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**Mitochondrial translation in  
*Toxoplasma gondii*: Establishing  
tools, and characterizing essential  
mitoribosomal components**

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# 1. Abstract

Apicomplexan parasites cause diseases such as malaria and toxoplasmosis. These parasites are obligate intracellular pathogen and divergent organisms whose cellular machineries often composed of unique structures of functions compared to model organisms. Studying fundamental mitochondrial biology in these organisms means defining the ancestral core of eukaryotic pathways while simultaneously identifying organism specific traits, that may also inspire drug discovery. Organellar translation has been a focus for the latter in recent years.

Due to extreme gene transfer to the nuclear genome, the apicomplexan mitochondrial genome encodes only three proteins: COXI, COXIII and COB, and a series of indirect evidence suggest active mitochondrial translation of these proteins. Evidence also point to several divergent features in this pathway compared to model organism, primarily the reliance on the import of the full set of tRNAs from the cytosol, and the unusual ribosome composition. Progress has been hampered by the lack of functional assays to detect apicomplexan mitochondrial translation, a shortage of knowledge of proteins involved in this process and the incapacity to detect mitoribosomes. We investigate the molecular detail of translation in apicomplexan organisms using *Toxoplasma gondii* as a model.

tRNA affinity pull down identified 7 candidate proteins with potential role in mitochondrial tRNA import. Using a bioinformatics screen based on mRNA expression patterns, 279 candidate mitochondrial housekeeping components were identified in *Toxoplasma*. 11 were validated, including the mitoribosomal small subunit protein 35 (*TgmS35*). The small subunit of the mitoribosome was detected for the first time in apicomplexans through *TgmS35* triple HA tagging. A new analytical pipeline detected defects in mitochondrial translation upon *TgmS35* depletion, while other mitochondrial functions remain unaffected.

Our findings provide further support for the divergent nature of apicomplexan mitochondrial translation and lay a foundation for the study of apicomplexan mitochondrial translation.

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## 5. Nomenclature

°C	Degree Celsius	dNTP	Deoxynucleotide 5'-triphosphate
$\Delta\psi$	Membrane potential	DTT	1,4-dithio-DL-threitol
$\mu\text{g}$	Microgram	EDTA	Ethylene diamine tetraacetic acid
$\mu\text{l}$	Microliter	EF	Elongation factor
$\mu\text{m}$	Micrometre	EM	Electron microscopy
$\mu\text{M}$	Micromolar	ER	Endoplasmic reticulum
AAC	ADP/ATP carrier	EtOH	Ethanol
ADP	Adenosine diphosphate	ETC	Electron transfer chain
AID	Auxin-inducible degron	FAD	Flavin adenine dinucleotide
aaRS	aminoacyl tRNA synthetase	FADH <sub>2</sub>	Flavin adenine dinucleotide + 2 hydrogen
Amp	Ampicillin	FBS	Fetal bovine serum
APS	Ammonium persulfate	Fe-S	Iron-sulfur
ATP	Adenosine triphosphate	fw	Forward
BLAST	Basic Local Alignment Search Tool	g	Gram or Gravity (context dependent)
BN PAGE	Blue Native Polyacrylamide Gel Electrophoresis	gDNA	Genomic deoxyribonucleic acid
bp	Base pair	GFP	Green fluorescent protein
BSA	Bovine serum albumin	GOI	Gene of interest
Ca <sup>2+</sup>	Calcium	GSH	Glutathione
Cas9	CRISPR associated protein 9	GTP	Guanosine triphosphate
CAT	Chloramphenicol acetyltransferase	h	Hour
cDNA	Complementary deoxyribonucleic acid	H <sub>2</sub> O	Water
CIP	Calf intestinal phosphatase	HEPES	4-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-piperazineethanesulphonic acid
cKD	Conditional Knock-down	HFF	Human foreskin fibroblast
Cox	Cytochrome c oxidase subunit	hrCN PAGE	High resolution clear native polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis
CRISPR	Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats	HSP	Heat shock protein
C-terminal	Carboxyl terminal	Hx or hxgprt	Hypoxanthine-xanthine-guanine phosphoribosyl transferase
Cytb	Cytochrome b subunit	ICAP	Indispensable conserved apicomplexan protein
Da	Dalton	IF	Initiation factor
DD	Destabilisation domain	IFA	Immunofluorescence analysis
DDM	n-dodecylmaltoside	IMC	Inner membrane complex
DHFR	Dihydrofolate reductase	IMM	Inner mitochondrial membrane
DHODH	Dihydroorotate dehydrogenase	IMS	Inter membrane space
DiCre	Dimerisable Cre	IPTG	Isopropyl-O-D-thiogalactopyranoside
DMEM	Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium	ISC	Iron-sulfur cluster
DMSO	Dimethyl sulfoxide	kbp	Kilo base pair
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid	kDa	Kilo Dalton
LB	Luria-Bertani	RF	Release factor
LoxP	Locus crossover in P1	RNA	Ribonucleic acid
M	Molar	RON	Rhoptry neck protein

MCF	Mitochondrial carrier family	ROP	Rhoptry protein
MDa	Mega Dalton	RRF	Ribosome Recycling Factor
mg	Milligram	rRNA	Ribosomal RNA
MIA	Mitochondrial Intermembrane space import and Assembly	RT	Room temperature
min	Minute	SAM	Sorting and Assembly Machinery
MITI	Mitochondrial tRNA import	SAG1	Surface antigen 1
ml	Millilitre	SD	Standard deviation
MLO	Mitochondria-like organelle	SDS-PAGE	Sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis
mM	Millimolar	sec	Second
mRNA	Messenger ribonucleic acid	SEM	Standard of the mean
MS	Mass spectrometry	<i>spp.</i>	Species
mS35	Mitochondrial small subunit 35	<i>T. gondii</i> or <i>Tg</i>	<i>Toxoplasma gondii</i>
mt	Mitochondrial	TAE	Tris-acetate-EDTA
MW	Molecular weight	TEMED	N,N,N',N'-tetramethylethylenediamine
Myo	Myosin	TIM	Translocase of the Inner Membrane
NAD	Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide	TJ	Tight junction
NADH	Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NAD) + hydrogen (H).	TM	Transmembrane
NCBI	National Center for Biotechnology Information	TOM	Transporter of the Outer Membrane
NDH2	NADH dehydrogenases type 2	TCA cycle	Tricarboxylic acid cycle
ng	Nanogram	Tris	Tris [hydroxymethyl] aminomethane
nm	Nanometre	tRNA	transfer Ribonucleic acid
N-terminal	Amino terminal	U	Unit
OMM	Outer Mitochondrial Membrane	uS15m	Universal small subunit 15 mitochondrial
ORF	Open reading frame	UTR	Untranslated region
OXPHOS	Oxidative phosphorylation	UV	Ultraviolet
PAM	Presequence translocase-Associated import Motor	V	Volts
PBS	Phosphate buffered saline	VDAC	Voltage-dependent anion channel
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction	v/v	Volume/volume percentage
PFA	Paraformaldehyde	w/v	Weight/volume percentage
PH	Pleckstrin homology	WB	Western blot
P <sub>i</sub>	Inorganic phosphate	WHO	World health organisation
POI	Protein of interest	WT	Wild-type
PV	Parasitophorous vacuole		
PVM	Parasitophorous vacuole membrane		
r	Repressible		
rev	Reverse		

## 6. Introduction

### 6.1. The phylum Apicomplexa

The Apicomplexa is a large phylum of protozoan parasites which gathers 4 highly diverse groups: *Gregarina*, *Cryptosporidia*, *Hematozoa*, and *Coccidia* (Woo *et al.*, 2015). Within this phylum, about 10 million species are estimated to exist, yet only 6000 have been identified (Adl *et al.*, 2007).

Except for gregarines which live in the extracellular environment of their host, all species are single-cell intracellular obligate parasites known to infect both vertebrates and invertebrates. They are disease causing agents responsible for an extensive economic burden worldwide from both a human and animal perspective (Levine, 1988). *Plasmodium falciparum*, one of the malaria causing agent in humans, disseminates through the bite of infected female *Anopheles* mosquitos and has caused over 400000 deaths in 2016, according to the World Health Organization report in 2017. By increasing control and prevention programmes, the incidence of malaria decreased by 41% between 2000 and 2015 (WHO, 2016).

*Cryptosporidium* spp. is another parasite that causes great harm to humans, especially amongst young children, immunocompromised or malnourished people, as it can lead to cryptosporidiosis - a severe gastrointestinal illness. This parasite disseminates through food and water worldwide, but has a higher prevalence in developing countries where it is associated with high morbidity and mortality amongst the population at risk (Checkley *et al.*, 2015).

Similarly, *Toxoplasma gondii* affects livestock and humans. However, while most apicomplexan parasites have limited host range or cell types, *T. gondii* can infect any warm-blooded animal and any cell with a nucleus within the host (Carruthers, 2002). This has led to a remarkable dissemination globally with a prevalence of one third of the human population worldwide, making it the world's most successful parasite. Mostly asymptomatic (Hill, Chirukandoth and Dubey, 2005; Pappas, Roussos and Falagas, 2009), *T. gondii* remains dormant in the brain and muscle tissue of healthy people in the form of cysts (Montoya and Liesenfeld, 2004). However, this parasite is also associated with severe conditions in

immunocompromised patients with the loss of sight and life-threatening complications, and congenital malformations and abortion in pregnant women (Hohlfeld *et al.*, 1989; Hill, Chirukandoth and Dubey, 2005; Weiss and Dubey, 2009).

## 6.2. Pathogenesis and clinical features

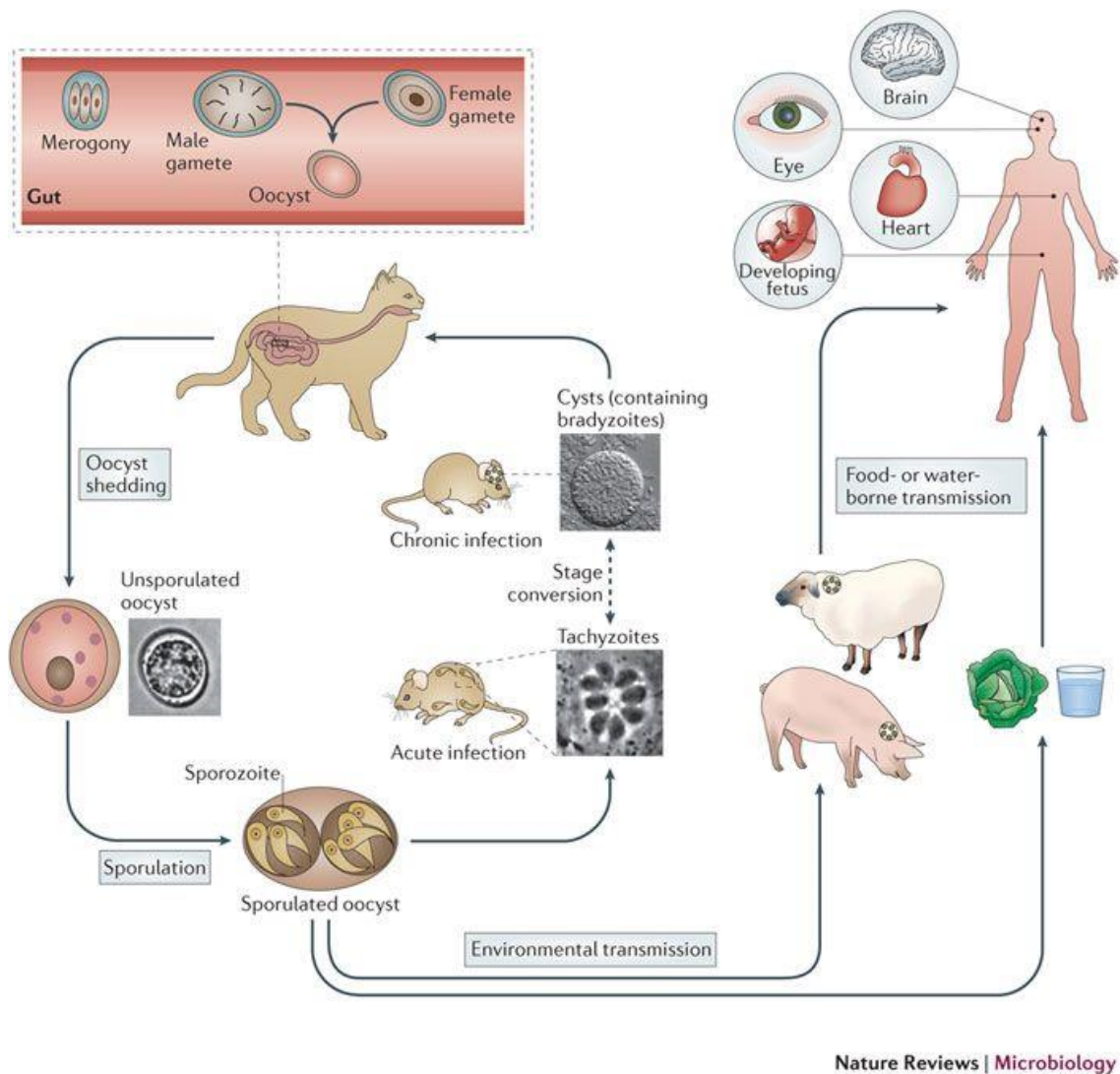
As mentioned above, *T. gondii* is associated with some severe clinical features in immunocompromised patients and unborn babies being the most at risk. Yet, these cases of severe toxoplasmosis represent less than 20% of all cases (Remington, 1974; Hill, Chirukandoth and Dubey, 2005; Flegr *et al.*, 2014). Indeed, in healthy individuals, toxoplasmosis is generally asymptomatic, or with only mild flu-like symptoms. In adults with a weakened immune system, a multitude of symptoms such as ocular toxoplasmosis, myocarditis, encephalitis, hydrocephalus can occur and be fatal (Maenz *et al.*, 2014). If a woman gets infected during pregnancy by tachyzoites, the fast replicating parasite form, these can go through the placenta, infect the foetus, and cause congenital toxoplasmosis (Figure 6.1). In most severe instances, it can result in miscarriages or stillbirth (Dunn *et al.*, 1999). However, if the baby survives, serious disabilities may result from this infection such as blindness, loss of hearing, severe cognitive defect, seizures, and organ enlargement (Garweg, de Groot-Mijnes and Montoya, 2011; Kamerkar and Davis, 2012; Maenz *et al.*, 2014). Furthermore, recent reports have insinuated a connection between *Toxoplasma* infection and neurological illnesses such as behavioural changes or schizophrenia (Elsheikha, Büsselberg and Zhu, 2016). This is in contradiction with other studies suggesting there is no correlation (Pappas, Roussos and Falagas, 2009). However, this line of study demands further research.

The variety of symptoms with the different degree of severity is also the reflection of infection with different strains of *T. gondii* found around the globe. Three types are the most studied: Type I, Type II and Type III, with Type I being the most virulent, and Type II and III much less virulent (Sibley *et al.*, 2009). They are primarily found in Europe, North America and Africa. These virulence differences can be explained by the different immune response pathways they trigger (Sibley *et al.*, 2009; Behnke *et al.*, 2011, 2015) according to their specific genetic background (Ajioka and Boothroyd, 2009; Behnke *et al.*, 2015). However, allelic

recombination can occur, creating new strains which do not fall under any of these previous categories. These “atypical” strains are mostly found in South America and Africa (Sibley *et al.*, 2009; Yang *et al.*, 2013).

### **6.3. Lifecycle of *Toxoplasma gondii***

*T. gondii* has a complex lifecycle as it can infect any warm-blooded animal and any nucleated cell within its host. However, two key lifecycles stand out (Dubey, Miller and Frenkel, 1970a; Frenkel, Dubey and Miller, 1970). (1) The sexual lifecycle, which is carried out inside felids only as their definitive host, allows sexual reproduction between two gametes with the possibility genetic recombination. (2) The asexual lifecycle, which is the fast multiplying cycle of the parasites, occurs inside any other warm-blooded animal as their intermediate hosts, and consists asexual replication with daughter cells being genetically identical to the parents (Weiss and Dubey, 2009; Robert-Gangneux and Dardé, 2012). In contrast to other apicomplexans, *T. gondii* can be transmitted at any stage of its lifecycle, whether it is by horizontal transmission (i.e., by ingestion of oocysts or bradyzoite cysts) or vertical transmission (by transplacental transmission of tachyzoites) (Su *et al.*, 2003).



**Figure 6.1 Lifecycle of *Toxoplasma gondii*.**

The lifecycle of *T. gondii* is divided between a sexual stage in felid and an asexual stage in intermediate and incidental hosts. Reprinted from Hunter & Sibley, 2012; Licence 4867110244049.

### 6.3.1. Lifecycle in the definitive host

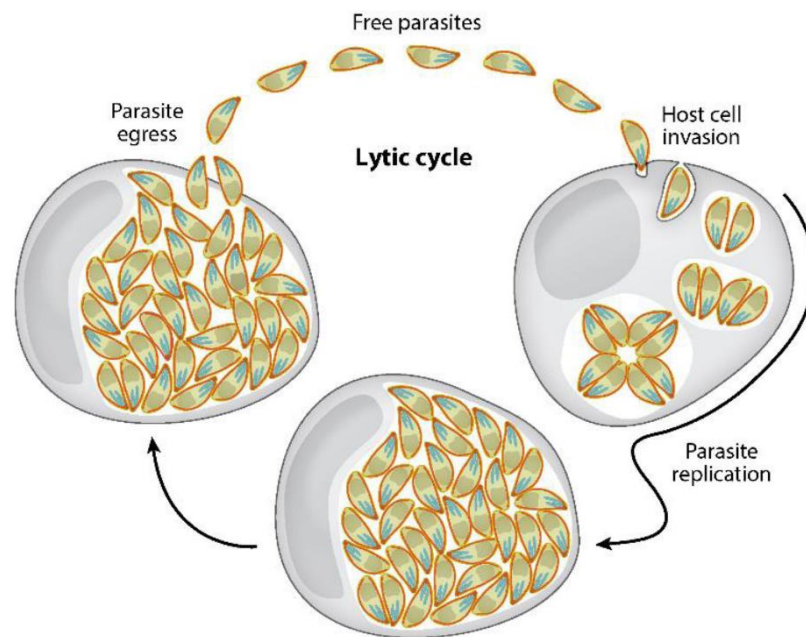
The sexual lifecycle, taking place strictly in felids, is the stage where sexual reproduction is possible. Definitive hosts become infected after ingesting food or other intermediate hosts contaminated with bradyzoites containing cysts (Dubey, Miller and Frenkel, 1970b). Cysts wall is then digested in the gut by proteolytic enzymes which allows the release of the bradyzoites (Dubey, Lindsay and Speer, 1998), now called trophozoites. They invade intestinal epithelial cells where they move on to the next stage of the cycle inside their parasitophorous vacuole (PV). Repeated cycles of nucleus and organelle replication take place as they increase in size, and form schizonts. The cytoplasm then segregates to form numerous identical daughter cells called merozoites which are then released in the gut. This

leads to the next key phase of the sexual lifecycle of the parasite: formation of gametocytes. Merozoites start their differentiation into microgametes (male) and macrogametes (female), which after fertilization develop into single oocyst (Speer and Dubey, 2005). Millions of oocysts are later excreted into the environment through felid faeces. At this stage, oocysts have not sporulated yet and are non-infective. Sensing drastic changes when released in the external environment, oocysts sporulate resulting in the formation of two sporocysts per oocysts, each containing four sporozoites (Dubey, Lindsay and Speer, 1998). Sporulated oocysts are now infective and will remain in the environment for up to several years until ingested again by felids or mice, repeating the sexual lifecycle (Dubey, Miller and Frenkel, 1970b; Dubey and Frenkel, 1972; Dubey, Lindsay and Speer, 1998), or by other intermediate hosts via contaminated food or water and start their asexual lifecycle.

#### **6.3.2. Lifecycle in the intermediate host**

Once ingested by the intermediate host, infective sporulated oocysts begin a strictly asexual lifecycle, which comprises two stages: the lytic cycle, where the parasite goes through multiple rounds of replication within host cells inflicting tissue damage; and the dormant stage, a non-replicative stage where the parasite persists in cysts form (Blader *et al.*, 2015). During the lytic stage, a series of cellular processes occur enabling gliding motility, attachment, invasion into the host cell, and egress of the parasite (Figure 6.2).





**Figure 6.2 The lytic cycle of *T. gondii***

Extracellular tachyzoites use gliding motility to move around within the matrix in the search for a host cell. Once found, the parasite attaches to the host cell, and invades it creating a PV in the process. It will then replicate within the PV by endodyogeny until occupying the whole cytosol of the host cell. The daughter parasites then egress the host cell in the search for another host cell. Reprinted from (Blader *et al.*, 2015). Order license ID 1048105-1.

### 6.3.3. The lytic cycle

#### 6.3.3.1. Gliding motility, attachment and invasion

In order to migrate through tissue, *T. gondii* uses a particular mode of motility called gliding. *In vitro* studies showed three types of movement on 2D substrates: twirling, circular, and helical (Håkansson *et al.*, 1999). In a 3D matrix, parasites exhibit a left-handed corkscrew type of motility (Leung *et al.*, 2014). This motility is powered by an acto-myosin motor, which is part of a complex called the glideosome, and is located between the inner membrane complex (IMC) and plasma membrane (Frénal *et al.*, 2010). The Myosin A motor protein is anchored to the IMC through the interaction of myosin light chain MLC1 and the glideosome-associated proteins GAP45, GAP50 and GAP40 (Tardieux and Baum, 2016;Frénal, Dubremetz, *et al.*, 2017). The force generated to allow movement occurs when Myosin A pulls on actin filaments. The movement is transferred to surface adhesin proteins secreted from organelles called micronemes, and via a linker, these microneme proteins transfer the movement onto the host cell surface (Carruthers *et al.*, 2000; Huynh *et al.*, 2003). Our understanding of the mechanism of

glideosome function has been evolving over the recent years with studies that demonstrated that the linker, previously believed to be aldolase (Jewett and Sibley, 2003; Shen and Sibley, 2014), is not essential for motility and that another player, a glideosome-associated connector (GAC) mediates this linkage (Jacot *et al.*, 2016). Moreover, short, fast depolymerising actin filaments were shown mediate to traction forces with Myosin A, instead of the canonical long stable actin filaments (Andenmatten *et al.*, 2013; Whitelaw *et al.*, 2017).

Once having reached a host cell, tachyzoites attach to the host cell surface receptors and re-orientate its apical end (Carruthers, Giddings and Sibley, 1999). This is mediated by secreted microneme proteins such as MIC2 and AMA1. Then rhoptry neck (RON) proteins RON2, RON4, RON5, and RON8 are secreted to form a moving junction. RON2 intergrades the host cell plasma membrane, while RON4, RON5, and RON8 cross face the cytosol of the host cell. RON2 interacts with AMA1 at the surface of the parasite as it pulls through the moving junction on the host cell membrane when penetrating the cell (Alexander *et al.*, 2005; Carruthers, Giddings and Sibley, 1999; Carruthers and Boothroyd, 2007; Lamarque *et al.*, 2011; Mital *et al.*, 2005). The parasite enters the host cell through this tight junction which translocates from the apical tip all the way to the basal end and then pinched off by a fission pore. This process retains the host cell plasma membrane surrounding the parasite and which now forms the PV. This process involves other secreted proteins such as Rhoptry bulb proteins (ROP) and Dense Granules proteins (GRA)(Suss-Toby, Zimmerberg and Ward, 1996). The PV is essential for the parasite to build a micro-environment suitable for its survival and replication. Invasion and host cell manipulation allow *T. gondii* to hide from the host cell's defence mechanism, while scavenging metabolites and recruiting mitochondria from the host cell (Jones and Hirsch, 1972; Clough and Frickel, 2017). Interestingly, this close mitochondrial association is only seen in type I parasites, as type II strains lack the MAF1 gene identified to be responsible for this association (Pernas *et al.*, 2014).

#### **6.3.3.2. Replication and egress**

*T. gondii* tachyzoites start their asexual replication once established in their PV inside the host cell. Replication is done by endodyogeny, which consists in the formation of two daughter cells within the mother cell (Hu *et al.*, 2002).

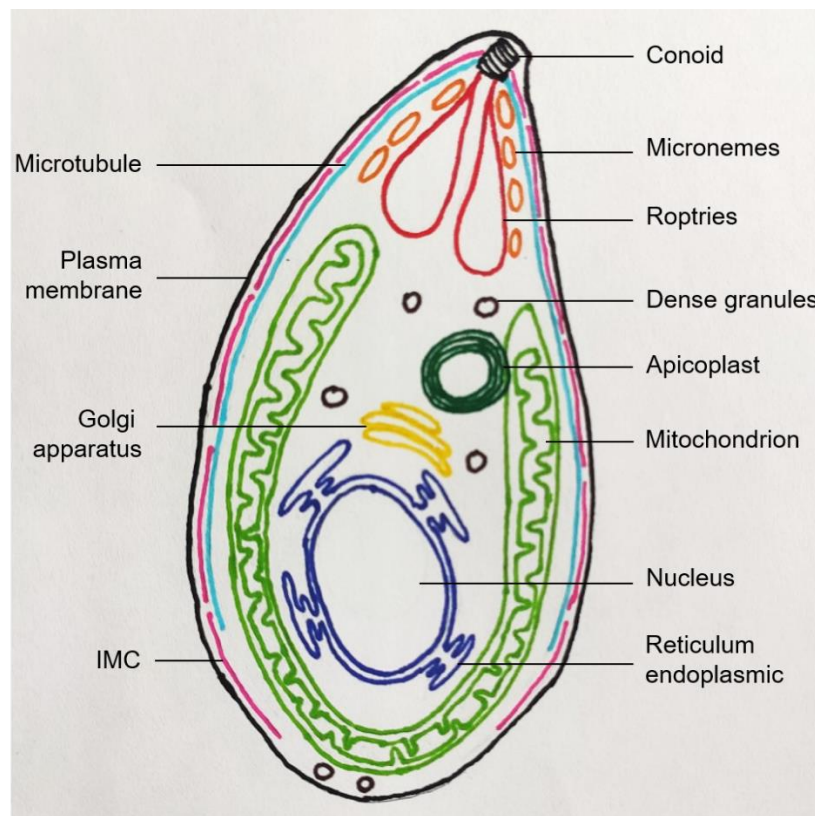
Tachyzoites replication starts with the replication of the centrioles. The new cytoskeleton forms in collaboration with the centrioles. It defines the daughter cells polarity, and daughter buds start to form. The conoid, spindle poles, and intranuclear microtubules begin to form followed by the generation of the inner membrane complex (IMC) which drives the daughter cell division alongside with the subcellular microtubules (Nishi *et al.*, 2008; Agop-Nersesian *et al.*, 2010; Shaw *et al.*, 2000). The organelles then migrate into the daughter cells, starting with the Golgi apparatus, then apicoplast and nucleus (Hu *et al.*, 2002). In the later phase, the ER and the mitochondrion divide, and reach their final destination inside the new cells (Nishi *et al.*, 2008). Division is complete when all organelles are segregated in both daughter cells and enclosed in their IMC. Secretory organelles are however not inherited from the mother cell but generated *de novo* within the daughter cells. The mother cell's secretory organelles are degraded, and the proteins are recycled by the daughter cells to synthesise their rhoptries and micronemes (Nishi *et al.*, 2008). Parasite replication results in the formation of a residual body (RB) containing degraded maternal secretory organelles and some mitochondrial and nuclear fragments (Nishi *et al.*, 2008). The end of endodyogeny is marked by the disassembly of the mother's cytoskeleton and the incorporation of the plasma membrane to the daughter parasites (Agop-Nersesian *et al.*, 2009). Parasites replicate in an orderly fashion within the PV and are maintained in place via the membranous nanotubular network (MNN), a complex of membranes that connect parasites to one another and to the PV membrane (Sibley *et al.*, 1995; Mercier *et al.*, 2002). This network is maintained throughout the replication rounds until egress, and has been shown to connect the RB to the parasites in the PV, and participate in the exchange of material between parasite via an actin network (Periz *et al.*, 2017).

After a certain number of replication cycles, when the host cell can no longer support parasite division, parasites sense a stress signal from the host cell which triggers a cascade of molecular event leading to an active egress (Frénal *et al.*, 2010). Studies have shown that egress is induced by a rapid surge in calcium ( $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ) level (Caldas, de Souza and Attias, 2010) which activates the motility complex with the secretion of micronemes. This results in PV and host cell plasma membrane perforation via the micronemal perforin-like protein (PL1) (Kafsack and Carruthers, 2010). This pathway was shown to be dependent on the calcium-

dependent kinase CDPK3 activation (McCoy *et al.*, 2012; Lourido, Tang and Sibley, 2012). Once released in the external environment, the new generation of parasites proceed to repeating the lytic cycle.

#### 6.4. Ultrastructure of *T. gondii* tachyzoites

During the highly proliferative stage, tachyzoite are banana-shaped cells of approximately 6  $\mu\text{m}$  long and 2  $\mu\text{m}$  wide. Being part of the eukaryotic super kingdom, *T. gondii* possesses the conserved organelles such as nucleus which contains a centrally located nucleolus (Dubey, Lindsay and Speer, 1998), mitochondrion, Golgi apparatus and endoplasmic reticulum (Pelletier *et al.*, 2002). It also possesses Apicomplexa specific structures such as the conoid, secretory organelles such as the rhoptries and micronemes (Morrisette and Sibley, 2002), dense granules (Mercier *et al.*, 2005; Kessler *et al.*, 2008; Behnke *et al.*, 2011; Sharma and Chitnis, 2013), and relic plastid called apicoplast (Waller and McFadden, 2005). The parasite's pellicle is composed of a three-layered membranous structure composed of the plasma membrane, and the inner membrane complex (IMC) which is composed of flattened alveolar sacs that underlie the plasma membrane, coupled to a supporting cytoskeletal network.



**Figure 6.3 *Toxoplasma gondii* ultrastructure**

The crescent shape which is characteristic of the parasite is easily distinguishable. The parasite cell is polarised with organelles involved in invasion such as micronemes, conoids and rhoptries which are orientated at the apical end. Other organelles such as dense granules, Golgi apparatus, and the apicoplast are located from middle to the basal end. The mitochondrion goes around the parasite mostly in juxtaposition to the microtubules. The endosymbiotic organelles, mitochondrion and apicoplast, are in close contact with one another. The nucleus, connected to the ER are found in the centre of the parasite, as well as the Golgi apparatus. Dense granules are distributed throughout the parasite. The parasite is surrounded by the plasma membrane, the inner membrane complex (IMC) and microtubules.

**6.4.1. The apical complex and secretory organelles**

The apical complex, from which the phylum name Apicomplexa originates, is composed of different structures: a set of spirally arranged microtubules called conoid, rhoptries, and one or more polar rings. The conoid, located at the tip of the apical end, is a hollow cone-shaped structure which is thought to be involved in environmental sensing and host cell invasion as it extends in the outside environment when parasites are extracellular (Shaw and Tilney, 1999; Del Carmen et al., 2009). At each extremity of the conoid are a pre-conoidal ring, and a third ring called apical polar ring serve as the microtubule organising centre (MTOC) (Hu, Roos and Murray, 2002). The conoid is the place from where secreted proteins involved in the invasion process exit the parasites (Katris *et al.*, 2014).

*T. gondii* possesses three different secretory organelles: micronemes, rhoptries and dense granules.

Micronemes are organelles based at the apical end of the parasite in which proteins essential for invasion and egress are stored (Carruthers and Tomley, 2008). To date, there are over 50 micronemal proteins described in the literature. These play a key role in invasion and egress (Carruthers, Giddings and Sibley, 1999).

Rhoptries are elongated sacs-like organelles that extend to the conoid at the apical end (Figure 6.3). There are about 8-10 of these organelles per parasites (Dubremetz, 2007). The neck of the rhoptries, at the most apical end, contains the RON proteins which integrate the host cell plasma membrane allowing the parasite to firmly bind to it via AMA1 which triggers the formation of the tight junction during host cell penetration (Lamarque *et al.*, 2011, 2014). Below the neck is a bulbous compartment in which the ROP proteins are stored. These are

involved in the formation and maintenance of the PV (Figure 6.3) (Carey *et al.*, 2004; El Hajj *et al.*, 2007). Some ROP protein, such as ROP 15/18, also have a role in immunity evasion and are hence considered major virulence factors (Boothroyd and Dubremetz, 2008; Yamamoto *et al.*, 2011; Behnke *et al.*, 2015).

Dense granules are electron-dense organelles that secrete GRA proteins involved in PV formation and maintenance during parasite replication (Mercier *et al.*, 2005), as well as formation of the membranous nanotubular network (MNN) (Mercier *et al.*, 2002). Some of these proteins have also been shown to have a role in host cell response and are considered major virulence factors as well (Bougdour, Tardieux and Hakimi, 2014).

#### **6.4.2. The Inner Membrane Complex**

The IMC is composed of flattened membranous sacs located beneath the parasite's plasma membrane called alveoli (Figure 6.3). The IMC is supported by a subpellicular network which connects the IMC to the microtubules (Morrisette, Murray and Roos, 1997), and spreads throughout the whole length of the parasite excluding the parasite polar ends where the conoid and the basal complex reside (Figure 6.3). The space between the plasma membrane and the IMC is where the glideosome complex lays, and gliding associated proteins (GAPs) which are anchored to the IMC connect the two together. GAP45 is believed to be the key factor which holds the two membranes together with a somewhat constant distance of 20 - 30 nm (Kudryashev *et al.*, 2010). Depletion of this protein induces the detachment of the IMC from the plasma membrane (Egarter *et al.*, 2014). In addition, depletion of GAP40 and GAP50 demonstrated their critical role in IMC biogenesis during parasite replication (Harding *et al.*, 2016).

#### **6.4.3. The apicoplast**

Many Apicomplexans contain a relic plastid called apicoplast, discovered over 20 years ago (McFadden *et al.*, 1996), except for *Cryptosporidium* spp which likely lost this organelle (Keithly, Marchewka and Zhu, 2000). It is a non-photosynthetic organelle derived from a red alga and was acquired during evolution by secondary endosymbiosis which resulted in this organelle surrounded by four membranes (Waller and McFadden, 2005; Lim and McFadden, 2010). The apicoplast is often

seen in proximity with the mitochondrion (Nishi *et al.*, 2008). Indeed, the apicoplast harbours essential pathways whose end product is either important for mitochondrial functions such as isoprenoid precursors, or requires the collaboration of both organelles to generate the end product such as the haem biosynthesis (See below). This metabolic interdependency, and the microscopy observation of their proximity suggests an association existing between the two organelles, which is further supported by the experimental difficulty to separate both organelles for purification (Kobayashi *et al.*, 2007).

Due to its path of acquisition, the apicoplast is one of the three genome containing compartment in the parasites, the other two being the nucleus and mitochondria. It is 35 kb in size and encodes for the small subunit (SSU) and large subunit (LSU) rRNA (Gajria *et al.*, 2008), as well as for about ~30 gene encoding proteins. The majority encode for organelle gene expression components, including ribosomal proteins (Gupta *et al.*, 2014), the translation elongation factor Tu, and subunits of a eubacterial-like RNA polymerase (Wilson *et al.*, 1996), and a full set of tRNAs which implies that the organelle does not need to import any from the cytosol; the rest of the apicoplast encoded genes are involved in protein import and metabolic pathways.

Although the apicoplast possesses its own genome, the majority of its proteome is encoded in the nucleus. To be functional, these nucleus-encoded apicoplast-targeted (NEAT) proteins must be imported into the organelle. Proper targeting of these proteins is mediated in many cases by a signal peptide followed by a transit peptide at the N-terminal end of NEAT proteins (Nassoury, Wang and Morse, 2005). It is believed that the signal peptide induces co-translational translocation of the protein into the ER and is cleaved off in the ER. Indeed, studies have shown that with the signal peptide from the apicoplast ribosomal protein S9, GFP is targeted to the secretory system (DeRocher *et al.*, 2000; Yung, Unnasch and Lang-Unnasch, 2001). Once in the ER, the transit peptide leads the protein to the apicoplast where it is subsequently cleaved off upon entry (Van Dooren *et al.*, 2002). Within the apicoplast the protein needs to reach its final subcompartment: the outermost, periplastid, second inner, or stromal compartments. However, the mechanism which drives protein sorting to each compartment is not fully understood. Sheiner *et al.*, (2015) showed that protein residing in the stroma often possess aromatic amino acids at the +1 site of the transit peptide, and point

mutation resulted in organelle periphery mislocalisation (Sheiner *et al.*, 2015). However, this is not the case for all stromal proteins. Some lack the bipartite peptides altogether and possess hydrophobic patches or transmembrane domains instead (Agrawal *et al.*, 2009; Karnataki *et al.*, 2009; Sheiner *et al.*, 2011). Apicoplast targeting and subcompartment sorting is hence a complex mechanism, which is not just driven by a define and straightforward sequence motif, and requires further research to figure out what are the determinant factors for a proper localisation.

As in the case of the targeting signals, the complex architecture of the apicoplast affects also the import machinery. Although some pieces of the puzzle are still missing, progress has been made on the characterisation of apicoplast import machinery. The endoplasmic reticulum associated degradation (ERAD) pathway has been shown to play a role in protein import. In the ER, ERAD is involved in protein quality control whereby misfolded proteins are translocated from the ER into the cytoplasm for degradation. It seems that the periplastid membrane of the apicoplast, which originates from an ER-like membrane, re-purposed ERAD to facilitate import (Sommer *et al.*, 2007; Ruggiano, Foresti and Carvalho, 2014). The organellar Der1AP and CDC48AP were shown to allow passage through the periplastid membrane (Agrawal *et al.*, 2009; Fellows *et al.*, 2017). Like in the ER, ubiquitination is proposed to signal for transport through ERAD. In line with this hypothesis, E1AP, E2AP, and E3AP, homologs of E1, E2 and E3 components of the ER ubiquitin pathway respectively, as well as the plastid ubiquitin-like (PUBL) modifier, are required for passing NEAT protein through the periplastid membrane (Hassink *et al.*, 2006; Ernst *et al.*, 2011; Agrawal *et al.*, 2013; Fellows *et al.*, 2017). Passage through the two inner membrane is mediated by homologs of the translocon of the inner and outer chloroplast membrane (TIC/TOC) protein complexes, in line with the origin of those membranes in the primary plastid found in the algal endosymbiont. Homologs of the primary plastid Tic20 (Van Dooren *et al.*, 2008) and Tic22 (Glaser *et al.*, 2012) were both shown to be involved in this process. A homologue of the main pore component of the plant TOC complex, Toc75, was also identified as a role player in translocation of NEAT proteins to the organelle stroma (Sheiner *et al.*, 2015). Further studies are required to discover the rest of the missing pieces of the apicoplast import machinery.



The apicoplast is the centre of three vital metabolic pathways: type II fatty acid biosynthesis (FASII), isoprenoid biosynthesis, and haem biosynthesis. The first pathway, FASII, provides the parasite with essential lipids. Although *T. gondii* can harvest lipids from the host cell (Charron and Sibley, 2002; Nolan, Romano and Coppens, 2017), many essential fatty acids must be synthesised de novo. The FASII pathway meets these needs by synthesising of over 80% of the saturated long-chain fatty acids (LCFA) C14:0 and C16:0, with the acyl carrier protein (ACP) being a core and essential component of the FASII system (Mazumdar *et al.*, 2006).

Another metabolic pathway, the isoprenoid biosynthesis, is an invaluable pathway of the apicoplast, and has been shown to be the only known anabolic pathway present in all parasites possessing an apicoplast, highlighting its essentiality (*T. gondii*, *N. caninum*, *P. falciparum*, *B. bovis*, *T. parva*) (Seeber, Feagin and Parsons, 2013). Isoprenoids are derivatives of isopentenyl pyrophosphate (IPP) or of its isomer dimethylallyl pyrophosphate (DMAPP). They fulfil important cellular functions in signalling processes, in protein prenylation, ubiquinone synthesis for the mitochondrial electron transfer chain (mETC), and for tRNA modifications (Ralph *et al.*, 2004). Similar to bacteria and chloroplasts, the apicoplast harbours the non-mevalonate pathway, the DOXP pathway, for isoprenoid synthesis (Jomaa *et al.*, 1999; Zhu, Marchewka and Keithly, 2000; Seeber and Soldati-Favre, 2010). In another study, IPP was shown to be capable of rescuing the effect of fosmidomycin, as well as restoring the proliferation of apicoplast-less parasites which had been treated with doxycycline (Yeh and DeRisi, 2011), a drug which disrupts apicoplast replication and inheritance during parasite cell division (Dahl *et al.*, 2006). This demonstrated IPP to be the only essential apicoplast product during the blood stage of *P. falciparum*. This provided an invaluable tool to study apicoplast biology (Yeh and DeRisi, 2011).

The third essential metabolic pathway is the haem biosynthesis (Ramya *et al.*, 2007) which consists in a multistep enzymatic reaction and requires the cooperation of three compartments: the apicoplast, the cytosol and the mitochondrion (Ralph *et al.*, 2004; Van Dooren, Stimmler and McFadden, 2006). Haem is an important prosthetic group on many proteins such as cytochromes which play an essential role in mitochondrial respiration through the electron transport chain in parasites (Tjhin *et al.*, 2020). Throughout the mETC complexes, haem is present in cytochrome b and cytochrome c1 subunits of the complex III,

in CoxI subunit of complex IV, and in the mobile Cytochrome c complex, and allow the transfer of electrons from one complex to another.

The presence of an additional organelle of cyanobacterial origin presents an opportunity for novel drug target discovery with many proteins and pathways not shared by the human host. Many of the current drugs target the apicoplast translation machinery. For example, ribosome inhibitors such as clindamycin, azithromycin and doxycycline, are used as antimalarial drugs or as prophylaxis, with clindamycin also used as a second line drug for toxoplasmosis (Fichera and Roos, 1997). In *Plasmodium* red blood cell (RBC) stage, these drugs seem to only target the apicoplast and not the mitochondrion (Uddin, McFadden and Goodman, 2018). This could either be due to divergent mitoribosome structure (Gupta *et al.*, 2014) and/or to low activity of mitochondrion translation in RBC-stage. These apicoplast targeting drugs induce a phenotype called delayed death (Fichera, Bhopale and Roos, 1995), which consists in the parasites' death only in the second cycle of replication after drug treatment. As the drug blocks essential apicoplast pathways during the parasite replication first cycle, the apicoplast is unable to duplicate as the parasite divides, resulting in daughter cells without apicoplasts. Although the loss of this organelle is lethal, parasites can still replicate as long as at least one apicoplast remains within the vacuole (He *et al.*, 2001). The newly formed parasites lacking apicoplast can then egress and invade neighbouring host cells, but cannot undergo a second cycle of replication (Frénal, Jacot, *et al.*, 2017). Although delayed death is not ideal for clinical application, such drugs are suitable if used in combination with fast acting drugs.

## **6.5. Mitochondria**

### **6.5.1. Evolution**

Mitochondria originate from an endosymbiotic event whereby an  $\alpha$ -proteobacterium was engulfed by a larger eukaryotic cell about 1.5 billion years ago (Lang, Gray and Burger, 1999; Andersson *et al.*, 2003; Dyall, Brown and Johnson, 2004). A great deal of the genes from this symbiont were transferred to the host cell's nucleus throughout evolution, which transformed the bacterium from an independent symbiotic organism to a host-dependent organelle. Indeed, most mitochondrial proteins in modern organisms are now nuclear encoded,

translated in the cytosol and imported into the mitochondrion (Wiedemann and Pfanner, 2017a). Mitochondria are found in virtually all eukaryotes (Mokranjac and Neupert, 2009; Karnkowska *et al.*, 2016). They have vital roles in cell signalling, and provide the cell with essential metabolites and energy. However, as evolution continues, divergence started to emerge as consequence of organism adaptation to different niches, and have hence drifted from the canonical mitochondria to mitochondria-like organelles (MLOs).

Regardless of their evolution, mitochondria and MLOs possess some basic common features. They all have a double membrane: the outer mitochondrial membrane (OMM) and inner mitochondrial membrane (IMM) (Wiedemann and Pfanner, 2017b). The double membranes enclose two compartments: the intermembrane space (IMS) between the outer and inner membrane, and the matrix at the centre of the mitochondrion surrounded by the IMM. All mitochondria possess membrane invaginations emerging from the IMM and form elongated structures called cristae, however, not all MLOs have cristae. Mitochondria and MLOs all appear to harbour at least one pathway, the Fe-S cluster (ISC) assembly pathway.

Depending on the organism lifestyle, some mitochondria degenerated to MLOs, namely hydrogenosomes or mitosomes, through reductive mitochondrial evolution (Burki, 2016)(Burki, 2016). Both hydrogenosomes and mitosomes are structurally and biochemically reduced, in regards to canonical mitochondria. Surprisingly, a recent study reported the existence of a eukaryotic microbe, *Monocercomonoides* sp., for which degenerative evolution has gone as far as to completely lose the organelle (Karnkowska *et al.*, 2016). This was possible by relocating the ISC synthesis to the cytosol, highlighting the indispensable role of mitochondria to provide this pathway in most eukaryotes.

Hydrogenosomes were mainly studied in parasitic trichomonads, diverse free-living and rumen ciliate protozoa, and rumen chytrid fungi (Embley *et al.*, 2003). These organelles do not produce energy through oxidative phosphorylation (OXPHOS) like classic mitochondria do, but rather by fermentation. Substrate-level phosphorylation generates ATP and produces molecular hydrogen as a waste product, giving its name to this organelle. It also produces other metabolites such as formate and acetate (Muller, 1993; Hackstein *et al.*, 2001; Boxma *et al.*, 2004). Organisms possessing hydrogenosomes are the result of adaption to an anaerobic

environment where oxygen is lacking. Due to lack of selective pressure, most of these organelles have lost their genome during hypoxia-driven evolution, as it is the case for organisms such as *P. frontata* or *T. finlayi* (Lewis *et al.*, 2020). This was accompanied with the complete loss of mETC and absence of cristae (Embley and Finlay, 1994). Some organisms, however, have retained a remnant mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) (*M. contortus*, *M. es*, and *N. ovalis*). In such cases, although all genes encoding for complex III and IV typically expressed in aerobic ciliates have been lost, hydrogenosomes of these organisms possess genes encoding for complex I subunits and components of the translation machinery. The proton pumping activity of complex I allows them to retain a reduced mitochondrial electron transfer chain (mETC) as well as some level of cristae formation (Finlay and Fenchel, 1989; Lewis *et al.*, 2020). As protein import necessitates a membrane potential (KLINGENBERG and ROTTENBERG, 1977), it is thought that hydrogenosomes deprived of all proton-pumping mETC complexes, including complex I, could use the gradient generated by the organellar production of ATP in exchange for cytosolic ADP. ADP/ATP carrier (AAC) proteins, part of the mitochondrial carrier family (MCF), have been identified in several organisms including *P. frontata* (Lewis *et al.*, 2020).

Mitosomes are the most reduced form of MLOs. The only function known to date is the ISC synthesis, and do not produce any ATP. Yet, they require ATP to import proteins and support activities of ATPases dependent proteins such as Cpn60 and/or mtHsp70 (Dagley *et al.*, no date; Tovar, Fischer and Clark, 1999; Williams *et al.*, 2002; Riordan *et al.*, 2003; Tovar, Cox and Giezen, 2007; Tsaousis *et al.*, 2008). Thus, mitosomes possessing organisms must either produce ATP in the cytosol or import it from host cell, as it is the case of intracellular parasites (Tsaousis *et al.*, 2008). It is thought that import of ATP by mitosomes can occur through a complex of proteins part of the MCF. In classic mitochondria and hydrogenosomes, MCF proteins such as AAC proteins, allow exchange of organellar ATP with cytosolic ADP. In principle, an MCF AAC could operate in reverse and exchange mitosomal ADP for cytosolic ATP (Kunji, 2004). *Entamoeba*, *E. histolytica* and *C. parvum* encode for MCF proteins and the *Entamoeba* MCF protein was shown to transport ATP and ADP using a novel mechanism that does not seem to require a membrane potential (Chan *et al.*, 2005). Overall, mitosome functions remain enigmatic and awaits further studies.

### 6.5.2. Canonical mitochondria

What is known about mitochondria and their biology emanates from focused research on mainly yeast and mammalian cell models. These “text book” mitochondria are known to be the main site for ATP production through OXPHOS, but also houses other key pathways such as ISC biogenesis, the tricarboxylic acid (TCA) cycle, beta-oxidation of fatty acids, haem biosynthesis, calcium homeostasis, metabolism of certain amino acids and in metazoans they also play a role in apoptosis. Some of those pathways described below, namely the TCA cycle, ISC and haem biosynthesis, have a direct contribution in the respiratory chain function.

#### 6.5.2.1. Oxidative phosphorylation and contributing pathways

OXPHOS is a characteristic process of aerobic cells which is essential for generating the energy the cell need to survive. It consists in series of redox reactions with the transfer of electrons from one carrier to the other along the IMM, which generates an electrochemical gradient that can be used to power the production of ATP. Respiration complex I-IV are the vectors through which electrons flow. Most components of each complex are encoded into the mitochondrial genome. mETC reaction is set in motion by NADH and FADH<sub>2</sub> transferring their electrons to complex I and II, respectively. This is coupled with protons being pumped across the IMM into the IMS by complex I. Electrons are then passed on to ubiquinone which is reduced into ubiquinol, and transports its electrons to complex III. As electrons pass through Complex III, more H<sup>+</sup> are pumped across the IMM, and the electrons are passed on to cytochrome C. Cytochrome C transfers the electrons to complex IV, pumping more H<sup>+</sup>, and passes the electrons to molecular oxygen, the terminal electron acceptor. Molecular oxygen is split into two oxygen atoms, and accepts H<sup>+</sup> from the matrix to form water. This whole process generates a proton gradient that can be used by the ATP synthase, also called complex V, to make ATP, as well as support protein import into the organelle.

The TCA cycle, is carried out within the matrix of the mitochondrion. It is a series of enzymatic reactions that generate NADH and FADH<sub>2</sub> which can in turn be used by the OXPHOS pathway for the generation of ATP. The TCA cycle also generates

precursors to certain amino acids. This ancient pathway, common to all aerobic organisms, is highly conserved across the animal kingdom (Biology *et al.*, 2017). Each TCA cycle produces two molecules of CO<sub>2</sub>, three molecules of NADH, three H<sup>+</sup>, one molecule of FADH<sub>2</sub>, and one molecule of GTP. As such each molecule of glucose produces double this (2 CO<sub>2</sub>, 6 NADH, 6 hydrogen ions, 2 FADH<sub>2</sub> and 2 GTP) (Martínez-Reyes and Chandel, 2020). The TCA cycle is a tightly regulated pathway and its constant feedback with OXPHOS is crucial for cell homeostasis. The maintenance of an acetyl-CoA pool is crucial to sustain the TCA cycle activity (Martínez-Reyes and Chandel, 2020).

Haem is a porphyrin ring complexed with ferrous iron. Haem serves as prosthetic group of many proteins involved in fundamental biological processes like respiration, photosynthesis, and the metabolism and transport of oxygen. Haem containing proteins include haemoglobin and myoglobin, as well as cytochromes of the ETC, catalase, and nitric oxide synthase. Haem biosynthesis involves an eight-step enzymatic pathway which occur in the cytosol and in mitochondria, as well as in the plastid for organisms which possess some, such as plants and apicomplexa parasites.

ISC biosynthesis is another pathway which contribute to the mETC complexes functioning. ISCs are redox-active cofactors with the ability to donate or accept electrons. They are essential components of complexes I, II and III of the respiratory chain and allow electron transfer from one complex to another. ISCs are essential for cell survival and can be found in other cell compartments such as the nucleus (Balk and Lobréaux, 2005; Lill and Mühlenhoff, 2008), and the cytosol (Lill, 2009), and hence take part in many cellular pathways. Moreover, the mitochondrial ISC biogenesis pathway provides the cytosol with essential precursors to the cytosolic ISC assembly pathway involved in apoprotein maturation (Lill *et al.*, 2015).

#### **6.5.2.2. Mitochondrial genome**

Canonical mitochondria have retained a vestigial genome of about 3-100 genes depending on the species. The mtDNA encodes at least some of the essential transmembrane subunits of the OXPHOS complexes. *S. cerevisiae* mtDNA encodes for 8 proteins of the respiratory chain, 24 tRNAs, the 21S and 15S ribosomal RNAs,

and the 9S RNA component of RNase P (Foury *et al.*, 1998), while human mtDNA encodes for 13 proteins of the respiratory chain, 22 tRNAs, and 2 rRNAs (Dennerlein, Wang and Rehling, 2017)(Dennerlein, Wang and Rehling, 2017), the rest of the mitochondrial proteome is encoded in the nucleus. The respiratory chain being of dual genetic origin, a tight gene expression coordination between the two compartment is key for mitochondrial biogenesis, and prevents wasteful translation and assembly of complex intermediates (Fox *et al.*, 2012; Soto *et al.*, 2012). Studies in yeast have shown that mitochondrial translation regulation upon a nutrient shift was found to be dependent on mitochondrial protein import (Couvillion *et al.*, 2016). Although protein import regulation is not well understood in human mitochondria, some evidence of translation regulation of the mitochondrially encoded COX1 was demonstrated through the translational regulator TACO (Richman *et al.*, 2016)(Richman *et al.*, 2016), suggesting a cross-talk between mitochondria translation needs and import of regulatory factors.

#### **6.5.2.3. Mitochondrial protein import**

Although mitochondria possess their own genome, the majority of the mitochondrial proteome is nuclear encoded. These organelles have thus established a highly specialised import machinery which sorts mitochondrial molecules and enables correct delivery to their final site of action. There are different mitochondrial targeting signals and transport paths which lead precursor proteins to their biologically relevant subcompartment. All targeting signals guide them to the mitochondria upon synthesis in the cytosol, and their different sequences and properties allows recognition by different protein import complexes which ensure their correct subcompartment translocation. The vast majority of precursor proteins enter the mitochondria by going through the main entry gate, the translocase of the outer membrane (TOM), with Tom40 being the core component. Proteins first interact with Tom20 and Tom70 receptors which serve as quality control checkpoints and allows passage based on whether appropriate targeting signal is present or not. For proteins destined to the OMM, small Tim chaperones present in the IMS collect the proteins, transfer them to the Sorting and Assembly Machinery (SAM), where they are integrated into the OMM (Kutik *et al.*, 2008). For IMS proteins, the mitochondrial intermembrane space import and assembly (MIA) machinery is responsible for sorting, and Mia40 forms transient intermolecular disulfides with incoming precursor proteins which traps

them in the IMS. Disulfide bridges are then catalysed within the proteins by Mia40 releasing the protein in the IMS (Chacinska *et al.*, 2004; Müller *et al.*, 2008). IMM carrier proteins, as OMM proteins, are transported through the IMS by small Tim chaperones and subsequently integrated into the inner membrane by the translocase of the inner membrane 22 (TIM22 complex) in a membrane potential ( $\Delta\psi$ )-driven manner (Rehling *et al.*, 2003). Presequence-carrying preproteins are directly passed on from the TOM complex to the TIM23 complex, both associating into a supercomplex (Pon *et al.*, 1989). Dependent on the presence or absence of additional import signals, the TIM23 complex mediates either the translocation of presequence-carrying precursors into the matrix or their lateral sorting into the inner membrane (Bohnert *et al.*, 2010). Whereas lateral membrane integration depends on  $\Delta\psi$  as the sole energy source, complete import into the matrix additionally requires the ATP-driven presequence translocase-associated import motor (PAM) (Strub, Röttgers and Voos, 2002).

