Unique mutational changes in SARS-CoV-2 genome: A case study for the
largest state of India

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Abstract

COVID-19 is a global pandemic causing more than 8 million deaths till mid-August, 2020. In India, more than 3 million confirmed cases have been reported although with relatively low death rate of 1.8%. In this study, we sequenced 47 genomes of SARS-CoV-2 from the patients of 13 districts of Uttar Pradesh (UP), the largest state of India using third-generation sequencing technique. The phylogenetic clustering revealed that no UP sample was aligned with the previously defined USA clade, where the mortality was high. We identified 56 distinct SNP variations in the genomes of UP resulting in a unique mutation rate of 1.19% per sequence, which is greater than the value 0.88% obtained for the rest of India. The relatively less death rate in UP indicates that the mutation in the virus is deleterious. Further investigation is required with larger sample size to determine the degree of virulence vis-a-vis SNP variation.

Keywords

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1. Introduction

COVID-19, a global pandemic [1] has been the focus of many researchers worldwide to identify the potential region(s) of its pathogenicity since its emergence in December 2019 [2]. The causative agent, SARS-CoV-2 belongs to the Coronaviridae family and comprises of single-stranded positive-sense RNA with a genome size of approximately 30 kb [3]. SARS-CoV-2 genome consists of 29 open reading frames (ORFs), among which four are structural proteins (envelope protein, membrane protein, nucleocapsid protein, and spike protein), some accessory proteins translated by ORF3a, ORF6, ORF7a, ORF7b, ORF8, and ORF10, and 16 nonstructural proteins (nsps) [4].

During the spread of COVID-19, the virus evolved continuously resulting in variation in death rates in different countries [5]. As of 20th August 2020, approximately 23 million confirmed cases were reported worldwide with ~800 thousand registered deaths. At present, India ranks 3rd in the total number of COVID-19 cases. However, fatality is 1.8 %, which is considered as one of the lowest death rates in the world [6] [7]. Many reports correlate the fatality to the mutational changes in the virus genome in different geographic regions [8][9,10][11]. D614G substitution at the spike protein has been related to the cause of high mortality in humans [12]. The authors of a study on the western Indian populations have correlated the mutational changes to specific age groups and modes of infection [13]. To assess mutation rates and understand the evolution of the SARS-CoV-2 genome in different continents, many genomes were sequenced by employing different techniques and submitted to GISAID [14]. More than 84 thousand full-length SARS-CoV-2 genome sequences including >2400 viral genomes from India were available on the GISAID platform as on 12th August, 2020. Using this data, the Council of Scientific Industrial Research-Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (CSIR-IGIB) recently delineated an India-specific clade [15].

Currently, out of 29 states and 7 Union Territories of India, UP ranks 5th in confirmed number of cases of COVID-19. As on 12th August, 2020, only 11 sequences were available on the GISAID database for UP that represented only a small population in four districts. Considering the extremely low number of genomes in the database despite high number of infected persons in the state, it is required to sequence many more genomes of the virus from UP. It is also essential to understand the mutation pattern(s) causing variation in genome, and to compare that with the national/global mutation variations so that the changes that affect the properties of virus e.g. by making some lineages more or less virulent or transmissible can be established [16]. Therefore, we report 47 genome sequences of SARS-

CoV-2 virus representing 13 districts of Uttar Pradesh (UP) using third-generation sequencing technique (Oxford Nanopore PromethION) in this study. The phylogenetic clustering was undertaken to classify UP genomes into different clades. We investigated the unique mutational features and rates during the transmission of the virus. We also correlated the death rates in different states including UP with their synonymous to nonsynonymous unique mutation ratio.

2. Methods

2.1 RNA Preparation and Sequencing of the viral genome

Total viral nucleic acid was extracted from the clinical sample of SARS-CoV-2 using PureLink DNA/RNA mini kit (Invitrogen, USA) as per manufacturer's instructions as well as the guidelines of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) [17]. The Human RnaseP gene was tested in all samples to check the quality of samples and to validate the process of nucleic acid extraction. Real-time RT-PCR assays were performed using the Superscript III One-Step Real-Time PCR kit (ThermoFisher Scientific, USA) as per the protocol[18]. All samples were tested by two stage protocol consisting of screening and confirmation. E-gene and RnaseP were used for screening while RdRp and ORF1b were used as confirmatory assay for SARS-CoV-2. All the samples positive for E-gene, RdRp, and ORF1ab with Ct ≤ 25 were further taken for whole-genome sequencing.

