SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

for

The 27 kDa *Trypanosoma brucei* Pentatricopeptide Repeat Protein is a G-tract Specific RNA Binding Protein

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Table S1. Prediction of organellar localization of KRIPP11 by a variety of contemporary algorithms.

| Localization tool | Targeting prediction |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| pTARGET | Mitochondrial |
| TargetLoc | Mitochondrial |
| DBSubLoc | Mitochondrial |
| SLPFA | Mitochondrial |
| Phobius | non-cytoplasmic |
| ESLPred | Mitochondrial |
| LOCtree | mitochondrial |
| CELLO: by amino acid composition | Mitochondrial |
| CELLO: by N-terminal peptide | non-mitochondrial |
| SHERLOC: by amino acid composition | Mitochondrial |
| SHERLOC: by N-terminal peptide | non-mitochondrial |
| pLOC: by amino acid composition | Mitochondrial |
| MultiLoc: by amino acid composition | non-mitochondrial |
| MultiLoc: by N-terminal peptide | Mitochondrial |
| TargetP 1.1 | None |
| MitoProt II | None |

| Random region sequence ^a | Identified homooligomers |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| GGUAUAUGUUAGCUGGUC | |
| UCGGGCGGCUGAGGGUUCCC | |
| UCAGUACGUCUCCAUUGUUU | |
| AGGUAGCGGUGGUGGGAGCC | |
| CUCUAUGGGGCGUGUCAUUGA | G4 |
| AGGCGGACAACUCGUGUUUG | |
| GGAUUUUCUUGGACCUCCAC | U4 |
| GCUCGACCAAUUUUAGUUGU | U4 |
| GAAAACGGGUGAGGUAAAUA | A4 |
| UUGUAUGGUACACCGUUGGU | |
| UCGACUGAUUAAGAAGCGUU | |
| CGUCGGUACUUGCGCGUGCA | |
| GUGGCUCCAUACGAUUAAGG | |
| GGUGCUCCACGUCUCUUUG | |
| CGAGCUUGGCUUGGUCCUAC | |
| CAUCUAACGACAAUCGUCUG | |
| AUUUAGUGUCAACACGGUCA | |
| UAGUCGUUGCUGGAGGUUUU | U4 |
| CAUCGUUUAAGAUCGGCUAC | |
| UGUUACCUGCUGUGUCAACC | |
| CGGUCGGUAGUUUAGGGAGA | |
| GGUUUGAAUUAAGUUUAUC | |
| GGCCACGCACUGAGACUCGGU | |
| GUUGUCGUGGUUCCGUACGG | |
| AUCGGGGCCAGGGUUGGUUG | G4 |
| UUCUCGUGUCUCCGGGUGGU | |
| CGGGGUGGCAUUCGGGGGGG | G4; G8 ^b |
| AAGUGGUAGGUAGUCUGGAC | |
| AAGUGGUAGGUAGUCUGGAC | |

Table S2. Randomized regions of sequenced clones from *in vitro* selection experiments targetingKRIPP11. The randomized regions are flanked by 5'-AA and 3'-GA dinucleotides.

UGGGUGCUGUUGGCCCGUCU GUGGCCUAGCACCCGCGGGU UCACUCUGAUCGAAUUCGCU UGUAUCCCGAAAAGAAUAU AAUGGAUGUUUUUGCAUAAU CGGUGCUUCUGUCGAGCCUUU GUCAAGAGACGUGUUAUUGA CACUAUGUCCAGCACUGUUAU CUUUGACUUCAGCCUCACUU CGGUUGUGCGUUAUUGGUCC GAUCUGAUUGCGUGCGUGCU GGAGUGCUAGUUUCCCCUCG UUGGAAUAUAUUCCUCCAGC GUCCGUCCUUCGUCUGGUGU UGUUAGCUUGUUUAUCCCUC GACUGCCGUUAAAGGAUGGU GGCCUGUACUCCUCUUUUGA CUAACGAUUUUUCUACAUGGG ACUCUAGUGGAAUUCGUAUG CGUCUUUGCGAGCAGCCACG UAAACCCUGGCUGGUUGCGU UCGUGGGGGGAAGACUUGAAU GACUGCCGUUAAAGGAUGGU GGCCUGUACUCCUCUUUUGA CUAACGAUUUUUCUACAUGGG CAUCUUAGAGCCGGUGUUCC CGAUGGCCGUACGAUAGACG CGAUGGCCGUACGAUAGACG CAAGAGGUGUCGGGGUAAAG UGUCUUAUUGUAUUUACAUG UAGCUCAUGCCUGGUUAUUU GUUCUUCGAAUGGGGCUAGA

