

Supporting material

Saccharomyces cerevisiae and *Candida albicans* yeast cells labeled with paramagnetic Fe(III) based MRI probes

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Table S1. Relaxivity values for Fe(III) complexes measured at 4.7 T, 20 mM HEPES pH 7.2, 100 mM NaCl at 37 °C.

Complex	μ_{eff} (BM)	r_1 (s·mM) ⁻¹ pH 7 at 4.7 T	r_1 (s·mM) ⁻¹ pH 7 at 9.4 T T	r_2 (s·mM) ⁻¹ pH 7 at 4.7 T
Fe(TOB) ^[a]	5.9	2.20 ± 0.30	2.40 ± 0.24	4.47 ± 1.07
Fe(TOBA) ^[a]	5.6	1.71 ± 0.10	-	5.05 ± 0.48
Fe(TzB) ^[a]	5.7	0.81 ± 0.07	-	1.45 ± 0.12
Fe(TACO) ^[b]	5.9	0.97 ± 0.12	1.40 ± 0.08	1.4 ± 0.08
Fe(TASO) ^[b]	5.8	2.00 ± 0.19	2.00 ± 0.2	2.0 ± 0.20

[a] data obtained from ref 1

[b] data obtained from ref 2

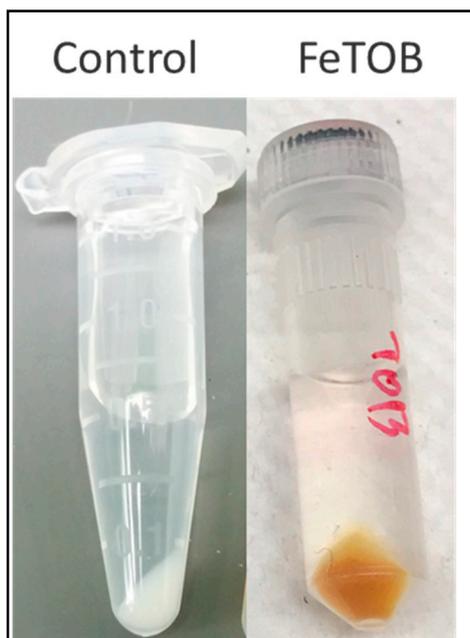


Figure S1. Color change of *S. cerevisiae* pellet upon treatment with Fe(TOB)

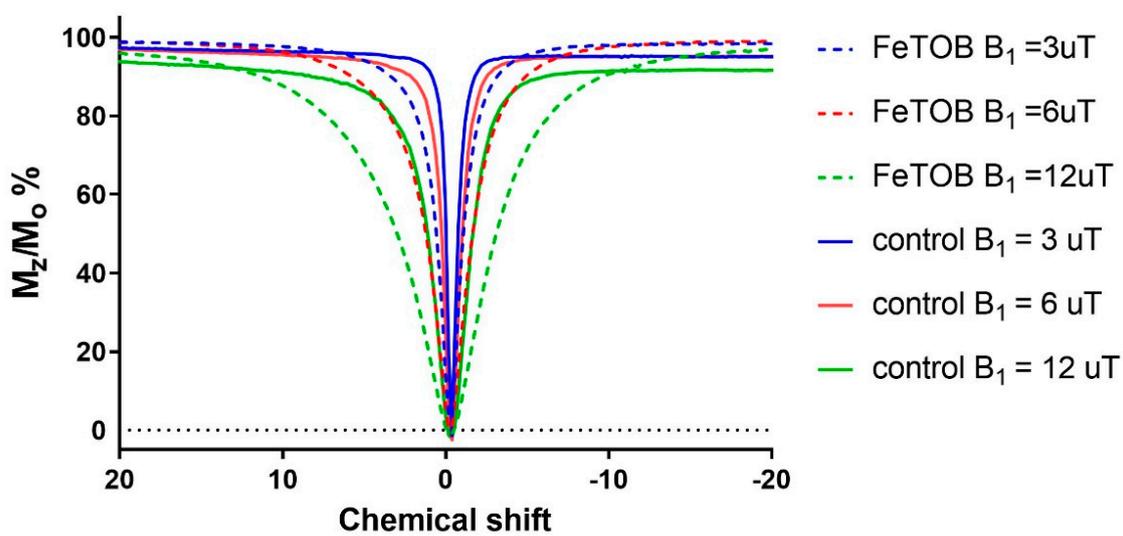


Figure S2 Z-spectra of (a) control and (b) 10 mM Fe(TOB) labeled through endocytosis in *S. cerevisiae* in 1x PBS at 37 °C.

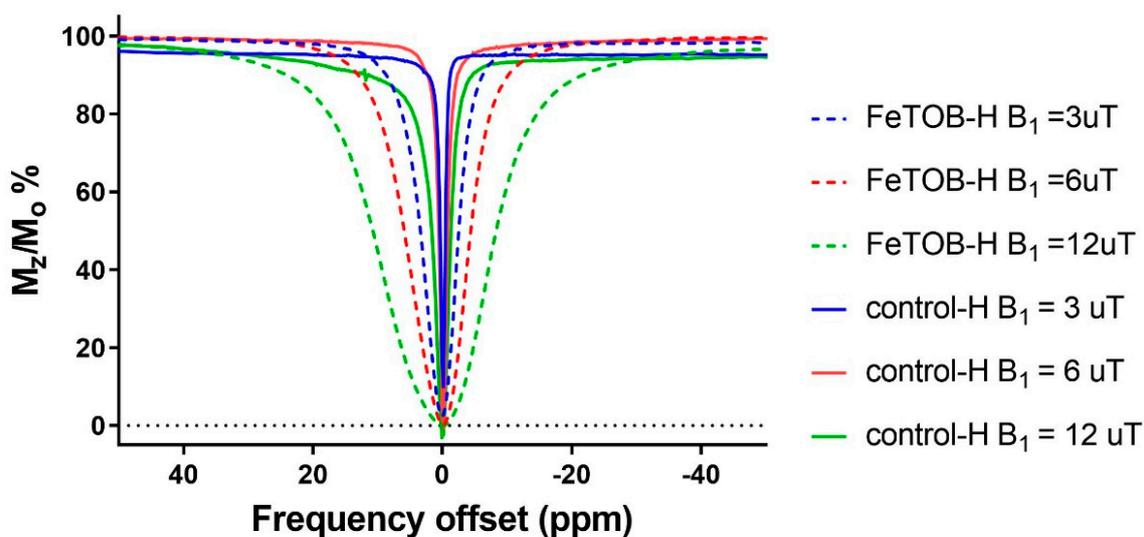


Figure S3. Z-spectra of (a)control and (b)10 mM Fe(TOB) labeled through heat shock in *S. cerevisiae* in 1x PBS at 37 °C.

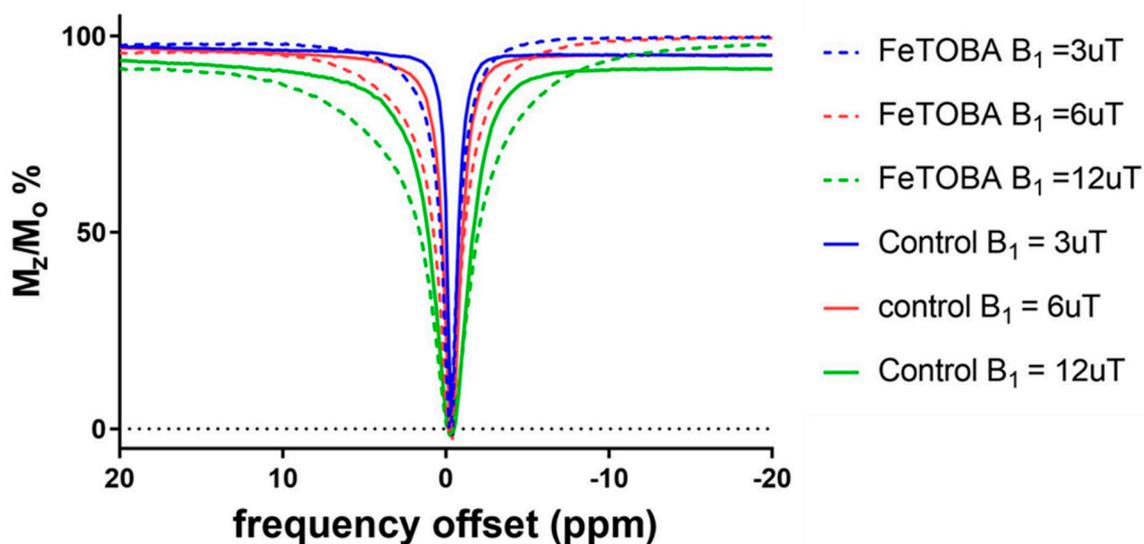


Figure S4. Z-spectra of (a)control and (b)10 mM Fe(TOBA) labeled through endocytosis in *S. cerevisiae* in 1x PBS at 37 °C.

