

**The Genetic Diversity of Ndumu Virus Strains Isolated from
Mosquitoes from Garissa, Ijara, Busia and Baringo during Routine
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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

BLAST	Basic Local Alignment Search Tool
CDC	Centre for disease control and prevention
CHIKV	Chikungunya virus
CO₂	Carbon dioxide
CPE	Cytopathic effect
CVR	Centre for Virus Research
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
ds	Double stranded
EEEV	Eastern equine encephalitis virus
FBS	Foetal bovine serum
g	gravity
ICIPE	International Centre of Insect Physiology and ecology
ICTVdB	International Committee of Taxonomy of Viruses database
JKUAT	Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology
KEMRI	Kenya Medical Research Institute
Nduv	Ndumu virus
PBS	Phosphate buffered saline
Pfu	plaque forming unit
RNA	Ribonucleic acid
RT-PCR	Reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction
SISPA	Sequence-Independent Single Primer Amplification
SIRACA	Subcommittee on Interrelationships Among Catalogued Arboviruses

TCID₅₀	Tissue culture infectious dose 50% end point
VEEV	Venezuelan equine encephalitis virus
VHF	Viral hemorrhagic fever
WEEV	Western equine encephalitis virus

ABSTRACT

Members of the genus *Alphavirus*, family *Togaviridae* are a diverse group of principally mosquito-borne RNA viruses that cause a variety of diseases worldwide. There are at least 29 species and many more subtypes of alphaviruses. Most of them infect humans for example Chikungunya and O'nyong-nyong viruses and cause public health problems whereas some are considered potential bioweapons, an example being Venezuelan equine encephalitis virus. Being RNA viruses, they are prone to genetic mutation like other RNA viruses, a good example being Chikungunya virus which has recently shown this phenomenon. During routine arbovirus surveillance study in selected study sites in Kenya, carried out in Viral hemorrhagic fever laboratory Centre for Virus research in Kenya Medical Research Institute, alphaviruses, identified as Ndumu viruses were isolated. They were from pools of mosquitoes that were collected from four different counties in Kenya, namely: Garissa, Ijara, Busia and Baringo. In this study, Ndumu virus isolates from the four districts in Kenya were sequenced to determine their genetic diversity. This was achieved by first culturing the virus isolates in Vero cells. The infected cells were harvested and the cell culture supernatant was used to isolate total RNA after which Reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction was performed using primers specific for the envelope gene (E1) to confirm the identity of the virus. This was followed by pyro-sequencing of the isolates using 454 sequencer. A mapping assembly of the sequence reads from the 454 sequencer was done against the only available partial genome sequence of Ndumu virus using GS Runmapper (Roche). Nucleotide and amino acid sequence alignments were done using the software

Muscle. Molecular Evolutionary Genetics Analysis software was used for phylogenetic analysis. The Ndumu virus isolates from Baringo, Busia and Garissa counties showed minimal genetic variation, only one isolate from Ijara was distinct. This study has facilitated the identification of single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) within Ndumu virus genome. These SNPs however, have not changed the charge or hydrophobicity of proteins coded for. Nevertheless, this does not rule out that additional SNPs may change the protein coding sequence and affect the virus' virulence and/or host susceptibility. The information generated from this study may be used in the design of a control strategy for alphavirus infections.

CHAPTER ONE

1.0. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background Information

The family *Togaviridae* comprises two genera, *Alphavirus* and *Rubivirus* (Weaver *et al.*, 2000). As a genus, the *alphaviruses* are widely distributed throughout the world, inhabiting all of the continents except Antarctica. The geographic distributions of individual species are restricted because of specific ecological conditions for reservoir hosts and vectors (Johnson, 1988; Weaver *et al.*, 2000). Members of the genus *Alphavirus* are typically maintained in natural cycles involving transmission by arthropod vectors among susceptible vertebrate hosts (Strauss and Strauss, 1994). Virus-host interactions may be highly specific, and sometimes only a single mosquito species is utilized as the principal vector of a virus, as has been reported for many Venezuelan equine encephalitis complex viruses (Weaver, 1998). These specific virus-vector interactions may limit the distribution of many Alphaviruses.

Possible exceptions to the presumption that all Alphaviruses have an arthropod host are the newly identified salmonid viruses, salmon pancreas disease virus (SPDV) (Weston *et al.*, 1999) and sleeping disease virus (SDV) (Villoing *et al.*, 2000). These viruses have been isolated only from infected Atlantic salmon and rainbow trout, respectively, and are not known to have arthropod vectors. It has been postulated that the sea louse, *Lepeophtheirus salmonis*, may play a role in the transmission of SPDV, but no evidence to support this hypothesis has been

generated. Parasitic lice have been implicated in the transmission of the newly discovered southern elephant seal alphavirus (SESV) from the coast of Australia. SESV has been grouped genetically with the Semliki Forest virus complex (La Linn *et al.*, 2001).

Originally isolated in 1959 from *Mansonia uniformis* in South Africa, Ndumu virus has been found throughout Africa, and although antibodies to the virus have been identified in humans from several African countries, no human illnesses have been associated with Ndumu Virus infection (Karabatsos 1985). Due to the fact that it belongs to the same genus as other viruses that cause human illnesses like Chikungunya virus (CHIKV), O'nyong-nyong virus (ONNV), Semliki forest virus (SFV) and Getah virus, it has the potential to raise public health concerns in humans with time. In addition, antibodies associated with Ndumu virus have been detected in human population (Kokernot *et al.*, 1961) and therefore its medical importance cannot be underrated. CHIKV which belongs to *alphavirus* genus as Ndumu virus is an example that shows how these viruses can change from less virulent to more virulent strains (Schuffenecker et al., 2006).

CHIKV infection, which had been known to be self-limiting fever, had changed and led to a serious health problem around the world. In India, Eastern Africa, Western Africa and Central Africa, this viral disease is spread by mosquito bites from *Aedes* species mosquitoes, (Reinert *et al.*, 2004; Womack, 1993; Powers and Logue, 2007). Recent research by the Pasteur Institute in Paris suggests the

virus has acquired a mutation that enables it to also be transmitted by *Aedes albopictus* (Tiger mosquito). A genetic change in position 226 of E1 in the CHIKV made it possible for the virus to no longer need cholesterol as viruses normally need cholesterol to infect the cells of their human and mosquito hosts (Afjal *et al.*, 2002). Because mosquitoes often do not have enough cholesterol for viruses to efficiently infect their cells, it is possible that the more recent version of the CHIKV (the V version) could have survived and multiplied better in mosquitoes, which in turn could have contributed to its rapid spread (Afjal *et al.*, 2002).

In 2004-2005, a Chikungunya outbreak occurred along Kenyan Coast and Comoros Island. This was associated with the presence of *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes (Sang *et al.*, 2008). Following reports of febrile-arthralgic disease outbreaks, epidemiologic and entomologic investigations were conducted in Lamu, Mombasa and Comoros in the period between June 2004 and March 2005. Epidemiologic and laboratory studies confirmed extensive CHIKV outbreaks in Lamu (beginning June 04; attack rate > 50%), Mombasa (beginning November 04), and the Comoros Islands (beginning January 05; attack rate > 50% on Grand Comoros). The attack rate >50% means that out of the entire population that was exposed to the CHIKV, more than 50% of the population got infected. Entomologic investigations identified *Aedes aegypti* as the likely primary vector in Comoros.

By October 2006 on Réunion Island alone, which has a population of 760,000, at least 266,000 cases had been reported (Flauhaut, 2007). The epidemic swept eastward into the Indian subcontinent, where by the end of the year it had caused >1.3 million cases; attack rates were 45% in some regions (WHO, 2006; Mudur, 2006). By the beginning of 2007, the epidemic was on the decline on La Réunion and the Seychelles (Barret, 2007a), but it seemed to be continuing in areas of India. New outbreaks had been reported from early 2007 in Malaysia and mid 2007 in Indonesia (Barret; 2007b; Banks, 2007). These events demonstrated the public health impact alphavirus infections can have. The impact of genetic change therefore, emphasizes the importance of monitoring and detecting the genetic diversity of Ndumu virus which belongs to the *alphavirus* genus.

1.2. General overview of Alphaviruses

The family *Togaviridae*, genus *Alphavirus* consists of a group of enveloped, single-stranded, positive-sense RNA viruses. These viruses are principally mosquito-borne and have a nearly worldwide distribution (Griffin, 2001). The genus contains at least 29 distinct, known species (some with multiple subtypes or varieties), subdivided into seven antigenic complexes. New species have been described recently from mosquitoes namely Trocara virus (Travassos da Rosa *et al.*, 2001), from fish, the Salmon pancreas disease virus and Sleeping disease virus (Weston *et al.*, 1999; Villoing *et al.*, 2000), and from a louse infesting the southern elephant seal referred to as Southern elephant seal virus (La Linn *et al.*, 2001). Many of the alphaviruses are significant pathogens of humans and domestic animals. Clinically,

disease manifests either as a mild, self-limiting febrile illness, central nervous system infection (i.e., encephalitis), or as a febrile illness with rash and polyarthropathy. New World viruses such as Venezuelan equine encephalitis virus (VEEV), Eastern equine encephalitis virus (EEEV), and Western equine encephalitis virus (WEEV) mainly cause encephalitis, whereas the Old World viruses such as Ross River, Barmah Forest, O'nyong-nyong, Chikungunya, and Sindbis viruses cause an arthralgia syndrome (Tsai *et al.*, 2002). Getah virus has been reported to induce abortion or stillbirth in pregnant swine (Kiyomasu *et al.*, 1991) and Highlands J virus causes dramatic decreases in egg production and mortality in domestic birds (Wages *et al.*, 1993). Disease of salmon and rainbow trout, caused by two recently described fish alphaviruses (Weston *et al.*, 1999; Villoing *et al.*, 2000; Jewhurst *et al.*, 2004), has the potential for significant economic damage to the commercial fish industry. Some alphaviruses such as EEEV have the potential to be used as bioweapons (Vogel *et al.*, 1997; Sidwell and Smee, 2003), and therefore the ability to detect any and all alphaviruses has applications for biodefense.

1.3. The genome of Alphaviruses

Alphaviruses are small sized, spherical, enveloped viruses with a genome consisting of a single strand of positive-sense RNA (Strauss and Strauss, 1994; Johnston and Peters, 1996; Schlesinger and Schlesinger, 1996). The total genome length ranges between 11,000 and 12,000 nucleotides, and has a 5' methylated cap, and 3' poly-A tail. There are two open reading frames (ORF's) in the genome encoding non-structural and structural proteins. The nonstructural protein genes are coded in the 5'

two-thirds of the genome and encode proteins for transcription and replication of viral RNA. The structural genes encode four structural proteins: Capsid protein C, Envelope glycoprotein E1, Envelope glycoprotein E2, and Envelope glycoprotein E3 and are translated from a subgenomic mRNA colinear with the 3' one-third of the genome. Replication occurs within the cytoplasm, and virions mature by budding through the plasma membrane, where virus-encoded surface glycoproteins E2 and E1 are assimilated.

Schematic diagram of the alphavirus genome organization using VEEV

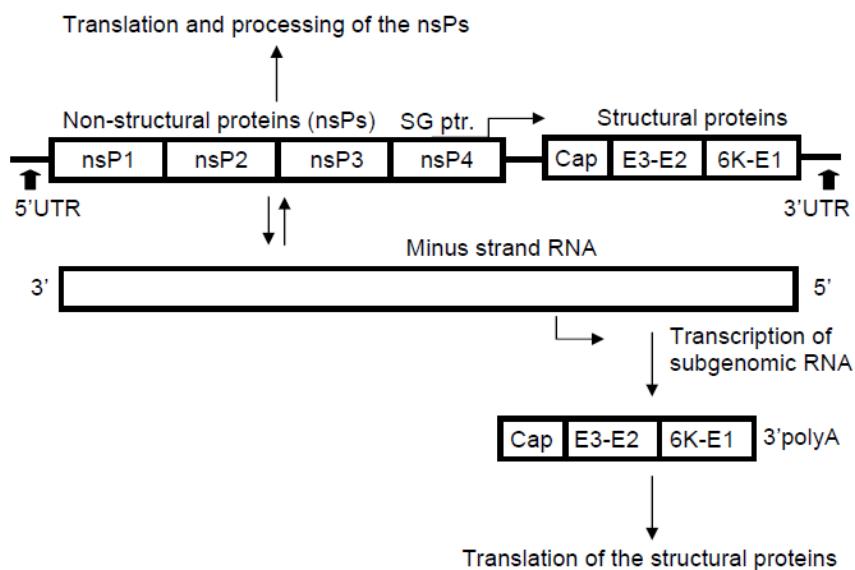


Figure 1.3.1 Organization of the VEEV genome with replication strategy

The VEEV genome is organized into two regions: the four non-structural proteins (NSPs) are located immediately after the 5' untranslated region (UTR) and the three structural proteins. (Adopted from Colpitts, 2007).

1.4. Serological characteristics of alphaviruses

The glycoproteins E2 and E1 are the targets of serologic reactions and tests such as neutralization, complement fixation, hemagglutination inhibition and antibody production assays (Calisher et al., 1980). The alphaviruses show various degrees of antigenic cross-reactivity in these reactions, forming the basis for the seven antigenic complexes, 29 species, many subtypes and varieties of alphaviruses defined previously (Karabatsos, 1975; Tesh, 1982; Calisher and Karabatsos 1988). The E2 protein is the site of most neutralizing epitopes, while the E1 protein contains more conserved, cross-reactive epitopes.

