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**Comparative analysis of gene expression in virulent and attenuated strains of infectious  
bronchitis virus at sub-codon resolution**

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24 **ABSTRACT**

25 Like all coronaviruses, avian infectious bronchitis virus (IBV) possesses a long, single-stranded,  
26 positive-sense RNA genome (~27 kb) and has a complex replication strategy that includes the  
27 production of a nested set of sub-genomic mRNAs (sgmRNAs). Here, we used RNA sequencing  
28 (RNASeq) and ribosome profiling (RiboSeq) to delineate gene expression in the IBV M41-CK and  
29 Beau-CK strains at sub-codon resolution. RNASeq facilitated a comparative analysis of viral RNA  
30 synthesis and revealed two novel transcription junction sites in the attenuated Beau-CK strain, one  
31 of which would generate a sgmRNA encoding a ribosomally occupied ORF (dORF) located  
32 downstream of the nucleocapsid coding region. RiboSeq permitted quantification of the  
33 translational efficiency of virus gene expression and identified, for the first time, sites of ribosomal  
34 pausing on the genome. Quantification of reads flanking the programmed ribosomal frameshifting  
35 (PRF) signal at the genomic RNA ORF1a/ORF1b junction revealed that PRF in IBV is highly  
36 efficient (33–40%). Triplet phasing of RiboSeq data allowed precise determination of reading  
37 frames and revealed the translation of two ORFs (4b and 4c on sgmRNA IR), which are widely  
38 conserved across IBV isolates. Analysis of differential gene expression in infected primary chick  
39 kidney cells indicated that the host cell response to IBV occurs primarily at the level of  
40 transcription, with global up-regulation of immune-related mRNA transcripts following infection,  
41 and comparatively modest changes in the translation efficiencies of host genes. Cellular genes and  
42 gene networks differentially expressed during virus infection were also identified, giving insights  
43 into the host cell response to IBV infection.

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48 **IMPORTANCE**

49 IBV is a major avian pathogen and presents a substantial economic burden to the poultry industry.  
50 Improved vaccination strategies are urgently needed to curb the global spread of this virus, and the  
51 development of suitable vaccine candidates will be aided by an improved understanding of IBV  
52 molecular biology. Our high-resolution data have enabled a precise study of transcription and  
53 translation in cells infected with both pathogenic and attenuated forms of IBV, and expand our  
54 understanding of gammacoronaviral gene expression. We demonstrate that gene expression shows  
55 considerable intra-species variation, with single nucleotide polymorphisms associated with altered  
56 production of sgRNA transcripts, and our RiboSeq data sets enabled us to uncover novel  
57 ribosomally occupied ORFs in both strains. The numerous cellular genes and gene networks found  
58 to be differentially expressed during virus infection provide insights into the host cell response to  
59 IBV infection.

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## 62 INTRODUCTION

63 Avian infectious bronchitis virus (IBV) is a member of the genus *Gammacoronavirus* (family  
64 *Coronaviridae*, order *Nidovirales*) and a pathogen of the domestic fowl (1). IBV infects primarily  
65 the epithelial cells of upper and lower respiratory tract tissues, though infections can also spread to  
66 the alimentary canal, as well as to the kidneys, testes and oviduct (2). The monopartite,  
67 polycistronic genomic RNA (gRNA) of IBV is approximately 27 kb in length, and – like those of  
68 other coronaviruses – it is 5'-methyl-capped and 3'-polyadenylated (3). Two large open reading  
69 frames (ORFs) – ORF1a and ORF1b – are situated within the 5'-proximal two-thirds of the genome.  
70 Translation of the former yields a *ca.* 3,950-aa polyprotein (pp1a); whereas translation of the latter  
71 requires –1 programmed ribosomal frameshifting (PRF) (4, 5), giving rise to a *ca.* 6,630-aa  
72 polyprotein (pp1ab). These polyproteins are cleaved to yield the components of the membrane-  
73 bound replication-transcription complex (RTC) (6-8). A feature of coronavirus replication is the  
74 synthesis of a nested, 3'-coterminial set of subgenomic mRNAs (sgmRNAs) encoding the viral  
75 structural and accessory proteins. The 5' end of each sgmRNA comprises a 56-nt sequence derived  
76 from the 5' end of the genome, the so-called leader sequence (9, 10). Incorporation of the leader  
77 occurs as a result of "polymerase hopping" – or discontinuous transcription – during negative-strand  
78 synthesis. When the RTC encounters specific “body transcription regulatory sequences” (TRS-Bs),  
79 the nascent negative strand can re-pair with a closely homologous leader TRS (TRS-L) at the 3' end  
80 of the leader, after which the viral polymerase completes negative-strand synthesis using the leader  
81 as template (**Fig. 1A**; diamond symbols) (8-14). Subsequently, the RTC synthesises positive-strand  
82 copies of the negative-strand genomic and sgmRNAs.

83 Amongst the best-characterised strains of IBV are those belonging to the Massachusetts serotype,  
84 which includes the virulent Massachusetts 41 (M41-CK; Ref. 15) isolate and the laboratory-  
85 attenuated Beau-CK variant (16). Whilst M41-CK is restricted to growth in primary chicken cells,

86 Beau-CK is capable of replicating in both avian and non-avian cell lines; including Vero (African  
87 green monkey kidney-derived) and baby hamster kidney cells (17-20). Polymorphisms in the spike  
88 (S) glycoprotein subunit 2 (S2), which spans the viral membrane, have been shown to be  
89 responsible for this variation in host cell tropism (21). Moreover, the S protein of M41-CK – but not  
90 that of Beau-CK – elicits an immunoprotective response *in vivo*; although recombinant transfer of  
91 the protein from the former to the latter does not restore pathogenicity (22). The extent to which  
92 these strains diverge in terms of virus gene expression, or in terms of host cell gene expression in  
93 response to infection, has not been investigated in detail.

94 The advent of high-throughput sequencing techniques offers a means to monitor viral gene  
95 expression at unprecedented resolution (23-27). Here, we performed deep sequencing of ribosome-  
96 protected fragments (RPFs) – known as RiboSeq – in tandem with whole transcriptome sequencing  
97 (RNASeq), on total RNA extracts from primary chicken kidney (CK) cells infected with Beau-CK  
98 and M41-CK strains of IBV.

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## 100 **RESULTS**

### 101 **RiboSeq and RNASeq Data Quality**

102 RiboSeq and RNASeq libraries were prepared from two biological repeats each of Beau-CK-  
103 infected, M41-CK-infected, and mock-infected cells. Infections were at high multiplicity (MOI =  
104 ~3) and cells were processed at 24 hours post-infection (h p.i.). An average of 1,156,819 RPFs and  
105 1,727,024 RNASeq reads were mapped to viral gRNA in the virus-infected RiboSeq libraries  
106 (**Supp. Table S1**). The RNASeq read coverage in the library derived from the second biological  
107 repeat of M41-CK-infected cells was lower than that of other libraries due to technical losses.  
108 However, 106,741 reads were mapped to the forward strand of the viral gRNA in this case –

109 corresponding to a coverage of approximately 3.8-fold – and these reads were generally evenly  
110 distributed along the gRNA; hence, the sequencing depth in this replicate was deemed sufficient for  
111 further analysis. The vast majority of RPFs mapping to viral and host protein-coding regions were  
112 between 27 and 29 nt in length (**Supp. Fig. S1**), consistent with the size of the RNA fragment  
113 protected by translating eukaryotic ribosomes from digestion by RNase I (28). The length  
114 distributions of RNASeq reads were much broader, in line with the size of the gel slice excised for  
115 sequencing of fragmented RNA. RPF length was strongly related to the RPF phase relative to the  
116 reading frame of the associated coding region: 27-nt RPFs were primarily in the +1 phase; whereas  
117 28- and 29-nt RPFs were primarily in the 0 phase (**Supp. Fig. S2**). As expected, RNASeq reads  
118 were far more evenly split over the three phases, with a slight bias towards phase 0 (**Supp. Fig. S3**),  
119 which may reflect codon usage bias – such as a preference for the use of RNY codons (25, 29, 30) –  
120 compounded with adaptor-ligation bias during library preparation. A meta-analysis of host mRNA  
121 coding regions showed that the depth of coverage of RiboSeq 5' read ends increased substantially  
122 12 nt upstream of the AUG (initiation) codon for RPFs in phase 0 (generally 28- and 29-nt RPFs),  
123 and 11-nt upstream of the AUG codon for RPFs in phase +1 (generally 27-nt RPFs) (**Supp. Figs. S4**  
124 **and S5**). This indicates that the ribosomal P-site is situated at an offset of 11 and 12 nt from the 5'  
125 ends of RPFs for 27-nt and 28-/29-nt reads, respectively (23). Peaks in RNASeq 5'-read end  
126 coverage were seen at the A of initiation (AUG) codons and at the middle nucleotide of termination  
127 (UNN) codons, respectively (**Supp. Figs. S6 and S7**), and are considered an artefact of ligation  
128 bias.

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130 **Fig. 1** illustrates the RiboSeq (red) and RNASeq (green) read coverage of the Beau-CK (**panel A**)  
131 and M41-CK (**panel B**) genomes. In both cases, the density of RPFs was considerably higher  
132 towards the 3' ends of the gRNA, consistent with production of the 3' co-terminal nested set of

133 sgmRNAs. In contrast, RiboSeq coverage of the ORF1a and ORF1b coding sequences was  
134 relatively low; reflecting the fact that a substantial proportion of newly synthesised gRNA (but not  
135 sgmRNA) transcripts are likely to be destined for packaging rather than translation (31). On  
136 average, negative-sense RNASeq reads were present at 0.28% of the level of positive-sense reads  
137 on average, indicating a ratio of positive:negative stranded RNA of ~350:1 at 24 h p.i., a ratio  
138 similar to that seen in ribosome profiling studies of the betacoronavirus mouse hepatitis virus  
139 (MHV) (25). Negative-sense RPFs, which may represent contamination from ribonucleoprotein  
140 complexes (25), were observed, but at low abundance (0.03% of the level of positive-sense RPFs).

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#### 142 **Virus transcription: sequence divergence associated with IBV strain-specific TRS usage**

143 The density of RNASeq reads mapping to a given sgmRNA represents the cumulative sum of reads  
144 derived from the gRNA and those derived from the overlapping portions of other subgenomic  
145 transcripts (**Fig. 1**). Therefore, to estimate the abundance of individual sgmRNAs, two independent  
146 approaches were used. First, we “decumulated” the raw RNASeq read densities mapping to inter-  
147 TRS regions, by subtracting the density of the 5'-adjacent inter-TRS region in each case (25).  
148 Secondly, the abundances of chimeric RNASeq reads spanning TRS junctions were quantified, by  
149 identifying unmapped reads containing an 11-nt sequence derived from the leader region, 5'-  
150 adjacent to the TRS-L (UAGAUUUUAAA, nt 46 – 56 in Beau-CK; UAGAUUUCCAA, nt 46 – 56  
151 in M41-CK), and including at least 16 nt 3' of this query. Chimeric reads were assigned to specific  
152 genomic loci based on the sequences 3' of the TRS in each case (**Supp. Table S2; Fig. 2A**). Overall,  
153 the chimeric read abundances for sgmRNAs were significantly correlated with the corresponding  
154 decumulated RNASeq densities ( $P < 0.01$  in both cases) (**Supp. Fig. S8**). The sequence logos in  
155 **Fig. 2B** and **Fig. 2C** illustrate the diversity of nucleotides found at TRS-B sites identified in this

156 study (including the novel sites discussed below) in Beau-CK and M41-CK, respectively. The core  
157 region of similarity to the TRS-L motif (CUUAACAA) is typically flanked by a 3' adenine (A) or  
158 uracil (U) residue, and a preference for A/U residues is also seen immediately upstream of the core  
159 sequence. These flanking residues may facilitate template switching by lowering the free energy of  
160 anti-TRS-B/TRS-B duplex disassociation, since the TRS-L is also located in an AU-rich region  
161 (14).

