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In Brief

Acid secretion from the parietal cells of the stomach is essential for food digestion. Sahoo et al. identified TRPML1 as a histamine-activated Ca²⁺ channel in the tubulovesicles required for gastric acid secretion. Synthetic agonists and inhibitors of TRPML1 may be developed to control acid secretion and treat acidrelated gastric diseases.

Highlights

- ML1 antagonists inhibit gastric acid secretion in parietal cells
- Transgenic expression of ML1 in parietal cells causes constitutive acid secretion
- ML1 is a Ca²⁺ release channel in the tubulovesicle
- Histamine-PKA signaling activates ML1-dependent exocytosis of tubulovesicles







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SUMMARY

Gastric acid secretion by parietal cells requires trafficking and exocytosis of H/K-ATPase-rich tubulovesicles (TVs) toward apical membranes in response to histamine stimulation via cyclic AMP elevation. Here, we found that TRPML1 (ML1), a protein that is mutated in type IV mucolipidosis (ML-IV), is a tubulovesicular channel essential for TV exocytosis and acid secretion. Whereas ML-IV patients are reportedly achlorhydric, transgenic overexpression of ML1 in mouse parietal cells induced constitutive acid secretion. Gastric acid secretion was blocked and stimulated by ML1 inhibitors and agonists, respectively. Organelle-targeted Ca2+ imaging and direct patchclamping of apical vacuolar membranes revealed that ML1 mediates a PKA-activated conductance on TV membranes that is required for histamine-induced Ca²⁺ release from TV stores. Hence, we demonstrated that ML1, acting as a Ca2+ channel in TVs, links transmitter-initiated cyclic nucleotide signaling with Ca²⁺dependent TV exocytosis in parietal cells, providing a regulatory mechanism that could be targeted to manage acid-related gastric diseases.

INTRODUCTION

Acid secretion in the stomach is mediated by parietal cells that are filled with vesicular and tubular organelles known as tubulovesicles (TVs), which carry the H⁺/K⁺-ATPase responsible for H⁺ pumping (Hersey and Sachs, 1995; Yao and Forte, 2003). Upon stimulation with gastric transmitters (secretagogs), parietal cells undergo striking morphological changes, including SNARE-dependent membrane remodeling and actin-dependent cytoskeleton reorganization (Forte and Zhu, 2010). Subsequently, TVs are translocated to fuse with apically directed canaliculi, resulting in a large, deeply invaginated secretory surface that is connected to the stomach lumen (Forte et al., 1977). The primary secretagog is histamine, produced by enteroendocrine cells, which activates the G_S-coupled type 2 histamine (H2) receptor to initiate a cyclic AMP (cAMP)-dependent signaling cascade (Chew et al., 1980; Malinowska et al., 1988). Although some types of regulated exocytosis, including synaptic neurotransmitter release, are Ca²⁺ dependent (Thorn et al., 2016), it remains uncertain whether Ca²⁺ is involved in histamine-triggered TV exocytosis (Chew and Brown, 1986; Negulescu et al., 1989; Yao and Forte, 2003). Acetylcholine, which also acts as a gastric secretagog, has been shown to induce large releases of Ca²⁺ from ER Ca²⁺ stores (Forte and Zhu, 2010; Negulescu et al., 1989). Meanwhile, histamine has been reported to induce very small Ca2+ increases in the gastric parietal cells of some species, and no detectable Ca²⁺ responses in other species (Chew and Brown, 1986; Courtois-Coutry et al., 1997; Negulescu et al., 1989; Yao and Forte, 2003). In other processes for which Ca²⁺-dependence has been debated, organelle-targeted Ca2+ imaging methods with very high detection sensitivity have implicated that non-ER Ca²⁺ stores are essential for the cellular response (Xu et al., 2015).

Transient receptor potential mucolipin-1 (ML1, also known as TRPML1 or MCOLN1) is the principle Ca²⁺ release channel in the lysosome; it regulates membrane fusion/fission and the transport of lysosomes in response to cellular cues (Xu and Ren, 2015). Notably, mutations in the gene that encodes ML1 in humans cause type IV mucolipidosis (ML-IV), a neurodegenerative disease with an additional gastric phenotype of constitutive achlorhydria, which is recapitulated in ML1 knockout (KO) mice (Chandra et al., 2011; Schiffmann et al., 1998; Venugopal et al., 2007). The aim of the present study was to investigate whether ML1 has a direct role in gastric acid secretion. To address this question, we examined how gastric acid secretion is altered in genetically engineered mouse models and affected by direct, pharmacological manipulations of ML1 channel activity.

RESULTS

Synthetic Inhibitors of ML1 Block Gastric Acid Secretion

To test the physiological role of ML1 in proton secretion, we isolated stomachs, glands, and parietal cells from wild-type (WT) and ML1 KO mice (Venugopal et al., 2007). The gastric corpus glands were pathologically enlarged in ML1 KO mice (Figures 1A and S1A-S1E), suggestive of a hypertrophic phenotype. Compared with glands from WT controls, ML1 KO mouse glands had increased corpus height (Figures S1D and S1E), abnormal parietal cell morphology, number, and proliferation (Figures S1F-S1I), increased mucosal thickness (Figure S1F), reduced expression of $\alpha\beta$ heteromeric H⁺/K⁺-ATPase (Figures S1J and S1L), and increased expression of lysosome-associated membrane protein 1 (Lamp1, Figures S1J and S1K). Patch-clamping of vacuolin-1-enlarged vacuoles (Dong et al., 2010) in parietal cells within cultured corpus glands revealed whole-endolysosome ML1-mediated currents (I_{ML1}) in WT, but not ML1 KO, parietal cells (Figures 1B and 1C).

As a quantitative measure of H⁺/K⁺-ATPase-dependent proton secretion, we determined the rate of Na⁺-independent cytoplasmic pH (pH_c) recovery (NIPR) by measuring the fluorescence intensity of the pH-sensitive dye BCECF (Pasham et al., 2013) (Figure S1O). NIPR was virtually absent under resting conditions (Figures 1D and 1H) in both WT (0.006 \pm 0.003 Δ pH/min, n = 29 cells) and ML1 KO parietal cells. Histamine stimulation increased NIPR by ${\sim}1,400\%$ to 0.084 \pm 0.009 ${\Delta}pH/min$ (n = 24) in WT cells, but did not affect NIPR in ML1 KO parietal cells $(0.008 \pm 0.005 \Delta pH/min, n = 28, Figures 1E, 1G, and 1H).$ Conversely, there was no detectable histamine-induced NIPR in the presence of omeprazole, a specific H⁺/K⁺-ATPase inhibitor commonly used to treat gastric diseases (Shin et al., 2009) (Figure S1P). Strikingly, brief exposure of WT parietal cells to ML-SI3 or ML-SI4 (10-20 µM), two structurally independent ML1 inhibitors (Zhang et al., 2016), also abolished histamine-induced NIPR (Figures 1F and 1H).

We next investigated the role of ML1 in acid secretion in vivo. Intraperitoneal injection of histamine resulted in a rapid increase in whole-stomach acid contents in WT, but not ML1 KO mice (Figures 1I and 1J). This histamine induction of stomach acid secretion was attenuated markedly in the presence of intragastric ML-SI3 or ML-SI4 (Figures 1K and S1Q). Furthermore, in an ex vivo acid secretion assay, in which luminal acidification traps protonated ¹⁴C-labeled aminopyrines in enzymatically isolated glands (Mettler et al., 2007), pre-incubation with ML-SI3 or ML-SI4 blocked histamineinduced [¹⁴C]aminopyrine uptake (Figure 1L). These results, from three independent acid secretion assays, suggest that ML1 functions as a direct physiological regulator of gastric acid secretion and provide counterevidence to the prior suggestion that secondary or developmental defects underlie the achlorhydria phenotype of ML1 KO mice and ML-IV patients (Chandra et al., 2011).

