LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Search for giant planets in M67 III: excess of Hot Jupiters in dense open clusters. \*

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Since 2008 we used high precision RV measurements obtained with different telescopes to detect signatures of massive planets around main sequence and evolved stars of the open cluster (OC) M67. We aimed to perform a long-term study on giant planet formation in open clusters and determine how it depends on stellar mass and chemical composition.

A new Hot Jupiter (HJ) around the main sequence star YBP401 is reported in this work. An update of the RV measurements for the two HJ host-stars YBP1194, YBP1514 is also discussed. The presence of 3 HJs in our sample of 66 main sequence and turnoff stars shows a high rate of HJs in this cluster  $(5.6^{+5.4}_{-2.6}\% \text{ for single stars and } 4.5\%^{+4.5}_{-2.5}\% \text{ for the full sample})$ . This rate is much higher than what discovered in the field, either with radial velocity surveys or by transits. High metallicity is not a cause for the excess of HJs in M67, nor the excess can be attributed to high stellar masses. When combining this rate with the non-zero eccentricity of the orbits, our results are qualitatively consistent with a HJ formation scenario dominated by strong encounters with other stars or binary companions and subsequent planet-planet scattering, as predicted by N body simulations.

**Key words.** Exoplanets – Open clusters and associations: individual: M67 – Stars: late-type – Techniques: radial velocities

## 1. Introduction

Hot Jupiters (HJs) are defined as giant planets ( $M_p > 0.3 M_{\text{Jup}}$ ) in short period orbits (P < 10 days). They show an occurance rate of ~1.2% around Sun-like field stars (Wright et al. 2012; Mayor et al. 2011). These close-in giant planets are highly unlikely to have formed in situ and it is believed that they form beyond the snow line where solid ices are more abundant, allowing the planets cores to grow several times more massive than in the inner part of the protoplanetary disk before undergoing an inward migration. Among the mechanisms that could trigger migration, the two most popular are by dynamical interaction with the circumstellar disk (Goldreich & Tremaine 1980; Lin & Papaloizou 1986; Ward 1997, Type II Migration) and by gravitational scattering originated by other planets (Rasio & Ford 1996; Lin & Ida 1997, planet-planet scattering). In addition, other ideas include 'violent' migration mechanism, as dynamical encounters with a third body (multi-body dynamical interaction). In particular, recent N-body simulations show how a planetary system inside a crowded birth environment can be strongly destabilized by stellar encounters and dynamical interaction, favoring also the formation of HJs (Davies et al. 2014; Malmberg et al. 2011; Shara et al. 2014). Open Clusters (OCs) hold great promise as laboratories to explore properties of exoplanets and theories of planet formation and migration.

In Paper I (Pasquini et al. 2012) we describe a radial velocity survey to detect signature of giant planets around a sample of main sequence (MS) and giant stars in M67. The first three planets discovered were presented in Brucalassi et al. (2014). One goal of this project is to investigate if and how planet formation is influenced by the environment. Recent planet search surveys in OCs support that the statistics in OCs is compatible with the field (Malavolta et al. 2016; Brucalassi et al. 2014; Meibom et al. 2013; Quinn et al. 2014, 2012). In this work we show that for M67 the frequency of HJs is even higher than in the field.

#### 2. Observations and orbital solutions

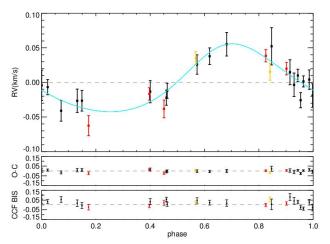
Out of the 88 stars in the original M67 sample 12 have been found to be binaries (Pasquini et al. 2012). Two additional binaries have been recently discovered (Brucalassi et al. 2016). So the final sample comprises 74 single stars (53 MS and turnoff

<sup>\*</sup> Based on observations collected at the ESO 3.6m telescope (La Silla), at the 1.93m telescope of the Observatoire de Haute-Provence (OHP), at the Hobby Eberly Telescope (HET), at the Telescopio Nazionale Galileo (TNG, La Palma) and at the Euler Swiss Telescope.

