


Fig. S1. The mss4-f9 and mss4-f12 mutants are defective for haploid invasive growth in glucose and low ammonia media. Indicated strains were spotted on YEPD and SLAD-His media and grown for 5 days. Cells on the surface of the agar were washed off revealing cells that had invaded the agar surface. Spots are from same agar plate. Similar results were observed in 2 independent experiments and representative images are shown.


Fig. S2. mss4 mutants are defective in colony crenelation on glycerol and EtOH containing media. Enlarged images of colonies of indicated strains grown on YEPGlycerol and YEPEtOH media for 5 days are shown. Similar results were observed in 3 independent experiments and representative images are shown.


Fig. S3. mss4-f12 cells respond to mating pheromone. mss4-f12 cells arrest growth in the presence of mating pheromone similar to wild-type cells. $\alpha$-factor ( $1,0.5$, and $0.2 \mu \mathrm{~g}$ ) was spotted on filters placed on a lawn of the indicated MATa strain. Plates were incubated for 2 days. Measurements of the halo diameter indicated $<5 \%$ difference between mss4-f12 and MSS4 halos. Similar results were observed in 2 independent experiments with 2 independent mss4-f12 and MSS4 strains. B) mss4-f12 cells induce the matingspecific FUS1 gene similar to wild-type cells. Cells containing a FUS1-lacZ plasmid (pSG231) were incubated with the indicated $\alpha$-factor concentration for 1 h and LacZ activity was determined. Values were normalized to the wild-type treated with 1000 nM $\alpha$-factor ( $0.48 \beta$-galactosidase units $[\mu \mathrm{g} \text { protein }]^{-1} \mathrm{~min}^{-1}$ ) and are the averages of two independent experiments each with two clones, each in duplicate and triplicate determinations, s.d. indicated.


Fig. S4. Mss4 mutant invasive growth defect is recessive. Complementation of the invasive growth defect was examined using an $m s s 4 \Delta$ strain carrying either MSS4, mss4-f9 or mss4-f12 (RAY1986, RAY1991 and RAY2005, respectively) with or without the p 415 MSS 4 pMSS 4 . Indicated strains were grown on YEPD media for 5 days and invasive growth was assessed as in Fig. S1. Similar results were observed in 2 independent experiments and representative images are shown.


Fig. S5. Active Cdc42p, polarisome, exocyst and septin subunits localization is unaffected in mss4-f12 cells. Indicated strains expressing the indicated RFP/GFP fusion protein were grown in selective media with $2 \%$ glucose. Spinning disk confocal fluorescence and DIC images were taken and central z-sections and sum projections (8-12 z-sections) of representative cells are shown. Similar results were observed in 3 independent experiments.


Fig. S6. Active Cdc42p, polarisome, exocyst and septin subunits localization is unaffected in mss4-f12 cells in limiting glucose. Indicated strains expressing the indicated RFP/GFP fusion protein grown in selective media were back diluted into media containing $0.2 \%$ glucose and grown for an additional 6-7 hr. Spinning disk confocal fluorescence and DIC images were taken and central z-sections and sum projections ( $8-12$ z-sections) of representative cells are shown. Similar results were observed in 2 independent experiments.


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Fig. S7. Mss4, Mss4-f9 and Mss4-f12 GFP fusions are functional. A) RAY1885 carrying Mss4-GFP, Mss4-f9-GFP or Mss4-f12GFP were grown on galactose or glucose containing media for 2 days. B) An mss4 4 strain carrying Mss4, Mss4-GFP, Mss4-f9-GFP or Mss4-f12-GFP was grown on YEP0.2\%D media for 5 days and invasive growth was assessed as in Fig. S1.

