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Cross Talk between eIF2a and eEF2 Phosphorylation

Pathways Optimizes Translational Arrest

in Response to Oxidative Stress

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURES AND LEGENDS

Figure S1. H₂O₂-induced changes in ROS and mRNA levels, Related to Figure 1.

(A) The effects of H₂O₂ on ROS levels. Cells were either untreated or treated with 500 μ M H₂O₂ for 2 hrs. Cells were collected and stained with DCFDA for 30 minutes and FACS analysis was performed.

(**B**) The graph represents a duplicates, each individual symbol represents an individual data point. There is a fold change of 1.2 between the medians of WT and eIF2 α^{551A} MEFs treated with H_2O_2 and a fold change of 1.8 between the medians of untreated WT and eIF2 α^{S51A} MEFs. (C) Significant H₂O₂-induced changes in mRNA levels ($p \le 0.05$) at both 15 and 120 minutes of H_2O_2 treatment (1 mM) were identified. There were 613 total changes occurring only in wildtype MEFs between both time points and 982 occurring only in eIF2 α^{SSTA} mutant MEFs at both time points. The total number of changes at each time point for each cell line include the overlap. (**D**) Total RNA was extracted from WT and and analyzed by RNAseq. The data represents a compilation of significant changes in differential expression ($p \le 0.05$) found in untreated WT and at baseline. Results are normalized to either untreated WT MEFs or untreated eIF2 α^{S51A} MEFs at time 0 as indicated and displayed as a clustered heat map. Upregulated transcripts are shown in yellow and downregulated transcripts in blue.

(**E**) Individual lists of induced and repressed mRNAs (\pm 3-fold change, $p \le 0.05$) in eIF2 α ^{S51A} MEFs compared to WT MEFs were loaded into Metascape and the pathways enriched are indicated at time 0. Colored boxes represent either upregulated (yellow) or downregulated (blue) pathways.

Figure S2. The effects of ER and oxidative stress on cell viability, Related to Figure 2 and Figure 6.

(**A**) MTT assay results in Figure 2A were validated by cell counting assay. The graph represents a summary of 3 individual experiments each performed in duplicates.

(**B**) MTT assay results in Figure 2B were validated by cell counting assay. The graph represents a summary of 3 individual experiments each performed in duplicates.

(**C**) MTT assay results in Figure 6D were validated by cell counting assay. The graph represents a summary of 3 individual experiments each performed in duplicates.

Figure S3. The effects of H₂O₂ on doubling time in S. pombe, Related to Figure 3. S. pombe strains were treated with 1 mM H_2O_2 and grown for 24 hours. Doubling times were calculated based on OD measured at various time points.

Figure S4. Additional elongation and initiation analysis, Related to Figure 4.

(A) Ribosome transit time experiments. The ribosome half-transit times of WT, eIF2α^{S51A}, $\rm eEF2K^{-1}$ and $\rm eIF2α^{\rm S51A}/eEF2K^{-1}$ MEFs treated with and without 500 µM H₂O₂ were determined as described in Materials and Methods. Incorporation rates of 1^{35} S]-methionine into total protein within the PMS and PRS was obtained by linear regression analysis, which was used to calculate half-transit times. Each experiment was performed three separate times.

(**B**) The graph represents a summary of each individual replicate experiment that was performed and the half-transit times (min) to obtain the results and statistical analysis represented in Figure 4B, 4C, 6C and 6D.

(**C**) Polysome profiles of *S. pombe* strains under glucose deprivation. *Wt* and *eIF2αS52A* strains were deprived of glucose for 5 minutes and polysome profiles were acquired.

Figure S5. Quantification of eIF2α phosphorylation, Related to Figure 5.

(**A**) Quantification of eIF2α phosphorylation. The graph represents the ratio of phosphorylated to total eIF2α quantified from the Western blots representing WT MEFS in Figure 5A. The intensities were quantified using Licor Image Studio software. The individual symbols represent individual data points. The individual data points represent duplicated individual repeat experiments. (**B**) Quantification of eIF2α phosphorylation. The graph represents the ratio of phosphorylated to total eIF2α quantified from the Western blots representing WT MEFS in Figure 5B. The intensities were quantified using Licor Image Studio software. The individual symbols represent individual data points. The individual data points represent duplicated individual repeat experiments. (**C**) Quantification of eIF2α phosphorylation. The graph represents the ratio of phosphorylated to total eIF2α quantified from the Western blots representing WT MEFS in Figure 5C. The intensities were quantified using Licor Image Studio software. The individual symbols represent individual data points. The individual data points represent duplicated individual repeat experiments.

