

Figure S1. **Classification of alae defects.** (A) Examples of the different categories of alae defects. (B) Percentage of each category of alae defect in the different genotypes. The number of animals analyzed in each genotype is provided above the graph. (C) Quantitative RT-PCR experiments establishing that *ral-1*(RNAi) decreases *ral-1* mRNA levels by 60% compared with *control*(RNAi) (mean of two independent experiments; quantitative RT-PCR performed in triplicate). (D) Western blots of RalA and RalB in 4T1 mice mammary tumor cells stably expressing sh control, sh RalA or sh RalB. Quantification over cellular tubulin, normalized to control (mean of two experiments) reveals a strong efficiency (>98% reduction compared with control). Errors bars, SD.

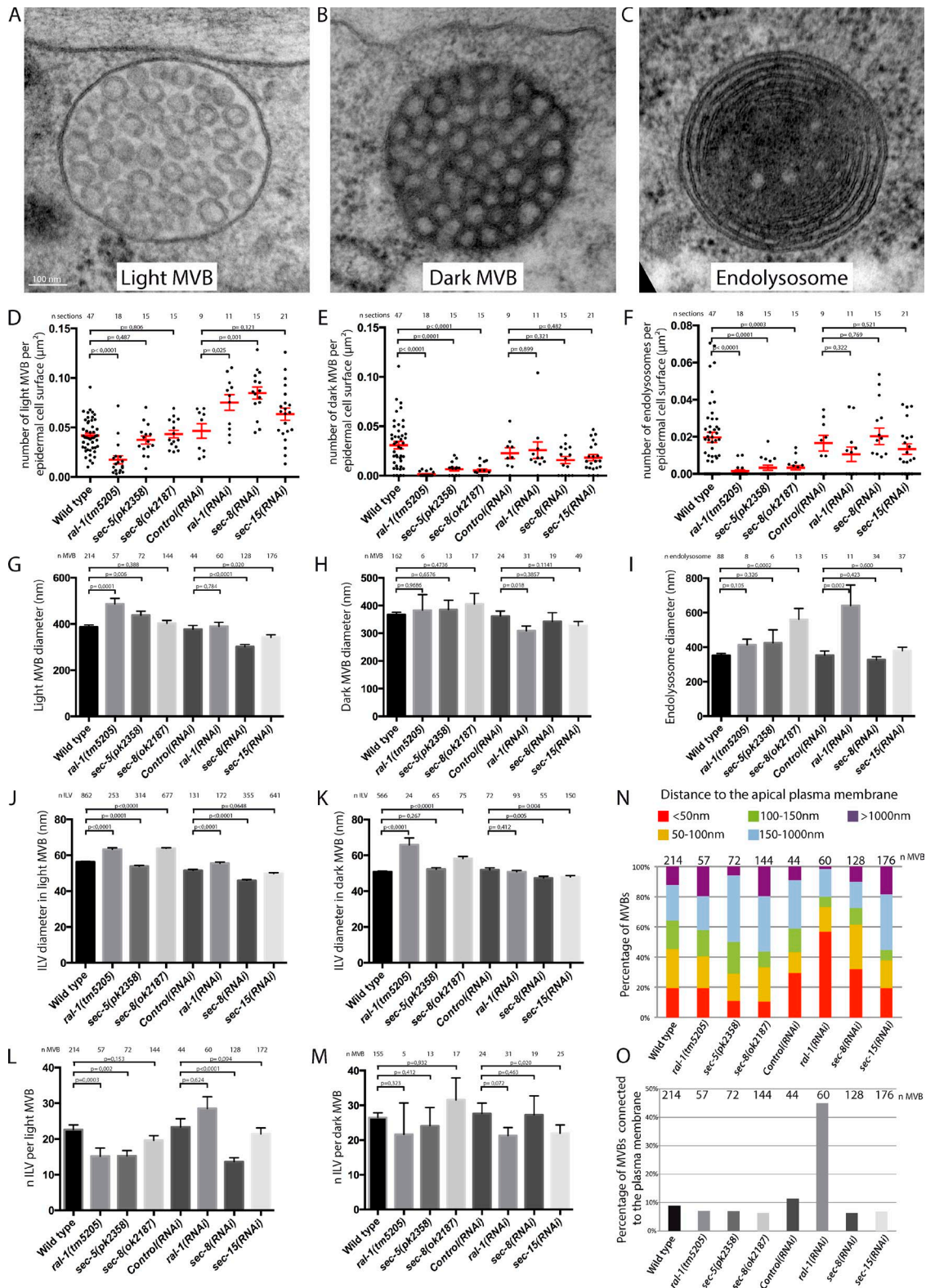


Figure S2. **Systematic and quantitative analysis of MVBs and endolysosomes by electron microscopy.** (A–C) Examples of the different types of MVBs and endolysosomes. (D–M) Graphics representing the density (D–F), diameter (G–I), ILV diameter (J and K), and number of ILVs per MVB surface (L and M) in the case of light MVBs (D, G, J, and L), dark MVBs (E, H, K, and M), and endolysosomes (F and I) in WT, RNAi, and mutant animals. P values are indicated above the graphs (Mann-Whitney test). Numbers above the graphs indicate the numbers of sections in D–F; MVBs in G, H, and L–O; endolysosomes in I; and ILVs in J and K. (N) Distance between MVBs and the apical plasma membrane. (O) Percentage of MVBs connected to the apical plasma membrane. Error bars, SD.

Table S1. Genes identified in the RNAi screen for alae defects

Gene	Clone	Category
<i>arf-3</i>	F57H12.1	Small GTPase
<i>ral-1</i>	Y53G8AR	Small GTPase
<i>rab-1</i>	C39F7.4	Small GTPase
<i>rab-2</i>	F53F10.4	Small GTPase
<i>rab-7</i>	W03C9.3	Small GTPase