#### **6.5.2.4. Mitochondrial tRNA import**

Although the vast majority of the mitochondrial proteome is nuclear encoded and imported, the mitochondrial genomes encodes for essential proteins, as mentioned above, and mitochondrial translation is a necessity. Mitochondrial tRNA import (MITI) is a widespread pathway amongst eukaryotes which although is obvious and mandatory for organisms missing mitochondrially encoded tRNAs, it occurs as well in organisms possessing a complete set of mitochondrial tRNA (mt-tRNA) (Lithgow and Schneider, 2010; Rubio and Hopper, 2011; Schneider, 2011). Yeast and human mitochondria are two well-known examples of the latter. Organisms with reduced mitochondrial genomes can lack from one tRNA gene (e.g. the marsupial metazoan *Didelphis virginiana*) to the complete set of tRNA genes as it is the case for trypanosomatids (e.g., *Trypanosoma brucei*, *Leishmania tarentolae*) and alveolates (e.g., apicomplexans such as *Plasmodia*, *Toxoplasma*) (Salinas-Giegé, Giegé and Giegé, 2015). MITI in *T. brucei* has been demonstrated for all tRNA except tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup> and tRNA<sup>Sec</sup> (Crausaz Esseiva *et al.*, 2004; Bouzaidi-Tiali *et al.*, 2007). For MITI to occur, cytosolic tRNA destined to the mitochondrion need to be recognised, and so must possess some determinants which acts as tRNA import signals. These are thought to be only present in mature tRNAs (Schneider, 2011). MITI usually require the intervention of cytosolic factors to guide the tRNAs to the mitochondria before import. Yeast use the glycolytic enzyme enolase Eno2p



to recruit tRNA<sup>Lys(CUU)</sup> and transfers it to pre-MSK1, the precursor of the mitochondrial lysyl-tRNA synthetase (Entelis *et al.*, 2006). In plants, no such cytosolic factors have not been identified (Delage *et al.*, 2003; Salinas *et al.*, 2005), although aminoacyl tRNA synthetase (aaRSs) have shown to have a potential role in MITI (Dietrich *et al.*, 1996). In *T. brucei*, tRNAs are targeted to the mitochondrion in association with the cytosolic elongation factor eEF1a (Crausaz Esseiva *et al.*, 2004; Bouzaidi-Tiali *et al.*, 2007). Regarding the tRNA import machinery, there are two categories: (i) one which is dependent on the canonical protein import machinery, and (ii) one that is not. In *Leishmania*, a putative RNA import complex (RIC) has been identified as a complex necessary for MITI (Mukherjee *et al.*, 2007) but there is some controversy on this topic. This complex is composed of many proteins known to be essential players in the mETC and protein import (Mukherjee *et al.*, 2007), and hence, would place this parasite in the first category. Yeast, interestingly, utilizes the TOM and TIM complexes to translocate tRNA<sup>lys</sup> into the mitochondria in association with mitochondrial aaRSs (Kolesnikova *et al.*, 2010), but was also shown to import tRNA<sup>gln</sup> in the absence of cytosolic factors and membrane potential (Rinehart *et al.*, 2005). *S. cerevisiae* therefore belongs in both categories. Plants, however, require the help of the voltage-dependent anion channel (VDAC), a pathway which does not depend on the protein import pathway, and was repurposed to enable the import of tRNA (Salinas *et al.*, 2006). MITI is thus a widespread phenomenon highlighting its functional relevance as it plays a key role in mitochondrial biogenesis in many eukaryotes.

#### 6.5.2.5. tRNA maturation

In theory, there are two options regarding the state of the mitochondrially imported tRNAs: they can either be imported in their mature state - maturation would happen in the cytosol, or in their immature state - maturation, if required, would occur in the mitochondrion. The state of mitochondria imported tRNAs has been a subject of debate in some protist parasites. Studies in trypanosomatids have had some opposing views for. Previous studies have suggested that tRNAs are imported into the mitochondrion as precursors in *T. brucei* (Hancock *et al.*, 1992; LeBlanc, Yermovsky-Kammerer and Hajduk, 1999), while *in vivo* study suggested that essentially only mature tRNAs are imported (Hauser and Schneider1, 1995; Tan *et al.*, 2002). For *Leishmania*, although a previous study has shown import of

unspliced tRNA<sup>Tyr</sup> into mitochondria (Sbicego *et al.*, 1998) a consensus seems to have settled on the fact that only mature and fully processed tRNA are imported (BD and L, 1996; Kapushoc *et al.*, 2000; Rubio *et al.*, 2000). This implies that they undergo maturation with editing and processing prior import. tRNAs maturation is a multi-steps process consisting in tRNA splicing and modification which occur in the nucleus and the cytosol. This allow tRNAs to transition from immature pre-tRNAs to mature and functional tRNAs. The location and frequency of modified nucleosides within each tRNA are highly conserved (Grosjean *et al.*, 1995). These modifications help to faithfully decode codons during protein biosynthesis, as well as stabilize tRNA tertiary structure (Lorenz, Lünse and Mörl, 2017). tRNA maturation begins with the cleavage of the 5' end of the tRNA, followed by the 3' end cleavage, addition of the conserved CCA nucleotides on the acceptor stem of the tRNA, and other modification in the nucleus (Hopper, 2013). Pre-tRNA intermediates are exported to the cytosol and traffic to the OMM where splicing of the intron and joint of the two exons occur. Other modifications occur in the cytosol. The resulting mature tRNAs can then either remain in the cytosol and take part in translation or traffic back to the nucleus by retrograde nuclear import for further modifications, then re-exported into the cytosol (Hopper and Nostramo, 2019). Previous studies have also shown that some tRNAs return in the nucleus in their aminoacylated state (Grosshans, Hurt and Simos, 2000; Azad *et al.*, 2001) generating debates on whether translation happens in the nucleus as well (David *et al.*, 2012). In contrast to cytosolic tRNAs, in organisms which possess mitochondrially encoded tRNAs, such as mammalian cells, plants and fungi, tRNA maturation occurs in the mitochondrial matrix (Daoud, Forget and Lang, no date; Rossmannith *et al.*, 1995; Kunzmann, Brennicke and Marchfelder, 1998). Mitochondrial tRNAs are generally synthesized as part of polycistronic transcripts with other genes in between them. Release of tRNAs from these precursors is thus not only required to produce functional components for translation, but also responsible for the maturation of other mitochondrial RNA species such as mitochondrial mRNA and mitochondrial rRNA (Ojala, Montoya and Attardi, 1981). Mitochondrial tRNA maturation is a reduced process compared to cytosolic tRNA maturation (Rossmannith, 2012).

#### **6.5.2.6. Mitochondrial translation**

The mitochondrial translation machinery is composed of mtDNA encoded rRNAs and tRNAs, as well as many nuclear encoded proteins such as initiation, elongation and termination translation factors (Hammarlund *et al.*, 2001; Gaur *et al.*, 2008), mitochondrial ribosomal proteins, and mitochondrial aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases and methionyl-tRNA transformylase. The core component of the mitochondrial translation system, the mitochondrial ribosome, also called mitoribosome (O'Brien, 1970), is assembled inside the mitochondrion. The small and large subunits of the mitoribosome are each composed of many nuclear encoded ribosomal proteins and mitochondrially encoded rRNAs. Mitoribosomes vary in size and in RNA and protein composition depending the organism. The yeast 74S mitoribosome, which is typically about 3 MDa, and the human 55S mitoribosome of 2.7 MDa (Greber and Ban, 2016) are both bigger in size and have a lower RNA to protein ratio compared to the 2.3 MDa bacterial ribosomes with which they share a common ancestor (Amunts *et al.*, 2015). Indeed these mitoribosomes have evolved to facilitate synthesis hydrophobic proteins and their co-translational delivery to the inner membrane (Amunts *et al.*, 2014; Brown *et al.*, 2014; Greber *et al.*, 2014). The mitochondrial translation process possesses some unusual features. Amongst those are the usage of a modified codon decoding system. In humans, the conventional UGA stop codon was reassigned to tryptophan and the two arginine triplets (AGA and AGG) serve as stop codons, and in addition, AUA was recoded to methionine rather than the isoleucine codon. Furthermore, unlike in cytosolic and prokaryotic translation, mitochondrial translation initiation seems to be much more reduced. Only two homologues of the cytosolic initiation factors were retained, IF2 and IF3, with mtIF2 which may have taken on the functions of the prokaryotic IF1 (Grasso *et al.*, 2007; Christian and Spremulli, 2012). Also, initiation and elongation both utilize only one type of tRNA<sup>Met</sup> (Christian and Spremulli, 2012; Kuzmenko *et al.*, 2014), necessitating that the initiation factor specifically recognizes the formylated version of tRNA<sup>Met</sup>. In contrast to yeast, mammalian mature mitochondrial mRNAs lack significant untranslated regions (UTRs) which are supposed to flank most open reading frames (ORFs) (Temperley *et al.*, 2010). Although the 3'-termini mature to a poly(A) tail, the 5'-termini are left bare and unstructured which are thought to be preferentially recognised by the specialised mitoribosomes and participate in translation initiation (Sharma *et al.*, 2003; Jones *et al.*, 2008). Elongation proceeds along the mitochondrial mRNA is facilitated by the mtEF-Tu elongation factor which delivers amino-acylated

tRNAs to the mitoribosome (Nagao, Suzuki and Suzuki, 2007), mtEF-Ts which allows the recycling of mtEF-Tu (Xin *et al.*, 1995), and mtEF-G1 which catalyses the translocation step of protein biosynthesis (Bhargava, Templeton and Spremulli, 2004). The termination process has not been fully clarified. Two release factors, mtRF1 and mtRF1a, recognise the stop codon and trigger the release of the protein (Soleimanpour-Lichaei *et al.*, 2007; Nozaki *et al.*, 2008). After release of the newly synthesized protein mtEFG2, initially thought to be involved in elongation, and the ribosome recycling factor mtRRF together enable the dissociation of the mitoribosomal subunits, tRNA and mRNA (Bhargava, Templeton and Spremulli, 2004; Rorbach *et al.*, 2008). It allows making those components to be available for a new round of protein biosynthesis.

### **6.5.3. Apicomplexan mitochondrion**

#### **6.5.3.1. General mitochondrial structure**

*T. gondii* possesses a single large mitochondrion which is mostly found in close proximity to the cell periphery when intracellular, and only divides in a cell cycle dependant manner (Ovcariakova *et al.*, 2017). This is in sharp contrast with mammalian cells which contain numerous, highly dynamic mitochondria which can autonomously divide according to the cell's physiological demands (Youle and Van Der Bliek, 2012). When extracellular, however, *T. gondii*'s mitochondrion undergoes drastic morphological changes with reduced pellicle contacts (Ovcariakova *et al.*, 2017). However, the reasons behind such morphological contrast between intra and extracellular is not known.

#### **6.5.3.2. Mitochondrial genome**

Apicomplexan parasites possess a divergent mitochondrion with the smallest mitochondrial genome known to date of 6 kb (excluding *Cryptosporidium* spp. which has lost its whole genome). It encodes for only 3 mitochondrial proteins, all conserved and part of the mETC: cytochrome b subunit (Cytb) of complex III, and cytochrome c oxidase subunits I and III (CoxI and III) of complex IV (Suplick *et al.*, 1988; Vaidya, Akella and Suplick, 1989; Feagin, 1992; Lin, Gross and Bohne, 2011; Cinar *et al.*, 2015; Ogedengbe *et al.*, 2015), and also encodes for highly fragmented rRNA (Feagin *et al.*, 2012; Hillebrand *et al.*, 2018). Mitochondrial

genome structure varies from concatemeric to linear form and expresses between 20 to 27 rRNA fragments, depending on the species (Hikosaka, Kita and Tanabe, 2013). Most apicomplexan mtDNA sequences are available, however, progress on solving *T. gondii*'s mtDNA sequence has only very recently been made (Namasivayama *et al.*, 2020). The challenge in sequencing *T. gondii*'s mtDNA lies in the presence of numerous pseudogenes of mitochondrial origin in the nuclear genome making it difficult to discriminate them from the actual mitochondrial genes (Ossorio, Sibley and Boothroyd, 1991). Namasivayam *et al.*, (2020) has tackled this very challenging question and revealed a novel and highly fragmented mtDNA for *T. gondii* composed of 21 non-redundant sequence blocks, none of which individually encode for a full gene of *coxI*, *coxIII* and *Cytb*. This represents an extreme case of DNA fragmentation and evolutionary driftage from conventional mitochondrial genomes. Further studies are needed to solve the exact mtDNA topology.

#### **6.5.3.3. A divergent mETC**

The apicomplexan mitochondrion retained many of the canonical functions from model organisms, with some species and life cycle stage specific variations. It has kept its ATP production ability through OXPHOS, although, there are significant differences compared to the canonical OXPHOS complexes. The ATP synthase, also called complex V, is composed of two subcomplexes: the F1 and the Fo sector complex. While the F1 subcomplex components are well conserved across various eukaryotic phyla, Fo is highly divergent and is predicted to contain many unidentified components for which the gene sequences are too divergent to be identified by homology searches (Velours and Arselin, 2000; Meyer *et al.*, 2007). There is, however, on-going progress with the identification of two new indispensable conserved apicomplexan protein (ICAP) subunits in *T. gondii*: ICAP2 and ICAP18 (Huet *et al.*, 2018). Also, apicomplexan parasites lack the canonical complex I and possess a type II non-proton-pumping NADH dehydrogenases (NDH2s) instead (Lin, Gross and Bohne, 2011). NDH2s have been reported in prokaryotes, plants and fungi (Kerscher, 2000), many of which possess the canonical complex I as well, but are absent in mammalian mitochondria. This is why it had been suggested as attractive drug targets against these pathogens (Biagini *et al.*, 2006; Saleh *et al.*, 2007).

#### 6.5.3.4. Mitochondrial metabolic pathways

Similarly, to canonical mitochondria, apicomplexans have retained the ISC, haem and ubiquinone biosynthesis pathways, and some amino acids metabolism (describe above). Some parasites specific metabolic pathways directly feed into the mitochondrion's own metabolism system, such as dimethylallyl diphosphate and IPP produced by the apicoplast and used in the mitochondrion's ubiquinone biosynthesis (Ling *et al.*, 2007), and the haem biogenesis pathway which requires the mitochondrion, the apicoplast and the cytosol (Seeber and Soldati-Favre, 2010). The close association of the mitochondrion and the apicoplast might simplify metabolite exchange through membrane contact sites. Some mitochondrial pathways are not essential for certain apicomplexans depending on their life stage. For instance, *P. falciparum* asexual blood stage only requires its mitochondrion for pyrimidine biosynthesis (Vaidya and Mather, 2009). Moreover, *Cryptosporidium*'s mitosome only kept two essential functions: the ISC biogenesis and ATP production, with the latter that involves a reduced mitochondrial respiratory chain called alternative oxidase, depending on the species (Vaidya and Mather, 2009; Mogi and Kita, 2010).

#### 6.5.3.5. Protein import pathway in apicomplexans

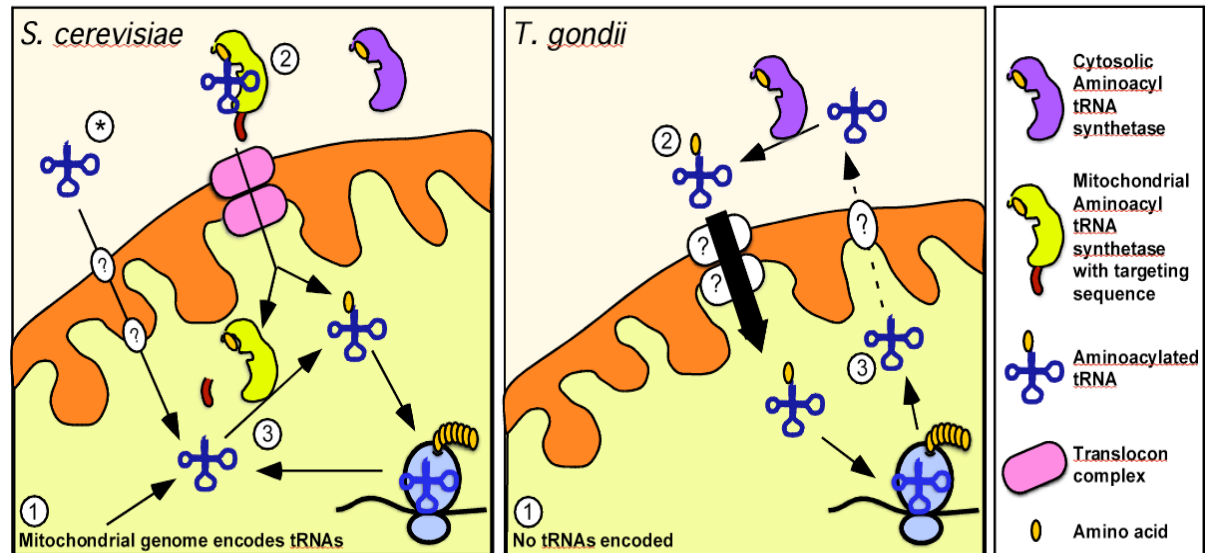
Apicomplexan parasites, just like most mitochondria possessing organisms, rely heavily on mitochondrial protein import. Some aspects of protein import are conserved and hence similar to model organisms. This is the case for N-terminal pre-sequences which have been shown to target *T. gondii* proteins to the mitochondrion (Toursel *et al.*, 2000), although some variations exists in terms of the position of the signal within the sequence (Brydges and Carruthers, 2003; Vögtle *et al.*, 2009). However, there are many aspects of targeting sequences which differ significantly. Many matrix proteins do not have the canonical N-terminal signal. This often makes the use of prediction algorithm software, such as MitoProt II, obsolete as these were designed specifically for model organisms. There are other types of targeting signals described in model organisms which are also predicted to have a role in *T. gondii* mitochondrial protein translocation, such as  $\beta$ -barrels (Sheiner *et al.*, 2015; Van Dooren *et al.*, 2016), and tail-anchored signals (Stilger and Sullivan, 2013), however, these have not yet been studied. Protein signals get even more complex with dual targeting to the mitochondrion

and apicoplast, or mitochondrion and cytosol in apicomplexans (Pino *et al.*, 2007, 2010). The apicomplexan protein import machinery is somewhat similar to that of yeast, in regards that it employs homologues of Tom40, Tom22 and Tom7 (Van Dooren *et al.*, 2016), however, lack homologues for Tom70 and Tom20. Despite this, *T. gondii* TOM complex is of similar size to that of the yeast counterpart, namely ~400 kDa (Van Dooren *et al.*, 2016). This suggests that parasite specific components may compensate for these homologues' absence. Homologues of Sam50, which forms the core of the SAM complex in yeast and humans (Kozjak *et al.*, 2003; Kozjak-Pavlovic *et al.*, 2007), have been identified in apicomplexans and experimentally validated for *T. gondii* and *P. falciparum* (Sheiner *et al.*, 2015). However, Sam35 and Sam37 homologues could not be identified. There is also evidence of the use of a MIA machinery in apicomplexans with the presence of Erv1 and other components (Eckers *et al.*, 2013; Van Dooren *et al.*, 2016), however, the Mia40 homologues seems to be lacking. Amongst the IMS small Tim chaperone, only the homologue of the yeast Tim22 was validated (Van Dooren *et al.*, 2016). Finally, the TIM23 machinery, with most of its components, were found *T. gondii* as well as all PAM subunits, highlighting these components to be conserved beyond the narrow spectrum of opisthokonta (Van Dooren *et al.*, 2016).

#### **6.5.3.6. Mitochondrial tRNA import: an enigma in apicomplexans**

Although highly reduced, *T. gondii* possesses a mitochondrial genome that needs to be translated, and with no mitochondrial encoded tRNAs, import of cytosolic tRNA is expected to be an essential for mitochondrial translation. MITI has been mostly studied in model organisms, as mentioned above, and remains obscure for apicomplexan parasites. A handful of *in vitro* studies have provided evidence that MITI happens in *T. gondii* and *P. falciparum* (Esseiva *et al.*, 2004; Pino *et al.*, 2010; Sharma and Sharma, 2014). However, the understanding of the import process and the translocon composition has not yet been solved. *T. brucei*, *L. tropicana* and yeast perform MITI and use components of the protein import machinery to help with this process, a point which was used for our bioinformatic screen (section 8.3.1). In the specific case of yeast, tRNA<sup>lys</sup> import is facilitated through the protein import channel by the co-import of mitochondrial aaRSs to load free tRNAs with their corresponding amino acids in the organelle and can import tRNA<sup>gln</sup> without aaRS (Figure 6.4.) (Rinehart *et al.*, 2005). As *T. gondii*'s mtDNA does not encode for any mitochondrial aaRSs nor tRNAs, we hypothesized that it relies on

the import of aminoacylated nuclear encoded tRNA through an import machinery for which components are unknown (Figure 6.4). The fact that tRNAs are essential tools for translation and that mammalian cells do not rely on MITI survival makes this pathway a good lead for drug target discovery.



**Figure 6.4 Comparison between the *S. cerevisiae* and *T. gondii* mitochondrial tRNA import.**

*S. Cerevisiae* can import amino acid loaded tRNA into the mitochondria when coupled with a mitochondrial aminoacyl synthetase and through a translocon complex. Then, it is incorporated to the translation machinery. *T. gondii*, does not possess such an aminoacyl synthetase. It has thus found a way to import amino acid loaded tRNA alone through an unknown tRNA import in order for translation to occur. (Scheme by Dr. Lilach Sheiner)

#### 6.5.3.7. Mitochondrial translation in apicomplexan

The mitochondrial translation process, including mitoribosome assembly is currently unknown in apicomplexan parasites. Evidence of mitochondrial translation in the literature has mainly been indirect. For instance, the nuclear encoded mEF-Tu was shown to be targeted to the mitochondrion and Cytb mRNA was found in mitochondrial fractions (Pino *et al.*, 2010), indicating that an active translation machinery is imported from the cytosol. Moreover, a previous study demonstrated that resistance to atovaquone, an antimalarial drug that targets the mETC, can be acquired through mutations within the mitochondrially encoded Cytb subunit gene (Siregar *et al.*, 2008). For *P. falciparum*, a study revealed that during the asexual stages, an active mETC is essential for replenishing ubiquinone, which is necessary to accept electrons from the type 2 dihydroorotate dehydrogenase (DHODH) enzyme for the pyrimidine synthesis pathway (Painter *et al.*, 2007). This was shown by an elegant cross species complementation with the



yeast type 1A DHODH which uses fumarate as the electron acceptor, relocating pyrimidine pathway in the cytosol (Painter *et al.*, 2007). Together, these observations highlight an active mitochondrial translation system which is essential for mitochondrial functioning, and thus vital for parasite. Another recent study by Ke *et al.*, (2018) has shown that depletion of the mitochondrial ribosomal protein L13 in *P. falciparum* induced mitochondrial morphology and mETC defect, and was deleterious to the parasite's survival (Ke *et al.*, 2018). However, Ke *et al.* (2018) was unsuccessful in rescuing this phenotype by complementation with the yeast DHODH as it was shown in Painter *et al.*, (2007). This raises questions regarding the link between mitochondrial translation and mETC in *P. falciparum*.

#### **6.5.4. Mitochondria purification methods**

To study the mitochondrion's genome, proteome, and metabolic functions, its isolation is essential and must be sufficiently pure and intact to adequately represent its function within the cell. Mitochondria purification techniques have been established in well studied organisms, however, there is a lack of equivalent protocols for apicomplexans. It is especially difficult in apicomplexans to separate the mitochondrion from the apicoplast which are physically linked to one another. Yet, this is crucial for studying organelle translation, given that both have a genome and are translationally active.

In general, mitochondria are prepared using differential centrifugation alone for crude mitochondrial preparation or coupled with density gradient ultracentrifugation for pure mitochondrial fractions. For the yeast *S. cerevisiae*, Meisinger *et al.* (2006) described a protocol for mitochondria enrichments and purification as followed: after digesting of the yeast wall and spheroplast homogenisation, crude mitochondria were obtained by differential centrifugation 1500 x g to remove large debris, nuclei and unbroken cells, followed by a 12,000 x g spin to pellet mitochondria. The crude mitochondria fraction typically contains plasma membranes, vacuole, and ER contaminants (Liao *et al.*, 2018). For highly purified mitochondria, the crude mitochondria fraction was sedimented on a 60%, 32%, 23% and 15% sucrose gradient at ultra-high speed of 134,000 x g for 1h. Purified mitochondria was recovered at the 60%/32% sucrose interface (Liao *et al.*, 2018). Minor variations of this method exist in terms of gradient density percentages and centrifugation speed depending on the organism, but overall this

method is effective, and has been used in many studies to tackle mitochondria biology questions for yeast, as well as in other eukaryotes. A similar method which uses a Percoll density gradient instead of sucrose is also commonly used. This is the case for mitochondria isolation for *Arabidopsis thaliana*. This was performed by grinding the plant tissues in mortar with a pestle and quartz, the lysate was filtered, and similar to the yeast protocol above, a slow and high-speed spin was performed to obtain a crude mitochondrial fraction. The crude mitochondrial pellet can be then loaded onto a continuous linear 50% Percoll gradient (Niehaus *et al.*, 2020) or on different Percoll gradient layers of 43%, 23% and 18% (Sweetlove, Taylor and Leaver, 2007; Carroll, 2017), and centrifuged for 15 min at  $\sim 16000 \times g$ . If using a linear gradient, mitochondria will be near the bottom of the tube. With the multiple Percoll densities percentage gradient, mitochondria typically settle between at the 43%/23% interface (Sweetlove, Taylor and Leaver, 2007; Carroll, 2017). Although effective, differential centrifugation followed by density gradient ultracentrifugation requires large amounts of starting material to recover a sufficient quantity of pure mitochondria for downstream applications, and it is quite labour intensive. A recent study in yeast reported a different method which uses paramagnetic beads to immunoprecipitated TOM70 histidine tagged mitochondria from crude mitochondria samples (Liao *et al.*, 2018). Scientists report that mitochondria prepared using this method contain fewer contaminants, and are similar in ultrastructure, protein import and mETC complex activity compared to mitochondria isolated by differential centrifugation. They also mention that this isolation method is suitable for small samples, is faster than differential and density gradient centrifugation, and importantly, it can be applied to any cell type where the genetic modification can be introduced by CRISPR or other methods (Hornig-Do *et al.*, 2009; Franko *et al.*, 2013; Liao *et al.*, 2018). For *T. gondii*, this type of crude mitochondria preparation was performed in previous studies to assess mitochondrial functions, including MITI (Esseiva *et al.*, 2004), mitochondrial translation (Pino *et al.*, 2010), and ATP synthase composition (Huet *et al.*, 2018), however, the quality of such preparation had not been shown.

## **6.6. Genetic manipulation to study mitochondrial biology in apicomplexan parasites**

### 6.6.1. The tetracycline-inducible system

The tetracycline-transactivator system is a popular tool to study gene function by transcription inhibition of a gene of interest (GOI). This tool originates from the tetracycline-repressor system (TetR) which then was adapted to *T. gondii* (Meissner *et al.*, 2001). The repressor protein TetR is fused to an activation and named tetracycline dependent transactivator domain (TATi) (Meissner *et al.*, 2002), which can bind to the Tet-operator sequence (TetO) placed upstream of a minimal tet-responsive promoter (TRE) which controls the transcription of the GOI. TATi binding to the TetO triggers the recruitment of the transcription machinery and allows transcription of the GOI. However, addition of the tetracycline homologue, anhydrotetracycline (ATc), prevents binding of the transactivator to the TRE and hence down-regulated the expression of the GOI.

Generation of such transgenic lines originally required an arduous two step genetic manipulation: (1) expressing a repressible copy of the GOI in a TATi-1 expressing line, (2) followed by the knockout of the native gene. This was reduced to a single step process by directly replacing the native promoter of the GOI with a tetracycline repressible promoter fused a DHFR selectable cassette by double homologous recombination, in a  $\Delta$ Ku80 TATi-1 expressing line (Sheiner *et al.*, 2011). Recently, this single step genetic engineering was further improved with the introduction of CRISPR-CAS9 which increases the double homologous recombination efficiency.

### 6.7. Aim of study

Apicomplexan parasites' mitochondrion is an essential organelle which has undergone a drastic reduction throughout evolution resulting in its driftage from "text book" mitochondria. Plenty of research has been carried out on mitochondrial translation in model organisms, while only very little is known in the case of apicomplexan parasites. Apicomplexan parasites have lost their entire set of mitochondrially encoded tRNA genes which are essential for mitochondrial translation. This implies that these molecules must be imported from the cytosol into the mitochondrion. Mitochondrial tRNA import (MITI) is not unique to apicomplexans. As mentioned above, yeast, mammalian cells, plants and trypanosomatids also import tRNAs. The mode of translocation is not fully

understood, but depending on the organism, some of the components of the MITI machinery have been shown to be either shared with the protein import machinery or not. The composition of the translocon complex in apicomplexans remains, however, unknown; and more generally, there is a gap of knowledge regarding the whole mitochondrial translation pathway. Mitoribosomes, which are the core components of this machinery, again, have been mainly studied in model organisms and in trypanosomatids. These studies have revealed the existence of a wide range of mitoribosomes diversity in terms of size and protein to RNA ratios. Such diversity makes the mitoribosome ideal for drug discovery. Consequently, in this study, we aimed to answer two key research questions:

(1) What is the mechanism which allows the translocation of cytosolic tRNA into the mitochondrion in *T. gondii*? Answering this question requires identification of the MITI translocon components. In this thesis I aimed at identifying these components via tRNA affinity immunoprecipitation, and by using an in-silico search designed to focus on mitochondrial biogenesis components.

(2) What is the process of mitochondrial translation in *T. gondii*? The first step to answering this question is to detect the mitoribosome and validate its components, and establish a mitochondrial translation assay. For this, my thesis aimed at detecting the mitoribosome through gene tagging of new mitoribosomal proteins, and elaborating a new protocol to monitor mitochondrial translation.

Lastly, both questions required the use of mitochondria enriched samples. However, given the substantial amount of material necessary, using the appropriate cell lysis method which allows parasite up scaling and minimal mitochondria disruption was essential. Consequently, an additional aim of this study is to set up an appropriate cell lysis protocol which is compatible with our mitochondrial biology studies.

## 7. Materials and Methods

### 7.1. Equipment

Applied Biosystems	Real-time PCR light cycler (Prism 7500), MicroAmp® optical 96-well reaction plate, MicroAmp® optical adhesive film
Applied Precision	DeltaVision® Core microscope
BD Biosciences	Syringes, Needles (23-25 gauge)
Beckman Coulter	Cooling centrifuge (Allegra® X-12 Series)
Binder	CO2 Tissue culture incubator
BioRad	Agarose gel electrophoreses equipment, UV transilluminator, SDS-PAGE system, Blotting apparatus, GenePulser Xcell, electroporation apparatus
GE healthcare	Nitrocellulose membrane (Hybond ECL),
G-Storm	Thermocycler
Heidolph	Orbital Shaker (Rotamax 120), Vortex (Reax top)
Heraeus Instruments	Incubator
Kühner	Shaking incubator (ISF-1-W)
Li-COR	Odyssey CLx
Milipore	MilliQ water deionising facility, 3 µm Millipore filters
Satorius	Analytical weighing scales
Sciquip	Sigma 6K 15 centrifuge (1150 rotor and 12500 rotor)
StarLab	ErgoOne Single & Multi-Channel pipettes
Stuart	Heat block
Syngene	Gel documentation system
Thermo scientific	CO2 tissue culture incubator, Nanodrop spectrophotometer, Centrifuge (sorrall legend XFR), Table top centrifuge Heraeus Pico 21, cooling table top centrifuge (accuSpin™ Micro R), Pro pipette controller (S1 Pipet Filler)
Zeiss	Axioskop 2 (mot plus) fluorescence microscope with AxioCam MRm CCD camera, Primo Vert (light microscope), Axiovert 40 CFL fluorescence microscope with AxioCam ICc1, Axiovert A1 fluorescence microscope with AxioCam IMc1, ELYRA PS.1 Super-resolution microscope, sCMOS pco SIM camera, Plan Apochromat 63x lens

**Table 7.1 Equipment**

### 7.2. Computer Software

Adobe Systems Inc.	Adobe design premium CS4
Carl Zeiss Microscopy	Zen Black and Zen blue
CellProfiler	Cell Profiler 2.1.1 Analyst software
GraphPad software Inc.	GraphPad Prism version 7.3
Li-COR	Image Studio 5.0
Mendeley Desktop	Reference software
Microsoft Corporation	Windows 7, Microsoft Office 2010
<i>National Institute for Biotechnology Information (NCBI)</i>	Basic Local Alignment search tool (BLAST) (Altschul <i>et al.</i> , 1990)
<i>National Institute of Allergy and</i>	ToxoDB, EuPathDB, PlasmoDB (Gajria <i>et al.</i> , 2008)

## Infectious Diseases (NIAID)

National Institutes of Health  
New England Biolabs (NEB)

OligoCalc  
Thermo Scientific  
University of Utah

ImageJ (Schindelin *et al.*, 2015), Fiji (Schindelin *et al.*, 2012)  
NEB tools™: Double Digest Finder, Enzyme Finder,  
NEBCutter®, NEBBioCalculator®, Tm Calculator  
Oligo Analysis tool (Kibbe, 2007)  
Thermo Scientific web tools: Tm Calculator  
ApE Plasmid Editor v2.0.53c Copyright© by M. Wayne  
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**Table 7.2 Software**

## 7.3. Consumables, biological and chemical reagent

Life technologies	Phosphate buffered saline 1X (PBS), Trypsin/EDTA (0.05% w/v), DNaseI, NuPage SDS loading buffer and reducing agent, Ultrapure agarose
Marvel	Milk powder (skimmed)
Melford	Agar, dithiothreitol
NEB	DNA ladder (1 kb), all Restriction enzymes and associated buffers, T4 DNA ligase, Taq polymerase, Calf intestinal phosphatase (CIP)
Phenonix Research Products	GelRed nucleic acid stain
Promega	pGEM®-T Easy vectors system, GoTaq® G2 Flexi DNA Polymerase
Roche	MgSO <sub>4</sub> ·7H <sub>2</sub> O, potassium hydroxide, paraformaldehyde
Sigma	Ammonium persulfate, Bromophenol blue sodium salt, Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium (DMEM), Ficoll, Ethylene glycol tetra-acetic acid, Ponceau S, Isopropanol, Sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS), dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO), N,N,N',N'-tetramethylethylenediamine, Triton X- 100, beta mercaptoethanol, Tween20, Giemsa stain, RNase-ZAP, Adenosine 5'-triphosphate disodium salt hydrate, Glutamine, 30% acryl-bisacrylamide mix, Sodium deoxycholate, K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub> , Magnesium chloride, Ampicillin sodium salt, Penicillin-streptomycin, Chloramphenicol (CAT), Primethamine
Southern Biotech	Fluoromount G (with and without DAPI)
Thermo Scientific	Bovine serum albumin (BSA), Glycine, Methanol, Tris, Sodium chloride, Platinum Taq DNA Polymerase High Fidelity, Restore Western blot stripping buffer
VWR	CaCl <sub>2</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O, Glacial acetic acid, Ethanol, HEPES, Potassium chloride, Na <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub> , KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> , Potassium chloride, Na <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub> , KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>
Zeiss	Immersion oil

**Table 7.3 Biological and chemical reagents**

## 7.4. Kits

Qiagen	Spin Mini-prep, Plasmid Midi-prep, MinElute PCR Purification, QIAquick gel extraction kit, DNeasy blood and tissue, RNA extraction kit
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**Table 7.4 Nucleic acid extraction and amplification kits****7.5. Buffers, solutions and media**

50X TAE buffer	2 M Tris, 0.5 M Na <sub>2</sub> EDTA, 5.71% glacial acetic acid (v/v)
5X loading die	15% Ficoll (v/v), 20 mM EDTA, 0.25% Bromophenol Blue in H <sub>2</sub> O
NEB 1 kb DNA ladder	150 µl 1 kb ladder (1 µg/µl), 300 µl 5X DNA loading buffer, 1050 µl H <sub>2</sub> O

**Table 7.5 Buffers for DNA Analysis**

4X separating gel buffer	1.5 M Tris-HCl (pH 8.8), 0.4% SDS (w/v)
Separating gel	8-15% of 30% acryl-bisacrylamide, 25% 4X separating gel buffer, 0.1% ammonium persulfate (APS) 10% (w/v), 0.2% N,N,N',N'-tetramethylethane-1,2-diamine (TEMED) (v/v)
4X stacking gel buffer	0.5 M Tris/HCl (pH 6.8), 0.4% SDS (w/v)
Stacking gel	4% of 30% acryl-bisacrylamide, 25% 4X stacking gel buffer (v/v), 0.1% APS 10% (w/v), 0.2% TEMED (v/v)
SDS PAGE running buffer	25 mM Tris, 192 mM glycine, 0.1% SDS (w/v)
Transfer buffer for wet blot	48 mM Tris, 39 mM glycine, 20% methanol (v/v)
Blocking solution	0.2% Tween (v/v), 3% skimmed milk powder (w/v), 0.037% SDS(w/v)
Washing solution or (PBS-Tween)	0.2% tween (v/v) in 1X PBS
1 M DTT	3.085 g 1,4-dithio-DL-threitol (DTT) in 20 ml 10 mM NaAc (pH 5.2)
10 % APS	1 g ammonium persulfate in 10 ml H <sub>2</sub> O

**Table 7.6 Buffers for protein analysis**

LB medium	10 g/l tryptone, 5 g/l yeast extract, 5 g/l NaCl
LB agar	1.5% (w/v) agar in LB medium
SOB medium	2% tryptone (w/v), 0.5% yeast extract (w/v), 0.05% NaCl (w/v), 2.5mM KCl, 10mM MgCl <sub>2</sub>
SOC medium	20 mM glucose in SOB medium
NYZ broth	5 g/l NaCl, 2 g/l MgSO <sub>4</sub> *7H <sub>2</sub> O, 5 g/l yeast extract, 10 g/l casein hydrolysate, pH adjusted to 7.5 with NaOH
Ampicillin (1000X)	100 mg/ml in H <sub>2</sub> O

**Table 7.7 Buffers and media for bacterial culture**

DMEM complete	500 ml DMEM, 10 % fetal bovine serum (FBS) (v/v), 2 mM glutamine, 10 µg/ml penicillin/streptomycin
Electroporation buffer (Cytomix)	10 mM K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub> /KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> , 25 mM HEPES, 2mM EGTA pH 7.6, 120 mM KCl, 0.15 mM CaCl <sub>2</sub> , 5mM MgCl <sub>2</sub> with 5 mM KOH adjusted to pH 7.6, 3 mM ATP, 3 mM glutathione (GSH)
Giemsa staining solution	10 % Giemsa stain (v/v) in H <sub>2</sub> O
Rapamycin (1000X)	50 µM in DMSO
PFA fixing solution	4 % paraformaldehyde (PFA) (w/v) in PBS
Permeabilisation solution	0.2 % Triton X-100 (v/v) in PBS
Blocking solution	2 % bovine serum albumin (BSA) (w/v) in permeabilisation solution

**Table 7.8 Buffers and media for *T. gondii* tachyzoites and mammalian cell culture**

## 7.6. Antibodies

Name	Species	Dilution		Source
		IFA	WB	
Aldolase	Rabbit??	(-)	1:1000	Meissner, M.
Catalase	Rabbit	(-)	1:3000	Soldati, D.
GAP45	Rabbit	1:1000	(-)	Soldati, D.
GFP	Mouse	1:500	1:2000	Roche
HSP60	Rabbit	1:2000	(-)	Sheiner, L.
IMC1	Mouse	1:1000	(-)	Ward, G.
Mic2	Mouse	1:500	(-)	Carruthers, V.
SAG1 ( <i>Toxoplasma</i> )	Rabbit	1:1000	(-)	ABCAM
TgMys	Rabbit	1:1000	1:1000	Sheiner, L.
TgTom40	Rabbit	1:2000	1:1000	van Dooren
HA	Rat	1:1000	1:500	Sigma
Myc	Mouse	1:1000	1:1000	Cell signalling
Flag	Mouse	(-)	1:1000	Sigma-Aldrich
Strep	Mouse	(-)	1:4000	IBA

**Table 7.9 Primary antibodies**

Name	Species	IFA	WB	Source
Alexa Fluor350 anti-mouse	Goat	1:3000	(-)	Life Technologies
Alexa Fluor488 anti-mouse	Goat	1:3000	(-)	Life Technologies
Alexa Fluor594 anti-mouse	Goat	1:3000	(-)	Life Technologies
Alexa Fluor633 anti-mouse	Goat	1:3000	(-)	Life Technologies
Alexa Fluor350 anti-rabbit	Goat	1:3000	(-)	Life Technologies
Alexa Fluor488 anti-rabbit	Goat	1:3000	(-)	Life Technologies
Alexa Fluor594 anti-rabbit	Goat	1:3000	(-)	Life Technologies
Alexa Fluor633 anti-rabbit	Goat	1:3000	(-)	Life Technologies
Alexa Fluor350 anti-rat	Goat	1:3000	(-)	Life Technologies
Alexa Fluor488 anti-rat	Goat	1:3000	(-)	Life Technologies
Alexa Fluor594 anti-rat	Goat	1:3000	(-)	Life Technologies
IRDye800CW anti-Mouse	Goat	(-)	1:5000	Li-Cor
IRDye680RD anti-Rabbit	Goat	(-)	1:5000	Li-Cor
horseradish peroxidase	Mouse		1:10000	Promega
horseradish peroxidase	Rabbit		1:10000	Promega
horseradish peroxidase	Rat		1:10000	Abcam

**Table 7.10 Secondary antibodies, fluorescent ligands and stains**

## 7.7. Oligonucleotides

Experiment	Gene ID	Details	Sequence
Localisation	TGME49_203620	TgmS35 endogenous 3xHA tag_fw	TACTTCCAATCCAATTTAATGCCCA ACAAGAGTGGCTGT



	TGME49_203620	TgmS35 endogenous 3xHA tag_rv	TCCTCCACTTCCAATTTTAGCCGCC TTCTTCACCTCTCGC
	TGME49_226280	TgbL28m cDNA- Myc_fw	GGGCAGATCTATGCCGAAGAATCT TAACTTGTGG
	TGME49_226280	TgbL28m cDNA- Myc_rv	GTATCCTAGGAAAGGCACGGTTTTTC CCGGTACTTGTG
	TGME49_263680	Endogenous 3xHA tag_fw	TACTTCCAATCCAATTTAATGCGTT CAGTCTCCTGGAGGCCTTTTCG
	TGME49_263680	Endogenous 3xHA tag_rv	TCCTCCACTTCCAATTTTAGCGCGC TGTTTCAAGGTGAAGGGG
	TGME49_201830	TgmL54 endogenous 3xHA tag_rv	TACTTCCAATCCAATTTAATGCGGT CTCCAAGACACTCCG
	TGME49_201830	TgmL54 endogenous 3xHA tag_fw	TCCTCCACTTCCAATTTTAGCGGCA TCCAGAAAAGCGGCTTCAC
	TGME49_214790	Endogenous 3xHA tag_fw	TACTTCCAATCCAATTTAATGCATG CGGGGATTCCAAGAACTCGG
	TGME49_214790	Endogenous 3xHA tag_rv	TCCTCCACTTCCAATTTTAGCGTGT TCGACGAACTGAGCGAG
	TGME49_251950	bL12m endogenous TwinStrep_rv	TACTTCCAATCCAATTTAAT
	TGME49_251950	bL12m endogenous TwinStrep_fw	GAATTCCCGTCCTCCACTTCCAATT TTAGC
	TGME49_230050	uL3m endogenous 3xFLAG_rv	TACTTCCAATCCAATTTAAT
	TGME49_230050	uL3m endogenous 3xFLAG_fw	GAATTCCCGTCCTCCACTTCCAATT TTA
	TGME49_257110	cDNA-Myc_fw	CTAAGATCTATGTCGTGCACGGTC GTACCT
	TGME49_257110	cDNA-Myc_rv	CTAGCTAGCTTTCTTGAAAAAGTCA GACGAACCC
<b>Transient disruption via CRISPR/ Cas9</b>	TGME49_214790	sgRNA sequence	GCTCTGCGGTGCTGCGCGAG
	TGME49_226280	TgbL28m sgRNA sequence	GGGGAAGTACCTGCGGCTGG
	TGME49_263680	sgRNA sequence	GTCCTCCACCCCAAGACGGT
	TGME49_233460	SAG1 sgRNA sequence	GAATGTCGCAAGGTGCTCCTAGTTT TAGAGCTAGAAATAGC
<b>Promoter replacement mediated via CRISPR/ Cas9</b>	TGME49_203620	TgmS35 sgRNA sequence	GAAGACAGCATGGGGCCACTTGG
	TGME49_203620	TgmS35 gRNA_fw	AAGTTGAAGACAGCATGGGGCCAC TG
	TGME49_203620	TgmS35 gRNA_rv	AAAACAGTGGCCCCATGCTGTCTTC A
	TGME49_203620	TgmS35 homology region_fw	GACATTAAAGGCAACCACAAGAACA GAGAACATCACAGTGAGAAGACAG CAAGCTTCGCCAGGCTGTAAATCC
	TGME49_203620	TgmS35 homology region_rv	CGACGGACCCCAGCAAGCTGGCCC GAGGACACCCGGCCAAGTGGCCC CATTGGTTGAAGACAGACGAAAGC AGTTG
	TGME49_203620	TgmS35 clone testing_fw	CTTTTCTGGCCTCTGCCTCAGC
	TGME49_203620	TgmS35 clone testing_reverse	CCGAGAAAGCGCGGAGCCAATA
	TGME49_216040	uS15m gRNA sequence	GAATGGCTTCTCTGGCGCGTCCG
	TGME49_216040	uS15m gRNA_fw	AAGTTGAATGGCTTCTCTGGCGCG TG
	TGME49_216040	uS15m gRNA_rv	AAAACACGCGCCAGAGAAGCCATT CA

	TGME49_216040	uS15m homology region_fw	GTCGTCTCCTCCTTCGTCTTCTTCT GCTTCTTCTTCTCTCTTCAAGTGGA AAGCTTCGCCAGGCTGTAAATCC
	TGME49_216040	uS15m homology region_rv	GCCCCAACGCCTTGGTGGGCGAG AAAATCCGACGCGCCAGAGAAGCC ATTGGTTGAAGACAGACGAAAGCA GTTG
	TGME49_216040	uS15m clone testing_fw	CAGCTTCAAGTCAACTTGCC
		DHFR cassette test_rv	CACGGTTATCAAACCCGAG
		DHFR cassette test_fw	CGGTTGCTTGAAGAAGG
	TGME49_240270	gRNA sequence	GTCTCTTCTGCTTTTCGCCATGG
	TGME49_240270	gRNA_fw	AAGTTGTCTCTTCTGCTTTTCGCCA G
	TGME49_240270	gRNA_rv	AAAACTGGCGAAAAGCAGAAAGAGA CA
	TGME49_240270	Homology region_forwad	TTTCTCCCCGGCTTTCGCGCTTTTC GCTTCTGTCTCTTCTGCTTTTCGCC AAGCTTCGCCAGGCTGTAAATCC
	TGME49_240270	Homology region_rv	TGGCGCTGCTTGCATTGTGCTTG CTGCGCTTCCCCTTCGGCACC GCC ATTGGTTGAAGACAGACGAAAGCA GTTG
	TGME49_240270	clone testing_fw	ATCATTTCTCTCGTTCTCTCACC
	TGME49_240270	clone testing_rv	GCTGTCTTCTCTTCTTCTCAGA
	TGME49_214790	Homology region_forwad	CGCCTTCCCGCCTTTCGGTGCGT TTTTGCTGTCTCCCCGCCTCATCAC CAAGCTTCGCCAGGCTGTAAATCC
	TGME49_214790	Homology region_rv	AGTGGGGTTTTGGAAGAAAAGAGA CGAAAAACAGAGGCAGAAAGTCGCC ATTGGTTGAAGACAGACGAAAGCA GTTG
	TGME49_214790	gRNA_fw	AAGTTCCTCATCACCATGGCGACTT G
	TGME49_214790	gRNA_rv	AAAACAAGTCGCCATGGTGATGAG GA
	TGME49_214790	clone testing_fw	GCAGGAGTCCCTTCTTCTCGCG
	TGME49_214790	clone testing_rv	GCAGGAACCTTCTTGAGGTCGGCG
<b>qRT-PCR</b>	TGME49_203620	TgmS35 expression level	AACCAAGCGCATGTTTACGT
	TGME49_203620	TgmS35 expression level	AGTCGAACCGTTCACTCCTT
	TGME49_240270	Expression level	GCAGCGCCAGTTGATTTACT
	TGME49_240270	Expression level	GCAAATCTTCTTGGCCAGAA
	TGME49_209030	ACT1 (actin)	ATTGGCGGATGAAGAAGTGCAAG
	TGME49_209030	ACT1 (actin)	ATTTAGAAGCACTTGCGGTGGAC
<b>Ribosomal rRNA enrichment assessment</b>	Mitochondrial ApiLSUE rRNA	IP rRNA assessment mito-rRNA_fw	AAGGTGCTCAGGGTCTTACCG
	Mitochondrial ApiLSUE rRNA	IP rRNA assessment mito-rRNA_rv	AGGTAGCAAAATTCCTTGTCG
	TGME49_209030	IP rRNA assessment ACT1 mRNA_fw	ATTGGCGGATGAAGAAGTGCAAG
	TGME49_209030	IP rRNA assessment ACT1 mRNA_rv	ATTTAGAAGCACTTGCGGTGGAC
	TogoCr29	IP rRNA assessment api-rRNA_fw	GCCCGTACTAAACTGACACAAG
	TogoCr29	IP rRNA assessment api-rRNA_rv	AGGCATCCTTTATCCCGAAG

**Table 7.11 Primers and gRNA sequences used in this study.**

## **7.8. Bacterial strains (*Escherichia coli*)**

The bacterial strain of *E. coli* used in this study was the chemically competent DH5 $\alpha$ <sup>™</sup> (New England BioLabs®). It was commercially purchased, and was stored at -80°C.

## **7.9. Molecular biology**

### **7.9.1. Isolation of genomic DNA from *T. gondii***

Extracellular parasites were collected and centrifuged at 1500 x g for 5 minutes. Parasites' gDNA was extracted by resuspending them in 30-60  $\mu$ l of lysis buffer (10% Proteinase K in TE buffer (Qiagen)) and incubation at 60°C for 60 minutes, then 95°C for 10 minutes in a thermocycler, and finally cooled to 4°C. gDNA was stored at -20°C. Alternatively, gDNA was extracted using a Qiagen<sup>©</sup> DNeasy Blood and Tissue kit and following the manufacturer's instructions, with a final elution volume of 100  $\mu$ l H<sub>2</sub>O.

### **7.9.2. Isolation of RNA from *T. gondii***

Parasites lysed from a 6 cm dish (~2x10<sup>7</sup> parasites) were spun down at 1500 x g for 5 minutes and the pellet was kept on ice. RNA was extracted from the pellet using the Qiagen RNeasy<sup>®</sup> Mini Kit according to the manufacturer's instruction.

Prior RNA extraction, all equipment and gloves were treated with RNaseZAP<sup>™</sup> (Sigma<sup>©</sup>). Quality of the RNA was assessed by running 1  $\mu$ l on an agarose gel at 100V for 20 minutes (section 7.9.6). RNA typically generates two bands corresponding to the 28S and 18S RNA (Aranda, Lajoie and Jorcyk, 2012). RNA samples were finally quantified using the NanoDrop<sup>™</sup> spectrophotometer (Thermo Scientific<sup>©</sup>).

### **7.9.3. cDNA generation**

Complementary DNA (cDNA) was generated using 1-2  $\mu$ g of RNA as a template for reverse transcription. This was performed using the High Capacity RNA-to-cDNA Kit (Thermo Fisher) and following the manufacturer's protocol.

#### 7.9.4. Determination of nucleic acid concentration

DNA and RNA concentration were determined using a NanoDrop™ spectrophotometer following the manufacturer's instructions.

#### 7.9.5. Polymerase chain reaction

Throughout this work, polymerase chain reaction (PCR) was used for multiple purposes such as DNA fragment amplification, checking plasmid integration in transformed bacteria colonies, and screening for transgenic parasites with correct DNA integration. These PCRs were performed using GoTaq®. Super Fidelity Taq DNA Polymerase was utilized for molecular cloning and when generating long homology region for promoter replacement or triple HA tagging using CRISPR by transfection, as high-fidelity polymerases contain proof-reading activity, which reduces the error rate during amplification. PCR reactions were proceeded as followed in Table 7.12 and 7.13.

Component	Volume (μl)
GoTaq mix (2X)	5
10 μM Forwar primer	0.3
10 μM Reverse primer	0.3
Template (10-100 ng)	1
H2O	To 10

**Table 7.12 GoTap® reaction**

Temperature	Time	Cycles
94°C	30 sec	1
94°C	30 sec	25-35
50°C-60°C*	30 sec	
72°C	1 min/kb**	
72°C	5 min	1
4°C	Indefinitely	---

**Table 7.13 GoTap® PCR thermocycler program**

(\*) Based on NEB primers Tm

(\*\*) Dependent on the length of the amplicon

Component	Volume (μl)
Super Fidelity Taq DNA Polymerase mix (2X)	5
10 μM Fw primer	0.3
10 μM Rv primer	0.3
Template (100 ng)	1
H2O	To 100

**Table 7.14 Super Fidelity Taq DNA Polymerase reaction**

Temperature	Time		Cycles
94°C	5 min		1
94°C	45 sec	}	3
53°C	1 min		
72°C	5 min		
94°C	45 sec		
65°C	1 min	}	30
72°C	5 min		
72°C	7 min		
4°C	Indefinitely		---

**Table 7.15 Super Fidelity Taq DNA Polymerase thermocycler program**

#### 7.9.6. Agarose gel electrophoresis

DNA and RNA were separated according to their size by agarose gel electrophoresis (Lee *et al.*, 2012). Agarose gels were prepared to a final concentration ranging from 1-2% in 1X TAE (w/v) by boiling in a microwave. Addition of 0.01% GelRed allowed nucleic acid visualization under UV light. Samples were added 6X loading dye and loaded on the gel, as well as 5 µl of 1 kb DNA ladder (NEB®) or 1 kb plus DNA ladder (Thermo Scientific™) used as size reference.

