Manganese-induced cellular disturbance in the baker’s yeast, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* with putative implications in neuronal dysfunction

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Manganese (Mn) is an essential element, but in humans, chronic and/or acute exposure to this metal can lead to neurotoxicity and neurodegenerative disorders including Parkinsonism and Parkinson’s Disease by unclear mechanisms. To better understand the effects that exposure to Mn²⁺ exert on eukaryotic cell biology, we exposed a non-essential deletion library of the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* to a sub-inhibitory concentration of Mn²⁺ followed by targeted functional analyses of the positive hits. This screen produced a set of 43 sensitive deletion mutants that were enriched for genes associated with protein biosynthesis. Our follow-up investigations demonstrated that Mn reduced total rRNA levels in a dose-dependent manner and decreased expression of a β-galactosidase reporter gene. This was subsequently supported by analysis of ribosome profiles that suggested Mn-induced toxicity was associated with a reduction in formation of active ribosomes on the mRNAs. Altogether, these findings contribute to the current understanding of the mechanism of Mn-triggered cytotoxicity. Lastly, using the Comparative Toxicogenomic Database, we revealed that Mn shared certain similarities in toxicological mechanisms with neurodegenerative disorders including amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s and Huntington’s diseases.

All trace elements play an important role in the balance of life on our planet. The ability of cells to effectively utilize these elements depends strongly on their concentration, chemical speciation and fractionation¹. Manganese (Mn) is the twelfth most abundant element in the earth’s crust. Natural levels of Mn range from 1–200 μg/L in fresh water and 410–6700 mg/kg (dry weight) in sediment². In aquatic environments, Mn²⁺ is the most dominant and stable water-soluble species when the pH and redox potential are kept low³. The Mn³⁺ ion is soluble only in complex form and Mn⁴⁺ has very limited solubility⁴. Different Mn species can interconvert via oxidative or reductive processes depending on the redox environment¹,³. Additionally, it is known that Mn is an vital trace mineral in nutrition⁴. Locally, levels of Mn can rise significantly in certain areas due to geogenic factors or anthropogenic activities such as mining⁴–⁸. Higher levels of Mn can have negative consequences for environmental health.

Epidemiological and toxicological studies suggest that Mn can be detrimental to specific biological processes and beneficial to the others in a concentration-dependent manner. This is also influenced by developmental stage, disease state⁹,¹⁰ cell type¹¹, and/or the organism itself. Cell models from various organs including the liver, kidney and brain, suggest that neurotoxicity is the principal effect of this metal¹¹. However, the underlying mechanism(s) are unclear and remain the subject of current studies¹¹. Some investigations provide strong evidence that Mn can disturb the vital flow of genetic information from DNA to RNA to protein⁸–¹⁰. Recently; an interesting *in vitro*…

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study demonstrated that Mn\(^{2+}\) had similar effects that Fe\(^{2+}\) and Mg\(^{2+}\) on RNA folding and it can replace Mg\(^{2+}\) as the dominant divalent cation during translation of mRNA to functional protein\(^{37}\).

The addition of MnCl\(_2\) (5 mM) to highly-purified membrane rat-liver fractions caused a 30% increase in the polyisome-bindingcapacity of stripped endoplasmic reticulum (ER) membranes, while four- to five-fold increases were observed with smooth ER membranes\(^{35}\). Previous studies in yeast suggest that the Mn\(^{2+}\) inhibits protein synthesis, disrupts nuclear DNA replication, and demonstrates mutagenic activity when under selective pressure\(^{13,14}\). Overwhelming evidence indicates that when stressed or undergoing environmental adaptation, cells accumulate non-synonymous mutations\(^{18}\). Studies investigating Mn-trafficking in humans suggest that Mn-induced Parkinsonism can result from mutations in SLC30A10, ATP13A2 or ZnT10\(^{19,20}\). Also, a His→Asn reversion mutant in ZnT10 conferred Mn transport activity and loss of zinc transport activity\(^{20}\). ZnT10 codes for a protein that is localized to the plasma membrane and is involved in zinc subcellular homeostasis\(^{20}\), while SLC30A10 codes for a surface-localized Mn efflux transporter that reduces cellular intake of Mn and protects against Mn-induced toxicity in neurons and worms\(^{19}\). The synthesis of these proteins is controlled by ribosomal activity in connection with the ER\(^{21}\). The ER is a large, continuous membrane-bound organelle with distinct domains and numerous contact sites with the plasma membrane, Golgi, mitochondria, and other cellular components including the SNARE (soluble N-ethylmaleimide-sensitive fusion protein attachment protein receptors) complex that participates in the ER formation, fusion and function\(^{22}\). Protein synthesis is a crucial process for all living cells. Due to its central importance to cell survival and high energy requirements, protein synthesis is firmly regulated and strongly connected to other cellular processes, including the cell cycle and metabolic pathways\(^{23,24}\).

Also, the mechanisms that govern the protein synthesis are highly-conserved through the course of evolution from higher to lower eukaryotes, as well as prokaryotes. In line with this, several aggregation-prone yeast proteins have human homologues that are implicated in protein misfolding diseases, suggesting that similar mechanisms may apply in both organisms and that yeast can serve as a good model organism to study such processes\(^{25}\). Studies using ribosome profiling and/or polysome profiling and classic gene expression analyses have provided new insights into the identification of novel genes that can affect this process as well as the mechanism of protein synthesis itself, which is often considered the endpoint of gene expression\(^{26,27}\).