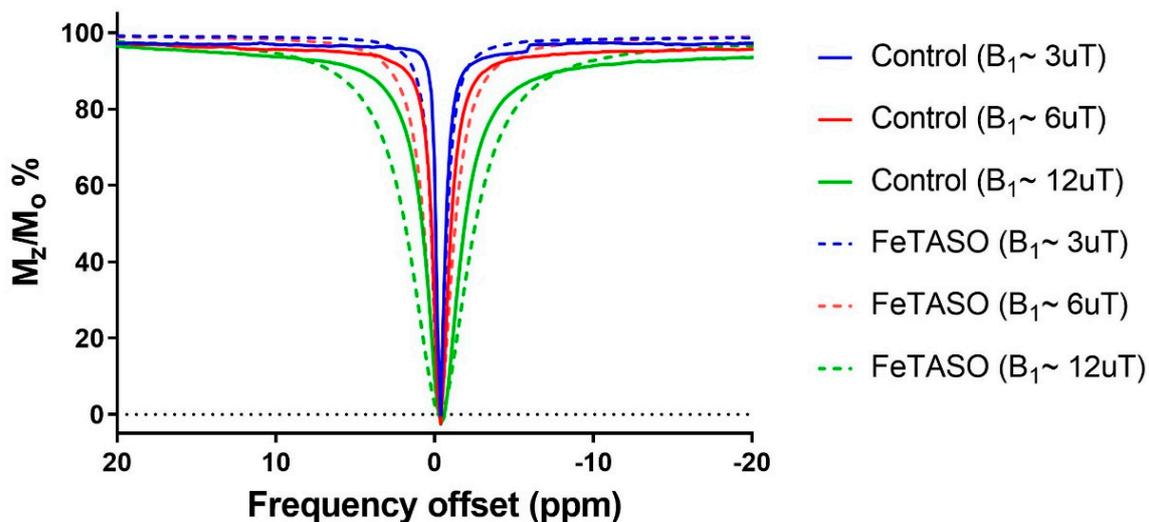


Figure S5. Z-spectra of (a)control and (b)10 mM Fe(TASO) labeled through endocytosis in *S. cerevisiae* in 1x PBS at 37 °C.

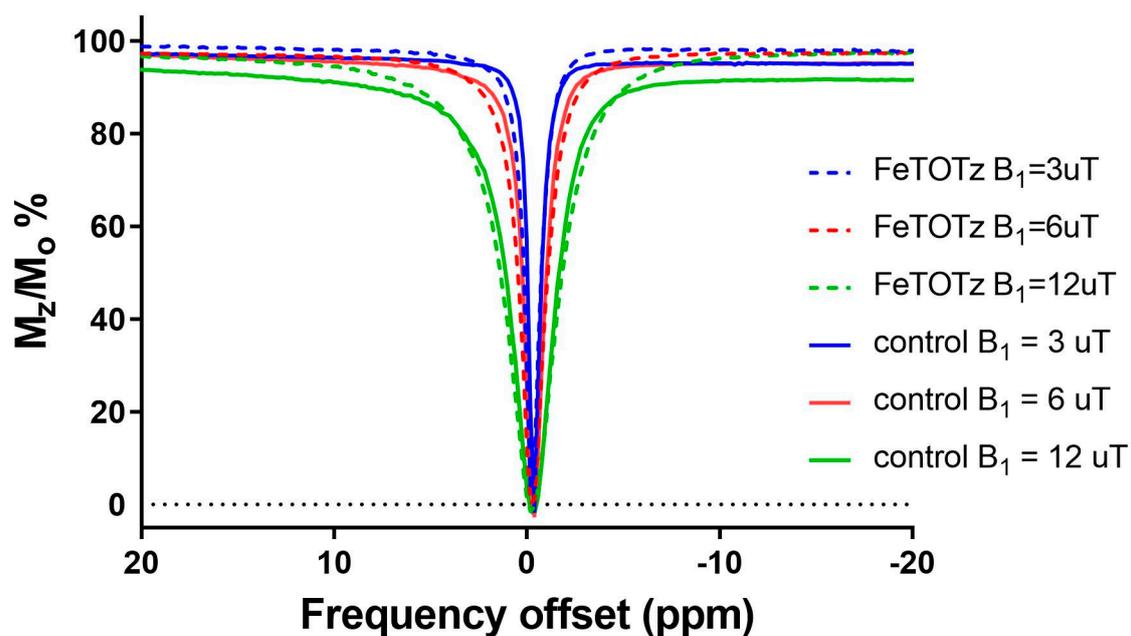


Figure S6. Z-spectra of (a)control and (b)10 mM Fe(TOTz) labeled through endocytosis in *S. cerevisiae* in 1x PBS at 37 °C.

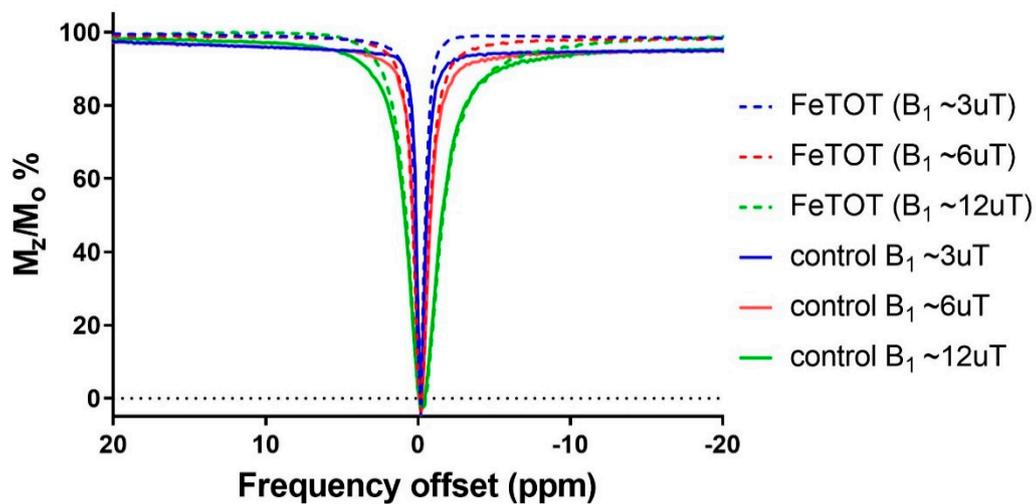


Figure S7. Z-spectra of (a)control and (b)10 mM Fe(TOT) labeled through endocytosis in *S. cerevisiae* in 1x PBS at 37 °C.

