Table 2 Vesicle morphology in plant cells described from EM approaches. The SV, COP11, COP1a, COP1b and CCV images are from electron tomogram slices (taken from Donohoe et al. 2007). The SV and CCV images are representative of EM images in the higher plant literature and identification was made by morphological characteristics. COP11 and COP1 vesicles were identified by morphology, location near the Golgi and with antibody labelling for COP11 (anti-ArSAR1) and COP1 (anti-At-Y-COP). The COP1a and COP1b distinction is attributed to slight differences in the coat of the vesicles and on the location of the vesicle as discussed in Donohoe et al. (2007). The CESA-vesicle image is a freeze fracture replica (Giddings et al. 1980) showing the CSC rosettes

(arrows) within the vesicle and is probably similar to the SmaCCs/MASCs described recently from fluorescence images. Currently there are no clear EM images published of SmaCCs/MASCs. The SVC (Toyooka et al. 2009) in the centre of the image, made up of seven vesicles, could be equivalent to the free-TGN described by Kang (2011). MVBs are distinctive organelles that contain small vesicles within the MVB lumen (Segui-Simarro and Staehelin 2006). MVBs have been described in many plant cells after either endocytosis or in relation to pathogen response (An et al. 2006). The EXPO organelle was described by Wang et al. (2010) and is part of the UPS pathway. The EXPO organelle fuses with the PM and releases an exosome

Vesicle	Example image	Pathway	Size	Membrane and coat	Contents	Ref
SV (secretory vesicle)	0	Secretion from TGN to PM	~80 nm range of 52-107 nm	Staining varies, most are lightly stained	Most are lightly stained, variable.	Donohoe et al. 2007
COPII	*	Transport from the ER to Golgi (ERES)	~60 nm	Indistinct, globular dark layer, outer coat (*)	Lightly stained	Donohoe et al. 2007
COPIa (Coat protein 1a)	0	Recycling from cis-Golgi to ER	~45 nm	Limiting membrane, irregular, not well defined	More lightly stained than COPIb	Donohoe et al. 2007
COPIb	4	Recycling between TGN & cisternae	~45 nm	Two layer coat, dark outer layer, distinct geometry	More darkly stained	Donohoe et al. 2007
CCV (clathrin coated vesicles)	* Q	Endocytosis & PM protein recycling	~35 nm	Hedgehog-like outer coat (*), membrane for vesicle.	Electron lucent	Donohoe et al. 2007; Robinson & Pimpl 2014
CESA- vesicle (MASC/ SmaCC?)		CESA secretion, constitutive cycling and endocytosis	~200 nm ^a	unknown	unknown	Giddings et al. 1980
SVC (SV cluster)	860	Secretion from TGN to PM	Clusters of 5-12 vesicles of 50-100 nm	Outer membrane	Lightly stained	Toyooka et al. 2009
MVB (multi- vesicular body)		Endocytosis/ UPS	~360 nm ^a	Outer membrane	Lightly stained with intraluminal vesicles (*)	Segui- Simarro et al. 2006
EXPO (exocyst-positive organelle)		UPS	~260 nm ^a	Double membrane	Lightly stained	Wang et al. 2010

Bars = 50 nm for SV, COPII, COPIa,b, and CCV; bars = 100 nm for CESA-vesicle, SVC, MVB and EXPO a Sizes measured from references cited using ImageJ, approximation only

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