

1 **Proteomic Analysis of High-CO<sub>2</sub>-Inducible Extracellular Proteins in the Unicellular**  
2 **Green Alga, *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii***

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9 The unicellular green alga *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* can acclimate to a wide range of  
10 CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations through the regulation of a CO<sub>2</sub>-concentrating mechanism (CCM).  
11 By proteomic analysis, here we identified the proteins which were specifically  
12 accumulated under high-CO<sub>2</sub> conditions in a cell wall-less strain of *C. reinhardtii* which  
13 releases extracellular matrices to the medium. When CO<sub>2</sub> concentration was elevated  
14 from the air-level to 3% during culture, the algal growth rate increased 1.5-fold and the  
15 composition of extracellular proteins, but not intracellular-soluble and -insoluble proteins,  
16 clearly changed. Proteomic analysis data showed that the levels of 22 among 129  
17 extracellular proteins increased for 1 and 3 days and such multiple high-CO<sub>2</sub>-inducible  
18 proteins include gametogenesis-related proteins and hydroxyproline-rich-glycoproteins.  
19 However, we could not prove the induction of gametogenesis under high-CO<sub>2</sub> conditions,  
20 suggesting that the inductive signal might be incomplete, not strong enough, or only  
21 high-CO<sub>2</sub> conditions might be not sufficient for proceeding cell stage to the formation of  
22 sexually active gametes. In any case, those gametogenesis-related proteins and/or  
23 hydroxyproline-rich-glycoproteins may take novel roles outside the cell under high-CO<sub>2</sub>  
24 conditions.

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30 **Abbreviations:** CAH, carbonic anhydrase; CCM, CO<sub>2</sub>-concentrating mechanism;  
31 DIC, dissolved inorganic carbon; emPAI, exponentially modified Protein Abundance  
32 Index; FAP, flagellar-associated protein; GAS, gamete-specific; GP, glycoprotein;  
33 H43/FEA1, high-CO<sub>2</sub>-inducible 43 kDa protein/Fe-assimilation 1; HRGP,  
34 hydroxyproline-rich glycoprotein; ISG, inversion-specific glycoprotein; MMP, matrix  
35 metalloproteinase; MS, mass spectrometry; NSG, nitrogen-starved gametogenesis; PHC,  
36 pterophorin; SDS-PAGE, sodium dodecyl sulfate-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis.

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39        **Introduction**

40    Aquatic photosynthetic organisms such as microalgae and cyanobacteria have an ability  
41    to acclimate to a broad range of CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations. CO<sub>2</sub> is the substrate of  
42    photosynthetic carbon fixation and therefore the rate of CO<sub>2</sub> supply is a key factor for  
43    efficient photosynthetic reactions. The process of dissolving atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> into water,  
44    the subsequent processes of equilibration of dissolved CO<sub>2</sub>, bicarbonate, and carbonate,  
45    and the diffusion of those dissolved inorganic carbons (DIC) to cells and the CO<sub>2</sub> fixation  
46    site in chloroplasts are extremely slow physical and chemical processes, compared to  
47    other enzymatic reactions in photosynthesis. Furthermore, these processes are strongly  
48    affected by various environmental factors such as pH, temperature, and salinity. The  
49    atmospheric and oceanic CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations decreased markedly during certain  
50    geological periods and there have been several incidences of minor fluctuations in CO<sub>2</sub>.  
51    This would suggest that photosynthetic organisms have developed special mechanisms  
52    for DIC utilization and for metabolic pathways to adapt and acclimate to changes in CO<sub>2</sub>  
53    concentration (*e.g.*, Badger 1987; Falkowski and Raven 2007). However, some properties  
54    of a CO<sub>2</sub>-fixing enzyme ribulose-1, 5-bisphosphate carboxylase/oxygenase (Rubisco) are  
55    less developed; *e.g.*, the relative specificity of Rubisco to CO<sub>2</sub>/O<sub>2</sub> and an affinity of  
56    Rubisco to CO<sub>2</sub> (*e.g.*, Falkowski and Raven 2007).

57        Microalgae induce a CO<sub>2</sub>-concentrating mechanism (CCM) that facilitates the  
58    utilization of DIC through the *de novo* synthesis of inorganic carbon transporters and  
59    carbonic anhydrases (CAHs) when cells are exposed to air-level CO<sub>2</sub> conditions (*i.e.*, ca.  
60    10 μM CO<sub>2</sub> in the medium) (Badger et al. 1980; Aizawa and Miyachi 1986; Kaplan and  
61    Reinhold 1999; Miyachi et al. 2003; Badger et al. 2006; Raven et al. 2008; Spalding  
62    2008; Moroney and Ynalvez 2007; Yamano and Fukuzawa 2009). The induction of CCM

63 is immediately suppressed and its activity decreases gradually under high-CO<sub>2</sub> conditions  
64 (for review, see Miyachi et al. 2003).

65 In contrast to the low-CO<sub>2</sub>-inducible phenomena, high-CO<sub>2</sub>-inducible and  
66 low-CO<sub>2</sub>-suppressive phenomena have not been well-studied. Even though some  
67 microalgae and cyanobacteria are able to grow under extremely high-CO<sub>2</sub> (*e.g.*, 40–100%  
68 CO<sub>2</sub>), in general, they are susceptible to extremely high-CO<sub>2</sub> conditions (for review, see  
69 Miyachi et al. 2003). The effects of extremely high-CO<sub>2</sub> on cellular responses have been  
70 studied extensively in the high-CO<sub>2</sub>-tolerant marine chlorophyte *Chlorococcum littoralle*.  
71 When cells were transferred to extremely high-CO<sub>2</sub> conditions, photosynthetic activity  
72 was spontaneously decreased by chloroplastic and cytosolic acidifications. Then *C.*  
73 *littoralle* recovers to acclimate via state transition for protecting photosystems from  
74 damage (Iwasaki et al. 1998; Sasaki et al. 1998; Satoh et al. 2001, 2002, 2004). However,  
75 the half-saturation concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> of high-CO<sub>2</sub>-acclimated cells to be adequate for  
76 changing cellular characteristics has been reported to be 0.5% in a unicellular green alga  
77 *Chlorella kessleri* 211-11h (formerly *C. vulgaris*11h; Shiraiwa and Miyachi 1985).  
78 Accordingly, the cellular acclimation to high-CO<sub>2</sub> conditions was suggested to be  
79 different from that to extremely high-CO<sub>2</sub>.

80 A unicellular green alga, *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* has been used widely as a model  
81 organism for photosynthesis research. It lives in aquatic environments and even in soil  
82 where CO<sub>2</sub> concentration change drastically between the atmospheric level and ≥10%  
83 (v/v) (for review, see Buyanovsky and Wagner 1983; Stolzy 1974). To survive in such  
84 habitats, this alga needs to acclimate and adapt to high-CO<sub>2</sub> conditions rather than  
85 low-CO<sub>2</sub>. We previously demonstrated that a change in CO<sub>2</sub> concentration from air-level  
86 to 3% CO<sub>2</sub> in air induces a dramatic change in the composition of extracellular proteins in

87 *C. reinhardtii* (Kobayashi et al. 1997; Hanawa et al. 2004; Hanawa et al. 2007). We found  
88 that carbonic anhydrase 1 (CAH1), the most abundant extracellular protein in the  
89 low-CO<sub>2</sub> cells, is replaced by high-CO<sub>2</sub>-inducible 43 kDa protein/Fe-assimilation 1  
90 (H43/FEA1), a function-unknown protein, when cells were exposed to high-CO<sub>2</sub>  
91 conditions (Allen et al. 2007; Baba et al. 2011; Hanawa et al. 2004, 2007; Kobayashi et al.  
92 1997). Previous studies demonstrate that the expression of H43/FEA1 is separately  
93 regulated by CO<sub>2</sub> and iron concentrations via independent *cis*-elements (Allen et al. 2007;  
94 Hanawa et al. 2007; Fei et al. 2009; Baba et al. 2011). It has been suggested that the  
95 homologous genes of *H43/Fea1* can be found in the genomic sequences of the  
96 chlorophytes *Scenedesmus obliquus*, *Volvox carteri*, and *C. littorale* and the  
97 dinoflagellate *Heterocapsa triquerta* (Allen et al. 2007). A homolog of *H43/Fea1* in *C.*  
98 *littorale*, *Hcr1*, had been identified previously as a high-CO<sub>2</sub>-responsive gene (Sasaki et  
99 al. 1998). These results suggest that the orthologs of *H43/Fea1* may play a role in  
100 high-CO<sub>2</sub> acclimation in these algae. In addition to H43/FEA1, carbonic anhydrase 2  
101 (CAH2) (Fujiwara et al. 1996) and Rhesus1 (Soupene et al. 2004) have also been reported  
102 as high-CO<sub>2</sub>-inducible proteins in *C. reinhardtii*; however, their physiological functions  
103 have not yet been revealed.

104 These findings of high-CO<sub>2</sub>-inducible proteins indicate that *C. reinhardtii* cells can  
105 actively acclimate to high-CO<sub>2</sub> conditions by not only reducing low-CO<sub>2</sub>-inducible CCM  
106 and CAH activities, but also through a high-CO<sub>2</sub>-inducible mechanism. To understand the  
107 details of such acclimation, we conducted an exhaustive search of proteins using  
108 genome-based liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LC-MS) methods to  
109 characterize the entire profile involved in the cellular response to high-CO<sub>2</sub> conditions in  
110 *C. reinhardtii*.

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## 112 **Results**

### 113 **Effect of high-CO<sub>2</sub> on cell growth and protein content**

114 We used the cell wall-less strain *C. reinhardtii* CC-400 cw-15 mt<sup>+</sup> in this study because  
115 the strain largely releases extracellular matrices, including periplasmic proteins, into the  
116 medium (Hanawa et al. 2007). We accurately called such proteins released to the medium  
117 as extracellular proteins of which major components are periplasmic proteins.

