

1 **Exploring the Human-Nipah virus protein-protein interactions**

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8 **Abstract**

9 Nipah virus is an emerging, highly pathogenic, zoonotic virus of the paramyxoviridae family. Human
10 transmission occurs by close contact with infected animals, the consumption of contaminated food, or,
11 occasionally, via other infected individuals. Currently, we lack therapeutic or prophylactic treatments
12 for Nipah virus. To develop these agents we must now improve our understanding of the host-virus
13 interactions that underpin a productive infection. This aim led us to perform the present work, in which
14 we identified (101) human-Nipah virus protein-protein interactions (PPIs), most of which (88) are
15 novel. This dataset provides a comprehensive view of the host complexes that are manipulated by viral
16 proteins. Host targets include the PRP19 complex and the miRNA processing machinery. Furthermore,
17 we explored the biologic consequences of the interaction with the PRP19 complex and found that the
18 Nipah virus W protein is capable of altering p53 control and gene expression. We anticipate that these
19 data will help in guiding the development of novel interventional strategies to counter this emerging
20 viral threat.

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22 **Importance**

23 Nipah virus is recently discovered virus that infects a wide range of mammals, including humans. Since

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24 its discovery there have been yearly outbreaks and in some of them the mortality rate has reach 100%
25 of the confirmed cases. However, the study of Nipah virus has been largely neglected and currently we
26 lack treatments for this infection. To develop these agents we must now improve our understanding of
27 the host-virus interactions that underpin a productive infection. In the present work we identified 101
28 human-Nipah virus protein-protein interactions using an affinity purification approach coupled with
29 mass spectrometry. Additionally, we explored the cellular consequences of some of these interactions.
30 Globally, this dataset offers a comprehensive and detailed view of the host machinery's contribution to
31 the Nipah virus's life cycle. Furthermore, our data present a large number of putative drug targets that
32 could be exploited for the treatment of this infection.

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34 **Introduction**

35 Nipah virus is an emerging, highly pathogenic, zoonotic virus from the paramyxoviridae family (1, 2).
36 The virus was first detected in humans in 1998, in Malaysia (3), and since then fatal cases have been
37 reported yearly. The first outbreaks in Malaysia and Singapore were associated with severe febrile
38 encephalitis with a case fatality rate of 38%. More recent outbreaks in Bangladesh and India are linked
39 with respiratory disease and manifest an even higher case fatality rate, that occasionally reaches a
40 staggering 100% (4). Transmission to humans occurs mostly by close contact with infected animals or
41 by consuming contaminated food (5). However, incidents of human-to-human transmission have also
42 been reported (6), with these being the major route of infection for the Bangladeshi strains (7).
43 Currently, there are neither therapeutic nor prophylactic treatments for Nipah virus. Despite the low
44 number of annual cases, the virus's broad host range and increased pathogenesis warrants attention
45 given the major health threat that this virus could pose. However, disappointingly, the study of Nipah
46 virus has been largely neglected.

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48 The Nipah virus comprises a 6-gene, 18.2 Kb, negative ssRNA genome, which encodes 9 proteins:
49 Nucleoprotein (N), Phosphoprotein (P), the interferon antagonists W and V, the viral C protein, a
50 matrix protein (M), viral fusion and glycoproteins (F and G, respectively), and a large polymerase (L).
51 Host attachment is achieved by the viral G protein that binds to the host cell surface receptors ephrin
52 B2 or B3 (8, 9). Next, the cellular and viral membranes fuse and the capsid disassembles to deliver the
53 viral genome into the cell. Once in the cytoplasm, the viral messenger and genomic RNAs are
54 synthesized and translated to generate viral proteins. Successful infection requires evasion of the
55 interferon (IFN)- α/β response (10, 11) (a key component of the innate immune response to virus
56 infection). Four Nipah-encoded proteins (P, V, W, and C, all encoded by the *P* gene) participate in
57 overcoming the innate immune response (12, 13). The generation of these proteins relies on varying the
58 reading frame, or using an alternate reading frame when transcribing *P*. In order to vary the reading
59 frame, the fidelity of transcription is interrupted. Specifically, the polymerase stutters at an AG patch of
60 sequence, which results in the insertion of supplementary G residues into the nascent mRNA. While the
61 unedited *P* mRNA encodes the P protein, insertion of one or two extra G residues shifts the frame to
62 produce the V and W proteins, respectively; the C protein is synthesized from an alternate open reading
63 frame (14). A large proportion of the P, V, and W protein sequences are identical (406 amino acids of
64 709, 456, and 449 amino acids, respectively) and, consequently, share some functions. All three
65 proteins inhibit the Jak-STAT signaling pathway by binding to STAT1 and preventing its
66 phosphorylation in response to IFN (15–18). In addition, the V protein inhibits MDA5 signaling (which
67 is conserved across paramyxoviruses) (19–21), while the W protein blocks Toll-like receptor (TLR) and
68 Rig-I-like receptor (RLR) signaling (downstream of IFN regulatory factor 3 activation) (22). The
69 different functions of the V and W proteins can be attributed to their sequence differences and distinct
70 sub-cellular localizations. While V is mostly cytosolic, W is conveyed to the nucleus by virtue of a
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71 nuclear localization signal (NLS) at its unique carboxy terminus (Ct). In addition to the proteins
72 encoded by the *P* gene, the M proteins have also been reported to be involved in antagonizing the
73 innate immune system by targeting TRIM6, IKK, and unanchored polyubiquitin chains (23).

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75 Identifying and understanding host-virus interactions are fundamental to our comprehension of the
76 mechanism of infection, and how this can be used to inform the development of vaccines or antivirals.

77 Previously, a variety of technologies have been used to identify host-virus protein-protein interactions

78 (PPIs). These include tandem-affinity purification (TAP) coupled with mass spectrometry (MS) (TAP-

79 MS) (24, 25), two-hybrid system screens (26), or protein-fragment complementation assays (27). The

80 TAP-MS approach, particularly for a biosafety level 4 (BSL4) pathogen, such as Nipah virus, offers

81 significant advantages. First, TAP-MS is a sensitive and unbiased method with which to identify PPIs.

82 Second, the expression, purification, and identification of PPIs for individual viral proteins constitutes a

83 risk-free and laboratory-friendly approach. Third, the resultant dataset should provide a comprehensive

84 analysis of the complexes that are formed, and the pathways that are triggered during the viral life

85 cycle. However, TAP-MS of non-cellular genes expressed from a plasmid driven system does not fully

86 recapitulate the viral context and might lead to an erroneous identification of PPI.

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88 In the present work, we aimed to identify the human proteins associated with Nipah virus proteins

89 using a TAP-MS approach. We identified 101 PPIs, 88 of which were previously unreported. We

90 uncovered a number of host complexes targeted by the virus, including interactions with the PRP19

91 complex and miRNA processing machinery. Furthermore, we explored the biologic consequences of

92 these PPIs and found that the Nipah virus W protein is capable of altering p53 control and gene

93 expression. Globally, this dataset offers a comprehensive and detailed view of the host machinery's

94 contribution to the Nipah virus's life cycle. Furthermore, our data present a large number of putative

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95 drug targets that could be exploited for the treatment of this life-threatening infection. Nonetheless,
96 before drawing any conclusions on the functional relevance of any of these interactions results must be
97 validated in a viral context.

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99 **Results**

100 **Purification, identification, and analyses of human-Nipah virus PPIs.** To identify human proteins
101 associated with Nipah virus we cloned the sequence of each known Nipah virus protein using a
102 mammalian expression vector. Each protein was fused to a TAP tag (comprising 2xStrepII and 1xFlag)
103 (28) at either its amino (Nt) or carboxy (Ct) terminus. Independent tags at either terminus were used to
104 minimize the possibility of missing a PPI due to tag-masking. This strategy also allowed us to identify
105 which protein end, if any, was prone to the interaction. Enhanced Yellow Fluorescent Protein (EYFP,
106 *Aequorea victoria*), the Red Fluorescent Protein (RFP, *Discosoma sp.*), and an empty vector were
107 included as negative controls. Clones were transfected into HEK-293T cells, with tagged proteins
108 purified 48 hrs post transfection using, in tandem, the Streptavidin and Flag affinity labels. Final
109 eluates were then analyzed by SDS–polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis for quality control, and by MS
110 to identify interaction partners (Fig. 1a). After careful evaluation, the L protein derived samples were
111 not submitted for MS analysis due to insufficient protein. Fusion of the C protein to EYFP was used to
112 improve purification yields prior to PPI identification by MS. See materials and methods for a complete
113 list of the constructs used and the number of replicates analyzed by MS. For each bait, only proteins
114 identified in two or more replicates were considered to be potential interactors. Further, protein hits
115 identified in any of the control experiments (using EYFP, RFP, or empty plasmid) were discarded. To
116 further eliminate artifacts we compared our hits to those recorded in the CRAPome database (29),
117 which lists affinity purification contaminants. Specifically, the experimentally obtained ratio for a

