

Figure S1: Southern blot verification and germination analysis of $\Delta PaMic60/\Delta PaCrd1$. **(A)** Southern blot analysis with EcoRV-digested DNA to verify the newly generated double mutant $\Delta PaMic60/\Delta PaCrd1$ by the use of the hygromycin (*Hph*) resistance gene. **(B)** Comparison of germinated spores of crossing two wild-type strains (WT, black) or two $\Delta PaMic60$ strains (blue), of a cross of $\Delta PaCrd1$ (orange) with the wild type, and of a cross of $\Delta PaMic60/\Delta PaCrd1$ (violet) with $\Delta PaMic60$. Ascospores were germinated on BMM with 60 mM ammonium acetate for 2 days at 27 °C in the dark. Normally, *P. anserina* forms asci with four spores each of them containing two different nuclei giving rise to heterokaryotic mycelia. For experimental purposes monokaryotic spores are preferred, which rarely are present in so-called "irregular asci". Here, irregular asci with five spores, consisting of 3 dikaryotic and 2 monokaryotic spores were used [60]. 'WT' or ' Δ ' in the respective colors indicate the genotype of each nucleus in a spore. Isolated spores, either di- or monokaryotic, of the $\Delta PaMic60/\Delta PaCrd1$ double mutant germinate poorly due to a germination defect. The last horizontal row shows a magnification of the spores of the $\Delta PaMic60/\Delta PaCrd1 \times \Delta PaMic60$ cross. The inlay presents an additional magnification to visualize the spores with $\Delta PaMic60/\Delta PaCrd1$ genotype. After initial formation of germination tubes, growth of the double mutant completely stops. Scale bar = 1 cm.

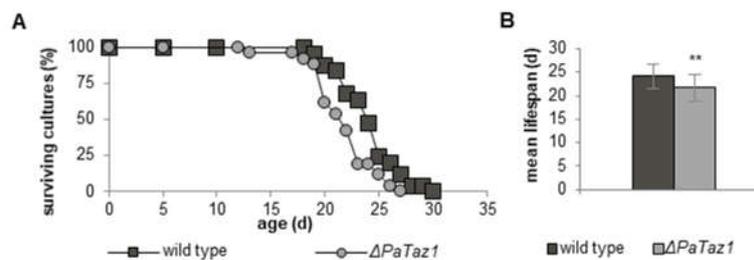


Figure S2: Loss of PaTAZ1 affects lifespan of *P. anserina*. **(A)** Survival curves of wild type (n = 25) and $\Delta PaTaz1$ (n = 26) grown on M2 medium. **(B)** Mean lifespan of cultures from (A). Data represent mean \pm SD. ** $p < 0.01$.

