

1 **Extracellular vesicle-mediated RNA release in *Histoplasma***
2 ***capsulatum***

3 Running title: ***Histoplasma capsulatum* extracellular vesicles RNA**

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19 **Abstract**

20 Eukaryotic cells, including fungi, release extracellular vesicles (EVs). These lipid
21 bilayered compartments play essential roles in cellular communication and pathogenesis.
22 EV composition is complex and includes proteins, glycans, pigments, and RNA. RNA
23 classes with putative roles in pathogenesis have been described in EVs produced by
24 fungi. Here we describe the RNA content in EVs produced by the G186AR and G217B
25 strains of *Histoplasma capsulatum*, an important human fungal pathogen. A total of 124
26 mRNA were identified in both strains. In this set of RNA classes, 93 transcripts were
27 enriched in EVs from the G217B strain, while 31 enriched in EVs produced by the G186AR
28 strain. This result suggests that there are important strain-specific properties in the mRNA
29 composition of fungal EVs. We also identified short fragments (25-40 long) that were
30 strain-specific, with a greater number of them identified in EVs produced by the G217B
31 strain. Remarkably, the most enriched processes were stress responses and translation.
32 Half of these fragments aligned to the reverse strand of the transcript, suggesting the
33 occurrence of miRNA-like molecules in fungal EVs. We also compared the transcriptome
34 profiles of *H. capsulatum* with the RNA composition of EVs and no correlation was
35 observed. Altogether, our study provided information about the RNA molecules present in
36 *H. capsulatum* EVs, and the differences in composition between the G186AR and G217B
37 strains. In addition, we showed that the correlation between the most expressed
38 transcripts in the cell and their presence in the EVs, reinforcing the idea that the RNAs
39 were directed to the EVs by a regulated mechanism.

40 **Importance**

41 Extracellular vesicles (EVs) play important roles in cellular communication and
42 pathogenesis. The RNA molecules in EVs have been implicated in a variety of processes.
43 In pathogenic fungi, EV-associated RNA classes have recently been described; however,
44 only a few studies describing the RNA in fungal EVs are available. An improved
45 knowledge on EV-associated RNA will contribute to the understanding of their role during
46 infection. In this study, we described the RNA content in EVs produced by two isolates of
47 *Histoplasma capsulatum*. Our results add this important pathogen to the current short list
48 of fungal species with the ability to use EVs for the extracellular release of RNA.

49 Introduction

50 *Histoplasma capsulatum* is major human fungal pathogen on the global stage that
51 causes disease in both immunocompetent and immunocompromised individuals, albeit the
52 risk for severe disease increases with compromised immunity (e.g. in patients with HIV or
53 cancer as well as individuals receiving steroids or TNF-alpha blockers). In the United
54 States of America, it is the most common cause of fungal pneumonia (1). *H. capsulatum* is
55 a particular concern in certain developing regions (2), especially in Latin American
56 countries including Brazil (3, 4), Guatemala (5), and French Guiana, where it is considered
57 the “first cause of AIDS-related death” (6). Despite its clear importance, enormous gaps
58 exist in our understanding of the pathogenesis of histoplasmosis, the disease caused by
59 *H. capsulatum*. An interesting facet of *H. capsulatum*'s biology is its ability to release
60 extracellular vesicles (EVs) (7, 8).

61 EVs are bilayered lipid structures released by remarkably diverse cells across all
62 kingdoms (9). We have demonstrated that EVs are present in both ascomycetes and
63 basidiomycetes (7, 10–14). This observation implies that mechanisms for EV production
64 and release are truly ancient, as they appear to predate the divergence of these branches
65 0.5–1.0 billion years ago. Fungal EVs can carry biologically active proteins, carbohydrates,
66 lipids, pigments and nucleic acids (15, 16), many of which are constituents of the fungal
67 cell wall and diverse others are associated with stress response and pathogenesis.

68 EV-mediated transport of fungal RNA was recently shown in both commensal and
69 opportunistic fungi. EV RNA molecules, mostly smaller than 250 nt, were identified in
70 *Cryptococcus neoformans*, *Paracoccidioides brasiliensis*, *Candida albicans*,
71 *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, and *Malassezia sympodialis* (17, 18). Since *H. capsulatum*
72 packages diverse compounds within EVs, we postulated that it too would use these
73 compartments to export RNA. In this study, the EV-associated RNA components were
74 characterized in two different isolates of *H. capsulatum*. As described in other fungi, *H.*
75 *capsulatum* EVs carry both mRNAs and non-coding (nc)RNAs. In addition, proteomic data
76 allowed the identification of 139 RNA-binding proteins in the EVs, suggesting that proteins
77 involved in RNA metabolism might play an important role in cell communication through
78 the EVs. Our results add this important pathogen to the list of fungal species with the
79 ability to use EVs for the extracellular release of RNA.

80 **Results**

81 ***Histoplasma capsulatum* EVs contain RNA**

82 We characterized the RNA molecules contained in EVs isolated from culture
83 supernatant samples of the *H. capsulatum* strains G186AR and G217B. These strains
84 belong to distinct clades, and G217B is more virulent than G186AR in experimental
85 models (19, 20). The most well-known difference between these two strains is that G217B
86 lacks alpha-1,3-glucan on the yeast form cell wall (19, 20).

87 The reads obtained from the mRNA libraries (reads >200 nt) were aligned with each
88 strain-specific genome available at the NCBI (G186AR ABBS02 and G217B ABBT01. For
89 data validation, we only considered sequences with expression values of Transcripts Per
90 Million (TPM) ≥ 100 in all biological replicates and transcripts with reads covering at least
91 50% of the CDS. The sRNA fraction was analyzed for the presence of different species of
92 non-coding (nc)RNA by aligning the small RNA fraction (reads <200 nt) with the *H.*
93 *capsulatum* G186AR strain. These RNA molecules were compared between the strains in
94 order to gain insights into the role of the EV-RNA in this fungus and also to determine if
95 there were differences in their composition between the two strains with distinct
96 phenotypes.

97 **Strain-specific content of EV RNA in *H. capsulatum***

98 We identified a total of 124 mRNA sequences in EV samples from the two strains
99 and carried out paired comparison between the G186AR and G217B samples. We applied
100 the statistical negative binomial test with filters corresponding to $\text{TPM} \geq 100$, $\log_2 \geq 2$ and
101 $\text{FDR} \leq 0.05$. We observed 93 transcripts enriched in EVs derived from the G217B strain,
102 while 31 transcripts were enriched in the G186AR strain (Supplemental Table 1). From the
103 G217B-associated transcripts, we observed enrichment in biological processes for vesicle-
104 mediated transport (18%), oxidation-reduction mechanisms (12%), transmembrane
105 transport (11%) and translation (8%) (Figure 1). For the G186AR strain, the mRNA
106 sequences were only enriched in general cellular and metabolic processes (59%). These
107 results suggest that there are important differences in the mRNA composition of EVs
108 derived from these two strains of *H. capsulatum*.

