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Inner nuclear membrane proteins Lem2 and Bqt4 interact with different lipid synthesis enzymes in

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| 1 | Summary |
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- The nuclear envelope (NE) is a double-membrane structure consisting of inner and outer membranes that spatially separate the nucleus from the cytoplasm, and its function is critical for cellular functions, such as genome maintenance. In the fission yeast, *Schizosaccharomyces pombe*, the inner nuclear membrane proteins, Lem2 and Bqt4, play pivotal roles in maintaining the NE structure. We previously found that the double deletion of *lem2*⁺ and *bqt4*⁺ causes a synthetic lethal defect associated with severe NE rupture, and overexpression of Elo2, a solo very-long-chain fatty acid elongase, suppresses this defect by restoring the NE. However, the molecular basis of this restoration remains elusive. To address this, we identified Lem2- and Bqt4-binding proteins via immunoprecipitation and mass spectrometry in this study. Forty-five and 23 proteins were identified as Lem2- and Bqt4-binding proteins, respectively. Although these binding proteins partially overlapped, Lem2 and Bqt4 interacted with different types of lipid metabolic enzymes: Cho2, Ole1, and Erg11 for Lem2 and Cwh43 for Bqt4. These enzymes are known to be involved in various lipid synthesis processes, suggesting that Lem2 and Bqt4 may contribute to the regulation of lipid synthesis by binding to these enzymes.
- Keywords: nuclear envelope, Lem2, Bqt4, Schizosaccharomyces pombe, proteome analysis

Introduction

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The nuclear envelope (NE) is a double-membrane structure that acts as a physical barrier to spatially separate the genomic DNA from the cytoplasm. The NE comprises the outer nuclear membrane (ONM) and inner nuclear membrane (INM). ONM contains many NE-specific integral membrane proteins and shares many integral membrane proteins with the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) due to its continuity with the ER. In contrast, INM is enriched in only NE-specific integral membrane proteins, many of which are thought to play important roles in the interactions of the NE with chromatin (1). These interactions modulate the genetic activities of chromosomes via the formation of heterochromatin beneath the NE (2-4). INM and ONM are joined at the nuclear pore complex (NPC), forming a pore structure that penetrates the nuclear envelope. Material transport between the nucleus and cytoplasm occurs via the NPC. The NE plays an essential role in genomic activities, such as replication and transcription, by regulating chromatin structures and nucleocytoplasmic transport, and the rupture or opening of NE causes genomic instability and subsequent cell death (5, 6). Therefore, structural maintenance of the NE is crucial for cell viability (7).To date, several hundreds of INM proteins have been identified in vertebrates via proteomic analysis (8-10). Among them, the LEM (Lap2-emerin-Man1) domain protein, Lem2, is one of the most characterized NE proteins that is well conserved among various species, including *Tetrahymena*, yeast, and humans (11-14). Lem2 contributes to nuclear reformation during mitosis by promoting membrane fusion mediated by the ESCRT-III complex in human cells (15, 16). Similarly, in budding and fission yeasts, Lem2 recruits Chm7/Cmp7 (CHMP7 in humans) and other ESCRT-III components to the ruptured sites of the NE to seal it at the end of mitosis (15-19). In addition to these cooperative functions with the ESCRT-III complex, Lem2 has been reported to be involved in various nuclear processes, such as heterochromatin formation (20-22), exosome-mediated RNA elimination (23), and NE/ER boundary formation, with the ER protein, Lnp1 (homolog of human Lunapark), in the fission yeast, Schizosaccharomyces pombe (24, 25).

The most striking phenotype derived from Lem2 is that depletion of Lem2, but not Man1 (another LEM-domain protein), confers synthetic lethality with depletion of Bqt4 in association with nuclear membrane rupture (6, 22, 26), suggesting that Lem2 and Bqt4 play crucial roles in the maintenance of NE integrity. Bqt4 is a tail-anchored INM protein that is conserved in the *Schizosaccharomyces* genus and was originally found to anchor telomeres to the NE via its association with the telomere protein, Rap1, during vegetative growth (27). Bqt4 also plays an important role in telomere clustering during meiosis, together with the meiosis-specific Bqt1-Bqt2 complex that bridges telomeres to the NE (27, 28). However, the role of Bqt4 in NE maintenance, independent of telomere anchoring, remains unclear.

In a previous study, we identified Elo2 as a suppressor of the synthetic lethality of Lem2 and Bqt4 double-depletion mutants (6). Elo2 is a solo very-long-chain fatty acid elongase in *S. pombe* that generates very long-chain (over C24) fatty acids that are eventually incorporated into ceramide species. Overexpression of Elo2 restores ceramide levels and suppresses the nuclear membrane rupture phenotype in the Lem2 and Bqt4 double-depletion mutant (6), suggesting that Lem2 and Bqt4 cooperatively participate in nuclear membrane homeostasis. However, the molecular basis for this restoration remains unclear, although Lem2-binding partners have been identified using a membrane yeast two-hybrid assay (29). In this study, we attempted to identify the binding proteins of Lem2 and Bqt4 via immunoprecipitation (IP) and subsequent mass spectrometry (MS).

Materials and methods

Yeast strains and media

S. pombe strains used in this study are listed in Supplementary Table 1. Cells were cultured at 30 °C. For the routine maintenance of S. pombe cells, a rich medium containing yeast extract with supplements (YES) was used (30). As a minimum medium, Edinburgh minimal medium with 5 mg/mL glutamate instead of NH₄Cl (EMMG) or EMMG5S (EMMG with 0.225 mg/mL adenine, leucine, uracil, lysine, and histidine)

was used. Cell strains carrying *lem2*Δ were maintained in EMMG to avoid genomic instability, which occurs in rich medium, as previously reported (6, 22, 24, 26). To select *S. pombe* cells carrying *kan*^r, *hph*, *NAT*, and *aur1*^r genes as selection markers, cells were cultured for 2–4 d on YES plates containing 100 μg/mL G418 disulfate (Nacalai Tesque, Kyoto, Japan), 200 μg/mL hygromycin B (FUJIFILM Wako Pure Chemical Corp., Osaka, Japan), 100 μg/mL nourseothricin sulfate (WERNER BioAgents, Jena, Germany), and 100 μg/mL blasticidin S (FUJIFILM Wako Pure Chemical Corp.), respectively.

Plasmid construction

- All plasmids used in this study were constructed using In-Fusion (Takara Bio Inc., Kusatsu, Japan; Cat.
- 79 #639648) and NEBulider (New England Biolabs, Ipswich, USA; Cat. #E2621L), according to the
- 80 manufacturer's protocol. The plasmid encoding FLAG-Lem2-HA was constructed as previously described
- 81 (26). To generate the plasmid encoding FLAG-Bqt4-HA for expression, the coding sequence of *bqt4*⁺ was
- amplified via PCR and inserted into the pCST4-FLAGHA vector between BamHI and BglII sites.

Gene disruption, integration, and tagging

Gene disruption, integration, and tagging were performed using a two-step PCR method for direct chromosome integration, as previously described (31, 32). Briefly, for the first-round PCR, ~500 bp genomic sequences upstream and downstream from the open reading frames (ORFs) of interest were amplified via PCR using KOD One (TOYOBO, Osaka, Japan; Cat. #KMM-201). These PCR products were then used as primers for second-round PCR to amplify a template sequence containing the selection markers. The resulting PCR products were transformed into *S. pombe* cells for disruption, integration, and tagging, and transformants were selected on an appropriate selection plate. The obtained strains were confirmed for correct constructions of disruption, integration, and tagging via genomic PCR using KOD Fx Neo (TOYOBO; Cat. #KFX-201) at the 5' and 3' ends of the target gene. In addition, we performed genomic PCR inside the ORF of the target gene to confirm the absence of an ORF in the genome.