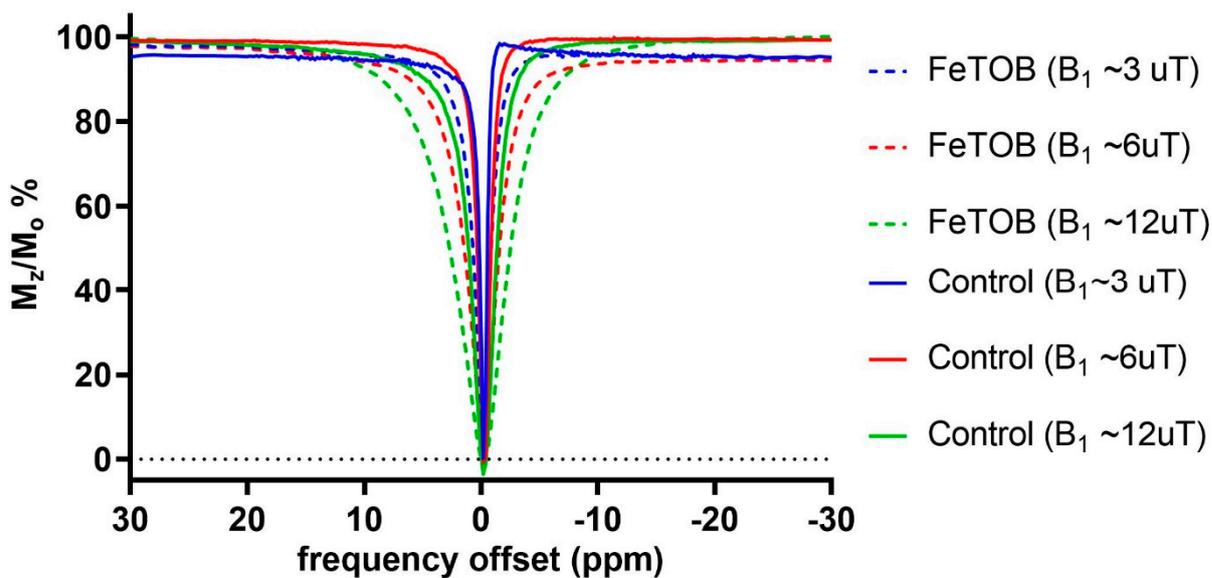


Figure S8. Z-spectra of (a)control and (b)10 mM Fe(TOB) labeled through endocytosis in *C. albicans* yeast in 1x PBS at 37 °C.

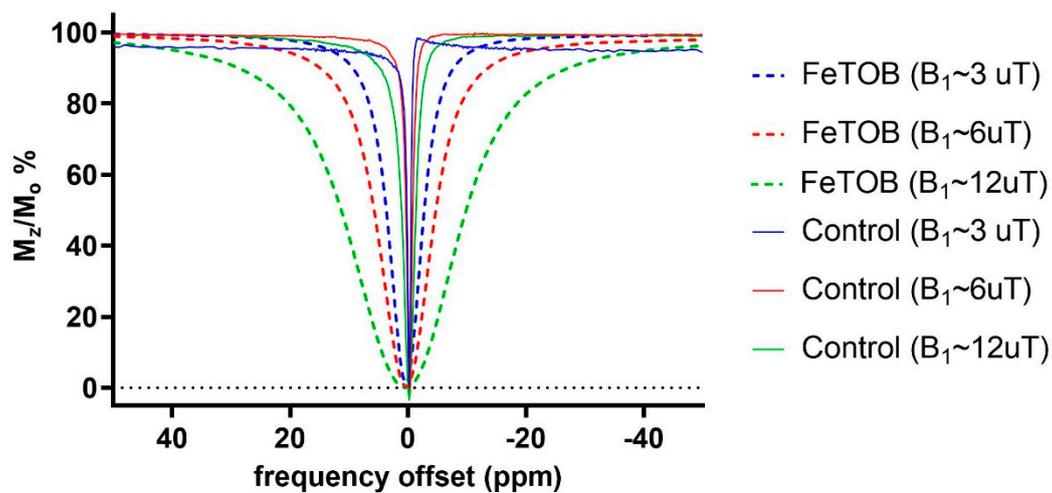


Figure S9. Z-spectra of (a)control and (b)10 mM Fe(TOB) labeled through endocytosis in *C. albicans* hyphae in 1x PBS at 37 °C.

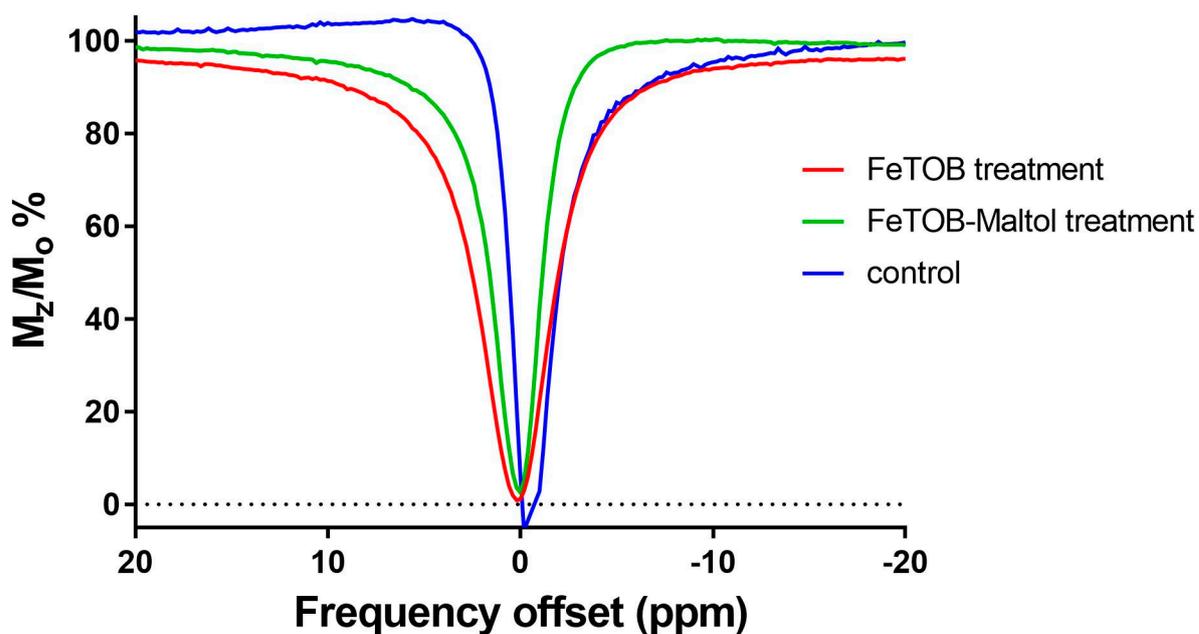


Figure S10. Z-spectra of (a)control and (b)10 mM Fe(TOB) labeled through endocytosis in *S. cerevisiae* hyphae in 1x PBS at 37 °C.

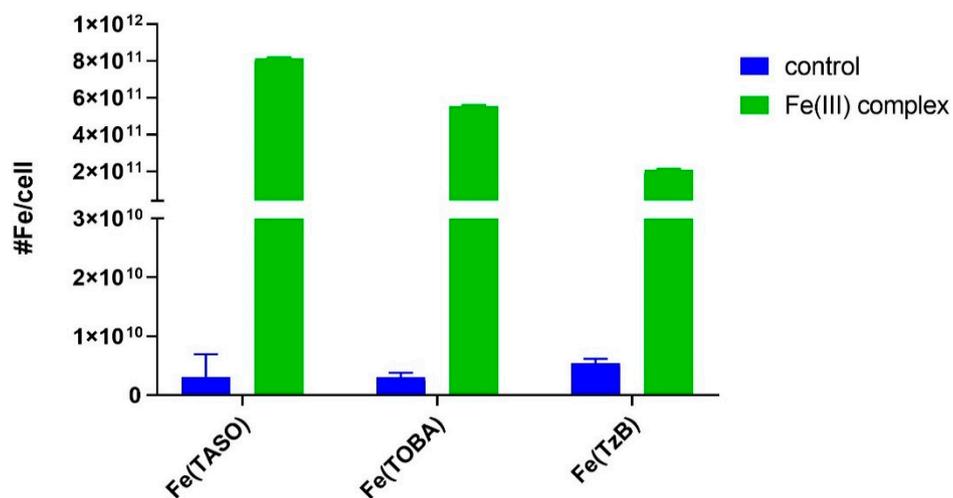


Figure S11. Total Fe content in yeast cells upon endocytosis treatment with 10 mM Fe(III) complexes in *S. cerevisiae* as measured by ICPMS. Mean \pm SE is reported.