109 ***H. capsulatum* EVs contain mRNA fragments and miRNA-like molecules**

110 In addition to the identification of full-length transcripts in EVs, we also detected
111 short reads of 25-40 nt in average that aligned consistently in the CDS, but at specific

112 positions of the mRNAs (3', 5' or middle); about 50% of these short fragments aligned to
113 the reverse strand. A total of 172 (G217B), and 80 (G186AR) sequences of this type
114 (Table 1). A total of 172 fragments were represented in the G217B sample compared to
115 only 80 found in the G186AR EVs (Table 1). About 47% of the reference mRNA translate
116 proteins of unknown biological processes. Those associated with DNA
117 metabolism/biogenesis were the second most abundant for both EV samples (22 for
118 G217B versus 16 for G186AR), followed by transport for G217B, and protein modification
119 for both strain EVs. Other processes related to short RNAs identified in both strain EVs
120 were oxidation-reduction, signaling, and carbohydrate and lipid metabolism (Table 1). RNA
121 fragments associated with translation were highly enriched in G217B (11) but not in
122 G186AR (2) EVs, while those related to response to stress were found exclusively in the
123 G217B sample. The corresponding proteins are stress response protein *whi2*, the DNA
124 repair protein *rad5* and a thermotolerance protein (Table 1). Analysis of translation-related
125 sequences allowed identification of mRNA fragments associated to distinct steps of the
126 translation process, such as ribosome biogenesis and processing. Other metabolic
127 pathways identified in both strains were protein modification, carbohydrate, and lipid
128 metabolism, signaling, oxidation-reduction and transmembrane-transport, among others
129 (Table 1).

130 To gain further insight into the role of these mRNA-fragments, to determine if they
131 could be derived from a miRNA-like pathway and to assess if they could play a biological
132 role in the recipient cell, we searched for RNA secondary structures, since they are
133 fundamental for gene expression regulation (21). A wide study of RNA structures in distinct
134 cells revealed regulatory effects of the RNA structure throughout mRNA life cycle such as
135 polyadenylation, splicing, translation, and turnover (22, 23). A total of 54 RNAs with
136 putative structures were generated by a probability distribution, using a free energy (ΔG)
137 less than or equal to -7.0 (Supplemental table 2). On the basis of this parameter, we
138 identified transcripts for U3 small nucleolar RNA-associated protein, L-isoaspartate O-
139 methyltransferase, serine/threonine-protein kinase, proteasome component C5, pre-rRNA
140 processing protein Utp22, C-x8-C-x5-C-x3-H zinc finger protein, fungal specific
141 transcription factor domain-containing protein and DNA damage-responsive transcriptional
142 repressor RPH1 were identified (Figure 2 and Supplemental table 2).

143 **Comparison of EV ncRNA classes in *H. capsulatum* EVs**

144 We used the ncRNA database from *H. capsulatum* to identify the classes of ncRNA
145 present in EVs RNA. The data analysis revealed 73 different sequences of ncRNA in *H.*

146 *capsulatum* EVs from the G186AR strain and 38 from the G217B isolate. Thirty three
147 molecular species were common to both strains and 40 were exclusively identified in the
148 G186AR strain and the most abundant class of ncRNA found in *H. capsulatum* EVs was
149 tRNAs (Table 2).

150 **Analysis of proteins putatively associated to RNA metabolism in the EVs**

151 As a rule, cellular RNAs are covered with proteins and exist as ribonucleoprotein
152 complexes. The proteins associated to RNAs are named RNA-binding proteins (RBPs).
153 These proteins participate on several biological processes, from transcription to RNA
154 decay (24). In this context, we investigated the presence of RBPs in the *H. capsulatum*
155 EVs. We analyzed the proteomic EV data available for the G217B strain (25) and we
156 identified 139 proteins related to RNA metabolism (8) (Table 3 and Supplemental table 3).
157 We found many RBPs, such as PolyA binding protein (PABP), Nrd1, Prp24, and Snd1;
158 splicing factors, exosome complex components and ribosomal proteins (Table 3 and
159 Supplemental table 3) were identified. In addition, we also found the quelling deficient
160 protein 2 (QDE2), an argonaute protein important in the RNA machinery in fungi. As we
161 identified the QDE2 in EVs, we searched for the components of the RNAi machinery in *H.*
162 *capsulatum*, and compared them with the proteins from *Neurospora crassa* and
163 *Schizosaccharomyces pombe*, which are fungal species where the RNAi machinery has
164 been most well described (26, 27). *H. capsulatum* EVs contained one argonaute protein
165 (QDE2), two dicer-like proteins, the QIP (quelling interaction protein) and the RNA-
166 dependent RNA polymerase (QDE1) (Table 4).

167 **Comparison of cellular RNA vs. EV RNA shows a distinct enrichment of molecules** 168 **in the vesicles**

169 We next assessed the composition of cellular RNA from *H. capsulatum* yeast cells
170 (28) and compared this information to that obtained from EV-associated RNA composition
171 under the same conditions. There was no correlation between the transcripts with highest
172 expression levels and their presence in the EVs (Supplemental table 4). Examples of
173 highly expressed cellular transcripts included histones 4, 2B, and 2A, allergen Asp f4,
174 chaperones, and translation factors, among others (Supplemental table 4). In contrast,
175 zinc knuckle domain-containing protein, vacuolar ATP synthase subunit C, G1/S regulator,
176 thermotolerance protein, histone variant H2A.Z and proteasome component C5 had an
177 enrichment value greater than 7,000 in the EVs, while they showed low expression values
178 in the cell (Supplemental table 4). The differences in composition between cells and EVs

179 were also evaluated by grouping the transcripts into biological processes (Figure 3). For
180 the yeast cells, the main pathways were associated with transport, translation and general
181 metabolic processes (Figure 3). For the EVs, the enriched pathways were transmembrane
182 transport, protein phosphorylation and transcription regulation (Figure 3). This result
183 demonstrates the low levels of correlation between the most expressed cellular mRNAs
184 and EV cargo, evidencing there might be a mechanism directing the RNA molecules to the
185 EVs.

186 Discussion

187 As previously described (17, 18), RNA molecules associated to fungal EVs are
188 remarkably diverse. For instance, mRNAs, tRNA fragments, snoRNAs, snRNAs, and
189 miRNA-like molecules were characterized in EVs from *C. albicans*, *C. neoformans*, *P.*
190 *brasiliensis* and *S. cerevisiae* (17). In *H. capsulatum* EVs we observed a similar
191 distribution of RNA molecules. The comparison between G186AR and G217B EVs
192 revealed important differences in the variety of mRNAs identified. When the mRNA
193 composition was compared to what was described for other fungi, important similarities
194 were observed. For example, the most abundant biological process identified in G217B
195 EVs was vesicle-mediated transport, which was also the most abundant process in *C.*
196 *albicans* EVs (17). Molecules required for ribosome biogenesis, which were observed in
197 G217B EVs, belonged to the most enriched process in *S. cerevisiae* EVs (17). However,
198 when the ncRNA molecules were compared, different profiles were observed. Most of the
199 ncRNA in *H. capsulatum* strains derived from tRNAs; a similar profile was obtained with *C.*
200 *albicans* (17). In addition, in *H. capsulatum*, almost no snoRNAs were identified, but this
201 class of ncRNAs was one of the most abundant in the EVs of other fungi (17). Differences
202 in EVs composition have been observed in *C. neoformans*; EV-associated RNA produced
203 by mutant cells with defective unconventional secretion differed considerably from similar
204 samples produced by wild-type cells (29).

