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Receptor-bound targets of selective autophagy use a scaffold protein to activate the Atg1 kinase

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SUMMARY

Selective autophagy eliminates protein aggregates, damaged organelles, and other targets that otherwise accumulate and cause disease. Autophagy receptors mediate selectivity by connecting targets to the autophagosome membrane. It has remained unknown whether receptors perform additional functions. Here, we show that in yeast certain receptor-bound targets activate Atg1, the kinase that controls autophagosome formation. Specifically, we found that in nutrient-rich conditions, Atg1 is active only in a multi-subunit complex comprising constitutive protein aggregates, their autophagy receptor, and a scaffold protein Atg11. Development of a cell-free assay for Atg1-mediated phosphorylation enabled us to activate Atg1 with purified receptor-bound aggregates and Atg11. Another target, damaged peroxisomes, also activated Atg1 using Atg11 with a distinct receptor. Our work reveals that receptor-target complexes activate Atg1 to drive formation of selective autophagosomes. This regulatory logic is a key similarity between selective autophagy and bulk autophagy, which is initiated by a distinct Atg1 activation mechanism during starvation.
INTRODUCTION

Selective autophagy promotes the survival of non-dividing cells, such as neurons, by preventing the accumulation of cytotoxic structures (Hara et al., 2006; Komatsu et al., 2006). Targets of selective autophagy are first detected in the cytosol by receptor proteins (Behrends and Fulda, 2012). Once bound by receptors, targets are sequestered in autophagosomes, double-membrane vesicles that subsequently fuse with lysosomes, resulting in target destruction. The vesicle membrane is the product of a cup-shaped precursor structure that grows around receptor-bound targets until it fuses with itself. Each round of target elimination turns over an autophagosome precursor, but no mechanistic link connecting target detection with precursor biogenesis has been identified.

Though the primary described role of autophagy receptors is to bridge targets to autophagosome-tethered Atg8-family proteins (Ichimura et al., 2000; Rogov et al., 2014; Schreiber and Peter, 2014; Wild et al., 2011), autophagy receptors also bind Atg11-like proteins in both yeast (Yorimitsu and Klionsky, 2005) and higher organisms (Lin et al., 2013; Rui et al., 2015). The function of the interactions between autophagy receptors and Atg11 family proteins is unknown. Intriguingly, Atg11-like proteins also interact with the autophagy kinase (Atg1 in yeast (Yorimitsu and Klionsky, 2005) and ULK1/2 in metazoans (Hara et al., 2008; Rui et al., 2015)), which is required for both selective and non-selective forms of autophagy. Studies of non-selective autophagy in yeast have shown that nutrient depletion causes Atg1 autoactivation by a mechanism dependent on inhibition of Tor kinase signaling (Kamada et al., 2000; Stephan et al., 2009). Once Atg1 phosphorylates its activation loop it becomes catalytically active (Yeh et al., 2010) and able to drive formation of non-selective autophagosome membranes by mechanisms
dependent on substrate phosphorylation (Papinski et al., 2014). This regulatory logic enables coordination of nutrient deprivation with nutrient replenishment by cytoplasmic turnover. By contrast, the possibility that Atg1 kinase activity is also regulated in nourished cells to couple target detection with selective autophagosome formation has not been explored. We hypothesized that receptor-bound targets can activate Atg1 using Atg11 as a scaffold for signal transduction (Figure 1A).

RESULTS

Atg11 Bridges the Atg1-Atg13 Subcomplex with Atg19-Bound Targets

The first key prediction of our hypothesis is that Atg11 scaffolds interactions between receptor-bound targets and Atg1. Budding yeast cells deliver newly-synthesized aminopeptidase precursor pApe1 to the vacuole (yeast lysosome) by a selective autophagy process that depends on the autophagy receptor Atg19, Atg11, Atg1, and Atg13 (an Atg1-binding protein required for Atg1 kinase activity) (Kamada et al., 2000; Kim et al., 2001; Scott et al., 2001). To detect any pApe1 interactions with Atg1, we affinity-purified FLAG-Atg1 from crude, detergent-solubilized extracts using anti-FLAG magnetic beads. Following elution with FLAG peptide, we analyzed the purified material by protein staining (Figure 1B), immunoblotting (Figures 1B and Figure S1A), and quantitative mass spectrometry (Figure S1B). pApe1 co-immunoprecipitated with wild-type Atg1, as well as with kinase-dead Atg1 (kd-Atg1; D211A mutant) and autoactivation-dead Atg1 (ad-Atg1; T226A) (Figure S1A), which is missing a critical phosphorylation site in the activation loop of the kinase domain (Lazarus et al., 2015; Yeh et al., 2010). In addition to pApe1, three other proteins were abundantly associated with Atg1: Atg13, Atg11, and Atg19. By purifying kd-Atg1 from cell extracts lacking individual Atg1-associated proteins, we made three
observations arguing that Atg1 is part of a multi-subunit complex in which Atg11 bridges the core kinase subcomplex (comprising Atg1 and Atg13) with Atg19-bound pApe1 (Figure 1B; Figure S1B). First, in the absence of Atg11, Atg1 and Atg13 formed a subcomplex devoid of the other components. Second, in the absence of Atg19, Atg1-Atg13 and Atg11 formed a ternary complex devoid of pApe1. Third, in the absence of Atg13, Atg1 interacted only weakly with Atg11 (Figure S1C) and, hence, Atg19-pApe1. The existence of the multi-subunit Atg1 kinase complex containing pApe1 described here (Figure 1C) has apparently escaped notice in past biochemical studies of immunoprecipitated Atg1, possibly because the Ape1 aggregate is large enough to be sterically excluded from sepharose beads (Inada et al., 2002), and, in the presence of physiological salts, is cleared from cell extracts by centrifugation (>5000 × g) (Scott et al., 2001).

**Atg1 Activity is Controlled by Atg19-Bound Targets**

The second key prediction of our hypothesis is that Atg1 kinase is turned on in nourished cells by binding to pApe1 targets. In vivo, Atg1 kinase activation causes autophosphorylation resulting in the appearance of a slower-migrating form of Atg1 on SDS polyacrylamide gels (Figure S1D) (Yeh et al., 2010). In wild-type cells a fraction of Atg1 was autophosphorylated (Figure 1D; Figure S1D) and, as predicted, cells lacking either pApe1, Atg19, or Atg11 had a significantly reduced level of autophosphorylated Atg1 (Figure 1D; Figure S1E). Notably, Atg1 autophosphorylation could be induced in ape1Δ, atg19Δ, and atg11Δ cells following treatment with rapamycin, an inhibitor of Tor kinase signaling that mimics starvation (Kamada et al., 2000; Kim et al., 2001; Scott et al., 2001). These data provide strong support for our hypothesis that pApe1-Atg19 complexes control Atg1 activity in nourished cells and confirm that these factors
are dispensable for the canonical pathway of Atg1 activation that occurs via repression of Tor kinase signaling.

To verify that that Atg19-bound targets increase the catalytic activity of Atg1, we incubated affinity-purified Atg1 with myelin basic protein (MBP) and ATPγ32P (Kamada et al., 2000). MBP was robustly phosphorylated upon incubation with wild-type Atg1, but not kd-Atg1 or ad-Atg1 (Figure S1F). Consistent with our hypothesis, Atg1 catalytic activity was dependent on Atg11 and Atg19 (Figure 1E; Figure S1G). More precisely, we disrupted the Atg11-Atg19 interaction using either Atg11 lacking the Receptor-Binding Domain (RBD) (Figure S1H) (Yorimitsu and Klionsky, 2005), which is dispensable for the Atg1-Atg11 interaction (Figure S1I), or a mutant version of Atg19 that is unable to bind Atg11 (Atg19Δ11BD) (Figure S1J) (Shintani et al., 2002) and observed a strong decrease in Atg1 catalytic activity (Figures 1F and 1G; Figures S1K and S1L). We also noted that Atg1 activity was only partially dependent on pApe1 (Figure 1E; Figure S1G) and this might reflect Atg19’s ability to recognize other protein aggregates in the absence of pApe1 (Lynch-Day and Klionsky, 2010). In sum, our data demonstrate that “basal” Atg1 activity in nourished cells is in fact dictated by a chain of interactions between the Atg1-Atg13 subcomplex, Atg11, and Atg19-bound targets.