Compound genome-wide toxicity is best studied using a systems biology approach, which can decipher the role(s) of individual components of complex biological systems under certain conditions by examining interactions on a global scale. To this end, large-scale chemical-genomic studies using yeast have been employed to identify individual chemical-genetic interactions (CGIs) and generate interaction profiles to infer mechanism(s) of action\(^{28,29}\). A category of these interactions occurs when the deletion of a single gene causes significant sensitivity or resistance to a target compound. Such interactions can suggest a functional relationship between the deleted gene and cell's responses to the target compound. By screening for chemical-genetic interactions across the genome, significant insights into genotoxicity pathways can be drawn. In a similar context, protein-protein interaction (PPI) networks also provide a useful resource to better understand the mechanism of toxicity. PPIs underlay nearly all biological processes, including cell-to-cell interactions, and metabolic and developmental controls. Depending on structural properties and functional characteristics, PPIs can range from transient interactions that generally participate in signalling pathways to more permanent interactions required to form stable protein complexes. It has been revealed that over 80% of proteins do not operate alone but in complexes\(^{30,31}\). PPIs can be studied in vitro, in vivo, and in silico\(^{41}\).

Connections between environmental toxin exposure and several human diseases have stimulated increased investigation into the toxicity of environmental contaminants using different model organisms\(^{32,33}\). Despite the evolutionary distance between yeast and humans, the underlying molecular players of numerous important pathways including programmed cell death, cell cycle progression and gene expression are conserved between the two species, allowing for the study of neurotoxins using highly-developed omics approaches in yeast\(^{34}\). Mn is one such compound that is applicable for large-scale screening in yeast. However, the range of intra-cellular Mn concentrations with physiological relevance or toxicity is quite large. Particularly, various studies done in yeast suggest that concentrations can range from between 2–100 nmol of Mn/(10\(^{10}\) cells), or 0.04–2.0 mM Mn (assuming a single yeast cell has a volume of 50 femtoliters), without any impact on cell growth\(^{35}\). However, at levels below or above this, Mn induces toxicity stimulating cellular responses, including upregulating or downregulating cell surface and intra-cellular transport systems\(^{35}\). Consequently, yeast has been used to study events associated with Mn homeostasis, neurotoxic cell death, and neurodegeneration\(^{34–37}\). Generally, these studies have used Mn concentrations above of 2 mM, but have hardly explored the large network of physiological pathways that involve Mn, and hence the role of Mn in these processes remains unclear. In the current study, we provide evidence to connect Mn toxicity to the gene expression pathway in yeast. The impairment of protein biosynthesis by Mn\(^{2+}\) revealed in this study improves our current understanding of Mn-induced neurotoxicity and neurodegenerative disorders such as including amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Alzheimer’s disease (AD), Parkinson’s disease (PD) and Huntington’s disease (HD).

**Results**

To identify pathways that are influenced by Mn exposure, we screened for gene deletion strains that demonstrate increased sensitivity to Mn\(^{2+}\) using the yeast non-essential gene deletion array (yGDA), Fig. 1A. These types of screens can provide a CGI profile for a target toxin and contribute to our knowledge of the cell’s global stress responses to that toxin. To this end, we performed sensitivity analysis by screening approximately 4700 gene deletion strains, under two conditions (presence and absence of MnCl\(_2\)), for a total of approximately 28,000 individual analyses. Sensitivity was investigated by determining the relative colony growth size in the presence/absence of the target compound. In this way, we identified 68 gene deletion mutants with significantly altered growth profiles (Supplementary Material, Table SM1), of which 43 were confirmed to display high sensitivity to a sub-inhibitory concentration (1.35 mM) of Mn (a high concentration of a bioactive/toxic compound where growth of a wildtype
(WT) strain is not completely inhibited), Fig. 1B. These genes represent a CGI profile for Mn sensitivity. They often represent “double hits” where the gene deletion and Mn treatment target compensating pathways generating an aggravated effect. The hits identified here were then subjected to further analysis.

Functional proteomic and Gene Ontology (GO) analysis of sensitive mutants identifies multiple pathways including protein synthesis. To have a comprehensive coverage of the hits identified in our sensitivity screen, the String database was used to expand the obtained CGI profile for Mn on the basis of PPI data. String uses physical interactions and functional associations to study a defined set of proteins and expand it by including associated proteins. In this way, the network of functional interactors for Mn was increased to approximately 600 edges (p-value < 1.0e-16), of which more than 85% are known interactions. For example, approximately 87% of the interactions have been experimentally verified and almost 98% are from curated databases. A schematic representation of these interactors is shown in Fig. 2.

Enrichment of cellular pathways represented by the expanded list of proteins is shown in Table 1. As expected, proteins associated with cellular development and protein metabolism were highly enriched. Particularly, the ER associated activities have been highly connected to Mn toxicity. However, a direct connection between protein synthesis and Mn toxicity has not been previously reported. This led us to further investigate the influence of Mn toxicity on protein biosynthesis.

