Dynamic Proximal Interactomics and Chemical Genetic Screening Reveal CCR4-

NOT Sequestration in Stress Granules as a Mechanism for Transcript Stabilization

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ABSTRACT

Living cells adapt to stress by protecting essential resources, such as stabilizing transcripts. Stress granules, which form during stress through the coalescence of polyadenylated transcripts released from polysomes and RNA-binding proteins, are implicated in post-transcriptional regulation, although their precise roles remain contested. To address this, we generated dynamic proteomic landscapes of stress granules during assembly and disassembly under oxidative and hyperosmotic stress using multi-bait BioID profiling combined with quantitative mass spectrometry. Our analysis reveals dynamic rewiring of stress granule proximal interaction networks, identifying RNA-binding proteins involved in translation repression and mRNA decay, including the CCR4-NOT deadenylase complex, as universal molecular signatures of condensed stress granules. Using the CCR4-NOT deadenylase complex as a model, we demonstrate the function of dynamic components associated with stress granules. Complementary genome-wide chemical genetic screening identified CCR4-NOT components as regulators of stress granule formation. Reduced CCR4-NOT activity, which lengthens poly(A) tails, enhanced stress granule assembly, while shortened poly(A) tails inhibited it. Furthermore, stress-induced sequestration of the CCR4-NOT complex to stress granules coincided with known global poly(A) tail lengthening. These findings suggest that stress granule condensation promotes transcriptome stabilization by regulating CCR4-NOT localization as part of an adaptive stress response. This work underscores the power of integrating quantitative proteomics with chemical genetics to advance our understanding of biomolecular condensates in diverse biological processes.

MAIN

Living organisms have evolved mechanisms to survive unfavourable conditions. At the cellular level, adaptation to stress involves rewiring transcriptional programming, translation control, signaling, metabolism, and the reorganization of subcellular proteomes. Cells shift biological processes to conserve resources during stress, slowing global transcription and translation to minimize energy consumption while actively transcribing genes involved in stress responses[1,2].

Cellular adaptation involves changes in the subcellular proteome organization[3-5]. Advances in spatial proteomics, including imaging-based microscopy and mass spectrometry, have enabled the identification of proteins localized to specific subcellular compartments[4,6-12]. During stress, proteins dynamically exchange between compartments[5,13-16]; however, assigning functional roles to these localization changes remains challenging.

The re-organization of subcellular proteomes often involves the formation of membraneless organelles or biomolecular condensates, which concentrate biomolecules through liquid-liquid phase separation[17-20]. By enriching specific biomolecules, biomolecular condensates can increase or decrease biochemical reactions, buffer protein concentrations, sense environmental changes, and provide mechanical forces[21-25]. Stress granules are cytosolic biomolecular condensates or RNA granules that transiently form in response to various stress conditions, often as a product of global translation shutdown and release of mRNAs from the polysome pool[26,27]. Stress granules host hundreds of proteins and several thousands of transcripts[28-31] and are central to stress response, linking translation control to signaling and immune responses[29,32,33]. They host antiviral responses during viral infection[27] and sequester regulators of cell death[34,35] or cell growth pathway components during stress[36]. However, their precise role in post-transcriptional regulation remains unclear.

A key aspect of the stress response is preserving nascent transcripts[37-40], making them ready for deployment after stress cessation[41]. Among known mechanisms contributing to transcript stabilization are the relief of microRNA-mediated regulation[42] and the formation of G-quadruplex structures in the 3' UTR[40]. While these are specific examples of stabilization, they do not explain the global stabilization of the mRNA pool.

A key mechanism for transcript stabilization is thought to involve extending poly(A) tails, which are

crucial for protecting mRNA from decay[43]. Acute stress induces global poly(A) tail lengthening[44-47],

governed by a balance between the action of cytoplasmic polyA binding element (CPEB) proteins that

elongate these tails and deadenylases (such as the CCR4-NOT and PAN2-3 complexes) that shorten

them[43,48]. While stress-induced stabilization of transcripts has been linked to inhibiting deadenylation[38,46],

the molecular mechanisms behind poly(A) tail lengthening and transcriptome stabilization remain elusive.

Recent work has demonstrated that poly(A) tail extension is a prerequisite for stress granule formation[49],

hinting at a potential link between stress response and the regulation of enzymes controlling poly(A)

lengths. However, clear evidence connecting poly(A) tail regulatory pathways to stress responses remains

limited.

Recently, multi-bait proteomics has become a powerful approach for studying protein localization within

condensates[50,51]. In this study, we use multi-bait BioID time course experiments to map the proximal

interactome of stress granule proteins, providing a resource that captures proteomic landscape changes

during stress. Leveraging this resource, we demonstrate that interactions with the CCR4-NOT complex shift

dynamically in response to stress. Complementary genome-wide CRISPR screens against stress granule-

inhibiting chemical lipoamide revealed that the removal of CCR4-NOT stabilizes stress granules through

poly(A) tail lengthening. Microscopy analysis of CCR4-NOT showed poor localization to P-bodies, contrary

to its annotation, but strong localization to stress granules during stress. We propose that stress granules

sequester the CCR4-NOT complex, suppressing its activity and facilitating global poly(A) tail lengthening

and transcript stabilization as an adaptive response.

RESULTS

Dynamic Changes in Proximal Interactions of Stress Granule Proteins.

We examined the proximal interaction networks of stress granule proteins G3BP1 and FMR1 during

oxidative stress. Previously, we reported that the proximal interactions of G3BP1 and EIF4A1 remained

largely unchanged before and after stress granule formation when using the slow biotin ligase BirA* [51].

However, this approach involved a labeling period significantly longer than the known kinetics of stress

granule formation. To capture these interactions more accurately, we employed the faster biotin ligase,

miniTurbo[52], which enables proximal labeling within 15~30 minutes, compared to the 3–24 hours required

by BirA*. We integrated expression constructs of G3BP1 and FMR1, each fused to miniTurbo-3xFLAG

(miniT), into the inducible Flp-In locus T-Rex HEK293 system. The expression levels of miniT-tagged

proteins were comparable to their endogenous counterparts (Figure S1A), increasing total protein

abundance by about two-fold. Since G3BP1 is known to scaffold stress granule condensation, we checked

for stress granule formation without stress and found no stress granules in untreated cells (Figure S1B).

To assess proximal interaction changes upon stress granule assembly, we induced bait protein

expression in biotin-depleted media and pulse-labeled for 30 min in either steady state condition (T1) or 5

min into oxidative stress induced with 0.5mM sodium arsenite (T2; Figure 1A; see Methods). Proteins

biotinylated during T1 displayed a general cytoplasmic distribution, whereas, during T2, they were highly

enriched in cytosolic puncta, colocalizing with the stress granule marker TIAR (Figure S1B).

Biological duplicates of G3BP1, FMR1, and negative controls (miniT alone, miniT-GFP, and parental

cells) were processed for BioID coupled to mass spectrometry (MS) followed by SAINTexpress analysis[53,54]

to determine high-confidence proximal interactors (BFDR ≤0.05). G3BP1 and FMR1 identified 137 and 102

high-confidence interactors at steady state and 107 and 139 during stress, respectively (Table S1, BFDR

≤0.05). The steady-state interactors showed substantial overlap with published BirA* data, recovering 80%

(57/71) for G3BP1 and 68% (51/75) for FMR1 while also identifying 80 and 51 novel interactors,

respectively.

Although most proximal interactors remained similar in abundance as reported[51,55], the improved

labeling kinetics of the miniTurbo enzyme revealed a higher fraction of interactors displaying stress-

dependent abundance changes. Approximately 4% and 30% of G3BP1 interactors, as well as 34% and

15% of FMR1 interactors, displayed ≥1.5-fold increase or decrease in abundance, respectively (Figure 1B).

Common changes in G3BP1 and FMR1's stress BioID profiles included shared increased interactors (*e.g.,*

BICC1, TRIM56) and decreased interactors (*e.g.,* CNOT1, CNOT2, CNOT3, CNOT4). These findings

indicate coordinated dynamic rearrangements in proximal interaction networks as G3BP1 and FMR1

condense to form stress granules.

Stress-induced Proximal Interaction Changes Are Molecular Fingerprints of Microscopically Visible Stress Granules.

Most stress-induced changes common to G3BP1 and FMR1 are abundance changes (~1.5~3-fold changes in spectral counts) rather than their complete situational absence or presence (Figure 1B). To examine if these observed abundance changes reflect dynamic molecular interactions associated with stress granule formation, we repeated the BioID experiment under the stress granule-inhibiting effects of lipoamide. Lipoamide is an antioxidant that blocks stress granule formation during oxidative stress by preventing the oxidation of proteins[56]. This mechanism primarily acts on intrinsically disordered proteins, such as SRSF1 and SFPQ, whose redox states strongly influence stress granule condensation[56].

Titration tests of potassium arsenate and lipoamide were used to identify effective concentrations for inhibiting stress granule formation in HEK293 BioID miniT-GFP and miniT-G3BP1 cells (note that all experiments involving lipoamide were used alongside potassium arsenate, a weaker oxidizer than sodium arsenite). It was necessary to increase lipoamide concentration to fully inhibit stress granule formation as potassium arsenate levels rose (Figure S1C). Based on these tests, cells were pre-treated with 100 μM lipoamide before inducing stress with 1 mM potassium arsenate, followed by 30 min biotin labeling (Figure 1C). Pre-treatment with a DMSO control followed by potassium arsenate stress induced abundance changes in G3BP1 proximal interactions (*e.g.,* TRIM56, BICC1, CCR4-NOT complex components; Figure 1C) that paralleled those seen during sodium arsenite stress (Figure 1A). However, when pre-treated with lipoamide, interaction profiles remained at steady-state levels and failed to recapitulate any stress-induced changes (Figure 1D). Further, lipoamide pre-treatment had no effect on G3BP1's interaction profile during steady state (Figure S1D). We propose that lipoamide's modulation of the redox state of stress granule proteins inhibits stress-induced changes in the G3BP1 proximal interaction network. These findings indicate that the observed abundance changes in G3BP1 and FMR1's BioID profiles reflect dynamic molecular re-arrangements during stress granule formation.