<i>rab-8</i>	D1037.4	Small GTPase
<i>rab-11</i>	F53G12.1	Small GTPase
<i>rab-27</i>	Y87G2A.4	Small GTPase
<i>rab-35</i>	Y47D3A.25	Small GTPase
<i>rab-39</i>	D2013.1	Small GTPase
<i>sec-8</i>	Y106G6H.7	Exocyst
<i>sec-10</i>	C33H5.9	Exocyst
<i>sec-15</i>	C28G1.3	Exocyst
<i>exoc-8</i>	Y105E8B.2	Exocyst
<i>cdc-42</i>	R07G3.1	Cytoskeleton
<i>gei-4</i>	W07B3.2	Cytoskeleton
<i>byn-1</i>	F57B9.5	Cytoskeleton
<i>pes-7</i>	F09C3.1	Cytoskeleton
<i>evl-20</i>	F22B5.1	Cytoskeleton
<i>arx-2</i>	K07C5.1	Cytoskeleton
<i>ani-1</i>	Y49E10.19	Cytoskeleton
<i>Y19D2B.1</i>	Y19D2B.1	Cytoskeleton
<i>flna-1</i>	C23F12.1	Cytoskeleton
<i>goa-1</i>	C26C6.2	Cytoskeleton
<i>hgrs-1</i>	C07G1	pre-ESCRT
<i>tsg-101</i>	C09G12	ESCRT
<i>vps-28</i>	Y87G2A	ESCRT
<i>vps-37</i>	CD4.4	ESCRT
<i>vps-25</i>	W02A11.2	ESCRT
<i>vps-22</i>	C27F2.5	ESCRT
<i>vps-36</i>	F17C11.8	ESCRT
<i>vps-20</i>	Y65B4A.3	ESCRT
<i>vps-32</i>	C56C10.3	ESCRT
<i>vps-4</i>	Y34D9A.10	ESCRT disassembly
<i>tfg-1</i>	Y63D3A.5	ER-Golgi
<i>syx-5</i>	F55A11.2	ER-Golgi
<i>sft-4</i>	C54H2.5	ER-Golgi
<i>emc-2</i>	Y57G7A.10	ER-Golgi
NA	ZK686.3	ER-Golgi
<i>npp-20</i>	Y77E11A.13a	ER-Golgi
<i>soap-1</i>	C13F10.4	Secretion
<i>lpr-5</i>	W04G3.2	Secretion
<i>ify-1</i>	C27A2.3	Cell division
<i>ect-2</i>	T19E10.1	Cell division
<i>paa-1</i>	F48E8.5	Cell division
<i>R08D7.1</i>	R08D7.1	Cell division
<i>cdc-48.3</i>	K04G2.3	Cell division
<i>cki-1</i>	T05A6.1	Cell division
<i>xpo-2</i>	Y48G1A_54.b	Cell division
<i>bub-1</i>	R06C7.8	Cell division
<i>cdk-9</i>	H25P06.2a	Cell division
<i>plk-1</i>	C14B9.4	Cell division
<i>cdk-1</i>	T05G5.3	Cell division
<i>cdk-4</i>	F18H3.5a	Cell division
<i>spd-1</i>	Y34D9A.4	Cell division
<i>let-92</i>	F38H4.9	Other
<i>nekl-2</i>	ZC581.1	Other
<i>vhp-1</i>	F08B1.1	Other
<i>vha-9</i>	ZK970.4	Other
<i>ccdc-55</i>	C16C10.6	Other
NA	T22H9.1	Other

