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List of Abbreviations

a.c.s.	Average Conservation Score
A ₂₈₀	Absorbance at 280 nm
AUC	Analytical Ultracentrifugation
BSA	Bovine Serum Albumin
C3G-BR	Cdc25H-Binding Region
C3G-IT	Cdc25H-Inhibitory Tail
CML	Chronic Myeloid Leukemia
cNBD	cyclic Nucleotide-Binding Domain
D	Diffusion coefficient
DAG	Diacylglycerol
ΔΗ	Binding enthalpy
DEP	Disheveled, Egl-10, Pleckstrin
DH	Dbl Homology
DLS	Dynamic Light Scattering
DTT	Dithiothreitol
EC50	Half maximal effective concentration
EDTA	Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid
EF1	Elongation Factor-1
GEF	Guanine nucleotide Exchange Factor
GST	Glutathione S-transferase
HCC	Hepatocellular carcinoma
HMM	Hidden Markov Model
HPLC	High-Performance Liquid Chromatography
IC50	The half maximal inhibitory concentration
IMAC	Immobilized Metal Affinity Chromatography
ITC	Isothermal Titration Calorimetry
<i>k</i> _d	Dissociation Constant
<i>k</i> _{obs}	Nucleotide dissociation rate constant from the GTPase
<i>k</i> _{off}	Dissociation rate
Kozak	Kozak consensus sequence
MALS	Multiangle light scattering
MCS	Multi-cloning site
mEGFP	Monomeric Enhanced Green Fluorescent Protein
MSA	Multiple Sequence Alignment
MW	Molecular Weight
Ν	The stoichiometry constant
NaPi	sodium phosphate buffer
NCBI	National Center for Biotechnology Information
NTD	N-Terminal Domain
OD _{600nm}	Optical density 600 nm
PD	Pull Down
PDB	Protein Data Bank

PH	Pleckstrin Homology
PIP ₂	Phosphatidylinositol biphosphate
PIP ₃	Phosphatidylinositol triphosphate
RA	Ras Association
Rbs	Ribosome binding site
REM	Ras exchange motif
R _g	Radius of gyration
RTK	Receptor tyrosine
S	Sedimentation coefficient
S _(20,w)	Corrected Sedimentation coefficient in water at 20 $^{\rm o}{\rm C}$
SEC	Size-Exclusion Chromatography
SFKs	Src Family Kinases
SH2	Src Homology 2
SH3	Src Homology 3
SH3b	SH3-binding
SNVs	Single Nucleotide Variants
SrcKD	Src Kinase Domain
TCR	T-Cell Receptor
TEV	Tobacco Etch Virus
WB	Western Blot
WCL	Whole Cell Lysates

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INTRODUCTION

1. RAS GTPase family and their GEFs

Cells within the human body must grow, divide and specialize to perform specific tasks. These processes are usually regulated by small GTPases of Ras superfamily, which integrate input signals and trigger different output responses to determine the cell fate (lwig *et al.* 2013).

Within the Ras superfamily, the Ras family comprises four main subfamilies (Ras, Rap, R-Ras and Ral proteins). GTPases of the Ras family regulate cell growth, differentiation, and survival [reviewed in (Reuther *et al.* 2000, Cherfils *et al.* 2013)]. Since the discovery of Ras as the first human oncogene (Santos *et al.* 1982), activating mutations affecting Ras have been found in 30% of all tumors. Afterwards, other GTPases were also found to contribute to the development of cancer and other diseases, such as developmental diseases [reviewed in (Simanshu *et al.* 2017)]. This reinforces the idea that GTPases must be accurately regulated.

The GTPase switch

All members of the Ras family share 30-50% of sequence identity and contain a Gdomain (~20 kDa), which is responsible for the GTP hydrolysis (Bourne *et al.* 1991). Since most of the work about the GTPase switching cycle has been described for the Ras protein (H, N and K-Ras), for the rest of the members it is described as modifications of the canonical mechanism (Wittinghofer *et al.* 2011).

A common feature of all GTPases is that they can bind the nucleotides GDP and GTP. These nucleotides bind to the G-domain with very high affinity (usually in the picomolar or nanomolar range) (Klebe *et al.* 1995, Lenzen *et al.* 1998). This is determined by the dual interaction of the guanine base of the nucleotide with a N/TKxD motif of the GTPase and the β - γ -phosphate of the nucleotide with a Mg²⁺ ion and the P-loop of the GTPase (Figure I1A and B) (Cherfils *et al.* 2013). Other regions of the GTPases, called switch 1 and switch 2 regions, also interact with the nucleotide, experimenting conformational changes between the GDP- and GTP-bound forms. Additionally, they also participate in the GTP hydrolysis. Since most of the effectors bind to the GTP-bound form of the GTPase, this is considered the active form; on the other hand, the GDP-bound form is considered the inactive form. Therefore, GTPases function as molecular switches (Figure I1C).



Figure 11. The GTPase switch. (A) Structure of inactive H-Ras bound to GDP (PDB ID: 4Q21) (Milburn *et al.* 1990). (B) Structure of active H-Ras bound to the GTP analogue GppNp (PDB ID: 5P21) (Pai *et al.* 1990). (C) The GTPase switch cycle: the exchange of GDP by GTP is catalyzed by GEFs. GAPs increase the intrinsic GTPase activity leading to GTP hydrolysis and inactivation of the GTPase. Pi, inorganic phosphate.

Ras GTPases have very low intrinsic GTPase activity, for this reason they are also called "GTP-binding proteins". In a similar manner, the exchange of the GDP and GTP nucleotides from the GTPase is also very slow (several hours). So that, GTPases need other proteins, known as guanine nucleotide exchange factors (GEFs), and GTPase activating proteins (GAPs), to catalyze both processes (Figure I1C).

GEFs are proteins that interact with the GTPase and induce the destabilization of the bound nucleotide, accelerating the speed of the dissociation reaction. In the cell, upon the binding of the GTPase to the GEFs and the release of the GDP, the more abundant nucleotide in the cytosol, GTP, binds to the GTPase, switching it to the active form. On the other hand GAPs help the GTPase to acquire the right arrangement for the GTP hydrolysis. Thus, GEFs and GAPs have opposing roles in the control of the nucleotide switch.

GEFs of the Ras family

GEFs of the Ras family contain a domain homologous to the Cdc25 gene of *S. cerevisiae* (Cdc25H). This domain is responsible for the binding to the GTPase and the destabilization of the bound nucleotide. This event has been described at the molecular level as a push-and-pull mechanism: the Cdc25H domain pulls the switch 2 region to a position close to the Mg^{2+} ion, and the Mg^{2+} is expulsed by repulsion forces. This weakens the interaction of the nucleotide with the GTPase. Simultaneously, the switch 1 region is pushed by a Cdc25H helix, allowing the release of the nucleotide from the GTPase (Cherfils *et al.* 1999, Vetter *et al.* 2001). Therefore, the Cdc25H/GTPase interaction induces the sequential release of the phosphate groups and the nucleotide base, in a first step of a complex multistep reaction that ends up with the binding of GTP (Klebe *et al.* 1995, Lenzen *et al.* 1998).

Several GEF families have been described in the Ras family, such as SOS, RasGRF, C3G, Epac, RasGRP, PDZ-GEF, PLC ϵ and RalGEF families (Figure 12). These proteins have a modular structure with several domains. A common feature of almost all members is the presence of Ras exchange motif (REM) and Cdc25H domains. The Cdc25H domain of SOS is considered a canonical Cdc25H domain. It contains two α -helices (α H- α I) with an antiparallel arrangement projected out of the Cdc25H core, which are named helical-hairpin (Boriack-Sjodin *et al.* 1998). The orientation of the helical hairpin respect the Cdc25H core is essential for the interaction with the GTPase, and, therefore, for the GEF activity (Freedman *et al.* 2006). The REM does not contact the GTPase, but establishes a close-packed interaction with the helical-hairpin of the Cdc25H domain in all GEFs of known structure. It has been demonstrated for SOS and proposed for other Cdc25H-containing GEFs that the REM domain controls the GEF activity of the Cdc25H domain by modulating the orientation of the helical hairpin (Margarit *et al.* 2003, Boykevisch *et al.* 2006, Freedman *et al.*

2006). In addition to the REM and Cdc25H, a wide variety of domains with different functions are present in particular families. The non-catalytic domains frequently participate in intermolecular or intramolecular regulatory interactions (Figure I2) (Cherfils *et al.* 2013).



Figure 12. Domain structure of GEFs of the Ras family. The catalytic region of these GEFs is characterized by a Cdc25H domain that is frequently accompanied by a REM domain. Outside the REM-Cdc25H region, these GEFs contain different types of domains that in most cases are involved in the regulation of these proteins. DH, Dbl homology domain; PH, Pleckstrin homology domain; PxxP, Proline-rich domain, which binds to SH3 domains; CC, coiled-coil; IQ, Calmodulin binding domain; PEST, domain enriched in P,E,S and T residues; NTD, N-terminal domain; RA, Ras association domain; DEP, Dishevelled, EgI-10 and Pleckstrin domain; cNBD-A/B, cyclic nucleotide binding domains; PDZ, domain shared by PSD95, DIgA and ZO-1 proteins; C1, homologous to the DAG binding domain of protein kinase C1 (PKC1); PLCY, Phospholipase C domain; C2, Conserved domain of PKC2; flagpole, β -sheet enriched domain binding to SH3 domains. Adapted from (Vigil *et al.* 2010).

Mechanisms of regulation of GEFs

Similarly to GTPases, the activity of the GEFs must be regulated in order to prevent uncontrolled signaling. Cdc25H GEFs are maintained in low GEF activity states via intramolecular interactions between catalytic and non catalytic regions that repress the GEF activity (Pufall *et al.* 2002). While this is a common feature of the mechanisms of regulation, the specific types of domains involved in the regulation, and the contacts that they establish with the catalytic region are highly specific. Here we describe the regulatory mechanisms of SOS, RasGRP1 and Epac to illustrate the diversity of the specific mechanisms and the common features.

<u>SOS</u>

SOS is a GEF for the Ras subfamily of GTPases (Wang *et al.* 1995). SOS proteins have a modular structure with a histone-fold domain, a Dbl Homology (DH)-Pleckstrin Homology (PH) domain cassette, a helical linker, a REM domain, a Cdc25H domain and a C-terminal Proline-rich region (Figure I3). The histone-fold and PH domains bind phospholipids (PIP₂, PIP₃ and phosphatidic acid). The DH domain is homologous to the catalytic domain of the Rho GTPase family and has been proposed to mediate the activation of Rac (Nimnual *et al.* 1998).

SOS has two binding sites for Ras molecules: a catalytic site and a distal site. Binding of Ras to the catalytic site (catalytic Ras) produces the release of the nucleotide from the GTPase (Boriack-Sjodin *et al.* 1998). On the other hand, the crystal structure of a SOS-Ras complex revealed a second Ras molecule bound to a distal site formed by the REM and Cdc25H domains (allosteric Ras) (Margarit *et al.* 2003). Ras-GTP binds to this site with higher affinity than Ras-GDP, and it is implicated in the activation feedback-loop of SOS through the modification of the relative position of the REM domain and the Cdc25H helical-hairpin (Margarit *et al.* 2003, Boykevisch *et al.* 2006). In the autoinhibited structure of SOS, the DH-PH tandem interacts with the REM domain and blocks the distal site for the Ras allosteric molecule; and the DH domain is inhibited by the helical linker between the PH and REM domains. The other domains (Sondermann *et al.* 2004). Therefore, in the autoinhibited state, the binding site for the catalytic Ras molecule in the Cdc25H domain is accessible, but kept in an incompetent form.

Although the first observations showed that Ras-GTP induces a moderate increase in the GEF activity of SOS in solution (Margarit *et al.* 2003), it increases over 2 orders of magnitude when the GTPase is cross-linked to artificial liposomes (Gureasko *et al.* 2008). SOS is enriched at the liposomes through its phospholipid-interacting domains. At the membrane, the high concentration of Ras molecules would be sufficient to displace the inhibition of the distal site for Ras-GTP, which would be the initial step of the activation mechanism (Findlay *et al.* 2008, Groves *et al.* 2010, Cherfils *et al.* 2013, Jun *et al.* 2013).

The activation of SOS has been proposed to be initiated with the production of Ras-GTP by other GEFs, such as RasGRP1 (Roose *et al.* 2007). Afterwards, inter-domain rearrangements would cause (i) the release of the autoinhibitory interactions, (ii) the reorientation of all the domains to bind properly to the GTPases and the phospholipids, and therefore (iii) the strengthening of the interaction with the membrane [reviewed in (Cherfils *et al.* 2013)]. In the final active form, the DH domain would be accessible to Rac, which is in agreement with the activation of Rac downstream of Ras activation. Recently it has been proposed that the Proline-rich domain could regulate the GEF activity of SOS through two mechanisms: (i) in the presence of the Proline-rich domain, SOS is recruited inefficiently to the membrane in a SH3-independent manner, which suggests that the C-terminal part of the protein could occlude the lipid-binding sites (Lee *et al.* 2017), (ii) the Rac GEF activity of the DH domain is inhibited by the Prolinerich region and it is released upon binding of the protein E3b1/Abi-1 (Scita *et al.* 1999, Innocenti *et al.* 2002).

The importance of the regulation of SOS is illustrated by several mutations that cause the Noonan syndrome. These mutations mainly affect the interfaces of the regulatory domains, while usually they do not affect catalytic regions (Lepri *et al.* 2011, El Bouchikhi *et al.* 2016).



Figure 13. Mechanism of autoinhibition and activation of SOS1. In the autoinhibited structure both the distal binding site for Ras-GTP in the REM-Cdc25H domains and the Rac binding site in the DH domain are hidden. Upon the binding of Ras-GTP to the distal site the protein acquires an active conformation, in which the Cdc25H and DH domains are catalytically competent.

RasGRP1

RasGRP1, also known as CalDAG-GEFII, contains a catalytic REM-Cdc25H tandem, an EF domain (which binds Ca²⁺), a C1 domain (which binds diacylglycerol, DAG) and a coiled-coil region (CC), responsible for the dimerization of the protein (Figure I4).

The Cdc25H domain of RasGRP1 is inhibited by direct blockage of its GTPase binding site. The EF domain binds to the Cdc25H domain and the linker between the two domains occupies the binding site for the switch 2 region of the Ras molecule (Iwig *et al.* 2013). The EF domain also blocks the binding of the C1 domain to DAG. In this manner, the EF domain has a dual function inhibiting the Cdc25H domain and the C1 domain. The activation of the protein is driven by three events: (i) the binding of one Ca²⁺ ion to the EF1 domain, which produces a conformational change of this domain leading to a rearrangement of the molecule. This rearrangement affects to the positions of the inhibitory linker and the C1 domain, which results in the exposure of the binding sites for the GTPase and DAG, respectively; (ii) the recruitment of the protein to the membrane fraction mediated by the C1/DAG interaction. Finally, (iii) the protein is maintained in a stable active conformation by phosphorylation of residue Thr184 in the linker between Cdc25H and REM domains (Vercoulen *et al.* 2017). Recently, it has

been described a regulatory His residue in the Cdc25H (Vercoulen *et al.* 2017). This residue is deprotonated when the pH increases and helps in the reorganization of the regulatory elements to acquire the active conformation. In this manner the intracellular pH has been proposed to modulate RasGRP1 signaling; for instance, it could contribute to the activation of Ras in tumoral cells in which the intracellular pH is usually higher than in normal cells (Webb *et al.* 2011, Vercoulen *et al.* 2017)



Figure 14. Mechanism of autoinhibition and activation of RasGRP1. In the autoinhibited state, the GTPase-binding site in the Cdc25H domain is blocked by the linker between the Cdc25H and EF domains. Upon binding of Ca^{2+} to the EF domain, the autoinhibition of the Cdc25H is released. The protein is recruited to the membrane via C1/DAG interactions. Representations are based in the 3D structures, PDB ID: 4L9M, 4L9U and 2MA2.

<u>Epac</u>

Epac proteins are GEFs for Rap1 and Rap2 GTPases. There are two Epac isoforms, Epac1 and Epac2, which differs by the presence of a N-terminal regulatory domain (cyclic nucleotide binding domain A; cNBD-A) in Epac2. The larger isoform, Epac2, contains a cNBD-A domain, a DEP (disheveled, Egl-10, pleckstrin) domain, a cNBD-B domain, a REM domain, a RA (Ras association) domain and a Cdc25H domain. The cNBD domains interact with cAMP (the cNBD-B interacts with higher affinity than the cNBD-A), the DEP domain interacts with lipids and the RA domain is an effector domain for Ras-GTP (Figure I5).

The structure of Epac2 in autoinhibited state shows extensive contacts between the cNBD-A and -B domains. Additionally, the DEP domain interacts with the Cdc25H

domain in a surface not shared with the GTPase binding site (Rehmann *et al.* 2003, Rehmann *et al.* 2006). In this conformation, the binding site for Rap GTPase is sterically occluded, but the conformation of the helical-hairpin is similar to that of other competent Cdc25H domains, suggesting that the inhibition is only mediated by steric hindrance.

