

Prediction, microarray, and Northern blot analyses identify new intergenic small RNAs in *Aliivibrio salmonicida*

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Abstract

Bacterial small RNAs (sRNAs) are *trans*-encoded regulatory RNAs that typically bind mRNAs by short sequence complementarities and change the expression of the corresponding proteins. Some of the well characterized sRNAs serve critical steps in the regulation of important cellular processes, such as quorum sensing (Qrr), iron homeostasis (RyhB), oxidative stress (OxyS), and carbon metabolism (Spot42). However, many sRNAs remains to be identified, and the functional roles of sRNAs are known for only a small fraction. For example, of the hundreds of candidate sRNAs from members of the bacterial family *Vibrionaceae*, the function is known for only nine. We have in this study significantly contributed to the discovery and verification of new sRNAs in a representative of *Vibrionaceae*, i.e., the *Aliivibrio salmonicida*, which causes severe disease in farmed Atlantic salmon and other fishes. A computational search for intergenic non-coding (nc) RNAs in the 4.6 Mb genome identified a total of 252 potential ncRNAs (including 233 putative sRNAs). Depending on the set threshold value for fluorescence signal in our microarray approach, we identified 50-80 putative ncRNAs that are expressed under different growth conditions, twelve of which were verified by Northern blot analysis. In total we identified nine new sRNAs.

Introduction

Bacteria contain a diverse set of non-coding (nc) RNAs [1]. Some of these RNAs, such as RNaseP, tRNAs, rRNAs, and tmRNA, serve “housekeeping” functions, CRISPR RNAs protect the bacteria from viruses and plasmids [2], whereas other classes of ncRNAs serve as regulators in gene expression. *cis*-encoded RNA regulators are typically part of mRNAs and located in front of protein coding regions. They change the expression of the corresponding protein by binding to small metabolites (i.e., riboswitches) [3]. Other regulatory RNAs are transcribed in *trans* from separate promoters located in intergenic regions (IGRs), and, finally, some regulatory RNAs are transcribed from protein coding regions, but from the opposite strand (i.e., anti-sense RNAs).

The majority of *trans*-encoded regulatory RNAs in bacteria are small in size (hence the name small RNAs, or sRNAs) and act by targeting mRNAs by short imperfect sequence complementarities, thus, modulating expression of their targets [4]. The result can be change in cellular processes, such as iron homeostasis [5, 6], quorum sensing [7], sugar metabolism [8], oxidative stress [9], and virulence [10]. sRNAs were first discovered in *Escherichia coli* 30 years ago [11, 12], but their abundance and important functional roles have only recently been acknowledged. By the end of the 20th century, only 10 sRNA were known in *E. coli* [13], but this quickly changed when several research labs started genome-wide systematic searches [14-17]. After these initial studies in *E. coli*, a number of similar works have resulted in a growing list of sRNAs, or putative sRNAs, from other bacteria (mostly pathogens), e.g., *Bacillus subtilis* [18], *Vibrio cholerae* [19, 20], *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* [21], *Staphylococcus aureus* [22], and *Listeria monocytogenes* [23]. As of November 2010, the sRNAMap database lists 79 sRNAs in *E. coli* strain K12 MG1655 (87 in all *E. coli*) and a total of 397 in 28 bacterial species [24]. Several approaches, such as bioinformatic prediction, microarray, RNA-seq, Hfq co-immunoprecipitation, and RNomics have proven useful in genome-wide detection of bacterial sRNAs [25], and we expect that a significant number of sRNAs will be discovered in future studies.

The relatively large *Vibrionaceae* family of gamma-proteobacteria contains a number of serious pathogens of humans (e.g., *V. cholerae*, *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*, and *Vibrio vulnificus*) and animals (e.g., *Vibrio coralliilyticus*, *Vibrio anguillarum*, and

Aliivibrio salmonicida (reviewed in [26]). This group of bacteria is therefore of broad interest, and several recent efforts have focused on genome-wide discovery of sRNAs in representatives of *Vibrionaceae*, mostly using *V. cholerae* as the model [19, 20]. Together, these studies identified hundreds of putative sRNAs and verified the presence of thirteen by Northern blot analysis. Experimental evidence of specific roles of sRNAs of vibrios and aliivibrios (bacteria from the two genera *Vibrio* and *Aliivibrio*, respectively) are known for Qrr1-5 and the redundant CsrB, CsrC, and CsrD, which all regulate quorum sensing [27, 28], RyhB, which is involved in iron homeostasis [29], MicX [30] and VrrA [31], which regulate expression of outer membrane proteins, IGR7, which has a role in carbon metabolism [20], and MRB RNA I, which regulates plasmid replication [32].

We have in this study performed a genome-wide computational search for ncRNAs in intergenic regions with special focus on sRNAs in the genome of the Gram-negative and cold-adapted *A. salmonicida*. The bacterium is the causative agent of cold-water vibriosis (or “Hitra disease”) in farmed Atlantic salmon, sea farmed rainbow trout, and captive Atlantic cod [33]. Computational predictions were used for custom design of a microarray chip containing ncRNA predictions as well as nearly all open reading frames. Twenty-eight ncRNAs, including 26 previously unrecognized sRNAs, were tested by Northern blot analysis.

Results and discussions

A. salmonicida total RNA is rich in RNAs of 150-200 nt

To evaluate the potential for finding new sRNAs in *A. salmonicida*, we initially cultivated the bacterium and sampled cells at early, mid, and late exponential phase (i.e., OD₆₀₀ 0.15, 0.75, and 1.0). Total RNA from these samples was separated on a 5 % polyacrylamide/8 M urea gel (Fig. 1). Major bands were identified as 23S, 16S, and 5S rRNAs and multiple tRNAs based on predicted sizes and previous publications [e.g., 22]. Interestingly, a number of faint but distinct bands in the size range of 150-200 nt are clearly visible. The size range overlaps well with the expected sizes of bacterial sRNAs [24]. To evaluate if at least a fraction of these bands could correspond to sRNAs, or other types of ncRNAs, we isolated RNAs of 150-300 nt in length from the gel and cloned the corresponding cDNA in a shot-gun approach. Sanger sequencing of 110 clones revealed that the majority of these corresponded to rRNA (60 %) or mRNA (25 %) fragments, and only five clones mapped to intergenic regions. In summary, our initial survey showed that *A. salmonicida* total RNA contains numerous small RNA species. The majority of these correspond, however, to rRNA or mRNA fragments and only a very limited number (~4 %) map to IGRs (i.e., potential sRNAs).

Bioinformatic prediction of 252 putative ncRNAs

The experimental data described above provided us with limited information about the potential for finding sRNAs, so in a parallel approach, we used bioinformatics to predict ncRNA genes in IGRs. The *A. salmonicida* genome consists of two chromosomes and four plasmids [34]. From these, we extracted a total of 3308 IGRs, constituting 23 % of the genome. We considered only IGRs ≥ 50 nt in length, which delimited the number of IGRs to 2488 (approx. 21 % of total genome). The majority of these (1828) map to chromosome I.

A search in Rfam [35] identified 25 homologs of known ncRNAs (listed in Table S1), distributed among the categories sRNAs, riboswitches, RNaseP, and tmRNA (excluding tRNAs and rRNAs). Next, putative sRNAs were predicted based on three main criteria: (1) co-localization of putative promoters and/or transcription factor binding

sites and Rho-independent terminators (50 – 500 nt apart), (2) high sequence conservation between relatively closely related species, and (3) conservation of synteny of flanking genes. Fig. 2 shows how the 252 predicted ncRNAs (196 in ChrI and 56 in ChrII) are distributed in size from 65 to 392 nt. The majority are between 101-150 nt and 151-200 nt (73 and 92, respectively), and 87 % percent are \leq 250 nt, which is in agreement with the typical size of sRNAs (233 of 252 predicted ncRNAs are candidate sRNAs). Promoters were predicted upstream of 48 by BProm (<http://www.softberry.com>) and Patser [36], Fur-boxes were predicted upstream of 14, and 89 were found associated with Rho-independent terminators using TransTerm. Compared to other available bioinformatic sRNA prediction tools, 192 of the predicted sRNAs were recovered by either sRNAfinder [37] or QRNA [15]. Finally, 222 are also found in one or more members of the *Vibrionaceae* family.

Global validation of ncRNA predictions using microarray

Next, we wanted to validate our ncRNA predictions on a global scale and used a custom designed microarray (*Vibrio salmonicida* V1.0.1 AROS) from Operon (now Eurofins) based on 70-mer oligos. The microarray contains oligos complementary to all the 252 predicted ncRNAs (and nearly all the 4282 protein coding genes, which are not considered here). We assumed that only a fraction of the sRNAs would be expressed under normal lab conditions, and we therefore subjected *A. salmonicida* to low iron conditions and oxidative stress. Cells were grown to mid exponential phase ($OD_{600} \sim 0.5$), subjected to sub-lethal stress conditions by adding 50 μ M 2,2'-dipyridyl or 100 μ M fresh hydrogen peroxide, respectively, and samples were collected 15, 30, and 60 min after the addition of chemicals. Treated samples were compared to untreated control samples. To find sRNAs with potential roles in quorum sensing, we also analyzed gene expression in a LitR deletion mutant (*ΔlitR*) of *A. salmonicida* (the *ΔlitR* mutant will be described in detail elsewhere). LitR is the homolog of HapR, which is the master regulator of quorum sensing in *V. cholerae*, (reviewed in [38]). Here, samples were collected at low, mid, and high exponential growth phase (OD_{600} 0.15, 0.5, and 0.8, respectively) and compared to identical samples of wild-type.

Table 1 shows a summary of the microarray results (complete lists are available in

Table S2), and Fig. 2 provides a graphical overview of how expressed ncRNAs are distributed into different size categories. Regardless of origin of samples (i.e., treated or untreated samples, mutant, or wt), 134, 142, and 152 ncRNAs produced fluorescence signals >2 fold above background and 7, 4, and 15 were differentially expressed under low iron, H₂O₂ conditions, or in *ΔlitR*, respectively. However, these numbers are likely inflated due to unspecific signals and/or false positive predictions. A more conservative estimate would be to only consider spots with Cy5 or Cy3 fluorescence intensities above certain threshold values. We considered three different threshold values, i.e., >50, >75, and >100. These were chosen based on the following observations and assumptions: Of the approximately ~4200 genes that are spotted on the chip, about 3600 were retained after bioinformatic analysis. With threshold values set at >50, >75, or >100, approximately 1200, 800, or 700 genes are retained, respectively, which would suggest that at least 33 % (1200/3600), 22 % (800/3600), or 19 % (700/3600) of the genes are expressed under our growth conditions when using microarray technology. These numbers are very modest when compared to recent RNA-seq data from for example *Bacillus anthracis*, which suggests expression of ~94 % of the entire genome [39]. Even though it is difficult to directly compare data from these two very different technologies, the data indicate that our set threshold value of >100 is relatively conservative because it is reasonable to believe that more than 19 % of the genes should be expressed during growth.

Table 1 shows that the average number of spots with fluorescence values above 50, 75, and 100 are 83, 63, and 50, respectively. These spots represent putative sRNAs. Given that the total number of sRNAs in *E. coli* is 87, and that *A. salmonicida* has a similar number of sRNAs, then it is reasonable to believe that many of the identified spot could represent genuine sRNAs.

Nine new sRNAs detected by Northern blot analysis

Candidate sRNAs from Table 1 were next tested by Northern blot analysis. The experimental setup was identical to that used for microarray, except that cell samples were collected 7.5, 15, and 30 min after treatment (instead of 15, 30, and 60 min) or at ODs 0.15, 0.5, 0.8, and 1.2 (OD 1.2 was added) for the *ΔlitR* mutant. Probes were

designed for 26 putative sRNAs, some of which were differentially expressed in the microarray experiment. The Qrr sRNA, RNaseP, and 5S rRNA were included as controls.

Fig. 3 shows a summary of resulting Phosphoimage scans of ten putative sRNAs (VSsrna 7, 21, 108, 145, 152, 185, and 190 on Chr I and VSAsrna 8, 17, and 46 on Chr II) and the three controls. Table 2 shows more details on these validated RNAs. VSsrna185 is a homolog of the B2 sRNA, which was found in *V. cholerae* [19]. Predicted and actual RNA sizes are indicated. Thirteen probes did not produce a visible signal, and probes for VSsrna 10, 42, and 115 on Chr I produced multiple bands that could not be resolved and are not shown. As expected, Qrr was differentially expressed in the $\Delta litR$ mutant, from 2 to 5.5 fold upregulation (compared to wild-type), which is in agreement with the microarray results (3.4 to 5.6 fold upregulation). In *V. cholerae*, the gene expression levels of Qrr are fine tuned by two feedback loops that involves HapR (i.e., the LitR homolog) and LuxO, with HapR indirectly activating expression of Qrr (see [40]). It is unclear to us why the level of Qrr is significantly higher in the *A. salmonicida* LitR mutant, but one possible explanation is that the *litR* mRNA target is absent and Qrr will therefore not be degraded with its target. It should be noted that the number of *qrr* genes varies between members of *Vibrionaceae*, for example, one in *A. salmonicida* and *Vibrio fischeri*, four in *V. cholera*, and five in *V. vulnificus* and *Vibrio harveyi* [41], which suggest species-specific regulation of *qrr* expression.

