

**Large-scale analysis of genes that alter sensitivity to the anti-cancer drug
tirapazamine in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.**

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ABSTRACT

Tirapazamine (TPZ) is an anti-cancer drug that targets topoisomerase II. TPZ is preferentially active under hypoxic conditions. The drug itself is not harmful to cells, rather it is reduced to a toxic radical species by a NADPH cytochrome P450 oxidoreductase. Under aerobic conditions, the toxic compound reacts with oxygen to revert back to TPZ and a much less toxic radical species. We have used yeast (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*) as a model to better understand the mechanism of action of TPZ. Overexpression of *NCPI*, encoding the yeast orthologue of the human P450 oxidoreductase, results in greatly increased sensitivity to TPZ. Similarly, overexpression of *TOP2* (encoding topoisomerase II) leads to hypersensitivity to TPZ suggesting that topoisomerase II is also a target of TPZ in yeast. Thus, our data show that yeast mimics human cells in terms of TPZ sensitivity. We have performed robot-aided screens for altered sensitivity to TPZ using a collection of approximately 4,600 haploid yeast deletion strains. We have identified 117 and 73 genes whose deletion results in increased or decreased resistance to TPZ, respectively. For example, cells lacking various DNA repair genes are hypersensitive to TPZ. In contrast, deletion of genes encoding some amino acid permeases results in cells that are resistant to TPZ. This suggests that permeases may be involved in intracellular uptake of TPZ. Our discoveries in yeast may help to better understand TPZ biology in humans.

INTRODUCTION

Nonsurgical treatment of cancer includes radiotherapy and chemotherapy. A major drawback of these treatments is that they do not specifically target cancer cells. Approaches under current study include the use of hypoxic-selective drugs (reviewed by Brown and Giaccia, 1998; Rooseboom et al., 2004; Seddon et al., 2004). The approach is based on the fact that oxygen levels are generally lower in the center of a tumour because of poor vascularization (Brown and William, 2004). Since these hypoxic cells are generally more resistant to radiation and conventional chemotherapy (Gatenby et al., 1988; Hockel et al., 1993; Nordmark et al., 1996; Okunieff et al., 1993; Teicher, 1994), drugs specifically active under low oxygen levels are of great interest for cancer treatment (Brown, 1999). The best prototype is probably 3-amino-1,2,4-benzotriazine 1,4 dioxide (also called tirapazamine or SR4233; hereafter referred to as TPZ). Phase II and III clinical trials have shown the efficacy of TPZ when used in combination with radiotherapy or chemotherapy (Bedikian et al., 1999; Craighead et al., 2000; Rischin et al., 2001; von Pawel et al., 2000).

The hypoxic toxicity of TPZ is thought to be due to the addition of one electron to TPZ by enzymatic reductases, yielding a radical species that causes single- and double strand DNA breaks leading to chromosome aberration and cell death (reviewed by Patterson et al., 1998). The radical species is unstable and, under normal oxygen levels, reacts with oxygen to revert back to TPZ and a much less toxic radical species (Lloyd et al., 1991). The exact mechanism of TPZ's action is not known. Under hypoxic conditions, a protonated neutral form of a TPZ nitroxide radical is formed, but there is no formal proof that this compound is responsible for the toxicity

(Patterson et al., 1998). The TPZ nitroxide is unstable and reacts with biomolecules such as DNA to form a non-toxic two-electron product called SR4317 (Lloyd et al., 1991). Interestingly, only a fraction (30-70%) of TPZ is converted to SR4317. This may explain why the rate of formation of SR4317 does not always correlate with toxicity (Siim et al., 1996). Recently, it was shown that TPZ inhibits DNA replication (Peters et al., 2001) and that it mediates its effect through topoisomerase II (Peters and Brown, 2002). Topoisomerase II unwinds DNA by introducing transient double stranded breaks. Therefore, TPZ treatment likely leads to covalent binding of the topoisomerase II α subunit to DNA, stabilizing topoisomerase II-induced double strand breaks and resulting in cell toxicity (Peters and Brown, 2002).

Under hypoxia, there is good evidence that NADPH cytochrome P450 oxidoreductase (E.C. 1.6.2.4) is involved in the metabolism of TPZ to a toxic compound (Chinje et al., 1999; Patterson et al., 1997; Saunders et al., 2000). Hypoxic sensitivity of human breast cancer cell lines to TPZ correlates with the expression of P450 oxidoreductase (Patterson et al., 1995). Furthermore, stable transfection of an expression vector encoding P450 oxidoreductase results in increased sensitivity to TPZ in human breast and lung cancer cell lines (Patterson et al., 1997; Saunders et al., 2000). In addition to P450 oxidoreductase, a nuclear enzyme is probably involved in the conversion of TPZ to a toxic molecule (Evans et al., 1998). Using a human lung cancer cell line, nuclei were found to be responsible for only 20% of the TPZ metabolism, but DNA damage was similar to what was observed for whole cells. These results suggest that an enzyme(s), other than the P450 oxidoreductase, is responsible for conversion of TPZ to a toxic compound. Thus, the relevant enzyme(s) appear to be nuclear unlike the oxidoreductase which is located at the membrane of the endoplasmic reticulum. In addition, other enzymes such as

cytochrome P450 and DT-diaphorase, can also metabolize TPZ (reviewed in (Brown and Giaccia, 1998; Patterson et al., 1998)).

Saccharomyces cerevisiae (referred to as yeast hereafter) has been a useful model organism to study various drugs (reviewed by Barret and Hill, 1998). In keeping with these results, our study shows that TPZ targets topoisomerase II and that overexpression of the *NCPI* gene (encoding an orthologue of the human P450 oxidoreductase) results in increased TPZ sensitivity in yeast cells. Screening of a panel of yeast deletion strains has allowed the identification of many genes that confer resistance or sensitivity to TPZ, including genes involved in DNA repair and amino acid transport.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Yeast strains

Wild-type strains used were BY4741 (MATa *his3ΔI leu2Δ0 met15Δ0 ura3Δ0*) (Brachmann et al., 1998) and a derivative of BY4741, R1158 (Hughes et al., 2000) (MATa *his3ΔI leu2Δ0 met15Δ0 URA3::CMV-tTA*). Strains yTH-NCP1 and yTH-TOP2 were obtained from Openbiosystems (Huntsville, AL, U.S.A.). Haploid deletion strains are derived from BY4741 (Winzeler et al., 1999) and were arrayed on sixteen 768-format plates (Tong et al., 2001).

Media and drug assays

Media were prepared according to Adams et al. (Adams et al., 1997). YEPD (yeast extract peptone dextrose) contained 1% yeast extract, 2% peptone, 2% glucose. TPZ was obtained from Sigma Chemical Co. (St.Louis, MO, U.S.A.) or Sanofi-Synthélabo (Malvern, PA, U.S.A.) and dissolved in 50% methanol or 50% ethanol. Anaerobic conditions were obtained using an anaerobic jar (Becton Dickinson) and gas pack (BBL GasPak Plus, Becton Dickinson). Anaerobic conditions were verified by using an anaerobic indicator (BBL, Becton Dickinson) and monitoring growth of the strict anaerobe *Clostridium tetanomorphum* (see *Supplementary Fig. S3*). Growth assays were all performed at 30⁰C.

Ncp1 and Top2 overexpression

Haploid wild-type strain R1158 and strains carrying a doxycycline repressible promoter integrated at the *NCP1* or the *TOP2* loci were grown overnight in YEPD in the absence or the

presence of doxycycline (20 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$; Sigma Chemical Co., St.Louis, MO, U.S.A.). Cells were serially diluted and spotted on YEPD plates containing various concentrations of TPZ and 20 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ doxycycline for cells grown overnight in the presence of the antibiotic.

Western blot analysis of Top2

Extracts were prepared as described (Akache et al., 2004) and proteins were run on a 7.5% polyacrylamide gel. Western blot analysis was performed with a polyclonal antibody against *S. cerevisiae* Top2 (cat #2014,TopoGEN inc., Port Orange, Florida U.S.A.)

Screen for altered sensitivity to TPZ

Deletion strains were propagated on standard YEPD or YEPD supplemented with 200 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ G418 (Invitrogen) using a colony picker (BioRad). Hypersensitive mutants were screened by pinning the deletion collection on YEPD supplemented with and without 300 μM TPZ, and then scoring the colony size after a 3.5 day incubation. Resistant mutants were screened by pinning the deletion collection on YEPD and then on YEPD supplemented with 750 μM TPZ. After 48 h, plates were replicated on fresh YEPD containing 750 μM TPZ and growth was scored after a 48 h incubation. Out of two screens for hypersensitive and a single screen for resistant mutants, 256 and 263 mutants were identified, respectively.

The sensitivity of these mutants was confirmed by the following spotting procedure: cells were grown in liquid YEPD to log-phase, diluted to an OD_{600} of 0.5, serially diluted 10-fold four times, and 5 μl were spotted on YEPD plates supplemented with and without 200 μM and 500 μM TPZ. After 2 days of incubation, growth of mutants in the presence or absence of TPZ was

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scored and compared to that of the wild-type BY4741 strain. Mutants showing significant growth defect or absence of growth in the presence of 200 μ M TPZ were scored as “- -” or “- - -”, respectively. Mutants showing similar or more vigorous growth than the *fre1* Δ mutant in the presence of 500 μ M TPZ were scored as “++” or “+++”, respectively. Finally, 73 and 117 mutants exhibited hypersensitivity and resistance to TPZ, respectively.

