

1 **Intragenic Recombination Influences Rotavirus Diversity and Evolution**

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16 **Abstract**

17 Because of their replication mode and segmented dsRNA genome, homologous recombination is assumed to be
18 rare in the rotaviruses. We analyzed 23,627 complete rotavirus genome sequences available in the NCBI Virus
19 Variation database, and found 109 instances of homologous recombination, at least 11 of which prevailed across
20 multiple sequenced isolates. In one case, recombination may have generated a novel rotavirus VP1 lineage. We
21 also found strong evidence for intergenotypic recombination in which more than one sequence strongly
22 supported the same event, particularly between different genotypes of segment 9, which encodes the serotype
23 protein, VP7. The recombined regions of many putative recombinants showed amino acid substitutions
24 differentiating them from their major and minor parents. This finding suggests that these recombination events
25 were not overly deleterious, since presumably these recombinants proliferated long enough to acquire adaptive
26 mutations in their recombined regions. Protein structural predictions indicated that, despite the sometimes
27 substantial amino acid replacements resulting from recombination, the overall protein structures remained
28 relatively unaffected. Notably, recombination junctions appear to occur non-randomly with hot spots
29 corresponding to secondary RNA structures, a pattern seen consistently across segments. In total, we found
30 strong evidence for recombination in nine of eleven rotavirus A segments. Only segment 7 (NSP3) and segment
31 11 (NSP5) did not show strong evidence of recombination. Collectively, the results of our computational
32 analyses suggest that, contrary to the prevailing sentiment, recombination may be a significant driver of
33 rotavirus evolution and may influence circulating strain diversity.

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36 **Introduction**

37 The non-enveloped, dsRNA rotaviruses of the family *Reoviridae* are a common cause of acute
38 gastroenteritis in young individuals of many bird and mammal species (Desselberger 2014). The rotavirus
39 genome consists of 11 segments, each coding for a single protein with the exception of segment 11, which
40 encodes two proteins, NSP5 and NSP6 (Desselberger 2014). Six of the proteins are structural proteins (VP1-4,
41 VP6 and VP7), and the remainder are non-structural proteins (NSP1-6). The infectious virion is a triple-layered
42 particle consisting of two outer-layer proteins, VP4 and VP7, a middle layer protein, VP6, and an inner capsid
43 protein, VP2. The RNA polymerase (VP1) and the capping-enzyme (VP3) are attached to the inner capsid
44 protein. For the virus to be infectious (at least when not infecting as an extracellular vesicle), the VP4 spike
45 protein must be cleaved by a protease, which results in the proteins VP5* and VP8* (Arias, Romero et al. 1996).
46 Because they comprise the outer layer of the virion, VP7 and VP4 are capable of eliciting neutralizing
47 antibodies, and are used to define G (glycoprotein) and P (protease sensitive) serotypes respectively
48 (Matthijnssens, Ciarlet et al. 2008, Nair, Feng et al. 2017). Consequently, VP7 and VP4 are likely to be under
49 strong selection for diversification to mediate cell entry or escape host immune responses (McDonald,
50 Matthijnssens et al. 2009, Kirkwood 2010, Patton 2012).

51 Based on sequence identity and antigenic properties of VP6, 10 different rotavirus groups (A–J) have
52 been identified, with group A rotaviruses being the most common cause of human infections (Matthijnssens,
53 Otto et al. 2012, Mihalov-Kovacs, Gellert et al. 2015, Banyai, Kemenesi et al. 2017). A genome classification
54 system based on established nucleotide percent cutoff values has been developed for group A rotaviruses
55 (Matthijnssens, Ciarlet et al. 2008, Matthijnssens, Ciarlet et al. 2011). In the classification system, the segments
56 VP7-VP4-VP6-VP1-VP2-VP3-NSP1-NSP2-NSP3-NSP4-NSP5/6 are represented by the indicators G_x-P_[x]-I_x-
57 R_x-C_x-M_x-A_x-N_x-T_x-E_x-H_x, (x = Arabic numbers starting from 1), respectively (Matthijnssens, Ciarlet et al.
58 2008, Matthijnssens, Ciarlet et al. 2011). To date, between 20 to 51 different genotypes have been identified for
59 each segment, including 51 different VP4 genotypes (P[1]–P[51]) and 36 different VP7 genotypes (G1–G36),
60 both at 80% nucleotide identity cutoff values (Steger, Boudreaux et al. 2019).

61 The propensity of rotavirus for coinfection and outcrossing with other rotavirus strains makes it a
62 difficult pathogen to control and surveil, even with current vaccines (Rahman, Matthijnssens et al. 2007,
63 Matthijnssens, Ciarlet et al. 2008, Matthijnssens, Bilcke et al. 2009, Kirkwood 2010, Ghosh and Kobayashi
64 2011, Sadiq, Bostan et al. 2018). Understanding rotaviral diversity expansion, genetic exchange between strains
65 (especially between the clinically significant type I and type II genogroups), and evolutionary dynamics
66 resulting from coinfections have important implications for disease control (Rahman, Matthijnssens et al. 2007,
67 Matthijnssens, Ciarlet et al. 2008, Matthijnssens, Bilcke et al. 2009, Kirkwood 2010, Ghosh and Kobayashi
68 2011, Sadiq, Bostan et al. 2018). Rotavirus A genomes have high mutation rates (Matthijnssens, Heylen et al.
69 2010, Donker and Kirkwood 2012, Sadiq, Bostan et al. 2018), undergo frequent reassortment (Ramig and Ward
70 1991, Ramig 1997, Ghosh and Kobayashi 2011, McDonald, Nelson et al. 2016), and the perception is that these
71 two processes are the primary drivers of rotavirus evolution (Doro, Farkas et al. 2015, Sadiq, Bostan et al.

72 2018). Genome rearrangements may also contribute to rotavirus diversity, but are not believed to be a major
73 factor in rotavirus evolution (Desselberger 1996). Homologous recombination, however, is thought to be
74 especially rare in rotaviruses due to their dsRNA genomes (Ramig 1997, McDonald, Nelson et al. 2016,
75 Varsani, Lefeuvre et al. 2018). Unlike +ssRNA (Lukashev 2005) viruses and DNA viruses (Pérez-Losada,
76 Arenas et al. 2015), dsRNA viruses cannot easily undergo intragenic recombination because their genomes are
77 not replicated in the cytoplasm by host polymerases, but rather within nucleocapsids by viral RNA-dependent
78 RNA polymerase (Ramig 1997, Patton, Vasquez-Del Carpio et al. 2007). Genome encapsidation should
79 significantly reduce the opportunities for template switching, the presumptive main mechanism of
80 intramolecular recombination (Lai 1992, Pérez-Losada, Arenas et al. 2015).

81 Despite the expectation that recombination should be rare in rotavirus A, there are nevertheless
82 numerous reports of recombination among rotaviruses in the literature (Suzuki, Gojobori et al. 1998, Parra, Bok
83 et al. 2004, Phan, Okitsu et al. 2007, Phan, Okitsu et al. 2007, Cao, Barro et al. 2008, Martinez-Laso, Roman et
84 al. 2009, Donker, Boniface et al. 2011, Jere, Mlera et al. 2011, Esona, Roy et al. 2017, Jing, Zhang et al. 2018).
85 However, a comprehensive survey of 797 rotavirus A genomes failed to find any instances of the same
86 recombination event in multiple samples (Woods 2015). There are two possible explanations for this outcome.
87 Either the putative recombinants were spurious results stemming from poor analytical technique or were poorly
88 fit recombinants that failed to increase in frequency in the population such that they would be resampled
89 (Woods 2015). The main implications of this study are that recombination among rotavirus A is rare, usually
90 disadvantageous, and not a significant factor in rotavirus evolution.

91 Since the number of publicly available rotavirus A whole segment genomes is now over 23,600, it is
92 worth revisiting these conclusions to see if they are still valid. To this end, we used bioinformatics tools to
93 identify possible instances of recombination among all available complete rotavirus A genome sequences
94 available in the NCBI Virus Variation database as of May, 2019. We found strong evidence for recombination
95 events among all rotavirus A segments with the exception of NSP3 and NSP5. In several cases, the
96 recombinants were fixed in the population such that several hundred sampled strains showed remnants of this
97 same event. These reports suggest that rotavirus recombination occurs more frequently than is generally
98 appreciated, and can significantly influence rotavirus A evolution.

99 **Methods**

100 *Sequence Acquisition and Metadata Curation*

101 We downloaded all complete rotavirus genomes from NCBI's Virus Variation Resource as of May 2019
102 (n = 23,627) (Hatcher, Zhdanov et al. 2017). Laboratory strains were removed from the dataset. Genomes that
103 appeared to contain substantial insertions were excluded as well. Avian and mammalian strains were analyzed
104 separately as recombination analyses between more divergent genomes can sometimes confound the results. No
105 well-supported events were identified among the avian strains. For each rotavirus genome, separate fasta files
106 were downloaded for each of the 11 segments. Metadata including host, country of isolation, collection date, and
107 genotype (genotype cutoff values as defined by (Matthijnssens, Ciarlet et al. 2008)) were recorded. The

108 genotype cutoff values allowed for the differentiation of events that occurred between two different genotypes—
109 intergenotypic—from those which occurred between the same genotype—intragenotypic.

110 *Recombination Detection and Phylogenetic Analysis*

111 All 11 segments of each complete genome were separately aligned using MUSCLE v3.8.31 (Edgar
112 2004) after removing any low quality sequence (e.g., ‘Ns’). Putative recombinants were identified using RDP4
113 Beta 4.97, a program, which employs multiple recombination detection methods to minimize the possibility of
114 false positives (Martin, Murrell et al. 2015). All genomes were analyzed, with a p-value cut off < 10E-4, using
115 3Seq, Chimæra, SiScan, MaxChi, Bootscan, Geneconv, and RDP as implemented in RDP4 (Martin, Murrell et
116 al. 2015). We eliminated any strains that did not show a putative recombination event predicted by at least 6 of
117 the above listed programs. We then ran separate phylogenetic analyses on the ‘major parent’ and ‘minor parent’
118 sequences of putative recombinants in BEAST v1.10.4 using the general time reversible (GTR) + Γ + I
119 substitution model (Suchard, Lemey et al. 2018). ‘Parent’ in this case does not refer to the actual progenitors of
120 the recombinant strain, but rather those members of the populations whose genome sequences most closely
121 resemble that of the recombinant. Significant phylogenetic incongruities with high posterior probabilities
122 between the ‘major parent’ and ‘minor parent’ sequences were interpreted as convincing evidence for
123 recombination.

124 *Phylogenetic Analysis of VP1 and VP3*

125 Segment 1 (VP1) and segment 3 (VP3) each showed evidence for recombination events resulting in a
126 novel lineage, wherein many isolates reflected the same recombination event. To analyze these events more
127 thoroughly, we split alignments of a subset of environmental isolates to include flagged clades, minor parent
128 clades, and major parent clades along with outgroup clades to improve accuracy of tip dating. We generated
129 minor and major parent phylogenies using BEAST v1.10.4 (Suchard, Lemey et al. 2018). We used tip dating to
130 calibrate molecular clocks and generate time-scaled phylogenies. The analyses were run under an uncorrelated
131 relaxed clock model using a time-aware Gaussian Markov random field Bayesian skyride tree prior (Minin,
132 Bloomquist et al. 2008). The alignments were run using a GTR + Γ + I substitution model and partitioned by
133 codon position. Log files in Tracer v1.7.1 (Rambaut, Drummond et al. 2018) were analyzed to confirm
134 sufficient effective sample size (ESS) values, and trees were annotated using a 20% burn in. The alignments
135 were run for three chains with a 200,000,000 Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) chain length, analyzed on
136 Tracer v1.7.1 (Rambaut, Drummond et al. 2018), and combined using LogCombiner v1.10.4 (Drummond and
137 Rambaut 2007). Trees were annotated with a 10% burn, and run in TreeAnnotator v1.10.4 (Suchard, Lemey et
138 al. 2018). The best tree was visualized using FigTree v1.4.4 (Rambaut 2019) with the nodes labeled with
139 posterior probabilities.

140 *RNA Secondary Structure Analysis*

141 To test the hypothesis that recombination junctions were associated with RNA secondary structure, we
142 generated consensus secondary RNA structures of different segments and genotypes using RNAalifold in the

143 ViennaRNA package, version 2.4.11 (Bernhart, Hofacker et al. 2008, Lorenz, Bernhart et al. 2011). The
144 consensus structures were visualized and mountain plots were generated to identify conserved structures that
145 may correspond to breakpoint locations. We made separate consensus alignments in two ways, by using the
146 same genotype and by combining genotypes. Due to the high sequence variability of the observed recombinants,
147 particularly in segments 4 (VP4) and 9 (VP7), we note that the consensus structures may vary substantially
148 depending on the sequences used in the alignments. Segments 7 (NSP3), 10 (NSP4), and 11 (NSP5) were not
149 analyzed due to only having one or no recombination events. Consensus structures could not reliably be made
150 for segment 2 (VP2). While the VP2 protein is relatively conserved across genotypes, it contains insertions
151 particularly in the C1 genotype, yet shows recombination across C1 and C2 genotypes.

152 *Protein Structure and Antigenic Epitope Predictions*

153 To evaluate whether recombination events resulted in substantial (deleterious) protein structure changes,
154 we employed LOMETS2 (Local Meta-Threading-Server) I-TASSER (Iterative Threading Assembly
155 Refinement) (Zhang 2008, Roy, Kucukural et al. 2010, Yang and Zhang 2015) to predict secondary and tertiary
156 protein structures. I-TASSER generates a confidence (C) score for estimating the quality of the protein models.
157 To determine if any of the putative recombinants possessed recombined regions containing epitopes, we
158 analyzed the amino acid sequences of all VP4, VP6, and VP7 recombinants and their major and minor parents.
159 We used the Immune Epitope Database (IEDB) (Vita, Mahajan et al. 2019) and SVMTriP (Yao, Zhang et al.
160 2012) to predict conserved epitopes.

161 **Results**

162 *Strong Evidence for Homologous Recombination in Rotavirus A*

163 We identified 109 putative recombination events (identified by 6/7 RDP4 programs; Table 1,
164 Supplementary Table 1). Of these, 67 recombination events were strongly supported, meaning they were
165 detected by 7/7 RDP4 programs with a p-value cut off $< 10E-9$ (Table 1). Most recombination events detected
166 were observed in sequences uploaded to the Virus Variation database since the last large scale analysis (Woods
167 2015) so differences between these results and prior studies may simply reflect the recent increase in available
168 genome sequences.

