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Protein profile of rice (Oryza sativa) seeds

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Abstract

Seeds are the most important plant storage organ and play a central role in the life cycle of plants. Since little is known about the protein composition of rice (*Oryza sativa*) seeds, in this work we used proteomic methods to obtain a reference map of rice seed proteins and identify important molecules. Overall, 480 reproducible protein spots were detected by two-dimensional electrophoresis on pH 4-7 gels and 302 proteins were identified by MALDI-TOF MS and database searches. Together, these proteins represented 252 gene products and were classified into 12 functional categories, most of which were involved in metabolic pathways. Database searches combined with hydropathy plots and gene ontology analysis showed that most rice seed proteins were hydrophilic and were related to binding, catalytic, cellular or metabolic processes. These results expand our knowledge of the rice proteome and improve our understanding of the cellular biology of rice seeds.

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Introduction

Rice (*Oryza sativa* L.) is the main food source for more than two-third of the world's population (Sasaki and Burr, 2000), especially in Southeast Asia (Nwugo and Huerta, 2011; Wang *et al.*, 2011). With the completion of the rice genome sequencing program, rice has become the model organism in molecular biological research of monocotyledons (Agrawal and Rakwal, 2011; Li *et al.*, 2011). The International Rice Genome Sequencing Project (IRGSP) has generated high-quality sequences that cover 95% of the 389 Mb rice genome and has produced a genomic map for this species (Liu and Xue, 2006).

In recent years, many studies have investigated the functional genomics of rice. Traditional functional genomics have investigated mainly the changes in mRNA abundance in histiocytes. However, because of transcriptional regulation, mRNA levels do not provide a true indication of protein expression levels (Jugran *et al.*, 2010; Ding *et al.*, 2012). On the other hand, some proteins undergo complex post-translational modifications such that changes in the level of active protein may be more significant than those in the total protein content. Proteomic analysis was first described by Wilkins and Williams (1994) and seeks to study all proteins expressed in a cell, tissue or organism at a specific time or under specific circumstances by maximizing protein separation and identification (Wilkins *et al.*, 1998).

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Two-dimensional electrophoresis (2-DE) combined with mass spectrometry (MS) are still the core tools for identifying differentially expressed proteins in proteomics (Yang *et al.*, 2006, 2007a,b; Chitteti and Peng, 2007; Torabi *et al.*, 2009; Chi *et al.*, 2010; Ahrné *et al.*, 2011; Fan *et al.*, 2011; He *et al.*, 2011; Nwugo and Huerta, 2011; Ding *et al.*, 2012; Kalli and Hess, 2012).

Seeds are important plant storage organs that play a central role in the life cycle of plants because they are essential for plant reproduction and the initial stages of offspring formation (Yang et al., 2009). Seed biology is a major subject in plant research, although most studies have focused on seed dormancy and germination mechanisms (Koornneef et al., 2002; Finch-Savage and Leubner-Metzger, 2006; Yang et al., 2007b; Vaughan et al., 2008; He et al., 2011), with little being known about seed protein composition. Since proteomics is a well-established means of assessing global changes in protein profiles (Agrawal et al., 2006; Agrawal and Rakwal, 2011; Fan et al., 2011), in this study we used 2-DE and MALDI-TOF-MS to examine the proteomic profile of rice seeds. Our specific goals were (1) to determine the proteomic profile of rice seeds, (2) to identify the main protein components involved and (3) to understand the functional characteristics of the identified proteins.

Materials and Methods

Seeds

Seeds of the Nipponbare strain of rice (*O. sativa* L. spp. *japonica*, cv. Nipponbare, AA genome) were used in this work.

Protein extraction

The rice seeds were peeled and washed three times using purified water, after which proteins were extracted using a modified version of the protocol described by Shen et al. (2003). Seeds (2 g samples) were homogenized in pre-cooled extraction buffer (20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 250 mM sucrose, 10 mM EGTA, 1 mM PMSF, 1 mM DTT and 1% Triton X-100) on ice. The homogenate was transferred to a 2 mL centrifuge tube and centrifuged (15,000 g, 4 °C, 20 min). The supernatant was collected and proteins were precipitated for 30 min in an ice bath by adding 50% cold trichloroacetic acid (TCA) until the final concentration of TCA was 10% (Yang et al., 2006). The supernatant was discarded after centrifugation (15,000 g, 4 °C, 20 min) and the pellet was then washed four times using cold acetone containing 13 mM DTT. After further centrifugation (15,000 g, 4 °C, 20 min), the pellet was vacuum-dried. The dried powder was dissolved in sample buffer (7 M urea, 2 M thiourea, 4% Chaps, 2% Bio-Lyte pH 3-10, 1 mM PMSF and 1% DTT; 1 mg dried powder/0.1 mL of buffer) at 4 °C overnight. Following a final centrifugation (15,000 g, 4 °C, 20 min), the supernatant was used for 2-DE. Protein concentrations were determined by a dyebinding method (Bradford, 1976). Since some of the components of the sample buffer interfered with the Bradford assay an equal volume of sample buffer was added to the protein reagent to compensate for this interference. Bovine serum albumin was used as the standard.

Two-dimensional electrophoresis

Isoelectric focusing (IEF) was done using a Bio-Rad PROTEAN electrophoresis system and 17 cm immobilized IPG dry gel strips with a linear pH range (pH 4-7) (Bio-Rad, USA). Protein samples (~1.5 mg) were loaded during the rehydration step (passive rehydration, room temperature, 12-13 h) and IEF was done at 300, 500 and 1000 V for 1 h, with linear ramping to 8000 V over 2 h and holding at 8000 V until a total voltage of 50 kVh was achieved. Subsequently, the strips were equilibrated for 15 min with buffer I (6 M urea, 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 6.8, 30% v/v glycerol, 2.5% SDS, 1% w/v DTT) and then for 15 min with buffer II (6 M urea, 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 6.8, 30% v/v glycerol, 2.5% SDS, 2.5% w/v iodoacetamide). After equilibration, the second dimension SDS-PAGE was done using 12% polyacrylamide gels. Proteins were detected by staining the gels with 0.116% Coomassie brilliant blue R-250.

Image and data analysis

The 2-DE gels were scanned (resolution: 300 dpi) with an ImageScanner III scanner (GE Healthcare BIO-Science) and the gel images were analyzed with PDQuest software (Bio-Rad, USA). Each protein spot in the 2-DE map was assigned a number.