Currently, the International Committee of Taxonomy of Viruses (ICTV) defines a virus species as a "polythetic class of viruses that constitute a replicating lineage and occupy a particular ecological niche" (Van Regenmortel, 1990; Van Regenmortel, 2000). This definition included additional criteria in comparison to the previous classification, but this lead to more subjective interpretation in some cases. For example, EVEV was considered a species distinct from VEEV (Weaver *et al.*, 2000), although initially it was considered a subtype of VEEV (Calisher and Karabatsos, 1988). Phylogenetic studies examining VEEV subtype I viruses in greater detail had shown clearly that EVEV fell within the VEEV subtype IAB/C/D clade (Powers *et al.*, 1997; Salas *et al.*, 2001). However, EVEV clearly constituted a replicating lineage (occurring only in Florida and was genetically distinct based on this distribution) and occupied a particular ecological niche (for example, it uses a mosquito vector different from those of all other VEE complex viruses). Also, EVEV had not been associated with the emergence of epidemics and epizootics like

the subtype ID and IE viruses (Weaver, 1998). Synonymizing EVEV with VEEV had been previously proposed (Kinney *et al*, 1998; Meissner *et al*, 1999); although justified in many theoretical respects, this would have important practical implications due to biological safety recommendations (Centre for Disease Control, 1999).

An additional example of the difficulties in virus classification and taxonomy was the original classification of Barmah Forest virus in the family *Bunyaviridae* based on antigenic criteria (Marshall *et al.*, 1982; Dalgarno *et al.*, 1984.). However, subsequent genetic characterization revealed it to be a member of the *Alphavirus* genus based on nucleic acid and protein sequences.

Despite the fundamental differences between the antigenic and polythetic species definitions, the systematics of the alphaviruses developed on antigenic grounds alone (Calisher and Karabatsos, 1988) agrees remarkably well with those of the ICTV (Weaver *et al.*, 2000). The more detailed nature of the Subcommittee on Interrelationships Among Catalogued Arboviruses (SIRACA) classification of antigenic subtypes can lead to minor genetic changes that have a dramatic effect on antigenicity and thus the rapid appearance of new taxa. An example is an antigenic subtype of EEEV isolated from a human in Mississippi in 1983 (Calisher *et al*, 1990). Although this strain met antigenic criteria as a subtype, genetic analyses demonstrated that minor genetic changes resulted in the addition of an N-linked glycosylation site in the E2 protein (Weaver *et al.*, 1992). Although there was no

evidence that this genotype persisted beyond 1983, these kinds of antigenic changes could be epidemiologically important.

Another example is VEEV, where only one or two amino acid substitutions in the E2 envelope glycoprotein can result in the generation of subtype IC equine-virulent strains from enzootic, equine-avirulent subtype ID progenitors (Wang *et al.*, 1999). These changes may have dramatic effects on pathogenicity and host range, leading to epizootics. A completely natural classification would not distinguish these subtypes because they are paraphyletic and the epizootic viruses do not appear to constitute ongoing lineages. However, subtyping of VEEV is extremely important for public health purposes as this helps to identify the genetic differences of the viruses.

1.5. Alphavirus evolution

Previous studies of the evolutionary relationships among alphaviruses have relied on phylogenetic analyses of either partial or complete sequences from one or more of the seven protein genes (Levinson, 1990; Weaver; 1995; Weaver *et al.*, 1997). Overall, these studies have produced relationships in agreement with the antigenically based approaches used traditionally for alphavirus classification (Calisher *et al.*, 1980; Calisher and Karabatsos, 1988; Weaver *et al.*, 2000). For example, viruses in the VEE (Weaver *et al.*, 1992; Powers *et a.l*, 1997), EEE (Weaver *et al.*, 1994; Brault *et al.*, 1999), and WEE antigenic complexes (Weaver *et al.*, 1997) have each been shown to be monophyletic (WEE complex for the envelope glycoproteins only). Additionally, phylogenetic studies have shown that

most of the New World viruses in the WEE antigenic complex (WEEV, Highlands J virus, Fort Morgan virus, and Buggy Creek virus [a variant of Fort Morgan virus]) are descendants of an ancestral alphavirus that resulted from a recombination event (Weaver *et al.*, 1997). The recombination combined the E2 and E1 envelope protein genes from a Sindbis-like virus and the remaining genes from an EEEV-like ancestor (Hahn *et al.*, 1988). The Old World serogroups have been studied in less detail; the Chikungunya, O'nyong-nyong, Semliki Forest, and Ross River viruses, belonging to the Semliki Forest virus complex, are monophyletic in some analyses and paraphyletic in others, with Middelburg virus falling into this group in some phylogenetic trees (Weaver *et al.*, 1993; Weaver, 1995).

1.6. Justification of the study

Ribonucleic acid (RNA) viruses are known to be prone to genetic mutations due to the error-prone nature of RNA-dependent RNA polymerase and new variants could raise public health concerns. Ndumu virus is an RNA virus and is a member of the alphavirus genus, whose members are of medical importance like Chikungunya and Onyong'-nyong viruses. The results would determine if there was genetic diversity in the Ndumu viruses as they occurred in four different districts of diverse ecologies. This diversity might have an impact on the infectivity and/or host range of the virus. Therefore, it is of importance to understand viral diversity to enable better surveillance and prediction of pandemic threats. Being an RNA virus, Ndumu virus has the potential to undergo evolutionary changes which eventually might make it

infective to humans. Protective test surveys in South Africa indicated that human beings residing in widely scattered areas had been exposed to Ndumu virus (Kokernot *et al.*, 1961). Novel viruses have caused outbreaks in human population and therefore it is important to be able to document the genetic changes before and after evidence of human transmission to understand the mechanisms of disease emergence in human populations. This can also serve as early warning information so that preventive measures can be put in place before an outbreak occurs.

1.7. Null hypothesis

There is no genetic diversity among Ndumu virus isolates from Garissa, Ijara, Busia and Baringo counties in Kenya.

1.8. General Objective

To assess the genetic diversity of Ndumu virus isolates from Garissa, Ijara, Busia and Baringo counties in Kenya.

1.8.1. Specific Objectives

1. To isolate Ndumu virus in Vero cells.
2. To assess the genetic diversity of Ndumu virus isolates from Garissa, Ijara, Busia and Baringo counties in Kenya.
3. To determine the phylogenetic relatedness of the Ndumu virus isolates to other known alphaviruses.

CHAPTER TWO

2.0. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1. Ndumu Virus

Ndumu virus derived its name from the region from which it was first isolated and identified i.e. a station located near Ndumu in Northern KwaZulu Natal, Republic of South Africa. The first two strains of this virus were isolated from mosquito pools: *Mansonia uniformis* and *Aedes circumluteolus* respectively, which were collected from this station (Kokernot *et al.*, 1961). This station had been the base for periodic field activities concerned with the study of arthropod-borne viruses in South Africa. A major objective of the field program conducted there was to search for new agents. In the process an unknown virus was discovered. Serological studies utilizing Complement-Fixation and Neutralization test techniques had shown the two virus strains to be immunologically indistinguishable. Similar studies including the Hemagglutination-Inhibition technique indicated that the virus was not related to a wide spectrum of other arthropod-borne viruses. The study of physical and chemical properties showed that Ndumu virus was sensitive to the action of sodium desoxycholate. A vervet monkey was inoculated with Ndumu virus and this virus was detected in the serum on the 8th and 10th postinoculation days. Protection test surveys indicated that human beings residing in widely scattered areas in southern Africa had been exposed to Ndumu virus (Kokernot *et al.*, 1961). However, the epidemiology and epizootiology of these virus isolates remain obscure. Ndumu virus has been found throughout Africa, and although antibodies to the virus have been identified in humans from several African countries, no human illnesses have been

attributed to Ndumu virus infection (Kokernot *et al.* 1961, Karabatsos 1985). This may be due to misdiagnosis and/or lack of proper diagnostic tools that are being used in health facilities. At the moment, there is very little information about this virus because it has not been studied as much as other alphaviruses.

2.2. Morphology of Ndumu virus

Virions consist of an envelope and a nucleocapsid. During their life cycle, virions have not been observed outside a cellular environment and have a cell-associated cycle. Virus capsid is enveloped with a tight fitting membrane. Virions are spherical and measure about 70 nm in diameter. Surface projections are distinctive glycoprotein spikes composed of two virus proteins forming heterodimers that cover the surface. Capsid/nucleocapsid is round and exhibits icosahedral symmetry. The nucleocapsid is isometric and has a diameter of about 40 nm (Büchen-Osmond, 2006).

2.3. Nucleic Acid and proteins of Ndumu virus

The genome contains a single molecule of linear positive-sense, single-stranded RNA. The complete genome is about 11700 nucleotides long (Büchen-Osmond, 2006). The virus genome has been only partially sequenced. The longest sequence (4886bp) contains partial sequence of NSP4 and complete structural proteins sequence. The 5'-end of the genome has a methylated nucleotide cap and the 3'-terminus has a poly (A) tract. The viral genome encodes two glycoproteins (an

envelope and a nucleocapsid) and non-structural proteins (NSP1 to NSP4) (Büchen-Osmond, 2006).

2.4. Viral genome sequencing by random priming methods

The emergence of highly pathogenic viral agents from zoonotic reservoirs has energized a wave of research into viral ecology, viral discovery (Venter *et al.*, 2004; Breitbart and Rohwer, 2005; Angly *et al.*, 2006; Culley *et al.*, 2006) and a parallel drive to develop large datasets of complete viral genomes for the study of viral evolution and pandemic prediction (Holmes *et al.*, 2005; Ghedin *et al.*, 2005). Viral discovery has been aided by the development of sequence independent methodologies for the generation of genomic data (Ambrose and Clewley, 2006). The most prominent of these methodologies include representational difference analysis (RDA) and sequence independent single primer amplification (SISPA) with several variations. Several modifications of the SISPA method have so far been implemented including random-PCR (rPCR) (Froussard, 1992). The rPCR method combines reverse transcription primed with an oligonucleotide made up of random hexamers tagged with a known sequence which is subsequently used as a primer-binding extension sequence. This initial modification was first used to construct a whole cDNA library from low amounts of viral RNA. A more recent modification, the DNase- SISPA technique (Allander *et al.*, 2001, Allander *et al.*, 2005, Breitbart and Rohwer, 2005), includes steps to detect both RNA and DNA sequences. Combining sample filtration through a 0.22 micrometer column and a DNase I digestion step led to the identification of viruses from clinical samples. The DNase-

SISPA technique has been used for the detection of novel bovine and human viruses from screens of clinical samples (Allander *et al.*, 2001; Allander *et al.*, 2005, Allander *et al.*, 2007). Other groups have used the protocol for the characterization of common epitopes in enterovirus [Shin *et al*, 2003], for the identification of a novel human coronavirus (van der Hoek *et al*, 2004) and for viral discovery in the plasma of HIV infected patients (Jones *et al.*, 2005). In addition to its utility for viral discovery and viral surveillance, the DNase-SISPA method has utility in obtaining full genome sequence from uncharacterized viral isolates or viral isolates from highly divergent families. The sequencing principle is the same as in the direct sequencing (Sanger) method although it does not rely on the PCR primers.

CHAPTER THREE

3.0. MATERIALS AND METHODS

This study was approved by KEMRI and given the protocol number SSC 1621 and all Scientific and Ethics of Research were adhered to in the study. It was laboratory based and archived samples in the VHF laboratory were used.

3.1. Virus isolates

The samples that were used in this study were archived samples in the VHF laboratory. They were isolated during routine arbovirus surveillance work in the VHF laboratory. During the surveillance work, the entomology team goes out to selected sites to collect mosquitoes using CDC light traps (http://johnwhock.com/download/manuals/instr_512_CDCMiniature.pdf). The captured mosquitoes are then identified/ classified using taxonomic keys (Jupp, 1986) by species and sex. After classification, they are pooled up with a maximum of 25 mosquitoes per pool. During all these stages, the cold chain is maintained at every stage. This is followed by homogenization of the whole mosquitoes using one, 4.5-mm-diameter, copper-clad steel beads (BB-caliber airgun shot) placed in the tube with the mosquitoes and diluent and shaken vigorously. The diluents contains Eagle's Minimum Essential Media (MEM) (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO) with Earle's salts and reduced NaHCO₃, supplemented with 10% heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum (FBS), (Sigma-Aldrich), 2% L-Glutamine (Sigma-Aldrich), and 2% antibiotic/ antimycotic solution with 10,000 units penicillin, 10mg streptomycin and 25µg amphotericin B per ml (Sigma-Aldrich). The supernatant is harvested by

spinning the homogenate in Eppendorf tubes at 12,000 rpm for 15 min (bench top centrifuge eppendorf 5417R) to remove the suspended solids, without removing the beads. The supernatant is then used for inoculation in cell culture to isolate the virus(es) from the mosquito pools. The mosquito pools that cause CPE in cell culture are harvested and tested by RT-PCR after isolating RNA from the cell culture supernatants. Detection and identification by RT-PCR is done using a panel of primers. After identification, they are stored as virus stocks for future use. The virus isolates that were used in this study had been grown in vero cells passage 10 and preserved as virus stocks in arbovirus/Virus hemorrhagic fever (VHF) laboratory in KEMRI in the liquid nitrogen (-196°C) tank. They were identified as Ndumu virus by RT-PCR as explained in section 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 and by sequencing of the diagnostic fragment (E1 protein). A total of eight isolates, two mosquito pools from each region were used. Each mosquito pool had a maximum of 25 mosquitoes. They included: Garissa- GSA/S1/936 and GSA/S5/4278; Busia- BSA/S4/2265 and BSA/S4/2268; Baringo- BAR/S2/3527 and BAR/S2/3526 and Ijara- AMH 001346 and AMH 001056.