169 *Putative Recombination Events Observed in Multiple Environmental Isolates*

170 Eleven of the recombination events identified in Table 1 were observed in more than one environmental
171 isolate (Fig. 1; Table 2). The observation of multiple sequenced strains with the same recombination event is
172 strong evidence that the observed event was not spurious, and was not a consequence of improper analytical
173 technique or experimental error. Assuming the events are not spurious, there are only two ways that multiple
174 sequenced isolates will show the same recombinant genotype. Either multiple recombination events with the
175 same exact breakpoints occurred at approximately the same time, or the event happened once and descendants
176 of the recombined genotype were subsequently isolated from additional infected hosts. The latter scenario is
177 more parsimonious, and suggests that the new genotype was not reproductively impaired. Indeed, some

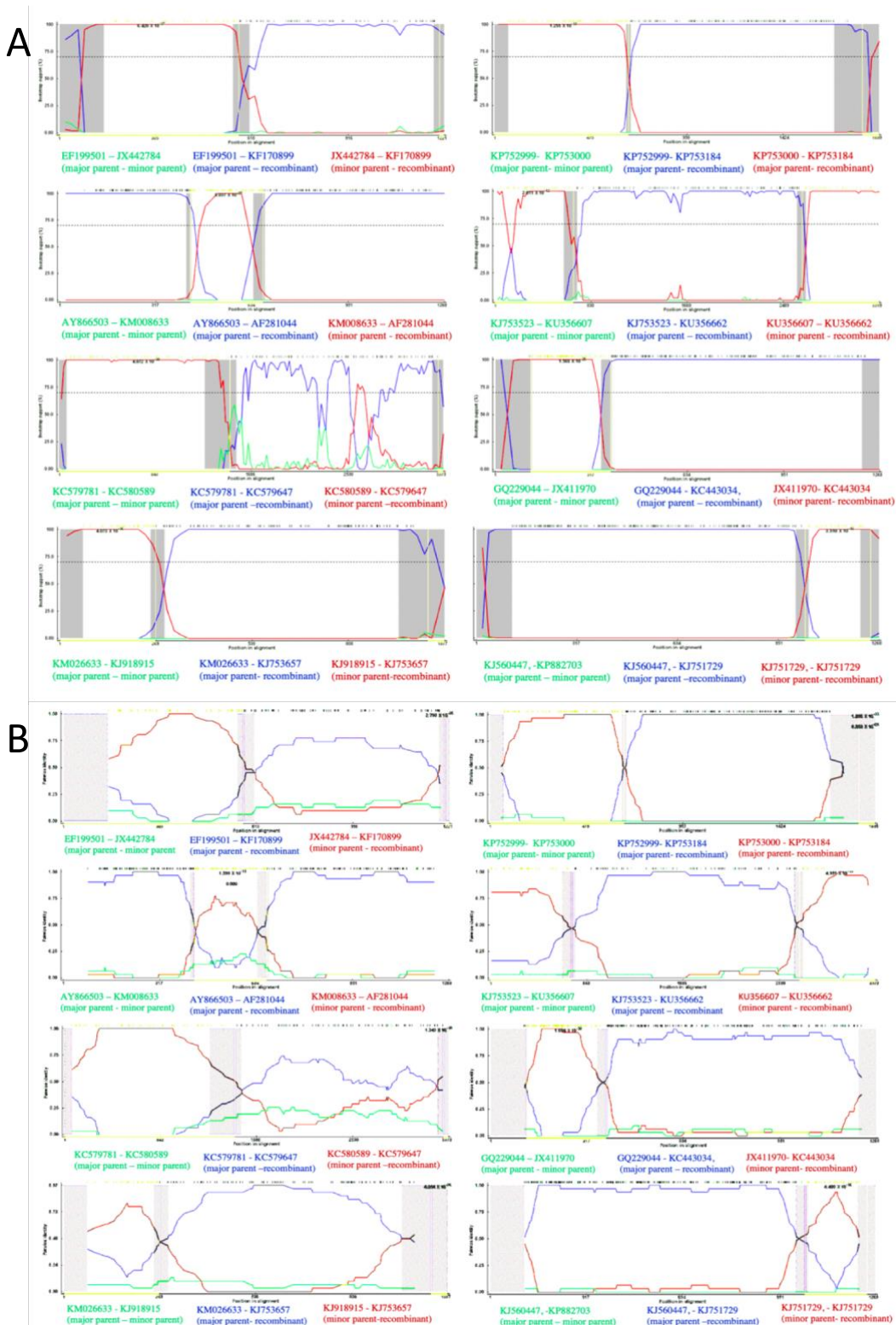
178 recombined genotypes may be more fit than their predecessors, but this outcome would need to be
 179 experimentally validated with infectivity assays.

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181 **Table 1.** *Recombination events identified among all mammalian rotavirus A genome sequences downloaded*
 182 *from NCBI Virus Variation database in May 2019 (Hatcher, Zhdanov et al. 2017). ^a6/7 programs implemented*
 183 *in RDP4 identified putative recombination event (see Methods). ^bEvents identified by 7/7 programs implemented*
 184 *in RDP4 or events where more than one environmental isolate showed the same event (see Methods). ^cStrongly*
 185 *supported events (Row 3) divided by number of sequences analyzed (Row 1). ^dNumber of intergenotypic events*
 186 *out of all putative recombination events (Row 2).*

	VP1	VP2	VP3	VP4	VP6	VP7	NSP1	NSP2	NSP3	NSP4	NSP5
Number of sequences analyzed	1710	1600	1905	1990	2176	3887	1962	2186	1881	2430	1900
Putative recombination events^a	15	13	16	11	11	24	11	4	0	3	1
Strongly supported events^b	7	8	15	7	6	14	7	1	0	1	1
Recombination frequency^c	4.1E-3	5.0E-3	7.9E-3	3.5E-3	2.8E-3	3.6E-3	3.6E-3	4.6E-4	--	4.1E-4	5.3E-4
Intergenotypic recombination ratio^d	2/15	8/13	4/16	6/11	7/11	22/24	3/11	2/4	--	2/3	1/1

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189 **Figure 1.** Bootscan (A) and RDP (B) analyses of putative recombinants where multiple environmental samples
 190 supported the event. From top left to bottom left: a G6-G6 event in VP7, a G9-G1 event, an R1-R1 event in VP1,
 191 and an N1-N1 event in NSP2. From top right to bottom right: an A8-A8 event in NSP1, an R2-R2 event in VP1,
 192 a G2-G1 event in VP7, and a G3-G1 event.
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194 **Table 2.** Recombination events observed in multiple independent environmental isolates (i.e., isolates from
195 different patients and/or sequenced by different laboratories). ^a99% confidence intervals. ^bSee Fig. 2.

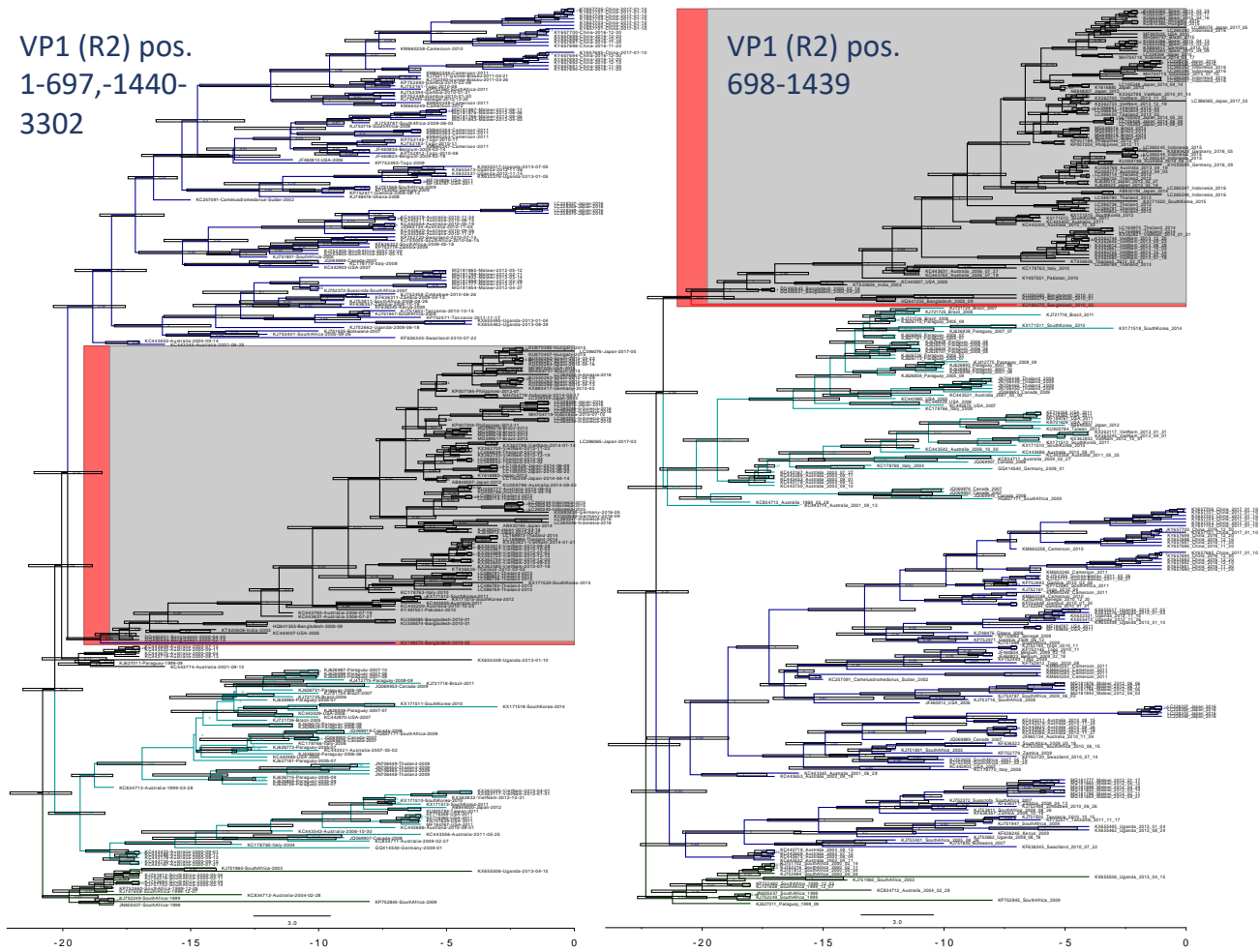
Recombined Segment	Genotype(s) Involved	Number of Independent Isolates	Corrected and Uncorrected Multiple Comparisons	Breakpoints ^a	Accession Numbers
Segment 1 (VP1)	R1	2	4.787E-18 and 1.349E-10	35 – 1448 (1290–1498)	KC579647 KC580176
Segment 1 (VP1)	R2	Flagged in 285 samples.	1.305E-16 and 3.332E-09	(541-711) – (1327–1445)	KU199270 ^b
Segment 1 (VP1)	R2	2	1.756E-20 and 4.951E-13	656 (541–711) – 2661 (2600–2735)	KU356662 KU356640
Segment 3 (VP3)	M2	Flagged in 551 samples.	1.78E-12 and 4.982E-05	1258 (872–1389) – 1798 (1662–1917)	KX655453
Segment 3 (VP3)	M1	Flagged in 107 samples.	2.491E-20 and 6.946E-13	2158 (2129–2174) – 2531 (undetermined)	KJ919553 KJ919517 KJ919551 KJ753665 JQ069727
Segment 7 (NSP1)	A8 (porcine)	3	3.01E-37 and 8.622E-30	(1434–25) – (573–596)	KP753174 KJ753184 KP752951
Segment 8 (NSP2)	N1	3	3.689E-13 and 4.054E-06	485 (455–499) – 889 (868–914)	KJ753657 KM026663 KM026664
Segment 9 (VP7)	G6 (bovine)	2	6.240E-12 and 2.780E-05	1048 (1032–128) – 481 (448–506)	HM591496 KF170899
Segment 9 (VP7)	G1 & G2	2	5.507E-38 and 1.664E-30	55 (994–60) – 291 (262–296)	KC443034 MG181727
Segment 9 (VP7)	G1 & G3	2	1.4E-23 and 4.230E-16	857 (833–859) – 1019 (991–51)	KJ751729 KP752817
Segment 9 (VP7)	G1 & G9	2	5.292E-19 and 1.599E-11	362 (346–366) – 589 (558–605)	AF281044 GQ433992

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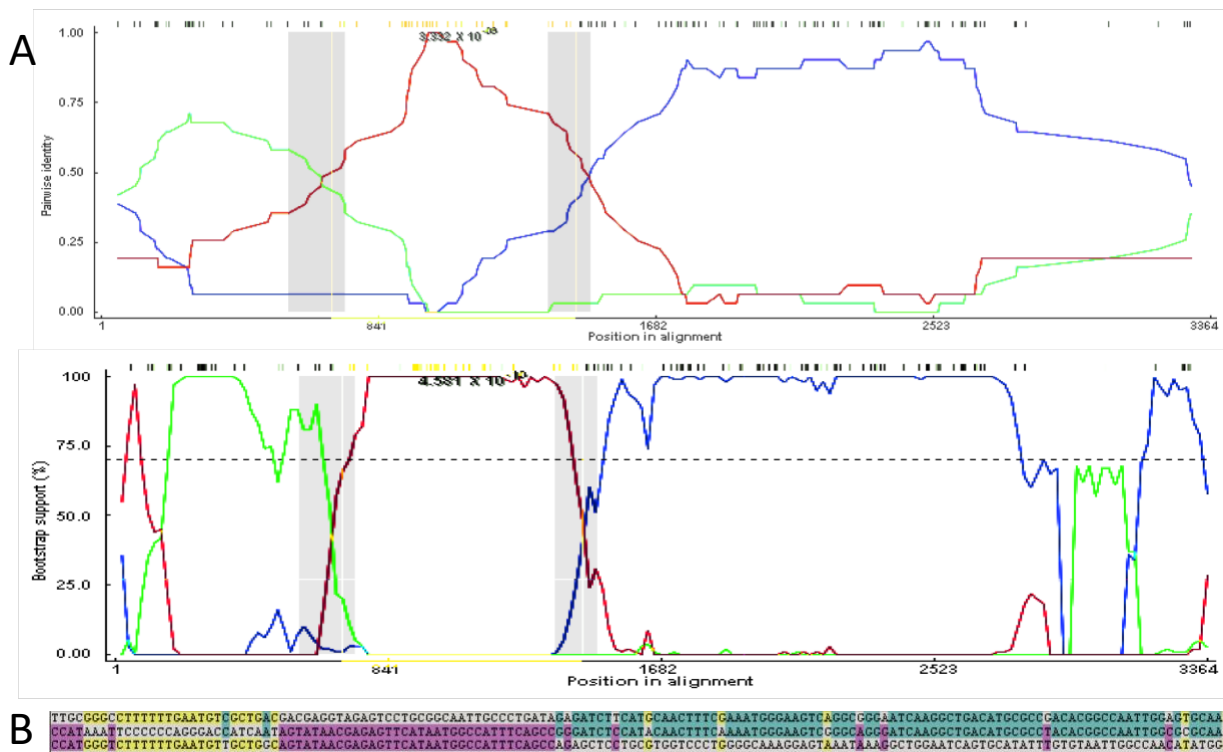
197 *Segment 1 Intragenotypic Recombination Resulting in a New Lineage*

198 Segment 1 (VP1; ~3,302 base pairs) showed evidence of a recombination event within the R2 clade that
199 was fixed in the population, and resulted in a new lineage (highlighted clade in Fig. 2; Fig. 3; Table 2). The
200 multiple comparison (MC) uncorrected and corrected probabilities were 1.305E-16 and 3.332E-09 respectively.
201 The sequence most closely related to the recombined sequence was KU199270, a human isolate from
202 Bangladesh in 2010 (Aida, Nahar et al. 2016). Phylogenetic analysis using tip calibration suggests that the
203 recombination event occurred no later than 2000-2005 (node Cis), so if this is a true recombination event, the
204 2010 sequence is not the original recombinant. The recombinant region is 100% similar to an isolate also from
205 Bangladesh in 2010 (KU248372) (Aida, Nahar et al. 2016), which also has a putative recombinant sequence in
206 another region of its genome. The breakpoint regions (99% CI: (541-711) — (1327-1445)) may represent a
207 potential hotspot for segment 1 recombination as multiple recombination events show breakpoints in this area

208 (Table 2). Phylogenetic analysis of the alignment of 250 representative sequences containing only the putative
209 recombinant region compared with the rest of the segment 1 sequence showed a consistent subclade shift within
210 the R2 clade. The recombination events resulted in the incorporation of the following amino acid substitutions in
211 the recombinant strains when compared to the major parent strain: 227 (K→E), 293 (D→N), 297 (K→R), 305
212 (N→K), and 350 (K→E).
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215 **Figure 2.** Bayesian phylogenetic analysis of a possible recombination event in VP1 that became fixed in the
216 population. The strain closest to the recombination event is highlighted in red. Major clades are colored to
217 show the phylogenetic incongruity. Nodes are labeled with posterior probabilities with 95% node height
218 intervals shown. Time axis at the bottom is in years before 2017.