**Atg1 Activation by Atg19-Bound Targets Drives Autophagosome Membrane Elongation During Nutrient-Rich Conditions**

The mechanistic role of Atg1 kinase activity during autophagy has primarily been studied in the context of the formation of the large (600-900nm) autophagosomes induced by starvation, where it has been shown that Atg1 kinase activity and phosphorylation of Atg9 are required for
expansion of the autophagosome membrane (Papinski et al., 2014; Suzuki et al., 2013). Though the kinase activity of Atg1 is also essential for the trafficking of pApe1 to the vacuole (Kijanska et al., 2010; Papinski et al., 2014), the precise step at which Atg1 kinase activity is required during selective autophagy has not been clarified. In particular, it has not been determined whether Atg1 kinase activity is similarly necessary to promote membrane elongation during formation of the much smaller (~150nm) autophagosomes that enwrap pApe1 aggregates, or if it is strictly required for a later step in autophagy progression (Kraft et al., 2012).

To test the hypothesis that Atg1 kinase activation by pApe1 aggregates is required for elongation of selective autophagosome membranes, we first studied the intracellular localization of Atg2, a protein that localizes to the growing rim of cup-shaped autophagosome membranes (Suzuki et al., 2013). In starved cells, localization of Atg2 to the site of autophagosome formation requires Atg1 kinase activity (Papinski et al., 2014). In nourished cells, Atg2-GFP targeting to pApe1 aggregates results in a punctum of fluorescence (Shintani and Klionsky, 2004) and we found that the proportion of mCherry-Ape1 puncta that colocalized with Atg2-GFP puncta was significantly decreased in cells lacking Atg1 or expressing \textit{kd}-Atg1 or \textit{ad}-Atg1 (Figure 2A and 2B), whereas mCherry-Ape1 puncta formation was unchanged (Figure S2A). These data argue that autoactivated Atg1 molecules are required to initiate membrane expansion during selective autophagy.

As an orthogonal means of examining the role of Atg1 activation on autophagosome membrane expansion in cells, we used transmission electron microscopy (TEM) and immunogold labeling of pApe1 aggregates. To visualize fully-extended autophagosome membranes, which have a
short half-life in wild-type cells (Geng et al., 2008), we used the \( \gamma p i 7 \Delta \) background, in which autophagosomes cannot fuse with the vacuole (Sawa-Makarska et al., 2014). We found that cells expressing wild-type Atg1 exhibited Ape1 clusters that were frequently surrounded by electron-lucent structures that are indicative of double-membrane-bound autophagosomes (Figure 2C; Figure S2B). These structures were never observed in cells expressing Atg11\( \Delta \)RBD, confirming that they are indeed representative of selective autophagosomes (Figure 2C; Figure S2B). In cells expressing \( kd \)-Atg1 or \( ad \)-Atg1, we never observed autophagosome membranes around pApe1 aggregates (Figure 2C; Figure S2B). Collectively, these data show that Atg1 kinase activation is required in nourished cells for the membrane expansion step during selective autophagosome formation.

**A Chemical Genetics Approach for Studying Atg1 Kinase Regulation in Vitro**

The most rigorous test of our hypothesis necessitates biochemical reconstitution of Atg1 kinase activation by autophagy targets. Biochemical reconstitution of the minimal Atg1-Atg13 subcomplex, however, has been elusive. Therefore, we developed a chemical genetics approach that detects Atg1 activity in cell extracts and is amenable to mechanistic dissection by genetic analysis, as well as biochemical reconstitution with pure components. Specifically, we replaced the bulky ‘gatekeeper residue’ in the ATP-binding pocket of Atg1 with a glycine residue (Blethrow et al., 2004) (Figure S3A) to create a functional ATP-analog-sensitive allele of Atg1 (\( as \)-Atg1) (Figure S3B). To selectively monitor \( as \)-Atg1 activity in cell extracts, we utilized an unnatural, bulky ATP derivative (\( N^6 \)-PhEt-ATP\( \gamma \)S) that is inaccessible to wild-type kinases (Figure 3A) but allows for thiophosphorylation of \( as \)-kinase substrates (Allen et al., 2007). As Atg1 is expressed at a low level (Geng et al., 2008), we improved detection of its kinase activity
in two ways. First, as the endogenous nucleoside diphosphate kinase Ynk1 rapidly consumes ATP analogs (Figure S3C), we used a ynk1Δ genetic background to allow for longer labeling times. Second, we expressed from its endogenous locus a mutant version of Atg13 (ΔSA) that stabilizes Atg13’s interaction with Atg1 (Kamada et al., 2010), which led to more robust substrate labeling (Figure S3D).

We grew cells expressing as-Atg1 from its endogenous locus in rich medium and prepared extracts to which we added N^6-PhEt-ATPγS. Following incubation, extracts were alkylated and analyzed by immunoblotting with an anti-thiophosphate ester antibody (Figure 3A). The extract containing as-Atg1 yielded a stereotyped banding pattern that was absent from the control wild-type extract (Figure 3B). The two most prominent bands had the expected molecular weights of Atg1 and Atg13, which are known Atg1 substrates (Joo et al., 2011; Yeh et al., 2010). To verify these assignments, we epitope-tagged each protein and observed the expected size increases (Figure 3B). We also verified that as-Atg1 thiophosphorylated the two remaining known Atg1 substrates: Atg2 and Atg9 (Papinski et al., 2014) (Figure 3C). By analogy to mammalian ULK1, which phosphorylates Beclin1 (Atg6 homolog) (Russell et al., 2013), we confirmed that as-Atg1 phosphorylated Atg6 (Figure 3C). Lastly, we confirmed that thiophosphorylation of Atg6 and Atg9 was dependent on their recruitment to the site of autophagosome formation in vivo (Figure S3E) (Backues et al., 2015; Obara et al., 2006). Taken together, these data demonstrate that our cell-free system recapitulates the known substrate specificities of Atg1.

Our extracts were prepared from nourished cells in which Atg1 activity should come specifically from kinase molecules that are part of a multi-subunit complex containing Atg13, Atg11, and
Atg19-bound aggregates. Consistent with this notion, Atg1 activity in vitro was severely diminished in \( atg13\Delta, atg11\Delta, \) and \( atg19\Delta \) extracts. Both Atg1 and Atg19 have Atg8-binding sites but Atg8 was not essential for maintaining Atg1 kinase activity in extracts (Figure 3D; Figure S3F). Critically, pre-treatment of cells with rapamycin restored Atg1-mediated phosphorylation to \( atg11\Delta \) and \( atg19\Delta \) extracts (Figure 3E; Figure S3G). By contrast, rapamycin didn’t restore Atg1 activity in \( atg13\Delta \) extracts reflecting the essential role of Atg13 in all forms of autophagy (Figure 3E; Figure S3G). Collectively, these data show that our cell-free assay recapitulates the known genetic and pharmacological requirements for studying Atg1 kinase activation by both Atg19-bound targets and starvation signals.