**Table 1.** Stellar parameters of the three M67 stars newly found to host planet candidates.

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Parameters			
$\alpha$ (J2000)	08:51:19.05	08:51:00.81	08:51:00.77
$\delta$ (J2000)	+11:40:15.80	+11:48:52.76	+11:53:11.51
Spec.type	F9V	G5V	G5V
$m_{\rm V}$ [mag]	$13.70^{a}$	$14.6^{a}$	$14.77^{a}$
B - V [mag]	$0.607^{a}$	$0.626^{a}$	$0.680^{a}$
$M\star [M_{\odot}]$	$1.14\pm0.02^{b}$	$1.01\pm0.02^{b}$	$0.96 \pm 0.01^{b}$
$\log g$ [cgs]	$4.30\pm0.035^d$	$4.44\pm0.05^{c}$	$4.57 \pm 0.06^d$
$T_{\rm eff}$ [K]	$6165 \pm 64^d$	$5780\pm27^{c}$	$5725 \pm 45^d$

**Notes.** <sup>(a)</sup> Yadav et al. (2008). <sup>(b)</sup> Pietrinferni et al. (2004) and Girardi et al. (2000). <sup>(c)</sup> Önehag et al. (2011). <sup>(d)</sup> Pasquini et al. (2008) and Pace et al. (2012).



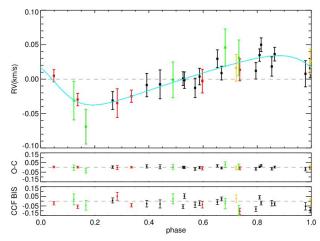
**Fig. 1.** Phased RV measurements and Keplerian best fit, best-fit residuals, and bisector variation for YBP401. Black dots: HARPS measurements, red dots: SOPHIE measurements, orange dots: HARPS-N measurements.

stars and 21 giants) all high probability (from proper motion and radial velocity) members of the cluster according to Yadav et al. (2008) and Sanders (1977).

A new star YBP401 shows significant hints for the presence of a HJ companion and here is analyzed in detail. We also present an update of the RV measurements for the stars YBP1194 and YBP1514, for which two other HJs were announced in our previous work (Brucalassi et al. 2014).

Basic stellar parameters  $(V, B-V, T_{\rm eff}, \log g)$  with their uncertainties were taken from the literature. A distance modulus of  $9.63\pm0.05$  (Pasquini et al. 2008) and a reddening of  $E(B-V)=0.041\pm0.004$  (Taylor 2007) have been assumed, stellar masses and radii were derived using the 4 Gyr theoretical isochrones from Pietrinferni et al. (2004) and Girardi et al. (2000). The parameters estimated from isochrone fitting agree, within the errors, with the values adopted from the literature. The main characteristics of the three host stars are listed in Table 1.

The RV measurements were carried out using the HARPS spectrograph (Mayor et al. 2003) at the ESO 3.6m telescope in high-efficiency mode (with R=90000 and a spectral range of 378-691 nm); the SOPHIE spectrograph (Bouchy & Sophie Team 2006) at the OHP 1.93 m telescope in high-efficiency mode (with R=40000 and a range of 387-694 nm), the HRS spectrograph (Tull 1998) at the Hobby Eberly Telescope (with R=60000 and a range of 407.6-787.5 nm) and the HARPS-N spectrograph at the TNG on La Palma Canary Island (spectral range of 383-693 nm and R=115000). Additional RV data points



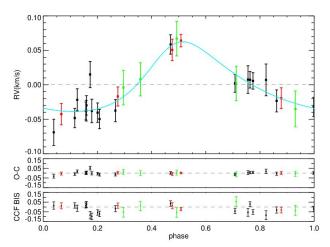
**Fig. 2.** Phased RV measurements and Keplerian best fit, best-fit residuals, and bisector variation for YBP1194. Same symbols of Fig.1, green dots: HRS measurements.

for giant stars have been observed between 2003 and 2005 (Lovis & Mayor 2007) with the CORALIE spectrograph at the 1.2 m Euler Swiss telescope.

