Host mRNA 3'-end processing machinery are critical binding partners during dengue virus infection

Min Jie Alvin Tan[1*], Ahmad Nazri Mohamed Naim[2], Yan Ting Lim[3], Radoslaw M. Sobota[3], Martin L. Hibberd[4] and Subhash G. Vasudevan[1]

[1] Program in Emerging Infectious Diseases, Duke-NUS Medical School, Singapore; [2] Genome Institute of Singapore, Singapore; [3] Functional Proteomics Laboratory, Institute of Molecular and Cellular Biology, Singapore; [4] Pathogen Molecular Biology, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK

* address correspondence to Min Jie Alvin Tan, alvin.tan@duke-nus.edu.sg

ABSTRACT

Dengue virus (DENV) causes a wide variety of dengue diseases that threaten over half of the world's population. At present, there is no antiviral therapeutics against dengue. Virus infection and its associated pathologies are the result of a myriad of interactions between the virus and its host, of which most are protein-protein interactions (PPIs). Virus-encoded proteins modulate the host environment for the virus' benefit by interacting with host proteins during infection. Thus studies of these virus-host PPIs are most informative when performed in the context of an infection. We undertook a comparative affinity purification-mass spectrometry approach to generate a DENV-host protein-protein interactome during DENV infection and identified mRNA 3'-end processing protein complexes as novel interactors of DENV NS3. We demonstrated that the presence of the cleavage and polyadenylation specificity factor complex proteins, but not their enzymatic activity, is crucial for DENV replication, thus unveiling a potential new direction for the development of host-directed antiviral therapeutics.

INTRODUCTION

Dengue virus (DENV) is estimated to infect about 400 million people worldwide every year, and over half of the world's population (3 billion people) resides in regions that are at risk from dengue (1). It is the etiological agent of a wide variety of dengue diseases ranging from mild dengue fever to severe dengue hemorrhagic fever and potentially fatal dengue shock syndrome (2). Currently, there is no approved antiviral treatment for dengue while the available vaccines are limited in efficacy and availability.

Similar to other members of the flavivirus genus, the DENV genome consist of a single-stranded positive sense RNA of ~11000 nucleotides encoding a ~3400 amino acid residue polyprotein precursor that is post-translationally cleaved into three structural proteins (capsid, pre-membrane/membrane and envelope) and seven non-structural (NS) proteins (NS1, NS2A, NS2B, NS3, NS4A, NS4B and NS5) (3). Virus replication and pathogenesis are the result of the perturbations induced in the host protein network by virus proteins during virus infection. Thus the elucidation of the virus-host interactome will be instrumental to a complete understanding of the cellular processes during a virus infection, and the consequent identification of interacting host proteins that are crucial for virus replication represent potential targets for host-directed antiviral therapeutics.

Loss-of-function genetic screens have proven useful in identifying host dependency factors that are critical for DENV replication (4-7), but whether and how these factors interact with virus proteins during virus infection and pathogenesis is

often not uncovered. In contrast, proteomic studies directly identify host proteins and
pathways targeted by DENV proteins. Proteome-wide studies applying the expression
of fragments of individual virus proteins using the yeast-2-hybrid (Y2H) method (8, 9)
or individual full-length virus proteins using the affinity purification coupled with mass
spectrometry (AP-MS) approach (10, 11) have had success in identifying host protein
interactors. But they only reveal part of the story as these studies do not replicate
cellular conditions during virus infection. In addition, it is known that the flavivirus
proteins interact with one another during virus infection (12). Hence such studies are
also missing out on DENV-host protein interactions that are mediated by multi DENV
protein complexes.
Virus-host protein interactome studies in the context of virus infection have
successfully identified critical interacting human proteins and pathways for influenza
infection (13, 14). Similar studies in flaviviruses have been held back by a compact
and highly sensitive flavivirus genome intolerant to manipulation (15), despite
advances in the development of reverse genetics systems in the construction of stable
flavivirus infectious DNA clone constructs (16, 17). Attempts at sequence insertions
have often produced constructs that were less fit compared to wild type and/or
unstable during continuous passaging in cells (17). This has limited studies using
replicon and infectious DNA clone systems to interrogate the interactome of virus
proteins to individual virus proteins (18, 19). Thus, it has remained a tremendous
challenge to perform a virus proteome-wide study and comprehensively characterize
the flavivirus-host protein interactome during virus infection.
In this study, we seek to overcome these challenges by co-expressing an
epitope tagged DENV protein during virus infection. Following affinity purification and
mass spectrometry, we identified about 200 host proteins as prospective interacting
proteins (PIPs) of the DENV non-structural proteins. Proteins involved in the
metabolism of RNA were highly enriched amongst these PIPs, with protein
complexes involved in mRNA 3'-end processing pathway in particular being targeted
by NS3. We further demonstrate that DENV requires the presence of the cleavage
and polyadenylation specificity factor (CPSF) complex for replication in a manner
separate from CPSF's endonuclease activity. Collectively, our results represent a
systematic DENV-human protein interactome in the context of DENV infection that
has directed the discovery of an interacting host protein complex crucial for virus
replication independent of its enzymatic function. This discovery opens a new angle
for the development of host-targeted antiviral therapeutics.
87
88 **RESULTS**
89
Identification of interacting host proteins during DENV infection
We first generated expression plasmids for each virus protein using the
infectious clone of a clinical strain of dengue serotype 2 virus (EDEN2) as the
template (20). Flavivirus proteins are translated as a polyprotein that is subsequently
cleaved by both the host proteases furin and signalase on the lumen side of the ER
and the viral NS2B/NS3 protease on the cytoplasmic side to yield the individual viral
proteins (Fig. 1A). Hence they do not typically start with the methionine residue,
except the capsid (C) protein. Considering the possible role of the N-terminal region
in the insertion of NS2A and NS4A into the membrane (21, 22), we decided against
adding an N-terminal methionine residue or using a N-terminal FLAG tag to initiate
translation. Instead we used the ubiquitin fusion technique to express the DENV
proteins with their native N-terminal residue (23, 24). The coding sequence for a HA-

tagged K48R ubiquitin (Ub) is cloned directly before the coding sequence of the
flavivirus protein. Upon expression in the cell, the ubiquitin is cleaved by cellular de-
ubiquitinases (DUBs), leading to the release of the DENV protein with its native N-
terminal residue (Fig. 1B). Finally, we added a C-terminal FLAG tag to enable the
use of a common antibody for affinity purification of all the DENV proteins. This also
permits the generation of control samples that are used to normalize the background
interactors during comparative analysis to identify human protein interactors specific
for each DENV protein.
We then transfected these expression plasmids into Huh7 cells to verify the
expression of various DENV proteins at their respective expected sizes by Western
blot (Fig. 1B). Proper and complete cleavage of the HA-Ub molecule from the DENV
proteins was also confirmed (Supplementary Fig. 1). The characteristic polyubiquitin
smear was observed in all the samples, except the empty vector and capsid
samples, as the capsid (C) expression plasmid (second lane) was not cloned with a
HA-Ub sequence since it has a native methionine.
Having established the correct expression of each virus protein, we
proceeded to prepare samples for the mass spectrometry experiments. We
transfected the respective plasmids individually into Huh7 cells, followed 6 hours
later by infection of the cells with DENV (Fig. 1C). The FLAG-tagged bait proteins
were then extracted for affinity purification 48 hours post-infection before being sent
for identification by mass spectrometry together with their associated proteins. We
generated triplicate affinity purification samples for each DENV bait protein but were
unable to reliably detect the bait proteins in some of these replicate samples (e.g.
one of the triplicates for NS2B). After omitting these replicates from our analysis,
thousands of host proteins were collectively identified as being associated with the
DENV bait proteins (Supplementary Table 1).
To facilitate the identification of reproducible and DENV bait protein specific
interacting host proteins, we analyzed the replicate samples for each DENV bait
protein using two different scoring algorithms on the Resource for Evaluation of
Protein Interaction Networks (REPRINT) platform: Contaminant Repository for
Affinity Purification (CRAPome) and Significance Analysis of INTeractome (SAINT)
(25, 26) (Supplementary Table 1). Both algorithms compare the spectral counts of
proteins detected in the respective replicate bait DENV protein samples to negative
control samples generated under the same affinity purification conditions to produce
an enrichment (FC for CRAPome) or probability (SP for SAINT) score.
This dataset represents a comprehensive database of the DENV-human
protein interactome in the context of DENV infection. Hence we were first interested
to see the number and frequency of DENV proteins for each of the bait DENV
proteins (Fig. 1D). We detected extensive interactions between the DENV proteins,
including previously described interactions such as those between NS3 and NS5
(27, 28), NS4A and NS4B (29), NS1 and NS4A (30, 31), and NS2A and C (32).
While this is unsurprising considering that all the non-structural proteins come
together to form the replication complex (33), further studies are necessary to
investigate the significance and context of these interactions. In particular, we
detected a strong reciprocal interaction between the E and NS2B proteins that is
likely to be occurring outside the context of the replication complex. We also noted
that none of the detected DENV proteins scored as significant on either CRAPome
(FC ≥ 4) or SAINT (SP ≥ 0.9) (Supplementary Table 2), suggesting that such
interactions make up a relatively small proportion of the interactions that DENV
proteins make during virus infection.