#### 7.9.7. Restriction endonuclease digest

Digestion of DNA by endonucleases was performed for plasmid verification and linearization of vectors prior transfection. All restriction processes were done following the standard protocol of 1 hour. Restriction enzymes and buffers were supplied by NEB®. Isolated DNA from bacterial cultures was verified using 200 ng of DNA for diagnostic digests. Stable transfections were done by vector linearization using a single restriction enzyme. For transfections in BioRad® electroporator, 50-70 µg of the plasmid of interest was digested.

#### 7.9.8. Dephosphorylation of digested DNA plasmids

For molecular cloning, the digested plasmids were treated with alkaline calf intestinal phosphatase (CIP), which mediates the dephosphorylation of the 5' end of DNA, to prevent the re-ligation of the backbone. Incubation of 10 U/µl (0.5 µl) of CIP with the sample at 37°C for 1 hour is enough to treat the plasmids before purification.

#### 7.9.9. Purification of DNA

After running the digested plasmid in agarose gels, purification of DNA bands was performed using the QiAquick gel Extraction kit. The desired band was cut from the agarose gel using a sterile scalpel blade over a UV transilluminator. The piece of agarose containing the band was weighed, extracted following the specifications of the manufacturer, and eluted in 10 µl H<sub>2</sub>O. 0.5 µl elution was run on an agarose gel to assess contamination with other DNA fragments.

#### **7.9.10. Ligation of DNA fragments**

T4 DNA ligase (NEB®) was utilised to achieve covalent binding of the insert and plasmid backbone. The formation of phosphodiester bonds connecting the 5' phosphate and 3'hydroxyl ends in dsDNA, was catalysed by this enzyme. 50 ng of backbone was used for this reaction with an insert-to-backbone ratio of 1:3. Incubation of the ligations was performed overnight at ambient temperature with the following additions: 1 µl of T4 DNA Ligase, 1 µl of 10X T4 DNA ligase Buffer and H<sub>2</sub>O to make up the volume of 10 µl.

#### **7.9.11. Plasmid transformation into bacteria**

The ligated reaction was transformed into chemically competent *E. coli* bacteria. To do so, 50 µl of bacteria were used per reaction. The following steps were carried out on ice. 5 µl of the ligation reaction added to the bacteria and incubated for 30 min. the mixture was then heat shocked for 45 sec at 42°C, then placed back on ice for 2 min. To allow the bacteria to recover they were left shaking for 1 hour at 37°C with 450 µl of NZY rich broth. Bacteria were then plated on LB-ampicillin agar plates overnight at 37°C, shaking. Positive colonies were checked by PCR or analytical digest and were cultured overnight in the LB broth at 37°C.

#### **7.9.12. Isolation of plasmid DNA from bacteria**

Overnight grown bacteria are pelleted by centrifugation and re-suspended in a buffer solution consisting in part of EDTA and RNase A. Bacteria were lysed using a buffer solution containing SDS and NaOH. NaOH has the additional benefit of destabilising hydrogen bonds holding the DNA bases together creating single strand DNA. Potassium acetate is used to neutralize NaOH in the lysis buffer and stop the

lysis reaction. During this process plasmid DNA is able to re-anneal by reforming hydrogen bonds however it is not possible for the longer bacterial genomic DNA to re-anneal. Another round of centrifugation separates the contaminants from the plasmid DNA. Silica columns from either QiAprep spin Miniprep or Midiprep (Qiagen®) were used to purify the plasmid DNA.

#### **7.9.13. DNA sequencing**

To verify inserts and final vectors the DNA is sequenced following procedures from GATC© Biotech. 5 µl of primer (5 pmol/µl) and 5 µl of purified DNA (80-100 ng/µl) were prepared and sent to the company.

### **7.10. Cell biology**

#### **7.10.1. *T. gondii* tachyzoite and mammalian cell *in vitro* culturing**

Human foreskin fibroblast (HFF) monolayers were used as host cells for culturing *T. gondii* tachyzoites. These were cultured in Dulbecco's modified Eagle medium (DMEM), supplemented with 10% (v/v) FBS, 4 mM L-glutamine and 10 µg/ml penicillin/streptomycin. These were incubated in a humidified incubator maintaining a temperature of 37°C and a 5% CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Once freshly egressed, parasites are passed onto new confluent HFFs or artificially released from their host cells by passing them through 23G needles.

#### **7.10.2. Trypsin/EDTA treatment of HFF cells for cell maintenance**

Host cells were washed with 1X PBS and trypsin protease was added which detaches HFFs from the bottom of culturing flasks. HFFs were incubated with trypsin at 37°C for 5 min. Gentle taps on the flasks helps to lift cells up from the surface, then one fourth of the cell were placed into a new flask with media.

#### **7.10.3. Cryopreservation of *T. gondii***

Four drops of trypsin were added to 6 cm dishes of HFFs heavily infected with *T. gondii* and incubated in the incubator for 3 min. Infected cells in suspension were mixed with 1 ml of FBS and transferred into 2 ml cryotubes. 100 µl of DMSO was

added to the mixture and cells were immediately frozen at -80°C. To recover parasites, frozen samples were thawed at room temperature and the cryotubes content was transferred onto new confluent HFFs.

#### **7.10.4. Transfection of *T. gondii***

##### **7.10.4.1. Bio-Rad© transfections**

Transfections with the Bio-Rad© Gene Pulser Xcell™ were conducted in cytomix (Table 2. 8), a buffer which mimics the cytosolic ion composition of the cells, resulting in the best survival rate (Van Den Hoff, Moorman and Lamers, 2902). 50 µg of DNA was linearised and ethanol precipitated. The pelleted DNA was dissolved in cytomix to a volume of 100 µl; parasites were re-suspended in 640 µl of cytomix to which 30 µl ATP (100 mM) and 30 µl GSH (100 mM) was added. This transfection mix was transferred into an electroporation cuvette (BioRad©; 4 mm). Electroporation was conducted using the following settings; mode: square wave, voltage: 1700 V, pulse length: 200 µs, the number of pulses: 2 and interval between pulses: 5 ms.

##### **7.10.4.2. Transient transfections**

For transient transfections, circular DNA was used. These do not incorporate into *T. gondii*'s genome and are expressed as additional extra chromosomal copies. They are hence lost after several replication cycles. This method allows rapid gene function/protein localisation assessment without the time-consuming drug selection process for stable transfections. Immediately after electroporation, parasites were inoculated on coverslips containing a confluent monolayer of HFFs and incubated from 24 to 48 hours before fixation.

##### **7.10.4.3. Stable transfections**

Insertion of DNA into the parasite genome is required to perform stable transfection, this insertion can either be random or targeted. For random integration, exogenous DNA is incorporated into the genome via the parasite's non-homologous end joining (NHEJ) repair mechanism, this is mediated by the Ku80 enzyme (Donald and Roos, 1993). It is possible to increase the transfection



efficiency during random integration by adding the same restriction enzyme used to linearize the vector to the mixture, the DNA repair mechanism is activated by the enzyme. This method is referred to as the restriction enzyme mediated insertion (REMI) (Black *et al.*, 1995).

Targeted stable transfections based on homologous recombination are carried out in  $\Delta ku80$  parasites: as this parental strain is not able to use the NHEJ repair mechanism, endogenous tagging and DNA sequences replacement with exogenous sequences is highly increased (Fox *et al.*, 2009; Huynh and Carruthers, 2009).

Plasmid must be linearised to be integrated within the parasite's genome. 50  $\mu\text{g}$  of DNA was used for transfection as described above with the BioRad electroporator, into TATi $\Delta ku80$  (Sheiner *et al.*, 2011). For promoter replacement or HA tagging, the homologous region containing the transgenic promoter/HA tag and selectable cassette sequence was amplified by PCR (Table 7.15) and used directly for transfection with the CRISPR/CAS9 and sgRNA expressing plasmid. Depending of the selectable cassette, the corresponding drug was added either immediately after transfection, or the next day.

#### **7.10.4.4. Drug-mediated positive selection**

Transfected parasites were grown in presence of the drug immediately after transfection with 10  $\mu\text{M}$  chloramphenicol for the chloramphenicol acyl transferase (CAT) resistance cassette (Kim, Soldati and Boothroyd, 1993) which has a delayed action, or the next day with 1  $\mu\text{M}$  pyrimethamine for the dihydrofolate reductase-thymidylate synthase resistance cassette (Donald and Roos, 1993) which has an immediately action. Drugs are kept into the culture media until resistant parasite emerge. At this point, the pool of resistant parasites can be screened by fluorescent microscopy, PCR (Table 7.11) and western blot.

#### **7.10.5. Isolation of clonal parasite lines by limited dilution**

Drug resistant parasites are transferred to 96 well plates of HFF monolayers after confirmation of the pool being positive in order to isolate stable clones. This is performed by serial dilution using multichannel pipettes. Parasites from single

plaque containing wells were collected and transferred to 24 well plates. Clonal lines were tested by PCR, fluorescent microscopy and western blot.

*The following material and methods were taken from the Lacombe et al., 2019 publication and is detailed below as it is in this paper with minor modifications.*

### **7.11. *In silico* search for mitochondrial protein identification**

The mRNA abundance dataset generated by Behnke *et al.*, (2010) was queried via GeneSpring 11.0. Of the 14 homologs of mitochondrial protein import components (Table 8.3) 3 do not have cyclical expression pattern (Appendix Table 3 - sheet 1). For each of the remaining 11, we searched for other genes with correlating cyclical expression patterns. We ran Euclid and Spearman correlation tests at 0.9 and 0.95 scores and kept lists of correlation that were smaller than 70. This search identified 281 non-overlapping genes (the original search was performed with release 7.2 of ToxoDB, TGME49 strain; the same group of genes now correspond to 279 predicted genes from this strain) (search steps are shown in Appendix Table 3 - sheet 2).

The orthology search leading to the 43 gene list was performed via the ToxoDB link to OrthoMCL. A search strategy queried for *Toxoplasma* genes with orthologs in *Plasmodium* 3D7 and with no orthologs in the three *Cryptosporidium* spp. genomes available. The group of TGME49 genes that comply with these criteria was intersected with the 279-group resulting in 43 genes (Appendix Table 2 - sheet 2).

Fitness phenotypes scores (Appendix Table 4 - columns E-F) were obtained via the ToxoDB tool. All TGME49 genes were converted to their TGGT1 syntenic orthologs and then sorted according to their fitness scores.

The probability of export to the mitochondria (Appendix Table 4 - column B) was assessed using the MitoProt II algorithm (v.1.101) (Claros and Vincens, 1996) (<https://ihg.gsf.de/ihg/mitoprot.html>).

### **7.12. Plasmid construct**

For ligation independent cloning (LIC), between 500 pb to 1.5 kb homologous region of the 3' end of each gene of interest (GOI) was amplified by PCR from *T. gondii* RH genomic DNA with LIC sequence flanking these regions (primers are in Table 2.11). Products were LIC-cloned into linearised p3HA.LIC.CATΔpac containing a triple HA epitope tag as described previously (Huynh and Carruthers, 2009; Sheiner *et al.*, 2011), or into linearised pTEV.TwinStrep.LIC.CATΔpac or pTEV.TripleFLAG.LIC.CATΔpac, where the triple-HA was replaced with TEV.TwinStrep or TEV.Triple-FLAG using In-Fusion cloning. The vectors were transfected into the TATiΔku80 line (Sheiner *et al.*, 2011) and selected with chloramphenicol.

For expression of tagged exogeneous genes, the corresponding cDNAs were cloned (primers in Table 2.11) into the pDT7S4 expression vector that fuses a C-terminal Myc epitope tag (Van Dooren *et al.*, 2008) via BglII and AvrII restriction sites.

For promoter replacement, the ChopChoP (<http://chopchop.cbu.uib.no/>) tool was used to identify gRNAs covering the ATG of each GOI. The corresponding gRNAs were cloned into a U6 promoter and CAS9-GFP expressing vector (Tub-Cas9-YFP-pU6-ccdB-tracrRNA) (Curt-Varesano *et al.*, 2016) using the BsaI restriction site, and the final plasmid was purified by DNA midi-prep (Qiagen) per the manufacturer's protocol. The DHFR selectable cassette and ATc repressible promoter were amplified by PCR from pDT7S4myc (Van Dooren *et al.*, 2008; Sheiner *et al.*, 2011). Parasites were transfected with 50 ug of the gRNA/CAS9 vector-PCR product mixture, and transfectants with integrated cassette were selected with pyrimethamine.

For gene disruption by transient gRNA/CAS9 expression, each gene specific gRNA (sequences in Table 7.11) vector, synthesised by GenScript using backbone vector pU6-SAG1gRNA-DHFR (Serpeloni *et al.*, 2016), was co-transfected with the CAS9-FLAG expressing vector (pU6-universal) (Sidik *et al.*, 2016).

### **7.13. Immunofluorescence assay and microscopy**

Parasites were inoculated onto human foreskin fibroblasts (HFFs) on coverslips for the mentioned time period and fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde (PFA) for 20 minutes at room temperature (RT). The PFA was washed away thrice with

phosphate buffer saline (PBS). Cells were then permeabilised and blocked with blocking buffer (PBS, 0.2% Triton X-100, 2% Bovine Serum Albumin, BSA) for 20 minutes at RT. Cells were then labelled with different sets of primary and secondary antibodies: mouse anti-HA antibody (1:1000, Sigma), rabbit anti-TgMys (1:1000) (Ovcariikova *et al.*, 2017), mouse anti-Myc (1:1000, Cell Signalling), rabbit anti-TgTOM40 (1:2000)(Van Dooren *et al.*, 2016); mouse anti-Strep (1:1000, StrepMAB-Classic, IBA), mouse anti-FLAG (1:1000, Monoclonal ANTI-FLAG® M2, Sigma-Aldrich), mouse anti-GFP (1:2000, Roche), coupled with goat anti-mouse or anti-rabbit fluorescent antibody (AlexaFluor 594 or 488 1:1000 (Invitrogen)). Primary antibodies were incubated for 1 hour at RT. Coverslips were then washed thrice for 5 minutes with PBS-0.2% Triton X-100 and incubated with secondary antibodies for 45 minutes at RT in the dark. Coverslips were washed as above and mounted on microscope slides using DAPI-fluoromountG (Southern Biotech). Images were taken using a Delta Vision microscope as described (Ovcariikova *et al.*, 2017).

#### **7.14. Mitochondrial morphology scoring**

CRISPR/Cas9 transient expression - Parasites transiently co-expressing CAS9-FLAG (pU6-universal) (Sidik *et al.*, 2016) and gene specific sgRNA (Serpeloni *et al.*, 2016), for genes TGME49\_214790/ 263680 and 226280, were fixed 48 hours post-transfection. The CAS9-FLAG and mitochondria were visualised by immunofluorescence using anti-FLAG and anti-TgMys (mitochondrial marker) as described above. 50 vacuoles of CAS9-FLAG expressing parasites for each gene were then counted and mitochondrial morphology was assessed as followed: mitochondrial morphologies were sorted into two categories: (a) “normal” mitochondrial morphology with vacuoles which contain parasites displaying open-lasso, half-moon, and to a lesser extent, sperm-like mitochondrial morphologies (Figure 8.1; (Ovcariikova *et al.*, 2017)), (b) abnormal morphology which is anything other than open-lasso and sperm-like morphologies, then scored. Dead parasites (displaying one or two balled mitochondria (Ovcariikova *et al.*, 2017)) were not considered. Experiments were performed in triplicate.

Conditional knockdown - rTgmS35-3xHA mutant line was grown in the presence or absence of ATc 0.5  $\mu$ M for 48 hours, fixed and mitochondria were visualized by

immunofluorescence using anti-TgMys, as described above. Mitochondrial morphology was scored as “normal” if vacuoles have the majority of parasites with open-lasso mitochondrial morphologies (and a few sperm-like shapes) or “abnormal” if vacuoles contained parasites whose majority the mitochondria are in sperm-like shape and anything else). Replicating parasites were excluded. Experiments were performed in triplicate, and a Chi-squared statistical test was performed.

### **7.15. Plaque assay**

1000, 300 and 100 parasites were inoculated in 6-well plates in duplicates, in the presence or absence of ATc 0.5  $\mu$ M for 9 days. Cells were then fixed with 100% methanol for 30 minutes at RT, washed with PBS and crystal violet dye was added for 2 hours at RT to stain host cells, and then washed with PBS.

### **7.16. Western Blot**

Samples were resuspended in 1X NuPAGE LDS loading dye (Invitrogen) with 5% v/v beta-mercaptoethanol, then boiled at 95°C for 5 minutes and separated by SDS-PAGE. Proteins were transferred under wet conditions (in Towbin buffer (0.025 M TRIS 0.192 M Glycine 10 % Methanol) for 60 minutes at 100 V) to nitrocellulose membrane (0.45  $\mu$ m Protran™). Blots were labelled with the appropriate set of antibodies: primary rat anti-HA (1:500, Sigma), mouse anti-Myc (1:1000, Cell signalling), mouse anti-Strep (1:4000, StrepMAB-Classic HRP conjugate, IBA), mouse anti-FLAG (1:1000, Monoclonal ANTI-FLAG® M2, Sigma-Aldrich) or rabbit anti-TgTOM40 (1:2000, (Van Dooren *et al.*, 2016)) antibodies coupled to secondary horseradish peroxidase (HRP)(Promega for mouse and rabbit, Abcam for rat) conjugated antibodies (1:10,000) or secondary fluorescent antibodies IRDye® 800CW (1:10000, LIC-COR), and visualised using the Pierce ECL Western Blotting Substrate (Thermo Scientific) or the Odyssey LCX, respectively.

### **7.17. Protein import assay**

Parasites were transfected with the Hsp60L-mDHFR-cMyc vector (Van Dooren *et al.*, 2016) (kind gift from Giel van Dooren), after growth in the presence or absence of 0.5  $\mu$ M ATc for 24 and 72 hours. Transfected parasites were collected

after an additional 24 hours of growth in their respective treatment, and western blot was performed using the respective parasite pellets as described above. Band intensity was measured using the ImageJ software and the ratio between the mature and pre-processed band intensity was calculated. A 1-way ANOVA statistical test was performed.

### **7.18. Preparation of mitochondria enriched fraction**

Parasites were cultured on HFFs in T150 flasks in the presence or absence of 0.5  $\mu$ M ATc. Egressed parasites were collected (or, where necessary, parasites were scraped and syringed, e.g. at 96 hours) and filtered through a 3  $\mu$ m pore size membrane. From this point on, all steps are carried out at 4°C. Parasites were centrifuged at 1500 x g for 15 minutes. Media was discarded and pellets were resuspended in PBS. Parasites in PBS were counted on a Neubauer chamber and centrifuged at 1500 x g for 15 minutes. The supernatant was discarded and the pellet resuspended in lysis buffer (50 mM HEPES-KOH pH 7.4, 210 mM mannitol, 70 mM sucrose, 1 mM EGTA, 5 mM EDTA, 10 mM KCl, 1 mM DTT, 1 protease inhibitor cocktail tablet (Complete Mini, EDTA-free; Roche) per 50 ml) to a concentration of  $5 \times 10^8$  parasites per ml. Parasites were transferred into a precooled nitrogen cavitation chamber and incubated at a pressure of 2750 psi for 15 minutes on ice. After pressure release and centrifugation at 1500 x g for 15 minutes, the supernatant (lysate) was kept, and the pellet, containing unbroken parasites, was resuspended again at  $5 \times 10^8$  parasites per ml in lysis buffer. Repeating rounds of nitrogen cavitation were performed until >95% of parasite lysis was achieved (evaluated via counting using Neubauer chamber). Pooled lysates were spun down at 1500 x g to remove any remaining unbroken parasites. The lysate was then aliquoted to the desired amount in microcentrifuge tubes and spun down at 16,000 x g for 25 minutes. The supernatant was discarded and the pellet used immediately or stored at -80°C until use.

### **7.19. Blue-native polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (BN PAGE)**

Whole parasites or previously aliquoted enriched mitochondria fractions were mixed with solubilisation buffer (750 mM aminocaproic acid, 50 mM Bis-Tris-HCl pH 7.0, 0.5 mM EDTA, 1 % (w/v) dodecyl maltoside) and incubated on ice for 5

minutes. The mixture was centrifuged at  $16,000 \times g$  at  $4^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 10 minutes. The supernatant containing solubilised membrane proteins was transferred into a new microcentrifuge tube and 0.25% (w/v) Coomassie G250 (final concentration) was added. The anode buffer (50 mM Bis-Tris-HCl pH 7.0) and cathode buffer (50 mM Tricine, 15 mM Bis-Tris-HCl pH 7.0, 0.02% Coomassie G250 (Serva)) were poured into their respective tank compartment and the appropriate amount of protein (55  $\mu\text{g}$  or  $5 \times 10^5$  parasites per lane) was loaded on a NativePAGE™ 4-16% or 3-12% Bis-Tris Gel (Novex- Life technologies). 5  $\mu\text{l}$  NativeMark™ (Invitrogen) was used as a molecular weight marker. Gels were run for ~45 minutes at 100 V, 4-10 mA at  $4^{\circ}\text{C}$  with cathode buffer containing 0.02% (w/v) Coomassie G250, then for ~2.5 hours at 250 V, 15 mA with cathode buffer containing 0.002% (w/v) Coomassie G250, until the dye front reached the bottom of the gel. Proteins were transferred onto a PVDF membrane (0.45  $\mu\text{m}$ , Hybond™) using wet transfer in Towbin buffer (0.025 M TRIS 0.192 M Glycine 10 % Methanol) for 60 minutes at 100 V. After transfer and immunolabelling revelation was carried out as described above with Pierce ECL Western Blotting Substrate.

## **7.20.High resolution clear-native polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (hrCN PAGE)**

Carried out as described previously (Wittig, Karas and Scha, 2007) with minor modifications. Briefly, whole parasites or previously aliquoted mitochondria enriched fraction (75  $\mu\text{g}$ ) were mixed with solubilisation buffer (50 mM NaCl, 50 mM imidazole, 2 mM 6-aminohexanoic acid, 1 mM EDTA - HCl pH 7.0, 2% (w/v) n-dodecylmaltoside (DDM)) and incubated on ice for 10 minutes. The mixture was centrifuged at  $16,000 \times g$  at  $4^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 15 minutes. A final concentration of 6.25% glycerol and 0.125% Ponceau S was added to the solubilised membrane proteins. The anode buffer was composed of 25 mM imidazole - HCl (pH 7.0) and the cathode buffer of 50 mM Tricine, 7.5 mM Imidazole, 0.02% w/v DDM, 0.05% sodium deoxycholate. Gels were run for 30 minutes at 100 V, 10 mA, then 250-300 V, 15 mA at  $4^{\circ}\text{C}$  until the dye front reached the bottom.

## **7.21.In-gel activity staining**

Activity stains were carried out as described previously (Sabar, Balk and Leaver, 2005). Briefly, gels were equilibrated in buffer without staining reagents for 10 minutes. For complex IV, oxidation activity was shown using 50 mM  $\text{KH}_2\text{PO}_4$ , pH 7.2, 1 mg per ml of cytochrome c, 0.1% (w/v) 3,3'-diaminobenzidine tetrahydrochloride. Stains were visible after 30 minutes. Staining was continued with pictures taken of the stained gels at regular intervals. For complex V, ATP hydrolysis activity was visualised using 35 mM Tris, 270 mM glycine, pH 8.4, 14 mM  $\text{MgCl}_2$ , 11 mM ATP, 0.3% (w/v)  $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ . Stains were visible after 1 hour. Pictures were taken against a black background for optimal visualisation of white lead precipitates.

## **7.22. Mass spectrometry**

Proteins were identified using nanoflow HPLC electrospray tandem mass spectrometry (nLC-ESI-MS/MS) at Glasgow Polyomics. Tryptic peptides, generated using in-gel digest procedure (Williams *et al.*, 2018), were analysed as previously described (Akpunarlieva *et al.*, 2017). Protein identities were assigned using the Mascot search engine (v2.6.2, Matrix Science) to interrogate protein sequences in the *T. gondii* genome sequence dataset, ToxoDB 35 release. During result analysis, only peptides with Mascot score of 20 and above (namely the probability that this match might be a random event is  $10^{-2}$  or lower) were included in the analysis.

## **7.23. Immunoprecipitation, RNA extraction and RT-PCRs**

Parasites were grown in HFF in T175 flasks until lysed ( $2-3 \times 10^8$  cells), then collected. Dry pellets were stored at  $-80^\circ\text{C}$  until the day of the experiment. Pellets were lysed on ice for 15 minutes in TBS containing 1% DDM (Thermo Fisher), 0.4 U/ $\mu\text{l}$  of RNaseOUT™ Recombinant Ribonuclease Inhibitor (Thermo Fisher) and 1 mM DTT (Sigma). Lysates were spun at  $16000 \times g$  10 minutes at  $4^\circ\text{C}$ . Supernatants were transferred to microcentrifuge tubes containing 50  $\mu\text{l}$  of washed Pierce® Anti-HA Agarose beads (Thermo scientific). The immunoprecipitation was performed according to the manufacturer's instruction. Elution was performed with 0.1 M glycine, pH 2.6. RNA extraction was carried out using the RNeasy Mini kit (Qiagen) with DNase I treatment (Thermo Fisher). Reverse transcription (RT) reaction was achieved using the High Capacity RNA-to-cDNA Kit (Thermo Fisher). "cDNA" from



the RT reaction was amplified by PCR using primers designed for mitochondrial rRNA sequence (mito-rRNA), apicoplast rRNA sequence (api-rRNA) and actin mRNA (primers sequence in Table 2.11), and was performed with annealing temperature of 51 °C and elongation time of 25 seconds for 30 cycles.

## 7.24. Other cell lysis methods

For detail on parasite lysis by snap freeze and thaw cycles, sonication, dounce homogeniser, and needle, see section 8.1. These methods resulted in poor lysis efficiency and were abandoned for nitrogen cavitation (section 7.18).

## 7.25. tRNA immuno-affinity assay

50 µl of paramagnetic streptavidin resin (DYNAL Magnetic Beads, Invitrogen), containing  $6.7 \times 10^8$  beads/ml, was washed 3 times in 500 µl of 1X SSC buffer (150 mM NaCl, 15 mM tri-sodium citrate dihydrate, pH 7.2). The washed resin was resuspended in 500 µl 0.5X SSC, synthetic 5' biotinylated *T. gondii* tRNA<sup>lle</sup> or tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup> (Dharmacon) was added to a final concentration of 2 µM and incubated at 65 °C for 10 minutes to form the tRNA-streptavidine affinity resin. After incubation, the tRNA bound resin was washed 3 times with 300 µl of 0.1X SSC and equilibrated in 300 µl of protein binding buffer (PB) (160 mM MOPS, 310 mM sucrose, 6.25 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 100 mM KCl, 9 mM DTT, 2 units/300 µl of RNase inhibitor (10U/µl stock), 1 mg/ml BSA). Each of the biological sample was adjusted to  $6.0 \times 10^9$  cell equivalents, and volumes were adjusted to 300 µl with PB buffer containing 1% Triton X-100. The PB buffer was removed from the beads and replaced by the samples in PB buffer-Triton X-100 1%. Samples were incubated with the tRNA affinity resin for 30 minutes at room temperature on a rotor, unbound proteins were collected, and the tRNA affinity resin was washed 6 times in 500 µl of PB buffer. tRNA-bound proteins were eluted in 50 µl of elution buffers containing increasing ionic concentrations of NaCl (0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1M NaCl; 20 mM MOPS, pH 7.2). Protein samples from each elution were TCA precipitated and separated on 8-18% SDS-PAGE. Acrylamide gels were stained with SYPRO™ Orange Protein Gel Stain, silver staining, or Coomassie blue. For LC-MS/MS analysis, bands of interest were cut out of the gel and sent to Polyomics, Glasgow. To evaluate the specificity of binding, this experiment was repeated with synthetic 5'

biotinylated *T. gondii* tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup> (Esseiva *et al.*, 2004). Samples were also incubated with paramagnetic streptavidin resin without bound tRNA as a control to identify proteins that bound to the resin non-specifically. The “lab” version of this protocol is available in the Appendix protocol section.

## 8. Identification of new candidates for components of the mitochondrion tRNA import machinery and examination of their localization

As mentioned in the introduction (section 6.4.3), *T. gondii* has 3 translationally active compartments: the cytosol, the apicoplast and the mitochondrion. The mitochondrial genome is one of the smallest known to date (~6 kb). Only 3 genes remain which encode for essential mitochondrial proteins that are part of the mETC (Vaidya, Akella and Suplick, 1989; Feagin, 1992). The rest of the canonical mitochondrial genes as found in mammals have been transferred to the nucleus, this includes genes encoding for the mitochondrial translation machinery, including all tRNAs. These are translated in the cytosol, then need to be imported into the mitochondrion for mitochondrial translation to occur. Previous studies have demonstrated that some nuclear encoded tRNAs are imported from the cytosol into the mitochondrion (Esseiva *et al.*, 2004) (Figure 8.1). As the mitochondrial genome in mammalian cell encode for all the necessary tRNA genes required for translation, it is expected that mitochondrial tRNA import (MITI) is not essential, as opposed to *T. gondii* for which MITI is an absolute necessity. Consequently, this pathway has potential for drug targeting.

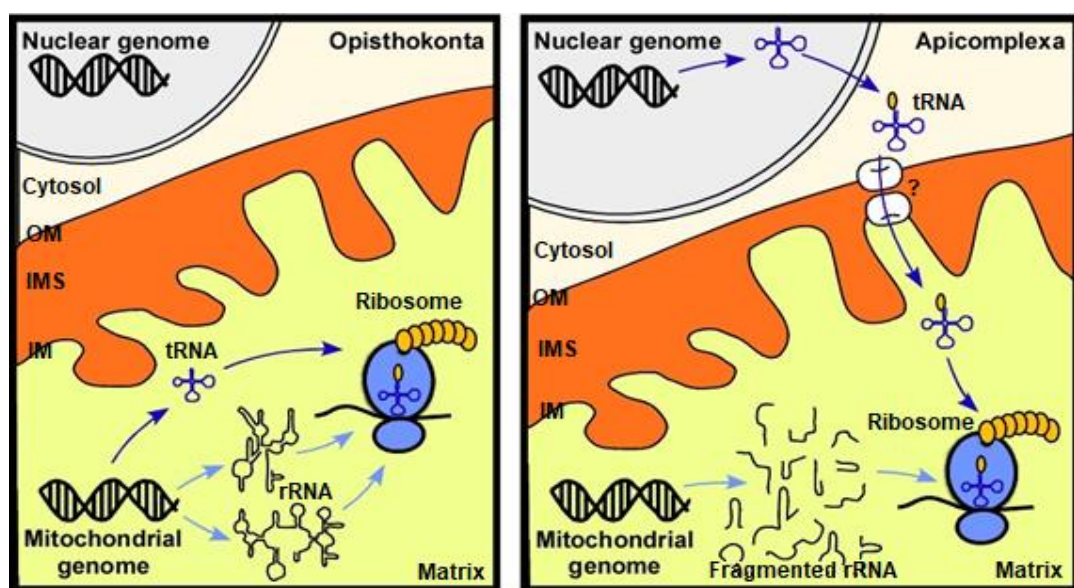


Figure 8.1 Schematic highlighting the mitochondrial translation differences between mammalian cells (left) and apicomplexans (right).

The left panel displays mitochondrial translation in Opisthokonta such as mammalian cells. Their mitochondrial genome encodes for the complete translation machinery including mitochondrial tRNA, hence no import is required. The right panel depicts mitochondrial translation in Apicomplexa where the mitochondrial genome is highly reduced and does not encode for any mitochondrial tRNA and hence, must import them from the cytosol in its aminoacylated state (Pino *et al.*, 2010). OM – outer membrane, IMS – intermembrane space, IM – inner membrane, “?” – refers to the unknown composition of the mitochondrial translocon complex which allows, amongst other things, nuclear encoded mitochondrial tRNA import. (Modified scheme from Dr. Lilach Sheiner)

In this section, we aim at identifying the components involved in MITI. In other systems, there is evidence showing that tRNA import involves the use of components of the canonical mitochondrial protein import machinery (Schneider, 2011). Plants use, amongst others, VDAC, Tom20 and Tom40 to translocate tRNAs into their mitochondria (Salinas *et al.*, 2006). In yeast, Tom40 and Tim44 are required for import of the tRNA (Ivan Tarassov, Entelis and Martin, 1995). In *T. brucei*, Tim17 and HSP70, play a part in tRNA import (Tschopp, Charrière and Schneider, 2011). So, it seems that overall, most organisms use some of the components of the protein import machinery to translocate tRNAs into the mitochondria. However, the current knowledge remains superficial, which makes it challenging to identify *T. gondii* homologs from other systems. Two methods were considered here: (1) tRNA co-immunoprecipitation to pull down protein partners which directly interact with imported tRNAs, (2) a bioinformatic screen which utilizes mRNA expression patterns to identify new mitochondrial proteins.

## **8.1. Optimisation of parasite lysis: preliminary step towards mitochondrial enrichment**

Depending on the purpose of the experiment, there are different methods to break open cells in order to study their content. However, each cell lysis method varies in terms of lysis efficiency and strength, which has a direct impact on the downstream analysis. Different methodologies can be applied as the first step toward subcellular fractionation for organelle enrichment. Apicomplexan parasites are obligate intracellular parasites and must first complete their replication and egress. They can also be mechanically released from host cells. For *T. gondii*, the latter can easily be achieved by passing infected host cells through a 23G syringe followed by filtering to remove host cell debris. Apicomplexan parasites can be broken using techniques which derive from well-established protocols from model organisms (Chen *et al.*, 2016, Gardini, 2017, Zhou and Philips, 2017). Parasites can be lysed by passing them through 27G

needles in a hypotonic buffer (Gardini, 2017), by nitrogen cavitation (Ke *et al.*, 2018), detergent treatment (Esseiva *et al.*, 2004, Lacombe *et al.*, 2019), or sonication (Salunke *et al.*, 2018). Our aim was to identify a scalable method which allows cell breakage with high efficiency and minimal organelle damage.

Due to *T. gondii*'s cytoskeleton structure, breaking the cell open without damaging organelles is a challenge as it is encapsulated in a resistant microtubule cage. In this section, we aim at setting up a cell lysis protocol which allows conservation of mitochondria integrity.

Different approaches were tested. At this point, the focus was put on lysis efficiency. Mitochondrial enrichment and integrity would be assessed once a suitable lysis method was established. The percentage of parasite lysis was assessed, by counting under microscopy.

- *Freeze and thaw*. Parasites were resuspended in SME-20 buffer (250 mM sucrose, 1 mM EDTA, 20 mM MOPS-KOH, pH 7.2), and snap frozen in liquid nitrogen for 30 seconds and immediately thawed in a 37°C water bath for 3 minutes, twelve times. Parasite breakage was assessed by counting parasite under the confocal microscope. This technique was performed twice and allowed 50% lysis.
- *Freeze, thaw and sonication*. In the hope to increase the above lysis efficiency, sonication was performed after freeze-thaw cycles. Parasites were sonicated in the same buffer twice for 5 minutes at 50/60 Hz with 2 minutes recovery on ice in between. It increased the total cell lysis to 60%. This was performed only once. The duration of the freeze/thaw and sonication, and the resulting lysis efficiency made it not worth pursuing.
- *Dounce homogenizer*. Attempts to use a 2 ml glass dounce homogenizer to break parasites in SME-20 buffer, in a 1:8 dilution of SME-20 buffer in HEPES buffer, and in HEPES buffer only, through 15 strokes were completely unsuccessful. This was performed once with each buffer composition.
- *Needle*. Parasites were pushed through 26G needles 15 times in SME-20 buffer. This was performed once and resulted in a 50% cell breakage.
- *Nitrogen cavitation*. This method was the most successful with at least 80% lysis for the 1<sup>st</sup> round of parasite breaking, and up to 99% lysis by the second

round. It was hence utilized as primary cell lysis method throughout the rest of the study. This method is further detailed in the below (section 8.1.1).

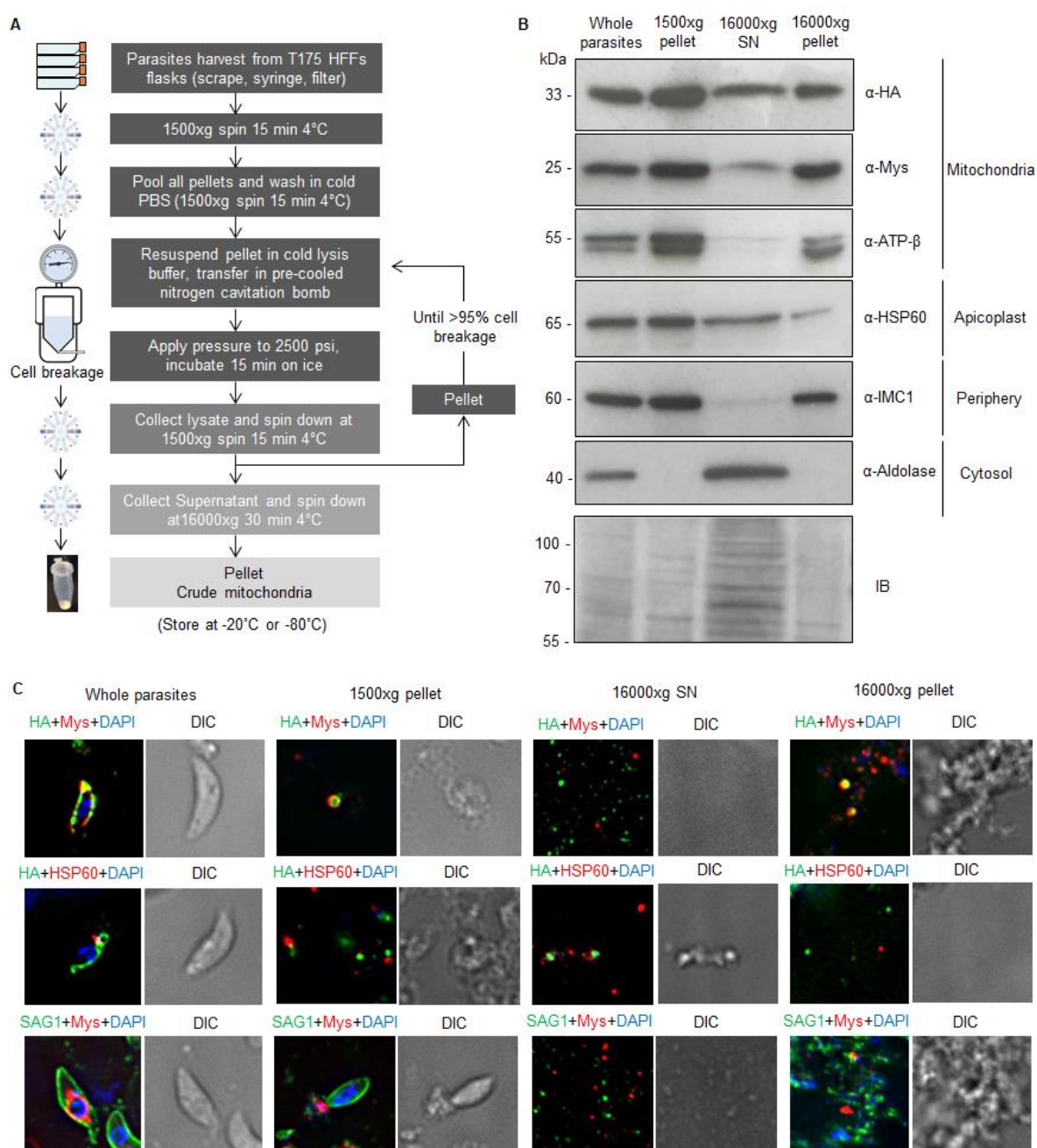
#### 8.1.1. Cell lysis by nitrogen cavitation

Nitrogen cavitation was used as a cell breaking method in other organisms such as *P. falciparum*, *T. brucei*, and mammalian cells with high lysis efficiency (CHIBBER and CASTLE, 1983; Yermovsky-Kammerer and Hajduk, 1999; Bouzaidi-Tiali *et al.*, 2007; Kobayashi *et al.*, 2007; Mather, Morrissey and Vaidya, 2010; Ke *et al.*, 2018; Hata, Sato and Kita, 2019). The principle is to incubate cells in suspension in a highly pressurized environment containing nitrogen gas. Due to high pressure, nitrogen molecules solubilize into the solution and penetrate the cells. When the pressure is released, nitrogen molecules re-gasify causing the cell to burst open releasing their organelles in solution. Organelle enrichment can then follow.

Parasite lysis was performed as detailed in Figure 8.2A with all steps performed on ice with equipment and buffers pre-cooled. Briefly, extracellular parasites were filtered, washed in PBS and resuspended in lysis buffer (50 mM HEPES-KOH pH 7.4, 210 mM mannitol, 70 mM sucrose, 1 mM EGTA, 5 mM EDTA, 10 mM KCl, 1 mM DTT, 1 protease inhibitor cocktail tablet (Complete Mini, EDTA-free; Roche) per 50 mL) to a concentration of  $5 \times 10^8$  parasites/mL. Resuspended parasites were lysed by nitrogen cavitation at 2500 psi for 15 minutes. This step was repeated until over 95% of parasites are broken (typically 2 cycles of nitrogen cavitation is enough). The lysate was then spun down at  $1500 \times g$  for 15 minutes to remove unbroken cells and large debris, and the supernatant was spun down at  $16,000 \times g$  for 25 minutes to pellet the crude mitochondrial fraction (see section 7.18).

Fractionation quality was assessed by immunoblotting using different cell compartment markers (Table 7.9) such as anti-IMC1 (inner plasma membrane compartment), anti-HSP60 (apicoplast), anti-TgMys (TGME49\_215430) (OMM), anti-HA (the line used has a triple HA tagged mitochondrial ribosomal protein named TguL12m which resides in the lumen), anti-ATP- $\beta$  (for the ATP synthase in the IMM), and anti-aldolase (cytosol) (Figure 8.2B). The anti-ATP- $\beta$  antibody was shown in the literature to recognise *T. gondii* ATP synthase in addition to mammalian ATP synthase (Huet *et al.*, 2018; Seidi, Linden S Muellner-Wong, *et al.*, 2018) with the *T. gondii* version having a slightly bigger size of 55 kDa than

the mammalian one (53 kDa). This size difference is observable by western blot and may be used to check for host cell contamination in the samples as presented in Figure 9.6A.



**Figure 8.2 Crude mitochondria fraction assessment by western blot and immunofluorescence.**

(A) Scheme representing the protocol followed to generate crude mitochondria enrichment. (B) Crude mitochondria fraction assessment by western blot. OMM was stained with anti-TgMys, the IMM with anti-ATP-β, the mitochondrial matrix with anti-HA (TgUL12m-3HA), the apicoplast with anti-HSP60, the parasite peripheral membrane with anti-IMC1, and the cytosol with anti-aldolase. IB – Instant Blue protein staining serves as loading control. (C) IFA of each fraction collected from parasite lysis by N<sub>2</sub> cavitation to differential centrifugation. The mitochondrion is stained with anti-TgMys and anti-HA (TgUL12m-3HA line), the apicoplast is stained with anti-HSP60, the parasite plasma membrane with anti-SAG1, the nucleus with DAPI and overall shape was visualized by Differential Interference Contrast (DIC).

Western blot and IFA were performed to assess the quality crude mitochondria enrichment. Detection of mitochondria (HA, TgMys and ATP- $\beta$  signal) can be observed by western blot at each centrifugation step suggesting loss of mitochondria throughout the fractionation process (Figure 8.2B). Substantial mitochondrial loss is observed in the 1500 x g pellet, a centrifugation force which is commonly used for differential centrifugation in yeast and plant crude mitochondria fraction preparation (Liao *et al.*, 2018). There is the possibility that the microtubule cage does not break fully (e.g. parasites broken in two, which will no longer look like cell but still have intact microtubules), and while the cytosol is released, some large organelles, including the mitochondrion, may remain trapped and pellet down at 1500 x g. This is supported by the IMC signal in this pellet. This can be tested by widening our range of antibodies for large organelles (i.e. nucleus, roptries, Golgi apparatus, and ER). Moreover, most protocols for crude mitochondria (Esseiva *et al.*, 2004; Liao *et al.*, 2018), do not show blots of the slow spin pellet as their main focus is on the final mitochondria product, and so we do not have a point of comparison. We would expect this loss to be a common outcome, hence the importance of starting with a sufficient amount of starting material. The mitochondria signal in the 16,000 x g supernatant lane could possibly come from broken mitochondria pieces which have a lower density and hence do not pellet down in the 16,000 x g pellet. Differential centrifugation does not seem to be sufficient to properly separate of all cellular compartments, which was expected and is in line with what was observed in yeast crude mitochondria samples (Liao *et al.*, 2018). Heavy IMC1 contamination can be observed, as well as some apicoplast contamination to a lesser extent. As mentioned above, the anti-ATP- $\beta$  antibody can recognise both human and *T. gondii* ATP synthase which can be useful to assess for host cell contaminants. The ATP- $\beta$  staining indeed reveals the presence of host cell contamination at all steps (lower band) (Figure 8.2B). This, however, varies from one experiment to another. Other experiments showed the *T. gondii* band only, confirming a sample free from host cell material. This means that the filtration using 3  $\mu$ m pore filters, which are commonly used in the field, cannot be 100% reliable at removing all host cell debris. In addition, it seems like in the presence of human contamination, the fractionation protocol as performed here favours human mitochondria enrichment over *T. gondii*'s, as the band intensity ratio of *T. gondii* vs human mitochondria inverts in the final 16000 x g pellet compared to the whole parasite sample.



Despite the low organelle separation efficiency, this protocol was successful at removing the cytosolic compartment, as described in the yeast protocol (Liao *et al.*, 2018), which is an important achievement for studying mitochondrial translation. Another western blot performed by Dr. McLean, a Sheiner lab postdoc showed similar results (Appendix Figure 1).

The IFA in Figure 8.2C shows sample content at each fractionation step. Samples were stuck to glass slides by incubation in the presence of poly-L-lysine. The mitochondrion is marked with anti-HA and -TgMys (TGME49\_215430), the apicoplast with anti-HSP60, the plasma membrane with anti-SAG1 and the nucleus with DAPI (Figure 8.2C). The “whole parasite” panel show healthy extracellular parasites before lysis. After lysis, the 1500 x g pellet, which pellets large cellular debris and unbroken parasites, contains mitochondria and apicoplasts which are often associated with one another (Nishi *et al.*, 2008). The supernatant resulting from the high spin (16000 x g SN) contains mitochondria, apicoplast and plasma membrane. Finally, in the final fraction (16000 x g pellet) contains mitochondria, low abundance of apicoplast, plasma membrane and nuclei. This is all in agreement with the western blot results. All these cellular compartment contaminants are often displayed as clumps in with membranes and pieces of organelles stuck together that pellet down with the mitochondria in the final high spin. Also, mitochondria, after lysis, present a much smaller size with a somewhat spherical shape. This is likely because mitochondria are not inside the cell and there are no more tethers to keep it “open”. OMM and mitochondrial matrix signal only can also be observed. TgMys (TGME49\_215430) is expected to be lipid binding and thus not fully membrane spanning according to predicted domains. So, it could be that this marker dissociated from the OMM, resulting in the separation of the two signals. It could also be the results of mitochondria damage with ruptured mitochondria ending up in the supernatant of the high spin, although additional testing is needed to validate this.

Taken altogether, these results suggest that nitrogen cavitation breaks parasites open with great efficiency. However, as shown for protocols established for model organisms, differential centrifugation does not allow high quality mitochondria enrichment; however, it does remove the cytosol which the major translationally active compartment, and hence an important step for our mitochondrial translation study. To better validate this protocol, additional organelle markers

can be added to further assess organelle fractionation (micronemes, roptries, ER, Golgi, dense granules, cytoskeleton, and nucleus). Special care should be taken when filtering out host cell from parasites as well, as human mitochondria contamination may occur and cannot be separated from *T. gondii*'s mitochondrion with this protocol. In the future, mitochondrial purification could be attempted using a sucrose or Percoll gradients.

## **8.2. Identification of MITI partners by tRNA affinity assay**

### **8.2.1. tRNA affinity assay optimization**

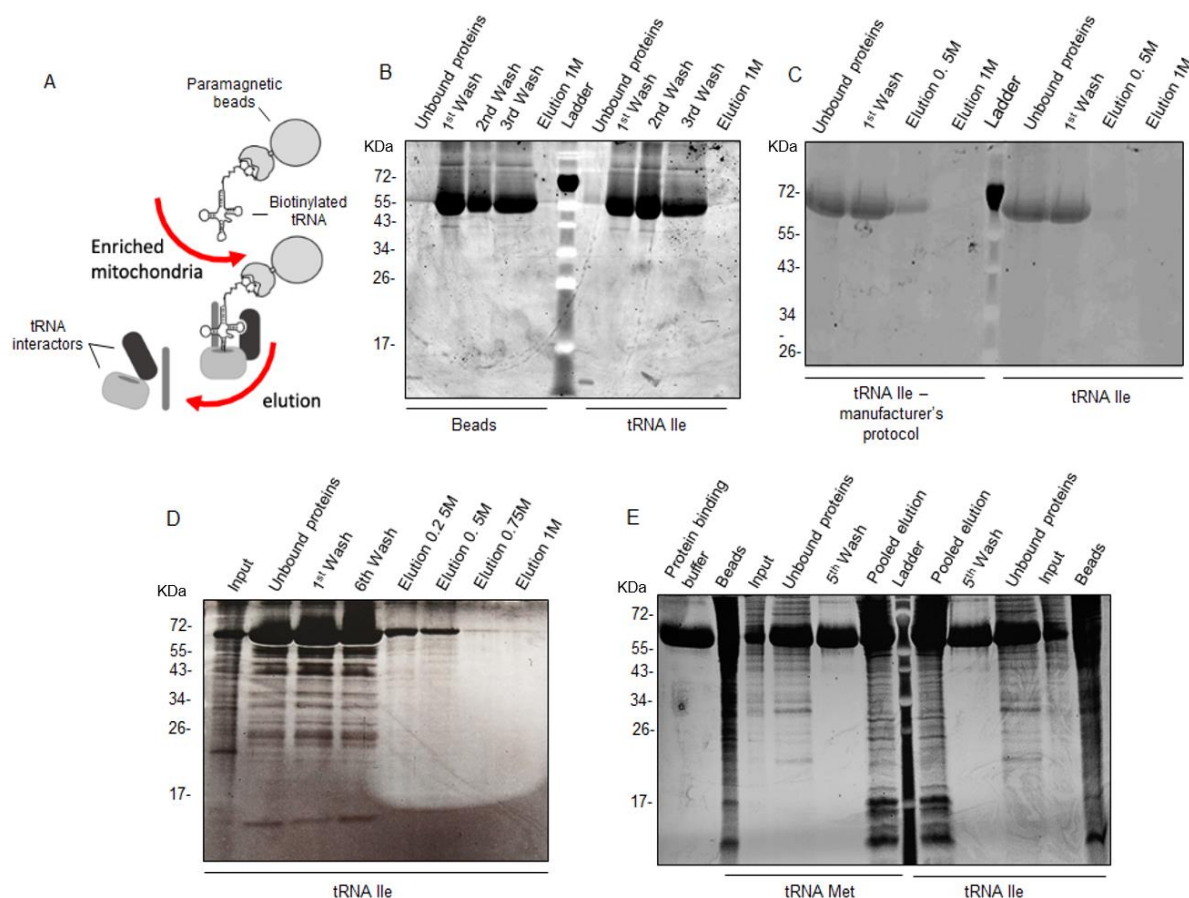
One way to identify MITI components is to pull down complexes that interact with tRNAs known to be imported into the mitochondrion (Esseiva *et al.*, 2004). This experiment was previously performed for *T. brucei* which needs to import all tRNAs into the mitochondria as well (Seidman *et al.*, 2012). In this study, authors pulled down mitochondrial membrane complexes by tRNA affinity purification. They used magnetic beads bound to *T. brucei* biotinylated tRNA<sup>leu</sup> and incubated intact mitochondria with the beads. Once complexes from the outer membrane of the mitochondria are bound, mitochondria were solubilized with 1% Triton X-100, and proteins unspecifically bound were washed out. Elutions were analysed with LC-MS/MS (Liquid Chromatography - Mass Spectrometry and Liquid Chromatography - Tandem Mass Spectrometry). This allowed the identification of several candidate protein with one of them, Tb11.01.4590, being the most promising new protein as its knockdown reduced tRNA import defect. PTP tagging of Tb11.01.4590 confirmed interaction with protein hits from the MS data set, and the recovery of components from the protein import machinery, including Tim17, provides further evidence that the mitochondrial protein import and tRNA import pathways share components (Seidman *et al.*, 2012). These results are in line with previous work from (Tschopp, Charrière and Schneider, 2011) who revealed Tim17 as an important factor for tRNA import, and suggested this component sharing, also shown in yeast (Tarasov *et al.*, 2007) and plants (Salinas *et al.*, 2006), may be a conserved feature in all systems. Seeing these promising results, we decided to adapt the protocol from Seidman *et al.* (2012) for *T. gondii*.

