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Abstract:

Lysosomes are organelles that receive external cargo through phagocytosis and endocytosis, and internal cargo through autophagy, followed by degradation in the acidic and hydrolase rich lumen and redistribution of substrates for maintaining cellular integrity. Lysosomes undergo homotypic or heterotypic repeated fusion and fission or kiss and run cycles with other organelles to exchange and receive cargo, as well as maintain lysosome number and size. Lysosome membranes display the phosphoinositide lipid phosphatidylinositol 3,5bisphosphate (PtdIns(3,5)P₂) synthesized by the lipid kinase PIKfyve. PtdIns(3,5)P₂ act as a signalling lipid on lysosomes to regulate maturation of endosomes, phagosomes and autophagosomes maturation by fusing with lysosomes, and recycling from the lysosomal lumen, lysosome ion channel activity, and lysosome-associated actin turnover. Of these defects, the most dramatic phenotype of PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion from PIKfyve inhibition is the appearance of enlarged lysosomes. Our work demonstrates that PtdIns(3,5)P2 is an important regulator of lysosome size and number by governing the balance between lysosome fusion and fission and/or kiss and run. Depletion of PtdIns(3,5)P₂ arrests lysosome fission disrupting the balance between the continuous fusion and fission cycle, leading to lysosome coalescence and causing lysosome enlargement and reduction in their numbers. Microtubules, cytoskeletal tracks for lysosome

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positioning, and associated motor protein complexes, kinesin-1 and dynein, regulate lysosome coalescence during PIKfyve inhibition.

Our experimental observations revealed ROS as a novel regulator of lysosome fusion and fission. Specifically, ROS arrested lysosome enlargement from acute PIKfyve inhibition and accelerated lysosome fragmentation during PIKfyve re-activation. However, depending on the ROS produced and/or site of ROS synthesis, lysosome dynamics are affected distinctly. H₂O₂ impaired lysosome mobility to arrest coalescence. However, superoxide generated from mitochondrial ETC complex 1, or thioredoxin reductase, or glutathione inhibition through rotenone, or CDNB, or MCB respectively depolymerised microtubules without affecting mobility. Instead, superoxide generation through pharmacological manipulations promoted actin clearance from lysosomes, which otherwise accumulate on lysosomes to hinder fission upon PIKfyve inhibition, to promote fission. Indeed, actin depolymerisation arrested lysosome enlargement during acute PIKfyve inhibition and accelerated lysosome fragmentation during PIKfyve re-activation, further indicative of ROS stimulating lysosome fission through actin clearance.

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List of abbreviations

ER	endoplasmic reticulum
ATP	adenosine triphosphate
LAMP1	lysosome-associated membrane protein 1
GTP	guanosine triphosphate
EEA1	early endosome antigen 1
ESCRT	endosomal sorting complexes required for transport
SNARE	soluble N-ethylmaleimide-sensitive factor attachment protein receptors
MT	microtubule
RILP	Rab-interacting lysosome protein
HOPS	homotypic fusion and protein sorting complex
PtdInsP	phosphoinositide
PtdIns	phosphatidylinositol
PtdIns(3)P	phosphatidylinositol 3-phosphate
PtdIns(4)P	phosphatidylinositol 4-phosphate
PtdIns(3,5)P ₂	phosphatidylinositol 3,5-bisphosphate
PtdIns(4,5)P ₂	phosphatidylinositol 4,5-bisphosphate
TRPML1	transient receptor potential cation channel, mucolipin subfamily

mTORC1	mammalian target for rapamycin complex 1
ROS	reactive oxygen species
TFEB	transcription factor EB
CDNB	1-chloro-2,4-dinitrobenzene
MCB	monochlorobimane
ETC	mitochondrial electron transport chain
F-actin	filamentous actin

Chapter 1: Introduction

1.0 Introduction:

1.1 The endomembrane system

Enclosed within the plasma membrane, eukaryotic cells house multiple membrane-less and membrane-bound organelles, which are loosely defined as subcellular environments in which specific functions occur. Among organelles include ribosomes which are protein-RNA complexes, signalosomes which are protein complexes, and lipid membrane-bound structures such as endosomes, lysosomes, and mitochondria. Membrane-bound organelles can be further classified as: single lipid layer enclosed structures such as lipid droplets, single phospholipid bilayer structures such as lysosomes and double phospholipid bilayer structures such as autophagosomes (Satori et al., 2013). Examples of some functions occurring within organelles include protein folding in the ER, ATP production in the mitochondria as energy resource, protein synthesis from cytosolic or ER-bound ribosomes, DNA storage and transcription within the nucleus, macromolecule and pathogen degradation within the lysosome (Ba et al., 2018; Heald and Cohen-Fix, 2014). Of the various organelles present within a mammalian cell, lysosomes serve as crucial organelles of the endosomal pathway. They are highly dynamic through homotypic or heterotypic membrane fusion with late endosomes, autophagosomes, and phagosomes for exchange of luminal contents and cargo reception, followed by lysosome reformation or fission (Saffi and Botelho, 2019). Understanding lysosome membrane fusion and fission, as well as the importance and governing factors regulating such processes will be the main focus of my dissertation.

1.1.1 The endosomal pathway

1.1.1.1 Lysosomes as terminal organelles of the endosomal pathway

Lysosomes receive cargo internalized through endocytosis for degradation. However, lysosomes are not homogenous in hydrolytic properties. Instead, lysosomes can be classified into heterogeneous and functionally discrete organelles. "Terminal lysosomes" can refer to nonhydrolytic and non-acidic store of hydrolytic enzymes. "Endolysosomes" refer to hybrid organelles between late endosome and terminal lysosome. "Endo/lysosome" to refer to undefined mixture of late endosomes, lysosomes and endolysosomes which occur due to lack of proper distinction between these organelles, when LAMP1 (lysosomal-associated membrane protein 1) marker do not work to differentiate these organelles. "Proto-lysosome" to refer to immature lysosomes that reform or separate from autolysosomes, that do not house cargo or lysosome hydrolases, but possess lysosome membrane proteins (Bissig et al., 2017; Bright et al., 2016; Klumperman and Raposo, 2014; Zeigerer et al., 2012).

The classification of lysosomes is complicated further due to the existence of lysosomerelated organelles (LROs), which are formed through interaction with existing lysosomes or possess similar to lysosome biogenesis machinery. Examples of organelles with similar lysosome biogenesis machinery include lytic granules from cytotoxic T lymphocytes, primary granules in neutrophils, and dendritic cell housed major histocompatibility complex II (MHC-II) compartment. Additionally, during phagocytosis, endocytosis, and autophagy, lysosomes interact and mature through fusion with phagosomes, late endosomes and autophagosomes to form phagolysosomes, endolysosomes and autolysosomes respectively (Hipolito et al., 2018; Klionsky et al., 2014; Marks et al., 2013). Overall, lysosomes are functionally heterogeneous performing

diverse roles in immunity and nutrient acquisition, and my work will focus on lysosome dynamics along the endosomal pathway.

1.1.1.2 Endocytosis and endosome maturation

Endocytosis is a process involving uptake of macromolecules from the extracellular fluid along with plasma membrane integral proteins and lipids through plasma membrane remodelling and invagination to form early endosomes that mature into late endosomes and endolysosomes through late endosome-lysosome fusion for cargo degradation and substrate redistribution for maintaining cellular integrity. Endocytosis can occur through interaction of cargo receptors with plasma membrane associated clathrin coat protein, or through clathrin-independent passage which involves lipid rafts (Bissig et al., 2017; Elkin et al., 2016). Examples of cargo internalized through endocytosis include receptor-ligand complexes of growth factors, nutrient transporters, lipids, cholesterol, and extracellular materials including pathogens. Failure to internalize and sort endocytic cargo can be detrimental to cells and organism - for example, the low-density lipoprotein (LDL) carries dietary cholesterol and is endocytosed via the LDL receptor, where it traffics to lysosomes for degradation and release of cholesterol - cholesterol is a component of the membranes, steroids and bile acids. However, endocytosis of LDL followed by impaired export of cholesterol released by LDL degradation in lysosomes can lead to cardio-vascular disease and the neurodegenerative Niemann-Pick (NPC) disease (Bi and Liao, 2010; Goldstein et al., 1982; Huber and Teis, 2016).

Clathrin-mediated endocytosis involves recognition of transmembrane receptors and their ligands by cargo adaptors followed by assembly by clathrin coat proteins on the plasma

membrane into clathrin-coated pits (CCPs) and subsequent invagination of the plasma membrane for internalization as clathrin-coated vesicles (CCVs). Cargo recognition during endocytosis maybe mediated by the adaptor AP-2 complex or AP-2 independent mechanisms. AP-2 recognizes dileucine and tyrosine motifs on cargo. AP-2 recognition of cargo connect the cargo to clathrin. Following vesicle formation, dynamin GTPase assemble at the constricted neck of the vesicle and stimulates membrane scission through GTP hydrolysis. Vesicle release is accompanied by dissociation of clathrin from the vesicle through the co-ordination of auxillin co-factor and ATPase activity of hsc70, followed by delivery of cargo through the endocytic pathway towards lysosomes (Chang et al., 2002; Doherty and McMahon, 2009; Motley et al., 2003).

Clathrin-independent endocytosis include caveolae-mediated endocytosis. Caveolae are invaginations of the plasma membrane rich in cholesterol, sphingolipids and the protein caveolin, and such invaginations form lipid rafts. Mechanistically, EHD2 (EH-domain containing protein) assembles around the neck of the caveolae through oligomerization. This is followed by recruitment of pacsin 2 by EHD2, where pacsin 2 induces membrane curvature through F-BAR domain and recruits dynamin-2 to stimulate membrane scission (Bastiani and Parton, 2010; Cheng and Nichols, 2016; Nabi and Le, 2003). Furthermore, macropinocytosis, a process by large gulps of extracellular fluid is internalized, is another mode of clathrin-independent endocytosis (Sandvig et al., 2018).

Following endocytosis, vesicles and cargo are delivered to early endosomes, or which there are several types. Rab5-positive early endosomes also display Rab4, Arf1, and to a smaller extent Rab7 GTPase. Rab5-positive early endosomes interact with one or both of PtdIns(3)Pnegative APPL1 (adaptor protein containing PH domain, PTB domain and leucine zipper motif

1) early endosomes that mature into PtdIns(3)-positive EEA1 early endosomes. This result in physically distinct endosomes identified by EEA1 or APPL1, that exchange content and sort cargo for either recycling to the plasma membrane, trafficking to the Golgi network, or degradation in lysosomes (Schmid, 2017; Vonderheit and Helenius, 2005; Zoncu et al., 2009).

Early endosomes serve as platforms to initiate cargo recognition and recruitment for internalization within lysosomes for eventual degradation. PtdIns(3)P on early endosomes sequentially recruit ESCRT-0/1/2/3 complexes, which invaginate early endosome membranes followed by membrane scission through the ATPase activity of Vps4, resulting formation of intraluminal vesicles (ILVs). This is accompanied by Rab5-GTP dependent recruitment of Rab7 followed by loss of Rab5-GTP, Rab7 dependent ILV formation due to interaction of Rab7-GTP effector RILP with ESCRT-II for membrane recruitment, causing early endosomes to mature into late endosomes. Late endosomes, filled with intraluminal vesicles housing cargo from early endosomes and lysosome hydrolases imported from Golgi, fuse with lysosomes resulting into endolysosomes, for cargo degradation and hydrolase delivery (Huotari and Helenius, 2011; Wang and Hong, 2006). Following cargo degradation in endolysosomes, lysosomes reform by separating from endolysosomes to maintain lysosome number and size, and maintain autophagic, phagocytic and endocytic flux as needed. The dynamics of lysosome homotypic or heterotypic fusion with other organelles will be discussed further, including the concept of full fusion and fission versus kiss-and-run.

1.1.2 Lysosomes

Lysosomes serve as terminal organelles that can receive cargo from outside the cell through phagocytosis and endocytosis as well as from inside the cell through autophagy to degrade organelles, defective cells, pathogen and macromolecules for immunity, pathogen clearance, maintaining cell integrity, metabolism and cargo recycling (Pu et al., 2016) (Fig. 1). Lysosomes are membrane enclosed organelles, which are acidic due to proton pumping activities of membrane bound V-ATPase complex, which utilizes ATP hydrolysis, to acidify the lumen for a pH of 4.6-5.0 (Luzio et al., 2007; Mindell, 2012). Furthermore, lysosomal lumen house various hydrolases, which are active at acidic pH of lumen, consisting of proteases, nucleases, lipases, glycosidase, sulfatase, phospholipase, and phosphatase, that work in concert for macromolecular or cargo degradation (Ba et al., 2018; Mindell, 2012). Over the years, the concept of a lysosome changed from just a "waste bag" that can degrade and recycle cellular waste, to a "control centre" of cell metabolism due to identification of lysosome to nucleus signalling pathways and lysosome gene network that regulate energy metabolism and cell clearance (Ballabio, 2016).



Figure 1: Lysosomes receive cargo from outside and inside cell. A) Endocytosis proceeds with cargo recognition by cell surface receptors that are internalized through plasma membrane invagination and vesiculation. Endocytic vesicles fuse with early endosomes that sort cargo for recycling, or proceeding towards lysosomes through maturation of early into late endosomes. Such maturation consists of formation of intraluminal vesicles present in late endosomes. Late endosomes also acquire Golgi-derived lysosome proteases. Late endosomes filled with endocytic cargo and Golgi-derived lysosome proteins fuse with terminal lysosomes, non-acidic lysosomes with hydrolytic enzymes, to form endolysosome for cargo degradation. Terminal lysosomes may reform from endolysosomes. (**B**) Phagocytosis proceeds with internalization of extracellular

particles such as pathogenic bacteria, causing plasma membrane remodelling and curvature to form phagosomes. Phagosomes fuse with early and late endosomes and finally lysosomes to form phagolysosomes for cargo degradation. (C) Autophagy proceeds with sequestration of intracellular surplus or damaged organelles into double bilayered autophagosome, where the double-bilayer is derived from ER. Autophagosomes mature into autolysosome through autophagosome-lysosome heterotypic membrane fusion. Following cargo degradation, autolysosomes undergo autophagic lysosome reformation (ALR) for membrane remodelling and tubulation, followed by membrane scission to form proto-lysosomes, which are non-acidic and absent of lysosome hydrolases but possess membrane proteins (Inpanathan and Botelho, 2019).

Lysosomes are highly dynamic and differ in number according to different cells or even within the same cell type, and their shape can dramatically transform from punctate to tubular depending on the stimulus that results in such a phenotype. Lysosomes may also vary in pH, motility, degradative capability, and position. Punctate shaped vesicular lysosomes can have a diameter between 0.5 µm to over 1 µm, whereas tubular lysosomes can extend to beyond 15 µm (Ba et al., 2018; Heuser and Supp, 1989; Hipolito et al., 2018; Noack et al., 2018). Lysosomes also differ in motility depending on their distribution, where perinuclear distributed seem less motile but more able to receive cargo and more acidic compared to peripheral lysosomes (Pu et al., 2016).

Overall, despite this diversity and complex nature of lysosomes, these organelles are highly dynamic. They constantly acquire endocytic, autophagic and biosynthetic cargo and must also undergo recycling and fission to maintain number and size. Next, I will discuss mechanisms of lysosome fusion, including the concept of full fusion versus "kiss-and-run".

1.1.3 Membrane trafficking to lysosomes

Membrane trafficking toward lysosomes requires several steps. First, cargo vesicles must be labelled with molecular identity that defines this as cargo destined for degradation. This can include the acquisition of specific Rab and Arf-family GTPases as well as phosphoinositide lipids (defined later), which recruit variety of effector proteins. These proteins then are able to interact with microtubule-based motors to traffic these towards cell periphery or cell centre where they encounter lysosomes. This is followed by engaging tethering factors that capture target vesicles to lysosomes, and ultimately engaging the SNARE (soluble N-ethylmaleimidesensitive factor attachment protein receptors) machinery that drives actual membrane fusion. Ultimately, membranes must be recycled and lysosomes reformed to ensure continuous membrane trafficking and flux. I will next elaborate on the microtubule system and SNARE machinery before delving further into regulators of lysosome identity, function and trafficking.

1.1.3.1 Microtubules structure and motors

Microtubules serve as motility tracks for various organelles including lysosomes. They regulate the rate by which lysosomes encounter and fuse with target organelles like late endosomes, phagosomes and autophagosomes (Storrie and Desjardins, 1996). Microtubules (MTs) are part of the cytoskeleton network and are formed from heterodimers of α - and β -tubulin monomers that undergo polymerization. MTs are organized with β -tubulin exposed at plus ends and α -tubulin exposed at minus ends from α/β -tubulin heterodimers to form protofilaments; it takes 13 protofilaments aligned in parallel to form a microtubule (Ti et al., 2018). MT assembly requires a nucleating template, usually in the form of the γ -tubulin ring complex (γ TuRC).

However, MT nucleation may also occur independently of γ TuRC, as suggested from observations of MT activity in γ -tubulin depleted models (Tovey and Conduit, 2018).

MTs are highly dynamic and undergo cycles of growth and shrinkage as "dynamic instability", thus regulating cargo traffic through dynamic alteration of the MT track. During MT growth, the plus end consisting of β -tubulin expose GTP that receive incoming α -tubulin from α/β -tubulin heterodimer, causing GTP hydrolysis and formation of GTP cap from the growing end of MT (Roostalu and Surrey, 2017; Yogev et al., 2016). MT shrinkage occurs due to shift between GTP-bound tubulin, which promotes association and extension, and GDP-bound tubulin due to GTP hydrolysis, which causes deformation of the tubulin subunit to a curved state (Fig. 2). This curved GDP-tubulin end displays lower affinity for other tubulin subunits, begins to come apart and splaying continues on down the microtubule, thereby causing microtubule depolymerization (Burbank and Mitchison, 2006; Tamariz and Varela-EchavarrÃ-a, 2015; Zhai et al., 1996).

1.1.3.2 Microtubule motor protein complexes in cargo traffic

Cargo motility along MT tracks is controlled by motor protein complexes, dynein and kinesin, that use ATP hydrolysis to transport organelles such as endosomes, lysosomes and mitochondria to minus end and plus end respectively. There are 14 subfamilies of kinesin from kinesin-1 to kinesin-14, with kinesin-1 being involved in lysosome movement. Dynein classified as cytoplasmic or axonemal. Cytoplasmic dynein drives cytoplasmic cargo such as lysosomes, endosomes, phagosomes or vesicular transport within the Golgi network, while axonemal dynein is involved in cilia motility for transport of mucus fluid in the lungs. Cytoplasmic dynein are thus

involved in lysosome mobility. In general, dynein through minus-end transport drive cargo to the perinuclear area of the cell. Kinesin-1 through plus-end transport drive cargo to the cell periphery (Gennerich and Vale, 2009; Guardia et al., 2016; Pfister et al., 2006; Xiao et al., 2016).

Structure of microtubule motors are organized to couple cargo recognition with ATP hydrolysis for driving cargo motility across microtubules. Structurally, cytoplasmic dynein consists of two heavy chains and several smaller subunits. The heavy chains consist of four domains: tail, linker, head and stalk (Fig. 2). The tail at the N-terminus ~1400 amino acids bind cargo, followed by linker ~550 amino acids functions to amplify translocation of dynein across microtubule through ADP binding, head consist of six tandem AAA+ modules where the first AAA module functions as ATPase in ATP hydrolysis to provide energy for dynein movement, and C-terminal stalk domain bind to microtubules (Burgess et al., 2003; Kato et al., 2018; Kikkawa, 2013; King, 2016).

Kinesin-1 exists as heterotetramer consisting of two kinesin heavy chains (KHC) as a homodimer bound to two kinesin light chains (KLC). KHC consists of an N-terminal head motor domain that binds MT and couples cargo recognition with ATPase activity as the energy input for motor activity; this is followed by a neck linker domain that connects the head to the coiled coil stalk domain. The neck domain has been proposed to drive motor movement along microtubules through docking onto the head in ATP bound state and undock after ATP hydrolysis, thereby switching between the two head domains through cycles of docking and undocking to cause motor "walking" along MTs. The alpha helix coiled-coil stalk mediates KHC protein homodimerization and co-ordinates the head for motor movement along microtubules. Following the coiled coil stalk, the tail domain interacts with cargo (Endow et al., 2010; Rice et al., 1999; Thormä et al., 1998; Wang et al., 2015). KLC consists of an N-terminal heptad repeat

that oligomerizes with the KHC stalk, the linker domain with acidic residues, and six TPRs (tetratricopeptide repeats) that interact with Leu-Phe-Pro (LFP) from the linker domain that are destabilized upon cargo binding to relieve kinesin-1 from autoinhibited state for motor activity (Cockburn et al., 2018). Thus, the head, neck linker, stalk and tail domains from the KHC coordinate and use ATP hydrolysis to drive motor complex movement along microtubules upon cargo recognition from the KLC (Fig. 2).



Figure 2: Microtubule structure and organization. Microtubules consist of α/β -tubulin dimers forming protofilaments that are laterally associated. Microtubule growth or shrinkage occurs at

(+) end from GTP or GDP-bound tubulin respectively. Shrinkage occurs due to curvature of GDP-tubulin and splaying down for depolymerisation. Microtubules are attached to motor protein complexes: cytoplasmic dynein that carry cargo towards the (-) end and kinesin-1 that move cargo along the (+) end. Cytoplasmic dynein complex consist of four domains: N-terminal tail for cargo recognition, linker that interact with AAA1 module of head for amplification of dynein mechanical force, head with AAA+ modules for ATP hydrolysis, and stalk for microtubule binding. Kinesin-1 consist of two heavy chains (KHC) and two light chains (KLC). KHC consist: two head motor domains for ATP hydrolysis and microtubule walking, neck linker domain for co-ordinating motor movement, coiled coil stalk for KHC protein homodimerization, and tail for cargo recognition. KLC consist: heptad repeat for oligomerization with KHC, linker domain that relieve KLC from autoinhibited state upon interaction with TPRs due to TPR interaction with cargo.

1.1.3.3 Microtubules as dynamic regulators of lysosome traffic

Microtubules are important regulators of organelle traffic by facilitating contact between two opposing organelles and ultimately fusion. For example, during autophagy, which is a stress response to nutrient deprivation, microtubules and their motors catalyse autophagosome movement from peripheral to perinuclear sites towards lysosomes found at the microtubule organizing center (Pu et al., 2016). This is followed by either microtubule-dependent complete fusion of autophagosomes with lysosomes, or "kiss-and-run" between autophagosomes and lysosomes, where lysosomes upon contact form a temporary fusion pore with autophagosomes to exchange content, followed by separation of the lysosome and autolysosome (Jahreiss et al., 2008).