SITE	Sample Identity	Invertebrate vector species	Virus identity	Date of collection
Garissa	GSA/S1/936	<i>Ae. mcintoshi</i>	Ndumu	5.09.2007
	GSA/S5/4278	<i>Ae. ochraceus</i>	Ndumu	10.05.2008
Ijara	AMH 001056	<i>Ae. ochraceus</i>	Ndumu?	17.12.2009
	AMH 001346	<i>Ae. mcintoshi</i>	Ndumu	17.12.2009
Baringo	BAR/S2/3526	<i>Cx.rubinotus</i>	Ndumu	22.10.2007
	BAR/S2/3527	<i>Cx.rubinotus</i>	Ndumu	22.10.2007
Busia	BSA/S4/2265	<i>Coq.fraseri</i>	Ndumu	2.12.2007
	BSA/S4/2268	<i>Coq.fraseri</i>	Ndumu	2.12.2007

Table 3.1 Virus isolates from four different counties in Kenya

3.2. Cell culture

3.2.1. Cell lines

Vero cells refers to a cell line derived from the kidney of the African green monkey and is used primarily in virus replication studies and plaque assays. The Vero cells that were used to culture all the virus strains were from ATCC (ATTC® Number: CCL-81™) and had been passaged ten times. They were cultured in T-25 cm² culture flask overnight using Eagle's Minimum Essential Media (MEM) (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO) with Earle's salts and reduced NaHCO₃, supplemented with 10% heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum (FBS), (Sigma-Aldrich), 2% L-Glutamine (Sigma-Aldrich), and 2% antibiotic/ antimycotic solution with 10,000 units penicillin, 10mg streptomycin and 25µg amphotericin B per ml (Sigma-Aldrich) incubated at 37°C in a humidified incubator with 5.0 % CO₂, to form confluent monolayers.

3.2.2. Cell culture inoculation

The virus isolates were retrieved from the liquid nitrogen tank and thawed at room temperature. The cell cultures which had been grown in 25cm² tissue culture flasks were washed with sterile PBS pre-warmed in the water bath at 37°C. Two hundred microlitre of thawed sample was inoculated in the monolayer followed by incubation in 5% CO₂ incubator at 37°C for 1hr with frequent rocking at an interval of 15 minutes in order to allow for virus adsorption. After incubation, the infected cells were maintained in 5ml MEM with 2% FBS, 2% L-Glutamine and 2% antibiotic/antimycotic, incubated at 37°C in 5% CO₂. The cells were monitored twice a day for cytopathic effects (CPE). The photographs showing the type of CPE formed by each virus isolate was taken using a camera. The infected cells were then harvested by spinning down and the supernatant used for molecular assay while the remainder was kept as virus stocks in the -80°C freezer in the VHF laboratory.

3.2.3. Harvesting of the virus

When about 50% CPE was observed, the virus was harvested by freezing down the infected cells in the -80 °C freezer overnight to lyse the cells thus releasing the viral particles. Then the frozen cells were thawed on ice and the suspension was transferred into a 15 ml centrifuge tube and centrifuged (KUBOTA KS 5000 centrifuge) at 277xg for 5min to sediment the cells. The supernatant containing the virus was placed in 1ml cryovials tubes in 0.5ml aliquots and stored at -80°C freezer.

3.3. Genetic analysis

3.3.1. RNA Extraction

Viral RNA was extracted in triplicates from 250 μ l each of cell culture suspension that was harvested after 24 hours post inoculation by using the TRIZOL® LS reagent (Invitrogen)- Chloroform (Sigma) method (Chomczynski and Sacchi, 1987) and the RNA pellet re-suspended in 11 μ l of nuclease free water.

3.3.2. RT-PCR Assays

A two-step reverse transcription PCR (RT-PCR) was carried out. First strand cDNA was synthesized by combining 5ng of random Hexamer primer (Invitrogen) and 10 μ l of RNA and the mixture was incubated at 70°C for 10 minutes to denature the RNA and also to allow the primer to anneal to the RNA. The mixture was cooled down at 4°C for 5 minutes and then the following were added to the tubes: 4 μ l of 5x first strand buffer (Invitrogen), 0.01 μ moles of dNTPs (Invitrogen), 0.02 μ moles of DTT (Invitrogen), 10U of RNase Out inhibitor (Invitrogen) and 100U of SuperScript III reverse transcriptase (Invitrogen) and incubated at the following conditions: 25°C for 15 min, 42°C for 50 min, 70°C for 15 min and 4°C hold temperature. The final volume for this reaction was 20 μ l. Then, PCR was carried out using the AmpliTaq Gold PCR mastermix (Applied Biosystems). The following components were combined together: 12.5 μ l of AmpliTaq Gold PCR master mix, 25 picomoles each of primer ND 124F (5'-CAC CCT AAA AGT GAC GTT-3') and ND 615R (5'- ATT GCA GAT GGG ATA CCG-3') (Kinney and Pfeffer, 2001; Bryant *et al.* 2005), 2 μ l of the cDNA and 9.5 μ l of Water to top up to 25 μ l. They

were then placed on a thermocycler (Applied Biosystems GeneAmp®PCR System 9700) set at the following conditions: 95 °C for 10 min followed by 35 cycles of 95 °C for 30 sec, 50 °C for 30 sec , 72 °C for 45 sec and a final extension of 72 °C for 7 min and 4 °C hold temperature. The primers targeted the envelope (E1) gene and the expected PCR product was 508bp. This was done to confirm the identity of the virus stocks before proceeding with sequencing.

3.3.3. Nucleotide Sequencing

Sequence-independent single primer amplification (SISPA) method was used to convert viral RNA to cDNA using random-tagged and poly-T tagged primers (FR26RV-N and FR40RV-T). cDNA synthesis was done by combining 40pmoles of primer FR26RV-N (5'GCCGGAGCTCTGCAGATATCNNNNNN3') and 10 µl of the RNA template and incubated at 65°C for 5 minutes then immediately placed on ice. The following components were added to each tube: 4µl of First Strand Buffer (5X; Invitrogen), 0.2 µmoles of DTT (Invitrogen), 0.01 µmoles of dNTPs, 8U of RNase Out inhibitor (Invitrogen) and 100U of SuperScriptIII reverse transcriptase (Invitrogen)and incubated at the following conditions: 25°C for 10 min, 50°C for 50 min, 85°C for 10 min and 4°C hold temperature.

A Klenow reaction which converts the cDNA into dsDNA on one DNA strand was then carried out. Second strand DNA was synthesized using Klenow exo-DNA polymerase, in the presence of random tagged and virus specific 5' end oligo primers. To the cDNA reaction (19.7µl) the following components were added: 0.5ul (2.5 units) of the 3'-5'exo- Klenow DNA Polymerase and incubated at the

following conditions: 37°C for 60 minutes, 75°C for 10 minutes and 4°C hold temperature.

This was followed by Shrimp Alkaline Phosphatase/Exonuclease Treatment (SAP-EXO treatment). The SAP/Exo treatment degrades nucleotides and any single-stranded DNA (primers) left over after the PCR. To the Klenow reaction the following components were added: 1 µl SAP buffer (10X), 1 µl of SAP, 0.2µl of Exo and water to top up to a total volume of 40 µl. This was followed by an incubation of 37°C for 60 minutes and at 72°C for 15 minutes.

PCR was then carried out using the Invitrogen Accuprime Kit for PCR amplification of Klenow products. The following components were combined together: 5 µl of Buffer I (10x), 1U of taq polymerase, 4µl Klenow Product, 40picomoles of primer FR26RV (5'GCCGGAGCTCTGCAGATATC 3') and 38.8 µl of Water. They were then placed on a thermocycler (Applied Biosystems GeneAmp®PCR System 9700) set at the following conditions: 94 °C for 2 min followed by 35 cycles of 94 °C for 30 sec, 55 °C for 30 sec , 68 °C for 15 sec and a final extension of 68 °C for 10 min and 4 °C hold temperature. Finally, the PCR products were sequenced using the GS FLX Titanium Sequencing Kit XLR70 (Roche) in combination with the matching GS FLX Titanium PicoTiterPlate Kit 70 × 75 (Roche) in a 454 sequencer according to the sequencing method manual (Roche) which is available in the following website: (http://www.high-throughput-sequencing.com/manuals_roche/jan2010/GSFLXTitanium_Sequencing_Method_Manual_RevJan2010.pdf)

This sequencer was able to sequence the complete genomes for the virus isolates in short fragments (contigs) ranging from 300bp to 800bp.

The PCR products for confirmation of identity were analyzed on a 2% agarose gel (AGTC Bioproducts LTD). A mapping assembly of the nucleotide sequence data from the 454 sequencer was done using GS Runmapper (Roche 454). The sequence reads were aligned to the longest available Ndumu virus sequence (Accession No. AF339487.1). The nucleotide sequences for the isolates under study were also translated into amino acid sequences using the translate tool in (http://www.dsimb.inserm.fr/~fuchs/M2BI/AnalSeq/Annexes/Serveurs_db/ExPASy%20Proteomics%20Server.htm) ExPasy proteomics server. Nucleotide and amino acid sequence alignments were done using Muscle v 3.7 software (Edgar, 2004; Dereeper *et al.*, 2008). Molecular Evolutionary Genetics Analysis (MEGA) software version 4.0 was used for phylogenetic analysis (Tamura *et al.*, 2007) on both the nucleotide and translated amino acid sequences to determine the diversity of Ndumu virus from different districts and the phylogenetic relatedness of the Ndumu virus strains and other known alphaviruses by use of neighbour joining tree method based on the number of nucleotide or amino-acid differences. Bootstrap resampling to determine confidence values on the groupings within trees was performed with one thousand replicates (Felsenstein, 1985).

CHAPTER FOUR

4.0. RESULTS

4.1. CELL CULTURE

The plates 4.1.1 to 4.1.3 below show the non-infected vero cells (plate 4.1.1) which was used as the negative control and the vero cells (plates 4.1.2 and 4.1.3) that were infected with the virus isolates which were being investigated. The photographs for the plates were taken at a low magnification of x40.

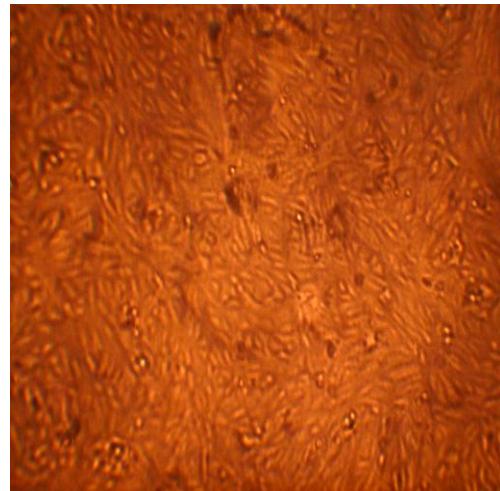


plate 4.1.1 negative control (non-infected Vero cells)

Magnification: x40

This plate shows intact monolayer that was completely compacted.

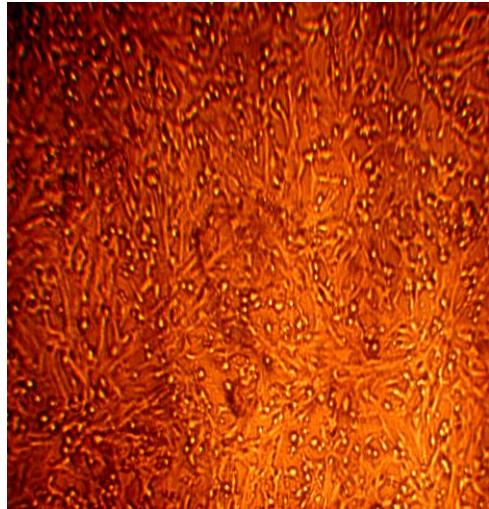


plate 4.1.2 Cells infected with Ndumu virus isolates

Magnification: x40

The plate shows CPE characterized by cells rounding up and remaining on the monolayer. The isolates: GSA/S1/936; GSA/S5/4278; BSA/S4/2265; BSA/S4/2268; BAR/S2/3526; BAR/S2/3527 and AMH001346 showed a similar type of CPE that is represented by this plate.

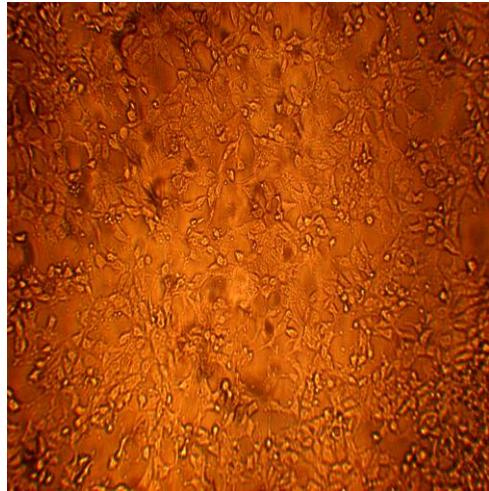


plate 4.1.3 Cells infected with virus AMH001056

Magnification: x40

The plate showing CPE characterized by cells elongating and falling off from the flask surface thus leaving a lot of spaces in between the cell monolayer. This isolate caused a different type of CPE from the other isolates.

4.2. RT-PCR RESULTS

Plate 4.2.1 shows the photograph of PCR products of the 8 isolates when they were resolved on 2% agarose gel after RT-PCR. The E1 protein of each isolate was amplified by RT-PCR as described in the methods above and the amplicons were resolved on agarose gel to separate the DNA fragments based on size and charge. This was done to confirm the identity of the virus isolates under investigation by comparing their PCR products with that of the positive control. Seven isolates produced bands of the expected size (508bp) which were similar to the positive control while one isolate (AMH001056) yielded a non-specific band. Initially, this sample was detected and identified as Ndumu virus using alphavirus genus primers and Ndumu virus primers. This sample was included in the study because it was considered a good candidate for the study of genetic diversity based on the initial RT-PCR results that were obtained. From the gel photograph (Plate 4.2.1), the negative control was negative and the positive control was positive indicating that the PCR reaction was successful.