Epac proteins are activated by the second messenger cAMP (de Rooij *et al.* 1998), which binds to the interfacial site formed by the cNBD-B and REM domains (Rehmann *et al.* 2006). This produces a three-dimensional reorganization of the regulatory domains, which ends up with the exposure of the GTPase binding site. Additionally, the binding of Ras-GTP to the RA domain would contribute to the activation by recruiting the protein to the membrane (Figure I5).

In summary, the catalytic activities of SOS, RasGRP1 and Epac are regulated by intramolecular inhibitory interactions, which involve non catalytic domains. However, their molecular mechanisms of autoinhibition are not conserved.



Figure 15. Mechanism of autoinhibition and activation of Epac2. In the autoinhibited structure the GTPase-binding site in the Cdc25H domain is blocked by the arrangement of the domains cNBD-B, DEP and cNBD-A. Binding of cAMP to the cNBD-B induces a conformational change that exposes the GTPase binding site of the Cdc25H domain.

2. C3G

C3G (Crk SH3 domain-binding guanine nucleotide exchange factor also known as RapGEF1) was first identified as a ubiquitously expressed Crk and Grb2 SH3-binding protein (Tanaka *et al.* 1994). Then, its GEF activity for the GTPases Rap1, Rap2, R-Ras, TC21 and TC10 was described (Gotoh *et al.* 1995, Gotoh *et al.* 1997). However, only the specificity for Rap1 has been corroborated *in vitro* (van den Berghe *et al.* 1997, Popovic *et al.* 2013).

Primary structure and interactions

Human C3G (NCBI: NM_005312) is a 1077-residue protein that has a modular structure consisting of three structurally and functionally different regions (Figure I6):

(i) The N-terminal domain (residues 4-245; hereafter NTD) of C3G has no-homology to other domains. A previous work from our lab had demonstrated that the NTD of C3G has a α -helical rich sequence (residues 90-245), predicted to contain 4 α -helices that might form a helical bundle (Gómez-Hernández 2014). Within the NTD, the segment 144-230 interacts with E-cadherin and this interaction is relevant for the engagement of the adherens junctions (Hogan *et al.* 2004, Asuri *et al.* 2008). Previously, we found that the NTD binds to the REM domain intramolecularly, and this interaction was proposed to participate in the regulation of the GEF activity (Gómez-Hernández 2014). Finally, the most N-terminal segment (residues 4-64) is rich in basic residues (pI = 9.9) and interacts with anionic lipids (Gómez-Hernández 2014), a feature also described in other GEFs (Cherfils *et al.* 2013, Karandur *et al.* 2017).

(ii) The central region of C3G or SH3-binding domain (residues 246-670, hereafter SH3b) is mainly involved in protein-protein interactions. It is predicted to be intrinsically disordered and contains 5 Proline-rich motifs (residues 265-276, 282-291, 452-562, 539-549 and 607-614; named P0-P4 motifs) that interact with SH3-domain containing proteins. Crk proteins were the first characterized binding partners of the SH3b region; they bind directly to P1-P4 motifs with high affinity ($k_d = 2-4 \mu$ M) through its N-terminal SH3 domain (SH3N) (Knudsen *et al.* 1994). The specificity and directionality of this interaction is controlled by the presence of a final Lys residue in the Proline-rich motifs (<u>PPXLPXK</u>) (Wu *et al.* 1995). On the other hand, the P0 motif binds directly to the SH3

domain of p130Cas (Kirsch *et al.* 1998). Other SH3 domain-containing proteins have been identified to bind to the C3G SH3b domain, such as Grb2 (Tanaka *et al.* 1994), Hck (Shivakrupa *et al.* 2003) and c-Abl (Radha *et al.* 2007), as well as Bcr-Abl oncoprotein (Gutierrez-Berzal *et al.* 2006). Finally, other proteins lacking SH3 domains have been found to associate to the SH3b, such as Actin (Martin-Encabo *et al.* 2007), the specific T-cell phosphatase TC-PTP (Mitra *et al.* 2011) and β -catenin (Dayma *et al.* 2012), although their direct binding have not been proved. The SH3b domain also harbors the residue Tyr504, whose phosphorylation is important for C3G activation (Ichiba *et al.* 1999).

(iii) The C-terminal region, also known as catalytic region, consists of a REM and Cdc25H domains, this last being responsible for the binding to the GTPase and the destabilization of the bound nucleotide (see before).



Figure I6. C3G primary structure. The different domains composing C3G and their interactions with binding partners are indicated.

C3G isoforms and tissue expression

Several isoforms of C3G have been described in different tissues and species (Figure I7). Variants arise from the alternative splicing of the RNA from a single locus, which in human correspond to *RAPGEF1* gene (Radha *et al.* 2011). Three isoforms have been described in humans: a, b, and p87C3G. The first three residues of C3G-a are substituted by a 21-residue segment in C3G-b. Isoforms a and b results in proteins weighting ~140 kDa (~7.5 kb transcript, p140-C3G). The p87 isoform arises from a ~4.5 kb transcript present in chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) cell lines (Gutierrez-

Berzal *et al.* 2006). It has been proposed that p87C3G might participate in the development of the disease (Maia *et al.* 2009, Maia *et al.* 2013).

Another two isoforms, containing an insertion variable in length (~50-170 residues) immediately after the P4 motif, has been found in mouse and rat, brain and testis (Shivakrupa *et al.* 1999, Kawai *et al.* 2001). A third isoform, lacking a 38-residue segment in the NTD has been described in mouse (Zhai *et al.* 2001). Yet, the specific functions associated to them have not been studied.

In summary, despite the expression of C3G is ubiquitous, some variants are associated with specific tissues, which suggests that the alternative splicing of C3G RNA could confer specific functional properties.



Figure 17. C3G isoforms. Schematic representation of C3G isoforms in human, mouse and rat. Reference sequences are reported below: human isoform a (NM_005312.3), isoform b (NM_198679.1, NM_001304275.1), p87C3G (Gutierrez-Berzal *et al.* 2006); mouse isoform 3 (NM_054050.2), 1 (NM_001039087.1), 2 (NM_001039086.1) and 4 (NM_001362702.1); and rat isoform C3G-1 and -2 (Shivakrupa *et al.* 1999), and C3G-3 (UniProt ID: F1M8L9_RAT).

C3G functions

C3G, through its GEF-dependent and independent role in signaling, participates in the regulation of multiple cellular functions, such as actin remodeling, filopodia formation, cell junction integrity, adhesion, migration, proliferation, differentiation, suppression of malignant transformation, apoptosis and cell survival [reviewed in (Radha *et al.* 2011)].

Regulation of cell adhesion

Rap GTPases are essential regulators of cell adhesion [reviewed in (Bos 2018)]. C3G knockout mice die before embryonic day 7.5, which suggest that C3G-function can not be compensated by other Rap1 GEFs in early developmental stages (Ohba *et al.* 2001). This phenotype is probably due to defects in cell-cell adhesion, since embryonic fibroblasts (MEFs) derived from these mice display reduced adhesion and increased migration.

C3G participates in the formation of adherens junctions (AJs) (Ohba *et al.* 2001, Hogan *et al.* 2004, Bos 2005, Fukuyama *et al.* 2005, Asuri *et al.* 2008). Particularly, C3G localizes at the AJs and activates Rap1 in the initial stages of the formation of adhesions, a process mediated by their interaction with E-cadherin (Hogan *et al.* 2004). Since C3G competes with β -catenin for the binding to the E-cadherin, β -catenin would substitute C3G in the mature junctions. On the other hand, an interaction between the SH3b domain of C3G and the armadillo repeats of β -catenin has been described and overexpression of β -catenin negatively regulates C3G expression (Dayma *et al.* 2012). Additionally, further research has shown that C3G associates with p130Cas in response to cell adhesion (de Jong *et al.* 1998), and activates Rap1 GTPase in response to stretching (Sawada *et al.* 2001, Tamada *et al.* 2004).

Role in haematopoietic cells

Rap1 is a critical regulator of the activation of integrins upon TCR ligation in T-cells (Sebzda *et al.* 2002, Duchniewicz *et al.* 2006). C3G-dependent Rap1 activation participates in the "inside-out" clustering and activation of integrins, such as LFA1, in response to TCR activation. This process is mediated by the WAVE2 complex, which

orchestrates the recruitment to the membrane of the CrkL-C3G complex, and the Abldependent phosphorylation of C3G (Nolz *et al.* 2008). Additionally, C3G has been proposed to participate in the B-cell receptor-induced signaling (Smit *et al.* 1996).

Among all Rap family proteins, Rap1b is expressed at higher levels in mature megakaryocytes and platelets (Torti *et al.* 1994). Rap1b is a key regulator of the activation of platelets through the modulation of the secretion of platelet granules and the activation of platelet integrin α IIb β 3, in a process mediated by the interaction with Rap1 interacting adaptor molecule (RIAM), talin and kindlin (Lafuente *et al.* 2004, Gingras *et al.* 2019).

The more abundant GEF for Rap1 in platelets is CalDAG-GEFI, which mediates the Ca²⁺-dependent activation (Stefanini *et al.* 2009). Our group has described that C3G participates in a Ca²⁺ independent activation of Rap1, suggesting that both proteins complement the regulation of platelet physiology (Gutierrez-Herrero *et al.* 2012, Gutierrez-Herrero 2018). Overexpression of C3G in platelets favors platelet–induced angiogenesis and tumor metastasis (Martin-Granado *et al.* 2017). Additionally, C3G plays a role in the differentiation of megakaryocytes (Ortiz-Rivero 2017).

C3G pathological functions

<u>Cancer</u>

The role of Rap1 in the development of cancer is controversial. Active Rap1 has been found to inhibit invasion and metastasis in lung, bladder and brain cancer. On the other hand, it promotes the development of the disease in melanoma, leukemia, head and neck squamous cell carcinoma (HNSCC), breast cancer, esophageal squamous cell carcinoma, non-small cell lung carcinoma and pancreatic carcinoma [reviewed in (Zhang *et al.* 2017)].

Similar to Rap1, the role of C3G in the development of cancer is also controversial. Studies have shown that C3G contributes to the transformation mediated by v-Crk oncogenes and the RET-PTC genetic rearrangements (Tanaka *et al.* 1997, De Falco *et al.* 2007). On the other hand, C3G was found to down-regulate the transformation induced by Ras, Sis, R-Ras and Dbl oncogenes, and this function only required the

SH3b domain (Guerrero *et al.* 1998, Guerrero *et al.* 2004). Recently, it has been shown that transgenic expression of C3G in platelets increases the metastatic properties of mouse melanoma cells (Martin-Granado *et al.* 2017), and that C3G knock-down exacerbates the migratory and invasive properties of MEFs and HCT116 cells through the activation of p38 α (Priego *et al.* 2016). Additionally, C3G levels are upregulated in hepatocellular carcinoma and lung cancer cell lines [reviewed in (Radha *et al.* 2011, Sequera *et al.* 2018)].

C3G was proposed to be a potential oncogene in the B-cell line Ba/F3. Using a highthroughput screening, in which the random insertion of the *sleeping beauty* transposon was used to test the ability of Ba/F3 cells to grow in an IL3-independent manner, recurrent transposon insertions were found in *RAPGEF1* gene (Guo *et al.* 2016). Depending on the position of the gene in which the transposon is inserted, it can result in a (i) gain-of-function effect, by enhancing the expression of the gene under the strong promoter of the transposon; or (ii) a loss-of-function effect, by producing a truncated form of the protein. Yet the causal association of C3G with the development of leukaemia has not been proved. It was described that active Rap1 promotes the development of leukaemia. Notably, the p87C3G isoform is directly downstream the Bcr-Abl oncogene in CML cells (Gutierrez-Berzal *et al.* 2006, Maia *et al.* 2013), and down-regulation of C3G expression has been detected in chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (Fernandez *et al.* 2008). In conclusion, it is likely that C3G plays protumorigenic and anti-tumorigenic roles in different scenarios.

Participation in the liver physiopathology

Rap proteins are important regulators of liver physiology [reviewed in (Sequera *et al.* 2018)]. For instance, Rap2B promotes the development and progression of hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) (Zhang *et al.* 2017), while Rap1 could have a dual role (Cruise *et al.* 1997). Rap activation by Epac1 produces pro-survival signals in liver cells (Gates *et al.* 2009). On the other hand, the liver specific Epac isoform Epac2C, which lacks the first cNBD-A and DEP domains, has been described to promote fibrosis in a model of alcoholic liver fibrosis (Ueno *et al.* 2001, Yang *et al.* 2016). The short isoform p87C3G is expressed in the liver of mice at embryonic day 13.5. The precise functions of C3G in the liver are unknown; yet, the expression levels of C3G are higher in non-metastatic HCC and are reduced during metastasis. In addition, several single nucleotide coding variants (SNVs), affecting the *RAPGEF1* gene correlate with lower survival of HCC patients (Sequera *et al.* 2018).

Other diseases

Although in other GEFs of Ras family, such as SOS, single mutations have been associated with the development of diseases (e.g. Noonan syndrome), no coding-SNVs have been linked to the *RAPGEF1* gene to date. However, different non-coding SNVs in the *RAPGEF1* locus, probably affecting protein expression, have been associated to both high risk and low risk Type 2 diabetes (Gaulton *et al.* 2008, Hong *et al.* 2009). On the other hand, a C3G hypomorphic mutant mouse model, expressing less than 5% of the protein, showed defects in neural migration and glial attachment during development, which resembles lissencephaly disease in humans (Voss *et al.* 2008).

Adaptor proteins

Several SH3-containing proteins have been described to bind to C3G to date (see before). Among all of them, Crk proteins bind to C3G with high affinity and perform the adaptor function in the majority of the processes (Radha *et al.* 2011).

The human Crk family of adaptor proteins is formed by three members (CrkI, CrkII and CrkL) arising from two independent *loci* (*CRK* and *CRKL*) (Matsuda *et al.* 1992, ten Hoeve *et al.* 1993, Birge *et al.* 2009). They are composed of three domains (Figure I8A). (i) A N-terminal Src homology-2 (SH2) domain that binds pTyr consensus sequences (pYXXP); (ii) a central SH-3 (SH3N) domain that binds Proline-rich motifs with the consensus sequence <u>PPXXPXK/R</u>; and (iii) a C-terminal SH3 (SH3C) domain that lacks Proline-rich motif-binding ability (Kobashigawa *et al.* 2012). The adaptor function is performed by recruiting effector proteins such as C3G (binding them via their SH3N domain), to scaffolding proteins on the membrane, such as p130Cas or receptor tyrosine kinases (binding them via SH2-pTyr interactions).

CrkI and CrkII result from the alternative splicing of the *CRK* gene RNA, and differ from each other by the presence at the C-terminal end of CrkII of an additional SH3 domain (CrkI: SH2-SH3N; CrkII: SH2-SH3N-SH3C) (Figure I8B). CrkL is encoded by a different gene (*CRKL*) and shares 56% of protein sequence identity with CrkII (Kobashigawa *et al.* 2012).
Despite the similarities in primary structure, Crk proteins differ largely in their 3D interdomain arrangement [reviewed in (Kobashigawa *et al.* 2012)]. The SH2-SH3N domains of CrkI do not form a compact structure, and the binding sites for pTyr and Proline-rich motifs are accessible. However, in CrkII the C-terminal region stabilizes a compact conformation of the SH2-SH3N domains in which the binding site of the SH3N is blocked (Kobashigawa *et al.* 2007). On the other hand, the SH2-SH3N domains of CrkL form a compact structure stabilized by hydrophilic interactions between the two domains, which blocks the pTyr-binding site of the SH2 domain (Jankowski *et al.* 2012). In summary, CrkL and CrkII differ in the relative orientation of their domains and in the accessibility to bind to pTyr or Proline-rich motifs (Figures I8B and C).

CrkII and CrkL are regulated via phosphorylation by the Abl kinase at Tyr221 in CrkII and Tyr207 in CrkL (de Jong *et al.* 1997, Kobashigawa *et al.* 2007, Peterson *et al.* 2008) ; these two Tyr residues occupy an equivalent position in the linker that connects the SH3N and SH3C domains. Upon phosphorylation of CrkII-Tyr221 or CrkL-Tyr207 they bind to their companion SH2 domains in an intramolecular manner. Yet, these interactions have quite distinct effects in CrkII and CrkL. In phospho-CrkII (pCrkII) the SH3N-SH3C linker blocks the Proline-rich-binding site of the SH3N domain. In contrast, the interaction between the SH2 and pTyr207 in pCrkL does not block the SH3N binding site, which remains available for binding to Prolin-rich ligands. In conclusion, the phosphorylation of CrkII by Abl kinase results in the inhibition of SH2-and SH3-dependent bindings, while the phosphorylation of CrkL only compromises the SH2-dependent binding. In both cases, the phosphorylation of Crk results in the detachment of the protein from pTyr motifs, which eventually causes the translocation of the protein to the cytosol.



Figure I8. Structure and regulation of Crk proteins. (A) Domain structure and sequence identity of Crk proteins. The Tyr-phosphorylation sites in CrkII and CrkL and the isomerization site Gly219-Pro220, for CrkII are highlighted. Adapted from (Kobashigawa *et al.* 2012). **(B)** Domain arrangement of the proteins CrkI, CrkII and pCrkII. **(C)** Domain arrangement of CrkL and pCrkL. The relative positions of the domains are based in the NMR structures of CrkI (PDB ID: 2EYY), CrkII (PDB ID: 2EYZ), CrkL (PDB ID: 2LQN), pCrkII (PDB ID: 2DVJ) and pCrkL (PDB ID: 2LQW) (Kobashigawa *et al.* 2007, Jankowski *et al.* 2012).

