

1 Human IFIT1 inhibits mRNA translation of rubulaviruses but not other members of the  
2 Paramyxoviridae family.

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22 Abstract

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24 We have previously shown that IFIT1 is primarily responsible for the antiviral action of  
25 interferon (IFN) alpha/beta against parainfluenza virus (PIV) type 5, selectively inhibiting  
26 the translation of PIV5 mRNAs. Here we report that whilst PIV2, PIV5 and mumps virus  
27 (MuV) are sensitive to IFIT1, non-rubulavirus members of the paramyxoviridae such as  
28 PIV3, Sendai virus (SeV) and canine distemper virus (CDV) are resistant. The IFIT1-  
29 sensitivity of PIV5 was not rescued by co-infection with an IFIT1-resistant virus (PIV3),  
30 demonstrating that PIV3 does not specifically inhibit the antiviral activity of IFIT1 and that  
31 the inhibition of PIV5 mRNAs is regulated by cis-acting elements. We developed an *in vitro*  
32 translation system using purified human IFIT1 to further investigate the mechanism of action  
33 of IFIT1. Whilst the translation of PIV2, PIV5 and MuV mRNAs were directly inhibited by  
34 IFIT1, the translation of PIV3, SeV and CDV mRNAs were not. Using purified human  
35 mRNA capping enzymes we show biochemically that efficient inhibition by IFIT1 is  
36 dependent upon a 5' guanosine nucleoside cap (which need not be N7-methylated) and that  
37 this sensitivity is partly abrogated by 2'O methylation of the cap 1 ribose. Intriguingly, PIV5  
38 M mRNA, in contrast to NP mRNA, remained sensitive to inhibition by IFIT1 following *in*  
39 *vitro* 2'O methylation, suggesting that other structural features of mRNAs may influence  
40 their sensitivity to IFIT1. Thus, surprisingly, the viral polymerases (which have 2'-O-  
41 methyltransferase activity) of rubulaviruses do not protect these viruses from inhibition by  
42 IFIT1. Possible biological consequences of this are discussed.

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46 Importance

47 Paramyxoviruses cause a wide variety of diseases and yet most of their genes encode for  
48 structural proteins and proteins involved in their replication cycle. Thus the amount of  
49 genetic information that determines the type of disease paramyxoviruses cause is relatively  
50 small. One factor that will influence disease outcomes is how they interact with innate host  
51 cell defences, including the interferon (IFN) system. Here we show that different  
52 paramyxoviruses interact in distinct ways with cells in a pre-existing IFN-induced antiviral  
53 state. Strikingly, all the rubulaviruses tested were sensitive to the antiviral action of  
54 ISG56/IFIT1, whilst all the other paramyxoviruses tested were resistant. We developed  
55 novel *in vitro* biochemical assays to investigate the mechanism of action of IFIT1,  
56 demonstrating that the mRNAs of rubulaviruses can be directly inhibited by IFIT1 and that  
57 this is at least partially because their mRNAs are not correctly methylated.

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59 Introduction

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61 Paramyxoviruses are a large group of negative-sense single-stranded RNA viruses that cause  
62 a wide variety of animal and human diseases. The Paramyxoviridae family is divided into  
63 two subfamilies, the paramyxovirinae and the pneumovirinae subfamilies. The  
64 paramyxovirinae are further subdivided into a number of genera including morbilliviruses  
65 [e.g. measles virus (MeV) and canine distemper virus (CDV)], respiroviruses [e.g. Sendai  
66 virus (SeV) and parainfluenza virus type 3 (PIV3)] and rubulaviruses [e.g. mumps virus  
67 (MuV), PIV2 and PIV5]. Paramyxoviruses are enveloped viruses, the viral glycoproteins  
68 protrude from the outer surface of the envelope and function to attach the viruses to their  
69 target cells. On the inner surface of the envelope is the matrix (M) protein, which is required

70 for the structural integrity of the virion. The envelope surrounds a helical nucleocapsid, in  
71 which the nucleocapsid protein (NP) encapsidates genomic or antigenomic RNA. Associated  
72 with the nucleocapsid is the virally-encoded polymerase complex. The viral polymerase both  
73 transcribes and replicates the viral genome. Viral mRNAs are capped and polyadenylated by  
74 the viral polymerase (for reviews of the molecular biology of paramyxoviruses see (1, 2)).

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76         Despite their limited genetic information the majority of paramyxoviruses encode  
77 small multifunctional accessory proteins which function to aid virus multiplication and block  
78 cellular antiviral defence mechanisms; typically these proteins can block both the production  
79 of, and signaling response to, interferons (IFNs) (for reviews see (3-7)). Significantly, the  
80 mechanisms of action of these multifunctional IFN antagonists differ from one virus to  
81 another. Undoubtedly these properties, and in general how paramyxoviruses interact with the  
82 IFN system and other innate defence mechanisms, are likely to be major factors in  
83 determining the type of disease each virus causes (8).

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85         The IFN response is an extremely powerful antiviral defence system that, unless  
86 counteracted by viruses, will limit their replication to such a degree that they will not cause  
87 disease or be efficiently transmitted between susceptible hosts (8, 9). Infected cells detect the  
88 presence of viruses due to the production by viruses of molecules with molecular signatures  
89 (pathogen associated molecular patterns or PAMPs), such as dsRNA, which activate the  
90 IFN-induction cascade and result in the secretion of IFN- $\alpha/\beta$  from infected cells (9, 10). The  
91 release of IFN induces an antiviral state in neighbouring uninfected cells by up-regulating  
92 the expression of hundreds of interferon stimulated genes (ISGs), many of which have direct  
93 or indirect antiviral activity (11). Most paramyxoviruses counteract the IFN responses by

94 producing proteins that block IFN induction and/or IFN signaling by a variety of  
95 mechanisms (3-7). Furthermore, they tightly control viral transcription and replication,  
96 thereby limiting the production of PAMPs that may activate the IFN response (12, 13).  
97 Indeed, it is probably mistakes that viruses make during transcription and replication, such as  
98 the production of copyback defective interfering particles, that activate the IFN response  
99 (14-16), reviewed in (17). Nevertheless, the ability of paramyxoviruses to block the IFN  
100 response both in tissue culture cells and *in vivo* is not absolute and some IFN- $\alpha/\beta$  will be  
101 produced (18, 19). Furthermore, IFN- $\gamma$ , which can also induce an antiviral state in cells, will  
102 also be produced by activated subsets of lymphocytes (20). Therefore it is inevitable that  
103 viruses will infect cells in a pre-existing IFN-induced antiviral state, potentially limiting the  
104 speed of virus replication and spread. Although IFNs induce hundreds of ISGs, several ISGs  
105 with direct antiviral activity have been shown to be specific for families or groups of related  
106 viruses (11, 21, 22). With regard to the paramyxoviridae family we have previously shown  
107 that ISG56/IFIT1 (hereinafter referred to as IFIT1), which selectively inhibits translation, is  
108 the primary effector of the IFN-induced antiviral state that limits the replication of the  
109 rubulavirus PIV5 (23). Pretreatment of cells with IFN- $\alpha/\beta$  inhibits PIV5 protein synthesis  
110 but not cellular protein synthesis. This is because IFIT1 selectively inhibits the translation of  
111 PIV5 mRNAs but does not affect cellular mRNAs (23).

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113 Mammalian mRNAs have N-7 methyl guanosine ( $m^7GpppN$ ), termed cap 0, at their 5' end  
114 that recruits factors involved in RNA processing and translation initiation. The first and  
115 second nucleosides of mammalian mRNAs are also methylated on the 2' hydroxyl group of  
116 the ribose ring, generating cap 1 and cap 2 respectively. Whilst cap 1 and cap 2 are not

117 required for efficient mRNA translation, IFIT1 can inhibit the translation of mRNAs that  
118 lack cap 1 (24-27). IFIT1 also binds uncapped, 5'-triphosphorylated RNA, characteristic of  
119 the 5' ends of the genomic and antigenomic RNAs of some RNA viruses, as well as those of  
120 some viral transcripts (28); for reviews on the mechanism of action of IFIT1 and the IFIT  
121 family of proteins see (21, 26, 27, 29). However, recent evidence suggests that there are  
122 differences in the mechanisms of action of the murine and human paralog IFIT1 proteins.  
123 Whilst murine IFIT1 (IFIT1B) inhibits the translation of mRNAs that lack cap 1, it has been  
124 proposed that human IFIT1 recognises some other, as yet undefined, structure near the cap,  
125 or possibly that 5' mRNA sequences may help define the specificity of inhibition by human  
126 IFIT1 (30). The RNA-capping activity of viral RNA polymerases often include 2'-O-  
127 methyltransferases (2'-O-MTases) which modify cap 1 and thus can avoid inhibition by  
128 IFIT1(B), as evidenced by the sensitivity of virus mutants that lack 2'-O-MTase activity (for  
129 reviews see (21, 26)). Capping and methylation of viral RNAs are also be important as such  
130 modifications can prevent the activation of RIG-I, thereby reducing the amount of IFN  
131 produced by virally infected cells (for review see (31)).