In-gel digestion and MALDI-TOF MS analysis

Protein spots were excised manually from the Coomassie blue-stained gels and each gel fragment was immersed in purified water and sonicated twice (10 min each). Subsequently, the gel pieces were destained with 50 mM ammonium bicarbonate and an equivalent volume of 50% acetonitrile, followed by sequential washing with 25 mM ammonium bicarbonate, 50% acetonitrile and 100% acetonitrile, respectively. After lyophilization, the gel fragments were rehydrated in digestion buffer (2 μ L) containing 25 mM NH₄HCO₃ and 10 ng of trypsin/ μ L (Promega, Madison, WI, USA) at 4 °C. After 30 min, 10-15 μ L of 25 mM NH₄HCO₃ was added and digestion was continued at 37 °C overnight (11-16 h). After digestion, the peptide solution was collected and tryptic peptide masses were determined using a MALDI-TOF mass spectrometer (Ultraflex-TOF-TOF, Bruker, Germany).

Database search and protein identification

All of the acquired peptide mass fingerprint data were used in online searches with the Mascot program through Biotechnology Information nonredundant database. The search parameters included trypsin as the selected enzyme (one missed cleavage was permitted), carbamidomethyl as the fixed modification, Gln- > pyro-Glu (N-terminal Q) as the variable modification and a peptide tolerance of ± 0.2 Da. *O. sativa* was selected as the taxonomic category. Proteins with a MOWSE score > 64 were considered as positive identifications.

Bioinformatics analysis of the identified proteins

The hydropathy of all proteins identified with a high level of confidence (MOWSE scores > 64) and the grand average of hydropathicity (GRAVY) for all the proteins were calculated as described by Kyte and Doolittle (1982), using the Protparam tool from the ExPASy site. The resulting grand average hydropathy values were then analyzed with Origin 7.0 software.

The Gene Ontology (GO) identity of each of the identified proteins was obtained by InterProscan searching. The GO classification of these proteins was obtained using the WEGO platform and the annotated data of the identified proteins.

Results

Proteomic profile of rice seeds

The analysis of 2-DE gels with PDQuest software detected 480 reproducible protein spots, most of which were distributed near the center of the gels (Figure 1). For example, the pI of 415 protein spots was between 5 and 7 and accounted for 84.5% of the total number of protein spots. In addition, the molecular mass of ~90% of the proteins was between 15 kDa and 95 kDa.

Protein identification by MALDI-TOF MS

A comprehensive knowledge of rice seed proteins will greatly enhance our understanding and exploration of



Figure 1 - Proteome profile of rice seeds.

the functional characteristics of these seeds. The 480 reproducible proteins were screened by MALDI-TOF-MS to obtain peptide mass fingerprint data. Only 302 proteins (Figure 2) with high confidence levels (MOWSE scores > 64) were identified (Table S1 - Supplementary Material), of which 52 were unidentified proteins of unknown functions (Figure 3; Table S2 - Supplementary Material). In some cases, different spots contained the same protein (Table S1), *e.g.*, spots 4, 5, 6 and 7 corresponded to hypothetical protein OsJ_13773, and spots 10 and 11 were putative aconitate hydratase.

Classification of protein functions

The 302 identified proteins represented the products of 252 different genes and were classified into 12 categories based on their functions (Figure 4) (Bevan *et al.*, 1998). Protein functions were retrieved online as Gene Ontology



Figure 2 - The protein spots identified by MALDI-TOF-MS. Each protein with a high confidence level (MOWSE score > 64) was assigned a number.



Figure 3 - The unknown proteins identified by MALDI-TOF-MS.



Figure 4 - Functional classifications of the identified proteins. The number of proteins in each category is indicated in parentheses.

information. The 12 categories were: Metabolism (1), Disease/defense (2), Cell structure (3), Energy (4), Signal transduction (5), Protein destination and storage (6), Cell growth/division (7), Protein synthesis (8), Transcription (9), Transporters (10), Intracellular traffic (11) and Unknown protein (12). The functional categories were determined according to Bevan *et al.* (1998). As shown in Figure 4, 75 spots were involved in metabolic processes and were the most abundant category (24.8%). Proteins related to disease/defense were the second most abundant category (16.9%) and unknown proteins were the third most abundant (16.2%).

Bioinformatics analysis of identified proteins

Proteins with negative GRAVY scores were hydrophilic and those with positive GRAVY scores were hydrophobic. Figure 5 shows that identified proteins with negative GRAVY scores were significantly more abundant than those with positive GRAVY scores. The GRAVY values of most proteins were between -0.6 and 0, indicating that most of them were hydrophilic.



Figure 5 - Hydropathic analysis of all proteins identified by 2-DE. Negative and positive GRAVY values indicate hydrophilic and hydrophobic proteins, respectively.

Figure 6 shows the GO analysis of the identified proteins, all of which were classified in terms of cellular component, molecular function, and physiological and biological processes using appropriate software (Gene Ontology Annotation Plot, WEGO). Most of the identified proteins associated with cellular components were involved in cell, cell parts, envelope, macromolecular complex, organelle and organelle parts, while those associated with molecular functions were involved in antioxidant, binding, catalytic, electron carrier, enzyme regulator, nutrient reservoir, transcription regulator and transporter activities. Biological processes involved biological regulation, cellular component organization, cellular process, establishment of localization, localization, metabolic process, multi/-organism process, multicellular organismal process, pigmentation, reproduction, reproductive process and response to stimulus.

Discussion

Proteomic technologies are the most widely applied approach for identifying proteins in rice (Yang *et al.*, 2006, 2007a,b; Chitteti and Peng, 2007; Torabi *et al.*, 2009; Chi *et al.*, 2010; Fan *et al.*, 2011; He *et al.*, 2011; Nwugo and Huerta, 2011; Ding *et al.*, 2012). In this study, we used 2-DE combined with MALDI-TOF-MS to obtain a 2-DE proteomic profile of rice seeds. A total of 480 reproducible



Figure 6 - GO classifications of the identified proteins. All of the proteins were classified into three main categories and 26 subcategories.

protein spots were selected for MALDI-TOF-MS analysis. However, only 302 proteins with a MOWSE score > 64 were identified as proteins (see Tables S1 and S2); there were no significant matches for the other 178 protein spots. There are at least two possible explanations for this phenomenon. First, some protein spots with low confidence levels possibly contained more than one protein. Second, some small protein spots could not be identified by MALDI-TOF-MS or were not included in the databases because of a lack of information in the rice database (Woo *et al.*, 2002).