To study if Mn may also affect gene expression at the translation level, total RNA levels were analyzed. In response to the presence of Mn, we observed decreased levels of rRNA molecules (Fig. 3A). After treating the cells with 1.5 mM and 3.0 mM Mn for 45 minutes, total rRNA levels are reduced in a dose-dependent manner. We repeated this experiment by increasing the duration of Mn treatment to 3 and 24 hours. We observed similar results indicating that total levels of rRNA molecules seem to be reduced in response to Mn. Next, we investigated ribosome profiles of cells in response to Mn treatment (Fig. 3B). We observed a reduction in the pool of polysomes in response to treatment with 3 mM Mn for 1 hour, in addition to an increase in the pool of 80S ribosomes. Reduction in polysomes is interpreted as a decrease in the number of ribosomes that are active and engaged in synthesizing proteins. An increase in 80S monosomes is generally regarded as stalled initiation of translation. Treatment of the cells with Mn for 24 hours, resulted in additional reduction in polysomes in comparison to control conditions.

Lastly, using an expression vector we investigated the expression of β-galactosidase, used as a reporter, in response to Mn. In a dose-dependent manner, the presence of Mn2+ reduced the expression of β-galactosidase (Fig. 3C). Importantly, this trend differs significantly when other divalent ions such as Ca2+, Mg2+ and Zn2+ are used suggesting that the decreased rate of translation is unique to Mn2+ stress and not a general byproduct (Supplementary Material, Fig. SM2). Altogether, these follow-up investigations connect Mn toxicity to the process of protein biosynthesis, which were identified as an enriched cellular process in our GDA analysis.

Manganese-induced disturbance of processes that converge to protein biosynthesis in yeast, which mimics molecular pathways associated with neurodegeneration. It has been postulated that the ER has various active domains and membrane contact sites that are required for multiple cellular processes including protein and lipid biosynthesis, calcium regulation, and the exchange of macromolecules. In this study, multiple approaches including GDA and PPI analysis (Figs 1 and 2), GO ontology enrichment (Table 1),
total rRNA analysis, ribosome profiling and a β-galactosidase reporter assay (Fig. 3), together suggest that the Mn induces a significant perturbation of protein biosynthesis and associated pathways.

To augment this finding and more-closely study individual participants, we selected several genes linked to processes that converge on protein biosynthesis and then analyzed their relative transcription levels using qPCR (Fig. 4). Indeed, the presence of Mn induced alterations in the expression of these genes. For example, we observed decreased expression of key translation initiation factor eIF4A (TIF1) and upregulation of the essential translation elongation factor eIF-5A (HYP2). Additionally, several other genes associated with translation and/
or ribosome biogenesis had significantly altered levels of transcription including the downregulation of NSR1, NOP1 and up-regulation of the gene RPS15. However, protein biosynthesis is a complex process that involves other pathways. For instance, we observed perturbation in the expression of genes such as UFD1, UFD2, STT3, DSK2. Additionally, OST2 and OST6, involved in post-translational processing in the ER (PPER), were significantly downregulated and upregulated, respectively. Similar alterations are inferred for the N-glycan biosynthesis pathway, which is partially regulated by OST2 and OST6 activity. We also observed decreased-expression of ARG3 involved in amino acid biosynthesis, including arginine, proline, alanine, aspartate and glutamate metabolism and increased expression of URA2.

Also of interest, genes such as CDC20 and UBC11, which are related to ubiquitin proteolysis were significantly disrupted. Protein synthesis underpins much of cell growth and multiplication. Coincidentally, impairment of CDC20 suggests a direct relationship among dysregulation of protein biosynthesis and alteration of MAPK signaling pathways, cell cycle and DNA replication respectively.

**Mn-induced molecular impairment in yeast mimics pathways associated with neurodegeneration.**

We identified alterations in various pathways that lead to impairment of protein biosynthesis, which is a conflicting topic in neurodegeneration research. Some reports have viewed this as a therapeutic target, while others suggest that it provokes the onset of certain neurodegenerative disorders. Due to the conservation of the key cellular processes and genes, yeast has been used as a model organism to study human neurodegenerative diseases. In this sense, we conducted an additional analysis of the pathways affected by Mn using both the String database and the Comparative Toxicogenomics Database – CTD, which permits the development of novel hypotheses about the relationships between chemicals and diseases. The results are shown in Fig. 5.

We verified that approximately 31% (44 proteins/genes, Supplementary Material - Fig. SM 3) of the inferred network for hits (genes) affected by Mn (Fig. 2) have homologues in human, of which approximately 73% (32 proteins/genes, Supplementary Material – Fig. SM 3) are potentially linked to neurodegeneration, according to the CTD. The genes affected by Mn suggest that this cation-induced toxicity in yeast involves disruption of several pathways which together lead to impairment of protein biosynthesis (Fig. 5A). These alterations shared characteristics with pathways involved in neurodegenerative diseases (Fig. 5B). For example, we identified that the MnCl₂ affects the CDC20 involved in the metabolism of proteins, the cell cycle and MAPK signaling pathways and is potentially involved in the development of neurodegenerative disorders such as AD, ALS, HD and PD. At the same time, UFD1 is associated with protein processing in endoplasmic reticulum and potentially linked to the evolution of AD, ALS and PD. Altogether, our findings and subsequent inferences suggest that the developmental impairment induced by Mn, according to cell cycle disruption, is mainly influenced by collective perturbation of pathways that converge to disturbance of protein biosynthesis. We demonstrated a decrease in total RNA,
polysome and β-galactosidase activity as well as potential alterations in the expression of genes directly associated with translation (HPY2 and TIF1) and ribosome biogeneses (RPS15, NSR1 and NOP1). Together findings suggest a plausible hypothesis for Mn-induced neurotoxicity and neurodegeneration (Fig. 5B). Further analysis in higher-order animal models is needed to confirm this theory.