Mapping the Dynamic Stress Granule Proteome During Oxidative and Hyperosmotic Stress

The oxidative stress-induced changes in G3BP1's interaction profile were similarly observed during FMR1 BioID. We adopted a multi-bait experimental design to extensively define the dynamic stress granule

proximal interaction network. Nine baits known to localize to stress granules, or their related condensates,

were selected with the criteria of maximizing the identification of stress granule proteins. Combining these

baits (CELF1, DAZL, CNOT2, YTHDF2, ZC3HAV1, G3BP1, DDX3X, and EIF4A2, FMR1; Figure 2A; see

Methods) were predicted to identify 60% of high-confidence interactors from the 58 BirA*-conjugated baits

from the steady-state dataset[51], and 87% of the literature-curated stress granule proteome (Figure S1E,

Table S2). Since miniTurboID was derived from BirA*, we anticipated similar labeling profiles.

As multiple molecular mechanisms support stress granule formation, we incorporated two stressors -

oxidative and hyperosmotic - into our BioID screens. This approach aimed to identify both conserved and

unique proteomic changes underlying distinct stress granule assembly pathways. Oxidative stress induces

stress granules by the scaffolding of key nucleator proteins (G3BP1/2) and activation of the integrated

stress response. Interfering with either of these, by means of knock-out (G3BP1Δ, G3BP2Δ) or loss-of-

function mutation   (eIF2α S51A)[57,58], is sufficient to curtail stress granule formation. In contrast,

hyperosmotic stress does not depend on G3BP1/2 nucleators or eIF2 α phosphorylation[57-59] (Figure 2B).

Instead, the resulting cellular crowding during hyperosmotic stress drives stress granule nucleation[60,61].

Accordingly, we performed separate BioID time course experiments to measure the dynamic

rearrangement of the stress granule proximal interaction network during exposure and recovery from both

stressors. We labelled cells 5 min into oxidative stress for 30 minutes (T2_AS; AS = arsenite) and 1hr after

recovering from oxidative stress (T3_AS) based on our estimate of dissolution kinetics (Figure S2A) and

published report[62]. For hyperosmotic stress, we noted small stress granules forming upon exposure to 0.2M

NaCl, with growth observed up to 45 minutes into stress (Figure S2B). We observe robust

eIF2α phosphorylation upon 30 minutes of exposure to oxidative stress and a moderate increase after 60

minutes of hyperosmotic stress (Figure S2C). Biotin labeling commenced 45 minutes into NaCl stress for

30min (T2_NaCl), and we confirmed the enrichment of biotinylated proteins in NaCl-induced stress granules

(Figure S2D). Upon removal of hyperosmotic stress, stress granules rapidly disassembled (Figure S2E).

Consequently, we initiated biotin labeling immediately after hyperosmotic stress removal (T3_NaCl; Figure

S2F). The differences in disassembly kinetics between oxidative (AS) and hyperosmotic (NaCl) stress

correlated with faster translational resumption following hyperosmotic stress recovery (Figure S2G).

Nine stress granule, stress granule/P-body baits, stably and inducibly expressed in HEK293 cells,

underwent 30 minutes of biotin pulse labelling at various time points (T1-3) under oxidative (AS) or

hyperosmotic (NaCl) stress (Figure 2B, Figure S2F), with two biological replicates for each experiment. In

total, we collected 108 BioID samples plus 34 negative controls, including miniT or minT-GFP labeling

during each stress time course to represent non-specific labelling and parental cells without miniT to capture

endogenously biotinylated species (Figure S3A). BioID samples were processed and analyzed using

conventional data-dependent acquisition (DDA) in the mass spectrometer, followed by SAINT analysis.

This identified 5,605 high-confidence proximal interactions across 45 bait-stress conditions and 754 preys

(BFDR $\leq$ 0.05 SAINTexpress, Table S3). DDA analysis of the nine baits at steady-state recovered ~40% of

high-confidence interactors reported in BirA* dataset. Importantly, 312 novel interactors were identified

throughout the stress time course [51] (Figure 2C). High-confidence interactors were significantly enriched

for Gene Ontology (GO) terms related to stress granules (cytoplasmic stress granule; GO:0010494, mRNA

binding; GO:0003729, translation; GO:0006412), though also for microtubule-related terms, including

microtubule organizing center (GO:0005815) and microtubule cytoskeleton (GO: 0015630) (Table S3). The

significance of microtubules and motor proteins in stress granule formation has been previously

documented for stress granules induced by oxidative stress[63,64]. However, in this dataset, proximal

interactions with microtubule proteins were encountered specifically during the T2_NaCl timepoint (Figure

S3B).

To see if these interactions with microtubule-associated proteins are unique to "mature" stress granules

formed later in stress, we performed BioID in DDX3X-miniT at an earlier time point (5-35 min post-NaCl

exposure) and found similar results. These interactions were reproduced during hyperosmotic stress

induced by sorbitol (0.4M) (Figure S3C, Table S3), indicating that DDX3X's increased association with

microtubule and centrosome proteins is a general response to hyperosmotic stress. To assess whether

these interactions were a non-specific result of hyperosmotic stress mediated-molecular crowding, we

examined the proximal interactions of the P-body marker DCP1A. However, increased interactions with

microtubule-associated proteins were not identified by DCP1A, suggesting this change is unique to stress

granule baits (Figure S3D, Table S3).

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Quantitative Analysis of Stress BioID Reveals Context-Specific Rewiring of Proximal Interaction Networks During Stress Granule Condensation and Dissolution

A. Identification of High-Confident Interactions using SAINTq

Under the DDA-based analytical framework, a large portion of the dataset was marked by missing values across different stress time points. Intensity-based quantifications for 33% of high-confidence preys were absent in over 80% of bait-condition pairs. The high incidence of missing values likely stemmed from the semi-stochastic nature of DDA mass spectrometry, which opts for simple, accurate peptide identification at the cost of a selection bias for highly abundant peptides during the MS1 scan (Figure S4A).

To improve the quantitative analysis, we re-analyzed our BioID samples using data-independent acquisition (DIA) mass spectrometry, which scans all precursor ions within sliding m/z windows, thus improving sensitivity and reducing missing values[65] (Figure S4A). We built a DIA analysis workflow tailored to BioID samples to accommodate the frequent variability in interactor abundance and identity among different baits (Figure S4B, Figure 2D). In brief, DIA output was deconvoluted with DIA-NN[66] for protein identification and quantification, analyzed with SAINTq[67] to define high-confidence interactors, and with ANOVA and a post hoc Tukey's test, we identified significant quantitative changes (see Methods).

Overall, DIA improved detection sensitivity, resulting in a ~two-fold increase in protein identification across all BioID experiments prior to SAINTq analysis (Figure S4C). It also improved data completeness, reducing the proportion of missing values from 33% to 8% across 80% or more of the bait-condition pairs, as measured by Jaccard index (Figure S2D). After SAINTq analysis, we identified over 2,000 novel interactors compared to previously reported stress granule datasets generated using proximity-dependent biotinylation techniques (Figure S4E).

Next, we compared high-confidence interactors (BFDR $\leq$ 0.03, SAINTq) identified in steady state (T1) against those in oxidative (T2_AS) or hyperosmotic stress (T2_NaCl) (Figure 2E). Following oxidative stress, 472 out of 1290 (35%) T1 interactors no longer registered as statistically significant, though 225 interactors were newly identified in the T2_AS condition (≥1 bait). In contrast, under hyperosmotic stress, there was only a marginal loss of T1 interactors, however, this was accompanied by a two-fold increase in high-confidence T2_NaCl interactors (≥1 bait). These results indicate a stress-specific component to the dynamic rearrangement of the stress granule proximal interaction network.

To accurately discern stress granule-revelant interactions, we filtered for high-confidence interactors

recorded by multiple stress granule baits (BFDR ≤ 0.03; ≥ 2 baits). Under these criteria, DIA-SAINTq

analysis identified 13,836 high-confidence bait-prey interactions across the entire BioID dataset, comprising

1,801 unique preys (Table S4). This yields a bait-specific recovery rate of 10-64% of the protein-protein

interactions annotated in BioGRID, with stress time points observing marginally greater recovery (Table

S4).

The BioID data is well visualized by hierarchical clustering analysis of the bait-condition and prey

abundance matrix (Figure 2F; see Methods). Bait-condition combinations primarily clustered according to

bait protein, rather than stress condition, indicating that each bait maintains a distinct labeling profile

regardless of state changes. However, all baits (except CNOT2) resolve into two distinct clusters during

hyperosmotic stress (gray boxes 1 and 2 in Figure 2F). This clustering of T2_NaCl samples is attributed to

proximal interactors exhibiting greater abundances (red box) compared to their T1, T2_AS, or T3 sample

analogs (black box; Figure 2F).

High-confidence preys cluster into four large groups characterized by distinct GO term enrichment

(Figure 2G, Table S5). Cluster 3 preys are most abundant and comprise known stress granule components.

Expectedly, these are enriched for terms including "cytoplasmic ribonucleoprotein granule" (GO:0036464)

and "stress granule assembly" (GO:0034063). Cluster 1 is similarly defined by GO terms relevant to stress

granule biology, such as "mRNA 3' UTR binding" (GO:0003730), but also unexpected terms like

"cytoplasmic large ribosomal subunit" (GO:0022625). An enrichment for proteins associated with the

"microtubule cytoskeleton" (GO:0015630) and those presenting "kinase activity" (GO:0016301) are found

in cluster 2. Preys in this cluster are detected at a higher abundance in T2_NaCl samples. Finally, cluster

4 shows enrichment for proteins in the "cytoskeleton" (GO:0005856) and "mRNA 3'-UTR AU-rich region

binding" (GO:0035925). Many unanticipated GO terms belong to hyperosmotic stress-specific interactors,

highlighting the context-specific nature of the stress granule proximal interaction network.