205 In our study, we identified short reads that aligned specifically to exons; however,
206 these sequences did not correspond to complete mRNAs in the EVs. They rather
207 corresponded to 25 nt long fragments that were enriched in specific exons of the
208 transcript. These fragments of mRNAs were previously described in human cells (30)
209 where most of the transcripts identified in the EVs corresponded to a fraction of the mRNA
210 with an enrichment of the 3'-end of the transcript (30). This human study led to the
211 hypothesis that the mRNA fragments had a role in gene expression regulation in the
212 recipient cells as the secreted mRNA could act as competitors to regulate stability,

213 localization and translation of mRNAs in target cells (30). In *Mucor circinelloides* cells, the
214 RNA silencing pathway (sRNA) resulted in the production of both sense and antisense
215 small RNAs (31–33). Sequencing analysis of the small RNA content of this fungus showed
216 the existence of exonic small interfering RNAs (ex-siRNA) as a new type of sRNA. They
217 were produced from exons of the same genes that are later regulated through the
218 repression of the corresponding mRNA (34). This result agrees with our observation of
219 short reads in the exonic regions of the transcripts. We therefore hypothesize that; similar
220 to what was described for *M. circinelloides* cells, and the *H. capsulatum* EV fragments can
221 regulate expression of their own mRNAs. Of note, we also found a highly represented
222 population of putative exonic-siRNA in *Paracoccidioides* strains (Peres da Silva et al.,
223 submitted).

224 As *H. capsulatum* EVs contain different RNA molecules, it is reasonable to
225 hypothesize that proteins that regulate RNA metabolism are also present in the EVs,
226 probably associated to RNA. If validated, this hypothesis could indicate how a specific
227 subset of RNAs are directed to the vesicles and exported. RNA binding proteins (RBPs)
228 participate in several biological processes, from RNA transcription to decay (24). We
229 detected a number of RNA binding proteins in *H. capsulatum* EVs (25). In other systems,
230 these proteins were also identified in association with EVs. For example, in EVs produced
231 by human epithelial cells, 30 RBPs were identified (35), including heterogeneous nuclear
232 ribonucleoproteins (hnRNPs). These proteins are responsible for directing pre-mRNAs in
233 the maturation processes that culminate with transcriptional regulation, alternative splicing,
234 transport, and localization (35). In addition, RBPs in EVs were identified in distinct models
235 as hepatocytes, human embryonic kidney (HEK) cells, and mouse myoblast cells (35–37).
236 Interestingly, one of the RBPs identified in EVs was SND1 (Staphylococcal nuclease
237 domain-containing protein 1), which is a main component of RISC complex (RNA-induced
238 silencing complex) that plays an important role in miRNA function (37).

239 Another example of a protein identified in the EVs of *H. capsulatum* and distinct
240 organisms is an endonuclease of the Ago2 family. An infection model with *Plasmodium*
241 *falciparum* demonstrated that infected red blood cells released EVs containing functional
242 miRNA-argonaute 2 complexes (38). Moreover, endothelial cells internalized the *P.*
243 *falciparum* EVs, and the miRNA-argonaute 2 complex were transferred to the cells and
244 acted regulating the gene expression and in the barrier properties of the recipient cells
245 (38). The argonaute protein in *H. capsulatum* named QDE2 was identified enriched in the
246 EVs of the G217B strain.

247 Small silencing RNAs include a variety of molecules, such as microRNAs (miRNAs)

248 and various small interfering RNAs (siRNAs), such as exo-siRNAs, endo-siRNAs, and pi-
249 RNAs (39). Previous studies of small RNAs in fungi have identified the RNAi machinery in
250 the fission yeast *Schizosaccharomyces pombe*, in the budding yeast *S. castellii*, *C.*
251 *albicans*, and in filamentous fungi (26, 27, 40). One of the best-characterized models is the
252 filamentous fungus *N. crassa* (27, 41–45). The RNAi machinery in this organism is a
253 defense against transposons (46). A similar process has been described in *C.*
254 *neoformans*, where RNAi is involved in the regulation of transposon activity and genome
255 integrity during vegetative growth (47). In *N. crassa*, the *QDE2* gene encodes an
256 Argonaute protein that is homologous to the *rde-1* gene in *C. elegans*, a protein required
257 for dsRNA-induced silencing (27). The characterization of RNAs associated to QDE2 in *N.*
258 *crassa* led to the identification of miRNA-like RNAs (milRNAs) in this organism (48). The
259 identification of QDE2 in *H. capsulatum* EVs in association to the small RNAs indicate that
260 the complex QDE2-milRNA might be directed to the EVs and possibly delivered to
261 recipient cells, with the potential to interfere with gene expression regulation and / or cell-
262 cell communication.

263 Fungal EVs have been implicated in a number of communication processes,
264 including transfer of virulence (49) and antifungal resistance (50). In *C. gattii*, pathogen-to-
265 pathogen communication via EVs reverted an avirulent phenotype through mechanisms
266 that required vesicular RNA (49). The sequences required for this process, however,
267 remained unknown. This is an efficient illustration of the potential derived from the
268 characterization of EV-associated RNA in fungi. In this context, our study provides
269 information in the *H. capsulatum* model that will allow the design of pathogenic
270 experimental models aiming at characterizing the role of extracellular RNAs in fungal
271 pathogenesis.

272 **Material and Methods**

273 **Fungal strains and growth conditions**

274 The *H. capsulatum* strains were stored long term at -80°C. Aliquots were inoculated
275 into Ham's F-12 media (Gibco, Cat# 21700-075) supplemented with glucose (18.2□g/L),
276 L-cysteine (8.4□mg/L), HEPES (6□g/L) and glutamic acid (1□g/L) and cultivated with
277 constant shaking at 150□rpm at 37°C. Viability assessments were performed using Janus
278 green 0.02%, and all aliquots used had >99% of live yeast cells. EVs were then isolated
279 from fungal culture supernatants as previously described (51).

280 **sRNA isolation**

281 Small RNA enriched fractions were isolated with the miRNeasy mini kit (Qiagen)
282 and were then treated with the RNeasy MinElute Cleanup Kit (Qiagen), according to the
283 manufacturer's protocol, to obtain small RNA-enriched fractions. The sRNA profile was
284 assessed in an Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer (Agilent Technologies).

285 **RNA sequencing**

286 One hundred ng of purified sRNA were used for RNA-seq analysis from two
287 independent biological replicates. The RNA-seq was performed in a SOLiD 3 plus platform
288 using the RNA-Seq kit (Life Science) according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

289 ***In silico* data analysis**

290 The sequencing data were analyzed using the version 10.1 of CLC Genomics
291 Workbench©. The reads were trimmed on the basis of quality, with a threshold Phred
292 score of 25. The reference genomes used for mapping were obtained from the NCBI
293 database (*H. capsulatum* G186AR strain - ABBS02, and G217B strain – ABBT01). The
294 alignment was performed as follows: additional 100-base upstream and downstream
295 sequences; 10 minimum number of reads; 2 maximum number of mismatches; -2
296 nonspecific match limit, and minimum fraction length of 0.7 for the genome mapping or 0.8
297 for the RNA mapping. The minimum reads similarity mapped on the reference genome
298 was 80%. Only uniquely mapped reads were considered in the analysis. The libraries were
299 normalized per million and the expression values for the transcripts were recorded in
300 RPKM (Reads Per Kilobase per Million), we also analyzed the other expression values -
301 TPM (transcripts per million) and CPM (counts per million). The statistical test applied was
302 the DGE (Differential Gene Expression). For the ncRNA the database used was the
303 ncRNA from *Histoplasma capsulatum* (EnsemblFungi G186AR GCA_000150115
304 assembly ASM15011v1). The secondary structure was performed using the PPFold plugin
305 in the CLC Genomics Workbench v. 10.1 using the default parameters. Analysis of the
306 relationship between the profile of RNA sequences detected in this study with the protein
307 composition of *H. capsulatum* EVs was based on the results recently obtained with strain
308 G217B using a proteomic approach (25). The cellular RNA used in this analysis was
309 assessed from the SRA database (SRR2015219 and SRR2015223) (28).

