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# A cytorhabdovirus phosphoprotein forms mobile inclusions trafficked on the actin/ER network for viral RNA synthesis

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## Abstract

**As obligate parasites, plant viruses usually hijack host cytoskeletons for replication and movement. Rhabdoviruses are enveloped, negative-stranded RNA viruses that infect vertebrates, invertebrates, and plants, but the mechanisms of intracellular trafficking of plant rhabdovirus proteins are largely unknown. Here, we used *Barley yellow striate mosaic virus* (BYSMV), a plant cytorhabdovirus, as a model to investigate the effects of the actin cytoskeleton on viral intracellular movement and viral RNA synthesis in a mini-replicon (MR) system. The BYSMV P protein forms mobile inclusion bodies that are trafficked along the actin/endoplasmic reticulum network, and recruit the N and L proteins into viroplasm-like structures. Deletion analysis showed that the N terminal region (aa 43–55) and the remaining region (aa 56–295) of BYSMV P are essential for the mobility and formation of inclusions, respectively. Overexpression of myosin XI-K tails completely abolishes the trafficking activity of P bodies, and is accompanied by a significant reduction of viral MR RNA synthesis. These results suggest that BYSMV P contributes to the formation and trafficking of viroplasm-like structures along the ER/actin network driven by myosin XI-K. Thus, rhabdovirus P appears to be a dynamic hub protein for efficient recruitment of viral proteins, thereby promoting viral RNA synthesis.**

**Keywords:** Actin cytoskeleton, *Barley yellow striate mosaic virus*, intracellular movement, myosin motor, P bodies, rhabdovirus.

## Introduction

As obligate parasites, plant viruses are heavily reliant on host cell functions for replication and movement, and there is accumulating evidence to suggest that microtubules and microfilaments are implicated in the intracellular trafficking of viral proteins (Laporte *et al.*, 2003; Sambade *et al.*, 2008; Amari *et al.*, 2011; Yuan *et al.*, 2011; Agbeci *et al.*, 2013; Pitzalis and Heinlein, 2017). In plant cells, the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) runs along actin filaments and forms a cytoplasmic actin/ER network that induces rapid streaming of the ER in the cortical cytoplasm (Boevink *et al.*, 1998). Myosins play the main role in driving actin-based cytoplasmic streaming within plant

cells (Tominaga *et al.*, 2003; Avisar *et al.*, 2008b; Kurth *et al.*, 2017). A number of movement proteins of plant viruses have been reported to make use of the actomyosin cytoskeleton for transportation targeted at the plasmodesmata (PD). For instance, class VIII myosins are required for PD targeting of the closterovirus Hsp70 homolog, the NSvc4 protein of *Rice stripe virus* (RSV), and the movement protein (MP) of *Tobacco mosaic virus* (TMV) (Avisar *et al.*, 2008a; Yuan *et al.*, 2011; Amari *et al.*, 2014). The cell-to-cell movement of Grapevine fanleaf virus (GFLV) requires class XI myosins for tubule-guided transport between plant cells (Amari *et al.*, 2011). In addition, several

Abbreviations: agMR, anti-genome minireplicon; BYSMV, Barley yellow striate mosaic virus; ER, endoplasmic reticulum; MR, mini-replicon.

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viral movement-independent proteins also form mobile inclusions, and their trafficking along the ER/actin network is required for optimal replication (Kawakami *et al.*, 2004; Liu *et al.*, 2005; Harries *et al.*, 2009a; Cui *et al.*, 2010; Amari *et al.*, 2014; Ishikawa *et al.*, 2015; Feng *et al.*, 2016). This suggests that trafficking of inclusions along the ER/actin network is a general mechanism that is exploited by various plant viruses to support viral propagation and inter- and intracellular movement.

The intracellular transport of diverse viral proteins from non-enveloped plant viruses has been well studied, whereas in contrast our understanding of intracellular trafficking of enveloped plant virus proteins is limited. Most animal viruses are enveloped and require the ER–Golgi secretory pathway for the formation of viral replication complexes (VRCs), and for intra- and intercellular movement (Brandenburg and Zhuang, 2007). However, it has been shown that nucleocapsid proteins of two plant enveloped viruses, *Tomato spotted wilt tospovirus* (TSWV) and *Fig mosaic virus* (FMV), form cytoplasmic inclusions that are trafficked along the ER/actin network in a manner that is dependent on class XI myosins (Feng *et al.*, 2013; Ishikawa *et al.*, 2015). It remains to be determined whether the movement pathways of viral nucleocapsids are conserved in other enveloped plant viruses.

Rhabdoviruses are bullet-shaped or bacilliform enveloped virions containing single-stranded, negative-sense RNA genomes and they have a broad host range, including vertebrates, invertebrates, and plants. Rhabdovirus genomes encode five structural proteins, namely nucleoprotein (N), phosphoprotein (P), matrix protein (M), glycoprotein (G), and polymerase (L), in the conserved order 3′–N–P–M–G–L–5′. The N, P, and L proteins are required for viral RNA replication and mRNA transcription, which occurs in a highly regulated manner (Ivanov *et al.*, 2011). In the nucleocapsid (NC) complex, a minimal infectious unit, the RNA genome is encapsulated by N proteins into an N–RNA complex that serves as a template for viral replication and transcription by the polymerase complex, which is comprised of the L and P proteins (Ivanov *et al.*, 2011; Leyrat *et al.*, 2011). The rhabdovirus P proteins mainly serve as non-catalytic L co-factors and chaperone RNA-free N proteins (N<sup>0</sup>) (Ivanov *et al.*, 2011; Leyrat *et al.*, 2011). The rhabdovirus L proteins exhibit several enzymatic activities, including RNA synthesis, mRNA capping, and polyadenylation (Ivanov *et al.*, 2011). Although rhabdovirus NC complexes have been the subject of numerous studies, it is not known whether the plant intracellular trafficking pathways are implicated in their assembly.

*Barley yellow striate mosaic virus* (BYSMV) is a member of the genus *Cytorhabdovirus*, and is transmitted to cereal hosts by the small brown planthopper (SBPH, *Laodelphax striatellus*) in a persistent-propagative manner (Cao *et al.*, 2018). The BYSMV genome encodes 10 proteins in the order 3′–N–P–P3–P4/P5–P6–M–G–P9–L–5′ (Yan *et al.*, 2015). Here, we used BYSMV as a model cytorhabdovirus to investigate localization and mobility of plant rhabdovirus proteins, and found that the P protein forms mobile inclusion bodies along the ER/actin network driven by class XI myosins. We further demonstrated that mobile P bodies recruit the N and L proteins into viroplasm-like structures. Our results reveal an entirely new role for the P

protein in the assembly of plant rhabdovirus N and L proteins. We further examined the potential role of P movement in a mini-genome system in *Nicotiana benthamiana* leaves.

## Materials and methods

### Plasmid constructs

For construction of BYSMV mini-replicon (MR) reporter cassettes, total RNA was extracted from BYSMV-infected *Laodelphax striatellus* with TRIzol reagent (Invitrogen) and used as a template for reverse transcription (RT) to synthesize the first-strand full-length cDNA of BYSMV with SuperScript III Reverse Transcriptase (Invitrogen). The full-length cDNA of the BYSMV anti-genomic (ag) RNA was amplified using Phanta Max Super-Fidelity DNA Polymerase (Vazyme Biotech) with the primer pair BYS-F and BYS-R (see Supplementary Table S1 at JXB online for a list of all primers used in this study), and then engineered into a binary plasmid pCB301-2×35S-Nos (Shen *et al.*, 2014). For construction of pBYSMV-agMR, the pBYSMV-NP was generated by reverse PCR using the full-length cDNA clone of the BYSMV agRNA as a template with primers MR1-F and MR1-R. Then, a PCR fragment containing the pBYSMV-NP sequence up to the N protein ORF was amplified by reverse PCR with the MR2-F and MR2-R primers, and fused with the green fluorescent protein (GFP) ORF amplified from pGDG (Goodin *et al.*, 2002) with the primer pair GFP-F and GFP-R. Using a similar strategy, the P protein ORF was replaced with the red fluorescent protein (RFP) reporter gene from pGD-RFP (Goodin *et al.*, 2002) with two pairs of primers (MR1-F and MR3-R, RFP-F and RFP-R). The pGD-N and pGD-P plasmids were generated by insertion of the BYSMV N, P, and L ORF cDNA sequences into the pGD vector (Goodin *et al.*, 2002). pGD-L was generated by insertion of the BYSMV L ORF cDNA fused with a 6×Myc tag into the pGD vector (Goodin *et al.*, 2002). To generate the pGD-VSRs plasmid, the ORF sequences of three viral suppressors of RNA silencing (VSRs), namely the Tomato bushy stunt virus p19, the Tobacco etch virus HC-Pro, and the Barley stripe mosaic virus  $\gamma$ b, were individually inserted into the pGD vector. The pGD expression cassettes were then amplified, ligated, and integrated into another pGD vector to simultaneously express the three VSRs.

