

MicroReview

Mannosylation in *Candida albicans*: role in cell wall function and immune recognition

Rebecca A. Hall and Neil A. R. Gow*

Aberdeen Fungal Group, School of Medical Sciences,
University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen AB252ZD, UK.

Summary

The fungal cell wall is a dynamic organelle required for cell shape, protection against the environment and, in pathogenic species, recognition by the innate immune system. The outer layer of the cell wall is comprised of glycosylated mannoproteins with the majority of these post-translational modifications being the addition of *O*- and *N*-linked mannosides. These polysaccharides are exposed on the outer surface of the fungal cell wall and are, therefore, the first point of contact between the fungus and the host immune system. This review focuses on *O*- and *N*-linked mannan biosynthesis in the fungal pathogen *Candida albicans* and highlights new insights gained from the characterization of mannosylation mutants into the role of these cell wall components in host–fungus interactions. In addition, we discuss the use of fungal mannan as a diagnostic marker of fungal disease.

Introduction

Candida albicans is an opportunistic fungal pathogen of humans, which is part of the natural flora of the oral, genital and gastrointestinal tracts. The maintenance of colonization over dissemination is achieved through an intricate balance of fungal proliferation and host immune recognition and control. During periods of immune suppression, caused by chemotherapy, trauma, age and cancer, *C. albicans* is able to overcome the immune system, disseminate and cause life-threatening systemic disease. The associated mortality rates of systemic fungal disease are reported to be up to 40%, which is higher than that reported for most bacterial infections (Almirante *et al.*, 2005; Klevay

et al., 2008; Leroy *et al.*, 2009). It is also a frequent mucosal pathogen, with more than 75 million women suffering from vaginitis each year (Sobel, 2007).

The interplay between *C. albicans* and the host immune system is largely mediated by components of the fungal cell wall including mannans, β -glucans and chitin. The structural organization of the fungal cell wall has been extensively reviewed elsewhere (Bowman and Free, 2006; Latgé, 2007; Gow and Hube, 2012), but comprehensive reviews on fungal mannan biosynthesis are limited. This review focuses on *O*- and *N*-mannan biosynthesis, the role(s) of mannans in innate immune recognition, and the use of fungal mannan as a diagnostic marker for invasive candidaemia.

The cell wall

The fungal cell wall is a dynamic structure important for maintaining cell shape, protection and stability against environmental stresses and outwardly directed turgor pressure and for immunogenicity. The cell wall must be physically robust, but also flexible enough to permit cell expansion, cell division and morphogenesis. The wall must also be permeable to allow egress of secreted proteins and the import of solutes, but sufficiently impermeable to protect the inner skeletal layer from environmental hydrolases. The cell wall is comprised of three major polysaccharides, chitin, glucans and mannans. In *C. albicans*, these polysaccharides are organized as two layers: an inner skeletal layer of chitin and β 1,3-linked glucan and an outer layer of β 1,6-glucan and cell wall proteins anchored to the skeletal layer via a glycosylphosphatidylinositol (GPI) remnant. These proteins include cell wall remodelling enzymes involved in cell wall biogenesis (Douglas *et al.*, 1997; Dünkler *et al.*, 2005), modification of the properties of the nascent and mature polysaccharides, and proteins essential for adhesion (Buurman *et al.*, 1998; Hoyer, 2001) and biofilm formation (Nobile *et al.*, 2006; Zhao *et al.*, 2006), all of which influence the pathogenesis of the organism. The cell wall and secreted proteins of *C. albicans* are highly decorated with elaborate carbohydrate structures comprised of α - and β -linked mannose

Accepted 8 October, 2013. *For correspondence. E-mail n.gow@abdn.ac.uk; Tel. (+44) 1224 437483; Fax (+44) 1224 437465.

© 2013 The Authors. *Molecular Microbiology* published by John Wiley & Sons Ltd.

This is an open access article under the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution License, which permits use, distribution and reproduction in any medium, provided the original work is properly cited.

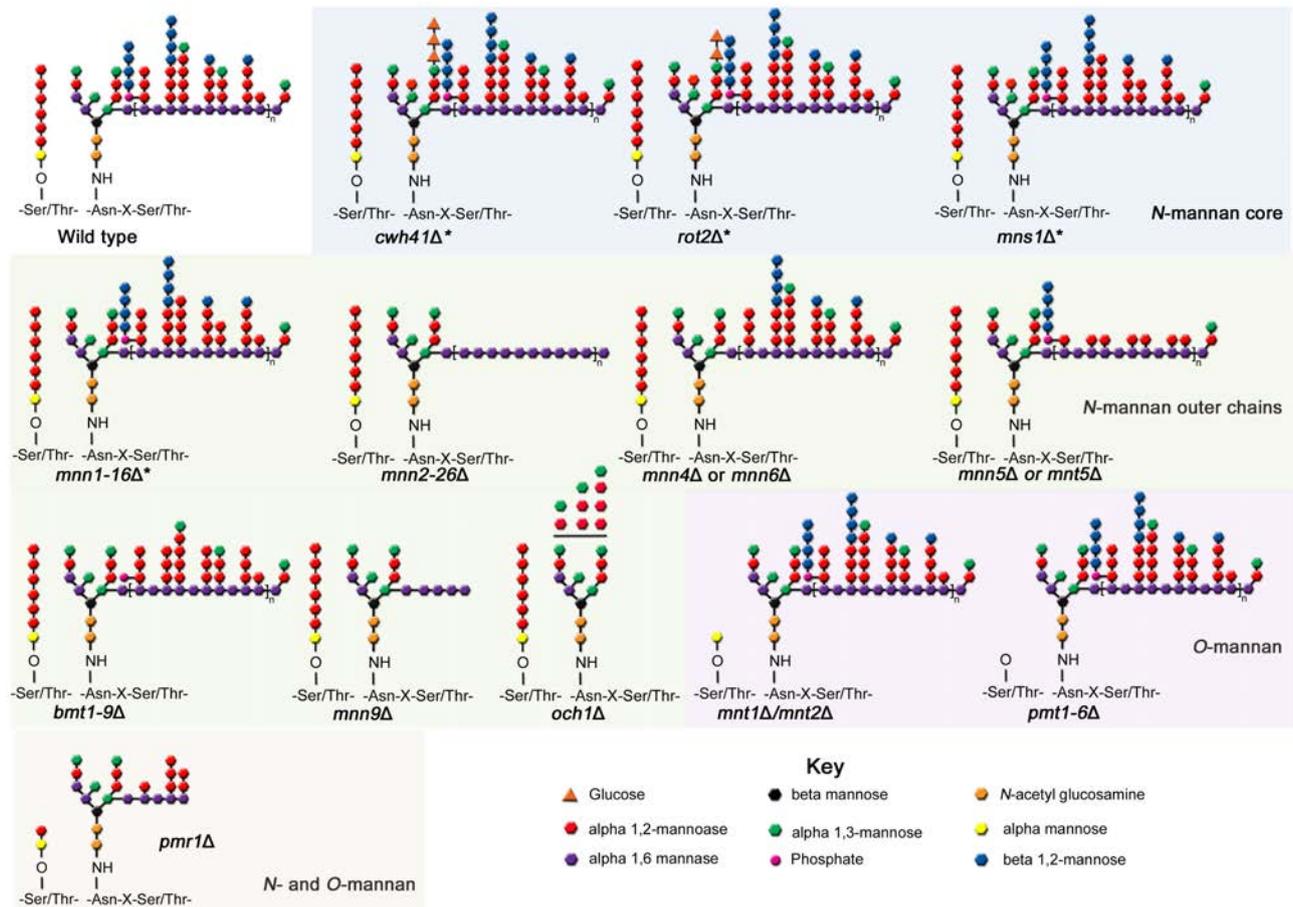


Fig. 1. *N*- and *O*-linked glycosylation structures of the *C. albicans* mannosylation mutants. Asterisks highlight structures, which are predicted from comparisons with *S. cerevisiae*, but have not yet been experimentally determined for *C. albicans*.

units referred to as mannoproteins. Mannose sugars are incorporated into three structures: linear *O*-linked mannan, highly branched *N*-linked mannan and phospholipomannan. Protein mannosylation occurs during protein synthesis in the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) and is further elaborated as the protein is passed through the Golgi apparatus. Initially, sugars (i.e. mannose and glucose) are added to dolichol phosphate acceptors, from which are then incorporated into *C*-, *N*-, *O*-mannosylation, as well as GPI anchors. On the other hand, in the Golgi, the donor of mannosyl residues is GDP-mannose. Initiation of mannosylation in *C. albicans* has been reviewed elsewhere (Mora-Montes *et al.*, 2009), and this review will focus on the transglycosylases involved in the elaboration of *O*- and *N*-mannan structures.

C. albicans mannosylation mutants

Studies exploring the role(s) of mannosylation in fungal biology and virulence have been informed by the creation

of a series of *C. albicans* mannosylation mutants with truncations in the normal wild-type structures of both *O*- and *N*-linked mannan. Because these mutants express stably altered mannan structures on their cell surface (Fig. 1), these mutants have been used as tools to explore the importance of specific mannan epitopes on cell function, pathogenesis and immune recognition (Table 1).

O-mannosylation mutants

As discussed above, the *C. albicans* *O*-mannan is a simple linear carbohydrate comprised of a series of α 1,2-linked mannose units (typically, 1–5 residues). The initial α -mannose residue is attached to the hydroxyl group of serine/threonine residues through the actions of *PMT1*, *PMT2*, *PMT4*, *PMT5* and *PMT6* (Prill *et al.*, 2005). *Mnt1* and *Mnt2* are partially redundant α 1,2-mannosyltransferases required for the addition of the first and second α 1,2-mannose units onto the α -mannose (Munro *et al.*, 2005). Deletion of *MNT1* and *MNT2* alone,

Table 1. Summary of the phenotypes for the *C. albicans* mannosylation mutants.