**Biochemical Reconstitution of Atg1 Activation with Purified Atg11 and Atg19-Bound Targets**

To biochemically dissect the mechanism of Atg1 activation by Atg19-bound targets, we first successfully restored Atg1 kinase activity to \( atg11\Delta \) extracts by supplementing them with purified Atg11 (Figure 4A; Figure S4A). Two lines of evidence argue that the activity of purified Atg11 depends on its interactions with Atg19 endogenous to the extract. First, Atg11 failed to restore robust Atg1 kinase activity to \( atg11\Delta atg19\Delta \) extracts (Figure 4A). Second, purified \( Atg11\Delta RBD \) did not activate Atg1 in \( atg11\Delta \) extracts (Figure 4B) but exerted a dominant negative effect on Atg1 kinase activation by purified Atg11 (Figure S4B), consistent with its ability to bind Atg1 independent of Atg19-bound targets. Activation of Atg1 by purified Atg11 required autoactivation of Atg1, as Atg11 failed to stimulate the activity of \( ad\)-Atg1 (Figure S4C).
Next, we purified Atg19 from yeast extracts and used it to restore Atg1 kinase activity to an atg11Δatg19Δ extract provided that we also added purified Atg11 (Figure 4C, 4D; Figure S4D, S4E). Mass spectrometric analysis revealed that purified Atg19 was in fact a complex containing pApe1 and several other target proteins known to be delivered to the vacuole via their association with Atg19-pApe1 (Kageyama et al., 2009; Suzuki et al., 2011; Yuga et al., 2011) (Figures S4F-I). The ability of the purified Atg19 complex to activate Atg1 was dependent on the presence of pApe1 in the complex, consistent with the primacy of the pApe1 aggregate in directing Atg19-mediated selective autophagy under nutrient-rich conditions (Shintani and Klionsky, 2004) (Figure 4C, 4D; Figure S4E). Similarly, a mutant version of Atg19 lacking a coiled coil domain required for the Atg19-pApe1 interaction (Shintani et al., 2002) (Figure S4J) was also unable to support Atg1 kinase activity in extracts (Figure S4K). Lastly, Atg19Δ11BD, which still bound the same cohort of target proteins (Figure S4G), was unable to activate Atg1 (Figure 4D; Figure S4E). In sum, these data demonstrate that Atg19-bound aggregates use Atg11 as a scaffold protein to turn on the Atg1 kinase switch.

**Damaged Peroxisomes Activate Atg1 Dependent on Atg11 and the Pexophagy Receptor Atg36**

Atg36

Protein aggregates represent only one class of selective autophagy targets. To test if organelles targeted for destruction by selective autophagy also activate Atg1, we examined the effect of peroxisome damage on Atg1 activation. Wild-type cells growing in rich media have low autophagic turnover of peroxisomes, but cells lacking Pex1, a AAA+ protein required for protein import into the peroxisome matrix, induce selective autophagy of peroxisomes (pexophagy) mediated by Atg11 and the autophagy receptor Atg36 (Nuttall et al., 2014). To facilitate
detection of any Atg1 activation due to peroxisome damage, we induced pexophagy, either by
PEXI gene deletion or by engineered degradation of Pex1 using an auxin-inducible degron
(Nishimura et al., 2009; Nuttall et al., 2014), in the atg19Δ genetic background, which abolished
Atg1 activation by Atg19-bound targets (Figure 5A; Figure S5A). Analysis of MBP
phosphorylation by affinity-purified Atg1 revealed that the presence of damaged peroxisomes
increased Atg1 kinase activity in a manner wholly dependent on Atg11 and Atg36, but
independent of Atg8 (Figure 5A; Figure S5A). As the final test of our starting hypothesis, we
biochemically reconstituted Atg1 activation by damaged peroxisomes using an adaptation of our
cell-free kinase assay. Mixing of a cell extract containing inactive as-Atg1 with an extract from
cells that accumulate damaged peroxisomes (Figure S5B) resulted in kinase activation dependent
on Atg36 (Figure 5B). Taken together, these data argue that Atg36-bound damaged peroxisomes
use Atg11 to signal activation of the Atg1 kinase.

**DISCUSSION**

Atg1 kinase activity is essential for selective autophagy of pApe1 aggregates and damaged
peroxisomes in nourished cells and, yet, nutrient-sensing pathways repress Atg1 kinase activity
under these conditions in order to block non-selective autophagy. How Atg1 overcomes this
restriction to promote basal autophagy under nutrient-rich conditions has been a long-standing
question. One possibility is that less-catalytically-active Atg1 molecules suffice for the formation
of selective autophagosomes. An alternative model is that pApe1 aggregates and damaged
peroxisomes activate Atg1 molecules that are target-bound to locally override global Atg1 kinase
repression by nutrient-sensing pathways. Here we have presented in vivo and biochemical
reconstitution evidence that strongly support the latter model. Our work reveals that disparate
autophagic cues (absence of nutrients versus target presence) achieve their objectives (non-selective recycling of cytoplasm versus selective cytoplasmic targeting) using the same signaling currency (Atg1 kinase activation) (Figure 6).

The definitional role of autophagy receptors is to connect their targets to Atg8 family proteins on the autophagosome membrane (Schreiber and Peter, 2014). Our work provides an explanation for the conservation of receptor interactions with Atg11 family proteins: target-bound receptors interact with Atg11 to cause Atg1 kinase activation, a sine qua non for selective autophagy in nourished cells. Interestingly, Atg11 interaction with Atg19 and Atg36 is dependent on receptor phosphorylation by Hrr25 (a homolog of mammalian casein kinase 1δ) (Pfaffenwimmer et al., 2014; Tanaka et al., 2014). This raises the intriguing possibility that selective autophagy can be programmed by physiological or developmental stimuli using the signaling logic of a kinase cascade (activation of a receptor-specific kinase leading to Atg1 kinase activation). Lastly, we note that not all autophagy receptors interact with Atg11 family proteins. As a case in point, a recent yeast study showed that Cue5 is a receptor for ubiquitinated protein aggregates that does not interact with Atg11 (Lu et al., 2014). Autophagic clearance of Cue5-bound targets was dependent on starvation and we rationalize this as a dependence on starvation cues for Atg1 kinase activation. To conclude, the minimal function of autophagy receptors is to tether their targets to the autophagosome membrane but some receptors additionally interact with scaffold proteins to turn on the autophagy kinase.

How might a scaffolding mechanism for Atg1 kinase activation by selective autophagy targets work? One potential clue is that Atg1 activation by Atg19-bound targets is apparently dependent
on autophosphorylation of Thr 226 in the activation loop. Since pApe1 aggregates have many Atg19 binding sites, they have the potential to induce clustering of Atg1 and, hence, facilitate kinase activation by autophosphorylation in trans. Beyond simple clustering, allosteric changes in Atg19 caused by pApe1 binding may also be necessary for Atg1 kinase activation. A recent study showed that pApe1 propeptide binding near the N-terminus of Atg19 increased the binding affinity of Atg8 to the C-terminus of Atg19, which is proximal to the Atg11-binding site (Sawa-Makarska et al., 2014). Regardless of these mechanistic possibilities, our finding that Atg11 is at the core of a versatile molecular switch that receives signal inputs from multiple autophagy receptors is an impetus to obtain structural information about this scaffold protein.

The autophagy kinase activation mechanism we uncovered in budding yeast may be relevant to how selective autophagy in metazoans prevents accumulation of neuronal protein aggregates (Hara et al., 2006; Komatsu et al., 2006), eliminates intracellular bacteria (Ogawa et al., 2005), and clears the C. elegans embryo of paternal mitochondria (Al Rawi et al., 2011; Sato and Sato, 2011). Intriguingly, two metazoan protein families (represented by FIP200 and Huntingtin in humans) with sequence homology to Atg11 (Lin et al., 2013; Ochaba et al., 2014) were shown to bind both autophagy receptors and ULK1 (Hara et al., 2008; Lin et al., 2013; Nagy et al., 2014; Ochaba et al., 2014; Rui et al., 2015). Creation of an analog-sensitive ULK1 allele by mutation of the conserved gatekeeper residue will enable development of a cell-free system for defining the role of candidate scaffold proteins and determining whether receptor-bound target activation of the autophagy kinase is conserved in humans.
EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES

Strain construction and PCRs

Yeast strains and plasmids are listed in Tables S1 and S2. Deletion strains were constructed in the BY4741 background (mating type a) by standard PCR-mediated gene knockout. 3 × FLAG, 6 × FLAG-GFP, 13 × MYC, mCHERRY and 3 × HA cassettes were used to modify gene loci using standard PCR-mediated tagging. The ATG11 and PHO8 promoters were replaced with the TDH3 promoter using standard PCR-mediated promoter replacement. For truncation of the ATG11 RBD, a stop codon was introduced after codon 881. For truncation of the ATG19 11BD, epitope tags were introduced after codon 387. A 3 × V5-AID cassette provided by A. Amon was used to modify the PEX1 gene locus. A 3 × GFP cassette provided by J. Nunnari was used to modify the ATG2 locus. To introduce OsTIR1 into the genome, a plasmid containing OsTIR1 provided by A. Amon was digested with PmeI and transformed into yeast for integration at the leu2 locus.