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133 Here we have examined the ability of IFIT1 to inhibit the translation of a variety of  
134 paramyxovirus mRNAs, and thus the replication of those viruses. We show that whilst all  
135 rubulaviruses tested were sensitive to IFIT1, all non-rubulavirus members of the  
136 paramyxoviridae tested were insensitive. Lack of 2' O-methylation of rubulavirus mRNAs  
137 was at least partially responsible for their inhibition by IFIT1. The possible biological  
138 consequences of differences in sensitivity of paramyxoviruses to IFIT1 are discussed.

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140 **Methods**

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142 *Cells, viruses, antibodies and interferon*

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144 A549 cells, and derivatives, were grown as monolayers in 25-cm<sup>2</sup>, 75-cm<sup>2</sup>, or 300-cm<sup>2</sup> tissue  
145 culture flasks in Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium supplemented with 10% foetal bovine  
146 serum at 37<sup>0</sup>C. Where appropriate, cells were treated with human recombinant interferon  
147 (Intron A, Merck, Sharpe and Dohme) at 1000 units/ml. Viruses used in these studies were;  
148 PIV2 (Colindale strain), PIV3 (Washington and JS strains and recombinant ΔC and ΔD JS  
149 viruses (32)), PIV5 (formerly known as SV5: strains W3 (33), CPI+ and CPI- (34)), MuV  
150 (Enders (35)), RSV (36), Sendai (Cantell strain, free of defective interfering particles), and  
151 canine distemper virus (Mill Hill strain). Plaque assays were performed by standard methods  
152 in six-well dishes that included 0.1% Avicel (FMC Biopolymer) in the overlay medium.  
153 Plaques were visualized by immunostaining by using a pool of monoclonal antibodies or  
154 polyclonal antisera specific for the different viruses as described previously (37), together  
155 with alkaline phosphatase-conjugated secondary antibody by using SIGMAFAST  
156 BCIP/NBT as the substrate.

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158 *Preparation of [<sup>35</sup>S]-L-methionine labeled total-cell extracts and SDS-PAGE.*

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160 Infected or uninfected cells that had or had not been pretreated with IFN for 12h prior to  
161 infection, were metabolically labeled for 1h with [<sup>35</sup>S]-L-methionine (500Ci/mmol, MP  
162 Biomedical, USA) at 18h p.i. After labeling, cells were lysed in disruption buffer, sonicated  
163 and heated for 5 min at 100<sup>0</sup>C then analyzed by gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE). The gels  
164 were fixed, stained, dried and resolved bands visualized by phosphoimager analysis. Where

165 appropriate the same amount of cell equivalents were run on PAGE. Furthermore the amount  
166 of protein in each sample was monitored by staining the polyacrylamide gels with  
167 Coomassie Brilliant Blue.

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#### 169 *Immunofluorescence*

170 Cells to be stained for immunofluorescence were grown on 10-mm-diameter coverslips  
171 (MIC3270, Scientific Laboratory Supplies, UK). Cells were stained with specific mAbs, as  
172 described in detail elsewhere (38). Briefly, monolayers were fixed with 5% formaldehyde,  
173 2% sucrose in PBS for 10 min at 20°C, permeabilized with 0.5% Nonidet-P40, 10% sucrose  
174 in PBS for 5 min at 20°C, and washed three times in PBS containing 1% calf serum. PIV5-  
175 and PIV3- infected cells were detected by indirect immunofluorescence using a secondary  
176 goat anti-mouse Ig Texas Red-conjugated antibody (Abcam; catalog number ab6787). The  
177 primary antibodies were PIV5-NP-a and PIV5-Pe for PIV5 (39) and 4721, 2281 and 4812  
178 for PIV3 (40). After staining for immunofluorescence the monolayers of cells were  
179 examined with the use of a Nikon Microphot-FXA immunofluorescence microscope.

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#### 181 *RNA selection and in vitro translation.*

182 RNA for *in vitro* translations was isolated by sedimentation through CsCl gradients by a  
183 modified method described by Leppert et al (41). Confluent monolayers of infected cells,  
184 grown in 300-cm<sup>2</sup> flasks were resuspended in ice-cold lysis buffer [(150mM NaCl, 50mM  
185 Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 0.6% NP-40, protease-inhibitor cocktail (Roche, complete Mini EDTA-  
186 free, 1 tablet per 7 ml of buffer)] at 1 - 2 x 10<sup>8</sup> cells per ml and left on ice for 5 minutes prior  
187 to vortexing for 2 minutes. Nuclei were removed by centrifugation twice at 4,200 x g for 5  
188 minutes at 4°C. The supernatant (cytoplasmic extract) was collected, made to 6mM EDTA

189 and layered onto 35% w/w CsCl in 25mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 2mM EDTA followed by  
190 centrifugation at 175,000 x g, at 12 °C for 16 – 18h. Naked RNA (including mRNA) forms a  
191 pellet at the bottom of the gradient, whilst viral genomic and antigenomic RNAs remain  
192 complexed with nucleoprotein and do not enter the 35% CsCl cushion. The supernatant was  
193 discarded and the pellet resuspended in RNase-free water and adjusted to 1µg/µl. Selected  
194 RNA was translated *in vitro* with a rabbit reticulocyte lysate kit (L4960, Promega) in the  
195 presence of [<sup>35</sup>S]-methionine/cysteine (Perkin Elmer, NEG772, EasyTag™ Express Protein  
196 Labeling Mix) using a modification to the manufacturer's instructions: Methionine/cysteine-  
197 free medium (Sigma, D0422) was used to provide other amino acids (1µl per 50µl reaction).  
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#### 199 *Capping and methylation of mRNA*

200 Human RNA guanylyltransferase and 5'-phosphatase (RNGTT), RNA guanine-7  
201 methyltransferase (RNMT) and cap methyltransferase 1 (CMTR1) were synthesized and  
202 purified according to Gonatopoulos-Pournatzis et al (42). As described, the enzymes were all  
203 verified as being active by *in vitro* reactions followed by thin layer chromatography.  
204 Capping and methylation reactions were carried out in 50mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 6mM KCl,  
205 1.25mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 1mM DTT buffer as follows: 1µl 10x buffer, 1µl RNGTT (2.5 mg/ml), 1µl  
206 RNMT (0.5 mg/ml), CMTR1 (0.28 mg/ml), 1µl SAM (2mM), 1µl GTP (1mM), 0.5 µl  
207 RNasin, 2µl RNA (1 µg/µl). The reaction mixture was made up to 10µl with H<sub>2</sub>O, including  
208 experiments in which RNGTT, RNMT or CMTR1 were omitted, and incubated at 37°C for  
209 1h.

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#### 211 *Cloning and purification of IFIT1*

212 IFIT1 was amplified with primer IFIT1F/IFIT1Xho from the plasmid pGAC-HA-IFIT1 ,  
213 restricted with Nco I and Xho I, ligated with a modified pLOU3, in which MBP was  
214 replaced with SUMO, while Sal I in the MCS was replaced with Xho I.

215 IFIT1F: CCGCCATGGCTACAAATGGTGATGATCATCAGG

216 IFIT1Xho: GCGCCTCGAGCTAAGGACCTTGTCTCACAGAGTT

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218 The fusion protein, His-SUMO-(TEV)-IFIT1 was expressed in Rossetta in 6L LB/Amp/CM.  
219 0.2mM IPTG was added at OD = 0.8. The expression was carried out at 18°C overnight.

220 Purification was carried out with a routine protocol for His-tagged protein. Binding buffer  
221 contains (20mM Tris-HCl, pH8.0, 0.3M NaCl, 10mM imidazole), washing buffer contains  
222 30mM imidazole, and protein was eluted with 300mM imidazole. To remove non-  
223 specifically bound RNA the columns were washed with 9 vol. 0.2M Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>/4M NaCl,  
224 pH7.5. After desalting into GF buffer (20mM Tris-HCl, pH8, 150mM NaCl, 5% Glycerol),  
225 the fusion was cleaved with TEV protease (1:100) at room temperature overnight. Gel  
226 filtration was carried out after passing through Ni-beads again and addition of 3mM DTT.  
227 The IFIT1 peak was collected and concentrated and had an A260/A280 of 0.7-0.8.

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230 Results

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232 **Paramyxoviruses interact in distinct ways with cells in a pre-existing IFN-induced**  
233 **antiviral state.**

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235 Despite the fact that paramyxoviruses encode IFN antagonists that inhibit IFN production  
236 and signaling, their ability to block the IFN response is not absolute. Thus they form larger  
237 plaques on IFN-incompetent cells than IFN-competent cells (Figure 1 and reference (19),  
238 showing that during virus replication and spread some IFN is produced which slows the  
239 spread of the viruses (see also Figure 3). In the experiments shown in figure 1 and below we  
240 have used naïve A549, A549/Npro and A549/shIFIT1 cells; Naïve A549 cells can produce  
241 and respond to IFN in response to virus infection, A549/Npro cells respond to exogenous  
242 IFN but cannot produce IFN as they constitutively express Npro from bovine viral diarrhea  
243 virus (BVDV) which targets IRF-3 for degradation (43). Furthermore, because IRF-3 is  
244 degraded in A549/Npro cells they cannot up-regulate expression of IFIT1 in an IRF-3-  
245 dependent, IFN-independent, manner in direct response to virus infection (29).