**Discussion**

The role of Mn in toxicity, particularly in relation to neurotoxicity and neurodegeneration disorders, remains unclear with several proposed hypotheses. The CTDDescribes Mn as an essential trace element, with possible connections to approximately 570 biological processes and/or pathways. In this work, using a functional genomics and systems biology approach, we observe a connection between Mn and cellular processes such as cell cycle progression, cell signaling, and protein metabolism. Agreeably, previous studies have suggested the possibility that Mn may disturb cellular development processes as well as the flow of genetic information that could influence protein synthesis, including ER stress and amino acid biosynthesis. Furthermore, these events appear to be associated with inactivation of MAPK pathways that can lead to translation repression, antiapoptotic activities and/or cell cycle arrest. Interestingly, we identified and inferred significant impairment of genes involved in the cell cycle and MAPK pathways such as CDC20 and CLB2, which correlated with our qPCR results. Cell cycle disruption has been associated with AD, PD and ALS.

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**Figure 4.** Relative gene-transcription of preselected hits from yeast stressed with Mn, after analysis of protein-protein interaction network (figure 2), β-galactosidase expression assay and ribosome profile, which are an evidence of perturbation of protein biosynthesis and other associated pathways (protein processing in endoplasmic reticulum, metabolic pathways, N-Glycan biosynthesis, cell cycle, ubiquitin mediated proteolysis, amino acid biosynthesis, MAPK signaling pathway and translation control analysis) was performed by qPCR. Bars represent the mean value of at least 3 independent experiments and error bars represent (mean ± SEM). Preliminary, we verified some trends to be different between Mn treatment and the control using t-test (p < 0.05). Then, we confirmed several significant differences by ANOVA two-way, followed of Bonferroni post-test (*p < 0.05).
At the same time, aberrations from strictly controlled of MAPK signaling pathway have also been implicated in the development of different human diseases including AD, PD and ALS56,58.

According to the results discussed above, Mn-induced toxicity in yeast appears to be associated with essential pathways linked to protein metabolism. In the current study we inferred that Mn may induce ER stress (Fig. 2), which was demonstrated through qPCR analysis showing up-regulation of \( \text{OST6} \) and downregulation of \( \text{OST2} \) (Fig. 4). This is in agreement with previous \textit{in vitro} and yeast studies that suggested that the ATPase activity of ER gene \( \text{SPF1} \) is compromised under exposure to Mn resulting in severe ER stress43. Other works have suggested that Mn-induced ER stress can be mediated through iron depletion, increased phosphorylation of the eukaryotic translation initiation factor 2\( \alpha \) (phospho-eIF2\( \alpha \))59, activation of \( \text{PERK} \) and \( \text{IRE1} \) signaling pathways41,42 and ER tumefaction60. An RNA-Seq approach in \textit{Caenorhabditis elegans} revealed that Mn induced both up and down-regulation of ER-related protein families (\( \text{FKB} \) and \( \text{ABU} \)) which are both implicated in ER stress40. ER stress can trigger a signaling reaction known as the unfolded protein response (UPR), which induces adaptive programs that improve protein folding. In certain neurodegenerative diseases such as AD, ALS, HD and PD, when the cell damage is irreversible, UPR can also activate apoptosis61,62.

Moreover, we found that Mn could potentially influence glycosylation through \( \text{OST2} \) and \( \text{OST6} \)63,64. Aminoglycoside antibiotics have been proposed to introduce errors in post-translational modifications such as glycosylation and protein misfolding that can lead to destabilized membranes and chronic stress65. Other studies suggest that alterations of \( \text{SLC39A8} \) links Mn deficiency to inherited glycosylation disorders, specifically impairment of Mn-dependent enzymes activity, most notably the Golgi enzyme \( \beta-1,4\)-galactosyltransferase, which is essential for biosynthesis of the carbohydrates in glycoproteins63. Moreover, Golgi glycosylation defects may also be the result of \( \text{Gdt1p/TMEM165} \) deficiencies that stem from Golgi Mn homeostasis defects64. Collectively, this evidence suggest that ER stress in yeast treated with Mn, may be associated with the impairment of N-glycan biosynthesis66, which could consequently lead to arrest the protein biosynthesis.

Additionally, ER stress can be exacerbated by the impairment of endosome-to-Golgi retrograde trafficking67. Since the retromer complex, comprised of vacuolar protein sorting, is essential to the bidirectional transport between the trans-Golgi network and endosomes. It is one of the key vesicular trafficking pathways in the cell68,69, particularly the transport of protein to endoplasmic reticulum67,68,70.