Other examples include macropinosomes formed during macropinocytosis, a process by which cells uptake extracellular fluid; after formation, macropinosomes engage microtubules and their motors to fuse with endosomes and lysosomes for processing of fluid components (Clarke et al., 2002). In addition, phagosomes formed during phagocytosis, which involves the internalization of particulates like microbes into phagosomes, engage microtubules and motor proteins to move inwardly, contact and fuse with endosomes and lysosomes to degrade the enclosed particles (Harrison et al., 2003). Furthermore, extracellular cargo delivery through endocytosis forms vesicular endosomes that mature to late endosomes, and endolysosomes through microtubule-dependent fusion of late endosomes with lysosomes for cargo degradation (Huotari and Helenius, 2011; Storrie and Desjardins, 1996). Finally, microtubules regulate homotypic lysosome-lysosome contact with partial and/or complete fusion, where such fusion allows temporal exchange of luminal contents (Luzio et al., 2014; Storrie and Desjardins, 1996). Thus, microtubules serve as tracks upon which organelles gain mobility to find other target organelles and undergo heterotypic or homotypic fusion for cargo delivery or exchange, including lysosomes for such events.

Following microtubule dependent anchoring of lysosomes through motors, kinesin-1 and dynein, to target organelles, membrane tethering occurs to bring opposing membranes in close proximity for membrane fusion. Membrane tethering, for example may occur through HOPS (homotypic fusion and protein sorting) complex that interact with RILP, effector of Rab7-GTP, from opposing membranes of lysosomes and late endosomes (Bucci et al., 2000; Van Der Kant et al., 2015). Membrane tethering is followed by membrane fusion performed by SNARE proteins as discussed below.

1.1.4 SNARE proteins and membrane fusion

Membrane fusion between organelles is essential for intracellular trafficking and exocytosis where cargo is released to the extracellular matrix (ECM). Membrane fusion is ultimately performed by SNAREs, including fusion with and between lysosomes. SNARE proteins have a 60-70 amino acid residue-long "SNARE motif" that assemble into an amphipathic α-helix, a C-terminal transmembrane helix anchor, and an N-terminal domain that modulates SNARE assembly and/or contact with vesicle docking/fusion machinery components. Membrane fusion occurs due to interaction between vesicle-associated v-SNAREs and t-SNAREs found on target membranes. Such interaction is formed from four hydrophilic residues, where single arginine is contributed by R-SNARE (v-SNARE), and single glutamine contributed by each of Qa or Qb or Qc-SNARE (t-SNARE), thereby assembling SNARE proteins from different membranes to form *trans*-SNARE complex. (Baker and Hughson, 2016) (Fig. 3). Membrane fusion initiates from "zippering" starting at N-terminal ends of SNARE motifs and proceeding towards C-terminal transmembrane domains (CTD), thus pulling juxtaposed membranes together until fusion occurs (Mostafavi et al., 2017). Following zippering of the *trans*-SNARE complex towards the CTD, a fusion pore is formed between outer leaflets, followed by fusion of inner leaflets, which then elongates the pore and merges the two organelles, mixing content (Han et al., 2017). Following *trans*-SNARE complex assembly and membrane fusion, *cis*-SNARE complex is formed due to assembly of the SNAREs on the same membrane; the *cis*-SNARE complex is disassembled by the ATPase activity of Nethylmaleimide-sensitive fusion factor (NSF) and soluble NSF attachment proteins (SNAPs) (Baker and Hughson, 2016); v-SNAREs must then be recycled back to the donor organelle. The role of SNAREs in the context of lysosome fusion events will be discussed.



Figure 3: SNAREs in heterotypic membrane fusion. Membrane fusion between membranes of distinct organelle proceed with R-SNARE (v-SNARE) contributing arginine from vesicle membrane, and three Q-SNAREs (t-SNAREs), each contributing glutamine from target membrane. This followed by interaction between the R-SNARE and Q-SNAREs to form *trans*-SNARE complex (docking), membrane fusion and cargo exchange with assembly of the four SNARE proteins on single membrane as *cis*-SNARE complex (fusion), NSF-dependent ATPase activity to disassemble the *cis*-SNARE complex (disassembly), and recharging or resupply of SNAREs for additional rounds of membrane fusion (recycling). The v-SNARE recharged back

on to the donor organelle membrane whereas t-SNAREs are available for docking and membrane fusion.

1.1.4.1 SNAREs as dynamic mediators of lysosome membrane fusion

Specific SNARE proteins function to tether membranes of lysosomes with late endosomes, phagosomes and autophagosomes for membrane fusion. For late endosomes and lysosomes, fusion is mediated by the Qa-SNARE syntaxin 7, the Qc-SNARE syntaxin 8, and the Qb-SNARE Vti1b on late endosomes and the R-SNARE VAMP7 on lysosomes (Pryor et al., 2004). In comparison, autophagosomes undergo fusion to form autophagosome-lysosome hybrid organelle (autolysosome) to degrade the cargo within autophagosome. Such maturation requires autophagosome transport to the perinuclear region, performed by the microtubule (-) end directed dynein-dynactin motor-adaptor complex (Mauvezin et al., 2016). Rab7 interact with the effector RILP for dynein dependent microtubule transport of endosomes, lysosomes and autophagosomes to the perinuclear region, followed by RILP and PLEKHM1 (pleckstrin homology and RUN domain-containing protein M1) recruitment of HOPS complex for membrane tethering. Thus, the HOPS complex may facilitate membrane tethering between autophagosomes and lysosome to bring membranes from these two opposing organelles together. Following membrane tethering, the SNARE STX17 on autophagosomes, interacts with HOPS complex and SNARE SNAP-29, and lysosome R-SNARE VAMP8 and these SNARE proteins facilitate membrane fusion for autolysosome formation (Diao et al., 2015; Jiang et al., 2014; Wijdeven et al., 2016).

Phagocytosis involves internalization of foreign pathogens through plasma membrane remodelling and vesiculation to form phagosomes. Microtubule-dependent migration allows lysosomes to contact phagosomes (Harrison et al., 2003). During phagosome maturation into phagolysosomes, opposing membranes from phagosomes and lysosomes are tethered and merged through the action of SNAREs on opposing membranes. The R-SNARE VAMP7 and Qa-SNARE syntaxin 7 on lysosomes and Qbc-SNARE SNAP-23 on phagosomes co-ordinate to facilitate phagosome maturation into phagolysosomes (Sakurai et al., 2012).

Thus, SNAREs allow lysosome membrane fusion with endosomes, autophagosomes and phagosomes for maturation. Following such maturation, lysosomes must reform by separating from endolysosomes, autolysosomes and phagolysosomes through membrane remodelling to ensure continuous endosomal, phagosomal and autophagic flux as needed. As this requires membrane fission, I next discuss this process.

1.1.5 Lysosome membrane fission

Lysosomes can receive cargo through various possible dynamics of partial and/or complete lipid membrane homotypic or heterotypic fusion, followed by membrane splitting events. The dynamic equilibrium of constant fusion and fission cycles need to be maintained to achieve a steady state of lysosome number and size. Otherwise, processes that favor "fusion" while impeding "fission" may lead to fewer but enlarged lysosomes (Zou et al., 2015). To summarize, the dynamics of lysosome fission, can occur through budding/vesiculation (forming a vesicle), splitting (mid-section fission of lysosome) and/or tubulation (protrusion of lysosome membrane followed by budding to release vesicle). Additionally, lysosomes may undergo
transient "kiss-and-run", temporary contact and bridge with pore formation between lysosome and another compartment (kiss) for luminal content exchange and membrane scission (run) to prevent complete coalescence between two compartments (Fig. 4) (Choy et al., 2018; Hipolito et al., 2018; Storrie and Desjardins, 1996). These dynamics of membrane fission may be part of a continuum. For example, during membrane tubulation, constriction during earlier phases of tubulation may lead to vesicle release and constriction during delayed phase of tubulation may lead to release of tubular intermediates. Vesiculation versus tubulation may be due to optimal regulation of ratio between surface area and luminal volume, where tubules have high surface area to volume ratio. For example, membrane tubulation are better for restricting luminal contents while enriching membrane components as a sorting mechanism (Freeman and Grinstein, 2018). I will elaborate on these mechanisms in greater detail after I introduce GTPases, phosphoinositides, and their role in membrane remodelling events.



Figure 4: General dynamics of lysosome fission. A) Membrane vesiculation (budding) and tubulation. Donor lysosome membrane may undergo membrane deformation through coat protein that causes budding and scission to release vesicle (1). Nonetheless, the bud may extend for membrane tubulation that can be cut at the neck to release a tubular intermediate (2) or at tip to release vesicle (3) and/or tubules that are shorter. (B) Lysosome splitting may occur at mid-section of tubular or vesicular membrane through constriction, from assistance of microtubule/actin and associated motor complexes (4). (C) Lysosome kiss-and-run (5): two lysosomes (green and red in the diagram), may contact transiently for restricted fusion where a

bridge and pore temporarily forms between two lysosomes (kiss), followed by intraluminal content exchange that maybe bi-directional, or as shown unidirectional. This is followed by membrane scission (run) to prevent complete coalescence into a single enlarged lysosome.

The role of lysosome membrane remodelling during late stages of autophagy, endocytosis and phagocytosis following maturation and cargo degradation, in terms of membrane "reformation" and resolution will be discussed. Membrane phosphoinositides are important signalling lipids that co-ordinate with GTPases to define organelle identity and regulate membrane remodelling for vesicle formation and release from plasma membrane, endosomes and lysosomes. Therefore, understanding the identity and function of these GTPases and signaling lipids is important to relate mechanistic insight of lysosome membrane remodelling.

1.2 GTPase and phosphoinositide regulation of membrane trafficking

Organelles within a mammalian cell are compartmentalized due to lipid membranes that separate the lumen from the cytosol. How do proteins segregate to localize and signal for organelle specific functions? Such distinct protein localization and signalling is orchestrated through combination of unique membrane-bound GTPases and phosphoinositide signaling lipids, termed "coincidence detection" (Choy et al., 2017). Specific GTPases and phosphoinositides recruit effector proteins to the host membrane that effectively govern the properties and behaviour of the host membrane. Thus, different GTPases and phosphoinositides on different membranes elicits organelle identity and function. First, I will introduce GTPases regulation and function.

1.2.1 GTPase structure and function

Ras superfamily of small monomeric GTPases are a class of proteins that shuttle between GDP-bound inactive state and GTP-bound active state and this cycle is regulated by GTPase activating proteins (GAPs) and guanine nucleotide exchange factors (GEFs), which mediate respectively GTP hydrolysis and loading. The Ras superfamily of GTPases consist of subfamily of GTPases, such as Ras, Rho, Rab and ADP ribosylation factor (Arf) GTPases, which are involved in signaling functions that can regulate cell division, differentiation, cytoskeletal organization, vesicle transport and nuclear assembly (Song et al., 2019). Ras GTPases contain two important domains, the first of which is a G box GDP/GTP-binding motif at the N-terminus: G1, GXXXXGKS/T; G2, T; G3, DXXGQ/H/T; G4, T/NKXD; and G5, C/SAK/L/T, which make up residues 5-166 that is ~20kDa G domain. The second structural feature is C-terminal CAAX (C = cysteine, A = aliphatic, X = any amino acid) sequence for Rho or Ras GTPases. Alternatively, Rab GTPases display C-terminal CC, CXC, CCX, CCXX, CCXXX C-terminal motif. The C-terminal motif of Ras GTPases is recognized by farnesyl transferase or geranylgeranyltransferase I/II for the covalent addition of farnesyl or geranylgernanyl to cysteine, which facilitate membrane association and subcellular localization of these GTPases (Wennerberg et al., 2005). GTPases following organelle specific membrane localization, coordinate with membrane phosphoinositides to recruit effectors for directing various signaling functions.

1.2.2 Phosphoinositide structure and regulation

Phosphoinositides (PtdInsP) are phospholipids found on eukaryotic cellular membranes and can be phosphorylated at various free hydroxyl positions in the polar myo-inositol head group to give rise to seven possible phosphoinositide species from the parent phosphatidylinositol (PtdIns) (Fig. 5). These species can be interconverted due to the action of lipid kinases, phosphatases and phospholipases, thus changing signaling functions as needed (Fig. 5). For example, PtdIns(4)P is converted to PtdIns(4,5)P₂ through PtdIns(4)P 5-kinase, and conversely $PtdIns(4,5)P_2$ is dephosphorylated to PtdIns(4)P through the Sac1 4-phosphatase (Nakanishi et al., 1995). Although it has been notably described of PtdInsP as seven distinct species depending on phosphorylation patterns on the inositol head group, they can be further classified depending on the acyl chain esterified to the glycerol backbone. Acylation of PtdInsP species occurs due to the acyltransferase LYCAT (lysocardiolipin acyltransferase). Depletion of LYCAT removes 18:0 stearic acid from the glycerol backbone and insert 16:0, 18:1 and 18:2. Although the most abundant acyl chain combination in mammalian cells is 1-stearic acid (18:0) and 2-arachidonic acid (20:4) for 38:4 combination, representing about 35-70% of PtdInsP, there exist many acyl chain combinations with 14-22 carbon chains and up to six double bonds. Therefore, combination of acyl chain and inositol head group variations give rise to over 75 unique PtdInsP species (Choy et al., 2017).

PtdIns is synthesized within the endoplasmic reticulum (ER), which is transported to other membranes through vesicular transport or with the aid of cytosolic transfer proteins. In these membranes, PtdIns can be phosphorylated into one of the seven PtdInsP species. Typically, each PtdInsP species is thought to be found in a specific membrane, where it encodes organelle identity. However, this model is over simplistic since there is significant evidence showing that a single organelle can host more than one PtdInsP species (Fig. 6). (Choy et al., 2017; Sasaki et al., 2009; Traynor-Kaplan et al., 2017). Regardless of this, phosphoinositides perform signalling functions through interaction between their polar head groups with proteins of cytosol or cytosolic domains from membrane proteins. Such binding generally involves electrostatic interactions with the negative charged phosphate(s) on the polar inositol head group. These interactions can be strengthened by insertion of adjacent hydrophobic amino acids into the lipid bilayer. Typically, such interactions between proteins surfaces and phosphoinositide head group consist of cluster of basic amino acid residues from the protein and polar inositol head group. Examples of such interactions include the N-terminus of lysosome associated calcium ion channel (TRPML1) that can interact with PtdIns(3,5)P₂ or the pleckstrin homology (PH) domain of Phospholipase C δ that can interact with phosphatidylinositol 4,5-bisphosphate (PtdIns(4,5)P₂) (Di Paolo and De Camilli, 2006; Dong et al., 2010).



Figure 5: General structure of phosphatidylinositol. Structure of parental phosphatidylinositol (PtdIns) consists of glycerol backbone esterified to arachidonic acid (20:4) and stearic acid (18:0), and a phosphate that is attached to *myo*-inositol polar head group. The *myo*-inositol has free hydroxyl at D2-D6 positions, where D2-D5 can be phosphorylated or dephosphorylated in various combinations by lipid kinases and phosphatases to synthesize seven different phosphoinositide species: phosphatidylinositol 3-phosphate (PtdIns(3)P), phosphatidylinositol 4-

phosphate (PtdIns(4)P), phosphatidylinositol 5-phosphate (PtdIns(5)P), phosphatidylinositol 3,4bisphosphate (PtdIns(3,4)P₂), PtdIns(3,5)P₂, PtdIns(4,5)P₂, and phosphatidylinositol 3,4,5trisphosphate (PtdIns(3,4,5)P₃).



Figure 6: Lipid membranes display numerous phosphoinositide species. PtdInsP species are distributed on various organelle membranes, often with multiple species on single membrane and with similar species on different membranes (Choy et al., 2017).

PtdInsP species through "coincidence detection" co-ordinate with GTPases as regulators for organelle specific recruitment of protein effectors to perform various signalling functions as described below.

1.2.2.1 Co-ordination between GTPases and phosphoinositides for signaling

PtdInsPs have numerous effectors and the same PtdInsP species can be found on different membranes. Therefore, there exist additional regulatory inputs for co-ordinating recruitment and function of specific effectors to PtdInsP species at the target membrane, and GTPases are a major regulatory input for such co-ordination. This leads to the concept of "coincidence detection" where combination of two or more regulators recruit effector protein to specific PtdInsP species at target membrane (Choy et al., 2017). Examples of such co-ordination between GTPases and PtdInsP species include interaction between early endosome antigen 1 (EEA1) with PtdIns(3)P through FYVE domain and Rab5-GTP on early endosomes to tether and induce EEA1-dependent homotypic fusion of endosomes (Lawe et al., 2002). Furthermore, FAPP1 and FAPP2 through PH domain have similar affinity for PtdIns(4)P and PtdIns(4,5)P₂. However, these proteins exclusively localize to the Golgi membrane through interaction with Golgi associated PtdIns(4)P and Arf1-GTP, where they function in Golgi to plasma membrane transport (Godi et al., 2004; Mizuno-Yamasaki et al., 2010). Therefore, coincidence detection involving input signals can facilitate effector recruitment by phosphoinositides for signalling functions.

PtdInsP species regulate signaling and membrane remodelling as membrane lipids. I will discuss some of these signalling functions for maturation and membrane remodelling of the endosomal pathway.

1.2.3 Phosphoinositide signaling regulate endosomal maturation and membrane remodelling

Phosphoinositide signaling on membranes regulate multiple steps along endocytosis that will be discussed, such as PtdIns(4,5)P₂-dependent plasma membrane remodelling and vesiculation for internalizing extracellular nutrients, PtdIns(3)P-dependent cargo recognition and maturation of early endosomes to late endosomes, and PtdIns(3,5)P₂-dependent reformation of terminal lysosomes from mature endolysosomes. During such maturation processes, PtdInsP dependent membrane remodelling and vesicle formation through splitting from donor membrane occurs from multiple compartments such as plasma membrane, endosomes and endolysosomes.

PtdIns(4,5)P₂ perform important functions during clathrin mediate endocytosis (CME). CME is a critical process for internalization of nutrients, lipids, receptors and pathogens. The internalization process is initiated by formation of clathrin-coated pits (CCP) within plasma membrane dome shaped invaginations, which with the assistance of various proteins causes initiation, growth and scission of the CCP. Clathrin recruitment to the plasma membrane occurs due to interaction of plasma membrane PtdIns(4,5)P₂ with lysine residues of μ2-adaptin subunit of the adaptor complex AP-2, where AP-2 is required for clathrin assembly (Jackson et al., 2010). However, during this process, the actin cytoskeleton restructures to cause plasma membrane remodelling. The actin cytoskeleton around CCPs transform in shape from lateral patches around shallow pits during the early stages of endocytosis to a "comet tail" structure during the latter endocytic stages, which suggests that actin polymerization aids in propelling CCPs inwards towards the cytosol. F-BAR and double SH3 domain protein 2 (FCHSD2) activates actin polymerization during CME by interacting with Neural Wiskott-Aldrich Syndrome protein (N-WASP), which initiates actin nucleation for polymerization. FCHSD2 additionally increases interaction between N-WASP and PtdIns(4,5)P₂ where PtdIns(4,5)P₂ can allosterically alter N-WASP to a active state for actin nucleation (Almeida-Souza et al., 2018; Rohde et al., 2002; Zigmond, 2000). Thus, PtdIns(4,5)P₂ can initiate endocytosis by recruiting clathrin through AP-2, and also stimulate N-WASP dependent actin nucleation to propel clathrin containing vesicles inward towards the cytosol.

PtdIns(3)P at the early endosome membrane can facilitate early endosome maturation to late endosome by signaling through the ESCRT (Endosomal Sorting Complex required for transport) protein complexes, which involve cargo recognition, endosomal membrane remodelling and invagination followed by membrane scission to form intraluminal vesicles (ILVs). The ESCRT system comprises: ESCRT-0, ESCRT-I, ESCRT-II, ESCRT-III, and Vps (vacuolar protein sorting) 4 (Vps4) complex (Hurley, 2010). To initiate, Vps27 subunit of ESCRT-0 in yeast through FYVE domain interact with PtdIns(3)P at early endosomes. Two ubiquitin-binding (UIM) motif in Vps27 or single double-sided ubiquitin-binding (DUIM) in human Hrs (subunit of human ESCRT-0) bind ubiquitinated cargo due to ubiquitin being covalently transferred to cargo by E3 ubiquitin ligases from E2 ubiquitin-conjugating enzymes. Following ESCRT-0 assembly at early endosome membrane, ESCRT-I and ESCRT-II coassemble at endosome membrane followed by internal budding or invagination of the endosomal limiting membrane into the lumen. ESCRT-II recruits ESCRT-III through Vps25 subunit, and ESCRT-III performs membrane scission followed by disassembly of ESCRT-III complex from the endosomal membrane through ATPase action of Vps4. This leads to formation of ILVs for maturation of early endosomes to multivesicular endosomes (MVEs) or late endosomes (Hurley, 2010; Piper et al., 2014; Scott et al., 2005). In addition, PtdIns(3)P also is recognized by Phox (PX) domain of numerous sorting nexins, of which include SNX1, SNX2, SNX5 or SNX6,

where these proteins form heterodimers. These SNX proteins possess C-terminal BAR domain capable of membrane remodelling and protrusion of stable tubules emanating from endosomes, and recruit Vps26-Vps29-Vps35 retromer cargo recognition complex to early endosome for endosome-TGN (trans-Golgi network) retrograde transport (Bissig and Gruenberg, 2013; Zhang et al., 2018). Therefore, PtdIns(3)P at early endosome membrane can signal through ESCRT complexes to induce membrane invagination and ILVs formation for maturation of early endosomes to late endosomes. In addition, PtdIns(3)P at early endosome membrane can recruit sorting nexins and retromer complex for membrane tubulation, and vesiculation for endosome-TGN cargo traffic.

PtdIns(3,5)P₂ is late endosome-lysosome (endolysosome) and lysosome membrane lipid that can induce membrane remodelling for vesiculation and release/reformation of terminal lysosomes from endolysosomes. Such vesiculation is postulated due to PtdIns(3,5)P₂ dependent activation of lysosome associated mucolipin transient receptor potential channel (TRPML1) and subsequent intra-lysosomal calcium release towards the cytosol for calcineurin-dependent dynamin-1 activation, a GTPase involved in membrane scission, for membrane fission (Bissig et al., 2017; Zou et al., 2015).

Therefore, phosphoinositides such as PtdIns(3)P, $PtdIns(3,5)P_2$ and $PtdIns(4,5)P_2$, on membranes of early endosomes, endolysosomes and plasma membrane regulate maturation of the endosomal pathway through membrane remodelling and vesicle formation. Of the different phosphoinositides involved in membrane remodelling, $PtdIns(3,5)P_2$ is the main focus of study for my dissertation and as such, the role of this lipid in lysosome membrane remodelling and signaling will be discussed.

1.2.4 PtdIns(3,5)P2 regulate lysosome signaling and membrane remodelling

1.2.4.1 Lipid kinase PIKfyve and PtdIns(3,5)P2 synthesis

PIKfyve in mammalian cells or Fab1 homologue in yeast is an evolutionarily conserved protein expressed from a single gene from yeast to plants to mammals. PIKfyve associate with membrane PtdIns(3)P and PtdIns to phosphorylate the D5 hydroxyl on the inositol head group to synthesize PtdIns(3,5)P₂ and PtdIns(5)P (Sbrissa et al., 2018; Stenmark et al., 2002; Zolov et al., 2012). PIKfyve has several conserved functional domains including, N-terminal FYVE domain that interact with PtdIns(3)P where the conserved sequence R(R/K)HHCR is the site of interaction with PtdIns(3)P. The central region of PIKfyve contains CCT-like domain homologues to chaperonin-containing TCP-1 chaperonins. Adjacent to this domain is cysteine rich domain (CRD). The CCT-CRD domain is implicated in docking effectors Vac14 and Fig4 for regulating Fab1/PIKfyve function. The C-terminal domain of PIKfyve possess catalytic activity responsible for synthesizing PtdIns(3,5)P₂ and mutation in the predicted ATP-binding lysine at position 1831 depletes such catalytic functionality (Ho et al., 2012; Shisheva, 2008).

