# Origine et évolution du code génétique & Biologie Synthétique

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The adaptor hypothesis

A theory by Francis Crick published in 1958, which prdicted how protein synthesis proceeds and what molécules are involved while none where characterized at the time.

... RNA from microsomial particules constitutes the matrix '

*... whatever the molecule that binds the matrix, it binds with specificity and through hydrogen bonds '* 

... the amino acid is brought by an adaptor molecule '

'... this adaptor... Very likely contains nucleotides '

*'… a particular enzyme is required to bind each amino acid to each corresponding adaptor'* 

*'… the specificity requires… To distinguish valine from isoleucine is carried by these enzymes '* 

Messenger RNA

codon-anticodon interactions

aminoacyl-tRNA

tRNA

aminoacyl- tRNA synthetases (aaRS)

aaRS's editing activity

#### Reaction substrates: tRNA



Aminoacylation reaction, components, peculiarities

• La réaction

$$Mg^{2+}$$

$$ARNt + aa + ATP + aaRS \iff aaRS \bullet aa^AMP + PPi + ARNt$$

$$ARNt + aaRS \bullet aa^AMP \iff aaRS + aa-ARNt + AMP$$

Aa-tRNA dual identity





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#### The enzymes: Class I and class II aaRSs

		Classe I	Classe II	
Séquences signatures		HIGH et KMSKS	Motifs consensus 1, 2, 3: Motif 1: φXXX+GφXXφXXPφφ Motif 2: +φφXφXXX(F/H/Y)RX(E/D) 4 à 12 X (R/H)φX-FXXX-φXφφ Motif 3: λXφGφGφGφGeRφφφφφ 7 à 12 X φP	
Aminoacylation de l'ARNt		2′OH	3′OH	
Structure du domaine catalytique		Domaine de Rossmann 5 brins b parallèles	7 brins b antiparallèles	
Sous-classes et structure oligomérique	a	Leu a Ile* a Val* a Cys a Met a <sub>2</sub> , a Arg a Glu a Gln a	Ser $a_2$ Thr* $a_2$ His $a_2$ Pro $a_2$ Gly $a_2$ , $a_2$ Asp $a_2$ Asn $a_2$ Lys II $a_2$	
	с	Tyr a <sub>2</sub> Trp a <sub>2</sub>	Phe* a <sub>2</sub> b <sub>2</sub> , (a, mitochondriale) Gly a <sub>2</sub> b <sub>2</sub> Ala a <sub>2</sub> , a,	
Exceptions		Lys I a, <mark>a</mark>	Pyl Sep	

#### Structural & functional characteristics of the 2 Class



#### Modularity of the aaRSs





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*Eiler, S., et al. (1999) EMBO J. 18, 6532-6541. Giegé, R., et al. (1998). Nucl. Acids Res. 26, 5017-5035.* 

#### Localization of the identity elements



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Is there a logic in codon assignements ?

Deuxième lettre								
	U	С	Α	G				
	Phe	Ser	Tyr	Cys	ן טך			
1 m	Phe	Ser	Tyr	Cys	С			
	Leu	Ser	Stop	Stop	]A			
	Leu	Ser	Stop	Trp	G			
e l	Leu	Pro	His	Arg	υø			
1 <sup>±</sup> C	Leu	Pro	His	Arg	c 🗄			
	Leu	Pro	Gln	Arg	<u>∧</u> <u>∞</u>			
6	Leu	Pro	Gln	Arg	бÐ			
e.	lle	Thr	Asn	Ser	민놀			
ΔJ	lle	Thr	Asn	Ser	]c ;∰			
e ~	lle	Thr	Lys	Arg	A iši			
	Met	Thr	Lys	Arg	GE			
	Val	Ala	Asp	Gly	]u'			
G	Val	Ala	Asp	Gly	C			
0	Val	Ala	Glu	Gly	A			
	Val	Ala	Glu	Gly	G			

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Is there a logic in codon assignements ? 2<sup>nd</sup> letter of codons = aa chemical properties