ML1 Agonists Induce Gastric Acid Secretion Independent of Histamine

Incubation of WT parietal cells with the ML1 agonist ML-SA1 or the more potent structurally independent agonist ML-SA5 (Shen et al., 2012; Zhang et al., 2016) resulted in an NIPR that was ~1,000% of that observed in untreated WT cells (Figures 2A-2C). Conversely, ML-SA treatment did not affect NIPR in ML1 KO parietal cells. ML-SA-triggered NIPR in WT cells was blocked completely by omeprazole (Figure S1R). In addition, acid secretion was also increased markedly by ML-SA5 in both stomachs and isolated glands obtained from WT, but not ML1 KO, mice (Figures 2D-2G). Taken together, these results suggest that ML1 activation is sufficient to induce acid secretion both in vitro and in vivo.

Transgenic ML1 Overexpression in Parietal Cells Causes Constitutive Secretion of Gastric Acid

To investigate the in vivo role of ML1 in acid secretion, we generated a targeted transgenic mouse model, in which a floxed (fL) allele carrying the GCaMP3-ML1 transgene (Shen et al., 2012) was integrated into the ROSA26 locus behind a *loxSTOPlox* cassette (Figure S2A). Crossing ROSA-*loxSTOPlox*-GCaMP3-ML1 (abbreviated ML1 *ROSA-ISI*) mice with a parietal cell-specific Cre line (ATP4B Cre; see Syder et al., 2004) generated parietal cell-specific ML1 overexpression (ML1 *ROSA-ISI*:ATP4B *Cre* or ML1^{PC}) mice (Figures 2H and S2B). We observed multifold increases in both basal and ML-SA-activated ML1 currents, relative to WT levels, in ML1^{PC} parietal cells (Figures 2K and 2L), consistent with increased transcription and protein expression of ML1 in the corpus glands and parietal cells of ML1^{PC} mice (Figures 2I, 2J, S2C, and S2D).

Notably, a high NIPR rate was observed in ML1^{PC} parietal cells even under resting conditions without histamine $(0.076 \pm 0.010 \Delta pH/min, n = 22$; Figures 2M and 2O). This constitutive NIPR, which was as large as histamine-stimulated NIPR in WT cells, was blocked completely by ML-SIs (Figures 2N and 2O) or omeprazole, but not by histamine receptor antagonists (Figure S2E). Plasma gastrin levels, a negative indicator of stomach acidity related to acid-hormone feedback inhibition (Trudeau and McGuigan, 1971), was elevated in ML1 KO mice (Figure 2P). Conversely, plasma gastrin levels were lower in ML1^{PC} mice and in WT mice that were administered with ML-SA5 via oral gavage than in controls (Figure 2P). Taken together, these results suggest that the hyper-chlorohydric phenotype of ML1^{PC} mice is caused by histamine-independent acid secretion induced by ML1 upregulation.

Localization of ML1 Proteins in the TVs

We next investigated the subcellular localization of ML1 with dual-STED super-resolution imaging. Double immunohistochemistry analyses revealed that GCaMP3-ML1 (detected by anti-GFP antibodies) was co-localized partially with Lamp1 (Figure S3A). However, ML1 immunoreactivity was observed mostly in Lamp1-negative compartments in the parietal cells (Figure S3A). Indeed, both endogenous ML1 (detected by anti-ML1 antibodies) and GCaMP3-ML1 were co-localized mostly (60%–80%) with α or β subunit of H⁺/K⁺-ATPase (Figures 3A-3C), which are TV markers (Courtois-Coutry et al., 1997). In contrast, Lamp1 and H⁺/K⁺-ATPase were rarely co-localized with each other (Figure S3B). Moreover, the subcellular localization of GCaMP3-ML1 was confirmed by immunogold electron microscopy wherein gold particles were localized in the limited membranes of TV-like vesicles in ML1^{PC} cells (Figure 3D). These



Figure 1. ML1 Involvement in Histamine-Stimulated Acid Secretion

(A) Corpus gland immunoblots.

(B and C) Whole-endolysosomal I_{ML1} was activated by TRPML agonists (ML-SA1/3/5; 1–20 µM) and inhibited by ML1 antagonists ML-SI3/4 (10–20 µM) in WT (B), but not ML1 KO parietal cells (C).

(D-G) Histamine (100 μ M + 20 μ M IBMX) and ML-SI4 (10 μ M) effects on proton secretion, indexed by NIPR observed while cytoplasmic pH (pH_c) was under H⁺/K⁺-ATPase control (see also Figure S10) relative to responses in 0 Na⁺ (red dotted lines).

(H) NIPR rates (n = 10-30 cells) under resting and histamine-stimulated conditions.

(I and J) Whole-stomach acid contents following histamine administration (1 mg/kg, intraperitoneally).

(K) Histamine-induced acid increases in the presence of ML-SI3 (20 μM) or ML-SI4 (10 μM). n = 3-4 mice/group.

(L) Effect of ML-SIs on histamine-stimulated [14 C]aminopyrine accumulation in gastric glands (n = 4 mice per experiment; normalized to basal output). ML-SI3 (20 μ M) and ML-SI4 (10 μ M) were applied 30 min before histamine (100 μ M + 20 μ M IBMX).

(H), (K), and (L) show mean ± SEM from ≥3 experiments. *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***, p < 0.001, one-way ANOVA, Bonferroni's post hoc analysis.

results suggest that within parietal cells, ML1 is present in H^+/K^+ ATPase-resident TVs as well as in Lamp1-resident late endosomes and lysosomes.

In TV-derived membrane fractions isolated by cellular fractionation (Suda et al., 2011), which are enriched with H^+/K^+ -ATPase but devoid of Lamp1, both endogenous ML1 and GCaMP3-ML1



Figure 2. ML1 Activation Induces Gastric Acid Secretion

(A and B) ML-SA5 (10 µM, applied 1 hr prior) potentiation of NIPR in WT (A), but not ML1 KO (B) parietal cells. A linear fit (red dotted line) was used to determine the rate of pH recovery during re-alkalization.

(C) NIPR of ML-SA5-treated WT and ML1 KO parietal cells.

(D and E) Representative traces of ML-SA5 effects on whole-stomach acid contents in vivo.

(F) Average acid secretory rates (n = 3-4 mice/group).

(G) ML-SA5 effects on [¹⁴C]aminopyrine incorporation into isolated glands.

(H) Genotype verification of ML1 Rosa-loxSTOPlox (ISI), ATP4BCre, and ML1 Rosa-ISI:ATP4B-Cre (ML1^{PC}) mice. Three DNA bands, each amplified by specific PCR primers, represent WPRE (upper), ROSA (middle), and ATP4BCre (lower) (see Figure S2A).

(I) Immunohistochemical detection of GCaMP3-ML1 and H⁺/K⁺-ATPase α subunit in corpus tissues. Scale bar, 100 μm.

(J) Immunoblot demonstration of GCaMP3-ML1 expression in ML1^{PC} corpus glands.

(K) Whole-endolysosome I_{ML1} in ML1^{PC} parietal cells.

(L) I_{ML1} current densities in parietal cells.

(M and N) ML-SI4 (10 $\mu\text{M})$ annulment of constitutive NIPR in ML1 PC parietal cells.

(O) ML-SI4 effects on ML1^{PC}-cell NIPR.

