

Plasmodium merozoite

invasion of erythrocytes



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Merozoite cell structure

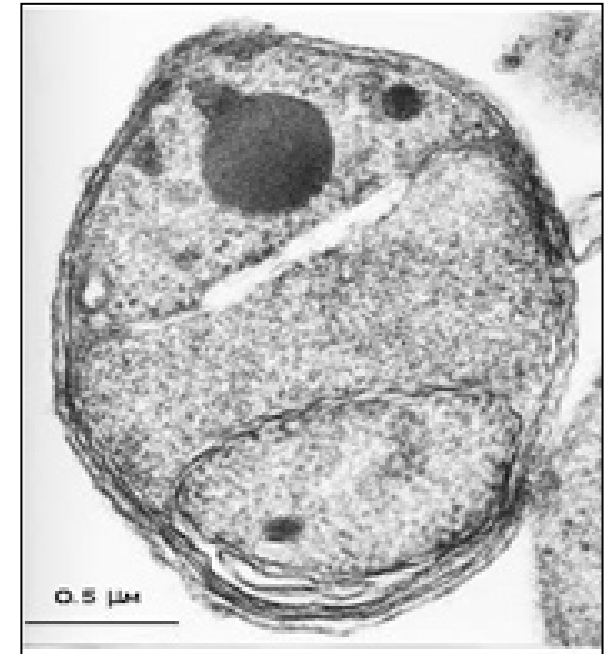
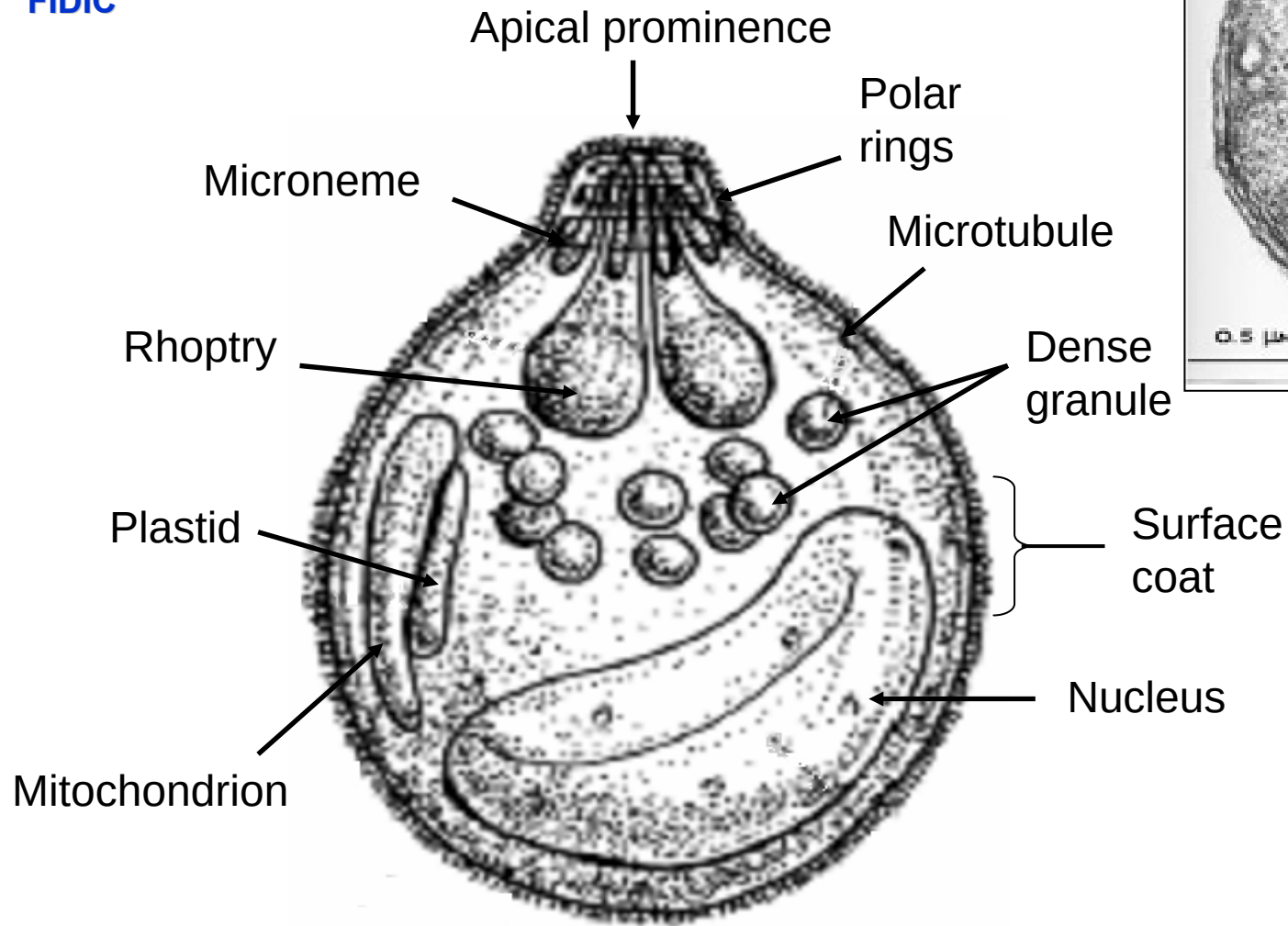
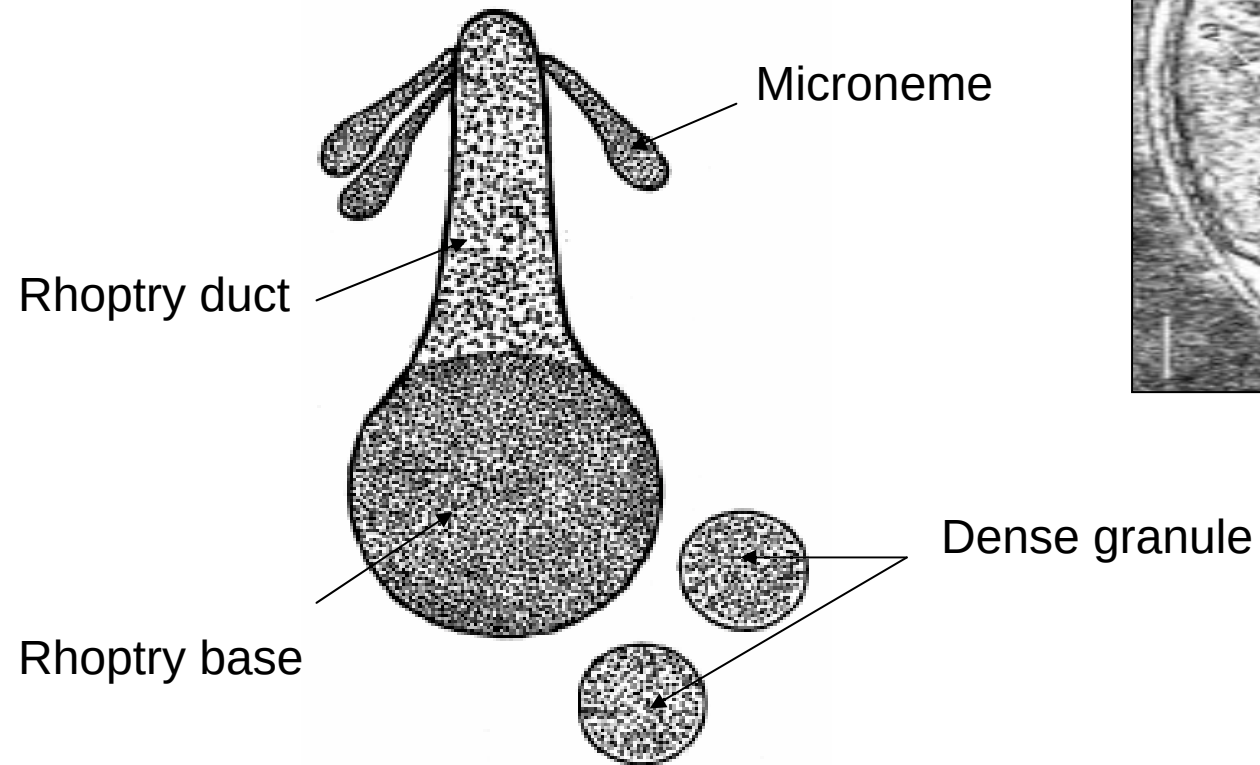


Diagram showing the general structure of a *Plasmodium falciparum* merozoite

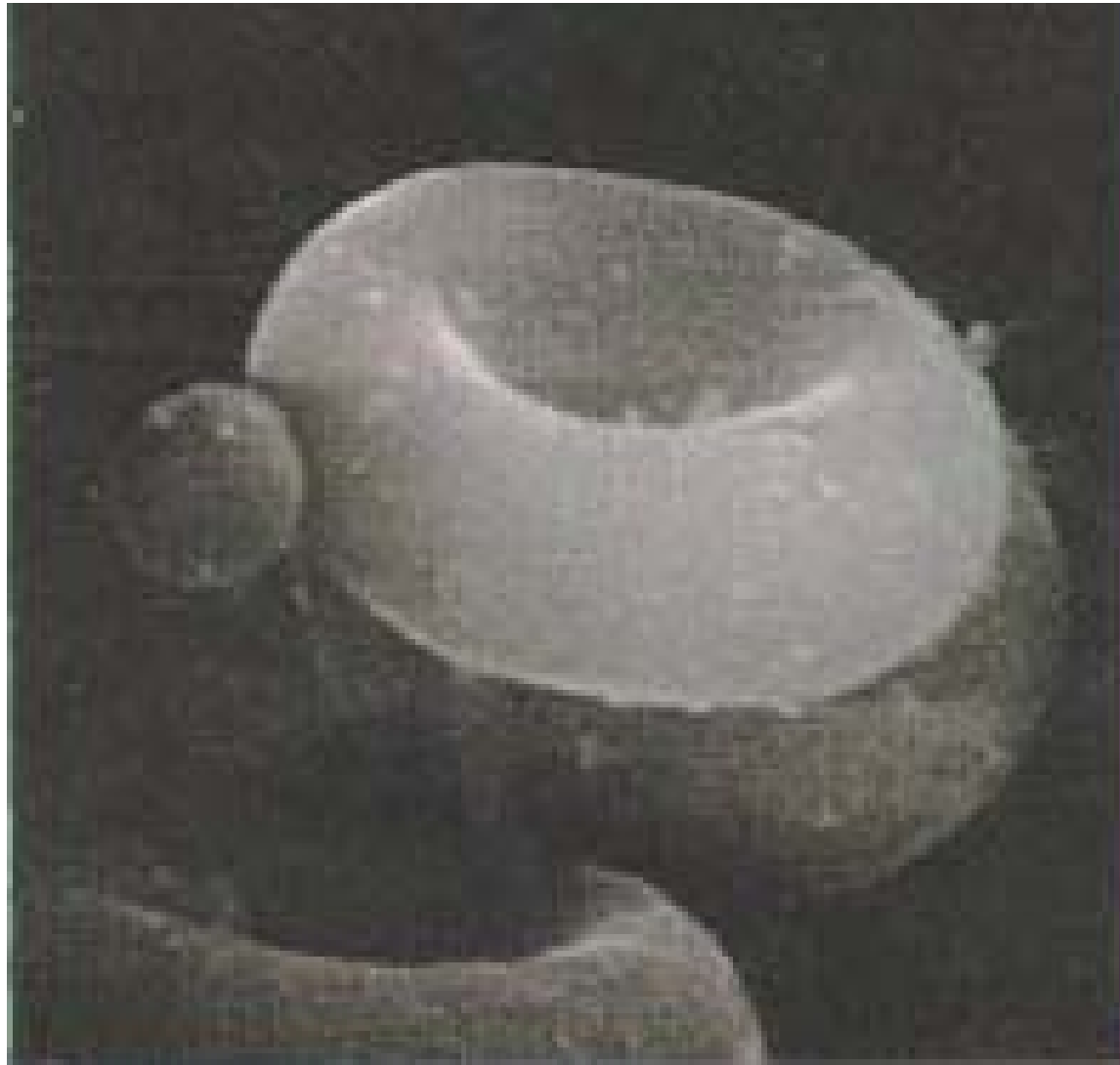


Plasmodium falciparum apical organelles

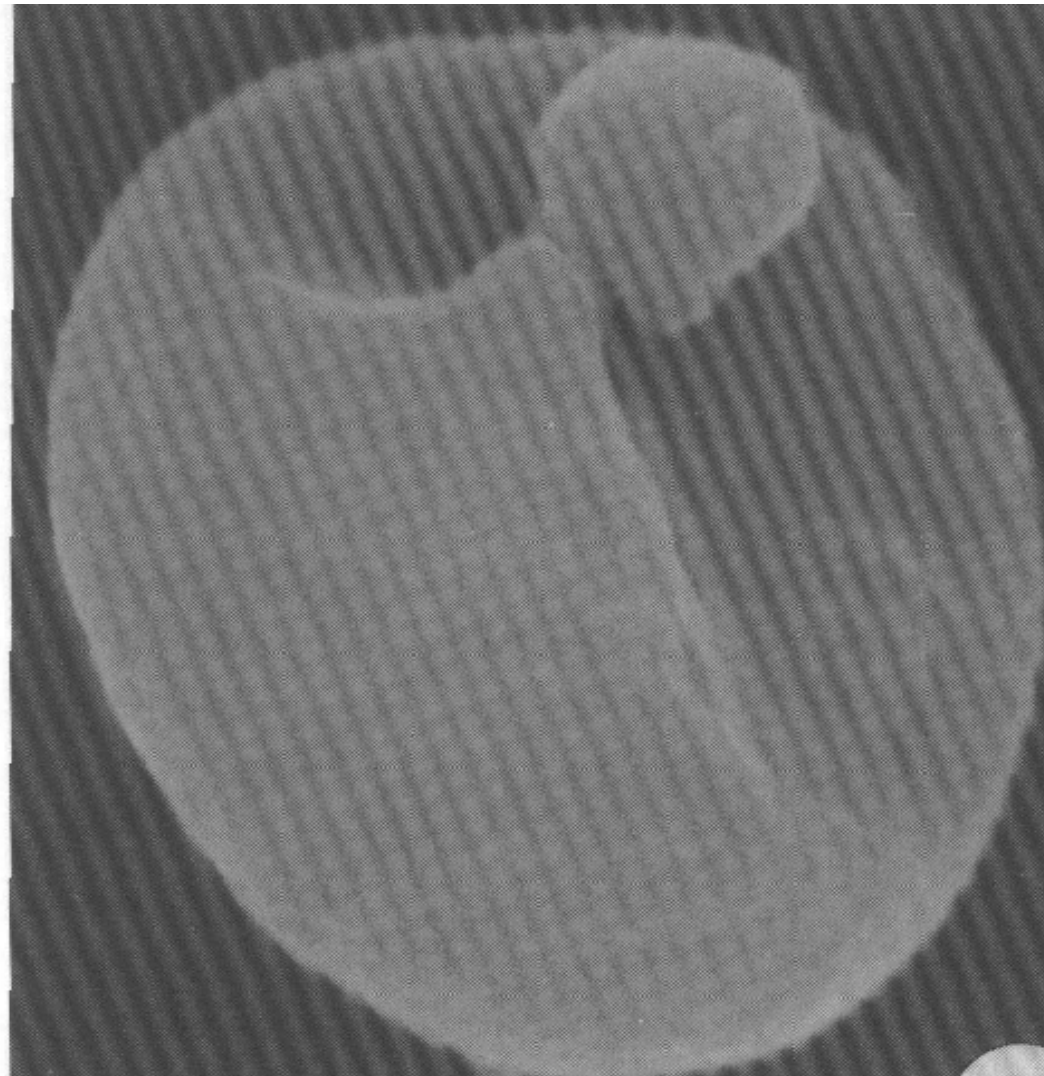




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A merozoite caught invading an erythrocyte, seen by electron microscopy.
Malaria by A. J. Knell



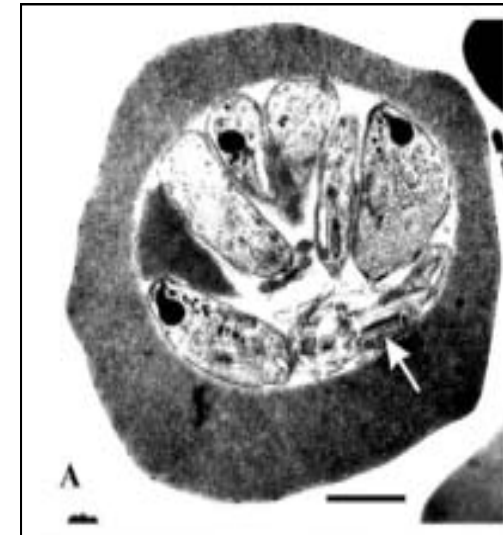
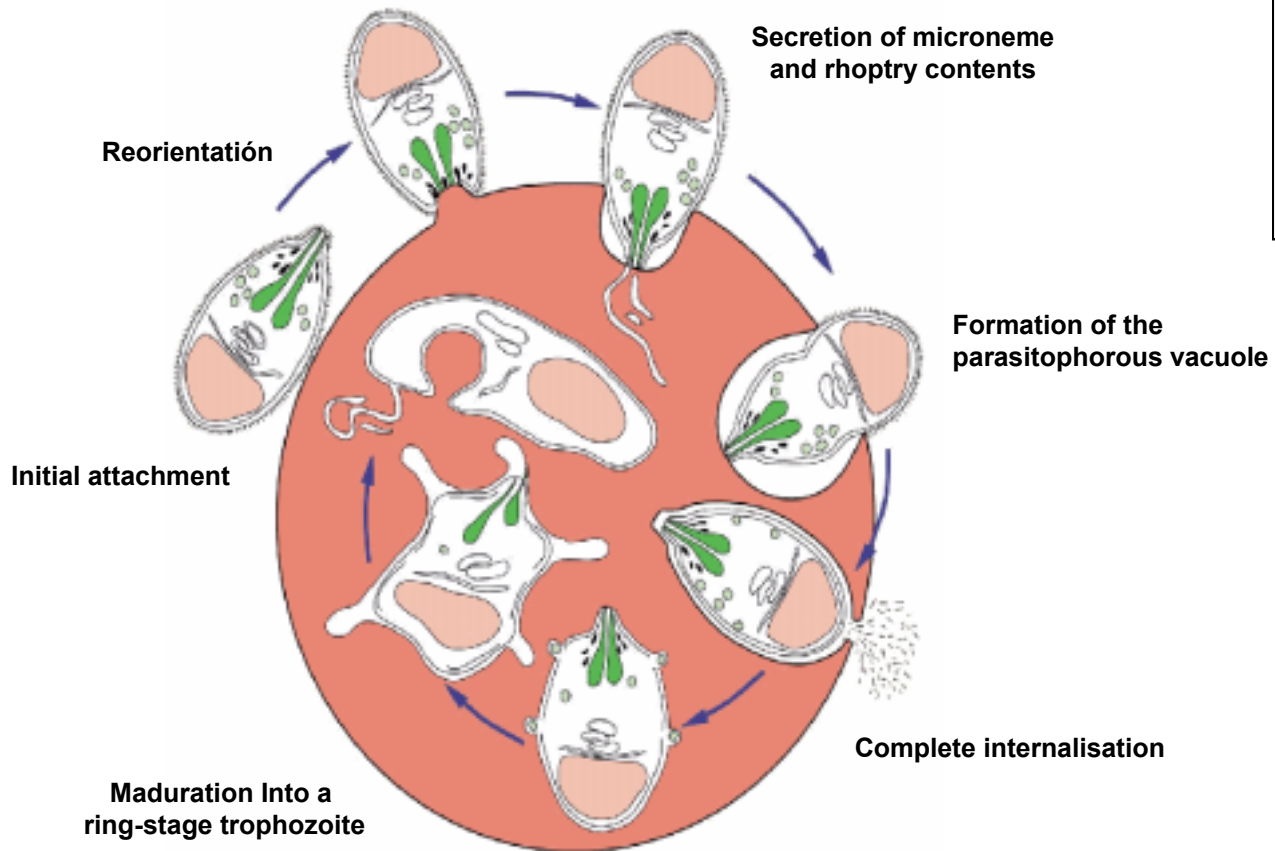
Scanning electron micrograph of a merozoite attached to a red blood cell. The parasite appears to have distorted the red blood cell surface. Magnification x 10.000.
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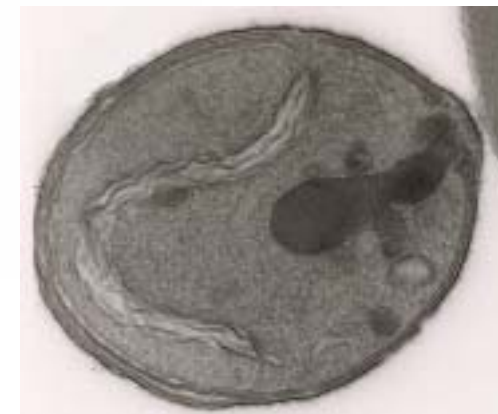
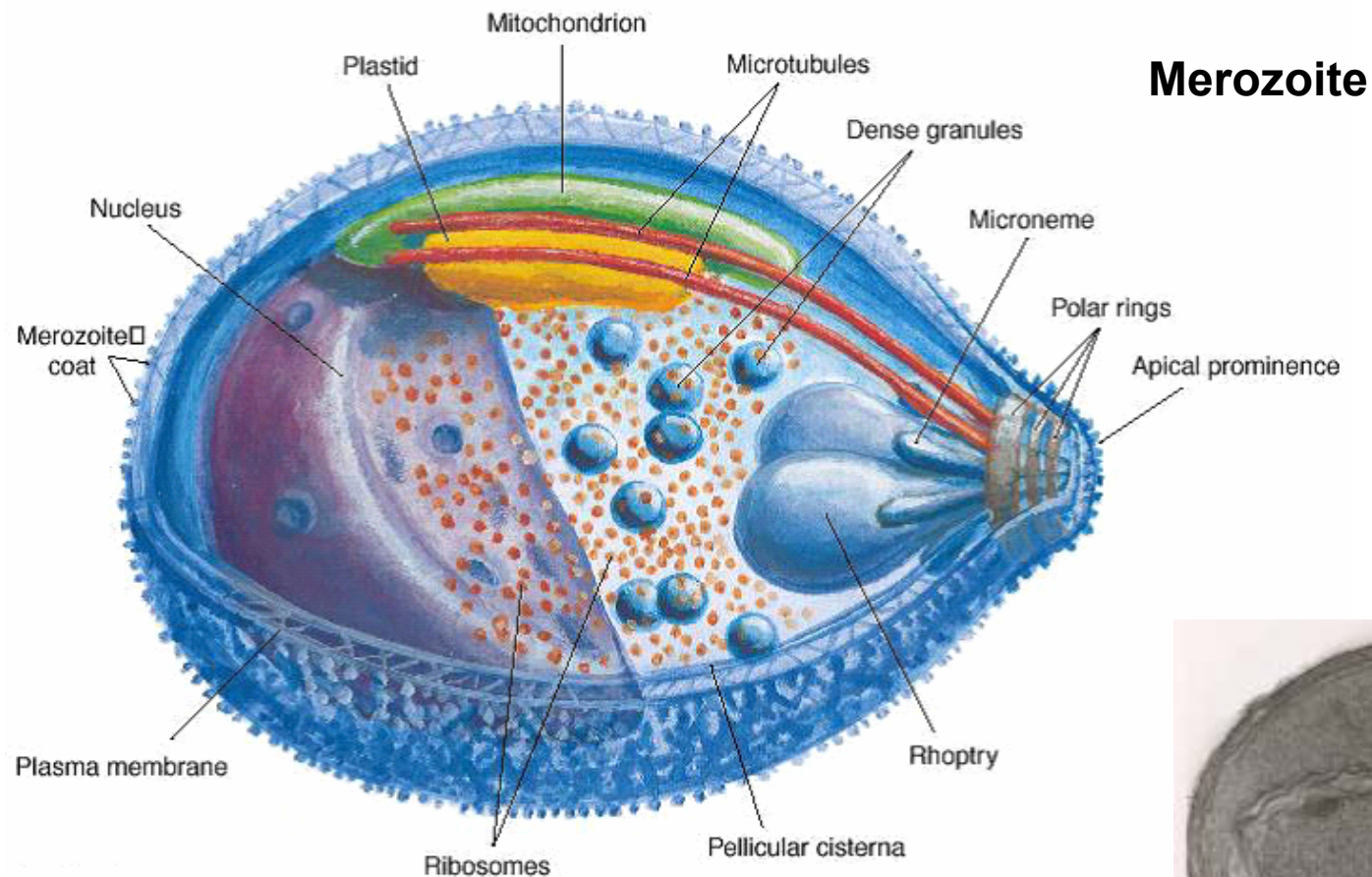
Phases of merozoite invasion

Irreversible attachment, junction formation and deformation of RBC membrane



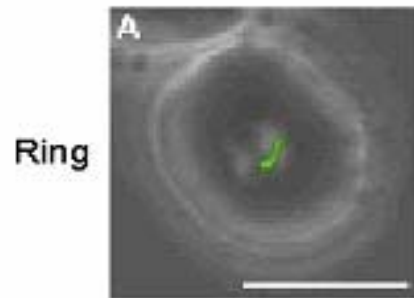
RESA
RIMA
SUB-1
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Morphological development of blood forms



A merozoite, showing the apical prominence with a rhoptry, dense granules, and a very indented nucleus.

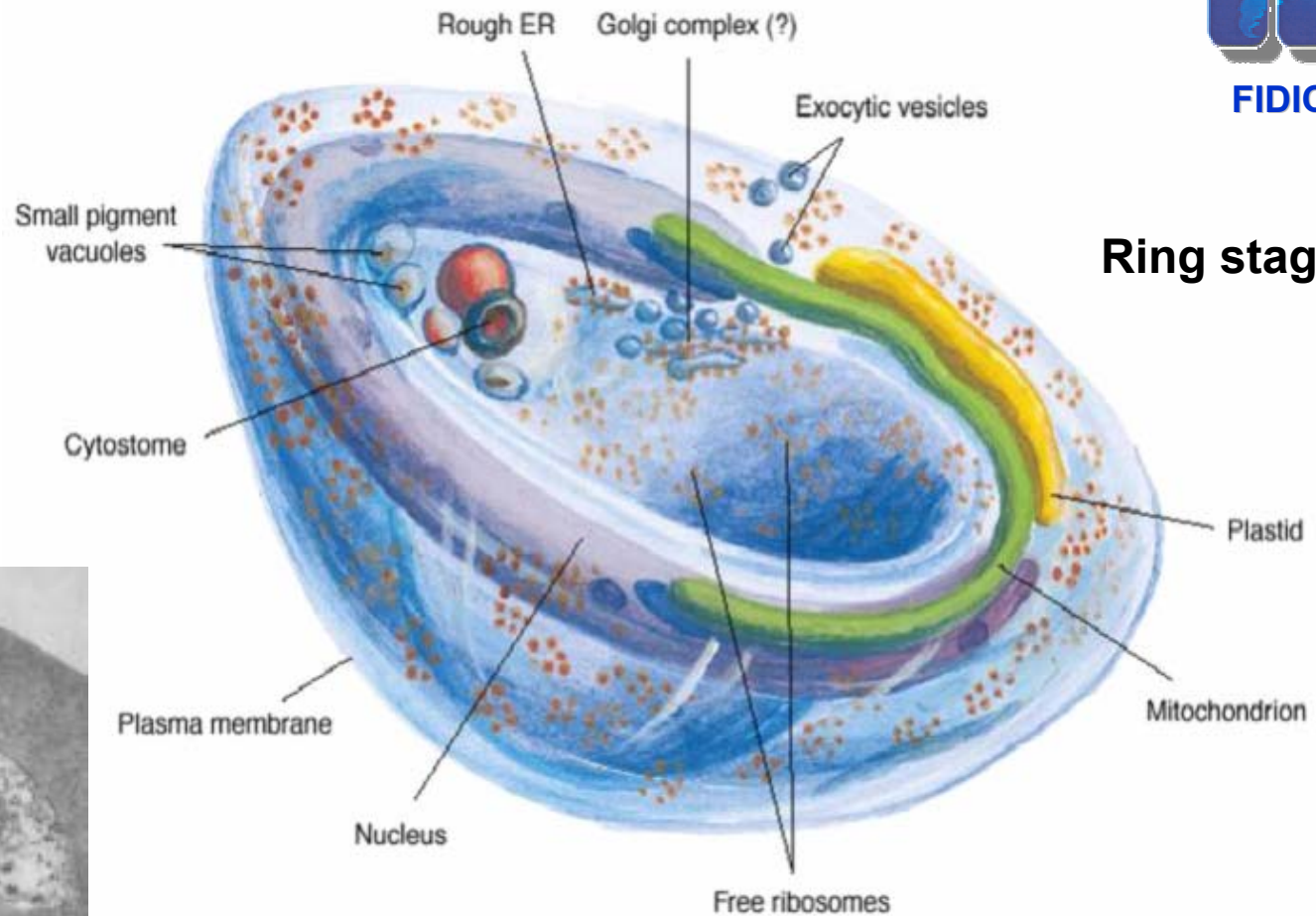
Morphological development of blood forms



Ring



A ring stage of the cup-like form, showing the nucleus surrounded by ribosomes and some endoplasmic reticulum.



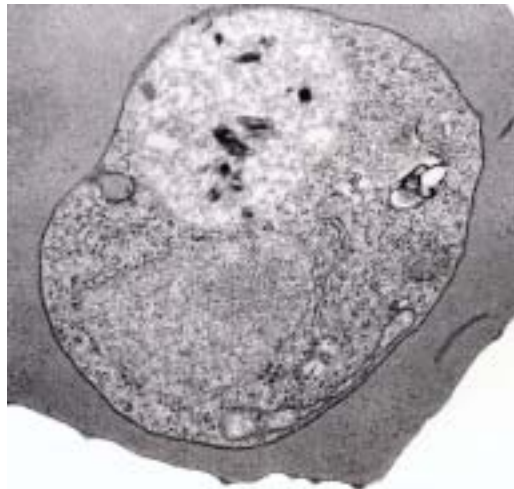
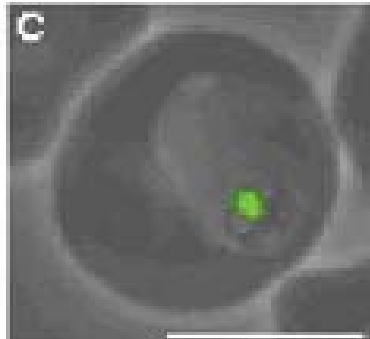
Ring stage

Bannister L. H., *et al.* 2000, Sherman I. W., 1998
Anders R. F., *et al.* 1991

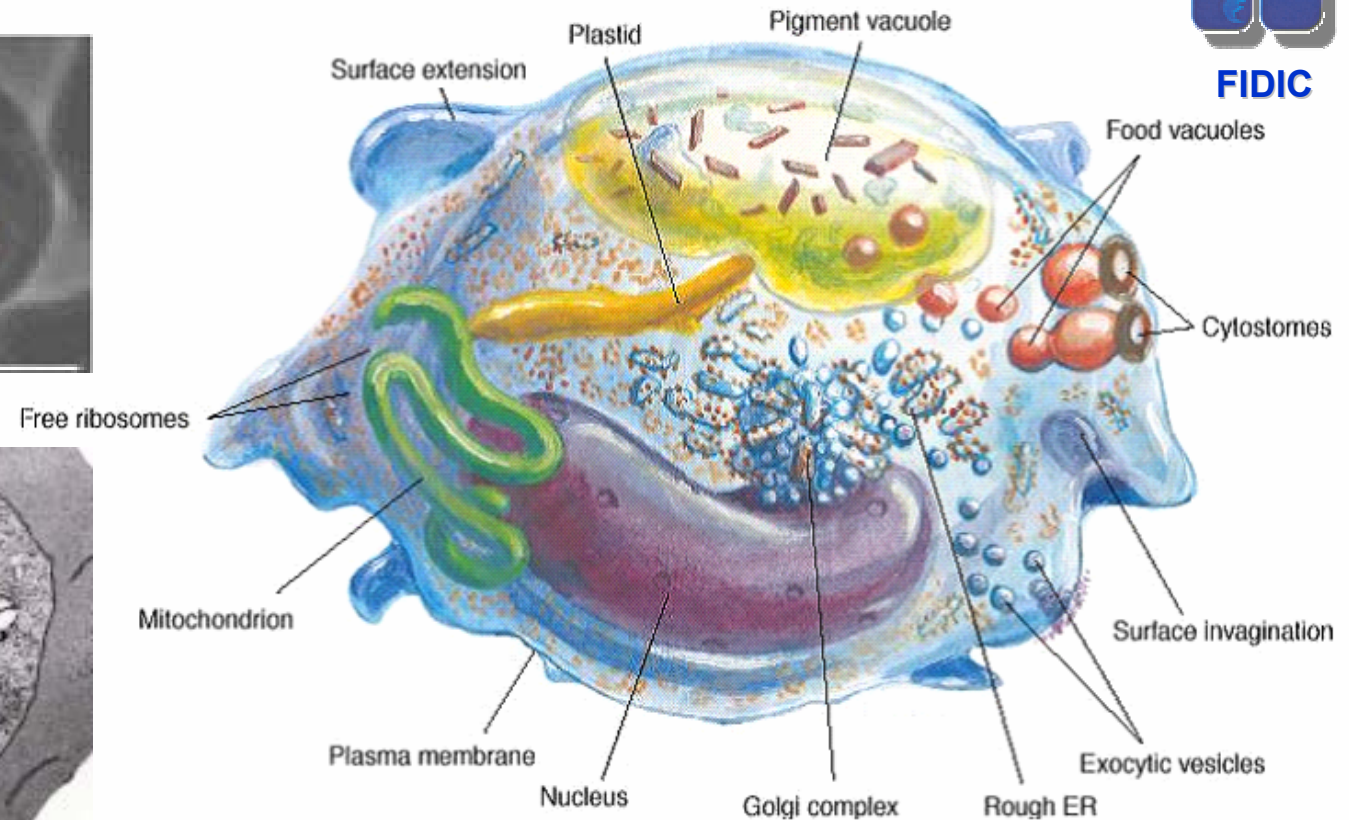
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Large troph



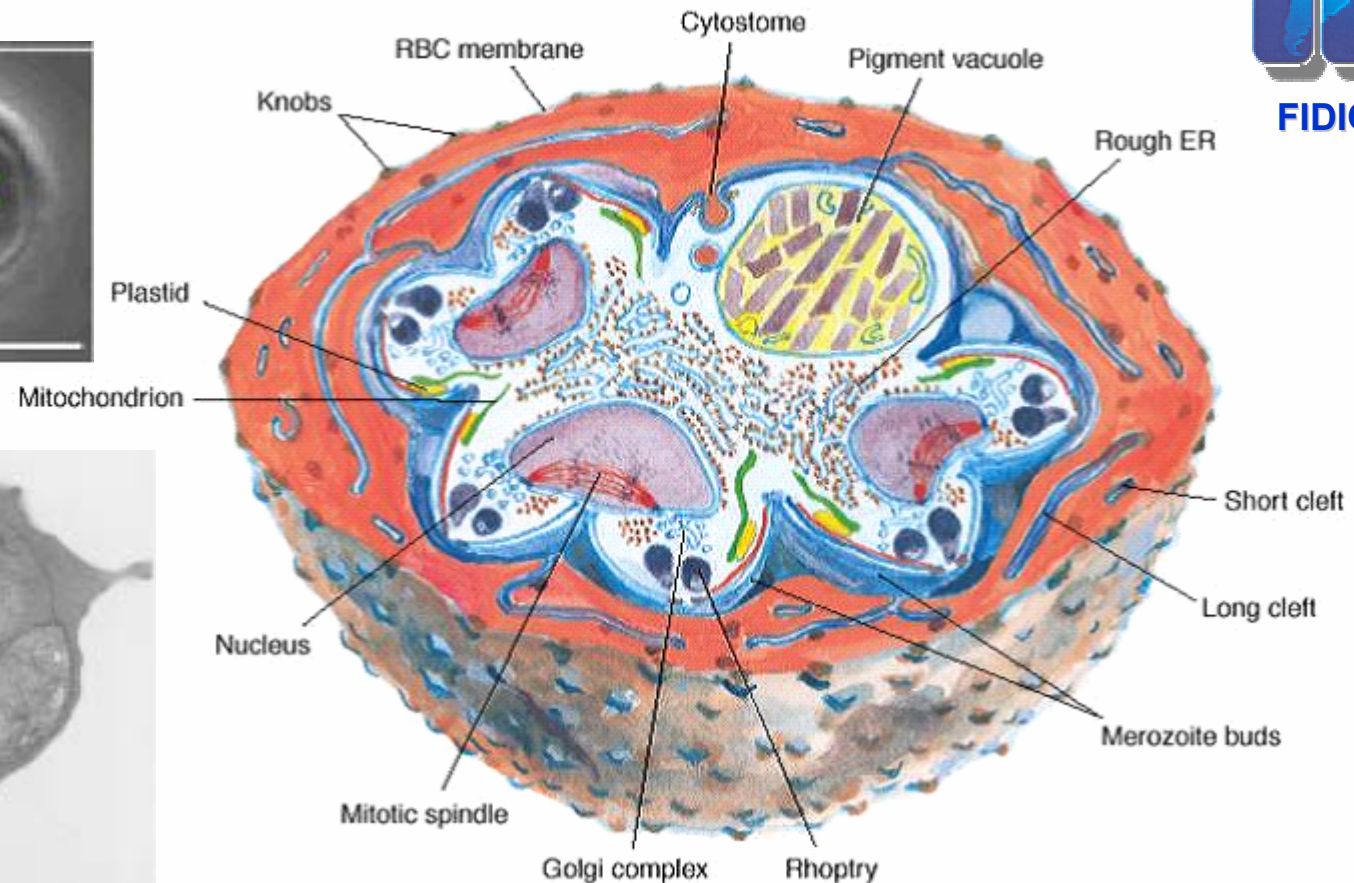
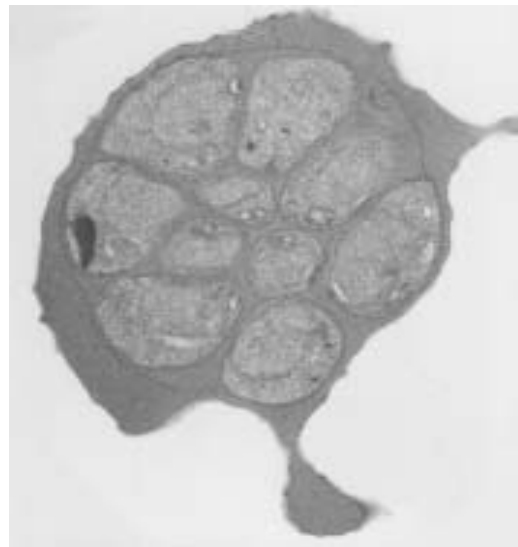
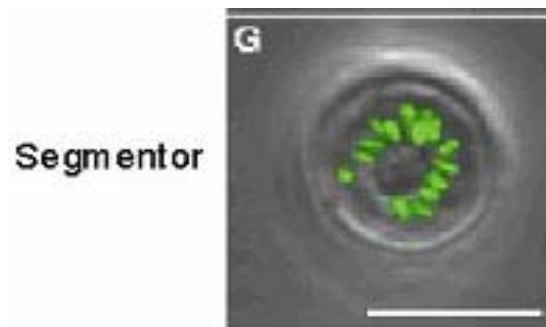
Mid-trophozoite stage, showing the nucleus, the pigment vacuole and a cytostome with a forming food vacuole. "Trophozoite" means the maturing stage. Greek "tropho" means "to nurture".



