

Supplemental Information

Visualizing the Determinants

of Viral RNA Recognition

by Innate Immune Sensor RIG-I

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Figure S1. Secondary folding of 5'ppp8L hairpin and panhandle-like viral genomic RNAs, related to Figure 1.

- 5'ppp8L hairpin
5' GG CGCGGCUUCG GCCGCG CC 3'
- gi|73919206|ref|NC_007366.1| Influenza A virus, segment 4.
5' AGCAAAAGCAG...TTGTTTCTACT 3'
- gi|19718363|ref|NC_003461.1| Human parainfluenza virus 1
5' ACCAAACAAG ...CUUGUCUGGU 3'
- gi|9627197|ref|NC_001542.1| Rabies virus, complete genome
5' ACGCUUAACA ... UGUUAAGCGU 3'
- gi|9629198|ref|NC_001781.1| Human respiratory syncytial virus
5' ACGCGAAAAA ... UUUUUCUCGU 3'
- gi|10313991|ref|NC_002549.1| Zaire ebolavirus, complete genome
5' CGGACACACA ... UGUGUGUCCA 3'

Figure S2. Crystal structures of RIG-I (Δ CARDs): dsRNA, related to Figure 1 and 2.

(A) Superposition of RIG-I (Δ CARDs 1-238): 5'ppp8L: ADP-Mg²⁺ (Yellow) and RIG-I (Δ CARDs 1-229): GC10: SO₄ (Blue). RMSD is 0.38 Å for 559 C α atoms. (B) Superposition of known RIG-I: 5' tri-phosphorylated RNA complex. Red: RIG-I (Δ CARDs 1-238): 5'ppp8L: ADP-Mg²⁺; Purple: RIG-I CTD and 5'ppp-dsRNA14 (PDB: 3LRN); Blue: RIG-I CTD and 5'ppp-dsRNA12 (PDB: 3NCU); Green: RIG-I CTD and 5'ppp-dsRNA12 (PDB: 3LRR). Among the structures, the closest distance between RIG-I and the γ phosphate is 3.7 Å (3LRR). (C) Fo-Fc omit map (green) and 2Fo-Fc (blue) map cover the 5'ppp8L hairpin, contoured at 3.0 and 1.0 σ respectively. (D) 2Fo-Fc electron density map at the ATPase active site is in blue and contoured at 1.0 σ .

Figure S3. 5'ppp8L stimulates ATP hydrolysis by RIG-I (blue) and RIG-I (Δ CARDs 1-238) (red), related to Figure 2 and Table S1.

Each data point is an average of triplicates. The ATPase assays were performed as described previously (Luo et al., 2011). For experiments varying ATP concentrations, 50 μ l reaction mixtures (50 nM of protein, 5x NADH enzyme buffer, 25 mM MOPS pH 7.4, 10 mM Mg(OAc)₂, 30 mM K(OAc), 10 mM NaCl, 2 mM DTT and 400 nM RNA) were mixed with 0-5 mM ATP at 25 °C. The 5x enzyme buffer contained 1 mM NADH, 100 U of lactic dehydrogenase/ml, 500 U of pyruvate kinase/ml, and 2.5 mM phosphoenolpyruvate. Fluorescence readings (excitation, 340 nm; emission, 450 nm) were collected in Corning 96 well black half area flat bottom plates in a SpectraMax 250 plate reader. Initial velocities were calculated from a linear regression of each time course and corrected for background ATP hydrolysis and NADH oxidation. The initial velocities at varying ATP concentrations were plotted and fit to the Michaelis-Menten equation, $v_0 = [V_{max} \cdot [S] / (K_m + [S])]$.

Figure S4. Binding of full-length RIG-I and CTD mutants to a triphosphorylated RNA duplex, related to Figure 1.