B. Measuring Stress-Induced Quantitative Changes Using ANOVA

Using the intensity-based quantitative values measured by DIA analysis, we sought to identify significant

changes in the abundance of high-confidence interactors throughout the stress time course. Quantitative

changes in proximal interactions between all time points (T1 *vs.* T2, T2 *vs.* T3, T1 *vs.* T3) were assessed

using a linear mixed model ANOVA with Tukey post hoc test (Figure 2C, Figure S4B, Methods). We

analyzed 22,899 and high-confidence bait-prey interactions during oxidative and hyperosmotic stress

transitions, respectively (preys identified with BFDR $\leq$ 0.03 in any given time point for each stress condition).

Significant changes were identified in 869 (3.8%) and 4,881 (21%) bait-prey pairs during oxidative and

hyperosmotic stress and recovery transitions, respectively ($\geq$ 1.5-fold intensity change; ANOVA with Tukey

post hoc test p-value$_{adj}$ $\leq$ 0.01).

Despite the apparent increase in protein concentration within stress granules, contrary to our

expectations, high-confidence prey abundance remained largely unchanged following exposure to oxidative

stress (Figure S4F). In contrast, the corresponding distribution tended toward positive fold-change during

hyperosmotic stress (Figure S4F). Interactions that increased during hyperosmotic stress would later return

to steady-state levels, as indicated by the negative fold-changes observed during the transition from stress

to recovery. These increased interactions during hyperosmotic stress were specific to high-confidence

interactors, with the overall intensity of non-significant interactions remaining similar between stress and

steady state (median fold-change for non-significant interactors: 1.05 *vs.* high-confidence interactors: 1.27).

This suggests increases in stress granule-specific interactions rather than as a result of general

overcrowding in the cytoplasmic space.

C. Validation of Identified Stress-Specific Interactors

We selected several proteins that increased in a stress-specific manner during stress granule formation

for colocalization analysis with the stress granule marker G3BP1. TRIM56, BICC1, LARP6, and NYNRIN

increased in abundance during oxidative stress, but remained unchanged during hyperosmotic stress.

Colocalization analysis was performed under both stress conditions using antibodies against endogenous

proteins and HeLa cells stably expressing mCherry-tagged proteins. All tested preys localized to stress

granules regardless of the inducing agent, except for TRIM56, whose recruitment to stress granules was

specific to oxidative stress (Figure S4G; data not shown). BICC1, LARP6, and NYNRIN's localization to

stress granules during hyperosmotic stress, despite their unchanged abundance measurements, is not

unexpected, as the majority of known stress granule proteins displayed minimal changes in abundance

under either stress condition. We further investigated if TRIM56 plays a role in stress granule formation.

The loss of TRIM56 through CRISPR-mediated knock-out did not affect stress granule formation capacity,

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indicating that increased association with specific components does not entail their essentiality for stress

granule formation (data not shown).

Additionally, a strong enrichment for centrosome-associated proteins was observed during

hyperosmotic stress. However, colocalization analysis of a subset of these centrosome-associated proteins

(CEP170B, PCNT and CEP192) during hyperosmotic stress revealed poor enrichment within stress

granules (data not shown). This data suggests that the proximal interactions with centrosome-associated

proteins might be occurring in the dilute phase or submicroscopic stress granules.

Dynamic Proximal Interactions with the CCR4-NOT Deadenylase Complex is Universal during

Stress Granule Assembly

We hypothesized that quantitative changes across multiple baits would reflect compositional alterations

at the condensate level, and those common to both stressors could help identify a shared mechanism

underlying stress granule formation. To assess condensate-level changes for each stress, proximal

interactions were filtered for high-confidence preys demonstrating consistent trends in their interaction

changes ($\geq$ 1.5-fold increase, decrease or unchanged) across two or more baits (Table S6). Consistent

changes were observed during hyperosmotic stress (n=564) and oxidative stress (n=68).

Next, we assessed shared changes in abundance in both stressors (Figure 2H). While only two high-

confidence preys (SUGT, DLD) increased in both oxidative and hyperosmotic stress ($\geq$1.5-fold; $\geq$2 baits),

a significant amount of overlap was observed among interactors that consistently decreased in abundance

(30% and 48% of decreasing preys in hyperosmotic and oxidative stress, respectively). These included

RNA-binding proteins involved in mRNA deadenylation, translation repression and mRNA decay (*e.g.,*

CCR4-NOT complex components and interactors, including TOB1, EIF4E2, and EIF4ENIF1).

GO term enrichment analysis of interactors that shift in abundance during stress and recovery (Table

S6) identified terms related to 'CCR4-NOT deadenylase complex' among preys that decrease during stress

granules formation and later increase as they disassemble. This trend is consistent across both conditions,

as evidenced by the quantitative changes in G3BP1 proximal interactors (Figure S4H). Notably, the

decreased association with CCR4-NOT components from T1 to T2 quickly recovers during the T2 to T3

transition (Table S6). No changes in total protein abundance of the CCR4-NOT components were observed

(data not shown). Together, these observations show the coupling of CCR4-NOT proximal interactions with

stress granule assembly dynamics, implicating stress granule formation as a possible regulatory

mechanism controlling mRNA deadenylation and translation repression.

Loss of the CCR4-NOT Deadenylase Complex Blocks Lipoamide-induced Inhibition of Stress

Granule Condensation.

As stated, pre-treatment with lipoamide effectively inhibits stress granule formation (Figure 1C). To

further characterize this inhibitory pathway and elucidate mechanisms regulating stress granule formation,

we performed a genome-wide CRISPR-Cas9-mediated gene knockout screen (Figure 3A). HeLa cells

stably expressing Cas9 and single guide RNAs (sgRNAs) were pre-treated with lipoamide prior to stress

with potassium arsenate. Confocal images of stress granules, identified by punctate forms of stably

expressed FUS::GFP signals, were segmented, quantified, normalized, and transformed into z-scores

(Figure 3B; Methods). Notably, the knockout of SRSF1 abolished the inhibitory effects of lipoamide (z-score

= 17.5; Figure 3B). This result substantiates the screen, as SRSF1 has previously been shown to prevent

lipoamide activity on stress granules[56]. Other gene knockouts (*e.g.,* SLC3A2, ABCC1, RPLs - large

ribosomal subunits, and PPIP5K2) also produced similar inhibitory effects (Figure 3B, Table S7).

The microscopy data was manually reviewed, and 81 genes were selected for further validation using

endoribonuclease-prepared small interfering RNA (esiRNA)-mediated gene knockdown. Using the same

experimental workflow and analysis pipeline as the primary screen, we observed candidates that robustly

induced stress granule formation in cells pre-treated with lipoamide (Table S7; Figure 3C). Examination of

stress granule dynamics in the absence of lipoamide, arsenate, or both revealed that the depletion of 22

genes induced constitutive stress granule formation (filled in gray, Fig 3D; Table S7). These genes,

including those that encode for helicases, exosome components, ribosome components, and components

involved in ribosome biogenesis (RNA polymerase I and WDR43), induced cytosolic FUS::GFP puncta in

the absence of cellular stress. Excluding these genes, the depletion of nine others effectively blocked the

inhibitory effect of lipoamide on stress granule formation, including our positive control, SRSF1 (genes in

boxes; Figure 3D; Table S7).

Among these, GCLC and SLC3A2 are involved in glutathione biosynthesis[68], supporting the redox-

associated role of lipoamide for stress granule dynamics[56]. Additionally, the proteasome subunits like

PSMA6 and PSMD7 were validated, consistent with prior observations of proteasomal involvement in stress

granule dynamics[69]. Notably, PPIP5K2, a bifunctional inositol kinase, and CNOT2, a component of the

CCR4-NOT complex, were both identified as high-confidence interactors in our stress BioID data (Table

S4).

Given the dynamic changes in proximal associations between the CCR4-NOT complex components

and stress granule baits, we focused our further investigation on CNOT2. Other CCR4-NOT components

were depleted to determine whether CNOT2 itself or the complex plays a role in stress granule dynamics.

The CCR4-NOT complex consists of eleven subunits, with a conserved core formed by two major modules:

the NOT module (comprising the scaffolding protein CNOT1 and a CNOT2-CNOT3 heterodimer) and the

catalytic module (containing the deadenylase CCR4 [CNOT6, CNOT6L] and exonuclease CAF1 [CNOT7,

CNOT8]). The NOT module (CNOT1, CNOT2, CNOT3) is critical for maintaining complex integrity,

regulating the catalytic module's activity, and recruiting the complex to specific mRNAs via specific

interactions with RNA-binding or GW182 proteins[70-77]. Conversely, CAF1 and CCR4 modules perform the

deadenylase activity[43]. Depletion of the NOT module proteins abrogated lipoamide-mediated inhibition of

stress granule formation (Figure 3E, Table S7). However, this effect was not mirrored by the depletion of

the catalytic subunits CNOT7-CNOT8 and CNOT6-CNOT6L (Figure 3E). These genetic analyses

demonstrate that loss of the NOT module is sufficient to block the inhibitory effects of lipoamide.

Regulation of Poly(A) Tail Lengths is Important for Stress Granule Formation.

We considered two scenarios in which loss of the CCR4-NOT complex could block lipoamide's effects.

First, lipoamide may regulate CCR4-NOT complex function to influence stress granule formation. However,

previous thermal proteome profiling assays using lipoamide[56] showed no change in melting temperature

for CCR4-NOT complex components (CNOT1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10 and 11), advocating against their direct

interaction.

Alternatively, CCR4-NOT may operate in a parallel pathway, distinct from lipoamide regulation, to

promote stress granule formation. Given the established relationship between poly(A) tail length and stress

granule formation[49], and the broader role of mRNAs in condensate formation[78-82], we hypothesized that

poly(A) lengths regulated by the CCR4-NOT complex could modulate stress granule assembly. Longer

poly(A) tails may enhance scaffolding for stress granule formation by providing additional binding sites for

poly(A) binding protein (*i.e.,* PABPC1), whereas shorter poly(A) tails could diminish this ability.