118 The logarithmic growth phase of CC-400 was maintained only for about 24 h in a  
119 batch culture, irrespective of CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations (Fig. 1A). The growth rate  $\mu$  (d<sup>-1</sup>) and  
120 average doubling time (h; shown in parenthesis), were 1.8 (8.95), 2.2 (7.60), and 2.4  
121 (6.81) for air-grown cells transferred to air (Air), air-grown cells transferred to 3% CO<sub>2</sub> in  
122 air (Air to CO<sub>2</sub>), and 3% CO<sub>2</sub>-grown cells transferred to 3% CO<sub>2</sub> in air (CO<sub>2</sub>), respectively  
123 (Fig. 1B). When the growth reached the linear growth phase by increasing cell  
124 concentration, the cell growth became especially slow under air (Fig. 1B).

125 To avoid such growth limitation, a semi-continuous culture method in which a cell  
126 suspension was diluted once per day with fresh medium was introduced for preparing  
127 samples for proteomic analysis (Fig. 2). The experiments were repeated three times and  
128 data presented here are average values of them. Algal samples acclimated to low- and  
129 high-CO<sub>2</sub> conditions were provided for protein analysis, as follows: cells grown under  
130 ambient atmospheric air, namely CO<sub>2</sub>-limiting conditions (Air), cells grown for 1 day  
131 under high-CO<sub>2</sub> conditions (CO<sub>2</sub>-1d), and cells grown for 3 days under high-CO<sub>2</sub>  
132 conditions (CO<sub>2</sub>-3d) (Fig. 2A). The growth rates  $\mu$  (d<sup>-1</sup>) and average doubling times (h) in  
133 parenthesis were  $1.81 \pm 0.06$  ( $9.19 \pm 0.32$ ),  $2.7 \pm 0.23$  ( $6.19 \pm 0.55$ ), and  $2.78 \pm 0.04$   
134 ( $5.98 \pm 0.09$ ) under Air, CO<sub>2</sub>-1d, and CO<sub>2</sub>-3d, respectively (Fig. 2B). The logarithmic

135 growth rate ( $\mu$ ) of CO<sub>2</sub>-3d was 1.5-fold higher than that of Air. The amount of proteins  
136 released into the medium was slightly greater in CO<sub>2</sub>-3d cells than in Air cells (Fig. 2C).  
137 The fluorescent gel images of extracellular proteins separated by sodium dodecyl  
138 sulfate-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE) clearly showed the induction of  
139 CAH1 and H43/FEA1, which are known to be low- and high-CO<sub>2</sub>-inducible markers, in  
140 air-acclimated cells and high-CO<sub>2</sub> acclimated cells, respectively (Fig. 2D). Such different  
141 profiles of CAH1 and H43/FEA1 demonstrate that the cells were fully acclimated to low-  
142 and high-CO<sub>2</sub> conditions, respectively.

143 Intracellular-soluble and -insoluble fractions were applied separately to 2D-gel  
144 analysis of low- and high-CO<sub>2</sub>-acclimated cells. The major proteins were Rubisco (Fig.  
145 S1A, B) and the photosystem-associated proteins disturbed clear separation of proteins in  
146 the intracellular-soluble and intracellular-insoluble fractions, respectively, but no clear  
147 difference was observed between the low- and high-CO<sub>2</sub>-acclimated cells (Fig. S1C). We  
148 only found significant changes in the profile of extracellular proteins and therefore we  
149 focused on these profiles in subsequent analyses.

150 One-dimensional SDS-PAGE was sufficient to separate the extracellular proteins for  
151 mass spectrometric analysis. Consequently, we identified 89, 69, and 98 proteins from  
152 culture media of Air, CO<sub>2</sub>-1d, and CO<sub>2</sub>-3d cells, corresponding to the samples presented  
153 in Fig. 2A (Table S1). The total number of proteins, identified at least once in triplicate  
154 experiments with a MASCOT score >50, was 129. The data are presented together with  
155 the exponentially modified Protein Abundance Index (emPAI) because the emPAI is  
156 useful for estimating the absolute amount of protein (Ishihama et al. 2005). According to  
157 the SignalP 3.0 server prediction, number (percent of total proteins) of proteins predicted  
158 to be secretory was 32 (36.0%), 33 (47.8%), and 40 (40.8%) in Air, CO<sub>2</sub>-1d cells, and

159 CO<sub>2</sub>-3d cells, respectively, where total number was 43 (33.3%) (Fig. 3). On the other  
160 hand, the percentage of total putative secretory proteins calculated on the basis of protein  
161 amounts was 46.5%, 63.0%, and 65.9% in Air, CO<sub>2</sub>-1d, and CO<sub>2</sub>-3d cells, respectively,  
162 indicating that high-CO<sub>2</sub>-acclimated cells secreted 1.4-fold more proteins than did  
163 low-CO<sub>2</sub>-acclimated cells. These proteins were annotated based on the results of BlastX  
164 analyses and are listed separately up to 20 in order of their amounts in Air, CO<sub>2</sub>-1d, and  
165 CO<sub>2</sub>-3d cells in Tables 1–3 and Fig. 4. Proteins highly induced under high-CO<sub>2</sub> conditions  
166 were renamed as high-CO<sub>2</sub>-inducible proteins (HCI) (Table S1). Other extracellular  
167 proteins that had no name were designated extracellular proteins (EXC).

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#### 169 **Highly induced extracellular proteins in air-acclimated cells**

170 Out of 89 proteins, 31 were identified in Air cells tested in triplicate (Table S1).  
171 Among them, the ratios of the amounts (mol%) of CAH1 and  
172 glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase 3 (GAP3) in Air to CO<sub>2</sub>-3d cells  
173 (Air/CO<sub>2</sub>-3d) were 5.85 and 5.25 ( $p < 0.05$ ), respectively (Table 1, Fig. 4). CAH1 was the  
174 most abundant protein in Air cells, amounting to  $10.11 \pm 2.84\%$  of the total extracellular  
175 proteins. CAH1 localizes in the periplasmic space (Kimpel et al., 1983, Coleman et al.,  
176 1984, Yang et al., 1985, Fukuzawa et al., 1990). Although CAH2, generally known as a  
177 high-CO<sub>2</sub>-inducible protein, was identified as a low-CO<sub>2</sub>-inducible protein by database,  
178 the identification contains uncertainty because CAH2 has a similar amino acid sequence  
179 to CAH1 and very low protein content (data not shown). Therefore, we hereby described  
180 it as CAH1/CAH2 (Table 1, Fig. 4). The location of GAP3 predicted by SignalP was in  
181 the cytoplasm, but this protein has also been reported in flagella proteome (Pazour et al.,  
182 2005), suggesting that it is a multi-protein. As such, the annotation of proteins contained



183 some less-reliable cases.

184 The levels of other proteins of low content were not significantly different between Air  
185 and CO<sub>2</sub>-3d cells.

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### 187 **Highly induced extracellular proteins in 1-day high-CO<sub>2</sub>-acclimated cells**

188 Similarly, 44 of 69 proteins were identified in triplicate experiments in CO<sub>2</sub>-1d cells  
189 (Table S1). Among them, the amounts of seven proteins (H43/FEA1, two  
190 nitrogen-starved gametogenesis [NSG] family proteins [HCI1 and HCI2], two  
191 glycoproteins [GP1 and FAP102], and two inversion-specific glycoproteins [ISG-C1 and  
192 ISG-C4]) were significantly higher ( $p < 0.05$ ) in CO<sub>2</sub>-1d cells than in Air cells (Table 2,  
193 Fig. 4). H43/FEA1 was the most abundant protein, accounting for  $22.09 \pm 8.16$  (mol%) of  
194 the total extracellular proteins in CO<sub>2</sub>-1d cells. The ratios of the amount (mol%) of  
195 proteins in CO<sub>2</sub>-1d to Air cells (CO<sub>2</sub>-1d/Air) were 3.66, 3.57, 2.26, and 2.07 for  
196 H43/FEA1, ISG-C1 (similar to *V. carteri* ISG and *C. reinhardtii* VSP-3), FAP102 (similar  
197 to GP3), and HCI1 (similar to NSG1), respectively (Fig. 4).

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### 199 **Highly induced extracellular proteins in 3-day high-CO<sub>2</sub>-acclimated cells**

200 Of 98 proteins, 41 were identified in triplicate experiments in all CO<sub>2</sub>-3d cells (Table  
201 S1). Among them, the amounts (mol%) of eight proteins (H43/FEA1, three NSG family  
202 proteins [FAP212, HCI2, and HCI3], two GPs [FAP102 and HCI4], and two ISGs  
203 [ISG-C1 and ISG-C2]) were significantly higher in CO<sub>2</sub>-3d cells than in Air cells ( $p$   
204  $< 0.05$ ) (Table 3, Fig. 4). H43/FEA1 was the most abundant protein, amounting to  
205  $26.01 \pm 4.30$  (mol%) of total extracellular proteins in CO<sub>2</sub>-3d cells (Table 3, Fig. 4). The  
206 ratios of the amount of proteins in CO<sub>2</sub>-3d to Air cells (CO<sub>2</sub>-3d/Air) were 4.36, 4.31, 3.03,

207 and 2.48 in ISG-C1, H43/FEA1, HCI3 (similar to NSG1), and FAP102, respectively.  
208 ISG-C2 (similar to *V. carteri* ISG and *C. reinhardtii* VSP-3) was not observed in Air cells,  
209 but was observed at significant levels in CO<sub>2</sub>-3d cells in triplicate. Likewise, HCI4  
210 (similar to GP3) was identified in CO<sub>2</sub>-3d cells. HCI3 and FAP 212 (similar to NSG1)  
211 were already found in CO<sub>2</sub>-1d cells in triplicate and their amounts were not significantly  
212 higher than those in Air cells (Table 3, Fig. 4). On the other hand, ISG-C2 and HCI4 were  
213 only found in two of the triplicate samples of CO<sub>2</sub>-1d cells (Table S1). Consistent with the  
214 CO<sub>2</sub>-1d cell results, HCI1, GP1, and ISG-C1 were identified again in CO<sub>2</sub>-3d cells, but  
215 their amounts were not significantly higher than those in Air cells (Table 3, Fig. 4).

