

1 **Title**

2 Genetic Profiling of Protein Burden and Nuclear Export Overload

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24 **Abstract**

25 Overproduction (op) of proteins triggers cellular defects. One of the defined
26 consequences of protein overproduction is the protein burden/cost, which is produced
27 by an overloading of the protein synthesis process. However, the physiology of cells
28 under a protein burden is not well characterized. We performed genetic profiling of
29 protein burden by systematic analysis of genetic interactions between GFP-op,
30 surveying both deletion mutants of nonessential genes and temperature-sensitive
31 mutants of essential genes, in the budding yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. To dissect
32 interactions specific to the protein burden, we also performed genetic profiling in cells
33 with overproduction of triple-GFP (tGFP), and the nuclear export signal-containing
34 tGFP (NES-tGFP). The mutants specifically interacted with GFP-op were suggestive of
35 unexpected connections between actin-related processes like polarization and the
36 protein burden, which was supported by morphological analysis. The tGFP-op

37 interactions suggested that this protein probe overloads the proteasome, probably
38 through the formation of intracellular aggregates, whereas those that interacted with
39 NES-tGFP involved genes encoding components of the nuclear export process,
40 providing a resource for further analysis of the protein burden and nuclear export
41 overload.

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43 **Introduction**

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45 Extreme overproduction of a gratuitous protein that has no cellular function causes
46 growth defects, which, at least in part, appears to be caused by overloading the cellular
47 resources for protein synthesis (Dong *et al.*, 1995; Snoep *et al.*, 1995; Stoebel *et al.*,
48 2008; Makanae *et al.*, 2013; Shah *et al.*, 2013; Kafri *et al.*, 2016; Moriya, 2015; Eguchi
49 *et al.*, 2018). This phenomenon is called the protein burden/cost and has been
50 extensively studied in the budding yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, a model eukaryotic
51 cell. Limiting functions defining the protein burden are thought to be the translational
52 process upon nitrogen limitation, and the transcriptional process upon phosphate
53 limitation (Kafri *et al.*, 2016). The protein burden itself initially appears to be a
54 relatively simple phenomenon, but little is known about the physiological conditions
55 and cellular responses triggered by the protein burden.

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57 To trigger the protein burden, a protein must be produced at a level sufficient to
58 overload protein production resources (Moriya, 2015; Eguchi *et al.*, 2018). This can
59 happen only if the protein is otherwise harmless. Fluorescent proteins, such as EGFP,
60 Venus, and mCherry, do not have any physiological activity in yeast cells and thus are
61 considered gratuitous proteins. Therefore, these fluorescent proteins are believed to be
62 produced at the highest possible levels in yeast cells, and their overproduction triggers a
63 protein burden (Makanae *et al.*, 2013; Kafri *et al.*, 2016; Eguchi *et al.*, 2018; Farkas *et
64 al.*, 2018). Modifications to EGFP, such as adding a degradation signal, misfolding
65 mutations, or adding localization signals, reduces its expression limit, probably because
66 these modifications overload limited resources for the degradation, folding, and
67 localization processes, respectively (Geiler-samerotte *et al.*, 2010; Makanae *et al.*, 2013;
68 Kintaka *et al.*, 2016; Eguchi *et al.*, 2018).

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70 A recent study isolated a group of deletion strains in which growth defects upon
71 overproduction of yEVenus are exacerbated (Farkas *et al.*, 2018). Through the analysis
72 of these strains, and conditions exacerbating the protein burden, the authors concluded
73 that Hsp70-associated chaperones contribute to the protein burden by minimizing the
74 damaging impact of the overproduction of a gratuitous protein. Chaperone genes,
75 however, constitute only a relatively small fraction of the deletion strains isolated in the
76 study, and thus the protein burden may impact numerous other processes.

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78 In this study, we surveyed genetic interactions between mutant strains and high levels of
79 GFP overproduction (GFP-op) to genetically profile cells exhibiting this phenomenon.
80 To isolate mutant sets showing positive and negative genetic interactions with the
81 protein burden, we used a condition causing significant growth defects due to high
82 GFP-op from the *TDH3* promoter (*TDH3_{pro}*) on a multi-copy plasmid. In addition to a
83 deletion mutant collection of non-essential genes, we surveyed temperature-sensitive
84 (TS) mutant collections of essential genes. We performed a strict statistical evaluation
85 to isolate mutants showing robust genetic interactions with high confidence.

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87 We also attempted to distinguish between the protein burden and other process
88 overloads by surveying genetic interactions between those mutant strains and a
89 triple-GFP (tGFP) with a nuclear export signal (NES-tGFP). NES-tGFP triggers growth
90 defects at a lower expression level than unmodified tGFP (Kintaka *et al.*, 2016). If the
91 protein burden can only be triggered by a harmless protein like GFP, mutants harboring
92 genetic interactions with tGFP-op should be different from those with NES-tGFP-op,
93 and the comparison of those mutants will identify consequences specific to the protein
94 burden. Moreover, mutants harboring negative genetic interactions should contain
95 limiting factors of the nuclear export and essential factors affected by the overloading of
96 nuclear export.

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100 **Results**

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102 **Isolation of mutants that have genetic interactions with GFP-op**

103 To isolate mutants genetically interacting with GFP-op, we performed a synthetic
104 genetic array (SGA) analysis (Baryshnikova *et al.*, 2010) (**Figure 1A**). As a query strain,
105 we overproduced GFP (yEGFP) (Cormack and Bertram, 1997) under the control of
106 TDH3_{pro} on the multi-copy plasmid pTOW40836 (**Figure 1B**). This plasmid contains
107 two selection markers (*URA3* and *leu2-89*), and the copy number can be controlled by
108 the culture conditions. The copy numbers of this plasmid under –Ura and –Leu/Ura
109 conditions are around 8 and 30 copies per cell, respectively (Eguchi *et al.*, 2018). While
110 a strain harboring this plasmid shows growth defects even under –Ura conditions
111 (**Figure 1C**), the strain shows more growth defects under –Leu/Ura conditions (**Figure**
112 **1C**), presumably because the copy number increase leads to an increase in GFP
113 production, and probably causes a higher protein burden (Eguchi *et al.*, 2018).

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115 We examined an array of 4,323 deletion mutants in nonessential genes (DMA) and an
116 array of 1,016 conditional temperature-sensitive mutants (TSA) (Costanzo *et al.*, 2016).
117 For each mutant strain, we calculated genetic interaction (GI) scores (ϵ) from the
118 analysis of four colonies under both –Ura and –Leu/Ura conditions, in duplicate (**Data**
119 **S1**). After thresholding by the variation in colony size ($p < 0.05$), we compared GI
120 scores between duplicates (**Figure 2A**, **Figure 2-S1**). The reproducibility of the DMA
121 experiments was lower in –Ura conditions ($r = 0.17$), whereas it was higher in –Leu/Ura
122 conditions ($r = 0.36$). The reproducibility of the TSA experiments was higher in both –
123 Ura and –Leu/Ura conditions ($r = 0.42$ and 0.53). Thus, the conditions which cause
124 severe growth defects produce the most reproducible GI scores.

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126 To more confidently identify mutants showing strong GIs, we set a threshold in each
127 replicate ($\epsilon > |0.08|$). Using this threshold increased reproducibility, especially in the
128 DMA experiments ($r = 0.35$ in –Ura, $r = 0.62$ in –Leu/Ura, **Figure 2A**). We first
129 selected mutants with $\epsilon > |0.08|$ in each replicate and then calculated their average GI
130 scores between the duplicates as **summarized in Figure 2-S2, 2-S3**. Because GI scores
131 between –Ura (low-level GFP-op) and –Leu/Ura (high-level GFP-op) conditions were
132 highly correlated ($r = 0.70$ and 0.58 , **Figure 2B and 2C**), this procedure identified
133 high-confidence mutants with GIs with GFP-op.

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135 Farkas *et al.* surveyed GIs between deletion mutants and the overproduction of
136 yEVenus. The GI scores obtained by our analysis did not show correlation with those
137 from the Farkas study ($r = -0.01$ and -0.07 , **Figure 2-S3A, B**). This may be because of
138 the weak reproducibility observed in lower overproduction conditions (**Figure 2S-3C**,
139 **D**). Moreover this overlap analysis only involved nonessential genes and the Farkas
140 study used a relatively weaker *HSC82* promoter (*HSC82_{pro}*), in medium comparable to
141 our –Ura condition, in which the GFP-op from *HSC82_{pro}* on pTOW40836 caused a very
142 minor growth defect in –Ura conditions (**Figure 2S-3E, F**). Indeed, our conditions
143 produced more variance in the GI scores and thus identified more mutants showing
144 stronger GIs (**Figure 2-S3A, B**), and we found that negative GIs of 6 out of 7 deletion
145 mutants from our screening were confirmed by independent growth measurements in
146 the liquid medium, while all six mutants isolated by the previous study (Farkas *et al.*,
147 2018) were not (**Figure 2-S4A, B**).

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149 During the screening, we noticed that a group of TS mutants showed greater growth
150 defects under –Leu/Ura conditions than under –Ura conditions in the vector control
151 experiments (**Figure 2-S5**). The gene ontology (GO) term “DNA replication
152 preinitiation complex [GO:0031261]” was significantly over-represented in the mutated
153 genes (seven genes, $p = 1.47E-05$). **Figure 2-S5A** shows the normalized colony size
154 differences of the 18 mutants analyzed in the TSA corresponding to the genes
155 categorized in GO:0031261. 6 out of 18 mutants showed more than 2U decrease in their
156 colony sizes, whereas the average of all TS mutants showed 0.002U (Rep1) and 0.003U
157 (Rep2). The vector copy number is more than 100 copies per cell under –Leu/Ura
158 conditions (Makanae *et al.*, 2013; Eguchi *et al.*, 2018). This high copy number probably
159 produces limitations of the replication initiation complex by sequestering the complex
160 to the replication origins of the plasmids. Some negative factors on the plasmid, like
161 TDH3_{pro}-GFP, restrict the plasmid copy number due to a genetic tug-of-war effect
162 (Moriya *et al.*, 2006), and the plasmid thus may not trigger the limitation of the
163 replication initiation complex. This situation may lead to a bias toward the isolation of
164 mutants in the replication initiation complex with positive GIs with plasmids containing
165 toxic elements, especially under –Leu/Ura conditions.

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167 **Mutations aggravating or mitigating GFP-op triggered growth defects**

168 To understand which processes are affected by GFP-op, we performed enrichment
169 analysis targeted toward isolating mutants with stronger GIs ($\epsilon > |0.2|$) under –Leu/Ura
170 conditions, as the results obtained under these conditions were more reproducible

171 **(Figure 2A, Data S2).** We designated the negatively interacting genes and mutants
172 “GFP-op_negative” and the positively-interacting genes and mutants “GFP-op_positive.”
173 The GFP-op_negaitive 71 genes (79 mutants) were significantly enriched in GO
174 categories related to cytoskeletal organization and polarization (**Figure 2D, Table S1**).
175 **Figure 3A** shows the GI scores under –Leu/Ura conditions of all 45 alleles of the
176 GFP-op_negative genes categorized in GO as “cellular bud [GO:0005933].” Most of the
177 mutants showed negative GIs, and 16 out of 45 showed average scores of less than –
178 0.2.

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180 One hundred GFP-op_positive genes (100 mutants) were enriched in genes involved in
181 RNA 3'-end processing and the transcription factor complex (**Figure 2D, Table S1**).
182 Among the factors in the RNA 3'-end processing, the subunits in the “TRAMP complex
183 [GO:0031499]” and “nuclear exosome [GO:0000176]” were isolated as
184 GFP-op_positive genes. **Figure 3B** shows the GI scores under –Leu/Ura conditions of
185 the mutants of the TRAMP complex and the nuclear exosome subunits. 7 out of 13
186 mutants showed positive GIs with average scores greater than 0.2. Among the
187 transcription factor complex, subunits of the “mediator-RNA polymerase II preinitiation
188 complex [GO:0090575]” were specifically isolated. **Figure 3C** shows the GI scores
189 under –Leu/Ura conditions of the mutants of the mediator-RNA polymerase II
190 preinitiation complex subunits. In total, 20 out of 38 mutants showed positive GIs with
191 average scores greater than 0.2.