The majority of corn proteins can be divided into three categories: storage proteins, structure- or metabolism-related proteins, and protective proteins (Shewry and Halford, 2002). As shown in Figure 4, 24.8% of the identified proteins were classified in the metabolism group, 16.9% were involved in disease/defense and 15.6% were cell structure proteins. Furthermore, 10.3% of the identified proteins were classified in the energy group. Together, the proteins in these groups accounted for > 67% of the identified proteins. Metabolism is essential for many activities and, not surprisingly, metabolism-related proteins have an important role in maintaining seed vigor. In addition, most metabolism- and energy-related proteins are associated with carbohydrate metabolic pathways (He et al., 2011), including glycolysis and the TCA cycle. In this study, many enzymes involved in glycolysis were identified, including pyruvate orthophosphate dikinase (spots 12 and 13), phosphoglucomutase (spot 21), pyrophosphate-fructose-6phosphate 1-phosphotransferase (spot 51), pyrophosphate-fructose-6-phosphate 2-phosphotransferase (spot 52), UTP-glucose-1-phosphate uridylyltransferase (spots 56 and 97), fructose bisphosphate aldolase (spot 58), glucose-6-phosphate isomerase (spots 60 and 77), enolase (spots 94 and 95), glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase (spots 143 and 145), glucose-6-phosphate 1-epimerase (spot 161) and triosephosphate isomerase (spots 250, 254, 256 and 257). Some enzymes involved in the TCA cycle were also identified, such as aconitate hydratase (spots 10 and 11), succinate dehydrogenase (spot 35), isocitrate dehydrogenase (spot 121), succinyl-CoA synthetase (spot 160) and malate dehydrogenase (spots 167, 168 and 173). Similarly, two enzymes involved in the alcoholic fermentation pathway were also identified, namely, alcohol dehydrogenase (spot 34) and pyruvate decarboxylase (spot 45). These results indicate that aerobic and anaerobic respiration occurs in storage rice seeds. The energy demand is met primarily by glycolysis and the TCA cycle, although anaerobic fermentation can also provide energy in the absence of oxygen.

We also identified 12 proteins related to amino acid metabolism: five of these have a central role in amino acid metabolism (spots 106, 148, 153, 155 and 156), four are involved in the metabolism of branched chain amino acids (spots 38, 40, 53 and 141) and the remaining three are in-

volved in arginine metabolism (spots 105, 107 and 108). Compared with germinating rice seeds, there were fewer proteins associated with amino acid metabolism in storage rice seeds. There are several explanations for this phenomenon. First, dry seeds are used mainly for storage and transport, and a lower metabolic activity favors the preservation of rice seeds. Second, the moisture content of storage seeds is very low, with the existing metabolism providing only essential energy and many physiological and biochemical reactions are inactive. Third, staining with Coomassie brilliant blue may not be sufficiently sensitive to detect some spots so that more sensitive staining methods such as negative staining and fluorescence staining should be used in future studies. Finally, some strongly basic proteins or proteins with extreme molecular masses may be missed in the 2-DE gels. The presence of the same protein in different spots suggests variations in post-translational modifications or the presence of protein subunits, as also suggested by others (Yang et al., 2006; Chi et al., 2010; Liu and Bennett, 2011).

The hydropathy analysis showed that most of the rice seed proteins were hydrophilic. Rice seeds contain many proteins and enzymes related to metabolism and disease/defense, and these proteins may only be active in physiological processes when in solution, *i.e.*, in a soluble state. The presence of soluble proteins is a further characteristic of rice seed proteins.

In a proteomic survey of metabolic pathways in rice, Koller *et al.* (2002) identified 2,528 unique proteins, 877 of which were from seeds. Of the 2,528 proteins detected, 189 were expressed in rice leaves, roots and seeds. In addition, there were 512 seed-specific proteins. Koller *et al.* (2002) collected their seed samples from the entire panicle at 14 days postanthesis. In contrast, we used seed samples from mature rice seeds and identified 302 proteins that represented 252 gene products. Our findings therefore expand the results of previous studies.

Conclusion

Seeds are a major food source for humans and are essential for plant reproduction. In this study, we identified 302 proteins in the proteome of rice seeds. These proteins represented 252 gene products and were classified into 12 functional categories. The 302 proteins identified here represent an important contribution to the rice proteome database and shed light on the protein content of rice seeds.

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Internet Resources

- MASCOT database, Matrix Science, London, UK, http://www.matrixscience.com (accessed on September 2, 2011).
- ExPASy, http://www.expasy.ch/tools/protparam.html (accessed on April 17, 2012).
- InterProscan, http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/InterProScan (accessed on March 19, 2012).
- WEGO program for Gene Ontology classification, http://wego.genomics.org.cn (accessed on April 12, 2012).

Gene Ontology, http://www.geneontology.org (accessed on April 12, 2012).

Supplementary Material

The following online material is available for this article:

Table S1 - The protein spots identified by MALDI-TOF-MS.

Table S2 - The unknown proteins identified by MALDI-TOF-MS.

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Protein	Protein name	Accession no.	MOWSE	NMP ^a	SC ^b	Theoretical Mr	Function ^c
no.			score			(kDa) and pI	
1	elongation factor 2	NP_001052057	222	27	39%	94.94/5.85	8
2	elongation factor 2	NP_001046972	71	12	19%	94.99/5.85	8
3	pullulanase	ACY56106	76	17	22%	103.02/5.58	1
4	hypothetical protein OsJ_13773	EEE60487	364	35	50%	100.41/5.58	1
5	hypothetical protein OsJ_13773	EEE60487	388	43	50%	100.41/5.58	1
6	hypothetical protein OsJ_13773	EEE60487	350	32	46%	100.41/5.58	1
7	hypothetical protein OsJ_13773	EEE60487	280	32	41%	100.41/5.58	1
8	hypothetical protein OsI_19920	EEC79204	236	25	36%	94.33/5.37	5
9	hypothetical protein OsI_19920	EEC79204	170	23	33%	94.33/5.37	5
10	putative aconitate hydratase, cytoplasmic	Q6YZX6	214	23	35%	98.59/5.67	1
11	putative aconitate hydratase, cytoplasmic	Q6YZX6	272	33	47%	98.59/5.67	1
12	pyruvate orthophosphate dikinase	NP_001050430	276	30	47%	87.70/5.37	1
13	pyruvate orthophosphate dikinase	NP_001050430	116	16	23%	87.70/5.37	1
14	alcohol dehydrogenase 1	ABA92030	77	7	26%	38.14/6.19	2
15	hypothetical protein	BAD61634	65	5	36%	15.63/9.99	12
16	glycyl-tRNA synthetase	NP_001062369	95	11	22%	77.65/5.95	9
17	stress-induced-phosphoprotein 1	NP_001047563	66	7	21%	65.16/6.03	2
18	hypothetical protein OsJ_11969	EEE59627	65	4	26%	13.99/4.99	12
19	hypothetical protein	BAD20105	64	7	31%	30.32/11.81	12
20	OSJNBa0039C07.11	CAE05155	88	14	26%	75.38/5.83	3
21	phosphoglucomutase	NP_001051066	310	31	64%	63.14/5.4	4
22	heat shock cognate 70 kDa protein	ABF95267	247	28	47%	71.93/5.3	2
23	heat shock cognate 70 kDa protein	ABF95267	150	23	52%	71.93/5.3	2
24	endosperm lumenal binding protein	AAB63469	128	19	29%	73.67/5.3	3
25	endosperm lumenal binding protein	AAB63469	211	21	36%	73.67/5.3	3