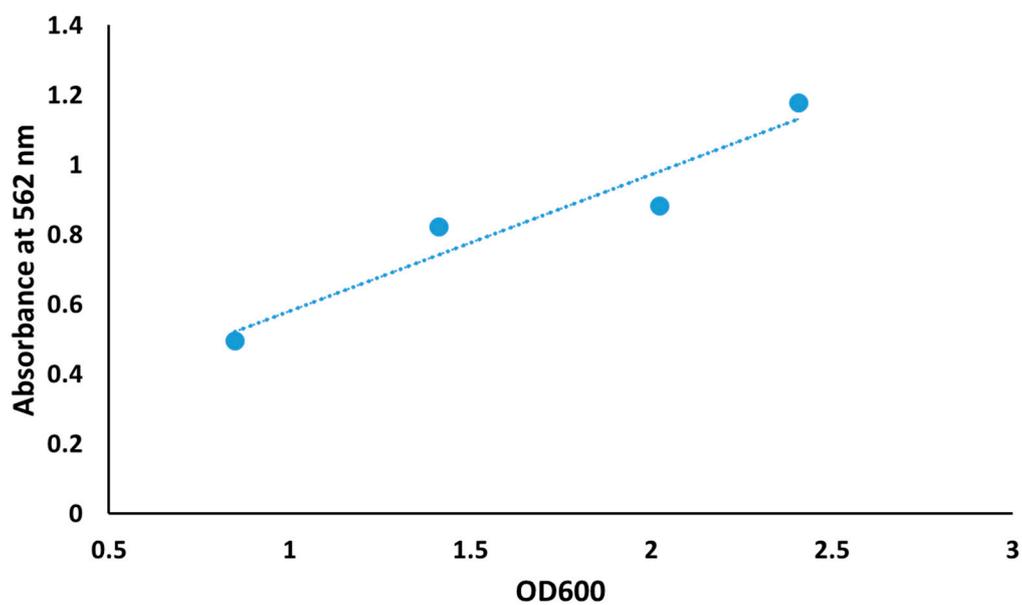


Figure S12. Plot of the total protein content measured by Pierce protein assay vs optical density at 600 nm in *S. cerevisiae* in midlog phase. The graph was fit to linear regression with $R^2 = 0.9196$.

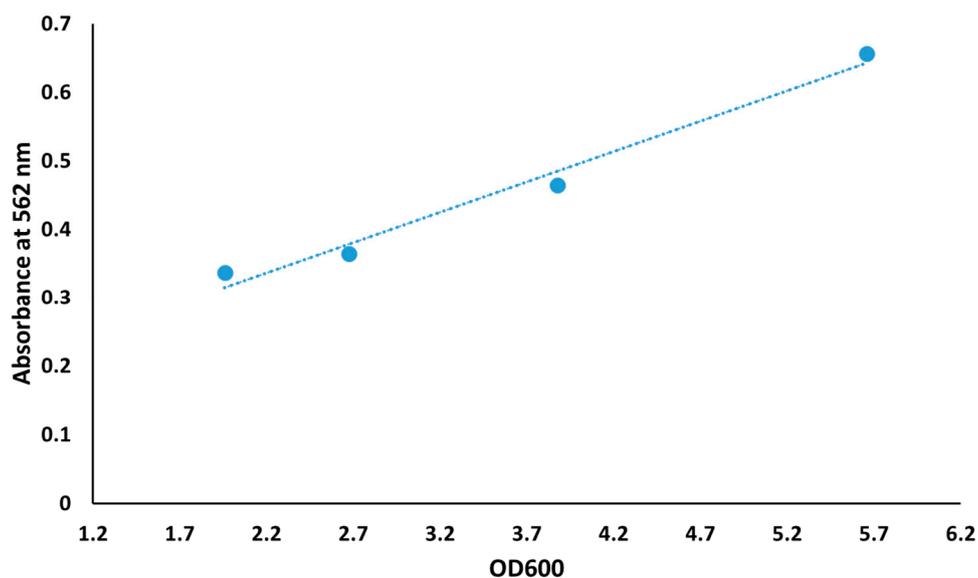


Figure S13. Plot of the total protein content measured by Pierce protein assay vs optical density at 600 nm in *C. albicans* in yeast form. The graph was fit to linear regression with $R^2 = 0.9792$.

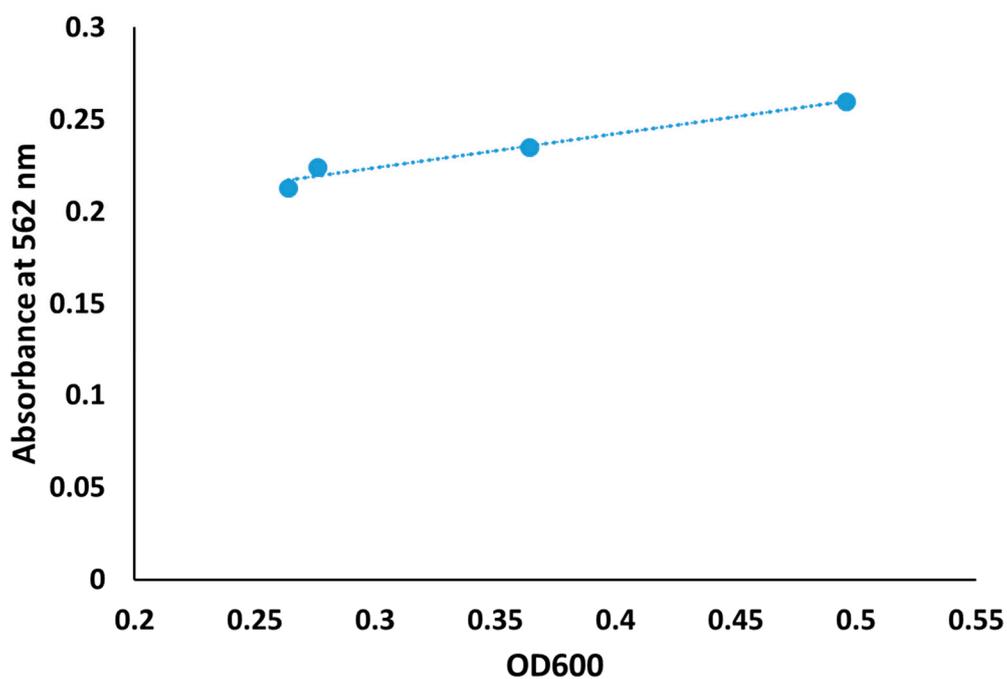


Figure S14. Plot of the total protein content measured by Pierce protein assay vs optical density at 600 nm in *C. albicans* in hyphae form. The graph was fit to linear regression with $R^2 = 0.9678$.

Table S2. Linear regression of total protein content measured by Pierce protein assay vs optical density at 600 nm in yeast strains.

S. Cerevisiae (PC538)	C. Albicans (SC5314)	
	Yeast	Hyphae
$Y = 0.378x + 0.2351$	$Y = 0.1839x + 0.1683$	$Y = 0.0928x + 0.176$

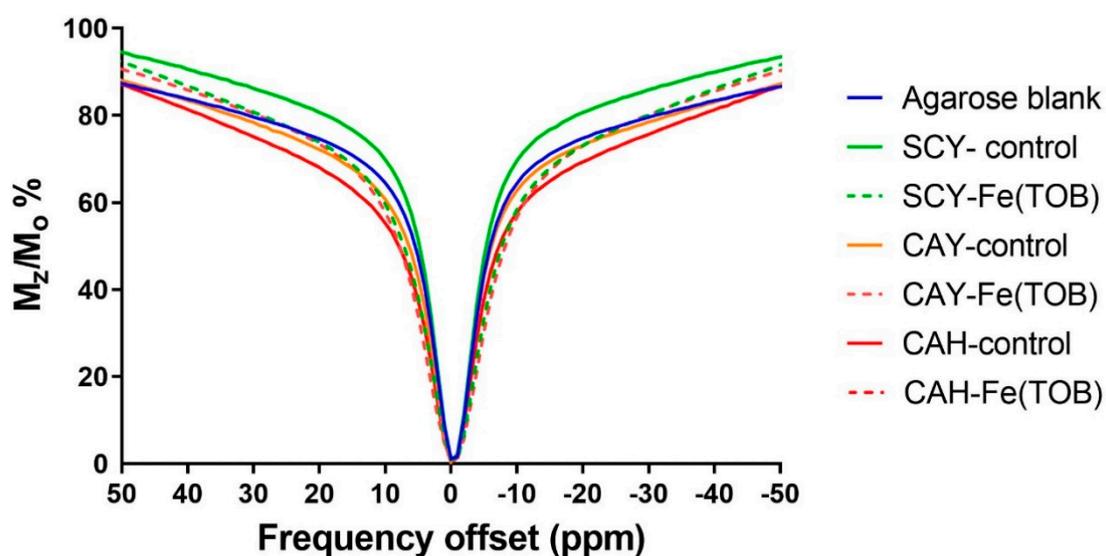


Figure S15. Z-spectra for 0.05 % (w/v) agarose, SC (*S. cerevisiae*) control and Fe(TOB) labeled cells, CAY (*C. albicans* yeast) control and Fe(TOB) labeled cells and CAH (*C. albicans* hyphae) control and Fe(TOB) labeled cells on 9.4 T NMR spectrometer at 37 °C.