HARPS, SOPHIE and HARPS-N are provided with a similar automatic pipeline. The spectra are extracted from the detector images and cross-correlated with a numerical G2-type mask. Radial velocities are derived by fitting each resulting cross-correlation function (CCF) with a Gaussian (Baranne et al. 1996; Pepe et al. 2002). For the HRS, the radial velocities were computed using a series of dedicated routines based on IRAF and cross-correlating the spectra with a G2 star template (Cappetta et al. 2012). We used nightly observations of the RV standard star HD32923 to correct all observations for each star to the zero point of HARPS (as explained in Pasquini et al. 2012) and to take into account any instrument instability or any systematic velocity shifts between runs. An additional correction was applied to the SOPHIE data, to consider the low S/N ratio of the observations (Santerne et al. 2012, see eq.(1)).

The RV measurements of our target stars are studied by computing the Lomb-Scargle periodogram (Scargle 1982; Horne & Baliunas 1986) and by using a Levenberg-Marquardt analysis (Wright & Howard 2009, RVLIN) to fit Keplerian orbits to the radial velocity data. The orbital solutions were independently checked using the Yorbit program (Segransan et al. 2011) and a simple Markov-Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) analysis (see Table 4). We investigated the presence and variability of chromospheric active regions in these stars by measuring the variations of the core of  $H\alpha$  line with respect to the continuum, following a method similar to the one described in Pasquini & Pallavicini (1991). The more sensitive Ca II H and K lines were not accessible due to the low S/N ratio of our observations. For each case we verified the correlation between the RVs and the bisector span of the CCF (calculated following Queloz et al. 2001) or with the full width at half maximum (FWHM) of the CCF.

**YBP401.** According to Yadav et al. (2008) this F9V MS star has a membership probability of 97% and a proper motion shorter than 6 mas/yr with respect to the average. In a study of Vereshchagin et al. (2014), where the membership list of Yadav et al. (2008) was revised, the cluster membership for YBP401 has been questioned. However, the RV value considered for YBP401 in the work of Vereshchagin et al. (2014) has an uncertainty of  $\sigma = 130 \,\mathrm{m\,s^{-1}}$  and it is not consistent with our



**Fig. 3.** Phased RV measurements and Keplerian best fit, best-fit residuals, and bisector variation for YBP1514. Same symbols as in Fig.2.

measurements by more than  $1\sigma$ . Recently Geller et al. (2015) confirmed YBP401 as a single cluster member.

This target has been observed since January 2008: 19 RV points have been obtained with HARPS with a typical S/N of 15 (per pixel at 550 nm) and a mean measurement uncertainty of 15 m s<sup>-1</sup> including calibration errors. Other 5 additional RV measurements were obtained with SOPHIE and 2 with HARPS-N with a measurement uncertainties of 9.0 m s<sup>-1</sup> and 11.0 m s<sup>-1</sup> respectively. The final 26 RV measurements of YBP401 show a variability of ~35 m s<sup>-1</sup> and an average uncertainty of  $\sim 14\,\mathrm{m\,s^{-1}}\,$  for the individual RV values. A clear peak is present in the periodogram (see Fig. 4) at 4.08 days. A Keplerian orbit is adjusted to the RV data of YBP401 (see Fig. 1) and the resulting orbital parameters for the planet candidate are reported in Table 2 and Table 4. We should note that the non-zero eccentricity is consistent with e=0 within  $2\sigma$  and that the other parameters change by less than  $1\sigma$  when fixing e=0. We included the eccentricity in the data analysis resulting in a better fit ( $\chi^2_{red} \sim 1$ ) and in reduced RV residuals. However, more precise observations are needed to constrain small non-zero eccentricities and to not overinterpret the results (see discussions in Zakamska et al. 2011; Pont et al. 2011). The residuals have a rms amplitude of  $\sim 13 \,\mathrm{m \, s^{-1}}$  and the periodogram of the residuals does not show any clear periodicity when the main signal is removed (see Fig. 4). Neither the bisector span nor activity index present correlations with the RV variations (see Fig. 5), excluding activity-induced variations of the shape or the spectral lines as the source of the RV measurements.

