

1 **Proteomic analyses of the Arabidopsis cap-binding complex define core set**
2 **and TOR-dependent protein components**

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Abstract

The eukaryotic cap-binding complex (CBC) is a hub for regulations affecting mRNA behaviour including translation, degradation and storage. Beside the core eukaryotic translation initiation factors, other proteins, many of which are yet unknown, are thought to interact stably or transiently with the CBC depending on cell status. The prototype of these regulators is the animal eIF4E binding protein (4E-BP), a direct target of the TOR (Target of Rapamycin) kinase that competes with the cap-binding protein eIF4E, thus repressing translation. In plants, no functional homologs of 4E-BP have so far been characterized. In this work we performed several deep proteomic analyses of the Arabidopsis CBC after cap-affinity purification from wild-type plants. We also investigated the CBC in eIF4E mutant plants, Arabidopsis lines with lower TOR activity, or during infection with eIF4E-dependent potyviruses, conditions which are all affecting translation at the initiation level. These analyses allowed us to define a limited core set of CBC components, which were detected in all samples. Interestingly, we identified proteins, like AGO1 or VCS, which were always detected in conditions where either TOR or mRNA translation were reduced. Meta-analysis of these data revealed several new plant interactors of the CBC, potentially defining pathways related to mRNA stability and degradation, metabolism and viral life cycle. A search for eIF4E binding motifs identified several new potential 4E-BP relatives in plants.

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Introduction

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Protein synthesis is one of the cell's most energy consuming processes and is thus regulated at many levels and particularly at the level of the initiation of mRNA translation (Shah et al, 2013). Most eukaryotic mRNA are terminated at the 5' end by a 7-methyl guanylate nucleotide (m⁷GpppN), called the cap, which is recognized by a conserved protein complex, (cap-binding complex, CBC) mediating access to the ribosomal 40S subunit. The CBC is structured by the eIF4G scaffold that bridges the eIF4E cap-binding protein with the eIF4A helicases, the multi-subunit eIF3 and the 40S ribosomal subunit, to form the 43S translation preinitiation complex in association with mRNA (Jackson et al, 2010; Browning and Bailey-Serres, 2015; Kumar et al, 2016). eIF4E and eIF4G are thought to be the ancestral forms, while in flowering plants a distinct CBC is structured by eIF(iso)4E and eIF(iso)4G isoforms (Patrick and Browning, 2012). The CBC is a

67 critical point for modulation of mRNA fate across diverse eukaryotic species. Several
68 physiologically regulated proteins were found to interfere with the interaction between eIF4E and
69 eIF4G modulating translation efficiency. Among the best-known examples are eIF4E-binding
70 proteins (4E-BPs) found in several metazoan and fungal species (Mamane et al, 2006). 4E-BPs are
71 phosphorylated by the highly conserved Target of Rapamycin (TOR) kinase, itself activated by
72 growth promoting factors such as sugars, amino-acids and hormones (Condon and Sabatini, 2019;
73 Ingargiola et al, 2020). In its phosphorylated state, 4E-BP does not interfere with eIF4E to eIF4G
74 binding, thus allowing protein synthesis to proceed freely, promoting cell proliferation and growth.
75 In the dephosphorylated state, when TOR is inactivated by nutrient starvation or stress conditions,
76 4E-BP sequesters eIF4E to prevent 43S complex formation, leading to global repression of
77 translation and the promotion of cell survival and quiescence. The existence of regulators similar
78 to animal 4E-BPs was for a long time debated in plants. Recently, two Arabidopsis eIF4E protein
79 interactors CBE1 and CERES were identified but their functions seem different from the ones of
80 animal 4E-BPs. CBE1 was found to be required for proper cell cycle gene expression (Patrick et
81 al, 2018), and CERES was proposed to replace eIF4G allowing the formation of an alternative 43S
82 preinitiation complex (Toribio et al, 2019). Moreover, the link between these proteins and the
83 TOR pathway has not been clearly established, although the phosphorylation of CBE1 was found
84 to be regulated by TOR activity (Scarpin et al, 2020). An Arabidopsis ortholog of the GIGYF
85 alternative CBC component was also found to be a target of TOR (van Leene et al, 2019). It is
86 known that mammalian LARP1 protein (La-related protein1) binds cap analog and blocks eIF4F
87 formation (Lahr et al, 2017). The Arabidopsis orthologs of LARP1 have been shown to be involved
88 in the regulation of mRNA stability after heat stress (Merret et al, 2013) and to be phosphorylated
89 in a TOR-dependent manner (van Leene et al, 2019; Scarpin et al, 2020).

90 The critical role of the CBC in translational regulations is further highlighted by its frequent
91 targeting by viruses. The Hantavirus N protein replaces eIF4E and eIF4G attracting the ribosome
92 to the viral RNA (Mir and Panganiban, 2008). Picornaviruses infection leads to eIF4G cleavage
93 promoting shut-off of host mRNA translation, while translation of the viral RNA is favored by the
94 presence of an Internal Ribosome Entry Sites (IRES). The Potyviral 5' genome linked protein
95 (VPg) binds eIF4E and eIF(iso)4E promoting viral translation (Khan et al, 2008; Eskelin et al,
96 2011). A specific structure at the 3' end of several plant RNA viral genomes (3'-cap-independent
97 translation enhancer or 3'CITE) can also directly recruit eIF4E and stimulate viral translation
98 (Simon and Miller, 2013). eIF4E proteins have repeatedly evaded their capture by viral proteins or
99 RNA, providing viral resistance in several plant species (Robaglia and Caranta, 2006; Nieto et al,
100 2006; Poulicard et al, 2016)

101 Purification and biochemical analysis of the CBC can be performed through affinity purification
102 to resin-coupled m7GTP, which acts as a cap analogue (Sonenberg et al, 1979). Copurifying
103 proteins were found to be considerably enriched for proteins involved in translation initiation and
104 in the regulation of protein synthesis in animals as well as in plants. Indeed, in an initial study
105 analyzing the composition of the CBC in Arabidopsis, about 20 new proteins not previously known
106 to be part of the Arabidopsis CBC were identified (Bush et al, 2009). Several of these candidates
107 were later confirmed as genuine components of the CBC which could regulate translation such as
108 the CBE1 protein (At4g01290, Patrick et al, 2018), the GRP8 RNA binding glycine rich protein
109 (At4g39260) involved in RNA splicing and flowering (Steffen et al, 2019) and the EXA1 GIGYF-
110 like protein (At5g42950), involved in RNA virus replication and defense gene expression
111 (Hashimoto et al, 2016; Wu et al, 2019).