Table S1 - The protein spots identified by MALDI-TOF-MS.

26	endosperm lumenal binding protein	AAB63469	199	21	33%	73.67/5.3	3
27	hypothetical protein OsI_37938	EEC69073	184	19	37%	76.45/5.11	6
28	hypothetical protein OsI_37938	EEC69073	146	18	29%	76.45/5.11	6
29	protein disulfide-isomerase A1	NP_001045579	113	13	28%	62.44/4.76	6
30	Os10g0505900	NP_001065009	70	7	17%	45.55/4.74	2
31	Os10g0505900	NP_001065009	121	12	31%	45.55/4.74	2
32	Os10g0505900	NP_001065009	170	18	42%	45.55/4.74	2
33	Os10g0505900	NP_001065009	128	15	34%	45.55/4.74	2
34	alcohol dehydrogenase	NP_001067484	109	14	42%	41.70/6.2	1
35	succinate dehydrogenase (ubiquinone) flavoprotein subunit	NP_001058845	169	18	40%	69.49/6.61	4
36	aspartyl-tRNA synthetase	NP_001047770	165	17	35%	61.45/5.99	9
37	hypothetical protein OsJ_16432	EEE61811	166	16	40%	57.26/5.74	3
38	2-isopropylmalate synthase B	ABA91408	174	19	40%	68.86/6.46	1
39	putative β-N-acetylhexosaminidase	AAT77374	106	15	33%	59.01/5.71	1
40	2-isopropylmalate synthase	NP_001066116	151	17	35%	68.87/6.46	1
41	Os03g0214000	NP_001049368	156	15	36%	68.72/5.88	5
42	asparaginyl-tRNA synthetase	NP_001043066	199	23	40%	62.95/5.68	9
43	pyruvate decarboxylase 2	AAA90948	204	17	37%	65.34/5.9	3
44	hypothetical protein OsJ_07413	EAZ23710	70	8	19%	59.74/9.83	4
45	pyruvate decarboxylase	NP_001049811	210	17	40%	65.76/5.53	1
46	hypothetical protein OsI_04213	EEC71703	148	17	37%	60.95/5.36	5
47	heat shock 70kDa protein 1/8	NP_001044757	170	25	42%	71.31/5.1	2
48	putative globulin	AAS07324	124	14	30%	63.85/8.35	2
49	Os02g0250600	NP_001046445	64	9	22%	47.34/6.4	12
50	hypothetical protein OsI_30268	EAZ08004	118	17	34%	64.24/6.59	5
51	pyrophosphate-fructose-6-phosphate 1-phosphotransferase	NP_001057284	233	23	52%	61.91/6.01	1
52	pyrophosphate-fructose-6-phosphate 2-phosphotransferase	NP_001057284	238	24	55%	61.91/6.01	1
53	ketol-acid reductoisomerase	NP_001043738	103	10	31%	59.99/5.73	1
54	Chain A, ketol-acid reductoisomerase	3FR7_A	159	17	45%	57.57/5.46	3

55	enolase	ABB46862	79	8	26%	51.89/5.72	3
56	UTP-glucose-1-phosphate uridylyltransferase	NP_001063879	197	15	52%	51.82/5.43	1
57	Chain A, ketol-acid reductoisomerase	3FR7_A	110	12	34%	57.57/5.46	3
58	fructose-bisphosphate aldolase, class I	NP_001045130	92	9	33%	39.14/8.35	4
59	chaperonin GroEL	NP_001064784	112	13	32%	61.10/5.71	3
60	glucose-6-phosphate isomerase	NP_001063415	101	15	27%	68.84/5.71	4
61	Os06g0114000	NP_001056601	168	17	37%	64.33/5.6	3
62	60 kDa chaperonin α subunit	AAP44754	281	23	59%	61.48/5.36	3
63	60 kDa chaperonin α subunit	AAP44754	75	23	27%	61.48/5.36	3
64	protein disulfide isomerase	BAA92322	76	10	34%	33.50/4.81	6
65	protein disulfide isomerase	BAA92322	197	17	59%	33.50/4.81	6
66	granule-bound starch synthase 1	AEB52353	79	7	26%	45.35/6.14	4
67	granule-bound starch synthase 1	AEB52353	185	19	59%	45.35/6.14	4
68	UDP glucose 6-dehydrogenase	NP_00105132	184	21	57%	53.44/5.79	4
69	ATP synthase F0 subunit 1	YP_002000594	234	26	57%	55.62/5.85	10
70	hypothetical protein OsI_38072	EAY82861	80	10	35%	32.83/8.61	5
71	ATP synthase F0 subunit 1	YP_002000594	207	24	49%	55.62/5.85	10
72	putative selenium binding protein	BAB40923	139	17	51%	51.33/5.73	3
73	prolyl aminopeptidase 2	Q6K669	128	19	38%	62.18/8.29	6
74	inositol-3-phosphate synthase	ABF94421	76	9	35%	44.41/5.38	2
75	glucose-1-phosphate adenylyltransferase large chain	BAD68891	165	16	34%	57.74/5.48	1
76	hypothetical protein OsI_10505	EAY89022	104	11	29%	58.83/5.5	6
77	glucose-6-phosphate isomerase	BAD08451	196	23	43%	68.77/5.88	1
78	alanine transaminase	NP_001064504	258	28	52%	53.13/6.23	4
79	alanine transaminase	NP_001064504	217	20	46%	53.13/6.23	4
80	glutathione reductase (NADPH)	NP_001048485	118	15	41%	53.87/6.24	1
81	putative inosine monophosphate dehydrogenase	AAK09225	115	13	39%	52.85/6.03	1
82	Os03g0793700	NP_001051533	200	19	38%	52.44/6.78	2
83	alanine transaminase	NP_001064504	112	12	30%	53.13/6.23	4