Immunoprecipitation (IP)

S. pombe cells harboring a gene encoding FLAG-Lem2-HA or FLAG-Bqt4-HA for expression under the control of the *nmt1* promoter were pre-cultured in EMMG supplemented with 10 μM thiamine, followed by incubation in EMMG without thiamine for 17 h at 30 °C to induce protein expression.

For one-step purification to prepare samples 1 and 2 in Fig. 1B, cells (5.0 × 10⁷) were resuspended in 100 μL CSK-HEPES buffer (10 mM HEPES-NaOH pH7.4, 3 mM MgCl₂, 300 mM sucrose, 1 mM EDTA, and 0.5% Triton X-100 containing either 150 mM or 300 mM NaCl) supplemented with 2 mM phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride and 5% protease inhibitor cocktail (P8215; Sigma-Aldrich, USA) and homogenized with Multi-Beads Shocker (Yasui Kikai, Co., Japan) at 2,700 rpm for 10 cycles of 60 s on and 60 s off. Cell homogenates were centrifuged, and the supernatants were diluted to five times their volume with CSK-HEPES buffer to prepare the cell extract. The cell extract was incubated with 100 ng of anti-HA rat monoclonal antibody (3F10; Roche, Switzerland) and 30 μL of Dynabeads sheep anti-rat IgG (11035; Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc., USA) for 3 h at 4°C. Dynabeads were washed five times to remove the non-specific bound proteins. Specific bound proteins were eluted with the Laemmli sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS) sample buffer (62.5 mM Tris-HCl pH6.8, 2% SDS, 10% glycerol and 0.0025% bromophenol blue).

For two-step purification to prepare samples 3 and 4 in Fig. 1B, cells $(1.0 \times 10^8 \text{ and } 1.6 \times 10^9 \text{ for Lem2}$ and Bqt4, respectively) were suspended in CSK-Tris buffer (20 mM Tris-HCl pH8.0, 150 mM NaCl, 3 mM MgCl₂, 300 mM sucrose, 1 mM EDTA, and 0.5% Triton X-100) and homogenized as described above. The cell extract was incubated with anti-FLAG M2 beads (A2220; Sigma-Aldrich, USA) for 2 h at 4°C. After removing the non-specific bound proteins by washing the beads five times, the bound proteins were eluted with CSK-Tris buffer containing 100 µg/mL of 3× FLAG peptide (F4799; Sigma-Aldrich, USA). The eluate was incubated with 100 ng of anti-HA rat monoclonal antibody (3F10) and 30 µL of Dynabeads sheep anti-rat IgG for 2 h at 4°C. To remove the non-specific bound proteins, the

beads were washed five times with CSK-Tris buffer. Then, specifically bound proteins were eluted with 0.1 M glycine-HCl (pH 2.5), followed by neutralization with 1 M Tris-HCl (pH8.0). One tenth of the eluate was subjected to silver staining (SilverQuest, Invitrogen, Waltham, USA) to determine the amount of protein in the eluate using bovine serum albumin (BSA) as the standard and the remaining nine tenths were used for MS analysis. Mass spectrometry (MS) MS was performed according to a previously described procedure (33, 34). Detected peptides were searched against the PomBase protein dataset released on November 12, 2015. Classification by gene ontology (GO) Classification of proteins by GO was based on the PomBase database (https://www.pombase.org/; accessed on October 13, 2022) (35). Fold enrichment of the GO-slim term was calculated as follows: the percentage of proteins classified into each GO-slim term out of the total identified proteins was calculated and divided by the percentage of those calculated from all records in the PomBase database. Western blotting (WB) Samples were prepared using a two-step purification method, as described in the IP section, and subjected to 10% SDS-PAGE. After electrophoresis, the proteins were transferred onto polyvinylidene difluoride membranes. GFP-tagged proteins were probed with an anti-GFP polyclonal antibody (0.5 µg/mL, 1:2,000 dilution; Rockland Inc., Philadelphia, PA, USA; Cat #600-401215). FLAG-Lem2-HA and FLAG-Bqt4-HA were probed with an anti-HA monoclonal antibody (1:2,000 dilution; 3F10). Protein bands were detected using chemiluminescence (ImmunoStar LD or Zeta; FUJIFILM Wako Pure Chemical Corp.; Cat

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| Indirect immunofluorescence staining |
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| Indirect immunofluorescence staining was performed according to a previously described procedure (36) |
| except that anti-HA rat monoclonal (1:100 dilution; 3F10) and Alexa488-labeled anti-rat IgG (1:250 |
| dilution; Thermo Fisher Scientific) antibodies were used as primary and secondary antibodies, |
| respectively. |
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| Live cell imaging |
| Subcellular localization of GFP-S65T (designated as "GFP" throughout this manuscript) fusion proteins |
| was observed in living cells. Cells were cultured overnight in EMMG at 30°C to attain the logarithmic |
| growth phase before placing them onto a glass-bottom dish (MatTek, Ashland, USA; Cat. #P35G-1.5-14- |
| C). Cells were attached to glass via soybean lectin (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, USA; Cat. #L1395) and |
| covered with EMMG. |
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| Fluorescence microscopy |
| S. pombe cells were observed using the DeltaVision Elite system (GE Healthcare Inc., Chicago, USA) |
| equipped with pco.edge 4.2 sCMOS (PCO, Kelheim, Germany) or CoolSNAP HQ2 cooled-CCD camera |
| (Photometrics, Tucson, USA); the 60× PlanApo N OSC oil-immersion objective lens (numerical aperture |
| [NA] = 1.4, Olympus, Tokyo, Japan) objective lens was used. Optical section images were acquired at 0.2 |
| μm intervals. All images were deconvolved using the built-in SoftWoRx software (v7.0.0) using the |
| default setting with a homemade optical transfer function. Excitation intensity and exposure time were |
| adjusted for each condition as the expression levels of the proteins were different. The brightness of |
| images was linearly changed using Fiji software (v1.53t) (37) for better visibility. |
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| Results and Discussion |
| Lem2 interacts with lipid synthesis enzymes |

To identify Lem2-binding proteins, we first generated *S. pombe* cells expressing Lem2 tagged with FLAG and HA in the N-terminus and C-terminus, respectively (FLAG-Lem2-HA), or tags-only (FLAG-HA) as a control. Indirect immunofluorescence staining of the cells showed that the FLAG-Lem2-HA protein was localized in NE, whereas FLAG-HA as a control was not (Fig. 1A). This NE localization of FLAG-Lem2-HA is consistent with the previously reported localization of Lem2-GFP (12, 38). Based on this localization pattern, we determined that FLAG-Lem2-HA was sufficient to identify the Lem2-binding proteins. Thus, IP was performed on FLAG-Lem2-HA.

We tested four different IP conditions (samples #1–4; Fig. 1B). First, we performed one-step purification: Lem2-binding proteins were immunoprecipitated using an anti-HA antibody at 150 or 300 mM NaCl (samples #1 and #2, Fig. 1B). Specific bands were observed with both 150 and 300 mM NaCl in the Lem2 precipitant compared to the control, indicating that our IP procedure effectively enriched the Lem2-binding proteins. Some of the binding proteins observed under the 150 mM NaCl condition remained bound under the 300 mM NaCl condition, suggesting that these proteins may bind to Lem2 more tightly than others (sample #2 in Fig. 1B). Next, we performed two-step purification: Lem2 binding proteins were first immunoprecipitated using anti-FLAG and then immunoprecipitated using anti-HA antibodies (samples #3 and #4, Fig.1B). We investigated whether endogenous Lem2 antagonized the interaction between FLAG-Lem2-HA and its binding proteins and found no obvious differences in the presence or absence of endogenous Lem2 (samples #3 and #4 in Fig. 1B).