Probes targeted to VSsrna7, VSsrna17, VSsrna108, VSsrna152, and VSAsrna8 each produced one distinct band in close agreement with the predicted size. Probes against VSsrna21, VSsrna145, and VSsrna190 produced, in contrast, bands corresponding to larger RNAs than predicted, which is not unexpected since prediction of promoters and Rho-independent terminators is relatively unreliable, even in the model organism *E. coli*. The VSAsrna46 probe produced three distinct bands with the strongest band corresponding to an RNA close to the predicted size.

Interestingly, the resulting data suggest that several sRNAs are differentially expressed. In the $\Delta litR$ mutant, VSsrna7, VSsrna108, VSAsrna8, and VSAsrna46 are all up-regulated during late exponential phase. VSsrna21 is in contrast down regulated ~100 fold. The on/off-like expression pattern of VSsrna21 indicates that it might have a direct role in quorum sensing. It does not share significant sequence conservation with any

known sRNAs but appears to be conserved in other bacterial species (Table 2). Under low iron conditions, VSsrna7 is up-regulated 2.4 and 2.9 folds, 7.5 and 15 min after treatment, respectively, whereas VSsrna190 is down regulated after treatment compared to the wild-type. Under oxidative stress, VSsrna7 and VSsrna108 are up-regulated 2.1 and 2.5 folds, respectively, 15 min after stimulation. The two latter ncRNAs were not noted as differentially expressed using microarray, which demonstrates the importance of using other direct methods, like Northern blot analysis for verification of results.

In summary, of the 28 microarray spots that were chosen for further investigation using Northern blot analysis, we convincingly identified 11 sRNAs from *A. salmonicida*, including nine new sRNAs, the homolog of B2 from *V. cholera*, and Qrr. Six of the new sRNAs are in close agreement with predicted sizes and three are longer than predicted (Fig. 3). Eight (VSsrna 7, 108, 145, 152, and 190 and VSAsrna 8, 17, and 46) produced spots with high intensities (>500) in microarray analysis, whereas one (VSsrna21) produced lower fluorescence signal (i.e., 76). We have tested with Northern blot analysis the majority of putative sRNAs that produced high-intensity spots in microarray analysis, and we find it reasonable to believe that many of these, if not all, are genuine sRNAs. We expect, however, that many more sRNAs remains to be discovered in *A. salmonicida*, also among the predicted RNAs that were identified with microarray analysis, but that remains to be further tested.

Comparison to other ncRNA studies from the family *Vibrionaceae*

A few studies have during recent years reported the discovery of ncRNAs in related members of *Vibrionaceae* [19, 20, 42], and we wanted to compare our findings with these results. Twenty-five of our predicted ncRNAs are homologs of known ncRNAs found in Rfam and are distributed among the classes riboswitch (10), RNaseP (1), tmRNA (1), sRNA (6), SRP-RNA (1), anti-sense RNA (1), t44 (1), group II intron (1), and mRNA leaders (3) (see Table S1 for details). Compared to results from *V. cholera*, our predictions include 14 of 27 previously verified or putative IGR ncRNAs [19, 20, 42], including three of six ncRNAs (sRNAPred B2, B4, and C1) that were predicted by sRNAPredict and confirmed by Northern analysis [19] and four of the seven IGR sRNAs that were found using direct cloning and parallel sequencing [20]. Of the seven IGR

RNAs from the latter study, our prediction did not include IGR1, IGR4, and IGR6. IGR1 might be present in *A. salmonicida* (blastn E-value = 0.065 and total score = 32), whereas IGR4 and IGR6 are only found in *V. cholerae*.

Using RNA-seq, Liu et al. [20] reported 500 IGR RNAs in *V. cholerae* that were considered as putative sRNAs. We removed from this list redundant/overlapping RNA sequences and compared the resulting 251 non-redundant IGR sequences (199 and 52 in chromosomes I and II, respectively) with our 252 predicted ncRNAs using blastn and the search criteria E-value ≤ 0.01 and total score ≥ 30 . This search identified 21 significant hits (see Table S1 for details). Nine hits represent homologous of previously known ncRNAs in Rfam (six riboswitches and three sRNAs) and 12 represent novel sRNAs (four of which have been confirmed with Northern blot analysis).

In a recent study, identification of ncRNAs was performed on environmental vibrios [42] using a combination of *in silico* search (Rfam) followed by microarray-based expression profiling. Microarray analysis revealed 21 ncRNAs that were expressed in mid-exponential phase, and a subset of six ncRNAs were tested with reverse transcription PCR (RT-PCR). Our predictions identified 17 of these 21 ncRNAs.

Concluding remarks

We have used computational and experimental methods to identify intergenic ncRNAs (mostly sRNAs) in the marine bacterium *A. salmonicida*. This is the first genome-wide study of its kind for a fish pathogen. Of the 252 tested ncRNAs, our microarray analysis suggests that approximately ~50 (i.e., when using a conservative threshold value) are expressed under our laboratory growth conditions, and Northern blot analysis verified expression of nine new sRNAs. Our prediction list and expression profiling data also includes sRNA candidates recently found in *V. cholerae* with RNA-seq and other methods. One of our current goals is to study the presumably important roles of sRNAs in the development of cold-water vibriosis in Atlantic salmon (and other marine fish species) caused by *A. salmonicida*. By comparing our data with results from other representatives of *Vibrionaceae*, such as the infamous human pathogen *V. cholerae*, we are discovering sRNAs that are broadly distributed in *Vibrionaceae* as well as sRNAs that are limited to aliivibrios and *A. salmonicida* in particular. These analyses will

hopefully guide us to better understand the biological roles of sRNAs in this important group of pathogens.

Materials and Methods

Bacterial strains and growth conditions

A. salmonicida LFI1238 [34] and an isogenic *ΔlitR* mutant (Bjelland et al. unpublished) were cultured in LB medium containing 2.5 % NaCl at 12 °C and 200 rpm. Cells were subjected to H₂O₂ or 2,2'-dipyridyl after growth in 200 ml culture flasks to mid-exponential phase (OD₆₀₀ ~0.5). Cells were next split into three equally sized cultures. H₂O₂ was added to one flask to a final concentration of 100 μM, the iron chelator 2,2'-dipyridyl was added to one flask to a final concentration of 50 μM, and, finally, one flask was used as the non-treated control. Two 5 ml samples were collected 7.5, 15, and 30 min after treatment, cells were harvested by centrifugation (3,500 × g, 10 min), flash-frozen, and kept at -70 °C prior to RNA isolation. The construction and characterization of the *A. salmonicida* *ΔlitR* mutant will be described elsewhere (Bjelland et al., unpublished) but was used here to find sRNAs that have potential roles in quorum sensing. The *ΔlitR* mutant was grown in 60 ml cultures and samples were collected at OD₆₀₀ 0.15, 0.5, and 0.8 for microarray analysis and OD₆₀₀ 0.15, 0.5, 0.8 and 1.2 for Northern blotting. Wild type strain was used as control. Samples were subsequently treated as described above.

Northern blot analyses

Total RNA was isolated from bacterial cultures using the isol-RNA reagent (5 PRIME) and quantified with NanoDrop (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Approximately 10 μg of total RNA was separated on 5 % polyacrylamide/8 M urea denaturing gels and transferred to a positively charged Hybond-N+ nylon membrane (GE Healthcare) by a TE70 series SemiPhor Semi-Dry Transfer Unit (Hoefer, Inc.). Subsequent procedures were done essentially as previously described [6]. Briefly, RNAs were detected on membranes by using [α -³²P] dCTP-labeled double-stranded DNA probes, and signals were collected on phosphoimaging screens (Fujifilm) and scanned on a BAS-5000 phosphoimager (Fujifilm). The ImageGauge software v4.0 (Fujifilm) was used to measure the strength of signals, and the 5S ribosomal RNA was used to normalize the resulting values.

Microarray analyses

Microarray analysis was run as described in [43]. Briefly, DNA was removed from total RNA preparations prior to a cleanup step with RNeasy MinElute spin columns (Qiagen). The quality of RNA was tested, and cDNA was constructed from 15 μ g purified RNA using the Aminoallyl cDNA Labeling Kit (Ambion) and CyDye™ Post-Labeling Reactive Dye Pack (GE Healthcare) for labelling. Labelled samples were hybridized to “*Vibrio salmonicida* V1.0.1 AROS” slides (Eurofins), and slides were subsequently washed. Experiments were run in triplets. Finally, slides were scanned, and resulting expression data were analysed using J-Express Pro v2.7 [44]. Microarray data has been uploaded to The NCBI Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) database and is available through accession number GSE25558. Expression data from H₂O₂-treated cells was extracted from GSE20082 [43].

Computational prediction of sRNAs

The search for potential sRNA genes in *A. salmonicida* was limited to IGRs. We define an IGR as the region between two annotated genes on either strand that is delimited by its closest left and right flanking genes. Briefly, our sRNA genes were identified by searching for co-localization of genetic features that are associated with bacterial sRNA genes. These include (1) the presence of putative promoters and/or transcription factor binding sites (TFBSs) 50 – 500 nt upstream of Rho-independent terminators, (2) sequence conservation between phylogenetically related species, and (3) conservation of synteny of flanking genes.

BProm (<http://www.softberry.com>), a bacterial σ^{70} promoter recognition program, was used to predict -10 and -35 promoter sequences. Specific PSSMs for σ^{54} and σ^{38} were used as input to Patser [36] to scan the *A. salmonicida* IGRs for σ^{54} and σ^{38} promoter sequences. Prediction of potential Fur binding sites was done as previously described [6]. TransTerm [45] was used to predict Rho-independent terminators in both the chromosomes of *V. salmonicida*. TransTerm searches were conducted with the confidence threshold of 90 %. The genome viewer and annotation tool Artemis [46] and a python script were used to visualize the predicted sequence features described above. The ncRNA prediction programs sRNAfinder [37] and QRNA [15] were run for comparison and validation of our predictions.

Compilation of a *Vibrionaceae* IGR database and search for sRNA homologs

The IGRs from *A. salmonicida* were used to search for homologous IGRs in the six *Vibrionaceae* genomes of *Vibrio cholerae* O1 biovar eltor str. N16961, *V. fischeri* ES114, *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* RIMD 2210633, *Vibrio vulnificus* CMCP6, *Vibrio vulnificus* YJ016, and *Photobacterium profundum* SS9. Sequences were extracted from GenBank (<ftp://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genbank/genomes/Bacteria/>). An IGR database was constructed based on these six genomes and the gene annotation as provided at NCBI's Complete Microbial Genomes (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genomes/lproks.cgi>). Only IGRs ≥ 50 nt in length were used. The Formatdb option was used to format the IGR database. StandAlone BLAST from NCBI (<ftp://ftp.ncbi.nih.gov/blast/>) was used to search for homologs of putative sRNAs. Blastn search parameters were set to word size = 7 and E-value ≤ 0.1 .

The search for homologs of known ncRNAs was performed using the cmsearch program, which is part of the Infernal software package [47], and the Rfam database of non-coding RNA families [35]. The lower cmsearch cut-off score was set to 25. Sequences corresponding to tRNAs and rRNAs were excluded.

Supporting Information

Table S1 Detailed information on predicted ncRNAs from intergenic regions of chromosomes I and II of *A. salmonicida*.

Table S2 Complete microarray datasets with fold change and fluorescence intensity values for each predicted ncRNA.

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Figure legends

Figure 1. *A. salmonicida* total RNA from early, mid, and late exponential growth phase separated on a 5 % denaturing polyacrylamide gel and stained with ethidium bromide. The positioning of 23S, 16S, and 5S rRNAs and tRNAs were inferred from the predicted sizes. A number of distinct bands can be seen in the size range of approx. 150-200 nt. Asterisk indicates a band of approx. 300 nt that corresponds to a 23S rRNA fragment that was identified by gel isolation, cDNA synthesis, and cloning.

Figure 2. Size distribution of predicted ncRNAs. Predicted ncRNAs are shown in dark grey bars, ncRNAs that produced microarray fluorescence signal >2 fold above background are shown in light grey bars, and, finally, ncRNAs that produced microarray fluorescence signal >100 are shown in open bars.

Figure 3. Northern blot analysis of selected ncRNAs. Radio-labeled double-stranded DNA probes that were specific for predicted sRNAs or one of the three control ncRNAs (Qrr, RNaseP, and 5S rRNA) were hybridized to the membrane with total RNA from *A. salmonicida* wild-type or *AlitR* mutant. Prior to Northern blot analysis, wild-type cells were grown to mid-exponential phase and treated with 50 μ M 2,2'-dipyridyl or 100 μ M hydrogen peroxide. Untreated (control) cells were used as control. Samples were collected 7.5, 15, and 30 min after treatment. Numbers to the right represent actual and predicted RNA sizes in nt. RNAs from chromosome I (Chr I) or II (Chr II) are indicated. The probe targeted against VSsrna46 produced multiple bands, and band sizes that did not correspond to the predicted size are shown in parentheses. 5S rRNA was used to normalize the strength of signals between lanes as measured with phosphoimaging. The VSsrna185 corresponds to the B2 sRNA that was recently identified in *V. cholerae* [19]

Tables

Table 1. Summary of ncRNA microarray analysis.