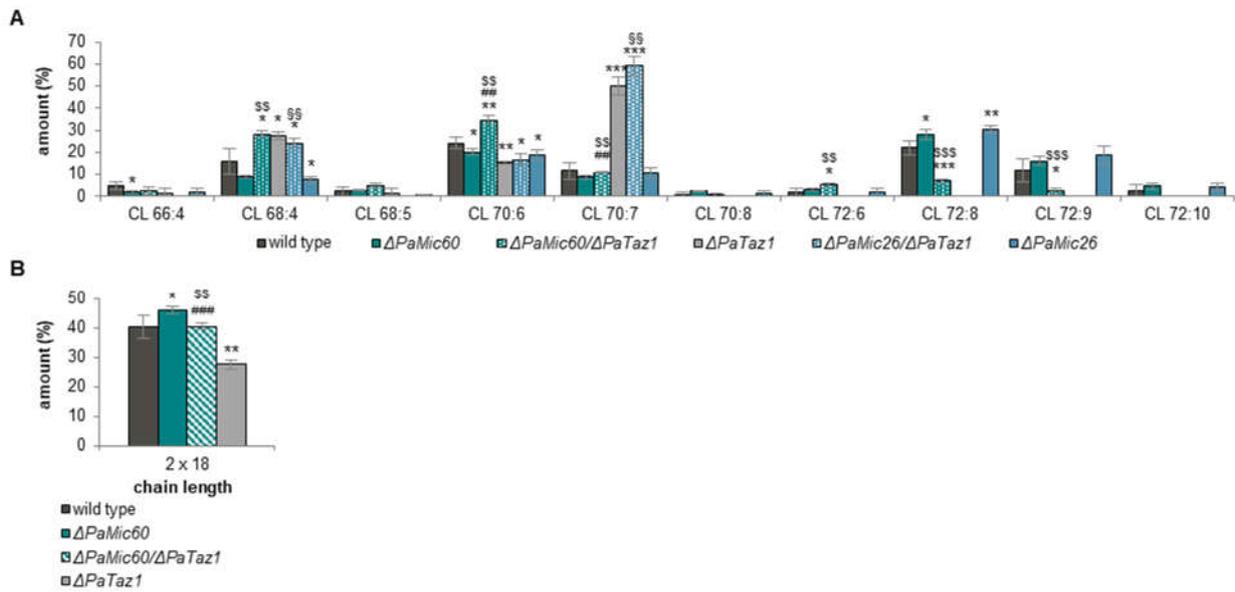


Figure S3: Ablation of PaMIC60 and PaTAZ1 alters CL species and amount of 18-chained acyl residues incorporated into membrane lipids. **(A)** Different CL species in wild type, $\Delta PaMic60$, $\Delta PaMic60/\Delta PaTaz1$, $\Delta PaTaz1$, $\Delta PaMic26/\Delta PaTaz1$, and $\Delta PaMic26$ according to total length of all four acyl chains (66-72) and total degree of unsaturation (4-10). The most abundant CL species are represented. **(B)** Alterations in the amount of 18-chained acyl residues across all identified lipid classes in wild type, $\Delta PaMic60$, $\Delta PaMic60/\Delta PaTaz1$, and $\Delta PaTaz1$. * Significant differences to wild type, * $p < 0.05$ ** $p < 0.01$ *** $p < 0.001$; # significant differences to $\Delta PaTaz1$, ## $p < 0.01$; § significant differences to $\Delta PaMic60$, §§ $p < 0.01$, §§§ $p < 0.001$; § significant differences to $\Delta PaMic26$, § $p < 0.05$, §§ $p < 0.01$.

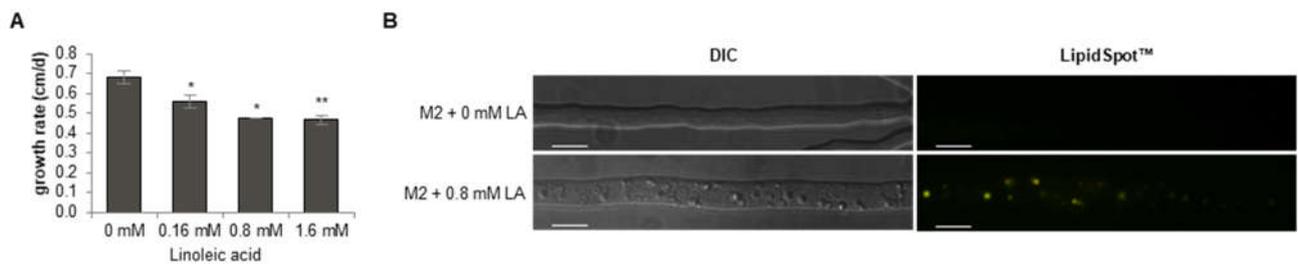


Figure S4: Growth tests and appearance of lipid droplets after supplementation with linoleic acid (LA). **(A)** Growth tests of the wild type ($n = 3$) grown on M2 medium with or without different concentrations of LA. Data represent mean \pm SD. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$. **(B)** Staining of wild type grown on M2 medium with or without 0.8 mM LA for one day. Visualization was performed using LipidSpot™. Scale bar = 10 μ m.

Table S4: Overview of lifespan and growth rate of wild type, $\Delta PaTaz1$, $\Delta PaMic60$, and $\Delta PaMic60/\Delta PaTaz1$ mutants. The p -values were determined with SPSS (IBM; SPSS Statistics, New York, USA) with three different tests. Indicated are the p -values of the lifespan curves in comparison to the wild type. “ p -value 1” = Log Rank (Mantel-Cox); “ p -value 2” = Breslow (Generalized Wilcoxon); “ p -value 3” = Tarone-Ware. Moreover, p -values of the lifespan curves compared to $\Delta PaMic60$. “ p -value 4” = Log Rank (Mantel-Cox); “ p -value 5” = Breslow (Generalized Wilcoxon); “ p -value 6” = Tarone-Ware. And p -values of the lifespan curves compared to $\Delta PaTaz1$. “ p -value 7” = Log Rank (Mantel-Cox); “ p -value 8” = Breslow (Generalized Wilcoxon); “ p -value 9” = Tarone-Ware.

	wild type	$\Delta PaTaz1$	$\Delta PaMic60$	$\Delta PaMic60/\Delta PaTaz1$
mean lifespan (d)	24	22	54	26
± SD	± 2.7	± 2.9	± 20.2	± 6.2
maximum lifespan (d)	30	27	103	39
p -value 1	/	0.0062	1.257E-13	0.0107
p -value 2	/	0.0062	1.854E-11	0.1451
p -value 3	/	0.0059	1.632E-12	0.0476
p -value 4	/	1.001E-13	/	1.772E-13
p -value 5	/	1.742E-11	/	3.726E-11
p -value 6	/	1.398E-12	/	2.511E-12
p -value 7	/	/	1.001E-13	9.042E-05
p -value 8	/	/	1.742E-11	2.264E-03
p -value 9	/	/	1.398E-12	5.147E-04
growth rate (cm/d)	0.66	0.64	0.64	0.61
± SD	± 0.03	± 0.02	± 0.02	± 0.02
growth distance (cm)	14.0	11.9	32.6	14.2
± SD	± 1.5	± 1.6	± 14.0	± 3.7
biological replicates	25	26	24	32