Gene	Mutant phenotype						References		
	Activity	Growth	Cell Wall	Sensitivity	Morphology	Adhesion		Phagocytosis	Virulence
O-mannan	<i>PMT1</i>	Required for initiation of O-glycosylation	Biofilm formation reduced. Required for growth with <i>PMT4</i>	Reduced mannan, increased β 1,3-glucan	Increased sensitivity to Congo red, CFW, SDS, heat stress and antifungals	Hypal growth reduced	Epithelial adhesion reduced	Reduced in HDC, RHE and oral mucosal models	Timpel <i>et al.</i> (1998); Prill <i>et al.</i> (2005); Rouabhia <i>et al.</i> (2005); Peitroche-Liacsahuanga <i>et al.</i> (2006); Muciano <i>et al.</i> (2011)
	<i>PMT2</i>	Required for initiation of O-glycosylation	Essential for viability. Biofilm formation reduced ^a		Increased sensitivity to Congo red, CFW, caffeine, heat stress and antifungals ^a	Hypal growth reduced ^a	Normal ^a	Reduced in murine systemic infection model ^a	Prill <i>et al.</i> (2005); Rouabhia <i>et al.</i> (2005); Peitroche-Liacsahuanga <i>et al.</i> (2006); Corbucci <i>et al.</i> (2007)
	<i>PMT4</i>	Required for initiation of O-glycosylation	Biofilm formation reduced. Required for growth with <i>PMT1</i>	Reduced mannan, increased β 1,3-glucan	Increased sensitivity to antifungals	Hypal growth reduced			Prill <i>et al.</i> (2005); Rouabhia <i>et al.</i> (2005)
	<i>PMT5</i>	Required for initiation of O-glycosylation	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Uptake normal, but cells are not killed by neutrophils		Prill <i>et al.</i> (2005); Rouabhia <i>et al.</i> (2005); Corbucci <i>et al.</i> (2007)
	<i>PMT6</i>	Required for initiation of O-glycosylation	Normal	Normal	Normal	Hypal growth reduced			Timpel <i>et al.</i> (2000); Prill <i>et al.</i> (2005); Rouabhia <i>et al.</i> (2005)
	<i>MNT1</i> <i>MNT2</i>	Addition of α 1,2-mannose	Cell separation defect in the double mutant	Reduced O-mannan in double mutant	Increased sensitivity to CFW (<i>mnt1</i> Δ and double mutant only), double mutant has increased sensitivity to SDS	Reduced hyphal formation in the double mutant	Reduced	Neutrophil Uptake reduced, macrophage uptake increased	Reduced in murine systemic infection model (double mutant only)
N-mannan	<i>CWH41</i>	Removes terminal α 1,2 linked glucose from core	Reduced growth rate, increased flocculation	Reduced PM, mannan and glucan, increased chitin and protein	Increased sensitivity to Congo red, CFW, SDS and antifungals	Hypal growth reduced		Reduced in murine infection model	Mora-Montes <i>et al.</i> (2007)
	<i>ROT2</i>	Removes the two α 1,3 linked glucose units from core	Reduced growth rate, increased flocculation	Reduced PM, mannan and glucan, increased chitin and protein	Increased sensitivity to Congo red, CFW, SDS and antifungals	Hypal growth reduced		Reduced in murine infection model	Mora-Montes <i>et al.</i> (2007)
	<i>MNS1</i>	Removes α 1,2 mannose from core	Reduced growth rate, increased flocculation	Reduced PM	Increased sensitivity to Congo red and CFW	Normal	Macrophage uptake increased	Reduced in murine infection model	Mora-Montes <i>et al.</i> (2007); McKenzie <i>et al.</i> (2010)
	<i>OCH1</i>	Addition of initial α 1,6-mannose	Increased cell size, decreased growth rate, cell separation defect	Reduced PM and mannan, increased chitin and glucan	Increased sensitivity to Congo red, CFW, SDS, heat stress and antifungals	Hypal growth reduced	Neutrophil uptake reduced	Reduced in murine infection model	Bates <i>et al.</i> (2006); Muciano <i>et al.</i> (2011); Sheth <i>et al.</i> (2011)

Table 1. cont.

Gene	Mutant phenotype						References
	Activity	Growth	Cell Wall	Sensitivity	Morphology	Adhesion	
MNN1	Addition of terminal α 1,3-mannan	Normal	Extended PM chains <i>mnn14Δ</i> only)	Increased sensitivity to SDS and antifungals (<i>mnn14Δ</i> only)	Reduced hyphal growth in response to pH, temperature and Lee's and spider media (<i>mnn14Δ</i> only)	Reduced in murine infection model (<i>mnn14Δ</i> only)	Bates <i>et al.</i> (2013)
MNN12							
MNN13							
MNN14							
MNN15							
MNN16							
MNN2	Addition of initial α 1,2-mannan to α 1,6 backbone	Reduced growth rate and increased flocculation in double, triple, quintuple and sextuple mutants	N-mannan and PM severely truncated in double, triple, quintuple and sextuple mutants. Chitin content increased	Increased sensitivity to Congo red, CFW and SDS	Delayed hyphal growth (<i>mnn2Δ</i> , quintuple and sextuple mutants)	Reduced in <i>Galleria mellonella</i> and murine infection models	Bai <i>et al.</i> (2006); Hall <i>et al.</i> (2013)
MNN21							
MNN22							
MNN23							
MNN24							
MNN26							
MNN4	Positive regulator of MNN6	Normal	Reduced PM	Normal	Normal	Normal	Hobson <i>et al.</i> (2004); McKenzie <i>et al.</i> (2010); Sheth <i>et al.</i> (2011)
MNN9							
BMT1-9							
MNT3-5							
MIT1							
PMF1							
Other enzymes	Transport of $\text{Ca}^{2+}/\text{Mn}^{2+}$ into Golgi	Normal	Reduced PM and O-mannan	Increased sensitivity to Congo red, CFW, heat stress and antifungals	Delayed	Reduced in murine infection model	Bates <i>et al.</i> (2005); McKenzie <i>et al.</i> (2010); Sheth <i>et al.</i> (2011)

a. Phenotype of the heterozygous mutant.

or in combination, results in truncation of the *O*-mannan (Buurman *et al.*, 1998; Munro *et al.*, 2005). Recent biochemical characterization of the MNT gene family suggests that *MNT1* may be required for further elaboration of the *O*-mannan chain (Díaz-Jiménez *et al.*, 2012). Deletion of the PMT gene family, and *MNT1* and *MNT2* reduced the capacity for biofilm formation and resulted in increased sensitivity to cell wall perturbing agents such as Calcofluor White, Congo Red and SDS (Table 1), suggesting that *O*-mannosylation is important for the general integrity of the cell wall (Timpel *et al.*, 1998; Munro *et al.*, 2005; Prill *et al.*, 2005; Peltroche-Llacsahuanga *et al.*, 2006). Although a significant amount of redundancy is expected between the PMT family members, *PMT2* is the only member that has been shown to be essential for viability (Prill *et al.*, 2005), suggesting that *Pmt2* may play additional roles compared to the other family members. Likewise, *Pmt1* and *Pmt6* are required for the adhesive properties of the fungus to epithelial cells (Timpel *et al.*, 1998; 2000; Murciano *et al.*, 2011). All mutants involved in the biosynthesis of *O*-mannan that have been studied show attenuated virulence in the murine systemic infection model, and most also have adhesion defects (Buurman *et al.*, 1998; Timpel *et al.*, 1998; Munro *et al.*, 2005; Rouabhia *et al.*, 2005) confirming the importance of *O*-mannan in fungus-host interactions (Table 1).

N-mannosylation mutants

***N*-mannan core.** The core structure of *N*-mannan is a dolichol pyrophosphate anchored oligosaccharide comprised of three glucose, nine mannose and two *N*-acetylglucosamine residues ($\text{Glc}_3\text{Man}_9\text{GlcNAc}_2$). After attachment to asparagine residues within the polypeptide chain via the OST complex (Kelleher and Gillmore, 2006), this oligosaccharide is processed in the endoplasmic reticulum by three glycosidases (*Cwh41*, *Rot2* and *Mns1*). These glycosidases remove the three terminal glucose units and one additional α 1,2-mannose units, forming the mature core ($\text{Man}_8\text{GlcNAc}_2$). The processed core is similar in structure in all eukaryotes, but the pattern of elaboration of the outer *N*-mannan chains is fungal specific. Prevention of core processing by deletion of these genes not only affects the structure of the core, but also alters the structure of the outer chain branched *N*-mannan (Mora-Montes *et al.*, 2007), suggesting that these processing steps are key regulators of *N*-mannan biosynthesis. Deletion of *MNS1*, *CWH41* and *ROT2* results in increased flocculation, decreased growth and lower phosphomannan content (Mora-Montes *et al.*, 2007). These changes in cell wall composition also result in reduced secretion of pro-inflammatory cytokines from human monocytes, correlating with attenuated virulence in the murine model of

systemic candidiasis (Mora-Montes *et al.*, 2007). Therefore, full processing of the core *N*-mannan is important for virulence (Table 1).