310 **Data access**

311 The data is deposited to the Sequence Read Archive (SRA) database under study
312 accession number (PRJNA514312).

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324 **Conflict of interest**

325 The authors declare no conflict of interest.

326 **Figure and Table legends**

327 **Figure 1:** Gene ontology analysis. Pie chart representing the gene ontology of mRNA
328 sequences enriched in EVs isolated from A) *H. capsulatum* G217B, n = 93. B) *H.*
329 *capsulatum* G186AR, n=31.

330 **Figure 2:** RNA secondary structure. We used the ppFold software to predict the
331 secondary structure from the putative miRNAs-like extracted from the obtained reads. The
332 numbers in parenthesis represent the alignment E-value. The nucleotide colors represent
333 the reliability percentage for each position of the RNA molecule (bottom figure). The
334 stability value of each structure is given in kcal/mol.

335 **Figure 3:** Gene ontology analysis. Pie chart representing the gene ontology of mRNA
336 sequences enriched in A) *H. capsulatum* cells and B) in EVs isolated from *H. capsulatum*.

337 **Table 1:** Fragments of mRNAs identified in the EVs isolated from the G217B and G186AR
 338 strains. For some transcripts, there was an alignment in specific positions of the mRNA,
 339 not covering the entire sequence. 5', 3' or M (middle of the mRNA); F or R orientation.

Feature ID	G217B alignment	G186AR alignment	Sequence Description	GO
Protein modification				
HCBG_03026	5'R	5'R	tetratricopeptide-like helical	amino acid metabolic process
HCBG_05660	MR	-	cmgc srpk protein kinase	protein modification process
HCBG_05782	MF	-	dihydrofolate synthetase fol3	cofactor metabolic process
HCBG_06582	5'F	-	aspartyl aminopeptidase	peptidase activity
HCBG_07777	MF	-	mitochondrial processing peptidase alpha	peptidase activity
HCBG_08965	MF	MF	tyrosine phosphatase	protein modification process
HCBG_09127	3'R / 3'F	-	proteasome component c5	peptidase activity
HCBG_09175	5'F	5'F	aspartic-type endopeptidase	peptidase activity
HCBG_09182	MR	-	protein kinase	protein modification process
HCBG_01228	5'F	-	oxidative stress-induced growth inhibitor 2	peptidase activity
HCBG_01665	MF	MF	ph domain-containing protein	protein modification process
HCBG_03811	MR	3'R	heat shock protein hsp98	ATPase activity,
HCBG_00544	MF	-	hsp104	peptidase activity
HCBG_02715	3'F	3'F	ubiquitin conjugating enzyme	ligase activity
HCBG_05116	3'F	-	ubiquitin family protein	protein modification process
HCBG_07497	-	3'F	protein	peptidase activity
Carbohydrate metabolism				
HCBG_00058	5'R	-	mannosyl-oligosaccharide alpha- -mannosidase	catabolic process
HCBG_00633	3'R / 3'NS	-	class v chitinase	catabolic process
HCBG_06620	3'R	3'R	transaldolase	carbohydrate metabolic process
Lipid metabolism				
HCBG_02433	MF	5'F	acyl carrier protein	biosynthetic process
HCBG_01540	MF	MF	predicted protein	lipid metabolic process
HCBG_04372	-	3'R	gpi-anchor biosynthesis protein (pig-f)	lipid metabolic process
Response to stress				
HCBG_02224	3'F	-	general stress response protein whi2	
HCBG_01643	3'R	-	dna repair protein rad5	response to stress
HCBG_06196	3'R	-	thermotolerance protein	
Translation				
HCBG_00808	MF	MF	60s ribosomal protein l15	

			small nucleolar	
HCBG_00853	3'F	-	ribonucleoprotein complex	
HCBG_01544	5'R / F	5'R	ribosome biogenesis protein	
HCBG_02168	5'F / MF	-	60s ribosomal protein l25	translation
HCBG_02499	5'R	-	rrna processing protein utp6	oxidoreductase activity
HCBG_02762	3'F	-	60s ribosomal protein l31	translation
			prenyl cysteine carboxyl	
HCBG_04580	MR	-	methyltransferase ste14	mRNA processing
HCBG_08644	5'R	-	leucyl-trna synthetase	translation
			transcription initiation	
HCBG_03984	5'R	-	protein spt5	translation
			u5 small nuclear	
			ribonucleoprotein	chromosome
HCBG_04793	5'R	-	component	organization
			ribosome biogenesis protein	
HCBG_06802	5'R	-	ssf2	
Signaling process				
			mind kinetochore complex	
HCBG_00598	5'F / 5'NS	-	component nnf1	signal transduction
HCBG_03086*	5'R / F	-	ste ste20 paka protein kinase	reproduction
HCBG_04646*	-	3'R	protein ras-2	signal transduction
Oxidation-reduction				
			benzoate 4-monooxygenase	
HCBG_00763	3'R	3'R / 3'NS	cytochrome p450	oxidoreductase activity
			tim-barrel enzyme family	
HCBG_03251	3'R / 3 F	-	protein	oxidoreductase activity
			flavin-containing	
HCBG_04436	5'R / 3'R	-	monooxygenase	oxidoreductase activity
HCBG_05481	3'F	3'F	like subfamily b member 4	protein folding
			fmn-binding split barrel-like	
HCBG_05591	3'F	3'F	protein	oxidoreductase activity
HCBG_06890	5'F	-	glutaredoxin	homeostatic process
			conserved hypothetical	
HCBG_08366	3'F	-	protein	oxidoreductase activity
			galactose oxidase beta-	
HCBG_01233	5'R / 5'F	-	propeller	
HCBG_00232	-	5'F	tyrosinase	oxidoreductase activity
HCBG_03159	-	MR	ste ste7 mek1 protein kinase	reproduction
Transport				
			vacuolar abc heavy metal	
HCBG_00485	3'R	-	transporter	transmembrane
				transport
HCBG_00680	3'F	-	arsenical-resistance protein	transmembrane
				transport
HCBG_00850	MR	-	mfs monocarboxylate	transmembrane
				transport
HCBG_01089	5'F / 5'NS	5'R / 5'NS	mitochondrial carrier	transport
			endosomal cargo receptor	vesicle-mediated
HCBG_02374	5'R	-		transport
			v-type proton atpase	vesicle-mediated
HCBG_02985	5'R	5'R	proteolipid subunit	transport
			mitochondrial dicarboxylate	transmembrane
HCBG_03067	5'R	5'R	carrier	transport