118 protein hit (i.e. the number of times a protein was identified with a particular bait/ replicate number (for
119 that bait)) had to exceed that recorded in the CRAPome database by (at least) five fold. The abundance
120 of the interaction was then estimated using the exponentially modified Protein Abundance Index
121 (emPAI). To compare protein abundance across experiments, emPAIs for each protein were divided by
122 the median emPAI value for the sample (emPAI/med). Since some hits were obtained in 2, 3, 4, or even
123 in 5 replicates, to accurately evaluate their abundance, we calculated the average logarithm of the
124 emPAI/med (ave log(emPAI/med)). As expected, the higher the number of times a protein was found,
125 the higher its ave log value (emPAI/median; Fig. 1B, the unique PPI identified in 5 replicates is not
126 represented in the bar graph). These data suggested a robust protein identification and selection
127 protocol. A total of 101 PPIs were identified between human and Nipah virus proteins (Table 1) of
128 which 88 were previously unreported. As we had placed the TAP tag at the N and C termini of the bait
129 constructs we could analyze which position, if any, favored the detection of the interactor proteins.
130 Overall, 64.4% of the interactors were identified irrespective of tag position, while 18.8% and 16.8% of
131 the PPIs were identified, exclusively, when the affinity tag was either N- or C- terminal, respectively
132 (Fig. 1C). For some Nipah virus proteins the tag position was irrelevant in terms of identifying partner
133 proteins (e.g. for the P, V, and W proteins) (Fig. 1C). For other Nipah proteins (C, and in particular, G),
134 the location of the affinity label greatly influenced the host protein-bait interaction. Interestingly, three
135 of these proteins (F, G, and C) associate with cellular membranes. It is worth noting that, for proteins
136 detected in two replicates, the ave log (emPAI/med) values were higher when identification was tag-
137 position dependent (Fig. 1B).

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139 Next, we analyzed the functional categories of host proteins associated with each Nipah virus bait.
140 Based on the current literature, certain results were anticipated. These included an association of the F
141 protein with the endoplasmic reticulum (30), and the G protein with the Ephrin receptor pathway (8).

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142 The nuclear localization of W (18), the shuttling of protein C between the cytoplasm and nucleus (31),
143 and the association of M with the ubiquitin machinery (23, 32), were all consistent with previous data
144 (Figs. 1D and E). Conversely, some other highly enriched categories were unexpected. These included
145 an association of the PRP19 complex with the P, V, and W proteins, and the enrichment of RNAi
146 related proteins in the M-interactor list. Furthermore, a careful review of the literature revealed that
147 36.4% of the hits had previously been reported as viral protein interactors (Fig. 1F). When a random
148 list of 101 proteins was queried, only 8% were described as viral interactors (Fisher-test enrichment
149 Log_2 p-value= -17.14). The identification of known functions of Nipah virus proteins using GO term
150 analyses, and the elevated percentage of hits previously associated with viral functions, greatly
151 increases our confidence in this dataset.

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153 One of the main objectives of our work was to identify potential drug targets for the treatment of Nipah
154 virus. With this in mind, we searched for drugs that could target any of the proteins obtained in our
155 TAP-MS analyses. To this end we utilized the DRUGBANK database (a bioinformatics and
156 cheminformatics resource that combines drug data (i.e. chemical, pharmacological and pharmaceutical)
157 with comprehensive drug target information (i.e. sequence, structure, and pathway)) (33, 34). In our
158 search we identified 11 drugs (including FDA approved compounds) that could target the Nipah virus's
159 cellular interactors. These data are summarized in Table 2.

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161 To visualize these host-virus interactions we plotted the 101 PPIs as a network schematic (Fig. 2), with
162 inclusion of the PPIs for cellular proteins derived from the IntACT (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/intact/>) (35)
163 and String databases (<http://string-db.org/>) (36) (dotted lines, Fig. 2). Collectively, the network contains
164 93 nodes (corresponding to human and Nipah virus proteins) and 126 interactions (edges). Many of the
165 known PPIs (involving the viral G, F, M, W, and V proteins) were identified in our assays (denoted by

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166 the double black lines) (8, 9, 21, 22, 32, 37–42) and support the quality of our approach. Surprisingly,
167 we also detected an interaction between the W protein and STAT4, although a previously reported
168 interaction with STAT1 went undetected (Shaw et al. (18)). To confirm the potentially new interaction,
169 we performed a pull-down experiment using V, W, V_{G121E}, and W_{G121E} protein lysates (the mutants
170 cannot bind STAT1 (43)) with the resolved proteins probed for STAT1 and STAT4 expression. EYFP
171 was included in the assay as a negative control. The experiments revealed strong interactions between
172 the wild type V and W proteins and both STATs 1 and 4 (Fig 3). Conversely, neither V_{G121E} nor W_{G121E}
173 bound either STAT.

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175 **Interaction of the Nipah virus with the PRP19 complex.** The network map helped to identify robust
176 associations between the P, V, and W proteins and the PRP19 complex (Fig. 2 and Fig. 4A and B). The
177 PRP19 complex (also known as PRPF19 or the NeeTeen Complex (NTC)) participates in key cellular
178 processes (for a full review on PRP19 complex functions see (44)) that include splicing (45),
179 transcription elongation (46), and genome maintenance (47). Additionally, the PRP19 complex has
180 been identified as a negative regulator of p53^(48, 49). First, we sought to validate the PRP19-viral PPI
181 identified in the TAP-MS experiments. Using the TAP tag, we pulled-down both the V and W proteins
182 (and EYFP) and then performed immuno-blots for select PRP19 complex constituents (namely
183 CDC5L, PRP19, PLRG1, and BCAS2; Fig. 4C). Mutants (G121E) of the Nipah virus V and W proteins
184 were also included in this assay. Subsequent results confirmed the TAP-MS data, with an association
185 between the viral proteins and the PRP19 complex detected, even in the presence of mutants deficient
186 in STAT1 binding (V_{G121E} and W_{G121E}).

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188 The PRP19 complex manifests multiple activities in the nucleus. On the basis of Nuclear Localization
189 Signal (NLS) expression, only the Nipah virus W protein (of all the proteins encoded by the *P* gene) is

190 predicted to be able to access this compartment. A robust nuclear co-localization between PLRG1
191 tagged with Yellow Fluorescent Protein (YFP) and the W protein was detected (Fig. 4D). When the
192 viral V or P proteins were co-expressed with YFP-PLRG1, only marginal co-localization at the peri-
193 nuclear region could be detected (Fig. 4D, arrowheads). These results suggest that the strong
194 interactions seen in the TAP-MS experiments between PRP19 and the V and P proteins might have
195 occurred post lysis following disruption of the cellular nuclear envelope.

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197 Next, we sought to discover whether the Nipah virus could interfere with the biologic functions of the
198 PRP19 complex. First, we analyzed the activity of p53 in the presence of viral proteins. For this
199 purpose we used a luciferase-based p53-activity reporter assay (50). Briefly, a reporter plasmid
200 containing a p53 DNA-binding site upstream of a luciferase reporter was co-transfected with the
201 protein of interest into HCT116 cells (a human-derived cell line that retains p53 activity); EYFP was
202 used to normalize the data (white bar panel a). Interestingly, transfection and expression of the Nipah
203 virus W (black bar, panels A, B and C) protein rendered higher luciferase values than EYFP (Fig. 5A).
204 Conversely, transfections with P or V failed to alter p53 activity, as may be predicted from their
205 cytosolic expression patterns and showed luciferase values significantly lower than those obtained with
206 W. However, based on our TAP-MS data, both the Nipah virus V and P proteins are capable of
207 interacting with the PRP19 complex if present in the same compartment/space (as occurred post lysis).
208 When we altered the expression pattern of the V protein by supplementing its sequence with an NLS
209 (V_{NLS}) (22) we observed an increase in p53-dependent luciferase expression. Conversely, elimination
210 of the NLS in the W protein (W_{BR34} (22)) reduced p53 activity back down. In accordance with our pull-
211 down assays, the elimination of STAT1 binding failed to influence the effects of the Nipah virus V or
212 W proteins on luciferase expression (Fig. 5A).

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214 To analyze the role of Nipah virus W protein on p53 activity in the presence of stress/apoptotic stimuli,
215 HCT116 cells were either treated with Doxorubicin (a known inducer of p53 activity (51)) or were
216 infected with Newcastle disease virus (NDV). NDV is a -ssRNA paramyxovirus with a genome
217 structure similar to Nipah (52), that has been used for functional studies of Nipah virus proteins (13).
218 Irrespective of the cellular stress (infection or apoptosis; Figs. 5B and C), the EYFP-associated values
219 were higher than those for the mock treated samples, confirming that p53 activity had been stimulated
220 by the selected stimuli. In the cell stress scenarios (including viral infection), the Nipah virus W protein
221 further enhanced p53 activity with nuclear localization of the W or V proteins key in achieving this
222 activation, as confirmed in A549 cells (Fig. 5 D-F).