Branched *N*-mannan. The outer chain branched mannan is attached to the *N*-mannan core through an α 1,6-backbone. Addition of the first α 1,6-mannose is catalysed by a single mannosyltransferase, *Och1*. Therefore, the *N*-mannan of the *och1* mutant has no branched outer chain mannan, but the core *N*-mannan contains additional mannose residues (Bates *et al.*, 2006; Fig. 1). Deletion of *och1* results in significant shortening of the mannan fibrils (Netea *et al.*, 2006), and the activation of the cell salvage pathway, resulting in an elevation in the levels of chitin and glucan, and hence a thickened cell wall (Bates *et al.*, 2006). The α 1,6-mannose backbone is extended by the enzyme complexes mannan polymerase I (M-Pol I) and mannan polymerase II (M-Pol II). In *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, M-Pol I is composed of *Mnn9* and *Van1*, while M-Pol II is composed of *Mnn9* and *Anp1* (Hashimoto and Yoda, 1997; Jungmann and Munro, 1998). Deletion of the *C. albicans* *Mnn9* orthologue results in a 50% decrease in total mannan levels, and a phenotype characterized by increased flocculation of yeast cells, reduced growth rates, osmotic sensitivity and abnormal morphogenesis (Southard *et al.*, 1999). Therefore, it is likely that *Mnn9* is the major contributor to the extension of the α 1,6-backbone in *C. albicans*. The backbone is then elaborated with extensive branches composed of α 1,2-mannose. In *S. cerevisiae*, the initial α 1,2-mannose unit is attached to the backbone via the actions of *Mnn2*, which are then extended with additional α 1,2-mannose units by *Mnn5*. BLAST searches of the *C. albicans* genome identify a family of related genes, which are putative *Mnn2* and *Mnn5* orthologues (Hall *et al.*, 2013). Bai *et al.* characterized one of the family members and confirmed that the encoded protein had both α 1,2- and α 1,6-mannosyltransferase activity, but was unable to complement the *S. cerevisiae* *mnn2Δ* mutant, and was hence designated an *Mnn5* orthologue (Bai *et al.*, 2006). A more detailed systematic characterization of this gene family suggests that three members have redundant *Mnn2* activity, while the other three members display *Mnn5*-like activity (Hall *et al.*, 2013). The *C. albicans* *mnn5Δ* mutant also showed a reduced ability to synthesize *O*-mannan (Bai *et al.*, 2006). Deletion of *Mnn2* and *Mnn5* orthologues in *C. albicans* resulted in shortened mannan fibrils protruding from the cell wall, while deletion of all six genes abolished visible mannan fibrils (Fig. 2), with only α 1,6-mannose present in the *N*-mannan side-chain (Hall *et al.*, 2013; Fig. 1). Biochemical evidence suggests that *Mnt5* is also required for the addition of the second α 1,2-mannose unit to the outer chains from the *N*-linked mannan (Díaz-Jiménez *et al.*, 2012), suggesting

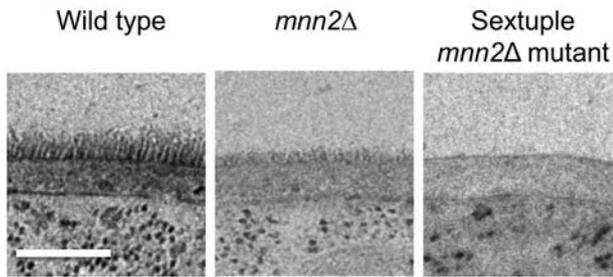


Fig. 2. TEM of the cell wall in selected mannosylation mutants. The sextuple *mnn2Δ* mutant contains deletions in all six *MNN2* genes (*mnn2Δ/mnn21Δ/mnn22Δ/mnn23Δ/mnn24Δ/mnn26Δ*). Uridine auxotrophy was complemented by the integration of the Clp10 plasmid at the *RPS1* locus. The scale bar represents 0.2 μm .

that there may be a degree of functional redundancy in the mannan biosynthetic pathways in *C. albicans*.

The α 1,2-mannose chains are capped with α 1,3-mannose via the actions of Mnn1 (Yip *et al.*, 1994; Romero *et al.*, 1999). The *C. albicans* *MNN1* gene family contains 6 members, but only deletion of *MNN14* attenuates virulence (Bates *et al.*, 2013), suggesting a degree of functional redundancy between family members. In contrast to *S. cerevisiae*, the *C. albicans* *N*-mannan contains β 1,2-mannose, which forms part of both the acid-stable and acid-labile mannan fractions (see below), which are attached through the actions of β 1,2-mannosyltransferases (BMTs). Bmt1 and Bmt3 are required for the addition of the first and second β 1,2-mannose units respectively (Mille *et al.*, 2008). However, removal of β 1,2-mannose from the acid-stable mannan fraction did not affect growth, morphology or compromise the cell wall integrity (Mille *et al.*, 2008). Therefore, the functional significance of β 1,2-mannosylation remains to be clarified. However β -mannan plays important roles in immune recognition (see later).

Phosphomannan. The β 1,2-mannose moiety, linked to the branched *N*-glycan through a phosphodiester bond, is commonly known as phosphomannan (PM), or acid-labile mannan. Loss of this mannan fraction is characterized by a reduced ability of *C. albicans* to bind the cationic dye Alcian Blue, due to the loss of negative charge in the cell wall, as a result in the reduction of phosphate content. In *S. cerevisiae*, the PM is attached to the outer *N*-mannan chains via Mnn4 and Mnn6 (Karson and Ballou, 1978; Nakayama *et al.*, 1998). *ScMNN6* encodes the mannosylphosphate transferase (Odani *et al.*, 1997), while *ScMnn4* is a positive regulator of *ScMnn6* (Odani *et al.*, 1996). Deletion of the putative *C. albicans* *MNN4* orthologue impairs Alcian Blue binding to the *C. albicans* cell wall, confirming that it also participates in the attachment of PM to the outer *N*-mannan chains (Hobson *et al.*, 2004), although it has not been confirmed if CaMnn4 is

acting as the mannosylphosphate transferase, or a positive regulator of CaMnn6. However, the *C. albicans* *mnn4Δ* mutant does maintain β 1,2-mannose in the acid-stable fraction (Hobson *et al.*, 2004; Singleton *et al.*, 2005). The PM glycoconjugate is extended by a family of BMTs, which attach a series of β 1,2-mannose residues to the initial α 1,2-mannose. Bmt2, Bmt3 and Bmt4 are required for the addition of the first, second and third β 1,2-mannose units of the acid-labile mannan respectively (Mille *et al.*, 2008). Deletion of the α 1,2-mannosyltransferases *mmt3Δ*, and *mmt5Δ* together also results in reduced Alcian Blue binding (Mora-Montes *et al.*, 2010), suggesting they are also involved in elaboration/attachment of the PM to the *N*-mannan, although *O*-mannan can also incorporate PM. Removal of the PM, by deletion of *MNN4*, increases the net hydrophobicity of the cell wall (Singleton *et al.*, 2005), and increases the resistance of the *N*-mannan to acetolysis (Hazen *et al.*, 2007), which cleaves α 1,6-linkages. This increased resistance suggests that Mnn4, in addition to regulating the addition of PM to the α 1,2-mannan side-chain, may also have a global affect on the synthesis of acid-stable mannan. The PM is important for macrophage phagocytosis (McKenzie *et al.*, 2010). In comparison, removal of *O*- or *N*-mannan resulted in increased phagocytosis (McKenzie *et al.*, 2010), and increased exposure of β -glucan, which would increase recognition through the phagocytic receptor Dectin-1 (see below).

Other enzymes. The majority of the mannosyltransferases are metalloenzymes which require a metal ion cofactor [predominately manganese (Mn^{2+})] for functionality (Bai *et al.*, 2006). Therefore, ion transport within the ER and Golgi network is an important factor for mannan biosynthesis. Pmr1 is a P-type ATPase required for transporting divalent cations ($\text{Ca}^{2+}/\text{Mn}^{2+}$) into the Golgi and maintaining manganese homeostasis. Disruption of *PMR1* results in shortening of the branched *N*-mannan and *O*-mannan (Fig. 1), presumably due to the inhibition of several mannosyltransferases as a result of insufficient concentrations of cations within the Golgi (Bates *et al.*, 2005). However, in comparison with the *och1Δ* mutant, the *pmr1Δ* has a thinner glucan-chitin layer and longer, but less dense mannan fibrils.

Phospholipomannan

Phospholipomannan (PLM) is comprised of mannosylated sphingolipids, sharing a mannose moiety similar to that of PM, composed of β 1,2-mannose, covalently linked to the lipid domain by a phosphodiester bond with an α -mannose unit. Deletion of *MIT1* (Mannose Inositolphosphoceramide mannose Transferase) totally eliminated mannan from *C. albicans* PLM (Mille *et al.*, 2004),

suggesting that Mit1 is the sole transferase responsible for the addition of mannan to this lipid. The PLM is then elaborated with β -mannose units, via the actions of Bmt5 and Bmt6 (Mille *et al.*, 2012). Disruption of PLM significantly affected the *C. albicans* cell wall stress response due to calcium and SDS, but not Calcofluor White (Mille *et al.*, 2004). Interestingly, blastospores shed PLM during early stages of macrophage phagocytosis, and the released PLM binds the surface of the macrophage (Jouault *et al.*, 1998), where it participates in immune recognition of the fungal pathogen (see below).

In general, glycosylation mutants display similar phenotypes. For example, all glycosylation mutants studied, so far, show increased flocculation. For some of the mutants (*och1* Δ , *mnt1* Δ /*mnt2* Δ) this can be explained by a cell separation defect, at cytokinesis (Munro *et al.*, 2005). However, this defect has not been observed for all the glycosylation mutants. One possible explanation is that the alterations to the glycosylation status of the cell wall affects the charge of the cell and hence the tendency to aggregate. It is also possible that the disruption of key regulatory cell wall processes affects the activity of glucanase and chitinase enzymes required for cell-separation after cytokinesis. However, Gregori *et al.* recently showed that sub-MIC concentrations of the β -glucan synthase inhibitor caspofungin induce flocculation in an Efg1-, Als1-dependent manner, which could be inhibited by high concentrations of exogenous sugars (Gregori *et al.*, 2011). Alternatively, overexpression of Als3 has been shown to induce flocculation. Expression of ALS proteins in the glycosylation mutants has not been studied, but evidence suggests that in addition to the glycome, the cell wall proteome is also altered in some mannosylation mutants, perhaps by inducing the unfolded protein response (Bates *et al.*, 2005). Therefore, it is possible that manipulation of mannosylation alters many properties of the cell wall, which results in increased cell-cell adhesion, and could serve as an alternative mechanism for protection from the environment.

Effects of the environment on mannan composition

The fungal cell wall is dynamic, and its composition is mediated by components of the surrounding environment. For example, the presence of echinocandin antifungals results in increased chitin synthesis to compensate for the depletion of glucan, to maintain cell wall integrity (Walker *et al.*, 2008). Recent investigations into the mannan composition have shown that the environment also modulates the structure of the protruding mannan fibrils. At the molecular level, NMR data suggest that the structural composition of the mannan is dependent on growth conditions (Kruppa *et al.*, 2011; Lowman *et al.*, 2011). Growth in alternative carbon sources reduced chitin and glucan

levels and also diminished the mannan fibrillar layer (Ene *et al.*, 2012). Moreover, damage to the mannosylation structures upregulates *PMT1*, *PMT2* and *PMT4* in an Msb2-, Cek1-, Ace2-dependent manner (Cantero and Ernst, 2011). Therefore, different growth conditions are likely to activate cell wall signalling cascades to varying degrees, altering the expression of cell wall biosynthesis genes, and affecting the mannan composition. For a detailed review of cell wall signalling pathways we direct readers to the following recent review (Ernst and Pla, 2011).