Figure S6. Regulation of phosphorylation by different kinases in response to H₂O₂, Related **to Figure 7.**

(**A**) Validation of PERK as the kinase that phosphorylates eIF2α under oxidative stress. WT MEFs were pre-treated for 1 hr with the PERK inhibitor GSK2656157 (2 µM) and as indicated and subsequently treated with 1 mM H_2O_2 for the indicated times. Western blot analysis was then performed.

(**B**) The graph represents quantification of Western blots from two separate experiments, including Figure S4A, using Licor imaging software. The individual symbols represent individual data points.

(**C**) The effects of p38/MAPK phosphorylation and inhibition on eEF2K under oxidative stress. Western blot analysis was done on WT and eIF2 α^{S51A} MEFs treated with 1 mM H₂O₂ for the time points indicated.

(**D**) WT cells were pretreated with different MAPK inhibitors (p38i: SB203580, 20 µM, JNKi: SP600125, 40 µM, MEKi: U0126, 50 µM) for 1 hr followed by treatment with 1 mM H_2O_2 for the indicated times. Western blot analysis was performed.

(**E**) Mass spectrometric evidence for H2O2-triggered phosphorylation of serine 436 of *S. pombe* Cmk2p. Wildtype cells were exposed to H_2O_2 for 15 min, followed by preparation of cell lysate for phosphoproteomics (Singec et al., 2016). The mass spectrum shows evidence of phosphorylation of serine 436.

Figure S7. High levels of EEF2K mRNA correlate with decreased survival in renal cancer, Related to Figure 8.

Kaplan-Meier plots summarizing the results from analysis of correlation between mRNA expression level and patient survival. RNA-seq data is reported as median FPKM (number Fragments Per Kilobase of exon per Million reads), generated by The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA). Patients were divided based on level of expression into one of the two groups "low" (under cut off) or "high" (over cut off). FPKM cut off = 3.51. P = 0.00027. Data obtained through www.proteinatlas.com.

SUPPLEMENTAL TABLES

Name	Genotype	Used in Fig.
WT	h+ ade6-M210 ura4-d18	3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4D, 6A, 7B, 7C, S3
elF2 $\overline{\alpha}^{\rm s52A}$	h+ ade6-M210 eIF2alpha-S52A::ura4-d18	3A, 3B, 3C, 3D. 4D, 7A, 7B, 7C,
Δ cmk2	h+ ade6-M210 ura4-d18 cmk2::NAT	7A, 7B, 7C,
el $F2\alpha^{S52A}$ Δ cmk2	h+ ade6-M210 elF2alpha-S52A::ura4- D ₁₈ cmk ₂ ::NAT	7A, 7B, 7C,
Δhri1 Δhri2 Agcn2	h- ade6-216 leu1-32 ura4-d18 his7-366 hri1::ura4 hri2::leu1 gcn2::ura4	3A, 3B, 3C, 3D
Δ sty1	h- leu1-32 ura4-d18 sty1::ura4	3C, 3D

Table S1. *S. pombe* **Strains, Related to Figure 3 and Figure 7.**

Table S2. Reagents, Related to Figure 2, Figure 3, Figure 4, Figure 5, Figure 6 and Figure 7.

SUPPLEMENTAL DATA FILES

Metascape Analyses, Related to Figure 1. RNAseq Analyses, Related to Figure 1.

TRANSPARENT METHODS

Reagents

Reagents are listed in Table S2.

Cell Lines and Tissue Culture

Wildtype and eIF2αS51A Mutant Mouse Embryonic Fibroblasts (MEFs) Both wildtype and eIF2α^{S51A} mutant mouse embryonic fibroblast cell lines were generously provided by Randal J. Kaufman. MEF cell lines were cultured in DMEM containing 4.5 mg/mL glucose (Invitrogen), 2.0 mM glutamine, 10% fetal bovine serum and 1% penicillin-streptomycin. Cells were incubated in 5% $CO₂$ at 37°C.

Generation of eEF2K Knockout and eEF2K-/- /eIF2αS51A MEFs

Wildtype and eIF2 α^{551A} mutant MEFs were transduced with a CRISPR/Cas9 lentiviral system containing pools of sgRNA libraries targeting the mouse eEF2K gene. Cells were transduced for 48 hours. Single cells were then sorted to generate monoclonal populations. Monoclonal cell lines were tested for functional eEF2K by Western blotting. To confirm eEF2K knockout, cellular DNA was isolated and genetic deletion was confirmed by PCR. Cell lines were also sequenced to further confirm $eEF2K$ knockout in both wildtype and $eIF2\alpha^{S51A}$ mutant MEFs.