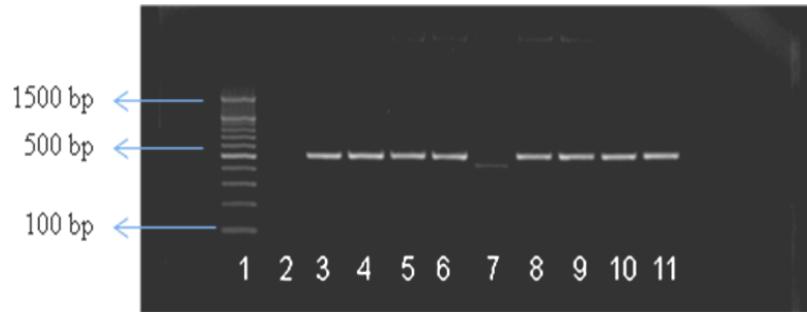


plate 4.2.1 Gel photograph of 8 isolates of Ndumu virus

Lane isolate

- 1 100bp DNA ladder
- 2 Negative control
- 3 positive control- one of the isolates from virus stocks that were being used as a control
- 4 AMH001346 (AMH- Avid mosquito homogenate is an isolate from Ijara)
- 5 GSA/S1/936 (GSA-Garissa- isolate from Garissa)
- 6 BAR/S2/3526 (BAR- Baringo- isolate from Baringo)
- 7 AMH001056 (AMH- Avid mosquito homogenate is an isolate from Ijara)
- 8 BAR/S2/3527 (BAR- Baringo- isolate from Baringo)
- 9 BSA/S4/2265 (BSA- Busia- isolate from Busia)
- 10 BSA/S4/2268 (BSA- Busia- isolate from Busia)
- 11 GSA/S5/4278 (GSA-Garissa- isolate from Garissa)

4.3. SEQUENCING RESULTS

The SISPA products were sequenced using 454 pyrosequencer (Roche). A partial genome sequence of Ndumu virus (genbank Accession No. AF339487.1) was used as a reference. This was the longest nucleotide sequence for Ndumu virus that was available in the database and it was the one against which each of the contigs was aligned in order to come up with continuous sequences. The isolate AMH001056 was found to be Semliki forest virus after a similarity search using (blastn) (http://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi?PROGRAM=blastn&BLAST_PROGRAMS=megaBlast&PAGE_TYPE=BlastSearch&SHOW_DEFAULTS=on&LINK_LOC=blasthome) against the genbank database and was included in the phylogenetic analysis.

The nucleotide sequence comparison between the seven isolates under study show that six were similar. One isolate from Baringo (BAR/S2/3526) had SNPs at two positions and the two isolates from Busia had a SNP at one position each (Appendix 1). Isolate AMH001346 had the highest number of SNPs at 49 positions of the genome (Appendix 1) and therefore the most genetically different from the other six virus isolates under study. The seven isolates under study showed 97-99% maximum identity to the reference Ndumu virus isolate when similarity search was done using Blastn. At the amino acid level, the Ijara isolate (AMH001346) was different from the other six isolates at six positions. On the other hand, it was different at 11 positions with reference to the virus from the genbank. The other six isolates were different from the reference virus at 7 positions (Appendix 2). The Ijara isolate (AMH001346) had the least similarity with the Ndumu virus reference genome and the other six isolates under study.

4.4. PHYLOGENETIC TREE ANALYSIS

This analysis was done using neighbor joining method of phylogenetic tree generation in order to study how the isolates under study and the reference virus cluster in the tree. This provides better understanding of the virus origin or ancestry in relation to other strains of the same or similar viruses.

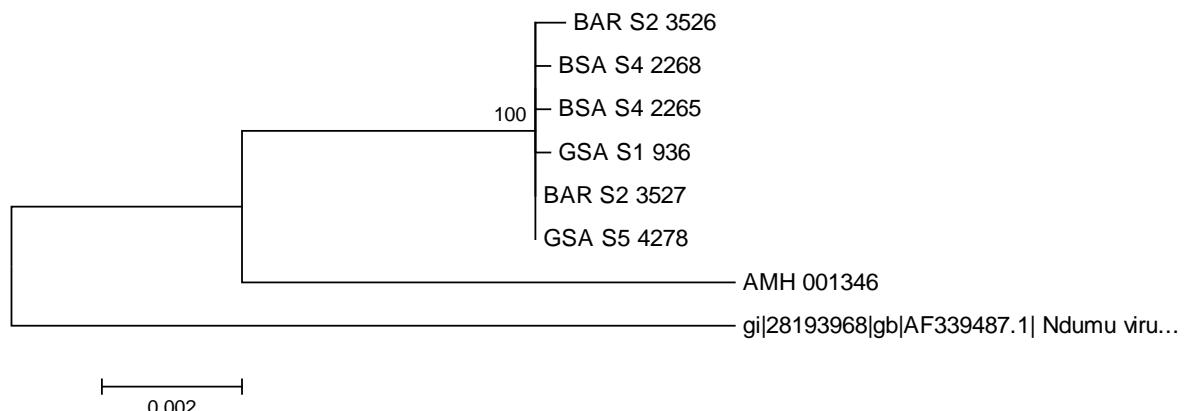


Figure 4.4.1 Neighbour Joining tree using 1000 replicates (bootstraps) on number of nucleotide sequence differences of Ndumu virus isolates and the reference strain from genbank

Legend:

BAR- Baringo

BSA- Busia

GSA- Garissa

AMH- Avid mosquito homogenate- Ijara isolate

Figure 4.4.1 shows that six isolates are nearly identical and cluster together, whereas one isolate from Ijara is distinct. The Ndumu virus reference sequence is used to root the tree.

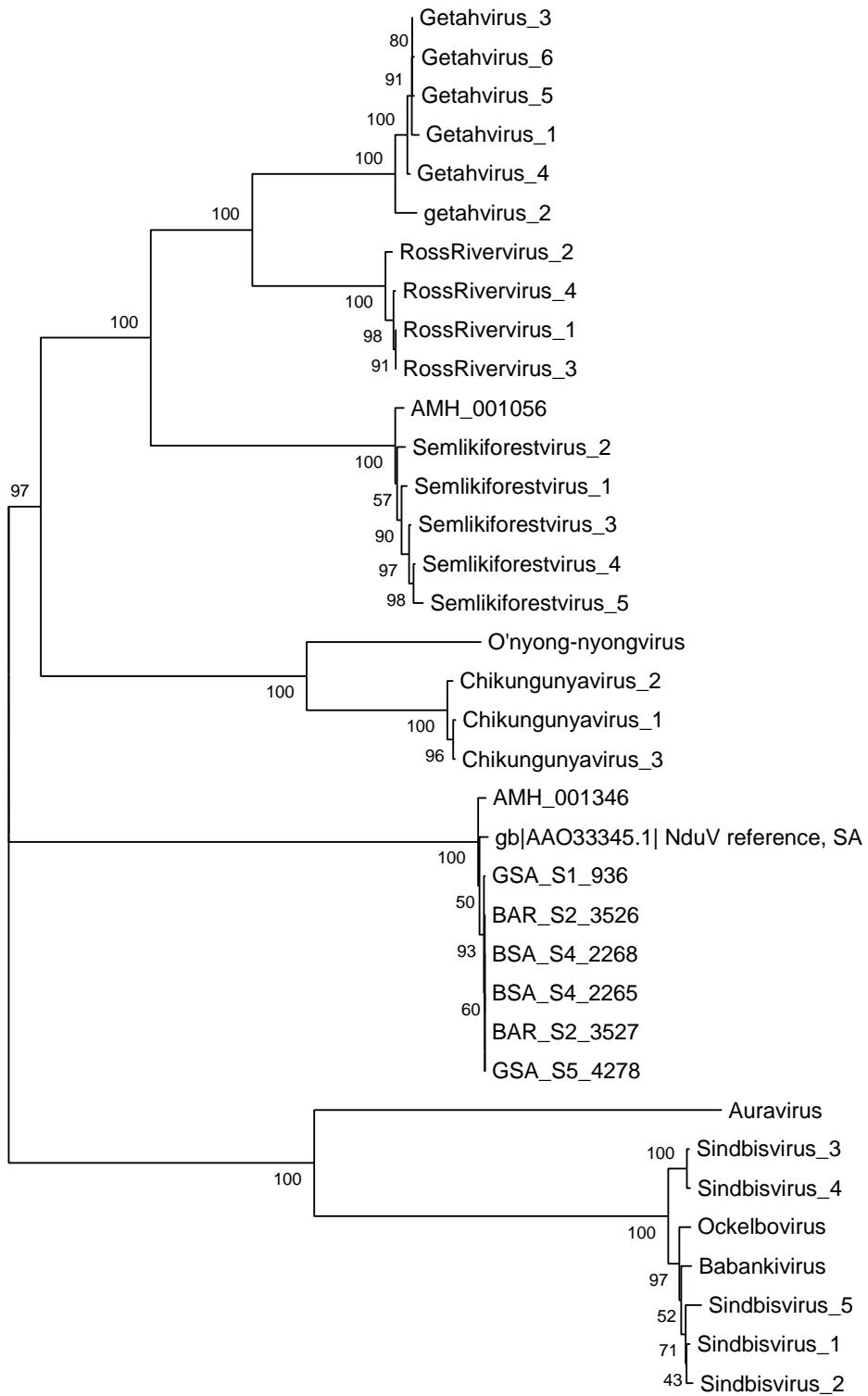


Figure 4.4.2 Neighbour Joining tree with 1000 bootstrap based on the amino acid sequences for alphaviruses

It shows the relationship of Ndumu virus with other alphaviruses based on amino-acid sequences. All the Ndumu viruses clustered together forming a clade, a pattern which is common to most alphaviruses. The isolate AMH001346 branched off first, followed by the reference virus and finally the 6 genetically closely related isolates from Garissa, Baringo and Busia.

CHAPTER FIVE

5.0. DISCUSSION, CONCLUSION, LIMITATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1. DISCUSSION

Alphaviruses are genetically highly diverse (Weston *et al.*, 2005) creating challenges for their detection and monitoring in environmental samples such as RNA extracts and amplification from mosquitoes. Due to this diversity, separate assays and primers targeting different serogroups must be performed in order to detect them. The possibility of more than one alphavirus type/species being present in a pool of mosquitoes presents additional challenge. Alphaviruses grow fast in cell culture and are known to cause cytopathic effects after a period of time ranging from one to three days post inoculation. The Ndumu virus isolates under study caused CPE after 24 hrs post inoculation. The CPE was characterized by cells rounding up while still attached to cell culture flask surface and by the second day the whole cell sheet had been cleared from the culture surface. The isolate AMH001056, which was one of the two isolates from Ijara county, showed a different type of CPE which was characterized by cells elongating and falling off from the flask surface. This is an indicator that such difference in cytopathogenic changes could be used to differentiate alphavirus isolates at cell culture level.

Molecular analysis of viral isolates

Sequence-Independent Single Primer Amplification (SISPA) method was used to generate cDNA libraries using random primers to amplify any RNA in the sample.

This method was particularly useful for obtaining genome sequences from RNA viruses (Djikeng *et al.*, 2008). Because most sequencing methods for RNA viruses depend on RT-PCR with primers designed from pre-existing sequence data, the utility of SISPA method was found to be particularly useful for highly variable or degenerate viral families or for viruses with little available sequence information. In addition, the SISPA method was useful for uncharacterized viruses as no prior sequence information was required. This method was also found to be useful for this study because Ndumu virus had not been sequenced fully at the time this work was being done. Therefore, it was possible to sequence the entire genome even without prior sequence information. The challenge was to assemble all the reads to get a complete genome of the Ndumu virus due to unavailability of the complete genome sequence from the genbank.

As a result, this study focused on the available 4900bp section (Accession No. AF339487.1) of the Ndumu virus genome that was available in the genbank database at the time. If the complete sequence of a closely related alphavirus would be available, the contigs from the de novo assembly could have been aligned against it in order to come up with complete sequences of the isolates. Currently, work on getting full sequences of Ndumu virus is in progress and once done, the sequences will be made available in Genbank.

The results have shown that the isolates from Garissa, Busia and Baringo counties were different at very few positions at both nucleotide and protein levels despite the

geographical distance between sampling locations. One of the isolates from Ijara county (AMH001346) was genetically different (had 49 SNPs) from the isolates from the other three districts. Although Ijara is closer to Garissa county than to the other two counties, the Ijara isolate was very different from the Garissa isolates. Ijara is ecologically different considering the proximity to Tana river delta, closeness to the Indian ocean, presence of the Boni forest near the ocean and more alphaviruses have been isolated in Ijara than in Garissa (unpublished data). However, it is not very clear if the genetic diversity of the Ijara isolate is due to its geographic origin. Co-circulation of many alphaviruses provides the opportunity for viruses to evolve. The genetic divergence of this Ndumu virus isolate cannot be underscored because with time, this change in the genetic make-up of the virus may occur at a position that affects the protein which influences the virulence of the virus thus making it more virulent as was in the case of Chikungunya virus.

Chikungunya virus which was generally not fatal turned into a fatal strain due to just a single mutation that caused a single amino acid change at position 226 of E1. This led to many deaths in 2006 on Reunion Island and a widespread outbreak in India. An analysis of the virus's genetic code (Prescott, 1993) suggested that the increased severity of the 2006 outbreak might have been due to a change in the amino acid sequence, altering the virus's coat protein, which potentially allows it to multiply more easily in mosquito cells. In July 2006, a team analyzed the virus's RNA and determined the genetic changes that had occurred in various strains of the virus and

identified those genetic sequences which led to the increased virulence of recent strains (Mudur, 2006).