The choice of the tRNAs used in our experiment was based on the work performed by Esseiva *et al.* (2004). In that study, the presence of nuclear encoded tRNAs was

assessed in total cell, crude mitochondria (with apicoplast), and apicoplast only fractions obtained by 0.05% and 0.1% digitonin treatment for the last two fractions, respectively. Northern blots analysis showed that all the tRNAs tested in this study were imported into the mitochondrion of *T. gondii* (tRNA<sup>Ala</sup>, tRNA<sup>Ile</sup>, tRNA<sup>Ser</sup>, tRNA<sup>Trp</sup>, tRNA<sup>Gln</sup>, and tRNA<sup>Met-e</sup>) but not the apicoplast, with the only exception being tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup> which was systematically recovered in the total cell fraction only, suggesting exclusive cytosolic localisation. In a previous study, tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup> was also reported to be exclusively cytosolic in the unrelated parasite *T. brucei* which requires all tRNAs to be imported (Tan *et al.*, 2002). We hence decided to test one of the imported tRNAs, tRNA<sup>Ile</sup>, and tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup> as a negative control for our pull-down assay. Briefly, the experiment was performed as followed (see Appendix for the complete “lab” version protocol). Wild type RH *T. gondii* were cultured in 150 cm<sup>2</sup> flasks and 5x10<sup>8</sup> parasites were lysed using nitrogen cavitation as mentioned above (section 7.18). Differential centrifugation was carried out as above to obtain a crude mitochondrial fraction. Commercially synthesized *T. gondii* biotinylated tRNA<sup>Ile</sup> and tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup> (Dharmacon™) using *T. gondii* sequence were bound to magnetic streptavidin beads. Crude mitochondrial samples were then incubated with the tRNA-bound magnetic beads, mitochondria were solubilised with 1% Triton-X100, washed, and proteins were eluted by disrupting hydrophobic protein interaction between tRNAs and mitochondrial membrane protein with 0.25, 0.5, 0.75 and/or 1 M of NaCl elution buffer (Janado *et al.*, 1986). The unbound proteins, washes and elutions were separated by SDS PAGE and stained with Silver staining, Coomassie Blue or SYBR Orange. In our first attempts, the aim was to be able to visualise different band patterns from tRNA<sup>Ile</sup> compared to controls in order to send the bands of interest for MS analysis. In the attempt presented in Figure 8.3B, the adapted protocol from Seidman *et al.* was utilised, as described above. Crude mitochondria were incubated with “naked” beads serving as control and compared to the tRNA<sup>Ile</sup> test. Proteins were eluted with 1M NaCl elution buffer, and the gel was stained using Silver staining, which is a highly sensitive protein staining method. Although Silver staining is not compatible with downstream MS analysis, at this point of the optimisation process, clear protein visualisation on the gel was prioritised. Different protein band patterns between the control and tRNA<sup>Ile</sup> were expected, with the “naked” beads displaying unspecific bands, and the bands from the tRNA<sup>Ile</sup> test reflecting specific interactions. However, only a single band was observed at approximately 65 kDa

in both the control and the tRNA<sup>Ile</sup> test (Figure 8.3B). To figure out if the issue came from the adapted protocol in general, in the next attempt, the protocol from the bead's manufacturer was followed side by side with the adapted Seidman *et al.* protocol for the tRNA<sup>Ile</sup> only (Figure 8.3C). Proteins were eluted with 0.5M and 1M NaCl elution buffer, and the gel was stained as previously. Results showed the same profile for both protocols with no improvements from to the previous attempt, suggesting that the issue may come from the staining method. For the rest of the experiment, the adapted Seidman *et al.* protocol was used. Proteins were eluted with a gradient of an increasing concentration of NaCl (0.5-1M NaCl) in the elution buffer, an additional lane was loaded with the input (sample before incubation with the tRNA<sup>Ile</sup>-bound beads), and Coomassie Blue was then used to stain the gel. Finally, bands other than the 65 kDa could be observed as well (Figure 8.3D), which was surprising as Silver staining is meant to be much more sensitive. Perhaps one of the reagents used was expired. Regardless, bands from the elution were too faint to notice any band pattern differences compared to the unbound fraction (Figure 8.3D). Lastly, the experiment was repeated with tRNA<sup>Ile</sup> and tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup> and elution was carried out using the salt gradient mentioned above. Elution fractions were pooled together and proteins were trichloroacetic acid (TCA) precipitated before loading on the gel. Proteins were then stained with SYBR Orange, which is compatible with MS analysis of gel slices. The beads and the protein binding buffer were loaded as additional controls for unspecific protein binding and a "no protein" control, respectively (Figure 8.3E). Results show that the predominant band present in all lanes was due to the protein binding buffer which contains bovine serum albumin (BSA) to reduce unspecific binding, and which has a molecular weight (MW) of ~66.5 kDa. Elution lanes show a good protein band resolution, however, bands in the tRNA<sup>Ile</sup> test are the same as in the tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup> (Figure 8.3E). Despite this, we cannot exclude the possibility that putative bands of interest are simply too faint to be visualised. We thus decided to proceed with the analysis of these elutions. From the experiments for which bands were the clearest, we initially thought a faint band pattern difference could be observed between 20 and 30 kDa, and so gel slice were cut out between 17-34 kDa and sent to MS. However, this difference could not be observed in the following repetitions. But to remain consistent, the following MS analysis of elution gels were performed on the same 17-34 kDa MW interval. This experiment with the latter conditions

was repeated 5 times. The outcome of this assay is detailed in the below section 8.2.2.



**Figure 8.3 Optimization of tRNA Affinity Purification of Mitochondrial Membrane Complexes.**

(A) schematic of the tRNA co-immunoprecipitation (from Dr. Lilach Sheiner). Biotinylated tRNAs are coupled with paramagnetic beads and incubated in the presence of enriched mitochondria samples. tRNA interactors bind the biotinylated tRNA and are then eluted. B – E, the different fraction resulting from the co-immunoprecipitation are run and stained using different staining methods: Silver staining (B and C), Coomassie (D), and SYPRO Orange (E).

### 8.2.2. Analysis and localisation of proteins identified by tRNA co-IP followed by MS

MS was employed to determine the mass and sequence of proteins or peptides from the protein gel, which was used to match to genome datasets (ToxoDB). It typically involves in-gel trypsin digest, extraction of peptides, fractionation by reverse phase high performance liquid chromatography (RP-HPLC) and online nanoelectrospray tandem MS (MS/MS). This was performed by the Polyomics facility in Glasgow. From the list of hits resulting from the MS analysis, were of interest genes which (i) appeared in multiple tRNA<sup>Ile</sup> repeats, as this was considered to provide support for their validity, and (ii) absent from the tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup> repeats, as tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup> being cytosolic only, proteins binding both tRNAs were

considered general binders of tRNAs, and at this point, the focus was on binders of mitochondrial imported tRNA. This sorting generated a list of 7 candidate genes which were found in two tRNA<sup>lle</sup> pull-downs and none in tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup> (Table 8.1, Appendix Table 1). Their predicted localisation was assessed using online prediction tools such as Predotar (<https://urgi.versailles.inra.fr/predotar/>), Mitoprot (<http://ihg.gsf.de/ihg/mitoprot.html>), Mitofates (<http://mitf.cbrc.jp/MitoFates/cgi-bin/top.cgi>), TargetP-2.0 (<https://services.healthtech.dtu.dk/service.php?TargetP-2.0>), and iPSORT (<http://ipsort.hgc.jp/>) for mitochondrial localisation and cNLS Mapper ([http://nls-mapper.iab.keio.ac.jp/cgi-bin/NLS\\_Mapper\\_form.cgi](http://nls-mapper.iab.keio.ac.jp/cgi-bin/NLS_Mapper_form.cgi)) for nuclear localisation (Table 3.2, Appendix Table 1 - Sheet 2 “Hits found in tRNA<sup>lle</sup> only”). Information on (a) their phenotype score (Sidik *et al.*, 2016), and (b) on whether they were found in the mitochondrial matrix proteome (Seidi, Linden S Muellner-Wong, *et al.*, 2018) and (c) hyperLOPIT data (Barylyuk *et al.*, 2020), all available on ToxoDB, was also reviewed as these provide valuable insights on their putative function (Table 8.1, Appendix Table 1 - Sheet 2 “Hits found in tRNA<sup>lle</sup> only”).

(a) Phenotype scores were generated from a genome-wide CRISPR screen which identified essential genes (Sidik *et al.*, 2016). For this, a sgRNA library for all genes encoded in the nuclear genome was generated and transfected into CAS9 expressing parasites. Parasites which had essential genes disrupted would quickly be lost and over grown by those whose disrupted gene were dispensable. This would hence be reflected in the relative abundance of each integrated sgRNA in the population after a few passages, which was subsequently monitored by next-generation sequencing. According to a specific sgRNA abundance, a phenotype score was assigned to each gene. Genes with scores below -2 are considered essential.

(b) To elucidate the mitochondrial matrix proteome, Seidi *et al.* (2018) performed a proximity biotin tagging of matrix proteins using biotin protein ligase (BirA) and ascorbate peroxidase (APEX) which were targeted to the mitochondrial (mt) matrix. Protein biotinylation in mtAPEX and mtBirA expressing lines was triggered by the addition of biotin-phenol and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, and biotin, respectively. Biotinylated proteins were affinity purified using streptavidin beads, and analysed by MS. This enable the identification of 421 putative mitochondrial proteins (Seidi, Linden S Muellner-Wong, *et al.*, 2018).

(c) Finally, the hyperhyperLOPIT data refers to the work of a recent study by Barylyuk *et al.*, (2020). This study focused on the challenging task of solving the proteome of every compartments and

subcompartments of the cell. The localisation of organelle proteins was assessed by isotope tagging (hyperhyperLOPIT), a spatial proteomic method which allows identification of thousands of proteins with their respective subcompartments. This contributed the expansion of the mitochondrial proteome which includes soluble and membrane proteins from all mitochondrial compartments. A total of 390 putative mitochondrial proteins were identified as a result (Barylyuk *et al.*, 2020).

TGME49\_219470, annotated as hypothetical proteins, and TGME49\_246540, as cytochrome c1 protein, are predicted to localise to the mitochondrion according to online prediction tools, and mitochondrial matrix proteome and hyperLOPIT data, respectively. TGME49\_253740 and TGME49\_267660, both hypothetical proteins, and TGME49\_259640, annotated as a nucleoporin autopeptidase, are predicted to be nuclear according to the online tools cNLS Mapper and the hyperLOPIT data. TGME49\_220950, a hypothetical protein, and TGME49\_297780, annotated as a DNA gyrase B, are predicted to localise to another cellular compartment using online tools, and to the dense granules and apicoplast, respectively, according to the hyperLOPIT data. The nucleoporin (TGME49\_259640) was recently published as TgNup302 which is involved in nuclear transport (Courjol *et al.*, 2017). The DNA gyrase B protein (TGME49\_297780) is an apicoplast protein involved in DNA conformation regulation, and two publications confirm its function and localisation (Lin, Nagano and Gardiner Heddle, 2015; Courjol *et al.*, 2017). The hypothetical protein TGME49\_220950 was recently published as the TgMAF1b isoform and was shown to localise to the PV, and is involved in host mitochondria recruitment (Blank *et al.*, 2018). In our experiment, all genes but TGME49\_219470 and /220950 have a phenotype score below -2 suggesting that these are essential genes (Table 8.1).

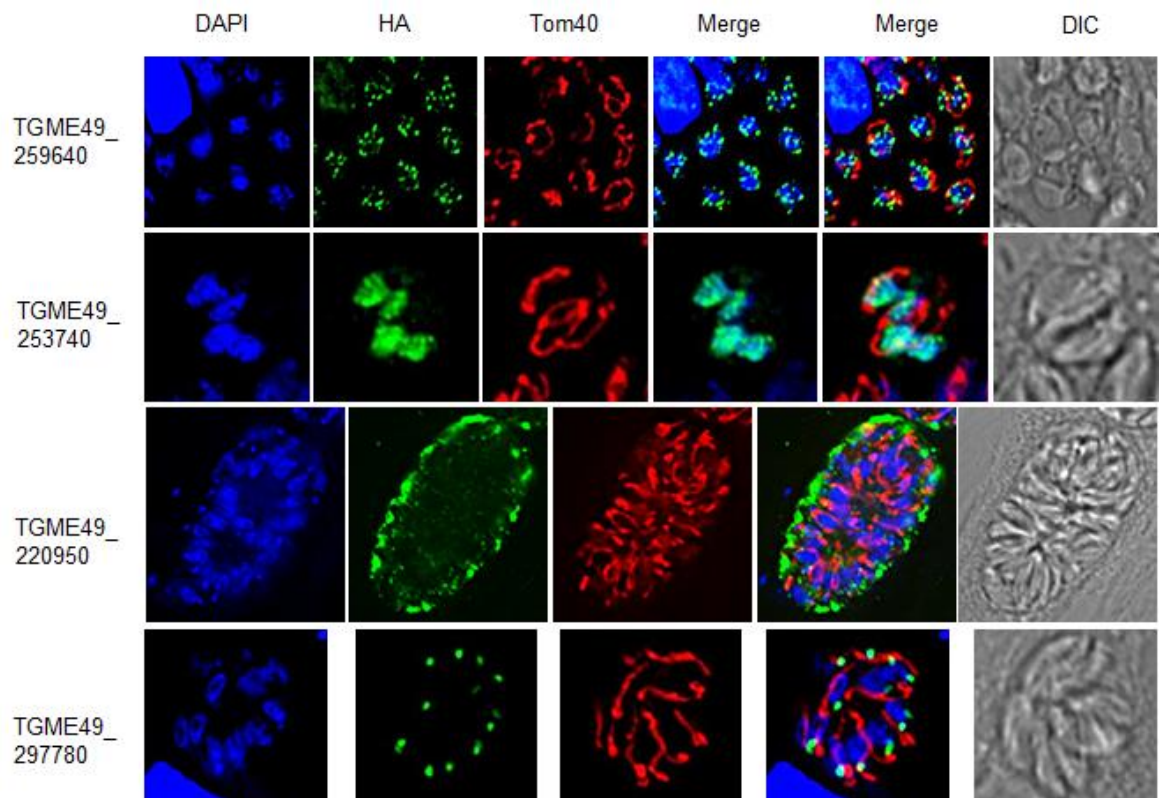
Gene ID (ToxoDB)	Predicted function	Times found in pull-down (out of 5)		Predicted localisation	Phenotype score	Mitochondrial Matrix Proteome	hyperLOPIT
		tRNA <sup>Ile</sup>	tRNA <sup>Met-i</sup>				
TGME49_219470	hypothetical protein	2	0	Mitochondrion*	-0.47	no	no
TGME49_220950	hypothetical protein (MAF1b)	2	0	Elsewhere <sup>^A</sup>	2.13	no'	Dense granules
TGME49_246540	cytochrome c1, heme protein	2	0	Elsewhere <sup>^A</sup>	-4.36	yes	Mitochondrion - membranes
TGME49_253740	hypothetical protein	2	0	Nucleus <sup>^A</sup>	-4.72	no'	no
TGME49_259640	nucleoporin autopeptidase (Nup302)	2	0	Nucleus <sup>^A</sup>	-4.08	no'	Nucleus - chromatin
TGME49_267660	hypothetical protein	2	0	Nucleus <sup>^A</sup>	-2.76	no	Nucleolus
TGME49_297780	DNA gyrase B	2	0	Elsewhere <sup>^A</sup>	-2.93	no	Apicolplast
TGME49_284560	ribosomal protein RPL9	3	1	Elsewhere <sup>^A</sup>	-5.37	yes	60S ribosome
TGME49_207840	ribosomal protein RPS17	2	1	Mitochondrion*	-3.75	yes	40S ribosome
TGME49_245680	ribosomal protein RPL21	2	1	Mitochondrion*	-3.65	no'	60S ribosome
TGME49_248390	ribosomal protein RPL26	2	1	Mitochondrion*	-3.23	no'	60S ribosome
TGME49_266070	ribosomal protein RPL31	2	1	Mitochondrion*	-3.75	no'	60S ribosome
TGME49_267060	ribosomal protein RPL14	2	1	Mitochondrion*	-3.07	no'	60S ribosome

**Table 8.1 Putative tRNA interactors obtained from MS analysis of mitochondrial tRNA immunoprecipitation.**

\*Mitochondrial targeting predictions are done using MitoProt II (<https://ihg.gsf.de/ihg/mitoprot.html>), Predotar (<https://urgi.versailles.inra.fr/predotar/>), MitoFates (<http://mitf.cbrc.jp/MitoFates/cgi-bin/top.cgi>), TargetP-2.0, and iPSORT. <sup>^</sup>Nuclear targeting predictions are done using cNLS Mapper ([http://nls-mapper.iab.keio.ac.jp/cgi-bin/NLS\\_Mapper\\_form.cgi](http://nls-mapper.iab.keio.ac.jp/cgi-bin/NLS_Mapper_form.cgi)). The fitness score is based on the whole genome CRISPR/CAS9 screen (Sidik *et al.*, 2016). The presence (yes) or absence (no) of the gene product in the proximity tagging based mitochondrial proteome is shown (Seidi, Linden S Muellner-Wong, *et al.*, 2018). Some gene products were found in the mitochondrial proteome data but did not make it to the final 421 gene list (no') (Seidi *et al.*, 2018). Presence or not (no) of the gene product in the hyperLOPIT data (Barylyuk *et al.*, 2020).

In order to confirm the localisation of these candidates, a triple-HA epitope tag was added C-terminal end of the endogenous gene by single homologous recombination (Huynh and Carruthers, 2009; Sheiner *et al.*, 2011). Four out of 7 were successfully tagged: MAF1b protein, TGME49\_253740, the nucleoporin TgNup302 and the DNA gyrase B protein, were assessed by IFA (Figure 8.4). All proteins previously published localised to their expected cellular compartment and TGME49\_253740 localises to the nucleus. TgNup302 and TGME49\_253740 nuclear proteins are both interesting. Indeed, an alternative model of tRNA import could also be a direct passage of tRNA from the nucleus into the mitochondrion. Although tRNA maturation and splicing occur in the cytosol, some travel back into the nucleus by retrograde nuclear import for additional modifications (Chatterjee *et al.*, 2018), moreover, it was proposed that tRNAs are aminoacylated in the nucleus in some systems (e.g. Lund and Dahlberg, 1998; Nathanson and Deutscher, 2000). So, perhaps once back in the nucleus, some of them could be translocated through a direct unknown pathway.



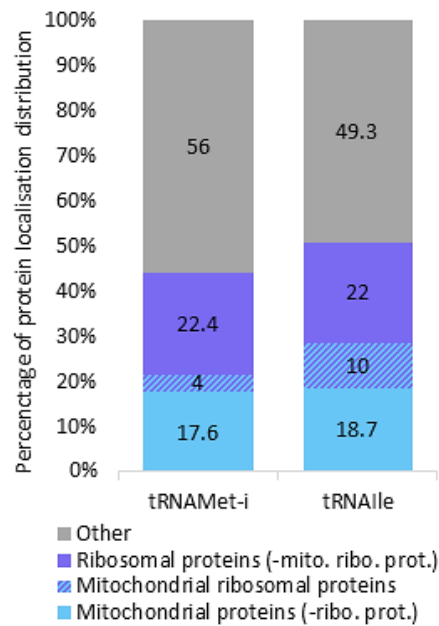


**Figure 8.4 Localisation of genes identified by MS from tRNA pull down.**

Nucleus is shown in blue stained by DAPI. GOIs in green are stained with anti-HA and in red are mitochondria stained with anti-Tom40. Channels are merged to either see GOI and nucleus co-localisation (blue and green), and/or nucleus, GOI and mitochondrion (blue, green, red), and overall shapes are visualized by Differential Interference Contrast (DIC).

Although the focused was primarily put on proteins which only interact with tRNA<sup>Ile</sup>, it is possible that interesting hits with a potential role in MITI or mitochondrial translation had been excluded because they had also interacted with tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup> for the only reason that they can bind to tRNAs, even if some may operate in the mitochondrion. So, we wanted to investigate whether there were any protein function or localization that is enriched in the binders of tRNA<sup>Ile</sup> compared to the binders of tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup>. Proteins were assessed on the basis of mitochondrial localisation prediction using online the prediction tools mentioned above, on their presence or not in the matrix proteome data (Seidi, Linden S Muellner-Wong, *et al.*, 2018) and their localisation from the hyperLOPIT data (Barylyuk *et al.*, 2020). Only proteins found in at least two repeats for each tRNA pull down dataset were considered. Results show a moderate enrichment of proteins predicted to be mitochondrial for tRNA<sup>Ile</sup> (28.7%) compared to tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup> (21.4%) as shown in Figure 8.5. This correlates with a higher number of ribosomal proteins predicted to be mitochondrial for tRNA<sup>Ile</sup> (10%) compared to tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup> (4%). These ribosomal proteins, TGME49\_207840/245680/248390/266070/267060,

are displayed in Table 3.2. One of them, TGME49\_207840, can also be found in the mitochondrial matrix proteome data (Seidi, Linden S Muellner-Wong, *et al.*, 2018). However, these 5 ribosomal proteins cluster also together with the 60S cytosolic ribosome (large SU) or 40S cytosolic ribosomes (small SU) in the hyperLOPIT data, and were not predicted to be part of the mitochondrial ribosome in the Gupta *et.al.*, (2018) study, which provided a list of nuclear encoded mitochondrial ribosomal proteins for apicomplexan parasites including *T. gondii*. These contradicting findings and predictions raise the possibility that these 5 ribosomal proteins may have a bi-modal action as part of both the cytosolic and mitochondrial ribosomes, and hence be shared between the two compartments. The lack of detection in the Seidi *et al.*, (2018) proteomics approach might reflect the low abundance of the mitochondrial ribosomes (Table 8.1). Experimental localisation is needed to test this hypothesis. An additional ribosomal protein, TGME49\_284560, although not predicted to be mitochondrial, was added to the Table 3.2 as it was found in at least 3 tRNA<sup>Ile</sup> repetitions and only once in the tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup>, and is present in the matrix proteome dataset, and so may be of interest. Many proteins from other cellular compartments were found as well and compose 56% of the proteins identified for tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup> and ~49% for tRNA<sup>Ile</sup> (Figure 8.5). Most of these proteins are nuclear, roptries and dense granule proteins (Appendix Table 1 - sheet 1 “All tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup> hits” and 2 “All tRNA<sup>Ile</sup> hits”), and they are not expected to have any specific interaction with tRNAs. This suggests that this assay may lack specificity, which is a recurrent outcome with IPs where a transient interaction is used to identify binders of a substrate or a molecule.



**Figure 8.5 Predicted localisation distribution of proteins hits from tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup> and tRNA<sup>Ile</sup> immunoprecipitation datasets.**

In light blue are the proteins predicted to localise to the mitochondrion, those in dark blue are predicted to be ribosomal proteins, proteins in light and dark blue strips are predicted to be ribosomal proteins and to localise to the mitochondrion, and proteins in grey are those predicted to localise to other cellular compartments such as the nucleus, roptries, dense granules, cytosol, and plasma membrane. Mitochondrial localisation prediction was assessed with prediction algorithms such as Predotar, Mitoprot, Mitofates, TargetP-2.0, and iPSORT, and by search in matrix proteome dataset (Seidi, Linden S Muellner-Wong, *et al.*, 2018). Other cellular localisation predictions were assessed by search in the hyperLOPIT dataset (Barylyuk *et al.*, 2020).

In summary, tRNA immunoprecipitation was used to pull down proteins which likely interact with tRNA<sup>Ile</sup>, which was previously shown to be imported into the mitochondrion, to identify proteins involved in MITI. Many proteins were found in both tRNA<sup>Ile</sup> and tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup> experiments which was expected considering different tRNAs could bind many molecules in common. When applying selection conditions that necessitate hits to be present in at least two repetitions of the tRNA<sup>Ile</sup> experiments and absent from all tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup> experiments, only 7 hits came up, but only 2 of the 7 are predicted to be mitochondrial. There are several options of interpretation for this: (1) the non-mitochondrial hits are unspecific and the experiment failed (improvements are discussed in section 11.2), which is likely the case at least for MAF1b and DNA gyrase B. (2) MITI process take place in two parts: recruitment to the mitochondrion, and translocation through the mitochondrial membrane. The non-mitochondrial proteins may be involved in recruitment from the cytosol, or the nucleus. (3) The prediction of localisation is incorrect or that bi-modal targeting takes place. We then also applied a different set of criteria. We analysed protein hits found in at least two repetitions for both tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup> and tRNA<sup>Ile</sup>. Among those, ribosomal proteins represent 26% of all proteins

for tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup> and 32% for tRNA<sup>Ile</sup>, which is in line with their role in translation, and 7% of the 32% of ribosomal proteins are potentially shared between the cytosol and the mitochondrion, which is in line with the link between tRNA import and mitochondrial translation. This assay, however, has some lack of specificity which should be addressed in the future to increase its robustness (section 11.2).

### **8.3. Bioinformatic screen identifies new mitochondrial genes**

#### **8.3.1. mRNA expression based bioinformatic approach**

A new bioinformatic pipeline was used as another independent approach to study MITI. MITI has been demonstrated in many organisms such as in yeast, plant, mammalian cell and trypanosomatids, and can be performed using different components depending on the organism (Rubio and Hopper, 2011). Previous studies have shown in yeast, *Leishmania* and *Trypanosoma* that some components of the protein import system are involved in MITI (Rinehart *et al.*, 2005; Mukherjee *et al.*, 2007; Seidman *et al.*, 2012). We hence use these findings as basis for our bioinformatic screen design. Nishi *et al.*, (2008) have previously demonstrated that organelle biogenesis is a tightly regulated process that occurs in a synchronised manner throughout the cell cycle in *T. gondii*. Each organelle, including the mitochondrion, has a short period of time during cell division in which they can expand (Nishi *et al.*, 2008). This implies that genes involved in the biogenesis for a specific organelle would co-express together. For the mitochondrion, it would include genes encoding for complexes of the mitochondrial protein import machinery which allows the passage of, amongst others, proteins of the mitochondrial translation machinery. Collectively, these proteins are defined in this study as “mitochondrial housekeeping proteins”.

*The following bioinformatic screen is described of my recent publication (Lacombe et al., 2019) and is hence presented here as it is in this paper with minor modifications.*

We wished to enlarge the repertoire of known mitochondrial housekeeping proteins with an emphasis on translation components. However, homology searches and the use of mitochondrial targeting prediction software cannot identify of all housekeeping components. Some proteins are too divergent to be

identified by BLAST, some can be unique to *T. gondii*. And although online tools such MitoProt, Predotar and MitoFates are useful to predict mitochondrial localisation by recognising mitochondrial targeting sequence, they hardly recognise these when embedded within the protein sequence as opposed to being at the N or C-terminal end. Previous studies have demonstrated the functional predictive power of mRNA co-expression patterns during the *T. gondii* tachyzoite cell cycle (Huynh and Carruthers, 2009, 2016; Behnke *et al.*, 2010; Sheiner *et al.*, 2011). This was shown for proteins involved in nuclear genome maintenance, microneme adhesins, rhoptry effectors (Behnke *et al.*, 2010), apicoplast biogenesis (Sheiner *et al.*, 2011) and host cell invasion (Huynh and Carruthers, 2016). We therefore reasoned that this strategy could also be applied for genes encoding for mitochondrial housekeeping proteins.

At the time of performing this search, the mitochondrial protein import pathway had the most predicted proteins compared to other housekeeping pathways in apicomplexan parasites. A group of 14 *T. gondii* homologs of these components were hence chosen based on the prediction made by (Van Dooren, Stimmler and McFadden, 2006) (Table 8.2 - top).

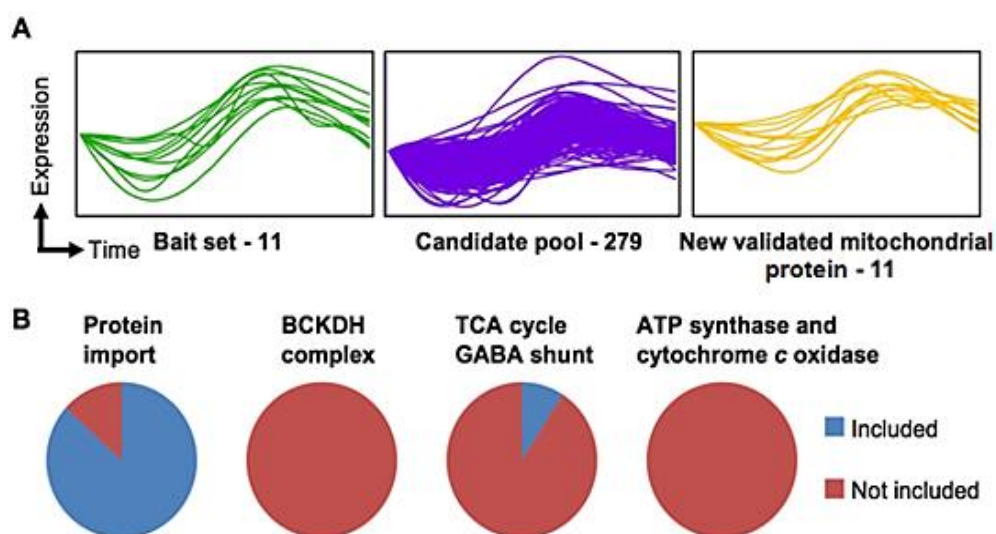
14 genes used for mining of the cyclical mRNA expression data <sup>‡</sup>				
Protein name	Gene ID of <i>Plasmodium</i> *	GeneID at time of search (2012)	Current <i>T. gondii</i> homolog ID	Recovered in search?
Tim23	PF3D7_1356200	TGME49_014150	TGME49_214150	Y
Tim17	PF3D7_1434700	TGME49_112220	TGME49_312220	Y
Tim50	PF3D7_0726900	TGME49_083590	TGME49_283590	Y
Tim44	PF3D7_1125400	TGME49_027830	TGME49_227830	Y
GrpE	PF3D7_1124700	TGME49_065220	TGME49_265220	Y
Pam18	PF3D7_0724400	TGME49_002810	TGME49_202810	N
Tom40	PF3D7_0617000	TGME49_018280	TGME49_218280	Y
Tim 8	PF3D7_1242900	TGME49_054610	TGME49_254610	Y
	/PF3D7_1421500	TGME49_074090	TGME49_274090	Not used <sup>A</sup>
Tim9	PF3D7_1368600	TGME49_015390	TGME49_215390	Y
		TGME49_060850	TGME49_260850	Not used <sup>A</sup>
Tim 22	PF3D7_0627400	TGME49_025710	TGME49_225710	Y
HSP70	PF3D7_1134000	TGME49_051780	TGME49_251780	Not used <sup>A</sup>
Erv1	PF3D7_1002500	TGME49_032820	TGME49_232815	Y
Additional homologs of mitochondrial import proteins not used as bait				
Cpn10			TGME49_263530**	Y
GroS			TGME49_273960**	N
Sam50			TGME49_205570**	N
Pam16			TGME49_249910**	Y
Tim10	PF3D7_1208600		TGME49_215390**	Y
Tom22	PF3D7_0524700		Null	N/A

**Table 8.2** Toxoplasma genes encoding components of the mitochondrial protein import pathway

(From Lacombe *et al.*, 2019b). ± From: Coordinated progression through two subtranscriptomes underlies the tachyzoite cycle of *Toxoplasma gondii*. (Behnke *et al.*, 2010). \* From Van Dooren, Stimmler and McFadden, (2006). ^mRNAs of these genes did not show cyclical expression thus they were not used as baits. \*\* From: Van Dooren *et al.*, (2016)

In a study from Behnke *et al.* (2010), scientists used synchronised *T. gondii* tachyzoites to generated a microarray data set which was used in the present study to assess the gene expression pattern of the 14 protein throughout the cell cycle. Three genes (TGME49\_274090/260850/251780) did not show cyclical expression pattern, so were therefore excluded from the list of baits (Table 8.2 - top). The microarray data was queried for mRNAs expression pattern which correlates with that of each of the 11 remaining baits using either Euclidian distance or Spearman correlation (as described in the Materials and Methods section). This search identified 279 genes (Figure 8.6A, Appendix Table 2 - Sheet 1 - column A). This search criteria were such that each bait was used to query for similar but not identical mRNA expression pattern, in other words: a search with a given bait does not identify itself. Regardless, 10 out of the 11 baits turned up in the overall resulting dataset (Table 8.2, Appendix Table 2 - sheet 1 - columns C-D). This means that queries with specific baits identified the other baits, providing validation for this approach. In addition, 3 other genes encoding protein import components that were not used in the bait list (since they were not predicted at the time the search was performed) were also found in this dataset (Table 8.2 - bottom, Appendix Table 2 - Sheet 1 - columns C-D). As a negative control, 5 different lists of 279 *T. gondii* genes were generated at random (by sorting all the protein encoding genes in ToxoDB by size and selecting lists of 279 random gene IDs from across the size range - see Appendix Table 2 - Sheet 1 - Columns F-J) and examined. The 13 protein import components (10 baits recovered in the search + 3 additional) and the 10 new mitochondrial proteins validated in this study below (Table 8.3) which are all found in the 279 gene dataset, are underrepresented in the five random gene lists (none of them found in four lists, and five are found in one list) (Appendix Table 2- Sheet 1 - columns F-P). These observations provide support for an enrichment of mitochondrial housekeeping proteins in our dataset compared to random datasets of the same size. Moreover, genes involved in other known mitochondrial pathways (metabolic and physiological) which are not expected to co-express with mitochondrial housekeeping genes are underrepresented in the resulting dataset (Figure 8.6B, Appendix Table 2 - sheet 1 - columns R-AA). This provides additional support to

this approach's specificity. False positive evaluation should be carried out in the future to further validate the screen's specificity.



**Figure 8.6** *T. gondii* genes with mRNA expression pattern in correlation with mitochondrial protein import components.

(A) Graphs show mRNA abundance profiles of the 11 gene used as baits (left, green), 279 candidate pool (middle, purple) and newly validated mitochondrial proteins (right, yellow) over two consecutive tachyzoite cell-cycles. (B) Pie charts depicting the inclusion or exclusion of genes from the candidate pool of 279 in functional groups of mitochondrial proteins (protein import, BCKDH complex, TCA cycle and GABA shunt, and ATP synthase and cytochrome c oxidase) (gene IDs are in Appendix Table 2).

To sharpen our focus on mitochondrial translation, another filter was added to our search: we postulated that *Cryptosporidium* spp, the only known species among the apicomplexans that lost their mitochondrial genome, likely lost their mitochondrial translation pathway, that is otherwise conserved among other apicomplexans. We queried the datasets for genes that do not have orthologs in any of the three genomes available for *Cryptosporidium* spp, but that do have orthologs in the genome of *Plasmodium falciparum* 3D7. This search identified 43 genes (Appendix Table 2 - sheet 2 - column A). Five of the 35 predicted mitochondrial ribosomal proteins (Gupta *et al.*, 2014) were found in this 43-gene dataset, while none of them came up in five randomly generated list of 43 genes (assembled as above) (Appendix Table 2 - sheet 2 - columns C-O).

Attempts to localise 18 genes selected at random from this focused dataset were performed by endogenous tagging whereby, a triple HA tag was fused C-terminally as mentioned above. Where endogenous tagging was unsuccessful, localisation was assessed via expression of 3xMyc tagged or YFP fused cDNA from a heterologous promoter. Among the 16 genes for which we obtained detectable



signal (Table 8.3), 11 were mitochondrial (~70%) (Table 8.3; (Lacombe *et al.*, 2019). Also, 7 of these 11 mitochondrial proteins were either not included in the final mitochondrial proteome dataset from Seidi *et al.*, (2018) or not found in their whole dataset at all. In addition, these same 7 mitochondrial proteins were either not found in the hyperLOPIT data (Barylyuk *et al.*, 2020) or had the wrong localisation. This confirms the usefulness of the bioinformatic screen and its ability to identify mitochondrial proteins that other methods and computational prediction tools have not. And we can expect many more mitochondrial genes to come out of our search if we estimate that about 70% of them could be mitochondrial. This search is therefore a useful contribution to the field by providing additional mitochondrial proteins to the common repertoire, and efforts are made to further localise and characterise more of these proteins.

Gene ID	Predicted product (TGME49)	Localisation Form of tagging	MitoProt	Predotar	Proximity tagging proteome	LOPIT	Phenotype score
TGME49_203620 <sup>s</sup>	hypothetical protein	Mitochondrial endogenous	0.9734	0.53	no*	Mitochondrion - soluble	-4.66
TGME49_226270	hypothetical protein	Apicoplast endogenous	0.0402	0.01	no	Endomembrane vesicle	0.23
TGME49_231150	hypothetical protein	Mitochondrial endogenous	0.9986	0.33	yes	Mitochondrion - membranes	-5.21
TGME49_240270 <sup>s</sup>	hypothetical protein	Mitochondrial cDNA - YFP	0.2831	0.04	no*	no	-4.65
TGME49_240780	hypothetical protein	Mitochondrial endogenous	0.3871	0.76	no	no	-3.95
TGME49_247740	hypothetical protein	Mitochondrial endogenous	0.0647	0.03	no*	no	0.31
TGME49_257110	hypothetical protein	no signal cDNA - myc	0.6373	0.01	no	Mitochondrion - membranes	-3.21
TGME49_263680	hypothetical protein	Mitochondrial endogenous	0.949	0.52	no*	no	-4.3
TGME49_310500	hypothetical protein	no signal cDNA - myc	0.9211	0.11	no*	Mitochondrion - soluble	-4.1
TGME49_201830	ribosomal protein L54	Mitochondrial endogenous	0.9991	0.43	no	no	-4.94
TGME49_226280	ribosomal protein L28, putative	Mitochondrial endogenous	0.9971	0.65	yes	Mitochondrion - soluble	-4.91
TGME49_214790 <sup>s</sup>	glycoprotein	Mitochondrial endogenous	0.8383	0.47	yes	Mitochondrion - soluble	-3.48
TGME49_311750	mago binding protein	Cytosol cDNA - myc	0.198	0.01	no	nucleus - non-chromatin	-0.99
TGME49_312680	60S ribosomal protein L41, putative	Mitochondrial cDNA - myc	0.9388	0.14	no	no	-1.34
TGME49_238000	peptidyl-prolyl isomerase	Mitochondrial endogenous	0.8213	0.53	yes	Nucleolus	-6.27
TGME49_254260	COX19 cytochrome c oxidase assembly family protein	Cytosolic endogenous	0.1621	0.09	yes	Mitochondrion - soluble	-3.34
TGME49_283850	peptidyl-prolyl cis-trans isomerase	Cytosolic endogenous	0.0397	0.01	yes	Cytosol	-1.59
TGME49_286070	hypothetical protein	Cytosolic cDNA - YFP	0.1311	0.01	no	Endomembrane vesicle	-3.36

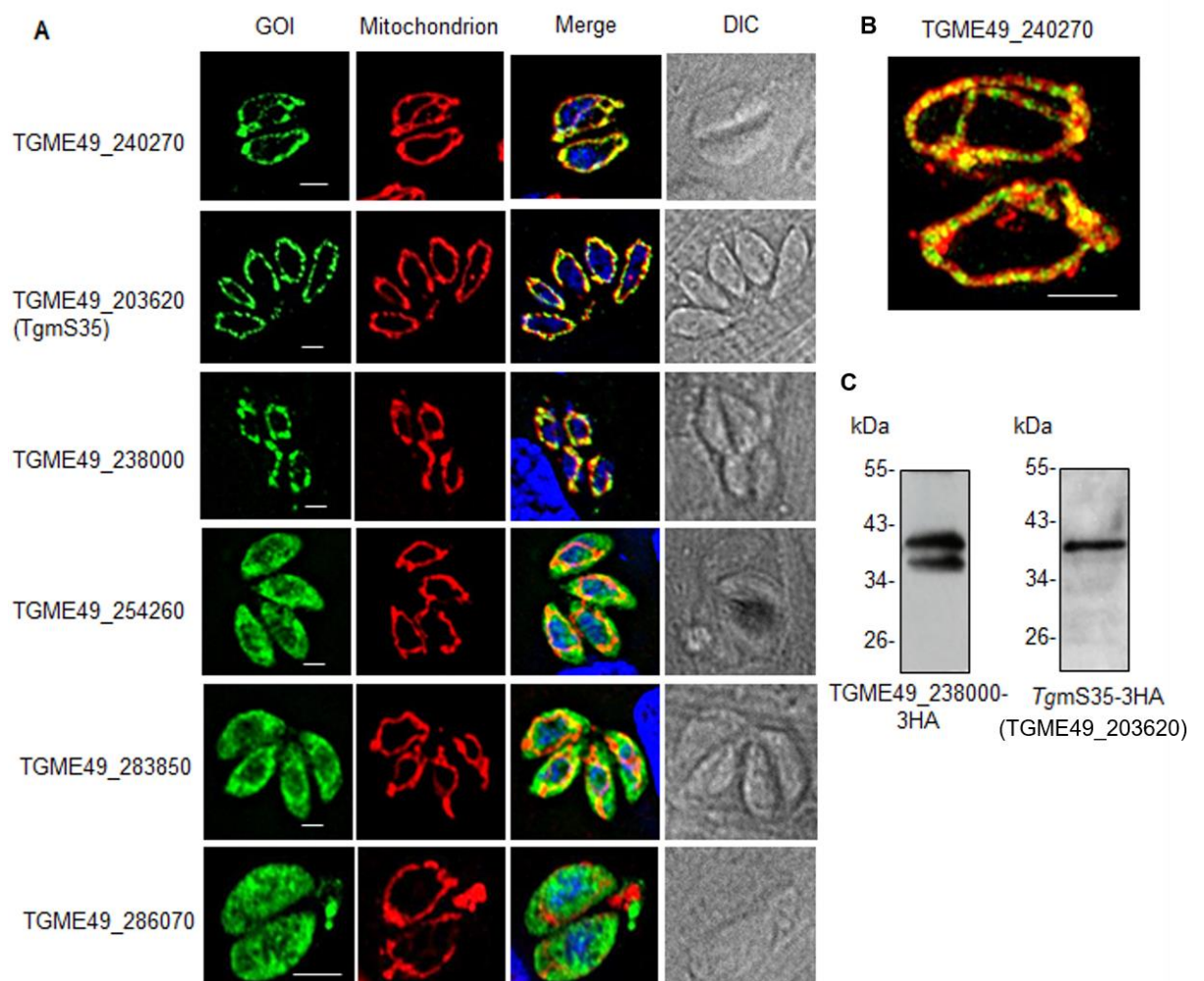
**Table 8.3 Genes from the in silico search whose protein have been localised.**



Mitochondrial targeting predictions are done using MitoProt II (<https://ihg.gsf.de/ihg/mitoprot.html>) and Predotar (<https://urgi.versailles.inra.fr/predotar/>). The presence (yes) or absence (no) of the gene product in the proximity tagging based mitochondrial proteome is shown (Seidi *et al.*, 2018) (no – no MS data; no\* - MS data found but the gene is not included in the final list of 421 genes). Localisation of gene products based on the hyperLOPIT data is shown when available (no – not found in the hyperLOPIT data) (Barylyuk *et al.*, 2020). The fitness score is based on the whole genome CRISPR/CAS9 screen (Sidik *et al.*, 2016) (gene IDs with § - essentiality/importance for fitness confirmed here). In bold are the proteins I personally localised, the rest have been localised by co-workers and can be found in Lacombe *et al.*, (2019).

### 8.3.2. Localisation of candidate gene from the bioinformatic screen

Amongst the gene products localised from this screen, 16 in total including 11 mitochondrial genes (Table 3.4), I visualized 6 of them by IFA presented in Figure 8.7A (Table 8.3 - in bold). Results show that TGME49\_203620, TGME49\_240270 and TGME49\_238000 are mitochondrial with their signal (green) co-localising with the mitochondrial marker (Tom40 or TgMys (TGME49\_215430), both proteins of the OMM, in red). However, TGME49\_283850, TGME49\_286070 and TGME49\_254260 are cytosolic, despite the predicted function of TGME49\_254260 as COX19. But predicted functions suggested in ToxoDB do not always correspond to the real function of a gene, thus, only experimental assessment can confirm localisation and function. TGME49\_240270 was also observed by super resolution microscopy to get more insight on the protein's sub-compartmental localisation. The green protein signal appears in between the red OMM marker all along the mitochondria, indicating that it resides within the mitochondrial matrix (Figure 8.7B). The molecular weight of the two triple HA tagged mitochondrial proteins was assessed by western blot (Figure 8.7C). Two bands were detected for TGME49\_238000: a ~39 kDa band and a ~36 kDa band. These likely represent the immature uncleaved protein which still possesses its mitochondrial signal peptide (39 kDa), and the mature cleaved protein after entry in the mitochondrion (36 kDa) (Figure 8.7C). TGME49\_203620 (TgmS35) has a molecular weight of about 38 kDa (Figure 8.7C).



**Figure 8.7 Localisation of 6 of the 16 previously uncharacterised proteins by epitope tagging.** (A) Localisation through fluorescence microscopy analysis of 6 genes amongst those identified in the bioinformatic search. Mitochondria are stained with anti-TgMys (TGME49\_215430) or anti-TOM40 in red, the mentioned GOI (genes of interest) are stained with anti-HA or anti-GFP in green, the nucleus is stained with DAPI in blue, and the parasite shape was visualized by Differential Interference Contrast (DIC); Scale bar 1  $\mu$ m. (B) TGME49\_240270 visualised by super resolution microscopy with the GOI stained with anti-GFP and mitochondrion with anti-TgMys Scale bar 2  $\mu$ m. (C) Immunoblotting of protein TGME49\_238000-3HA and TgmS35-3HA (TGME49\_203620). POIs are stained with anti-HA antibodies.

TGME49\_203620, while annotated as hypothetical protein in ToxoDB.org, is a putative homolog of the mitochondrial small subunit 35 (mS35) which has been previously identified (Gupta *et al.*, 2014; Greber and Ban, 2016). A protein alignment of TGME49\_203620 protein sequence with that of other apicomplexan sequences, namely *Neospora*, *Sacrocystis*, *Eimeria*, *Plasmodium*, and *Babesia* revealed some sequence conservation among them (Figure 8.8 - blue amino acids and yellow bars). However, only the *Plasmodium* gene PF3D7\_1312300 (PlasmoDB.org) is annotated as a putative mS35 protein. Others other are annotated as 3'-5' exoribonuclease CSL4, ribosomal subunit, hypothetical protein, and hypothetical protein for *Neospora*, *Sacrocystis*, *Eimeria*, and *Babesia*,

respectively. Yet, a search on InterPro revealed that all sequences possess a conserved mitochondrial ribosomal protein S24/S35 domain (Figure 8.8 - red boxes), as well as for the human (MRPS35) homolog (Appendix Figure 2A-B) (InterPro ID: IPR019349). This provides support for the identity of TGME49\_203620 to be a homolog of mS35, and was therefore named TgmS35.



### Figure 8.8 Protein alignment of TgmS35 apicomplexan homologs.

Homologs identified via BLAST in EUPATHDB.org. Alignment performed using clustalX pairwise alignment and consensus colours generated via Jalview. NCLIV - *N. caninum*; NS3 - *S. neurona*; TGME49 - *T. gondii*; ETH - *E. tenella*, PF3D7 - *P. falciparum*; BBOV - *B. bovis*. Amino acid conservation is shown within the alignment in a blue-scale whereby light-blue is low similarity and dark blue is high similarity. Conservation is also shown as bars at the bottom. Bar colour is yellow-scale, whereby light yellow is high similarity and dark orange/brown is low conservation. Conserved mitochondrial ribosomal protein S24/S35 domains are shown in the red boxes.

## 8.4. Conclusions

Studies on mitochondrial biology, including MITI and mitochondrial translation, have been hampered by the difficulty to enrich intact mitochondria. This implies the use of a cell lysis protocol that does not compromise mitochondria integrity. For this, different methods were tested, all unsatisfactory except for nitrogen cavitation which resulted in a 95% breakage efficiency or more, and managed to keep some organelle integrity (Figure 8.2). In the future, repeating western blots and IFAs with additional cell compartment markers, as well as assessing mitochondrial membrane potential using MitoTracker and JC1 staining would allow a more robust characterisation of organelle integrity. The high breakage efficiency is also key to maximise the yield of material prior to the enrichment process. A short two step differential centrifugation was performed to pellet down mitochondria. The resulting sample still contains many cell compartment contaminants; however, it successfully removed the cytosol. This level of enrichment has long been considered sufficient in model organisms depending on the sensitivity of the experiment performed. However, when studying mitochondrial translation in apicomplexans, an additional challenge emerges: getting rid of the apicoplast. The described protocol does not allow such separation. Yet, it should have been of sufficient quality for our tRNA affinity assay as tRNA<sup>lle</sup> is only meant to be imported in the mitochondrion and not in the apicoplast. Moreover, it allowed us to perform the translation assay which will be discussed in the Discussion section 11.1.

Mitochondrial translation and MITI are two key housekeeping pathways with great potential as drug target, and yet are poorly studied. Previous studies have shown MITI occurs in a diverse array of organism, highlighting the widespread biological relevance of this pathway (Lithgow and Schneider, 2010; Rubio and Hopper, 2011; Schneider, 2011). *T. gondii* is an extreme case where all tRNAs must be imported as a consequence of losing all its corresponding mitochondrial genes. This scenario was demonstrated in *T. brucei* (Tan *et al.*, 2002), and Seidman *et al.* (2012) used

a clever tRNA affinity purification assay to identify components involved in MITI. We decided to apply this technique for *T. gondii*. *T. gondii* tRNA<sup>Ile</sup>, known to be imported into the mitochondrion, and tRNA<sup>Met-I</sup>, strictly cytosolic, were bound to magnetic beads and utilized to pull down putative components involved in MITI. After separation on SDS PAGE and gel slice analysis by MS, 7 candidate genes were identified and 4 were experimentally localised. Although more mitochondrial proteins were expected to be found from the IP, two nuclear proteins, with one being a nucleoporin were identified. A direct tRNA transfer from the nucleus to the mitochondrion is a hypothesis that will be discussed in the Discussion (section 11.2), and tested in the future. Many ribosomal proteins were found in both tRNA<sup>Ile</sup> and tRNA<sup>Met-I</sup> dataset, which is in line with their function in translation. Some moderate enrichment of ribosomal proteins with possible dual localisation was found for tRNA<sup>Ile</sup>, which provide further support of the role of tRNA<sup>Ile</sup> in mitochondrial translation. However, about half of the overall proteins from the tRNA<sup>Met-I</sup> and tRNA<sup>Ile</sup> datasets are contaminants of unrelated cell compartments. Together with the fact that only 2 proteins were predicted to be mitochondrial in the first dataset of 7 genes, this raises the question of whether this assay is specific enough. Some controls may be required to make this assay more robust (see in section 11.2).

In a field where the identification of new mitochondrial proteins cannot rely simply on homology searches and computational mitochondrial prediction tools, a bioinformatic screen was established to help overcome these limitations. mRNA expression patterns of genes encoding for protein import components were used to identify new mitochondrial proteins. Eleven out of 16 genes were confirmed as encoding for mitochondrial proteins, including 4 ribosomal proteins, 5 hypothetical proteins, and 2 with other predicted functions (glycoprotein and isomerase). Only 4 of the 11 mitochondrial proteins were part of the final matrix proteome data set from Seidi *et al.*, (2018) and founds in the hyperLOPIT dataset (Barylyuk *et al.*, 2020) supporting the power of this screen to identify genes that would have been missed otherwise. This outcome is not surprising as the bioinformatic screen is not restricted to a particular organelle compartment and hence hits from the mitochondrial matrix, as well as the OMM, IMM, and IMS are expected to be found within the *in-silico* data set. The validation of these genes contributes to the expansion of the mitochondrial proteome available in the field. Altogether, this work presented two independent approaches to identify proteins

involved in MITI and/or mitochondrial translation, and provides a reliable protocol to break parasites open which is compatible with organelle studies (see sections 9 and 10).

## **9. Functional characterisation of new candidate gene for mitochondrial tRNA import**

In the section, we aimed at identifying the most optimal genetic approach to study mitochondrial biogenesis defects.

### **9.1. Expression of CRISPR-CAS9 as a medium throughput strategy for gene characterisation**

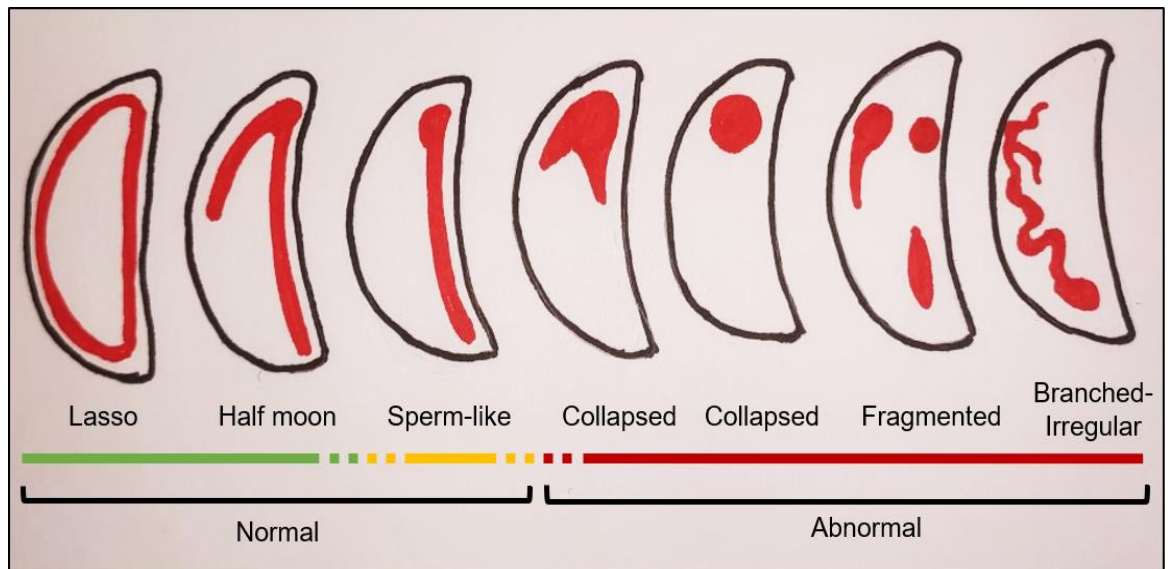
Transient expression of CRISPR-CAS9 and single guide RNA (sgRNA) was considered as a strategy to explore if it could be used to provide a rapid read-out assay to detect protein involvement in mitochondrial biogenesis. We hypothesized that abnormal changes in mitochondrial morphology upon gene disruption may be an indicator for a defect in mitochondrial biogenesis.

#### **9.1.1. A previously generated Split-CAS9 line induces mitochondrial and nuclear morphology defects**

A line that constitutively expresses an inducible CAS9, where the endonuclease is split into two domains (called “Split-CAS9”), each domain fused to a rapamycin binding domain (FkBP and FRB rapamycin binding domain), was previously generated by Johannes Stortz, a previous PhD student in Prof. Markus Meissner’s laboratory at the WCIP/University of Glasgow, and was generously provided by them (Stortz, 2020). This line was originally designed to help overcome the CAS9 cell toxicity (Serpeloni *et al.*, 2016; Sidik *et al.*, 2016; Lacombe *et al.*, 2019) by conditionally activating CAS9, for work that was focused on actin factors and dynamics. Addition of 150 nM of rapamycin to the medium triggers the dimerization of the Split-CAS9 by binding to the FRB and FkBP domain of each halves of the CAS9, which restores its activity. In the presence of sgRNA, the active CAS9 generates a double stranded cut at the precise location where the sgRNA binds in the genome which disrupts the targeted gene. We tested if this line could be used to generate a medium throughput screen which would allow us a rapid assessment of a gene’s involvement in mitochondrial biogenesis. In our study, GOI sgRNAs were transiently expressed in the Split-CAS9 line rather than stably expressed to significantly shorten the amount of time needed to obtain results.