84	alanine transaminase	NP_001064504	80	11	19%	53.13/6.23	4
85	aldehyde dehydrogenase (NAD ⁺)	NP_001057358	126	16	37%	59.61/6.33	1
86	glucose-1-phosphate adenylyltransferase	NP_001061603	86	9	28%	53.20/5.87	1
87	aldehyde dehydrogenase (NAD ⁺)	NP_001057358	95	14	26%	59.61/6.33	1
88	glucose-1-phosphate adenylyltransferase	NP_001061603	102	11	33%	53.20/5.87	1
89	retrotransposon protein	ABA92141	71	17	11%	218.17/8.75	3
90	wheat adenosylhomocysteinase-like protein	AAO72664	133	16	39%	53.86/5.62	3
91	hypothetical protein OsI_25188	EEC81650	261	24	56%	57.60/5.98	3
92	2-phospho-D-glycerate hydroylase	AAN04181	109	9	28%	46.20/5.16	3
93	hypothetical protein OsI_25188	EEC81650	161	18	39%	57.60/5.98	3
94	enolase	AAC49173	116	15	34%	48.30/5.42	4
95	enolase	NP_001049556	179	20	58%	48.29/5.32	4
96	2-phosphoglycerate dehydratase	Q42971	214	24	63%	48.29/5.41	4
97	UTP-glucose-1-phosphate uridylyltransferase	NP_001063879	195	19	58%	51.82/5.43	1
98	F-type H ⁺ -transporting ATPase subunit β	NP_001043900	230	20	49%	59.60/6.1	4
99	F-type H ⁺ -transporting ATPase subunit β	NP_001056261	193	17	45%	59.01/5.95	4
100	F-type H ⁺ -transporting ATPase subunit β	NP_001056261	212	18	50%	59.01/5.95	4
101	V-type H ⁺ -transporting ATPase subunit β	NP_001057902	91	9	28%	54.14/5.07	4
102	hypothetical protein OsI_17385	EEC77995	95	12	24%	54.50/6.44	1
103	Cupin family protein	ABF94466	78	14	13%	74.70/6.02	2
104	6-phosphogluconate dehydrogenase	NP_001056586	77	21	42%	52.97/5.85	1
105	argininosuccinate synthase	NP_001066459	66	11	21%	52.50/6.59	1
106	putative aminoacylase	BAD10058	64	12	30%	49.86/5.88	1
107	argininosuccinate synthase	NP_001066459	100	10	24%	52.50/6.59	1
108	argininosuccinate synthase	NP_001066459	65	14	29%	52.50/6.59	1
109	OSJNBa0052P16.16	CAD39715	64	6	20%	48.00/6.64	12
110	glucose-1-phosphate adenylyltransferase	NP_001051184	68	15	37%	55.79/7.01	1
111	Os05g0418000	NP_001055566	64	9	28%	50.07/5.44	12
112	translation initiation factor 4A	NP_001045878	80	8	25%	47.39/5.43	8

113	hypothetical protein OsI_24355	EAZ02256	123	10	38%	48.64/5.23	8
114	amidase, hydantoinase/carbamoylase family protein	ABA99240	121	8	26%	51.80/5.41	6
115	eukaryotic initiation factor 4A	BAA02152	80	12	29%	47.19/5.29	8
116	glucose-1-phosphate adenylyltransferase	NP_001062808	106	8	24%	55.10/6.23	1
117	TPA_exp: transposase	DAA02079	66	9	18%	72.82/9.31	9
118	Os10g0188500	NP_001176052	146	4	34%	21.14/4.81	12
119	hypothetical protein OsI_27570	EEC82801	64	9	10%	131.01/8.46	7
120	hypothetical protein OsI_09330	EAY87910	86	16	38%	47.04/4.94	3
121	isocitrate dehydrogenase	NP_001043749	64	8	22%	46.36/6.34	4
122	alcohol dehydrogenase 1	ABA92030	64	10	22%	38.14/6.19	2
123	hypothetical protein OsI_18007	EEC78293	94	10	23%	59.89/5.58	5
124	L-iditol 2-dehydrogenase	NP_001062412	70	9	33%	39.99/6.03	4
125	alcohol dehydrogenase 1	ABA92030	65	6	14%	38.14/6.19	2
126	L-iditol 2-dehydrogenase	NP_001062412	98	16	55%	39.99/6.03	1
127	L-iditol 3-dehydrogenase	NP_001062412	68	11	30%	39.99/6.03	1
128	L-iditol 4-dehydrogenase	NP_001062412	113	17	55%	39.99/6.03	1
129	hypothetical protein OsJ_06802	EEE57026	90	5	25%	34.307/8.1	3
130	hypothetical protein OsI_05369	EAY77382	95	6	18%	45.69/5.74	3
131	tryptophanyl-tRNA synthetase	NP_001066951	83	13	37%	46.53/5.62	9
132	guanine nucleotide-exchange protein GEP2	AAM00191	105	13	7%	199.20/5.49	7
133	Os02g0158900	NP_001045960	70	10	31%	44.69/5.47	12
134	Os04g0429200	NP_001173940	85	5	31%	15.49/6.89	12
135	hypothetical protein OsJ_11020	EAZ27089	66	4	60%	7.64/9.76	12
136	OSJNBb0050O03.16	CAE01726	64	5	25%	36.58/5.37	3
137	monodehydroascorbate reductase	BAA77282	66	12	50%	43.04/5.36	2
138	actin	NP_001065830	68	13	45%	41.82/5.31	3
139	actin	NP_001054419	86	12	40%	41.90/5.23	3
140	retrotransposon protein	ABA95357	87	11	4%	319.63/8.44	1
141	3-isopropylmalate dehydrogenase	NP_001050807	85	10	29%	41.37/5.3	1