For subcellular localization assays, the N and P genes of BYSMV or NCMV, as well as their relative mutants, were fused in-frame with cyan fluorescent protein (CFP) or GFP at either the N- or C-terminus and were introduced into the pGD vector (Goodin *et al.*, 2002) with different primers. The L gene of BYSMV was inserted into pSuper1300-mCherry (Jin *et al.*, 2018) and fused in-frame with the mCherry N-terminus. All of these constructs were confirmed by sequencing. The ER marker mCherry-HDEL and Golgi marker STmd-RFP were as described previously (Boevink *et al.*, 1998; Nelson *et al.*, 2007). For the actin marker CFP-ABD2-CFP, the ABD2 sequence (*At4G26700*) was amplified from cDNA of Arabidopsis, fused with CFP at both the N- and C-terminus, and cloned into the pGD vector (Goodin *et al.*, 2002). The dominant-negative myosin constructs of VIII-1, VIII-2, VIII-B, XI-2, XI-F, and XI-K were as described previously (Avisar *et al.*, 2008b). The GFP-ABD2-GFP and mCherry-MAP65-1 plasmids were also as described previously (Smertenko *et al.*, 2004; Wang *et al.*, 2008; Feng *et al.*, 2013).

### Plant material and transient expression

Four-week-old H2B-RFP transgenic (Martin *et al.*, 2009) and wild-type plants of *Nicotiana benthamiana* were agro-infiltrated for transient expression assays as described previously (Zhang *et al.*, 2017). Briefly, *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* cells containing various constructs were re-suspended in infiltration buffer (10 mM MES, pH 5.6, 10 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 150  $\mu$ M Acetosyringone) at 25 °C at least 3 h before infiltration. For mini-replicon assays, *Agrobacterium* harboring pBYSMV-agMR (OD<sub>600</sub> 0.3), pGD-VSRs (OD<sub>600</sub> 0.1), pGD-N (OD<sub>600</sub> 0.1), pGD-P (OD<sub>600</sub> 0.1), and pGD-L (OD<sub>600</sub> 0.3) were mixed and infiltrated into *N. benthamiana* leaves. For subcellular localization assays, *Agrobacterium* containing different constructs encoding the N, P, L, and organelle marker-fused protein

genes and dominant-negative myosin tails were diluted to OD<sub>600</sub> 0.3 and infiltrated into *N. benthamiana* leaves.

### Western blotting analysis

Agro-infiltrated *N. benthamiana* leaves were harvested at 2 to 6 d post infiltration (dpi), and total proteins were extracted in SDS buffer [100 mM Tris (pH 6.8), 20% glycerol, 4% SDS, and 0.2% bromophenol blue, 10% β-mercaptoethanol] for western blotting analyses. Proteins were separated by SDS-PAGE gels followed by either staining with Coomassie blue for equal loading control or transfer to nitrocellulose membranes to detect accumulation using polyclonal antiserum specific to the BYSMV N (1:3000), P (1:3000), GFP (1:2000), RFP (1:2000), or HA (1:3000) proteins, followed by treatment with goat anti-rabbit/mouse IgG horseradish peroxidase conjugate (Bio-Rad, 1:3000), Pierce ECL Plus chemiluminescent substrate, and exposure to X-ray films (Fujifilm).

### RNA analysis by northern blotting

Northern blotting was performed as described previously (Dong *et al.*, 2016). For analysis of RNA synthesis in the BYSMV MR system, total RNA was extracted from agro-infiltrated *N. benthamiana* leaves using TRIzol reagent (Sigma). Northern blot detection of BYSMV MR gRNA, GFP mRNA, and RFP mRNA was carried out using 5 μg of total RNA following the methods described above. For gRNA detection, the agMR fragment under the control of the T7 promoter was transcribed *in vitro* with T7 RNA polymerase in the presence of [<sup>32</sup>P] UTP. For mRNA detection, randomly labeled cDNA probes of GFP and RFP were used for GFP and RFP mRNA detection, respectively.

### Real-time quantitative RT-PCR (qRT-PCR)

Total RNA isolated from MR-infiltrated leaves was treated with DNase I (Takara) to eliminate DNA contamination. The treated RNA (2 μg) was then used as a template for reverse-transcription with the oligo(dT) primer to detect mRNA or the B-RT-F primers to detect mini-genome RNA using M-MLV Reverse Transcriptase (Promega). Real-time quantitative RT-PCR reactions were performed by amplifying GFP and RFP fragments to detect transcription levels and trailer fragments to monitor replication levels using SsoFast EvaGreen Supermix (Bio-Rad). All qRT-PCR data were normalized to the *EF1A* gene. Three independent biological replicates were performed.

### Drug treatments and virus detection

Leaves of *N. benthamiana* were treated with 10 μM Latrunculin B (LatB; Abcam) to disrupt actin assembly at 40 h after agro-infiltration. DMSO was used for negative controls at equivalent dilutions. Confocal images were taken at 3–6 h after drug treatments. For systemic infection assays, barley plants at the single-leaf stage were infiltrated with 5 μM LatB or DMSO control solutions. At 3 h after the treatments, more than 20 viruliferous *L. striatellus* were transferred onto each treated barley leaf for a single day of inoculation feeding. The stems were loosely wrapped with paper to keep the *L. striatellus* on the drug-treated leaves. Nine plants were used in each treatment. Inoculated leaves and the systemically infected leaves were harvested at 3 dpi or 6 dpi for detection of viral accumulation using anti-N antibodies (1:3000).

### Confocal laser-scanning microscopy

For subcellular localization, images were captured at 2–3 d post agro-infiltration using a Leica TCS-SP8 or Zeiss LSM710 confocal laser-scanning microscope (CLSM) or at 6 dpi for mini-replicon assays. CFP was excited with 440 nm and emissions were captured between 450–490 nm. GFP was excited with 488 nm and emissions were captured between 500–540 nm. RFP and mCherry were excited with 568 nm and emissions were captured between 580–620 nm. Time-series programs in the microscopes were used to obtain videos. For each video, one frame was obtained over 3 s or 4 s and 50 frames were

obtained from a single optical plane. After acquisition, the confocal images were processed using the software provided with the CLSMs. The videos were edited to play seven frames per second using the ImageJ software. Imaris Software Surpass modes were used to plot tracks and to calculate the velocities of GFP-P bodies. For the mean velocities, 50 frames were captured at 4 s intervals and more than 90 bodies were recorded for each treatment.

### Statistical analysis

One-way ANOVA was used to analyse the overall statistical differences between the different group means. Significant differences were determined by Tukey's multiple comparison test.

## Results

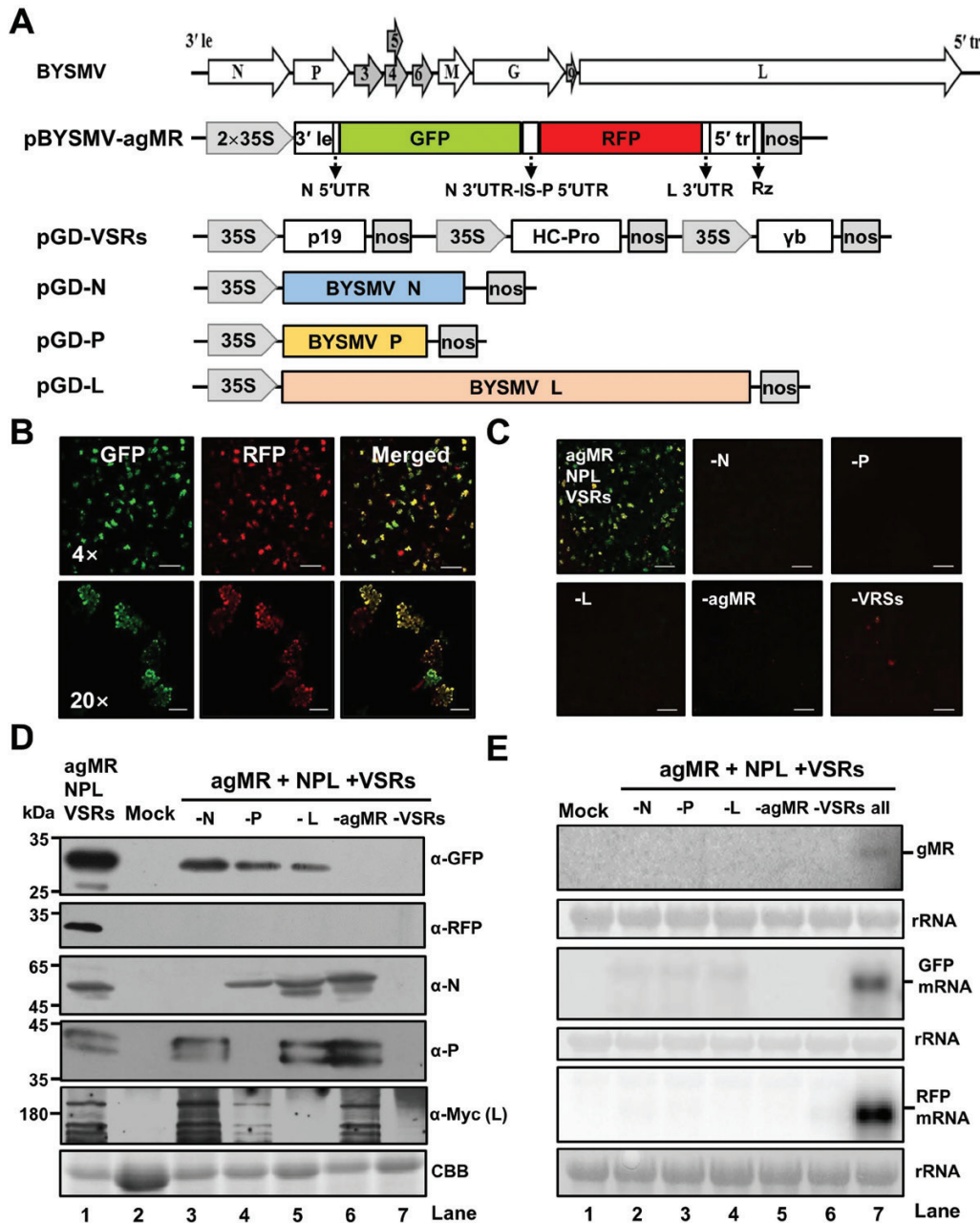
### Construction of a BYSMV mini-replicon in *N. benthamiana* leaves

To investigate the functions of the BYSMV core proteins and *cis*-acting sequences *in vivo*, we first developed a BYSMV mini-replicon (MR) system in *N. benthamiana* leaves. We generated a reporter cassette of anti-genomic-sense BYSMV derivative (pBYSMV-agMR), in which the BYSMV N and P ORFs were substituted with red-shifted GFP and RFP, respectively, and were flanked by the two terminal sequences outside the N gene and the L gene (Fig. 1A). The ORFs of the BYSMV N, P, and L genes were engineered into pGD expression vectors for ectopic expression. Three VSRs, namely the Tomato bushy stunt virus p19, the Tobacco etch virus HC-Pro, and the Barley stripe mosaic virus γb, were individually inserted into pGD, and then three expression cassettes were combined into one plasmid.

To assess the BYSMV MR system, *Agrobacterium* harboring plasmids for expression of agMR, N, P, L, and VSRs were mixed and co-infiltrated into *N. benthamiana* leaves. At 5 dpi, GFP and RFP fluorescence were observed throughout the infiltrated leaves (Fig. 1B). Confocal microscopy at high magnification indicated that the fluorescence originated from single cells. To determine the requirement for reporter gene expression of each component, *Agrobacterium* combinations without either N, P, L, agMR, or VSRs were tested in *N. benthamiana* leaves. The results showed that a combination of all the components was essential for detectable reporter gene expression *in vivo* (Fig. 1C).

Western blotting analyses were performed to assess the expression of reporter genes and viral core proteins (Fig. 1D). In line with the fluorescence observations, GFP accumulation was significantly higher in the presence of the complete combination of BYSMV-agMR systems than for any other combination (Fig. 1D, lane 1), indicating that active transcription of GFP mRNA from replicating agMR had occurred. Unexpectedly, a residual GFP signal accumulated in leaves without expression of N, P, or L proteins (Fig. 1D, lanes 3–5), which resulted from direct translation from the GFP ORF at the 5'-end of the agRNA transcripts. RFP at the second ORF was absolutely reliant upon co-expression of N, P, L, agMR, and VSRs in combination (Fig. 1D, lane 1).

Northern blotting was performed to assess the MR and mRNA accumulation in co-infiltrated *N. benthamiana* leaves



**Fig. 1.** Construction of a BYSMV antigenomic-sense mini-replicon. (A) Illustration of binary *Agrobacterium* vectors designed to generate antigenomic-sense mini-replicon (agMR) RNA and to express the BYSMV N, P, and L proteins *in vivo*. In the pBYSMV-agMR plasmid, a reporter cassette of antigenomic-sense BYSMV derivative was inserted between the truncated CaMV double 35S promoter (2×35S) and the hepatitis delta (HDV) ribozyme sequence (RZ). Le, leader; tr, trailer; UTR, untranslated region; N 3'UTR-IS-P 5'UTR, intergenic sequences including N 3'UTR, intergenic sequence (IS), and P 5'UTR; nos, nopaline synthase terminator. (B) GFP and RFP foci in *N. benthamiana* leaves agro-infiltrated with BYSMV-agMR combinations at 5 d post inoculation (dpi). Scale bars in the top panels are 500  $\mu$ m and the bars in the bottom panels are 100  $\mu$ m. (C) Requirement of N, P, L, and viral suppressors of RNA silencing (VSRs) for expression of MR reporter genes. GFP and RFP fluorescence were observed at 5 dpi. Scale bars are 500  $\mu$ m. (D) Western blot analysis showing accumulation of the GFP, RFP, N, P, and L proteins in the leaves shown in (C) as determined using rabbit antibodies against GFP, RFP, N, P, and a mouse Myc antibody for BYSMV L. The mock sample was infiltrated with *Agrobacterium* harboring the pGD vector. Coomassie brilliant blue (CBB) staining was used for protein loading controls. (E) Northern blot analysis of BYSMV agMR transcription and replication. Total RNA extracted from leaves shown in panel (C) was hybridized with an *in vitro* transcript of a positive-sense GFP probe to detect the genomic-sense MR (gMR) RNA. Randomly labeled GFP and RFP cDNA probes were used for detection of GFP and RFP mRNAs, respectively. rRNAs stained with methylene blue were used as loading controls.

at 5 dpi. The genome-sense MR (gMR) that represented replication products was only detected in those tissues infiltrated together with the combination of the N, P, L, MR, and VSRs (Fig. 1E, top panel, lane 7). Highly abundant GFP and RFP mRNAs were detected with the complete combination of

BYSMV-agMR systems (Fig. 1E, middle and bottom panels, lane 7). Taken together, these results demonstrated that the co-expressed N, P, and L proteins were functionally active in replication of the agMR derivatives and in transcription of reporter mRNAs.

### Functional BYSMV GFP-P forms motile cytoplasmic inclusion bodies

We next examined the localization of the BYSMV N and P proteins and their functions in BYSMV mini-genome infections. First, we fused the ORFs of N and P to the N or C termini of GFP under the control of the Cauliflower mosaic virus (CaMV) 35S promoter (Fig. 2A, Supplementary Fig. S1A). *Agrobacterium* harboring plasmids for expression of GFP-tagged proteins or free GFP were infiltrated into the leaves of H2B-RFP transgenic *N. benthamiana* plants (Martin *et al.*, 2009), and fluorescence was then monitored by confocal microscopy at 2 dpi. Free GFP localized to both the cytoplasm and nuclei (Fig. 2B, Supplementary Fig. S1B). GFP-N and N-GFP localized evenly in the cytoplasm, but not in the nuclei (Supplementary Fig. S1B). In contrast, GFP-P formed small punctate structures, which we designated BYSMV-P bodies, that were trafficked throughout the cytoplasm but failed to move between cells (Fig. 2B, Supplementary Video S1). P-GFP only exhibited diffuse fluorescence or very small inclusion bodies in the cytoplasm (Fig. 2B).

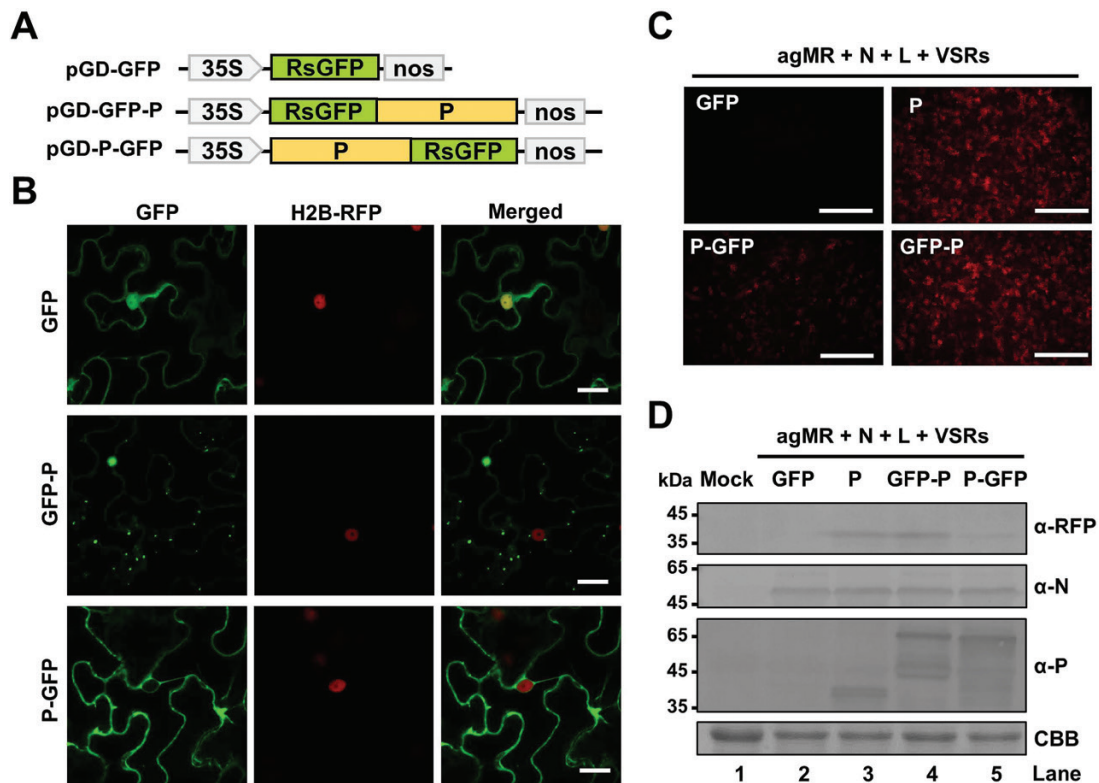
To examine whether GFP-P or P-GFP supported mini-genome RNA replication, GFP-P, P-GFP, or wild-type P proteins were individually co-expressed with the N, L, VSRs, and agMR in *N. benthamiana* leaves by agro-infiltration. The fluorescent RFP foci supported by GFP-P were comparable to those of the wild-type P protein, whereas much less intensity was observed in P-GFP samples (Fig. 2C). Western

blotting consistently showed increased RFP protein levels in the P and GFP-P samples compared with that of P-GFP despite similar N and P protein levels (Fig. 2D, compare lanes 3, 4, and 5). These results therefore suggested that GFP-P, rather than P-GFP, exhibited a function similar to wild-type P in the BYSMV MR infection.

*Northern cereal mosaic virus* (NCMV) and BYSMV are closely related cytorhabdoviruses, and share similar genome organization and high sequence identity of major structural proteins (Yan *et al.*, 2015). Therefore, we next investigated whether the NCMV P protein had similar features of formation and trafficking of inclusion bodies. To this end, the ORFs of NCMV N and P were fused with the N- or C-terminus of GFP, and were transiently expressed in *N. benthamiana* leaves. In line with the BYSMV protein localization, GFP-P, but not P-GFP, of NCMV formed trafficking inclusion bodies, whereas both GFP-N and N-GFP of NCMV were distributed evenly in the cytoplasm of the agro-infiltrated epidermal cells (Supplementary Fig. S2, Supplementary Video S2). Thus, the trafficking of BYSMV-P bodies might represent a general feature among closely related cytorhabdoviruses.

### Identification of BYSMV P domains responsible for inclusion body formation and trafficking

The rabies virus P protein has several truncated forms in infected cells in addition to full-length P due to alternate translation initiation at downstream AUG codons (Chenik *et al.*, 1995).



**Fig. 2.** Subcellular localization and mobility of the BYSMV P protein. (A) Schematic diagram of pGD vectors for expression of free GFP, GFP-P, and P-GFP. (B) Confocal micrographs showing the subcellular distribution of free GFP, GFP-P, and P-GFP in epidermal cells of agro-infiltrated leaves of H2B-RFP transgenic *N. benthamiana* at 2 d post inoculation (dpi). Scale bars are 20  $\mu$ m. (C) RFP foci at 6 dpi in leaves infiltrated with *Agrobacterium* engineered for expression of free GFP, P, GFP-P, or P-GFP in antigenomic-sense mini-replicon (agMR) combinations. Scale bars are 1 mm. (D) Western blotting analysis showing accumulation of RFP, and N and P proteins in infiltrated leaves with anti-RFP, anti-N, or anti-P polyclonal antibodies, respectively. Buffer-infiltrated leaves were used as a negative control (mock). Coomassie brilliant blue (CBB) staining was used for protein loading controls.

Likewise, the N-terminus of the BYSMV P protein contains an internal AUG codon that is probably used for translation of truncated forms, including P<sub>2</sub> (aa 56–295; [Supplementary Fig. S3A](#)). Using deletion analysis, we found that P<sub>2</sub> did indeed exist in BYSMV-infected barley plants ([Supplementary Fig. S3B](#)). To further investigate the localization of BYSMV P<sub>2</sub>, we fused the N terminal region (aa 1–55, named P<sub>1–55</sub>), or the remaining P<sub>2</sub> region (aa 56–295, named P<sub>56–295</sub>) to the C-terminus of GFP ([Fig. 3A](#)). At 2 dpi, observation of epidermal cells revealed that GFP-P<sub>1–55</sub> localized evenly in both the cytoplasm and nucleus, while GFP-P<sub>56–295</sub> formed small and stationary cytoplasmic inclusion bodies throughout the cytoplasm ([Fig. 3B](#), upper panels, and [Supplementary Video S3](#)).

To further identify the domains required for the formation of the P bodies, we used 15 independent predictors available through web servers to analyse the structural domains of BYSMV P, including P<sub>NTD</sub> (aa 9–33), P<sub>CED</sub> (aa 60–183), and P<sub>CTD</sub> (aa 208–270) ([Fig. 3B](#)). Two BYSMV P mutants, P<sub>208–295</sub> and P<sub>1–207</sub>, were individually fused with the C-terminus of GFP and transiently expressed in *N. benthamiana* leaves, and both failed to form inclusion bodies ([Fig. 3B](#), lower panels), indicating that both the P<sub>CED</sub> and P<sub>CTD</sub> domains are essential for BYSMV-P body formation.

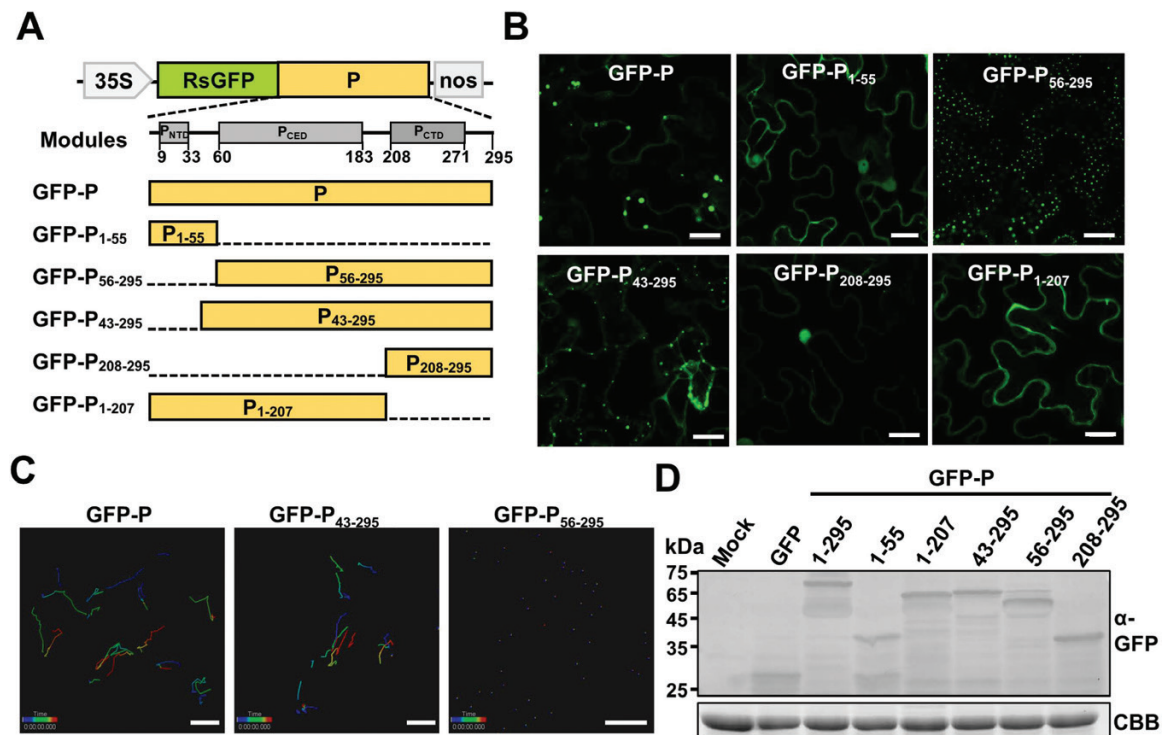
To further identify the domain required for mobility of the BYSMV-P bodies, we fused P<sub>43–295</sub> to the C-terminus of GFP

and expressed GFP-P<sub>43–295</sub> in *N. benthamiana* leaves. The results showed that, in contrast to GFP-P<sub>56–295</sub>, GFP-P<sub>43–295</sub> maintained movement ability ([Fig. 3B](#) and [Supplementary Video S4](#)). We then used time-lapse confocal images to monitor trafficking of GFP-P, GFP-P<sub>43–295</sub>, and GFP-P<sub>56–295</sub> over time in leaf epidermal cells. As shown in [Fig. 3C](#), where individual bodies are indicated by the colored lines, the GFP-P and GFP-P<sub>43–295</sub> bodies were highly dynamic in the cells, whereas none of the GFP-P<sub>56–295</sub> bodies exhibited appreciable movement. It should be noted that the full-length and deleted mutants of BYSMV P were expressed at similar levels ([Fig. 3D](#)), suggesting that the deletions did not affect the stability of P proteins but did change their localization and mobility.

Collectively, these results demonstrated that the P<sub>CED</sub> and P<sub>CTD</sub> domains are essential for BYSMV-P body formation, and the N-terminal aa 43–55 domain is required for cytoplasmic trafficking.

#### The BYSMV-P bodies are trafficked along the actin/ER network

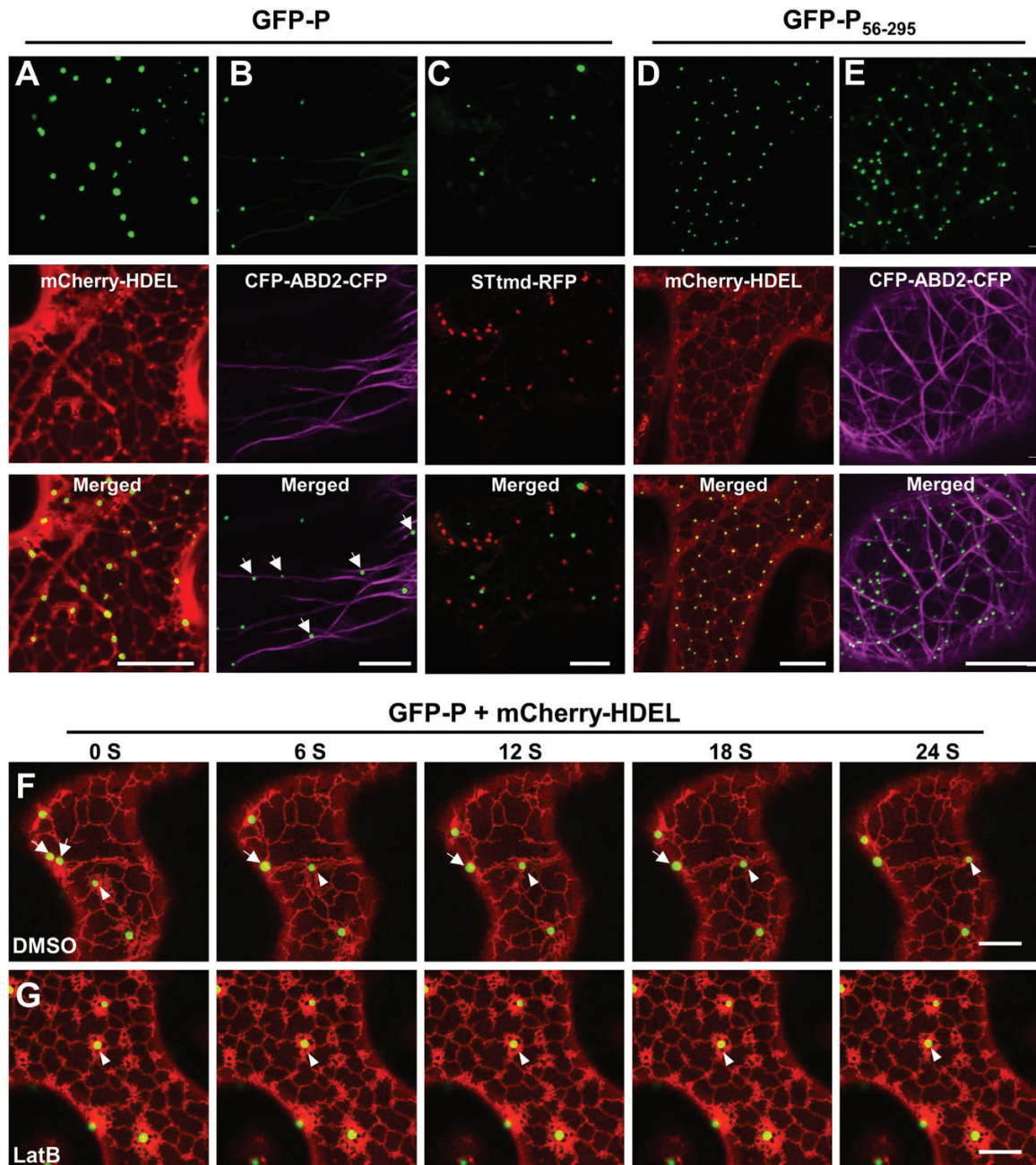
We next examined the possibility that the movement of the BYSMV-P bodies was dependent on the actin/ER network, which has been shown to be essential for intracellular movement of various virus proteins ([Kurth \*et al.\*, 2017](#); [Pitzalis and](#)



**Fig. 3.** Identification of BYSMV P protein domains responsible for trafficking and formation of inclusion bodies. (A) Modular organization of the BYSMV P protein and schematic presentation of the designs of deletion mutants. Normalized disorder scores (D-scores) were calculated from 15 different predictors, and structured regions (grey boxes) were defined as locations within a D-score above a threshold of 0.5 and disordered regions (lines) were defined as having a D-score below 0.5. Numbers below the boxes indicate the limits of the structured regions. Deleted regions of BYSMV P are indicated by dashed lines. (B) Fluorescence micrographs showing localizations of GFP-fused P and deletion mutants. Images were taken at 2 d post inoculation. Scale bars are 20 μm. (C) Tracking of individual GFP-P, GFP-P<sub>43–295</sub>, and GFP-P<sub>56–295</sub> bodies using Imaris software. Individual particles in epidermal cells of agro-infiltrated *N. benthamiana* leaves were tracked in 1-s bursts separated by 4-s dark intervals, and 50 images were collected. Different time intervals are indicated by the different colors. Scale bars are 20 μm. (D) Detection of GFP-tagged P protein and P mutant proteins by western blotting with anti-GFP polyclonal antibodies. Coomassie brilliant blue (CBB) staining was used as the protein loading control. Healthy *N. benthamiana* leaves served as mock samples.

Heinlein, 2017). GFP-P was therefore co-expressed transiently with a cortical ER marker (mCherry-HDEL) in *N. benthamiana* leaves (Boevink *et al.*, 1996). At 2 dpi, the GFP-P bodies remained closely associated with the cortical ER network labeled with mCherry-HDEL, and individual P bodies were motile and remained closely associated with the ER tubules (Fig. 4A and Supplementary Video S5). We further generated a construct for transient expression of an actin-binding domain 2 (ABD2) with CFP fusions at both termini. Co-expression of GFP-P with CFP-ABD2-CFP resulted in close association

between the P bodies and individual microfilament bundles (Fig. 4B). We demonstrated that GFP-P bodies were trafficked along actin filaments that were labelled with GFP-ABD2-GFP (Supplementary Fig. S4A, B and Supplementary Video S6). To examine whether GFP-P associated with microtubules, a microtubule-specific marker, mCherry-MAP65-1 (Feng *et al.*, 2013), was co-expressed with GFP-P in *N. benthamiana* leaves. The results showed that GFP-P bodies were not trafficked along the microtubules (Supplementary Fig. S4C and Supplementary Video S7).



**Fig. 4.** Confocal micrographs showing the localization of BYSMV P protein bodies in relation to the ER/actin network. (A–E) Co-expression of GFP-P with mCherry-HDEL (A), CFP-ABD2-CFP (B), and STtmd-RFP (C), and co-expression of GFP-P<sub>56-295</sub> with mCherry-HDEL (D) and CFP-ABD2-CFP (E) were monitored at 2 d post inoculation (dpi). Scale bars are 20  $\mu$ m. (F, G) Time-lapse confocal images of GFP-P and mCherry-HDEL at 2 dpi in co-infiltrated *N. benthamiana* leaves treated with DMSO (F) or latrunculin B (LatB) to disrupt actin assembly (G) at 2 dpi. Images were taken 3 h after DMSO or 10  $\mu$ M LatB treatments. Scale bars are 10  $\mu$ m. In the DMSO-treated leaves (F), arrows indicate fusion of two GFP-P inclusion bodies, and arrowheads indicate movement of a GFP-P body along the ER network. In the LatB-treated leaves (G), arrowheads indicate an immobile GFP-P body.

Since the morphology and motion of the BYSMV-P bodies resembled those of the plant Golgi apparatus (Boevink *et al.*, 1998; Avisar *et al.*, 2008b), we next determined whether the P bodies co-localized with the ER/actin network. To this end, the Golgi apparatus was visualized using an RFP fusion with a Golgi marker, rat 2, 6-sialyl transferase (STtmd-RFP). When GFP-P and STtmd-RFP were co-expressed in infiltrated *N. benthamiana* leaves, the GFP-P fluorescent signal was clearly separate from that of STtmd-RFP (Fig. 4C). Nonetheless, GFP-P bodies and STtmd-RFP bodies exhibited similar intracellular movement along the ER/actin network (Supplementary Video S8). In contrast, movement of GFP-P<sub>56–295</sub> bodies was difficult to detect and was closely associated with ER tubules, especially in the three-way junctions of the ER network (Fig. 4D, E).

To further verify actin-mediated movement of the BYSMV-P bodies, *N. benthamiana* leaves expressing GFP-P and mCherry-HDEL were incubated in DMSO buffer with or without the actin-depolymerizing agent LatB. Using time-lapse confocal microscopy, we found that movement of BYSMV-P bodies was completely abolished by treatment with 10  $\mu$ M LatB, in contrast to highly dynamic movement along ER tubules observed in the DMSO control (Fig. 4F, G, arrow heads, Supplementary Videos S9, S10). In addition, we noticed that two small BYSMV-P bodies were fused together along the ER tubules in the DMSO-treated samples (Fig. 4F, arrows), indicating the bodies can fuse into larger bodies during movement. Collectively, these results indicated that the BYSMV-P bodies were trafficked along the ER/actin network.

#### *Overexpression of class XI myosin tails interferes with the movement of BYSMV-P bodies*

Cytoplasmic trafficking along the ER/actin network is primarily dependent on actomyosin mobility. We therefore next examined the myosin motor protein(s) responsible for trafficking of the BYSMV-P bodies. Because myosin tails are required for attachment of organelles on actin microfilaments, overexpression of headless tails can compete for organelles and inhibit their trafficking in dominant negative inhibition assays (Avisar *et al.*, 2008a, 2008b; Harries *et al.*, 2009a; Feng *et al.*, 2016). To gain insights into the specific contributions of myosins to the movement of BYSMV-P bodies, GFP-P was co-expressed with the myosin tails XI-2, XI-F, XI-K, VIII-1, VIII-2, and VIII-B in *N. benthamiana* leaves. Based on time-lapse observations, the trafficking of the BYSMV-P bodies was nearly halted by the overexpression of the myosin XI-K tail (Fig. 5A and Supplementary Video S11), and was substantially compromised by the overexpression of the XI-2 and XI-F tails (Fig. 5A, Supplementary Videos S12, S13). In contrast with the pGD empty vector (Fig. 5A, Supplementary Video S14), none of the myosin VIII tails had obvious effects on the movement of BYSMV-P bodies (Fig. 5A, Supplementary Videos S15, S16, S17).

To determine the statistical significance of the differences in the movements of the BYSMV-P bodies, mean velocities were calculated based on two-dimensional movement. Overexpression of the VIII-1, VIII-2, and VIII-B tails did not

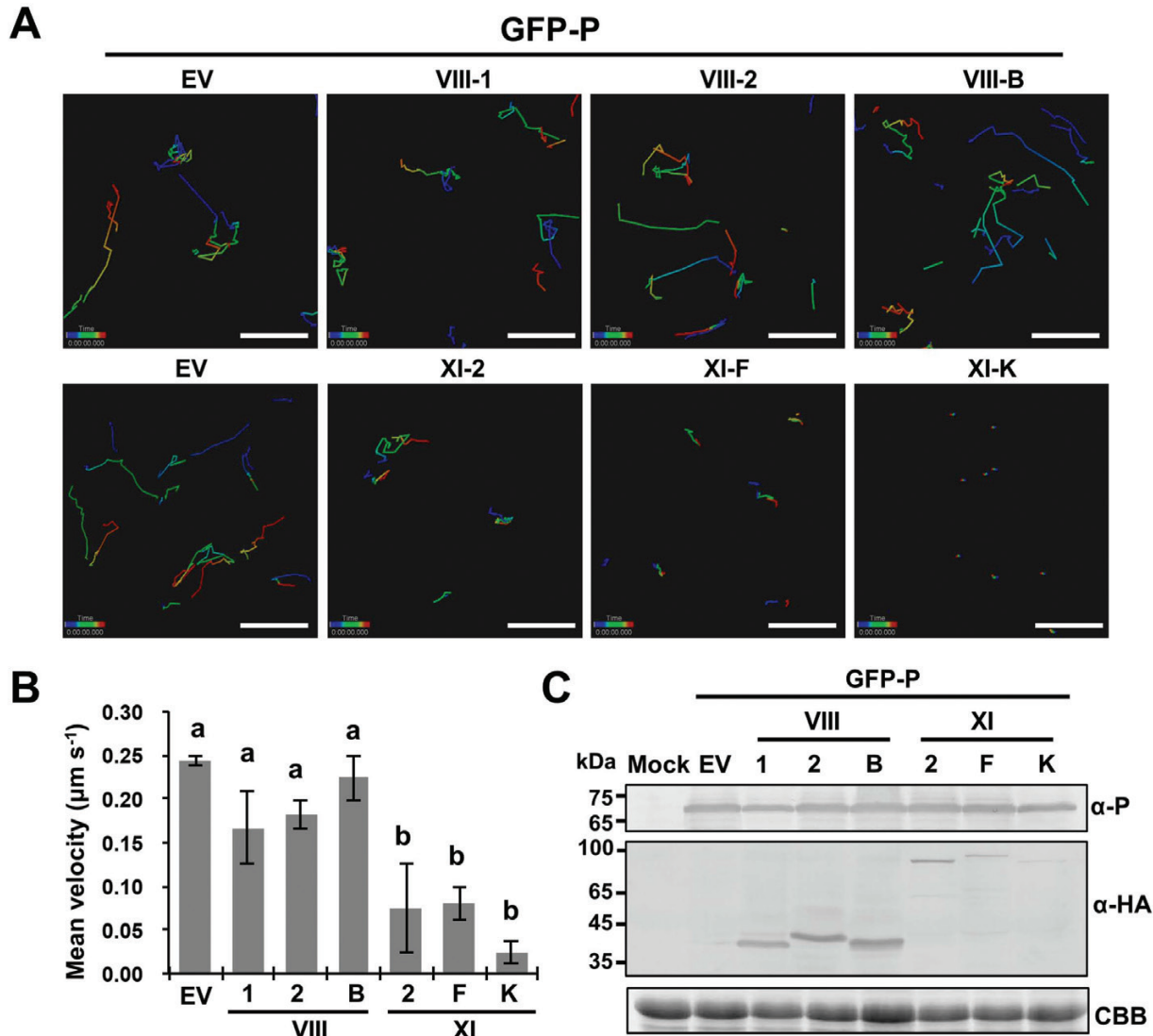
significantly interfere with the mean velocity (0.15–0.25  $\mu$ m s<sup>-1</sup>) (Fig. 5B). Overexpression of myosin XI-2 and XI-F tails resulted in ~2-fold reduction of the mean velocity. In contrast, overexpression of the XI-K tail reduced the mean velocity by ~6-fold; indeed, the residual velocity resulted from oscillations rather than effective movement of the BYSMV-P bodies (Fig. 5A and Supplementary Video S11). Western blotting analysis showed that BYSMV-P and myosin tails were expressed in co-infiltrated leaves (Fig. 5C). Taken together, these results demonstrated that the movement of BYSMV-P bodies was mainly mediated by myosin XI-K, and partially mediated by XI-2 and XI-F.

#### *The BYSMV-P bodies recruit the N and L proteins into viroplasm-like complexes*

Because rhabdovirus P acts as a flexible ‘hub’ protein that anchors the polymerase complexes to the N–RNA templates, we assumed that trafficking of BYSMV-P bodies might facilitate recruitment of the N and L proteins for optimal RNA synthesis. To test this hypothesis, the CFP-N or CFP proteins were co-expressed with the GFP-P or GFP proteins in *N. benthamiana* leaf cells by agro-infiltration. At 3 dpi, the CFP-N and GFP-P proteins co-localized in the trafficking bodies (Fig. 6A and Supplementary Video S18), whereas CFP-N and GFP did not form bodies (Fig. 6A). When co-expressed with free CFP, GFP-P formed trafficking bodies but did not recruit CFP (Fig. 6A). To rule out the effects of the GFP fusion, the BYSMV P protein was co-expressed with GFP-N or free GFP. This showed that GFP-N rather than free GFP could form inclusion bodies when co-expressed with the BYSMV P protein (Supplementary Fig. S5A). These results suggested that GFP-P formed trafficking bodies and then recruited CFP-N into complexes. Using the same strategy, we found that the GFP-P bodies also recruited L–mCherry, rather than mCherry (Fig. 6B and Supplementary Video S19). It should be noted that higher levels of L–mCherry accumulated when it was co-expressed with GFP-P compared with those of free GFP samples, as shown by the fluorescence intensity and by western blotting (Fig. 6B, C). This was in agreement with a previous study that showed that the vesicular stomatitis virus P protein could stabilize the L protein (Canter and Perrault, 1996).

We further co-expressed CFP-N and L–mCherry with GFP-P or GFP in *N. benthamiana* leaf cells. The results showed that GFP-P, CFP-N, and L–mCherry formed trafficking bodies (Fig. 6D and Supplementary Video S20). By contrast, CFP-N and L–mCherry were evenly distributed in the cytoplasm when co-expressed with GFP (Fig. 6D). Furthermore, GFP-N and L–mCherry could form inclusion bodies when co-expressed with BYSMV P (Supplementary Fig. S5B, upper panels). However, GFP-N and L–mCherry distributed evenly in the cytoplasm when co-expressed with the empty vector (Supplementary Fig. S5B, lower panels). Collectively, these results suggested that BYSMV P first forms trafficking bodies and then recruits the N and L proteins into viroplasm-like complexes, probably for optimal replication and transcription.





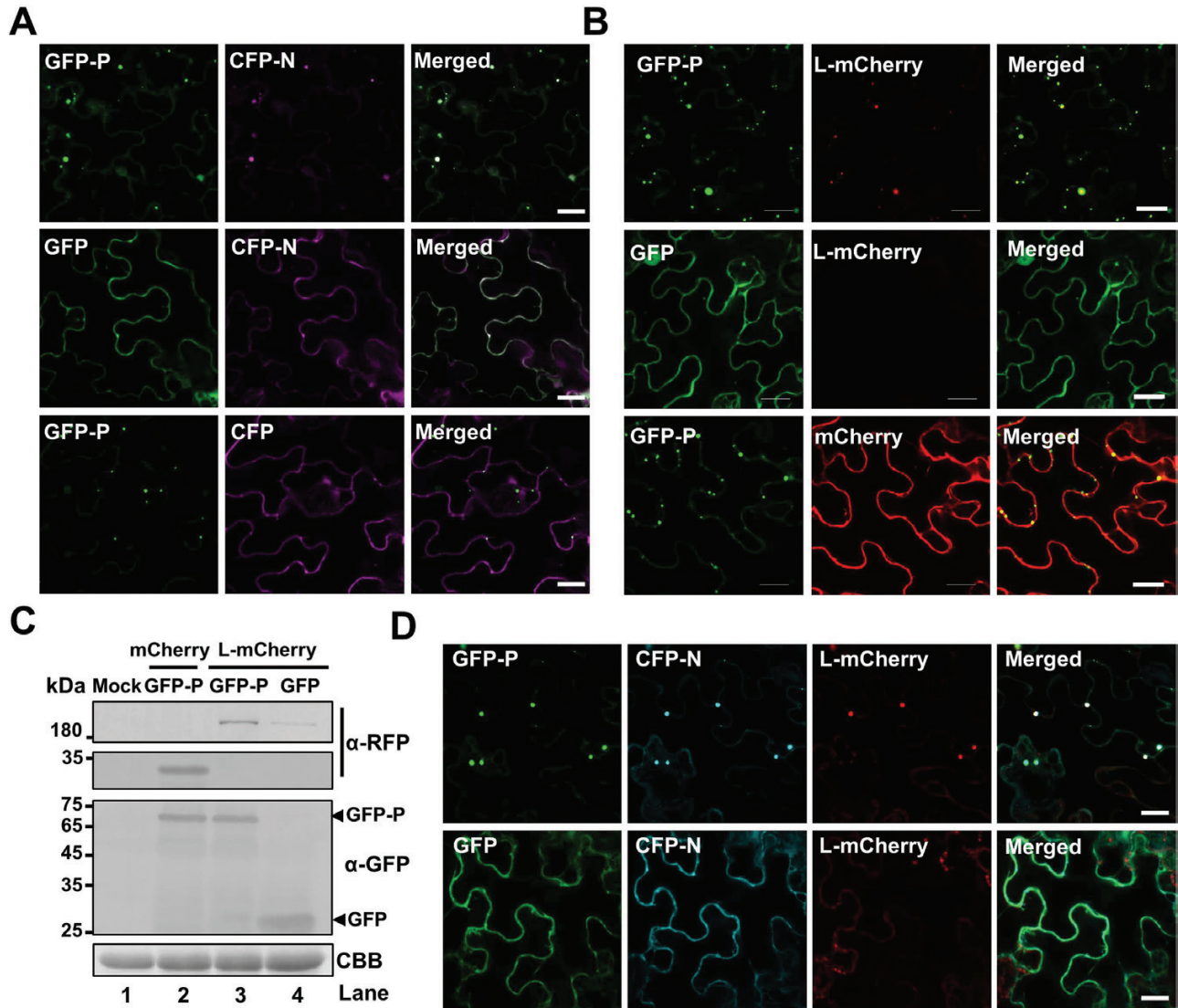
**Fig. 5.** Effects of myosin tail overexpression on trafficking of BYSMV-P protein bodies in co-infiltrated *N. benthamiana*. (A) Representative confocal images of GFP-P bodies in epidermal cells overexpressing myosin tails VIII-1, VIII-2, VIII-B, XI-2, XI-F, and XI-K at 2 d post inoculation. Individual bodies were recorded in a time-series and are indicated by connecting lines. Different time intervals are represented by the different colors. (B) Mean velocities of the BYSMV-P bodies in the infiltrated leaves shown in (A). The mean velocities were calculated from the velocities of at least 90 bodies over 4 min. Data are means ( $\pm$ SE) of three independent experiments. Different letters indicate significant differences as determined by ANOVA followed by Turkey's multiple comparison test ( $P < 0.05$ ). (C) Accumulation of GFP-P and myosin tails in those *N. benthamiana* leaves shown in (A). Anti-P, and anti-HA antibodies were used to detect the accumulation of GFP-P and HA-tagged myosin tails, respectively. Uninfiltrated *N. benthamiana* leaves were used as mock controls. Coomassie brilliant blue (CBB) staining was used for loading controls. EV, empty vector.

*Trafficking of BYSMV-P bodies driven by actin/myosin is required for optimal viral RNA synthesis*

The leading role of myosin XI-K in the movement of BYSMV-P bodies prompted us to determine whether the trafficking of the BYSMV-P/N/L complex was required for optimal viral RNA synthesis. To this end, we overexpressed the XI-K or VIII-2 myosin tails with mini-replicons containing the agMR, N, P, L, and VSRs in *N. benthamiana* leaves. Compared to the empty vector and VIII-2 tail, overexpression of the XI-K tail resulted in dramatic reductions in the numbers of RFP fluorescence foci at 6 dpi (Fig. 7A). Western blotting consistently showed that overexpression of the XI-K tail substantially reduced RFP accumulation, despite having negligible effects on the accumulation of the N and P proteins

(Fig. 7B). Quantitative RT-PCR analysis was carried out to determine the levels of mini-genome RNA replication and transcription at 6 dpi, representing RNA replication activities. To compare accurate transcription activities, we normalized the transcribed RFP mRNA levels relative to the gMR template levels. As shown in Fig. 7C, D, overexpression of the XI-K tail resulted in a reduction of replication of ~50% and a reduction of transcription accumulation of 75% compared to those of the empty control and the VIII-2 tail. These results therefore suggested that trafficking of the BYSMV P protein was required for optimal viral RNA synthesis, including replication and transcription.

We further evaluated the effects of LatB treatment on BYSMV infection of barley plants. Barley leaves were first treated with 5  $\mu$ M LatB or DMSO control solutions for 3 h,

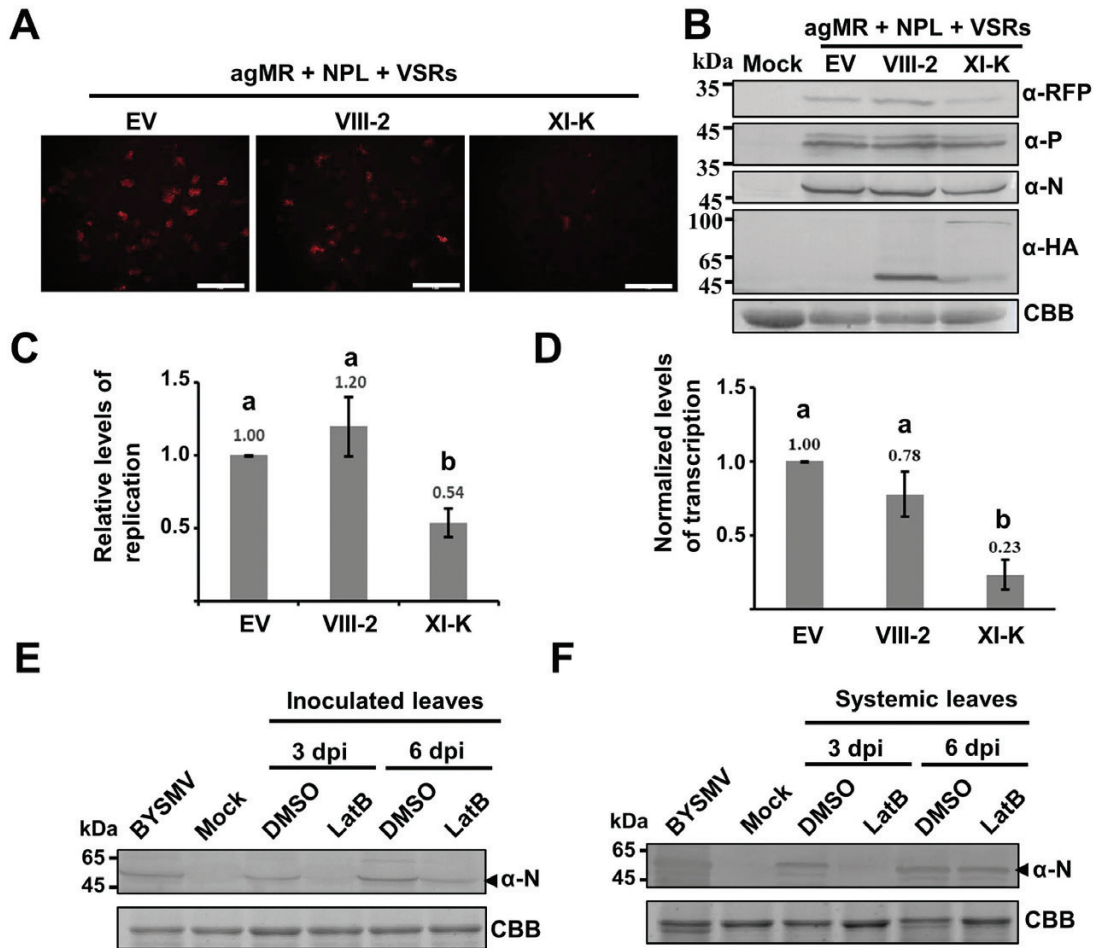


**Fig. 6.** Recruitment of the BYSMV N and L proteins into BYSMV-P viroplasm-like inclusion bodies. (A) Co-localization of CFP-N, but not CFP, with GFP-P bodies. GFP-P, GFP, CFP-N, and CFP proteins were expressed in different combinations via agro-infiltration in *N. benthamiana* leaves, and fluorescence images were observed at 2 d post inoculation (dpi). Scale bars are 20  $\mu\text{m}$ . (B) Co-localization of L-mCherry, but not mCherry, with GFP-P bodies. Co-expression of GFP-P/L-mCherry, GFP-P/mCherry, and GFP/L-mCherry in *N. benthamiana* epidermal cells in fluorescence images taken at 2 dpi. Scale bars are 20  $\mu\text{m}$ . (C) Accumulation of GFP-P and L-mCherry in the *N. benthamiana* leaves shown in (B). Anti-GFP and anti-RFP antibodies were used to detect accumulation of GFP-P and L-mCherry, respectively. Coomassie brilliant blue (CBB) staining was used as loading protein control. Healthy *N. benthamiana* leaves served as mock samples. (D) Accumulation of CFP-N and L-mCherry in GFP-P bodies, and lack of association with GFP. CFP-N and L-mCherry were expressed with GFP-P or GFP in agro-infiltrated *N. benthamiana* leaves. Fluorescence images were taken at 2 dpi. Scale bars are 20  $\mu\text{m}$ .

and were then exposed to BYSMV-infected SBPHs (20 insects per leaf) for a 2-d inoculation period. Western blot analysis indicated that at 3 dpi and 6 dpi, BYSMV N protein accumulation in LatB-treated leaves exposed to viruliferous SBPHs was substantially lower than that of control leaves (Fig. 7E). Compared with the DMSO control, LatB treatment resulted in a reduced accumulation of the BYSMV N protein in systemically infected leaves that emerged after the planthopper access period at 3 dpi (Fig. 7F). By 6 dpi, the BYSMV N protein had accumulated to similar levels in all systemically infected leaves. The results therefore suggested that the actin-driven trafficking of BYSMV-P bodies was required for efficient infection of BYSMV in barley plants.

## Discussion

The reverse genetic systems of viruses make it possible to study the functions of viral proteins and their associated host factors through manipulation of the complementary DNA (cDNA) of the viral RNA genome. Recently, reverse genetic applications with plant nucleorhabdoviruses have been established through co-infiltration of *N. benthamiana* leaves with *Agrobacterium* harboring plasmids encoding core proteins and mini-genome derivatives or full-length cDNA of *Sonchus yellow net virus* (SYNV) (Ganesan *et al.*, 2013; Wang *et al.*, 2015). However, reverse genetic systems for plant cytorhabdoviruses remain to be developed for studying the distinct features of



**Fig. 7.** Effects of BYSMV-P protein body trafficking on mini-genome RNA synthesis. (A) Representative confocal images of RFP fluorescence expressed from antigenomic-sense mini-replicon (agMR) combinations in epidermal cells of *N. benthamiana* treated with either the empty vector (EV) or with overexpressed myosin tails VIII-2 and XI-K at 6 d post inoculation (dpi). Scale bars are 1 mm. (B) Accumulation of RFP, P, N, and myosin tails shown in (A), as detected by western blotting with antibodies against RFP, P, N, and HA, respectively. Coomassie brilliant blue (CBB) staining was used as a loading control. Healthy *N. benthamiana* leaves served as mock samples. (C) Quantitative real-time PCR analysis of mini-genome RNA replication levels and (D) real-time quantitative PCR analysis of the relative levels of RFP mRNA versus mini-genome RNA in the samples shown in (A). The *EF1A* housekeeping gene served as an internal control. The values of viral replication and relative transcription in the samples treated with the empty vector (EV) were set to 1. Data are means ( $\pm$ SE) of three independent experiments, and the mean values are indicated. Different letters indicate significant differences as determined by ANOVA followed by Turkey's multiple comparison test ( $P < 0.05$ ). (E) Accumulation of BYSMV N protein in the inoculated leaves after treatment with DMSO or latrunculin B (LatB, 5  $\mu$ M) to disrupt actin assembly, as analysed by western blotting. (F) Accumulation of BYSMV N protein in systemically infected leaves that emerged after viruliferous planthoppers had been given access to leaves that had been treated as described in (E). BYSMV-infected barley plants and healthy plants (mock) provided positive and negative controls, respectively. CBB) staining was used as loading controls.

their infection cycles. In our current study, we developed a BYSMV cytorhabdovirus mini-replicon (MR) system using the co-infiltration strategy in *N. benthamiana* leaves (Fig. 1) to permit functional analysis of BYSMV core proteins in viral transcription and replication.

Using the BYSMV MR system, we attempted to evaluate the effects of localization and mobility of the BYSMV core proteins on MR infections. In previous studies, the N and P proteins of the nucleorhabdoviruses SYNV, *Potato yellow dwarf virus* (PYDV), and *Maize fine streak virus* (MFSV) were found to co-localize to subnuclear loci that were distinct from the localizations of either protein alone (Goodin *et al.*, 2001; Tsai *et al.*, 2005; Deng *et al.*, 2007; Bandyopadhyay *et al.*, 2010). Likewise, the N and P proteins of *Lettuce necrotic yellows virus* (LNyV), a type cytorhabdovirus, localize to the cytoplasm at

the cell periphery when expressed individually, whereas they form aggregates near the nucleus upon co-expression (Martin *et al.*, 2012). In our current study, we found that the BYSMV P protein formed inclusion bodies when expressed alone and moved rapidly along the ER/actin network (Figs 2, 3). Given that the rhabdovirus P proteins have hub roles connecting the N and L proteins (Ivanov *et al.*, 2011), it is not surprising to find that they are the best candidates in the inclusion body for direct recruitment of the N and L proteins (Fig. 6D). The resulting viroplasm-like complexes are then trafficked along the ER/actin network where they probably function in the assembly of nascent viral and host components for virus RNA synthesis. Indeed, our results showed that mobile viroplasm-like complexes are required for efficient MR replication and transcription (Fig. 7).

A growing number of animal and plant viruses are known to hijack the actin cytoskeleton for replication, and intra- and intercellular movement (Harries *et al.*, 2009b, 2010; Sattentau, 2011; Pitzalis and Heinlein, 2017). In plants, the class VIII and class XI myosins are important molecular motors that drive the trafficking of cargos along actin filaments. For instance, the N protein of TSWV is dependent on myosin XI-K for ER streaming (Feng *et al.*, 2013). The nucleocapsid protein (NP) of FMV requires XI-1, XI-2, and XI-K for formation of VRCs and supports efficient ER streaming (Ishikawa *et al.*, 2015). By contrast, the TMV 126-k protein complex hijacks myosin XI-2 for formation of VRCs and supports efficient replication (Amari *et al.*, 2014). Here, we found that the BYSMV P protein was trafficked along the actin/ER network, and was mainly driven by myosin XI-K, and partially by myosin XI-2 and XI-F (Fig. 5). Collectively, our results showed that enveloped and non-enveloped viruses have evolved distinct proteins that hijack different myosin motors for their life cycles.

In summary, our work provides a mechanistic model of the interplay between BYSMV and the actin filament. The middle and the C-terminal domains of BYSMV P associate with the ER to form P bodies that bind actin filaments through the N termini of the P protein. Myosin XI-K mainly drives the dynamic BYSMV P bodies along the ER/actin network to recruit the N and L proteins. Thus, it seems plausible that myosin XI-K contributes to the formation of large viroplasm structures that support optimal virus replication and transcription.

## Supplementary data

Supplementary data are available at *JXB* online.

Table S1. Primers used in this study.

Fig. S1. Confocal micrographs showing the subcellular localization of the BYSMV N protein in the epidermal cells of agro-infiltrated *N. benthamiana* leaves.

Fig. S2. Subcellular localization of the NCMV N and P proteins in epidermal cells of agro-infiltrated *N. benthamiana* leaves.

Fig. S3. Detection of BYSMV P<sub>56-295</sub> in *Hordeum vulgare* infected with BYSMV and in agro-infiltrated *N. benthamiana*.

Fig. S4. Subcellular localization of the GFP-P inclusion bodies with actin filaments and microtubule in the epidermal cells of agro-infiltrated *N. benthamiana* leaves.

Fig. S5. GFP-N and L-mCherry form inclusion bodies with the BYSMV P protein.

Video. S1. High mobility of BYSMV GFP-P inclusion bodies in epidermal cells of agro-infiltrated *N. benthamiana* leaves.

Video. S2. High mobility of NCMV GFP-P inclusion bodies in epidermal cells of agro-infiltrated *N. benthamiana* leaves.

Video. S3. Immobile BYSMV GFP-P<sub>56-295</sub> inclusion bodies in epidermal cells of agro-infiltrated *N. benthamiana* leaves.

Video. S4. High mobility of BYSMV GFP-P<sub>43-295</sub> inclusion bodies in epidermal cells of agro-infiltrated *N. benthamiana* leaves.

Video. S5. Close association of BYSMV GFP-P inclusion bodies and the mCherry-HDEL labeled cortical ER network.

Video. S6. Mobility of BYSMV GFP-P inclusion bodies along the GFP-ABD2-GFP labeled actin filaments.

Video. S7. Mobility of BYSMV GFP-P inclusion bodies and mCherry-MAP65-1-labeled microtubules.

Video. S8. High mobility of BYSMV GFP-P inclusion bodies and Golgi labeled with STmd-RFP in *N. benthamiana* leaf epidermal cells.

Video. S9. Effects of DMSO on the intracellular movement of BYSMV GFP-P inclusion bodies in *N. benthamiana* leaf epidermal cells expressing BYSMV GFP-P and mCherry-HDEL.

Video. S10. Effects of LatB on the intracellular movement of BYSMV GFP-P inclusion bodies in *N. benthamiana* leaf epidermal cells expressing BYSMV GFP-P and mCherry-HDEL.

Video. S11. Intracellular movement of BYSMV GFP-P inclusion bodies in *N. benthamiana* leaf epidermal cells co-expressing the myosin tail of XI-K.

Video. S12. Intracellular movement of BYSMV GFP-P inclusion bodies in *N. benthamiana* leaf epidermal cells co-expressing the myosin tail of XI-2.

Video. S13. Intracellular movement of BYSMV GFP-P inclusion bodies in *N. benthamiana* leaf epidermal cells co-expressing the myosin tail of XI-F.

Video. S14. Intracellular movement of BYSMV GFP-P inclusion bodies in *N. benthamiana* leaf epidermal cells co-expressing the empty vector (EV).

Video. S15. Intracellular movement of BYSMV GFP-P inclusion bodies in *N. benthamiana* leaf epidermal cells co-expressing the myosin tail of VIII-1.

Video. S16. Intracellular movement of BYSMV GFP-P inclusion bodies in *N. benthamiana* leaf epidermal cells co-expressing the myosin tail of VIII-2.

Video. S17. Intracellular movement of BYSMV GFP-P inclusion bodies in *N. benthamiana* leaf epidermal cells co-expressing the myosin tail of VIII-B.

Video. S18. BYSMV CFP-N co-localization with GFP-P and trafficking bodies formed when co-expressed in *N. benthamiana* leaf epidermal cells.

Video. S19. BYSMV L-mCherry trafficking bodies formed with GFP-P in *N. benthamiana* leaf epidermal cells.

Video. S20. BYSMV CFP-N and L-mCherry trafficking bodies formed with GFP-P in *N. benthamiana* leaf epidermal cells.

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