Phylogenetic tree analysis

The two isolates from Busia and Baringo came from different species of mosquitoes, *Coquillettidia fraseri* and *Culex rubinotus* respectively. This could be revealing that viruses isolated from the same species of mosquitoes collected from the same region might be having very little or no diversity in their genetic makeup. On the other hand, the two isolates from Garissa were isolated from two different mosquito species: *Ae. Ochraceus* and *Ae. McIntoshi*. Despite the fact that they were isolated from the same region, there were genetic differences in some positions, though very few. The Ijara isolate AMH001346 branched off separately from the other six isolates. It was isolated from the same species of mosquito pool as the isolate GSA/S1/936 from Garissa but they separated in the phylogenetic tree. This suggests that both vector species and the region of isolation have to be the same for the genetic makeup of the virus to be identical. The Ndumu virus reference isolate was also different from the rest of the isolate. This was a South African strain while the rest were Kenyan and therefore the diversity was expected. Previous studies of Alphavirus diversification have emphasized host switching events and geographic introductions in the evolution of the alphavirus genus (Weaver, 1995; Powers *et al.*, 1997; Weaver *et al.*, 1997; Brault *et al.*, 1999; Powers *et al.*, 2000).

The analysis of translated sequences of Ndumu virus isolates in relation to a number of Alphaviruses showed that alphavirus species in general make monophyletic clusters in the phylogenetic tree. This confirms the previous report by Powers and the team that viruses within a given antigenic serocomplex were usually genetically more closely related than viruses in different complexes (Powers *et al.*, 2001). From figure 4.4.2, all viruses of the same species cluster together in the tree. For instance, Chikungunya viruses are grouped together and are closely related to O'nyong-nyong virus. None of the alphaviruses cluster with a different species even though they belong to the same genus. Ndumu virus formed an out group to O'nyong-nyong, Chikungunya, Ross river and Getah viruses.

5.2. CONCLUSION

This study has shown that the Ndumu virus isolates from Busia, Baringo and Garissa exhibited minimal genetic diversity despite the geographic distance separating them. The Ndumu virus isolate from Ijara county was the most distinct from all the rest. The phylogenetic analysis of the Ndumu virus isolates revealed that although Ijara and Garissa counties are closer geographically, the Ndumu virus isolates from these two counties were the most genetically distant. Nevertheless only one isolate from Ijara was sequenced, and more data will be necessary to confirm this finding.

In the study of Ndumu virus relatedness to other known alphaviruses, it was observed that Ndumu virus was distantly related to other alphaviruses and this confirms what has been reported before that alphavirus species are quite divergent (Weston *et al.*, 2005).

5.3. LIMITATIONS

This study had some limitations which are worthwhile to mention. For instance, there was very little information about Ndumu virus since it has not been studied as much as other alphaviruses. This does not mean that the virus is of less importance to public health but it might be due to misdiagnosis and lack of diagnostic tools to detect the virus. Being an RNA virus, Ndumu virus has the potential to undergo genetic change with time and become dangerous to human health. From this study, the presence of SNPs in the Ijara isolate suggests that genetic changes are occurring in Ndumu virus and like in the case of Chikungunya virus; it might cause illnesses in humans after a period of time. In addition, there were no recent publications on the subject and this might have been attributed by the reasons mentioned above. The lack of complete Ndumu virus sequence in the Genbank database at the time of analysis of the data generated by this project made it difficult to assemble all the contigs generated by the sequencing method that was used in this study. The mapping process of the sequences required the availability of a reference sequence for this to be achieved. This led to the use of half of the genome for the study of genetic diversity.

5.4. RECOMMENDATIONS

More work beyond this dissertation will be done to get the complete genome sequence of Ndumu virus deposited in the Genbank database which can be used for further analysis of this virus' genome. This will be able to give the complete picture of the genetic nature of this virus which will in turn help to study the genetic

diversity of this virus based on the entire genome. Molecular genetic assessment of the genomes may lead to identification of viral elements involved in or responsible for the outbreaks in an area. This information would be useful for application in preventive and control measures, in antiviral drug development or vaccine development against the virus or alphaviruses in general.

I also recommend that more samples from the four counties be analyzed in order to make a concrete conclusion that Ndumu virus from Ijara county is actually different from those obtained from the other areas. Finally, I recommend that more specific primers be designed to be used for detection of Ndumu virus because the primers that were used in this study were not very specific because they picked Semliki forest virus and yielded a slightly smaller fragment than expected.

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1: Multiple sequence alignment for Ndumu virus SaAR strain and isolates under study

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APPENDIX 2: Multiple protein sequence alignment for Ndumu viruses and other alphaviruses

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BSA_S4_2268-

BSA_S4_2265-

GSA_S1_936-

BAR_S2_3527-

GSA_S5_4278-

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 -----RPAG.LA...S..SR...R---TVPQ-K.R.TRKIK.QK.VK.E..STTN..K.APKQ
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~~..M.F..L..N...E.FT..S.H~~
Auravirus
~~QPK.P.....Q.TAL.F.A.RT.VG.NE..KIM...VAMEG..I..L....T.DHPA....K.T..S~~
~~..M.F.KL.TE.K..FG..T.H~~
Ockelbovirus
~~QPA.T.....Q.MAL.L.A.RL.D..NE..D.I.H.LAMEG.....L....T.DHPV.S..K.T..A~~
~~..M.F..L..N...E.FT..S.H~~

240	250	260	270	210	220	230
				280	290	300

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 .|.....|.....|.....|.....|.....|.....|.....|.....|.....|.....|.....|...
 gi|28193970|gb|AAO33345.1| str
 PEGHYNWHGAVQYTNGRFTIPTGAGKPGDSGRPIFDNKGRVVAIVLGGANEGARTALSVV
 TWN-KDMVTRVTPEGSVEWSAAAT---CVLGAAIFSCL
AMH_001346

BAR_S2_3526

BSA_S4_2268

BSA_S4_2265

GSA_S1_936

BAR_S2_3527

GSA_S5_4278

AMH_001056
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E...PLIT-AM...AN.T.P.F
O'nyong-nyongvirus
Y.....SG.....
 ..I..KI.....L.LP--VM.L.ANTT.P.S
Chikungunyavirus_1
Y.....SG.....

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...I..KI....AE...L.IP--VM.L.ANTT.P.S
Chikungunyavirus_2
...Y.....SG.....-----
...I..KI....AE...L.IP--VM.L.ANTT.P.S
Chikungunyavirus_3
...Y.....SG.....-----
...I..KI....AE...L.IP--VM.L.ANTT.P.S
RossRivervirus_1
.....SG.....-----T-
.....TE....LM---M.IANTS.P.S
RossRivervirus_2
.....SG.....-----T-
.....TE....LM---M.IANTS.P.S
RossRivervirus_3
.....SG.....-----T-
.....TE....LM---M.IANTS.P.S
RossRivervirus_4
.....SG.....-----T-
.....TE....LM---M.IANTS.P.S
Getahvirus_1
.....SG.....-----T-
.....Y...TE....LM---M..ANVT.P.S
getahvirus_2
.....SG.....-----T-
.....Y...TE....LM---M..ANVT.P.S
Getahvirus_3
.....SG.....-----T-
.....Y...TE....LM---M..ANVT.P.S
Getahvirus_4
.....SG.....-----T-
.....Y...TE....LM---M..ANVT.P.S
Getahvirus_5
.....SG.....-----T-
.....Y...TE....LM---M..ANVT.P.S
Getahvirus_6
.....SG.....-----T-
.....Y...TE....LM---M..ANVT.P.S
Semlikiforestvirus_1
.....SG.....-----S.....-
.....E...PLIT-AM..AN.T.P.F
Semlikiforestvirus_2
.....SG.....-----S.....-
.....E...PLIT-AM..TN.T.P.F
Semlikiforestvirus_3
.....SG.....-----S.....-
.....E...PLIT-AM..AN.T.P.F
Semlikiforestvirus_4
.....SG.....-----S.....-
.....E...PLIT-AM..AN.T.P.F
Semlikiforestvirus_5
.....SG.....-----S.....-
.....E...PLIT-AM..AN.T.P.F
Babankivirus
...F.....SG.....R.V.GR.....M..S.....D..T.....S.GK
TIKT....TE....PLVTAM.L..NVS.P.N
Sindbisvirus_1

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Chikungunyavirus_1
 Q.PCT.C..EK.....R..ED..MS.G..Q.LQ.S.T.SP.-
 .R..SIKD...V..A.R..L.H....E.H..H....L.....I.VS..
 Chikungunyavirus_2
 Q.PCT.C..EK.....R..ED..MS.G..Q.LQ.S.T.SP.-
 .Q..SIKD...V..A.R..L.H....E.H..H....L.....I.VS..
 Chikungunyavirus_3
 Q.PCT.C..EK.....R..ED..MS.G..Q.LQ.S.T.SP.-
 .R..SIKD...V..A.R..L.H....E.H..H....L.....I.VS..
 RossRivervirus_1
 ..PCY.C..EKQ..Q..R..ED..NR.G..E.L..SMT..N.S....SVTE...V..A.R..L..A.
 ..D.YF.Y.....K..D..S..M..I.VSA.
 RossRivervirus_2
 ..PCY.C..EKQ..Q..R..ED..NR.G..E.L..SMT..NGS....SVTE...V..A.R..L.H.A.
 ..D.YF.Y.....K..D..S..M..I.VSA.
 RossRivervirus_3
 ..PCY.C..EKQ..Q..R..ED..NR.G..E.L..SMT..N.S....SVTE...V..A.R..L.X.A.
 ..D.YF.Y.....K..D..S..M..I.VSA.
 RossRivervirus_4
 ..PCY.C..EKQ..Q..R..ED..NR.G..E.L..SMT..N.S....SVTE...V..A.R..L.H.A.
 ..D.YF.Y.....K..D..S..M..I.VSA.
 Getahvirus_1
 E.ACA.C..EKQ..Q..R..ED..R.G..D.L..TMT.NNSA....SVTE...V..A.K..L..A.
 ..D.QF.Y.....K..D..S..MI..I.V.A.
 getahvirus_2
 E.ACA.C..EKQ..Q..R..ED..R.G..D.L..TMT.NNSA....SVTE...V..A.K..L..A.
 ..D.Q..Y.....K..D..S..MI..I.V.A.
 Getahvirus_3
 E.ACA.C..EKQ..Q..R..ED..R.G..D.L..TMT.NNSA....SVTE...V..A.K..L..A.
 ..D.QF.Y.....K..D..S..MI..I.V.A.
 Getahvirus_4
 E.ACA.C..EKQ..Q..R..ED..R.G..D.L..TMT.NNSA....SVTE...V..A.K..L..A.
 ..D.QF.Y.....K..D..S..MI..I.V.A.
 Getahvirus_5
 E.ACA.C..EKQ..Q..R..ED..R.G..D.L..TMT.NNSA....SVTK...V..A.K..L..A.
 ..D.QF.Y.....K..D..S..MI..I.V.A.
 Getahvirus_6
 E.ACA.C..EKQ..Q..R..ED..R.G..D.L..TMT.NNSA....SVTE...V..A.K..L..A.
 ..D.QF.Y.....K..D..S..MI..I.V.A.
 Semlikiforestvirus_1
 Q.PCV.C..ENNA.A..R..ED..R.G..D.LQ...T..NGT....SVS....V..A.R.....A.
 ..A.H..H.....A..S....M..I..SA.
 Semlikiforestvirus_2
 Q.PCA.C..ENNA.A..R..ED..R.G..D.LQ...T..NGT....SVS....V..A.R.....A.
 ..A.H..H.....A..S....M..I..SA.
 Semlikiforestvirus_3
 Q.PCV.C..ENNA.A..R..ED..R.G..D.LQ...T..NGT....SVS....V..A.R.....A.
 ..A.H..H.....A..S....M..I..SA.
 Semlikiforestvirus_4
 Q.PCV.C..ENNA.A..R..ED..R.G..D.LQ...T..NGT....SVS....V..A.R.....A.
 ..A.H..H.....AV.S....M..I..SA.
 Semlikiforestvirus_5
 Q.PCV.C..ENNA.A..R..ED..R.G..D.LQ...T..NGT....SVS....V..A.R.....A.
 ..A.H..H.....AV.S....M..I..SA.
 Babankivivirus R.---
 .T..TR..SRA.DI.EE..NHEA.DT.LN.I.R.G.SG.SK.-SVTDD--

