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HIV-1 Gag release from yeast reveals ESCRT interaction with the Gag N-terminal protein region

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Supporting information

Fig. S1 shows that Gag-GFP forms punctate structures at the plasma membrane, visible by fluorescence microscopy. **Fig. S2** shows that Gag-GFP forms punctate structures at the plasma membrane, visible by fluorescence microscopy. **Fig. S3** shows that Gag(G2A)-GFP does not form punctate structures at the plasma membrane, visible by fluorescence microscopy.

Fig. S4 shows that Gag-GFP expression induces buds at the PM, visible by EM of Epon embedded yeast.

Fig. S5 shows that Gag-GFP expression induces buds at the PM, visible by EM of Epon embedded yeast.

Fig. S6 shows that Gag-GFP accumulates in PM buds of the WT YWO1 and SUB62, visible by EM of cryosections labeled with immunogold.

Fig. S7 demonstrates that ESCRT deletion does not impair Gag-GFP-membrane binding after MET3 promoter induction, that Gag-GFP expressed from a 2μ vector with MET3 promoter is released from yeast spheroplasts, that release depends on Gag myristoylation, is reduced by ESCRT deletion, that we did not detect release when Gag-GFP was expressed from the ARS/CEN vector, and demonstrates with additional experiments that release of Gag-GFP expressed from the 2μ vector with PGK promoter is reduced by ESCRT deletion.

Fig. S8 coimmunoprecipitation experiments, showing that Bro1 binds to CA, that Vps23 binds to NC-containing Gag fragments in the presence of 150 mM NaCl, that the presence of 400 mM NaCl does not alter the p6-dependent Gag binding to ALIX and TSG101 compared to 150 mM NaCl.

Fig. S9 binding assays comparing different epitope tags.

Fig. S10 shows that Gag(Δ 8-87)-GFP accumulates at the PM in structures with larger diameters than Gag-GFP, visible by fluorescence microscopy.

Fig. S11 shows examples of coimmunoprecipitation experiments done to characterize the MA-Bro1 interaction.

Fig. S12 shows that Vps23 binding to MA is independent of Bro1 and vice versa.

Fig. S13 shows that L31 or W36 mutation increases Gag-GFP-membrane binding and Gag-GFP release from yeast spheroplasts, that the Δ NCA mutation does not reduce Gag-GFP-membrane association and reduces Gag-GFP release, is dominant over MA3*, that p6 deletion does not further reduce Gag(MA3*/ Δ NCA)-GFP release, and that V35E reduces Bro1 binding to Gag-GFP in presence of Δ NCA and p6.

Fig. S14 shows that Gag(MA3*)-GFP forms punctate structures at the PM similar to Gag-GFP and does not form aggregates, visible by fluorescence microscopy.

Fig. S15 shows that $Gag(\Delta NCA)$ -GFP forms punctate structures at the PM similar to Gag-GFP and does not form aggregates, visible by fluorescence microscopy.

Fig. S16 shows PM rim staining of MA3*-GFP, visible by fluorescence microscopy.

Fig. S17 shows PM rim staining of MA3*-GFP, visible by fluorescence microscopy.

Fig. S18 shows that the MA3* release increasing effect depends on yeast ESCRT proteins, that $Gag(\Delta NCA)$ -GFP release from $\Delta vps4$ spheroplasts is slightly decreased compared to Gag-GFP, that the MA3* mutation increases Gag-GFP release from HEK293 cells and that a combination of ΔNCA and mutation of the ALIX binding site in p6 (p6A*) abrogates this increase.

Fig. S19 shows that the genomically epitope-tagged ESCRT proteins used in this study are functional.

Table S1 lists yeast strains used in this study.



Gag-GFP

Fig. S1: The intracellular localization of Gag-GFP expressed from a 2μ vector with PGK promoter in WT yeast cells was analyzed by fluorescence microscopy, showing that Gag-GFP accumulates in punctate structures at the PM. Two layers of yeast cells are shown. DIC: differential interference contrast.