To increase the stringency in identifying human interacting proteins unique to
each bait DENV protein, we examined the scores assigned by SAINT to the human
proteins and identified about 200 proteins that were scored as significant (SP ≥ 0.9)
in at least two of the three replicate samples of a bait DENV protein. We termed
these proteins as prospective interacting proteins (PIPs) and found that they were
well distributed amongst the various non-structural proteins (Fig 1E). In addition,
more than half of the proteins that were found in all three replicates have been
previously identified as an interactor or differentially expressed during DENV
infection (Supplementary Table 3), validating the effectiveness of our approach in
identifying true interacting proteins.
162
DENV proteins interact with host proteins involved in diverse host pathways
When we visualized the list of PIPs in a DENV-human protein interaction map,
we found that there were numerous human proteins that were identified as PIPs of
more than one DENV protein (Fig. 2A). This finding stands out from previous
proteomic studies in which there were few overlapping interacting proteins identified
between the virus proteins (10, 11, 34), and could be attributed to our study being
performed in the context of DENV infection that enabled the identification of host
proteins binding to DENV protein complexes such as the virus replication complex.
We next performed pathway enrichment analysis to identify host pathways
that are enriched in the list of PIPs. We found these proteins to be involved in
diverse host processes (Supplementary Table 4), with the most significant
enrichment in the proteins associated with the chaperonin containing tailless
complex polyprotein 1 (CCT) complex (green), along with proteins involved in
diverse host processes including RNA metabolism (yellow) and asparagine-linked
glycosylation (red) (Fig. 2A and 2B, and Supplementary Table 4).
Two previous studies have performed AP-MS studies by incorporating epitope
tags into the NS1 and NS5 gene in the context of a replicon or infectious clone (18,
19). To compare our respective approaches, we performed pathway enrichment
analysis on the human proteins that were identified in both NS1 and NS5 datasets.
We found both lists of identified proteins to be significantly enriched in the same
pathways (Fig. 2C and Supplementary Tables 5 and 6). In particular, the CCT
complex (Formation of tubulin folding intermediates by CCT/TriC) was significantly
enriched in both NS1 lists (Fig. 2C, left) while mRNA metabolic process, mRNA
processing and ribonucleoprotein complex biogenesis were most significantly
featured in both NS5 lists (Fig. 2C, right). Taken together, our approach compares
favorably in the identification of human protein interactors with the reverse genetics
approach that directly incorporates an epitope tag into the virus genome.
Finally, we checked that our exogenously expressed FLAG-tagged DENV
proteins are localizing to their appropriate cellular compartments. We used the gene
ontology (GO) cellular components database to analyze the list of interacting
proteins for three DENV proteins (NS4A, NS4B and NS5) with previously defined
subcellular localization (Supplementary Table 7). The top three terms for NS5 were
ribonucleoprotein complex, nuclear specks and catalytic step 2 spliceosome (Fig.
2D), which is expected with DENV2 NS5 being an RNA-dependent RNA
polymerase, its known localization to the nucleus (35) and its ability to interact with
and modulate splicesome activity (19). Consistent with DENV NS4B protein's
reported localization to the mitochondria and modulation of mitochondrial structure
(36, 37), the top hit from the GO cellular components analysis was the mitochondrial
matrix (Fig. 2E). Finally the vesicle lumen was amongst the top hits for both

membrane-bound NS4A and NS4B (Fig. 2E). The results of these analyses suggest
that the expressed DENV proteins are localizing to their native cellular components
within the cell and interacting with previously reported host proteins.
Collectively, we have generated a comprehensive DENV-human protein
interactome in the context of DENV infection and identified host proteins and
pathways targeted by DENV non-structural proteins during infection.
208
Oligosaccharyltransferase (OST) complex members are a common interactor
of DENV non-structural (NS) proteins
Asparagine-linked glycosylation was one of the top terms picked up by
pathway enrichment analysis and is catalyzed by the oligosaccharyltransferase
(OST) complex (Fig. 2B). The OST complex is an essential human host protein
complex for flavivirus infection (4, 5, 38), although the nature of its interaction with
the flavivirus proteins during virus infection has not been fully characterized. We
detected peptides from many members of the OST complex with varying frequency
and abundance in the AP-MS samples from the various DENV proteins
(Supplementary Table 8). CRAPome and SAINT analysis revealed that the OST
complex members were more frequently and significantly enriched in samples from
the DENV non-structural proteins than the structural proteins (Fig. 3A and
Supplementary Table 8). In addition, the membrane-bound NS proteins (NS1, NS2A,
NS2B, NS4A and NS4B) pulled down the OST complex members with greater
frequency and abundance, with NS4A interacting with the greatest number of
complex members.
We sought to validate some of these interactions by immunoprecipitation
followed by Western blot (Fig. 3B). We co-transfected V5-tagged members of the
OST complex and FLAG-tagged DENV2 NS4A and NS4B, and performed reverse
immunoprecipitation using V5 antibodies, followed by Western blotting. Consistent
with our AP-MS data, DENV2 NS4A was pulled down by DDOST, RPN1, RPN2 and
STT3A (Fig. 3B, left). Interestingly, DENV NS4B was also pulled down by the same
set of proteins (Fig. 3B, right).
DENV replication takes place in virus replication organelles containing double-
stranded RNA and the virus replication complex (RC) made up of all the DENV NS
proteins (33, 39, 40). The high frequency of OST complex members as interactors of
DENV NS proteins suggests that the interaction between DENV and the OST
complex could be taking place in the context of these virus replication organelles.
We examined the intracellular localization of the OST complex members RPN1 and
MAGT1, and the virus RC by immunofluorescence assay (Fig. 3C). We found a
strong co-localization of dsRNA with both RPN1 and MAGT1 in Huh7 cells infected
with DENV, thus putting the OST complex in close proximity of the virus replication
organelle. Taken together, our data supports a model in which the OST complex is
recruited via interactions with DENV proteins within the DENV RC to the DENV virus
replication organelle during virus infection.
244
DENV NS3 interacts with and re-localizes CPSF complex proteins
RNA metabolism was the second most-enriched pathway amongst the host
proteins in our DENV-human protein interactome (Fig. 2B). Amongst the DENV
proteins, DENV NS3 is a multi-functional protein with helicase and nucleoside 5'-
triphosphate activities. Hence, we analyzed the list of human proteins identified in
our NS3 samples and found that metabolism of RNA, in particular mRNA, was the
most enriched term (Fig. 4A and Supplementary Table 9). Within the list of proteins