Trophozoite

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Morphological development of blood forms

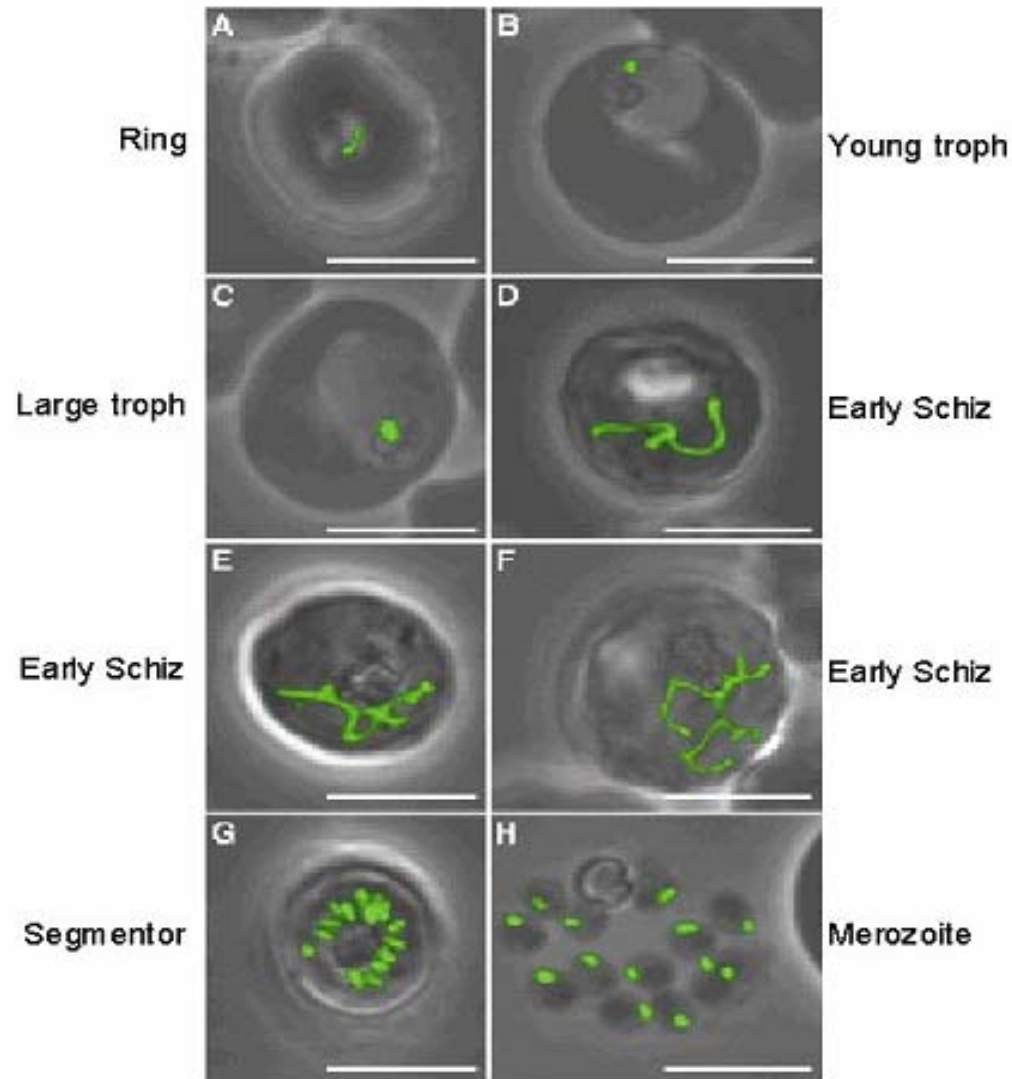


Schizont

A schizont, showing a series of nuclei and developing merozoites containing rounded early rhoptries around their perimeters. Note the irregular appearance of the red blood cell (RBC) surface and the presence of knobs. The name "schizont" comes from the Greek "schizo", meaning "to tear apart".

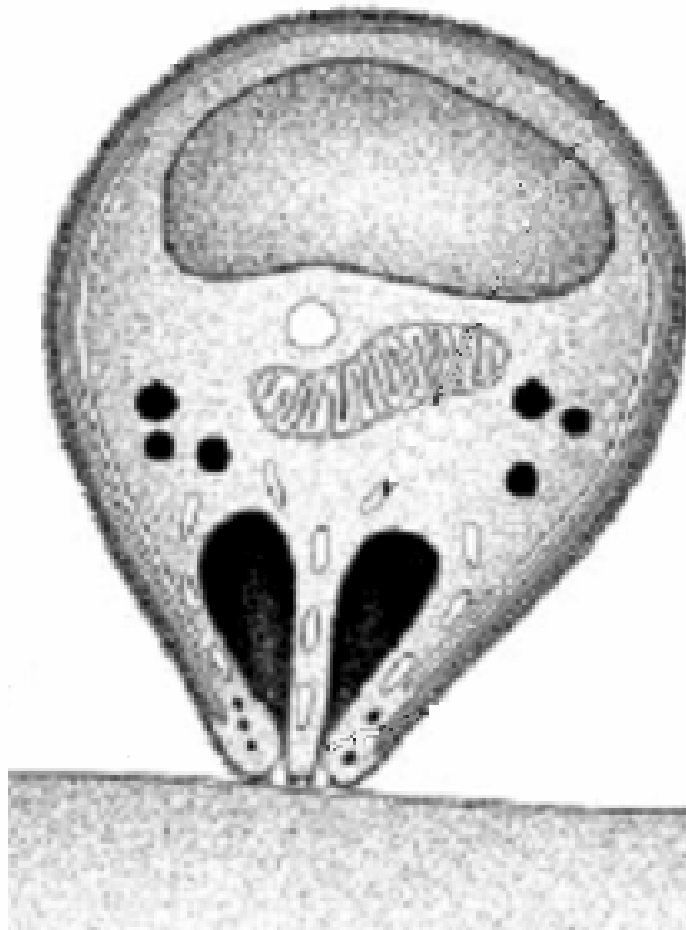
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Plasmodium falciparum morphology

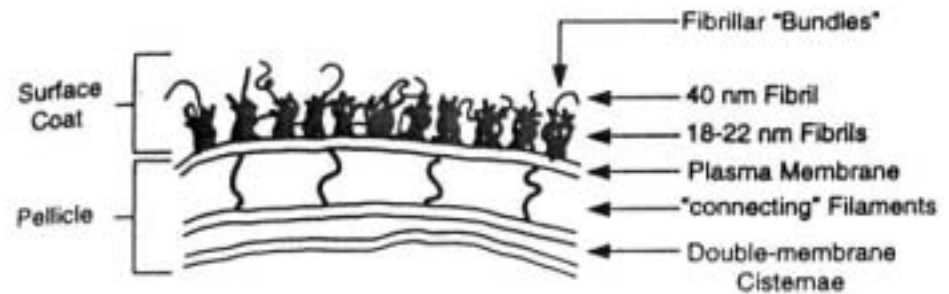


Morphology throughout the asexual life cycle of blood stage parasite expressing targeted Green Fluorescent Protein (GFP)

Merozoite surface proteins



MSP1
MSP2
MSP3
MSP4
MSP5
MSP6
MSP8
AMA1
MAEBL
ABRA
S-antigen



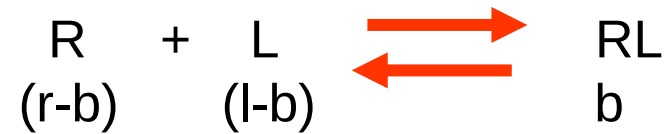
Merozoite pellicle and surface coat

Bannister L. H., *et al*, 1977, Cowman A. F., *et al*, 2000
Sherman I. W., 1998, Cowman and Crabb, 2002
Chitnis and Blackman, 2000

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Receptor-ligand interactions



$$b = \frac{(k + r + l) - ((k + r + l)^2 - 4rl)^{1/2}}{2}$$

$r > 250$ binding sites per cell

$l < 200$ nM

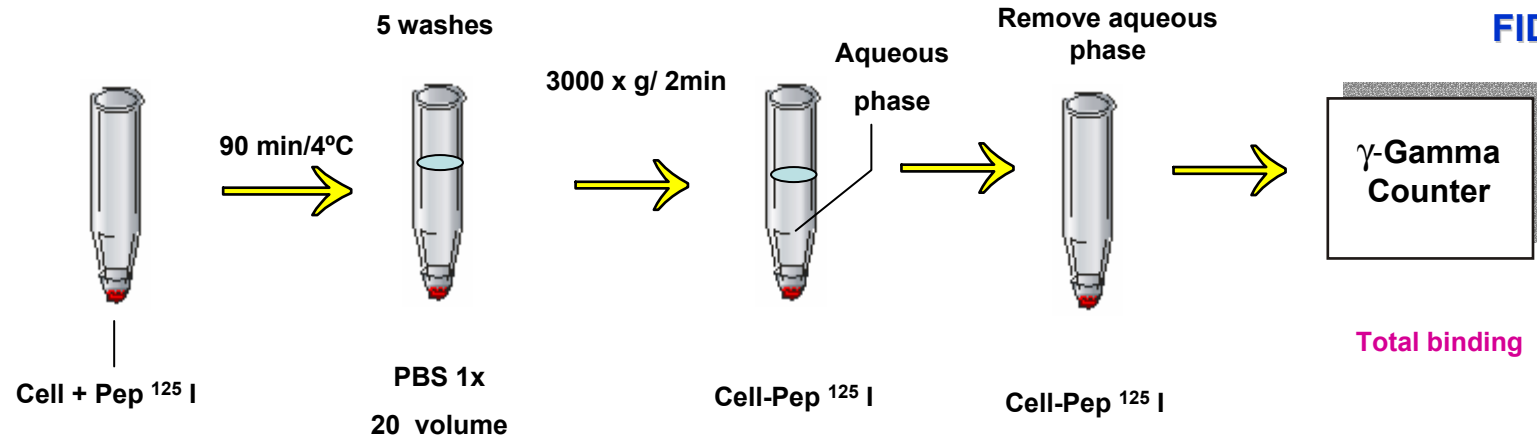
b/l is the binding slope, if $b/l \geq 0.02$

Receptor-ligand binding assay

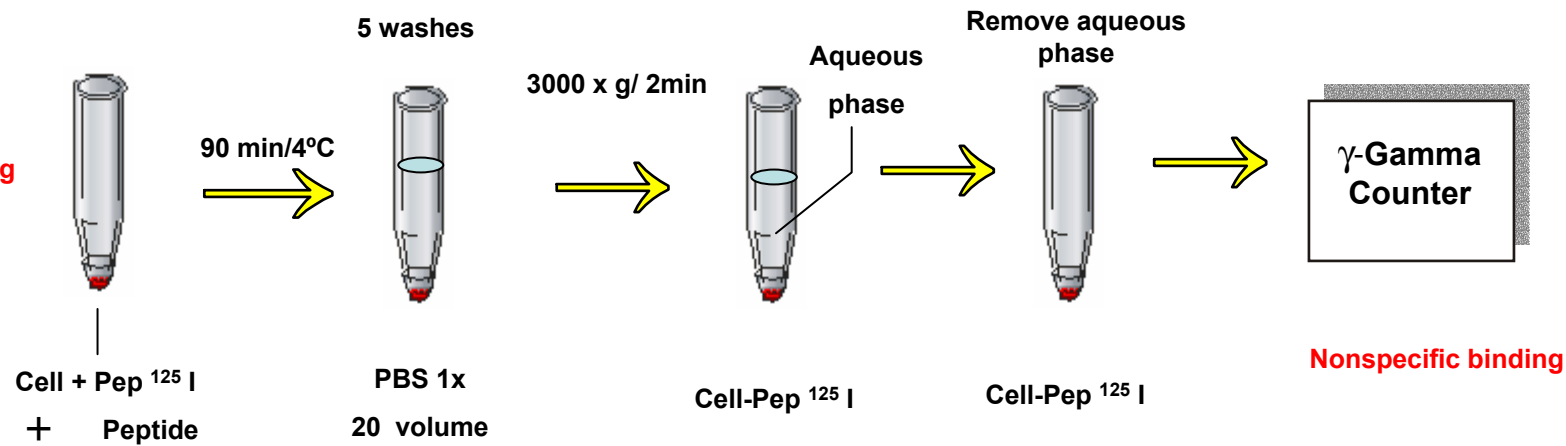
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Total binding



Nonspecific binding

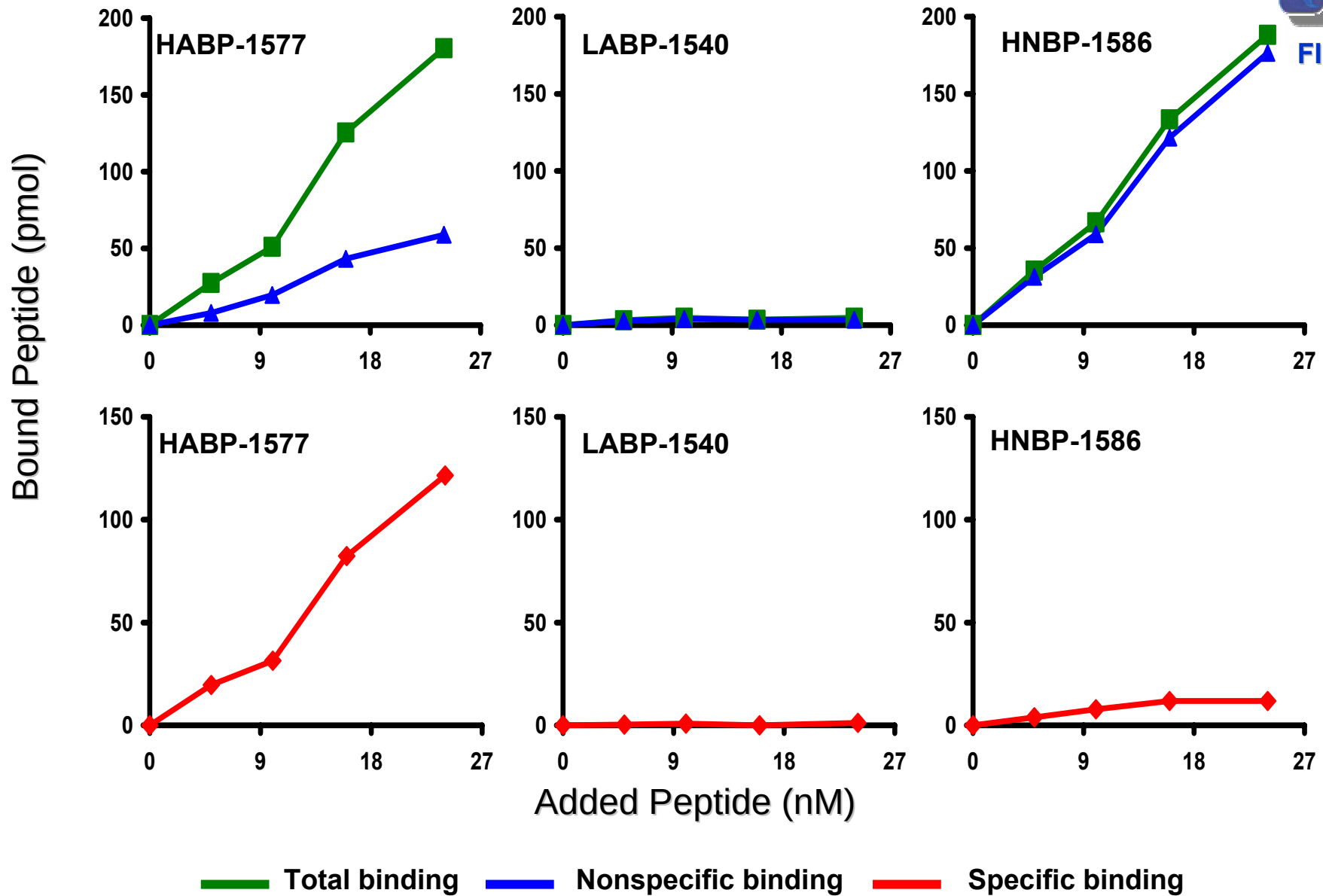


Peptide RBC binding behaviour

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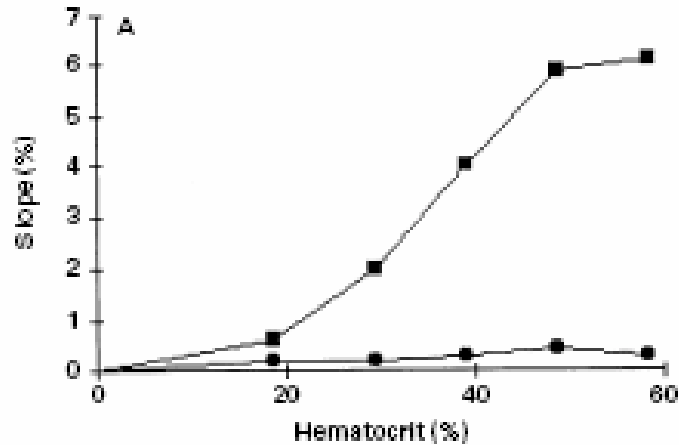


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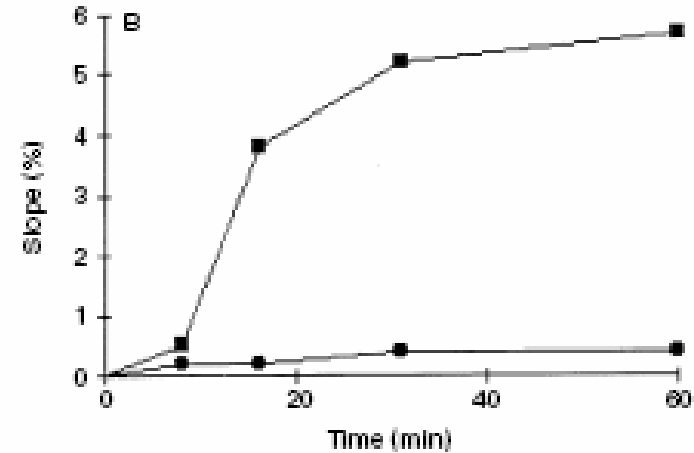


Factors influencing the binding assay

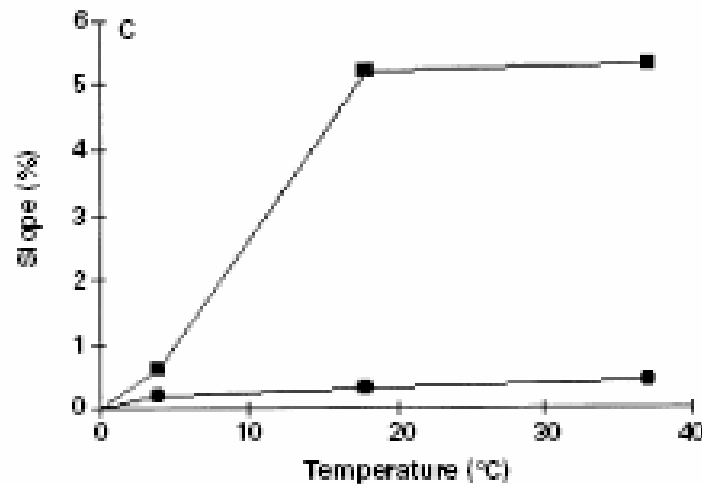
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Binding assay at 20% to 60% haematocrit
T 18 °C, 90 min).



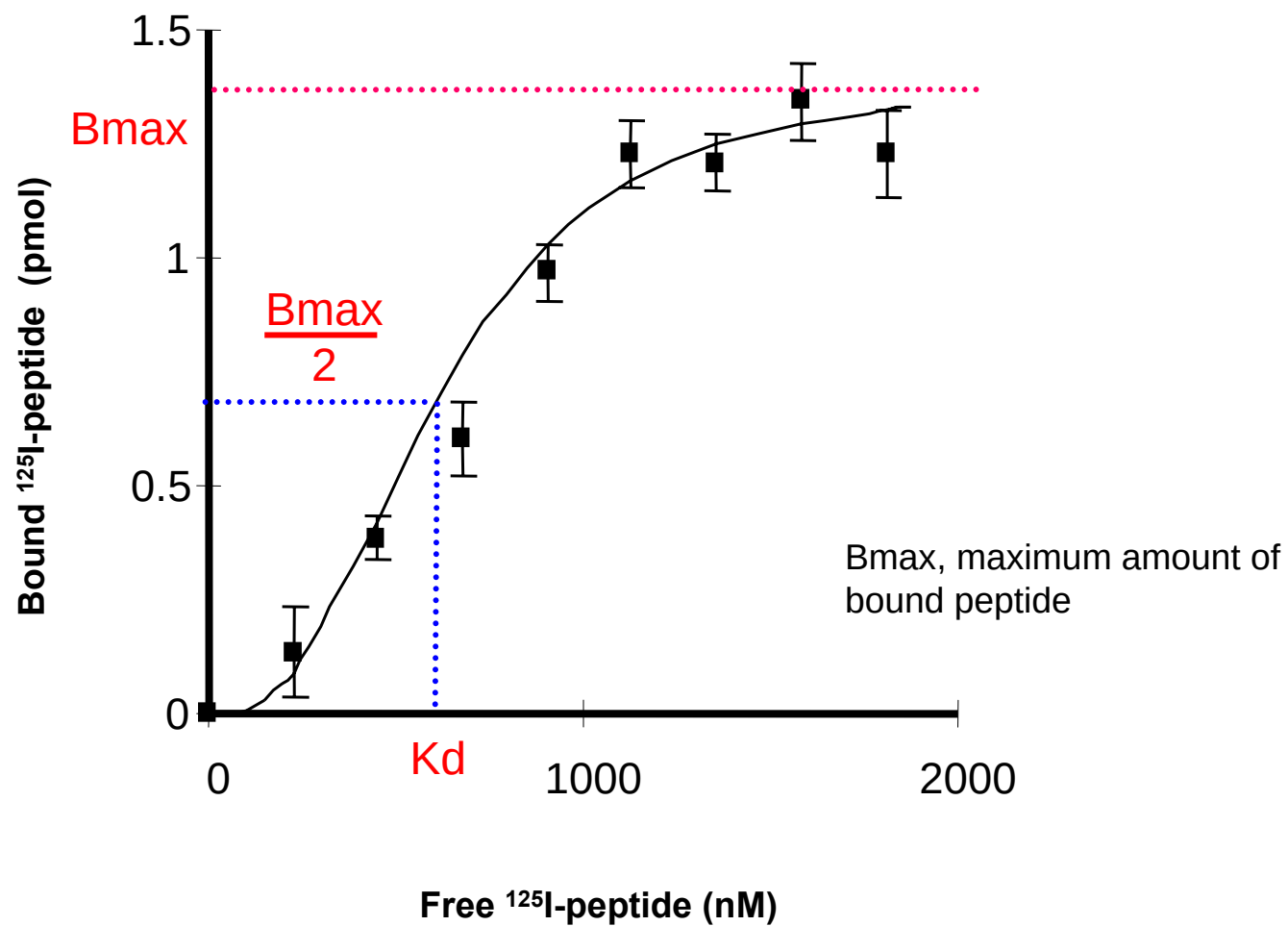
Effects of reaction time on the slope values
of the specific binding curve (haematocrit
50% T 18 °C).



Effects on slope values of specific binding
curve at temperatures between 4°C and
37°C (haematocrit 60% 60 min).

HABP saturation curve

Urquiza M., et al., 1996, *Parasite Immunology*, 18: 515



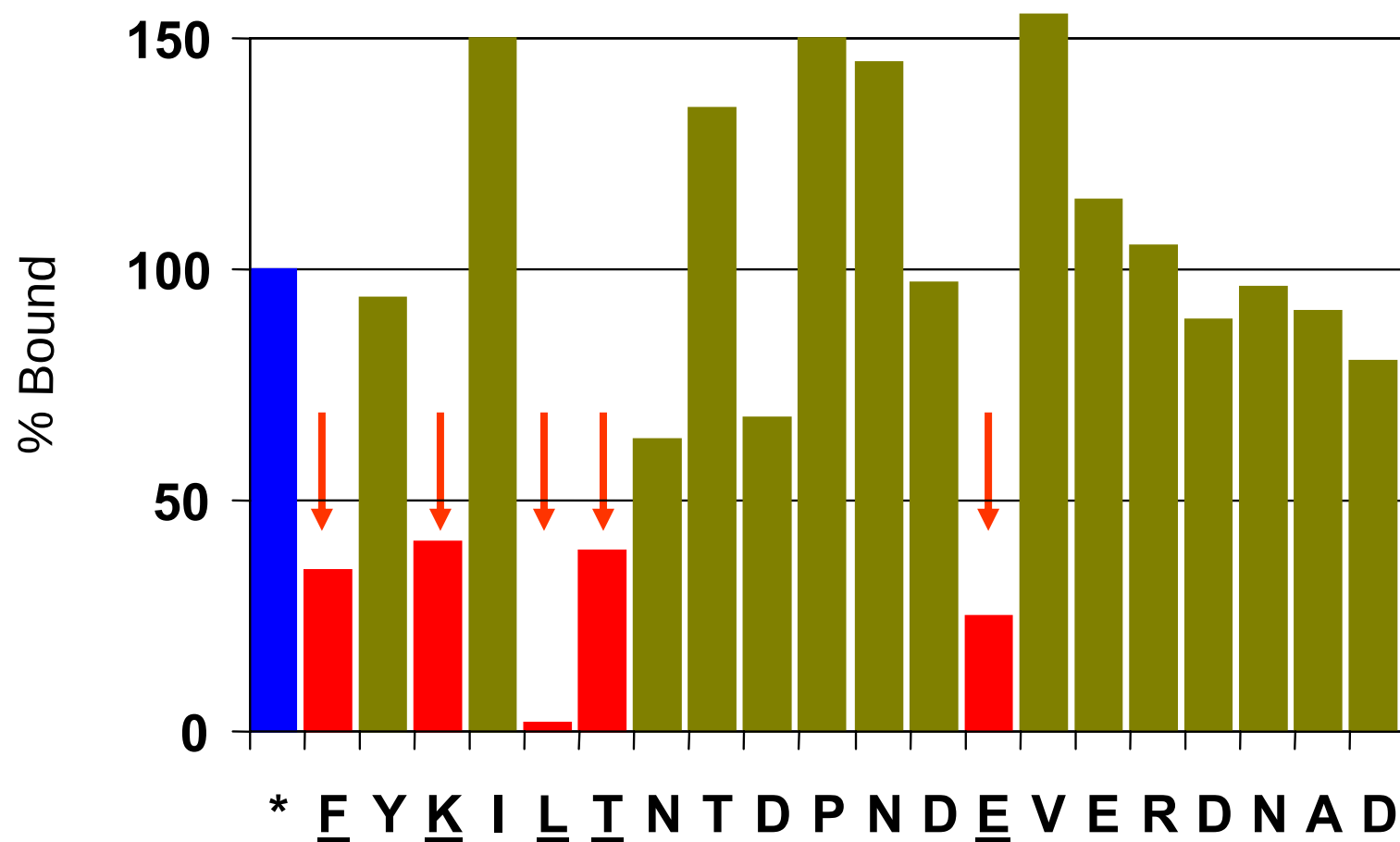
High binding glycine analogue peptides

Suárez J. E., et al., 2000, Mem Inst Oswaldo Cruz, 95: 495



Critical residues for peptide-erythrocyte interaction

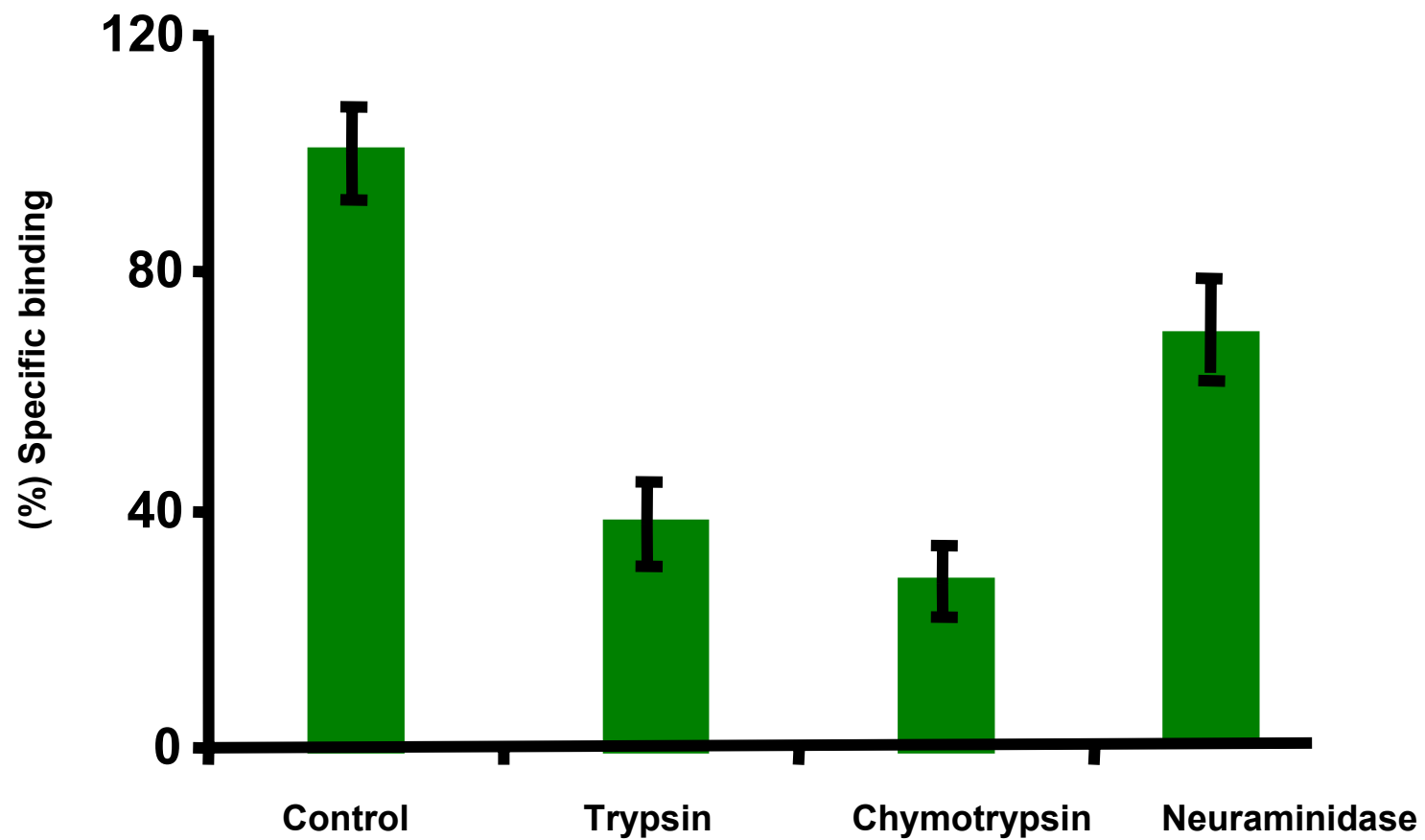
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Analogues