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224 Next, we decided to investigate the potential influence of the Nipah virus W protein on PRP19
225 complex-mediated gene expression and splicing. Briefly, W protein-Firefly luciferase (Luc, negative
226 control) dual expression plasmid EYFP constructs were transfected into HEK293T cells, and, 48 hrs
227 later, EYFP positive cells were sorted and incubated (48 hrs) prior to extracting and sequencing
228 mRNAs (Fig. 6A). This process was repeated in triplicate for each sample (GEO accession number:
229 SRP116105). The consistency of replicate data is highlighted by the Pearson correlation analysis in
230 which each set of three replicates can be seen clustered together (Fig. 6B). First, we assessed the
231 differentially expressed genes, identifying 216, 708, and 308 differentially expressed genes using the
232 Cuffdiff, EdgeR, and DESeq2 algorithms, respectively (53–55) (Fig. 6C). For subsequent analyses we
233 considered only the 114 genes identified by all three algorithms (Figs. 6C and D; Supplementary Table
234 1). The differential gene expression for W vs. Luc samples identified by RNA seq was then validated
235 by qRT-PCR (Fig. 6E). To accomplish this, we selected representative genes that were either down-
236 regulated (*INHBA* and *HSP6*) or upregulated (*WFIKKN2*, *MUC19*, and *OR2B67*). Interestingly, a GO
237 analysis of the 114 differentially expressed genes (W vs. Luc) revealed strong enrichment for terms
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238 associated with DNA packing, stability, and innate immune defense (Table 3). These data suggest that
239 the W protein interferes with the PRP19 complex in terms of genomic maintenance, or disrupts the
240 innate antiviral response by altering gene regulation. Next, we sought to study the influence of nuclear
241 localization on gene expression. Briefly, 48 hrs after transfecting HEK293T cells with W, V, or
242 luciferase, mRNAs were extracted and the expression levels of *INHBA* and *MUC19* analyzed by qRT-
243 PCR. Despite an experimental design that excluded the selection of EYFP positive cells, and was
244 restricted to a 48 hr incubation post-transfection, the Nipah virus W protein induced a down-regulation
245 of *INHBA* and up regulation of *MUC19* (vs. the luciferase samples). In accordance with the p53 activity
246 assay results, the V protein was incapable of altering the expression of any of the selected genes (Fig.
247 6F), indicating that nuclear localization is essential if gene expression is to be altered. Analyses of the
248 differentially expressed transcripts (Supplementary Table 2), together with the variation in transcript
249 abundance (Fig. 6G) for W vs. Luc, did not suggest a modification of cellular splicing in the presence
250 of the Nipah virus W protein.

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252 **DICER1-TARBP2 interactions with Nipah virus matrix protein.** We were also extremely interested
253 in the putative interactions identified in the TAP-MS experiments between the Nipah virus M protein
254 and the DICER1-TARBP2 complex (Fig. 2 and Fig. 7A). DICER1 participates primarily in the
255 biogenesis of (multiple classes of) small RNAs including miRNAs (56). However, other functions have
256 been attributed to this complex that include the processing of tRNAs and exogenous RNAs (57). To
257 corroborate our TAP-MS data we transfected HEK293T cells with the TAP-tagged versions of the M
258 (Nt and Ct tagged) and the V protein, After 24 hrs, endogenous DICER1 was immunoprecipitated and
259 probed with the Flag tag (inversely to the MS-TAP approach where the bait was the Nipah M protein)
260 (Fig. 7B left panel). Experiment that was repeated with HA-tagged M or V plasmids and including RFP
261 as an additional negative control (Fig. 7 middle and right panels). As in the TAP-MS experiments, N-
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262 terminal tagged M was found to interact with DICER1 (Fig. 7B). At this point, we asked whether the
263 Nipah virus M protein could influence DICER1 function. However, a luciferase-based DICER1 activity
264 assay, with maturation analyses of exogenous miRNAs (Figs. 7C and D, respectively), showed that the
265 M protein had no influence on the canonical functions of DICER1. Nonetheless, a role for M protein in
266 other DICER1-TARBP2 activities cannot yet be ruled out.

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268 **Discussion**

269 Currently, only a few sporadic cases of Nipah virus human infection are reported each year. However,
270 the potential for human-to-human transmission, and an elevated pathogenicity, makes this virus a major
271 potential global health threat. Accordingly, Nipah virus has been classified as a biosafetely level 4
272 (BSL4) pathogen. Surprisingly, few efforts have been made towards the development of a therapeutic
273 or prophylactic treatment. In terms of antivirals, there are two main approaches. Historically,
274 virologists have focused on the design of compounds that target viral proteins, and this approach has
275 seen many successes. However, this strategy can present some disadvantages. For example, rapidly
276 evolving viruses, such as RNA viruses, may develop drug resistance over a relatively short time period.
277 In some cases (e.g. the neuraminidase inhibitors of the Influenza A virus) the antiviral compound
278 interferes with a viral protein/process at a late stage of the viral life cycle. This type of late blockade
279 can severely reduce drug efficacy and narrow the treatment window. These and other hurdles have
280 prompted a strategic shift towards examining, and potentially targeting, host-proteins that are
281 manipulated by the virus in order to fulfill a productive viral life cycle. By interfering with these
282 interactions, either functionally (i.e. disrupting the host protein function) or upstream, by blocking the
283 host-pathogen PPI, viral propagation might be reduced or even stopped. In the current work, we
284 focused on identifying PPIs between human proteins and the Nipah virus. Our detailed TAP-MS

285 analyses revealed 101 PPIs, most of them previously unreported. These interactions represent a
286 valuable set of potential drug targets for the treatment of Nipah virus infection. Further, by utilizing the
287 DRUGBANK database we could explore the drug-ability of our interactor dataset, and provide a list of
288 potential strategies to counter viral infection. It is important to mention that the experiments presented
289 in this work were not conducted in a viral infection context. Transient expression from a plasmid-
290 driven system yields large quantities of proteins which might alter the cellular interactome. Therefore,
291 any result should be validated in a viral context before the functional relevance of the described PPIs is
292 concluded.

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294 The Nipah virus W protein participates in evading the innate immune response by binding STAT1 and
295 preventing its phosphorylation in response to IFN. Additionally, protein W has been reported to block
296 the TLR and RLR pathways. Here, we report a previously undetected interaction between the Nipah
297 virus W protein and the PRP19 complex. Most likely, this interaction occurs through the N terminal
298 region of the protein that is shared with the V and P proteins. All three proteins (W, V, and P) have the
299 potential to interact with the PRP19 complex, as shown by our TAP-MS experiments. However, *in vivo*,
300 only the W protein was able to co-localize with PLRG1 (a member of the PRP19 complex).
301 Furthermore, only the Nipah virus W protein was capable of modulating cellular processes that are
302 controlled (partially) by the PRP19 complex. These results indicate that the interactions between P, V,
303 and the PRP19 complex that were captured in our MS-TAP and pull-down assays, may have occurred
304 post cell lysis.

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306 Our results showed a change in p53 activity and gene expression in the presence of the Nipah virus W
307 protein. These changes correlate with the nuclear localization of the protein, as analyses of mutated V
308 and W proteins revealed. The Nipah virus V protein, despite its capacity to interact with the PRP19
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309 complex, could neither alter p53 activity nor gene expression when compared to controls. However,
310 when localized to the nucleus, we detected a restoration of the ability of the V protein to activate p53.

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312 We should mention that our RNA sequencing data (differential expression of transcripts, and transcript
313 abundance for W vs. Luc samples) suggested no major modification of cellular splicing in the presence
314 of W. Nonetheless, collectively, our data indicates that the Nipah virus W protein is capable of altering
315 the function of the PRP19 complex, and that its nuclear localization is required for this activity.
316 Furthermore, the binding of STAT1 does not seem to be related to these effects, as indicated by our
317 analyses of the STAT1 binding deficient V and W proteins. These data suggest that further analyses of
318 the persistence of the protein W-PRP19 complex interaction, in the context of a viral infection, are now
319 warranted.