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### 217 **Mating efficiency of high-CO<sub>2</sub> cells**

218 According to the proteomic analysis data suggesting that gametogenesis might be  
219 induced under high-CO<sub>2</sub> conditions, we examined the mating efficiency under the same  
220 culture conditions. For the purpose we used high-mating strains of *C. reinhardtii* strains  
221 CC-620 and CC-621 since the cell wall-less strain generally is known to show low mating  
222 efficiency. As a result, when those were grown under high-CO<sub>2</sub>, both strains did not show  
223 mating profile whereas gamete formation was triggered by nitrogen-depletion and the  
224 gametes showed normal mating profile (Fig. 5). A mating efficiency of gametes induced  
225 by nitrogen-depletion was approximately 75% (data not shown).

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## 227 **Discussion**

### 228 **General features of high-CO<sub>2</sub>-acclimated cells**

229 The major component of the cellular response to limited CO<sub>2</sub> is the activation of CCM,  
230 which is reversibly inactivated under high-CO<sub>2</sub> conditions (for review, see Aizawa and

231 Miyachi 1986, Badger 1987, Kaplan and Reinhold 1999, Miyachi et al. 2003). In this  
232 study, we analyzed high-CO<sub>2</sub>-inducible proteins in *C. reinhardtii* by proteomic analysis.  
233 Although we did not find any significant changes in intracellular proteins after the  
234 transfer of cells from air to 3% CO<sub>2</sub> in air (Fig. S1), we observed remarkable changes in  
235 the amount and composition of extracellular proteins (Figs. 2D, 4 and Table S1). The  
236 algal growth rate and the amount of total proteins increased by only 1.5-fold, even when  
237 the CO<sub>2</sub> concentration increased ca. 75-fold from ca. 0.04 to 3% in a wall-less mutant of  
238 *C. reinhardtii* CC-400 (Fig. 1). These results indicate that air-acclimated cells could grow  
239 quickly, at a rate close to the maximum growth potential, and this may be due to the  
240 organism having established a mechanism for the efficient utilization of ambient CO<sub>2</sub>  
241 such as CCM. The big difference in growth rates between Air- and 3% CO<sub>2</sub>-acclimated  
242 cells was obvious during the linear growth phase and this seems to be a reason why  
243 air-grown cultures take longer to attain a high algal density.

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#### 245 **Low- and high-CO<sub>2</sub>-inducible extracellular proteins**

246 The induction of CAH1 and H43/FEA1, which are known as low- and  
247 high-CO<sub>2</sub>-inducible proteins, respectively, demonstrated that our proteomic analysis was  
248 performed under adequate conditions (Fig. 4). Interestingly, GAP3 was dominantly  
249 induced under low-CO<sub>2</sub> (Table 1, Fig. 4). GAP3 has been implicated in flagellar activity  
250 (Pazour et al. 2005). GAP activity has been shown to correlate with cell motility in  
251 *Dunaliella salina* (Jia et al. 2009), implying that decreased CO<sub>2</sub> availability may  
252 stimulate cell motility.

253 We also found that two mastigoneme-like proteins, MST1 (a flagellar component;  
254 Pazour et al. 2005) and HCI5, were induced under high-CO<sub>2</sub> conditions (Table S1). We

255 also found some function-unknown flagellar associated proteins, or FAPs (Pazour et al.  
256 2005), although the expression pattern of each FAP depended on the levels of CO<sub>2</sub> (*e.g.*,  
257 FAP211 and FAP102). In our study, FAPs were found in the excreted protein fraction and  
258 therefore we cannot exclude the possibility that the annotation of FAPs contains some  
259 uncertainty. Consequently, our results suggest that a high-CO<sub>2</sub> signal may induce the  
260 expression of each flagellar component, but the detailed mechanism needs to be analyzed.

261 Some NSG family proteins were specifically induced under high-CO<sub>2</sub> (Table 3, Fig. 4).  
262 NSG family genes were previously identified in synchronized early G1 cells of *C.*  
263 *reinhardtii* grown in nitrogen-free medium (Abe et al. 2004).

264 We found that GP and ISG family proteins were significantly induced under high-CO<sub>2</sub>  
265 conditions (Table 3, Fig. 4). GP has been isolated from major outer layers of cell walls  
266 (W6 and W4) using sodium perchlorate or other chaotropes (Goodenough et al. 1986).  
267 Although GPs are thought to be ones of major components of cell wall, the expression of  
268 the proteins are rather enhanced in the cell wall-less mutant. Lack of cell wall might  
269 release a feedback control by products. ISG is an extracellular glycoprotein of *V. carteri*  
270 that may be synthesized for only a few minutes in inverting embryos and sperm cell  
271 packets and is thought to be involved in the early processes of extracellular matrix  
272 biogenesis (Ertl et al. 1992). Both GP and ISG were classified as hydroxyproline-rich  
273 glycoproteins (HRGPs) together with pherophorin (PHC), gamete-specific (GAS) protein,  
274 and sexual agglutinin with a shared origin (Adair 1985). PHC, a common protein in  
275 volvocales (Hallmann 2006), is abundant in the extracellular matrix and some of them  
276 have been reported to be strongly induced by sex inducers that trigger sexual  
277 development as well as by mechanical wounding (Hallmann 2006). GAS proteins are  
278 related to PHCs (Hallmann 2006). Transcripts for GAS28, GAS30, and GAS31

279 accumulate in the late phase of gametogenesis and in young zygotes (Hoffmann and Beck  
280 2005). In our experiments, a GAS family protein (HCI6) and three PHC proteins (HCI7,  
281 HCI8, and PHC14) accumulated in cells grown under high-CO<sub>2</sub> conditions (Table S1).  
282 These findings suggest that high-CO<sub>2</sub> signals may induce HRGPs, which have been  
283 reported to be generally involved in sexual recognition of mating-type plus and minus  
284 gametes in the *Chlamydomonas* lineage (Lee et al. 2007).

285 Furthermore, we found that two matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs), MMP1 and HCI9,  
286 which are gamete-lytic enzymes, were induced under high-CO<sub>2</sub> conditions (Table S1).  
287 Gamete-lytic enzymes degrade cell walls during gametogenesis (Buchanan and Snell  
288 1988; Kinoshita et al. 1992) and the MMP1 gene is induced during gametogenesis (Kubo  
289 et al. 2001). The expression of gamete-lytic enzymes is restricted under  
290 nitrogen-deficient conditions.

291 These proteomic results indicate that multiple extracellular HRGPs proteins, such as  
292 NSG, ISG, and GP proteins, together with PHC, GAS, and gamete-lytic enzymes (Table  
293 S1) are induced under high-CO<sub>2</sub> conditions. Among these proteins, NSG, GAS, and  
294 gamete-lytic enzymes are generally known to be induced during the gametogenetic  
295 process, which is triggered by nitrogen-depletion.

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### 297 **Gametogenesis-related proteins expressed under high-CO<sub>2</sub> conditions**

298 Sears et al. (1980) previously reported that the vegetative cells of *C. reinhardtii*  
299 logarithmically grown in HS medium contained 6-10 μg N (10<sup>6</sup> cells)<sup>-1</sup>. Daily increments  
300 of cells under Air, CO<sub>2</sub>-1d, and, CO<sub>2</sub>-3d were 2.4×10<sup>6</sup> 5.2×10<sup>6</sup>, 7.7×10<sup>6</sup>, respectively,  
301 where cell densities were maintained less than 10<sup>7</sup> cells ml<sup>-1</sup> by daily dilution in the  
302 present experiments (Fig. 2B). Thus the nitrogen consumption by cells under Air, CO<sub>2</sub>-1d,

303 and, CO<sub>2</sub>-3d can be estimated to be 14-24, 31-52, and 46-77 mg l<sup>-1</sup> in a day. As HS  
304 medium firstly contains 500 mg l<sup>-1</sup> NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (9.35 mM), the nitrogen contents can be  
305 estimated to remain between 7.91-9.09 mM in any culture. In previous studies,  
306 gametogenesis of *C. reinhardtii* was immediately and strongly inhibited by 7.5 mM  
307 NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (Beck and Acker 1992). Accordingly, the significant induction of NSG, GAS, and  
308 gamete-lytic enzymes would be due to high-CO<sub>2</sub> conditions, and not to external  
309 nitrogen-depletion (Table 3, Fig. 4).

310 Nitrogen-depletion is an important inducing factor for gametogenesis (Sager and  
311 Granick 1954); however, Goodenough et al. (2007) reported that nitrogen-depletion is a  
312 necessary but not essential process for activating the gametogenetic program in *C.*  
313 *reinhardtii*. Because the gene expressions for gametogenesis started with a certain length  
314 of lag phase after the depletion of nitrogen from the medium, the external nitrogen  
315 concentration seems to be a triggering factor, but not a regulatory signal. In terrestrial  
316 plants, carbon and nitrogen metabolism interact tightly with each other (for review, see  
317 Reichi et al. 2006), and carbon–nitrogen ratio signaling plays an important role in  
318 environmental responses (for review, see Zheng, 2009). Taking our results into  
319 consideration, a particular carbon–nitrogen ratio, generated under high-CO<sub>2</sub> conditions or  
320 nitrogen-depletion, is likely to act as a signal for gametogenesis.