S. pombe **Strains**

Wildtype and eIF2αS52A Mutant Strains

Strains were maintained in rich yeast extract medium with supplements (YES) or Edinburgh minimal media (EMM) at 30°C. Growth was measured using optical density at 596 nm. The genotypes of the strains used in this study are outlined in Table S1.

Generation of Δcmk2 and eIF2αS52A Δcmk2 Strains

The deletion of *cmk2* was generated in wildtype and *eIF2αS52A* mutant strains by PCR amplification of the plasmid pfa6a-NAT-HA. Cells were then transformed, selected on nourseothricin (NAT) plates, and *cmk2* knockout was confirmed by PCR.

MTT Cell Viability Assay

Cells were treated with indicated treatments or DMSO alone (0.1% final concentration) for indicated times. Viability was assessed by MTT assay (ATCC $^{\circledast}$) using the manufacturer's protocol. Briefly, 10 µl of MTT reagent was added to cells for 2 hrs. 100 µl of detergent reagent was then added to cells and the absorbance was read at 570 nm. Results are averages of 8 replicates ± standard deviations.

Protein Extraction and Western Blot Analysis

Mouse Embryonic Fibroblast Sample Preparation

For protein extraction, mammalian cells were washed once with 1x phosphate-buffered saline (PBS), scraped off and lysed in RIPA lysis buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 150 mM NaCl, 0.1% NP-40, 0.1% SDS and 12 mM sodium deoxycholate) supplemented with Halt™ Protease Inhibitor Cocktail (Thermo Scientific) and incubated on ice for 15 mins followed by sonication. After a 10 min centrifugation (13,000 rpm at 4°C), supernatants were taken for protein quantification following Pierce™ BCA Protein Assay Kit (Thermo Scientific). Samples were boiled with SDS sample buffer. Equal amounts of protein (20-40 µg) were resolved on 4-20% tris-glycine SDS-PAGE gels and transferred to nitrocellulose membranes, which were blocked in 5% bovine serum albumin (BSA) in 1x tris-buffered saline (TBS) (10 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 150 mM NaCl) for 1 hr and then incubated with 5% BSA in TBST (10 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 150 mM NaCl and 0.1% Tween 20) containing primary antibody overnight at 4° C. Membranes were washed (TBST $3\times$)

and incubated in TBST containing LICOR fluorescent secondary antibody. After washing (TBST $3\times$), immunoreactive bands were detected using the LICOR system.

S. pombe Sample Preparation

Yeast cells were cultured and collected in exponential growth phase (OD 0.5 – 1.0). Cells were centrifuged and resuspended in cold RIPA lysis buffer supplemented with Halt™ Protease Inhibitor Cocktail (Thermo Scientific) and added to 600 µl of zirconia/silica beads (BioSpec). Cells were ruptured in a FastPrep instrument for 40 sec at level 6. When necessary, supernatants were taken for protein quantification following Pierce™ BCA Protein Assay Kit (Thermo Scientific). Lysates were diluted with 2x SDS sample buffer and denatured at 95°C for 10 mins before loading. Western blot analysis was performed.

Protein Synthesis Fluorescence Assay

Protein synthesis levels were assessed in a non-radioactive manner by fluorescent protein synthesis assay (Protein Synthesis Assay Kit, Cayman Chemical) using the manufacturer's protocol. Briefly, corresponding treatments were added to cells for indicated times in a 96 well plate. Cycloheximide (50 µg/mL) was added for 1 hr as a positive control for protein synthesis inhibition. Cells were then incubated with O-propargyl-puromcyin (2.5 µg/mL) followed by fixation, washing (3x), and staining with 5 FAM-azide. Cells were then washed (3x) and fluorescence was detected with a fluorescent plate reader (excitation/emission = 485/535).

