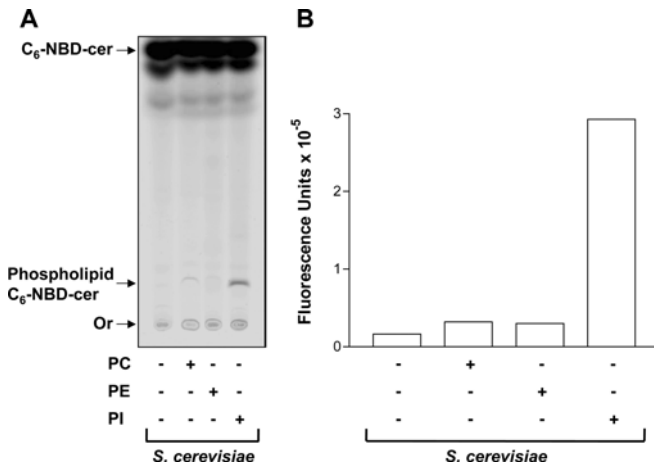


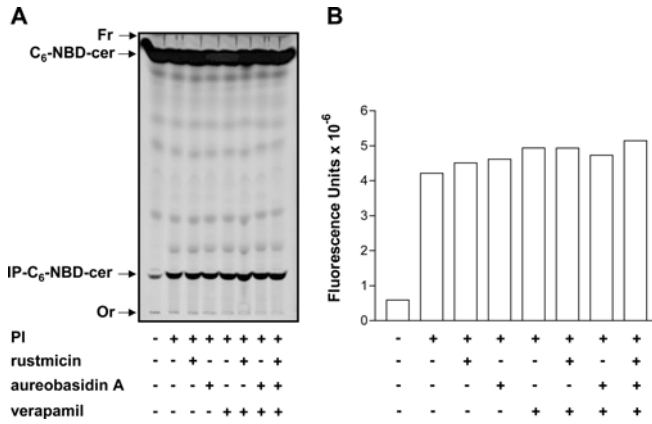
Supplementary Figure 1 Fluorescent phosphosphingolipids synthesized by *S. cerevisiae* microsomal membranes

(A) Membranes ($100 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{ml}^{-1}$) were incubated in $100 \mu\text{l}$ of 100 mM Tris/HCl (pH 7.4) containing 0.1 mM $\text{C}_6\text{-NBD-cer}$, 0.1% TX-100 in the absence (-) or presence (+) of 1 mM PC, PE or PI. After 30 min of incubation at 28°C , lipids were extracted, separated by TLC and visualized using a PhosphorImager Storm 860. The relative positions of synthesized phosphosphingolipids labelled with $\text{C}_6\text{-NBD-cer}$ and non-reacted $\text{C}_6\text{-NBD-cer}$ are indicated on the left, together with the origin (Or) of the chromatogram. (B) Fluorescence intensities of synthesized phosphosphingolipids containing $\text{C}_6\text{-NBD-cer}$ were quantified using ImageQuant5.2.



Supplementary Figure 2 *T. cruzi* IPC synthase is not inhibited by rustmicin, aureobasidin or verapamil either alone or in combination

(A) Epimastigotes microsomal membranes ($100 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{ml}^{-1}$) were preincubated for 10 min under standard conditions for *T. cruzi* IPC synthase activity in the absence (-) or presence (+) of $10 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{ml}^{-1}$ rustmicin, aureobasidin A or verapamil as indicated before the addition of $\text{C}_6\text{-NBD-cer}$. After 30 min of incubation at 28°C , lipids were extracted, separated by TLC and visualized using a PhosphorImager Storm 860. The relative positions of synthesized IP- $\text{C}_6\text{-NBD-cer}$ and unchanged $\text{C}_6\text{-NBD-cer}$ are indicated on the left, together with the origin (Or) and the front (Fr) of the chromatogram. (B) Fluorescence intensities of synthesized IP- $\text{C}_6\text{-NBD-cer}$ were quantified using ImageQuant5.2.



Supplementary Figure 3 Effects of verapamil, aureobasidin A or both on the phagocytic capacity of non-infected M ϕ

Murine peritoneal M ϕ , plated on to coverslips, were infected with TCT forms of *T. cruzi* (ratio of 10 zimosan particles per M ϕ) for 1 h, washed and incubated with fresh medium alone (control) or a medium containing 1 $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{ml}^{-1}$ verapamil (ver), 25 $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{ml}^{-1}$ aureobasidin A (aurA) or both (ver+aurA) as indicated. After 3 days, the coverslips were fixed, stained with Giemsa, and the percentage of M ϕ containing yeast particles as well as the number of particles per M ϕ were determined by direct counting and used to calculate the phagocytic index for each condition. Results are the means \pm S.D. for two independent experiments (performed in quadruplicate).