To assess the influence of poly(A) tail shortening on stress granule formation, we utilized cordycepin,

an adenosine analog that inhibits polyadenylation, to reduce global poly(A) tail length[83]. Pre-treatment with

cordycepin prior to oxidative stress significantly reduced stress granule and P-body numbers in a

concentration-dependent manner (Figure 4A, B). This can be contrasted with our earlier genetic screens,

where inhibiting deadenylase activity by reducing the NOT module of the CCR4-NOT complex positively

influenced stress granule formation. Specifically, in the absence of lipoamide, the knockdown of CNOT1,

CNOT2, and CNOT7/8 significantly increased the number of stress granules following oxidative stress

(Figure 4C; Table S7). Together with prior studies reporting global poly(A) tails lengthening following the

loss of catalytic enzymes (CNOT7/8) and the NOT module (CNOT1 and CNOT2)[48,84,85], we propose that

poly(A) lengthening enhances stress granule formation.

We then combined siRNA-mediated knockdown of the CCR4-NOT complex with cordycepin, lipoamide

or both to assess whether poly(A) lengthening can counteract the stress granule-inhibitory effects of these

treatments during oxidative stress. While cordycepin pre-treatment alone significantly reduced stress

granule formation, knockdown of CNOT1 prior to acute cordycepin treatment induced stress granule

formation (Figure 4D). This suggests that the stimulatory effects of CCR4-NOT knockdown (*i.e.,* global

poly(A) lengthening) can negate the inhibitory effects of acute cordycepin treatment. However, CNOT1

knockdown did not overcome the combined inhibitory effects of both lipoamide and cordycepin, leading to

defective stress granule formation. This suggests two parallel pathways regulating stress granule formation:

one through redox regulation of stress granule proteins (via lipoamide) and the other through control of

poly(A) tail lengths (via cordycepin and CCR4-NOT activity) (Figure 4E).

CCR4-NOT Deadenylase Complex is Sequestered to Stress Granules During Stress

Components of the CCR4-NOT have been shown to co-localize with P-body markers in overexpression

systems[86,87]. In contrast to previous findings, we observed poor colocalization of CNOT1 with the P-body

markers EDC3 (at their endogenous levels) or with DCP1A (stably expressed under steady-state

conditions) in HeLa and HEK293 Flp-In TREx cells (Figure 5A, Figure S5A). However, under both oxidative

and hyperosmotic stress, CNOT1 formed large condensates adjacent to P-bodies, similar to the docking

behaviour of stress granules[88]. When directly tested, CNOT1 colocalized with stress granule marker G3BP1

during both oxidative and hyperosmotic stress in HeLa and HEK293 cells (Figure 5B, Figure S5B). Other

CCR4-NOT components, including the NOT module (CNOT2) and the CAF1 catalytic subunits (CNOT7

and CNOT8), localized to stress granules under these conditions in HeLa cells (Figure 5B). Additionally,

stable expression of 3xFLAG epitope-tagged CNOT2 colocalized with G3BP1 in HEK293 cells (Figure

S5C). Further high-resolution imaging of CNOT1 and G3BP1 during oxidative stress revealed distinct

patterns of CNOT1 enrichment within the G3BP1-positive stress granules, indicating an organized

partitioning into stress granule nano-compartments (Figure 5C).

Together, these findings demonstrate that in contrast to previous annotations of CCR4-NOT complex

as P-body components, CCR4-NOT complex components do not localize to P-bodies at steady state and

are sequestered into stress granules during cellular stress.

DISCUSSION

Biomolecular condensates are involved in a wide range of biological processes, yet their dynamic nature

and lack of physical boundaries (unlike membrane organelles) pose significant challenges for study. Stress

granules, a biomolecular condensate that forms in response to cellular stress, harbour thousands of mRNAs

and hundreds of proteins[30,31,89]. Despite their widespread association with stress response, the precise

functions of stress granules remain controversial. In this study, we leveraged multi-bait BioID profiling and

quantitative mass spectrometry to provide a comprehensive resource that maps the dynamic components

of stress granules proteomes. Notably, our approach integrates quantitative protein-protein interaction data

with chemical genetic interaction results, known to be distinct and orthogonal in their relationships[90,91].

Our BioID profiling of stress granule-localized G3BP1 over a stress time course identified changes in

proximal interactions reflecting molecular changes associated with the formation of microscopically visible

stress granules (Figure 1D). Further expanding BioID profiling to nine high-information baits, we mapped

dynamic proteomic landscapes of stress granules formed by distinct mechanisms (oxidative or

hyperosmotic stress), revealing ~2,000 novel proximal interactions previously uncharacterized in stress

biology and over 500 dynamic protein components (Figures 2B, 2F, 2H and S4E). Notably, these dynamic

proximal interactions differ significantly depending on the stress type (Figure 2E, H), indicating context-

specific plasticity of the stress granule proteome. Despite the stark differences in subsets of protein

interactions we observed, stress granule transcriptomes remain highly correlated between oxidative and

hyperosmotic stress[92], indicating that protein dynamics, rather than RNA, may play a more prominent role

in stress-specific adaptations.

Common to both stress conditions, the CCR4-NOT deadenylase complex and its associated proteins

are dynamically associated with stress granules (Figure 2H). Simultaneously, imaging-based, genome-wide

CRISPR screening identified nine genes that suppressed the stress granule-inhibiting effects of lipoamide.

These genes include CNOT2, a key component of the CCR4-NOT deadenylases complex (Figure 3D), and

further testing demonstrated that the loss of any NOT module protein (CNOT1, CNOT2 and CNOT3)

abolishes the lipoamide's inhibitory effects (Figure 3E). As the CCR4-NOT complex serves as the principal

deadenylase responsible for poly(A) degradation[43,48,93], we tested the effects of poly(A) tail lengths on stress

granule formation. Poly(A) lengthening promoted, while poly(A) shortening inhibited stress granule

formation (Figures 4B and 4C). We propose that loss of the NOT module circumvents lipoamide activity by

increasing the potential for RNA-based, condensate-forming intermolecular interactions[78,79,81,82,89] or

providing additional binding sites for PABPC1 through the lengthening of poly(A) tails[49] (Figure 4E).

Together, the dynamic rewiring of stress granule proximal interactions with the CCR4-NOT complex and

the effect of their loss-of-function on stress granule formation reveals a functional link between mRNA

deadenylation and stress granule condensation.

Concomitant with stress granule formation, the transcriptome's poly(A) tails lengthen globally during

cellular stress[44-47], but the mechanisms remain unclear. In vertebrates, poly(A) tails are primarily regulated

by three deadenylases: the PAN2-PAN3 complex, the CCR4-NOT complex and PARN (poly(A)-specific

exoribonuclease)[43]. Among these, the CCR4-NOT complex is the principal deadenylation responsible for

degrading poly(A)s[43,48,93]. According to a biphasic model of deadenylation, the PAN2-PAN3 complex

initiates the poly(A) tail removal, while the CCR4-NOT complex trims the remaining tail close to the 3'-

UTR[94]. To better understand stress-induced poly(A) tail lengthening, we investigated the localization of the

CCR4-NOT complex under stress conditions. Surprisingly, the deadenylase complex becomes

concentrated in stress granules during stress (Figure 5B).

We propose that CCR4-NOT sequestration into condensates likely inhibits the deadenylase activity of

the complex, leading to global poly(A) lengthening during stress (Figure 5D). Under normal cellular function,

the complex resides in the cytoplasm, maintaining steady-state poly(A) tail length. However, upon stress,

it partitions into stress granules, where its activity is regulated, analogous to how CNOT7 deadenylase

activity is modulated in simple FMR1-CAPRIN1 condensates *in vitro*[95]. Our findings suggest that stress

granules act as a depot for the deadenylase complex, thus promoting transcript stability as an adaptative

response to stress. Further investigation of poly(A) tails while blocking stress granule formation is essential

to support this model. It remains to be determined whether the complex retains enzymatic activity following

its localization to stress granules, potentially trimming the poly(A) tails of localized transcripts. While

CNOT2's proximal association with the complex members remained unchanged throughout the stress time

course, its proximal association with deadenylase activators, TOB1 and TOB2, was significantly reduced

in both stress conditions, suggesting a reduction in activity (Tables S4 and S6). Consistent with this notion,

nanopore sequencing of the transcriptome during stress revealed that the poly(A) tails of stress granule-

localized transcripts lengthen to a level comparable to those of stress granule-depleted transcripts during

oxidative stress[96].

The localization of the CCR4-NOT complex to stress granules was unexpected, given the conserved

reduction in its components' proximal associations with stress granule baits during stress granule formation

(Figure 2H). The proximal interactions measured by BioID reflect a summation of spatial interactions

occurring in and out of stress granules over time; in essence, they represent the cumulative effect of

transient and cycling interactions. We suggest that the proximal interactions between CCR4-NOT and

stress granule components decrease during stress due to reduced cycling interactions that accumulate

over time and/or the CCR4-NOT complex's partitioning to distinct stress granule nano-compartments. In

support of the latter, our high-resolution microscopy revealed subcompartmentalization of the CNOT1 within

stress granules (Figure 5C). Additionally, the CCR4-NOT complex increases its proximal association with

another stress granule bait protein (unpublished data), indicating bait-specific directionality in proximal

interaction changes.

In summary, our systematic mapping of dynamic proximal interaction networks in stress granules across

two distinct stress conditions provides a valuable resource for understanding the universal and context-

specific interactions underlying stress granule assembly and disassembly. Our dataset highlights the

versatility of stress granule interactions tailored to specific stress contexts. Through quantitative proteomics,

we reveal the rewiring of pre-existing proximal interactions and identify dynamic components, particularly

RNA-binding proteins involved in translation repression and mRNA decay, such as the CCR4-NOT

deadenylase complex. By integrating proteomics with chemical genetics, we further elucidate the

mechanisms underlying stress granule formation via poly(A) tail regulation. Notably, in contrast to previous

findings, we show that the CCR4-NOT complex is not localized to P-bodies, but is instead a dynamic

component of stress granules. Recognizing stress-responsive biomolecular condensates as key

mechanisms for stress adaptation[97-99], we propose that stress granule condensation is functionally coupled

to transcriptome stabilization through the regulated sequestration of CCR4-NOT.

LIMITATIONS OF THIS STUDY

We report dynamic proximal interaction profiles of multiple stress granule proteins utilized as molecular

probes for stress granule condensate. While we are confident of proximal associations reported here, we

cannot discern where these proximal interactions occur (*i.e.,* inside or outside microscopically visible stress

granules). Thus, further analysis and experimentation are required to determine context-specific stress

granule proteome. As with any screening approach, our proteomics and genetic screening methods contain

false negatives.