112 In the present work we took advantage of the recent progresses in the sensitivity, speed and
113 resolution of mass spectrometers to perform a wide analysis of affinity-purified CBC proteomic
114 data from Arabidopsis plants. One of the main goals of this study was to identify the most stable
115 and ubiquitous components of the Arabidopsis core CBC by identifying proteins which were
116 always present in the proteomic analyses. We present a detailed analysis of the CBC in wild-type
117 (WT) Arabidopsis and compared it to several lines where translation initiation is affected by
118 different causes. These are a mutant devoid of the eIF4E protein, plants infected by the
119 Watermelon Mosaic potyvirus (WMV) and plants where the TOR pathway was repressed by
120 genetic or chemical repression. This wide study allows us to identify invariant components of the
121 CBC in plants as well as those that appear in the CBC only upon TOR repression or viral infection.
122 These proteins could provide new leads for the study of translational regulation in plants.

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126 **Materials and Methods**

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128 **Plant material and growth conditions**

129 Experiments are summarized in Table I. Arabidopsis Col0 ecotype was the WT background for
130 most experiments excepted for experiments with TOR inducible RNAi lines which were
131 performed with Landsberg *erecta* ecotype. TOR RNAi constitutive line 35.7, TOR RNAi inducible
132 lines 5.2 and 6.3 and GUS control line were described in Deprost et al, 2007. The eIF4E KO
133 mutant line SALK-145583 was described in Bastet et al, 2018.

134 For experiments G1 to G4, and M1 to M3, 100mg sterilized seeds were grown in liquid modified
135 Hoagland medium, with agitation for 8 days after germination before either induction or
136 harvesting. Induction of the TOR RNAi constructs were performed by adding ethanol to 0.1%
137 and overnight incubation before harvesting (Deprost et al, 2007).

138 Experiments G5 and G6 were performed with plants grown in soil for 35d. Watermelon Mosaic
139 Virus inoculation was performed by carborundum abrasion of four leaves of each plant at 28d with
140 phosphate buffer (Ouibrahim et al, 2015).

141 For experiments L3 and L4, plants were grown hydroponically in boxes filled with 100ml of
142 modified Hoagland medium. The media was changed every week and AZD-8055, a strong and
143 specific TOR kinase inhibitor (Montané and Menand, 2013), was added directly to the medium at
144 1 μ M in DMSO, after 3 weeks of culture followed by 15 min incubation (sample L3). Controls
145 boxes received an equal volume of DMSO (sample L4).

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147 **Cap-binding affinity purification**

148 Plant material was blotted dry, weighted and frozen in liquid N₂, finely grounded before addition
149 of extraction buffer (1mg/ml) and homogenization. Extraction buffer was 40 mM HEPES buffer
150 containing 0.1M KCl, 10% (v/v) glycerol, 1 mM DTT, 0.3% (w/v) CHAPS containing protease
151 inhibitors (1 tablet Biorad/10ml ; 1/100 v/v PMSF). Phosphatase inhibitors were also added in L3
152 and L4 experiments. Extracts were clarified at 15000 rpm at 4°C in SW41 rotor for 10 min in a
153 Beckman ultracentrifuge, protein concentration in the supernatant (usually around 2mg/ml) was
154 measured using the Bradford assay. Two mg of proteins in buffer were mixed with 50ul 7-Methyl-
155 GTP- Sepharose 4B (GE Healthcare) previously equilibrated with extraction buffer, and incubated
156 overnight at 4°C on a rotating wheel, before being loaded onto mini-columns. The columns were
157 washed with 4ml of extraction buffer, then with 1ml of extraction buffer containing 0.1 mM GTP,
158 elution was done with 50-100ul of 5mM m⁷GTP. In experiments L3 and L4, the supernatant was
159 preincubated with Sepharose 4B for removing proteins binding unspecifically to this support.
160 Experiment G4 was performed with plain Sepharose 4B instead of 7-Methyl-GTP- Sepharose 4B.
161 Samples were either sent and processed directly by the platforms or proteins were separated on
162 polyacrylamide gels (10%) and lanes were cut out, digested by trypsin and analyzed by MS/MS as
163 previously described (Dobrenel et al. 2016). Briefly, peptides obtained after trypsin digestion were
164 analyzed by nano LC-MS/MS on a NanoLC-Ultra system (Eksigent). Eluted peptides were
165 analyzed with a Q-Exactive mass spectrometer (Thermo Electron) using a nano-electrospray
166 interface (non-coated capillary probe, 10 μ i.d; New Objective). Peptides and the corresponding
167 proteins were identified and grouped with X!TandemPipeline using the X!Tandem Piledriver

168 (2015.04.01) release and the TAIR10 protein library with the phosphorylation of serine, threonine
169 and tyrosine as a potential peptide modification. Precursor mass tolerance was 10 ppm and
170 fragment mass tolerance was 0.02 Th. Identified proteins were filtered and grouped using the
171 X!TandemPipeline v3.3.41. Data filtering was achieved according to a peptide E-value lower than
172 0.01. The false discovery rate (FDR) was estimated to 0.92%.

173 Samples were processed and analyzed by core facilities: Edyp <http://www.edyp.fr/web/> (G1 to
174 G6); PAPPSO <http://pappso.inrae.fr/> (M1 to M3); Marseille proteomique [https://marseille-
175 proteomique.univ-amu.fr/](https://marseille-proteomique.univ-amu.fr/) (L3 and L4) (Table 1). During all procedures great care was exerted to
176 minimize contamination by human or animal keratins.

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178 **Accession to the raw data**

179 The raw data have been deposited to the ProteomeXchange Consortium via the PRIDE (Perez-
180 Rivero et al, 2019) partner repository under the following dataset identifiers:

181 Experiments G1 to G6: PXD028376

182 Experiments M1 to M3: PXD028533

183 Experiments L3 and L4: PXD029102

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185 **Polysome preparation and analysis.** Polysomes were prepared and fractionated exactly as
186 described by Lecampion et al, 2016.