Indeed, this strategy would allow multiple gene screening in less than a week, when the process of generating stable lines and gene function assessment usually takes over a month in the fastest case scenario. Genes whose disruption result in mitochondrial morphology defects would then be selected as candidates having a potential role in mitochondrial biogenesis, and would be further studied. To test if this was plausible, 2 genes, TGME49\_226280 and TGME49\_225710, were assessed as proof of principle. These two genes were chosen at random from the bioinformatic screen list of 43 and 279 genes (see section 8.3.1) as we had no additional means to decide after looking at co-expression and phylogenetic distribution patterns. In our study, Split-CAS9 line was transiently transfected with TGME49\_226280 and TGME49\_225710 sgRNAs and incubated for 48h with rapamycin before being fixed and analysed by IFA (Figure 9.2). *T. gondii* is known for its highly dynamic mitochondrion. A recent study has shown that upon release into the extracellular environment, the mitochondrion undergoes tremendous morphological changes going from “lasso” shaped, a typical intracellular morphology, to collapsed shape via “sperm-like” shape after a prolonged extracellular period (Ovcariakova *et al.*, 2017). While intracellular, however, the mitochondrion is mainly found in the “lasso”, “half-moon” and sometimes “sperm-like” shape, although the latter is not as common (Figure 9.1). An increase in “sperm-like” shaped mitochondria may be seen as an anomaly as it is often a sign that the parasites are undergoing some sort of stress. Abnormal mitochondrial morphologies are displayed as collapsed, fragmented or branched/irregular mitochondria. These appear when parasites are challenged with some biological defects, and is often associated with poor fitness. Of course, there are variations as mitochondria may display intermediate shapes between all illustrated morphologies.

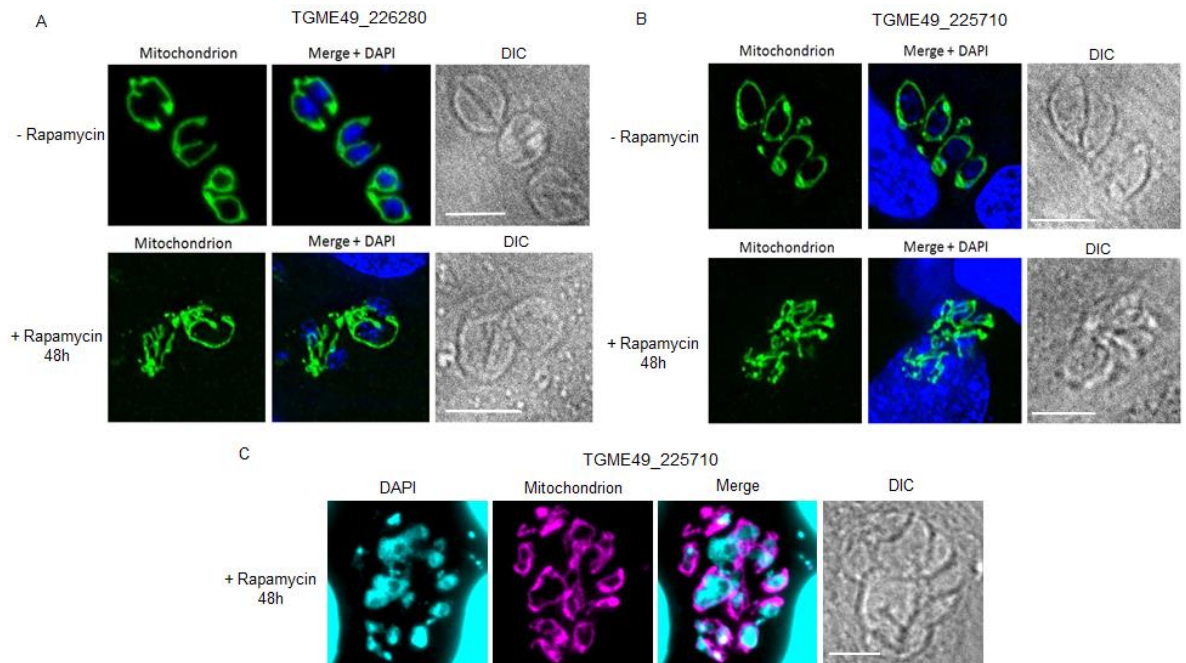


**Figure 9.1 Mitochondrial morphology categories for intracellular *T. gondii*.**

Scheme illustrating the different mitochondrial morphologies which can be categorised as “normal” or “abnormal”, each category comprising in different mitochondrial shapes. Normal mitochondria are typically in an open “lasso” shape, but can also form an incomplete lasso which we call “half-moon”. Normal mitochondria may also be displayed a single elongated line we call “sperm-like” due to its shape often resembling a sperm. Although it is not uncommon to find sperm-like mitochondria in a healthy population, this shape is, however, not as frequent as the two previous ones. An elevated number of “sperm-like” mitochondria is often a sign parasite are undergoing some sort of stress. Mitochondria displaying morphologies in the red right part of the scheme are considered abnormal. Collapsed, fragmented, and branched/irregular morphologies are anomalies, and are the reflection of biological defects, often associated with poor parasite fitness.

Our experiments revealed abnormal mitochondrial morphologies for both genes. These mitochondria did not present any of the morphologies described in the Ovcariikova *et al.*, (2017) study. Instead, they displayed irregular, fragmented shapes with numerous branches (Figure 9.2A and B). However, amongst vacuoles with abnormal mitochondria shapes, some with abnormal nuclei could also be noticed (Figure 9.2C). Although, this analysis is purely qualitative, such unexpected phenotype is worth mentioning and considering when studying mitochondrial biogenesis, as in our experiments, this nuclear phenotype was always accompanied with mitochondrial morphology defect. Nuclear disturbance was reported in Stortz, (2020). He generated lines expressing sgRNATggap40 and sgRNATgsag1 stably in the Split-CAS9 background line. His data revealed unexpected aberrant nuclei phenotype in gene depleted parasites after addition of rapamycin for 1h and 48h, even for SAG1 which was chosen as a control for the system because its depletion should not affect parasite morphology and behaviour (Kim and Boothroyd, 1995; Lekutis *et al.*, 2001). This defect was not observed in Split-CAS9 expressing parasites (not transfected) treated or not with rapamycin. Johannes Stortz suggested this issue to be due to the inability of the parasite to

repair double stranded breaks caused by the activated Cas9 in the presence of sgRNA. This was shown by transiently expressing Cas9-YFP and sag1sgRNA in RH and RH $\Delta$ ku80 strains. As the RH $\Delta$ ku80 strain lacks the ku80 gene which is important in eukaryotes to repair double stranded DNA breaks (Critchlow and Jackson, 1998), he hypothesized that RH $\Delta$ ku80 parasites should not be able to repair the Cas9-mediated double strand break and display the aberrant phenotype as response to Cas9 activity. His result confirmed his hypothesis as almost all transfected RH $\Delta$ ku80 parasites displayed abnormal nuclei compared RH. In order for our observations to become conclusive, our experiments could have been performed with additional factors measured: primarily, monitoring which parasites have been transfected, and counting morphological phenotypes only in transfected ones. However, regardless of the mechanism, the observed artefact by both labs indicated a likely challenge to our study: we would have to discriminate between an abnormal mitochondrial morphology due to mitochondrial biogenesis defect and mitochondrial defect resulting from nuclear damaged. Since this strategy was originally chosen as a way to obtain functional input in a time effective manner, and the encountered obstacle defied that purpose we decided to prioritise assessing other strategies over devoting more time on understanding this morphology phenomenon. Another strategy reported by Sidik *et al.*, (2016) and published after our experiments was performed could be a good alternative to the Split-CAS9. This strategy allows the constitutive expression of CRISPR/CAS9 without deleterious toxicity of its activity by expressing CRISPR/CAS9 as well as a sgRNA that is non-functional against the 3' UTR of NHE1, which serves a decoy. This genetic manipulation is well tolerated by *T. gondii* and allow a high sgRNA transfection efficiency (Sidik *et al.*, 2016). This is a strategy worth exploring in the future.



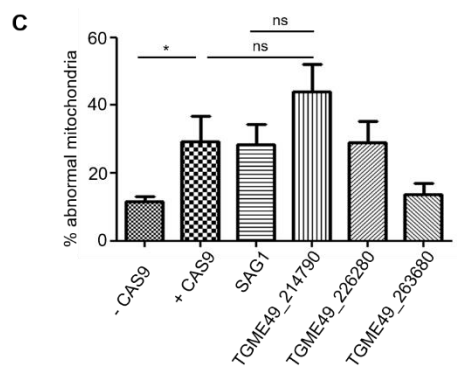
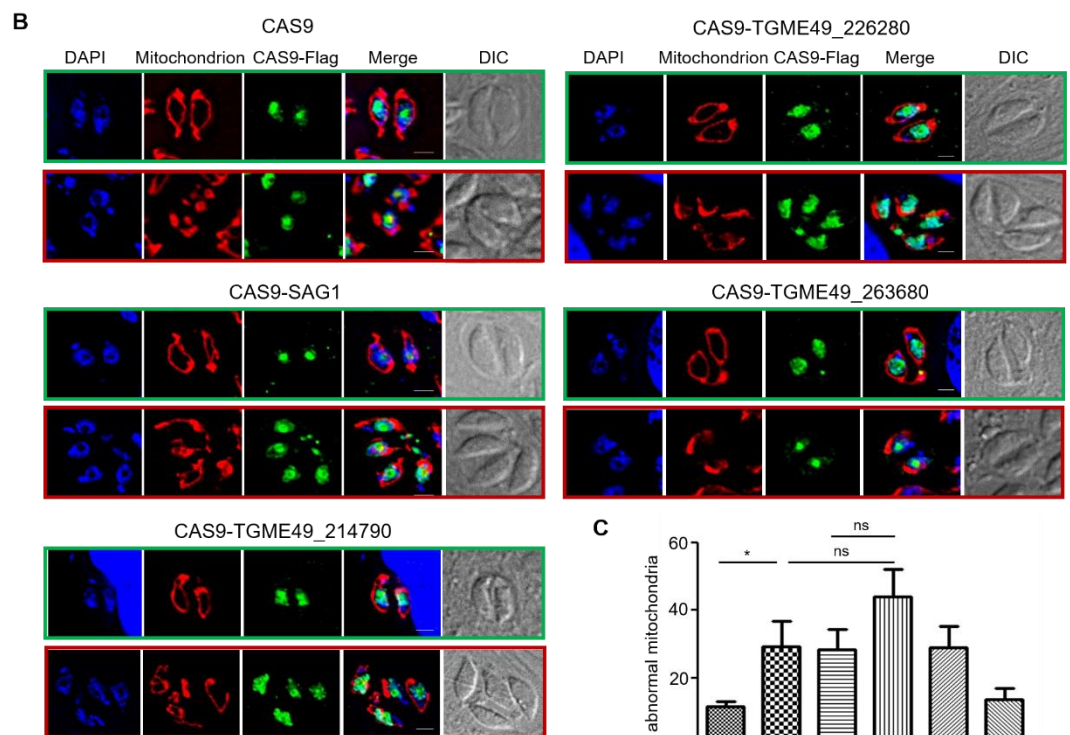
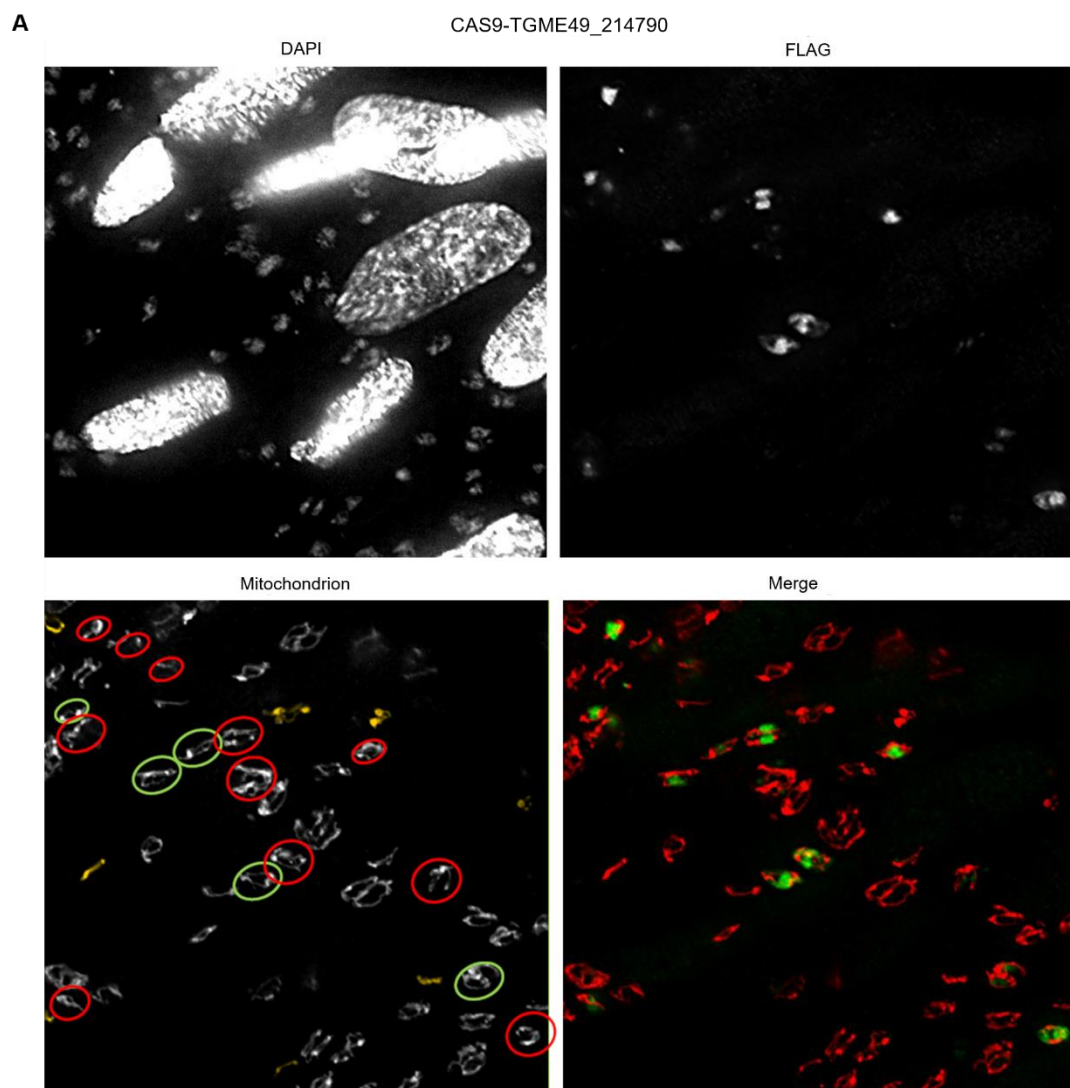
**Figure 9.2 Transient expression of specific sgRNA in the Split-CAS9 expressing line results in off target nuclear and mitochondrial phenotypes.**

(A) Immunofluorescence showing gene disruption of TGME49\_226280 and (B) TGME49\_225710. Mitochondria in green are stained with anti-TgMys, and the nucleus in blue is stained with DAPI. (C) Representative images of vacuoles displaying nuclear (cyan) and mitochondrial (magenta) phenotypes. Scale bar 6 µm. Whole parasites are visualised by Differential Interference Contrast (DIC).

### 9.1.2. Transient expression of CAS9 results in mitochondrial morphology defects

Three genes from the bioinformatic screen, TGME49\_263680/214790 and 226280, were chosen which had previously been validated as encoding for mitochondrial proteins. For each gene, Flag-tagged CAS9 (Sidik *et al.*, 2014) along with a targeting sgRNA were transiently co-expressed (see Table 7.11 for sgRNA sequences). As controls, CAS9-Flag was expressed alone, or with sgRNA for the non-essential *sag1* (TGME49\_233460) gene for which we do not expect mitochondrial phenotype to be a specific outcome of gene disruption (SAG1sgRNA) because it is not essential. At 48h post co-transfection, mitochondria were visualized as above and morphologies were analysed (Figure 9.3). One example of the 217 images taken is presented in Figure 9.3A. For vacuoles expressing CAS9-Flag with a signal above background fluorescence, normal mitochondria (open or “sperm-like” - Figure 9.1) are circled in green and abnormal (anything other than open or “sperm-like”) ones in red. For vacuoles that do not express CAS9-Flag, in yellow are mitochondria with abnormal morphologies and the rest are normal

looking mitochondria. When quantifying mitochondrial morphology, gene disruption was not tested and we assumed that disruption occurred in cell expressing CAS9-Flag. 48h post co-transfection, a significant increase of mitochondrial abnormalities was observed in all conditions tested compared to the non-transfected parasites. While a trend of higher abundance of mitochondrial abnormalities was observed for *TGME49\_214790*, the data showed no significant difference with the CAS9-only and CAS9+SAG1sgRNA controls (Figure 9.3B-C). These data suggest that transient expression of CAS9 results in mitochondrial morphological abnormalities, excluding this strategy as a reliable tool for rapid identification of genes involved in mitochondrial biogenesis. As mentioned above, the CAS9-decoy strategy described in the Sidik *et al.*, (2016) is a worth exploring as it has been shown to reduce CAS9 toxicity and hence lower the background phenotype noise. Expressing CAS9 under different *T. gondii* promoter could also be an option to fine-tune the level of CAS9 expression to a level much better tolerated by the parasites.



**Figure 9.3 Transient expression of Cas9 results in mitochondria morphology defects.**

**(A)** Immunofluorescence presenting the discrimination process of parasites with normal vs abnormal mitochondrial morphologies. Only vacuoles expressing CAS9-Flag were considered. Green circled are vacuoles with normal vacuoles. Circled in red are those with abnormal mitochondrial morphology. Coloured in yellow are abnormal mitochondrial morphology of parasites which do not express CAS9-Flag. Uncoloured are those which have normal mitochondrial morphology. **(B)** Representative immunofluorescence micrographs of parasites transiently expressing CAS9 and sgRNA for the mentioned GOI. Mitochondria in red are marked by anti-TgMys. CAS9-FLAG in green is marked with anti-FLAG. Merge shows DAPI, FLAG and TgMys. Whole parasites are visualised by Differential Interference Contrast (DIC). Green boxes highlight parasites with wild-type looking mitochondria. Red boxes highlight parasites with mitochondria that appear to have a morphological defect herein named “abnormal mitochondria”. **(C)** Quantification of vacuole with abnormal mitochondria morphologies for each condition. Bars represent the mean  $\pm$  SEM (n=3), \* p < 0.05 (1-way ANOVA).

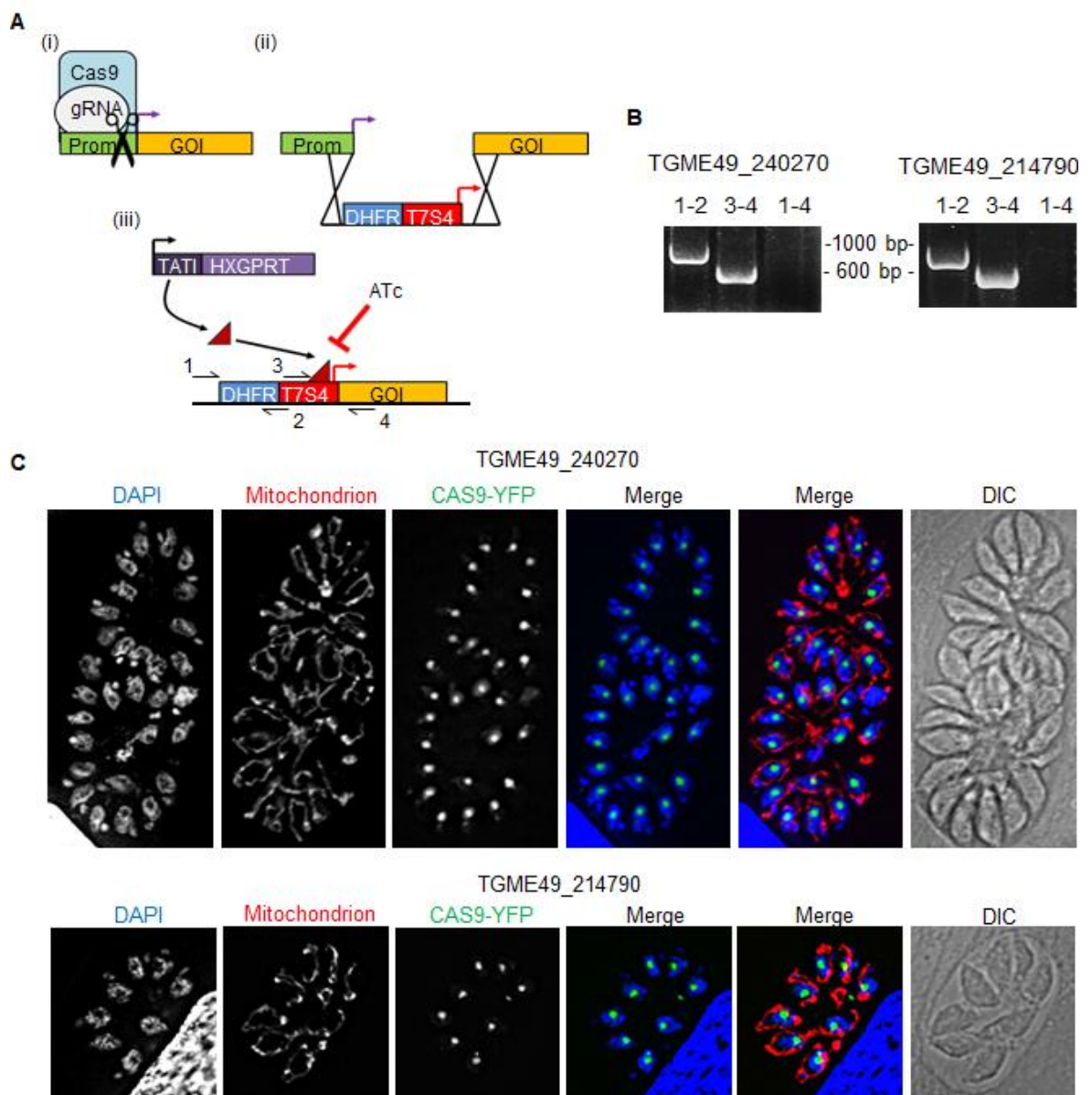
## **9.2. TGME49\_214790 and TGME49\_240270 are both essential for parasite growth and mitochondrial integrity**

Due to the complication encountered in analysing mitochondrial biogenesis defects using transient expression strategies, stable genetic manipulation was considered as means to assess for function. The previously localised TME49\_240270 (Figure 8.7 A and B), and TGME49\_214790 (Table 8.4, (Lacombe *et al.*, 2019)) were chosen to generate conditional knock down (cKD) lines. We decided to choose those genes as TME49\_240270 was the first gene for which localisation worked amongst those I localised, and TGME49\_214790 was the gene that was the most probable to have an effect on mitochondrial morphology upon depletion from the CAS9 experiment above. cKD lines were generated by replacing the native promoter with a T7S4 anhydrotetracycline (ATc) repressible promoter and DFHR selectable cassette (Figure 9.4A). This manipulation was performed as previously described (Sheiner *et al.*, 2011), with the modification whereby CRISPR/CAS9 was utilised to enhance homologous recombination efficiency (Figure 9.4A). This method overcomes the issue of CAS9 toxicity because CAS9 is only transiently expressed to facilitate promoter replacement. During this time, CAS9 may well have toxicity in the same manner as mentioned above. However, with the repeating parasite replications, the CAS9 (YFP fused) and the expressing plasmid are lost, and any parasites that are critically affected, die off or are overgrown by the healthy population of parasites during selection. At the end of selection, differential dilution is used to choose single clones that no longer express CAS9 and show normal mitochondrial and nuclear morphology. These transgenic lines were performed in the  $\Delta$ Ku80 TATi (transactivator of *T. gondii*) expressing background line (Meissner *et al.*, 2005). This line constitutively expresses the tetracycline-transactivator, which binds to the T7S4 promoter



allowing constitutive expression of the downstream gene. In the presence of ATc, the trans-activator is unable to bind to the promoter resulting in gene transcription inhibition (Figure 9.4Aiii). Although TGME49\_214790 was previously endogenously 3xHA tagged, protein signal was gradually lost overtime until undetectable by IFA. TGME49\_240270 was localised by cDNA-YFP transient expression as 3xHA tagging was unsuccessful (section 8.3.2). Hence, for both genes, cKD lines were performed in the untagged TATi expressing line. Obtaining such lines was challenging. The first attempts were either unsuccessful or unexpected signal from the YFP fused CAS9 was observed by IFA, which localised to the nucleolus (Figure 9.4). These lines repressible TME49\_240270 and TGME49\_214790 lines (rTME49\_240270 and rTGME49\_214790), were unusually unfavourable and likely acquired some mutation during selection allowing the CAS9 constitutive expression which may well be an inactive CAS9. Promoter replacement confirmation by PCR was performed using 4 primers designed as followed: forward primer 1 anneals to the native sequence upstream of the DHFR selectable cassette; reverse primer 2 anneals to both the DHFR cassette and the T7S4 promoter; forward primer 3 anneals to the T7S4 promoter; and reverse primer 4 anneals to the beginning of the GOI (in the first exon) (Figure 9.4Aiii). Together, primer 1 and 2 confirm the integration of the DHFR resistance cassette and primer 3 and 4 confirm integration of the T7S4 promoter upstream of the GOI. By annealing to the native sequence, after exogenic sequence insertion, primer 1 and 4 are too far apart to generate a PCR product (Figure 9.4A and B). Hence, the absence of PCR products confirms integration of the whole sequence. Clonal lines expressing CAS9-YFP were often displaying a mixed population with a growing number of parasites which lost the CAS9-YfP signal overtime. Still, any clone expressing CAS9-YFP were discarded as we did not want to risk any phenotypical interference.





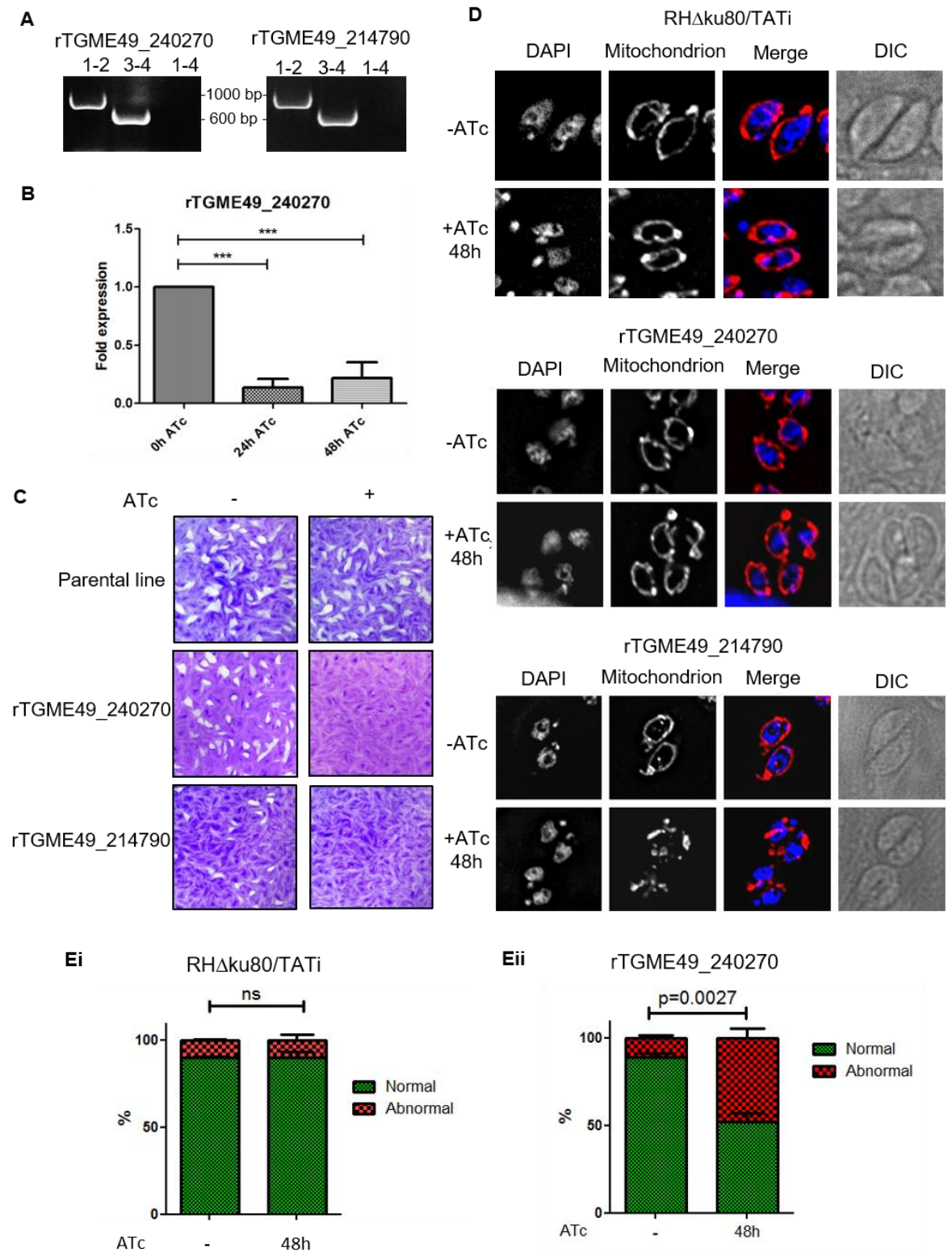
**Figure 9.4 Problems with conditional knockdown lines generation with constitutive CAS9-YFP expression for TGME240270 and TGME214790.**

(A) Schematic depiction of the promoter replacement strategy allowing knock-down of a gene of interest (GOI) with the addition of anhydrotetracycline (ATc). (i) CRISPR/CAS9 guided cut at the predicted promoter/ATG boundary, (ii) a repair cassette containing the ATc repressible promoter, the DHFR selection marker, and homology to the promoter/ATG boundary, is inserted between the promoter and GOI, (iii) GOI, under the control of ATc repressible promoter, is down regulated when ATc is added. The black arrows represent the four primers used to confirm integration. (B) Validation of the promoter integration in the TGME49\_240270 and TGME49\_214790 locus via PCR analysis using primers 1, 2, 3, and 4. (C) Nucleus is shown in blue stained by DAPI, in red are mitochondria stained with anti-TgMys, and in green is CAS9-YFP gene product (no antibodies were used). Merged channels show CAS9-YFP and nucleus colocalization (blue-green), and CAS9-YFP, nucleus and mitochondria (blue-green-red). Overall shapes are visualized by Differential Interference Contrast (DIC).

After 9 other attempts, cKD line was successfully re-generated for TGME49\_240270 (Figure 9.5). However, cKD lines for TGME49\_214790 was unsuccessful. We decided to choose one clone expressing CAS9-YFP as a mixed population (parasites expressing CAS9-YFP + some that kicked the construct), subcloned it, and selected a subclone without CAS9-YFP signal. Both the subclone and the new

rTGME49\_240270 clonal line were PCR checked for promoter replacement with the repressible T7S4 exogenic promoter (Figure 9.5A). ATc induced down-regulation was confirmed by qRT-PCR for rTGME49\_240270 (Figure 9.4B). Parasite growth for rTME49\_240270 and rTGME49\_214790 was monitored by plaque assay which revealed a severe growth defect in response to gene depletion (Figure 9.5C). However, without ATc both rTGME49\_240270 and even more so rTGME49\_214790 have smaller plaques than the parental RH $\Delta$ Ku80/TaTi line suggesting that promoter replacement affects parasite fitness. This could be due to the T7S4 promoter which likely induces a different level of gene expression as well as a different timing of expression than the endogenous promoter, which creates some level of toxicity to the parasite. Assessing the gene level of expression of the parental line compared to the mutant line without ATc by qPCR will be performed in the future to address this question. Plaque assay will also be repeated to measure plaque sizes to quantify growth rate for the parental line compared to the mutant lines. Mitochondrial morphology abnormality was observed by IFA for both rTGME49\_214790 and rTME49\_240270 when treated with ATc for 48h, and this defect was not detected for the parental line when treated with ATc for 48 hours (Figure 9.5D). This was quantitatively confirmed for TGME49\_240270 by counting normal and abnormal mitochondria morphologies and the numbers were compared to that of the parental  $\Delta$ Ku80/TATi line (Figure 9.5Ei and ii). No qPCR for rTGME49\_214790 is shown because this line was abandoned beforehand as it originated from a mutated CAS9 clone, and it was unsure if the much slower growth rate could have had an effect on parasite fitness.

Altogether, these results suggest that TGME49\_240270 is important for parasite fitness and mitochondrial integrity and hence, may have a role in mitochondrial biogenesis and is a promising candidate that can be further assessed. TGME49\_214790 may be involved in mitochondrial biogenesis, however, these experiments need to be repeated on a new cKD line which does not express CAS9-YFP.



**Figure 9.5 Conditional knock-down of TGME49\_240270 and TGME49\_214790 results in growth defect, and mitochondrial morphology abnormality.**

(A) Validation of the promoter integration in the TGME49\_240270 and TGME49\_214790 locus via PCR analysis using primers 1, 2, 3, and 4. (B) Transcript levels of TGME49\_240270, analysed by qRT-PCR, in absence (-) or presence of ATc after 24 and 48 hours. Bars represent the mean  $\pm$  SEM (n=5). \*\*\*p< 0.0001. (C) Plaque assays performed with parental line (RHΔku80/TATi) or TGME49\_240270 and TGME49\_214790 parasites grown for 9 days in the absence (-) or presence (+) of ATc. (D) Immunofluorescence of the parental line, TGME49\_240270 and TGME49\_214790 with or without ATc for 48h. Mitochondria in red are stained with anti-TOM40 and the nucleus is visualized with DAPI. Whole parasites are observed by Differential Interference Contrast (DIC). (E) Quantification of parasite vacuoles with “normal” (green) vs “abnormal” (red) mitochondrial

morphologies after growth of the RH $\Delta$ ku80/TATi parental (**Ei**) or rTGME49\_240270 (**Eii**) lines without (-) or with ATc for 48 hours. Graphs represent mean  $\pm$  SEM for n = 3 independent experiments; Analysed by t-test.

### **9.3. A new protocol for the evaluation of mitochondrial translation reveals that TGME49\_240270 is not involved in such a function**

Following the hypothesis that disrupting mitochondrial translation would influence assembly and activity of mitochondrially encoded mETC complexes, we reasoned we could monitor the above as proxy for their translation. In this case we chose to monitor complex IV which is directly dependent on the translation of mitochondrially encoded CoxI and III by the mitoribosome (arrows and schemes in blue) (Figure 9.7A). This was compared to the assembly and activity of complex V as a negative control, which fully nuclear encoded, translated in the cytosol by the cytosolic translation machinery (arrows and schemes in green) (Figure 9.7A). High resolution clear-native PAGE (hrCN-PAGE) followed by an in-gel complex IV and V catalytic activity assays were performed using the rTGME49\_240270 mutant line (Figure 9.7B). If present, each complex can react with the chemicals present in their respective buffers resulting in the generation of a visible precipitate inside the gel. For complex IV, 3,3'-diaminobenzidine (DAB) (reagent) and Cytochrome c (substrate) are both part of the gel incubation buffer. The continuous oxidoreduction cycles of Cytochrome c triggered its reaction with DAB and complex IV leads to the oxidation and polymerisation of DAB which accumulates as a brown deposit (Seligman *et al.*, 1968; Sabar, Balk and Leaver, 2005). For complex V, the formation of a white precipitate can be visualised at an outcome of the reaction of the compound lead with the inorganic phosphate during ATP hydrolysis.

The band resulting from the complex IV activity assay corresponds to the size reported for *T. gondii* complex IV recently (600 kDa) (Seidi, Linden S Muellner-Wong, *et al.*, 2018), supporting the assay's specificity (Figure 9.7B). To further confirm its identity, we performed mass spectrometry analysis: we cut out the band visualised via the assay and sent it for MS analysis, this was done twice. All components of complex IV were identified but CoxI. This is because CoxI sequence cannot be found in ToxoBD, unlike CoxIII for which a BLAST identified a sequence

match, and so, this was the best outcome we could hope for. The same results were obtained in the Seidi *et al.*, (2018) paper in which their IP identified all complex IV components but CoxI, which supports our data and further validates complex IV's identity (Table 9.1, Appendix Table 5). However, now that the mitochondrial genome is published (Namasivayama *et al.*, 2020), we could search for unassigned sequences and manually search for a matching sequence.

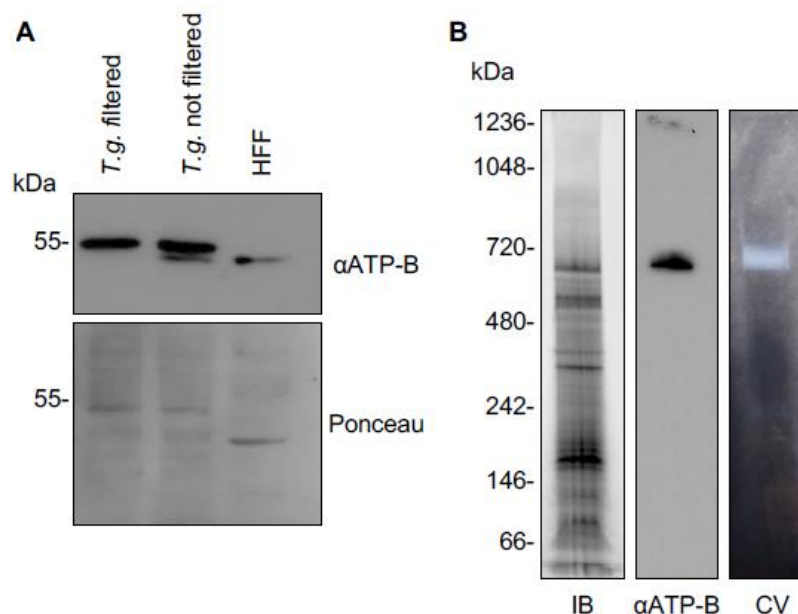
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TGGT1_242840	TgApiCox14	155	5	3	36	1	1
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TGGT1_221510	TgApiCox18	151	6	3	143	4	3
TGGT1_247770	TgApiCox19	281	16	4	162	8	5
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TGGT1_264040	TgApiCox25	545	15	8	546	11	7
TGGT1_306670	TgApiCox26	388	14	5	130	7	5
TGGT1_297810	TgApiCox30	526	15	10	432	14	9
TGGT1_229920	TgApiCox35	564	21	10	265	9	7
TGME49_237120	TgCoxIII	67	1	1	57	1	1

**Table 9.1 Complex IV components identification from band in complex IV enzymatic assay, by mass spectrometry.**

\*Name according to (Seidi, Linden S Muellner-Wong, *et al.*, 2018).

For the complex V assay, the same protocol previously reported for *T. gondii* by Salunke *et al.*, (2018) was followed. Additional confirmation to the complex V identity was provided by using an antibody raised against a consensus sequence found in plant, algal and bacterial ATP- $\beta$  subunit of complex V, and which was shown to cross-react with ATP- $\beta$  from a variety of organisms including *T. gondii* (Huet *et al.*, 2018; Seidi, Linden S Muellner-Wong, *et al.*, 2018). The cross-reactivity of this antibody with *T. gondii* ATP- $\beta$  was first demonstrated by SDS-PAGE followed by western blot, which also confirmed the absence of human ATP- $\beta$  in the parasites lysate after filtration to remove host cells (Figure 9.6A). The filtering process was no different from the one presented in Section 8. Success of removing host cells may be dependant in the force applied when filtering parasites through the filters (e.g. tearing of the membrane), or filter units misassembled (i.e. gaps where parasites and host cells can go through), or it may be an issue of the host cell mitochondrial state when parasites are collected. This issue of inconsistent host mitochondrial contamination in biochemical studies in *Toxoplasma* is something that my project has uncovered and that the Sheiner lab is currently trying to optimise further. Finally, when run under native conditions

by hrCN PAGE, the ATP- $\beta$  band was observed at a similar size than the one from the enzymatic activity assay (Figure 9.6B).



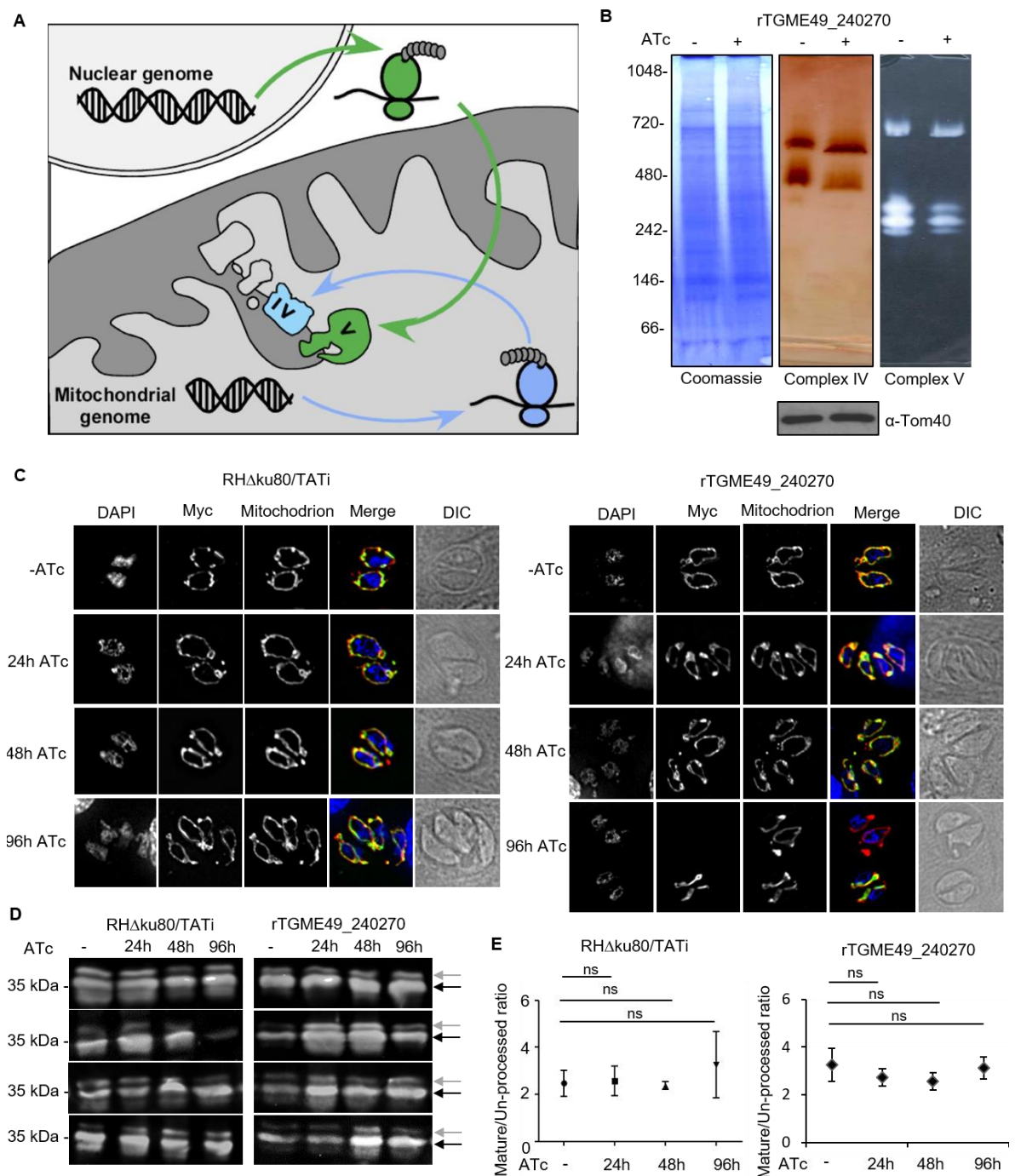
**Figure 9.6 Confirmation of band corresponding to complex V activity assay.**

**(A)** Assessment of the cross-reactivity of anti-ATP- $\beta$  with the *T. gondii* protein. *T. gondii* band seen in lysates from filtered and non-filtered *T. gondii*, while human band appears only in lysates from non-filtered *T. gondii* or human cells. **(B)** Signal from the complex V activity assay and from anti-ATP- $\beta$  following gel separation under native conditions by hrCN PAGE and BN PAGE provides support for the complex V identity of the activity assay band. IB - Instant blue; CV - complex V.

Complex IV and V catalytic activity assay were performed for the rTGME49\_240270 cKD line. After gene down regulation for 96h by ATc addition in the culture medium, crude mitochondrial fractions were used for this assay (Figure 9.7B). Both complex IV and V enzymatic activity were detected with and without ATc, suggesting no effect on mitochondrial translation upon gene depletion. Moreover, as the majority of the mETC complex subunits need to be imported from the cytosol into the mitochondrion, these results also suggest that TGME49\_240270 is not involved in mitochondrial protein import, otherwise this would have affected the mETC's activity and hence would have been reflected in the complex IV and V assay. Although band quantification usually allows detection of more subtle variations, this method does not provide sufficient accuracy to quantify the activity because band intensity build up is not linear and it is dependent on how well samples run in the gel (e.g. slightly smeary, bands being wider or narrower, etc.), and this is highly variable. Therefore, we do not read into subtle band intensity variation and rather rely on strong difference (hardly detectable signal vs clear signal) over multiple experiments. Mitochondrial protein import was also



monitored directly; a Myc tagged DHFR fused to the mitochondrial targeting signal of HSP60 (Hsp60<sub>L</sub>-mDHFR-cMyc (van Dooren *et al.*, 2016) was transiently transfected into the parasites at different time points after TGME49\_240270 depletion for 24h, 48h and 96h, or with no ATc. This was carried out as well in the parental line as a control. The localisation of this Hsp60<sub>L</sub>-mDHFR-cMyc product was visualized by IFA using an anti-Myc antibody (Figure 9.7C). As expected, the Hsp60<sub>L</sub>-mDHFR-cMyc product (in green) co-localises with the mitochondrion marker (in red) (anti-Mys) for the parental line for all time points, suggesting no protein import defect (Figure 9.7C). The same outcome was observed for TGME49\_240270 (Figure 9.7C). For the sake of clarity, population of “normal looking” mitochondrion was chosen to show the co-localization and the number of abnormal mitochondria was not quantified in this experiment. To quantify these results, protein import was monitored by SDS-PAGE followed by western blot (Figure 9.7D). Upon entry into the mitochondrion, the mitochondrial targeting signal is cleaved off generating a smaller sized protein which can be visualised by western blot. If protein import is defective, this cleavage no longer takes place (Van Dooren *et al.*, 2016) and an accumulation of the un-cleaved pro-protein would be observed. The ratio of signal intensities between the cytosolic un-cleaved proteins and the mitochondrial cleaved proteins was calculated for each time point (Table 9.2), this way transfection efficiency variations between samples does not affect the results. This experiment was repeated 4 times. In some cases, a third band can be observed under the mature protein band which may be due to degradation. This band was disregarded; only the bands from the immature and mature proteins were considered. Just like in the parental control, no protein import defect was observed upon gene depletion, confirming the IFA results (Figure 9.7C-E). Moreover, parasites transfected even 4 days (96h) post gene depletion did not show statistically significant mitochondrial import defect (Figure 9.7E; Table 9.2; Appendix Table 6 for statistical analysis detail). This provides validation that, at least for this gene, the outcome of this strategy is not dependent on parasite general fitness, providing that they are still alive. However, a limitation of this strategy is the fact that band intensity quantification using the ImageJ software can be prone to error as the selection of the band surface is done manually. The inclusion of repetition and statistical analysis mitigates this weakness.



**Figure 9.7 Down-regulation of TGME49\_240270 does not lead to a defect in respiratory complex IV nor in mitochondrial protein import.**

**(A)** A scheme describing the rationale of our assay. Nuclear (grey) encoded proteins translated by the cytosolic ribosome (green) compose complex V, while mitochondrion (blue) encoded proteins translated by the mitochondrial ribosome (blue) are necessary to assemble complex IV. Depletion of a GOI involved in this pathway would result in reduced activity of complex IV but not V. **(B)** Crude mitochondria from TGME49\_240270, grown in the absence (-) or presence (+) of ATc for 96 hours, separated by hrCN-PAGE. Complex IV activity was visualised with cytochrome c: DAB staining. Complex V activity was assayed by visualising the precipitation of lead by inorganic phosphate during ATP hydrolysis. Protein immunoblot analysis using anti-TOM40 enriched mitochondria sample was performed as a loading control. **(C)** Immunofluorescence the TGME49\_240270 conditional line and the parental line in the presence or absence (-ATc) for 24, 48, 96 hours followed by transient transfection with Hsp60L-mDHFR-cMyc. The Hsp60L-mDHFR-cMyc protein product was visualised using an anti-Myc antibody, the mitochondrion with anti-Myc antibody, the nucleus was stained with DAPI and whole parasites were visualised by polarised light (DIC). **(D)** Western blot representation of the parasites in the absence (-) or presence of ATc for 24, 48 and 96 hours, using anti-Myc antibody to visualize the immature (grey arrow) and mature (black arrow) of the Hsp60L-mDHFR-cMyc gene product. This was repeated 4 times. **(E)** Graph showing band intensity ratios between the



mature and immature Hsp60L-mDHFR-cMyc product from the western blot shown in (E) on ImageJ software. This import assay was performed for the RH $\Delta$ ku80/TATi parental and rTGME49\_240270 cKD line in the absence (-) or presence of ATc for 24, 48 and 96 hours. Bars represent the mean  $\pm$  SEM (n=4). A one-way ANOVA statistical test was performed for both assays and revealed no statistical differences between the no treatment (-ATc) and treated (+ATc 24h, 48h, 96h) parasites.

RH $\Delta$ Ku80/TATi - Parental line					rTGME49_240270				
	Treatment	WB band	Mean	Ratio Mature/Immature		Treatment	WB band	Mean	Ratio Mature/Immature
Exp 1	No ATc	Immature	37.428	1.297	Exp 1	No ATc	Immature	8840	5.226
		Mature	48.554				Mature	46200	
	24h ATc	Immature	34.89	1.497		24h ATc	Immature	49100	2.118
		Mature	52.236				Mature	104000	
	48h ATc	Immature	21.542	2.539		48h ATc	Immature	40900	2.836
		Mature	54.701				Mature	116000	
	96h ATc	Immature	29.915	2.201		96h ATc	Immature	18200	3.912
		Mature	65.841				Mature	71200	
Exp 2	No ATc	Mature	48.275	2.001	Exp 2	No ATc	Mature	19.395	2.105
		Immature	24.127				Immature	40.835	
	24h ATc	Mature	37.414	1.928		24h ATc	Mature	19.1	2.497
		Immature	19.409				Immature	47.686	
	48h ATc	Mature	61.896	2.607		48h ATc	Mature	21.875	1.998
		Immature	23.745				Immature	43.713	
	96h ATc	Mature	30.445	7.464		96h ATc	Mature	23.659	1.894
		Immature	4.079				Immature	44.806	
Exp 3	No ATc	Immature	57.682	3.898	Exp 3	No ATc	Immature	20.009	2.412
		Mature	14.796				Mature	8.297	
	24h ATc	Immature	61.893	2.556		24h ATc	Immature	12.809	2.489
		Mature	24.216				Mature	5.147	
	48h ATc	Immature	54.507	1.869		48h ATc	Immature	53.263	3.469
		Mature	29.169				Mature	15.352	
	96h ATc	Immature	57.255	2.142		96h ATc	Immature	13.419	2.905
		Mature	26.734				Mature	4.619	
Exp 4	No ATc	Immature	62.319	2.697	Exp 4	No ATc	Immature	55.792	3.266
		Mature	23.111				Mature	17.084	
	24h ATc	Immature	54.257	4.309		24h ATc	Immature	49.019	3.782
		Mature	12.593				Mature	12.962	
	48h ATc	Immature	27.444	2.442		48h ATc	Immature	52.002	1.974
		Mature	11.237				Mature	26.339	
	96h ATc	Immature	23.967	1.223		96h ATc	Immature	49.425	3.756
		Mature	19.598				Mature	13.159	
		Ratio Average	STDEV	SEM			Ratio Average	STDEV	SEM
	No ATc	2.473	1.109	0.554		No ATc	3.252	1.405	0.702
	24h ATc	2.572	1.236	0.618		24h ATc	2.721	0.729	0.364
	48h ATc	2.364	0.337	0.169		48h ATc	2.570	0.721	0.361
	96h ATc	3.257	2.840	1.420		96h ATc	3.117	0.928	0.464

**Table 9.2 . Protein import assay - Quantification of band intensities ratios from the mature and immature Hsp60L-mDHFR-cMyc product for the parental and rTGME49\_240270 line.**

Taken together, these observations suggest that TGME49\_240270 depletion does not affect the assembly and activity of the mitochondrial translation dependent complex IV and hence is unlikely to have a role in mitochondrial translation. As

complex V activity is not affected either, TGME49\_240270 is unlikely to have a role in protein import either.