162 Notably, the A nucleotides at positions four and seven of the core motif are the only invariant  
163 residues. In both Beau-CK and M41-CK, the TRS-B sequences associated with the S gene contain  
164 G residues at the third positions (CUGAAACAA); in contrast to the TRS-L, which has a U at this  
165 position (CUUAACAA) (**Supp. Table S2**). Chimeric reads assigned to this gene were found to  
166 contain either a U or a G residue at position three (denoted “S [U3]” and “S [G3]”, respectively, in  
167 **Fig. 2A; Supp. Table S2**); with a G being more common in M41-CK (7.5% of reads compared with  
168 5.8%, on average) and a U being more common in Beau-CK (2.1% of reads compared with 1.5%,  
169 on average) (**Supp. Table S2**). These data indicate that the exact position at which discontinuous  
170 transcription occurs within a given TRS is subject to some variation, with either the TRS-L or the  
171 TRS-B templating the third residue. Similarly, the TRS-B for the 3a/3b/E genes diverges at the third  
172 position between Beau-CK (CUGAAACAA; nt 23825 – 23832) and M41-CK (CUUAACAA; nt  
173 23832 – 23839), with the latter matching the TRS-L sequence exactly. In this case, we found that  
174 Beau-CK-derived chimeric reads could contain either a U (denoted “3/E [U3]”) or a G (denoted  
175 “3/E [G3]”), with the G residue being slightly more common (1.6% versus 1.2%, respectively, on  
176 average); whereas M41-CK-derived reads contained only the U residue (**Fig. 2A; Supp. Table S2**).

177 In agreement with a previous report (32), we found that the 3'-most of two adjacent canonical TRS-  
178 B sequences (both CUUAACAA; nt 25,460 – 25,467 and nt 25,471 – 25,478, labelled “5a/5b TRS  
179 1” and “5a/5b TRS 2”, respectively, in **Fig. 2A**) within the 30-nt region upstream of genes 5a/5b



180 was preferentially utilised in IBV Beau-CK; accounting for 18.8% of chimeric reads on average,  
181 compared with 1.5% for the 5'-most TRS-B. Interestingly, more chimeric reads were assigned to the  
182 non-canonical TRS-B associated with genes 4b/4c (33) – which has a low homology to the TRS-L  
183 (**Supp. Table S2**) – than to the first of these 5a/5b-associated TRSs in IBV Beau-CK; emphasising  
184 the importance of the genomic context in facilitating discontinuous transcription (**Fig. 2B** and **Fig.**  
185 **2C**) (14). Only one of the two 5a/5b TRSs (TRS 2) is found in the IBV M41-CK genome (**Fig. 2A**).

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### 187 **Novel TRS in IBV Beau-CK**

188 Two additional non-canonical leader/body chimeras were identified, both specific to the Beau-CK  
189 strain (**Supp. Table S2**). The more abundant of these (0.6% of chimeric reads) mapped to a position  
190 immediately downstream of the IBV Beau-CK N gene termination codon, within the 3'  
191 “untranslated” region (UTR). Chimeric reads derived from this site contained the sequence  
192 CUUAACAU; the last six nt of which could have been templated by the genomic (TRS-B)  
193 sequence (UAACAU, nt 27104 – 27109). There is an AUG-initiated downstream ORF (dORF) in  
194 Beau-CK beginning two nt 3' of this TRS, which comprises 11 codons (nt 27111 – nt 27143).  
195 Inspection of our RiboSeq libraries shows that the dORF is ribosomally occupied (**Fig. 2D**). Such  
196 AUG-initiated dORFs are present immediately 3' of the N genes in most IBV strains and related  
197 avian coronaviruses, including TCoV, goose coronavirus (34, 35) and pigeon coronavirus (34), but  
198 this region appears to have been deleted in the IBV M41-CK lineage; and M41-CK also lacks the  
199 TRS-B downstream of the N gene (UAAAAU, nt 27156 – 27161).

200 The second novel chimeric sequence identified in RNASeq libraries maps to a TRS-B  
201 (CUUACCAA) within the coding region of the S gene in Beau-CK (nt 21242 – 21249). This is  
202 consistent with the previous detection of a sgRNA of appropriate length via Northern blot analysis

203 (33). Whilst the core sequence of the TRS-B in this case is conserved in M41-CK, there is a single  
204 nucleotide (A to C) polymorphism located four nt downstream in the 3' flanking region, which may  
205 contribute to its lack of utilisation in this strain (**Supp. Table S2**).

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### 207 **Virus translation: direct measurement of –1 PRF between ORF1a and ORF1b**

208 Ribosome profiling of eukaryotic systems typically has the characteristic that mappings of the 5'  
209 end positions of RPFs to coding sequences reflect the triplet periodicity of genetic decoding. A clear  
210 phase transition is evident in the RiboSeq libraries at the junction of ORF1a and ORF1b; where  
211 frameshifting of a proportion of ribosomes from the former ORF into the latter occurs (**Fig. 3A and**  
212 **3B**). The mean normalised ratios of ORF1b to ORF1a RiboSeq density were 0.32 and 0.37 in IBV  
213 Beau-CK and IBV M41-CK, respectively; while the corresponding RNASeq ratios were 0.97 and  
214 0.94, respectively (**Fig. 3C**). Thus on average, 33% of ribosomes in Beau-CK and 39% in M41-CK  
215 undergo –1 PRF prior to reaching the ORF1a termination codon (**Fig. 3D**). These values are very  
216 similar to those measured in *in vitro* PRF assays (4, 5) and alongside related profiling studies of  
217 MHV (25), this indicates that coronaviruses exhibit highly efficient PRF both *in vitro* and in the  
218 context of the infected cell.

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### 221 **Ribosomal occupancy of ORF4b and ORF4c**

222 Situated between the M and 5a genes in Beau-CK and M41-CK is a >300-nt ostensibly “intergenic”  
223 region (IR) (**Fig. 1**). No protein-coding genes are annotated here but two putative AUG-initiated  
224 ORFs are present in each virus, referred to as ORF4b and ORF4c, after their homologs in turkey

225 coronavirus [TCoV] (36, 37) and in the genomes of most IBV isolates (38). The putative ORF4b  
226 genes of Beau-CK and M41-CK are encoded by nt 25,183 – 25,335 (50 codons) and nt 25,190 –  
227 25,474 (94 codons), respectively, of the gRNA; whereas the ORF4c genes are encoded by nt 25,339  
228 – 25,422 (27 codons) and nt 25,395 – 25,457 (20 codons), respectively (**Supp. Fig. S9**). Thus, in  
229 Beau-CK, the two ORFs are separated by a 3-nt spacer region and in the same reading frame (**Fig.**  
230 **4A**); whereas in M41-CK, ORF4c is located entirely within the ORF4b gene and in the +1 phase  
231 (**Fig. 4B**). Inspection of the ribosomal profiling datasets reveals substantial RPF coverage of both  
232 ORF4b and ORF4c, providing the first clear illustration that ORFs 4b and 4c are ribosomally  
233 occupied (**Fig. 4**). Visualisation of ORF4c translation in M41-CK was facilitated by good phasing in  
234 the datasets, allowing expression of both ORF4b and ORF4c to be visualised (as both blue and  
235 orange RPF peaks in the overlap region). Previous work (33) has shown that a non-canonical TRS-  
236 B sequence – situated approximately 100 nt upstream of the M gene termination codon – facilitates  
237 production of a sgRNA (IR) that harbours ORF4b at its 5' end, and this TRS-B was also identified  
238 in our RNASeq data.

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#### 240 **Translation efficiencies of IBV genes**

241 To estimate the translational efficiency (TE) of virus genes, we summed RPFs whose 5' end mapped  
242 in-phase between the first nucleotide of the initiation codon and 30 nt 5' of the termination codon;  
243 thereby excluding RPFs derived from ribosomes paused during initiation or termination (the raw  
244 ribosome footprint data is provided in **Supp. Table S3**). The TE of each ORF was measured as the  
245 quotient of the RPF density and the abundance of the corresponding mRNA; with separate  
246 calculations performed using TRS chimeric reads counts and the decumulated RNASeq densities  
247 (**Fig. 5A** and **Supp. Fig. S10**, respectively). In the case of ORF4b and ORF4c, transcript abundance

248 could not be accurately deduced via the RNASeq decumulation procedure, because the significantly  
249 lower level of expression of the 4b/4c transcript relative to that of the 5'-adjacent M gene (**Fig. 1**)  
250 was associated with a proportionate increase in the level of noise. Similarly, as a result of the high  
251 abundance of gRNA relative to the sgmRNA encoding S, the decumulated RNASeq density for the  
252 latter is likely to be poorly estimated, and therefore the TE value for S calculated using the chimeric  
253 read count is likely to be more accurate. From this analysis, it was observed that the 4b gene is more  
254 efficiently translated than the 4c gene; a trend also observed for the accessory genes 3a/3b and  
255 5a/5b (**Fig. 5A**). This is consistent with the likely requirement for leaky scanning to access the  
256 downstream ORF on each sgmRNA (see Discussion). Surprisingly, despite the fact that the  
257 nucleocapsid (N) protein is an abundant viral protein, it was not found to be efficiently translated  
258 relative to the other structural proteins, regardless of the approach used to estimate transcript  
259 abundance (**Fig. 5A; Supp. Fig. S10**). In the case of the ORF1a and ORF1b genes, a large  
260 proportion of the genomic RNA is expected to be destined for packaging rather than translation, as  
261 mentioned above, and this probably explains the low TE values calculated for these genes (**Fig. 5A;**  
262 **Supp. Fig. S10**). Additionally, the short length of the dORF precluded an accurate assessment of its  
263 translation efficiency. **Fig. 5B** compares the translation efficiencies of virus and host CDSs, with the  
264 former calculated using decumulated RNASeq densities. The latter are calculated on a per gene  
265 (rather than per transcript) basis, using RNASeq and RiboSeq reads contained entirely within  
266 annotated CDS regions (i.e. excluding 5' and 3' UTRs and also RPFs accumulating at or near to  
267 initiation or termination sites), and, like the virus values, are expressed relative to the mean levels  
268 for the cell (due to normalization by library size). The analysis shows that the virus translation  
269 efficiencies fall within the general range of those of host genes and indicates that virus transcripts  
270 are not preferentially translated during virus infection. Instead, the massive production of virus  
271 proteins (in particular the N protein) is achieved through high levels of transcription.

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### 273 **Ribosomal pauses during IBV genome translation**

274 Inspection of the profiling datasets revealed a number of genomic locations where RPFs  
275 accumulated to a much higher level than at neighbouring sites, indicative of ribosomal pausing. As  
276 such pauses may have biological significance, we first sought to discount those that may have arisen  
277 artefactually. The known translation initiation sites in the virus genome generally showed high  
278 ribosome occupancy, but as the infected cells were treated with cycloheximide (CHX) prior to lysis  
279 to “freeze” ribosomes onto the mRNA, these pauses are likely to be over-represented, as ribosomes  
280 can accumulate at start codons during the CHX treatment period (39). Fluctuations in RPF density  
281 can also occur as a result of nuclease, ligation, and PCR biases during library construction. As the  
282 latter two biases can also occur during RNASeq library generation, we also discounted any pauses  
283 that had an obvious counterpart in RNASeq datasets. With these criteria, we identified five obvious  
284 sites of ribosomal pausing conserved in Beau-CK and M41-CK, one in the 5' UTR and four within  
285 the coding region (indicated in **Fig. 1**, purple triangles; see **Table 1**). Pauses in 5' UTRs can  
286 represent ribosomes initiating at upstream ORFs (uORFs), although in both Beau-CK and M41-CK,  
287 the P-site of the ribosome paused over bases 28–56 in the 5' UTR of the genome is on a non-AUG  
288 codon (UUG) in a weak Kozak initiation consensus. As this pause is located upstream of the  
289 TRS\_L, it reflects the sum of pausing on all sgmRNAs. To view the extent of the pause in context,  
290 we remapped reads to the most abundant sgmRNA, i.e. that of the N gene (**Fig. 6**). As can be seen,  
291 the “Leader pause” remains clearly evident (as is a smaller pause three codons downstream), albeit  
292 smaller in magnitude than those pauses seen at an N uORF (see below) and the authentic AUG  
293 codon of the N protein. Initiation at the UUG codon would result in translation of solely a dipeptide  
294 and thus the pause, if biologically relevant, may act as a regulator of downstream initiation events  
295 rather than through the encoded product. We note that an equivalent Leader pause is seen in MHV

296 (UUG codon, 1-codon ORF; Ref. 25). It is possible that pausing at this codon is potentiated by  
297 queuing of initiating ribosomes on sgRNAs. The origin of the pauses within the coding region  
298 are enigmatic. The two adjacent pauses referred to collectively as Pause 2 in **Table 1** correspond to  
299 translation of a region of non-structural protein 4 (nsP4) downstream of the membrane spanning  
300 domains (40, 41). It is feasible that ribosomes pause here whilst the nascent peptide is being folded  
301 into membranes. Pauses 3 and 4 are noticeably large and correspond to ribosomes pausing soon  
302 after initiation of the S and M proteins, respectively. In the case of the former, the pause is unlikely  
303 to be linked to an interaction of the signal sequence at the N-terminus of the S protein with  
304 membranes, as this peptide would still be within the exit tunnel of paused ribosomes. Pause 5  
305 corresponds to a potential non-AUG uORF (AUU, in a reasonable context) within the N mRNA  
306 (**Fig. 6**).