Vacuole protein sorting appears disrupted in the presence of Mn. \( \text{VPS5} \) mutants are hypersensitive to Mn (Fig. 1B), and the PPI network analysis implicatedprotein/genes with similar function such as \( \text{Vps35, Vps29, Vps17 and PEP8} \) (Fig. 2). Interestingly, previous studies have reported that Mn is linked to yeast \( \text{VPS1, VPS33 and PEP8} \). Vesicle transport is considered to play an important role in yeast and mammalian models of ALS as well72. Furthermore, other studies have verified Mn down-regulated the expression of \( \text{SLC30A10} \), \( \text{ATP13A2} \) and \( \text{ZnT10} \)19,20. Other studies linked Mn neurotoxicity to the disruption of genes with transport functions including \( \text{SLC30A10, ATP13A2} \) and \( \text{ZnT10} \).
Alternatively, Gitler et al.76 identified that YPK9 overexpression significantly rescued the ability of proteins to leave the ER and traffic to the Golgi, which reduced the toxic effects of α-syn intracellular accumulation and Mn toxicity, suggesting a close connection between genetic and environmental causes of neurodegeneration. Ypk9 is a yeast orthologue of human PARK9/ATP13A2, whose expression in animal models of PD is capable of rescuing neurodegeneration76. At the same time, Golgi dysfunction can lead to the rapid repression of rRNA and ribosomal proteins25, affecting protein biosynthesis. Indeed, we observed that translation arrest in yeast was notably increased after 24 hours of exposure to Mn (decreasing of [3-galactosidase activity], suggesting that long or chronic exposure of Mn2+ appears more effective in yeast than short or acute exposure which is similar to observations made by others31,77. We conducted the same analyses using other divalent cations such as Ca2+, Mg2+ and Zn2+ at equivalent or higher concentrations than used with Mn to determine if this was a general effect of metal stress and did not observe decreased rates of expression like the dose-dependent response to Mn seen in Fig. 3C. In addition, our ribosome profile analysis revealed a reduction in heavy polysomes fractions in response to Mn suggesting that Mn reduces efficiency of translation (Fig. 3B). This may be in agreement with a recent study in human SH-SYSY cells that identified Mn-induced ER stress associated with increased phosphorylation of translation initiation factor eIF2α49. Similar profiles have been reported when using anti-translation drugs including pactamycin and harringtonine78.

Furthermore, we verified direct impairment of protein biosynthesis, including disruption of ribosome biogenesis due to down-regulation of the genes NOP1, NRS1; although this can be partially composed through up-regulation of the gene RPS15. A review at the CTD76 identified that YPK9 overexpression significantly rescued the ability of proteins to leave the ER and traffic to the Golgi, which reduced the toxic effects of α-syn intracellular accumulation and Mn toxicity, suggesting a close connection between genetic and environmental causes of neurodegeneration. Ypk9 is a yeast orthologue of human PARK9/ATP13A2, whose expression in animal models of PD is capable of rescuing neurodegeneration76. At the same time, Golgi dysfunction can lead to the rapid repression of rRNA and ribosomal proteins25, affecting protein biosynthesis. Indeed, we observed that translation arrest in yeast was notably increased after 24 hours of exposure to Mn (decreasing of [3-galactosidase activity], suggesting that long or chronic exposure of Mn2+ appears more effective in yeast than short or acute exposure which is similar to observations made by others31,77. We conducted the same analyses using other divalent cations such as Ca2+, Mg2+ and Zn2+ at equivalent or higher concentrations than used with Mn to determine if this was a general effect of metal stress and did not observe decreased rates of expression like the dose-dependent response to Mn seen in Fig. 3C. In addition, our ribosome profile analysis revealed a reduction in heavy polysomes fractions in response to Mn suggesting that Mn reduces efficiency of translation (Fig. 3B). This may be in agreement with a recent study in human SH-SYSY cells that identified Mn-induced ER stress associated with increased phosphorylation of translation initiation factor eIF2α49. Similar profiles have been reported when using anti-translation drugs including pactamycin and harringtonine78.

Final Considerations

Literature in this field has consolidated robust hypotheses regarding Mn induced-neurotoxicity and neurodegeneration that include mitochondrial dysfunction, energy impairment, oxidative stress, disruption of neurotransmitters, ER stress, neuroinflammation, DNA damage and epigenetic alterations, apoptosis, autophagy, and many others9,10,80,81. However, occasionally, the accuracy of these hypotheses is challenged in different models. All processes cited above either occur after the process of protein synthesis is completed and/or are directly linked to it. In this study we identified protein synthesis as a key target of Mn-induced toxicity in S. cerevisiae. Defects in protein synthesis have been documented in different neurodegenerative disorders in humans. Since Mn-induced toxicity has been linked to human neurodegenerative disorders, the data presented in the current study may provide a connection between Mn-induced toxicity and human neurodegenerative disorders through the process of protein synthesis. Altogether, our findings provide strong evidence that Mn-toxicity can occur at multiple levels simultaneously, which appear to be associated with disruption of orchestrated essential pathways including metabolism and protein biosynthesis. In this way the presented study adds to our current understanding of the Mn-induced mode of toxicity. Additional experiments with mammalian models must be conducted to validate if these findings apply to other systems.