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189 **Results and discussion**

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191 **Core proteins of the Arabidopsis cap-binding complex.**

192 Four different sets of proteomic analyses were performed that were named according to the
193 proteomic core facility performing the analysis as well as to the different conditions or mutants
194 being analyzed, i.e. Grenoble facility (G1-6) for analysis of TOR constitutive RNAi, eIF4E mutants
195 and WMV virus infection, Moulon (M1-3) for analysis of TOR RNAi inducible lines and Marseille
196 (L3 and L4) for plants treated with AZD-8055 a TOR inhibitor (see Table I for details). The
197 objective was to define a robust CBC core protein set from various analysis procedures. Different
198 conditions potentially affecting CBC composition were used, each set including a control
199 experiment based either on the Arabidopsis Col-0 ecotype or the Landsberg *erecta* ecotype (M1-
200 M3). In experiments G1-4 a control where proteins were captured on Sepharose-4B without
201 attached cap-analog was performed to evaluate non-specific binding. In experiments L3 and L4,
202 proteins extracts were preincubated with Sepharose-4B. Between 86 to 997 proteins were identified

203 per experiment (Table I, Supplementary Table 1). For the experiments L3 and L4, the
204 polyacrylamide electrophoresis gel was cut in ten slices which were analyzed separately. Specific
205 proteins lists were then assembled to generate the total list of proteins in which duplicates were
206 removed.. The majority of proteins were identified in only one or two proteomic analyses
207 consistent with the idea that the composition of the CBC is dynamic by nature and that it can be
208 influenced by experimental context and growth conditions, but also by the treatment of mass
209 spectrometry data and instrument performance (Supplementary Table 1 to 10). We first performed
210 a comparison of all lists of proteins found in control CBC experiments by defining their
211 intersections to identify common components.

212 We thus established a core set of nine common proteins identified in all proteomic analyses (Table
213 II, Figure 1). Seven out of these nine proteins were previously identified in a study of the
214 composition of the CBC in Arabidopsis cell lines (Bush et al., 2009). These proteins represent
215 canonical components of the CBC including eIF4E, eIF(iso)4E, eIF(iso)4G and nuclear CBP20
216 and CBP80 (Castellano and Merchante, 2020). Another conserved protein is the RNS2 RNase
217 (At2g39780) which has been shown to be involved in rRNA recycling and whose mutation results
218 in reduced TOR activity (Kazibwe et al., 2020). A protein containing a GDSL-motif lipase
219 (At1g29670) which interacts with SCE1 and Sumo, both of which interact with eIF3G, according
220 to the Biogrid database (<https://thebiogrid.org/>) was also systematically identified. Almost all
221 experiments, except the AZD-8055 control analysis, identified the beta subunit homolog potassium
222 channel (At1g04690) which interacts with TAP46, a component of the PP2A phosphatase complex
223 that is a target of the TOR kinase (van Leene et al., 2019; and reviewed in Ingargiola et al, 2020).
224 The canonical eIF4G factor was often detected but less robustly than eIF(iso)4Gs, which could
225 reflect a weaker association with eIF4E. Nitrate reductase isoforms (NIA1 At1g77760; NIA2
226 At1g37130) were identified in several experiments and interact with the eIF2B-delta initiation
227 factor that was also found to interact with the TORC1 complex (Figure 1; van Leene et al. 2019).
228 The CERES protein (At4g23840), described as an eIF4E interacting protein (Toribio et al., 2019),
229 was found in CBCs purified from hydroponics cultures (L4) but not after AZD-8055 treatment.
230 In Brassicaceae, two recently duplicated genes can potentially code for eIF4EB (At1g29550) and
231 eIF4EC (At1g29590) isoforms of eIF4E (Patrick and Browning, 2012). However, those proteins
232 were not detected in our experiments. This confirms previous observations that eIF4EC appears
233 unexpressed and that eIF4EB is expressed at low level (Patrick et al, 2014). The different subunits
234 of eIF3E (eIF3a, eIF3c, eIF3e, eIF3f, eIF3h) were also frequently identified but at a lower
235 frequency than core components.

236 Several different RNA helicases and RNA-binding proteins were identified in association with the
237 CBC (see Tables II and III). Among them the AGO1 (At1g48410) protein was identified in almost
238 all cases where TOR was inhibited either by silencing or by addition of AZD-8055 as well as in
239 WMV infected plants (4 out of 5 experiments, see discussion below). The AGO2 (At1g31280)
240 protein was also identified in some experiments after TOR inhibition (L3). GRP7 (At2g21660) and
241 GRP8 (At4g39260) proteins are also present in most experiments, they were previously associated
242 with the CBC and their role in RNA metabolism has been established (Steffen et al, 2019).

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244 **The Arabidopsis cap-binding complex in absence of eIF4E.**

245 We performed an analysis of the Arabidopsis CBC in the absence of eIF4E. The Salk-145583
246 mutant line contains a T-DNA inserted in the first intron of the eIF4E gene (At4g18040). The lack
247 of eIF4E in this mutant was previously characterized by western blot analysis (Bastet et al, 2018).
248 Cap dependent translation in this mutant line is thought to rely mostly, if not entirely, on
249 eIF(iso)4E, since *ejf4e/eIf(iso)4e* double mutants are not viable (Patrick et al, 2014; Callot and Gallois,
250 2014) ruling out a substantial contribution of eIF4EB and eIF4EC. The eIF4E KO line exhibits a
251 slow growth phenotype with a delay in flowering (Bastet et al, 2018). Polysome analysis reveal a
252 lower accumulation of polysomes over monosomes compared to WT suggesting a global defect in
253 translation (Figure 2). The absence of eIF4E was further confirmed in the proteomic analysis where
254 it could not be detected in the mutant line (experiment G2), while it was well represented in all
255 other conditions. eIF4E is thought to form a specific complex with eIF4G (At3g60240). Indeed,
256 eIF4G was not detected in the eIF4E mutant line supporting the idea that heterologous
257 eIF(iso)4E/eIF4G complex formation does not occur *in vivo*. In support of this, Patrick and
258 Browning (2014) mention that plants with only eIF(iso)4E and eIF4G are not viable and Patrick
259 et al, (2018) reported that eIF4G was also absent in the CBC of another eIF4E mutant line.
260 Remarkably, AGO1 and NIA1 are still detected in the eIF4E mutant CBC (experiment G2),
261 suggesting that they can associate with the eIF(iso)4E-dependent CBC.