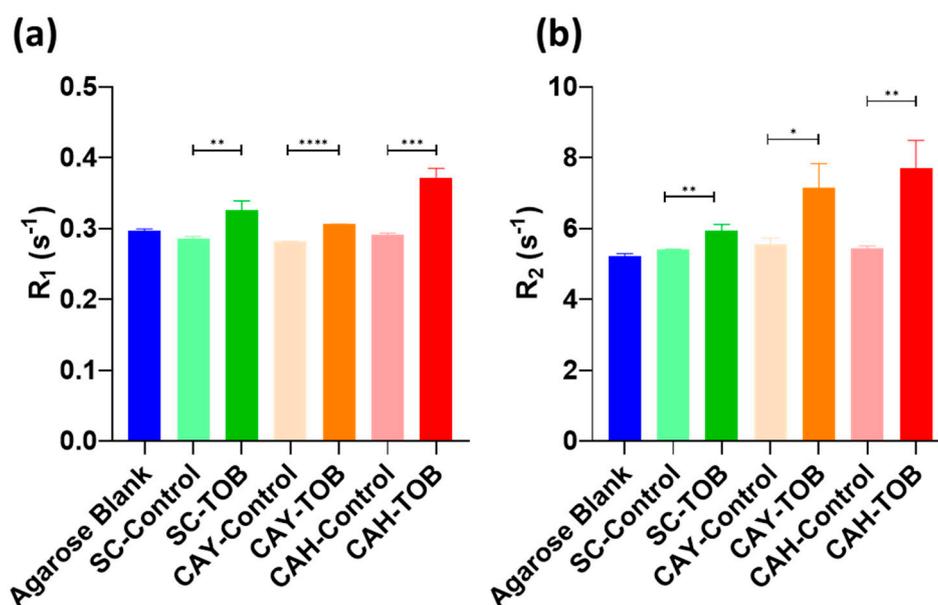


Figure S16. (a) R_1 relaxation rate constants and (b) R_2 relaxation rate constants for 0.05 % (w/v) agarose, SC (*S. cerevisiae*) control and Fe(TOB) labeled cells, CAY (*C. albicans* yeast) control and Fe(TOB) labeled cells and CAH (*C.*

albicans hyphae) control and Fe(TOB) labeled cells on 4.7 T animal scanner at 37 °C. Mean \pm SE is reported, (*) $p < 0.05$, (**) $p < 0.01$, (***) $p < 0.001$, (****) $p < 0.0001$ with $n = 3$ for all samples.

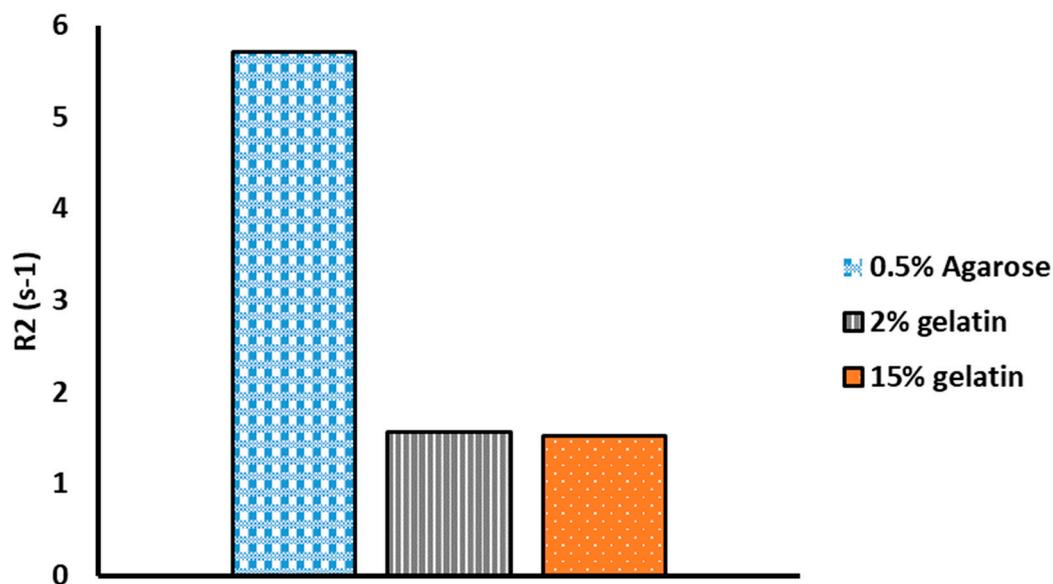


Figure S17. R₂ water proton relaxation rate constant values for agarose and gelatin phantom samples measured by CPMG method on 9.4 T NMR spectrometers at 37 °C.

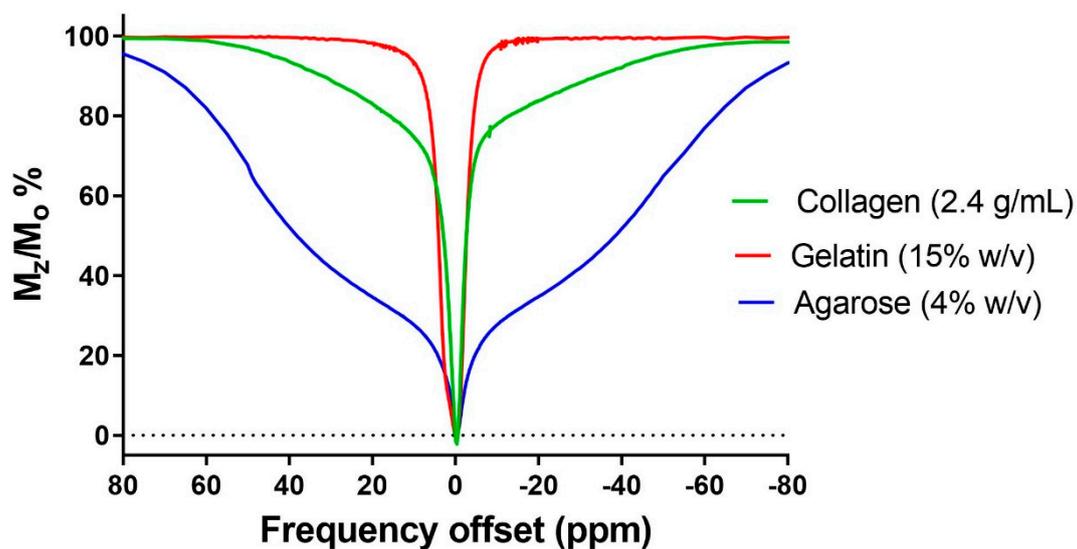


Figure S18. Z-spectra of (a) 2.4 mg/mL Collagen (b) 15% (w/v) Gelatin and (c) 4% (w/v) Agarose at 37 °C on 9.4 T NMR spectrometer at $B_1 = 12 \mu\text{T}$

