Supplementary Data

Mud2 functions in transcription by recruiting the Prp19 and TREX complexes to transcribed genes

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Supplementary Figure 1. Purification of Mud2, Pcf11 and the Rix1 complex from *S. cerevisiae*. Coomassie gel of the TEV-eluates from wild-type, *MUD2-TAP*, *PCF11-TAP* and *RIX1-TAP* strains purified using IgG-coupled tosylactivated Dynabeads M280, respectively, used for the CTD *in vitro* binding experiments shown in Figure 3. The purified tagged proteins are indicated by a star.

Supplementary Figure 2. (**A**) Upper panel: Commassie gel of the EGTA eluates of the Mud2-TAP purifications shown in Figure 4A. Lower panel: Treatment of extracts with RNase A prior to the purification abrogates and greatly diminishes co-purification of Nab2 and Npl3 with Mud2-TAP, respectively, as assessed by Western blotting of TEV eluates. (**B**) Upper panel: Proteins copurifying with flag-TEV-protA (FTpA) tagged Mud2 in *S. cerevisiae* were identified by mass spectrometry. Lower panel: Treatment of extracts with RNase A prior to the purification abrogates co-purification of Nab2 and Npl3 with Mud2-FTpA as assessed by Western blotting of TEV eluates. (**C**) Deletion of *MUD2* causes a slight increase of total Syf1 levels and a slight decrease in Rpb1 levels, whereas Hpr1 levels are not affected. Left panel: Western blots to determine the total levels of the Prp19C subunit Syf1, the TREX subunit Hpr1 and the RNAPII subunit Rpb1 in *Δmud2* cells compared to wild-type cells. The picture of the pre-stained marker in the middle of each blot was copied onto the picture of the blot detected by chemiluminescence. Right panel: Quantification of Western blots.

α-Pgk1

 Ω \overline{WT}

 Δ mud2

Supplementary Figure 3. Deletion of Mud2 specifically affects the occupancy of Prp19C and TREX. (**A** and **B**) The occupancy of the transcription elongation factors Paf1 (PAF complex) (A) and Spt5 (Spt4/5 complex) (B) is not changed in *Δmud2* compared to wild-type cells. (**C** and **D**) The occupancy of Mud2 is not changed in *syf1-37* (C) or *Δhpr1* (D) cells. ChIP experiments as in Figure 1.

Supplementary Figure 4. Characterization of antibodies raised against the Prp19C subunits Prp19 and Fandango (Syf1) and U2AF50 (Mud2) from *Drosophila melanogaster*. (**A-C**) Western blots on nuclear extracts of S2 cells were performed using pre-immune serum (PI), immune serum (Im) and purified antibody (Abs) raised against Prp19 (A) , Fandango (B) and U2AF50 (C), respectively. The band corresponding to the respective protein is indicated by an arrow. (**D**) Protein extracts from Drosophila S2 cells contain little RNA/DNA before and no RNA/DNA after treatment with DNase I and RNase A. Nucleic acids were purified from 10 μl of nuclear extract used for the IP experiments treated or untreated with DNase I and RNase A and separated on a 2% agarose gel. Lane 1: untreated extract; lane 2: extract treated with DNase I and RNase; lane 3: DNA molecular weight marker: 250, 500, 750, 1000, 1500, 2000, 3000 and 4000/5000/6000 bp; lane 4: RiboRuler high range RNA ladder (#SM1823 Thermo Scientific): 200, 500, 1000, 1500, 2000, 3000, 4000, 6000 b.

Supplementary Figure 5. The three (potential) RRMs of Mud2 are needed to complement the 6AU sensitivity phenotype of the *Δmud2* strain. (**A**) Scheme showing the domain structure of Mud2 and its potential homologs U2AF65 and U2AF50 (upper panel) as well as the *MUD2* deletion mutants (lower panel). Structural alignment of Mud2 with U2AF65 and splicing factor Prp24 predicts the conserved RRM (RRM3 with high sequence identity) as well as motifs A and B (M-A and M-B) of Mud2 with low sequence identity with RRM1 and RRM2 of U2AF65. (**B**) 6AU sensitivity of the six *MUD2* deletion mutants. Ten-fold serial dilutions of wild-type (WT, RS453 background) and *Δmud2* cells carrying pRS315 and *Δmud2* cells expressing C-terminally TAP-tagged full-length *MUD2* or the six *MUD2* partial deletion mutants as shown in A from pRS315 were spotted on SDC(-ura) plates containing solvent (- 6AU) or 50 µg/ml 6AU (+ 6AU) and incubated for 2-3 days at 30°C. (**C**) Expression levels of TAP-tagged full-length Mud2 and the six deletion mutants expressed from pRS315. Western blotting against Pgk1 was used as loading control. An exemplary Western blot is shown (left panel). Quantifications of three independent experiments to determine the expression levels of the Mud2 variants normalized to the Pgk1 signal (right panel).

