

## Supplementary Materials

Communication

# Functional integrity of radical SAM enzyme Dph1•Dph2 requires non-canonical cofactor motifs with tandem cysteines

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### 1. Supplementary Tables

**Table S1.** Yeast strains used and generated in this study.

Strain	Genotype	Source
BY4741	<i>MATa his3Δ1 leu2Δ0 met15Δ0 ura3Δ0</i>	Euroscarf *
Y02262	BY4741 but <i>dph1Δ::kanMX4</i>	Euroscarf
Y05041	BY4741 but <i>dph2Δ::kanMX4</i>	Euroscarf
KU28	BY4741 but <i>DPH1-(HA)<sub>6</sub>::HIS3MX6; DPH2-(c-Myc)<sub>3</sub>::kanMX</i>	This study
KU7	BY4741 but <i>dph1C133S; KILEU2</i>	This study
KU114	BY4741 but <i>dph1C133S-(HA)<sub>6</sub>::HIS3MX6; KILEU2; DPH2-(c-Myc)<sub>3</sub>::kanMX</i>	This study
KU95	BY4741 but <i>dph1C134S; KILEU2</i>	This study
KU115	BY4741 but <i>dph1C134S-(HA)<sub>6</sub>::HIS3MX6; KILEU2; DPH2-(c-Myc)<sub>3</sub>::kanMX</i>	This study
KU96	BY4741 but <i>dph1C133,134S; KILEU2</i>	This study
KU116	BY4741 but <i>dph1C133,134S-(HA)<sub>6</sub>::HIS3MX6; KILEU2; DPH2-(c-Myc)<sub>3</sub>::kanMX</i>	This study
KU8	BY4741 but <i>dph1C239S; KILEU2</i>	This study
KU31	BY4741 but <i>dph1C239S-(HA)<sub>6</sub>::HIS3MX6; KILEU2; DPH2-(c-Myc)<sub>3</sub>::kanMX</i>	This study
KU9	BY4741 but <i>dph1C368S; KILEU2</i>	This study
KU32	BY4741 but <i>dph1C368S-(HA)<sub>6</sub>::HIS3MX6; KILEU2; DPH2-(c-Myc)<sub>3</sub>::kanMX</i>	[1]
KU14	BY4741 but <i>dph2C106S; KILEU2</i>	This study
KU265	BY4741 but <i>DPH1-(HA)<sub>6</sub>::HIS3MX6; dph2C106S-(c-Myc)<sub>3</sub>::kanMX</i>	This study
KU16	BY4741 but <i>dph2C107S; KILEU2</i>	This study
KU112	BY4741 but <i>DPH1-(HA)<sub>6</sub>::HIS3MX6; dph2C106,107S-(c-Myc)<sub>3</sub>::kanMX</i>	This study
KU15	BY4741 but <i>dph2C106,107S; KILEU2</i>	This study
KU111	BY4741 but <i>DPH1-(HA)<sub>6</sub>::HIS3MX6; dph2C106,107-(c-Myc)<sub>3</sub>::kanMX</i>	This study
KU17	BY4741 but <i>dph2C362S; KILEU2</i>	This study
KU113	BY4741 but <i>DPH1-(HA)<sub>6</sub>::HIS3MX6; dph2C362S-(c-Myc)<sub>3</sub>::kanMX</i>	This study

\* <http://www.euroscarf.de/index.php?name=News>

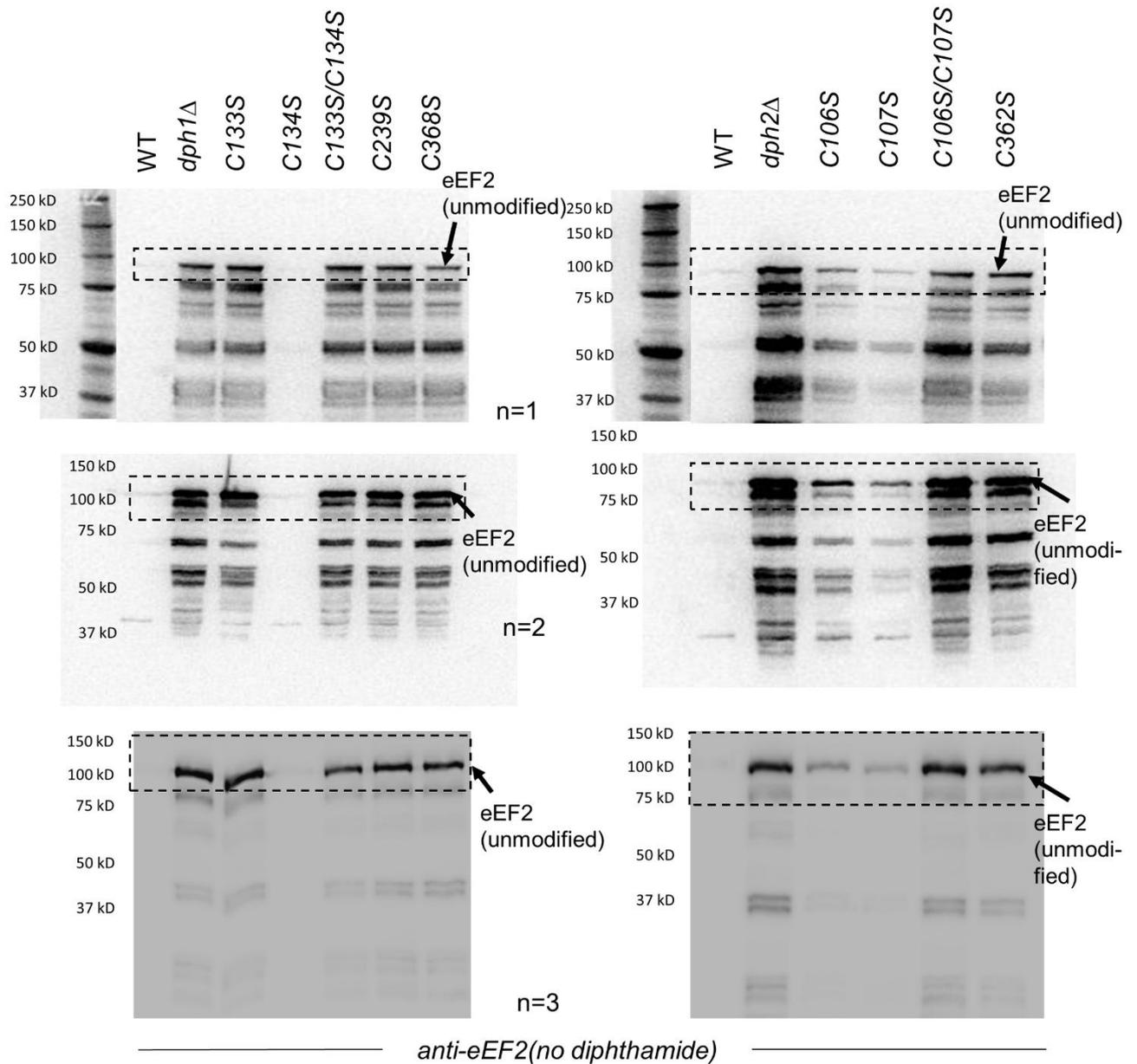
**Table S2.** Primers used for PCR-based gene engineering and genomic verification.