(P) Plasma gastrin levels of overnight-fasted WT (control, histamine, and ML-SA5), ML1 KO, ML1^{PC}, and ML1 KO:ML1^{PC} mice. Quantitative data are means \pm SEM from \geq 3 experiments.

p < 0.01, *p < 0.001, one-way ANOVA, Bonferroni's post hoc analysis (G and P) or Student's t test (C, F, and O).

were abundantly detected (Figures 3E and S3C). When the TVderived membranes were further immunoisolated by using anti-H⁺/K⁺-ATPase- α (Calhoun and Goldenring, 1997; Lapierre et al., 2007), the resultant high-purity TVs also contained abundant ML1 proteins (Figure 3F). Consistently, co-immunoprecipitation analyses revealed that both endogenous and recombinant ML1 proteins were in the same protein complex with α or β subunits of H⁺/K⁺-ATPase (Figures S3D and S3E). Collectively,

these results suggest that ML1 is targeted predominantly to the TVs of parietal cells.

Activation of ML1 Induces Ca²⁺ Release from TVs

Like lysosomes, TVs are also intracellular Ca²⁺ stores (Tsunoda et al., 1988). In GCaMP3-ML1-expressing parietal cells isolated from ML1^{PC} mice, application of ML-SA1 or ML-SA5 (1–10 µM) in a "zero" Ca2+ external solution (free [Ca2+ < 10 nM]) evoked robust Ca²⁺ release evidenced by GCaMP3 fluorescence changes (Figure S3F) in time-lapse confocal microscopy ($\Delta F/F_0$; Figures 3G and 3I). ML-SA5-induced Ca2+ release was also observed in GCaMP3-ML1-transfected HEK293 cells (Figures 3H and 3I). However, when cells were pretreated with GPN (glycylphenylalanine 2-naphthylamide), a membrane-permeable dipeptide that depletes lysosome Ca2+ stores (Berg et al., 1994), ML-SA5induced Ca2+ responses were abolished in HEK293 cells but preserved in parietal cells (Figures 3G-3I). Hence, unlike other cell types wherein ML1 is localized exclusively to lysosomes, in parietal cells ML1 is expressed in GPN-inaccessible TVs. Taken together, these results establish TVs as intracellular Ca²⁺ stores in which ML1 is functionally present.

ML1 Channel Activity Is Necessary and Sufficient for TV Exocytosis

To investigate the role of ML1 in TV trafficking and exocytosis, we conducted immunofluorescence analysis on live glands, in which cells with fragmented versus continuous phalloidin (actin) staining are considered to be in the "resting" and "stimulated" state, respectively (Zavros et al., 2008). In WT glands, the majority of parietal cells were in a "resting" state (Figures S3G and S3H). Upon histamine stimulation, most parietal cells switched to a "stimulated" configuration (Figures S3G and S3H). On the other hand, in ML1^{PC} glands, the majority of parietal cells appeared to be "stimulated" even in the absence of histamine stimulation (see Figures S3G and S3H).

To further investigate the role of ML1 in TV exocytosis, we employed transmission electron microscopy (TEM). Consistent with previous studies (Forte et al., 1977), numerous free TVs were observed throughout the cytosol of parietal cells in stomach sections from WT mice (Figures 3J, S3I, and S3K). Following intraperitoneal histamine treatment, extensive canalicular invaginations were observed with minimal free TVs in WT specimens (Figures 3J, S3I, and S3K). Strikingly, similar canalicular structures were observed in resting ML1PC parietal cells, again with few free cytosolic TVs (Figures 3J, S3J, and S3K). Following administration of ML-SIs to ML1^{PC} mice, relatively little canalicular extension was observed, whereas abundant free TVs were seen throughout the cytosol of parietal cells (Figures 3J, S3J, and S3K). These results suggest that the ML1PC phenotype is associated with elevated TV exocytosis, and that ML1 blockage in ML1^{PC} tissues leads to TV reformation/biogenesis (Forte and Zhu, 2010).

In cultured parietal cells, upon secretagog stimulation apical canalicular membranes are engulfed into the cell to form multiple actin-wrapped vacuoles known as vacuolar apical compartments (VACs), which remain separate from the basolateral membrane and free TVs in the cytosol (Nakada et al., 2012). Hence, total VAC membrane area provides a quantitative measurement of TV exocytosis (Nakada et al., 2012). In resting WT cells, small

(diameter <2 µm) VACs were observed occasionally with a total surface area <20 μ m² (Figures 4A and 4B). VACs formed within 10-20 min after bath application of histamine (Figures 4A and 4B; Movies S1 and S2) and then fused together to generate one or a few large VACs (up to 8 µm in diameter; total VAC surface area >50 μm²; Figures 4A, 4B, S4A, and S4B). Histaminestimulated VAC formation was abolished by ML-SIs (Figures 4A and 4B). In contrast, VAC formation induced by the acetylcholine receptor agonist carbachol was insensitive to ML-SIs (Figures S4C and S4D). No histamine-induced VAC formation was observed in ML1 KO parietal cells (Figures S4E and S4F). Hence, ML1 was found to be necessary for histamine-dependent TV exocytosis. On the other hand, ML-SA5 treatment was sufficient to induce VAC formation in WT cells (Figures 4A and 4B; Movie S3). Furthermore, large VACs were observed in resting ML1^{PC} parietal cells, but their presence was decreased sharply by ML-SI4 (Figures 4C, 4D, and S4G), but not by histamine or muscarinic receptor blockers (Figure S4H). Taken together, these results suggest that ML1 plays an essential role in TV exocytosis.

ML1-Mediated Ca²⁺ Release Increases Homotypic Fusion of TVs In Vitro

Tubulovesicles may fuse with each other upon secretagog stimulation (Duman et al., 2002; Forte and Zhu, 2010). We investigated the roles of ML1 and Ca²⁺ in this process using isolated TVs with flow cytometry to determine TV size. Large-sized TVs (>1 μ m), which presumably resulted from homotypic fusion of small ones, were increased by more than 20-fold upon addition of external Ca²⁺ to isolated TVs (Figures 4E and S4I–S4N). Notably, application of ML-S45 also increased the size and granularity of TVs, and this effect was inhibited by ML-SI4 (Figures 4E and S4I–S4N). Hence, ML1 activation may readily increase membrane fusion between TVs.

ML1 Promotes Polarized Trafficking of TVs to Apical, but Not Basolateral, Membranes

Consistent with the hypothesis that histamine induces trafficking and fusion of TVs toward apical canalicular membranes (Forte and Zhu, 2010), our immunofluorescence analysis of cultured parietal cells revealed that the α subunit of H⁺/K⁺-ATPase accumulated in VAC membranes, but was absent from basolateral membranes (Figures 4A, 4C, and S4G). In ML1^{PC} cells, ML1 proteins also accumulated in VAC membranes, in addition to the presumed lysosomal and tubulovesicular localizations (Figures 4C and S4G). To further probe TV trafficking, we developed a patch-clamp method to record directly from VAC membranes isolated from ML1PC cells or histamine-stimulated WT cells (whole-VAC recording; Figure 5A). Native VAC membranes are composed of both apical membranes and TV membranes (Nakada et al., 2012) (Figure 5A). Conversely, the plasma membranes of cultured parietal cells consist exclusively of basolateral membranes, which can be subjected to whole-cell recording (Figure 5A). In the whole-VAC patch configuration, inwardly rectifying ML1-like currents were observed in histamine-treated WT cells (basal $I_{ML1} = 33 \pm 11 \text{ pA/pF}$, n = 7) and ML1^{PC} cells (Figures 5B, 5C, and 5F), and these currents were potentiated by ML-SA5 (149 \pm 45 pA/pF, n = 7; Figures 5B, 5C, and 5F). Substantial I_{MI1} was detected even in VAC-cytosolic-side-out patches



Figure 3. TV-Localized ML1 Mediates Ca²⁺ Release from TVs

(A) Dual-STED images of WT corpus tissues immunolabeled with anti-HK- α and anti-ML1. A pre-incubation of anti-ML1 with ML1 epitope peptide confirmed the specificity of the ML1 antibody. Scale bar, 5 μ m.