Virus genomes were generated by using ARTIC COVID-19 multiplex PCR primers followed by nanopore sequencing on two ONT PromethION flow cell[19]. For PromethION sequencing, libraries were prepared using the ligation sequencing kit (SQK-LSK109) and Native barcoding (EXP-NBD 104 and EXP-NBD 114) of 24 samples in a single flow cell. The selected samples were converted to the first-strand cDNA using reverse transcriptase as suggested in Nanopore protocol "PCR tiling of COVID-19 virus" (Version:

PTC_9096_v109_revD_06Feb2020). The multiplex PCR was performed with two pooled

primer mixture as recommended and the cDNA was amplified. After 35 rounds of

amplification, the PCR products were collected, purified with AMPure XP beads (Beckman

coulter), and quantified using Qubit4 Fluorometer (Invitrogen). The double-stranded cDNA

was further subjected to end-repair, A-tailing, and Native barcode ligation individually. The

barcoded samples were pooled together and ligated with sequencing adapters followed by

loading of 50ng of pooled barcoded material and sequencing on two PromethION flow cells

having 24 samples each.

2.2 Genome Assembly

Quality passed nanopore reads were subjected to remove the chimeric reads between the 300

to 500 base pair length according to the amplicon size. Using Artic network pipeline [20], we

individually assembled the high coverage (~9000X) filtered long reads of each sample.

During the assembly "--normalize" option was used to normalize the data up to 200 bp

coverage. This normalization is useful for the minimization of the computational

requirements of our high coverage data. The SARS-CoV-2 reference genome (MN908947.3)

[21] was used for generating the consensus sequence from the assembled reads. Low

complexity or primer binding regions were masked during the consensus sequence generation

and variant calling, to avoid the ambiguity sequences.

2.3 Data Preparation

For comparative and explanatory analyses of our assembled genome from UP, we

downloaded the whole genome data of all Indian sequences from the GISAID database that

was available until the 12th of August, 2020. We randomly selected 100 sequences each from

Asia, Europe, South America, North America, Central America and Eurasia as an outlier for

different analyses of Indian sequences. A total of 2923 processed sequences (2323 from India

and 600 from different continents) were further screened based on unrecognized nucleotides

(Ns) with the full length of genome. We kept only those sequences whose unrecognized base

pair is less than 1% of the total length followed by the masking of the low complexity region.

Along with it, we also considered the 47 assembled genome sequences of Uttar Pradesh of

India for further analysis.

2.4 Phylodynamics clustering of Indian sample

The phylodynamic clustering of 47 genome sequences of UP was conducted, on the basis of

nextstrain defined clade [22]. For a comprehensive study of the clade, we took 856 samples

of the SARS-CoV-2 genome of India that was available till 10th June. Whole-genome

alignment has been carried out using mafft aligner [23] by taking the Wuhan Hu-

1(MN908947.3) sample as a reference genome. IQTREE software [24] was used for the

phylogenetic tree with the GTR substitution model. The refinement of the tree was done by

the "--timetree" parameters to adjust the branch lengths and filter out the interquartile ranges

from regression. The refined time-resolved tree was further screened to derive the ancestral

traits, infer nucleotide mutation as well as amino acid variation from the root. The resulting

phylodynamics tree was then used to define the clade based on a new classification that

signifies the geographic spreading of SARS-CoV-2 in India. The final tree was further

visualized through the nextstrain shell by using the auspice interface [25].

2.5 Divergence estimates of the newly assembled genome

Divergence estimation of the newly assembled genome and the most recent common ancestor

(tMRCA) were examined using the BEAST v1.10.4 program [26]. Through the MRCA

analysis, the origin of the ancestral virus was identified. With the strict molecular clock and

the exponential growth model, we processed the Markov chain Monte Carlo algorithm on the

masked alignment file for 100 million steps, where the first 30 million steps were used for

burn-in to get the effective sample size. Bayesian coalescent analysis of the UP samples was

conducted using the GTR substitution model with the kappa scale of 1 to 1.25. Molecular

clock and root divergence time were reconfirmed with the treetime [27] using the same

substitution model.