* Original peptide

Receptors for peptide binding on RBC surface



HABP binding to human and non-human erythrocytes

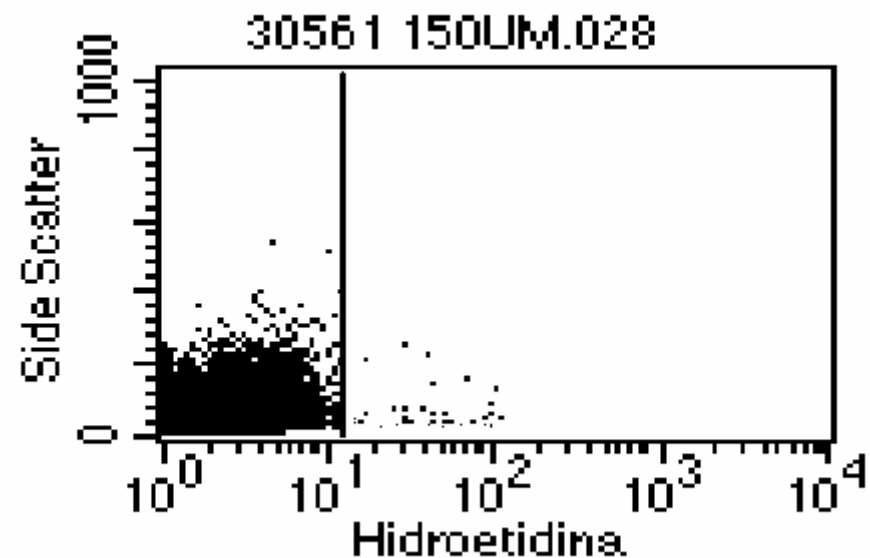
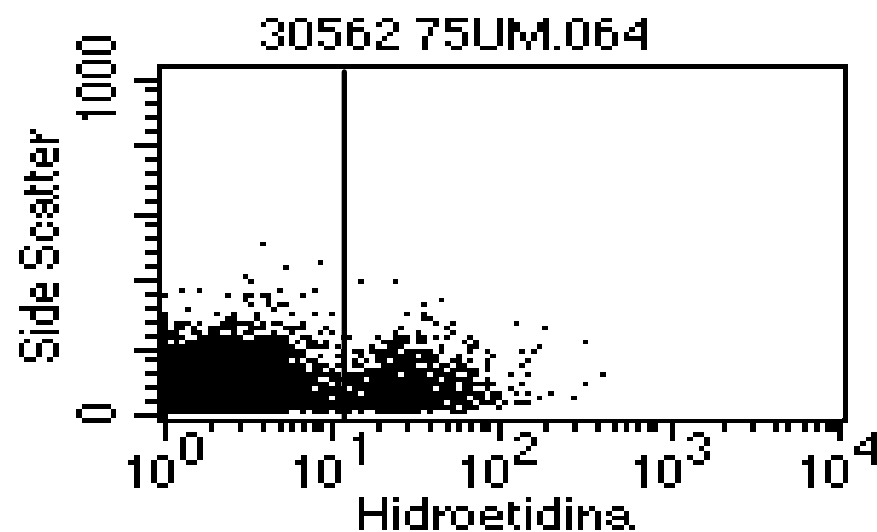
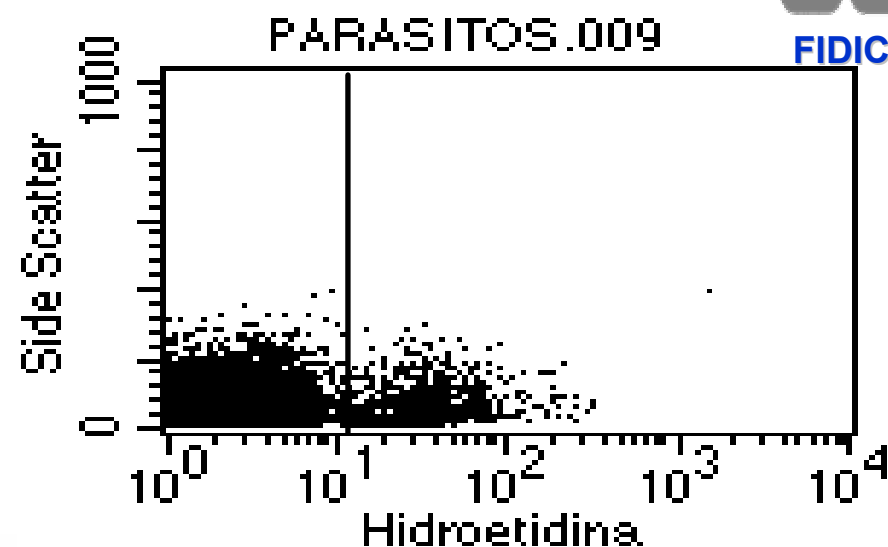
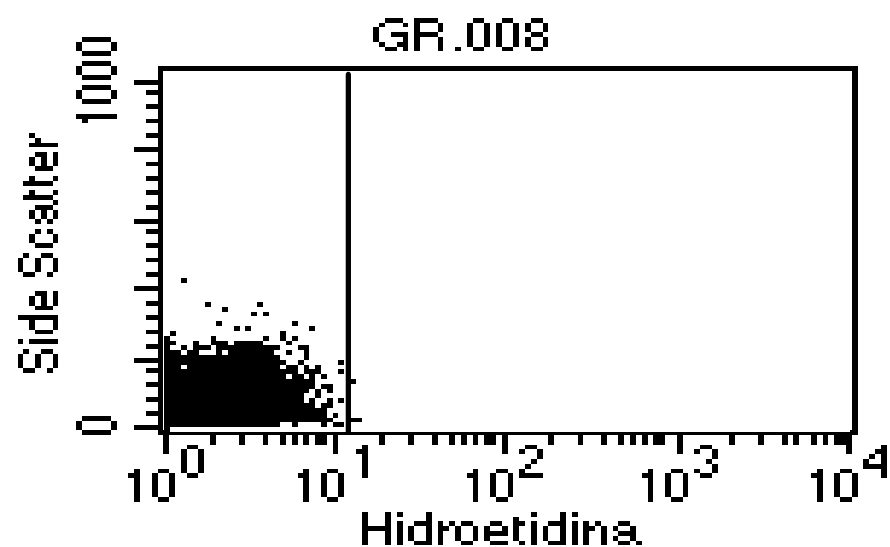
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Erythrocytes	Specific binding (%)
Humans	100 ± 8
<i>Aotus</i>	59 ± 6
Rabbits	44 ± 7
Goats	0 ± 4
Horses	0 ± 2
Chickens	8 ± 4

Invasion inhibition assay



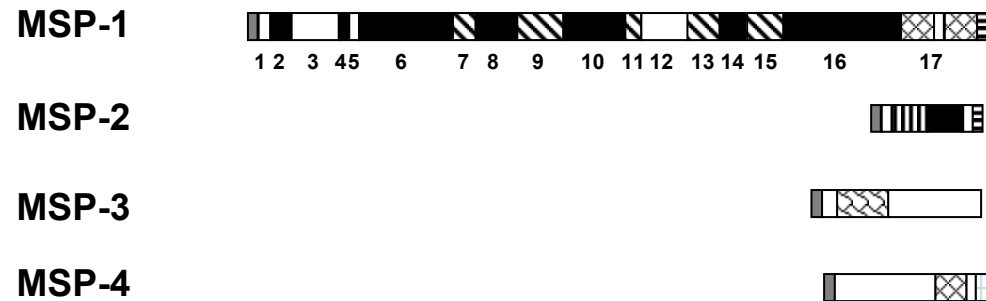
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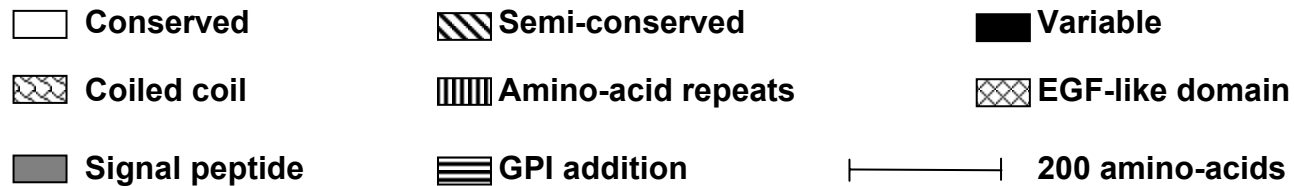
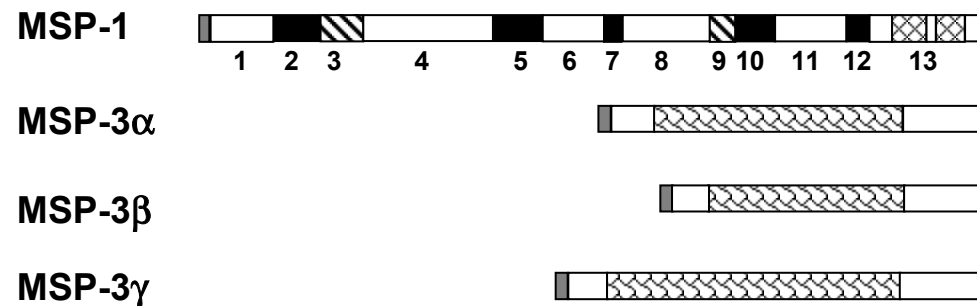
Merozoite surface proteins



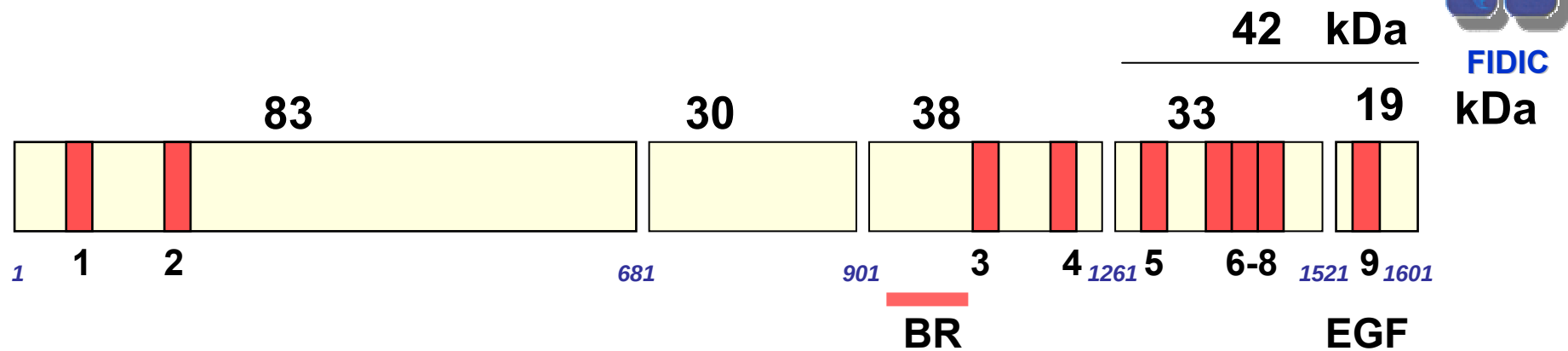
Plasmodium falciparum



Plasmodium vivax



MSP-1

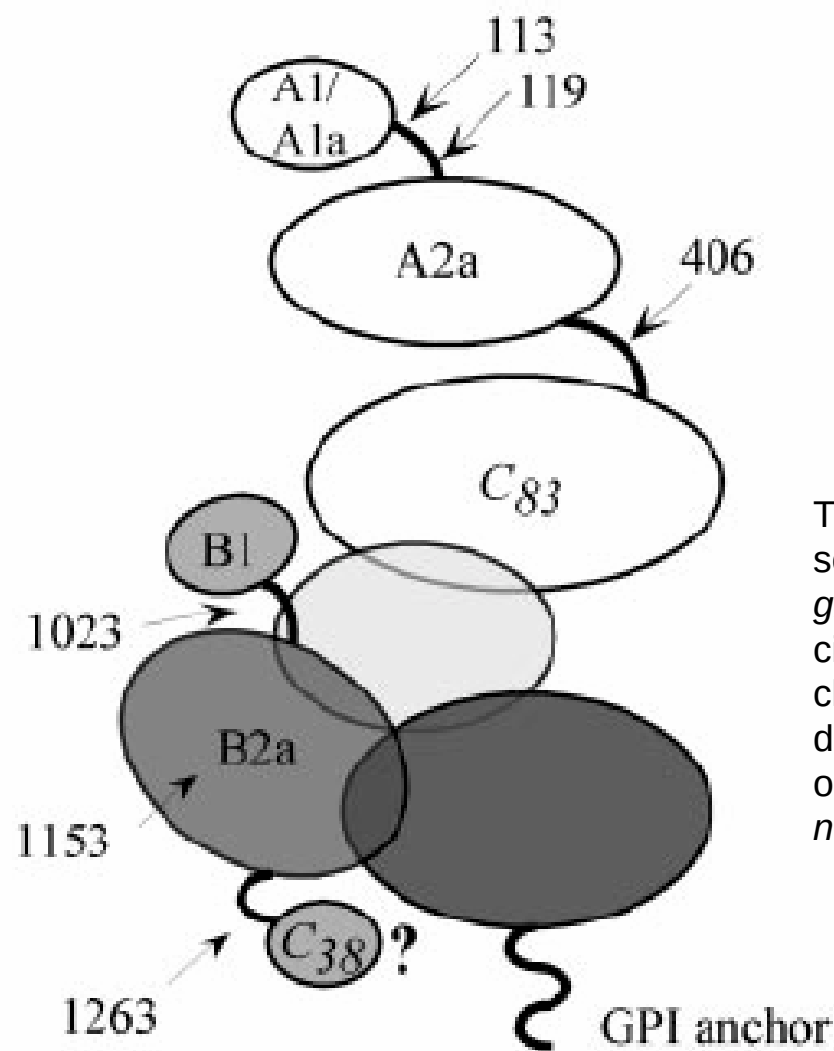


1. **G****YSLFQKEKMVL****NEGTS****GTA**
2. **QIPYNLKIRANELDVLKKLV**
3. **FKVLSKLE****GKLKDNLNLEKK**
4. **AESNTITTSQNV****DDEVDDVY**
5. **EVLYLKPLAGVYRSLKKQLE**

6. **LSS****YNIKDSIDTDINF****AND**
7. **VLGYYKILSEKYKSD****LDSIK**
8. **KYINDKQGENE****KYLPFLNNI**
9. **QGMLNISQHQCVKKQCPQNS**

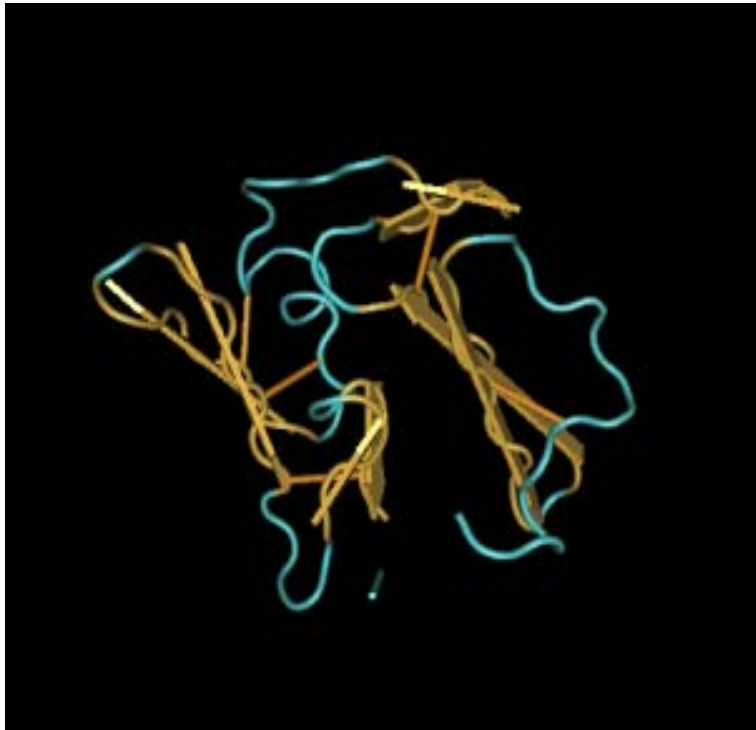
- The MSP-I protein is a 195 kDa polymorphic surface membrane protein of the merozoite.
- MSP-1 is synthesized in schizogony and contain variable, semiconserved and constant sequences.
- Extensive proteolytic processing of 83, 30, 38 and 42 (33, 19) kDa fragments.
- 19 kDa contain two cysteine-rich EGF-like regions.
- The SPf66 synthetic malaria vaccine, contains a sequence from the 83 kDa fragment: **YSLFQKEKMVL**

Model of the overall structure of processed MSP-1.



The natural processing fragments, roughly drawn to scale, are given in *white* (p83) or in differently *shaded gray* as indicated. Interacting subunits overlap with their circumferences. Linker regions accessible to thrombin cleavage are drawn as *black lines* connecting various domains and amino acid positions where cleavage occurs are indicated by *arrows* and respective *numbers*.

MSP-1₁₉

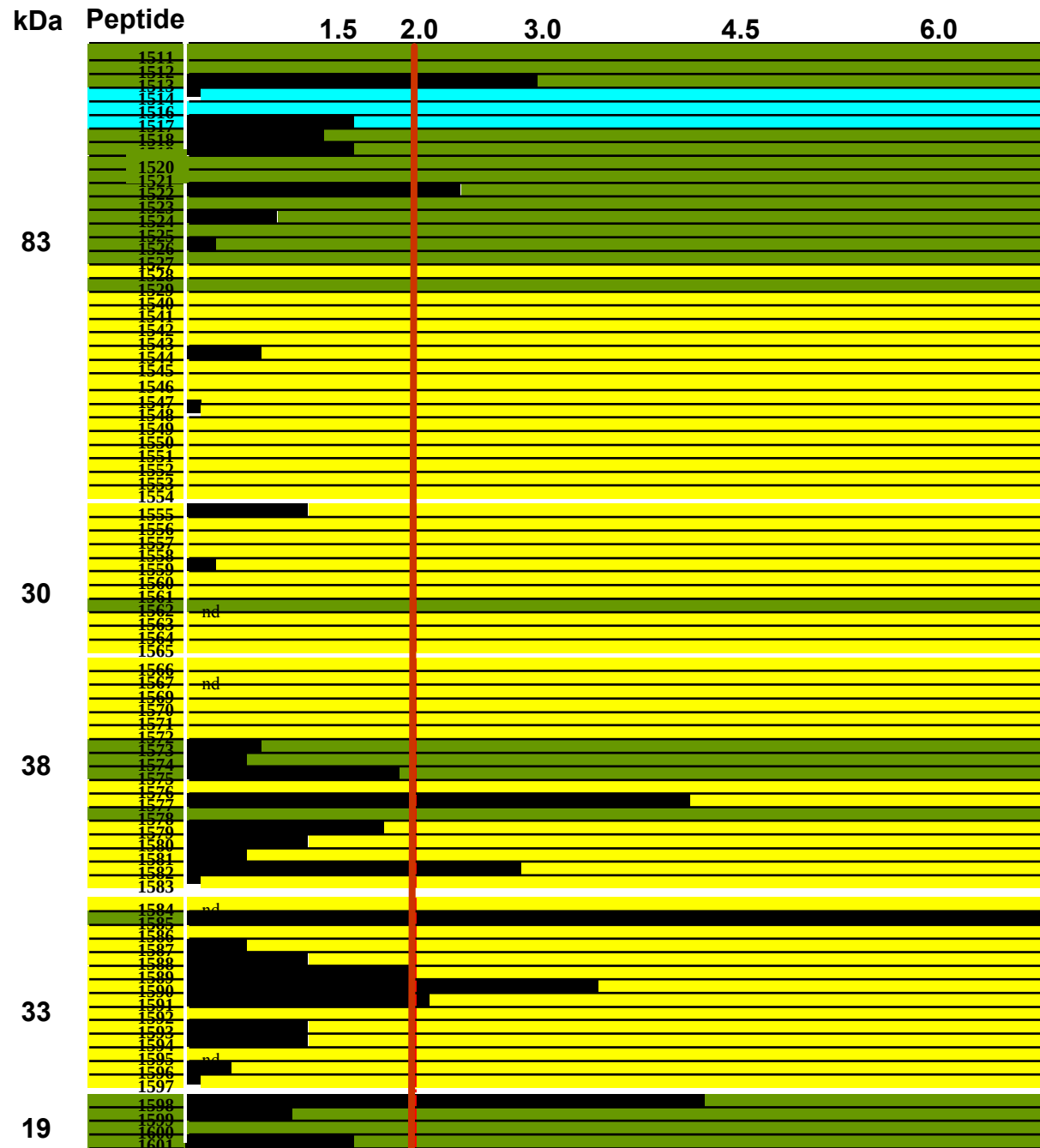


The 3D structure of PcMSP-1₁₉



The 3D structure of PfMSP-1₁₉

Specific MSP-I peptide binding to erythrocytes.



Urquiza M., et al., 1996, *Parasite Immunology*, 18: 515

Peptide	Kd (nM)
1513	200 ± 23
1522	150 ± 13
1577	180 ± 23
1582	140 ± 14
1585	180 ± 20
1589	250 ± 25
1590	180 ± 18
1591	190 ± 27
1598	240 ± 36
5501	230 ± 45

The binding affinity (black bars) is the slope of the specific binding graph. The red line separates peptides having binding capacity greater than or equal to 0.020 pmol bound/pmol added peptide

Invasion and development inhibition assays

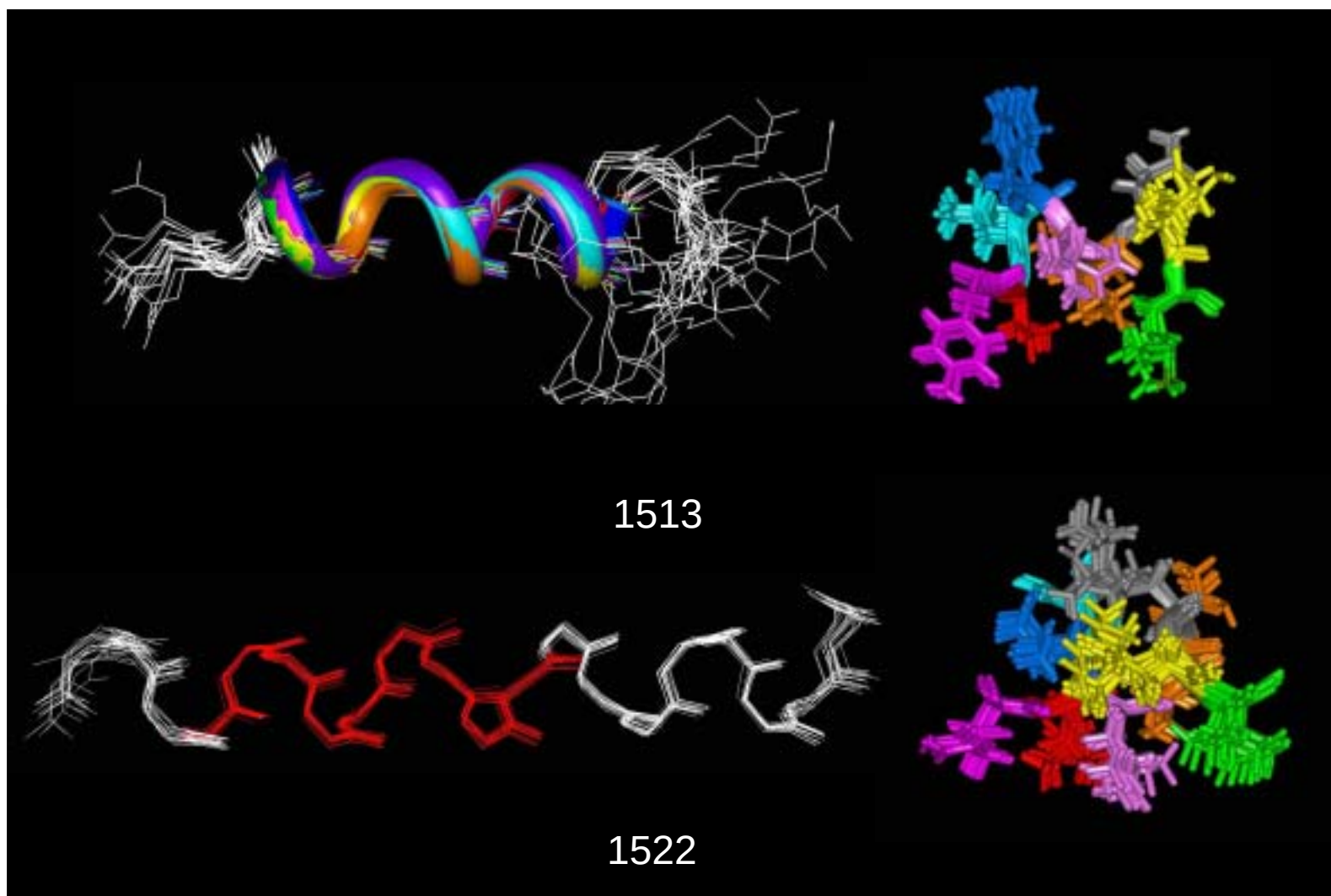


Urquiza M., et al., 1996, *Parasite Immunology*, 18: 515

		Peptide	Invasion inhibition	Development inhibition
			% $\pm$ SD	% $\pm$ SD
High binding activity	200 μ M each	1513	60 $\pm$ 10	4 $\pm$ 8
		1522	60 $\pm$ 14	62 $\pm$ 21
		1577	43 $\pm$ 3	21 $\pm$ 3
		1582	50 $\pm$ 2	N.D.
		1585	3 $\pm$ 8	17 $\pm$ 5
		1589	29 $\pm$ 1	12 $\pm$ 3
		1590	10 $\pm$ 5	8 $\pm$ 4
		1591	0 $\pm$ 7	25 $\pm$ 15
		1598	30 $\pm$ 4	0 $\pm$ 9
Mixture high binding	20 μ M each	All	42 $\pm$ 11	0 $\pm$ 5
	2 μ M each	All	32 $\pm$ 12	0 $\pm$ 7
	0.2 μ M each	All	18 $\pm$ 3	0 $\pm$ 4
Low binding activity	200 μ M each	1517	0 $\pm$ 6	12 $\pm$ 1
		1551	5 $\pm$ 1	14 $\pm$ 2
		1560	7 $\pm$ 8	21 $\pm$ 4
		1581	0 $\pm$ 3	N.D.
		1596	0 $\pm$ 6	N.D.
		Chloroquine	98 $\pm$ 19	99 $\pm$ 4

Structural features for HABPs MSP-1

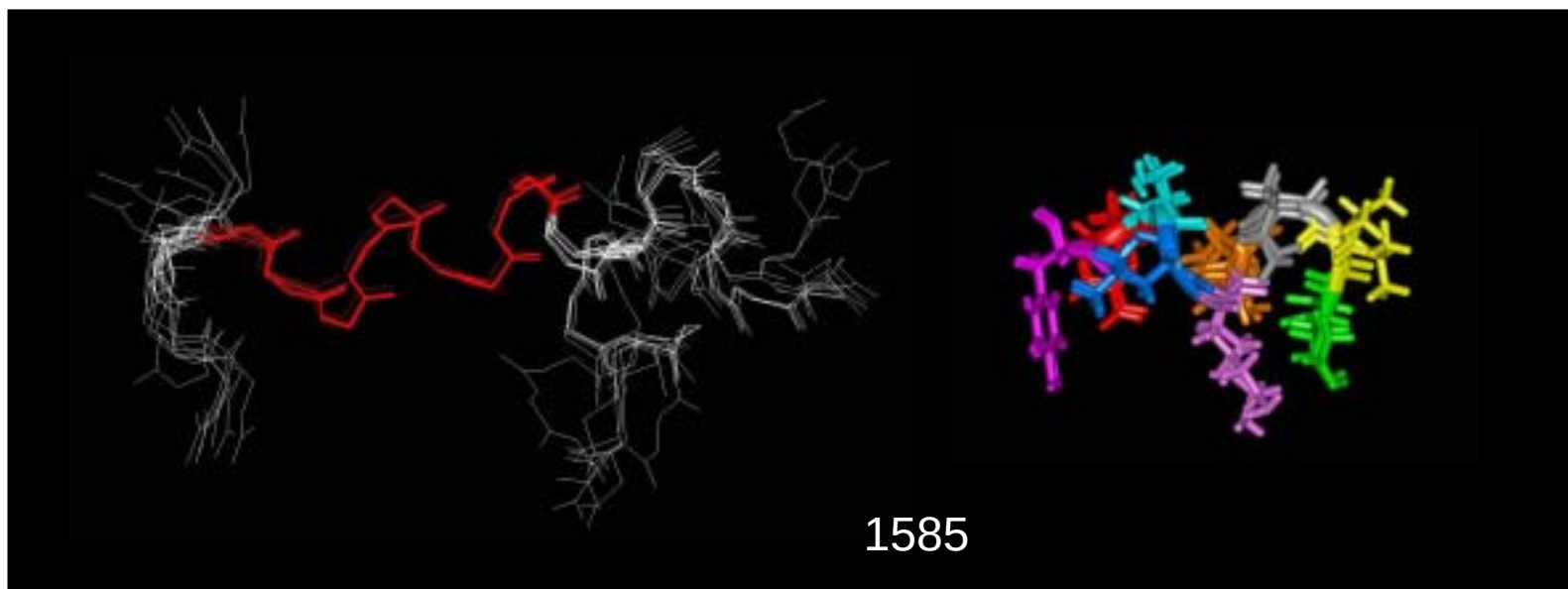
Espejo F., *et al.*, 2004, **BBRC**, 315: 418
Cubillos M., *et al.*, 2003, **Proteins**, 50: 400



Structural features for HABPs MSP-1



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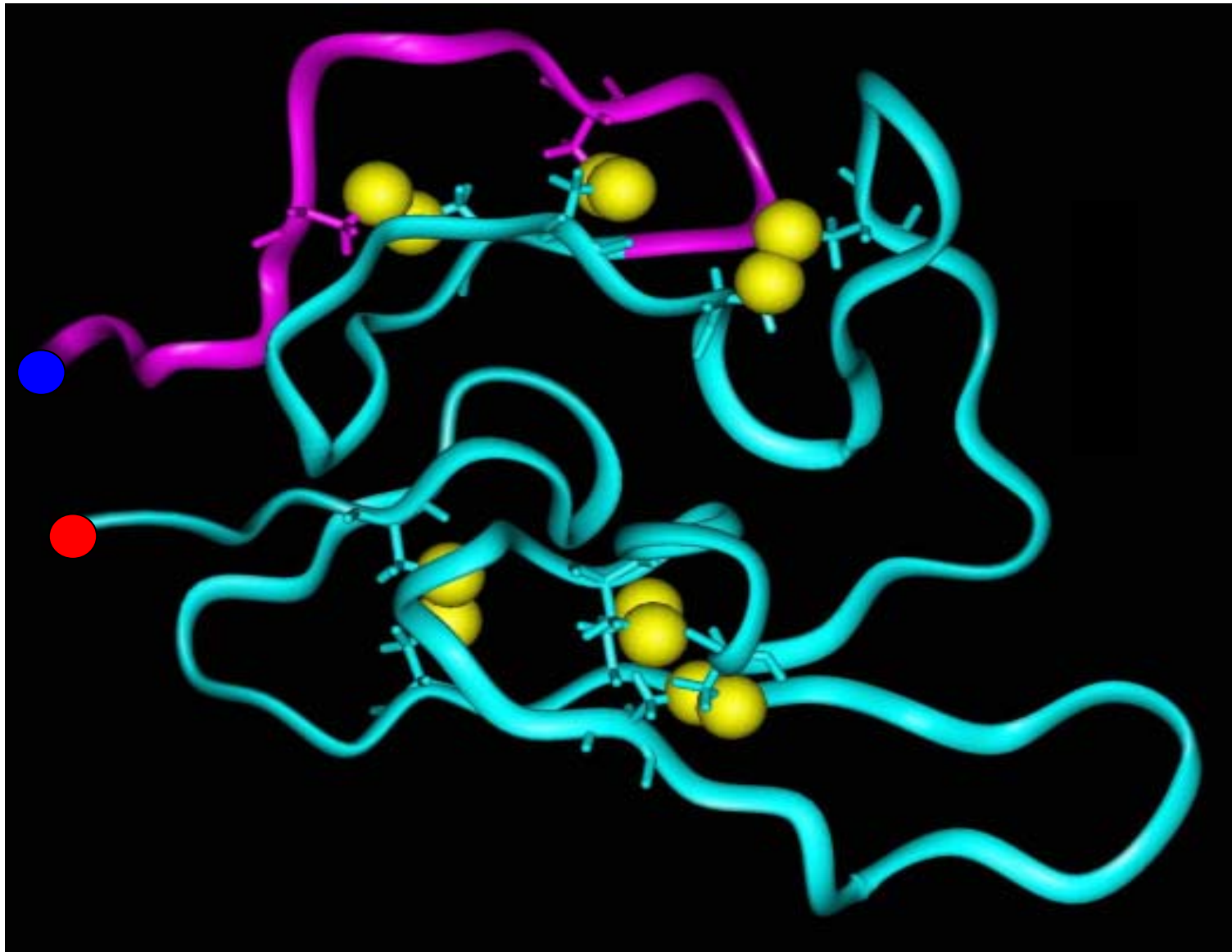


PfMSP-1₁₉ and peptide 5501

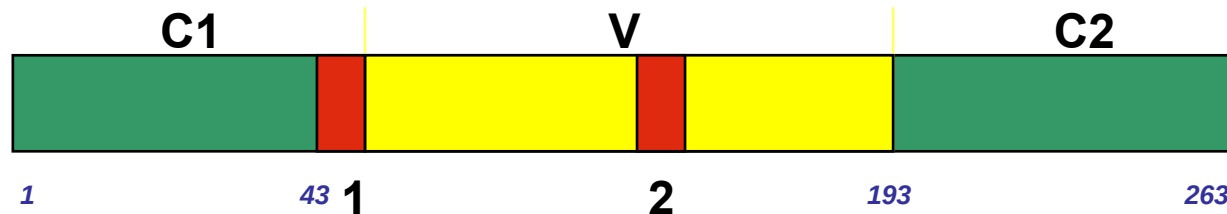
Morgan W.D. *et al.*, 1999



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MSP-2



1. KNESKYSNTFINNAYNMSIR
2. INNAYNMSIRRSMAESKPPT
3. NPNHKNAETNPKGKGEVQKP

TT-SNTFINNA (*P. berghei*)

SNTFINNA AHA KNESKYSNTFINNAYNMSIR RSM (*P. y. yoeli*)

SNTFINNA CDC/NIIMALVAC-1⁴

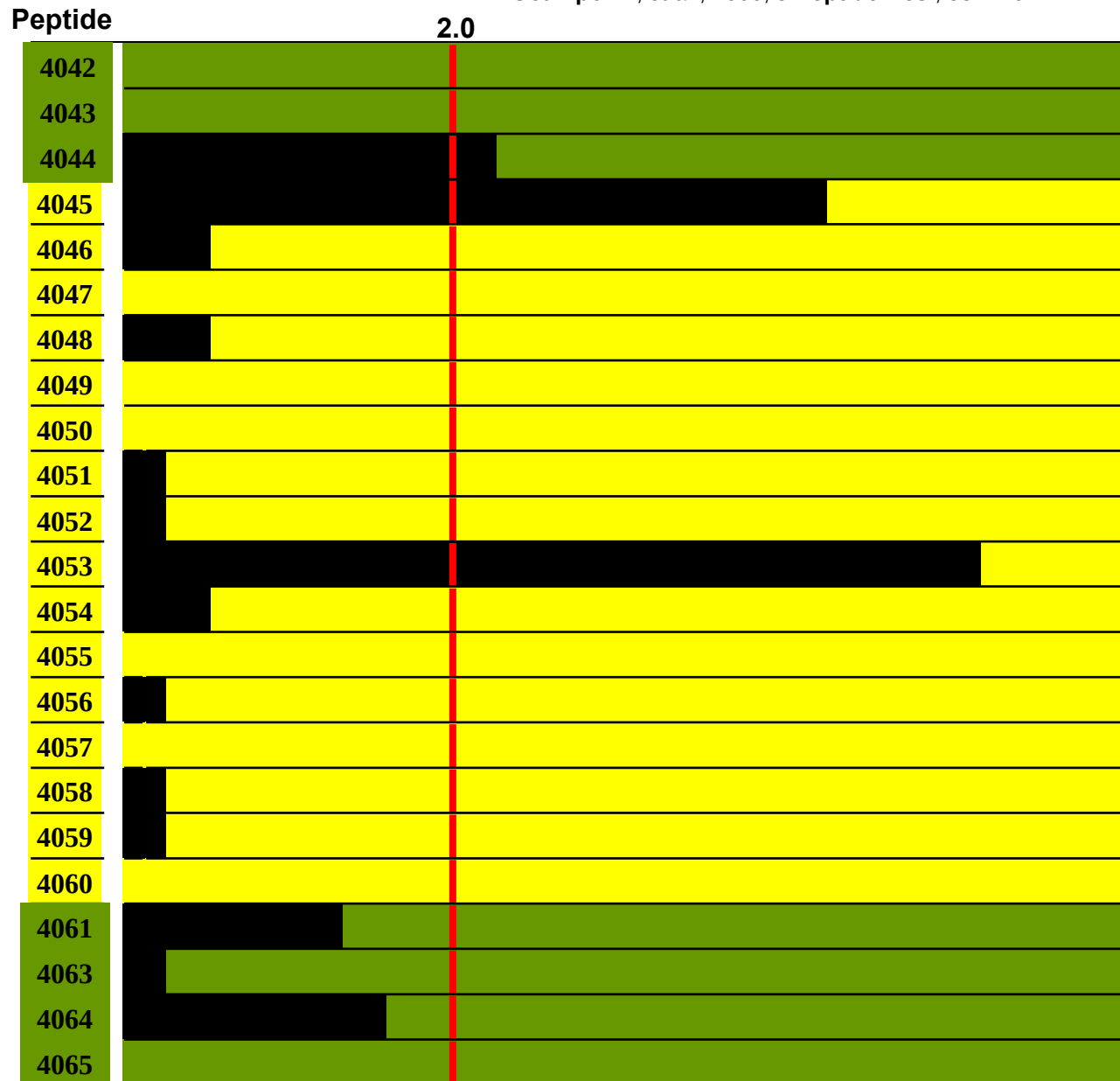
Pf MSP-2 has 45 kDa to 56 kDa.

