SUPPORTING INFORMATION

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS AND METHODS

Strain and DNA Constructions (detailed description)

 The *ume6Δ/+* strain (DT208) was constructed as follows: approximately 500 bp of 5' and 3' flanking sequences were generated using primer pairs 1/2 and 3/4 (see Table S1 for a complete listing of primers used in this study), respectively. The 5' flank is located immediately upstream of the region -19.3 kb from the *UME6* start codon and the 3' flank is immediately downstream of the *UME6* coding sequence. The 5' and 3' flanks were next digested with BamHI-HindIII and NotI-ApaI, respectively, and cloned into plasmid pSN52 [1]. The *ume6Δ::HIS1* construct was generated by PCR from the resulting plasmid using primer pair 5/6 and transformed into strain SN152 to generate *ume6Δ/+* (DT208). *ume6Δ/+* was next used as a parent strain to generate *UME6* upstream intergenic region deletion strains DT297, DT290, DT281, DT315, DT299 and DT341 using the *SAT1* flipper technique [2]. Briefly, a 5' flanking sequence immediately adjacent to the *UME6* -19.3 kb region was generated using primer pair 7/8, digested with KpnI and XhoI, and cloned into pSFS2 to generate plasmid 5' *ume6Δ/+* pSFS2. 3' flanking sequences adjacent to the *UME6* -9.1 kb, -8.0 kb, -7.0 kb, -6.0 kb, -5.0 kb and -4.2 kb regions were generated using primers 9-20, digested with NotI and SacII, and cloned into 5' *ume6Δ/+* pSFS2. The resulting constructs were digested with KpnI and SacII to release each respective *SAT1* marked deletion construct, which, in turn, was used to transform the *ume6Δ/+* strain. The *SAT1* marker was then looped out of each resulting *UME6* upstream intergenic region deletion strain as described previously [2]. To generate the *UME6-6kb UR-lacZ* strain, *UME6* upstream intergenic regions from -1801 to -6011 and -1 to -2541 were amplified using primer pairs 21/22 and 23/24, respectively. The resulting PCR products were digested with PstI-HindIII and HindIII-PstI, respectively, and cloned separately into plasmid pBS [3]. The *UME6* -1 to -2077 bp fragment was released from pBS by digesting with SphI and HindIII and the *UME6* \sim -2077 bp to -6011 bp fragment was released from pBS by digesting with HindIII and PstI. A 3-piece ligation was used to clone both fragments into plasmid placbasal digested with PstI and SphI, generating plasmid pUME6-6kb UR-lac. placbasal was also digested with XhoI and SalI, filled-in using Klenow DNA polymerase, and religated to generate plasmid plac. Both plasmids pUME6-6 kb UR-lac and plac were linearized with StuI at *RPS1* and transformed into CAI4 to generate the final *UME6-6 kb UR-lacZ* and *lacZ* strains, respectively. The *UME6 5' utrΔ/Δ* strain was generated using the *SAT1* flipper method [2]. Briefly, 5' and allele-specific 3' flanks immediately adjacent to the *UME6* 5' UTR were amplified using primer pairs 25/26, 27 /28 and 27 /29, respectively. The 5' flank was digested with KpnI and XhoI and each 3' flank was digested with NotI and SacII. The digested flanks were cloned into pSFS2 and the resulting plasmids were digested with KpnI and SacII to release the *UME6 5' utrΔ*::SAT1 fragments, which were sequentially used to transform wild-type strain DK318. Following deletion of each *UME6 5' UTR* allele, the *SAT1* marker was looped out, ultimately generating the final *UME6 5' utrΔ/Δ* strain. To construct the *5' utrΔ-UME6-MYC* strain (DT640), *UME6-MYC* (HLY4078) was transformed with the *UME6 5' utrΔ::SAT1* fragment described above to delete the 5' UTR of the Myc-tagged *UME6* allele. The *SAT1* marker was then looped out to generate the final *5' utrΔ-UME6-MYC* strain. To construct *tetO-5'UTR-UME6* strain (DT553), 5' and 3' flanking sequences adjacent to the *UME6 5' UTR* were amplified using primer pairs 30/31 and 32/33, respectively. The 5' flank spans -3134 bp to -3696 bp and the 3' flank spans -2514 bp to -3072 bp relative to the *UME6* start codon (+1). The 5' flank was digested with KpnI and XhoI and the 3' flank was digested with SpeI and SacII. Both flanks were cloned into p97CAU1 to generate plasmid p97CAU1-5'UTR-UME6-OEx. This plasmid was digested with KpnI and SacII to release a fragment containing the *URA3* marker, *tetO* operator and *UME6* 5' UTR flanks, which was used to transform strain THE1, ultimately generating the *tetO-5'UTR-UME6* strain (DT553). To construct the ACT1pr- GFP plasmid, *RPS1* was amplified from