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321 Due to the multi functionality of the PRP19 complex, it is currently impossible to pinpoint (with the
322 present data) which of its multiple functions the virus is manipulating. Many viruses modulate the
323 cellular apoptotic response (58) and it is possible that Nipah virus could, at some point during its life
324 cycle, induce apoptosis by interfering with a negative regulator of p53 such as the PRP19 complex.
325 There is also an extensive literature on the viral modulation of cellular gene expression. The Nipah
326 virus interaction with PRP19 might represent an additional level of control over the cellular antiviral
327 response. Whether this gene regulation is specific for a particular set of genes or is dependent on the
328 genes expressed in the infected cell cannot yet be deduced (with the current data). It would be useful to
329 investigate the influence of the W protein on gene expression in cells treated with IFN or stimulated
330 with viral RNA. GO enrichment analyses revealed that the differentially expressed genes are linked
331 with the innate immune response, which leads us to think that the Nipah virus is selectively hampering
332 the cellular response to viral infection. However, besides the defense response, the gene set analyzed

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333 seems to participate in DNA packing, chromatin organization, and silencing, which could indicate an
334 indirect mechanism of altering the cellular response to viral infection. Since the PRP19 complex is
335 heavily involved in genome maintenance and DNA stability (47), an enrichment of GO terms related to
336 those functions could reflect the cellular response to the Nipah virus protein W - PRP19 complex
337 interaction.

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339 Finally, we focused on the DICER1-Nipah M PPI. This interaction was confirmed by the pull-down
340 (PD) of endogenous DICER1 in the presence of TAP-tagged Nipah virus M protein and V protein (as a
341 negative control). As expected, only Nt tagged Nipah virus M protein could be seen interacting with
342 DICER1. To corroborate this result the DICER1 PD was repeated in the presence of the HA-tagged
343 versions of the Nipah virus M protein and using the RFP and Nipah virus V protein as a negative
344 controls. Once again, only the Nt tagged forms of the Nipah virus M protein were PD together with
345 DICER1. However, when DICER1 activity, in terms of miRNA production, was assessed in the
346 presence of protein M we detected no noticeable effects. Nonetheless, DICER1 has been described to
347 participate in other functions. In a Nipah virus infection, DICER1 could conceivably act as a pattern
348 recognition receptor, as described in ⁽⁵⁹⁾. In that context, the interaction of Nipah virus M with DICER1
349 could prevent the cellular recognition of the virus without altering DICER1's canonical function.

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351 Our work suggests multiple new strands of research. Not only do we describe new PPIs between the
352 Nipah virus and host, but we also identify new functions for the viral W and M proteins. These data
353 constitute a significant advance in our understanding of Nipah virus biology and we anticipate that
354 these results will contribute to the development of a much-needed antiviral treatment.

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356 **Materials and methods**

357 **Protein expression and purification.** For the identification of Nipah-human PPIs, DNAs encoding
358 each viral protein fused to a TAP tag sequence at either the amino- or carboxy- terminus were
359 transfected into HEK293T cells. Briefly, 30 µg of DNA were added to 1.5 mL of Opti-MEM medium
360 (Gibco) (solution A). Separately, 1.5 mL Opti-MEM was supplemented with Lipofectamine 2000 (Life
361 technologies; 2 µL/µg DNA, solution B). Solutions A and B were then mixed and incubated at room
362 temperature for at least 10 minutes. The mixture was then overlaid onto a 15 cm tissue culture dish.
363 Approximately 24 hours post transfection, cells were harvested and washed with PBS (x3). Cells were
364 then lysed with 300 µL of Lysis Buffer (30 mM Tris-HCl, 150 mM NaCl, 0.5 % NP-40, Protease
365 inhibitor (cOMplete Protease Inhibitor Cocktail, Roche) and phosphatase inhibitor (PhosSTOP,
366 Roche)), and the lysate passed through a 30-gauge syringe (x3). The cell extract was clarified by
367 centrifugation (10 minutes 10,000 g) and the supernatant transferred to a new tube. Tandem affinity
368 purification (TAP) was as described in (28). Briefly, Nipah proteins were transiently expressed (24-30
369 hrs) in HEK293T cells. Next, cells were lysed and viral proteins purified using the Strep and Flag tags
370 in tandem. Protein digestion and identification (LC MSMS using an LTQ Orbitrap) was completed by
371 the W.M. Keck Biotechnology Resource Laboratory (<http://medicine.yale.edu/keck/index.aspx>).
372 Constructs analyzed by MS (# replicates): Empty (2), Nt-EYFP (2), EYFP-Ct (2), Nt-RFP (1), RFP-Ct
373 (1), Nt-N (3), N-Ct (3), Nt-P (2), P-Ct (2), Nt-V (2), V-Ct (2), Nt-W (2), W-Ct (2), Nt-EYFP-C (2), C-
374 EYFP-Ct (2), Nt-M (2), M-Ct (2), Nt-F (2), F-Ct (2), Nt-F + F-Ct (1*), Nt-G (2), G-Nt (2), Nt-G + G-
375 Ct (1*). * Nt and Ct plasmids were mix (1:1). This samples were not included in the analysis of the tag
376 position.

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378 **Selection criteria and the abundance of interacting proteins.**

379 The MS data were filtered according to the following selection criteria. All pseudo genes, predicted
380 proteins, and immunoglobulin fragments were discarded. Common contaminants in MS experiments
381 such as Keratins and Trypsins were also eliminated. Next, those proteins purified with any of the
382 negative controls (EYFP, RFP, or empty plasmid) were deleted. To further eliminate common artifacts
383 we utilized the CRAPome database (29) of common protein contaminants (i.e. identified from negative
384 control experiments) identified in affinity purification experiments followed by MS. Only those
385 proteins with an experimentally obtained found/total ratio $>5x$ CRAPome (ratio) were selected. Finally,
386 proteins that interacted with 3 or more Nipah virus proteins were discarded as contaminants from the
387 experimental conditions used in the affinity purification (in this analysis, the sequence similarities for
388 the viral P, V, and W proteins, led these to be assessed collectively (i.e. as one)). The abundance of each
389 interaction was estimated using the exponentially modified Protein Abundance Index (emPAI). The
390 emPAI value offers an approximate, label-free, quantification of the proteins in a mixture based on
391 protein coverage obtained by peptide matches in a database search (60). To compare the intensities
392 across experiments the emPAIs for each protein were divided by the median emPAI value of the sample
393 (emPAI/med). As some hits were obtained 2, 3, 4, or up to 5 times, comparisons were made using the
394 average log (emPAI/med).

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396 **Cell culture.** Colon epithelial carcinoma cells (HCT116), human alveolar epithelial cells (A549), and
397 human embryonic kidney 293T (HEK293T) cells were obtained from the American Type Culture
398 Collection and authenticated by Bioidentity ([www.http://bioidentity.es](http://bioidentity.es)). Cells were cultured in
399 Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (DMEM) (Gibco) supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum
400 (FBS) (HyClone, ThermoScientific), and 1% penicillin-streptomycin (P/S) (Gibco). All cells were
401 grown at 37°C, 5% CO₂. Mycoplasma contamination analysis of the cells was performed by the Tissue
402 culture core facility at the Universitat de València.

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404 **p53 reporter assay.** HCT116 and A549 cells were transfected (Lipofectamine 2000) with a p53
405 reporter plasmid (50) (Addgene plasmid 16442, <http://www.addgene.org>), a pRL-SV40 vector
406 (Promega, <http://www.promega.com>; included to normalize the measurements), and a plasmid carrying
407 the protein of interest. To induce p53 activation, 24 hrs after transfection, cells were either infected with
408 Newcastle Disease virus (NDV) or were exposed to Doxorubicin (0.2 - 0.4 μ M, Calbiochem,
409 <http://www.emdmillipore.com>). Twenty-four hours later, cells were lysed and the luciferase signal from
410 Firefly Renilla luciferase measured using a Dual-Luciferase Reporter Assay System (Promega,
411 <http://www.promega.com>). NDV infections were as follows: twenty-four hours after transfection media
412 was removed and the cells washed with PBS. Infection was with 200 μ L of PBS/0.5% BSA with NDV
413 at a MOI = 10. After a 1 hour incubation at room temperature, the virus was aspirated, and the cells
414 washed with PBS. Fresh media was then added to the cells.

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416 **Sub-cellular protein localization.** For the co-localization study of PLRG1 and the Nipah virus W, V,
417 and P proteins, HEK293T cells were seeded onto poly-Lys treated cover slips and, approximately 20-24
418 hrs later, transfected with YFP-PLRG1 and either the P, V, or W (flag-tagged) constructs. After 24 hrs,
419 cells were fixed (paraformaldehyde 4%, 20 min), permeabilized (0.1% Triton X-100) and washed (3x,
420 PBS). Immunofluorescence was with a mouse anti-flag antibody (Sigma-Aldrich,
421 www.sigmaaldrich.com); the secondary antibody was an anti-mouse Alexa 647 conjugate (Sigma-
422 Aldrich), with DAPI used to stain nuclei (Fluoroshield, Sigma-Aldrich). Images were captured using a
423 FV1000 confocal microscope (Olympus, <http://www.olympus-lifescience.com>) at the microscopy core
424 facility of the University of Valencia.