Amino acids within the CTD- triphosphate interaction network were mutagenized, and variants F853A and H847A expressed sufficiently well for biophysical studies. Affinity of the WT and mutant proteins were then studied using a calibrated electrophoretic mobility shift assay (EMSA) that has been used to quantitate the role of individual protein domains to recognition by RIG-I (Vela, A, submitted). The RNA ligand is a 14-mer RNA duplex, which is a length that binds RIG-I as a monomer(Luo et al., 2011), and which contains a single 5'-triphosphate at one end. The resultant K_d values were obtained: Full-length RIG-I = 168 ± 12.8 pM; RIG-I H847A = 1230 ± 68 pM; RIG-I F853A = 254 ± 19.6 pM. Error bars represent the standard deviation in three complete replicates of each binding curve. In the absence of a 5'-triphosphate, binding affinity of H847A to duplex RNA was not significantly different than that of WT, underscoring the role of this amino acid specifically in 5'-triphosphate recognition (data not shown). Data are consistent with previous analysis on the CTD domain protein by Wang *et al*(Wang et al., 2010).

Figure S1.

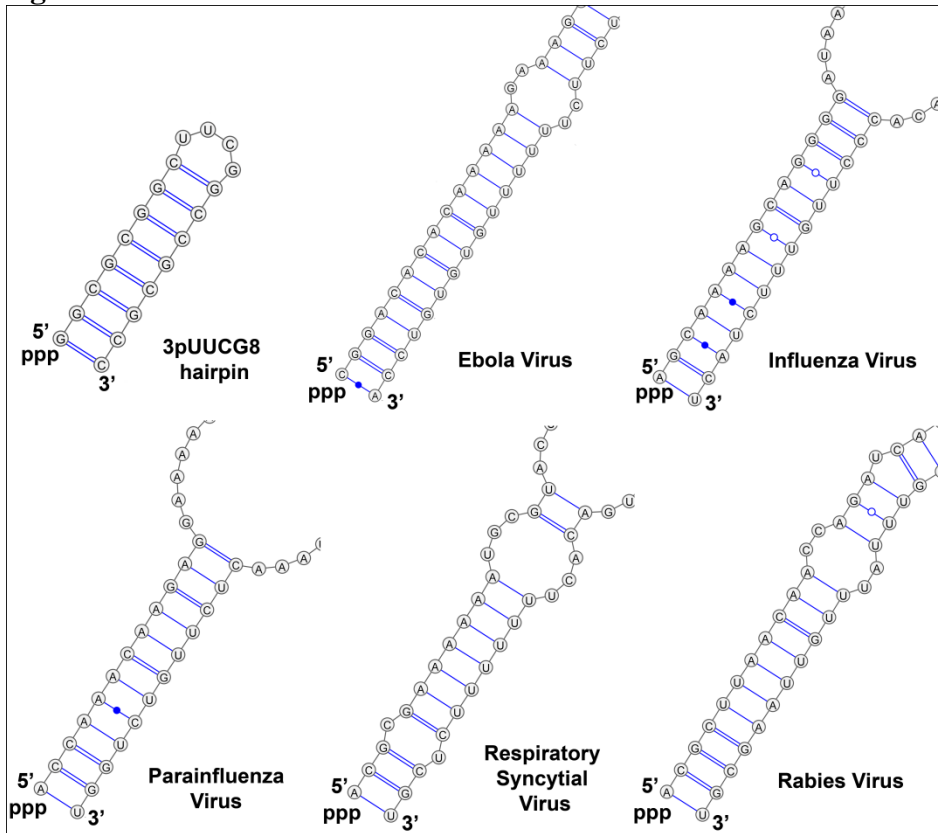
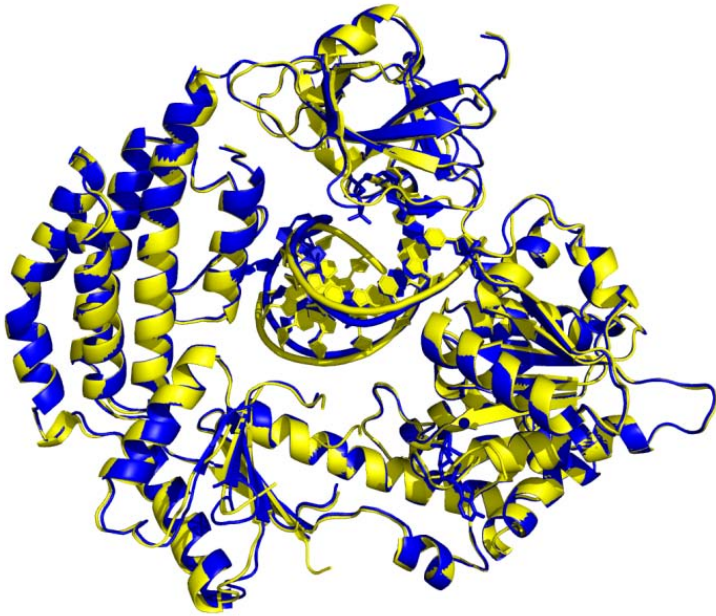
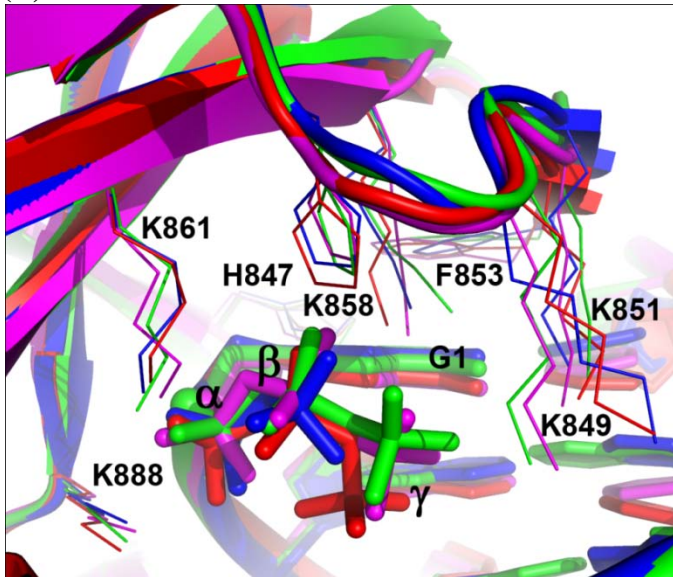