genomic DNA using primer pair 34/35, digested with SacI and SpeI, and cloned into plasmid pFA GFP γ URA3 [4]. The resulting plasmid was digested with PstI and SpeI to release a fragment containing *GFPγ, URA3* and *RPS1*, which, in turn was cloned into pBS [3] to generate pBS-GFP. The *ACT1* promoter was next amplified from plasmid CIp-LexA [5] using primer pair 36 /37, digested with KpnI and XhoI and cloned into pBS-GFP. To generate plasmid ACT1pr-UME6-5'UTR-GFP, the *UME6* 5' UTR plus *UME6* start codon was amplified from genomic DNA using primer pair 38/39, digested with XhoI and PstI, and cloned into ACT1_{pr}- GFP cut with the same restriction enzymes. To generate plasmid ACT1pr-UME6-5'UTR uorf1Δ uorf2Δ -GFP, PCR site-directed mutagenesis was performed on the ACT1pr-UME6-5'UTR-GFP plasmid to first delete uORF1. Briefly, complementary primers (52/53), were designed incorporating flanking regions for uORF1 and the resulting PCR product was digested with DpnI and transformed into *E. coli* Z-DH5α. The recovered plasmid was then sequenced to confirm the deletion. Next, a similar strategy was used on this plasmid in order to delete uORF2 with primer pairs 54/55 and 56/57. ACT1pr- GFP, ACT1pr-UME6-5'UTR-GFP and ACT1pr-UME6-5'UTR uorf1Δ uorf2Δ -GFP plasmids were linearized at *RPS1* by digestion with StuI and transformed into strain CAI4 to generate the *ACT1pr- GFP*, *ACT1pr-UME6-5'UTR-GFP* and *ACT1pr-UME6-5'UTR uorf1Δ uorf2Δ -GFP* final strains. All integration events were confirmed by whole cell PCR using primers flanking the integration sites.

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Table S1

Strains used in this study

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Note: Lowercase bases indicate flanking sequences within primers that contain restriction sites for cloning.

SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURES

Figure S1. 5' RACE analysis of the *UME6* **transcript.** Total RNA and cDNA were prepared from cells of a wild-type (SC5314) strain following induction in YEPD + 10% serum at 37°C. (A) 5' RACE analysis was performed using the indicated primers (reverse arrows) within the *UME6* 5' UTR to yield the indicated PCR products (red bars). +1 indicates the *UME6* translation start site. (B and C) The 5' RACE PCR products described in (A) were run on 0.8% agarose gels to determine their size. A DNA ladder is shown at left (sizes in kb). "-" indicates minus reverse transcriptase (RT) control. The precise size and identity of these PCR products was also determined more accurately by sequencing.

Figure S2. *UME6* **transcript is expressed at equivalent levels in wild-type and** *UME6 5' utr Δ/Δ* **strains upon induction in Spider medium at 37°C.** The indicated strains were grown overnight in YEPD at 30°C, washed, diluted into pre-warmed YEPD at 30°C or Spider medium at 37°C, grown for 36 hours and harvested for total RNA preparation and cDNA synthesis. *UME6* transcript levels were determined by qRT-PCR analysis and normalized to those of an *ACT1* internal control. Fold induction for each strain was determined by dividing normalized *UME6* expression values at the 36-hr. time point by those at the 0 hr. time point. Data shown represents the average of three biological replicates run in technical duplicate (mean \pm SEM).

Figure S3. The *UME6* **5' UTR inhibits** *UME6***-driven hyphal growth under non-filament-inducing conditions in an overnight culture.** The indicated strains were grown as described in Figure 4A. Cell aliquots were harvested at the 24 hr. time point, fixed with 4.5% formaldehyde, washed twice with 1X PBS and visualized by DIC microscopy. Bar = 10μ m.

Figure S4. *ACT1* **transcript abundance in polysome fractions.** Using primers specific to the *ACT1* transcript, qRT-PCR analysis was performed with RNA from the samples grown in YEPD + 10% serum at 37°C (no EDTA treatment) described in Figure 5. Data shown represents normalized mean *ACT1* transcript levels based on two independent experiments $(\pm$ SEM).

Figure S5. *UME6* **transcript levels under a variety of filament-inducing conditions are not significantly affected by deletion of the 5' UTR.** Aliquots of cells grown for the Western analysis described in Figure 6 were used to prepare total RNA. Northern analysis was performed using 5 μg of RNA from each sample and the indicated probes. *ACT1* is included as a loading control. Please note that for the *5' utr-UME6-MYC* strain, the upper band corresponds to the wild-type *UME6* allele and the lower band corresponds to the *MYC*-tagged *UME6* 5' *utr* allele.

Figure S6. The *UME6* **5' UTR is sufficient to inhibit protein expression by a heterologous** *GFP* **reporter, as determined by microscopy.** The indicated strains were grown overnight in YNB minimal medium at 30 $^{\circ}$ C, diluted to OD₆₀₀ \sim 1.0 in YNB minimal medium at 30 $^{\circ}$ C and grown for 3 hours. Cells were visualized by DIC (left panels) and fluorescence (right panels) microscopy. Bar =10 μm.

Figure S7. *GFP* **transcript levels are not significantly affected by addition of the** *UME6* **5' UTR.** Northern analysis was performed using 3 µg of RNA samples described in Figure 7 and the indicated probes. *ACT1* is included as a loading control.

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tetO-5'UTR-UME6

tetO-UME6

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ACT1_{pr}-UME6 5' UTR-GFP

 $\mathsf{ACT1}_{pr}$ -UME6 5' UTR
uorf1 Δ uorf2 Δ -GFP

Figure S7

ACT1

GFP

ACT1pr-GFP

ACT1pr-UME6 5' UTR-GFP

ACT1_{pr}-UME6 5' UTR uorf1*∆* orf2*∆-GFP*