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Reverse transcription-PCR using a Primer Set Targeting the 3D Region Detects Foot-and-Mouth Disease Virus with High Sensitivity

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Abstract

Because foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) has the potential to spread extensively, methods used for its diagnosis must be rapid and accurate. Therefore, reverse transcription-PCR (RT-PCR) plays an important diagnostic role. Here we designed the primer set FM8/9 to amplify 644 bases of the conserved 3D region of all seven serotypes of FMD virus (FMDV). We compared the performance of RT-PCR assays using FM8/9 with that using the primer set 1F/R targeting the 5'-UTR described in the manual of the World Organization for Animal Health. The detection limits of the RT-PCR assays were determined for 14 strains representing all serotypes. Compared with the sensitivities of the RT-PCR assay using 1F/R, those using FM8/9 were 10^1 -to 10^4 -fold higher for eight strains. To assess the validity of the methods for analyzing clinical samples, sera and saliva samples from pigs and cows infected with FMDV were collected daily and analyzed using the two PCR assays. The FM8/9 assay detected FMDV from all infected pigs and cows for longer times compared with the 1F/R assay, therefore revealing higher sensitivity for the clinical samples. Our results suggest that the FM8/9 RT-PCR assay is highly sensitive and is therefore suitable for the diagnosis of FMD.

KEYWORDS Foot-and-mouth disease virus, Reverse transcription-PCR, diagnosis

27 INTRODUCTION

28 Foot-and-mouth disease virus (FMDV) belongs to the family *Picornaviridae*, genus *Aphthovirus*. Its
29 genome is composed of an approximately 8.4 kilobase, single-stranded, positive-sense RNA that encodes the
30 proteins L, VP1–4, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3A, 3B, 3C, and 3D. FMDV isolates comprise immunologically distinct
31 serotypes, as follows: O, A, C, Asia 1, and South African Territories (SAT) 1–3. Each serotype can be divided
32 into genetically distinct topotypes and lineages (1). FMD causes the most contagious disease affecting
33 cloven-hoofed animals, and control of FMD depends on early detection of infected animals. Therefore, rapid
34 and accurate methods for diagnosing FMD are essential.

35 FMDV is detected using cell culture techniques, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays, and nucleic acid
36 analyses such as those described in the manual of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (2).
37 Among the latter methods, reverse transcription PCR (RT-PCR) assays rapidly detect FMDV with high
38 sensitivity (3-5). Though the FMDV genome mutates at a high rate, similar to those of other RNA viruses (6),
39 a highly conserved region should be selected as a target of RT-PCR to detect the seven serotypes. The OIE
40 manual specifies a primer set for agarose gel-based RT-PCR assays (named 1F/R) that targets the 5'-UTR (7).
41 Primer sets for real-time RT-PCR (rRT-PCR) assays that target the 5'-UTR and 3D domain are published (2, 8,
42 9). Although these assays rapidly detect FMDV with high sensitivity, agarose gel-based RT-PCR assays may
43 be susceptible to cross-contamination with PCR amplicons after the reaction. In contrast, rRT-PCR tends to
44 generate nonspecific signals, particularly from low RNA copy-number samples, and the expensive
45 instrumentation requires strict quality control. Therefore, PCR methods should be used along with other

methods to diagnose FMD (10). In the present study, the primer set FM8/9 targeting a conserved region of 3D was designed, and its performance was compared with that of the 1F/R primer set.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Cells and viruses.

Primary bovine kidney (BK), IBRS-2, BHK-21 and MDBK cells were grown in Eagle's Minimum Essential Medium (Nissui Pharmaceutical, Tokyo, Japan), while ZZR-127 cells (11) were grown in Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium:nutrient mixture F-12 (Life Technologies, Carlsbad, CA, USA) supplemented with fetal bovine serum. The cells were maintained at 37 °C in a 5% CO₂ atmosphere. Virus isolation was performed according to the OIE Manual (2). The virus strain O/JPN/2010 was isolated from clinical samples of cattle in Japan using BK cells and passed three times in BHK-21 cells. O/MOG/4/2017 and A/TAI/46-1/2015, distributed by the State Central Veterinary Laboratory (Mongolia) and Regional Reference Laboratory for FMD in South East Asia (Thailand), were propagated using ZZR-127 cells and BHK-21 cells, respectively. Strains O/TUR/5/2009, O/ECU/4/2010, O/HKN/2015, A/TAI/2011, A/SAU/15/2016, A/IRN/1/2011, Asia1/TUR/2011, C/PHI/7/1984, SAT1/KEN/2009, SAT2/SAU/2000, and SAT3/ZIM/1983, distributed by the Pirbright institute (United Kingdom), swine vesicular disease virus (SVDV) J1'73, and two strains of vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV) of the New Jersey and Indiana 1 serotypes were grown on monolayers of IBRS-2 and/or BHK-21 cells. The bovine rhinitis virus strains A (BRAV) SD-1, M-17, and H-1