Analysis of these four samples via liquid chromatography (LC)/MS led to the identification of 45 proteins; eight out of 45 proteins (Bqt4, Cho2, Ole1, Nmd5, Erg11, Ape2, Rad25, and Rpl6) were detected in all four conditions, and the remaining 37 proteins (including Vtc4) were detected in all conditions, except the 300 mM NaCl condition (Table 1). Bqt4, Ole1, and Vtc4 have been reported as Lem2-binding proteins via IP–WB analysis and yeast-two-hybrid assays (26, 29); however, some of the known Lem2-binding proteins, such as Nur1 (21) and Sad1 (12), were not detected under any of the four conditions tested in this study. This result suggests that most, if not all, of the proteins identified in this

study were Lem2-binding proteins. Furthermore, some Lem2-binding proteins, such as Cho2 and Erg11, were found to be involved in lipid metabolism.

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Next, we classified the 45 binding proteins according to GO terms (Table 1 and Fig. 1C). GO classification revealed that the enriched proteins were related to lipid metabolism (Cho2, Ole1, Erg11, Hmg1, Fas1, Erg5, Tsc13, Lcf1, and Its8; fold enrichment [FE] = 3.81), nucleocytoplasmic transport (Nmd5, Kap123, and Sal3; FE = 2.97), protein folding (Cct3, Hsp90, and SPBC17A3.05c; FE = 3.59), and protein glycosylation (Wbp1, Stt3, and Ost1; FE = 4.48). Notably, proteins involved in Nglycosylation and folding were enriched together with Bip1, a member of the Hsp70 family, implying that Lem2 participates in protein quality control. Enrichment of the karyopherin/importin β family is convincing as karyopherin/importin β mediates the nuclear import of Heh1/Lem2 in Saccharomyces cerevisiae (39). Proteins related to lipid metabolism control membrane homeostasis cooperatively with Lem2, as Lem2 is involved in nuclear membrane maintenance in cooperation with Bqt4 (22, 26) and with Elo2, a very-long-chain fatty acid elongase (6). We selected Cho2, Ole1, and Erg11 identified under 300 mM NaCl as Lem2-binding proteins and further evaluated their interactions with Lem2 via IP-WB. GFP-tagged Cho2 (GFP-Cho2), Ole1 (GFP-Ole1), and Erg11 (Erg11-GFP) were expressed in S. pombe expressing FLAG-Lem2-HA. GFP alone, instead of GFP-tagged proteins, was expressed in cells as a control. After cell lysis, IP was performed on the cell lysates using an anti-HA antibody. The proteins obtained via IP were further analyzed via WB using anti-GFP or anti-HA antibodies (Fig. 2A). All three proteins, Cho2, Ole1, and Erg11, were detected using an anti-GFP antibody (see "WT" in Fig. 2A). This result is consistent with the IP-MS results. Next, we examined whether Bqt4 mediated these interactions because Lem2 binds to Bqt4 and its NE localization depends on Bqt4 (26). We performed an IP-WB experiment on the $bqt4\Delta$ background (" $bqt4\Delta$ " in Fig. 2A). Deletion of $bqt4^+$ did not affect these interactions, indicating that Cho2, Ole1, and Erg11 interact with Lem2 independent of Bqt4. Finally, we examined whether Lem2 affected their subcellular localization. GFP-Cho2, GFP-Ole1, and Erg11-GFP were localized in the cortical ER and NE (or perinuclear ER), and deletion of the lem2⁺ gene did not

affect their localization (Fig. 2B), indicating that Lem2 is not necessary for the NE localization. As Cho2, Ole1, and Erg11 function in the synthesis of phosphatidylcholine, unsaturated fatty acids, and ergosterol, respectively, Lem2 potentially plays a broad role in regulating the lipid composition of the nuclear membrane.

Bqt4 interacts with lipid synthesis enzymes different from those of Lem2

We attempted to identify Bqt4-binding proteins because our previous analyses demonstrated a functional relationship between Lem2 and Bqt4 (6, 22, 26). FLAG-Bqt4-HA was expressed in *S. pombe* cells. Using this strain, Bqt4-binding proteins were immunoprecipitated using a two-step purification method in two independent experiments and analyzed via LC/MS (Fig. 3A, B). Twenty-three proteins were identified in both replicates (Fig. 3B and Table 2). Our analyses detected only one known Bqt4-binding protein, Imp1 (40), whereas other known binding proteins, such as Bqt3 (27) and Lem2 (26), were not detected via LC/MS. To examine whether Bqt3 and Lem2 were present in the IP fractions, we performed WB and detected both Bqt3 and Lem2 in the IP fractions (Fig. 3C), demonstrating the validity of our IP fractions. Bqt3 and Lem2 were not detected via MS possibly due to their property or abundance. Furthermore, Bqt3 is a small protein with almost the entire sequence composed of transmembrane domains, which may limit the number of observable peptides in MS analysis. In case of Lem2, the expression level of Lem2 seems to be lower than that of Bqt4, according to the PomBase database. Consistent with this, over half of the Lem2-binding proteins (24 out of 45 proteins) were detected as minor Bqt4-binding proteins (see yellow-highlighted sections in Supplementary Table S2).

APSES domain of Bqt4 has been reported to function as an interaction surface for protein binding and one consensus binding motif of the domain is (D/E)₃₋₄xFxxxφ, where φ represents hydrophobic amino acids (41). This motif was found in 96 proteins in *S. pombe* by Pombase database search, but only Bip1 had this motif at its C-terminal end (652-DDDYFDDEA-660) among the 23 identified Bqt4-binding proteins. This suggests that most of the identified proteins interact with Bqt4

independent of the APSES domain or that its interaction is mediated by other proteins and/or DNA.

According to the GO classification, proteins related to nucleocytoplasmic transport (Imp1, Cut15, and Kap95; FE = 5.81) were enriched as Bqt4-binding proteins. Notably, importin β /karyopherin, but not importin α , was identified as a Lem2-binding protein, whereas both importin α and β were identified as Bqt4-binding proteins. This suggests that Bqt4 plays a role in the recruitment of importin α to INM. The 19S proteasome subunits, Rpn1 and Rpt2, were also detected. This is consistent with our previous report that Bqt4 is degraded in the absence of Bqt3 (27), implying that Bqt4 is degraded via a proteasome-dependent pathway.

Among the Bqt4-binding proteins, seven proteins (Ape2, Rad25, Bip1, Pfk1, Ura1, Sum3, and Tif35) were shared with Lem2-binding proteins. Rad25 and Rad24, which are 14-3-3 protein homologs in *S. pombe*, were detected (Table 2), suggesting that Bqt4 and Lem2 cooperatively regulate the cell cycle checkpoints at G2/M phase (42). Cwh43, which is involved in triacylglycerol metabolism (43), was found only in the Bqt4-binding proteins. GFP-Cwh43 was localized to the NE (or perinuclear ER) and deletion of *bqt4*⁺ did not affect its localization (Fig. 3D).

As Lem2 interacts with a different set of lipid synthesis enzymes than Bqt4, the nuclear membrane ruptures caused by the double deletion of *lem2*⁺ and *bqt4*⁺ genes could be explained by the involvement of different lipid metabolic processes via the interactions of Lem2 and Bqt4 with different lipid synthesis enzymes. Consistently, lipid metabolism has been reported to be important for the maintenance of the inner nuclear membrane in *S. cerevisiae* (44). It has also been reported that the synthesis of glycerophospholipid is required for nuclear membrane expansion, especially during cell division, in fission yeasts (45, 46). Collectively, our results suggest that regulation of lipid synthesis in the NE and ER may be necessary to maintain nuclear functions.

Conclusion

In this study, we identified 45 Lem2-binding proteins and 23 Bqt4-binding proteins via IP and MS

analysis. Nine proteins identified in Lem2, including Cho2, Ole1, and Erg11, were involved in lipid synthesis. Chw43, which was identified only in Bqt4, was involved in glucosylceramide synthesis. Our results suggest that Lem2 and Bqt4 may regulate different processes of lipid synthesis.