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193 **Investigation of GFP expression levels of mutants**

194 We next investigated GFP expression levels of the GFP-op_negative and
195 GFP-op_positive mutants. To obtain the GFP expression level of each mutant, we
196 measured normalized GFP fluorescence (GFPunit) from the fluorescence intensity of
197 each colony (**Figure 4A**). Of the mutants, 1447 (29%) showed lower GFPunits and
198 3572 (71%) mutants show higher GFPunits than the average of all mutants (**Figure 4B**
199 and **4C, Data S2**). We designated these mutants GFP_H and GFP_L, respectively
200 (**Figure 4B and 4C**).

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202 GFPunit can be used to interpret the mechanisms underlying GFP-op_negative and
203 GFP-op_positive mutations as follows: 1) if GFPunit is lower in a GFP_negative mutant,
204 the mutant is considered to be more sensitive to GFP overproduction; 2) if GFPunit is
205 higher in a GFP_negative mutant, the mutant triggers greater GFP overproduction,
206 which may cause more protein burden and growth defects; 3) if GFPunit is lower in a

207 GFP_positive mutant, the mutant triggers lower GFP overproduction, which may cause
208 less protein burden and growth defects; and 4) if GFPunit is higher in a GFP_positive
209 mutant, the mutant is considered to be less sensitive to GFP overproduction.

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211 GFP-op_negative mutants were significantly enriched in GFPunit_L mutants (**Figure 4B**, $p = 4.7\text{E-}11$, Student's t-test). Because 11 out of 13 GFP-op_negative mutants
212 categorized as "cellular bud [GO:005933]" were also GFP_L (**Figure 4-S1A, Table S2**),
213 these mutants seemed to be sensitive to the protein burden. In contrast, GFP-op_positive
214 mutants were only slightly enriched in GFP_L mutants (**Figure 4C**, $p = 0.013$,
215 Student's t-test). Trends in the distributions of mutants in "TRAMP complex
216 [GO:0031499]," "nuclear exosome [GO:0000176]," and "mediator-RNA polymerase II
217 preinitiation complex [PMID27610567]" were not obvious (**Figure 4-S1B, Table S2**).
218 However, GFP-op_positive and GFP_L mutants were significantly enriched in "RNA
219 polymerase II transcriptional factor complex [GO:0090575]," suggesting that these
220 mutants may simply cause the reduction of GFP production, but not decrease the
221 sensitivity to the protein burden.

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224 Overproduction of tGFP and NES-tGFP results in GIs with distinct sets of genes

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226 We next analyzed mutants genetically interacting with a GFP containing a nuclear
227 export signal (NES). For this purpose, we used a *PYK1* promoter (*PYK1_{pro}*)-driven
228 tGFP with an NES from PKI (**Figure 5A, Data S3**) because its exclusion from the
229 nucleus has been confirmed (**Kintaka 2016**), and the degree of growth inhibition is
230 similar to that of TDH3_{pro}-GFP (**Figure 5B**). We also used *PYK1_{pro}*-tGFP as a control
231 for NES-tGFP (**Figure 5A, Data S4**). Using the same procedures as in the analysis of
232 GFP described above except upper and lower threshold of ϵ 0.16 and -0.12, we isolated
233 total 714 mutants (695 genes) harboring GIs with either GFP-op, tGFP-op or
234 NES-tGFP-op under -Leu/Ura conditions (**Data S5**). To extract genes that had specific
235 GIs with each condition, we performed clustering analysis using them, which were
236 isolated in at least one of GFP-op, tGFP-op, and NES-tGFP experiments (**Figure 5C**,
237 **Data S6**).

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239 **Figure 5D** shows the representative GO term or publication for each cluster (the whole
240 data is shown in **Table S3**). Mutants negatively interacting only with NES-tGFP-op
241 (Cluster 3) contained mutants of genes playing a central role in the nuclear protein
242 export (Crm1, Gsp1, Rna1, and Yrb1). GI scores of these mutants were significantly

243 lower in the NES-tGFP-op experiment than in the other two experiments (**Figure 5-S1A**), suggesting that NES-tGFP-op specifically causes growth defects through
244 overloading these limited factors.

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247 Only 12% (81/688) of mutants showed shared GIs between GFP and tGFP. Mutants
248 negatively interacting with tGFP-op and NES-tGFP-op (Cluster 4) were strongly
249 enriched in annotations of “cytosolic proteasome complex [GO:0031597]” (**Figure 5D**).
250 GI scores of mutants in “proteasome complex [GO:0000502]” were significantly lower
251 in the tGFP-op and NES-tGFP-op experiments than in the GFP-op experiment (**Figure 5-S1B**). These results suggest that GFP and tGFP have different characteristics, and
252 tGFP-op triggers proteasome stress. Interestingly, we observed aggregative structures in
253 the cytoplasm of tGFP-op and NES-tGFP-op cells but not in GFP-op cells (**Figure 5E**).
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256 Mutants interacting only with GFP-op (Cluster 6 and Cluster 11) were enriched in genes
257 annotated to “cellular bud neck [GO: 0005935]” and “transcription by RNA polymerase
258 II [GO:0006366],” and their GI scores were significantly lower and higher in tGFP-op
259 experiments than in the other two experiments (**Figure 5-S1C, D**). This observation
260 suggests that these two processes are specifically interacting with the protein burden,
261 and can be only triggered by proteins with very high expression. Expression levels of
262 tGFP and NES-tGFP which caused growth defects were less than 2% of that of GFP
263 (**Figure 5F**).
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266 **GFP-op affects actin distribution**

267 The above results indicate that GFP-op, i.e. the protein burden, could affect actin
268 functions. We thus performed a morphological analysis of cells under GFP-op with a
269 high-throughput image-processing system (CalMorph) (Ohtani *et al.*, 2004). We used
270 non-fluorescent GFP mutant (GFPy66g) for this analysis because strong GFP
271 fluorescence affects the observation of the cell shape with FITC-ConA. We also
272 analyzed the cells overexpressing Gpm1 and a catalytically negative Gpm1 mutant
273 (Gpm1-m) whose overexpression is considered to cause the protein burden (Eguchi *et*
274 *al.*, 2018). Cells were cultured under SC-Ura conditions. Among obtained 502
275 morphological parameters, only four parameters showed significant differences over the
276 vector control, and three of them (A120_A1B, ACV7-1_A, and A122_A1B) were
277 actin-related parameters (**Figure 6A-D**). **Figure 6E** shows the interpretation of the

278 morphology of GFP-op cells. The cells contained increased actin patch regions,
279 supporting the idea that the protein burden interacts with actin function.

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281 Discussion

282 In this study, we genetically profiled the consequences of protein overproduction using
283 GFP as a model gratuitous protein and NES-tGFP as a transported model protein. We
284 confirmed our prediction that the overproduction of NES-containing protein
285 (NES-tGFP) overloads the amount of limiting nuclear-export factors (Kintaka *et al.*,
286 2016). Overproduction of NES-tGFP had strong negative GIs with mutants in the major
287 nuclear export factors (Crm1, Gsp1, Rna1, and Yrb1; **Figure 5D and Figure 5-S1A**).
288 tGFP-op (and NES-tGFP-op) had negative GIs with mutants in proteasome components
289 but GFP-op did not (Figure 5D and Figure 5-S1B). We observed aggregation of tGFP
290 and NES-tGFP (Figure 5E). Therefore, an overproduction of a protein that contains
291 tandem repeats might induce aggregations, which are degraded by the proteasome.

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293 A comparison of mutants interacting with overproduction of three model proteins led to
294 the isolation of mutants which specifically interact with GFP-op (Figure 5). The three
295 model proteins caused growth defects with different expression levels (Figure 5B and
296 5F). The GFP level is considerably higher than the levels of tGFP and NES-tGFP, and
297 its expression is the highest of all proteins in yeast (Eguchi *et al.*, 2018), suggesting that
298 overproduction of GFP causes growth defects because of the protein burden. As the
299 protein burden should be triggered by the overproduction of otherwise non-harmful
300 proteins like GFP (Moriya, 2015), these mutants should either exacerbate or mitigate
301 the protein burden. The protein burden is considered to be growth defects occurring as a
302 result of the overloading of protein synthesis processes (Kafri *et al.*, 2016). In contrast
303 to the expectation that mutants in those processes exacerbate the protein burden, the
304 mutants isolated did not show any GO term enrichment in those processes but showed
305 enrichment in actin-related processes like “cytoskeletal organization” or “cellular bud”
306 (Figure 2D). Morphological analysis of cells also supported that GFP-op affects normal
307 actin functions (Figure 6). This relationship might be a result of the long-known
308 connection between actin and translational machinery (Kim and Coulombe, 2010); the
309 protein burden-triggered growth defects might involve the perturbation of the actin
310 cytoskeleton via translational factors like eEF1A which can bundle actin fibers (Munshi
311 *et al.*, 2001). Mutations that mitigate the protein burden indeed enriched genes involved
312 in protein synthesis, especially the transcriptional processes “RNA 3'-end processing”

313 and “RNA polymerase II transcription factor complex” (Figure 2D). Because GFP
314 expression levels in those mutants were lower than average (Figure 4C), those mutants
315 might simply reduce the transcription of the GFP transcript itself.

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317 It is thought that only harmless proteins can be produced up to “the ultimate expression
318 level” to cause the protein burden because harmful proteins should cause cellular
319 defects at lower expression levels (Moriya, 2015). Those defects should be triggered by
320 overloading more limited cellular resources, such as those used for folding and transport,
321 accelerated non-specific interactions, or untimely activation of pathways (Moriya, 2015).
322 Our study here supported this idea through the following observations: 1) tGFP (and
323 NES-tGFP) consists of aggregates in the cell and thus could cause proteostasis stress
324 (Figure 5C); 2) NES-tGFP further uses the protein export machinery; 3) genetic
325 profiling suggested that tGFP-op and NES-tGFP-op overload the proteasome and
326 protein export machinery (**Figure 5D**); 4) expression levels of tGFP and NES-tGFP
327 which cause growth defects are far lower than that of GFP (Figure 5B and 5F); and 6)
328 GFP-op isolated specific mutants that were not isolated in tGFP-op and NES-tGFP.
329 Figure 6F provides a schematic model summarizing this idea. Only harmless proteins
330 like GFP can be produced up to the ultimate expression levels that cause the protein
331 burden, which seems to be related to actin functions. Other proteins, localized or
332 aggregative, can be produced at far lower levels than the level which causes the protein
333 burden because their overproduction overloads localization or protein degradation
334 resources which are more limited than the protein synthesis resource.

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336 In conclusion, our genetic profiling successfully investigated the consequences of
337 overproduction: overload of protein synthesis, nuclear export, and the proteasome.
338 Mutants isolated in this study will be useful resources for further investigations into the
339 general consequences of protein overproduction, especially the overloading of cellular
340 processes.

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342 **Legends**

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344 **Figure 1. Experimental scheme of genetic interaction (GI) analysis**

345 A. Each mutant from a deletion mutant array (DMA) and a temperature-sensitive
346 mutant array (TSA) was combined with GFP overproduction (GFP-op) using the
347 synthetic genetic array (SGA) method (Baryshnikova *et al.*, 2010). The colony size of
348 each derivative strain grown on synthetic complete (SC)–Ura and SC–Leu/Ura plates
349 was measured to calculate a genetic interaction (GI) score (ε). Four colonies were
350 analyzed for each strain, and the entire experiment was duplicated.

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352 B. The structure of the plasmid used to overexpress GFP. The plasmid copy number,
353 and thus the expression level of GFP, can be changed by changing the growth
354 conditions.

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356 C. Effect of GFP production on growth under each condition. The maximum growth
357 rate was measured in liquid culture. The average, standard deviation (error bar), and
358 *p*-value of Student's t-test for four independent experiments are shown.

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361 **Figure 2. Characteristics of GI scores**

362 A. Pearson correlation coefficient (r) of GI scores from experimental duplicates. DMA
363 and TSA: comparison of all GI scores of duplicates obtained by the GI analysis using
364 DMA and TSA. DMA-0.08 and TSA-0.08: comparison of GI scores of duplicates with
365 value $> |0.08|$ obtained by the GI analysis using DMA and TSA. **Figure 2S-S1** shows an
366 independent comparison.

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368 B and C. Comparison of average GI scores of DMA (B) and TSA (C) mutants both
369 with GI scores in the duplicates $> |0.08|$ under –Ura and –Leu/Ura conditions.

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371 C. GI score (ε) of mutants isolated ordered by score ranking. Mutants with low (<0.2)
372 and high (>0.2) scores are shown in light blue and orange, with enriched GOs in those
373 mutants. The score in –LU is shown.