HCBG_03738	-	MF	exocyst complex component sec10	vesicle-mediated transport
HCBG_04312	3'F	5'R / 3'F	non-repetitive nucleoporin	nucleocytoplasmic transport
HCBG_04317	5'F	-	mrna transport regulator	transport
HCBG_04719	5'F	-	nucleoporin	
HCBG_04608	3'R	-	mfs transporter	transmembrane transport
HCBG_05671	MR	-	actin associated protein	vesicle-mediated transport
HCBG_05941	5'F	5'R	potassium uptake protein	transmembrane transport
HCBG_05942	MR	-	potassium uptake protein	transmembrane transport
HCBG_06437	MF	MF	oligopeptide transporter	transport
HCBG_06658	MR	-	px domain-containing protein	transmembrane transport
HCBG_07112	MF	-	ap-2 adaptor complex subunit	vesicle-mediated transport
HCBG_07566	3'R	3'R / MR	actin cytoskeleton-regulatory complex protein pan1	vesicle-mediated transport
HCBG_08252*	5'F	-	mfs multidrug transporter	transmembrane transport
HCBG_09093	5'R	-	kinetoplast-associated protein kap	transmembrane transport
HCBG_09150	5'R / 3'R	-	cap binding protein	transport
HCBG_04513	5'F	-	3-oxoacyl-acyl-carrier-protein synthase	
DNA metabolism or biogenesis				
HCBG_00397	-	MF	phd finger domain	chromosome organization
HCBG_00799	5'F	5'F	transcriptional regulator ngg1	peptidase activity
HCBG_01145	5'R	5'R / 3'F	c6 zinc finger domain-containing protein	biosynthetic process
HCBG_02996	3'F	-	recombination hotspot-binding protein	DNA metabolic process
HCBG_01721	3'F	-	nitrogen assimilation transcription factor nira	chromosome organization
HCBG_03125	-	MF	white collar	signal transduction
HCBG_03879	MR	MR	dna-directed rna polymerase i subunit	biosynthetic process
HCBG_04485	-	3'F	centromere protein cenp-o	chromosome organization
HCBG_04625	MR	-	c6 finger domain	biosynthetic process
HCBG_04221	3'R	-	chromatin remodeling complex subunit	helicase activity
HCBG_05411	3'R	3'R	transcription factor stea	reproduction
HCBG_05417	MF	-	elongator complex protein 3	biosynthetic process
HCBG_05986	5'F	-	g1 s regulator	DNA metabolic process
HCBG_05814	3'R	3'R	histone h2a	chromosome organization

HCBG_06244	-	MF	double-strand break repair protein	DNA metabolic process, reproduction
HCBG_07395	MR	-	cp2 transcription factor	biosynthetic process
HCBG_07428	3'F	-	caf1 family ribonuclease c2h2 finger domain	biosynthetic process
HCBG_09164	MF	MF	transcription factor	biosynthetic process
HCBG_00846	5'F	-	transcription factor tau55-like protein	
HCBG_04340	3'R	3'R	formamidopyrimidine-dna glycosylase	DNA metabolic process
HCBG_01534	MF	MF	telomere length regulation protein elg1	ion binding, lipid binding
HCBG_06146	5'R	5'R	telomerase-binding protein est1a	
HCBG_07560	5'R / 5'F	5'R / 5'F	dna repair protein protein	
HCBG_05625	3'R	3'R	p60-like cell-wall	
HCBG_09024	MR	-	hlh transcription factor	
HCBG_06915	5'F	5'F	proline-rich protein -15	chromosome segregation
Other/Unknown function				
HCBG_00048	5'R	5'R	hypothetical protein HCBG_00048	
HCBG_00453	5'R	-	miz zinc finger protein	ion binding
HCBG_00947	3'F	-	predicted protein	
HCBG_00975	5'R	5'R	atpase aaa-5 protein	ion binding
HCBG_01015	MF	MF	predicted protein	
HCBG_01082	3'R / 3'F	3'R	zinc knuckle domain protein	
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HCBG_01127	5'R / 3'R	-	predicted protein	
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HCBG_01161	MF	-	predicted protein	
HCBG_01256	3'R	-	conserved hypothetical protein	
HCBG_01258	MR	-	predicted protein	
HCBG_01500	MR	-	predicted protein	
HCBG_01656	MF	-	predicted protein	
HCBG_01888	3'R	3'R	conserved hypothetical protein	
HCBG_01952	3'F	-	conserved hypothetical protein	
HCBG_02098	5'R	-	protein	
HCBG_02107	5'F	-	predicted protein	
HCBG_02158	-	3'F	conserved hypothetical protein	
HCBG_02464	3'R / 3'F	3'NS	carbohydrate-binding module family 48 protein	
HCBG_02569	MR / MF	MF	predicted protein	
HCBG_02659	MR / MF	MR	predicted protein	
HCBG_02697	3'R	3'R	predicted protein	
HCBG_02981	MF	-	phosphotransferase enzyme family protein	
HCBG_02986	MF	5'F	predicted protein	
HCBG_03093	MR	-	ph domain protein	

HCBG_03374	MF	MF	glutathione transferase conserved hypothetical protein	helicase activity
HCBG_03658	3'R / 3F	-	predicted protein	
HCBG_03692	3'R / 3F	-	predicted protein	
HCBG_03693	MR / MF	MR / MF	predicted protein	
HCBG_03805	MF	MF	mtdna inheritance protein	
HCBG_03899	MR	MR / 3'R	wd repeat protein	
HCBG_03911	3'R	3'R	protein	
HCBG_03913	MR	-	hypothetical protein HCBG_03913	
HCBG_03980	MR	-	phosphatidylserine decarboxylase	
HCBG_04009	MR	-	hypothetical protein HCBG_04009	
HCBG_04186	MR	-	conserved hypothetical protein	
HCBG_04193	3'R	3'R	conserved hypothetical protein	
HCBG_04201	3'F	-	hypothetical protein HCBG_04201	
HCBG_04208	3'F	3'F	conserved hypothetical protein	
HCBG_04365	MF	-	hypothetical protein HCBG_04365	
HCBG_04371	5'R / 5'F	-	bifunctional uridylyltransferase uridylyl-removing enzyme	
HCBG_04380	3'R	3'R	predicted protein	
HCBG_04393	3'R	-	protein	
HCBG_04452	3'R	3'R	predicted protein	
HCBG_04780	5'R	5'R	bromodomain containing protein	
HCBG_04887	-	MR	predicted protein	
HCBG_05336	5'R	-	upf0160 domain protein	
HCBG_05404	3'R / 3'F	-	predicted protein	
HCBG_05580	3'R	-	methyltransferase domain-containing protein	
HCBG_05638	5'R	-	predicted protein	
HCBG_05703	5'R	-	conserved hypothetical protein	
HCBG_05744	5'F	-	t-complex protein 1 subunit beta	
HCBG_05763	3'R	3'F	conserved hypothetical protein	
HCBG_05878	3'F	-	hypothetical protein HCBG_05878	
HCBG_06018	5'F	-	cytomegalovirus gh-receptor family	
HCBG_06054	MR	-	phosphotransferase family protein	ion binding,kinase activity
HCBG_06071	MF	MF	protein	

			conserved hypothetical	
HCBG_06082	MR	-	protein	
HCBG_06114	3'F	-	protein	
HCBG_06176	3'F	-	kh domain protein	RNA binding
			nonsense-mediated mrna	
HCBG_06239	-	5'R	decay protein	
HCBG_06270	MR	-	predicted protein	
			f-box domain-containing	
HCBG_06364	MR	-	protein	
HCBG_06436	MF	-	predicted protein	
HCBG_06661	-	5'NS	predicted protein	
HCBG_06677	3'F	-	predicted protein	
HCBG_06927	3'R / 3'F	-	predicted protein	
HCBG_07002	5'R / 5'F	5'R / 5'F	ketoreductase	
HCBG_07065	5'F	-	predicted protein	
HCBG_07214	5'R	5'R	predicted protein	
HCBG_07247	MR	-	acyltransferase 3	transferring acyl groups
			hypothetical protein	
HCBG_07296	MR	MR	HCBG_07296	
HCBG_07377	MF	MR	predicted protein	
			rhomboid family membrane	
HCBG_07484	3'F	-	protein	peptidase activity
		MR / MF /		
HCBG_07611	MR / MF	MNS	protein	
HCBG_07676	3'R / 3'F	-	lyr family protein	
HCBG_07802	3'R / 3'F	3'R / 3'F	predicted protein	
HCBG_07811	3'F	3'F	predicted protein	
			duf833 domain protein	protein complex
HCBG_08059	MR	MF		assembly
			sucrase ferredoxin domain-	
HCBG_08505	3'F	-	containing protein	
HCBG_08661	MF	MF	predicted protein	
HCBG_08693	3'R	-	set domain protein	
HCBG_08838	5'R	-	ww domain	
HCBG_08850	5'R	-	integral membrane protein	
HCBG_09013	5'F	5'F	predicted protein	
			conserved hypothetical	
HCBG_09099	5'R	5'R	protein	
HCBG_09144	MF	-	predicted protein	