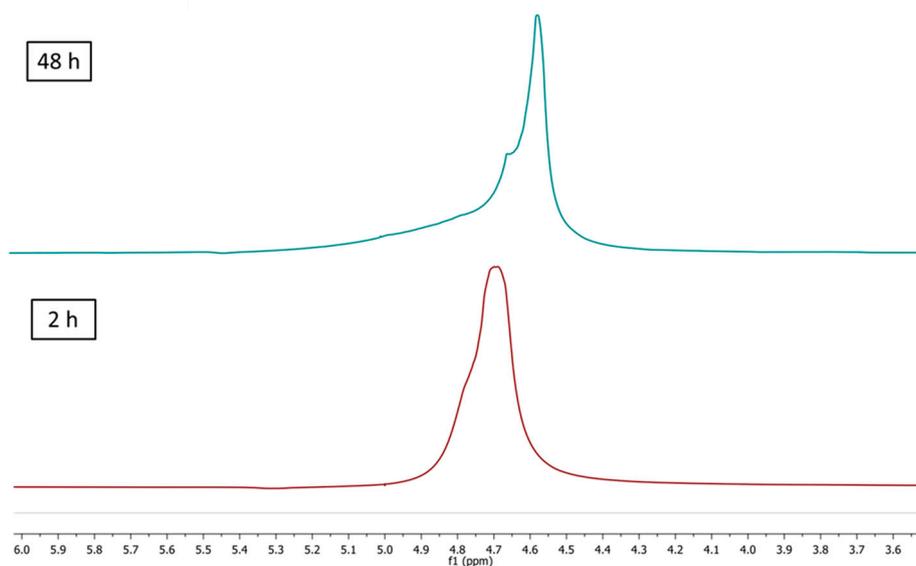


Figure S19. ^1H NMR of 15% (w/v) gelatin phantom samples after 2h (bottom) and 48 h (top)

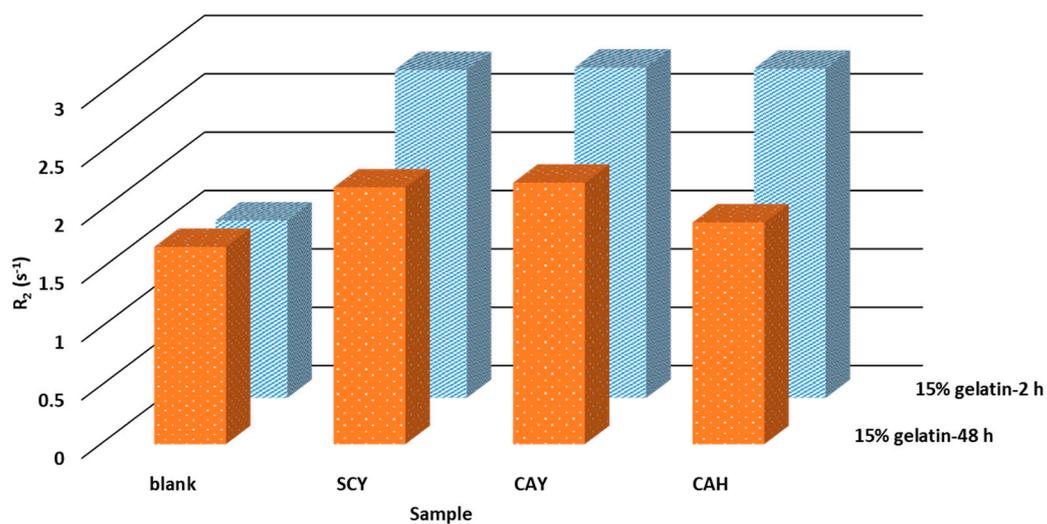


Figure S20. R_2 relaxation rate constant of water protons in (a) 15% (w/v) gelatin phantom (b) SCY (*S. cerevisiae*) (c) CAY (*C. albicans*) yeast form (d) CAH (*C. albicans*) hyphae at 37 °C after 2 h (Blue) and 2 days (orange) at 37 °C on 9.4 T NMR spectrometer.

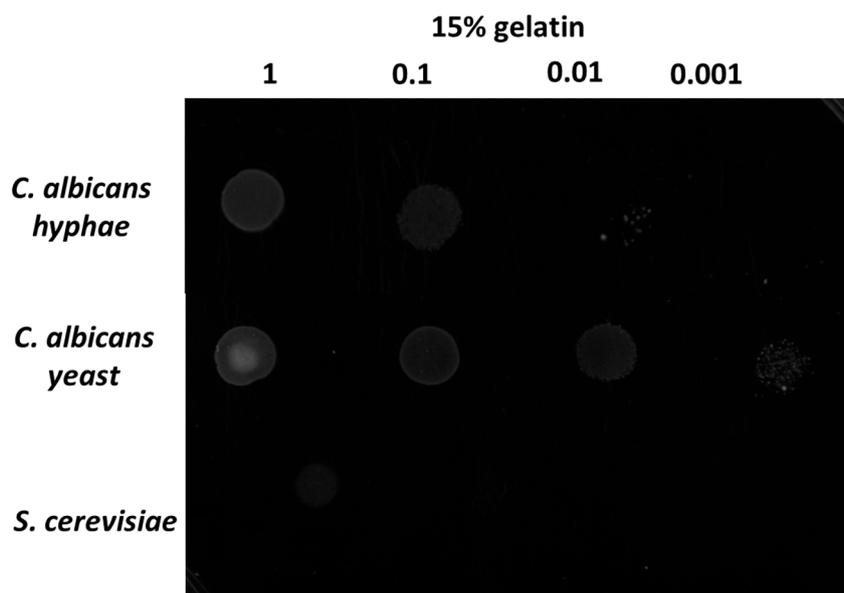


Figure S21. Serial dilution assay with *S. cerevisiae*, *C. albicans* (yeast) and *C. albicans* (hyphae) spotted on 15% (w/v) gelatin media at 30 °C. The cells were grown for 2 days and photographed.

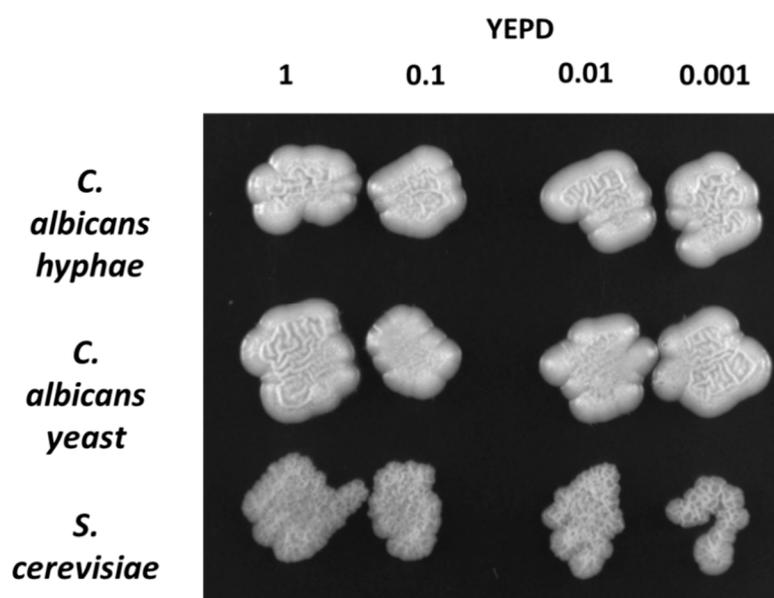


Figure S22. Serial dilution assay with *S. cerevisiae*, *C. albicans* (yeast) and *C. albicans* (hyphae) spotted on YEPD media at 30 °C. The cells were grown for 2 days and photographed.

