

Comparative Sequence Analysis of Circulating and Pandemic Flu Viruses in Swine and Humans

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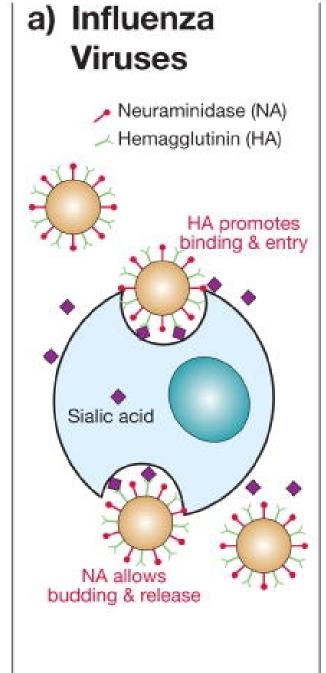


- Influenza, more commonly known as the flu, is an RNA virus that primarily affects the respiratory system.
- Influenza viruses are named for their surface proteins hemagglutinin (HA) and neuraminidase (NA).



Proteins

- Hemagglutinin (HA)
- Neuraminidase (NA)
- Receptor Proteins responsible for entry and exit of virus cells
- HA binding and entry
- NA budding and release



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- Antigenic drift RNA sequence has mutated the HA or NA protein enough to become immune to previous vaccinations.
- Antigenic shift two or more different influenza viruses affect the same host, leading to a reassortment of genomic segments, creating a new virus against which humans have no pre-existing immunity.



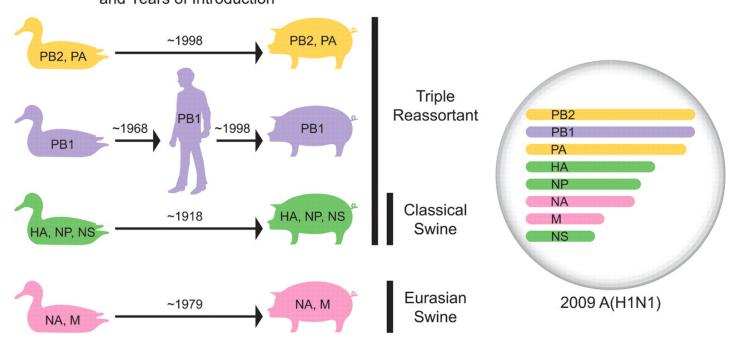
Pandemic vs Seasonal viruses

- Pandemic strain
 - Infects many people around the world
 - Easily to spread; more contagious
 - 4 pandemics
 - 1918 Spanish Flu (H1N1)
 - 1957 Avian Flu (H2N2)
 - 1968 Hong Kong Flu (H3N2)
 - 2009 Swine Flu (HINI)
- Seasonal (non-pandemic) strain
 - Localized, more regular occurrences



• The 2009 swine flu strain (SO-IAV) is a 'triple reassortant', with its hemagglutinin gene from the swine lineage.

Gene Segments, Hosts, and Years of Introduction



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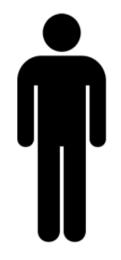
Important to monitor currently circulating swine strains



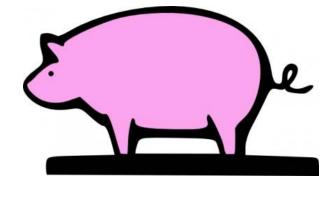
- Identify signature motifs found in HINI pandemic strains affecting humans
 - compare them to sequences found in current swine flu strains circulating among swine using protein sequence analysis
- Model these mutations using VMD or Chimera
 - visualize protein-ligand interactions and measure binding affinities to human receptor analogs using AutoDock suite tools.



- Identify signature motifs, or highly conserved regions, found in HINI pandemic strains affecting humans
 - Compare to currently circulating swine strains and seasonal strains focusing on immune epitopes



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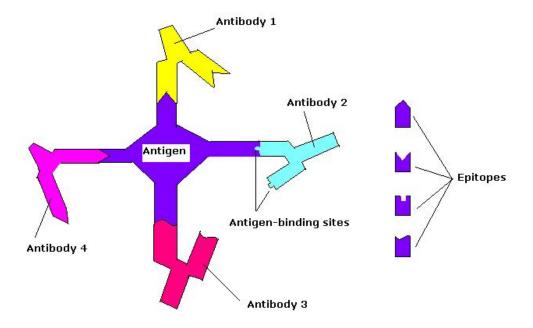