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263 **Cap-binding complex modulation during TOR inhibition.**

264 Similarly, to the mammalian and yeast TOR pathways, inhibition of the plant TOR repress
265 translation (Deprost et al, 2007). However, the molecular aspects of this repression are not fully
266 understood. For example, functional equivalents of the mammalian 4E-BPs are still elusive in
267 plants. Therefore, CBC analysis during TOR inhibition could reveal mediators of translational
268 repression. To obtain a common picture of the effects of TOR inhibition, we analyzed the CBC in

269 three different conditions: constitutive RNAi (experiment G3) ethanol inducible RNAi
270 (experiments M2 and 3), and treatment with AZD-8055 (experiment L3).

271 AGO1 is one of the proteins that is consistently detected in the CBC during different conditions
272 of TOR inhibition. AGO1 is responsible of the mRNA cleavage activity of the RNA induced
273 silencing complex (RISC) guided by different classes of small RNA (Song et al, 2019).
274 Independently of RNA cleavage, RNA silencing has as strong effect on mRNA translation that is
275 not completely understood (Brodersen et al, 2008; Lanet et al, 2009; Song et al, 2019). AGO1 has
276 been associated with translating polysomes in plants (Lanet et al, 2009) and in other organisms,
277 such as mammals and insects, miRNA and the RISC complex are known to interfere with the
278 translation initiation step, although the targets and mechanism of action are still controversial
279 (Jonas et al, 2015). The VARICOSE (VCS, At3g13300) WD-40 containing protein, a partner of
280 the plant decapping complex, was also identified in the CBC after TOR inhibition (either by
281 inducible silencing, M2 and M3, or after inhibition by AZD-8055, L3). The decapping complex
282 removes the cap from the 5' end of mRNAs and is involved in eukaryotic mRNA decay and is
283 composed of Decapping 1 (DCP1), Decapping 2 (DCP2) and VCS. Moreover, VCS can be
284 phosphorylated by SnRK2 kinases (Soma et al. 2017; Kawa et al. 2020) which also inhibit TOR
285 activity by phosphorylating RAPTOR (Wang et al. 2018) and controlling SnRK1 activity (Belda-
286 Palazon et al. 2020). This could indicate a coordinated action of SnRK kinases on both the function
287 of TOR and the stability of mRNAs. VCS was also found to be involved in the regulation of
288 miRNA accumulation, which could suggest that VCS and AGO1 are TOR-dependent interactors
289 of the CBC (Motomura et al. 2012).

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291 **Potential plant 4E-BPs**

292 4E-BPs are involved in TOR mediated translational repression in mammals, but the plants analogs
293 are still unknown. We therefore attempted to use our set of proteins to short-list potential plant
294 4E-BPs. We started from the known 4E-BP motif (Gosselin et al, 2013) [HRKQ]-x-x-Y-x-[RH]-
295 x-[FAVLIM]-L-[MLWIFY] that we slightly modified to better match Arabidopsis 4G and (iso)4G
296 in [HRKQE]-x-x-[YRK]-x-[RHST]-x-[FAVLIME]- [LQE]-[MLWFYI]. A search of the whole
297 Arabidopsis proteome provided 2598 hits. These were then compared to our complete set of
298 proteins co-purified with the CBC providing 69 candidates (Table III). This list includes the CBE1
299 protein whose absence was previously shown to delay flowering and derepress cell-cycle related
300 genes, a likely TOR output (Patrick et al, 2018). This supports the fact that the short-list contains
301 new potential translational regulators linked to the plant TOR pathway, which would need further
302 studies to establish their roles in regulating eIF4E-dependent translation initiation.

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305 **Potyviral proteins interacts with the CBC**

306 Plant potyviruses form a large family of RNA viruses. Their genome bears a 5' Viral Protein
307 Genome linked (VPg known to interact with eIF4E and eIF(iso)4E proteins for promotion of viral
308 infection (Robaglia and Caranta, 2006)). Depending on the virus species, eIF4E, eIF(iso)4E or
309 both can be captured by the VPg. To examine whether viral infection affect CBC composition and
310 if other viral proteins besides VPg (or its precursor the Nia protease) could directly or indirectly
311 bind the CBC, we infected young Arabidopsis plants with Watermelon Mosaic Virus (WMV), a
312 potyvirus using both eIF4E and eIF(iso)4E (Bastet et al, 2018) prior to CBC purification and
313 analysis. Besides VPg-pro, we identified the multifunctional protein Hc-Pro, the viral coat protein,
314 the viral polymerase Nib and the Cylindrical inclusion protein (CI). CI, HC-pro and VPg-pro were
315 previously found to form a complex (Roudet-Tavert. et al, 2007, 2012; Zilian et al, 2011). Hc-Pro
316 is a potyvirus specific multifunctional protein with multiple roles in virus/host interaction. One of
317 its cellular functions is to suppress antiviral RNA silencing, although its precise molecular action is
318 not fully understood. As discussed above, RNA silencing is associated with translational repression
319 that likely involve AGO1, the main component of the RNA induced silencing complex. Hc-Pro
320 has been shown to interact with AGO1 (Ivanov et al, 2016), which, as discussed above, is recruited
321 to the CBC in conditions of TOR inhibition, that are known to strongly repress WMV potyvirus
322 accumulation (Ouibrahim et al, 2015). Overall, this suggest that AGO1, guided by antiviral siRNA,
323 is involved in translational repression of the viral genomic RNA and that Hc-Pro may counteract
324 this mechanism during normal infections. When TOR is inhibited the resulting over-recruitment
325 of AGO1 to the CBC to drive general translational repression would also override the action of
326 Hc-Pro, leading to virus elimination by RNA silencing. Interestingly, the Potato virus A HC-pro
327 component, a viral suppressor of RNA silencing, induces the formation of RNA granules
328 containing the ribosomal protein P0 (also identified as a TOR target, Dobrenel et al. 2016), AGO1,
329 VCS and eIF(iso)4E, which are involved in the stimulation of PVA translation (Hafrén et al. 2015).
330 This suggests that a large protein complex containing CBC-interacting components like eIF(iso)4E,
331 AGO1 and VCS could be formed upon TOR inhibition and/or viral infection.