Figure S2.
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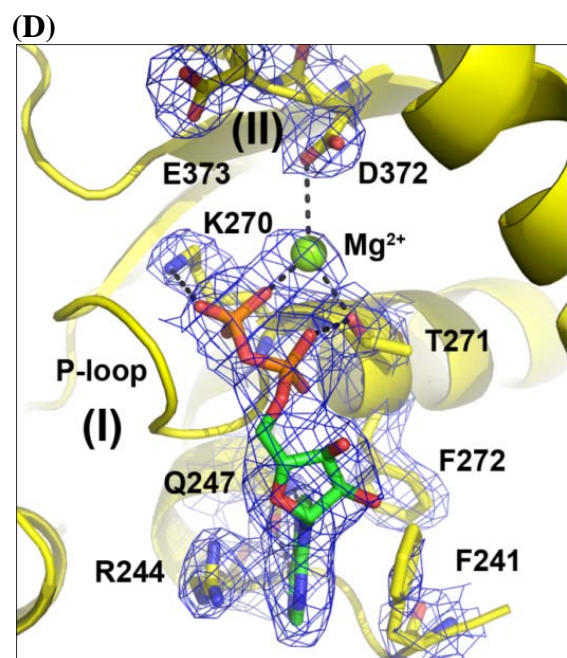
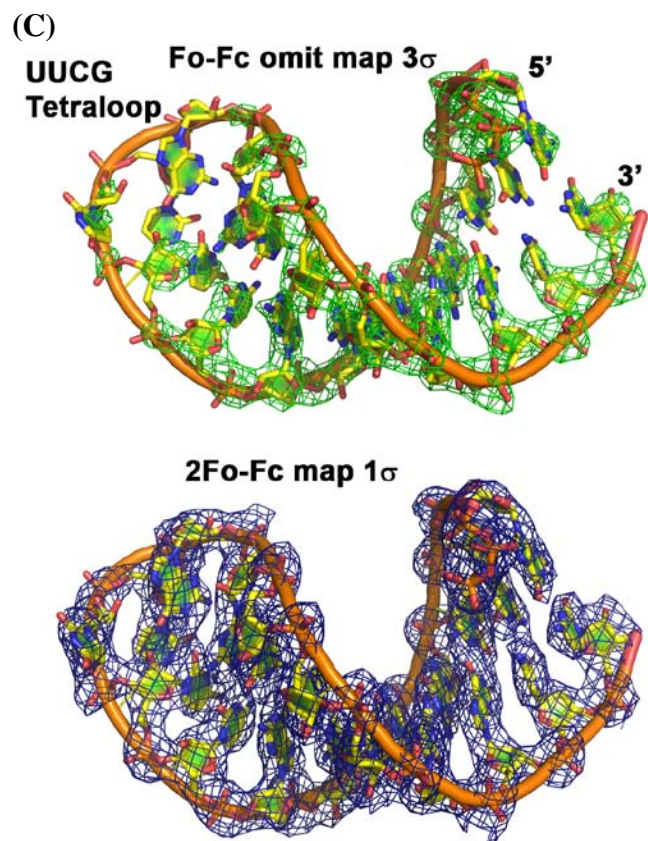