**YBP1194** and **YBP1514.** We have now collected 29 measurements for both YBP1194 and for YBP1514, spanning 7 years. The average RV uncertainty is  $\sim 13.0\,\mathrm{m\,s^{-1}}$  for HARPS and SOPHIE,  $\sim 26.0\,\mathrm{m\,s^{-1}}$  for HRS and  $\sim 8.0\,\mathrm{m\,s^{-1}}$  for HARPS-N . Fig. 2 and Fig. 3 show the phase-folded data points together with the best-fit solution and the residual over the time. The peak in the periodogram is more pronounced and the RV signal is better determined (see Fig.4) than in Brucalassi et al. (2014). When the planet signature is removed, the rms of the residuals is  $\sim 12.3\,\mathrm{m\,s^{-1}}$  for YBP1194 and  $\sim 14.4\,\mathrm{m\,s^{-1}}$  for YBP1514. We note that the resulting updated orbital parameters are consistent, within the errors, with the previously published data (see Table 2 and Table 4).

**Table 2.** Orbital parameters of the planetary candidates. P: period, T: time at periastron passage, e: eccentricity,  $\omega$ : argument of periastron, K: semi-amplitude of RV curve,  $m \sin i$ : planetary minimum mass,  $\gamma$ : average radial velocity,  $\sigma$ (O-C): dispersion of Keplerian fit residuals.

Parameters	YBP401	YBP1194	YBP1514
P [days]	4.087±0.007	6.959±0.001	5.118±0.001
T [JD]	2455974.3±0.5	2455289.98±0.51	2455986.3±0.3
e	$0.15\pm0.08$	$0.30 \pm 0.08$	$0.28\pm0.09$
$\omega$ [deg]	330.17±25.68	99.36±20.47	$327.33\pm16.09$
$K [m s^{-1}]$	49.06±3.50	$35.80\pm3.81$	50.06±5.03
$m \sin i [M_{Jup}]$	$0.46 \pm 0.05$	$0.32 \pm 0.03$	$0.40\pm0.38$
$\gamma  [\mathrm{km}\mathrm{s}^{-1}]$	33.178±0.006	34.185±0.002	$34.058 \pm 0.003$
$\sigma$ (O-C) [ m s <sup>-1</sup> ]	12.74	12.28	14.43

### 3. Frequency of Hot-Jupiters in OCs

The most striking result is that, with the star YBP401 we have found three HJs around 66 MS and subgiant stars in M67 (53 stars if we consider single stars only). This makes a frequency of HJs of  $4.5^{+4.5}_{-2.5}\%$  and  $5.6^{+5.4}_{-2.6}\%$ . These results also agree with the HJs frequency  $(5.5^{+5.5}_{-2.5}\%)$  obtained by a Monte Carlo analysis in our parallel work (Brucalassi et al. 2016 sub.). Our values are higher than what derived from the RV surveys around FGK stars  $(1.2\% \pm 0.38 \text{ of HJs Wright et al. 2012})$ . The comparison is even more striking when considering that the Kepler <sup>1</sup> statistics of HJs is lower, around 0.4% (Howard et al. 2011). However, the comparison between the different samples and between simulations and observations is not trivial. The analysis of the Kepler and the RV surveys for instance use different selection criteria (radii vs. masses) and different intervals of orbital periods. Dawson & Murray-Clay (2013) show that the discrepancy could be partially due to the different metallicity of the samples. Another effect to take into account is in the definition of the comparison samples. RV surveys are performed on pre-selected samples, already cleaned by the presence of binaries, while the Kepler statistics (and most of the simulations) refer to all FGK stars in the Cygnus field, without any previous selection for binaries. In the case of M67, our survey sample has been heavily pre-selected, trying to eliminate in advance all known and suspected binaries. We expect therefore that when comparing our results on the whole sample  $(3/66 \text{ or } 4.5^{+4.5}_{-2.5}\%)$  with the *Kepler* statistics (0.4%), this should provide an upper limit of the planet frequency, while the comparison of the frequency of the single star sample (3/53 or  $5.6^{+5.4}_{-2.6}\%$  ) should well compare with the 1.2% of the radial velocity surveys, since they have gone through a similar selection process. Finally, we should also mention that given a HJ occurance rate of 1.2% like for field stars, a non-negligible probability of 5% to have an extra or two HJs in M67 just only by chance exists.

