

1 **Blocking palmitoylation of *Toxoplasma gondii* myosin light**
2 **chain 1 disrupts glideosome composition but has little impact**
3 **on parasite motility**

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14 **Abstract**

15 *Toxoplasma gondii* is a widespread apicomplexan parasite that causes severe disease in
16 immunocompromised individuals and the developing fetus. Like other apicomplexans, *T. gondii*
17 uses an unusual form of gliding motility to invade cells of its hosts and to disseminate throughout
18 the body during infection. It is well established that a myosin-based motor consisting of a Class
19 XIVa heavy chain (TgMyoA) and two light chains (TgMLC1 and TgELC1/2) plays an important
20 role in parasite motility. The ability of the motor to generate force at the parasite periphery is
21 thought to be reliant upon its anchoring and immobilization within a peripheral membrane-bound
22 compartment, the inner membrane complex (IMC). The motor does not insert into the IMC
23 directly; rather, this interaction is believed to be mediated by the binding of TgMLC1 to the
24 IMC-anchored protein, TgGAP45. The binding of TgMLC1 to TgGAP45 is therefore considered
25 a key element in the force transduction machinery of the parasite. TgMLC1 is palmitoylated, and
26 we show here that palmitoylation occurs on two N-terminal cysteine residues, C8 and C11.
27 Mutations that block TgMLC1 palmitoylation disrupt the association of TgMLC1 with the
28 membrane fraction of the parasite in phase partitioning experiments and completely block the
29 binding of TgMLC1 to TgGAP45. Surprisingly, the loss of TgMLC1 binding to TgGAP45 in
30 these mutant parasites has little effect on their ability to initiate or sustain movement. These
31 results question a key tenet of the current model of apicomplexan motility and suggest that our
32 understanding of gliding motility in this important group of human and animal pathogens is not
33 yet complete.

34 **Importance**

35 Gliding motility plays a central role in the life cycle of *T. gondii* and other apicomplexan
36 parasites. The myosin motor thought to power motility is essential for virulence but distinctly

37 different from the myosins found in humans. Consequently, an understanding of the
38 mechanism(s) underlying parasite motility and the role played by this unusual myosin may
39 reveal points of vulnerability that can be targeted for disease prevention and treatment. We show
40 here that mutations that uncouple the motor from what is thought to be a key structural
41 component of the motility machinery have little impact on parasite motility. This finding runs
42 counter to predictions of the current, widely-held “linear motor” model of motility, highlighting
43 the need for further studies to fully understand how apicomplexan parasites generate the forces
44 necessary to move into, out of and between cells of the hosts they infect.

45 **Introduction**

46 Toxoplasmosis is among the most widespread and common parasitic infections of humans (1).
47 Acute infection, while typically subclinical and self-limiting, can cause life-threatening disease
48 in immunocompromised individuals and the developing fetus. The causative agent of
49 toxoplasmosis is the protozoan parasite, *Toxoplasma gondii*. *T. gondii* and other parasites of the
50 phylum Apicomplexa, including those that cause malaria and cryptosporidiosis, use an unusual
51 form of substrate-dependent gliding motility to invade into and egress from host cells, migrate
52 across biological barriers, and disseminate through the infected host’s tissues (2-4).

53 Gliding motility in apicomplexan parasites is controlled, at least in part, by an unconventional
54 class XIVa myosin, MyoA (5-15). According to the “linear motor” model of motility that has
55 dominated the field for the last decade (reviewed in (16); see Fig. 1A), *T. gondii* MyoA
56 (TgMyoA) and its associated light chains (TgMLC1 and either TgELC1 or TgELC2) are
57 anchored to the parasite’s inner membrane complex (IMC) via the acylated glideosome-

58 associated protein, TgGAP45. TgGAP45, in turn, binds to the transmembrane proteins TgGAP40
59 and TgGAP50. TgGAP50 is firmly immobilized within the IMC lipid bilayer, potentially serving
60 as a fixed anchor against which the motor complex can generate force (17, 18). This large,
61 heterooligomeric protein complex (TgMyoA, its light chains, TgGAP40, TgGAP45 and
62 TgGAP50) is referred to as “the glideosome”. In the linear motor model, short actin filaments
63 located between the parasite plasma membrane and the IMC are connected to ligands on the
64 substrate through a glideosome-associated connector protein (GAC; (19)) that binds to the
65 cytosolic tails of surface adhesins. Because the motor is anchored into the IMC, when the motor
66 displaces the fixed actin filaments rearward, the parasite moves forward relative to the substrate
67 (Fig. 1A).

68 TgMLC1 is thought to play two key roles within the *T. gondii* glideosome. First, TgMLC1 binds
69 to the C-terminal tail of TgMyoA to reinforce the motor’s lever arm (10, 13, 20). The lever arm
70 amplifies small motions at the myosin active site into larger movements that are capable of
71 displacing actin filaments (10, 21). Consistent with this proposed function, recombinant
72 TgMyoA is inactive in *in vitro* motility assays in the absence of TgMLC1 ((10) and unpublished
73 data). Second, an interaction between the N-terminal portion of TgMLC1 and the C-terminal
74 portion of TgGAP45 is believed to be the critical link that tethers the motor to the IMC (Fig. 1A;
75 (22, 23). Given these proposed functions, is not surprising that TgMLC1 is an essential protein,
76 and parasites depleted of TgMLC1 are significantly impaired in 3D motility, invasion, and host
77 cell egress (24, 25).

78 While the importance of TgMyoA, TgMLC1 and the other glideosome components in motility is
79 well established, recent data have called into question whether they are organized and function as
80 described by the linear motor model and/or whether alternative motility mechanisms exist (24-

81 29). For example, the ability of apicomplexan parasites to rock back and forth on a substrate
82 along their anterior to posterior axis (30-36) is hard to reconcile with the linear motor model, as
83 is the ability of parasites engineered to lack key components of the glideosome to continue
84 moving ((24-26); see also (37)). Given the central importance of motility in the parasite's life
85 cycle and virulence, it is important to fully understand how these proteins work together to
86 generate the forces required to drive parasite movement.

87 S-palmitoylation is the reversible covalent attachment of a 16-carbon saturated fatty acid via a
88 thioester linkage to cysteine residues of integral and peripheral membrane proteins (38, 39). This
89 widespread post-translational modification of proteins mediates membrane association and can
90 regulate subcellular localization, trafficking, structure, stability and diverse aspects of protein
91 function (38, 40-42). Palmitoylation is thought to play an important role in the biology of *T.*
92 *gondii* and other apicomplexan parasites (43-54). Recent chemical proteomic studies identified
93 several hundred putatively palmitoylated proteins in *T. gondii* (282 unique proteins in one study
94 (54) and 401 in another (44)). Surprisingly, these proteins included all components of the
95 glideosome, including TgMLC1 (44, 54).

96 TgMLC1 contains five cysteine residues (Fig. 1B), two of which (C8 and C11) are predicted by
97 CSS-Palm 4.0 to be potential sites of palmitoylation. These two cysteines are found within the
98 apicomplexan-specific N-terminal extension of TgMLC1 (Fig. 1B), which is the region of the
99 protein that binds to TgGAP45 ((23); Fig. 1A). Given the important role that TgMLC1 is thought
100 to play in TgMyoA function and motility, we sought to experimentally confirm C8 and/or C11 as
101 the sites of TgMLC1 palmitoylation and to explore the phenotypic consequences of mutations
102 that block this modification.

103 **Results**

104 **Identification of the sites of palmitoylation on TgMLC1**

105 To determine whether C8 and/or C11 are sites of palmitoylation on TgMLC1, we replaced the
106 endogenous *TgMLC1* gene with mutant alleles that produce either single (C8S, C11S) or double
107 (C[8,11]S) cysteine to serine mutations, rendering these sites non-palmitoylatable. Each mutant
108 protein was also FLAG-tagged at its N-terminus (Fig. S1; see Table S1 for a list of parasite
109 strains used in this study and their designations). A fourth parasite line expressing FLAG-tagged
110 wild-type TgMLC1 was similarly generated (WT). To determine the effect (if any) of the
111 mutations on TgMLC1 palmitoylation, WT, C8S, C11S and C(8,11)S parasites were grown in
112 the palmitic acid analog, 17-octadecynoic acid (17-ODYA). FLAG-tagged TgMLC1 was then
113 immunoprecipitated and subjected to SDS-PAGE. Because 17-ODYA contains a terminal alkyne
114 group, it can be fluorescently tagged with rhodamine-azide through a copper-catalyzed
115 cycloaddition reaction; the amount of rhodamine bound to proteins in the immunoprecipitate can
116 then be visualized by fluorescence scanning (54). The amount of rhodamine fluorescence
117 associated with TgMLC1 (31 kDa) was significantly reduced in both the C8S and C11S mutants
118 compared to WT, with C8S showing a greater reduction than C11S (Fig. 2). In the C(8,11)S
119 double mutant, no 17-ODYA TgMLC1 labeling above background was detectable. In a previous
120 study, C8 and/or C11 were speculated to be sites of palmitoylation on TgMLC1, and parasites
121 expressing a second copy of TgMLC1 in which these two cysteines were mutated to alanines
122 were generated (23). To compare our results to theirs, we generated a C(8,11)A allelic
123 replacement line and found that, like the C(8,11)S double mutation, the C(8,11)A double

124 mutation completely blocked 17-ODYA labeling (Fig. 2). Taken together, these data identify C8
125 and C11 as essential for, and very likely the sites of, palmitoylation on TgMLC1.

126 **Subcellular localization of non-palmitoylatable TgMLC1**

127 TgMLC1 normally localizes uniformly around the parasite periphery (55). It was previously
128 reported that the C(8,11)A double mutation caused TgMLC1 to mislocalize to the cytosol (23). It
129 was therefore surprising that, in our hands, both the C(8,11)S and C(8,11)A mutant proteins
130 remained localized at the parasite periphery (Fig. 3). Re-examination of the images shown in
131 Frenal *et al.* (2010) revealed that most of the C(8,11)A mutant protein (named MLC1^{CC-AA} in
132 that study) was indeed also found at the parasite periphery, although there was a minor amount in
133 the cytosol (for comparison, see the localization of a different mutant in that same study, MLC1-
134 PGF^{AIA}, which was clearly cytosolic (23)). The fact that we detect little to no cytosolic staining
135 with the C(8,11)A allele may reflect differences between the two studies in protein expression
136 levels, since our mutant protein was expressed from the endogenous promoter at the endogenous
137 locus whereas the previous study expressed the mutant gene in parasites also expressing the
138 wild-type allele (23). Taken together, these data show that mutations that block TgMLC1
139 palmitoylation do not appreciably alter its localization at the parasite periphery.

140 **Blocking palmitoylation of TgMLC1 alters its phase partitioning in Triton X-114**

141 Next, we tested whether the mutations that block TgMLC1 palmitoylation within the parasite
142 alter the phase partitioning of the protein in the non-ionic detergent Triton X-114 (TX-114). TX-
143 114 efficiently solubilizes most proteins in the parasite at 4°C; when subsequently warmed above
144 the cloud point of the detergent (20°C), intermicellar interactions cause the solution to separate
145 into aqueous and detergent phases, which are enriched in hydrophilic and integral membrane

146 proteins, respectively (56, 57). WT, C8S and C11S TgMLC1 each partition roughly equally into
147 the aqueous and detergent phases, but the C(8,11)S TgMLC1 double mutant is found almost
148 entirely in the aqueous phase (Figs. 4A and S2), suggesting a lack of direct membrane
149 association in the absence of palmitoylation. Similar results were seen with the C(8,11)A double
150 mutant (Fig. 4A). As a control, the same samples were probed for TgGRA8, a dense granule
151 protein (58) unrelated to TgMLC1. As expected, the phase partitioning of TgGRA8 was
152 relatively unaffected by the TgMLC1 mutations (Figs. 4B and S2). These data suggest that the
153 peripheral localization we observed for the C(8,11)S and C(8,11)A TgMLC1 mutants is likely
154 mediated by interaction with other membrane-associated protein(s), rather than by a direct
155 association with the lipid bilayer itself.