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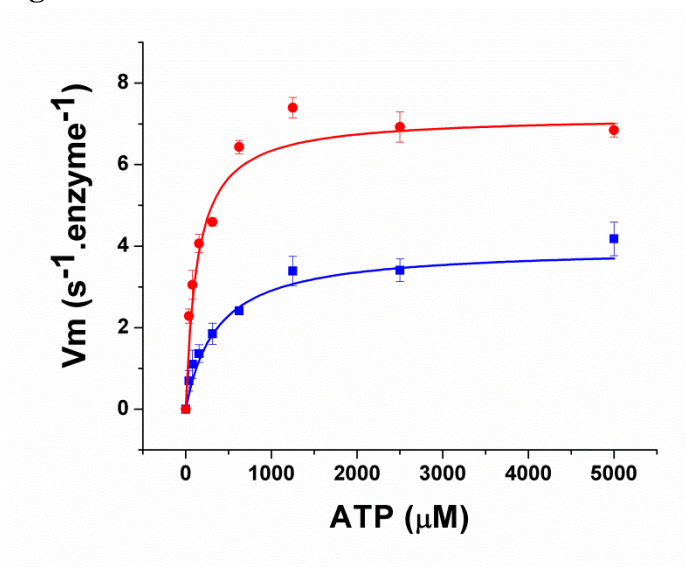


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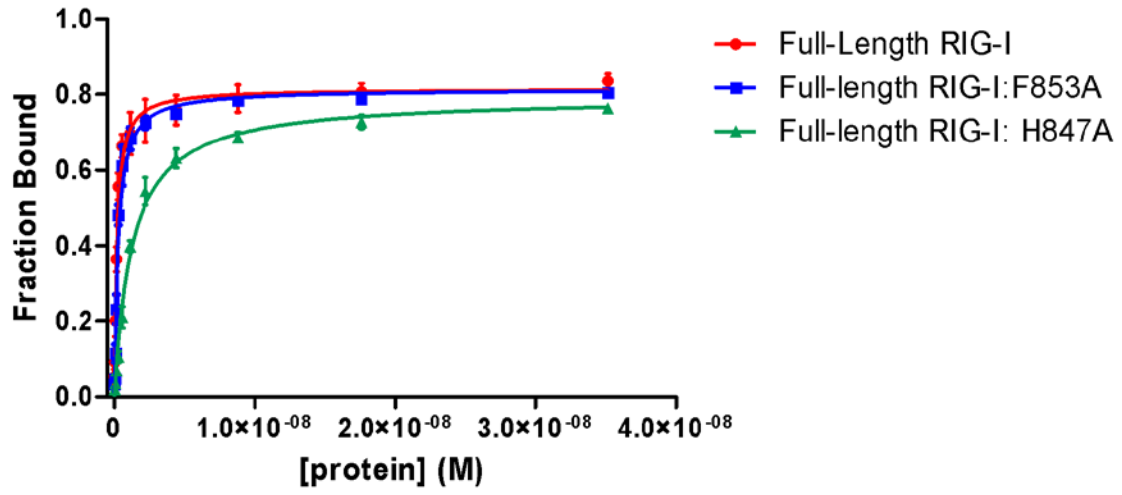


Table S1. 5'ppp8L stimulated ATP hydrolysis by RIG-I, related to Figure 2, 3 and S3.

K_M (μM)	RIG-I ($\Delta\text{CARDs 1-238}$)	RIG-I
	134.8 ± 31.4	365.2 ± 76.4
k_{CAT} ($\text{s}^{-1} \cdot \text{enzyme}^{-1}$)	RIG-I ($\Delta\text{CARDs 1-238}$)	RIG-I
	7.2 ± 0.4	4.0 ± 0.3

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