(B) Dual-STED images of ML1^{PC} corpus tissues immunolabeled with anti-HK- α and anti-GFP (recognizing GCaMP3-ML1). Note that constitutive TV exocytosis in ML1^{PC} cells was blocked by ML-SI4 for this particular experiment. Scale bar, 5 μ m.

(C) Quantitative co-localization analysis of ML1 and H/K-ATPase based on randomly selected images, as shown in (A) and (B).

(D) Immunogold electron microscopy images of WT and ML-SI4-treated (to prevent constitutive TV exocytosis) ML1^{PC} parietal cells. Scale bar, 0.1 µm.

(E) Gradient centrifugation purification of TVs from WT parietal cells. P1 ($3,200 \times g$), P2 ($20,000 \times g$), and P3 ($100,000 \times g$) pellets represent plasma membrane (PM)-rich, lysosome/mitochondria (LY), and H⁺/K⁺-ATPase-rich fractions (TV), respectively.

(F) The expression of ML1, H^+/K^+ -ATPase, and VAMP2 in TVs that were immunoisolated by anti-HK- α from P3 TV-derived membranes in (E). Immunoglobulin G (IgG) was used as a negative control. Western blot (WB) analyses were performed in both bound (B) immunoisolated vesicles and unbound (U) supernatants using P3 (see E) as a comparison. Shown were representative blots of three separate experiments. IP, immunoprecipitation.

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(Figure S5). Whole-cell I_{ML1} was not detected in histamine-stimulated WT cells (1 ± 0.5 pA/pF, n = 8) or ML1^{PC} cells (Figures 5D–5F and S5). These results implicate ML1 in polarized trafficking and exocytosis of TVs toward apical membranes.

Parietal Cell-Specific Expression of ML1 Restores Gastric Acid Secretion in ML1 KO Mice

To further investigate the role of ML1 in gastric acid secretion, we crossed ML1 KO (also carrying *loxP* alleles) with ML1^{PC} mice, resulting in Cre-dependent expression of ML1 restricted to parietal cells (Figures S6A–S6I). In these ML1 KO: ML1^{PC} mice, whole-endolysosome ML1 currents, TV Ca²⁺ release, histamine-induced acid secretion, and normal plasma gastrin levels (Figure 2P) were largely restored (NIPR = 0.075 ± 0.019 Δ pH/min,

Figure 4. ML1 Is Necessary and Sufficient to Trigger TV Exocytosis

(A) Anti-HK- α immunocytochemistry with phalloidin-labeled F-actin. Cells were treated with ML-SA5 (10 μ M) or histamine (50 μ M + 10 μ M IBMX) in the presence or absence of ML-SI3 (20 μ M) or ML-SI4 (10 μ M) for 30 min at 37°C. Scale bar, 10 μ m. Blue and white arrows indicate basolateral and apical membranes, respectively.

(B) VAC total surface area, an index of TV exocytosis associated with gastric acid secretion, under various treatment conditions (average of 3–6 z-plane sections/cell). Mean \pm SEM from \geq 3 experiments. ***p < 0.001, one-way ANOVA, Bonferroni's post hoc analysis.

(C) ML-SI4 (10 μ M) effects on constitutive VAC formation in ML1^{PC} parietal cells. Scale bar, 10 μ m. Blue and white arrows indicate basolateral and apical membranes, respectively.

(D) ML-SI effects on VAC total surface area. Mean \pm SEM from \geq 3 experiments. ***p < 0.001, one-way ANOVA, Bonferroni's post hoc analysis. (E) Summary of the percentages of large TVs as determined from the G2 gate (>1 μ m) of FSC/SSC

determined from the G2 gate (>1 μ m) of FSC/SSC dot plots. Mean \pm SEM from four experiments. *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, Student's t test.

n = 13; Figures S6B–S6H). Notably, ML1 KO:ML1^{PC} mice had a relatively normal stomach size (Figure S6I), suggesting that ML1 deficiency in parietal cells underlies the abnormal stomach anatomy seen in ML1 KO mice.

Histamine-Induced TV Exocytosis and Acid Secretion Require cAMP/ Protein Kinase A and Ca²⁺ Signaling Histamine-dependent activation of pari-

etal H2 receptors activates cAMPdependent protein kinase A (PKA) to phosphorylate multiple target proteins required for TV exocytosis (Forte and Zhu, 2010). Consistent with previous studies (Forte and Zhu, 2010), robust NIPR was induced in WT parietal cells treated with the cAMP-elevating agent forskolin or the membranepermeable cAMP analog 8-Br-cAMP (8-bromoadenosine 3',5'-cyclic monophosphate) (Figures 6A and 6B). Conversely, histamine-stimulated NIPR in WT parietal cells was blunted by the PKA inhibitor H89 (20 μ M; Figures 6D and 6E). Hence, cAMP/PKA signaling was found to be necessary for histamine-induced acid secretion and TV exocytosis in WT cells. On the other hand, ML-SA or ML1^{PC}-induced NIPR was not affected by PKA inhibition (Figures S6J and S6K). Likewise, PKA inhibitors blocked histamine-induced, but not

⁽G and H) Effects of GPN pretreatment on ML-SA5-induced Ca²⁺ release (GCaMP3 fluorescence, F₄₈₀, in zero Ca²⁺ solution) from ML1^{PC} parietal cells (G) or GCaMP3-ML1-transfected HEK293 cells (H). Cells were pretreated with ML-SI4 for 30 min to prevent TV exocytosis. Downward arrow (H) indicates the time point at which ML-SA5 was applied.

⁽I) Quantitation of ML-SA5-induced GCaMP3 Ca^{2+} responses under control and GPN-pretreated conditions (mean ± SEM, n = 30–50 cells from \leq 4 coverslips/ experiment). ***p < 0.001, Student's t test.

⁽J) TEM images of free TVs and apical canaliculi (A) in parietal cells. Scale bar, 0.5 $\mu m.$



ML-SA5-induced, VAC formation in cultured parietal cells (Figures 6F, 6G, and S6M). Treatment of WT parietal cells with a membrane-permeable Ca^{2+} chelator (BAPTA-AM) also blocked NIPR (Figures 6C and 6E) as well as histamine-induced VAC formation (Figures 6F and 6G). In contrast, removal of external Ca^{2+} did not affect NIPR (Figure S6L). These results demonstrate that Ca^{2+} release from an intracellular store is required for histamine-induced acid secretion and TV exocytosis.

ML1 Mediates Histamine-Induced PKA-Dependent Ca²⁺ Release from TV Stores

The Ca²⁺- and cAMP/PKA dependence of TV exocytosis and acid secretion suggests that ML1, as a TV Ca²⁺ release channel, is regulated, directly or indirectly, by cAMP/PKA signaling. Indeed, 8-Br-cAMP- and forskolin-induced TV exocytosis, as measured by VAC formation, was inhibited in the presence of ML-SI4 (Figures 6G and S6N). To test the hypothesis that histamine-initiated signaling promotes TV Ca²⁺ release through ML1 to facilitate gastric acid secretion (Figure 7), we measured Ca²⁺ release in GCaMP3-ML1-expressing ML1^{PC} cells using time-lapse confocal imaging at 37°C. Bath application of histamine produced robust Ca²⁺ release as well as small Ca²⁺ oscillations

Figure 5. ML1 Promotes Polarized TVs Trafficking toward Apical Membranes

(A) Patch-clamp recording from basolateral (standard whole-cell recording) or apical (lyse cell to expose VACs before whole-VAC recording) membranes. Note that the extracellular side of the apical membrane is facing the VAC lumen.