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220 **Figure 3.** A) An RDP analysis (top) and a BootScan analysis (bottom) showing a putative recombination event
 221 between two R2 segment 1 genotypes. The red line compares the minor parent to the recombinant, blue line
 222 compares the major parent to the recombinant, and the green line compares the major parent to the minor
 223 parent. The Y-axis for RDP (top) is the pairwise identity, while the Y-axis for BootScan (bottom) is the bootstrap
 224 support. The X-axis is the sequence along segment 1. B) The relevant sites shown above color-coded to strain
 225 that the recombinant matches. The recombinant is the middle sequence, the minor parent is the bottom
 226 sequence, and the major parent is the top sequence. Mutations matching the major sequence are shown in blue,
 227 while mutations matching the minor parent are shown in purple. Yellow mutations show mutations not present
 228 in the recombinant sequence but which match the major and minor parent, possibly suggesting a second
 229 recombination event.

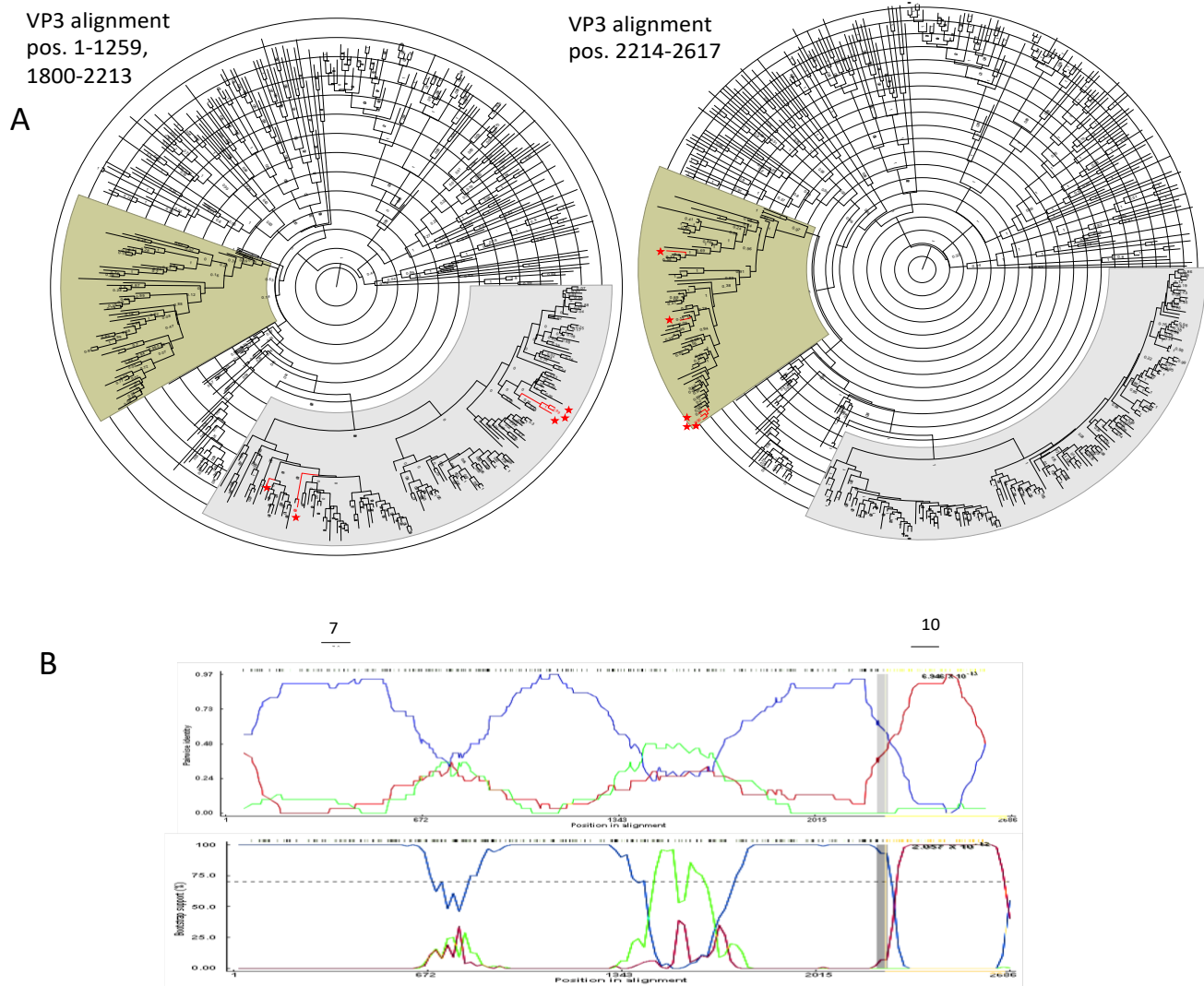
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231 Segment 3 Intragenic Recombination

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233 Two recombination events occurring in segment 3 (VP3) appear to have fixed in the population, and are
 234 seen in many descendant sequences (Table 2). The first strain identified as a putative recombinant is KJ753665,
 235 an isolate from South Africa in 2004. The recombinant region occurs between positions (2129-2174) — 2531.
 236 This region is 98.7% identical to a porcine strain isolated in Uganda in 2016 (KY055418)(Bwogi, Jere et al.
 237 2017), while the rest of segment 3 is 95.8% similar to a 2009 human isolate from Ethiopia (KJ752028). The
 238 Monte Carlo uncorrected and corrected probabilities were 2.491E-20 and 6.946E-13, respectively, with 107
 239 isolates flagged as possibly derived from the recombination event. Phylogenetic analysis using 450 randomly
 240 selected VP3 sequences (excluding sequences lacking collection dates) within the putative recombinant region,
 241 along with an analysis of the genome excluding the two major recombination events, resulted in five sequences
 showing a significant phylogenetic incongruity (Fig. 4). The incongruity appeared between sub-lineages within

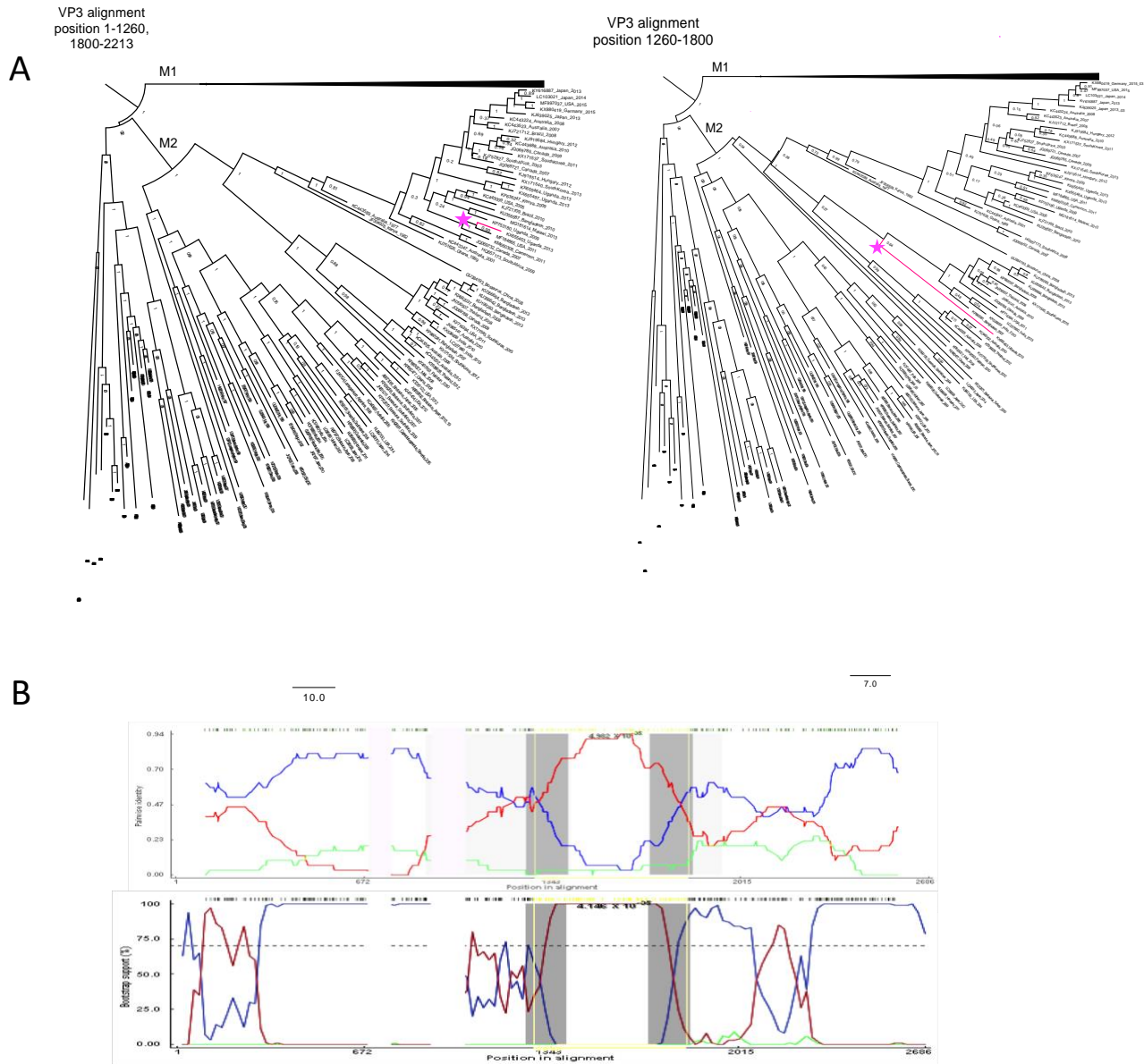
242 the larger M1 lineage of VP3. Amino acid substitutions in the recombinant region included positions 748
243 (M→T) and 780 (T→M).



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245 **Figure 1.** Segment 3 recombination event supported by multiple isolates. A) Phylogenetic trees made using
246 alignments from (left) nucleotide positions 1-1259 and 1800-2213 representing the major parent region
247 excluding second recombination event (Fig. 5), and (right) nucleotide position 2214-2617 representing the
248 minor parent sequence. B) BootScan (top) and RDP (bottom) analyses. The red line compares the minor parent
249 to the recombinant, blue line compares the major parent to the recombinant, and the green line compares the
250 major parent to the minor parent. The Y-axis for the BootScan analysis (top) is the bootstrap support, while the
251 Y-axis for the RDP analysis (bottom) is the pairwise identity. The X-axis for both analyses is the sequence along
252 segment 3.

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256 **Figure 5.** A) Phylogenetic analysis of segment 3. Left tree (major parent) was made from an alignment of
 257 nucleotide positions 1-1260 and 1900-2213 and right tree (minor parent) was made from nucleotide positions
 258 1260-1800. M2 strains have been collapsed, and recombinant is colored in pink. B) BootScan (top) and RDP
 259 analyses (bottom) of VP3 M2 putative recombinant. The red line compares the minor parent to the recombinant,
 260 blue line compares the major parent to the recombinant, and the green line compares the major parent to the
 261 minor parent. The Y-axis for BootScan is the bootstrap support, while the Y-axis for the RDP analysis is the
 262 pairwise identity. The X-axis in both analyses is the segment 3 sequence.

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265 A second potential recombination event was identified in segment 3 between sublineages within the M2
 266 lineage (Table 2; Fig. 5). However, when we created split alignments and ran a phylogenetic analysis in BEAST
 267 v1.10.4, only one sequence showed a phylogenetic incongruity supporting this event (KX655453). Amino acid
 268 substitutions as a result of this event included positions 405 (I→V), 412 (V→M), 414 (N→D), 441 (N→D), 458
 (I→V), 459 (I→T), 468 (L→F), 473 (N→D), 486 (M→I), 518 (N→S), and 519 (E→G).

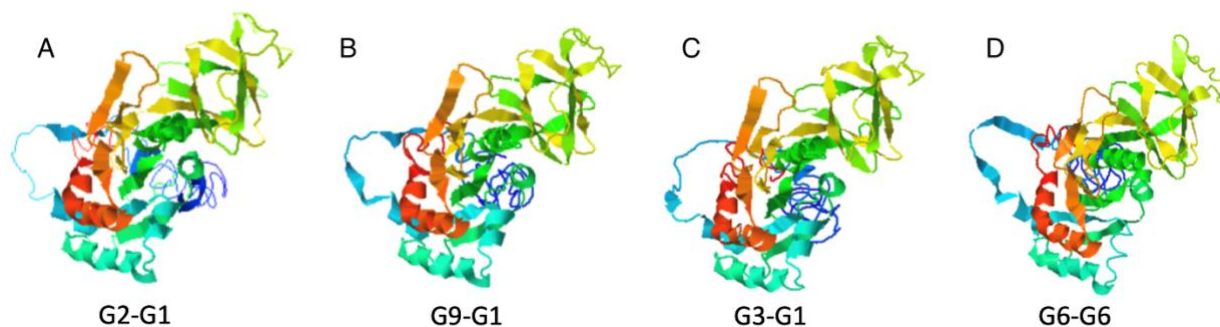
269 One possible complication with relying on phylogenetic incongruity as evidence of major recombination
270 events is that a recombinant virus may evolve faster than the parental strains, and, despite possessing an initial
271 fitness advantage such as immune avoidance, may eventually converge back towards the major parent's
272 sequence. Thus, phylogenetic analysis likely underestimates the frequency of transiently stable recombination
273 events in a population. This phenomenon may account for the observation that the number of VP3 isolates
274 flagged as deriving from a recombination event based on sequence analysis is greater than the prevalence of
275 recombination predicted by the phylogenetic analysis.

276 *Intergenotypic Recombination*

277 We found strong evidence for intergenotype recombination in all segments except segment 7 (NSP3)
278 and segment 11 (NSP5) (Table 1; Supplementary Table 1). Instances of intergenotypic recombination in
279 segment 1 (VP1) (KU714444, JQ988899) only occurred in regions where the amino acid sequence was highly
280 conserved across genotypes, so these events resulted in few, if any, nonsynonymous mutations. Of the putative
281 events observed in more than two environmental isolates with strong support from detection methods, only
282 events in segment 9 (VP7) occurred between different genotypes (Table 2). The segment 9 recombinant region
283 amino acid substitutions that match the minor parent and differ from the major parent are shown in
284 Supplementary Table 2.

285 *Structural Prediction of Recombinant Proteins*

286 The protein models generated by I-TASSER for the intergenotypic recombinant G proteins showed that,
287 although the amino acid changes for the G1-G2 recombinant were substantial (25 changes) (Supplementary
288 Table 2), the secondary and tertiary structures seemed largely intact (Fig. 6). The G3-G1 and G6-G6
289 recombinants each showed four amino acid changes. The G9-G1 recombinant showed the most secondary
290 structure disruption, including a loss of beta sheets, a loss of antiparallel beta sheets, and slightly shorter beta
291 sheets/helices, which could indicate lower stability. However, based on the structural modeling, the tertiary
292 structure appeared to be maintained, suggesting that the putative recombinant glycoproteins were able to form
293 properly folded G-proteins (Fig. 6).