The functionality of PIKfyve depends upon complex formation with multiple protein partners, such as ArPIKfyve/Vac14 and Sac3/Fig4 in mammalian/yeast cells, and Vac7 and Atg18 in yeast. Vac14 consist of HEAT repeats and following dimerization serves as a scaffolding protein that nucleates the formation of a complex consisting of PIKfyve and interacting protein partners. Point mutation in HEAT repeat 4 L156R leads to PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion and Vac14 binding to PIKfyve, suggesting that HEAT repeat 4 mediates interaction between Vac14 and PIKfyve, where Vac14 and Fig4 docks at the CCT-CRD domain of PIKfyve. Fig4 is a 5-phosphatase, and converts PtdIns(3,5)P₂ to PtdIns(3)P. However, Fig4 is required to assemble into PIKfyve-Vac14-Fig4 complex to stimulate PIKfyve activity (Ho et al., 2012; Jin et al., 2008). Fig4 depletion deprives mammalian cells of PtdIns(3,5)P₂, further suggesting a critical role of Fig4 in maintaining PtdIns(3,5)P₂ synthesis (Zolov et al., 2012). Atg18, a PROPPIN which are β -propellers that bind phosphoinositides through conserved FRRG motif, interacts with PtdIns(3,5)P₂ and is a negative regulator of PIKfyve since depletion of Atg18 results in increased PtdIns(3,5)P₂ synthesis (Busse et al., 2015; Gopaldass et al., 2017). Vac7 found on yeast vacuoles, is a predicted single-pass transmembrane protein, and not conserved in higher eukaryotes. Furthermore, Vac7 interaction with Vac14 is not necessary for formation of active Fab1 (PIKfyve homologue in yeast) complex. Vac7 is a positive regulator of PIKfyve activity since depletion of Vac7 impair PtdIns(3,5)P₂ synthesis (Duex et al., 2006; Ho et al., 2012). Thus, PIKfyve activation requires assembly into a complex consisting of Vac14, Fig4 and Atg18 for synthesis of PtdIns(3,5)P₂ and PtdIns(5)P.

1.2.4.2 PtdIns(3,5)P2 signaling at the lysosome membrane and membrane remodelling

PtdIns(3,5)P₂ at the endolysosome-lysosome membrane, despite being of minor abundance of about 0.05-0.1% of total PtdInsP, serves as a signaling lipid. For example, PtdIns(3,5)P₂ interacts with the N-terminus of lysosome associated mucolipin transient receptor potential channel (TRPML1) to stimulate intralysosomal calcium release to regulate lysosome size. Depletion of either PtdIns(3,5)P₂ or TRPML1 leads to lysosome enlargement (Dong et al., 2010b; Storrie and Desjardins, 1996; Zou et al., 2015). PtdIns(3,5)P₂ interacts with cortactin at the filamentous actin (F-actin) binding domain, consisting of basic lysine residues. Cortactin localizes to actin branch to stimulate actin assembly through inducing WASP (Wiskott-Aldrich Syndrome) protein mediated actin nucleation. Competitive interaction of PtdIns(3,5)P₂ with cortactin prevent cortactin binding to F-actin, and thus inhibit actin nucleation at lysosomes to

prevent lysosome-autophagosome maturation/fusion, suggesting role of $PtdIns(3,5)P_2$ in regulating autophagy turnover through cortactin and actin assembly (Hasegawa et al., 2016; Hong et al., 2015). Additionally, PtdIns $(3,5)P_2$ is important for endocytic traffic since depletion of this lipid impedes cargo traffic through the endosomes to lysosomes (Bissig et al., 2017). PtdIns(3,5)P₂ regulates phagosome maturation into phagolysosomes. Depletion of PtdIns(3,5)P₂ delays phagosomes docking onto lysosomes, thus decelerating phagosomes maturing into phagolysosomes and consequently preventing cargo degradation acquired through phagocytosis (Kim et al., 2014). PtdIns(3,5)P₂ interacts with Atg18, which regulate vacuole/lysosome retrograde traffic to Golgi, suggesting role of PtdIns(3,5)P₂ in regulating lysosome/vacuole membrane recycling (Dove et al., 2004). Furthermore, PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion accumulates proteins lipids and protein within the lumen of enlarged lysosomes, such as myelin basic protein (MBP) and myelin associated glycoprotein (MAG), suggestive of a role for $PtdIns(3,5)P_2$ in regulating recycling of lysosome membrane and lumen contents for critical processes such as myelin formation on neuronal axon (Mironova et al., 2016). PIKfyve is implicated in retromer dependent endosome-to-Golgi retrograde traffic, suggesting role of $PtdIns(3,5)P_2$ in recycling proteins from endosomes to Golgi where PIKfyve depletion could lead to abnormal storage of contents within endocytic compartments (de Lartigue et al., 2009). Thus, $PtdIns(3,5)P_2$ is a important signaling lipid for regulating multiple stages of traffic at the lysosomes such as endocytic, autophagic, and phagocytic traffic to lysosomes, calcium release and lysosome size, lysosome membrane and lumen content recycling.

PtdIns(3,5)P₂ is also suggested to be a important lipid for lysosome membrane remodelling since normal lysosomes with PtdIns(3,5)P₂ display membrane budding or

tubulation. However, in the absence of $PtdIns(3,5)P_2$, such membrane dynamic is remodelled to being absent of buds and tubules in enlarged lysosomes (Bissig et al., 2017).

PtdIns(3,5)P₂ alters lysosome/vacuole morphology through membrane remodelling in response to stress. Yeast cells respond to hyperosmotic stress through a 16-20 fold increase in PtdIns(3,5)P₂ levels with accommodating vacuolar fragmentation where vacuole number increase and vacuole size decrease. Such vacuole fragmentation presumably expels water to the cytosol to circumvent cytosolic water loss that is used to balance water content in the hypertonic environment (Bonangelino et al., 2002; Ho et al., 2012). The cyclin-dependent kinase Pho85 regulates Fab1/PIKfyve activity in yeast during hyperosmotic stress, where depletion of this protein abrogates $PtdIns(3,5)P_2$ levels and compromise survival. The specificity of Pho85 for Fab1 was determined to be due to the interaction between Fab1 and the cyclin Pho80. Pho80-Pho85 phosphorylates the kinase domain and the C-terminus of Fab1, and Vac7, which activate Fab1. The mammalian homologues of Pho80-Pho85, p35-CDK5, phosphorylates PIKfyve and regulates PtdIns(3,5)P₂ synthesis in response to hyperosmotic stress, suggesting a conserved mechanism of Fab1/PIKfyve activation by Pho80-Pho85 across mammalian cell lines (Jin et al., 2017). I will further elaborate on PtdIns(3,5)P2 function in membrane fission in section 1.3.1.3 $PtdIns(3,5)P_2$ regulate lysosome membrane reformation.

1.2.4.3 PtdIns(3,5)P2 and pathophysiology

 $PtdIns(3,5)P_2$ is an indispensable lipid that regulates traffic at the lysosome membrane. Thus, depletion of this signaling lipid leads to severe pathophysiological consequences. PtdIns(3,5)P₂ is important for regulating multiple stages of neuronal integrity and loss of this lipid correlate with neurodegeneration in humans such as amyotropic lateral sclerosis (ALS) or charcot-marie-tooth type 4J (CMT4J) disease. Neuronal glutamate receptors such as N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) receptors through stimulation by glutamate causes calcium internalization through CaV1.2 channels. However, excessive calcium influx can lead to excitotoxic neuronal death. Prevention of such toxicity is regulated by PIKfyve, where stimulation of NMDA receptors recruits PIKfyve to CaV1.2 channels with subsequent PtdIns(3,5)P₂ synthesis and CaV1.2 targeting to lysosomes for degradation. Depletion of PIKfyve consequently results in excitotoxicity (Tsuruta et al., 2009). Additionally, as previously mentioned, $PtdIns(3,5)P_2$ depletion accumulates myelin components within enlarged lysosomes, preventing effective myelin formation on neuronal axons and preventing proper neuronal conductance of action potentials (Mironova et al., 2016). Amyloid precursor protein (APP) is a single spanning transmembrane protein, produced in the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) traversing between the Golgi, plasma membrane and endosome, that upon improper processing by beta and gamma secretase leads to amyloid-beta production, the principal peptide for which aggregation leads to neurodegenerative alzheimer disease. APP interacts with Vac14 of the PIKfyve complex and initiates PtdIns(3,5)P₂ synthesis. Depletion of APP deprives PtdIns(3,5)P₂ synthesis causing lysosome enlargement, thus raising the possibility that improper APP processing leading to APP depletion resulting in lysosome enlargement maybe one of the possibilities for

neurodegeneration during Alzheimer's disease (Currinn et al., 2016). Thus, PtdIns(3,5)P₂ may serve to regulate important trafficking processes that regulating neuronal integrity.

PtdIns(3,5)P₂ may also regulate glucose homeostasis. Adipose tissue specific PIKfyve depletion in mice results in glucose intolerance and insulin resistance (Ikonomov et al., 2016). Additionally, the facilitative glucose transporter GLUT4 that upon stimulation by insulin translocate to the plasma membrane and import glucose inside adipose cells. Depleting PtdIns(3,5)P₂ or PIKfyve prevents GLUT4 translocation to the plasma membrane and prevents glucose uptake (Ikonomov et al., 2007). Therefore, PtdIns(3,5)P₂ through translocation of GLUT4 may regulate glucose uptake through insulin stimulation.

PtdIns(3,5)P₂ is also implicated in inflammatory processes. PIKfyve depletion in mice lead to platelet dependent tissue inflammation where the platelets are defective for maturation, storage and lysosome enzyme release due to excessive storage and release of lysosome cargo proteins occur. Thus, inflammation from PIKfyve depletion occur due to abnormal lysosome storage and increased secretion of lysosomal contents from platelets (Min et al., 2014). However, PIKfyve inhibition by the selective antagonist apilimod has been reported to suppress production of IL-12/IL-23 in myeloid leukocytes, cytokines involved in inflammation and inducing psoriasis through infiltration of leukocytes into the dermis and epidermis (Wada et al., 2012). The difference in conflicting outcome for inflammation and PIKfyve inhibition may be due to platelets being selected for long-term genetic PIKfyve depletion for inflammation in mice, whereas oral administration of apilimod to human patients for 12 weeks might reflect a wider scale acute treatment for inflammation reduction.

 $PtdIns(3,5)P_2$ is implicated in a wide array of pathophysiological phenotypes ranging such as neurodegeneration, insulin resistance, inflammation. Furthermore, PIKfyve-null mice

display embryogenic lethality and mice expressing partial PIKfyve exhibit defective organ development for multiple organs, such as organs of cardiopulmonary, nervous and hematopoietic systems (Ikonomov et al., 2011; Zolov et al., 2012). Thus, PtdIns(3,5)P₂ is a critical signaling lipid for maintaining physiological integrity.

Since $PtdIns(3,5)P_2$ regulates lysosome membrane remodelling, understanding additional regulators of lysosome membrane remodelling and reformation will give mechanistic insight into how multiple stages of membrane remodelling occur through the concerted action of these regulators.

1.3 Lysosome membrane fission dynamics during autophagy, phagocytosis and endocytosis

Lysosomes undergo cycles of fusion with autophagosomes (autolysosomes), phagosomes (phagolysosomes) and endosomes (endolysosomes), as a precursor for initiating processing of cargo during autophagy, phagocytosis and endocytosis. This is followed by reformation to retain a suite of lysosomes to maintain lysosome homeostasis and for lysosomes to be available for additional cycles of maturation into autolysosomes, phagolysosomes and endolysosomes (Bissig et al., 2017; Klionsky et al., 2014). Such reformation processes will be discussed in the context of microtubules/actin and motors, phosphoinositides, clathrin coat protein, and how all these factor into these membrane remodelling processes.

1.3.1 Endolysosome membrane remodelling and lysosome reformation

Endocytosis, as previously discussed, involves uptake of extracellular nutrients through clathrin-dependent or –independent pathways, causing plasma membrane deformation and invagination to form vesicles that mature to early and late endosomes, and finally endolysosome from late endosome-lysosome fusion for cargo degradation (Elkin et al., 2016; Huber and Teis, 2016). Following endolysosome formation and cargo degradation, lysosomes reform from endolysosomes for additional cycles of maturation into endolysosomes, autolysosomes and/or phagolysosomes. Perhaps the best explanation for lysosome membrane "fission" and reformation is the normal "kiss-and-run" behaviour where lysosomes, late endosomes and endolysosomes undergo repeated transient contact followed by splitting through mechanisms yet to be completely understood. Research into mechanistic input for regulation of lysosome membrane reformation from endolysosomes suggest co-ordination of membrane phosphoinositides, coat proteins, cytoskeletal and associated motor protein complexes as dynamic regulators of membrane remodelling.

1.3.1.1 Lysosome kiss and run

Interactions between late endosomes and terminal lysosomes form endolysosomes that are hydrolase active and acidic (Bright et al., 1997; Bright et al., 2016). Using different pulse and chase periods for dextran rhodamine, which labelled lysosomes due to long pulse and chase, and dextran conjugated to Oregon green 488, which labelled late endosomes due to short pulse and chase, Bright et *al.* showed content mixing between "green" late endosomes and "red" lysosomes due to transient fusion (kiss). The red marker dissipated into the green compartment through a short tubule. This is followed by membrane budding and separation of the "red" lysosome for reformation into two separate compartments (Bright et al., 2005). Similarly, melanosomes through "kiss-and-run" interactions with lysosomes receive hydrolases necessary for maturation (Bissig et al., 2019). Lastly, using "Lyso-ATP", which is a membrane permeable ATP and pH sensitive probe that accumulate within the acidic lysosome lumen, was used to demonstrate two lysosomes with different ATP levels undergo transient contact (kiss) leading to ATP transfer to the lysosome with less ATP, followed by separation (run) into two distinct lysosomes again (Jun et al., 2018). Lysosomes thus dynamically undergo constant "kiss-and-run" for transient bridge and pore formation (kiss) for luminal content exchange between two compartments, followed by membrane scission (run) to resolve into two separate compartments for preventing coalescence into single enlarged compartment (Fig. 4C).

1.3.1.2 PtdIns(4)P co-ordinate with coat proteins for lysosome membrane reformation

The lipid kinase PI4KIIIβ and the phosphoinositide PtdIns(4)P on lysosome may regulate membrane remodelling. Depletion of PI4KIIIβ increases lysosome tubule length and number, suggesting PtdIns(4)P assists in membrane scission and without PtdIns(4)P lysosome membrane tubulate since tubulated membrane cannot separate from lysosome. Interestingly, PI4K can physically interact with dynamin and *in vitro* studies demonstrate dynamin interaction with PtdIns(4)P, suggesting possible dynamin GTPase membrane scission mediated by PtdIns(4)P (Chang-Ileto et al., 2011; Sridhar et al., 2013).

The heterotetrameric protein complex AP-5 form a complex with spactacsin (SPG11) and spastizin (SPG15) to localize to lysosomes, and depletion of AP-5, SPG11 or SPG15 causes

enlarged endolysosomes with aberrant storage of materials such as ganglioside lipid with neurons. Furthermore, SPG11 and SPG15 depletion reduces AP-5 levels, suggesting role of SPG11 and SPG15 in moderating AP-5 levels. SPG11 and SPG15 form a complex, and carry αsolenoids, domain found on coat proteins such as clathrin heavy chain and COPI subunits, suggesting possible membrane remodelling functions observed from coat proteins (Boutry et al., 2018; Chang et al., 2014; Hirst et al., 2013; Khundadze et al., 2013). AP-5 through SPG11 may regulate dynamin dependent lysosome membrane recycling and consequently lysosome reformation from endolysosomes (Boutry et al., 2018). Additionally, zebrafish spastizin interacts with dynamin and clathrin to remove VAMP4 to mature cortical granules (Kanagaraj et al., 2014). Moreover, AP-5 has been reported to regulate retrograde traffic from endolysosomes to the Golgi through retromer complex (Hirst et al., 2018). Thus, a plausible model maybe that PI4K and PI4P on lysosomes may nucleate assembly of spactacsin, spastizin and dynamin to promote membrane vesiculation. Indeed, PI4K physically interacts with AP-2 and spastizin (Chang et al., 2014; Sridhar et al., 2013).

1.3.1.3 PtdIns(3,5)P₂ regulates lysosome membrane reformation

PtdIns(3,5)P₂ may regulate lysosome reformation from endolysosomes. Indeed, *Fig4-/*mice with depleted PtdIns(3,5)P₂ display enlarged lysosomes due to defective PtdIns(3,5)P₂ activation of the lysosome calcium channel TRPML1, thereby inhibiting calcium-dependent lysosome fission and depletion of membrane scission dynamin-1 GTPase (Zou et al., 2015). Additionally, PtdIns(3,5)P₂ interacts with Atg18 to regulate vacuole to Golgi traffic (Dove et al., 2004). Atg18 is from the PROPPIN family of proteins, characterized by β -propellers that can bind phosphoinositides (Busse et al., 2015). Atg18 in yeast is yet the best understood PROPPIN in regulating vacuolar/lysosome fission. Depletion of Atg18 results in enlarged vacuoles that fail to fragment even in the presence of increased PtdIns(3,5)P₂ levels, and vacuole enlargement is rescued by tethering of Atg18 to vacuole membrane (Efe et al., 2007). Using unilamellar vesicles containing physiological levels of PtdIns(3)P and PtdIns(3,5)P₂, Atg18 stimulated membrane tubulation and scission through a hydrophobic loop (CD loop) within blade 6 of the β -propeller that fold into an amphipathic α -helix for insertion into the membrane that is PtdIns(3)P and PtdIns(3,5)P₂ dependent (Gopaldass et al., 2017). Although the role of yeast Atg18 was determined to regulate membrane remodelling and scission, it is as of yet not clear whether Atg18 counterparts in mammalian cells (WIPI-1 to -4) regulate lysosome membrane remodelling.

PtdIns(3,5)P₂ may regulate lysosome membrane reformation through actin cytoskeleton. PtdIns(3,5)P₂ competes with actin for interacting with cortactin such that PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion lead to cortactin mediated actin nucleation and formation of actin aggregates on melanosomes and endosomes. This actin aggregate "trap" endosomes and possibly lysosomes to prevent proper endosome splitting or fission, leading to coalescence and enlargement (Bissig et al., 2019; Hasegawa et al., 2016). Thus, depletion of PtdIns(3,5)P₂ may accumulate actin on lysosomes to hinder "fission".

PtdIns(4)P and PtdIns(3,5)P₂ thus are implicated in lysosome membrane remodelling and scission. Additionally, cytoskeletal structures such as microtubules and actin along with respective motor protein complexes are regulators that exert mechanical force and tension for lysosome membrane protrusion and separation as discussed below.

1.3.1.4 Microtubules and actin exert mechanical force for lysosome membrane fission

Microtubules can exert mechanical force in response to stimuli for lysosome membrane remodelling and tubulation. PtdIns(4,5)P₂ on autolysosome membrane recruits Kif5B in a clathrin-dependent manner to induce membrane tubulation to initiate lysosome reformation from autolysosomes (Du et al., 2016). Thus, microtubules and motor protein complexes, as well as upstream motor effectors regulate lysosome membrane remodelling to protrude membranes into tubulation, possibly as a pre-requisite for membrane scission from tubules by other proteins.

The actin cytoskeleton as well as associated motor complexes may play a role in lysosome membrane fission. Melanosomes, found within skin epidermal melanocytes and eye pigment cells, synthesize and store melanin pigment. Melanosomes are endosomal organelles that mature into pigmented organelles. Myosin 6 (Myo6), minus end filamentous actin (F-actin) motor, and the adaptor optineurin, along with actin nucleation machineries including Arp2/3 and WASH (Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome protein and SCAR homolog) complex on melanosomes participate in membrane scission through localization on neck of melanosome tubule, where inhibition of these components lead to membrane tubulation without scission (Ripoll et al., 2018). Although melanosomes are endosome-like organelles and not lysosome-like, this observation supports a model where actin assembly and nucleation machinery operate in lysosome membrane scission. To support this, LAMP1 structures in mouse embryonic fibroblasts enlarge and tubulate upon WASH depletion (Gomez et al., 2012).

Thus, cytoskeletal tracks such as microtubules and F-actin along with associated motor complexes may function to drive mechanical force to protrude lysosome membrane and facilitate membrane separation from endolysosomes. Additionally, membrane phosphoinositides and coat proteins participate through possible co-ordination with actin and microtubule cytoskeleton for lysosome membrane remodelling and fission (Fig. 7). The functional role of these regulators for lysosome reformation from autolysosomes and phagolysosomes will be discussed.



Figure 7: General mechanism of lysosome budding and tubulation. A) Budding through membrane curvature on the lysosome membrane maybe initiated by assembly of clathrin with associated adaptor protein (AP) complexes. B) PtdIns(4)P synthesis through phosphatidylinositol 4-kinase (PI4K) recruitment at the membrane bud may nucleate assembly of spactacsin, spastizin, AP-5, and/or dynamin, resulting in membrane scission release of bud as a vesicle, thus preventing bud protrusion into a tubule. C) Depletion of PtdIns(4)P and/or PtdIns(4,5)P₂ conversion, may recruit microtubule motor kinesin on lysosome membrane, thus applying mechanical force for tubulation. D) The tubular extensions formed from (C) may increase

localized PtdIns(4,5)P₂ synthesis, which nucleate assembly of clathrin and/or dynamin to scission membrane at tip of tubule. This is a simplified speculative model absent of components that play a role in lysosome membrane reformation, such as PtdIns(3)P (Saffi and Botelho, 2019).

1.3.2 Autolysosome membrane remodeling and lysosome reformation

1.3.2.1 Autophagosome initiation and maturation

Autophagy is an intracellular lysosome dependent pathway that degrades cytosolic materials and organelles in response to stress conditions such as amino acid starvation, viral infection or unfolded protein response. Nutrient deprivation stimulated autophagy is nonselective and any part of the cytoplasm can be recycled back through this degradative pathway. However, autophagy can be selective in terms of selecting for cargoes such as protein aggregates, mitochondria, peroxisome, endoplasmic reticulum, signaling complex and pathogenic bacteria that are not needed, toxic, damaged or in surplus and thus require disposal (Johansen and Lamark, 2011; Khaminets et al., 2016; Mijaljica et al., 2012; Okamoto, 2014). Autophagy proceeds with inhibition of the serine/threonine protein kinase mammalian target of rapamycin complex 1 (mTORC1), which initiates a signaling cascade resulting in formation of double membrane bound autophagosome that engulfs a portion of the cytoplasmic material or cargo. The autophagosome fuses with late endosomes, forming amphisomes, followed by fusion with lysosomes, or direct fusion with lysosomes to form autolysosomes. Following autolysosome formation, the cytoplasmic and inner limiting membrane surrounding the cytoplasm are degraded by lysosome hydrolases and the degraded products are recycled back to cytoplasm where they can be reutilized for biosynthesis or producing energy (Eskelinen and Saftig, 2009). Following

cargo degradation within autolysosomes, autolysosome reformation (ALR) is thus a process that couple nutrient recycling to lysosome reformation from autolysosomes (Rong et al., 2012).