Mutagenesis was performed using QuikChange (Stratagene) mutagenesis. For mutation of the ATG19 ABD, codons 153-191 were deleted. Genomic allelic exchanges were performed using standard URA3 replacement and 5-FOA counter-selection. Primer sequences for all strain constructions are available upon request.

Cell-free Atg1 kinase assay

Frozen lysate powder was mixed with cold 1 × kinase buffer (150 mM KOAc, 10 mM MgOAc, 0.5 mM EGTA, 5 mM NaCl, 20 mM HEPES-KOH [pH 7.3], 5% glycerol) in equal volume (wt/vol), thawed on ice, and resuspended by pipetting. Extracts were cleared twice at 1,000 × g
for 5 min at 4 centigrade. Equal volumes of clarified extract and 2 × kinase mix (1 × kinase buffer, 2 × energy mix (90 mM creatine phosphate, 2.2 mM ATP, 0.45 mg/ml creatine kinase), 0.2 mM N6-phenylethyl-ATPγS (N6-PhEt-ATPγS)) were combined and incubated for 1 hr at room temperature. Reactions were quenched with 1/20th volume 0.5 M EDTA.

Thiophosphorylated extracts were alkylated with 1/20th volume 50 mM para-nitrobenzyl mesylate (PNBM, Abcam) for 1 hr at room temperature, heated in loading buffer and analyzed by one of two SDS-PAGE systems. Gel system 1 was Novex NuPAGE 4-12% Bis-Tris SDS-PAGE (Life Technologies). This lower percentage gel system was ideal for detecting the small shift in Atg1 mobility due to FLAG-tagging. Gel system 2 was Novex 4-20% Tris-Glycine SDS-PAGE (Life Technologies). Thiophosphorylated substrates were identified by immunoblotting with a rabbit anti-thiophosphate ester primary antibody [51-8] (Abcam) and an anti-rabbit HRP-conjugated secondary antibody (Bio-Rad). Blot imaging was done using an Alphalmager Gel Imaging System (Alpha Innotech).

Purified proteins were pre-incubated with extracts for 30 min at room temperature. FLAG-GFP-Atg11 was incubated at final concentrations of 1.6, 8, 40, and 200 nM in Figure 4A and, alongside FLAG-GFP-Atg11ΔRBD, at 2, 6.3, 20, 63 and 200 nM in Figure 4B. In Figure S4B, FLAG-GFP-Atg11 was used at 8 nM and FLAG-GFP-Atg11ΔRBD was used at 8 nM (1 ×) or 80 nM (10 ×). In Figure S4C, FLAG-GFP-Atg11 was used at 40 nM. In Figure 4C, 0.1, 0.3, 1, and 3 µl of affinity purified Atg19-target complexes were incubated with 10 µl extracts in 15 µl reactions containing 20 nM FLAG-GFP-Atg11. For Figure 4D, 1.5 µl of affinity-purified Atg19-target complexes were incubated with 2.5 µl extracts in 5 µl reactions containing 20 nM FLAG-GFP-Atg11. After pre-incubation, reactions were pelleted at 20,000 × g for 20 min, and pellets
were resuspended in kinase buffer containing $1 \times$ energy mix and 0.1 mM N6-PhEt-ATPγS before analysis of kinase activity as above. The pelleting step improved the signal-to-noise ratio but we obtained qualitatively similar results by analyzing the effect of add-backs on kinase activity in total extracts (data not shown).

Peroxisome-containing extracts were prepared from lysate powder by clearing twice for 10 min at 1,000 $\times$ g, as above. One, 3 or 10 $\mu$l of extracts were pre-incubated for 30 min at room temperature with 10 $\mu$l $atg19\Delta atg36\Delta HA-as-ATG1$ extract, which had been pre-cleared at 20,000 $\times$ g for 20 min. Reactions were then pelleted for 20 min at 20,000 $\times$ g before resuspension and analysis of kinase activity as above.

**Immunoprecipitation of Atg1 substrates after kinase reaction**

Following the 1 hr room temperature incubation in the kinase assay, each sample was combined with two volumes of $1 \times$ IP buffer (50 mM HEPES-KOH (pH 6.8), 150 mM KOAc, 2 mM MgOAc, 1 mM CaCl$_2$, 15% glycerol) with 1% NP-40. The resulting solution was incubated with 20 $\mu$l washed anti-FLAG M2 affinity gel (Sigma) for three hr at 4 centigrade. The resin was washed three times with 500 $\mu$l $1 \times$ IP buffer with 1% NP-40 and incubated for 30 min on ice with 30 $\mu$l 1 mg/ml 3 $\times$ FLAG peptide (Sigma) in $1 \times$ IP buffer containing 1% NP-40. When appropriate, the eluted material was alkylated with 2.5 mM PNBM prior to SDS-PAGE and immunoblotting to detect thiophosphorylation.

For further experimental procedures, see Supplemental Experimental Procedures in Supplemental Information.
AUTHOR CONTRIBUTIONS

R.A.K. and C.J.S. constructed yeast strains and performed the experiments: C.J.S. developed the in vitro kinase assay, R.A.K. performed the in vitro reconstitutions. R.A.K. and C.J.S. constructed figure panels. R.A.K., C.J.S. and V.D. analyzed the data and wrote the manuscript. V.D. directed the project.
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FIGURES AND FIGURE LEGENDS

Figure 1. Identification of Ape1, Atg19, and Atg11 as activators of Atg1 kinase activity.

(A) Schematic depicting possible role (dotted red arrow) of receptor-bound targets in inducing autophagosome nucleation by converting Atg1 from an inactive state to an active, autophosphorylated state in an Atg11-dependent manner. Also indicated is the ability of targets to associate with autophagosome precursors via receptor-mediated interactions with Atg8 proteins. Recep., receptor.

(B) Extracts derived from logarithmically growing cells with indicated genotypes were immunoprecipitated (IP) with anti-FLAG magnetic beads. Eluates and extract (input) samples were resolved by SDS-PAGE followed by either SYPRO Ruby staining or immunoblotting (IB) with indicated antibodies. *kd, kinase-dead allele; pApe1 and mApe1, precursor and mature (vacuolar) forms of Ape1; *, non-specific band.

(C) Model of the subunit associations within the Atg1 complex based on data in (B) and Figure S1. Also indicated are the Atg11-Binding Domain (11BD) on Atg19 and the Receptor-Binding Domain (RBD) on Atg11.

(D) Logarithmically growing cells with indicated genotypes were treated with rapamycin (Rap.) or mock treated prior to immunoprecipitation (IP) analysis as in part (B) with one notable exception: SDS-PAGE was done for a longer time to resolve Atg1 from its autophosphorylated
form (Atg1-P), as visualized by immunoblotting (IB). Autophosphorylation (% autophos.) was calculated as percent of total signal contributed by the upper band. See Figure S1E for statistical analysis.

(E-G) Extracts derived from logarithmically growing cells with indicated genotypes were immunoprecipitated (IP) as in part (B) and then incubated with myelin basic protein (MBP) and ATPγ32P. Kinase reactions were performed in triplicate (one of which is shown) and terminated with loading buffer prior to sample analysis by autoradiography and immunoblotting (IB). Signal from autoradiographs was quantified by densitometry and reported as the average of three reactions, in arbitrary units relative to the wild-type reaction set at 100. See Figure S1 for statistical analysis.

See also Figure S1.
Figure 2. Atg1 kinase activation in nourished cells is required for autophagosome membrane elongation around Ape1 aggregates.

(A) Representative images (maximum intensity projections) of logarithmically growing $atg17\Delta$ $atg1\Delta$ cells expressing mCherry-Ape1 and Atg2-GFP from their endogenous loci and carrying an empty vector or vector expressing the indicated Atg1 allele. White arrow indicates colocalized mCherry-Ape1 and Atg2-GFP puncta; white arrowhead indicates a lone mCherry-Ape1 punctum. Note that only wild-type Atg1 cells have vacuolar mCherry fluorescence because Atg1 kinase activity is required for pApe1 vacuolar delivery. Scale bar, 5 µm. *kd*, kinase-dead allele; *ad*, autoactivation-dead allele.