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376 **Figure 2-S1.** Comparison of GI scores from experimental duplicates. A-C indicates the
377 conditions and mutants used.

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380 **Figure 2-S2.** Scheme to isolate mutants showing GIs of high confidence with GFP-op.

381 **A:** analysis with DMA, and **B:** analysis with TSA.

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384 **Figure 2-S3.** Comparison of GI analyses in this study and a previous study (Farkas *et* al., 2018).

386 **A** and **B.** Comparison of GI scores of DMA mutants isolated by $\varepsilon > |0.08|$ thresholding in this study.

388 **C** and **D.** Plasmids and conditions used in this study and the previous study.

389 **E** and **F.** Effects of overproduction of GFP from TDH3 promoter (TDH3_{pro}) and HSC82 promoter (HSC82_{pro}) on the plasmid pTOW40836 in –Ura (C) and –Leu/Ura (D) conditions. The average, standard deviation (error bar), and *p*-value of Student's t-test are shown.

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395 **Figure 2-S4. Verification of GIs with independent liquid growth measurement**

396 **A** and **C.** Maximum growth rates of mutant cells with TDH3_{pro}-GFP (A) and HSC82_{pro}-GFP (C) plasmids in synthetic complete (SC)–Ura medium. Average and standard deviation (error bar) of four independent experiments is shown.

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400 **B** and **D.** GI scores of mutants and GFP-op from TDH3_{pro} (**B**) and HSC82_{pro} (**D**). GI score was calculated as follows:

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403 GI score (ε) = $W_{AB} - W_A \times W_B$.

404 Where W_{AB} : Gm/Vw, W_A : Gw/Vw, W_B : Vm/Vw

405 Gw: Average max growth rate of GFP-op_wild type (four independent measurements)

406 Gm: Average max growth rate of GP-op_mutant (four independent measurements)

408 Vw: Average max growth rate of Vector_wild type (four independent measurements)

409 Vm: Average max growth rate of Vector_mutant (four independent measurements)

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412 **Figure 2-S5. Mutants of replication initiation complex specifically show growth**

413 **defects in the high-copy conditions**

414 A. Colony size differences of vector control experiment of genes categorized as GO
415 categories “DNA replication preinitiation complex [GO:0031261]” on synthetic
416 complete (SC)–Ura and SC–Leu/Ura plates. AU = colony size on –Leu/Ura
417 plate/colony size on –Ura plate. AUs of each mutant from duplicated experiments are
418 shown. The average AU and standard deviation (error bar) of TS mutants are shown.
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420 B. Representative mutants showing growth defects under high-copy conditions (–
421 Leu/Ura) in the vector control experiments.
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424 **Figure 3. Independent GI scores (ε) of genes enriched in GO categories in
425 GFP_negative and GFP_positive genes**

426 A. GI scores of mutants isolated as GFP_negative genes annotated with the GO term
427 “cellular bud [GO:0005933].”
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429 B. GI scores of mutants annotated with the GO terms “TRAMP complex [GO:0031499]”
430 and “nuclear exosome [GO:0000176].”
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432 C. GI scores of mutants annotated with the GO term “Mediator-RNA polymerase II
433 preinitiation complex [GO:0090575].”
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435 GI scores under –Leu/Ura conditions are shown.
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438 **Figure 4. Experimental scheme of GFP expression measurements of mutants**

439 A. Each mutant from a deletion mutant array (DMA) and a temperature-sensitive
440 mutant array (TSA) was combined with GFP overproduction (GFP-op) with
441 background E2-Crimson expression, using a synthetic genetic array (SGA) method. The
442 median GFP fluorescence (F488) and E2-Crimson fluorescence (F532) of each colony
443 were measured, and the GFP expression level (GFPunit) of each mutant was calculated
444 by dividing F488 by F532 to normalize colony size.
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446 B. GFPunits of GFP-op_negative mutants. Mutants with lower and higher GFPunits
447 than the average are designated as GFP_L and GFP_H mutants, respectively.
448 Representative GO terms enriched in GFP_L mutants in GFP-op_negative mutants are
449 shown.

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451 **C. GFPunits of GFP-op_positive mutants.** Representative GO terms enriched in GFP_L
452 mutants and GFP_H mutants in GFP-op_positive mutants are shown.

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455 **Figure 4-S1. Distribution of GFPunits of mutants in specific GOs among mutants**
456 **with GI with GFP-op**

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458 **A. GFPunits of mutants in annotated to the GO term “cellular bud (GO:0005933)”**
459 among GFP-op_negative mutants.

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461 **B. GFPunits of mutants annotated to the GO terms “TRAMP complex (GO:0031499),”**
462 **“nuclear exosome (GO:0000176),” and “mediator-RNA polymerase II preinitiation**
463 **complex (PMID27610567)”** among GFP-op_positive mutants.

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465

466 **Figure 5. GFP-op harbor GIs with distinct sets of genes from those with tGFP-op**
467 **and NES-tGFP-op**

468

469 **A. Structures and promoters used to overexpress GFP, tGFP, and NES-tGFP.**
470 Nucleotide sequences of the three GFPs in tGFP (and NES-tGFP) are different, other to
471 avoid recombination.

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473 **B. Maximum growth rates of cells harboring overproduction plasmids**

474 The average, standard deviation, and *p*-value of Student’s t-test for the growth rates of
475 cells with the vector and overproduction plasmids from four independent experiments
476 are shown. Cells were grown in synthetic complete (SC)–Ura medium.

477

478 **C and D. Clustering analysis of the mutants having GIs with GFP-op, tGFP-op, and**
479 **NES-tGFP-op (C), and its characterization (D).**

480

481 **E. Microscope images of cells overexpressing GFP, tGFP, and NES-tGFP**

482 The nucleus was observed using Hoechst 33342 staining. Representative cells with
483 intracellular condensates are indicated by green arrowheads (condensates with GFP
484 fluorescence) and yellow arrowheads (nucleus).

485

486 **F. Quantification of expression limits of GFP, tGFP, and NES-tGFP**

487 Western blot analysis of total protein from GFP-op (1/10 diluted), tGFP-op, and
488 NES-tGFP cells cultured in SC–Ura medium. Relative GFP levels (protein units) were
489 calculated by measuring the intensities of bands corresponding to the molecular weight
490 of each protein (arrowheads). Note that molar concentration GFP should be divided by
491 three in the case of tGFP and NES-tGFP because they have three times more epitopes
492 for the antibody than GFP.

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495 **Figure 5-S1. Distributions of GI scores of mutants in specific publications and GO**

496 GI scores of mutants in the indicated publications and GO terms from the duplicated
497 experiments on GFP-op, tGFP-op, and NES-tGFP are shown as scatter plots. The
498 *p*-values of pair-wise t-test between experiments are shown. Bold letters indicate
499 significant *p*-values (*p* < 0.001).

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501

502 **Figure 6. Morphological analysis of the cells overexpressing gratuitous proteins**

503

504 **A-D.** Morphological parameters significantly different all in the cells overexpressing
505 GFPy66g, Gmp1, and Gpm1-m cells over the cells with the vector control. *: FDR =
506 0.01 by Wald test. To overexpress GFPy66g, Gpm1, and Gpm1-m,
507 pTOW40836-TDH3_{pro}-GFPy66g, pTOW40836-TDH3_{pro}-Gpm1, and
508 pTOW40836-TDH3_{pro}-Gpm1-m were used.

509

510 E. Interpretation of the morphology of GFP-op cells according to the morphological
511 parameters significantly different from the vector control.

512

513 F. Dissection of the consequence of protein overexpression by the expression limits.
514 Only otherwise harmless protein could cause the protein burden, which is associated
515 with the perturbation of actin function.

516 **Materials and Methods**

517

518 **Strains and plasmids used in this study**

519 The vector plasmid (pTOW40836), GFP-op plasmid (pTOW40836-TDH3_{pro}-GFP),
520 tGFP-op plasmid (pTOW40836-PYK1_{pro}-NES-tGFP), and NES-tGFP-op plasmid
521 (pTOW40836-PYK1_{pro}-NES-tGFP) have been described previously (Kintaka *et al.*,
522 2016; Eguchi *et al.*, 2018). The deletion mutant collection and TS mutant collection
523 have been described previously (Costanzo *et al.*, 2016). Yeast culture and
524 transformation were performed as previously described (Amberg *et al.*, 2005). A
525 synthetic complete (SC) medium without uracil (Ura) or leucine (Leu) was used for
526 yeast culture.

527

528 **Query strains**

529 Y7092 (MATa can1Δ::STE2pr-his5 lyp1Δ ura3Δ0 leu2Δ0 his3Δ1 met15Δ0) was used for
530 the query train in the SGA. Y7092-E2-Crimson (MATa can1Δ::TDH3pr-E2-Crimson
531 STE2pr-his5 lyp1Δ ura3Δ0 leu2Δ0 his3Δ1 met15Δ0) was used for the query strain in the
532 SGA with the GFP fluorescent measurement experiment.

533

534 **Synthetic genetic array (SGA) and colony size analysis**

535 SGA and colony size analysis were performed as previously described (Baryshnikova *et*
536 *al.*, 2010). Briefly, an empty plasmid, and plasmids for overproducing GFP, tGFP,
537 NES-tGFP were introduced into the deletion and TS mutant collections using robots to
538 manipulate libraries in 1536-colony high-density formats. A query strain harboring each
539 of the overexpression plasmids and each of the MATa mutant strains harboring a
540 different genetic alteration were mated on YPD. Diploid cells were selected on plates
541 containing both selection markers (YPD + G418 + clonNAT) found in the haploid
542 parent strains. Sporulation was then induced by transferring cells to nitrogen starvation
543 plates. Haploid cells containing all desired mutations were selected for by transferring
544 cells to plates containing all selection markers (SC -His/Arg/Lys + canavanine +
545 thialysine + G418 + cnonNAT) to select against remaining diploids. To analyze the
546 growth of each deletion strain with the plasmids, all custom libraries were replicated to
547 SC-LU plates and grown for three days at 30°C. The colony size was quantified and
548 normalized. Then the genetic interaction (GI) scores were calculated using the formula.
549 GI score (ϵ) = $W_{AB} - W_A \times W_B$, where W_{AB} is localized GFP plasmid/mutant fitness,
550 W_A is localized GFP plasmid/WT fitness, and W_B is empty plasmid/mutant fitness. The
551 GI scores were filtered using the defined confidence threshold (GI score, $|\epsilon| > 0.08$,

552 *p*-value that reflects both the local variability of replicate colonies (four colonies/ strain)
553 and the variability of the strain sharing the same query or array mutation (*p* < 0.05).
554 This filtered data set was used for all analyses. Initial GFP-op_positive 146 genes (147
555 mutants) contained genes involved in the His and Lys synthetic pathways. His and Lys
556 (Arg) are used as marker genes for the SGA, and deletion mutants of *HIS*, *LYS*, and
557 *ARG* genes should not grow in the SGA analysis. In fact, the colony sizes of these
558 mutants in the vector control experiment were very small and were considered to be the
559 carryover. We thus further isolated positively-interacting mutants by setting a threshold
560 on the colony size of greater than 0.39 in the vector control experiment, selected
561 according to the largest colony size (*ARG1*) among the *HIS*, *LYS*, and *ARG* mutants, to
562 avoid the identification of false-positive GIs.

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565 **Liquid growth measurement**

566 Cellular growth was measured by monitoring OD595 every 30 min using a model 680
567 microplate reader (BioRad). The maximum growth rate was calculated as described
568 previously (Moriya *et al.*, 2006). Average values and standard deviations were
569 calculated from biological triplicates.

570

571 **GFP fluorescent measurement by Typhoon**

572 Two colonies/strain from the SGA were picked up and replicated to SC-U plates, and
573 grown for two days at 30°C. To detect the fluorescence of the colony, plates were
574 scanned by laser (GFP at 488 nm and E2-Crimson at 532 nm) using Typhoon 9210
575 (Amersham Biosciences). The image data were analyzed using GenePix Pro Software
576 (Molecular Devices). Each colony was segmented by a circle with the same diameter,
577 the fluorescence per pixel was detected, and the medians of the fluorescence in the
578 circle were calculated. To normalize the intensity by plate, all medians were divided by
579 the plate average median for GFP and E2-Crimson. The ratios of GFP/RFP were
580 calculated, and the averages of the two colonies were used.

581

582 **Clustering analysis**

583 The GI scores of GFP, tGFP, and NES-tGFP were clustered into 15 clusters by the
584 hierarchical clustering (average) method using R (<https://www.r-project.org>).