CrkII is also regulated by the *cis-trans* isomerization of a Proline switch (Gly237-Pro238 in chicken CrkII and Gly219-Pro220 in human) in the linker connecting the SH3N and SH3C domains (Sarkar *et al.* 2007, Isakov 2008, Sarkar *et al.* 2011, Schmidpeter *et al.* 2014, Saleh *et al.* 2016). The CrkII *cis*-isomer adopts a closed conformation in which the binding site of the SH3N domain is blocked by the SH3C domain, hence it is considered inactive. The CrkII *trans*-isomer adopts an open conformation in which the SH3 domain is competent for the binding to Proline-rich motifs. The cycling between the *cis*- to *trans*- isomers happens very slowly and is reversibly catalyzed by peptidyl-prolyl cis-trans isomerases (PPlases), such as the cyclophilin A (CypA) and FK506 immunophilins. The expression of these proteins enhances CrkII-C3G association in T-cells, illustrating the functional relevance of this mechanism (Nath *et al.* 2014, Braiman *et al.* 2015). However, since the Gly-Pro220 is close to the regulatory Tyr221 in human CrkII, it has been proposed that this effect is mediated by the steric inhibition of the phosphorylation when the PPlases are bound to CrkII (Saleh *et al.* 2016).

Regulation and activation of C3G

At the cellular level, the C3G-Rap1 pathway is activated upon several stimuli, such as T-cell receptor (TCR) ligation (Medeiros *et al.* 2005, Nolz *et al.* 2008), hepatocyte growth factor (HGF) (Sakkab *et al.* 2000), growth Hormone (GH) (Ling *et al.* 2003), platelet-derived growth factor (PDGF) (Yokote *et al.* 1998), epidermal growth factor (EGF) and insulin (Okada *et al.* 1997), neuronal growth factor (NGF) (York *et al.* 1998), interferon- γ (Alsayed *et al.* 2000), erythropoietin (EPO) and Interleukin-3 (Nosaka *et al.* 1999, Arai *et al.* 2001), as well as adhesion signals through the activation of integrins (Arai *et al.* 1999, Buensuceso *et al.* 2000).

Very little is known about the mechanism of regulation of C3G at the molecular level. The removal of the first half of the molecule (residues 1-579) results in the activation of Rap1 in cell cultures (Ichiba *et al.* 1999). In this regard, an intramolecular interaction between the NTD and REM domains was described in our lab and we hypothesized that it could negatively regulate C3G GEF activity (Gómez-Hernández 2014). However, another work suggested that a construct lacking the first 544 residues remains inhibited (Popovic 2013). Noteworthy, the structures of the isolated domains and their arrangement in the autoinhibited protein are not known to date.

A constitutive association of the Crk-C3G complex in the cytosol has been described (Okada *et al.* 1998, Buensuceso *et al.* 2000). It is accepted that C3G activation occurs through (i) the translocation of the CrkL-C3G complex to the membrane, where it interacts with Rap1 (Ichiba *et al.* 1997), and (ii) the phosphorylation of C3G in Tyr residues (Figure I9) (Ichiba *et al.* 1999, Shivakrupa *et al.* 2003, Radha *et al.* 2004, Mitra *et al.* 2011). There is evidence supporting that Crk proteins can activate directly

the GEF activity of C3G (Ichiba *et al.* 1999, Popovic 2013). Several kinases are described to phosphorylate C3G, such as the Src family kinases (SFK) Src and Hck (Shivakrupa *et al.* 2003, Radha *et al.* 2004), or c-Abl (Gutierrez-Berzal *et al.* 2006, Mitra *et al.* 2011). The phosphorylation of Y504 in the SH3b residue is essential for the CrkL-dependent C3G activation in cells (Ichiba *et al.* 1999), and it is commonly used as a reporter of the activation state of the protein.



Figure 19. Current general model of C3G activation in cells. (1) Crk-C3G complex is constitutive in the cytosol. (2) Upon stimulation (e.g. Receptor Tyrosin kinase (RTK) activation, TCR ligation, or Integrin activation), the complex is recruited to the membrane via Crk SH2 binding to pTyr residues of scaffolding proteins (e.g. p130Cas, CasL or ZAP-70). (3) Then, C3G is activated by phosphorylation in Tyr residues by Src family kinases (SFKs) or Abl kinase, promoting Rap1 activation on the membrane.

Summary

Several C3G, GEF-dependent and independent, functions have been described to date. Yet, the structural organization of the protein, and the underlying mechanisms of autoinhibition and activation remain unknown.

This work provides the first systematic characterization of the mechanisms of autoregulation of C3G, including the precise identification of both, inhibitory and positive-regulatory interactions, involving regions out of the catalytic domains. Residues important for these interactions have been mapped, which, in some cases are affected by singe nucleotide variants (SNVs) found in cancer patients. Therefore this work could be the first to link the mechanisms of autoregulation of C3G with the development of this disease. We also present a comprehensive analysis of the effects of CrkL binding and phosphorylation status on C3G activation. Collectively, this work sheds light on how C3G is inhibited and responds to different stimuli when getting activated.

OBJECTIVES

The overall scope of this work is to understand the mechanisms of autoregulation and activation of C3G and to explore potential alterations linked to diseases. To achieve this goal, we have addressed the following specific objectives:

1. To identify and characterize intramolecular interactions that regulate both positively and negatively the GEF activity of C3G.

2. To understand the effect of the binding of Crk adaptor proteins to C3G and tyrosinephosphorylation of C3G on the mechanisms of autoregulation, i.e. over its GEF activity.

3. To characterize in detail and quantitatively the interaction of the adaptor protein CrkL with C3G at multiple sites.

METHODS

1. cDNA

The reference sequences in NCBI and UniProt databases for the proteins used in this work are listed in Table M1. The cDNA of C3G corresponds to the sequence NCBI ID: NM_005312 with minor differences: (i) a polymorphism in position 281 (S281G), (ii) the start of our sequence is slightly different and includes 5 additional amino acids (MSGKIEKA instead of MDT in the NCBI sequence). Accordingly, all constructs begin in residue number four of the canonical sequence, which is the first common residue between both sequences.

Table M1. cDNAs use	Fable M1. cDNAs used in this work											
Protein (Gene)	NCBI ID	UniProt ID	Provided by									
C3G (RAPGEF1)	NM_005312	Q13905	Our laboratory									
CrkL (<i>CRKL</i>)	NM_005207.3	P46109	Our laboratory									
Crkll (CRK)	NM_016823.3	P46108	Our laboratory									
Rap1b (<i>RAP1B</i>)	NM_015646.5	P61224	Our laboratory									
c-Src (SRC)	NM_005417.3	P12931	Dr. Robert Lefkowitz, Addgene #42202									
BirA (birA)	NC_002695.1	A0A069FJV6	Dr. Alice Ting, Addgene #20857									
YopH (<i>yopH</i>)	NC_004564.1	O68720	Dr. Andrés Alonso									

2. Constructs overview

The full list of constructs used in this work is summarized in Tables M2-M4 (M2 and M3 contains bacterial expression constructs; M4 contains mammalian expression constructs). They include information about the names, boundaries, characteristics of the construct, type of vector, restriction enzymes used to clone and the use of the constructs.

Name	Limits	Description	Vector	Sites	Purpose
GST-C3G-His (WT & mutants)	4-1077	Full-length	pGEX-2xTEV-cHis	Ncol/Xhol	SEC-MALS/ AUC / NEK / ITC
His-C3G	4-1077	Full-length	pETEV15b-Ncol	Ncol/BamHI	Purification test
GST-C3G	4-1077	Full-length	pGEX-TEV	Ncol/BamHI	Purification test
C3G-His	4-1077	Full-length	pETEV22b-x2	Ncol/Xhol	Purification test
His-Halo-C3G	4-1077	Full-length	pETEV15b-Halo	Ndel/BamHI	Purification test
C3G-PAAA	4-1077	Full-length PAAA	pGEX-2xTEV-cHis	Ncol/Xhol	PD / NEK / ITC
C3G-APAA	4-1077	Full-length APAA	pGEX-2xTEV-cHis	Ncol/Xhol	PD / NEK / ITC
C3G-AAPA	4-1077	Full-length AAPA	pGEX-2xTEV-cHis	Ncol/Xhol	PD / NEK / ITC
C3G-AAAP	4-1077	Full-length AAAP	pGEX-2xTEV-cHis	Ncol/Xhol	PD / NEK / ITC
C3G-ANTD	246-1077	P0-P4-REM-Cdc25H	pGEX-2xTEV-cHis	Ncol/Xhol	NEK
GST-454-1077-His	454-1077	P3-P4-REM-Cdc25H	pGEX-2xTEV-cHis	Ndel/Xhol	NEK
GST-530-1077-His	530-1077	P3-P4-REM-Cdc25H	pGEX-2xTEV-cHis	Ndel/Xhol	NEK
GST-602-1077-His	602-1077	P4-REM-Cdc25H	pGEX-2xTEV-cHis	Ndel/Xhol	SEC, Aggregated
His-REM-Cdc25H	670-1077	REM-Cdc25H	pETEV15b-Ncol	Ncol/BamHI	Not soluble
His-Cdc25H (WT & Mutants)	815-1077	Cdc25H	pETEV15b-Ncol	Ncol/BamHI	NEK / PD
GST-SH3b	274-646	P1-P4	pGEX-TEV	Nco/BamHI	PD / NEK
GST-274-578	274-578	P1-P3	pGEX-TEV	Nco/BamHI	PD
GST-274-500	274-500	P1-P2	pGEX-TEV	Nco/BamHI	PD / NEK
GST-274-371	274-371	P1	pGEX-TEV	Nco/BamHI	PD / NEK
GST-372-646	372-646	P2-P4	pGEX-TEV	Nco/BamHI	PD / NEK
GST-501-646	501-646	P3-P4	pGEX-TEV	Nco/BamHI	PD / NEK
GST-537-646 WT & Mutants	537-646	P3-P4	pGEX-TEV	Ndel/BamHI	PD / NEK
His-537-646	537-646	P3-P4	pETEV15b	Ndel/BamHI	NEK
GST-537-646-P4A	537-646	P3-P4A	pGEX-TEV	Ndel/BamHI	PD / NEK
GST-579-646	579-646	P4	pGEX-TEV	Nco/BamHI	PD / NEK
GST-501-578	501-578	P3	pGEX-TEV	Nco/BamHI	PD / NEK
GST-501-536	501-536	Upstream P3	pGEX-TEV	Nco/BamHI	PD
GST-537-588	537-588	P3	pGEX-TEV	Ndel/BamHI	PD / NEK
GST-537-578	537-578	P3	pGEX-TEV	Ndel/BamHI	PD / NEK
GST-537-569	537-569	P3	pGEX-TEV	Ndel/BamHI	PD / NEK
GST-537-560	537-560	P3	pGEX-TEV	Ndel/BamHI	PD / NEK
GST-545-646	545-646	Downstream P3 + P4	pGEX-TEV	Ndel/BamHI	PD / NEK
GST-545-646-P4A	545-646	Downstream P3 + P4A	pGEX-TEV	Ndel/BamHI	PD / NEK
GST-545-569	545-569	Downstream P3	pGEX-TEV	Ndel/BamHI	PD / NEK
GST-545-560	545-560	Downstream P3	pGEX-TEV	Ndel/BamHI	PD

NTD, N-terminal domain; SEC-MALS, size exclusion chromatography coupled to multiangle light scattering; AUC, Analytical ultracentrifugation; NEK, Nucleotide exchange kinetics; PD, Pull down; ITC, Isothermal titration calorimetry.

Та	able M3. CrkL, CrkII, Rap1b and Src bacterial expression constructs											
	Name	Limits	Description	Vector	Sites	Purpose						
	His-CrkL	1-303	Full-length	pETEV15b	Ncol/BgIII	PD / ITC / NEK / SEC-MALS / AUC						
	CrkL-Avi	1-303	Full-length	pETEV15b-Avi	Ndel/BgIII	PD						
	His-CrkL-SH2-SH3N	1-182	SH2-SH3N	pETEV15b	Ndel/BamHI	PD / ITC / NEK						
	His-CrkL-SH3N-SH3C	125-303	SH3N-SH3C	pETEV15b	Ndel/BgIII	PD / ITC / NEK						
	His-CrkL-SH3N	125-182	SH3N	pETEV15b	Ndel/BamHI	PD / ITC / NEK						
	His-CrkII	1-304	Full-length	pETEV15b	Ndel/BamHI	PD / ITC / NEK						
	His-Rap1b	1-167	G-domain	pETEV15b	Ndel/BamHI	NEK						
	His-c-SrcKD / YopH	254-536 / -	Kinase domain / Phosphatase domain	pETDUET-HisTEV	EcoRI/HindIII	Phosphorylation						

SrcKD, Src kinase domain; SEC-MALS, size exclusion chromatography coupled to multiangle light scattering; AUC, Analytical ultracentrifugation; NEK, Nucleotide exchange kinetics; PD, Pull down; ITC, isothermal titration calorimetry.

Name	Limits	Description	Vector	Sites	Purpose
C3G-mEGFP WT & mutants	4-1077	Full-length	pEF1-mEGFP	BgIII/NotI	Rap Act.
C3G -mEGFP-CAAX	4-1077	Full length + K-Ras CAAX box	pEF1-mEGFP	BgIII/NotI	Rap Act.
REM-Cdc25H-mEGFP	670-1077	REM-Cdc25H	pEF1-mEGFP	BgIII/NotI	PD
REM-mEGFP	670-814	REM	pEF1-mEGFP	BgIII/NotI	PD
Cdc25H-mEGFP	815-1077	Cdc25H	pEF1-mEGFP	BgIII/NotI	PD
HA-REM-Cdc25H	670-1077	REM-Cdc25H	pCEFHA	BgIII/NotI	PD
HA-REM	670-814	REM	pCEFHA	BgIII/NotI	PD
HA-Cdc25H	815-1077	Cdc25H	pCEFHA	BgIII/NotI	PD
CrkL-HA	1-303	Full length	pcDNA3-HA	-	Rap Act.

3. Vectors and cloning

All constructs were generated by amplification of the cDNA fragments with specific primers and subsequent cloning in the desired vectors applying standard molecular biology techniques. The reference table, containing the information about the primers used to generate each construct, and the full list of primers, is described in Appendix I (Tables A1-A5). Schematic figures of the multicloning sites (MCSs) for each vector are shown in Appendix II. Next, an abbreviated description of the cloning is presented.

Cloning into pET22b-x2

pET22b-x2 is a modified version of pET22b vector (Novagen) which lacks the *pelB* leader sequence for periplasmic localization. When cloned into this vector, proteins are produced with a non-cleavable C-terminal His-tag. cDNA encoding C3G full length (residues 4-1077) was cloned into pET22b-x2 with Ncol and Xhol restriction sites. In this case the reverse primer did not include stop cordon to preserve the translation of the C-terminal His-tag.

Cloning into pETEV15b and pETEV15b-Ncol

pETEV15b (Alonso-Garcia *et al.* 2009) and pETEV15b-Ncol vectors are derived from the pET15b vector (Novagen), which produce proteins with N-terminal cleavable Histags. They encode the sequence recognized by the TEV protease, located between the His-tag and the MCS. pETEV15b has Ndel and BamHI sites in the MCS whereas pETEV15b-Ncol displays Ncol and BamHI sites. C3G full-length was cloned into pETEV15b-Ncol using Ncol and BamHI sites, including a stop codon in the reverse primer. C3G full-length has an internal Ndel site (affecting codon 340), therefore we avoided using Ndel for cloning. C3G REM-Cdc25H (residues 670-1077) and Cdc25H (residues 815-1077) were cloned in pETEV15b using Ndel and BamHI sites. CrkL, CrkII and Rap1b G-domain (1-167) constructs were cloned into pETEV15b digested with Ndel and BamHI. CrkL contains an internal BamHI site (affecting codon 198), therefore, we used BgIII in the reverse primer, which was ligated into the BamHI site to clone CrkL full-length (residues 1-303) and CrkL-SH3N-SH3C (residues 125-303).

Cloning into pGEX-TEV and pGEX-2xTEV-cHis

pGEX-TEV is a derivative of the pGEX4T3 vector (GE Life Sciences) in which the multicloning site encodes NdeI, NcoI, BamHI, EcoRI and NotI sites. Additionally, the thrombin protease recognition sequence has been substituted by a TEV site. This vector produce proteins with N-terminal GST-tags. We engineered a new version of this vector, pGEX-2xTEV-cHis (Figure M1). First, we introduced a short linker encoding a hexa-His-tag preceded by a XhoI site using EcoRI and NotI sites (Figure M1B). Then, a second linker encoding the TEV protease recognition sequence was introduced between EcoRI and XhoI sites (Figure M1C). The primers designed allowed to destroy the original XhoI site and reconstitute a new one upstream the TEV sequence.