and bovine rhinitis virus B (BRBV), strain EC11, were propagated using BK and MDBK cells at 33 °C in a 5% CO₂ atmosphere.

RNA extraction, Reverse transcription-PCR and real-time RT-PCR.

The primer set FM8/9 was designed to amplify 644 nucleotides of the 3D region conserved in all seven serotypes, based on the FMDV sequences available in GenBank (Table 1). The 271, 108, 50, 28, 14, 15, and 8 sequences of FMDV of serotype O, A, Asia 1, C, and SAT 1–3, respectively, which encompass the complete 5'-UTR and 3D regions, were downloaded from GenBank and aligned using MEGA7 software (<http://www.megasoftware.net/>). Nucleotide variability at each position was assessed, and the target region of FM8/9 was defined as a highly conserved region of the FMDV genome (Fig. 1).

Viral RNA was extracted from supernatants of infected cells using the High Pure Viral RNA Kit (Roche Diagnostics, Tokyo, Japan). FMDV-specific genes were detected using a Superscript III One-Step RT-PCR System with Platinum Taq Polymerase (Life Technologies, Inc., Carlsbad, CA, USA) and primer set FM8/9 or 1F/R. PCR amplification was performed using an ABI GeneAmp PCR System 9700 (Life Technologies) as follows: 55 °C, 30 min, one cycle; 94 °C for 2 min, one cycle; 94 °C for 15 s, 55 °C for 30 s, and 68 °C for 45 s, 35 cycles; and 68 °C for 5 min, one cycle. PCR products were separated using electrophoresis through 1% agarose gels. Amplicons were stained with ethidium bromide and visualized using UV-light transillumination (Fig. 2). The rRT-PCR assay was conducted using TaqMan Fast Virus 1-Step Master Mix (Life Technologies) with the primer sets 3D-Forward, Reverse, and Probe which are described in the OIE manual (2).

Nucleotide sequencing.

First-strand cDNA synthesis from the RNAs of O/JPN/2010, O/MOG/4/2017, O/ECU/4/2010, O/HKN/2015, A/TAI/46-1/2015, A/SAU/15/2016, and C/PHI/7/1984 were performed using the SuperScript III Reverse Transcriptase (Life Technologies) and FMDV-specific 2B331R primer (5'-GGCACGTGAAAGAGACTGGAGAG-3') and 3'NT-Rc primer (5'-CAATTGGCAGAAAGACTCTGAGGCG-3'). The entire length of the L-fragment gene (approximately 7.7 kb) was amplified using PCR with PrimeSTAR Max DNA Polymerase (TaKaRa, Shiga, Japan) and two primer sets as follows: set 1, 5'-2010F primer (5'-CGTTAAAGGGAGGTAACCACAAG-3') and 2B331R primer, and 2B217F primer (5'-ATGGCCGCTGTAGCAGCACGGTC-3') and 3'NT-Rc primer. Double-stranded cDNAs of O/TUR/5/2009, A/TAI/2011, A/IRN/1/2011, Asia1/TUR/2011, SAT1/KEN/2009, SAT2/SAU/2000, and SAT3/ZIM/1983 were synthesized using PrimeScript Double Strand cDNA Synthesis Kit (TaKaRa). Nucleotide sequences were analyzed using the Ion PGM System (Life Technologies) as previously described (12). To analyze complete sequences of the target region of the primer set FM8/9, 3'-rapid amplification of cDNA ends (RACE) was conducted for O/ECU/4/2010 and O/HKN/2015 using a 3'-Full RACE Core Set (TaKaRa). Nucleotide sequences were analyzed using an ABI 3130 Genetic Analyzer (Life Technologies).

Experimental infections.