[35S]-Methionine Labeling

Mouse Embryonic Fibroblast Sample Preparation

Cells were plated in 10 cm dishes at 3×10^6 cells/dish in supplemented DMEM, incubated overnight and treated with 500 μ M H₂O₂ for indicated times. Cycloheximide (50 μ g/mL) was added for 1 hr as a control for protein synthesis inhibition. Cells were then labeled with 10 µCi/mL [³⁵S]-methionine (EasyTag™ EXPRESS³⁵S Protein Labeling Mix, Perkin Elmer) for 5 mins, rinsed once with cold 1x PBS and harvested immediately by scraping. Cells were pelleted and resuspended in 0.5 mL lysis buffer (25 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 150 mM NaCl, 0.1% NP-40, 0.1% SDS and 12 mM sodium deoxycholate) supplemented with Halt™ Protease Inhibitor Cocktail (Thermo Scientific). Lysates were boiled at 95°C for 10 mins, briefly centrifuged and blotted on Whatman filter paper for total protein precipitation. Filters were precipitated with ice-cold 20% TCA for 10 mins followed by 10% TCA for 5 mins. Filters were rinsed twice with 100% ethanol for 5 mins and air-dried. Radioactivity levels were determined by liquid scintillation counting. Total cellular protein was quantified with Pierce™ BCA Protein Assay Kit (Thermo Scientific) following the manufacturer's instruction. Incorporation of 1^{35} S] methionine into total cellular protein was calculated and plotted.

S. pombe Sample Preparation

Yeast samples were centrifuged, resuspended in RIPA lysis buffer and added to 600 µl of zirconia/silica beads (BioSpec). Cells were ruptured in a FastPrep instrument for 40 sec at level 6. Lysates were diluted with 2x SDS sample buffer and denatured at 95°C for 10 mins before blotting.

Polysome Profile Analysis

Mouse Embryonic Fibroblast Sample Preparation

Cells (4 \times 10⁶) were seeded in 15 cm culture dishes and grown to ~70% confluence. Following treatment with 500 µM H_2O_2 at indicated time points, cycloheximide (CHX) (100 µg/mL) was added to cells for 5 min at 37°C. Cells were washed twice with cold 1x PBS containing CHX (100 µg/mL), scraped gently in 5 mL of ice cold 1x PBS containing CHX (100 µg/mL). Cells were centrifuged at 200 × g for 5 min at 4°C. The cell pellets were suspended in 0.45 mL of polysome lysis buffer (5 mM Tris-HCl at pH 7.5, 2.5 mM MgCl₂, 1.5 mM KCl). Lysis buffer was supplemented with 5 µl of 10 mg/mL CHX, 1 µl of 1 mM DTT, 100 units RNase inhibitor (RNaseOUT, Invitrogen), 1x Pierce™ protease inhibitor and 1x Pierce™ phosphatase inhibitor. Cells were vortexed for 5 sec followed by the addition of 25 µl 10% sodium deoxycholate and 25 μ I Triton-X 100. Lysates were then vortexed again for 5 sec and centrifuged at 16,000 \times g for 7

min at 4°C. Supernatants (cytosolic cell extracts) were collected and measured in absorbance of 260 nm. Approximately 10-15 ODs of lysates were layered over 5%–50% cold sucrose gradients in buffer (200 mM HEPES-KOH at pH 7.4, 50 mM MgCl2, 1 mM KCl, 100 µg/mL CHX and 1x Pierce™ protease inhibitor). Gradients were centrifuged at 39,000 rpm in a Beckman SW28 rotor for 2 hr at 4°C. After centrifugation, 14 equal-sized fractions (0.75 mL/fraction) were collected and analyzed through UV detection.

S. pombe Sample Preparation

Cells in exponential growth phase (OD $0.5 - 1.0$) were treated with CHX (100 μ g/mL) and centrifuged for 5 min at 2500 \times g at 4°C. Cells were lysed in polysome lysis buffer (20 mM Tris-HCl [pH 7.5], 50 mM KCl, 10 mM MgCl₂, and 1 mM DTT) supplemented with 100 ug/mL CHX and 1x Pierce™ protease inhibitor. Lysates were added to 600 µl of zirconia/silica beads (BioSpec) and ruptured in a FastPrep instrument for 20 sec at level 6. Supernatants were extracted through centrifugation and polysome profiles were obtained.

Ribosome Half-Transit Time Measurement

Ribosome transit time refers to the length of time needed for a ribosome, after attaching to a mRNA, to complete translation and release a finished polypeptide. This is measured by analyzing the kinetic flow of radioactivity from polysome-bound (nascent) polypeptides to completed (released) polypeptides. Nascent and released polypeptides are separated by differential centrifugation. Since at any one time there is, on the average, one-half of a completed polypeptide per ribosome on a mRNA molecule, determination of the kinetics of flow of radioactivity as described will yield one half-transit time values. Measurements of half-transit times are completely independent of rates of attachment of ribosomes to mRNA and of the number of polyribosomes (Fan and Penman, 1970; Gehrke et al., 1981).