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Figure legends

Figure 1. Identification of Lem2-binding proteins.

(A) Subcellular localization of FLAG-Lem2-HA (right panels) or FLAG-HA (left panels, as a control) in Schizosaccharomyces pombe cells. Cells expressing FLAG-Lem2-HA or FLAG-HA were stained via indirect immunofluorescence staining using anti-HA antibody and observed via fluorescence microscopy. Black signals represent high fluorescence signals. Nuclear regions (pink square) are enlarged on the right. Bar: 10 μm. (B) SDS-PAGE analysis of Lem2-binding proteins obtained via immunoprecipitation (IP). Proteins were stained via silver staining. Molecular weights of the markers are shown on the left of each gel. Left panel: One-step purification of Lem2-binding proteins. Cells expressing FLAG-Lem2-HA (Lem2) or FLAG-HA as a control (Cont) were lysed in the CSK-HEPES buffer containing 150 or 300 mM NaCl. Cell lysates were subjected to IP using anti-HA antibody to obtain Lem2-binding proteins. Loaded samples are indicated at the top of each lane: molecular weight markers (MW), FLAG-HA as a control (Cont), FLAG-Lem2-HA (Lem2), and 20 ng BSA as a loading marker (BSA). Red asterisks indicate the heavy and light chains of the anti-HA antibody. Right panel: Two-step purification of Lem2-binding proteins in the presence or absence of endogenous Lem2. FLAG-Lem2-HA (Lem2) or FLAG-HA (Cont) were expressed in lem2⁺ and lem2Δ cells. Cells were lysed in CSK-HEPES buffer containing 150 mM NaCl, and cell lysates were subjected to IP using the anti-FLAG antibody and subsequently the anti-HA antibody. MW and BSA are as described above. Numbers at the bottom represent the sample numbers for mass spectrometry analysis. (C) Classification of the 45 proteins identified via mass spectrometry. These proteins were classified according to gene ontology (GO) terms and the results are shown as a pie chart. The value in parentheses represents fold enrichment of the GO term.

437 438 Figure 2. Characterization of Lem2-binding proteins Cho2, Ole1, and Erg11. 439 (A) Western blotting of GFP-Cho2 (left panels), GFP-Ole1 (middle panels), and Erg11-GFP (right 440 panels). A GFP-fused protein (GFP-Cho2, GFP-Ole1, or Erg11-GFP) was expressed in S. pombe wildtype (WT) expressing FLAG-Lem2-HA and $bqt4\Delta$ cells expressing FLAG-Lem2-HA. Cell lysates were 441 442 subjected to IP using anti-FLAG antibody beads, and the bound GFP-tagged proteins were detected using 443 anti-GFP or anti-HA antibodies. GFP was used as a control for GFP-fused proteins. For Cho2 IP, 0.5 and 444 0.01% input were loaded for GFP and GFP-Cho2, respectively. For Ole1 and Erg11 IP, 0.2% input was 445 loaded. Molecular weight markers (MW) are shown on the left. Asterisks indicate the non-specific bands. 446 (B) Subcellular localization of GFP-Cho2, GFP-Ole1, and Erg11-GFP. One of the GFP-fused proteins was 447 expressed in S. pombe WT or $lem2\Delta$ cells and its localization was observed via fluorescence microscopy. 448 Black signals represent high fluorescence signals. Due to the different expression levels of these proteins, 449 the display scale of the images was adjusted individually: among these three proteins, Cho2 was the 450 highest and Erg11 the lowest in the expression level. Bar: 5 μm. 451 452 Figure 3. Identification and characterization of Bqt4-binding proteins. 453 (A) SDS-PAGE of Bqt4-binding proteins obtained via IP. Cells expressing FLAG-Bqt4-HA or FLAG-HA 454 were lysed in the CSK-HEPES buffer containing 150 mM NaCl. Binding proteins were obtained via two-455 step purification using the anti-FLAG antibody and subsequently the anti-HA antibody. Purified proteins 456 were subjected to SDS-PAGE and detected via silver staining. 457 Loaded samples are indicated at the top of each lane: molecular weight markers (MW), FLAG-HA as a 458 control (Cont), FLAG-Bqt4-HA (Bqt4), and 20 ng BSA as a loading marker (BSA). Molecular weights of 459 the markers are shown on the left side.

(B) Classification of the 23 identified proteins. These proteins were classified according to GO terms and the results are shown as a pie chart. The value in parentheses represents the fold enrichment of the GO term.

(C) Western blotting of GFP-Bqt3 (left) and GFP-Lem2 (right). GFP-Bqt3 or Lem2-GFP was expressed in *S. pombe* cells expressing FLAG-Bqt4-HA. GFP-expressing cells were used as controls for GFP-Bqt3 and Lem2-GFP. After IP with an anti-FLAG antibody, bound GFP-tagged proteins were detected using anti-GFP or anti-HA antibodies. The number of proteins loaded into the input was 0.5%. Samples were loaded as indicated on the top of each lane: GFP as a control (Cont); GFP-Bqt3 (Bqt3); Lem2-GFP (Lem2). Molecular weight markers are shown on the left. Asterisks indicate the non-specific bands.

(D) Subcellular localization of GFP-Cwh43. GFP-Cwh43 was expressed in *S. pombe* WT or *bq4*Δ cells and its localization was observed via fluorescence microscopy. Black signals represent high fluorescence signals. Bar: 5 μm.

473 **Conflict of interest**

The authors declare that they have no conflicts of interest with the contents of this article.

Table 1. Lem2-binding proteins. The proteins shown in Fig.1B were identified by LC/MS. Numbers indicate the number of detected peptides by LC/MS analysis. GO classification shown here is based on PomBase.