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342 **Table 2:** Classes of ncRNA sequences identified in EV preparations from *H. capsulatum*
 343 strains G186AR and G217B.

	ncRNA	Hc186	Hc217	
rRNA	15S_rRNA	-	X	
	NTS1-2	X	-	
	RDN18-1	X	X	
	RDN18-2	X	X	
	RDN25-1	X	-	
	RDN25-2	X	X	
	RDN37-1	X	-	
	RDN37-2	X	-	
	RDN5-1	X	X	
	RDN5-2	X	X	
	RDN5-3	X	X	
	RDN5-4	X	X	
	RDN5-5	X	X	
	RDN5-6	X	X	
	RDN58-1	X	X	
	RDN58-2	X	X	
	ncRNA	RUF21	X	X
	snoRNA	snR54	X	X
	tRNA	tRNA-Ser	-	X
tRNA-Met		-	X	
tRNA-Gln		-	X	
tRNA-Cys		-	X	
tRNA-Ser		X	X	
tRNA-Pro		X	X	
tRNA-Ala		X	X	
tRNA-Thr		X	X	
tRNA-Ala		X	X	
tRNA-Phe		X	X	
tRNA-Ala		X	X	
tRNA-Asn		X	X	
tRNA-Met		X	X	
tRNA-Arg		X	X	
tRNA-Trp		X	X	
tRNA-Gly		X	X	
tRNA-Asp		X	X	
tRNA-Pro		X	X	
tRNA-Thr		X	X	
tRNA-His		X	X	
tRNA-Glu		X	X	
tRNA-Gln		X	X	
tRNA-Tyr		X	X	
tRNA-Gln	X	X		
tRNA-Gly	X	-		
tRNA-Lys	X	-		
tRNA-Ile	X	-		
tRNA-Leu	X	-		
tRNA-Met	X	-		

tRNA-Gly	X	-
tRNA-Ile	X	-
tRNA-Thr	X	-
tRNA-Lys	X	-
tRNA-Met	X	-
tRNA-Val	X	-
tRNA-Phe	X	-
tRNA-Ile	X	-
tRNA-Sec	X	-
tRNA-Asp	X	-
tRNA-Thr	X	-
tRNA-Ile	X	-
tRNA-Ser	X	-
tRNA-Ser	X	-
tRNA-Arg	X	-
tRNA-Lys	X	-
tRNA-Leu	X	-
tRNA-Ser	X	-
tRNA-Leu	X	-
tRNA-Ala	X	-
tRNA-Cys	X	-
tRNA-Thr	X	-
tRNA-His	X	-
tRNA-Tyr	X	-
tRNA-Ser	X	-
tRNA-Leu	X	-
tRNA-Lys	X	-
tRNA-Ala	X	-
tRNA-Pro	X	-
tRNA-Arg	X	-
tRNA-Glu	X	-

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346 **Table 3:** Proteins related to RNA metabolism identified in EV preparations from *H.*
 347 *capsulatum* strain G217B.

Majority protein IDs	Protein names	Gene names
CONMG7	QDE2 protein	HCBG_03944
COP170	Cap binding protein	HCBG_09150
CONJ23	Exosome complex exonuclease RRP4	HCBG_03153
CONM03	Exosome complex exonuclease RRP45	HCBG_04533
CONCT3	KH domain RNA binding protein	HCBG_00929
CONUH0	KH domain RNA-binding protein	HCBG_07001
CONIU5	KH domain-containing protein	HCBG_02352
CONUS5	mRNA 3'-end-processing protein rna14	HCBG_06689
CONNW0	mRNA cleavage and polyadenylation factor CLP1	CLP1 HCBG_04840
CONP91	mRNA decapping enzyme	HCBG_04971
CONC87	mRNA export factor mex67	HCBG_00733
CONJ33	Nuclear and cytoplasmic polyadenylated RNA-binding protein pub1	HCBG_03163
CONQQ9	Poly(A)+ RNA export protein	HCBG_05339
CONSS5	Polyadenylate-binding protein (PABP)	HCBG_06205
CONKR4	Ribonucleoprotein	HCBG_03744
CONSY4	RNA binding domain-containing protein	HCBG_06264
CONWH9	RNA-binding protein	HCBG_07509
CONB22	RNA-binding protein	HCBG_00318
CONPA1	RNA-binding protein Nrd1	HCBG_04981
CONZI9	RNA-binding protein Prp24	HCBG_08569
CONTZ5	RNA-binding protein Snd1	HCBG_06625
CONMQ0	RNP domain-containing protein	HCBG_04027
CONLQ4	RRM domain-containing protein	HCBG_04434
CONJ27	Transcription elongation factor Spt6	HCBG_03157
CONTQ1	Transcription initiation factor TFIID complex 60 kDa subunit	HCBG_06531
CONRU6	U1 snRNP-associated protein Usp106	HCBG_05876
CONZZ2	U1 snRNP-associated protein Usp107	HCBG_08722
CONBS3	U2 snRNP auxiliary factor large subunit	HCBG_00569
CONAD4	U3 small nucleolar RNA-associated protein	HCBG_00080
CONZA3	U3 small nucleolar RNA-associated protein 22	HCBG_08483
CONLW4	U3 snoRNP-associated protein Rrp5	HCBG_04494
COPOR0	U6 snRNA-associated Sm-like protein LSm2	HCBG_08990
COP041	30S ribosomal protein S10	HCBG_08883
CONFV8	40S ribosomal protein S15	HCBG_01774
CONX47	40S ribosomal protein S18	HCBG_08039
CONZD2	40S ribosomal protein S20	HCBG_08512
CONBD0	40S ribosomal protein S21	HCBG_00426
CONUD0	40S ribosomal protein S3	HCBG_06961
CONLP3	40S ribosomal protein S4	HCBG_04423
CONF40	40S ribosomal protein S5A	HCBG_01506
CONLR5	40S ribosomal protein S9	HCBG_04445
CONTH6	5'-3' exoribonuclease 1 (EC 3.1.13.-)	HCBG_06456
CONKI2	60S ribosomal protein L1	HCBG_03662
CONNL2	60S ribosomal protein L3	HCBG_04742
CONCP3	60S ribosomal protein L30	HCBG_00889