Cells (3×10^6) were plated in 10 cm dishes in supplemented DMEM and incubated overnight. Cells were simultaneously labeled with 10 µCi/mL [³⁵S]-methionine (EasyTag™ EXPRESS³⁵S Protein Labeling Mix, Perkin Elmer) and treated with 500 μ M H₂O₂. At the times indicated, cells were washed with cold 1x PBS containing 100 µg/mL CHX and harvested immediately. Cells were pelleted and resuspended in 0.45 mL of lysis buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl at pH 7.5, 15 mM MgCl₂, 10 mM NaCl, 100 µg/mL CHX) supplemented with Halt™ Protease Inhibitor Cocktail (Thermo Scientific). Cells were lysed by adding 25 µl of 10% Triton X-100 and 25 µl 10% sodium deoxycholate, followed by vortexing for 5 seconds. Nuclei and mitochondria were pelleted by centrifugation for 15 min at maximum speed in a microfuge at 4°C. 200 µl of the post-mitochondrial supernatant (PMS) was saved to measure [³⁵S]-methionine incorporation into total protein (nascent and completed proteins). Ribosomes were pelleted by centrifugation of the remaining 200 µl of the PMS at $90,000 \times g$ for 1 hr at 4° C in a Beckman TLA120 rotor. 200 µl of the post-ribosomal supernatant (PRS) were removed to measure the incorporation of $\int^{36}S$]methionine into completed protein. 50 µl of PMS and PRS samples from indicated time points were precipitated with TCA after spotting on Whatman filter paper. Filters were washed with icecold 20% TCA for 10 mins followed by 10% TCA for 5 mins. Filters were then rinsed twice with 100% ethanol for 5 mins and air-dried before being subjected to liquid scintillation counting.

RNA Sequencing

Total RNA from cells untreated or treated with 500 μ M H₂O₂ at times 0, 15 minutes and 120 minutes was obtained using the RNeasy Mini Kit (Qiagen) following the manufacturer's instructions. RNA quality was assessed using a Bioanalyzer (Bio-Rad Experion), and RNA sequencing was performed at the Genomics Facility (Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute) on the Illumina platform. The averaged expression data for ~10,000 mRNAs was narrowed down to ~1,600 mRNAs with significant differences in summed FPKM values of transcripts, p value ≤ 0.05. For each condition, these mRNAs were hierarchically clustered using Spearman Rank Correlation and Complete Linkage Clustering. A list of 613 mRNAs specific to WT MEFs that were significantly regulated (≥ 3 -fold, $p \leq 0.05$) by H₂O₂ was imported into Metascape (www.metascape.org) and canonical pathways enriched in the datasets were identified for all conditions in both cell lines (Figure 1B). A list of 982 mRNAs specific to eIF2α^{S51A} MEFs that were significantly regulated (\geq 3-fold, p value \leq 0.05) by H₂O₂ was imported into

Metascape and canonical pathways enriched in the dataset were identified for all conditions in both cell lines (Figure 1C). The complete dataset is provided in Table S3 and available in the Gene Expression Omnibus (accession number GSE137409).

Statistical Analysis

Statistical analyses of replicate datasets were performed with Graphpad Prism. Typically, data were averaged, standard deviations calculated, and statistical significance was assessed using the T Test assuming two-tailed distribution and unequal variance.

Poly-A Fragment Sequencing

RNA sequencing was performed by the Genomics Core Facility at Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute under the direction of Brian James. PolyA RNA was isolated using the NEBNext® Poly(A) mRNA Magnetic Isolation Module and barcoded libraries were made using the NEBNext® Ultra II™ Directional RNA Library Prep Kit for Illumina®(NEB, Ipswich MA). Libraries were pooled and single end sequenced (1X75) on the Illumina NextSeq 500 using the High output V2 kit (Illumina Inc., San Diego CA). Read data was processed in BaseSpace (basespace.illumina.com). Reads were aligned to to Mus musculus genome (mm10) using STAR aligner (https://code.google.com/p/rna-star/) with default settings. Differential transcript expression was determined using the Cufflinks Cuffdiff package (https://github.com/cole-trapnelllab/cufflinks).