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295 **Figure 6.** VP7 protein structures were predicted from amino acid alignments of the four strongly
296 supported G recombinants using I-TASSER. C-scores are confidence scores estimating the quality of
297 the predicted model, and range from [-5, 2], with higher scores indicate greater confidence A) G2-G1,

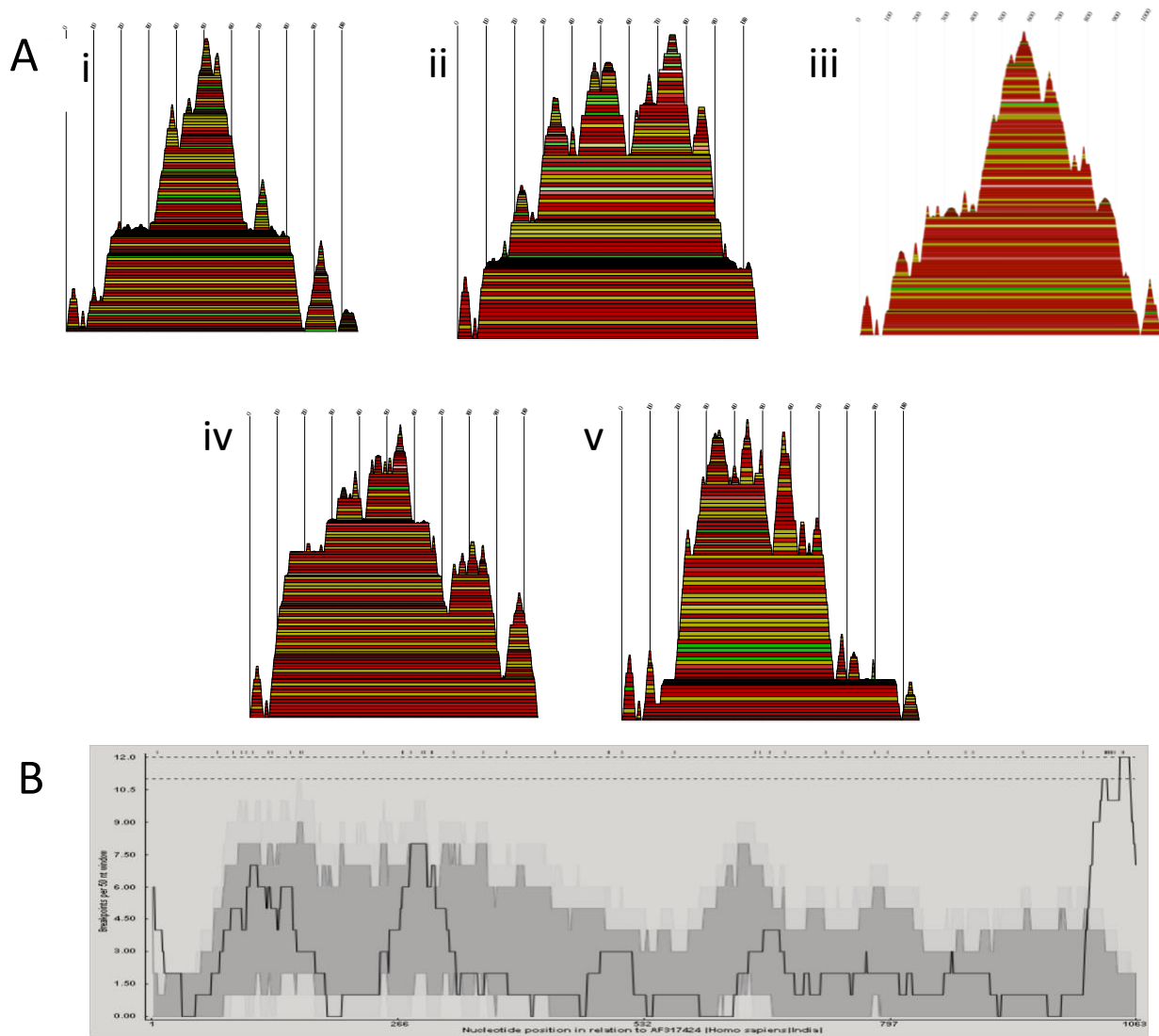
298 *C-score = -1.38, KC443034; B) G9-G1:AF281044, C-score = -1.29; C) G3-G1, C-score = -1.27*
299 *KJ751729; D) G6-G6: KF170899, C-score = -1.42.*
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301 Antigenic epitope predictions generated by IEDB (Vita, Mahajan et al. 2019) and SVMTriP (Yao,
302 Zhang et al. 2012), as well as a large study done on mammalian G-types (Ghosh, Chattopadhyay et al. 2012),
303 showed that VP7 recombination occasionally results in amino acid substitutions in conserved epitopes
304 (Supplementary Table 2). For example, the amino acid sequence RVNWKKWWQV is usually flagged as, or
305 part of, an epitope in most G types including G2, G3, G4, G6, G9, but not in G1. In the G2-G1 recombination
306 event flagged in multiple isolates (Table 2; Figure 1), this region is altered (sometimes a KR substitution and
307 sometimes multiple amino acid substitutions) (Supplementary Table 2). Moreover, despite containing highly
308 variable regions, the region where the recombination occurred had low solvent accessibility. The G3-G1
309 recombinant had amino acid substitutions in two of four conserved epitope regions due to the recombination
310 event. There was also a conserved epitope sequence around amino acids 297-316 in G9 proteins that was altered
311 in the G9-G1 recombinant so it no longer appeared as an epitope.

312 Structural predictions generated by I-TASSER suggest that, although the amino acid sequences may
313 diverge, the protein folding and three-dimensional structures remain relatively conserved (Fig. 6). Thus,
314 although the amino acid sequence substitutions do not result in significant changes to the protein structure, they
315 may nevertheless reduce binding by antibodies or T-cell receptors, and may provide a selective advantage in
316 allowing the virus to avoid immune surveillance.

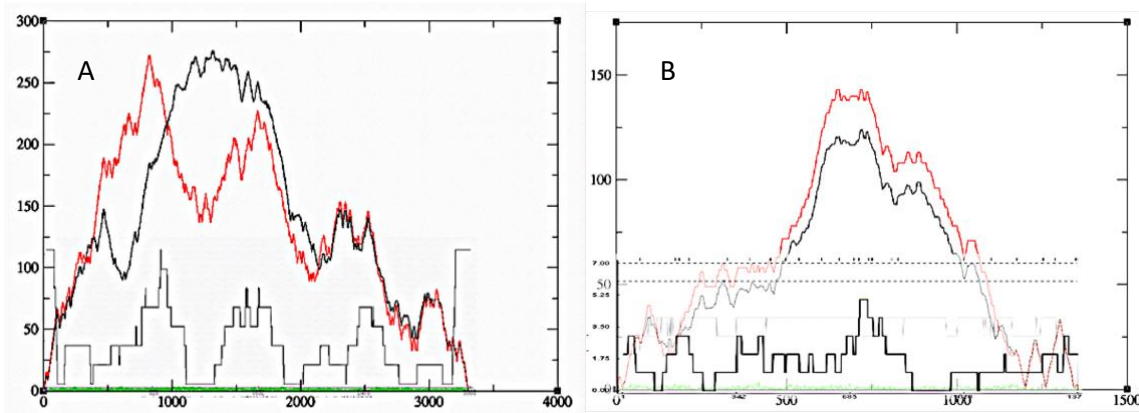
317 *Recombination Junctions Often Correspond to RNA Secondary Structure Elements*

318 Breakpoint distribution plots showed the sequence regions with the most breakpoints. These breakpoints
319 often corresponded to hairpins predicted by RNAalifold. Secondary RNA structure predictions for segment 9
320 (VP7) genotypes G1, G2, G6 and G9 are shown as mountain plots (Fig. 7). The breakpoints of the segment 9
321 recombination events correspond to areas leading to the peaks in the mountain plots (Fig. 7). The peaks indicate
322 a conserved hairpin loop, with the sequences leading up to the peak being the double-stranded portion of the
323 hairpin. Breakpoint distributions also appeared to correspond to secondary structure predictions made from
324 alignments of segment 1 (VP1) and segment (VP6) (Fig. 8). Segment 4 (VP4) RNA secondary structure
325 predictions (Supplementary Fig. 1) showed greater variation across genotypes, so while breakpoints did coincide
326 with secondary RNA structures as predicted by the models, there were not enough events in each genotype to
327 provide strong support that the breakpoints were correlated with secondary structure. The breakpoint
328 distributions for NSP1 and VP3 were also non-randomly distributed across the sequence (Supplementary Fig. 1),
329 however secondary structure predictions from these alignments were not consistent, so are not shown
330 (Supplementary Fig. 2).



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332 **Figure 7.** A) Consensus mountain plots made in RNAalifold using the ViennaRNA package of the predicted RNA
333 secondary structures based on alignments made using full sequences for each of the five segment 9 G types
334 involved in the intergenotypic recombination events: (i) G9 (ii) G6 (iii) G3 (iv) G1 (v) G2. Peaks represent
335 hairpin loops, slopes correspond to helices, and plateaus correspond to loops. The X-axis corresponds to the
336 sequence of the segment. Each base-pairing is represented by a horizontal box where the height of the box
337 corresponds with the thermodynamic likelihood of the pairing. The colors correspond to the variation of base
338 pairings at that position. Red indicates the base pairs are highly conserved across all the sequences, and black
339 indicates the least conservation of those base pairings. B) Breakpoint distribution plots made in RDP4 of
340 putative recombinants in segment 9. The X-axis shows the position in the sequence, and Y-axis shows the
341 number of breakpoints per 50 nucleotide window. The highest peaks are around X = 115, 285, 1050.



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343 **Figure 8.** Consensus mountain plots overlaid with breakpoint distribution plots for recombination events in A)
344 VP6 and B) VP1. Position in the nucleotide sequence is on the X-axis. The entropy curve represented in green.
345 The black curve represents the pairing probabilities, and the red curve represents the minimum free energy
346 structure with well-defined regions having low entropy.
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348 Discussion

349 Detecting Recombination: Recognizing Type I and Type II Error

350 Apparent instances of recombination may actually be the result of convergent evolution, lineage-
351 specific rate variation, sequencing error, poor sequence alignment, laboratory contamination or improper
352 bioinformatics analysis (Worobey, Rambaut et al. 2002, Boni, de Jong et al. 2010, Bertrand, Töpel et al. 2012,
353 Boni, Smith et al. 2012). Several steps can be taken to minimize incorrect attribution of viral recombination.
354 Ideally this process should begin at the time of sequencing. First, it should be confirmed that the originating
355 sample did not come from a host infected with multiple genotypes of the same virus type. Prior to RNA
356 extraction, single plaques should be repeatedly picked and plated (i.e. plaque purification) to ensure that
357 multiple genotypes are not inadvertently sequenced. Similarly, care must be taken when sequencing multiple
358 samples of the same virus to minimize the possibility of cross-contamination.

359 For sequences obtained from online repositories, such precautions are rarely possible. Instead careful
360 bioinformatics procedures can help minimize possible errors. As typical first step in identifying recombination
361 events, virus genome sequences are analyzed with software such as RDP4 (Martin, Murrell et al. 2015), but all
362 software programs are prone to error. For example, programs may falsely identify a recombination event when
363 none exists (type I error) or fail to detect a true recombination event when one exists (type II error). Several
364 studies measured errors incurred by RDP4 in the analysis of the genomes of tick-borne encephalitis virus, a
365 positive-sense RNA flavivirus that rarely recombines (Norberg, Roth et al. 2013, Bertrand, Johansson et al.
366 2016). The results of the analyses indicated that recombination was overestimated in these viruses, and that
367 certain detection methods were more prone to type I error (Norberg, Roth et al. 2013, Bertrand, Johansson et al.
368 2016). MaxChi, Chimaera, and SiScan showed higher false positive rates than other RDP4 programs, but had
369 greater power to detect true recombination events. By contrast, 3Seq and GENECONV displayed lower false
370 positive rates, but had the lowest detection power of true events.

371 False positives using RDP4 are especially common among closely related strains (Bertrand, Johansson
372 et al. 2016). That said, recombination events are likely occur between closely related strains given their close
373 spatial/temporal proximity and genetic compatibility, so caution should be used in inferring events between
374 highly dissimilar genotypes. When a positive recombination signal has been detected, it is essential to assess its
375 statistical significance. However, in RDP4, the P -value of 0.05 does not correspond to a 5% rate of false
376 positives (Bertrand, Johansson et al. 2016), therefore we used a cut-off value of $10E-04$ and focused only on
377 events where at least six RDP4 programs detected the putative recombinant.

378 After identifying putative recombination events, additional strategies can be used to eliminate errors.
379 For example, rates of type I and type II error increase with shorter length recombination regions (Boni, Zhou et
380 al. 2008, Norberg, Roth et al. 2013, Bertrand, Johansson et al. 2016). Therefore, we ignored any putative
381 recombination events of < 100 nt with the exception of one isolate in segment 4 (NSP4) and one isolate in
382 segment 5 (NSP5) as the putative recombinant regions in these isolates were in conserved regions at the ends of
383 the respective segments (Supplementary Table 1). In addition, we visually inspected sequence alignments to
384 exclude misaligned sequences (Boni, de Jong et al. 2010). Splitting alignments by major and minor parent
385 followed by carefully parameterized BEAST runs may help distinguish genuine phylogenetic incongruity
386 signals from spurious false positives. Furthermore, we checked for the presence of unique polymorphisms
387 differing from the parent strains within the suspected recombination region as they may provide evidence that
388 recombination events are not laboratory artifacts. Presumably such substitutions would reflect subsequent
389 adaptive evolution by the recombinant virus.

390 In addition, we noted how many times the same recombination event occurred across multiple samples
391 since false positive recombinants are likely to be present as single isolates in phylogenetic trees (Boni, de Jong
392 et al. 2010). The more isolates showing the same event, the greater the probability that it represents a true
393 recombination event, especially if the isolates were acquired and sequenced by different laboratories. Events that
394 showed strong support, but were only isolated in one sequence are noted (Supplementary Table 1), but not
395 discussed, as it is difficult to rule out the possibility of type I error due to PCR or mosaic contig assembly (Boni,
396 de Jong et al. 2010, Varsani, Lefeuvre et al. 2018).

397 Sequence metadata can also be used to identify unlikely recombination events. For an event to be
398 plausible, the major and minor parents should have had opportunity to coinfect the same host, which is only
399 possible if they are congruent in time and space (Boni, de Jong et al. 2010). For example, one study identified
400 influenza A virus strain A/Taiwan/4845/99 as a recombinant of A/Wellington/24/2000 and A/WSN/33 (He, Han
401 et al. 2008). Given that the two parents were isolated 77 years apart in different parts of the world, it is
402 exceedingly unlikely that is a natural recombination event. Any putative recombination events should be
403 carefully screened to determine if the parental strains could have plausibly interacted. In Supplementary Table 1,
404 we include information on source species, year and place of isolation, % average nucleotide identity, and
405 genogroup for all putative recombinants and their major and minor parents.

406 *Naturally High Coinfection in Rotavirus A*

407 Some features of rotavirus biology make recombination not only possible, but also relatively plausible.
408 Rotaviruses are often released from cells as aggregates of approximately 5-15 particles contained within
409 extracellular vesicles (Santiana, Ghosh et al. 2018). While it is not yet clear whether these extracellular vesicles
410 can contain different rotavirus genotypes, they do allow for rotavirus coinfection even at low multiplicities of
411 infection. Thus, the physical barriers to recombination in dsRNA viruses (Lai 1992) may be offset by the high
412 rates of coinfection resulting from vesicle transmission of rotaviruses.

413 Furthermore, infection of hosts by multiple rotavirus strains appears to be relatively common. In a study
414 of 100 children in the Detroit area, G and P typing, which identifies the serotype of the VP7 and VP4 proteins
415 respectively, revealed that ~10% of patients were infected with multiple rotavirus A strains (Abdel-Haq,
416 Thomas et al. 2003). Similarly high frequencies of G and P mixed genotype infections were observed in children
417 sampled in India (three studies showing multiple G types in 11.3 %, 12% and 21% of samples) (Husain, Seth et
418 al. 1996, Jain, Das et al. 2001, Khetawat, Dutta et al. 2002), Spain (>11.4% of samples) (Sánchez-Fauquier,
419 Montero et al. 2006), Kenya (5.9%) (Kiulia, Peenze et al. 2006), Africa (12%) (Mwenda, Ntoto et al. 2010), and
420 Mexico (5.6% in 2010, 33.5% in 2012) (Anaya-Molina, De La Cruz Hernández et al. 2018). Even higher
421 frequencies of mixed genotype infections were observed in whole genome studies. For example, among 39
422 Peruvian fecal samples genotyped using multiplexed PCR, 33 (84.6%) showed evidence of multiple rotavirus
423 genotypes (Rojas, Dias et al. 2019). In another study, whole genome deep sequencing revealed that 15/61 (25%)
424 samples obtained in Kenya contained multiple rotavirus genotypes (Mwanga, Nyaigoti et al. 2018). Given the
425 high genetic diversity of rotavirus populations (Kirkwood 2010, Ghosh and Kobayashi 2011, Sadiq, Bostan et
426 al. 2018), and their proficiency in infecting a broad range of mammalian hosts including many domesticated
427 animal species (Martella, Banyai et al. 2010, Doro, Farkas et al. 2015), the high frequencies of hosts infected
428 with multiple genotypes is not entirely surprising. These coinfections present abundant opportunities for
429 rotavirus recombination.