	Total¹	Fold change		Threshold		
		≥2 ×	≥1.5 ×	>50	>75	>100
Low iron	134	7	22	85	68	52
Oxidative stress	142	4	26	91	62	50
<i>ΔlitR</i>	152	15	50	72	60	48

¹ Total number of ncRNAs with fluorescence signal 2× above background.

Table 2. Details of experimentally validated sRNAs.

ncRNA Id	Flanking genes ¹	Start ²	End ²	Length ³	Strand ⁴	Sequence			Type ⁸
						conservation ⁵	Promoter ⁶	Terminator ⁷	
VSsrna7	VSAL_I0041/VSAL_I0042	44694	44491	204	<<>	+	-	-	Novel
VSsrna21	VSAL_I0222/VSAL_I0223	267228	267063	166	><<	+++	Fur-box	+	Novel
VSsrna108	VSAL_I1796/VSAL_I1797	1919211	1919404	194	>>>	+	Fur-box	+	Novel
VSsrna114	VSAL_I1873/VSAL_I1874	2009822	2009717	106	><>	++	Sigma54	+	Qrr
VSsrna145	VSAL_I2441/VSAL_I2442	2615332	2615451	120	>>>	+++	-	-	Novel
VSsrna152	VSAL_I2535/VSAL_I2536	2717523	2717659	137	>>>	++	Fur-box	+	Novel
VSsrna165	VSAL_I2652/VSAL_I2653	2872308	2871972	337	<<<	+++	-	+	RNaseP_bact_a (rnpB)
VSsrna185	VSAL_I2907/VSAL_I2908	3152443	3152724	282	<><	+++	Sigma70	-	B2 <i>Vibrio Cholerae</i> , Livny <i>et al.</i> , 2005
VSsrna190	VSAL_I2972/VSAL_I2973	3219049	3219240	192	<><	+++	Sigma70	+	Novel
VSAsrna8	VSAL_II0231/VSAL_II0232	254998	255222	226	>><	+++	SigmaS	+	Novel
VSAsrna17	VSAL_II0520/VSAL_II0521	580917	580759	160	<<<	+	-	-	Novel
VSAsrna46	VSAL_II0920/VSAL_II0921	1006466	1006637	173	>><	+	-	+	Novel

¹ The genes numbers for the up- and downstream *A. salmonicida* ORFs

^{2,3} Predicted sRNA coordinates and length (nt)

⁴ Genes encoded on plus strand are denoted with > and genes encoded on the minus strand are denoted with <.

⁵ BLASTN was used to search for sequence conservation in other bacteria. + :sequence conservation mainly in *Aliivibrio*; ++ :sequence conservation primarily in *Vibrionaceae* family; +++ :sequence was conserved in many bacterial species.

⁶ Promoter prediction with Bprom software (Softberry, Mount Kisco, NY) and in-house PSSMs and using Patser software [36].

⁷ Rho-independent terminator as predicted by TransTerm software [45].

⁸ sRNAs were queried against Rfam database [35] and other experimentally validated *Vibrionaceae* sRNAs. Homologs to known sRNAs are indicated.

Figures

Fig.1

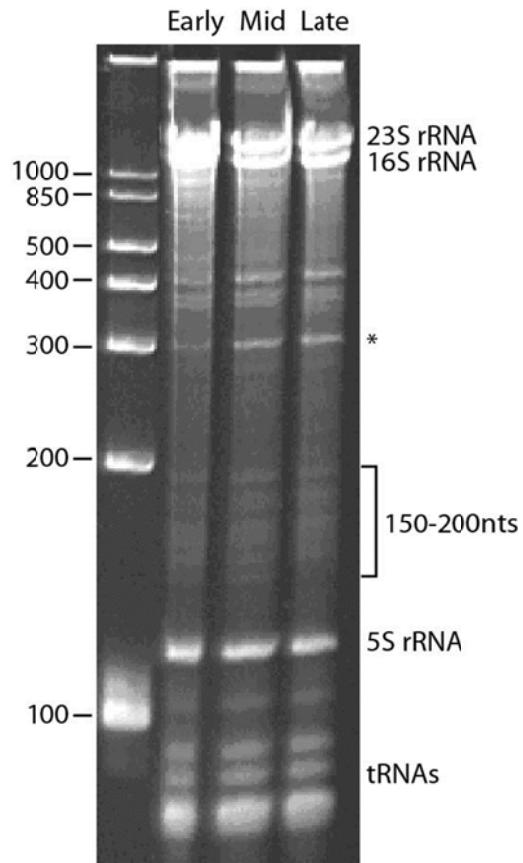


Fig. 2.

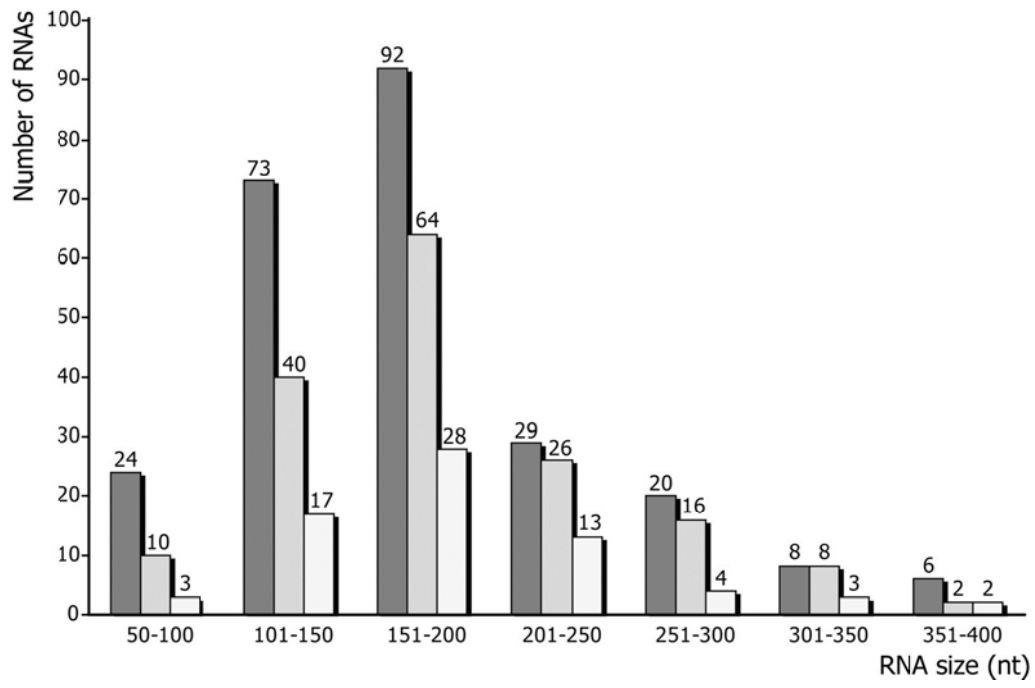
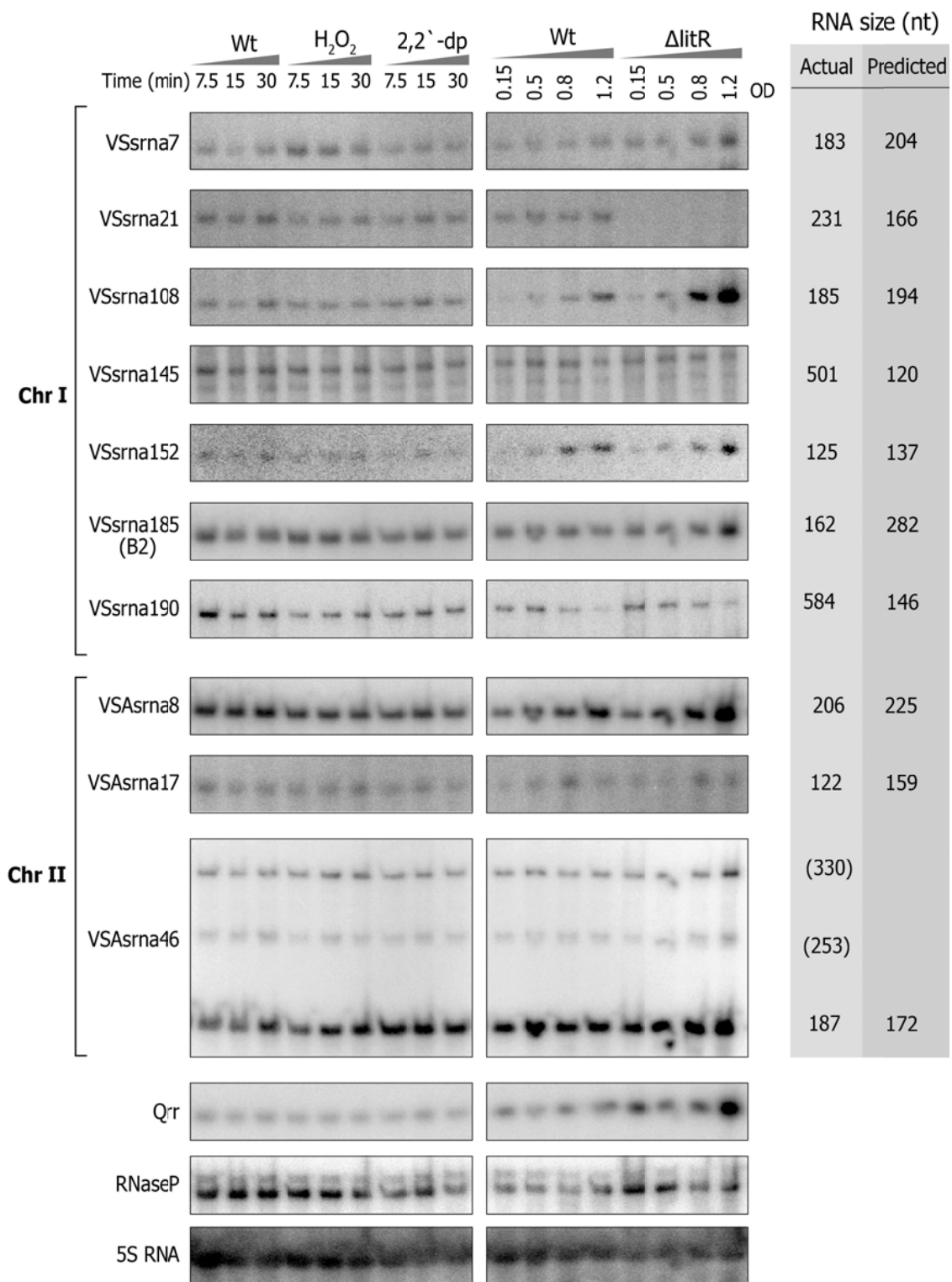


Fig. 3



Supplement file 1 (Table S1) - Chr I

ncRNA Id	upstream gene	downstream gene	Start	Stop	Length	Terminator ¹	Sigma70 ²	SigmaS ³	Sigma54 ³	Fur-box ⁴	Predicted by sRNAFinder ⁵
VSsrna1	VSAL_I0017	VSAL_I0018	18808	18901	94	Y					
VSsrna2	VSAL_I0018	VSAL_I0019	19334	19617	284	Y					
VSsrna3	VSAL_I0019	VSAL_I0020	20957	21238	282						
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VSsrna6	VSAL_I0027	VSAL_I0028	29486	29220	267						
VSsrna7	VSAL_I0041	VSAL_I0042	44694	44491	204						Y
VSsrna8	VSAL_I0046	VSAL_I0047	50548	50724	177		Y				Y
VSsrna9	VSAL_I0048	VSAL_I0049	52409	52332	78						Y
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VSsrna11	VSAL_I0061	VSAL_I0062	65235	65406	172	Y					
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VSsrna18	VSAL_I0197	VSAL_I0198	238984	239140	157						Y
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VSSrna159	VSAL_I2556	VSAL_I2557	2739151	2738949	203		Y				
VSSrna160	VSAL_I2576	VSAL_I2577	2776105	2776245	141						Y
VSSrna161	VSAL_I2588	VSAL_I2589	2792526	2792703	178						Y
VSSrna162	VSAL_I2590	VSAL_I2591	2794296	2794452	157		Y				Y
VSSrna163	VSAL_I2617	VSAL_I2618	2832071	2832259	189		Y				Y
VSSrna164	VSAL_I2628	VSAL_I2629	2844887	2845123	237						Y
VSSrna165	VSAL_I2652	VSAL_I2653	2872308	2871972	337	Y					Y
VSSrna166	VSAL_I2662	VSAL_I2663	2881045	2880856	190						Y
VSSrna167	VSAL_I2682	VSAL_I2683	2906058	2905885	174	Y					Y
VSSrna168	VSAL_I2686	VSAL_I2687	2908977	2909072	96						Y
VSSrna169	VSAL_I2700	VSAL_I2701	2924582	2924764	183						Y
VSSrna170	VSAL_I2701	VSAL_I2702	2926410	2926219	192						Y
VSSrna171	VSAL_I2706	VSAL_I2707	2931685	2931778	94						Y
VSSrna172	VSAL_I2709	VSAL_I2710	2934183	2934064	120						Y
VSSrna173	VSAL_I2710	VSAL_I2711	2936143	2936276	134	Y					Y
VSSrna174	VSAL_I2711	VSAL_I2712	2936542	2936633	92						Y
VSSrna175	VSAL_I2727	VSAL_I2728	2954037	2953919	119						Y
VSSrna176	VSAL_I2740	VSAL_I2741	2966348	2966485	138						
VSSrna177	VSAL_I2740	VSAL_I2741	2966346	2966525	180						