associated with this term were members of protein complexes involved in mRNA 3'-
end processing. Besides the core U5 snRNP components of the spliceosome that
had previously been identified as a target of NS5 (19), we also detected member
proteins of the cleavage stimulation factor (CSTF), cleavage factor (CF), and the
cleavage and polyadenylation specificity factor (CPSF) complexes (Fig. 4B).
Intriguingly, some of these proteins were also detected with lower CRAPome
enrichment scores in our DENV NS5 samples, suggesting that both NS3 and NS5
could be involved in interacting with members of this pathway (Fig. 4C and
Supplementary Table 10).
We next sought to confirm these interactions by co-expressing DENV NS
proteins with CPSF3, CPSF4 or the spliceosome protein EFTUD2 in 293T cells.
After immunoprecipitation and Western blotting, we found that NS3 and NS5, but not
NS1, can be pulled down by CPSF3, CPSF4 or EFTUD2 (Fig. 4D). This is in line
with our mass spectrometry results, demonstrating a specific interaction between
NS3 and NS5, and proteins involved in RNA metabolism.
Since all six members of the CPSF complex were detected in our NS3
samples, we chose to investigate the functional implication of this interaction. We
first examined the subcellular localization of CPSF3 and CPSF4 during DENV
infection using an immunofluorescence assay (IFA) (Fig. 5A). CPSF3 and CPSF4
were primarily localized in the nucleus, but we observed a decrease in the levels of
CPSF proteins in DENV-infected Huh7 cells that were co-stained with DENV NS3
(Fig. 5A and 5B) or dsRNA (Extended Data 1A). Quantification of the fluorescent
intensity revealed a significant decrease in the CPSF protein levels in the nucleus,
and a small but significant increase in CPSF protein levels in the cytoplasm (Fig.
5B). To investigate whether DENV NS3 alone is sufficient to re-localize the CPSF
proteins, we expressed DENV NS3 in Huh7 cells and performed the same IFA. We
found that Huh7 cells expressing NS3 also exhibited a significant re-localization of
the CPSF proteins from the nucleus to the cytoplasm (Fig 5C and 5D). In contrast,
DENV NS1 did not have a significant effect in the subcellular localization of the
CPSF proteins (Extended Data Fig 1B).
282
The CPSF complex, but not its endonuclease activity, is important of flavivirus
replication
CPSF3 is the endonuclease responsible for the CPSF complex's function of
cleaving pre-mRNA before polyadenylation during the maturation of host mRNA (41).
It has also been shown to be a promising drug target in some cancers and parasites
(42). Influenza virus and herpes simplex virus disrupt CPSF complex functions via
interactions with their respective encoded virus proteins (43). Hence we examined
whether DENV NS3 and NS5 have an effect on the pre-mRNA 3'-end processing
(44). We found that expression of DENV NS3 and/or NS5 did not have an effect of
IL8 pre-mRNA processing. In comparison, treatment of cells with the CPSF3
enzymatic inhibitor JTE-607 led to a significant accumulation of IL8 pre-mRNA
(Extended Data Fig. 2).
We next investigated whether the CPSF complex plays a role in DENV
replication. We used RNA interference (RNAi) to knock down CPSF3 expression
levels and then infected the cells to interrogate the importance of the CPSF complex
in DENV replication. Using two unique small interfering RNAs (siRNAs) against
CPSF3, we found a significant reduction in virus RNA replication (Fig. 6A). In
addition, this reduction is dose-dependent, as increasing amounts of transfected

siRNA that corresponded with reductions in the levels of CPSF3 RNA and protein led
to decreasing amounts of virus RNA replication and virus production (Fig. 6B).
The OST and CCT complexes have been previously found to be crucial pan-
flavivirus host factors. Hence we examined whether the CPSF complex is also
important for ZIKV infection. When we knocked down expression of CPSF3 with the
same CPSF3 siRNAs, we found that ZIKV replication is also abrogated (Fig. 6C). We
then investigated whether the CPSF complex is targeted in a similar manner by ZIKV
by testing whether ZIKV NS3 also interacts with CPSF3. We co-transfected V5-
tagged CPSF3 with FLAG-tagged DENV and ZIKV NS3, and subjected the cell
lysates to immunoprecipitation and Western blotting. We found that ZIKV NS3, like
DENV NS3, is also able to interact with CPSF3, suggesting a common mode of
targeting the CPSF complex amongst the flaviviruses (Fig. 6D).
JTE-607 is a small molecule inhibitor of the CPSF complex that binds to
CPSF3 and blocks its endonuclease activity at 10µM (44, 45). We found that JTE-
607 has very low toxicity with little effect on cell viability up to 250µM (Fig. 6E). We
next tested the effect of JTE-607 on DENV replication and found that JTE-607 had
no effect on DENV replication at an inhibitory concentration of 10µM (Fig. 6F, left).
But we found that JTE-607 becomes effective in inhibiting DENV replication as we
increased the concentration up to 250µM in our dose-response study, with an
estimated 50% effective concentration (EC50) of ~175µM (Fig. 6F). When we sought
to understand the cause of this inhibition, we found a dose-dependent decrease in
CPSF3 levels with increasing concentration of JTE-607 treatment. Interestingly,
CPSF4 levels also decreased in a similar manner (Fig. 6F), suggesting that a
decrease in CPSF complex levels is responsible for the observed inhibition.
Taken together, DENV targets the CPSF complex during DENV infection and
re-localized CPSF proteins to the cytoplasm. The enzymatic function of the CPSF
complex is not targeted by DENV and does not play a role in this abrogation, as
inhibition of CPSF3's endonuclease activity with a small molecule inhibitor has no
effect on DENV replication. But a reduction in CPSF complex protein levels, whether
by RNA interference or chemical treatment, leads to an abrogation of DENV
replication
332
DISCUSSION
During virus infection, virus proteins disrupt host protein networks to promote
virus replication and pathogenesis. Hence the revelation of the virus-host
interactome is a critical piece in uncovering the cellular processes that occur during a
virus infection. Previous proteomic studies on DENV have been limited to studying a
single DENV protein in the context of DENV infection or the study of the DENV
proteins in the absence of DENV infection. Here we co-expressed epitope-tagged
DENV proteins during DENV infection to generate a comprehensive DENV-human
protein interactome in the context of DENV infection using an affinity purification-
mass spectrometry approach (Fig. 1C). We identified about 200 human proteins as
prospective interacting proteins (PIPs) of the non-structural (NS) proteins of DENV.
Pathway enrichment analysis of these proteins reveals an enrichment of members of
the chaperonin containing tailless complex polyprotein 1 (CCT) complex, and
proteins involved in asparagine N-linked glycosylation and RNA metabolism (Fig.
2B).
The primary protein complexes responsible for the former two pathways have
have been previously reported to be crucial host factors for DENV replication. The