156 **Effects of TgMLC1 palmitoylation on the composition of the glideosome**

157 In the 17-ODYA labeling experiments, two prominently labeled ~50 kDa proteins were
158 recovered in the FLAG-WT pulldowns in addition to FLAG-tagged TgMLC1, and these bands
159 were not present in pulldowns from either the C(8,11)S or C(8,11)A double mutant (Fig. 2,
160 asterisk). It was previously suggested that proteins of this size copurifying with WT TgMLC1
161 but not C(8,11)A might be other members of the glideosome complex (23). This hypothesis was
162 strengthened by our subsequent observation that most, if not all, glideosome components are
163 palmitoylated (54). We therefore analyzed the FLAG pulldowns of C8S, C11S and C(8,11)S
164 parasites by western blot with antibodies against TgGAP45, TgELC1 and TgMyoA. As
165 expected, TgGAP45 was recovered in the FLAG pulldown from parasites expressing WT
166 TgMLC1; in striking contrast, virtually no TgGAP45 was recovered in FLAG pulldowns from
167 parasites expressing C(8,11)S TgMLC1 (Fig. 5A). Pulldowns from parasites expressing the C8S
168 and C11S single mutations contain intermediate levels of TgGAP45. Quantification of the

169 western blot signals confirmed these observations, and revealed that concomitant with the
170 decrease in TgGAP45 in the IP of the double mutant, there was a 2-3-fold increase in the amount
171 of TgELC1 and TgMyoA recovered (Fig. 5B). Similar results were seen with the C(8,11)A
172 mutant (Fig. S3). The lack of TgGAP45 in the IP from the double mutant is not due to changes in
173 TgGAP45 expression in this parasite line, as western blots of parasite lysate before
174 immunoprecipitation show similar amounts of TgGAP45 (Fig. 5A and S3, “input”). Similarly,
175 anti-TgMyoA western blots of whole parasite lysates reveals no changes in the level of
176 expression of TgMyoA in either the C(8,11)S or C(8,11)A mutant parasite lines (Fig. S4).
177 Blocking TgMLC1 palmitoylation seems to therefore block its ability to interact with TgGAP45,
178 while simultaneously increasing its interaction with TgMyoA and TgELC1.

179 **Effect of TgMLC1 palmitoylation on parasite motility**

180 Given the dramatic effect of the C(8,11)S double mutation on the binding of TgMLC1 to
181 TgGAP45, we expected to see a major impact on parasite motility. However, the motility of the
182 double mutant parasites was indistinguishable from parasites expressing WT TgMLC1 in terms
183 of motility initiation, mean displacement, mean speed and maximum speed (Fig. 6). Track
184 length was slightly shorter in the C(8,11)S parasites, but still reached 88% of WT levels. Thus,
185 parasites in which TgMLC1 has lost its ability to interact with TgGAP45 nevertheless show near
186 normal motility.

187 This result was unexpected since, according to the linear motor model of motility, disruption of
188 the interaction between TgMLC1 and TgGAP45 should uncouple TgMyoA from the IMC,
189 rendering it incapable of generating the force required for movement ((23); Fig. 1A). We
190 therefore investigated whether the near normal motility observed in the mutants could be due to

191 changes in the composition of the glideosome that could functionally compensate for the lack of
192 TgMLC1-TgGAP45 interaction, such as the association of TgGAP45 with an alternative light
193 chain/myosin motor, or interaction of either TgMLC1 or TgMyoA with alternative GAP
194 proteins.

195 First, we asked whether TgGAP45 associates with any new proteins in the absence of its normal
196 interaction with TgMLC1. Parasites expressing either WT or C(8,11)S TgMLC1 were
197 metabolically labeled with ³⁵S-methionine/cysteine and the labeled proteins that co-
198 immunoprecipitated with TgGAP45 were resolved by SDS-PAGE, transferred to a PVDF
199 membrane and visualized by phosphorimaging. The same membrane used for phosphorimaging
200 was subsequently processed for western blotting with antibodies against TgMyoA, TgGAP45
201 and TgMLC1 to determine which of the ³⁵S-labeled bands comigrate with which of the
202 glideosome proteins. As expected, both TgMyoA and TgMLC1 co-immunoprecipitate with
203 TgGAP45 from ³⁵S-labeled WT parasites, whereas neither protein is recovered in TgGAP5
204 pulldowns from C(8,11)S parasites (Fig. 7A), confirming that the motor does not bind to
205 TgGAP45 in the absence of TgMLC1 palmitoylation. No ³⁵S-labeled bands were detected in the
206 TgGAP45 pulldowns from C(8,11)S parasites that were not also present in the pulldowns from
207 WT parasites (Fig. 7A). TgGAP45 therefore does not appear to interact to any
208 significant/stoichiometric extent with alternate ³⁵S-labeled myosins or myosin light chains when
209 its interaction with TgMLC1 is disrupted by the C(8,11)S mutation.

210 We did a similar experiment to see if TgMyoA interacts with alternative GAP(s) (23) or other
211 proteins in the C(8,11)S mutant, proteins that might serve to anchor TgMyoA into the IMC in the
212 absence of a normal TgMLC1-TgGAP45 interaction. First, we Ty-tagged TgMyoA at the
213 endogenous *TgMyoA* locus in both the WT and C(8,11)S backgrounds using CRISPR/Cas9 (Fig.

214 S5). We then analyzed Ty pulldowns from ³⁵S-labeled WT and C(8,11)S parasites. Ty-tagged
215 TgMyoA and associated TgMLC1 were recovered in the Ty pulldowns from both parasite lines
216 and, as expected, TgGAP45 was only recovered in pulldowns from WT parasites (Fig. 7B).
217 Again, no ³⁵S-labeled proteins were seen to associate with TgMyoA in the C(8,11)S parasites
218 that were not also detected in WT parasites, so there is no evidence that TgMyoA interacts with
219 new binding partners in the C(8,11)S double mutant (Fig. 7B).

220 Finally, we tested whether the mutant C(8,11)S TgMLC1 itself might interact with a different
221 IMC-anchored protein(s) that could functionally compensate for its lack of interaction with
222 TgGAP45. Anti-FLAG IPs from ³⁵S-labeled WT and C(8,11)S parasites again confirmed the
223 western blotting results presented in Figs. 5 and S3: compared to WT TgMLC1, C(8,11)S
224 TgMLC1 shows both a greatly reduced interaction with TgGAP45 and an increased interaction
225 with TgMyoA (Fig. 7C; quantitative western blot results from the same sample are shown in Fig.
226 S6). However, in this experiment we also saw a marked increase in the amount of an ~80kDa
227 kDa ³⁵S-labeled protein co-immunoprecipitating with C(8,11)S TgMLC1 compared to WT
228 TgMLC1 (Fig 7C, asterisk). This was intriguing since TgGAP80, a TgGAP45-related protein
229 that normally interacts with TgMyoC, is also reportedly capable of interacting with TgMLC1
230 (59). This raised the possibility that an increased interaction between C(8,11)S TgMLC1 and
231 TgGAP80 might functionally compensate for the loss of interaction between TgMLC1 and
232 TgGAP45 in the mutant parasites. We therefore repeated the FLAG-TgMLC1 pulldowns on a
233 preparative scale and determined the identity of each of the major bands recovered by
234 LC/MS/MS (Fig. S7 and Tables S1-S10). The ~80kDa band proved to be a truncated form of
235 TgMyoA rather than TgGAP80, and the increased levels of this TgMyoA fragment in the
236 C(8,11)S pulldown paralleled the increased levels of full-length TgMyoA. Taken together, these

237 data argue that the near normal motility seen in C(8,11)S parasites cannot be explained by the
238 binding of either TgGAP45 or components of the motor to alternative proteins that could
239 functionally compensate for the lack of interaction between TgMLC1 and TgGAP45.

240 **Discussion**

241 The apicomplexan glideosome plays a critical role in parasite motility, invasion and virulence.
242 Recent palmitome analyses have revealed that all known components of the *T. gondii*
243 glideosome are palmitoylated, including TgMyoA, TgMLC1, TgELC1, TgGAP40, TgGAP45
244 and TgGAP50 (44, 54). Widespread glideosome palmitoylation has also been reported in *P.*
245 *falciparum* (51, 60). Two of the *T. gondii* palmitoyl S-acyl transferases that are essential for
246 parasite survival (TgDHHC2, TgDHHC14) localize to the IMC (61, 62) and are therefore well-
247 situated to play a role in glideosome palmitoylation. The function of palmitoylation of one
248 glideosome component, TgGAP45, was established in an elegant set of experiments by Frenal,
249 Soldati-Favre and colleagues (23). Their study showed that C-terminal palmitoylation of
250 TgGAP45 anchors its C-terminus in the IMC, while the other end of the protein is anchored in
251 the plasma membrane via N-terminal palmitoylation and myristoylation. Acylation on the two
252 ends of the protein therefore enables TgGAP45 to bridge the gap between the IMC and the
253 plasma membrane; this determines the spacing between the two membranes and maintains the
254 integrity of the parasite pellicle (23). The function of palmitoylation of other glideosome
255 components is not known, and in most cases the specific residues palmitoylated on these other
256 proteins have not been determined. We have focused here on the function of TgMLC1
257 palmitoylation.

258 In the linear motor model of motility, TgMLC1 plays two key roles in force generation: it
259 stabilizes the TgMyoA lever arm (10, 13, 20), and it serves as a physical linker connecting the
260 TgMyoA motor to TgGAP45 and the IMC (22, 23). We show here that TgMLC1 is dually
261 palmitoylated, on C8 and C11 (Fig. 2). When we block palmitoylation by mutating these sites to
262 either serine or alanine, TgMLC1 shows reduced association with the membrane fraction in
263 phase-partitioning experiments (Fig. 4) and the mutant TgMLC1 no longer co-
264 immunoprecipitates with TgGAP45 (Figs. 5, S3). Nevertheless, the non-palmitoylated protein
265 continues to localize at the parasite periphery (Figs. 3, S1) and the motility of parasites
266 expressing the mutant protein is in most aspects indistinguishable from wild-type parasites (Fig.
267 6).

268 How does palmitoylation of C8 and C11 affect the ability of TgMLC1 to bind TgGAP45? The
269 detailed mechanism by which the N-terminus of TgMLC1 binds to the C-terminus of TgGAP45
270 (23) is unknown. Direct protein-protein interaction may be involved, as the mutation of two other
271 sets of conserved N-terminal amino acids in TgMLC1 (D26E28 and P36GF38) also interfere
272 with binding to TgGAP45 (23). The presence of the palmitates on C8 and C11 of TgMLC1
273 might help the interacting N-terminal residues of TgMLC1 transition from a disordered state (13,
274 20) into a binding-competent configuration. Alternatively, by inserting into the IMC membrane,
275 the acyl chains could position the relevant N-terminal residues of TgMLC1 favorably for
276 interaction with the C-terminus of TgGAP45, which is itself attached to the IMC membrane via
277 palmitoylation. It is also possible that the acyl chains on TgMLC1 and TgGAP45 themselves
278 interact within the plane of the membrane (20). In any of these cases, blocking TgMLC1
279 palmitoylation would be expected to inhibit TgMLC1-TgGAP45 interaction, as observed. It is
280 unlikely that palmitoylation is necessary for proper folding and stability of TgMLC1, as appears

281 to be the case with the *P. falciparum* MLC1 homolog, MTIP (51), since (a) we see no evidence
282 for increased degradation of the C(8,11)S mutant compared to WT TgMLC1 (Fig. S4) and (b)
283 the palmitoylation-deficient mutants continue to bind to TgMyoA (*e.g.*, Fig 5).