Table S1. Genes identified in the RNAi screen for alae defects (Continued)

Gene	Clone	Category
<i>chp-1</i>	Y110A7A.13	Other
<i>dcp-66</i>	C26C6.5	Other
<i>cdt-2</i>	T01C3.1	Other
NA	F25H9.6	Unknown
NA	Y6B3B.9	Unknown
<i>smg1-1</i>	F20G4.1	Unknown
<i>F52C6.13</i>	F52C6.13	Unknown
<i>D1043.1</i>	D1043.1	Unknown
<i>C14C10.4</i>	C14C10.4	Unknown
<i>srh-49</i>	C10G11.4	Unknown
NA	Y41D4B.11	Unknown
NA	C23H3.5	Unknown

Table S2. Quantification of alae defects

Animals	Percentage of alae defects	SE	No. of animals observed	No. of experiments	Mann-Whitney <sup>a</sup>
<b>Adult animals</b>					
WT	4.25	2.02	96	6	NA
<i>sec-3(ok3491)</i>	86.1	7.12	33	3	0.0238
<i>sec-5(pk2358)</i>	97.05	1.71	67	4	0.0095
<i>sec-8(ok2187)</i>	50.85	3.27	65	4	0.0139
<i>exoc-7(ok2006)</i>	25.26	3.11	22	3	0.025
<i>exoc-8(ok2523)</i>	42.91	2.13	34	3	0.025
<i>ral-1(tm5205)</i>	93.86	2.24	70	4	0.0095
Rescued <i>ral-1(tm5205) pdpy-7::ral-1(WT)</i> , 1 ng	68.75	0.95	32	2	0.1333
Rescued <i>ral-1(tm5205) pdpy-7::ral-1(CA)</i> , 1 ng	59.86	8.43	43	4	0.0286
Rescued <i>ral-1(tm5205) pdpy-7::ral-1(DN)</i> , 1 ng	98.24	1.75	52	3	0.4
Overexpression of RAL-1(CA), 10 ng	24.23	6.79	76	4	0.0325
Overexpression of RAL-1(DN), 10 ng	39.97	4.88	86	5	0.0043
<b>L1 animals</b>					
<i>syx-5(mc51)<sup>b</sup></i>	100	0	92	4	0.0095
Rescued <i>syx-5(mc51)</i> by <i>syx-5(wt)<sup>c</sup></i>	11.24	1.72	35	3	0.0571
<b>Adult animals</b>					
Overexpression of SYX-5(WT)	29.39	8.66	57	4	0.0667
Overexpression of SYX-5(mc50)	32.13	8.17	38	3	0.0476
Overexpression of SYX-5(mc51)	38.76	8.2	120	5	0.0043

Here all types of alae defects are combined. However, their severity can vary (see Fig. S1 for details).

<sup>a</sup>The Mann-Whitney test was performed with WT animals, except for the rescue experiments in which it was performed with mutant animals.

