
Supplementary information

**Transmission of a human isolate of clade
2.3.4.4b A(H5N1) virus in ferrets**

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Supplemental Table 1.

		Binding ^a				
Glycan Type	Structure	A/Switzerland/9715293/2013 (H3)	A/Vietnam/1203/2004 (H5)	A/Astrakhan/3212/2020 (H5)	A/Sichuan/06681/2021 (H5)	A/Texas/37/2024 (H5)
Sialic Acid						
1	Neu5Ac α	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
2	Neu5Ac α	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
3	Neu5Ac β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
α 2-3 sialosides						
4	Neu5Ac α 2-3(6-O-Su)Gal β 1-4(Fuca1-3)GlcNAc β	nb	nb	+++	+++	+++
5	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-3(6OSO3)GalNAc α	nb	+++	+++	+++	+++
6	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4(6OSO3)GlcNAc β	nb	+++	+++	+++	+++
7	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4(Fuca1-3)(6OSO3)GlcNAc β	nb	+++	+++	+++	+++
8	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-3(6OSO3)GlcNAc	nb	+++	+++	+++	+++
9	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-3(Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4)GlcNAc β	nb	+++	+++	+++	+++
10	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-3(Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-6)GalNAc β	nb	+++	+++	+++	+++
11	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 1-3(Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-6)Man β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-4GlcNAc β	nb	+++	+++	+++	+++
12	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β	nb	+++	+++	+++	+++
13	Neu5Ac α 2-3GalNAc α	nb	+++	+++	+++	+++
14	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-3GalNAc α	nb	+++	+++	+++	+++
15	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-3GlcNAc β	nb	+++	+++	+++	+++
16	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-3GlcNAc β	nb	+++	+++	+++	+++
17	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4Glc β	nb	+++	+++	+++	+++
18	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4Glc β	nb	+++	+++	+++	+++
19	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β	nb	+++	+++	+++	+++
20	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β	nb	+++	+++	+++	+++
21	Neu5Ac α 2-3GalNAc β 1-4GlcNAc β	nb	+++	nb	nb	nb
22	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β	nb	+++	+++	+++	+++

23	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-3GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-3GlcNAc β	nb	+++	+++	+++	+++
24	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β	nb	+++	+++	+++	+++
25	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-3GlcNAc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
26	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-3GalNAc β	nb	+++	+++	+++	++
27	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4(Fuca1-3)GlcNAc β 1-6(Gal β 1-3)GalNAc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
28	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-3(Fuca1-4)GlcNAc β	nb	nb	+++	+++	+++
29	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4(Fuca1-3)GlcNAc β	nb	+	+++	+++	+++
30	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4(Fuca1-3)GlcNAc β	nb	nb	+++	+++	+++
31	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4(Fuca1-3)GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β	nb	nb	+++	+++	+++
32	Neu5Ac α 2-3-Gal β 1-3(Fuca1-4)GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4(Fuca1-3)GlcNAc β	nb	nb	+++	+++	+++
33	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4(Fuca1-3)GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4(Fuca1-3)GlcNAc β	nb	+	+++	+++	+++
34	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4(Fuca1-3)GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4(Fuca1-3)GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4(Fuca1-3)GlcNAc β	nb	nb	+++	+++	+++
35	Neu5Ac α 2-3(GalNAc β 1-4)Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
36	Neu5Ac α 2-3(GalNAc β 1-4)Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
37	Neu5Ac α 2-3(GalNAc β 1-4)Gal β 1-4Glc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
38	Neu5Ac α 2-3(Gal β 1-3GalNAc β 1-4)Gal β 1-4Glc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
39	Neu5Ac α 2-3(Fuca1-2Gal β 1-3GalNAc β 1-4)Gal β 1-4Glc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
40	Neu5Ac α 2-3(Fuca1-2Gal β 1-3GalNAc β 1-4)Gal β 1-4Glc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
α2-6 sialosides						
41	Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4[6OSO3]GlcNAc β	+++	nb	nb	nb	nb
42	Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 16(Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 1-3)Man β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-4GlcNAc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb

43	Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 1-3(Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 1-6)Man β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-4GlcNAc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
44	NeuAc α (2-6)-Gal β (1-4)-GlcNAc β (1-3)-Gal β (1-4)-GlcNAc β (1-2)-Man α (1-3)-[NeuAc α (2-6)-Gal β (1-4)-GlcNAc β (1-3)-Gal β (1-4)-GlcNAc β (1-2)-Man α (1-6)]-Man β (1-4)-GlcNAc β (1-4)-GlcNAc β	+++	nb	nb	nb	nb
45	Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 1-3(Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 1-6)Man β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-4GlcNAc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
46	Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β (1-3)(Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-6)GalNAc α	+++	nb	nb	nb	nb
47	Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 1-3(Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 12Man α 1-6)Man β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-4GlcNAc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
48	Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 1-3(Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 12Man α 1-6)Man β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-4GlcNAc β	+	nb	nb	nb	nb
49	Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 1-3(Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 16)Man β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-4GlcNAc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
50	Neu5Ac α 2-6GalNAc α	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
51	Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
52	Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4Glc β	+++	nb	nb	nb	nb
53	Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β	+++	nb	nb	nb	nb
54	Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β	+++	nb	nb	nb	nb
55	Neu5Ac α 2-6GalNAc β 1-4GlcNAc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
56	Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β	+++	nb	nb	nb	nb
57	Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3GalNAc α	++	nb	nb	nb	nb
58	Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β	+++	nb	nb	nb	nb

59	Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4(Fuca1-3)GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4(Fuca1-3)GlcNAc β	+++	nb	nb	nb	nb
60	Neu5Ac α 2-6(Gal β 1-3)GlcNAc β 1-4Gal β 1-4Glc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
61	Neu5Ac α 2-6(Gal β 1-3)GalNAc α	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
62	Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-6(Gal β 1-3)GalNAc α	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
63	NeuAc α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-6(Gal β 1-3)GalNAc α	+++	nb	nb	nb	nb
Mixed α2-3 and α2-6 biantennaries						
64	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 1-3(Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 1-6)Man β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-4GlcNAc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
65	Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 1-3(NeuAc α 2-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 1-6)Man β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-4GlcNAc β	nb	+++	+++	+++	+++
66	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-3(Neu5Ac α 2-6)GalNAc α	nb	+++	+++	+++	+++
67	Neu5Ac α 2-3(Neu5Ac α 2-6)GalNAc α	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
N-Glycolylneuraminic acid glycans						
68	Neu5Gc α	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
69	Neu5Gc α 2-3Gal β 1-3(Fuca1-4)GlcNAc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
70	Neu5Gc α 2-3-Gal β 1-3GlcNAc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
71	Neu5Gc α 2-3Gal β 1-4(Fuca1-3)GlcNAc β	nb	nb	+++	+++	+++
72	Neu5Gc α 2-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
73	Neu5Gc α 2-6GalNAc α	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
74	Neu5Gc α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
α2-8-linked sialosides						
75	Neu5Ac α 2-8Neu5Ac α	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
76	Neu5Ac α 2-8Neu5Ac α 2-8Neu5Ac α	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
77	Neu5Ac α 2-8Neu5Ac α 2-3(GalNAc β 1-4)Gal β 1-4Glc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
78	Neu5Ac α 2-8Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4Glc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
79	Neu5Ac α 2-8Neu5Ac α 2-8Neu5Ac α 2-3(GalNAc β 1-4)Gal β 1-4Glc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb

80	Neu5Ac α 2-8Neu5Ac α 2-8Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4Glc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
81	Neu5Ac α 2-8Neu5Ac β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
82	Neu5Ac α 2-8Neu5Ac α 2-8Neu5Ac β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
β2-6-linked and 9-O-acetylated sialic acids						
83	Neu5Ac β 2-6GalNAc α	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
84	Neu5Ac β 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
85	Neu5Gc β 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
86	Gal β 1-3(Neu5Ac β 2-6)GalNAc α	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
87	9NAcNeu5Ac α	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
88	9NAcNeu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
Asialoglycans						
89	Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
90	Gal β 1-3GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-3GlcNAc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
91	Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 1-3(Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 1-6)Man β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-4GlcNAc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
92	GalNAc α 1-3(Fuc α 1-2)Gal β 1-3GlcNAc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
93	GalNAc α 1-3(Fuc α 1-2)Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
94	Gal α 1-3(Fuc α 1-2)Gal β 1-3GlcNAc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
95	Gal α 1-3(Fuc α 1-2)Gal β 1-4(Fuc α 1-3)GlcNAc β	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
96	Gal β 1-3GalNAc α	nb	nb	nb	nb	nb
^a Binding of recombinant HA to glycans was qualitatively estimated based on relative strength of the signal for the data shown in Figure 1; Fluorescence Intensity >4000 (+++), 2000-3999 (++), 1000-1999 (+), <1000 (nb; no binding). Key: Neu5Ac = Sialic acid; Neu5Gc = N-glycolylneuraminic acid; OSO ₃ = sulfate; Gal = galactose; Fuc = fucose; Glc = D-glucose; GlcNAc = N-Acetyl-D-glucosamine; GalNAc = N-acetyl-D-galactosamine; Man = D-mannose; 9NAc = 9-O-acetyl.						

Supplemental Table 2.

Glycan No.	Structure
3'-LN	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β
3'-LNLN	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β
3'-LNLNLN	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β
Bi-3'-LN	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 1-3[Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 1-6]-Man β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-4GlcNAc β
Bi-3'-LNLN	Neu5Ac α 2-3-Gal β 1-4-GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 1-3[Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 1-6]-Man β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-4GlcNAc β
Bi-3'-LNLNLN	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 1-3[Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 1-6]-Man β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-4GlcNAc β
Bi-3'-LNLNLNLN	Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 1-3[Neu5Ac α 2-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 1-6]-Man β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-4GlcNAc β
6'-LN	Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β
6'-LNLN	Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β
6'-LNLNLN	Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β
Bi-6'-LN	Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 1-3[Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 1-6]-Man β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-4GlcNAc β
Bi-6'-LNLN	Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 1-3[Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 1-6]Man β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-4GlcNAc β
Bi-6'-LNLNLN	Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 1-3[Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 1-6]-Man β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-4GlcNAc β
Bi-6'-LNLNLNLN	Neu5Ac α 2-6 Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 1-3[Neu5Ac α 2-6Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-3Gal β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-2Man α 1-6]-Man β 1-4GlcNAc β 1-4GlcNAc β

Supplemental Table 3.

SRA Accession	Ferret #	Day p.i./p.c.	Specimen type	PB2	PB1	PB1- F2	PA	HA (H5 numbering)	NA	NS
			Inoculum				432I/V (95/5)	335K/I (76.5/23.5)	408V/A (85.2/14.8)	164P/S (90/10)
							659L/F (90/10)			
SRR29561775	DC_Inoculated_ferret1	1	Nasal wash					X335I (99.6)		
SRR29561774	DC_Inoculated_ferret1	3	Nasal wash	K702Q (26.4)				X335I (99.4)		
SRR29561772	DC_Inoculated_ferret2	1	Nasal wash					X335I (99.5)		
SRR29561819	DC_Inoculated_ferret2	3	Nasal wash	A707P (22.9)			L649Q (27.8)	X335I (98.8)		
							S652A (23.6)			
SRR29561817	DC_Inoculated_ferret3	1	Nasal wash					X335I (100)		
SRR29561814		3	Lung	K702Q (20.2)				A140S (24.7)		
								N165K (20.9)		
								X335I (98.7)		
SRR29561813		Nasal turbinates				L649Q (20.8)	X335I (95.9)			
SRR29561810		Trachea				L649Q (24.7)	X335I (99.6))			
SRR29561811		Soft palate					X335I (98.7)			
SRR29561816		Nasal wash					X335I (97.3)			
SRR29561815		Ethmoid turbinate					X335I (98.2)			
SRR29561773	DC_contact_ferret1	3	Nasal wash				D216Y (30.3)	X335I (99.6)		
							L683F			