#### Genetic code nomalies and molecular fossils to study evolution



Anomalies in the pool of aaRS



Duplication of aaRS (>50% procaryotes)



Absence of a given aaRS (>50% procaryotes)



Presence of pieces of aaRS (>50% procaryotes)

Study molecular fossils to understand Genetic Code Evolution

In 2005, from the **240** procaryotic genomes that had been sequenced only **18** encoded a **full and unique set of 20 aaRS** 



- •The genetic code is pre-biotic (-3,5 billion years)
- Understanding how the genetic code appeared = how an >RNA piece was selected to carry an aa





Secondary stucture of the TAR aptamer (knight & Landweber (1998). Ntides in Red are Arg-binding site, Arg codons are on grey background; dotted lines: non WC base pairs





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Flexizyme: a ribozyme that aminoacylates tRNAs (work by H. Suga's group)







See part on introduction of Asn into the genetic code for which one step was RNP-mediated Asn-tRNAAsn synthesis catalyzed by a RNP in which tRNA is a scaffolding molecule





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Franklyn & Carter J Biol Chem. 2013 Sep 13; 288(37): 26856–26863.



#### •Sense-Antisense Relationships and the aaRS Class Distinction freshwater mold Achlya klebsiana



**(A)** Antisense coding of class I (PxxxxHIGH; KMSKS) and class II (motifs 1 and 2) aaRS catalytic motifs <u>Rodin and Ohno 1995</u> S.N. Rodin and S. Ohno, *Orig. Life Evol. Biosph.* **25** (1995), pp. 565–589.

**(B)** Contemporary proteins coded by in-frame, antisense sequences (LéJohn et al., 1994b). The beige box identifies sequences involved in structural superpositions with class I and class II aaRS.

(C) Nucleotide binding sites in models of the two contemporary sense-antisense proteins (right) and corresponding fragments of classes I and II aaRS (left). Superimposed fragments (CDSFIT [CCP4, 1991]) are light gray; aaRS ATP binding signatures are cyan (motif 2 and TIGN, the TrpRS variant of HIGH) and red (motif 1 and KMSKS). The class IIa TxE signature that orients the  $\alpha$ -amino group is in the gold-colored turn connecting the  $\beta$  strand and  $\alpha$  helix.



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The *A. klebsiana* Sense-Antisense Gene Region Highlighted in Figure 1C

Secondary structures are blue for  $\beta$  strand and green for  $\alpha$  helix. The DLGGGT HSP70 signature is highlighted by red letters. TIGN and motif 2 sequences are dark green and yellow, respectively. Alignments were performed using EMBOSS (Rice et al., 2000) and CLUSTALX Thompson et al. 1997 J.D. Thompson, T.J. Gibson, F. Plewniak, F. Jeanmougin and D.G. Higgins, *Nucleic Acids Res.* **24** (1997), pp. 4876–4882.



Genetic code Evolution from the aa-tRNA forming point of vue

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prebiotic aa

#### 4-5 aa-tRNAs









One-letter code



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Natural introduction of a new aa into the Genetic Code

- 1- By infiltration of the coding capacity of other codons
- 2- By redifinition of a STOP codon
  - Context-independent redefinition
  - Context-dependent redefinition



# By infiltration of the coding capacity of other codons: Asp $\rightarrow$ Asn Step 1: AAU and AAC codons were translated by Asp



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### Step 2: AAU and AAC codons were translated by Asp or Asn

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0-44	GGSSGCSAAAhAhGpDTCGShRpEA	1/2 Catalytic subunit			
GatA	GGKs P-Loop	Generates NH <sub>2</sub>			
GatB	h D.NR.G.FUHBIND.P pet-112 signature	1/2 Catalytic subunit Binds aa-tRNA			
GatC		Chaperone?			