A4 U5 C4 U4 U4: G4^b G5 U4 U4; $G4^{b}$

G4

GAACGAGUCCCACUCGGCCG CUACGUUUUCAUACUCUCGG CUGCGGGUUGAAUGCAUUAU **UUAUGCCCUUGCGAUCGCUC** GAUGCCCCCUGUCGGAUGUU UUCAAUUGUUUGUGGAGACA CUAAGAACUGGAUUUGAUAG ACUGGAUGCUUUUCGGCUAG CUAAGAACUGGAUUUGAUAG GGUUUUGGGUUGUUCGUAAU UUGUUAAUGCCUUAGGGAUG GGCUUCUUGAACGCAAUACU ACUGUAAUCGUAGGUGACUG **UUACUGCUUCGAAAUGAGAC** GGCAUGUAGUUGAAACUGAG CUGGUGAAAGGAGGGGUGAU CUGAGAUAAGCUAGAUCAC CUUCUAACAGUGGGUUGGUC CAAAGUGGCGUUAGUAAGGG UUUCACAUUAAGUCCUGCUG UGGGUCAUCUAACUGGCUAG GCUGUACAGUAUACUAGAUU AUGCUUAUGUAGAUCUACUU CAUAGAGUACUAGUAAUUGA GCUGCUGAGAAUCUGCUCUC GACGAGACCGGCUCGUCUGG AGGGCCCGUAUCUUGUUAAA AUAAGACGGCUGUGUGAAUG CUAUUGCAGGGUGUUGAGA UCUGAUAUGUCUCUGUGUUA GAAGGCGUAGCCUAAUCCUG GGAUGGUAUUGAGUCAUCAU

U4

C5

U4

U4

G4

UAAGAUAAACGCAUGAUUGC CGUUGUAAGGGGUUCAAUGU CGUUGUAAGGGGUUCAAUGU CGGCGCUGAUCGUAUGAGAG UUGAGGGAGCGGAUAUAGGU CGUUGUAAGGGGUUCAAUGU AUCCCCUUGUAUUGGCCCGU

C4

^a Random regions of 19 and 21 nucleotides represent single-base deletions and insertions during the selection process, respectively.

^bIncludes 3'-G from the constant region.

| Gene | G-tract | Number of Gs within tract | Longest poly(G) |
|--------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 1) ND7 | GGAGGAGAGGGG | 9 | 4 |
| | GAGGGGAAGAGC | 7 | 4 |
| | CCGAGAAGGGGG | 7 | 5 |
| | GAGGGGAAGGGG | 9 | 4 |
| | GGGGCGAGCAGG | 8 | 4 |
| | GAGGGGGGAGGGG | 10 | 5 |
| | GAGAGAGAGGGG | 8 | 4 |
| | GCGGCGGGGCAG | 8 | 4 |
| | GGGGGCCGCGAG | 8 | 5 |
| | GAGGGGAGAGUC | 7 | 4 |
| GGGG | GGGGGGGGGGGA | 11 | 11 |
| | GGGGGGGGGCCGG | 10 | 8 |
| | GAGGAAUGGGGG | 8 | 5 |
| | GAGGGGGACCGUA | 6 | 4 |
| 2) ND8 | GGAAGGUGGGGA | 8 | 4 |
| | GGGGGAGAGCGG | 9 | 5 |
| | GGGGGGGGAGGGG | 11 | 7 |
| | GGAAGGGGAGCA | 7 | 4 |
| | GGAGGGGAGCCA | 7 | 4 |
| | GAGGGGGAGAGA | 8 | 5 |

Table S3. Non-overlapping 12-mer guanosine RNA tracts (G-tracts) with at least fourconsecutive guanosines in *T. brucei* pre-edited transcripts of pan-edited mRNA genes.