Contribution of mannan to fungal immune recognition

Like many pathogens, *C. albicans* is detected and cleared predominantly through the actions of the innate immune system. Recognition of invading microbes is achieved by a variety of receptors on the surfaces of epithelia and myeloid cells. These include toll-like receptors (TLRs), C-type lectins (CTLs) and Nod-like receptors (NLRs), which bind to specific epitopes on the pathogen surface (Medzhitov *et al.*, 1997; Yang *et al.*, 1998; Ariizumi *et al.*, 2000). These so-called pathogen recognition receptors (PRRs) and pathogen-associated molecular patterns (PAMPs) now form the basis of our understanding of innate immune recognition. For example, TLR2, TLR4, dectin-2, Mincle, DC-SIGN and galectin-3 have major roles in the recognition of fungal mannans (Fradin *et al.*, 2000; Tada *et al.*, 2002; Porcaro *et al.*, 2003; Taylor *et al.*, 2004; Rouabhia *et al.*, 2005; McGreal *et al.*, 2006), TLR9 recognizes fungal DNA (Miyazato *et al.*, 2009), and dectin-1 and complement receptor 3 (CR3) are the major PRRs involved in the detection of β -glucans (Thornton *et al.*, 1996; Brown and Gordon, 2001).

Participation of O-mannan to immune recognition

O-mannan is predominately recognized by TLR4 (Netea *et al.*, 2006). Deletion of TLR4 results in reduced neutrophil infiltration and enhanced fungal burden in the peritoneal exudates, lymph nodes and spleen (Gasparoto *et al.*, 2010). Co-incubation of oral epithelial cells with purified *C. albicans* cell wall components confirmed that these PAMPs only induced expression of TLR4, but epithelial cytokine production was independent of TLR4 (Wagener *et al.*, 2012). However, a recent study highlighted that TLR4 recognition, is largely dependent on the *C. albicans* strain under investigation (Netea *et al.*, 2010). In this study, the susceptibility of TLR4^{-/-} mice to *C. albicans* infection correlated with the dependence on TLR4 recognition, with disease progression unaltered in TLR4^{-/-} mice when infected with a *C. albicans* strain known to be independent of TLR4 recognition (Netea *et al.*, 2010). Therefore, data regarding TLR4 recognition should be interpreted with caution.

Participation of N-mannan to immune recognition

N-mannan is recognized by a multitude of receptors, which are expressed on different immune cells. The mannose receptor (MR) is an endocytic receptor thought to recognize terminal α 1,2-/ α 1,3-mannose residues (Kéry *et al.*, 1992; Netea *et al.*, 2008). The MR is cleaved by a metalloproteinase producing a functional soluble (sMR) receptor (Martínez-Pomares *et al.*, 1998). The role of sMR in innate immunity has not been clarified, but the sMR may function to bind soluble mannan or degraded particles from phagocytosis events and present them to CR-Fc⁺ cells surrounding the infection site (Martínez-Pomares *et al.*, 1998).

Due to the phagocytic nature of the MR, fungal cells with a low mannan content in their cell wall have reduced phagocytosis rates (Keppler-Ross *et al.*, 2010). Indeed, mutants with truncations in *N*- (*mns1*), phosphomannan (*mnn4*) and *O*-linked mannan (*mnt1/mnt2*) exhibited delays in engulfment, but not in the rate of macrophage migration and chemotaxis towards *Candida* cells (Lewis *et al.*, 2012). This is also true of neutrophils, where mannosylation mutants (for example, *och1* Δ , *pmr1* Δ and *mnt1* Δ /*mnt2* Δ) displayed a reduced phagocytosis index (Sheth *et al.*, 2011). In neutrophils, at least, the decreased phagocytosis rate was found not to be due to lack of recognition, since neutrophils still had yeast bound to their surface. Instead, the reduced phagocytic index of the mannan-deficient mutants seemed to be due to the failure of the neutrophils to engulf the mutants (Sheth *et al.*, 2011). In contrast, alterations in other cell wall components, including glucan and chitin, did not markedly affect the efficiency of macrophages to phagocytose fungal cells (Keppler-Ross *et al.*, 2010). The MR is also responsible for the majority (70%) of dendritic cell (DC) recognition and internalization of *C. albicans* (Cambi *et al.*, 2008). This recognition is mainly based on interactions with α 1,2- or α 1,3-mannose, with the *och1* Δ and *pmr1* Δ mutants displaying reduced phagocytosis rates, while the *mnt1* Δ /*mnt2* Δ , *mnn4* Δ mutants, and the serotype B strains were still efficiently phagocytosed by DCs (Cambi *et al.*, 2008).

Although the majority of *C. albicans* recognition by DCs occurs via the MR, DCs also express the C-type lectin-like receptor, DC-SIGN. DC-SIGN recognizes a variety of carbohydrate structures, including fructose and branched α -mannan (Cambi *et al.*, 2008), and can phagocytose *Candida* cells through the recognition of mannan (Cambi *et al.*, 2003). The mouse orthologue of DC-SIGN, SIGNR-1, works in concert with Dectin-1 to enhance the oxidative burst in macrophage cell lines (Takahara *et al.*, 2011). Although DC-SIGN and SIGNR-1 are orthologues, they show distinct epitope specificity. For example, DC-SIGN only recognizes α -mannose residues with a free non-reducing end (i.e. α -mannose units at the end of the polymers), while SIGNR-1 can also recognize α -mannose

units capped with additional α -mannoses, or β -mannose residues (Takahara *et al.*, 2012).

In addition to the MR and DC-SIGN, the C-type lectin-like receptor, dectin-2 (Clec4n), has recently been identified as recognizing high mannose containing epitopes (> 7 terminal or branched α -mannose residues) (McGreal *et al.*, 2006), although the exact epitope (i.e. terminal, or branched α -mannose units) recognized by dectin-2 is unknown (Saijo *et al.*, 2010). Deletion of dectin-2 results in increased kidney fungal burdens and accelerated neutrophil infiltration, with *Candida* growth observed in the pelvis (Saijo *et al.*, 2010), confirming that α -mannan recognition via dectin-2 is crucial for fungal detection and removal. Dectin-2 recognition enhances secretion of IL-1 β , IL-23 and IL-6 and hence activates a protective Th17 response to the invading pathogen, as well as a less potent Th1 response (Saijo *et al.*, 2010). In conjunction with this, *C. albicans* purified mannan is capable of inducing prostaglandin production from human PBMCs. β -Glucan only enhanced prostaglandin levels in concert with TLR2 ligands (Smeekens *et al.*, 2010). Furthermore, prostaglandin production is regulated via dectin-2 and hence by mannan-stimulation (Suram *et al.*, 2010). Therefore, fungal mannan appears to play a critical role in inducing Th17 responses, presumably through the actions of CD14⁺/CD16⁻ subsets of circulating monocytes which have elevated expression of the MR on their surface (Smeekens *et al.*, 2011), to fungal pathogens.

The β -mannan which caps the branches of *N*-mannan is recognized by galectin-3 (Fradin *et al.*, 2000). Although galectin-3 can bind to a variety of β 1,2-epitopes, only recognition of antigenic factor 5 (phosphate bound β 1,2-mannose units) or factor 6 (terminal α 1,3-mannose units) exert fungicidal effects on *C. albicans*. These effects are specific for *Candida* species that display β 1,2-linked mannose on their surface, as galectin-3 does not bind fungal cells that lack this epitope (for example *S. cerevisiae*) (Kohatsu *et al.*, 2006). Macrophages isolated from galectin-3 deficient mice exhibited normal levels of uptake and phagocytosis of *Candida* (Jouault *et al.*, 2006), suggesting that recognition of β 1,2-mannan is not important for fungal eradication. However, more recently Linden *et al.* have shown that *Candida parapsilosis* induces galectin-3 secretion from neutrophils, and propose that soluble galectin-3 functions as a pro-inflammatory autocrine/paracrine signal to enhance neutrophil phagocytosis (Linden *et al.*, 2013).

In addition to the receptors described above, the C-type lectin-like receptor, Mincle which is expressed on macrophages, has been proposed to recognize α -mannose units, but not complete mannan polysaccharides (Yamasaki *et al.*, 2009). However, some conflicts exist in the literature regarding the role of Mincle in fungal infections. Mincle^{-/-} mice do not show increased susceptibility

to systemic candidiasis, but they do display increased kidney burdens compared to control mice (Wells *et al.*, 2008), suggesting that Mincle may play a role in fungal clearance. In agreement with this, TNF α secretion was reduced by 30% in Mincle^{-/-} bone marrow-derived macrophages after stimulation with *C. albicans* (Wells *et al.*, 2008). In contrast, Mincle specifically recognizes *Malassezia*, and not *C. albicans* or *Aspergillus* species (Yamasaki *et al.*, 2009). The differences observed in this study might, in part, be attributed to the different *C. albicans* strains used in each study, which potentially has been attributed to the ability of different organisms to express different α -mannose epitopes.

Participation of phospholipomannan to immune recognition

Addition of purified PLM to macrophage-like cells (J774) stimulates pro-inflammatory cytokine secretion, suggesting that PLM contributes to innate immune recognition of *C. albicans* (Jouault *et al.*, 1994; 1998). TLR knockout mice confirmed that PLM was recognized by TLR2, although bone marrow-derived macrophages from TLR4^{-/-} and TLR6^{-/-} mice also showed reduced cytokine signalling in response to purified PLM, suggesting that these receptors may also function in the recognition of PLM (Jouault *et al.*, 2003). However in keratinocytes, PLM induced pro-inflammatory cytokine secretion (IL-6 and IL-8) was shown to be TLR2 dependent (Li *et al.*, 2009). Therefore, the role of PLM in innate immune recognition may depend on the site of infection.