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308 It is noteworthy that in our analysis of ribosomal pause sites, we did not see pausing at the AUG of  
309 the previously described 11 amino acid uORF of the genomic mRNA (AUG at nt 131–133; Ref.  
310 42), and indeed there were few reads on the uORF itself, indicating that it is not heavily translated.  
311 Further, no pausing was observed at the PRF site at the ORF1a/ORF1b overlap.

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### 313 **Differential expression of host genes in response to IBV infection**

314 We investigated the differential transcription and translation of host genes in response to IBV  
315 infection by comparing RNA and RPF densities per coding region for infected samples and mocks  
316 (see Materials and Methods). Details of the genes found to be differentially expressed (DEGs; FDR  
317 < 0.05 with multiple testing correction using the Benjamini-Hochberg method) at the level of  
318 transcription (4,266 genes) or translation (3,627 genes) respectively, are provided in **Supp. Data**  
319 **Sets S1 and S2**. Overall, the patterns of change in host cell gene expression in response to infection

320 were broadly similar for Beau-CK and M41-CK, with positive inter-strain correlations in the log<sub>2</sub>  
321 fold changes (log<sub>2</sub>FC) in transcript abundance and TE ( $R^2 = 0.95$  and  $R^2 = 0.85$ , respectively,  $P$   
322 values both  $< 2.2 \times 10^{-16}$ ; **Fig. 7A**). Notably, the majority of differentially transcribed genes were  
323 up-regulated rather than down-regulated (i.e. log<sub>2</sub>FC  $> 0$ ) for both strains (**Fig. 7A; left panel**),  
324 with 2.1-fold and 3.5-fold more up-regulated compared with down-regulated transcripts (FDR  
325  $< 0.05$ ; see Materials and Methods) detected in Beau-CK-infected cells and M41-CK-infected cells,  
326 respectively (**Supp. Data Set S1**). This effect was not seen at the level of translation, where there  
327 were fewer differentially expressed genes overall, and the log<sub>2</sub>FC values of those genes were more  
328 evenly distributed around 0, with slight skewing towards negative values (i.e. reduced TE) (**Fig.**  
329 **7A; right panel** and **Supp. Data Set S2**). The core host transcriptional response to the two strains  
330 involved 579 commonly up-regulated and 132 commonly down-regulated genes, while the core  
331 translational response consisted of 34 commonly up-regulated and 79 commonly down-regulated  
332 genes. Gene ontology (GO) term enrichment revealed that numerous immune-related pathways  
333 were among the most significantly enriched terms in the core response sets (**Fig. 7B** and **Fig. 7C**).  
334 There was also evidence of integration and coordination of responses at the transcriptional and  
335 translational levels. For example, the GO term “positive regulation of NF-kappaB transcription  
336 factor activity” (GO:0051092) was enriched among transcriptionally up-regulated genes; whereas  
337 “negative regulation of NF-kappaB transcription factor activity” (GO:0032088) was enriched  
338 among translationally down-regulated genes. In a direct inter-strain comparison of statistically  
339 significant DEGs we identified 51 differentially transcribed genes, 45 of which were more highly  
340 expressed in Beau-CK-infected samples, and six of which were more highly expressed in M41-CK-  
341 infected samples (**Supp. Data Set S1**). The most significantly enriched GO term in the former set  
342 was “regulation of signalling receptor activity” (GO:0010469); while pro-proliferative and anti-  
343 apoptotic GO terms were also enriched (**Supp. Table S4**). The latter set included three heat shock

344 protein-encoding genes, and consequently the top enriched GO terms were related to “protein  
345 refolding” (**Supp. Table S5**). Just one gene (ENSGALG00000015358 [MYH15], encoding myosin  
346 heavy chain 15) had a significantly higher translation efficiency in M41-CK-infected samples  
347 compared with Beau-CK-infected samples.

348 In comparisons of host gene expression between Beau-CK-, M41-CK- and mock-infected cells, the  
349 significantly differentially expressed genes (FDR <0.05) were ranked by log<sub>2</sub>FC (**Supp. Data Set**  
350 **S3**) and the top 100 DEGs (or fewer) within each category were subjected to STRING analysis (43)  
351 to identify potential protein-protein interaction pathways (**Fig. 8 and Supp. Fig. S11**). A selection  
352 of the key pathways proposed and examples of the associated genes are shown in **Table 2**. Clear  
353 patterns of host response to virus infection were present that are discussed below. Note in inter-  
354 strain comparisons of M41-CK versus Beau-CK, only the transcriptionally downregulated category  
355 had sufficient gene candidates for STRING analysis; the other three categories had a total of only  
356 seven DEGs (thus no plots are shown in the **Supp. Info.** for these).

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## 358 **Discussion**

359 Here, we describe the first high-resolution study of gammacoronaviral gene expression during  
360 infection of primary chick kidney cells. Analysis of RNASeq data sets through chimeric read  
361 analysis or decumulation allowed us to quantify the relative levels of viral genomic and subgenomic  
362 mRNAs and to define the sequence diversity of strain-specific TRS utilisation. The predominant  
363 sgmRNA in both strains was that encoding the N protein, and between strains, the M transcript was  
364 relatively more abundant in M41-CK. In Beau-CK, two novel TRS were identified, one in the viral  
365 3' UTR immediately downstream of the N gene termination codon, and one mapping to a TRS-B  
366 within the S gene. In the former, a short ORF (dORF) – initiated two nt 3' of the TRS – is present



367 and ribosomally occupied. The potential biological relevance of this ORF remains to be determined;  
368 such dORFs are present in most IBV strains and other avian gammacoronaviruses, but it is lacking  
369 in M41-CK (as is the TRS-B). A recent report has described the same sgRNA (initiating at the  
370 identical TRS) as a novel non-coding RNA of IBV (44). The S gene TRS-B, proposed earlier (33),  
371 was also identified.

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373 RiboSeq analysis, in conjunction with RNASeq, revealed that the N protein is not more efficiently  
374 translated than other structural proteins, despite being a structural component of IBV virions. It is  
375 possible that N expression may be regulated by a putative uORF whose initiation codon is located  
376 some 50 nt upstream of the N AUG codon (**Fig. 6**).

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378 The efficiency of PRF at the IBV ORF1a/ORF1b overlap in natural infection was found to be 33–  
379 40%. This range is in close agreement with previous *in vitro* measurements of IBV frameshifting  
380 efficiency carried out using reporter constructs (5) and is consistent with the notion that  
381 coronaviruses are among the more efficient examples of canonical eukaryotic –1 PRF signals that  
382 have been studied to date (25, 45). Whether the modest difference in –1 PRF efficiency measured  
383 for Beau-CK and M41-CK has biological significance is uncertain, and it may represent  
384 experimental variation. The frameshift signal of M41-CK differs from Beau-CK in only three of 81  
385 nucleotide positions, all of which are located in loop 3 of the stimulatory pseudoknot and not  
386 expected to affect pseudoknot function or stability (46). As also described for MHV-infected cells  
387 (25), there was no evidence that the frameshift-stimulatory pseudoknot induced ribosomal pausing  
388 on the slippery sequence. Thus pausing may not be a component of the frameshifting mechanism, or  
389 the pause may be too short-lived to be visualised by the profiling technique.

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391 A meta-analysis of host genes revealed highly specific phasing of the RiboSeq data sets, enabling  
392 the accurate determination of the reading frame of translation for individual RPFs. Good phasing in  
393 the datasets and substantial read depth also allowed us to examine translation of viral accessory  
394 ORFs. It was evident that both 4b and 4c are efficiently translated, at levels comparable to those of  
395 the 5a/5b accessory protein-encoding genes. The mechanism by which ribosomes might access  
396 ORF4c, however, is not clear. Given the absence of AUG codons within the regions between the 5'  
397 ends of ORF4b and ORF4c in both Beau-CK and M41-CK (**Supp. Fig. S9**), and the weak initiation  
398 context of the ORF4b start codon, it is possible that a proportion of ribosomes might bypass the  
399 ORF4b initiation codon and instead translate ORF4c via “leaky scanning” (47), although it should  
400 be noted that intervening AUG codons do exist in some other IBV strains (**Supp. Fig. S9**).

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402 The relevance to virus gene expression of the sites of significant ribosomal pausing identified in the  
403 genome remains to be investigated experimentally. Two of these pause sites appear to correspond to  
404 uORFs initiated at non-AUG initiation codons, one in the 5' UTR and one upstream of the N gene.  
405 In each case, ribosomes initiating on the main ORF AUG (ORF1a and N respectively) could  
406 potentiate initiation on the uORFs through stacking of scanning ribosomes, and this could be  
407 artefactually increased by the cycloheximide pre-treatment used during sample preparation. Two of  
408 the other pause sites correspond to ribosomes paused post-initiation early in the coding regions of  
409 the S and M genes. A biological explanation for this is lacking at present. We are aware that the  
410 treatment of yeast cells with cycloheximide can lead to an early block in elongation in stressed cells  
411 (48, 49), but meta-analysis of host genes in our infected cells does not reveal an obvious elongation  
412 block. Further, the S and M genes show deep ribosome coverage along their lengths, inconsistent

413 with a block in elongation. The remaining pause site (in fact a doublet) appears during translation of  
414 the nsP4 region of the polyprotein close to the C-terminus of nsP4. Coronaviral nsP4 proteins are  
415 important for the membrane rearrangements required for viral RNA synthesis and contain multiple  
416 membrane spanning domains (41). A possible explanation for the ribosomal pauses seen here is that  
417 translation is paused to permit the correct folding of nsP4 into membranes.

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419 In general, the pauses we discern during translation of the IBV genome are discrete, substantial in  
420 terms of read counts, and reproducible. As mentioned above, their origin is uncertain, but it seems  
421 unrelated to the identity of the P-site tRNA. Recent studies have shown that P-site prolyl-tRNA is a  
422 strong determinant of ribosomal pausing, partly due to the slow rate of peptide bond formation with  
423 this amino acid (50, 51). However, none of the stall sites identified here have proline tRNA in the P-  
424 site. It is possible that the nascent peptide engenders pausing through interactions with the ribosome  
425 exit tunnel or chaperones as clusters of positively-charged amino acid residues have been  
426 documented to induce ribosome pausing (51, 52). However, such clusters are not evident at the IBV  
427 pause sites documented here. The recent developments of methodologies and algorithms to identify  
428 and characterise ribosomal pause sites may clarify the situation in future (53, 54).

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430 Our data indicate that the host response to IBV is mediated primarily at the level of transcription,  
431 with the up-regulation of hundreds of genes, many of which have immune-related functions.  
432 Changes in translational efficiency were modest, with more genes showing decreased rather than  
433 increased translation in response to IBV infection. Many of the transcriptionally upregulated genes  
434 identified reflect the host response to virus infection, as seen previously with IBV infection of  
435 chickens (55, 56) and with other RNA viruses (57). Some of the protein pathways identified have

436 not been associated with coronavirus infection previously and warrant experimental follow up, for  
437 example, the potential downregulation of transcription of genes linked to FAM20C, a kinase that  
438 generates the majority of the extracellular phosphoproteome (58). Also of interest is the  
439 translational upregulation of ribosomal protein synthesis in infected cells for both Beau-CK and  
440 M41-CK. The basis of the attenuated phenotype of Beau-CK is not fully understood (reviewed in  
441 Ref. 59), but could potentially involve differential host cell binding (60) or features of the replicase  
442 genes (61). The direct comparison of DEGs in M41-CK and Beau-CK-infected primary chick  
443 kidney cells here did not identify any pre-eminent pathways that might reflect their differential  
444 pathogenesis, although several cytokines were expressed at a lower level in M41-CK-infected cells  
445 (IL6, IL8L1, IFN-Beta (**Supp. Fig. S11**)). Overall, these data contribute towards a substantially  
446 improved understanding of the early innate immune response to IBV infection, including distinct  
447 features of the transcriptional and translational responses.