(B and C) Representative whole-VAC (apical membrane) recordings of ML1-like currents in histaminestimulated WT (B) and ML1^{PC} (C) parietal cells.

(D and E) Representative whole-cell (basolateral membrane) detection of I_{ML1} in WT and ML1^{PC} cells. (F) Group averages of data from experiments shown in (B)–(E) (n = 3–5 patches/condition). Mean \pm SEM from \geq 3 experiments. *p < 0.05, one-way ANOVA, Bonferroni's post hoc analysis.

(Figures 6H and 6K; Movie S4). GPN pretreatment did not affect the responses (Figure 6O), suggesting that they were mediated by TV stores rather than lysosomal stores. At room temperature ($22^{\circ}C-24^{\circ}C$), using conventional Fura-2-based Ca²⁺ imaging, we detected small Ca²⁺ increases in a subset of WT cells after histamine treatment (Figure S6P). Much larger Fura-2 Ca²⁺ increases were seen consistently in ML1^{PC} cells (Figure S6Q).

Histamine-induced TV Ca²⁺ release in ML1^{PC} parietal cells was blocked by ML-SI4 or PKA inhibition (Figures 6I–6K). Interestingly, forskolin (Movie S5) and 8-Br-cAMP (Movie S6) induced spontaneous Ca²⁺ oscillations in a zero-Ca²⁺ external solution, and these spontaneous oscillations were largely diminished in the pres-

ence of ML-SI4 (10 μ M; Figures 6L–6O). Together, these results suggest that histamine induces ML1-mediated TV Ca²⁺ release through cAMP and PKA signaling.

Reactive oxygen species and phosphatidylinositol 3,5-bisphosphate are endogenous agonists of ML1 (Dong et al., 2010; Zhang et al., 2016). Treatment with the antioxidant N-acetylcysteine or the PIKfyve inhibitor apilimod (to attenuate phosphatidylinositol 3,5-bisphosphate production) did not affect histamine-induced VAC formation in WT parietal cells (Figures S6T and S6U). In contrast, in WT cells that were pretreated with 8-Br-cAMP or histamine, basal and ML-SA-activated whole-endolysosome ML1 currents (I_{ML1}) were increased significantly (Figures 6P, 6Q, S6R, and S6S). These increases were not seen in the presence of PKA inhibitors (Figures 6P and 6Q). These results indicate that I_{ML1} in partial cells is upregulated potently by PKA signaling.

DISCUSSION

In the present study, we used pharmacological and genetic manipulation methods to discern missing links between histamine and acid secretion in gastric parietal cells. Our results indicate that ML1 channels expressed on parietal-cell TVs



Figure 6. Histamine Evokes ML1-Mediated TV Ca²⁺ Release through cAMP/PKA Signaling

(A and B) Effects of cAMP (A) and forskolin (B) on NIPR in WT parietal cells. A linear fit (red dotted line) was used to determine the rate of pH recovery during re-alkalization.

(C–E) PKA inhibitor H89 (20 µM) (C) or Ca²⁺-chelator BAPTA-AM (20 µM) (D) block histamine-stimulated NIPR. Data are summarized in (E).

(F) H89 and BAPTA-AM effects on VAC formation induced by histamine (50 μ M + 10 μ M IBMX). Scale bar, 10 μ m.

(G) Forskolin (50 µM) or 8-Br-cAMP (20 µM) stimulate VAC formation, measured as total surface area.

(H–K) Histamine (50 μM)-induced TV Ca²⁺ release in GCaMP3-ML1-expressing ML1^{PC} cells (see also Movie S4) was blocked by ML-SI4 (10 μM) (I) or H89 (20 μM) (J). Experimental averages are shown in (K).

(L and M) ML-SI4 (10 µM) blocked forskolin (50 µM)-induced Ca²⁺ oscillations in ML1^{PC} parietal cells (see also Movie S5).

(N and O) ML-SI4 (10 µM) blocked 8-Br-cAMP (20 µM)-induced Ca²⁺ oscillations in ML1^{PC} cells (See also Movie S6).

(P) Whole-endolysosomal I_{ML1} in WT parietal cells with and without 8-Br-cAMP (20 μ M) and H89 (20 μ M).

(Q) Mean current densities under treatments shown in (P). Mean \pm SEM from \geq 3 experiments.

*p < 0.05, ***p < 0.001, one-way ANOVA, Bonferroni's post hoc analysis (E) or Student's t test (K, M, O, Q).

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Figure 7. Signaling Pathways that Mediate Histamine-Stimulated ML1-Dependent TV Exocytosis and Acid Secretion

Activation of type 2 histamine receptor (H2Rs) in parietal cells by histamine induces cAMP-dependent PKA activation. Localized on TVs, ML1 may mediate a PKA-sensitive Ca^{2+} release pathway to trigger Ca^{2+} -dependent fusion of TVs with each other and with apical membranes. Histamine-induced exocytosis of H⁺/K⁺-ATPase-enriched TVs toward lumen-facing apical membranes in a cAMP/PKA-dependent manner.

provide a PKA-sensitive Ca²⁺ release conduit that triggers Ca²⁺-dependent fusion of TVs with each other and with apically directed canalicular membranes, resulting in apical localization of the H⁺/K⁺-ATPase that pumps H⁺ into the gastric lumen (Figure 7). The putative Ca²⁺ dependence of TV fusion had been controversial because conventional Ca²⁺ imaging studies had not shown consistent increases in response to histamine treatment, as was demonstrated finally in the current study. Using organelle-targeted Ca2+ probes and super-resolution imaging, we showed unequivocally here that TV trafficking and exocytosis are dependent on Ca²⁺ release from TVs mediated by ML1 proteins, which are in turn regulated by histamine-stimulated PKA signaling. Our demonstration of ML1 expression in TVs has provided an answer to a long-standing puzzle as to why the achlorhydric phenotype is only seen in ML-IV and not in any other lysosomal storage disease (Chandra et al., 2011; Xu and Ren, 2015).

It is likely that additional regulators of this ML1 pathway remain to be discovered. Indeed, a number of TV-localized channels and transporters, including K⁺ channels, have been reported to regulate acid secretion (Forte and Zhu, 2010; Lambrecht et al., 2005). Some of them may affect TV membrane potential and, thus, ML1-mediated Ca2+ release, which is strongly voltage-dependent (Xu and Ren, 2015). The Ca2+ effector associated with TV fusion is not yet known. However, Ca²⁺-sensing proteins, such as apoptosis-linked gene 2 and Syt-VII proteins, have been shown to link ML1-mediated lysosomal Ca²⁺ release with retrograde transport and membrane fusion of lysosomes (Li et al., 2016), making them candidates for this role in TVs. The pathway elucidated in the current study provides rapid, bidirectional regulation of gastric acid secretion. Given the well-established roles of gastric acids in stomach homeostasis and gastric biology (Forte and Zhu, 2010; Hersey and Sachs, 1995), our identification of ML1 as the first known TV Ca²⁺ channel may lead to the development of new therapeutic approaches to treat acid-related gastric diseases.