VSsrna178	VSAL_I2748	VSAL_I2749	2977130	2977253	124						Y
VSsrna179	VSAL_I2771	VSAL_I2772	3001763	3001861	99						Y
VSsrna180	VSAL_I2772	VSAL_I2773	3003174	3003351	178						Y
VSsrna181	VSAL_I2829	VSAL_I2830	3067407	3067538	132						Y
VSsrna182	VSAL_I2866	VSAL_I2867	3108716	3108913	198	Y					Y
VSsrna183	VSAL_I2886	VSAL_I2887	3132517	3132287	231						
VSsrna184	VSAL_I2893	VSAL_I2894	3139678	3139830	153						
VSsrna185	VSAL_I2907	VSAL_I2908	3152443	3152724	282						Y
VSsrna186	VSAL_I2908	VSAL_I2909	3153279	3153407	129	Y					
VSsrna187	VSAL_I2927	VSAL_I2928	3171139	3171348	210						Y
VSsrna188	VSAL_I2939	VSAL_I2940	3186247	3186465	219						Y
VSsrna189	VSAL_I2940	VSAL_I2941	3188215	3188355	141						Y
VSsrna190	VSAL_I2972	VSAL_I2973	3219049	3219240	192	Y					Y
VSsrna191	VSAL_I2982	VSAL_I2983	3230503	3230616	114						Y
VSsrna192	VSAL_I2989	VSAL_I2990	3239041	3239236	196						Y
VSsrna193	VSAL_I3002	VSAL_I3003	3252392	3252631	240	Y					Y
VSsrna194	VSAL_I3002	VSAL_I3003	3253286	3253522	237	Y					Y
VSsrna195	VSAL_I3049	VSAL_I3050	3304388	3304515	128	Y					Y
VSsrna196	VSAL_I3049	VSAL_I3050	3304657	3304574	84	Y					Y

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VSsrna4	Y	Y (high)					
VSsrna5	Y	Y (high)					
VSsrna6		Y (high)					
VSsrna7		Y (little)					
VSsrna8		Y (little)					
VSsrna9		Y (medium)					
VSsrna10		Y (medium)					
VSsrna11		Y (medium)					
VSsrna12		Y (medium)					
VSsrna13		Y (high)					
VSsrna14	Y	Y (high)					
VSsrna15		Y (high)					
VSsrna16		Y (high)					
VSsrna17							
VSsrna18		Y (high)					
VSsrna19							
VSsrna20							
VSsrna21		Y (high)					
VSsrna22		Y (high)	RyhB	RyhB	RF00057	sRNA	RyhB RNA
VSsrna23		Y (high)	Spot 42	Spot 42	RF00021	sRNA	Spot 42 RNA
VSsrna24		Y (little)					
VSsrna25		Y (medium)					
VSsrna26							
VSsrna27		Y (little)					
VSsrna28		Y (little)	TPP Riboswitch (ORF2 <i>V. Cholerae</i> Liu et al., 2009)	TPP	RF00059	Riboswitch	TPP riboswitch (THI element)
VSsrna29		Y (medium)	C1 from <i>Vibrio Cholerae</i> , Livny et al., 2005				
VSsrna30		Y (little)					
VSsrna31		Y (little)	Lysine riboswitch (VC0391/VC0392 IGR, Liu et al., 2009)	Lysine	RF00168	Riboswitch	Lysine riboswitch
VSsrna32		Y (medium)					
VSsrna33	Y	Y (medium)					
VSsrna34		Y					

VSsma35		Y (little)					
VSsma36		Y (medium)					
VSsma37		Y (medium)					
VSsma38		Y (little)					
VSsma39		Y (little)					
VSsma40		Y (little)					
VSsma41		Y (little)					
VSsma42							
VSsma43		Y (medium)	Ribosomal S15 leader	S15	RF00114	Regulation by transcription termination	Ribosomal S15 leader
VSsma44			sraG/psrO (VC0646/VC0647 IGR, Liu et al., 2009)				
VSsma45		Y (little)					
VSsma46		Y (medium)					
VSsma47	Y	Y (high)					
VSsma48	Y	Y (high)					
VSsma49	Y	Y (high)					
VSsma50		Y (medium)					
VSsma51			sraD/micA				
VSsma52		Y (little)					
VSsma53		Y (high)					
VSsma54		Y (little)					
VSsma55		Y (little)					
VSsma56	Y	Y (high)					
VSsma57		Y (high)					
VSsma58		Y (little)					
VSsma59		Y (little)					
VSsma60		Y (medium)					
VSsma61		Y (high)					
VSsma62		Y (medium)					
VSsma63		Y (little)					
VSsma64		Y (little)					
VSsma65		Y (little)					
VSsma66		Y (medium)	antisense RNA regulating IS element (RNA-out)/AS7	RNA-OUT	RF00240	Antisense	RNA-OUT
VSsma67			sraA				
VSsma68		Y (little)					
VSsma69			isrA				
VSsma70		Y (little)					
VSsma71	Y	Y (little)					
VSsma72	Y	Y (little)					

VSsma73		Y (little)					
VSsma74		Y (medium)	bacterial signal recognition particle (SRP bact)	SRP_bact	RF00169	Ribonucleoprotein	Bacterial signal recognition particle RNA
VSsma75	Y	Y (high)	His Leader (also B4 from Vibrio Cholerae, Livny et al., 2005)	His_leader	RF00514	Regulation by transcription termination	Histidine operon leader
VSsma76		Y (little)					
VSsma77		Y (little)					
VSsma78		Y (little)					
VSsma79							
VSsma80		Y (medium)					
VSsma81		Y (medium)					
VSsma82		Y (little)					
VSsma83		Y (little)					
VSsma84		Y (little)					
VSsma85	Y	Y (medium)					
VSsma86		Y (little)					
VSsma87		Y (little)					
VSsma88		Y (little)					
VSsma89		Y (little)					
VSsma90		Y (medium)					
VSsma91		Y (little)					
VSsma92		Y (little)					
VSsma93		Y (medium)					
VSsma94		Y (medium)					
VSsma95	Y	Y (high)					
VSsma96		Y (little)					
VSsma97		Y (little)					
VSsma98		Y (little)					
VSsma99							
VSsma100		Y (little)					
VSsma101		Y (little)					
VSsma102		Y (little)					
VSsma103		Y (medium)					
VSsma104		Y (medium)					
VSsma105		Y (little)					
VSsma106		Y (medium)	Glycine riboswitch	Glycine	RF00504	Riboswitch	Glycine riboswitch
VSsma107		Y (medium)	Glycine riboswitch (VC1422/VC1423 IGR, Liu et al., 2009)	Glycine	RF00505	Riboswitch	Glycine riboswitch

Vsrna108		Y (little)					
Vsrna109		Y (little)					
Vsrna110		Y (high)	<i>V. Cholerae</i> IGR 5 Liu <i>et al.</i> , 2009				
Vsrna111		Y (little)					
Vsrna112							
Vsrna113							
Vsrna114		Y (high)	Qrr	Qrr	RF00378	sRNA	Qrr RNA
Vsrna115		Y (medium)	MOCO RNA motif	MOCO_RNA_motif	RF01055	Riboswitch	Moco (molybdenum cofactor) riboswitch
Vsrna116		Y (little)					
Vsrna117		Y (medium)					
Vsrna118		Y (medium)					
Vsrna119		Y (little)	GEMM RNA motif	GEMM_RNA_motif	RF01051	Riboswitch	GEMM cis-regulatory element
Vsrna120		Y (little)					
Vsrna121		Y (medium)	VC2640/VC264 IGR, Liu <i>et al.</i> , 2009				
Vsrna122		Y (little)					
Vsrna123		Y (little)					
Vsrna124		Y (little)					
Vsrna125		Y (medium)					
Vsrna126							
Vsrna127		Y (medium)	Group II catalytic intron	Intron_gpII	RF00029	Unknown	Group II catalytic intron
Vsrna128							
Vsrna129		Y (medium)					
Vsrna130		Y (medium)	<i>V. Cholerae</i> IGR 2 Liu <i>et al.</i> , 2009 Lysine riboswitch				
Vsrna131		Y (little)					
Vsrna132		Y (little)					
Vsrna133		Y (medium)					
Vsrna134		Y (medium)					
Vsrna135		Y (little)					
Vsrna136							
Vsrna137		Y (little)					
Vsrna138		Y (little)					
Vsrna139		Y (little)					
Vsrna140		Y (little)	VC2260/VC2261 IGR, Liu <i>et al.</i> , 2009				
Vsrna141		Y (high)					
Vsrna142		Y (high)	<i>V. Cholerae</i> IGR 7 Liu <i>et al.</i> , 2009				

Vsrna143							
Vsrna144		Y (little)	t44 (VC2260/VC2261 IGR, Liu et al., 2009)	t44	RF00127	sRNA	t44 RNA
Vsrna145		Y (high)					
Vsrna146							
Vsrna147		Y (little)	tpke11				
Vsrna148		Y (little)					
Vsrna149		Y (little)	tmRNA/ssrA	tmRNA/ssrA	RF00023	Modulators of protein activity	transfer-messenger RNA
Vsrna150							
Vsrna151							
Vsrna152		Y (medium)	VC2472/VC2473 IGR, Liu et al., 2009				
Vsrna153		Y (high)					
Vsrna154	Y	Y (high)	SsrS/6s	SsrS/6s	RF00013	Modulators of protein activity	6S / SsrS RNA
Vsrna155		Y (high)					
Vsrna156	Y	Y (high)					
Vsrna157		Y (high)					
Vsrna158		Y (medium)					
Vsrna159		Y (medium)	threonine operon leader also has ryfA match	Thr_leader	RF00506	Regulation by transcription termination	Threonine operon leader
Vsrna160		Y (high)					
Vsrna161		Y (little)					
Vsrna162		Y (little)					
Vsrna163		Y (medium)					
Vsrna164		Y (little)					
Vsrna165		Y (high)	RNaseP_bact_a (rnpB)	RNaseP_bact_a	RF00010	Modulators of protein activity	Bacterial RNase P class A
Vsrna166		Y (little)					
Vsrna167		Y (medium)	<i>V. Cholerae</i> IGR 3 Liu et al., 2009				
Vsrna168							
Vsrna169		Y (little)					
Vsrna170		Y (little)					
Vsrna171							
Vsrna172		Y (medium)					
Vsrna173		Y (little)	VC2640/VC264 IGR, Liu et al., 2009				
Vsrna174		Y (little)					
Vsrna175		Y (little)					
Vsrna176	Y	Y (medium)					
Vsrna177		Y (medium)					

VSSrna178		Y (little)					
VSSrna179		Y (medium)					
VSSrna180		Y (little)					
VSSrna181		Y (medium)					
VSSrna182		Y (little)	Pseudomonas aeruginosa sRNA P26 (VC0327/VC0328 IGR, Liu et al., 2009)	P26	RF00630	sRNA	Pseudomonas sRNA P26
VSSrna183		Y (little)	Cobalamin Riboswitch (VC0154/VC0156 IGR, Liu et al., 2009)	Cobalamin	RF00174	Riboswitch	Cobalamin riboswitch
VSSrna184		Y (medium)					
VSSrna185		Y (high)	B2 from <i>Vibrio Cholerae</i> , Livny et al., 2005				
VSSrna186		Y (medium)					
VSSrna187							
VSSrna188		Y (medium)					
VSSrna189		Y (medium)					
VSSrna190		Y (high)					
VSSrna191		Y (medium)	TPP Riboswitch (VC0060/VC0061 IGR, Liu et al., 2009)	TPP	RF00059	Riboswitch	TPP riboswitch (THI element)
VSSrna192							
VSSrna193		Y (medium)					
VSSrna194		Y (medium)	CsrB	CsrB	RF00018	sRNA	CsrB/RsmB RNA family
VSSrna195							
VSSrna196							