246 A549/shIFIT1 cells produce and respond to IFN but expression of endogenous IFIT1 in  
247 response to IFN or viral infection is inhibited due to constitutive expression of small hairpin  
248 RNA (shRNA) to IFIT1 (23).

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250 We previously showed that IFIT1 is the major cellular protein responsible for the IFN  
251 sensitivity of the rubulavirus PIV5 (23). To further investigate the ability of IFN, and the  
252 role of IFIT1, to induce an antiviral state against other paramyxoviruses, we initially tested

253 the ability of PIV2, PIV3 and PIV5 to form plaques in A549, A549/Npro and A549/shIFIT1  
254 cells. All three viruses induced IFN in A549 cells as the plaques developed, as observed by  
255 the induction of MxA in the uninfected cells surrounding the plaque (Figure 1, panel a). As  
256 previously observed (23), PIV5 formed bigger plaques on A549/shIFIT1 cells than on A549  
257 cells, but the plaques were not as large as those on A549/Npro cells (Figure 1, panel b).  
258 Whilst PIV2 also produced slightly larger plaques on A549/shIFIT1 than on A549 cells, the  
259 plaques on A549/Npro cells were obviously bigger (note the centre of mid- to large-sized  
260 PIV2 plaques has fallen out of monolayers). PIV3 produced similarly sized plaques on A549  
261 and A549/shIFIT1, and slightly larger plaques on A549/Npro cells. These results also  
262 support our previous conclusion that in A549 (and Hep2) cells IFIT1 is the primary ISG  
263 effector to PIV5 (23) and that the rubulavirus PIV2 is also sensitive to IFIT1. However,  
264 knocking down IFIT1 did not have such a marked effect on PIV2 plaque size as it did for  
265 PIV5. This indicates that there are likely to be additional ISGs that play an important role in  
266 IFN-mediated inhibition of PIV2. In contrast, PIV3 (Washington strain) produced similarly  
267 sized plaques on A549 and A549/shIFIT1, and only slightly larger plaques on A549/Npro  
268 cells; this suggests that the IFN response is capable of slowing the spread of PIV3 to some  
269 degree (but not through the activity of IFIT1), but not as dramatically as it does for PIV2 or  
270 PIV5. However, experiments on the JS strain of PIV3 showed it to be more sensitive to the  
271 antiviral effects of IFN, but this was not because JS is sensitivity to IFIT1 (data not shown).

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273 We next compared the synthesis of viral proteins in cells infected with PIV2, PIV3 and PIV5  
274 that had, or had not, been pretreated with IFN prior to infection with PIV2, PIV3 and PIV5.  
275 Cells were infected at a high moi (10-20 pfu/cell) and the relative levels of NP synthesis  
276 visualized by radioactively labeling the cells for 1h with [<sup>35</sup>S]-methionine at 18h p.i. (Figure

277 2). Pretreatment of A549 and A549/Npro cells with IFN in this assay reduced the expression  
278 of the NP of PIV2 and PIV5 to barely detectable levels. However, IFN-pretreatment had no  
279 discernable effect on the expression of the NP protein of PIV3, or on the expression of host  
280 cell proteins. Strikingly, expression of NP of PIV2 and PIV5 was largely rescued in IFN-  
281 pretreated A549/shIFIT1 cells, demonstrating that IFIT1 plays a major role in the inhibition  
282 of PIV2 and PIV5 protein synthesis observed in A549 and A549/Npro cells pretreated with  
283 IFN. Figure 2 is an exemplar of many similar experiments we have performed under  
284 different conditions (time course, moi etc) that show the same result, namely that PIV2 and  
285 PIV5 are inhibited by IFIT1 whilst PIV3 is not.

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287 Having demonstrated that PIV2 and PIV5 are sensitive to IFIT1, whilst PIV3 is resistant, we  
288 tested the sensitivity of other members of the Paramyxoviridae family, namely mumps virus  
289 (MuV strain Enders), Sendai virus (SeV) and Canine Distemper virus (CDV). In a similar set  
290 of experiments to those described in Figure 2, A549/Npro and A549/shIFIT1 cells were, or  
291 were not pretreated with IFN, prior to a high multiplicity of infection with these viruses. The  
292 relative levels of NP synthesis were visualized by radioactively labeling the cells for 1h with  
293 [<sup>35</sup>S]-methionine at 18h p.i (Figure 3, panel A). These experiments clearly demonstrated that,  
294 like PIV2 and PIV5, pretreating A549 cells with IFN inhibited MuV strain Enders protein  
295 synthesis, but that knocking down IFIT1 expression could largely restore MuV protein  
296 synthesis. In contrast, as was observed for PIV3, although pretreatment of A549 cells with  
297 IFN slightly reduced the expression of SeV and CDV protein synthesis, no increase in SeV  
298 and CDV protein synthesis was observed in A549/shIFIT1 compared to A549 cells  
299 pretreated with IFN. These results therefore show that MuV Enders is sensitive to IFIT1, but  
300 SeV and CDV are not; the weak inhibition of SeV and CDV protein synthesis observed in

301 A549 and A549/shIFIT1 cells pretreated with IFN presumably being due to the action of  
302 other ISGs induced by IFN. Whilst MuV is sensitive to IFIT1, it only forms pinpoint plaques  
303 on A549/Npro cells at 5 days p.i. (data not shown), strongly suggesting that there are host  
304 cell restrictions other than innate intracellular defence mechanisms on MuV replication in  
305 A549 cells (44).

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307 Since in these experiments we used the attenuated Enders strains of MuV to test whether  
308 attenuation may be linked to sensitivity to IFIT1, we tested a wild type isolate of MuV-  
309 London-1 (Lo-1) for its sensitivity. At the same time we also tested the sensitivity of another  
310 strain of PIV5, termed CPI+ (Figure 3, panel B). MuV-Lo was as sensitive as MuV Enders,  
311 demonstrating that attenuation was not linked to differences in their relative sensitivity to  
312 IFIT1. Similarly PIV5 CPI+ was also sensitive to inhibition by IFIT1.

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314 **The IFIT1-sensitivity of PIV5 is not rescued by co-infection with an IFIT1-resistant**  
315 **virus.**

316 From these results it was clear that the replication of the non-rubulaviruses PIV3, SeV and  
317 CDV are not inhibited by IFIT1. To investigate whether PIV5 replication could be rescued  
318 by co-infections with an IFIT1-resistant virus, mixed infections between PIV3 and PIV5  
319 were undertaken. To avoid any possible synergistic effects between PIV3 and PIV5 in  
320 dismantling an IFN-induced antiviral state, the CPI- strain of PIV5 was used in these  
321 experiments as, due to mutations in its V protein, it does not block IFN signaling (45). A549  
322 or A549/shIFIT1 cells were or were not pretreated with IFN for 8h prior to high multiplicity  
323 (10 - 20 p.f.u./cell) infection with PIV5, PIV3, or a mixture of both viruses (Figure 4, panel  
324 a). The expression of the NP protein of PIV3 was resistant to IFN in both A549 and in

325 A549/shIFIT1 cells when they were infected with PIV3 alone and when co-infected with  
326 PIV5. In contrast, whilst the expression of PIV5 NP was resistant to IFN in A549/shIFIT1  
327 cells, its expression was inhibited in A549 cells, even when the cells were co-infected with  
328 PIV3. Immunofluorescence was undertaken to ensure that in these experiments there was no  
329 exclusion of one virus by the other (Figure 4, panels b and c). These results confirmed that  
330 co-infection of PIV3 with PIV5 does not rescue the sensitivity of PIV5 to IFIT1 and strongly  
331 suggests that PIV3 does not specifically inhibit the antiviral activity of IFIT1, and that the  
332 inhibition of PIV5 NP expression is regulated by cis-acting elements.

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### 334 **Differential inhibition of translation of mRNAs of different paramyxoviruses by** 335 **purified IFIT1**

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337 The data above show that the IFN-sensitivity of rubulaviruses is at least in part due to the  
338 actions of IFIT1. Since this cellular protein has been shown to inhibit translation in a  
339 template-specific manner we developed an *in vitro* translation system to study the ability of  
340 human IFIT1 to selectively inhibit the translation of rubulavirus mRNAs. The gene encoding  
341 human IFIT1 was cloned as an SUMO-fusion protein expressed in E.coli and the  
342 recombinant protein purified (Figure 5, panel a). To determine whether the recombinant  
343 IFIT1 was able to selectively inhibit PIV5 mRNAs, *in vitro* translation of mRNA isolated  
344 from mock and PIV5-infected cells was carried out in the presence and absence of different  
345 concentrations of IFIT1 (Figure 5, panels b, c and d). In the absence of IFIT1, expression of  
346 the NP protein (and to a lesser extent the M protein) of PIV5 could clearly be visualized in  
347 the background of *in vitro* translated cellular proteins (Figure 5 panels c and d). Increasing  
348 concentrations of IFIT1 had no obvious effect on the efficiency of translation of host cell

349 proteins, but in striking contrast, purified IFIT1 selectively inhibited the translation of the  
350 NP and M proteins of PIV5 in a concentration-dependent manner.