284 Our data argue against the model that binding to TgGAP45 is what localizes TgMLC1 (and,
285 therefore, TgMyoA) to the parasite periphery and anchors the motor in the IMC membrane. We
286 showed that palmitoylation-deficient TgMLC1 no longer interacts with TgGAP45, yet both
287 TgMLC1 (Figs. 3, S1) and TgMyoA (Fig. S5) continue to localize to the periphery in these
288 mutant parasites. Previous studies with parasites expressing mutant TgGAP45 also argue against
289 a model in which the localization of TgMLC1 is determined by TgGAP45: TgGAP45 lacking its
290 C-terminal palmitoylation sites becomes dissociated from the IMC, yet TgMLC1 nevertheless
291 remained IMC associated (23). It is not clear how palmitoylated TgMLC1 located within the
292 space between the IMC and plasma membrane would be targeted to the IMC rather than the
293 plasma membrane, if not through TgGAP45. The simplest hypothesis is that it interacts directly
294 with one of the other resident proteins of the IMC, such as the transmembrane proteins
295 TgGAP40 or TgGAP50. Alternatively, insertion of TgMLC1 into the IMC could be a direct
296 consequence of binding to (63) and/or palmitoylation by IMC-localized palmitoyl S-acyl
297 transferases (61, 62).

298 The most unexpected result of this study was that the motility of parasites expressing C(8,11)S
299 TgMLC1 was in most aspects indistinguishable from wild-type parasites (Fig. 6). This
300 observation suggests that the coupling of the motor complex to the IMC via TgGAP45 is
301 unnecessary for force generation by the parasite, and directly contradicts a fundamental tenet of
302 the linear motor model of motility. The near normal motility observed in the mutants does not
303 appear to be due to compensatory changes in glideosome composition in response to the

304 mutations (*i.e.*, TgGAP45 does not associate with alternative myosin light chain(s) or myosin
305 motor(s) in the C[8,11]S mutant, nor does the mutant TgMLC1 or TgMyoA interact with
306 alternative GAP proteins; Fig. 7). It remains formally possible that non-palmitoylatable TgMLC1
307 binds to TgGAP45 in the parasite, with a reduced affinity that is sufficient to maintain its
308 association with the IMC and support motility but insufficient to survive detergent extraction and
309 immunoprecipitation. While it is difficult to experimentally exclude this possibility, most
310 previous studies of glideosome composition and function have utilized a similar nonionic
311 detergent extraction/immunoprecipitation approach, which constitutes the operational definition
312 of the glideosome (17, 18, 23). Furthermore, our phase partitioning experiments independently
313 suggest that the mutant TgMLC1 has indeed lost its association with the IMC membrane.
314 Finally, recent data demonstrate that parasites lacking TgMLC1 altogether have a defect in
315 motility initiation, but those parasites that continue to move do so at normal speeds (25).

316 At a minimum, our data demonstrate that TgMLC1 palmitoylation affects its binding to
317 TgGAP45 but this palmitoylation plays little to no role in parasite motility, as assayed by the
318 most sensitive and quantitative assays currently available. The data also show clearly that the
319 inhibitory effects of the palmitoylation inhibitor 2-bromopalmitate on parasite motility are not
320 due to changes in palmitoylation of TgMLC1, as previously hypothesized, although changes in
321 the palmitoylation of other glideosome components could be involved (64). While the data
322 presented here do not, by themselves, disprove the linear motor model of motility, they add to a
323 growing list of evidence (24-29, 33) suggesting that the mechanisms underlying apicomplexan
324 parasite motility are more complicated than what is currently encapsulated by the linear motor
325 model. How the different motility-associated proteins of the parasite interact and work together

326 to generate the forces necessary to drive parasite movement and whether more than one
327 underlying mechanism exists remain important open questions for future study.

328 **Materials and Methods**

329 **Parasite culture**

330 *T. gondii* tachyzoites were maintained by serial passage in confluent monolayers of human
331 foreskin fibroblasts (HFFs) (ATCC CRL-1634) grown in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium
332 (DMEM), supplemented with 10% (v/v) heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum (FBS) and 10 mM
333 HEPES, pH 7.0, as previously described (65). The medium was changed to DMEM
334 supplemented with 1% (v/v) heat-inactivated FBS and 10 mM HEPES pH 7.0 prior to infection
335 of confluent HFFs with parasites.

336 **Generation of TgMLC1 knock-in mutants by allelic replacement**

337 Mutations were introduced into a previously described *TgMLC1* allelic replacement plasmid (55)
338 using the Quick Change site-directed mutagenesis kit (Agilent Technologies). *E. coli* were
339 transformed with the mutagenized plasmids and colonies screened by colony PCR and restriction
340 digestion. The entire open reading frame was sequenced to confirm the presence of only the
341 desired mutation(s). The allelic replacement plasmid was linearized with BglII and PciI and used
342 to transfect RH $\Delta ku80\Delta HXGPRT$ parasites. Successful integration of the mutated gene at the
343 endogenous locus yields phleomycin-resistant, FLAG-positive parasites. Parasites were therefore
344 subjected to two rounds of phleomycin selection, cloned by limiting dilution and characterized
345 by anti-FLAG immunofluorescence and immunoblotting, as well as diagnostic PCR to confirm
346 correct integration on the chromosome (see Fig. S1). Finally, the presence of the desired
347 mutations in individual clones was confirmed by sequencing of genomic DNA.

348 **Labeling with 17- ODYA**

349 ODYA labeling was performed as described previously (54).

350 **Epitope tagging of the *TgMyoA* locus using CRISPR/Cas9**

351 To insert the coding sequence for a Ty epitope tag at the C-terminus of *TgMyoA*, we constructed
352 plasmid pU6-MyoA, which contains the *TgMyoA* targeting chiRNA under the U6 promoter and
353 *Cas9* under the *TUB1* promoter (66). First, we synthesized a dsDNA oligo encoding the
354 protospacer sequence used to direct Cas9 to the C-terminal region of *TgMyoA*. To fuse the
355 *TgMyoA* protospacer to the chiRNA of the pU6-universal plasmid, forward and reverse oligos
356 corresponding to the *TgMyoA* 3' region were annealed by combining them (20µl each, 200µM
357 stocks) in duplex buffer (100mM potassium acetate; 30mM HEPES pH 7.5), heating them to
358 100°C for 2 minutes, then slowly cooling them to 25°C and letting them stand overnight to
359 generate double-stranded product. The duplexed oligos were dialyzed against deionized water,
360 phosphorylated using T4 polynucleotide kinase, and heat inactivated. Meanwhile, the pU6-
361 universal plasmid (5µg) was linearized by digesting with BsaI, dephosphorylated with Antarctic
362 phosphatase, heat inactivated and PCR purified. The phosphorylated, duplexed oligos were then
363 ligated into the pU6-universal plasmid to generate pU6-MyoAPS. Competent *E. coli* DH5- α
364 were transformed with the pU6-MyoAPS ligation mixture, and individual colonies with the
365 desired plasmid identified first by colony PCR, then by diagnostic PCR and sequencing. pU6-
366 MyoAPS was transfected along with duplexed, dialyzed homologous recombination (HR) oligos
367 into WT and C(8,11)S parasites. Ty-positive parasites were identified by immunofluorescence,
368 cloned by limiting dilution and confirmed as expressing TgMyoA-Ty from the endogenous

369 *TgMyoA* locus by immunofluorescence, diagnostic PCR (see Fig. S5), and sequencing of
370 genomic DNA.

371 **Immunofluorescence**

372 HFF cells were infected for 15h and fixed with 4% (v/v) paraformaldehyde in PBS (15 min,
373 25°C). Fixed cells were washed and permeabilized with PBS containing 0.25% (v/v) Triton-X-
374 100 for 20 minutes, washed 3 times with PBS and blocked (30 min, 25°C) in Block buffer (PBS
375 containing 1% [w/v] BSA). The cells were then incubated for 1hr with primary antibodies
376 diluted as follows with Block buffer: mouse monoclonal anti-FLAG (Sigma Aldrich) at 1:500;
377 rabbit anti-GAP45 polyclonal serum (a generous gift from Dr. Con Beckers (17)) at 1:1000;
378 rabbit anti-MyoA polyclonal serum (67) at 1:20; and rabbit anti-ELC1 polyclonal serum at
379 1:500. Samples were washed 3 times and incubated a further 30 min in goat-anti-rabbit IgG
380 conjugated to Alexa fluor 546 (Invitrogen) or goat-anti-mouse IgG conjugated to Alexa fluor 488
381 (Invitrogen), each diluted 1:500 in Block buffer. After four final washes in PBS, fluorescence
382 was visualized by epifluorescence microscopy.

383 **Immunoprecipitation**

384 For anti-FLAG immunoprecipitations, 2×10^7 freshly egressed parasites were extracted for 45
385 minutes on ice in 3 ml of FLAG lysis buffer (10 mM imidazole pH 7.4, 300 mM NaCl, 1 mM
386 EGTA, 5 mM MgCl₂, 1 % (w/v) TX-100, 2 mM DTT, 2mM ATP) containing 1:100 (v/v)
387 protease inhibitors (Sigma #P8340). The extract was divided into two equal portions and
388 insoluble material was pelleted at 10,000xg (30 min, 4°C). Each ~1.5 ml of supernatant was used
389 to resuspend 20 ul of packed anti-FLAG M2 affinity resin (Sigma), then rocked gently overnight
390 at 4°C. After three washes with the FLAG wash buffer (FLAG lysis buffer containing 1:500

391 (v/v) protease inhibitors), bound proteins from the pooled washed resin were eluted with 100 μ g
392 of FLAG peptide (Sigma) in FLAG wash buffer. Eluates were resolved by SDS-PAGE and
393 proteins visualized by immunoblotting. Primary and secondary (IRDye 680-conjugated anti-
394 rabbit IgG and IRDye 800-conjugated anti-mouse IgG) antibodies were diluted for use in
395 Odyssey blocking buffer (LI-COR). The blots were scanned using an Odyssey CLx infrared
396 imager (LI-COR). Images were processed using Image Studio software (LI-COR). Signal
397 intensities of bands being compared were normalized as described in the figure legends.

398 **³⁵S-Metabolic labeling**

399 For ³⁵S metabolic labeling, confluent HFF cells in a T75 flask were infected with 1x10⁷
400 tachyzoites and incubated for 16-20 hours. The infected cells were then incubated in
401 methionine/cysteine-free DMEM (GIBCO) containing 1% (v/v) FBS for 1 hr, followed by 24 hr
402 in DMEM containing 500 μ Ci ³⁵S-Easytag mix (Perkin Elmer). Infected cells were detached from
403 the flask using a cell scraper, washed twice with ice-cold PBS, and lysed in FLAG lysis buffer
404 for anti-FLAG immunoprecipitation, or TX-100 lysis buffer (1% v/v TX-100, 50 mM Tris HCl
405 pH 8.0, 150 mM NaCl, 2 mM EDTA and 1:200 (v/v) protease inhibitors) for anti-Ty and anti-
406 GAP45 immunoprecipitations. Immunoprecipitation was performed as described above except
407 that, after incubation with primary antibody, protein A-Sepharose (Invitrogen) was added and
408 incubated for 1hr with gentle agitation at 4°C to collect the immune complexes. After three
409 washes with either FLAG wash buffer or TX-100 IP wash buffer (1% v/v TX-100, 50 mM Tris,
410 pH 8.0, 150 mM NaCl, 5 mM EDTA and 1:500 protease inhibitors), bound proteins were eluted
411 in SDS-PAGE sample buffer by boiling at 100°C for 5 minutes. Samples were then resolved by
412 SDS-PAGE, and transferred to PVDF membranes for phosphorimaging and immunoblotting.