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ncRNA Id	upstream gene	downstream gene	Start	Stop	Length	Terminator ¹	Sigma70 ²	SigmaS ³	Sigma54 ³	Fur-box ⁴	Predicted by sRNAFinder ⁵
VSAsrna1		VSAL_II0001	792	1031	241						Y
VSAsrna2	VSAL_II0014	VSAL_II0015	16638	16462	178						Y
VSAsrna3	VSAL_II0021	VSAL_II0022	32043	31834	211	Y			Y		
VSAsrna4	VSAL_II0073	VSAL_II0074	99325	99126	201						Y
VSAsrna5	VSAL_II0152	VSAL_II0153	179013	179300	289	Y			Y	Y	
VSAsrna6	VSAL_II0152	VSAL_II0153	179568	179241	329	Y			Y	Y	
VSAsrna7	VSAL_II0230	VSAL_II0231	253753	253942	191						Y
VSAsrna8	VSAL_II0231	VSAL_II0232	254998	255222	226	Y		Y			
VSAsrna9	VSAL_II0279	VSAL_II0280	311816	311629	189						Y
VSAsrna10	VSAL_II0342	VSAL_II0343	385403	385543	142						
VSAsrna11	VSAL_II0450	VSAL_II0451	512493	512699	208	Y			Y	Y	Y
VSAsrna12	VSAL_II0485	VSAL_II0486	544937	545034	99	Y		Y	Y		Y
VSAsrna13	VSAL_II0496	VSAL_II0497	555717	555403	316	Y				Y	Y
VSAsrna14	VSAL_II0500	VSAL_II0501	559785	559501	286						Y
VSAsrna15	VSAL_II0501	VSAL_II0502	561018	560924	96						Y
VSAsrna16	VSAL_II0502	VSAL_II0503	561915	561778	139						Y
VSAsrna17	VSAL_II0520	VSAL_II0521	580917	580759	160						
VSAsrna18	VSAL_II0521	VSAL_II0522	581911	582103	194						Y
VSAsrna19	VSAL_II0534	VSAL_II0535	594506	594705	201	Y					Y
VSAsrna20	VSAL_II0535	VSAL_II0536	596624	596822	200						Y
VSAsrna21	VSAL_II0535	VSAL_II0536	597328	597459	133						Y
VSAsrna22	VSAL_II0536	VSAL_II0537	598811	598974	165						Y
VSAsrna23	VSAL_II0536	VSAL_II0537	598811	598974	165						Y
VSAsrna24	VSAL_II0537	VSAL_II0538	599729	599860	133						Y
VSAsrna25	VSAL_II0543	VSAL_II0544	602798	602975	179						Y
VSAsrna26	VSAL_II0546	VSAL_II0547	604791	604992	203						Y
VSAsrna27	VSAL_II0547	VSAL_II0548	605934	606130	198						Y
VSAsrna28	VSAL_II0559	VSAL_II0560	614453	614265	190						Y
VSAsrna29	VSAL_II0559	VSAL_II0560	614869	614675	196						Y
VSAsrna30	VSAL_II0594	VSAL_II0595	651855	651681	176	Y					Y
VSAsrna31	VSAL_II0598	VSAL_II0599	656161	656316	157						Y
VSAsrna32	VSAL_II0635	VSAL_II0636	685714	685965	253						Y
VSAsrna33	VSAL_II0675	VSAL_II0676	742076	742214	140						

VSAsrna34	VSAL_II0694	VSAL_II0695	761449	761336	115						Y
VSAsrna35	VSAL_II0707	VSAL_II0708	775735	775645	92						Y
VSAsrna36	VSAL_II0737	VSAL_II0738	813919	813722	199						
VSAsrna37	VSAL_II0752	VSAL_II0753	826558	826415	145	Y					
VSAsrna38	VSAL_II0752	VSAL_II0753	826558	826415	145						Y
VSAsrna39	VSAL_II0783	VSAL_II0784	860842	860997	157	Y					
VSAsrna40	VSAL_II0785	VSAL_II0786	862395	862042	355						
VSAsrna41	VSAL_II0789	VSAL_II0790	867270	867361	93						
VSAsrna42	VSAL_II0815	VSAL_II0816	893588	893778	192						Y
VSAsrna43	VSAL_II0820	VSAL_II0821	901000	901248	250						Y
VSAsrna44	VSAL_II0867	VSAL_II0868	953719	953498	223	Y					
VSAsrna45	VSAL_II0915	VSAL_II0916	1003028	1002884	146	Y					Y
VSAsrna46	VSAL_II0920	VSAL_II0921	1006466	1006637	173	Y					Y
VSAsrna47	VSAL_II0942	VSAL_II0943	1030039	1030284	247	Y			Y		
VSAsrna48	VSAL_II0943	VSAL_II0944	1033092	1032931	163						
VSAsrna49	VSAL_II0954	VSAL_II0955	1044873	1044989	118						Y
VSAsrna50	VSAL_II0956	VSAL_II0957	1047174	1047028	148	Y		Y			Y
VSAsrna51	VSAL_II0996	VSAL_II0997	1091034	1091145	113						Y
VSAsrna52	VSAL_II1023	VSAL_II1024	1121687	1121505	184	Y					Y
VSAsrna53	VSAL_II1052	VSAL_II1053	1148987	1148802	187						
VSAsrna54	VSAL_II1080	VSAL_II1081	1177269	1177119	152						Y
VSAsrna55	VSAL_II1094	VSAL_II1095	1189728	1189982	256						Y
VSAsrna56	VSAL_II1094	VSAL_II1095	1189920	1189660	262	Y					Y

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VSAsrna3		Y (little)					
VSAsrna4		Y (little)					
VSAsrna5		Y (little)					
VSAsrna6		Y (little)					
VSAsrna7							
VSAsrna8		Y (high)					
VSAsrna9		Y (little)					
VSAsrna10		Y (medium)					
VSAsrna11		Y (little)					
VSAsrna12		Y (high)	VC1295/VC1296 IGR, Liu et al., 2009				
VSAsrna13							
VSAsrna14	Y	Y (high)	VCA0196/VCA0197 IGR, Liu et al., 2009				
VSAsrna15	Y	Y (high)					
VSAsrna16		Y (high)					
VSAsrna17	Y	Y (little)					
VSAsrna18		Y (little)	TPP Riboswitch	TPP	RF00059	Riboswitch	TPP riboswitch (THI element)
VSAsrna19		Y (little)					
VSAsrna20		Y (little)					
VSAsrna21		Y (little)					
VSAsrna22		Y (little)					
VSAsrna23		Y (little)					
VSAsrna24		Y (little)					
VSAsrna25		Y (little)					
VSAsrna26		Y (little)					
VSAsrna27		Y (little)					
VSAsrna28		Y (little)					
VSAsrna29		Y (little)					
VSAsrna30		Y (little)					
VSAsrna31		Y (little)					
VSAsrna32		Y (little)					
VSAsrna33		Y high					

VSAsrna34		Y (little)					
VSAsrna35		Y (little)					
VSAsrna36		Y (medium)					
VSAsrna37		Y (high)					
VSAsrna38		Y (little)					
VSAsrna39	Y	Y (high)					
VSAsrna40	Y	Y (high)					
VSAsrna41		Y (high)					
VSAsrna42		Y (little)					
VSAsrna43		Y (little)					
VSAsrna44		Y (medium)					
VSAsrna45		Y (little)					
VSAsrna46		Y (medium)					
VSAsrna47	Y	Y (high)	VC1322/VC1321 IGR Liu et al., 2009				
VSAsrna48	Y	Y (high)					
VSAsrna49		Y (medium)					
VSAsrna50			VC2448/VC2449 IGR Liu et al., 2009				
VSAsrna51		Y (medium)					
VSAsrna52		Y (little)					
VSAsrna53	Y	Y (high)					
VSAsrna54		Y (little)	yybP-ykoY element (VC0021/VC0022 IGR Liu et al., 2009)	yybP-ykoY	RF00080	Riboswitch	yybP-ykoY leader
VSAsrna55		Y (little)					
VSAsrna56							

Supplement file 2 (Table S2) - 2,2'-Dipyridyl

ncRNA ID	Fold change			Intensity data					
	LOW	MID	HIGH	LOW		MID		HIGH	
				Red	Green	Red	Green	Red	Green
VSArna11	1.10	0.83	0.92	147.00	133.04	30.00	36.51	97.67	106.60
VSArna12	0.90	1.04	1.01	59.33	66.30	19.00	18.29	50.00	49.71
VSArna13	0.00	0.00	0.97	32.77	34.00	0.00	0.00	10.50	10.76
VSArna14	0.99	0.00	1.16	31.00	31.47	13.64	15.25	18.67	16.09
VSArna17	0.92	0.82	0.91	1261.00	1355.69	235.33	288.28	447.00	490.94
VSArna20	1.12	1.12	1.03	96.67	83.67	25.67	23.01	85.67	83.31
VSArna21	1.00	0.91	0.93	43.00	43.19	14.08	14.23	30.00	32.54
VSArna22	1.15	1.28	1.19	44.00	38.13	15.16	12.90	35.00	29.51
VSArna24	1.15	1.05	0.99	51.00	44.25	14.06	11.73	26.00	26.64
VSArna25	1.52	0.00	0.88	90.00	59.57	19.47	19.38	39.67	45.02
VSArna26	1.22	1.18	1.07	278.00	227.88	43.00	36.51	140.97	130.82
VSArna27	0.68	0.91	1.11	33.00	48.20	9.00	9.92	15.33	13.76
VSArna29	1.05	1.01	0.97	48.64	41.10	10.89	13.69	13.00	13.38
VSArna3	1.13	0.94	1.07	67.00	56.86	13.50	14.38	44.33	41.45
VSArna31	1.13	1.11	1.15	520.33	466.07	114.00	102.76	258.33	226.06
VSArna32	0.87	0.90	1.03	40.50	46.74	14.83	17.00	16.67	16.23
VSArna43	1.12	1.50	1.16	89.00	78.65	28.50	19.16	62.00	54.19
VSArna44	1.24	0.65	0.91	76.00	61.06	30.00	46.33	45.33	49.40
VSArna45	1.18	1.12	1.20	31.77	30.48	0.00	0.00	14.00	11.78
VSArna46	1.23	1.05	1.18	4850.67	3824.14	1004.67	1007.41	2574.67	2172.76
VSArna47	0.79	0.77	0.93	52.80	42.28	0.00	0.00	12.67	13.93
VSArna48	1.14	1.18	1.10	60.50	54.16	13.53	14.01	30.67	28.04
VSArna5	1.00	0.71	1.29	141.67	133.27	26.00	36.65	65.33	50.75
VSArna52	1.31	1.14	1.31	214.00	156.46	51.33	46.04	146.33	111.33
VSArna53	1.23	1.09	1.17	37.44	36.63	12.56	17.42	12.50	10.74
VSArna54	0.96	0.96	0.98	112.33	118.33	29.67	30.60	84.33	86.81
VSArna56	1.00	1.17	1.00	75.33	75.38	27.00	23.25	84.67	84.52
VSArna6	1.02	0.85	0.91	83.67	85.23	18.00	21.29	44.00	48.37
VSArna7	1.15	1.41	1.19	90.67	75.42	30.00	21.83	76.67	64.82
VSArna8	1.39	1.21	1.31	3140.67	2142.62	726.67	613.99	1591.67	1216.09
VSsrna10	4.57	4.08	1.13	2215.00	482.55	312.33	79.33	183.00	161.59
VSsrna101	0.00	1.33	1.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.00	10.81
VSsrna105	1.22	1.27	1.11	39.23	36.52	0.00	0.00	16.33	14.73
VSsrna106 gcvT riboswitch element	1.15	1.08	1.01	92.67	78.00	21.33	20.45	71.67	71.14
VSsrna107 gcvT riboswitch element	1.07	1.24	1.05	88.00	78.35	26.00	20.76	43.33	41.44
VSsrna108	1.12	0.85	0.91	97.33	81.16	21.00	25.78	52.67	57.99
VSsrna11	1.36	1.20	1.15	72.00	50.37	15.00	12.54	29.00	25.37

VSsrna111	1.43	1.24	1.47	66.67	42.88	14.00	11.29	26.50	17.92
VSsrna112	1.40	1.21	0.79	38.00	27.13	14.58	18.40	12.00	15.20
VSsrna113	1.05	1.28	0.96	105.67	99.19	33.33	27.03	86.33	90.08
VSsrna114 small RNA Qrr	0.99	0.93	1.22	750.00	791.69	140.67	157.43	309.67	255.34
VSsrna115	1.26	1.34	1.23	599.00	458.65	150.00	115.03	424.00	345.35
VSsrna12	1.38	0.82	0.89	79.33	56.69	15.00	18.71	28.67	32.23
VSsrna121	1.00	1.08	1.07	32.57	37.95	0.00	0.00	14.00	13.06
VSsrna123	1.22	0.96	1.04	91.67	72.04	23.67	24.69	58.67	56.40
VSsrna126	0.92	0.86	1.02	96.00	108.94	26.00	30.25	49.33	48.67
VSsrna133	0.79	0.78	0.96	40.00	50.59	12.07	13.72	27.00	29.15
VSsrna135	1.28	1.34	1.01	74.33	59.70	19.50	14.49	54.00	53.74
VSsrna140	1.02	0.00	0.90	56.00	56.98	13.55	17.75	17.67	19.77
VSsrna144	1.09	1.03	0.98	5121.67	4744.03	1089.67	1062.58	2973.67	3067.32
VSsrna145	1.01	1.14	0.88	681.33	670.89	130.00	115.20	321.67	369.21
VSsrna147	0.97	0.75	1.05	140.00	134.27	28.00	37.87	49.33	46.50
VSsrna148	0.85	0.73	0.93	0.00	0.00	19.00	26.14	0.00	0.00
VSsrna149 tmRNA	1.02	0.75	1.28	36182.67	35616.41	7633.00	10029.03	15929.33	12475.85
VSsrna150	0.74	0.86	1.01	52.00	70.11	13.30	19.08	15.50	15.41
VSsrna151	1.34	1.58	0.92	298.33	213.01	95.00	60.01	225.00	243.16
VSsrna152	1.20	1.09	1.18	159.50	132.62	23.00	23.38	35.00	30.08
VSsrna153	0.98	0.97	1.14	67.00	68.32	15.27	15.16	35.00	30.74
VSsrna154 small RNA 6S / SsrS RNA	0.91	0.67	1.10	818.00	868.04	140.33	215.68	267.67	242.84
VSsrna159 threonine operon leader	1.31	1.31	1.27	38.40	38.35	0.00	0.00	16.00	12.59
VSsrna16	1.02	1.03	0.97	171.00	158.90	41.33	39.85	124.67	128.75
VSsrna160	0.58	0.52	0.56	46.41	48.28	15.05	16.10	18.00	32.08
VSsrna165	0.89	0.66	0.99	31792.67	35551.34	6074.67	8994.17	14868.33	15147.63
VSsrna167	1.29	1.10	1.28	71.67	50.47	19.00	17.35	43.00	33.78
VSsrna169	1.06	1.13	1.07	485.33	441.38	117.00	103.54	328.67	307.83
VSsrna17	1.10	1.15	0.93	102.00	89.45	23.00	20.43	51.33	54.88
VSsrna170	0.92	0.00	0.89	71.50	79.33	16.38	19.16	40.33	48.62
VSsrna172	1.29	1.21	1.13	1882.67	1404.34	392.33	326.67	884.67	782.37
VSsrna173	0.52	0.60	0.87	25.00	48.40	15.04	20.78	17.50	20.04
VSsrna174	0.68	0.75	1.26	27.00	39.48	0.00	0.00	15.00	11.91
VSsrna180	0.78	0.79	0.95	103.00	131.42	23.93	28.86	70.12	77.34
VSsrna182	1.10	1.04	0.95	47.00	42.88	14.90	16.41	23.00	24.11
VSsrna183 cobalamin riboswitch	1.01	1.19	0.92	224.67	217.18	43.00	36.23	106.33	115.14
VSsrna184	1.14	1.12	1.06	24.50	22.10	13.00	11.57	23.67	22.93
VSsrna185	2.21	1.62	1.72	6811.00	2908.85	788.67	487.04	2035.33	1172.44
VSsrna187	1.33	1.62	1.26	802.67	604.56	252.67	157.96	863.33	686.42
VSsrna189	1.23	1.11	1.17	43.50	35.55	0.00	0.00	18.50	16.04
VSsrna190	1.34	1.32	1.13	2052.33	1485.02	484.33	368.52	974.00	858.25