| | Identified Proteins | | | Trans- | | | len | 12+ | | | lem | 2Δ | | | | | | |
|------------------|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------|----------|--------|-------------|--------------|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---------|----|------|
| | | Accession Number | Accession Number | Accession Number | Accession Number | MW | membrane | One | e-step puri | ification (H | IA) | Two-ste | p purifica | tion (FLA | Б→НА) | GO slim | GO | Ref. |
| Name | Description | | (kDa) | domain | 150mN | 1 NaCl | 300mN | 1 NaCl | | 150mN | M NaCl | | | | | | | |
| Name | | | | | control | lem2 | control | lem2 | control | lem2 | control | lem2 | | | | | | |
| Lem2 | LEM domain nuclear inner membrane protein Heh1/Lem2 | SPAC18G6.10 | 78 | 2 | 0 | 89 | 0 | 48 | 0 | 283 | 2 | 287 | | | | | | |
| Bqt4 | bouquet formation protein Bqt4 | SPBC19C7.10 | 48 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 15 | telomere organization | telomere organization | Hirano Y et al. (2018) | | | |
| Cho2 | phosphatidylethanolamine N- methyltransferase Cho2 | SPBC26H8.03 | 103 | 10 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 16 | lipid metabolic process | phosphatidylcholine biosynthetic process | ui. (2010) | | | |
| Ole1 | acyl-coA desaturase | SPCC1281.06c | 54 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 19 | lipid metabolic process | unsaturated fatty acid biosynthetic process | Varberg JM et al. (2020) | | | |
| Nmd5 | karyopherin/importin beta family nuclear import/export signal receptor | SPCC550.11 | 116 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 10 | nucleocytoplasmic transport | protein import into nucleus | (====) | | | |
| Erg11 | sterol 14-demethylase | SPAC13A11.02c | 56 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | lipid metabolic process | ergosterol biosynthetic process | | | | |
| Ape2 | aminopeptidase Ape2 | SPBC1921.05 | 99 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 8 | protein targeting | cytoplasm to vacuole transport by the NVT pathway | | | | |
| Rad25 | 14-3-3 protein Rad25 | SPAC17A2.13c | 30 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 9 | mitotic cell cycle phase transition | mitotic G2 DNA damage checkpoint signaling | | | | |
| Rpl6 | 60S ribosomal protein L6 | SPCC622.18 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 7 | cytoplasmic translation | cytoplasmic translation | | | | |
| Pfk1 | 6-phosphofructokinase | SPBC16H5.02 | 103 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 6 | carbohydrate metabolic process | glycolytic process | | | | |
| Hmg1 | 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl-CoA reductase Hmg1 | SPCC162.09c | 115 | 7 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 13 | lipid metabolic process | ergosterol biosynthetic process | | | | |
| Rpl402 | 60S ribosomal protein L2 | SPBP8B7.03c | 40 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 9 | cytoplasmic translation | cytoplasmic translation | | | | |
| Met10 | sulfite reductase NADPH flavoprotein subunit | SPCC584.01c | 111 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 6 | sulfur compound metabolic process | hydrogen sulfide biosynthetic process | | | | |
| Ural | carbamoyl-phosphate synthase | SPAC22G7.06c | 248 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 20 | amino acid metabolic process | de novo' pyrimidine nucleobase biosynthetic process | | | | |
| Gen1 | translation initiation regulator, HEAT repeat protein Gcn1 | SPAC18G6.05c | 297 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 10 | cytoplasmic translation | cellular response to amino acid starvation | | | | |
| Sum3 | ATP-dependent RNA helicase Sum3 | SPCC1795.11 | 70 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | cytoplasmic translation | cytoplasmic translational initiation | | | | |
| Fas1 | fatty acid synthase beta subunit Fas1 | SPAC926.09c | 231 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 4 | lipid metabolic process | fatty acid biosynthetic process | | | | |
| Rpl13 | 60S ribosomal protein L13 | SPAC664.05 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 | cytoplasmic translation | cytoplasmic translation | | | | |
| Bfr1 | brefeldin A efflux transporter Bfr1 | SPCC18B5.01e | 172 | 12 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 15 | transmembrane transport | xenobiotic detoxification by transmembrane export across the plasma membrane | | | | |
| Wbp1 | dolichyl-di-phosphooligosaccharide- protein glycotransferase subunit Wbp1 | SPCC338.15 | 49 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 8 | protein glycosylation | protein N-linked glycosylation via asparagine | | | | |
| SPAC11D 3.14c | 5-oxoprolinase (ATP-hydrolizing) | SPAC11D3.14c | 139 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 10 | sulfur compound metabolic process | cellular detoxification | | | | |
| SPBC1703 .13c | mitochondrial inorganic phosphate transporter | SPBC1703.13c | 34 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 12 | transmembrane transport | mitochondrial transport | | | | |

| Lys4 | homocitrate synthase | SPBC1105.02c | 46 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 12 | amino acid metabolic process | lysine biosynthetic process | |
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| Rpl701 | 60S ribosomal protein L7 | SPBC18H10.12c | 29 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 6 | tRNA metabolic process | endonucleolytic cleavage involved in tRNA processing | |
| Bip1 | ER heat shock protein BiP | SPAC22A12.15c | 73 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 14 | protein catabolic process | ubiquitin-dependent ERAD pathway | |
| Erg5 | C-22 sterol desaturase Erg5 | SPAC19A8.04 | 62 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 | lipid metabolic process | ergosterol biosynthetic process | |
| Rpp0 | 60S acidic ribosomal protein Rpp0 | SPCC18.14c | 34 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | cytoplasmic translation | cytoplasmic translational elongation | |
| Atp1 | F1-ATPase alpha subunit | SPAC14C4.14 | 59 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 2 | transmembrane transport | proton motive force- driven mitochondrial ATP synthesis | |
| Tsc13 | enoyl-[acyl-carrier-protein] reductase | SPBC646.07c | 35 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | lipid metabolic process | very long-chain fatty acid biosynthetic process | |
| Cct3 | chaperonin-containing T-complex gamma subunit Cct3 | SPBC1A4.08c | 58 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 5 | protein folding | protein folding | |
| Tif35 | translation initiation factor eIF3g | SPBC18H10.03 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | cytoplasmic translation | formation of cytoplasmic translation initiation complex | |
| Kap123 | karyopherin Kap123 | SPBC14F5.03c | 118 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | nucleocytoplasmic transport | protein import into nucleus | |
| Pho84 | inorganic phosphate transporter | SPBC8E4.01c | 64 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 7 | transmembrane transport | phosphate ion transmembrane transport | |
| Rpl8 | 60S ribosomal protein L7a/L8 | SPBC29A3.04 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 7 | cytoplasmic translation | cytoplasmic translation | |
| Hsp90 | Hsp90 chaperone | SPAC926.04c | 81 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 3 | protein folding | protein folding | |
| Lefl | long-chain-fatty-acid-CoA ligase Lcf1 | SPBC18H10.02 | 76 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | lipid metabolic process | long-chain fatty acid metabolic process | |
| Adh1 | alcohol dehydrogenase Adh1 | SPCC13B11.01 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 3 | generation of precursor metabolites and energy | glycolytic fermentation to ethanol | |
| SPBC2G5. | ER membrane chaperone for multipass membrane proteins, PAT complex subunit, and TMCO1 translocon subunit (human CCDC47 ortholog) | SPBC2G5.01 | 43 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | membrane organization | protein insertion into ER membrane | |
| Its8 | pig-N | SPBC839.08c | 106 | 14 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | lipid metabolic process | GPI anchor biosynthetic process | |
| SPBC17A 3.05c | DNAJ/DUF1977, human DNAJB12 homolog, Hsp70 co-chaperone | SPBC17A3.05c | 46 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 4 | protein folding | cellular response to misfolded protein | |
| Vtc4 | vacuolar transporter chaperone | SPCC1322.14c | 84 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | autophagy | vacuolar transport | Varberg JM et al. (2020) |
| Sal3 | karyopherin/importin beta family nuclear import signal receptor Sal3 | SPCC1840.03 | 122 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 4 | nucleocytoplasmic transport | protein import into nucleus | ct al. (2020) |
| Cka1 | serine/threonine protein kinase Cka1 | SPAC23C11.11 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 7 | regulation of DNA- templated transcription | cellular response to DNA damage stimulus | |
| Rps101 | 40S ribosomal protein S3a | SPAC13G6.02c | 28 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 3 | cytoplasmic translation | cytoplasmic translation | |
| Stt3 | oligosaccharyltransferase subunit Stt3 | SPBC1271.02 | 85 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | protein glycosylation | protein N-linked glycosylation | |
| Ost1 | dolichyl-diphospho-oligosaccharide- protein glycosyltransferase Ost1 | SPAC27F1.07 | 52 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | protein glycosylation | protein N-linked glycosylation via asparagine | |

Table 2. Bqt4-binding proteins. The proteins shown in Fig.3A were identified by LC/MS. Numbers indicate the number of detected peptides by LC/MS analysis. GO classification shown here is based on PomBase.