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## 449 **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

450 **Virus and cells:** The apathogenic molecular clone of IBV, Beau-R, has been described previously  
451 (62) and was used to generate virus Beau-CK. The pathogenic isolate M41-CK (GenBank accession  
452 number MK728875.1) has been described previously (63). The two strains have an average  
453 nucleotide identity of 93% (assessed in a 1 kb window, with a step size of 200 nt). Most of the  
454 variation between them occurs as single nucleotide polymorphisms; however, a single large (185 nt)  
455 region is present in the 3' untranslated region (UTR) of Beau-CK which is absent from the genome  
456 of M41-CK. The Beau-CK sequence is identical to Beau-R (GenBank: AJ311317.1) excepting two  
457 point mutations, one in nsp16 (C19666U; Ser to Leu) and one in N (A27087G, synonymous).  
458 Primary chick kidney (CK) cells were produced from 2–3 week-old specific pathogen free (SPF)

459 Rhode Island Red chickens (64). CK cells ( $0.8 \times 10^6$  cells/ml) were plated in 10-cm dishes and upon  
460 reaching 100% confluence (two days post-seeding) were washed once with PBS and infected with  
461  $9.6 \times 10^6$  PFU Beau-CK or M41-CK (MOI = ~3). After 1 hour incubation at 37 °C, 5% CO<sub>2</sub>, the  
462 inoculum was removed and replaced with 10 ml fresh 1x BES (1X minimal essential Eagle's  
463 medium [MEM], 0.3% tryptose phosphate broth, 0.2% bovine serum albumin, 20 mM N,N-Bis(2-  
464 hydroxyethyl)-2-aminoethanesulfonic acid (BES), 0.21% sodium bicarbonate, 2 mM L-glutamine,  
465 250 U/ml nystatin, 100 U/ml penicillin, and 100 U/ml streptomycin). Cells were harvested at 24  
466 hours post-infection when clear regions of cytopathic effect (CPE) were visible.

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468 **Drug treatment, cell harvesting and lysis:** Cycloheximide (CHX; Sigma-Aldrich) was added  
469 directly to the growth medium (to 100 µg/ml) and the cells incubated for 2 min at 37 °C before  
470 rinsing with 5 ml of ice-cold PBS containing CHX (100 µg/ml). Subsequently, dishes were  
471 incubated on ice and 400 µl of lysis buffer [20 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 150 mM NaCl, 5 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>,  
472 1 mM DTT, 1% Triton X-100, 100 µg/ml cycloheximide and 25 U/ml TURBO™ DNase (Life  
473 Technologies)] dripped onto the cells. The cells were scraped extensively to ensure lysis, collected  
474 and triturated with a 26-G needle ten times. Lysates were clarified by centrifugation for 20 min at  
475 13,000 g at 4 °C, the supernatants recovered and stored at -80 °C.

476

477 **Ribosomal profiling and RNASeq:** Cell lysates were subjected to RiboSeq and RNASeq. The  
478 methodologies employed were based on the original protocols of Ingolia and colleagues (23, 65),  
479 except ribosomal RNA contamination was removed using a commercial RiboZero Gold magnetic  
480 kit (Illumina) and library amplicons were constructed using a small RNA cloning strategy (66)  
481 adapted to Illumina smallRNA v2 to allow multiplexing. The methods used were as described by  
482 Chung et al. (67), except the 5' and 3' adapters included seven consecutive randomised bases at the

483 3' and 5' ends (respectively). This facilitated removal of reads duplicated during polymerase chain  
484 reaction (PCR) amplification of cDNA libraries (68) and reduced ligation bias. Amplicon libraries  
485 were deep sequenced using an Illumina NextSeq platform (Department of Pathology, University of  
486 Cambridge).

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#### 488 **Computational analysis of RiboSeq and RNASeq data**

489 Adaptor sequences were trimmed using FASTX-Toolkit ([hannonlab.cshl.edu/fastx\\_toolkit](http://hannonlab.cshl.edu/fastx_toolkit)), and  
490 reads shorter than 25 nt following adaptor trimming were discarded. Mapping was performed using  
491 Bowtie version 1 (69) with parameters `-v 2 --best` (i.e. maximum 2 mismatches, report best match).  
492 Adaptor-trimmed, de-duplicated reads were mapped sequentially to host (*Gallus gallus*) ribosomal  
493 RNA (rRNA); IBV Beau-CK (GenBank accession: NC\_001451.1) or IBV M41-CK (GenBank  
494 accession: DQ834384.1) gRNA; Ensembl host non-coding RNA (ncRNA); NCBI RefSeq host  
495 mRNA; and to the host genome. The order of mapping was tested to check that virus-derived reads  
496 were not lost accidentally due to mis-mapping to host RNA, or *vice versa*. When performing  
497 analyses of viral and host gene expression, only 28- and 29-nt RiboSeq reads (corresponding to  
498 RPFs mapping primarily in phase 0) and only  $\geq 40$  nt RNASeq reads were used. A 12-nt offset was  
499 applied to the 5' mapping positions of RPFs, to approximate the P-site position of the ribosome (see  
500 **Supp. Fig. S4** and Ref. 25). To normalize for different library sizes, reads per million mapped reads  
501 (RPM) values were calculated using the sum of total virus RNA plus total host RefSeq mRNA  
502 (positive sense reads only) as the denominator.

503

504 Host mRNA RiboSeq and RNASeq phasing distributions were derived from reads mapping  
505 internally to the coding regions of ORFs; specifically, the 5' end of the read had to map between the  
506 first nucleotide of the initiation codon and 30 nt 5' of the last nucleotide of the termination codon,

507 thus, in general, excluding RPFs of initiating or terminating ribosomes. Histograms of 5' end  
508 positions of host mRNA reads relative to initiation and termination codons (Supp. Figs. 4 – 7) were  
509 derived from reads mapping to RefSeq mRNAs with annotated CDSs at least 450 nt in length and  
510 annotated 5' and 3' UTRs at least 60 nt in length. When calculating the translation efficiencies of  
511 viral genes, only in-phase (i.e. phase 0 with respect to the ORF in question) RiboSeq reads were  
512 counted.

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514 For host differential expression analyses, non-ribosomal, non-viral reads in each library were  
515 mapped to the *Gallus gallus* 5.0 assembly (December 2015) using STAR (70), with gene  
516 annotations from Ensembl release 94 (71). A maximum of two mismatches were allowed when  
517 mapping. Read counts per gene (protein-coding genes only) were obtained using HTSeq (72), with  
518 a requirement that reads map entirely within the forward strand coding sequence (htseq-count  
519 parameters: -m intersection-strict -s yes -t CDS). For each comparison of experimental groups, only  
520 genes with an average of at least 50 mapped reads were included in differential expression analyses.  
521 GO term enrichment analysis was carried out using the topGO package in R (73) and Fisher's exact  
522 test was used to assess the enrichment of individual GO terms in specific gene lists. Protein-protein  
523 interaction networks were constructed using the Search Tool for Retrieval of Interacting Genes  
524 (STRING) database (43).

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## 526 **Data availability**

527 Sequencing data have been deposited in ArrayExpress (<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/arrayexpress>) under  
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799 **FIGURE LEGENDS**

800 **Figure 1. Structure and read coverage of the (A) IBV Beau-CK and (B) IBV M41-CK**  
801 **genomes.** Coverage in the RiboSeq (red) and RNASeq (green) libraries is plotted on a logarithmic  
802 scale, with negative sense reads in blue. RPM is reads per million mapped reads. Histograms show  
803 the positions of the 5' ends of reads. The 5' two-thirds of the IBV gRNA contains two large ORFs  
804 (1a and 1b) encoding pp1a and pp1b, respectively. Translation of the latter requires -1 programmed  
805 ribosomal frameshifting (PRF) at the indicated site. A nested set of 3'-coterminal sgmRNAs is  
806 produced during infection. Diamond symbols show the locations of canonical TRSs at which  
807 discontinuous transcription occurs (TRS-L in orange and TRS-B in green). Downward arrows  
808 indicate the positions of non-canonical TRSs discussed in this work. Purple triangles indicate sites  
809 of ribosomal pausing (see text).

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811 **Figure 2. (A)** Proportion of chimeric reads assigned to each of the indicated TRS junctions. Novel  
812 TRS identified in this study are indicated with asterisks. Note that the 5a/5b TRS 1 and the dORF  
813 TRS are present in IBV Beau-CK only. **(B)** Sequence logo depicting nucleotides surrounding the  
814 identified TRS-B sites in IBV Beau-CK. **(C)** Equivalent sequence logo for IBV M41-CK. **(D)**  
815 RiboSeq and RNASeq coverage of the IBV Beau-CK dORF. A +12 nt offset is applied to the 5'  
816 ends of all reads, to approximate the position of the ribosomal P-site in RiboSeq libraries (and to  
817 make the RNASeq coverage directly comparable). Reads whose 5' ends map to the first, second or  
818 third positions of codons are indicated in blue, purple, and orange, respectively and ORFs are  
819 coloured according to the frame in which they are encoded. The location of the novel TRS-B  
820 sequence, which begins 2 nt 3' of the N gene termination codon, is indicated with an arrow.

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822 **Figure 3.** RiboSeq and RNASeq coverage proximal to the junction between ORF1a and ORF1b for  
823 IBV Beau-CK **(A)** and IBV M41-CK **(B)**. The last 2,500 nt of ORF1a and first 2,500 nt of ORF1b  
824 are shown. Coverage is normalised to reads per million mapped reads (RPM), using the sum of total  
825 virus RNA plus total host RefSeq mRNA (positive sense reads only) as the denominator, and  
826 smoothed with a 121-codon sliding window. Reads in phase 0, +1, and +2 relative to ORF1a are  
827 shown in blue, purple, and orange, respectively; and ORFs are coloured according to the frame in  
828 which they are encoded. **(C)** Ratios of ORF1b to ORF1a read density expressed as reads per  
829 kilobase per million mapped reads (RPKM). RPKM values exclude the 150-nt regions downstream  
830 of the ORF1a initiation codon, upstream of the ORF1b termination codon, and either side of the  
831 frameshift site. **(D)** Frameshifting efficiencies calculated using the values plotted in **(C)**.

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833 **Figure 4.** RiboSeq and RNASeq coverage of ORF4b and ORF4c in **(A)** IBV Beau-CK and **(B)** IBV  
834 M41-CK. Coverage is expressed as reads per million mapped reads (RPM). Reads in phase 0, +1,  
835 and +2 relative to ORF4b are shown in blue, purple, and orange, respectively; and ORFs are  
836 coloured according to the frame in which they are encoded.

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838 **Figure 5.** **(A)** Translation efficiencies (TEs) of virus ORFs, as calculated using the relative  
839 abundances (reads per million, RPM) of chimeric TRS-spanning RNASeq reads. Values shown are  
840 relative to the mean efficiency per TRS (TEs of virus ORFs calculated using decumulated RNASeq  
841 densities are shown in **Supp. Fig. S10**). **(B)** Comparison of host and virus translation efficiencies.  
842 TEs of virus ORFs were calculated using decumulated RNASeq densities, as described in the text.  
843 Host mRNA TEs are based on the ratio (after normalization for library size) of all RiboSeq or  
844 RNASeq reads mapping to any annotated coding region of any splice form of a given gene. Host

845 data are shown only for genes with  $\geq 50$  RNASeq coding-region reads on average across samples  
846 (prior to normalization for library size). Horizontal dashed lines indicate the mean values for host  
847 cell genes. Note, the points for 1a and 1b overlap.