413 **Phase separation of parasite proteins in Triton X-114**

414 The phase separation was performed as previously described (56-58). Briefly, 4×10^8 tachyzoites
415 were extracted in 1 ml extraction buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.4, 150 mM NaCl, 0.5% (v/v)
416 precondensed TX-114 (Pierce) and 1:100 [v/v] dilution of protease inhibitors) for 90 minutes on
417 ice. Insoluble material was removed by centrifugation (twice at 13,000xg for 5 min at 4°C). The
418 cleared extract was overlaid onto a 750 μ l prechilled sucrose cushion (6% [w/v] sucrose, 10 mM
419 Tris-HCl, pH 7.4, 150 mM NaCl and 0.06% [v/v] precondensed Triton X-114), incubated for 5
420 minutes at 37°C and centrifuged to separate the detergent and aqueous phases by centrifugation
421 (37°C, 3000xg, 5 min). Partitioning was repeated once on each phase and the collected samples
422 were resolved by SDS-PAGE and analyzed by sequential incubations of a single western blot
423 with anti-TgMyoA, -TgGAP45, -TgMLC1 and -TgELC1, followed by the appropriate secondary
424 antibodies.

425 **Motility assays**

426 3D motility assays in Matrigel were performed as previously described (55, 68).

427 **Protein identification by mass spectrometry analysis**

428 Dried tryptic peptides recovered from excised gel bands (69) were dissolved in 10 μ l 0.1%
429 formic acid and 2.5% acetonitrile, and 2 μ l were analyzed on the Thermo Q-Exactive mass
430 spectrometer coupled to an EASY-nLC system (Thermo Fisher). Peptides were separated on a
431 fused silica capillary (12 cm x 100 μ m I.D) packed with Halo C18 (2.7 μ m particle size, 90 nm
432 pore size, Michrom Bioresources) at a flow rate of 300 nl/min. Peptides were introduced into the
433 mass spectrometer via a nanospray ionization source at a spray voltage of 2.2 kV. Mass

434 spectrometry data were acquired in a data-dependent top-10 mode, and the lock mass function
435 was activated (m/z, 371.1012). Full scans were acquired from m/z 350 to 1,600 at 70,000
436 resolution (automatic gain control [AGC] target, 1e6; maximum ion time [max IT], 100 ms;
437 profile mode). Resolution for dd-MS² spectra was set to 17,500 (AGC target: 1e5) with a
438 maximum ion injection time of 50 ms. The normalized collision energy was 27 eV. A gradient of
439 0 to 40% acetonitrile (0.1% FA) over 55 min was applied. The spectra were searched against the
440 *T. gondii* protein database (<http://www.toxodb.org/toxo/>) by Proteome Discoverer (PD) 2.0. The
441 search parameters permitted a 10 ppm precursor MS tolerance and a 0.02 Da MS/MS tolerance.
442 Carboxymethylation of cysteines was set up as fixed modification and Oxidation of methionine
443 (M) was allowed as variable modification. Up to three missed tryptic cleavages of peptides were
444 considered with the false-discovery rate set to 1% at the peptide level.

445 **Figure and Table Legends**

446 **Figure 1. Schematic illustrations of the glideosome and TgMLC1 domain structure. (A)** In
447 the linear motor model of motility (reviewed in (16)), the TgMyoA motor (TgMyoA and its
448 associated light chains, TgMLC1 and either TgELC1 or TgELC2) is anchored to the parasite's
449 inner membrane complex (IMC) via the acylated glideosome-associated protein, TgGAP45, and
450 the transmembrane proteins TgGAP40 and TgGAP50. The luminal portion of GAP50 is thought
451 to interact with GAPM, a protein that spans the inner IMC membrane, and which likely connects
452 the entire glideosome to the underlying parasite cytoskeleton. Short actin (TgACT1) filaments
453 located between the parasite plasma membrane and the IMC are connected to ligands on the
454 substrate through a linker protein, possibly the glideosome-associated connector protein (GAC),
455 which binds to the cytosolic tails of surface adhesins such as TgMIC2. The TgMyoA motor

456 displaces the actin filaments rearward; because the motor is connected to the IMC and the actin
457 is connected to the substrate, this causes the parasite to move forward relative to the substrate.
458 The depiction of a pair of acyl chains on the N-terminus of TgMLC1 (red squiggles) and their
459 interaction with the IMC membrane is based on results reported here. **(B)** TgMLC1 consists of a
460 44-amino acid N-terminal extension, a central disordered region, and four EF hand-like domains,
461 which interact with the tail of TgMyoA. The positions of the five cysteines in the protein are
462 shown in blue; CSS-Palm 4.0 predicted C8 and C11 as likely sites of palmitoylation.

463 **Figure 2. Cys8 and Cys11 are the likely sites of palmitoylation on TgMLC1.** Parasites
464 expressing either wild-type (WT) or mutant FLAG-tagged TgMLC1 were labeled with the
465 palmitic acid analog 17-ODYA, and anti-FLAG resin was then used to pull down FLAG-
466 TgMLC1 and associated proteins. The proteins in the pulldown were resolved by SDS-PAGE
467 and visualized either by rhodamine fluorescence scan (upper panel), to show the position of 17-
468 ODYA in the gel, or by western blotting with anti-TgMLC1 (lower panel). Numbers on the left
469 indicate molecular mass in kDa; only the ~30kDa portion of the western blot is shown. The
470 predominant ~31-kDa ODYA-labeled band comigrates with FLAG-TgMLC1; its labeling
471 intensity is reduced in the C8S and C11S single mutants and abolished completely in the
472 C(8,11)S and C(8,11)A double mutants. The western blot shows similar protein loads in all
473 samples. The asterisk indicates a doublet of ODYA-labeled proteins at ~50kDa that is pulled
474 down with wild-type FLAG-TgMLC1 but not with either of the double mutants – see text for
475 details.

476 **Figure 3. C(8,11)S and C(8,11)A mutations do not affect localization of TgMLC1 to the**
477 **parasite periphery.** Infected HFF cells were fixed, permeabilized and stained for FLAG-tagged
478 TgMLC1 (red) or TgGAP45 (green). The corresponding merged and DIC images are also

479 shown. Upper panels compare the localization of WT *vs.* C(8,11)S TgMLC1; lower panels
480 compare WT *vs.* C(8,11)A TgMLC1. Scale bar = 10 μ m.

481 **Figure 4. Blocking TgMLC1 palmitoylation causes the protein to shift into the aqueous**
482 **phase in Triton X-114.** WT, C8S, C11S, C(8,11)S and C(8,11)A parasites were extracted at
483 4°C in Triton X-114 and the extracted proteins phase partitioned by shifting the temperature to
484 20°C. The amounts of **(A)** TgMLC1 and **(B)** TgGRA8 recovered in the detergent (grey) and
485 aqueous (black) phases from each sample were determined by quantitative western blotting (see
486 Fig. S2 for a representative western blot), and are displayed here as the percentage of the total
487 TgMLC1 recovered in the two phases combined. The data shown are the means and standard
488 error of the mean (SEM) from 2 (C8S, C11S) or 4 (WT, C[8,11]S) independent replicates;
489 C(8,11)A parasites were analyzed once.

490 **Figure 5. Blocking TgMLC1 palmitoylation alters the composition of the glideosome. (A)**
491 Parasites expressing wild-type or mutant FLAG-tagged TgMLC1 were gently extracted in Triton
492 X-100, and the soluble proteins (Input) were used for anti-FLAG immunoprecipitations (FLAG
493 IP). Immunoprecipitated proteins were resolved by SDS-PAGE and analyzed by sequential
494 western blotting with anti-TgMyoA, -TgGAP45, -TgMLC1 and -TgELC1; the fluorescent signal
495 intensity of each immunoreactive band is indicated by the white number below the band (relative
496 fluorescence units). Numbers on the left indicate molecular mass in kDa. **(B)** The signal
497 intensities of TgGAP45, TgMyoA and TgELC1 immunoprecipitated from the C(8,11)S mutant
498 parasite line is shown relative the corresponding band from the WT line, after normalizing to the
499 amount of TgMLC1 recovered in each sample. Shown are the means and SEM from six
500 independent experiments; differences were assessed using an unpaired two-tailed t-test.

501 **Figure 6. Mutations that block TgMLC1 palmitoylation and disrupt glideosome**
502 **composition have little effect on parasite motility.** The upper panels show maximum intensity
503 projections of the Hoechst 33342-stained WT or C[8,11]S parasites that moved within a 3-
504 dimensional model extracellular matrix (Matrigel) during 60 sec of image capture. Scale bar = 50
505 μm . The table below shows the motility parameters calculated from three independent motility
506 assays (each consisting of three technical replicates); numbers for each parameter represent the
507 means +/- SEM. The total number of trajectories analyzed for each parasite line is also shown.
508 Differences between WT and C(8,11)S parasites for each motility parameter were assessed using
509 an unpaired two-tailed t-test and the resulting *p* values are shown in the righthand column.

510 **Figure 7. No changes in glideosome composition that could compensate for the loss of**
511 **TgGAP45-TgMLC1 interaction are observed in C(8,11)S parasites.** Parasites were labeled
512 for 24 hr in medium containing (^{35}S)- methionine/cysteine and gently extracted in Triton X-100.
513 Soluble proteins were immunoprecipitated as described below, resolved by SDS-PAGE,
514 transferred to a PVDF membrane and visualized by phosphorimaging (shown here). The same
515 membrane was subsequently used for western blotting, probing with antibodies against
516 TgMyoA, TgGAP45 and TgMLC1 (not shown) to determine which ^{35}S -labeled bands
517 corresponded to which glideosome proteins. Numbers on the left of each panel indicate
518 molecular mass in kDa. (A) To test whether TgGAP45 interacts with any new proteins in
519 C(8,11)S parasites, ^{35}S -labeled proteins from WT and C(8,11)S parasites were
520 immunoprecipitated with anti-TgGAP45, resolved by SDS/PAGE and visualized by
521 phosphorimaging. No bands were detected in the pulldowns from C(8,11)S parasites that were
522 not already present in the pulldowns from WT parasites. The band migrating immediately below
523 TgGAP45 in the WT sample was recovered in some pulldowns but not others and may represent

524 a breakdown product of TgGAPA45 (see Fig. S7). **(B)** To test whether TgMyoA interacts with
525 any new proteins in the C(8,11)S parasites, ³⁵S-labeled proteins immunoprecipitated using anti-
526 Ty from WT-MyoATy and C(8,11)S-MyoATy parasites were compared. No bands were
527 detected in the pulldowns from C(8,11)S parasites that were not already present in the pulldowns
528 from WT parasites. **(C)** To test whether C(8,11)S TgMLC1 interacts with any new proteins
529 compared to WT TgMLC1, ³⁵S-labeled proteins immunoprecipitated using anti-FLAG from WT
530 and C(8,11)S parasites were compared. Asterisk indicates an ~80K band enriched in the FLAG
531 pulldown of C(8,11)S compared to WT; this protein was shown to be a fragment of TgMyoA
532 (see text). The relative amounts of TgMyoA and TgGAP45 pulled down in Panel C were
533 quantified by western blotting as shown in Fig. S6.