Name	Sequence (5' → 3')	Usage **
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DPH13'UTRLEUF	CGTTTTTGACGGCTTGCAGGCGAAACTAAATTGTCTAAAATTCA AAACCAGCTGAAGCTTCGTACG	smi
DPH13'UTRLEUR	GAATAAAAATAGGCTTGACCAGCAGTGATATCAAGTTAGAAGG CATTGCATAGGCCACTAGTGGATCTG	ko/smi
DPH15'UTRF	GTGATGGTAGATTATAGCAAG	ko-ver
DPH13'UTRR	GGAAATATGCTTGGCAAACCTC	ko-ver
DPH2KOURAF	AAAGAGTTAAGATGATTAGTGATGGATTTCTAAGTGGCAGCGTTGC AGCTGAAGCTTCGTACGC	ko
DPH23'UTRHISF	GCCTTGAAATTAGCCGCCAAAATGGGATATACATTCCGTGCGAAC AGCTGAAGCTTCGTACGC	smi
DPH23'UTRHISR	AAACTAGTGATTTTTAAGATGATACCCGGCCTCCACGCGGTCACG CATAGGCCACTAGTGGATCTG	smi
DPH25'UTRF	GTTTTAATGCTATGGTAGACTTCAG	ko-ver
DPH23'UTRR	GCACAAAGCACCTTTATTGC	ko-ver
DPH1C133SFW	GATGTGTCTTATGGTGCATCCTGTATTGATGA	sdm
DPH1C133SRV	CTAGCAGTAAAATCATCAATACAGGATGCACCA	sdm
DPH1C134SFW	GATGTGTCTTATGGTGCATGCTCTATTGATGA	sdm
DPH1C134SRV	CTAGCAGTAAAATCATCAATAGAGCATGCACCA	sdm
DPH1C133S/C134SFW	GATGTGTCTTATGGTGCATCCTCTATTGATGA	sdm
DPH1C133S/C134SRV	CTAGCAGTAAAATCATCAATAGAGGATGCACCA	sdm
DPH1C239SFW	CCTCTATCGAGGGGTGAAGTATTGGGGTCTACTTCTGAAAG	sdm
DPH1C239SRV	GTATGTTCCTTATCTAATCTTTCAGAAGTAGACCCCAATA	sdm
DPH1C368SFW	CAAATTGATGTTTTTGTTCAGGTTCGCATCTCCTAGACTGTCC	sdm
DPH1C368SRV	GAAGGCATAACCCCAATCGATGGACAGTCTAGGAGATGCGACCTG	sdm
DPH2C106SFW	CTGACACAGCGTACAGTGCATCCTGTGTAGACG	sdm
DPH2C106SRV	CGTGTTACAGCAGCGACCTCGTCTACACAGGATGCAC	sdm
DPH2C107SFW	CTGACACAGCGTACAGTGCATGCTCTGTAGACG	sdm
DPH2C107SRV	CGTGTTACAGCAGCGACCTCGTCTACAGAGCATGCAC	sdm
DPH2C106S/C107SFW	CTGACACAGCGTACAGTGCATCCTCTGTAGACG	sdm
DPH2C106S/C107SRV	CGTGTTACAGCAGCGACCTCGTCTACAGAGGATGCAC	sdm
DPH2C362SFW	GATATTTGGTGCATTCTCGGTTCTAGCCAAAG	sdm
DPH2C362SRV	CAACGATGATACCGCTTTGGCTAGAACCGAG	sdm
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DPH1S3	CGAAGCTAAAGGATACGGGCGTGGGGAAACTCCGAAACATGC GATTGAACGTACGCTGCAGGTCGAC	tag
DPH2S2	CTTGATTAAATAGAGAAGTCGAGGGAAACAAATTATAAGAGTC AATCGATGAATTCGAGCTCG	tag
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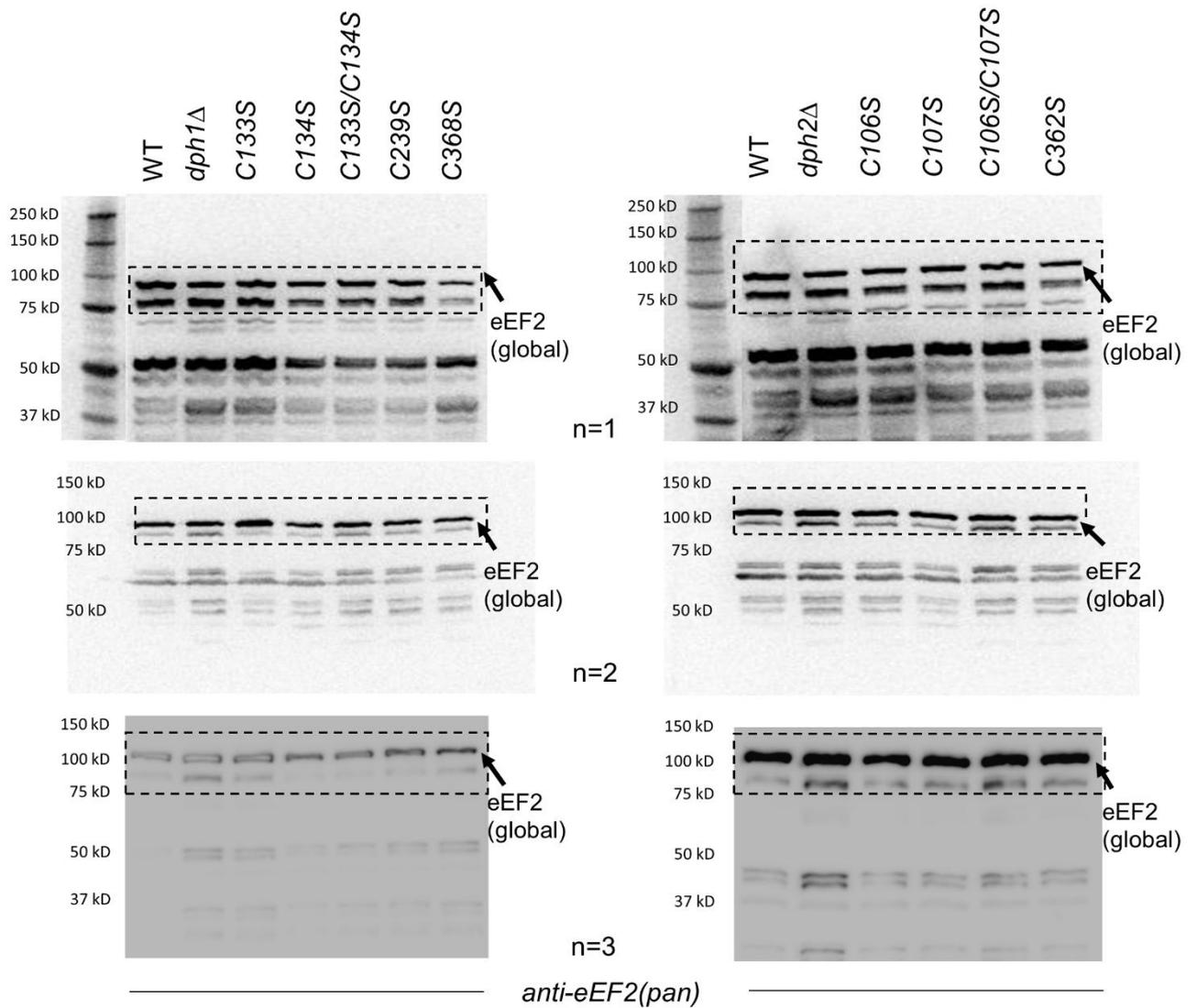
\*\* Abbreviations used:

- (i) ko – gene knock-out; (ii) smi – selection marker insertion; (iii) ko-ver – verification of gene knockout; (iv) sdm – site-directed mutagenesis; (v) tag – epitope tagging

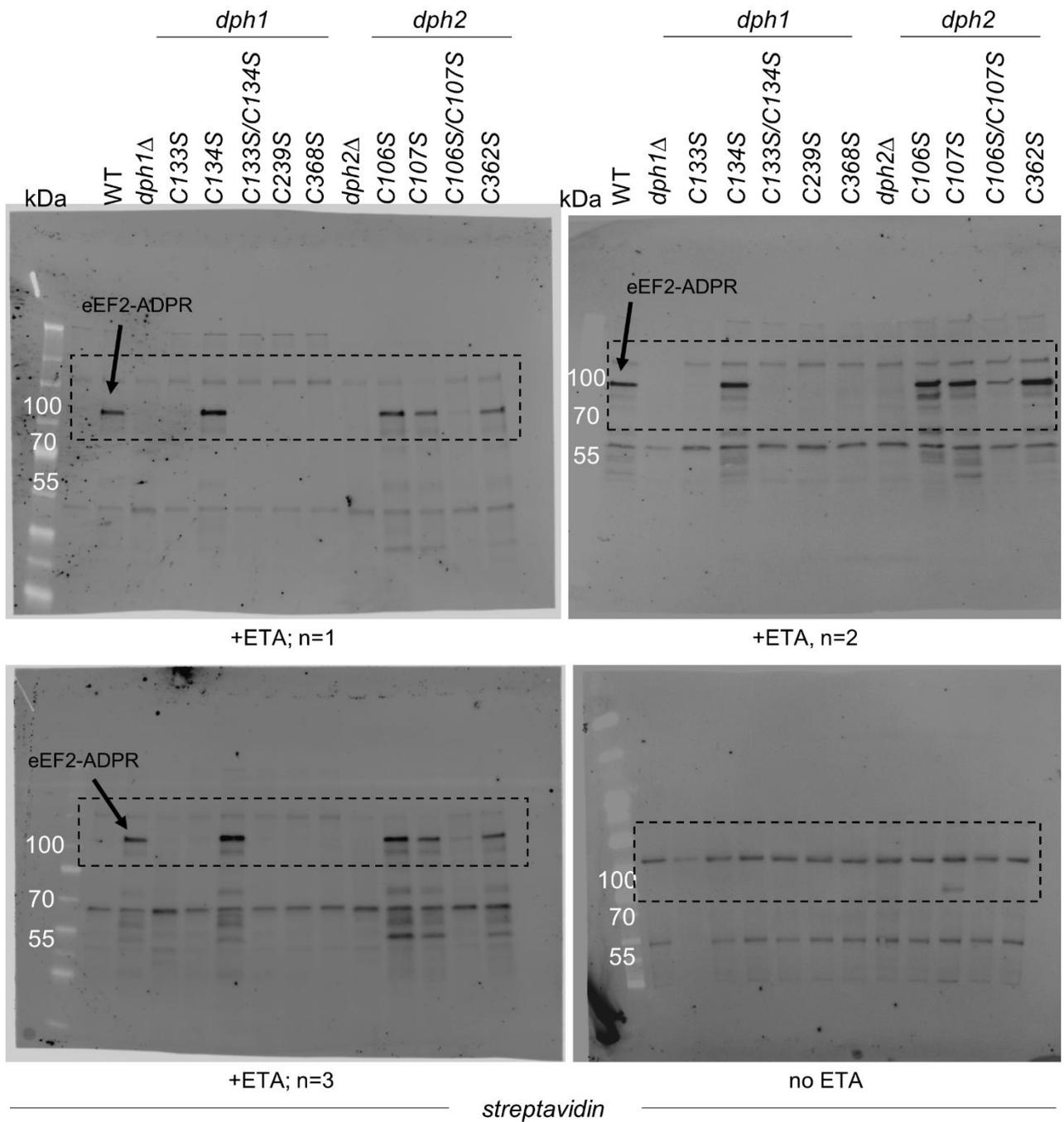


**Figure S2**


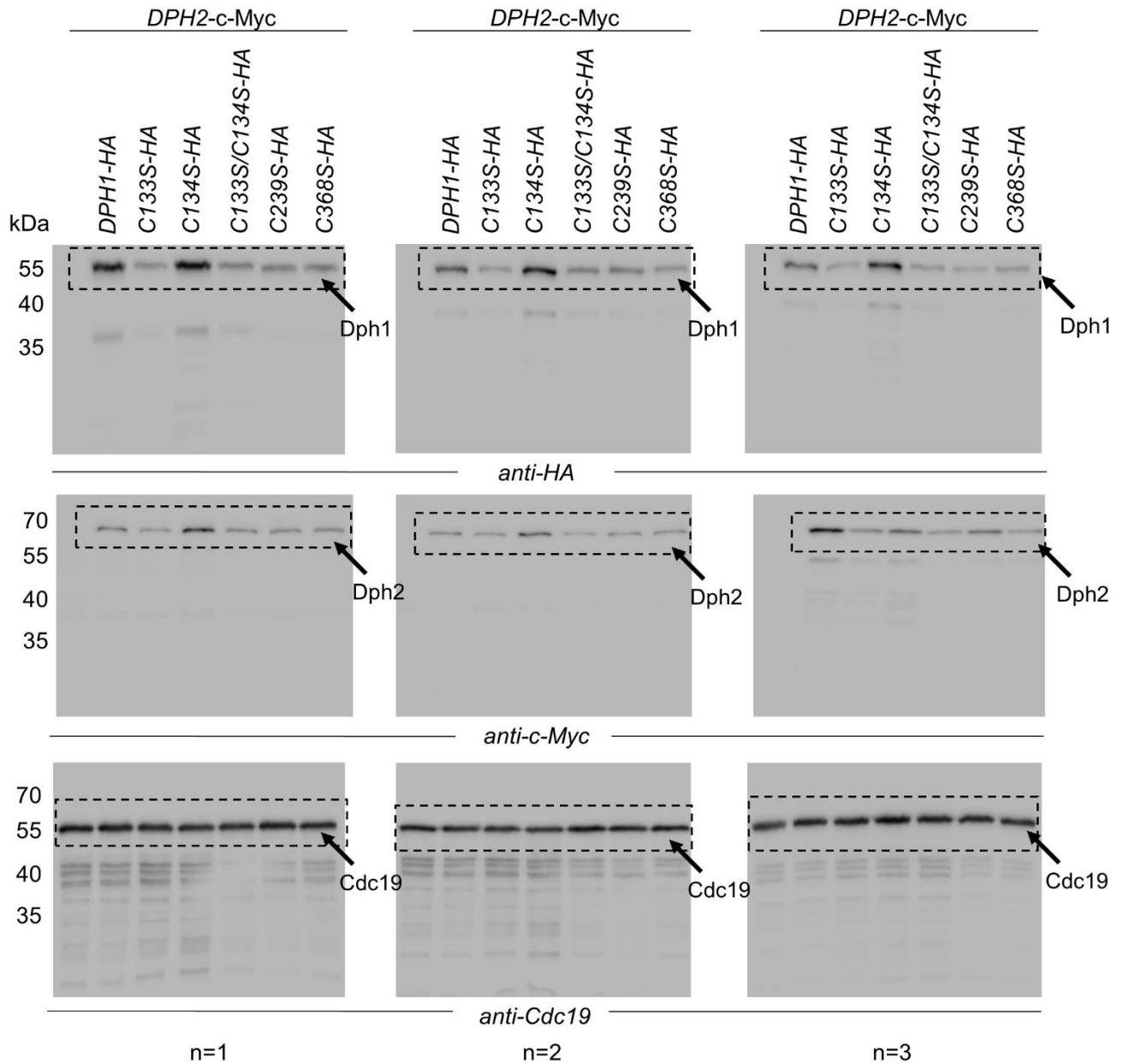
**Figure S2.** Original Western blot images underlying parts of the data presented in Figure 3A (indicated by the areas of the dotted boxes). Band signal intensities were used for densitometric and statistical analyses.

**Figure S3**


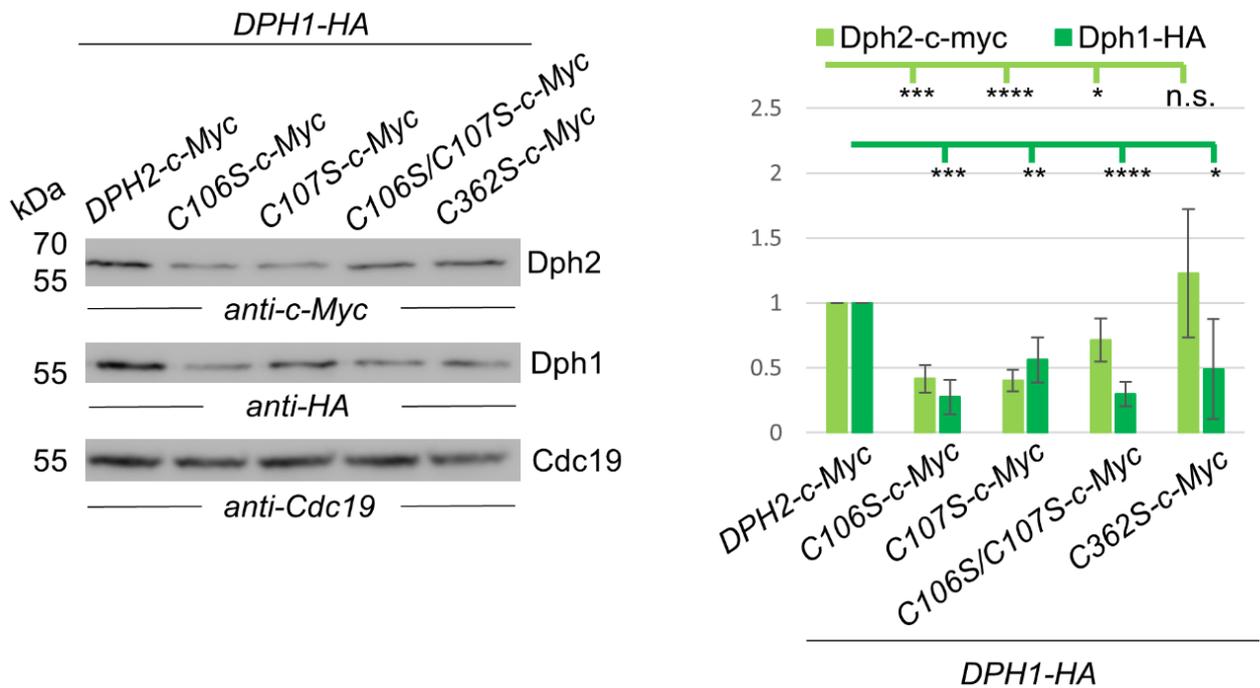
**Figure S3.** Further original Western blot images underlying parts of the data presented in Figure 3A (indicated by the areas of the dotted boxes). Band signal intensities were used for densitometric and statistical analyses.