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333 **Conclusions**

334 In this work we analyze the data from 11 deep proteomic analysis of Arabidopsis CBC performed
335 under different conditions. Most proteins were detected only in single treatment and with minimal
336 peptides representation, raising caution about their physiological relevance in association with the
337 CBC. However, a subset of proteins are reproducibly and highly represented in several

338 experiments, and among them known components of the CBC such as translation initiation factors
339 of the eIF4E, eIF4G and eIF3 families, validating the global approach. We also confirm the
340 association of several proteins to the CBC that were identified by Bush and Doonan (2009) or
341 subsequently (Patrick et al, 2018; Toribio et al. 2019). This wide analysis also highlights new
342 potential links between the CBC and mRNA metabolic pathways such as RNA silencing and the
343 TOR pathway that could be tested experimentally. In contrast, the LARP1 protein, an established
344 translational regulator presumed to be associated to the cap (Scarpin et al, 2020), is only found in
345 the subset of experiments L3 and L4, which represent the deepest analysis in our set. This may
346 indicate that if LARP1 binds the CBC, which has not been demonstrated in plants, then its affinity
347 might be too weak to for retention during the purification procedure. A new finding is the
348 association of AGO1 to the plant CBC when TOR activity is repressed. Following TOR inhibition,
349 AGO1 may adhere more voraciously to the mRNA cap or to eIF4E, orientating RNA silencing
350 from specific RNA repression in association with diverse small RNA guides towards global
351 translational repression. From a TOR centered view, this would be an energetically favorable
352 situation. Whatever the exact mechanism that links TOR dependent translational repression and
353 RNA silencing, it is remarkable that another component of RNA silencing, the AGO1 associated
354 SGS3 double stranded RNA binding protein also interacts with the TOR complex (van Leene et
355 al 2019).

356 The activity of many proteins acting at the CBC, like in all dynamic macromolecular complexes,
357 are likely to be modulated by post-translational modifications. Indeed, several plant translation
358 initiation factors are known to be phosphorylated in response to changing physiological conditions
359 (Browning and Bailey-Serres, 2015). We anticipate that the data made available in this work will
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618 **Figure legends:**

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620 **Figure 1:** Identification of core CBC and TOR-dependent components.

621 Spheres in blue and red (expected direct interaction with m7GTP, red lines) represent
622 the core CBC found in all control experiments using control Arabidopsis Col-0
623 plants. Blue donuts show proteins often but not always detected in the proteomic
624 analyses of the CBC. Black spheres and lines represent interacting proteins identified
625 in the Biogrid database

626 Blue cylinders represent the AGO1 and Varicose (VCS) proteins found in all cap-
627 binding affinity purifications when TOR activity was inhibited (RNAi, AZD-8055
628 treatment).

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630 **Figure 2:** Polysome profiles of Col-0 and eIF4E KO seedlings. The area under the
631 curves of monosomes and polysomes of each profile was integrated to give the graph
632 shown to the right. Orange, polysomes; violet, monosomes.

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634 **Figure 3:** WMV polyprotein specific peptides identified in the CBC (see
635 Supplemental Data 6 and 7 for details).

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639 Tables

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Name of experiment	Genotype/inhibitor	Growth conditions	Purification method	Total number of detected proteins	Platform
G1: Control eIF4E mutant TOR RNAi	Col0	8d seedlings liquid culture	m7GTP sepharose, gel separation. The gel was cut in two slices which were analyzed independently.	486	Edyp-Grenoble
G2: eIF4E mutant	Col0 eIF4E-/-	8d seedlings liquid culture	m7GTP sepharose, gel separation. The gel was cut in two slices which were analyzed independently.	345	Edyp-Grenoble
G3: Constitutive TOR RNAi	Col0 TOR constitutive RNAi	8d seedlings liquid culture	m7GTP sepharose, gel separation. The gel was cut in two slices which were analyzed independently.	190	Edyp-Grenoble
G4: Control unspecific binding	Col0	8d seedlings liquid culture	Sepharose4B, gel separation. The gel was cut in two slices which were analyzed independently.	354	Edyp-Grenoble
G5 : Control WMV infection	Col0	35d old plants, soil	m7GTP sepharose	165	Edyp-Grenoble
G6: WMV infection	Col0+WMV	35d old plants, soil	m7GTP sepharose	111	Edyp-Grenoble
M1: Control TOR inducible RNAi	Le alca::GUS	8d seedlings liquid culture	m7GTP sepharose	86	PAPPSO
M2: TOR inducible RNAi 5.2 line	Le alca::TOR-IRNAI 1	8d seedlings liquid culture	m7GTP sepharose	181	PAPPSO
M3: TOR inducible RNAi 6.3 line	Le alca::TOR-IRNAI 2	8d seedlings liquid culture	m7GTP sepharose	183	PAPPSO
L3: AZD8055 treatment	Col0	21d seedlings hydroponic	Sepharose4B preadsorption, m7GTP sepharose. The gel was cut in ten slices which were analyzed independently.	822	Marseille IMM
L4: Control DMSO treatment for AZD8055 treatment	Col0 + AZD8055	21d seedlings hydroponic	Sepharose4B preadsorption, m7GTP sepharose. The gel was cut in ten slices which were analyzed independently.	997	Marseille IMM

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642 **Table I:** Details of experimental procedures for proteomic analyses of the
 643 Arabidopsis cap-binding complex. The total number of proteins detected in each
 644 experiment in indicated.