Search for human proteins with yeast homologues involved in modulating TPZ sensitivity

A list of approximately 34,000 human protein sequences was obtained from Ensembl database (accessible from <http://www.ensembl.org>) and used as query in a search for homologues against the yeast proteome (approximately 6,000 protein sequences accessible from <http://www.yeastgenome.org>). We found about 26,000 human proteins matching a yeast protein sequence (E-value \leq 0.001). Of this set, 614 human peptides showed significant homology to yeast product of genes involved in sensitivity or resistance to TPZ (data not shown). A partial list of these genes can be found in Tables 3 and 4.

RESULTS

To determine if yeast can be used as a model for studying the mode of action of the anti-cancer drug TPZ, wild-type yeast cells were grown overnight under aerobic conditions, serially diluted, and spotted on plates containing increasing concentrations of TPZ. Cells were then grown under anaerobic or aerobic conditions for about 24 h (aerobia) or 48 h (anaerobia) (Fig. 1). Interestingly, TPZ was somewhat more toxic to cells grown under anaerobic conditions. For example, with 200 μ M TPZ, growth was almost completely abolished under anaerobia while only a moderate effect was observed in the presence of oxygen (Fig. 1, panel E). Similar growth was observed in the absence of TPZ (panel A). However, the difference in TPZ toxicity of cells grown under aerobic and hypoxic conditions is much more pronounced in human tumour cell lines. For example, equal cell killing for human tumour cells grown under aerobic conditions requires approximately 300-times higher TPZ concentration when compared to hypoxic cells (Brown, 1993). The basis for this species difference is unknown but it may be related to the fact that yeast is a facultative aerobe (see below).

There is good evidence that the human NADPH oxidoreductase (EC 1.6.2.4) is responsible for metabolizing TPZ to a toxic compound (Chinje et al., 1999; Patterson et al., 1997; Saunders et al., 2000). We were interested in determining if a related enzyme would perform a similar function in yeast. The essential gene *NCPI* encodes the yeast orthologue of human P450 oxidoreductase. To study the involvement of *NCPI* in TPZ toxicity in yeast, the *NCPI* promoter of a haploid strain was replaced with a doxycycline repressible promoter

(Mnaimneh et al., 2004). Use of this promoter results in overexpression of the targeted gene in the absence of doxycycline and reduced expression in the presence of the antibiotic.

Overexpression of *NCPI* did not affect growth under aerobic or anaerobic conditions as compared to a wild-type strain (Fig. 1, panel A), while reduced expression of *NCPI* impaired growth only under anaerobic conditions (Fig. 1, panel B). The nearly normal aerobic growth under repressible conditions is probably due to leaky expression of *NCPI*, as observed for some other genes (Mnaimneh et al., 2004). Overexpression of *NCPI* was highly toxic to cells grown in the presence of TPZ (Fig. 1, panels C to F). This suggests that, as observed in human cells, high levels of P450 oxidoreductase result in increased production of a toxic metabolite (Patterson et al., 1997; Saunders et al., 2000). This provides further evidence that yeast NADPH oxidoreductase, as its human counterpart, is responsible, at least in part, to the conversion of TPZ to a toxic compound. Thus, yeast mimics human cells with regard to TPZ toxicity.

Since a recent study in animal cells shows that TPZ targets topoisomerase II (Peters and Brown, 2002), we tested if this enzyme also mediates TPZ toxicity in yeast cells. Overexpression of topoisomerase II results in hypersensitivity of yeast to some anti-cancer drugs (Nitiss et al., 1992) when tested in a DNA repair-deficient *rad52Δ* background. Since yeast topoisomerase II is encoded by the essential gene *TOP2* (Wang, 1996), we altered *TOP2* expression by using a doxycycline repressible promoter as described above for *NCPI*. Using this system, greatly increased expression of *TOP2* was observed with cells grown aerobically in the absence of doxycycline as compared to cells treated with doxycycline or a wild-type strain (Fig. 2A, left panel). Surprisingly, expression of *TOP2* in wild-type cells was greatly increased under

anaerobic conditions while the overexpression system gave only a modest increase in *TOP2* levels when compared to wild-type cells (Fig. 2A, right panel). Growth of these strains was similar when assayed under aerobic and anaerobic conditions in the presence or absence of doxycycline (Fig. 2B, panels A and B). Addition of doxycycline is likely not to lead to full repression of the promoter driving *TOP2* expression since *TOP2* is an essential gene (as suggested by the Western blot analysis). Under aerobic conditions, overexpression of *TOP2* in a wild-type background resulted in increased cell sensitivity to TPZ while cells with reduced expression of *TOP2* behaved as wild-type cells (Fig. 2B, compare panels C to F). This effect was less apparent under anaerobic conditions in agreement with the Western blot analysis of *TOP2* expression. These results suggest that topoisomerase II is a target of TPZ in yeast cells. Thus, our data show that yeast mimics human cells in terms of TPZ sensitivity.

Genome-wide screen for altered sensitivity to TPZ

The identification of yeast mutants (other than *NCP1* and *TOP2*) showing an altered sensitivity to TPZ should give insights into the mode of TPZ action and tools to design more effective drug treatments. As stated above, the difference of TPZ toxicity with regard to oxygen levels is much less pronounced in yeast than in human cells. It is well established that growth of yeast under anaerobic conditions results in global changes in gene expression (Becerra et al., 2002). For example, anaerobiosis results in cell wall and membrane remodeling (Aguilar-Uscanga and Francois, 2003). Altered TPZ entry into the cells may explain the relative weak sensitivity of yeast cells grown under anaerobic conditions. Anaerobicity also results in more rapid response to osmotic shock [Krantz, 2004 #3861] and in altered expression of genes encoding *NCP1* and cytochrome P450. Since oxygen levels have only a minor effect on TPZ sensitivity of yeast and

for easier manipulation of a large number of strains, we decided to perform a large-scale screen under aerobic conditions.

We performed robot-aided screens for altered sensitivity to TPZ using a collection of ~4,600 haploid deletion mutants corresponding to most non-essential yeast genes. Phenotypes were confirmed by individually spotting serial dilutions of deletion strains on TPZ and control plates (see *Supplementary Fig. S1*). Fig. 3 shows examples of strains that are resistant or sensitive to TPZ. In all, 73 strains were sensitive to the drug (Table 1) while 117 strains showed increased resistance to TPZ (see Table 2 for a list of the strongest resistance phenotypes and *Supplementary Table S1* for weaker resistance). Genes were grouped in categories according to their known or inferred function and are discussed accordingly. It should be stressed that we do not know what mechanism of TPZ action renders some deletion mutants sensitive to the drug. For example, the effect could be mediated by topoisomerase II or, alternatively, by DNA damage produced by a TPZ metabolite.

DNA repair and genome stability

Given that exposure to TPZ results in DNA damage, it was not unexpected that cells lacking various DNA repair genes would be hypersensitive to the drug. These genes encode members of the *RAD52* epistasis group (*RAD51*, *RAD52*, *RAD54*, *RAD55*, *RAD57*, *RAD59*), subunits of the MRX complex (*MRE11*, *RAD50* and *XRS2*), topoisomerase III (*TOP3*), factors involved in the repair of replication-dependent DNA damage (*ASF1*, *MMS1*, *MMS4*, *MMS22*, *MUS81*, *RAD5*, *RTT101*, *RTT107* and *UBC13*) and subunits of the nucleotide excision repairosome (*RAD10* and *RAD16*). In addition, four poorly characterized genes (*NCE4*, *RTT109*,

WSSI and *YBR094W*), whose deletion leads to TPZ hypersensitivity, were included in this category because they show synthetic lethality with genes involved in DNA repair or genome stability. For example, a double deletion of *NCE4* and *TOP1* (encoding topoisomerase I) is lethal while *WSSI* and *YBR094W* show synthetic lethality with *SGS1*, a gene encoding a nucleolar DNA helicase involved in maintenance of genome integrity {Tong, 2004 #3825}. In contrast, deletion of the DNA repair genes *RAD18* or *DNL4* resulted in increased resistance to TPZ (Table 2). We do not know the reason for these observed resistance phenotypes.

Transporters

Interestingly, a number of resistant strains lack amino acid permeases such as *Agp3* (Schreve and Garrett, 2004), *Alp1* (Regenberg et al., 1999) or the choline permease, *Hnm1*. These results suggest that uptake of TPZ within the cell could be mediated by permeases (see discussion). In keeping with these results, genetic interactions suggest that *Asi3* is a regulator of permease gene expression (Forsberg et al., 2001). Expression of putative permeases involved in TPZ uptake would be reduced in cells lacking *Asi3* resulting in increased resistance to the drug.