534 **Table 1: Strains generated and used in this study, with their relevant genotypes**

535 **Supplementary figure legends and tables**

536 **Figure S1. Generation and characterization of TgMLC1 knock-in parasites.** **(A)** Allelic
537 replacement strategy. The *TgMLC1* allele was targeted in *RHΔku80* parasites using 5' and 3'
538 *TgMLC1* homology regions flanking a construct that consisted of cDNA encoding full-length
539 TgMLC1 (wildtype or mutant) with an N-terminal FLAG tag, the 3' untranslated region (UTR)
540 from *DHFR*, and a selection cassette consisting of the *GRA1* promoter, the phleomycin
541 resistance gene (*ble*) and the 3' UTR from *SAG1*. The binding location of PCR primers P1-P4
542 (which correspond to Primers 25-28, respectively, in Supplementary Table 11) and the
543 corresponding expected amplicon sizes are indicated in red. This same strategy was used to
544 generate all TgMLC1 knock-in lines. Panels B-D illustrate how insertion at the genomic locus
545 and correct localization and expression of the mutant protein was confirmed in each knock-in

546 line; results for the C(8,11)S parasite line are shown here. **(B)** PCR results using primer pairs
547 P1+P2 and P3+P4 on parental (*Δku80*) and C(8,11)S parasites after allelic replacement. DNA
548 ladder is shown in the leftmost lane, numbers indicate base pairs. **(C)** Immunofluorescence
549 staining of C(8,11)S parasites with anti-GAP45 (red) and anti-FLAG (green) confirms
550 expression and proper (peripheral) localization of the FLAG-tagged TgMLC1. Scale bar = 10
551 μm. **(D)** Western blot of C(8,11)S parasites stained with anti TgMyoA (green) and anti-FLAG
552 (red) confirms expression and proper size of the FLAG-tagged protein. Numbers on the left
553 indicate molecular mass in kDa. Successful allelic replacement by constructs expressing WT,
554 C8S, C11S and C8A11A TgMLC1 were similarly confirmed by PCR, immunofluorescence and
555 western blot.

556 **Figure S2. Triton X-114 phase partitioning of parasites expressing WT vs. palmitoylation-**
557 **deficient TgMLC1.** WT, C8S, C11S and C8SC11S parasites were extracted at 4°C in Triton X-
558 114 and subjected to phase partitioning at 20°C. Proteins present in the lysate before partitioning
559 (Whole lysate) and in the aqueous and detergent phases after partitioning were resolved by SDS-
560 PAGE and visualized either by **(A)** Western blotting with anti-TgMLC1 (green) and anti-
561 TgGRA8 (red), or **(B)** Colloidal Coomassie staining. Numbers on the left of each panel indicate
562 molecular mass in kDa.

563 **Figure S3. Similar changes in the composition of the glideosome are observed in C(8,11)S**
564 **and C(8,11)A parasites.** **(A)** Parasites expressing wild-type or mutant FLAG-tagged TgMLC1
565 were gently extracted in Triton X-100, and the soluble proteins (Input) used for anti-FLAG
566 immunoprecipitations. Proteins that bound to the anti-FLAG affinity resin and those that did not
567 (Bound, Unbound) were recovered and analyzed by SDS-PAGE and sequential western blotting

568 with anti-TgMyoA, -TgGAP45, -TgMLC1 and -TgELC1. The signal intensity of each
569 immunoreactive band was quantified (white number below the band; relative fluorescence units).
570 Numbers on the left indicate molecular mass in kDa. **(B)** The signal intensities of TgGAP45,
571 TgMyoA and TgELC1 pulled down from each of the parasite lines is shown relative the
572 corresponding band from WT parasites, after normalizing to the amount of TgMLC1 recovered
573 in each sample. Shown are the means and SEM from three independent experiments; data were
574 analyzed using one-way ANOVA.

575 **Figure S4. WT, C(8,11)S and C(8,11)A parasites express equivalent amounts of both**
576 **FLAG-tagged TgMLC1 and TgMyoA.** Parasite proteins were extracted in boiling SDS-PAGE
577 sample buffer, resolved by SDS-PAGE and visualized by western blotting with anti-TgMyoA
578 and anti-TgMLC1 (left panel) or anti-TgIMC1 (right panel) as a loading control. The signal
579 intensity of each immunoreactive band was quantified (white number below the band; relative
580 fluorescence units). Numbers on the left indicate molecular mass in kDa. **(B)** The signal
581 intensities of TgMyoA and TgMLC1 in each of the parasite lines is shown relative the
582 corresponding band from wildtype parasites, after normalizing to the amount of TgIMC1 in each
583 sample.

584 **Figure S5. Generation and characterization of parasites expressing C-terminally Ty-tagged**
585 **TgMyoA.** **(A)** Schematic representation of the *TgMyoA* locus after the insertion of Ty tag at the
586 3' end using CRISPR-Cas9. The binding location of PCR primers P1-P3 and the expected
587 amplicon sizes are indicated. Primers P1, P2 and P3 correspond to primers 20, 22 and 21,
588 respectively, in Supplementary Table 11. **(B)** PCR results using primer pairs P1+P2 and P1+P3
589 on parental parasites (*Δku80*) and the WT and C(8,11)S lines after Ty tagging the *TgMyoA* locus.

590 DNA ladder is shown in the leftmost lane, numbers indicate base pairs. **(C)** Immunofluorescence
591 staining of WT-MyoATy and C(8,11)S-MyoATy parasites with anti-Ty (red) and anti-GAP45
592 (green) confirms expression and proper localization of Ty-tagged TgMyoA in the two lines.
593 Scale bar = 10 μ m. **(D)** Western blots of WT-MyoATy and C(8,11)S-MyoATy parasites probed
594 with anti-Ty (red) followed by anti-TgMyoA and TgMLC1 (green) confirms similar expression
595 levels of TgMyoA in the two lines. Numbers on the left indicate molecular mass in kDa.

596 **Figure S6:** The western blot signal intensities of **(A)** TgMyoA and **(B)** TgGAP45 pulled down
597 from WT or C(8,11)S parasites in Fig. 7C, after normalizing for the amount of TgMLC1
598 recovered in each sample. Shown are the means and SEM from two independent experiments;
599 differences were assessed using an unpaired two-tailed t-test.

600 **Figure S7. Preparative SDS-PAGE of anti-FLAG immunoprecipitated proteins from WT**
601 **and C(8,11)S parasites.** Proteins immunoprecipitated using anti-FLAG from WT and C(8,11)S
602 parasites were resolved by SDS-PAGE and stained with colloidal Coomassie Blue. The major
603 stained bands were excised, digested with trypsin and identified by LC/MS-MS as described in
604 Materials and Methods. Numbers on the left indicate molecular mass in kDa. Labels on the right
605 indicate the major protein identified in the band and the LC/MS-MS data file on which this
606 identification was based (see Table S1 for a summary of the LC/MS-MS results and Tables S2-
607 S10 for the raw data for each band).

608 **Supplementary Tables 1-10: Identification of protein bands recovered in the anti-FLAG**
609 **immunoprecipitates from WT and C(8,11)S parasites.** Protein identification data for the nine
610 excised bands shown in Fig. S6 are summarized in Table S1, and the raw LC/MS-MS results for
611 each individual band are provided in Tables S2-S10.

612 **Supplementary Table 11. List of oligonucleotides used in this study**

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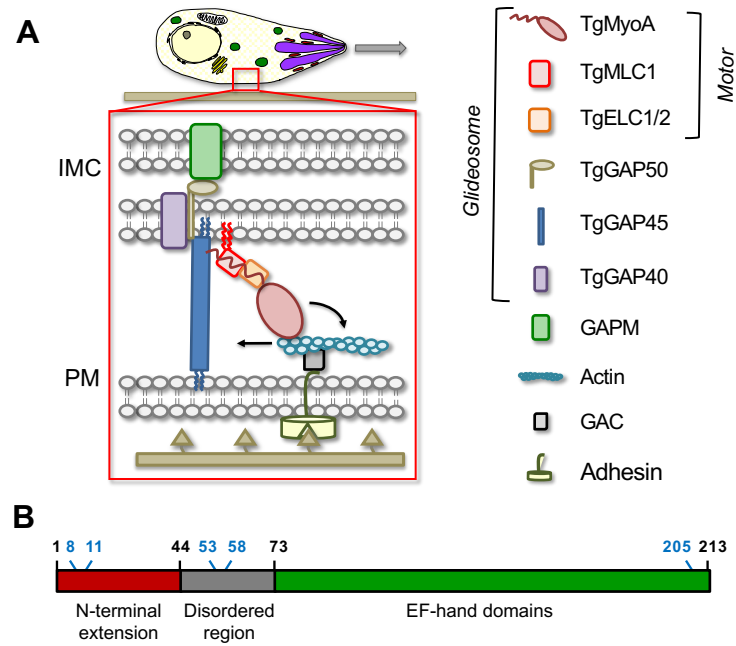


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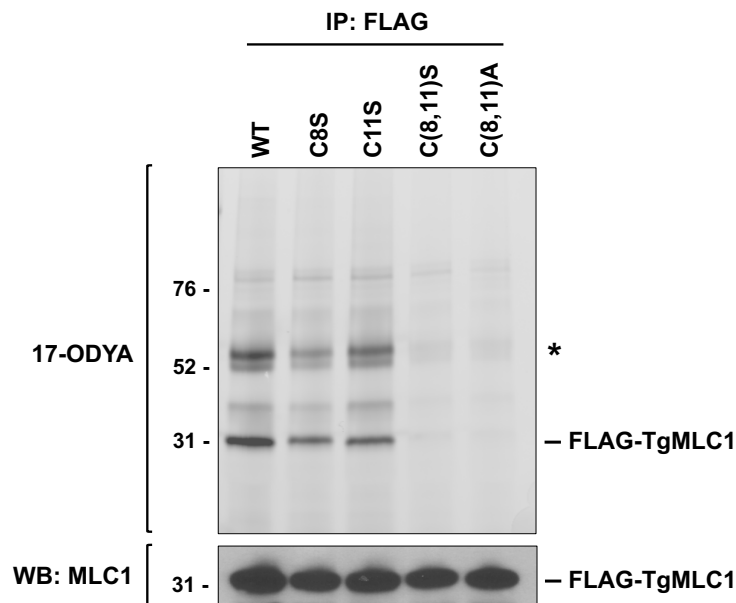


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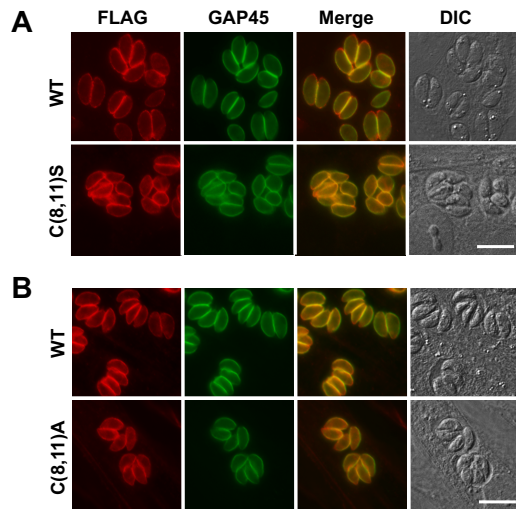


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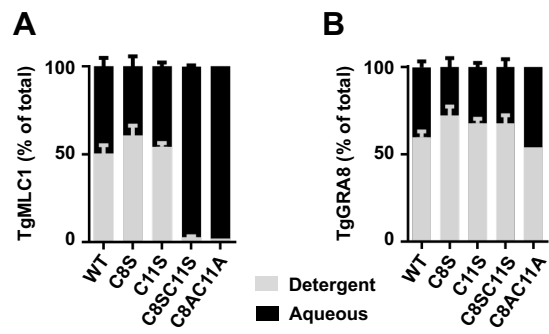