645 Experimental data can be found in:

646 G1 to G4: supplemental data tables 2-5

647 G5 to G6: supplemental data tables 6-7

648 M1-3: supplemental data table 8

649 L3 to L4: supplemental data table 9-10

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At5g44200 CBP20_nuclear cap-binding protein
 At5g35620 eIF(iso)4E_LSP1
 At4g22010 SKS4_multi-copper oxidase type I
 At2g24050 eIF (iso)4G2
 At1g29670 GDSL-motif lipase
 At5g57870 eIF (iso)4G1
 At2g39780 RNS2_ribonuclease 2
 At2g13540 CBP80_nuclear cap-binding protein
 At4g18040 eIF4E1

At1g48410 AGO1_Argonaute protein
 At3g13300 Varicose_WD-40 motif protein

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653 **Table II** : Proteins of the core CBC present in all proteomic analyses.

654 Upper panel: Core CBC defined by proteomic analyses of the control Col-0 line.

655 Proteins in blue were not found in the CBC after TOR silencing.

656 Lower panel: proteins present in experiments after TOR RNA silencing or inhibition
 657 with AZD-8055.

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A2g05830	eukaryotic translation initiation factor 2B family protein	A1g36160	ACC1__similar to acetyl-CoA carboxylase 2
A1g62380	ACQ2_ATACQ2__1-aminocyclopropane-1-carboxylate oxidase	A4g04570	protein kinase family protein, contains Pfam domain PF00069: Protein kinase domain
A5g09590	mHSC70-2_HSC70-5__heat shock protein 70	A5g57870	eukaryotic translation initiation factor 4F
A4g37910	MTHSC70-1__heat shock protein 70, mitochondrial, putative	A1g76160	SKS5__multi-copper oxidase type I
A1g09620	similar to leucyl-tRNA synthetase, putative (InterPro:IPR002300)	A5g69860	LON_ARA_ARA__similar to Lon protease
A3g08530	clathrin heavy chain, putative	A5g58420	40S ribosomal protein S4
A1g43170	ARP1_RPL3A_EMB2207__60S ribosomal protein L3 (RPL3A)	A1g10760	SEX1_GWD_GWD1_SOP_SOP1__starch excess protein
A4g35850	pentatricopeptide (PPR) repeat-containing protein	A5g07090	40S ribosomal protein S4 (RPS4B)
A1g77760	NIA1_GNR1_NR1__nitrate reductase 1 (NR1)	A4g09040	RNA recognition motif (RRM)-containing protein, low similarity to enhancer binding protein-1; EBP1
A5g20850	glycoyl hydrolase family 3 protein	A4g01290	expressed protein
A5g58290	RPT3__26S proteasome AAA-ATPase subunit (RPT3)	A4g39830	aconitate hydratase
A3g63460	EMB2221__WD-40 repeat family protein	A5g65110	ACX2_ATACX2__acyl-CoA oxidase (ACX2), identical to acyl-CoA oxidase (Arabidopsis thaliana) GI:3044212
A3g60240	EIF4G_CUM2__MIF4G domain-containing protein	A1g53310	ATPPC1__phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase, putative
A1g06950	ATTIC10_TIC110	A3g63140	mRNA-binding protein, putative, similar to mRNA binding protein precursor (GI:26453355) (Lycopersicon esculentum)
A1g08520	PDE166__magnesium-chelatase subunit chD	A2g17360	40S ribosomal protein S4 (RPS4A), contains ribosomal protein S4 signature from residues 8 to 22
A5g46580	pentatricopeptide (PPR) repeat-containing protein	A1g62020	coatomer protein complex, subunit alpha,
A4g30090	vacuolar proton ATPase	A3g62530	PBS lyase HEAT-like repeat-containing protein, contains Pfam profile: PF03130 PBS lyase HEAT-like repeat
A5g42020	BIP__luminal binding protein 2 (BIP-2)	A1g20060	EMB1507__U5 small nuclear ribonucleoprotein helicase
A5g65010	ASN2__asparagine synthetase 2 (ASN2)	A1g71810	ABC1 family protein, contains Pfam domain, PF03109: ABC 1 family
A2g24050	MIF4G domain-containing protein	A1g14000	protein kinase family protein / ankyrin repeat family protein, contains Pfam profiles: PF00069 protein kinase domain,
A4g26970	aconitate hydratase	A3g05530	RPT5A_ATS6A2__26S proteasome AAA-ATPase subunit (RPT5a), identical to GB.AAF22525 GI:6652896 from (Arabidopsis thaliana)
A1g41830	SKS6__multi-copper oxidase type I	A1g76720	eukaryotic translation initiation factor 2 family protein /
A4g11420	EIF3A_eukaryotic translation initiation factor 3 subunit 10	A2g37660	expressed protein
A3g02380	6-phosphogluconate dehydrogenase family protein	A3g56650	thylakoid lumenal 20 kDa protein,
A5g56500	similar to chaperonin	A2g21390	coatomer protein complex, subunit alpha, putative, contains Pfam PF00400: WD domain
A5g28540	luminal binding protein 1 (BIP-1)	A1g37130	NIA2__nitrate reductase 2 (NR2)
A2g30210	LAC3__laccase, putative	A1g79990	coatomer protein complex,
A3g22540	cupin family protein, contains similarity to vicilin-expressed protein	A2g38040	CAC3__acetyl co-enzyme A carboxylase carboxyltransferase alpha subunit
A1g47420	STH__pH-B-type carbohydrate kinase	A4g29810	ATMKK2_MK1_MKK2__mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase (MAPKK)
A2g31390	NIR1_ATHNIR_NIR__ferrodoxin-nitrite reductase	A1g27450	APT1__adenine phosphoribosyltransferase 1
A2g15620		A1g03475	LIN2__coproporphyrinogen III oxidase,
		A3g46970	ATPHS2_PHS2__Encodes a cytosolic alpha-glucan phosphorylase.
		A3g11130	clathrin heavy chain, putative, similar to Swiss-Prot:Q00610 clathrin heavy chain 1 (CLH-1) (Homo sapiens)
		A3g01780	expressed protein, est hit,
		A1g12840	DET3__vacuolar ATP synthase subunit C (VATC)
		A4g10840	kinesin light chain-related
		A1Cg00750	RPS11__30S chloroplast ribosomal protein S11
		A5g26280	meprin and TRAF homology domain-containing protein

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661 **Table III:** Subset of proteins from all the 11 experiments bearing the modified 4E-
662 BP motif [HRKQE]-x-x-[YRK]-x-[RHST]-x-[FAVLIME]- [LQE]-[MLWFYI]

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665 **Supplemental data legends**

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667 **Supplemental data table 1:** Lists of the proteins which were identified in all the
668 proteomic analyses of purified CBC. Experiments names correspond to the ones
669 defined in Table I.