VSsrna191 TPP riboswitch	1.01	1.01	0.94	44.00	43.62	0.00	0.00	18.50	19.94
VSsrna192	1.01	1.05	1.10	50.15	34.74	0.00	0.00	14.67	13.34
VSsrna193 CsrA-regulating small RNA CsrB3	1.02	0.98	1.82	32779.33	32253.62	15899.33	16204.99	18539.67	10211.61
VSsrna194 CsrA-regulating small RNA CsrB2	1.08	0.92	1.09	28035.67	24872.77	5079.00	5535.07	13356.00	12256.43
VSsrna195	1.00	0.89	0.93	149.33	152.98	35.50	40.91	72.00	78.52
VSsrna196	0.89	0.87	0.88	156.33	168.29	37.33	43.10	79.00	85.58
VSsrna20	1.32	1.38	1.07	45.00	34.09	15.70	18.61	16.33	15.45
VSsrna21	1.15	1.05	1.14	58.50	51.00	12.00	11.47	30.00	26.40
VSsrna22	3.94	4.74	16.30	262.00	67.23	65.00	13.72	274.33	17.12
VSsrna23 small RNA Spot 42	1.20	0.97	1.03	150.67	121.45	30.67	32.97	60.33	59.13
VSsrna24	1.50	1.32	1.22	854.67	546.23	168.00	139.05	333.67	278.38
VSsrna25	0.00	0.00	0.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.00	13.14
VSsrna26	0.98	1.01	0.86	30.78	34.06	12.40	17.10	8.00	9.29
VSsrna28	1.11	1.00	1.00	187.67	167.48	48.67	48.91	165.00	165.85
VSsrna3	3.75	1.49	1.17	156.50	42.02	18.63	21.09	24.00	20.93
VSsrna30	1.21	1.33	1.28	40.00	32.98	15.00	17.55	20.67	16.19
VSsrna31 lysine riboswitch	1.10	1.14	1.21	460.67	407.34	121.33	107.02	393.33	322.87
VSsrna32	1.12	1.21	1.21	50.50	44.89	14.71	13.52	32.00	26.52
VSsrna33	1.28	1.27	1.07	657.67	513.00	107.67	80.73	336.50	314.89
VSsrna35	1.46	0.00	1.06	48.00	32.89	14.07	16.16	15.00	13.80
VSsrna37	1.05	0.00	1.15	34.04	33.58	0.00	0.00	13.33	11.53
VSsrna38	1.14	1.16	0.90	45.00	40.90	14.06	14.63	14.00	15.45
VSsrna40	0.75	0.74	0.90	25.00	33.54	0.00	0.00	10.00	11.08
VSsrna42	0.95	0.96	1.06	10056.33	10706.22	2420.33	2590.98	4892.00	4727.17
VSsrna43 ribosomal S15 leader	1.36	1.45	1.10	6370.33	4465.04	1347.67	943.00	2279.00	2098.93
VSsrna44 VSsrna44 638438:638620	1.29	1.22	1.14	283.67	217.48	75.67	63.80	132.00	116.51
VSsrna47	0.97	0.95	1.12	45.00	46.48	12.65	13.65	29.33	26.32
VSsrna49	1.00	1.00	0.98	347.33	339.26	79.67	79.31	236.33	243.08
VSsrna52	1.31	1.05	1.18	1680.00	1244.23	455.67	445.96	1324.67	1134.42
VSsrna53	1.27	1.16	1.30	88.00	71.52	18.00	16.10	52.00	40.51
VSsrna55 CsrA-regulating small RNA CsrB1	1.10	0.99	1.16	34186.67	29990.32	5772.33	5836.97	12331.33	10526.88
VSsrna57	1.04	1.08	1.11	36.00	34.64	11.62	11.31	22.33	20.17
VSsrna60	1.05	1.32	0.93	92.00	85.67	29.33	22.36	95.67	102.90
VSsrna62	1.16	0.90	1.07	118.33	97.94	23.00	25.67	74.33	70.06
VSsrna63	1.00	1.05	1.04	34.50	34.79	11.89	12.24	21.33	20.58
VSsrna64	0.85	0.47	0.86	40.50	48.88	17.01	20.74	16.50	19.25
VSsrna67	1.49	1.92	1.33	1168.00	744.89	327.00	171.93	753.00	572.05
VSsrna68	1.33	1.48	1.09	36.00	27.13	16.99	22.14	14.50	13.34

VSsrna7	1.17	1.13	1.30	94.33	76.91	24.67	22.89	47.67	36.94
VSsrna70	1.55	1.03	0.89	59.50	39.05	16.62	22.97	10.00	11.21
VSsrna71	0.83	0.82	0.00	22.00	27.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
VSsrna72	1.36	1.18	2.12	102.00	75.33	18.00	15.32	65.33	31.36
VSsrna73	0.66	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00	42.95	55.11	22.00	285.40
VSsrna75	1.65	1.67	1.40	316.67	181.52	83.00	50.67	206.67	148.94
VSsrna76	1.17	1.18	1.23	29.00	24.82	0.00	0.00	18.00	14.58
VSsrna77	0.00	0.90	0.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.33	16.99
VSsrna78	1.07	0.96	1.04	106.00	97.01	25.00	26.30	95.33	91.18
VSsrna81	0.00	0.00	1.39	62.94	41.23	13.41	13.17	27.33	19.95
VSsrna83	0.88	0.73	0.90	247.67	307.90	72.00	99.26	156.67	174.16
VSsrna85	1.33	1.50	1.09	62.00	46.64	14.33	11.72	22.00	20.20
VSsrna87	1.10	1.14	1.20	40.00	36.43	9.00	7.87	16.50	13.80
VSsrna89	1.00	1.12	1.02	152.33	149.91	39.67	36.39	104.33	102.71
VSsrna9	0.87	0.73	0.99	86.33	98.64	20.33	27.53	51.33	52.26
VSsrna93	1.36	1.41	1.11	296.33	219.05	58.33	42.17	191.67	170.72
VSsrna97	1.25	1.42	1.08	330.00	262.17	106.33	75.39	290.00	269.25
VSsrna99	0.96	1.01	0.93	35.00	36.44	12.22	13.88	18.00	19.20

Supplement file 2 (Table S2) - Hydrogen peroxide

ncRNA ID	Fold change			Intensity data					
	LOW	MID	HIGH	LOW		MID		HIGH	
				Red	Green	Red	Green	Red	Green
VSAsrna11	0.73	1.25	0.99	36.67	52.72	256.33	207.85	62.33	63.00
VSAsrna12	1.01	1.19	1.26	14.33	14.24	37.33	31.65	15.67	12.42
VSAsrna13	1.05	1.12	1.05	0.00	0.00	14.00	12.50	121.28	120.51
VSAsrna14	0.00	1.01	0.95	0.00	0.00	13.00	12.90	34.45	35.80
VSAsrna17	0.82	0.97	1.55	168.00	203.83	598.67	620.29	167.00	107.99
VSAsrna18	1.10	1.13	0.91	0.00	0.00	16.67	14.71	77.81	77.18
VSAsrna19	0.83	0.70	0.63	0.00	0.00	9.00	12.83	59.89	60.98
VSAsrna20	0.92	0.95	1.02	26.67	28.95	64.00	67.51	20.00	19.61
VSAsrna21	0.85	0.80	0.83	11.85	12.52	22.00	27.53	9.81	9.66
VSAsrna22	1.24	0.90	0.92	13.50	10.91	25.33	28.68	10.01	10.13
VSAsrna24	1.12	0.82	1.01	12.00	10.68	25.67	31.40	11.00	10.93
VSAsrna25	0.86	0.88	0.86	16.00	18.78	41.67	47.47	12.29	13.61
VSAsrna26	0.94	1.02	1.08	49.00	51.95	123.33	121.31	40.67	37.45
VSAsrna27	0.96	0.96	0.71	0.00	0.00	12.00	12.53	57.60	58.49
VSAsrna29	0.97	0.93	0.94	13.07	13.80	16.00	17.30	30.74	33.48
VSAsrna3	1.13	1.34	1.23	16.50	14.63	49.33	37.05	15.67	12.81
VSAsrna31	1.03	1.33	1.14	45.82	40.16	151.33	98.24	36.14	25.46
VSAsrna32	0.96	1.15	1.24	0.00	0.00	20.00	17.45	11.03	9.93
VSAsrna36	1.03	1.03	1.13	0.00	0.00	11.00	10.71	64.68	65.91
VSAsrna43	0.90	1.01	1.57	17.33	19.37	54.33	54.30	28.33	18.32
VSAsrna44	1.00	0.98	1.42	14.00	14.14	52.33	55.91	24.00	17.00
VSAsrna45	1.18	1.13	1.36	0.00	0.00	10.50	9.70	58.74	60.48
VSAsrna46	1.10	1.13	1.44	1023.67	939.31	3334.67	3023.99	936.00	651.40
VSAsrna48	1.03	1.01	0.90	13.67	13.53	41.33	42.13	12.00	13.29
VSAsrna5	0.86	1.08	1.13	21.00	24.67	42.00	38.73	17.00	15.11
VSAsrna52	1.34	1.05	1.45	45.00	35.43	104.67	111.72	50.33	34.73
VSAsrna54	0.99	1.11	1.17	31.00	32.14	92.00	83.24	22.33	19.26
VSAsrna56	1.13	1.08	1.36	30.33	26.79	80.00	73.57	22.00	16.33
VSAsrna6	0.96	1.09	1.17	23.67	24.64	49.00	45.01	18.50	15.70
VSAsrna7	1.03	0.96	1.49	35.33	34.57	89.33	98.96	37.00	24.63
VSAsrna8	1.48	1.19	1.40	841.67	576.93	1563.00	1372.04	514.33	367.42