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Fig. S2: The intracellular localization of Gag-GFP expressed from a 2μ vector with PGK promoter in WT yeast cells was analyzed by fluorescence microscopy, showing that Gag-GFP accumulates in punctate structures at the PM. Three layers of yeast cells are shown. DIC: differential interference contrast.



Fig. S3: Gag(G2A)-GFP expressed from a 2μ vector with PGK promoter in WT yeast cells was analyzed by fluorescence microscopy, showing a cytosolic localization. Gag(G2A)-GFP accumulations in undefined structures were visible in approximately one third of the cells. Enhanced brightness (b). DIC: differential interference contrast.



Fig. S4: WT yeast cells expressing Gag-GFP from a 2μ vector with MET3 promoter (+, **A.-D.**) or carrying the empty vector (-, **E.-G**.) were embedded in Epon. Sections were analyzed by EM, exhibiting buds (arrows) at the PM in presence of Gag-GFP. Cells were grown in medium containing 20 mg/l methionine to repress the promoter. To induce the promoter, cells were shifted to medium lacking methionine for 6 h. Sections shown in A, B, C, F, G are derived

from the same experiment. A. is also shown in Fig. 1F. Sections shown in D and E are derived from a second independent experiment. Asterisks indicate the cell wall.



Fig. S5: WT yeast cells expressing Gag-GFP from a 2μ vector with MET3 promoter (+, **A.-D.**) or carrying the empty vector (-, **E**) were embedded in Epon. Sections were analyzed by EM, exhibiting buds (arrows) at the PM in presence

of Gag-GFP. Cells were grown in medium containing 20 mg/l methionine to repress the promoter. To induce the promoter, cells were shifted to medium lacking methionine for 6 h. The sections are derived from one experiment that is independent of the experiments shown in Fig. S4.



Fig. S6: PM deformation (arrows) induced by Gag-GFP expression was analyzed by EM. Cryosections of WT yeast cells (SUB62) expressing Gag-GFP from a 2μ vector with PGK promoter (A.) or of WT cells (YWO1) expressing Gag-GFP from a 2μ vector with MET3 promoter induced for 6 h (B.) were prepared. GFP was labeled with immunogold. Asterisks indicate the cell wall. A. is also shown in Fig. 1G.

Gag-GFP expression from the inducible MET3 promoter

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Gag-GFP expression from the constitutive PGK promoter



Fig. S7: A. and B. Gag-GFP-membrane binding after MET3-promoter induction was analyzed, showing that ESCRT deletion does not impair Gag-membrane binding. WT cells or the indicated ESCRT mutants carrying a Gag-GFP 2µ expression vector with MET3 promoter were grown in medium containing 20 mg/ml methionine to repress the promoter. To induce the promoter, cells were shifted to medium lacking methionine. After 60, 90, 120, and 360 min cell extracts (B) were prepared and separated by centrifugation at 25,000g into a membrane-containing sediment (P) and a cytosol-containing supernatant (S) (A). The samples were analyzed by immunoblotting with anti-GFP

antibodies. Sec61 (ER-membrane protein) and PGK (cytosolic protein) served as references. **C. and D.** Gag-GFP release from yeast spheroplasts was analyzed by immunoblotting of high-speed centrifugation sediments derived from the incubation medium with anti-GFP antibodies (VLPs). GFP-tagged Gag or Gag(G2A) was expressed from a 2μ vector with MET3 promoter in the WT or the indicated mutants. The promoter was induced when spheroplast preparation started. Immunoblots with antibodies detecting PGK (cytosolic protein), Sec61 (ER-membrane protein), or Emp47 (Golgi and COPII membrane protein) served as control for specific Gag release. S: lysate of spheroplasts prepared at the final VLP harvest. **C.** Showing myristoylation-dependent release. The first VLP harvest after 2-h incubation is not shown. **D.** Showing ESCRT-dependent release. **E.** Same as above except that Gag-GFP was expressed from a 2μ vector or an ARS/CEN vector with MET3 promoter, showing that VLPs cannot be harvested from spheroplasts expressing Gag-GFP from the ARS/CEN vector. The promoter was induced during yeast cultivation. **F.-H.** Same as above except that Gag-GFP was expressed from a 2μ vector with PGK promoter in the WT or the indicated mutants, showing ESCRT-dependent release. **A.-H.** Long (a) and short (b) exposures are shown.