- It has a highly polymorphic central region flanked by conserved regions.
- PvMSP-2** (185 kDa) and **PkMSP-2** (105 kDa) are only related in terms of structure.
- Its function has not yet been determined.

MSP-2 peptide specific binding to erythrocytes.



Ocampo M., *et al.*, 2000, *J Peptide Res.*, 55: 216



Invasion and development inhibition assays

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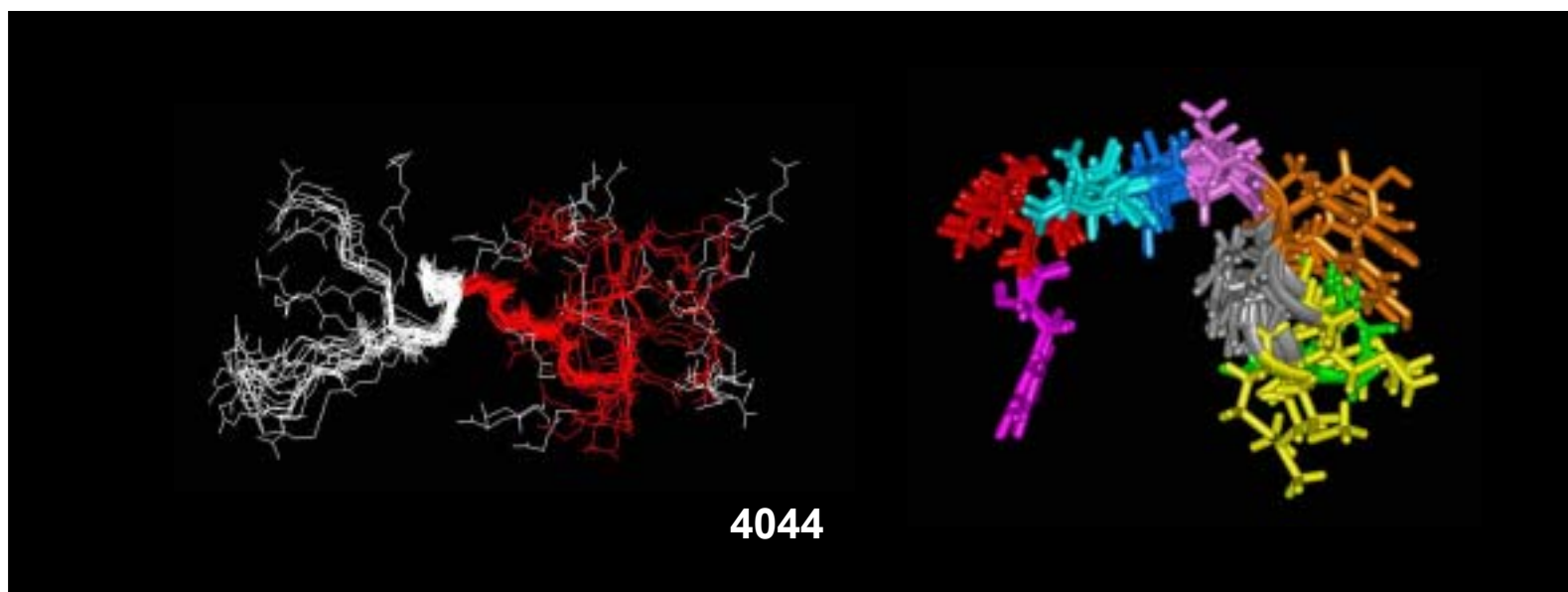


			Inhibition of invasion		Inhibition of development
Peptide			Hypoxanthine % $\pm$ SD	Giemsa % $\pm$ SD	Hypoxanthine % $\pm$ SD
High binding activity	200 μ m each	4044	96 $\pm$ 12	n.d.	97 $\pm$ 20
		4045	31 $\pm$ 1	n.d.	5 $\pm$ 33
		4053	95 $\pm$ 5	n.d.	90 $\pm$ 15
Mixture	66 μ m each	ALL	67 $\pm$ 1	42 $\pm$ 1	n.d.
	7 μ m each	ALL	31 $\pm$ 14	26 $\pm$ 1	n.d.
	1.3 μ m each	ALL	0 $\pm$ 6	9 $\pm$ 1	n.d.
Low binding activity	200 μ m each	4048	4 $\pm$ 14	n.d.	5 $\pm$ 33
		Chloroquine	100	100	100

The percentage of inhibition was calculated as being the difference between erythrocytes invaded in the control culture without peptide and erythrocytes invaded in the culture to which the peptide mixture had been added.

Structural features for HABPs MSA-2

Cifuentes G., *et al.*, 2003, *J Med Chem.*, 46: 2250



MSP-3

Rodríguez L. E., et al., 2004, submitted



Peptide	Sequence	2.0
31192	1 M K S F I N I T L S L F L L H L Y I Y I 20	
31193	21 N N V A S K E I V K K Y N L N L R N A I 40	
31194	41 L N N N S Q I E N E E N D I K Y E L N E 60	
31195	61 Q N D E N V N T P I V G N S M E F G E G Y 80	
31196	81 F S A D D Q K D I E A Y K K A K Q A S Q 100	
31197	101 D A E Q A A K D A E N A S K E A E E A A Y 120	
31198	121 K E A V N L K E S D K S Y T K A K E A C 140	
31199	141 T A A S K A K K A V E T A L K A K D D A Y 160	
31200	161 E T A L K T S E T P E K P S R I N L F S Y 180	
31201	181 R K T K E Y A E K A K N A Y E K A K N A 200	
31202	201 Y Q K A N Q A V L K A K E A S S Y D Y I 220	
31203	221 L G W E F G G G V P E H K K E E N M L S Y 240	
31204	241 H L Y V S S K D K E N I S K E N D D V L 260	
31205	261 D E K E E E A E E T E E E E L E E K N E Y 280	
31206	281 E E T E S E I S E D E E E E E E E E K E Y 300	
31207	301 E E N E K K K E Q E K E Q S N E N N D Q Y 320	
31208	321 K K D M E A Q N L I S K N Q N N N E K N Y 340	
31209	341 V K E A A E S I M K T L A G L I K G N N Y 360	
31210	361 Q I D S T L K D L V E E L S K Y F K N H 380	

Peptide	Kd (nM)
31193	140
31202	260
31209	215

- **PfMSP-3** (48 kDa) is very polymorphic (it does not anchor to the membrane).
- It has 3 contiguous regions having alanine-rich repeat amino-acid motifs.
- It possibly includes α helices forming coiled-coils in its structure.
- **PvMSP-3s** shares its general structure but its sequence only shares 30% homology.
- Leucine zipper

Inhibition of parasite invasion to erythrocytes by MSP-3 peptides



Rodríguez L. E., *et al.*, submitted

Peptide	% Inhibition Invasion	
	200 μ M ^a	100 μ M ^a
31193	85 $\pm$ 2	8 $\pm$ 6
31202	59 $\pm$ 4	38 $\pm$ 1
31209	55 $\pm$ 1	2 $\pm$ 1
Control chloroquine		100 $\pm$ 1
Control EGTA		100 $\pm$ 1

^a Mean $\pm$ standard deviation of three experiments.



MSP-4

- This is a 40 kDa protein.
- It has an EGF-like domain towards the C-terminal.
- It has a low degree of diversity.

MSP-5

- This is a protein which is closely related to MSP4
- It is very conserved.
- It is present on the merozoite surface

MSP-7

- This is a 22 kDa precursor.
- It presents α helix and β sheet structural elements.
- Its proteolytic processing produces a 19 kDa polypeptide.

MSP-6

López R., et al., 2004, submitted



Peptide	Sequence		2.0
31173	1	MNKIYNITFLFILLNLYINE	20
31174	21	NNFIRNELINEKNHNLNRNGSY	40
31175	41	MYNNDKILSKNEVDTNIESN	60
31176	61	ENSIHESGHKIDGEEVLKANY	80
31177	81	VDDITYKKKNVDDSEIPFSG	100
31178	101	YDIQATYQFPSTSGGNNVIP	120
31179	121	LPIKQSGENQYTVTSISGIQ	140
31180	141	KGANLGTGATENITQVVQANY	160
31181	161	SETNKNPTSHSNSTTTSLNNY	180
31182	181	NILGWEFGGGAPQNGAAEDKY	200
31183	201	KTEYLLEQIKIPSWDRNNIP	220
31184	221	DENEQVIEDPQEDNKDEDEDY	240
31185	241	EETETENLETEDDNNEEIEEY	260
31186	261	NEEDDIDEESVEEKEEEEEKY	280
31187	281	KEEEEKKEEKKEEKKPDNEIY	300
31188	301	TNEVKEEQKYSSPSDINAQN	320
31189	321	LISNKNKKNDETKKTAENIVY	340
31190	341	KTLVGLFNEKNEIDSTINNLY	360
31191	361	EIDSTINNLVQEMIHLFSNNY	380

Peptide	Kd (nM)
31175	230
31178	200
31191	150

- This is a 36 kDa protein.
- It forms a complex with MSP1 and MSP-7
- It has 85% similarity with MSP3 in the C-terminal region.

MSP-8

Puentes A., et al., 2003, *Peptides*, 24: 1015



Peptide	Sequence	2.0
26348	1 M V F K S S D I F F F L F L V I L Y F N 20	
26349	21 N V V E G E N G T T N I E N N P G N N G Y 40	
26350	41 N M G P S G P K D K D K N I E K D V N H Y 60	
26351	61 N M S M N N N N N N N N N D N N N N I N Y 80	
26352	81 N N N N N N I N N N N N N N N N N G N G Y 100	
26353	101 F S N F F N K L F G K K K D N K K E G E Y 120	
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26357	181 I D E R D D N D D N G D D N D D N G D D Y 200	
26358	201 D D D N D D D D D N N D N N N K N N S N Y 220	
26359	221 N L T D T K K E G E K I D L G V Q N K K Y 240	
26360	241 Q N I F S T N N K G L N K Y N I D N E L 260	
26361	261 K E V D A L L K N D N Y I L N K Y H V S 280	
26362	281 F F N N F E E D T Y N K K K F I R P Y D 300	
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26364	321 V F Q D L N A V F G K C Y N K D D T K L 340	
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26366	361 Y L I E M L E N T L N S M N D D F I N K 380	
26367	381 D N F D L N N Y V K E F E L I N Y L L I 400	
26368	401 H E D S D I F L E T Y N L I S G L N S N 420	
26369	421 I E E T S I E K L K Y A I L Q G K Q I N 440	
26370	441 Y K I K D D I Y Y I L K N A Y A K Y F K 460	
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26372	481 F I K S F V V E F F N N N K V C E N T K Y 500	
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26374	521 G F N N I K I D D E M N C V R D D T L D Y 540	
26375	541 C S R N N G G C D I H A K C S F I N K Q Y 560	
26376	561 I V C E C K D K F E G D G I Y C S Y S F 580	
26377	581 F S S I H N F I F F F I L C L F I F I L Y 600	

Peptide	Kd (nM)
26360	800
26361	500
26368	550
26369	650
26373	450

- This is a 70 kDa protein.
- It has 2 EGF-like domains towards the C-terminal.
- It has a low degree of diversity.
- It forms a complex with MSP1, MSP4 and MSP5

Inhibition of merozoite invasion of human erythrocytes by MSP-8 HABPs

Puentes A., *et al.*, 2003, *Peptides*, 24: 1015

Activity binding	Peptide	Invasion Inhibition (%) ^a	
		200 μ M	100 μ M
High	26360	33 $\pm$ 7	11 $\pm$ 2
	26361	98 $\pm$ 1	20 $\pm$ 5
	26368	93 $\pm$ 1	9 $\pm$ 3
	26369	32 $\pm$ 2	10 $\pm$ 1
	26373	23 $\pm$ 3	10 $\pm$ 4
Low	26348	14 $\pm$ 2	4 $\pm$ 2
Control	2220	83 $\pm$ 7	13 $\pm$ 1
Chloroquine (0.5 mg/ml)		96 $\pm$ 1	
EGTA (50 mM)		100 $\pm$ 7	

^a Mean $\pm$ S.D. from three experiments.

MSP-10

Puentes A., et al., 2004, Biochimie, In Press



Peptide	Sequence	2.0
31111	MFFKCNQVFTLVFLLLLYFN	
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31132	KCGPNSRCYIVEKDKEQCRC	
31133	RPNYIVDMSVNYFKCIPMKD	
31134	MNCSKNNGGCDVNAECTIVEY	
31135	GAVKCCQCSHLYFGDGVFCVK	
31136	NSQTKQTLYLILFIVILLVFQ	
31137	KQTLYLILFIVILLVFQNF	

Peptide	Kd (nM)
31121	250
31122	130
31132	600

- This is a 61.2 kDa protein.
- Its proteolytic processing produces a 36 kDa polypeptide.
- It presents an ASN-rich region close to the N-terminal.

Inhibition of merozoite invasion of human erythrocytes by MSP-10 HABPs



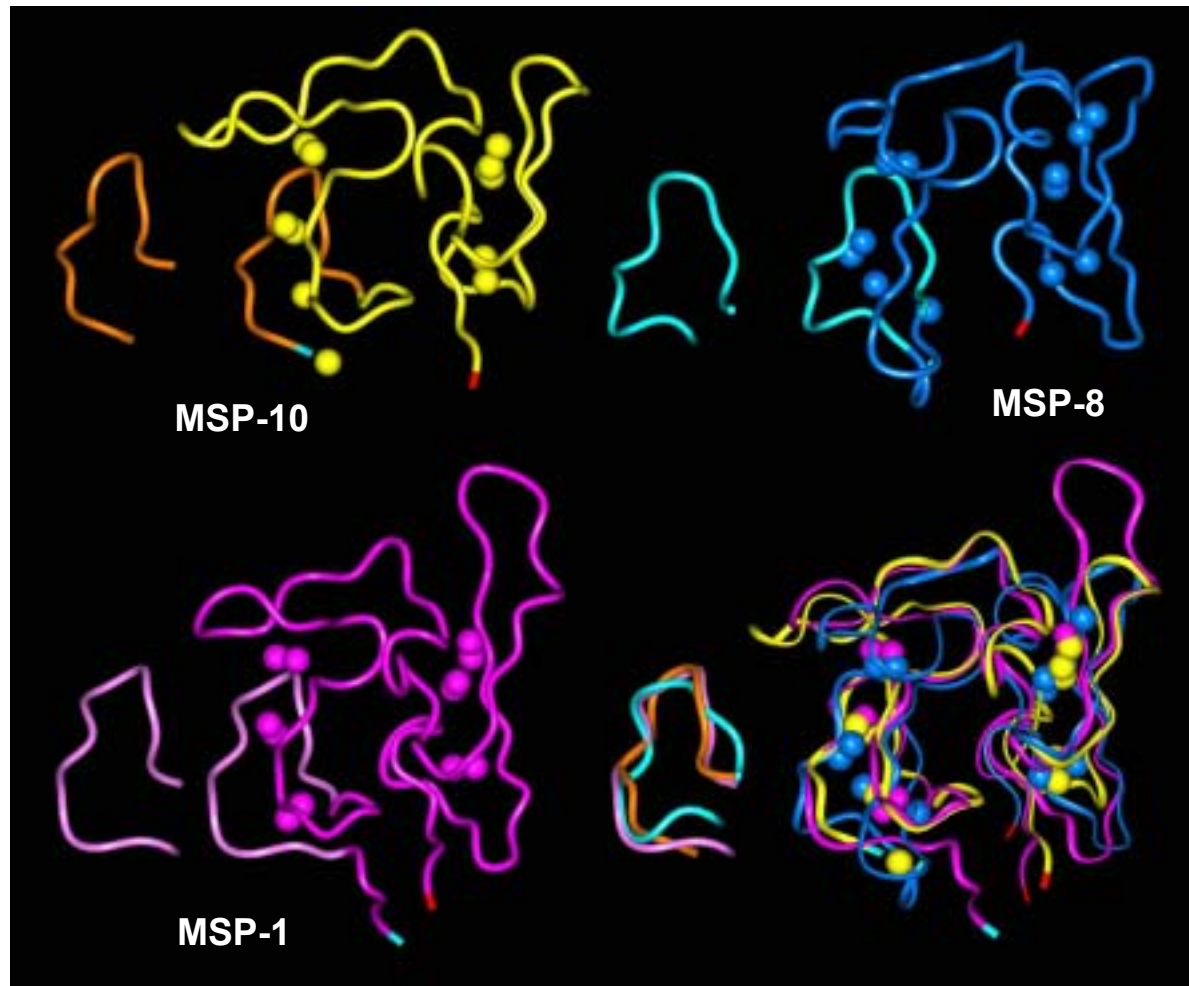
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Activity binding	Peptide	Invasion Inhibition (%) ^a	
		(200 μ M)	(100 μ M)
High	31121	70 $\pm$ 1	3 $\pm$ 1
	31122	45 $\pm$ 2	5 $\pm$ 1
	31132	65 $\pm$ 2	16 $\pm$ 2
Low	31120	19 $\pm$ 1	7 $\pm$ 1
Chloroquine (0.3 μ g/ml)		100 $\pm$ 1	
EGTA (12 mM)		100 $\pm$ 3	

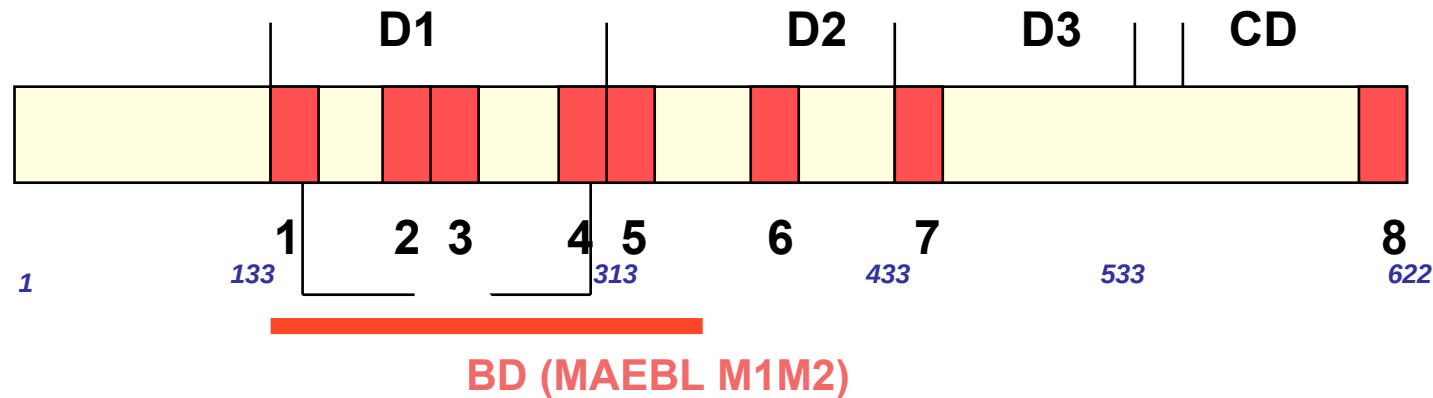
^a Mean $\pm$ SD from three experiments.

Superposition of domains EGF-like and HABP of proteins MSP-10, MSP-8 and MSP-1.

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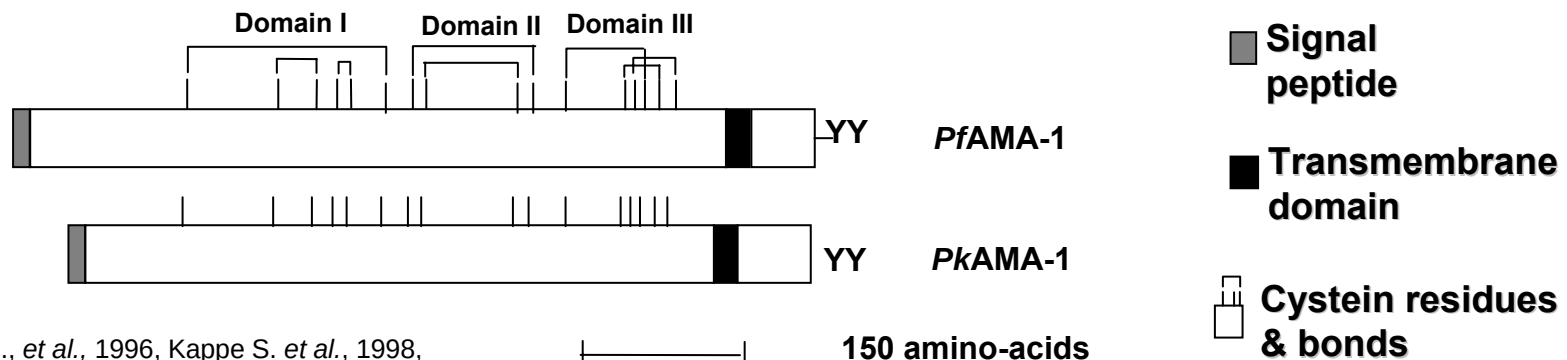
AMA-1



1. DAEVAGTQYRLPSGKCPVFG³
2. QYLDGGFAFPPT²EPPL³MSPM
3. TLD²EMR³HFYK²DN³KVVKNLD
4. VVDNWEKVCPRKNL²QNAKF

5. LWVDGNCEDIP²HVNETSAID
6. MIKSAFLPTGAFKADRYK³SH
7. P²IEVE³HNFP²CSLYK³NEIMKE
8. WGEEKRASHTTPVLMEKPYY

LWVDGNCEDIPHVNETSAIDL





Apical Membrane Antigen-1 family

- Anti AMA-1 Mab Fab fragments inhibit *P. knowlesi* *in vitro* invasion.
- The gene has been cloned and characterised in:
 - *P. falciparum* 83/62 kDa
- It is initially localised in the neck of the rhoptries but becomes re-localised on merozoite liberation.
- It has 16 conserved extra-cellular cysteins and 3 domains linked by disulphur bridges.
- It has been detected in advanced ring stages.

AMA-1

Urquiza M., et al., 2001, *Vaccine*, 19: 508



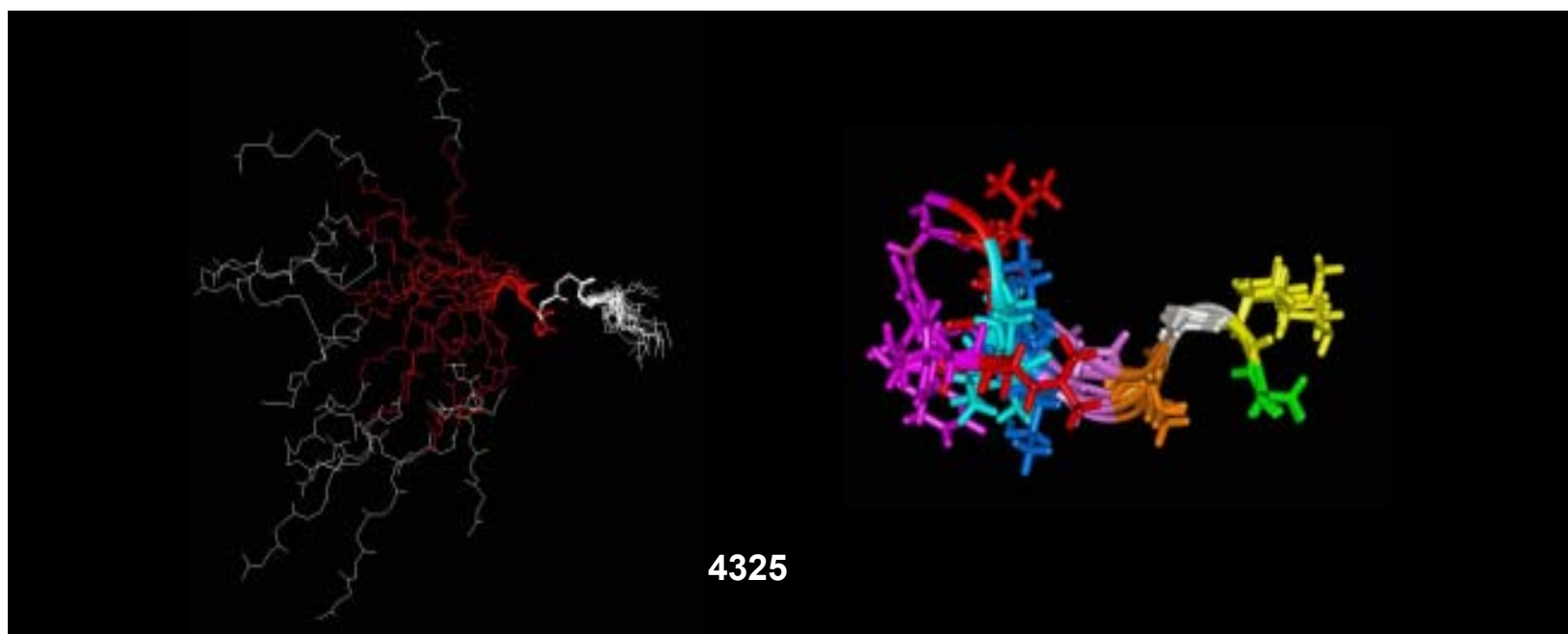
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4325	MIKSAFLPTGAFKADRYKSH	
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4327	VKPTCLINN SSYIATTALSH	
4328	PIEVEHNFP CSLYKNEIMKE	
4329	IERESKR IKLNDNDDEGNKK	
4330	IIAPRIFISDDKDSLKCPCDY	
4331	PEIVSNSTCNFFVCKC VERRY	
4332	AEVTSNNEVVVKEEYKDEYA	
4333	DIPEHKPTYDKMKII IASSA	
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4335	EKYDKMDEPQH YGKSNSRND	
4336	EMLDPEASFWGEEKRASHTTY	
4337	WGEEKRASHTTPVLMEKPYY	

Peptide	Kd (nM)
4313	120 ± 12
4315	120 ± 10
4316	150 ± 14
4322	700 ± 21
4325	100 ± 09
4328	140 ± 11

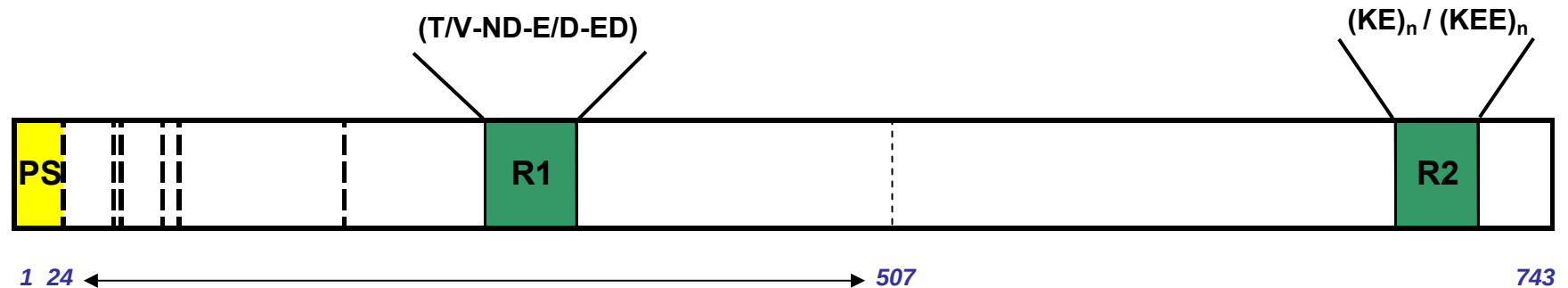
Structural features for HABP 4325 AMA-1



Cubillos M., *et al.*, 2002, *Biochimie*, 84: 1181



ABRA



Chymotrypsin protease activity

- Localisation:
- Immunes Merozoite Clusters (IMC)
 - Schizonts
 - Schizont surface in vacuole
 - Merozoite-free surfaces
 - Culture medium

ABRA is a conserved protein

- Its theoretical weight is 87 kDa
- SDS-PAGE: 101 kDa

Lyon *et al.*, 1986, Stahl *et al.*, 1986,
Chulay *et al.*, 1987, Weber *et al.*, 1988

ABRA

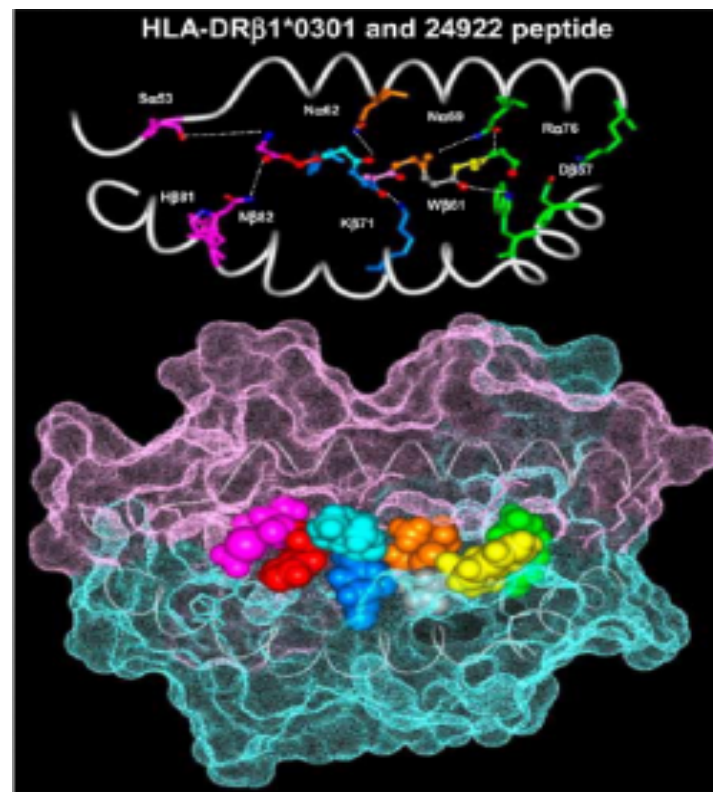
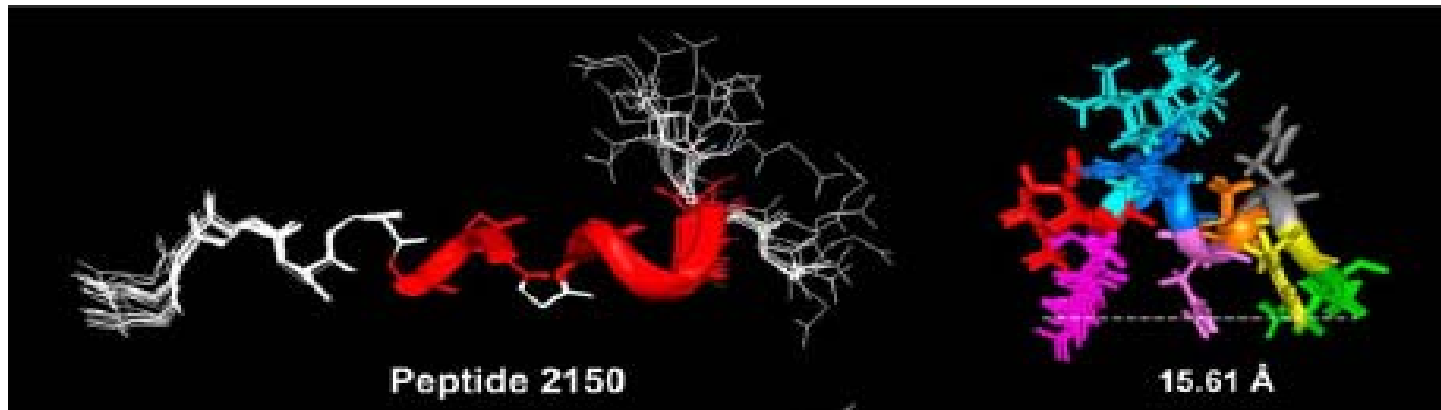
Curtidor H., et al., 2001, *Vaccine*, 19: 4496



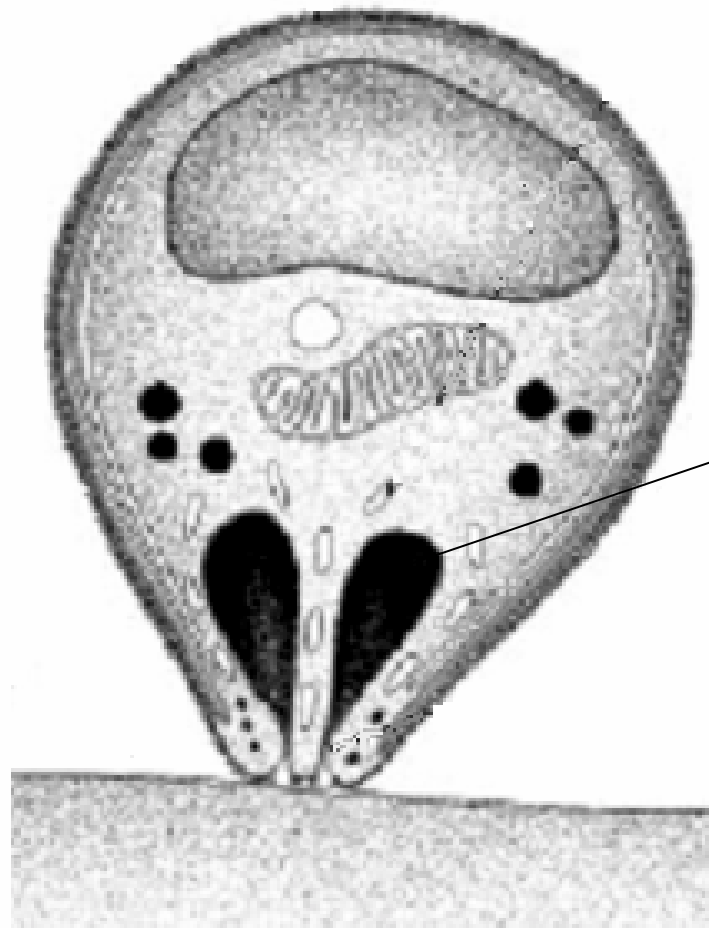
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2149	73
2150	80

Structural features for 2150 HABP ABRA

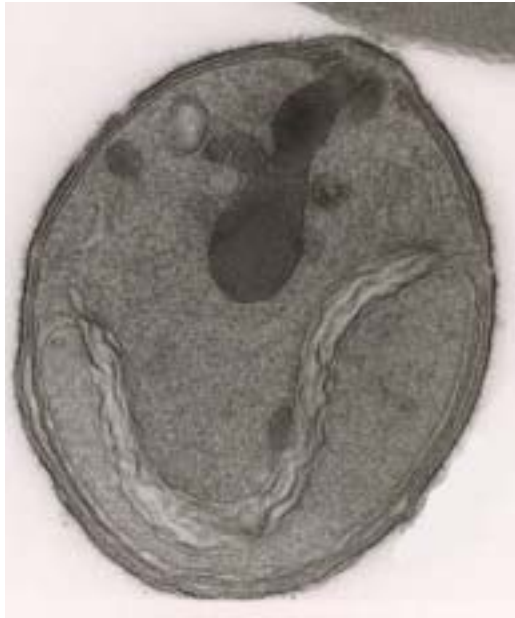
Salazar L. M., *et al.*, 2004, *BBRC*, 322: 119



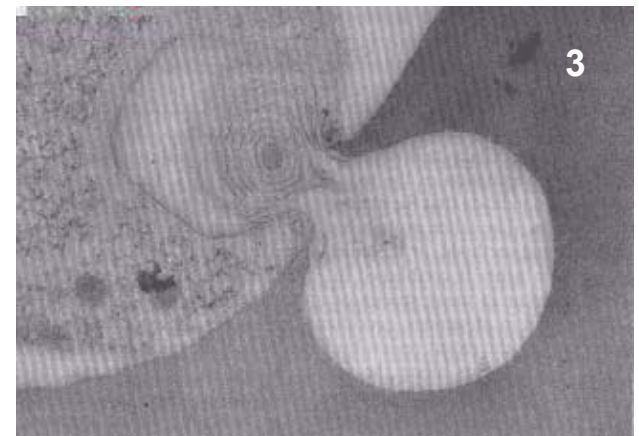
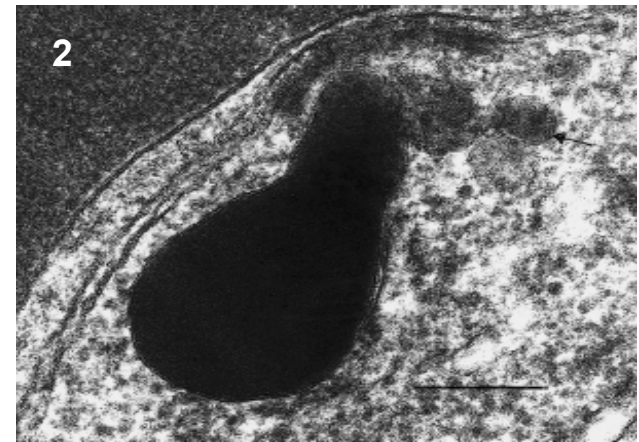
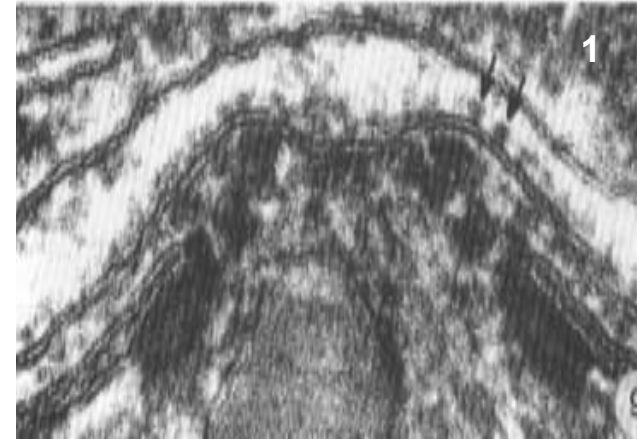
Rhoptry proteins



Rhop-1
Rhop-2
Rhop-3
RAP-1
RAP_2
RAP-3
RAMA
P225
Serine protease
AMA-1
Pf60.1
P52
MCP-1
MAEBL



- Apical prominence of a merozoite interacting with red blood cell membrane.
- Rhoptry in a developing *P. falciparum* merozoite, showing the basal bulb and the duct placed within the apical prominence.
- Merozoites incubated with red cells in the presence of cytochalasin, showing laminar material in rhoptries.