2.6 Variant identification and functional evaluation

We scrutinized the unique mutations in our assembled genome of UP state that was called

during the assembly. To identify the SNP variants among all the processed (downloaded and

assembled) sequences and to ensure the uniqueness of variants in our assembled data, we

aligned each downloaded sequences separately to the reference genome (MN908947.3) by

use of mafft aligner [23]. The variation was detected with the snp-sites program and [28]

nextstrain. The resulting Variant Call Format (VCF) file was annotated further to find out the

position of the mutation that affects the SARS-CoV-2 virus genome though snpEff program

[29]. Finally, manual screening of mutation was carried out to define the unique mutation in

our processed sequences along with the other continents of the world. Functional validation

of the emerging new mutations in UP sequences was undertaken through the Sorting

Intolerant from Tolerant (SIFT) [30]. SIFT evaluated the functional consequences of the

variants, where the SIFT score of 0.0 to 0.5 indicates deleterious effect and >0.05 was

interpreted as a toleratable mutation. The Identified variants of UP sequences were visualized

through the R package [31].

3. Results and Discussion

3.1 Demographic Representation

In this study, a total of 47 genomes of SARS-CoV-2 were sequenced using the long reads

PromethION sequencer. All the samples were from UP state of India representing 13

different districts (**Fig 1a**).   The samples were collected from symptomatic as well as

asymptomatic patients in which the male-female ratio of patients was 3:1. The age of the

patients varied between 2 and 86 years with a mean age of 35 years. The maximum number

of samples were collected in May, 2020. Only the sample numbers 2 and 13 were collected in

the months of March and April, 2020, respectively (**Supplementary File 1**). The mean

coverage of all the samples was 9000X which was related to the ct value of the samples (**Fig.**

1b).

3.2 Assembly of the whole genome

The resulting fastq and fast5 files of the nanopore PromethION sequencer were quality

checked by the artic network pipeline [20]. The amplicon reads of 300 to 700 base pair length

were removed from the raw fastq file to avoid the generation of chimeric reads. Filtered fastq

file and raw fast5 format files of each sample were taken as input for whole-genome

assembly. The MN908947.3 genome was used as a reference to generate the consensus

sequence for each sample individually. Additionally, medaka parameters were also used to

identify the variants or SNPs based on assembled reads during the generation of the

consensus sequence. To avoid the ambiguity at the time of SNP calling, the primer binding

region in the genome was masked. The resulting Single-nucleotide Polymorphism (SNPs)

were considered as true SNPs in our sequenced samples data because they had high-quality

read depth (~300) at each base pair. These High-quality SNP reads were used to define the

unique mutation features in the SARS-CoV-2 genome sequences of UP in comparison to the

sequences from other states of India as well as from different continents. The assembled

whole-genome sequences were submitted to the GISAID with accession ID

(EPI_ISL_516940-EPI_ISL_516986).   The   metadata   information   is   available   in

Supplementary File 1.

3.3 Phylodynamic analyses of the assembled genome

Phylodynamic clustering was used for clade assignment in our assembled genome based on

nextstrain where we could trace the origin of the clade concerning the specific mutation on

the genomic region. A total of 47 assembled genomes of SARS-CoV-2 from 13 different

districts of UP in India, and 856 genomes from 21 different states of India as available on 10th

June were used to perform the phylodynamic clustering according to the new clade

classification by taking the Wuhan SARS-CoV-2 reference genome (EPI_ISL_406798) as an

outlier. The information on the sequences including their accession number, sample name,

collection date is mentioned in **Supplementary File 2**.

The augur pipeline [32] was used for the alignment of all the sequences, their phylogenetic

clustering, defining the interquartile range and deciphering the time resolving tree, using

SARS-CoV-2 (MN908947.3) genome as the root. The resulting filtered tree was subjected to

define the potential emerging clades based on nucleotide mutation(s). Indian samples were

clustered into earlier designated five clusters delineated by Nextstrain viz., 19A, 19B, 20A,

20 B, 20C (**Fig. 2a**) [33]. According to these authors, two clades viz., 19A and 19B were

primitive and dominated by Asian countries, and were delineated by C to T mutation at 8782

position in ORF1ab region, and T to C mutation at 28144 position, respectively. A total of

43% of processed sequences of India (380 out of the 880) were aligned with these two clades.