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849 **Figure 6.** RiboSeq and RNASeq coverage of sg mRNA N in IBV Beau-CK. Coverage is expressed  
850 as reads per million mapped reads (RPM). Reads in phase 0, +1, and +2 relative to N are shown in  
851 purple, orange and blue, respectively; and ORFs are coloured according to the frame in which they  
852 are encoded.

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854 **Figure 7. (A)** Log<sub>2</sub> fold changes (log<sub>2</sub>FC) in host transcript abundance and translation efficiency in  
855 infected cells relative to mocks. In both cases, a high degree of correlation was observed between  
856 log<sub>2</sub>FC values in Beau-CK-infected samples (*x*-axes) and M41-CK-infected samples (*y*-axes), with  
857 transcript abundances skewed towards positive log<sub>2</sub>FC values. **(B)** The ten most significantly  
858 enriched GO terms among commonly up-regulated (left panel) and commonly down-regulated  
859 (right panel) genes at the level of transcription. **(C)** The ten most significantly enriched GO terms  
860 among commonly up-regulated (left panel) and commonly down-regulated (right panel) genes at the  
861 level of translation efficiency.

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863 **Figure 8.** STRING analysis of the relationships between differentially expressed transcripts in  
864 comparisons of IBV M41-CK- and mock-infected cells. **(A)** Downregulated genes **(B)** Upregulated  
865 genes. The network nodes represent the proteins encoded by the differentially expressed genes.  
866 Seven different coloured lines link a number of nodes and represent seven types of evidence used in  
867 predicting associations. A red line indicates the presence of fusion evidence; a green line represents

868 neighbourhood evidence; a blue line represents co-occurrence evidence; a purple line represents  
869 experimental evidence; a yellow line represents text-mining evidence; a light blue line represents  
870 database evidence; and a black line represents co-expression evidence.

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873 **Table 1.** Ribosomal pause sites within the IBV genome.

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Pause	Genomic location and RPF sequence	Nascent peptide
Pause 1 (5'NCR)	5' end of genome (bases 28–56) near TRS_L 5' AUUACACUAGCCU <u>UUG</u> CGCUAGAUUUUUA 3'	*YISITL <u>AL</u> R*
Pause 2 (nsP4)	Two adjacent peaks within nsP4 coding region (~8660 and 8760) 5' UUUGUUAAGCUU <u>ACU</u> AAUGAGAUAGGU 3' 5' UUGCAAGCUUGU <u>CGUG</u> CAUGGUUAGCU 3'	YDGNEFVGNYDLAAKSTFVIRGSEFVKL <u>T</u> N KFEAYLSAYARLKYYSGTGSEQDY <u>LQACRA</u>
Pause 3 (S)	Large pause downstream of initiation codon of S protein (~20,410) 5' CUAGUGACUCUU <u>UUG</u> UGUGCACUAUGU 3' (Beau)	†MLVTP <u>LLLV</u> TLLC (Beau)
Pause 4 (M)	Very large pause immediately downstream of initiation codon of the M protein (~24,500) 5' (AUG)CCCAACGAGACA <u>AAU</u> UGUACUCUUGACU 3'.	†MPNET <u>NC</u>
Pause 5 (N)	Broad pause peak centred on YLSS <u>I</u> PREN near end of 5b ORF (~25,830), just upstream of N start codon ribosome stack 5' UACCUCUCUAGU <u>AU</u> UCCAAGGGAAAACU 3'	QSRTSRALSRVYLSS <u>I</u> P(REN <u>L</u> *)

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879 Underlined characters signify codon/amino acid of the ribosomal P-site tRNA.  
880 \* in-frame stop codon.  
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892 **Table 2.** STRING analysis of differential gene expression.

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Comparison	Parameter	Main pathway(s)	Examples in pathway(s) (FDR; log2fc)
<b>Transcription</b>			
Beau-CK vs Mock	Downregulated	FAM20C substrates	SPP1 (secreted phosphoprotein 1) ( $7.31 \times 10^{-15}$ ; -2.72). TF (transferrin) ( $1.83 \times 10^{-13}$ ; -3.17).
M41-CK vs Mock	Downregulated	FAM20C substrates	SPP1 (secreted phosphoprotein 1) ( $6.13 \times 10^{-10}$ ; -3.177). CHGB (chromogranin B) ( $7.42 \times 10^{-8}$ ; -2.09).
Beau-CK vs Mock	Upregulated	Antiviral state, receptor signalling, cytokine interactions	RSAD2 (viperin) ( $3.92 \times 10^{-155}$ ; 9.49). IFIT5 (interferon induced protein with tetratricopeptide repeats 5) ( $4.48 \times 10^{-142}$ ; 8.66).
M41-CK vs Mock	Upregulated	Antiviral state, receptor signalling, cytokine interactions	RSAD2 (viperin) ( $1.80 \times 10^{-140}$ ; 9.04). IFIT5 (interferon induced protein with tetratricopeptide repeats 5) ( $3.01 \times 10^{-119}$ ; 7.96).
M41-CK vs Beau-CK	Downregulated	Cytokines, cytokine-receptor interactions	IL6 (interleukin 6) ( $4.38 \times 10^{-4}$ ; -1.51). IL8L1 (interleukin 8-like 1) ( $1.38 \times 10^{-2}$ ; -1.44).
M41-CK vs Beau-CK	Uregulated	* Heat shock family members	HSPA5 (heat shock 70kDa protein 5) ( $2.28 \times 10^{-5}$ ; 1.74). HSP90AA1 (heat shock protein 90 alpha family class A member 1) ( $4.38 \times 10^{-4}$ ; 1.44).
<b>Translation</b>			
Beau-CK vs Mock	Downregulated	No obvious pathways identified (top two hits shown to right)	TIPARP (TCDD inducible poly(ADP-ribose) polymerase) ( $8.42 \times 10^{-23}$ ; -4.32). ADAMTS1 (ADAM metalloproteinase with thrombospondin type 1 motif 1) ( $1.0 \times 10^{-12}$ ; -3.57).
M41-CK vs Mock	Downregulated	No obvious pathways identified (top two hits shown to right)	TIPARP (TCDD inducible poly(ADP-ribose) polymerase) ( $8.42 \times 10^{-23}$ ; -4.32). PFKFB3 (6-phosphofructo-2-kinase/fructose-2,6-biphosphatase 3) ( $2.47 \times 10^{-13}$ ; -3.49).
Beau-CK vs Mock	Upregulated	Antiviral response, translation, 80S ribosome, RACK1	OASL (2'-5'-oligoadenylate synthetase like) ( $5.08 \times 10^{-6}$ ; 2.24). RPSL37 (ribosomal protein L37) ( $5.34 \times 10^{-5}$ ; 1.78).
M41-CK vs Mock	Upregulated	Antiviral response, 80S ribosome	OASL (2'-5'-oligoadenylate synthetase-like) ( $1.16 \times 10^{-3}$ ; 1.79). RPS8 (ribosomal protein S8) ( $1.03 \times 10^{-2}$ ; 1.35).
M41-CK vs Beau-CK	Downregulated	No pathways identified	No significant genes identified.
M41-CK vs Beau-CK	Upregulated	No pathways identified	Only one significant gene identified, MYH15 (myosin heavy chain 15) (0.032; 1.77)