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352 Having established that the sensitivity of *in vitro* translation of PIV5 mRNA to inhibition by  
353 purified IFIT1 correlated with the biological sensitivity of PIV5 to IFIT1, we next tested the  
354 ability of IFIT1 to inhibit the translation of mRNA isolated from cells infected with other  
355 paramyxoviruses (Figure 6). These results clearly demonstrated that translation of (NP)  
356 mRNAs from PIV2- and from MuV-infected cells was inhibited by IFIT1. In contrast, there  
357 was no obvious reduction in the amount of PIV3 NP synthesized when increasing amounts  
358 of IFIT1 was added to the *in vitro* translation reactions. Although there was a slight apparent  
359 reduction in the amount of SeV and CDV NP synthesis in the samples in which IFIT1 was  
360 added, there was no increase the inhibition observed by increasing the amount of IFIT1  
361 added to the *in vitro* translation reactions, strongly suggesting that the translation of SeV and  
362 CDV mRNAs are also resistant to inhibition by IFIT1.

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364 **Lack of 2'-O methylation of the cap structure of MuV and PIV5 mRNAs is partially**  
365 **responsible for their sensitivity to inhibition by IFIT1**

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367 Previous studies have shown that the absence of cap 1 on mRNAs renders them sensitive to  
368 inhibition to IFIT1. To investigate whether this was the case for rubulavirus mRNAs we  
369 developed an *in vitro* assay in which purified human mRNA-modifying enzymes were used  
370 to progressively cap and add different methyl groups to the 5' ends of mRNAs. Purified  
371 human RNA guanylyltransferase and 5'-phosphatase (RNGTT), RNA guanine-7  
372 methyltransferase (RNMT) and cap methyltransferase 1 (CMTR1) were used in these assays.

373 RNGTT adds a 5' guanosine to RNAs with 5'-ppp, whilst RNMT adds a methyl group to the  
374 <sup>7</sup>G of the guanine ring, generating (m<sup>7</sup>G) cap 0. CMTR1 adds a methyl group to the 2' OH  
375 position of the adjacent ribose, generating cap 1. To demonstrate the functionality of this  
376 system, we first tested the *in vitro* translation of luciferase mRNA with a 5'-triphosphate  
377 group. This RNA was efficiently translated in a cap-independent manner and was only  
378 weakly inhibited by IFIT1 (Figure 7a, compare lanes 1 and 2). When the luciferase mRNA  
379 was capped with the addition of 5'-guanosine by RNGTT (generating Gppp-mRNA) there  
380 was a slight decrease in the amount of luciferase made (Figure 7a, compare lanes 1 and 3).  
381 This may have been due to RNGTT destabilizing or blocking the translation of Gppp-  
382 mRNAs in the absence of <sup>7</sup>N methylation. However strikingly, translation of this mRNA was  
383 completely inhibited by IFIT1 (Figure 7a lane 4) despite this cap structure lacking N-7  
384 methylation. As expected, the addition of a methyl group to the N-7 position of the guanine  
385 ring (generating m<sup>7</sup>Gpppm<sup>2</sup>N) by RNMT increased the efficiency of translation, but  
386 m<sup>7</sup>Gppp-luciferase remained completely sensitive to inhibition by IFIT1 (Figure 7a lanes 5  
387 and 6). Addition of a methyl group to the 2' OH group of the adjacent ribose (generating cap  
388 1) by CMTR1 did not affect the efficiency by which the mRNA is translated but it did  
389 clearly reduce the sensitivity of the mRNA to inhibition by IFIT1 (Figure 7A compare lanes 7  
390 and 8). However, it should be noted that in these experiments, for reasons that are unclear,  
391 we were unable to completely restore full translation of the luciferase mRNA in the presence  
392 of IFIT1 by increasing the amount of CMTR1 or length of incubation of the mRNA with the  
393 enzyme (data not shown).

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395 To investigate how similar modifications to the cap of rubulavirus mRNAs influenced their  
396 inhibition by IFIT1, we initially used MuV mRNA in a parallel set of experiments. These

397 results showed that treatment of the MuV mRNA with RNGTT and RNMT did not increase  
398 the efficiency of *in vitro* translation of MuV NP mRNA or its sensitivity to inhibition by  
399 IFIT1 (Figure 7b lanes 1 to 6), consistent with the viral polymerase adding m<sup>7</sup>Gppp-cap at  
400 (cap 0) to the 5' end of viral mRNAs. However, surprisingly, since rubulavirus polymerases  
401 have conserved 2'-O MTase domains, addition of a methyl group to the 2'OH group of the  
402 adjacent ribose (cap 1) by CMTR1 clearly reduced the sensitivity of the NP mRNA to  
403 inhibition by IFIT1 (Figure 7b lanes 7 and 8). As expected, the IFIT1 sensitivity was  
404 dependent on the addition of S-adenosyl methionine (SAM) to the reaction mixture (Figure  
405 7c). Similarly, following 2'O methylation of PIV5 mRNA, *in vitro* translation of PIV5 NP  
406 became completely resistant to inhibition by IFIT1 (Figure 7d). Strikingly, in contrast to NP,  
407 the translation of PIV5 M mRNA remained completely sensitive to inhibition by IFIT1 even  
408 after 2'O methylation of PIV5 mRNA by CMTR1 (Figures 7d and 7e); the basis for this is  
409 currently unknown but we are investigating it further.

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## 411 Discussion

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413 Over the past decade or so it has become clear that the ways in which paramxoviruses  
414 circumvent innate immune responses, including the IFN response, and differences in the  
415 multifunctional nature of their IFN antagonists are likely to influence the types of disease  
416 they cause. For example, the viral IFN antagonists within the rubulavirus genus, namely the  
417 V proteins, as well as interacting with common targets such as MDA 5 and LGP2 also have  
418 unique properties. The V protein of PIV5 targets STAT1 for degradation, PIV2 targets  
419 STAT2 and MuV targets both STAT1 and STAT3. Within the respirovirus and morbillivirus  
420 genera it is a combination of the V and C proteins that counteract innate responses by

421 different molecular mechanisms and strikingly, although PIV3 encodes a C protein, it does  
422 not encode a functional V protein. Despite encoding these powerful IFN antagonists, IFN is  
423 produced during virus spread both in tissue culture cells and *in vivo*, and thus undoubtedly  
424 paramyxoviruses will, during the course of an infection, infect cells in a pre-existing IFN-  
425 induced antiviral state. Here we show that different paramyxoviruses interact in distinct  
426 ways with cells in a pre-existing IFN-induced antiviral state, and suggest that this may  
427 influence the types of diseases caused. Strikingly, in contrast to the sensitivity of  
428 rubulaviruses to IFIT1, the other paramyxoviruses we tested were resistant, strongly  
429 suggesting that this might be a distinguishing feature of rubulaviruses, although before this  
430 can be firmly concluded the sensitivity of more species of paramyxoviruses to IFIT1 needs  
431 to be tested. Even within the rubulavirus genus it appears that there may be differences in  
432 how members interact with cells in IFN-induced antiviral state. In A549 cells IFIT1 is  
433 primarily responsible for the IFN-induced antiviral state induced to counter PIV5. However,  
434 although PIV2 is sensitive to IFIT1, there appear to be other ISGs that have strong anti-PIV2  
435 activity. This conclusion comes from the observation that whilst there is a slight increase in  
436 the size of PIV2 plaques on A549/shIFIT1 cells compared to A549 cells, it is not as obvious  
437 as that observed for PIV5. Furthermore, whilst plaques for PIV5 were smaller on  
438 A549/shIFIT1 cells than on A549/Npro cells, this difference was not as marked as that  
439 observed for PIV2. MuV Enders strain is also sensitive to IFIT1, but there are clearly other  
440 major constraints on the growth of MuV Enders in human cells as the virus grows extremely  
441 poorly in IFN-incompetent human cells but replicates to high titres in Vero cells (44).  
442  
443 It is striking that only rubulaviruses are sensitive to the antiviral activity of human IFIT1.  
444 Our data indicate that the inhibition of rubulavirus mRNAs was inhibited by IFIT1 in a cis-

