins were identified in each experiment, and only high-fidelity mitochondrial proteins with 3 quantification results were kept for analysis. The ratios of proteins were log<sub>2</sub>-transformed and loaded into Perseus (1.6.14.0) to calculate *P* value (two-tailed *t*-test). Protein groups with *P* < 0.05, and fold change > 1.5 or < 0.67 were considered as significantly changed in  $\Delta$ IV or  $\rho^0$  cells.

### Puf3 protein immunoprecipitation, phosphatase treatment, and Phos-tag gel analysis

Yeast cells were cultured in SCD to mid-log phase, and 50 OD cells were harvested. Cell pellets were washed once with 5% TCA, flash frozen in liquid nitrogen, and stored at  $-80^{\circ}$ C until use. Cells were resuspended in 1 volume 1 M Tris-HCl (pH 8.0) plus 2 volumes SDS buffer (100 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 300 mM NaCl, 4% SDS, 8% BME), and lysed by six rounds of bead beating (20 s beating followed by 1 min of cooling on ice). The cell lysates were diluted with 20 volumes Triton buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 150 mM NaCl, 1% Triton), and incubated with 8–10  $\mu$ l anti-FLAG agarose beads (Sigma) at 4°C for 5–6 h. The beads were washed three times with Triton buffer for 10 min and eluted with FLAG peptides (2 mg/ml) overnight at 4°C.

For phosphatase treatment, the beads with immunoprecipitates were treated with 400 U Lambda phosphatase (NEB) at 30°C for 20 min. The reaction was stopped by adding 4× sample buffer (0.2 M Tris-HCl, pH 6.8, 8% SDS, 28% glycerol, 8% BME, 0.08% Bromophenol Blue) and heated at 98°C for 10 min.

Puf3-FLAG immunoprecipitates were loaded onto 6% Phos-tag gel, run at 80 V for 1 h, 120 V for 30 min, then at 150 V till the leading front dye run out the gel. Gel was rinsed once with ddH<sub>2</sub>O, washed three times with transfer buffer (25 mM Tris, 192 mM Glycine) supplemented with 10 mM EDTA for 8 min, and then washed once with transfer buffer for 8 min. Transfer proteins to PVDF membrane at 140 V, 300 mA for 3 h at 4°C.

### SILAC analysis of Puf3 phosphorylation sites

*PUF3-FLAG* and *PUF3-FLAG*  $\rho^0$  cells were cultured to mid-log phase in SCD supplemented with labeled or unlabeled arginine and lysine. About 350 OD cells were harvested for each strain and mixed together. The protein extraction and beads incubation were performed as described above. After that, anti-FLAG agarose beads were washed four times with yeast lysis buffer and eluted overnight with FLAG peptides at 4°C. The sample was separated by 4–12% gradient gel and stained with coomassie blue. Protein bands on the gradient gel were de-stained and then reduced in 10 mM DTT at 56°C for 30 min followed by alkylation in 55 mM iodoacetamide at dark for 1 h. The protein bands were isolated and in-gel digested with sequencing grade trypsin (10 ng/ $\mu$ l trypsin, 50 mM ammonium bicarbonate, pH 8.0) overnight at 37°C. Peptides were extracted with 5% formic acid/50% acetonitrile and 0.1% formic acid/75% acetonitrile sequentially and then concentrated to ~20  $\mu$ l. The extracted peptides were separated by an analytical capillary column (50  $\mu$ m  $\times$  15 cm) packed with 5  $\mu$ m spherical C18 reversed-phase material (YMC). A Waters nanoAcquity UPLC system (Waters) was used to generate the following HPLC gradient: 0–30% B in 40 min, 30–70% B in 15 min (A = 0.1% formic acid in water, B = 0.1% formic acid in acetonitrile). The eluted peptides were sprayed into a LTQ Orbitrap Velos mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific) equipped with a nano-ESI ion source. The mass spectrometer was operated in data-dependent mode with one MS scan followed by four CID (Collision-Induced Dissociation) and four HCD (High-energy Collisional Dissociation) MS/MS scans for each cycle. Database searches were performed on an in-house Mascot server (Matrix Science Ltd.) against yeast Puf3 protein sequence. SILAC quantification of the phosphorylated peptides was performed by Mascot Distiller. The search parameters are 7 ppm mass tolerance for precursor ions; 0.5 Da mass tolerance for product ions; three missed cleavage sites were allowed for trypsin digestion; and the following variable modifications were included: oxidation on methionine, carbamidomethylation on cysteine, phosphorylation on serine, threonine, and tyrosine. The tandem mass spectra of matched phosphorylated peptides were manually checked for their validity. Phosphorylation level of each specific amino acid sites was quantified manually.