Chikungunyavirus_3 I...T.D.HDW.K....DN---
 .MPA..ERAG.F.R...P.TI.G.....I.....K.ET.T.G.T.GR.---
 ISHS.TH..H.DP.VI....FHS.PQ.
 RossRivervirus_1 I.LD.AGTH.H.KI...A.---
 .D.QESKRDS.....A.SIHG.....IV.H.....Y.K.S.E..DS---
 HVKA.K.QYK.DPLPV....FVV.PHF
 RossRivervirus_2 I.LD.AGTH.H.K....A.---
 .D.QESKRDS.....A.SIHG.....IV.H.....Y.K.S.E..DS---
 HVKA.K.QYK.NPLPV....FVV.PHF
 RossRivervirus_3 I.LD.AGTH.H.KI...A.---
 .D.QESKRDS.....A.SIHG.....IV.H.....Y.K.S.E..DS---
 HVKA.K.QYK.DPLPV....FVV.PHF
 RossRivervirus_4 I.LD.AGTH.H.K....A.---
 .D.QESKRDS.....A.SIHG.....IV.H.....Y.K.S.E..DS---
 HVKA.K.QYK.DPLPV....FVV.PHF
 Getahvirus_1 I..N.GGTHEHNKI..IA.---
 .DM.E.NRDS.Q.H..GV.AIRG.....IV.Y.....E.K.Q.Q..ES---
 HTQA.K.QYK.APAPV....FTV.PHF
 getahvirus_2 I..N.GGTHEHNKI..IA.---
 .DM.E.NRDS.Q.H..GT.AIRG.....IA.Y.....E.K.Q.Q..ES---
 HIQA.K.QYK.APAPV....FTV.PHF
 Getahvirus_3 I..N.GGTHEHNKI..IA.---
 .DM.E.NRDS.Q.H..GV.AIRG.....IV.Y.....E.K.Q.Q..ES---
 HTQA.K.QYK.APAPV....FTV.PHF
 Getahvirus_4 I..N.GGTHEHNKI..IA.---
 .DM.E.NRDS.Q.H..GV.AIRG.....IV.Y.....E.K.Q.Q..ES---
 HTQA.K.QYK.APAPV....FTV.PHF
 Getahvirus_5 I..N.GGTHEHNKI..IA.---
 .DM.E.NRDS.Q.H..GV.AIRG.....IV.Y.....E.K.Q.Q..ES---
 HTQA.K.QYK.APAPV....FTV.PHF
 Getahvirus_6 I..N.GGTHEHNKI..IA.---
 .DM.E.NRDS.Q.H..GV.AIRG.....IV.Y.....E.K.Q.Q..ES---
 HTQA.K.QYK.APAPV....FTV.PHF
 Semlikiforestvirus_1 I..D.SDNHDY.KI..AD.---
 .AIEN.VRSS.K.A..GD.F.HG.....I..T....EF.Q.SIQ.TRN---
 AV.A..IQYH.DPQPV....FTI.PHY
 Semlikiforestvirus_2 I..D.SDNHDY.KI..AD.---
 .AIEN.VRSS.K.A..GD.F.HG.....I..T....EF.Q.SIQ.TRN---
 AV.A..IQYH.DPQPV....FTI.PHY
 Semlikiforestvirus_3 I..D.SDNHDY.KI..AD.---
 .AIEN.VRSS.K.A..GD.F.HG.....I..T....EF.Q.SIQ.TRN---
 AV.A..IQYH.DPQPV....FTI.PHY
 Semlikiforestvirus_4 I..D.SDNHDY.KI..AD.---
 .AIEN.VRSS.K.A..GD.F.HG.....I..K....EF.Q.SIQ.TRN---
 AV.A..IQYH.DPQPV....FTI.PHY
 Semlikiforestvirus_5 I..D.SDNHDY.KI..AD.---
 .AIEN.VRSS.K.A..GD.F.HG.....I..K....EF.Q.SIQ.TRN---
 AV.A..IQYH.DPQPV....FTI.PHY
 Babankivivirus
 F.YDQSGAASTNKY...SLEQD.T..EGTMDDIKIS..GP.RRLSYK.Y.L..K.....VT.SIASS
 N---SATS.TMARKI.PK.V....YDLPPV.
 Sindbisvirus_1 F.YDQSGAAASSNKY...SLEQD.T..EGTMDDIKIS..GP.RRLSYK.Y.L..K.....VT.SIASS
 N---SATS.TMARKI.PK.V....YDLPPV.
 Sindbisvirus_2 F.YDQSGAAASSNKY...SLEQD.T..EGTMDDIKIS..GP.RRLSYK.Y.L..K.....VT.SIASS


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.RELP.S...QS.AA.A.EI.V.M..DT..R..MSQ.SG..K..-VNSQ....K.N.G.SS-
EGL.TTDK.INN.KVDQ.....TNH.K...N.PL...N
Chikungunyavirus_3
.RELP.S...QS.AA.A.EI.V.M..DT..R..MSQ.SG..K..-VNSQ....K.N.G.SS-
EGL.TTDK.INN.KVDQ.....TNH.K...N.PL...N
RossRivervirus_1
.VELP..S.QLT.AP...EID..T..D...R..LSQTAG..K..-AG.R.I....T.GRD.-
VGT..TDKTINT.KIDQ.....TSHDK..FT.P....-
RossRivervirus_2
.VELP..S.QLT.AP...EID..T..D...R..LSQTAG..K..-AG.R.I....T.GRD.-
VGT..TDKTINT.KIDQ.....TSHDK..FT.P....-
RossRivervirus_3
.VELP..S.QLT.AP...EID..T..D...R..LSQTAG..K..-AG.R.I....T.GRD.-
VGT..TDKTINT.KIDQ.....TSHDK..FT.P....-
RossRivervirus_4
.VELP..S.QLT.AP...EID..T..D...R..LSQTAG..K..-AG.R.I....T.GRD.-
VGT..TDKTINT.KIDQ.....TSHDK..FT.P....-
Getahvirus_1
.IE.P....QLT.AP.E.EID..T..D...T..LSQ.SG..K..-AG.K.I....T.GS..-
VGT..SDKTINS.KI.Q.....TNHDK...T.S....-
getahvirus_2
.IE.P....QLT.AP.E.EID..T..D...I..LSQ.SG..K..-AG.K.I....T.GS..-
VGT..DKTINS.KI.Q.....TNHDK...T.S....-
Getahvirus_3
.IE.P....QLT.AP.E.EID..T..D...I..LSQ.SG..K..-AG.K.I....T.GS..-
VGT..SDKTINS.KI.Q.....TNHDK...T.S....-
Getahvirus_4
.IE.P....QLT.AP.E.EID..T..D...I..LSQ.SG..K..-AG.K.I....T.GS..-
VGT..SDKTINS.KI.Q.....TNHDK...T.S....-
Getahvirus_5
.IE.P....QLT.AP.E.EID..T..D...I..LSQ.SG..K..-AG.K.I....T.GS..-
VGT..SDKTINS.KI.Q.....TNHDK...T.S....-
Getahvirus_6
.IE.P....QLT.AP.E.EID..T..D...I..LSQ.SG..K..-AG.K.I....T.GS..-
VGT..SDKTINS.KI.Q.....TNHDK...T.S....-
Semlikiforestvirus_1
.EIP....QQT.AE.V.EID..M..DT..R..LSQ.SG..K..-VG.KK.K...T.GT..-
VGT.NSDKTINT.LIEQ..VS.T.H.K..FN.P....-
Semlikiforestvirus_2
.EIP....QQT.AE.V.EID..M..DT..R..LSQ.SG..K..-VG.KK.K...T.GT..-
VGT.NSDKTINT.LIEQ..VS.T.H.K..FN.P....-
Semlikiforestvirus_3
.EIP....QQT.AE.V.EID..M..DT..R..LSQ.SG..K..-VG.KK.K...T.GT..-
VGT.NSDMTINT.LIEQ..VS.T.H.K..FN.P....-
Semlikiforestvirus_4
.EIP....QQT.AE.V.EID..M..DT..R..LSQ.SG..K..-VG.KK.K...T.GT..-
VGT.NSDMTINT.LIEQ..VS.T.H.K..FN.P....-
Semlikiforestvirus_5
.EIP....QQT.AE.V.EID..RM..DT..R..LSQ.SG..Q..-VG.KK.K...T.GT..-
VGT.NSDMTINT.LIEQ..VS.T.H.K..FN.P....-
Babankivivirus
.KIP..V.D.LKET.AGYIT..R.GPHAYTSYLEESSGK.YAK....KNIT.E.Q.G.YKTGTV.T.
TEITGCT.IKQ.V.YKS.QTK.VFN.PDLI.-
Sindbisvirus_1
.KIP..V.D.LKET.AGYIT..R.GPHAYTSYLEESSGK.YAK....KNIT.E.K.G.YKTGTV.T.
TEITGCT.IKQ.V.YKS.QTK.VFN.PDLI.-

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KK.IRLT.PT..L.VT.....YKY.P.LS.N
 Chikungunyavirus_2
 A.FGDR.....I....A.V....PK.RN.TVTYGKNQVIML.Y.DH.....NM.E..NYQEE.VTH
 KK.IRLT.PT..L.VT.....YKY.P.LS.N
 Chikungunyavirus_3
 A.SGDR.....I....A.V....PK.RN.TVTYGKNQVIML.Y.DH.....NM.E..NYQEE.VTH
 KK.IRLT.PT..L.VT.....YKY.P.LS.N
 RossRivervirus_1
 ADQ.ARR.....V....PL.RA.DVTYGKKEV..R...DH..F...S....H.YEE.VDK
 FS.RI...TE....Q....P.V.L...L..E
 RossRivervirus_2
 ADQ.AR.....V....PL.RA.DVTYGKKEV..R...DH..F...S....H.YEE.VDK
 FS.RI...TE....Q....P.V.L...L..E
 RossRivervirus_3
 ADQ.ARR.....V....PL.RA.DVTYGKKEV..R...DH..F...S....H.YEE.VDK
 FS.RI...TE....Q....P.V.L...L..E
 RossRivervirus_4
 ADQ.ARR.....V....PL.RA.DVTYGKKEV..R...DH..F...S....H.YEE.VDK
 FS.RI...TE....Q....P.V.L...L..E
 Getahvirus_1
 ADQLSR.....L...S....P..RA.GVTYGKRE..VK...DH...T..S...D...YEE..DR
 YV.RT...TED.....P.V.L...L..E
 getahvirus_2
 ADQLSR.....DS...PL.RA.GVTYGKRE..VK...DH...T..S...D...YEE..DR
 YA.RT...TE.....P.V.L...L..E
 Getahvirus_3
 ADQLSR.....S....P..RA.GVTYGKRE..VK...DH...T..S...D...YEE..DR
 YV.RT...TED.....P.V.L...L..E
 Getahvirus_4
 ADQLSR.....S....PL.RA.GVTYGKRE..VK...DH...T..S...D...YEE..DR
 YV.RT...TED.....P.V.L...L..E
 Getahvirus_5
 ADQLSR.....S....P..RA.GVTYGKRE..VK...DH...T..S...D...YEE..DR
 YV.RT...TED.....P.V.L...L..E
 Getahvirus_6
 ADQLSR.....S....P..RA.GVTYGKRE..VK...DH...T..S...D...YEE..DR
 YV.RT...TED.....P.V.L...L..E
 Semlikiforestvirus_1
 ADEPAR....I....D.I....PM.RE.TVI.GKRKV..H...DH...F...T..ED.QYHEE.VTA
 AV.RT...PVD.M..H....D.V.L.S.L..E
 Semlikiforestvirus_2
 ADEPAR....I....D.I....PM.RE.TVI.GKREV..H...DH...F...T..ED.QYHEE.VTA
 AV.RT...PVD.M..H....D.V.L.S.L..E
 Semlikiforestvirus_3
 ADEPAR....I....D.I....PM.RE.TVI.GKREV..H...DH...F...T..ED.QYHEE.VTA
 AV.RT...PVD.M..H....D.V.L.S.L..E
 Semlikiforestvirus_4
 ADEPAR....I....D.I....PM.RE.TVI.GKREV..H...DH...F...T..ED.QYHEE.VTA
 AV.RT...PVD.M..H....D.V.L.S.L..E
 Semlikiforestvirus_5
 ADEPAR....I....D.I....PM.RE.TVI.GKREV..H...DH...F...T..ED.QYHEE.VTA
 AV.RT...PVD.M..H....D.M.L.S.L..E
 Babankivirus
 .ADHTAQ..L.L..K.IPS..M.P..HA.NVI.GFKHIS.Q.DTDHL...TT.R...N.E.TTE..IG
 K.VRNFT.DRD.L..I..H..V.VY..ESAP
 Sindbisvirus_1

Chikungunyavirus_1
 .T.....L...ELY..M...VVSV.SFIL.S.VG.AVGM.MC..R..I...E.T..AT..FL.S
 .I..IRT.K.AT.QEAAVYL.NEQQPLFWLQA
Chikungunyavirus_2
 .T.....L...ELY..M...VLSV.SFIL.S.VG.AVGM.MC..R..I...E.T..AT..FL.S
 .I..IRT.K.AT.QEAAVYL.NEQQPLFWLQA
Chikungunyavirus_3
 .T.....L...ELY..M...VVSV.SFIL.S.VG.AVGM.MC..R..I...E.T..AT..FL.S
 .I..IRT.K.AT.QEAAVYL.NEQQPLFWLQA
RossRivervirus_1
 .KP..W....Q...GLY.AA.IA.XSG.SLMA.LTIAAT.CMLAT..RK....A.T..AV...T..
PR.N.ASFAE.MAYL.DENKTLFWMEF
RossRivervirus_2
 .KP..W....Q...GLY.AA.IA.VSG.SLMA.LTIAAT.CMLAT..RK....A.T..AV...T..
PR.N.ASFAE.MAYL.DENKTLFWMEF
RossRivervirus_3
 .KP..W....Q...GLY.AA.IA.VSG.SLMA.LTIAAT.CMLAT..RK....A.T..AV...T..
PR.N.ASFAE.MAYL.DENKTLFWMEF
RossRivervirus_4
 .KP..W....Q...GLY.AA.IA.VSG.SLMA.LTIAAT.CMLAT..RK....A.T..AV...T..
PR.N.ASFAE.MAYL.DENKTLFWMEF
Getahvirus_1
 .KP..W....L...GLY.AA.IT.VSA.GLAVVLSILLAS.YMFAT..RK....A.T..AV..VT..
 V....PR.H.ASFAESMAYL.DENQTLFWLEL
getahvirus_2
 .KP..W....L...GLY.AA.IA.VSA.GLAVVLSILLAS.YMFAT..RK....A.T..AI..VT..
 V....PR.H.ASFAESMAYL.DENQTLFWLEL
Getahvirus_3
 .KP..W....L...GLY.AA.IA.VSA.GLAVVLSILLAS.YMFAT..RK....A.T..AV..VT..
 V....PR.H.ASFAESMAYL.DENQTLFWLEL
Getahvirus_4
 .KP..W....L...GLY.AA.IA.VSA.GLAVVLSILLAS.YMFAT..RK....A.T..AV..VT..
 V....PR.H.ASFAESMAYL.DENQTLFWLEL
Getahvirus_5
 .KP..W....L...GLY.AA.IA.VSA.GLAVVLSILLAS.YMFAT..RK....A.T..AV..VT..
 V....PR.H.ASFAESMAYL.DENQTLFWLEL
Getahvirus_6
 .KP..W....L...GLY.AA.IA.VSA.GLAVVLSILLAS.YMFAT..RK....A.T..AV..VT..
 V....PR.H.ASFAESMAYL.DENQTLFWLEL
Semlikiforestvirus_1
 .KP..W..Q.VQ...GLY.AA..S.V.GMSLLA.ISIFAS.YMLAA..SK....A.T..AA..WT..
 I....PR.H.ASVAE.MAYL.DQNQALFWLEF
Semlikiforestvirus_2
 .KP..W..Q.VQ...GLY.AA..AS.VAGMSLLA.ISIFAS.YMLAA..SK....A.T..AA..WT..
 I....PR.H.ASVAE.MAYL.DQNQALFWLEF
Semlikiforestvirus_3
 .KP..W..Q.VQ...GLY.AA..S.V.GMSLLA.ISIFAS.YMLVA..SK....A.T..AA..WT..
 I....PR.H.ASVAE.MAYL.DQNQALFWLEF
Semlikiforestvirus_4
 .KP..W..Q.VQ...GLY.AA..S.V.GMSLLA.ISIFAS.YMLVA..SK....A.T..AA..WT..
 I....PR.H.ASVAE.MAYL.DQNQALFWLEF
Semlikiforestvirus_5
 .KP..W..Q.VQ...GLY.AA..S.V.GMSLLA.ISIFAS.YMLVA..SK....A.T..AA..WT..
 I....PR.H.ASVAE.MAYL.DQNQALFWLEF
Babankivivirus
 .DP..W....VQH...R..VY.IL.VAS.VVAMMIGVT.AALCACK..RE....A...NAVI.TS.A