Two 2-month-old pigs were intradermally inoculated with 1 ml of $10^{5.3}$ tissue culture infectious dose ($TCID_{50}$) of O/JPN/2010 and cohabited with four pigs (13). Two 6-month-old Holstein cows were inoculated intradermally with 1 ml of $10^{7.5}$ $TCID_{50}$ of O/MOG/4/2017 and cohabited with two cows (Fukai K.,

unpublished observations). Sera and saliva samples were collected daily as described in our previous report (14) for 11 dpi and 10 dpi, respectively. Viral RNA was extracted from the sample as described above and analyzed using RT-PCR assays with the two primer sets. Animal experiments were authorized by the Animal Care and Use Committee of the National Institute of Animal Health (NIAH) and were performed in a high-containment facility at the NIAH.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Detection limits of RT-PCR using primer set FM8/9 or 1F/R.

We compared the detection limits of RT-PCR using the primer set FM8/9 or 1F/R to amplify the genes of 14 FMDV strains representing seven serotypes. RNAs were extracted from each serial 10-fold dilution of the 14 FMDV strains ranging from 10^{-3} to 10^4 TCID₅₀/0.1 ml titrated in IBRS-2 cell and subjected to RT-PCR and rRT-PCR (Table 2). The detection limits were decided based on the results of triplicate RT-PCR reactions. The sensitivities of the RT-PCR reaction primed by FM8/9 were >10-fold higher for detection of O/TUR/5/2009, O/MOG/4/2017, O/ECU/4/2010, A/SAU/15/2016, A/IRN/1/2011, Asia1/TUR/2011, SAT1/KEN/2009, and SAT3/ZIM/1983 (shaded gray in Table 2) compared with those using 1F/R. The detection limits for strains O/TUR/5/2009, O/MOG/4/2017, A/SAU/15/2016, A/IRN/1/2011, Asia1/TUR/2011, C/PHI/7/1984, SAT1/KEN/2009, and SAT3/ZIM/1983 were $<10^{-1}$ TCID₅₀/0.1 ml (written in bold in Table 2), indicating that the sensitivities of the RT-PCR assay were increased >10-fold compared with those of virus isolation using IBRS-2 cells. Moreover, compared with the sensitivities of the rRT-PCR assay, those of the RT-PCR assay

using FM8/9 were 10-fold higher for detecting O/TUR/5/2009, Asia1/TUR/2011, and SAT3/ZIM/1983 (shaded dark gray in Table 2).

The nucleotide sequences of each primer's target region of the genomes of the 14 FMDV strains are shown in Table 3. Although we assumed that the low sensitivity of the RT-PCR assay using 1F/R to detect SAT3/ZIM/1983 could be explained by two or more consecutive mismatches of the nucleotide sequences of the 1F/R primer target regions, such a significant difference in identities between the sequences of the two primer sets was not found among the other strains. These findings indicate that the sensitivities of the RT-PCR assays using each primer set may not depend on identical nucleotide sequences of a primer's target region. Further, the T_m values and GC-contents of the primer sets, efficiencies of amplification of the target sequence, and high-order structures of RNA target region of FMDVs may influence sensitivities.

Validation of the specificities of primer sets for non-FMDV viruses.

To validate specificity, RNA samples were extracted from SVDV strain J1'73; VSV strains New Jersey and Indiana 1 serotypes; BRAV strains SD-1, M-17, and H-1; and BRBV strain EC11. The RNAs were subjected to RT-PCR using each primer set and to rRT-PCR. There were no false-positive reactions in the RT-PCR assay using 1F/R and rRT-PCR. In contrast, the RT-PCR assay using FM8/9 yielded a weak positive reaction with BRAV strain SD-1 (data not shown). SVDV, VSV, and BRBV RNAs were not detectably amplified. Thus, diagnosis using only the RT-PCR assay with FM8/9 can lead to misidentification; however, the present RT-PCR method did not amplify BRAV genes from sera, saliva, or nasal samples 0 dpi of 32 Holstein cows (age >3 months) in the animal experiments by our institute (Table 5) (15). Further, the

diagnosis of FMD in practice is determined using RT-PCR, rRT-PCR, virus isolation, nucleotide sequencing, serological tests, and epidemiological data that includes clinical signs. Clinical signs of BRV are reported to be mild respiratory disease (16, 17). Moreover, rRT-PCR, which was highly sensitive for detecting FMDV gene, did not detect BRAV, therefore, it would not be difficult to differentiate these viruses.

Detection of FMDV genes from clinical samples using RT-PCR.