445 linked manner, implying that the restriction is associated with some feature of the mRNA  
446 sequence or structure. Since IFIT1 can selectively inhibit the translation of mRNAs that are  
447 incorrectly capped or not methylated at the 2' OH group of the first ribose, i.e. cap 1, (24, 46,  
448 47), it was likely that rubulaviruses have a structural motif in their cap, not present or hidden  
449 in the mRNA of other paramyxoviruses, that is recognized by IFIT1. To investigate this  
450 further we used purified human enzymes to modify the cap of mRNAs. As a control for the  
451 activity of the enzymes we used an uncapped 5'-ppp mRNA that encodes luciferase. The 5'-  
452 ppp luciferase mRNA translated in a cap-independent manner *in vitro* using rabbit  
453 reticulocyte lysate and this translation was only weakly inhibited by purified IFIT1. Whilst  
454 addition of a 5' guanosine nucleoside cap slightly decreased the amount of luciferase  
455 synthesized, probably because the enzyme RNGTT destabilizes the mRNA, addition of the  
456 (unmethylated) guanosine nucleoside to the 5' end of the mRNA significantly increased the  
457 sensitivity of the mRNA to inhibition by IFIT1. Furthermore, although methylation of the  
458 guanine ring at position N7 (m7GpppNp-RNA) by RNMT increased the efficiency of  
459 translation of luciferase mRNA it did not appear to affect the sensitivity of inhibition by  
460 IFIT1. These results are therefore consistent with the observation that human IFIT1 binds  
461 with low affinity to 5'-ppp RNA, but more avidly to cap 0 RNA lacking 2' O methylation.  
462 Methylation at position N7 of the guanine ring has also been reported to increase the  
463 affinity of binding of IFIT1 (24), however the observation here that Gppp-luciferase is  
464 inhibited as efficiently as m7Gppp-luciferase suggests that the methyl group does not play a  
465 central role in the inhibition of mRNAs by IFIT1. In contrast, 2' O-methylation of the first  
466 ribose by CMTR1 to generate cap 1 partially prevented IFIT1 from inhibiting the translation  
467 of the cap 0-modified mRNA. However, even by increasing the amount of CMTR1 and the  
468 incubation time we were unable to completely restore full translational activity of the

469 luciferase mRNA. The reasons for this are unclear but it suggests that other structural  
470 features, for example methylation of the penultimate ribose to generate cap 2, or sequences  
471 at the 5' end of mRNAs, may also influence inhibition by IFIT1, as has been suggested by  
472 Daugherty et al (30).

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474 mRNAs isolated from PIV3, SeV and CDV infected cells were not inhibited by IFIT1 and  
475 neither was the replication of these viruses (Figures 2 and 3). In contrast, 2' O-methylation  
476 of the terminal ribose by CMTR1 of MuV mRNAs partially alleviated inhibition of the NP  
477 mRNA by IFIT1. With regards PIV5, our previous studies suggested that PIV5 mRNAs  
478 were 2' O-methylated (23). Furthermore, we never observed complete IFIT1-inhibition of  
479 PIV5 NP synthesis *in vitro*, suggesting that at least a proportion of the PIV5 NP mRNA was  
480 correctly capped. However, the fact that treating PIV5 mRNAs with CMTR1 rescued NP  
481 synthesis in the presence of IFIT1 suggests that a significant proportion of PIV5 mRNAs  
482 was also not fully methylated. It is also of potential significance that the M mRNA of PIV5  
483 appears to be more sensitive than NP mRNA to inhibition by IFIT1 and furthermore  
484 translation inhibition of PIV5 M mRNA was not rescued by treatment with CMTR1. The  
485 reasons for differences in the relative sensitivity of the NP and M mRNAs clearly warrants  
486 further investigation, but may be due to the fact that the viral methyltransferase differentially  
487 methylates the viral mRNAs (as has been shown for VSV (48)), that CMTR1 does not  
488 recognize the UTR of the PIV5 M mRNA, or that inhibition by IFIT1 is influenced by  
489 additional structural features present on PIV5 M mRNA but not NP mRNA. Regarding this  
490 latter point, it is of note that the first three nucleotides of the UTRs of NP and M differ.  
491 Furthermore the 4 to 5 nucleotides downstream of cap 0 are thought to be bound by IFIT1  
492 and may thus modulate IFIT1-RNA interactions (49) and some secondary RNA structures,

493 e.g. those found at the 5' end of some alphaviruses, can prevent IFIT1 binding to RNA  
494 independent of the cap-methylation status (50).  
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496 Most viruses successfully avoid inhibition by IFIT1 by encoding their own 2'-O MTase ,  
497 cap-snatching appropriately capped and 2'-O methylated structures from cellular mRNAs or  
498 having cap-independent translation with covalently linked viral protein, VPg or a 5' RNA  
499 secondary structure that block the activity of IFIT1 (reviewed in (26)). Indeed, work on  
500 virus restriction by IFIT1 has primarily involved the investigation of viruses in which the 2'-  
501 O-MTases have been mutated such that their mRNAs do not have a cap 1 structure (25, 51-  
502 54). Nevertheless our results show that the viral polymerase of rubulaviruses, unlike other  
503 paramyxoviruses, does not fully protect the viral mRNAs from inhibition by human IFIT1.  
504 In this regard, it is of interest to note that, although rubulaviruses have the conserved  
505 methyltransferase domain in their polymerase, they all have an alanine instead of the first  
506 glycine in a GxGxG motif present in the methyltransferase domain of other paramyxoviruses  
507 and mononegavirales that has been shown to affect the efficiency of cap methylation (55).  
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509 Most viruses, including other mononegavirales (56), appear to be naturally resistant to  
510 inhibition by IFIT1. It is therefore intriguing that rubulaviruses have not evolved  
511 mechanisms to ensure that their mRNAs are correctly capped and methylated, or have the  
512 appropriate UTRs, to be resistant to IFIT1. It is tempting to speculate that there is some  
513 unknown biological advantage to being sensitive to IFIT1. For example, it may help some  
514 rubulaviruses (and perhaps hepatitis C virus (57) which is also sensitive to IFIT1) to  
515 establish prolonged or persistent infections. Thus, following infection of cells in an IFN-  
516 induced antiviral state, IFIT1 restricts PIV5 replication. Under such conditions, virus

517 genomes are located in cytoplasmic foci where, as we have previously suggested, they may  
518 remain hidden from intracellular and adaptive immune responses. Furthermore, if viral  
519 mRNA is produced in cells in an IFN-induced antiviral state then viral protein synthesis will  
520 largely be inhibited by IFIT1, thus reducing the amount of protein that may be processed and  
521 presented to CTLs. Eventually, in such cells however, enough of the virus IFN antagonist,  
522 the V protein, will be produced, or brought in by infecting virus particles, to target STAT1  
523 for proteasome-mediated degradation, and the cells will no longer be able to maintain their  
524 antiviral state, thus facilitating virus replication (58). Whether such a scenario occurs *in*  
525 *vivo*, these, and other considerations, emphasize that to fully understand the molecular  
526 pathogenesis of viruses, it will be necessary to understand the subtleties of how viruses  
527 interact with the IFN system and other host cell defence mechanisms.  
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## 709 Figure legends

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### 711 Figure 1

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713 Panel a). A549 cells produce and respond to IFN during development of PIV2, PIV3 and  
714 PIV5 plaques. Panel a). A549 cells grown on coverslips in 24 well microtitre were infected  
715 with PIV2, PIV3 or PIV5 at a multiplicity that resulted in 2 – 10 plaques per well. At 3 days  
716 p.i. the cells were fixed and stained with antibodies to the NP proteins of the respective  
717 viruses (green) and anti-MxA antibody, which is an ISG that is up-regulated in response to  
718 IFN $\alpha/\beta$  (red). The images show cross sections through plaques with the center of the plaque  
719 at the left hand side of the image. Panel b). Relative plaque size of PIV2 (Colindale), PIV3  
720 (Washington strain) and PIV5 (W3) on A549, A549/shIFIT1 and A549/NPro cells. Infected  
721 monolayers of cells in 6-well dishes were fixed at 4 days (PIV3) or 5 days (PIV2 and PIV5)  
722 p.i. and virus plaques visualized by immunostaining the monolayers with antibodies to the  
723 respective NP and/or P proteins. The numbers at the bottom left in each panel give the  
724 average plaque size in mm, together with their standard deviation.

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### 727 Figure 2

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729 IFIT1 inhibits PIV5 (W3) and PIV2 (Colindale) protein synthesis but not that of PIV3  
730 (Washington). A549, A549/ NPro cells and A549/shIFIT1 cells, grown in 25-cm<sup>2</sup> flasks  
731 were, or were not, treated with IFN 8h prior to infection at a high moi with PIV2, PIV3  
732 (Washington strain) or PIV5. At 18h p.i. cells were metabolically labeled with [<sup>35</sup>S]-  
733 methionine for 1h. Total-cell extracts were separated by electrophoresis through a 4 -12%  
734 PAG and labeled proteins visualized using a phosphoimager. The positions of the NP  
735 polypeptides are indicated by asterisks. The figures at the bottom indicate the fraction of NP  
736 made in cells pretreated with IFN compared to untreated cells as estimated by densitometry  
737 scans.

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740 Figure 3

741 IFIT1 inhibits MuV (Enders and wild type (Lo-1) strains), PIV5 (strain CPI+) protein  
742 synthesis but not that of SeV or CDV. A549/ N<sup>Pro</sup> cells and A549/shIFIT1 cells, grown in 25-  
743 cm<sup>2</sup> flasks, were or were not treated with IFN 8h prior to infection at high multiplicity with  
744 MuV Enders, MuV Lo-1 (wt), SeV, CDV or PIV5 (CPI+). At 18h p.i. cells were  
745 metabolically labeled with [<sup>35</sup>S]-methionine for 1h. Total-cell extracts were separated by  
746 electrophoresis through a 4 -12% PAG and labeled proteins visualized using a  
747 phosphoimager. The figures at the bottom indicate the fraction of NP made in cells  
748 pretreated with IFN compared to untreated cells.