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586 **Enrichment analysis**

587 Enrichment analysis was performed using the gene list tool on the *Saccharomyces*
588 genome database (yeastmine.yeastgenome.org/yeastmine/bag.do).

589

590 **Microscope observation**

591 Log-phase cells were cultivated in SC–Ura medium. Cell images were obtained and
592 processed using a DMI6000 B microscope and Leica Application Suite X software
593 (Leica Microsystems). GFP fluorescence was observed using the GFP filter cube.
594 Cellular DNA was stained with 100 µg/ml Hoechst 33342 (H3570, ThermoFisher) for 5
595 min and observed using the A filter cube.

596

597 **Quantification of GFP expression level**

598 The total protein was extracted from log-phase cells with NuPAGE LDS sample buffer
599 (ThermoFisher NP0007) after 0.2 N NaOH treatment for 5 min (Kushnirov, 2000). For
600 each analysis, the total protein extracted from 0.1 optical density unit of cells OD600
601 1.0 was used. The extracted protein was labeled with Ezlabel FluoroNeo (WSE-7010,
602 ATTO), as described in the manufacturer's protocol, and separated by 4%–12%
603 SDS-PAGE. Proteins were detected and measured using a LAS-4000 image analyzer
604 (GE Healthcare) in SYBR–green fluorescence detection mode, and Image Quant TL
605 software (GE Healthcare). The intensity of the 45kDa band corresponding to Pgk1 and
606 Eno1/2 was used as the loading control. To detect GFP, the SDS-PAGE-separated
607 proteins were transferred to a PVDF membrane (ThermoFisher). GFP was detected
608 using an anti-GFP antibody (11814460001, Roche), a peroxidase-conjugated second
609 antibody (414151F, Nichirei Biosciences), and a chemiluminescent reagent (34095,
610 ThermoFisher). The chemiluminescent image was acquired with a LAS-4000 image
611 analyzer in chemiluminescence detection mode (GE Healthcare). For the estimation of
612 relative GFP levels, the intensities of corresponding GFP bands were normalized using
613 the loading control described above.

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615 **High-dimensional morphological analysis**

616 Morphological data of cells cultured were acquired as previously described (Ohya *et al.*,
617 2005). Briefly, logarithmic-phase BY4741 cells harboring plasmids grown in SC–Ura
618 medium were fixed and were triply stained with FITC-ConA, rhodamine-phalloidin,
619 and 4,6-diamidino-2-phenylindole to obtain fluorescent images of the cell-surface
620 mannoprotein, actin cytoskeleton, and nuclear DNA, respectively. Images of at least
621 200 individual cells were acquired and processed using CalMorph (version 1.2). All of
622 the statistical analyses were performed with R. To statistically test the morphological

623 differences among four strains, we conducted one-way ANOVA of the generalized
624 linear model (GLM) for each of 501 morphological parameters. Probability density
625 functions (PDFs) and accompanying link functions in the GLM were assigned to each
626 trait as described previously (Yang *et al.*, 2014). Difference of the four strains ($n = 5$)
627 was incorporated as the explanatory variable into the linear model. We assessed a
628 dispersion model among the strains in the linear models for the 501 parameters by
629 Akaike information criterion (AIC) and set 110 models (parameters) as a different
630 dispersion model because of lower AIC than that of a single dispersion model. Applying
631 one-way ANOVA among the four strains to all 501 parameters, 51 of the 501
632 parameters were found to differ significantly at false discovery rate (FDR) = 0.01 by the
633 likelihood ratio test (**Likelihood ratio test in Data S7**). Maximum likelihood
634 estimation, likelihood ratio test, and the estimation of FDR were performed using the
635 *gamlss*, *lrtest*, and *qvalue* functions in the *gamlss* (Stasinopoulos and Rigby, 2007),
636 *lmtest* (Zeileis and Hothorn, 2002), and *qvalue* (Storey, 2002) R package. By Wald
637 test at FDR = 0.01, 16, 17, and 24 of the 501 traits were detected to have a significant
638 difference from wild-type in GFPy66g, Gpm1, and Gpm1-m, respectively (**Q value of**
639 **Wald test in Data S7**). Of the 16 parameters detected in GFPy66g, 14 parameters were
640 grouped into four independent morphological features by four principal components
641 (explaining 60% of the variance) extracted from principal component analysis for the Z
642 values of 109 replicates of *his3Δ* (Suzuki *et al.*, 2018) as described previously (Ohnuki
643 *et al.*, 2012), and were used for the illustration of morphological features (**Figure 6F,**
644 **Morphological features in in Data S7**).

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653 **Supplementary Datasets and Tables**

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655 **● Data S1 (Data_S1_GFP_SGA_raw_data.xlsx)**

656 Raw data of GFP-op SGA analysis; associated with Figure 2A-C, 2-S1A-D, 2-S5A, and
657 3A-C.

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659 **● Data S2 (Data_S2_GFPunit.xlsx)**

660 Raw data of GFP expression analysis under GFP-op; associated with Figure 4B, 4C,
661 and 4-S1A, and 4-S1B.

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663 **● Data S3 (Data_S3_NES-tGFP_SGA_raw_data.xlsx)**

664 Raw data of NES-tGFP-op SGA analysis; associated with Figure 5-S1A-D.

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666 **● Data S4 (Data_S4_tGFP_SGA_raw_data.xlsx)**

667 Raw data of tGFP-op SGA analysis; associated with Figure 5-S1A-D.

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669 **● Data S5 (Data_S5_GFP_isolated_mutants.xlsx)**

670 Isolated GFP-op_positive and _negative mutants by this study; associated with Figure
671 2D, 4B, and 4C.

672

673 **● Data S6 (Data_S6_GFP_tGFP_NES-tGFP_isolated_cluster.xlsx)**

674 Isolated mutants with GFP, tGFP, and NES-tGFP SGA analysis, and the result of
675 clustering analysis; associated with Figure 5C and 5D.

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677 **● Data S7 (Data_S7_Morphological_Phenotyping.xlsx)**

678 Whole dataset of morphological phenotyping of overexpressing strains; associated with
679 Figure 6A-D.

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681 **● Table S1 (Table_S1_Enrichement_SGA_GFP.xlsx)**

682 Enrichment analysis of genes isolated in GFPop SGA analysis; associated with Figure
683 2D.

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685 ● **Table S2 (Table_S2_Enrichment_GFPunit.xlsx)**

686 Enrichment analysis of genes isolated by GFP expression level; associated with Figure
687 4B, 4C, 4-S1A, and 4-S1B.

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689 ● **Table S3 (Table_S3_Clusters_Genes_Enrichement.xlsx)**

690 Enrichment analysis of genes in each cluster in Figure 5C and 5D.

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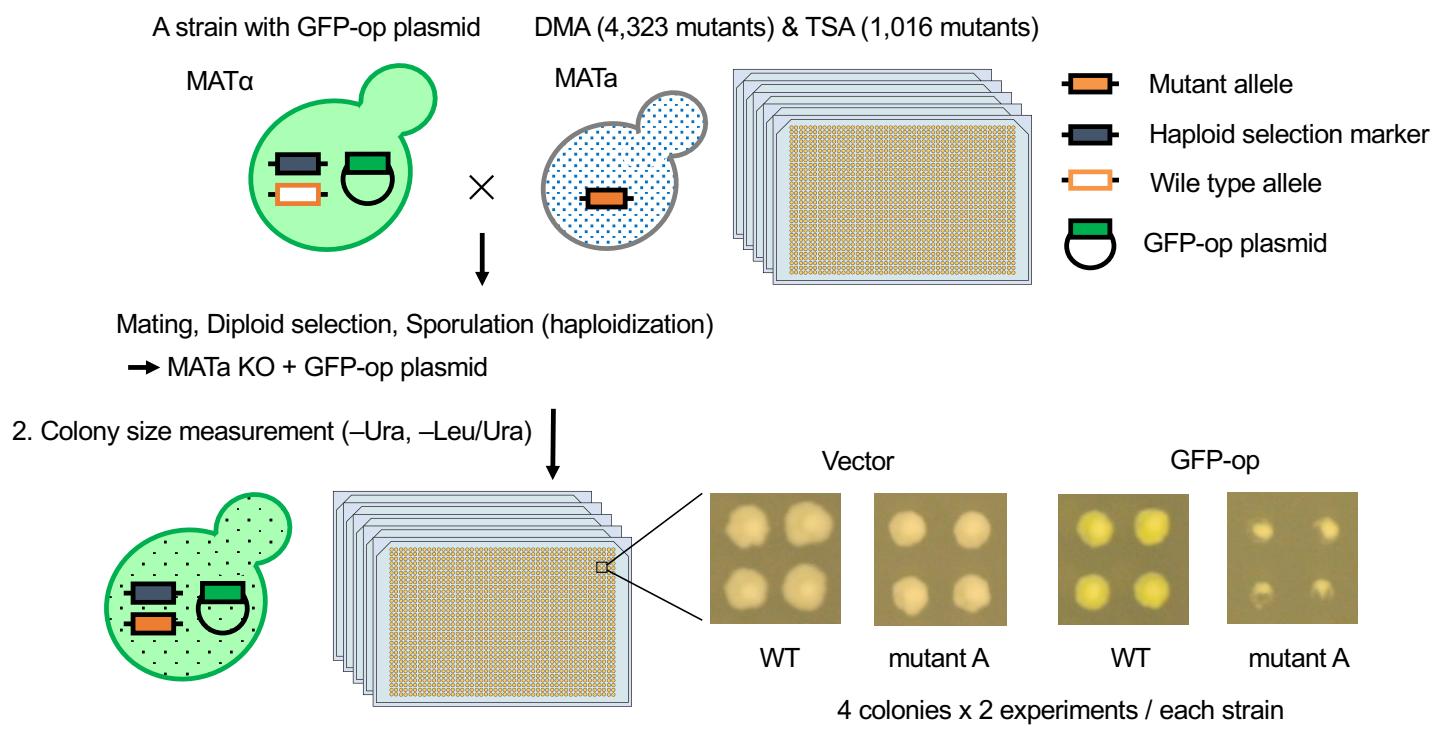
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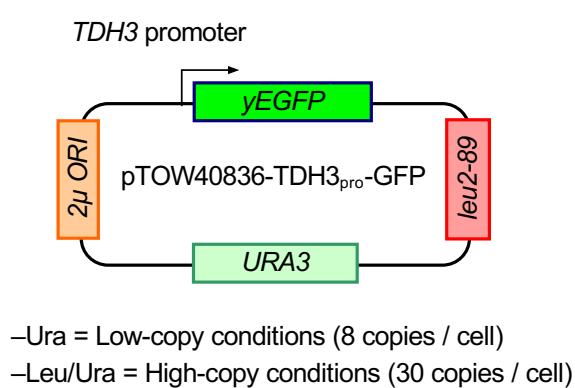
A 1. Synthetic genetic array (SGA)



Genetic interaction score (ε) = $W_{AB} - W_A \times W_B$

W_{AB} : GFP-op / mutant fitness difference, W_A : GFP-op / WT fitness difference, W_B : Vector / mutant fitness difference

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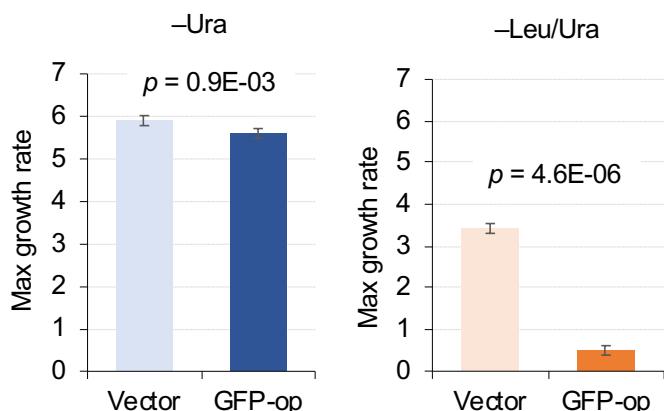