Supplementary Figure 6. Mud2 functions in transcription. (**A**) Coomassie gel of recombinant Mud2 purified from *E. coli* used for the add-back experiment shown in Figure 5D. NI: non-induced; L: total cell lysate; P: pellet; W1-W3: three wash steps; E1-E3: three eluted fractions of purified Mud2 . (**B**) Mud2 purified from *S. cerevisiae*. Coomassie gel of the TEV eluates from a TAP purification of a wild-type (non-tagged control strain) and a *MUD2*-TAP strain under high-salt conditions (250 mM NaCl) used for the add-back experiment shown in Supplementary Figure 3C. (**C**) Add-back of Mud2 purified from *S. cerevisiae* increases the transcription activity of a *Δmud2* extract. *In vitro* transcription assay as in Figure 5C with 50 and 150 ng of Mud2 purified from *S. cerevisiae* (Supplementary figure 3B) added to the transcription reaction. As negative control served the TEV eluate from a non-tagged strain (+ control). The quantification of one representative experiment of three independent experiments is shown. (**D**) RNAPII does not co-purify with Mud2 from *S. cerevisiae* under high salt conditions. TEV eluates of the Mud2-TAP purification shown in Supplementary Figure 3B were separated by SDS PAGE and the presence of RNAPII was assessed by Western blotting using antibody 8WG16.

Supplementary Figure 7. *Δmud2* and *syf1-37* are synthetically lethal. A double deletion strain of *MUD2* and *SYF1* complemented by *URA3*-plasmid encoded *SYF1* was transformed with plasmids encoding *SYF1* or *syf1-37* and encoding *MUD2* or an empty plasmid. Combination of *Δmud2* with *syf1-37* causes an sl phenotype. Transformants were streaked onto FOA-containing plates and incubated for 3 days at 30°C.

Supplementary Figure 8. The TAP-tag fused to Mud2, Syf1 and Hpr1 does not impair growth at 16°C, 22°C, 30°C or 37°C. Cells containing the TAP-tag and thus a functional *TRP1* gene grow better as reported by [\(1\)](#page-13-0).

Supplementary Materials and Methods

Tryptic in-gel digestion of proteins

Bands of interest were excised and the proteins were digested with trypsin. Tryptic peptides were eluted from the gel slices with 1% trifluoric acid.

Matrix-assisted laser-desorption ionization time-of-flight mass spectrometry (MALDI-TOF-MS)

MALDI-TOF-MS was performed on an Ultraflex TOF/TOF mass spectrometer (Bruker Daltonics, Bremen) equipped with a nitrogen laser and a LIFT-MS/MS facility. The instrument was operated in the positive-ion reflectron mode using 2.5-dihydroxybenzoic acid and methylendiphosphonic acid as matrix. Sum spectra consisting of 200–400 single spectra were acquired. For data processing and instrument control the Compass 1.4 software package consisting of FlexControl 4.4, FlexAnalysis 3.4 4, Sequence Editor and BioTools 3.2 was used. External calibration was performed with a peptide standard (Bruker Daltonics).

Database search

Proteins were identified by MASCOT peptide mass fingerprint search (http://www.matrixscience.com) using the Sprot database (version 2017_01, 553474 sequence entries; p<0.05). The search was restricted to *S. cerevisiae*. For the search a mass tolerance of 75 ppm was allowed and oxidation of methionine as variable modification were used.

Supplementary Table 1. Yeast strains.

Supplementary Table 2. Plasmids.

Supplementary Table 3. Primers.

Supplementary Table 4. Identification of proteins co-purifying with Mud2-FTpA as shown in Supplementary Figure S2B.

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