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426 **Immunoprecipitation and immunodetection.** Cells were transfected with the appropriated protein
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427 (M, V or RFP) bearing the indicated antibody tag (HA or Flag). Approximately 48 hrs later, cells were
428 lysed (20 mM Tris (pH 7.5), 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 1 mM EGTA, 1% Triton X-100, 2.5 mM
429 Sodium pyrophosphate, 1 mM Na₃VO₄, 1x Cocktail protease (Pierce)) on ice (5 min). Samples were
430 centrifuged (10 min at 14,000 g) and the supernatant pre-cleared by a 30 - 60 min incubation (at 4 °C)
431 with protein A. Protein A was then pelleted by centrifugation (2,500 g 2-3min) and 1-10 µg of anti-
432 DICER1 antibody added to the clarified supernatant (Abcam Ab14601; incubated at 4 °C overnight).
433 Next, 20 µL of Protein A was added, and the samples incubated for 1 hr at 4°C, then passed through a
434 micro-spin column. Columns were washed (x3) with lysis buffer. Finally, samples were incubated with
435 elution buffer (0.2 M glycine-HCl at pH 2.5) for 10 min at room temperature and then centrifuged (2
436 min at 2,500 g). Flow-throughs were subject to western blot using either an anti-HA or an anti-Flag
437 antibody (Sigma-Aldrich). For the identification of BCAS2, PRP19, and CDC5L, we used the
438 WH0010286M1, SAB4501215, and HPA011361 antibodies, respectively (Sigma-Aldrich).

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440 **DICER1 luciferase activity assay.** To explore the activity of DICER1 in the presence of the Nipah
441 virus W protein we used a luciferase assay based on miR124 processing. Briefly, a pBT plasmid
442 expressing Gaussia luciferase containing four miR124 target sites was transfected into HEK293T cells
443 together with a pEM plasmid containing miR124. An empty pEM plasmid was used as a negative
444 control. Successful production of mature miR124 via DICER1 should block luciferase expression.
445 Conversely, if DICER1 activity is diminished, the level of the luciferase signal should increase.

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447 **RNAseq and analyses.** Sequencing and sample preparation were completed at the Genomics Core
448 facility at the University of Valencia. Prior to sequencing, the appropriate RNA quality was verified
449 using a Bioanalyzer (Agilent, <http://www.agilent.com>) with the Agilent RNA 6000 Nano kit (used
450 according to the manufacturer's instructions). RNA libraries were prepared using the TruSeq Stranded
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451 mRNA sample preparation kit (Illumina, www.illumina.com) following the manufacturer's
452 specifications. Sequencing was with an Illumina NextSeq5000 sequencer using the High Output kit
453 (Illumina) (GEO accession number: SRP116105). Data analyses were with CuffDiff (53), EdgeR (54),
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473 **Figure legends**

474 **Figure 1. Affinity purification of Nipah virus proteins and analyses of MS data.** (A) Flowchart of
475 the TAP-MS approach used to identify Nipah virus-human interactions. hpt denotes hours post
476 transfection. (B) The ave log (emPAI/med) of the 101 PPIs were grouped according to the number of
477 times (replicates) they were found (2, 3, or 4). The single PPI found in 5 replicates was excluded from
478 the representation. For each group, values for the number of interactors (top) and the averaged value of
479 the ave log (emPAI/med) are shown. Those proteins found in 2 replicates were color-coded based on
480 the TAP-tag position in the bait: blue, Nt; green, Ct; black (either Nt or Ct). The averaged values of the
481 ave log (emPAI/med) of tag-position dependent (tpd) and independent (tpi) interactions are also
482 indicated. (C) Influence of tag position on identification of the PPI. The number of interactors for each
483 bait (Nipah virus proteins N, P, V, W, C, M, F, and G) are shown. Bars are color-coded according to the
484 location of the tag. Gray indicates a host protein identified using a bait tagged at either terminus; blue
485 indicates a protein that bound bait tagged at its N terminus (Nt) exclusively; green indicates the

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486 opposite, an interaction between host protein and bait tagged exclusively at the C terminus (Ct). The
487 pie chart above the bar graph indicates the percentage of interactors identified with Nt (blue), Ct
488 (green), or Nt and Ct (gray) tagged baits. **(D and E)** Heat maps representing enriched cellular
489 components **(D)** and biological processes **(E)** deduced from the human proteins captured with the
490 Nipah virus baits. ER denotes Endoplasmic Reticulum. **(F)** The percentage of PPIs identified in the
491 TAP-MS experiment that have been shown to be related (in the literature) to viral infection.
492 Significance (Fisher test) was calculated using a random list of 101 proteins as a reference set.

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494 **Figure 2. Network representation of TAP-MS-identified Nipah virus-human PPIs.** A total of 126
495 interactions (edges) and 93 proteins (nodes) are represented. Newly identified PPIs are indicated by
496 solid black lines; previously described PPIs are those highlighted with a double solid line. Gray dotted
497 lines indicate human-human PPIs obtained from the String and intACT databases. Nipah virus proteins
498 are shown light red. Cellular proteins are shown either blue (Nt) or green (Ct) depending on the tag
499 position (as described previously). Protein names (obtained from Uniprot) are provided within each
500 node.

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502 **Figure 3.** Nipah virus proteins W and V interact with STAT4. **(A)** TAP of tagged V, W, V_{G121E}, W_{G121E},
503 and EYFP. Post purification, samples were immuno-blotted for STAT1, STAT4, and the FLAG tag. **(B)**
504 Network representation of the Nipah virus V and W interactions with STAT family members, as
505 obtained in the TAP-MS experiments. TAP of tagged V, W, V_{G121E}, W_{G121E} and EYFP. After purification
506 samples were probed against STAT1, STAT4 and FLAG.

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508 **Figure 4. Interactions between the Nipah virus and the PRP19 complex.** **(A)** Network
509 representation of TAP-MS identified interactions between PRP19 complex members (gray nodes) and
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510 Nipah virus proteins (red nodes). Solid black lines indicate interactions found in the TAP-MS
511 experiments. Gray dotted lines represent PPIs identified in the String and intACT databases. **(B)**.
512 Average $\log(\text{emPAI}/\text{median})$ value of the experimentally found interactions. Red dots highlight the
513 PRP19 complex associated proteins. The dotted line indicates the average value for all samples. **(C)**
514 Western blot identification of PRP19 complex members. Wildtype and mutant (G121E) V and W
515 lysates, together with EYFP, were TAP purified and the final eluates immuno-blotted for CDC5L,
516 PRP19, PLRG1, BCAS2, and the Flag tag. **(D)** Cellular localization of the V, W, and P proteins (red,
517 immune-labeled) with YFP-PLRG1 (green). DAPI staining is shown as light gray. Co-localization of
518 red and green channels is highlighted in yellow. Arrowheads indicate peri-nuclear regions where green
519 and red co-localization was found.

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521 **Figure 5. Nipah virus modulation of p53 activity.** To investigate p53 activity in the presence of
522 Nipah virus protein, a luciferase reporter plasmid was transfected into HCT116 cells **(A-C)** and A549
523 **(D-F)**. Post transfection cells were left untreated (Untreated) **(A and D)**, were infected with Newcastle
524 disease virus (NDV) **(B and E)** or were exposed to doxorubicin (Doxorubicin) **(C and F)**. Luciferase
525 values for control (untreated) cells transfected with the p53 reporter and EYFP were used to normalize
526 the data (100%, dotted line, white bar panel **A**). Error bars indicate the standard deviation of at least
527 three replicates. Significance (t-test) in each panel was calculated by comparison with values obtained
528 with the Nipah virus W samples (black bar). *: p value<0.05, **: p value<0.01, ***: p value<0.001, ns:
529 not significant.

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531 **Figure 6. Nipah virus modulation of gene expression.** **(A)** Flowchart representation of the mRNA
532 extraction and purification protocol. **(B)** Pearson correlation analyses of the sequenced samples. This
533 analysis included the expression profiles of all of the genes. **(C)** Venn diagram indicating the number of
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534 differentially expressed genes when comparing Nipah virus W and luciferase samples, identified by
535 CuffDiff (pink), DESeq2 (light blue), and EdgeR (yellow). (D) Heat map of the Log₂RPM values for
536 the 114 differentially expressed genes detected by all three algorithms. (E) qRT-PCR validation of RNA
537 seq data. The bar graph shows the fold induction provoked by the expression of W protein over the
538 luciferase values. Error bars represent the standard deviation of the three replicates. (F) qRT-PCR
539 measurements of *INHBA* (red) and *MUC19* (green) mRNAs, selected as example of genes down and up
540 regulated, respectively, by the Nipah virus W protein. In these experiments cells were transfected with
541 luciferase (reference sample) and expression plasmids for either the W or V proteins. After 48 hrs,
542 mRNAs were extracted and measured by qRT-PCR. The bar graph shows the fold induction of mRNA
543 achieved in the presence of either the W or V protein, over values recorded for luciferase. Error bars
544 indicate the standard deviation of three replicates. Significance (t-test) was calculated by comparing the
545 V and W samples. * denotes a p value <0.05 . (G) Average Log₂ RPM for the Luc and W sample.