Metascape Pathway Enrichment Analyses (metascape.org)

User-provided gene identifiers are first converted into their corresponding M. musculus Entrez gene IDs using the latest version of the database (last updated on 2017-03-16). If multiple identifiers correspond to the same Entrez gene ID, they will be considered as a single Entrez gene ID in downstream analyses. For each given gene list, pathway and process enrichment analysis has been carried out with the following ontology sources: GO Biological Processes, KEGG Pathway, Reactome Gene Sets and CORUM. All genes in the genome have been used as the enrichment background. Terms with a p-value < 0.01, a minimum count of 3, and an enrichment factor > 1.5 (the enrichment factor is the ratio between the observed counts and the counts expected by chance) are collected and grouped into clusters based on their membership similarities. More specifically, p-values are calculated based on the accumulative hypergeometric distribution, and q-values are calculated using the Benjamini-Hochberg procedure to account for multiple hypotheses. Kappa scores are used as the similarity metric when performing hierachical clustering on the enriched terms, and sub-trees with a similarity of > 0.3 are considered a cluster. The most statistically significant term within a cluster is chosen to represent the cluster.

Western Blot Data Quantification

Licor imaging software was used to quantify Western blot band intensities. To quantify a given band, the total amount of signal detected in the area that contains the band is expressed as the sum of the intensities measured in all of these pixels. The signal value represents an unbiased estimate of specific signal intensity and is not affected by adjustments to the image display. A portion of this signal, however, corresponds to background, due to dark current, membrane reflection, autofluorescence, non-specific antibody binding, etc. Therefore, to estimate the amount of signal due only to the specific binding of the antibodies, a background subtraction is performed. To perform background subtraction, a background area surrounding the band is first defined. Within this area the average intensity of each pixel is calculated as an estimation of non-specific signal in the vicinity of the band of interest. This value is subtracted from the intensity of each pixel within the band area. The reported Signal value corresponds to the sum of the residual intensity values (after background subtraction) of all of the pixels in the band.

FACS Analysis

MEFs were either untreated or treated with 500 μ M H₂O₂ for 2 hours. Cells were trypsinized and resuspended in media without FBS. Cells were treated with 20 µM 2',7'–dichlorofluorescin diacetate (DCFDA) for 30 minutes. Cells were then resuspended in cold 1 x PBS. FACS analysis was performed by the Flow Cytometry Core at Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute using the LSRFortessa.

Determination of doubling time of *S. pombe* **cultures**

S. pombe strains were inoculated into liquid YES media at an OD260 between 0.015 and 0.03 and grown for 24 hours. OD was measured at time 0, 5, 10, 21 and 23 hours and an exponential growth curve was fitted. The time to doubling the OD from 0.5 to 1 was calculated by solving the exponential equations for $y -0.5$ and $y = 1$.

Cell Counting Assay

Cells were treated with the indicated treatments for 1 hour, trypsinized and resuspended in media. Cells were diluted 1:2 in trypan blue and the number and concentration of viable cells was calculated using the Nexcelcom Bioscience Cellometer Auto T4 Bright Field Cell Counter and corresponding software.

Polysome Run-off by Glucose Withdrawal

In yeast, the action of glucose as a signaling molecule affects a diverse number of biochemical pathways. It has been shown that glucose depletion by means of glucose withdrawal from the growth medium led to a rapid, almost complete inhibition of protein synthesis. Re-addition of glucose causes a rapid reversal of this inhibition. The inhibition does not come about via a gross decay of mRNA, and neither the inhibition nor its reversal by re-addition of glucose requires transcription of new mRNAs (Ashe et al., 2000). The "runoff" of polysomes observed after glucose removal requires that translational elongation continues while initiation is inhibited (Mathews et al., 1996). Translational elongation of a polypeptide requires at least two GTP molecules per amino acid added, whereas initiation requires only one or two GTP molecules per polypeptide chain (Merrick and Hershey, 1996). It was also concluded glucose deprivation an effective way to block translation initiation independently of eIF2α phosphorylation (Ashe et al., 2000).

Cells in exponential growth phase (OD $0.5 - 1.0$) were pelleted and resuspended in yeast extract medium without glucose and incubated at 30° C for 5 min. Cells were then with treated with CHX (100 μ g/mL) and centrifuged for 5 min at 2500 \times g at 4°C. Cells were lysed in polysome lysis buffer (20 mM Tris-HCl [pH 7.5], 50 mM KCl, 10 mM MgCl₂, and 1 mM DTT) supplemented with 100 µg/mL CHX and 1x Pierce™ protease inhibitor. Lysates were added to 600 µl of zirconia/silica beads (BioSpec) and ruptured in a FastPrep instrument for 20 sec at level 6. Supernatants were extracted through centrifugation and polysome profiles were obtained.

Data and Software Availability

RNA sequencing data: GEO: GSE137409

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