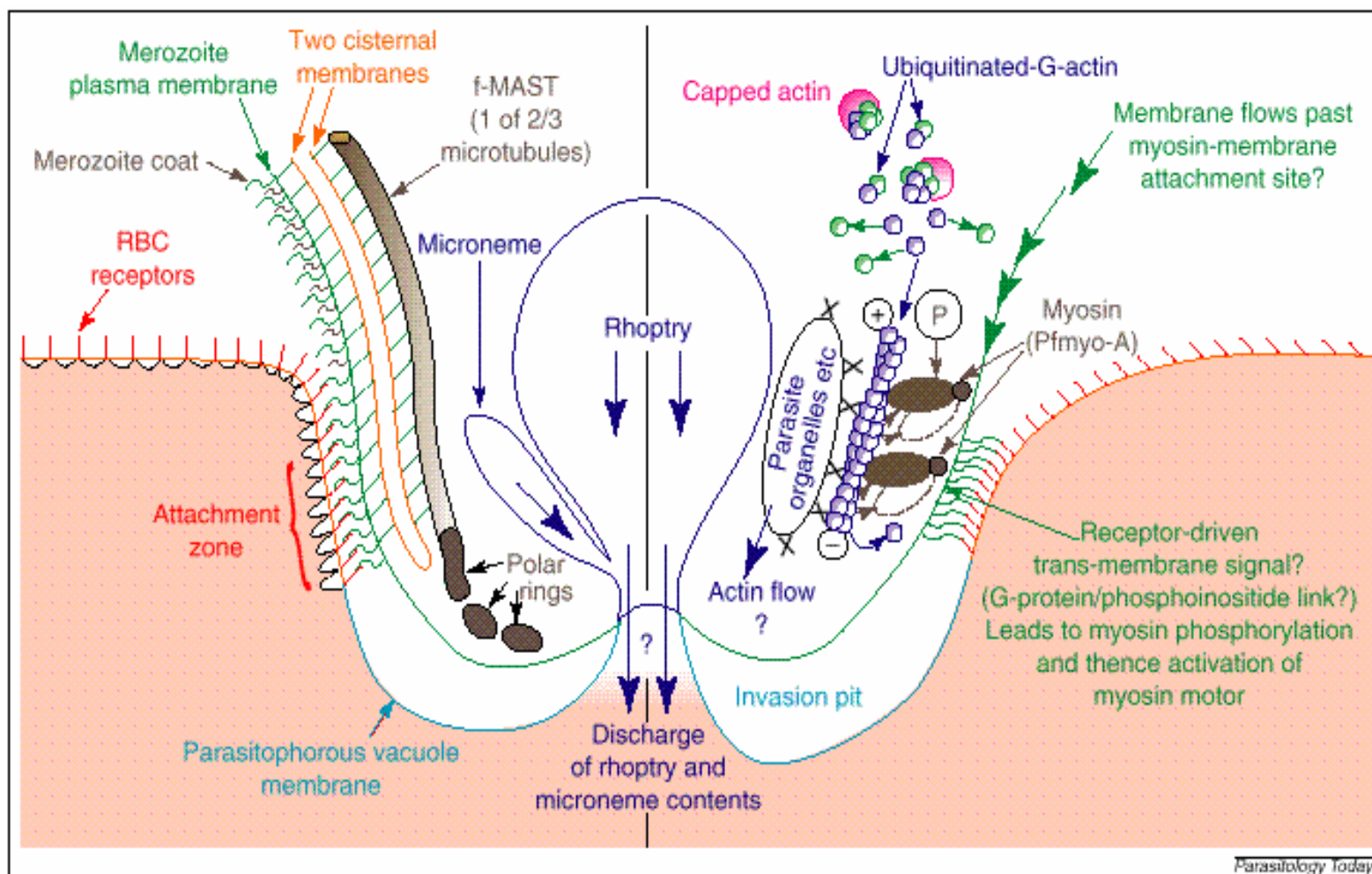


Fig. 2. Diagrammatic representation of the apical region of a *Plasmodium falciparum* merozoite invading a red blood cell. The left-hand half of the diagram shows ultrastructural features, whereas the right-hand half shows the molecular relationships discussed in the text.

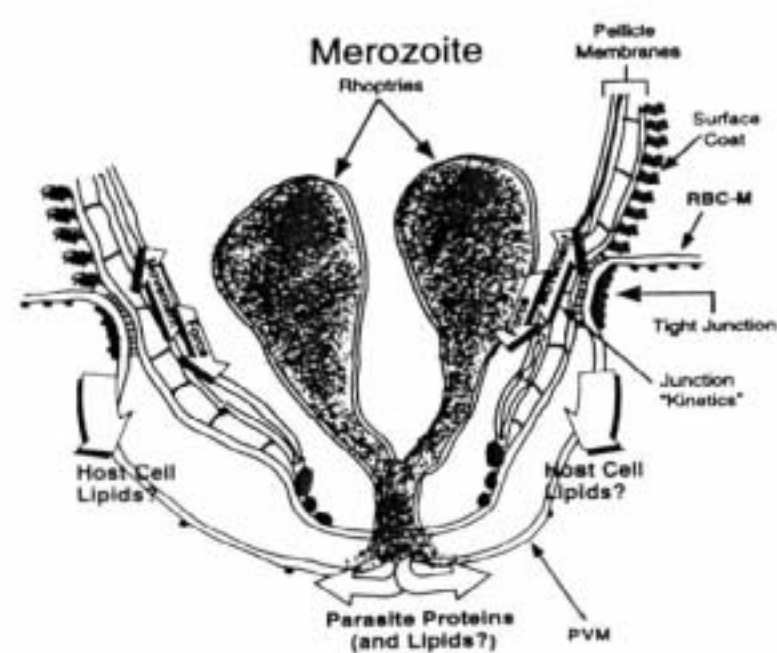
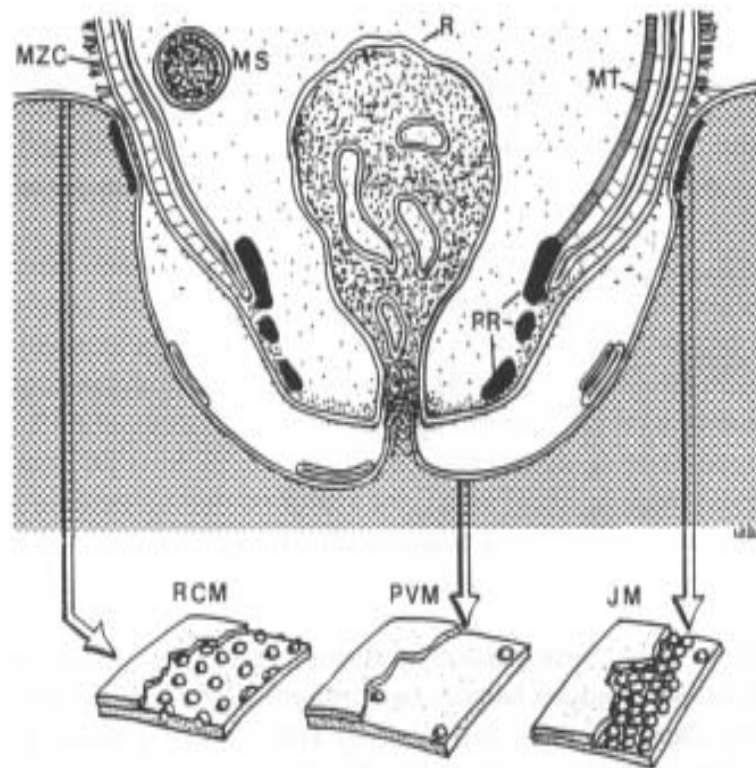
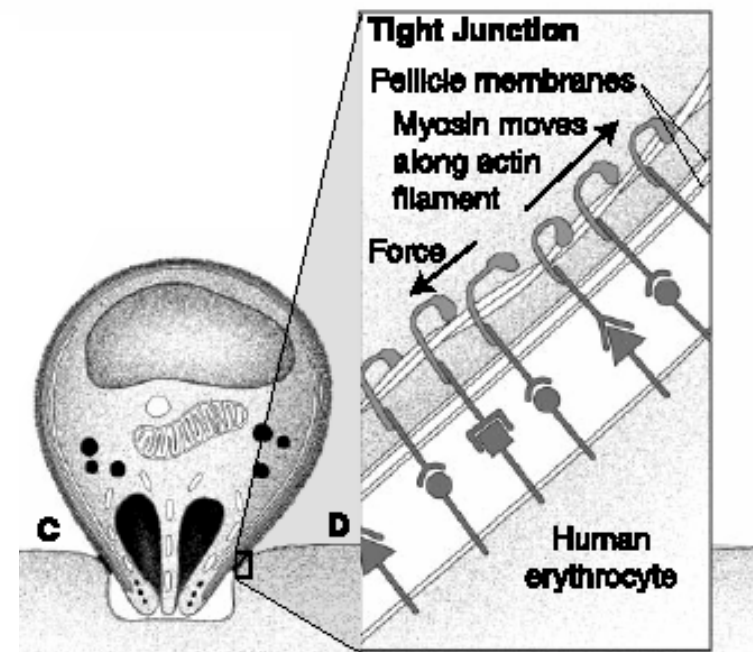


Diagram depicting the structures involved in the formation of the invasion pit and parasitophorous vacuole membrane. PVM; parasitophorous vacuole membrane, JM; close junctional membrane, RCM; external red cell membrane.

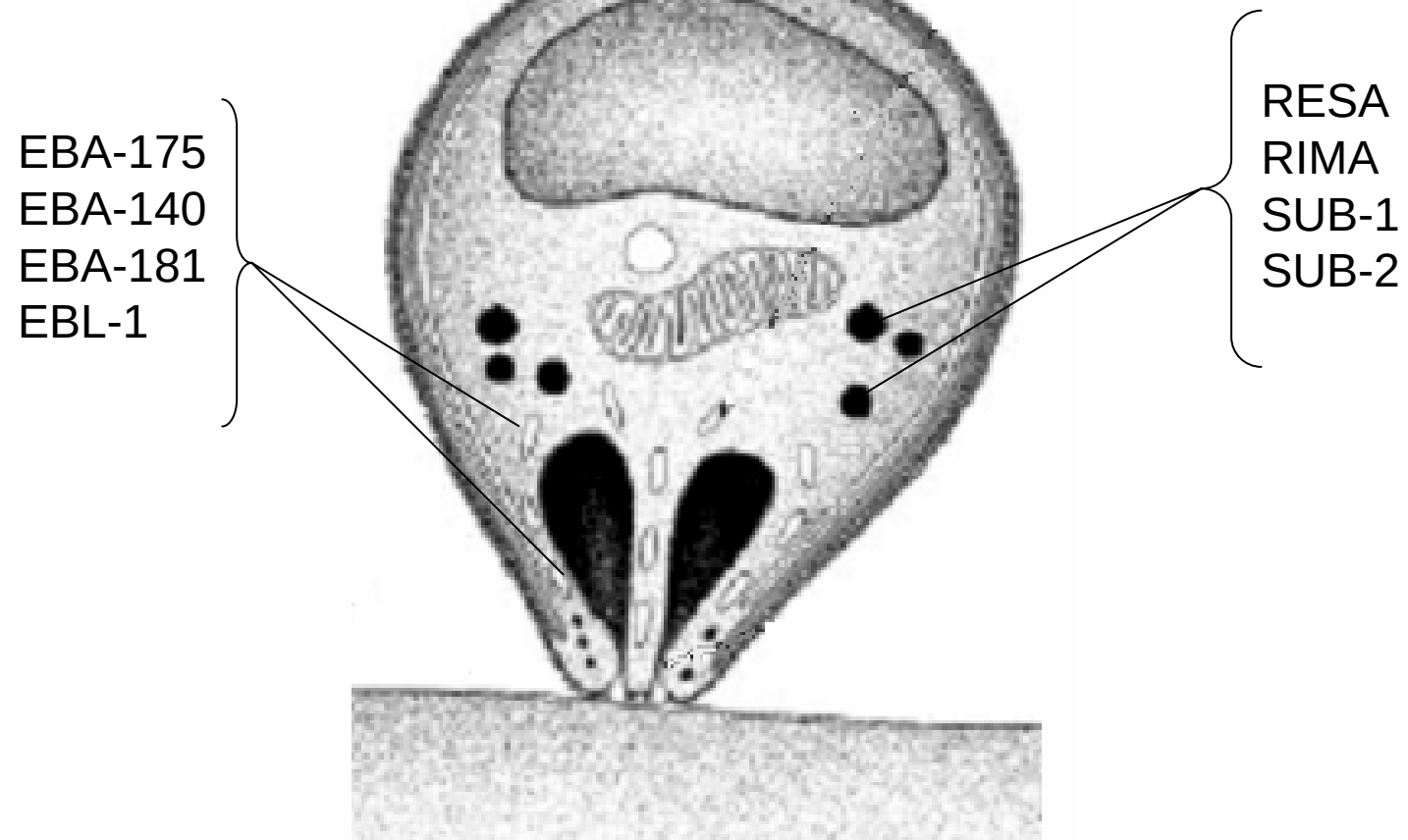


Rhoptry proteins



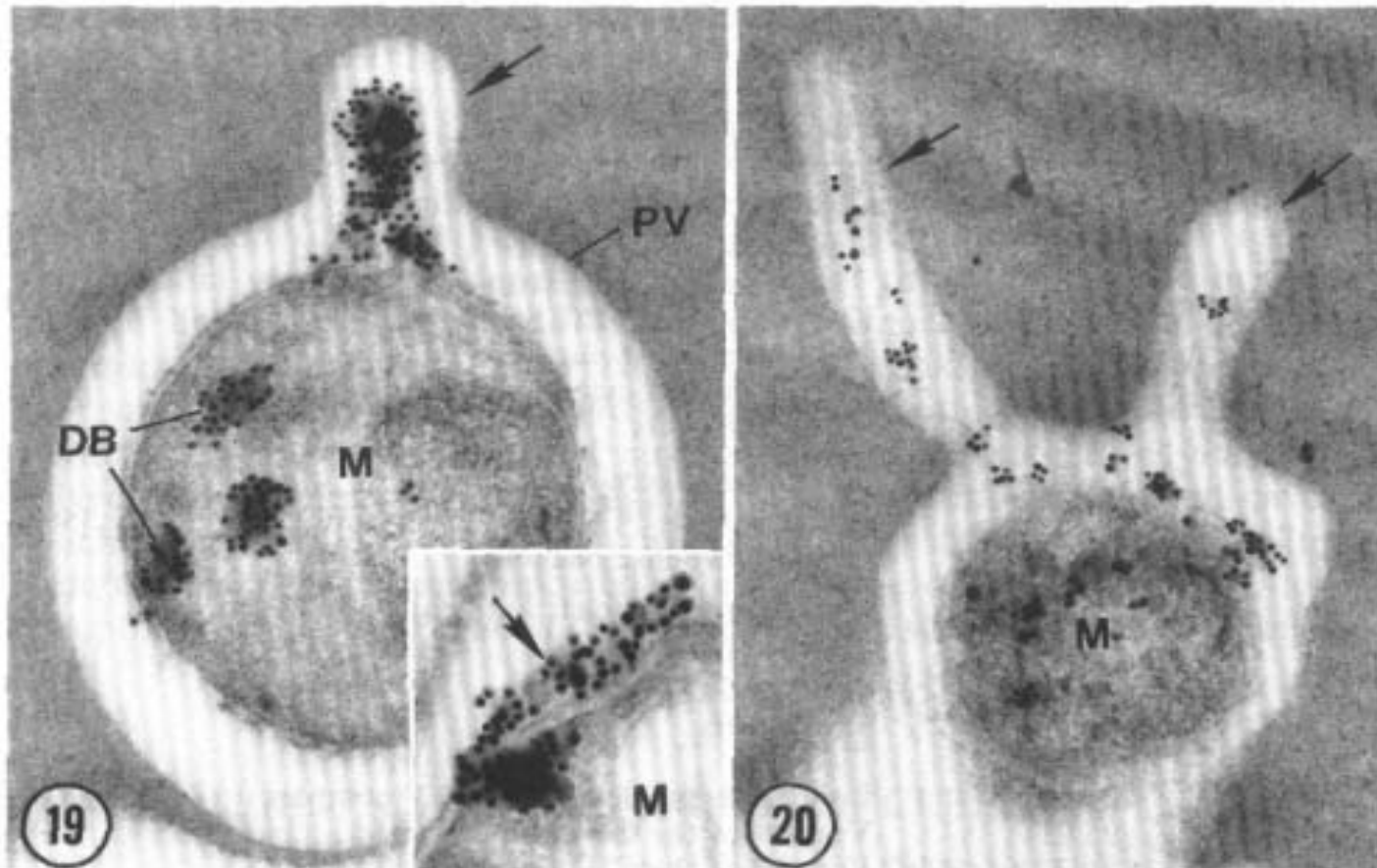
Protein		Size	Characteristics
Rhop complex	Ag 225	240/225	Integral membrane protein?
	Rhop 1	140(150)	RBC binding protein
	Rhop 2	130(140)	RBC binding protein
	Rhop 3	110/100(105)	RBC binding protein
RAP-I / QF3 / p82		86pr	Associated with RBC membrane
		82/80	-
		65/60	-
RAP-2		40 (37/39)	-
RAMA		170	RBC binding protein
Serine protease		80/76	Serine protease / anchored by GPI
Pf83 / AMA-I		80/66	Integral membrane protein
Pf60.1		60	RBC binding protein?
MCP-I		60	Oxydoreductase domain
		55	Integral membrane protein

Apical organelle proteins

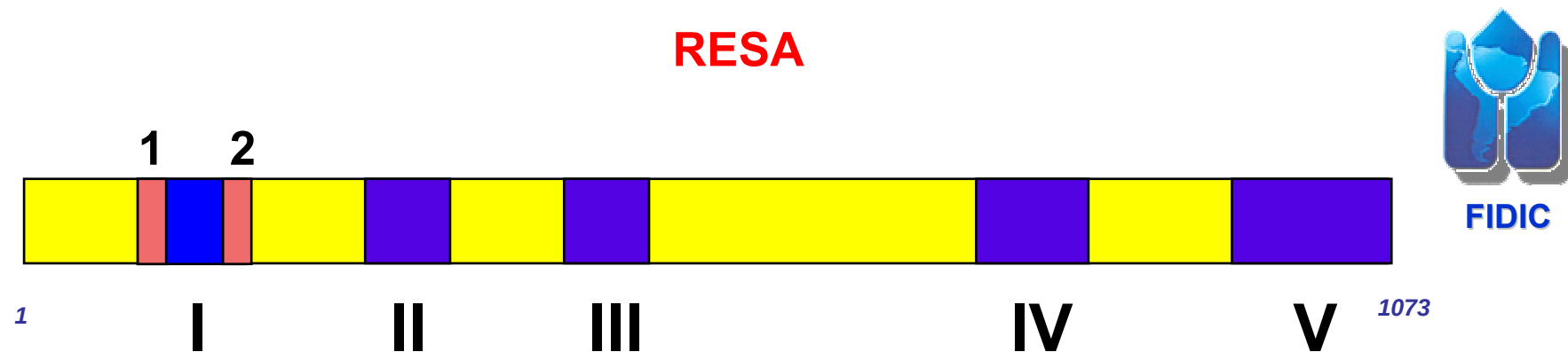


Bannister L. H., *et al*, 1977, Cowman A. F., *et al*, 2000
Sherman I. W., 1998, Cowman and Crabb, 2002
Chitnis and Blackman, 2000

Dense bodies



White-embedded erythrocyte with a recently invaded merozoite (M). Section was labelled with a rabbit antibody specific for the contents of dense bodies (DB) and immunoglobuli-gold. PV; parasitophorous vacuole membrane. Inset: higher magnification of the merozoite showing release of dense body contents (arrow) through the merozoite pellicle.



I- erythrocyte binding sequences
 II and V- repeat sequence regions
 III- thermal stabiliser regions
 IV- spectrin binding region

Peptide
 1. 6671
 2. 6673

Sequence
 MTDVNRYSNNYEAPHIS
 LGRSGGDIKKMQTLWDEIM

LGRSGGDIKKM QTLWDEIM DINKRK

RESA is associated with erythrocyte cytoskeleton after being liberated.

RIMA (14 kD) localised on early trophozoite membrane.

Pf155/RESA

Vera R., et al., 2000, Vaccine, 18: 1289

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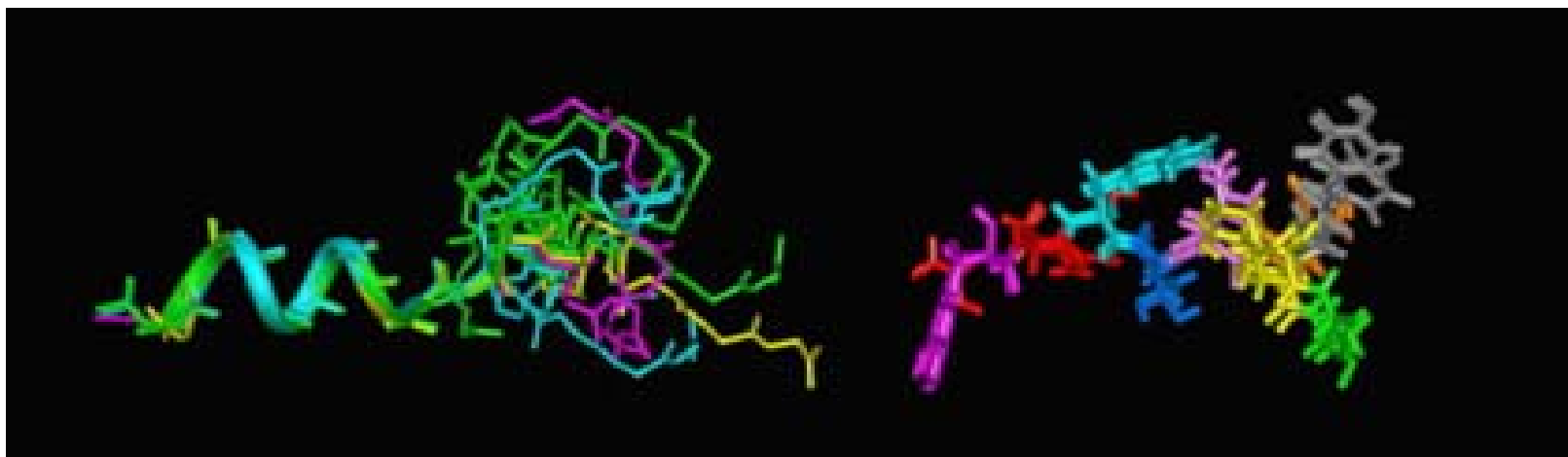
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Peptide	Kd (nM)
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6673	105

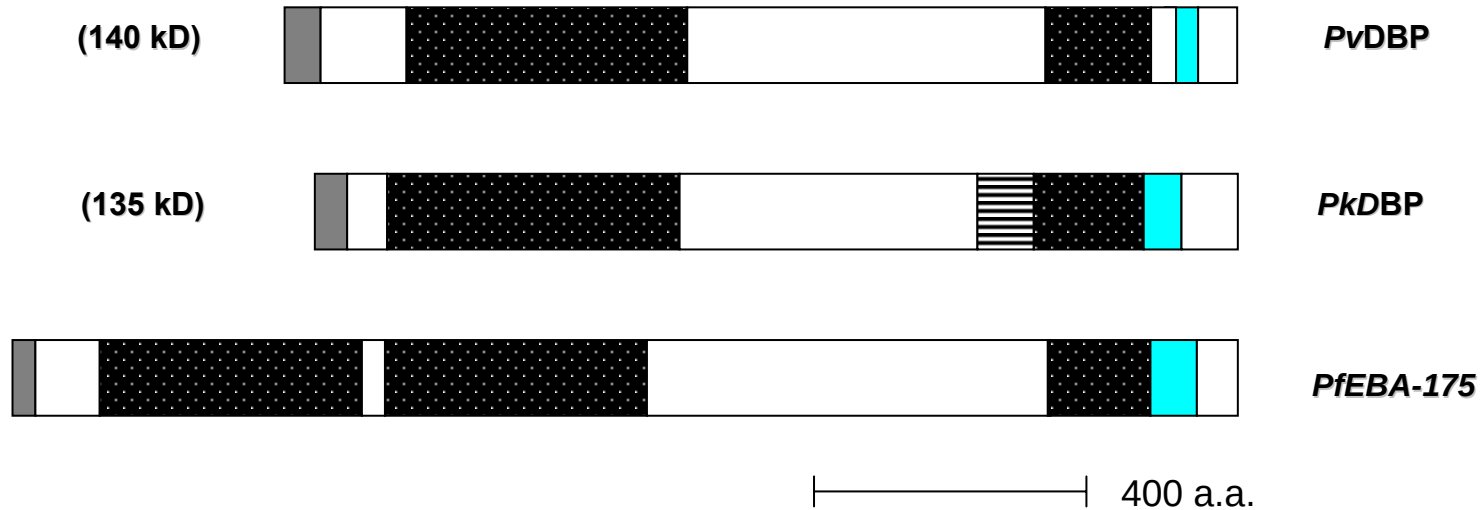
Structural features for HABP 6671 RESA

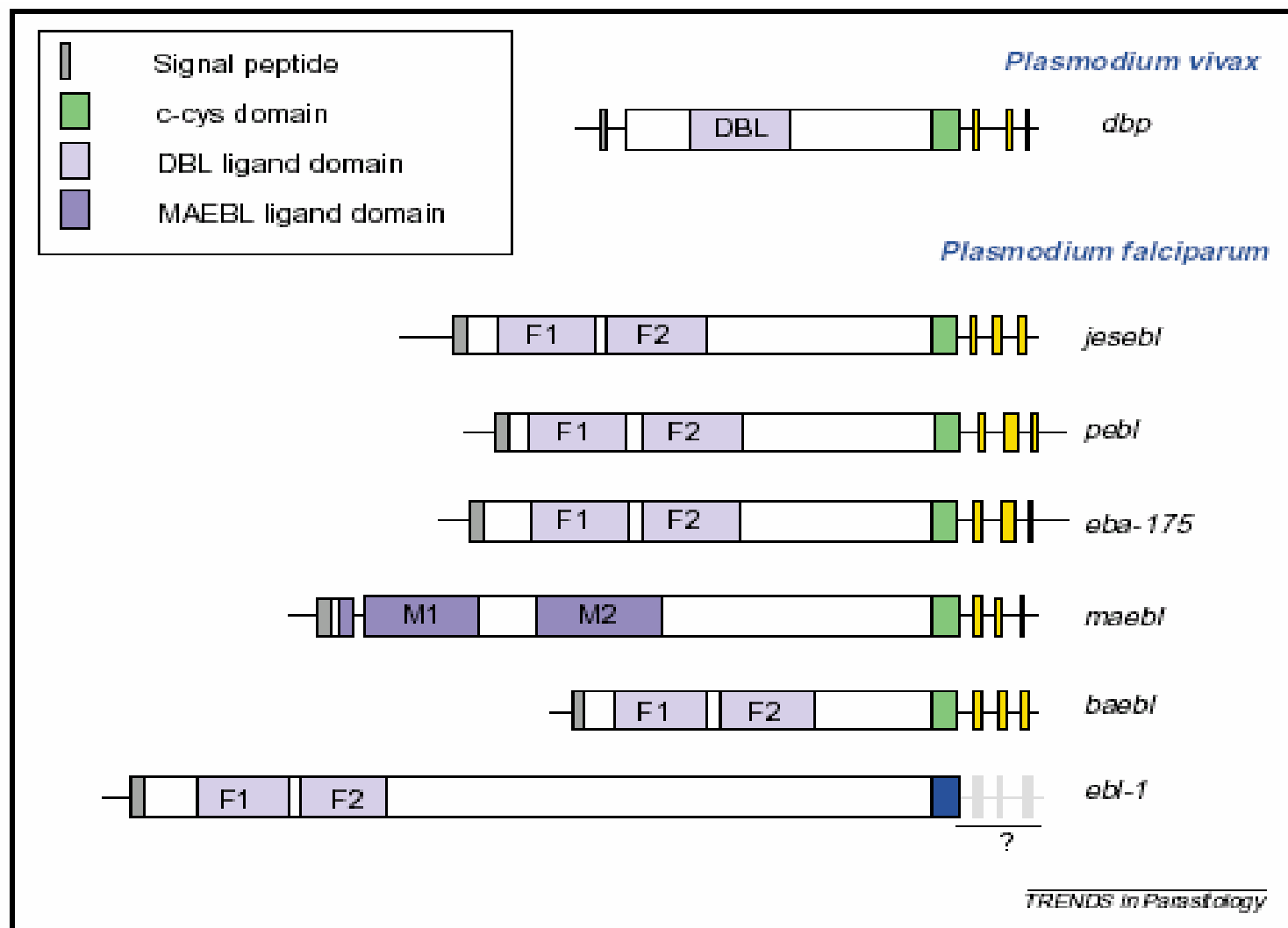


Alba M. P., *et al.*, 2004, **BBRC**, 315: 1154



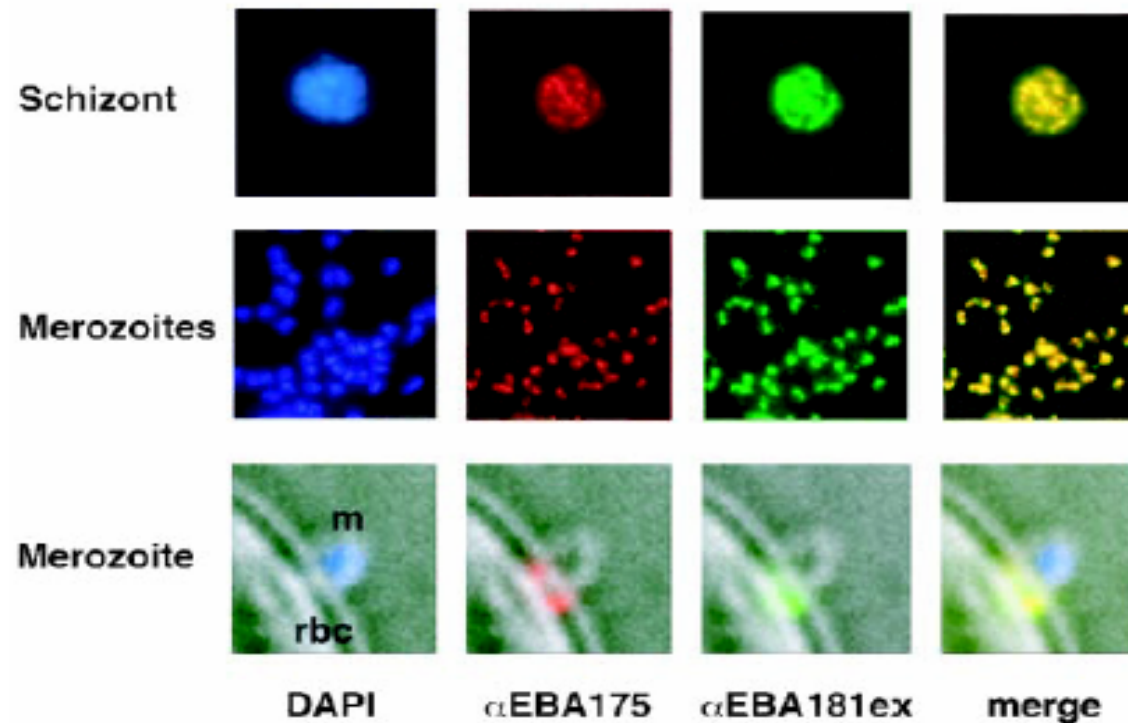
Duffy Binding Protein/EBA-175 Adhesion Family





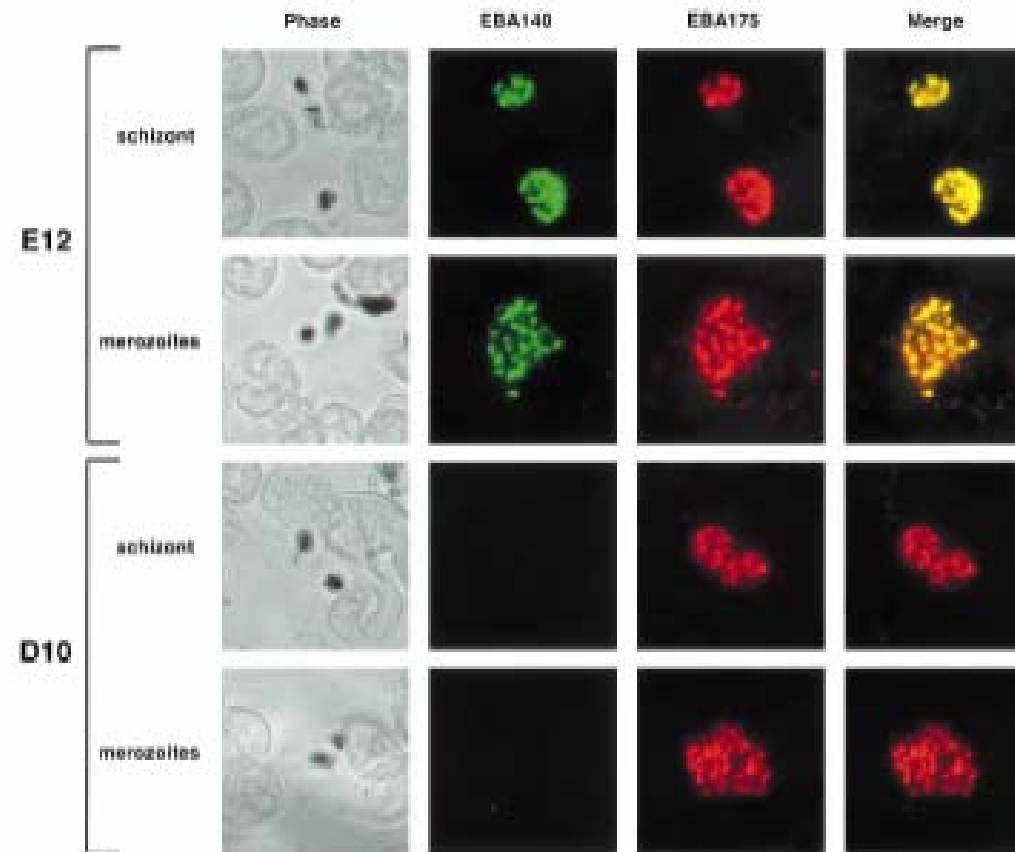
Representation of *P. falciparum* and *P. vivax* *eb1* multi-exon structure. DBL, duffy binding-like, c-cys, carboxyl cys-rich.