Yeast: coimmunoprecipitations



HEK293: coimmunoprecipitations



Fig. S8: A. and B. Coimmunoprecipitation experiments with GFP-tagged Gag or Gag fragments expressed from a 2μ vector with induced MET3 promoter in yeast strains carrying genomically epitope-tagged Bro1 or Vps23. Gag or Gag fragments were immunoprecipitated with anti-GFP antibodies and coimmunoprecipitated Bro1 or Vps23 was detected by immunoblotting with antibodies against the epitope tag. MA (aa 1-132), CA (aa 133-363), p6 (aa 448–500), CA-SP1-NC-SP2 (aa 133–447), SP1-NC-SP2 (aa 364-447), SP1-NC-SP2-p6 (aa 364–500). **A**. Showing that Bro1 binds to CA. In the presence of 400 mM NaCl. **B.** In the presence of 150 mM NaCl, showing that Vps23 coprecipitates with an NC-containing fragment under these salt conditions. **C. and D.** Coimmunoprecipitations of epitope-tagged ALIX or TSG101 with GFP-tagged Gag versions expressed from CMV-promoter vectors in HEK293 cells, showing that ALIX binding to Gag is reduced but not prevented by p6 deletion. TSG101 binding to Gag-GFP more strongly depends on p6. GFP-tagged proteins were immunoprecipitated with anti-GFP antibodies in the presence of 400 mM NaCl and coimmunoprecipitated ALIX or TSG101 was detected with anti-GFP antibodies in the presence of 400 mM NaCl and coimmunoprecipitated ALIX or TSG101 was detected with anti-GFP antibodies in the presence of 400 mM NaCl and coimmunoprecipitated ALIX or TSG101 was detected with anti-GFP antibodies in the presence of 400 mM NaCl and coimmunoprecipitated ALIX or TSG101 was detected with antibodies recognizing the epitope tag.

Yeast: GST-pull-downs



Yeast: coimmunoprecipitations



HEK293: GST-pull-downs



Fig. S9: Binding assays comparing different epitope tags. **A.–D.** GST-tagged Gag fragments (MA (aa 1-132), CA (aa 133-363), p6 (aa 448-500)) expressed in *E.coli* were bound to Glutathione Sepharose and incubated with extract of yeast cells carrying genomically epitope-tagged Bro1. The binding buffer contained 400 mM NaCl. Bead-bound proteins were analyzed by immunoblotting with the indicated antibodies. PGK served as control, showing specific Bro1 binding. P6T*: mutated TSG101 binding site, p6A*: mutated ALIX binding site. **A.** Fig. 3I shown for comparison. **D.** Fig. 3H with additional exposures shown for comparison. **E.–F.** Gag-GFP or MA-GFP was expressed from a 2μ vector with induced MET3 promoter in yeast strains carrying genomically epitope-tagged Bro1. GFP-

tagged proteins were immunoprecipitated with anti-GFP antibodies and coimmunoprecipitated Bro1 was detected by immunoblotting with anti-HA or anti-Myc antibodies. A long (a) and a short (b) exposure are shown. **G.-J.** GST-tagged MA or p6 expressed in *E.coli* was bound to Glutathione Sepharose and incubated with extract of HEK293 cells expressing epitope-tagged ALIX or TSG101 from a CMV-promoter vector in the presence of 150 mM NaCl. Bead-bound proteins were analyzed by immunoblotting with the indicated antibodies.