oligosaccharyltransferase (OST) complex catalyzes the co-translational glycosylation
of specific asparagine residues, and had been previously identified to be an
indispensable human host protein complex for flavivirus infection via genetic and
genomic studies (4, 5, 38). But the nature of its interaction with the virus at a protein
level had been incomplete and seemingly conflicting. We clarify this by detecting
members of the OST complex in our AP-MS samples for every single non-structural
(NS) DENV protein (Fig. 3A) and showing co-localization of OST complex members
with dsRNA in DENV-infected cells (Fig. 3C). Taken together, these data suggest
that the interaction with the OST complex is taking place in the context of the virus
replication complex within the virus replication organelles. In contrast, the CCT/TRiC
complex is only targeted by the NS1 protein as members of the CCT complex were
only scored as PIPs for NS1. This was confirmed via immunoprecipitation followed
by Western blotting, as NS1, but not NS3 or NS5, is able to pull down CCT2 and
CCT7 (Extended Data Fig. 3 and Supplementary Table 11).
The RNA metabolism pathway comprises all the steps in which RNA
transcription products are further modified to yield mature mRNA, including capping,
splicing, 3'-cleavage and polyadenylation. We found members of protein complexes
involved in splicing and mRNA 3'-end cleavage in the AP-MS samples for NS3 and
NS5. In particular, we identified and validated members of the CPSF complex as
novel interactors of NS3 (Fig. 4). DENV infection and the expression of DENV NS3
alone is sufficient to re-localize CPSF proteins from the nucleus, suggesting a
recruitment of CPSF proteins to the cytoplasm where virus replication occurs (Fig.
5). When CPSF3 expression is knocked down using RNA interference, DENV
replication was abrogated in a dose-dependent manner, indicating the importance of
the CPSF complex during virus replication (Fig. 6B). The endonuclease function of
CPSF3 is not involved in this role, as a small molecule inhibitor JTE-607 has no
effect on DENV replication at enzyme-inhibitory concentrations (Fig. 6E). Intriguingly,
we found that higher concentrations of JTE-607 led to an abrogation of DENV
replication that corresponded to a reduction in the protein levels of not only CPSF3
but also CPSF4. Taken together, our results demonstrate that the presence of the
CPSF complex proteins is critical for DENV replication and support a model in which
DENV is targeting and recruiting the CPSF complex, but not its enzymatic activity,
during virus replication.
The identification of host targets for antiviral therapeutics have been driven by
genetic and small molecule inhibitor screens that have largely limited discovery to
non-essential and enzymatic proteins respectively. Using a proteomic approach, we
have identified a host protein complex that is crucial for DENV infection independent
of its enzymatic activity. This raises the possibility of targeting essential enzymatic
proteins for antiviral therapeutics by disrupting the interaction between the virus and
human protein without affecting the host protein's enzymatic activity. The potential of
such an approach had been recently demonstrated in an inadvertent manner in the
discovery of a dengue virus inhibitor that was subsequently found to target the NS3-
NS4B interaction (46). We have found that the helicase domain of NS3 is sufficient
to mediate the interaction with an N-terminal fragment of CPSF3 (Extended Data
Figure 4). This finding lays the foundation for further structure-function studies
necessary to uncover the molecular mechanism of the interaction, and to direct the
development of specific small molecules to disrupt this interaction.
398

399 **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

400
401 We thank members of the Vasudevan and Sobota laboratories for discussion, advice
402 and reagents. This work was supported by National Medical Research Council
403 grants NMRC/OFYIRG/0006/2016 to M.J.A.T. and NMRC/CBRG/0103/2016 to
404 S.G.V., and Ministry of Health grants MOH-000086 (MOH-OFIRG18may-0006/2019)
405 and MOH-001497 (MOH-OFIRG23jul-0004) to S.G.V.
406
407 **AUTHOR CONTRIBUTIONS**
408
409 M.J.A.T. and A.N.M.N. performed the cloning and affinity purification of the dengue
410 virus proteins. Y.T.L and R.M.S. performed mass spectrometry and initial data
411 analysis. M.J.A.T. performed the subsequent Metascape analysis and downstream
412 biological assays. M.J.A.T., S.G.V. and M.L.H. supervised the research. M.J.A.T.
413 wrote the manuscript with input from S.G.V and M.L.H.
414
415 **DISCLOSURE AND COMPETING INTERESTS STATEMENT**
416
417 The authors declare that they have no conflict of interest.
418
419 **METHODS**
420
Cell lines and viruses. Huh-7 and 293T (ATCC) were maintained in high-glucose Dulbecco's

modified Eagle's medium (DMEM) containing L-glutamine supplemented with 10% [v/v] fetal bovine

serum (FBS) and 1% [v/v] penicillin and streptomycin (P/S). BHK-21 cells (ATCC) were maintained in

RPMI1640 medium supplemented with 10% FBS and 1% P/S. All cells were grown at 37°C in 5%

CO_2. C6/36 cells (ATCC) were maintained in RPMI1640 medium supplemented with 25 mM HEPES,

10% FBS and 1% P/S at 28°C, in the absence of CO_2.

The two ZIKV strains, H/PF/2013 (KJ776791.2) and Paraiba01/2015 (KX280026.1), used in this study

were grown in C6/36 cells, titered in BHK-21 cells and stored at -80°C (47)

The DENV strain (GenBank accessions: DENV2, EU081177) was obtained from the Early Dengue

infection and outcome (EDEN) study (48). The ZIKV strain H/PF/2013 (GenBank accession:

KJ776791.2) was a gift from Cécile Baronti at Aix Marseille Université (47). The viruses used in this

study were grown in C6/36 cells, titered in BHK-21 cells and stored at -80°C. Institutional approval has

been granted by Duke-NUS Medical School to perform experiments with DENV and ZIKV.

Plasmid construction

The virus protein expression plasmids were generated from the DENV2 infectious clone plasmid (35)

for the DENV strain. The list of primers used for plasmid cloning are listed in Supplementary Table 12.

The expression plasmids for the human genes were obtained from the CCSB-Broad Lentiviral

Expression Library (PerkinElmer) (49).

Plasmid transfection and virus infection

For immunoprecipitation assays, 1.5e5 Huh7 cells were seeded onto 12-well plates and incubated overnight at 37°C with 5% CO_2. Cells were transfected with 1µg of the indicated plasmids using FuGENE 6 (Promega), according to the manufacturer's protocol.

For immunofluorescence assays, 1.5e5 Huh7 cells were seeded onto 12-well plates containing #1.0 glass cover slips, and incubated overnight at 37°C with 5% CO_2. Cells were transfected with 1µg of the indicated plasmid using FuGENE 6 (Promega), according to the manufacturer's protocol. For virus infection, cells were incubated with 500µl of virus inoculum at the indicated MOI for 1h, and viral inoculums were replaced with growth media prior to 24h incubation at 37°C with 5% CO_2.

Immunofluorescence assay and confocal laser scanning microscopy

The cells on coverslips were fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde for 15min at room temperature, washed with 1x phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) buffer followed by blocking and permeabilization using 2% [w/v] bovine serum albumin (BSA)/0.3% [v/v] Triton X-100/PBS for 1h at room temperature. Cells were washed with 1x PBS before incubation with the following primary antibodies: dsRNA (1001050; Exalpha), DENV NS3 (3F8) (50), CPSF3 (H00051692-M01; Novus Biologicals), CPSF4 (15023-1-AP; Proteintech), RPN1 (198598; Abcam) and MAGT1 (17430-1-AP; Proteintech). After washing with 1x PBS, the cells were incubated with the following secondary antibody coupled to Alexa-Fluor 488 and 594 (Thermo Fisher). Cell nuclei were visualized using DAPI (D9542; Merck). Coverslips were mounted using ProLong Gold Antifade reagent (Thermo Fisher) onto glass slides and confocal laser scanning microscopy was performed using a Zeiss LSM 710 upright confocal microscope (Carl Zeiss, Germany) with a 63x 1.35 NA objective. Image processing was performed with Zeiss ZEN and ImageJ software (51).

Affinity purification-mass spectrometry sample preparation. 2.5e6 Huh7 cells were transfected with 10µg of empty vector or FLAG-tagged DENV proteins. 6h post-transfection, the cells were infected with DENV as above. 48h post-infection, cells were washed twice with PBS, and lysed with 0.5% NP-40 lysis buffer (50mM Tris-HCl pH 7.8, 150mM NaCl) or 0.5% DDM lysis buffer (20mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 100mM NaCl). Affinity purification was performed using anti-FLAG antibody (F1804; Merck) and SureBeads Protein A/G Magnetic Beads (Bio-Rad)

Mass spectrometry. Bound proteins were reduced with 20mM TCEP for 20min at 55°C and alkylated with 55 mM 2-chloroacetamide (CAA) for 30 min, in the dark, at room temperature. Before digestion,

469 samples were diluted with 100 mM triethylamonium bicarbonate buffer (TEAB). Protease digestion was

470 carried out with LysC enzyme (Wako) for 4 h, followed by trypsin (Promega) treatment for 18 h at 25°C

471 (1:100, enzyme:protein ratio). Subsequently, samples were acidified with 1% trifluoroacetic acid and

472 peptides were desalted with Sep-Pak C18 cartridges (Waters). Elution of peptides was performed with

473 0.5% acetic acid, 80% acetonitrile followed by peptide concentration using a vacuum concentrator

474 system (Eppendorf).