| _ | Identified Proteins | | MW | Trans- | Replic | ate 1 | Replic | cate 2 | | | |
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| Name | Description | - Accession Number | (kDa) | membrane domain | control | Bqt4 | control | Bqt4 | GO slim | GO | Ref. |
| Bqt4 | bouquet formation protein Bqt4 | SPBC19C7.10 | 48 | 1 | 0 | 172 | 0 | 302 | | | |
| Imp1 | importin alpha family nuclear import signal receptor adaptor Imp1 | SPBC1604.08c | 60 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 0 | 84 | nucleocytoplasmic transport | protein import into nucleus | Lucena R et al. (2015) |
| Tef102 | Translation elongation factor EF-1 alpha Ef1a-b | SPAC23A1.10 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 16 | cytoplasmic translation | cytoplasmic translational elongation | |
| Cut15 | importin alpha family nuclear import signal receptor adaptor Cut15 | SPCC962.03c | 60 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 31 | nucleocytoplasmic transport | protein import into nucleus | |
| Tef3 | translation elongation factor eEF3 | SPCC417.08 | 116 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 6 | cytoplasmic translation | cytoplasmic translational elongation | |
| Pma1 | plasma membrane P-type proton exporting ATPase, P3-type Pma1 | SPAC1071.10c | 100 | 9 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 35 | transmembrane transport | regulation of intracellular pH | |
| Rad25 | 14-3-3 protein Rad25 | SPAC17A2.13c | 30 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 6 | mitotic cell cycle phase transition | mitotic G2 DNA damage checkpoint signaling | |
| Mts4 | 19S proteasome regulatory subunit Rpn1/Mts4 | SPBP19A11.03c | 98 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 8 | mitotic sister chromatid segregation | proteasomal protein catabolic process | |
| Pdc101 | pyruvate decarboxylase | SPAC1F8.07c | 62 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 16 | generation of precursor metabolites and energy | generation of precursor metabolites and energy | |
| Pfk1 | 6-phosphofructokinase pfk1 | SPBC16H5.02 | 103 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 6 | generation of precursor metabolites and energy | glycolytic process | |
| Ural | carbamoyl-phosphate synthase | SPAC22G7.06c | 248 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 37 | amino acid metabolic process | de novo' pyrimidine nucleobase biosynthetic process | |
| Vid27 | WD repeat protein, Vid27 family, conserved in fungi and plants | SPBC1685.14c | 92 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 9 | Not classified | Not classified | |
| Rad24 | 14-3-3 protein Rad24 | SPAC8E11.02c | 30 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 6 | mitotic cell cycle phase transition | mitotic G2 DNA damage checkpoint signaling | |
| Bip1 | ER heat shock protein BiP | SPAC22A12.15c | 73 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 5 | protein catabolic process | ubiquitin-dependent ERAD pathway | |
| Ape2 | aminopeptidase Ape2 | SPBC1921.05 | 99 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 13 | protein targeting | cytoplasm to vacuole transport by the NVT pathway | |
| Sks2 | heat shock protein, Hsp70 family, ribosome associated Sks2 | SPBC1709.05 | 67 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 11 | protein folding | ribosome biogenesis | |
| Kap95 | karyopherin/importin beta family nuclear import signal receptor Kap95 | SPAC1B1.03c | 95 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 9 | nucleocytoplasmic transport | protein import into nucleus | |
| Sec26 | coatomer beta subunit | SPBC146.14c | 104 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 6 | vesicle-mediated transport | intracellular protein transport | |
| Eft2 | translation elongation factor 2 (EF-2) Eft2,A | SPAC513.01c | 93 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | cytoplasmic translation | cytoplasmic translational elongation | |
| Rpt2 | 19S proteasome base subcomplex ATPase subunit Rpt2 | SPBC4.07c | 50 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | mitotic sister chromatid segregation | proteasomal protein catabolic process | |
| Sum3 | translation initiation RNA helicase Sum3 | SPCC1795.11 | 70 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | cytoplasmic translation | cytoplasmic translational elongation | |
| Tif35 | translation initiation factor eIF3g | SPBC18H10.03 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | cytoplasmic translation | formation of cytoplasmic translation initiation complex | |
| Cwh43 | glycosylceramide biosynthesis protein Cwh43 | SPAC589.12 | 110 | 19 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | lipid metabolic process | GPI anchor biosynthetic process | |
| Alg9 | mannosyltransferase complex subunit Alg9 | SPAC1834.05 | 66 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | lipid metabolic process | dolichol-linked oligosaccharide biosynthetic process | |

Figure 1

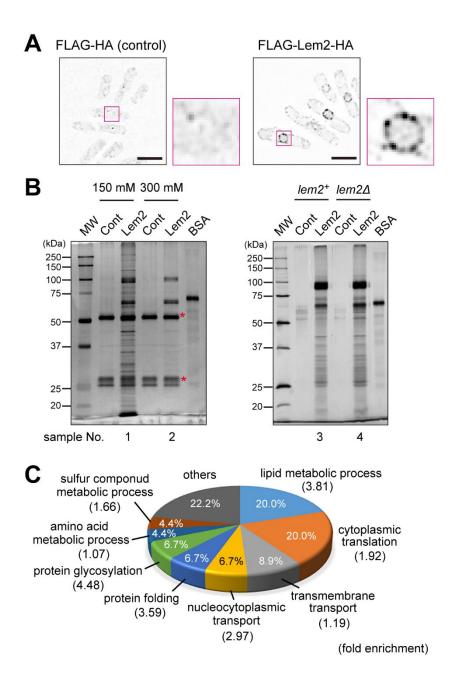


Figure 2

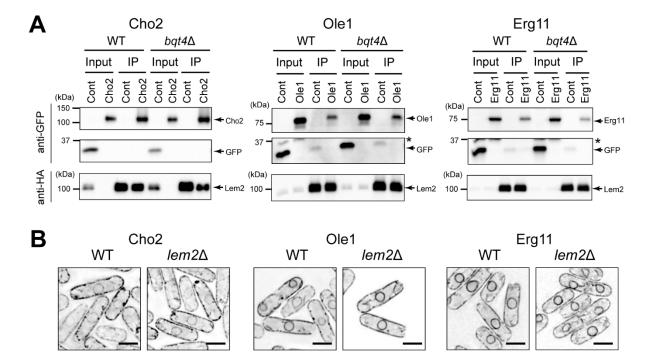
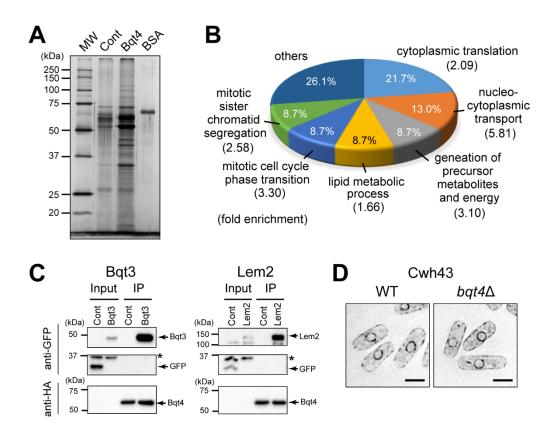
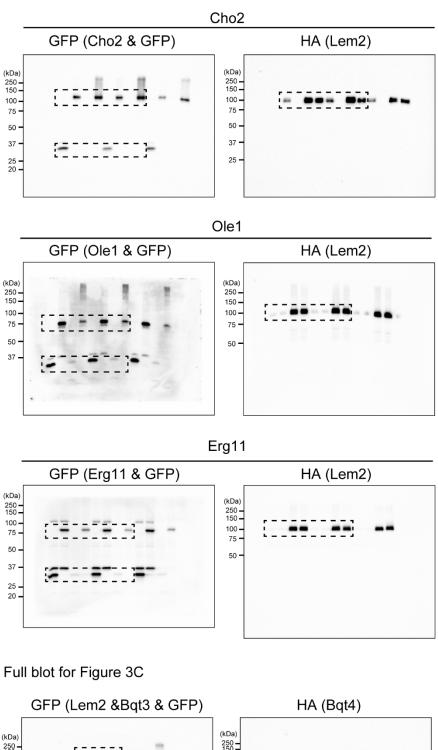