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KEY RESOURCES TABLE

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Antibodies		
Mouse anti-GFP	Invitrogen	Cat#A-6455
Mouse monoclonal anti HK-α	MBL International	Cat#D031-3
Mouse monoclonal anti HK-β	MBL International	Cat#D032-3
Rat monoclonal anti LAMP1	Developmental Studies Hybridoma Bank (DSHB)	Cat#1D4B
Rabbit monoclonal anti-TRPML1	Alamone Lab	Cat#ACC-081
Mouse monoclonal anti-Tubulin	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#T5326
Mouse monoclonal VAMP2	Synaptic systems	Cat#104 011
Rabbit monoclonal Ki67	ThermoFisher Scientific	Cat#RM-9106-S1
Goat anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L) Alexa Fluor 488	Molecular Probes	Cat#A-21206
Goat anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L) Alexa Fluor 568	Molecular Probes	Cat#A-11011
Goat anti-mouse IgG (H+L) Alexa Fluor 488	Molecular Probes	Cat#A-21202
Goat anti-mouse IgG (H+L) Alexa Fluor 568	Molecular Probes	Cat#A-11029
Goat anti-mouse IgG (H+L) Alexa Fluor 647	Molecular Probes	Cat#A-21236
Goat anti-Rat IgG (H+L), Oregon Green 488	ThermoFisher Scientific	Cat#O-6382
Goat anti-rabbit IgG (H+L), Oregon Green 488	ThermoFisher Scientific	Cat#O-11038
Goat anti-rat IgG (H+L), Biotin	ThermoFisher Scientific	Cat#31830
Goat anti-mouse IgG (H+L), Biotin	ThermoFisher Scientific	Cat#A28176
Anti-Rabbit IgG (whole molecule)–Gold antibody	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat# G7277
produced in goat		
Bacterial and Virus Strains		
E. coli	ThermoFisher Scientific	C404010
Chemicals, Peptides, and Recombinant Proteins		
Ammonium Chloride	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat# 254134
Apilimod	AxonMedcham	AXON-1369
BAPTA-AM	Invitrogen	Cat#B6769
BCECF-AM	Invitrogen	Cat#B1150
Br-cAMP	Cayman	Cat#14431
Nigericin	Cayman	Cat#11437
3-IsobutyI-1-methylxanthine(IBMX)	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#I5879
Forskolin	Cayman	Cat#11018
Pirenzepine	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#P7412
C ¹⁴ -aminopyrine	American Radiolabeled Chemicals	Cat# ARC 0493-50 μCi
GPN	Santa Cruz	Cat#SC252858
Histamine	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#H-7125
Carbachol	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#C4382
Ionomycin	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#I0634
Matrigel	Fisher	Cat#CV40234A
Vacuolin-1	Sigma-Aldrich	CAS# A7250
N-acetyl-I-cysteine (NAC)	Sigma-Aldrich	CAS# 351986-85-1
ML-SI1	(Wang et al., 2015; Zhang et al., 2016); Sigma-Aldrich	CAS# G1421
ML-SI3	(Wang et al., 2015; Zhang et al., 2016); Custom synthesized at NIH/NCATS Chemical Genomics Center (NCGC; see https://pubchem.ncbi. nlm.nih.gov/bioassay/624414)	available upon request

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REAGENT or RESOURCE	SOURCE	IDENTIFIER
ML-SI4	(Wang et al., 2015; Zhang et al., 2016); Custom synthesized at NIH/NCATS Chemical Genomics Center (NCGC; see https://pubchem.ncbi. nlm.nih.gov/bioassay/624414)	available upon request
ML-SA1	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat# SML 0627
ML-SA5	(Wang et al., 2015; Zhang et al., 2016); Custom synthesized at NIH/NCATS Chemical Genomics Center (NCGC; see https://pubchem.ncbi. nlm.nih.gov/bioassay/624414)	available upon request
DAPI	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#D9542
FURA-2 AM	Invitrogen	Cat# F-1221
Phalloidin-TRITC	ECM biosciences	Cat#PF7551
Omeperazole	Cayman	Cat#14880
EGTA	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#E4378
Bovine Serum Albumin	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#A3059
Recombinant Human EGF, CF	R&D Systems	Cat# 236-EG-200
Insulin-Transferrin-Selenium (ITS -G) (100X)	ThermoFisher Scientific	Cat# 41400045
Fluoromount-G	Southern Biotech	Cat# 0100-01
H89	Cayman	Cat# 130964-39-5
Critical Commercial Assays		
Gastrin measurement kit: Human Gastrin EIA	raybiotech	EIA-GAS-1
Experimental Models: Cell Lines		
HEK293T	ATCC; also see (Zhang et al., 2016)	CRL-3216
Experimental Models: Organisms/Strains		
Mouse: ATP4B Cre	(Syder et al., 2004)	N/A
Mouse: ML1 KO	(Venugopal et al., 2007)	N/A
Mouse: ML1 ^{PC}	This study	N/A
Mouse: ML1 KO:ML1 ^{PC}	This study	N/A
Oligonucleotides		
Mouse: ML1 ^{PC} ROSA-F: AGTCGCTCTGAGTTGTTATCAG	This study	N/A
Mouse: ML1 ^{PC} ROSA-R: TGAGCATGTCTTTAATCTACCTCGATG	This study	N/A
Mouse: ML1 ^{PC} WPRE-F: GCATCGATACCGTCGACCTC	This study	N/A
Mouse: ML1 ^{PC} WPRE-R: GCTGTCCATCTGCACGAGAC	This study	N/A
Mouse: ML1 ^{PC} ATP4B-cre-F: CATGCTTCATCGTCGGTCC	(Zhao et al., 2010)	N/A
Mouse: ML1 ^{PC} ATP4B-cre-R: GATCATCAGCTACACCAGAG	(Zhao et al., 2010)	N/A
Mouse: ML1 KO ML1-F: TGAGGAGAGCCAAGCTCATT	(Venugopal et al., 2007)	N/A
Mouse: ML1 KO ML1-R: TCATCTTCCTGCCTCCATCT	(Venugopal et al., 2007)	N/A
Mouse: ML1 KO ML1 NEO-R: TGGCTGGACGTAAACTCCTC	(Venugopal et al., 2007)	N/A
Recombinant DNA		
GCaMP3-ML1	(Shen et al., 2012)	N/A
Software and Algorithms		
Origin Pro	OriginLab	N/A
Adobe illustrator	Adobe	N/A

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REAGENT or RESOURCE	SOURCE	IDENTIFIER		
pClamp 10.5	Molecular Device	N/A		
Microsoft excel	Microsoft	N/A		
ImageJ	NIH	N/A		
Leica Application Suite X (LAS X)	Leica Microsystems	N/A		
MetaMorph Advanced Imaging acquisition software v.7.7.8.0	Molecular Devices	N/A		
Maxchelator	http://maxchelator.stanford.edu/	N/A		

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EXPERIMENTAL MODEL AND SUBJECT DETAILS

Mice

ML1 KO mice were developed in a B6:129 mixed genetic background and their phenotype has been characterized as described elsewhere (Venugopal et al., 2007). The GCaMP3-ML1 *ROSA-ISI* mice were generated in a C57BL/6J genetic background, as described in Figures S2A and S2B and crossed with an ATP4B *Cre* line (Syder et al., 2004) to generate the ML1 *ROSA-ISI*:ATP4B *Cre* (ML1^{PC}) mice, in which the GCaMP3-ML1 transgene is selectively expressed in parietal cells. Prior to most experiments, mice were fasted overnight with free access to water. Both sexes of littermate or age-matched mice were used under an approved animal protocol (#6577) following the Institutional Animal Care Guidelines at the University of Michigan.

Gastric Gland Isolation

Gastric glands were isolated as described previously (Pasham et al., 2013). Briefly, mice were fasted overnight with free access to tap water. After the animals were euthanized, their stomachs were isolated and sliced longitudinally to separate the forestomach, antrum, and corpus regions. The corpus tissues were sliced into small sections and digested in collagenase at 37 °C for 1 h. The digested samples were then filtered through 40 μ m filters and pelleted by light centrifugation at the speed of 50 ×*g* for 8 min. Isolated gastric glands were plated on Matigel (BD Biosciences)-coated cover slips and incubated at 37 °C in a culture medium (Medium A, pH 7.4) containing: DMEM, 20 mM HEPES, 1 mM glutamine supplement, 10 mM glucose, 0.2% BSA, 50 ng/ml EGF, 5% selenite-insulintransferrin liquid medium, 50 U/ml penicillin/streptomycin, 200 μ g/ml gentamycin, and 50 μ g/ml novobiacin.