Therefore, Xhol could be used for cloning. This new vector allows to produce proteins with N-terminal GST- and C-terminal His- tags, both cleavable by TEV protease (see the complete sequence of the MCS region in Appendix 2). During the process of making the pGEX-2xTEV-cHis vector, we also created vector that produces proteins with a TEV-cleavable N-terminal GST and a non-cleavable C-terminal His-tag (pGEX-TEV-cHis, Figure M1B). All GST-His proteins used in this work were cloned into pGEX-2xTEV-cHis vector.



Figure M1. Engineering a TEV and His-tag in the pGEX-2xTEV-cHis vector. Two linkers were inserted consecutively to generate the C-terminal His-tag and the TEV site. (A) MCS of the pGEX-TEV vector. (B) MCS after insertion of the linker *HisLinker-Eco/Not* to generate vector pGEX-TEV-cHis. (C) Final MCS of the vector pGEX-2xTEV-cHis after the insertion of the linker *TEVLinker-Eco/Xho*. The sequences of the linkers are shown in squares. The sequences of the primers used to generate the linkers are shown in Table M5.

Table M5. Primers and process used to introduce the	6xHis and TEV sites in pGEX-2xTEV-cHis. The loss
of restriction sites is indicated with strikethrough text.	- -

Name	Sequence (5' to 3')	
HisLinker-Eco/Not-For	AATTCCCGGGACTCGAGCACCACCACCACCACCACTGAGC	
HisLinker-Eco/Not-Rev	CGCCGCTCAGTGGTGGTGGTGGTGGTGCTCGAGTCCCGGG	
Annealed> (40mer; Tm= 74.7 ⁰C)	EcoRIXhoI6xHisStopNotI5´AATTCCCGGGACTCGAGCACCACCACCACCACCACTGAGC53´GGGCCCTGAGCTCGTGGTGGTGGTGGTGGTGGTGGTGGTGGCGCGC3	
TEVLinker-Eco/Xho-For	AATTCCCGGGACTCGAGGAGAATCTTTATTTTCAGA	
TEVLinker-Eco/Xho-Rev	TCGATCTGAAAATAAAGATTCTCCTCGAGTCCCGGG	
Annealed> (40mer; Tm= 74.7 °C)	EcoRIXhoI E N L Y F Q5' AATTCCCCGGGACTCGAGGAGAATCTTTATTTTCAGA3'3' GGGCCCTGAGCTCCTCTTAGAAATAAAAGTCTAGCT5'XmaIXhoI	
The change introduced to	destroy Xhol site in the TEVLinker-Eco/Xho primers is highlighted in red	

C3G constructs full-length, Δ NTD, 454-1077, 530-1077, and 602-1077 were cloned into pGEX-2xTEV-cHis vector using Ncol and Xhol sites or Ndel and Xhol sites (see Table M2). SH3b constructs were cloned into pGEX-TEV vector using Ndel and BamHI or Ncol and BamHI sites, depending on whether they contained the internal Ndel site or not.

Cloning into pETEV15b-Halo-Avi

pETEV15b-Halo-Avi is a derivative version of pETEV15b (Novagen) created in our laboratory that produces fusion proteins with a N-terminal TEV-cleavable Halo-tag and a C-terminal non-cleavable Avi-tag. The Halo-tag allows the covalent immobilization of proteins by binding to ligands. In our case we used the Halo-tag to boost the expression of proteins in the bacteria. The C-terminal Avi tag allows the site specific biotinylation of proteins using BirA. CrkL full-length was cloned into pETEV15b-Halo-Avi vector using Ncol and BamHI sites. In this form, the sequence of the Halo-tag was substituted by the cDNA of CrkL. In consequence, we refer to the empty form of this vector as pETEV15b-Avi. CrkL cDNA was amplified with a reverse primer containing a BglII instead of a BamHI site, and BglII into BamHI ligation was performed. C3G full-length was cloned into pETEV15b-Halo-Avi vector using NdeI and BamHI sites. In order to do so, the internal NdeI site was previously mutated using specific primers. The reverse primer contained a stop codon. Accordingly, the C-terminal Avi-tag is not expressed and the vector is named pETEV15b-Halo.

Cloning into pETDuet

We used pETDuet vector (Novagen) to coexpress the kinase domain of Src (SrcKD) and YopH phosphatase in bacteria (Seeliger *et al.* 2005). The vector encodes two MCSs each one preceded by a T7 promoter, lac operator and ribosome binding sites. SrcKD (251–533) was cloned in the first MCS using EcoRI and NotI sites, so the final protein contains a N-terminal non-cleavable His-tag. YopH cDNA was cloned without any tag into the second MCS using NdeI and XhoI sites.

Cloning into pEF1-mEGFP and pEF1-mEGFP-CAAX

pEF1-mEGFP and pEF1-mEGFP-CAAX are derivatives of pEF1/V5-His vector (Invitrogen) in which a mEGFP (monomeric enhanced GFP) has been introduced using

NotI and XbaI sites (see appendix). pEF1-mEGFP-CAAX also harbors the C-terminal sequence of K-Ras (169-188), which includes the final CAAX-box. cDNA constructs in these vectors are under the control of the elongation factor 1 promoter (EF1), which allows high-levels of expression of proteins in mammalian cells. The vector also contains a neomycin resistance gene that can be used for selection. Constructs C3G-mEGFP, REM-Cdc25H-mEGFP, REM-mEGFP and Cdc25H-mEGFP were cloned into pEF1-mEGFP vector using BamHI and NotI sites. The reverse primers did not include stop codons to preserve the expression of the mEGFP protein. C3G was cloned into pEF1-mEGFP-CAAX vector using a similar strategy to generate C3G-mEGFP-CAAX.

Cloning into pCEFLHA

pCEFLHA vector (Chiariello *et al.* 2000) displays a Kozak consensus sequence followed by a HA epitope (Wilson *et al.* 1984). Protein expression is under the control of the strong EF1 promoter. REM-Cdc25H, HA-REM and HA-Cdc25H cDNAs were cloned into pCEFLHA vector using BgIII and NotI sites.

4. C3G mutants

The list of the mutants generated in this work is shown in Table M6. The sequences of all primers used to perform mutagenesis are shown in Appendix 1 (Table A5).

Mutants were generated using the Quick-Change site-directed mutagenesis method (Stratagene) or the overlap extension method (Hussain *et al.* 2016). The first strategy was used when only a few bases were changed. The overlap extension method was used to introduce multiple mutations in the Proline-rich motifs. This method also allowed creating in a simple manner mutants with three Proline-rich motifs altered starting from mutants with a single motif modified. The combination of templates and primers used to generate the triple mutants from the single mutants are shown in Figure M2, and the primers used to mutate the Proline-rich motifs are shown in Table M7. Mutation of Proline-rich motifs consisted in substituting Pro and basic residues by Ala. Therefore, mutants with a single motif mutated were named APPP, PAPP, PPAP and PPPA, when they were introduced in constructs that contain the four motifs, or P3A and P4A when mutations were introduced in constructs that only contain one or two motifs. Similarly, mutants in which three motifs were altered at the time were named as PAAA, APAA, AAPA and AAAP

Table M6 Mutants generated in thi	is work								
Construct / Vector	Mutations								
C3G full-length (pGEX-2xTEV-cHis)	M551R, Y554R, M555K, PAAA, APAA, AAPA & AAAP								
C3G 537-646 (pGEX-TEV)	K546E/K547E, H550E/M551R, Y554R, M555R/Q556R, E559R/D560R, Y561R/S562R, E563R, P566R, F569R/Y570R, Q571R/T572R, Q574R, E576R, Y579R, Q581R/K582E, E563R/P564R, H550E, M551R, M555R, Q556R, H550A, M551A, Y554A, M555A, Q556A, Y554H, M555K, P4A								
C3G 545-646 (pGEX-TEV)	P4A								
C3G Cdc25H (pETEV15b)	K922E, E956K, T959A, A973V, T883M, S890F, R894L, E863K, E873K, R1023C, N878R, Q881R, E884R, N887R, N888R, Y891R, S934R, F967R, Y894R, N1043R, L855R, K858E, E860R, E874R, D1044R, K915E, K918E, R921E, D962R, S966R, R968E								
C3G 454-1077 (pETEV15b)	E731/784R and M551R								
C3G-mEGFP (pEF1-mEGFP)	M551R, Y554H, M555K, E731/784R								

Tm calculation corresponds to the region matching C3G sequence; The limits of the construct are shown in bold; The Kozak sequence is highlighted in yellow. P4A refers to the mutant in which 5 essential residues of the Proline-rich sequence 4 (P4) of C3G have been mutated to Ala.











Figure M2. Strategy used to generate the triple-site mutants AAAP, APAA, AAPA and AAAP. Primers 1 and 2 were the ones used for amplification of C3G full-length. Primers 3 and 4 correspond to C3Gh-PP2A-F and -R. Primers 5 and 6 correspond to C3Gh-PP3A-F and -R.

Table M7.	Primers	used to	mutate	the	Proline-rich motifs
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	Name						S	eque	nce	Prot.	and	DNA	(5' t	o 3')					
P1A	Original> Mutated>	D D	N N	G G	P P	P A	P A	A A	L A	P A	P P	K A	K K	R R	Q Q	S S	A A		
C3G	h-PP1A-F	GAT.	AATO	GGTC	CT <mark>G</mark>	CA <mark>G</mark>	CAG	CA <mark>G</mark>	CGG	CAC	CC	CGA	AAA	AGA	CAC	GTC	GGC	GC	
C3G	h-PP1A-R	GCG	CCGI	ACTG	TCT	TTT	C <mark>GC</mark>	GGG	TG <mark>C</mark>	C <mark>GC</mark>	TGC	CTG <mark>C</mark>	TGC	AG	GA	CCA	TTA	TC	
P2A	Original> Mutated>	Q Q	T T	D D	T T	P A	P A	A A	L A	P A	E E	K A	K K	R R	I				
C3G	h-PP2A-F	GCA	GACA	AGAT	ACG	G CA	GCT	GCT	GC C	G CC	GAG	GC	AAC	GCG	CAC	GGA	G		
C3G	h-PP2A-R	CTC	CTG	CGCI	'TC <mark>G</mark>	C CT	CGG	CGG	CAG	CAG	CTO	CCG	TAT	СТ	GT	CTG	С		
P3A	Original> Mutated>	D D	P E P E	E K E K	P A	P A	P P	P A	P	E E	I A	K K	I I I I	1 ; 1 ;	K K	H H	M M	L L	A A
C3G	h-PP3A-F	GAC	CCAC	GAAA	AAG	CA <mark>G</mark>	CTC	CT <mark>G</mark>	CAG	CAG	AG	CGA	AAA	AC	AA	ACA	CAT	GCT	GGCC
C3G	h-PP3A-R	GGC	CAG	CATG	TGT	TTG	TTT	TTC	GC C	TCT	G C I	' <mark>GC</mark> A	GGF	AG <mark>C</mark>	ΤG	CTT	TTT	CTG	GGTC
P4A	Original> Mutated>	A A	P P	P A	P A	A A	L A	P A	P P	K A	Q Q	R R	Q Q						
C3G	h-PP4A-F	GGC	CCCC	G <mark>G</mark> CG	GCC	GCC	GC A	G CC	ССС	<mark>GC</mark> G	CAG	GCGG	CAC	5					
C3G	h-PP4A-R	CTG	CCGC	CTGC	: <mark>GC</mark> G	GGG	G C T	<mark>GC</mark> G	GCG	G <mark>C</mark> C	GCC	GGG	GCC	2					
The nucl	leotides chano	ned re	espec	t the	oriai	nal s	eque	ence	are	show	/n in	red.							

5. Bacterial protein expression and purification

Bacterial protein expression

All proteins were produced in the BL21(DE3)T1 bacterial strain. Rap1b was coexpressed with GroES/L chaperones (gift from Bernd Bukau, Addgene plasmid #27394) as described before (Noguchi *et al.* 2015). Cell cultures were started from single colonies or derived frozen bacterial stocks and were grown at 37° C in 1-5 L of Terrific Broth medium (Tartof *et al.* 1987) supplemented with 100 µg/ml ampicillin. Protein expression was induced in log phase ($OD_{600nm} = 0.6$) by addition of 0.2 mM IPTG. Bacteria were allowed to express the proteins for 3-5 hours at 37 °C or 15-20 hours at 15 °C. In general, higher amounts of soluble recombinant proteins were obtained at 15 °C. After induction, cells were harvested by centrifugation and resuspended in buffers for purification supplemented with 0.1% (v/v) Triton X-100. Bacteria lysis was performed by one freezing-thawing cycle and subsequent sonication. Soluble content of the bacteria was separated from cell debris by centrifugation.

Purification of His-tag proteins

The proteins Halo-C3G, Cdc25H, Rap1b, CrkL and CrkII were purified as described before (Manso *et al.* 2016). Briefly, recombinant proteins were purified from bacterial

supernatants by immobilized metal ion affinity chromatography (IMAC) using a 5 ml Hi-Trap Ni²⁺-chelating column (GE Healthcare). His-tag proteins were eluted in an imidazole gradient from 5 to 500 mM in 20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.9), 500 mM NaCl buffer. Fractions of the chromatography were analyzed by SDS-PAGE followed by Coomassie staining and those containing the protein of interest were pooled and dialyzed against buffer 20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 150 mM NaCl, 0.1 mM DTT, 0.1 mM EDTA. During the dialysis, the His-tag was cleavaged by incubation with rTEV-His protease at RT for 3-5 hours. A reverse IMAC was used to separate the protein of interest from the nondigested sample and the rTEV-His (the His-tag of the rTEV is not cleavable). A final step of size exclusion chromatography (SEC) was performed using a Superdex 200 (10/300) column (GE Healthcare) equilibrated in buffer 20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 150 mM NaCl. Pure proteins were concentrated up to ~20 g/L by ultra-filtration in Amicon cells (Millipore) using YM3 and YM10 membranes (Millipore) or centrifugal filter units (cut-off 3-10 kDa, Merck Millipore). All proteins were flash-frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80 °C.

In some cases minor modifications were performed. (i) For the purification of Rap1b all buffers were supplemented with 10 mM MgCl₂. (ii) For C3G-Cdc25H, HEPES (pH 7.0) was used instead of Tris-HCl (pH 7.9) for IMAC and the buffer was changed to 20 mM citrate (pH 6.0), 250 mM NaCl using Sephadex G25 resin (GE Healthcare) before cleavage with rTEV. Finally, the pure C3G-Cdc25H was separated from rTEV-His by SEC using a Superdex 200(10/300) column pre-equilibrated in the same buffer.

Purification of GST-tag proteins

This procedure was applied for GST-SH3b and GST-RaIGDS constructs. Supernatants of the bacterial lysates containing GST fusion proteins were loaded into 6 ml glutathione agarose columns (ABT). Bound material was washed in two sequential washing steps with buffer phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) supplemented with 0.1% (v/v) Triton X-100 and PBS alone. GST fusion proteins were eluted with PBS supplemented with 20 mM reduced glutathione and samples were extensively dialyzed against 20 mM Tris-HCI (pH7.5), 150 mM NaCI. Finally proteins were concentrated to 5-10 g/L by ultrafiltration.

Optimization of C3G full length purification

Initial attempts to purify C3G multidomain constructs resulted in low rates of purity and yield. Several bands of lower molecular weight recognized by N-terminal and C-terminal C3G specific antibodies were detected. This indicates that the protein is sensitive to proteolysis. These lower MW contaminants appeared before cell lysis, indicating that protein degradation starts during expression. To solve this problem, we performed an expression and purification condition screening.

C3G full-length cDNA was cloned into five vectors encoding GST and/or His-tags in Nand C-terminal positions (see Table M8). Purification of C3G with a single His-tag in Cterminal (vector pET22b-x2) or N-terminal position (pETEV15b) resulted in low purity. When the protein was produced with a N-terminal GST, we detected stochastic contamination with DNA. The purification of GST-C3G-His (pGEX-2xTEV-cHis) using a two-step affinity purification protocol (GST- and His- tags) resulted in small amounts of pure protein. Initially, we used this strategy to produce C3G samples. Later, we found that the Halo-tag stabilizes the expression of the His-Halo-C3G construct, which after purification shows similar purity to the obtained with the two-step affinity purification strategy, but with much higher yield. Since both methodologies yielded C3G samples with indistinguishable purity and activity, the origin of the protein is not specified. Finally, a representative gel showing the final purity of the samples obtained by single C-His purification (1), single GST purification (2), GST-His two step affinity purification (3), and His-Halo purification (4) is showed in Figure M3.

Table M8. Optin	Fable M8. Optimization of the purification conditions for C3G											
Protein	Vector	Tag ^a	TEV cleavable?	Description								
C3G-His	pET22	C-His	NO	Low MW contaminants								
His-C3G	pETEV15b	N-His	YES	Low MW contaminants								
GST-C3G	pGEX-TEV	N-GST	YES	Contamination with nucleic acids								
GST-C3G-His	pGEX-2xTEV-cHis	N-GST / C-His	YES (both)	High purity ^b (~90%), low yield ^c (~0.2 g/L)								
His-Halo-C3G	pETEV15b-Halo	N-His-Halo	YES	High purity ^b (~90%), high yield ^c (~4 g/L)								
^a C- and N- refe	^a C- and N- refer to the position of the tag											

^b The purity has been estimated by Coomassie staining

^c The yield is given in grams per liter of initial culture



Figure M3. Purity of C3G full-length samples produced from different vectors. (1) C3G-His, **(2)** GST-C3G, **(3)** GST-C3G-His, **(4)** His-Halo-C3G. ~3 µg of total protein was loaded in each lane. All samples show are ~130 kDa proteins because the GST and His-tags have been removed by rTEV-His cleavage.