Reductases and related proteins

As stated above, *Ncp1* is very likely to be responsible for metabolizing TPZ to a toxic compound in yeast, as observed in mammalian cells. Interestingly, deletion of other reductase genes leads to resistance to TPZ. For example, cells lacking *Fre1* are resistant to the drug. *FRE1* encodes a ferric and cupric reductase necessary for uptake of environmental Cu^{2+} and Fe^{3+} (Eide, 1998). Reduced copper is a substrate for the high affinity transporter *Ctr1* and related transporters. Although *Fre1* and *Ctr1* are functionally linked, deletion of *CTR1* does not result in

resistance to TPZ, in contrast to what was observed for the anticancer drug cisplatin (Ishida et al., 2002; Lin et al., 2002; Nitiss, 2002). In addition, a strain lacking *Utr1* shows increased resistance to TPZ. *UTR1* encodes a NAD kinase that enhances the activity of Fre1 (Lesuisse et al., 1996), an observation that may explain the phenotype of an *utr1Δ* strain. The other reductase identified in our screen is His4, a multifunctional enzyme bearing dehydrogenase activity and involved in histidine biosynthesis (Alifano et al., 1996).

Cell stress signaling and signal transduction

Deletion of genes required for resistance to oxidative stress such as *LYS7*, *SOD1* and *SOD2* leads to hypersensitivity. *SOD1* and *SOD2* encode superoxide dismutases and *LYS7* encodes a copper chaperone required for Sod1 activity. Hypersensitivity of strains lacking these stress genes is likely to be explained by the fact that metabolism of TPZ leads to the formation of a superoxide radical toxic to cells (Lloyd et al., 1991). In addition, mutants defective in the protein kinase C MAP-kinase pathway (*bck1* and *slt2*) or affected in signaling through multiple MAP-kinase pathways (*sit4*) show an increased TPZ sensitivity. In contrast, deletion of *HSP104* or *WSC2* leads to TPZ resistance. *Wsc2* is a putative integral membrane protein and a stress response component required for cell wall integrity (Verna et al., 1997).

Vesicular transport

Deletion of genes involved in protein recycling to the endosomal compartment increases TPZ sensitivity. Included here are members of the ESCRT-I (*VPS26*), ESCRT-II (*SNF8* and *VPS25*) ESCRT-III (*SNF7*) complexes, which are involved in ubiquitin-mediated protein sorting to the vacuole, factors involved in protein sorting from the late-Golgi to the vacuole through AP-

3 transport vesicles (*VAM3* and *VPS41*), and components of the endosome-to-Golgi recycling pathway (*RIC1* and *WHI6*). In contrast, removal of three genes involved in ER-to-Golgi transport (*ERV41*, *SPO20*, *YOS9*) conferred resistance to TPZ.

Other categories

A set of deletion strains hypersensitive to a range of inhibitory compounds has been identified (Parsons et al., 2004). A number of these mutants also show hypersensitivity to TPZ. A first group is involved in the function of the vacuolar H⁺-ATPase (*PPA1*, *TFP3*, *VMA4*, *VMA7* and *VMA10*). A second group of genes is involved in ergosterol biosynthesis (*ERG2*, *ERG3* and *ERG4*). The increased sensitivity to TPZ of the second group of deleted genes is likely due to altered plasma membrane fluidity. Similarly, other genes involved in lipid, fatty acid or sterol metabolism (*DPL1*, *EK11*, *FAA3*, *PDR17*) resulted in resistance to TPZ when deleted. Removal of these genes may also alter plasma membrane fluidity and integrity, thereby restricting entry of TPZ into the cells. Other genes that modulate TPZ sensitivity are associated with transcription or RNA processing. For example, deletion of the RNA polymerase II subunit *RPB9*, components of the RNA-polymerase II mediator complex (*GAL11*, *PGD1*, *ROX3* and *SRB2*), subunit of the CCR4-NOT1 complex *POP2*, or transcriptional regulators (*DBF2*, *SPT10*, *SPT20* and *SWI4*) confers hypersensitivity to TPZ. These genes may be required for the transcription of TPZ resistance gene(s).

Relevance to human TPZ biology

We were interested to determine if the genes identified in our screen have human counterparts. A selected set of 30 human proteins showing significant homology to products of

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yeast genes whose deletion leads to resistance to TPZ is shown in Table 3. Some of these human proteins have a role in cell proliferation (e.g. CLK1), cell morphogenesis (DAAM1 and 2) and signal transduction (e.g. HRAS). Others have been reported to exhibit altered expression in cancer cells. For example, OS-9 is amplified in sarcomas (Su et al., 1996). OS-9 is involved in oxygen-dependent degradation of the hypoxia inducible factor (Baek et al., 2005) and is associated with the ER membrane (Litovchick et al., 2002). Other human proteins, such as the KIST kinase or the XPR1 (Battini et al., 1999) may be involved in signaling and could play a role in TPZ sensing. Table 4 lists a selection of 40 human proteins sharing significant homology with products of yeast genes whose deletion confers TPZ hypersensitivity. These proteins may be important for resistance to TPZ in human cells. For example, removal of the manganese superoxide dismutase leads to TPZ hypersensitivity in both human (Wouters et al., 2001) and yeast cells (Table 1). Inhibition of processes such as microtubule cytoskeleton assembly, nuclear transport, protein synthesis, transport to the endosome, proton transport through V-type ATPase is likely to be synergistic with TPZ treatment in human cells as observed in yeast.

DISCUSSION

Yeast has been a useful model organism in better understanding the mode of action of various drugs (reviewed in (Barret and Hill, 1998)). In this report, we show that yeast can also be used to study the anti-cancer drug TPZ. Yeast mimics animal cells with regard to TPZ toxicity. Firstly, overexpression of the *NCP1* gene (encoding a P450 oxidoreductase) results in a marked increased sensitivity to TPZ (Fig. 1), in analogy to human cells where overexpression of the P450 oxidoreductase results in increased TPZ toxicity (Chinje et al., 1999; Patterson et al., 1997; Saunders et al., 2000). Secondly, we provide good evidence that topoisomerase II is a target of TPZ in yeast (Fig. 2) as observed in animal cells (Peters and Brown, 2002). Thus, these observations reinforce the view that yeast can be used as a model to gain insights into the mechanism of action of TPZ.

We took advantage of the yeast system to perform a large-scale screen of non-essential genes that modulate sensitivity to TPZ (Tables 1 and 2, see also *Supplementary Table 1*). As other similar studies, our screen was not totally comprehensive; for example, essential genes were not tested and some non-essential genes modulating TPZ sensitivity may have not been identified in this study. However, our work led to the identification of one hundred and ninety deletion strains that showed an altered growth in the presence of TPZ. For example, a major class of mutants is related to DNA repair or genome stability, in agreement with the model of TPZ action. Similar results were obtained for screens with other anti-cancer agents such as cisplatin, oxaliplatin, mitomycin, and bleomycin (Aouida et al., 2004; Wu et al., 2004). *RADI* and *RADIO* gene products form a complex and deletion of either gene results in similar

phenotypes (Prakash and Prakash, 2000). Surprisingly, a *rad1* deletion strain was not recovered in our screen while a *rad10* strain showed sensitivity to the drug. We manually spotted the *rad1* mutant and found it to be similar to that of a wild-type strain. Thus, the phenotype of a *rad10* mutant does not always appear to match that of a *rad1* mutant.

Besides Ncp1, two other reductases were found to confer resistance to TPZ when removed: Fre1 and His4. Both enzymes may metabolize TPZ to a toxic compound in analogy to Ncp1. To our knowledge, there is no human homologue of His4 ruling out the possibility that a human His4-like protein would be responsible for TPZ metabolism. However, various human proteins have domains that show similarity to Fre1 (Lambeth et al., 2000) and may modulate sensitivity to the drug.

Our screen identified three transporters encoding genes whose deletion enhances TPZ resistance: the choline permease gene *HNMI* and the amino-acid permease genes *AGP3* and *ALP1*. This suggests a role for these genes in TPZ uptake within the cells. Such membrane permeases have been previously shown to mediate the uptake and toxicity of other compounds. For example, Hnm1 is involved in the uptake of the alkylating agent nitrogen mustard, and an *hnm1* Δ mutant is resistant to this drug (Li and Brendel, 1994). Bleomycin action was found to be modulated by the level of the L-carnitine transporter Agp2. Drug uptake and toxicity were decreased and increased upon deletion and overexpression of *AGP2*, respectively (Aouida et al., 2004). Similarly, the copper transporter Ctr1 mediates cisplatin uptake in yeast and human cells (Ishida et al., 2002; Lin et al., 2002; Nitiss, 2002). Thus, it appears that TPZ, as other anti-cancer drugs, uses membrane transporters to enter the cells. Since related amino acid transporters are

found in humans (e.g. SLC7A2, Table 3), it will be interesting to determine if these transporters are involved in mediating uptake of TPZ in human cells.

This hypothesis is reinforced by our findings that deletion of a number of genes involved in ubiquitin-regulated protein trafficking alters the resistance to TPZ. Indeed, ubiquitination is known to regulate the transport of the general amino acid permease Gap1 (Soetens et al., 2001) and may regulate the transport of other amino acid permeases as well. According to this hypothesis, mutations affecting this ubiquitin-regulated endocytosis pathway (such as *snf7*, *snf8*, *vps25* or *vps26*) would perturb the turnover of permeases resulting in their accumulation at the plasma membrane. The TPZ hypersensitivity of these mutants may be explained by the resulting increased TPZ uptake into the cells. Conversely, a defect in forward permease trafficking (for example, *erv41* or *yos9*) would result in a decreased efficiency of TPZ entry into cells and, as a result, in an increased resistance to TPZ. In summary, we have shown that yeast can be used as a model to study the anti-cancer drug TPZ. This allowed the identification of many yeast genes that modulate sensitivity to the drug. These observations will be invaluable to further increase our understanding of the mode of action of TPZ in human cells. Moreover, our results suggest that yeast could be used to design derivatives of TPZ and related bioreductive drugs.