- GatA: generates ammonia that enters a 30 Å-long channel to reach the transamidation site located in GatB
- GatC: a ring that keeps GatA connected to GatB

![](_page_45_Picture_5.jpeg)

### AAU and AAC Coding Capacity

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Nakamura, A. et al. (2006). Science 312, 1954-1958

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organisme	ARNI		ARNI		ARN	L	AF	CINI	AdT	
	pdb 1-72	boucle D	pdb 1-72	boucle D	pdb 1-72	boucle D	pdb 1-72	boucle D	Asp-	Glu-
Mamydia pneumoniae	U-A	7	G-C	9 (U20A)	U-A	7	G-C	11 (C20A, C20B)		
hiamydia trachomatia	UA	7	G-C	9 (U20A)	UHA	7.	G-C	11 (C20A, C20B)		
fycobacterium tuberculosis	U-A	8	G-C	9 (U20A)	U-A	8	G-C	10 (C20A, U20B)	18 <b>.</b> •	
fycobacterium leprae	UA	8	G-C	9 (U20A)	U-A	8	G-C	9 (C20A, U208)		
lycobacterium bovis subsp. bovis	UA	8	G-C	9 (U20A)	U-A	8.	GC	10 (C20A, U20B)		
escobacter pylon	0-A	10	6-6	9 (U20A)	04	7	0-0	9 (C20A, A20B)	1.00	1.000
escobacter hepaticus	UM	1	9.6	9 (U20A)	UNA	<u>e</u>	GG	10 (C20A, A20B)		1.1.2
ampyiobacter jejuni	UM	2	G-C	9 (U20A)	U.A.	2	G-C	8 (U20A)		
autobacter crescentus	0-4	<u>z</u> .	G-C	9 (U20A)	UA	<u>7</u> 5	G-C	8 (U20A)	100	
hermotoga marema	0.4	8	G-C	10 (U20A)		1	0.0	9 (C20A, U20B)	100	1.16
gunex aeolicus	1000		90	10 (C20A)	3.2	20	96	11 (6.204, 0208)	1000	
namyola mundarum		<u> </u>	9-0	9 (0204)			GC	11 (C20A, C20B)		10.00
icitation activicum	O.M.	42	0.0	8 (U204)		43	0.0	8 (0204)	1000	
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ucella sus	Link	7	G-C	9 (120A)	114	7	G.C	8(1204)		
nohearna whiteday	12.4		0.0	0.01200	A NON	4	0.0	Q (C204 11200)	1	100
cuiella burneti	1900		6.0	9 (1120A)	0.4	2	6.0	910204 (1208)		
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motomunes coelicoior	11ba		0.0	10 (G204)	1100	2	G.C	9/10204 1/208	100	100
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esserie meninatida	U.A.	8	G-C	9 (1/204)	UA	8 (204)	G-C	9 (C20A, U208)		
Nucleon and a second second	UA	7	GC	B (U20A)	A-U	7	G.C.	8 (1/204)		
eudomonas aeruo-sa	U.A.	8	G-C	9 (U204)	A-U	7	G-C	9 (C20A, U208)		
ostridium perfringens	BA	7	G-C	9 (L/20A)	UA	7	G-C	8 (U204)		
management and an and a support of the support of t	UA		G-C	9(1/204)	All		G-C	9 (C20A U208)		22
advrhizobium japonicum	U-A	7	G-C	9 (U20A)	UA	7	G.C	8 (U20A)		2
velule so	UA	7	G-C	9 (L/20A)	U-A	8	G-C	9 (C20A, U20B)		
prosomonas europaea	U-A	8	G-C	9-(U20A)	UA	7	G-C	9 (C20A, U20B)		
seudomonas syringae	U-A	8	G-C	9 (U20A)	A-U	7	G-C	9 (C20A, U20B)		1. 1.
acilius auddilis	U-A	7	G-C	9 (U20A)	U-A	7	G-C	8 (U20A)		1000
taphylococcus aureus	U-A	7	G-C	8 (U20A)	U-A	7	G-C	8 (U20A)		+
reaplasma urealydcum	G-C	7	G-C	8 (U20A)	U.A	7	G-C	9 (U20A, G20E)		