142	hypothetical protein OsI_13391	EAY91751	64	5	30%	14.96/9.58	12
143	glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase	NP_001053139	65	14	48%	36.92/6.34	4
144	phosphoglycerate kinase	NP_001058317	64	9	31%	42.31/6.19	5
145	glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase	NP_001053139	129	11	39%	36.92/6.34	1
146	Os04g0338000	NP_001052494	80	11	33%	38.50/6.03	1
147	RGP2 protein	CAA09470	99	9	26%	39.53/8.08	3
148	aspartate aminotransferase	NP_001048397	76	14	35%	50.55/8.16	1
149	L-iditol 2-dehydrogenase	NP_001062412	93	11	29%	39.99/6.03	1
150	OrysaZxa	Q75H81	219	19	54%	42.11/5.75	12
151	L-iditol 2-dehydrogenase	NP_001062412	66	18	59%	39.99/6.03	1
152	elongation factor Tu	NP_001051912	83	18	44%	48.56/6.04	8
153	aspartate-semialdehyde dehydrogenase	NP_001051347	111	8	32%	40.44/6.73	1
154	Os06g0215100	NP_001057134	70	7	29%	43.7/9.51	12
155	IAA-amino acid hydrolase	NP_001043347	138	13	41%	47.28/5.66	1
156	phosphoglycerate kinase	NP_001046020	69	14	47%	42.20/5.64	5
157	Os07g0120900	NP_001058784	66	8	20%	58.43/8	12
158	Os04g0386600	NP_001052622	72	14	47%	41.64/5.66	1
159	reversibly glycosylated polypeptide	CAA77235	82	11	37%	41.86/5.82	3
160	succinyl-CoA synthetase β subunit	NP_001047463	119	8	21%	45.41/5.98	4
161	glucose-6-phosphate 1-epimerase	NP_001054126	177	11	51%	38.10/5.1	1
162	Os03g0843300	NP_001051862	66	7	28%	34.78/4.9	12
163	hypothetical protein OsI_32784	EAY77740	91	7	26%	36.60/5.27	1
164	Os03g0161100	NP_001049041	69	18	7%	317.24/4.96	7
165	glucose and ribitol dehydrogenase homolog	Q75KH3	64	11	31%	32.48/5.76	1
166	enoyl-[acyl-carrier protein] reductase I	NP_001061557	64	10	36%	39.28/8.81	1
167	malate dehydrogenase	NP_001064860	65	7	26%	35.89/5.75	4
168	malate dehydrogenase	NP_001064860	105	11	44%	35.89/5.75	4
169	Os05g0116000	NP_001054469	71	7	31%	38.46/5.81	12
170	Os02g0821001	NP_001173211	67	4	72%	8.81/10.25	12

171	guanine nucleotide-binding protein subunit β-2-like 1 protein	NP_001043910	77	6	27%	36.67/5.97	7
172	acyl-[acyl-carrier-protein] desaturase 2, chloroplastic	Q8S059	66	14	39%	45.08/6.39	1
173	malate dehydrogenase	NP_001064860	65	8	33%	35.89/5.75	4
174	Os03g0793700	NP_001051533	67	13	31%	52.44/6.78	2
175	guanine nucleotide-binding protein subunit β-2-like 1 protein	NP_001043910	65	6	31%	36.67/5.97	7
176	hypothetical protein OsJ_12925	EAZ28885	110	9	23%	49.98/7.74	2
177	hypothetical protein OsJ_12925	EAZ28885	76	7	21%	49.98/7.74	2
178	globulin-like protein	AAM33459	64	9	18%	52.38/6.78	2
179	Os03g0793700	NP_001051533	64	15	35%	52.44/6.78	2
180	hypothetical protein OsJ_12925	EAZ28885	66	10	26%	49.98/7.74	2
181	Os03g0327600	NP_001049995	64	10	39%	39.25/6.3	12
182	globulin-like protein	AAM33459	66	7	23%	52.38/6.78	2
183	Os03g0327600	NP_001049995	72	10	39%	39.25/6.3	12
184	hypothetical protein OsJ_06082	EEE56662	66	8	15%	53.83/9.14	6
185	Os01g0762500	NP_001044328	66	7	24%	56.78/9.09	6
186	Os03g0793700	NP_001051533	88	9	28%	52.47/6.78	2
187	Os11g0701100	NP_001068520	76	9	29%	31.86/6.12	1
188	translation initiation factor 3 subunit I	NP_001061508	121	8	26%	36.53/5.94	8
189	metal-dependent hydrolase-like protein	BAD15421	71	8	30%	29.60/6.19	1
190	receptor protein kinase-like	BAD73679	86	7	16%	70.30/7.1	5
191	hypothetical protein OsI_07904	EEC73520	69	10	16%	81.34/9.36	12
192	Os03g0663800	NP_001173574	96	10	35%	45.51/6.07	2
193	Os03g0663800	NP_001173574	66	10	35%	45.51/6.07	2
194	Os03g0663800	NP_001173574	161	9	30%	45.51/6.07	2
195	unknown protein	AAN05517	107	7	41%	35.44/5.57	12
196	Os03g0663800	NP_001173574	67	10	35%	45.51/6.07	2
197	Os03g0663800	NP_001173574	72	10	35%	45.51/6.07	2
198	lactoylglutathione lyase	NP_001061172	64	9	39%	32.88/5.51	1
199	Os03g0663800	NP_001173574	103	8	31%	45.51/6.07	2

200	enoyl-[acyl-carrier protein] reductase I	NP_001061557	73	9	34%	39.28/8.81	1
201	unnamed protein product	BAH00330	65	5	44%	20.73/6.18	1
202	hypothetical protein OsJ_13801	EAZ29742	67	12	37%	54.48/9.06	2
203	putative glucanase	BAB85436	181	12	42%	34.23/5.35	4
204	lactoylglutathione lyase	NP_001061172	83	12	46%	32.88/5.51	1
205	hypothetical protein	AAT44171	182	6	52%	16.21/10.35	12
206	hypothetical protein OsI_11164	EEC75053	134	5	33%	31.78/5.11	1
207	hypothetical protein OsI_11164	EEC75053	81	9	31%	31.78/5.11	1
208	α -soluble NSF attachment protein	NP_001061446	64	5	20%	32.75/5.04	3
209	Os06g0341300	NP_001057565	64	10	48%	27.91/4.19	12
210	Os12g0626500	NP_001067326	156	8	41%	19.89/4.57	12
211	Os03g0663800	NP_001173574	120	9	33%	45.51/6.07	2
212	Os02g0580300	NP_001047234	68	14	54%	29.85/4.71	3
213	14-3-3-like protein gf14-6	ABR25721	87	5	58%	16.42/4.57	3
214	Os04g0462500	NP_001053003	64	8	37%	29.96/4.76	3
215	Os08g0430500	NP_001061856	118	5	30%	28.98/4.78	3
216	Os11g0546900	NP_001068067	109	13	56%	29.36/4.83	3
217	Os08g0480800	NP_001062060	68	13	48%	29.10/4.85	3
218	Os04g0404400	NP_001052704	219	12	48%	31.33/4.9	12
219	hypothetical protein	BAD16983	161	4	72%	10.94/8.53	12
220	OSJNBb0014D23.1	CAE05267	154	6	12%	74.92/5.76	12
221	Os03g0663800	NP_001173574	75	9	33%	45.51/6.07	2
222	hydroxyacylglutathione hydrolase	NP_001050016	71	9	46%	29.00/5.43	1
223	inorganic pyrophosphatase	NP_001054331	150	10	50%	24.29/5.59	1
224	Os07g0170200	NP_001058990	75	6	21%	31.09/9.6	7
225	Os05g0569500	NP_001056364	124	10	35%	26.74/5.58	12
226	Cupin family protein, expressed	ABF95817	103	13	26%	61.74/7.18	2
227	hypothetical protein OsJ_12925	EAZ28885	68	7	19%	49.98/7.74	2
228	globulin-like protein	AAM33459	120	9	21%	52.38/6.78	2