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FIGURE LEGENDS

Figure 1

Overexpression of Ncp1 increases sensitivity to TPZ.

Wild-type strain R1158 (“WT”) and yTH-NCP1 (“Tet-NCP1”) were grown overnight under aerobic conditions in rich medium in the presence or absence of doxycycline to allow control of the expression of *NCP1*. Cells were serially diluted (left to right: approximately 1.25×10^4 , 2.5×10^3 , 5×10^2 and 1×10^2 cells) and spotted on rich plates containing (“+ DOX”) or lacking (“- DOX”) doxycycline. Concentrations of TPZ are indicated on the right part of the figure. Cells were grown aerobically (left panel) for about 24 h or anaerobically (right panel) for about 48 h.

Figure 2

Overexpression of topoisomerase II increases sensitivity to TPZ.

A) Wild-type strain R1158 (“WT”) and yTH-TOP2 (“Tet-TOP2”) were grown under aerobic or anaerobic conditions in the presence (“+ DOX”) or absence (“- DOX”) of doxycycline to an O.D.₆₀₀ of 0.8-1.0. Total extracts were analyzed by immunoblotting with an anti-Top2 polyclonal antibody.

B) Wild-type strain R1158 (“WT”) and yTH-TOP2 (“Tet-TOP2”) were grown overnight under aerobic conditions in rich medium in the presence or absence of doxycycline to allow control of the expression of *TOP2*. Cells were serially diluted (left to right: approximately 1.25×10^4 , 2.5×10^3 , 5×10^2 and 1×10^2 cells) and spotted on rich plates containing (“+ DOX”) or lacking (“-

DOX”) doxycycline. Concentrations of TPZ are indicated on the right part of the figure. Cells were grown aerobically (left panel) for about 24 h or anaerobically (right panel) for about 48 h.

Figure 3

Examples of deletion strains exhibiting increased or decreased resistance to TPZ.

Wild-type strain (BY4741) and various deletion strains were grown overnight under aerobic conditions in YEPD to log-phase. Cells were serially diluted (left to right approximately 1.2×10^4 , 1.2×10^3 , 1.2×10^2 and 1.2×10^1 cells) and spotted on YEPD plates supplemented with and without 200 μ M and 500 μ M TPZ (as indicated in the top part of the Fig.). After a 48 h incubation, growth was scored as indicated on the right part of the Fig. (“ND”: not determined).

Table 1**Genes whose deletion confers hypersensitivity to TPZ.**

Genes whose deletion results in hypersensitivity to TPZ are listed along with their systematic names (“ORF”) and their cellular function (if known). Scores for strain sensitivities are also given: “---”, hypersensitive strain; “- -”, sensitive strain. See Fig. 3 for examples of relative sensitivities.

Gene	ORF	Score	Cellular function and Comment
DNA REPAIR AND GENOME STABILITY			
<i>ASF1</i>	<i>YJL115W</i>	---	Target of the Rad53-dependent DNA damage response
<i>MMS1</i>	<i>YPR164W</i>	---	Required for repair of replication-dependent DNA damage
<i>MMS4</i>	<i>YBR098W</i>	---	Required with Mus81 for repair of DNA damage by MMS
<i>MMS22</i>	<i>YLR320W</i>	---	Acts in a DNA repair pathway with Mms1
<i>MRE11</i>	<i>YMR224C</i>	---	Single-stranded endonuclease and double-stranded exonuclease required for double strand break repair
<i>MUS81</i>	<i>YDR386W</i>	---	Part of a complex with Rad54 and Mms4
<i>NCE4</i>	<i>YPL024W</i>	--	Synthetic interaction pattern suggests a role in DNA repair

<i>RAD5</i>	<i>YLR032W</i>	---	Single-stranded DNA-dependent ATPase involved in error-free DNA repair
<i>RAD10</i>	<i>YML095C</i>	---	Component of the nucleotide excision repairosome
<i>RAD16</i>	<i>YBR114W</i>	--	DNA helicase, subunit of the nucleotide excision repair factor <i>NEF4</i>
<i>RAD50</i>	<i>YNL250W</i>	---	Coiled-coil protein required for resection at double-stranded breaks and for DNA repair
<i>RAD51</i>	<i>YER095W</i>	---	Stimulates pairing and strand-exchange between homologous single-stranded and double-stranded DNA
<i>RAD52</i>	<i>YML032C</i>	---	Required for recombination and repair of X-ray damage
<i>RAD54</i>	<i>YGL163C</i>	---	DNA dependent ATPase required for X-ray damage repair
<i>RAD55</i>	<i>YDR076W</i>	---	With Rad57 promotes DNA strand exchange by Rad51 recombinase
<i>RAD57</i>	<i>YDR004W</i>	---	With Rad55 promotes DNA strand exchange by Rad51 recombinase
<i>RAD59</i>	<i>YDL059C</i>	---	Homologue of Rad52 involved in homologous recombination and DNA repair
<i>RTT101</i>	<i>YJL047C</i>	---	Ubiquitin protein ligase possibly involved in genomic stability
<i>RTT107</i>	<i>YHR154W</i>	--	Functions in DNA synthesis after DNA damage during S phase
<i>RTT109</i>	<i>YLL002W</i>	---	Involved in resistance to mutagens such as diepoxybutane and mitomycin C
<i>TOP3</i>	<i>YLR234W</i>	---	DNA topoisomerase III
<i>UBC13</i>	<i>YDR092W</i>	---	Ubiquitin-conjugating (E2) enzyme involved in Rad6-dependent post-replicative repair
<i>WSS1</i>	<i>YHR134W</i>	--	Involved in sensitivity to UV irradiation.
<i>XRS2</i>	<i>YDR369C</i>	---	Required for DNA-repair and meiotic recombination

YBR094W --- Synthetic interaction pattern suggests a role in DNA repair

REDUCTASES AND RELATED PROTEINS

PRO2 *YOR323C* --- Gamma-glutamyl phosphate reductase (phosphoglutamate dehydrogenase)

CELL STRESS AND SIGNAL TRANSDUCTION

BCK1 *YJL095W* --- Bypass requirement for protein kinase C homologue; MEKK

LYS7 *YMR038C* --- Copper chaperone for superoxide dismutase Sod1

SIT4 *YDL047W* --- Protein phosphatase of the PP2A family

SLT2 *YHR030C* --- Protein kinase of MAP kinase family

SOD1 *YJR104C* --- Cu, Zn superoxide dismutase

SOD2 *YHR008C* -- Manganese superoxide dismutase, mitochondrial

LIPID, FATTY ACID AND STEROL METABOLISM

ERG2 *YMR202W* --- C-8 sterol isomerase, ergosterol biosynthesis enzyme

ERG3 *YLR056W* -- C-5 sterol desaturase, ergosterol biosynthesis enzyme

ERG4 *YGL012W* -- C-4(28) sterol reductase, ergosterol biosynthesis enzyme

VESICULAR TRANSPORT

RIC1 *YLR039C* --- In complex with Rgp1 to form as a guanyl-nucleotide exchange factor for Ypt6

SNF7 *YLR025W* --- ESCRT-III subunit, functions in protein sorting to the pre-vacuolar endosome

SNF8 *YPL002C* -- ESCRT-II subunit, functions in protein sorting to the pre-vacuolar endosome

VAM3 *YOR106W* --- Syntaxin homologue (t-SNARE), required for vacuolar assembly

VPS25 *YJR102C* -- ESCRT-II subunit, functions in protein sorting to the pre-vacuolar endosome

VPS28 *YPL065W* -- Required for traffic to the vacuole through the endocytic and biosynthetic pathways

VPS41 *YDR080W* --- Required for formation of AP-3 transport vesicles

WHI6 *YKR020W* --- Class B vacuolar sorting protein

VACUOLE

PPA1 *YHR026W* -- Component of the V0 subcomplex of the vacuolar H⁺-ATPase

TFP3 *YPL234C* --- Component of the V0 subcomplex of the vacuolar H⁺-ATPase

VMA4 *YOR332W* --- Component of the V1 subcomplex of the vacuolar H⁺-ATPase

<i>VMA7</i>	<i>YGR020C</i>	---	Component of the V0 subcomplex of the vacuolar H ⁺ -ATPase
<i>VMA10</i>	<i>YHR039C-A</i>	---	Component of the V1 subcomplex of the vacuolar H ⁺ -ATPase

PROTEIN SYNTHESIS AND DEGRADATION

<i>RPS4A</i>	<i>YJR145C</i>	---	Ribosomal protein S4A
<i>ZUO1</i>	<i>YGR285C</i>	---	Zuotin, associates with Ssz1 to form the ribosome-associated complex

TRANSCRIPTION, RNA PROCESSING

<i>DBF2</i>	<i>YGR092W</i>	--	Serine/threonine protein kinase of the CCR4-NOT transcriptional complex
<i>GAL11</i>	<i>YOL051W</i>	---	Component of RNA polymerase II holoenzyme and Kornberg's mediator complex
<i>PGD1</i>	<i>YGL025C</i>	---	Component of RNA polymerase II holoenzyme and mediator subcomplex
<i>POP2</i>	<i>YNR052C</i>	---	Component of the CCR4 complex
<i>ROX3</i>	<i>YBL093C</i>	---	Component of RNA polymerase II holoenzyme and mediator subcomplex
<i>RPB9</i>	<i>YGL070C</i>	---	Non-essential subunit of RNA polymerase II
<i>RSC2</i>	<i>YLR357W</i>	--	Component of the abundant RSC complex involved in chromatin remodeling
<i>SPT10</i>	<i>YJL127C</i>	---	Amplifies the magnitude of transcriptional regulation at various loci

