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Title **Predicting potentially permissive substitutions that improve the fitness of A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses bearing the H275Y NA substitution**

S1 [001] Abstract

S1 [002] Oseltamivir-resistant influenza viruses arise due to amino-acid mutations in key residues, but these changes often reduce their replicative and transmission fitness.

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S1 [003] Widespread oseltamivir-resistance has not yet been observed in A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses.

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... yet been observed ...
... in A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses.

S1 [004] However, it is known that permissive mutations in the neuraminidase (NA) of former seasonal A(H1N1) viruses from 2007-2009 buffered the detrimental effect of the NA H275Y mutation, resulting in fit oseltamivir-resistant viruses that circulated widely.

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S1 [005] This study explored two approaches to predict permissive mutations that may enable a fit H275Y A(H1N1)pdm09 variant to arise.

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S1 [011] Of these, one NA mutation, I188T, has been increasing in frequency since 2017 and is now present in 90% of all circulating A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses.

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S2 [013] 1. Introduction

S2 [014] Oseltamivir is a neuraminidase inhibitor (NAI) which is widely used and prescribed for the treatment of influenza, and is often stockpiled for pandemic purposes [1-5].

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S2 [018] Therefore, the emergence of viruses bearing this substitution is of particular concern.

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