475 **Mass spectrometry acquisition and data processing.** Digested peptide samples were loaded on a

476 heated (50°C) Easy-Spray 75µm x 50cm column (Thermo Scientific) on an EASY-nLC 1000 system

477 coupled to a Fusion Mass Spectrometer (Thermo Scientific) with an EASY-Spray source. Peptides were

478 separated over a 100 min gradient, using mobile phase A (0.1% formic acid in water) and mobile phase

479 B (0.1% formic acid in 95% acetonitrile). Mass spectra were collected in data-dependent mode with

480 cycle time of 3s between master scans. MS1 scans were performed in the Orbitrap with 120K resolution,

481 AGC target of 400,000 and maximum injection time of 100ms. MS/MS collision induced dissociation

482 was performed in the ion trap, with collision energy at 35 %, isolation window of 1.0 m/z, AGC target of

483 8,000, and maximum injection time of 70ms.

484 Mass spectra raw files were searched with Mascot in Proteome Discoverer 2.4 against a human uniprot

485 database (retrieved in 2016), with following parameters: precursor mass tolerance of 10ppm, fragment

486 mass tolerance of 0.8 Da, trypsin as enzyme with maximum 3 missed cleavages, with static modification

487 for carbamidomethyl (C), and dynamic modifications for acetyl (Protein N-terminus), oxidation (M) and

488 deamidation (N,Q). False discovery rate estimation with 2 levels: Strict = FDR 1%, Medium = FDR 5%.

489 Precursor mass peak (MS1) intensities were quantified by label-free quantification (LFQ) using the

490 Minora feature detector.

491 **Data availability.** The raw spectra and search data will be uploaded to the Japan ProteOme STandard

492 Repository (jPOSTrepo).

493 **Interactome analysis.** The lists of detected proteins for each DENV bait protein was analyzed on the

494 Resource for Evaluation of Protein Interaction Networks (REPRINT) platform using the Significance

495 Analysis of Interactome (SAINT) and Contaminant Repository for Affinity Purification (CRAPome)

496 analysis tools (25, 26), and prey proteins with a SAINT score ≥ 0.9 in more than two of the three

497 replicates for its DENV bait protein were designated as prospective interacting proteins (PIPs). The

DENV-host protein interactome was visualized using Cytoscape (52). The complete details of the

analyses are provided in the supplementary data (Supplementary Table S6).

Enrichment analysis. Each list of candidate interacting proteins was analyzed with a number of

ontology sources including KEGG pathway, gene ontology biological processes, CORUM, reactome

gene sets and gene ontology cellular components. All the pathway enrichment analysis and

visualizations were performed using Metascape (http://metascape.org/gp/index.html#/main/step1) (53).

The complete lists containing the terms, results and statistics for all the Metascape analyses are

provided in Supplementary Information.

RNA extraction and RT-qPCR. Total RNA from cell lysates was isolated using the RNeasy kit (Qiagen)

and subjected to cDNA synthesis using the High-Capacity cDNA Reverse Transcription Kit (Thermo

Fisher) according to manufacturer's instructions. RT-qPCR was conducted using the iQ SYBR Green

Supermix (Bio-Rad) for detection of the indicated genes. Gene expression was normalized to RPLP1

expression and presented as a percentage relative to empty vector control (for the pre-mRNA assay)

or untreated control (for DENV and ZIKV infection). The primers used for RT-qPCR are listed in

Supplementary Table 12.

Western blotting. Proteins were separated using NuPAGE Bis-Tris gels (Thermo Fisher Scientific) and

transferred onto PVDF membranes (Merck). After blocking in 4% [w/v] BSA/0.05% [v/v] Tween-20/PBS,

blots were incubated with the following primary antibodies diluted in 2% [w/v] BSA/0.05% [v/v] Tween-

20/PBS: actin (MAB1501; Merck), V5 (13202; Cell Signaling), FLAG (F1804; Merck), HA (ROAHAHA;

Merck), CPSF3 (H00051692-M01; Novus Biologicals), CPSF4 (15023-1-AP; Proteintech) and NS5

(GTX133327; GeneTex). Bound primary antibodies were incubated with AffiniPure donkey anti-rat,

mouse or rabbit Alexa Fluor 680 or 790 secondary antibodies (Jackson ImmunoResearch), followed by

visualization using the Odyssey CLx Imaging System (Li-Cor).

Cell viability and virus inhibition assays. 2×10^4 Huh7 cells were seeded onto a 96-well white opaque

plate (Grenier) and treated with JTE-607 at the indicated concentrations for 24h. Cytotoxicity was

determined using the CellTiter-Glo Luminescent Cell Viability Assay (Promega) according to

manufacturer's instructions. The cell viability curve is presented as a percentage of the luminescence

units detected from the treated sample to that of the untreated control sample. 1×10^5 Huh7 cells were

infected with DENV at MOI 1 (multiplicity of infection) for 1h, followed by treatment with the compounds

at the indicated concentrations for 24h. Supernatants were collected, clarified and subjected to plaque

quantification. The efficacy of JTE-607 (EC50: concentration at which the virus infection is reduced by

50%) was determined by the sigmoidal dose response curve of virus titer against drug concentration

using Prism (GraphPad).

siRNA experiments. $1x10^5$ Huh7 cells were transfected with the indicated concentration of siRNA

using DharmaFECT 1 (Horizon) for 24h before infection with DENV at MOI 1 for an additional 24h.

Supernatants were collected, clarified and subjected to plaque quantification 48h post transfection,

while RNA was extracted from the cells for RT-qPCR analysis. The ON-TARGETplus CPSF3 siRNA

(J-006365-09-0002 and J-006365-10-0002) were purchased from Horizon.

Plaque assay. $2x10^5$ BHK-21 cells were seeded onto a 24-well plate and incubated overnight at 37°C

with 5% CO_2. Virus samples were diluted with RPMI 1640 serum-free media and the cells were

incubated with the diluted inoculum for 1h. Virus inoculum was then removed, and the cells were

overlaid with 0.8% carboxylmethyl cellulose (CMC) and further incubated for 4 (for ZIKV) or 5 (for

DENV) days. The cells were then fixed with 3.7% formaldehyde and stained with 1% crystal violet for

plaque visualization.

Statistical analysis. The error bars in the figures represent the standard error of mean for each set of

data calculated using Prism (GraphPad). The statistical significance of the differences between the

various experimental conditions and the control was evaluated by the indicated statistical tests using

Prism (GraphPad). Data from at least two biological replicate experiments were used in the statistical

tests, and P values ≤ 0.05 were considered to be statistically significant.

FIGURE LEGENDS
Fig. 1. Building a virus-human protein interactome during dengue virus (DENV)
infection. a. The DENV genome is translated as a single polyprotein that is post-
translationally cleaved by host and DENV proteases to produce 10 DENV proteins.
b. Cloning strategy for the expression of DENV proteins with their native N-terminal
residue. The coding sequence for a HA-tagged K48R ubiquitin is cloned directly
before the coding sequence of the flavivirus protein. Upon expression in the cell, the
ubiquitin is cleaved by cellular de-ubiquitinases (DUBs), leading to the release of the
flavivirus protein with the native N-terminal residue. Western blot showing the
expression of the FLAG-tagged DENV proteins at their expected sizes after transient
transfection in Huh7 cells (below). **c**. Schematic of the experimental setup for the co-
expression of a FLAG-tagged DENV protein during DENV infection, followed by
affinity purification-mass spectrometry and REPRINT analysis to score identified
proteins. **d**. Heatmap depicting the average CRAPome scores of detected DENV
proteins from the biological replicates of each bait DENV protein, relative to the
average CRAPome score for that bait DENV protein. **e**. Bar graph showing the
number of prospective interacting proteins (PIPs) identified for each DENV non-
structural protein based on their SAINT scores.