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547 **Figure 7. Interaction of Nipah virus M with the DICER1-TARBP2 complex.** (A) Network
548 representation of the Nipah virus M protein interaction with cellular proteins. (B) Left panel,
549 immunoprecipitation of endogenous DICER1 in HEK293T cells transfected with Nipah virus M and V
550 protein (M-TAP and TAP-M and V-TAP) (TAP tagged either at the amino terminus, TAP-M or the
551 carboxilo end M-TAP and V-TAP). Middle and left panel show immunoprecipitation of endogenous
552 DICER1 in HEK293T cells transfected with Nipah virus M and V protein and the RFP tagged with and
553 HA flag in the indicated terminus. (C) DICER1 activity assay. HEK293T cells were transfected with
554 luciferase (luc) plasmids containing mir124 target sites plus a plasmid expressing mir124. In the
555 absence of mature miR124, expression of Luc is unhampered. Conversely, DICER1 dependent
556 production of mature miR124 blocks Luc expression. The black bar indicates a negative control,
557 comprising cells expressing Luc but no miR124 plasmid. White bars include EYFP (positive) and W
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558 samples. A western blot was included to confirm the expression of EYFp and the Nipah virus M
559 protein. **(D)** Northern blot of pre- and mature miR124 in cells expressing EYFP or the Nipah virus M
560 protein.
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Table 1. Proteins identified by the TAP-MS

Bait	Uniprot	Gene Name	Protein name	Replicates ^a	Found Ratio ^b	N ^c	Ct ^c	Ave log(empai/med) ^d	Reported in
W	O00505	KPNA3	Importin-alpha 3	3	0.75	1	2	1.59	22, 37
P	O75934	SPF27	Pre-mrna-splicing factor spl27	4	1.00	2	2	1.43	
P	Q9UMS4	PRP19	Pre-mrna-processing factor 19	4	1.00	2	2	1.37	
M	Q92688	ANP32B	Acidic leucine-rich nuclear phosphoprotein 32	2	0.50	1	1	1.28	38
W	O00629	KPNA4	Importin subunit alpha-4	4	1.00	2	2	1.26	22, 37
W	B2R7W3	BCAS2	Pre-mrna-splicing factor spl27	4	1.00	2	2	1.23	
W	Q9UMS4	PRP19	Pre-mrna-processing factor 19	4	1.00	2	2	1.19	
P	Q99459	CDC5L	Cell division cycle 5-like protein	4	1.00	2	2	1.18	
V	B2R7W3	BCAS2	Pre-mrna-splicing factor spl27	3	0.75	1	2	1.08	
V	P52630	STAT2	Signal transducer and activator of transcription 2	2	0.50	1	1	0.98	16, 37
V	Q9UMS4	PRP19	Pre-mrna-processing factor 19	4	1.00	2	2	0.94	
P	O43660	PLRG1	Pleiotropic regulator 1	4	1.00	2	2	0.89	
C	P40855	PEX19	Peroxisomal biogenesis factor 19 a	2	0.50	2	0	0.83	
F	Q53H37	CALM5	Calmodulin-like protein 5	2	0.40	0	2	0.80	
C	P35613	BSG	Basigin/cd147emmpirin	3	0.75	2	1	0.80	
V	O43660	PLRG1	Pleiotropic regulator 1	2	0.50	0	2	0.79	
F	Q9Y5M8	SRPRB	Signal recognition particle receptor subunit beta	3	0.60	1	1	0.78	
N	O75190	DNAJB6	Dnaj subfamily b member 6	2	0.33	1	1	0.76	
C	Q9UHG3	PCYOX1	Prenylcysteine lyase	2	0.50	2	0	0.73	
M	P49458	SRP9	Signal recognition particle 9 kda protein	2	0.50	1	1	0.67	
M	A0A024R217	RAD18	Postreplication repair protein hrad18p	4	1.00	2	2	0.67	32
W	O43660	PLRG1	Pleiotropic regulator 1	3	0.75	1	2	0.66	
F	I2G9F8	HLA-C	Major histocompatibility complex, class I-c	3	0.60	2	1	0.62	39*
F	P11441	UBL4A	Ubiquitin-like protein 4a	4	0.80	2	1	0.59	
P	P51116	FXR2	Fragile x mental retardation syndrome related protein	4	1.00	2	2	0.55	
V	P42771	CDKN2A	P16-ink4	2	0.50	1	1	0.48	
N	D3DR22	HSD17B12	Hydroxysteroid (17-beta) dehydrogenase 12	2	0.33	2	0	0.48	
C	O00161	SNAP23	Snap-23	2	0.50	2	0	0.47	
M	O15355	PPM1G	Protein phosphatase 1g	4	1.00	2	2	0.47	
V	Q99459	CDC5L	Cell division cycle 5-like protein	3	0.75	1	2	0.36	
G	P07203	GPX1	Glutathione peroxidase	2	0.40	1	1	0.33	
N	M4QFU4	HLA-B	Mhc class I antigen	2	0.33	0	2	0.33	39*
M	Q9UPY3	DICER1	Hypothetical helicase k12h4.8-like protein	2	0.50	0	2	0.30	
M	Q7Z6Z7	HUWE1	E3 ubiquitin-protein ligase huwe1	2	0.50	0	2	0.28	
M	Q8WVZ9	KBTD7	Kelch repeat and btb domain-containing protein 7	2	0.50	1	1	0.27	
W	Q99459	CDC5L	Cell division cycle 5-like protein	3	0.75	1	2	0.26	
F	A0A024RBE6	NAP1L1	Nucleosome assembly protein 1-like 1, cra_b	2	0.40	0	2	0.25	
M	Q15633	TARBP2	Risc-loading complex subunit tarbp2 b	3	0.75	1	2	0.23	
C	Q9POT7	TMEM9	Transmembrane protein 9	2	0.50	0	2	0.23	

N	O00217	NDUFS8	Nadh dehydrogenase iron-sulfur protein 8	2	0.33	2	0	0.22	
G	Q15768	EFNB3	Ephrin-b3	2	0.40	2	0	0.19	32
C	Q9H9H4	VPS37B	Vacuolar protein sorting-associated protein 37b	4	1.00	2	2	0.19	
V	Q13126	MTAP	Methylthioadenosine phosphorylase	3	0.75	1	2	0.18	
F	Q7L5D6	GET4	Cgi-20 protein	2	0.40	2	0	0.14	
F	A4D0U5	TES	Testin 1	4	0.80	2	2	0.14	
G	Q9UK22	FBX2	F-box protein fbx2	5	1.00	2	2	0.13	
N	Q9Y4R8	TELO2	Kiaa0683 protein	2	0.33	1	1	0.12	
F	Q3SY69	ALDH1L2	Aldehyde dehydrogenase 1 family, member l2	2	0.40	1	1	0.09	
M	Q9UL15	BAG5	Bag family molecular chaperone regulator 5	2	0.50	1	1	0.06	
P	Q43709	WBSOCR22	Uncharacterized methyltransferase wbscr22	2	0.50	1	1	0.05	
G	P27544	CERS1	Ceramide synthase 1	2	0.40	2	0	0.05	
G	O60613	SEP15	Selenoprotein 1 precursor	2	0.40	2	0	0.05	
C	Q9BRK5	SDF4	Calcium-binding protein 1 precursor	2	0.50	0	2	0.03	
F	P51648	ALDH3A2	Fatty aldehyde dehydrogenase 2	3	0.60	1	1	0.03	
F	Q96AY3	FKBP10	Fk506-binding protein	2	0.40	2	0	0.01	
N	Q8NBQ5	HSD17B11	Unnamed protein product	3	0.50	1	2	0.01	
P	P52630	STAT2	Signal transducer and activator of transcription 2	2	0.50	1	1	0.01	16, 37
F	P02786	TFRC	Transferrin receptor protein 1	3	0.60	2	1	0.00	40**
G	P52799	EFNB2	Ephrin-b2	2	0.40	2	0	-0.01	8, 41
M	Q6PEV8	FAM199X	Fam199x	2	0.50	0	2	-0.02	
M	Q9Y4B6	VPRBP	Vprbp 1	3	0.75	1	2	-0.04	42
G	Q9Y3A6	TMED5	Transmembrane emp24 protein transport	3	0.60	0	2	-0.06	
F	P46459	NSF	Vesicle-fusing atpase	2	0.40	2	0	-0.09	
C	P51648	ALDH3A2	Fatty aldehyde dehydrogenase 2	2	0.50	1	1	-0.09	
C	Q9NV96	TMEM30A	Cell cycle control protein 50a	2	0.50	0	2	-0.10	
F	Q9UNL2	SSR3	Translocon-associated protein subunit gamma	3	0.60	1	1	-0.10	
W	Q14765	STAT4	Signal transducer and activator of transcription 4	3	0.75	2	2	-0.10	
P	P56182	RRP1	Ribosomal Rna processing protein 1	2	0.50	1	1	-0.11	
M	Q9BTT0	ANP32E	Acidic leucine-rich nuclear phosphoprotein 32	2	0.50	1	1	-0.12	
C	P25490	YY1	Transcriptional repressor protein yy1	2	0.50	0	2	-0.13	
N	Q9H078	CLPB	Caseinolytic peptidase b	3	0.50	2	1	-0.14	
N	Q8WVC6	DCAKD	Dephospho-coa kinase domain containing	3	0.50	3	0	-0.15	
N	O75306	NDUFS2	Nadh dehydrogenase-ubiquinone fe-s protein 2	3	0.50	1	2	-0.15	
F	Q7L099	RUFY3	Protein rufy3	2	0.40	0	2	-0.16	
G	O15173	PGRC2	Membrane-associated progesterone receptor component 2	3	0.60	2	0	-0.16	
F	Q15165	PON2	Paraoxonase 2	2	0.40	2	0	-0.16	
C	Q9H4A5	GOLPH3L	Golgi phosphoprotein 3-like	2	0.50	2	0	-0.16	
M	Q9GZU8	FAM192A	Protein fam192a	3	0.75	2	1	-0.16	
M	A0A0C4DGV5Z	RANB2	Zis1	4	1.00	2	2	-0.20	
N	P10155	TROVE2	Ro ribonucleoprotein	4	0.67	3	1	-0.21	