1.3.2.2 Membrane remodeling and vesiculation during ALR

Following autolysosome formation and cargo degradation, lysosomes reform from autolysosomes through autophagic lysosome reformation (ALR). During ALR, tubules protrude from autolysosomes that are enriched for lysosome membrane components, followed by budding to release vesicles from these tubules. These vesicles, enriched for lysosome membrane components, are proto-lysosomes, and are initially non-acidic and void of luminal hydrolases. Eventually, they mature and gain acidic properties and luminal hydrolases. ALR is initiated through nutrient liberation and activation of mTORC1 (mammalian target of rapamycin) (Chen and Yu, 2017; Rong et al., 2012; Yu et al., 2010). ALR may initiate through recruitment of clathrin coat protein and its adaptor AP-2 to autolysosomes. PIP5K1^β, through interaction with PtdIns(4)P, synthesizes $PtdIns(4,5)P_2$, which generates a feedback loop that additionally recruits AP-2 and clathrin on autolysosomes. Clathrin-AP2 complex on autolysosome membrane initiate membrane remodelling for budding and tubulation. This is followed by recruitment of PIP5K1a on reforming tubules, which utilizes PtdIns(4)P to initiate a second round of PtdIns(4,5)P2 synthesis on tubules, followed by recruitment of Clathrin-AP2 on these tubules and subsequent vesiculation and release of proto-lysosomes (Rong et al., 2012). Kif5B, member of kinesin-1 family of microtubule motors that drive cargo transport towards the (+) end or GTP-cap of microtubules, also influences membrane tubulation during ALR. Kif5B through interaction with

PtdIns(4,5)P₂ on autolysosome membrane protrude the membrane into tubulation. However, such tubulation is clathrin-dependent since clathrin recruitment to autolysosome membranes initiate formation of PtdIns(4,5)P₂ rich microdomains that recruit Kif5B for tubulation (Du et al., 2016; Randall et al., 2017). Dynamin 2, GTPase involved in membrane constriction and scission, is suggested to mediate vesiculation ALR from lipophagy, autophagy for processing of lipid droplets, since the absence of dynamin 2 promotes tubulation of autolysosomes and failure of lysosome reformation. Furthermore, PtdIns(4,5)P₂ may recruit dynamin 2 to autolysosomes (Rasineni et al., 2017; Yu et al., 2018). Therefore, the phosphoinositides PtdIns(4)P and PtdIns(4,5)P₂, clathrin, AP-2 adaptor, dynamin, and Kif5B may act in concert to drive autolysosome membrane tubulation and budding for vesiculation and release of proto-lysosomes during ALR.

1.3.3 Phagolysosome membrane remodelling and lysosome reformation

1.3.3.1 Phagocytosis initiation and maturation

In mammalian cell, professional phagocytic cells such as macrophages, neutrophils, monocytes, dendritic cells, osteoclasts and eosinophils participate in eliminating foreign pathogenic microorganisms and apoptotic cells, and processing them for presentation to cells of the adaptive immune system (Flannagan et al., 2012; Gordon, 2016).

Phagocytes can recognize target particles through discrete receptors that can distinguish between targets and these receptors can be classified into non-opsonic or opsonic receptors. Examples of non-opsonic receptors include mannose receptors which bind mannan, CD-14 bind to lipopolysaccharide-binding proteins, SR-A bind to lipopolysaccharide (LPS) on some gramnegative bacteria and Dectin-1 bind to polysaccharide of some yeast cells. Opsonins include IgG antibodies, that interact with foreign particles, bridge the foreign particle to the phagocyte by interacting with Fcγ receptors (FcγR) on phagocytes, where FcγR recognize Fc portion of IgG molecules. Dendritic cells also house toll like receptors (TLRs) found at the plasma membrane, phagosomes and endocytic organelles, and can recognize structurally unrelated pathogen-associated molecular patterns (PAMPs) that evolutionarily conserved. For example, TLR3 recognize double stranded RNA, TLR9 recognize CpG DNA motifs, and TLR7/8 recognize single stranded RNA. Apoptotic cells release chemicals to the extracellular environment that serve as chemoattractant for phagocytic cells. Such chemicals include ATP, spingosine 1-phosphate, and lysophosphatidylcholine. Additionally, apoptotic cells display on the plasma membrane phosphatidylserine (PS), which maybe recognized by receptors TIM-1, TIM-4, stabilin-2 and BAI-1 on phagocytes (Blander, 2008; Rosales and Uribe-Querol, 2017).

Following particle recognition, phagocyte receptors initiate signalling cascade that remodel cell membrane lipids and restructure actin cytoskeletion to facilitate membrane protrusion and internalization of the particle into phagosome. The phagosome proceeds towards maturation with endosomes and lysosomes to form phagolysosomes for particle degradation (Rosales and Uribe-Querol, 2017).

During phagosome maturation into phagolysosomes, opposing membranes from phagosomes and lysosomes are tethered and merged through the action of SNAREs on opposing membranes as previously discussed. Additionally, PtdIns(3,5)P₂ controls phagosome maturation possibly by regulating calcium release through lysosome associated TRMPL1 (or mucolipin-1) channel, where depletion of the lipid or TRMPL1 leads to phagosomes docking onto lysosomes without being able to fuse. Intracellular calcium release was sufficient to rescue maturation

(Dayam et al., 2015). Thus, PtdIns(3,5)P₂ and TRPML1 stimulated calcium release, and SNAREs function to mature early phagosomes into phagolysosomes.

Following phagosome maturation into phagolysosomes and bacterial degradation, lysosomes must reform by separating from phagolysosomes to maintain lysosome number and size, as well as be available for maturation into phagolysosomes, endolysosomes or autolysosomes as needed.

1.3.3.2 Phagolysosome membrane remodelling and lysosome reformation

Entosis is a phagocytic process by which apoptotic cells are engulfed into entotic vacuoles within the cell, which mature by fusing with lysosomes followed by degradation. Overholtz and colleague, demonstrated mTORC1 activation by amino acids following degradation of entotic particle. Surprisingly, mTORC1 activation was required for entosome shrinkage and fission for lysosome reformation and redistribution of entotic contents to lysosomes (Krajcovic et al., 2013). Furthermore, the PtdIns(3,5)P₂ lipid kinase PIKfyve, is involved in regulating size of mature entotic vacuoles merged with lysosomes, where PIKfyve and activation of the PtdIns(3,5)P₂ effector TRPML1 lysosome associated calcium channel assists in lysosome reformation from mature entotic vacuoles. Furthermore, PIKfyve dependent lysosome reformation from mature entosomes is independent of mTORC1 (Krishna et al., 2016). Thus, PIKfyve and PtdIns(3,5)P₂ function to stimulate lysosome reformation from mature entosomes in a process parallel to mTORC1.

Lysosomes thus can reform from endolysosomes, autolysosomes and phagolysosomes through the concerted action of membrane phosphoinositides, coat proteins, cytoskeletal actin and microtubules, membrane scissoring dynamin GTPase, and mTORC1.

1.4 Reactive oxygen species (ROS)

There is evidence suggesting ROS regulating lysosome dynamics and interaction with autophagosomes, thus implicating a possible role of ROS interacting with endocytic compartments (Hamacher-Brady et al., 2011). Given this, I will introduce here what ROS are, how they are produced, how cells employ anti-oxidant defense systems to circumvent oxidative stress, the harmful and beneficial effects of ROS production.

1.4.1 Types of ROS

ROS are chemical species such as superoxide (O_2^-), produced through reduction of oxygen (O_2). Superoxide has one more electron than O_2 on its outer orbital, and is thus more reactive due to inclination to receive another electron, thus being reduced in the process (Magder, 2006). Dismutation of superoxide by superoxide dismutase produce H_2O_2 which may be fully reduced to H_2O or partially reduced to the highly oxidative hydroxyl radical (OH[•]) (Fig. 8). ROS may be produced enzymatically through NADPH (Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate) oxidase and xanthine oxidase, or through the electron transport chain within the mitochondria

(Sharma et al., 2012; Turrens, 2003). Depending on the context of how ROS are generated, different ROS species may have deleterious or beneficial outcomes for the cell.

Superoxide anion:

NADPH + $2O_2 \xrightarrow{\text{NADPH oxidase}} 2O_2^- + \text{NADP}^+ + \text{H}^+$

Hydrogen Peroxide:

 $2O_2^- + 2H^+ \xrightarrow{\text{SOD}} H_2O_2 + O_2$

Hydroxyl Radical:

 $Fe^{2+} + H_2O_2 \longrightarrow Fe^{3+} + OH^{\cdot} + OH^{\cdot}$

Figure 8: Mechanism of ROS production. Molecular oxygen (O₂) is reduced by NADPH oxidase for superoxide anion (O₂⁻), superoxide anion is reduced by superoxide dismutase (SOD) through dismutation to produce H₂O₂, H₂O₂ is reduced through Fenton's reaction in presence of iron (Fe²⁺) to produce hydroxyl radical (OH⁻) (Sharma et al., 2012; Yamazaki et al., 2011).

1.4.2 Synthesis of ROS

ROS may be produced through mitochondrial dysfunction or through enzymes such as NADPH oxidase and xanthine oxidase. Much of intracellular ROS is produced within the mitochondria. The mitochondria possess an outer membrane, and inner membrane (IM) that are separated by the intermembrane space (IMS). The IM invaginates into to form cristae and encloses the matrix space. The IM also scaffolds the protein complexes of the electron transport chain. This places the respiratory chain between the acidic and oxidizing intermembrane space (IMS) due to presence of protons, and more the reducing and alkaline matrix (Dröse et al., 2014).

The mitochondrial respiratory chain consists of five protein complexes functioning to synthesize ATP from glucose through oxidative phosphorylation: complex I (NADH:ubiquinone oxidoreductase), complex II (succinate dehydrogenase), complex III/cytochrome bc_1 complex (ubiquinol-cytochrome c oxidoreductase), complex IV (cytochrome c oxidase), and complex V (ATP synthase). Complex I and complex II oxidizes the mitochondrial matrix NADH and succinate, respectively, acquired from the Krebs Cycle during aerobic respiration, and transfers electrons through the respiratory chain to complex IV to reduce molecular oxygen (O₂) to water. During this electron transfer process, redox energy transfer protons from the mitochondrial matrix to the IMS to build a proton motive force across the IM, which is used to produce ATP at the matrix from ADP and inorganic phosphate by complex V (ATP synthase). Inhibition of complex I or III can lead to ROS generation, where electron build-up can cause electron leaks or single electrons to react with oxygen to produce superoxide anion (O₂⁻). Superoxide can then produce H₂O₂ and hydroxyl radicals (Lemarie and Grimm, 2011; Sharma et al., 2009).

NADPH oxidase from the NOX family of enzymes are multiunit membrane associated enzymes that use NADPH as an electron donor to transport electrons across membranes for one-

electron reduction of O₂ to O₂⁻ (superoxide). Superoxide can then react to form other ROS such as H₂O₂ and hydroxyl radicals. There are seven possible NOX isoforms that have been identified: NOX1, NOX2, NOX3, NOX4, NOX5, dual oxidases (DUOX1 and DUOX2). NOX2 is extensively studied as being associated with phagosomes in phagocytic cells that display oxidative burst for pathogen killing for host defense (André-Lévigne et al., 2017; Brown and Griendling, 2009). NOX2 is composed of a catalytic core transmembrane complex of gp91^{phox} and p22^{phox}, forming a heterodimeric flavocytochrome b₅₅₈. The regulatory subunits of NOX2 are cytosolic, consisting of p67^{phox}, p47^{phox}, p40^{phox} and the Rac GTPase. NOX2 requires assembly of the six subunits into a membrane bound functional complex to become active. This assembly occurs due to docking of p47-p40-p67^{phox} to membrane bound cytochrome b₅₅₈, where tandem SH3 domain of p47^{phox} and Rac-GTP, they form the p67-Rac complex with cytochrome b₅₅₈ to complete the assembly and mediate electron transfer (Groemping and Rittinger, 2005). Thus, assembled NOX2 participates in electron transfer for ROS stimulation and bacterial killing.

Xanthine oxidase, localized within the cytosol, is produced during inflammation when xanthine dehydrogenase (XDH) undergoes oxidation at cysteine residues (535 and 992) and/or proteolysis to form XO. XO is part of the purine degradation pathway, by oxidizing hypoxanthine to xanthine and subsequent xanthine oxidation to uric acid. However, during these reactions, O₂ is used as a redox partner, which undergoes one electron and two electron reduction reactions to produce superoxide and H₂O₂, respectively (Cantu-Medellin and Kelley, 2013; Ichikawa et al., 1992; Sakuma et al., 2015). ROS exert beneficial or harmful impact on cell depending on the context which they are used for. Additionally, ROS participate in localized signalling to regulate organelle specific function. Therefore, ROS can locally regulate lysosome function.

1.4.3 Harmful effects of ROS

ROS are very damaging to cellular components such as lipids, proteins and DNA. In addition, they may induce apoptosis in response to ischemia and stimulate inflammation to damage tissues. Hydroxyl radical (OH) is very reactive towards lipids. OH can oxidize membrane lipids into lipid radicals that upon reaction with oxygen produce hydroperoxide radicals (LOO). This radical can interact with another lipid to form lipid peroxides that then form a reactive and destructive chain. This can lead to membrane damage as well as formation of byproducts such as 4-hydroxy-2-nonal and β-unsaturated aldehydes that may inactivate proteins through reaction with cysteine, lysine or histidine residues (Forman et al., 2009). Hydroxyl radicals are also damaging towards DNA nucleotides by reacting with thymine through a series of oxidation and reduction reactions to produce nucleotide radicals that can interact with adjacent nucleotides forming DNA-crosslinks. Additional, hydroxyl radicals may undergo a series of redox reactions with guanine to form a radical cation that interacts with lysine to form DNAprotein crosslinks. Cytosine may also undergo redox reactions with hydroxyl radicals leading to oxidation products that are unstable and sensitive to deamination to produce uracil-analog products, or isomerization into a mixture of products (Cadet and Wagner, 2013). Additionally, ROS elevation is correlated with DNA strand breaks (Bibov et al., 2018).

On the other hand, superoxide and H_2O_2 can damage proteins by reacting with thiols of cysteine residues. However, superoxide is less stable compared to H_2O_2 and undergo dismutation

to H₂O₂ before reaction with biothiols. Additionally, superoxide cannot cross biological membrane due to negative charge. Contrarily, due to the stability of H₂O₂ compared to superoxide and ability to diffuse across biological membranes, H₂O₂ can oxidize thiol residues from cysteine progressively to produce disulfide bonds (-SSR), sulfenic acid (-SOH), and irreversible sulfenic acid (SO₂H) and sulfonic acid (SO₃H), which can lead to protein damage and inactivation (Brown and Griendling, 2009; Schieber and Chandel, 2014). Therefore, ROS as chemical species possess oxidative potential to damage components that constitute cellular integrity, such as proteins, lipids and DNA.

Overt ROS accumulation can also trigger apoptosis and loss of mitochondrial integrity. Mitochondrial dysfunction may occur in response to ischemia, where reduction in blood flow to the myocardium can induce oxidative stress and mitochondrial damage. Damage to the electron transport chain complex 1 during ischemia elevates ROS production (Lesnefsky et al., 2017). Mitochondria normally display an extended, tubular interconnected network, but they fragment into punctate mitochondria during ROS-mediated oxidative stress. Such mitochondrial fragmentation correlates with a reduction in the mitochondrial membrane potential causing increased membrane permeability, impaired respiration and oxidative phosphorylation, and an increase in mitochondrial ROS production, all indicators of mitochondrial dysfunction. This results in increased association of pro-apoptotic Bax with mitochondrial OM, where Bax and its homologue Bcl-2 homologues antagonist (Bak) oligomerize to permeabilize mitochondrial outer membrane. Permeabilization is followed by release of pro-apoptotic factors such as cytochrome c and apoptosis-inducing factor that result in caspase-dependent or –independent cell death (Ježek et al., 2018). Given that ROS can exert harmful outcome for cell physiology, there must exist defensive intracellular anti-oxidant systems to circumvent excessive ROS production.
1.4.4 Anti-oxidant systems to circumvent ROS production

Elevated ROS are harmful to the cell, damaging cellular components and even causing cell death. Therefore, cells have evolved anti-oxidant systems as defense against elevated ROS. Below, I introduce three four key anti-ROS systems deployed by cells: Superoxide dismutase, catalase, and glutathione.

Superoxide dismutase (SOD) converts O_2^- to H_2O_2 and molecular oxygen (O_2). SOD is a metalloenzyme and exists as different isoforms; mitochondria SOD utilizes manganese (Mn-SOD) while the cytosol and peroxisomes express SOD that employs copper/zinc (Cu/Zn-SOD). The general conversion reaction is $O_2^- + O_2^- + 2H^+ \rightarrow O_2 + H_2O_2$ (Ighodaro and Akinloye, 2018; Mccords and Fridovich, 1969). In addition, excess H_2O_2 can be toxic to cells and is thus degraded by catalase. Catalase, located within peroxisomes and mitochondria, utilize heme as a cofactor to degrade two molecules of H_2O_2 to two molecules of H_2O and O_2 (Marengo et al., 2016; Salvi et al., 2007; Schrader and Fahimi, 2008).

Glutathione (GSH), located within the mitochondria and cytosol, is a tripeptide of γ -Lglutamyl-L-cysteinyl-glycine, that utilize sulfhydryl (-SH) group for reduction and conjugation reactions for removal of peroxides. Glutathione peroxidase uses GSH as a substrate to reduce H₂O₂ to H₂O and GSSG (two glutathione oxidized at sulfhydryl (-SH) groups to form disulfide bond). Since high levels of GSSG is toxic to cells, GSSG is reduced back to GSH by glutathione reductase using NADPH as electron donor (Lubos et al., 2011).

1.4.5 Beneficial impact of ROS

Although overproduction of ROS impart detrimental outcome for cell physiology, controlled levels of physiologically relevant ROS production can drive cell proliferation and induce immune response against foreign pathogens. ROS can regulate growth factor signaling. Growth factor signaling through epidermal growth factor (EGF) and platelet-derived growth factor (PDGF) occurs through autophosphorylation of specific tyrosine residues on the cytoplasmic tail of receptor tyrosine kinases (RTKs) on the plasma membrane to recruit proteins such as PI3K-Akt involved in cell proliferation. The RTKs, epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) and platelet-derived growth factor receptor (PDGFR), are sensitive to inactivation by protein phosphatases PTP1B and SHP-2 respectively. EGF and PDGF stimulate ROS production, and H₂O₂ can oxidize sulfenic moieties on cysteine residues of PTP1B and SHP-2, and PTEN, protein phosphatase for inactivating PI3K, to inactivate these phosphatases and promote sustained growth factor signaling. Thus, a positive feedback loop is established where growth factor signaling stimulate ROS production to prevent RTK inactivation, and sustain continual growth factor signaling. Although ROS can promote growth factor signaling by inactivating RTKs, cancer cells generate increased ROS to elevate cellular proliferation while also increasing anti-oxidant activity to prevent ROS mediated cellular damage (Hanahan and Weinberg, 2011; Lee et al., 1998; Park et al., 2018; Schieber and Chandel, 2014). Therefore, although ROS mediated growth factor signaling can be beneficial for the cell, but if stimulated excessively can promote cancer cell growth.

NADPH oxidase 2 (NOX2) uses O_2 as electron acceptor to produce superoxide and H_2O_2 . NOX2 on phagosome membrane of phagocytic cells assemble to kill bacteria (Groemping and Rittinger, 2005). Additionally, neutrophils house azurophilic granules containing

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myeloperoxidase (MPO), that upon immune stimulation utilizes H₂O₂ from NADPH oxidase activity, to reduce chloride ions to the highly oxidative hypochlorous acid (HOCI). HOCl can oxidize proteins, lipids and DNA, which as discussed may be detrimental to these components (Metzler et al., 2011; Odobasic et al., 2016). Therefore, ROS serve as important line of defense against bacterial pathogens. During immune response, ROS can stimulate inflammation. Specifically, ROS can activate NF-κB transcription factor for release of pro-inflammatory cytokines and inflammasome activation, thus contributing to inflammation (Forrester et al., 2018). Inflammation is a beneficial immune response to defend against foreign pathogens through dilation of blood vessels and increasing blood vessel permeability, which serve to recruit leukocytes at sites of infection for release of enzymes and chemicals for pathogen destruction. However, excessive stimulation of inflammation lead to inflammatory diseases such as arthritis and Crohn's disease (Mittal et al., 2014). Therefore, although ROS may beneficially induce inflammation as part of immune response, overstimulation may be harmful.

1.4.6 ROS regulate lysosome function and dynamics

ROS may regulate lysosome dynamics through localized signalling to lysosomes. ROS generating NOX2 is reported to be on lysosomes (Li et al., 2012). ROS production cause clustering of lysosomes and impedes autophagosome turnover, due to impaired autophagosome-lysosome fusion (Hamacher-Brady et al., 2011; Zheng et al., 2016). Mitochondria are proximally located to lysosomes and mitochondrial ROS stimulation activate TRPML1 ion channel on lysosome membranes to release calcium. This causes calcium to activate the phosphatase calcineurin to dephosphorylate transcription factor EB (TFEB) for activation. TFEB is then released from the lysosome membrane and translocate to nucleus to regulate expression of genes

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from CLEAR (co-ordinated lysosome expression and regulation) motif that upscale lysosome and autophagosome biogenesis, thus increasing the cellular pool of autophagosomes and lysosomes for autophagic degradation of dysfunctional mitochondria (Möller et al., 2019; Zhang et al., 2016). Although unrelated to lysosome dynamics, ROS stimulation has been reported to stimulate mitochondrial fragmentation through "fission" through dynamin-related protein 1 (Drp1) (Hung et al., 2018; Zhao et al., 2017). Thus, localized ROS stimulation regulate lysosome biogenesis and fusion as well as possible fission dynamics.

ROS synthesized locally to and from lysosomes may regulate actin and microtubule structure, cytoskeletal tracks for regulating lysosome fusion-fission dynamics as previously discussed, and thus control lysosome dynamics. Monomeric actin contains five cysteine and sixteen methionine residues, which contain sulfhydryl (-SH) for cysteine or S-C bonds for methionine susceptible to oxidation by ROS. Impacts of oxidation of -SH groups have been discussed, and oxidation of methionine leads to methionine sulfoxide (MetO) that alter the three dimensional structure of proteins to expose hydrophobic regions that are normally buried to perturb protein functions. Cytosolic exposed residues such as Cys374, Met176, Met190, and Met 355 are susceptible to oxidation. An oxidative environment inhibits actin polymerization while suppressing ROS promote actin polymerization, supporting the role of ROS in regulating actin structure through (Dalle-Donne et al., 2003; Kim et al., 2014; Sakai et al., 2012; Wilson and González-Billault, 2015). However, ROS stimulation is needed for actin-dependent membrane protrusions in Ptk1 marsupial kidney epithelial cells, suggestive role of ROS at physiological levels to positively regulate actin structure (Taulet et al., 2012). α - and β - tubulin, monomers of microtubules, have 12 and 8 cysteine residues respectively sensitive to oxidation. Similar to actin, oxidative environment suppresses tubulin polymerization, which is reversible by the

glutathione/glutathione reductase system (Landino et al., 2004; Pocasap et al., 2018; Wilson and González-Billault, 2015). Therefore, ROS can impair microtubules and actin structurally, and thus possibly impede the cytoskeletal tracks for regulating lysosome fusion-fission dynamics as a novel phenotype for regulating cargo traffic to and from lysosomes, which is the focus of my dissertation.