For several years, the lack of detected planets in OCs was in contrast with the field results, but the recent discoveries (Malavolta et al. 2016; Brucalassi et al. 2014; Meibom et al. 2013; Quinn et al. 2014, 2012) have completely changed the situation. These results are difficult to reconcile with the early survey of Paulson et al. (2004), that did not detect any HJ around 94 G-M stars of the Hyades cluster. Since the extrapolation from non-detection to non-existence of HJs depends critically on several assumptions, such as stellar noise and real measurement errors, constraints on the allocated time, number of observations/star, sampling and planet mass, we cannot state at the present whether the discrepancy is real, until larger surveys are performed. If we were to add the results of the RV

<sup>1</sup> http://kepler.nasa.gov/

surveys in the OCs M67, Hyades and Praesepe, we would determine a rate of 6/240 HJs/surveyed stars (including some binaries), that is huge when compared to 10/836 of the Wright et al. (2012) field sample. We can conclude that, contrary to early reports, the frequency of HJs discovered in the three OCs subject of recent RV surveys is higher than amongst the field stars. In order to explain the high frequency of HJs in M67, Hyades and Praesepe we may argue that the frequency of HJs depends on stellar metallicity, mass, or on dynamical history, and therefore environment. The dependence of planet frequency with stellar metallicity is complex: even if very early established (Johnson et al. 2010; Udry & Santos 2007; Fischer & Valenti 2005; Santos et al. 2004), a real correlation seems to be present only for Jupiters around MS stars, while it does not hold for giant planets around evolved stars (Pasquini et al. 2007), nor for low mass planets (Mayor et al. 2011). Both Hyades and Praesepe are metal rich (Pace et al. 2008; Dutra-Ferreira et al. 2015) and this may explain the larger frequency of HJs in these clusters, but this is not the case of M67, which has a well established solar metallicity and abundance pattern (Randich et al. 2005). The hypothesis that the high frequency of HJs in M67 or in OCs in general originates from the larger mass of the host star can be also excluded: the stars hosting HJs in M67 all have masses around a solar mass, which is very comparable to the masses of the HJ hosts discovered in the field. A similar argument holds for the stars hosting HJs in Praesepe and in the Hyades.

Finally, environment is left as the most suitable option to explain the HJs excess. It has been suggested that dense birth environments, like stellar clusters, can have a significant impact on the planet formation process and the resulting orbital properties of single planets or planetary systems. Close stellar fly-by or binary companions can alter the structure of any planetary system, and may trigger subsequently planet-planet scattering also over very long time-scales (Davies et al. 2014; Malmberg et al. 2011). This leads to the ejection of some planets, but it seems also to favor the conditions for the formation of HJs (Shara et al. 2014). As predicted by such mechanisms, M67 HJs show orbits with non zero eccentricity and this is also true for the HJ found in the Hyades. The importance of the encounters is primarly determined by the local stellar density, the binary fraction, the collisional cross-section of the planetary system and the time scale at which the planet is exposed to external perturbations. Malmberg et al. (2011) produce simulations for a cluster of 700 stars and initial half mass radius of 0.38 parsecs, showing that a non negligible number of stars spend a long enough time as a binary system and also that the majority of the stars is affected by at least one fly-by. M67 has more than 1400 stars now, it is dominated by a high fraction of binaries (Davenport & Sandquist 2010) after loosing at least 3/4 of its original stellar mass, and has suffered mass segregation. Shara et al. (2014) have recently completed N-body simulations for a case similar to the one of M67, but with only a 10% of binaries, finding that HJs can be produced in 0.4% of cluster planetary systems when only considering initial flyby encounters. This fraction is smaller than what we find in M67 and probably the influence of other migration mechanisms needs also to be considered to explain our results. However, the same authors acknowledge that a higher fraction of binaries will largely enhance the probability of HJs formation and therefore their frequency. Given that the binary fraction of M67 stars is presently very high (Pasquini et al. 2012; Mathieu et al. 1990) and that models show that it must have been high also at the origin (Hurley et al. 2005), the high fraction of M67 HJs seems to qualitatively agree with the N-body simulations. The same simulations predict that after 5 Gyrs the percentage of stars hosting