<i>SPT20</i>	<i>YOL148C</i>	---	Component of the histone acetyltransferase SAGA complex
<i>SRB2</i>	<i>YHR041C</i>	--	Component of RNA polymerase II holoenzyme and Kornberg's mediator complex
<i>SWI4</i>	<i>YER111C</i>	---	Transcription factor involved in cell cycle dependent gene expression
<i>UAF30</i>	<i>YOR295W</i>	--	Upstream activation factor complex component; synthetic lethal with <i>top1</i> mutation

OTHER FUNCTIONS

<i>AKR1</i>	<i>YDR264C</i>	---	Ankyrin repeat-containing protein, inhibitor of signaling in the pheromone pathway
<i>ALF1</i>	<i>YNL148C</i>	---	Alpha-tubulin folding cofactor B, assists in formation of the α - β -tubulin heterodimer
<i>BEM1</i>	<i>YBR200W</i>	---	SH3-domain protein maintaining Cdc42-Cdc24 at the bud tip
<i>BEM4</i>	<i>YPL161C</i>	---	Bud emergence protein that activates Cdc42
<i>BUD20</i>	<i>YLR074C</i>	--	Putative nuclear pore protein
<i>CIK1</i>	<i>YMR198W</i>	---	Spindle pole body associated protein
<i>MDM20</i>	<i>YOL076W</i>	---	Required for N-terminal acetylation of Tpm1 necessary for actin cable organization
<i>MOG1</i>	<i>YJR074W</i>	--	Involved in nuclear protein import, interacts with Gsp1
<i>NUP188</i>	<i>YML103C</i>	---	Nucleoporin
<i>SLA1</i>	<i>YBL007C</i>	---	Cytoskeleton assembly control protein

YNLI71C --- Overlaps with 3' of the essential gene *APC1/YNLI72W*

Table 2**Genes whose deletion enhances resistance to TPZ.**

Genes whose deletion results in marked resistance to TPZ are listed along with their systematic names ('ORF') and their cellular function (if known). All strains listed were scored as “+++” for resistance. See Fig. 3 for examples of relative resistances. For a list of less resistant deletion strains, see *Supplementary Table 1*.

Gene	ORF	Cellular function and Comment
DNA REPAIR AND GENOME STABILITY		
<i>DNL4</i>	<i>YOR005C</i>	DNA ligase involved in non-homologous DNA end joining
<i>RAD18</i>	<i>YCR066W</i>	Zn finger protein, putative ATPase
TRANSPORTERS		
<i>AGP3</i>	<i>YFL055W</i>	Amino acid permease
<i>ALP1</i>	<i>YNL270C</i>	Arginine permease
<i>ASI3</i>	<i>YNL008C</i>	Involved regulation of amino acid permease gene expression

HNM1 *YGL077C* Choline permease

REDUCTASES AND RELATED PROTEINS

FRE1 *YLR214W* Ferric and cupric reductase

HIS4 *YCL030C* Histidine biosynthesis enzyme

UTR1 *YJR049C* NAD kinase enhances the activity of ferric/cupric reductase Fre1

CELL STRESS AND SIGNAL TRANSDUCTION

DIG1 *YPL049C* MAP kinase-associated protein involved in regulation of invasive growth

HSP104 *YLL026W* Heat shock protein

RAS1 *YOR101W* GTP-binding protein involved in regulation of cAMP pathway

WSC2 *YNL283C* Protein required for maintenance of cell wall integrity

LIPID, FATTY ACID AND STEROL METABOLISM

DPL1 *YDR294C* Dihydrosphingosine-1-phosphate lyase

EK11 *YDR147W* Ethanolamine kinase I

<i>FAA3</i>	<i>YIL009W</i>	Acyl-CoA synthase
<i>PDR17</i>	<i>YNL264C</i>	Phosphatidylinositol transfer protein

VESICULAR TRANSPORT

<i>ERV41</i>	<i>YML067C</i>	COPII-coated vesicle component involved in ER to Golgi transport
<i>SPO20</i>	<i>YMR017W</i>	Subunit of the t-SNARE complex, required during sporulation
<i>YOS9</i>	<i>YDR057W</i>	Involved in ER to Golgi trafficking of GPI-anchored proteins

PROTEIN SYNTHESIS AND DEGRADATION

<i>FYV10</i>	<i>YIL097W</i>	Protein involved in the degradation of fructose-1,6-bisphosphatase
<i>HRD1</i>	<i>YOL013C</i>	E3 ubiquitin ligase required for degradation of misfolded proteins
<i>RPS12</i>	<i>YOR369C</i>	Ribosomal protein S12
<i>UMP1</i>	<i>YBR173C</i>	Proteasome maturation factor involved in proteasome assembly

TRANSCRIPTION AND RNA PROCESSING

<i>CAF40</i>	<i>YNL288W</i>	Strong similarity to <i>C. elegans</i> hypothetical protein
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<i>CTK2</i>	<i>YJL006C</i>	RNA polymerase II C-terminal domain kinase beta subunit
<i>HAA1</i>	<i>YPR008W</i>	Transcription activator
<i>MGA2</i>	<i>YIR033W</i>	ER membrane protein involved in regulation of <i>OLE1</i> transcription
<i>NTC20</i>	<i>YBR188C</i>	Splicing factor
<i>PAF1</i>	<i>YBR279W</i>	Protein associated with RNA polymerase II
<i>PUS4</i>	<i>YNL292W</i>	Pseudouridine synthase
<i>RNH1</i>	<i>YMR234W</i>	Ribonuclease H, endonuclease that degrades RNA in RNA-DNA hybrids
<i>RSE1</i>	<i>YML049C</i>	U2 snRNP-associated protein involved in pre-mRNA splicing

OTHER FUNCTIONS

<i>BDH1</i>	<i>YAL060W</i>	Stereospecific (2R, 3R)-2,3-butanediol dehydrogenase
<i>BNR1</i>	<i>YIL159W</i>	Regulates reorganization of the actin cytoskeleton
<i>DAL3</i>	<i>YIR032C</i>	Ureidoglycolate hydrolase
<i>ECM1</i>	<i>YAL059W</i>	Protein involved in ribosome assembly
<i>HOS2</i>	<i>YGL194C</i>	Component of Set3 histone deacetylase
<i>IBD2</i>	<i>YNL164C</i>	Component of the <i>BUB2</i> -dependent spindle checkpoint pathway

<i>KGD1</i>	<i>YIL125W</i>	component of the E1 alpha-ketoglutarate dehydrogenase complex
<i>MAM33</i>	<i>YIL070C</i>	Mitochondrial protein required for normal respiratory growth
<i>RNR3</i>	<i>YIL066C</i>	Ribonucleotide reductase
<i>SPO1</i>	<i>YNL012W</i>	Meiosis-specific protein with similarity to phospholipase B enzymes
<i>SYG1</i>	<i>YIL047C</i>	Involved in G-protein coupled receptor signal transduction
<i>TIR3</i>	<i>YIL011W</i>	Member of the seripauperin and TIP1 family
	<i>YBL083C</i>	Overlaps with 3' part of <i>RHK1/YBL082C</i>
	<i>YER049W</i>	Component of NuA3 histone acetyltransferase complex

UNKNOWN AND POORLY CHARACTERIZED FUNCTIONS

<i>AKL1</i>	<i>YBR059C</i>	Serine/threonine protein kinase of unknown function
<i>DOS2</i>	<i>YDR068W</i>	Protein containing a BSD domain, may be involved in protein degradation
<i>KNS1</i>	<i>YLL019C</i>	Putative serine/threonine protein kinase
<i>PHM8</i>	<i>YER037W</i>	Protein of unknown function
<i>RSM25</i>	<i>YIL093C</i>	Protein of unknown function
<i>UIP3</i>	<i>YAR027W</i>	Protein with high similarity to <i>S. cerevisiae</i> Mst27, which binds COPI and

		COPII complexes, member of the duplication (DUP) family
<i>SMY2</i>	<i>YBR172C</i>	Protein of unknown function, suppresses <i>myo2-66</i> , <i>sec22</i> , <i>bet1</i> , <i>sec16-3</i> , <i>spt15</i> , and <i>yrb1-51</i> mutants when overexpressed, may be involved in RNA splicing
	<i>YCL023C</i>	Protein of unknown function
	<i>YDL156W</i>	Protein containing three WD domains (WD-40 repeat), which may mediate protein-protein interactions, has moderate similarity to uncharacterized <i>C. albicans</i> Ipf2218
	<i>YGR290W</i>	Protein of unknown function
	<i>YHR131C</i>	Protein containing a pleckstrin homology (PH) domain, which mediate protein-protein and protein-lipid interactions, has low similarity to uncharacterized <i>S. cerevisiae</i> <i>YNL144</i>
	<i>YIL161W</i>	Protein of unknown function
	<i>YJL163C</i>	Hypothetical protein
	<i>YJL218W</i>	Protein with similarity to <i>E. coli</i> galactoside O-acetyltransferase
	<i>YJR018W</i>	Protein of unknown function
	<i>YJR038C</i>	Protein of unknown function

<i>YJR056C</i>	Protein of unknown function
<i>YKL161C</i>	Serine/threonine protein kinase with similarity to MAP kinases
<i>YKR096W</i>	Protein of unknown function, has high similarity to <i>S. cerevisiae YIL151</i>
<i>YML050W</i>	Protein of unknown function
<i>YMR253C</i>	Protein of unknown function, likely membrane protein
<i>YNL144C</i>	Protein of unknown function, has low similarity to uncharacterized <i>S. cerevisiae</i> <i>YHR131</i>
<i>YNR024W</i>	Protein of unknown function
<i>YOL163W</i>	Protein of unknown function
<i>YOR044W</i>	Protein of unknown function
<i>YPR022C</i>	Predicted transcription factor with two tandem C2H2-type zinc fingers, contains Q/N-rich regions which may mediate prion-like aggregation
<i>YAL065C</i>	Protein of unknown function, has high similarity to a region of flocculin (<i>S.</i> <i>cerevisiae FLO1</i>), which is a cell wall protein involved in flocculation

Table 3**Selected human gene products with yeast homologues whose gene deletion enhances resistance to TPZ.**

Human gene products are listed with their yeast homologues. E values (identical proteins would have an E value of zero) and the percentage of identities are also given.