Gag(∆8-87)-GFP



Fig. S10: Gag(Δ 8-87)-GFP or Gag-GFP expressed from a 2 μ vector with PGK promoter in WT yeast cells was analyzed by fluorescence microscopy. Compared to Gag-GFP, Gag(Δ 8-87)-GFP forms fewer structures at the PM with larger diameters. DIC: differential interference contrast. The Gag-GFP image is also shown in Fig. S2.



Fig. S11: Examples of coimmunoprecipitation experiments that were done to characterize the MA-Bro1 interaction. GFP-tagged Gag, Gag fragments, or MA (aa 1-132) versions were expressed from a 2μ vector with induced MET3 promoter in yeast cells carrying genomically 3HA-tagged Bro1. GFP-tagged proteins or peptides were immunoprecipitated with anti-GFP antibodies in the presence of 400 mM NaCl and coimmunoprecipitated Bro1 was detected by immunoblotting with anti-HA antibodies. **A.-C.** With MA fragments or internal-deletion mutants, indicating that helix-2 (aa 30-43) and the strand loop between helix-1 and 2 (aa 20-29) might be involved in the MA-Bro1 interaction. Secondary structural-element assignments are derived from the MA x-ray structure (11). **D.-F.** AAA-scanning mutagenesis for MA residues 20 to 43, showing that YKL29,30,31AAA and VWA35,36,37AAA reduce the MA-Bro1 interaction. As the effects are weak, three experiments are shown to prove that the results are reproducible.

Yeast: coimmunoprecipitations



Fig. S12: A.-C. Coimmunoprecipitation experiments with GFP-tagged Gag or MA (aa 1-132) expressed from a 2μ vector with induced MET3 promoter in yeast strains carrying genomically 9Myc-tagged Vps23 or Bro1. Gag or MA was immunoprecipitated with anti-GFP antibodies and coimmunoprecipitated Vps23 or Bro1 was detected by immunoblotting with anti-Myc antibodies in the presence of 400 mM NaCl. **A.** With WT yeast cells or the indicated mutants, showing that Vps23 coimmunoprecipitated with Gag independent of Bro1. Bro1 coimmunoprecipitated with Gag expressed in a $\Delta vps23$ mutant. Because Gag expression was reduced in this strain, the coimmunoprecipitated Bro1 amount cannot be directly compared with that precipitated from the WT strain. **B.** With WT yeast cells or a $\Delta vps23$ mutant, showing that Bro1 coimmunoprecipitated with MA in absence of Vps23. Same problem as in A. **C.** With WT yeast cells or the indicated mutants, showing that Vps23 bound to GST-MA expressed in *E. coli* while VPS23 or BRO1 was deleted. GST-MA (aa 1-132) was bound to Glutathione Sepharose and incubated with yeast extract in the presence of 150 mM NaCl. Bead-bound proteins were analyzed by immunoblotting with the indicated antibodies.



Fig. S13: A.-C. Membrane-containing 25,000g pellets (P) and cytosol-containing supernatants (S) derived from cell extracts (T) were analyzed by immunoblotting with the indicated antibodies, showing that L31 or W36 mutations increase Gag-membrane binding and that the Δ NCA mutation does not reduce Gag-membrane association. The cytosolic protein GAPDH and the integral ER-membrane protein Sec61 served as references. D.-I. Release of Gag-GFP versions from WT yeast spheroplasts was analyzed by immunoblotting of high-speed centrifugation sediments derived from the incubation medium with anti-GFP antibodies (VLPs). S: lysate of spheroplasts prepared at the final VLP harvest. D.-H. Showing that MA mutations in L31 and W36 increase Gag release. I. Showing that ΔNCA reduces Gag release, is dominant over MA3*, and that p6 deletion does not further reduce Gag(MA3*/ΔNCA) release. A.-I. Gag-GFP versions were expressed from a 2µ vector with PGK promoter in WT yeast. Long (a) and short (b) exposures are shown. J. Coimmunoprecipitation experiment with Gag-GFP versions expressed from a 2µ vector with induced MET3 promoter in yeast cells carrying genomically 9Myc-tagged Bro1, showing that although V35E does not the Bro1 reduce the Gag-Bro1 coimmunoprecipitation, amount that coimmunoprecipitates with