Mannan and fungal diagnostics

Early detection of invasive candidaemia (IC) is essential for a good prognosis, with mortality rates increasing from 15% (antifungal treatment initiated immediately after positive blood culture), to 40% when treatment is delayed by 72 h (Garey *et al.*, 2006). Despite the new developments in disease diagnostics, *Candida* infections are still hard to diagnose, with many cases going unreported until autopsy. Diagnosis is now based on the non-invasive detection of circulating polysaccharides from the fungal cell wall in blood samples. Two of the diagnostic tests focus on circulating mannan levels, while the other is directed against β -glucan.

Mannan antigen detection

Mannan comprises up to 7% of the dry weight of *C. albicans* and is non-covalently attached to the surface of the pathogen, and as a result is released into the circulation (Fukazawa, 1989). Therefore, patients with invasive candidaemia tend to have high circulating levels of mannan in their blood (mannanaemia). The first commercially avail-

able kit for the detection of mannan was Pastorex antigen agglutination kit, which gave varied results with a high percentage of false positives (Bailey *et al.*, 1985; Lemieux *et al.*, 1990). Currently, the conventional kit for testing sera for the presence of fungal mannan is the Platelia *Candida* antigen kit from Bio-Rad, which is based on an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA). The kit utilizes the rat monoclonal antibody EB-CA1, which recognizes chains of α 1,2-mannose from the fungal cell wall in a size-dependent manner, with five units being the minimum for efficient binding (Jacquinot *et al.*, 1998). This assay assumes that mannan serum concentrations above 0.5 ng ml⁻¹ are positive for candidaemia, and can lead to the identification of patients with candidaemia 7 weeks earlier than blood cultures (Nihtinen *et al.*, 2011). The Platelia assay has a specificity of over 80% with a sensitivity of around 60% (Sendid *et al.*, 1999; Alam *et al.*, 2007; Mikulska *et al.*, 2010; Mokaddas *et al.*, 2011). However, increased sensitivity can be observed (70–100%) by decreasing the recommended cut-off, but this increases false positives (Ellis *et al.*, 2009; Mikulska *et al.*, 2010). An alternative method is to use the assay in combination with another test like the anti-mannan antibody detection kit (Arendrup *et al.*, 2010; Mikulska *et al.*, 2010). Initially there were concerns over the use of mannan as a diagnostic tool due to natural colonization of *Candida*. However, under these circumstances the mannan level remains within the cut-off (i.e. below 0.5 ng ml⁻¹), while they are greatly elevated in patients with invasive candidaemia (Mokaddas *et al.*, 2010). Therefore, detection of mannan is a reliable diagnostic marker for invasive candidaemia. One factor that influences the accuracy of such diagnostics is the clearance of mannan from the circulation. Therefore, for high-risk patients, such as those on immune suppressive therapy, or with neutropenia consistent monitoring of circulatory mannan levels may prove more beneficial than one-off measurements.

Anti-mannan antibody detection

As discussed in the previous section, mannan is immunostimulatory and as a consequence antibodies are generated against it, the presence of which can then be used as a diagnostic tool to identify patients with fungal infections. The detection of anti-mannan antibodies is taken advantage of in the Platelia *Candida* Ab assay kit. This assay involves the use of *Candida* mannan coated plates, to which sera from the patient is applied. The presence of the antibodies is achieved through a sandwich ELISA. Several studies have reported that the average sensitivity of the kit to detect patients infected with *Candida* is 60% with a range between 44% and 100%. However, the anti-mannan test is less specific than the Platelia *Candida* antigen kit, due to high circulation of mannan antibodies

from uninfected, but heavily colonized individuals (Odds and Evans, 1980), and the reduced antibody response in immune suppressed patients (Jones, 1990). It was reported that use of the anti-mannan antibody test in combination with the mannan antigen test increases the sensitivity to 80–90% (Mikulska *et al.*, 2010). Greater accuracy can also be achieved through the combined testing for *Candida* mannan and β -glucan, or *Candida* mannan, β -glucan and *Candida* DNA (Alam *et al.*, 2007). The use of these biological markers to detect IC in high-risk patients has proven successful in the early detection of infection, producing positive results up to 7 days before a positive blood culture.

Other fungal species

Although much of the knowledge we have on the fungal cell wall has been based on studies from *S. cerevisiae* and *C. albicans*, which have similar cell wall structures, new insights are now coming from studies of other pathogenic fungi. These studies confirm that the structural organization of some elements of the fungal cell wall are well conserved, with most fungi having a common core comprised of chitin and β -glucan in the inner wall layer and an outer layer of glycoproteins. The ratio of the components and the major carbohydrate components and the amount of glycoprotein in the wall vary significantly. For example, chitin forms only 2–5% of the dry weight of the *C. albicans* cell wall, while it accounts for over 10–20% of the dry weight of the walls of *Aspergillus* or *Neurospora* species. In *Aspergillus* species, the glucan layer is comprised of β 1,3- and β 1,4-glucan, while *C. albicans* contains β 1,3- and β 1,6-glucan (Fontaine *et al.*, 2000). Some fungi have considerably less glycoproteins in their cell wall than *C. albicans*, and these proteins are glycosylated with polysaccharide structures other than mannan. In *Aspergillus fumigatus*, and *Malassezia furfur* the glycoproteins are glycosylated with polysaccharides composed of mannose and galactose monosaccharides, known as galactomannan (Latgé *et al.*, 1994; Shibata *et al.*, 2009), and circulating galactomannan levels are the most commonly used diagnostic marker for invasive aspergillosis (Rohrlich *et al.*, 1996). In addition, long complex glycosylation structures such as the *N*-mannan in *C. albicans* are not present in filamentous fungi, but instead *N*-mannans are often shorter and terminate in galactofuranose (Leitão *et al.*, 2003; Morelle *et al.*, 2005). In some fungi, a polysaccharide capsule surrounds the cell wall. *Cryptococcus neoformans* and *C. gattii* are surrounded by a glucuronoxylomannan (GXM) and galactoxylomannan (GalXM) capsule, which forms a physical barrier protecting the fungus from the environment and host immune defences (O'Meara and Alspaugh, 2012). The capsule is also a major diagnostic marker, which can be visualized by India ink staining, or

quantified through the detection of Cryptococcal antigen (CrAg) by latex aggregation, ELISA or lateral flow (Kozel and Bauman, 2012; O'Meara and Alspaugh, 2012).

Conclusions

The fungal cell wall is a dynamic structure important for maintaining cell shape, protection against environmental stress and immune recognition. The outer most layer of the fungal cell wall is comprised of glycosylated proteins, the carbohydrate structures of which serve as PAMPs that trigger immune recognition. A series of glycosylation mutants, which express altered mannan epitopes on the cell surface, have shed light on the role of different mannans in fungal immune recognition. Many of these mutants show similar phenotypic characteristics including increased flocculation, decreased growth rates, abnormal morphogenesis, temperature sensitivity, increased sensitivity to cell wall perturbing agents and a reduced ability to active host immune responses, all of which result in attenuated virulence. However, immune responses are dependent on the type of immune cell. For example, the mutants which are defective in mannan (*och1 Δ* , *mnt1 Δ* /*mnt2 Δ* and *mns1 Δ*) show a reduced ability to activate peripheral blood monocytes (Munro *et al.*, 2005; Bates *et al.*, 2006; Mora-Montes *et al.*, 2007), but are phagocytosed by macrophages at a higher rate than wild type (McKenzie *et al.*, 2010), suggesting that recognition in monocytes is predominately driven by mannan through the TLR4 and the MR, while macrophage recognition is predominately mediated by β -glucan, through dectin-1. Moreover, during tissue invasion, where fungal β -glucan exposure is increased, the immune stimulation becomes more dependent on β -glucans (Wheeler *et al.*, 2008). It is also important to consider that local host environmental signals can strongly influence cell wall structure and composition and so immune recognition of the wall is presented with a moving target (Kruppa *et al.*, 2011; Lowman *et al.*, 2011). During the infection process, *C. albicans* will be exposed to a plethora of signals including environments of different pH and CO₂ levels, different carbon sources (Ene *et al.*, 2012), etc., all of which may individually or simultaneously impact on the cell wall altering the way in which the immune system sees the fungus. The affect of host environmental cues on the fungal cell wall is currently an understudied area of fungal biology, but this area is important if we want to fully understand the extent of the interactions that occur between the host and pathogen during infection.

Acknowledgements

The authors declare no conflict of interest. Our work in the area is supported by grants from the Wellcome Trust

(080088, 086827, 075470 and 099215; 097377), and by a FP7-2007-2013 grant agreement (HEALTH-F2-2010-260338-ALLFUN).

