

Figure S6 Calcineurin plays minor roles in capsule production.

(A) Capsule radius (labeled with r) of wild-type and calcineurin mutants was determined with India ink staining. Cells were grown overnight at 24°C in YPD media. Cells were washed twice with dH_2O and diluted to 0.2 dG_{000} /ml (5 ml) with liquid Low Iron Media for growth at 24°C for 72 hr. Three microliters of India ink were added to 97 μ l of cell suspension. The images were taken at 1000X magnification and photographed. Scale bar = 5 μ m.

(B) *C. gattii* strain WM276 produced a larger capsule radius compared with the *C. gattii* R265 and R272, and the *C. neoformans* strain H99. Capsule radius was measured from \sim 50 cells for each strain and plotted with Prism 5.03. *** P < 0.0001 (unpaired t test).

(C) Divergent roles of calcineurin on capsule production. Capsule radius of wild-type and calcineurin mutants was measured as described above and plotted with Prism 5.03. The *P* values are indicated (Dunnett's multiple comparison test for comparing *C. gattii* wild-type and two independent mutants, while an unpaired *t* test was used to compare *C. neoformans* wild-type and the calcineurin mutant strain KK1).