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750 Figure 4

751 PIV3 (Washington) does not inhibit the antiviral activity of IFIT1. A549 and A549/shIFIT1  
752 cells, grown in either 25-cm<sup>2</sup> flasks (panel a) or on coverslips (panels b and c), were or were

753 not treated with IFN 8h prior to infection at high multiplicity with PIV3, PIV5 (strain CPI-)  
754 or a mixture of both viruses. Panel a): At 18h p.i. the cells were metabolically labeled with  
755 [<sup>35</sup>S]-methionine for 1h. Total cell extracts were separated by electrophoresis through a 4 -  
756 12% PAG and labeled proteins visualized using a phosphoimager. The positions of the NP  
757 protein are indicated by asterisks. Panel b and c): At 18h p.i. cells grown on coverslips were  
758 fixed and immunostained with antibodies specific for the NP and/or P proteins of the  
759 respective viruses.

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761 Figure 5

762 Purified IFIT1 directly inhibits *in vitro* translation of PIV5 mRNA. Panel a) Coomassie  
763 Brilliant Blue-stained PAG of purified IFIT1, molecular weight markers are shown in the left  
764 hand lane. Panels b) and c). RNA isolated from mock- or PIV5-infected cells was *in vitro*  
765 translated in the presence of [<sup>35</sup>S]-methionine for 90 min in the presence or absence of  
766 increasing concentrations of purified IFIT1 (0.1 and 1.0 µg per reaction mixture).  
767 Polypeptides were separated by electrophoresis through a 4 -12% PAG. The total protein  
768 content present in the *in vitro* translation mixes were visualized by staining the gel with  
769 Coomassie Brilliant Blue (panel b) and the radioactively labeled proteins (panel c) visualized  
770 using a phosphoimager. Panel d shows the densitometry traces of lanes 1, 3, 4 and 6 of panel  
771 c. The position of PIV5 NP and M proteins are indicated; asterisks mark two prominent host  
772 cell polypeptides. The figures at the bottom of the gel indicate the fraction of either the host  
773 cell proteins or NP proteins made in the *in vitro* translation mixes in the presence of purified  
774 IFIT1 compared to in the absence of IFIT1.

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776 Figure 6

777 Purified IFIT1 inhibits the *in vitro* translation of NP mRNA isolated from PIV2-, and MuV-  
778 infected cells but not mRNA from mock-infected cells or NP mRNA isolated from PIV3-  
779 (Washington strain), SeV- or CDV- infected cells. RNA isolated from mock or infected cells  
780 was *in vitro* translated in the presence of [<sup>35</sup>S]-methionine for 90 min in the presence or  
781 absence of increasing concentrations of purified IFIT1 (0.1 and 1.0µg per reaction mixture).  
782 Polypeptides were separated by electrophoresis through a 4 -12% PAG and labeled proteins  
783 visualized using a phosphoimager. The positions of the NP proteins are indicated. The  
784 figures at the bottom of the gel indicate the fraction of either the host cell proteins or NP  
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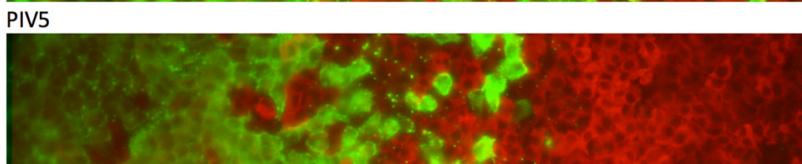
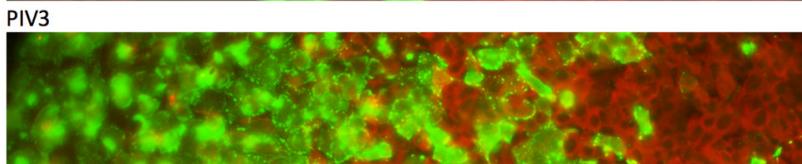
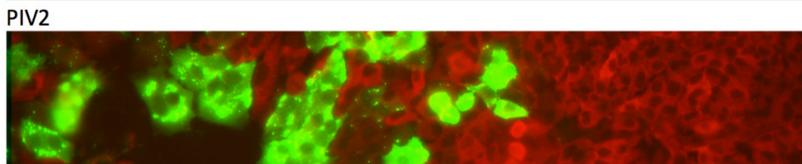
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788 Figure 7

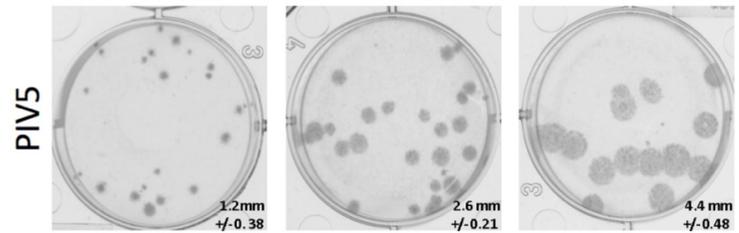
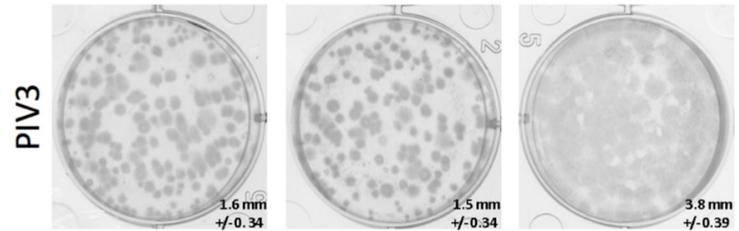
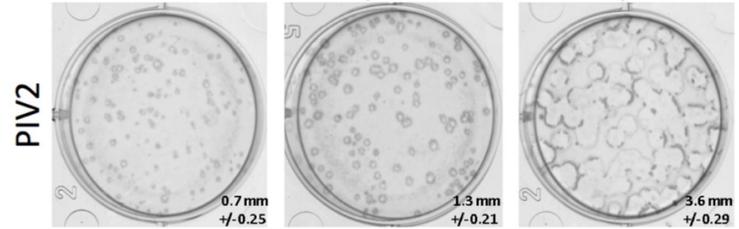
789 Lack of 2'-O methylation of the cap 1 structure of MuV and PIV5 mRNAs is at least  
790 partially responsible for their sensitivity to inhibition by IFIT1. Panel a): uncapped 5'-ppp  
791 mRNA encoding luciferase synthesized by T7 polymerase (provided as a control in the  
792 Promega *in vitro* translation kit) was translated *in vitro* in a rabbit reticulocyte lysate in the  
793 absence or presence of purified IFIT1 (lanes 1 and 2). RNGTT was used to add a 5' guanine  
794 cap (lanes 3 and 4), then RNMT to methylate the cap at the N7 position (lanes 5 and 6),  
795 generating cap 0, and CMTR1 to methylate the adjacent ribose on the 2' OH position,  
796 generating (cap 1). The modified mRNAs were then *in vitro* translated in the absence (lanes  
797 3, 5 and 7) or presence of IFIT1 (lanes 4, 6 and 8). Panel b): mRNA isolated from MuV-  
798 infected cells was treated in parallel under the same conditions as described for panel (a).  
799 Panel c and d): mRNA isolated from either MuV- (Enders) or PIV5- (W3) infected cells was  
800 *in vitro* translated prior to (lanes 1 and 2) or following modification by CMTR1 in the

801 presence (lanes 3 and 4) or absence (lanes 5 and 6) of SAM. The mRNA was also translated  
802 in the absence (lanes 1, 3 and 5) or presence of purified IFIT1 (lanes 2, 4 and 6). Panel e)  
803 shows the densitometry traces of lanes 1, 2, 3 and 4 of panel d). The figures at the bottom of  
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805 translation mixes in the presence of purified IFIT1 compared to in the absence of IFIT1.