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671 **Supplemental data tables 2-5 :** Proteomic data of CBCs purified from Col0
672 (Table 2), eIF4E mutant (Table 3), TOR constitutive RNAi 35-7 line (Table 4), and
673 Sepharose 4B control (Table 5, proteins identified from two gel slices for each
674 conditions).

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676 **Supplemental data tables 6-7 :** Proteomic data of CBCs purified from Col0
677 (Table 6), and Col0 infected with Watermelon Mosaic Viruses (Table 7). Data from
678 Sepharose4B binding proteins was extracted from Supplemental table 5.

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680 **Supplemental data table 8:** Proteomic data of CBCs purified from ethanol
681 induced alcA::Gus control, alcA::TOR RNAi 5.3, alcA::TOR RNAi6.3 lines.

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683 **Supplemental data tables 9-10:** Proteomic data of CBCs purified from Col0
684 seedlings treated with the TOR inhibitor AZD-8055 (Table 9, L3) and from
685 control Col0 treated with DMSO for 15 min (Table 10, L4).

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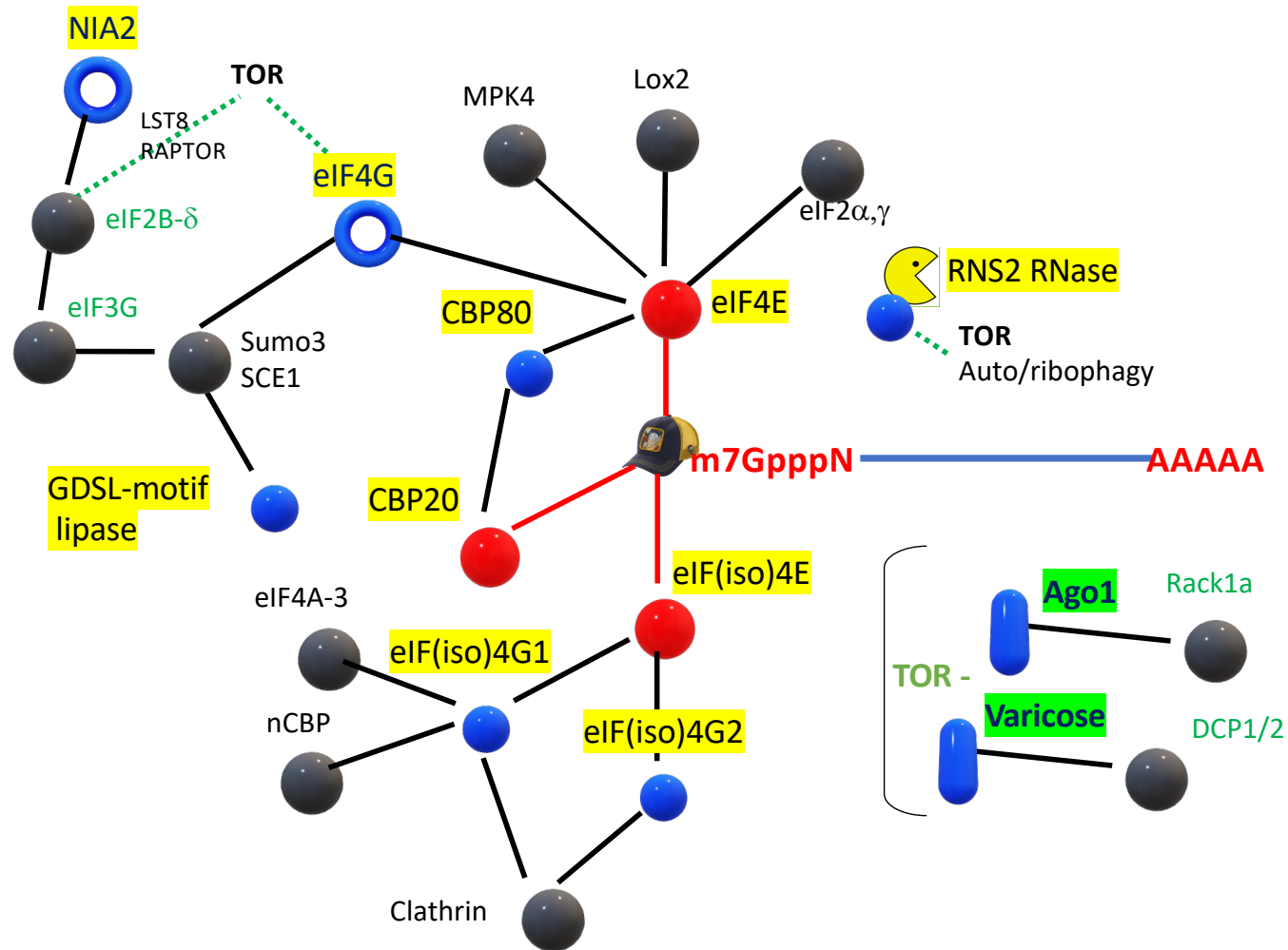


Figure 1: Identification of core CBC and TOR-dependent components.

Spheres in blue and red (expected direct interaction with m7GTP, red lines) represent the core CBC found in all control experiments using control Arabidopsis Col-0 plants.

Blue donuts show proteins often but not always detected in the proteomic analyses of the CBC.

Black spheres and lines represent interacting proteins identified in the Biogrid database

Blue cylinders represent the AGO1 and Varicose (VCS) proteins found in all cap-binding affinity purifications when TOR activity was inhibited (RNAi, AZD-8055 treatment).