 Parts of the virus which are recognized by antibodies or T cells

Important mutations occur at the

epitopes

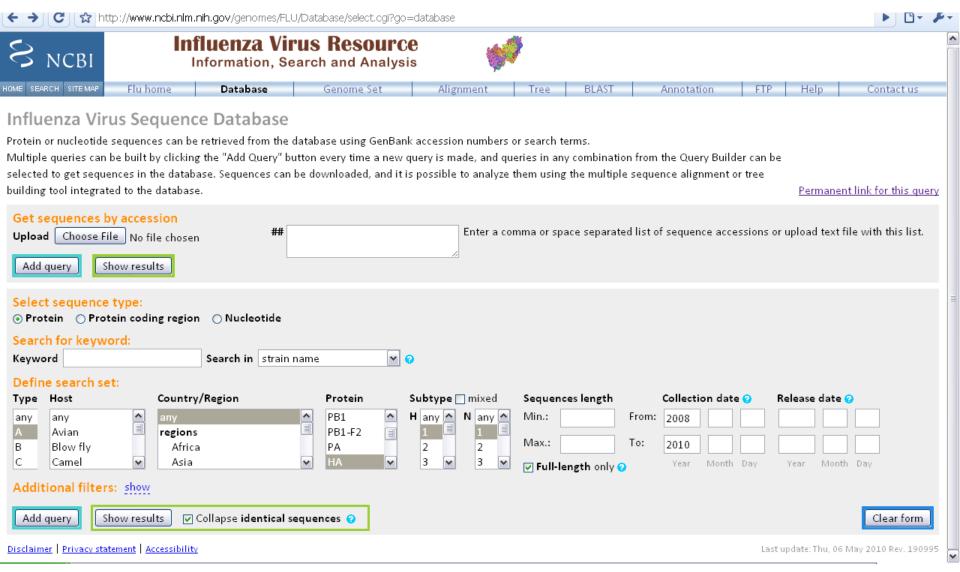




Aim I: Find motifs characterized by pandemic strains

- Tools:
 - Influenza Virus Resource (IVR) at NCBI
 - Basic Local Alignment Search Tool (BLAST)
 - MEME suite
 - Multiple Em for Motif Elicitation (MEME)
 - Motif Alignment and Search Tool (MAST)
 - Immune Epitope Database (IEDB)
 - Chimera

Influenza Virus Resource



Some strains

- Seasonal HINI (total of 15)
 - A/Brisbane/59/2007
- Pandemic HINI (total of 97)
 - A/California/04/2009 (3LZG)
 - A/New York/1682/2009 2009/04/27 HA
- Previously circulating swine HINI strain (I)
 - A/swine/lowa/15/30(H1N1) (IRUY)
- Currently circulating HINI swine strains (26)
 - A/swine/Minnesota/03000/2010(H1N1)
 - A/swine/Beijing/26/2008(HINI)
 - A/swine/Hong Kong/NS29/2009(H1N1)

Protein Sequence Alignment

Positions from 121 till 180 OLSSVS SFERFEIFPKAS SWPNHDTTRGVTAACPHAGAKSFYRNLI WLVKKGNSYPKLSK Consensus sequence ACQ76318 A/California/04/2009(H1N1) ACR10223 A/Hamburg/4/2009(H1N1) K.... T... SNK.... K... K... K... AAB52905 A/swine/Iowa/15/1930(H1N1)E...E.....E.....VT..S.S.S.N.ES.....L..TG.NGL..N... ADE28750 A/Brisbane/59/2007(H1N1) ADD96946 A/Hamburg/INS92/2009(H1N1)K.....T....SNK......K....K.....K..... ACK57777 A/swine/Beijing/26/2008(H1N1) T. T. V. . S. S. VN. L. I ACK57767 A/swine/Fujian/58/2008(H1N1) T. T. V. . S. S. . N. L. I ADG08528 A/swine/Hong Kong/3001/2009(H1N1) ADG08198 A/swine/Hong Kong/NS613/2009(H1N1) BAI83394 A/swine/Ratchaburi/NIAH101942/2008/H1N1) ACK57757 A/swine/Shandong/128/2008(H1N1) Positions from 121 till 180 QLSSVS FERFEIFPKES WPNHTVTKGVSASCSHNGKSSFYRNLLWLTGKNGLYPNLSK Consensus sequence ABR15918 A/Auckland/582/2000(H1N1) AAP34323 A/Beijing/262/1995(H1N1) ABW23335 A/California/09/2006(H1N1)E....E....X. ABP49338 A/California/10/1978(H1N1)K.N..R...K.N..R...K....K......E...S..... ACD47246 A/Hawaii/44/2007(H1N1)E....K.............. ABQ44416 A/Memphis/1/1987(H1N1) ABW23319 A/Minnesota/02/2007(H1N1) ACK99034 A/Norway/50/2008(H1N1) ACF41834 A/Puerto Rico/8/1934(H1N1) ACV49666 A/Siena/4/1987(H1N1)K.R...E...E....E..... AAK70450 A/Switzerland/5389/95 (H1N1) AAP34322 A/Texas/36/1991(H1N1) Positions from 121 till 180 OLSSVSSFERFEIFPKTSSWPNHDSNKGVTAACPHAGAKSFYKNLIWLVKKGNSYPKLSK Consensus sequence ACQ84467 A/New York/1682/2009(H1N1) ADH01958 A/Aalborg/INS133/2009(H1N1) ADA83041 A/Abakan/02/2009(H1N1) ----X ADG21140 A/Afghanistan/N09840/2009(H1N1) ACX31945 A/Aichi/198/2009(H1N1)

