

## Supporting Information:

### The Skeleton and Biomineralization Mechanism as part of the Innate Immune System of Stony Corals

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**Table S1:** Candidate genes with potential dual function in the coral's innate immune response and in biomineralization.

Gene name	Organism	Function in the immune response	Function in biomineralization	Homolog in corals	Expression in corals	References
<b>TYR</b> (Tyrosinase)	Arthropods	Melanin production. Antimicrobial activity.	Melanin production. Strengthens exoskeletons to improve their ability to act as physical barriers against parasites penetration.	XP_022801515.1	Immune cells & Calicoblasts	(St. Leger, Cooper, and Charnley 1988)
				XP_022801546.1	Calicoblasts	(Mackintosh 2001)
				XP_022797084.1	Calicoblasts	
<b>Meprin A</b>	Humans & mice	A metallopeptidase that processes proinflammatory cytokines and promotes leukocyte infiltration.	Involved in extracellular degradation and matrix remodeling.	XP_022785469.1	Calicoblasts	(Kaushal et al. 2013)
<b>Mucin-like</b>	-	Comprises SHK domains, therefore it might have a toxic activity.	-	XP_022806382.1	Calicoblast	-
<b>SPPI</b> (Osteopontin)	Mammals	Acts as a cytokine. Enhances adaptive immune cells production and proliferation. Stimulates both pro- and anti-inflammatory processes.	A secreted protein that binds hydroxyapatite with high affinity. Forms an integral part of the mineralized matrix of bones.	No homolog	-	(Caputo and Bellone 2018)  (Foster et al. 2018)

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<b>Perforin 1</b>	Mammals	Pore-forming protein. Promotes cytolysis and apoptosis of target cells by facilitating the uptake of cytotoxic granzymes.	Increased expression in calcified regions of aortic valve.	XP_022807111.1	Immune cells	(Hansson and Hermansson 2011; Gupta et al. 2020) (Ohukainen et al. 2015)
<b>CD36</b> (CD36 Molecule)	Humans	Promotes inflammation.	Functions as a cell adhesion molecule. Binds to collagen, thrombospondin, fatty acids, and oxidized LDL. Enhances vascular calcification.	XP_022800213.1	Immune cells	(Navas Madroñal et al. 2020)
<b>DOCK1</b> (Dedicator Of Cytokinesis 1)	Humans	Involved in cytoskeletal rearrangements. Required for phagocytosis.	Actin remodeling. Enhances bone resorption and inhibits bone formation.	XP_022795721.1	Immune cells	(Kukimoto-Niino et al. 2021) (Laurin and Côté 2014)
<b>DSPP</b> (Dentin Sialophosphoprotein)	Mammals	Unknown	Secreted by odontoblasts. Binds calcium and facilitates initial mineralization of dentin matrix collagen. Regulates the size and shape of the crystals.	XP_022793445.1	Gland cells	(Goldberg et al. 2011)
				XP_022802034.1	Immune cells	
				XP_022806140.1	Cnidocytes	
				XP_022807057.1	Cnidocytes & Gland cells	
<b>Cathepsin-F</b>	Mice	Involved in the degradation of the invariant chain of MHC class II complexes in antigen-presenting cells.	Unknown	XP_022799019.1	Immune cells	(Shi et al. 2000)
<b>Cathepsin-Z</b>	Mice	Restricted predominantly to the immune cells. Responsible for the adhesion and migration of immune cells. Leads to the production of cytokines that promote inflammation (as IL-1 $\beta$ ).	Unknown	XP_022790465.1	Immune cells & calicoblasts	(Batista et al. 2021) (Campden et al. 2022)
<b>Cathepsin-B</b>	Humans	Processing of antigens in the immune response.	Participates in the degradation of cartilage matrix prior to the synthesis of bone matrix proteins. Involved in biomineralization inhibition and in bone turnover.	XP_022795065.1	Immune cells & calicoblasts	(Friemert et al. 1991)
				XP_022802777.1	Immune cells	
<b>Cathepsin-L</b>	Humans, Fish, and Mollusks	High expression following infection.	Involved in bone and cartilage resorption. Involved in vascular calcification.	XP_022798828.1	Immune cells & calicoblasts	(Shen et al. 2015) (Ellis 2001) (Ma et al. 2010) (Iwata, Mort et al. 1997)