Primary Parietal Cell Isolation and Culture

After mucosal digestion of isolated glands, supernatants were pelleted by centrifugation at $200 \times g$, washed three times with HEPES-MEM, and re-suspended in Medium A. Approximately 70% of the total gastric cells suspended in Medium A were parietal cells. The cells were plated onto Matrigel-coated 18-mm round coverslips or 35-mm dishes and incubated at 37 °C.

METHOD DETAILS

NIPR Measurement

In isolated glands and cultured parietal cells, NIPR (see Figure S1O) was measured with a pH-sensitive BCECF dye (Pasham et al., 2013). Briefly, glands and cells were loaded with 10 μ M BCECF-AM (Thermo-Fisher, USA) for 15 min at 37 °C. Acid loading was achieved by a brief application of NH₄Cl (20 mM). NIPR was triggered upon Na⁺ removal (0 Na⁺). A linear fit, within 5 min of reaching peak acidity, was used to determine the rate of pH recovery (Δ pH/min) during re-alkalization. BCECF fluorescence was recorded by an EasyRatio Pro system (PTI) at 440-nm and 490-nm wavelengths. The fluorescence ratio (F_{490}/F_{440}) was used to calculate cytoplasmic pH values based on a standard calibration curve constructed for a range of pH 5 to 8.5 with K⁺-H⁺ ionophore nigericin (Pasham et al., 2013). The standard 145 Na⁺ solution contained (in mM): 125 NaCl, 3 KCl, 1 CaCl₂, 1.2 MgSO₄, 5 glucose, and 32.2 HEPES (pH 7.4). The 0 Na⁺ solution contained (in mM): 125 NMDG-Cl, 3 KCl, 1 CaCl₂, 1.2 MgSO₄, 5 glucose, 32.2 HEPES (pH 7.4). For the NH₄Cl application, 10 mM NMDG-Cl was replaced with 20 mM NH₄Cl. The high K⁺ solution used for calibration contained (in mM): 105 KCl, 1 CaCl₂, 1.2 MgSO₄, 32.2 HEPES, 10 mannitol, and 10 μ g/ml nigericin (pH 7.0).

[¹⁴C] Aminopyrine Uptake Assay

Aminopyrine accumulates in the acidic lumen of isolated glands (Mettler et al., 2007). Briefly, 1-ml gland samples in HEPES-MEM medium (saturated with 100% oxygen) were mixed with various pharmacological regents and 10 μ l [¹⁴C]-aminopyrine

(115 mCi/mmol; 5×10^3 cpm) in test tubes. The samples were incubated in a shaking water bath at 37 °C for 30 min. Pelleted samples were dried out overnight and then dissolved in 125 µl NaOH (1 M) at 80 °C for 20 min. Afterwards, 125 µl HCl (1 M) was added to neutralize the sample. Aliquots (200 µl) of suspended pellets were mixed with scintillation fluid (500 µl) for analysis in a Beckman LS3801 counter. The remaining sample (50 µl) was used to determine the protein content for normalization.

Whole Stomach Acid Measurement

Overnight-fasted mice were anesthetized with a mixture of xylazine and ketamine. A non-survival surgery was then performed. Briefly, 1-2 cm midline laparotomy incision was made on the abdomen. A small incision was made in the duodenum through which PE-50 tubing was inserted and secured with a ligature around the pylorus. At the beginning of each experiment, each stomach was rinsed several times with normal saline solution and then filled with 400 μ l of the same saline solution via the tubing. Saline (400 μ l) was injected through the fistula and collected every 10 min. Histamine (1 mg/kg, Sigma) was administered via intraperitoneal injection. ML-SAs and ML-SIs were administered into the stomach via the PE tubing. Acid output (in μ mol H⁺) was determined by titration.

Gastrin Measurement

Animals were fasted overnight with free access to tap water. About 150 μ l of blood specimens were collected into EDTA-coated tubes. ML-SA5 (100 μ M) was administered by oral gavage and histamine (1 mg/kg) was administered intraperitoneally. Total plasma gastrin concentrations were determined with a gastrin enzyme-linked immunoassay kit (Raybiotech, USA) according to manufacturer's instruction.

Transmission Electron Microscopy

Mouse tissue sections were immersed in a mixture of 2.5% glutaraldehyde and 4% formaldehyde in phosphate-buffered saline (PBS, pH 7.2) for 4 h at 4 °C. The samples were postfixed in 1% osmium tetroxide for 1 h, followed by 0.1 M cacodylate buffer for 1 h at room temperature. The fixed samples were stained with 2% uranyl acetate in maleate buffer for 1 h in the dark. The samples were dehydrated with ethanol and embedded with Epon (Electron Microscopy Sciences). After the polymerization of Epon, ultrathin sections (60–80 nm) were prepared with an LKB MK III Ultratome. Samples were stained with 2% uranyl, contrasted with lead citrate, and examined with a Philips CM10 transmission electron microscope. An anti-GFP antibody from Invitrogen (Cat No: A-6455) was used for immuoelectron microscopic analysis ((Jabs et al., 2005)).

Immuno-electron Microscopy

Ultrathin sections (60–80 nm) were etched in 10% H₂O₂ and 5% sodium metaperiodate for 10 min. After several washes and blocking with 1% BSA in PBS, the sections were incubated overnight with rabbit anti-GFP antibody (Invitrogen (Cat No: A-6455))) at 4 °C. After several washes, the sections were then incubated with anti-rabbit IgG secondary antibody conjugated with 10-nm colloidal gold particles (Sigma, USA) for 2–3 h at room temperature. The sections were washed and contrasted with uranyl acetate and then examined with a Philips CM10 and Joel 1400 plus transmission electron microscope.

Biochemistry

Standard western blotting analyses were performed (Zhang et al., 2016). The lysis buffer contained 1% NP-40, 0.25% Na-deoxycholate, 1 mM NaF, 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM Na₃VO4, 0.5 mM CaCl₂, and 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.4). For the immunoprecipitation experiments, after a 10-s sonication, whole-cell lysates were centrifuged at 14,000 ×*g* for 10 min. Supernatants were incubated with primary antibodies at 4 °C for 1 h, followed by overnight incubation with Protein A/G plus-agarose. Western blot analyses were performed with rabbit anti-GFP (1:200, Life technologies, USA), anti-HK- α , and anti-HK- β (1: 1,000) antibodies.

Immunohistochemistry

Mouse stomachs were sliced longitudinally from the antrum to the forestomach. Tissues were fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde in PBS, from which paraffin-embedded 5- μ m-thick sections were prepared. The tissue sections were permeabilized with 0.1% Triton X-100 plus 1% BSA for 10 min, followed by blocking with 1% BSA for 1 h. The sections were incubated with various antibodies, including mouse anti-HK- α or β (1: 1,000; MBL international) and mouse anti-Lamp-1 (1:200; DSHB). The sections were then incubated with anti-mouse IgG secondary antibodies conjugated with Alexa Flour 488, 546, or 647 (Life Technology) for 2 h. F-actin rich apical vacuole immunolabeling was performed with phalloidin-TRITC (1:1000; ECM Bioscience); ML1^{PC} parietal cells were labeled with anti-GFP antibodies (1:200; Life technologies, USA). The sections were mounted with Fluoromount-G (Southern Biotechnology Associates, Inc.). Whole- gland immunostaining was performed using freshly isolated glands from overnight starved WT and ML1^{PC} mice (Zavros et al., 2008). Drug-treated glands were allowed to settle down by gravity, and then fixed using 4% PFA in PBS. The glands were permeabilized with 0.3% Triton X-100 plus 1% BSA for 10 min prior to immunostaining procedures. All representative images represent experiments repeated at least 3 times each. Quantification were performed on randomly selected images.