1.5 Research objective

Since PIKfyve inhibition and PtdIns $(3,5)P_2$ depletion enlarges lysosomes, my overall thesis objectives were i) to better understand how lysosome enlargement proceeds in PIKfyve inhibited cells and ii) to better understand molecular processes that govern lysosome size. To achieve these objectives, I had two main hypotheses.

1.5.1 Hypothesis I

Lysosomes enlarge during PIKfyve inhibition from one and/or both of two possibilities (Fig. 9). Hypothesis Ii: Each individual lysosome grows in size through increased biosynthesis. In this scenario, lysosome number is predicted not to change but cells gain in total lysosome volume.

Hypothesis Iii: Individual lysosomes coalesce to form larger but few lysosomes. In this scenario, there should be no increase in total lysosome volume.



Figure 9: Possible mechanisms for lysosome enlargement during PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion.

Lysosomes become enlarged during PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion through one of two possible dynamics. *Model 1:* Each individual lysosome becomes enlarged, while lysosome number remains unchanged, increasing total lysosome volume per cell. *Model 2:* Lysosomes fuse together to increase in size, decreasing in number but maintaining total lysosome volume per cell.

1.5.1.1 Objectives

 Use quantitative image analysis for measuring individual lysosome volume, lysosome number and total lysosome volume per cell, and score impact of acute pharmacological and genetic PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion on lysosome morphology.

- Use quantitative image analysis to investigate reversibility of lysosome enlargement upon PIKfyve reactivation
- To understand whether lysosome fission and fusion cycling is affected by PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion.
- 4. To understand whether microtubules play a role in lysosome enlargement during PIKfyve inhibition.

Upon completion of experimental observations to complete above mentioned objectives, we concluded that lysosome enlargement during acute and genetic PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion occurs due to increase in individual lysosome volume, while decreasing lysosome number, while total lysosome volume remained unchanged (Fig. 9, Model 2). This enlargement is reversible upon PIKfyve reactivation and PtdIns(3,5)P₂ synthesis. Additionally, lysosomes undergo dynamic continuous transient partial and/or complete fusion and fission cycles, and impaired "splitting" during PIKfyve inhibition contributes to lysosome "coalescence" for enlargement. Furthermore, microtubules and associated motor protein complexes regulate lysosome dynamics to affect enlargement during PIKfyve inhibition and lysosome "shrinkage" during PIKfyve reactivation. During our experimental observations, we accidentally happened upon potent abatement of lysosome enlargement during acute PIKfyve inhibition due to microscopy laser-based ROS stimulation. This led the directions for our second research objective and hypothesis: ROS stimulation affects lysosome dynamics and regulates "fusion/fission" during acute PIKfyve inhibition.

1.5.2 Hypothesis II

During our study to test hypothesis I, we noticed that intense light during imaging prevent lysosome enlargement during PIKfyve inhibition. We thus postulated that ROS can arrest lysosome enlargement during acute PIKfyve inhibition and PtdIns $(3,5)P_2$ depletion. We further hypothesized that this inhibition might proceed as follows.

Hypothesis: ROS stimulation prevents lysosome enlargement during acute PIKfyve inhibition by impeding lysosome "coalescence" AND/**OR** accelerating lysosome "fragmentation/fission"

1.5.2.1 Objective

- Use quantitative image analysis for measuring individual lysosome volume, lysosome number and total lysosome volume per cell, and understanding how these parameters respond to ROS stimulation during acute pharmacological PIKfyve inhibition and PIKfyve reactivation
- To understand how ROS stimulation affect lysosome movement through evaluating: lysosome speed, track length, displacement, microtubule and actin structure which are cytoskeletal tracks affecting lysosome motility
- To understand whether ROS affects lysosome "fragmentation" through increasing PtdIns(3,5)P₂ synthesis and/or assembly of fission machinery on lysosomes: clathrin and dynamin
- 4. To understand whether ROS promote clearance of actin mass on lysosomes, that otherwise hinder fission, to promote fission

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We observed that ROS stimulation through multiple pharmacological manipulations (H₂O₂, rotenone, 1-chloro-2,4-dinitrobenzene (CDNB), monochlorobimane (MCB)) was antagonistic to lysosome coalescence during acute PIKfyve inactivation and accelerated lysosome "fragmentation" during PIK fyve reactivation. ROS stimulation does not increase PtdIns(3,5)P₂ synthesis to increase lysosome fragmentation. Depending on the type of ROS and/or site of ROS synthesis, lysosome dynamics affected distinctly. H₂O₂ arrested lysosome motility and stably extended the fibrillary structure of microtubules although such stability may not contribute to arrested lysosome enlargement, suggesting decreased lysosome mobility to impair coalescence. Additionally, H₂O₂ increased lysosome associated clathrin and dynamin, suggesting assembly of lysosome fission machinery, although such recruitment was not accompanied by H_2O_2 mediated lysosome fragmentation during PIKfyve reactivation. However, other ROS agonists tested (rotenone, CDNB and MCB), through superoxide generation, depolymerized microtubule structure without affecting lysosome movement. Furthermore, ROS produced by these agonists promoted clearance of actin patches from lysosomes, suggesting ROS mediated removal of actin mass on lysosomes, that otherwise hinder fission, to promote fission.

Chapter 2: Materials and Methods

2.0 Materials and Methods

Cell culture, plasmids, and transfection

RAW 264.7 macrophages and HeLa cells were grown in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium (DMEM; Wisent, St Bruno, QC) supplemented with 5% heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum (FBS; Wisent). ARPE-1 (RPE) cells stably expressing clathrin heavy chain-eGFP were grown in DMEM/F12 medium (Gibco) supplemented with 10% FBS (Aguet et al., 2013). Mouse embryonic fibroblasts (MEFs) grown in 15% FBS supplemented Roswell Park Memorial Institution (RPMI) media (RPMI-1640: Gibco, Burlington, ON). All cells were grown at 5% CO₂ and 37 °C and routinely checked for contamination. FuGene HD (Promega, Madison, WI) was used for transient transfections following manufacturer's instructions with a ratio of 3:1 FuGene HD transfection reagent (μl) to DNA (μg). The transfection mixture was replaced with fresh complete medium 4-5 h post-transfection and cells were used 24 h following transfection. RAW cells were transfected with plasmids expressing Rab7-RILPC33-GFP (RILPC33-GFP) or wildtype Arl8b-GFP (Arl8bWT-GFP) or Kif5B^{DN}-RFP or p50-dynamitin-GFP , which were previously characterized (Cantalupo et al., 2001; Echeverri et al., 1996; Hofmann and Munro, 2006; Silver and Harrison, 2011).

Pharmacological treatment of cells

Apilimod (Toronto Research Chemicals, Toronto, ON) was used at 20 nM for 40 min, unless otherwise indicated, to deplete cellular PtdIns(3,5)P₂. H₂O₂ (Bio Basic, Markham, ON) was used as indicated. Rotenone, 1-chloro-2,4,-dinitrobenzene (CDNB; Sigma-Aldrich, Oakville, ON) and

monocholorobimane (MCB; Sigma-Aldrich, Oakville, ON) were used as indicated to generate ROS by respectively inhibiting mitochondrial respiratory chain complex I, thioredoxin reductase and depleting glutathione. Bovine liver catalase (Sigma-Aldrich) and N-acetyl-L-cysteine (NAC) (Bio Basic) were used as anti-oxidants. Paclitaxel and nocadozole (both from Sigma-Aldrich) were used at 1 or 10 µM and 5 or 10 µM to stabilize and depolymerize microtubules, respectively. Ciliobrevin D used at 100 µM to inhibit dynein activity (EMD Millipore, Toronto, ON). Latrunculin A (Abcam, Toronto, ON) and cytochalasin D (EMD Millipore, Toronto, ON) used at 10 µM and 5 µM respectively to depolymerize actin. Ikarugamycin (Sigma-Aldrich) and dyngo-4A (Cambridge, MA, USA) used to inhibit clathrin and dynamin respectively.

Lysosome labelling

Lysosomes were labelled by incubating cells with 200 µg/mL Alexa⁵⁴⁶-conjugated dextran or Alexa⁴⁸⁸-conjugated dextran (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Mississauga, ON) or with 2.5 mg/mL Lucifer yellow (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Mississauga, ON) for 2 h in complete media at 37 °C in 5% CO₂. Cells washed with phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) and resupplied with complete cell-specific media for 1 h to chase the fluid-phase marker to lysosomes before pharmacological manipulation and live-cell imaging. We note that we use "lysosomes" to represent a potential mixture of late endosomes, lysosomes and endolysosomes (Bright et al., 1997; Choy et al., 2018).

Live- and fixed-cell spinning disc confocal microscopy

Imaging evaluating effect of PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion and synthesis on lysosome volume and number, and involvement of microtubules and associated motor protein complexes during these processes, performed with Olympus IX81 inverted microscope equipped with a Hamamatsu C9100-13 EMCCD camera and a 60X 1.35 N.A. objective and controlled with Volocity 6.3.0 (PerkinElmer, Bolton, ON). Microscopy and imaging assessing impact of ROS stimulation on lysosome number and volume during acute PIKfyve inhibition and reactivation done with Quorum DisKovery spinning disc confocal microscope system equipped with Leica DMi8 microscope connected to iXON 897 EMCCD camera, controlled by Quorum Wave FX powered by MetaMorph software, using 63x 1.4 NA oil-immersion objective (Quorum Technologies, Guelph, ON). Live-cell imaging was performed using environmental chamber set to 5% CO₂ and 37 °C in complete cell-specific medium. Standard excitation and emission filter sets and lasers were used for all fluorophores. RAW and HeLa cells, unless otherwise indicated, were imaged as z-projections of 45-55 z-planes with 0.3 µm distance between each plane, or 20-30 z-planes with 0.3 µm distance between each plane for RPE cells, as acquired by spinning disc confocal microscopy.

Sweptfield confocal microscopy live cell imaging

RAW cells incubated 2 hours with 200 µg/mL of Alexa⁵⁵⁵-conjugated dextran (Thermo Fisher Scientific) in complete DMEM media, followed by wash with PBS and replenishment with fresh complete media for 90 min for labelling lysosomes. Live cell imaging performed with Nikon Ti inverted microscope, equipped with 100x 1.49 N.A. objective, and swept-field slit scanning confocal scan head (Prairie Technologies, Sioux Falls, SD), controlled by Nikon NIS Elements software. Images acquired with Photometrics Prime 95B back illuminated sCMOS camera, while high speed triggered acquisition was controlled by Mad City Labs Piezo Z stage controller and National Instruments DAQ card. Sample image volumes acquired at 30 s intervals over 30 min, at 100 ms per z-slice, prior to addition of 20 nM apilimod and then image volumes acquired 2 h in presence of apilimod.

Intracellular ROS imaging

For determining intracellular ROS production, we incubated RAW 264.7 macrophages with 5 μ M of the cell-permeable redox sensitive dye, CellROX Green (Thermo Fisher Scientific), for 30 min at 37 °C with 5% CO₂ in the dark during treatment with various ROS producing agents. Cells were washed twice with PBS followed by replenishment with complete media and imaging.

Immunofluorescence

Following experimentation, cells were fixed for 15 min with 4% (v/v) paraformaldehyde in PBS, permeabilized for 10 min with 0.1% Triton X-100 (v/v) in PBS, and then blocked with 3% BSA (v/v) in PBS. Subsequently, cells were incubated with mouse monoclonal antibody against α -tubulin (1:200; Sigma-Aldrich), followed by incubation with donkey Dylight-conjugated polyclonal antibody against mouse IgG (1:1000; Bethyl), and samples were then mounted in Dako mounting media for subsequent imaging. Alternatively, lysosomes were labelled with Alexa⁴⁸⁸-conjugated dextran, and cells fixed for 15 min with 4% (v/v) paraformaldehyde in PBS,

permeabilized for 10 min with 10 μ g/ml digitonin (promega, Madison, WI) in PBS, blocked with 3% BSA (v/v) in PBS, and stained for actin with phalloidin (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Mississauga, ON).

Image analysis

To determine lysosome number, individual lysosome volume and total cellular lysosome volume, we used Volocity (Volocity 6.3.0) particle detection and volumetric tools. Z-stack images were imported into Volocity and a signal threshold was applied at 2x the average cytosolic fluorescence intensity. Particles were defined as being greater than 0.3 µm³ for inclusion into the analysis, and if necessary, a watershed function was applied to split lysosome aggregates caused by thresholding. Regions of interest were drawn surrounding individual cells for cell-to-cell analysis. Lysosome splitting frequency, speed, track length, and displacement was assessed using Imaris (BitPlane, Concord, MA) with 'ImarisTrackLineage' module, where "splitting" was defined as frequency of events when a single particle gave rise to two particles. This is an approximation for fission and does not exclude the possibility that two overlapping or adjacent particles separated and were counted as "fission" event.

To determine the level of membrane-bound RILP-C33 and Arl8b, we estimated the membrane-bound to cytosolic ratio of fluorescently-tagged proteins. Using ImageJ, lines that were 3-pixel wide by 20-40-pixel long were assigned to areas of transfected cells using a predetermined grid to avoid bias but excluding the nucleus. Plot profiles were then obtained, exported into an Excel spreadsheet, values were arranged according to fluorescence intensity, and the ratio calculated for highest 10 pixels over lowest 10 pixels along the length of the line

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(F_H/F_L fluorescence ratio); the expectation is that values approximate to 1 represent low membrane signal due to mostly cytosolic signal, while ratio values greater than 1 represent signal that localizes to punctate structures relative to cytosol (Chintaluri et al., 2018).

For determination of clathrin-GFP on lysosomes, RPE cells stably expressing clathrin heavy chain-eGFP were loaded with Alexa⁵⁴⁶-conjugated dextran and treated with apilimod, followed by imaging with spinning disc confocal microscope. Image analysis was performed using ImageJ by thresholding Alexa⁵⁴⁶-conjugated dextran signal and generating a mask, which was then applied to the green (clathrin) channel to determine the GFP fluorescence intensity on regions marked by dextran signal. Regions of interest within the cytosol and the extracellular space were drawn to respectively obtain mean cytosolic fluorescence intensity and background. These values were then used to calculate the ratio of lysosome-to-cytosol clathrin-eGFP. To determine intracellular CellROX Green fluorescence or MCB-GSH adduct fluorescence emissions, images were imported onto Volocity (Volocity 6.3.0), regions of interest drawn around cell, and mean fluorescence intensity per cell recorded. Image contrast enhancement was performed with Adobe Photoshop CS (Adobe Systems, San Jose, CA) or ImageJ without changing relative signals and applied after quantification. Adobe Illustrator CS (Adobe Systems) was used for constructing figures.

Lysosome fractionation

RAW 264.7 cells were grown and used according to manufacturer's instructions to obtain membrane fractions by differential sedimentation ultracentrifugation using a density gradient (Lysosome Isolation Kit, Sigma-Aldrich, LYSISO1). Briefly, cells were lysed and homogenates centrifuged 1,000 xg for 10 min at 4 °C to separate unbroken cells and debris from cytoplasmic membranes. The supernatant was further centrifuged at 20,000 xg for 20 min at 4 °C to pellet lysosomes and other organelles. The pellet was reconstituted with optiprep density gradient medium (60% (w/v) solution of iodixanol in water and sucrose) and loaded onto of a step-wise sucrose gradient as described by the manufacturer and subjected to ultracentrifugation at 150,000 xg for 4 h at 4 °C using SW50.1 rotor (Beckman Coulter, Mississauga, ON). Fractions were then collected and subject to denaturation with Laemmli buffer until further use.

Western Blotting

For whole-cell lysates in 2x Laemmli buffer, cells were passed six times through 27-gauge needle, heated and proteins resolved through SDS-PAGE with 10% acrylamide resolving gel. Proteins were then transferred to a PVDF membrane, blocked and incubated with primary and HRP-conjugated secondary antibodies in Tris-buffered saline containing 5% skimmed milk and 0.1% Tween-20. Clarity enhanced chemiluminescence (Bio-Rad Laboratories, Mississauga, ON) was used to visualize proteins with ChemiDoc Touch Imaging system (Bio-Rad). Protein quantification was performed using Image Lab software (Bio-Rad) by sequentially normalizing against a loading control and against vehicle-treated condition. Rabbit polyclonal antibodies used were against VAPB (1:3000, HPA013144, Sigma-Aldrich). Mouse monoclonal antibodies used were against clathrin heavy chain (1:500, sc-12734, Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Santa Cruz, CA, USA) and ATP5A (1:2000, ab14748, Abcam). Rat monoclonal antibodies were against LAMP1 (1:200, 1D4B, Developmental Studies Hybridoma Bank, Iowa City, IO). Goat polyclonal antibody used against dynamin 2 (1:1000, sc-6400, Santa Cruz Biotechnology). Secondary antibodies were raised in donkey (Bethyl) and HRP-conjugated.

Phosphoinositide labelling with ³H-*myo*-inositol and HPLC-coupled flow scintillation

RAW cells were incubated for 24 h with inositol-free DMEM (MP Biomedica, CA) containing 10 µCi/ml myo-[2-³H(N)] inositol (Perkin Elmer, MA), 1X insulin-transferrin-seleniumethanolamine (Gibco), 10% dialyzed FBS (Gibco), 4 mM L-glutamine (Sigma-Aldrich) and 20 mM HEPES (Gibco). Cells were then treated with rotenone, H₂O₂ and/or apilimod as indicated. Cells were lysed and lipids precipitated with 600 μ l of 4.5% perchloric acid (v/v) for 15 min on ice, collected by scraping and pellet obtained at 12000 xg for 10 min. Then, 1 ml of 0.1 M EDTA was used to wash pellets followed by resuspension in 50 μ l water. This was followed by 500 μ l of methanol/40% methylamine/1-butanol [45.7% methanol: 10.7% methylamine: 11.4% 1butanol (v/v)] used for 50 min at 53 °C to deacylate phospholipids. Sample pellets were vaccumdried and washed twice in 300 µl water with vaccum-drying. Deacylated phospholipids were extracted from dried sample pellets by resuspending pellet in 450 µl water and 300 µl 1butanol/ethyl ether/ethyl formate (20:4:1), vortexing 5 min, followed by centrifugation 12000 xg for 2 min and then the bottom aqueous layer was collected. Extraction was performed three times followed by vaccum-drying the aqueous layer and resuspending lipids in 50 µl water. For all treatment samples, equal ³H counts were loaded and separated by HPLC (Agilent Technologies, Mississauga, ON) through 4.6 x 250-mm anion exchange column (Phenomenex, Torrance, CA) using a 1 ml/min flow rate with a gradient set with water (buffer A) and 1 M (NH₄)₂HPO₄, pH 3.8 (phosphoric acid adjusted) (buffer B) as follows: 0% B for 5 min, 0 to 2% B for 15 minutes, 2% B for 80 minutes, 2 to 10% B for 20 minutes, 10% B for 30 minutes, 10 to 80% B for 10 minutes, 80% B for 5 minutes, 80 to 0% B for 5 minutes. Radiolabel signal was detected with a 1:2 ratio of eluate to scintillant (LabLogic, Brandon, FL) in a β-RAM 4 (LabLogic) and analyzed

by Laura 4 software. Each phosphoinositide species detected was normalized against the parent phosphatidylinositol peak as described in (Ho et al., 2016).

Statistical analysis

All experiments were performed independently at least three times. Respective figure legends indicate number of cells/samples assessed, mean, standard error of mean (s.e.m.) and number of independent experiments. For analysing significant difference between various treatment groups, we used unpaired Student's t-test when comparing two groups only or one-way ANOVA test when comparing multiple treatment conditions in non-normalized controls. Tukey's *post hoc* test coupled to ANOVA tests was used to evaluate pairwise conditions. Statistical significance was defined as P<0.05. Software used for analysis was GraphPad Prism 8.

Chapter 3

Results: Lysosome enlargement during PIKfyve

inhibition occurs due to coalescence

3.1 Introduction

Pharmacological or genetic depletion of lipid kinase PIKfyve enlarge lysosomes through depletion of the lysosomal membrane lipid PtdIns(3,5)P₂ (Ho et al., 2012; Shisheva, 2008). We sought to determine whether such enlargement occurs due to increase in individual lysosome volume while lysosome number remains unchanged, or due to increase in individual lysosome volume while lysosome number decreases (Fig. 9). We employed quantitative 3-dimensional (3D) image analysis using Volocity 6.3.0 software. Specifically, following image acquisition of labelled lysosomes with endocytic tracers, Lucifer yellow and Alexa-conjugated dextran, regions of interest were drawn around cells, and fluorescence intensity threshold and size exclusion threshold were applied to select for labelled lysosomes (Elmquist et al., 1992; Page et al., 1994). This allowed for automated counting of number of labelled lysosomes, and the average voxel count and corresponding average volume of lysosomes. Voxels are 3D individual elements that constitute a 3D image with position, intensity and dimensions associated. Voxels are thus 3D equivalents of 2D pixel. A finite set of voxels define volume, where volume corresponds to amount of space occupied within an object (Gerber and Peterson, 2008). Thus, lysosome volume, lysosome number per cell, and total lysosome volume per cell could be automated and changes to these parameters in response to various stimulations could be quantitated.

We used quantitative image analysis to observe how lysosome number and volume respond to acute and genetic depletion of PtdIns(3,5)P₂, and how these parameters change in response to PIKfyve reactivation and PtdIns(3,5)P₂ synthesis following acute inhibition. Additionally, we employed image analysis to track lysosomes and observe their dynamics of fusion-fission cycles and "kiss-and-run", and whether "splitting" frequency is impaired during acute PIKfyve inhibition to favor "coalescence" leading to enlargement. Furthermore, we also

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challenged to see whether microtubules and associated motor complexes play a role in regulating such dynamics during PIKfyve inhibition and reactivation as microtubules serve as cytoskeletal tracks for lysosome motility (Mrakovic et al., 2012; Storrie and Desjardins, 1996).

3.2 Results

3.2.6 PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion reduce lysosome number and increase average lysosome volume

To delineate the changes in lysosome morphology during PIKfyve inhibition, we first exposed RAW macrophages to progressively longer periods of apilimod treatment to inhibit PIKfyve. Using volumetric analysis, we observed a gradual increase in lysosome volume, accompanied by a decrease in lysosome number. Yet, the total lysosome volume per cell remained unchanged (Fig. 10). In addition to acute PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion, we similarly observed a decrease in lysosome number and an increase in individual lysosome volume in *Fig4-*/- mouse embryonic fibroblasts (MEFs), a genetic model for PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion (Fig. 10). We also observed a similar decrease in lysosome number and increase in individual lysosome volume for HeLa cells treated with apilimod, suggesting that the effect of PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion on lysosome number and size was reproducible across a few cell lines, and independent of chronic versus acute PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion (Fig. 11). This supports our hypothesis that lysosome enlargement during PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion occurs through lysosome coalescence.