321 Some interesting consistencies have been reported in proteins that facilitate DIC and  
322 nitrogen utilization, although their induction mechanisms are different. LCIA (also  
323 named NAR1.2), which is involved in chloroplast-located bicarbonate transport  
324 (Duanmu et al. 2009), was identified as a low-CO<sub>2</sub>-inducible gene by EST analysis and  
325 was shown to be regulated by changes in CO<sub>2</sub> but not nitrogen availability (Miura et al.  
326 2004). On the other hand, NAR1 genes are generally known to involve members of the

327 Formate/Nitrite Transporter (FNT) family (Rexach et al. 2000). In fact, LCIA-containing  
328 *Xenopus* oocytes display both low-affinity bicarbonate transport and high-affinity nitrite  
329 transport (Mariscal et al. 2006), suggesting that LCIA is involved not only in bicarbonate  
330 uptake but also nitrite uptake under low-CO<sub>2</sub> conditions; in other words, the suppression  
331 of LCIA by high-CO<sub>2</sub> may reduce nitrogen availability. In addition, the molecular  
332 structure of the high-affinity-bicarbonate transporter *cmpABCD* is very similar to the  
333 nitrate/nitrite transporter *nrtABCD* in *Synechococcus* sp. PCC7942, suggesting a close  
334 regulatory relationship between carbon and nitrogen assimilation (for review, see Badger  
335 and Price 2003). These data suggest the possibility that changes in CO<sub>2</sub> availability may  
336 also affect nitrogen availability.

337       However, we could not find any effect of high-CO<sub>2</sub> signal alone on mating (Fig. 5).  
338 This result suggest that high-CO<sub>2</sub> signal induced gametogenesis-related proteins but the  
339 signal was not strong enough or still missing some factors required for triggering mating.  
340 Otherwise, it may also be possible that the gametogenesis-related protein families and/or  
341 hydroxyproline-rich-glycoproteins play another role under high-CO<sub>2</sub> conditions.

342       The present results suggest that high-CO<sub>2</sub> may be associated with sexual  
343 differentiation, by participating in gametogenesis and the sexual program. For further,  
344 detailed analysis of the relationship between high-CO<sub>2</sub> and gametogenesis, whole-cell  
345 proteome analysis would be necessary. Targeted proteomics of whole *C. reinhardtii*  
346 established by Wienkoop et al. (2010) might be useful for such an analysis. Future works  
347 are needed to determine which factor is essential for triggering gametogenesis and mating,  
348 namely high-CO<sub>2</sub>, nitrogen-depletion or C/N ratio alone or in combination. Our findings  
349 also provide important clues for understanding the behavior of this organism in the  
350 natural environment.

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## 352 **Materials and Methods**

### 353 **Strains and culture conditions**

354 A cell wall-less strain of a unicellular green microalga, *C. reinhardtii* CC-400 cw-15 mt<sup>+</sup>,  
355 was obtained from the Chlamydomonas Center at Duke University for use in proteomic  
356 analyses. A pair of high-mating strains of *C. reinhardtii*, CC-620 mt<sup>+</sup> and CC-621 mt<sup>-</sup>,  
357 was obtained from Dr. Y. Hanawa, International Patent Organism Depository (IPOD),  
358 National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST), Japan for use  
359 in mating analysis. Cells were grown at 25°C in Erlenmeyer flasks containing 500 ml of  
360 modified HS medium (Sueoka 1960) supplemented with 30 mM 3-(N-morpholino)  
361 propanesulfonic acid (MOPS)-NaOH (pH 6.8), and grown under continuous illumination  
362 at a photosynthetic photon flux density (PPFD) of 150  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ . Cells grown for 3  
363 days were transferred to either atmospheric air or high (3%)-CO<sub>2</sub> conditions, as described  
364 previously (Hanawa et al., 2007).

365 For proteomic analysis, cells were grown in a semi-continuous culture by diluting each  
366 cell suspension with fresh media once per day to maintain a logarithmic growth phase.  
367 The algal cells were grown under the bubbling of air (0.04% [v/v] CO<sub>2</sub>) for several days  
368 to fully acclimate to low-CO<sub>2</sub>. After harvesting to transfer to fresh medium, cells were  
369 washed three times with fresh media to remove a tiny amount of extracellular proteins on  
370 the cell surface. Then, the washed cells were transferred to a new culture under  
371 continuous bubbling of air enriched with 3% (v/v) CO<sub>2</sub> (Fig. 2A).

372 For mating analysis, gametes triggered by nitrogen-depletion were prepared under  
373 either high-CO<sub>2</sub> or nitrogen-free conditions in modified HS medium supplemented with  
374 30 mM MOPS-NaOH (pH 6.8) but no NH<sub>4</sub>Cl.



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376 **Sample preparation**

377 Aliquots (150 ml) of cultures were withdrawn and centrifuged at  $2,300 \times g$  for 10 min at  
378  $4^{\circ}\text{C}$  to separate culture media and algal cells. Then,  $0.12 \text{ mg ml}^{-1}$  of complete protease  
379 inhibitor cocktail (Roche diagnostics, Basel, Switzerland) was added to the collected  
380 culture medium. Tiny floating particles in the culture media were removed by filtration  
381 through a cellulose acetate membrane (430624,  $0.22 \mu\text{m}$ , Corning, Corning, NY) and the  
382 filtrate was lyophilized. The extracellular proteins were dissolved in 2 ml  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and then  
383 dialyzed against  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . The protein concentration was determined using a commercial  
384 assay kit (Bio-Rad Laboratories, Hercules, CA).

385 To obtain intracellular-soluble and -insoluble fractions, cells were washed twice with  
386 fresh modified HS medium at  $4^{\circ}\text{C}$  and suspended in 1/50 volume of disruption buffer  
387 containing 50 mM piperazine- $\text{N,N}'$ -bis(2-ethanesulfonic acid) (PIPES)- $\text{NaOH}$  (pH 7.0),  
388 5 mM ethylene diamine tetraacetic acid (EDTA), 5 mM ethylene glycol tetraacetic acid  
389 (EGTA), 100 mM  $\text{NaCl}$ , 1 mM phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride (PMSF), and  $1.2 \text{ mg ml}^{-1}$   
390 complete protein inhibitor cocktail. Then the cells were disrupted by sonication on ice  
391 and centrifuged to remove cell debris. The resultant supernatants were ultracentrifuged  
392 twice: first at  $50,000 \times g$  and then at  $98,000 \times g$  for 30 min each. The final supernatants  
393 were collected as the soluble proteins. Both precipitates were combined and washed twice  
394 with disruption buffer and then used to prepare the insoluble proteins.

395 The intracellular-soluble and -insoluble proteins were precipitated with four volumes  
396 of cold acetone. The precipitated soluble proteins were suspended in 8.5 M urea, 0.2%  
397 (w/v) SDS, 2% (v/v) Triton X-100, 65 mM dithiothreitol (DTT), 2% (v/v) pharmalyte  
398 (pH 3-10) (GE healthcare Japan, Tokyo, Japan), and  $1.2 \text{ mg ml}^{-1}$  complete protease

399 inhibitor cocktail. The precipitated insoluble proteins were suspended in 5 M urea, 2 M  
400 thiourea, 2% (w/v) 3-[(3-cholamidopropyl) dimethylammonio] propanesulfonate  
401 (CHAPS), 0.2% (w/v) SDS, 65 mM DTT, 2% (v/v) pharmalyte (pH 3-10), and 1.2 mg  
402 ml<sup>-1</sup> complete protein inhibitor cocktail.

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#### 404 **SDS-PAGE**

405 Protein samples (0.9 µg) from the culture medium were denatured in 1/6 volume of  
406 sample buffer containing 0.125 M Tris-HCl (pH 6.8), 4% (w/v) SDS, 20% (v/v) glycerol,  
407 10% (v/v) 2-mercaptoethanol, and 0.004% bromphenol blue at 65°C for 15 min. The  
408 samples were resolved using 5–20% (w/v) gradient SDS-PAGE. The proteins in the gels  
409 were stained and visualized using Flamingo™ fluorescent gel stain (Bio-Rad  
410 Laboratories) or Quick CBB (Wako, Osaka, Japan), according to the manufacturers'  
411 protocols.

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#### 413 **2D-gel analysis**

414 Each protein sample (50 µg) was applied to isoelectrofocusing (IEF) gel strips with an  
415 immobilized linear pH gradient (Immobiline™ DryStrip pH 3–10 NL, 18 cm, GE  
416 Healthcare, Japan). The strips were rehydrated at 20°C for 12 h at 100 V in solutions  
417 containing 6 M urea, 2 M thiourea, 2% (v/v) Triton X-100, 13 mM DTT, 1% (v/v)  
418 pharmalyte (pH 3-10), 2.5 mM acetate, and 0.025% (w/v) Orange G. The samples were  
419 applied to IEF at 20°C on a Cool phoreStar IPG-IEF Type-P system (Anatech,  
420 Poughkeepsie, NY) with a stepwise increase in voltage (500 V [2 h], 700 V [1 h], 1,000 V  
421 [1 h], 1,500 V [1 h], 2,000 V [1 h], 2,500 V [1 h], 3,000 V [1 h], and 3,500 V [10 h]). The  
422 gel strips were equilibrated in a denaturing solution containing 6 M urea, 13 mM DTT,

423 30% (w/v) glycerol, 2% (w/v) SDS, and 25 mM Tris-HCl (pH 6.8). Denatured gel strips  
424 were equilibrated in a reducing and alkylating solution containing 25 mM Tris-HCl (pH  
425 6.8), 2% (w/v) SDS, 0.025% (w/v) bromophenol blue, 30% (w/v) glycerol, and 0.24 M  
426 iodoacetamide. Next, the gel strips were subjected to 12.5% SDS-PAGE. The protein  
427 spots on the gels were stained and visualized using Flamingo™ fluorescent gel stain,  
428 according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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### 430 **Peptide preparation for LC-MS/MS analysis**

431 We separated the proteins recovered from each medium using SDS-PAGE. Aliquots (0.9  
432 µg) of each protein sample were loaded in duplicate and the two lanes for each sample  
433 were treated at the same time. The gel sections containing protein bands were sliced into  
434 four pieces per sample. Flamingo-stained gels were washed twice with 30% (v/v)  
435 HPLC-grade acetonitrile (Kanto Chemical, Tokyo, Japan), washed with 100%  
436 acetonitrile and dried under vacuum. The dried gel pieces were treated with 2 µl 0.5 µg  
437 µl<sup>-1</sup> trypsin (sequence grade; Promega, Madison, WI) in 50 mM ammonium bicarbonate  
438 (Shevchenko and Shevchenko 2001) and incubated at 37°C for 16 h. The digested  
439 peptides in the gel pieces were recovered twice with 20 µl 5% (v/v) formic acid/50% (v/v)  
440 acetonitrile. Finally, combined extracts were concentrated under vacuum.