## 9.4. Conclusions

In this part of the study, we aimed at identifying the most optimal genetic approach to study mitochondrial biogenesis defects. We hypothesized that abnormal changes in mitochondrial morphology upon gene disruption may be an indicator for a defect in mitochondrial biogenesis. First, the CRISPR-CAS9 expression strategy was explored as at the time of performing this assay, CRISPR-CAS9 was quickly ranked as one of the most powerful tools for genetic manipulation and was hence an obvious choice. Transient expression of CRISPR-CAS9 and single guide RNA (sgRNA) was considered as a strategy to explore if it could be used to provide a rapid read-out assay to detect protein involvement in mitochondrial biogenesis. Transient transfection of sgRNA into the Split-CAS9 expressing line (Stortz, 2020), and co-transfection of CAS9 and sgRNA into RH background line were strategies investigated for this purpose. Both strategies lead to defects in mitochondrial morphology even in controls where no defects were expected. J. Stortz reported that in the Split-CAS9 line he generated, CAS9-mediated double-strand breaks in the genome caused DNA damage responsible for aberrant and fragmented nuclei, and overall abnormal cell morphology, which in our study, resulted in mitochondrial morphology defects as well (Stortz, 2020). We also transiently co-expressed CAS9 and sgRNA which resulted in mitochondrial morphology abnormality even in the Sag1sgRNA control and CAS9 alone control, suggesting that in this case, the simple transient expression of CAS9 is enough to induce aberrant mitochondrial morphologies. Studies published around the same time and after my results were produced, have shown that expression of CAS9 alone can induced a severe fitness disadvantage due to the toxicity of its activity, and that expression of sgRNA alongside CAS9 makes CAS9 expression tolerable for the parasite (Sidik *et al.*, 2016; Markus *et al.*, 2019). Another study also showed that stabilisation of conditional ddFKBP-Cas9 for longer than 4h led to aberrant parasite morphology (Serpeloni *et al.*, 2016). Altogether, with these findings reporting that the DNA damage generated by CAS9 activity perturbs the nucleus and the parasite as a whole, it is likely that this undesirable phenomenon is responsible for the observed mitochondrial phenotype as a side effect. This strategy is hence not

compatible with mitochondrial biogenesis studies, and likely with other cellular pathways studies as well. One could also hypothesise that CAS9 could also reach the mitochondrial matrix of the parasite and cause mtDNA damage leading to aberrant mitochondrial morphology, although, this hypothesis has not been tackled yet.

A stable cKD line was generated for TGME49\_240270, encoding for a mitochondrial hypothetical protein, by replacing the endogenous promoter replacement with an ATc repressible promoter. This way, issues with CAS9 toxicity is avoided as the CAS9 plasmid is lost after the 1<sup>st</sup> cycle of replication, which in this strategy, is only used to increase integration efficiency. Gene disruption result in abnormal mitochondrial morphology within 48h, suggesting it may have a role in mitochondrial biogenesis. We established a new protocol to evaluate mitochondrial translation through the assessment of complex IV and V assembly and activity via an in-gel staining assay. Complex IV possesses 2 proteins, CoxI and III, which are encoded in the mitochondrial genome, and so defect in translation would result in defect in activity as a consequence of missing essential SUs. Comparing complex IV activity assay to complex V which is fully nuclear encoded and hence not directly dependent on mitochondrial translation provides specificity for this assay. Lack of interference in both complex IV and V assay suggest that TGME49\_240270 is not involved in mitochondrial translation, and likely not involved in mitochondrial protein import either, otherwise both complexes would have been affected. This gene's function remains to be elucidated. RNAseq is a strategy we can go for to look at gene expression changes in the mutant line upon gene down regulation to identify genes whose expression is affected and whose function might provide clues for TGME49\_240270 biological role. Identifying counterparts which interact with the hypothetical protein will also a question to be addressed as the function of the interactors may help to figure out its function.

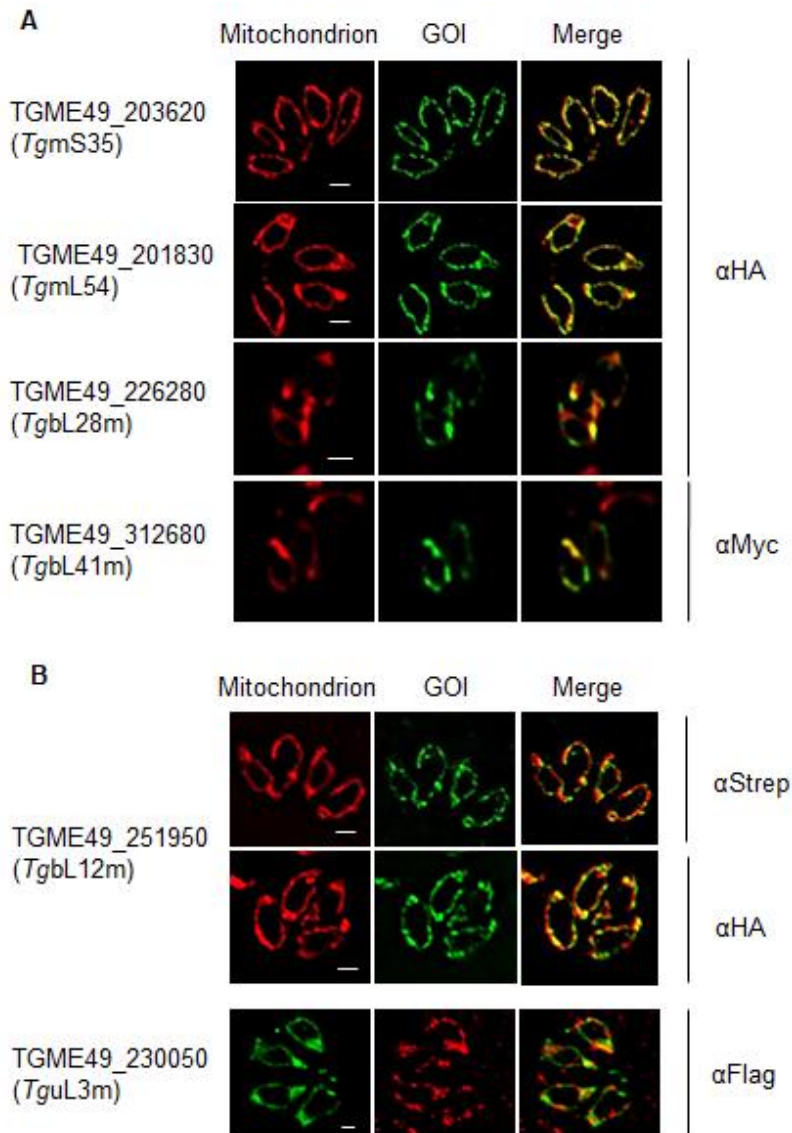
Altogether, this translation assay provides a novel tool for the field to study mitochondrial translation in *T. gondii*, in a less indirect manner than what has been proposed in the literature so far (Esseiva *et al.*, 2004; Pino *et al.*, 2010; Sharma and Sharma, 2014). However, there are limits to the interpretability of the results. Indeed, subtle band intensity difference cannot be accurately quantified due to the non-linear build-up of the staining. Moreover, these assays are tedious and time consuming. In the future, other experiments will be performed to further support results from our mETC complex staining assay. These

experiments include assessing the mitochondrial membrane potential using MitoTracker and JC1 staining. The Sheiner lab will also explore in solution enzymatic assays which would allow a much more precise and linear monitoring of the respiratory complex activity which will be discussed in the Discussion section 11.

## **10. First characterization of *T. gondii* mitoribosome and establishment of a new mitochondrial translation assay for apicomplexan parasites**

### **10.1. Localisation of 6 putative mitochondrial ribosomal proteins**

11 *T. gondii* genes from the bioinformatic search (section 8.3) were localised to the mitochondrion (Lacombe *et al.*, 2019), and 4 of them are predicted to encode mitochondrial ribosomal proteins (Table 8.4, Figure 10.1A). TGME49\_201830, 226280, and 312680 are predicted to encode the ribosomal large subunit proteins 54, 28 and 41, respectively, and were hence named TgmL54, TgbL28m and TgmL41, in agreement with the new nomenclature standards (Greber and Ban, 2016). As mentioned earlier in Section 8.3.2, TGME49\_203620 was named TgmS35 after its putative mS35 homolog (Gupta *et al.*, 2014; Greber and Ban, 2016). Additional putative ribosomal proteins from Gupta *et al.*, (2014) were selected based on previous use of their homologs in other systems for ribosome IP, with the objective to perform these IPs purify *T. gondii*'s mitoribosome for structural studies in the future. Hence, TgbL12m (TGME49\_251950) was tagged with either TwinStrep or triple-HA, and TguL3m (TGME49\_230050) was tagged with triple-FLAG (Table 10.1); and their mitochondrial localisation was confirmed by IFA (Figure 10.1B). Apart from TgmL54 and TgmL41, most of these ribosomal proteins were found in the mitochondrial proximity tagging proteome (Seidi, Linden S Muellner-Wong, *et al.*, 2018) and/or in the mitochondrion soluble cluster in the hyperLOPIT data (Barylyuk *et al.*, 2020), which is in support with our experimental validation (Table 10.1).



**Figure 10.1 Mitochondrial localisation of putative mitochondrial ribosomal proteins by epitope tagging.**

(A) Localisation through fluorescence microscopy analysis of 4 gene-products predicted to encode for mitoribosomal proteins identified in our search. (B) Localisation of 2 additional gene-products predicted to be mitochondrial ribosomal proteins not found in our search. For both panels, mitochondria are marked with anti-TgMys or anti-TOM40; the mentioned GOI (genes of interest) are marked with anti-HA, anti-FLAG or anti-Strep. Scale bar 2 µm.

Old Name	New Name	Gene ID	SSU/LSU	Mitoprot	CRISPR score	Proximity tagging proteome	LOPIT data
RPS15	uS15m	TGME49_216040	SSU	0.9885	-4.51	Yes	No
RPS35	mS35	TGME49_203620	SSU	0.9734	-4.66	No*	Mitochondrion - soluble
RPL3	uL3m	TGME49_230050	LSU	0.8966	-4.5	Yes	Mitochondrion - soluble
RPL7/L12	bL12m	TGME49_251950	LSU	0.9672	-3.6	Yes	Mitochondrion - soluble
RPL28	bL28m	TGME49_226280	LSU	0.9971	-4.91	Yes	Mitochondrion - soluble
-	mL41	TGME49_312680	LSU	0.9388	-1.34	No	No
-	mL54	TGME49_201830	LSU	0.9991	-4.94	No	No

**Table 10.1 Putative mitoribosomal proteins in *T. gondii* assessed in the study.**

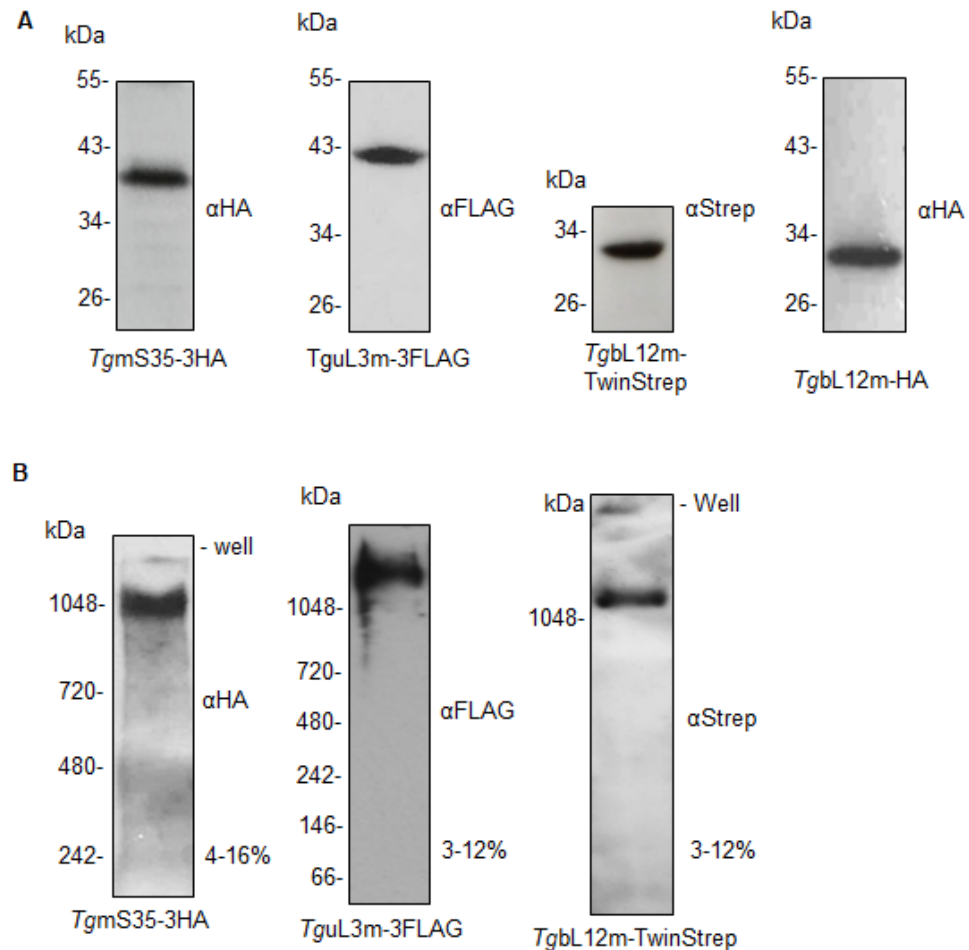
Putative mitoribosomal proteins identified from Gupta *et al.*, 2014; Seidi *et al.*, 2018 and this study. New names were tentatively assigned based to the new nomenclature for ribosomal proteins (Ban *et al.*, 2014; Greber and Ban, 2016). New mitochondrial targeting predictions are done using MitoProt

II (<https://ihg.gsf.de/ihg/mitoprot.html>). The presence (yes) or absence (no) of the gene product in the proximity tagging based mitochondrial proteome is shown (Seidi *et al.*, 2018) (no - no mass spectrometry data; no\* - mass spectrometry data found but the gene is not included in the final list of 421 genes). Gene localisation from the LOPIT data is shown when available (Barylyuk *et al.*, 2020). The fitness score is based on the whole genome CRISPR/CAS9 screen (Sidik *et al.*, 2016). Genes with scores below -2 are considered essential.

## 10.2. Detection of the *T. gondii* mitoribosome

### 10.2.1. Mitoribosome megacomplex visualization on blue native PAGE

To date, the apicomplexan mitoribosome has not been detected and this hampered its study. Triple HA tagging of TgmS35 was hence used to detect the mitoribosome and analyse gel migration patterns under native and denaturing condition. An SDS-PAGE followed by immunoblotting revealed that TgmS35 protein migrates around 38 KDa (Figure 10.2A). Whereas in native conditions using blue-native PAGE, it migrates with a high molecular weight (>1000 KDa) complex (Figure 10.2B). Such a size could well coincide with a mitochondrial ribosomal complex, although at this point, due to the lack of knowledge of all mitoribosome components, it is hard to predict if this size corresponds to the full ribosome or to the small subunit. Ribosomes detected in other organism are larger with a size of ~2.3 MDa for bacteria (Amunts *et al.*, 2015), 2.7 MDa and ~3 MDa for mitoribosomes in mammals and yeast, respectively (Greber and Ban, 2016), and even an astonishing 4.5 MDa for *T. brucei* mitoribosome (Ramrath *et al.*, 2018). By comparison, it is tempting to hypothesise that the size observed here corresponds to the SU of the mitoribosome. However, with the growing understanding of the level of diversity amongst mito-ribosomes from different organisms, an exceptionally small mitoribosome cannot be excluded. Finally, it is important to consider that our separation conditions do not provide sufficient resolution to determine an exact size at this point. TgbL12m and TguL3m migrate approximately to their mature protein size under denaturing conditions as predicted on ToxoDB (Figure 10.2A). Separation under native conditions reveals that all three tagged proteins migrate similarly to one another (Figure 10.2B). While, again, at this size, estimation of protein complex molecular weight becomes very approximative and seeming side-by-side migration might be misleading. The results are at this point in agreement with the possibility that all three proteins belong to the same complex, likely the mitoribosome, or that the SSU and LSU complexes are of similar sizes.



**Figure 10.2 Detection of the *T. gondii* mitochondrial ribosome.**

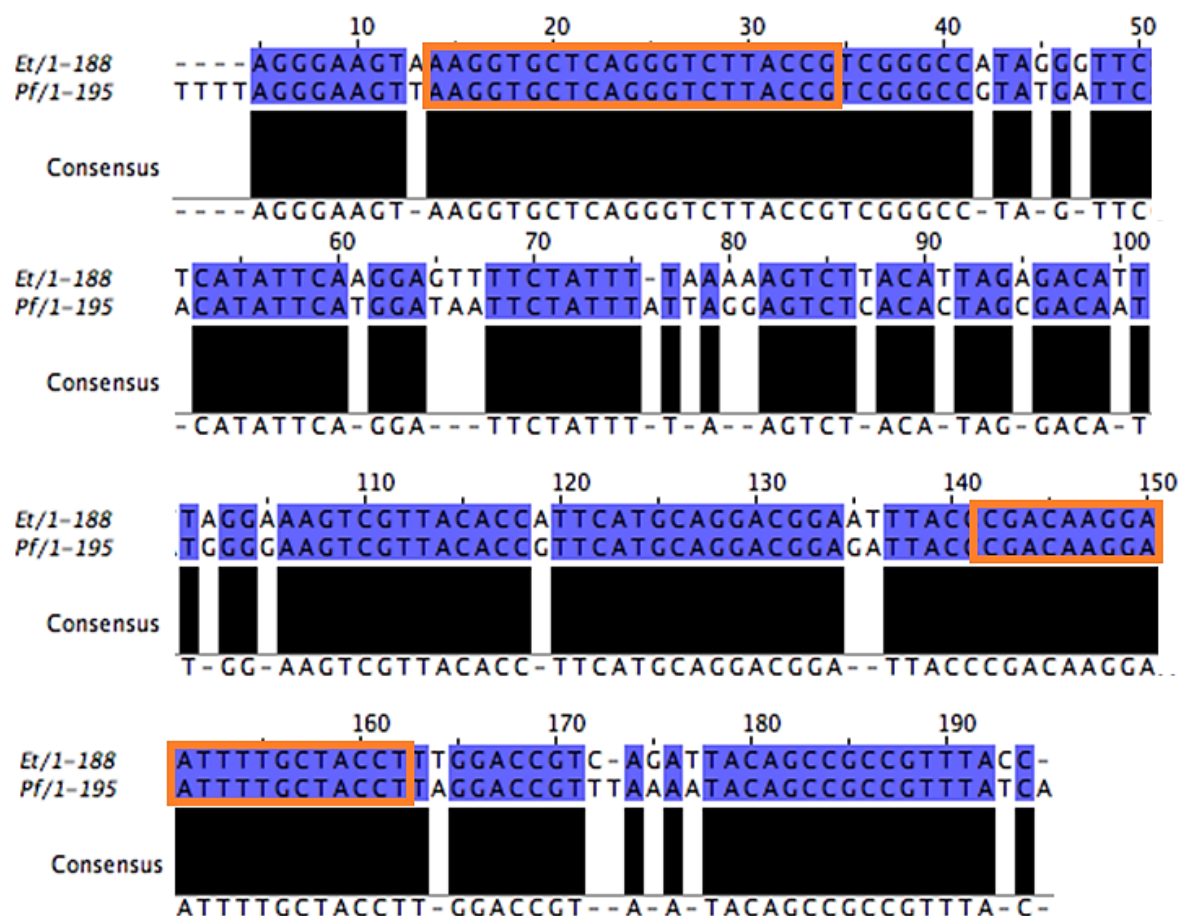
**(A)** Protein immunoblot analysis of endogenously tagged TgmS35, TgbL12m and TguL3m from total cell lysate separated by SDS-PAGE and detected using anti-HA/Strep/FLAG antibodies. **(B)** Total cell lysate separated by blue-native PAGE and immunoblotted to detect TgmS35, TgbL12m and TguL3m with anti-HA/Strep/FLAG antibodies.

### 10.2.2. Mitochondrial rRNA enrichment from TgmS35 IP

It is expected that in the case that the observed megacomplex is part of the ribosome, rRNA molecules are included. With this in mind, and to further support the possibility that the observed large complexes are ribosomal complexes, IP experiments using the triple-HA tagged TgmS35 as bait were carried out (Figure 10.4A). The expectation was that the pulled down complex would be enriched with rRNA compared to pull down of non-ribosomal complexes. RNA was thus extracted from the elution fractions to be used as template for PCR. To examine specific mitochondrial rRNA enrichment, the mitochondrial rRNA enriched IP was compared to apicoplast rRNA (api-rRNA, using primers from (Biddau *et al.*, 2018) or to cytosolic mRNA (actin mRNA, using primers from (Melatti *et al.*, 2019)). At the time of performing this work the mitochondrial genome of *T. gondii* was unknown (now published - (Namasivayama *et al.*, 2020)). Therefore, the PCR of



reverse transcribed mitochondrial encoded rRNA was performed using primers designed to amplify a sequence that is conserved between a coccidian and an haemosporidan, whose mitochondrial DNA genome sequences are published (GenBank accessions: M76611.1 and AB564272.1) (Figure 10.3) (mito-rRNA), under the expectation that sequences that are conserved across those organisms are likely also conserved in *T. gondii*.

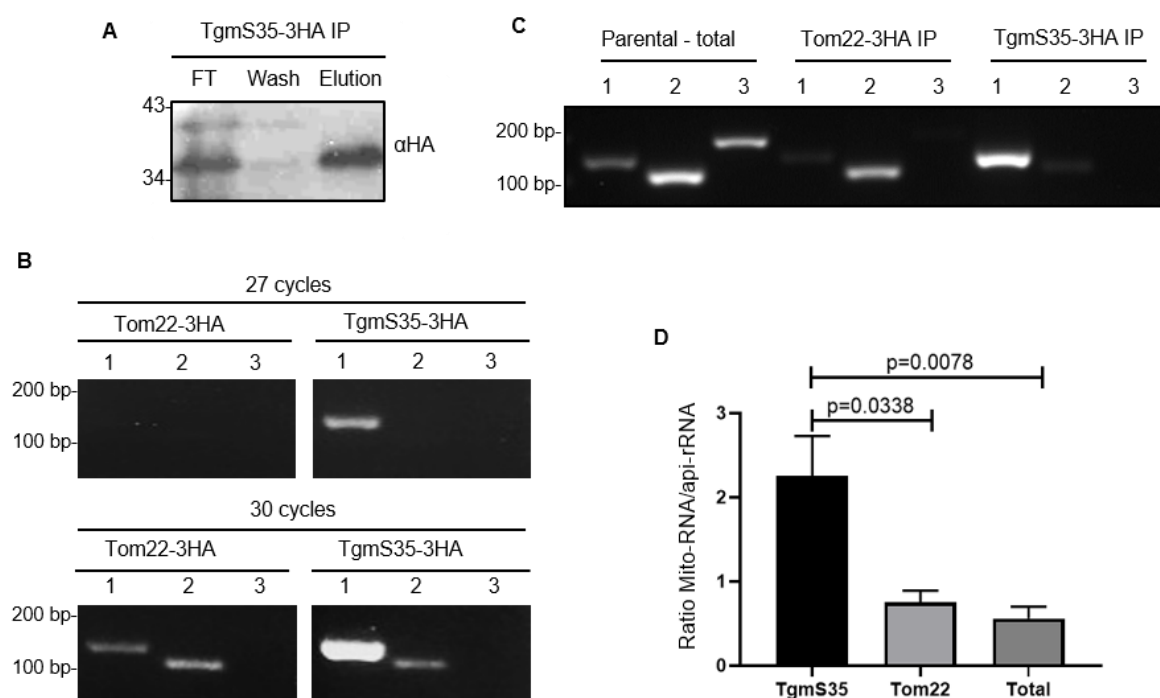


**Figure 10.3 Alignments of LSUE ribosomal RNA gene sequences from published mitochondrial genome sequences.**

Sequences with GenBank accessions: *Plasmodium falciparum* (M76611) and *Eimeria tenella* (AB564272) were aligned using clustalX pairwise alignment and consensus colours generated via Jalview. Conservation is shown as blue colour on the sequences and black bars at the bottom of the alignment. Consensus based primers (marked with a yellow box) were designed to amplify an rRNA sequence from the *T. gondii* mitochondrial genome.

As negative controls, RNA extracted from IP fractions performed on a line with the mitochondrial protein import component TgTom22 is triple-HA tagged (van Dooren *et al.*, 2016), and from total lysate of the parental line TATiΔku80 were also used as input. We initially wanted to perform RT-qPCR to quantify the amount of rRNA present in each IPs. However, qPCR required to use a precise amount of cDNA, and the amount of RNA extracted from the IPs prior “cDNA” generation was too little to be accurately measured by NanoDrop. We hence decided to carry out

PCR instead, and optimised the number of PCR cycles to be at the minimal detection level of each band so that intensity differences are apparent. 30 PCR cycles gave the best results (Figure 10.4B). PCR products were run on an agarose gel, and band intensities were quantified by calculating the ratio between “mito-rRNA” and “api-rRNA” PCR bands on imageJ (Table 10.2; all PCRs presented in Appendix Figure 3). Results showed that the mito-rRNA PCR product was consistently more abundant than api-rRNA (average mito/api ratio  $2.85 \pm 0.5$ ,  $n=7$ ) in TgmS35-3HA IP fractions compared to the controls ( $0.75 \pm 0.13$ ,  $n=4$ , from TgTom22-IP and  $0.56 \pm 0.17$ ,  $n=5$ , from total lysate). Figure 10.4D shows a graph summarising data from all the experiments, and Figure 10.4C shows an example of one experiment. In support of the IP specifically enriching for mitochondrial rRNA, the PCR for actin did not amplify products from most of the TgmS35 IP fractions (we could observe a band in one of four Tom22-IP experiments, and in none of seven TgmS35-IP experiments) while consistently amplifying from total RNA (five times of five experiments) (Figure 10.4C). These findings provide additional support for TgmS35 being a part of a ribosomal complex.



**Figure 10.4 Detection of mitochondrial rRNA in TgmS35 immunoprecipitation elutions.**

**(A)** Immunoblotting of the different fraction obtained from the triple HA tagged TgmS35 IP. Anti-HA was used to detect TgmS35 and shows enrichment of the ribosomal protein in the elution compared to the throw through (FT). **(B)** PCR cycle optimisation to reach the minimal detection level of each band. PCRs were performed with primers for a (1) mitochondrial rRNA sequence (mito-rRNA), for an (2) apicoplast rRNA sequence (api-rRNA) and for a (3) cytosolic mRNA (actin). Template is RNA extracted from IP of TgTom22 (Tom22-3HA IP) or from IP of TgmS35 (TgmS35-3HA IP) **(C)** An example PCR experiment performed with primers (1), (2), and (3) as above. Template is RNA extracted from total cell lysate of TATiΔku80 (Parental - total), from IP of TgTom22 (Tom22-IP) or from IP of TgmS35 (TgmS35-IP). **(D)** Comparison of results from PCR performed with primers for a

mitochondrial rRNA sequence (mito-rRNA), for an apicoplast rRNA sequence (api-rRNA) and for a cytosolic mRNA (actin). Template is RNA extracted from total cell lysate of TATi $\Delta$ ku80 (total), from IP of TgTom22 (Tom22) or from IP of TgmS35 (TgmS35). A one-way ANOVA statistical test was performed.

	TgmS35 mito-rRNA	TgmS35 api-rRNA	RT-PCR TgmS35-IP ratio	Tom22 mito-rRNA	Tom22 api-rRNA	RT-PCR TgTom22-IP ratio	Parental - Total mito-rRNA	Parental - Total api-rRNA	RT-PCR Parental - Total ratio
Exp 1	125.233	32.846	3.813	34.288	40.380	0.849	48.593	114.384	0.425
Exp 2	62.163	95.069	0.654	25.469	25.564	0.996	46.656	118.138	0.395
Exp 3	110.048	26.771	4.111	24.493	70.131	0.349	42.724	96.869	0.441
Exp 4	127.351	110.847	1.149	102.972	127.278	0.809	80.315	63.877	1.257
Exp 5	101.466	55.280	1.835				33.843	105.756	0.320
Exp 6	67.524	56.599	1.193						
Exp 7	73.435	30.874	2.379						
Avarage	95.317	58.327	2.859	46.806	65.838	0.751	50.426	99.805	0.568
SEM	10.381	12.459	0.510	18.851	22.479	0.140	7.891	9.704	0.174

**Table 10.2 Quantification of mitochondrial rRNA enrichment from TgmS35-3HA IPs in relation to apicoplast rRNA and cytosolic mRNA.**

PCR band intensity ratios were calculated by dividing theband intensity value of PCR using mito-rRNA primers (mitochondrial rRNA) by the one using api-rRNA primers (apicoplast rRNA). This was performed for IPs using TgmS35-3HA line, Tom22-3HA line and the TATi $\Delta$ ku80 parental line.

Taken together, the approximate size of the complexes marked by tagged TgmS35, TgbL12m and TguL3m, and the specific enrichment of mitochondrial rRNA in the TgmS35 pull-down are in agreement with the identity of the observed complex as a *T. gondii* mitoribosome complex.

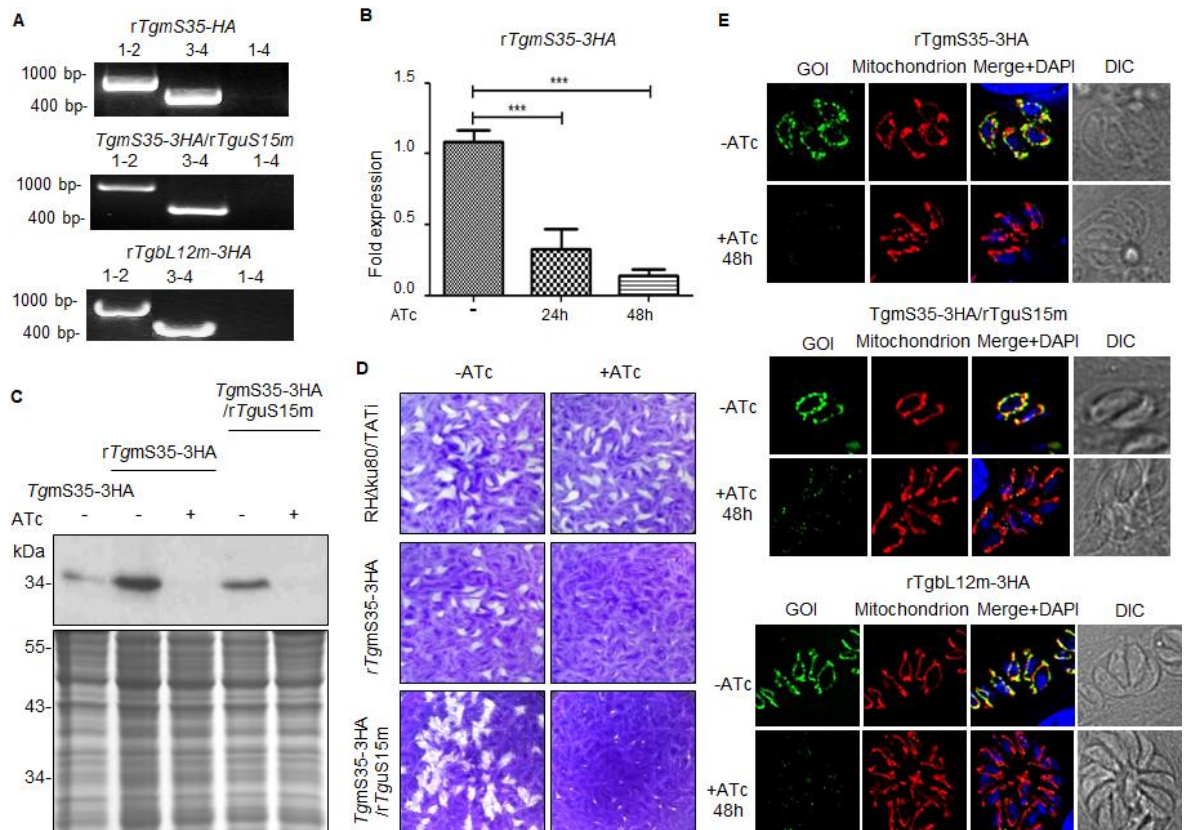
### 10.3. TgmS35, TguS15m and TgbL12m are crucial for mitochondrial biogenesis and parasite fitness

To study the function of these genes in more detail, conditional knock-down lines were generated. First, we wanted to provide additional support to TgmS35 being part of a mitoribosomal complex. We reasoned that upon disruption of a gene encoding a protein with high homology to another known mitoribosome subunit, TgmS35 expression or stability may be affected. TguS15m is another putative mitochondrial ribosomal protein identified by Gupta *et al.* (2014) as a homolog of the universally conserved uS15m (Table 10.1); it was thus chosen to assess the putative dependency of TgmS35 upon its disruption. Hence, cKD line was generated by replacing TguS15m native promoter with an ATc repressible promoter as described earlier (Figure 9.3A), in the TgmS35-3HA background line. In addition, for the purpose of functional studies, the native promoter of the TgmS35 and TgbL12m was also replaced with an ATc repressible promoter, each

in their respective parental line where the gene is triple HA tagged. These lines were named TgmS35-3HA/rTguS15, rTgmS35-3HA, and rTgbL12m-3HA, respectively. Inducible promoter integration was confirmed by PCR for all 3 genes (Figure 10.5A). ATc induced downregulation was confirmed by qPCR, western blot and IFA for rTgmS35-3HA (Figure 10.5B-C), and loss of protein was verified by IFA for the rTgbL12m-3HA (Figure 10.5E). Interestingly for TgmS35-3HA/rTguS15, immunoblot and IFA analysis showed that downregulation of TguS15m gene results in depletion of the TgmS35 protein (Figure 10.5C and E). These results support the hypothesis that these proteins are part of the same mitoribosomal complex and suggests that they are essential for its stability.

Parasite growth was monitored by plaque assay which revealed a severe growth defect in response to TgmS35 and TguS15m depletion. However, small plaques can still be observed suggesting that these genes are important for fitness, yet not essential (Figure 10.5D), although, this could as well be due to some residual leaky expression from the ATc inducible knock down strategy. Due to lack of time, rTgbL12m-3HA line was not tested for parasite growth and is an assay to be performed in the future, as well as a western blot to assess loss of protein.

In agreement with their potential role in mitochondrial biogenesis, the loss of TgmS35, TguS15m, and TgbL12m induced some mitochondrial morphology abnormalities observable by IFA (Figure 10.5E) with the majority of the parasites on observed fields that displaying mitochondria in “sperm-like” shapes and some fragmented; whereas no morphological defect was observed in the parental line - most parasites displayed open/“half-moon” and lower abundance of “sperm-like” mitochondria (Figure 10.6A). The same criteria for assessing mitochondrial morphology as Figure 9.1 were used here too.



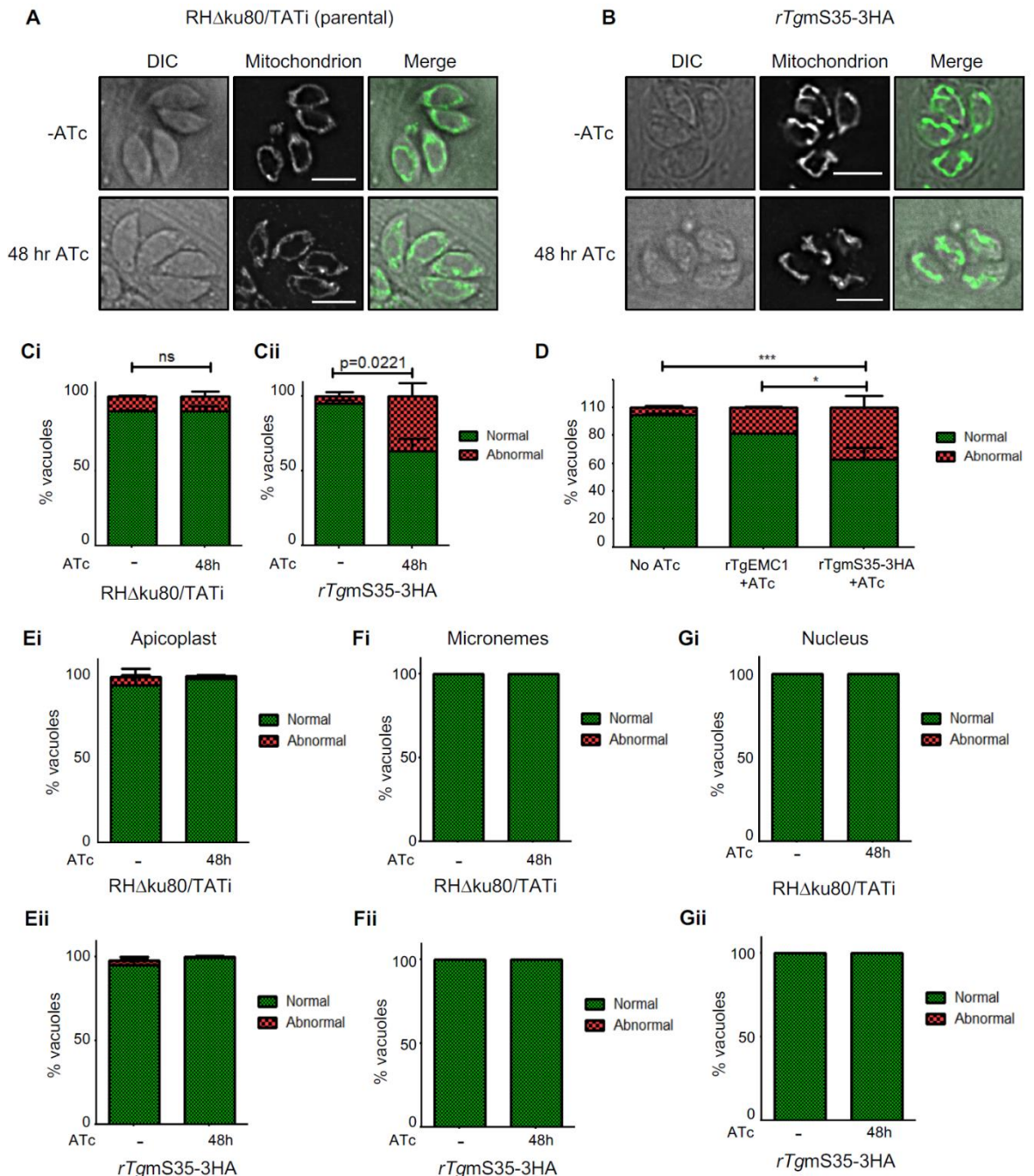
**Figure 10.5 Conditional knock-down of TgmS35, TguS15m and TgbL12m results in mitochondrial morphology defect, and growth disturbance for TgmS35, TguS15m as well.**

**(A)** Validation of the promoter integration in the *TgmS35*, *TguS15m* and *TgbL12m* locus via PCR analysis using primers 1, 2, 3, and 4, represented in Figure 9.4A. **(B)** Transcript levels of *TgmS35*, analysed by qPCR normalised to actin, in absence (-) or presence of ATc after 24 and 48 hours. Bars represent the mean  $\pm$  SEM (n=5). \*\*\*p < 0.0001. **(C)** Western blot (top panel) of *TgmS35-3xHA* in lines where *TgmS35* is under its native promoter (*TgmS35-3HA*), and where *TgmS35* or *TguS15m* are under regulatable promoters (*rTgmS35-3HA* and *TgmS35-3HA/rTguS15m* respectively). Lower panel shows instant blue staining as a loading control. **(D)** Plaque assays performed with parental line (RHΔku80/TATi) (top panel), *rTgmS35-3xHA* parasites (middle panel) or *rTgmS15* parasites grown for 9 days in the absence (-) or presence (+) of ATc. **(E)** Immunofluorescence assay of *rTgmS35-3HA*, *TgmS35-3HA/rTguS15m* and *rTgbL12m-3HA* parasites in the absence (-ATc) or presence (+ATc) of ATc for 48 hours. GOIs, mitochondria and nuclei were stained with anti-HA, anti-TgMys and DAPI, respectively, and parasites were observed by Differential Interference Contrast (DIC).

To confirm this observation, vacuoles displaying mitochondrial morphological defect were counted in the presence or absence of ATc for 48 hours. IFA analysis for *rTgmS35-3HA* detected mitochondrial morphological abnormalities with a disproportionate number of mitochondria with “sperm-like”, and fragmented and branched-irregular to a lesser extent, upon *TgmS35* depletion, and this defect was not detected upon ATc treatment of the parental line (Figure 10.6A-C). Moreover, conditional depletion of a component of an unrelated pathway, a putative ER-mitochondria complex member, EMC1 (TGME49\_205740) (Wideman and Muñoz-Gómez, 2016; Ovciarikova and Sheiner, unpublished), while deleterious to the parasites (Lacombe *et al.*, 2019), showed a significantly milder effect on mitochondrial morphology than what was observed upon depletion of *TgmS35*.

(Figure 10.6D) suggesting that this phenotype is not just the result of parasites dying. But as mentioned previously, the timing in which morphological defects events appear is important, and we will perform a detailed time-line analysis in the future to confirm that morphology defects precede other defects to further support our conclusions. Finally, other organelles, such as apicoplast, microneme and nucleus, did not display any significant defect upon TgmS35 depletion (IFA using anti-HSP60 for the apicoplast, anti-Mic2 for micronemes and DAPI for the nucleus) (Figure 10.6E-G). Lack of defect in these organelles is in support of a mitochondrial specific defect in these lines. Together, these results are consistent with TgmS35 being important for parasite fitness and mitochondrial biogenesis.





**Figure 10.6 Morphological analysis of organelles under TgmS35 depletion.**

(A/B) Immunofluorescence micrographs taken with the RHΔku80/TATi parental/*rTgmS35-3HA* line respectively grown in the presence or absence (-) of ATc for 48h, showing examples for untreated (-ATc) or treated (48h ATc) mitochondrial morphologies. (C) Quantification of parasite vacuoles with “normal” (green) vs “abnormal” (red) mitochondrial morphologies after growth of the RHΔku80/TATi parental (Ci) or the *TgmS35-3HA* (Cii) lines without (-) or with ATc for 48 hours. Graphs represent mean ± SEM for n = 3 independent experiments; Analysed by t-test. (D) Quantification of “normal” vs “abnormal” mitochondria-containing vacuoles after growth of *rTgmS35-HA* or *rTgEMC1* without (-) or with ATc for 48 hours. Graph represents mean ± SEM for n = 3 independent experiments for *rTgEMC1* +ATc and *rTgmS35-3HA* +ATc and n=6 for No ATc where data from *rTgEMC1* no ATc and *rTgmS35-3HA* no ATc were combined; Analysed by ANOVA followed by Tukey’s Multiple Comparison Test, \* p<0.05 and \*\*\*p<0.001. (E-G) Quantification of “normal” vs “abnormal” apicoplast/nucleus/microneme after growth of RHΔku80/TATi (i) *rTgmS35-3HA* (ii) without (-) or with ATc for 48 hours. Graph for apicoplast represents mean ± SEM for n = 3 independent experiment; Analysed by t-test. Nucleus and microneme morphologies were not analysed statistically as no abnormal morphology was observed.

## 10.4. TgmS35 is essential for mitochondrial translation

In yeast, mS35 is found at the critical point of mRNA entry into the ribosome (N. *et al.*, 2017). It was hypothesised that depletion of TgmS35 should result in a mitochondrial translation defect. However, the field lacks an assay to directly monitor mitochondrial translation in *T. gondii*. The assembly and activity of complex IV, which is directly dependent on the mitochondrial translation of CoxI and III, was therefore monitored and compared to the assembly and activity of complex V, which in *T. gondii*, does not contain any mitochondrially encoded subunits (Figure 9.7A). Using a crude mitochondrial fraction, obtained from parasites lysed through nitrogen cavitation as described in Section 8.1.1, a hrCN-PAGE followed by in-gel complex IV and V activity assay was performed (Figure 10.7B). As mentioned in Section 9.4.3, both complex VI and V identities were validated (Table 9.1, Figure 9.4). The two assays were performed at 48h and 96h post TgmS35 depletion (Figure 10.7B). A decrease in complex IV activity was observed at 48 hours (decreased band intensity) and complete activity loss by 96 hours (loss of band). Complex V, however, did not display a decrease of activity until 96 hours post gene depletion (Figure 10.7B). These results suggest that TgmS35 likely has a role in mitochondrial translation as activity of mitochondrially encoded complex IV is hampered before nuclear encoded complex V is when TgmS35 is absent. Here again, as in Figure 9.7B, we avoided quantification of subtle differences due to the non-linear staining build-up and sample running variation as it is the case between the complex V assay in Figure 10.7A and 10.7B. The defect seen in complex V at 96h may be the result of a secondary effect, whereby in the absence of mitochondrial translation, complex III (for which one subunit is encoded in the mitochondrial genome) and IV (for which we show a defect) are not functional, as a result the electrochemical gradient is not fully established and protein import to the mitochondrion, which relies on this gradient, is hampered. To explore this possibility, the nuclear encoded TOM complex assembly and protein import were then investigated. Western blot analysis of a native gel from the 96-hour time point showed that TOM40 in the TgmS35 depleted line, migrates at the same size as that of the untreated line (Figure 10.7C). This data suggests that the TOM complex, whose components are not encoded in the mitochondrial genome, continues to assemble. To provide further support for TOM complex assembly, protein import into the mitochondrion



was monitored. As described in Section 9.3., transient transfection of a Myc tagged DHFR fused to the mitochondrial targeting signal of HSP60 (Hsp60L-mDHFR-cMyc (Van Dooren *et al.*, 2016) was carried out at different time points after TgmS35 depletion. Import of this construct was monitored by IFA (Figure 10.7D) and mature/immature band intensity ratio observed by western blot was calculated (Figure 10.7E-F; Table 10.3). In a previous study the depletion of a component of the protein import machinery had resulted in accumulation of pre-mature Hsp60L-mDHFR-cMyc as observed by western blot (Van Dooren *et al.*, 2016). However, in the case of TgmS35 depletion, the western blot analysis showed no significant protein import defect upon, including at the 96-hour time point (no statistical differences compared to absence of ATc) (Figure 10.8E-F; Table 8.5; Appendix Table 6 for statistical analysis detail). The IFA also revealed no mitochondrial import defect, with perfect co-localisation of the Hsp60L-mDHFR-cMyc product (in green) and the TOM40 mitochondrial marker (in red). Taken together, these observations suggest that TgmS35 depletion results in a defect in the assembly and activity specifically of a mitochondrial respiratory complex whose subunits are thought to be encoded in the mitochondrial genome, while other complexes continue to assemble correctly and other mitochondrial biogenesis pathways continue to function.



using anti-TOM40 of whole-cell and enriched mitochondria sample was performed as a loading control. **(B)** Mitochondrial enriched fraction from rTgmS35-3xHA grown in the absence (-) or presence (+) of ATc for 96 hours, separated by high resolution clear-native PAGE and stained with Coomassie or for complex IV or complex V activity as above. **(C)** Immunoblot with anti- TOM40 antibody of mitochondrial enriched fraction from rTgmS35-3xHA grown in the absence (-) or presence (+) of ATc for 96 hours, separated by blue-native PAGE. **(D)** Immunofluorescence of rTgmS35-3HA repressible line in the presence or absence (-ATc) for 24, 48, 96 hours followed by transient transfection with Hsp60L-mDHFR-cMyc. The Hsp60L-mDHFR-cMyc protein product was visualised using an anti-Myc antibody, the mitochondrion anti-Tom40 antibody, the nucleus was stained with DAPI and whole parasites were visualised by polarised light (DIC). **(E)** Western blot representation of the parasites in the absence (-) or presence of ATc for 24, 48 and 96 hours, using anti-Myc antibody to visualize the immature (grey arrow) and mature (black arrow) of the Hsp60L-mDHFR-cMyc gene product. This was repeated 4 times. **(F)** Graph showing band intensity ratios between the mature and immature Hsp60L-mDHFR-cMyc product from the western blot shown in (E) on ImageJ software. This import assay was performed for rTgmS35-3xHA line in the absence (-) or presence of ATc for 24, 48 and 96 hours. Bars represent the mean  $\pm$  SEM (n=4). A one-way ANOVA statistical test was performed and revealed no statistical differences between the no treatment (-ATc) and treated (+ATc 24h, 48h, 96h) parasites.

rTgmS35				
	Treatment	WB band	Mean	Ratio Mature/Immature
Exp 1	No ATc	Immature	10200	5.088
		Mature	51900	
	24h ATc	Immature	13000	4.577
		Mature	59500	
	48h ATc	Immature	24900	2.257
		Mature	56200	
Exp 2	96h ATc	Immature	31600	2.516
		Mature	79500	
	No ATc	Mature	20100	3.204
		Immature	64400	
	24h ATc	Mature	19400	3.242
		Immature	62900	
Exp 3	48h ATc	Mature	23400	2.953
		Immature	69100	
	96h ATc	Mature	35400	2.799
		Immature	99100	
	No ATc	Immature	27.047	3.527
		Mature	7.668	
Exp 4	24h ATc	Immature	24.722	2.647
		Mature	9.338	
	48h ATc	Immature	75.592	3.533
		Mature	21.399	
	96h ATc	Immature	49.737	2.343
		Mature	21.226	
	No ATc	Immature	56.26	2.639
		Mature	21.316	
	24h ATc	Immature	64.506	3.063
		Mature	21.063	
	48h ATc	Immature	63.127	1.700
		Mature	37.125	
	96h ATc	Immature	31.98	2.299
		Mature	13.912	
		Ratio Average	STDEV	SEM
	No ATc	3.615	1.049	0.524
	24h ATc	3.382	0.834	0.417
	48h ATc	2.611	0.800	0.400
	96h ATc	2.489	0.227	0.113

**Table 10.3 Protein import assay - Quantification of band intensities ratios from the mature and immature Hsp60L-mDHFR-cMyc product for the rTgmS35 line.**

## 10.5. Conclusion

Apicomplexans mitochondria are highly divergent from model organisms and have undergone some dramatic reduction in their mitochondrial genome leaving them with only 3 protein encoding genes which encode for subunits of the mETC, and some fragmented rRNA genes (Namasivayama *et al.*, 2020). Very little is known about how these proteins are translated, and up until this work, there were no direct evidence of the assembly of stable mitoribosome complex in apicomplexan parasites. Here, endogenously tagged putative ribosomal proteins TgmS35, TgbL12m and TguL3m were confirmed to localise to the mitochondrion, and the tagged lines allowed the detection of mitoribosome complexes for the first time by BN PAGE (Figure 10.2B). Furthermore, mitochondrial rRNA was enriched after RNA extraction of mitoribosome enriched samples by immunoprecipitating the complex from TgmS35-3HA parasites (Figure 10.4). IP using Tom22-3HA and the parental lines as negative control confirmed that the presence of mitochondrial rRNA was specific to the TgmS35-3HA line (Figure 10.4B and C), which provide further support in the identity of the macromolecular complex. Moreover, conditional knock down of TguS15m in the TgmS35-3HA background line resulted in the loss of the TgmS35 protein by IFA and western blot. This demonstrates that these proteins are both part of the same ribosomal complex and are essential for its stability (Figure 10.5C). Altogether, these data provide compelling evidence of the presence of mitoribosomes in *T. gondii* mitochondrion, and provide another evidence supporting that *T. gondii* mitochondrion is indeed a translationally active organelle.

The generation of conditional knock down lines of ribosomal proteins TgmS35, TguS15m and TgbL12m revealed mitochondrial morphology defect upon gene depletion (Figure 10.5E), while no defects seen in other organelles. Analysis of the knock down further revealed that TgmS35 and TguS15m proteins are crucial for parasite growth (Figure 10.5D). These results fit with their predicted role in mitochondrial biogenesis.

These putative ribosomal proteins are expected to be actively involved in mitochondrial translation. Our complex IV (mitochondrial translation dependent) and complex V (mitochondrial translation independent) activity assay was

developed to monitor this outcome, and revealed early loss of activity of complex IV after TgmS35 depletion and only subsequently loss of complex V upon TgmS35 depletion, which is consistent with a role of TgmS35 in mitochondrial translation. In the absence of other direct methods to study mitochondrial translation in apicomplexans this assay provides a useful proxy, while the lab continues to develop such tools (in the discussion section).

## 11. Conclusion and discussion

Despite advances in research on mitochondrial biology and diversity across eukaryotes in recent years, knowledge is still focused on a handful of models, such as yeast, mammals and plants. Concentrating on these canonical mitochondria narrows our window of understanding. Indeed, from its first acquisition by endosymbiosis over a billion years ago (Wang and Wu, 2015), the ancestral endosymbiont evolved to give rise to an array of divergent mitochondria and mitochondria-like organelles, and studying these is necessary to have the full picture of mitochondrial biology across life. Learning about mitochondrial biology in organisms outside the Opisthokonta group can help scientists understand mitochondrial functions across eukaryotes and may be of relevance for human diseases caused by e.g. eukaryotic parasites. However, it is the lack of well-developed, tractable, model organisms outside these key groups, as well as the lack of tools to study them, that hampers discoveries. Apicomplexa, which contain the medically important *Plasmodium* and *Toxoplasma* parasites, is such a group where the mitochondria are understudied. The work described here provides crucial advances to the understanding of apicomplexan mitochondrial biology, and especially mitochondrial translation by first investing insubstantial trouble shooting efforts to compare and optimising the cell lysis methods - this work shows that nitrogen cavitation is a powerful technic to break open parasites in a scalable manner, which the Sheiner lab is now using routinely for structural studies as well; then, by characterising the mitochondrial ribosome and by establishing an analytical pipeline to identify mitochondrial translation defects. Finally, characterisation of new ribosomal proteins also provides the field with new validated mitochondrial markers.

### 11.1. Establishment of a protocol to lyse *T. gondii* in a scalable and efficient manner for crude mitochondrial preparation

To date, studying mitochondrial function has been limited by the lack of protocol that allows good quality, large-scale organelle enrichment. As a result, the field has had to rely on whole cell analysis and biochemistry (e.g. (Ke *et al.*, 2018; Seidi, Linden S Muellner-Wong, *et al.*, 2018), and fluorescence microscopy (e.g.(Garbuz and Arrizabalaga, 2017; Ovciarikova *et al.*, 2017) to address

questions on mitochondrial biology. In model organisms, *in vitro* functional assays performed with isolated mitochondria are extensively used to unravel mitochondrial functions, including translation. However, for *T. gondii*, the parasitology community struggles to isolate mitochondria - firstly due to the tight association with the apicoplast (which remains an issue, and will likely only be solved with apicoplast biogenesis mutants), and secondly due to the nature of this organism's intracellular lifestyle and size, where gathering enough material prior to mitochondria isolation is also a challenge, and cannot be done simply by scaling up axenic culture as it has worked for e.g. *Trypanosomatids*. In this study, we sought to establish a scalable method to break open the parasite with high efficiency which also conserves mitochondrial respiratory complexes intact and active. Different methods, used in model organisms and other parasites, were tested. Most of them resulted in no to moderate success, and are not scalable (Section 8.1). Nitrogen cavitation was the best lysis method tested with an efficiency of up to 99% breakage and capacity (through changing size of chamber and through repeating cycles with unbroken material) to lyse high numbers of parasite cells (so far, the highest number of parasites broken effectively in one experiment in the lab is  $5 \times 10^{13}$  parasites). It is reproducible, reliable, and has the remarkable advantage to allow large scale cell lysis to the point that the only limitation is manpower. Indeed, some on-going experiments designed to solve *T. gondii*'s mitoribosome structure via single particle analysis by cryo-electron microscopy, in collaboration with Prof. Alexey Amunts' laboratory at the university of Stockholm required such quantity of enriched mitochondria that nitrogen cavitation was the obvious and only option capable to meet this requirement.