430 *Rotavirus Recombination Generates Genetic Diversity*

431 Homologous recombination previously has not been considered a significant driver in rotavirus genetic
432 diversity and evolution (Ramig 1997, Woods 2015). Recombination is usually expected to be deleterious as the
433 breakage of open reading frames may disrupt RNA secondary structure and alter protein functionality (Lai 1992,
434 Simon-Loriere and Holmes 2011). However, recombination, as with reassortment (Ramig and Ward 1991,
435 Iturriza-Gomara, Isherwood et al. 2001, Schumann, Hotzel et al. 2009, Ghosh and Kobayashi 2011, Jere,
436 Chaguza et al. 2018), may further increase rotavirus genetic diversity due to epistatic interactions resulting in
437 reassortant-specific or recombinant-specific mutations (Zeldovich, Liu et al. 2015). Formerly deleterious
438 mutations may become beneficial when the genetic background changes, resulting in an increase in circulating
439 pathogenically relevant viral strains.

440 In our study, most recombination events occurred between strains of the same genotype (Fig. 1; Table 2;
441 Supplementary Table 1). This outcome is consistent with the expectation that intragenotypic is more common
442 since it would less likely to disrupt protein or secondary RNA structure. Nonetheless, intragenotypic

443 recombination can have long lasting effects on rotavirus genetic diversity. For example, we identified a
444 recombinant sub-lineage within the R2 clade of segment 1, the polymerase-encoding segment (Fig. 2; Fig. 3;
445 Table 2). As the same event is found in strains isolated years apart from geographically distant locations, we can
446 infer that the resulting genotype was sufficiently fit enough to be maintained in the population and disperse
447 widely (Supplementary Table 1). This finding suggests that this homologous recombination event has had a
448 long-term effect on rotavirus diversity.

449 While comparatively less common, we observed instances of intergenotypic recombination in all
450 segments with the exception of segment 7 (NSP3), the only segment where we observed no recombination
451 events (Table 2; Supplementary Table 1). A previous study reported intergenotypic recombination events in
452 segment 6 (VP6), segment 8 (NSP2), and segment 10 (NSP4) (Jere, Mlera et al. 2011), so our study adds to the
453 number of segments able to tolerate intergenotypic recombination. Interestingly, the serotype proteins, VP4 and
454 VP7, have the most different genotypes, with 51 and 36 respectively (Steger, Boudreaux et al. 2019). Given this
455 genetic diversity, the chances of two viruses with different G or P types coinfecting a cell is substantially higher
456 than other segments. In addition, both VP4 and VP7 seem to be more prone to reassortment, and to tolerate more
457 divergent genetic backgrounds or genome constellations (Martella, Ciarlet et al. 2003, Gentsch, Laird et al.
458 2005, McDonald, Matthijssens et al. 2009, Patton 2012). This diversity and tolerance of many different genetic
459 backgrounds implies that VP4 and VP7 may be more tolerant of recombination between divergent strains than
460 the other segments. Our data seem to support this claim.

461 Specifically, we observed numerous instances of intergenotypic recombination in segment 9, the VP7
462 coding segment (Table 2; Supplementary Table 1). These events appear to be beneficial because the
463 recombinant genotypes persisted in populations long enough for multiple samples showing the same event to be
464 sampled (Table 2). For example, the same mosaic VP7 G6 gene (Fig. 8) was sequenced in multiple bovine
465 strains, one isolated in 2009 (HM591496) and another in 2012 (KF170899), by two separate research groups.
466 While still differentiable, the parents are closely related. However, in some instances, events between highly
467 divergent genotypes seem to have been able to persist in populations. Both a 2014 Malawi isolate (MG181727)
468 and a 2006 isolate from the United States (KC443034) showed a similar G1-G2 VP7 mosaic gene (Fig. 8). The
469 fact that these two G genotypes are highly divergent from one another and were identified in different years in
470 different locations by different research groups supports the contention that it is a true recombination event.
471 Altogether, 22/24 instances of recombination in segment 9 occurred between different G serotypes
472 (Supplementary Table 1). These examples indicate that mosaic genes formed from two divergent genotypes are
473 relatively common and increase the diversity of circulating VP7 genotypes.

474 In addition, 7/16 instances of recombination in segment 4 (VP4) were intergenotypic. Recombination
475 was observed between P4-P8, P6-P8, and P8-P14 serotypes (Supplementary Table 1). P4, P6 and P8 are all
476 relatively closely related being in the P[II] genogroup, while P14 is in the P[III] genogroup. These putative
477 recombination events suggest that relevant serotype diversity in human hosts is expanding. However, as P4, P6,

478 and P8 are also the dominant P types in human infections, there is a sampling bias towards this genogroup as the
479 genotypes within this group are more likely to coinfect humans, so caution should be taken with this conclusion.

480 Segment 5 (NSP1) also showed recombination between highly divergent strains. Not only is NSP1 not
481 strictly required for viral replication (Hua, Chen et al. 1994), it is also the least conserved of all rotavirus
482 proteins, including even the serotype proteins VP4 and VP7 (Arnold and Patton 2011), suggesting that
483 intergenotypic recombination disrupting the protein's amino acid sequence may be less likely to be deleterious.

484 Segments 7 (NSP3), 8 (NSP2), 10 (NSP4), and 11 (NSP5) all had low rates of recombination. These
485 segments are short thus recombination is expected to be less likely, however segment 9 (VP7), one of the
486 smallest segments, defies this pattern, having a high number of events observed. The smaller segments may also
487 be less able to tolerate recombination events due to the important roles they play during the formation and
488 stabilization of the supramolecular RNA complex (Fajardo, Sung et al. 2015) during rotavirus packaging and
489 assembly (Li, Manktelow et al. 2010, Suzuki 2015, Borodavka, Dykeman et al. 2017, Fajardo, Sung et al. 2017).

490 *Generation of Escape Mutants*

491 Recombination involving regions encoding conserved epitopes, especially in segments that encode
492 proteins involved in host cell attachment and entry, may provide selective advantages to rotaviruses by allowing
493 them to evade inactivation by host-produced antibodies. These escape mutants may be generally less fit than
494 wildtype viruses, but competitively advantaged in hosts because of a lack of host recognition. Subsequent
495 intrahost adaptation may then select for compensatory fitness-increasing mutations allowing these strains to be
496 competitive with circulating rotavirus strains. Many of the recombination events observed in our study appeared
497 to generate such escape mutants. For example, we found two instances of the same segment 9 (VP7) G1-G3
498 recombination event (Table 2; KJ751729 and KP752817) with amino acid changes in two of four conserved
499 epitope regions due to the recombination event, which suggests that this strain prevailed in the population
500 because it was better able to evade antibody neutralization.

501 Based on the I-TASSER structural predictions, the putative recombinant VP7 proteins detected in our
502 survey appear able to fold properly and form functional proteins despite containing amino acid sequence from
503 different 'parental' genotypes (Fig. 6). While the secondary structure appeared slightly altered (e.g., shorter beta
504 sheets), the recombinant VP7 proteins generally maintained their 3-dimensional shape. The selective advantage
505 from swapping epitopes may outweigh any potential decrease in protein stability resulting from recombination.

506 We also identified many recombination events involving segment 4 (VP4). In order to infect cells, VP4
507 must be proteolytically cleaved to produce VP5* and VP8* (Arias, Romero et al. 1996). Most of the segment 4
508 recombination events involved the spike head of the VP8* protein or the spike body/stalk region of the VP5*
509 protein (antigen domain). Escape mutant studies (Zhou, Burns et al. 1994, Ludert, Ruiz et al. 2002, Aoki,
510 Settembre et al. 2009, Nair, Feng et al. 2017) for VP4 show the VP8* spike head recognizes histo-blood group
511 antigens, which is one of rotavirus's main host range expansion barriers (Huang, Xia et al. 2012, Hu, Sankaran
512 et al. 2018, Lee, Dickson et al. 2018). VP5* mediates membrane penetration during cell entry (Yoder and
513 Dormitzer 2006). VP4 recombinants therefore may help the virus expand host range and aid in immune evasion.

514 Segment 6 (VP6) also showed recombination events resulting in substantial amino acid changes. VP6 is
515 a more conserved protein, but also an antigenic protein that interacts with naïve B cells (Parez, Garbarg-Chenon
516 et al. 2004). This feature suggests that there may be selection for VP6 escape mutants to evade host immune
517 responses. Structure analyses of VP6 indicated that it is relatively conserved across genotypes (Jiang,
518 Tsunemitsu et al. 1992, Tang, Gilbert et al. 1997, Charpilienne, Lepault et al. 2002), which may explain why
519 VP6 seems to have more frequent intergenotypic recombination. Conserved epitopes in VP6 exist around amino
520 acid positions 197 to 214, and 308 to 316 (Aiyegbo, Eli et al. 2014).

521 *Recombination in Other dsRNA Viruses*

522 Recombination has had a significant impact on the diversity of other dsRNA reoviruses (He, Ding et al.
523 2010). One study of 692 complete bluetongue virus segments found evidence for at least 11 unique recombinant
524 genotypes (1.6%) (He, Ding et al. 2010). The case for recombination among bluetongue viruses is strengthened
525 by the fact that viruses containing the same (or similar) recombinant segments were isolated by different
526 research groups in different countries at different times, indicating that the recombinant viruses persisted and
527 spread following the recombination event (Carpi, Holmes et al. 2010, He, Ding et al. 2010). Another study found
528 multiple possible instances of recombination in genome segment 8 (encoding NS2) of the epizootic hemorrhagic
529 disease virus, a reovirus similar to bluetongue virus (Anthony, Maan et al. 2009). Several studies have reported
530 recombination among the dsRNA rice black-streaked dwarf virus, which is also a member of the *Reoviridae*
531 family, but infects plants (Li, Xia et al. 2013, Yin, Zheng et al. 2013). Putative recombinants were identified in
532 six of the ten Southern rice black-streaked dwarf virus segments (Li, Xia et al. 2013, Yin, Zheng et al. 2013).
533 Finally, intragenic recombination was observed in multiple isolates of the African horse sickness virus, an
534 *Oribivirus* of the family *Reoviridae* (Ngoveni, van Schalkwyk et al. 2019). At least one of these events appeared
535 in multiple subsequent lineages (Ngoveni, van Schalkwyk et al. 2019).

536 In study of the family *Birnaviridae*, 1,881 sequences were analyzed for evidence of recombination
537 (Hon, Lam et al. 2008). While no interspecies recombination was observed, at least eight putative instances of
538 intraspecies recombination were observed among the infectious bursal disease viruses and the aquabirnaviruses
539 (Hon, Lam et al. 2008). Subsequent studies focusing on the infectious bursal disease viruses supported these
540 results, and identified additional potential recombination events (He, Ma et al. 2009, Jackwood 2012, Vukea,
541 Willows-Munro et al. 2014). We note that birnaviruses' genetic material is in a complex with ribonucleoprotein,
542 while the genetic material of *Reoviridae* members is free in the virion, which could be a factor in differing rates
543 of recombination across these dsRNA viruses.

544 Recombination has also been observed in dsRNA mycoviruses, including in the *Partitiviridae* (Botella,
545 Tuomivirta et al. 2015) and the *Hypoviridae* (Carbone, Liu et al. 2004, Linder-Basso, Dynek et al. 2005, Feau,
546 Dutech et al. 2014) and the *Totiviridae* (Voth, Mairura et al. 2006). Recombination in Gammartitivirus,
547 which infects the fungus *Gremmeniella abietina*, may have permitted the virus to cross species borders (Botella,
548 Tuomivirta et al. 2015). In cryphonectria hypovirus 1, which infects chestnut blight, recombination was
549 implicated in the spread of the virus in Europe (Feau, Dutech et al. 2014). Collectively, these studies, and those

550 of other dsRNA families, suggest that not only is recombination possible, but also significantly impacts virus
551 evolution. There is little doubt that this conclusion will be strengthened as more dsRNA viruses are discovered
552 and/or sequenced.

553 *Possible Mechanism of Recombination in Rotavirus*

554 The precise mechanism for how rotavirus recombination occurs is unknown, but inferences can be made
555 because many of the details regarding rotavirus replication and packaging have been resolved (McDonald and
556 Patton 2011, Borodavka, Desselberger et al. 2018). The most-accepted hypothesis is that recombination takes
557 place when the rotavirus +ssRNA is replicated after being packaged in the nucleocapsid (Esona, Roy et al. 2017,
558 Jing, Zhang et al. 2018). For packaging and replication to occur, the eleven +ssRNA segments must join a
559 protein complex consisting of the VP1 polymerase and the VP3 capping enzyme. Secondary RNA structures in
560 the non-translated terminal regions (NTRs) aid in the formation of this supramolecular RNA complex (Fajardo,
561 Sung et al. 2015, Borodavka, Dykeman et al. 2017) and determine whether the segments are packaged (Li,
562 Manktelow et al. 2010, Suzuki 2015). Perhaps recombination occurs when multiple homologous RNA strands
563 are joined in the same complex, allowing the homologous NTRs to partially hybridize. In this scenario, the VP1
564 polymerase replicates part of one strand before switching to the other, thus producing a recombined segment.
565 This conjecture is supported by the fact that recombination tends to occur in segment regions where self-
566 hybridization forms three-dimensional structures. Moreover, rotavirus do not seem constrained from packaging
567 extra genetic material (Desselberger 1996). A similar form of template switching is seen in poliovirus, an
568 ssRNA virus, which exhibits high rates of recombination, although the precise mechanism may be different in
569 that case insofar as in poliovirus, the polymerase may be stalled due to a hairpin or other secondary structure,
570 and switches to a different template (Tolskaya, Romanova et al. 1987). Further study is needed to determine the
571 precise mechanism of recombination in rotavirus.