Fig. 2. The DENV-human protein interaction map during DENV infection. a. The prospective interacting proteins (PIPs) (grey) of all the DENV non-structural proteins were used to construct this DENV-human protein interaction map during DENV infection. The blue nodes represent the bait DENV proteins while the green, yellow and red nodes highlight the human proteins associated with the CCT complex, RNA metabolism and asparagine N-linked glycosylation respectively. In addition, the proteins that make up the core CCT and OST protein complexes are boxed. Dotted and solid lines represent interactions scored as significant by SAINT in two or three biological replicates respectively. **b**. Bar graph showing the top three enriched pathways associated with the PIPs for all the DENV NS proteins. **c**. Heat map depicting the enriched pathways associated with human proteins pulled down by DENV NS1 (left) and NS5 (right) in this and previous studies. **d**. Bar graph showing the enriched cellular compartments associated with NS5 candidate interacting proteins using the Gene Ontology Cellular Components database. **e**. Heat map showing the enriched cellular compartments associated with NS4A and NS4B candidate interacting proteins using the Gene Ontology Cellular Components database. All the pathway enrichment data was generated with the Metascape analysis tool searching the Gene Ontology Biological Processes, CORUM, Reactome Gene Sets, KEGG Pathway and WikiPathways databases for b and c, and the Gene Ontology Cellular Components database for d and e. The magnitude of the bars (b and d) and the color intensity (c and e) represents the statistical significance of association to the respective pathways ($-\log_{10}(P)$).

Fig. 3. OST complex interacts with the DENV replication complex in virus replication organelles. a. Heat map depicting the average CRAPome scores of the detected OST complex members from the biological replicates of each bait DENV protein. **b**. V5 immunoprecipitation of 293T cells transfected with the indicated FLAG-tagged DENV proteins and V5-tagged OST complex members, followed by Western blotting with the indicated antibodies. **c**. Immunofluorescence assay of Huh7 cells infected with DENV showing the localization of dsRNA (red) and the indicated OST complex protein (green). The cells were imaged using Zeiss LSM 710 upright confocal microscope with a 63x 1.35 NA objective. The quantification and co-localization of the fluorescent intensities for the DENV and OST complex protein were performed using the Zeiss ZEN software Profile function, with the line-scan profile being graphed using Prism. The images are representative of similar results from three independent biological experiments.

Fig. 4. DENV targets proteins involved in multiple steps during RNA metabolism. a. Bar graph showing the enriched pathways associated with the human proteins identified in the DENV NS3 samples. Metascape analysis was performed as in Figure 2. **b**. Protein-protein interaction network showing the interaction between NS3 and human protein complexes involved in mRNA cleavage, polyadenylation and splicing processes. The presence of an edge denotes the detection of the human protein in the NS3 samples, and the thickness of the edge represents the average CRAPome score of the interaction from the replicate samples for NS3. **c**. Heat map depicting the average CRAPome scores of the CPSF and U5 spliceosome complex members detected in the DENV NS3 and NS5 samples. **d**. V5 immunoprecipitation of 293T cells transfected with the indicated FLAG-tagged DENV proteins and V5-tagged proteins involved in RNA metabolism,

615 followed by Western blotting with the indicated antibodies showing the specific
616 interaction between CPSF3, CPSF4 and EFTUD2, and DENV NS3 and NS5.
617
Fig. 5. DENV NS3 relocalizes CPSF proteins from the nucleus to the cytoplasm.
a. Immunofluorescence assay of Huh7 cells infected with DENV showing intracellular
distribution of CPSF3 or CPSF4 (green) with infected cells indicated by staining with
NS3 (red). **b.** Quantification of the fluorescent intensity for CPSF proteins (green),
DENV NS3 (red) and DAPI (blue) along the indicated line-scans was performed
using the Zeiss ZEN software Profile function and plotted on a line graph using
Prism. **c.** Immunofluorescence assay of Huh7 cells expressing DENV NS3 showing
the intracellular distribution of CPSF3 or CPSF4 (green) with cells expressing NS3
indicated by straining with NS3's FLAG tag (red). **d.** Quantification of the fluorescent
intensity for CPSF proteins (green), FLAG (red) and DAPI (blue) along the indicated
line-scans was performed using the Zeiss ZEN software Profile function and plotted
on a line graph using Prism. For b and d, thirty individual data points of the
fluorescent intensity for the CPSF proteins were taken from the middle of the nucleus
and cytoplasm, and compared by multiple unpaired t-tests and a p-value less than
0.05 was considered significant (*, $p < 0.05$; ***, $p < 0.001$; ****, $p < 0.0001$). The
images are representative of similar results from three independent biological
experiments.
635
Fig. 6. The CPSF complex, but not its endonuclease activity, is critical for
DENV replication. a. Bar graph (left) and dot plot (right) showing the relative levels
of DENV genomic RNA and DENV plaque forming units (PFU) in Huh7 cells treated
with the indicated siRNAs at 40μM for 24h before being infected with DENV for 24h.
b. Bar graph (left) and dot plot (center) showing the relative levels of DENV genomic
RNA and DENV plaque forming units (PFU) in Huh7 cells treated with increasing
concentrations of siCPSF3-10. Bar graph showing the relative levels of CPSF3
mRNA and Western blot with the indicated antibodies showing the protein levels of
DENV NS5 and CPSF3 (right). **c**. Bar graph (left) and dot plot (right) showing the
relative levels of ZIKV genomic RNA and ZIKV plaque forming units (PFU) in Huh7
cells treated with the indicated siRNAs at 40μM for 24h before being infected with
ZIKV for 24h. **d**. V5 immunoprecipitation of 293T cells transfected with FLAG-tagged
ZIKV or DENV NS3 and V5-tagged CPSF3, followed by Western blotting with the
indicated antibodies, showing that ZIKV NS3, like DENV NS3, interacts with CPSF3.
e. Bar graph showing the relative cell viability of Huh7 cells treated with the indicated
concentrations of JTE-607. **f**. Line graph showing the relative DENV infectivity of
Huh7 cells treated with the indicated concentrations of JTE-607. The number of
plaque forming units were counted for each sample and plotted relative to the
untreated sample. The estimated EC_{50} was calculated using Prism. Western blot
with the indicated antibodies of the corresponding cell lysate samples showing the
decrease in protein levels of DENV NS5, CPSF3, CPSF4 and actin with treatment of
increasing concentrations of JTE-607. Mean values were compared to the respective
control samples by Dunnett multiple comparison after one-way ANOVA, and a p-
value less than 0.05 was considered significant (*, $p < 0.05$; **, $p < 0.01$; ****, $p <$
0.0001).
661
662 **Extended Data Fig. 1. DENV NS1 does not alter the subcellular localization of**
663 **CPSF proteins. a**. Immunofluorescence assay of DENV-infected Huh7 cells
664 showing the intracellular distribution of CPSF4 (green) with infected cells indicated

by staining with dsRNA (red). Quantification of the fluorescent intensity for CPSF proteins (green), dsRNA (red) and DAPI (blue) along the indicated line-scans was performed using the Zeiss ZEN software Profile function and plotted on a line graph using Prism (right). **b.** Immunofluorescence assay of Huh7 cells expressing DENV NS1 showing the levels of CPSF4 (green) in the nuclei of cells stained for the FLAG tag on NS1 (red). Quantification of the fluorescent intensity for CPSF proteins (green), FLAG (red) and DAPI (blue) along the indicated line-scans was performed using the Zeiss ZEN software Profile function and plotted on a line graph using Prism (right). Thirty individual data points of the fluorescent intensity for the CPSF proteins were taken from the middle of the nucleus and cytoplasm, and compared by multiple unpaired t-tests and a p-value less than 0.05 was considered significant (****, $p < 0.0001$). The images are representative of similar results from three independent biological experiments.

Extended Data Fig. 2. DENV NS3 does not affect CPSF complex function. Bar graph showing the relative levels of IL8 pre-mRNA in Huh7 cells treated and transfected as indicated (top). Results are from two biologically independent experiments with the statistical significance calculated by comparing mean values to the control samples by Dunnett multiple comparison after one-way ANOVA. A p-value less than 0.05 was considered significant (****, $p < 0.0001$). Western blot with the indicated antibodies showing the expression of NS3 and/or NS5 (bottom) is representative of two biologically independent experiments repeated with similar results.