In this study, differential centrifugation was performed to start removing cellular compartments and enrich samples in mitochondria. A slow spin at 1500 x g aimed at removing unbroken cell and large debris, and a high spin of 16000 x g aimed at pelleting mitochondria. A quality control by western blot and IFA revealed substantial loss of mitochondria in the slow spin pellet, which can possibly be due to organelles and large debris clumping together and being dragged to the bottom of the tube. Slow and high spin differential centrifugation have been used multiple times in the *Toxoplasma* community and routinely for model organisms to generate crude mitochondria samples. However, for such protocols, immunoblots

assessing the quality of the enrichment throughout the centrifugation process is not showed, only the whole cell, end product pellet and supernatant are showed (Liao *et al.*, 2018), when available, and so we do not have points of comparison with other work. So, in some way, our quality control by immunoblotting and IFA is somewhat more thorough than many studies. Nonetheless, it is clear that crude mitochondria samples contain many contaminants, except for the cytosol which is completely removed (Liao *et al.*, 2018). Similarly to these protocols, we were successful at removing the cytosol, which is an essential step to study organellar translation and was the minimum requirement for the tRNA IP experiments (see below). Special care should, be taken while filtering out host cells, as this can impact the quality of the sample preparation. Additional controls to assess mitochondrial integrity can be performed to further validate our lysis and enrichment protocol. Staining with Mitotracker® or JC-1 is a straight forward technique that can tell us if mitochondria are still active as they generated a mitochondrial fluorescent signal when the membrane potential is undisturbed. In model organisms, mitochondrial integrity can also be assessed by measuring complex IV activity through cytochrome c dependent consumption of oxygen, using a Clark-type oxygen electrode (Sweetlove, Taylor and Leaver, 2007). To function, complex IV requires reduced cytochrome c in the IMS as a substrate. As cytochrome c is too large to pass through the OMM, if mitochondria are intact, no complex IV activity should be detected in the presence of reduced cytochrome c in the solution. However, complex IV activity will be detected if the OMM is compromised. Hence, by comparing activity with and without detergent to solubilise the OMM, an estimation of the OMM integrity can be made (Sweetlove, Taylor and Leaver, 2007). Of course, such assay would need to be adapted for *T. gondii* which in itself would be a tedious task. But it is also not guaranteed to work as *T. gondii* being an intracellular parasite, any contamination with host mitochondria would render this assay unusable.

To obtain “cleaner” mitochondria samples, efforts are currently made to optimise mitochondria purification by sucrose and Percoll gradient, which allows a more refined organelle separation by density. Nitrogen cavitation has previously been used for cell lysis followed by mitochondria enrichment in *Plasmodium* (Kobayashi *et al.*, 2007; Mather, Morrissey and Vaidya, 2010; Hata, Sato and Kita, 2019) and in the unrelated single cell eukaryote Trypanosomes (Bouzaidi-Tiali *et al.*, 2007). It



is envisaged that this protocol will be invaluable for future efforts in the field to study *T. gondii* mitochondrial biochemistry, and to characterise other organelles, as it is already the case with the hyperLOPIT study which has made a major step forward in the study of spatial protein sub-compartmental localisation (Barylyuk *et al.*, 2020).

## **11.2. tRNA IP as a tool to identify putative MITI components: optimisation and protein localisation**

Apicomplexan parasite mitochondrial genomes have lost all tRNA genes throughout evolution and hence these mitochondria need to import tRNAs to translate their genome. Previous studies have shown that mitochondrial tRNA import (MITI) occurs in *T. gondii* and *P. falciparum* (Esseiva *et al.*, 2004; Pino *et al.*, 2010; Sharma and Sharma, 2014). In fact, it occurs in many mitochondria possessing organisms including protozoa, fungi, higher plants, and humans (Lithgow and Schneider, 2010; Rubio and Hopper, 2011; Schneider, 2011). *T. brucei* is another example for the extreme case where the complete set of tRNA must be imported into mitochondria (Tan *et al.*, 2002). Seidman *et al.*, (2012) have established a protocol to elucidate the composition of the translocon complex which enables this passage. They used a pull-down approach with synthetic biotinylated tRNA<sup>leu</sup> (mitochondrial) and tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup> (strictly cytosolic), bound to paramagnetic beads, to identify components involved in tRNA import. Mass spectrometry (MS) analysis identified candidate proteins, two of which have a role in MITI and one of the two interacts with proteins involved in protein import in the inner mitochondrial membrane (IMM), supporting the hypothesis that tRNA import is performed in collaboration with proteins from the import machinery (Seidman *et al.*, 2012). To try and shed light on the, yet, unknown MITI translocon machinery in *T. gondii*, the same protocol was adapted for our model. Crude mitochondrial fractions were used to pull down proteins which interact with a tRNA known to be imported into the mitochondrion of *T. gondii* (tRNA<sup>lle</sup>) (Esseiva *et al.*, 2004); and a strictly cytosolic tRNA (tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup>), was used as a negative control to subtract unspecific binding and proteins that bind to all tRNAs, from the final result. Elutions were separated on polyacrylamide gels and proteins were stained with different staining methods. Finding a staining method which allowed a clear visualisation of bands was challenging, perhaps due to the low protein yield

at the end of the elution. In experiments for which bands were the clearest on the gel using Coomassie, we initially believed to see a faint band pattern difference between tRNA<sup>lle</sup> and tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup> around the group of proteins which migrated at ~20-30 kDa. As the difference was not very obvious, gel elution lanes were cut within a range of 17 - 34 kDa, and sent for MS analysis. After multiple repetitions, it became clear that there were no consistent band pattern differences between the tRNA<sup>lle</sup> and tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup> elutions. This is perhaps because the proteins of interest represent a very small proportion of the total proteins from the elution and hence are in too low abundance to be visible. Nonetheless, multiple samples had already been sent to MS with this MW range, and so, for consistency purposes, the following repetitions were performed as such, although this meant omitting proteins outside this interval. Five repetitions of gel slices analysis were performed in total, which resulted in the selection of 7 putative candidates which were present in 2 repeats out the 5, and absent from the tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup> experiments: TGME49\_219470/ 220950/ 246540/ 253740/ 259640/ 267660 and /297780. As expected many proteins discovered in the IP bound to both tRNAs ruling them out as candidates according to our criteria. It is important to mention that by exercising these criteria we limited ourselves to miss out on proteins that may have specific role in MITI despite also binding non-mitochondrial tRNAs. However, the finding that only 2 of them are predicted to be mitochondrial suggests the possibility that the others are false positive. The two predicted mitochondrial proteins have not been experimentally confirmed yet: TGME49\_219470 (online prediction tools) and TGME49\_246540 (found in the mitochondrial membrane cluster from the LOPIT data (Barylyuk *et al.*, 2020). It would be interesting to examine if narrow MW range selection sent for MS had led to us missing other relevant interactions, and this would be another future direction for any follow up work. However, although our main focus was on identifying mitochondrial proteins involved in MITI, tRNAs are also known to traffic from the nucleus to the cytosol (and some even back and forth again) for the purpose of going through their maturation process (Chatterjee *et al.*, 2018), before reaching their final destination. Thus, finding proteins which are predicted to be nuclear led us to consider the possibility of direct nuclear to mitochondrion trafficking. Two of the lists, TGME49\_253740 annotated as hypothetical protein, and TGME49\_259640 annotated as a nucleoporin autopeptidase protein in ToxoDB, were confirmed nuclear by IFA. TGME49\_259640 was published as TgNup302 and

is involved in nuclear transport (Courjol *et al.*, 2017). The finding from our IP, which suggest that these nuclear proteins interact with a mitochondrial tRNA but not with a cytosolic tRNA, may suggest a potential role for nuclear proteins in mediating or controlling MITI. An important future experiment-series to enhance the validity of this finding would include tagging the nuclear proteins and showing that pulling them down recovers only mitochondrial tRNA, and vice versa - confirmation of the interaction of the candidate protein with the imported tRNAs by repeating the tRNA pull down with the TgNup302-3HA tagged line followed by Western blot and doing reverse IPs with the TgNup302-3HA line followed by Northern blot to detect the presence of mitochondrial imported tRNA (and absence of tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup>). In such a scenario, one possibility is that tRNA traffic from the nucleus into the mitochondrion at sites of nuclear-mitochondrion proximity mediated by components of the nuclear pore. Indeed, examples for exchange of large molecules at sites of proximity between membranes of different organelle (also known as membrane contact sites) are accumulating fast in the field of cell biology in the past years (Prinz, Toulmay and Balla, 2020). Another possibility is that these nuclear proteins are involved in recruitment of tRNA, destined to the mitochondrion, away from the pool of those destined to the cytosol. tRNA recruitment mechanisms have been described before in the yeast (Baleva *et al.*, 2015) and *Trypanosomes* (Bouzaidi-Tiali *et al.*, 2007) MITI pathways, which in both cases, happen in the cytosol. Thus, nuclear tRNA recruitment for MITI would represent a new mechanism. MITI was shown in yeast to occur with tRNAs that are loaded with amino acids (I. Tarasov, Entelis and Martin, 1995). Thus, for either of these possibilities to takes place, amino acylation of the transported tRNA would occur in the nucleus. Nuclear tRNA amino acylation has been detected in different organisms such as yeast (Steiner-Mosonyi and Mangroo, 2004), and mammalian cells (Nathanson and Deutscher, 2000) (e.g. (Lund and Dahlberg, 1998; Nathanson and Deutscher, 2000) but this hasn't been examined in *T. gondii* yet. Future work for this gene includes functional characterisation of conditional knock-down mutants through evaluation of their importance for growth, mitochondrial biogenesis, and translation, as was performed for TgmS35. Further validation would include reproducing the *in vitro* tRNA import assay as described by Esseiva *et al.*, (2004) using these transgenic lines. If validation of this novel idea is achieved through such knock-down characterization and through the above-mentioned validation of the protein-tRNA interaction, a further step would be to

identify the protein partners in the mitochondrial membrane. For this, co-IP or bioID (Roux *et al.*, no date) can also be performed. The hypothesis of a direct tRNA transfer from the nucleus into the mitochondrion widens the area of research to study other complexes which may be indirectly linked to tRNA import, yet essential, such as protein involved in nuclear export of tRNA molecules.

TGME49\_220950, while annotated as a hypothetical protein in the genome database, was previously identified as MAF1b (Blank *et al.*, 2018) which is involved in host cell mitochondria recruitment. In support of such role endogenous triple HA tagging confirmed its expected localisation to the PV. In the context of our goal, this finding is surprising as MITI components are expected to be found mainly in the mitochondrion, and so it is likely that this is a false positive of our experiment. Nevertheless, for the completeness of this discussion it is worth considering other scenarios. MAF1b's role in host mitochondrial recruitment and its interaction with the tRNA<sup>Ile</sup> and not tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup> in our experiment, made us wonder about other hypothesis: (1) since MAF1b sequence contains a signal sufficient to interact with human mitochondria through which recruitment occurs, it is possible that the same signal may lead to an interaction with the parasite mitochondrion resulting in be bimodal targeting to the mitochondrion and PV. If such putative mitochondrion interaction occurs rarely, or by a small fraction of the MAF1b molecule population, it may well have been masked by the PV signal detected in the IFA. This possibility could be tested in the future by immuno-electron microscopy or through our parasite crude mitochondria preparation and Western blot. (2) Another intriguing possibility is that host cell mitochondrial recruitment is somehow regulated in respond to availability of tRNA<sup>Ile</sup>? Is there a link between host cell mitochondrial recruitment and parasite mitochondrial translation? This could be tested in the future by performing a MITI assay or by assessing mitochondrial translation in a MAF1 knock out line. However, we acknowledge that both these hypotheses are highly speculative.

For TGME49\_246540, annotated as cytochrome c1, triple HA tagging was unsuccessful for now, and attempts at tagging it using different methods (N Terminal tagging, other tagging epitopes or cDNA) are being considered.

TGME49\_219470 and /267660 are predicted as hypothetical proteins, and the former is predicted to localise to the mitochondrion. Endogenous tagging of both

genes was attempted twice unsuccessfully. Resistant parasites emerged from drug selection in both cases, however, PCR screen and IFA analysis revealed that none of them incorporated the tag. A likely reason is that the C-terminal tag cannot be tolerated and might interfere with function. N terminal tagging can be envisaged in the future as an alternative.

The whole protein dataset for both tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup> and tRNA<sup>Ile</sup> was analysed to find out any differences in terms of overall protein interaction. Results showed that amongst the hits found at least in two repeats, 26.4% and 33% are annotated as ribosomal proteins in ToxoDB for tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup> and tRNA<sup>Ile</sup>, respectively, which is in line with their role in translation. Amongst these putative ribosomal proteins, there is 16% more ribosomal proteins predicted to be mitochondrial in the tRNA<sup>Ile</sup> dataset than in the tRNA<sup>Met-i</sup> (Figure 8.4; Appendix table 1). This likely reflect the bimodal localisation and function of tRNA<sup>Ile</sup> in both the cytosol and the mitochondrion, and provide some validation that the approach identifies at least high abundant proteins that interact more specifically with tRNA<sup>Ile</sup>. Experimental validation by gene tagging will be performed in the future to confirm that these are indeed mitochondrial and if so, their interaction with tRNA<sup>Ile</sup> will be validated and further assessment of their potential role in mitochondrial translation performed.

Overall, this assay requires further optimisation and controls. Sending total elution fractions instead of gel slices of limited protein size would maximise protein yield. For this, further optimisation of the elution conditions is needed. For example, additional washes with protein buffer without BSA would need to be carried out to avoid heavy BSA contamination in the elution, which would complicate the analysis by MS. The advantage of full elution analysis compared to gel slices is that it also avoids protein loss during the extraction from the gel. Also, using other tRNAs known to be imported into the mitochondrion as controls, such as tRNA<sup>Ala</sup>, tRNA<sup>Trp</sup>, and tRNA<sup>ser</sup> (Esseiva *et al.*, 2004), will allow to address the question of whether there is a separate recognition factor for each tRNAs or it is the same factor which is shared amongst all of them, as it is the case in yeast and Trypanosomes (Rusconi and Cech, 1996; Entelis *et al.*, 2001; Mare, Salinas and Duche, 2008). If the latter is the case, data from IP with various tRNA will also enhance the confidence in the identified factors. Proteins involved in MITI, especially those part of the channel, are expected to have transient and weaker type of interactions with the imported tRNAs. In order to avoid losing these

contacts throughout the experiment and to lower background, crosslinking interaction analysis can be performed which covalently stabilises momentary interactions (Bhattacharyya *et al.*, 2003; Poria and Ray, 2017). Perhaps this could help this assay to be more specific.

Finally, an important control that has not been performed prior the pull-down assay is checking that the synthetic tRNAs are correctly folded and functional, although, this was an assumption made in previous published studies (e.g. Seidman *et al.*, (2012)) which were successful in identifying components of the MITI machinery (Schneider, 2011). There has been some conflicting research about whether tRNAs are imported in their mature state or as precursors. As mentioned in the Introduction, previous studies suggested that in *Trypanosoma* and *Leishmania*, tRNAs can be imported in their precursor form and unsliced form (Hancock *et al.*, 1992; Sbicego *et al.*, 1998; LeBlanc, Yermovsky-Kammerer and Hajduk, 1999), however, later studies refuted these results with evidence that suggested only mature tRNAs are in fact imported (Hauser and Schneider<sup>1</sup>, 1995; BD and L, 1996; Aphasizhev, Karmarkar and Simpson, 1998; Anne *et al.*, 2000; Kapushoc *et al.*, 2000; Tan *et al.*, 2002). With such ambiguous data, it is difficult to speculate as to how this would be in *T. gondii*, as these questions have not yet been addressed for this model. In light of this, we deemed reasonable to proceed with our tRNA pull down assay as it was performed in the Seidman *et al.*, (2012) study. Nonetheless, this remains a potential point to examine, although, tRNA processing is an entire project altogether. The synthetic biotinylated tRNA we obtained from the Dharmacon company was generated using *T. gondii* sequences which do not have predicted introns. However, these synthetic tRNAs would not possess the many post transcriptional modifications known to be mandatory for tRNA tertiary conformation stability and activity in model organisms. So, their 3D conformation could be tested by tRNA enzymatic probing using nuclease P1 or S1 which cut low complexity regions, and V1 which cuts double-stranded and highly structured regions. This would allow to compare the synthetic tRNA band patterns to the signature bands of mature tRNAs when run on a gel. Using the same enzyme digestion method, interaction with aaRSs can be assessed by performing footprint assays. tRNAs would be incubated with aaRSs before digestion, then band patterns would reflect areas exposed to or protected from the enzymes.

### 11.3. Bioinformatics screen identified new mitochondrial proteins

Efforts are being made to fill in the gaps of knowledge on mitochondrial biology in apicomplexan parasites, as opposed to the abundance of literature on model organisms such as human, yeast and plants. To fully understand and explore mitochondrial functions it was necessary to create an inventory of experimentally validated mitochondrial proteins. At the beginning of this project no proteomics data such as the mitochondrial proximity tagging based proteome (Seidi, Linden S. Muellner-Wong, *et al.*, 2018) and the LOPIT dataset (Barylyuk *et al.*, 2020) were available. Moreover, even as late as just prior publication of the Lacombe *et al.*, (2019) study, only 88 *Toxoplasma* mitochondrial proteins had been experimentally localised (Mallo *et al.*, 2018) which is expected to be well under the number of mitochondrial proteins based on studies in other organisms. A reason for that is the challenge of establishing a proteome when mitochondria isolation is hindered by its physical association with the apicoplast (Kobayashi *et al.*, 2007; M. Nishi *et al.*, 2008; and unpublished data from Dr. Lilach Sheiner's Laboratory). Strategies to resolve this issue are being explored (Hata, Sato and Kita, 2019), but in the meantime, methods which bypass the reliance on organelle isolation are being explored. Recently, biotin-proximity tagging approaches have made a big step forward by identifying a large proportion of the mitochondrial matrix proteins (Seidi, Linden S. Muellner-Wong, *et al.*, 2018). The number of 421 proposed mitochondrial proteins identified by this method is markedly smaller than the total number of mitochondrial proteins estimated for other species, such as 1060 proteins for *Solanum tuberosum* (potato tubers), 1008 for *T. brucei*, and 1014 for mammalian cells (Panigrahi *et al.*, 2009; Salvato *et al.*, 2014; Marini *et al.*, 2020). Many of the missing proteins are expected to localise to other mitochondrial sub-compartments. In another very recent study, Barylyuk *et al.*, (2020) which assessed the full atlas of organellar proteins in *T. gondii* tachyzoites via localisation of organelle proteins by isotope tagging (hyperLOPIT), a spatial proteomic method which allows identification of thousands of proteins with their respective organelle sub-compartments. Such technique had previously been used for mammalian cells and yeast (Christoforou *et al.*, 2016; Mulvey *et al.*, 2017; Geladaki *et al.*, 2019; Nightingale, Oliver and Lilley, 2019) and was adapted for *T. gondii*. This led to unprecedented advances in the identification of proteins of all cellular compartments and sub-compartments with remarkable accuracy. A total

of 390 mitochondrial proteins were identified, with 8 proteins validated by IFA (Barylyuk *et al.*, 2020). The number of identified mitochondrial proteins still remains smaller than the estimation, and the vast majority still need their localisation to be experimentally validated. In the Sheiner Laboratory, an *in-silico* search utilising a mutual gene-expression pattern and phylogenetic distribution to identify new mitochondrial protein candidates, and tagging was used to validate 11 new *T. gondii* mitochondrial proteins (Figure 8.6A, Lacombe *et al.*, 2019). More than half of them are not present in the Seidi *et al.*, dataset of 421 genes (Table 8.3), as well as in the hyperLOPIT dataset, and 2 of them are not predicted to target the mitochondrion in two different prediction algorithms (Table 8.3). As a result, this search strategy contributes to the ongoing efforts to identify new mitochondrial proteins in the field.

The bioinformatic screen focused on mRNAs that co-express with homologs of the mitochondrial protein import machinery components, some of which were recently validated experimentally (Van Dooren, Stimmler and McFadden, 2006). Authors from this study also identified additional components of the import machinery that were not part our bait list (Van Dooren, Stimmler and McFadden, 2006). Recovering 3 of these 5 new import components in the 279-gene dataset (Table 8.2 bottom) provides support to the power of this strategy to identify mitochondrial protein import components, especially considering none of them are found in five lists of randomly chosen 279 genes from the genome database (Appendix - Table S2 - Sheet 1 - columns F-P). It is hence likely that other proteins known to be involved in protein import may be found in the bioinformatic dataset, which is a point to assess in the future. The study from Van Dooren *et al.*, (2016) also shows that although many canonical protein import homologues can be found in *T. gondii*, with a major component, TgTom40, being of similar size than its yeast counterpart, many cannot be identified via bioinformatics methods, and this is despite the fact the TOM40 complex size as seen by native page is similar to its mammalian homologs (Van Dooren *et al.*, 2016). This finding suggests that it is likely that other unknown components take part in this machinery which may be parasite specific. In the bioinformatic dataset, 109 genes are unique to apicomplexans (Appendix Table 4, column D), providing a pool from which some of those missing pieces may be found. Other characteristics of components of the mitochondrial protein import machinery is absence of a canonical mitochondrial



targeting signal, and presence of transmembrane domains in the membrane integral components. Appendix Table 4 summarises the prediction of these features amongst the 279 genes. Another pathway whose components may co-express with protein import components is MITI (Esseiva *et al.*, 2004; Pino *et al.*, 2010; Sharma and Sharma, 2014), as in some organisms these two pathways are linked (Tschopp, Charrière and Schneider, 2011; Seidman *et al.*, 2012). MITI is likely essential for mitochondrial translation, for which components are enriched in the 43-gene dataset. This dataset was generated by selecting genes from the 279 dataset that have homologs in most apicomplexans and not in *Cryptosporidium* which doesn't have a mitochondrial genome and not expected to perform MITI; and so, we propose these 43 genes as candidate for component of this pathway.

#### **11.4. Defect in mitochondrial morphology is linked with defect in mitochondrial function**

In model organisms, organelle morphology and function are tightly linked. The examples for this are numerous, and some classical ones come from the yeast and *Drosophila* genetics fields where genes were named based on the mitochondrion phenotype of their deletion or over-expression: such as the fusion protein FZO (for “fuzzy onions”) (Hales and Fuller, 1997). In another example, a previous study in yeast showed that the protein Mdm10, a subunit of the SAM complex involved in TOM complex assembly, triggers aberrant mitochondrial morphology upon gene deletion (Meisinger *et al.*, 2004). It is hence well accepted that proteins involved in organelle biogenesis influence the organelle's morphology, and protein malfunction typically triggers morphology defect as a result. With plenty of cases like these, we hypothesised that defect in mitochondrial morphology might be a first “marker”, or a means to select genes that are likely involved in mitochondrial biogenesis.

Mitochondrial morphology defects were observed qualitatively upon TGME49\_214790, TguS15m and TgbL12m depletion, and quantitatively for TGME49\_240270 and TgmS35. Given the expected function in mitochondrial translation of TgmS35, which is essential for complex III and IV subunit biogenesis, such phenotype provides support for the relationship between mitochondrial morphology and function in *T. gondii* (Figure 4.3E, Figure 5.5E, Figure 5.6).

Quantitative assessment for TGME49\_214790, TguS15m and TgbL12m will be carried out in the future. In addition, with exception of TgbL12 for which no plaque assay was performed due to time constraint, all of these genes were shown to be essential for parasite growth (Figure 9.3D, Figure 10.5D). However, smaller plaques were observed for rTGME49\_240270 without ATc compared to the parental line which suggests that the replacement of the native promoter with the repressible one induces some level of toxicity. It would be interesting to assess the basal level of gene expression of the mutant lines compared to the parental line by qPCR as this could be the cause for the loss of fitness. Some genes can also be expressed in a cell cycle dependant manner and replacing them with a constitutive promoter may also affect fitness. By analysing another line where an essential ER protein is depleted, we also demonstrate that this effect is specific to defect in mitochondrial function rather than a general outcome of parasite death (Figure 10.6, Lacombe *et al.*, 2019). Further controls are also being considered for future work to support this, for example analysis of the morphologies of other organelles. Likewise, timing is also a key factor to determine phenotype specificity and the corresponding function. Therefore, assessing parasite growth at earlier time points such as 12, 24, and 48 hours post gene depletion will be carried out in the future.

Overall, as Tgms35 follows the pattern whereby a protein involved in mitochondrial biogenesis would induce a morphology defect upon ablation, observing other proteins with unknown function with such phenotype when depleted may suggests a role in biogenesis as well. In our previous attempts at screening genes from the bioinformatic screen by assessing mitochondrial morphology defect as a “first reporter” for function, it became clear that transient CAS9 expression in *T. gondii* tachyzoites induces mitochondrial morphology defects (Figure 9.1). This observation should be taken into consideration in future studies performed in our field where mitochondrial phenotypes are being analysed under these conditions. Moreover, considering the recent observation of sever nuclear defects resulting from expression of CRISPR-CSA9 (Stortz, 2020), and given that little analysis of other organelles and functions was performed during CRISPR- CSA9 expression, it seems important to execute cautious in any future studies relying on this method.

### **11.5. Pioneering evidence of the mitoribosome provides support to a translationally active organelle in *T. gondii***

Mitochondrial translation impairment is associated with severe phenotypes in model organisms. In humans, mutations in mitoribosomal proteins, rRNAs, and translation factors are the cause of human multisystemic OXPHOS disorders, such as Leigh's syndrome, sensorineural hearing loss, encephalomyopathy, and hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (Rötig, 2011; De Silva *et al.*, 2015). In plants, mutations in mitochondrial ribosomes have been reported to affect plant growth and development (Robles and Quesada, 2017), and in yeast, this results in growth impairment on non-fermentable carbon sources due to loss of oxygen-consumption capacity (Zeng, Smith and Barrientos, 2018). Needless to say, mitochondrial translation and the role of mitoribosomes in this process is a pivotal pathway and disruptions have severe fitness consequences. This highlights the importance of characterising the mitoribosome of *T. gondii* as it is expected to be just as crucial for the parasite. In addition, there is a wide diversity in the composition and structure-function relationship of mitoribosomes across the eukaryotic tree of life. The plant mitoribosome is much larger and more complex with an expansion of rRNAs and proteins compared to its yeast and mammalian counterpart (Tomal, Kwasniak-Owczarek and Janska, 2019), and certainly compare to its bacterial origin (Greber and Ban, 2016). Yet, an even more unusual mitoribosome was discovered in *T. brucei*. The study showed an evolutionary shift towards a higher ribosome protein and lower RNA content, protein number which surpasses all known eukaryotic organisms, with a total of 127 proteins compared e.g. to 94, 80 and 80 for *A. thaliana*, *S. cerevisiae* and *H. sapiens*, respectively (Ramrath *et al.*, 2018; Tomal, Kwasniak-Owczarek and Janska, 2019). This has drastic consequences on the size and structure of these ribosomes. This illustrates the importance of studying basic cellular components in a diverse array of models. These findings further highlight the relevance of studying *T. gondii*'s mitoribosome, firstly as a model for one of the last eukaryotic clade where mitoribosomes have not been assessed, and secondly as a potential therapeutic target due to such diversity as found in trypanosomes.

As a first step towards this aim in apicomplexans, we sought to detect the mitoribosome and validate mitochondrial ribosomal proteins. Amongst 11

mitochondrial confirmed proteins (Figure 8.6A, Figure 10.1A, Lacombe et al., 2019), 4 were predicted to be ribosomal proteins (Table 10.1), and we localised an additional two mitoribosomal predicted proteins (Gupta *et al.*, 2014) (Figure 10.1B, Table 10.1). BN PAGE of endogenously tagged *TgmS35*, *TgbL12m* and *TguL3m* resolved each of them as a part of a macromolecular complex (Figure 10.2B). Although the very high MW makes size estimation approximate, it is clear that both SSU and LSU are above 1MDa. Co-migration on native PAGE is insufficient to say if the complexes are the same, thus we don't know if the observed size is the size of the full mitoribosome or the size of each SUs which would hence be both of similar sizes. Although, given the size of mitoribosomes from other organisms (2.3 MDa for bacteria, 2.7 MDa for human, 3 MDa for yeast, and 4.5 MDa for *T. brucei*), it is tempting to think that these are the size of each SUs. But with such variations from one organism to another, an exceptionally small mitoribosome should not be excluded. Enrichment of mitochondria encoded rRNA in the *TgmS35* IP fraction (Figure 10.4) supports the identity of the mitoribosome observed by BN PAGE. We also show that a co-depletion of *TgmS35* upon depletion of *TguS15m* which reveals that ribosomal protein are essential for the stability of the complexes (Figure 10.5C). These results provide the first direct evidence that, despite the apicomplexan mitochondrial rRNA being fragmented (Namasivayama *et al.*, 2020), mitoribosomes are assembled into stable complexes. This is a major step forward in the study of apicomplexan mitoribosomes which are not well studied and whose composition is not known. While our observation suggests that macro-molecules containing mitochondrial ribosomal proteins form a stable complex, the question of how they assemble and are held together structurally remains open. A recent study identified novel RNA binding proteins in the apicomplexan mitochondrion and proposed the hypothesis that they may participate in ribosome assembly (Hillebrand *et al.*, 2018). The tagged ribosomes we generated here can be used in the future to try tackling the question of mitoribosome structure and function in *T. gondii*. Enrichment of the mitoribosome by IP brings us a step closer to this aim, and function can be assessed with the mutants we generated.

## **11.6.A new protocol to assess mitochondrial translation in *T. gondii***

Many protocols directly monitoring mitochondrial translation have been established for model organisms. A common method is [<sup>35</sup>S]methionine/cysteine labelling of newly synthesised mitochondrial polypeptides, in the presence of cytosolic ribosome inhibitors to stop cytosolic translation (Richter *et al.*, 2015). This method cannot be used for apicomplexan parasites due to the presence of the apicoplast, which is an additional translationally active compartment. *In organello* protein synthesis monitoring using isolated intact mitochondria incubated with radiolabeled amino acids is another popular approach in plants, as they also have a translationally active plastid (Kwasniak-Owczarek and Janska, 2014). However, there are no mitochondria isolation protocols in the field that enables the separation of the apicoplast from the mitochondrion. In yeast, a novel system was established which allows monitoring of mitochondrial translation without the use of cytosolic translation inhibitors by inserting a fluorescence-enhanced GFP into the mtDNA. Hence, flow cytometry can be used to analyse mitochondrial translation in live cells (Suhm *et al.*, 2018). Although attractive, this system cannot be adapted to *T. gondii* as well, as there is currently no robust protocol for transfecting apicomplexan mitochondrion. Studying mitochondrial translation in apicomplexans is indeed very challenging. As mentioned above, there are plenty of biological and technical limitations which prevent the establishment of a direct mitochondrial translation assay, and this is a major obstacle to study this important pathway. To date, all evidence in favour of an active mitochondrial translation in apicomplexan mitochondrion are indirect, whether it is MITI (Esseiva *et al.*, 2004; Pino *et al.*, 2010; Sharma and Sharma, 2014), mitochondrially targeted translation factors (Pino *et al.*, 2010), or the finding that atovaquone resistance is acquired through mutation in the mitochondrially encoded Cytb (McFadden *et al.*, 2000). In a recent study, Ke *et al.* (2018) characterised the *P. falciparum* mitochondrial ribosomal protein PfuL13m by monitoring the oxidoreduction catalysed by complex III activity, for which Cytb is mitochondrially encoded, as a read out for mitochondrial translation. PfuL13m depletion, in addition to growth defect, induced a decrease complex III activity, which is reflective of an impaired mitochondrial translation. However, the inability to rescue the growth defect using an mETC bypass route available for the *Plasmodium* asexual stages (Ke *et al.*, 2018) complicates the analysis of phenotype specificity.

In this study, while still indirect, we generated an analytic pipeline which provides specificity for a translation dependent outcome. We established an in-gel complex IV and V activity assay, adapted from yeast protocols (Sabar, Balk and Leaver, 2005), which allows monitoring of translation using mutants. Complex IV activity, for which CoxI and CoxIII are mitochondrially encoded, reflects the mitochondrial translation state, while complex V, entirely nuclear encoded, is used as a control which ensures specificity of the outcome. Results showed that conditional depletion of TgmS35 for 48h results in disruption of the activity of complex IV, while complex V activity remains unchanged (Figure 10.8A). At 96h post TgmS35 depletion, complex IV activity is completely lost which correlates with the disappearance of its corresponding protein band on the Coomassie stained gel, and complex V shows a highly reduced enzymatic activity (Figure 10.8B). These results provide support to the expected role of TgmS35 in translation, and the chronological order of complex IV and V activity disruption validates this assay for detecting translation specific defects. While *TgmS35* depletion disrupts complex IV, the assembly and activity of the TOM complex remains unaffected even 96h after protein loss (Figure 10.8C-E). On the other hand, *TGME49\_240270* is an example of a gene likely involved in mitochondrial biogenesis, as its depletion affects mitochondrial morphology, but has no role in mitochondrial translation, as complex IV and complex V remain unaffected by its loss (Figure 9.5B).

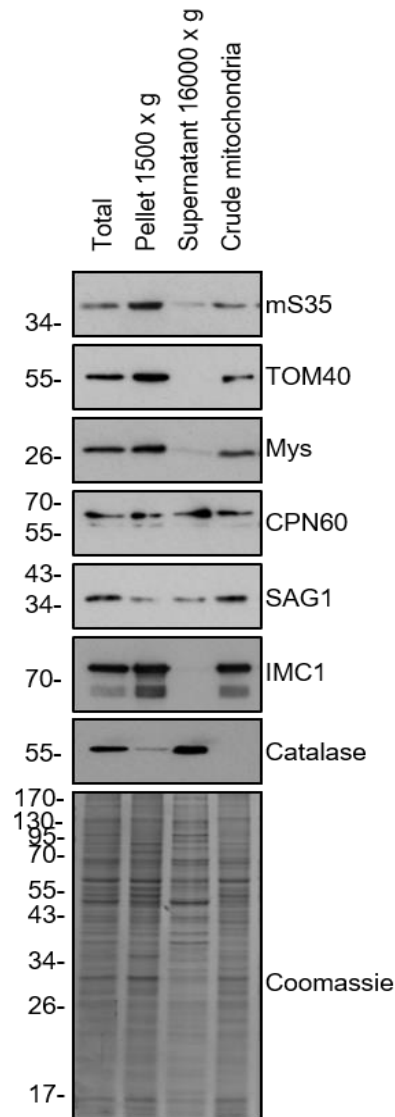
This set of experiments can, however, be improved. The protein import assay, in particular, has some flaws which are to be discussed. First, a negative control should be added to this experiment in order to interpret the results with more certainty. For instance, repeating this experiment with a mutant for TgTom40 and TgTom22 would give us a reference as to what an impaired import looks like by IFA and western blot (Van Dooren *et al.*, 2016). Second, parasites are transfected with the mitochondrial targeted DHFR construct after initiation of gene knockdown, when the genes studied are essential for parasite fitness. So, one can worry that this could influence the results negatively due to the harsh treatment of parasites already struggling with the loss of an important protein. However, if that had been the case, we would have observed a significant difference between the ratios of cytosolic and mitochondrial product signal of before and after ATc treatment, and results would have most likely shown an import defect. Yet, results have shown that this protocol did not have a negative impact on import.

However, generating stably expressing mitochondrial DHFR construct lines from the mutants would spare parasites additional stress from the electroporation process. Also, the in-gel translation assay cannot provide accurate quantitative measurements due to the non-linear build-up of the signal. There are currently no in solution mETC enzymatic assay for *T. gondii*. Existing assays from other organisms would need to be adapted. Polarographic studies of oxygen consumption and spectrophotometric analysis of the mitochondrial respiratory chain enzymes are classical powerful tools for the biochemical assessment of OXPHOS in cells and mitochondria isolated from cultured cells or tissues in mammalian systems (Barrientos, Fontanesi and Díaz, 2009). These are well-established protocols from which most of our knowledge on the respiratory activity was generated from, and would be helpful for the apicomplexan field. However, the fact that we work with obligated intracellular organisms complicates the experimental design, and although mitochondria isolates are suitable as well, we are still lacking robust methods to achieve high quality mitochondrial purification, which highlights the crucial importance of making this issue a top priority.

Overall, we have established a new specific assay which allows the study of mitochondrial translation in *T. gondii* by assessing respiratory complexes activity directly depend on the translation capacity of the mitochondrion. Activity comparison with that of a complex which does not directly depend on translation ensures specificity of the assay. To our knowledge, this is the first functional characterisation of a mitochondrial ribosomal protein in *T. gondii*. The observations support the role of TgmS35 in the mitochondrial translation machinery. This assay can be used in future studies to assess gene function of proteins with putative roles in mitochondrial translation, as well as the impact of drugs aimed at mitochondrial translation inhibition. It is, however, a laborious protocol which also necessitate an extensive sample preparation, and remains an indirect method to assess mitochondrial translation.

## 12. Appendix

### 12.1. Appendix Figures



**Appendix Figure 12.1 Crude mitochondria fraction assessment by Western blot.**

OMM was stained with anti-TgMys and anti-TgTom40, the mitochondrial matrix with anti-HA (TgmS35-3HA), the apicoplast with anti-CPN60, the parasite peripheral membrane with anti-IMC1, and the cytosol with anti-catalase, and plasma membrane with anti-SAG1. Coomassie blue protein staining serves as loading control. This Western blot was performed by Dr. McLean.



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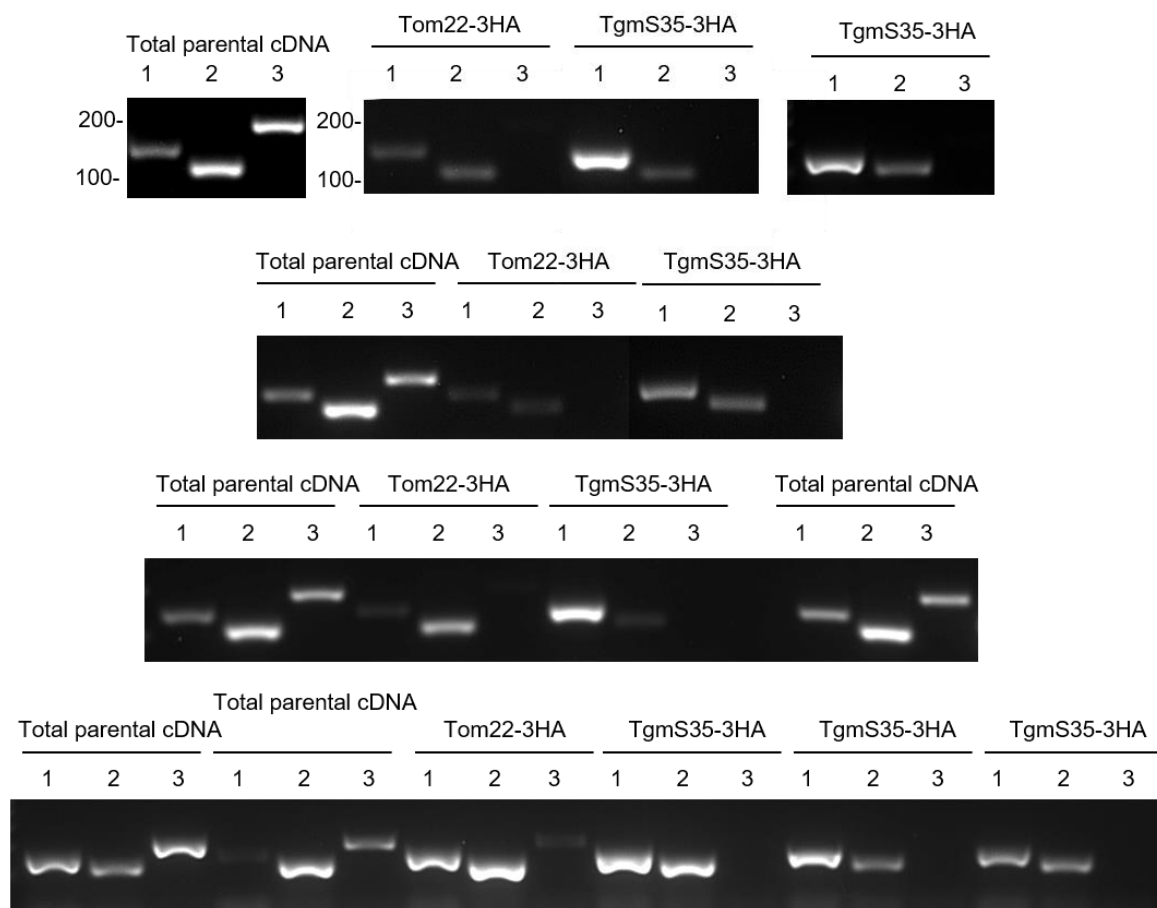
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110	120	130	140	150
GNLELLKIPN	FLHLTPVAIK	KHCEALKDFC	TEWPAALDSD	EKCEKHFPIE
160	170	180	190	200
IDSTDYVSSG	PSVRNPRARV	VVLRVKLSSL	NLDDHAKKKL	IKLVGERYCK
210	220	230	240	250
TTDVLTIKTD	RCPLRRQNYD	YAVYLLTVLY	HESWNTEWE	KSKTEADMEE
260	270	280	290	300
YIWENSSSR	NILETLLQMK	AAEKNMEINK	EELGTKEIE	EYKKSIVSLK
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**Appendix Figure 12.2 Conserved mitochondrial ribosomal protein S24/S35 domain of the human MRS35 protein sequence.**

(A) Screenshot of the Interpro website search shoeing the conserved S24/S35 domains (InterPro ID: IPR019349). (B) MRS35 protein sequence. Red highlight shows the sequence corresponding to the mitochondrial ribosomal protein S24/S35 domain.



### Appendix Figure 12.3 Detection of mitochondrial rRNA in TgmS35 immunoprecipitation elutions.

PCR reactions of all the different repeats of IPs followed by RNA extraction and reverse transcription. PCRs were performed with primers for a (1) mitochondrial rRNA sequence (mito-rRNA), for an (2) apicoplast rRNA sequence (api-rRNA) and for a (3) cytosolic mRNA (actin). Template is RNA extracted from IPs of TgTom22 (Tom22-3HA IP), from IP of TgmS35 (TgmS35-3HA IP) or from total cell lysate of TATi $\Delta$ ku80 (Total parental cDNA)

## 12.2.Appendix Tables

### Appendix Table 1\_tRNA affinity IP

Sheet 4 - Met-i & Ile ribosomal protein comparison

Ribosomal protein list									
tRNAMet-i				tRNAIle					
All ribosomal proteins		Mitochondrial ribosomal proteins		All ribosomal proteins		Mitochondrial ribosomal proteins		Mitochondrial ribosomal protein tRNAIle only (minus those found in tRNAMet-i)	
Gene ID	Count	Gene ID	Count	Gene ID	Count	Gene ID	Count	Gene ID	Count
TGME49_215470-t26_1-p1	3	TGME49_288720-t26_1-p1	3	TGME49_254440-t26_1-p1	3	TGME49_288720-t26_1-p1	3	TGME49_207840-t26_1-p1	2
TGME49_288720-t26_1-p1	3	TGME49_238010-t26_1-p1	2	TGME49_262670-t26_1-p1	3	TGME49_207840-t26_1-p1	2	TGME49_245680-t26_1-p1	2
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Sheet 1 - All tRNAmet-i hits

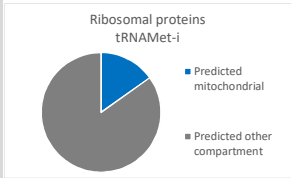
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TGME49_289680-t26_1-p1	Ras-related protein Rab11	2	0	0	0	0.1504	n	0.01	n*	PM - integral
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Mitochondrial logarithm prediction									
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Hits found in hyperLOPIT												
Mitochondrial	Apicoplast	ribosomes	Nucleus	Roptries	Dense granu	Cytosol	IMC	Plasma me	N/A	Elsewhere	Total	
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Ribosomal protein list			
All ribosomal proteins		Predicted mitochondrial ribosomal proteins	
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TGME49_288720-t26_1-p	3	TGME49_238010-t26_1-p	2
TGME49_299050-t26_1	3	Total	5
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TGME49_225080-t26_1	2		
TGME49_226970-t26_1	2		
TGME49_238010-t26_1	2		
TGME49_242330-t26_1	2		
TGME49_245460-t26_1	2		
TGME49_254440-t26_1	2		
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TGME49_263050-t26_1	2		
TGME49_263700-t26_1	2		
TGME49_292130-t26_1	2		
TGME49_314810-t26_1	2		
Total	33		
Mitochondrial ribosomal proteins			
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Predicted mitochondria	15.15	<- Count %	
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From all proteins	4.00	<- Count %	
From mitochondrial pn	18.52	<- Count %	



Sheet 2 - All tRNA hits

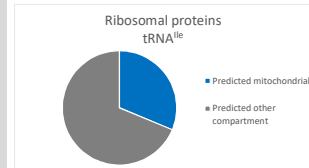
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Counting of protein occurrence in 5 experiments - tRNA										
Predicted localisation										
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TGME49_248160-126_1-p1	hypothetical protein	5	-0.75	0	0.018	0.9597	y	0.01	n	n
TGME49_215980-126_1-p1	hypothetical protein	4	-1.16	0.0028	0.094	0.0744	n	0.02	n*	Dense granules
TGME49_292320-126_1-p1	hypothetical protein	4	-1.16	0	0	0.0371	n	0.01	n	n
TGME49_203050-126_1-p1	AP2 domain transcription factor AP2	3	1.27	0	0	0.1805	n	0.01	n	n
TGME49_218260-126_1-p1	histone H3.3	3	0.0009	0.117	0.9986	y	0.11	n	n	n
TGME49_230410-126_1-p1	peroxiredoxin PRX3	3	0.4	0.925	0.572	0.7079	y	0.34	y	mitochondrial membrane/soluble
TGME49_232940-126_1-p1	heat shock protein HSP20	3	0	0	0.0157	n	0.01	n*	n	n
TGME49_254440-126_1-p1	ribosomal protein RPL12	3	0.0002	0.006	0.1688	n	0.01	n*	60S ribosome	
TGME49_261550-126_1-p1	histone H2A1	3	0.0015	0.003	0.9693	n	0.01	n*	Nucleus	
TGME49_261580-126_1-p1	histone H2AX	3	0.0002	0.017	0.9987	n	0.02	n*	Nucleus - chromatin	
TGME49_262670-126_1-p1	ribosomal protein RPL18A	3	0.0006	0	0.0839	n	0.01	n*	60S ribosome	
TGME49_263050-126_1-p1	ribosomal protein RPL13	3	0.0015	0.01	0.0294	y	0.01	n*	60S ribosome	
TGME49_263700-126_1-p1	ribosomal protein RPS14	3	0.0027	0	0.0539	n	0.01	n*	40S ribosome	
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TGME49_288720-126_1-p1	ribosomal protein RPL10	3	-5.3	0.0044	0.056	0.8855	y	0.18	n*	60S ribosome
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TGME49_300200-126_1-p1	histone H2AZ	3	0	0.024	0.8826	n	0.01	n	Nucleus - chromatin	
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TGME49_227620-126_1-p1	dense granule protein GRA2	2	2.47	0.0021	0.012	0.0828	n	0.03	n*	Dense granules
TGME49_227820-126_1-p1	hypothetical protein	2	0	0	0.1274	n	0.01	n	Endomembrane vesicles	
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TGME49_238010-126_1-p1	ribosomal protein RPL23A	2	0.0001	0.03	0.9975	n	0.35	n*	60S ribosome	
TGME49_239100-126_1-p1	ribosomal protein RPS7	2	0.0002	0.005	0.0242	n	0.01	n*	40S ribosome	
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TGME49_267660-126_1-p1	hypothetical protein	2	0	0	0.0062	n	0.01	n	Nucleolus	
TGME49_286450-126_1-p1	dense granule protein GRA5	2	0.0015	0.014	0.0435	n	0.03	n	Dense granules	
TGME49_286630-126_1-p1	redoxin domain-containing protein	2	1.57	0.2014	0.403	0.9887	y	0.57	n*	Apicoplast
TGME49_291960-126_1-p1	rochry kinase family protein ROP40	2	0.0015	0.012	0.3999	n	0.01	n*	Roptries 1	
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Mitochondrial logarithm prediction										
Sorting	Likely mitochondrial (≥3 algorithms with scores of ≥0.5)	Possibly mitochondrial (≥2 algorithms with scores of ≥0.3)	Combined mitochondrial	Elsewhere	All proteins					
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Hits found in hyperLOPIT										
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All ribosomal proteins										
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TGME49_284560-126_1-p1	3	TGME49_248390-126_1-p1	2							
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Total	48									

Mitochondrial ribosomal proteins										
Count nb	15	<- Count nb								
Predicted mitochond	31.26	<- Count %								
Predicted other comp	68.75	<- Count %								
From all proteins	10.0	<- Count %								
From mitochondrial	34.883721	<- Count %								



D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q
Ile		Predicted localisation											
Accession	Description	Counts	Sort	Score	Phenotype score (- 2 is essential)	TargetP-2.0	MitoFates	MitoProt	iPSORT	Predotar	cNLS Mapper (>4.5)	Proteome	hyperLOPIT
TGME49_219470-t26_1-p1	hypothetical protein	2	0	15-15	-0.47	0.2902	0.156	0.4877	y	0,70	n	n	n
TGME49_220950-t26_1-p1	hypothetical protein	2	0	73-41	2.13	0.0535	0.012	0.0567	n	0.01	n	n*	Dense granules
TGME49_246540-t26_1-p1	cytochrome c1, heme protein	2	0	18-30	-4.36	0.0001	0.035	0.013	n	0.02	n	y	Mitochondrion - membranes
TGME49_253740-t26_1-p1	hypothetical protein	2	0	23-29	-4.72	0	0	0.3953	n	0.01	y	n*	n
TGME49_259640-t26_1-p1	nucleoporin autoteptidase	2	0	30-22	-4.08	0.0001	0.003	0.0085	n	0.01	y	n	Nucleus - chromatin
TGME49_267660-t26_1-p1	hypothetical protein	2	0	22-22	-2.76	0	0	0.0062	n	0.01	y	n*	Nucleolus
TGME49_297780-t26_1-p1	ATPase/histidine kinase/DNA gyrase B	2	0	37-32	-2.93	0	0	0.0949	n	0,11	n	n	Apicolplast
TGME49_200360-t26_1-p1	hypothetical protein	1	0										
TGME49_203150-t26_1-p1	hypothetical protein	1	0										
TGME49_203200-t26_1-p1	hypothetical protein	1	0										
TGME49_204440-t26_1-p1	cyclic nucleotide-binding domain-contai	1	0										
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TGME49_225200-t26_1-p1	hypothetical protein	1	0										
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TGME49_235540-t26_1-p1	eukaryotic initiation factor-2 beta, putat	1	0										
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TGME49_254470-t26_1-p1	hypothetical protein	1	0										
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TGME49_292320-t26_1-p1	hypothetical protein	4	1
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TGME49_218260-t26_1-p1	histone H3.3	3	1
TGME49_230410-t26_1-p1	peroxiredoxin PRX3	3	1
TGME49_232940-t26_1-p1	heat shock protein HSP20	3	1
TGME49_254440-t26_1-p1	ribosomal protein RPL12	3	1
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TGME49_314260-t26_1-p1	hypothetical protein	1	1



## Appendix Table 2\_Bioinformatic screen

Sheet 1

A	C	D	F	G	H	I	J	L	M	N	O	P	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	AA
Expression based list	Enrichments of known mitochondrial proteins, likely housekeeping		5 lists of randomly chosen 279 genes					known and putative mitochondrial housekeeping proteins are enriched in our 279 list compared to randomly chosen 279 genes					Non-housekeeping mitochondrial pathways are mainly excluded from the 279									
279 (current number of 281 found by mRNA expression)	Group of baits (protein import)	Found in our 279?	2-280 in the transcript size list	1743-2021 in the transcript size list	4504-4782 in the transcript size list	7072-7350 in the transcript size list	7708-7986 in the transcript size list	Baits found in group 4	Baits found in group 5	Baits found in group 6	Baits found in group 7	Baits found in group 8	BCKDH complex	Found in our 279?	TCA	Found in our 279?	GABA shunt	Found in our 279?	ATP synthase	Found in our 279?	Cytochrome c oxidase complex	Found in our 279?
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TGME49_201830	TGME49_283590	TRUE	TGME49_209000	TGME49_266368	TGME49_261952	TGME49_294750	TGME49_291920	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TGME49_206470	FALSE	TGME49_268890	FALSE	TGME49_257480	FALSE	TGME49_261950	FALSE	TGME49_221510	FALSE
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**Sheet 2**

A	C	D	E	F	G	I	H	K	L	M	N	O
Phylogeny filter list	5 lists of randomly chosen 43 genes					Ribosomal proteins are enriched in our 43 list compared to randomly chosen 43 genes						
279 + must be in <i>Plasmodium</i> 3D7 + must not be in any <i>Cryptosporidium</i>	7709-7751 in the transcript size list	7752-7794 in the transcript size list	7795-7837 in the transcript size list	7838-7880 in the transcript size list	7881-7923 in the transcript size list	Ribosomal components	Found in group 1?	Found in group 2?	Found in group 3?	Found in group 4?	Found in group 5?	Found in our list?
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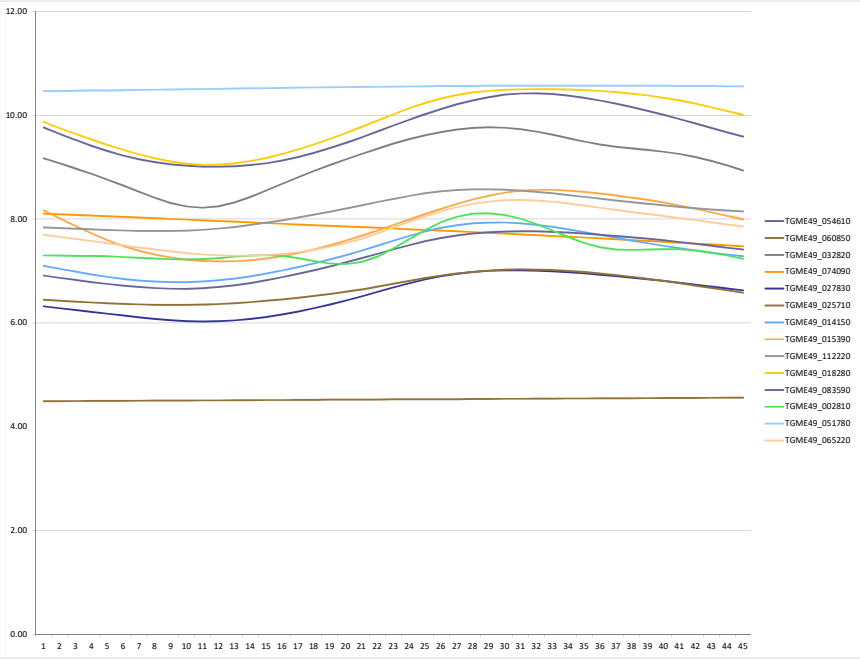
## Appendix Table 3\_Bioinformatic screen