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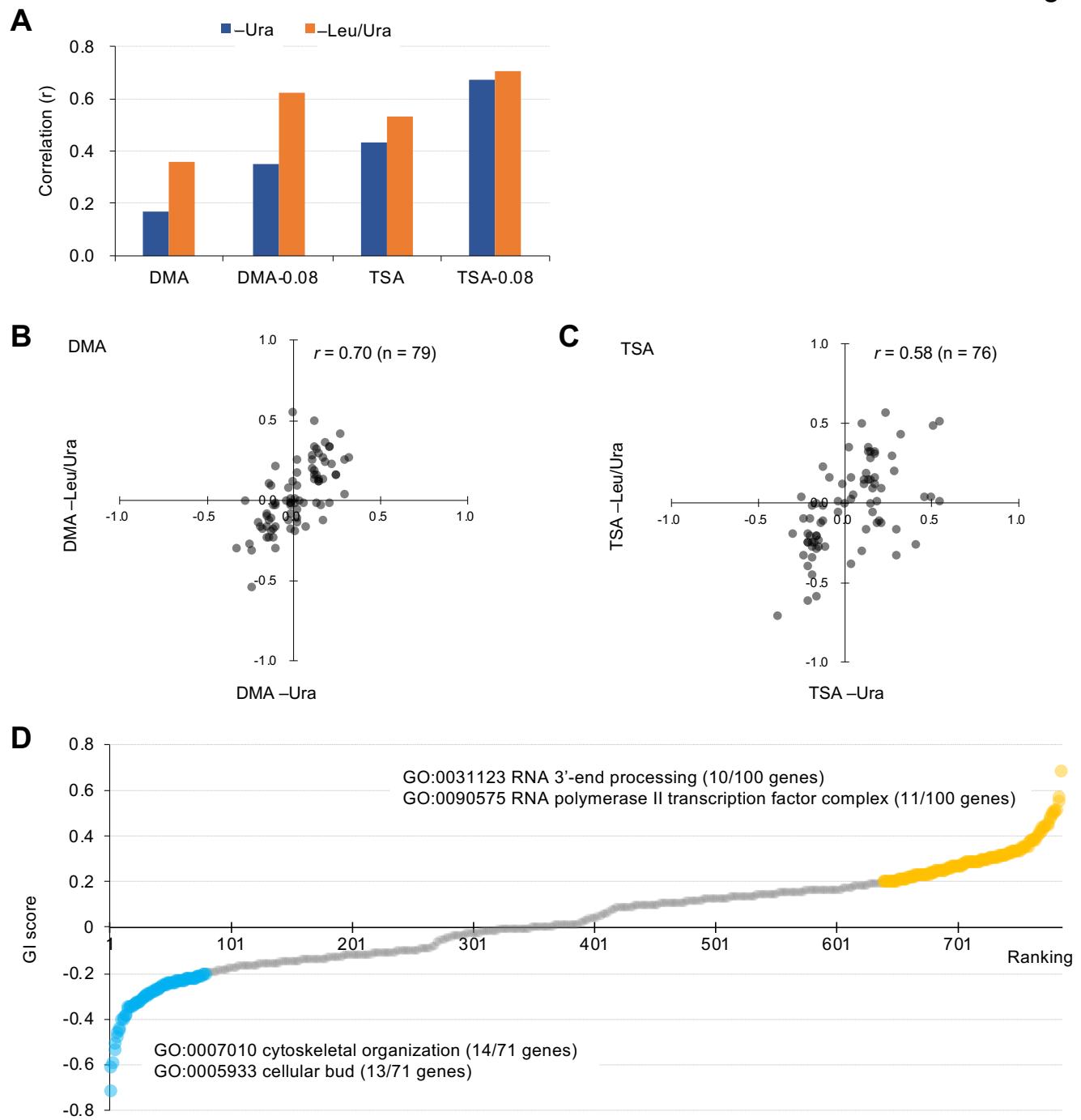


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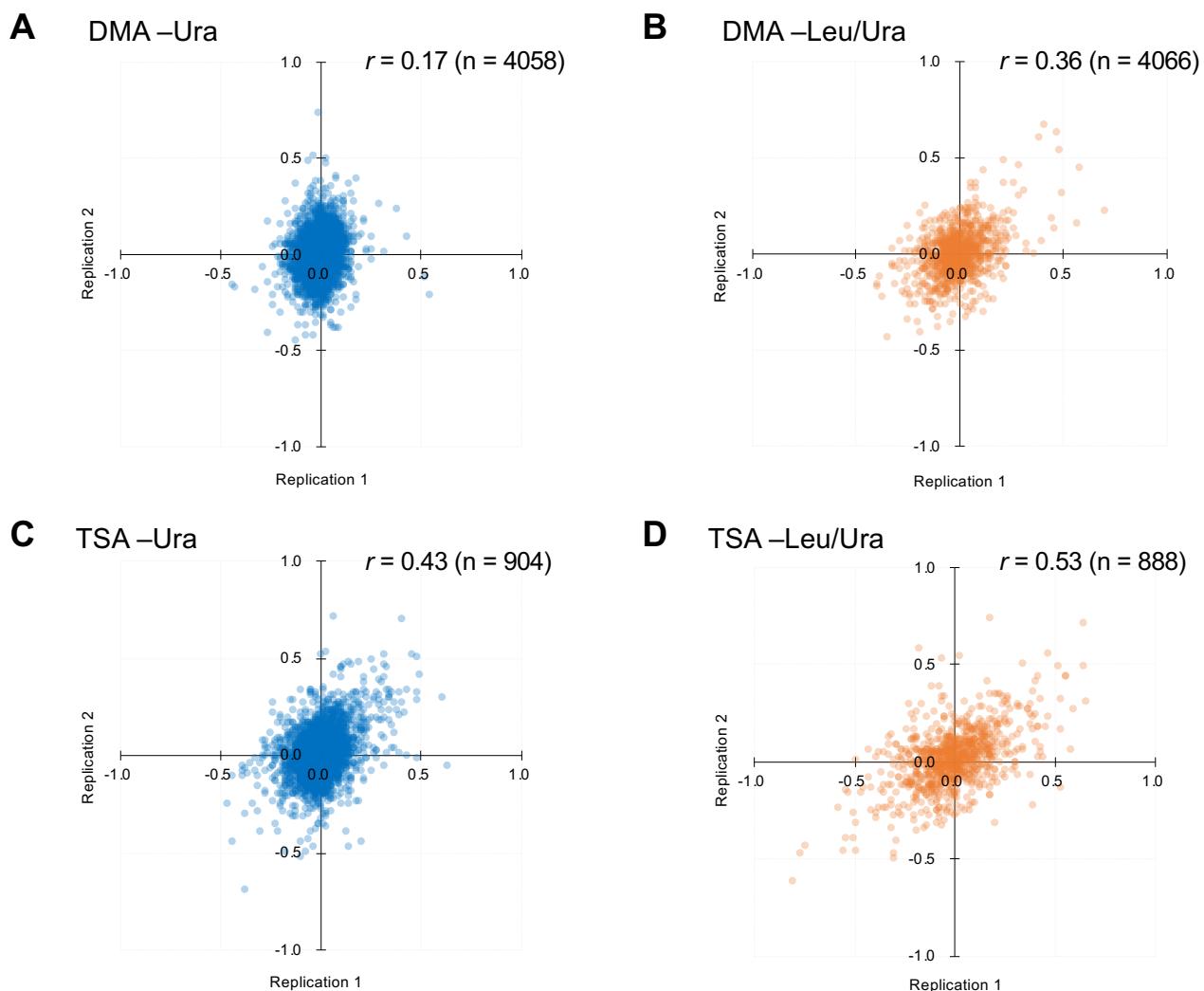


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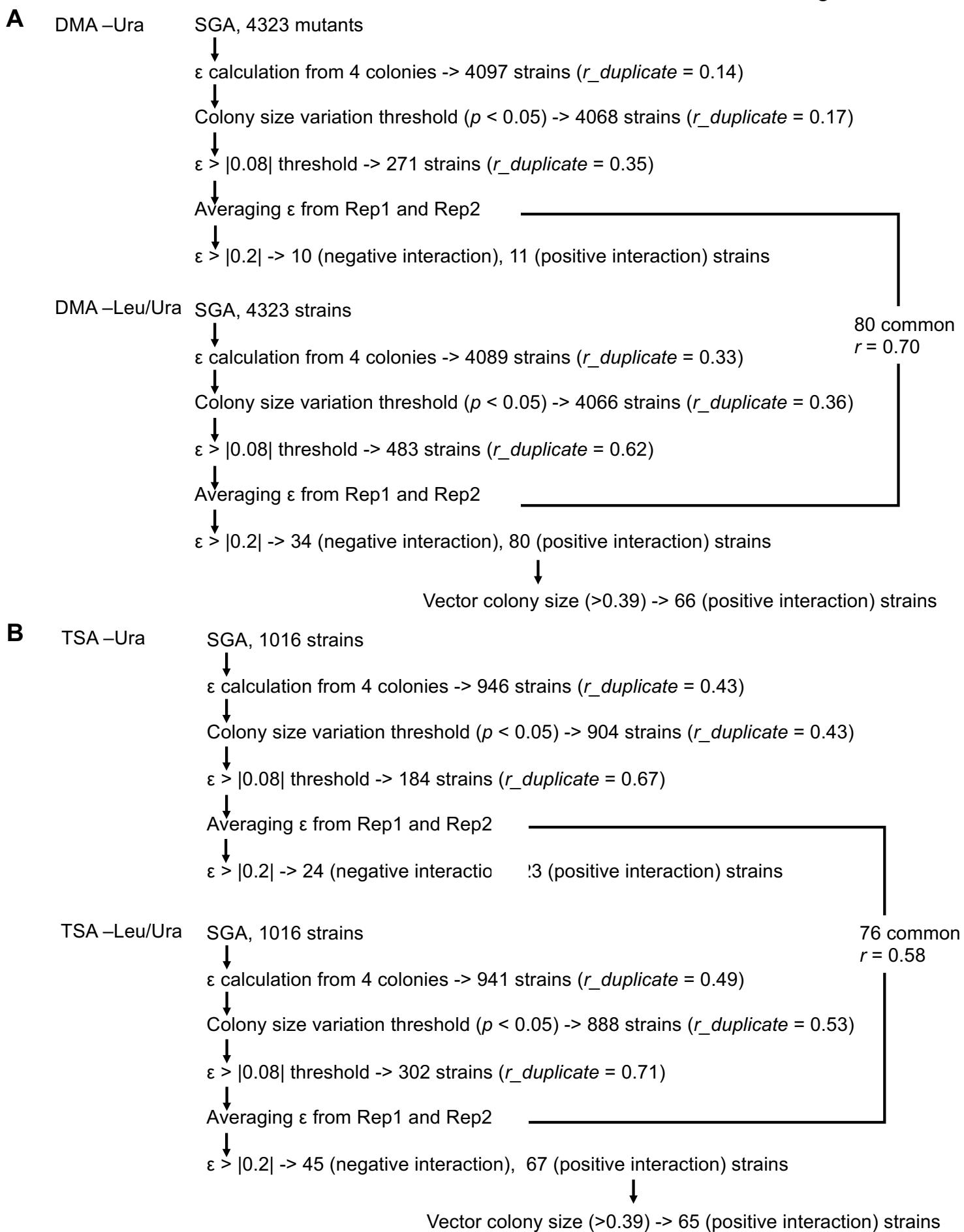