							(99.2)			
SRR29561818	DC_contact_ferret2	3	Nasal wash					X335I (99.7)		
SRR29561807	RD_Inoculated_ferret1	1	Nasal wash					X335I (98.9)		
SRR29561806	RD_Inoculated_ferret2	1	Nasal wash					X335I (99.6)		
SRR29561805		3	Nasal wash	K702Q (34.1)				X335I (98.7)		
SRR29561803	RD_Inoculated_ferret3	1	Nasal wash					X335I (100)		
SRR29561786	RD_Inoculated_ferret4	1	Nasal wash		P72S (20.3)	C42S (61.5)				
SRR29561785		2	Nasal wash		P68L (35.9)	Q37S (35.9)		X335I (98.5)		
					I69T (36.4)	M39L (40.2)				
					D70P (37.5)					
SRR29561783	RD_Inoculated_ferret5	1	Nasal wash					X335I (98.8)		
SRR29561782		2	Nasal wash					X335I (99.7)		
SRR29561779	RD_Inoculated_ferret6	2	Nasal wash				L655F (21.6)	X335I (98.9)		
SRR29561804	RD_contact_ferret2	6	Nasal wash	N102K (37.4)	P72T (24.2)	H41Q (28.6)		X335I (96.8)		
				T105P/R (49/21)	L73M (28.6)					
				N659 (63.3)	F466P (32.5)					
					S482P (30.6)					
					F490L (33.3)					
					Y499H (34.8)					
					V502A (33.8)					
SRR29561784	RD_contact_ferret4	5	Nasal wash					R72K (48.8)		
								X335I (98.9)		

SRR29561781	RD_contact_ferret5	3	Nasal wash					X335I (100)		P164S (99.3)	
SRR29561780		5	Nasal wash					X335I (98.5)		P164S (99.6)	
SRR29561778	RD_contact_ferret6	3	Nasal wash						I443T (61.3)		
SRR29561777		4	Nasal wash						I443T (70.8)		
SRR29561787	Inoculated ferret1	3	Soft palate	K702Q (20.7)				X335I (99.8)			
SRR29561809			Nasal turbinates				L649Q (42.9)	X335I (96.5)			
SRR29561776			Trachea	K702Q (34)			L649Q (41.6)	E185K (23.6)			
								X335I (98.2)			
SRR29561821			Ethmoid turbinates	N137R (23)							
SRR29561798			Nasal wash					X335I (99.1)			
SRR29561799	Inoculated feret2	3	Nasal wash	K702Q (24.8)				X335I (98.1)			
SRR29561800			Nasal turbinates	K702Q (20.1)	A652G (32.6)		S648C (20.1)	X335I (97.0)			
							L649Q (53.9)				
SRR29561797			Soft palate	K702Q (31.3)			H41Q (24.6)	X335I (98.3)			
							L649Q (41.3)				
SRR29561796			Trachea	K702Q (28)				X335I (98.8)			
SRR29561801			Lung	K702Q (29.9)	T677I (21.2)		S632F (20)	X335I (95.9)			
SRR29561802			Ethmoid turbinates					X335I (91.0)			
SRR29561795	F_inoculated_ferret1	1	Nasal wash					X335I (99.5)			
SRR29561794		2	Nasal wash					X335I (99.8)			
SRR29561791	F_inoculated_ferret2	1	Nasal wash					X335I (97.7)			
SRR29561790		2	Nasal wash					X335I (99.8)			

SRR29561789	F_inoculated_ferret3	1	Nasal wash					X335I (99.2)		
SRR29561788		2	Nasal wash		T677I (23)			X335I (99.4)		
SRR29561793	F_contact_ferret1	1	Nasal wash					X335I (99.3)		
SRR29561792		7	Nasal wash					K234N (100)		
								X335I (100)		

Supplemental Table 4.