References

- Alam, F., Mustafa, A., and Khan, Z. (2007) Comparative evaluation of (1, 3)-beta-D-glucan, mannan and anti-mannan antibodies, and *Candida* species-specific snPCR in patients with candidemia. *BMC Infect Dis* **7**: 103.
- Almirante, B., Rodríguez, D., Park, B.J., Cuenca-Estrella, M., Planes, A.M., Almela, M., *et al.* (2005) Epidemiology and predictors of mortality in cases of *Candida* bloodstream infection: results from population-based surveillance, Barcelona, Spain, from 2002 to 2003. *J Clin Microbiol* **43**: 1829–1835.
- Arendrup, M.C., Bergmann, O.J., Larsson, L., Nielsen, H.V., Jarløv, J.O., and Christensson, B. (2010) Detection of candidaemia in patients with and without underlying haematological disease. *Clin Microbiol Infect* **16**: 855–862.
- Ariizumi, K., Shen, G.-L., Shikano, S., Xu, S., Ritter, R., Kumamoto, T., *et al.* (2000) Identification of a novel, dendritic cell-associated molecule, dectin-1, by subtractive cDNA cloning. *J Biol Chem* **275**: 20157–20167.
- Bai, C., Xu, X.-L., Chan, F.-Y., Lee, R.T.H., and Wang, Y. (2006) *MNN5* encodes an iron-regulated alpha-1,2-mannosyltransferase important for protein glycosylation, cell wall integrity, morphogenesis, and virulence in *Candida albicans*. *Eukaryot Cell* **5**: 238–247.
- Bailey, J.W., Sada, E., Brass, C., and Bennett, J.E. (1985) Diagnosis of systemic candidiasis by latex agglutination for serum antigen. *J Clin Microbiol* **21**: 749–752.
- Bates, S., MacCallum, D.M., Bertram, G., Munro, C.A., Hughes, H.B., Buurman, E.T., *et al.* (2005) *Candida albicans* Pmr1p, a secretory pathway P-type Ca²⁺/Mn²⁺-ATPase, is required for glycosylation and virulence. *J Biol Chem* **280**: 23408–23415.
- Bates, S., Hughes, H.B., Munro, C.A., Thomas, W.P.H., MacCallum, D.M., Bertram, G., *et al.* (2006) Outer chain N-glycans are required for cell wall integrity and virulence of *Candida albicans*. *J Biol Chem* **281**: 90–98.
- Bates, S., Hall, R.A., Cheetham, J., Netea, M.G., MacCallum, D.M., Brown, A.J.P., *et al.* (2013) Role of the *Candida albicans* *MNN1* gene family in cell wall structure and virulence. *BMC Res Notes* **6**: 249.
- Bowman, S.M., and Free, S.J. (2006) The structure and synthesis of the fungal cell wall. *Bioessays* **28**: 799–808.
- Brown, G.D., and Gordon, S. (2001) Immune recognition: a new receptor for [beta]-glucans. *Nature* **413**: 36–37.
- Buurman, E.T., Westwater, C., Hube, B., Brown, A.J.P., Odds, F.C., and Gow, N.A.R. (1998) Molecular analysis of CaMnt1p, a mannosyl transferase important for adhesion and virulence of *Candida albicans*. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* **95**: 7670–7675.
- Cambi, A., Gijzen, K., de Vries, I.J.M., Torensma, R., Joosten, B., Adema, G.J., *et al.* (2003) The C-type lectin DC-SIGN (CD209) is an antigen-uptake receptor for *Candida albicans* on dendritic cells. *Eur J Immunol* **33**: 532–538.
- Cambi, A., Netea, M.G., Mora-Montes, H.M., Gow, N.A.R., Hato, S.V., Lowman, D.W., *et al.* (2008) Dendritic cell interaction with *Candida albicans* critically depends on N-linked mannan. *J Biol Chem* **283**: 20590–20599.
- Cantero, P.D., and Ernst, J.F. (2011) Damage to the glycoshield activates PMT-directed O-mannosylation via the Msb2–Cek1 pathway in *Candida albicans*. *Mol Microbiol* **80**: 715–725.
- Corbucci, C., Cenci, E., Skrzypek, F., Gabrielli, E., Mosci, P., Ernst, J.F., *et al.* (2007) Immune response to *Candida albicans* is preserved despite defect in O-mannosylation of secretory proteins. *Med Mycol* **45**: 709–719.
- Díaz-Jiménez, D.F., Mora-Montes, H.M., Hernández-Cervantes, A., Luna-Arias, J.P., Gow, N.A.R., and Flores-Carreón, A. (2012) Biochemical characterization of recombinant *Candida albicans* mannosyltransferases Mnt1, Mnt2 and Mnt5 reveals new functions in O- and N-mannan biosynthesis. *Biochem Biophys Res Commun* **419**: 77–82.
- Douglas, C.M., D'Ippolito, J.A., Shei, G.J., Meinz, M., Onishi, J., Marrinan, J.A., *et al.* (1997) Identification of the *FKS1* gene of *Candida albicans* as the essential target of 1,3-beta-D-glucan synthase inhibitors. *Antimicrob Agents Chemother* **41**: 2471–2479.
- Dünkler, A., Walther, A., Specht, C.A., and Wendland, J. (2005) *Candida albicans* *CHT3* encodes the functional homolog of the Cts1 chitinase of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. *Fungal Genet Biol* **42**: 935–947.
- Ellis, M., Al-Ramadi, B., Bernsen, R., Kristensen, J., Alizadeh, H., and Hedstrom, U. (2009) Prospective evaluation of mannan and anti-mannan antibodies for diagnosis of invasive *Candida* infections in patients with neutropenic fever. *J Med Microbiol* **58**: 606–615.
- Ene, I.V., Adya, A.K., Wehmeier, S., Brand, A.C., MacCallum, D.M., Gow, N.A.R., and Brown, A.J.P. (2012) Host carbon sources modulate cell wall architecture, drug resistance and virulence in a fungal pathogen. *Cell Microbiol* **14**: 1319–1335.
- Ernst, J.F., and Pla, J. (2011) Signaling the glycoshield: maintenance of the *Candida albicans* cell wall. *Int J Med Microbiol* **301**: 378–383.
- Fontaine, T., Simenel, C., Dubreucq, G., Adam, O., Delepierre, M., Lemoine, J., *et al.* (2000) Molecular organization of the alkali-insoluble fraction of *Aspergillus fumigatus* cell wall. *J Biol Chem* **275**: 27594–27607.
- Fradin, C., Poulain, D., and Jouault, T. (2000) beta-1,2-linked oligomannosides from *Candida albicans* bind to a 32-Kilodalton macrophage membrane protein homologous to the mammalian lectin Galectin-3. *Infect Immun* **68**: 4391–4398.
- Fukazawa, Y. (1989) Antigenic structure of *Candida albicans* immunochemical basis of the serologic specificity of the mannans in yeasts. *Immunol Ser* **47**: 37–62.
- Garey, K.W., Rege, M., Pai, M.P., Mingo, D.E., Suda, K.J., Turpin, R.S., and Bearden, D.T. (2006) Time to initiation of fluconazole therapy impacts mortality in patients with candidemia: a multi-institutional study. *Clin Infect Dis* **43**: 25–31.
- Gasparoto, T.H., Tessarolli, V., Garlet, T.P., Torres, S.A., Garlet, G.P., da Silva, J.S., and Campanelli, A.P. (2010) Absence of functional TLR4 impairs response of macrophages after *Candida albicans* infection. *Med Mycol* **48**: 1009–1017.

- Gow, N.A., and Hube, B. (2012) Importance of the *Candida albicans* cell wall during commensalism and infection. *Curr Opin Microbiol* **15**: 406–412.
- Gregori, C., Glaser, W., Frohner, I.E., Reinoso-Martín, C., Rupp, S., Schüller, C., and Kuchler, K. (2011) Efg1 controls caspofungin-induced cell aggregation of *Candida albicans* through the adhesin Als1. *Eukaryot Cell* **10**: 1694–1704.
- Hall, R.A., Bates, S., Lenardon, M.D., MacCallum, D.M., Wagener, J., Lowman, D.W., *et al.* (2013) The Mnn2 mannosyltransferase family modulates mannoprotein fibril length, immune recognition and virulence of *Candida albicans*. *PLoS Pathog* **9**: e1003276.
- Hashimoto, H., and Yoda, K. (1997) Novel membrane protein complexes for protein glycosylation in the yeast Golgi apparatus. *Biochem Biophys Res Commun* **241**: 682–686.
- Hazen, K.C., Singleton, D.R., and Masuoka, J. (2007) Influence of outer region mannosylphosphorylation on *N*-glycan formation by *Candida albicans*: normal acid-stable *N*-glycan formation requires acid-labile mannosylphosphate addition. *Glycobiology* **17**: 1052–1060.
- Hobson, R.P., Munro, C.A., Bates, S., MacCallum, D.M., Cutler, J.E., Heinsbroek, S.E.M., *et al.* (2004) Loss of cell wall mannosylphosphate in *Candida albicans* does not influence macrophage recognition. *J Biol Chem* **279**: 39628–39635.
- Hoyer, L.L. (2001) The ALS gene family of *Candida albicans*. *Trends Microbiol* **9**: 176–180.
- Jacquinet, P.M., Plancke, Y., Sendid, B., Strecker, G., and Poulain, D. (1998) Nature of *Candida albicans*-derived carbohydrate antigen recognized by a monoclonal antibody in patient sera and distribution over *Candida* species. *FEMS Microbiol Lett* **169**: 131–138.
- Jones, J.M. (1990) Laboratory diagnosis of invasive candidiasis. *Clin Microbiol Rev* **3**: 32–45.
- Jouault, T., Bernigaud, A., Lepage, G., Trinel, P.A., and Poulain, D. (1994) The *Candida albicans* phospholipomannan induces *in vitro* production of tumour necrosis factor- α from human and murine macrophages. *Immunology* **83**: 268–273.
- Jouault, T., Fradin, C., Trinel, P.-A., Bernigaud, A., and Poulain, D. (1998) Early signal transduction induced by *Candida albicans* in macrophages through shedding of a glycolipid. *J Infect Dis* **178**: 792–802.
- Jouault, T., Ibat-Ombetta, S., Takeuchi, O., Trinel, P.-A., Sacchetti, P., Lefebvre, P., *et al.* (2003) *Candida albicans* phospholipomannan is sensed through Toll-like receptors. *J Infect Dis* **188**: 165–172.
- Jouault, T., El Abed-El Behi, M., Martínez-Esparza, M., Breuilh, L., Trinel, P., Chamaillard, M., *et al.* (2006) Specific recognition of *Candida albicans* by macrophages requires galectin-3 to discriminate *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and needs association with TLR2 for signaling. *J Immunol* **177**: 4679–4687.
- Jungmann, J., and Munro, S. (1998) Multi-protein complexes in the cis Golgi of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* with [alpha]-1,6-mannosyltransferase activity. *EMBO J* **17**: 423–434.
- Karson, E.M., and Ballou, C.E. (1978) Biosynthesis of yeast mannan. Properties of a mannosylphosphate transferase in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. *J Biol Chem* **253**: 6484–6492.
- Kelleher, D.J., and Gillmore, R. (2006) An evolving view of the eukaryotic oligosaccharyltransferase. *Glycobiology* **16**: 47–62.
- Keppeler-Ross, S., Douglas, L., Konopka, J.B., and Dean, N. (2010) Recognition of yeast by murine macrophages requires mannan but not glucan. *Eukaryot Cell* **9**: 1776–1787.
- Kéry, V., Krepinsky, J.J., Warren, C.D., Capek, P., and Stahl, P. (1992) Ligand recognition by purified human mannose receptor. *Arch Biochem Biophys* **298**: 49–55.
- Klevay, M.J., Ernst, E.J., Hollanbaugh, J.L., Miller, J.G., Pfaller, M.A., and Diekema, D.J. (2008) Therapy and outcome of *Candida glabrata* versus *Candida albicans* bloodstream infection. *Diagn Microbiol Infect Dis* **60**: 273–277.
- Kohatsu, L., Hsu, D.K., Jegalian, A.G., Liu, F.-T., and Baum, L.G. (2006) Galectin-3 induces death of *Candida* species expressing specific beta1,2-linked mannans. *J Immunol* **177**: 4718–4726.
- Kozel, T., and Bauman, S. (2012) CrAg lateral flow assay for cryptococcosis. *Expert Opin Med Diagn* **6**: 245–251.
- Kruppa, M., Greene, R.R., Noss, I., Lowman, D.W., and Williams, D.L. (2011) *C. albicans* increases cell wall mannoprotein, but not mannan, in response to blood, serum and cultivation at physiological temperature. *Glycobiology* **21**: 1173–1180.
- Latgé, J., Kobayashi, H., and Debeaupuis, J. (1994) Chemical and immunological characterization of the galactomannan secreted by *Aspergillus fumigatus*. *Infect Immun* **62**: 5424–5433.
- Latgé, J.-P. (2007) The cell wall: a carbohydrate armour for the fungal cell. *Mol Microbiol* **66**: 279–290.
- Leitão, E.A., Bittencourt, V.C.B., Haido, R.M.T., Valente, A.P., Peter-Katalinic, J., Letzel, M., *et al.* (2003) β -Galactofuranose-containing *O*-linked oligosaccharides present in the cell wall peptidogalactomannan of *Aspergillus fumigatus* contain immunodominant epitopes. *Glycobiology* **13**: 681–692.
- Lemieux, C., St-Germain, G., Vincelette, J., Kaufman, L., and de Repentigny, L. (1990) Collaborative evaluation of antigen detection by a commercial latex agglutination test and enzyme immunoassay in the diagnosis of invasive candidiasis. *J Clin Microbiol* **28**: 249–253.
- Leroy, O., Gangneux, J.-P., Montravers, P., Mira, J.-P., Guin, F., Sollet, J.-P., *et al.* (2009) Epidemiology, management, and risk factors for death of invasive *Candida* infections in critical care: a multicenter, prospective, observational study in France (2005–2006). *Crit Care Med* **37**: 1612–1618.
- Lewis, L.E., Bain, J.M., Lowes, C., Gillespie, C., Rudkin, F.M., Gow, N.A.R., and Erwig, L.-P. (2012) Stage specific assessment of *Candida albicans* phagocytosis by macrophages identifies cell wall composition and morphogenesis as key determinants. *PLoS Pathog* **8**: e1002578.
- Li, M., Chen, Q., Shen, Y., and Liu, W. (2009) *Candida albicans* phospholipomannan triggers inflammatory responses of human keratinocytes through Toll-like receptor 2. *Exp Dermatol* **18**: 603–610.
- Linden, J.R., Kunkel, D., Laforce-Nesbitt, S.S., and Bliss, J.M. (2013) The role of galectin-3 in phagocytosis of *Candida albicans* and *Candida parapsilosis* by human neutrophils. *Cell Microbiol* **15**: 1127–1142.
- Lowman, D.W., Ensley, H.E., Greene, R.R., Knagge, K.J.,