**Figure S4**


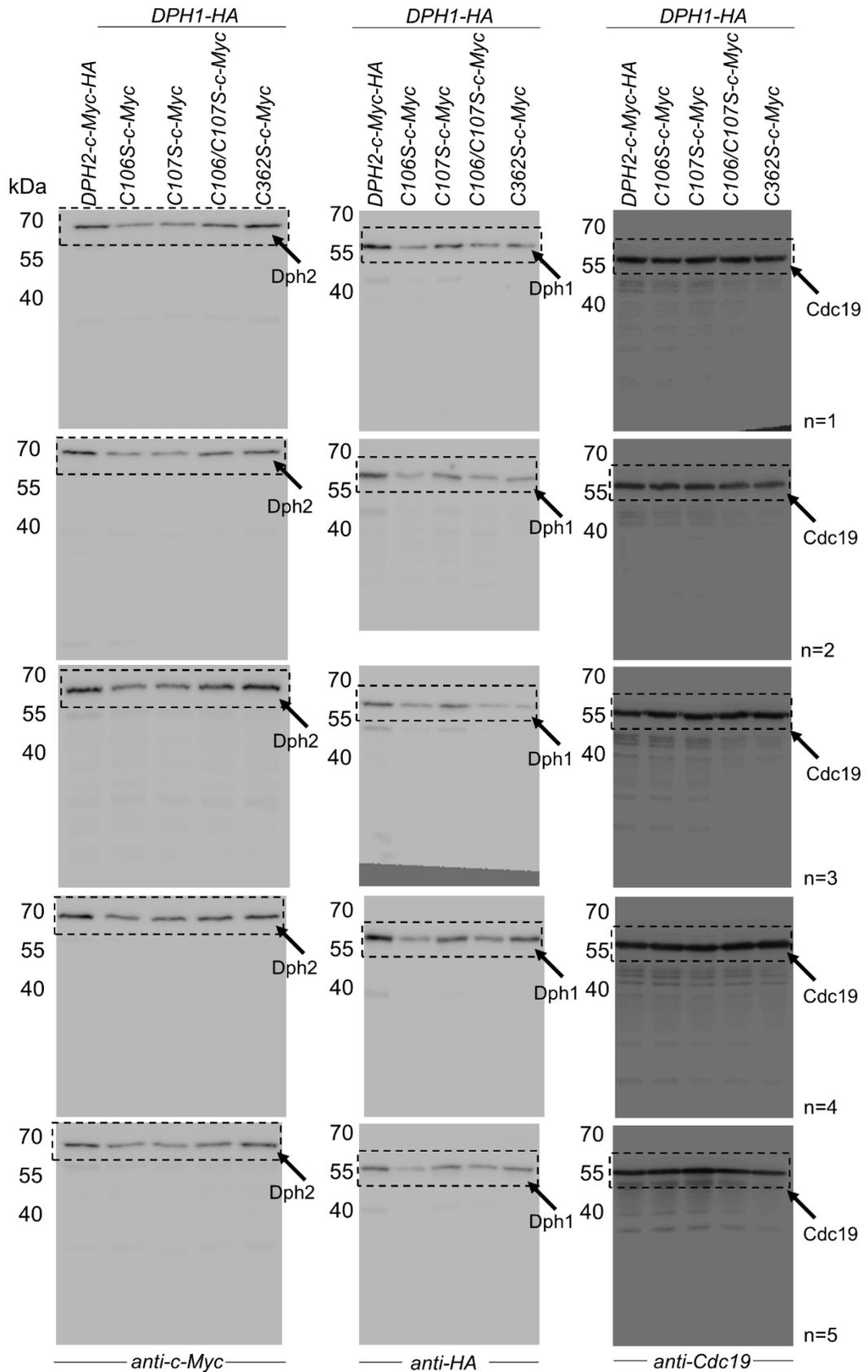
**Figure S4.** Original Western blot images underlying parts of the data presented in Figure 3B (indicated by the areas of the dotted boxes). Band signal intensities were used for densitometric and statistical analyses.

**Figure S5**


**Figure S5.** Original Western blot images underlying the data presented in Figure 4A (indicated by the areas of the dotted boxes). Band signal intensities were used for densitometrical and statistical analyses

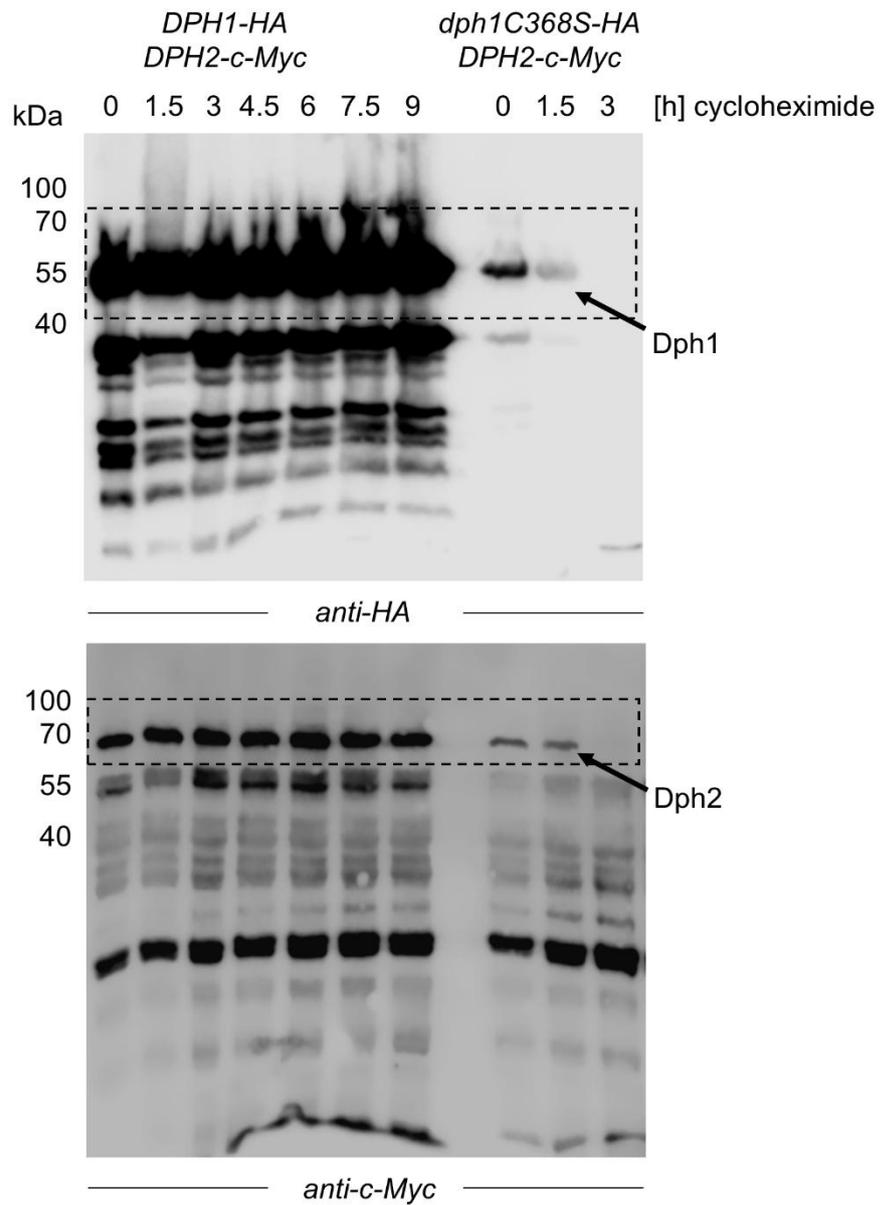
**Figure S6**


**Figure S6.** Substitutions of functionally important cysteines in Dph2 result in decreased amounts of both subunits of the Dph1•Dph2 dimer. Western blot analyses of *DPH2* mutants were conducted to detect cellular pools of Dph1-HA (*anti-HA*) and Dph2-c-Myc (*anti-c-Myc*). Detection of the yeast pyruvate kinase Cdc19 (*anti-Cdc19*) served as control for sample loading. Technical repetitions (n=5) were followed by densitometric quantification of signal intensities and standard t-test for statistical analyses \* = p<0.05; \*\* = p<0.01; \*\*\* = p<0.001; \*\*\*\* = p<0.0001; n.s. = not significant. For original Western blot images, see also Figure S7.

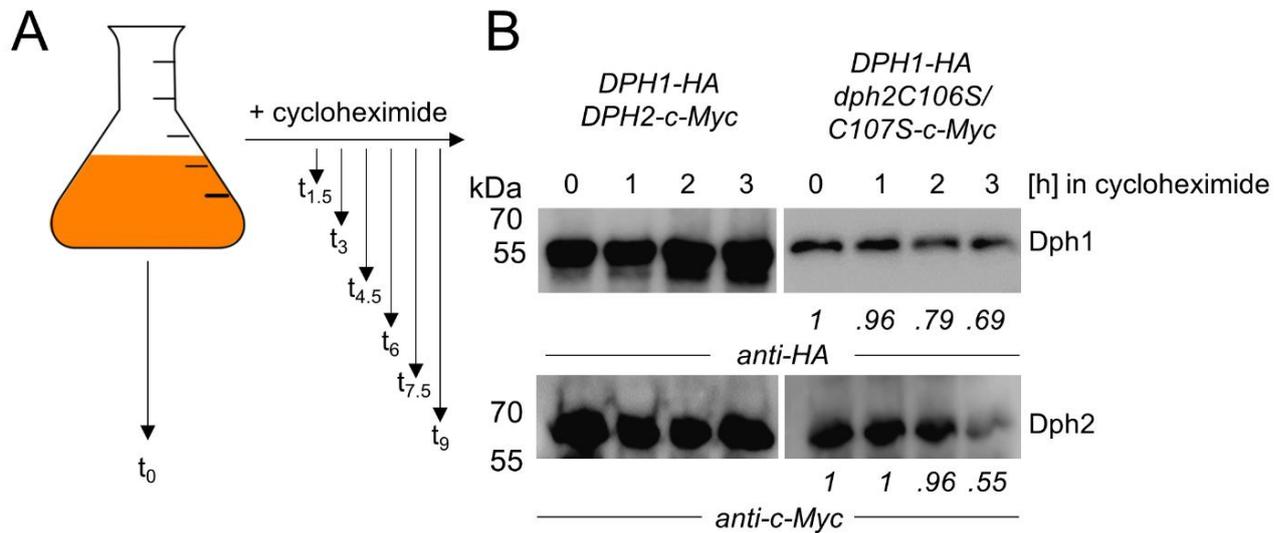
**Figure S7**


**Figure S7.** Original Western blot images underlying the data presented in Figure S6 (indicated by the areas of the dotted boxes). Band signal intensities were used for densitometric and statistical analyses.

