Protein trafficking:
Destination of protein trafficking dependent on its sorting signals (sequence/patch)
Nuclear transport
Nucleus structure
Double membrane structure with nuclear pore complex
 Nuclear pore complex - largest structure of around 60 MDa structure, (<5kDa protein diffuse into nucleus, larger
proteins move by active transport, >60kDa proteins move entirely by active transport)
Nuclear pore complex have FG repeats, interact with receptor proteins allow transport
Nuclear transport
Nuclear localisation singals (NLS) directs nuclear proteins in/out the nucleus
Importing NLS: lysine-arginine rich sequence
Exporting NLS: leucine stretch
o Folded polypeptide with NLS bind to importin nuclear import receptor in the karyopherin family, & pass through the
nuclear pore complex.
Protein with exporting NLS bind with exportin receptor karyopherin, take protein out of the nucleus
○ Direction of transport: Ran-GTP/GDP
Nucleus Ran-GDP exchanged to Ran-GTP, via Ran-guanosine exchange factor (GEF)
 Cytosol Ran-GTP exchanged to Ran-GDP in the cytosol via Ran-guanosine GTPase activating protein (Ran-
GAP)
High [Ran-GTP] in nucleus, high [Ran-GDP] in the cytosol
Ran GTP binds with importin and exportin when exiting the nucleus, Ran-GTP hydrolysed and dissociate
from localisation proteins.
Mitochondrial import
 Mitochondrial localisation signal: amphipathic(both hydrophobic + hydrophilic) α-helix structure
Mitochondrial import occur at places where inner membrane close to outer membrane.
○ Protein enters mitochondria via TOM complex and TIM 23 complex (Translocon of outer/inner membrane)
TOM complex contains TOM receptor and TOM channel
○ Localisation signalling amphipathic helix binds with TOM receptor, translocated into mitochondria in unfolded state
Hsp70 protein in cytosol keep protein unfolded using ATP hydrolysis
○ 3 energy potential involved in mitochondrial import:
ATP hydrolysis: Mitochondrial hsp70 pulls protein into cytosol and keep protein unfolded once it enters the
mitochondria using ATP.
Membrane potential (-ve within mitochondria matrix) also contribute to moving protein across the membrane
Redox potential: Mia40 oxidise imported protein in the intermembrane space, protein form disulfide bond,
prevent going back.
• Mitochondrial insertion
Outer membrane: Sorting & Assembly Machinery (SAM): Protein in intermembrane space bound to chaperones,
inserted into outer membrane via SAM complex.
o Inner membrane: 4 possible mechanisms:
Hydrophobic sequence behind amphipathic helix, when helix cleaved off, hydrophobic sequence in TIM complex laterally move into inner membrane
Metabolite transporter: uses electrical gradient across inner/outer membrane to insert intermembrane space
motabolite transporter, associated gradient across innerrouter membrane to insert intermembrane space