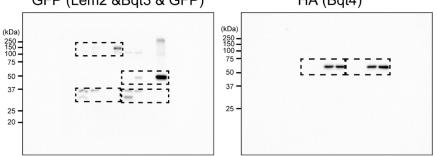
Figure 3



Supplymentary Data 1

Full blot for Figure 2A





Supplementary Table 1. S. pombe strains used in this study

| Strain | Genotype | Source | Figure |
|---------|--|------------|--------|
| H1N1 | h lys1+::nmt1p-FLAG-HA | This study | 1A-C |
| H1N3 | h ⁻ lys1 ⁺ ::nmt1p-FLAG-lem2-HA | This study | 1 A-C |
| YK214 | h^{-} lys1 $^{+}$::nmt1p-FLAG-HA lem2 Δ ::kan r | This study | 1C |
| YK215 | h^- lys 1^+ :: $nmt1p$ -FLAG-lem2-HA lem2 Δ :: kan^r | This study | 1C |
| H1N1082 | h^- lys1 $^+$::lem2p-FLAG-lem2-HA lem2 Δ ::kan r aur1 r ::adh1p-GFP | This study | 2A |
| H1N400 | h^- lys1 $^+$::lem2p-FLAG-lem2-HA lem2 Δ ::hph GFP-cho2 $^+$::kan r | This study | 2A |
| H1N1132 | h^- lys1 $^+$::lem2p-FLAG-lem2-HA lem2 Δ ::kan r aur1 r ::adh1p-GFP bqt4 Δ ::hph | This study | 2A |
| H1N914 | h^- lys1 $^+$::lem2p-FLAG-lem2-HA lem2 Δ ::hph GFP-cho2 $^+$::kan r bqt4 Δ ::NAT | This study | 2A |
| H1N1083 | h^- lys 1^+ ::lem $2p$ -FLAG-lem 2 -HA lem 2Δ ::hph aur 1^r ::adh $11p$ -GFP | This study | 2A |
| H1N305 | h^- lys1 $^+$::lem2p-FLAG-lem2-HA lem2 Δ ::hph GFP-ole1 $^+$::kan r | This study | 2A |
| H1N1248 | h^- lys 1^+ ::lem 2p-FLAG-lem 2-HA lem 2 Δ ::hph aur 1^r ::adh 11p-GFP bqt 4 Δ ::hph | This study | 2A |
| H1N915 | h^- lys1 $^+$::lem2p-FLAG-lem2-HA lem2 Δ ::hph GFP-ole1 $^+$::kan r bqt4 Δ ::NAT | This study | 2A |
| H1N1084 | h^- lys 1^+ ::lem $2p$ -FLAG-lem 2 -HA lem 2Δ ::hph aur 1^r ::adh $13p$ -GFP | This study | 2A |
| H1N984 | h^- lys 1^+ ::lem 2p-FLAG-lem 2-HA lem 2Δ ::kan r erg 11^+ -GFP::NAT | This study | 2A |
| H1N1186 | h^- lys1 $^+$::lem2p-FLAG-lem2-HA lem2 Δ ::hph aur1 r ::adh13p-GFP | This study | 2A |
| H1N968 | h^- lys 1^+ ::lem 2p-FLAG-lem 2-HA lem 2 Δ ::hph erg 11^+ -GFP::kan r bqt 4 Δ ::hph | This study | 2A |
| H1N927 | h^+ Ish I^+ -mCherry::bsd GFP-cho 2^+ ::NAT | This study | 2B |
| H1N928 | h^+ Ish I^+ -mCherry::bsd GFP-cho 2^+ ::NAT lem 2Δ ::kan r | This study | 2B |
| H1N931 | h ⁺ IshI ⁺ -mCherry::bsd GFP-oleI ⁺ ::NAT | This study | 2B |
| H1N932 | h^+ Ish I^+ -mCherry::bsd GFP-ole I^+ ::NAT lem 2Δ ::kan r | This study | 2B |
| H1N963 | h^+ Ish I^+ -mCherry::bsd erg II^+ -GFP ::NAT | This study | 2B |
| H1N964 | h^+ Ish I^+ -mCherry::bsd erg II^+ -GFP ::NAT lem 2Δ ::kan r | This study | 2B |
| H1N165 | h⁻ lys1+::nmt41p-FLAG-HA | This study | 3A |
| H1N123 | h ⁻ lys1 ⁺ ::nmt41p-FLAG-bqt4-HA | This study | 3A |
| H1N2729 | h^- lys1 $^+$::nmt41p-FLAG-bqt4-HA aur1 r ::adh31p-GFP | This study | 3B |
| H1N2730 | h lys1+::nmt41p-FLAG-bqt4-HA lem2+-GFP::NAT | This study | 3B |
| H1N2727 | h^{-} lys1 $^{+}$::nmt41p-FLAG-bqt4-HA aur1 r ::adh15p-GFP | This study | 3B |
| H1N213 | h^- lys1 $^+$::nmt41p-FLAG-bqt4-HA aur1 r ::bqt3p-GFP-bqt3 | This study | 3B |
| H1N2732 | h^+ lys I^+ -pYC36 ish I^+ -mCherry::bsd cwh43 $^+$ -GFP::NAT | This study | 3B |
| H1N2734 | h^+ $bqt4\Delta$:: hph $lys1^+$:: $pYC36$ $ish1^+$ - $mCherry$:: bsd $cwh43^+$ - GFP :: NAT | This study | 3B |

Supplementary Table S2. Minor Bqt4-binding proteins.

The proteins identified only in one replicate are shown. Numbers indicate the number of detected peptides by LC/MS analysis. Yellow-highlighted are shared proteins with Lem2-binding proteins.

| Name | description | Accession Number | | mamerana | | | | |
|--------------|--|--------------------------------------|-------|----------------------|---------|------|---------|------|
| | | | (kDa) | membrane - domain | control | Bqt4 | control | Bqt4 |
| Gcn1 | translation initiation regulator, HEAT repeat protein Gcn1 | SPAC18G6.05c | 297 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| Hmg1 | 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl-CoA reductase Hmg1 | SPCC162.09c | 115 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Cho2 | phosphatidylethanolamine N-methyltransferase Cho2 | SPBC26H8.03 | 103 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Rpl8 | 60S ribosomal protein L7a/L8 | SPBC29A3.04 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| Rpl402 | 60S ribosomal protein L4 | SPBP8B7.03c | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| Bgs4 | 1,3-beta-glucan synthase subunit Bgs4 | SPCC1840.02c | 225 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Rar1 | cytoplasmic methionine-tRNA ligase Mrs1 | SPBC17A3.04c | 89 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Erg5 | C-22 sterol desaturase Erg5 | SPAC19A8.04 | 62 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Rpl701 | 60S ribosomal protein L7 | SPBC18H10.12c | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| SPAC22E12.18 | human CCNDBP1 ortholog | SPAC22E12.18 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Rpt3 | 19S proteasome base subcomplex ATPase subunit Rpt3 | SPCC576.10c | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Pho84 | plasma membrane inorganic phosphate transmembrane transporter | SPBC8E4.01c | 64 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| SPBC13E7.07 | Schizosaccharomyces specific protein | SPBC13E7.07 | 31 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Cut6 | acetyl-CoA/biotin carboxylase | SPAC56E4.04c | 257 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Nup124 | nucleoporin Nup124 | SPAC30D11.04c | 124 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Anc1 | mitochondrial carrier, ATP:ADP antiporter Anc1 | SPBC530.10c | 35 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Ptr1 | HECT-type ubiquitin ligase E3 Ptr1 | SPAC19D5.04 | 365 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Bfr1 | plasma membrane brefeldin A efflux transporter Bfr1 | SPCC18B5.01c | 172 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Ght8 | plasma membrane hexose:proton symporter, unknown specificity Ght8 | SPCC548.06c | 60 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Abc2 | vacuolar phytochelatin and glutathione S-conjugate ABC family transmembrane transporter Abc2 | SPAC3F10.11c | 167 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| SPBC2G5.01 | ER membrane chaperone for multipass membrane proteins, PAT complex subunit, and TMCO1 translocon subunit (human CCDC47 ortholog) | SPBC2G5.01 | 43 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| SPBC1703.13c | mitochondrial carrier, inorganic phosphate/copper | SPBC1703.13c | 34 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Nmd5 | Nmd5 | SPCC550.11 | 116 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Erm1 | ER metallopeptidase Erm1 | SPCC1259.02c | 92 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |

| Met26 | homocysteine methyltransferase Met26 | SPAC9.09 | 85 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
|--------------|--|--------------|-----|----|---|---|---|---|
| Rpl1701 | 60S ribosomal protein L17 | SPBC2F12.04 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Bgs3 | cell wall 1,3-beta-glucan synthase catalytic subunit Bgs3 | SPAC19B12.03 | 211 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Lcf1 | long-chain-fatty-acid-CoA ligase Lcf1 | SPBC18H10.02 | 76 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Sec72 | Arf GEF Sec72 | SPAC30.01c | 207 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Ogm4 | ER membrane protein O-mannosyltransferase Ogm4 | SPBC16C6.09 | 90 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Hsp90 | Hsp90 chaperone | SPAC926.04c | 81 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Zwf1 | glucose-6-phosphate 1-dehydrogenase Zwf1 | SPAC3A12.18 | 57 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Ole1 | acyl-coA desaturase | SPCC1281.06c | 54 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Rpl13 | 60S ribosomal protein L13 | SPAC664.05 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| SPBC16H5.08c | ribosome biogenesis ATPase, Arb family ABCF2-like | SPBC16H5.08c | 69 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Rpl35 | 60S ribosomal protein L35 | SPCC613.05c | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Hmt1 | vacuolar phytochelatin and glutathione S-conjugate ABC family transmembrane transporter Hmt1 | SPCC737.09c | 94 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Sec62 | ER protein translocation subcomplex subunit Sec62 | SPAC17G6.09 | 32 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| SPBC17A3.05c | DNAJ/DUF1977, human DNAJB12 homolog, Hsp70 co-chaperone | SPBC17A3.05c | 46 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Rpl2001 | 60S ribosomal protein L20A | SPAC3A12.10 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Rpn11 | 19S proteasome regulatory subunit, ubiquitin-specific protease subunit Rpn11 | SPAC31G5.13 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Vps1302 | intermembrane lipid transfer protein, chorein family Vps1302 | SPBC16C6.02c | 339 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| SPBC460.01c | amino acid transmembrane transporter | SPBC460.01c | 63 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Tsc13 | enoyl-[acyl-carrier-protein] reductase | SPBC646.07c | 35 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Sir1 | sulfite reductase beta subunit Sir1 | SPAC10F6.01c | 164 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Rpl2301 | 60S ribosomal protein L23 | SPAC3G9.03 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| SPCC1672.11c | P-type ATPase P5 type | SPCC1672.11c | 149 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Lys4 | homocitrate synthase | SPBC1105.02c | 46 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Cct3 | chaperonin-containing T-complex gamma subunit Cct3 | SPBC1A4.08c | 58 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Rpl301 | 60S ribosomal protein L3 | SPAC17A5.03 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Cta4 | P-type ATPase family V, transmembrane protein dislocase/calcium transporting ATPase Cta4 | SPACUNK4.07c | 136 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Rpt6 | 19S proteasome base subcomplex ATPase subunit Rpt6 | SPBC23G7.12c | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Mnn9 | Golgi mannan polymerase I complex subunit Mnn9 | SPAC4F10.10c | 38 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Rpl2401 | 60S ribosomal protein L24 | SPAC6G9.09c | 17 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | | | | | | | |

| Elo1 | fatty acid elongase Elo1 | SPAC1639.01c | 42 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
|--------------|---|--------------|-----|----|---|---|---|---|
| Arg11 | N-acetyl-gamma-glutamyl-phosphate reductase/acetylglutamate kinase | SPAC4G9.09c | 98 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Phb1 | prohibitin Phb1 | SPAC1782.06c | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Rpl3602 | 60S ribosomal protein L36 | SPBC405.07 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Glt1 | glutamate synthase (GOGAT) Glt1 | SPAPB1E7.07 | 233 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Rpl6 | 60S ribosomal protein L6 | SPCC622.18 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Sam1 | S-adenosylmethionine synthetase | SPBC14F5.05c | 42 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Ubi3 | ribosomal-ubiquitin fusion protein Ubi3 | SPAC6G10.11c | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Rpl801 | 60S ribosomal protein L8/L2 | SPAC1F7.13c | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| SPAC11D3.14c | 5-oxoprolinase (ATP-hydrolizing) | SPAC11D3.14c | 139 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Cdc48 | cdc48, AAA family ATPase involved in ubiquitin-mediated protein degradation Cdc48 | SPAC1565.08 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Drs1 | cytoplasmic aspartate-tRNA ligase Drs1 | SPCC1223.07c | 67 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Fsf1 | mitochondrial carrier, serine Fsf1 | SPAC17G6.15c | 35 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Nde2 | external mitochondrial NADH dehydrogenase (ubiquinone) Nde1/Nde2 | SPAC3A11.07 | 62 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Los1 | karyopherin/importin-beta family nuclear import receptor Los1 | SPBP8B7.09c | 110 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Tlc4 | TLC domain-containing protein Tlc4 | SPAC17A2.02c | 33 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Rpn9 | 19S proteasome regulatory subunit Rpn9 | SPAC607.05 | 43 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Stt3 | oligosaccharyltransferase subunit Stt3 | SPBC1271.02 | 85 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Atp2 | F1-FO ATP synthase beta subunit Atp2 | SPAC222.12c | 57 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Its8 | pig-N | SPBC839.08c | 106 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Hrp1 | CENP-A chaperone, CHD family Hrp1 | SPAC1783.05 | 159 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Mfs3 | plasma membrane spermidine transmembrane transporter Mfs3 | SPBC36.03c | 59 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Ght5 | plasma membrane high-affinity glucose/fructose:proton symporter Ght5 | SPCC1235.14 | 60 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Rps1401 | 40S ribosomal protein S14 | SPAC3H5.05c | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Tif313 | translation initiation factor eIF3m | SPAC1751.03 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Erg2 | C-8 sterol isomerase Erg2 | SPAC20G8.07c | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Pda1 | pyruvate dehydrogenase e1 component alpha subunit Pda1 | SPAC26F1.03 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Rpl501 | 60S ribosomal protein L5 | SPAC3H5.12c | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| rps002 | 40S ribosomal protein S0B | SPAPJ698.02c | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Rpt4 | 19S proteasome base subcomplex ATPase subunit Rpt4 | SPCC1682.16 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| SPCC126.08c | lectin family glycoprotein receptor | SPCC126.08c | 35 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | | | | | | | | |

| lfa38 | ketoreductase involved in fatty acid elongation | SPAC4G9.15 | 37 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
|---------|---|---------------|-----|----|---|---|---|---|
| Mug157 | alpha-mannosidase GH125 family Mug157 | SPAC12B10.16c | 57 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Cct8 | chaperonin-containing T-complex theta subunit Cct8 | SPBC337.05c | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Rpl2801 | 60S ribosomal protein L27/L28 | SPBC776.11 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Cit1 | citrate synthase Cit1 | SPAC6C3.04 | 54 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Elo2 | fatty acid elongase Elo2 | SPAC1B2.03c | 38 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Vht1 | plasma membrane vitamin H transmembrane transporter Vht1 | SPAC1B3.16c | 63 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Qcr9 | ubiquinol-cytochrome-c reductase complex subunit 9 | SPCC1682.01 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Rpl702 | 60S ribosomal protein L7b involved in cytoplasmic translation | SPAC3H5.07 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Gcv2 | glycine cleavage complex subunit P | SPAC13G6.06c | 114 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Met10 | sulfite reductase NADPH flavoprotein subunit | SPCC584.01c | 111 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Tif302 | translation initiation factor eIF3b (p84) | SPAC25G10.08 | 84 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Sum1 | sum1, translation initiation factor eIF3i | SPAC4D7.05 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Rpn2 | 19S proteasome regulatory subunit Rpn2 | SPBC17D11.07c | 107 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |