The establishment of new protein expression system using N starvation inducible promoters in *Chlorella*

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| | | log2FoldChange |
|--------------------|---|----------------|
| Genes | Functional description | 29B_vs_N_3d |
| scaffold275G00200 | amino acid permease (XP_002327371, 2.01E-35) | 20.835 |
| scaffold326G00920 | urea active transporter-like protein (XP_005645091, 0.00E+00) | 11.699 |
| scaffold37G001690 | ammonium transporter (XP_002314518, 1.77E-44) | 11.639 |
| scaffold164G00210 | nitrate transporter NTR (AAK02066, 0.00E+00) | 10.301 |
| scaffold326G00270 | ammonium transporter (AFV36360, 0.00E+00) | 10.096 |
| scaffold326G00910 | urea carboxylase (XP_005643671, 0.00E+00) | 9.862 |
| scaffold73G00080 | GOGAT, glutamate synthase (EMS25597, 0.00E+00) | 9.749 |
| scaffold253G00910 | acylamide amidohydrolase (WP_019722123, 5.22E-155) | 9.394 |
| scaffold11G001150 | expressed protein (XP_005843832, 6.69E-07) | 8.378 |
| scaffold11G001140 | expressed protein (XP_005843832, 4.72E-06) | 8.099 |
| scaffold175G00150 | late embryogenesis abundant protein homolog (AAA79745, 5.58E-22) | 7.732 |
| scaffold301G00550 | antifreeze protein (ABR01229, 1.34E-14) | 7.407 |
| scaffold305G001070 | hypothetical protein CHLNCDRAFT_135268 (XP_005846770, 1.15E-25) | 7.26 |
| scaffold10G00510 | copper amine oxidase (XP_002959097, 3.69E-179) | 7.074 |
| scaffold301G00540 | antifreeze protein (ABR01229, 3.39E-13) | 6.782 |
| scaffold164G00190 | nitrate reductase (ACF22999, 0.00E+00) | 6.351 |
| scaffold25G001600 | membrane protein containing DUF1538 (EHP30115.1, 6.13E-63) | 6.058 |
| scaffold0G00550 | (2Fe-2S)-binding protein (WP_006102543, 6.97E-54) | 5.909 |
| scaffold80G00050 | hypothetical protein CHLNCDRAFT_57598, partial (XP_005848440, 1.37E-165) | 5.582 |
| scaffold344G00160 | protein serine/threonine kinase, putative, partial (XP_004185680, 1.73E-12) | 5.462 |

Supplementary Table 2. List of primers used in this study.

| Primer name | Sequences (5' to 3') | Application |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------|
| CvUbi-F | GAGTCTTCGGACACCATCGAG | RT-PCR |
| <i>CvUbi</i> -R | CTTGTCCTGGTTGTACTTGCG | |
| CvAct1-F | ATGCTTTGCCACATGCCATC | RT-PCR |
| CvAct1-R | CCGCTGTCTAGCACGATACC | |
| hG-CSF-F | TCTCTGCCACAGAGCTTCCT | gDNA PCR & RT-PCR |
| hG-CSF-R | CATCTGCTGCCAGATTGTTG | |
| CvNDI1-F | TGGTGTTCATTGCCCTGTGT | RT-PCR |
| <i>CvNDI1</i> -R | GGAGGTCCATAGCAACCGAG | |
| CvNDI2-F | CGTGGTACCTCACAGGCTTT | RT-PCR |
| <i>CvNDI2</i> -R | GCGACCACAGGGTAGACAAA | |
| scaffold73G00080-F | CTGTCACACGAGGTCAGCAA | RT-PCR |
| scaffold73G00080-R | GTACCGCCGGTCATGTACTC | |
| scaffold37G001690-F | GCCAAGCCCAGAATCAGTGT | RT-PCR |
| scaffold37G001690-R | TTGCATCTGCGTCTTTGTCG | |
| BamH I_UTEX395 SP_CSF-F | CGCGGATCCATGGCCGGCCGCATCACCCTGCTGCTGTGCCTG TGCCTGGTGGCCGGCGCCGCCGCCATGGCAGCCCTCTC | Cloning |
| Kpn I_CSF-R | GCCGGTACCGGGCTGTGCCAGG | Cloning |
| BamH I_29B SP_CSF-F | CGCGGATCCATGAAGGGCGCCCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGGC CCTGGCCGCCAGCGCCGCCATCGCCCGCGACATGGCAGCCCT CTC | Cloning |



Supplementary Figure 1. RT-qPCR analysis of two candidate genes (*Scaffold326G00910* and *Scaffold326G 00270*) detected in N deprived growth conditions after 0, 6, 12, and 24 h which are represented by N0, N6, N12 and N24.RQ indicates relative quantity, and error bars represent standard error of three replicates.



Supplementary Figure 2. Amino acid sequence alignment of CvNDI1. The amino acid sequence predicted based on CvNDI1 gene sequence was aligned along with urea carboxylases (UC) of other microalgae. Clustal omega program (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/ Tools/msa /clustalo/) was used for the alignment. Blue and red boxes mean biotin carboxylation domain and carboxyltransferase domain respectively.

| 1 CVNDT2 | | 1 100 |
|--|---|--------|
| 2 AMT[M.conductrix] 3 AMT[C.sorokiniana] | PAHWPPNQGLANWAMTQRQRI | N - |
| 101 | | 2 200 |
| 2 AMT[M.conductrix] 3 AMT[C.sorokiniana] | VARLEGLGVSRPAPTRRLRW | 2 |
| 201 | 6 | 3 300 |
| 2 AMT[M.conductrix] 3 AMT[C.sorokiniana] | EAAAVVRSTLQTPGECTGTT | L - |
| 301 | | 4 400 |
| 2 AMT[M.conductrix] 3 AMT[C.sorokiniana] 4 AMT[C.sorokiniana] | RSKNAKNIILLNILDACFGC RAKNAKNIILLNILDACFGC RAKNAKNIILLNILDACFGC | |
| 401 1 CVNDI2 AVVIT CARAVCODVOVECONGLEGAEL DAC VAGDATI GOUSA SOCETO VENERALSKI DREMANENE CETEAA TOATTA | SGAVA FROM FROM YELM | 5 500 |
| 2 AMT[M.conductrix] AWYLTGWAFAYGDPVANAD <mark>C</mark> DAANFTTIKELSVCKYGDFGGSQAFIGNRNFAMSNLDRGTYWDWFFQFTFAATGATI 3 AMT[C.sorokiniana] AWYLTGWAFAYGDPTNQCSANSWDE <mark>A</mark> TC- <mark>AANGGPFPGLSASQAFIGNRNFVMSNMDR</mark> TTYYDWFFQFTFAATGATI | ISGAVAE <mark>RCK</mark> FEAYMLYELA VSGAVAE <mark>RC</mark> RFE <mark>S</mark> YMLYELM | I |
| | | 5 600 |
| 2 AMT[M.conductrix] 3 AMT[C.sorokiniana] VLFVYPCVAHNVNSPFCWLSPWRNATTAVNOSYVLFAGSGVYDFAGDAAVHMVGGTASLGAAWVLGPRICRFDAAGOPV AMT[C.sorokiniana] VLFVYPVVAHNVNSPFCWLSAMRTVDTASKOSYVLFAGSGVYDFAGDAAVHMVGGLASLAGAWVLGPRICRFDAAGNPV | DMPGHNASLTLLGVFLLWFG DMPGHNASLTLLGVFLLWFG | |
| 601 | | 7 700 |
| 2 AMT[M.conductrix] 3 AMT[C.sorokiniana] 4 GFNPGSTLAITY-GIDSFSKVAAAVAVTTIGAASGCIATLFIAMAYOYFTLGVVWDLIIAGNGALAGLVAITGPCA 5 AMT[C.sorokiniana] | FVQTWAAFIIGIIGIIG FVFFV FVQTWAAFIIGAIGG FVYFV FVQSWAAFIIGAIGGIVYFI | 4 |
| | | 8 800 |
| 2 AMT[M.conductrix] 3 AMT[C.sorokiniana] 3 AMT[C.sorokiniana] | CILVVGAWTLALMTPFFMLL CILVVGAWTLGIMTPFFMLL | ĸ |
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| 2 AMT[M.conductrix] 3 AMT[C.sorokiniana] 4 MG[ERVSDEVEAOGLDVSHHGGSAYPHETKGANGGAKGELCFGIIDEMVDRKIEEALEKMRKQMGTAAV | | |

Supplementary Figure 3. (a) Amino acid sequence alignment of CvNDI2. The amino acid sequence predicted based on CvNDI2 gene sequence were aligned along with ammonium transporters (AMT) of other microalgae. Clustal omega program (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/msa /clustalo/) was used for the alignment.



Supplementary Figure 3. (b) The hydropathy profile of CvNDI2. Red color indicates the transmembrane domain, and the inside and outside regions are in respectively blue and cyan.

CGCGGTTGGCCACCAGCAGCTTGGTGATGGGAGCCTGGGTCATGGCGACTGGGTCTGCAG GGCAACGCGAGCAAAAAGGGAGCGGTTGAGCAGGCAGTGCCGCCGCCAGCTGCCGGGAGC GTGTGCTCACAACACGCTGACAGCGAAAAACCGACGCAGAACCCCCACACAGGCCGGGGTGC CCCCTCCCGCCCTTGCTGCGTCTGCCGGCCGCATCAGTTTATCATTGATGTCACGATGCA TGCATTTGCTATGAGGCCCTGCTCCCAAAACTAGGGCTCTGCCCCGTGCATCACCTGCGC AGTCCCTCTCGCGATGCGCAGGCGCACCACAATGGTGCCAATGCTGCAGAGAAGATACAA CCAAGAAGATACAACCAAGAGGAGGAGAAGCGGCCATCGTTGGGTCCATCACCGACTGCC GCTGGCCTGTGCTCAACACGCCCTTTACCTATCCTCTTCGCCGCCACAATCAGTGTCCCCA CATTTGTGAGTGCAAGCCGAGCCCAACCGGATTTCATTTACGCATGACCGCCTACACGCC TGCGGTTGCGGCGCTGCGCCGAGTGCGTCACTCGTTTTTACAGCGACCCACACCACG GCACTCTGTAGGGAGCATCAACTGAGCCCACCGTCGTCCGATCCCGTCAACATCACCTGG GGAAGCTGCTGCCTGAAAAAGGATGTGACCCTGGTACCAACTTTTCTGCCCCCTCTGAC GGGGCGGTGGTCTCTCATGCATTGGGTTCACCCATATATTGCGCGGGCACACACTCCGCC CCCCATTCTTTTCAACTCTCACTCCTCATCCCCCAGGCACGTTGCCACCGCTCAGCAGGG CCGGGGAGCTCCCATCACCTTGGCGAA

>CvNDI2 promoter

GGGCTCTGGGTCCACCTGAAAAGTGGGTCGCCTTTGTGCTTGTTCATCAAAGTTCTTTCA CTCTACCCACTGGCCGCCATGTCTTCGAGACGGCATCATGATGGAATGGAATGTTACATG CATCAGTGATGCAAACAAGCCTACACAACCCATTATGTGCGCTGCGCTGATCAAGCTGGA TCCCCGTCCCCCTCGCACCCCAGCACCCCCCAAGCAGTCCGCGATCCACCAATTCCTGC ACCAAGCCTCTGGGCCAGCCTGTGGGCCAGCCCAGACCTTTGTACCACAGCACCGCAGCGCCA ACCTCGGCTGCCGACAGCCTTTGAGCGGCACTTGGCCCCGCCCTTGAGGCACTTTCGCCG AGCACTAGGAGTGCATAGGCAGCTTGCAGCCCCAGGCAGTCGATTACGGTATCTAACGCT GCAAGCCGTCGTTGATGGCAACGACTCAGCTGCAGCTGCTGGTTGCGAGCCATGCCCAGA CACAGCAGCGCAACAGCGTCATGTTGCACTGCAGCAACTCCTCAACACTCGACTGCACAG GCGCCAGCCTGCCCGCTGCCACTGGTGCAGCTGGAACGAGGCCCAGGCACGCAAGCCGT CGCCGGCAGGGAGAGGTGCGCTCAGCAGGTCCCCATCACGCTGCTGGTGCAGCTCACAGA GCTGAGTGTAGCGGCGGTCCCACCGGCCCTCCCTTGGGT

Supplementary Figure 4. Promoter sequences of CvNDI1 and CvNDI2 genes.

>Cellulase (UTEX 395) MAGRITLLLCLCLVAGAAAAPIDAATACSKMPATWKPVETVPDEVSWAVYSAAYDRY AGSGLDIDWTSYYCAEPTYSYDGCYAVSSTPLLARLPAR

>Ras-related RABF1 (ArM0029B)

MKGALLLLLALAASAAIARDLETWGHHGKKKVKVVPVVVKPKPVVVVKPKPVVVVK PKPVVVVKPKPAVVVVAKPEQKYPVCDGAVLASCCYLPIQYDYYGKAASTCKIVDKVA VPIHPWYPKKMVAKEVVKHLYLASYPPPVYTDGASFACVCPTACEVPSPCSPYPCTVH MPDCGGYGK

Supplementary Figure 5. Amino acid sequences of cellulase and Ras-related RABF1. Bold letters indicate predicted signal peptide sequences.