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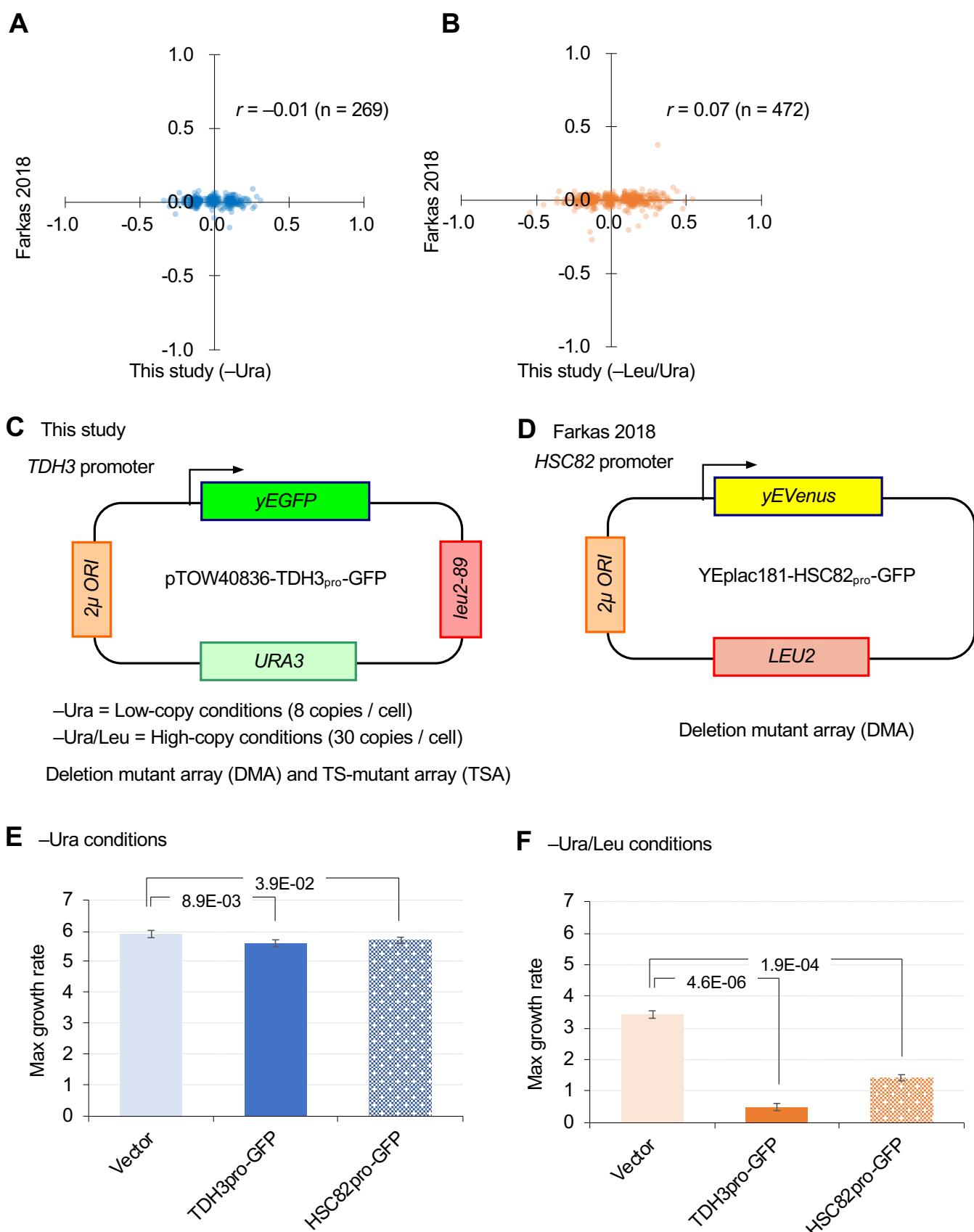
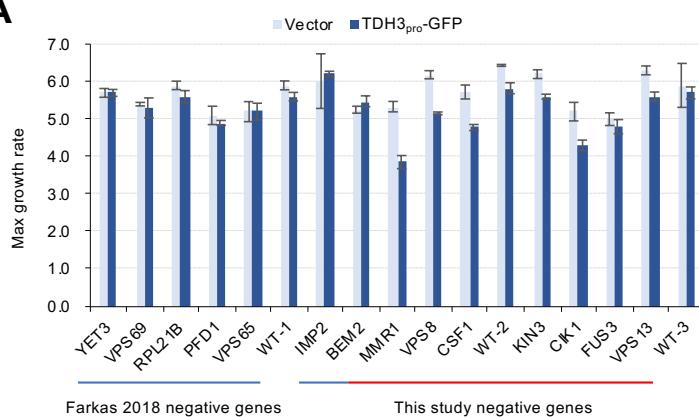
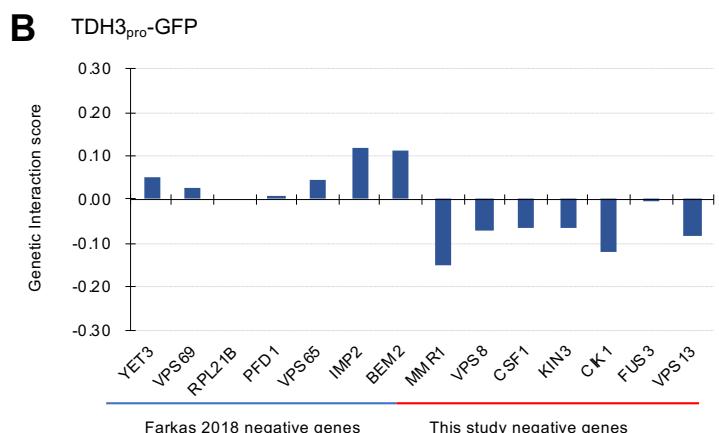


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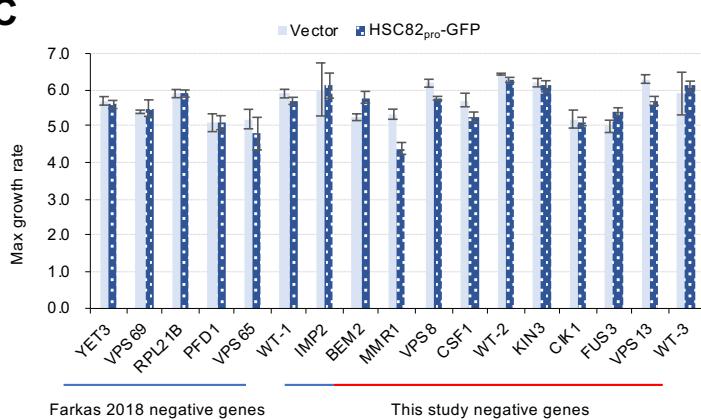
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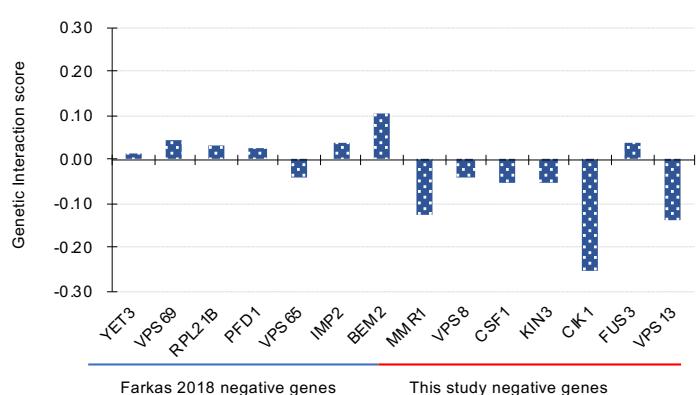
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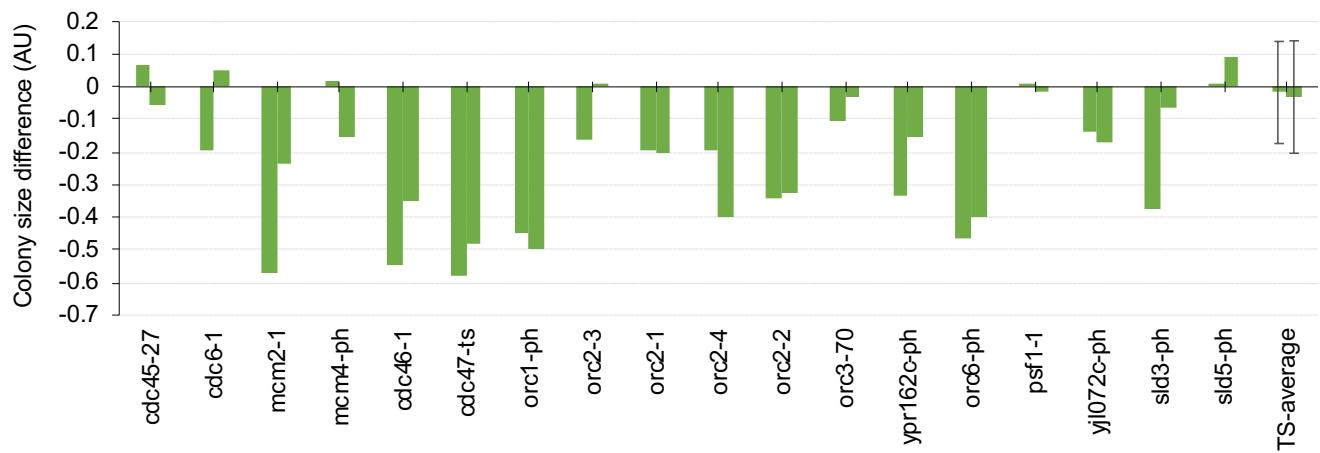
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Figure 2-S5

A Vector control experiments

DNA replication preinitiation complex 15/ 22 genes [GO:0031261]



B Vector control experiments

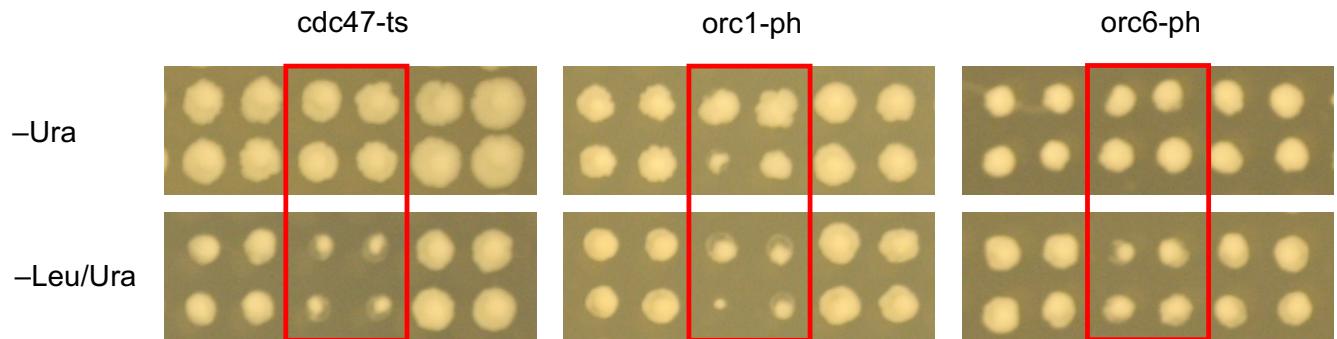


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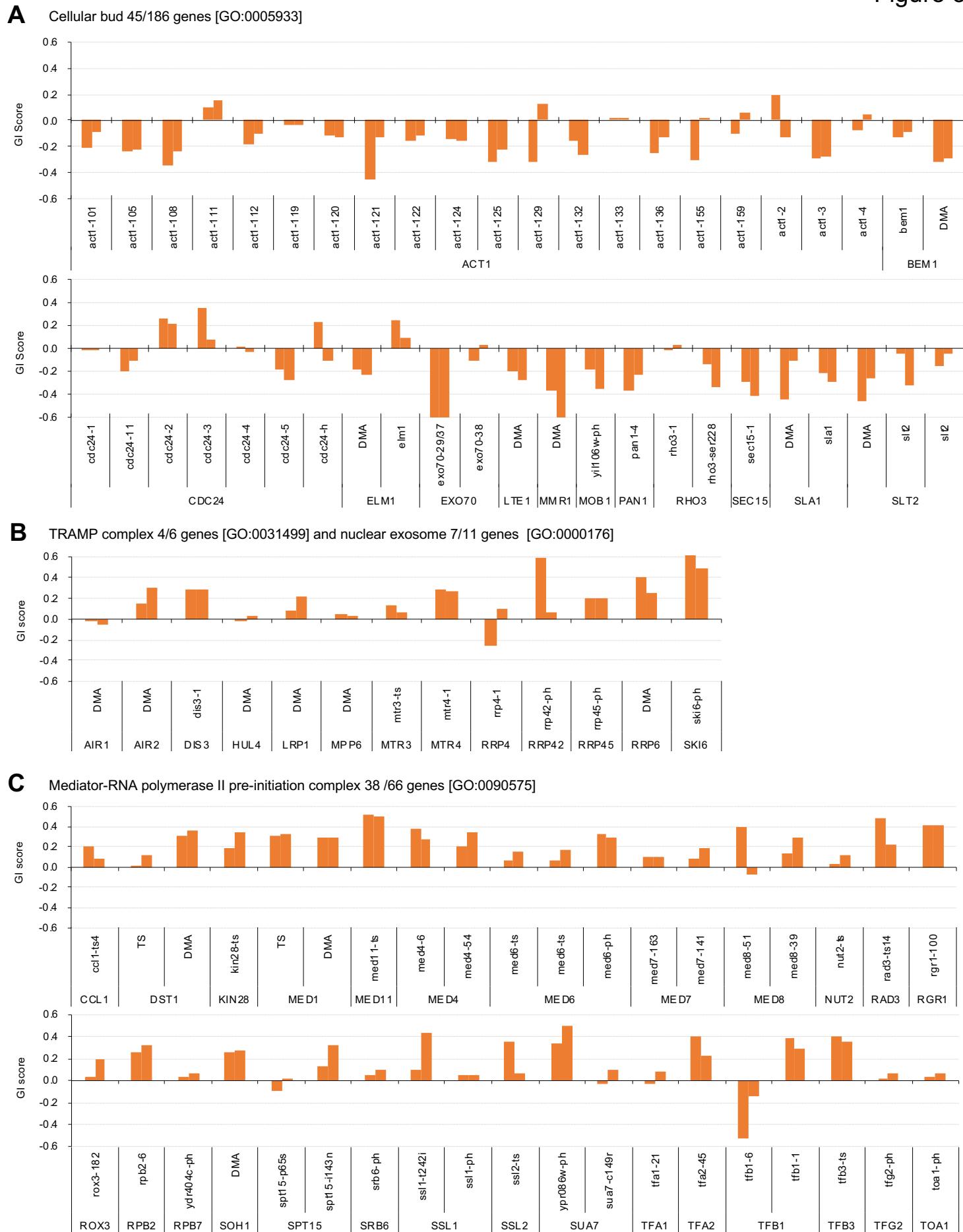