229	hypothetical protein OsJ_25289	EEE67666	80	10	7%	213.77/4.93	12
230	hypothetical protein OsJ_19146	EEE64309	65	7	21%	30.55/6.66	1
231	Cupin family protein	ABF95817	87	15	30%	61.74/7.18	2
232	hypothetical protein	BAD81742	99	5	46%	18.85/9.00	12
233	thioredoxin peroxidase A	P0C5C8	89	6	31%	24.23/5.97	1
234	hypothetical protein OsI_26825	EAZ04671	67	5	40%	23.72/5.78	2
235	protein of unknown function DUF1264 family protein	NP_001044131	66	13	60%	27.72/5.98	3
236	retrotransposon protein, putative, Ty3-gypsy subclass	ABB47110	103	10	10%	151.89/7.91	7
237	Os03g0277500	NP_001049720	65	8	66%	15.05/5.54	12
238	thioredoxin 1	NP_001051587	119	7	52%	14.90/5.67	3
239	20S proteasome subunit β 6	NP_001063603	141	8	39%	24.61/6.43	3
240	Os03g0822200	NP_001051733	82	11	52%	27.95/6.34	1
241	Os11g0701100	NP_001068520	73	8	30%	31.86/6.12	1
242	Cupin family protein	ABF95817	70	10	21%	61.74/7.18	2
243	Os03g0659300	NP_001050818	94	5	50%	15.17/5.48	1
244	Os05g0116100	NP_001054470	67	7	46%	23.73/5.81	3
245	Os05g0542500	NP_001056195	66	10	36%	20.50/5.89	3
246	unnamed protein product	AAA72362	66	10	36%	20.26/6.6	12
247	unnamed protein product	AAA72362	65	10	35%	20.26/6.6	12
248	unnamed protein product	AAA72362	109	12	38%	20.26/6.6	12
249	Os09g0467200	NP_001063423	128	10	39%	25.34/5.5	3
250	triosephosphate isomerase (TIM)	NP_001042016	116	8	62%	27.27/5.38	4
251	20S proteasome subunit α 2	NP_001047516	112	10	48%	25.83/5.39	3
252	unnamed protein product	AAA72362	75	9	28%	20.26/6.6	12
253	hypothetical protein	BAD62040	92	4	46%	8.49/4.75	12
254	triosephosphate isomerase (TIM)	NP_001042016	66	7	35%	27.27/5.38	4
256	triosephosphate isomerase (TIM)	NP_001042016	105	8	44%	27.27/5.38	4
255	unknown protein	BAD53921	67	11	17%	70.92/8.08	12
257	triosephosphate isomerase (TIM)	NP_001063777	118	13	43%	32.715/6.96	4

258	putative chaperonin 21 precursor	BAD35232	64	13	69%	23.20/5.72	3
259	hypothetical protein	BAD19892	102	3	76%	7.02/9.4	12
260	glutathione S-transferase	NP_001059595	82	9	42%	26.04/5.01	1
261	Os03g0197300	NP_001049271	106	7	21%	68.53/5.52	2
262	Os03g0197300	NP_001049271	146	8	21%	68.53/5.52	2
263	Os03g0197300	NP_001049271	86	8	19%	68.53/5.52	2
264	Os03g0197300	NP_001049271	67	8	18%	68.53/5.52	2
265	Os01g0210500	NP_001042368	116	5	34%	23.75/4.73	3
266	hypothetical protein	BAD87149	111	4	47%	12.71/11.12	12
267	Os03g0197300	NP_001049271	175	6	18%	68.53/5.52	2
268	Os03g0197300	NP_001049271	67	6	18%	68.53/5.52	2
269	hypothetical protein OsI_19379	EEC78937	94	7	21%	53.68/5.55	1
270	hypothetical protein OsI_28286	EAZ06044	89	11	20%	38.65/5.85	3
271	Os05g0468800	NP_001055802	103	8	47%	18.23/5.71	1
272	Os10g0437500	NP_001064677	98	5	25%	19.16/5.61	12
273	Os08g0129200	NP_001060914	64	5	47%	19.02/6.28	3
274	Os03g0305600	NP_001049884	97	9	54%	18.42/6.42	2
275	Os07g0191700	NP_001059096	64	8	8%	129.06/8.84	12
276	α -amylase inhibitor	ACV41264	65	5	35%	15.89/6.51	2
277	hypothetical protein OsI_09038	EEC74046	147	6	21%	42.96/8.85	9
278	hypothetical protein OsI_01558	EEC70487	124	5	36%	17.91/6.41	12
279	hypothetical protein OsI_08519	EEC73809	79	6	22%	44.51/4.94	12
280	hypothetical protein OsJ_05706	EEE56482	80	11	15%	90.63/8.69	12
281	hypothetical protein OsI_11558	EEC75250	104	8	19%	55.96/5.48	1
282	hypothetical protein OsJ_33343	EEE51843	92	8	19%	61.38/6.98	5
283	regulator of ribonuclease activity	ABR25651	65	8	64%	18.28/5.61	9
284	Os01g0184100	NP_001042231	81	6	40%	18.13/5.61	2
285	Os01g0722800	NP_001044103	69	5	36%	18.34/5.35	12
286	Os05g0157200	NP_001054704	69	8	45%	18.16/5.22	2