| | GGGGAGAAGGGG | 9 | 4 |
|--------------|---------------|----|---|
| 3) ND9 | GGGGAGAGGGUU | 8 | 4 |
| | GGGGAGAGGAGG | 9 | 4 |
| | AGGGGGGCGAGGG | 9 | 5 |
| | GGGGCGGGGGGG | 11 | 7 |
| | GCGGGGGGAACGC | 7 | 5 |
| | GAGGAGGGGGGG | 10 | 7 |
| | GGAUCCAAGGGG | 6 | 4 |
| | GGGGGGGGAGGAG | 10 | 7 |
| 4) COIII | AAGGGGAGGGGG | 9 | 5 |
| | GGAGGAGGGGGA | 9 | 5 |
| | AGGGGAGGGGAG | 9 | 4 |
| | GGAGAGGGGAGG | 9 | 4 |
| | GGAGGGGUUGGG | 9 | 4 |
| | GAGAGGGGGGGG | 10 | 8 |
| | GGGGUGGGCAAA | 7 | 4 |
| | GAGGGGGGGAGAG | 9 | 6 |
| | CGGGGGGAAAGGG | 8 | 5 |
| 5) ATPase A6 | GGGGGGGGAGGGG | 11 | 7 |
| | GGGGAAGAGGAG | 8 | 4 |
| | GGGGAGAGGCGG | 9 | 4 |
| | GGAUAAGAGGGG | 7 | 4 |
| | AAGGGGAAAUGG | 6 | 4 |

| | GGGGGAGGAGAG | 9 | 5 |
|----------|---------------|----|--------|
| 6) CR3 | AAGGAUUGGGGG | 7 | 5 |
| 7) CR4 | GGGGCAAGGGUG | 8 | с Д |
| /) СКЧ | | 7 | Т |
| | AUUUUUUUUU | / | 6 |
| | GGGGGAGAGGAA | 8 | 5 |
| | GGGGGUUUGGGG | 9 | 5 |
| | GAAGGGGAGAAG | 7 | 4 |
| | AAAUUGAAGGGG | 5 | 4 |
| | UUGAUUGGGGGG | 7 | 6 |
| | GGGGAGAAAGUG | 7 | 4 |
| | GGGGUGGGGGAG | 10 | 5 |
| | GGGGAGAGGGGG | 10 | 5 |
| 8) ND3 | GGGGGGGCGGGGU | 10 | 6 |
| | GGGGUGAAGGGA | 8 | 4 |
| | GGGGGGGAGAAGG | 9 | 6 |
| | GGGGAGGGAUCA | 7 | 4 |
| 9) RPS12 | GGGGACGGAGAG | 8 | 4 |
| | GGGAGGCGGGGA | 9 | 4 |
| | GAGGGUGGGGGG | 10 | 6 |

| Table S4. Non-overlapping 12-mer guanosine RNA tracts (G-tracts) with at least four |
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| consecutive guanosines in <i>T. brucei</i> pre-edited transcripts of limited-editing mRNA genes. |

| Gene | G-tract | Number of Gs within tract | Longest poly(G) |
|----------|--------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 1) Cyb | AUAUGGGGUAGG | 6 | 4 |
| | GGGGAAGUGAAU | 6 | 4 |
| 2) COII | NONE | | |
| 3) MURF2 | NONE | | |

Table S5. Non-overlapping 12-mer guanosine RNA tracts (G-tracts) with at least fourconsecutive guanosines in *T. brucei* edited transcripts of both pan-edited and limited-editingmRNA genes.