orrella burgdorferi	UA	7	G-C	9 (U20A)	UA	7	G-C	8 (U20A)		
vcoplasma preumoniae	G-C	7	G-C	8	ALC: A	7	G-C	9 (U20A, U20B)		
vcoolasma genitalium	G-C	7	G-C	8	U-A	7	G-C	9 (U20A, U20B)		1.00
reponenta pallidutti	U.A.	8	G-C	9 (U20A)	AL-A	7	G-C	8 (U20A)		100
vnechocystis sp	E-A	7	G-C	9 (L(20A)	UA	7	G-C	9 (C20A, U20B)		
steria m-cua	U-A	8	G-C	8 (U20A)	U-A	7	G-C	8 (U20A)		
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treptococcus pyogenes	U.A	9 (A20A)	G-C	8 (U20A)	U-A	7	G-C	8 (U20A)		
transporterus preumoniae	U.A.	9 (A20A)	G-C	8 (1/204)	LLA.	7	G-C	8 (U20A)		
ontor ap	UA	7	G-C	9 (U20A)	U.A.	7	G-C	9 (C20A, U20B)		
vocolasma oulmonia	G-C	7	G-C	9 (L(20A)	ULA	7	G.C	8 (U20A)		
usiobacterium nucleatum	G-C	8	G-C	9 (U20A)	U-A	7	G-C	8 (U20A)		+
reptococcus agalactive	UA	9 (A20A)	G-C	8 (U20A)	UA	7	G-C	8 (U20A)	-	
ermosynechococcus elongatus	U-A	7	G-C	9 (L(20A)	U-A	7	G-C	9 (C20A, U20B)		
plospira interrogans	U-A	8	G-C	9 (U20A)	U-A	7	G-C	8 (U20A)		1.0
cea-bacillus ihevensis	U-A	7	G-C	9 (U20A)	UA	7	G-C	8 (U20A)		
Peptococcus mutans	U-A	9 (A20A)	G-C	8-(U20A)	U-A	7	G-C	8 (U20A)		
acillus Aaloduraris	U-A	7	G-C	9 (U20A)	U-A		G-C	8 (U20A)		+
lostrictium tetani	U-A	7	G-C	10 (U20A)	(LA	7	G-C	8 (U20A)		1000
vterpcoccus faecalis	U-A	9 (A20A)	G-C	9 (U20A)	LU-A	7	G-C	8 (U20A)		
sctobacillus plantarum	U-A	7	G-C	10 (U20A)	U-A	7	G-C	9 (L/20A, L/20B)		
taphylococcus epidermidis	U-A	7	G-C	8 (L(20A)	-U-A	7	G-C	8 (U20A)		
vcoplasma gallsepticum	G-C	7	G-C	8	U-A	7	G-C	9 (U20A, U20B)		
acillus cereus	U-A	7	G-C	8 (U20A)	U-A	7	G-C	8 (U20A)		
acillus anthracis	U-A	7	G-C	8 (U20A)	Lh-A	7	G-C	8 (U20A)		100 C
uchnera sp	U-A	8	G-C	9 (U20A)	U.A.	8 (20A)	G-C	9 (C20A, U20B)		
uchnera aphidicola	UA	8	G-C	9 (U20A)	A-D	8 (20A)	GC	8 (U20A)		
brio cholerae	U-A	8	G-C	9 (U20A)	A-U	7	G-C	9 (C20A, U20B)		
schevichia coli	U-A	8	G-C	9 (U20A)	UA	7	G-C	9 (C20A, C20B)		2.3
aemophilus influenzae	UA	8	G-C	9 (U20A)	U-A	7	G-C	9 (C20A, U20B)		
asteureila muttocida	U-A	8	G-C	9 (U20A)	U-A	7	G-C	9 (C20A, U20B)		
viella fasticiosa	G-C	9 (U20A)	G-C	9 (U20A)	U-A	7	G-C	8 (U20A)		- 22
ersinia pestis	U-A	8	G-C	9 (U20A)	U.A	7	G-C	9 (C20A, U20B)		
almonalia typhimurium	UA	8	G-C	9 (L/20A)	U-A	Ť	G-C	9 (C20A C20B)		- 23
almonalia enterina	U-A	ă.	0.0	9 (1/204)	UA	7	0.0	9/C20A C2580		- 22
anthomonas campestris	G.C	9	G.C	9/1/2041	100	2	G.C	910204 11208		- 20
hewanella oneidensis	UA	8	G-C	9 (1/204)	11.4	7	G.C	9 (C20A U208)		- 21
hipetia flexineri 2a	10 A		G.C	9-(1/204)	11-4	2	6.0	9/C204 C208		- 23
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How does the AdT distiguish between Asp-tRNA<sup>Asn</sup> and Asp-tRNA<sup>Asp</sup>?