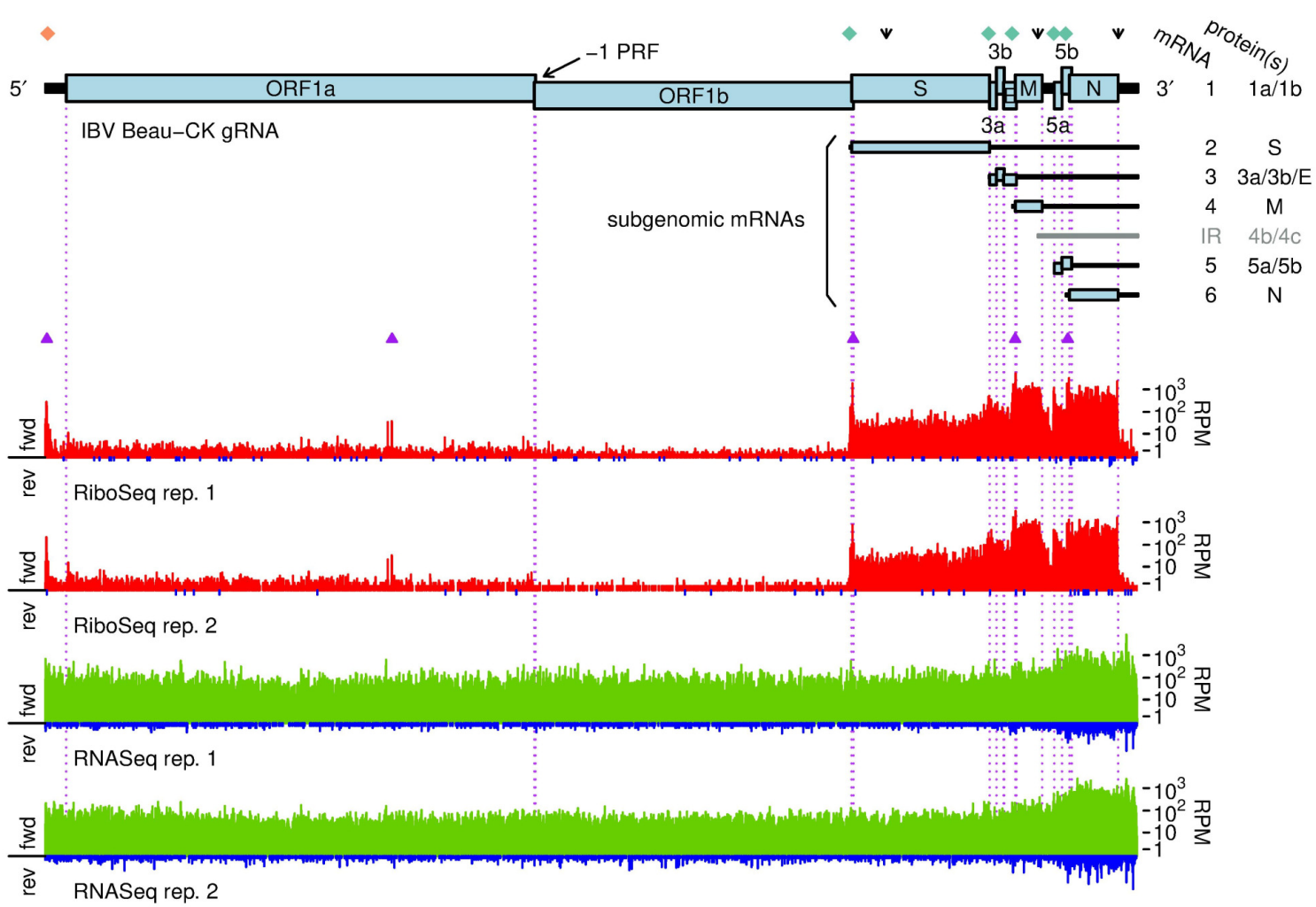
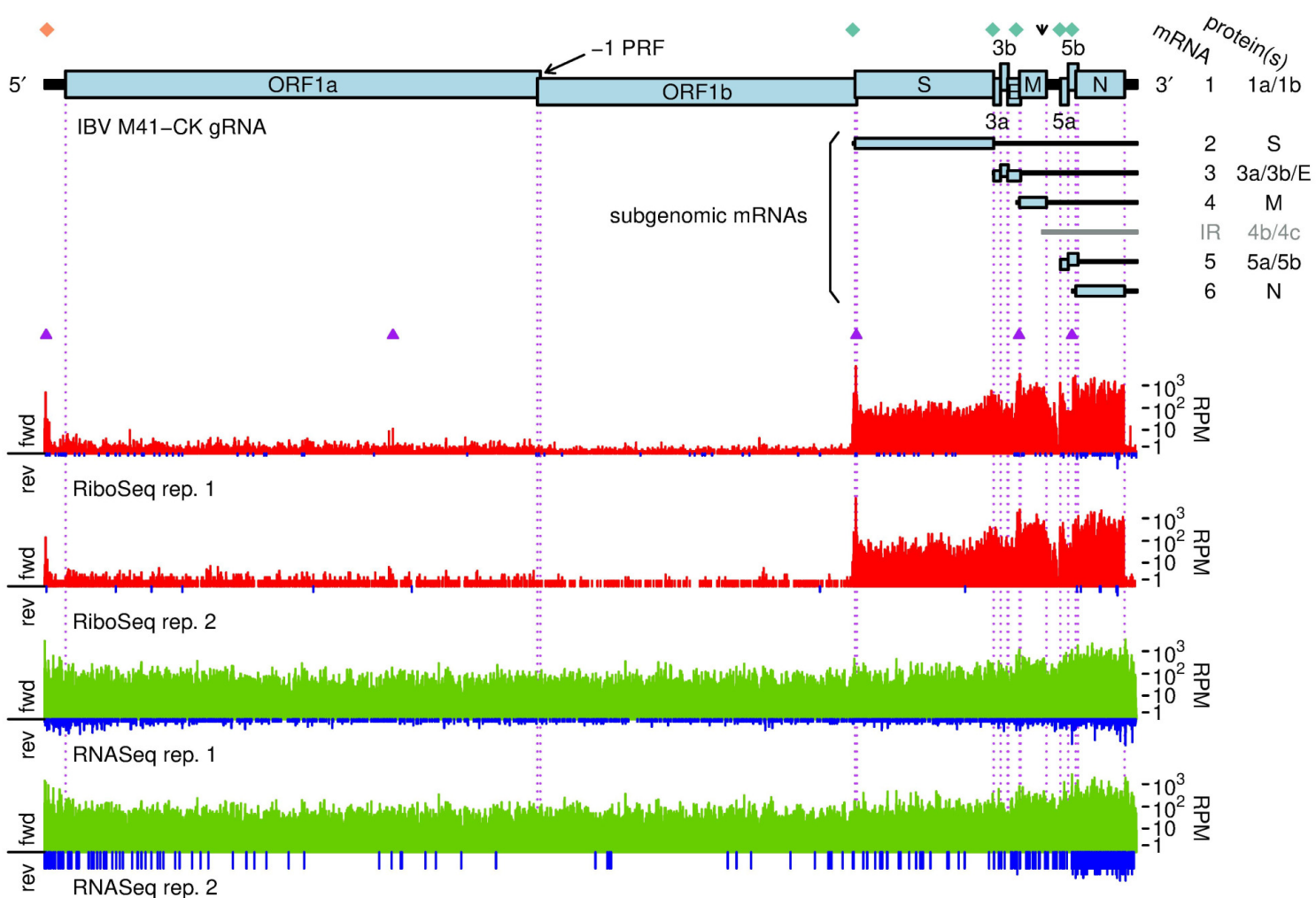
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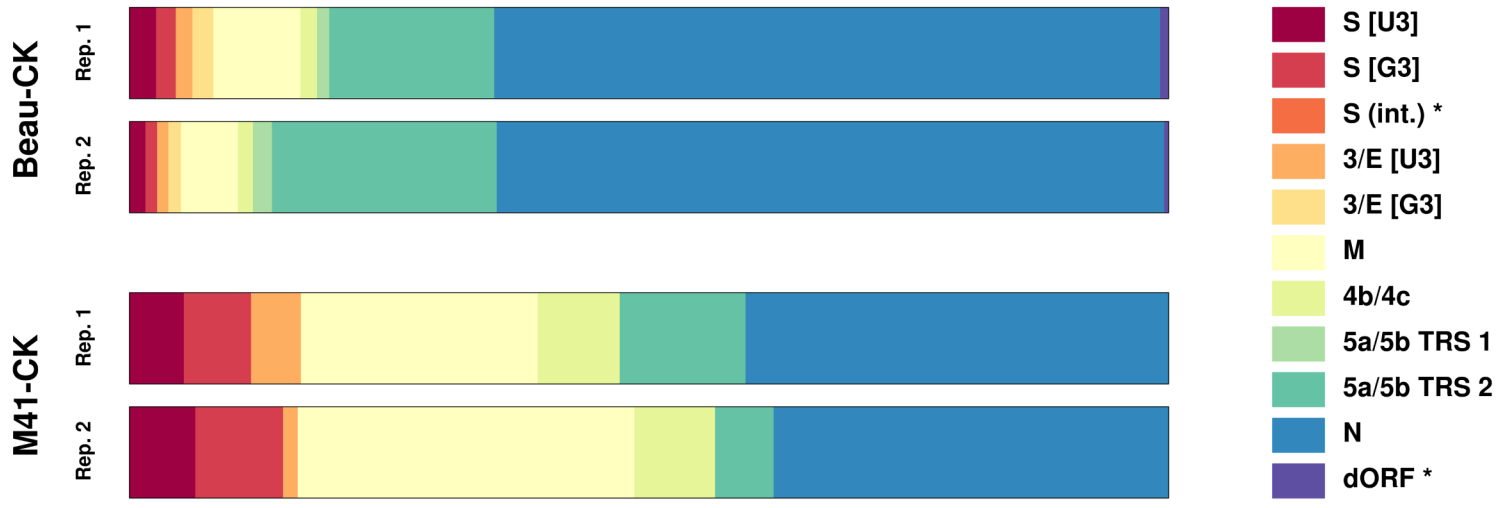
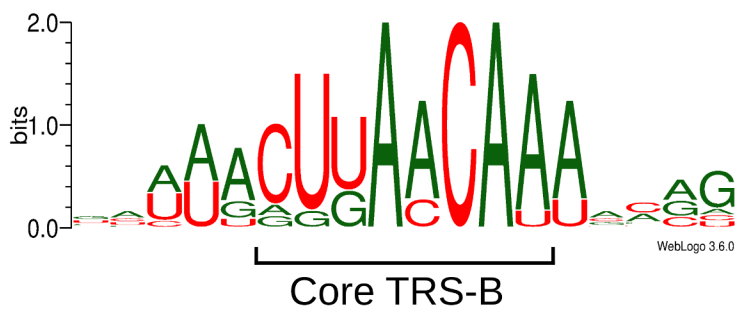
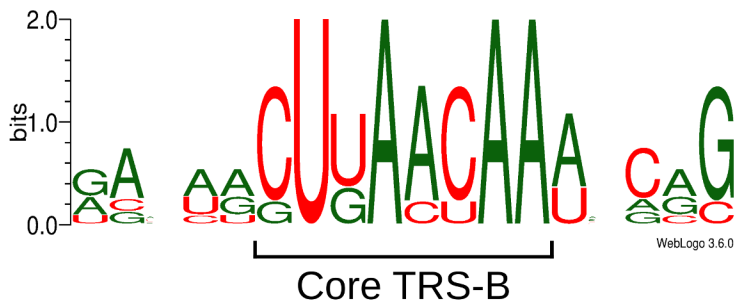
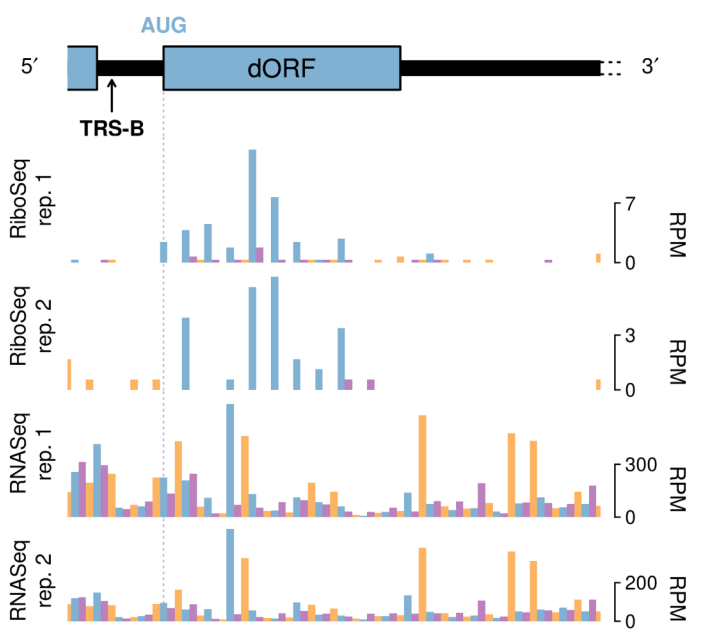
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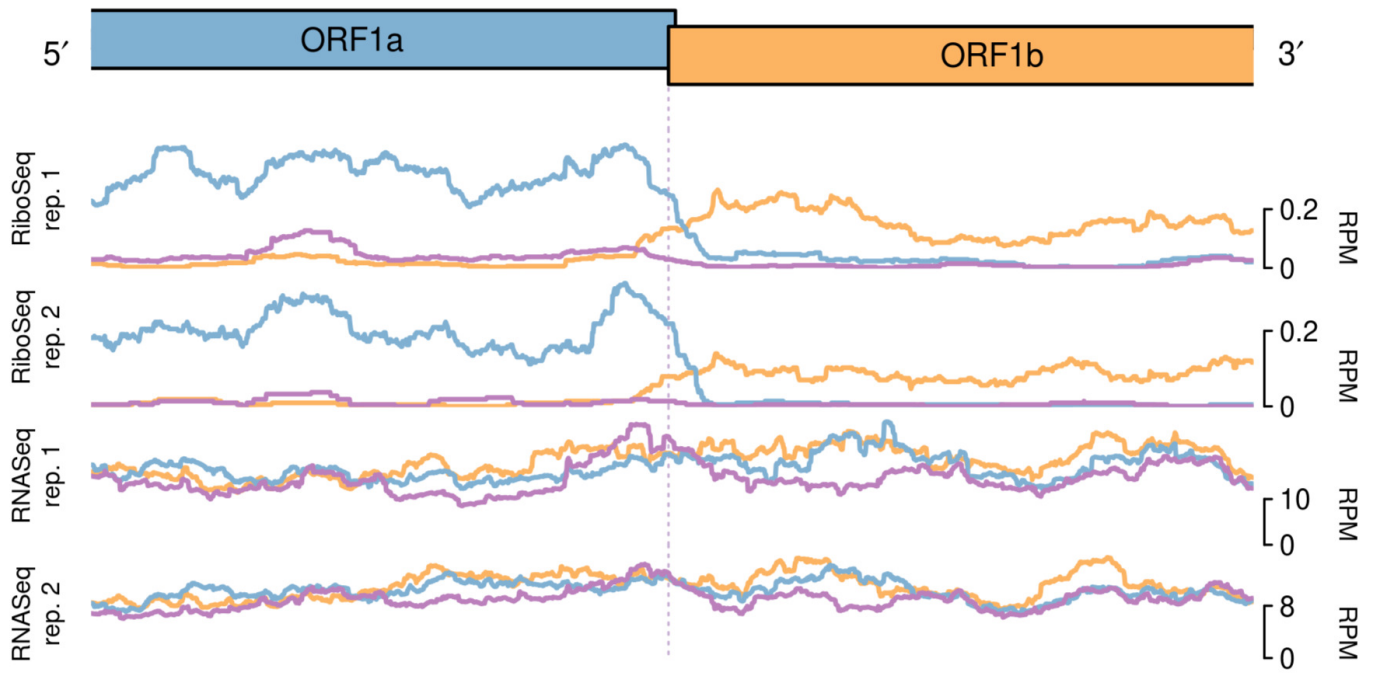
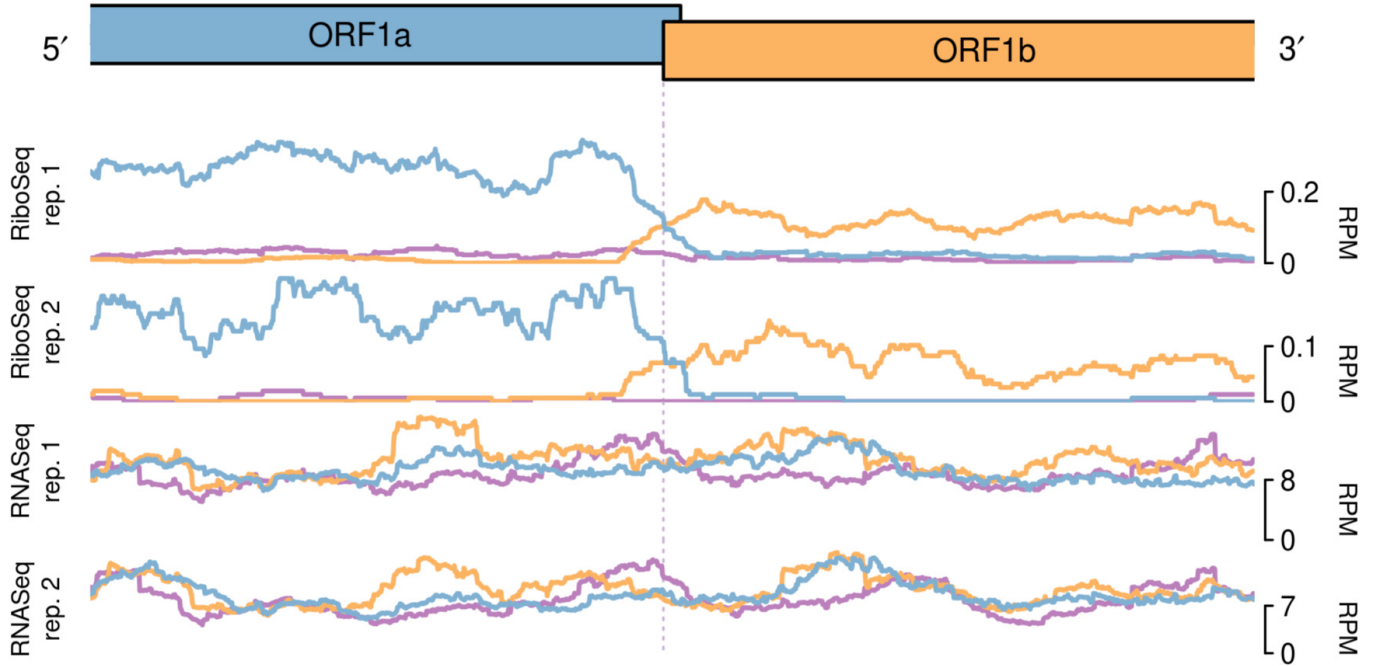
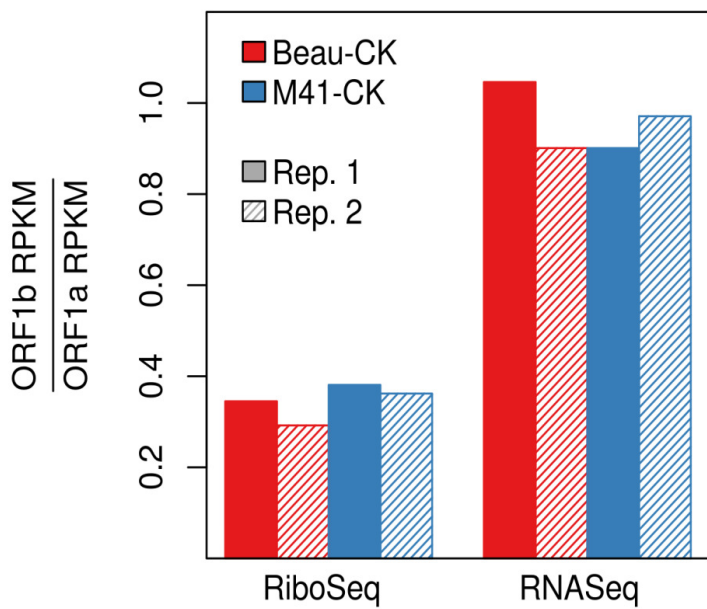