Table S1. Yeast strains used in this study

| Strain | Genotype |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 10560-6B | MAT ura3-52 trpl::hisG leu2::hisG his3::hisG | (Roberts et al., 1997) |
| JY426 | MATa, leu2-3,-112 ura3-52 his4-34 fusl-1 fus2-3 | Cold <br> Spring <br> Harbor |
| SEY6211 | MATa, leu2-3,-112 ura3-52 his3-200 trp1-901 ade2 suc2-9 | S. Emr |
| RAY876 | SEY6211 URA3 | This study |
| RAY1563 | JY426 with pRS406GFPBud1 | This study |
| RAY1885 | 10560-6B mss $4-1:: H I S 5 S p$ with p416GALpMSS4 | This study |
| RAY1940 | 10560-6B mss4- 1::HIS5Sp with p414MSS4pMSS4GFP | This study |
| RAY1941 | 10560-6B mss4- 1::HIS5Sp with p414MSS4pmss4f9GFP | This study |
| RAY1942 | 10560-6B mss4- $1::$ HIS5Sp with p414MSS4pmss4f12GFP | This study |
| RAY1945 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { MAT /a ura3-52/ura3-52 trp1::hisG/trp1::hisG } \\ & \text { leu2::hisG/leu2::hisG his3::hisG/his3::hisG } \\ & \text { mss4- 1::HIS5Sp/mss4- 1::HIS5Sp p414MSS4pMSS4 } \end{aligned}$ | This study |
| RAY1949 | MAT/a ura3-52/ura3-52 trp1::hisG/trpl::hisG <br> leu2::hisG/leu2::hisG his3::hisG/his3::hisG <br> mss4-1::HIS5Sp/mss4- 1::HIS5Sp p414MSS4pmss4f12 | This study |
| RAY1986 | 10560-6B mss4-1::HIS5Sp with p414MSS4pMSS4 | This study |
| RAY1990 | 10560-6B mss4-1::HIS5Sp with p414MSS4pMSS4 | This study |
| RAY1991 | 10560-6B mss4- 1::HIS5Sp with p414MSS4pmss4f12 | This study |
| RAY1992 | 10560-6B mss4- 1::HIS5Sp with p414MSS4pmss4f12 | This study |
| RAY1993 | 10560-6B mss4- 1::HIS5Sp URA3 $:: G A L p G F P-P H^{p l c}-P H^{p l c}-G F P$ with p414MSS4pmss4f12 | This study |
| RAY1999 | 10560-6B mss4- 1::HIS5Sp URA3::GALpGFP-PH ${ }^{P l c}-P^{P c c}-G F P$ with p414MSS4pmss4f12 | This study |
| RAY2001 | 10560-6B mss4- $1::$ HIS5Sp URA3 $:: G A L p G F P-P H^{P c c}-P H^{r c}-G F P$ with p414MSS4pMSS4 | This study |
| RAY2003 | 10560-6B mss4- $1::$ HIS5Sp URA3::GALpGFP-PH $H^{P c}-P H^{P c}-G F P$ with p414MSS4pMSS4 | This study |
| RAY2005 | 10560-6B mss $4-1:: H I S 5 S p$ with p414MSS4pmss4f9 | This study |
| RAY2006 | 10560-6B mss4- $1:: H I S 5 S p$ with p414MSS4pmss4f9 | This study |
| RAY2012 | MATa ura3-52 trpl::hisG leu2::hisG his3::hisG mss4-1::HIS5Sp | This study |


|  | p414MSS4pMSS4 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RAY2013 | MATa ura3-52 trp $1::$ hisG leu2::hisG his3::hisG mss4- 1::HIS5Sp p414MSS4pMSS4 | This study |
| RAY2014 | MATa ura3-52 trp1::hisG leu2::hisG his3::hisG mss4- 1::HIS5Sp p414MSS4pmss4f12 | This study |
| RAY2015 | MATa ura3-52 trp1::hisG leu2::hisG his3::hisG mss4-1::HIS5Sp p414MSS4pmss4f12 | This study |