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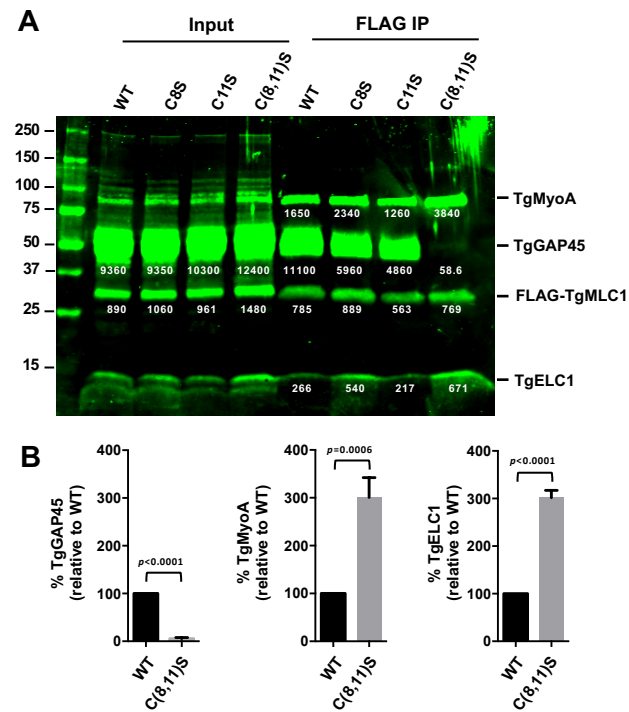


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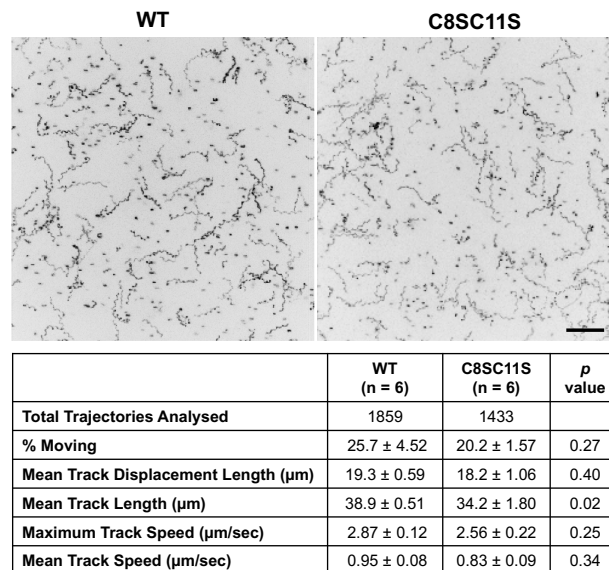


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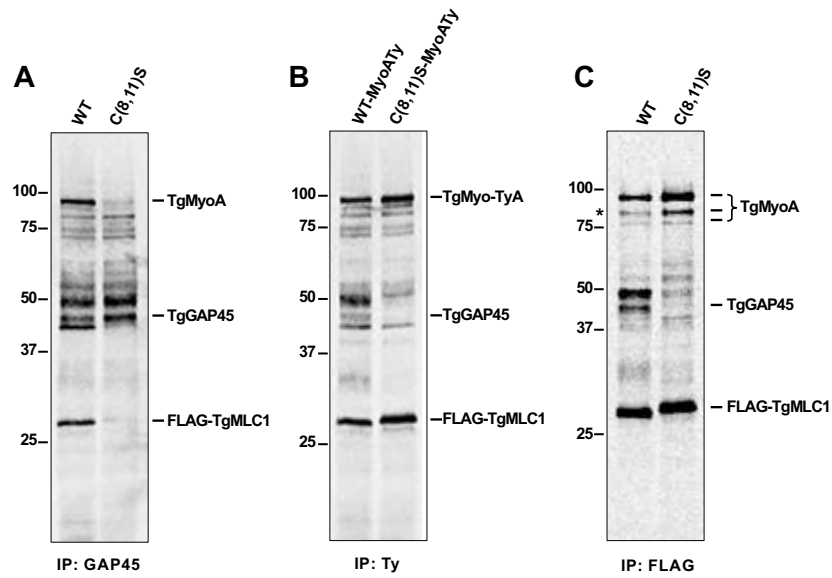


Table 1: Parasite strains used in this study

Strain designation	Relevant genotype
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C11S	<i>RHΔku80Δmlc1::Flag-MLC1^{C11S}</i>
C(8,11)S	<i>RHΔku80Δmlc1::Flag-MLC1^{C8SC11S}</i>
C(8,11)A	<i>RHΔku80Δmlc1::Flag-MLC1^{C8AC11A}</i>
WT-MyoATy	<i>RHΔku80Δmlc1::Flag-MLC1ΔmyoA::MYOA-Ty</i>
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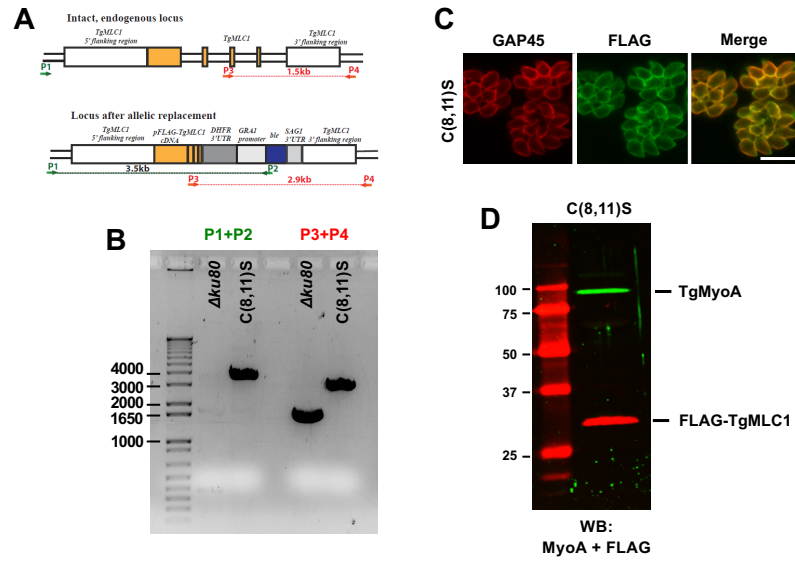


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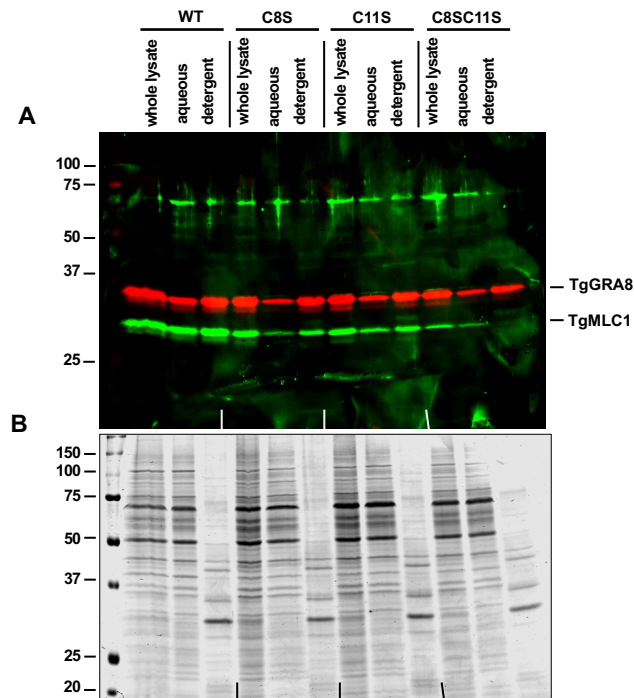


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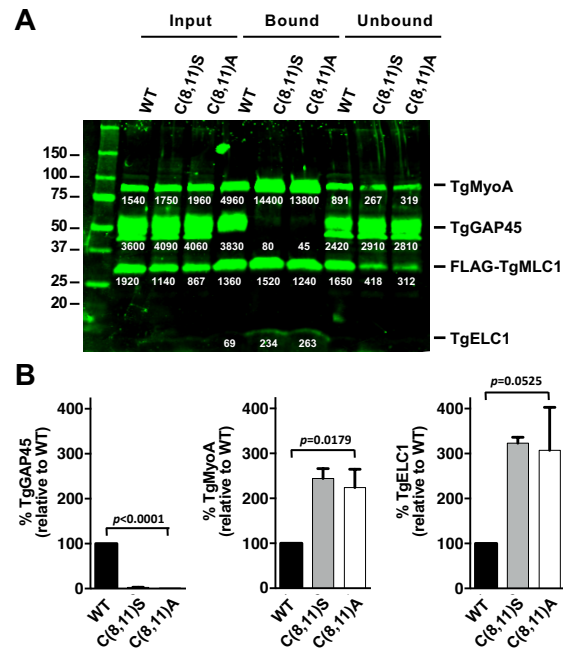


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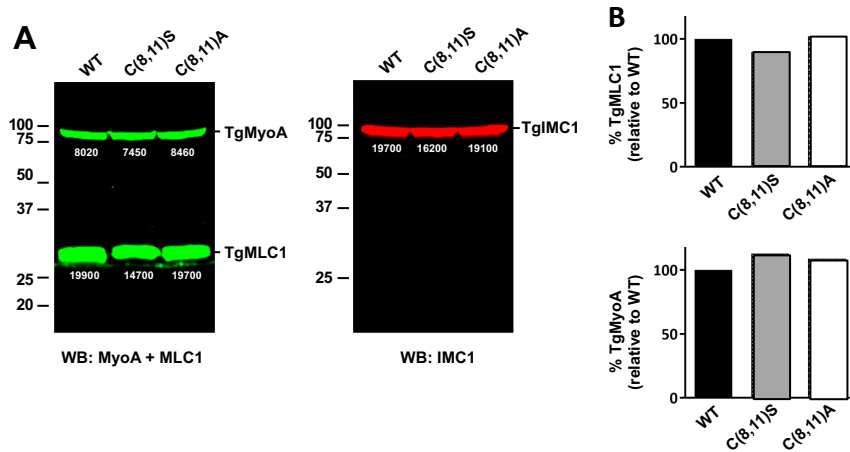


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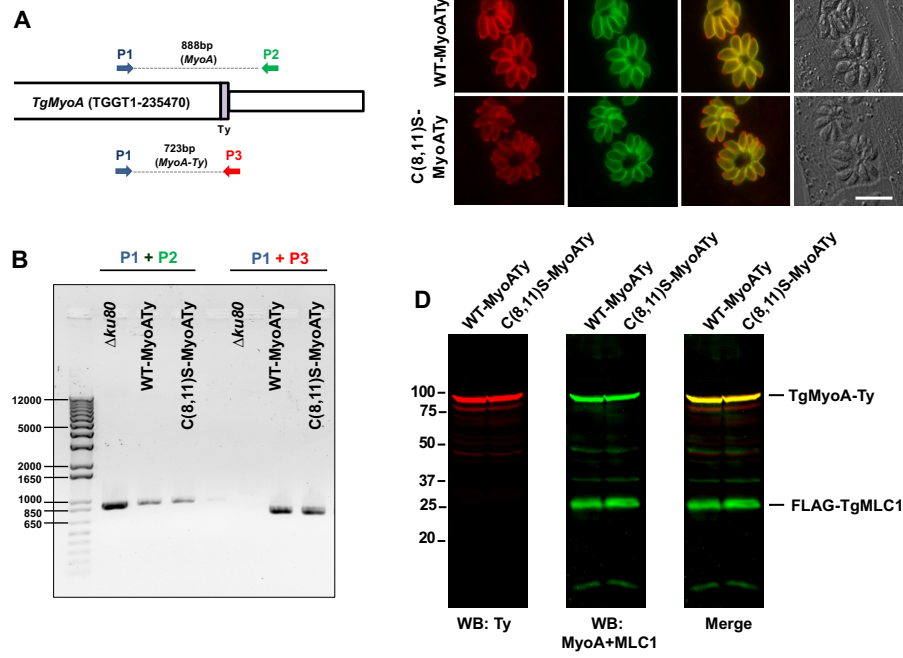