METHODS

Cell culture and stable cell line generation

HEK293 Flp-In T-REx (Invitrogen, R780-07; used for fixed-cell microscopy and BioID experiments),

HeLa Flp-In T-Rex (Arshad Desai Lab), and HeLa (Anne-Claude Gingras Lab) cells were grown at 37ºC in

DMEM high glucose media supplemented with 5% Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS), 5% cosmic calf serum, and

100 U/mL penicillin/streptomycin (growth media). Cells were regularly passaged upon attaining 80-100%

confluency and monitored for mycoplasma contamination.

All expression constructs were created using Gateway LR cloning (Thermo Fischer). Entry clones for

each bait protein were recombined with a destination vector (pDEST-3xFLAG-miniTurbo for BioID and

pDEST-mCherry for microscopy-based assays, gifts from Anne-Claude Gingras, Lunenfeld-Tanenbaum

Research Institute) to obtain expression constructs.

To generate stable cell lines, our expression constructs were transfected into Flp-In T-Rex parental cells

following a modified jetPRIME® protocol (Polyplus, CA89129-924). Briefly, cells were seeded at 25~30%

confluency in a 6-well plate. The following day, cells were transfected with a mixture of 1 μg pOG44 DNA,

100 ng bait construct DNA, and 2 μL jetPRIME reagent in 200 μL jetPRIME buffer (day 2). On day 3, cells

were passaged to 10 cm dishes and grown to 80% confluency, where successful transfectants were

selected for using Hygromycin B-supplemented growth media (200 ug/mL; Wisent, 450-141-XL) starting on

day 4. Selection media was changed every 2-3 days, until clonal colonies were visible; clonal colonies were

pooled together to generate stable cell lines.

Stress BioID sample preparation

HEK293 Flp-In T-REx cell lines stably, inducibly expressing BioID constructs, and negative control cell

lines (miniT-GFP and HEK293 parental line) were seeded into 10 cm dishes at 30% confluency in 10 mL

growth media. After 24 hrs, protein expression was induced with tetracycline (1 μg/mL) in biotin-depleted

growth media for 20 hrs. Biotin-depleted media is standard growth media prepared with biotin-depleted

FBS and cosmic calf serum (as reported in Schreiber *et al.,* 2024[100]). Biotin labeling was then performed

for 30 mins using growth media supplemented with 50 μM biotin in (1) untreated cells, (2) stress-treated

cells, and (3) stress-recovering cells. Stress, recovery, and labelling timelines follow the steps summarized

in Figure S2C. For alternative NaCl stress timepoint (T2; 5'-35'), biotin labeling began 5 min into 0.2M NaCl

stress for 30min following the same regime as oxidative (AS) stress and recovery timepoint (T3; 35'-65'),

biotin labeling was performed concomitantly with fresh media change after 35' of 0.2M NaCl stress (Figure

S3C). For lipoamide stress BioID, bait expression was induced for 24hr in biotin-depleted media. Next day,

cells were pre-treated with either DMSO (carrier) or 100 μM lipoamide for 1hr prior, then exposed to 1mM

or 0mM of potassium arsenate for 1hr, after which 50 μM biotin was added for 30min of labelling. After

labelling, cells were rinsed with phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) and lifted using 0.05% trypsin. Harvested

cells were rinsed with PBS, transferred to pre-weighed 1.5 mL Eppendorf tubes, pelleted, and flash frozen

on dry ice and stored at -80ºC.

Immunofluorescence (IF) microscopy

For bait localization and prey colocalization tests, stable HEK293 or HeLa Flp-In T-Rex BioID cell lines

were seeded onto glass coverslips in 6-well plates at 20% confluency in 2 mL growth media, and protein

expression was induced after 24 hrs with tetracycline (1 µg/mL) for 20 hrs. For lipoamide titration test,

HEK293 BioID stable cells stably expressing miniT-G3BP1 or miniT-GFP were seeded at 30% confluency,

then induced for bait expression for 24 hrs. The next day, varying concentration of lipoamide (0-100 uM) or

carrier (DMSO) was added, followed by no treatment (untreated) or potassium arsenite stress (1 – 2 mM).

For stress granule formation assays in cordyceptin treatment (Figure 4A-B), HEK293 Flp-In T-Rex, HeLa

Flp-In T-Rex, or HeLa cells were seeded onto glass coverslips in growth media. Glass coverslips were

treated with poly-D-lysine for 1 hour at 37 degrees prior to seeding HEK293 Flp-In T-Rex cells. Cells

reached 90% confluency 24-48 hours post seeding onto the glass coverslips and were treated with either

a media change (untreated), sodium arsenite [60 uM – 1 hour, 75 uM – 1 hour, 500 uM – 30 mins], sodium

chloride [0.2 M – 1 hour], or sorbitol [sorb: 0.4 M, 1 hr]) at 37ºC. For the cordycepin treatment in Figure 4A-

B, cells were pretreated with varying concentrations of cordycepin [0-100 uM; C3394, Sigma-Aldrich] for

three hours, with varying amounts of sodium arsenite added during the last hour before fixation. For the

cordycepin treatment in Figure 4D, the HeLa Kyoto FUS::GFP cells were first treated with the indicated

concentration of cordycepin (C2689, Tokyo Chemical Industry) for 1 h, then treated with 10 µM of lipoamide

or the corresponding percentage (v/v) of DMSO (0.1%) as the control for 1 h, and finally stressed with 1 mM

of potassium arsenate for 1 h before fixed with 4% formaldehyde in PBS.

Cells were processed for IF immediately following drug treatments by rinsing the cells with PBS twice,

then fixing with 4% paraformaldehyde in PBS for 10-15 minutes. Post fixation, cells were washed 3 times

with PBS or TBS-T and then permeabilized with -20ºC Methanol (Figure 4A, Figure 5, S2B, S5A-B) or 0.1%

Triton-X in TBS-T (Figure 1B, S2A, S2D, S2E, S4F, S5C) at for 10 minutes. Cells were then washed 3

times with PBS or TBS-T, then blocked with 5% milk in TBS-T or 5% BSA in PBS for 1 hour. Coverslips

were then incubated in primary antibody solution prepared in 5% BSA in PBS for 1 hour or overnight

(depending on the antibody) in a humidity chamber at 4 degrees. The cells were then washed 3 times with

PBS or TBS-T and then incubated with secondary antibodies and DAPI prepared in 5% BSA or milk blocking

solution for 1 hour in the dark. Coverslips were then washed for 3 times with PBS or TBS-T. Finally, samples

were mounted onto slides using Prolong Gold and cured in the dark overnight. All steps were performed at

room temperature excluding the overnight incubation. See Table 1 for a list of antibodies used in all fixed-

cell imaging experiments. Samples were imaged using the Leica SP8 Confocal Microscope and the Leica

Stellaris 5 Confocal Microscope at 40X and/or 63X magnification, and images were processed using either

IMARIS or LASX software.

Puromycin Incorporation Assay

HEK293 Flp-In TREx cells were plated on a 6-well plate. For each time point, puromycin was incubated

for 10 min at a final concentration of 10ug/ml, as described in Schmidt *et al.*[101]. Cells were either untreated,

stressed, or stressed then recovered and puromycin incorporation was performed at indicated condition

and timeframes in Figure S2G. Cells were then lifted using trypsin and collected in pre-weighed centrifuge

tubes. Cells were normalized by pellet weight and lysed with 2% SDS in Tris-HCL pH 7.5. Samples were

boiled with Laemmli sample buffer for 5 minutes at 95 ºC, then analyzed by Western blot (Puromycin

Antibody, clone 12D10, Sigma, MABE343).

BioID bait selection process

Bait proteins were selected for BioID experimentation by optimizing for the maximum number of

theoretical bait-prey interactions using published steady state BirA* BioID data[51]. We found that 58 baits

profiled in steady state data showed high specificity in their ability to label and identify literature-curated

RNA granule proteins (*i.e.,* $\geq$70% of their high-confidence interactors are annotated as Tier 1[102]). Using the

concepts of the greedy heuristic, we predicted that using five baits (DAZL, YTHDF2, DDX3X, CNOT2,

EIF4A2) would recover ~75% of the literature-curated Tier 1 stress granule proteome[102]. The previous study

identified stress granule proteins that dually localize to stress granules and other compartments, like P-

bodies and nuclear ribonucleoprotein (RNP) complex[51]. To capture components that dynamically transit

between stress granules and other RNA-containing compartments, we included CELF1 and ZC3HAV1,

which identify stress granule proteins and proteins in the nuclear RNP complex or P-bodies, respectively.

Next, G3BP1 and FMR1 were added for their importance in stress granule dynamics and translation

regulation, respectively. The final list and their relevant selection criteria are summarized in Table S1.

BioID sample purification for mass spectrometry

Cell pellets were thawed and resuspended in ice-cold modified RIPA lysis buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl [pH

7.5], 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM EGTA, 1.5 mM MgCl2, 1% NP-40, 0.1% SDS) + protease inhibitor cocktail at a

1:10 milligram-to-millilitre ratio. Samples were sonicated for 30 s (10 s on, 5 s off, repeat x3) at 30%

amplitude using a 1/8" microtip at 4ºC. 250 U of Benzonase Nuclease was added to each sample, which

was then rotated end-over-end for 15 mins at 4ºC. Sample SDS concentration was raised to 0.4%, then

rotated end-over-end for 5 mins at 4ºC. Lysate volume was normalized to the lowest weight sample within

a bait-stress group, then centrifuged at 20,000 g for 20 mins at 4ºC. Lysates were added to 15 µL of modified

RIPA-washed Streptavidin-Sepharose beads of ~60% slurry, then rotated end-over-end for 3 hrs at 4ºC.