Experimental

Manganese sensitivity/resistance screening using yeast gene deletion array.

Approximately 4700 MATα haploid yeast, S. cerevisiae strains (BY4741, MATα ura3Δ0 leu2Δ0 his3Δ1 met15Δ0) from the non-essential Gene Deletion Array (yGDA) were manually arrayed onto agar plates as previously described by Alamgir, et al.86 in the presence or absence of sub-inhibitory concentration (a high concentration of a bioactive/toxic compound where growth of a WT strain is not completely inhibited) of MnCl2 (1.35 mM). Plates were incubated at 30°C overnight. Finally, digital images of plates were used to analyze the growth of individual colonies, by automatized visual density comparison between control and their respective Mn treatment through the available in-house and online software “SGATools” from the University of Toronto83. The experiment was repeated between three and five times (Supplementary Material, Table SM 1). Colonies that showed 30% reduction or more in at least three repeats were considered hits84–86.

Transcriptomics experiment using q-PCR.

The quantitative PCR (q-PCR) assay has been used to study the effects of a gene deletion on expression under specified condition in previous works97–99. Primers of selected genes were synthetized (Table 2). Total RNA was isolated from each strain, using a Qiagen RNA isolation kit; followed by cDNA construction, using an iScript cDNA synthesis kit and finally used SYBR green supermix (Bio-Rad) for the multiplex real time PCR assay; according to the instructions of the manufacturer. The quantification of mRNA was performed by q-PCR on aRotor-Gene RG-300 from Corbett research, according to Samanta et al.85.

Protein synthesis analysis. Total rRNA analysis.