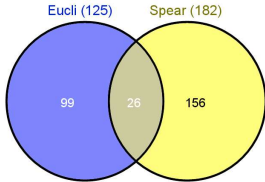
Sheet 1

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1-Expression data for 14 genes encoding components of the mitochondrial protein import machinery																																																	

log2 values																																																	
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TGME49_083590	3.21	6.10	TGME49_083590	6.91	6.87	6.83	6.79	6.75	6.72	6.69	6.67	6.66	6.66	6.67	6.69	6.73	6.77	6.82	6.88	6.95	7.01	7.09	7.17	7.25	7.33	7.42	7.50	7.57	7.64	7.69	7.72	7.75	7.76	7.77	7.76	7.75	7.74	7.72	7.70	7.67	7.65	7.62	7.59	7.56	7.52	7.49	7.45	7.41	
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TGME49_065220	3.15	6.10	TGME49_065220	7.70	7.66	7.62	7.58	7.54	7.49	7.45	7.41	7.38	7.34	7.32	7.30	7.29	7.29	7.31	7.33	7.36	7.41	7.47	7.54	7.62	7.73	7.84	7.95	8.06	8.15	8.23	8.29	8.34	8.36	8.37	8.36	8.33	8.30	8.26	8.22	8.18	8.14	8.10	8.06	8.02	7.98	7.94	7.90	7.86	

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TGME49\_060850  
TGME49\_051780



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1. The cell cycle transcriptome (Benhke, 2010)n=2869 genes was queried for "like" genes, using either euclidian distance or Spearmann correlation, cutoff 0.9. This was done for each of the 11 baits, generating a list of total 395 genes with similar mRNA expression profile. Of those we identified the non-redundant genes.				2. We Kept only unique instances in each list				3. a Venn diagram was used to identify overlapping genes between the two methods				4. List of Unique genes (281)				5. Convert to current geneID and anotation			
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								TGME49_105750				Euclidian	TGME49_207760						
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## Appendix Table 4\_Bioinformatic screen



Sheet 1

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Starting list	Localization	Phylogeny	Essentiality			TMDs	
279 (current number of 281 found by mRNA expression)	Prediction of canonical mitochondrial targeting signal	279 + must be in all Plasmodium species = 144	279 unique apicomplexan = 109	step 1 - transform to TGGT1	Step 2 - CRISPR screen scores >= 6.8 and <= 2 = 176	50 genes from the 279 that have predicted TMDs	# TM Domains
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TGME49_202180	0.8951	TGME49_203620	TGME49_202180	TGGT1_202180	TGGT1_202180	TGME49_209790	1
TGME49_203620	0.9734	TGME49_205510	TGME49_203620	TGGT1_203620	TGGT1_203620	TGME49_211240	1
TGME49_203780	0.077	TGME49_206360	TGME49_204490	TGGT1_203780	TGGT1_203780	TGME49_211710	3
TGME49_204490	0.2057	TGME49_207640	TGME49_207940	TGGT1_204490	TGGT1_205510	TGME49_211870	1
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Family	Accession	Score	Mass	Num. of matches	Num. of significant matches	Num. of sequences	Num. of significant sequences	emPAI	Description
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2	TGGT1_232830-t26_1-p1	853	1E+05	18	18	13	13	1.01	putative vacuolar proton translocating ATPase subunit A
3	TGGT1_311720-t26_1-p1	744	73379	17	17	16	16	1.8	chaperonin protein BiP
3	TGGT1_273760-t26_1-p1	130	72703	2	2	2	2	0.14	heat shock protein HSP70
4	TGGT1_308090-t26_1-p1	669	60966	20	20	13	13	2.73	rhopty protein ROP5
4	TGME49_308090-t26_1-p1	515	61292	16	16	10	10	1.94	rhopty protein ROP5
4	TGGT1_411430-t26_1-p1	489	51646	14	14	9	9	1.99	rhopty protein ROP5
5	TGGT1_240600-t26_1-p1	620	72464	20	20	16	16	1.84	putative chaperonin cpn60
6	TGGT1_259010-t26_1-p1	594	45150	14	14	12	12	2.5	putative vacuolar ATP synthase subunit d
7	TGGT1_209260-t26_1-p1	593	35188	20	20	10	10	7.49	putative cytochrome c oxidase subunit
8	TGGT1_229920-t26_1-p1	564	34990	21	21	10	10	4.75	hypothetical protein
9	TGGT1_232350-t26_1-p1	555	36095	17	17	10	10	4.45	lactate dehydrogenase LDH1
10	TGGT1_230350-t26_1-p1	553	1E+05	18	18	11	11	0.55	hypothetical protein
11	TGGT1_264040-t26_1-p1	545	24760	15	15	8	8	13.17	hypothetical protein
12	TGGT1_297810-t26_1-p1	526	29778	15	15	10	10	6.79	hypothetical protein
13	TGGT1_219320-t26_1-p1	522	46805	11	11	8	8	1.47	acid phosphatase GAP50
14	TGGT1_310750-t26_1-p1	433	65050	11	11	9	9	0.92	emp24/gp25L/p24 family protein
15	TGGT1_208370-t26_1-p1	412	1E+05	14	14	13	13	0.63	putative myosin heavy chain
16	TGGT1_233460-t26_1-p1	402	35605	12	12	9	9	2.28	SAG-related sequence SRS29B
17	TGGT1_263630-t26_1-p1	401	15535	9	9	5	5	7.14	hypothetical protein
18	TGGT1_306670-t26_1-p1	388	26159	14	14	5	5	2.5	hypothetical protein
19	TGGT1_230420-t26_1-p1	377	1E+05	8	8	7	7	0.37	sarco/endoplasmic reticulum Ca2+-ATPase
20	TGGT1_209800-t26_1-p1	337	44945	7	7	5	5	0.88	formate/nitrite transporter protein
21	TGGT1_291890-t26_1-p1	303	49668	10	10	8	8	1.35	miconeme protein MIC1
22	TGGT1_249270-t26_1-p1	295	60698	8	8	6	6	0.59	putative protein disulfide isomerase-related protein (provisional)
23	TGGT1_223940-t26_1-p1	284	27643	6	6	3	3	1.34	GAP45 protein
24	TGGT1_247770-t26_1-p1	281	19291	16	16	4	4	3.27	hypothetical protein
25	TGGT1_288650-t26_1-p1	259	48110	8	8	7	7	0.99	dense granule protein GRA12
26	TGGT1_309590-t26_1-p1	257	49683	9	9	4	4	0.77	rhopty protein ROP1
27	TGGT1_310470-t26_1-p1	257	21386	7	7	3	3	1.4	putative cytochrome C oxidase subunit Iib
28	TGGT1_244560-t26_1-p1	256	97779	9	9	7	7	0.4	putative heat shock protein 90
29	TGGT1_257680-t26_1-p1	251	24393	8	8	6	6	3.64	myosin light chain MLC1
30	TGGT1_249900-t26_1-p1	246	35461	7	7	7	7	1.53	putative adenine nucleotide translocator
31	TGGT1_228170-t26_1-p1	246	2E+05	8	8	8	8	0.23	inner membrane complex protein IMC2A
32	TGGT1_209030-t26_1-p1	231	42166	6	6	5	5	0.75	actin ACT1
33	TGGT1_308000-t26_1-p1	226	84008	5	5	4	4	0.25	Gpi16 subunit, GPI transamidase component protein
34	TGGT1_324600-t26_1-p1	224	20424	6	6	4	4	2.14	heat shock protein
35	TGGT1_226590-t26_1-p1	222	34694	9	9	3	3	0.97	putative cytochrome C oxidase subunit Ila
36	TGGT1_306390-t26_1-p1	215	21488	4	4	3	3	0.92	hypothetical protein
37	TGGT1_237250-t26_1-p1	198	28772	4	4	3	3	0.92	hypothetical protein
38	TGGT1_232180-t26_1-p1	195	2E+05	7	7	5	5	0.12	UBA/TS-N domain-containing protein
39	TGGT1_231930-t26_1-p1	193	87118	5	5	4	4	0.24	hypothetical protein
40	TGGT1_286420A-t26_1-p1	193	49988	7	7	5	5	0.76	putative elongation factor 1-alpha (EF-1-ALPHA)
41	TGGT1_262880-t26_1-p1	191	3E+05	6	6	6	6	0.1	hypothetical protein
42	TGGT1_263180-t26_1-p1	189	91793	3	3	3	3	0.17	myosin D
43	TGGT1_265370-t26_1-p1	185	16478	6	6	4	4	4.49	hypothetical protein
44	TGGT1_319560-t26_1-p1	184	42440	5	5	4	4	0.74	miconeme protein MIC3
45	TGGT1_290720-t26_1-p1	184	1E+05	6	6	5	5	0.22	putative vacuolar proton translocating ATPase subunit
46	TGGT1_218520-t26_1-p1	183	37773	3	3	3	3	0.45	miconeme protein MIC6
47	TGGT1_289690-t26_1-p1	174	53989	4	4	4	4	0.42	glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase GAPDH1
48	TGGT1_316255-t26_1-p1	173	10197	6	6	3	3	5.09	hypothetical protein
49	TGGT1_311240-t26_1-p1	172	47989	3	3	1	1	0.1	putative DnaJ family chaperone
50	TGGT1_363030-t26_1-p1	168	64277	6	6	5	5	0.44	rhopty protein ROP8
51	TGGT1_251690-t26_1-p1	162	54683	5	5	5	5	0.54	putative seryl-tRNA synthetase, cytoplasmic
52	TGGT1_286630-t26_1-p1	161	31500	2	2	1	1	0.16	redoxin domain-containing protein
53	TGGT1_242840-t26_1-p1	155	13952	5	5	3	3	2.78	membrane protein
54	TGGT1_221510-t26_1-p1	151	18073	6	6	3	3	1.81	hypothetical protein
55	TGGT1_286530-t26_1-p1	151	25648	4	4	3	3	1.08	hypothetical protein
56	TGGT1_262640-t26_1-p1	148	23859	6	6	4	4	1.67	Cg8 family protein
57	TGGT1_306650-t26_1-p1	148	31792	4	4	3	3	0.56	hypothetical protein
58	TGGT1_205010-t26_1-p1	147	2E+05	3	3	2	2	0.06	putative U2 small nuclear ribonucleoprotein family protein
59	TGGT1_278660-t26_1-p1	145	1E+05	3	3	3	3	0.1	putative P-type ATPase4
60	TGME49_234380-t26_1-p1	137	38746	4	4	3	3	0.44	hypothetical protein
61	TGGT1_295125-t26_1-p1	136	40398	4	4	4	4	0.59	rhopty protein ROP4
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62	TGGT1_268590-t26_1-p1	132	73221	2	2	1	1	0.14	rhomboid protease ROM4
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64	TGGT1_205740-t26_1-p1	126	1E+05	4	4	3	3	0.11	hypothetical protein
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67	TGGT1_289880-t26_1-p1	124	1E+05	6	6	6	6	0.21	hypothetical protein
68	TGGT1_301210-t26_1-p1	123	1E+05	3	3	3	3	0.11	putative NAD(P) transhydrogenase subunit beta
69	TGGT1_204160-t26_1-p1	121	2E+05	4	4	4	4	0.11	GYF domain-containing protein
70	TGGT1_308810B-t26_1-p1	121	1E+05	4	4	4	4	0.18	rhopty neck protein RON9
71	TGGT1_246580-t26_1-p1	115	43022	2	2	2	2	0.24	hypothetical protein
72	TGGT1_297470-t26_1-p1	114	40916	3	3	3	3	0.41	putative myosin light chain 2
73	TGGT1_238100-t26_1-p1	112	27217	5	5	4	4	0.99	transmembrane protein
74	TGGT1_209150-t26_1-p1	109	67796	2	2	2	2	0.15	non-proton pumping type-II NADH dehydrogenase I
75	TGGT1_204310-t26_1-p1	108	2E+05	5	5	4	4	0.1	hypothetical protein
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77	TGGT1_258580-t26_1-p1	105	69296	2	2	1	1	0.07	rhopty protein ROP17
78	TGGT1_297970-t26_1-p1	104	56545	3	3	3	3	0.28	aspartyl aminopeptidase
79	TGGT1_319300-t26_1-p1	102	1E+05	5	5	4	4	0.18	hypothetical protein
80	TGGT1_223920-t26_1-p1	100	2E+05	5	5	5	5	0.11	rhopty neck protein RON3
81	TGGT1_227280-t26_1-p1	97	24284	3	3	3	3	0.78	dense granule protein GRA3
82	TGGT1_275440-t26_1-p1	93	23396	2	2	1	1	0.49	dense granule protein GRA6
83	TGGT1_290670-t26_1-p1	91	84163	3	3	3	3	0.18	leucyl aminopeptidase LAP
84	TGGT1_224900-t26_1-p1	90	28771	1	1	1	1	0.18	putative adenylate kinase
85	TGGT1_225850-t26_1-p1	89	2E+05	1	1	1	1	0.03	peptidase, M28 family protein
86	TGGT1_230510-t26_1-p1	88	39816	4	4	4	4	0.6	hypothetical protein
87	TGGT1_312160-t26_1-p1	87	22702	2	2	1	1	0.23	hypothetical protein
88	TGGT1_270865-t26_1-p1	86	2E+05	1	1	1	1	0.02	putative adenylate cyclase
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92	TGGT1_252440-t26_1-p1	81	60099	3	3	2	2	0.17	peptidase c13 family protein
93	TGGT1_215590-t26_1-p1	80	73429	2	2	2	2	0.14	flavoprotein subunit of succinate dehydrogenase

94	TGGT1_279420-t26_1-p1	77	1E+05	2	2	2	2	0.07	hypothetical protein
95	TGGT1_253290-t26_1-p1	76	1E+05	1	1	1	1	0.04	valyl-tRNA synthetase
96	TGGT1_243390-t26_1-p1	75	37026	2	2	2	2	0.29	hypothetical protein
97	TGGT1_308020-t26_1-p1	73	42545	2	2	2	2	0.25	SAG-related sequence SR557
98	TGGT1_274060-t26_1-p1	71	35277	1	1	1	1	0.14	2-oxoglutarate/malate translocase OMT
99	TGGT1_258826-t26_1-p1	69	1E+05	1	1	1	1	0.04	hypothetical protein
100	TGGT1_204050-t26_1-p1	69	85785	3	3	2	2	0.12	subtilisin SUB1
101	TGGT1_212240-t26_1-p1	69	50476	1	1	1	1	0.1	putative beta-1 tubulin
102	TGME49_237120-t26_1-p1	67	18270	1	1	1	1	0.29	hypothetical protein
103	TGGT1_288380-t26_1-p1	64	82281	2	2	2	2	0.12	heat shock protein HSP90
104	TGGT1_224980-t26_1-p1	64	1E+05	1	1	1	1	0.04	hypothetical protein
105	TGGT1_205250-t26_1-p1	62	62702	3	3	3	3	0.25	rhoptry protein ROP18
106	TGGT1_251630-t26_1-p1	61	98981	2	2	1	1	0.05	slc30a2 protein
107	TGGT1_290160-t26_1-p1	60	1E+05	2	2	2	2	0.09	putative sortilin
108	TGGT1_229010-t26_1-p1	60	1E+05	1	1	1	1	0.04	rhoptry neck protein RON4
109	TGGT1_209950-t26_1-p1	59	48112	1	1	1	1	0.1	putative thioredoxin
110	TGGT1_213670-t26_1-p1	58	85898	2	2	2	2	0.12	hypothetical protein
111	TGGT1_256980-t26_1-p1	57	1E+05	1	1	1	1	0.04	glycerol-3-phosphate-acyltransferase
112	TGGT1_280410-t26_1-p1	57	1E+05	2	2	2	2	0.08	3'-5'-cyclic nucleotide phosphodiesterase domain-containing protein
113	TGGT1_275568-t26_1-p1	56	61363	1	1	1	1	0.08	GPI transamidase subunit PIG-U protein
114	TGGT1_289750-t26_1-p1	56	14961	2	2	2	2	0.86	ribosomal-ubiquitin protein RPL40
115	TGGT1_207830-t26_1-p1	52	40037	1	1	1	1	0.12	MORN repeat-containing protein
116	TGGT1_305050-t26_1-p1	52	15439	1	1	1	1	0.35	putative calmodulin
117	TGGT1_312630-t26_1-p1	51	3E+05	2	2	2	2	0.03	putative anonymous antigen-1
118	TGGT1_227620-t26_1-p1	50	19887	2	2	2	2	0.6	dense granule protein GRA2
119	TGGT1_249850-t26_1-p1	50	43624	1	1	1	1	0.11	GAP40 protein
120	TGGT1_256760-t26_1-p1	50	58120	2	2	2	2	0.18	pyruvate kinase PyK1
121	TGGT1_299210-t26_1-p1	49	71752	2	2	2	2	0.14	CTP synthase
122	TGGT1_301130-t26_1-p1	48	13841	1	1	1	1	0.4	hypothetical protein
123	TGGT1_312150-t26_1-p1	47	61088	1	1	1	1	0.08	hypothetical protein
124	TGGT1_315930-t26_1-p1	46	18147	1	1	1	1	0.29	putative integral membrane protein, DUF56 family protein
125	TGGT1_261950-t26_1-p1	46	60107	1	1	1	1	0.08	ATP synthase beta subunit ATP-B
126	TGGT1_290660-t26_1-p1	46	48437	1	1	1	1	0.1	RNA recognition motif-containing protein
127	TGGT1_297430-t26_1-p1	46	25322	1	1	1	1	0.2	hypothetical protein
128	TGGT1_261750-t26_1-p1	45	91961	2	2	2	2	0.11	rhoptry neck protein RON10
129	TGGT1_293570-t26_1-p1	45	45726	1	1	1	1	0.11	putative translocation protein sec62
130	TGGT1_316240-t26_1-p1	44	75893	1	1	1	1	0.06	hypothetical protein
131	TGGT1_318160-t26_1-p1	43	26016	4	4	1	1	0.2	MSP (Major sperm protein) domain-containing protein
132	TGGT1_269442-t26_1-p1	43	9774	2	2	1	1	0.6	putative calmodulin
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134	TGGT1_286650-t26_1-p1	42	20450	1	1	1	1	0.26	hypothetical protein
135	TGGT1_293440-t26_1-p1	42	59840	1	1	1	1	0.08	hypothetical protein
136	TGGT1_309560-t26_1-p1	42	29485	1	1	1	1	0.17	nmda receptor glutamate-binding chain
137	TGGT1_230960-t26_1-p1	41	1E+05	1	1	1	1	0.04	putative splicing factor 3b, subunit 3
138	TGGT1_254720-t26_1-p1	41	28509	1	1	1	1	0.18	dense granule protein GRA8
139	TGGT1_252630-t26_1-p1	41	15299	1	1	1	1	0.36	hypothetical protein
140	TGGT1_235402-t26_1-p1	41	1E+05	1	1	1	1	0.04	CorA family Mg2+ transporter protein
141	TGGT1_231630-t26_1-p1	40	50596	1	1	1	1	0.1	alveolin domain containing intermediate filament IMC4
142	TGGT1_259000-t26_1-p1	40	24485	1	1	1	1	0.21	hypothetical protein
143	TGGT1_225555-t26_1-p1	40	7368	2	2	2	2	2.48	hypothetical protein
144	TGGT1_219682-t26_1-p1	39	82936	1	1	1	1	0.06	putative pyruvate dehydrogenase kinase
145	TGGT1_253700-t26_1-p1	38	1E+05	1	1	1	1	0.03	transporter, major facilitator family protein
146	TGGT1_215280-t26_1-p1	37	39384	2	2	2	2	0.27	succinate dehydrogenase [ubiquinone] iron-sulfur protein
147	TGTT1_254030-t26_1-p1	36	13666	1	1	1	1	0.41	zinc finger CDGSH-type domain-containing protein
148	TGGT1_222910-t26_1-p1	36	56254	1	1	1	1	0.09	phosphoglycerate mutase
149	TGGT1_244390-t26_1-p1	35	34480	1	1	1	1	0.15	coatomer epsilon subunit protein
150	TGGT1_217890-t26_1-p1	35	21936	2	2	1	1	0.24	putative alkyl hydroperoxide reductase/ Thiol specific antioxidant/ Mal allergen
151	TGGT1_286580-t26_1-p1	34	1E+05	1	1	1	1	0.04	hypothetical protein
152	TGGT1_225080-t26_1-p1	34	17826	1	1	1	1	0.3	ribosomal protein RPS18
153	TGGT1_230410-t26_1-p1	34	30729	2	2	2	2	0.36	peroxiredoxin PRX3
154	TGGT1_206480-t26_1-p1	33	22850	1	1	1	1	0.23	hypothetical protein
155	TGGT1_220100-t26_1-p1	33	61572	1	1	1	1	0.08	phosphoribosylpyrophosphate synthetase
156	TGGT1_247550-t26_1-p1	33	61388	1	1	1	1	0.08	heat shock protein HSP60
157	TGGT1_263700-t26_1-p1	33	16349	1	1	1	1	0.33	ribosomal protein RPS14
158	TGGT1_236070-t26_1-p1	33	36744	1	1	1	1	0.14	pyrroline-5-carboxylate reductase
159	TGGT1_280560-t26_1-p1	32	1E+05	1	1	1	1	0.03	selenide, water dikinase
160	TGGT1_203240-t26_1-p1	31	80954	1	1	1	1	0.06	hypothetical protein
161	TGGT1_211040-t26_1-p1	31	10154	1	1	1	1	0.58	Sec61beta family protein
162	TGGT1_270620-t26_1-p1	31	1E+05	1	1	1	1	0.05	DEAD/DEAH box helicase domain-containing protein
163	TGGT1_212310-t26_1-p1	31	17579	1	1	1	1	0.3	vacuolar ATP synthetase
164	TGGT1_262620-t26_1-p1	30	31911	1	1	1	1	0.16	RNA recognition motif-containing protein
165	TGGT1_200310-t26_1-p1	30	18804	2	2	1	1	0.28	hypothetical protein
166	TGGT1_287500-t26_1-p1	28	59895	1	1	1	1	0.08	putative T complex chaperonin
167	TGGT1_292320-t26_1-p1	27	99683	1	1	1	1	0.05	hypothetical protein
168	TGME49_255060-t26_1-p1	25	45697	1	1	1	1	0.11	cytochrome b(N-terminal)/b6/petB subfamily protein
169	TGGT1_257160-t26_1-p1	25	16651	1	1	1	1	0.32	hypothetical protein
170	TGGT1_238180-t26_1-p1	25	47990	1	1	1	1	0.1	putative 26S proteasome regulatory complex subunit
171	TGGT1_236510-t26_1-p1	25	1E+05	1	1	1	1	0.04	hypothetical protein
172	TGGT1_271888-t26_1-p1	25	38203	1	1	1	1	0.13	putative 3-ketoacyl-CoA reductase
173	TGGT1_313070-t26_1-p1	24	35865	1	1	1	1	0.14	hypothetical protein
174	TGGT1_209060-t26_1-p1	24	96777	1	1	1	1	0.05	thrombospondin type 1 domain-containing protein
175	TGGT1_309910-t26_1-p1	24	2E+05	1	1	1	1	0.02	hypothetical protein
176	TGGT1_235150-t26_1-p1	23	61312	1	1	1	1	0.08	transporter, major facilitator family protein
177	TGGT1_207710-t26_1-p1	23	28076	1	1	1	1	0.18	putative phosphatidylinositol synthase
178	TGGT1_221220-t26_1-p1	22	2E+05	1	1	1	1	0.02	hypothetical protein
179	TGGT1_229180-t26_1-p1	22	1E+05	1	1	1	1	0.03	HEAT repeat-containing protein
180	TGGT1_315127-t26_1-p1	22	1E+05	1	1	1	1	0.05	hypothetical protein
181	TGGT1_201150-t26_1-p1	21	2E+05	1	1	1	1	0.02	heavy metal translocating P-type ATPase subfamily protein
182	TGGT1_411660-t26_1-p1	21	14466	1	1	1	1	0.38	hypothetical protein
183	TGGT1_272475-t26_1-p1	20	3E+05	1	1	1	1	0.02	protein kinase domain-containing protein
184	TGGT1_294050-t26_1-p1	19	62479	1	1	1	1	0.08	hypothetical protein
185	TGGT1_290700-t26_1-p1	19	34568	1	1	1	1	0.15	hypothetical protein
186	TGGT1_218410-t26_1-p1	19	34250	1	1	1	1	0.15	ribosomal protein RPP0
187	TGGT1_311220-t26_1-p1	18	2E+05	1	1	1	1	0.03	hypothetical protein
188	TGGT1_226540-t26_1-p1	18	55054	1	1	1	1	0.09	protein kinase
189	TGGT1_232750-t26_1-p1	17	66803	1	1	1	1	0.07	putative 23S rRNA (adenine(1618)-N(6))-methyltransferase
190	TGME49_272370-t26_1-p1	16	3E+05	1	1	1	1	0.02	hypothetical protein
191	TGGT1_275420-t26_1-p1	14	3E+05	1	1	1	1	0.01	histone lysine-specific demethylase

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Family	Accession	Score	Mass	Num. of matches	Num. of significant matches	Num. of sequences	Num. of significant sequences	empAI	Description
1	TGGT1_235470-t26_1-p1	2198	93901	68	68	31	31	10.21	myosin A
2	TGGT1_232830-t26_1-p1	1114	1E+05	24	24	17	17	1.65	putative vacuolar proton translocating ATPase subunit A
3	TGGT1_230350-t26_1-p1	1003	1E+05	25	25	20	20	1.03	hypothetical protein
4	TGGT1_319560-t26_1-p1	850	42440	19	19	8	8	2.39	miconeme protein MIC3
5	TGGT1_308090-t26_1-p1	711	60966	24	24	18	18	4.5	rhopty protein ROP5
5	TGGT1_411430-t26_1-p1	553	51646	17	17	12	12	2.94	rhopty protein ROP5
5	TGME49_308090-t26_1-p1	551	61292	17	17	13	13	2.43	rhopty protein ROP5
6	TGGT1_240600-t26_1-p1	687	72464	19	19	14	14	1.84	putative chaperonin cpn60
7	TGGT1_259010-t26_1-p1	672	45150	22	22	12	12	4.31	putative vacuolar ATP synthase subunit d
8	TGGT1_291890-t26_1-p1	660	49668	18	18	12	12	3.57	miconeme protein MIC1
9	TGGT1_264040-t26_1-p1	546	24760	11	11	7	7	7.03	hypothetical protein
10	TGGT1_219320-t26_1-p1	513	46805	15	15	10	10	2.35	acid phosphatase GAP50
11	TGGT1_257680-t26_1-p1	483	24393	13	13	7	7	7.26	myosin light chain MLC1
12	TGGT1_297810-t26_1-p1	432	29778	14	14	9	9	5.65	hypothetical protein
13	TGGT1_205740-t26_1-p1	424	1E+05	15	15	12	12	0.6	hypothetical protein
14	TGGT1_308000-t26_1-p1	424	84008	10	10	9	9	0.75	Gpi16 subunit, GPI transamidase component protein
15	TGGT1_249900-t26_1-p1	410	35461	11	11	9	9	3.31	putative adenine nucleotide translocator
16	TGGT1_230420-t26_1-p1	378	1E+05	11	11	9	9	0.48	sarco/endoplasmic reticulum Ca2+-ATPase
17	TGGT1_308810B-t26_1-p1	367	1E+05	9	9	8	8	0.39	rhopty neck protein RON9
18	TGGT1_310750-t26_1-p1	355	65050	9	9	8	8	0.79	emp24/gp25L/p24 family protein
19	TGGT1_223940-t26_1-p1	355	27643	9	9	4	4	2.28	GAP45 protein
20	TGGT1_258580-t26_1-p1	355	69296	9	9	6	6	0.73	rhopty protein ROP17
21	TGGT1_311720-t26_1-p1	353	73379	9	9	9	9	0.79	chaperonin protein BiP
21	TGGT1_273760-t26_1-p1	139	72703	3	3	3	3	0.22	heat shock protein HSP70
22	TGGT1_232180-t26_1-p1	298	2E+05	8	8	6	6	0.15	UBA/TS-N domain-containing protein
23	TGGT1_218520-t26_1-p1	298	37773	5	5	5	5	0.87	miconeme protein MIC6
24	TGGT1_208370-t26_1-p1	294	1E+05	7	7	7	7	0.3	putative myosin heavy chain
25	TGGT1_209260-t26_1-p1	289	35188	11	11	7	7	2.33	putative cytochrome c oxidase subunit
26	TGGT1_249850-t26_1-p1	275	43624	8	8	4	4	0.91	GAP40 protein
27	TGGT1_309590-t26_1-p1	268	49683	12	12	6	6	1.35	rhopty protein ROP1
28	TGGT1_229920-t26_1-p1	265	34990	9	9	7	7	1.56	hypothetical protein
29	TGGT1_306390-t26_1-p1	263	21488	6	6	3	3	1.96	hypothetical protein
30	TGGT1_223920-t26_1-p1	258	2E+05	9	9	8	8	0.18	rhopty neck protein RON3
31	TGGT1_228170-t26_1-p1	239	2E+05	9	9	8	8	0.23	inner membrane complex protein IMC2A
32	TGGT1_295110-t26_1-p1	227	63659	7	7	6	6	0.56	rhopty protein ROP7
32	TGGT1_295125-t26_1-p1	192	40398	6	6	6	6	1.01	rhopty protein ROP4
33	TGGT1_288650-t26_1-p1	226	48110	9	9	8	8	1.42	dense granule protein GRA12
34	TGGT1_204310-t26_1-p1	219	2E+05	7	7	7	7	0.15	hypothetical protein
35	TGGT1_209800-t26_1-p1	216	44945	5	5	3	3	0.52	formate/nitrite transporter protein
36	TGGT1_230510-t26_1-p1	215	39816	6	6	4	4	0.81	hypothetical protein
37	TGGT1_290720-t26_1-p1	194	1E+05	6	6	6	6	0.27	putative vacuolar proton translocating ATPase subunit
38	TGGT1_286420A-t26_1-p1	188	49988	5	5	4	4	0.6	putative elongation factor 1-alpha (EF-1-ALPHA)
39	TGGT1_246580-t26_1-p1	186	43022	2	2	2	2	0.24	hypothetical protein
40	TGGT1_227280-t26_1-p1	172	24284	3	3	3	3	0.78	dense granule protein GRA3
41	TGGT1_262880-t26_1-p1	168	3E+05	5	5	5	5	0.08	hypothetical protein
42	TGGT1_313080-t26_1-p1	163	50066	4	4	4	4	0.46	hypothetical protein
43	TGGT1_247770-t26_1-p1	162	19291	8	8	5	5	3.27	hypothetical protein
44	TGGT1_289880-t26_1-p1	160	1E+05	9	9	9	9	0.33	hypothetical protein
45	TGGT1_203310-t26_1-p1	160	25899	6	6	5	5	1.48	dense granule protein GRA7
46	TGGT1_261750-t26_1-p1	157	91961	4	4	4	4	0.23	rhopty neck protein RON10
47	TGGT1_310470-t26_1-p1	155	21386	3	3	2	2	0.55	putative cytochrome C oxidase subunit IIb
48	TGGT1_319300-t26_1-p1	154	1E+05	4	4	3	3	0.18	hypothetical protein
49	TGGT1_226590-t26_1-p1	152	34694	5	5	2	2	0.5	putative cytochrome C oxidase subunit IIa
50	TGGT1_263180-t26_1-p1	147	91793	4	4	3	3	0.23	myosin D
51	TGGT1_221510-t26_1-p1	143	18073	4	4	3	3	1.17	hypothetical protein
52	TGGT1_244560-t26_1-p1	141	97779	6	6	4	4	0.21	putative heat shock protein 90
53	TGGT1_311240-t26_1-p1	139	47989	3	3	2	2	0.22	putative DnaJ family chaperone
54	TGGT1_263630-t26_1-p1	139	15535	2	2	2	2	0.82	hypothetical protein
55	TGGT1_324600-t26_1-p1	135	20424	5	5	5	5	2.14	heat shock protein
56	TGGT1_209030-t26_1-p1	135	42166	5	5	4	4	0.56	actin ACT1
57	TGGT1_306670-t26_1-p1	130	26159	7	7	5	5	2.5	hypothetical protein
58	TGGT1_251690-t26_1-p1	121	54683	2	2	2	2	0.19	putative seryl-tRNA synthetase, cytoplasmic
59	TGGT1_274060-t26_1-p1	112	35277	3	3	3	3	0.49	2-oxoglutarate/malate translocase OMT
60	TGGT1_279420-t26_1-p1	112	1E+05	3	3	3	3	0.1	hypothetical protein
61	TGGT1_215590-t26_1-p1	108	73429	1	1	1	1	0.07	flavoprotein subunit of succinate dehydrogenase
62	TGGT1_312270-t26_1-p1	107	45158	3	3	2	2	0.23	rhopty protein ROP13
63	TGGT1_301210-t26_1-p1	106	1E+05	4	4	3	3	0.15	putative NAD(P) transhydrogenase subunit beta
64	TGGT1_316255-t26_1-p1	104	10197	3	3	3	3	2.88	hypothetical protein
65	TGGT1_252440-t26_1-p1	104	60099	3	3	2	2	0.17	peptidase c13 family protein
66	TGME49_204160-t26_1-p1	102	2E+05	4	4	4	4	0.1	GYF domain-containing protein
67	TGGT1_243390-t26_1-p1	98	37026	3	3	3	3	0.46	hypothetical protein
68	TGGT1_297970-t26_1-p1	97	56545	4	4	2	2	0.18	aspartyl aminopeptidase
69	TGGT1_265370-t26_1-p1	97	16478	2	2	2	2	0.76	hypothetical protein
70	TGGT1_306650-t26_1-p1	96	31792	2	2	2	2	0.34	hypothetical protein
71	TGGT1_268590-t26_1-p1	92	73221	1	1	1	1	0.07	rhomboid protease ROM4
72	TGGT1_305050-t26_1-p1	90	15439	3	3	3	3	1.47	putative calmodulin
73	TGGT1_269450-t26_1-p1	88	39809	2	2	1	1	0.13	hypothetical protein
74	TGGT1_289690-t26_1-p1	87	53989	2	2	2	2	0.19	glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase GAPDH1
75	TGGT1_286450-t26_1-p1	87	12969	2	2	1	1	0.43	dense granule protein GRA5
76	TGGT1_288380-t26_1-p1	86	82281	2	2	2	2	0.12	heat shock protein HSP90
77	TGGT1_252630-t26_1-p1	86	15299	1	1	1	1	0.36	hypothetical protein
78	TGGT1_229010-t26_1-p1	85	1E+05	1	1	1	1	0.04	rhopty neck protein RON4
79	TGGT1_233460-t26_1-p1	85	35605	4	4	4	4	0.7	SAG-related sequence SRS29B
80	TGGT1_275568-t26_1-p1	84	61363	3	3	3	3	0.26	GPI transamidase subunit PIG-U protein
81	TGGT1_286530-t26_1-p1	80	25648	2	2	2	2	0.44	hypothetical protein
82	TGGT1_224980-t26_1-p1	77	1E+05	1	1	1	1	0.04	hypothetical protein
83	TGGT1_233110-t26_1-p1	75	59352	1	1	1	1	0.08	IMP dehydrogenasa



84	TGGT1_212310-t26_1-p1	72	17579	3	3	3	3	1.22	vacuolar ATP synthetase
85	TGGT1_315930-t26_1-p1	70	18147	2	2	2	2	0.68	putative integral membrane protein, DUF56 family protein
86	TGGT1_237250-t26_1-p1	69	28772	3	3	3	3	0.63	hypothetical protein
87	TGGT1_289750-t26_1-p1	67	14961	3	3	3	3	1.54	ribosomal-ubiquitin protein RPL40
88	TGGT1_248160-t26_1-p1	62	1E+05	6	6	1	1	0.04	hypothetical protein
89	TGGT1_249310-t26_1-p1	61	36624	1	1	1	1	0.14	hypothetical protein
90	TGGT1_278990-t26_1-p1	59	53856	1	1	1	1	0.09	putative phosphate carrier
91	TGME49_237120-t26_1-p1	57	18270	1	1	1	1	0.29	hypothetical protein
92	TGGT1_301130-t26_1-p1	56	13841	1	1	1	1	0.4	hypothetical protein
93	TGGT1_205010-t26_1-p1	56	2E+05	2	2	1	1	0.03	putative U2 small nuclear ribonucleoprotein family protein
94	TGGT1_235402-t26_1-p1	54	1E+05	2	2	1	1	0.04	CorA family Mg2+ transporter protein
95	TGGT1_232300-t26_1-p1	53	29018	1	1	1	1	0.18	ribosomal protein RPS3
96	TGGT1_251630-t26_1-p1	52	98981	2	2	1	1	0.05	slc30a2 protein
97	TGGT1_275440-t26_1-p1	51	23396	4	4	2	2	0.82	dense granule protein GRA6
98	TGGT1_278660-t26_1-p1	51	1E+05	1	1	1	1	0.03	putative P-type ATPase4
99	TGGT1_261450-t26_1-p1	49	1E+05	1	1	1	1	0.04	hypothetical protein
100	TGGT1_269442-t26_1-p1	49	9774	1	1	1	1	0.6	putative calmodulin
101	TGGT1_248340-t26_1-p1	48	26095	1	1	1	1	0.2	GTP-binding nuclear protein ran/tc4
102	TGGT1_263700-t26_1-p1	47	16349	1	1	1	1	0.33	ribosomal protein RPS14
103	TGGT1_204050-t26_1-p1	45	85785	2	2	2	2	0.12	subtilisin SUB1
104	TGGT1_203240-t26_1-p1	45	80954	1	1	1	1	0.06	hypothetical protein
105	TGGT1_207710-t26_1-p1	42	28076	1	1	1	1	0.18	putative phosphatidylinositol synthase
106	TGME49_215775-t26_1-p1	41	66043	1	1	1	1	0.07	rhoptry protein ROP8
107	TGGT1_293440-t26_1-p1	41	59840	1	1	1	1	0.08	hypothetical protein
108	TGGT1_206480-t26_1-p1	40	22850	1	1	1	1	0.23	hypothetical protein
109	TGGT1_218280-t26_1-p1	40	50708	1	1	1	1	0.1	putative eukaryotic porin
110	TGGT1_262640-t26_1-p1	40	23859	1	1	1	1	0.22	Cg8 family protein
111	TGGT1_215430-t26_1-p1	39	27594	1	1	1	1	0.19	hypothetical protein
112	TGGT1_281980-t26_1-p1	39	1E+05	1	1	1	1	0.04	phosphatidate cytidyltransferase
113	TGGT1_297470-t26_1-p1	38	40916	2	2	2	2	0.26	putative myosin light chain 2
114	TGGT1_231930-t26_1-p1	37	87118	2	2	2	2	0.11	hypothetical protein
115	TGGT1_238100-t26_1-p1	37	27217	1	1	1	1	0.19	transmembrane protein
116	TGGT1_311290-t26_1-p1	37	30942	1	1	1	1	0.16	protein tyrosine phosphatase family protein, ptpla protein
117	TGGT1_227620-t26_1-p1	37	19887	2	2	2	2	0.6	dense granule protein GRA2
118	TGGT1_242840-t26_1-p1	36	13952	1	1	1	1	0.39	membrane protein
119	TGGT1_216890-t26_1-p1	35	1E+05	1	1	1	1	0.04	hypothetical protein
120	TGGT1_293180-t26_1-p1	35	64784	1	1	1	1	0.08	NADP-specific glutamate dehydrogenase
121	TGGT1_312150-t26_1-p1	35	61088	1	1	1	1	0.08	hypothetical protein
122	TGGT1_201150-t26_1-p1	35	2E+05	1	1	1	1	0.02	heavy metal translocating P-type ATPase subfamily protein
123	TGGT1_247550-t26_1-p1	34	61388	1	1	1	1	0.08	heat shock protein HSP60
124	TGGT1_292320-t26_1-p1	34	99683	1	1	1	1	0.05	hypothetical protein
125	TGGT1_220100-t26_1-p1	33	61572	1	1	1	1	0.08	phosphoribosylpyrophosphate synthetase
126	TGGT1_313630-t26_1-p1	32	1E+06	1	1	1	1	0	hypothetical protein
127	TGGT1_270620-t26_1-p1	32	1E+05	1	1	1	1	0.05	DEAD/DEAH box helicase domain-containing protein
128	TGGT1_316240-t26_1-p1	31	75893	1	1	1	1	0.06	hypothetical protein
129	TGGT1_259000-t26_1-p1	30	24485	1	1	1	1	0.21	hypothetical protein
130	TGGT1_314020-t26_1-p1	29	2E+05	1	1	1	1	0.03	hypothetical protein
131	TGGT1_312630-t26_1-p1	29	3E+05	1	1	1	1	0.02	putative anonymous antigen-1
132	TGGT1_207830-t26_1-p1	29	40037	1	1	1	1	0.12	MORN repeat-containing protein
133	TGGT1_267430-t26_1-p1	29	49418	1	1	1	1	0.1	DnaJ domain-containing protein
134	TGGT1_411760-t26_1-p1	27	32380	1	1	1	1	0.16	actin
135	TGGT1_321620-t26_1-p1	27	96157	1	1	1	1	0.05	dynammin-related protein DRPB
136	TGGT1_286650-t26_1-p1	26	20450	1	1	1	1	0.26	hypothetical protein
137	TGGT1_263300-t26_1-p1	26	31617	1	1	1	1	0.16	eukaryotic porin protein
138	TGGT1_280560-t26_1-p1	25	1E+05	1	1	1	1	0.03	selenide, water dikinase
139	TGGT1_215100-t26_1-p1	24	3E+05	1	1	1	1	0.02	PP-loop family protein
140	TGGT1_209060-t26_1-p1	24	96777	1	1	1	1	0.05	thrombospondin type 1 domain-containing protein
141	TGGT1_291900-t26_1-p1	24	60275	1	1	1	1	0.08	Ydr279p family (RNase H2 complex component) protein
142	TGGT1_225080-t26_1-p1	23	17826	1	1	1	1	0.3	ribosomal protein RPS18
143	TGGT1_300260-t26_1-p1	23	96909	1	1	1	1	0.05	threonyl-tRNA synthetase family protein
144	TGGT1_253710-t26_1-p1	22	1E+05	1	1	1	1	0.04	hypothetical protein
145	TGGT1_209755B-t26_1-p1	22	66436	1	1	1	1	0.07	hypothetical protein
146	TGGT1_216730-t26_1-p1	21	1E+05	1	1	1	1	0.04	MCM2/3/5 family protein
147	TGGT1_219710-t26_1-p1	20	2E+05	1	1	1	1	0.02	hypothetical protein
148	TGGT1_200310-t26_1-p1	19	18804	1	1	1	1	0.28	hypothetical protein
149	TGGT1_290700-t26_1-p1	19	34568	1	1	1	1	0.15	hypothetical protein
150	TGGT1_216500-t26_1-p1	19	3E+05	1	1	1	1	0.02	putative tRNA synthetase
151	TGGT1_286580-t26_1-p1	19	1E+05	1	1	1	1	0.04	hypothetical protein
152	TGGT1_314770-t26_1-p1	18	56539	1	1	1	1	0.09	tRNA (guanine-N1)-methyltransferase

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**Sheet 1 - Protein import assay**

RHΔKu80/TATi - Parental line					rTgmS35					rTGME49_240270							
		Treatment	WB band	Mean	Ratio Mature/Immature			Treatment	WB band	Mean	Ratio Mature/Immature			Treatment	WB band	Mean	Ratio Mature/Immature
Exp 1	No ATc	Immature	37.428		1.297	Exp 1	No ATc	Immature	10200		5.088	Exp 1	No ATc	Immature	8840		5.226
		Mature	48.554					Mature	51900					Mature	46200		
	24h ATc	Immature	34.89		1.497		24h ATc	Immature	13000		4.577		24h ATc	Immature	49100		2.118
		Mature	52.236					Mature	59500					Mature	104000		
	48h ATc	Immature	21.542		2.539		48h ATc	Immature	24900		2.257		48h ATc	Immature	40900		2.836
		Mature	54.701					Mature	56200					Mature	116000		
Exp 2	96h ATc	Immature	29.915		2.201	96h ATc	Immature	31600		2.516	96h ATc	Immature	18200		3.912		
		Mature	65.841				Mature	79500				Mature	71200				
	No ATc	Mature	48.275		2.001	No ATc	Mature	20100		3.204	No ATc	Mature	19.395		2.105		
		Immature	24.127				Immature	64400				Immature	40.835				
	24h ATc	Mature	37.414		1.928	24h ATc	Mature	19400		3.242	24h ATc	Mature	19.1		2.497		
		Immature	19.409				Immature	62900				Immature	47.686				
Exp 3	48h ATc	Mature	61.896		2.607	48h ATc	Mature	23400		2.953	48h ATc	Mature	21.875		1.998		
		Immature	23.745				Immature	69100				Immature	43.713				
	96h ATc	Mature	30.445		7.464	96h ATc	Mature	35400		2.799	96h ATc	Mature	23.659		1.894		
		Immature	4.079				Immature	99100				Immature	44.806				
	No ATc	Immature	57.682		3.898	No ATc	Immature	27.047		3.527	No ATc	Immature	20.009		2.412		
		Mature	14.796				Mature	7.668				Mature	8.297				
Exp 4	24h ATc	Immature	61.893		2.556	24h ATc	Immature	24.722		2.647	24h ATc	Immature	12.809		2.489		
		Mature	24.216				Mature	9.338				Mature	5.147				
	48h ATc	Immature	54.507		1.869	48h ATc	Immature	75.592		3.533	48h ATc	Immature	53.263		3.469		
		Mature	29.169				Mature	21.399				Mature	15.352				
	96h ATc	Immature	57.255		2.142	96h ATc	Immature	49.737		2.343	96h ATc	Immature	13.419		2.905		
		Mature	26.734				Mature	21.226				Mature	4.619				
Exp 5	No ATc	Immature	62.319		2.697	No ATc	Immature	56.26		2.639	No ATc	Immature	55.792		3.266		
		Mature	23.111				Mature	21.316				Mature	17.084				
	24h ATc	Immature	54.257		4.309	24h ATc	Immature	64.506		3.063	24h ATc	Immature	49.019		3.782		
		Mature	12.593				Mature	21.063				Mature	12.962				
	48h ATc	Immature	27.444		2.442	48h ATc	Immature	63.127		1.700	48h ATc	Immature	52.002		1.974		
		Mature	11.237				Mature	37.125				Mature	26.339				
96h ATc	Immature	23.967		1.223	96h ATc	Immature	31.98		2.299	96h ATc	Immature	49.425		3.756			
	Mature	19.598				Mature	13.912				Mature	13.159					
		Ratio Average	STDEV	SEM			Ratio Average	STDEV	SEM			Ratio Average	STDEV	SEM			
	No ATc	2.473	1.109	0.554		No ATc	3.615	1.049	0.524		No ATc	3.252	1.405	0.702			
	24h ATc	2.572	1.236	0.618		24h ATc	3.382	0.834	0.417		24h ATc	2.721	0.729	0.364			
	48h ATc	2.364	0.337	0.169		48h ATc	2.611	0.800	0.400		48h ATc	2.570	0.721	0.361			
	96h ATc	3.257	2.840	1.420		96h ATc	2.489	0.227	0.113		96h ATc	3.117	0.928	0.464			

## Sheet 2 - Parental line One-way ANOVA

Anova: Single Factor

### SUMMARY

<i>Groups</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>Sum</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Variance</i>
No ATc	4	9.893129	2.473282	1.229076
24h ATc	4	10.2892	2.5723	1.528718
48h ATc	4	9.456919	2.36423	0.113703
96h ATc	4	13.02936	3.25734	8.064733

### ANOVA

<i>Source of Variation</i>	<i>SS</i>	<i>df</i>	<i>MS</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>P-value</i>	<i>F crit</i>
Between Groups	1.946663	3	0.648888	0.237335	0.868631	3.490295
Within Groups	32.80869	12	2.734058			
Total	34.75535	15				

### Sheet 3 - rTgmS35 One-way ANOVA

Anova: Single Factor

#### SUMMARY

<i>Groups</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>Sum</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Variance</i>
No ATc	4	14.4588	3.614701	1.099662
24h ATc	4	13.52918	3.382295	0.696325
48h ATc	4	10.44291	2.610728	0.64021
96h ATc	4	9.957204	2.489301	0.051515

#### ANOVA

<i>Source of Variation</i>	<i>SS</i>	<i>df</i>	<i>MS</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>P-value</i>	<i>F crit</i>
Between Groups	3.735998	3	1.245333	2.002375	0.167479	3.490295
Within Groups	7.463134	12	0.621928			
Total	11.19913	15				

#### Sheet 4 - rTGME49\_240270 One-way ANOVA

Anova: Single Factor

##### SUMMARY

<i>Groups</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>Sum</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Variance</i>
No ATc	4	13.00902	3.252256	1.972904
24h ATc	4	10.88516	2.721289	0.530989
48h ATc	4	10.27828	2.56957	0.520504
96h ATc	4	12.46707	3.116768	0.860498

##### ANOVA

<i>Source of Variation</i>	<i>SS</i>	<i>df</i>	<i>MS</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>P-value</i>	<i>F crit</i>
Between Groups	1.245191	3	0.415064	0.427362	0.737043	3.490295
Within Groups	11.65469	12	0.971224			
Total	12.89988	15				

## 12.3. Appendix protocol

### Lab protocol of the tRNA affinity pull down

Modified from Seidman *et al.*, (2012)

#### Preparation of the beads:

- Use 50µl of paramagnetic streptavidin resin (DYNAL Magnetic Beads, Invitrogen) containing  $6.7 \times 10^8$  beads/ml per sample. Wash beads 3 times with 500µl SSC buffer (1X).

#### Experiment:

- Washed resin was resuspended in 500ul 0.5 × SSC
- Synthetic 5'-biotinylated *T. gondii* tRNA<sup>Ile</sup> (and tRNA<sup>Met</sup> as negative control) was added to the resin to a final concentration of 2µM and incubated at 65°C for 10 min to form the tRNA-streptavidin affinity resin (10ul/sample of the 100uM stock).
- After incubation, the tRNA-bound resin was washed 3 times with 300 µl of 0.1 × SSC
- Equilibrate the resin in 300 µl of fresh protein binding buffer (PB):
  - PB prep: 5ml is enough for one IP (prepare fresh as sucrose and BSA makes it go bad and DTT and prot. inhibitor are not stable):
  - MOPS 167.4mg
  - Sucrose 350.5mg
  - MgCl<sub>2</sub> 31.25ul of the 1 M solution
  - KCl 400ul 1.6 ml of the 1.2 M solution
  - DTT 7mg
  - BSA 5mg
  - RNase inhibitor 1.67ul of the commercial stock (20U/ul)
  - MiliQ H<sub>2</sub>O 4.5ml
- Leave incubating 1 min.
- Each of the starting samples was adjusted to  $6.0 \times 10^9$  cell equivalents, and volumes were adjusted to 300 µl with PB buffer containing 1% Triton X-100 (Add 4ul to 400ul of PB for 1 sample)
- PB buffer was removed from the beads and replaced by the samples in PB buffer-Triton X-100 1%
- Samples were incubated with the tRNA affinity resin for 30 min at RT under agitation
- Unbound protein was collected, and the tRNA affinity resin was washed 6 times in 500µl of PB buffer.
- tRNA-bound proteins were eluted in 50ul of elution buffers containing increasing ionic concentrations of NaCl (0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1M NaCl; 20 mM MOPS, pH 7.2)
- Protein samples from each elution were precipitated by TCA method as followed:
  - Add 1 vol TCA to 4 vol protein (12.5 ul of TCA 100% + 50 ul elution), invert to mix
  - Incubate 10 min at 4C
  - Spin 14,000rpm 5 min 4C
  - Wash pellet with 200uL cold acetone (Pellet might only be in FT)
  - Spin 14,000rpm 5 min 4C
  - Pour off the supernatant into waste, and dab tube on towel to dry
  - Repeat acetone wash x1
  - Spin down quickly and remove liquid with a P10 to speed up drying
  - Dry pellet 10 min 95C
  - Resuspend in a V<sub>tot</sub> = 20ul: 15ul H<sub>2</sub>O + 5ul of LDS-2mercaptoethanol 4X, and vortex
  - Freeze for later use or boil the samples 5 min 95C to proceed to the WB protocol
- Run samples on 8-18% SDS-PAGE
- Gel staining using SYPRO ORANGE Protein Gel Stain:
  - Pour 1X staining solution into a clean, detergent free glass or polypropylene staining dish. Use ~50 ml for one or two standard minigels, and up to 750 ml for larger gels.
  - Place gel in staining solution and cover with aluminum foil to protect from light during staining.

- Place on a platform shaker for gentle agitation for 10-60 minutes or until optimal staining is achieved. Extended staining times will not improve sensitivity, but can increase background fluorescence.
- Rinse gel in 7.5% acetic acid solution for 1 minute to remove excess dye from the gel.
- Place gel directly on the transilluminator for photographing. Do not use plastic wrap because it will autofluoresce more than normal in the presence of SYPRO Orange. If the gel has a plastic backing it should be removed if it autofluoresces. The backing may bind the dye resulting in high background.

- For LC-MS/MS analysis, bands of interest are cut out of the gel and sent to Polyomics.

Negative control: Mitochondrial proteins were also incubated with paramagnetic streptavidin resin without bound tRNA as a control to identify proteins that bound to the resin non-specifically.

#### Buffers:

- SSC: 1 × SSC; 150 mM NaCl, 15 mM trisodium citrate dihydrate, pH 7.2. Dilute from the 20X solution.
- Protein binding buffer: 160 mM MOPS (MW=209.26), 310 mM sucrose (MW=342.29), 6.25 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 100 mM KCl, 9 mM DTT (MW=154.25), 2 units/300 µl of RNase inhibitor (10U/ul stock), 1 mg/ml BSA → Always make fresh!
- Elution buffer: 20 mM MOPS, 1 M NaCl (MW=58.44), pH 7.2.



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