The clades 20A and 20B were considered as European clade by these authors based on the

dominance of European sequences in these two clades. The clade 20C is well known as North

American cluster [33]. The remaining Indian sequences (out of 880 total) were aligned with

these three clades, which deviated from the root (19A) in early 2020. Most of the Indian

sequences (366) were clustered into 20A clade, followed by 19A clade (333) (**Fig. 2b**). The

least number of Indian sequences belongs to 20C clade. The United State of America (USA)

is the primary source for 20C clade and only 4 Indian sequences (two each from Delhi and

Gujarat) were aligned to it. The sequences from Delhi (EPI_ISL_435063, EPI_ISL_435064)

did not show any nucleotide or amino-acid mutation, while sequences from Gujarat

(EPI_ISL_435051, EPI_ISL_435052) had two missense variations (A55C, C241T) in

ORF1ab region.

Out of 47 SARS-CoV-2 genome sequences obtained in the current study for UP, 17

sequences belong to 19A clade, 23 to 20A and 7 to 20C clade. None of the sequences were

aligned with 19B and 20C clades **(Fig. 2c)**. Eleven sequences for UP, submitted by earlier

workers to the Nextstrain also belong only to 19A, 20A and 20C clades. Although originally

nextstrain global page classified these two clades (19B and 20C) as Asian and North

American based on the mutation pattern and the respective continental dominance of

sequences, the increasing number of sequence deposition to the database is now somewhat

exhibiting a mixed geographical distribution.

3.4 Estimation of the date of origin

The mutation rate of the 47 sequenced genomes was estimated through BEAST software

using the coalescent model as the prior of the trees [26]. The estimated rate of mutation was

predicted as 3.279e-04 substitutions per site per year for the given SARS-CoV-2 genome

sequences. Highest Posterior Density (95 %) intervals are in the range of 2.24e-04 to 4.459e-

04. (**Supplementary File 3**). The substitution rate was further confirmed through the treetime

software [27] where root to tip regression rate was calculated as 3.02e-04 with the 0.05

correlation value (**Fig. 3**). This correlation value indicates the informative behavior of inputs

for temporal information to rationalize the molecular clock approach. The root date of the

SARS-CoV-2 genome from UP state was estimated as 29 December, 2019 which

substantiated the reported timing of this virus in Wuhan city of China [34].

3.5 Assessment of unique Mutational features in different states of India

We identified the unique mutational features in the SARS-CoV-2 genomes of other states of India. The unique mutation rate is ~0.88% of the total sequenced genomes with 0.42 synonymous to nonsynonymous mutation ratio. For the isolation of unique SNP features, we selected only those states for which at least 10 sequences of SARS-CoV-2 genome were available as on 10th of August, 2020. Thus, 12 states viz., Gujarat, Maharashtra, Telangana, Delhi, Odisha, Karnataka, West Bengal, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh were selected in order of descending sequenced genome numbers **(Supplementary File 4).** We strike off the common mutation positions from different continents (Asia, Africa, Eurasia, North America, Oceania, and South America) to check the mutated version of the SARS-CoV-2 genome in the Indian strain. The highest number of unique mutation was annotated in Maharashtra followed by Gujarat, Odisha, Telangana, West Bengal and Karnataka **(Table 1)**. The unique SNP information was annotated on the SARS-CoV-2 reference genome (MN908947.3) and classified it into synonymous, missense, stop gain, stop loss, upstream gene variant and downstream gene variant categories **(Fig. 4)**.