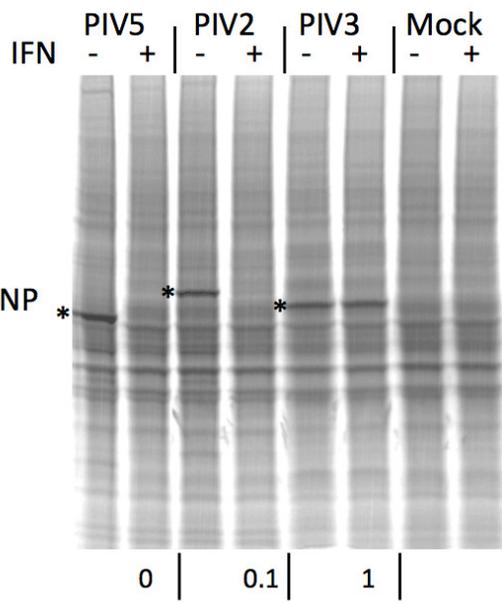
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Negative control



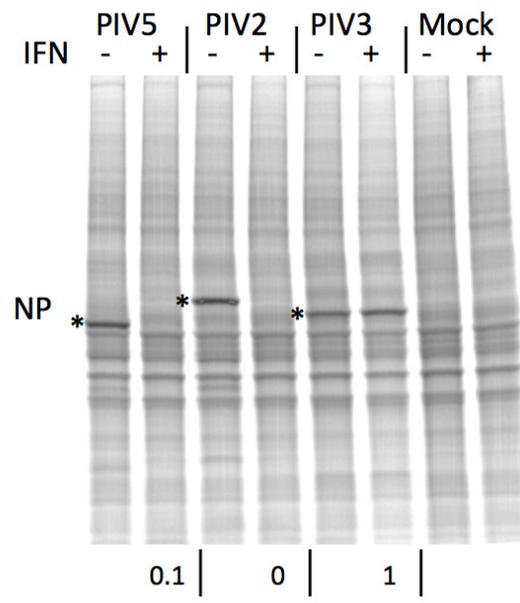
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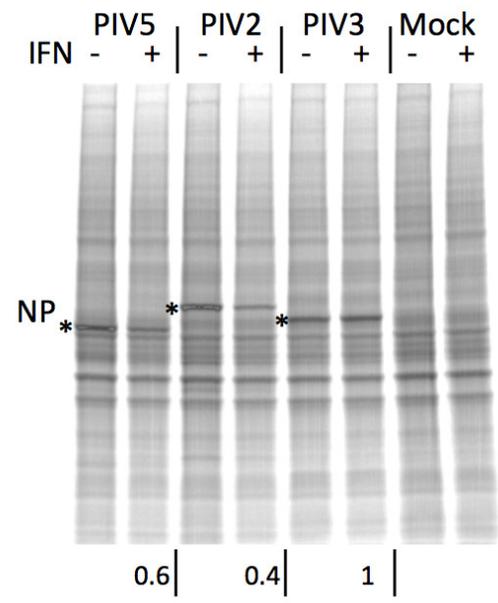
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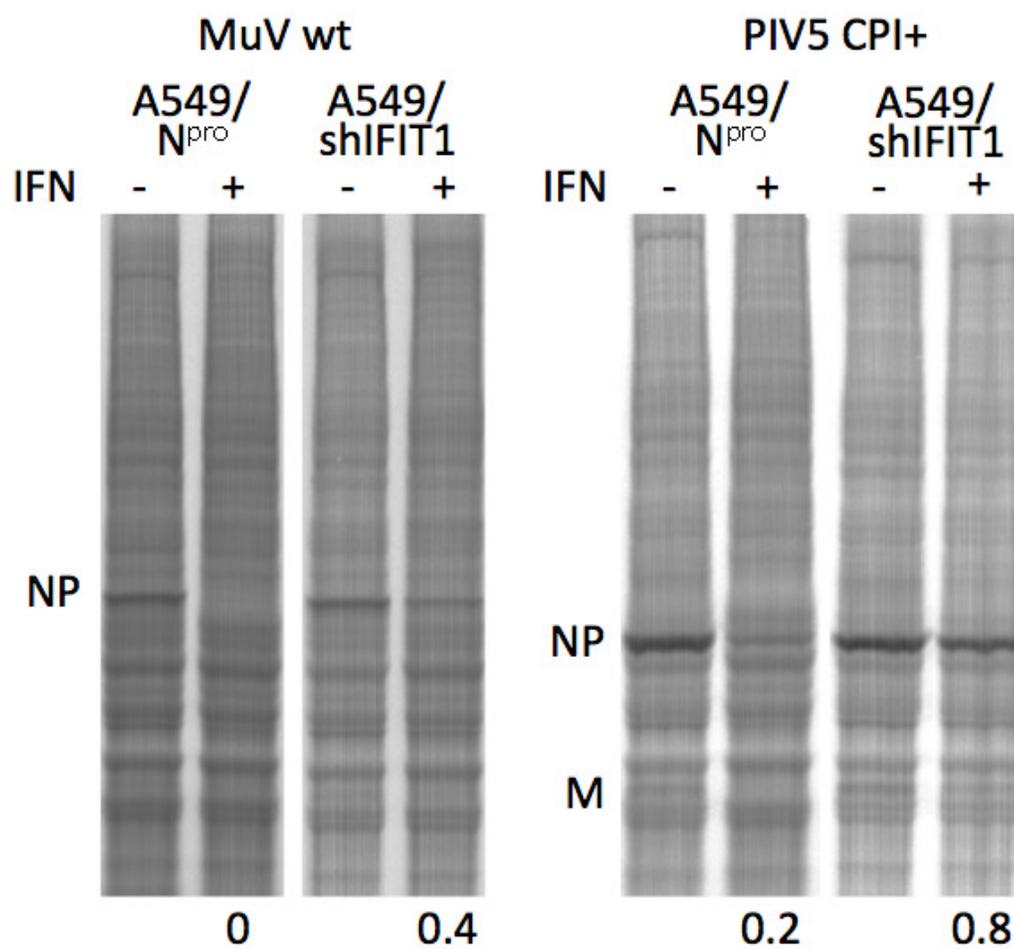
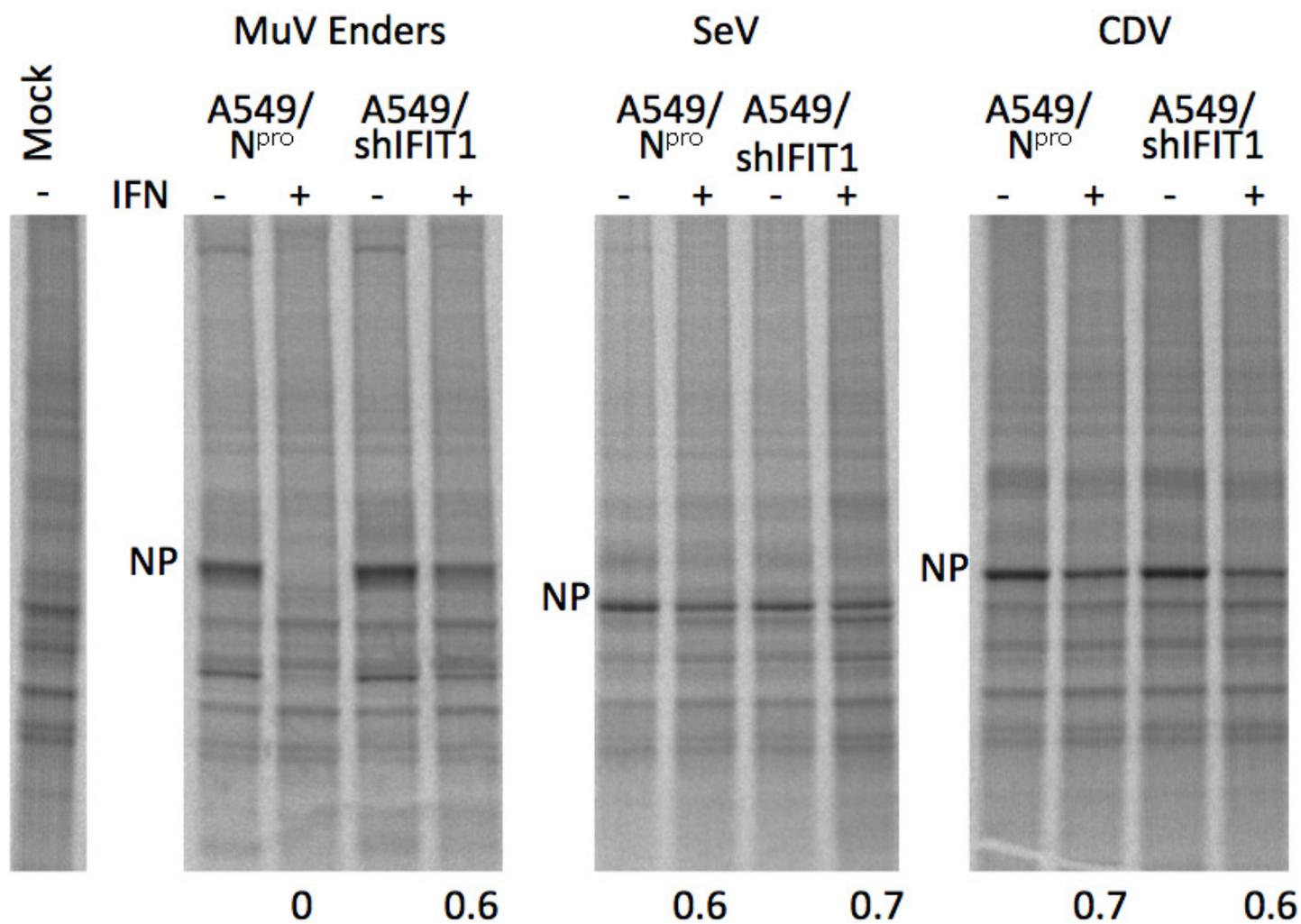