EBA-181 and EBA-175 co-localisation in schizonts and free merozoites



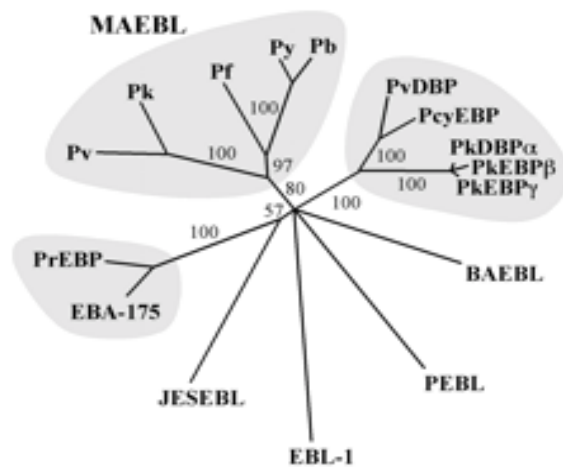
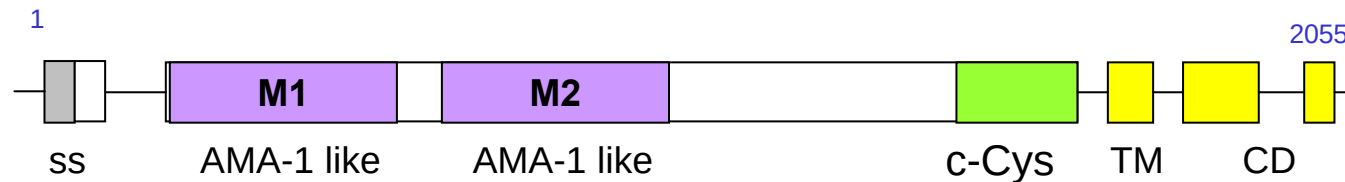
In the *first column* the parasites are stained with 4,6-diamidino-2-phenylindole (*blue*). In the *second column* the parasites have been labelled with anti-EBA-175 antibodies (*red*). In the *third column* the parasites have been labelled with anti-EBA181ex antibodies (*green*). The *fourth column* shows co-localisation of EBA-175 and EBA-181 (*yellow*) shown by an overlay of anti-EBA175 and anti-EBA181ex micrographs. *m*, merozoite; *rbc*, red blood cell.

EBA140 and EBA175 proteins co-localise in merozoites



D10 and E12 parasite free merozoite or schizont smears are shown. Parasites were made to react with a mixture of anti-EBA140 and anti-EBA175 antibodies, followed by a mixture of FITC-labelled anti-mouse and rhodamine-labelled anti-rabbit antibodies. 'Phase' shows the brightfield image, whereas 'merge' shows the red and green images overlaid.

MAEBL



MAEBL is a ~250 kDa protein, located in the rhoptries and on the surface of mature merozoites.

The amino cysteine-rich domain of MAEBL has no similarity to DBL, but instead is similar to the 44-kDa fragment of the AMA-1 rhoptry protein.

The origins of *maeb1*, *ebls*, and *ama-1* predate speciation of *Plasmodium*, *maeb1* and other *ebls* obviously have a common ancestor gene but represent distinct lineages.

Neighbor-joining — 0.1 changes

The *maeb1* evolved as a single locus, including its unique structure, in each *Plasmodium* species.

The ancient origin of the *maeb1*, its highly conserved nature among all *Plasmodium* species, its different time of expression and the distinct localization in merozoites, suggest that MAEBL has a distinct role from the DBL-EBP products.

Kappe S. H. I.. *et al.*, 1998, Blair P. I., *et al.*, 2002, Michon P., *et al.*, 2002

MAEBL



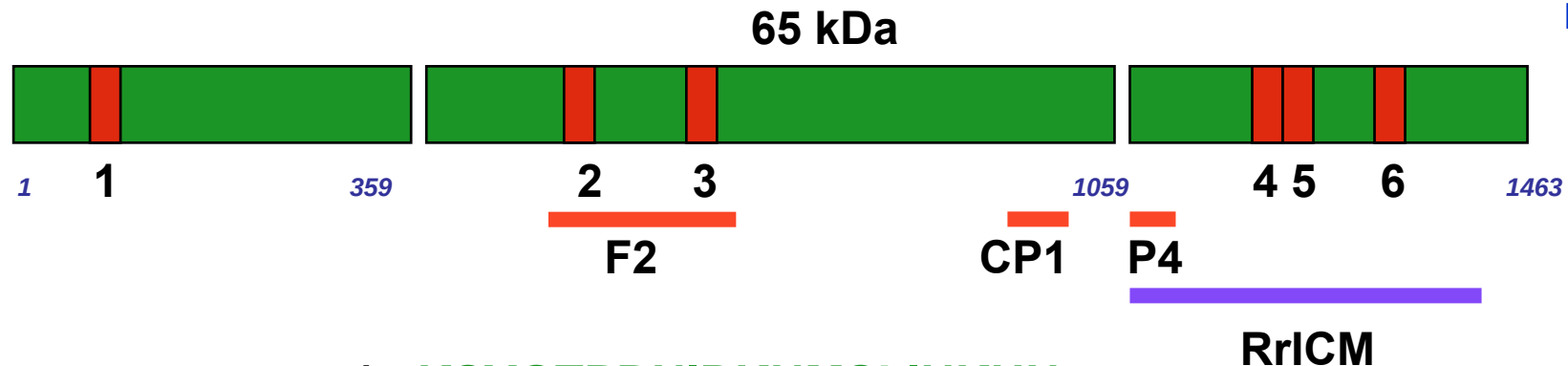
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EBA-175



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1. KSYGTPDNIDKNMSLINKHN
2. NIDRIYDKNLLMIKEHILAI
3. HRNKNDKLF^YRDEWWKVIK
4. DRNSNTLHLKDIRNEENERH
5. LTNQNINISQERDLQKHGFH
6. NNNFNNIPSRYNLYDKKLDL

Erythrocyte-binding antigen-175 (EBA-175) interacts directly with the erythrocyte surface by a sialic acid-dependent epitope on glycophorin A. However, the *P. falciparum* can use alternative receptors when the prime receptor (e.g. glycophorin A) is absent or blocked.

Sim B. K. *et al.*, 1994, Kain K. C. *et al.*, 1993,
Orlandi P. A. *et al.*, 1990, Sim B. K., 1998,
Rodriguez L. E., *et al.*, 2000

EBA-175

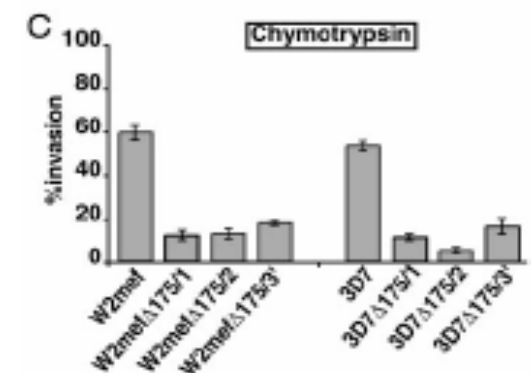
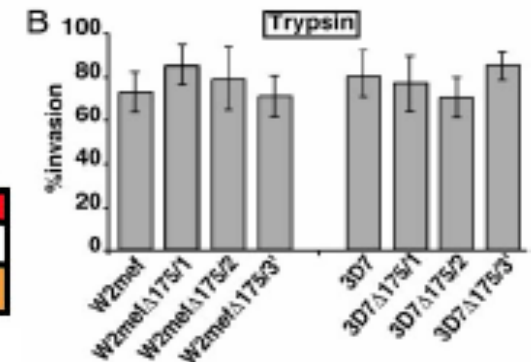
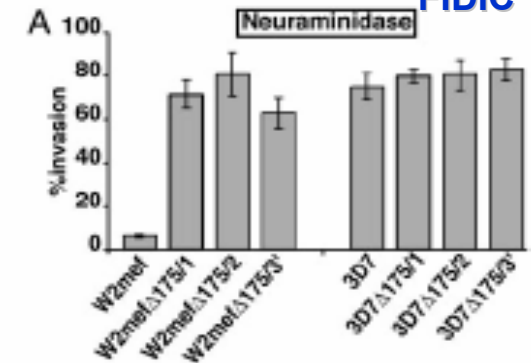
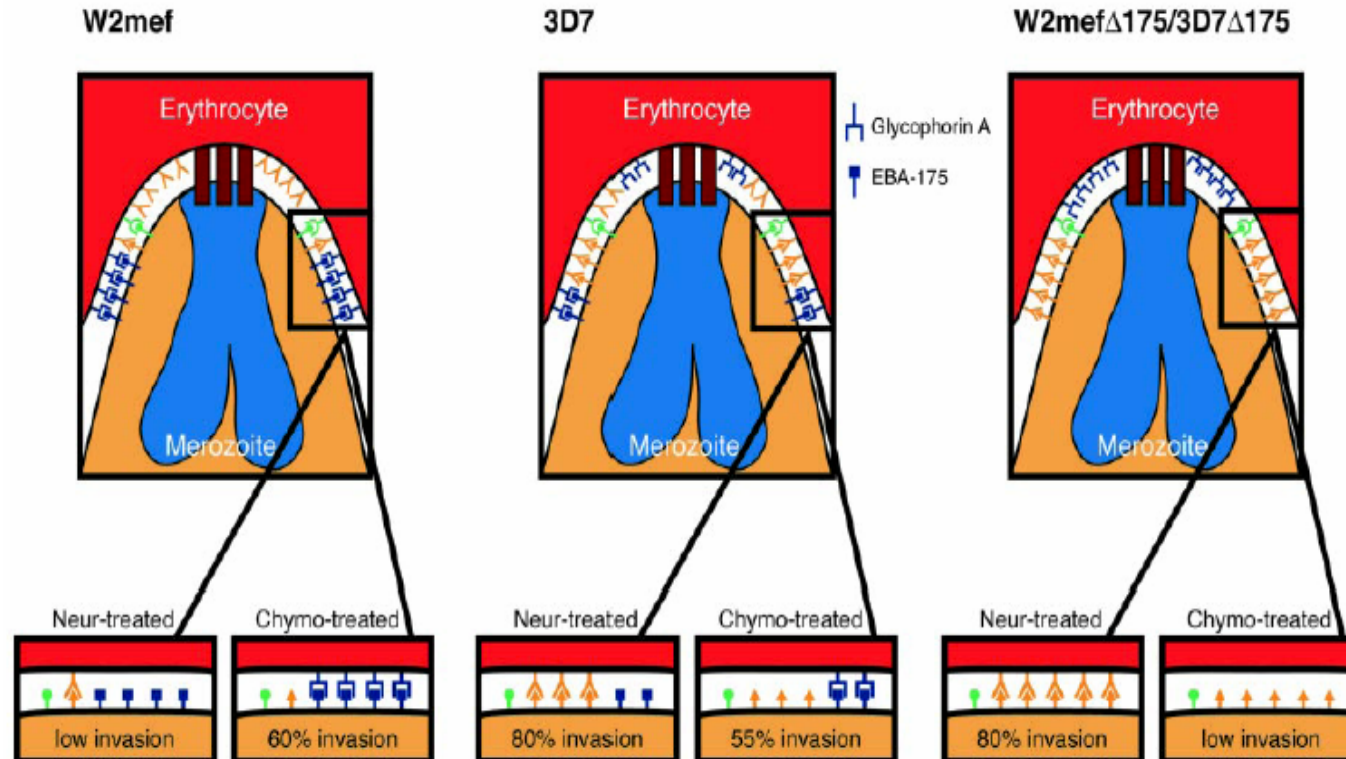


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sialic acid-dependent

sialic acid-independent

Truncated forms
of EBA-175



A model for invasion via sialic acid-dependent and -independent pathways in *P. falciparum*.

The EBA-175 ligand is functional in erythrocyte invasion by merozoites that utilize either sialic acid-dependent or -independent invasion pathways.

EBA-175

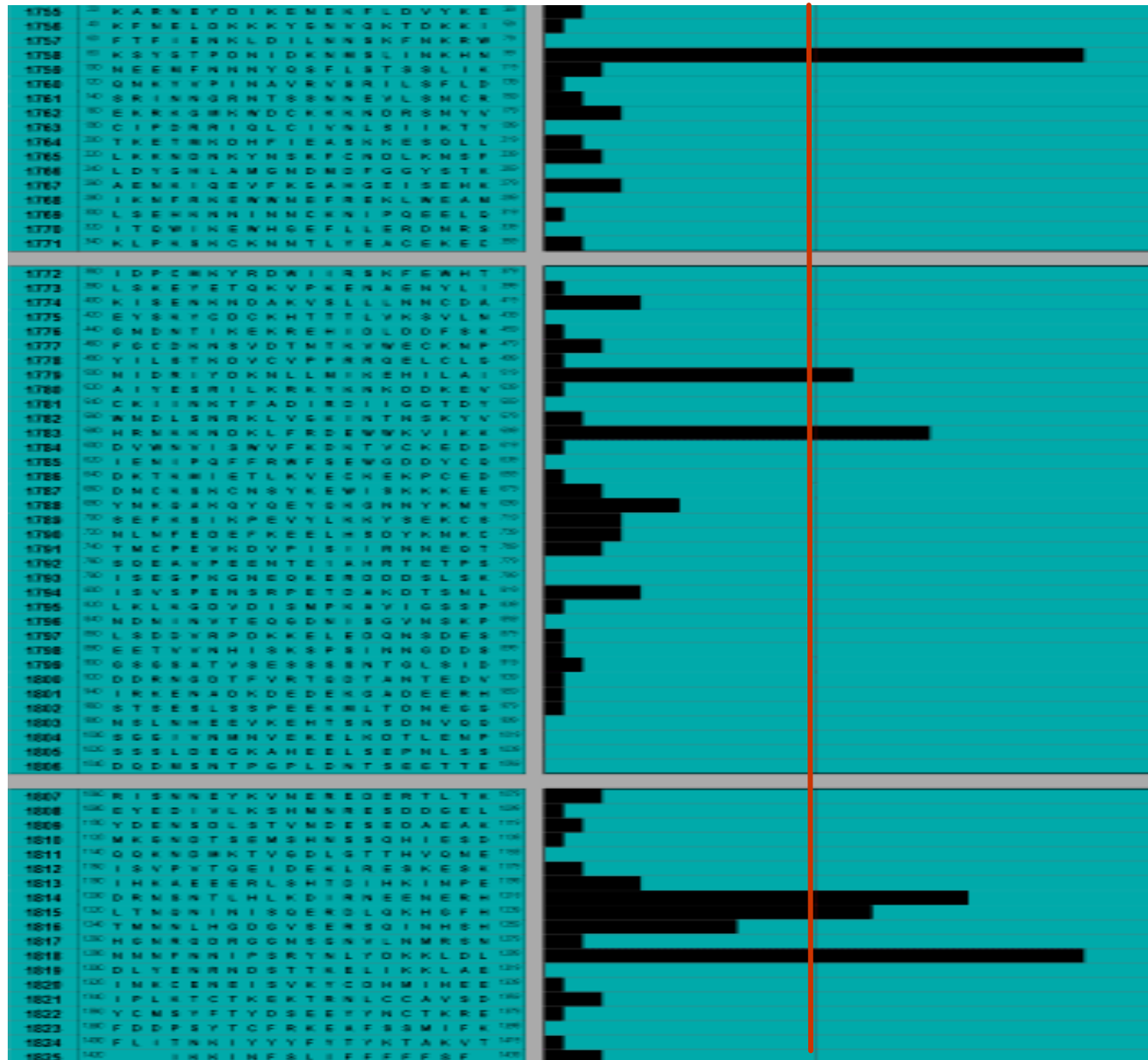
Rodríguez L. E., *et al.*, 2000, *Parasitology*, 120: 225



Peptide

Sequence

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Peptide Kd (nM)

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Structural features for HABPs EBA-175

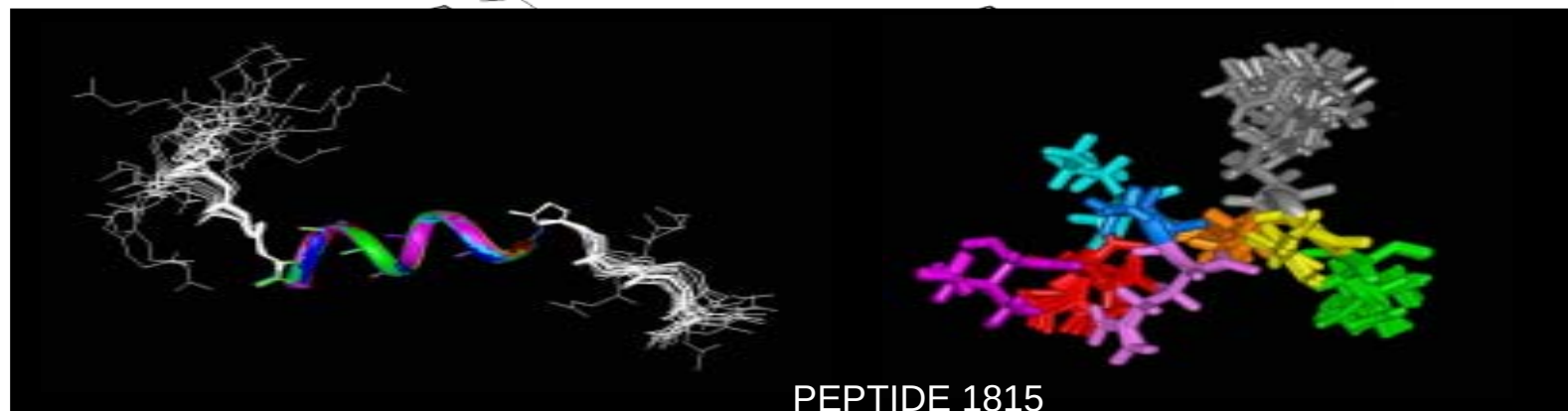
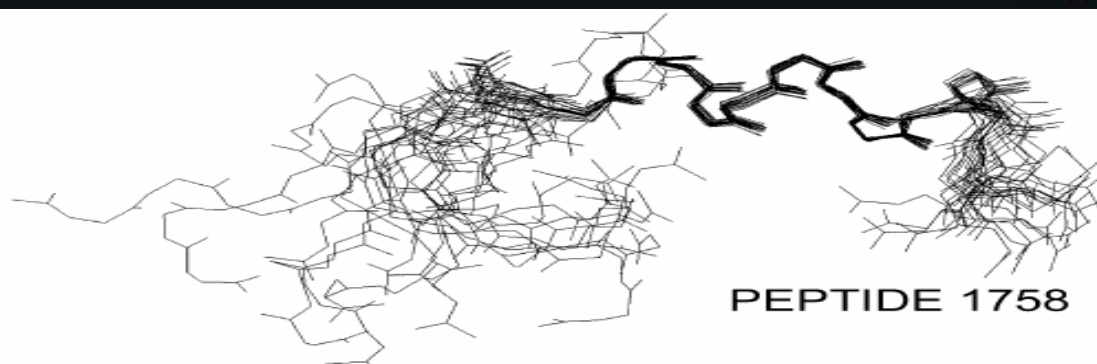
Cifuentes G., *et al.*, 2003, *J Struct Biol.*, 141: 115

Guzmán F., *et al.* 2002, *Life Sci.*, 71: 2779,

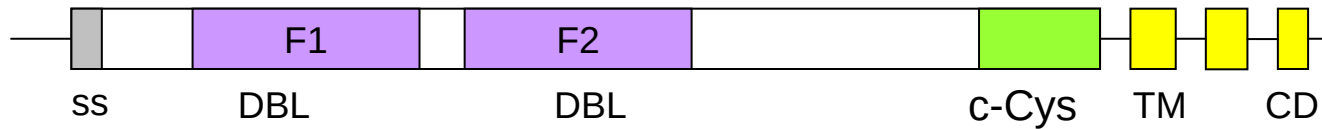
Cifuentes G., *et al.*, 2004, *Vaccine*, In Press



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EBA-140



EBA-140 (pfEBP-2/BAEBL) is located in the micronemes (the same location As EBA-175 and EBA-181) these proteins bind to sialoglycoproteins on the red blood cells surface.

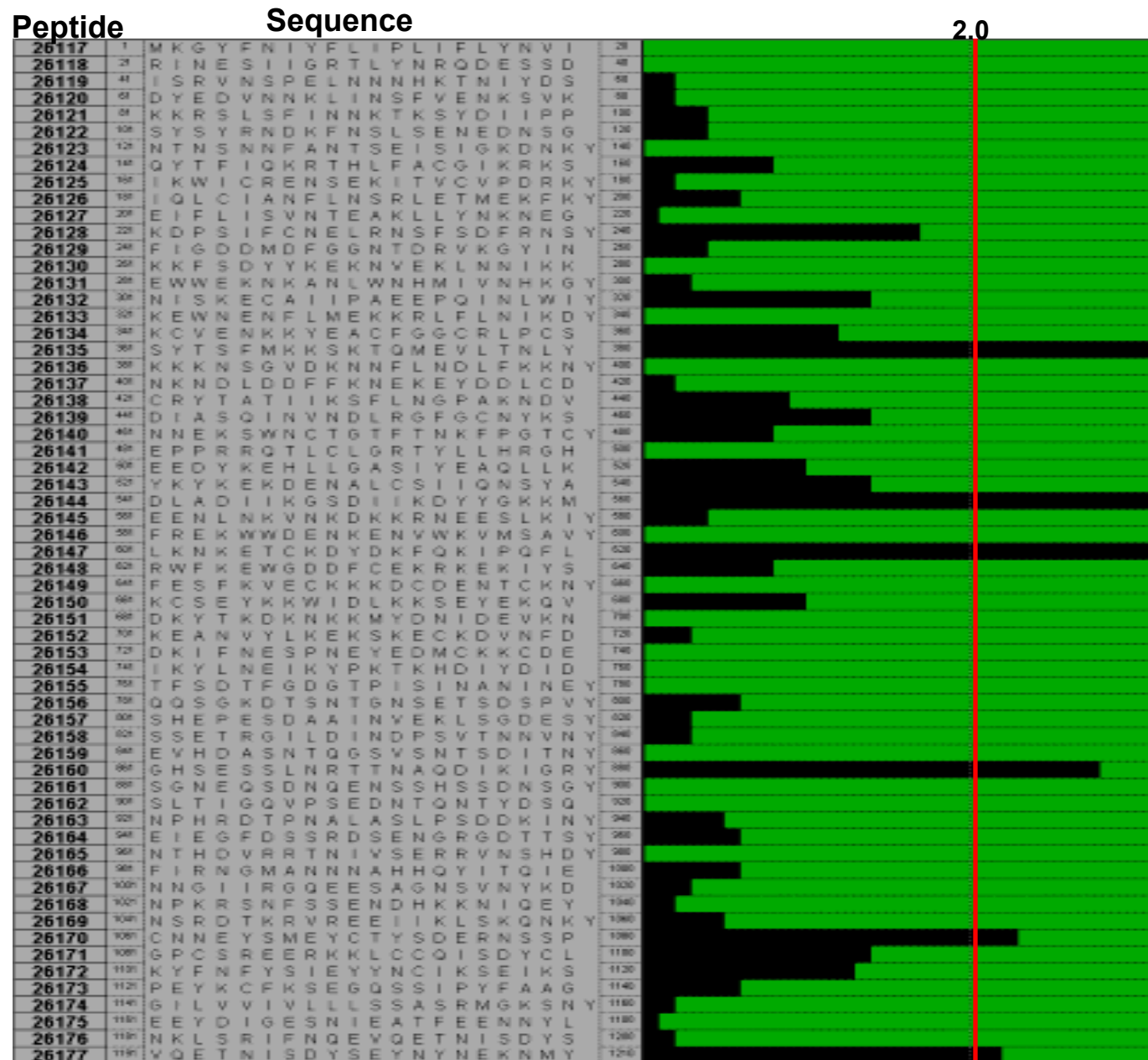
Glycophorin C (GPC) is receptor for EBP-140 and show that the binding on GPC is limited to amino acids (aa's) 14-22 in exon 2.

Each of the polymorphisms form in the parasite ligand, BAEBL, bound to a different receptor on erythrocytes.

Why has the parasite evolved to have such diversity?
What is the advantage to the parasite to have multiple niches with different erythrocyte receptors?

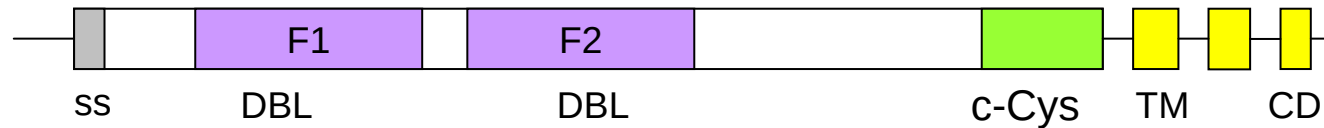
EBA-140

Rodríguez L. E., *et al.*, 2003, J Peptide Res, 62: 175



Peptide	Kd (nM)
26135	350
26144	350
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26160	590
26170	600
26177	750

EBA-181



This ligand is expressed at the same time as EBA-175 and is located within the micronemes.

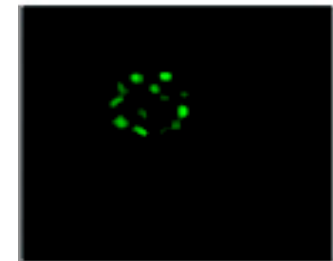
The EBA-181/JESEBL protein was identified as a ligand interacting in a sialic acid dependent manner with the erythrocyte, such binding being sensitive to erythrocyte treatment with chymotrypsin and resistant to trypsin.

The level of expression of EBA-181 differs among parasite lines, and the importance of this ligand for invasion appears to be strain-dependent.

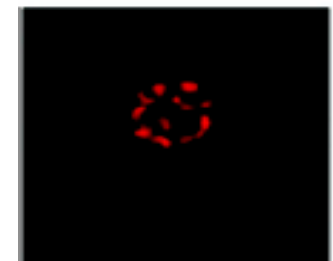
These polymorphisms did not change the erythrocyte-binding specificity. In contrast, each point mutation in JESEBL led to the recognition of different receptors on the erythrocyte.

Why has *P. falciparum* evolved so many pathways for invasion?

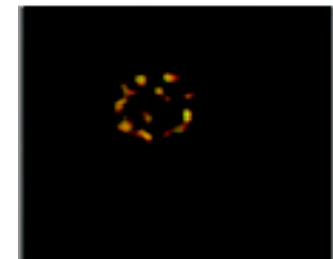
JESEBL-R6



EBA-175



OVERLAY



JESEBL / EBA181

Vera R., et al., 2004, Biochimie, In Press



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Peptide

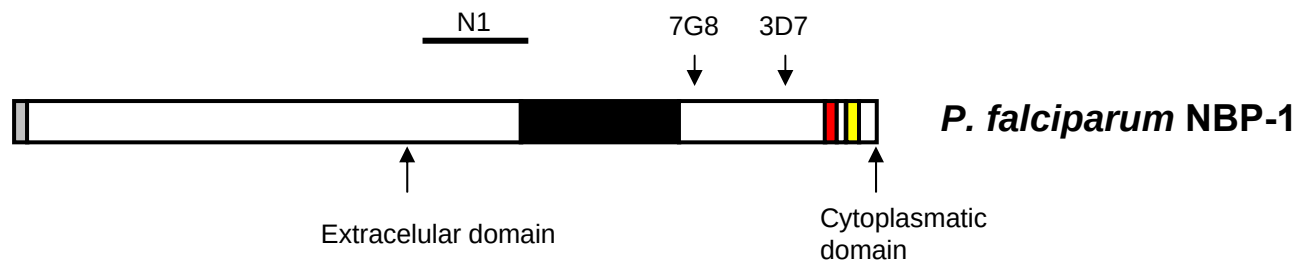
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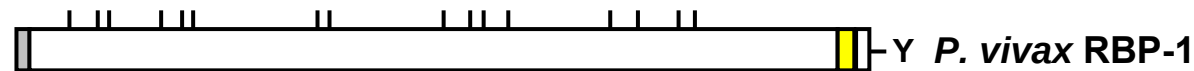
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Peptide	Kd (nM)
30030	394 ± 91
30031	215 ± 37
30045	348 ± 52
30051	595 ± 117
30060	178 ± 42

Reticulocyte binding protein RBP/NBP Adhesion Family



Plasmodium falciparum
PfRh/NBP gene family



500 aminoacids

NBP-1
NBP-2a
NBP-2b
NBP-4

NBP-3

■ HOMOLOGY

■ REPEATED AMINOACIDS

□ CYSTEINE RESIDUES
& BONDS

■ SIGNAL PEPTIDE

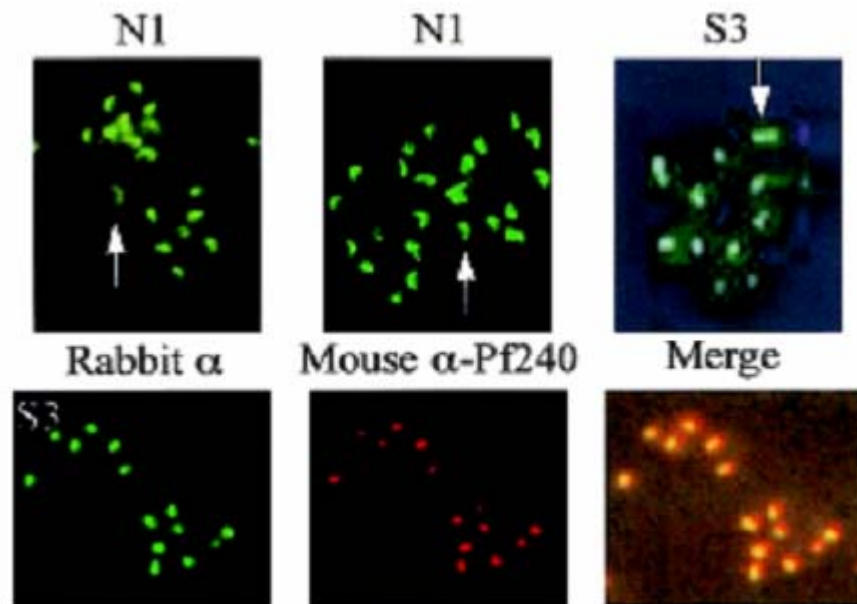
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Rayner J. C., *et al.*, 2001
Sherman I.W., *et al.*, 1998

PfNBPs are expressed at merozoites' apical end



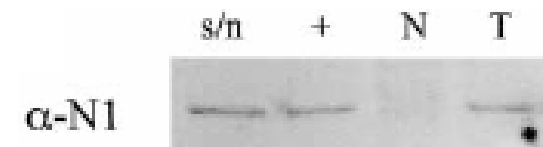
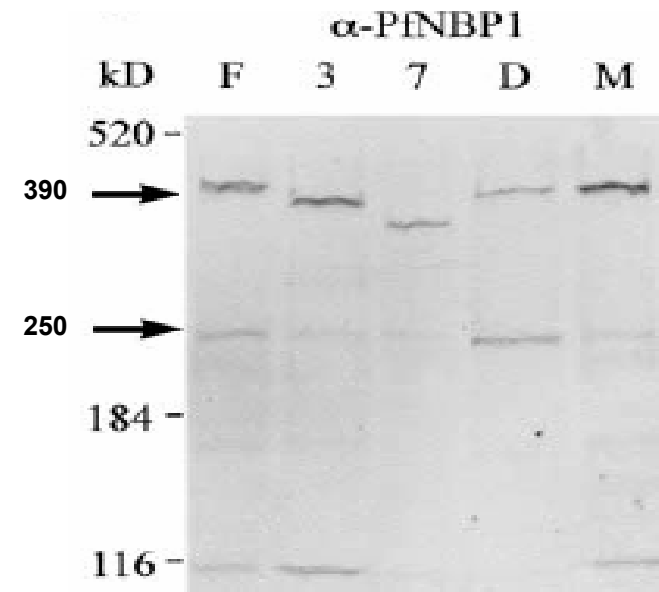
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The PfNBP-1 and PfNBP-2a and 2b are ortholog of PvRBP-1 and PvRBP-2. They are located at the apical end of merozoites and play a role in the recognition and invasion of erythrocytes by merozoites.

PfNBP1 forms a complex with PfNBP2b, which is consistent with the known in *P. vivax*. The observed size of the PfNBP-1 in strain differents, shown expressing of a truncated PfNBP-1. By contrast, there were no size differences in PfNBP-2a or PfNBP-2b in these strains.

PfNBP1 binds to a sialic acid dependent trypsin resistant receptor on the erythrocyte surface that appears to be distinct from known invasion receptors (receptor Y).



PfNBP-1

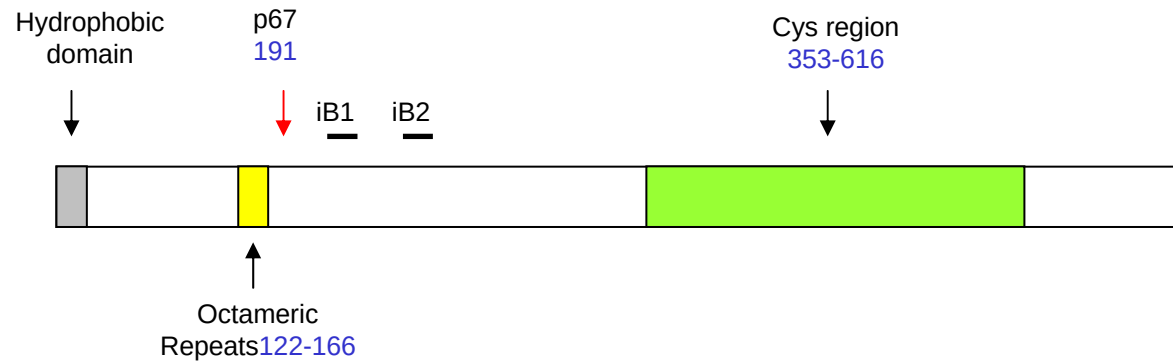
Valbuena J. J., *et al.*, 2003, *Peptides*, 24: 1007



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Peptide	Kd (nM)
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26336	480

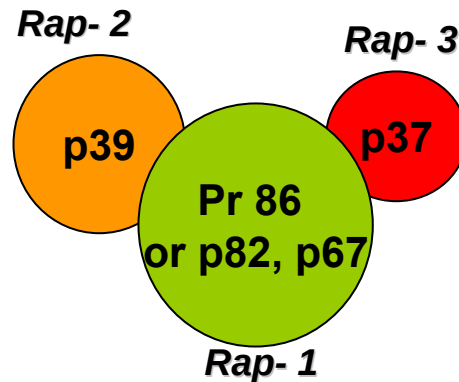
Rap-1



Plasmodium falciparum
RAP-1 p82



The genes coding for RAP-1 and RAP-2 have been cloned, revealing no homology to other known genes. Further, RAP-1 and RAP-2 show minimal sequence polymorphisms between *P. falciparum* isolates. This protein of 84 kD, with 782 residues that is present in the rhoptries.



Rhoptry-associated protein 1 (RAP-1), which is processed into molecules of 86, 82, 70, and 67 kDa, forms heterooligomeric protein complexes with the rhoptry proteins RAP-2 and RAP-3.

p67 is relatively abundant in purified free merozoites but is not observed in ring-stage parasites, indicating that p67 is secreted or degraded prior to ring formation and there is a narrow time during which this protein may play a role in merozoite invasion of erythrocytes.