(B) Image analysis of strains shown in part (A) from three independent experiments (>1000 mCherry-Ape1 puncta per strain per experiment analyzed). Bar graphs report percent mCherry-Ape1 puncta with colocalized Atg2-GFP puncta as the mean and standard deviation (error bars) relative to cells expressing wild-type Atg1 allele. Raw mean percentage of mCherry-Ape1 puncta with colocalized Atg2-GFP puncta in wild-type cells was 3.6%. p values derived from Tukey’s post-test are reported only for comparisons between each mutant and wild-type. *** p < 0.0001.

(C) Representative transmission electron micrographs of logarithmically growing $ypt7\Delta$ cells expressing the indicated mutant alleles from their endogenous genomic loci. Black arrows indicate immunogold-labeled Ape1 aggregates. Percentage of Ape1 aggregates (out of n number analyzed) surrounded by autophagosome membranes is indicated. Scale bar, 200 nm.
See also Figure S2.
Figure 3. A chemical genetic assay for Atg1 kinase activity.

(A) Schematic of the chemical genetic strategy for monitoring Atg1-dependent thiophosphorylation. Analog-sensitive (as) Atg1 can accept A*TPγS, an N6-substituted ATPγS analog, to thiophosphorylate its substrates while other kinases reject the analog. Following alkylation with para-nitrobenzyl mesylate (PNBM), labeled substrates are immunodetected with anti-thiophosphate ester (thioP) antibody.

(B) Extracts derived from logarithmically growing cells with indicated genotypes were treated as diagrammed in part (A) and analyzed by SDS-PAGE (gel system 1; see Experimental Procedures for details) and immunoblotting (IB) with indicated antibodies. HXK, hexokinase; *, non-specific band.

(C) The indicated extracts were treated as diagrammed in part (A) and subjected to immunoprecipitation (IP) with anti-FLAG agarose resin. Eluates and extract (input) samples were resolved by SDS-PAGE (gel system 2; see Experimental Procedures for details) followed by immunoblotting (IB) with indicated antibodies. wt, wild-type.

(D) Extracts derived from logarithmically growing cells with indicated genotypes were treated as diagrammed in part (A) in triplicate (one of which is shown) and analyzed by SDS-PAGE (gel system 2) and immunoblotting (IB). For quantitation and statistics, see Figure S3F.
(E) Logarithmically growing cells with indicated genotypes were treated with rapamycin (Rap.) or mock treated prior to analysis as in part (D). Dotted line indicates splicing of gel-image data from the same gel. For quantitation and statistics, see Figure S3G.

See also Figure S3.
Figure 4. Activation of Atg1 kinase by purified Atg19-target complexes and Atg11.

(A) The indicated as-Atg1 deletion extracts were either pre-incubated with increasing amounts (indicated by wedge) of FLAG-GFP-Atg11 (FG-Atg11) or mock pre-incubated prior to analysis of Atg1 kinase activity (see Experimental Procedures for details). Immunoblotting (IB) with indicated antibodies was used to control for protein add-back and any gel loading differences. wt, wild-type extract derived from as-Atg1 FLAG-GFP-Atg11 (expressed from endogenous locus); HXK, hexokinase. Dotted line indicates splicing of gel-image data from the same gel.

(B) Similar to part (A) except as-Atg1 atg11Δ extract was pre-incubated with either full-length FLAG-GFP-Atg11 or FLAG-GFP-Atg11ΔRBD or mock pre-incubated. wt, wild-type extract derived from as-Atg1 FLAG-GFP-Atg11 (expressed from endogenous locus). Dotted line indicates splicing of gel-image data from the same gel.

(C) Similar to part (A) except FLAG-GFP-Atg11 was added at the optimal concentration along with increasing amounts of affinity-purified Atg19, as indicated. (ape1Δ) indicates Atg19-FLAG was purified from ape1Δ cells (n.b. this purified material did not restore Atg1 activation suggesting that functional Atg19-pApe1 complexes were not reconstituted in situ.). wt, wild-type extract derived from as-Atg1 FLAG-GFP-Atg11 (expressed from endogenous locus). Immunoblotting (IB) against porin (a mitochondrial protein) was used to control for any gel loading differences.

(D) Similar to part (C) except done in triplicate with all proteins added at their optimal concentrations. Bar graphs show the mean kinase activity and standard deviation (error bars),
relative to wild-type reaction set to 100. p values derived from Tukey’s post-test for the comparisons between indicated reactions and reaction 1 are shown. ***p < 0.0001.

See also Figure S4.
**Figure 5. Activation of Atg1 by damaged peroxisomes.**

(A) Myelin basic protein (MBP) phosphorylation by FLAG-Atg1 immunoprecipitated (IP) from the indicated extracts (all in the *atg18Δ* genetic background to prevent potential destruction of target-bound Atg1 complexes by pexophagy) was carried out as in Figures 1E-G. See Figure S5A for statistical analysis.

(B) Increasing amounts of the indicated extracts derived from the *atg19Δatg1Δ* genetic background were pre-incubated with HA-as-Atg1 *atg19Δatg36Δ* extract, or mock buffer, before analysis of kinase activity as in Figure 4A. Immunoblotting (IB) with indicated antibodies was used to control for auxin-induced degradation of Pex1-V5 (see Figure S5B) and any gel loading differences.

See also Figure S5.
Figure 6. Unified model for Atg1 activation by signals for selective and bulk autophagy.

Autophagy induction is regulated by a bowtie signaling topology with Atg1 kinase activation at its center. Atg11 and Atg17 serve as scaffold proteins required for Atg1 kinase activation by targets and nutrient depletion, respectively. Note that it remains unclear whether Atg11 and Atg17 form mutually exclusive complexes with Atg1. Atg13 and its regulation by upstream kinases are excluded for simplicity. See text for more details.
**Figure 1**

A. Diagram showing the interaction of Atg1 and Atg11 in the autophagy pathway.

B. Western blot analysis of FLAG-kd-Atg1, FLAG-Atg1, and Atg13. The blot shows the presence of Atg11, Atg13, and SYPRO Ruby stain. IB: α-Ape1 and IP: α-FLAG.

C. Diagram illustrating the interaction of Atg11 with Atg13 and pApe1.

D. IP: α-FLAG with various strains: rap1Δ, atg11Δ, atg19Δ, ape1Δ. IB: α-FLAG.

E. Autoradiograph of MBP with IP: α-FLAG and IB: α-FLAG.

F. Autoradiograph of MBP with IP: α-FLAG and IB: α-FLAG.

G. Autoradiograph of MBP with IP: α-FLAG and IB: α-FLAG.
Figure 3

A. Diagram showing the phosphorylation of Atg1 substrate.

B. Gel showing the levels of FLAG-as-Atg1, FLAG-Atg1, and FLAG-Atg13 in the presence of Rapamycin (Rap). The gel is probed with α-thioP and α-HXX antibodies.

C. Western blots showing the expression of Atg2-FLAG, Atg6-FLAG, and Atg9-FLAG in different genetic backgrounds. The blots are probed with α-FLAG, α-thioP, and α-HXX antibodies.

D. Gel showing the expression of FLAG-as-Atg1, FLAG-Atg13, and FLAG-as-Atg13 in different genetic backgrounds. The gel is probed with α-thioP and α-FLAG antibodies.