GST-C3G-His two-step affinity purification

Clarified bacterial lysates containing GST-C3G-His protein were loaded into a 5 ml Hi-Trap Ni²⁺-chelating column (GE Healthcare). The protein was eluted in an imidazole gradient (20 mM-500 mM) in buffer 20 mM Tris-HCI (pH 7.9), 500 mM NaCl. Subsequently, it was loaded into a 6 ml glutathione agarose column (ABT). Most of the C3G sample did not bind to the GST column. Bound material was washed in two sequential steps using buffer 20 mM Tris-HCI (pH 7.5), 300 mM NaCI with and without 0.1% Triton X-100. The first wash allowed the removal of a prominent 70 kDa impurity. The bound fraction (GST-C3G-His protein) was eluted with buffer 20 mM Tris-HCI (pH 7.5), 300 mM NaCl, 20 mM reduced glutathione. The GST- and His-tags were removed by rTEV cleavage (3 hours, RT) during a dialysis step against buffer 20 mM Tris-HCI (pH7.5), 300 mM NaCl which also allowed to remove the free glutathione also. A reverse GST chromatography was used to separate the free GST and C3G samples. The flow-through containing C3G was concentrated and subjected to SEC with a Superdex 200 (10/300) column (GE Healthcare) equilibrated in 20 mM Tris-HCI (pH 7.5), 300 mM NaCl. C3G eluted as a single peak. Proteins were concentrated by ultrafiltration to the desired extent, flash-frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80 °C until they were used.

His-Halo-C3G purification

The protocol for His-Halo-C3G purification is similar to the IMAC general protocol with two small variations: (i) in the second IMAC (reverse), C3G is separated from the His-Halo and rTEV-His proteins, (ii) instead of 150 mM NaCl, buffers were supplemented with 300 mM NaCl for the final steps of the purification (dialysis and SEC).

Protein concentration measurement

Protein concentration was determined spectrophotometrically by UV absorption at 280nm (A₂₈₀) in an U-2001 UV-Visible double beam spectrophotometer (Hitachi) using quartz cuvettes with a 10 mm light path (Hellma GmbH). The concentration was calculated applying the Lambert–Beer law in which the molar (ϵ_{280}) and mass (E₂₈₀) extinction coefficients were estimated from the theoretical sequences using ProtParam server (<u>https://web.expasy.org/protparam/</u>). The concentration of nucleotide-loaded Rap1b was estimated by Bradford assay using bovine serum albumin (BSA) as standard.

6. Protein modification

Biotinylation

The *E. coli* biotin ligase BirA was used to conjugate biotin to the Avi-tag of the CrkL-Avi construct. 200 μ M CrkL-Avi was incubated with 1 μ M BirA, 1 mM biotin, and 4 mM ATP in buffer 50 mM Bicine (pH 8.3), 5 mM Mg(OAc)₂ for ~4 hours at 30 °C. Biotinylation was confirmed by Fluorescent Streptavidin blotting (Streptavidin DyLight 680, Invitrogen) using Odyssey Infrared Imaging System (LI-COR).

Src-mediated phosphorylation

The kinase domain of Src (SrcKD, residues 354-536) was used for C3G phosphorylation. A typical phosphorylation reaction was performed by diluting C3G proteins to a concentration, ranging between 20 to 100 μ M, in a buffer containing 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH7.5), 300 mM NaCl, 10 mM MgCl₂, 1mM DTT and 1 mM ATP. SrcKD was added at a final concentration of 1 μ M and the reaction was carried out for 20 min at 30 °C. In all cases the levels of phosphorylation of the samples were checked by

anti-pTyr immunoblotting. When required, p-C3G samples were purified from SrcKD by size exclusion chromatography using Superdex 200 (10/300) column equilibrated in buffer containing 20 mM Tris-HCI (pH7.5), 300 mM NaCI. The GEF activity of the phosphorylated constructs at 1 μ M was measured by nucleotide exchange experiments before and after the SEC, and no differences were found. Accordingly, the activity of the rest of the constructs was measured without purifying the samples by SEC.

7. Nucleotide exchange experiments

Nucleotide dissociation rates from Rap1b were studied by fluorescence spectroscopy using the GDP derivative mant-dGDP (2'-Deoxy-3'-O-(N'-methylanthraniloyl) guanosine-5'-O-diphosphate sodium salt (Biolog) (Margarit *et al.* 2003, Rehmann 2006). Mant-fluorescence is sensitive to the chemical environment; when the nucleotide is bound to the GTPase (hydrophobic environment), the fluorescence intensity is approximately twice that of the free nucleotide (hydrophilic environment). Accordingly, mant-dGDP release from the GTPase can be monitored as a reduction of the fluorescence intensity along the time in the presence of an excess of free GDP or GTP nucleotides.

Mant-dGDP loading of Rap1b

Rap1b (1-167) at 200 μ M was incubated with 2 mM mant-dGDP in 20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 50 mM NaCl, 4 mM EDTA, 1mM DTT in a final volume of 500 uL (1.5 hours, 4 °C). The loading reaction was stopped by addition of 10 mM MgCl₂ (30 min, 4 °C). After addition of MgCl₂, precipitation was noticed and the sample was clarified by centrifugation at 16,000 *xg* (30 min, 4 °C). The free nucleotide was removed by SEC with a Superdex 200 (10/300) column pre-equilibrated in 20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 50 mM NaCl, 10 mM MgCl₂. Fractions containing the protein were pooled and concentrated to ~200 μ M using centrifugal ultra-filtration cells (10kDa cut-off). Protein concentration was determined by Bradford assay using BSA for standard curve calibration.

Fluorescence measurements and analysis of dissociation kinetics

Fluorescence measurements were done with a FLuoromax-3 Spectrofluorometer (Horiba-Jobin Yvon) using a Hellma 105.251-QS cuvette with a 3 by 3 mm light paths. Mant fluorophore was excited at 496 nm (1 nm bandwidth) and the light emitted was collected at 518 nm (10 nm bandwidth). Nucleotide exchange experiments were performed at 25 °C in 50 mM Tris-HCI (pH 7.5), 150 mM NaCl, 5 mM MgCl₂. A maximum number of 1200 measurements per experiment were collected to prevent photobleaching. Rap1b loaded with mant-dGDP was used at 200 nM. The reaction was triggered by adding 40 μ M GDP (200-fold molar excess with respect to Rap1b); manual addition of GDP resulted in initial delays of 20-30 seconds that were taken into account. C3G constructs were used at 1 μ M. When indicated, reactions were supplemented with additional proteins. Data were recorded until the fluorescent signal reached a plateau (typically 15-120 min). Experiments were performed in triplicate unless specified. A single exponential decay function was fitted to the data:

$$I_t = A_0^{-k_{obs}t} + B$$

Where I_t is the fluorescence intensity at a given time, A_0 is the amplitude of the change, *B* is the fluorescence intensity at infinite time, k_{obs} is the apparent nucleotide exchange rate and *t* is the time. In general, the single exponential decay fitted well to the data (\mathbb{R}^2 >0.9). For simplicity, the maximum change (A_0) in the fluorescence was normalized to 1 and used for representation.

Analysis of dose response experiments

The dose response experiments were analyzed by fitting the following four parameter logistic curve:

$$k_{[bp]} = k_{\min} + \frac{(k_{\max} - k_{\min})}{1 + \left(\frac{EC_{50}}{[bp]}\right)^{HillSlope}}$$

Where, $k_{[bp]}$ is the k_{obs} observed at a concentration of binding partner; k_{min} is the minimum exchange rate; k_{max} is the maximum exchange rate; EC_{50} is the concentration

of the binding partner which produces the half maximal activation or inhibition; *[bp]* is the concentration of the binding partner (i.e. CrkL or C3G 537-646); and *HillSlope* is the parameter that defines the slope of the curve. In the case of the activation of C3G by CrkL the *HillSlope* was constrained to 1.

8. Sequence and structural analysis

Structural analysis

The structure of the Cdc25H domain of C3G was modeled by homology using SWISS-MODEL server (<u>https://swissmodel.expasy.org/</u>). Structural models shown in the figures were obtained from the Protein Data Bank (PDB; <u>http://www.rcsb.org</u>). PyMOL Molecular Graphics System, Version 1.7.3.0 (Schrödinger) were used for analysis and representation of 3D structures. Secondary structure prediction was performed with the programs PORTER4.0 (<u>http://distillf.ucd.ie/porterpaleale/</u>), PHD (<u>https://npsa-prabi.ibcp.fr/cgi-bin/npsa_automat.pl?page=/NPSA/npsa_phd.html</u>) and PSIPRED 4.0 (<u>http://bioinf.cs.ucl.ac.uk/psipred/</u>).

C3G orthologs search with HMMER

The HMMER web server (<u>https://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/hmmer/</u>) (Potter *et al.* 2018) was used to search for C3G orthologs. HMMER uses profile hidden Markov models (HMM) to detect sequence similarities among protein sequences. HMM profiles contain information of the conservation, and the insertion and deletion rates for every position based on a multiple sequence alignment (MSA). In an iterative process, the initial identification of homologous sequences allows the finding of more distantly related sequences.

Initially, the search for C3G orthologs was done in the Reference Proteomes database (UniProt) using as bait the N-terminal domain (NTD, residues 89-250) of human C3G. Sequences from 119 species containing a C3G-like domain architecture, that is, containing NTD, REM and Cdc25h domains, were found and used to generate a HMM profile. Next, using that profile a HMM search identified 425 C3G-like sequences for 209 different species. For each species, the sequence with the best coverage of C3G sequence and the highest e-value was chosen. The final list of C3G orthologs of 209 species is shown in Appendix 3.

Evolutionary conservation analysis

MSAs were performed with Clustal Omega (<u>https://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/msa/clustalo/</u>). Conservation scores based on the MSA of C3G full length (residues 4-1077) or the Cdc25H domain (residues 815-1077) were calculated with the ConSurf server (<u>http://consurf.tau.ac.il/2016/</u>) (Ashkenazy *et al.* 2016). In the case of the Cdc25H domain, conservation was color-coded on the solvent accessible surface of the 3D structural model.

9. Size exclusion chromatography coupled to multiple angle light scattering

Multiple Angle Light Scattering (MALS) is a technique that allows the determination of the absolute molar mass and the radius of gyration (R_g) of proteins in solution (Wyatt 1993). Combined with size exclusion chromatography (SEC-MALS), it allows the determination of the mass of different species that may coexist in a polydisperse solution (Tarazona *et al.* 2003). SEC-MALS experiments were performed at the Molecular Interaction Facility at CIB, Madrid in collaboration with Dr. Carlos Alfonso Botello. Protein samples were analyzed using a Superdex 200 (10/300) Increase column (GE Healthcare) connected to an HPLC apparatus and coupled to a Static Multi Angle Light Scattering detector (DAWN-EOS, Wyatt Inc.) and a refractive index flow detector. The column was equilibrated in 20 mM Tris-HCI (pH 7.5), 300 mM NaCl buffer, the flow was 0.5 ml/min, and the injection volume was 100 µl. C3G, CrkL and C3G-CrkL samples were injected at concentrations specified in the results section. MWs were calculated from the light scattering and the refractive index in the center of the peak.

10. Analytical ultracentrifugation and dynamic light scattering

Analytical ultracentrifugation (AUC) techniques allow the determination of the MW, the hydrodynamic properties and the aggregation state of proteins in solution (Rivas *et al.* 1999). Sedimentation velocity experiments were performed at the Molecular Interaction Facility at CIB (CSIC-Madrid) in collaboration with Dr. Juan Roman Luque-Ortega using a Beckman Optima XLI centrifuge (Beckman Coulter Instrument, Inc) and 12 mm optical pass double sector cells. All experiments were done in 20 mM Tris-HCI (pH 7.5), 300 mM NaCI buffer. Two experiments were performed:

(i) In the first experiment C3G and CrkL proteins were loaded independently and together at concentrations: C3G, 1.7 μ M; and CrkL, 3, 6, 12, 24 μ M; and the radial distribution of proteins was estimated by measuring the absorbance at 280 nm (A₂₈₀) periodically every 5 min.

(ii) Next, we performed a similar experiment at lower concentrations of C3G and CrkL: C3G, 0.3 μ M; and CrkL, 0.2, 0.4, 0.8, 1.5, and 3 μ M; and the radial distributions were measured at 230 nm.

Proteins were subjected to centrifugation (48,000 rpm, 20 °C) and sedimentation coefficient distributions were obtained from the periodic sedimentation profiles by applying the c(s) method with SEDFIT software (Schuck *et al.* 2002). Partial specific volumes for proteins: C3G, $v_{C3G} = 0.733$ cm³/g, and CrkL, $v_{CrkL} = 0.728$ cm³/g, were calculated from the amino acidic composition of the proteins using the program SEDNTERP (http://www.jphilo.mailway.com/). The partial specific volume of C3G-CrkL mix, $v_{C3G-CrkL} = 0.730$ cm³/g was calculated as an average value of the estimated for the individual species. Finally, normalized sedimentation coefficients at 20 °C in water were calculated by applying the next equation:

$$s_{20,w} = s \frac{(1 - \overline{\nu}\rho)_{20,w} \eta_{T,b}}{(1 - \overline{\nu}\rho)_{T,b} \eta_{20,w}}$$

In which $\eta_{20,w}$ is the viscosity of water at 20 °C (0.0100 P); $\rho_{20,w}$ is the water density at 20 °C (0.9982 g/mL); $\eta_{20,b}$ os the viscosity of the buffer at 20 °C (0.0103 P); and $\rho_{20,b}$ is the density of the buffer at 20 °C (1.0111 g/mL)

The binding of CrkL to C3G behaved as a rapid reversible equilibrium (K_{off} >10⁻³ s⁻¹) displaying a "reaction boundary" (Gilbert *et al.* 1956). Three isotherms were generated from the coefficient sedimentation distribution (s_{fast} , s_W and $s_{amplitude}$) and a model assuming three symmetric binding sites was fitted using the SEDPHAT software (<u>http://www.analyticalultracentrifugation.com/sedphat/</u>) (Dam *et al.* 2005).

Dynamic light scattering (DLS) allows the estimation of the diffusion coefficient (Stetefeld *et al.* 2016). Experiments were performed with a DLS instrument DynaPro MS/X (Wyatt, Inc) equipped with a Peltier temperature regulation system. DLS signal was recorded every 20 sec at 97% laser power at 20 °C.

MWs of C3G and CrkL proteins were estimated by substituting the values of the diffusion and sedimentation coefficients in the terms of the Svedberg equation (Svedberg *et al.* 1940).

$$s = \frac{MD(1 - \overline{\nu}\rho)}{RT}$$

In which *s* is the sedimentation coefficient (s_{C3G} = 4.5 S; s_{CrkL} = 2.2 S); *M* is the molar mass; *D* is the diffusion coefficient (D_{C3G} = 3.37 x 10⁻⁷ cm²s⁻¹; D_{CrkL} = 5.94 x 10⁻⁷ cm²s⁻¹); v is the partial specific volume (v_{C3G} = 0.7328 ml/g; v_{CrkL} = 0.7283 ml/g); ρ is the density of the solvent; *R* is the Gas constant; and *T* is the temperature.

11. Isothermal titration calorimetry

Isothermal Titration Calorimetry (ITC) is a powerful label-free technique used to determine the affinity and thermodynamic parameters of a binding reaction by measuring the heat evolved during the association of a ligand with its binding partner. ITC experiments were performed with a MicroCal VP-ITC machine (Malvern Panalytical). Protein samples were extensively dialyzed against the same buffer (20 mM Tris-HCI (pH 7.5), 300 mM NaCl or 20 mM NaPi (pH 7.5), 300 mM NaCl), flashfrozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80 °C until the experiment. Proteins were degassed with a ThermoVac machine (Malvern, 5 min, 23 °C) right before the experiment. The cell was filled with a 5 to 20 µM solution of C3G and the syringe was filled with a 100 to 200 µM solution of CrkL or CrkII constructs (the precise concentrations are specified in the results). Typically, ITC experiments were performed in triplicate with 36 injections of 8 µL at ~7 minutes intervals at 25 °C with low feedback mode/gain mode. In some cases, the injection volume and the total number of injections were changed to improve the signal to noise ratio. Heat signals were automatically integrated with (Keller the program Nitpic et al. 2012) (http://biophysics.swmed.edu/MBR/software.html). Data analysis was performed individually and globally with the programs MicroCal Origin (version 7.0) and SEDPHAT (Zhao et al. 2015). In the case of SEDPHAT a model assuming three symmetric binding sites was used for the analysis of C3G WT interactions, and a 1:1 heteroassociation model was used for the C3G mutants displaying single Proline-rich motifs.

12. Global analysis of the C3G-CrkL interaction with SEDPHAT software

Isotherms derived from AUC and ITC experiments were fitted globally to a three symmetric binding site model with SEDPHAT program. This analysis was performed by Dr. Juan Ramon Luque Ortega in collaboration with the group of Dr. Peter Schuck.