		Kruskal-Wallis				
		<u>chi-squared</u>	<u>df</u>	<u>p-value</u>	<u>Significant p < 0.05</u>	<u>Performed Dunn's Test</u>
day 1 nasal washes	RNA copies	9.1358	3	0.02754	Yes	Yes (see below)
day 1 air samples	RNA copies	7.8283	3	0.0497	Yes	Yes (see below)
day 1 nasal washes	PFU	8.4984	3	0.03676	Yes	Yes (see below)
day 1 air samples	PFU	15.615	3	0.00136	Yes	Yes (see below)
day 2 nasal washes	RNA copies	4.0892	3	0.252	No	No
day 2 air samples	RNA copies	15.222	3	0.001637	Yes	Yes (see below)
day 2 nasal washes	PFU	3.4618	3	0.3257	No	No
day 2 air samples	PFU	10.145	3	0.01737	Yes	Yes (see below)

Dunn's post hoc pairwise comparison tests

**Virus Pairwise
Comparison**

Z

P.unadj

P.adj

Significant P.adj < 0.05

day 1 nasal washes	RNA copies	Chile/25945	MN/45	2.5311394	0.01136927	0.06821559	No
day 1 nasal washes	RNA copies	Chile/25945	NE/14	1.8786076	0.06029809	0.36178852	No
day 1 nasal washes	RNA copies	MN/45	NE/14	0.6166667	0.53745461	1	No
day 1 nasal washes	RNA copies	Chile/25945	TX/37	0.2738613	0.78419123	1	No
day 1 nasal washes	RNA copies	MN/45	TX/37	2.2249532	0.02608438	0.15650629	No
day 1 nasal washes	RNA copies	NE/14	TX/37	1.5858376	0.11277615	0.6766569	No

**Virus Pairwise
Comparison**

Z

P.unadj

P.adj

Significant P.adj < 0.05

day 1 air samples	RNA copies	Chile/25945	MN/45	2.390348	0.01683242	0.1009945	No
day 1 air samples	RNA copies	Chile/25945	NE/14	1.1130079	0.26570506	1	No
day 1 air samples	RNA copies	MN/45	NE/14	1.3350661	0.18185472	1	No
day 1 air samples	RNA copies	Chile/25945	TX/37	0.1311652	0.89564465	1	No
day 1 air samples	RNA copies	MN/45	TX/37	2.2437009	0.02485165	0.1491099	No
day 1 air samples	RNA copies	NE/14	TX/37	0.9727864	0.33065948	1	No

**Virus Pairwise
Comparison**

Z

P.unadj

P.adj

Significant P.adj < 0.05

day 1 nasal washes	PFU	Chile/25945	MN/45	2.2144489	0.02679792	0.1607875	No
day 1 nasal washes	PFU	Chile/25945	NE/14	2.4262083	0.01525751	0.09154507	No
day 1 nasal washes	PFU	MN/45	NE/14	0.351573	0.72515849	1	No
day 1 nasal washes	PFU	Chile/25945	TX/37	0.5501842	0.58219301	1	No
day 1 nasal washes	PFU	MN/45	TX/37	1.5993242	0.10974859	0.65849153	No
day 1 nasal washes	PFU	NE/14	TX/37	1.8380366	0.06605702	0.39634211	No