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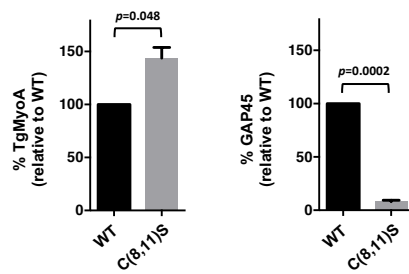


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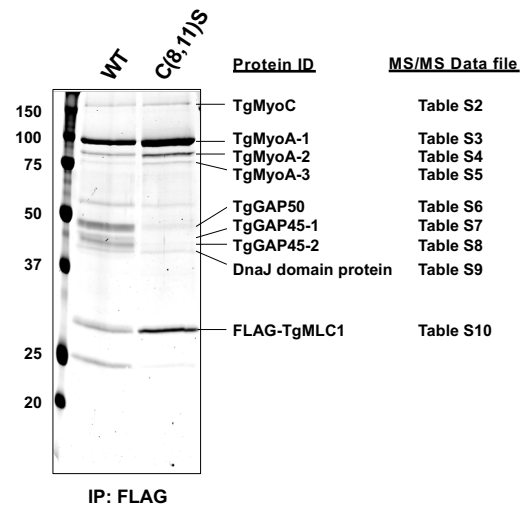


Table S1

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TgMyoA-3	TGME49_235470	90.4	32.37	22	32
TgGAP50	TGME49_219320	98.9	34.57	13	28
TgGAP45-1	TGME49_223940	161.2	52.24	15	55
TgGAP45-2	TGME49_223940	255.4	54.69	16	81
DnaJ domain protein	TGME49_267430	47.7	25.41	11	20
TgMLC1	TGME49_257680	124.6	81.22	10	43

TABLE S6

Accession	Description	Score	Coverage	# Proteins	# Unique Peptides	# Peptides	# PSMs	# AAs	MW [kDa]	calc. pt				
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	A2													
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	High	GDsmLQYYLQPLK	2	1	1.TGME49_219320	M4(Oxidation)	0.0000	4.30	0.00	2	1684.86162	0.06	35.45	0
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	A2													
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	High	VABHSSAAVTDR	6	1	1	1.TGME49_223940		0.0000	4.08	0.00	3	1242.60715	-0.17	28.54	0
	High	RKAEAAAAER	3	1	1	1.TGME49_223940		0.0000	3.82	0.00	3	1143.62281	-0.14	27.07	2
	High	KAEEAAEAER	3	1	1	1.TGME49_223940		0.0000	3.50	0.00	3	1174.57102	0.93	28.50	1
	High	KEAEDLAER	1	1	1	1.TGME49_223940		0.0000	3.31	0.00	3	1317.66529	0.55	28.90	2
	High	KAEEAAEAER	7	1	1	1.TGME49_223940		0.0000	3.28	0.00	2	987.52202	0.17	24.26	1
	High	QHQEALKQEEISPR	1	1	1	1.TGME49_223940	M2(Oxidation); M11(Oxidation)	0.0000	3.19	0.00	3	1736.79526	0.56	29.35	1
	High	KEAEDLAER	1	1	1	1.TGME49_223940		0.0000	3.14	0.00	2	1032.52178	0.91	28.64	1
	High	AEEAAEAER	1	1	1	1.TGME49_223940		0.0000	3.04	0.00	2	1046.47600	0.59	28.69	0
	High	HIDLSARLLN	2	1	1	1.TGME49_223940		0.0000	3.02	0.00	2	1207.62871	-2.54	33.78	0
	High	AAAEAEQR	16	1	1	1.TGME49_223940		0.0000	2.98	0.00	2	974.45433	0.52	27.63	0
	High	EAEELAEER	1	1	1	1.TGME49_223940		0.0000	2.75	0.00	3	1189.57056	0.81	29.08	1
	High	SVVGYTVTRCDMSIDETAK	1	1	1	1.TGME49_223940	C10(Carbamidomethyl)	0.0000	2.73	0.00	3	2143.99198	1.53	32.59	0
	High	VABHSSAAVTDR	1	1	1	1.TGME49_223940	SS(Phospho)	0.0000	2.72	0.00	3	1322.57224	-1.10	28.83	0
	High	AEEAAEAER	9	1	1	1.TGME49_223940		0.0000	2.69	0.00	2	859.42887	-0.02	27.16	0
	High	NAADKAEER	1	1	1	1.TGME49_223940		0.0000	2.63	0.00	2	1074.51948	0.92	28.29	1
TGME49_219320	organism=Toxoplasma_gondii_ME49 product=acid phosphatase GAP50	42.14	31.09	1	10	10	13	431	46.6	6.95					
	A2	Sequence	# PSMs	# Proteins	# Protein Groups	Protein Group Accessions	Modifications	ΔCn	XCorr	Probability	Charge	MH+ [Da]	ΔM [ppm]	RT [min]	# Missed Cleavages
	High	HSGSLYYAGETGFCFLTAAGLVTR	1	1	1	1.TGME49_219320	C14(Carbamidomethyl)	0.0000	4.92	0.00	3	2878.37473	1.04	36.59	0
	High	TELYAVTSEQIKDKG	1	1	1	1.TGME49_219320		0.0000	3.79	0.00	3	1782.91239	0.19	31.56	1
	High	LVSGETGETLYTHK	1	1	1	1.TGME49_219320		0.0000	3.39	0.00	2	1506.77995	0.04	30.62	0
	High	ILDYIIVVADR	1	1	1	1.TGME49_219320		0.0000	3.35	0.00	2	1289.74626	-0.12	35.19	0
	High	LAPADATEAAAAENHGYPK	2	1	1	1.TGME49_219320		0.0000	3.33	0.00	4	1896.90639	-1.23	31.09	0
	High	GDSMLQYLYQLLK	2	1	1	1.TGME49_219320	M4(Oxidation)	0.0000	3.04	0.00	2	1694.86162	0.06	35.49	0
	High	LVSGETGETLYTHKQPLK	1	1	1	1.TGME49_219320		0.0000	2.99	0.00	4	1973.06875	-0.78	30.97	1
	High	SIDAFNFVSQLPEVR	2	1	1	1.TGME49_219320		0.0000	2.91	0.00	2	1721.89275	4.04	35.78	0
	High	FVGLGNWGSQSYGQK	1	1	1	1.TGME49_219320		0.0000	2.89	0.00	2	1556.75420	3.16	33.80	0
	High	TELYAVTSEQIK	1	1	1	1.TGME49_219320		0.0000	2.56	0.00	3	1482.76947	0.55	32.29	0
TGME49_235470	organism=Toxoplasma_gondii_ME49 product=myosin A location=TMGE4	10.96	5.78	1	4	4	4	831	93.3	8.16					
	A2	Sequence	# PSMs	# Proteins	# Protein Groups	Protein Group Accessions	Modifications	ΔCn	XCorr	Probability	Charge	MH+ [Da]	ΔM [ppm]	RT [min]	# Missed Cleavages
	High	ELIFTSNAEVK	1	1	1	1.TGME49_235470		0.0000	2.95	0.00	2	1363.74565	-0.86	33.76	0
	High	AEImEIVQQSK	1	1	1	1.TGME49_235470	M4(Oxidation)	0.0000	2.78	0.00	2	1291.65691	0.47	31.18	0
	High	LPSEEVQLGK	1	1	1	1.TGME49_235470		0.0000	2.70	0.00	2	1163.59502	0.60	31.16	0
	High	NPVVAQLFAGIVmEK	1	1	1	1.TGME49_235470	M13(Oxidation)	0.0000	2.53	0.00	3	1631.88553	1.77	36.05	0
TGME49_257680	organism=Toxoplasma_gondii_ME49 product=myosin light chain MLC1	2.90	12.21	1	1	1	1	213	24.1	4.65					
	A2	Sequence	# PSMs	# Proteins	# Protein Groups	Protein Group Accessions	Modifications	ΔCn	XCorr	Probability	Charge	MH+ [Da]	ΔM [ppm]	RT [min]	# Missed Cleavages
	High	FVGTSTHPEDNIEDLVEAFYFDVSK	1	1	1	1.TGME49_257680		0.0000	2.90	0.00	3	2930.38053	2.51	36.63	0
TGME49_318230	organism=Toxoplasma_gondii_ME49 product=phosphoglycerate kinase	2.60	3.12	1	1	1	1	417	44.6	6.99					
	A2	Sequence	# PSMs	# Proteins	# Protein Groups	Protein Group Accessions	Modifications	ΔCn	XCorr	Probability	Charge	MH+ [Da]	ΔM [ppm]	RT [min]	# Missed Cleavages
	High	LGIQDVGAQLTGK	1	1	1	1.TGME49_318230		0.0000	2.60	0.00	2	1299.72795	0.92	33.52	0
TGME49_209030	organism=Toxoplasma_gondii_ME49 product=actin ACT1 (ACT1) loc	2.59	2.66	1	1	1	1	376	41.9	5.16					
	A2	Sequence	# PSMs	# Proteins	# Protein Groups	Protein Group Accessions	Modifications	ΔCn	XCorr	Probability	Charge	MH+ [Da]	ΔM [ppm]	RT [min]	# Missed Cleavages
	High	AGVAGDDAQR	1	1	1	1.TGME49_209030		0.0000	2.59	0.00	2	928.44798	-0.39	28.92	0
TGME49_266080	organism=Toxoplasma_gondii_ME49 product=hypothetical protein loc	2.59	1.51	1	1	1	1	728	81.1	8.72					
	A2	Sequence	# PSMs	# Proteins	# Protein Groups	Protein Group Accessions	Modifications	ΔCn	XCorr	Probability	Charge	MH+ [Da]	ΔM [ppm]	RT [min]	# Missed Cleavages
	High	VATEDIGVQTR	1	1	1	1.TGME49_266080		0.0000	2.59	0.00	2	1188.62261	0.55	30.42	0