Cellular Fractionation

Subcellular membrane fractions were obtained from corpus glands as described previously (He et al., 2011; Wang et al., 2012). Briefly, tissues were homogenized in PBS supplemented with 10 mM sucrose and 1 mM EDTA (pH 7.2) in a Potter-Elvehjem homogenizer. The homogenates were then subjected to sequential centrifugation steps to produce pellets 1-3 (P1-3): P1 (3,200 × g for

10 min, the plasma membrane fraction), P2 (20,000 $\times g$ for 10 min, the lysosome fraction), and P3 (100,000 $\times g$ for 1 h, the light microsomal membrane fraction consisting mostly TV-derived membranes).

Immunoisolation of TVs

The P3 pellets were re-suspended in a sucrose buffer that contained 300 mM sucrose (10 mM HEPES, pH 7.4), and fractionated using 20%, 27% and 33% of sucrose gradients (Calhoun and Goldenring, 1997; Lapierre et al., 2007). Enriched TVs, solubilized in 500 μ l of PBS containing protease and phosphatase inhibitors, were then pulled down by protein G beads coated with an anti-H⁺-K⁺-ATPase- α antibody and IgG at 4 °C for 1 h.

Confocal Imaging

Time-lapse imaging was conducted on an Olympus spinning-disk confocal microscope equipped with a temperature controller. To detect Ca²⁺ release from lysosomes and TVs, we used GCaMP3-ML1-expressing ML1^{PC} parietal cells. GCaMP3, a single-wave-length genetically-encoded Ca²⁺ indicator was engineered using GFP and calmodulin (Tian et al., 2009), was fused directly to the cytoplasmic N-terminus of ML1 (Figure S3F; detailed characterization see ref. (Shen et al., 2012)). Upon Ca²⁺ release from TV stores, GCaMP3-ML1 fluorescence increased, which was monitored at an excitation wavelength of 480 nm (F₄₈₀) by an EasyRatio Pro imaging system (PTI). Cells were bathed in Tyrode's solution containing 145 mM NaCl, 5 mM KCl, 2 mM CaCl₂, 1 mM MgCl₂, 10 mM Glucose, and 20 mM HEPES (pH 7.4). TV Ca²⁺ release was monitored in a zero Ca²⁺ solution containing 145 mM NaCl, 5 mM KCl, 3 mM MgCl₂, 10 mM glucose, 1 mM EGTA, and 20 mM HEPES (pH 7.4). Free Ca²⁺ concentration was estimated by Maxchelator software (http://max-chelator.stanford.edu/). Images were analyzed with MetaMorph Advanced Imaging acquisition software v.7.7.8.0 (Molecular Devices) and Image J (NIH).

STED Microscopy

STED microscopy was performed using the STED module of a Leica TCS SP8 STED 100X microscope (Leica Microsystems) on paraffin-embedded tissue sections. Hybrid detectors were used to detect signals at a certain time gate after a laser excitation pulse with a pixel size of \sim 20 nm. The images were further de-convolved with the Huygens Professional Software (Scientific Volume Imaging).

Fura-2 Ca²⁺ Imaging

Cultured parietal cells were loaded with Fura-2-AM (3 μ M) in the culture medium at 37 °C for 60 min. Fluorescence was recorded by an EasyRatio Pro system (PTI) at two different wavelengths (340 nm and 380 nm) and the Fura-2 ratio (F₃₄₀ /F₃₈₀) was used to determine changes in intracellular [Ca²⁺].

Whole-endolysosome Electrophysiology

Isolated enlarged endolysosomes were subjected to whole-endolysosomal electrophysiology by a modified patch-clamp method (Dong et al., 2010; Wang et al., 2012). Briefly, cells were treated with 1 μ M vacuolin-1 overnight to increase selectively the size of late endosomes and lysosomes (Cerny et al., 2004). Enlarged vacuoles were released into the dish by mechanical disruption of the cell membrane with a finetip glass electrode. Unless otherwise indicated, vacuoles were bathed continuously in an internal (cytoplasmic) solution containing 140 mM K⁺-gluconate, 4 mM NaCl, 1 mM EGTA, 2 mM Na₂-ATP, 2 mM MgCl₂, 0.39 mM CaCl₂, 0.1 mM GTP, and 10 mM HEPES (pH adjusted to 7.2 with KOH; free [Ca²⁺]_i ~ 100 nM calculated by MaxChelator software). The pipette (luminal) solution contained 145 mM NaCl, 5 mM KCl, 2 mM CaCl₂, 1 mM MgCl₂, 10 mM HEPES, 10 mM MES, and 10 mM glucose (pH adjusted to 4.6 with NaOH). The whole-endolysosome configuration was achieved as described previously (Wang et al., 2012). After formation of a gigaseal between the patch pipette and an enlarged endolysosome, voltage steps of several hundred millivolts with a millisecond duration were applied to break into the vacuolar membrane (Wang et al., 2012). All bath solutions were applied via a fast perfusion system that produced a complete solution exchange within a few seconds. Data were collected via an Axopatch 2A patch clamp amplifier, Digidata 1440, and processed in pClamp 10.0 software (Axon Instruments). Whole-endolysosome currents were digitized at 10 kHz and filtered at 2 kHz. All experiments were conducted at room temperature (21–23 °C) and all recordings were analyzed in pCLAMP10 (Axon Instruments) and Origin 8.0 (OriginLab).

Whole-VAC Electrophysiology

Whole-VAC patch-clamp was performed on apical vacuoles isolated from parietal cells, as illustrated in Figure 5A. Briefly, cultured parietal cells were treated with 50–100 μ M histamine + 20 μ M IBMX for 30–40 min to induce VAC formation in WT parietal cells. ML1^{PC} parietal cells contained large VACs. Large VACs were released into the dish by mechanical disruption of the cell membrane with a fine-tip glass electrode. Subsequently, whole-VAC and cytoplasmic-side-out recordings were performed in a manner similar to that of endolysosomal recordings (Wang et al., 2012).

VAC Surface Area Measurement

The apical membrane vacuole surface area during resting and stimulated states was measured for all VACs that were visible in multiple (3-6) Z-cross sections. Data were analyzed in ImageJ (NIH). Quantifications of were done by researchers blind to the experimental groups.

Flow-cytometry-based TV Fusion Assay

This was performed using enriched light microsomal TV fractions (P3) as prepared from $ML1^{PC}$ mice parietal cells as described above. P3 fractions were re-suspended in the fusion buffer (140 mM KCl, 20 mM HEPES, 1 mM MgCl₂, pH 7.4) with the addition of 50 μ M EGTA (free [Ca²⁺] is estimated to be 20-50 nM). The sizes of TVs were determined in a Flow Cytometer (Synergy, iCyt). Using a side-scatter (SSC) threshold of 300 arbitrary units the lower sensitivity of the instrument was established and the SSC and forward scatter (FSC) voltages were set. A (G2) gate was set to include TVs of 1-2 μ m in diameter, and a threshold gate (G1) was set based on a densely-populated region. The data were presented as the percentages of the changes in the FSC-SSC area.

QUANTIFICATION AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

A minimum of 3 independent repeats were performed for each experiment. No statistical methods were used to predetermine sample size. Data are presented as means \pm standard errors of the mean (SEMs). Statistical comparisons were performed with one-way analyses of variance (ANOVAs) with Bonferroni's post-hoc analysis or Student's t-tests (*P < 0.05, **P < 0.01, ***P < 0.001). *P* values < 0.05 were considered statistically significant.