M	Q7Z4V5	HDGFRP2	Hepatoma-derived growth factor-related protein 2	2	0.50	1	1	-0.22
M	Q96JK2	DCAF5	Ddb1- and cul4-associated factor 5	2	0.50	0	2	-0.22
C	Q9ULX6	AKAP8L	A-kinase anchor protein 8-like	2	0.50	1	1	-0.25
M	Q96EY7	PTCD3	Pentatricopeptide repeat domain-containing protein 3	4	1.00	2	2	-0.25
C	Q95071	UBR5	E3 ubiquitin-protein ligase ubr5	2	0.50	0	2	-0.25
N	Q8IWW7	UBR1	E3 ubiquitin-protein ligase ubr1	4	0.67	1	3	-0.26
M	O00203	AP3B1	Ap-3 complex beta3a subunit	2	0.50	1	1	-0.29
M	Q43164	PJA2	Praja ring finger 2	3	0.75	1	2	-0.30
F	Q8IXB1	DNAJC10	Hypothetical protein	2	0.40	1	1	-0.32
C	Q8TEB1	DCAF11	GI014	3	0.75	2	1	-0.32
C	Q43933	PEX1	Peroxisome biogenesis factor 1	2	0.50	0	2	-0.36
G	Q9NRX5	SERINC1	Kiaa1253 protein	2	0.40	2	0	-0.38
N	Q96AC1	FERMT2	Mitogen inducible gene mig-2	3	0.50	0	3	-0.39
C	Q13557	CAMK2D	Calcium/calmodulin-dependent protein kinase 2 delta	2	0.50	0	2	-0.39
M	P30414	NKTR	Nk-tumor recognition protein	2	0.50	1	1	-0.50
N	A0A024RCG7	ARMCX2	Armadillo repeat containing 6	3	0.50	2	1	-0.54
N	I0B0K5	FLG	Truncated profilaggrin	2	0.33	1	1	-0.56
M	P07199	CENPB	Cenp-b	2	0.50	0	2	-0.62
N	Q5VYK3	ECM29	Proteasome-associated protein ecm29	2	0.33	1	1	-0.67
F	Q5T5U3	ARHGAP21	Rho-gtpase activating protein 10	2	0.40	1	1	-0.94
C	Q92621	NUP205	Nuclear pore complex protein nup205	3	0.75	2	1	-0.97

a Indicates the number of replicates in which the protein was found

b Number of replicates in which the protein was found/ total number of replicates performed with the indicated bait

c Indicates the number of replicates in which the protein was found with the N1 or C1 TAP-tag

d Proteins sorted based on the Ave log (empai/med)

* PPI reported with other Nipah virus protein

** PPI reported with the equivalent Hendra virus protein

Table 2. List of drugs acting on potential Nipah virus therapeutic targets

Target	DrugBank ID	Drug group	Acts on
CAMK2D	DB06616	Approved	N
	DB06699	Experimental	
HLA-C	DB02740	Experimental	F
ALDH1L2	DB00116	Approved	F
ALDH3A2	DB00157	Nutraceutical	F
	DB05260	Approved	
TFFRC	DB06784	Approved	F
	DB01592	Approved	
NDUS2	DB00157	Nutraceutical	N
	DB00997	Approved	
	DB00173	Approved	
MTAP	DB02158	Experimental	V
	DB02281	Experimental	
	DB02282	Experimental	
	DB02933	Experimental	

Table 3. GO (Biological Process) of differentially expressed genes

Gene Set Name	# Genes	# Genes in overlap	q-value
DNA Packing	194	17	9.58 e-21
Chromatin organization	663	21	3.42 e-17
Chromatin silencing	95	9	9.29 e-11
Innate immune response in mucosa	23	6	1.31 e-9
Defense response	1231	18	3.87 e-9

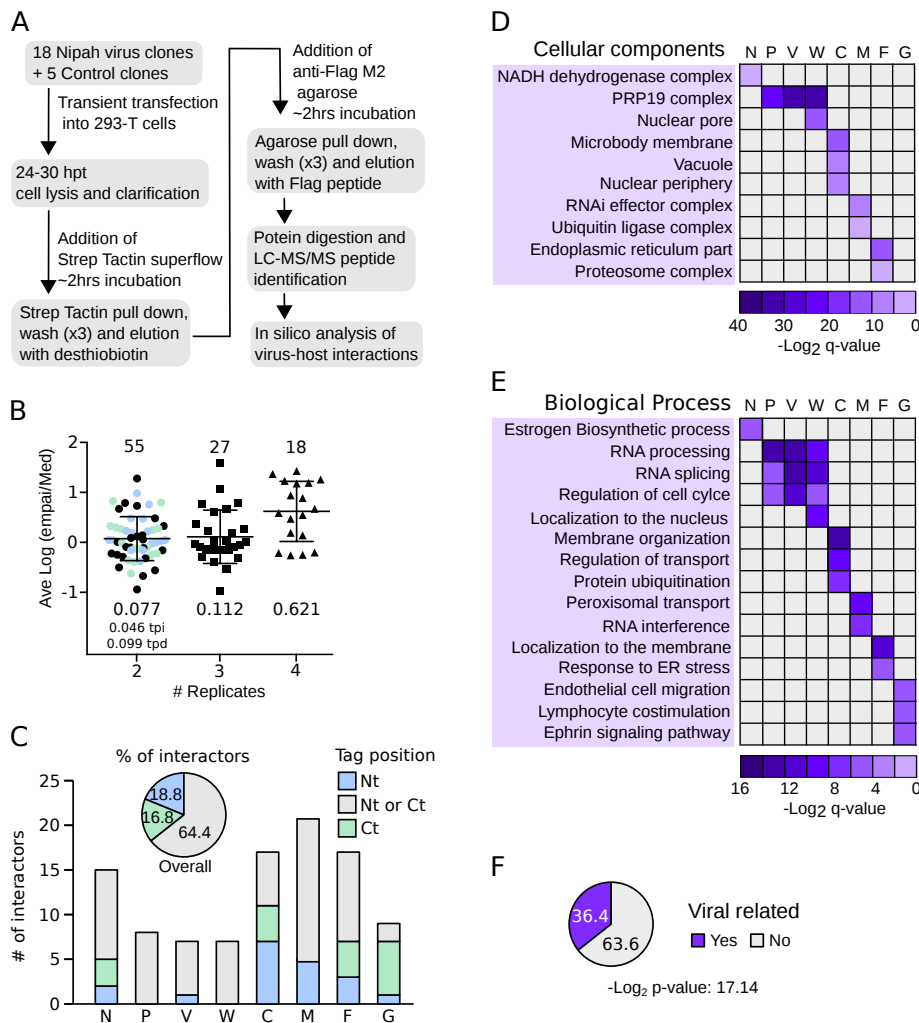


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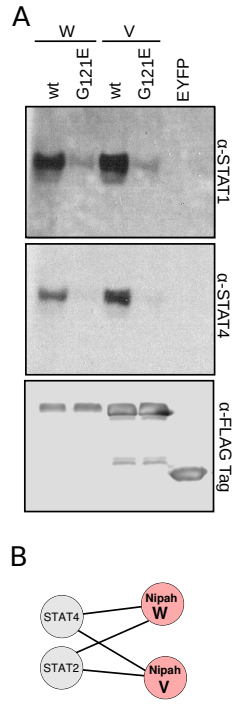