Beads were pelleted by centrifugation at 500 g for 1 min, the supernatant aspirated, and the beads

transferred to a new 1.5 mL Eppendorf tube using 1 mL modified RIPA buffer. Next, beads were subject to

consecutive 1 mL washes (1 x SDS wash (50mM Tris-HCl [pH 7.5]), 2 x modified RIPA washes, 3 x

ammonium bicarbonate (ABC) washes (200 mM ABC)), pelleting and aspirating off wash solutions in

between. Beads were resuspended in 1 µg trypsin in 30 µL of 50 mM ABC solution for overnight on-bead

digestion at 37ºC with agitation. The next day (16 hours after trypsin addition), 0.5 µg trypsin in 10 µL of 50

mM ABC was added to each sample, allowing the samples to digest for a further 3.5 hours at 37ºC. Beads

were pelleted by centrifugation at 400 g for 2 mins, the supernatants containing released peptides were

collected into a final collection tube, and the beads were washed with high-performance liquid

chromatography (HPLC)-grade water twice, pelleting the beads and collecting the supernatants into the

final collection tubes each time. The final collection tubes, carrying the total peptide supernatants, were

centrifuged at 16,100 g for 10 mins, and the top 80 µL was transferred to new tubes, which were acidified

to 2% formic acid to stop tryptic digestion and dried down in a centrifugal vacuum concentrator.

Liquid Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry

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BioID peptides were resuspended in 12 µL of 5% formic acid and centrifuged at >20,000 x g for 1 min.

For MS analysis of BioID peptides, each sample was further normalized to the smallest pellet weight across

all bait-stress groups by diluting ~1-2 µL of the peptide solution with 5% formic acid to a volume of 12 µL.

Subsequently, 1 µL of 50 fmol/mL Pierce Retention Time Calibration (iRT) peptides was added, bringing

the final volume to 13 µL.

For each sample, 6 µL of peptides was loaded onto a 10.5 cm 75 µm ID emitter tip packed in-house with

3 µm ReproSil Gold 120 C18 (Dr. Maisch HPLC GmbH) using an Easy-nLC 1200 liquid chromatography

system. Peptides were eluted at 200 nL/min over a 120 min gradient, starting with 2.4% acetonitrile in 0.1%

formic acid and gradually increasing to 35% acetonitrile. The acetonitrile concentration was further

increased to 80% over an 8 min gradient and maintained at this concentration for 16 min at 200 nL/min, for

a total run time of 144 min. Samples were analyzed with an Orbitrap Exploris 480 (Thermo Fisher Scientific)

in both Data-Independent Acquisition and Data-Dependent Acquisition modes. Instrument

conFigureurations for both acquisition modes were set up using Thermo Xcalibur software. The instrument

was operated with a positive polarity ion voltage of 2.4 kV and the ion transfer tube temperature was set to

300 °C. MS analyses of each BioID sample was done in both DIA and DDA modes consecutively, while the

fractionated HEK293 peptides were analyzed in DDA mode only.

For DDA experiments, MS1 scans ranged from 390-1010 m/z were performed at a resolution of 120,000,

with a 3-second cycle time. The normalized automatic gain control (AGC) target was set to 125%. Precursor

ions with charges from 2+ to 7+ that exceeded an intensity threshold of 1.0×10^3 were selected for

fragmentation with dynamic exclusion enabled for 9 seconds. Fragmentation was achieved with a

normalized collision energy (NCE) of 33%. MS2 scans were performed at a resolution of 15,000, with a

normalized ACG target of 400%, and a maximum injection time of 50 ms.

For DIA experiments, a staggered window scheme was utilized as described in detailed in Pino *et al*.,

2020[103]. Briefly, this approach employed two alternating precursor isolation patterns with the m/z ranges of

400-1,000 and 396-1,004 m/z, respectively. Each set had an 8 *m/z* precursor isolation window at a 15,000

resolution, with a scan range of 145-1450 m/z, a normalized ACG target of 1000%, and a maximum injection

time of 23 ms. The full scan range was set to 390-1,010 m/z at a resolution of 60,000, with a normalized

ACG target of 100%, and a maximum injection time of 55 ms. NCE of 33% was used for precursor

fragmentation.

Mass Spectrometry Data Analysis (Data-Dependent Acquisition) and Spectral Library Generation

All MS Thermo RAW files acquired in DDA mode were analyzed with FragPipe (v20.0), MSFragger

(v3.8), IonQuant (v1.9.8) and Philosopher (v5.0.0). The protein sequence database contains reviewed

UniProt entries and 15 iRT peptides as well as the same number of reversed decoy sequences, with a total

search space of 40,884 sequences. The precursor mass window was set at ±20ppm and the fragment

mass tolerance was set at ±20ppm. Methionine oxidation, and N-terminal acetylation were set as variable

modifications. Additionally, peptide N-terminus heavy arginine (+10.008269) and heavy lysine (+8.014199)

were included as variable modifications to facilitate the identification of iRT peptides. MSBooster was

enabled, which uses deep learning to predict retention time and spectra to increase identifications[104]. PSM

validation was done using Percolator (--only-psm --no-terminate --post-processing-tdc), which uses a linear

support vector to performs FDR calculations using a target-decoy approach[105]. This is followed by protein

inference by ProteinProphet (--maxppmdiff 20)[106]. FDR filtering was done using Philosopher to 1% PSM

and protein levels (--sequential --picked --prot 0.01).

MS1 intensity-based quantification was conducted using IonQuant with Match-Between-Runs

(MBR) enabled (default parameters)[107,108]. MaxLFQ intensity (with minimum ions set to 2) was used for

downstream statistical analysis. For feature detection and peak tracing, m/z tolerance was set to 10ppm

and RT Window to 0.6. MBR top runs was set to 10.

The DDA search results from fractionated peptides of HEK293 lysate and BioID peptides were

compiled into a spectral library using EasyPQP with default parameters (v0.1.42)

(https://github.com/grosenberger/easypqp). Finally, the six most intense fragments were selected for each

precursor to generate the spectral library for DIA MS analysis[109]. The final spectral library contains 193,510

precursors from 9,860 proteins.

Mass Spectrometry Data Analysis (Data-Independent Acquisition)

DIA-MS data acquired using the staggered window scheme require a computational demultiplexing step

before they can be processed by data analysis softwares. This step separates the 8 m/z staggered

precursor isolation windows into 4 *m/z* effective windows such that the converted mzML output file contains

isolation windows 400–404 *m/z*, 404–408 *m/z*, 408–412 *m/z*, etc. The demultiplexing was performed by

MSConvert (Proteomewizard) with the following filters: 1) "*peakpicking vendor msLevel=1-*"; 2) "*demultiplex*

optimization=overlap_only massError=10.0ppm". Following the file conversion, the mzML files were

analyzed by the DIA-NN software (v1.8.1) using a library-based approach. DIA-NN was conFigured with

match-between-runs enabled, and cross-run normalization disabled. Additionally, the *"--report-lib-info"* flag

was set to generate fragment-level intensity values in the resulting report.tsv file, which was used for

downstream statistical analysis.

Mass Spectrometry Data Deposition

Datasets consisting of raw files and associated peak list and results files have been deposited in

ProteomeXchange through partner MassIVE as complete (Data Dependent Acquisition) or partial (Data

Independent Acquisition) submissions. Additional files include the complete SAINTexpress outputs for each

dataset and a "README" file that describes the dataset composition and the experimental procedures

associated with each submission. The DDA and DIA datasets generated here were each submitted as

independent entries. The accession numbers for the DDA dataset are MSV000095953

(ftp://massive.ucsd.edu/v08/MSV000095953/) in MassIVE and PXD056247 in ProteomeXchange. The

accession number for the DIA dataset is MSV000095944 (ftp://massive.ucsd.edu/v08/MSV000095944/).

Data Processing

The DIA-NN report.tsv file was first filtered using precursor and protein FDR thresholds of 1%

(Lib.Q.Value $\leq$ 0.01 and Lib.PG.Q.Value $\leq$ 0.01) to ensure high-confidence identifications. Fragment-level

(MS2) intensity data were extracted from the "Fragment.Quant.Raw" column in the report.tsv. Intensity

normalization was then performed within each bait group by adjusting for total MS2 intensity. The resulting

normalized fragment intensity matrix was used for SAINTq analysis to identify high-confidence interactors

(see Data Analysis: SAINTexpress and SAINTq to Identify Confident Interactors).

Data Analysis: SAINTexpress and SAINTq to Identify Confident Interactors

Significance Analysis of INTeractome (SAINT) is a series of computational tool used to assign confidence scores to protein-protein interaction based on quantitative data generated from AP-MS and BioID experiments[53]. Briefly, for each prey protein identified in a pulldown sample, SAINT calculates the probability of true interaction by comparing the prey abundance detected in the sample against a set of negative control pulldowns.

In bottom-up mass spectrometry experiments, quantification is typically achieved using either spectral counting or intensity-based methods. Peptides (in DDA and DIA experiments) and fragments (uniquely in DIA) are directly measured by the instruments, and protein abundance is inferred by integrating the quantitative data of the corresponding peptides or fragments. The established BioID workflow employs SAINTexpress to analyze protein-level spectral count data from DDA results[54]. Recent versions of SAINT have been extended to analyze intensity-based data[54,67,110], with SAINTq implemented specifically for the analysis of intensity data at the protein, peptide and fragment levels[67]. Although SAINTq has been available since 2015, its application in BioID projects has not been widely tested. Given the richer quantitative information of intensity-based data, we developed a BioID-SAINTq analysis pipeline for protein- and fragment-level intensity data and benchmarked it against the established BioID-SAINTexpress.

SAINTexpress Workflow:

Spectral-count based analysis of DDA BioID data was performing using SAINTexpress as implemented within the Fragpipe framework. The "reprint.spc.tsv" was the input for SAINTexpress and the analysis was performed using the default parameters. Identified prey proteins with BFDR $\leq$ 0.05 are considered high-confidence interactors.

SAINTq Workflow:

For DDA protein-level intensity-based analysis, the "combined_protein.tsv" file generated by Fragpipe was used. After selecting the MaxLFQ intensity columns, the data were normalized by total intensity within each bait group before running SAINTq (v0.0.4) with no control compression. For DIA fragment-level intensity-based analysis, the total intensity normalized fragment matrix (see Data Processing) was analyzed by SAINTq, with no control compression and default parameters.