![](_page_50_Figure_1.jpeg)

### EF-Tu – mediated suppression of Codon ambiguity

![](_page_51_Figure_2.jpeg)

Thermodynamic compensation of aa & tRNA binding affinities EF-Tu allows only weak-strong or strong-weak couples to enter protein synthesis

![](_page_51_Figure_4.jpeg)

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Two acceptor-arm base-pairs define the strength and weakness of the tRNA moiety

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### Step 2-3: RNP-mediated Asn-tRNA<sup>Asn</sup> synthesis

How is Asp-tRNA<sup>Asn</sup> protected against hydrolysis ?

Asn-tRNA<sup>Asn</sup> is protected against hydrolysis because it binds EF-Tu

![](_page_54_Picture_3.jpeg)

A tRNP, the transamidosome, is assembled prior to any aa attachment and modification

![](_page_54_Picture_5.jpeg)

Bailly, M et al. (2007) Molecular cell. 28, 228-239

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#### Asp-tRNA<sup>Asn</sup> is not released prior to amidation

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![](_page_68_Figure_2.jpeg)

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![](_page_70_Figure_1.jpeg)

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### In Eukaryotic Organelles
### Natural redefinition of a STOP codon

1- By infiltration of the coding capacity of other codons

# 2- By redifinition of a STOP codon

- Context-independent redefinition
- Context-dependent redefinition



#### Requirements

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### Synthetic redefinition of a STOP codon example of Sep insertion

MJ# Gene description

#### Translation

0160 PET112 prot

Amino acyl tRNA synthetases

- 0564 alanyl-tRNA Sase
- 0237 arginyl-tRNA Sase
- 1555 aspartyl-tRNA Sase
- 1377 glutamyl-tRNA Sase
- 0228 glycyl-tRNA Sase
- 1000 histidyl-tRNA Sase
- 0947 isoleucyl-tRNA Sase
- 0633 leucyl-tRNA Sase
- 1263 methionyl-tRNA Sase
- 0487 phenylalanyl-tRNA Sase, alpha sub
- 1108 phenylalanyl-tRNA Sase, beta sub
- 1238 prolyl-tRNA Sase
- 1197 threonyl-tRNA Sase
- 1415 tryptophanyl-tRNA Sase
- 0389 tyrosyl-tRNA Sase
- 1007 valyl-tRNA Sase
- 1077 seryl-tRNA Sase

#### -AsnRS



#### A Euryarchaeal Lysyl±tRNA Synthetase: Resemblance to Class I Synthetases

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#### RNA-Dependent Cysteine Biosynthesis in Archaea

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#### Synthetic Biology: expanding artificially the genetic code



Over 140 amino acids are known to occur naturally in proteins and thousands more may occur in nature or be synthesized in the laboratory.