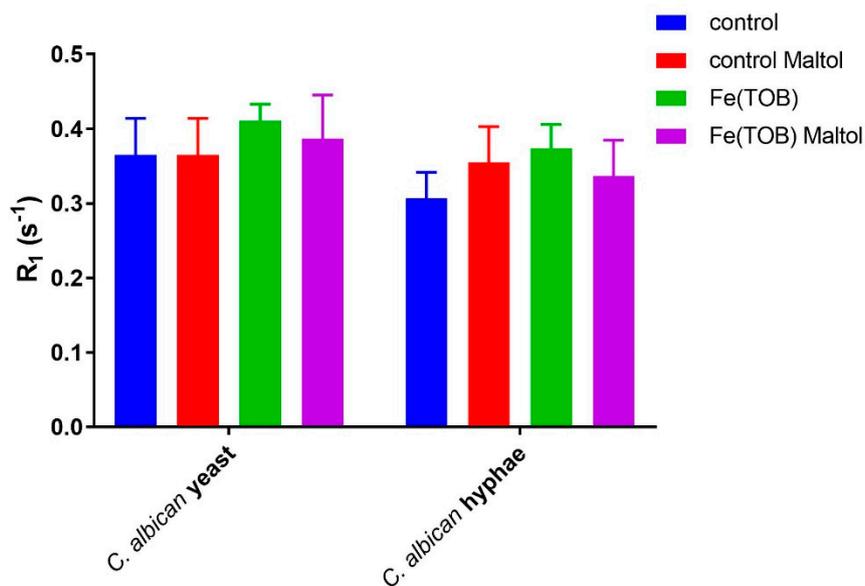


Figure S23. R_1 relaxation rate constant measurement of water protons on 9.4 T NMR spectrometer with *C. albicans* yeast cells suspended in 15% (w/v) gelatin at 37 °C. All cell samples contain ~125 μ g protein/mL.

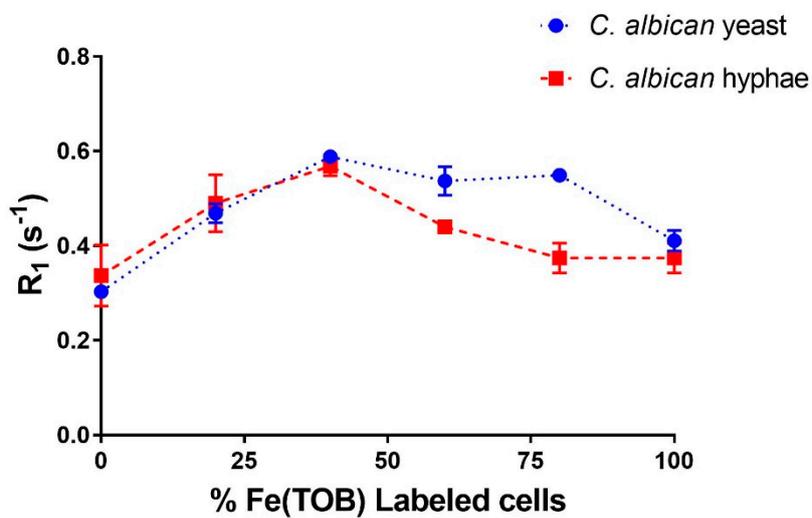


Figure S24. R_1 relaxation rate constant measurements on samples containing increasing concentration of Fe(TOB) labeled cells suspended in 15% (w/v) gelatin in 9.4 T NMR spectrometer.

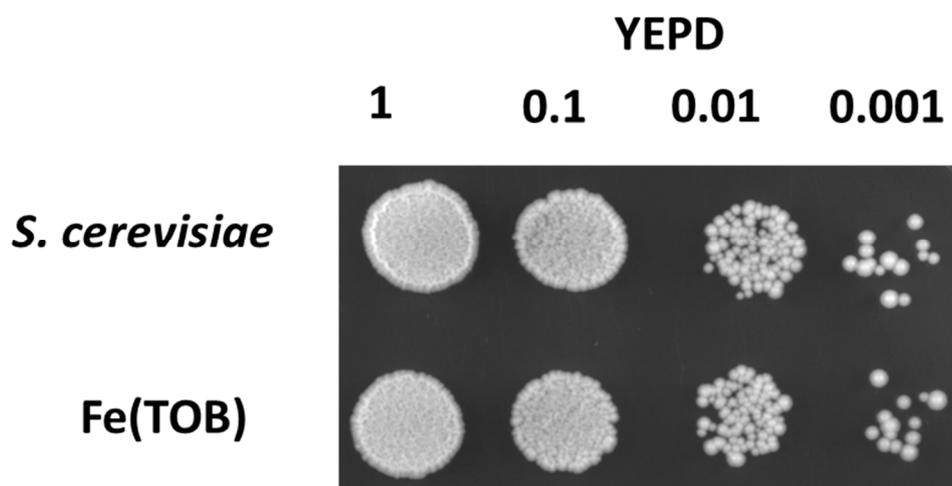


Figure S25. Serial dilution assay with *S. cerevisiae* PC538 (yeast) (i) untreated (ii) 10 mM Fe(TOB) treated cells spotted on YEPD media at 30 °C. The cells were grown for 2 days and photographed.

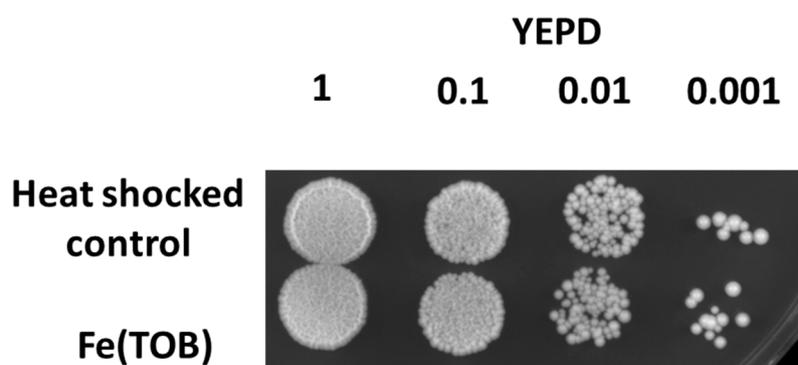


Figure S26. Serial dilution assay with *S. cerevisiae* PC538 (yeast) (i) heat shocked untreated cells (ii) 10 mM Fe(TOB) treated heat shocked cells spotted on YEPD media at 30 °C. The cells were grown for 2 days and photographed.

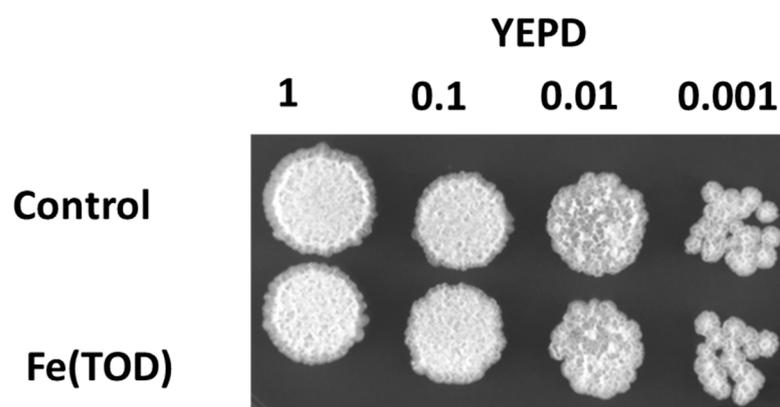


Figure S27. Serial dilution assay with *S. cerevisiae* PC538 (yeast) (i) untreated (ii) 10 mM Fe(TOD) treated cells spotted on YEPD media at 30 °C. The cells were grown for 2 days and photographed.