**Virus Pairwise
Comparison**

Z

P.unadj

P.adj

Significant P.adj < 0.05

day 1 air samples	PFU	Chile/25945	MN/45	2.4009681	0.016351763	0.09811058	No
day 1 air samples	PFU	Chile/25945	NE/14	3.4849566	0.000492217	0.002953302	Yes
day 1 air samples	PFU	MN/45	NE/14	1.3539546	0.175750849	1	No

day 1 air samples	PFU	Chile/25945	TX/37	0.5426279	0.587386008	1	No
day 1 air samples	PFU	MN/45	TX/37	1.7942916	0.072766638	0.436599825	No
day 1 air samples	PFU	NE/14	TX/37	2.9048629	0.00367414	0.022044839	Yes
<div> <div>Virus Pairwise Comparison</div> <div>Z</div> <div>P.unadj</div> <div>P.adj</div> <div>Significant P.adj < 0.05</div> </div>							
day 2 air samples	RNA copies	Chile/25945	MN/45	3.4168778	0.000633437	0.003800623	Yes
day 2 air samples	RNA copies	Chile/25945	NE/14	2.6729716	0.007518261	0.045109567	Yes
day 2 air samples	RNA copies	MN/45	NE/14	0.6765133	0.498714802	1	No
day 2 air samples	RNA copies	Chile/25945	TX/37	0.7541997	0.450729311	1	No
day 2 air samples	RNA copies	MN/45	TX/37	2.5736569	0.010063002	0.060378011	No
day 2 air samples	RNA copies	NE/14	TX/37	1.8666982	0.061943744	0.371662462	No
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day 2 air samples	PFU	Chile/25945	MN/45	2.7691937	0.005619522	0.03371713	Yes
day 2 air samples	PFU	Chile/25945	NE/14	2.8274167	0.004692523	0.02815514	Yes
day 2 air samples	PFU	MN/45	NE/14	0.2044393	0.838010255	1	No
day 2 air samples	PFU	Chile/25945	TX/37	2.3732225	0.017633636	0.10580182	No
day 2 air samples	PFU	MN/45	TX/37	0.1158502	0.907771258	1	No
day 2 air samples	PFU	NE/14	TX/37	0.290335	0.771559932	1	No

Summary statistics of the Kruskal Wallis and Dunn's post hoc tests examining the differences in viral RNA copy and PFU titers in nasal wash and air samples collected on day 1 and day 2 post inoculation of ferrets. Kruskal Wallis shows the comparisons, the test chi-squared statistic, degrees of freedom (df) and the p-value. Dunn's test shows pairwise comparisons for statistically significant Kruskal Wallis tests. The comparisons are shown along with the Z test statistic, unadjusted p-value (P.unadj) and Bonferroni multiple comparisons adjusted p-value (P.adj). Statistically significant values ($p < 0.05$) are highlighted in green.

Supplemental Table 5.

	GISAID Isolate ID	PB2						PB1				PA					HA†		NS		
		340	389	591	627	631	701	384	392	581	741	13	142	219	497	613	195	320	40	77	229
A/Texas/37/2024*	EPI_ISL_19027114	R	R	Q	K	M	D	S	V	E	A	I	E	L	K	E	I	S	R	L	E
A/dairy_cow/New_Mexico/A240920343-93/2024*	EPI_ISL_19091702	R	R	Q	E	L	D	P	I	E	A	V	K	I	K	K	I	N	Q	R	K
A/Michigan/90/2024*	EPI_ISL_19162802	R	R	Q	E	L	D	S	I	K	V	I	K	I	R	E	I	S	Q	L	E
A/Chile/25945/2023#	EPI_ISL_17468386	K	K	K	E	M	N	S	I	E	A	I	K	L	K	E	T	S	Q	L	E

* Isolates associated with outbreaks on dairy farms; all amino acid differences across all proteins are shown.

Selected amino acids are shown. Total number of amino acid differences between Chile/25945 and TX/37: 16 in PB2, 12 in PB1, 8 in PA, 6 in NS, 5 in NP, 2 in NA, 3 in M1 and M2, 1 in HA

† H5 numbering