13. Protein electrophoresis, Western blot and antibodies

Protein samples were denatured by addition of Laemli sample buffer 2x (125 mM Tris-HCI (pH 6.8), 4%SDS, 55% glycerol, 2% β-mercaptoethanol, 0.02 % bromophenol blue) and heating to 95 ° for 2-10 min. Next, they were loaded in SDS-polyacrylamide gels (9 to 14%) and separated electrophoretically (SDS-PAGE). Proteins were blotted to Immobilon-P membranes (Milipore) and detected by chemiluminescence (ECLreagents, Bio-rad) or infra-red fluorescence (Odyssey Infrared Imaging System, LI-COR, Inc.) according to standard protocols. Table M9 contains the list of primary and secondary antibodies used in this work, respectively.

Primary antibodies												
Antibody	Host	Supplier	Reference number	dilution								
Anti-His	Mouse	SIGMA	H1029	1:1000								
Anti-C3G (G9)	Mouse	Santa Cruz Biotechnology	sc-393836	1:1000								
Anti-HA (11)	Mouse	Covance	mms-101r	1:1000								
Anti-FLAG-M2	Mouse	SIGMA	F1804	1:1000								
Anti-GFP (B-2)	Mouse	Santa Cruz Biotechnology	sc-9996	1:1000								
Anti-Rap1 (121)	Rabbit	Santa Cruz Biotechnology	sc-65	1:1000								
Anti-pTyr (4G10)	Mouse	Merck Millipore	05-321	1:1000								

pY, phospho-Tyrosine; HA, Internal region of the influenza hemagglutinin (HA); FLAG, Flag tag (DYKDDDDK). All antibodies were incubated >12 hours at 4 °C or 1 hour at RT.

Antibody	Detection	Host	Supplier	Reference number
Anti-mouse IgG HRP	ECL	Sheep	GE Healthcare	NXA931
Anti-rabbit IgG HRP	ECL	Goat	Santa Cruz Biotechnology	Sc-2004
Anti-mouse IgG DyLight 680	Odyssey	Goat	Pierce	35518
Anti-rabbit IgG DyLight 680	Odyssey	Goat	Pierce	35568
Anti-mouse IgG DyLight 800	Odyssey	Goat	Invitrogen	SA5-10176
Anti-rabbit IgG DyLight 800	Odyssey	Goat	Invitrogen	SA5-10036
Streptavidin DyLight 680	Odyssey	-	Invitrogen	21848

HRP, horseradish peroxidase; ECL, Chemiluminescent detection; Odyssey, Odyssey Infrared Imaging System. Secondary antibodies were incubated 1 hour at RT.

Secondary antibodies

14. Pull Down assays for the analysis of protein-protein interactions *in vitro*

Pull downs (PD) were performed with pure proteins or with bacterial lysates containing recombinant proteins. Typically, ~100 μ L of the lysates containing GST- or GST-Histag proteins (~30-50 μ g of fusion protein) were incubated with 20 μ L glutathione agarose resin (20 min, 4 °C). The levels of expression of the proteins in the lysate were estimated by Coomassie staining for normalization. In case of using pure proteins, 30 μ g of GST-, His-tagged proteins, and CrkL-Avi were used in the presence of 0.01% (w/v) BSA to block unspecific binding. Bound material was washed 4 times with 500 μ L 20 mM Tris-HCl (pH7.5), 150 mM NaCl, 0.1% (v/v), Triton x-100 by centrifugation at 16.000 *xg* (10 sec, 4 °C). Proteins were released from the resin by adding Laemli sample buffer 2x and heating to 95 °C for 2-10 min. The presence of GST- and Hisproteins in the PD fraction and/or the initial lysates was detected by SDS-PAGE (7 to 14% polyacrylamide) followed by Coomassie staining (in the case of GST-proteins) or western blot (WB, in the case of His-proteins and CrkL-Avi). In general, 5% (v/v) of the PD sample was loaded in SDS-PAGE for detection.

15. Mammalian cell culture and transfection

HEK293T cell line was cultured in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium (DMEM; Gibco or Sygma-Aldrich) supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS; Life Technologies) and 1% penicillin/streptomycin (Life Technologies). Cells were grown at 37 °C in a humid atmosphere with 5% of CO₂. For maintenance, cells grown to 90% confluence, in 10 cm plates, were detached by addition of trypsin (ThermoFisher) and split to 2-4 plates. For storage, cells were frozen in DMEM media supplemented with 10% dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) in liquid nitrogen. Cells were transfected at 60-70% confluence with 3-5 µg of DNA pre-incubated with 2.5-ratio (w/w) of polyethylenimine (PEI; Polysciences Inc) in 150 mM NaCl for 30 min at RT. The expression of mEGFP-constructs was checked by fluorescent microscopy, and cells were processed 24-48 hours post-transfection.

16. Mammalian cell lysis, GST-pull downs and Rap1 activation assays

Typically, ~5 x 10^6 HEK293T cells (from a 10 cm plate) expressing the proteins of interest were washed twice with ice-cold phosphate buffered saline (PBS). Cell lysis was performed with lysis buffer: 20 mM Tris-HCI (pH 7.5), 150 mM NaCl, 0.5% Triton X-100, 1 mM Na₃VO₄, 25 mM NaF, 1mM phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride (PMSF) and 1x protease inhibitor cocktail (Roche). Cell lysates were clarified by centrifugation at 16.000 xg (15 min, 4 °C) and the total protein content was estimated by Bradford assay, using BSA as standard. Typically, 1-2 mg of total protein (from a 10 cm plate) was incubated with 30 µg of GST-SH3b. GST pull down was performed as described before (see *in vitro* pull downs). HA- or mEGFP- tagged proteins were detected in the cell lysates and in the PD fraction by using WB with specific antibodies (Table M9). The presence of the GST-SH3b construct in the PD sample was detected by Ponceau S staining of the same membrane used in WB.

Rap1 activation assays in cells

Detection of Rap1-GTP in HEK293T cells was done with the pull down assay using GST-RalGDS-RBD proteins, following the protocol described in the Rap activation kit (Jena Bioscience,) with minor modifications. Cells were lysed in buffer MLB (25 mM HEPES (pH 7.5), 150 mM NaCl, 1% Igepal CA-630, 10 mM MgCl₂, 1 mM EDTA, 2% (v/v) glycerol, 1 mM Na₃VO₄, 1 mM PMSF, 1x protease inhibitor cocktail (Roche) and 1 mM DTT) supplemented with 30 µg of purified GST-RalGDS-RBD protein. The pull down was then carried out as described above with the exception that MLB buffer was used to wash the material bound to the resin. Proteins were denatured by addition of Laemli sample buffer 2x, supplemented with 10 mM DTT for 12-20 hours at RT. Samples were loaded in 12% SDS-polyacrylamide gels. Total Rap1 in the cell lysates and Rap1-GTP in the GST-RalGDS pull downs were detected by immunoblot (Table M9). GST-RalGDS was detected in the pull downs by staining the same membrane used for the WB with Ponceau S. Quantification of the bands was performed with Ll-COR Image Studio Software, for Odyssey scans; and imageJ program (https://imagej.nih.gov/) for ECL scans.

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX I

Tables A1, A2, and A3 include the information of the cDNA constructs used in this work, and the name of the primers used to clone them. Table A4 and A5 contain the list of primers used for amplification of cDNA fragments and mutagenesis respectively.

Table A1. Crk, Rap and SrcKD constructs for bacterial expression and primers used to clone them			
Name	Forward primer	Reverse primer	Vector
CrkL	hCRKL-U001-Ndel	hCRKL-L303-BgIII	pETEV15b
CrkL-Biotin	hCRKL-U001-Ndel	hCRKL-L303-BgIII-noStop	pETEV15b-Avi
CrkL-SH2-SH3N	hCRKL-U001-Ndel	hCRKL-L182_BamHI	pETEV15b
CrkL-SH3N-SH3C	hCRKL-U125-Ndel	hCRKL-L303_BgIII	pETEV15b
CrkL-SH3N	hCRKL-U125-Ndel	hCRKL-L182_BamHI	pETEV15b
CrkII	hCRKII-U001-Ndel	hCRKII-L304-BamHI	pETEV15b

Table A2. Constructs for mammalian expression and primers used to clone them			
Name	Forward primer	Reverse primer	Vector
C3G-mEGFP WT & mutants	C3Gh-004-KKB-F (BamHI)	C3G-1077-noStop-R (Notl)	pEF1-mEGFP
C3G-CAAX-mEGFP	C3Gh-004-KKB-F (BamHI)	C3G-1077-noStop-R (Notl)	pEF1-mEGFP
REM-Cdc25H- mEGFP	C3Gh-670-F-Bglll ^a	C3G-1077-noStop-R (Notl)	pEF1-mEGFP
REM-mEGFP	C3Gh-670-F-BgIII ^a	C3Gh-814-noStop-R (Notl)	pEF1-mEGFP
Cdc25H-mEGFP	C3Gh-815-F-BgIII ^a	C3G-1077-noStop-R (Notl)	pEF1-mEGFP
HA-REM-Cdc25H	C3Gh-670-F-BgIII	C3G-1077-R (Notl)	pCEFHA
HA-REM	C3Gh-670-F-BgIII	C3Gh-814-R (Notl)	pCEFHA
HA-Cdc25H	C3Gh-815-F-BgIII	C3G-1077-R (Notl)	pCEFHA
^a In these constructs BgIII into BamHI ligation was performed.			

Name	Forward primer	Reverse primer	Vector
C3G WT & Mutants	C3G-004F (Ncol)	C3Gh-1077R-noStop-Xhol	pGEX-2xTEV-cHis
C3G-His	C3G-004F (Ncol)	C3Gh-1077R-noStop-Xhol	pET22b-x2
His-C3G	C3G-004F (Ncol)	C3G-1077R (BamHI)	pETEV15b-Ncol
GST-C3G	C3G-004F (Ncol)	C3G-1077R (BamHI)	pGEX-TEV
GST-C3G-His	C3G-004F (Ncol)	C3Gh-1077R-noStop-Xhol	pGEX-2xTEV-cHis
His-Halo-C3G	C3G-004F (Ndel)	C3G-1077R (BamHI)	pETEV15b-Halo
C3G-ANTD	C3G-246F (Ncol)	C3Gh-1077R-noStop-Xhol	pGEX-2xTEV-cHis
454-1077	C3Gh-454F (Ndel)	C3Gh-1077R-noStop-Xhol	pGEX-2xTEV-cHis
530-1077	C3Gh-530F (Ndel)	C3Gh-1077R-noStop-Xhol	pGEX-2xTEV-cHis
602-1077	C3Gh-602F (Ndel)	C3Gh-1077R-noStop-Xhol	pGEX-2xTEV-cHis
REM-Cdc25H	C3G-670F (Ncol)	C3Gh-1077R-noStop-Xhol	pETEV15b-Ncol
Cdc25H (WT & Mutants)	C3G-815F (Ncol)	C3Gh-1077R-noStop-Xhol	pETEV15b-Ncol
GST-SH3b	C3Gh-274F-Ncol	C3Gh-646R-Stop (BamHI)	pGEX-TEV
GST-274-578	C3Gh-274F-Ncol	C3Gh-578-Stop (For and Rev) ^a	pGEX-TEV
GST-274-500	C3Gh-274F-Ncol	C3Gh-500-Stop (For and Rev) ^a	pGEX-TEV
GST-274-371	C3Gh-274F-Ncol	C3Gh-371-Stop (For and Rev) ^a	pGEX-TEV
GST-372-646	C3Gh-372F-Ncol	C3Gh-646R-Stop (BamHI)	pGEX-TEV
GST-501-646	C3Gh-501F-Ncol	C3Gh-646R-Stop (BamHI)	pGEX-TEV
GST-537-646 (WT & Mutants)	C3Gh-537F-Ndel	C3Gh-646R-Stop (BamHI)	pGEX-TEV
537-646	C3Gh-537F-Ndel	C3Gh-646R-Stop (BamHI)	pETEV15b
GST-579-646	C3Gh-579F-Ncol	C3Gh-646R-Stop (BamHI)	pGEX-TEV
GST-501-578	C3Gh-501F-Ncol	C3Gh-578-Stop (For and Rev) ^a	pGEX-TEV
GST-501-536	C3Gh-501F-Ncol	C3Gh-536-Stop (For and Rev) ^a	pGEX-TEV
GST-537-588	C3Gh-537F-Ndel	C3Gh-588-Stop (For and Rev) ^a	pGEX-TEV
GST-537-578	C3Gh-537F-Ncol	C3Gh-578-Stop (For and Rev) ^a	pGEX-TEV
GST-537-569	C3Gh-537F-Ndel	C3Gh-569-Stop (For and Rev) ^a	pGEX-TEV
GST-537-560	C3Gh-537F-Ndel	C3Gh-560-Stop (For and Rev) ^a	pGEX-TEV
GST-545-646	C3Gh-545-Ndel	C3Gh-646R-Stop (BamHI)	pGEX-TEV
GST-545-569	C3Gh-545-Ndel	C3Gh-646R-Stop (BamHI)	pGEX-TEV
GST-545-560	C3Gh-545-Ndel	C3Gh-646R-Stop (BamHI)	pGEX-TEV

^a Stop codons were introduced by mutagenesis in these constructs.

Table A4. Primers used to amplify cDNA fragments				
Name	Sequence (5' to 3')			
C3G-004F (Ncol)	CGGGGTACCATGGACTCTCAGCGTTCTCAT			
C3G-246F (Ncol)	CGGGGTACCATGGGCAAGACGACTGGGATGTCACAGTC			
C3Gh-454F (Ndel)	TGAGAATTCCATATGCCTGCTCTCCCCGAGAAG			
C3Gh-530F (Ndel)	TGAGAATTCCATATGGCTCCTGAGTCAACCGGT			
C3Gh-602F (Ndel)	TGAGAATTCCATATGGTGCAGGAGCTGGCCCC			
C3G-670F (Ncol)	CGGGGTACCATGGCCCTCATTGACCACAACG			
C3G-815F (Ncol)	CGGGGTACCATGGCACTCAGGTGTGCCACCTCC			
C3Gh-274F-Ncol	CGGGGTACCATGGGCATTCGGGTGGTTGATAATGG			
C3Gh-372F-Ncol	CATATGGGCAGCTCCATGGGGGGCAGTGCTCCCGG			
C3Gh-501F-Ncol	CATATGGGCAGCTCCATGGTCCGTCCCCTACGCGC			
C3Gh-537F-Ndel	CGGGGTACCCATATGCCAGAAAAACCACCTCCTCTACC			
C3Gh-579F-Ncol	CATATGGGCAGCTCCATGGTACCAGCAGAAGAACAAGCTC			
C3Gh-545F-Ndel	TTTTCAGGGATCACATATGGAGAAGAAAAACAAACACATG			
C3Gh-1077R-noStop-Xhol	GCGAATTCCTCGAGGGTCTTCTCTCTCCCGGTC			
C3G-1077R (BamHI)	CGGGGTACCGGATCCTAGGTCTTCTCTCCCGG			
C3Gh-646R-Stop (BamHI)	GCCGAATTCGGATCCCTAACTGCCGTCTCTGCTGTCCTTC			
C3Gh-578-Stop-F	GAACGAGCACATCTAGCAGCAGAAGAACAAG			
C3Gh-578-Stop-R	CTTGTTCTTCTGCTGCTAGATGTGCTCGTTC			
C3Gh-500-Stop-F	CAGCCCCGATCCCATAGGTCCCCTACGCGC			
C3Gh-500-Stop-R	GCGCGTAGGGGACCTATGGGATCGGGGCTG			
C3Gh-371-Stop-F	GGACAGGGACAGTTAGCAGTGCTCCCGG			
C3Gh-371-Stop-R	CCGGGAGCACTGCTAACTGTCCCTGTCC			
C3Gh-560-Stop-F	CAGTTGCTGGAGGACTAGTCGGAGCCGCAGCCCTC			
C3Gh-560-Stop-R	GAGGGCTGCGGCTCCGACTAGTCCTCCAGCAACTG			
C3Gh-569-Stop-F	GCAGCCCTCTATGTTCTAGCAGACGCCACAGAACGAG			
C3Gh-569-Stop-R	CTCGTTCTGTGGCGTCTGCTAGAACATAGAGGGCTGC			
C3Gh-536-Stop-F	GAGTCAACCGGTGACTAAGAAAAACCACCTCCTC			
C3Gh-536-Stop-R	GAGGAGGTGGTTTTTCTTAGTCACCGGTTGACTC			
hCRKL-U001-Ndel	TGACCATGGCATATGTCCTCCGCCAGGTTC			
hCRKL-U125-Ndel	TGACCATGGCATATGCTGGAATATGTACGGACTCTG			
hCRKL-L303-BgIII	GCCGTCGACAGATCTACTCGTTTTCATCTGGGTTTTGAG			
hCRKL-L303-BgIII-noStop	GCCGTCGACAGATCTCTCGTTTTCATCTGGGTTTTGAG			
hCRKL-L182-BamHI	GCCGTCGACGGATCCCTACACAAGCTTTTCGACATAAGGG			

Table A4. Primers used to amplify cDNA fragments			
Name	Sequence (5' to 3')		
C3Gh-004-KKB-F (BamHI)	TGAGGTACCGCCGCCACCATGGGATCCGACTCTCAGCGTTCTCATC		
C3Gh-670-F-BgIII	TGAGAATTCAGATCTCTCATTGACCACAACGAAATTATG		
C3Gh-815-F-BgIII	TGAGAATTCAGATCTCTCAGGTGTGCCACCTCC		
C3G-1077-noStop-R (Notl)	GAATTCGCGGCCGCGGTCTTCTCTCCCGGTC		
C3Gh-814-noStop-R (Notl)	GAATTCGCGGCCGCTAGCTTCTTCTGGTCCAC		
C3G-1077-R (Notl)	GAATTCGCGGCCGCTAGGTCTTCTCTCTCCCGGTC		
C3Gh-814-R (Notl)	GAATTCGCGGCCGCTATAGCTTCTTCTGGTCCACC		
All reverse primers include stop codons unless specified.			