- Williams, D.L., and Kruppa, M.D. (2011) Mannan structural complexity is decreased when *Candida albicans* is cultivated in blood or serum at physiological temperature. *Carbohydr Res* **346**: 2752–2759.
- McGreal, E.P., Rosas, M., Brown, G.D., Zamze, S., Wong, S.Y.C., Gordon, S., *et al.* (2006) The carbohydrate-recognition domain of Dectin-2 is a C-type lectin with specificity for high mannose. *Glycobiology* **16**: 422–430.
- McKenzie, C.G.J., Koser, U., Lewis, L.E., Bain, J.M., Mora-Montes, H.M., Barker, R.N., *et al.* (2010) Contribution of *Candida albicans* cell wall components to recognition by and escape from murine macrophages. *Infect Immun* **78**: 1650–1658.
- Martínez-Pomares, L., Mahoney, J.A., Káposzta, R., Linehan, S.A., Stahl, P.D., and Gordon, S. (1998) A functional soluble form of the murine mannose receptor is produced by macrophages *in vitro* and is present in mouse serum. *J Biol Chem* **273**: 23376–23380.
- Medzhitov, R., Preston-Hurlburt, P., and Janeway, C.J. (1997) A human homologue of the *Drosophila* Toll protein signals activation of adaptive immunity. *Nature* **388**: 394–397.
- Mikulska, M., Calandra, T., Sanguinetti, M., Poulain, D., Viscoli, C., and the Third European Conference on Infections in Leukemia Group (2010) The use of mannan antigen and anti-mannan antibodies in the diagnosis of invasive candidiasis: recommendations from the Third European Conference on Infections in Leukemia. *Crit Care* **14**: R222.
- Mille, C., Janbon, G., Delplace, F., Ibata-Ombetta, S., Gaillardin, C., Strecker, G., *et al.* (2004) Inactivation of CaMIT1 inhibits *Candida albicans* phospholipomannan beta-mannosylation, reduces virulence, and alters cell wall protein beta-mannosylation. *J Biol Chem* **279**: 47952–47960.
- Mille, C., Bobrowicz, P., Trinel, P.A., Li, H., Maes, E., Guerardel, Y., *et al.* (2008) Identification of a new family of genes involved in beta-1,2-mannosylation of glycans in *Pichia pastoris* and *Candida albicans*. *J Biol Chem* **283**: 9724–9736.
- Mille, C., Fradin, C., Delplace, F., Trinel, P.-A., Masset, A., François, N., *et al.* (2012) Members 5 and 6 of the *Candida albicans* BMT family encode enzymes acting specifically on -mannosylation of the phospholipomannan cell-wall glycosphingolipid. *Glycobiology* **22**: 1332–1342.
- Miyazato, A., Nakamura, K., Yamamoto, N., Mora-Montes, H.M., Tanaka, M., Abe, Y., *et al.* (2009) Toll-like receptor 9-dependent activation of myeloid dendritic cells by deoxy-nucleic acids from *Candida albicans*. *Infect Immun* **77**: 3056–3064.
- Mokaddas, E., Burhamah, M., Khan, Z., and Ahmad, S. (2010) Levels of (1-3)-beta-D-glucan, *Candida* mannan and *Candida* DNA in serum samples of pediatric cancer patients colonized with *Candida* species. *BMC Infect Dis* **10**: 292.
- Mokaddas, E., Khan, Z.U., Ahmad, S., Nampoory, M.R.N., and Burhamah, M. (2011) Value of (1-3)-D-glucan, *Candida* mannan and *Candida* DNA detection in the diagnosis of candidaemia. *Clin Microbiol Infect* **17**: 1549–1553.
- Mora-Montes, H.M., Bates, S., Netea, M.G., Diaz-Jimenez, D.F., Lopez-Romero, E., Zinker, S., *et al.* (2007) Endoplasmic Reticulum alpha-glycosidases of *Candida albicans* are required for N-glycosylation, cell wall integrity, and normal host–fungus interaction. *Eukaryot. Cell* **6**: 2184–2193.
- Mora-Montes, H.M., Ponce-Noyola, P., Villagómez-Castro, J.C., Gow, N.A.R., Flores-Carreón, A., and López-Romero, E. (2009) Protein glucosylation in *Candida*. *Future Microbiol* **4**: 1167–1183.
- Mora-Montes, H.M., Bates, S., Netea, M.G., Castillo, L., Brand, A., Buurman, E.T., *et al.* (2010) A multifunctional mannosyltransferase family in *Candida albicans* determines cell wall mannan structure and host–fungus interactions. *J Biol Chem* **285**: 12087–12095.
- Morelle, W., Bernard, M., Debeaupuis, J.-P., Buitrago, M., Tabouret, M., and Latgé, J.-P. (2005) Galactomannoproteins of *Aspergillus fumigatus*. *Eukaryot Cell* **4**: 1308–1316.
- Munro, C.A., Bates, S., Buurman, E.T., Hughes, H.B., MacCallum, D.M., Bertram, G., *et al.* (2005) Mnt1p and Mnt2p of *Candida albicans* are partially redundant alpha-1,2-mannosyltransferases that participate in O-linked mannosylation and are required for adhesion and virulence. *J Biol Chem* **280**: 1051–1060.
- Murciano, C., Moyes, D.L., Rungllall, M., Islam, A., Mille, C., Fradin, C., *et al.* (2011) *Candida albicans* cell wall glycosylation may be indirectly required for activation of epithelial cell proinflammatory responses. *Infect Immun* **79**: 4902–4911.
- Nakayama, K., Feng, Y., Tanaka, A., and Jigami, Y. (1998) The involvement of *mnn4* and *mnn6* mutations in mannosylphosphorylation of O-linked oligosaccharide in yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. *Biochim Biophys Acta* **1425**: 255–262.
- Netea, M.G., Gow, N.A.R., Munro, C.A., Bates, S., Collins, C., Ferwerda, G., *et al.* (2006) Immune sensing of *Candida albicans* requires cooperative recognition of mannans and glucans by lectin and Toll-like receptors. *J Clin Invest* **116**: 1642–1650.
- Netea, M.G., Brown, G.D., Kullberg, B.J., and Gow, N.A.R. (2008) An integrated model of the recognition of *Candida albicans* by the innate immune system. *Nat Rev Microbiol* **6**: 67–78.
- Netea, M.G., Gow, N.A.R., Joosten, L.A.B., Verschuere, I., van der Meer, J.W.M., and Kullberg, B.J. (2010) Variable recognition of *Candida albicans* strains by TLR4 and lectin recognition receptors. *Med Mycol* **48**: 897–903.
- Nihtinen, A., Anttila, V.J., Richardson, M., Ruutu, T., Juvonen, E., Meri, T., and Volin, L. (2011) Factors influencing the performance level of *Candida* mannan antigen testing in allogeneic stem cell transplant recipients not receiving fluconazole prophylaxis. *Transpl Infect Dis* **13**: 266–272.
- Nobile, C.J., Nett, J.E., Andes, D.R., and Mitchell, A.P. (2006) Function of *Candida albicans* adhesin Hwp1 in biofilm formation. *Eukaryot Cell* **5**: 1604–1610.
- O'Meara, T.R., and Alspaugh, J.A. (2012) The *Cryptococcus neoformans* capsule: a sword and a shield. *Clin Microbiol Rev* **25**: 387–408.
- Odani, T., Shimma, Y., Tanaka, A., and Jigami, Y. (1996) Cloning and analysis of the *MNN4* gene required for phosphorylation of N-linked oligosaccharides in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. *Glycobiology* **6**: 805–810.
- Odani, T., Shimma, Y., Wang, X.H., and Jigami, Y. (1997)