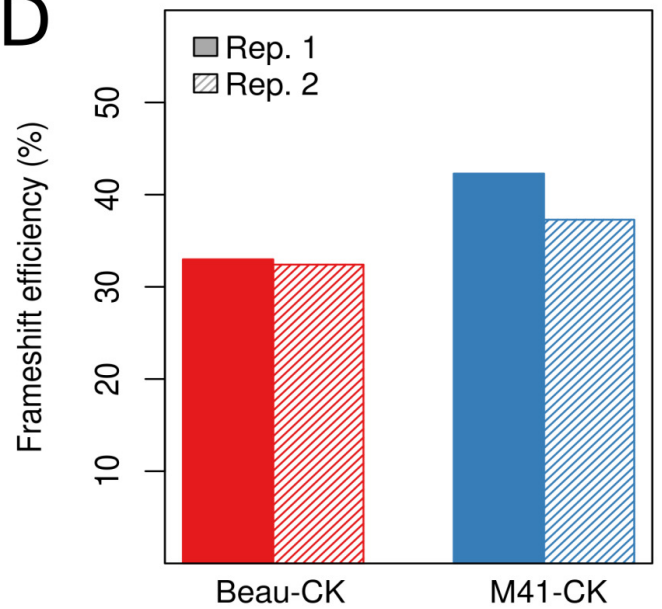
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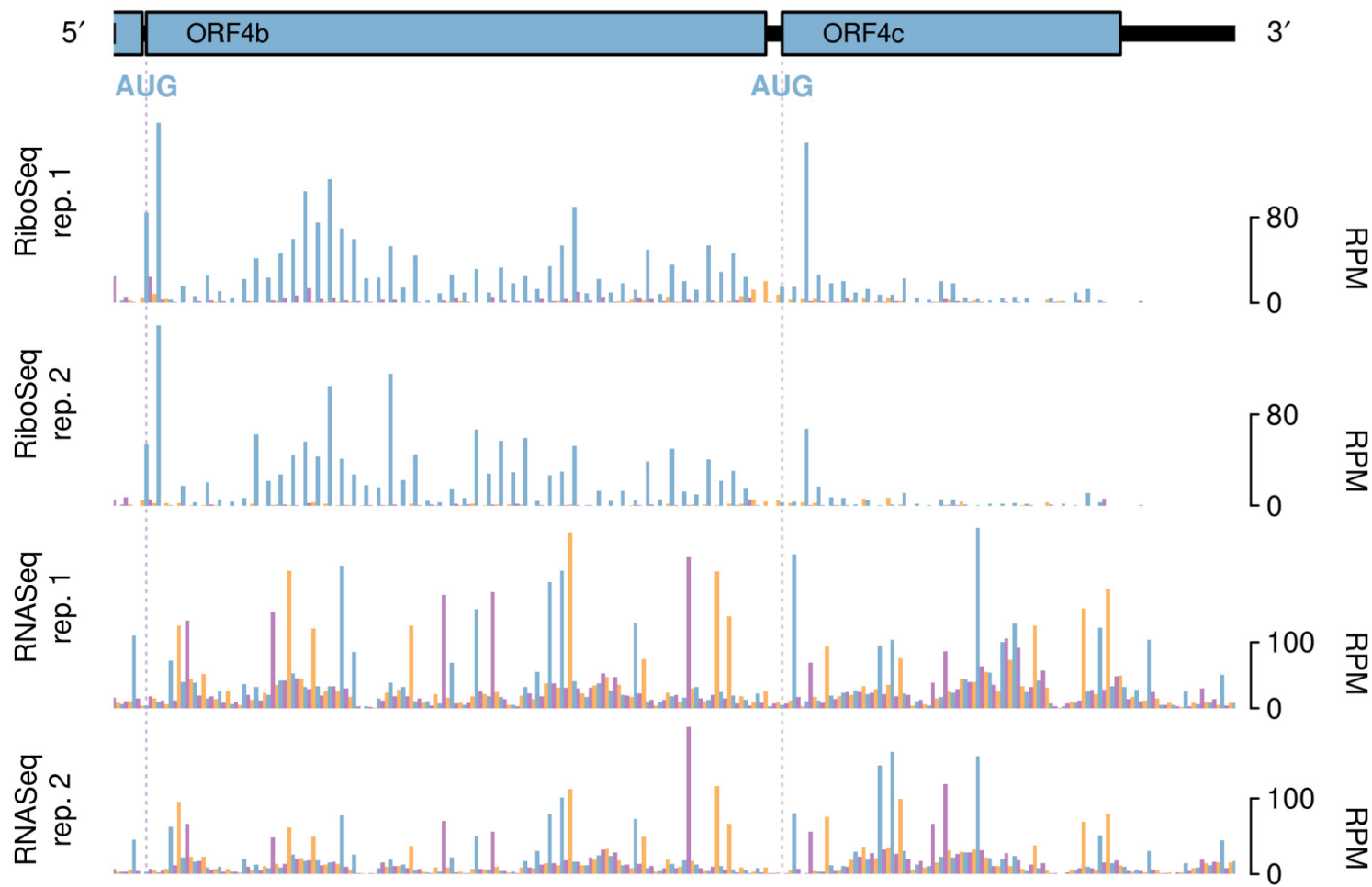
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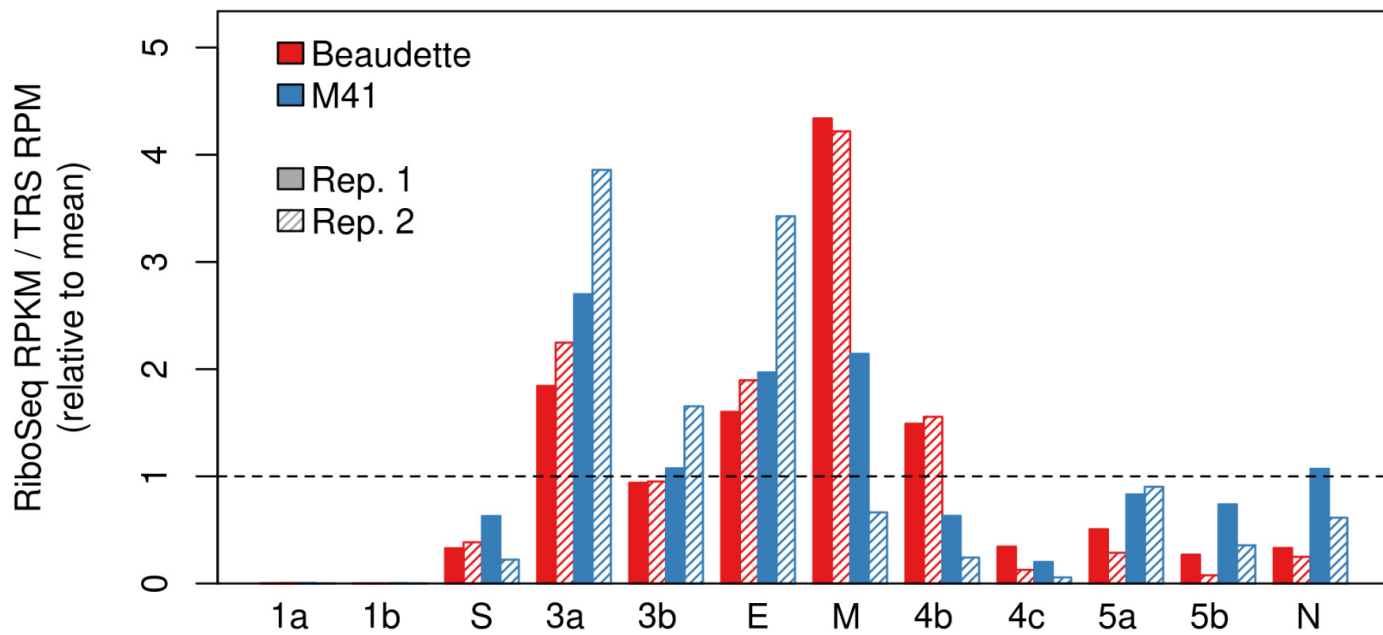
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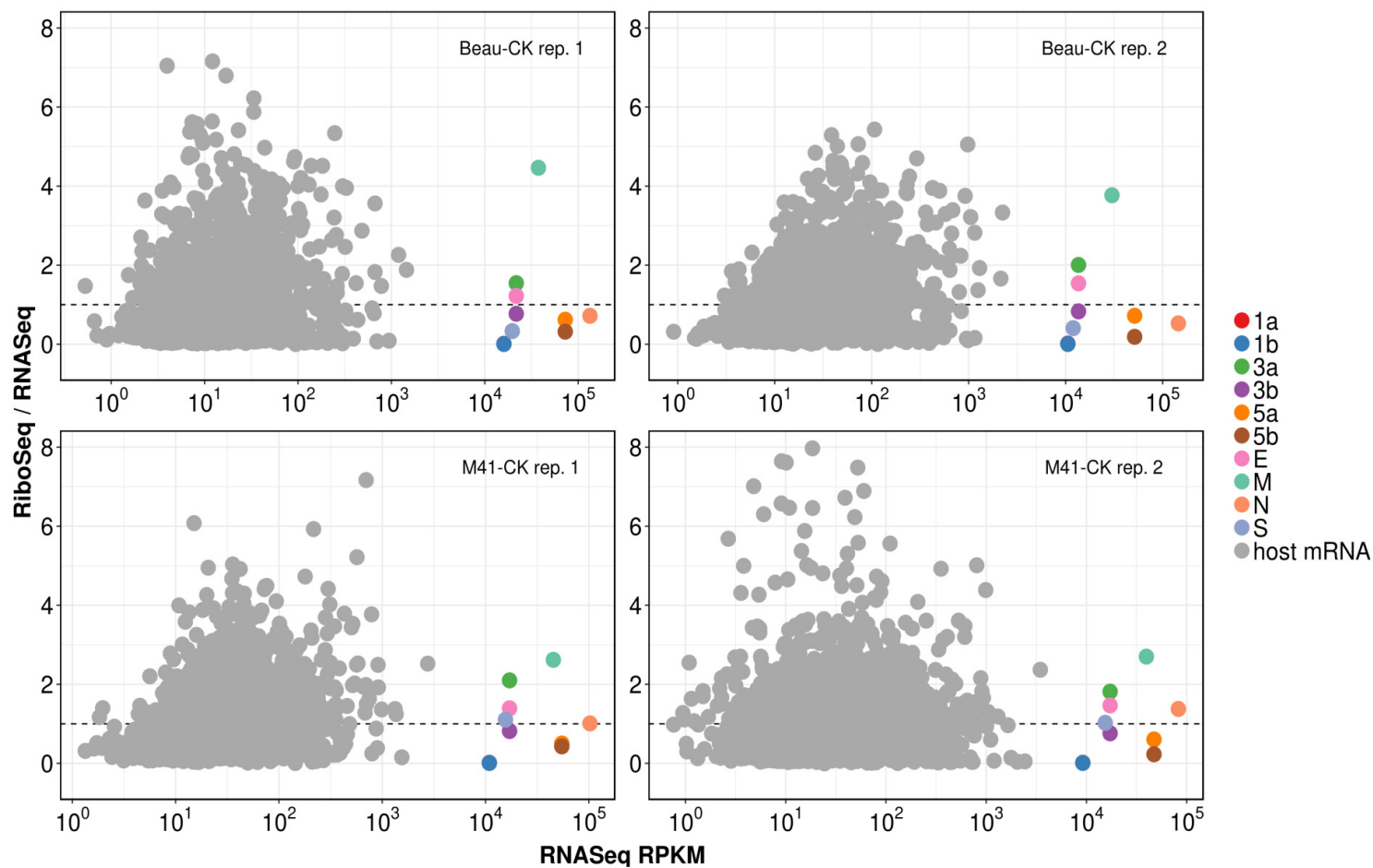
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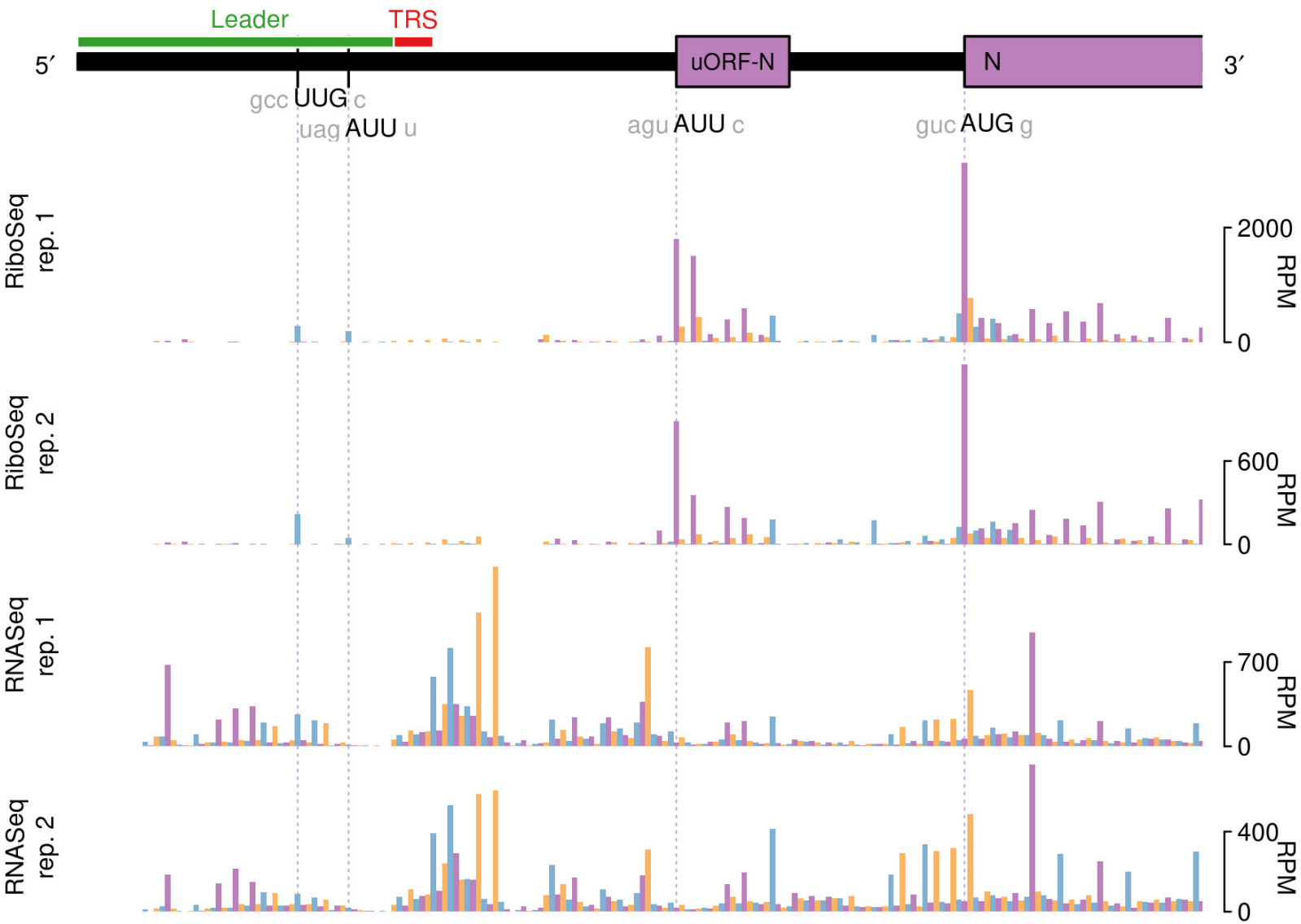
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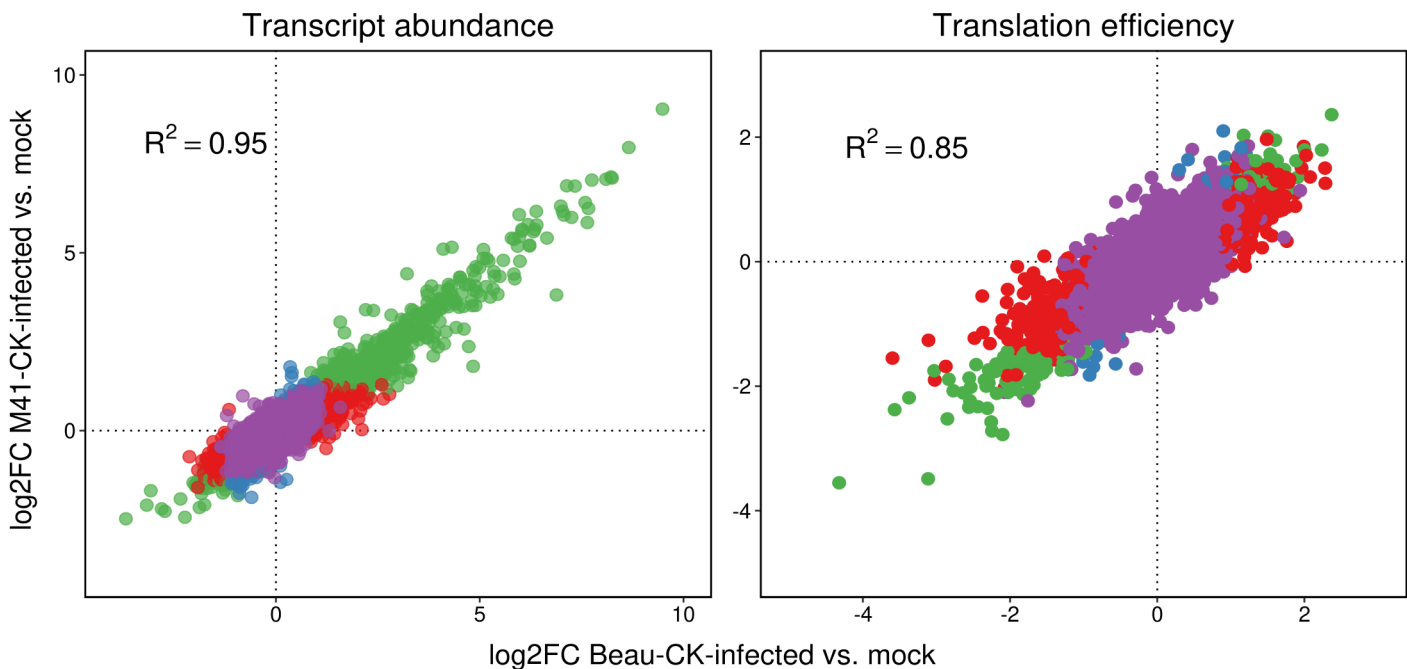