#### Phosphorylation On Demand









#### Whole genome engineering to delete RF1

#### **Multiplex Automated Genome Engineering (MAGE)**





#### Removing the amber STOP codon (UAG)



(Park et al. Science 2011)

(Lajoie et al. Science 2013)

- 321 UAG stop changed to UAA
- RF1 deletion with no fitness defect
- No UAG in the genome
- UAG is now a dedicated sense codon





#### Expanding the Genetic Code of Escherichia coli with Phosphoserine

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1. Transformation of tRNA<sup>Sep</sup> into tRNA<sup>Cys</sup>





3. Producing human Phosphorylated MEK1 in E. coli

**Designing phosphosites from human sequences** 



#### **Downloaded all previously observed instances** of pSer observed in human proteins

(110,139 sites, by mass spectrometry)







Designing phosphosites from human sequences



• Sufficient for protein-protein interactions



Central **TAG** for pSer or Ser incorporation





**Creating the libraries of Sep or Ser peptides** 





Creating the libraries of Sep or Ser peptides



- Direct evidence for >36,000 phosphosites expressed in a single experiment
- Direct evidence for >71,000 proteins expressed



Application: validation of phospho-antobodies





Application: decoding the phospho-interactome







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Bioplex interactome database

- . Huttlin, *Natur*e 2017
- Huttlin, Cell 2015



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#### Hi-P analysis of the 14-3-3β interactome



## Orthogonality of the PyIRS/tRNAPyI pair

An 'orthogonal' tRNA synthetase-tRNA pair is an engineered aminoacyl-tRNA synthetase (aaRS) specifically and exclusively acylates the orthogonal tRNA with a non-canonical amino acid.



- Allows engineering of tRNA<sup>Pyl</sup> binding to UAG, UGA and UAA STOP codons
- Class I aaRS/tRNA surperimpositions • Class II aaRS/tRNA surperimpositions h a
  - tRNA<sup>Pyl</sup> (purple) recognition is unique @codon of tRNA<sup>Pyl</sup> is not facing PyIRS

### Orthogonal PyIRS/tRNAPyl pair allows incorporation of NNAAs



 $\bullet$  essentially  $\alpha\textsc{-NH2}$  recognized



- Pyl derivatives recognition
- Phe derivatives recognition

#### • Lys derivatives incorporated in vivo



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Table 1

Sequence information of PyIRS mutants that recognize a variety of NCAAs as substrates.

Substrate	Sequence												
	M276 M241	L301 L266	A302 A267	L305 L270	Y306 Y271	L309 L274	N346 N311	C348 C313	M350 M315	Y384 Y349		W417 W383	M. mazei <sup>a</sup>
													M. barkeri <sup>a</sup>
6, 7, 14, 25, 98–101						А		А		F			M. barkeri
						A		v		F			M. barkeri
15, 16, 17			S					V	F				M. barkeri
17								v					M. barkeri
14, 26-31, 50					A					F			M. mazei
26						A		V					M. mazei
29					G					F			M. mazei
31, 32					м	G		A					M. barkeri
30, 32					A	м		A					M. barkeri
33, 34, 35, 37						A		Α		F			M. barkeri
						A		S		F			M. barkeri
36, 20		м			L	Α		F		W			M. mazei
23						м		Α		F			M. barkeri
38					м	A		А		F			M. mazei
					1	A		A		F			M. mazei
39	F		S		C	M		С					M. barkeri
18										F			M. barkeri
26, 38, 40, 41, 48, 49					м	A		т					M. mazei
					м	A		С					M. mazei
					м	Р		С					M. mazei
41					10	M		A					M. barkeri
42.43										w			M. barkeri
44					м	G		А					M. barkeri
45.46					M	G		A		w			M. barkeri
20 36 47 102		м			L	A		F					M mazei
20, 50, 47, 102		M			1	1		s					M. mazei
		v		T.	F	A		F					M. harkeri
		i.		- i	- i -	Δ		F					M. barkeri
		M		1	F	2		F					M. barkeri
51					Δ.	M				E			M. mazei
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22-22			-				A	A		-			M. mazei
50			1				V	W		F	L		M. mazei
//			-	F	M		G	G					M. barkeri
96			T				Т	Ť			(3	1200	M. mazei
97			T				G	Ť			31	Y	M. mazei

<sup>a</sup> Native enzyme origins.