Table S2. Primers used in this study

| \# | Primer name | Primer sequence | Mutation | Restriction site |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Mss4pBamHI | CGCGGATCCATGTCAGTCTTGCGATCAC |  |  |
| 2 | Mss4mNotI | ATAGTTAGCGGCCGCACTCAGTCTTTATAATTT TTC |  |  |
| 3 | Mss4pSalI | CGCCTTGTCGACCATCGTGAGTTAAGG |  |  |
| 4 | Mss4pAatIInostop | CCTAACCAGAAAAATTATAAAGACGTCGTGCG GCCGCCACCGCGGTGG |  |  |
| 5 | Mss4mAatIInostop | CCACCGCGGTGGCGGCCGCACGACGTCTTTATA ATTTTTCTGGTTAGG |  |  |
| 6 | AatIIpGAyeGFP | AAAGACGTCGGAGCAGGTGCTGGTGCTGG |  |  |
| 7 | ADHtNotI | TCCCCGCGGTGGCGGCCGCGTTATCCCTAGCGG ATCTG |  |  |
| 8 | Mss4C12pT1717C | GATTTAAAAGGTCCCACATGGGGCCGTTTTACC AATCTAGATAAAG | S573P | XbaI |
| 9 | Mss4C12mT1717C | CTTTATCTAGATTGGTAAAACGGCCCCATGTGG GACCTTTTAAATC | S573P | XbaI |
| 10 | Mss4KOp | GTTTACACCCCCCGAGACAGTTGCCCTATATCG CTTTTCCCTATCAATAGTTTCTAACTCCGGTGGC GGCCGCTCTAG |  |  |
| 11 | Mss4KOm | ATTAAATCAAAGTAGATTAGACTGAGTACATA GACGATAGGTTATTTACCTGTGCCCTACCCTCG AGGTCGACGGTATC |  |  |
| 12 | Mss4pNheI-3 | TCCCTATCAATAGTTTCGCTAGCATGTCAGTCT TGCGATCACAAC |  | NheI |
| 13 | Mss4mNheI-3 | GTTGTGATCGCAAGACTGACATGCTAGCGAAA CTATTGATAGGGA |  | NheI |
| 14 | Mss4pBglII607 | TTTACTAAACAAGCGCGTTTCGAGGAGATCTTC CAGAATATCGGC |  | BgIII |
| 15 | Mss4mBglII607 | GCCGATATTCTGGAAGATCTCCTCGAAACGCGC TTGTTTAGTAAA |  | BgIII |
| 16 | Mss4pAatII1401 | GATTATTTGGTTTCGTTGACGTCCAAATACATT TTGAGTGAGTTGA |  | AatII |
| 17 | Mss4mAatII1401 | TCAACTCACTCAAAATGTATTTGGACGTCAACG AAACCAAATAATC |  | AatII |


| 18 | Mss4pXhoI1804 | GAAAGATTTAAATTGGCTCGAGGAAGGTCAGA AAATTAAATTCGG |  | XhoI |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 19 | Mss4mXhoI1804 | CCGAATTTAATTTTCTGACCTTCCTCGAGCCAA TTTAAATCTTTC |  | XhoI |
| 20 | Mss4C9pA1768T | GGCGAAAGATTGATCATATAGGCCTGTGATGA GAGATCTAAATTGGC | R590* | BgIII |
| 21 | Mss4C9mA1768T | GCCAATTTAGATCTCTCATCACAGGCCTATATG ATCAATCTTTCGCC | R590* | BgIII |
| 22 | Mss4pAatII1767 | GGATAAAGAAAGGTTGGCGAAAGACGTCTCAT ATAGGCCTGTGATGAAAGATTTAAATTGGC | $\begin{aligned} & \text { R590D } \\ & \text { S591V } \end{aligned}$ | AatII |
| 23 | Mss4mAatII1767 | GCCAATTTAAATCTTTCATCACAGGCCTATATG AGACGTCTTTCGCCAACCTTTCTTTATCC | $\begin{aligned} & \text { R590D } \\ & \text { S591V } \end{aligned}$ | AatII |
| 24 | Mss4pAatIIstop | CCTAACCAGAAAAATTATAAAGACGTCTGAGT GCGGCCGCCACCGCGGTGG | $\begin{gathered} * 780 \mathrm{~V} \\ 781 * \end{gathered}$ | AatII |
| 25 | Mss4mAatIIstop | CCACCGCGGTGGCGGCCGCACTCAGACGTCTTT ATAATTTTTCTGGTTAGG | $\begin{aligned} & \text { *780V } \\ & 781 * \end{aligned}$ | AatII |
| 26 | Mss4C22pT1697A | CCACCACACTTAGACATTCACAATACTTATGAT TTAAAAGGATCCATATGGGG | I566N | BamHI |
| 27 | Mss4C22mT1697A | CCCCATATGGATCCTTTTAAATCATAAGTATTG TGAATGTCTAAGTGTGGTGG | I566N | BamHI |
| 28 | Mss4C22pC1721T | CTTATTTCCACCACATCTAGACATTCACAATAC TTATGATTTAAAAGGTTCC | T574I | XbaI |
| 29 | Mss4C22mC1721T | GGAACCTTTTAAATCATAAGTATTGTGAATGTC TAGATGTGGTGGAAATAAG | T574I | XbaI |
| 30 | MSS4clone9p | GCGAAAGATAGATCATATAGGCCTGTGATGAG AGATTTAAATTGGCTTGAAGAAGGTCAG | K597R |  |
| 31 | MSS4clone9m | CTGACCTTCTTCAAGCCAATTTAAATCTCTCAT CACAGGCCTATATGATCTATCTTTCGC | K597R |  |