The state of Delhi had a very low unique mutation rate (0.23%) but had high death rate (2.66%). This suggests that Delhi was infected with a fatal version of the virus genome. The phylogenetic clustering by nextstrain also conformed this proposition as the genome from Delhi was clustered in 20C clade i.e. North American, which had high virulence causing large scale mortality [22]. The synonymous to nonsynonymous unique mutations (S/N) ratio of Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal and Tamil Nadu was high with significantly a higher death rate (**Table 1**). Contrastingly, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Telangana and Odisha showed a relatively lesser S/N ratio (**Fig. 4**). More or less these states also showed the lower mortality rate in comparison to the overall death rate of India (1.8%). Through this observation, we can estimate the death rate

by calculating the synonymous to nonsynonymous unique mutation ratio. This hypothesis

could be further validated with the increasing number of SARS-CoV-2 genome sequences of

all states.

3.6 Dynamic characterization of Unique SNP variation in UP state

We identified 56 distinct SNPs in 47 assembled sequences. Out of 56, 36 SNPs were

annotated as missense variants which cause amino acid changes in the SARS-CoV-2 genome.

Two nonsense mutations (T18126A, C18431T) showed the premature stop gain in the

ORF1ab region (**Table 2, Fig 5**). The functional evaluation of nonsynonymous mutations

predicated through Sorting Intolerant From Tolerant (SIFT) server, revealed the deleterious

effects of 37% of total unique mutations. A maximum number of deleterious mutations was

seen in the non-structural protein of ORF1ab region (Table 3). Threonine to Isoleucine

intolerable mutation at 6056th position in ORF1ab region affected the NSP11 protein in

NBRI-N21 sample. This deleterious mutation might change the polymerase activity of the

genomes, as it is associated with the programmed cell death evasion, cell cycle and DNA

replication [35,36].

One deleterious mutation was found in ORF3a, ORF7a, and ORF8 regions of the SARS-

CoV-2 genome (**Table 3**). The non-structural proteins present in these ORFs act as an

accessory factor [37], and assisted for virus-host interactions [38]. ORF3a regulates the

interferon signaling pathway and cytokines production [39]. Deleterious mutation in the

accessory protein has been reported in the latest evolving SARS-CoV-2 genome from Indian

populations [40] which corroborates our finding. A structural protein, N encodes

nucleocapsid protein shows the deleterious effects by the mutations at D371V, K370N,

D371Y, P279Q, and T362I positions. This protein has a highly conserved domain [41] that

plays a crucial function in the virus genome by regulating RNA transcription and modulating

the infected cell biological processes [42]. Another nonsynonymous, deleterious mutation

(V1570L) was observed in NSP3 protein in the NBRI-N42 sample. This protein has papain-

like viral protease activity to generate the other replicase subunits from nsp1 to nsp16 [43].

4. Conclusion

In this study, 47 SARS-CoV-2 genomes from Uttar Pradesh were sequenced with high

coverage third-generation sequencing technique. We identified 56 unique SNPs in our

sequenced genome in which a large number of SNPs in the ORF1ab region are deleterious.

These SNP variations might affect the replication of the virus genome during the infection

which could be the reason for the less death rate. The identified mutations in SARS-CoV-2

genome of 47 individuals could be used as the potential target for personalized medications

or effective vaccine doses to combat the effects of the COVID-19. Additionally, the relation

with the synonymous to nonsynonymous unique mutation ratio with the mortality could be

studied further to understand the putative region/SNPs that cause fatal to the human being.

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Fig. 1

a) The detailed map of the SARS-CoV-2 genome sequences of different districts of the Uttar

Pradesh state of India. The scale denoted the number of sequenced genome. Grey color

means no genome was sequenced while the darker blue color represents the highest number

of genome sequencing. b) The Co-linear plot of the Ct value of 47 positive COVID-19

patients to the coverage of the whole genome sequence long-read data. Each sample was

represented through the blue dots where higher Ct value shows high coverage data.

Fig. 2

a) The phylogenetic clustering of 880 samples of India according to the nextstrain defined

clade. The 19A and 19B clades are the primitive clades that were sequenced in early 2020;

whereas 20A, 20B and 20C clades are designated as emerging clades. The reference genome

of the Wuhan sample was implemented in the clustering trees which aligned in 19A clade

before the starting of the Jan-2020. b) Distribution of sequenced virus genome of India on

different clades that were visualized through the piechart. C) Classification of Uttar Pradesh

SARS-CoV-2 genome on different clades. The blue color bar shows the 47 assembled

sequences from this study and red color bar represents 11 downloaded sequences from

GISAID for UP.