To assess the validity of the RT-PCR methods for testing clinical samples, sera and saliva samples from infected and cohabited pigs and cows in previous studies of experimental infections (13, Fukai K., unpublished observations) were analyzed daily using the RT-PCR assays with the two primer sets (Tables 4 and 5). The RT-PCR assay using FM8/9 was positive from 1 dpi to 10 dpi and 1 day postcontact (dpc) to 10 dpc for inoculated and uninoculated pigs, respectively. In contrast, FMDV genes were detected from 1 dpi to 8 dpi and 2 dpc to 9 dpc using 1F/R. For samples from inoculated and uninoculated cows, the RT-PCR assay using FM8/9 detected FMDV genes from 1 dpi to 9 or 10 dpi, and from 2 dpi to 9 or 10 dpc, respectively. The RT-PCR assay using 1F/R detected FMDV genes from 1 dpi to 5 or 10 dpi, from 4 dpi to 10 dpi, or from 2 dpc to 7 dpc, respectively. These findings indicate that the RT-PCR assay using FM8/9 detected FMDV genes for a longer period from all infected pigs and cows than 1F/R. Therefore, the RT-PCR using FM8/9 achieved higher relative sensitivity for clinical samples from infected pigs and cows.

The present study describes a method that will likely contribute to efforts to more rapidly and accurately detect FMDV. Although the RT-PCR assay using FM8/9 amplified RNA genes from one BRAV cell culture supernatant, we demonstrated the assay's higher sensitivities for seven serotypes of FMDVs and clinical

samples from cattle and swine. In contrast, the RT-PCR using 1F/R did not detect SVDV, VSV, BRAV, or BRBV RNAs and was less sensitive for detecting FMDV RNAs. Our results suggest that the PCR assays incorporating primer set FM8/9 achieved higher sensitivity for detecting FMDV genes and are therefore suitable for the diagnosis of FMD. However, accurate diagnosis of FMD requires the use of multiple PCR methods along with other diagnostics.

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Figure legends

FIG 1 Location of RT-PCR target regions within the 5'-UTR and 3D region of FMDV. The 494 sequences of the FMDV genome, which cover the complete sequences of the 5'-UTR and 3D regions, were downloaded from GenBank. Nucleotides 278–696 of the 5'-UTR and nucleotides 1–1138 of the 3D region were compared with O/JPN/2010-290/1E (Accession No. LC036265). The black bars show corresponding nucleotide differences. The target regions of 1F/R and FM8/9 are indicated.

FIG 2 FMDV sequences amplified using RT-PCR with the FM8/9 primer set. RNA was extracted from a supernatant of cells infected with O/JPN/2010 and subjected to RT-PCR using the FM8/9 primer set.

TABLE 1 Primer sets for RT-PCR detecting FMDV genes

Primer	Sequence (5'–3')	Target region	Size of PCR product (bp)	Reference
FM8	TGTCAGACCTTCCTGAAGGACG	3D	644	
FM9	CCTTTGTCGCCTTTTGTCTAGCTGG			
1F	GCCTGGTCTTTCCAGGTCT	5'UTR	328	7
1R	CCAGTCCCCTTCTCAGATC			
3D Forward	ACTGGGTTTTACAAACCTGTGA	3D	107	8
3D Reverse	GCGAGTCCTGCCACGGA			
3D Probe	TCCTTTGCACGCCGTGGGAC			

TABLE 2 Detection limits of RT-PCR using each primer set

Virus strain	Detection limits (TCID ₅₀ /0.1ml) ^a		
	RT-PCR		rRT-PCR
	1F/R	FM8/9	3D F/R
O/JPN/2010	10 ⁰	10 ⁰	10 ⁰
O/TUR/5/2009	10 ¹	10⁻¹	10 ¹
O/MOG/4/2017	10 ¹	10⁻¹	10⁻¹
O/ECU/4/2010	10 ¹	10 ⁰	10 ⁰
O/HKN/2015	10 ¹	10 ¹	10 ⁰
A/TAI/2011	10 ¹	10 ¹	10 ⁰
A/TAI/46-1/2015	10 ¹	10 ⁰	10⁻¹
A/SAU/15/2016	10 ¹	10⁻²	10 ⁰
A/IRN/1/2011	10 ⁰	10⁻²	10⁻²
Asia1/TUR/2011	10 ⁰	10⁻²	10 ⁰
C/PHI/7/1984	10⁻¹	10⁻¹	10 ⁰
SAT1/KEN/2009	10 ³	10⁻¹	10 ⁰
SAT2/SAU/2000	10 ⁰	10 ⁰	10⁻¹
SAT3/ZIM/1983	10 ⁴	10⁻¹	10 ⁰

^aThe primer set that achieved the highest sensitivity for detecting each virus strain is shaded gray. The cells showing higher sensitivities of RT-PCR using FM8/9 compared with rRT-PCR are highlighted in dark gray. The detection limits <10⁻¹ TCID₅₀/0.1 ml are written in bold.