VSsrna1	2.38	2.38	2.17	16.06	14.02	40.00	16.83	14.96	11.57
VSsrna10	1.09	1.26	1.36	89.00	83.47	235.67	190.79	85.67	63.24
VSsrna101	0.94	1.10	1.27	0.00	0.00	12.50	11.36	79.73	80.09
VSsrna105	0.00	0.95	0.91	0.00	0.00	10.00	10.56	45.77	48.42
VSsrna106	1.21	1.39	1.28	26.33	21.98	69.00	51.07	19.00	14.79
VSsrna107	1.22	1.42	1.13	19.00	15.55	70.00	49.53	14.67	13.03
VSsrna108	1.20	1.08	1.26	17.33	15.69	61.67	60.68	20.00	16.04
VSsrna11	1.43	1.24	1.16	15.00	10.47	27.67	22.75	10.61	10.06
VSsrna111	1.27	0.98	0.96	15.50	12.77	34.67	37.78	13.33	14.03
VSsrna112	0.82	0.81	0.82	0.00	0.00	19.33	24.88	9.75	9.23
VSsrna113	0.90	0.88	0.71	24.33	27.27	57.67	67.11	13.00	18.39
VSsrna114	0.98	1.58	1.95	133.33	143.86	231.00	190.34	70.00	38.79
VSsrna115	1.36	1.29	1.51	148.33	108.73	442.67	346.22	141.00	93.62
VSsrna119	1.16	1.21	1.29	0.00	0.00	15.00	13.01	179.30	177.06
VSsrna12	0.99	1.12	0.96	14.50	14.64	33.00	30.15	11.00	11.56
VSsrna121	1.00	1.15	1.14	10.98	11.85	12.67	11.27	83.86	84.11
VSsrna122	1.10	1.11	1.10	75.25	70.38	207.00	187.11	53.47	45.64
VSsrna123	1.05	0.99	1.01	33.67	33.01	64.67	66.96	20.33	20.12
VSsrna126	1.07	1.15	1.32	18.67	17.51	53.00	46.25	19.67	14.85
VSsrna133	1.11	1.08	1.06	19.83	18.88	48.00	44.35	15.47	13.29
VSsrna135	0.82	0.94	1.08	16.00	19.67	49.67	53.87	17.33	16.58
VSsrna137	1.06	1.01	0.96	0.00	0.00	13.00	12.88	34.72	36.06
VSsrna140	0.00	0.99	1.50	10.58	12.04	23.33	23.95	11.00	7.31
VSsrna144	0.84	0.99	0.85	1220.67	1451.43	4062.33	4119.60	819.67	965.28
VSsrna145	1.38	1.24	1.28	204.00	153.60	643.67	527.62	151.00	117.76
VSsrna147	1.03	1.58	2.15	35.67	35.56	70.33	45.43	25.67	11.94
VSsrna149	1.15	1.50	0.72	10265.33	9105.14	20977.00	14008.46	4564.67	6303.36
VSsrna150	1.15	1.15	1.14	0.00	0.00	15.00	13.00	179.36	177.12
VSsrna151	0.73	0.84	1.04	45.33	62.95	140.00	175.70	38.67	37.05
VSsrna152	1.21	1.30	1.80	15.00	12.59	54.67	48.83	22.00	12.44
VSsrna153	1.02	1.07	0.98	9.67	9.49	26.00	24.35	9.00	9.15
VSsrna154	1.04	1.50	1.76	178.33	175.98	443.50	313.42	185.50	110.76
VSsrna156	0.89	0.83	0.70	0.00	0.00	12.67	15.95	61.38	61.98
VSsrna159	1.09	1.12	1.09	0.00	0.00	16.67	15.52	61.85	61.71
VSsrna16	0.94	0.99	1.04	38.00	40.77	107.00	109.93	27.33	26.46
VSsrna165	0.92	1.09	0.72	6980.33	7655.07	16832.33	15598.24	3538.67	4995.74

VSsrna167	1.23	1.23	1.34	17.33	14.15	39.33	33.66	12.00	8.98
VSsrna169	1.26	1.05	1.27	168.33	134.76	368.67	356.55	80.33	63.94
VSsrna17	1.00	1.04	1.07	28.67	28.77	83.33	82.11	23.00	21.40
VSsrna170	0.96	1.01	0.93	0.00	0.00	15.50	14.95	79.87	79.87
VSsrna172	1.09	1.04	1.15	373.67	344.66	835.33	823.63	334.00	289.83
VSsrna174	0.80	0.77	0.67	11.05	10.93	14.33	19.27	49.37	49.77
VSsrna18	1.04	1.03	1.10	11.95	12.92	13.33	13.07	41.23	42.41
VSsrna180	0.97	0.96	1.02	14.48	14.31	32.00	33.28	11.47	11.33
VSsrna182	1.28	1.27	1.48	27.84	25.25	77.67	61.77	30.00	20.16
VSsrna183	0.97	0.95	0.98	71.67	73.94	154.00	161.88	38.33	39.08
VSsrna184	0.00	1.14	0.89	11.01	11.38	26.33	23.98	9.00	10.16
VSsrna185	2.14	1.14	1.08	2513.33	1258.44	5113.00	5065.04	1318.33	1225.72
VSsrna187	0.92	0.74	0.66	298.00	325.11	723.00	987.56	206.67	308.68
VSsrna189	0.83	0.78	0.80	0.00	0.00	13.50	17.17	58.57	59.19
VSsrna190	1.41	1.16	1.71	728.00	514.26	1583.33	1419.83	588.00	345.55
VSsrna191	1.13	1.01	0.96	0.00	0.00	14.00	13.93	79.61	79.81
VSsrna192	1.04	1.09	1.10	0.00	0.00	17.00	15.71	56.67	56.54
VSsrna193	1.15	2.05	1.06	23327.33	20399.21	27479.00	13449.18	18132.67	17336.48
VSsrna194	0.95	1.26	1.22	6410.00	6710.60	17740.33	14498.70	6413.00	5248.29
VSsrna195	0.96	1.04	1.20	32.00	33.35	87.33	87.32	25.33	21.63
VSsrna196	1.01	1.06	1.26	38.00	39.06	125.00	118.98	37.00	29.54
VSsrna20	1.01	1.11	1.28	13.97	13.69	28.00	26.51	12.00	9.28
VSsrna21	0.71	0.97	1.06	10.00	14.09	36.67	39.87	14.67	13.75
VSsrna22	1.89	1.46	1.19	28.33	15.46	60.67	42.93	16.00	13.66
VSsrna23	1.11	1.29	1.31	47.33	46.06	151.33	137.08	46.00	35.15
VSsrna24	0.78	0.98	1.21	104.33	139.89	637.33	820.58	290.00	243.18
VSsrna25	1.09	1.11	1.11	0.00	0.00	12.00	10.98	75.97	76.54
VSsrna28	1.06	1.09	1.11	46.00	43.35	121.67	112.81	29.67	26.92
VSsrna3	0.00	1.72	1.29	0.00	0.00	24.00	13.97	11.00	8.54
VSsrna30	1.08	1.14	1.27	9.00	8.32	23.00	20.77	9.25	8.70
VSsrna31	1.43	1.39	1.39	132.33	93.23	337.67	244.39	95.33	68.60
VSsrna32	1.16	1.20	1.30	10.00	8.57	20.67	17.28	9.48	9.00
VSsrna33	0.94	0.90	0.85	160.33	171.09	332.67	375.38	76.00	89.15
VSsrna35	0.00	0.89	0.81	0.00	0.00	14.33	16.06	63.88	64.41
VSsrna37	1.04	1.06	1.11	11.31	12.26	12.50	12.07	66.80	67.44
VSsrna38	0.83	1.02	0.98	11.77	11.37	25.00	24.14	9.09	9.58

VSsrna40	0.82	1.33	1.76	0.00	0.00	16.00	11.96	185.71	183.21
VSsrna41	0.00	1.57	1.84	11.99	12.93	13.50	8.63	92.65	92.60
VSsrna42	1.20	1.07	1.52	3208.67	2824.99	5813.00	5505.74	2303.33	1521.80
VSsrna43	1.09	1.02	1.48	1235.00	1167.76	3968.33	4060.96	939.33	633.38
VSsrna44	0.91	1.17	1.29	57.33	64.15	242.33	237.29	87.00	68.60
VSsrna46	1.04	0.98	0.99	11.46	12.54	11.33	11.60	66.07	66.96
VSsrna47	0.94	1.03	1.06	11.50	12.33	26.00	25.23	9.18	9.67
VSsrna49	0.86	0.88	0.92	41.00	48.05	112.33	127.84	22.67	24.72
VSsrna52	0.99	1.08	1.43	368.67	380.17	1289.67	1290.01	515.33	361.77
VSsrna53	1.03	0.93	1.36	12.00	11.69	31.00	34.97	15.00	11.18
VSsrna55	0.93	1.28	1.37	6498.67	7085.99	12146.67	9515.54	4975.67	3720.58
VSsrna56	0.94	0.86	0.97	15.91	16.84	9.00	10.46	41.78	44.71
VSsrna57	1.05	1.03	1.00	10.79	11.82	20.00	19.45	10.09	9.80
VSsrna60	0.88	0.88	0.93	27.00	30.61	55.33	62.50	17.67	18.98
VSsrna61	0.97	0.93	0.88	11.67	12.62	12.00	12.96	50.94	51.98
VSsrna62	1.21	1.12	1.08	27.33	22.77	36.33	32.69	15.00	13.75
VSsrna63	1.03	1.07	1.12	10.00	9.81	27.00	24.84	9.43	9.49
VSsrna64	0.98	1.11	1.16	0.00	0.00	17.00	15.28	63.95	63.56
VSsrna65	1.14	1.66	1.91	14.85	12.79	26.67	16.54	13.43	9.92
VSsrna67	1.02	1.37	1.67	365.33	361.92	839.67	632.59	252.67	152.34
VSsrna68	1.16	1.26	1.14	9.83	9.76	16.33	13.26	126.58	125.34
VSsrna7	1.19	1.24	1.77	20.33	17.37	61.33	53.71	23.33	13.37
VSsrna70	1.32	1.20	1.08	20.33	15.77	58.00	51.21	13.50	12.43
VSsrna71	0.98	1.23	1.23	9.00	9.19	15.00	12.80	280.62	275.38
VSsrna72	0.98	1.01	0.87	17.00	17.45	36.33	36.47	10.50	12.06
VSsrna75	1.15	1.21	1.43	66.00	60.16	200.67	187.34	84.00	59.26
VSsrna76	1.14	1.37	1.41	11.28	11.66	19.67	14.97	47.10	45.49
VSsrna77	1.01	1.05	1.37	15.30	14.92	32.00	32.68	15.50	11.31
VSsrna78	1.34	1.44	1.78	28.67	22.64	93.00	67.18	41.67	23.33
VSsrna8	1.04	1.08	1.09	13.38	14.29	10.50	9.73	58.52	60.27
VSsrna81	1.03	1.07	1.11	11.15	12.75	17.33	17.53	36.32	36.89
VSsrna83	0.70	1.13	1.30	70.33	101.27	239.67	239.56	94.00	73.88
VSsrna87	0.98	1.10	1.25	0.00	0.00	14.67	13.43	123.84	122.93
VSsrna89	1.02	0.97	1.06	49.33	48.35	103.67	107.45	29.67	27.74
VSsrna9	0.84	0.83	0.87	18.00	21.51	34.67	42.95	11.09	13.43
VSsrna91	0.90	0.75	0.83	0.00	0.00	9.00	12.05	57.75	59.15

VSsrna93	0.58	0.79	0.92	34.33	59.05	93.00	119.66	35.33	38.06
VSsrna97	0.94	0.99	1.02	62.33	66.92	158.67	168.62	47.33	46.42
VSsrna99	1.14	1.19	1.30	0.00	0.00	21.00	18.65	11.00	8.47

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ncRNA ID	Fold change			Intensity data					
	LOW	MID	HIGH	LOW		MID		HIGH	
				Red	Green	Red	Green	Red	Green
VSArna1	1.97	1.49	0.92	14.21	14.16	29.93	24.98	10.00	10.90
VSArna11	1.78	1.72	1.96	157.33	88.29	244.67	139.31	460.33	264.58
VSArna12	1.28	1.30	1.20	18.67	14.46	23.67	18.07	54.33	46.28
VSArna13	1.18	1.04	1.38	9.00	7.61	10.00	9.58	26.00	19.75
VSArna14	1.24	1.22	1.18	17.00	13.75	13.67	11.58	16.00	13.50
VSArna17	1.31	1.08	1.18	862.33	654.07	512.67	450.11	764.00	666.49
VSArna18	1.43	1.24	1.17	22.00	15.61	15.00	12.12	31.00	27.14
VSArna20	0.89	0.75	0.96	36.33	41.97	36.33	49.93	163.33	171.47
VSArna21	0.94	0.99	1.02	14.31	16.01	14.34	13.40	21.00	20.61
VSArna22	0.90	0.87	1.31	14.50	15.98	22.00	25.36	69.00	56.30
VSArna24	0.68	0.81	1.04	10.00	14.62	14.00	17.28	25.33	26.48
VSArna25	1.08	0.74	1.10	16.00	15.42	22.00	29.66	61.33	56.52
VSArna26	0.99	1.15	0.97	39.67	40.94	43.00	40.88	109.50	113.32
VSArna27	1.17	1.11	1.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.67	15.41
VSArna29	0.97	0.92	0.96	14.91	17.45	22.56	20.81	13.00	13.50
VSArna3	1.06	0.81	1.31	12.00	11.27	12.00	14.76	21.67	17.45
VSArna31	1.65	1.87	1.35	68.33	43.48	74.00	39.20	126.00	91.34
VSArna32	0.00	1.32	1.21	14.21	11.43	15.00	11.33	25.50	21.87
VSArna35	1.16	1.14	1.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.00	25.41
VSArna36	1.00	0.99	0.95	0.00	0.00	29.76	24.60	12.00	12.61
VSArna43	0.97	1.92	1.33	15.00	15.49	23.67	12.39	32.00	26.00
VSArna44	1.48	1.24	1.90	25.33	17.84	33.00	29.52	129.00	75.17
VSArna45	1.20	1.12	1.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17.00	16.05
VSArna46	2.12	1.22	1.49	2368.33	1101.92	2177.00	1728.29	5094.00	3582.79
VSArna47	0.91	1.28	1.04	31.41	23.46	19.66	16.62	15.50	14.95
VSArna48	0.97	0.69	0.70	15.00	16.41	18.00	26.03	21.33	28.94
VSArna5	1.02	0.90	1.25	20.67	20.48	25.00	27.24	91.00	75.99
VSArna52	1.46	0.86	1.85	143.67	99.03	122.00	147.22	405.33	237.51
VSArna53	1.46	1.36	1.46	14.39	12.95	27.73	22.44	12.00	8.21
VSArna54	1.00	1.20	1.10	42.33	41.78	47.50	42.93	39.00	34.95
VSArna56	0.96	0.94	1.12	52.67	55.10	41.33	42.86	97.00	91.34
VSArna6	1.14	1.06	1.15	26.33	23.09	30.00	28.05	69.33	61.97
VSArna7	3.73	2.90	1.94	114.33	40.38	115.67	42.11	127.67	79.16
VSArna8	2.31	1.63	1.55	679.67	287.74	916.00	570.61	6044.00	4984.45
VSsrna1	2.27	2.61	1.51	41.33	19.09	25.00	11.33	28.50	18.93
VSsrna10	1.31	1.43	1.77	76.33	59.36	98.33	69.40	288.67	163.77
VSsrna103	0.92	0.98	0.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00	14.40
VSsrna106	1.35	1.29	1.32	37.67	29.76	45.33	35.05	60.33	44.70