CONRD6	60S ribosomal protein L5	HCBG_05566
CONQR6	60S ribosomal protein L9B	HCBG_05346
CONPC0	Acyl-RNA-complex subunit	HCBG_05000
CONKL8	Alanine--tRNA ligase (EC 6.1.1.7) (Alanyl-tRNA synthetase) (AlaRS)	ALA1 HCBG_03698
CONCS0	Alternative oxidase (EC 1.-.-.)	HCBG_00916
COND66	Arginyl-tRNA synthetase	HCBG_01062
CONT82	Asparagine-rich protein	HCBG_06362
CONP94	Asparaginyl-tRNA synthetase	HCBG_04974
CONGY7	Aspartyl-tRNA synthetase	HCBG_02609
CONNJ3	ATP-dependent helicase NAM7	HCBG_04723
CONIT7	ATP-dependent RNA helicase DOB1	HCBG_02344
CONAN2	ATP-dependent RNA helicase EIF4A	HCBG_00178
CONFC7	Cell cycle control protein	HCBG_01593
CONT49	Cleavage and polyadenylation specific factor 5	HCBG_06329
		CLU1 TIF31
CONW18	Clustered mitochondria protein homolog (Protein TIF31 homolog)	HCBG_07348
CONTW5	Cysteinyl-tRNA synthetase	HCBG_06595
CONZE4	D-aminoacyl-tRNA deacylase (EC 3.1.1.-) (EC 3.1.1.96)	HCBG_08524
CONSH0	DNA-directed RNA polymerase II polypeptide	HCBG_06100
CONB61	DNA-directed RNA polymerase subunit beta (EC 2.7.7.6)	HCBG_00357
CONKS3	Elicitor protein	HCBG_03753
CONRY6	Eukaryotic peptide chain release factor GTP-binding subunit	HCBG_05916
COP0X7	Eukaryotic translation initiation factor 3 subunit D (eIF3d)	HCBG_09057
CONEV9	Fibrillarin	HCBG_01425
CONZT8	Glutaminyl-tRNA synthetase	HCBG_08668
CONKS5	Glutamyl-tRNA synthetase	HCBG_03755
CONE28	Glycyl-tRNA synthetase	HCBG_02121
CONN35	Histidyl-tRNA synthetase	HCBG_04162
CONL66	Isoleucyl-tRNA synthetase,cytoplasmic	HCBG_03896
CONZR4	Leucyl-tRNA synthetase	HCBG_08644
CONH95	Leucyl-tRNA synthetase	HCBG_02717
CONI62	Lysine--tRNA ligase (EC 6.1.1.6) (Lysyl-tRNA synthetase)	HCBG_03034
CONMS8	Mitotic control protein dis3	HCBG_04055
CONBJ8	mRNA splicing protein PRP8	HCBG_00494
CONY83	NAM9+ protein	HCBG_07877
CONG69	Nucleic acid-binding protein	HCBG_01885
CONUD1	Phenylalanyl-tRNA synthetase subunit beta	HCBG_06962
CONBD1	Phenylalanyl-tRNA synthetase subunit beta cytoplasmic	HCBG_00427
CONUP1	Polymerase II polypeptide D	HCBG_06655
CONNC4	Pre-mRNA-processing factor 39	HCBG_04251
CONJB4	Pre-mRNA-processing protein prp40	HCBG_03244
CONXM8	Pre-mRNA-splicing factor	HCBG_08220
CONLW7	Prolyl-tRNA synthetase	HCBG_04497
CONW72	Ribonuclease T2-like protein	HCBG_07402
CONEF9	Ribonuclease Z	HCBG_01275
CONIJ3	Ribosomal biogenesis protein Gar2	HCBG_02250
CONHN4	Ribosomal protein L14	HCBG_02856
CONI43	Ribosomal protein L6	HCBG_03015
CONVX9	Ribosomal protein S5	HCBG_07309
CONN82	RNA helicase (EC 3.6.4.13)	HCBG_04209
CONEY2	RNA polymerase II largest subunit	HCBG_01448
CONL28	RNA polymerase subunit	HCBG_03858

CONYA7	RNase H domain-containing protein	HCBG_07901
CONH14	RNP domain-containing protein	HCBG_02636
CONDP9	RNP domain-containing protein	HCBG_01992
CONC99	SAM domain-containing protein	HCBG_00745
CONE91	Seryl-tRNA synthetase	HCBG_02184
CONSR2	Signal recognition particle subunit SRP68 (SRP68)	HCBG_06192
CONDB1	Small nuclear ribonucleoprotein	HCBG_01107
CONTA0	Splicing factor 3A subunit 3	HCBG_06380
CONUB9	Splicing factor 3B	HCBG_06950
CONBR2	Splicing factor 3B subunit 1	HCBG_00558
CONGZ9	Threonyl-tRNA synthetase	HCBG_02621
CONSB0	Transfer RNA-Trp synthetase	HCBG_06040
CONL23	tRNA (Cytosine-5-)-methyltransferase NCL1	HCBG_03853
CONUP2	tRNA (guanine(37)-N1)-methyltransferase (EC 2.1.1.228)	TRM5 HCBG_06656
CONEY0	tRNA guanylyltransferase	HCBG_01446
CONJJ2	tRNA ligase (EC 6.5.1.3)	HCBG_03322
CONM44	tRNA pseudouridine synthase	HCBG_04574
CONSG9	Tyrosine--tRNA ligase (EC 6.1.1.1) (Tyrosyl-tRNA synthetase)	HCBG_06099
CONP46	Uncharacterized protein	HCBG_04926
CONZF6	Uncharacterized protein	HCBG_08536
CONIA9	Uncharacterized protein	HCBG_03081
CONMF3	Uncharacterized protein	HCBG_04683
CONPI9	Uncharacterized protein	HCBG_05069
CONKI6	Uncharacterized protein	HCBG_03666
CONF97	Uncharacterized protein	HCBG_01563
CONEJ1	Uncharacterized protein	HCBG_01307
CONEC3	Uncharacterized protein	HCBG_01239
CONJN9	Uncharacterized protein	HCBG_03369
CONYC3	Uncharacterized protein	HCBG_07917
CONIB5	Uncharacterized protein	HCBG_03087
CONYN4	Uncharacterized protein	HCBG_08264
CONBT4	Uncharacterized protein	HCBG_00580
CONKE4	Uncharacterized protein	HCBG_03624
CONGB7	Uncharacterized protein	HCBG_02389
CONM01	Uncharacterized protein	HCBG_04531
CONG47	Uncharacterized protein	HCBG_01863
CONEU7	Uncharacterized protein	HCBG_01413
CONG27	Valyl-tRNA synthetase	HCBG_01843
COP019	Vip1 protein	HCBG_08749
CONG23	Ribosome biogenesis protein RPF2	HCBG_01839
CONGE8	Ribosome biogenesis protein TSR3	TSR3 HCBG_02420
CONAE4	Ribosome biogenesis protein YTM1	YTM1 HCBG_00090

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350 **Table 4:** Proteins associated to the RNAi machinery in *H. capsulatum* G186AR EVs
 351 compared to *S. pombe* and *N. crassa*.