Fig. 3

The root-to-tip regression rate of sequenced SARS-CoV-2 genome of Uttar Pradesh state of

India to investigate the origin of infection. X-axis describes the timing of the sample

collection of COVID-19 infected persons. Y-axis describes the regression rate in comparison

to the sample collection date. The origin of infection in Uttar Pradesh samples is estimated by

2019.5.

Fig. 4

Unique mutation features in 12 different states of India whose SARS-CoV-2 genome

sequences were present in GISAID database. The pie chart showed the different types of

variants that were annotated on the SARS-CoV-2 genome for different states of India. The

number of unique mutations variation per high-quality genome sequenced was mentioned in

parenthesis. Synonymous to Nonsynonymous (S/N) unique mutation ratio of respective states

were also depicted below the pie chart for each state. In the pie chart of Uttar Pradesh, the

downloaded sequences and the assembled sequences were mentioned separately with plus(+)

sign.

Fig. 5

The nonsynonymous mutation variation of the SARS-CoV-2 genome for 47 sequenced

samples from Uttar Pradesh. The scale bar shows the length of the genome. Dashed line with

a brown color number represents the putative mutation on the genome. Black color bases are

the missense variations while red color shows the stop gain at the genomic region.

Table 1

The statistics of the different selected states of India with their unique mutation rate,

mortality rate and synonymous to nonsynonymous unique mutation ratio according to the

mid-August, 2020 COVID-19 case.

Table 2

Detail list of nonsynonymous SNP mutations of 47 sequences from UP with their alignment

position on the genome at nucleotide and protein level. The different colored cells represent

different genes while the stop codon was highlighted in green color.

Table 3

The Putative nonsynonymous mutation with their SIFT score. The SIFT score value less than

0.05 are depicted as a deleterious mutation, highlighted in yellow whereas the unhighlighted

SIFT score values are predicted as a tolerable mutation.

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503 **Table 1**

State	Sequenced Genome	Unique mutation	Mutation rate (Unique mutation / sequence)	Fatality rate	Synonymous /Nonsynonymous (N/S) ratio
Gujarat	467	417	0.892933619	3.336060568	0.46
Maharastra	379	422	1.113456464	3.261071861	0.45
Telenagana	330	243	0.736363636	0.717308726	0.4
Delhi	258	60	0.23255814	2.663099352	0.49
Odisha	227	273	1.202643172	0.5883102	0.32
Karnataka	205	141	0.687804878	1.68566019	0.37
West Bengal	186	227	1.220430108	2.011953626	0.6
Uttarakhand	63	87	1.380952381	1.322401481	0.38
Uttar Pradesh	11 + 47	11 + 56	1.155172414	1.558198114	0.4
Madhya Pradesh	45	33	0.733333333	2.431820632	0.5
Tamil Nadu	36	49	1.361111111	1.717780091	0.55
Haryana	35	13	0.371428571	1.10874122	0.09