Human gene product	Human gene product description	Yeast gene	E value	Identity (%)
CELL DIFFERENTIATION, MORPHOGENESIS, SIGNALING				
DAAM1	Formin homolog involved in morphogenesis	<i>BNR1</i>	2E-18	24
DAAM2	Formin homolog involved in morphogenesis	<i>BNR1</i>	2E-18	23
MAEA	Anti-apoptotic factor mediating erythroblast attachment to macrophage	<i>FYV10</i>	1E-12	22
CLK1	Protein kinase involved in cell proliferation	<i>KNS1</i>	2E-68	40
HRAS	Transforming protein p21/H-Ras-1	<i>RAS1</i>	7E-49	63
MUC15	Mucin family member	<i>WSC2</i>	2E-07	22

TRANSPORT

SLC7A2	Low-affinity cationic amino acid transporter	<i>AGP3</i>	1E-11	25
SLC7A1	High-affinity cationic amino acid transporter	<i>AGP3</i>	4E-08	24
SLC7A3	Cationic amino acid transporter	<i>AGP3</i>	1E-06	25
CDA14	Gene downregulated in prostate tumors	<i>ERV41</i>	1E-27	30
OS-9	Gene amplified in sarcomas	<i>YOS9</i>	8E-04	25
C2orf30		<i>YOS9</i>	3E-07	29

DNA REPAIR

RQCD1	Transcription factor	<i>CAF40</i>	2E-89	61
LIG4	DNA ligase IV	<i>DNL4</i>	1E-75	25
TRUB1	TruB pseudouridine synthase homolog 1	<i>PUS4</i>	3E-23	33
TRUB2	TruB pseudouridine synthase homolog 2	<i>PUS4</i>	1E-06	27
RAD18	Postreplication repair protein RAD18	<i>RAD18</i>	1E-15	23
RNASEH1	Ribonuclease H1	<i>RNH1</i>	4E-09	25
RRM1	Ribonucleoside-diphosphate reductase M1 chain	<i>RNR3</i>	0	66

OTHER

SGPL1	Sphingosine-1-phosphate lyase 1, involved in cisplatin sensitivity in <i>D. discoideum</i>	<i>DPL1</i>	4E-108	41
ETNK1	Ethanolamine kinase	<i>EK11</i>	5E-18	24
NP_061961	PAF domain containing protein	<i>PAF1</i>	1E-07	22
RPS12	40S ribosomal protein S12.	<i>RPS12</i>	3E-28	55
SF3B3	Splicing factor 3B subunit 3	<i>RSE1</i>	5E-61	27
XPR1	Xenotropic and polytropic retrovirus receptor	<i>SYG1</i>	3E-37	26
C13orf12		<i>UMP1</i>	8E-04	24
NP_079184		<i>YDL156W</i>	3E-21	24
NP_060703		<i>YER049W</i>	6E-20	32
KIST	Protein kinase interacting with stathmin	<i>YKL161C</i>	1E-13	29

Table 4**Selected human proteins sharing homology to yeast proteins whose gene deletion confers TPZ hypersensitivity.**

Human gene products are listed with their yeast homologues. E values (identical proteins would have an E value of zero) and the percentage of identities are also given.

Human gene product	Human gene product description	Yeast gene	E value	Identity (%)
CYTOSKELTON				
CKAP1	Tubulin-specific chaperone B	<i>ALF1</i>	4E-12	29
TTL	Tubulin-tyrosine ligase	<i>YBR094W</i>	4E-13	26
NUCLEAR TRANSPORT, TRANSCRIPTION				
NP_057576	RAN guanine nucleotide release factor	<i>MOG1</i>	4E-12	29
NUP188	Nucleoporin	<i>NUP188</i>	1E-04	22
POLR2I	RNA polymerase II subunit	<i>RPB9</i>	2E-26	45

SMARCD1	SWI/SNF complex 60 kDa subunit	<i>UAF30</i>	2E-07	36
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PROTEIN SYNTHESIS

RPS4Y1	40S ribosomal protein S4, Y isoform 1	<i>RPS4A</i>	9E-109	71
RPS4Y2	40S ribosomal protein S4, Y isoform 2	<i>RPS4A</i>	7E-104	69
ZRF1	M-phase phosphoprotein	<i>ZUO1</i>	3E-39	43

REDOX, SIGNALING

ALDH18A1	γ -1-pyrroline-5-carboxylate synthetase	<i>PRO2</i>	2E-78	39
PPP6C	Serine/threonine protein phosphatase	<i>SIT4</i>	8E-115	65
MAPK7	Mitogen-activated protein kinase 7	<i>SLT2</i>	3E-93	46
SOD1	Cu/Zn superoxide dismutase	<i>SOD1</i>	5E-43	55
SOD2	mitochondrial Mn superoxide dismutase	<i>SOD2</i>	3E-49	46

TRANSPORT

C20orf178	Snf7 homologue	<i>SNF7</i>	2E-19	41
NP_689497	Alix3 interacting protein	<i>SNF7</i>	2E-18	41

HSPC134	Alix 2 interacting protein	<i>SNF7</i>	3E-17	38
EAP30	EAP30 subunit of ELL complex	<i>SNF8</i>	7E-37	37
NP_115729	VPS25 homolog	<i>VPS25</i>	5E-19	31
VPS28	Endosomal sorting protein	<i>VPS28</i>	2E-27	30
VPS41	Golgi to endosome sorting protein	<i>VPS41</i>	1E-63	25

VACUOLE

ATP6V0B	V-type H ⁺ -ATPase V0 subunit	<i>PPA1</i>	1E-44	55
ATP6V1G1	V-type H ⁺ -ATPase V1 subunit G1	<i>VMA10</i>	1E-07	38
ATP6V1G3	V-type H ⁺ -ATPase V1 subunit G3	<i>VMA10</i>	7E-07	36
ATP6V1E2	V-type H ⁺ -ATPase V1 subunit E2	<i>VMA4</i>	7E-19	35
ATP6V1E1	V-type H ⁺ -ATPase V1 subunit E	<i>VMA4</i>	1E-18	33
ATP6V1F	V-type H ⁺ -ATPase V1 subunit F	<i>VMA7</i>	8E-27	53

DNA REPAIR

ASF1B	Chromatin assembly factor	<i>ASF1</i>	5E-51	59
ASF1A	Chromatin assembly factor	<i>ASF1</i>	1E-40	61

MRE11A	Double-strand break repair protein	<i>MRE11</i>	2E-108	41
MUS81	Crossover junction endonuclease	<i>MUS81</i>	2E-19	29
CNOT8	CCR4-NOT complex subunit 8	<i>POP2</i>	2E-51	37
ERCC1	DNA excision repair protein	<i>RAD10</i>	4E-13	30
RAG1	V(D)J recombination activating protein 1	<i>RAD16</i>	7E-04	31
SMARCA3	Helicase/ATPase of the SWI/SNF family	<i>RAD5</i>	2E-76	33
RAD50	RAD50 homolog isoform 1	<i>RAD50</i>	4E-149	28
RAD51	DNA repair protein RAD51 homolog 1	<i>RAD51</i>	5E-126	67
RAD52	DNA repair protein RAD52	<i>RAD52</i>	1E-40	49
RAD54L	DNA repair protein RAD54	<i>RAD54</i>	2E-165	50
TOP3A	DNA topoisomerase III alpha	<i>TOP3</i>	7E-125	42
UBE2N	E2 ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme	<i>UBC13</i>	6E-56	70