 $Gag(V35E/\Delta NCA/\Delta p6)$ -GFP is reduced compared to $Gag(\Delta NCA/\Delta p6)$ -GFP. Gag was immunoprecipitated with anti-GFP antibodies in the presence of 400 mM NaCl and coimmunoprecipitated Bro1 was detected by immunoblotting with anti-Myc antibodies.

Gag(MA3*)-GFP



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Fig. S14: Gag(MA3*)-GFP expressed from a 2µ vector with PGK promoter in WT yeast cells was analyzed by fluorescence microscopy, showing that Gag(MA3*)-GFP forms punctate structures at the PM similar to Gag-GFP (Fig. S1, S2) and does not form aggregates. DIC: differential interference contrast.

Gag(∆NCA)-GFP





Fig. S15: Gag(Δ NCA)-GFP expressed from a 2 μ vector with PGK promoter in WT yeast cells was analyzed by fluorescence microscopy, showing that Gag(Δ NCA)-GFP forms punctate structures at the PM similar to Gag-GFP (Fig. S1 and S2) and does not form aggregates. DIC: differential interference contrast.



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Fig. S16: MA3*-GFP expressed from a 2µ vector with PGK promoter in WT yeast cells was analyzed by fluorescence microscopy, showing PM rim staining. DIC: differential interference contrast, b: enhanced brightness.



MA3*-GFP

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Fig. S17: MA3*-GFP expressed from a 2µ vector with PGK promoter in WT yeast cells was analyzed by fluorescence microscopy, showing PM rim staining. DIC: differential interference contrast, b: enhanced brightness.





Fig. 18: Gag-GFP release from yeast spheroplasts was analyzed by immunoblotting of high-speed centrifugation sediments derived from the incubation medium with anti-GFP antibodies (VLPs). Gag-GFP versions were expressed from a 2μ vector with PGK promoter in the WT or the indicated mutants. S: lysate of spheroplasts prepared at the final VLP harvest. Long (a) and short (b) exposures are shown. A.-D. $\Delta vps23\Delta bro1$ nearly abolished the MA3* effect after 5 and 7 h of incubation. C., E.-G. Gag(MA3*)-GFP release from $\Delta bro1$ spheroplasts was increased compared to Gag-GFP in 2 experiments (C. and E.), whereas the MA3* effect was abolished in two other experiments (F. and G.). D., H. –J. Gag(MA3*)-GFP release from $\Delta vps23$ spheroplasts was increased compared to Gag-GFP. N. Gag-GFP release from $\Delta vps4$ spheroplasts was slightly decreased compared to Gag-GFP. N. Gag-GFP release from HEK293 cells 2 d after transfection with CMV-promoter expression vectors for the indicated Gag versions. VLPs were harvested from the culture medium and cell lysates were prepared. Gag-GFP was detected by immunoblotting with anti-GFP antibodies. Several exposures (a,b,c) are shown. The MA3* mutation increased Gag-GFP release. A combination of ΔNCA and mutation of the ALIX binding site in p6 (p6A*) abrogated this increase, whereas an isolated p6A* mutation did not impair Gag-GFP release.