Protein	<i>H. capsulatum</i> product	G186AR ID	E-value	Identity	Positives
NP_587782.1 argonaute [Schizosaccharomyces pombe]	QDE2 protein	HCBG_03944	1.00E-85	28%	45%
ESA42122.1 post-transcriptional silencing protein QDE-2 [Neurospora crassa OR74A]	QDE2 protein	HCBG_03944	1.00E-178	37%	53%
NP_588215.2 dicer [Schizosaccharomyces pombe]	Dicer-like protein	HCBG_01751	1.00E-113	28%	44%
EAA34302.3 dicer-like protein 2 [Neurospora crassa OR74A]	Dicer-like protein 2	HCBG_01136	3.00E-97	31%	49%
XP_959047.1 RNA-dependent RNA polymerase [Neurospora crassa OR74A]	RNA-dependent RNA polymerase	HCBG_06604	3.00E-92	31%	46%
XP_964030.3 RecQ family helicase [Neurospora crassa OR74A]	Dicer-like protein	HCBG_01751	0.00E+00	45%	60%
ABQ45366.1 QDE-2-interacting protein [Neurospora crassa]	QDE-2-interacting protein (QIP)	HCBG_07373	2.00E-50	27%	43%

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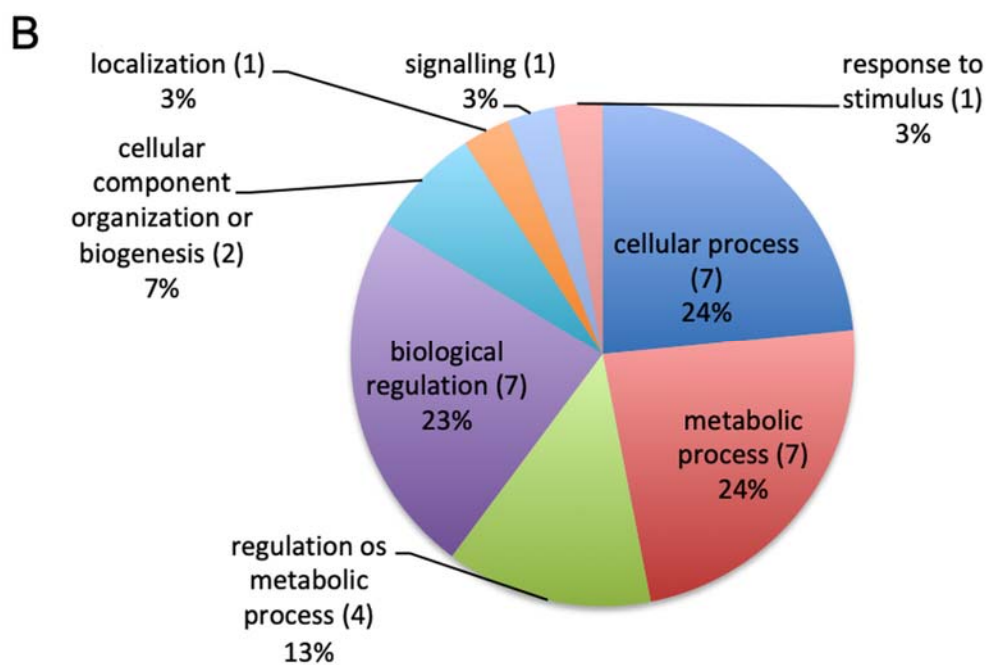
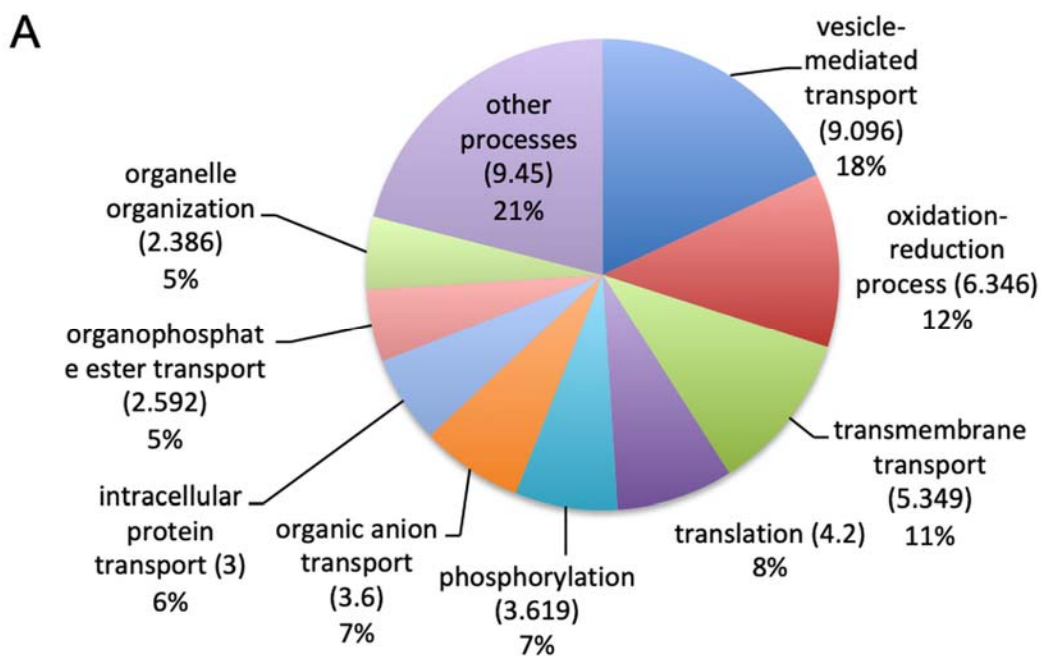
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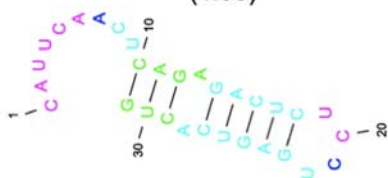
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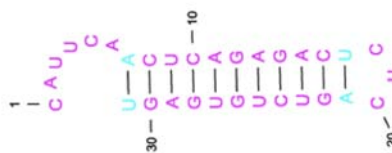
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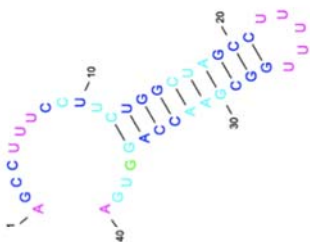
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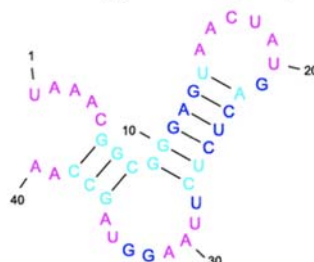
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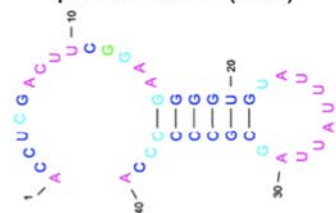
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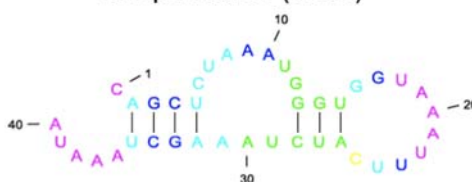
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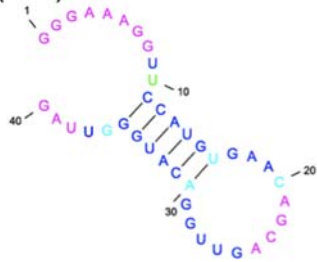
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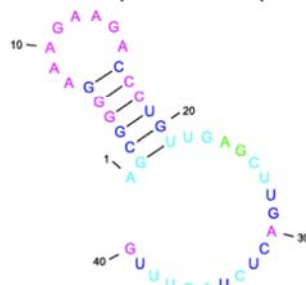
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