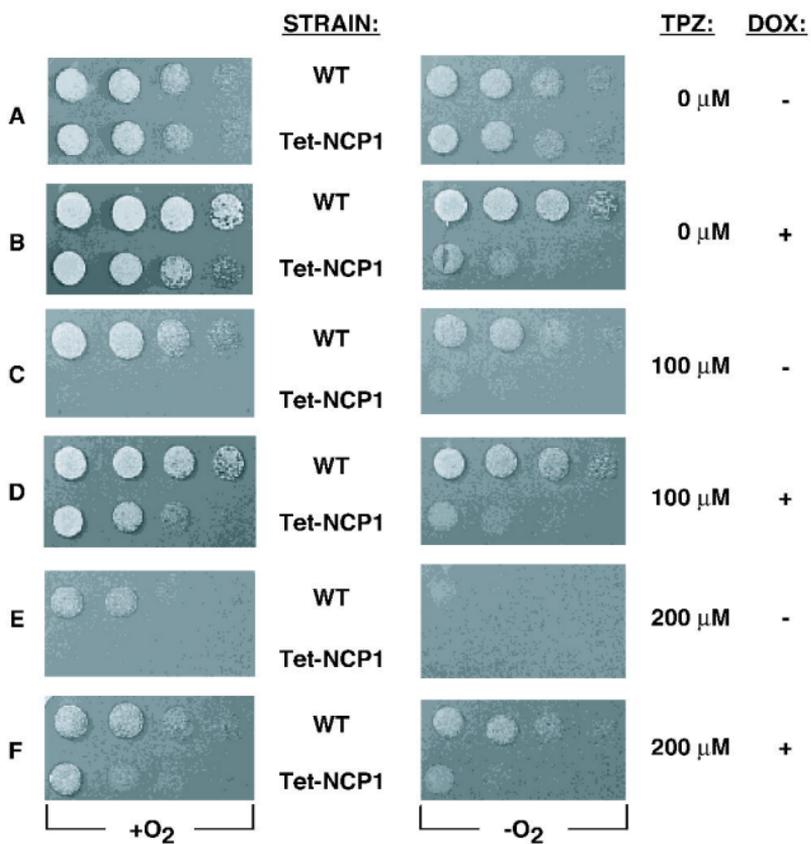
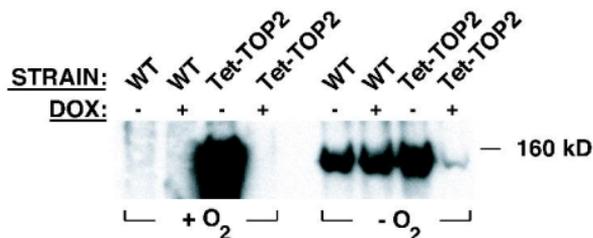
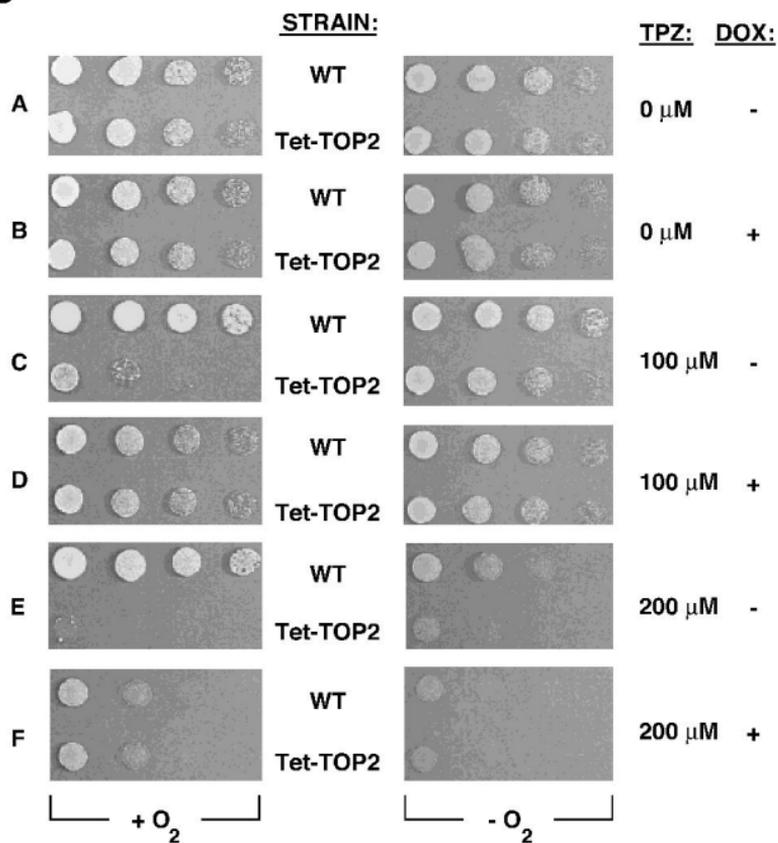
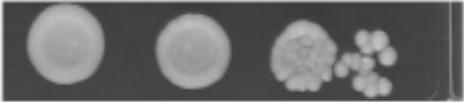
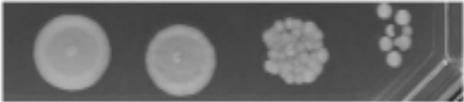
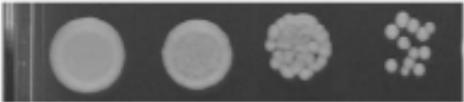
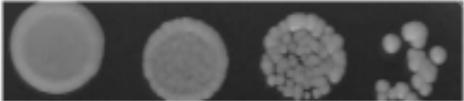
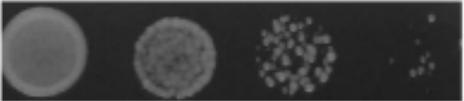
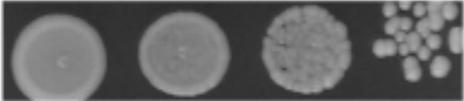
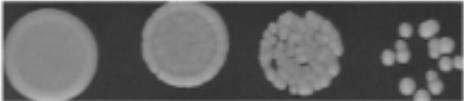
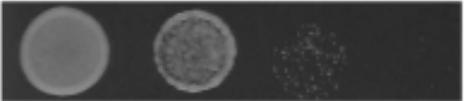


Fig. 1

Fig. 2**A****B**

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WT				
<i>rad52</i> Δ			ND	- - -
<i>nce4</i> Δ			ND	- -
<i>agp3</i> Δ		ND		+ + +
<i>fre1</i> Δ		ND		+ +
<i>utr1</i> Δ		ND		+ +

Supplementary Table S1.

Gene	ORF	Cellular function and Comment
TRANSPORTERS		
<i>QDR2</i>	<i>YIL121W</i>	Member of the multidrug-resistance 12-spanner (DHA12) family of the major facilitator superfamily (MFS-MDR)
CELL STRESS		
<i>GPX2</i>	<i>YBR244W</i>	Glutathione peroxidase, has a role in mitochondrial morphology and provides protection against lipid and non-lipid hydroperoxides
<i>GRX4</i>	<i>YER174C</i>	Glutaredoxin, has similarity to Grx3 and Grx5
VESICULAR TRANSPORT		
<i>VPS53</i>	<i>YJL029C</i>	Subunit of the VFT complex involved in protein sorting in the late Golgi
PROTEIN SYNTHESIS AND DEGRADATION		
<i>GID7</i>	<i>YCL039W</i>	Involved in the degradation of fructose-1,6-bisphosphatase
<i>PNG1</i>	<i>YPL096W</i>	Peptide N-glycanase
<i>RPS10B</i>	<i>YMR230W</i>	Ribosomal protein S10B
<i>UBX5</i>	<i>YDR330W</i>	Involved in proteasome function
TRANSCRIPTION, RNA PROCESSING		

<i>IMP2'</i>	<i>YIL154C</i>	Transcription factor involved in nucleo-mitochondrial control of maltose, galactose and raffinose utilization
<i>MET28</i>	<i>YIR017C</i>	Transcriptional activator regulating sulfur amino acid metabolism that functions with Met4 and Cbf1, member of the basic leucine zipper (bZIP) family
<i>RPA12</i>	<i>YJR063W</i>	RNA polymerase I subunit A12.2
<i>YAP5</i>	<i>YIR018W</i>	Transcription factor of the basic leucine zipper (bZIP) type, one of eight members of a novel fungal-specific family of bZIP proteins
	<i>YOR302W</i>	Arginine attenuator peptide, mediates translational regulation of a downstream gene; encoded by the 5'-leader of the carbamyl-phosphate synthetase small subunit (CPA1) mRNA