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897 **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

898 **Supplementary Table 1. Putative recombination events identified by RDP4 for whole genome**
 899 **Rotavirus A sequences. A total of 117 events were identified by at least 6/7 RDP4 programs. Shaded**
 900 **rows indicate strongly supported events (identified by 7/7 RDP4 programs or found in multiple**
 901 **sequenced isolates). Events that were flagged by RDP4, but were not strongly supported are not listed**
 902 **here.**

Segment	Accession Number	Breakpoint Cis (Excluding Gaps)	p-Values	Representative Major Parent Sequence, Source Species, Year of Isolation, % ANI, Genogroup	Representative Minor Parent Sequence, Source Species, Year of Isolation, % ANI, Genogroup
VP1	JQ988899, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Croatia, 2006	970 (781-986) - 1734 (1693-1751)	RDP 1.02E-43 GENECONV 8.72E-48 BootScan 4.17E-32 MaxChi 1.15E-17 Chimera 1.05E-17 SiScan 4.30E-19 3Seq 2.96E-09	KX632342, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Uganda, 93.7%, R1	GQ414540, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Germany, 2009, 98.7%, R2
VP1	KU739903, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , Taiwan, 2015	1-(747-805)	RDP 1.19E-24 GENECONV 1.41E-21 BootScan 5.14E-21 MaxChi 8.41E-16 Chimera 3.57E-16 SiScan 9.64E-16 3Seq 2.83E-09	KU739900, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , Taiwan, 2015, 95.8%, R1	KU739904, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , Taiwan, 2015, 99.1%, R1
VP1	KF812721, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Korea, 2010	2504 (2464-2537) - 3268 (3232-116)	RDP 2.58E-22 GENECONV 2.12E-08 BootScan 4.71E-22 MaxChi 9.96E-16 Chimera 1.47E-13 SiScan 5.10E-09 3Seq 2.05E-02	JX027681, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Australia, 2007, 98.1%, R1	JF796734, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , South Korea, 2006, 94.6%, R1
VP1	JQ069926, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Canada, 2008	2498 (2356-2507) - 3268	RDP 9.14E-22 GENECONV 5.71E-19 BootScan 1.00E-18 MaxChi 1.30E-15 Chimera 2.51E-15 SiScan 7.42E-23 3Seq 2.78E-25	JX195074, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Italy, 2010, 98.1%, R1	JX027681, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Australia, 2007, 99.6%, R1
VP1	KM454503, <i>Equus caballus</i> , USA, 1981	840 (802-951) - 3281	RDP 2.77E-15 GENECONV 1.36E-19 BootScan 4.79 E-21 MaxChi 1.55E-17 SiScan 1.27E-40 3Seq 8.22E-05	Unknown, closest = DQ838638, unknown, R2	KM454492, <i>Equus caballus</i> , United Kingdom, 1976, 99.1%, R2
VP1	KU714444, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2000	1656 (1636-1673) - 1752 (1740-1766)	RDP 1.35E-18 GENECONV 1.25E-17 BootScan 3.76E-11 MaxChi 3.81E-02 Chimera 4.33E-02 3Seq 5.67E-09	JN706454, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Thailand, 2009, 97.4%, R1	KX655451, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Uganda, 2013, 97.9%, R2
VP1	JQ069936, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Canada, 2009	1670 (1531-1703) - 2419 (2308-2436)	RDP 1.83E-14 GENECONV 7.68E-13 MaxChi 2.73E-08	KU248405, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Bangladesh, 2010, 98.7%, R2	HQ657171, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Africa, 2009, 99.7%, R2

			Chimera 2.48E-08 SiScan 2.65E-08 3Seq 5.15E-19		
VP1	KU739903, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , Taiwan, 2015	1543 (138-1588) - 2220 (2160-2260)	RDP 3.06E-13 GENECONV 6.19E-04 BootScan 9.40E-11 MaxChi 2.98E-08 Chimera 5.67E-08 SiScan 1.19 E-06 3Seq 2.83E-09	KU739900, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , Taiwan, 2015, 97.8%, R1	KU739904, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , Taiwan, 2015, 96.5%, R1
VP1	JQ988899, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Croatia, 2006	222 (3094-362) - 969 (882-NA)	RDP 3.76E-12 GENECONV 4.88E-10 MaxChi 7.74E-09 Chimera 4.5E-07 SiScan 6.32E-14 3Seq 5.64E-09	KJ559215, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Argentina, 1998, 96.8%, R1	Unknown, closest = JX195074, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Italy, 2010, R1
VP1	KC580176, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , USA, 1988	1471 (1328-1521) - 3270	RDP 9.77E-12 GENECONV 3.81E-08 MaxChi 6.16E-12 Chimera 2.36E-04 SiScan 7.42E-23 3Seq 1.91E-20	KC580526, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , USA, 1979, 99%, R1	KC580601, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , USA, 1988, 100%, R1
VP1	JQ069918, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Canada, 2008	604 (541-662) - 956 (889-1068)	RDP 2.42E-10 GENECONV 3.25E-08 BootScan 2.38E-09 MaxChi 5.62E-03 Chimera 5.62E-03 SiScan 1.10E-04 3Seq 1.13E-08	KJ751834, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Africa, 2009, 99.5%, R1	JQ069924, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Canada, 2008, 99.7%, R1
VP1	KC579647, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , USA, 1988	35 – 1448 (1290-1498)	GENECONV 4.30E-04 BootScan 2.63E-05 MaxChi 2.34E-09 Chimera 1.41E-08 SiScan 6.55E-11 3Seq 4.34E-19	KC580601, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , USA, 1988, 100%, R1	KC579509, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , USA, 1989, 99.4%, R1
VP1	KU199270, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Bangladesh, 2010	670 (541-711) - 1403 (1327-1445)	Flagged for 285 sequences, p-value = 3.33E-09	KX536654, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , India, 2011, 98.6%, R2	KU356640, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Bangladesh, 2013, 100%, R2
VP1	KU356662, KU356640, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , 2013	656 (541-711) - 2661 (2600-2735)	RDP 5.87E-08 GENECONV 1.43E-04 MaxChi 9.02E-10 SiScan 6.71E-20 3Seq 6.88 E-23	KU356607, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Bangladesh, 2013, 99.5%, R2	KC178768, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Italy, 2007, 99.6%, R2
VP1	KU199270, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Bangladesh, 2010	3282 (3116-50) - 1410 (1363-1478)	GENECONV 3.94E-06 BootScan 2.03E-04 MaxChi 1.20E-09 Chimera 3.36E-10 SiScan 2.57E-09 3Seq 5.81E-18	JQ069920, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Canada, 2008, 99.5%, R2	KJ751889, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Ethiopia, 2009, 99.1%, R2
VP2	KJ753425, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Uganda, 2011	599 (561-623) - 991 (967-1019)	RDP 6.28E-47 GENECONV 5.13E-45 BootScan 2.53E-44 MaxChi 5.39E-12 Chimera 6.10E-12 SiScan 8.38E-15 3Seq 1.96E-09	JF490148, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Australia, 2004, 98.3%, C1	KP752972, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Gambia, 2008, 99.7%, C2
VP2	KU714445, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2000	1155(1139-1170) - 1887 (1862-1908)	RDP 2.37E-41 GENECONV 1.62E-33 BootScan 5.28E-39 MaxChi 1.26E-16 Chimera 1.42E-16 SiScan 8.61E-25 3Seq 1.96E-09	KP752983, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Africa, 2009, 94.3%, C1	KU714456, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2000, 99.9%, C2
VP2	KX655439, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Uganda, 2013	2713 (2672-2717) - 158 (143-171)	RDP 1.34E-25 GENECONV 9.67E-24 MaxChi 1.54E-03 Chimera 8.56E-04 SiScan 1.61E-05 3S— 2.15E--08	Unknown, closest = KX632343, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Uganda, 2013, C2	MG181349, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2002, 99.4%, C1
VP2	KJ753617, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Africa, 2004	548 (464-560) - 784 (754-842)	RDP 5.31E-27 GENECONV 4.03E-24 BootScan 7.13E-23	KJ752329, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Africa, 2003, 99.4%, C1	KX655439, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Uganda, 2013, 98.4%, C2

			MaxChi 3.85E-05 Chimera 4.51E-05 3Seq 1.96E-09		
VP2	HM988959, <i>Bos taurus</i> , South Korea, Unknown	558 (524-586) - 2685	RDP 1.14E-21 GENECONV 2.68E-25 BootScan 2.00 E-21 MaxChi 1.29E-05 Chimera 1.11E-03 SiScan 3.88E-15 3Seq 5.94E-21	JQ069842, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Canada, 2008, 95.2%, C1	JX971570, <i>Bos taurus</i> , South Korea, 2004, 100%, C1
VP2	MG181591, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2013	1129 (1106-1140) - 1299 (1292-1318)	RDP 3.47 E-21 GENECONV 2.01E-19 BootScan 4.15E-15 MaxChi 4.04E-03 Chimera 3.95E-03 3Seq 1.96E-09	KJ753828, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Zimbabwe, unknown, 99.1%, C2	KJ753425, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Uganda, 2011, 99.4%, C1
VP2	KX632343, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Uganda, 2013	2666 (2614-39) - 593 (560-612)	RDP 9.89E-21 GENECONV 2.26 E-17 BootScan 5.20E-19 MaxChi 4.65E-13 Chimera 3.18 E-13 SiSeq 2.53E-24 3Seq 1.37E-05	JN258812, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Belgium, 2000, 91.7%, C1	KJ753402, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Africa, 2005, 99.5%, C2
VP2	KX632343, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Uganda, 2013	1357 (1322-1368) - 1808 (1790-1830)	RDP 1.14E-21 GENECONV 3.44E-17 MaxChi 1.69E-11 Chimera 3.57E-10 SiScan 2.84E-14 3Seq 1.96E-09	MG181371, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2002, 95.3%, C1	KJ870879, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Democratic Republic of the Congo, 99.3%, C2
VP2	KY055428, <i>Capra aegagrus</i> , Uganda, 2014	983 (960-1009) - 1238 (1194-1243)	RDP 1.64E-18 GENECONV 1.12E-16 BootScan 2.13E-10 MaxChi 1.67E-05 Chimera 4.73E-04 SiScan 4.35E-05 3Seq 1.96E-09	JN831232, <i>Bos taurus</i> , South Africa, 2007, 94.7%, C2	KF636257, <i>Bos taurus</i> , South Africa, 2007, 99.6%, C2
VP2	KJ870901, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Democratic Republic of the Congo, Unknown	2330 (2304-2359) - 2648 (2589-1)	RDP 1.96E-18 GENECONV 2.99E-16 BootScan 5.51E-16 MaxChi 1.71E-03 Chimera 7.67E-04 SiScan 6.29E-06 3Seq 1.96E-09	KY055417, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , Uganda, 2016, 95%, C1	LC367260, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Nepal, 2008, 99.4%, C1
VP2	KC257092, <i>Camelus dromedaries</i> , Sudan, 2002	2047 (2017-2102) - 733 (661-754)	RDP 2.53E-16 GENECONV 4.72E-06 BootScan 7.95E-23 MaxChi 2.68E-13 Chimera 8.40E-12 SiScan 8.51E-11 3Seq 9.20E-08	Unknown, closest = DQ480724, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Iran, unknown, C2	FJ347123, <i>Lama guanicoe</i> , Argentina, 1998, 99.9%, C2
VP2	KX632343, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Uganda, 2013	1962 (1932-1978) - 2133 (2099-2136)	RDP 1.44E-13 GENECONV 7.46E-10 MaxChi 3.26E-06 Chimera 4.13E-05 SiScan 1.49E-07 3Seq 1.96E-09	JN706477, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Thailand, 2010, 93%, C1	KX655439, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Uganda, 2013, 97.7%, C2
VP2	KJ627064, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Paraguay, 2002	2675 (2615-95) - 409 (370-449)	RDP 7.01E-06 GENECONV 2.53E-03 BootScan 1.26E-04 MaxChi 4.49E-02 Chimera 3.89E-02 SiScan 1.20E-02 3Seq 9.21E-04	KJ752074, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Africa, 2005, 98.5%, C1	KJ752859, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Zimbabwe, 2011, 100%, C1
VP3	KJ412679, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Paraguay, 2009	1 (2497-3) - 1068 (1047-1080)	RDP 1.04E-72 GENECONV 1.11E-59 BootScan 1.41E-73 MaxChi 3.58E-31 Chimera 5.31E-31 SiScan 6.77E-38 3Seq 2.83E-09	JX185760, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Italy, 2007, 97.8%, M1	KJ412622, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Paraguay, 2009, 99.9%, M3

VP3	KP007164, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Philippines, 2012	968 (968-996) - 1753 (1727-1777)	RDP 1.97E-38 GENECONV 2.93E-35 BootScan 2.16E-37 MaxChi 2.45E-16 Chimera 1.76E-15 SiScan 2.85E-19 3Seq 2.83E-19	KY000551, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Germany, 2016, 99.4%, M2	KP882081, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Bangladesh, 2007, 99.7%, M2
VP3	KX171542, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Korea, 2014	1465 (1432-1538) - 2482 (2461-59)	RDP 1.40E-37 GENECONV 7.17E-32 BootScan 2.84E-35 MaxChi 2.03E-19 Chimera 3.57E-19 SiScan 3.27E-23 3Seq 2.83E-09	KJ752827, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Africa, 2003, 98.8%, M2	KX171538, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Korea, 2012, 99.7%, M2
VP3	KX171543, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Korea, 2014	1650 (1607-1688) - 2472 (2455-59)	RDP 5.19E-37 GENECONV 2.46E-33 BootScan 2.81E-34 MaxChi 1.95E-17 Chimera 1.05E-17 SiScan 1.55E-19 3Seq 2.83E-09	KU248374, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Bangladesh, 2010, 99.1%, M2	KC443523, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Australia, 2007, 99.6%, M2
VP3	AB779630, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , Thailand, 2008	1590 (1578-1645) - 90 (2490-96)	RDP 3.19E-33 GENECONV 1.69E-25 BootScan 2.39E-31 MaxChi 2.05E-16 Chimera 3.42E-15 SiScan 9.38E-25 3Seq 1.42E-24	MG781054, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , 2010-2011, Thailand, 92.7%, M1	AB779632, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , Thailand, 2009, 99.9%, M1
VP3	MG181592, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2013	2334 (2318-2349) - 196 (150-204)	RDP 1.09E-32 GENECONV 6.85E-18 BootScan 5.72E-27 MaxChi 6.16E-12 Chimera 9.20E-12 SiScan 3.92E-10 3Seq 3.54E-27	KC442894, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , USA, 2008, 96.4%, M2	KT919912, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , USA, 2013, 99%, M1
VP3	JN013991, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Africa, 2008	82 (2550-99) - 260 (253-268)	RDP 1.69E-29 GENECONV 8.98 E-27 BootScan 1.24E-17 MaxChi 9.47E-06 Chimera 1.58E-05 SiScan 1.76E-02 3Seq 5.67E-09	KJ752816, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Africa, 2011, 97.4%, M1	KP883027, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Mali, 2008, 99.4%, M2
VP3	KU356576, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Bangladesh, 2010	844 (815-855) - 1194 (1142-1219)	RDP 4.55E-24 GENECONV 1.69E-21 BootScan 3.82E-20 MaxChi 1.89E-09 Chimera 1.77E-09 SiSeq 1.18E-07 3Seq 2.83E-09	KC178787, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Italy, 2008, 97.4%, M2	KP882081, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Bangladesh, 2007, 100%, M2
VP3	JQ0692727, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Canada, 2007	51 (2482-59) - 845 (817-932)	RDP 4.27E-23 GENECONV 9.70E-19 BootScan 6.96E-18 MaxChi 8.76E-14 Chimera 4.71E-14 SiScan 2.58E-17 3Seq 3.98E-35	JQ069748, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Canada, 2008, 99.1%, M1	JQ069762, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Canada, 2008, 99.7%, M1
VP3	JQ069754, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Canada, 2008	835 (811-879) - 1621 (1591-1631)	RDP 6.24E-20 GENECONV 4.13E-17 BootScan 4.05E-17 MaxChi 1.69E-09 Chimera 1.31E-09 SiScan 1.91E-10 3Seq 1.71E-27	KJ627117, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Paraguay, 1999, 99%, M1	KP645258, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Australia, 2010, 99.7%, M1
VP3	MG181592, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2013	1736 (1712-1755) - 1941 (1889-1953)	RDP 2.97E-19 GENECONV 7.80E-18 BootScan 5.65E-15 MaxChi 5.47E-04 Chimera 5.27E-04 SiSeq 9.43E-07 3Seq 2.83E-09	KC178787, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Italy, 2008, 97%, M2	LC374087, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Nepal, 2009, 100%, M1