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### 442 **Mass spectrometric analysis and database search**

443 LC-MS/MS analyses were performed using an LTQ-Orbitrap XL-HTC-PAL-Paradigm  
444 MS4 system (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Bremen, Germany). Trypsin-digested peptides  
445 were loaded on the column (100 µm i.d. × 15 cm; L-Column, CERI, Auburn, CA) using a  
446 Paradigm MS4 HPLC pump (Michrom BioResources) and HTC-PAL autosampler (CTC

447 analytics, Zwingen, Switzerland). The digests were applied to a column equilibrated with  
448 6.4% acetonitrile and 0.1% acetic acid. The proteins were eluted under a linear gradient  
449 from 6.4 to 41.6% acetonitrile solution containing 0.1% acetic acid over 25 min. The  
450 eluted peptides were applied directly to the LTQ-Orbitrap mass spectrometer at a flow  
451 rate of 300 nl min<sup>-1</sup> and a spray voltage of 2.0 kV. The range of MS scan was *m/z*  
452 200–2,000 and the top three peaks were subjected to MS/MS analysis. The obtained  
453 spectra were compared against a genome database of *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* v3.0  
454 from the Joint Genome Institute (<http://genome.jgi-psf.org/Chlre3/Chlre3.home.html>)  
455 using the MASCOT server (version 2.1 Matrix Science, London, UK). The MASCOT  
456 search parameters were as follows: threshold at 0.05 in the ion score cut-off, peptide  
457 tolerance at 10 ppm, MS/MS tolerance at ± 0.8 Da, peptide charge of 2 + or 3 +, trypsin as  
458 the enzyme allowing up to one missed cleavage, carbamidomethylation on cysteine as a  
459 fixed modification, and oxidation on methionine as a variable modification. To predict  
460 the subcellular localization of identified proteins, we used SignalP, ChloroP, and TargetP  
461 from the CBS prediction servers (<http://www.cbs.dtu.dk/services/>).

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### 463 **Observation of mating of gametes**

464 *C. reinhardtii* strains mt<sup>+</sup> and mt<sup>-</sup> were mixed and then microscope image was taken 10  
465 minutes later. The mating efficiency was determined as described by Chiang et al. (1970).

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645 **Figure legends**

646

647 **Fig. 1.** Growth parameters of the wall-less strain *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* CC-400  
648 under various CO<sub>2</sub> conditions in a batch culture. **A**, Growth curves. Air (●), cells  
649 pre-grown in ordinary air for 3 days were transferred to fresh medium under the same  
650 conditions; Air to CO<sub>2</sub> (■), cells pre-grown in ordinary air for 3 days were transferred to  
651 fresh medium under high-CO<sub>2</sub> conditions (3% CO<sub>2</sub> in air); CO<sub>2</sub> (▲), cells pre-grown in  
652 air containing 3% CO<sub>2</sub> for 3 days were transferred to fresh medium under the same  
653 conditions. **B**, Specific growth rate (y-axis) and the doubling time (numbers on the  
654 columns) during the logarithmic growth phase under various CO<sub>2</sub> conditions. Values  
655 were calculated from those in Fig. 1A.

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657 **Fig. 2.** Semi-continuous culture of the wall-less strain *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii*  
658 CC-400 for the preparation of samples for proteomic analysis. **A**, Experimental plan of  
659 semi-continuous culture with dilution of culture once per day to maintain logarithmic  
660 growth. Algal cells were grown in ordinary air for 3 days and then transferred to 3%  
661 CO<sub>2</sub>-enriched air. Cells were harvested 0 (1), 1 (2), and 3 (3) days after the transfer of  
662 cells from air to high-CO<sub>2</sub>. Three independent replicates were used. **B**, Specific growth  
663 rates and the doubling time of cells in cultures (1), (2), and (3) were  $9.19 \pm 0.32$ ,  
664  $6.19 \pm 0.55$ , and  $5.98 \pm 0.09$  h, respectively. **C**, Concentrations of total proteins released  
665 into the medium in cultures (1)–(3) shown in Fig. 2A. **D**, SDS-PAGE image stained with  
666 Flamingo™ gel stain. CAH1 and H43/FEA1 are markers of air- and high-CO<sub>2</sub>-inducible  
667 proteins in *C. reinhardtii*, respectively. Lanes 1–3 show triplicate samples.

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669 **Fig. 3.** A Venn diagram of extracellular proteins identified in air-, 1-day-high-CO<sub>2</sub>-, and  
670 3-day-high-CO<sub>2</sub>-acclimated cells. Numbers in parenthesis indicate numbers of secretory  
671 proteins which were identified in air-, 1-day-high-CO<sub>2</sub>-, and/or  
672 3-day-high-CO<sub>2</sub>-acclimated cells, respectively. Percentages indicate contents of secretory  
673 protein in total.

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675 **Fig. 4.** Lists of top 10 extracellular proteins aligned by its protein content and by its ratio  
676 of protein content in air- to 1-day-high-CO<sub>2</sub>- or 3-day-high-CO<sub>2</sub>-acclimated cells.

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678 **Fig. 5.** Microscopic images of mating. **A**, the mixture of *C. reinhardtii* CC-620 and  
679 CC-621 which had been grown under high-CO<sub>2</sub> conditions. **B**, higher magnification  
680 image of A. **C**, the mixture of *C. reinhardtii* CC-620 and CC-621 which had been grown  
681 under nitrogen-free conditions. **D**, higher magnification image of C.

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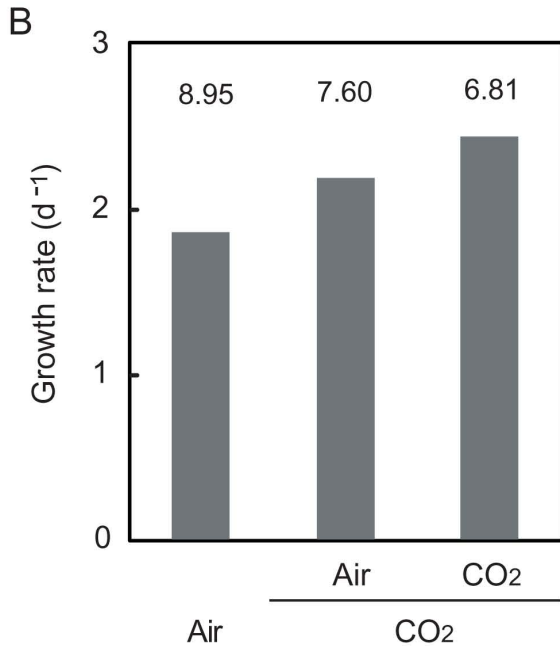
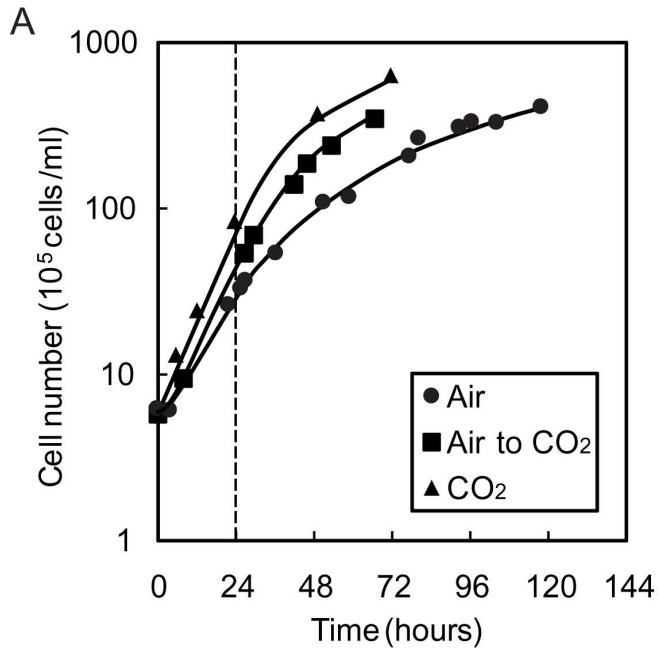