Table A5. Mutagenesis primers			
Name	Sequence (5' to 3')		
C3Gh-NdelX-F	GGAGGCAGCCACTCCTATGGTGGAGAGTCGC		
C3Gh-NdeIX-R	GCGACTCTCCACCATAGGAGTGGCTGCCTCC		
C3Gh-PP1A-F	GATAATGGTCCT <mark>G</mark> CAGCAGCA <mark>GC</mark> GGCACCC <mark>GC</mark> GAAAAGACAGTCGGCGC		
C3Gh-PP1A-R	GCGCCGACTGTCTTTTCGCGGGTGCCGCTGCTGCTGCAGGACCATTATC		
C3Gh-PP2A-F	GCAGACAGATACG <mark>G</mark> CAGCTGCT <mark>GC</mark> CGCCGAG <mark>GC</mark> GAAGCGCAGGAG		
C3Gh-PP2A-R	CTCCTGCGCTTCGCCTCGGCGGCAGCAGCTGCCGTATCTGTCTG		
C3Gh-PP3A-F	GACCCAGAAAAAGCAGCTCCTGCAGCAGAGGCGAAAAAACAAAC		
C3Gh-PP3A-R	GGCCAGCATGTGTTTGTTTTCGCCTCTGCTGCAGGAGCTGCTTTTTCTGGGTC		
C3Gh-PP4A-F	GGCCCCG <mark>G</mark> CGGCCGCCGCAGCCCCCGCGCAGCGGCAG		
C3Gh-PP4A-R	CTGCCGCTGCGGGGGGGCTGCGGCGGCCGGGGGCC		
C3Gh-K546E/K547E-For	CACCTCCTCTACCAGAGGAGGAAAACAAACACATGCTG		
C3Gh-K546E/K547E-Rev	CAGCATGTGTTTGTTTTCCTCCTCTGGTAGAGGAGGTG		
C3Gh-H550E/M551R-For	CCAGAGAAGAAAAACAAA <mark>GAGAG</mark> GCTGGCCTACATGCAG		
C3Gh-H550E/M551R-Rev	CTGCATGTAGGCCAGCCTCTCTTTGTTTTTCTTCTCTGG		
C3Gh-Y554R-For	CAAACACATGCTGGCCCCGCATGCAGTTGCTGGAG		
C3Gh-Y554R-Rev	CTCCAGCAACTGCATGCGGGCCAGCATGTGTTTG		
C3Gh-M555R/Q556R-For	CATGCTGGCCTACAGGCGGTTGCTGGAGGAC		
C3Gh-M555R/Q556R-Rev	GTCCTCCAGCAACCGCCTGTAGGCCAGCATG		
C3Gh-E559R/D560R-For	CTACATGCAGTTGCTG <mark>CG</mark> GCGCTACTCGGAGCCGCAG		
C3Gh-E559R/D560R-Rev	CTGCGGCTCCGAGTAGCGCCGCAGCAACTGCATGTAG		
C3Gh-Y561R/S562R-For	GTTGCTGGAGGACCGCGGGAGCCGCAGCCC		
C3Gh-Y561R/S562R-Rev	GGGCTGCGGCTCCCGGCGGTCCTCCAGCAAC		

Table A5. Mutagenesis primers

Name	Sequence (5' to 3')
C3Gh-E563R/P564R-For	GGAGGACTACTCG <mark>CG</mark> GCCGCAGCCCTCTATG
C3Gh-E563R/P564R-Rev	CATAGAGGGCTGCGGCCGCGAGTAGTCCTCC
C3Gh-P566R-For	CTCGGAGCCGCAGCGCTCTATGTTCTACC
C3Gh-P566R-Rev	GGTAGAACATAGAGCGCTGCGGCTCCGAG
C3Gh-F569R/Y570R-For	CCGCAGCCCTCTATG <mark>CGCCG</mark> CCAGACGCCACAGAAC
C3Gh-F569R/Y570R-Rev	GTTCTGTGGCGTCTGGCGGCGCATAGAGGGCTGCGG
C3Gh-Q571R/T572R-For	CTCTATGTTCTACCGGAGGCCACAGAACGAGC
C3Gh-Q571R/T572R-Rev	GCTCGTTCTGTGGCCTCCGGTAGAACATAGAG
C3Gh-Q574R-For	CTACCAGACGCCAC <mark>G</mark> GAACGAGCACATC
C3Gh-Q574R-Rev	GATGTGCTCGTTCCGTGGCGTCTGGTAG
C3Gh-E576R-For	CAGACGCCACAGAACCGGCACATCTACCAGC
C3Gh-E576R-Rev	GCTGGTAGATGTGCCGGTTCTGTGGCGTCTG
C3Gh-Y579R-For	CAGAACGAGCACATCCGCCAGCAGAAGAACAAG
C3Gh-Y579R-Rev	CTTGTTCTTCTGCTGGCGGATGTGCTCGTTCTG
C3Gh-Q581R/K582E-For	GAGCACATCTACCAGCGGGAGAACAAGCTCCTCATG
C3Gh-Q581R/K582E-Rev	CATGAGGAGCTTGTTCTCCCGCTGGTAGATGTGCTC
C3Gh-E563R/P564R-For	GGAGGACTACTCG <mark>CG</mark> GCAGCCCTCTATG
C3Gh-E563R/P564R-Rev	CATAGAGGGCTGCCGCCGCGAGTAGTCCTCC
C3Gh-H550E-For	CCAGAGAAGAAAAACAAA <mark>G</mark> ATGCTGGCCTACATGCAG
C3Gh-H550E-Rev	CTGCATGTAGGCCAGCATCTCTTTGTTTTTCTTCTCTGG
C3Gh-M551R-For	CCAGAGAAGAAAAACAAACACAGGCTGGCCTACATGCAG
C3Gh-M551R-Rev	CTGCATGTAGGCCAGCCTGTGTTTGTTTTTCTTCTCTGG
C3Gh-M555R-For	CATGCTGGCCTACAGGCAGTTGCTGGAGGAC
C3Gh-M555R-Rev	GTCCTCCAGCAACTGCCTGTAGGCCAGCATG
C3Gh-Q556R-For	CATGCTGGCCTACATGCGGTTGCTGGAGGAC
C3Gh-Q556R-Rev	GTCCTCCAGCAACCGCATGTAGGCCAGCATG
°C3Gh-H550A-For	CCAGAGAAGAAAAACAAA <mark>GC</mark> CATGCTGGCCTACATGCAG
C3Gh-H550A-Rev	CTGCATGTAGGCCAGCATGGCTTTGTTTTTCTTCTCTGG
C3Gh-M551A-For	CCAGAGAAGAAAAACAAACACGCGCTGGCCTACATGCAG
C3Gh-M551A-Rev	CTGCATGTAGGCCAGCGCGTGTTTGTTTTTCTTCTCTGG
C3Gh-Y554A-For	CAAACACATGCTGGCCGCCATGCAGTTGCTGGAG
C3Gh-Y554A-Rev	CTCCAGCAACTGCATGGCGGCCAGCATGTGTTTG
C3Gh-M555A-For	CATGCTGGCCTACGCGCAGTTGCTGGAGGAC

Table A5. Mutagenesis primers			
Name	Sequence (5' to 3')		
C3Gh-M555A-Rev	GTCCTCCAGCAACTGCGCGTAGGCCAGCATG		
C3Gh-Q556A-For	CATGCTGGCCTACATG <mark>GC</mark> GTTGCTGGAGGAC		
C3Gh-Q556A-Rev	GTCCTCCAGCAACGCCATGTAGGCCAGCATG		
C3Gh-Y554H-For	CAAACACATGCTGGCCCACATGCAGTTGCTGGAG		
C3Gh-Y554H-Rev	CTCCAGCAACTGCATGTGGGCCAGCATGTGTTTG		
C3Gh-M555K-For	CATGCTGGCCTACAAGCAGTTGCTGGAGGAC		
C3Gh-M555K-Rev	GTCCTCCAGCAACTGCTTGTAGGCCAGCATG		
C3Gh-K922E-For	CATGAAGCACTTGCGG <mark>G</mark> AGCTGAATAACTTCAAC		
C3Gh-K922E-Rev	GTTGAAGTTATTCAGCTCCCGCAAGTGCTTCATG		
C3Gh-E956K-For	CTTCAGAGGGCCTGGCCAAGTACTGCACACTGATCG		
C3Gh-E956K-Rev	CGATCAGTGTGCAGTACTTGGCCAGGCCCTCTGAAG		
C3Gh-T959A-For	CCTGGCCGAGTACTGCGCACTGATCGACAGCTCG		
C3Gh-E959A-Rev	CGAGCTGTCGATCAGTGCGCAGTACTCGGCCAGG		
C3Gh-A973V-For	GAGCCTACCGGGCCGTCCTCAGAGGTGG		
C3Gh-A973V-Rev	CCACCTCTGAGAGGACGGCCCGGTAGGCTC		
C3Gh-T883M-For	CCAACTTGACCCAGTTCATGGAGCACTTCAACAACATG		
C3Gh-T883M-Rev	CATGTTGTTGAAGTGCTCCATGAACTGGGTCAAGTTGG		
C3Gh-S890F-For	GCACTTCAACAACATGTTCTACTGGGTCCGGTCC		
C3Gh- S890F -Rev	GGACCGGACCCAGTAGAACATGTTGTTGAAGTGC		
C3Gh-R894L-For	CATGTCCTACTGGGTCCTGTCCATAATCATGTTAC		
C3Gh-R894L-Rev	GTAACATGATTATGGACAGGACCCAGTAGGACATG		
C3Gh-E863K-For	CTATAAAATAGAGATTCCTAAGGTTTTGCTTTGGGC		
C3Gh-E863K-Rev	GCCCAAAGCAAAACCTTAGGAATCTCTATTTTATAG		
C3Gh-E873K-For	GGGCAAAAGAGCAGAAT <mark>A</mark> AGGAGAAGAGCCCCAAC		
C3Gh-E873K-Rev	GTTGGGGCTCTTCTCCTTATTCTGCTCTTTTGCCC		
C3Gh-R1023C-For	CATCCTCGACAGCATGTGCTGCTTCCAGCAGGCG		
C3Gh-R1023C-Rev	CGCCTGCTGGAAGCAGCACATGCTGTCGAGGATG		
C3Gh-N878R-For	GAGGAGAAGAGCCCCA <mark>GA</mark> TTGACCCAGTTCACGG		
C3Gh-N878R-Rev	CCGTGAACTGGGTCAATCTGGGGCTCTTCTCCTC		
C3Gh-Q881R-For	CCCAACTTGACCC <mark>G</mark> GTTCACGGAGCAC		
C3Gh-Q881R-Rev	GTGCTCCGTGAAC <mark>C</mark> GGGTCAAGTTGGG		
C3Gh-E884R-For	CTTGACCCAGTTCACG <mark>AG</mark> GCACTTCAACAACATGTC		
C3Gh-E884R-Rev	GACATGTTGTTGAAGTGCCTCGTGAACTGGGTCAAG		

Table A5. Mutagenesis primers			
Name	Sequence (5' to 3')		
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C3Gh-N888R-For	CGGAGCACTTCAACA <mark>GG</mark> ATGTCCTACTGGGTCC		
C3Gh-N888R-Rev	GGACCCAGTAGGACATCCTGTTGAAGTGCTCCG		
C3Gh-Y891R-For	CAACAACATGTCCCGCTGGGTCCGGTCC		
C3Gh-Y891R-Rev	GGACCGGACCCAGCGGGACATGTTGTTG		
C3Gh-S934R-For	CTTGGCCATCCTCCGTGCCCTGGACTCGG		
C3Gh-S934R-Rev	CCGAGTCCAGGGCACGGAGGATGGCCAAG		
C3Gh-F967R-For	CAGCTCGTCCTCCCGCCGAGCCTACCGG		
C3Gh-F967R-Rev	CCGGTAGGCTCGGCGGGAGGACGAGCTG		
C3Gh-Y984R-For	CCGTGCATCCCG <mark>CG</mark> CCTGGGGCTGATC		
C3Gh-Y984R-Rev	GATCAGCCCCAGGCGCGGGATGCACGG		
C3Gh-N1043R-For	GACATTATAAACTTCTTCCGTGACTTCAGTGACCACCTG		
C3Gh-N1043R-Rev	CAGGTGGTCACTGAAGTCACGGAAGAAGTTTATAATGTC		
C3Gh-L855R-For	CTGCTGGATGCTGAGC <mark>G</mark> CTTCTATAAAATAGAG		
C3Gh-L855R-Rev	CTCTATTTTATAGAAGCGCTCAGCATCCAGCAG		
C3Gh-K858E-For	GATGCTGAGCTCTTCTAT <mark>G</mark> AAATAGAGATTCCTGAGG		
C3Gh-K858E-Rev	CCTCAGGAATCTCTATTTCATAGAAGAGCTCAGCATC		
C3Gh-E860R-For	GAGCTCTTCTATAAAATA <mark>CG</mark> GATTCCTGAGGTTTTGC		
C3Gh-E860R-Rev	GCAAAACCTCAGGAATCCGTATTTTATAGAAGAGCTC		
C3Gh-E874R-For	GCAAAAGAGCAGAATGAG <mark>CG</mark> GAAGAGCCCCAACTTGAC		
C3Gh-E874R-Rev	GTCAAGTTGGGGCTCTTCCGCTCATTCTGCTCTTTTGC		
C3Gh-D1044R-For	CATTATAAACTTCTTCAAT <mark>CG</mark> CTTCAGTGACCACCTGGC		
C3Gh-D1044R-Rev	GCCAGGTGGTCACTGAAGCGATTGAAGAAGTTTATAATG		
C3Gh-K915E-For	CTGCTCTTGAAGTTCATC GA GATCATGAAGCACTTGC		
C3Gh-K915E-Rev	GCAAGTGCTTCATGATCTCGATGAACTTCAAGAGCAG		
C3Gh-K918E-For	GAAGTTCATCAAGATCATGGAGCACTTGCGGAAGCTG		
C3Gh-K918E-Rev	CAGCTTCCGCAAGTGCTCCATGATCTTGATGAACTTC		
C3Gh-R921E-For	CAAGATCATGAAGCACTTG <mark>GA</mark> GAAGCTGAATAACTTCAAC		
C3Gh-R921E-Rev	GTTGAAGTTATTCAGCTTCTCCAAGTGCTTCATGATCTTG		
C3Gh-D962R-For	GTACTGCACACTGATCCCGCAGCTCGTCCTCCTTC		
C3Gh-D962R-Rev	GAAGGAGGACGAGCTGCGGATCAGTGTGCAGTAC		
C3Gh-S966R-For	GATCGACAGCTCGTCCCGGCTTCCGAGCCTACCG		

Table A5. Mutagenesis primers		
Name	Sequence (5' to 3')	
C3Gh-S966R-Rev	CGGTAGGCTCGGAAGCGGGACGAGCTGTCGATC	
C3Gh-R968E-For	GCTCGTCCTCCTTCGAAGCCTACCGGGCCG	
C3Gh-R968E-Rev	CGGCCCGGTAGGCTTCGAAGGAGGACGAGC	

Nucleotides changed respect the original sequence are highlighted in red in the sequence of the forward primer

APPENDIX II

Scheme of the MCSs of the vectors used in this work. Restriction sites are marked. Rbs, ribosome binding site. Matching sequences for the primers of the vectors are marked.