| Gene | G-tract | Number of Gs in tract | Longest poly(G) |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1) ND3 | NONE | | |
| 2) ND7 | NONE | | |
| 3) ND8 | NONE | | |
| 4) ND9 | NONE | | |
| 5) ATPase A6 | NONE | | |
| 6) COIII | NONE | | |
| 7) CR3 | NONE | | |
| 8) CR4 | NONE | | |
| 9) RPS12 | NONE | | |
| 10) Cyb | UAUGGGGUAGGU | 6 | 4 |
| | UUUGGGGAAGUG | 6 | 4 |
| 11) COII | NONE | | |
| 12) MURF2 | NONE | | |

| Table S6. Non-overlapping 12-mer guanosine RNA tracts (G-tracts) with at least four |
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| consecutive guanosines in transcripts of <i>T. brucei</i> never-edited mitochondrial mRNA genes. |

| Gene | G-tract | Number of Gs in tract | Longest poly(G) |
|----------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1) MURF5 | NONE | | |
| 2) MURF1 | NONE | | |
| 3) ND1 | NONE | | |
| 4) COI | UGGUUUUUGGGG | 6 | 4 |
| | GUUGGUUGGGGG | 8 | 5 |
| 5) ND4 | NONE | | |
| 6) ND5 | NONE | | |

Table S7. Non-overlapping 12-mer guanosine RNA tracts (G-tracts) with at least fourconsecutive guanosines in transcripts of *T. brucei* mitochondrial rRNA genes.

| Gene | G-tract | Number of Gs in tract | Longest poly(G) |
|-------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1) 12S rRNA | GUUUGAUUGGGG | 6 | 4 |
| | | | |
| 2) 9S rRNA | NONE | | |

Table S8. Primers used in cloning and site-directed mutagenesis.

| Primer code | Primer sequence (5' to 3') |
|-------------|---|
| CGH30 | ACTTCCAGGGATCCGGTCACGTGTACGCCCTTC |
| | |
| CGH34 | GCCTGCAGGTCGACTCAACCACGAGGTAAAGT |
| | |
| CGH69_F | CCACTTTACCTCGTGGTCACCACCACCACCA- |
| | CTGAGTCGACCTGCAG |
| CGH70_R | CTGCAGGTCGACTCAGTGGTGGTGGTGGTGGTGA- |
| | CCACGAGGTAAAGTGG |
| CGH67_F | GGATTTCAGAATTCGGATCTCACCACCACCA- |
| | CCACCACGAAAACCTGTACTTCCAGGG |
| CGH68_R | CCCTGGAAGTACAGGTTTTCGTGGTGGTGGT- |
| | GGTGGTGAGATCCGAATTCTGAAATCC |
| CGH77_F | TACTTCCAGGGATCCTGATGCGCTCTTGCAGCC |
| CGH78_R | GGCTGCAAGAGCGCATCAGGATCCCTGGAAGTA |
| | Primer codeCGH30CGH34CGH69_FCGH70_RCGH67_FCGH68_RCGH77_FCGH78_R |

^aA plasmid containing a truncated form of KRIPP11 lacking the first two N-terminal PPR motifs (hence Δ NR2) was used as template for creation of MBPHis₆.

| Round | [RNA] (µM) | [MBP] (µM) Counterselection | [PPR] (µM) Selection |
|-------|------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | 18 | - | 8.02 |
| 2 | 30 | 3.00 | 2.05 |
| 3 | 15 | - | 3.14 |
| 4 | 30 | 3.04 | 2.19 |
| 5 | 30 | - | 3.21 |
| 6 | 30 | 3.10 | 0.64 |
| 7 | 30 | - | 2.18 |
| 8 | 30 | 2.11 | 2.09 |
| 9 | 30 | - | 1.11 |
| 10 | 5 | 0.50 | 0.83 |

Table S9. Stringency conditions for successive rounds of *in vitro* selection.



Figure S1. Anisotropy of interaction of KRIPP11 with RNA G-tracts having fewer than 12 guanosines. Each reaction contained 20 nM 5'-FLUO labeled ssRNA, RNA binding buffer (20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 150 mM KCl, 5.0 mM MgCl₂, 1.0 mM DTT), and MBP-KRIPP11.

Figure S2. Original images for all gels. In the pages that follow, labels refer to the Figure and panel in the main text.



Figure 1D



Figure 1E



Figure 1F





Figure 2A

Figure 2B



Figure 2C

Figure 2D



Figure 2E

Figure 2F



Figure 3 G₉

Figure 3 G₆





Figure 3 $G_6C_2U_2A_2$

Figure 3 G₄





Figure 3 $G_4C_2U_3A_3$

Figure 3 (GGU)₄





Figure 7B

Figure 7C