Supplementary Information

Figure S1. Alignment of amino acids sequences from RNAse IIIa (top) RNAse IIIb (bottom) domains of insect Dcr2 proteins. The conserved and similar amino acid residues are labeled in black and grey backgrounds respectively. Red and blue arrowheads indicate catalytic residues of Dcr2 proteins. The figures in the parentheses indicate the percent identity of that protein to the respective domain of AyDcr2. The accession numbers for various protein sequences used in the alignment are provided in Table S2.

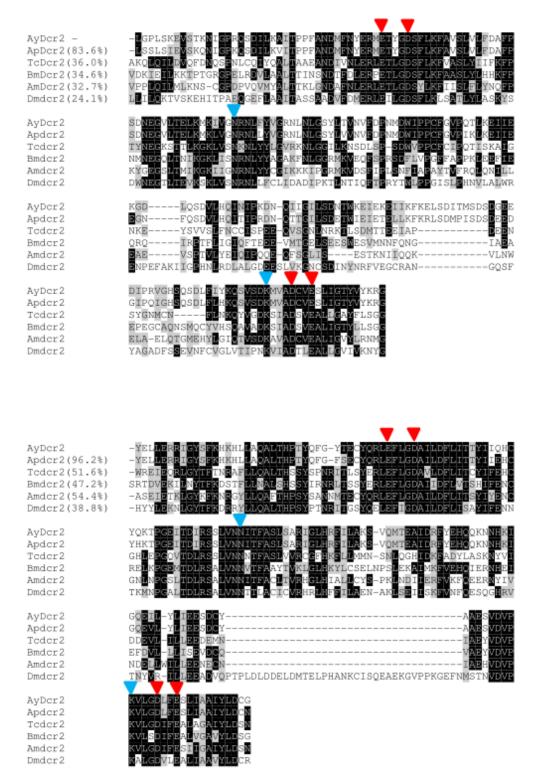


Figure S2. Alignment of amino acids sequences from insect R2d2 proteins. The conserved and similar amino acid residues are labeled in black and grey backgrounds respectively. The accession numbers for various protein sequences used in the alignment are provided in Table S2.

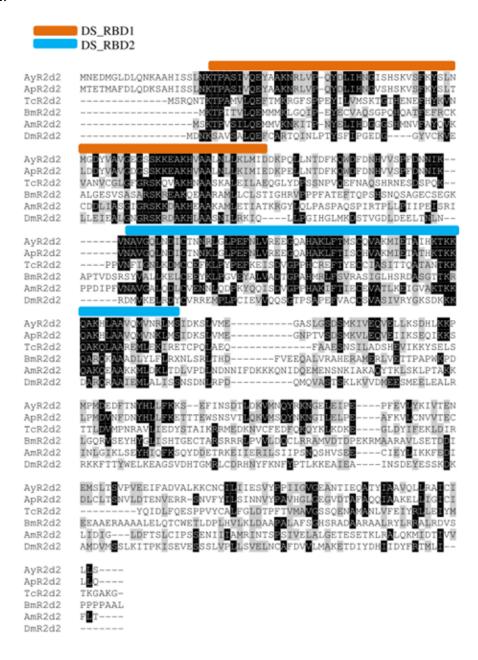


Figure S3. Alignment of amino acids sequences from insect Ago2 proteins. The conserved and similar amino acid residues are labeled in black and grey backgrounds respectively. The accession numbers for various protein sequences used in the alignment are provided in Table S2.