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BqlII	T7 promoter	lac operator	XbaI
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Rbs	Ncol	BamHI EcoRI	SacI SalI
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T7 terminator primer

pETEV15b

CACCGCTGAGCAATAACTAGCATAACCCCTTGGGGGCCTCTAAACGGGTCTTGAGGG

T7 terminator primer

pETEV15b-Ncol

CACCGCTGAGCAATAACTAGCATAACCCCTTGGGGGCCTCTAAACGGGTCTTGAGGG

T7 terminator primer

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 KpnI
 NheI
 SacI
 NotI
 BamHI
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T7 terminator primer

pEF1-mEGFP and pEF1-mEGFP-CAAX

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APPENDIX III

Table A6. Re	ference of the 209 s	equences identified as C3G orthologs with F	IHMER	
Clade	Subclade	Species	E-value	UniProt ID
Chordata	Mammalian	Sarcophilus harrisii	9.30E-72	G3WZS0_SARHA
Chordata	Mammalian	Loxodonta africana	3.00E-71	G3SSW6_LOXAF
Chordata	Mammalian	Bos taurus	6.10E-71	F1MJY2_BOVIN
Chordata	Mammalian	Ovis aries	6.30E-71	W5P986_SHEEP
Chordata	Mammalian	Equus caballus	7.00E-71	FOV/70_HORSE
Chordata	Mammalian	Lyuus caballus Lirsus maritimus	9.40E-71	A0A384CRI6 URSMA
Chordata	Mammalian	Physeter catodon	1 20F-70	A0A2Y9S3F4 PHYCD
Chordata	Mammalian	Delphinapterus leucas	1.40E-70	A0A2Y9NJ55 DELLE
Chordata	Mammalian	Leptonychotes weddellii	1.90E-70	A0A2U3XTA8_LEPWE
Chordata	Mammalian	Ailuropoda melanoleuca	2.00E-70	G1MDI0_AILME
Chordata	Mammalian	Erinaceus europaeus	2.00E-70	A0A1S3A6Y2_ERIEU
Chordata	Mammalian	Tursiops truncatus	2.00E-70	A0A2U4A417_TURTR
Chordata	Mammalian	Balaenoptera acutorostrata scammoni	2.80E-70	AUA384B489_BALAS
Chordata	Mammalian	Eelis catus	2.90E-70 3.30E-70	
Chordata	Mammalian	Mus musculus	4 20E-70	091772 MOUSE
Chordata	Mammalian	Cricetulus ariseus	4.90E-70	G3IFG2 CRIGR
Chordata	Mammalian	Tarsius syrichta	5.20E-70	A0A3Q0DUA8 TARSY
Chordata	Mammalian	Trichechus manatus latirostris	9.90E-70	A0A2Y9QWW7 TRIMA
Chordata	Mammalian	Canis lupus familiaris	1.00E-69	F1PH97_CANLF
Chordata	Mammalian	Mustela putorius furo	1.10E-69	M3YMC6_MUSPF
Chordata	Mammalian	Enhydra lutris kenyoni	1.30E-69	A0A2Y9J7C9_ENHLU
Chordata	Mammalian	Rattus norvegicus	1.40E-69	F1M8L9_RAT
Chordata	Mammalian	Dipodomys ordii	1.50E-69	AUA1S3FLW8_DIPUR
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Chordata	Mammalian	Ictidomys tridecemlineatus	2 00E-69	
Chordata	Mammalian	Monodelphis domestica	3.20E-69	F6QKH4 MONDO
Chordata	Mammalian	Cebus capucinus imitator	4.40E-69	A0A2K5RV62 CEBCA
Chordata	Mammalian	Myotis lucifugus	4.50E-69	G1PC22_MYOLU
Chordata	Mammalian	Saimiri boliviensis boliviensis	4.90E-69	A0A2K6UXE9_SAIBB
Chordata	Mammalian	Callithrix jacchus	5.00E-69	F7HFD4_CALJA
Chordata	Mammalian	Fukomys damarensis	5.00E-69	A0A091DLG7_FUKDA
Chordata	Mammalian	Aotus nancymaae	5.10E-69	
Chordata	Mammalian	Homo sapiens Corilla gorilla gorilla	5.30E-09	
Chordata	Mammalian	Pan paniscus	7.10E-09	
Chordata	Mammalian	Nomascus leucogenvs	7.40E-69	G1RQQ6 NOMLE
Chordata	Mammalian	Propithecus coquereli	7.50E-69	A0A2K6EGH8 PROCO
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Chordata	Mammalian	Pongo abelii	9.10E-69	H2PTR4_PONAB
Chordata	Mammalian	Pteropus alecto	9.90E-69	L5K9X4_PTEAL
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Chordata	Mammalian	Chlorocebus sabaeus	1.80E-68	A0A0D9RQV8 CHLSB
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Chordata	Mammalian	Sus scrofa	1.70E-67	F1S0W0_PIG
Chordata	Mammalian	Colobus angolensis palliatus	1.80E-67	A0A2K5HW20_COLAP
Chordata	Mammalian	Rhinopithecus bieti	3.20E-67	
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Chordata	Mammalian	Otolemur garnettii	2.30E-34	
Chordata	Aves	Columba livia	1 10E-71	
Chordata	Aves	Egretta garzetta	1.50E-71	A0A091JHC9 EGRGA
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Chordata	Aves	Lonchura striata domestica	1.60E-71	A0A218V6J9_9PASE
Chordata	Aves	Charadrius vociterus	1.90E-/1	
Chordata	Aves	Opisitiocornus noazin Anas platyrhynchos	2.10E-71 2.30E-71	U3.17C7 ANAPI

Table A6. Reference of the 209 sequences identified as C3G orthologs with HHMER										
Clade	Subclade	Species	E-value	UniProt ID						
Chordata	Aves	Aptenodytes forsteri	2.30E-71	A0A087RGZ7_APTFO						
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Chordata	Aves	Cuculus canorus	2.60E-71	A0A091GJC1_9AVES						
Chordata	Aves	Colinus virginianus	3.10E-71							
Chordata	Aves	Calypte anna Ninponia ninpon	3.20E-71							
Chordata	Aves	Drvobates pubescens	7 10E-71	A0A093GB51 DRYPU						
Chordata	Aves	Callipepla squamata	7.80E-71	A0A226NP31 CALSU						
Chordata	Aves	Tinamus guttatus	9.80E-71	A0A099ZFB2 TINGU						
Chordata	Aves	Meleagris gallopavo	1.60E-70	G1N2I3_MELGA						
Chordata	Aves	Taeniopygia guttata	1.70E-70	H0Z3S0_TAEGU						
Chordata	Aves	Gallus gallus	1.80E-70	E1BS61_CHICK						
Chordata	Aves	Amazona aestiva	2.90E-35	A0A0Q3X9J0_AMAAE						
Chordata	Crocodylia	Alligator mississippiensis	2.70E-67							
Chordata	Testudines	Alligator sinensis	3.40E-07	K7EMY2 DELSI						
Chordata	Amphihia	Xenonus tronicalis	9.40E-65	F6YE36 XENTR						
Chordata	Amphibia	Xenopus laevis	4.30E-64	Q6GP24 XENLA						
Chordata	Actinopteri	Pygocentrus nattereri	3.20E-65	A0A3B4ED60 PYGNA						
Chordata	Actinopteri	Paramormyrops kingsleyae	6.80E-65	A0A3B3QYD7 9TELE						
Chordata	Actinopteri	Ictalurus punctatus	1.10E-64	A0A2D0T177_ICTPU						
Chordata	Actinopteri	Lepisosteus oculatus	1.60E-63	W5M9X1_LEPOC						
Chordata	Actinopteri	Stegastes partitus	3.80E-63	A0A3B4ZZA1_9TELE						
Chordata	Actinopteri	Salmo salar	4.00E-63	A0A1S3M1U1_SALSA						
Chordata	Actinopteri	Danio rerio Oreachromis piloticus	4.10E-63							
Chordata	Actinopteri	Pundamilia nvererei	0.40E-02	ADA3B4E2NZ ACICH						
Chordata	Actinopteri	Scophthalmus maximus	1 40F-61	A0A2U9CIG2 SCOMX						
Chordata	Actinopteri	Seriola dumerili	1.50E-61	A0A3B4TXG4 SERDU						
Chordata	Actinopteri	Seriola lalandi dorsalis	1.50E-61	A0A3B4XWR2 SERLL						
Chordata	Actinopteri	Takifugu rubripes	1.50E-61	H2VCG7_TAKRU						
Chordata	Actinopteri	Tetraodon nigroviridis	2.20E-61	H3CPY5_TETNG						
Chordata	Actinopteri	Austrofundulus limnaeus	1.70E-60	A0A2I4B2N0_9TELE						
Chordata	Actinopteri	Xiphophorus maculatus	2.70E-60							
Chordata	Actinopteri	Poecilia latipinna Roecilia formosa	3.20E-60							
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Chordata	Actinopteri	Oncorhynchus mykiss	3.50E-57	A0A060WGT3_ONCMY						
Chordata	Actinopteri	Periophthalmus magnuspinnatus	1.70E-55	A0A3B3ZLX1_9GOBI						
Chordata	Actinopteri	Scieropages formosus	1.80E-46	AUAUP7V340_91ELE						
Chordata	Actinopteri	Asiyanax mexicanus Casterosteus aculeatus	0.10E-41 1 00E-40	AUAJBIKBIO_ASIMA						
Chordata	Coelacanthiformes	l atimeria chalumnae	2 90E-58	H3BDJZ LATCH						
Arhropoda	Insecta	Ooceraea biroi	1 70E-58	A0A026WC94_OOCBI						
Arhropoda	Insecta	Cvphomvrmex costatus	2.20E-58	A0A195CM95 9HYME						
Arhropoda	Insecta	Trachymyrmex zeteki	2.80E-58	A0A151XAU3_9HYME						
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Arhropoda	Insecta	Trachymyrmex cornetzi	3.00E-58	A0A195DIY2_9HYME						
Arhropoda	Insecta	Atta cephalotes	3.10E-58	A0A158NQI2_ATTCE						
Arnropoda	Insecta	Atta colombica	3.10E-58							
Arhropoda	Insecta	Dufourea novaeandiae	3.30E-58							
Arhropoda	Insecta	Nasonia vitripennis	4.30E-58	K7IZN6 NASVI						
Arhropoda	Insecta	Melipona quadrifasciata	5.40E-58	A0A0N0BBJ6 9HYME						
Arhropoda	Insecta	Camponotus floridanus	8.20E-58	E2AFG9 CAMFO						
Arhropoda	Insecta	Apis mellifera	1.00E-57	A0A088ACI4_APIME						
Arhropoda	Insecta	Habropoda laboriosa	3.20E-57	A0A0L7QYX3_9HYME						
Arhropoda	Insecta	Culex quinquefasciatus	2.20E-55	BOXIC5_CULQU						
Arhropoda	Insecta	Zootermopsis nevadensis	4.10E-55	AUAU67Q128_200NE						
Arhropoda	Insecta	Acues acyptil Pediculus humanus subsp. corneria	7 205 54							
Arhropoda	Insecta	Anopheles albimanus	2.50E-54							
Arhropoda	Insecta	Anopheles maculatus	3.40E-53	A0A182SYB4 9DIPT						
Arhropoda	Insecta	Anopheles melas	6.00E-53	A0A182U6F6 9DIPT						
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Arhropoda	Insecta	Anopheles gambiae	1.20E-52	Q7PSV2_ANOGA						
Arhropoda	Insecta	Anopheles funestus	1.30E-52	A0A182RVX9_ANOFN						
Arhropoda	Insecta	Anopheles minimus	1.30E-52	AUA182W8D2_9DIPT						
Arnropoda	insecta	Anopheles epiroticus	2.40E-52	AUA182PL47_9DIP1						

Table A6. Refere	ence of the 209 sequ	uences identified as C3G orthologs with	HHMER	
Clade	Subclade	Species	E-value	UniProt ID
Arhropoda	Insecta	Anopheles merus	2.70E-52	A0A182USQ8_ANOME
Arhropoda	Insecta	Anopheles quadriannulatus	4.30E-52	A0A182WRA8_ANOQN
Arhropoda	Insecta	Anopheles culicifacies	6.20E-52	A0A182MK97_9DIPT
Arhropoda	Insecta	Anopheles dirus	6.90E-52	A0A182NVF5_9DIPT
Arnropoda	Insecta	Anopheles atroparvus	7.20E-52	
Arbropoda	Insecta	Drosophila sechellia	1.20E-01	R41052 DROSE
Arhropoda	Insecta	Acyrthosinbon nisum	4.40E-51	
Arhropoda	Insecta	Drosophila virilis	3.00E-50	B4M6Z9 DROVI
Arhropoda	Insecta	Anopheles farauti	3.10E-50	A0A182QIF9 9DIPT
Arhropoda	Insecta	Drosophila mojavensis	7.70E-50	A0A0Q9XPE3 DROMO
Arhropoda	Insecta	Drosophila melanogaster	2.10E-49	C3G_DROME
Arhropoda	Insecta	Dendroctonus ponderosae	5.20E-49	U4UA26_DENPD
Arhropoda	Insecta	Drosophila ananassae	8.10E-49	A0A0P9BUM9_DROAN
Arhropoda	Insecta	Rhodnius prolixus	8.50E-49	T1HVL0_RHOPR
Arhropoda	Insecta	Drosophila willistoni	3.00E-48	B4NCC9_DROWI
Arnropoda	Insecta	Glossina austeni Dresenhile fisuenhile	6.70E-48	
Arhropoda	Insecta	Clossina nallidines	0.70E-40	
Arhropoda	Insecta	Drosonhila busckii	1.80E-47	A0A0M4ESE0 DROBS
Arhropoda	Insecta	Glossina morsitans morsitans	1.80E-47	A0A1B0G205 GLOMM
Arhropoda	Insecta	Tribolium castaneum	2.80E-47	A0A139WN71 TRICA
Arhropoda	Insecta	Glossina fuscipes fuscipes	3.60E-47	A0A1A9XVI3 GLOFF
Arhropoda	Insecta	Glossina palpalis gambiensis	3.60E-47	A0A1B0B3W8_9MUSC
Arhropoda	Insecta	Phlebotomus papatasi	1.80E-45	A0A1B0D3V9_PHLPP
Arhropoda	Insecta	Anopheles coluzzii	2.20E-45	A0A182LAB5_9DIPT
Arhropoda	Insecta	Glossina brevipalpis	2.80E-45	A0A1A9W973_9MUSC
Arhropoda	Insecta	Drosophila pseudoobscura	1.40E-44	A0A0R3NYS3_DROPS
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Arbropoda	Insecta	Megasella scalaris	3.10E-44 1.20E-43	
Arhropoda	Insecta	Drosonhila persimilis	1.30E-43	B4H2P5 DROPE
Arhropoda	Insecta	Musca domestica	1 40F-42	
Arhropoda	Insecta	Diaphorina citri	2.80E-41	A0A1S3D9U7 DIACI
Arhropoda	Insecta	Clunio marinus	5.90E-41	A0A1J1ILN1 9DIPT
Arhropoda	Insecta	Aedes albopictus	3.20E-29	A0A182H652_AEDAL
Arhropoda	Insecta	Heliothis virescens	5.30E-28	A0A2A4K8S8_HELVI
Arhropoda	Insecta	Danaus plexippus plexippus	9.20E-28	A0A212F3Y3_DANPL
Arhropoda	Insecta	Papilio machaon	6.70E-27	A0A0N1IGL6_PAPMA
Arnropoda	Insecta	Papillo xuthus	1.00E-26	
Arhropoda	Insecta	Uperoprilera brunala Harpegnathos saltator	9.00E-21 7.30E-18	E2C8C0 HARSA
Arhropoda	Insecta	Drosonhila simulans	7.10E-09	B4R5P5 DROSI
Arhropoda	Insecta	Cryptotermes secundus	4.60E-07	A0A2J7PJ17 9NEOP
Arhropoda	Arachnida	Stegodyphus mimosarum	4.70E-49	A0A087TED5 9ARAC
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Arhropoda	Branchiopoda	Daphnia magna	1.30E-20	A0A164RHE6_9CRUS
Arhropoda	Chilopoda	Strigamia maritima	9.90E-53	T1J7M1_STRMM
Nematoda	Nematoda	Soboliphyme baturini	4.70E-12	A0A183J2N6_9BILA
Nematoda	Nematoda	Trichuris muris	2.90E-07	A0A0N5E0P3_IRIMR
Nematoda	Nematoda	I richinella pseudospiralis Trichinello britovi	2.60E-06	AUAUVUXNF5_IRIPS
Nematoda	Nematoda	Trichinella purrelli	2.90E-06	
Nematoda	Nematoda	Trichinella spiralis	3.30E-06	E5S397 TRISP
Nematoda	Nematoda	Trichinella patagoniensis	3 40F-06	A0A0V0ZN21 9BILA
Nematoda	Nematoda	Trichinella nativa	3.90E-06	A0A0V1KZS7 9BILA
Nematoda	Nematoda	Trichinella nelsoni	7.50E-06	A0A0V0S5D3 9BILA
Nematoda	Nematoda	Trichinella papuae	2.70E-05	A0A0V1M5Z5_9BILA
Nematoda	Nematoda	Trichinella zimbabwensis	4.30E-05	A0A0V1HAM0_9BILA
Brachiopoda	Brachiopoda	Lingula unguis	3.30E-35	A0A1S3KDD6_LINUN
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Biomphalaria glabrata	2.80E-27	A0A2C9JWL9_BIOGL
Mollusca	Bivalvia	Mizuhopecten yessoensis	2.30E-44	A0A210QQ99_MIZYE
Mollusca	Bivalvia	Crassostrea gigas	2.80E-41	K1RBH7_CRAGI
Mollusca	Cephallopoda	Octopus bimaculoides	6.80E-43	AUAUL8FY11_OCTBM
Cnidaria	Chidaria	Stylophora pistillata	9.60E-11	AUA2B4RQI3_STYPI
Echinodermata	Echinodermata	Strongylocentrotus purpuratus	7.00E-41	
Tardigrada	Tardigrada	Remezzottius verieornetus	2 20E 17	
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