TABLE 3 Comparison of nucleotide sequences of each primer target region of 14 FMDVs

	FM8																FM9 ^a															
Virus strain	t	g	t	c	a	g	a	c	c	t	t	c	c	t	g	a	a	g	a	c	g	c	g	a	c	a	a	g	g			
O/JPN/2010	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
O/TUR/5/2009	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
O/MOG/4/2017	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	T	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
O/ECU/4/2010	.	.	C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
O/HKN/2015	.	.	C	.	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	T	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
A/TAI/2011	.	.	C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
A/TAI/46-1/2015	.	.	C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	T	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
A/SAU/15/2016	.	.	C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	T	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
A/IRN/1/2011	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
Asia1/TUR/2011	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	T	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
C/PHI/7/1984	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
SAT1/KEN/2009	.	.	C	.	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	.	.	T	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
SAT2/SAU/2000	.	.	C	.	A	.	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	.	.	T	.	.	.	G	.	.	.	.		
SAT3/ZIM/1983	.	.	.	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	.	.	T	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		

	1F																1R ^a																	
Virus strain	g	c	c	t	g	g	t	c	t	t	c	c	a	g	g	t	c	g	a	t	c	t	g	a	a	a	g	g	g	a	c	t	g	g
O/JPN/2010	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	T	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
O/TUR/5/2009	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
O/MOG/4/2017	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
O/ECU/4/2010	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
O/HKN/2015	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	T	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
A/TAI/2011	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	T	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
A/TAI/46-1/2015	.	.	.	.	.	.	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
A/SAU/15/2016	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
A/IRN/1/2011	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Asia1/TUR/2011	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
C/PHI/7/1984	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
SAT1/KEN/2009	.	.	.	C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	G	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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SAT3/ZIM/1983	.	.	C	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	T	G	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	A	A	.

"." indicates the same nucleotide in each prime. Nonidentical bases are written in uppercase.

^a Reverse complementary sequences of FM9 and 1R are indicated.

TABLE 4 Detection of clinical samples of FMD obtained from pigs inoculated with FMDV O/JPN/2010 and their uninoculated cohabitants

Pig No.	Sample	Primer set	days postinoculation												
			0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
				0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1 (inoculated)	Serum	FM8/9 ^a	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		1F/R	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Saliva	FM8/9	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	
		1F/R	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	
2 (inoculated)	Serum	FM8/9	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		1F/R	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Saliva	FM8/9	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	
		1F/R	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	
3 (contact)	Serum	FM8/9	NS ^b	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		1F/R	NS	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Saliva	FM8/9	NS	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
		1F/R	NS	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	
4 (contact)	Serum	FM8/9	NS	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		1F/R	NS	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Saliva	FM8/9	NS	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	
		1F/R	NS	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	
5 (contact)	Serum	FM8/9	NS	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	
		1F/R	NS	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	
	Saliva	FM8/9	NS	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	
		1F/R	NS	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	
6 (contact)	Serum	FM8/9	NS	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		1F/R	NS	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Saliva	FM8/9	NS	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
		1F/R	NS	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	

^a Results of RT-PCR assays using FM8/9 in this table are published (13).

^b NS, not sampled

TABLE 5 Detection of FMD in clinical samples obtained from cattle inoculated with FMDV O/MOG/4/2017 and their uninoculated cohabitants

Cow No.	Sample	Primer set	days postinoculation										
			0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 (inoculated)	Serum	FM8/9	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
		1F/R	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Saliva	FM8/9	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-
		1F/R	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-
2 (contact with Cow No. 1)	Serum	FM8/9	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
		1F/R	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
	Saliva	FM8/9	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
		1F/R	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
3 (inoculated)	Serum	FM8/9	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-
		1F/R	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Saliva	FM8/9	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
		1F/R	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
4 (contact with Cow No. 2)	Serum	FM8/9	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
		1F/R	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
	Saliva	FM8/9	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
		1F/R	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-

FIG 1 Nishi *et al.*

FIG 2 Nishi *et al.*