Figure 10: PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion reduce lysosome number and increase average volume in RAW macrophages. A) Lysosomes of RAW macrophages labelled with Lucifer yellow. The cells were treated with 0.1% DMSO 1 h, 20nM apilimod for 20 min, 40 min and 60 min (n=3). Lysosomes per cell assessed for: B) average volume, C) lysosome number, and D) total lysosome volume (data represent \pm SEM from 3 independent experiments with 15-20 cells counted per condition per experiment, scale bar represents 5 µm). E) Wild-type and *Fig4*^{-/-} MEFs labelled with Lucifer yellow for lysosomes. Lysosomes per cell assessed for: F) average volume, G) number, and H) total volume (data represent \pm SEM from 3 independent experiments with 15-20 cells counted per condition per experiment, scale bar represents 5 µm). E) Wild-type and *Fig4*^{-/-} MEFs labelled with Lucifer yellow for lysosomes. Lysosomes per cell assessed for: F) average volume, G) number, and H) total volume (data represent \pm SEM from 3 independent experiments with 15-20 cells counted per condition per experiment, scale bar represents 30 µm).



Figure 11: Apilimod treatment reduce lysosome number and increase average volume in HeLa cells. A) Lysosomes of HeLa cells labelled with Alexa⁵⁴⁶-conjugated dextran. The cells were treated with 0.1% DMSO or 100 nM apilimod for 60 min (n=3). Lysosomes per cell assessed for: **B**) average volume, **C**) lysosome number, and **D**) total lysosome volume (data represent \pm SEM from 3 independent experiments with 15-20 cells counted per condition per experiment, scale bar represents 10 µm).

3.2.7 PIKfyve reactivation increase lysosome number and reduce individual lysosome volume

We next sought to determine if changes in lysosome number and size of individual lysosomes was reversible by removing apilimod to re-activate PIKfyve, which would suggest role of PtdIns(3,5)P₂ in lysosomes fragmentation or "fission". This was done by first treating RAW macrophages that were previously labelled with Lucifer yellow with apilimod for 1 h, followed by

washing off of the drug with PBS and incubating cells with fresh medium for 0, 3, and 4 h to reactivate PIKfyve and then imaged as before. We demonstrated that upon PtdIns(3,5)P₂ resynthesis, individual lysosomes decreased in volume and increased in number (Fig. 12); once again, there was no change to total lysosome volume (Fig. 12D). This suggests that lysosomes underwent splitting or fragmentation when PtdIns(3,5)P2 was re-synthesized, supporting a role for PtdIns(3,5)P₂ in lysosome "fission".



Figure 12: PIKfyve reactivation increase lysosome number and reduce average volume. A) Lysosomes of RAW macrophages labelled with Lucifer yellow. The cells were treated with

0.1% DMSO 1 h, apilimod 20 nM 1 h, 20 nM apilimod 1 h followed by removal of apilimod for 3 h and 4 h (n=3). Lysosomes per cell was assessed for: **B**) average volume and, **C**) lysosome number, and **D**) total volume (data represent \pm SEM from 3 independent experiments with 15-20 cells counted per condition per experiment, scale bar represents 5 µm).

3.2.3 Lysosome undergo constant "kiss-and-run" under regulation by PtdIns(3,5)P2

Lysosomes are reported to be highly dynamic and undergo repeated transient "kiss-andrun" for luminal content exchange (Storrie and Desjardins, 1996). Thus, to determine if we could visualize changes in lysosome fission during PIKfyve inhibition and reactivation, we attempted to use conventional spinning disc confocal microscopy to record lysosome dynamics over a continuous time series under normal and apilimod treated conditions. However, we noticed that we could not record lysosome motility over extended and frequent time-lapse imaging, due to photobleaching of fluorophores (fluorophores losing emission signal intensity) and lysosomes not enlarging from apilimod treatment (Fig. 13).

To understand whether these issues result from frequent laser exposure from fluorescence microscopy, we applied mild laser exposure to cells by reducing frequency of imaging and acquiring only single z-focal planes. We observed that such mild laser exposure allowed us to visualize lysosome enlargement due to apilimod treatment (Fig. 14). However, since the image acquisition frequency was very low and long between each time interval, we could not capture how lysosomes behave normally which could be otherwise understood if the intervals between image acquisition frequency were very short. Therefore, we collaborated with Dr. Simon Watkins from University of Pittsburgh; his lab operates a sweptfield confocal fluorescence

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microscope. Sweptfield microscope circumvents the issue of laser photodamage from spinning disc confocal microscope by using a slit that spread the light across the image plane, thus allowing only a single scan using low-light for image acquisition. This allows for imaging at high frequency with short durations between each time interval, allowing visualization of cellular events that occur at high frequency, using low power laser light as the fluorophore excitation source (Castellano-Muñoz et al., 2012). Through sweptfield microscopy, we could observe the normal "kiss-and-run" and/or complete fusion-and-fission behavior of lysosomes under normal and apilimod treated conditions. We applied lysosome tracking and automated lysosome splitting frequency to demonstrate that apilimod reduce lysosome "splitting", suggesting that acute PIKfyve inhibition and PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion prevents lysosomes from splitting during "kiss-and-run" dynamics to shift the interactions towards "coalescence" (Fig. 15).



Figure 13: Spinning disc live cell imaging with frequent laser exposure impair lysosome movement. Lysosomes of RAW cells labelled with dextran Alexa⁵⁴⁶-conjugated dextran. Cells were exposed to 0.1% DMSO or 20 nM apilimod and live cell imaging was performed by

capturing six z-focal planes with 0.3 μ m between each plane every 10 sec for 30 min (n=3). Select image stills from imaging videos of single cells are shown as well as a single cell from an alternate field of view (scale bar represent 5 μ m).



Figure 14: Spinning disc live cell imaging with low frame rate laser exposure to capture apilimod induced lysosome vacuolation. Lysosomes of RAW cells labelled with $Alexa^{546}$ -conjugated dextran. Cells exposed to 0.1% DMSO or 20nM apilimod and live cell imaging performed by capturing single z-focal planes every 2 min for 1 h (n=3). Select image stills from imaging videos of single cells are shown. Scale bar: 5 µm.



Figure 15: Swept field confocal live imaging to capture apilimod induced lysosome enlargement. Lysosomes of RAW cells labelled with Alexa⁵⁴⁶-conjugated dextran, treated with vehicle (0.1% DMSO) or 20nM apilimod and imaging was performed across 10 z-focal planes every 30 sec. Select image stills from imaging videos with zoomed in insets from different timepoints from are shown. Scale bar represent: 3 µm. Particle tracking analysis to evaluate lysosome splitting/fission across 30 min for each treatment are shown.

3.2.4 Lysosome dynamics during PIKfyve inhibition and re-activation is microtubule dependent

Since lysosomes are reported to undergo microtubule-dependent fusion and fission dynamics, our next objective was to understand whether microtubules are involved in lysosome enlargement during PIKfyve inhibition and lysosome shrinkage during PIKfyve reactivation. Using nocodazole, a microtubule depolymerizing drug, we showed that lysosomes fail to enlarge completely during co-treatment with nocodazole and apilimod (Fig. 16A-C) (Heuser, 1989). Additionally, microtubule depolymerisation during apilimod wash (PIKfyve reactivation) more rapidly fragmented lysosomes and increased their number compared to cells exposed to apilimod-wash condition alone (Fig. 16D-F). These results suggest that lysosomes interact through microtubule tracks, and upon removal of microtubules through nocodazole, lysosomes cannot interact as well to undergo lysosome coalescence during apilimod treatment. However, during PIKfyve reactivation and PtdIns(3,5)P₂ synthesis, lysosomes fragment more readily, likely because lysosome fusion events are reduced during microtubule depolymerization, shifting the dynamic toward lysosome splitting even further (Fig. 33).



Figure 16: Microtubule regulate lysosome dynamics during PIKfyve inhibition and reactivation. A) Lysosomes of RAW macrophages labelled with Alexa⁴⁸⁸-conjugated dextran. Cells treated with 0.2% DMSO 1 h, 10 μ M nocodazole 1 h, 20 nM apilimod for 1 h in the presence and absence of 10 μ M nocodazole (n=3). Lysosomes per cell assessed for: **B**) average volume and, **C**) number (data represent + SEM from 3 independent experiments with 15-20 cells counted per

condition per experiment). **D**) Lysosomes of RAW macrophages labelled with Alexa⁴⁸⁸conjugated dextran. The cells were treated with 10 μ M nocodazole for 3 h, 20 nM apilimod for 1 h and imaged immediately after washing away apilimod (t = 0) or after 3 h in presence or absence of 10 μ M nocodazole (n=3). Lysosomes per cell assessed for: **E**) average volume and, **F**) number (data represent \pm SEM from 3 independent experiments with 15-20 cells counted per condition per experiment).

3.2.5 Microtubule motor complexes regulate lysosome coalescence during PIKfyve inhibition

Cargo delivery on microtubules occur through motor protein complexes that connect microtubules to the cargo, and use ATP hydrolysis to drive cargo toward the cell periphery through the motor kinesin or towards the perinuclear region through the motor dynein (Pu et al., 2016a). We used the cytoplasmic dynein inhibitor, ciliobrevin D, to demonstrate that dynein is involved in lysosome motility for coalescence to occur during PIKfyve inhibition since lysosome enlargement is abrogated during co-treatment with ciliobrevin D and apilimod (Fig. 17A-C) (Sainath and Gallo, 2015). Additionally, we also transfected RAW macrophages with plasmids expressing Kif5B^{DN}-RFP and p50-dynamitin-GFP, to respectively inhibit kinesin-1 and dynein activity on lysosomes (Echeverri et al., 1996; Mrakovic et al., 2012; Silver and Harrison, 2011). Inhibition of dynein and kinesin-1 through p50-dynamitin-GFP and Kif5B^{DN}-RFP respectively prevented lysosome coalescence during apilimod treatment (Fig. 17D-I). Thus, in addition to microtubules, associated motor protein complexes function to regulate lysosome motility and help mediate lysosome coalescence during PIKfyve inhibition.



Figure 17: Microtubule motors regulate apilimod induced lysosome enlargement. A) Lysosomes of RAW macrophages labelled with Alexa⁴⁸⁸-conjugated dextran, and treated with: 1) 0.2% DMSO, 2) Ciliobrevin D 100 μ M for 2.5 h, 3) Apilimod 20 nM 1 h, and 4) Ciliobrevin D 100 μ M 2.5 h with apilimod 20 nM for 1 h. Lysosomes per cell assessed for: **B**) average volume, and **C**) number per cell. Scale bar (**A**): represent 5 μ m. **D**) RAW cells were transfected with Kif5B^{DN}-RFP and lysosomes labelled with Alexa⁴⁸⁸-conjugated dextran, followed by treatment

with 0.1% DMSO or 20 nM apilimod for 30min. Transfected and un-transfected cells were assessed for: **E**) average lysosome volume and, **F**) lysosome number per cell. Scale bar (**D**): 10 μ m. **G**) RAW cells transfected with dynamitin-GFP (p50-dynamitin-GFP) and lysosomes labelled with Alexa⁵⁴⁶-conjugated dextran. Cells treated with 0.1% DMSO or apilimod 20 nM for 30 min. Transfected and un-transfected cells assessed for: **H**) average lysosome volume and, **I**) lysosome number per cell. Scale bar (**G**): 5 μ m. (For all experiments, data represent \pm SEM from 3 independent experiments with 15-20 cells counted per condition per experiment).

Chapter 4: Reactive oxygen species regulate

lysosome fusion-fission
4.1 Introduction

We demonstrated that $PtdIns(3,5)P_2$ depletion enlarges lysosomes due to expansion of individual lysosome volume with concurrent decrease in lysosome number while total lysosome volume remains constant. Upon attempting to capture the dynamics of lysosome enlargement through acute PIKfyve inhibition through apilimod using conventional spinning disc fluorescence confocal microscopy, we observed arrested enlargement in field of view exposed to frequent laser light while enlargement proceeded in alternate field of view unexposed to laser (Fig. 13). Photodamage from frequent excitation of fluorophores through florescence microscopy is reported to produce ROS (Icha et al., 2017). ROS can locally signal to lysosome calcium ion channel TRPML1 for lysosome biogenesis, impair lysosome-autophagosome fusion, and can structurally alter actin and microtubules, cytoskeletal tracks for lysosome fusion and fission regulation (Hamacher-Brady et al., 2011; Pocasap et al., 2018; Wilson and González-Billault, 2015; Zheng et al., 2016). We stimulated cells with H_2O_2 , rotenone to inhibit mitochondrial respiratory electron transport chain (ETC) complex I, 1-chloro-2,4,-dinitrobenzene (CDNB) to inhibit thioredoxin reductase, and monochlorobimane (MCB) to inhibit glutathione (GSH) activity. Rotenone, CDNB, and MCB produce superoxide, H₂O₂, and hydroxyl radical, whereas H₂O₂ produce hydroxyl radical and not superoxide (Fig. 8) (Chatterjee et al., 1999; Heinz et al., 2017; Kamencic et al., 2000; Padgaonkar et al., 2015). Therefore, we monitored and tested the hypothesis whether different sources of ROS stimulation impair lysosome "coalescence" and/or accelerate lysosome "fragmentation" during acute PIK fyve inhibition.

4.2 Results

4.2.1 Frequent laser excitation from fluorescence microscopy produce ROS

To explain our observation that frequent laser excitation from fluorescence microscopy arrest apilimod induced lysosome enlargement and correlate ROS production as the causative agent for arrest of enlargement, we used the nitroblue tetrazolium (NBT) to monitor ROS production from fluorescence microscopy. NBT is reduced by superoxide to form formazan crystal that can be visualized through far-red excitation/emission filter (Sim Choi et al., 2006). NBT fluorescence intensity increased in response to increased frequency of laser excitation for dextran labelled lysosomes from spinning disc fluorescence imaging, suggestive of ROS production from frequent laser excitation of fluorophores.



Figure 18: Microscopy induced photo-damage causes ROS production. A) RAW cells incubated with Alexa⁵⁴⁶-conjugated dextran, treated with 1mg/ml NBT for 30min in the dark, followed by laser excitation of Alexa⁵⁴⁶-conjugated dextran every 20 s or 10 s or 5 s or not excited (ctrl), and NBT fluorescence was detected using far-red confocal channel. Scale bar: 20 μ m. B)

The cells assessed for average NBT fluorescence per cell (data represent \pm SEM from 3 independent experiments with 20-35 cells counted per condition per experiment).

4.2.2 ROS stimulation arrest lysosome enlargement from acute PIKfyve inhibition

We stimulated ROS through four different applications with distinct targets for ROS production: H₂O₂, rotenone, CDNB, and MCB, and tested whether these agents could arrest lysosome enlargement from acute PIK fyve inhibition through apilimod. Using the redox-sensitive CellROX Green dye, we observed increase ROS burst from H₂O₂, rotenone, CDNB and MCB (Fig. 19A-B). Additionally, MCB through conjugation with GSH released detectable fluorescence emission (Fig. 19C). Strikingly, all four ROS agonists prevented apilimod induced lysosome enlargement for RAW cells. Specifically, apilimod induced lysosome enlargement through growth of individual lysosome volume with concurrent decrease in lysosome number. However, total lysosome volume per cell was unaffected. Co-application of any four ROS agonists and apilimod caused lysosomes to be smaller and numerous compared to apilimod treatment alone (Fig. 20). To examine whether ROS was the causative agent to inhibit apilimod induced lysosome enlargement, we used the ROS scavenger N-acetyl-L-cysteine (NAC) to demonstrate that the inhibitory effect of at least one of the ROS agonists, rotenone on apilimod induced lysosome enlargement, reversed upon NAC co-administration (Sun, 2010). Specifically, cells treated with NAC, rotenone, and apilimod displayed larger lysosomes than rotenone and apilimod (Fig. 21). To demonstrate that these observations are not restricted to murine macrophages, we show that in addition to RAW cells, ROS stimulation through H_2O_2 and CDNB resist lysosome enlargement from apilimod in HeLa cells (Fig. 22A-D) and RPE cells (Fig. 22E-H). Total lysosome volume per cell was unaffected across all experiments involved assessing lysosome volume and number (Fig. 20-22).

Therefore, ROS stimulation through agonists with distinct targets arrest apilimod induced lysosome coalescence.



Figure 19: ROS stimulation through pharmacological manipulation. A) RAW cells were treated with vehicle, 1 mM H₂O₂ 40 min, 10 μ M CDNB 30 min, or 5 μ M MCB 30 min in the presence of 5 μ M CellROX green for 30 min. Scale bar represent 20 μ m. **B**) Average CellROX green fluorescence intensity per cell from (**A**) was quantified and normalized to vehicle treated cells. **C**) Average MCB-GSH fluorescence emission from (**A**) quantified and normalized to vehicle treated treated cells. For both B and C, Data represent <u>+</u> SEM from 3 independent experiments with 40-50 cells counted per condition per experiment.



Figure 20: ROS agonists prevent lysosome enlargement during acute PIKfyve suppression. A) RAW cells pre-labelled with Lucifer yellow and exposed to vehicle or 20 nM apilimod for 40 min. These conditions were then supplemented with additional vehicle or 1 mM H₂O₂ for 40 min, 1 μ M rotenone for 60 min, 10 μ M CDNB for 30 min, or 5 μ M MCB for 30 min. Fluorescence micrographs are represented as z-projections of 45-55 z-plane images obtained by spinning disc microscopy. Scale bar: 5 μ m. B-D: Quantification of individual lysosome volume (B), lysosome number per cell (C), and total lysosome volume per cell (D). Data represent mean \pm S.E.M. from three independent experiments, with 25-30 cells assessed per treatment condition per experiment.



Figure 21. ROS scavengers permit lysosome coalescence during acute PIKfyve suppression. A) RAW cells pre-labelled with Lucifer yellow and exposed to vehicle, or 0.5μ M rotenone 60 min, or 10 mM N-acetyl-L-cysteine (NAC) 120 min alone, or in presence of 20 nM apilimod for the last 40 min. Fluorescence micrographs are represented as z-projections of 45-55 z-plane images obtained by spinning disc microscopy. Scale bar: 5μ m. B-D: Quantification of individual lysosome volume (B), lysosome number per cell (C), and total lysosome volume per cell (D). Data represent mean \pm S.E.M. from three independent experiments, with 25-30 cells assessed per treatment condition per experiment.



Figure 22: ROS prevent lysosome enlargement during acute PIKfyve suppression in HeLa and RPE cells. (A) HeLa cells pre-labelled with Lucifer yellow and exposed to vehicle or 100 nM apilimod 40 min, or with 1 mM H₂O₂ in the presence or absence of 100 nM apilimod for 40 min. Scale bar: 10 μ m. (B-D) Quantification of individual lysosome volume per lysosome (B), lysosome number per cell (C), and total lysosome volume per cell (D). (E) RPE cells prelabelled with Lucifer yellow and exposed to vehicle, or 1 mM H₂O₂, or 10 μ M CDNB, in

presence or absence of 200 nM apilimod 40 min. Scale bar: 20 μ m. (**F-H**) Quantification of individual lysosome volume (**F**), lysosome number per cell (**G**), and sum lysosome volume per cell (**H**). For (**E-H**) and (**A-D**), data are represented as mean s.e.m. from three independent experiments, with 15-20 cells assessed for (**F-H**) and 25-30 cells assessed for (**B-D**) per treatment condition per experiment.

4.2.3 ROS stimulation arrest lysosome enlargement from acute PIKfyve inhibition without neutralizing apilimod or enhancing PtdIns(3,5)P₂ synthesis

We evaluated the possibility that ROS stimulation within cells may impair the structural functionality of apilimod. To test this possibility, we performed *in vitro* reaction by incubating apilimod and H_2O_2 in complete media for 40 min followed by catalase addition to degrade H_2O_2 . This reaction mixture added to RAW cells and observed whether the functional integrity apilimod preserved to induce lysosome enlargement. Indeed, apilimod was able to induce lysosome enlargement in terms of expansion of individual lysosome volume and reduction in lysosome number, comparable to apilimod alone treatment (Fig. 23A-D), suggesting that H_2O_2 did not impair apilimod functional integrity. In addition, co-incubation of H_2O_2 with apilimod suppressed apilimod induced lysosome enlargement, while applying *in vitro* reaction mixture of H_2O_2 with catalase followed by addition of apilimod to RAW cells caused lysosome enlargement, further suggesting H_2O_2 do not degrade the functional integrity of apilimod (Fig. 23A-D). Therefore, our observations suggest ROS arrest apilimod induced lysosome enlargement without affecting the functional capability of apilimod.

As discussed, ROS may perturb protein and lipid phosphatase structure through oxidation of cysteine residues (Schieber and Chandel, 2014). We set to observe the possibility of ROS inactivating Fig4 phosphatase, thereby enhancing PtdIns(3,5)P₂ synthesis to counteract lysosome coalescence (Sbrissa et al., 2007). We applied rotenone or H₂O₂ to RAW cells in absence or presence apilimod and measured PtdInsP synthesis through ³H-*myo*-inositol incorporation and HPLC-coupled flow scintillation (Ho et al., 2016). We observed no detectable increase in PtdIns(3,5)P₂ synthesis for either rotenone or H₂O₂ (Fig. 23E-F), suggesting ROS stimulation do not increase $PtdIns(3,5)P_2$ synthesis to counteract apilimod induced lysosome coalescence. Apilimod cause a spike in PtdIns(3)P synthesis with simultaneous decrease in PtdIns(3,5)P₂ levels due to impaired PtdIns(3)P turnover to synthesize PtdIns(3,5)P₂. However, H₂O₂ prevented such increase in PtdIns(3)P from apilimod. This effect was not significant and not reproducible from rotenone (Fig. 23E-F). This observation is not clear to us and not likely to explain inhibition of lysosome enlargement from apilimod. Therefore, ROS stimulation prevent apilimod induced lysosome coalescence through a mechanism that does not rely on enhanced PtdIns(3,5)P₂ synthesis. Previously, our work demonstrated lysosome coalescence was reversible through removal of apilimod and PIKfyve re-activation. We therefore attempted to observe next whether ROS accelerate lysosome fragmentation upon apilimod removal.