protein into inner membrane via another TIM complex (TIM22) OXA complex: Mitochondrial synthesised proteins with signal sequence inserted inside out via OXA complex Protein enters matrix, helix cleaved off, OXA localisation signal behind matrix cause it to be inserted via OXA complex. Endoplasmic Reticulum transport: Sec61 dependent transport Sec61 is the channel protein within the membrane SRP (Signal recognition protein), soluble complex made up of 6 protein and rRNA Signal of ER import made up of: positive amino acid followed by 6-12 hydrophobic amino acids on the N-terminus During translation, SRP in the cytosol recognise signalling sequence, bind to N-terminus of mRNA, pausing translation. SRP-mRNA bind to Sec61 complex and a GTP, emerging segment of mRNA transferred into the ER lumen, hydrolysis of GTP releases SRP, translation continues. (Both SRP and Sec61 contain GTPase subunit) Signalling sequence cleaved off by signal pepsidase, protein folds (soluble) or move laterally to be inserted into ER membrane ER membrane protein: C-terminus in cytosol is type 1, N-terminus in cytosol is type 2. Sec61 independent (Sec62/63) transport: Sec62, Sec63 form complex with Sec61 ATP dependent, protein bind to polypeptide in cytosol to keep unfolded. BiP in the ER lumen, is a Hsp70 ATPase, hydrolyse ATP to pull polypeptide into the ER TRC40 pathway Transport proteins that have a C-terminal membrane domain/lipid anchor, does not enter ER lumen, stay on membrane SRP independent, ATP dependent Post translational polypeptide bound by chaperone proteins to remain unfolded. Binding with TRC40 protein in cytosol bring it towards the WRB/CAML complex Glycosylation: addition of sugar Core glycosylation/N-linked glycosylation: Oligosaccharyl transferase is an enzyme attached to Sec61 complex and ribosome, transfer oligosaccharide groups from oligosaccharide-linked lipids onto asparagine residues. Oligosaccharyl transferase detect N-X-S / N-X-T (X: anything but proline, N-asparagine, S-serine, T-threonine) Glycosylation function: mark incorrectly folded proteins, resist degradation from proteases for transport, signal transmission ER associated degradation (ERAD) Incorrectly folded sugars have reduced disufide bonds by disulfide isomerase Misfolded protein stay longer in the ER, sugar will be overprocessed by lectin, trimmed by glycanse Ubiquitin tag added by E3 ubiquitin ligase Chaperone binding to the protein, target for degradation Protein targeted for proteasome for degradation. Methods to study membrane trafficking: GFP tagging, protein co-purification (fragment cell, centrifuge, purify, see if

attached), Genetic screen by inducing mutation in yeasts
Trafficking from the ER
Biosynthetic secretory pathway: ER - Golgi - Surface membrane (can be directed to endosome, then lysosome)
Endocytic pathway: Outside into the cell - endosome - lysosome
Retrograde/recycling pathway: Golgi to ER, endosome to golgi. Endosome to membrane
General mechanisms involved in transport between compartments: vesicle transport (e.g. ER-Golgi) and compartment
fusion (e.g. endosome + lysosome)
Vesicle proteins (shown as electron dense coats under electron microscopy)
 Coating proteins complex recognise, select and bind protein cargos transported in the vesicle, form vesicle using
GTPase hydrolysis
COP2 vesicle: ER - Golgi
○ Made up of sec23/24, sec13/31
o associated with GTPase sar1 (coat dis/assembly)
COP1 vesicle Golgi - ER
o 7 subunit coatomers
Associated with GTPase ARF
Clathrin and adaptors
Clathrin forms the structural component of vesicle while adaptor proteins select the cargo
○ AP1 adaptor: Transgolgi <> Endosome
○ GGA adaptor: Trans golgi to endosome
○ AP2 adaptor: endocytosis, form vesicle from plasma membrane to endosome
○ AP3 adaptor: golgi to lysosome
○ For clathrin vesicles, assembly requires ARF ATPase while disassembly requires Hsp70 ATPase
Vesicle formation (e.g. clathrin vesicle formation)
○ Clathrin binds to receptor
AP2 adaptor binds to clathrin, bind between themselves
○ Bud formation, tip restricted by GTPase
○ When vesicle comes off, clathrin+adaptor disassembly via Hsp70 ATPase, produce naked vesicle
Vesicle fusion mechanism
○ V-SNARES on vesicle, T-SNARES on target
© Rab-GTP is found on the surface of the vesicle, Rab effector tethering protein found on the target membrane
Rab-GTP interact with Rab effector, being vesicle closer to the membrane.
O At closer distance, V-SNARE(1 α-helix) T-SNARE(3-α helix) interact, form tran-SNARE complex, zippering brings
vesicle to target membrane.
○ Fusion of membranes, fusion of contents
○ Rab-GTP hydrolysis, Rab dissociates
The SNARE complex is dissociated with NSF with ATP hydrolysis
Mechanism involved in neurotransmitter release, tetanus toxin cleaves SNARE proteins, prevent release
Many types of rab and SNAREs proteins provide specficity.

Phosphoinositide lipids: membrane identity specification

- Inositides can be phosphorylated at 3', 4', 5' positions, will represent different identities.
 - E.g. PI3P is found in endosomes, PI4P found in exosomes, PI4,5P belong to surface membrane.