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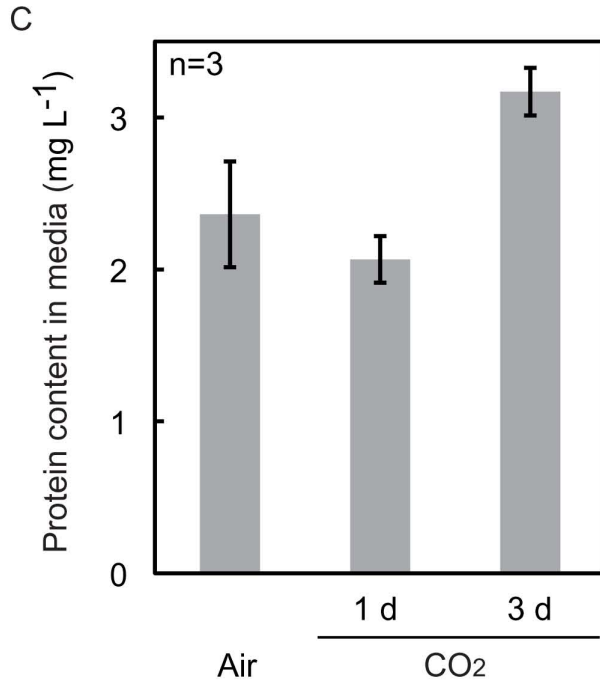
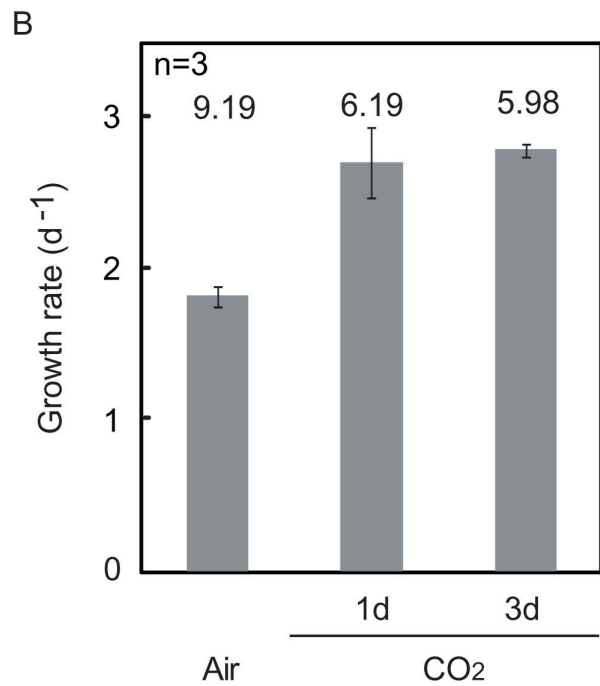
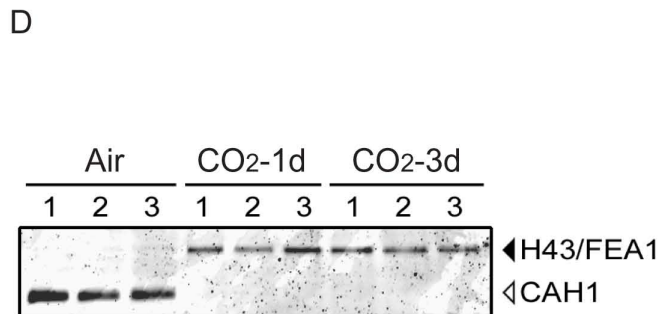
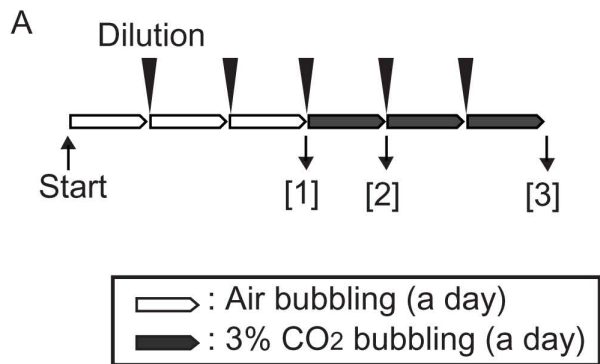


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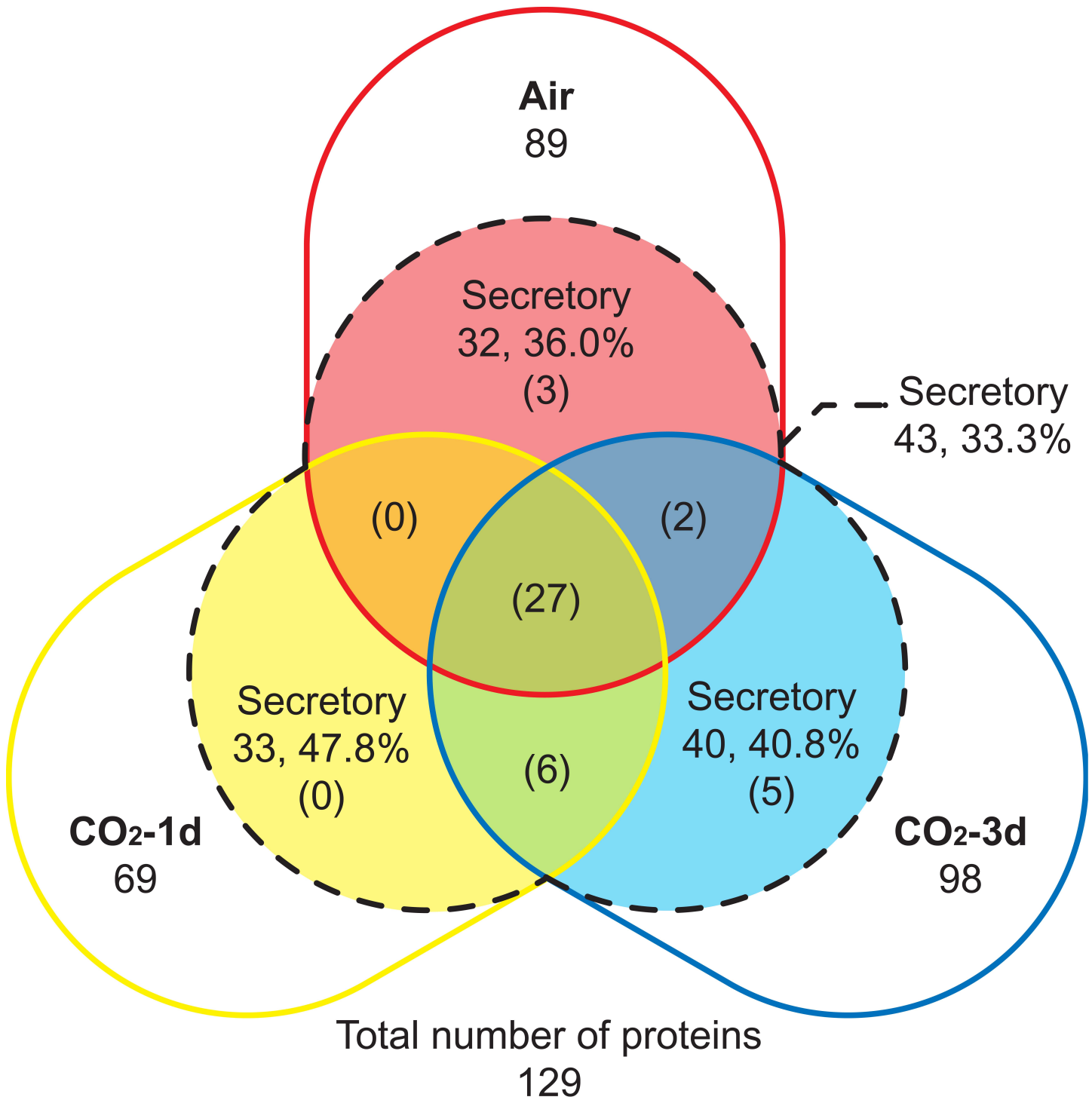


Fig.3

Air		Air/CO <sub>2</sub> -3d		CO <sub>2</sub> -1d		CO <sub>2</sub> -1d/Air		CO <sub>2</sub> -3d		CO <sub>2</sub> -3d/Air	
Protein	Amount	Protein	Ratio	Protein	Amount	Protein	Ratio	Protein	Amount	Protein	Ratio
CAH1	10.11	CAH1	5.85	H43/FEA1	22.09	H43/FEA1	3.66	H43/FEA1	26.01	ISG-C1	4.36
H43/FEA1	6.04	GAP3	5.25	EXC2	4.92	ISG-C1	3.57	EXC1	3.76	H43/FEA1	4.31
EXC1	5.37	CAH1 /CAH2	2.29	PHC21	4.82	HCI3	3.45	FAP102	3.48	HCI3	3.03
GAP3	4.95	PHC4	1.90	EXC1	4.77	FAP102	2.26	HCI3	3.02	FAP102	2.48
PHC21	3.96	PHOT	1.67	HCI3	3.43	HCI1	2.07	ISG-C1	2.46	FAP212	1.85
EXC2	3.49	GP1	1.49	HCI2	3.36	HCI2	1.93	HCI2	2.46	GAS31	1.80
GP1	2.09	EXC1	1.43	FAP102	3.16	FAP212	1.74	GP2	2.36	HCI1	1.41
FAP211	1.90	PCY1	1.41	GP1	3.06	GP2	1.60	ISG-C2	2.27	HCI2	1.41
GP2	1.79	FAP211	1.26	GP2	2.87	GP1	1.46	GAS31	1.93	GP2	1.32
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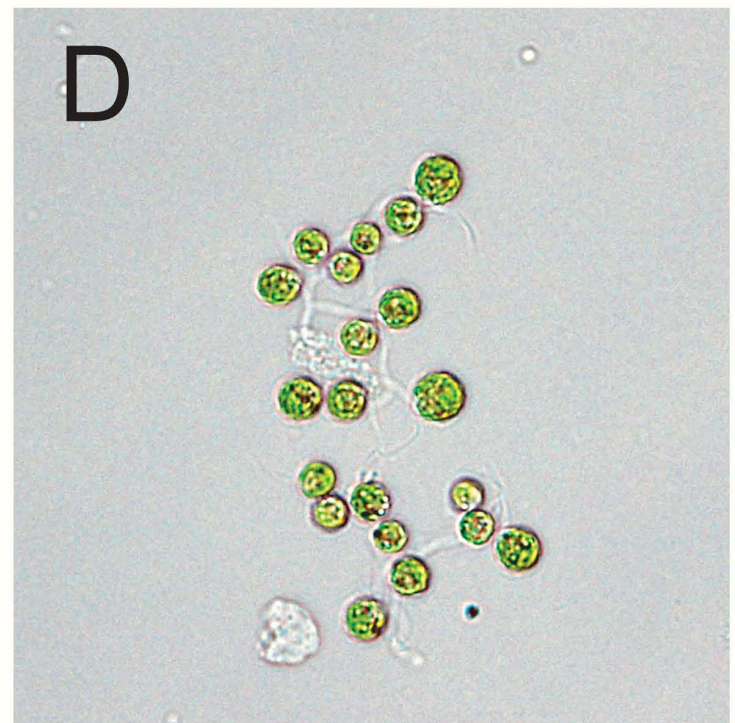
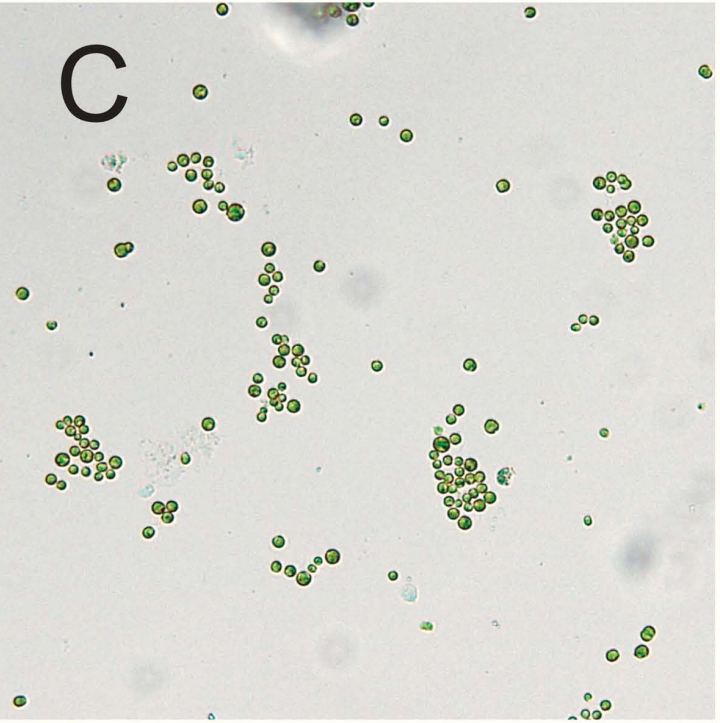
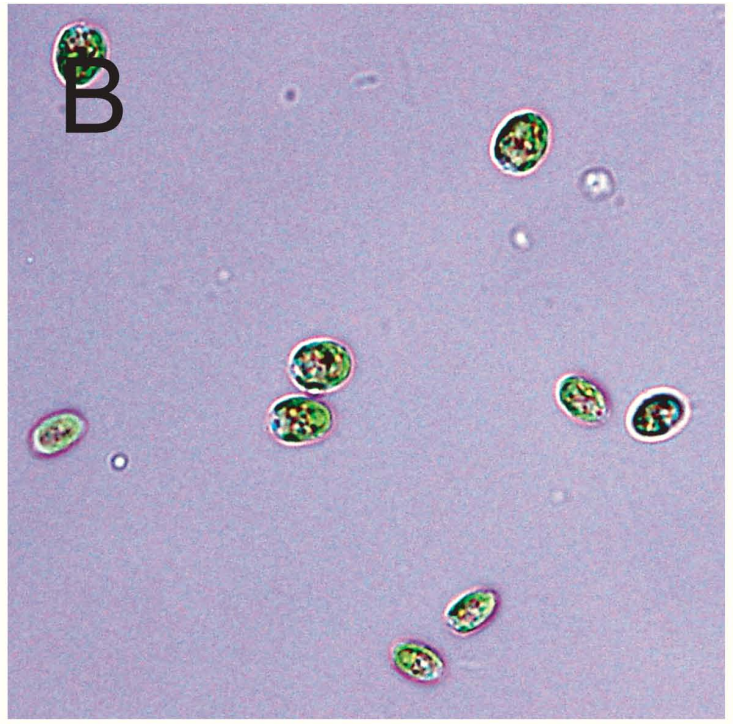
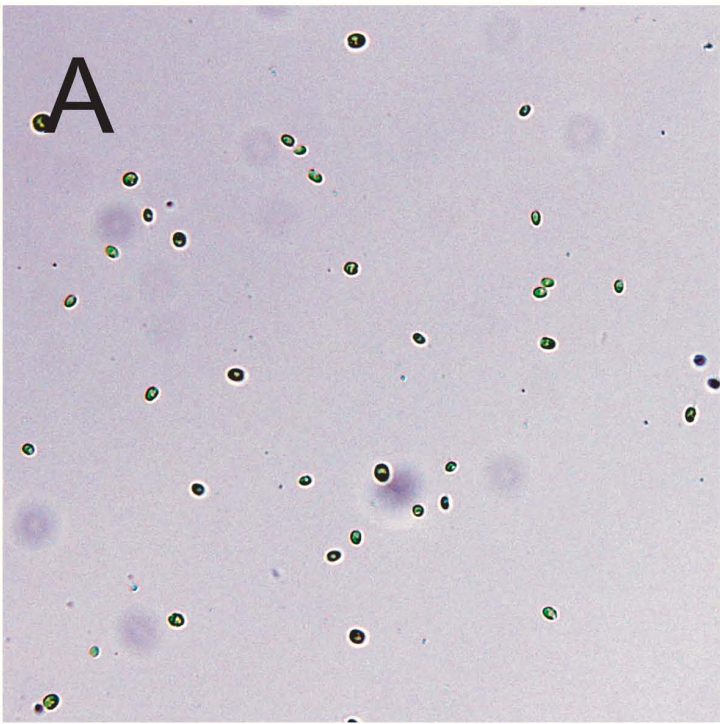


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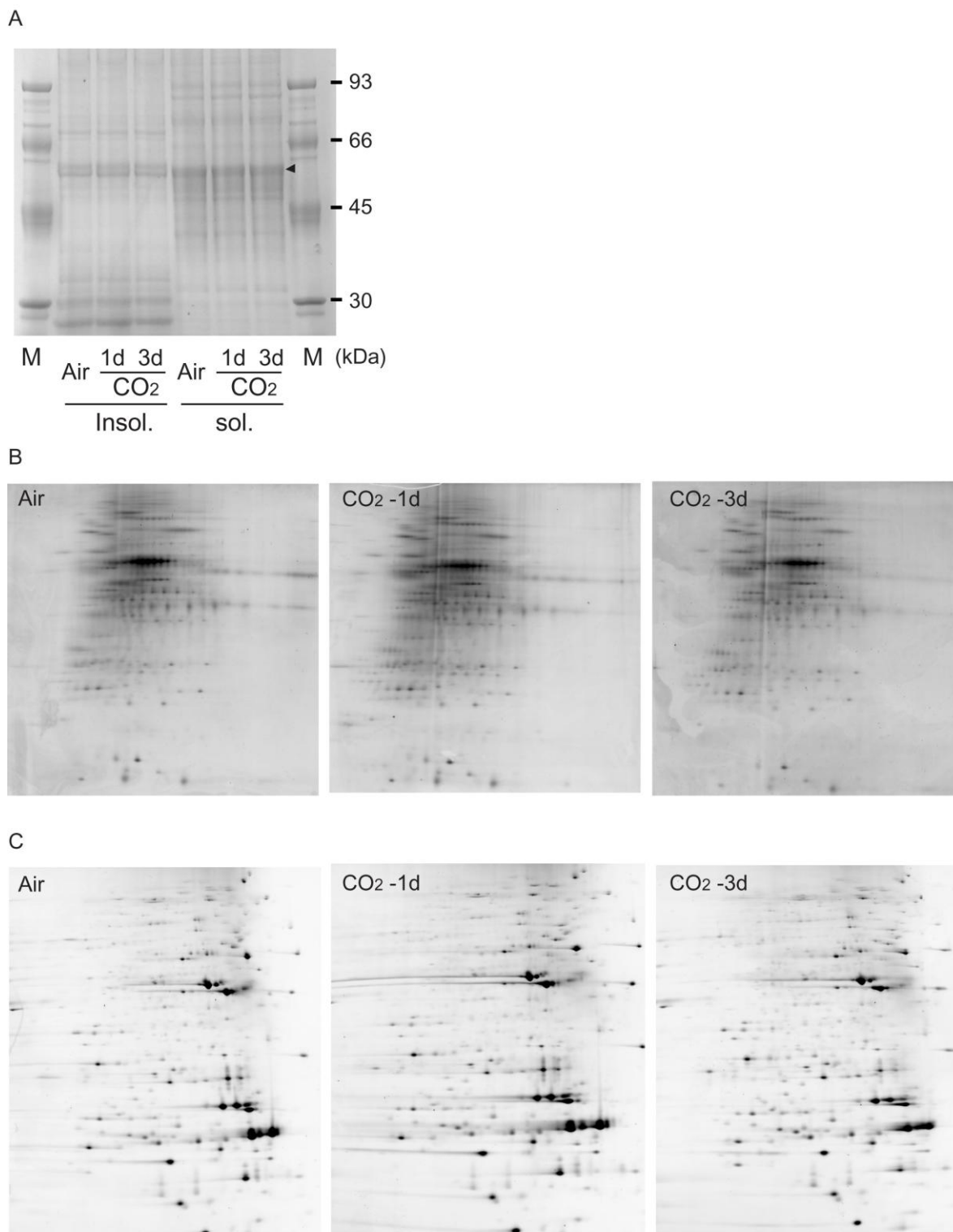


Fig. S1. 2D-GE analysis of proteins in the intracellular-soluble and -insoluble fractions from a wall-less strain of *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* CC-400 grown under various CO<sub>2</sub> conditions. A, SDS-PAGE of the cellular-soluble and -insoluble proteins stained with Quick-CBB. M indicates a molecular weight marker. The arrowhead indicates a band corresponding to the large subunit of Rubisco. B and C, 2D-GE profiles of the cellular-soluble and -insoluble proteins stained with Flamingo™ gel stain. Air, CO<sub>2</sub>-1d and CO<sub>2</sub>-3d represent samples (1), (2), and (3) from Fig. 2A, respectively.



**Table 1** List of top 20 extracellular proteins aligned by its amount in air-acclimated cells.

Ranking	Assigned name	JGI protein ID	Protein content in Air (mol%)		Air/CO <sub>2</sub> -3d	SignalP	Function and/or similarities to known proteins	Grouping
1	CAH1	24120 *	10.11	± 2.84	5.85	S	Carbonic anhydrase1(CAH1), low-CO2 inducible gene regulated by LCR1 [PMID: 15155888] and CCM1 [PMID: 11287669]	CAH
2	H43/FEA1	129929	6.04	± 5.50	0.23	S	high-CO2 inducible, iron-deficiency inducible, periplasmic protein [PMID: 17660359]; Also known as H43[PMID: 17202179]	other
3	EXC1	191447	5.37	± 2.59	1.43	S	No domain	-
4	GAP3	129019 *	4.95	± 3.22	5.25	C	Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase A	other
5	PHC21	93464	3.96	± 2.25	-	C	pherophorin-C21 (PHC21) [PMID: 16367971]; similar to	PHC
6	EXC2	152521	3.49	± 2.04	-	C	No domain	-
7	GP1	34358	2.09	± 0.29	1.49	S	GP1[CAL91937], hydroxyproline-rich glycoprotein [PMID:	GP
8	FAP211	186474	1.90	± 0.95	1.26	S	FAP211 [PMID: 15998802], similar to NSG1[PMID: 15459796]	NSG
9	GP2	195768	1.79	± 0.63	0.76	S	GP2[CAL91937], hydroxyproline-rich glycoprotein [PMID:	GP
10	HCI2	190800	1.75	± 0.76	0.71	-	similar to flagella associated protein; NSG1protein [PMID:	NSG
11	PCY1	185915	1.68	± 1.23	1.41	M	pre-apoplastocyanin, PETE [PMID: 2165059;PMID: 8940133]	other
12	FAP102	191022	1.40	± 1.14	0.40	S	FAP102 [PMID: 15998802], similar to GP3 [CAJ98661]	GP
13	LCI5	196466	1.37	± 0.91	-	C	low-CO2-inducible protein, regulated by CCM1 [PMID: 15235119]	other
14	CAH1/CAH2	24120; 128726 *	1.37	± 0.18	2.29	S	Carbonic anhydrase1(CAH1); Carbonic anhydrase 2 (CAH2), high-CO2-inducible [PMID: 2124702]	CAH
15	FSD1	182933	1.32	± 0.30	-	C	superoxide dismutase [Fe]	other
16	SEBP1	189186	1.15	± 0.76	-	C	Sedoheptulose-1,7-bisphosphatase	other
17	GAS31	193780	1.07	± 0.92	0.56	S	GAS31[PMID: 16183845], belongs to the large pherophorin-family	GAS
18	HCI3	186476	1.00	± 0.37	0.33	-	similar to flagella associated protein; NSG1protein [PMID:	NSG
19	HCI1	115272	0.96	± 0.09	0.71	S	similar to NSG1(nitrogen-starved gametogenesis) protein [PMID: 15459796]	NSG
20	FAP212	186478	0.90	± 0.02	0.54	S	FAP212 [PMID: 15998802], similar to NSG1[PMID: 15459796]	NSG

\*: Protein content was significantly(p&lt;0.05) higher than that of CO2-3d

**Table 2** List of top 20 extracellular proteins aligned by its amount in 1-day-high-CO<sub>2</sub>-acclimated cells.

Ranking	Assigned name	JGI protein ID	Protein content in CO <sub>2</sub> -1d (mol%)			CO <sub>2</sub> -1d/Air	SignalP	Function and/or similarities to known proteins	Grouping
1	H43/FEA1	129929 *	22.09	±	8.16	3.66	S	high-CO <sub>2</sub> inducible, iron-deficiency inducible, periplasmic protein [PMID: 17660359]; Also known as H43[PMID: 17202179]	other
2	EXC2	152521	4.92	±	0.62	1.41	C	No domain	-
3	PHC21	93464	4.82	±	0.97	1.22	C	pherophorin-C21 (PHC21) [PMID: 16367971]; similar to	PHC
4	EXC1	191447	4.77	±	1.39	0.89	S	No domain	-
5	HCI3	186476	3.43	±	3.09	3.45	-	similar to flagella associated protein; NSG1protein [PMID:	NSG
6	HCI2	190800 *	3.36	±	0.79	1.93	-	similar to flagella associated protein; NSG1protein [PMID:	NSG
7	FAP102	191022 *	3.16	±	0.40	2.26	S	FAP102 [PMID: 15998802], similar to GP3 [CAJ98661]	GP
8	GP1	34358 *	3.06	±	0.30	1.46	S	GP1[CAL91937], hydroxyproline-rich glycoprotein [PMID:	GP
9	GP2	195768	2.87	±	0.79	1.60	S	GP2[CAL91937], hydroxyproline-rich glycoprotein [PMID:	GP
10	FAP211	186474	2.32	±	1.35	1.22	S	FAP211 [PMID: 15998802], similar to NSG1[PMID: 15459796]	NSG
11	ISG-C1	178049 *	2.02	±	0.44	3.57	S	similar to Volvox ISG [PMID: 1600938] and Chlamydomonas VSP-3 [PMID: 8000007]; Also known as FAP40 [PMID:	ISG
12	HCI1	115272 *	1.99	±	0.68	2.07	S	similar to NSG1(nitrogen-starved gametogenesis) protein [PMID: 15459796]	NSG
13	FAP212	186478	1.57	±	0.66	1.74	S	FAP212 [PMID: 15998802], similar to NSG1[PMID: 15459796]	NSG
14	ISG-C4	185383 *	1.51	±	0.62	-	S	similar to Volvox ISG [PMID: 1600938] and Chlamydomonas VSP-3 [PMID: 8000007]; Also known as FAP137 [PMID:	ISG
15	GAS31	193780	1.41	±	0.79	1.32	S	GAS31[PMID: 16183845], belongs to the large pherophorin-family	GAS
16	CAH1	24120	1.41	±	0.17	0.14	S	Carbonic anhydrase1(CAH1), low-CO <sub>2</sub> inducible gene regulated by LCR1 [PMID: 15155888] and CCM1 [PMID: 11287669]	CAH
17	GAP3	129019	0.99	±	1.08	0.20	C	Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase A	other
18	PHC1	196399	0.95	±	0.36	-	S	pherophorin-C1 (PHC1) [PMID: 16367971]; belongs to the large pherophorin-family	PHC
19	EXC3	166267	0.82	±	0.13	1.13	S	Hypothetical protein containing a DUF3707; pherophorin domain	PHC
20	PCY1	185915	0.72	±	0.35	0.43	M	pre-apoplastocyanin, PETE [PMID: 2165059;PMID: 8940133]	other

\*: Protein content was significantly(p&lt;0.05) higher than that of Air

**Table 3** List of top 20 extracellular proteins aligned by its amount in 3-day-high-CO<sub>2</sub>-acclimated cells.

Ranking	Assigned name	JGI protein ID	Protein content in CO <sub>2</sub> -3d (mol%)		CO <sub>2</sub> -3d/Air	SignalP	Function and/or similarities to known proteins	Grouping
1	H43/FEA1	129929 *	26.01	± 4.30	4.31	S	high-CO <sub>2</sub> inducible, iron-deficiency inducible, periplasmic protein [PMID: 17660359]; Also known as H43[PMID: 17202179]	other
2	EXC1	191447	3.76	± 2.61	0.70	S	No domain	-
3	FAP102	191022 *	3.48	± 0.63	2.48	S	FAP102 [PMID: 15998802], similar to GP3 [CAJ98661]	GP
4	HCI3	186476 *	3.02	± 1.52	3.03	-	similar to flagella associated protein; NSG1protein [PMID: 15459796]	NSG
5	ISG-C1	178049 *	2.46	± 0.70	4.36	S	similar to Volvox ISG [PMID: 1600938] and Chlamydomonas VSP-3 [PMID: 8000007]; Also known as FAP40 [PMID: 15459796]	ISG
6	HCI2	190800 *	2.46	± 0.27	1.41	-	similar to flagella associated protein; NSG1protein [PMID: 15459796]	NSG
7	GP2	195768	2.36	± 0.49	1.32	S	GP2[CAL91937], hydroxyproline-rich glycoprotein [PMID: 15459796]	GP
8	ISG-C2	193727 *	2.27	± 0.75	-	S	similar to Volvox ISG [PMID: 1600938] and Chlamydomonas VSP-3 [PMID: 8000007]	ISG
9	GAS31	193780	1.93	± 0.52	1.80	S	GAS31[PMID: 16183845], belongs to the large pherophorin-family	GAS
10	CAH1	24120	1.73	± 0.24	0.17	S	Carbonic anhydrase1(CAH1), low-CO <sub>2</sub> inducible gene regulated by LCR1 [PMID: 15155888] and CCM1 [PMID: 11287669]	CAH
11	FAP103	58944	1.69	± 1.10	-	-	Flagellar Associated Protein similar to nucleoside diphosphate kinase, found in the flagellar proteome [PMID: 15998802]	other
12	FAP212	186478 *	1.66	± 0.34	1.85	S	FAP212 [PMID: 15998802], similar to NSG1[PMID: 15459796]	NSG
13	PHC15	148333	1.54	± 0.87	-	S	pherophorin-C15 (PHC15) [PMID: 16367971]; similar to	PHC
14	FAP211	186474	1.51	± 0.23	0.79	S	FAP211 [PMID: 15998802], similar to NSG1[PMID: 15459796]	NSG
15	ISG-C4	185383	1.47	± 0.24	-	S	similar to Volvox ISG [PMID: 1600938] and Chlamydomonas VSP-3 [PMID: 8000007]; Also known as FAP137 [PMID: 15459796]	ISG
16	GP1	34358	1.40	± 0.43	0.67	S	GP1[CAL91937], hydroxyproline-rich glycoprotein [PMID: 15459796]	GP
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19	HCI4	157979 *	0.96	± 0.59	-	C	similar to GP3 [CAJ98661]	GP
20	GAP3	129019	0.94	± 0.16	0.19	C	Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase A	other

\*: Protein content was significantly(p&lt;0.05) higher than that of Air