VP3	KJ753665, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Africa, 2004	2158 (2127-2201) - 2517 (2447-64)	Flagged in 107, KA p-value= 2.23E-18, Global p-value 5.69E-11	KJ753481, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Ethiopia, 2012, 94.9%, M1	KY055418, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , Uganda, 2016, 98.6%, M1
VP3	AB374145, <i>Bos taurus</i> , Japan, Unknown	810 (765-875) - 1544 (1486-1639)	RDP 1.85E-08 GENECONV 1.83E-04 BootScan 3.64E-05 MaxChi 1.68E-06 Chimera 3.72E-06 SiScan 2.14E-07 3Seq 4.41E-10	LC340015, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Japan, 2014, 95.5%, M2	KJ411434, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , USA, 2012, 97.4%, M2
VP3	KJ753665, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Africa, 2004	1212 (1140-1312) - 1732 (1632-1801)	RDP 3.84E-07 GENECONV 3.50E-05 BootScan 1.92E-05 MaxChi 2.67E-05 Chimera 1.59E-05 SiScan 3.24E-09 3Seq 2.08E-04	HQ392255, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Belgium, 2008, 96.2%, M1	KX778614, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Dominican Republic of the Congo, 2013, 99.4%, M1
VP3	KJ753665, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Africa, 2004	580 (498-612) - 922 (831-964)	GENECONV 7.32E-11 BootScan 1.64E-09 MaxChi 3.90E-05 Chimera 3.85E-06 SiScan 9.81E-09 3Seq 7.82E-20	KP752825, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Africa, 2002, 99.6%, M1	JQ069760, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Canada, 2008, 99.7%, M1
VP3	KX655453, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Uganda, 2013	1258 (872-1389) - 1798 (1662-1917)	Flagged in 551 sequences, Global p-value= 1.78E-12	KP882576, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Ghana, 2009, 94.9%, M2	KU714446, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2000, 96.7%, M2
VP4	KX655509, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Uganda, 2013	321 (308-323) - 683 (616-634) VP8* domain	RDP 2.16E-54 GENECONV 1.17E052 BootScan 1.59E-51 MaxChi 7.47E-19 Chimera 1.44E-18 SiScan 8.23E-23 3Seq 2.07E-09	KP902549, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Africa, 2003, 99.3%, P8	KJ52687, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Africa, 2000, 99.3%, P8
VP4	KX655487, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Uganda, 2013	334(326-347) - 682(670-698) VP8* domain	RDP 1.06E-55 GENECONV 5.94E-51 BootScan 1.77E-50 MaxChi 4.55E-19 Chimera 5.96E-19 SiScan 1.60E-17 3Seq 2.07E-09	KX646644, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , India, 2012, 96.6%, P6	MG181340, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2002, 99.7%, P8
VP4	MG181725, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2014	374 (367-382) - 542 (526-553) VP8* domain	GENECONV 5.45E-46 BootScan 2.45E-41 MaxChi 4.02E-11 Chimera 3.97E-11 SiScan 2.83E-13 3Seq 2.07E-09	MG181758, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2014, 99.2%, P8	MG181890, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2012, 100%, P4
VP4	KU714447, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2000	1380 (1378-1381) - 1562 (1543-1571)	RDP 1.47E-39 GENECONV 4.07E-38 BootScan 104E-29 MaxChi 1.24E-07 Chimera 3.25E-07 SiScan 7.45E-12 3Seq 4.14E-09	GQ869840, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2000, P8	KU714458, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2000, 99.5%, P14
VP4	KX655441, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Uganda, 2013	374 (357-382)-484 (475-488) VP8* domain	RDP 5.41E-34 GENECONV 1.32E-31 BootScan 2.38E-30 MaxChi 1.11E-05 Chimera 6.90E-06 SiScan 4.86E-10 3Seq 2.07E-09	LC260226, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , 2015-2016, Indonesia, 99.2%, P6	JQ069692, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Canada, 2009, 99.1%, P8
VP4	MG181637, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2013	350 (325-368) - 459 (464-466) VP8* domain	GENECONV 5.13E-28 BootScan 5.75E-15 MaxChi 2.13E-04 Chimera 1.00E-04 SiScan 4.71E-05 3Seq 4.14E-09	MG181758, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2014, 99.5%, P8	KJ870892, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Democratic Republic of the Congo, 2007-2010, 95.5%, P6
VP4	JQ069674, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Canada, 2008	1568 (1541-1574) - 2329 (2251-101)	RDP 1.59E-23 GENECONV 2.53E-21 BootScan 1.59E-23 MaxChi 2.96E-12 Chimera 2.13E-12 SiScan 7.86E-14	HQ392253, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Belgium, 2008, 99.5%, P8	HM773714, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , USA, 2008, 99.5%, P8

			3Seq 1.44E-35		
VP4	KC579762, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , USA, 1991	1073 (1039-1124) - 2332 (2269-8)	RDP 4.67E-23 GENECONV 4.72E-17 BootScan 8.46E-23 MaxChi 1.99E-14 Chimera 1.76E-11 SiScan 7.07E-25 3Seq 4.04E-40	HQ392253, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Belgium, 2008, 98.7%, P8	FJ947895, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , USA, 1991, 99.9%, P8
VP4	MG181659, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2013	1116 (1064-1146) - 1462 (1402-1501)	RDP 6.53E-11 GENECONV 2.20E-09 BootScan 1.08E-09 MaxChi 1.781E-05 Chimera 1.74E-05 SiScan 5.94E-06	MG181725, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2013, 98.1%, P8	KJ752208, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Africa, 2012, 98.3%, P4
VP4	JF490554, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Australia, 2005	462 (397-482) - 683 (637-722)	RDP 2.17E-10 GENECONV 8.75E-09 BootScan 1.89E-10 MaxChi 3.26E-04 Chimera 1.04E-03 SiScan 1.14E-04 3Seq 4.14E-09	KJ751716, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Gambia, 2010, 98.4%, P8	JQ069674, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Canada, 2008, 99.5%, P8
VP4	AB008291, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , 1995	2291 (2223-71) - 807 (762-849)	RDP 1.02E-03 BootScan 4.42E-02 MaxChi 5.00E-05 Chimera 1.32E-04 SiScan 1.51E-05 3Seq 1.66E-08	AB039939, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Japan, 1990, 98.6%, P8	AB008277, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , China, 1992, 98.9%, P8
VP6	KJ482497, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , Brazil, 2013	589 (584-605) - 801 (790 - 809)	RDP 1.81E-25 GENECOV 7.17E-23 Bootscan 7.09E018 MaxChi 2.98E-10 SiScan 2.41E-11 3Seq 1.41E-09	DQ119822, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , China, unknown, 98.1%, I2	KJ482491, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , Brazil, 2013, 100%, I5
VP6	KX632346, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Uganda, 2013	1269 (1250-1272) - 56 (1333-103)	RDP 7.77E-19 GENECONV 1.33E-17 Bootscan 7.27E-09 MaxChi 2.1E-02 Chimera 3.24E-03 SiScan 1.02E-07 3Seq 3.06E-11	KU714448, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2000, 92.7%, I1	KX655455, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Uganda, 2013, 96.5%, I2
VP6	JN014005, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Africa, 2008	160 (33-220 - 384 (379-451)	RDP 1.98E-18 GENECONV 6.96E-18 BootScan 4.63E-16 MaxChi 1.00E-06 Chimera 2.77E-07 3Seq 1.41E-09	JN706549, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Thailand, 2010, 97.8%, I1	KJ752622, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Senegal, 2009, 96.4%, I2
VP6	JX040423, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , India, 2009	1177(1143-1181) - 160(140-176)	RDP 1.30E-15 GENECONV 4.97E-09 BootScan 1.95E-11 MaxChi 4.38E-11 Chimera 9.18E-12 SiScan 7.20E-15 3Seq 2.82E-09	KF740531, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , India, 2009, I12	Unknown, closest = KC579918, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , USA, 1976), I1
VP6	JN014003, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Africa, 2008	202 (1333-208) - 384(354-421)	RDP 6.30E-15 GENECONV 2.39E-15 BootScan 1.04E-12 MaxChi 3.76E-05 Chimera 3.02E-05 SiScan 4.51E-05 3Seq 1.41E-09	KP752725, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Swaziland, 2010, 95.5%, I2	JX027952, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Australia, 2010, 96.7%, I1
VP6	KU714448, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2000	653(635- 664) - 831(818-846)	RDP 1.24E-12 GENECONV 7.55E-10 BootScan 5.50E-07 MaxChi 1.15E-05 Chimera 3.38E-05 SiScan 1.38E-04 3Seq 1.41E-09	JN014005, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Africa, 2008, 95.9%, I1	KX655455, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Uganda, 2013, 99.4%, I2
VP6	KU714448, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2000	317 (290-333) - 491 (474-507)	RDP 3.94E-15 GENECONV 9.37E-14 BootScan 2.42E-13 MaxChi 2.80E Chimera 2.58E-05	KX638567, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , India, 2010, 96.6%, I1	GU984758, <i>Bos taurus</i> , India, 2007, 98.9%, I2

			SiScan 1.73E-07 3Seq 1.41E-09		
VP6	HQ11009, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Belgium, 2007, 98.5%	754 (697-775) - 1357 (1329-32)	GENECONV 2.23E-05 BootScan 1.61E-03 MaxChi 3.32E-11 Chimera 1.08E-10 SiScan 5.16E-14 3Seq 2.54E-19	MF469405, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , USA, 2015, 99.3%, I1	HQ392161, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Belgium, 2007, 98.5%, I1
VP6	FJ685614, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , India, 1992	698(672-712) - 1357 (1231-70)	RDP 1.72E-08 GENECONV 1.61E-07 BootScan 2.85E-08 MaxChi 1.40E-09 Chimera 2.14E-09 SiScan 4.04E-11 3Seq 1.54E-23	KX638599, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , India, 2010, 99.4%, I1	KX632291, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Uganda, 2013, 99.1%, I1
VP6	KJ753780, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Africa, 2004	513 (463-560) - 1008 (952-1031)	GENECONV 1.89E-05 BootScan 2.60E-05 MaxChi 9.01E-09 Chimera 1.46E-08 SiScan 1.38E-09 3Seq 1.30E-19	JN258839, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Belgium, 2001, 99.6%, I1	LC056797, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Vietnam, 2007, 98.8%, I1
VP6	HM988972, <i>Bos taurus</i> , South Korea, Unknown	751 (340-811) - 1113 (1080-1132)	RDP 2.08E-08 GENECONV 1.92E-08 BootScan 2.91E-08 MaxChi 1.45E-05 Chimera 2.41E-05 SiScan 3.56E-05 3Seq 5.55E-05	Unknown, closest = MH238302, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , Spain, 2017, I5	MH423866, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , China, 2016, 99.4%, I5
VP7	AB158431, <i>Bos taurus</i> , Japan, 2000	901 (868-907)- 1051 (1037-80)	RDP 3.71E-16 GENECONV 1.25E-13 MaxChi 6.99E-07 Chimera 3.69E-05 SiScan 8.07E-10 3Seq 4.95E-10	AB077053, <i>Bos taurus</i> , Japan, 1995-1996, 95.9%, G8	U50332, <i>Bos taurus</i> , USA, 1991, 97.2%, G6
VP7	HM591496, <i>Bos taurus</i> , India, 2009 KF170899, <i>Bos taurus</i> , India, 2012	1048 (1032-128) - 481 (448-506)	RDP 2.78E-05 GENECONV 4.77 E-04 BootScan 4.86E-04 MaxChi 1.02E-03 Chimera 3.78E-05 SiSeq 7.21E-09 3Seq 3.90E-08	EF199501, <i>Bos taurus</i> , India, 2001-2005, 96.6%, G6	JX442784, <i>Bos taurus</i> , India, 2010, 100%, G6
VP7	D86274, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , 1990	353 (338-368) - 745 (730-756)	RDP 1.73E-18 GENECONV 1.43E-16 BootScan 2.50E-14 MaxChi 3.26E-13 Chimera 6.54E-13 SiScan 2.47E-10 3Seq 3.55E-33	D86282, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Japan, 1981, 98.7%, G3	KF636217, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Africa, 2010, 94.9%, G1
VP7	MG181727, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2014	316 (1010-314) - 470 (437-476)	RDP 3.69E-17 GENECONV 1.84E-16 BootScan 8.96E-12 MaxChi 2.23E-08 Chimera 3.80E-08 SiScan 2.65E-12 3Seq 2.69E-23	JQ069508, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Canada, 2008, 98%, G1	KJ753362, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Africa, 2003, 98.7%, G2
VP7	KX655511, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Uganda, 2013	840 (823-851)- 1052 (1037-79)	RDP 1.20E-16 GENECONV 3.11E-15 BootScan 2.21E-16 MaxChi 6.12E-05 Chimera 6.98E-06 SiScan 2.52E-04 3Seq 3.36E-09	EU839936, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Bangladesh, 2005, 97.4%, G9	KX655456, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Uganda, 2013, 100%, G8
VP7	KJ753024, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Africa, 2009	1013 (985-59) - 130(121-143)	RDP 1.53E-16 GENECONV 2.32E-14 BootScan 1.27E-10 MaxChi 9.65E-04 Chimera 5.96E-04 SiScan 8.42E-13 3Seq 2.38E-16	KM008672, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , India, 2010, 97.8%, G12	D16344, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Japan, 1977, G1
VP7	KJ751729, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Ethiopia, 2010	857 (833-859) - 1019 (991-51)	RDP 4.0E-15 GENECONV 1.60E-10 BootScan 1.21EE-11	KJ560447, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , USA, 2011, 99%, G3	KP882703, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Kenya, 2009, 99.3%, G1

	KP752817, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Togo, 2010		MaxChi 1.12E-03 Chimera 6.78E-04 SiScan 1.73E-03 3Seq 1.34E-05		
VP7	MG181661, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2013	590 (582-616) - 175 (170-181)	RDP 7.82E-30 GENECONV 7.33E-23 BootScan 5.06E-31 MaxChi 3.49E-21 Chimera 1.06E-25 3Seq 2.28E-47	JQ069502, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Canada, 2008, 96.6%, G1	MG181859, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2012, 99.5%, G2
VP7	KF170899, <i>Bos taurus</i> , India, 2010	(71) - (448-506)	RDP 2.78 E-05 GENECONV 4.77 E-04 BootScan 4.86 E-04 MaxChi 1.02 E-03 Chimera 3.78 E-05 SiScan 7.21 E-09 3Seq 3.90 E-08	EF199501, <i>Bos taurus</i> , India, 2001-2005, 97.3%, G6	JX442784, <i>Bos taurus</i> , India, 2010, 99.5%, G6
VP7	KJ412857, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Paraguay, 2009	772 (754-779) - 1014(988-51)	GENECONV 1.23E-19 BootScan 6.33E-20 MaxChi 2.56E-07 Chimera 4.38E-07 SiScan 2.01E-09 3Seq 3.36E-09	KJ412858, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Paraguay, 2009, 100%, G3	KJ412802, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Paraguay, 2009, 99.2%, G1
VP7	KC443034, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , USA, 2006 MG181727, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2014	55 (994-60) - 291 (262-296)	RDP 1.66 E-30 GENECONV 5.07E-26 BootScan 2.32E-24 MaxChi 1.03E32 Chimera 1.10E-17 3Seq 3.36E-09	GQ229044, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , India, 2005-2008, 97.4%, G2	JX411970, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , India, 2011, 98.7%, G1
VP7	MG181771, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2012	715 (707-722) - 950 (921-971)	RDP 2.65E-29 GENECONV 6.45E-26 BootScan 5.84E-17 MaxChi 1.70E-11 Chimera 2.36E-11 SiScan 4.78E-11 3Seq 3.55E-09	KU356667, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Bangladesh, 2013, 94.9%, G2	KP222809, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Mozambique, 2011, 99.6%, G1
VP7	KP752498, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Togo, 2009	618 (605-641) - 1018 (1000-1020)	RDP 1.47E-28 GENECONV 4.49E-23 BootScan 2.78E-14 MaxChi 2.05E-14 Chimera 7.10E-19 SiScan 6.78E-39	D86266, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Japan, 1995, 95.7%, G3	MG181661, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2013, 98.8%, G1
VP7	AY261339, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Africa	783 (774-791) - 14(1044-18)	RDP 3.82E-28 GENECONV 2.35E-25 BootScan 2.41E-27 MaxChi 5.44E-10 Chimera 2.33E-10 SiScan 3.15E-14 3Seq 3.36E-09	GU567778, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Russia, 2003-2009, 96.9%, G2	JX458964, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Argentina, 2001, 100%, G1
VP7	KX655489, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Uganda, 2013	151 (132-155) - 316 (311-325)	RDP 2.14E-27 GENECONV 1.27E024 BootScan 3.15E-19 MaxChi 7.75E-09 Chimera 7.42E-09 SiScan 8.44E-20 3Seq 4.13E-03	DQ146676, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Bangladesh, 2003, 98.1%, G12	JN232074, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Brazil, 2004, 99.4%, G1
VP7	D86273, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , 1986	347 (339-353) - 726 (697-763)	RDP 1.70E-24 GENECONV 1.57E-22 BootScan 1.26E-17 MaxChi 7.23E-14 Chimera 1.37E-15 SiScan 1.73E-13 3Seq 6.15E-47	AF450293, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , China, Unknown, 97.4%, G3	D50121, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , 96.3%, Japan, 1992-1993, G2
VP7	KJ4122858, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Paraguay, 2009	881 (859-914) - 1016 (991-54)	RDP 4.80E-14 GENECONV 3.04E-13 BootScan 3.81E-13 MaxChi 5.36E-03 Chimera 1.05E-02	AB585923, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Hong Kong, 2006, 98.5%, G3	HQ425288, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Korea, 2004, 99.2%, G4