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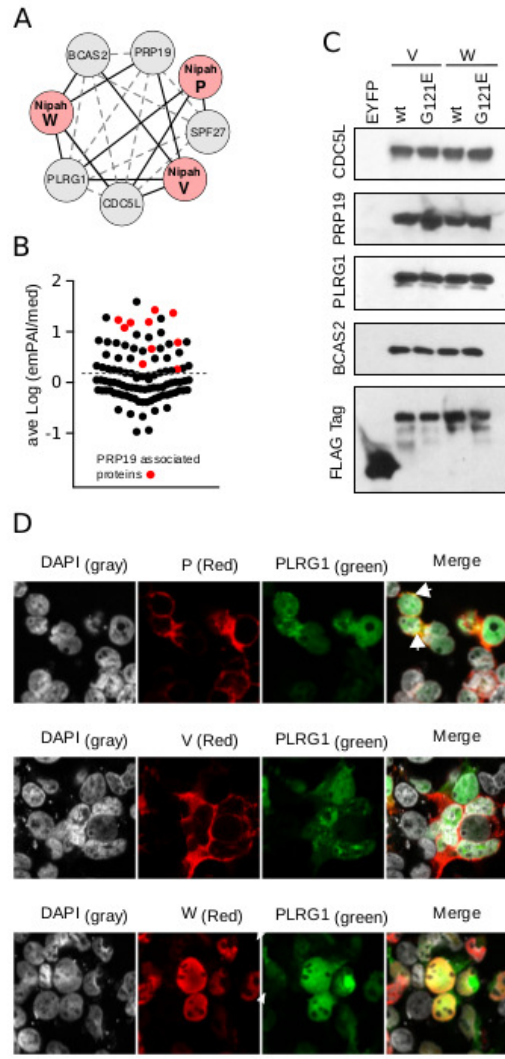


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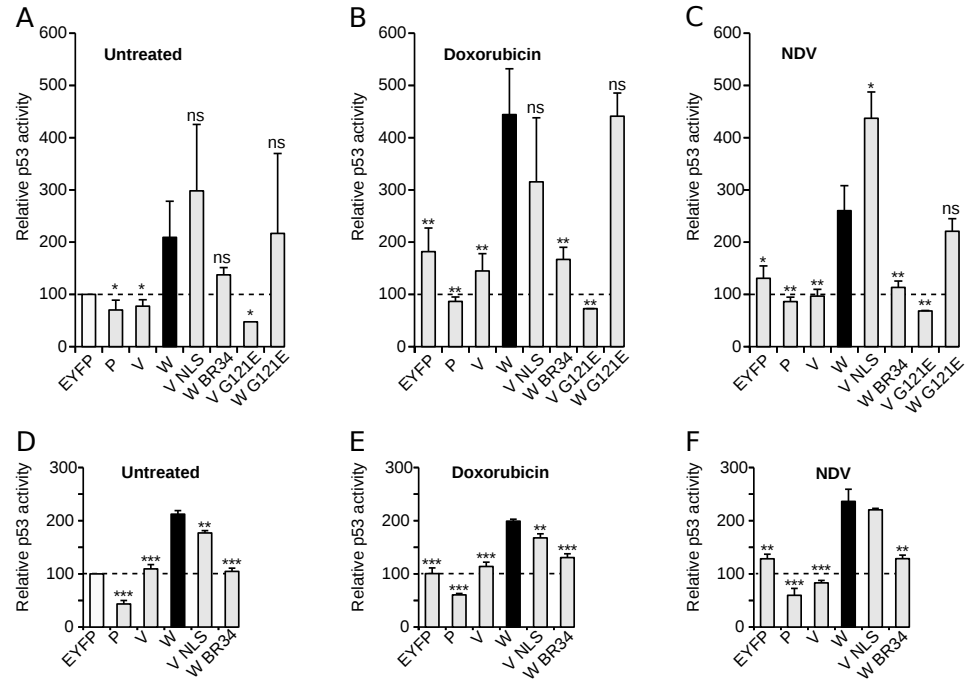


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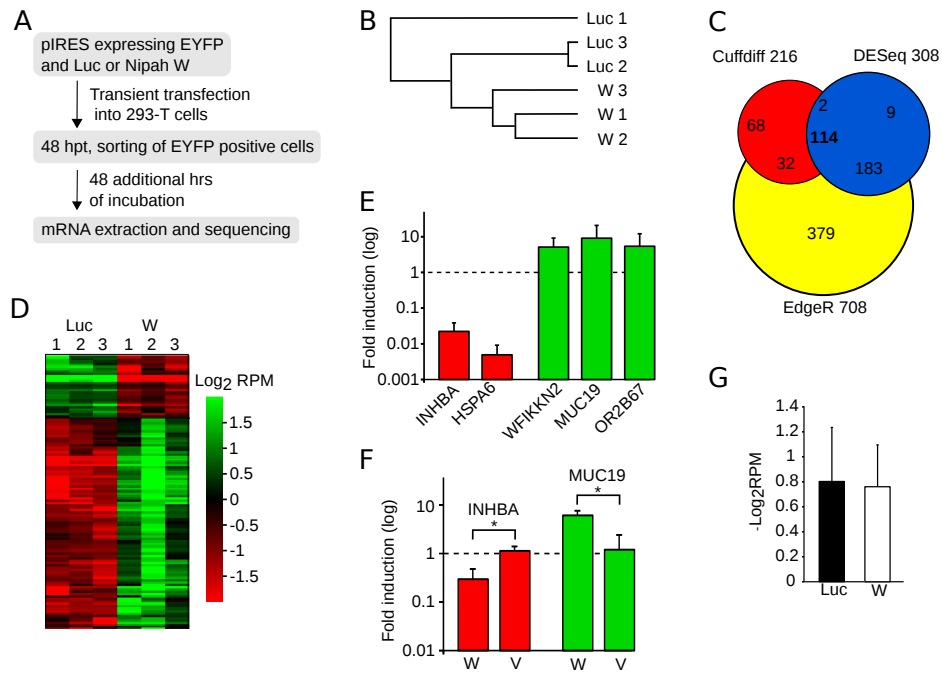


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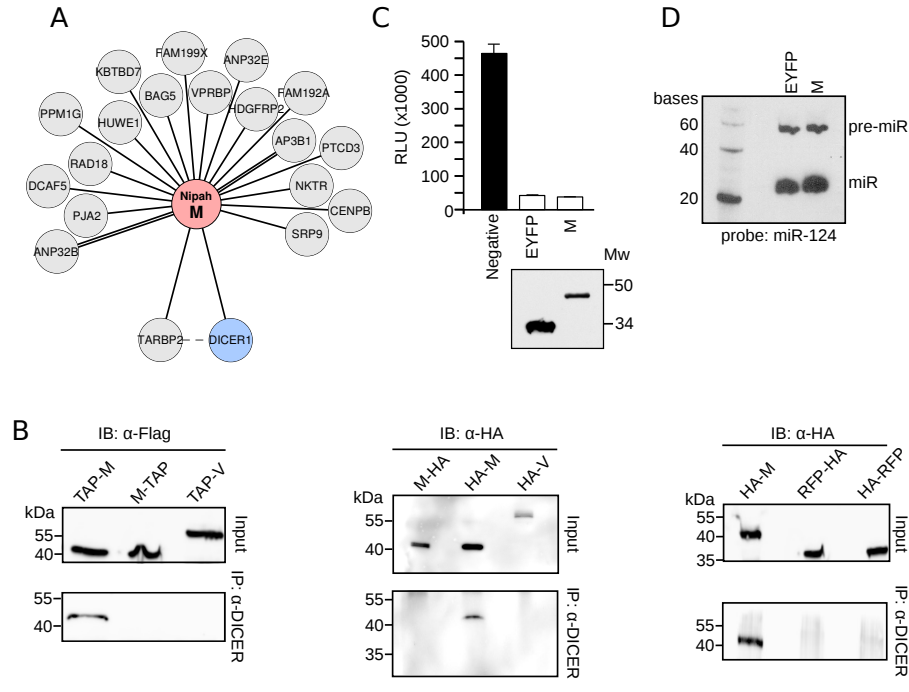


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