Extended Data Fig. 3. The CCT complex interacts specifically with DENV NS1. **a**. Heat map depicting the average CRAPome scores of the detected CCT complex members from the biological replicates of each bait DENV protein. **b.** Bar graph showing the enriched terms associated with all identified NS1 interacting proteins. Metascape analysis was performed as in Figure 2. **c.** Protein-protein interaction network showing the interactions between DENV NS1 and its PIPs. **d.** FLAG immunoprecipitation of 293T cells transfected with the indicated FLAG-tagged DENV proteins and V5-tagged CCT complex members, followed by Western blotting with the indicated antibodies, showing a specific interaction between the CCT complex and DENV NS1.

Extended Data Fig. 4. The helicase domain of DENV NS3 is necessary and sufficient to bind the N-terminal of CPSF3. Immunoprecipitation using the indicated antibodies of 293T cells transfected with FLAG-tagged NS3 and V5-tagged CPSF3, followed by Western blotting with the indicated antibodies. The amino acid positions for the various domains for DENV NS3 and CPSF3 used are depicted.

REFERENCES

1.   Bhatt S, Gething PW, Brady OJ, Messina JP, Farlow AW, Moyes CL, et al. The global distribution and burden of dengue. Nature. 2013;496(7446):504-7.
2.   Ashburn PM, Craig CF. Experimental Inverstigations Regarding the Etiology of Dengue Fever. The Journal of Infectious Diseases. 1907;4(3):440-75.
3.   Kuno G, Chang GJ. Full-length sequencing and genomic characterization of Bagaza, Kedougou, and Zika viruses. Archives of virology. 2007;152(4):687-96.

4.   Marceau CD, Puschnik AS, Majzoub K, Ooi YS, Brewer SM, Fuchs G, et al. Genetic
dissection of Flaviviridae host factors through genome-scale CRISPR screens. Nature.
2016;535(7610):159-63.
5.   Lin DL, Cherepanova NA, Bozzacco L, MacDonald MR, Gilmore R, Tai AW. Dengue
Virus Hijacks a Noncanonical Oxidoreductase Function of a Cellular
Oligosaccharyltransferase Complex. mBio. 2017;8(4).
6.   Labeau A, Simon-Loriere E, Hafirassou ML, Bonnet-Madin L, Tessier S,
Zamborlini A, et al. A Genome-Wide CRISPR-Cas9 Screen Identifies the Dolichol-
Phosphate Mannose Synthase Complex as a Host Dependency Factor for Dengue Virus
Infection. J Virol. 2020;94(7).
7.   Savidis G, McDougall WM, Meraner P, Perreira JM, Portmann JM, Trincucci G, et
al. Identification of Zika Virus and Dengue Virus Dependency Factors using Functional
Genomics. Cell Rep. 2016;16(1):232-46.
8.   Khadka S, Vangeloff AD, Zhang C, Siddavatam P, Heaton NS, Wang L, et al. A
physical interaction network of dengue virus and human proteins. Mol Cell Proteomics.
2011;10(12):M111 012187.
9.   Mairiang D, Zhang H, Sodja A, Murali T, Suriyaphol P, Malasit P, et al.
Identification of new protein interactions between dengue fever virus and its hosts,
human and mosquito. PLoS One. 2013;8(1):e53535.
10.   Colpitts TM, Barthel S, Wang P, Fikrig E. Dengue virus capsid protein binds core
histones and inhibits nucleosome formation in human liver cells. PLoS One.
2011;6(9):e24365.
11.   Shah PS, Link N, Jang GM, Sharp PP, Zhu T, Swaney DL, et al. Comparative
Flavivirus-Host Protein Interaction Mapping Reveals Mechanisms of Dengue and Zika
Virus Pathogenesis. Cell. 2018;175(7):1931-45.e18.
12.   Xie X, Zou J, Wang QY, Shi PY. Targeting dengue virus NS4B protein for drug
discovery. Antiviral Res. 2015;118:39-45.
13.   Heaton NS, Moshkina N, Fenouil R, Gardner TJ, Aguirre S, Shah PS, et al. Targeting
Viral Proteostasis Limits Influenza Virus, HIV, and Dengue Virus Infection. Immunity.
2016;44(1):46-58.
14.   Wang L, Fu B, Li W, Patil G, Liu L, Dorf ME, et al. Comparative influenza protein
interactomes identify the role of plakophilin 2 in virus restriction. Nat Commun.
2017;8:13876.
15.   Perry JW, Chen Y, Speliotes E, Tai AW. Functional Analysis of the Dengue Virus
Genome Using an Insertional Mutagenesis Screen. J Virol. 2018;92(7).
16.   Aubry F, Nougairede A, Gould EA, de Lamballerie X. Flavivirus reverse genetic
systems, construction techniques and applications: a historical perspective. Antiviral
Res. 2015;114:67-85.
17.   Baker C, Shi PY. Construction of Stable Reporter Flaviviruses and Their
Applications. Viruses. 2020;12(10).
18.   Hafirassou ML, Meertens L, Umana-Diaz C, Labeau A, Dejarnac O, Bonnet-Madin
L, et al. A Global Interactome Map of the Dengue Virus NS1 Identifies Virus Restriction
and Dependency Host Factors. Cell Rep. 2017;21(13):3900-13.
19.   De Maio FA, Risso G, Iglesias NG, Shah P, Pozzi B, Gebhard LG, et al. The Dengue
Virus NS5 Protein Intrudes in the Cellular Spliceosome and Modulates Splicing. PLoS
Pathog. 2016;12(8):e1005841.
20.   Tan MJA, Chan KWK, Ng IHW, Kong SYZ, Gwee CP, Watanabe S, et al. The
Potential Role of the ZIKV NS5 Nuclear Spherical-Shell Structures in Cell Type-Specific
Host Immune Modulation during ZIKV Infection. Cells. 2019;8(12).

21.   Stern O, Hung YF, Valdau O, Yaffe Y, Harris E, Hoffmann S, et al. An N-terminal
amphipathic helix in dengue virus nonstructural protein 4A mediates oligomerization
and is essential for replication. J Virol. 2013;87(7):4080-5.
22.   Fajardo-Sanchez E, Galiano V, Villalain J. Spontaneous membrane insertion of a
dengue virus NS2A peptide. Arch Biochem Biophys. 2017;627:56-66.
23.   Bachmair A, Finley D, Varshavsky A. In vivo half-life of a protein is a function of
its amino-terminal residue. Science. 1986;234(4773):179-86.
24.   Varshavsky A. Ubiquitin fusion technique and its descendants. Methods Enzymol.
2000;327:578-93.
25.   Choi H, Larsen B, Lin ZY, Breitkreutz A, Mellacheruvu D, Fermin D, et al. SAINT:
probabilistic scoring of affinity purification-mass spectrometry data. Nat Methods.
2011;8(1):70-3.
26.   Mellacheruvu D, Wright Z, Couzens AL, Lambert JP, St-Denis NA, Li T, et al. The
CRAPome: a contaminant repository for affinity purification-mass spectrometry data.
Nat Methods. 2013;10(8):730-6.
27.   Brooks AJ, Johansson M, John AV, Xu Y, Jans DA, Vasudevan SG. The interdomain
region of dengue NS5 protein that binds to the viral helicase NS3 contains
independently functional importin beta 1 and importin alpha/beta-recognized nuclear
localization signals. J Biol Chem. 2002;277(39):36399-407.
28.   Johansson M, Brooks AJ, Jans DA, Vasudevan SG. A small region of the dengue
virus-encoded RNA-dependent RNA polymerase, NS5, confers interaction with both the
nuclear transport receptor importin-beta and the viral helicase, NS3. J Gen Virol.
2001;82(Pt 4):735-45.
29.   Zou J, Xie X, Wang QY, Dong H, Lee MY, Kang C, et al. Characterization of dengue
virus NS4A and NS4B protein interaction. J Virol. 2015;89(7):3455-70.
30.   Tan MJA, Brown NG, Chan KWK, Jin JY, Zu Kong SY, Vasudevan SG. Mutations in
the cytoplasmic domain of dengue virus NS4A affect virus fitness and interactions with
other non-structural proteins. J Gen Virol. 2020;101(9):941-53.
31.   Plaszczyca A, Scaturro P, Neufeldt CJ, Cortese M, Cerikan B, Ferla S, et al. A novel
interaction between dengue virus nonstructural protein 1 and the NS4A-2K-4B
precursor is required for viral RNA replication but not for formation of the membranous
replication organelle. PLoS Pathog. 2019;15(5):e1007736.
32.   Xie X, Zou J, Zhang X, Zhou Y, Routh AL, Kang C, et al. Dengue NS2A Protein
Orchestrates Virus Assembly. Cell Host Microbe. 2019;26(5):606-22 e8.
33.   Lescar J, Soh S, Lee LT, Vasudevan SG, Kang C, Lim SP. The Dengue Virus
Replication Complex: From RNA Replication to Protein-Protein Interactions to Evasion
of Innate Immunity. Adv Exp Med Biol. 2018;1062:115-29.
34.   Li M, Johnson JR, Truong B, Kim G, Weinbren N, Dittmar M, et al. Identification of
antiviral roles for the exon-junction complex and nonsense-mediated decay in flaviviral
infection. Nat Microbiol. 2019;4(6):985-95.
35.   Tay MY, Smith K, Ng IH, Chan KW, Zhao Y, Ooi EE, et al. The C-terminal 18 Amino
Acid Region of Dengue Virus NS5 Regulates its Subcellular Localization and Contains a
Conserved Arginine Residue Essential for Infectious Virus Production. PLoS Pathog.
2016;12(9):e1005886.
36.   Barbier V, Lang D, Valois S, Rothman AL, Medin CL. Dengue virus induces
mitochondrial elongation through impairment of Drp1-triggered mitochondrial fission.
Virology. 2017;500:149-60.