- Mannosylphosphate transfer to cell wall mannan is regulated by the transcriptional level of the *MNN4* gene in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. *FEBS Lett* **420**: 186–190.
- Odds, F.C., and Evans, E.G. (1980) Distribution of pathogenic yeasts and humoral antibodies to candida among hospital inpatients. *J Clin Pathol* **33**: 750–756.
- Peltroche-Llacsahuanga, H., Goyard, S., d'Enfert, C., Prill, S.K.H., and Ernst, J.F. (2006) Protein O-mannosyltransferase isoforms regulate biofilm formation in *Candida albicans*. *Antimicrob Agents Chemother* **50**: 3488–3491.
- Porcaro, I., Vidal, M., Jouvert, S., Stahl, P.D., and Giannis, J. (2003) Mannose receptor contribution to *Candida albicans* phagocytosis by murine E-clone J774 macrophages. *J Leukoc Biol* **74**: 206–215.
- Prill, S.K.H., Klinkert, B., Timpel, C., Gale, C.A., Schröppel, K., and Ernst, J.F. (2005) PMT family of *Candida albicans*: five protein mannosyltransferase isoforms affect growth, morphogenesis and antifungal resistance. *Mol Microbiol* **55**: 546–560.
- Rohrlich, P., Sarfati, J., Mariani, P., Duval, M., Carol, A., Saint-Martin, C., *et al.* (1996) Prospective sandwich enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay for serum galactomannan: early predictive value and clinical use in invasive aspergillosis. *Pediatr Infect Dis J* **15**: 232–237.
- Romero, P.A., Lussier, M., Veronneau, S., Sdicu, A.-M., Herscovics, A., and Bussey, H. (1999) Mnt2p and Mnt3p of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* are members of the Mnn1p family of -1,3-mannosyltransferases responsible for adding the terminal mannose residues of O-linked oligosaccharides. *Glycobiology* **9**: 1045–1051.
- Rouabhia, M., Schaller, M., Corbucci, C., Vecchiarelli, A., Prill, S.K.H., Giasson, L., and Ernst, J.F. (2005) Virulence of the fungal pathogen *Candida albicans* requires the five isoforms of protein mannosyltransferases. *Infect Immun* **73**: 4571–4580.
- Saijo, S., Ikeda, S., Yamabe, K., Kakuta, S., Ishigame, H., Akitsu, A., *et al.* (2010) Dectin-2 recognition of [alpha]-mannans and induction of Th17 cell differentiation is essential for host defense against *Candida albicans*. *Immunity* **32**: 681–691.
- Sendid, B., Tabouret, M., Poirot, J.L., Mathieu, D., Fruit, J., and Poulain, D. (1999) New enzyme immunoassays for sensitive detection of circulating *Candida albicans* mannan and antimannan antibodies: useful combined test for diagnosis of systemic candidiasis. *J Clin Microbiol* **37**: 1510–1517.
- Sheth, C.C., Hall, R., Lewis, L., Brown, A.J.P., Odds, F.C., Erwig, L.P., and Gow, N.A.R. (2011) Glycosylation status of the *C. albicans* cell wall affects the efficiency of neutrophil phagocytosis and killing but not cytokine signaling. *Med Mycol* **49**: 513–524.
- Shibata, N., Saitoh, T., Tadokoro, Y., and Okawa, Y. (2009) The cell wall galactomannan antigen from *Malassezia furfur* and *Malassezia pachydermatis* contains beta-1,6-linked linear galactofuranosyl residues and its detection has diagnostic potential. *Microbiology* **155**: 3420–3429.
- Singleton, D.R., Masuoka, J., and Hazen, K.C. (2005) Surface hydrophobicity changes of two *Candida albicans* serotype B *mnn4* mutants. *Eukaryot Cell* **4**: 639–648.
- Smeekens, S.P., van de Veerdonk, F.L., van der Meer, J.W.M., Kullberg, B.J., Joosten, L.A.B., and Netea, M.G. (2010) The *Candida* Th17 response is dependent on mannan- and beta-glucan-induced prostaglandin E2. *Int Immunol* **22**: 889–895.
- Smeekens, S.P., van de Veerdonk, F.L., Joosten, L.A.B., Jacobs, L., Jansen, T., Williams, D.L., *et al.* (2011) The classical CD14 CD16 monocytes, but not the patrolling CD14 CD16 monocytes, promote Th17 responses to *Candida albicans*. *Eur J Immunol* **41**: 2915–2924.
- Sobel, J.D. (2007) Vulvovaginal candidosis. *Lancet* **369**: 1961–1971.
- Southard, S.B., Specht, C.A., Mishra, C., Chen-Weiner, J., and Robbins, P.W. (1999) Molecular analysis of the *Candida albicans* homolog of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* *MNN9*, required for glycosylation of cell wall mannoproteins. *J Bacteriol* **181**: 7439–7448.
- Suram, S., Gangelhoff, T.A., Taylor, P.R., Rosas, M., Brown, G.D., Bonventre, J.V., *et al.* (2010) Pathways regulating cytosolic phospholipase A2 activation and eicosanoid production in macrophages by *Candida albicans*. *J Biol Chem* **285**: 30676–30685.
- Tada, H., Nemoto, E., Shimauchi, H., Watanabe, T., Mikami, T., Matsumoto, T., *et al.* (2002) *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and *Candida albicans*-derived mannan induced production of tumor necrosis factor alpha by human monocytes in a CD14- and Toll-like receptor 4-dependent manner. *Microbiol Immunol* **46**: 503–512.
- Takahara, K., Tokieda, S., Nagaoka, K., Takeda, T., Kimura, Y., and Inaba, K. (2011) C-type lectin SIGNR1 enhances cellular oxidative burst response against *C. albicans* in cooperation with Dectin-1. *Eur J Immunol* **41**: 1435–1444.
- Takahara, K., Arita, T., Tokieda, S., Shibata, N., Okawa, Y., Tateno, H., *et al.* (2012) Difference in fine specificity to polysaccharides of *C. albicans* mannoprotein between mouse SIGNR1 and human DC-SIGN. *Infect Immun* **80**: 1699–1706.
- Taylor, P.R., Brown, G.D., Herre, J., Williams, D.L., Willment, J.A., and Gordon, S. (2004) The role of SIGNR1 and the beta-glucan receptor (Dectin-1) in the nonopsonic recognition of yeast by specific macrophages. *J Immunol* **172**: 1157–1162.
- Thornton, B.P., Větvicka, V., Pitman, M., Goldman, R.C., and Ross, G.D. (1996) Analysis of the sugar specificity and molecular location of the beta-glucan-binding lectin site of complement receptor type 3 (CD11b/CD18). *J Immunol* **156**: 1235–1246.
- Timpel, C., Strahl-Bolsinger, S., Ziegelbauer, K., and Ernst, J.F. (1998) Multiple functions of Pmt1p-mediated protein O-mannosylation in the fungal pathogen *Candida albicans*. *J Biol Chem* **273**: 20837–20846.
- Timpel, C., Zink, S., Strahl-Bolsinger, S., Schroppel, K., and Ernst, J. (2000) Morphogenesis, adhesive properties, and antifungal resistance depend on the Pmt6 protein mannosyltransferase in the fungal pathogen *Candida albicans*. *J Bacteriol* **182**: 3063–3071.
- Wagener, J., Weindl, G., de Groot, P.W.J., de Boer, A.D., Kaesler, S., Thavaraj, S., *et al.* (2012) Glycosylation of *Candida albicans* cell wall proteins is critical for induction of innate immune responses and apoptosis of epithelial cells. *PLoS ONE* **7**: e50518.

- Walker, L.A., Munro, C.A., Bruijn, I., Lenardon, M.D., McKinnon, A., and Gow, N.A. (2008) Stimulation of chitin synthesis rescues *Candida albicans* from echinocandins. *PLoS Pathog* **4**: e1000040.
- Wells, C.A., Salvage-Jones, J.A., Li, X., Hitchens, K., Butcher, S., Murray, R.Z., *et al.* (2008) The macrophage-inducible C-type lectin, Mincle, is an essential component of the innate immune response to *Candida albicans*. *J Immunol* **180**: 7404–7413.
- Wheeler, R.T., Kombe, D., Agarwala, S.D., and Fink, G.R. (2008) Dynamic, morphotype-specific *Candida albicans* beta-glucan exposure during infection and drug treatment. *PLoS Pathog* **4**: e1000227.
- Yamasaki, S., Matsumoto, M., Takeuchi, O., Matsuzawa, T., Ishikawa, E., Sakuma, M., *et al.* (2009) C-type lectin Mincle is an activating receptor for pathogenic fungus, *Malassezia*. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* **106**: 1897–1902.
- Yang, R.-B., Mark, M.R., Gray, A., Huang, A., Xie, M.H., Zhang, M., *et al.* (1998) Toll-like receptor-2 mediates lipopolysaccharide-induced cellular signalling. *Nature* **395**: 284–288.
- Yip, C.L., Welch, S.K., Klebl, F., Gilbert, T., Seidel, P., Grant, F.J., *et al.* (1994) Cloning and analysis of the *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* *MNN9* and *MNN1* genes required for complex glycosylation of secreted proteins. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* **91**: 2723–2727.
- Zhao, X., Daniels, K.J., Oh, S.-H., Green, C.B., Yeater, K.M., Soll, D.R., and Hoyer, L.L. (2006) *Candida albicans* Als3p is required for wild-type biofilm formation on silicone elastomer surfaces. *Microbiology* **152**: 2287–2299.