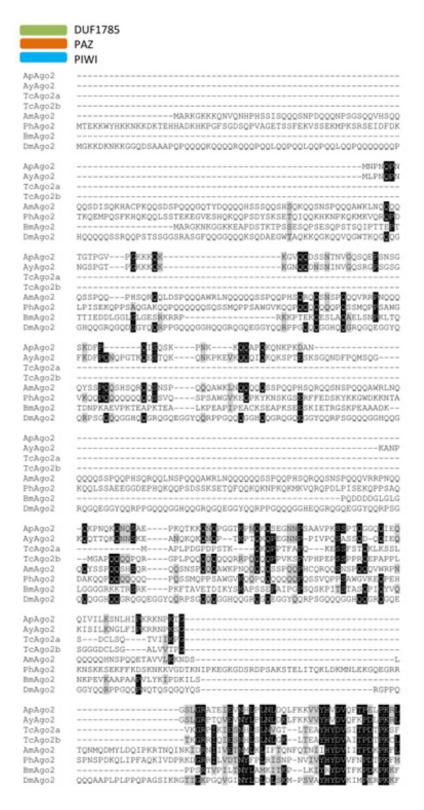
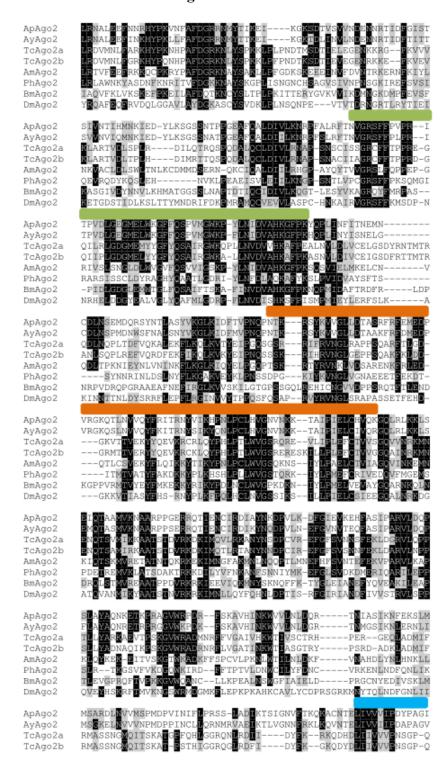
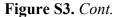


Figure S3. Cont.





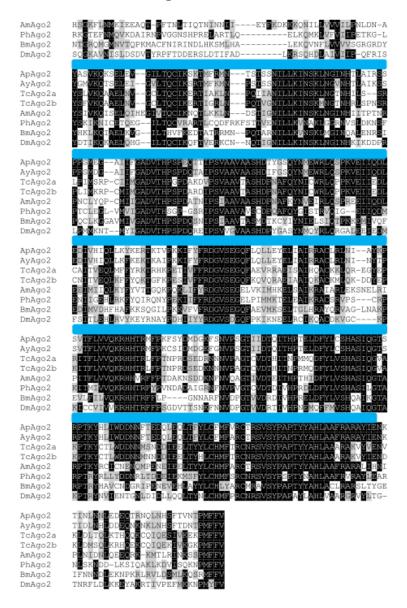


Figure S4. Sid1 protein in *A. glycines*. Italicized and underlined residues at amino-terminal indicate the secretion signal peptide (SignalP). Amino acid residues in black background indicate transmembrane domains (total 11).

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Figure S5. Alignment of amino acids sequences from insect Sid1 proteins. The conserved and similar amino acid residues are labeled in black and grey backgrounds respectively. The accession numbers for various protein sequences used in the alignment are provided in Table S2.