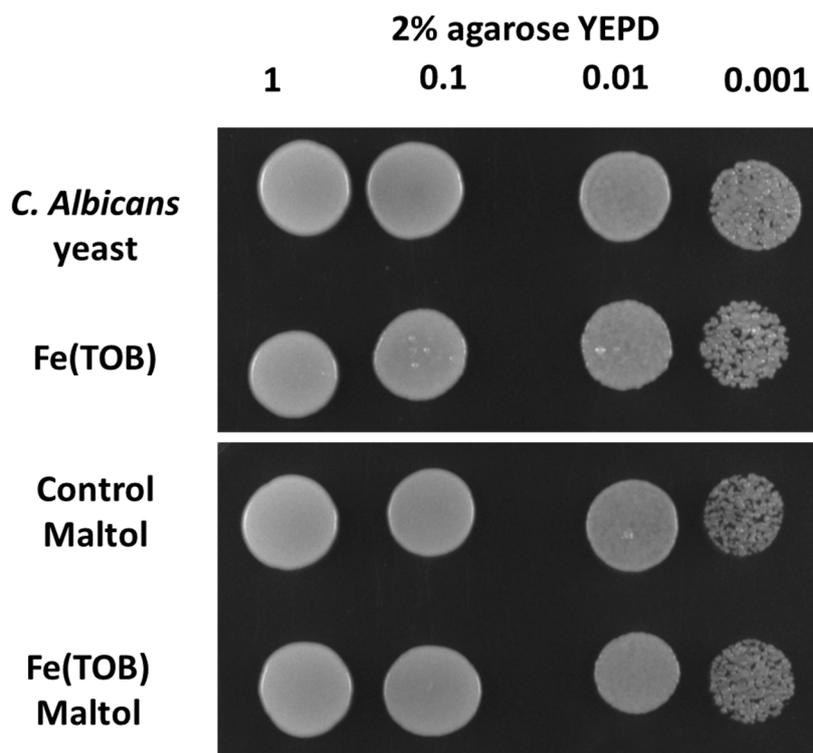


Figure S28. Serial dilution assay with *C. albicans* (yeast) (i) untreated (ii) 10 mM Fe(TOB) treated (iii) 10 mM Maltol treated and (iv) 10 mM Fe(TOB) treatment followed by 10 mM Maltol treated cells spotted on YEPD media at 30 °C. The cells were grown for 2 days and photographed.

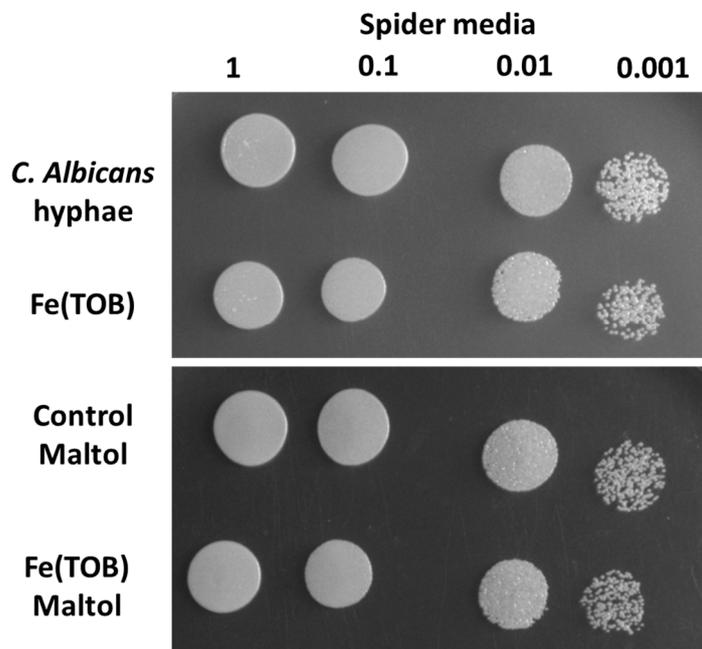


Figure S29. Serial dilution assay with *C. albicans* (hyphae) (i) untreated (ii) 10 mM Fe(TOB) treated (iii) 10 mM Maltol treated and (iv) 10 mM Fe(TOB) treatment followed by 10 mM Maltol treated cells spotted on YEPD media at 30 °C. The cells were grown for 2 days and photographed.

Calculation of Molarity of Fe(TOB) inside *C. albicans* yeast

Total Fe in Fe(TOB) labelled cells from ICPMS $\sim 1.287 \times 10^{-8}$ g/L

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Molarity of Fe due to Fe(TOB)} &\sim \frac{\text{Concentration of Fe in sample}}{\text{Formula weight of Fe}} \\ &\sim \frac{1.287 \times 10^{-8} \text{ g/L}}{55.85 \text{ g/mole}} \\ &\sim 2.30 \times 10^{-10} \text{ moles/L or } 2.30 \times 10^{-13} \text{ moles/mL} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Molarity per } 1\mu\text{g protein due to Fe(TOB)} &\sim \frac{\text{Molarity of Fe } \left(\frac{\text{moles}}{\text{mL}}\right)}{\text{protein } \mu\text{g/mL}} \\ &\sim \frac{2.30 \times 10^{-13} \text{ moles/mL}}{0.31 \mu\text{g/mL}} \\ &\sim 2.34 \times 10^{-12} \text{ moles}/\mu\text{g protein} \end{aligned}$$

Volume of *C. albicans* yeast cells per μg protein reported in the literature³ = $(89.96 \pm 2.2) \mu\text{m}^3$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Molarity of Fe due to Fe(TOB) per } \mu\text{g protein} &\sim \frac{\text{moles of Fe}/\mu\text{g protein}}{\text{Volume of yeast cell}/\mu\text{g protein}} \\ &\sim \frac{2.34 \times 10^{-12} \text{ moles/cell}}{89.9 \times 10^{-15} \text{ L}} \\ &\sim 26.1 \text{ M} \end{aligned}$$

Calculation of Molarity of Fe(TOB) inside *C. albicans* hyphae

Total Fe in Fe(TOB) labelled cells from ICPMS $\sim 6.27 \times 10^{-9} \text{ g/L}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Molarity of Fe due to Fe(TOB)} &\sim \frac{\text{Concentration of Fe in sample}}{\text{Formula weight of Fe}} \\ &\sim \frac{6.27 \times 10^{-9} \text{ g/L}}{55.85 \text{ g/mole}} \\ &\sim 1.14 \times 10^{-10} \text{ moles/L or } 1.14 \times 10^{-13} \text{ moles/mL} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Molarity per } 1\mu\text{g protein due to Fe(TOB)} &\sim \frac{\text{Molarity of Fe } \left(\frac{\text{moles}}{\text{mL}}\right)}{\text{protein } \mu\text{g/mL}} \\ &\sim \frac{1.14 \times 10^{-13} \text{ moles/mL}}{0.34 \mu\text{g/mL}} \\ &\sim 3.36 \times 10^{-13} \text{ moles}/\mu\text{g protein} \end{aligned}$$

Volume of *C. albicans* yeast cells per μg protein reported in the literature³ = $(180.1 \pm 10.7) \mu\text{m}^3$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Molarity of Fe due to Fe(TOB) per } \mu\text{g protein} &\sim \frac{\text{moles of Fe}/\mu\text{g protein}}{\text{Volume of yeast cell}/\mu\text{g protein}} \\ &\sim \frac{3.36 \times 10^{-13} \text{ moles/cell}}{180.1 \times 10^{-15} \text{ L}} \\ &\sim 5.50 \text{ M} \end{aligned}$$

Calculation of Molarity of Fe(TOB) inside *S. cerevisiae*

Total Fe in Fe(TOB) labelled cells from ICPMS $\sim 32.5 \times 10^{-8} \text{ g/mL}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mass of Fe per cell due to Fe(TOB)} &\sim \frac{\text{Total Fe concentration}}{\# \text{ cells}} \\ &\sim \frac{32.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ g/mL}}{4.5 \times 10^8 \text{ cell/mL}} \\ &\sim 7.21 \times 10^{-14} \text{ g/cell} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Moles of Fe per cell due to Fe(TOB)} &\sim \frac{\text{Mass of Fe per cell}}{\text{Formula weight of Fe}} \\ &\sim \frac{7.21 \times 10^{-14} \text{ g/cell}}{55.85 \text{ g/mole}} \\ &\sim 1.29 \times 10^{-15} \text{ moles/cell} \end{aligned}$$

Assuming yeast cells to be spherical with the dimensions of $5 \mu\text{m}$ diameter⁴

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Approximate volume of an yeast cell} &= \frac{4}{3} \pi (2.5 \times 10^{-6})^3 \text{ m}^3 \\ &\sim 65.45 \times 10^{-15} \text{ L} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Molarity of Fe due to Fe(TOB)} &\sim \frac{\text{moles of Fe}/\text{cell}}{\text{Volume of yeast cell}/\text{cell}} \\ &\sim \frac{1.29 \times 10^{-15} \text{ moles/cell}}{65.45 \times 10^{-15} \text{ L}} \\ &\sim 19.75 \text{ M} \end{aligned}$$

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