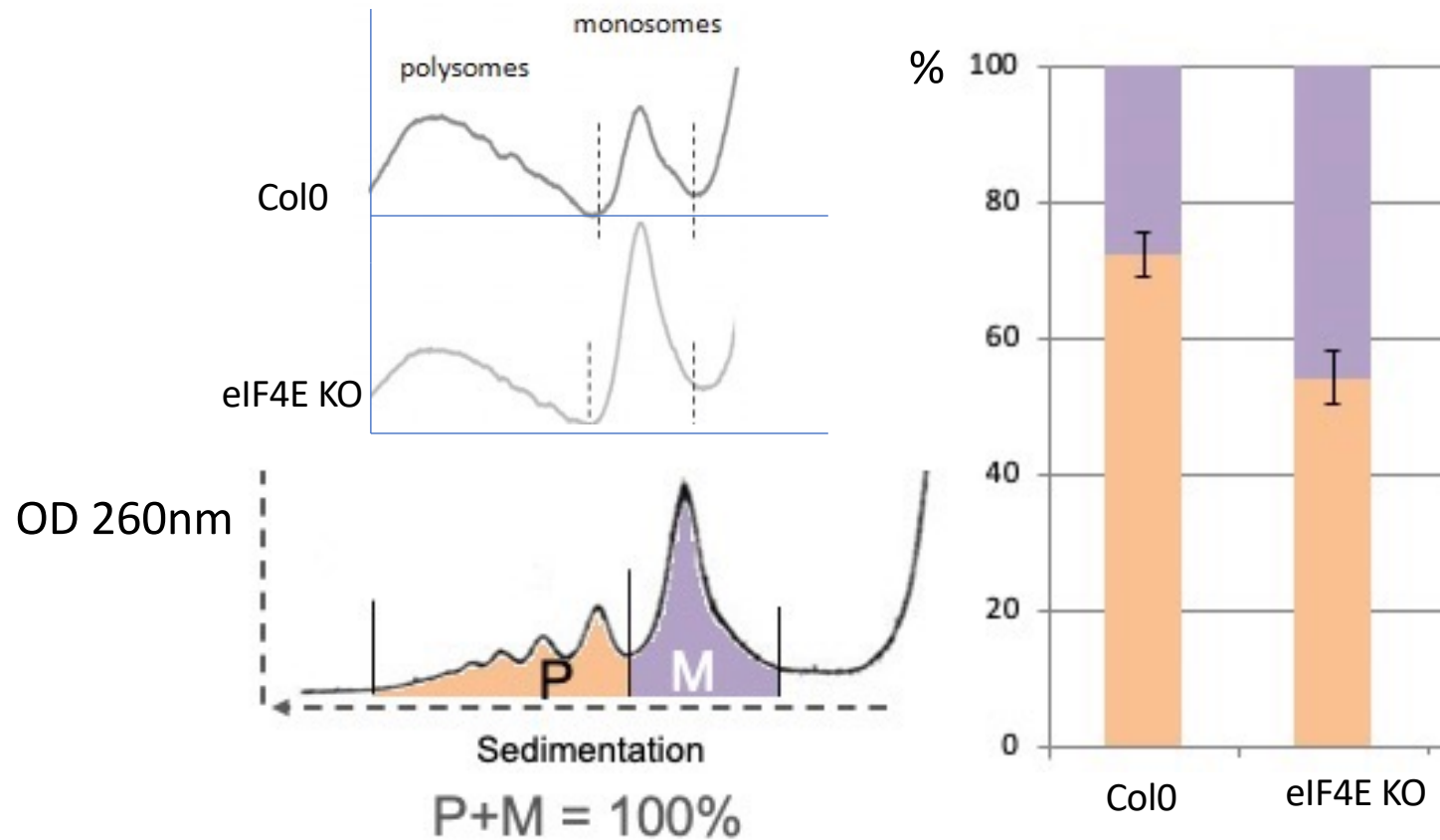


Figure 2: Polysome profiles of Col-0 and eIF4E KO seedlings.

The area under the curves of monosomes and polysomes of each profile was integrated to give the graph shown to the right.

Orange, polysomes; violet, monosomes.

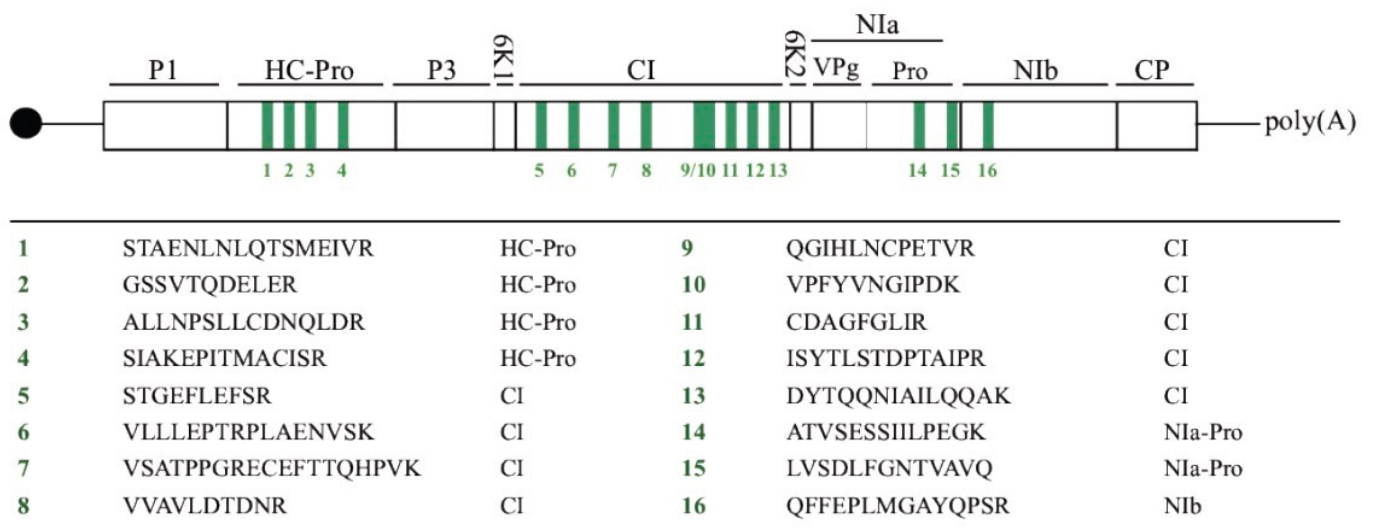


Figure 3: WMV polyprotein specific peptides identified in the CBC.
(see Supplemental Data 6 and 7 for details)