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Accession	Description	Score	Coverage	# Proteins	# Unique Peptides	# Peptides	# PSMs	# AAs	MW [kDa]	calc. pt					
TGME49_267430	organism=Toxoplasma_gondii_ME49 product=DnaI domain-containing protein location=TGME49_chrx:65532-662192(+) length=625 sequence_SO=chromosome	47.73	25.41	11	11	11	425	463	8.82						
	A2	Sequence	# PSMs	# Proteins	# Protein Groups	Protein Group Accessions	Modifications	ΔCn	XCorr	Probability	Charge	MH+ [Da]	ΔM [ppm]	RT [min]	# Missed Cleavages
	High	KAQEVLMSDTR	1	1	1	TGME49_267430	M7(Oxidation)	0.0000	3.22	0.00	2	1251.64714	0.27	29.45	1
	High	TQQQMTHLK	2	1	1	TGME49_267430		0.0000	2.98	0.00	3	1242.62529	0.25	29.44	0
	High	NDLQAYR	3	1	1	TGME49_267430		0.0000	2.90	0.00	2	992.51702	1.02	33.08	0
	High	AQEVLMSDTR	1	1	1	TGME49_267430		0.0000	2.67	0.00	2	1149.55681	-0.09	30.75	0
	High	KAQEVLMSDTR	2	1	1	TGME49_267430		0.0000	2.49	0.00	2	1277.65527	2.88	30.42	1
	High	VAAASGASGAVFQRPSPFSK	1	1	1	TGME49_267430		0.0000	2.46	0.00	4	1886.97463	1.39	33.90	0
	High	TTrGTPTAAIK	1	1	1	TGME49_267430		0.0000	2.46	0.00	2	1093.55627	0.66	29.83	0
	High	ASSQRPSQSETKPASATQK	1	1	1	TGME49_267430	M2(Oxidation)	0.0000	2.41	0.00	4	1988.99941	-0.12	28.72	0
	High	mTNEEFFMEIK	1	1	1	TGME49_267430	M1(Oxidation)	0.0000	2.27	0.00	2	1434.63030	1.57	34.47	0
	High	TQQQMTHLK	3	1	1	TGME49_267430		0.0000	2.26	0.00	3	1258.62091	0.02	28.37	0
	High	AQEVLMSDTR	1	1	1	TGME49_267430	M6(Oxidation)	0.0000	2.23	0.00	2	1165.55278	0.82	29.76	0
	High	mDEVLQK	1	1	1	TGME49_267430	M1(Oxidation)	0.0000	2.07	0.00	2	906.43486	-0.15	29.59	0
	High	VYATLTK	1	1	1	TGME49_267430		0.0000	1.93	0.00	1	694.41376	0.48	30.19	0
	High	FDYIK	1	1	1	TGME49_267430		0.0000	1.60	0.00	1	625.25237	0.48	29.47	0
TGME49_235470	organism=Toxoplasma_gondii_ME49 product=myosin A location=TGME49_chrx:4894161-489835(+) length=831 sequence_SO=chromosome SO=protein	23.37	8.06	1	7	7	831	933	8.16						
	A2	Sequence	# PSMs	# Proteins	# Protein Groups	Protein Group Accessions	Modifications	ΔCn	XCorr	Probability	Charge	MH+ [Da]	ΔM [ppm]	RT [min]	# Missed Cleavages
	High	RALDNLHVNK	1	1	1	TGME49_235470		0.0000	3.24	0.00	3	1250.69703	0.46	30.28	1
	High	YRDTFDLSK	2	1	1	TGME49_235470		0.0000	3.09	0.00	3	1144.56461	1.10	31.24	1
	High	SQTTIVSGSGAGK	1	1	1	TGME49_235470		0.0000	2.97	0.00	2	1333.69670	0.64	30.60	0
	High	ALDNLHVNK	2	1	1	TGME49_235470		0.0000	2.63	0.00	3	1094.59549	0.15	30.32	0
	High	GRQWITDLASPSK	1	1	1	TGME49_235470		0.0000	2.26	0.00	2	1461.77449	-0.15	35.66	0
	High	LAPHWFYIAR	1	1	1	TGME49_235470		0.0000	2.24	0.00	3	1174.63620	-0.50	31.83	0
	High	FHLPLSEYK	1	1	1	TGME49_235470		0.0000	2.22	0.00	3	1246.68280	-0.21	34.29	0
TGME49_257680	organism=Toxoplasma_gondii_ME49 product=myosin light chain MLC1 location=TGME49_chrv:3911250-3911392(-) length=213 sequence_SO=chromosome	28.23	34.27	1	5	5	213	24.1	4.65						
	A2	Sequence	# PSMs	# Proteins	# Protein Groups	Protein Group Accessions	Modifications	ΔCn	XCorr	Probability	Charge	MH+ [Da]	ΔM [ppm]	RT [min]	# Missed Cleavages
	High	FVGTSTHPENIEKLVEAFYFDVSK	3	1	1	TGME49_257680		0.0000	5.66	0.00	3	2930.37870	1.88	36.80	0
	High	LHPKNDLSPYMEIK	2	1	1	TGME49_257680	M11(Oxidation)	0.0000	3.20	0.00	2	1302.69880	0.28	33.62	0
	High	QLGLAPSYADK	1	1	1	TGME49_257680		0.0000	2.25	0.00	2	1162.61431	3.44	31.62	0
	High	SGDNLVYASFGK	1	1	1	TGME49_257680		0.0000	2.24	0.00	2	1344.60527	-1.05	31.83	0
	High	VSTGDAMILAR	1	1	1	TGME49_257680	M7(Oxidation)	0.0000	2.19	0.00	2	1149.59392	0.53	31.17	0
	High	VSTGDAMILAR	1	1	1	TGME49_257680		0.0000	2.14	0.00	2	1133.59990	1.33	32.36	0
TGME49_223940	organism=Toxoplasma_gondii_ME49 product=GAP45 location=TGME49_chrx:3440541-3441278(-) length=245 sequence_SO=chromosome SO=protein_c	6.59	9.39	1	2	2	245	27.3	5.07						
	A2	Sequence	# PSMs	# Proteins	# Protein Groups	Protein Group Accessions	Modifications	ΔCn	XCorr	Probability	Charge	MH+ [Da]	ΔM [ppm]	RT [min]	# Missed Cleavages
	High	VAHSSAAVTIR	1	1	1	TGME49_223940		0.0000	4.03	0.00	3	1242.60761	0.20	28.92	0
	High	VKAEDALEAR	1	1	1	TGME49_223940		0.0000	2.56	0.00	2	1174.56999	0.05	28.76	1
TGME49_312990	organism=Toxoplasma_gondii_ME49 product=DEAD/DEAH box ATP-dependent RNA helicase location=TGME49_chrx1:3020716-3025702(-) length=569 sau	1.71	1.23	1	1	1	569	638	8.94						
	A2	Sequence	# PSMs	# Proteins	# Protein Groups	Protein Group Accessions	Modifications	ΔCn	XCorr	Probability	Charge	MH+ [Da]	ΔM [ppm]	RT [min]	# Missed Cleavages
	High	DVLGAAK	1	1	1	TGME49_312990		0.0000	1.71	0.00	1	673.38788	-0.12	29.20	0

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Accession	Description	Score	Coverage	# Proteins	# Unique Peptides	# Peptides	# PSMs	# AAs	MW [kDa]	calc. pI				
TGME49_257680	organism=Toxoplasma_gondii_ME49 product=myosin light chain MLC1	124.70	81.22	1	10	10	43	213	24.1	4.65				
A2	Sequence	# PSMs	# Proteins	# Protein Groups	Protein Group Accessions	Modifications	ΔCn	XCorr	Probability	Charge	MH+ [Da]	ΔM [ppm]	RT [min]	# Missed Cleavages
High	FVGTSTHPEDNIEDLVEAFYFDVSK	3	1	1	TGME49_257680		0.0000	7.15	0.00	3	2930.38053	2.51	36.57	0
High	SGDNLDYASQK	2	1	1	TGME49_257680		0.0000	3.70	0.00	2	1344.60820	1.13	31.84	0
High	ELNYFMWMPGFEWRPEK	1	1	1	TGME49_257680		0.0000	3.51	0.00	3	2357.09269	1.86	36.53	0
High	VSTGDAMILAR	6	1	1	TGME49_257680		0.0000	3.33	0.00	2	1133.59978	1.22	32.34	0
High	KQmGNILnTYGEPLTTEFNALAAEYf	1	1	1	TGME49_257680	M3(Oxidation); M8(Oxidation)	0.0000	3.27	0.00	3	4091.90659	4.29	36.46	1
High	VSTGDAmILAR	13	1	1	TGME49_257680	M7(Oxidation)	0.0000	3.18	0.00	2	1149.59477	1.28	31.12	0
High	LPNPADVLGRmDK	2	1	1	TGME49_257680	M11(Oxidation)	0.0000	3.05	0.00	2	1382.70012	1.16	33.32	0
High	EGRRPAEDEmQEALEmVEADMYA	1	1	1	TGME49_257680	M11(Oxidation); M18(Oxidation)	0.0000	2.64	0.00	3	3074.27085	1.52	33.54	0
High	QLGLAPSYADK	8	1	1	TGME49_257680		0.0000	2.60	0.00	2	1162.61150	1.02	31.59	0
High	HGYLTR	4	1	1	TGME49_257680		0.0000	2.23	0.00	2	746.39354	-1.17	29.41	0
High	LPNPADVLGPMDK	1	1	1	TGME49_257680		0.0000	2.15	0.00	2	1366.70085	-2.01	34.04	0
High	VGEYDGAcEFPSc-R	1	1	1	TGME49_257680	C8(Carbamidomethyl); C13(Carbami	0.0000	2.05	0.00	2	1586.62053	-0.33	29.59	0

Supplementary Table 11: Oligonucleotides used in this study

S.No	Name of the primer	Oligo sequence
1	TgMLC1C8Arev	5'-tagcacaccggggctttctctcgacctgctcatct-3'
2	TgMLC1C11Afw	5'-gaagaaatgccgggtggcctaccagaagctgccg-3'
3	TgMLC1C11Arev	5'-cggcagcttctgtaggccaccgggcatttcttc-3'
4	TgMLC1C8C11Afw	5'-gagcaaggtcgagaagaaagccccgggtggcctaccagaagctg-3'
5	TgMLC1C8C11Arev	5'-cagcttctgtaggccaccggggctttctctcgacctgctc-3'
6	TgMLC1C8Sfw	5'-gagcaaggtcgagaagaaaagccccgggtg-3'
7	TgMLC1C8Srev	5'-cacaccgggctttctctcgacctgctc-3'
8	TgMLC1C11Sfw	5'-aagaaatgccgggtgagctaccagaagctgc-3'
9	TgMLC1C11Srev	5'-gcagcttctgtagctcaccgggcatttctt-3'
10	TgMLC1C8SC11Sfw	5'-gcaaggtcgagaagaaaagccccgggtgagctaccaga-3'
11	TgMLC1C8SC11Srev	5'-tctgtagctcaccgggctttctctcgacctgc-3'
12	PS235470-TyF	5'-aagttgaaacgaacgtgtctagaacgcg-3'
13	PS235470-TyR	5'-aaaacggttctagacacgttcgttca-3'
14	MyoATy-Fwd	5'-gaaacgaacgtgtctagaacg-3'
15	MyoATy-Rev	5'-ggcgccagaaacaggtcggc-3'
16	MyoATy-Seq	5'-ctgacacatccccttcgtgcg-3'
17	pSS013-Fwd	5'-ccccgacaccgcccaacaccgcg-3'
18	MyoAPS-Rev	5'-gcttctagacacgttcgttcc-3'
19	MyoAgDNA-seqF	5'-cgtatatagtagcgatgtagg-3'
20	MyoATygDNA-F	5'-ctcgggaagacaatggtttc-3'
21	MyoATygDNA-R	5'-gagtgatcctggtcgtg-3'
22	MyoAgDNA-R	5'-gagccacggactgacaccatc-3'
23	HR MyoA-TyF2	5'-aatggatgagaagagttcaaaaggcaaacgaacgtgtctagagtgatcctggtcgtggaactccaggaacgccggctgaacagtcgccccgctgacgtgtgtcc-3'
24	HR MyoA-TyR2	5'-ggacaacaacgtcagccccgcgactgtcagccggcgttctggaagttcacacgaaccaggatccactctagacacgttcgttgcctttgaaactctctcatccatt-3'
25	P1: TgMLC15'flankupstrFwd	5' -aatgccgtagcaggcagca-3'
26	P2: GRA1BgIIIRev	5'-gctagccgagatcttctgatttctcaag-3'
27	P3: TgMLC1+1587(Exon3Start)Fwd	5'-cacaagtgaccagatcgactacag-3'
28	P4: TgMLC13'flankdownstr+829Rev	5'-ccttcaagtcggtcgcaacct-3'