### Ribosome footprinting and data analysis

Ribosome footprinting was performed as previously described (Ingolia, 2010; Ingolia et al., 2012). Briefly, yeast cells were cultured to

mid-log phase in SCD, treated with 100  $\mu$ g/ml cycloheximide for 2 min. 500 OD cells were harvested by vacuum filtration and snap-frozen in polysome lysis buffer (20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8, 140 mM KCl, 1.5 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 100  $\mu$ g/ml cycloheximide, and 1% (v/v) Triton). 250  $\mu$ l aliquot of cell lysate was digested by 7.5  $\mu$ l RNase I (Ambion) at room temperature for 1 h, and digestion was stopped by adding 5  $\mu$ l SUPERase•In (Ambion). The samples were loaded on sucrose gradients (10%–50%) and centrifuged for 3 h at 209,230 g, 4°C with SW41 Ti rotor. The gradients were separated by Piston Gradient Fractionator™ (Biocomp), and A<sub>254</sub> values of gradients were continually monitored by Triax™ Flow Cell (Biocomp). Fractions representing the monosome peak were collected. RNA was isolated by TRIzol reagent (Invitrogen) and separated by 15% polyacrylamide TBE-urea gel. 26-nt to 34-nt region demarcated by the marker oligos was carefully excised. After gel extraction, rRNA was removed by Ribo-Zero rRNA Removal Kit (Epicentre). The RNA fragments were end-repaired by T4 Polynucleotide Kinase (NEB) and ligated with Universal miRNA Cloning Linker (NEB) by T4 RNA Ligase 2 (NEB). Reverse transcription was performed with SuperScript III (Invitrogen), and then, the products were circularized by CirLigase (Epicentre). The libraries were amplified by Phusion High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase (NEB) and sequenced by HiSeq2500 (Illumina). Alignment to yeast genome (R-64-1-1) was performed by using TopHat (2.1.1) with library-type set as fr-secondstrand. RPKM was calculated by Rsubread package (1.34.7) and edgeR (3.26.8).

### Polysome fractionation analysis

Polysome fractionation analysis was performed as previously described (Lee & Tu, 2015). Yeast cells were cultured to mid-log phase in SCD, treated with 100  $\mu$ g/ml cycloheximide for 15 min, and 75 OD cells were harvested. Cell pellets were resuspended in 500  $\mu$ l lysis buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 100 mM NaCl, 30 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 200  $\mu$ g/ml cycloheximide, 200 mg/ml heparin, 0.1% BME, EDTA-free protease inhibitor cocktail (Roche), 1 mM EDTA, 1 mM PMSF, 5 mM pepstatin A, 10 mM leupeptin, 0.2 mM Na-orthovanadate, 10 mM  $\beta$ -glycerolphosphate, 10 mM NaF, and 20 U/ml SUPERase•In) and mixed with 250  $\mu$ l glass beads. The cells were lysed by six rounds of bead beating (20 s beating followed by 1 min of cooling on ice). The supernatant was collected after centrifugation at 18,407 g, 4°C for 10 min. 200  $\mu$ l cell lysate was loaded onto sucrose gradients (10–50%), and fractionated by centrifugation at 209,230 g, 4°C for 3 h with SW41 Ti rotor. The gradients were separated and monitored by Piston Gradient Fractionator™ and Triax™ Flow Cell. For Puf3 polysome analysis, fractions representing the polysome peak were collected. Proteins were precipitated by 20% TCA and boiled at 98°C for 10 min with 50  $\mu$ l 4× sample buffer.

### Data availability

The deep-sequencing raw data have been deposited in NCBI's Gene Expression Omnibus (Edgar et al., 2002) and are accessible through GEO Series accession number GSE162197 (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE162197>). The mass spectrometry proteomics data have been deposited to the ProteomeXchange Consortium (<http://proteomecentral.proteomexchange.org>) via the



PRIDE partner repository (Perez-Riverol *et al*, 2019) with the dataset identifier PXD022805 (<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/pride/archive/projects/PXD022805>).

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