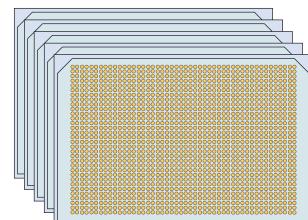
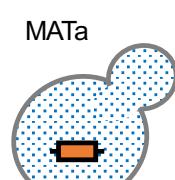
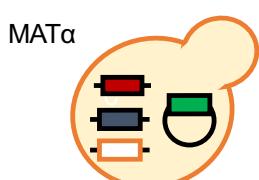
Figure 4

A 1. Synthetic genetic array (SGA)

A strain with GFP-op plasmid with background E2-Crimson expression

DMA (4,323 mutants) & TSA (1,016 mutants)

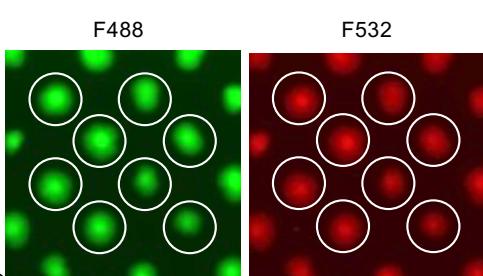
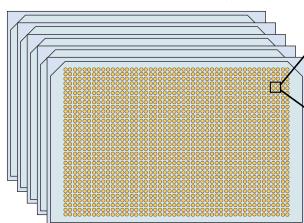
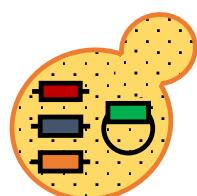
- Mutant allele
- Haploid selection marker
- Wild type allele
- GFP-op plasmid
- TDH3pro-E2-Crimson



Mating, Diploid selection, Sporulation (haploidization)

→ MATa KO + GFP-op plasmid

2. Fluorescence measurement (−Ura)

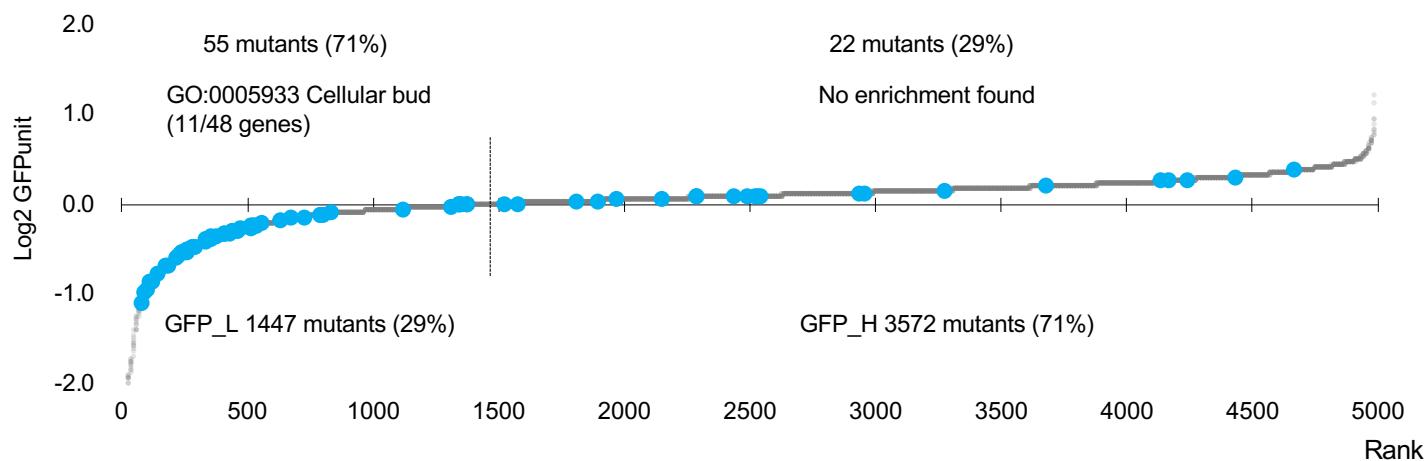


2 colonies / each strain

GFPunit = median_F488 / median_F532 (normalization of size effect)

B

● All mutants ● GFP-op_negative mutants



C

● All mutants ● GFP-op_positive mutants

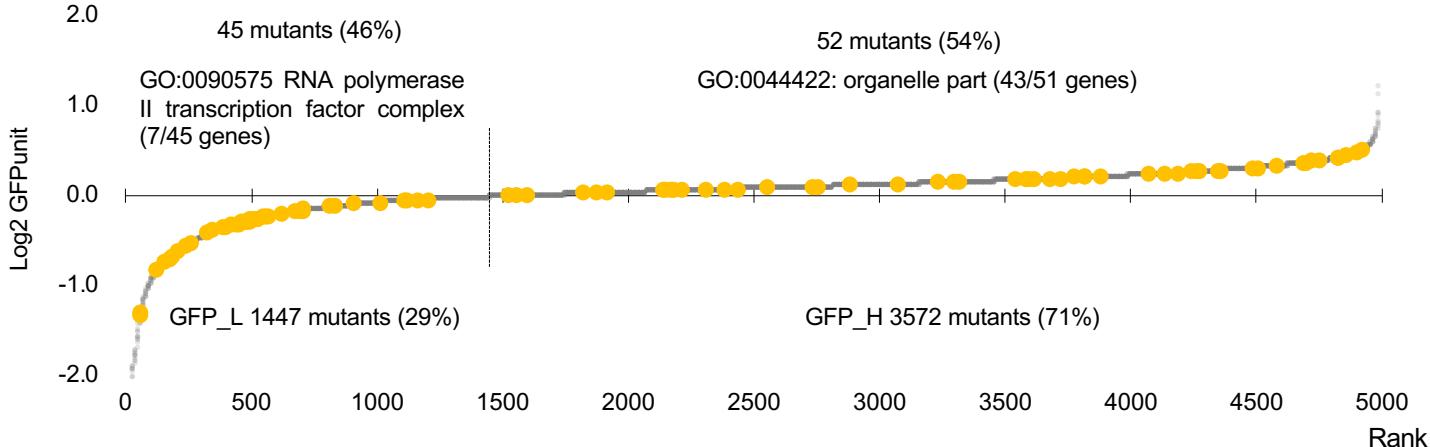
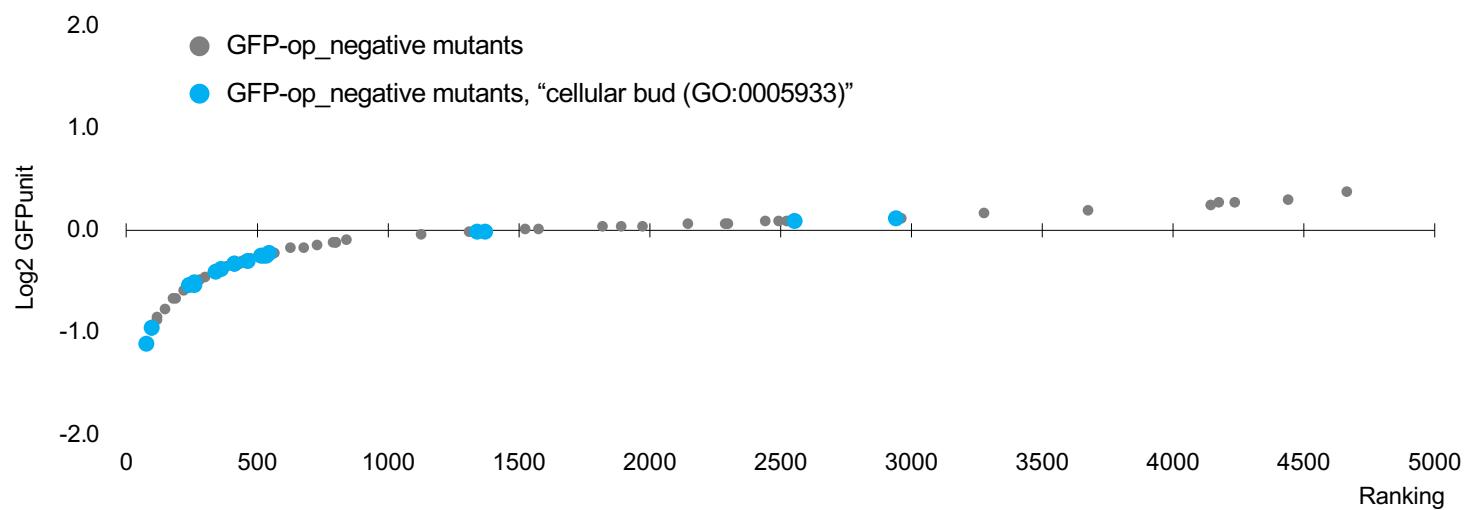