Fig. S19: Bro1-3HA, Bro-9Myc, and Vps23-9Myc are functional in the CPS-transport assay. **A.–C.** The vacuolar processing of N-terminally GFP-tagged carboxypeptidase S (GFP-CPS) was analyzed in yeast strains carrying genomically epitope-tagged ESCRT proteins (31, 129). **D.** CPS is a soluble vacuolar enzyme that is synthesized as a precursor type II transmembrane protein, transported to the vacuolar interior by the MVB pathway, and cleaved from its transmembrane anchor by vacuolar hydrolases. In GFP-CPS transport, the GFP moiety is initially located on the cytosolic side of the endosomal membrane, GFP-CPS is sorted into MVB vesicles and transported into the endosomal interior. After endosome-vacuole fusion, vacuolar enzymes degrade the vesicles and release free GFP and CPS. In ESCRT knockout mutants, MVB vesicle formation is impaired and GFP-CPS accumulates in the limiting endosomal and vacuolar membranes. After proteolytic processing, GFP remains connected to the short cytosolic and transmembrane domain of CPS (GFP-TM). **A.–C.** Lysate of WT cells, ESCRT knockout mutants, or strains with genomically epitope-tagged Bro1 or Vps23 carrying a GFP-CPS expression plasmid were analyzed by immunoblotting with the indicated antibodies. PGK served as loading control. Short (a) and long (b) exposures are shown. #, *: signal of Protein A (ProA) reactivity with antibodies used for the detection of other epitope tags. PAP: peroxidase-anti-peroxidase complex.

Yeast cells were disrupted with glass beads in 50 mM Tris (pH 7.5) and 1% SDS containing protease inhibitors. The lysates were cleared by centrifugation (10 min, 16,000g).

Table S1: yeast strains used in this study.

Strain	Genotype	Reference
YWO1	<i>MATα</i> , <i>trp-1(am)</i> , <i>his3-Δ200</i> , <i>ura3-52</i> , <i>lys2-801</i> , <i>leu2-3</i> , - 112	Ref. 136
YBM87	MATα, vps23::HIS3 , trp-1(am), his3-Δ200, ura3-52, lys2- 801, leu2-3, -112	this study
YBM88	MATα, bro1::KanMX6 , trp-1(am), his3-Δ200, ura3-52, lys2-801, leu2-3, -112	this study
YBM89	MATα, vps23::HIS3, bro1::KanMX6 , trp-1(am), his3- Δ200, ura3-52, lys2-801, leu2-3, -112	this study
YBM90	MATα, vps4::HIS3 , trp-1(am), his3-Δ200, ura3-52, lys2- 801, leu2-3, -112	this study
YBM91	MATα, vps20::HIS3 , trp-1(am), his3-Δ200, ura3-52, lys2- 801, leu2-3, -112	this study
YBM92	MATα, vps27::HIS3 , trp-1(am), his3-Δ200, ura3-52, lys2- 801, leu2-3, -112	this study
YBM93	MATα, vps28::HIS3 , trp-1(am), his3-Δ200, ura3-52, lys2- 801, leu2-3, -112	this study
YBM94	MATα, Bro1-3HA:HIS3 , trp-1(am), his3-Δ200, ura3-52, lys2-801, leu2-3, -112	this study
YBM95	MATα, Bro1-9Myc:TRP1 , trp-1(am), his3-Δ200, ura3-52, lys2-801, leu2-3, -112	this study
YBM96	MATα, Vps23-9Myc:TRP1 , trp-1(am), his3-Δ200, ura3- 52, lys2-801, leu2-3, -112	this study
YBM97	MATα, Bro1-9Myc:TRP1 , vps23::KanMX6, trp-1(am), his3-Δ200, ura3-52, lys2-801, leu2-3, -112	this study
YBM98	MATα, Vps23-9Myc:TRP1 , bro1::KanMX6 , trp-1(am), his3-Δ200, ura3-52, lys2-801, leu2-3, -112	this study
YBM99	MATα, Vps23-9Myc:TRP1 , vps27::KanMX6 , trp-1(am), his3-Δ200, ura3-52, lys2-801, leu2-3, -112	this study
SUB62	$MS3-\Delta 200, ura3-32, tys2-801, teu2-3, -112$ MATa, trp1-1(am), his3- $\Delta 200$, ura3-52, lys2-801, leu2- 3,112	Ref. 137