Table S3. Plasmids used in this study

| Plasmid | Vector | Insert | Source |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| pGEX-6P | pGEX-6P |  | Amersham |
| p406 | pRS406 |  | (Sikorski and Hieter, 1989) |
| p415 | pRS415 |  | (Sikorski and Hieter, 1989) |
| p416 | pRS416 |  | (Sikorski and Hieter, 1989) |
| pCM188 | pCM188 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (Gari et al., } \\ & \text { 1997) } \end{aligned}$ |
| pBSLoxPHisSpLoxp | pBS | LoxPHis5SpLoxP | (Nern and Arkowitz, 1998) |
| p406GALp | pRS406 | GAL1-10 promoter | This study |
| p416GALp | pRS416 | GAL1-10 promoter | This study |
| p416GalCdc24HAGFP | pRS416Gal | Cdc24HAGFP | (Nern and Arkowitz, 2000a) |
| p416GALpMSS4 | pRS416GALp | MSS4 | This study |
| pCM188TetpMSS4 | pCM188 | Tetp-MSS4 | This study |
| p414MSS4pMSS4 | pRS414 | MSS4pMSS4 | This study |
| p415MSS4pMSS4 | pRS415 | MSS4pMSS4 | This study |
| p414MSS4pMSS4-AII | pRS414 | MSS4pMSS4-AII | This study |
| p414MSS4pMSS4GFP | pRS414 | MSS4pMSS4GFP | This study |
| p414MSS4pmss4f9GFP | pRS414 | MSS4pmss4f9 GFP | This study |
| p414MSS4pmss4f12GFP | pRS414 | MSS4pmss4f12GFP | This study |
| pExpARG-pADH1GFP-PH ${ }^{\text {PIC }}$ - $\mathrm{PH}^{\mathrm{Plc}}-\mathrm{GFP}$ | pExpARG- <br> pADH1 | GFP-PH ${ }^{\text {Pl }}-\mathrm{PH}^{\text {Plc }}-\mathrm{GFP}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (Vernay et } \\ & \text { al., 2012) } \end{aligned}$ |
| p406GALpGFP-PH ${ }^{\text {Prc }}-\mathrm{PH}^{\text {Pc/ }}-\mathrm{GFP}$ | pRS406 | GFP- $\mathrm{PH}^{\text {P1/ }}-\mathrm{PH}^{\text {P1/ }}-\mathrm{GFP}$ | This study |
| p414MSS4pMSS4* | pRS414 | MSS4pMSS4* | This study |
| p414MSS4pmss4f9 | pRS414 | MSS4p-mss4-f9 | This study |
| p414MSS4pmss4f12 | pRS414 | MSS4pmss4-f12 | This study |


| p414MSS4pMSS4-590AII | pRS414 | MSS4pMSS4-590AII | This study |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| p414MSS4pMSS4-590AII-AII | pRS414 | MSS4pMSS4-590AII-AII | This study |
| p414MSS4pmss4f9 | pRS414 | MSS4pmss4f9 | This study |
| pGEX-6PMSS4 | pGEX-6P | MSS4 | This study |
| Flo11 lacZ (B3782) | YEp355 | 3 kbp-FLO11::LacZ in <br> YEp355 | (Rupp et <br> al., 1999) |
| pSG231 | URA3 CEN | FUS1-LacZ | (Trueheart <br> et al., <br> 1987) |
| YIp211-GIC2-PBD-RFP | YIp211 | GIC2-PBD-1.5tdTomato | (Tong et <br> al., 2007) |
| p406GFPBud1 | pRS406 | GFPBUD1 | (Nern and <br> Arkowitz, <br> 2000b) |
| p406Spa2GFP | pRS406 | Spa2 | (Arkowitz <br> and Lowe, <br> 1997) |
| p316Sec3GFP | pRS316 | Sec3GFP | (Finger et <br> al., 1998) |
| p316Cdc3GFP | pRS316 | Cdc3GFP | (Caviston <br> et al., <br> 2003) |
| pSL1509 | URA3 CEN | ste11-4 | (Stevenson <br> et al., <br> 1992) |