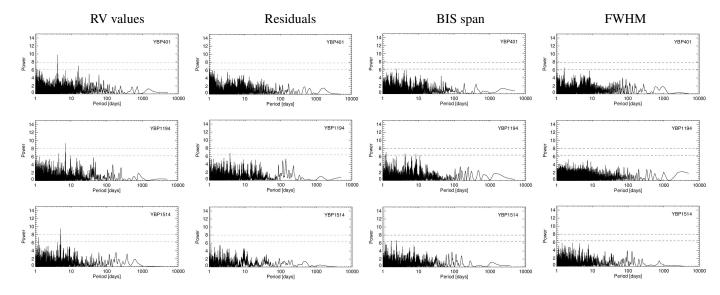
HJs retained by the cluster is substantially higher than the percentage of stars not hosting HJs. Two factors can contribute to enhance HJ planet formation: the capability of producing HJs and the capability of the cluster to retain stars hosting HJs. The interaction takes part well within the first Gyr of the cluster lifetime, so that the stars with HJs do not require to have still a stellar companion at the age of M67. The study of Geller et al. (2015) shows no evidence for nearby companions at the present epoch. Finally, considering that about one of ten HJs produces a transit, we suggest to scrutiny carefully the *Kepler*/K2 observations (Howell et al. 2014), to see if any transit is detected.

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**Fig. 4.** Top: Lomb-Scargle periodogram of the RV measurements, residuals, bisector span and FWHM for YBP401. Central: Same plots for YBP1194. Bottom: same plots for YBP1514. The dashed lines correspond to 5% and 1% false-alarm probabilities, calculated according to Horne & Baliunas (1986) and white noise simulations.

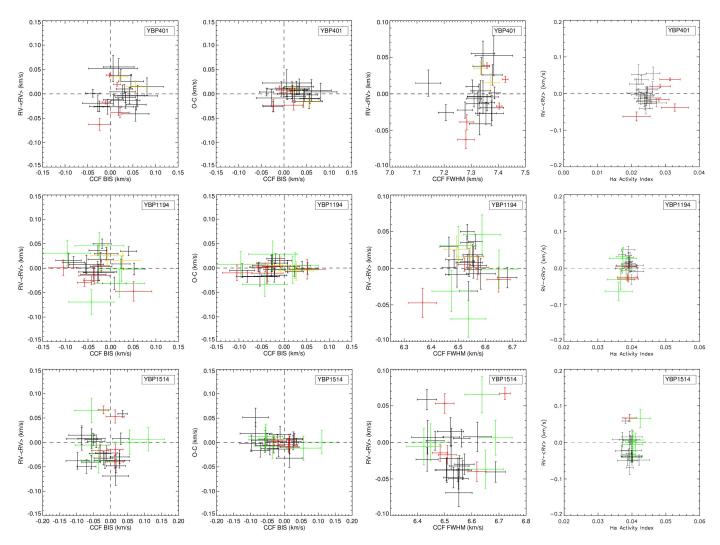


Fig. 5. Top: RV measurements versus bisector span, residuals versus bisector span, RV measurements versus CCF FWHM and RV measurements versus H $\alpha$  activity indicator for YBP401. The H $\alpha$  activity indicator is computed as the area under the core of H $\alpha$  line with respect to the continuum. CCF FWHM values are calculated by subtracting in quadrature the respective instrumental FWHM. Equal symbols as in Fig. 2. Middle: The same plots for YBP1194. Bottom: The same plots for YBP1514.

**Table 3.** RV measurements, RV uncertainties, bisector span, and ratio of the  $H_{\alpha}$  core with respect to the continuum (see Pasquini & Pallavicini 1991) for YBP401. All the RV data points are corrected to the zero point of HARPS.