E. Western blots showing the expression of FLAG-as-Atg1 in different genetic backgrounds with and without Rapamycin (Rap). The blots are probed with α-thioP and α-FLAG antibodies.
Figure 4

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Figure 5

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IP: α-FLAG  
FLAG-Atg1

Autoradiograph

IB: α-FLAG  
FLAG-Atg1

IB: α-FLAG

B

mock  as-Atg1

Extract 1  (atg19Δatg36Δ)

Extract 2  (atg19Δatg1Δ)

IB: α-thioP

IB: α-V5 (Pex1)

IB: α-HA (Atg1)

IB: α-Porin

Pex1+  Pex1-  Pex1-  atg36Δ

10×  1x  10×  1x

100  5  29  28  2  3  Pex1+  Pex1-  atg36Δ

Atg1

Atg13

Pex1-  atg36Δ

atg36Δ

Δ atg19

Δ atg19

Δ atg11

Δ atg19

Δ atg36Δ

Δ atg1

Δ atg1
Figure 6

OUTPUT

SCAFFOLD

INPUT

Selective Autophagosome

Target Detection

Nutrient Deprivation

Atg1 kinase switch

Off

On

INPUT

Target Detection Nutrient Deprivation

OUTPUT SCAFFOLD

Atg11

Atg1

Atg17

INPUT

Nutrient Deprivation

Bulk Autophagosome

Selective Autophagosome
SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURES

Figure S1. Analysis of protein-protein interactions between Atg1 complex subunits, related to Figure 1.
(A) Extracts derived from logarithmically growing cells with indicated genotypes were immunoprecipitated (IP) with anti-FLAG magnetic beads as in Figure 1B. Eluates and extract (input) samples were resolved by SDS-PAGE followed by immunoblotting (IB) with the indicated antibodies. *, non-specific band.

(B) Extracts derived from logarithmically growing cells with indicated genotypes were immunoprecipitated with anti-FLAG magnetic beads. Eluates were analyzed by quantitative mass spectrometry (MS) (see Supplemental Experimental Procedures for details). Shown is the number (#) of unique tryptic peptides used to quantify each protein abundance. After normalizing the levels of FLAG-Atg1 to correct for input differences between samples, relative abundance of each protein was compared to the amount associated with FLAG-\textit{kd}-Atg1, which was set to 1. Highlighted in red is the nominal abundance of proteins that were in fact absent from those samples.

(C) Extracts derived from logarithmically growing cells with indicated genotypes (minus indicates absence of corresponding epitope tag; \textDelta indicates \textit{atg13}\textDelta) were immunoprecipitated (IP) with anti-FLAG magnetic beads. Eluates and extract (input) samples were resolved by SDS-PAGE followed by immunoblotting (IB) with the indicated antibodies.

(D) Logarithmically growing cells with indicated genotypes were treated with rapamycin (Rap.) or mock treated prior to immunoprecipitation (IP) analysis as in Figure 1B with one notable exception: SDS-PAGE was done for a longer time to resolve Atg1 from its autophosphorylated form (Atg1-P), as visualized by immunoblotting (IB). \textit{kd}, kinase-dead allele.
(E) Statistical analysis of data from Figure 1D. Plotted data represent mean +/- standard deviation (error bars) for each sample (n=3). Indicated p values are derived from Tukey’s post-test. p < 0.01 was considered significant.

(F) Myelin basic protein (MBP) phosphorylation by FLAG-Atg1 immunoprecipitated (IP) from indicated extracts was carried out as in Figures 1E-G. *kd, kinase-dead allele; *ad, autoactivation-dead allele. Statistical analysis is shown on right. Plotted data represent mean +/- standard deviation (error bars) for each sample (n=3). p values derived from Tukey’s post-test are reported only for comparisons between each mutant and the wild-type reaction. ***p < 0.001.

(G) Statistical analysis of data from Figure 1E. Plotted data represent mean +/- standard deviation (error bars) for each reaction (n=3). p values derived from Tukey’s post-test are reported only for comparisons between each mutant and the wild-type reaction. ***p < 0.001.

(H and I) Extracts derived from logarithmically growing cells with indicated genotypes (minus indicates absence of corresponding epitope tag) were immunoprecipitated (IP) with anti-FLAG magnetic beads. Eluates and extract (input) samples were resolved by SDS-PAGE followed by immunoblotting (IB) with the indicated antibodies. *, non-specific band.

(J) The exact same eluates and extract (input) samples shown in Figure 1G were resolved by SDS-PAGE followed by immunoblotting (IB) with indicated antibodies. For simplicity, we did
not indicate MYC-tagging of Atg19 in Figure 1G and we refer the reader to that figure for IP/IB anti-FLAG data that control for any loading differences. *, non-specific band.

(K) Statistical analysis of data from Figure 1F. Plotted data represent mean +/- standard deviation (error bars) for each reaction (n=3). p values derived from Tukey’s post-test are reported only for comparisons between each mutant and the wild-type reaction. ***p < 0.0001.

(L) Statistical analysis of data from Figure 1G. Plotted data represent mean +/- standard deviation (error bars) for each reaction (n=3). p values derived from Tukey’s post-test are reported only for comparisons between each mutant and the wild-type reaction. ***p < 0.0001.
Figure S2. Atg1 kinase activity and autoactivation are required for selective autophagosome membrane expansion in nourished cells, related to Figure 2.

(A) Image analysis of strains shown in Figure 2A. Bar graphs report the number of mCherry-Ape1 puncta per cell as the mean and standard deviation (error bars) from three independent experiments (>1500 cells per strain per experiment analyzed). There were no statistically significant differences at the \( p < 0.05 \) level as determined by one-way ANOVA. ns, not significant.

(B) Additional representative transmission electron micrographs of logarithmically growing \( ypt7\Delta \) cells expressing the indicated mutant alleles from their endogenous genomic loci. Black arrows indicate immunogold-labeled Ape1 aggregates. Scale bar, 200 nm.
Figure S3. Development of a cell-free assay for Atg1 kinase activity, related to Figure 3.

(A) Sequence alignment of Atg1’s “gatekeeper” residue (M102, boxed) with that of previously modified kinases. Red, basic residues; Blue, acidic residues; Green, hydrophobic residues.
(B) Logarithmically growing \( atg1 \Delta \) cells carrying the indicated vectors were treated with rapamycin (Rap.) or mock-treated followed by analysis of an alkaline phosphatase reporter of non-selective autophagy (see Supplemental Experimental Procedures for details). Bar graphs report the mean \( (n=3) \) and standard deviation (error bars) of alkaline phosphatase activity in arbitrary units.

(C) Radiolabelled N\(^6\)-PhEt-ATP\(^{32}\)P was incubated for the indicated times in \( YNK1 \) and \( ynk1 \Delta \) cell extracts \( (n.b. \) both extracts have wild-type Atg1) supplemented with indicated nucleotides. Samples were resolved by thin layer chromatography and visualized by autoradiography. N\(^6\)-PhEt-ATP\(^{32}\)P signal from autoradiograph was quantified by densitometry and is reported below the plate image as a percentage of the starting amount.

(D) Total as-Atg1 kinase activity of the indicated extracts was measured as described in Figure 3 using gel system 2. HXK, hexokinase; *, non-specific bands.

(E) Thiophosphorylation by as-Atg1 was measured in the total (input) and immunoprecipitated (IP) fractions of the indicated extracts as described in Figure 3C. Atg23 is required for Atg9 incorporation into post-Golgi vesicles capable of recruitment to the site of autophagosome formation in the cell (Backues et al., 2014). Atg6 is part of a multi-subunit complex that includes Atg14, a subunit necessary for complex recruitment to the site of autophagosome formation in the cell (Obara et al., 2006).
(F) Statistical analysis of data from Figure 3D. Signal from anti-thiophosphate ester (thioP) antibody immunoblots was quantified by densitometry relative to the wild-type reaction set at 100. Plotted data represents mean +/- standard deviation (error bars) for each sample (n=3). Pairwise p values were derived from Tukey’s post-test. $p < 0.01$ was considered significant. $***p < 0.0001$; ns, not significant.

(G) Statistical analysis of data from Figure 3E comparing the effect of rapamycin on Atg1 kinase activity in different backgrounds. Signal from anti-thiophosphate ester (thioP) antibody immunoblots was quantified by densitometry relative to the wild-type reaction set at 100. Plotted data represents mean +/- standard deviation (error bars) for each sample (n=4). Pairwise p values were derived from Tukey’s post-test and p values for relevant comparisons are shown. $p < 0.01$ was considered significant. ns, not significant.
Figure S4. Characterization of affinity-purified Atg11 and Atg19, related to Figure 4.
(A) Purified FLAG-GFP-Atg11 and FLAG-GFP-Atg11ΔRBD (see Supplemental Experimental Procedures for details) were analyzed by SDS-PAGE followed by Coomassie staining.