The yeast wild type strains were preincubated and grown overnight, then grown on YPD media at 30°C to an OD600 of 0.8–1.0, in either the absence or presence of Mn (1.5 mM or 3 mM), for 0.75, 1 and 24 hours respectively. Total RNA was isolated from each strain using a Qiagen RNA isolation kit (RNeasy mini kit). RNA electrophoresis was carried out in 1X MOPS running buffer diluted from 10X MOPS buffer [40.8 g 3-(N-morpholino) propanesulfonic acid (MOPS); 6.8 g sodium acetate; 3.8 g ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid (EDTA)]. Volume was completed up to 1000 ml by the addition of ultrapure water treated with diethyl pyrocarbonate (DEPC), and the pH was adjusted to 7.0 using sodium hydroxide (NaOH). The concentration of agarose used in the RNA gels was 1.2% (w/v). Samples were prepared in 80% v/v deionized formamide, heated at 65°C for 5 minutes, then immediately cooled on ice. Before loading the samples on the gel, 1/10th of sample volume 10X RNA loading dye (0.0125 g Bromophenol Blue; 10μl 0.5 M EDTA; 2.5 ml...
| # | Gene Symbol | Sequence (5′→3′) | Template strand | Length | Start | Stop | Tm | GC (%) | Self complementarity | Self 3′ complementarity |
|---|-------------|-----------------|----------------|---------|-------|------|-----|--------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | OST2        | Forward primer: TCCCGCTAAAAACGCATTGA | Plus | 20 | 516602 | 516621 | 58.48 | 45 | 4 | 2 |
|   |             | Reverse primer: CAGCAGTCATCCTGCACTT | Minus | 20 | 516803 | 516784 | 60.39 | 55 | 6 | 3 |
|   |             | Product length | 202 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | OST6        | Forward primer: CGGTCGAGACATCCCCACCTG | Plus | 20 | 233594 | 233613 | 59.97 | 55 | 3 | 3 |
|   |             | Reverse primer: TGGCAACTCATGGCGCTACT | Minus | 20 | 233692 | 233673 | 59.96 | 50 | 4 | 2 |
|   |             | Product length | 99 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | STT3        | Forward primer: TTCGCTGACATTGGAGGG | Plus | 20 | 819486 | 819505 | 59.96 | 60 | 6 | 3 |
|   |             | Reverse primer: TGGTTGATGGAGCTTCCCTC | Minus | 20 | 819578 | 819559 | 59.97 | 55 | 3 | 1 |
|   |             | Product length | 93 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | DSK2        | Forward primer: CGACCAATGCGCGTAATTG | Plus | 20 | 772641 | 772660 | 60.04 | 55 | 4 | 3 |
|   |             | Reverse primer: CAGCTGCTGACACAAATGAG | Minus | 20 | 772871 | 772852 | 60.11 | 55 | 7 | 3 |
|   |             | Product length | 231 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | ARG3        | Forward primer: GTTGCTGAGAGAAACGGTG | Plus | 20 | 269462 | 269481 | 59.76 | 55 | 5 | 2 |
|   |             | Reverse primer: GCTTGGCCTCTCCTGCAAT | Minus | 20 | 269588 | 269569 | 60.32 | 50 | 4 | 2 |
|   |             | Product length | 127 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | ICL1        | Forward primer: ACCAGGCTTTGGATGAGG | Plus | 20 | 285532 | 285551 | 59.96 | 55 | 4 | 2 |
|   |             | Reverse primer: GTTACAGAGGGTGAGCGCA | Minus | 20 | 285764 | 285745 | 59.97 | 55 | 3 | 1 |
|   |             | Product length | 233 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | CLR2        | Forward primer: CAGAGCAGAGCGTGCACTG | Plus | 20 | 555194 | 555215 | 59.03 | 45.45 | 6 | 2 |
|   |             | Reverse primer: GCCTTGAGAGCGCTCGACAGA | Minus | 20 | 555264 | 555245 | 59.68 | 55 | 4 | 1 |
|   |             | Product length | 71 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | CDC28       | Forward primer: GCGAAGCTTCTCTCAATGCC | Plus | 20 | 560815 | 560834 | 60.11 | 55 | 6 | 2 |
|   |             | Reverse primer: GCCTGCTCCCTCAAGGATTT | Minus | 20 | 560916 | 560897 | 59.82 | 55 | 4 | 1 |
|   |             | Product length | 102 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9 | rp14A       | Forward primer: TTGGCCGCACTCGTCGAAT | Plus | 20 | 431999 | 432018 | 60.18 | 50 | 6 | 3 |
|   |             | Reverse primer: TTGCAGACACTTCTCTGACATA | Minus | 20 | 432120 | 432100 | 60 | 47.62 | 4 | 2 |
|   |             | Product length | 122 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | rp14B    | Forward primer: ACCTAAAACCCACCGTGACG | Plus | 20 | 104415 | 104434 | 59.89 | 55 | 7 | 3 |
|   |             | Reverse primer: GTTGCGGCTCCCTGACATA | Minus | 20 | 104492 | 104473 | 60.04 | 55 | 3 | 2 |
|   |             | Product length | 78 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | TFI1       | Forward primer: ACTGGTAAAGACCGTGACCTTT | Plus | 22 | 555215 | 555215 | 59.03 | 45.45 | 6 | 2 |
|   |             | Reverse primer: GCCTTGAGAGCGCTCGACAGA | Minus | 20 | 555264 | 555245 | 59.68 | 55 | 4 | 1 |
|   |             | Product length | 71 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | HYP2       | Forward primer: TGACATGAGGAGCTGACT | Plus | 20 | 85983 | 86002 | 59.24 | 50 | 5 | 3 |
|   |             | Reverse primer: GCCTTCTCCCATGACGGTTT | Minus | 20 | 86112 | 86093 | 59.82 | 55 | 3 | 2 |
|   |             | Product length | 130 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | UFD1       | Forward primer: GGCGCGGAAAATGGTTTGT | Plus | 20 | 589851 | 589870 | 59.76 | 50 | 3 | 2 |
|   |             | Reverse primer: ATTTCGCCGCAGATGGTTG | Minus | 20 | 589968 | 589949 | 60.04 | 50 | 3 | 2 |
|   |             | Product length | 118 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14 | UFD2       | Forward primer: CGCGAAAGCAATGCTTCACAA | Plus | 20 | 121396 | 121415 | 60.11 | 50 | 4 | 3 |
|   |             | Reverse primer: GTGCCTCAAGGCTCACTCT | Minus | 20 | 121511 | 121492 | 59.96 | 55 | 6 | 1 |
|   |             | Product length | 116 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 | CDC48     | Forward primer: CAGTACCAGGGGACACATA | Plus | 20 | 237886 | 237905 | 60.03 | 60 | 4 | 2 |
|   |             | Reverse primer: CAGTGAGAAGCGGCGACCAT | Minus | 20 | 238201 | 238182 | 60.04 | 55 | 3 | 2 |
|   |             | Product length | 316 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16 | UBC11     | Forward primer: ATCAGTCTCCGGAAACGGACAC | Plus | 20 | 958728 | 958747 | 60.46 | 55 | 5 | 1 |
|   |             | Reverse primer: AGTAGAAGGGTGGTTGG | Minus | 20 | 958827 | 958808 | 59.39 | 55 | 2 | 2 |
|   |             | Product length | 100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17 | CDC20     | Forward primer: TTGCGTCCCCCAACAAAGCAT | Plus | 20 | 289873 | 289892 | 60.18 | 50 | 4 | 2 |
|   |             | Reverse primer: ATTAACGGTGTCACCAAT | Minus | 20 | 290059 | 290040 | 59.96 | 50 | 6 | 2 |
|   |             | Product length | 167 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | MCM2      | Forward primer: GTGGCCTGGATCTTTGTCGC | Plus | 20 | 175437 | 175456 | 59.83 | 55 | 6 | 2 |
|   |             | Reverse primer: CCGCTGTCAATATTAGTCT | Minus | 20 | 175602 | 175583 | 59.97 | 50 | 7 | 3 |
|   |             | Product length | 166 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19 | NSR1      | Forward primer: CTAGAGCCCTTCTTGCGGTC | Plus | 20 | 806681 | 806700 | 60.18 | 60 | 4 | 2 |
|   |             | Reverse primer: CGTCCGTATCCCAACACAT | Minus | 20 | 806773 | 806754 | 59.82 | 55 | 2 | 2 |
|   |             | Product length | 93 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Continued
Table 2. Genes selected for q-PCR analysis. Primer sequences and associated parameters are included.