510   **Table 2**

Sample_ID	POS	REF	ALT	Gene	Mutation	Type of mutation
NBRI-N24	936	C	T	ORF1ab	Thr224Ile	missense_variant
NBRI-N25	1079	A	G	ORF1ab	Asn272Asp	missense_variant
NBRI-N38	1380	C	T	ORF1ab	Ala372Val	missense_variant
NBRI-N48	1947	T	C	ORF1ab	Val561Ala	missense_variant
NBRI-N51	2295	C	T	ORF1ab	Thr677Ile	missense_variant
NBRI-N22	3741	T	C	ORF1ab	Ile1159Thr	missense_variant
NBRI-N55	4716	C	T	ORF1ab	Thr1484Ile	missense_variant
NBRI-N42	4973	G	T	ORF1ab	Val1570Leu	missense_variant
NBRI-N47	5310	C	T	ORF1ab	Thr1682Ile	missense_variant
NBRI-15	7749	C	T	ORF1ab	Thr2495Ile	missense_variant
NBRI-N39	8359	T	A	ORF1ab	His2698Gln	missense_variant
NBRI-N24	8636	A	G	ORF1ab	Thr2791Ala	missense_variant
NBRI-N26	8688	G	T	ORF1ab	Gly2808Val	missense_variant
NBRI-N42	9165	C	T	ORF1ab	Thr2967Ile	missense_variant
NBRI-N44	12476	A	G	ORF1ab	Met4071Val	missense_variant
NBRI-N30	14653	G	T	ORF1ab	Met4796Ile	missense_variant
NBRI-N48	15543	G	A	ORF1ab	Arg5093Gln	missense_variant
NBRI-N21	16912	G	T	ORF1ab	Leu5549Phe	missense_variant
NBRI-N49	19170	C	T	ORF1ab	Ser6302Leu	missense_variant
NBRI-N50	19374	C	T	ORF1ab	Ser6370Phe	missense_variant
NBRI-N21	19586	C	T	ORF1ab	Leu6441Phe	missense_variant
NBRI-N58	21911	C	A	S	Leu117Ile	missense_variant
NBRI-N32	22436	G	T	S	Ala292Ser	missense_variant
NBRI-N49	23126	G	T	S	Ala522Ser	missense_variant
NBRI-N48	24620	G	T	S	Ala1020Ser	missense_variant
NBRI-N35	24680	G	T	S	Val1040Phe	missense_variant
NBRI-N48	25556	T	G	ORF3a	Val55Gly	missense_variant
NBRI-N39	26006	G	C	ORF3a	Ser205Thr	missense_variant
NBRI-N44	26158	G	T	ORF3a	Val256Phe	missense_variant
NBRI-N24	27493	C	T	ORF7a	Pro34Ser	missense_variant
NBRI-N34	27994	A	G	ORF8	Asp34Gly	missense_variant
NBRI-N20	28545	C	T	N	Thr91Ile	missense_variant
NBRI-N50	28869	C	T	N	Pro199Leu	missense_variant
NBRI-N57	29109	C	A	N	Pro279Gln	missense_variant
NBRI-N29	29383	G	T	N	Lys370Asn	missense_variant
NBRI-N34	29385	A	T	N	Asp371Val	missense_variant
NBRI-N20	18126	T	A	ORF1ab	Leu5954*	stop_gained
NBRI-N50	18431	C	T	ORF1ab	Gln6056*	stop_gained
NBRI-N28	19933	A	T	ORF1ab	Ter6556Cysext*?	stop_lost

512 **Table 3**

Sample_ID	Gene	Mutation	SIFT Score
NBRI-N34	ORF1ab	P5496S	0.81
NBRI-N57		T6056I	0.03
NBRI-N15		T2495I	0.55
NBRI-N16		T2016K	0.59
NBRI-N21		V4691F	0.01
		V5550L	0.02
		V5894I	0.59
		T6441I	0.85
NBRI-N22		S5483F	0.02
NBRI-N23		T5300I	0.13
NBRI-N25		N272D	0.06
NBRI-N27		P3395S	1
NBRI-N28		T6557S	0
NBRI-N30		V4797F	0
NBRI-N36		R24S	0.47
		G7063S	0.7
NBRI-N38		A372V	0.05
NBRI-N40		S558F	0.46
NBRI-N42		V1570L	0.02
		T2967I	0.25
NBRI-N47		T1682I	0.2
NBRI-N51		T677I	0.36
NBRI-N55		T1484I	0.05
		V4980L	0
NBRI-N39		H2698Q	0.18
NBRI-N24		T224I	0.03
NBRI-N26		G2808V	0.14
NBRI-N17	N	D343H	0.19
NBRI-N34		D371V	0.01
NBRI-N29		K370N	0.02
		D371Y	0.01
NBRI-N50		P199L	0.11
NBRI-N57		P279Q	0
NBRI-N41		T362I	0.03
NBRI-N48	S	A1020S	0.39
NBRI-N32		A292S	0.64
NBRI-N35		V1040F	0.12
NBRI-N49		L5F, A522S	0.10,0.73
NBRI-N58		L117I	0.76
NBRI-N39	ORF3a	S205T	0.06
NBRI-N48		V55G	0
NBRI-N24	ORF7a	P34S	0
NBRI-N29	ORF8	D34G	0
NBRI-N26		V62L	0.54

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