(B) as-Atg1 kinase analysis of the indicated extracts was carried out in triplicate (one set of reactions is shown) as in Figure 4A, followed by quantification of kinase activity by densitometry. Plotted data represents mean kinase activity (relative to reaction 1, set to 100) +/- standard deviation (error bars) for each reaction (n=3). Immunoblotting (IB) with anti-porin (a mitochondrial protein) was used to control for any gel-loading differences. p values derived from Tukey’s post-test for the comparisons between indicated reactions and reaction 1 are shown. ***p < 0.0001.

(C) HA-as-Atg1 extract was pre-incubated with either purified FLAG-GFP-Atg11 (bottom) or mock pre-incubated (top) prior to Atg1 kinase analysis as in Figure 4A. Immunoblotting with indicated antibodies was used to control for protein add-back and any gel-loading differences. Dotted lines indicated that all lanes were spliced from the same gel.

(D) Atg19-FLAG was purified from the indicated extracts (see Supplemental Experimental Procedures for details) and analyzed by SDS-PAGE followed by either Coomassie staining or immunoblotting (IB) with indicated antibodies. Proteins listed to left of Coomassie-stained gel indicate the three most abundant proteins detected by mass spectrometry of material in the indicated gel slice (dotted box).
(E) Source data for Figure 4D. Dotted box indicates region of gel that was used for densitometric quantification (*n.b.* this region excludes the highest molecular weight band because it corresponds to FG-Atg11, which is being added back to certain reactions). Reaction loaded in rightmost lane was incubated without A*TPγS and used to subtract background signal from *bona fide* phosphorylation. Immunoblotting with anti-porin was used to control for any gel-loading differences.

(F) Atg19-FLAG or mutant thereof lacking the Atg11 binding domain (11BD) was purified in triplicate from the indicated extracts (see Supplemental Experimental Procedures) and resolved by SDS-PAGE, followed by SYPRO staining and immunoblotting with the indicated antibodies.

(G) Summary of quantitative mass spectrometry analysis of purified complexes shown in part (F). Proteins whose abundance was significantly different between preparations are indicated. For example, Ape1 is present in both Atg19-FLAG and Atg19Δ11BD-FLAG preparations but its absence from cells apparently enables more Ape4 (a distinct aminopeptidase) to interact with Atg19-FLAG. 289 refers to the number of proteins that were identified in all 3 preparations.

(H) List of most abundant proteins in each preparation, ranked by number (#) of quantified peptides, with short description of known function (Func.): SA, selective autophagy; Chap., chaperone; Ribo., ribosome-associated protein; Enz., metabolic enzyme.
(I) Model of subunit associations within the Atg19 complex based on data from mass spectrometry analysis of eluates shown in (F). Bar arrows indicate apparent competition between Ape1 and Ape4 for binding to Atg19. ABD, Ape1-Binding Domain.

(J) Extracts derived from logarithmically-growing cells with indicated genotypes were immunoprecipitated (IP) with anti-MYC magnetic beads. Eluates and extract (input) samples were resolved by SDS-PAGE followed by immunoblotting (IB) with indicated antibodies. *, non-specific band.

(K) The indicated as-ATG1 extracts were analyzed in triplicate for Atg1 kinase activity as in Figure 4A. Statistical analysis shown below. Plotted data represent mean +/- standard deviation (error bars) for each reaction (n=3). Pairwise comparisons derived from Tukey’s post-test are reported only for comparisons with Atg19-MYC extract. ***p < 0.0001.
**Figure S5. Atg1 activation by damaged peroxisomes, related to Figure 5.**

(A) Statistical analysis of data from Figure 5A. Plotted data represent mean +/- standard deviation (error bars) for each reaction (n=3). *p* values derived from Tukey’s post-test for a subset of pairwise comparisons are shown. ***p < 0.0001; ns, not significant.

(B) Schematic showing induction of pexophagy by engineered proteolysis of Pex1. Addition of auxin to cells that express the ubiquitin ligase OsTir1 induces degradation of Pex1-AID (auxin-inducible degron), leading to an undefined damage signal. Presence of Atg36 on damaged peroxisomes enables peroxisome degradation by autophagy, possibly by activating Atg1 (dotted red box). Perox., peroxisome; Ub, ubiquitin.
## SUPPLEMENTAL TABLE

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### Table S2. Plasmids

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SUPPLEMENTAL EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES

Yeast cell growth and lysate preparation:

Saturated, overnight cultures were diluted 1:100 and grown for 8 hr in YPD media (1% yeast extract, 2% peptone, 2% dextrose) to mid-log phase. YP5D (1% yeast extract, 2% peptone, 5% dextrose) media was seeded with logarithmically growing cells to achieve a final OD$_{600}$ of ~2.0-3.0 after 9-11 doublings. When indicated, cultures were treated with 0.2 µM rapamycin (LC laboratories) in 90% ethanol/10% Tween-20 for 20 min prior to cell collection. Cells were pelleted at 3,500 × g for 22 min, washed with distilled water and pelleted in 50 ml Falcon tubes (3,000 × g for 1 min). Washed cell pellets were weighed and resuspended in 1 ml lysis buffer (50 mM HEPES-KOH, pH 6.8, 150 mM KOAc, 2 mM MgCl$_2$, 1 mM CaCl$_2$, 0.2 M sorbitol) per 6 g pellet. Lysis buffer cell suspensions were frozen, drop-wise, in liquid nitrogen and the resulting frozen material was ground in the presence of cOmplete protease inhibitor cocktail (Roche) using a Retsch PM100 ball mill (large scale, 1 liter cultures) or Retsch MM400 ball mill (small scale, 25 OD$_{600}$ units maximum). Frozen yeast lysate powder was stored at -80 centigrade.

To induce Pex1 degradation, cells were grown overnight in YPD media to OD$_{600}$ of 0.2 before treating them for 7 hr with 500 µM 3-indoleacetic acid (auxin) (Sigma) in DMSO or mock-treating with DMSO alone.

Protein purifications:

Atg1 complexes: Frozen lysate powder (~3,000 OD$_{600}$ units) was prepared as described for the cell-free kinase assay. After thawing in 10ml 1 × IP buffer with 1% NP-40 and 1 × phosphatase inhibitors (5 mM sodium fluoride, 62.5 mM beta-glycerophosphate, 10 mM sodium vanadate, 50
mM sodium pyrophosphate) lysates were cleared twice at 1,000 × g at 4 centigrade. Protein G Dynabeads (Invitrogen) were pre-equilibrated with mouse anti-FLAG antibody (Sigma) and added to clarified extract for 3 hr at 4 centigrade. Beads were collected and washed five times with 1 × IP buffer containing 1% NP-40 and 1 × phosphatase inhibitors. FLAG-Atg1 complexes were eluted on ice with 25 µl 1 mg/ml 3 × FLAG peptide (Sigma) in IP buffer containing 1% NP-40 and 1 × phosphatase inhibitors.

FLAG-GFP-Atg11: Frozen lysate powder (~9,000 OD600 units) was prepared from yeast cells cultured and harvested as described for the cell-free kinase assay. After thawing in 15 ml lysis buffer, lysates were cleared twice at 1,000 × g before ultracentrifugation at 100,000 × g for 30 min to remove cellular membranes. NP-40 was added to 0.075% before incubating with 1 ml anti-FLAG resin (Sigma) for 2 hr at 4 centigrade. After extensive washing in 1 × IP buffer (containing no detergent), FLAG-GFP-Atg11 was eluted on ice with 0.5 ml 1 mg/ml 3 × FLAG peptide in IP buffer. Eluates were cleared at 20,000 × g, aliquoted, frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80 centigrade. Protein purity was evaluated by Colloidal blue staining (Invitrogen).