RAP1

Curtidor H., et al., 2004, Vaccine, 22: 1054



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Peptide	Kd (nM)
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RAP2

López R., *et al.*, 2004, *Biochimie*, 86: 1



Peptide

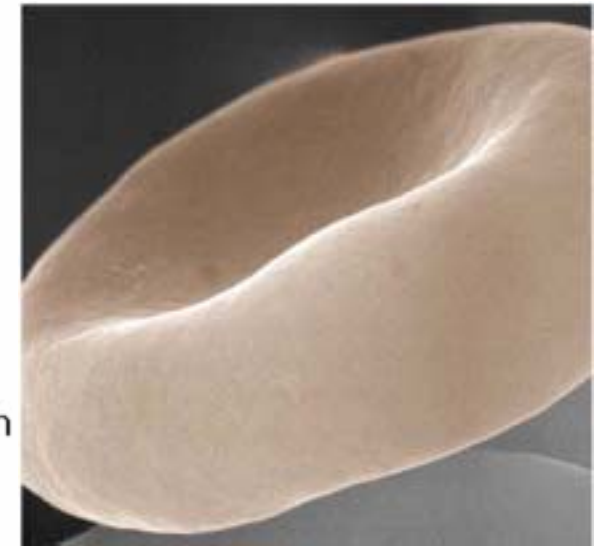
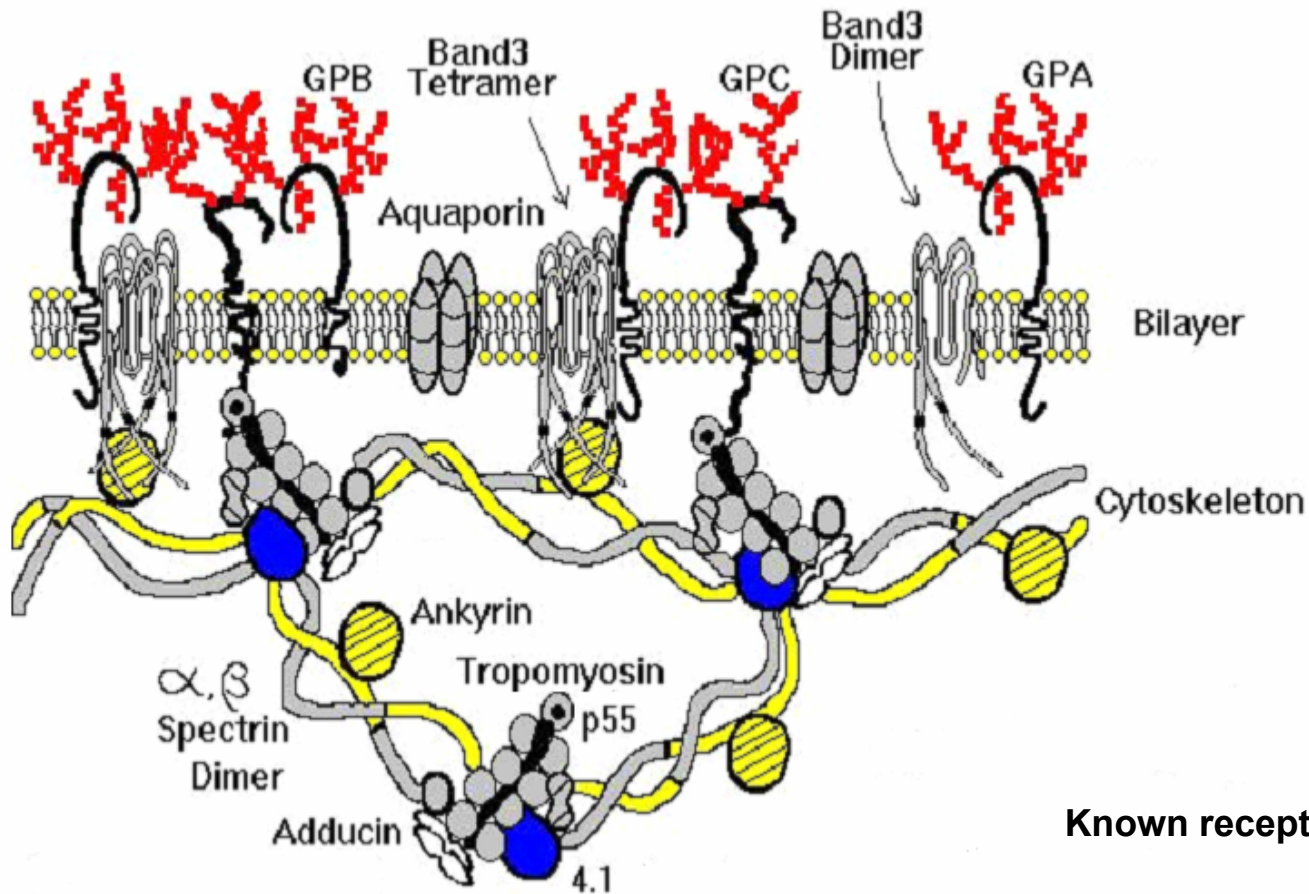
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Peptide	Kd (nM)
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26225	700
26229	700
26235	533

***Plasmodium falciparum* receptors on erythrocyte membrane surface**

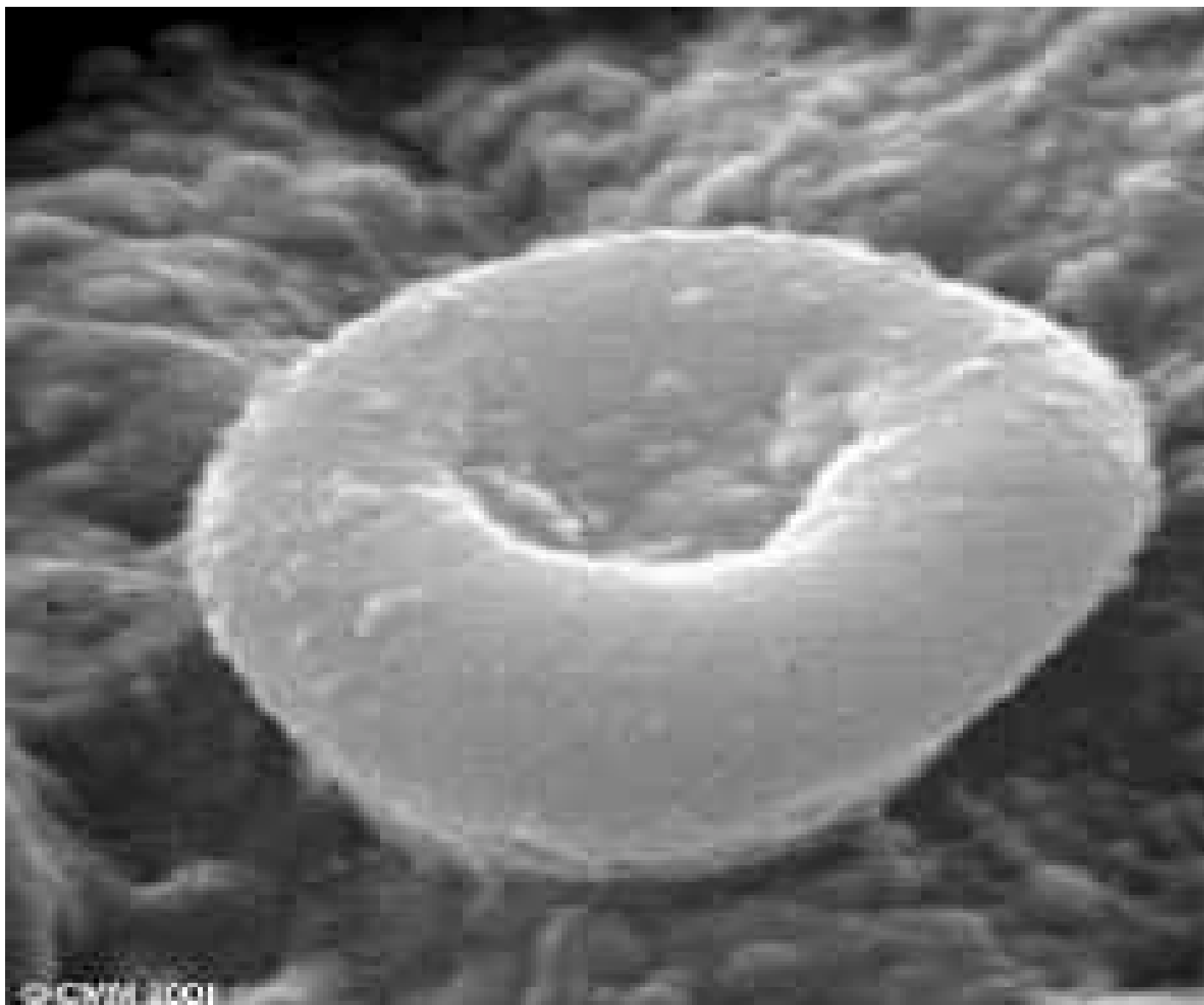


Known receptors

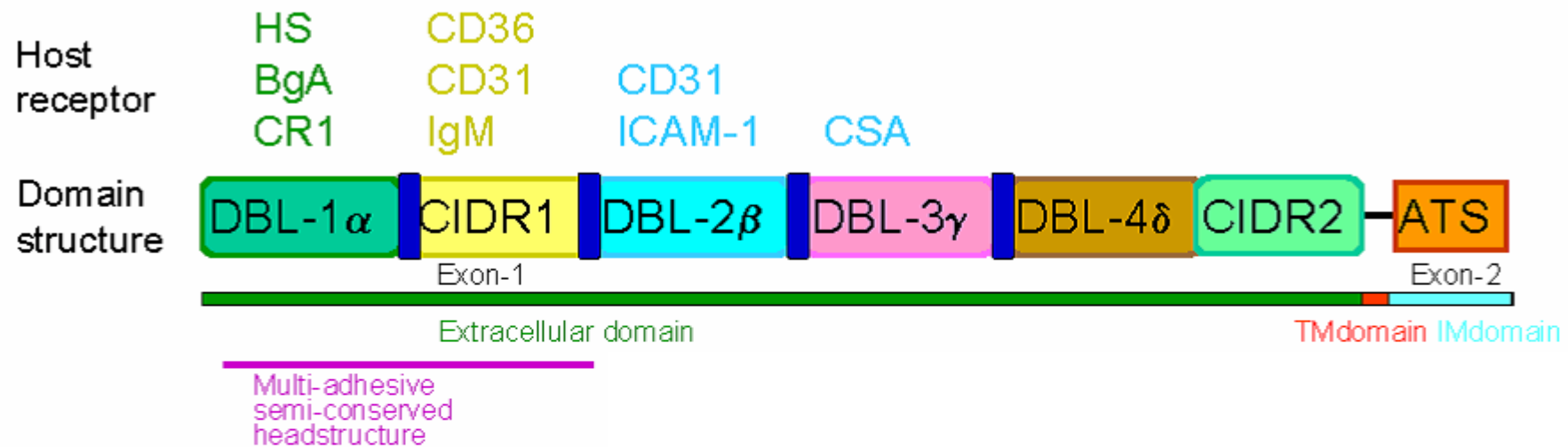
- *Glycophorin A
- *Glycophorin B
- *Glycophorin C
- *Band 3

Unknown receptors

- *Receptor X
- *Receptor Y
- *Receptor Z
- *Receptor E



PfEMP1



DBL = Duffy Binding Ligand domain - polymorphic
 CIDR = Cysteine Rich Inter domain Region - polymorphic
 ATS = Acidic Terminal Segment

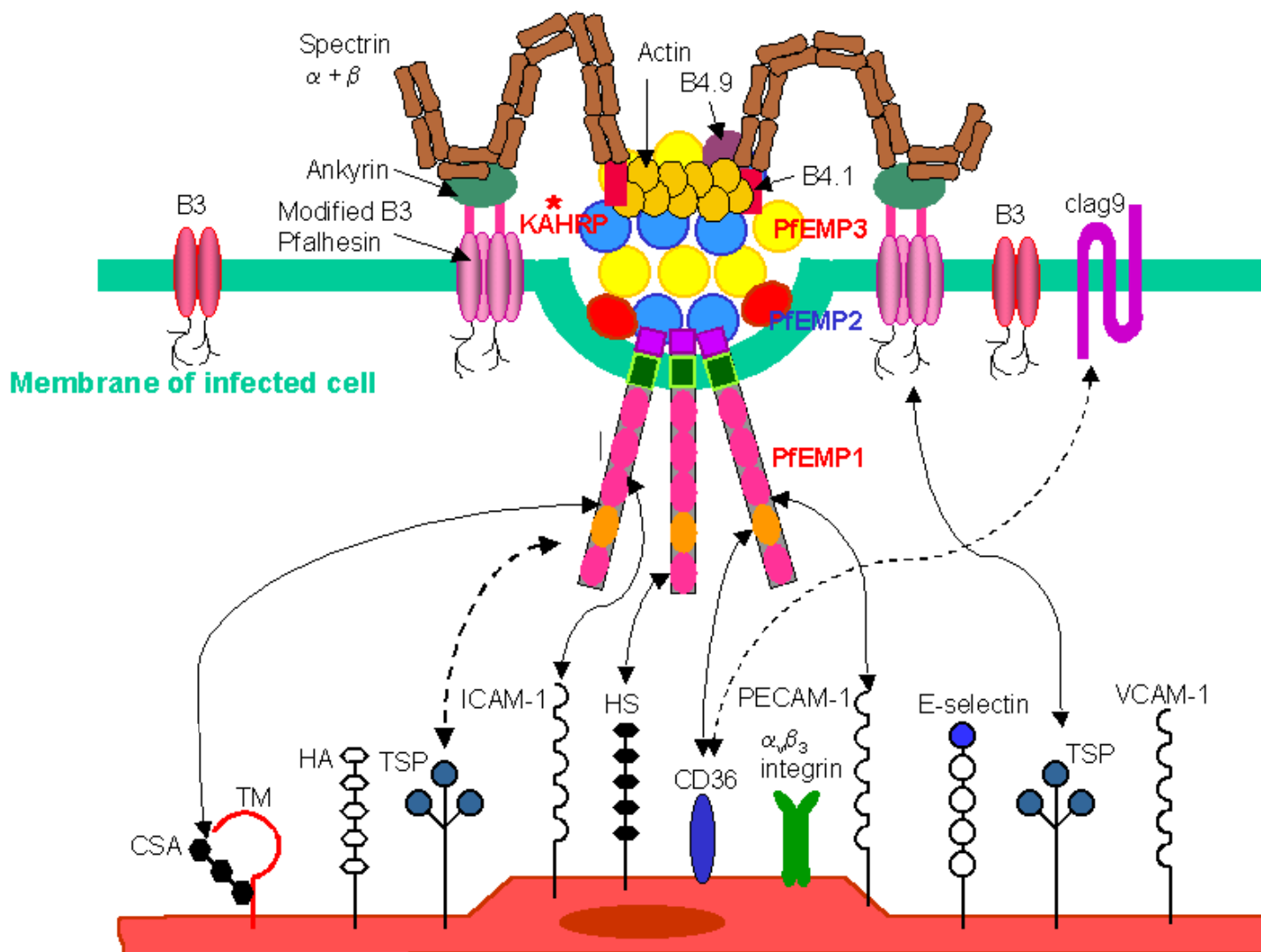
Highly polymorphic interdomain region

Conserved cytoplasmic domain

Other molecules that could mediate adherence:

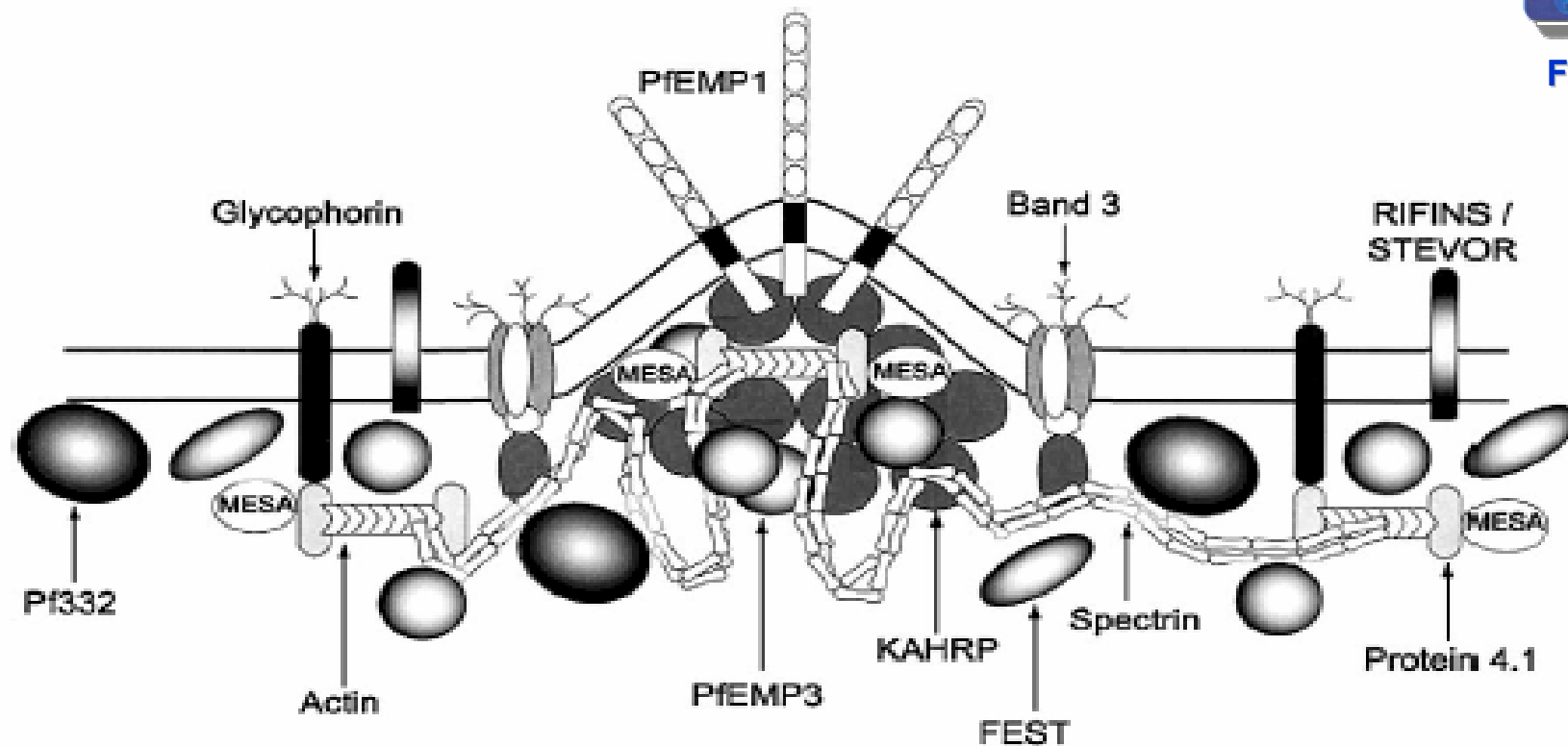
- Sequestrin
- Modified RBC band 3
- Rosettins
- Pf332
- Clag9

Interaction between modified host cell membrane and endothelial cell



Host cell - endothelial or placental syncytiotrophoblast

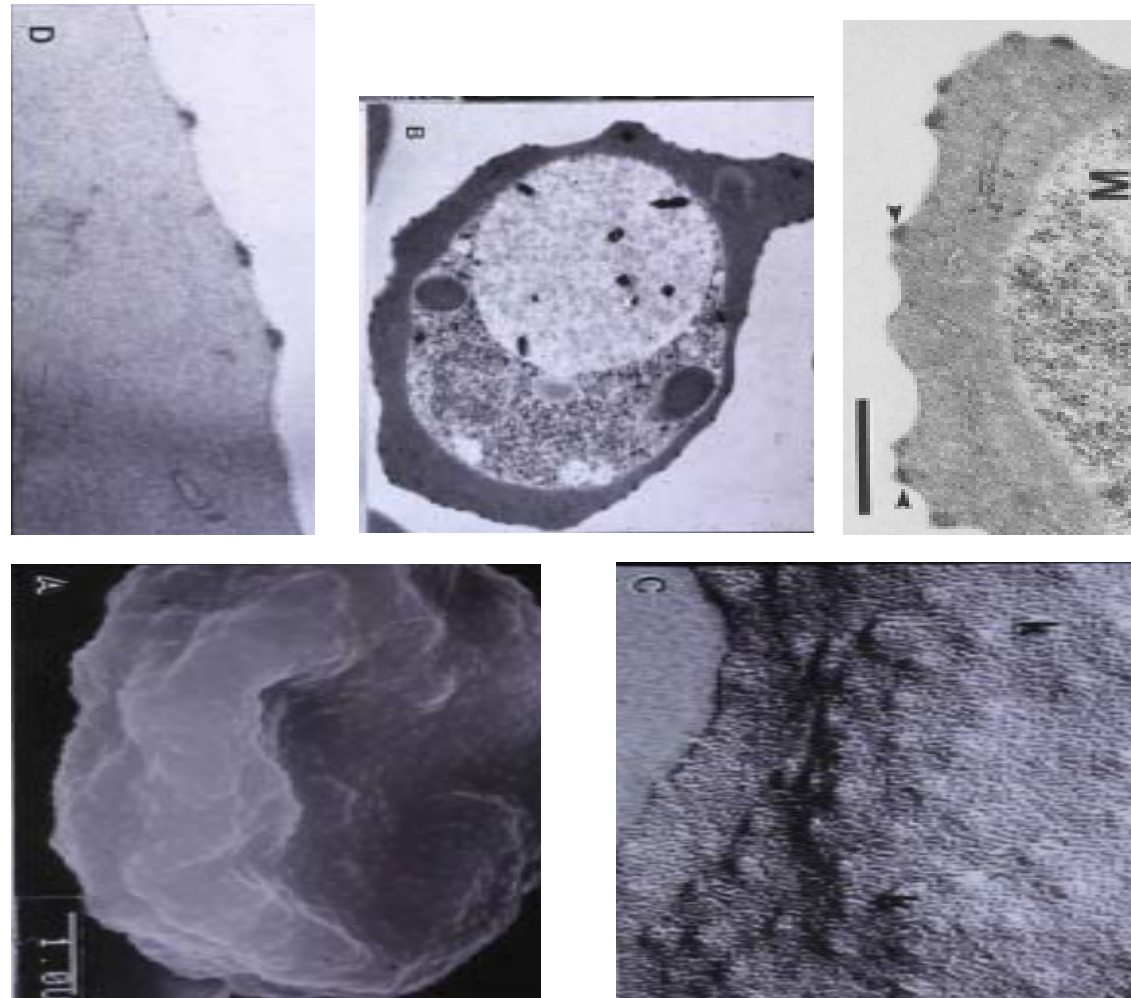
The membrane skeleton of a malaria-infected RBC



PfEMP-3, RESA, MESA FET y FIRA (playa), KAHRP y PfEMP-1 (Centro)

Numerous proteins exported from the parasite interact with the red blood cell membrane skeleton proteins and dramatically alter their structure and function.

Alteration of infected erythrocyte membrane



Knobs by A SEM, B TEM, C Freeze-fracture and D. TEM. Knobs are 40nm in height and 90-100nm in width, with an underlying electron-dense material containing several parasite proteins, including histidine-rich protein. PfEMP 1 (*Plasmodium falciparum* erythrocyte membrane protein 1) as well as a modified form of the intrinsic red cell membrane protein band 3 associated with the knob.

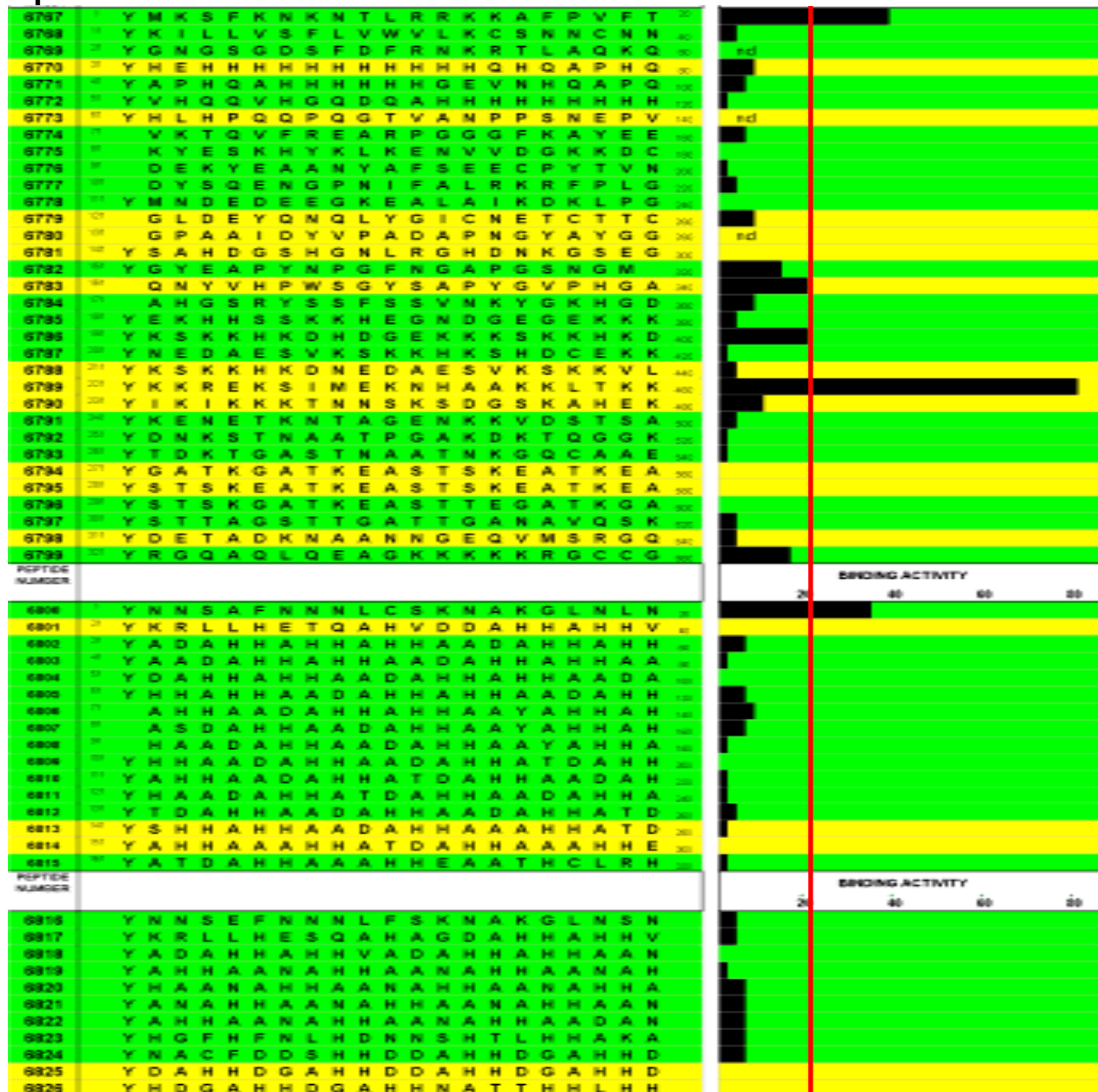
KAHRP I, HRPII and HRPIII

López R., et al., 2004, Acta Tropica, 75: 349

Peptide

Sequence

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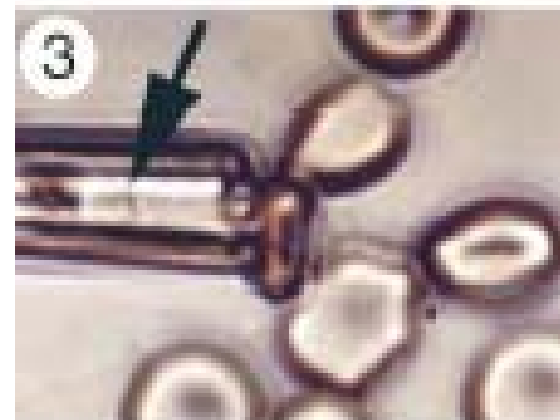
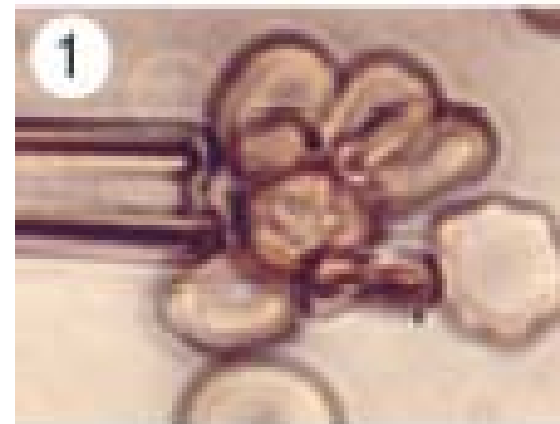


Peptide	Kd (nM)
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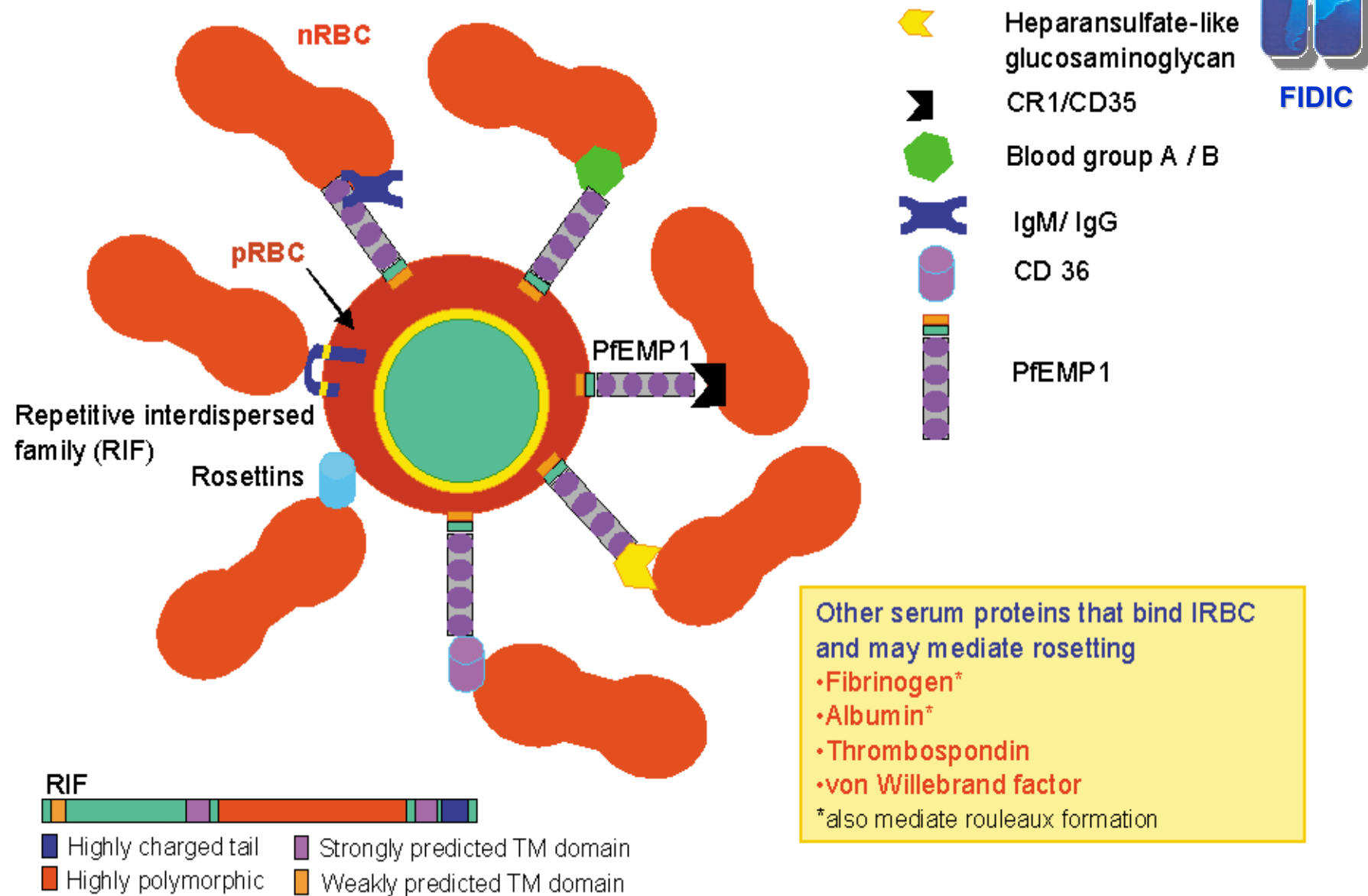


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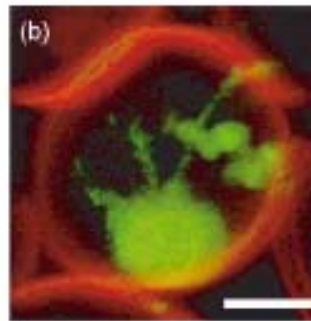
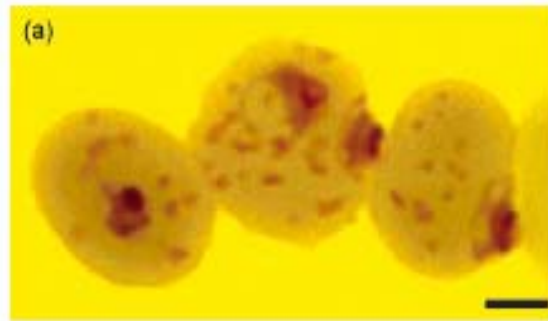
Rosetting, single *P. falciparum*-infected erythrocyte is seen by light microscopy held by a 5-mm micropipette. Uninfected erythrocytes are stripped off the infected cell and careful examination confirms that they are indeed infected by a single parasite.