BJD	RV	$\sigma_{obs}$	BIS span	$H_{\alpha}$ ratio	instrument
(-2450000)	$(km s^{-1})$	$(km s^{-1})$	$({\rm km}{\rm s}^{-1})$		
4491.3462	33.2165	0.0089	-0.0013333	0.03133	SOPHIE
4855.6494	33.1522	0.0110	-0.0241850	0.02735	HARPS
4859.5234	33.1978	0.0089	0.0150000	0.02843	SOPHIE
4861.8052	33.1559	0.0110	0.0573989	0.02435	HARPS
5190.8584	33.1793	0.0080	-0.0384314	0.02154	HARPS
5627.7314	33.2302	0.0270	0.0061686	0.02206	HARPS
5946.8267	33.1927	0.0180	0.0812266	0.02624	HARPS
5967.6030	33.1589	0.0170	-0.0273837	0.02377	HARPS
5978.5732	33.2331	0.0170	0.0187173	0.02635	HARPS
5985.5850	33.1612	0.0090	-0.0098333	0.02806	SOPHIE
6245.8511	33.1369	0.0150	0.0556374	0.02424	HARPS
6269.7925	33.1744	0.0170	0.0426396	0.02201	HARPS
6302.7832	33.1737	0.0220	0.0607550	0.02471	HARPS
6308.7578	33.1658	0.0110	0.0069258	0.02561	HARPS
6323.7534	33.1513	0.0170	0.0179823	0.02399	HARPS
6333.7314	33.2038	0.0140	0.0456952	0.02144	HARPS
6682.6787	33.1879	0.0090	0.0310414	0.02459	HARPS
6694.5210	33.1934	0.0124	0.0562494	-	HARPS-N
6697.4912	33.2130	0.0092	0.0208414	-	HARPS-N
6715.7002	33.1711	0.0110	0.0338823	0.02443	HARPS
6719.6357	33.1821	0.0140	0.0273266	0.02430	HARPS
6720.4028	33.1154	0.0145	-0.0233333	0.02147	SOPHIE
6721.5381	33.1395	0.0129	0.0215000	0.03277	SOPHIE
6977.8101	33.1514	0.0150	-0.0060115	0.02535	HARPS
6978.8369	33.1645	0.0160	0.0337306	0.02274	HARPS
6983.8188	33.2158	0.0120	0.0234168	0.02289	HARPS

Table 4. Orbital parameters of the planetary candidates using a simple Markov-Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) analysis to fit Keplerian orbits to the radial velocity data. We considered as free parameters the orbital period P, the time of transit  $\mathbf{T}_c$ , the radial velocity semi-amplitude K, the center-of-mass velocity  $\gamma$ , and the orthogonal quantities  $\sqrt{e}\cos\omega$  and  $\sqrt{e}\sin\omega$ , where e is eccentricity and  $\omega$  is the argument of periastron. We quoted the mode of the resultant parameter distributions as the final value and the 68.3% interval with equal probability density at the  $\pm 1\sigma$  bound to derive the uncertainty. T: time at periastron passage, K: semi-amplitude of RV curve,  $m\sin i$ : planetary minimum mass.

Parameters	YBP401	YBP1194	YBP1514
P [days]	$4.0873^{+0.0003}_{-0.0002}$	$6.959^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$5.1189^{+0.0008}_{-0.0007}$
T [JD]	$2455974.23^{+0.49}_{-0.49}$	$2455290.0_{-0.3}^{+0.4}$	$245986.34^{+0.28}_{-0.20}$
e	$0.141^{+0.112}_{-0.113}$	$0.294^{+0.077}_{-0.056}$	$0.332^{+0.133}_{-0.127}$
$\omega$ [deg]	$-31.69_{-54.0}^{+43.0}$	$99.14_{-16.0}^{+16.0}$	$-34.76^{+17.35}_{-14.26}$
$\sqrt{e}\sin\omega$	$-0.197^{+0.152}_{-0.166}$	$0.535^{+0.061}_{-0.064}$	$-0.329^{+0.134}_{-0.136}$
$\sqrt{e}\cos\omega$	$0.319^{+0.104}_{-0.242}$	$-0.086^{+0.186}_{-0.171}$	$0.474^{+0.092}_{-0.086}$
$K [m s^{-1}]$	$48.911_{-6.0}^{+5.0}$	$35.607_{-4.0}^{+2.2}$	$50.97^{+3.0}_{-3.0}$
$m \sin i [M_{Jup}]$	$0.41^{+0.06}_{-0.04}$	$0.32^{+0.3}_{-0.2}$	$0.42^{+0.03}_{-0.02}$
$\gamma  [\mathrm{km}\mathrm{s}^{-1}]$	$33.172^{+0.003}_{-0.004}$	$34.185^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$34.058^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$