Figure 23: Apilimod integrity and PtdIns(3,5)P₂ levels are not altered by ROS. (A) RAW cells pre-labelled with Lucifer yellow. Following reactions were performed in complete media in vitro for designated time, prior to adding to cells for an additional 40 min: vehicle; 1 mM H₂O₂ 40 min; 20 nM apilimod 40 min; 20 nM apilimod preincubated with 1 mM H₂O₂ for 40 min; 20 nM apilimod preincubated with 0.5 mg/L catalase for 60 min; 1 mM H₂O₂ exposed to 0.5 mg/L catalase for 60 min to neutralize H₂O₂, followed by 20 nM apilimod 40 min; or 20 nM apilimod exposed to 1 mM H₂O₂ for 40 min to test whether H₂O₂ degraded apilimod, followed by 0.5

mg/L catalase for 60 min to degrade H₂O₂. Fluorescence micrographs are spinning disc microscopy images with 45-55 z-planes represented as z-projections. Scale bar: 5 μ m. (**B-D**) Quantification of individual lysosome volume (**B**), lysosome number per cell (**C**), and total lysosome volume per cell (**D**). AP (apilimod), CAT (catalase). Data are shown as mean \pm s.e.m. from three independent experiments, with 25-30 cell assessed per treatment condition per experiment. (**E-F**) ³H-*myo*-inositol incorporation followed by HPLC-coupled flow scintillation used to determine PtdIns(3)P and PtdIns(3,5)P₂ levels from RAW cells exposed to vehicle alone, or 1 mM H₂O₂ 40 min (**E**), or 1 μ M rotenone 60 min (**F**), in presence or absence of 20 nM apilimod. Data represent \pm s.d. from three independent experiments.

4.2.4 ROS increase lysosome fragmentation upon apilimod removal

Lysosome coalescence from apilimod increase individual lysosome volume with concurrent decrease in lysosome number. Conversely, removal of apilimod decrease volume of individual lysosome with increase in lysosome number. To determine whether ROS can increase lysosome fragmentation upon removal of apilimod, following apilimod treatment, we washed away apilimod and added ROS agonists during terminal duration of apilimod wash. Strikingly, all four ROS agonists enhanced lysosome fragmentation upon apilimod wash by accelerating decrease in volume of individual lysosomes with simultaneous increase in lysosome number (Fig. 24). Thus, ROS stimulation can impair lysosome coalescence and/or increase lysosome fragmentation by hindering fusion and/or increasing fission rates.



Figure 24. ROS accelerate recovery of lysosome size and number upon PIKfyve

reactivation. (A) Top two rows: RAW cells pre-labelled with Lucifer yellow were exposed to either vehicle, 1 mM H_2O_2 40 min, 1 μ M rotenone 60 min, 10 μ M CDNB 30 min, or 5 μ M MCB 30 min. Bottom two rows: alternatively, RAW cells were first treated with 20 nM apilimod for 60 min (0 h), followed by apilimod removal and replenishment with complete media for 2 h in the presence of vehicle, H_2O_2 , rotenone, CDNB, or MCB at previously indicated concentrations. Fluorescence micrographs are spinning disc microscopy images with 45-55 z-planes represented as z-projections. Scale bar: 5 μ m. (**B-D**) Quantification of individual lysosome volume (**B**), lysosome number per cell (**C**), and total lysosome volume per cell (**D**). Data are represented as mean \pm s.e.m. from three independent experiments, with 25-30 cell assessed per treatment condition per experiment.

4.2.5 ROS affect microtubule structure

ROS have been reported to disrupt microtubule structure and we have shown previously that microtubules are necessary for lysosome coalescence during PIKfyve inhibition (Choy et al., 2018; Pocasap et al., 2018). We therefore examined microtubule structure in response to ROS for RAW cells (Fig. 25A) and RPE cells (Fig. 25B) by immunostaining against α-tubulin. All four ROS agonists affected microtubule structure, however in distinct ways. Qualitative observations suggest H₂O₂ make microtubules more stable and extended, whereas rotenone, CDNB and MCB caused microtubules to be shorter and cytosolic diffused, indicative of microtubule depolymerisation, for both RAW cells (Fig. 25A) and RPE cells (Fig. 25B). These observations suggest different ROS species and/or sources of ROS synthesis regulate microtubule structure and possibly lysosome dynamics in distinct ways. We therefore set to inspect the impact of these four ROS agonists on lysosome movement.



Figure 25. ROS agents differentially affect the microtubule system. Representative single zfocal plane immunofluorescence micrographs of RAW cells (**A**) or RPE cells (**B**) treated with vehicle, H_2O_2 , rotenone, CDNB or MCB at previously used time periods and at the indicated concentrations. After treatment with ROS agents, cells were fixed and immunostained with anti- α -tubulin antibodies. Scale bar: 10 µm (**A**) or 20 µm (**B**).

4.2.6 Distinct ROS regulation of lysosome movement

To understand our observation of distinct microtubule structure regulation from different ROS agonists (Fig. 25), we monitored the effect of H₂O₂, rotenone, CDNB, and MCB, on lysosome motility indicators: lysosome speed, vectorial displacement, and track length. Following ROS stimulation with the four agonists, we tracked lysosome movement over 3 min for RAW cells (Fig. 26A-C), or 6 min for RPE cells (Fig. 26D-F). H₂O₂ was the only agonist that impaired all measures of lysosome motility indicators for RAW cells (Fig. 26A-C) and RPE cells (Fig. 26D-F). As microtubules appeared more stable and extended upon H₂O₂ application (Fig, 25), we tested to observe whether microtubule stability caused the cytoskeletal tracks to be frozen and impair lysosome mobility, using the microtubule stabilizing-drug paclitaxel (Weaver, 2014). However, paclitaxel failed to arrest lysosome coalescence from apilimod (Fig. 27A-D), and instead may increase lysosome movement (Fig. 27E-G). These observations suggest H₂O₂ arrest lysosome coalescence and movement through mechanisms distinct from affecting microtubule structure. This may occur due to displacement of microtubule motors, dynein and kinesin-1, from lysosome membranes. However, H₂O₂ did not seem to remove Arl8b GTPase or Rab7-GTP probe RILPC33, upstream effectors of kinesin-1 or dynein respectively, from lysosome membrane (Fig. 28).

Rotenone, CDNB, and MCB, compared to H₂O₂, did not affect lysosome movement indicators for RAW cells or RPE cells (Fig. 26). For RAW cells, rotenone, CDNB, and MCB caused cells to appear taller and rounder, causing a wobbling motion that moved lysosomes along with the cell, most likely due to microtubule depolymerisation. However, RPE cells were flatter and resistant to this wobbling effect. Since rotenone, CDNB, and MCB impaired microtubule structure (Fig. 25), we used the microtubule depolymerisation agent nocodazole, as a positive control (Blajeski et al., 2002). Nocodazole impaired lysosome mobility indicators, more drastically for RPE cell compared to RAW cells. Since nocodazole impaired lysosome movement and not rotenone, CDNB, or MCB at the concentrations tested, this suggest that microtubule depolymerisation from these three ROS agonists are partial and not sufficient to explain inhibition of lysosome coalescence from apilimod. Therefore, we set to examine possible lysosome fission mechanisms stimulated by ROS to circumvent lysosome coalescence.



Figure 26: Distinct ROS agents differentially impact lysosome motility. RAW cells (A-C) or RPE cells (D-F) were pre-labelled with Lucifer yellow and exposed to either vehicle, 1 mM H_2O_2 40 min, 1 µM rotenone 60 min, 10 µM CDNB 30 min, 5 µM MCB 30 min, or 5 µM or 10 µM nocodazole for 60 min. Live-cell spinning disc confocal microscopy was performed at a single, mid-cell z-focal plane once every 4 sec for 3 min for RAW cells or every 8 sec for 6 min for RPE cells. Automated quantification of lysosome speed (A, D), lysosome track length (B, E), and lysosome displacement (C, F) for RAW cells (A-C) or RPE cells (D-F). Data represented as mean \pm s.d. from three independent experiments.



Figure 27: Increased microtubule stability does not affect lysosome motility or lysosome coalescence during PIKfyve inhibition. (A) RAW cells pre-labelled with Lucifer yellow were exposed to either vehicle, or 1 μ M or 10 μ M paclitaxel for 60 min in presence or absence of 20 nM apilimod for the remaining 40 min. Scale bar: 5 μ m. (B-D) Quantification of individual lysosome volume (B), lysosome number per cell (C), and total lysosome volume per cell (D). Data are represented as mean \pm s.e.m. from three independent experiments, with 25-30 cell assessed for (B-D) per treatment condition per experiment. (E-G) RAW cells pre-labelled with Lucifer yellow were exposed to vehicle or 1 μ M or 10 μ M paclitaxel 60 min. Live cell spinning

disc confocal microscopy was performed at single z-focal plane once every 4 sec for 3 min. Quantification of lysosome speed (E), lysosome displacement (F), and lysosome track length (G) are shown. Data are represented as \pm s.d. from three independent experiments.



Figure 28. ROS do not affect Rab7 activation and Arl8b loading onto lysosomes. RAW cells expressing RILPC33-GFP (**A**), or Arl8bWT-GFP (**B**), exposed to vehicle in absence or presence of 20 nM apilimod 40 min, or 1 mM H₂O₂ 40 min in presence or absence of 20 nM apilimod 40 min. Scale bar: 5 μm. (**C-D**) Quantification of membrane associated fluorescence intensity of

RILPC33-GFP (C) from (A) or Arl8bWT-GFP (D) from (B), normalized to cytosol fluorescence intensity. Data represent mean \pm s.e.m. from three independent experiments, with 15-20 cell assessed per treatment condition per experiment.

4.2.7 ROS does not stimulate lysosome fission through clathrin or dynamin

Clathrin and dynamin are part of canonical fission machinery that assemble on lysosomes and autolysosomes (Boutry et al., 2018; Rong et al., 2012; Saffi and Botelho, 2019). We therefore explored the possibility of ROS stimulating clathrin and/or dynamin recruitment on lysosomes to boost lysosome fission to prevent coalescence from apilimod. We used clathrineGFP expressing RPE cells and showed that although there was no difference in clathrin recruitment on Alexa⁵⁴⁶-conjugated dextran positive lysosomes for vehicle or apilimod treatment, H₂O₂ in presence or absence of apilimod increased clathrin association on lysosomes (Fig. 29A). Complementary to this observation, we performed sucrose gradient ultracentrifugation and organelle fractionation, and demonstrated increased clathrin and dynamin-2 recruitment to LAMP1 positive lysosome fractions for H₂O₂ treated RAW cells compared to vehicle treatment (Fig. 29B-D). To correlate H₂O₂-dependent clathrin and dynamin-2 recruitment to possible lysosome fission, we tested to observe that whether upon apilimod removal and lysosome fragmentation, clathrin or dynamin inhibition could prevent accelerated lysosome fragmentation by H₂O₂. However, we failed to distinguish lysosome size and number between treatment conditions of H_2O_2 application during apilimod removal in absence or presence of clathrin inhibition through ikarugamycin (Fig. 30), or dynamin inhibition through dyngo-4A (Fig. 31) (Elkin et al., 2016; McCluskey et al., 2013). Lysosome fragmentation was similarly unaffected for treatment conditions of rotenone application in presence or absence of

dyngo-4A during apilimod removal (Fig. 31). Therefore, although H_2O_2 increase canonical fission machinery components clathrin and dynamin on lysosome membrane, clathrin and dynamin are not involved in H_2O_2 -dependent lysosome fragmentation to prevent coalescence from apilimod.



Figure 29. H₂O₂ boosts recruitment of clathrin and dynamin to membranes. (A) RPE cells stably expressing clathrin heavy chain-eGFP were pre-labelled with Alexa⁵⁴⁶⁻conjugated dextran and treated with vehicle, 1 mM H_2O_2 , or 200 nM apilimod with or without 1 mM H_2O_2 . Single z- plane images were acquired every 2 min for 40 min across all treatments. Fluorescence micrographs represent single z-plane images at 0 min and 40 min for each treatment obtained by spinning disc microscopy. The inset is a magnified portion of field of view tracking dextran⁵⁴⁶conjugated dextran lysosome(s) or clathrin-eGFP separate or merged. Scale bar: 7 µm. (B) Ratio of clathrin-eGFP fluorescence intensities associated with Alexa⁵⁴⁶-conjugated dextran structures to cytosol at time points: 0, 10, 20, 30 and 40 min. Data are represented as mean \pm s.e.m. from five to six independent experiments, with 1-3 cells assessed per treatment condition per experiment. Two-way ANOVA and Tukey's *post-hoc* test were used for (**B**), where * indicates P < 0.05 against control conditions. (C) RAW cells were treated with vehicle or 1 mM H₂O₂ for 40 min, lysed and homogenates fractionated through a sucrose gradient ultracentrifugation. Fractions were immunoblotted against LAMP1 and VAPB to respectively identify lysosome and ER fractions, and against clathrin heavy chain and dynamin 2. Protein expression for clathrin heavy chain (**D**) or dynamin 2 (**E**) were normalized to LAMP1 for fractions 3 to 6. Data are represented as \pm s.d. from three independent experiments.



Figure 30: Clathrin inhibition does not arrest ROS-mediated lysosome fragmentation during PIKfyve reactivation. (A) RAW cells were pre-labelled with Lucifer yellow and exposed to either vehicle alone, 1 mM H₂O₂ for 40 min, 1 μ M ikarugamcyin for 1 h, or 20 nM apilimod for 60 min. For a subgroup of cells treated with apilimod, drug was replaced with fresh media containing either vehicle, 1 mM H₂O₂, 1 μ M ikarugamcyin, or 1 mM H₂O₂ and 1 μ M ikarugamycin for 2 h. Fluorescence micrographs are spinning disc microscopy images with 45-55 z-planes represented as z-projections. Scale bar: 5 μ m. (B-D) Quantification of individual lysosome volume (B), lysosome number per cell (C), and total lysosome volume per cell (D). Data shown as mean \pm s.e.m. from three independent experiments, with 25-30 cell assessed per treatment condition per experiment.





Figure 31. Dynamin inhibition does not affect lysosome fragmentation during during

PIKfyve reactivation. (**A**) RAW cells were pre-labelled with Lucifer yellow and exposed to either vehicle, 30 μ M dyngo-4A for 2 h, 1 mM H₂O₂ for 40 min, or 1 μ M rotenone for 1 h, or 20 nM apilimod for 60 min. Additional subgroup of apilimod treated cells were then washed and incubated with apilimod-free media and changed for 2 h in the presence of vehicle, dyngo-4A, H2O2, and dyngo4-A plus H2O2 for a total time of 2 h without apilimod. Fluorescence micrographs are spinning disc microscopy images with 45-55 z-planes represented as zprojections. Scale bar: 5 μ m. (**B-D**) Quantification of individual lysosome volume (**B**), lysosome number per cell (**C**), and total lysosome volume per cell (**D**). Data is illustrated as mean \pm s.e.m. from three independent experiments, with 25-30 cell assessed per treatment condition per experiment.

4.2.8 ROS remove actin from lysosomes to prevent coalescence

PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion enhance actin nucleation, resulting in actin accumulation on endosomes and melanosomes to prevent fission for enlargement (Bissig et al., 2019; Hasegawa et al., 2016). We thus considered and examined actin structures on lysosomes upon PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion. Indeed, acute PIKfyve inhibition through apilimod increased number of punctate phalloidin stained actin structures on Alexa⁴⁸⁸-conjugated dextran lysosomes (Fig. 32A, B). ROS may modify actin structure for perturbation and clearance through modification of actin cytosolic cysteine and methionine residues (Wilson and González-Billault, 2015). ROS stimulated actin clearance on lysosomes may allow fission to occur to prevent coalescence from acute PIKfyve inhibition. CDNB or rotenone administration with apilimod reduced number of lysosome associated actin punctate structures compared to apilimod treatment (Fig. 32A, B). To evaluate whether actin clearance prevent lysosome coalescence from acute PIKfyve inhibition, we applied latrunculin A or cytochalasin D to depolymerise actin during apilimod treatment and apilimod removal. Apilimod administration induced lysosome enlargement by increasing individual lysosome volume and decreasing lysosome number, and cytochalasin D or latrunculin A coadministration resisted apilimod induced lysosome enlargement. Conversely, apilimod removal increased lysosome fragmentation by reducing individual lysosome volume and increasing lysosome number, and administration of cytochalasin D or latrunculin A during apilimod

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removal further augmented lysosome fragmentation (Fig. 32C-F). Our observations suggest ROS promote actin clearance on lysosomes. Furthermore, actin depolymerisation prevents lysosome coalescence during apilimod treatment and increases lysosome fragmentation during apilimod removal. Therefore, ROS through actin clearance may promote lysosome fission to prevent coalescence during acute PIKfyve inhibition.



Figure 32: ROS promote actin clearance to rescue lysosome coalescence during PIKfyve inhibition and accelerate fragmentation during PIKfyve reactivation. (A) RAW cells prelabelled with Alexa⁴⁸⁸-conjugated dextran followed by treatment with vehicle, 20 nM apilimod

40 min alone, or in presence of 10 µM CDNB 30 min or 1 µM rotenone 60 min. Cells fixed with 4% PFA and stained for actin with phalloidin. Fluorescence micrographs are spinning disc images with single z-focal plane. The inset is a magnified portion of field of view tracking dextran⁴⁸⁸-conjugated dextran lysosome(s) or phalloidin-stained actin separate or merged. Scale bar: 2 µm. (B) Cells assessed for number of actin puncta structures associated with lysosomes per cell from (A). Data represent mean \pm S.E.M. from three independent experiments, with 60-80 cells assessed per treatment condition across three experiments. One-way ANOVA and Tukey's *post-hoc* test was used, where * indicates statistical significance between indicated conditions (p<0.05). (C) RAW cells pre-labelled with Lucifer yellow and exposed to vehicle or 20 nM apilimod for 1 h followed by apilimod removal for 0 h or 2 h. These conditions were then supplemented with additional vehicle or 1 μ M latrunculin A for 1 h, or 5 μ M cytochalasin D for 1 h. Fluorescence micrographs are represented as z-projections of 45-55 z-plane images obtained by spinning disc microscopy. Scale bar: 5 µm. D-F: Quantification of individual lysosome volume (D), lysosome number per cell (E), and total lysosome volume per cell (F). Data represent mean \pm S.E.M. from three independent experiments, with 25-30 cells assessed per treatment condition per experiment.

Chapter 5: Discussion

5.1 Lysosome enlargement due to inhibition of the lipid kinase PIKfyve occurs through coalescence

Lysosome membranes consist of signalling phosphoinositide lipids that regulate traffic and lysosome morphology. PtdIns(3,5)P₂ serves as a signaling lipid on the lysosome membrane to regulate retrograde traffic, endocytic traffic, phagosome maturation, autophagic flux, ion channel activity, actin assembly, and lysosome size (Bissig et al., 2017; Hasegawa et al., 2016; Ho et al., 2012; Kim et al., 2014). Impaired signaling due to PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion may lead to physiological aberrations such as neurodegeneration, embryogenic lethality, inflammation, glucose intolerance, and abnormal storage of proteins and lipids with enlarged lysosomes (Ikonomov et al., 2007; Ikonomov et al., 2016; Mironova et al., 2016; Shisheva, 2008). The most visibly dramatic phenotype from $PtdIns(3,5)P_2$ depletion is lysosome enlargement. Such dysregulation of lysosome homeostasis remains poorly characterized in terms of how PtdIns $(3,5)P_2$ regulates lysosome size and number. Therefore, we presented the hypothesis that PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion enlarges lysosomes by increasing individual lysosome volume while simultaneously either reducing lysosome number through "coalescence" resulting in total lysosome volume per cell being unaffected, and/or unchanged lysosome number through lysosome "dilation" to increase total lysosome volume per cell. To understand the impact of $PtdIns(3,5)P_2$ depletion and synthesis on lysosome size and number, we employed quantitative 3D Volocity image analysis software, and set exclusion criteria for identifying labelled lysosomes and automated lysosome volume and number analysis.

5.1.1 Lysosomes coalesce from PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion due to disrupted lysosome fusionfission cycle

Our results with quantitative image analysis demonstrate that lysosomes enlarge upon acute and genetic PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion due to increase in individual lysosome volume and decrease in lysosome number, while keeping total lysosome volume constant. This suggests that lysosomes enlarge via coalescence. Such lysosome coalescence is reversible upon PIKfyve re-activation following PIKfyve inhibition due to lysosomes splitting and fragmenting, causing decrease in individual lysosome volume while increasing number, thus suggesting a role of PtdIns(3,5)P₂ synthesis from PIKfyve re-activation in lysosome fragmentation or "fission". This is supported through sweptfield confocal imaging, employing low powered laser light as excitation source coupled with slit that scan the laser across entire image plane to excite fluorophores without inducing photo-toxicity, which revealed that upon acute PIKfyve inhibition, lysosome "splitting" or "fission" was impaired. Thus, lysosomes enlarge during PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion by "coalescence" caused by impaired lysosome "splitting" under continuous lysosome fusion.

5.1.2 Microtubules regulate PtdIns(3,5)P2 dependent lysosome fusion-fission

Lysosomes are constantly in a dynamic flux, undergoing fusion and fission events. Whether during full-fusion or through kiss-and-run, the interactions between lysosomes and other organelles, including other lysosomes, depends on microtubule-dependent motors (Bissig et al., 2017; Saffi and Botelho, 2019; Storrie and Desjardins, 1996). Indeed, we demonstrated that lysosome enlargement from acute PIKfyve inhibition is dependent on microtubules and associated motor protein complexes, dynein and kinesin-1. Alternatively, microtubules regulate lysosome fragmentation or "shrinkage" by augmenting fragmentation upon microtubule depolyermisation during PIKfyve re-activation. Microtubules serve as cytoskeletal tracks to position lysosomes for interaction and coalescence upon acute PIKfyve inhibition, and removal of the tracks or inhibition of the motor complexes prevent lysosome coalescence likely by blocking fusion (Fig. 33).

5.1.3 Lysosome coalescence from acute PIKfyve inhibition is independent of protein biosynthesis

Acute PIKfyve inhibition causes accumulation of transcription factor EB (TFEB) within the nucleus, and TFEB binds to CLEAR (Coordinated Lysosome Expression and Regulation) DNA sequences to increase expression of genes leading to lysosome and autophagosome biogenesis, autophagosome maturation and turnover, and lysosome exocytosis. In addition to acute PIKfyve inhibition, mTORC1 inhibition also causes nuclear translocation of TFEB due to inhibited phosphorylation at Serine 122, Serine 142, Serine 211, Serine 332 and Serine 402 residues, thereby releasing TFEB from the lysosome membrane (Napolitano and Ballabio, 2016; Settembre et al., 2011; Vega-Rubin-de-Celis et al., 2017; Wang et al., 2015). To understand the role of TFEB and whether lysosome biogenesis contributes to lysosome volume increase during acute PIKfyve inhibition due to additional protein input, I collaborated with Dr. Christopher H. Choy and Dr. Matthew Gray, to investigate such possibility, which I elaborate below.



Figure 33: Microtubule depolymerisation affect lysosome "kiss-and-run" during PIKfyve inhibition and reactivation. A) Lysosomes interact through microtubule-dependent transient interaction ("kiss") followed by separation ("run"). **B)** During PIKfyve inhibition, lysosomes collide (kiss) but do not separate (run) properly, causing lysosome coalescence. **C)** Microtubule depolymerisation through nocodazole during PIKfyve inhibition removes microtubule tracks for lysosome interaction, thus preventing coalescence. **D)** Following PIKfyve inhibition and lysosome coalescence, PIKfyve reactivation causes lysosomes to interact (kiss) through microtubules and separate (run) frequently. Since, lysosome splitting/separation occurs more frequently, the dynamic is favored towards lysosome fragmentation or "fission". **E)** Depolymerising microtubules during PIKfyve reactivation prevent lysosome interaction (kiss), thus favoring the dynamic more towards lysosome splitting or "fission" compared to PIKfyve reactivation.