Atg19-FLAG-target complexes: Frozen lysate powder (~7,500 OD600 units) was prepared as described for the cell-free kinase assay. After thawing in 30 ml lysis buffer, lysates were cleared twice at 1,000 × g. Protein G Dynabeads were pre-equilibrated with mouse anti-FLAG antibody and added to clarified extract for 3 hr at 4 centigrade. After extensive washing with lysis buffer, proteins were eluted by incubation with 150 µl 1 mg/ml 3 × FLAG peptide in IP buffer for 30 min at room temperature, aliquoted, frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80 centigrade. Eluates were analyzed by Colloidal blue staining (Invitrogen).
In Figure S4J, frozen lysate powder (50 OD_{600} units) was prepared as described for the cell-free kinase assay. After thawing in 0.5 ml 1 × IP buffer with 1% NP-40 and 1 × phosphatase inhibitors, lysates were cleared twice at 3,000 × g at 4 centigrade. Protein G Dynabeads (Invitrogen) were pre-equilibrated with mouse anti-Myc antibody (9E10, Sigma) and added to clarified extract for 2 hr at 4 centigrade. Beads were collected, washed three times in 1 × IP buffer with 1% NP-40 and 1 × phosphatase inhibitors, and boiled in sample buffer.

**Alkaline phosphatase assays:**

Alkaline phosphatase assays were performed as described (Noda et al., 1995). Specifically, saturated overnight cultures were diluted to 0.2 OD_{600} in 5 ml YPD media and grown for 4 hr. Cells were pelleted, washed and resuspended in 5 mL SD-N media (0.17% yeast nitrogen base, 2% glucose). Cells were starved for 4 hr, after which 1 OD_{600} unit was collected, washed, and resuspended in 1 mL cold 145 mM NaCl with 1 mM PMSF. Cells were pelleted and resuspended in ALP lysis buffer (1 M PIPES-KOH, pH 6.8, 0.5% Triton X-100, 50 mM KCl, 100 mM KOAc, 10 mM ZnSO_{4}). Cells were lysed by vortexing with glass beads three times for 1 min with 1-min ice rests in between. Lysate was clarified at 15,000 × g for 5 min at 4 centigrade. 50 µl lysate, 50 µl ALP lysis buffer and 400 µl substrate solution (250 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.5, 0.4% Triton X-100, 10 mM MgSO_{4}, 10 mM ZnSO_{4}, 1.25 mM PNPP [para-nitrophenylphosphate]) were incubated at 37 centigrade for 3-15 min, which lie in the linear range of the assay. Samples were quenched with 500 µl 1 M glycine-KOH, pH 11.0 and their absorbance at 400 nm recorded and normalized by protein concentration as determined by BCA protein assay (Pierce).
Thin layer chromatography:

Extracts from wild-type and \( ynk1 \Delta \) cells were prepared as described for kinase extracts and diluted 1:10 in 1 × kinase buffer containing competitor nucleotides and radiolabeled N\(^6\)-PhEt-ATP\(^{32}\)P as indicated in Figure S3C. Reactions were quenched by the addition of 5 ml 5% formic acid to 2 ml of the reaction mix. Quenched reactions (0.5 ml) were spotted on a PEI cellulose F sheets (EMD Millipore) and resolved in 0.5 M KH\(_2\)PO\(_4\), pH 3.5. After drying, the sheet was exposed to a storage phosphor screen (GE Lifesciences) and imaged using a Typhoon TRIO scanner (GE Lifesciences). Signal quantification was performed using Image Quant TL (GE Lifesciences).

Atg1 kinase assay with radiolabeled ATP:

Purified Atg1 complexes were incubated with 2 µg/µl myelin basic protein (MBP; Sigma) and ATP\(^{32}\)P (0.05 µCi/µl; PerkinElmer) in kinase buffer for 30 min at room temperature. Reactions were terminated by addition of SDS sample buffer, heated, and resolved by SDS-PAGE. After drying, the gel was exposed to a storage phosphor screen, and imaged using a Typhoon Trio scanner. For quantification, triplicate reactions were analyzed using ImageQuant TL (GE Life Sciences) to measure intensities of fixed-width bands following background subtraction by the rolling-ball method.

Transmission electron microscopy:

Yeast cultures were prepared for electron microscopy as described previously (Giddings et al., 2001). Briefly, cells were collected in exponential phase in YPD medium by vacuum filtration, cryofixed using a Wohlwend Compact 02 high-pressure freezer. Samples were then freeze
substituted in 0.25% glutaraldehyde and 0.1% uranyl acetate in acetone for embedding in an embedding kit (HM20, Lowicryl). 70-nm sections were poststained in uranyl acetate and lead citrate. Sections were incubated with rabbit anti-Ape1 diluted 1:1000 or 1:2000, then with 10-nm gold-conjugated anti-rabbit IgG, before imaging at 21,000 × magnification in a transmission electron microscope (FEI CM100, Phillips). Ape1 aggregates were identified for each strain, blind to genotype, as clusters of 3 or more gold particles that colocalized with round electron-dense structures approximately 150 nm in diameter. Brightness and contrast were adjusted equally for all images in Photoshop (Adobe).

**Fluorescence microscopy:**

Cells were grown in synthetic dropout medium to logarithmic phase, concentrated, and imaged at room temperature on a microscope (Axiovert 200M; Carl Zeiss) equipped with a Yokogawa CSU-10 spinning disk and 488 nm and 561 nm lasers (Coherent), using an oil-immersion 63 × objective (NA of 1.4). Images were acquired using a Cascade 512B EM-CCD detector (Photometrics) and the Metamorph 7.8.8 acquisition software (Molecular Devices). Each field of view was imaged as a 7 µm Z-stack with a step-size of 0.2 µm. Images were converted to maximum intensity projections in ImageJ. Images shown in Figure 2A were assembled and adjusted for brightness and contrast – equally for all images – in Photoshop (Adobe). Atg2-GFP puncta were identified stringently, using the ImageJ Analyze Particles function, as clusters of 2 or more pixels with pixel intensity greater than or equal to 2800, and examined manually to exclude any dead cells. mCherry-Ape1 puncta were defined as clusters of 3 or more pixels with pixel intensity greater than or equal to 2300, with circularity greater than or equal to 0.70, to exclude dead cells. Colocalization analysis of computationally-identified Atg2-GFP and
mCherry-Ape1 puncta was performed manually using aligned images in Photoshop. 82.5% of all Atg2-GFP puncta colocalized with mCherry-Ape1 puncta in cells expressing wild-type Atg1. Total cells were counted manually.

**Mass spectrometry:**

Affinity purified FLAG-Atg1 and Atg19-FLAG complexes were prepared in triplicate as described under “Protein purifications” (~3,000 OD$_{600}$ and ~1,500 OD$_{600}$ units, respectively, per replicate per strain genotype) for mass spectrometry analysis by the Thermo Fisher Scientific Center for Multiplexed Proteomics at Harvard Medical School. Sample processing steps included SDS-PAGE purification of proteins followed by alkylation of cysteine and in-gel trypsin digestion. Peptides were extracted from the gel and desalted followed by peptide labeling with Tandem Mass Tag 10-plex reagents (Cargnello et al., 2010). Multiplexed quantitative mass spectrometry data were collected on an Orbitrap Fusion mass spectrometer operating in a MS3 mode using synchronous precursor selection for the MS2 to MS3 fragmentation. MS/MS data were searched against a Uniprot human database (February 2014) with both the forward and reverse sequences using the SEQUEST algorithm. Further data processing steps included controlling peptide and protein level false discovery rates, assembling proteins from peptides, and protein quantification from peptides (Weekes et al., 2014). Statistical analysis was performed using a one-way ANOVA and Benjamin Hochberg corrected p values were calculated for each protein. Alpha was set to 0.01 and only proteins with more than one quantified peptide were considered when defining proteins significantly different between preparations.
Other statistical analysis:

Statistical analysis was performed using GraphPad Prism. A one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) was calculated for each data panel with a $p < 0.05$ significance threshold. Post hoc comparisons were conducted using Tukey's test, in which adjusted $p$ values $< 0.01$ were considered significant. $n \geq 3$ for all experiments.
SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES