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<b>Cathepsin-V</b>	Humans & mice	Might be involved in T-cell selection.	Promotes vascular calcification.	XP_022798839.1	Calicoblasts	(Andrault et al. 2019)
<b>Cathepsin-D</b>	Humans	Found in macrophage endosomes. An activator of cathepsin B.	Aspartic protease. Involved in cardiovascular calcification.	XP_022781957.1	Immune cells	(Rowe et al. 2006)
<b>CDCP1</b> (CUB and peptidase domain-containing protein 1)	-	Unknown	Unknown	B8V7S0	<i>A. millepora</i> skeletal proteome	(Ramos-Silva et al. 2013)
<b>CDCP2</b> (CUB and peptidase domain-containing protein 2)	-	Unknown	Unknown	B8VIV4	<i>A. millepora</i> skeletal proteome	(Ramos-Silva et al. 2013)
<b>Serine Protease 15</b>	-	Unknown	Unknown	XP_022788730.1	<i>S. pistillata</i> skeletal proteome & calicoblasts	(Peled et al. 2020)
<b>Serine protease 23</b>	-	Unknown	Unknown	XP_022807249.1	<i>S. pistillata</i> skeletal proteome & calicoblasts	(Peled et al. 2020)
<b>MPLs</b> (Metallopeptidases)	Mammals & marine invertebrates	Processing enzymes of proinflammatory cytokines.	Processing and activating factors involved in biomineralization. involved in degradation of the extracellular matrix (ECM).	XP_022784314.1 XP_022784340.1 XP_022803140.1 XP_022802289.1 XP_022797863.1 XP_022803576.1 XP_022788159.1 XP_022798355.1 XP_022783952.1 XP_022788159.1	Calicoblasts Calicoblasts Calicoblasts Calicoblasts Calicoblasts Calicoblasts Calicoblasts Calicoblasts Calicoblasts Calicoblasts	(Passos et al. 2020) (Menaldo et al. 2017) (Morgulis et al. 2021)
<b>PXDN</b> (Peroxidasin)	Vertebrates & Invertebrates	Catalyzes generation of hypohalous acids that kill bacteria.	The protein is secreted into the ECM, where it becomes organized into a fibril-like network and colocalizes with fibronectin to form the extracellular matrix	XP_022794431.1	Calicoblasts	(Péterfi et al. 2009) (Ulfing and Leichert 2021) (Bhave et al. 2012)
<b>Ovotransferrin</b>	Birds	Antimicrobial and antifungal activity.	Involved in eggshell formation and calcite nucleation.	XP_022780954.1	Calicoblasts	(Legros et al. 2021)
<b>Sacin</b>	Fish	Involved in the innate antiviral immune response.	Unknown	XP_022808646.1 /PFX13778.1	Skeleton proteome	(Workenhe et al. 2009) (Lee et al. 2015)

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<b>TXNRD1</b> (Thioredoxin reductase 1)		Mediates cell death.	Unknown. Induces actin and tubulin polymerization.	XP_022804785.1	Skeleton proteome	(Anestål et al. 2008) (Damdipoulou et al. 2009)
<b>RUNX2</b> (Runt-related transcription factor 2)	Humans and mice	Important for the long-term memory of T-cells.	Essential for osteoblast differentiation and chondrocyte maturation.	XP_022805311.1	Calicoblasts & neurons	(Olesin et al. 2018)
<b>TLRs</b> (Toll-like receptors)	Humans and mice	Pattern Recognition Receptors (PRRs). Detection of potential harmful pathogens and activation of the innate immune response  And inflammatory response.	Promotes vascular calcification	XP_022794422.1	Neurons & epidermal cells	(Passos et al. 2020)
<b>IL1R1</b> (Interleukin-1 Receptor type 1)	Humans and mice	Activates NF-κB pathway to promote immune & inflammatory response.	Unknown	XP_022778509.1	Immune cells & calicoblasts	(Subramaniam, Stansberg, and Cunningham 2004)
<b>TNF-α</b> (Tumor Necrosis Factor alpha)	Mammals	Proinflammatory cytokine. Induces necrosis and apoptosis.	Regulator of bone formation. Induces Vascular smooth muscle cells (VSMCs) differentiation into an osteochondrogenic phenotype, releasing calcifying EVs.	XP_022801114.1 XP_022790994.1	Calicoblasts  Neurons	(Tintut et al. 2000) (Passos et al. 2020)
<b>NF-κB</b> (Nuclear Factor Kappa B)	Humans	Transcription factor. Induces inflammatory gene expression.	Activation of NF-κB by TNF promote calcification in human aortic smooth muscle cells.	XP_022798721.1 XP_022801431.1	Immune cells & epidermal cells  Neurons & epidermal cells	(Passos et al. 2020)
<b>NFAT</b> (Nuclear factor of activated T-cells)	Mice	Transcription factor. Key regulator of T-cells activation, differentiation, and development. Induces gene expression during immune response.	Regulates genes important for osteoclast differentiation and function.	XP_022795880.1	Immune cells	(Macian 2005) (Takayanagi 2007)
<b>IL-6</b> (Interleukin 6)	Humans	Proinflammatory cytokine. Plays a major role in the proliferation and differentiation of immune cells. A potent inducer of the acute phase response.	Promotes osteoclast activity. promotes  osteogenic differentiation and mineralization of VSMCs.	No homolog	-	(Passos et al. 2020)

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