5.1.3.1 TFEB activation from acute PIKfyve inhibition does not contribute to lysosome coalescence

Work by Drs. Choy and Gray determined that TFEB localizes to the nucleus upon acute PIKfyve inhibition, independently of mTORC1 (Supp. Fig. 1 and 2). This increased the expression of lysosome genes for selected genes that we tested, including LAMP1, MCOLN1, cathepsin D and V-ATPase H and D subunits (Supp. Fig. 3). However, while mRNA levels increased, this did not lead to a corresponding boost in protein expression (Supp. Fig. 3). PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion impair traffic of proteins to lysosomes, which may prevent proper assembly of proteins at the lysosome to impair lysosome protein turnover (Sharma et al., 2019). Depletion of TFEB or related transcription factors TFE3 (Supp. Fig. 4), or alternatively protein synthesis inhibition did not arrest lysosome enlargement upon acute PIKfyve inhibition (Supp. Fig. 4), suggesting a lack of requirement of lysosome gene expression or protein input for lysosome enlargement. Therefore, although acute PIKfyve inhibition causes mTORC1-independent nuclear translocation of TFEB and increases lysosome gene expression, such phenotype is independent and does not contribute to lysosome volume during enlargement (Choy et al., 2018).

Depletion of PtdIns(3,5)P₂ enlarges lysosomes with abnormal storage of proteins and lipids within lumen due to defective recycling of membrane and luminal contents through lysosome reformation or "fission" from endolysosomes (Bissig et al., 2017; Mironova et al., 2016). Our research adds to current literature by providing increasingly conclusive evidence regarding the role of PtdIns(3,5)P₂ in maintaining lysosome number and size during repeated microtubule-dependent lysosome fusion-fission cycles. Additionally, we also show independence and dissociation of lysosome enlargement from PIKfyve-suppressed TFEB nuclear translocation.

5.1.4 Future directions

Although from our study, we provide evidence for the role of $PtdIns(3,5)P_2$ in regulating lysosome fission during lysosome fusion-fission cycling, there is lack of understanding regarding the mechanism for how such fission occurs. $PtdIns(3,5)P_2$ interacts with Atg18, and Atg18 regulates retrograde traffic from the vacuole/lysosome in yeast; possibly this occurs because Atg18 can induce membrane tubulation and scission as demonstrated with recombinant Atg18 using unilamellar vesicles (Gopaldass et al., 2017). However, in mammals, it is unclear if Atg18 orthologs can do the same. It is yet to be characterized if related PROPPINs WIPI-1 to -4 localize to lysosome membrane in mammalian cells and whether such localization can induce lysosome membrane reformation possibly through PtdIns(3,5)P₂ interaction with the WIPI proteins. Though, the mammalian homologue of Atg18, WIPI-2, localizes to autophagosomes, it is not known if this induces fission from autophagosomes (Polson et al., 2010). If indeed WIPI proteins are involved in lysosome fission, siRNA targeted depletion would enlarge and/or possibly tubulate lysosomes. Dependence between $PtdIns(3,5)P_2$ and WIPI could be assessed through observing whether PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion through apilimod remove WIPI from lysosomes, and if indeed apilimod removal and $PtdIns(3,5)P_2$ synthesis can localize WIPI to the lysosome. To further address requirement of PtdIns(3,5)P₂ for WIPI-dependent membrane fission, unilamellar vesicles with different phosphoinositides could be used and assessed for membrane curvature and scission for PtdIns(3,5)P₂ rich vesicles. To understand site of WIPI membrane fission, WIPI proteins could be tracked for localization at neck of lysosome membrane tubules and/or membrane buds as possible sites for constriction.

PtdIns $(3,5)P_2$ regulates actin nucleation through competitive interaction with actin for cortactin; consequently, PtdIns $(3,5)P_2$ depletion forms actin aggregates around endosomes and

melanosomes that appears to prevent endosome fission, possibly resulting in coalescence (Bissig et al., 2019; Hasegawa et al., 2016). It would be highly informative if future work could address whether $PtdIns(3,5)P_2$ depletion accumulates actin aggregates around lysosomes, and whether actin clearance through actin depolymerisation and/or $PtdIns(3,5)P_2$ synthesis can rescue lysosome coalescence.

From our observations, acute PIKfyve inhibition increases lysosome gene expression through TFEB nuclear translocation, without affecting corresponding protein expression. Additionally, TFEB is dispensable for lysosome enlargement. We have yet to observe whether the magnitude of such gene expression and possible protein expression is reproducible or perhaps greater in genetic and chronic models of $PtdIns(3,5)P_2$ depletion by deleting genes encoding for PIKfyve, ArPIKfyve/Vac14, and/or Sac3/Fig4. If magnitude of protein expression is higher in genetic models of PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion compared to our studies, this would suggest a possible threshold of signaling caused by PIKfyve loss that needs to be bypassed in order to translate changes in gene expression into protein synthesis. Our study only examined genes for lysosome proteins. It would be significant to add to our current knowledge if we could carry out RNA-seq studies that can functionally categorize genes that are affected by PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion using wild-type and TFEB-deleted cells, which exist and are available. This would provide insight regarding possible group of genes that may regulate protein synthesis or turnover controlled by $PtdIns(3,5)P_2$ and TFEB and even other yet to be discovered processes regulated by $PtdIns(3,5)P_2$.

5.2 ROS regulate lysosome fusion-fission dynamics during PIKfyve inhibition

ROS include superoxide, hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂), and the hydroxyl radical with oxidizing potential to perturb cellular structures, such as proteins, lipids and DNA (Bibov et al., 2018; Schieber and Chandel, 2014). Additionally, they can act as localized signaling molecules for lysosomes by activating the lysosome-associated TRPML1 calcium channel and transcription factor EB (TFEB) for lysosome biogenesis, regulating autophagosome-lysosome fusion, and may regulate microtubules and actin structure (Wilson and González-Billault, 2015; Zhang et al., 2016; Zheng et al., 2016). Microtubules and actin associated with lysosomes may be regulated by ROS for affecting lysosome fusion and fission dynamics. We have demonstrated that lysosomes enlarge through coalescence and impaired fission when cells are depleted of $PtdIns(3,5)P_2$. Upon attempting to visually capture lysosome enlargement through conventional fluorescence spinning disc confocal microscopy, we noticed arrest of lysosome enlargement in cells exposed to frequent laser excitation due to phototoxicity. Microscopy based photodamage can induce ROS production (Icha et al., 2017). This observation led to the hypothesis that ROS regulate lysosome fusion and/or fission mechanisms and that this can rescue lysosome coalescence during acute PIKfyve inhibition.

To understand whether ROS regulate lysosome fusion-fission dynamics during acute PIKfyve inhibition, we employed four different ROS agonists: H_2O_2 , rotenone for impairing mitochondrial electron transport chain (ETC) complex 1, CDNB for inhibiting thioredoxin reductase, and MCB for depleting glutathione activity (Heinz et al., 2017; Kamencic et al., 2000; Padgaonkar et al., 2015). H_2O_2 possess oxidizing potential and is a precursor for the hydroxyl radical, whereas rotenone, CDNB, and MCB all produce superoxide, which can then decompose to H_2O_2 and hydroxyl radical (Fig. 8). We tested these four agonists producing different ROS on
their effect on lysosome enlargement during acute PIKfyve inhibition and lysosome fragmentation during PIKfyve re-activation.

5.2.1 ROS prevent lysosome enlargement during acute PIKfyve inhibition and accelerate fragmentation during PIKfyve re-activation

All four agonists, H_2O_2 , rotenone, CDNB, and MCB, prevented lysosome enlargement during acute PIKfyve inhibition and accelerated lysosome fragmentation during PIKfyve reactivation. Previous observations suggest that PtdIns(3,5)P₂ synthesis stimulates lysosome fission (Choy et al., 2018). One possibility to explain these observations was that ROS can modify protein and lipid phosphatase active site through perturbation; thus, ROS may inactivate Fig4 phosphatase and enhance PtdIns(3,5)P₂ levels (Schieber and Chandel, 2014). However, we tested and failed to observe a boost in PtdIns(3,5)P₂ levels in response to H₂O₂ or rotenone. Therefore, ROS do not seem to increase PtdIns(3,5)P₂ levels to prevent lysosome coalescence during acute PIKfyve inhibition.

ROS can affect actin and microtubule structure through oxidation of cytosolic cysteine – SH sulfhydryl and methionine –SC residues (Wilson and González-Billault, 2015). We thus attempted to observe whether the four ROS agonists regulate cytoskeletal structure and whether such regulation can control lysosome fusion-fission dynamics. However, we noticed that depending on the ROS species produced and/or site of ROS synthesis by the four ROS agonists, cytoskeletal structure and lysosome dynamics were affected distinctly.

5.2.2 ROS affect lysosome fusion-fission dynamics distinctly

5.2.2.1 H₂O₂ effect on lysosome enlargement and fragmentation may occur by disrupting lysosome motility

 H_2O_2 enhanced microtubule structure by making them more stable and extended. However, this might not be a generalizable effect and may differ depending on cell type and/or treatment conditions. For example, human osteosarcoma cells display increased monomeric a-tubulin and reduced polymerized tubulin upon H_2O_2 application. However, HeLa cells treated with H_2O_2 increased microtubule acetylation, indicator of microtubule stability (LEE et al., 2005; Mackeh et al., 2014). Additionally, H_2O_2 impaired lysosome mobility. However, microtubule stabilization is not sufficient to explain H₂O₂ impairment of lysosome movement and inhibition of coalescence since paclitaxel failed to arrest apilimod mediated lysosome enlargement and instead enhanced lysosome mobility. H_2O_2 may instead regulate lysosome dynamics through microtubule motor complexes, dynein and kinesin-1. For example, H_2O_2 activates the MAP kinase p38 α , and p38 α through phosphorylation of microtubule-associated kinesin-1 impairs motor function on mitochondria, and such impaired mobility is rescued upon forced anchorage of kinesin-1 on mitochondria. Forced anchorage of kinesin-1 on mitochondria achieved through kinesin-1 expressing HA-Kif5B-FRB and mitochondrial targeting TOM20-mCherry-FKBP, and FKBP-FRPB hetero-dimerization through rapamycin (Debattisti et al., 2017; Morfini et al., 2013). Thus, H₂O₂ may regulate RILP-ORP1L-dynein, FYCO1-dynein, p38α-kinesin-1, and/or SKIP-kinesin-1 complexes, although not likely through lysosome associated upstream effectors Rab7-GTP or Arl8b-GTPase for RILP or SKIP respectively because loading of these effectors onto lysosome membranes was unaffected through H₂O₂ application in presence or absence of apilimod...

Collectively, we determined that H_2O_2 likely impairs lysosome mobility, preventing lysosome coalescence during acute PIK fyve inhibition.

 H_2O_2 enhanced recruitment of canonical fission machinery components, clathrin and dynamin on lysosomes. However, H_2O_2 does not require clathrin or dynamin for lysosome fission because inhibition of these components during apilimod removal did not prevent accelerated lysosome fragmentation induced by H_2O_2 . H_2O_2 may co-ordinate lysosome fission through multiple components, of which clathrin or dynamin activity may be dispensable, and maybe instead part of a complex circuit. Below, I will discuss future directions to better delineate these concepts.

5.2.2.2 Rotenone, CDNB and MCB effect on lysosome enlargement and fragmentation

Compared to H₂O₂ that produces hydroxyl radical, rotenone, CDNB, and MCB produce superoxide, which is decomposed to H₂O₂ and hydroxyl radical, through inhibition of mitochondrial ETC complex 1, disrupting thioredoxin activity and depleting glutathione, respectively. Although MCB target thiols in glutathione, MCB may also impair thiol function on enzymes such as thioredoxin reductase to produce superoxide (Kamencic et al., 2000; Lubos et al., 2011; Nordberg et al., 1998). Rotenone, CDNB, and MCB partially depolymerised microtubules without significantly affecting lysosome mobility. Although RAW cells displayed a wobbling effect due to microtubule depolymerisation, causing the lysosomes to move in bulk within the cell, such observation was not reproducible in RPE cells, which are flatter and resistant to this oscillation. Since microtubule depolymerisation by nocodazole impaired lysosome movement, partial microtubule depolymerisation is not sufficient to explain how lysosomes resist enlargement from apilimod in response to these three ROS agonists.

Instead, our data suggest that ROS produced from rotenone, CDNB and MCB may affect actin structure to promote lysosome fission. PtdIns(3,5)P₂ promotes actin turnover, and PtdIns(3.5)P2 depletion amasses F-actin on endosomes and lysosomes (endosome marker Rab7 found on lysosomes), thereby hindering fission and leading to coalescence. Specifically, PtdIns(3,5)P₂ competes with F-actin for interaction with cortactin, involved in actin nucleation, and upon PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion, cortactin nucleate and enrich actin on endosomes and lysosomes that disrupt membrane scission (Bissig et al., 2019; Hong et al., 2015). Indeed, CDNB and rotenone removed lysosome associated F-actin structures that amassed upon $PtdIns(3,5)P_2$ depletion. Therefore, CDNB and rotenone promote actin clearance from lysosomes to promote fission and prevent lysosome enlargement from acute PIKfyve inhibition. MCB was not tested for effect on actin structure due to time constraints. Additionally, actin depolymerisation prevented lysosome enlargement during apilimod treatment and accelerated lysosome fragmentation upon apilimod removal, further suggesting a role for actin clearance in preventing lysosome coalescence and accelerating lysosome fission. Overall, our observations suggest that ROS produced by rotenone, CDNB and possibly MCB, can promote lysosome fission through actin clearance on lysosomes during PIKfyve inhibition, circumventing lysosome enlargement.

Our work suggest ROS species affect lysosome dynamics distinctly through different targets. Specifically, H₂O₂ stabilize microtubules and impaired lysosome mobility where such impairment maybe due to dysregulation of microtubule-motor function. Thus, H₂O₂ may prevent lysosome coalescence during acute PIKfyve inhibition and accelerate lysosome fragmentation during PIKfyve re-activation by disrupting lysosome motility and fusogenecity. Alternatively,

rotenone, CDNB, and MCB, sources of superoxide production, promoted actin clearance from lysosomes, thereby relieving actin mass from lysosomes formed during PIKfyve inhibition that otherwise hinder fission, as suggested by Bissig et al (Bissig et al., 2019). Thus, these three ROS agonists through actin clearance seem to stimulate lysosome fission to counteract coalescence during acute PIKfyve inhibition and promote lysosome fragmentation during PIKfyve reactivation. Future work needs to address the specific targets of different ROS that affect lysosome dynamics distinctly. Additionally, lysosome enlargement from PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion accumulate intra-lysosomal proteins and lipids with pathophysiological consequences (Mironova et al., 2016; Zou et al., 2015). It would be highly informative if questions could be addressed regarding whether ROS can promote lysosome fission and membrane recycling to rescue enlarged lysosomes and promote redistribution of contents abnormally stored within enlarged lysosomes.

5.2.3 Future directions

Since our work demonstrated that different ROS and/or sites of ROS synthesis affect lysosome dynamics through different mechanisms, future work should address the exact targets of these distinct ROS and whether those targets are conserved. Since H₂O₂ impaired lysosome mobility, it would be ideal to observe if forced anchorage of microtubule motors on lysosomes rescue mobility as it was done with mitochondria through targeted kinesin-1 localization using FKBP-FRB rapamycin heterodimerization, where FKBP-LAMP1 can anchor FRB-Kif5B (kinesin-1) to lysosomes through rapamycin. Since H₂O₂ impaired lysosome mobility, whether such impairment prevents endolysosome and/or phagolysosome formation and cargo delivery to lysosomes are possibilities to address. Experiments could be designed to observe whether dextran trafficking to lysosomes are impaired following endocytosis, and/or whether phagosome maturation and cargo degradation is impeded upon H_2O_2 application, due to arrested late endosome-lysosome fusion and/or phagosome-lysosome fusion. We observed that H_2O_2 recruited clathrin and dynamin onto lysosomes, though this was not sufficient to alter lysosome dynamics on their own, possibly because of the need to recruit and dissociate; conceivably, H2O2 may freeze clathrin and dynamin in place preventing dynamic assembly and disassembly needed for fission. Nevertheless, we did observe increased PtdIns(4)P levels upon H_2O_2 application (data not shown). Since PtdIns(4)P recruit clathrin and dynamin, H_2O_2 may increase lysosome associated PtdIns(4)P to recruit fission machinery components such as spastizin, spatacsin and AP-5 in addition to clathrin and dynamin to synergistically promote fission where clathrin and/or dynamin may be dispensable since membrane scission could be completed by other components.

Rotenone, CDNB and MCB, through superoxide affect lysosome dynamics distinctly from H_2O_2 . Since superoxide production removed actin from lysosomes, it should be addressed whether actin turnover and/or polymerization is also affected at lysosome sites. If lysosome-associated actin turnover and/or polymerization is affected by superoxide, one could speculate whether this is a physiological function controlled by specific NOX enzymes since NOX2 is found on lysosomes (Li et al., 2012). This could be tested by silencing NOX2 and looking at lysosome dynamics and actin-polymerization on lysosomes, including actin nucleation machinery such as WASH, cortactin and/or Arp-2/3 at lysosomes.

ROS generation may promote lysosome fission and membrane recycling as suggested from our work. It should be evaluated whether ROS agonists through superoxide generation can rescue lysosome enlargement from genetic models of PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion and whether such rescue can redistribute proteins and lipids from enlarged lysosomes. **Section 6: Conclusion**

6.0 Conclusion

Lipid kinase PIKfyve through association and phosphorylation of D-5 hydroxyl of inositol head group of PtdIns(3)P, generate endolysosome and lysosome membrane lipid PtdIns(3,5)P₂. PtdIns(3,5)P₂ functions in autophagosome, phagosome and endosome maturation with lysosomes for formation of autolysosomes, phagolysosomes and endolysosomes respectively. Additionally, PtdIns(3,5)P2 regulate lysosome membrane and lumen recycling, lysosome associated ion channel activity, actin turnover, implicating role PtdIns(3,5)P₂ as a critical signaling lipid from lysosome membrane. However, the most dramatic phenotype from PtdIns(3,5)P₂ depletion is lysosome enlargement (Dayam et al., 2015; Hasegawa et al., 2016; Shisheva, 2008; Zou et al., 2015). Lysosomes undergo repeated fusion-fission cycles and/or transient kiss-and-run to maintain lysosome number and size (Saffi and Botelho, 2019). Our work demonstrate role of PtdIns(3,5)P₂ in regulating lysosome fission, and depletion of $PtdIns(3,5)P_2$ impair fission during continuous fusion to coalesce lysosomes for enlargement. Such coalescence is dependent on microtubules and associated motor protein complexes, dynein and kinesin-1. Additionally, nuclear translocation of TFEB transcription factor and lysosome gene expression during PIKfyve inhibition does not contribute to lysosome enlargement upon conditions of acute PIK fyve arrest. Thus, $PtdIns(3,5)P_2$ regulate lysosome number and size, and depletion through acute PIKfyve inhibition enlarge lysosomes through coalescence without regulatory input from TFEB. Future work could characterize to address the specific target of $PtdIns(3,5)P_2$, such as WIPI proteins and/or actin nucleation machinery as discussed, that orchestrate lysosome fission.

Upon attempting to capture the dynamics of lysosome enlargement from apilimod through conventional fluorescence spinning disc confocal microscopy, we accidentally stumbled upon microscopy induced ROS stimulation to arrest apilimod induced lysosome enlargement. Further observations suggested role of ROS in regulating lysosome fusion and fission during acute PIKfyve inhibition. However, depending on the ROS species and/or site of ROS synthesis, lysosomes dynamics were affected distinctly. H₂O₂ impaired lysosome mobility, not through enhanced microtubule structure but maybe through impeded motor activity, to arrest lysosome coalescence from PIKfyve inhibition. However, superoxide generation from mitochondrial ETC complex I, thioredoxin reductase, or glutathione inhibition, through rotenone, CDNB, or MCB respectively, depolymerised microtubules without affecting lysosome mobility. Instead, ROS generation from such manipulations promoted actin clearance from lysosomes, and actin depolymerisation inhibited lysosome coalescence during PIKfyve inhibition and enhanced lysosome fragmentation during PIKfyve re-activation, suggesting superoxide promote lysosome associated actin clearance to stimulate fission. Future work could address specific targets of ROS species that could regulate lysosome fusion and fission as discussed, such as microtubule motors and actin nucleation machinery.

Appendices:



Supplemental Figure A1: PIKfyve inhibition cause nuclear translocation of TFEB. (A, B)
RAW cells expressing transfected TFEB-GFP (A), or immunostained for endogenous TFEB
(B), post vehicle or 20 nM apilimod 1 h treatment. (C) RAW cells silenced for PIKfyve and

transfected with TFEB-GFP. (**D**) HeLa cells treated with vehicle or 20 nM apilimod 1 h followed by immunostaining against endogenous TFEB. (**A-D**) Nuclei stained with DAPI. Nuclear translocation of TFEB scored as percentage of cells with TFEB localized to DAPI positive nucleus (**A**, **C**), or quantifying nuclear to cytosol endogenous TFEB fluorescence intensity ratio (**B**, **D**). For all experiments, data represent \pm SEM from 3 independent experiments with 50-200 cells counted per condition per experiment. Scale bars: 5 μ M.



Supplemental Figure B1: PIKfyve and mTOR function independently. (A) RAW cells treated with Torin1 to inhibit mTOR or apilimod at indicated times followed by western blot against phosphorylated Thr³⁸⁹-p70S6K and total p70S6K. Ratio of Thr³⁸⁹-p70S6K to total p70S6K quantified. Data represent \pm s.d. from at least 3 independent experiments. (B) RAW cells treated with Torin1 to inhibit mTOR or apilimod 20 nM 60 min followed by incorporation of ³H-*myo*-inositol and HPLC coupled flow scintillation to detect PtdIns(3)P and PtdIns(3,5)P₂ levels. Data represent \pm s.d. from at least 3 independent experiments.



Supplemental Figure C1: Acute PIKfyve inhibition increase expression of lysosome genes without affecting protein expression. (A) RAW cells inhibited for mTOR with Torin1 and PIKfyve with apilimod, followed by qRT-PCR for select lysosome genes normalized to ABT1. Shown is \pm SEM from seven independent experiments. (B) RAW cells inhibited for mTOR with Torin1 and PIKfyve with apilimod, followed by western blot against select proteins. Numbers on right refer to molecular weight (kDA). (C) Quantification of proteins from (B) normalized to HSP60. Shown is \pm SEM from four independent experiments.



Supplemental Figure D1: TFEB and protein synthesis do not contribute to lysosome enlargement. (A) RAW cells wild-type or depleted for TFEB and/or TFE3 pre-labelled for lysosomes with Lucifer yellow, followed by treatment with vehicle or apilimod 20 nM 1 h. Lysosome number per cell and average volume quantified. (B) RAW cells pre-labelled for lysosomes with Lucifer yellow, followed by vehicle or cycloheximide treatment to inhibit protein synthesis in absence or presence of apilimod. Lysosome number per cell and average volume quantified. In all cases, data represent \pm SEM from 3 independent experiments with 100 cells counted per condition. Scale bars: 5 μ M.

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