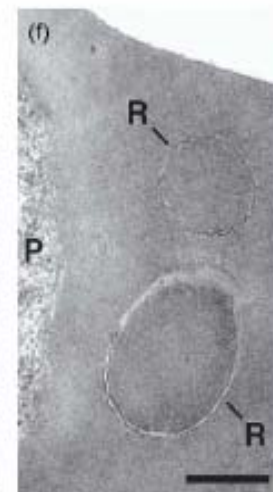
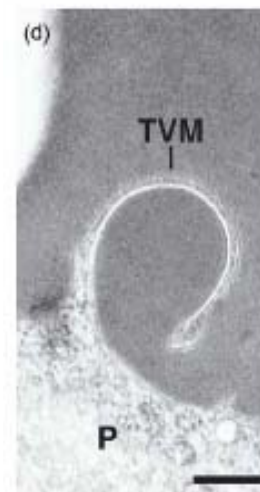
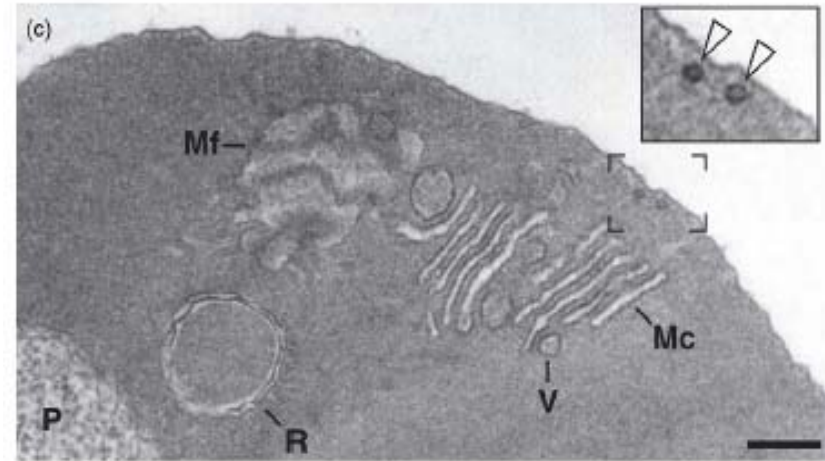
Rosette formation between normal and infected RBC

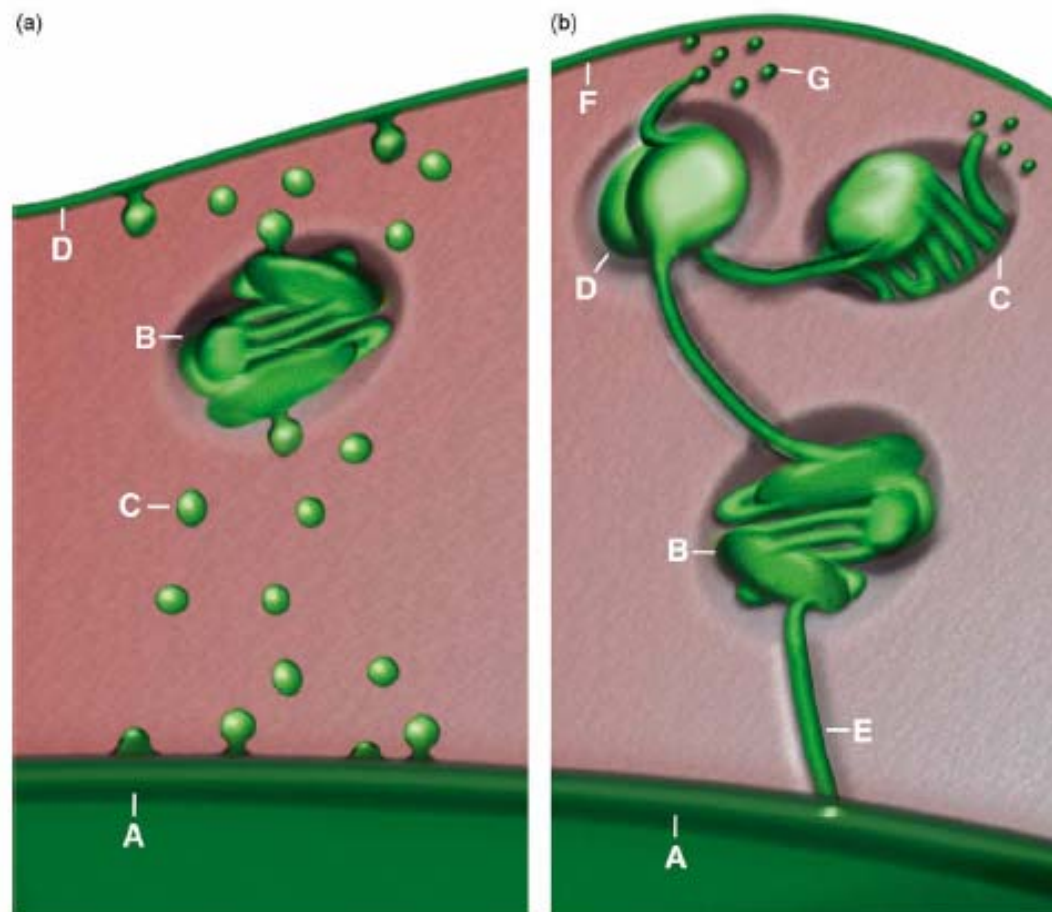


Membrane profiles in *P. falciparum*-infected erythrocytes



(a) Field-stained *P. falciparum*. This staining method identifies the parasite and reddish stained dot-like structures, corresponding to Maurer's clefts, within the erythrocyte cytosol. (b) Membrane visualisation by live cell fluorometry. Live infected erythrocyte were stained with the fluorescent dyes RH237 (red channel) and LysoSensor Green DND153 (green channel). (c) showing various membrane profiles in the cytoplasm of infected erythrocytes. Inset in (c) shows small vesicles of 15–25 nm in size, between the erythrocyte plasma membrane and Maurer's clefts. Mc, Maurer's clefts in cross section; Mf, Maurer's clefts in flat section; R, ring; V, vesicle; TVM, tubovesicular membrane network; W, whorls.





Proposed models for protein transport to the plasma membrane of *P. falciparum*-infected erythrocytes. (a) Vesicular transport model and (b) Lateral diffusion model.

Compilation of Maurer's cleft-associated *P. falciparum* proteins



Protein	Relationship to Maurer's clefts	Suggested function
KAHRP	Transiently associated with cytosolic face	Knob formation/presentation of PfEMP1
MAHRP	Resident/trans-membrane protein	Protection against oxidative stress/protein trafficking
Pf50/43 ^a	Integral membrane proteins	Macromolecule transport?
Pf130	Peripheral membrane protein?	Unknown
Pf20, Pf29, Pf45 ^a	Unknown	Protein transport?
Pf332	Transiently associated with cytosolic face	Unknown
Pf41-2	Membrane anchored?	Unknown
Pf45 ^a	Unknown	Unknown
Pf46 ^a	Integral membrane protein	Protein transport?
Pf50	Unknown	Unknown
Pf50, Pf41	Resident/peripheral membrane proteins	Underlying membrane skeletal network
PfEMP1	Transiently associated/trans-membrane protein	Cytoadherence/immune invasion
PfEMP3	Transiently associated with cytosolic face	Protein transport?
PfSar1p	Transiently associated with cytosolic face	Putative COPII
PfSBP1 ^a	Resident/integral membrane protein	Anchoring of Maurer's clefts to erythrocyte cytoskeleton
PfSec23p	Transiently associated with cytosolic face	Putative COPI
PfSec31p	Transiently associated with cytosolic face	Putative COPII
PfSEP	Integral membrane protein	Parasite invasion?
STEVOR	Resident/trans-membrane protein	Immune evasion?

^aIt is possible that these studies may have independently identified the same protein.

SERA/SERP



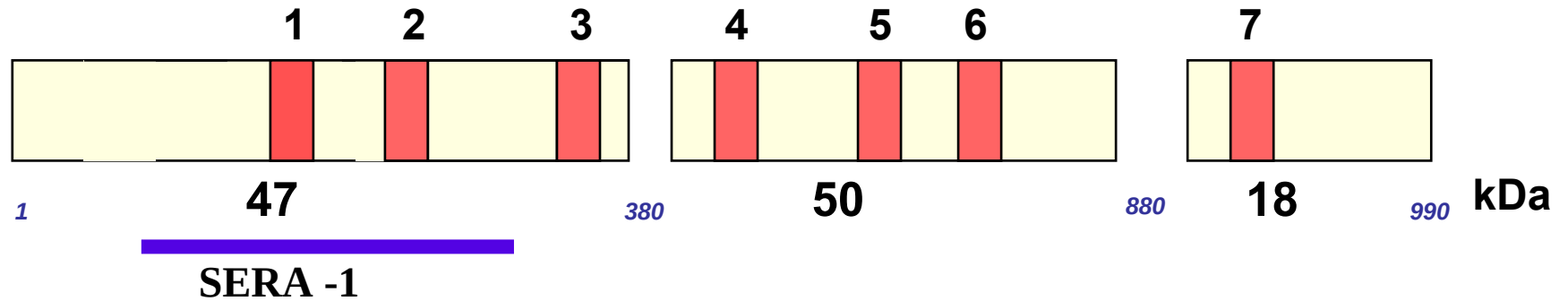
P. falciparum (126kD).

- This is secreted in the parasitophorous vacuole during trophozoite maturation.
- The gene encoding a protein having a signal sequence, with no transmembrane domain.
- It is processed into 3 fragments: 50, 43 and 18 kDa. The last 2 are bound by cysteines.
- SERA is implicated in merozoite liberation.
- PfSERP-H.

P. vivax

- 5 genes have been identified in tandem encoding homologous sequences with PfSERA/SERP.
- Its real function may be quite different to that of having proteolytic activity.

SERA/SERP



1. LKETNNAISFESNSGSLEKK
2. vRGDTEIPSDSSSSSSSS
3. ALGSDIPEKCDTLASNCFLS
4. DNILVKMFKTNENNDKSELI

5. DQGNCDTSWIFASKYHLETI
6. KKVQNLCGDDTADHAVNIVG
7. NEVSERVHVYHILKHIKDGK

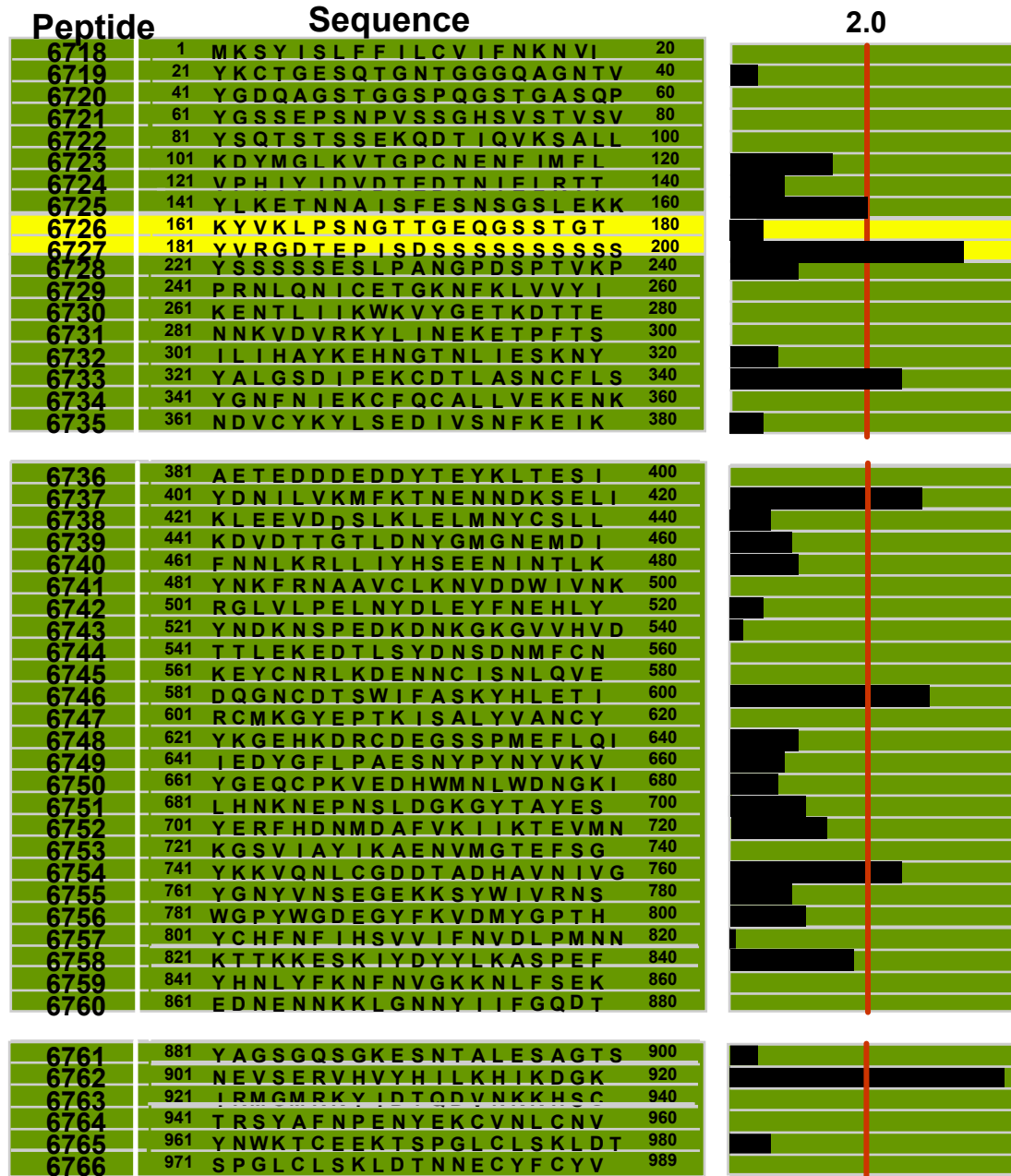
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SERA

Puentes A., et al., 2000, *Parasitol International*, 49: 105



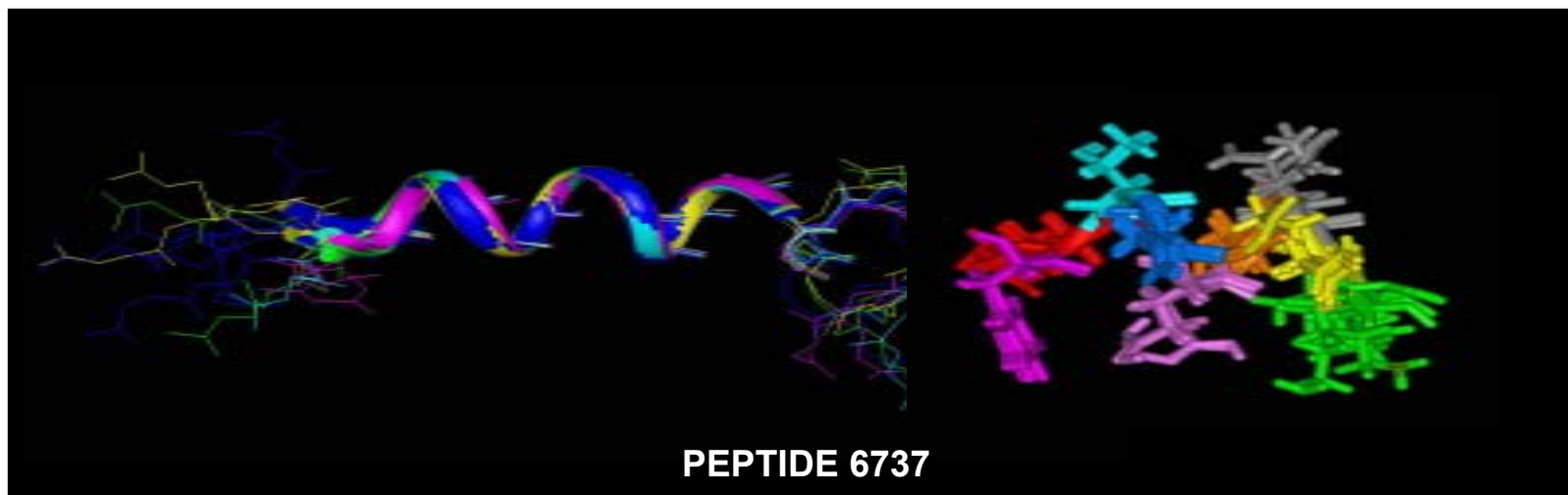
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Peptide	Kd (nM)
6725	750
6733	550
6737	500
6746	150
6754	1100
6762	350

Structural features for HABPs SERA

Cubillos M., *et al.*, 2003, *Biochimie*, 85: 651



Other proteases



gp76 P. falciparum

- This is a 83/76 kDa protease localised in the rhoptries.
- It becomes activated on being liberated from GPI anchoring on the membrane.
- It has a 68 kDa homologue in *P. chabaudi* which is activated in the same way.
- Its specificity is classified as chymotrypsin neutral serine proteases.
- A external fragment from Band 3 can be cleaved from intact erythrocytes; this seems to be required for *P. falciparum* and *P. chabaudi* invasion.

P. falciparum cysteine protease

- This is an 68 kDa neutral protease.
- It is inhibited by leupeptin and antipain.
- It is localised in the apical part.
- The loss of its activity inhibits *P. falciparum* merozoite *in vitro* invasion.

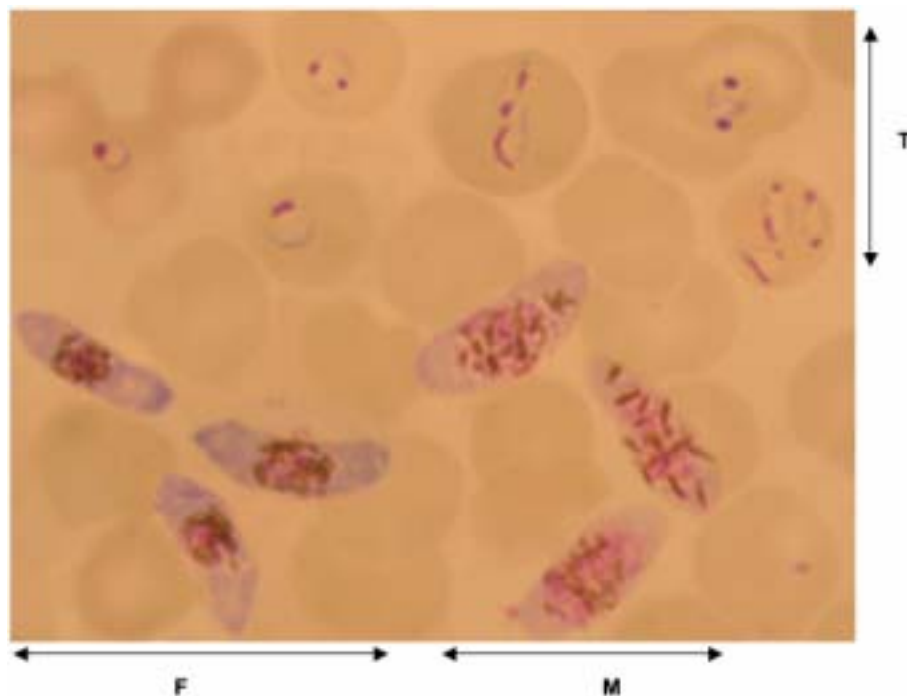


Figure 1
Mature female (F) and male (M) gametocytes and trophozoites (T) of *Plasmodium falciparum* in the blood of malaria-infected patient. This picture is a composite of several pictures originating from the same Giemsa-stained thin smear.

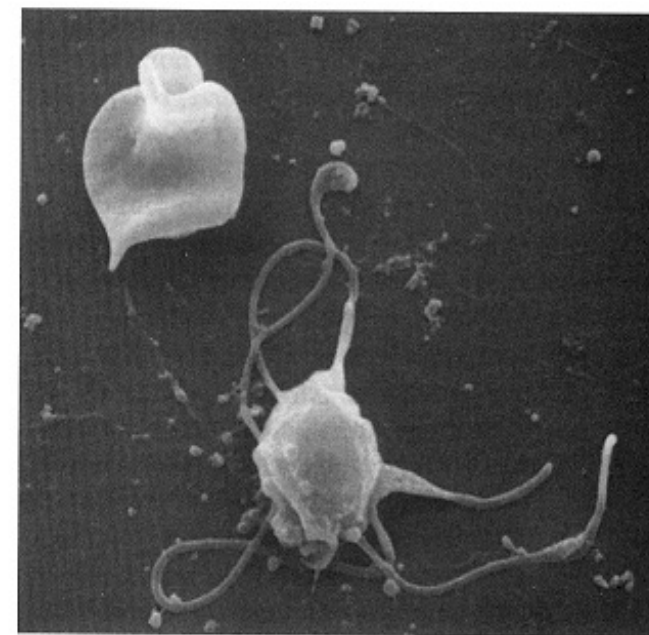
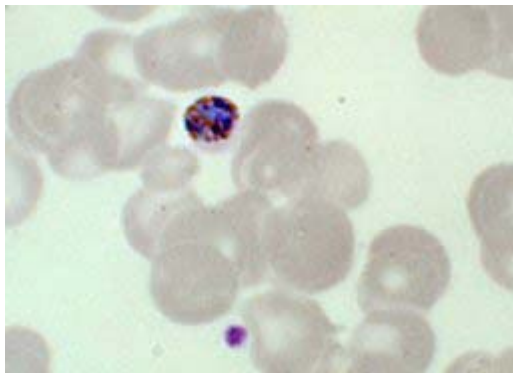


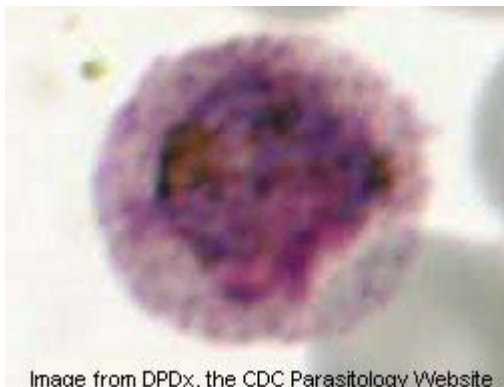
Figure 10. Scanning electron micrograph of exflagellating male gametocyte of *P. yoelii*.



Plasmodium falciparum gametocytes: *P. falciparum* gametocytes have a crescent or banana shape.



Plasmodium malariae gametocytes: *P. malariae* gametocytes have a round shape about the size of red blood cells. They have a fine granular appearance.



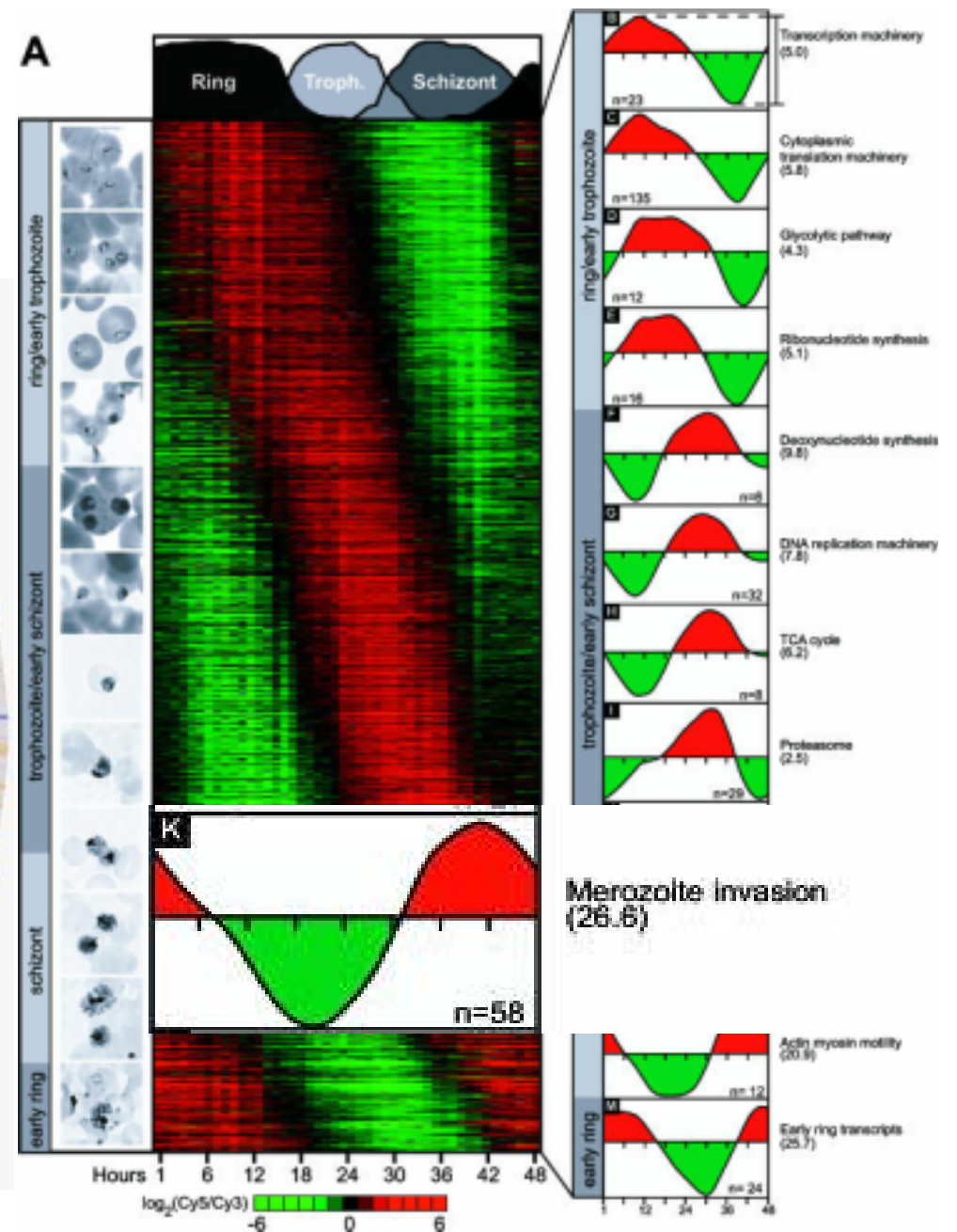
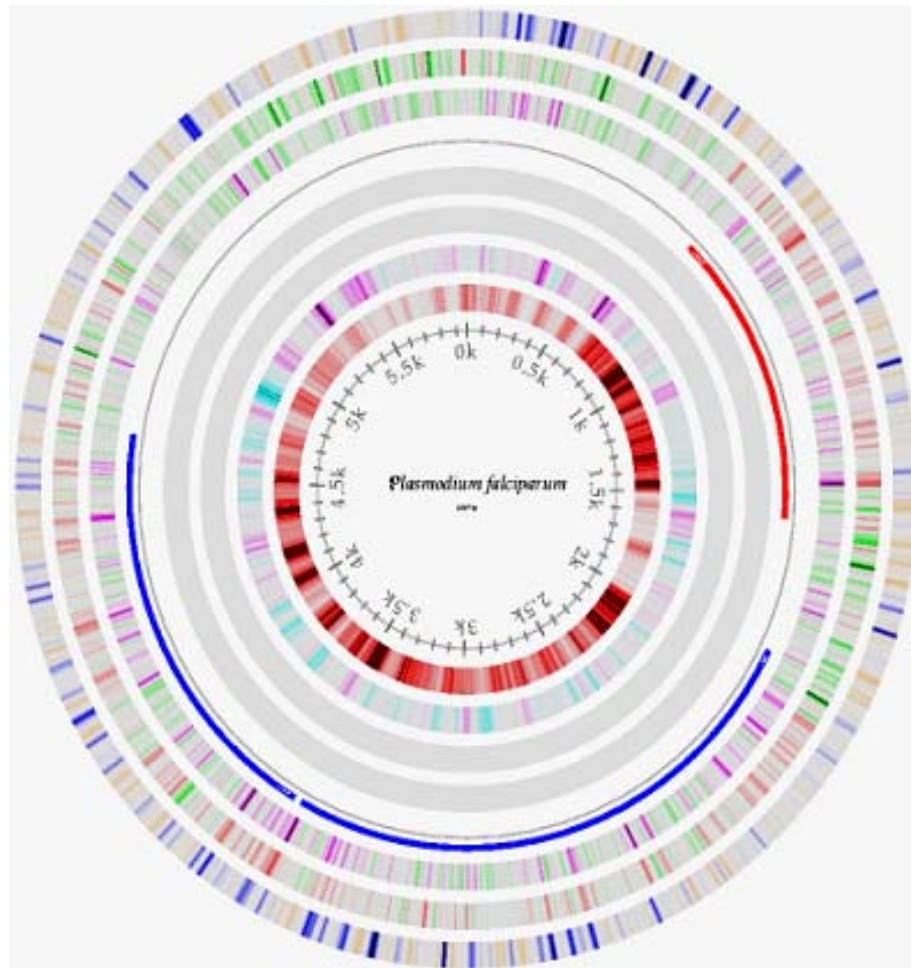
Plasmodium ovale gametocytes: these are round gametocytes which are larger than normal red blood cells. They have a granular appearance as well as Schuffner's dots.

Image from DPDx, the CDC Parasitology Website

Cuadro I
PROTEÍNAS DE GAMETOCITOS DE *PLASMODIUM VIVAX* Y *P. FALCIPARUM*

<i>Proteína</i>	<i>Especie</i>	<i>Ubicación</i>	<i>Comentario</i>
Pf11-1	Pf	Vacuola parasitófora de gametocitos	Contribuye a la ruptura del eritrocito durante la gametogénesis ⁵²
Pf16	Pf	Proteína integral de membrana de gametocitos	Contribuye al bloqueo de la transmisión, candidato a vacuna ⁵³
Pvs20	Pv	Gametocitos	Función desconocida ⁵⁴
Pvs24	Pv	Gametocitos	Función desconocida ⁵⁴
Pf25	Pf	Citoplásmica, se expresa en la superficie de gametos, cigoto y ooquinetos	Contribuye al bloqueo de la transmisión ⁵⁵
Pvs25	Pv	Gametocitos	Contribuye al bloqueo de la transmisión ⁵⁶
Pf27	Pf	En gametocitos desde etapas tempranas	Contribuye al bloqueo de la transmisión ¹
Pvs28	Pv	Gametocitos	Contribuye al bloqueo de la transmisión ⁵⁶
Pv42/37	Pv	Citoplasma de macrogametocitos	Función desconocida ⁵⁴
Pfs48/45	Pv	Citoplasma de gametocitos y en la superficie de gametos	Contribuye al bloqueo de la transmisión ¹
Alfa tubulina 50 kDa	Pv	Axonema de microgametocitos	Participa en los cambios morfológicos durante la exflagelación y en la motilidad del parásito ⁵⁷
Pvs57	Pv	Gametocitos	Función desconocida ⁵⁴
Pfs230	Pf	Superficie de gametocitos y gametos	Contribuye al bloqueo de la transmisión ⁵⁸
PfEMP-1	Pf	Gametocitos desde etapas tempranas	Contribuye a la producción de gametocitos, regulando su maduración ⁵⁹
Pf377	Pf	Macrogametocitos maduros	Función desconocida ⁶⁰
PSLAP	Pf	Gametocitos maduros	Participa en la modulación y protección contra el sistema inmune del mosquito ⁶¹

Plasmodium falciparum 3D7 genome



Hall N. et al 2002, Gardner M. J., et al 2002, Florents L. et al ., 2002.

Receptors involved in merozoite invasion

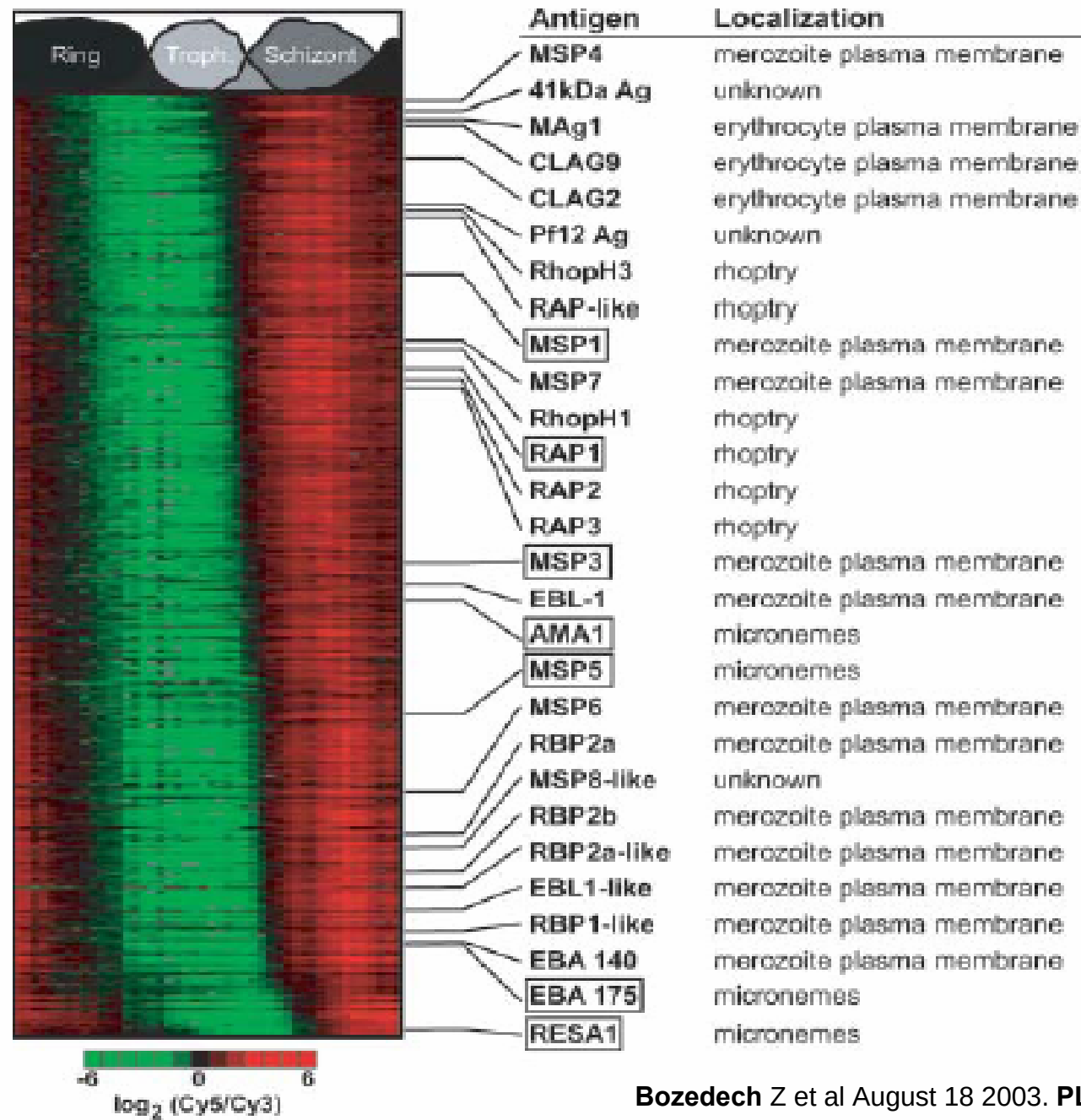


Receptors on RBCs for invasion.

- *Glycophorin A
- *Glycophorin B
- *Glycophorin C
- *Band 3
- *Receptor X
- *Receptor Y
- *Receptor Z
- *Receptor E

Receptors on endothelial cells for cytoadherence

- *ICAM1
- *ICAM2
- *PECAM1
- *VCAM1
- *E-selectin
- *TSP
- *CD31
- *CD36
- * $\alpha_v\beta_3$ Integrin
- *HS
- *BgA
- *CR1
- *IgM
- *CSA
- * Hyaluronate



High RBC binding activity peptides



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PROTEIN	C	V	Reference
MSP1	3	6	<u>Urquiza M. et al . 1996. <i>Parasite Immunology</i> . 18: 515-526</u>
RESA	2	—	<u>Vera R. et al . 2000. <i>Vaccine</i>. 18: 1289-1293</u>
SERA	6	1	<u>Puentes A. et. al . 2000. <i>Parasitology International</i>. 49: 105-117</u>
MSA2	1	2	<u>Ocampo M. et. al . <i>J. Peptide Research</i>. 55: 216-233</u>
EBA175	6	—	<u>Rodríguez L.E et. al. 2000. <i>Parasitology</i>. 120: 225-235</u>
GBP130	1	—	<u>Suárez J. et. al . 2000. <i>Mem. Inst. Oswaldo Cruz</i> . 95: 495-501</u>
HRP I, II, II	3	1	<u>López R. et al. 2000. <i>Acta Tropica</i>. 75: 349-359</u>
ABRA	5	—	<u>Curtidor H. et. al . 2001. <i>Vaccine</i>. 19: 4496-4504</u>
AMA1	4	3	<u>Urquiza M. et. al . 2001. <i>Vaccine</i>. 19: 508-513</u>
EBA140	6	—	<u>Rodríguez L.E.. et. al . 2003. <i>J. Peptide Research</i>. 62: 175-184</u>
NBP1	2	—	<u>Valbuena J. et al . 2003. <i>Peptides</i> . 24: 1007-1014</u>
MSP8	5	—	<u>Puentes A. et. al . 2003. <i>Peptides</i> .24: 1015-1023</u>
MAEBL	9	—	<u>Ocampo M. et al . 2004. <i>Biochem. Biophys. Res. Comm</i>. 315: 319-329</u>
RAP2	4	—	<u>López R. et al. 2004. <i>Biochemie</i> . 86: 1-6</u>
RBP2 Ha/Hb	9	3	<u>Ocampo M. et. al . 2004. <i>Parasitol. Int</i>. 53: 77-88</u>
RAP1	4	—	<u>Curtidor H. et. al . 2004. <i>Vaccine</i> . 22: 1054-1062</u>
EBA160	5	—	<u>Valbuena J. et al. 2004. <i>Biochem. Biophys. Res. Comm</i> . 321: 835-844</u>
CLAG3	5	—	<u>Ocampo M. et. al. 2005. <i>Proteins Science</i> . 14: 504-513</u>
EBL1	5	—	<u>Curtidor H. et. al. 2005. <i>Protein Science</i> . 14: 464-473</u>
JESEBL	5	—	<u>Vera R. et al . 2004. <i>Biochemie. In press</i></u>
STEVOR	—	3	<u>García J. et al. 2004. <i>Peptides. In press</i></u>
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SORTILIN	6	—	<u>Vera R. et al. 2004. <i>Submitted to Biochemistry</i></u>
RESA-LIKE	3	—	<u>Rodríguez L.E. et. al. 2004. <i>Submitted to J. Int. Parasitol.</i></u>
TryThrA	4	—	<u>Curtidor H. et. al. 2004. <i>Submitted to Chembiochem</i></u>
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