....VRS.N..TFTF.MSYL.SNSQPF FWVQL
Sindbisvirus_1
 .DP..W....VQH...R..VY.IL.VAS..VAMMIGVT.AALCACK..RE....A...NAVI.TS.A
VRS.N..TFTF.MSYL.SNSQPF FWVQL
Sindbisvirus_2
 .DP..W....VQH...R..VY.IL.VAS..VAMMIGVT.AALCACK..RE....A...NAVI.TS.A
VRS.N..TFTF.MSYL.SNSQPF FWVQL
Sindbisvirus_3
 .DP..W....VQH...R..VY.IL.VAS.TVAMMIGVT.AVLCA CK..RE....A...NAVI.TS.A
VRS.N..TFTF.MSYL.SNSQPF FWVQL
Sindbisvirus_4
 .DP..W....VQH...R..VY.IL.VAS.TVAMMIGVT.AVLCA CK..RE....A...NAVI.TS.A
VRS.N..TFTF.MSYL.SNSQPF FWVQL
Sindbisvirus_5
 .DP..W....VQH...R..VY.IL.VAS..VAMMIGVT.AALCACK..RE....A...NAVI.TS.A
VRS.N..TFTF.MSYL.SNSQPF FWVQL
Auravirus
 .NP..W....VRH...LY.FY..TVLSGMGLAI CAGLVISILC.CK..RD....Q...NAT..FLVT
 .C..FQRTS.DEFTD.MGYL.QHSQTMFWIQL
Ockelbovirus
 .DP..W....VQH...R..VY.IL.VAS..VAMMIGVT.AALCACK..RE....A...NAVI.TS.A
VRS.N..TFTF.MSYL.SNSQPF FWVQL

				810	820	830
840	850	860	870	880	890	900

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 ..|.....|.....|.....|.....|.....|.....|.....|.....|.....|.....|.....|
 gi|28193970|gb|AAO33345.1| str -----AALVLLCGLRK-----
 CLCLTFLVILGLASPPTQAYEHTAVMSNQVGVPYKALINKPGFAPMILQIEVLQSSLIPSLELDYITC
 EYKTVVPSFVK
AMH_001346 -----.

BAR_S2_3526 -----.

BSA_S4_2268 -----.

BSA_S4_2265 -----.

GSA_S1_936 -----.

BAR_S2_3527 -----.

GSA_S5_4278 -----.

AMH_001056 AAPV.CILIITYCLRNVLCC.KS.S...L.S.G-
 ATAR...ST..P.V..F...H.E R..YS.LT..MQ.VET..E.T.N.E.....Y..
O'nyong-nyongvirus
LIPLS.AIVV.NCL.LLPCC.KT....AVMSIGARTVT....AT.IP.T....C.T.VSR..YS..V.

EM.LQSVT.E.A.S.....IT...Y..
Chikungunyavirus_1
LIPL...IV..NCLRLLPCC.KM....AV.SVGAHTVS....VT.IP.T.....T.V.R..YS..V.
EM.L.SVT.E.T.S.....I...Y..
Chikungunyavirus_2
LIPL...IV..NCLRLLPCC.KM....AV.SVGAHTVS....VT.IP.T.....T.V.R..YS..A.
EM.L.SVT.E.T.S.....I...Y..
Chikungunyavirus_3
LIPL...IV..NCLRLLPCC.KM....AV.SVGAHTVS....VT.IP.T.....T.V.R..YS..V.
EM.L.SVT.E.T.S.....I...Y..
RossRivervirus_1 AAPA...A..ACCI.SLIICC.KPFS...L.S.G-
ASAK.....TIP.V..F....H.ERN..S..T..L..VET..E.T.N.E.....I.
RossRivervirus_2 AAPA...A..ACCI.SLIICC.KPFS...L.S.G-
ASVK.....TIP.V..F....H.ERN..S..T..L..VET..E.T.N.E.....I.
RossRivervirus_3 AAPA...A..ACCI.SLIICC.KPFS...L.S.G-
ASAK.....TIP.V..F....H.ERN..S..T..L..VET..E.T.N.E.....I.
RossRivervirus_4 AAPA...A..ACCI.SLIICC.KPFS...L.S.G-
ASAK.....TIP.V..F....H.ERN..S..T..L..VET..E.T.N.E.....I.
Getahvirus_1
ATPL..III.VCCL.NLLCC.KP.S...LVS.GT.VVKS.....TIP.V..F....H.ERN..S..T.
.L...GT..E.T.N.E.....YI.
getahvirus_2
ATPL..III.VCCL.NLLCC.KP.S...LVS.GT.VVKS.....TIP.V..F....H.ERN..S..T.
.L...GT..E.T.N.E.....YI.
Getahvirus_3
ATPL..III.VCCL.NLLCC.KP.S...LVS.GT.VVKS.....TIP.V..F....H.ERN..S..T.
.L...GT..E.T.N.E.....YI.
Getahvirus_4
ATPL..III.VCCL.NLLCC.KP.S...LVS.GT.VVKS.....TIP.V..F....H.ERN..S..T.
.L...GT..E.T.N.E.....YI.
Getahvirus_5
ATPL..III.VCCL.NLLCC.KP.S...LVS.GT.VVKS.....TIP.V..F....H.ERN..S..T.
.L...GT..E.T.N.E.....YI.
Getahvirus_6
ATPL..III.VCCL.NLLCC.KP.S...LVS.GT.VVKS.....TIP.V..F....H.ERN..S..T.
.L...GT..E.T.N.E.....YI.
Semlikiforestvirus_1 AAPV.CILIITYCLRNVLCC.KS.S...L.S.G-
ATAR...ST..P.V..F....H.ER..YS.LT..MQ.VET..E.T.N.E.....Y..
Semlikiforestvirus_2 AAPV.CILIITYCLRNVLCC.KS.S...L.S.G-
ATAR...ST..P.V..F....H.ER..YS.LT..MQ.VET..E.T.N.E.....Y..
Semlikiforestvirus_3 AAPV.CILIITYCLRNVLCC.KS.S...L.S.G-
ATAR...ST..P.V..F....H.ER..YS.LT..MQ.VET..E.T.N.E.....Y..
Semlikiforestvirus_4 AAPV.CILIITYCLRNVLCC.KS.S...L.S.G-
ATAR...ST..P.V..F....H.ER..YS.LT..MQ.VET..E.T.N.E.....Y..
Semlikiforestvirus_5 AAPV.CILIITYCLRNVLCC.KS.S...L.S.G-
ATAR...ST..P.V..F....H.ER..YS.LT..MQ.VET..E.T.N.E.....Y..
Babankivirus CIPL..VIV.MRCCS-----
C..P...VA.AYLAKVD....ATTVP.VPQI....VERA.Y..LN.E.T.MS.EVL..TNQE....K
FT.....K..
Sindbisvirus_1 CIPL..VIV.MRCCS-----
C..P...VA.AYLAKVD....ATTVP.VPQI....VERA.Y..LN.E.T.MS.EVL..TNQE....K
FT.....K..
Sindbisvirus_2 CIPL..V.V.MRCCS-----
C..P...VA.AYLAKVD....ATTVP.VPQI....VERA.Y..LN.E.T.MS.EVL..TNQE....K
FT.....K.R
Sindbisvirus_3 CIPL..FIV.MRCCS-----

...TA..KDK.L...S.K.FT...F.....DT....L...H..KS.S..T.F.S..RAH..A
 S.K.R.LYQGNNTVA..A..DHAVTVKD...

RossRivervirus_1

...TS..SSKEQ....K.YT....F.....D....L....D.SD....D..S...AH....
 K..IRISY.T.N.TTE.F....HAVNV.GS..

RossRivervirus_2

...TS..SSKEQ....K.YT....F.....D....L....D.SDI...D....AH....
 K..IRISY.T.N.TTE.F....HAVNV.GS..

RossRivervirus_3

...TS..SSKEQ....K.YT....F.....D....L....D.SD....D..S...AH....
 K..IRISY.T.N.TTE.F....HAVNV.GS..

RossRivervirus_4

...TS..SSKEQ....K.YT....F.....D....L....D.SD....D..S...AH....
 K..IRISY.T.N.TTE.F....HAVNV.GS..

Getahvirus_1

...TS..RSMER....Q.YT....F.....DT....L....D.SD....D..A...AH..AV
 K..IRISY..LN.TTT.F....HTVTV.GSR.

getahvirus_2

...TS..RSKER....Q.YT....F.....DT....L....D.SD....D..A...AH..AM
 K..IRISY..LN.TTT.F....HTVNV.GSR.

Getahvirus_3

...TS..RSMER....Q.YT....F.....DT....L....D.SD....D..A...AH..AM
 K..IRISY..LN.TTT.F....HTVTV.GSR.

Getahvirus_4

...TS..RSMER....Q.YT....F.....DT....L....D.SD....D..A...AH..AM
 K..IRISY..LN.T.T.F....HTVTV.GSR.

Getahvirus_5

...TS..RSMER....Q.YT....F.....DT....L....D.SD....D..A...AH..AM
 K..IRISY..LN.TTT.F....HTVTV.GSR.

Getahvirus_6

...TS..RSMER....Q.YT....F.....DT....L....D.SD....D..A...AH..AM
 K..IRISY..LN.TTT.F....HTVTV.GSR.

Semlikiforestvirus_1

...AS..STKEK....K.YT....F.....D....L....D.SD..R.D..S...AH....
 K.KVR.MY..VN.TVDV....DHAVT..GTQ.

Semlikiforestvirus_2

...S..STKEK....K.YT....F.....D....L....D.SD....D..S...AH....
 K.KVR.MY..VN.TVDV....DHAVT..GTQ.

Semlikiforestvirus_3

...AS..STKEK....K.YT....F.....D....L....D.SD..R.D..S...AH....
 K.KVR.MY..VN.TVDV....DHAVT..GTQ.

Semlikiforestvirus_4

...AS..STKEK....K.YT....F.....D....L....D.SD..R.D..S...AH....
 K.KVR.MY..VN.TVDV....DHAVT..GTQ.

Semlikiforestvirus_5

...AS..STKEK....K.YT....F.....D....L....D.SD..R.D..S...AH....
 K.KVR.MY..VN.TVDV....DHAVT..GTQ.