Initial testing of SAINTq showed fewer confident interactors in DIA data despite a ~3-4 fold increased in

protein identifications compared to DDA. We examined the source code of SAINTq and found that when

calculating the difference in mean intensity (mu_d) between control samples and test samples for each

protein, a minimum threshold of log2(4) (2-fold change) was enforced. Any real difference less than 2 would

be raised to 2. While this approach might reduce noisy signals, it could over-penalize subtle interactions,

resulting in inflated false positive rate in FDR calculation. Given the improved quantitative power of intensity-

based data, we hypothesized that using the real difference for *mu_d* may lead to more accurate

identification   of   confident   interactors.   We   modified   that   source   code,   changing

`std::max(test_means[i]-ctrl_means[i], std::log2(4))` to `std::max(test_means[i]-`

`ctrl_means[i], std::log2(1))` in main.hpp (lines 1112 and 1337). This modification resulted in

increased identification of confident interactors that align closely with the DDA spectral count SAINTexpress

workflow and published literature. Using the benchmark of known stress granule proteome and results from

DDA SAINTexpress, we have manually assigned BFDR 0.03 as a suitable threshold for high-confidence

interaction.

Data Analysis: Unsupervised Hierarchical Clustering and Data Visualization

To ensure the quality of DIA proteomics data prior to unsupervised hierarchical clustering, we applied a

two-step filtering process to each bait group. First, fragments missing in more than 80% of samples within

a group were excluded from the analysis. Second, precursors with fewer than three fragments were filtered

out. These filters were applied because fragments or precursors not quantified in the majority of samples

are likely noises. Next, protein intensity values were rolled up by summing intensities of corresponding

fragments and the resulting intensity values were log2-transformed.

It is important to note that stress granule baits can localize to multiple cellular compartments in the event

of stress. Nevertheless, if the same high-confidence interactors are consistently identified across multiple

baits, it can be inferred that these these interactors are likely associated with stress granules. To infer stress

granule -specific interactors, we filtered for 1,801 high-confidence interactors ($\leq$ 0.03, SAINTq) that are

identified by at least two baits, regardless of the condition. Clusterings of bait-conditions (columns) and

proteins (rows) were performed using Euclidean distance and Ward's method for linkage. The R package

pheatmap was utilized for heatmap visualization. Finally, gene ontology (GO) enrichment analyses were

performed for proteins in the 4-row clusters using g:Profiler. The background protein set for the GO

enrichment analysis consisted of 9,860 protein entries in the spectral library as these represent the proteins

detectable in the experiments. GO terms with adjusted p-values $\leq$ 0.01 (Benjamini-Hochberg) are

significant.

Data analysis: Mixed-Model Analysis of Variance

The total intensity normalized fragment matrix contained a sizable proportion of missing values. To

improve statistical power, the matrix was imputed using a K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN) approach using the

python package scipy, with the number of neighbors (k) set to 5. We then used the filtered proteins from

two-step filtering process (see Data Analysis: Unsupervised Hierarchical Clustering and Data Visualization),

to select for high-quality fragments. Next, precursor intensity values were rolled up by summing intensities

of corresponding fragments and the resulting intensity values were log2-transformed.

To analyze the dynamic association of prey protein for each bait across different time points (**T1 vs**

T2_AS vs T3_AS and **T1 vs T2_NaCl vs T3_NaCl**), the following linear mixed model was applied to the

KNN-imputed precursor intensity matrix:

$$Intensity_{ij} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot Timepoint_i + u_j + \epsilon_{ij}$$

where $Intensity_{ij}$ represent log2-transformed intensity for precursor j at time point i. β_0 is the overall

intercept, β_1 is the fixed effect coefficient representing the effect of time point i, u_j is the random effect

accounting for variability among different precursors, and ϵ_{ij} is the residual error term. This model accounts

for the random effect of the precursors corresponding to the same protein and the fixed effect of the

timepoint. In cases where only a single precursor is available, a simpler linear model is applied without the

random effect:

$$Intensity_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot Timepoint_i + \epsilon_i$$

Analysis of variance (ANOVA) was then applied to obtain p-values indicating the significance of time point

effects. Post-hoc analysis was conducted using estimated marginal means (EMMs) to evaluate pairwise

fold change between time points (i.e T1 vs T2_AS). The Benjamini-Hochberg procedure was applied to

correct for multiple comparisons, with differential interactions defined by p-adjusted values $\leq$ 0.01 and fold

change $\geq$ 1.5.

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High Content Genetic Screen of Lipoamide

To generate a cell line stably expressing Cas9 and GFP-tagged FUS, A plasmid of human codon-

optimized *S. pyogenes* Cas9 (lentiCas9-Blast; #52962, Addgene) was transfected into HeLa Kyoto cells

stably expressing GFP-tagged FUS (FUS::GFP[111]), and the clone was selected with 20 µg/ml of blasticidin.

The cells were seeded at 550 cells/well in 384-well plates (#781092, Greiner), transfected with 20 nM

each of tracrRNA (U-002005, Horizon) and sgRNA from Human Edit-R crRNA library (18,710 genes tested;

Dharmacon) using Interferin (polyplus), and incubated for two days before the medium was replaced with

fresh one for 1 day. CRISPR-Cas9-mediated gene knock-out was validated with KIF11 sgRNA, which kills

cells. An sgRNA targeting SRSF1 (CM-018672-01, Horizon) was used to validate the assay. Mock

transfection was used for controls both positive and negative for stress granule formation. Three days after

transfection, the cells were pre-treated with 20 µM of lipoamide for 1 h and then stressed with 1 mM of

potassium arsenate (A6631, Sigma Aldrich) for additional 1 h in the presence of lipoamide before fixed with

4% formaldehyde in PBS. For only mock transfection, wells without lipoamide treatment were also prepared

for the positive control. The fixed cells were stained with 1 µg/ml of DAPI and 0.25 µg/ml of CellMask blue

(H32720, Thermo Fisher Scientific) and imaged on a CellVoyager CV7000 automated spinning disc

confocal microscope (Yokogawa) with a 40× NA 1.3 water objective lens.

For the secondary screen, the HeLa Kyoto FUS-GFP cells were seeded at 1000 cells/well in 96-well

plates (#655090, Greiner), transfected with 25 ng of each endoribonuclease-prepared small interfering RNA

(esiRNA; Eupheria) using Lipofectamine2000 (Invitrogen). Three days after transfection, the cells were

treated with 10 µM of lipoamide for 1 h and then stressed with 1 mM of arsenate in the presence of

lipoamide for 1 h before fixed with 4% formaldehyde in PBS. The cells were stained with 1 µg/ml of DAPI

and imaged similarly to the primary screen.

Confocal Image Analysis

For high content imaging analysis (relevant to Figures 3 and 4), segmentation of stress granules were

performed based on cytoplasmic FUS-GFP signals using CellProfiler[112], and the obtained information (*e.g.*,

number and size of stress granules, intensity of FUS::GFP) was processed with KNIME. For primary

genome-wide CRISPR screen, the number of stress granules per cell treated with each sgRNA was

normalized relative to two datasets: that of mock transfection without lipoamide treatment (defined as 100%)

and that of mock transfection with lipoamide treatment (0%) within each plate; the normalized values were

transformed into z-scores as shown in Figure 3.

DATA AVAILABILITY

All proteomics data are available at the Mass Spectrometry Interactive Virtual Environment (MassIVE,

http://massive.ucsd.edu). MassIVE ID: MSV00009595 (ftp://massive.ucsd.edu/v08/MSV000095953/)

MassIVE ID: MSV000095944 (ftp://massive.ucsd.edu/v08/MSV000095944/).

CODE AVAILABILITY

Data analysis and visualization codes will be shared upon request to the lead contact, Ji-Young Youn

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Figure S1. Stress BioID quality control (**a**) Western blot analysis comparing the levels of stably expressed miniTurbo-tagged proteins to the corresponding endogenous proteins. Lysates prepared from HEK293 Flp-In TREx parental cell line, tetracycline-induced miniTurbo stable cells or uninduced cells were analyzed for each stress granule bait protein (top). Ponceau staining of the total blot is used as a loading control (bottom). Left: G3BP1 and Right: FMR1. (**b**) Immunofluorescence microscopy of miniTurbo-3xFLAG-G3BP1 cells untreated or stressed with sodium arsenite, then BioID labeled. Stress granule marker (TIA1), bait (FLAG) and biotinylated proteins (Strep). Scale bar = 10 µM. (**c**) Lipoamide titration test to determine effective concentration for stress granule inhibition in BioID cells. Quantifications from 2,600-4,300 cells. (**d**) Condition-condition plot of miniT-G3BP1 high-confidence proximal interactors in cells incubated with a carrier (DMSO) or 100mM lipoamide for 1hr, then biotin labelling in steady state. (**e**) Venn diagram comparison of high-confident preys identified from 58 high-specificity baits from Youn *et al.,* 2018 (red), high-confidence preys of selected nine baits (green) and literature-curated stress granule proteome (Tier 1; Youn *et al.,* 2019).