| # | Gene Symbol | Sequence (5′ > 3′) | Template strand | Length | Start | Stop | Tm | GC (%) | Self complementarity | Self 3′ complementarity |
|---|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------|-------|------|----|--------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 20 | NOP1 | Forward primer: TCTCTGGCTGTGCTGTGAGA | Minus | 20 | 427980 | 427961 | 59.89 | 55 | 4 | 3 |
|   | | Reverse primer: TCCTTGAGGGCTGGTGTGAGA | Plus | 20 | 427853 | 427872 | 60.18 | 50 | 7 | 1 |
|   | | Product length | | 128 | | | | | | |
| 21 | URA2 | Forward primer: CAAATCTGGATGGCCGCTG | Plus | 20 | 166665 | 166684 | 59.9 | 55 | 6 | 2 |
|   | | Reverse primer: AGGGAAGAGCAATGGCTG | Minus | 20 | 166793 | 166774 | 60.04 | 50 | 6 | 2 |
|   | | Product length | | 129 | | | | | | |
| 22 | MCM2 | Forward primer: GTGGCCAATCTTTCGTCTGC | Plus | 20 | 175437 | 175456 | 59.83 | 55 | 6 | 2 |
|   | | Reverse primer: TCTCTGCCTGGTCTGTGAGA | Minus | 20 | 427980 | 427961 | 59.89 | 55 | 4 | 3 |
|   | | Product length | | 166 | | | | | | |

100% glycerol; 2.5 ml DEPC-treated water; mixed by vortexing and autoclaved) was added to the samples for a final concentration of 1 × (1 μg).

β-Galactosidase expression assay. The efficiency of translation was quantified using an inducible β-galactosidase reporter gene in the p416 plasmid82,89. β-galactosidase is a model of intracellular protein synthesis that can provide a profile of aberrancy in the rate of protein synthesis and an estimate of gene expression. Thus, yeast cells transformed with p416 plasmid were preincubated for 1 hour and then exposed to a crescent toxicological curve of Mn (0.25–3 mM) and other divalent ions (Ca2+, Mg2+ and Zn2+ at 0.5, 1.5, 5 mM and a higher 15 mM concentration for Mg2+) for 3 hours at 30°C, followed of spectrophotometric determination of β-galactosidase activity82. Metal ion concentrations were suggested by previous works90–93.

Ribosome profile analysis. Ribosome profiling84, allows for the monitoring of translation dynamics in vivo. Yeast wild type strains were preincubated 1 hr and then grown on YPD media at 30°C to an OD600 of 0.8–1.0, in the absence or presence of 3 mM Mn, for 1 hr and 24 hrs respectively at 30°C. Immediately before harvest, cycloheximide was added to all samples, to a final concentration of 100 μg/ml, and the culture was incubated again at 30°C for 15 minutes, followed by a cold snap in an ice water bath. Cells were harvested, washed with a cycloheximide/water solution (100 μg/ml) and centrifuged at 4000 rpm for 4 min at 4°C using a Sorvall SLA-1500 rotor to separate the supernatant. Cell pellets were resuspended in 10 ml of ice-cold lysis buffer A (YA buffer: 10 mM Tris-HCl [pH 7.4], 100 mM NaCl, 30 mM MgCl2, cycloheximide 50 μg/ml, heparin 200 μg/ml) and centrifuged at 4000 rpm for 4 min at 4°C (Sorvall SS34 rotor) twice. Pellets were resuspended in 750 μl of YA buffer, lysed by vortexing with glass beads, transferred to microtubes, and centrifuged at 13000 rpm for 10 minutes at 4°C. The supernatant was preserved for the quantitative determination of total RNA, followed by fractionation on 10–50% sucrose gradients containing 50 mM Tris-acetate [pH 7.0], 50 mM NH4Cl, 12 mM MgCl2, and 1 mM dithiothreitol. The extract was centrifuged for 2h at 40,000 rpm using a SW40-Ti rotor in a Beckman LE-80 K at 4°C. The polysome profiles were analyzed via a Biocomp gradient station and the absorbance was recorded at 254 nm using a spectrophotometer (Bio-Rad Econo UV monitor) coupled with the Biocomp station. In this method, free mRNAs from the top fractions were separated from polysome-associated mRNAs from the bottom fractions85.

Protein-protein interaction (PPI) prediction and gene ontology (GO) analysis. A PPI network can be described as a heterogeneous network of proteins joined by interactions as edges. Protein network and GO enrichment analysis were based on the data from the current project and analyzed using the STRING database (http://string-db.org)38. Additional GO analysis was conducted at the Comparative Toxicogenomic Database – CTD (http://ctdbase.org/)48 to test the hypothesis of a conserved mode of action of Mn between yeast and humans. Both STRING and the CTD database were accessed on November 18th, 2018.

Data analysis. The results were expressed as mean ± sem of at least three independent experiments. To detect statistically significant differences, ANOVA (analysis of variance) followed by Bonferroni’s tests was used; preceded of single t-test analysis between pairs of treatments. Fitting and statistical analyses were performed using GraphPad Prism (GraphPad 4.0 Software Inc, San Diego, CA, USA).

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All data generated and/or analyzed during this study are included in this published article and/or its Supplementary Material Files.

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