Golgi modification: protein modified as it pass from cis-golgi network - cis golgi cisternae - medial cisternae - trans cisternae - trans network

- As protein pass through the golgi appatus, Asparagine-linked oligosaccharides undergoes sugar trimming and sugar modification
- Pass a certain point, the glycolysed protein becomes resistant to EndoH enzyme.
- Level of modification reflect its previous position in the golgi apparatus
- o In the end, asparagine is attached to a complex oligosaccharide
- O-linked glycosylation
 - o Sugar added to serine/threonine in N-X-S/T sequence, catalysed by glycosyl-transferase enzyme in the golgi
- Models of intra-golgi transport
 - Vesicle transport model: Forward transport of proteins, modification in each compartment
 - Cisternal maturation model: backward transport of enzymes

Lysosome

- · Low pH vesicle resulted by proton pump, containing catabolic enzymes
- · Fuse with endosome for digestion, and is recovered
- · E.g. nuclease, protease, lipase, phoaphatase.

Protein sorting

- 1) Retrieve that need to stay in the ER
- Retrieval signal KDEL (Lys-Asp-Glu-Leu) at C terminus of soluble protein in ER, last four amino acids
- Retrieval signal KKXX (Lys-Lys-X-X) at C-terminus of transmembrane protein in ER
- COP2 vesicle with KDELR and KKXXR on membrane surface move to Golgi body
- · Golgi-body have lower pH, facilitate signal-receptor binding, retreval via COP1 vesicle
- 2) Protein sorting and excytosis
- Similar mechanism as COPII vesicle trafficking
- Constitutive secretion (default secretion when not regulated) vs regulated secretion (form vesicle, secrete upon signal)
- Delivery of soluble protein into the lysosome
- Mannose-6-phosphate tags the protein as a lysosomal protein.
- M6P Receptor bind to M6P protein, AP3 vesicle form from the golgi, fuse into the lysosome
- · Lysosomal protein detatch from M6PR due to low pH, loses a phosphate becomes active
- Retrieval of M6P receptors back into golgi via retromer coating proteins.
- Mucolipidosis when enzymes are not transported into the lysosome but surface membrane instead, no lysosome function, death by 10.
- 4) Endocytosis of Low density lipoprotein cholesterol uptake
- LDL bind to LDL receptor on the membrane surface

Endocytosis, AP2-clathrin assembly with ARF GTPase, form vesicle
Retrieval of LDLR from vesicle back to plasma membrane (retrieval signal F_NPXY (phenylalanine upstream of
asparagine-proline-random-tyrosine).
Endosome mature, fuses with lysosome (contain hydrolytic enzymes), absorb cholesterol
5) EGF signal turn-off
EGF receptor on the cell surface endocytosed by clathrin-AP2 complex, tagged by ubiquitin tag.
Endocytosis signal: YXX-hydrophobic
Endosome Intracellular domain still exposed into the cytosol from the endosome
Ubiquitin tag on the EGFR induce invagination, form multivesicular body, sequestrating EGF signalling.
Fusion of late endosome with lysosome, degradation of both EGF and EGFR.
ESCRT proteins cause reverse budding of the membrane induced by ubiquitin tag
• ESCRT0 bind to PI3P, ubiquitin tag
• ESCRT1, 2 also binds with membrane lipid.
ESCRT3 allow the constriction of the budding, away from cytosol (exocytosis/invagination into multivesicular body/
cytokinesis/HIV/Ebola)

Nuclear transport
Nucleus structure
Signal sequence
Components involved
Direction control
Mitochondria
• Structure
• Transport
• Energy potentials
Insert into outer membrane
• Insert into inner membrane
<u>ER</u>
• 3 pathways
o proteins involved
○ Signal
○ Energy source
ERAD
2 Glycosylation
Methods to study
Types of vesicles 3
Coating, adaptor, GTPase
Vesicle formation
Vesicle docking
Toxins
PIP
Golgi structure function
Lysosome
5 examples of vesicular transport and protein sorting.