<sup>b</sup>*syx-5(mc50)* and *syx-5(mc51)* show the same phenotype: 68% of animals have invisible alae, and 32% have visible alae with major defects.

<sup>c</sup>For *syx-5(mc51)* rescue, alae defects are rescued, although alae were not always continuous. Rescued animals could reach adulthood (with alae) but failed to give rise to progeny.

Table S3. Strains used in this study

Strain	Genotype
N2	Bristol
NL2099	<i>rrf-3(pk1426)</i>
VC2836	<i>+/szT1 [lon-2(e678)] I; sec-3(ok3491)/szT1 X</i>
DV2689	<i>sec-5(pk2358)/mln1 [dpy-10(e128) mls14] II</i>
VC2648	<i>sec-8(ok2187) I/hT2 [bli-4(e937) let?(q782)qls48] (I,III)</i>
FT1411	<i>ral-1(tm5205)/qC1III</i>
RB1630	<i>exoc-7(ok2006) I</i>
RB1928	<i>exoc-8(ok2523) I</i>
ML2339	<i>syx-5(mc50)/+</i>
ML2340	<i>syx-5(mc51)/+</i>
ML2376	<i>syx-5(mc51)/oxTi711 [pelt-3::H2B::tomato]</i>
ML1783	<i>mcEX586[psec-8::sec-8::gfp; pvha-5::vha-5::mrfp; pttx-3::gfp]</i>
ML2311	<i>mcEX858[psec-15::sec-15::gfp; pvha-5::vha-5::rfp; pttx-3::gfp]</i>
ML2309	<i>mcEX856[pral-1::yfp::ral-1; pvha-5::vha-5::rfp; pmyo-2::mCherry]</i>
ML2040	<i>mcEX702[pdpy-7::gfp::ral-1(CA); pvha-5::vha-5::rfp; pmyo-2::mCherry]</i>
ML2199	<i>mcEX806[pdpy-7::gfp::ral-1(DN); pvha-5::vha-5::rfp; pmyo-2::mCherry]</i>
ML2033	<i>mcEX695[pdpy-7::gfp::syx-5; pvha-5::vha-5::rfp; pmyo-2::mCherry]</i>
ML2034	<i>mcEX696[pdpy-7::gfp::ral-1(CA); pmyo-2::mCherry]</i>
ML2037	<i>mcEX699[pdpy-7::gfp::ral-1(DN); pmyo-2::mCherry]</i>
ML2400	<i>ral-1(tm5205)/qC1 mcEX905[pral-1::yfp::ral-1(wt); pmyo-2::gfp]</i>
ML2313	<i>ral-1(tm5205)/qC1 mcEX(860)[pdpy-7::gfp::ral-1(CA); pttx-3::gfp]</i>
ML2314	<i>ral-1(tm5205) mcEX(861)[pdpy-7::gfp::ral-1(DN); pttx-3::gfp]</i>
ML2369	<i>mcEX893[pdpy-7::apex::ral-1(DN); pmyo-2::mCherry]</i>
ML2324	<i>mcEX871[pdpy-7::gfp::syx-5; pmyo-2::mCherry]</i>
ML2325	<i>mcEX872[pdpy-7::gfp::syx-5(mc50); pmyo-2::mCherry]</i>
ML2331	<i>mcEX878[pdpy-7::gfp::syx-5(mc51); pmyo-2::mCherry]</i>
ML2158	<i>mcEX775[pdpy-7::gfp::syx-5; pdpy-7::mCherry::ral-1(CA); pmyo-2::mCherry]</i>
ML2153	<i>mcEX770[pdpy-7::gfp::syx-5; pdpy-7::mCherry::ral-1(DN); pmyo-2::mCherry]</i>
ML2399	<i>syx-5(mc51)/oxTi711 [pelt-3::H2B::tomato] mcEX904[psyx-5::gfp::syx-5; pmyo-2::mCherry]</i>
ML2375	<i>ral-1(tm5205)/qC1; mcSi56[pCbr-unc-119::Cbr-unc-119(+); pvha-5::vha-5[E830q)::mRFP1]II; unc-119(ed3)IIIss</i>