Supplementary Material

The structural basis for RNA selectivity by the IMP family of RNA-binding proteins

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Supplementary Fig. 1 Validation of IMP2 SELEX

- a. Representative EMSA results for IMP2 KH34, ZBP1 KH34 and IMP2 KH34 binding to two RNAs from the round 9 SELEX pool. The filled triangle represents a 1:1 serial dilution of RBP KH34. The RBP KH34–RNA complex (*) and free RNA (FREE) are labeled.
- b. Quantification and fit to the Hill equation of EMSA results for IMP2KH34 (solid red line) and ZBP1KH34 (solid blue line) binding to the RNAs from panel A (two representative RNAs from the round 9 SELEX library pool).
- c. Representative EMSA results for IMP2 KH34 to WT RNA 1 and GG mutant RNA 1. The filled triangle represents a 1:1 serial dilution of IMP2 KH34. The IMP2 KH34–RNA complex (*) and free RNA (FREE) are labeled.
- d. Left Representative EMSA results for IMP2 KH34 and CA mutant RNA #1. The filled triangle represents a 1:1 serial dilution of IMP2 KH34. The IMP2 KH34–RNA complex (*) and free RNA (FREE) are labeled. Right - Quantification and fit to the Hill equation of EMSA results for IMP2KH34 (solid red line) binding to WT (Red, data from Panel C) and CA mutant RNA #1 (Red).

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Supplementary Fig. 2 IMP2 SELEX rounds tested against ZBP1 and IMP2

- a. Representative EMSA results for ZBP1 KH34 (left) and IMP2 KH34 (right) binding to SELEX pools (rounds 4, 7,8 and 9 from top to bottom, respectively). IMP2KH34 Round 9 RNA gel from Fig 2B, used here for contrast with ZBP1KH34 Round 9 RNA. The filled triangle represents a 1:1 serial dilution of RBP KH34. The RBP KH34–RNA complex (*) and free RNA (FREE) are labeled.
- **b.** Quantification and fit to the Hill equation of EMSA results for IMP2KH34 (solid red line) and ZBP1KH34 (solid blue line) binding to the RNAs from panel A. The quantification of the round 9 SELEX EMSAs is found in Fig. 2C.





Supplementary Fig. 3 Assigned spectrum of IMP2, examples of amino acid that are perturbed upon RNA titration

- **a.** Successfully assigned amino acids in 6xHIS IMP2 KH34. Assigned residues are in red, unassigned are in black.
- **b.** Assignment of IMP2 KH34 amide-resonances. 15N-HSQC spectra of IMP2 KH34 labeled with peak assignments. Inset shows peak assignments within highlighted region (dashed box) of the spectra.
- c. Example of peaks during CA element titration, peaks are color coded according to the molar ratio of protein to RNA.
- d. Example of peaks during GG element titration, peaks are color coded according to the molar ratio of protein to RNA.
- e. 15N-HSQC spectra of IMP2 KH34 labeled with amino acids perturbed during RNA titrations, corresponding to Figure 3. RNA used for titration is noted on the bottom right of the spectra, with CA or GG element highlighted in red. Coloring of spectra corresponds to molar ratio of RNA to protein.
- **f.** Titration analysis of IMP2KH34 with CCCUCACC RNA (Blue, fast exchange, chemical shift perturbation on left axis) and UUUGGAAC RNA (Red, intermediate exchange, peak height ratio on right axis).



Supplementary Fig. 4 amino acid and structural comparison of ZBP1 and IMP2

a. Alpha helices and beta sheet topology of KH34 domains used to generate mutations. Black boxes represent conserved amino acids, yellow boxes represent non conserved amino acids with different chemical properties and white boxes represent non conserved amino acids with similar chemical properties. Mutations made in the KH3 (blue asterisks). Mutations made in KH4 (red asterisks).

- b. RMSD differences between ZBP1 KH34 crystal structure (PDB: 3KRM) and IMP2 KH34 structure (this study) generated using AS2TS⁵⁹. Below, sequence depiction of IMP2KH34 where black boxes represent conserved amino acids, yellow boxes represent non conserved amino acids with different chemical properties and white boxes represent non conserved amino acids with similar chemical properties. Mutations made in the KH3 variable loop (blue asterisks). Mutations made in KH4 variable loop (red asterisks).
- c. Amino acid conservation across 50 IMP family member KH domains, generated with default ConSurf⁶⁰ parameters using PDBID 3KRM as a model. Amino acids are depicted as spheres and colored according to amino acid conservation, highly variable and highly conserved residues are in blue and red respectively.



Supplementary Fig. 5 Uncropped gels used in the manuscript

a. Gels corresponding to Fig. 5A 5B and 5C.



Supplementary Fig. 6 Validation of consensus sequence targets with CLIP. SEPT8 is an RNA predicted to be co-regulated by ZBP1 and IMP2. Data from Conway et al., 2016.

- a. Above line Replicate ZBP1 eCLIP tags for SEPT83' UTR. Below line peaks called. Red box, consensus sequence for ZBP1KH34 (this study).
- b. Above line Replicate IMP2 eCLIP tags for SEPT83' UTR. Below line peaks called. Red box, consensus sequence for IMP2KH34 (this study).



Supplementary Fig. 7 Validation of conserved consensus sequence targets with RIP in human cells and mouse tissue.

a. X axis is Log2(RIP/input) enrichment (red) or depletion (blue) of IMP2 RIP / Input after TPM normalization. Y axis are the rank ordered transcripts. Dashed line represents boundary between depletion or enrichment. Highly enriched genes with annotations related to diabetes listed with Log2 enrichment. P value was determined by single sample t test and shows significant enrichment of targets.

- b. X axis is Log2(RIP/input) enrichment (red) or depletion (blue) of IMP2 RIP / IgG control after TPM normalization. Y axis are the rank ordered transcripts. Dashed line represents boundary between depletion or enrichment. Highly enriched genes with annotations related to diabetes listed with Log2 enrichment. P value was determined by single sample t test and shows significant enrichment of targets.
- c. Venn diagram showing overlap of total high confidence consensus sequence containing RNAs (green circle), those found to be enriched in IMP2 RIP from brown adipose tissue (red circle) and those found to be enriched in IMP2 RIP from HEK293T cells (blue circle).

Source data are provided as a source data file.



Supplementary Fig. 8 Summary of IMP family structures, specificities and divergent evolution

- a. Summary of structural and sequence studies performed and consensus sequences obtained to date on the IMP family.
- b. Summary of consensus orientations for the IMP family members.

Supplementary Table 1:	IMP2 KH34
Data collection	
Space group	P2 ₁
Cell dimensions	
a, b, c (Å)	76.88, 62.38, 85.74
α, β, γ (°)	90, 91.32, 90
Resolution (Å)	37.8-2.1 (2.175-2.1)
R _{merge}	0.0566 (0.4114)
l / σl	8.05 (2.05)
Completeness (%)	96.89 (98.74)
Redundancy	1.9 (1.9)
Refinement	
Resolution (Å)	37.8-2.1
No. reflections	46167 (4631)
R _{work} / R _{free}	0.1981 / 0.2236 (0.2694 / 0.3026)
No. atoms	
Protein	4907
Ligand/ion	198
Water	335
B-factors	
Protein	51.10
Ligand/ion	76.68
Water	51.51
R.m.s. deviations	
Bond lengths (Å)	0.005
Bond angles (°)	0.99