37.   Chatel-Chaix L, Cortese M, Romero-Brey I, Bender S, Neufeldt CJ, Fischl W, et al.
Dengue Virus Perturbs Mitochondrial Morphodynamics to Dampen Innate Immune
Responses. Cell Host Microbe. 2016;20(3):342-56.
38.   Puschnik AS, Marceau CD, Ooi YS, Majzoub K, Rinis N, Contessa JN, et al. A Small-
Molecule Oligosaccharyltransferase Inhibitor with Pan-flaviviral Activity. Cell Rep.
2017;21(11):3032-9.
39.   Romero-Brey I, Bartenschlager R. Endoplasmic Reticulum: The Favorite
Intracellular Niche for Viral Replication and Assembly. Viruses. 2016;8(6).
40.   Arakawa M, Morita E. Flavivirus Replication Organelle Biogenesis in the
Endoplasmic Reticulum: Comparison with Other Single-Stranded Positive-Sense RNA
Viruses. Int J Mol Sci. 2019;20(9).
41.   Mandel CR, Kaneko S, Zhang H, Gebauer D, Vethantham V, Manley JL, et al.
Polyadenylation factor CPSF-73 is the pre-mRNA 3'-end-processing endonuclease.
Nature. 2006;444(7121):953-6.
42.   Liu H, Moore CL. On the Cutting Edge: Regulation and Therapeutic Potential of
the mRNA 3' End Nuclease. Trends Biochem Sci. 2021;46(9):772-84.
43.   Wang X, Hennig T, Whisnant AW, Erhard F, Prusty BK, Friedel CC, et al. Herpes
simplex virus blocks host transcription termination via the bimodal activities of ICP27.
Nat Commun. 2020;11(1):293.
44.   Kakegawa J, Sakane N, Suzuki K, Yoshida T. JTE-607, a multiple cytokine
production inhibitor, targets CPSF3 and inhibits pre-mRNA processing. Biochem
Biophys Res Commun. 2019;518(1):32-7.
45.   Ross NT, Lohmann F, Carbonneau S, Fazal A, Weihofen WA, Gleim S, et al. CPSF3-
dependent pre-mRNA processing as a druggable node in AML and Ewing's sarcoma. Nat
Chem Biol. 2020;16(1):50-9.
46.   Kaptein SJF, Goethals O, Kiemel D, Marchand A, Kesteleyn B, Bonfanti JF, et al.
Publisher Correction: A pan-serotype dengue virus inhibitor targeting the NS3-NS4B
interaction. Nature. 2021;599(7883):E2.
47.   Watanabe S, Tan NWW, Chan KWK, Vasudevan SG. Dengue Virus and Zika Virus
Serological Cross-reactivity and Their Impact on Pathogenesis in Mice. J Infect Dis.
2019;219(2):223-33.
48.   Low JG, Ooi EE, Tolfvenstam T, Leo YS, Hibberd ML, Ng LC, et al. Early Dengue
infection and outcome study (EDEN) - study design and preliminary findings. Ann Acad
Med Singap. 2006;35(11):783-9.
49.   Yang X, Boehm JS, Yang X, Salehi-Ashtiani K, Hao T, Shen Y, et al. A public
genome-scale lentiviral expression library of human ORFs. Nat Methods. 2011;8(8):659-
61.
50.   Moreland NJ, Tay MY, Lim E, Rathore AP, Lim AP, Hanson BJ, et al. Monoclonal
antibodies against dengue NS2B and NS3 proteins for the study of protein interactions
in the flaviviral replication complex. J Virol Methods. 2012;179(1):97-103.
51.   Collins TJ. ImageJ for microscopy. BioTechniques. 2007;43(1 Suppl):25-30.
52.   Shannon P, Markiel A, Ozier O, Baliga NS, Wang JT, Ramage D, et al. Cytoscape: a
software environment for integrated models of biomolecular interaction networks.
Genome Res. 2003;13(11):2498-504.
53.   Zhou Y, Zhou B, Pache L, Chang M, Khodabakhshi AH, Tanaseichuk O, et al.
Metascape provides a biologist-oriented resource for the analysis of systems-level
datasets. Nat Commun. 2019;10(1):1523.
857

Figure 1

A

Unknown **Furin** **NS2B3**

B

Host deubiquitinase

HA-Ub DENV Protein-FLAG

HA-Ub → DENV Protein-FLAG

DENV Protein	Size (kDa)
C	16
PrM	22
E	57
NS1	43
NS2A	27
NS2B	17
NS3	72
NS4A	19
NS4B	30
NS5	106

C

Transfection of FLAG-tagged DENV protein

6h later

DENV infection

48h later

Affinity purification to isolate interacting proteins

Mass spectrometry to identify interacting proteins

Bioinformatic analysis to identify candidate interacting proteins

D

E

Figure 2

A

B

CORUM:126 CCT complex (chaperonin containing TCP1 complex)

R-HSA-8953854 Metabolism of RNA

R-HSA-446203 Asparagine N-linked glycosylation

C

Tan et al.
Hafirassu et al.

−log10(P)
0   25

Formation of tubulin folding intermediates by CCT/TriC
RNA splicing
Huntington disease
RHO GTPases activate IQGAPs
C complex spliceosome
mitochondrial transmembrane transport
Protein processing in endoplasmic reticulum
Transport of small molecules
anion transmembrane transport
protein folding

Tan et al.
De Maio et al.

−log10(P)
0   40

mRNA metabolic process
ribonucleoprotein complex biogenesis
peptide biosynthetic process
Translation
ribonucleoprotein complex subunit organization
mRNA processing
SNW1 complex
regulation of mRNA metabolic process
Toposome
negative regulation of mRNA metabolic process

D

GO:1990904 ribonucleoprotein complex
GO:0016607 nuclear speck
GO:0071013 catalytic step 2 spliceosome
GO:0034774 secretory granule lumen
GO:0030684 preribosome

E

NS4A NS4B

−log10(P)
0   30

GO:0031983 vesicle lumen
GO:0044391 ribosomal subunit
GO:0042470 melanosome
GO:0005759 mitochondrial matrix
GO:1990904 ribonucleoprotein complex

Figure 3

Figure 4

Figure 5

Figure 6

Extended Data Figure 1

Extended Data Figure 2

Extended Data Figure 3

Extended Data Figure 4