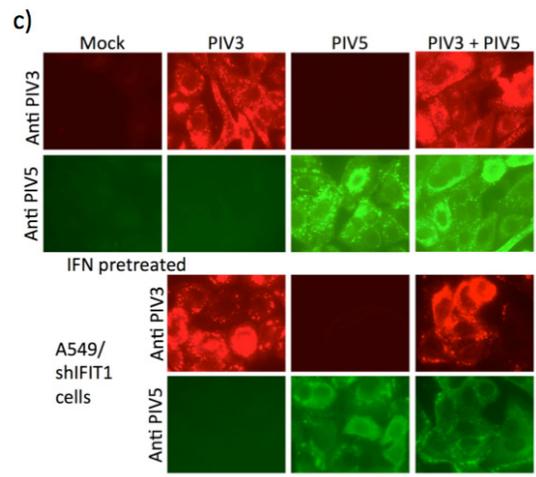
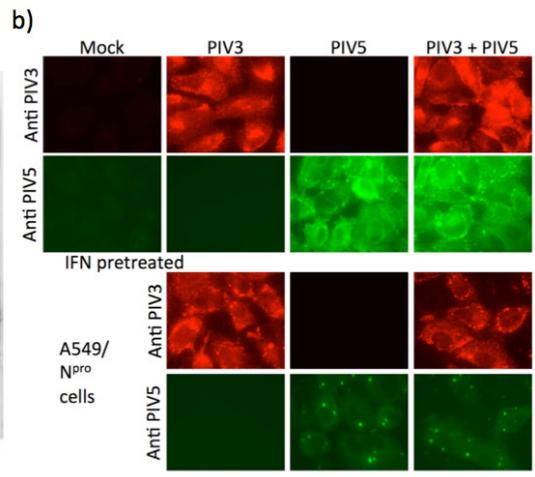
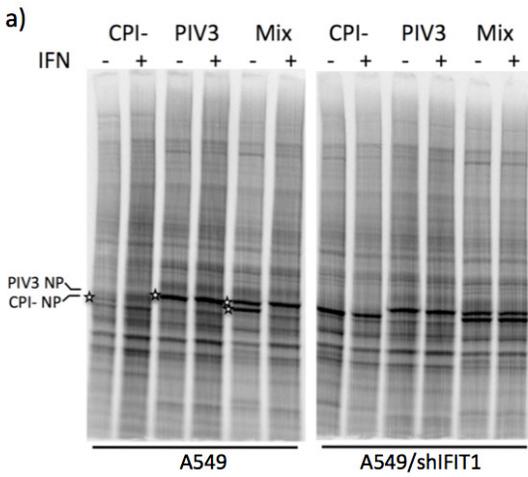
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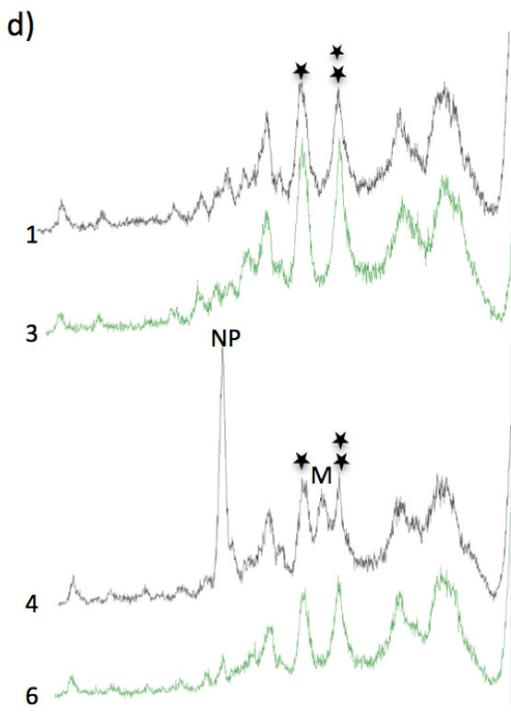
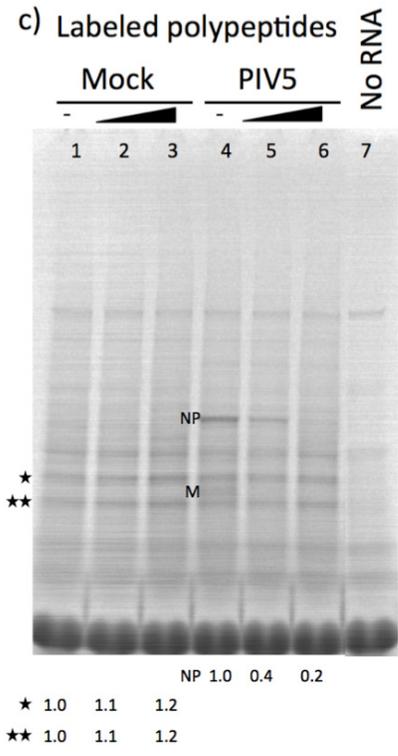
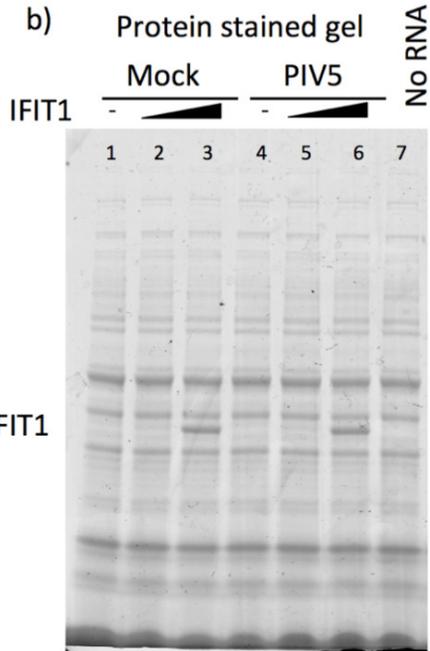
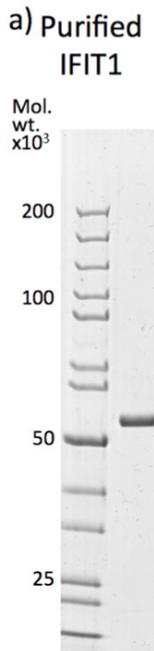


A549/shIFIT1











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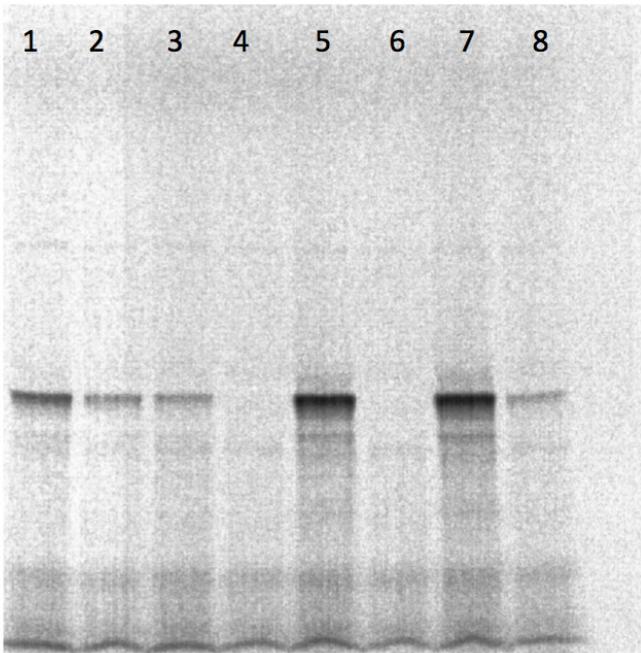
Uncapped luciferase mRNA

RNGTT	-	+	+	+
RNMT	-	-	+	+
CMTR1	-	-	-	+

IFIT1 | - + | - + | - + | - + |

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

luciferase



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b)

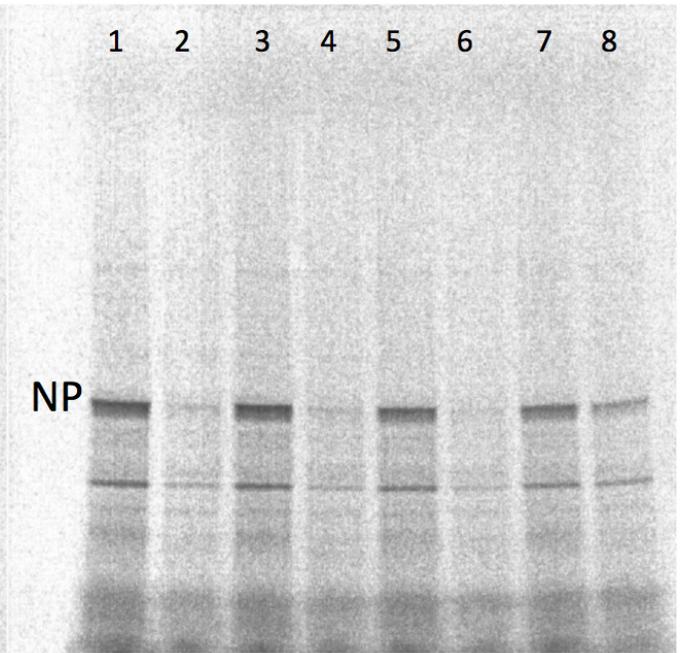
MuV Enders

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	-	-	+	+
	-	-	-	+

| - + | - + | - + | - + |

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

NP



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