Babankivirus

...L..QPAAAHA..T.K.FG....F....Q...D..S.....LSAD.ATD..Q.V.VH..AM
 KVG.RIVY..T.SFLDV....V..GTSKDL.V

Sindbisvirus_1

...L..QPAAAHA..T.K.FG....F....Q...D..S.....LSAD.ATD..Q.I.VH..AM
 KVG.RIVY..T.SFLDV....V..GTSKDL.V

Sindbisvirus_2

...L..QPAAAHA..T.K.FG....F....Q...D..S.....LSVD.ATD..Q.I.VH..AM
 KVG.RIVY..T.SFLDV....V..GTSKDL.V

Sindbisvirus_3
L..QPAAAH..T.K.FG....F....Q...D...S.....LSA..ASD..Q.I.VH..AM
KVG.RIVY..T.SFLDV....V..GTSKDL.V
Sindbisvirus_4
L..QPAAAH..T.K.FG....F....Q...D...S.....LSAD.ASD..Q.I.VH..AM
KVG.RIVY..T.SFLDV....V..GTSKDL.V
Sindbisvirus_5
L..QPAAAH..T.K.FG....F....Q...D...S.....LSAD.ATD..Q.I.VH..AM
KVG.RIVY..TISFLDV....V..GTSKDL.V
Auravirus
 ...T...PKGEKA..T.K.FT....FL....Q...D...S.L.DK...LSTD.ATD..E.VRVH..V
KSQ.RI.Y..S.AQVDVF..V..ARSKDM.L
Ockelbovirus
L..QPAAAH..T.K.FG....F....Q...D...S.....LSAD.ATD..Q.I.VH..AM
KVG.RIVY..T.SFLDV....V..GTSKDL.V

1040	1050	1060	1070	1080	1090	1100
1010 1020 1030						

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 .|.....|.....|.....|.....|.....|.....|.....|.....|.....|.....|....
 gi|28193970|gb|AA033345.1| str
VLGPISAAWSPFNPKIVVYKDDVYNYDFPAYGAGQPGRGDIQSRTVDSKDLYARTHILRLDRPASGNI
HVPYTQIPSFGFKYWMQEKGEPPLNRQAAFGCCVV
AMH_001346

BAR_S2_3526

BSA_S4_2268

BSA_S4_2265

GSA_S1_936

BAR_S2_3527

GSA_S5_4278

AMH_001056
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX.I....E.F.Q...P..S.....E.N....N.A.K.A..SP.TV
.....T.....LK..TA..TK.P...QI
O'nyong-nyongvirus
.I..L.S.....DN.....GE...M.Y.PF...R..Q.....P...V..N.Q.I.Q...A.A.
...S.A.....LK..AS.QHT.P...QI
Chikungunyavirus_1
IV..M.S..T..DN.....G....M.Y.PF...R..Q.....PE.E.F..N.Q.V.Q..SA.TV
...S.A.....LK.R.AS.QHT.P...QI
Chikungunyavirus_2
IV..M.S..T..DN.....G....M.Y.PF...R..Q.....PE.E.V..N.Q.V.Q..SA.TV

....S.A.....LK.R.AS.QHT.P...QI
Chikungunyavirus_3
 IV..M.S..T..DN.....G....M.Y.PF..R..Q.....PE.E.V..N.Q.V.Q..SA.TV
S.A.....LK.R.AS.QHT.P...QI
RossRivervirus_1
 IF....T....DN.....Q...P..S.....E.....N.A.K.S..SP.VV
T.....LK..SS..TK.P...KI
RossRivervirus_2
 IF....T....DN.....Q...P..S.....E.....N.A.K.S..SP.VV
T.....LK..SS..TK.P...KI
RossRivervirus_3
 IF....T....DN.....Q...P..S.....E.....N.A.K.S..SP.VV
T.....LK..SS..TK.P...KI
RossRivervirus_4
 IF....T....DN.....Q...P..S.....E.....N.A.K.S..SP.VV
T.....LK..SS..TK.P...KI
Getahvirus_1
 TF....T..T..DN.....N....H...P..S.....E.....N.A.K.S..S..TV
T.....IK.R.TS..DK.P...I
getahvirus_2
 TF....T..T..DN..A..N....Q...P..S.....E.....N.A.K.S..S..TV
T.....IK.R.TS..DK.P...II
Getahvirus_3
 TF....T..T..DN.....N....Q...P..S.....E.....N.A.K.S..S..TV
T.....IK.R.TS..DK.P...I
Getahvirus_4
 TF....T..T..DN.....N....Q...P..S.....E.....N.A.K.S..S..TV
T.....IR.R.TS..DK.P...I
Getahvirus_5
 TF....T..T..DN.....N....Q...P..S.....E.....N.A.K.S..S..TV
T.....IK.R.TS..DK.P...I
Getahvirus_6
 TF....T..T..DN.....N....Q...P..S.....E.....N.A.K.S..S..TV
T.....IK.R.TS..DK.P...I
Semlikiforestvirus_1
 IF..L.S..T..DN.....E.F.Q...P..S.....E.N....N.A.K.A..SP.TV
T.....LK..TA..TK.P...QI
Semlikiforestvirus_2
 IF..L.S..T..DN.....E.F.Q...P..S.....E.N....N.A.K.A..SP.TV
T.....LK..TA..TK.P...QI
Semlikiforestvirus_3
 IF..L.S..T..DN.....E.F.Q...P..S.....E.N....N.A.K.A..SP.MV
T.....LK..TA..TK.P...QI
Semlikiforestvirus_4
 IF..L.S..T..DN.....E.F.Q...P..S.....E.N....N.A.K.A..SP.MV
T.....LK..TA..TK.P...QI
Semlikiforestvirus_5
 IF..L.S..T..DN.....E.F.Q...P..S.....E.N....N.A.K.A..SP.MV
T.....LK..TA..TK.P...QI
Babankivirus
 IA.....SFT..DH.V.IHRGL.....E...MK..A.....ATSLT....I.S.DI..LK.SAK.V
AA..EM.KNNS.R..QET.P...KI
Sindbisvirus_1
 IA.....SFT..DH.V.IHRGL.....E...MK..A.....ATSLT....I.S.DI..LK.SAK.V
AA..EM.KNNS.R..QET.P...KI
Sindbisvirus_2

Chikungunyavirus_2
A.....M...V...M...I.....A.....A.SLTDM...EVSA.T..SD.....IIKYA.SKK....
V.SMTNA.T.R..EIEVE-----NSQLQ
Chikungunyavirus_3
A.....M...V...M...I.....A.....A.SLTDM...EVSA.T..SD.....IIKYA.SKK....
V.SMTNA.T.R..EIEVE-----NSQLQ
RossRivervirus_1
.....MD..V.S..V.M...SA.....A...TD.S.QV.V.T..SD.....T.SYKT.KP....
V.SH.NVATL.....VK-----EDGKV.
RossRivervirus_2
.....MD..V.S..V.M...SA.....A...TD.S.QVAV.T..SD.....T.SYKT.KP....
V.SH.NVATL.....VK-----EDGKV.
RossRivervirus_3
.....MD..V.S..V.M...SA.....A...TD.S.QV.V.T..SD.....T.SYKT.KP....
V.SH.NVATL.....VK-----EDGKV.
RossRivervirus_4
.....MD..V.S..V.M...SA.....A...TD.S.QVAV.T..SD.....T.SYKT.KP....
V.SH.NVATL.....VK-----EDGKV.
Getahvirus_1
.....E...V...V.M...TA...I.A...TN.E.QVAV.T..SD...I.T.T.KT.KP....
V.SH.NVAT...A..IK-----TDGK..
getahvirus_2
.....E...V...V.M...SA...I.A...TN.E.QVAV.T..SD...I.T.T.KT.KP....
V.SH.NVAT...A..IK-----TDGK..
Getahvirus_3
.....E...V...V.M...TA...I.A...TN.E.QVAV.T..SD...I.T.T.KT.KP....
V.SH.NVAT...A..IK-----TDGK..
Getahvirus_4
.....E...V...V.M...SA...I.A...TN.E.QVAV.T..SD...I.T.T.KT.KP....
V.SH.NVAT...A..IK-----TDGK..
Getahvirus_5
.....E...V...V.M...TA...I.A...TN.E.QVAV.T..SD...I.T.T.KT.KP....
V.SH.NVAT...A..IK-----TDGK..
Getahvirus_6
.....E...V...V.M...TA...I.A...TN.E.QVAV.T..SD...I.T.T.KT.KP....
V.SH.NVAT...A..IK-----TDGK..
Semlikiforestvirus_1
.....M...V...V.MNL..SA...I.EA.TITD.T.TVAT.T..SD....LT.TYKT.KN.D.S
V.SH.NVATL...AKVK-----TARKV.
Semlikiforestvirus_2
.....M...V...V.MNL..SA...I.EA.TITD.T.TVAT.T..SD....LT.KYKT.KN.D.S
V.SH.NVATL...AKVK-----TAGKV.
Semlikiforestvirus_3
.....M...V...V.MNL..SA...I.EA.TIID.T.TVAT.T..SD....LT.TYKT.KN.D.S
V.SH.NVATL...AKVK-----TAGKV.
Semlikiforestvirus_4
.....M...V...V.MNL..SA...I.EA.TIID.T.TVAT.T..SD....LT.TYKTNKN.D.S
V.SH.NVATL...AKVK-----TAGKV.
Semlikiforestvirus_5
.....M...V...V.MNL..SA...I.EA.TIID.T.TVAT.T..SD....LT.TYKTAKN.D.S
V.SH.NVATL...AKVK-----TAGKV.
Babankivivirus
AV..L..VD.S.....I...N.A.I.TS.A.L..TVK.DVSE.TY..D...M.T.QYVS..E.Q.P
V.SH.STATL..S..HVL-----EKGAV.
Sindbisvirus_1
AV..L..VD.S.....I...N.A.I.TS.A.L..TVK.DVSE.TY..D...M.T.QYVS..E.Q.P

ISFL.....AE.R..V..TQ.H.AAE.H.....NYP.S.TTPGVQDI.....S..QKITGGV.LV.
 AVAAL..I..LCVSFSRH
 Chikungunyavirus_2
 ISF.....AE.R..V..TQ.H.AAE.H.....NYP.S.TTPGVQDI.....S..QKITGGV.LV.
 AVAAL..I..LCVSFSRH
 Chikungunyavirus_3
 ISFL.....AE.R..V..TQ.H.AAE.H.....NYP.S.TTPGVQDI.....S..QKITGGV.LV.
 AVAAL..I..LCVSFSRH
 RossRivervirus_1
 V.F...S...A.K.SV.D.KT..TAA.....YG.S.NNQVF.DM.G...T..QR.ASGL.GLA
 LIAVVV.VL..C.TMRR-
 RossRivervirus_2
 V.F...S...A.K.SV.D.KT..TAA.....YG.S.NNQVF.DM.G...T..QRMASGL.GLA
 LIAVLV.VL..C.TMRR-
 RossRivervirus_3
 V.F...S...A.K.SV.D.KT..TAA.....YG.S.NNQVF.DM.G...T..QR.ASGL.GLA
 LIAVVV.VL..C.TMRR-
 RossRivervirus_4
 V.F...S...A.K.SV.D.KT..TAA.....YG.S.NNQVF.DM.G...T..QR.ASGL.GLA
 LIAVVV.VL..C.TMRR-
 Getahvirus_1
 L.F...S...A.K.SV...KT..MAA.....YG.S.NNQVF.DM.G...T..QRVAGGL.GLT
 LAAAVAV.IL..CVTMRR-
 getahvirus_2
 L.F...S...A.K.SV...KT..TAA.....YG.S.NNQVF.DM.G...T..QRVAGGL.GLT
 LAAAVAV.IL..CVTMRR-
 Getahvirus_3
 L.F...S...A.K.SV...KT..MAA.....YG.S.NNQVF.DM.G...T..QRVAGGL.GLT
 LAAAVAV.IL..CVTMRR-
 Getahvirus_4
 L.F...S...A.K.SV...KT..MAA.....YG.S.NNQVF.DM.G...T..QRVAGGL.GLT
 LAAAVAV.IL..CVTMRR-
 Getahvirus_5
 L.F...S...A.K.SV...KT..MAA.....YG.S.NNQVF.DM.G...T..QRVAGGL.GLT
 LAAAVAV.IL..CVTMRR-
 Getahvirus_6
 L.F...S...A.K.SV..VKT..MAA.....YG.S.NNQVF.DM.G...T..QRVAGGL.GLT
 LAAAVAV.IL..CVTMRR-
 Semlikiforestvirus_1
 L.F...S....V.S...KA..SAS.....Y..S.SNVVF.DM.G..LS..QKISGGL.A.A
 IGAILV.V...C.GLRR-
 Semlikiforestvirus_2
 L.F...S....V.S...KA..SAS.....Y..S.SNVVF.DM.G..LS..QKISGGL.A.A
 IGAILV.V...C.GLRR-
 Semlikiforestvirus_3
 L.F...S....V.S...RA..SAS.....Y..S.SNVVF.DM.G..LS..QKISGGL.A.A
 IGAILV.V...C.GLRR-
 Semlikiforestvirus_4
 L.F...S....V.S...RA..SAS.....Y..S.SNVVF.DM.G..LS..QKISGGL.A.A
 IGAILV.V...C.GLRR-
 Semlikiforestvirus_5
 L.F...S....V.S...RA..SAS.....Y..S.SNVVF.DM.G..LS..QKISGGL.A.A
 IGAILV.V...C.GLR.-
 Babankivivirus
 V.I...SPQAN.I.S..GKKT..NAE.K..A....STPHKNDQEFOAAI.K.SWS.LFA.FGGASSLL
 IIIG.M.FACSMMLTSTR.

Sindbisvirus_1
V.F...SPQAN.I.S..GKKT..NAE.K..A....STPHKNDQE**FQAAI**.K.SWS.LFA.FGGASSLL
IIIG.M.FACSMMLTSTR.

Sindbisvirus_2
V.F...SPQAN.I.S..GKKT..NAE.K..A....STPHKNDQE**FQAAI**.K.SWS.LFA.FGGASSLL
IIIG.M.FACSMMLTSTR.

Sindbisvirus_3
V.F...SPQAN.I.S..GKKT..NAE.K..A....STPHKNDQE**FQAAI**.K.SWS.LFA.FGGASSLL
IIIG.M.FACSMMLTSTR.

Sindbisvirus_4
V.F...SPQAN.I.S..GKKT..NAE.K..A....STPHKNDQE**FQAAI**.K.SWS.LFA.FGGASSLL
IIIG.M.FACSMMLTSTR.

Sindbisvirus_5
V.F...SPQAN.I.S..GKKT..NAE.K..A....STPHKNDQE**FQAAI**.K.SWS.LFA.FGGASSLL
IIIG.M.FACSMMLTSTR.

Auravirus
LK**F**..RSLQAD.E.SM.GTRT..HAQ.Q..TE.VMNRPQKSTPDFSSAI.K.SW..I.A.MGG.SSIA
AIAAIV.VIALVFTA**QH**.

Ockelbovirus
V.F...SPQAN.I.S..GKKT..NAE.K..A....STPHKNDQE**FQAAI**.K.SWS.LFA.FGGASSLL
IIIG.T.FACSMMLTSTR.