Table S5: Overview of lifespan and growth rate of wild type, $\Delta PaTaz1$, $\Delta PaMic26$, and $\Delta PaMic26/\Delta PaTaz1$ mutants. The p -values were determined with SPSS (IBM; SPSS Statistics, New York, USA) with three different tests. Indicated are the p -values of the lifespan curves in comparison to the wild type. “ p -value 1” = Log Rank (Mantel-Cox); “ p -value 2” = Breslow (Generalized Wilcoxon); “ p -value 3” = Tarone-Ware. Moreover, p -values of the lifespan curves compared to $\Delta PaMic26$. “ p -value 4” = Log Rank (Mantel-Cox); “ p -value 5” = Breslow (Generalized Wilcoxon); “ p -value 6” = Tarone-Ware. And p -values of the lifespan curves compared to $\Delta PaTaz1$. “ p -value 7” = Log Rank (Mantel-Cox); “ p -value 8” = Breslow (Generalized Wilcoxon); “ p -value 9” = Tarone-Ware.

	wild type	$\Delta PaTaz1$	$\Delta PaMic26$	$\Delta PaMic26/\Delta PaTaz1$
mean lifespan (d)	24	21	53	34
± SD	± 4.1	± 3.9	± 13.2	± 11.8
maximum lifespan (d)	32	29	85	64
p -value 1	/	0.0032	4.383E-20	1.025E-07
p -value 2	/	0.0093	5.545E-18	2.821E-06
p -value 3	/	0.0050	5.039E-19	5.277E-07
p -value 4	/	3.320E-21	/	5.246E-10
p -value 5	/	9.761E-19	/	4.513E-10
p -value 6	/	5.843E-20	/	3.078E-10
p -value 7	/	/	3.320E-21	1.765E-12
p -value 8	/	/	9.761E-19	3.807E-10
p -value 9	/	/	5.843E-20	2.750E-11
growth rate (cm/d)	0.66	0.63	0.67	0.62
± SD	± 0.02	± 0.03	± 0.06	± 0.04
growth distance (cm)	13.6	11.8	33.1	19.3
± SD	± 2.8	± 2.6	± 8.9	± 7.2
biological replicates	24	27	43	50

Table S6: Overview of lifespan and growth rate of wild type, $\Delta PaTaz1$, $\Delta PaMic60$, and $\Delta PaMic60/\Delta PaTaz1$ mutants with and without linoleic acid. The p -values were determined with SPSS (IBM; SPSS Statistics, New York, USA) with three different tests. Indicated are the p -values of the lifespan curves in comparison to the wild type without linoleic acid. “ p -value 1” = Log Rank (Mantel-Cox); “ p -value 2” = Breslow (Generalized Wilcoxon); “ p -value 3” = Tarone-Ware. Additionally, p -values of the lifespan curves compared to the corresponding deletion mutant without linoleic acid are given. “ p -value 4” = Log Rank (Mantel-Cox); “ p -value 5” = Breslow (Generalized Wilcoxon); “ p -value 6” = Tarone-Ware.

	wild type	$\Delta PaTaz1$	$\Delta PaMic60$	$\Delta PaMic60/\Delta PaTaz1$	wild type	$\Delta PaTaz1$	$\Delta PaMic60$	$\Delta PaMic60/\Delta PaTaz1$
	0 mM linoleic acid				0.8 mM linoleic acid			
mean lifespan (d) ± SD	25 ± 2.3	24 ± 1.7	59 ± 22.1	27 ± 4.6	20 ± 3.0	19 ± 6.7	46 ± 14.5	42 ± 16.7
maximum lifespan (d)	30	27	103	34	26	27	75	74
p -value 1	/	0.0682	1.702E-09	0.0228	6.692E-04	0.0051	2.037E-07	5.291E-06
p -value 2	/	0.0950	4.898E-08	0.1259	1.907E-04	0.0032	3.394E-06	2.021E-04
p -value 3	/	0.0816	9.333E-09	0.0584	3.132E-04	0.0037	8.503E-07	3.514E-05
p -value 4	/	/	/	/	/	0.2192	0.0966	3.695E-05
p -value 5	/	/	/	/	/	0.1014	0.1413	7.071E-04
p -value 6	/	/	/	/	/	0.1418	0.1264	1.684E-04
growth rate (cm/d) ± SD	0.65 ± 0.02	0.64 ± 0.02	0.63 ± 0.02	0.62 ± 0.02	0.46 ± 0.02	0.48 ± 0.02	0.44 ± 0.02	0.41 ± 0.02
growth distance (cm) ± SD	14.4 ± 1.1	12.9 ± 0.8	36.2 ± 15.5	14.9 ± 2.8	7.7 ± 1.2	7.5 ± 3.2	19.1 ± 6.4	16.5 ± 6.7
biological replicates	17	14	16	20	15	15	14	15