			SiScan 1.36E-04 3Seq 3.36E-09		
VP7	KU714449, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2000	825 (795-835) - 93 (85-93)	RDP 1.04E-13 GENECONV 4.64E-09 BootScan 1.71E-09 MaxChi 1.20E-10 Chimera 9.96E-11 SiScan 3.89E-10 3Seq 7.72E-08	KM008635, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , India, 2009, 92.5%, G1	KU714460, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2000, 98.2%, G6
VP7	KJ412888, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Paraguay, 2009	873 (823-890) - 1023 (1000-81)	RDP 2.17E-12 GENECONV 7.16E-11 BootScan 3.63E-12 MaxChi 5.48E-04 Chimera 4.30E-04 SiScan 8.10E-03 3Seq 1.12E-05	D86275, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , China, 1986, 88%, G3	JF490143, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Australia, 2004, 99.3%, G1
VP7	KX655445, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Uganda, 2013	1042 (1006-110) - 274 (269-287)	RDP 6.32E-12 GENECONV 5.98E-10 BootScan 8.41E-08 MaxChi 2.20E-06 Chimera 3.68E-08 SiScan 3.20E-04 3Seq 8.29E-11	KJ560447, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , USA, 2011, 95.8%, G3	KJ753326, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Kenya, unknown, 94.9%, G8
VP7	D86277, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , China, 1989	335 (323-353)- 754 (710-762)	RDP 8.20E-20 GENECONV 2.21E-15 BootScan 1.81E-10 MaxChi 1.91E-12 Chimera 1.95E-13 SiScan 3.36E-13 3Seq 7.22E-27	D86279, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , China, 1992, 89.6%, G3	KP883055, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Mali, 2009, 95.7%, G2
VP7	AF281044, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Ireland, 1997-1999 GQ433992, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Ireland, Unknown	362 (346-366) - 589 (558-605)	RDP 1.32E-09 GENECONV 1.25E-02 BootScan 4.96E-05 MaxChi 2.75E-05 Chimera 1.50E-04 3Seq 3.36E-09	AY866503, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Thailand, 1995-1997, 98.9%, G9	KM008633, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , India, 2009, 89%, G1
VP7	KU714449, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2000	440 (421-446) - 604(641-704)	RDP 3.12E-10 GENECONV 7.36E-11 BootScan 1.56E-07 MaxChi 1.83E-03 Chimera 1.69E-03 3Seq 1.08E-12	JQ069503, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2000, 100%, G1	KU714460, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2000, 100%, G6
VP7	KX655444, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Uganda, 2013	110 (88-114) - 191(183-197)	RDP 2.84E-08 GENECONV 3.00E-05 MaxChi 3.11E-02 Chimera 3.11E-02 SiScan 1.01E-03 3Seq 8.25E-05	KC579965, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , USA, 1978, 96.2%, G3	AF254137, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Ireland, 1997-1999, 93.9%, G1
NSP1	KP753174, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , South Africa, 2008, KJ753184, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , South Africa, 2008, KP752951, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , South Africa, 2008	1498 (1435-25) - 585(573-596)	RDP 7.45E-28 GENECONV 5.26E-27 BootScan 7.87E-25 MaxChi 8.49E-16 Chimera 5.73E-16 SiScan 9.95E-18 3Seq 1.09E-48	KP752999, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , South Africa, 2009, 99.9%, A8	KP753000, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , South Africa, 2009, 99.7%, A8
NSP1	KX655446, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Uganda, 2013	485 (455-499)- 889 (868-914)	RDP 3.98E-25 GENECONV 2.55E-22 BootScan 2.53E-21 MaxChi 1.96E-14 Chimera 8.97E-15 SiScan 1.22E-19 3Seq 3.18E-09	LC406825, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Kenya, 2012, 95.9%, A2	MG181277, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2000, 96.5%, A1
NSP1	DQ199658, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Australia, 2001	485 (440-517) - 942 (931-956)	RDP 2.25E-22 GENECONV 7.04E-20 BootScan 1.52E-21 MaxChi 2.09E-12 Chimera 1.10E-12 SiScan 6.14E-12 3Seq 2.61E-35	KP883160, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2008, 98.1%, A1	DQ199657, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Australia, 1997, 98.7%, A1
NSP1	KJ482257, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , Brazil, 2013	1534 (1490-44) - 888 (853-909)	RDP 3.24E-20 GENECONV 2.11E-19 BootScan 5.21E-10	KJ482252, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , Brazil, 2013, 92.9%, A8	KJ482255, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , Brazil, 2013, 99.9%, A8

			MaxChi 9.52E-18 SiScan 2.81E-21 3Seq 1.81E-29		
NSP1	KX778616, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Dominican Republic, 2013	1147 (1127-1155) - 1462 (1433-5)	RDP 1.14E-19 GENECONV 4.51E-17 BootScan 8.47E-16 MaxChi 1.54E-11 Chimera 1.93E-12 SiScan 9.28E-13 3Seq 3.18E-09	KJ752290, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Zambia, 2009, 96.3%, A1	KX363351, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , Vietnam, 2012, 95.9%, A8
NSP1	KJ482254, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , Brazil, 2013	534 (499-559) - 886 (849-911)	RDP 7.72E-18 GENECONV 1.84E-16 BootScan 3.89E-14 MaxChi 2.53E-10 Chimera 2.27E-10 SiScan 1.55E-08 3Seq 8.01E-16	KJ482247, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , Brazil, 2013, 100%, A8	KJ482256, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , Brazil, 2013, 100%, A8
NSP1	KX632348, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Uganda, 2013	580 (508-605) - 844 (829-874)	RDP 1.91E-10 GENECONV 3.85E-10 BootScan 1.02E-06 MaxChi 2.32E-04 Chimera 2.29E-04 SiScan 6.75E-08 3Seq 3.18E-09	KP752785, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Ethiopia, 2010, 94.9%, A1	KP882434, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Ghana, 2009, 92.8%, A2
NSP1	KP752999, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , South Africa, 2009	1394 (1368-31) - 601 (552-631)	RDP 1.38E-06 BootScan 5.20E-05 MaxChi 2.04E-08 Chimera 2.74E-08 SiScan 3.04E-06 3Seq 2.78E-12	KF835942, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Hungary, 2005, 93.9%, A8	Unknown, closest = KP753000 <i>Sus scrofa</i> , South Africa, 2009, A8
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NSP1	KP753000, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , South Africa, 2009	1389 (1359-41) - 602 (504-631)	RDP 4.27E-03 BootScan 4.30E-03 MaxChi 1.12E-04 Chimera 1.52E-05 SiScan 3.90E-04 3Seq 5.58E-05	JQ309141, <i>Equus caballus</i> , United Kingdom, 1975, 87.2%, A8	KF835942, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Hungary, 2005, 92.8%, A8
NSP1	KJ482254, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , Brazil, 2013	1534 (1461-44) - 533 (499-909)	GENECONV: 1.50E-13 BootScan: 5.96E-10 MaxChi: 3.77E-08 Chimera: 6.43E-08 SiScan: 1.88E-11 3Seq: 1.46 E-24	KJ482247, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , Brazil, 2013, 99.1%, A8	KJ482255, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , Brazil, 2013, 100%, A8
NSP2	KJ753657, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Africa, 2004 KM026663, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Brazil, 2009 KM026664, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Brazil, 2009	(0) - (219 -278)	RDP 2.01E-03 GENECONV 1.6E-04 BootScan 4.07E-06 MaxChi 3.51E-03 Chimera 3.30E-03 SiScan 1.90E-07 3Seq 1.57E-04	KM026633, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Brazil, 2003, 98.6%, N1	KJ918915, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Hungary, 2012, 99.5%, N1
NSP2	MF18783, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , USA, 2011	1015 (1002-57) - 286 (273-297)	GENECONV 1.60E-14 BootScan 1.55E-14 MaxChi 6.46E-04 Chimera 3.74E-06 SiScan 4.37E-08 3Seq 5.75E-22	KJ752146, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Africa, 2011, 99.7%, N1	KX655480, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Uganda, 2012, 99.3%, N2
NSP2	MF18783, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , USA, 2011	1015 (1002-57) - 286 (273-297)	GENECONV 1.60E-14 BootScan 1.55E-14 MaxChi 6.46E-04 Chimera 3.74E-06 SiScan 4.37E-08 3Seq 5.75E-22	KJ752146, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , South Africa, 2011, 99.7%, N1	KX655480, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Uganda, 2012, 99.3%, N2
NSP2	AB779641, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , Thailand, 2008	870 (833-921) - 216 (150-396)	RDP 6.30E-05 GENECONV 4.67 E-03 BootScan 1.24 E-03	KX363374, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , Vietnam, 2012, 96.5%, N1	JF796719, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , South Korea, 2006, 100%, N1

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NSP4	MF58092, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , China, 2013	599 (546-616) - (745-94)	RDP 1.64 E-11 GENECONV 2.38 E-08 BootScan 1.14 E-09 MaxChi 1.01 E-09 Chimaera 4.58 E-10 SiScan 4.77 E-18 3Seq 6.43 E-21	JF813107, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , China, 2008, 97.9%, E1	MG781050, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Thailand, 2011, 73.1%, E1
NSP4	AB361290, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , India, 2006	624 (548-635) - 726 (712-50)	RDP 1.66 E-09 GENECONV 4.38 E-08 BootScan 6.96 E-07 MaxChi 1.96 E-03 Chimaera 2.49 E-05 3Seq 1.15 E-12	AB326338, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , India, 1989, 95.8%, E2	Unknown, closest = FJ492834, <i>Sus scrofa</i> , Ireland, E9
NSP4	AB326966, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , India, 2001	605 (564-614) - 675 (670-46)	RDP 2.77 E-09 GENECONV 1.10 E-10 BootScan 2.26 E-02 MaxChi 2.54 E-05 Chimaera 1.63 E-03 3Seq 8.89 E-09	FJ685615, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , India, 1992, 98.2%, E1	Unknown, closest = MG181929, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Malawi, 2012, E2
NSP5	M33608, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , 1993	619 (505-624) - 668 (665-182)	RDP 1.44 E-05 GENECONV 2.64 E-06 BootScan 4.1 E-05 MaxChi 4.54 E-02 Chimaera 3.70 E-02 SiScan 2.49 E-05 3Seq 6.61 E-04	MG996138, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , Singapore, 2016, 95%, H2	JQ358774, <i>Homo sapiens</i> , India, 2011, 100%, H3

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904 **Supplementary Table 2.** Amino acid changes observed in segment 9 (VP7) recombination events

905 observed in more than one isolate. Changes occurring in predicted epitope regions are noted.

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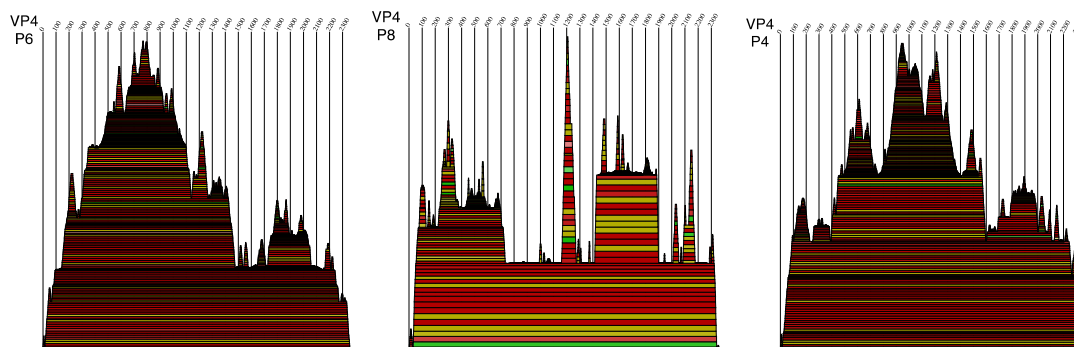
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		309	A	V	Yes
		318	N	D	
G9-G1	AF281044	135	S	C	-
		162	D	E	-
		163	R	W	-
		169	V	D	
		170	N	I	
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G2-G1	KC443034	180	G	E	Yes
		9	I	T	-

		10	F	I	-
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		25	T	S	-
		26	I	V	-
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		31	A	D	-
		32	P	Y	-
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		50	T	A	-
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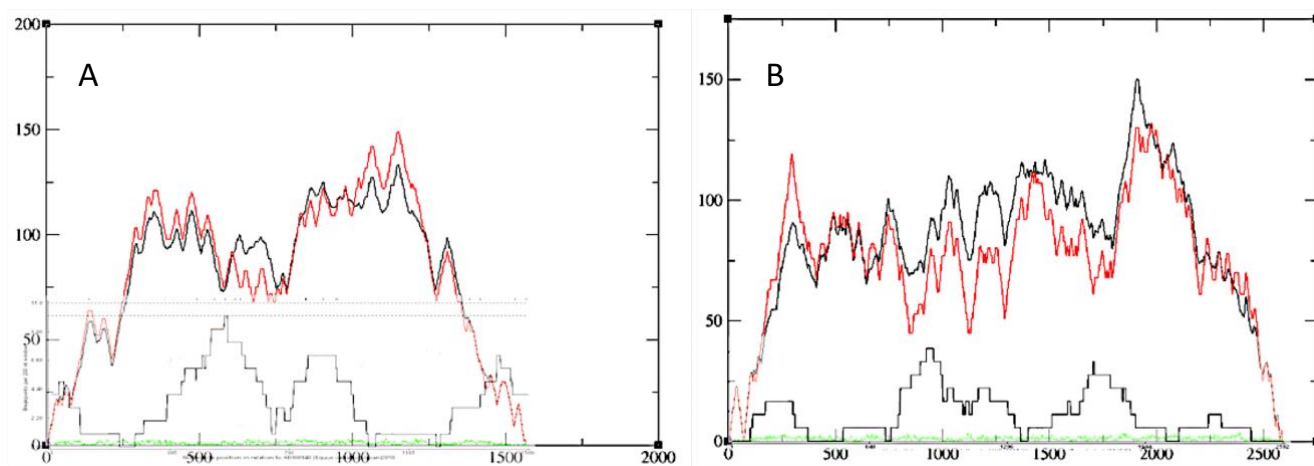
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911 **Supplementary Figure 1.** P6, P8, and P4 consensus RNA secondary structure mountain plots. Mountain plots
912 showing consensus secondary structure of VP4 genotypes P6, P8, and P4. Lighter colors indicate lower
913 probabilities of base-pairing. Peaks correspond to hairpin-loops, plateaus to loops, and slopes to helices. Plot
914 was generated using RNAalifold in the ViennaRNA package.

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917 **Supplementary Figure 2.** Consensus mountain plots of A) NSP1 and B) VP3 with recombination breakpoint
918 distribution plot in gray.