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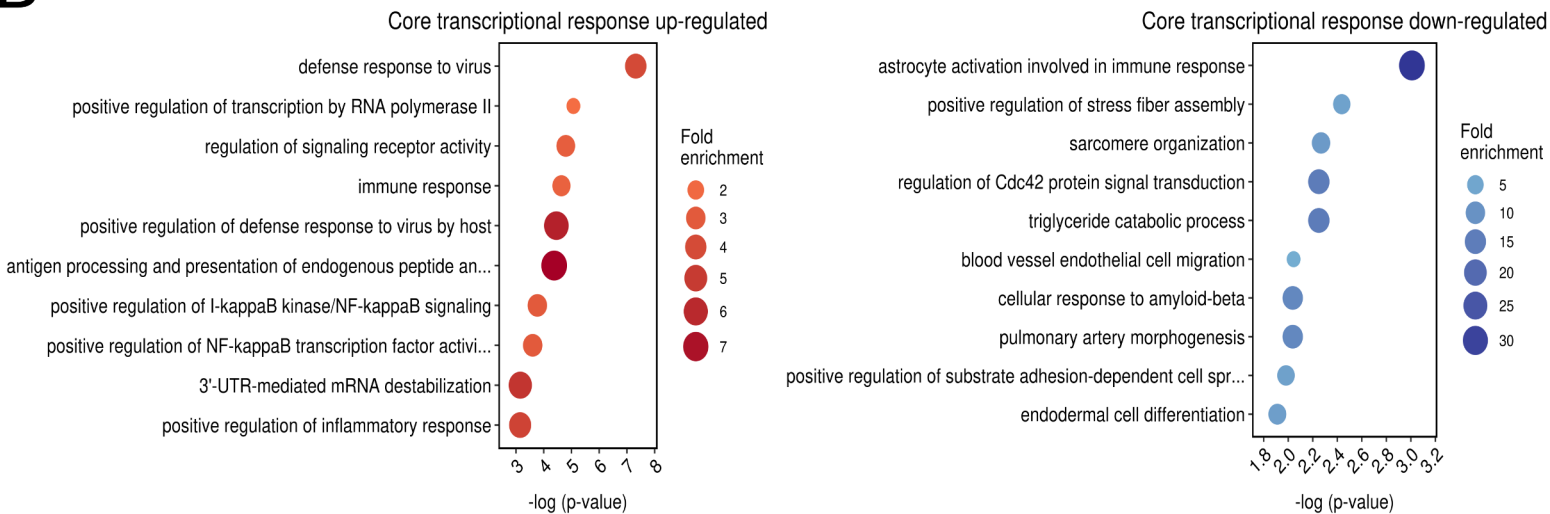


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