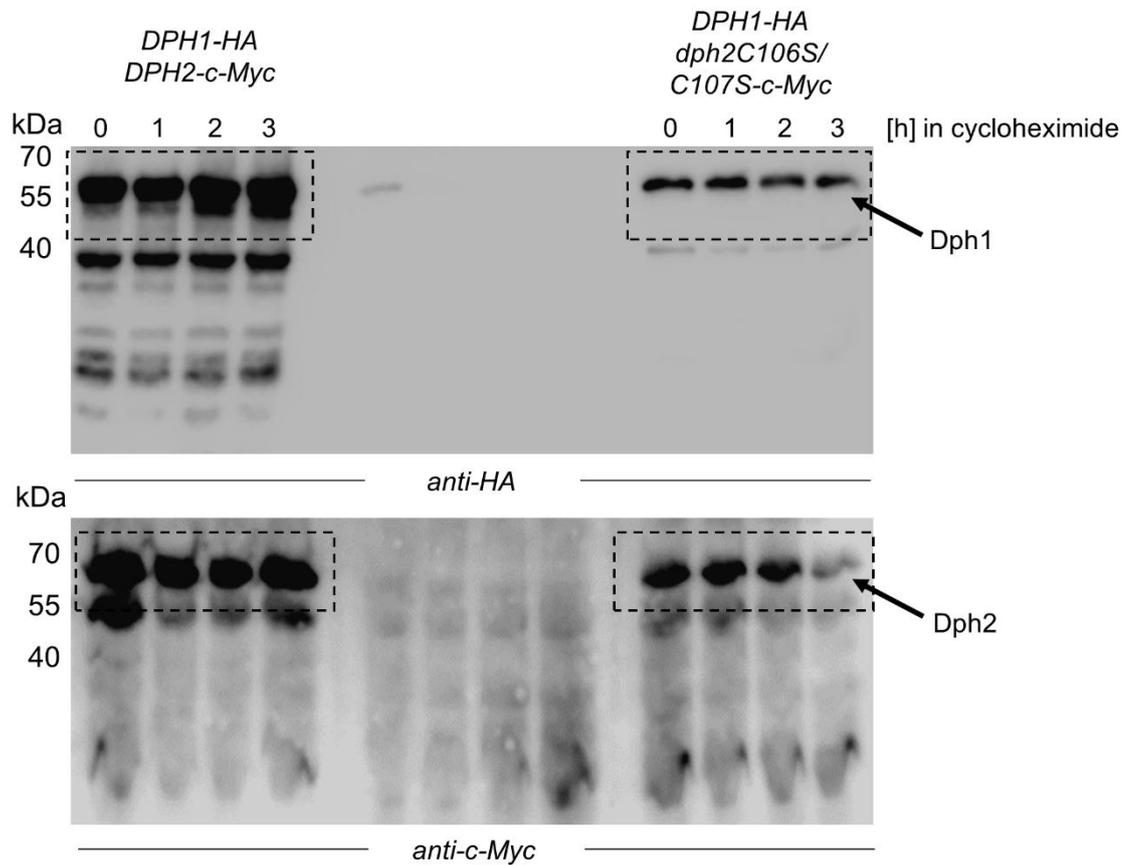
Figure S8



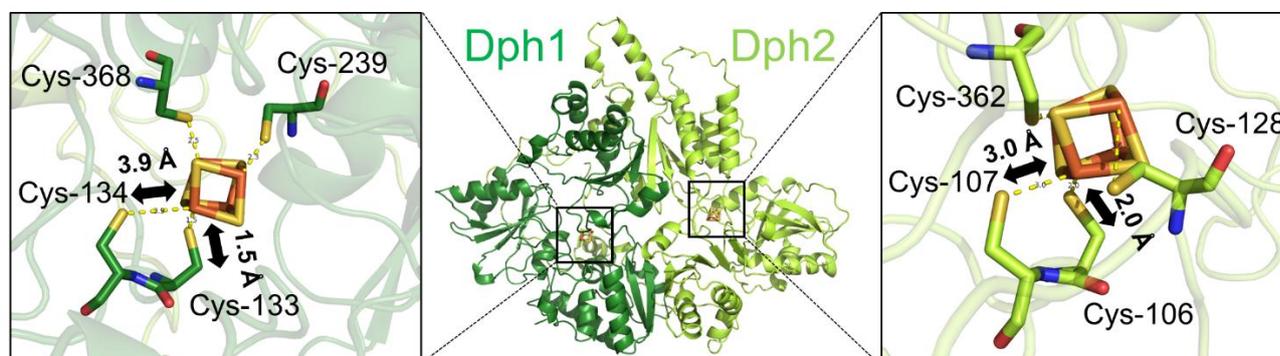
**Figure S8.** Original Western blot images underlying the data presented in Figure 4B (indicated by the areas of the dotted boxes).

**Figure S9**


**Figure S9.** Cycloheximide chase of *dph2C106,107S* reveals accelerated Dph1•Dph2 decay. **(A)** Schematic workflow of the cycloheximide chase. Yeast cells coding for C-terminally tagged versions of Dph1 and Dph2 were grown to reach the exponential phase ( $t_0$ ) before 100  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  cycloheximide were added to the cultures. Samples were taken at indicated time points before ( $t_0$ ) and after cycloheximide addition for total protein extraction and **(B)** Western blot analysis. Dph1 and Dph2 band signal intensities from the *dph2* mutant were densitometrically analysed and normalised to  $t_0$ . For further Western blot images, see Figure S10.

**Figure S10**


**Figure S10.** Original Western blot images underlying the data presented in Figure S9 (indicated by the areas of the dotted boxes). Band signal intensities were used for densitometric analyses.

**Figure S11**


**Figure S11.** Structural modelling highlights conserved cysteines in radical SAM and Fe-S motifs of Dph1•Dph2. Center: Amino acid sequenced of *S. cerevisiae* Dph1 (green-forest) and Dph2 (green-limon) were modeled as a heterodimer with AlphaFold/ColabFold [2,3]. Given Dph1•Dph2 model was then structurally aligned with PDB: 6bxn (not shown) [4] and illustrated in its cartoon structure with PyMOL version 1.3. Left: A zoom into the active center of Dph1 shows a [4Fe-4S] cluster with three conserved FeS ligands, Cys-133, Cys-239 and Cys-368, illustrated as sticks. Distances of conserved cysteines to the next iron ion (1.5 Å, 2.3 Å and 2.5 Å respectively) are labeled according to the yellow dotted lines. In addition, Cys-134 follows Cys-133 in close proximity to the next iron ion in 3.9 Å distance. Right: A zoom into the active center of Dph2 show a [Fe<sub>4</sub>-S<sub>4</sub>] and conserved cofactor binding cysteines 107, 128 and 362 shown as sticks. Distances of conserved cysteines to the next iron ion (3.0 Å, 1.4 Å and 3.6 Å respectively) are labeled according to the yellow dotted lines. In addition, Cys-106 adjacent to Cys-107 is in close proximity to the next iron ion by 2.0 Å distance.

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