Figure S2. Stress granule assembly and disassembly kinetics. (**a**) Immunofluorescence microscopy images of HEK293 Flp-In T-REx cells fixed and stained for stress granules (G3BP1) at 1hr (left) or 1.5hr after recovery post oxidative stress. Scale bar = 10 µM. (**b**) Immunofluorescence microscopy images show stress granule condensation kinetics after hyperosmotic stress (0.2 M NaCl) for indicated times in HEK293 Flp-In T-REx cells. Stress granule marker G3BP1 (green); P-body marker EDC3 (red); Nuclei (DAPI). Scale bar = 10 µM. (**c**) Western blot analysis examining the activation of integrated stress response in HEK293 Flp-In T-REx cells during steady state, oxidative (500 µM sodium arsenite, SA) or hyperosmotic (0.2 M sodium chloride, NaCl). (**d**) Subcellular localization of BioID bait (FLAG), biotinylated proximal proteins (Strep), and stress granules (TIA1) after 30 min of biotin labeling in hyperosmotic stress condition in miniT-3xFLAG-G3BP1 HEK293 cells. Scale bar = 10 µM. (**e**) Stress granule dissolution kinetics after hyperosmotic stress in HEK293 Flp-In T-REx cells at 1 min (left) or 30 min after recovery. Scale bar = 10

1159 µM. (**f**) Schematics of biotin labeling performed in stress BioID timecourse experiments. (**g**) Western blot
1160 analysis of puromycin incorporation for 10 min during the indicated stress and recovery periods. UT =
1161 untreated (steady state), AS = sodium arsenite (500 µM, 35 min), NaCl (0.2M NaCl, 35 min).
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Figure S3. Hyperosmotic stress induces proximal associations with microtubule-associated
proteins.
(**a**) Overview of number of stress BioID experiments performed. (**b**) Dot plot visualization of selected high-
confidence preys identified in DDX3X stress BioID timecourse. AS = sodium arsenite (500µM, 5'-35'), NaCl
(0.2M NaCl, 45'-75'). (**c**) Schematics show alternative hyperosmotic stress timecourse set up (top). Dot plot
visualization of selected high-confidence preys identified by DDX3X during alternative hyperosmotic stress
conditions (bottom). (**d**) Heatmap visualization of hierarchical clustering of high-confidence preys identified
in DCP1A and DDX3X stress BioID. Baits and conditions are clustered on the x-axis, and high-confidence
interactors are clustered on the y-axis based on their abundance.
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Figure S4. DIA analysis improves data quality. (**a**) Illustration of Data-Dependent Acquisition (DDA) *vs.*
Data-Independent Acquisition (DIA) methods in mass spectrometry. (**b**) Diagram of BioID DIA analysis
workflow. (**c**) Bar graph of identified proteins in each BioID time-course experiment using DDA and DIA
methods. Error bars show variation between replicates. (**d**) Boxplot shows the pairwise Jaccard indices
between BioID samples. Each point represents a pairwise sample comparison. (**e**) Bar graph shows
comparison to other existing datasets. Colours indicate overlap with literature-curated stress granule
proteins (red), shared with another dataset but not annotated as stress granule proteins (orange), and
unique to each dataset (blue). Youn *et al.,* 2018 dataset includes high-confidence interactors identified in
58 stress granule steady state BioID experiments. (**f**) The violin plot shows the distributions of abundance
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identified high-confidence interactors to stress granules in HeLa Flp-In T-REx cells. TRIM56 (endogenous);
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G3BP1 high-confidence interactors during steady to stress state transition.
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Figure S5. Subcellular localization of CCR4-NOT complex. (**a**) Immunofluorescence microscopy of
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sodium chloride, 1 hr). CNOT1 (green), P-body marker EDC3 (red), nuclei (DAPI). Scale bar = 10 µM. (**b**)
Immunofluorescence microscopy of HEK293 Flp-In T-REx cells in unstressed or stressed conditions (500
µM sodium arsenite, 30 min or 0.2 M sodium chloride, 1 hr). CNOT1, CNOT7, or CNOT8 (red) paired with
stress granule marker G3BP1 (green), nuclei (DAPI). Intensity line plot made in Fiji. Scale bar = 10 µM. (**c**)
Immunofluorescence microscopy of CNOT2-3xFLAG stable cells untreated or stressed for 30 minutes,
stained for stress granule marker (G3BP1) and FLAG tag on CNOT2-3xFLAG construct. Scale bar = 10
µM.

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Table S1. Stress BioID of G3BP1 and FMR1 during oxidative stress and Stress BioID of G3BP1 with
lipoamide pre-treatment, related to Figure 1.

Table S2. High Information Bait Selection, related to Figure 2A.

Table S3. Stress BioID of Nine Stress Granule, Stress Granule/P-body baits during stress analyzed in DDA
mode, related to Figure 2C and Figure S3.

Table S4. Stress BioID of Nine Stress Granule, Stress Granule/P-body baits during stress analyzed in DIA
mode, related to Figure 2E.

Table S5. Hierarchial Clustering Analysis of Conserved High-Confidence Proximal Interactors, related to
Figures 2F-G.

Table S6. Linear Mixed Model ANOVA Analysis to Determine Differentially Interacting Proximal Interactors,
related to Figure 2H.

Table S7. Genome-wide CRISPR screen, validation and cordycepin experiments, related to Figures 3-4.

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Fig 1. BioID of Stress Granules during steady state and stress (**a**) Schematics show experimental
workflow of stress granule proximity labelling at steady (left) or stressed state with oxidative stress (right)

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in human cells. (**b**) Quantitative comparison of average spectra (log2 transformed) of high-confidence

interactors identified by G3BP1 (left) and FMR1 (right) during steady vs. stress state (0.5mM sodium

arsenite). (**c**) Lipoamide titration test to determine the effective concentration for proximity labeling. (**d**)

Comparative analyses of carrier pre-treated stress BioID (left) *vs.* lipoamide pre-treated stress BioID (right).

The condition-condition plot shows the average spectra (log2 transformed) of high-confident interactors

identified by G3BP1.

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Fig 2. Dynamic proteomic landscapes of stress granules (**a**) Schematics of nine high-information baits

and their subcellular location. Baits with asterisks localize to multiple compartments. (**b**) Diagram of stress

BioID experimental workflow. Proximity labelling is performed during steady, stress (AS = arsenite; oxidative stress, or NaCl; hyperosmotic stress), or recovery periods for 30 min. (**c**) Venn diagram visualization of overlap between high-confidence interactors identified in published BirA* DDA data (58 baits) *vs.* miniT DDA data generated in this study. (**d**) Diagram depicting stepwise DIA data analysis pipeline to improve identification and quantification. (**e**) Venn diagram summarizes the overlap between high-confidence interactors identified in steady state (T1), T2 in oxidative stress (T2_AS), and hyperosmotic stress (T2_NaCl). (**f**) Heatmap display of hierarchical clustering analysis of statistically significant proximal interactors identified by at least two baits in stress BioID DIA data (BFDR≤0.03). Baits and conditions are clustered on the x-axis, and high-confident interactors are clustered on the y-axis based on their abundance. (**g**) Dot Plot visualizes the Gene Ontology terms enriched in each cluster indicated in panel (f). (**h**) Venn diagram of high-confident interactors displaying ≥1.5-fold change in two baits or more from steady (T1) to stress condition (T2).

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Fig 3. A genome-wide suppressor screen identifies components that bypass the effect of lipoamide

on stress granules. (**a**) Schematics showing genome-wide CRISPR Cas knock-out screen to identify

genes that block the inhibitory activity of lipoamide on stress granule formation. (**b**) A rank-ordered

visualization of candidate genes whose knock-out results in suppression of lipoamide activity, including its

known target, SRSF1. (**c**) Secondary siRNA screen results show lipoamide suppressors validated in the

oxidative stress condition, outlined in boxes (filled in red). Nonspecific suppressor results in constitutive

induction of stress granules in the absence of stress (filled in gray); a subset is listed. (**d**) Representative

images of validated lipoamide suppressors. Scale bar = 20μM. Magenta dot: high-confidence stress granule

interactors. (**e**) Examination of individual CCR4-NOT complex components on their requirements for

lipoamide activity on stress granules using siRNA-mediated knockdown in HeLa cells. The average

percentage of cells with three or more cytosolic FUS-GFP puncta when pretreated with siRNA and

lipoamide prior to stress. Quantification from three biological replicates.

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Fig 4. Altering Poly(A) lengths affects stress granule formation. (**a**) Representative images show the effect of cordycepin pretreatment on stress granules (G3BP1) and P-bodies (EDC3) in HeLa Flp-In T-REx cells (50 μM cordycepin 3 hrs with 60 μM sodium arsenite treatment during the last hour). Scale bar = 50 μM. (**b**) Violin-box plot shows stress granule and P-body numbers in cells pretreated with cordycepin before stress (cordycepin for 3 hrs with sodium arsenite stress for the final hour). Mann Whitney test on three biological replicates (* $p_{adj} < 10^{-3}$, ** $p_{adj} < 10^{-5}$, *** $p_{adj} < 10^{-10}$). (**c**) Violin-box plot shows cytoplasmic

FUS::GFP granule numbers in siRNA-treated cells under oxidative stress (1mM arsenate, 1hr). Mann-

Whitney test of three biological replicates (*** $p_{adj} < 10^{-10}$). The median stress granule number in control is

indicated in a red dotted line. (**d**) Schematics show the sequence of treatments (top). Bar graph shows the

percentage of cells containing ≥3 stress granules in HeLa cells treated with conditions prior to stress

(CNOT1 RNAi, cordycepin, or lipoamide; bottom). Three biological replicates (n >300). (**e**) Model of two

paralleled mechanisms driving stress granule formation. Lengthening global poly(A) tails promotes stress

granule formation, which the CCR4-NOT deadenylase complex or cordycepin inhibits. Conformational

changes in RNA-binding proteins promote stress granule formation, which is inhibited by lipoamide[56].

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Fig 5. Stress Granule localization of the CCR4-NOT complex. (a) Immunofluorescence microscopy of

CNOT1 (green), P-body marker EDC3 (red), and nuclei (DAPI) in HeLa cells at steady state and stress

conditions (500 μM sodium arsenite, 30 min or 0.2 M sodium chloride, 1 hr). Scale bar = 10 μM. (**b**)

Immunofluorescence microscopy of CNOT1, CNOT2, CNOT7 and CNOT8 (green), stress granule marker

G3BP1 (red), and nuclei (DAPI) during oxidative (sodium arsenite, 500μM, 30 min) and hyperosmotic stress

(sodium chloride, 0.2 M, 1hr) in HeLa cells. Line plots represent the fluorescent intensity included in the

selected insets. Scale bars = 10 μM and 3 μM (from left to right zoomed insets). (**c**) Lightning mode confocal

microscopy of CNOT1 (green), stress granule marker G3BP1 (red), and nuclei (DAPI) during oxidative

stress (sodium arsenite, 75 μM, 1hr) and at steady state in HeLa cells. Scale bars = 10, 2 and 1μM (from

left to right zoomed insets). (**d**) Schematics show a proposed global poly(A) lengthening model during

stress. During steady state, the CCR4-NOT deadenylase complex is active and trims the transcriptome's

poly(A) tails. Upon stress, the CCR4-NOT complex is sequestered to stress granules, resulting in the global

lengthening of poly(A) tails.

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