SIGNAL TRANSDUCTION

<i>PPZ1</i>	<i>YML016C</i>	Serine/threonine phosphatase required for normal osmoregulation
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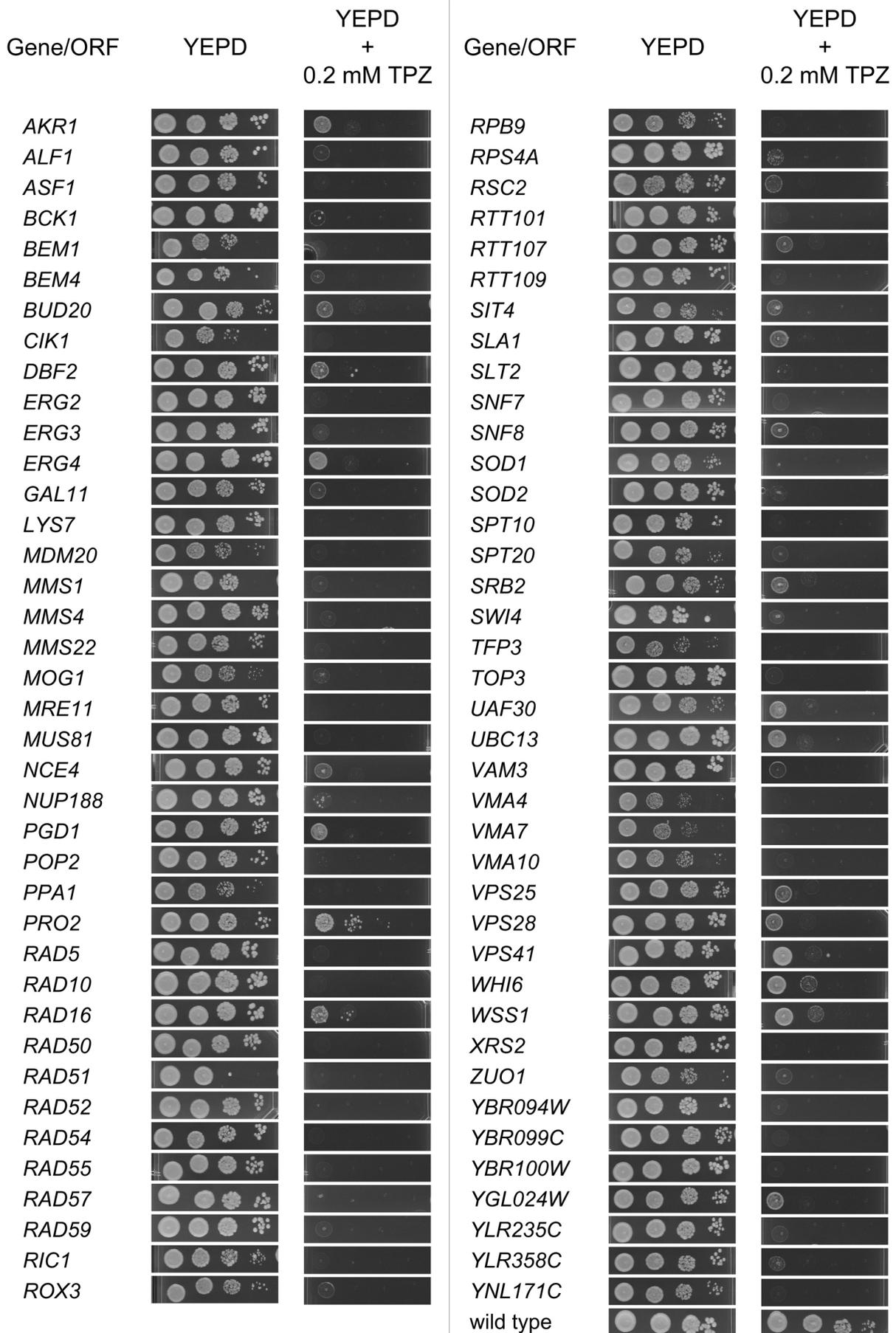
OTHER FUNCTIONS

<i>AAC3</i>	<i>YBR085W</i>	Mitochondrial ADP/ATP transporter
<i>ADE8</i>	<i>YDR408C</i>	Phosphoribosylglycinamide formyltransferase
<i>FSH2</i>	<i>YMR222C</i>	Cytoplasmic protein with similarity to <i>S. pombe</i> Dfr1 dihydrofolate reductase
<i>IAH1</i>	<i>YOR126C</i>	Isoamyl acetate-hydrolyzing esterase enzyme
<i>PHO3</i>	<i>YBR092C</i>	Constitutive acid phosphatase
<i>SHM1</i>	<i>YBR263W</i>	Mitochondrial serine/glycine hydroxymethyltransferase

UNKNOWN, POORLY CHARACTERIZED FUNCTIONS

<i>BUD22</i>	<i>YMR014W</i>	Possible role in bud site polarity
<i>FYV2</i>	<i>YIL054W</i>	Protein of unknown function
<i>SLX1</i>	<i>YBR228W</i>	Subunit of Slx1-Slx4 complex
	<i>YAR023C</i>	Has moderate similarity to <i>S. cerevisiae</i> Mst27
	<i>YBL096C</i>	Protein of unknown function
	<i>YBR203W</i>	Contains an F-box domain
	<i>YDR387C</i>	Member of the sugar transporter family
	<i>YDR514C</i>	Has moderate similarity to uncharacterized <i>S. cerevisiae</i> <i>GFD2</i>
	<i>YIL025C</i>	Protein of unknown function
	<i>YIL096C</i>	Protein of unknown function
	<i>YIL141W</i>	unknown
	<i>YIL165C</i>	unknown
	<i>YJL028W</i>	unknown
	<i>YJR054W</i>	Protein of unknown function
	<i>YJR087W</i>	Protein of unknown function
	<i>YJR149W</i>	Member of the 2-nitropropane dioxygenase family
	<i>YKL202W</i>	Protein of unknown function
	<i>YLR112W</i>	Protein of unknown function
	<i>YLR187W</i>	Contains a pleckstrin homology (PH) domain
	<i>YNL046W</i>	Protein of unknown function
	<i>YNL156C</i>	Has moderate similarity to uncharacterized <i>S. cerevisiae</i> Yhr133
	<i>YPL067C</i>	Protein of unknown function
	<i>YPL206C</i>	Member of the glycerophosphoryl diester phosphodiesterase family

Supplementary Figure S1.



Supplementary Figure S2.

Gene/ORF	YEPD	YEPD + 0.5 mM TPZ
<i>wild type</i>		
<i>AAC3/YBR085W</i>		
<i>ADE8/YDR408C</i>		
<i>AGP3/YFL055W</i>		
<i>AKL1/YBR059C</i>		
<i>ALP1/YNL270C</i>		
<i>ASI3/YNL008C</i>		
<i>BDH1/YAL060W</i>		
<i>BNR1/YIL159W</i>		
<i>BUD22/YMR014W</i>		
<i>CAF40/YNL288W</i>		
<i>CTK2/YJL006C</i>		
<i>DAL3/YIR032C</i>		
<i>DIG1/YPL049C</i>		
<i>DNL4/YOR005C</i>		
<i>DOS2/YDR068W</i>		
<i>DPL1/YDR294C</i>		
<i>ECM1/YAL059W</i>		
<i>EK11/YDR147W</i>		
<i>ERV41/YML067C</i>		
<i>FAA3/YIL009W</i>		
<i>FRE1/YLR214W</i>		
<i>FSH2/YMR222C</i>		
<i>FYV10/YIL097W</i>		

Gene/ORF	YEPD	YEPD + 0.5 mM TPZ
<i>FYV2/YIL054W</i>		
<i>GPX2/YBR244W</i>		
<i>GRX4/YER174C</i>		
<i>HAA1/YPR008W</i>		
<i>HIS4/YCL030C</i>		
<i>HNMI/YGL077C</i>		
<i>HOS2/YGL194C</i>		
<i>HRD1/YOL013C</i>		
<i>HSP104/YLL026W</i>		
<i>IAH1/YOR126C</i>		
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<i>MET28/YIR017C</i>		
<i>MGA2/YIR033W</i>		
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<i>PAF1/YBR279W</i>		
<i>PDR17/YNL264C</i>		
<i>PHM8/YER037W</i>		
<i>PHO3/YBR092C</i>		
<i>PNG1/YPL096W</i>		
<i>PPZ1/YML016C</i>		

Gene/ORF	YEPD	YEPD + 0.5 mM TPZ
<i>PUS4/YNL292W</i>		
<i>QDR2/YIL121W</i>		
<i>RAD18/YCR066W</i>		
<i>RAS1/YOR101W</i>		
<i>RNH1/YMR234W</i>		
<i>RNR3/YIL066C</i>		
<i>RPA12/YJR063W</i>		
<i>RPS10B/YMR230W</i>		
<i>RPS12/YOR369C</i>		
<i>RSE1/YML049C</i>		
<i>RSM25/YIL093C</i>		
<i>SHM1/YBR263W</i>		
<i>SLX1/YBR228W</i>		
<i>SMY2/YBR172C</i>		
<i>SPO1/YNL012W</i>		
<i>SPO20/YMR017W</i>		
<i>SYG1/YIL047C</i>		
<i>TIR3/YIL011W</i>		
<i>UIP3/YAR027W</i>		
<i>UMP1/YBR173C</i>		
<i>UTR1/YJR049C</i>		
<i>VPS53/YJL029C</i>		
<i>WSC2/YNL283C</i>		
<i>YAP5/YIR018W</i>		
<i>YOS9/YDR057W</i>		

Gene/ORF	YEPD	YEPD + 0.5 mM TPZ
<i>YAL065C</i>		
<i>YAR023C</i>		
<i>YBL083C</i>		
<i>YBL096C</i>		
<i>YBR203W</i>		
<i>YCL023C</i>		
<i>YCL039W</i>		
<i>YDL156W</i>		
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<i>YJR038C</i>		
<i>YJR054W</i>		

Gene/ORF	YEPD	YEPD + 0.5 mM TPZ
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<i>YJR087W</i>		
<i>YJR149W</i>		
<i>YKL161C</i>		
<i>YKL202W</i>		
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<i>YLR112W</i>		
<i>YLR187W</i>		
<i>YML050W</i>		
<i>YMR253C</i>		
<i>YNL046W</i>		
<i>YNL144C</i>		
<i>YNL156C</i>		
<i>YNR024W</i>		
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<i>YOR044W</i>		
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<i>YPL206C</i>		
<i>YPR022C</i>		

Supplementary Figure S3

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