VSsrna107	1.51	1.24	1.30	38.67	27.86	46.67	37.90	73.00	56.06
VSsrna108	1.40	0.81	1.50	56.67	40.42	80.33	95.85	754.00	598.50
VSsrna11	1.08	1.30	1.32	13.00	11.99	13.00	9.80	19.33	14.84
VSsrna111	1.19	1.10	1.65	62.67	54.20	82.67	76.31	200.67	145.37
VSsrna112	0.93	0.97	1.04	10.00	10.71	16.12	14.67	14.00	13.49
VSsrna113	1.62	1.67	0.73	24.00	23.28	26.33	16.81	81.67	109.74
VSsrna114 Small RNA qrr	5.55	3.38	4.17	510.00	93.13	335.33	102.52	811.33	199.97
VSsrna115	1.80	1.50	1.81	178.67	100.91	308.33	201.56	854.00	511.75
VSsrna118	1.55	1.66	1.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.50	11.68
VSsrna119	1.03	1.08	1.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.00	13.75
VSsrna12	1.48	1.03	1.41	18.00	12.19	16.00	15.96	26.00	18.10
VSsrna121	1.22	0.94	1.09	16.00	13.12	15.00	15.84	30.00	27.71
VSsrna123	1.17	0.82	1.05	14.00	11.97	13.00	15.80	32.00	33.25
VSsrna126	0.91	1.01	1.02	13.00	14.27	15.00	14.81	33.33	34.07
VSsrna131	0.85	0.86	0.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.00	11.87
VSsrna133	1.39	1.18	1.02	21.00	15.15	12.00	10.15	82.33	80.25
VSsrna135	1.04	0.93	1.42	11.00	10.61	14.00	15.10	26.67	19.34
VSsrna140	1.31	1.11	1.31	21.50	16.85	15.00	13.67	34.33	28.46
VSsrna143	0.00	0.00	1.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.00	13.49
VSsrna144	0.84	0.98	0.77	1207.00	1432.14	1244.33	1309.44	1179.33	1537.88
VSsrna145	1.19	1.05	1.36	301.00	253.74	216.33	212.66	367.00	271.11
VSsrna147	1.66	1.14	1.39	78.33	46.25	84.67	70.84	55.00	39.52
VSsrna148	1.04	1.05	1.06	14.38	13.41	27.59	23.43	10.00	9.55
VSsrna149	0.92	0.98	1.07	8585.33	9231.57	12272.33	12057.43	15889.00	15221.63
VSsrna150	1.24	1.11	1.01	13.03	14.57	14.71	14.59	18.00	17.73
VSsrna151	1.39	1.24	0.80	79.33	74.98	38.33	35.99	170.33	201.02
VSsrna152	2.07	1.50	1.55	44.00	21.68	40.00	29.59	182.50	119.96
VSsrna153	1.09	1.15	1.23	15.77	16.71	17.07	16.25	25.00	20.81
VSsrna154	1.69	0.92	1.41	235.00	137.95	282.00	307.82	605.00	448.36
VSsrna156	1.08	0.71	0.83	13.00	11.99	10.00	14.02	17.67	20.38
VSsrna159	0.00	0.00	1.04	0.00	0.00	21.22	16.47	17.00	16.30
VSsrna16	1.25	1.14	1.25	51.00	45.38	52.67	48.85	139.67	112.25
VSsrna161	1.24	1.16	1.18	14.11	12.96	27.64	23.50	10.00	8.48
VSsrna165	0.81	0.85	0.87	8898.67	10887.98	14485.67	16622.71	17270.67	19567.63
VSsrna166	0.88	1.03	0.90	11.43	12.98	14.00	15.10	16.00	17.78
VSsrna167	1.90	1.48	2.52	28.33	15.02	37.67	24.88	120.00	58.19
VSsrna169	1.19	1.27	1.47	100.33	86.13	125.67	96.56	179.00	128.16
VSsrna17	1.02	0.90	1.01	24.00	23.37	25.00	27.69	65.00	66.35
VSsrna170	0.84	0.83	0.90	12.19	12.28	12.00	14.43	15.33	17.67
VSsrna172	0.99	0.78	0.90	273.67	278.74	317.00	411.85	771.33	878.24
VSsrna173	0.93	1.03	0.81	14.14	17.51	0.00	0.00	11.00	13.44
VSsrna174	1.35	1.40	1.82	12.97	12.93	21.38	20.90	18.00	10.20
VSsrna177	1.22	1.17	1.19	12.99	12.88	13.42	12.54	19.00	15.96

VSsrna18	1.19	1.03	1.12	12.05	21.12	12.02	12.31	17.00	15.22
VSsrna180	0.86	0.78	0.97	13.20	15.72	13.00	16.61	27.67	28.26
VSsrna182	1.18	0.92	1.12	28.00	25.22	31.00	33.75	57.00	53.52
VSsrna183	0.82	0.87	0.82	35.00	41.87	32.00	37.26	81.67	96.04
VSsrna184	1.30	1.23	1.21	17.00	13.03	14.00	11.39	29.33	24.19
VSsrna185	1.83	1.36	2.09	801.67	443.50	767.00	606.36	3936.00	2392.86
VSsrna187	1.24	0.91	0.94	385.33	320.99	624.33	720.26	3052.00	3196.71
VSsrna19	0.00	0.63	1.24	13.61	15.01	12.00	18.98	31.50	30.07
VSsrna190	1.56	1.57	1.63	128.00	85.93	118.33	81.32	185.00	119.75
VSsrna191	1.13	0.96	0.78	13.00	11.47	14.00	14.48	16.33	20.44
VSsrna192	1.03	1.04	1.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.50	10.79
VSsrna193 CsrB3	1.38	1.18	2.03	19259.00	14016.52	19588.00	17267.58	29911.00	14824.78
VSsrna194 CsrB2	1.83	1.21	1.24	6176.67	3428.99	9837.67	8145.92	20130.33	16370.39
VSsrna195	1.16	0.90	1.08	40.33	34.72	34.67	39.25	95.00	90.91
VSsrna196	1.04	0.90	1.14	88.67	83.84	84.33	95.10	135.33	120.52
VSsrna20	1.22	0.80	0.58	16.00	14.66	15.00	19.03	45.33	80.27
VSsrna21	0.74	0.49	0.26	66.94	75.51	53.75	48.75	18.50	71.53
VSsrna22	0.91	1.16	0.97	16.00	17.57	14.00	12.12	14.00	14.39
VSsrna23 Spot42	2.28	1.69	1.10	192.00	91.45	94.00	54.67	17.00	15.77
VSsrna24	2.84	1.42	1.78	126.67	44.00	380.33	319.76	4346.33	2485.47
VSsrna25	1.02	0.94	1.03	16.38	18.32	21.00	22.30	23.00	21.89
VSsrna28	1.00	1.19	1.00	33.67	34.73	31.33	26.16	64.00	62.41
VSsrna3	1.15	1.03	1.23	14.00	12.00	14.45	13.56	27.00	25.03
VSsrna30	1.14	0.97	1.62	12.00	10.51	11.00	11.33	32.33	21.14
VSsrna31	1.18	0.90	1.44	150.67	132.76	111.00	129.40	461.33	309.10
VSsrna32	1.47	1.77	1.31	14.00	9.55	18.00	10.08	40.33	32.39
VSsrna33	0.77	0.74	1.01	92.33	119.82	109.00	145.51	240.67	247.43
VSsrna35	1.22	0.70	0.92	11.00	9.02	12.55	13.48	20.67	22.05
VSsrna37	0.97	1.09	1.07	12.00	14.55	12.01	11.38	23.00	21.53
VSsrna41	0.99	0.96	1.02	15.70	18.71	14.56	15.20	22.00	21.52
VSsrna42	1.88	1.32	1.07	1678.67	968.57	2063.33	1593.50	2904.00	2755.01
VSsrna43	1.34	1.15	1.15	1512.00	1152.64	1342.67	1225.70	1950.67	1698.16
VSsrna44	1.89	1.58	1.08	76.33	47.13	73.00	51.54	150.67	135.65
VSsrna46	0.00	1.08	1.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.00	14.31
VSsrna47	1.10	1.17	1.12	15.29	14.98	18.10	17.27	20.50	18.16
VSsrna48	0.81	0.78	0.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	14.41
VSsrna49	1.05	0.89	1.53	192.67	180.52	256.67	292.12	497.33	426.26
VSsrna52	2.19	1.85	2.14	378.33	186.42	581.67	314.11	3535.00	1912.21
VSsrna53	1.70	1.15	1.62	41.00	24.51	45.33	40.50	191.67	119.71
VSsrna55 CsrB1	2.21	1.34	1.21	5772.00	2630.69	11503.33	8524.71	19599.00	16250.42
VSsrna56	1.20	1.03	1.12	12.00	9.99	9.00	8.72	24.00	22.06
VSsrna57	1.56	1.41	1.35	13.34	14.08	0.00	0.00	16.50	12.24
VSsrna59	1.06	1.06	0.92	12.57	14.62	14.46	15.39	14.00	15.29

VSsrna60	1.23	0.93	0.68	36.33	29.80	33.00	34.74	69.67	100.28
VSsrna61	1.27	1.14	1.29	14.11	11.35	13.00	11.42	30.00	23.25
VSsrna62	1.04	0.90	1.09	18.00	17.40	16.67	19.03	30.33	28.90
VSsrna63	1.10	1.11	1.01	16.23	15.51	34.56	28.02	11.00	10.86
VSsrna64	1.04	0.93	0.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.00	13.59
VSsrna65	1.06	1.45	1.46	0.00	0.00	78.27	50.73	22.00	15.09
VSsrna66	0.00	0.00	0.91	13.99	15.67	16.16	15.58	17.00	18.62
VSsrna67	1.77	1.49	1.26	718.67	403.05	502.33	342.70	535.67	418.31
VSsrna68	0.00	0.00	1.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.00	9.12
VSsrna7	1.96	1.32	2.44	34.00	18.95	31.67	24.88	214.67	102.95
VSsrna70	1.36	1.05	0.00	14.00	10.33	11.00	10.44	0.00	0.00
VSsrna71	1.20	1.15	1.18	11.39	12.91	11.00	9.57	18.00	15.63
VSsrna72	0.97	0.84	1.20	18.00	18.53	19.67	23.55	43.33	35.99
VSsrna75	1.77	1.02	1.58	137.33	79.77	137.00	139.01	331.67	209.33
VSsrna76	1.55	1.42	1.24	13.50	9.07	12.50	8.81	15.50	12.71
VSsrna77	1.49	1.57	1.12	20.67	13.65	27.00	20.08	62.67	55.63
VSsrna78	1.61	1.53	1.72	74.33	47.42	60.33	39.63	111.00	66.71
VSsrna81	1.30	1.14	1.40	17.00	13.03	13.00	11.42	25.00	17.92
VSsrna83	1.40	1.49	1.25	168.67	119.44	227.33	163.00	401.67	310.39
VSsrna85	0.93	1.02	1.16	10.00	10.71	18.00	17.61	20.50	17.61
VSsrna87	1.15	1.08	1.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.50	13.03
VSsrna88	1.19	1.21	1.32	14.94	13.44	28.86	23.22	12.00	9.08
VSsrna89	0.87	0.78	0.99	38.67	46.34	38.33	49.83	133.00	134.72
VSsrna9	0.85	0.70	0.77	28.00	33.38	39.67	57.97	181.67	227.70
VSsrna93	1.87	1.90	1.47	69.00	38.44	133.33	67.76	123.33	88.21
VSsrna95	1.17	0.90	1.10	24.81	18.68	13.21	12.06	18.50	16.48
VSsrna97	1.35	0.97	1.16	90.67	67.84	104.33	145.64	199.00	173.42
VSsrna99	0.76	0.85	1.01	11.00	14.53	20.00	23.59	99.67	107.77

Supplement file 2 (Table S2) - Statistics

	# genes with intensity in any of three cond on microarray	# genes with intensity >50 (WT - any of three conditions)	# genes with intensity >75 (WT - any of three conditions)	# number genes with intensity >100 (WT - any of three conditions)	# genes differentially expressed (> 2 fold) (any cond)	# genes differentially expressed (> 1.5 fold) (any cond)
DP	134	85	68	52	7	22
HP	142	91	62	50	4	26
LitR	152	72	60	48	15	50