Figure 4-S1

A



B

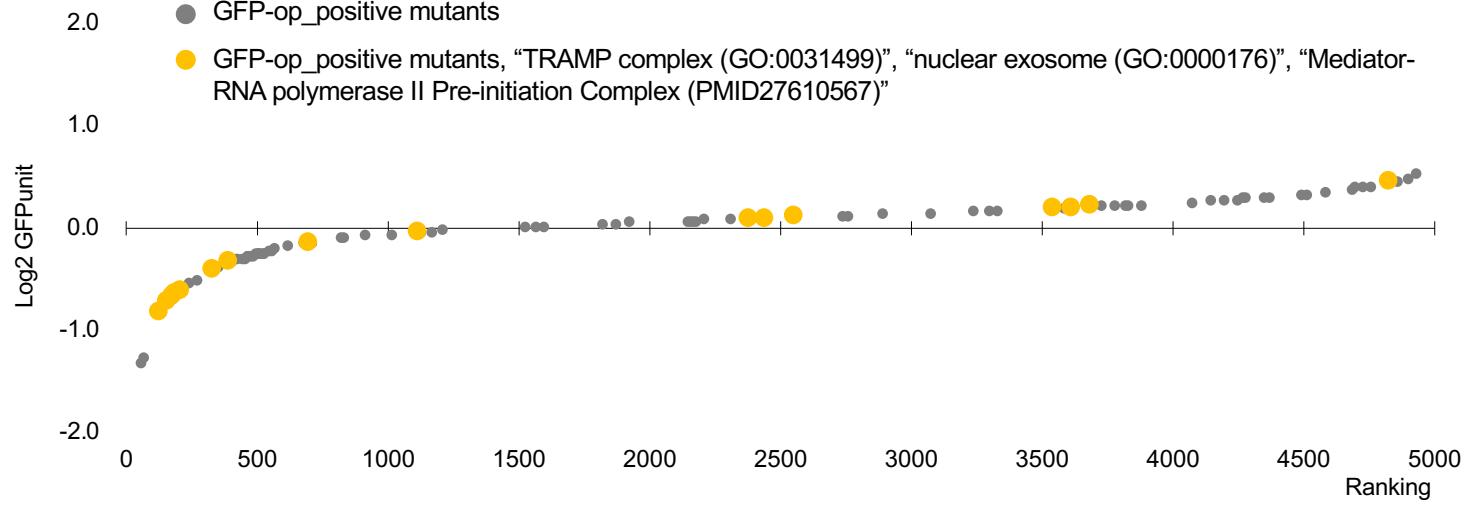


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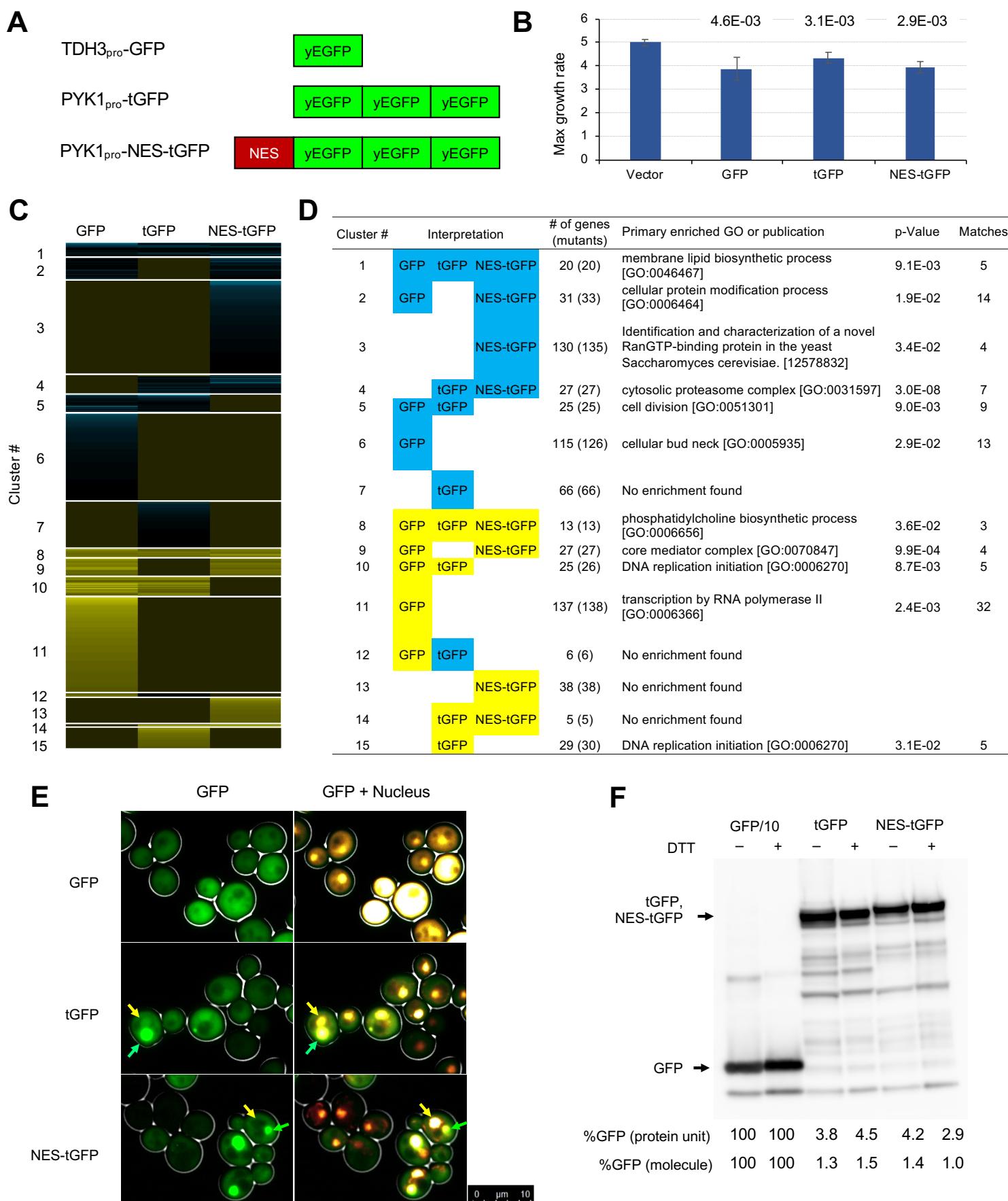
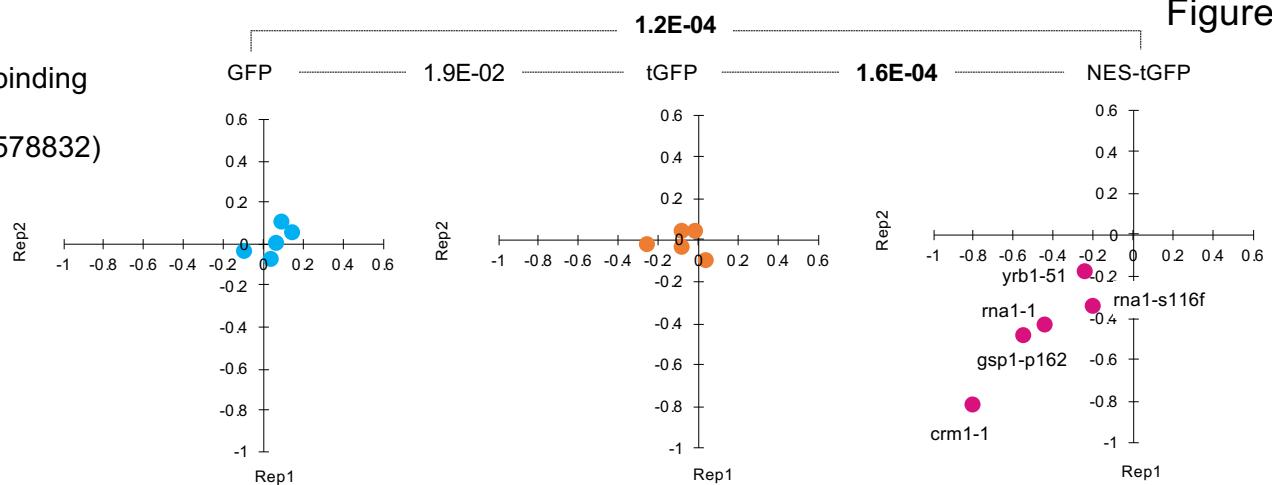


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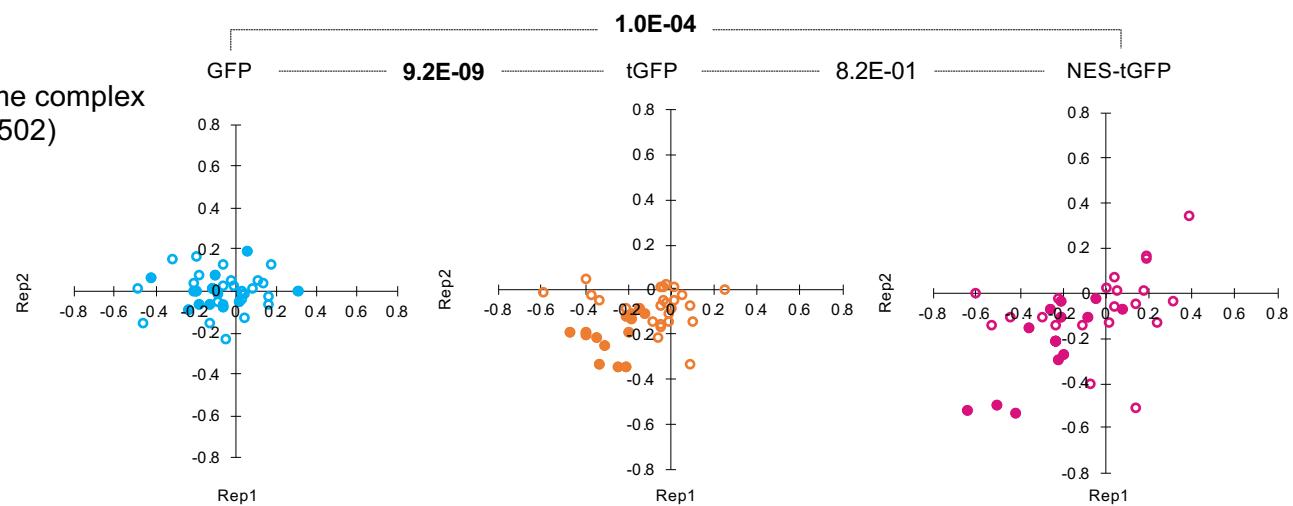
A

RanGTP-binding
proteins
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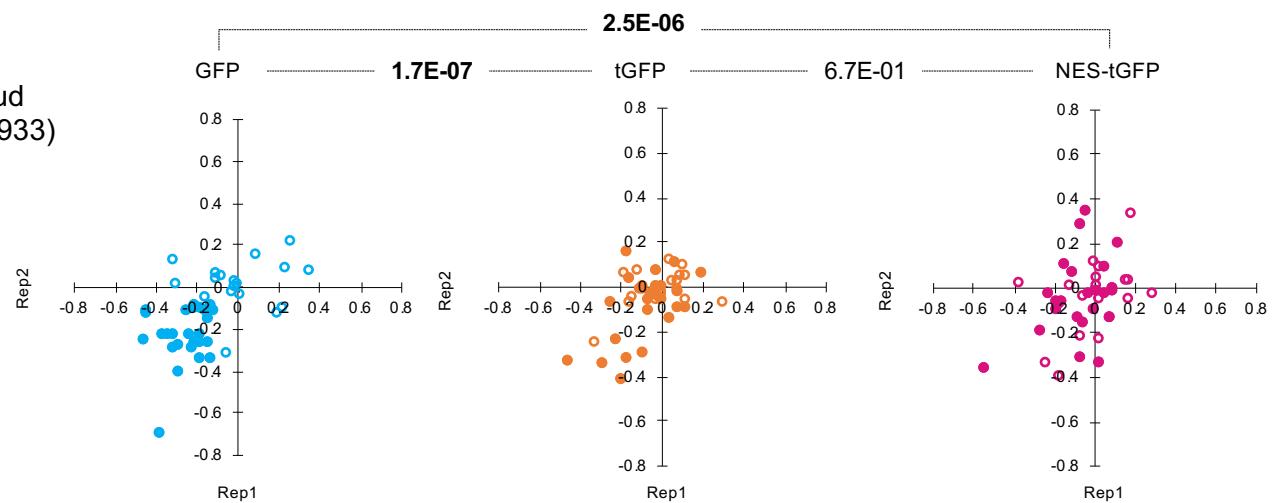
B

Proteasome complex
(GO:0000502)



C

Cellular bud
(GO:0005933)



D

RNA polymerase II
transcription factor
complex
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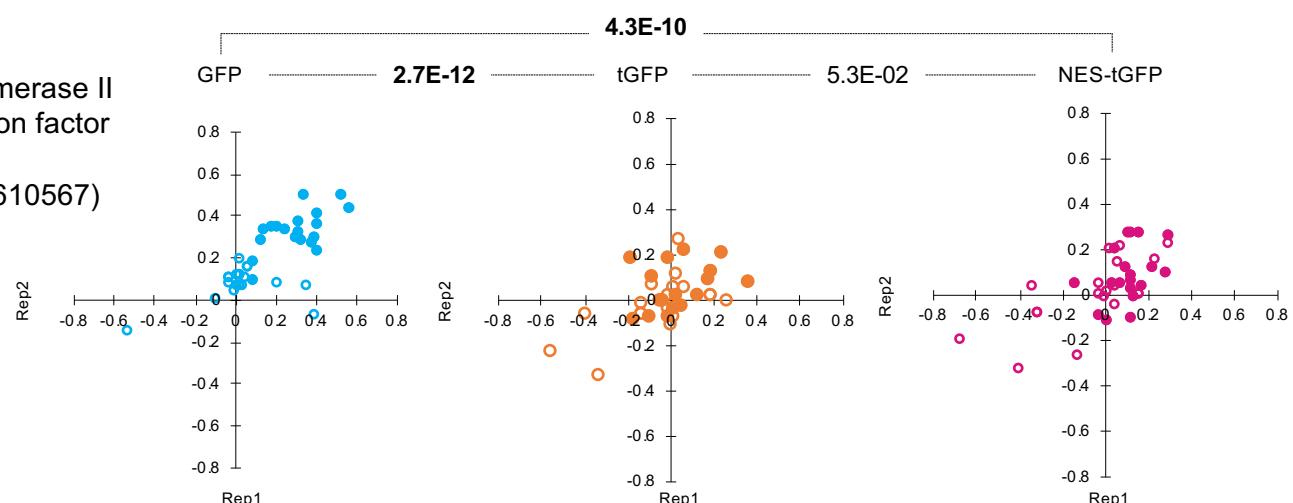


Figure 6