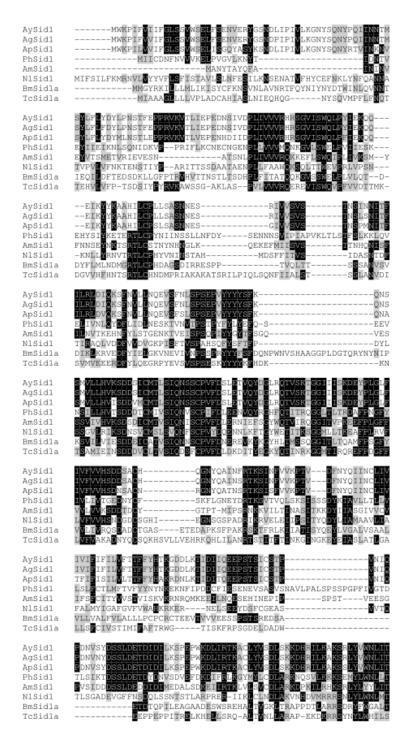


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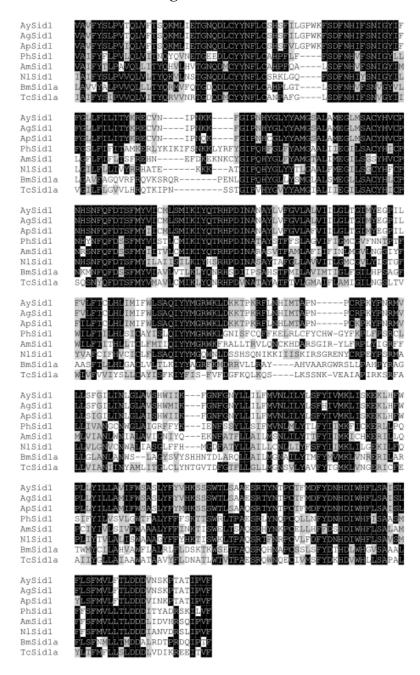


Table S1. Scanprosite hit scores for various domains in insect Dcr2 proteins.

| Domains - | | | Dcr2 proteins | | |
|---------------|--------|--------|---------------|--------|--------|
| | AyDcr2 | ApDcr2 | TcDcr2 | BmDcr2 | DmDcr2 |
| Helicase (a) | 19.5 | 19.7 | 22.2 | 21.4 | 18.7 |
| Helicase (b) | 14.0 | 13.6 | 12.1 | 12.6 | 12.1 |
| Dicer_DSRBF | 27.0 | 26.1 | 24.8 | 23.5 | 24.9 |
| PAZ | 17.3 | 18.4 | 17.2 | 11.9 | 8.7 |
| RNase III (a) | 20.1 | 19.6 | 23.9 | 21.3 | 18.4 |
| RNase III (b) | 35.5 | 34.0 | 36.9 | 34.7 | 31.1 |
| DSRBD | 10.0 | 9.6 | - | 9.1 | 9.7 |

Table S2. GenBank accession numbers for various protein sequences used in various analyses.

| Name | Accession # | | |
|---------|----------------|--|--|
| ApDcr2 | XP_003240110.1 | | |
| AmDcr2 | XR_120636.1 | | |
| BmDcr2 | NP_001180543.1 | | |
| CeDcr2 | NP_498761.1 | | |
| DmDcr2 | NP_523778.2 | | |
| TcDcr2 | NP_001107840.1 | | |
| ApR2d2 | NP_001155644.1 | | |
| AmR2d2 | XP_001121349.2 | | |
| BmR2d2 | NP_001182007.1 | | |
| CrRde4 | NP_499265.1 | | |
| TcR2d2 | NP_001128425.1 | | |
| DmR2d2 | NP_609152.1 | | |
| PhR2d2 | XP_002430935.1 | | |
| ApAgo2 | XP_001944852.2 | | |
| AmAgo2 | XP_395048.4 | | |
| BmAgo2 | NP_001036995.2 | | |
| CeAgo2 | NP_871992.1 | | |
| DmAgo2 | NP_648775.1 | | |
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| PhSid1 | XP_002430777.1 | | |
| TcSid1a | NP_001099012.1 | | |
| TcSid1b | NP_001103253.1 | | |
| TeSid1e | NP_001099128.1 | | |

Table S3. qPCR primer sequences and product length.

| Name | Primer sequences | Product length (bp) | |
|--------|------------------------|---------------------|--|
| AyDcr2 | GAGATTTCCTGACTCTTTAGC | 100 | |
| | CCGATTGCCGAATAACAA | | |
| AyR2d2 | AATCTGAAGACGCACATC | 135 | |
| | TAGCCGCATACTCTTGTA | | |
| AyAgo2 | GAATCGTCAATCGTCATT | 0.2 | |
| | AACAGAATACTCAGAATATCG | 93 | |
| AySid1 | ACCATCAGAACCAGTGTATT | 165 | |
| | TGTCGTAAGCCATCATATTGTA | 165 | |

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