287	hypothetical protein OsI_35528	EAY80356	64	5	56%	19.19/6.36	12
288	Os01g0225600	NP_001042461	88	6	52%	16.29/5	2
289	Os06g0363701	NP_001174783	64	10	11%	152.05/5.3	12
290	hypothetical protein OsI_19752	EEC79115	64	4	41%	17.41/6.49	1
291	hypothetical protein OsJ_13801	EAZ29742	70	7	20%	54.48/9.06	2
292	retrotransposon protein	ABA95630	68	6	27%	36.39/6.27	9
293	hypothetical protein OsI_21855	EEC80108	67	4	13%	15.02/5.85	1
294	hypothetical protein OsJ_09934	EEE58599	66	4	58%	11.23/10.32	12
295	hypothetical protein OsJ_30719	EEE50570	65	4	38%	15.26/5.08	1
296	OSJNBa0009K15.7	CAE05087	90	11	8%	195.33/8.62	11
297	hypothetical protein	AAL84309	64	7	22%	35.02/6.51	11
298	hypothetical protein	BAD05367	64	4	34%	12.67/7.85	12
299	Os06g0221300	NP_001057177	65	6	32%	18.45/6.18	3
300	transposon protein	AAK52138	68	7	35%	23.00/11.05	9
301	putative gypsy-type retrotransposon	AAL58269	74	8	7%	165.47/9.53	7
302	cofilin	NP_001051721	64	6	56%	16.05/5.72	3

^a Number of matched peptides. ^b Sequence coverage.

^c Functional categories of the proteins. The numbers indicate the protein function category: 1 - Metabolism, 2 - Disease/defense, 3 - Cell structure, 4 - Energy, 5 - Signal transduction, 6 - Protein destination and storage, 7 - Cell growth/division, 8 - Protein synthesis, 9 -Transcription, 10 - Transporters, 11 - Intracellular traffic and 12 - Unknown protein.

Protein	Protein name	Accession no.	MOWSE	NMP ^a	SC ^b	Theoretical Mr	Function
no.			score			(kDa) and pI	
15	hypothetical protein	BAD61634	65	5	36%	15.63/9.99	12 ^c
18	hypothetical protein OsJ_11969	EEE59627	65	4	26%	13.99/4.99	12
19	hypothetical protein	BAD20105	64	7	31%	30.32/11.81	12
49	Os02g0250600	NP_001046445	64	9	22%	47.34/6.4	12
109	OSJNBa0052P16.16	CAD39715	64	6	20%	48.00/6.64	12
111	Os05g0418000	NP_001055566	64	9	28%	50.07/5.44	12
118	Os10g0188500	NP_001176052	146	4	34%	21.14/4.81	12
133	Os02g0158900	NP_001045960	70	10	31%	44.69/5.47	12
134	Os04g0429200	NP_001173940	85	5	31%	15.49/6.89	12
135	hypothetical protein OsJ_11020	EAZ27089	66	4	60%	7.64/9.76	12
142	hypothetical protein OsI_13391	EAY91751	64	5	30%	14.96/9.58	12
150	OrysaZxa	Q75H81	219	19	54%	42.11/5.75	12
154	Os06g0215100	NP_001057134	70	7	29%	43.87/9.51	12
157	Os07g0120900	NP_001058784	66	8	20%	58.43/8	12
162	Os03g0843300	NP_001051862	66	7	28%	34.78/4.9	12
169	Os05g0116000	NP_001054469	71	7	31%	38.46/5.81	12
170	Os02g0821001	NP_001173211	67	4	72%	8.81/10.25	12
181	Os03g0327600	NP_001049995	64	10	39%	39.25/6.3	12
183	Os03g0327600	NP_001049995	72	10	39%	39.25/6.3	12
191	hypothetical protein OsI_07904	EEC73520	69	10	16%	81.34/9.36	12
195	unknown protein	AAN05517	107	7	41%	35.44/5.57	12
205	hypothetical protein	AAT44171	182	6	52%	16.21/10.35	12
209	Os06g0341300	NP_001057565	64	10	48%	27.91/4.19	12
210	Os12g0626500	NP_001067326	156	8	41%	19.87/4.57	12

Table S2 - The unknown proteins identified by MALDI-TOF-MS.

218	Os04g0404400	NP_001052704	219	12	48%	31.33/4.9	12
219	hypothetical protein	BAD16983	161	4	72%	10.94/8.53	12
220	OSJNBb0014D23.1	CAE05267	154	6	12%	74.92/5.76	12
225	Os05g0569500	NP_001056364	124	10	35%	26.74/5.58	12
229	hypothetical protein OsJ_25289	EEE67666	80	10	7%	213.77/4.93	12
232	hypothetical protein	BAD81742	99	5	46%	18.85/9	12
237	Os03g0277500	NP_001049720	65	8	66%	15.05/5.54	12
246	unknown protein	AAA72362	66	10	36%	20.26/6.6	12
247	unknown protein	AAA72362	65	10	35%	20.26/6.6	12
248	unknown protein	AAA72362	109	12	38%	20.26/6.6	12
252	unknown protein	AAA72362	75	9	28%	20.26/6.6	12
253	hypothetical protein	BAD62040	92	4	46%	8.49/4.75	12
255	unknown protein	BAD53921	67	11	17%	70.92/8.08	12
259	hypothetical protein	BAD19892	102	3	76%	7.02/9.4	12
266	hypothetical protein	BAD87149	111	4	47%	12.71/11.12	12
272	Os10g0437500	NP_001064677	98	5	25%	19.16/5.61	12
275	Os07g0191700	NP_001059096	64	8	8%	129.06/8.84	12
278	hypothetical protein OsI_01558	EEC70487	124	5	36%	17.91/6.41	12
279	hypothetical protein OsI_08519	EEC73809	79	6	22%	44.51/4.94	12
280	hypothetical protein OsJ_05706	EEE56482	80	11	15%	90.63/8.69	12
285	Os01g0722800	NP_001044103	69	5	36%	18.34/5.35	12
287	hypothetical protein OsI_35528	EAY80356	64	5	56%	19.19/6.36	12
289	Os06g0363701	NP_001174783	64	10	11%	152.05/5.3	12
294	hypothetical protein OsJ_09934	EEE58599	66	4	58%	11.23/10.32	12
298	hypothetical protein	BAD05367	64	4	34%	12.67/7.85	12

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^a Number of matched peptides. ^b Sequence coverage. ^c 12: Unknown proteins.