ACV67245 A/Alabama/02/2009(H1N1)

ADC32423 A/Ancona/97/2009(H1N1)



MEME

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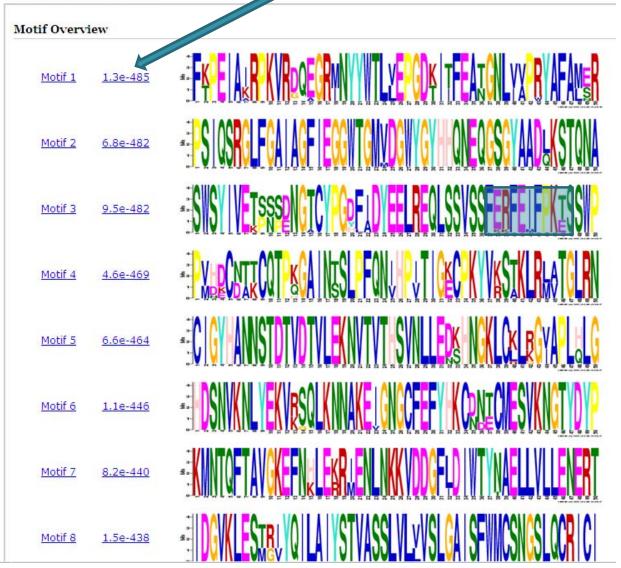
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Version 4.4.0 Data Submission Form Required Your e-mail address: How do you think the occurrences of a single motif are distributed among the sequences? Re-enter e-mail address: One per sequence Zero or one per sequence Any number of repetitions Please enter the sequences which you believe share dne MEME will find the optimum width of each motif or more motifs. The sequences may contain no more than 60000 within the limits you specify here: characters Minimum width (>= 2) total in any of a large number of formats. 50 Maximum width (<= 300) Enter the name of a file containing the sequences here: Choose File No file chosen Clear Maximum number of motifs to find the actual sequences here (Sample Protein Input Sequences):

MEME results

E-value: the probability of finding an equally well-conserved pattern in random sequences

DISCOVERED MOTIFS

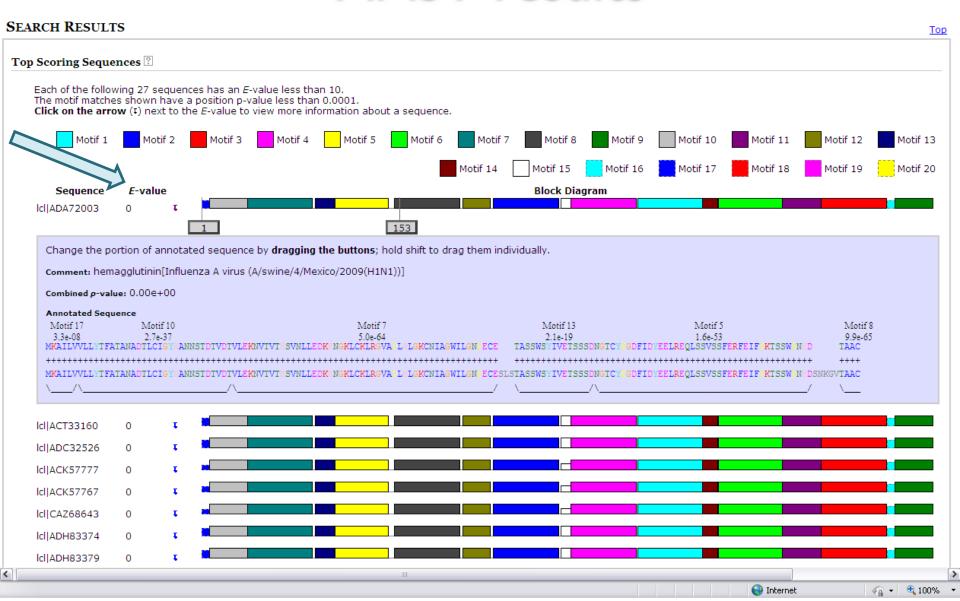


- Input: Pandemic, Swine and Seasonal strains
- 17 motifs found
- Width: 6-50
- Zero or one occurrence of motifs per sequence
- I2 sequences:
 - 4 swine
 - 4 seasonal
 - 4 pandemic

MEME Swine and Pandemic motifs

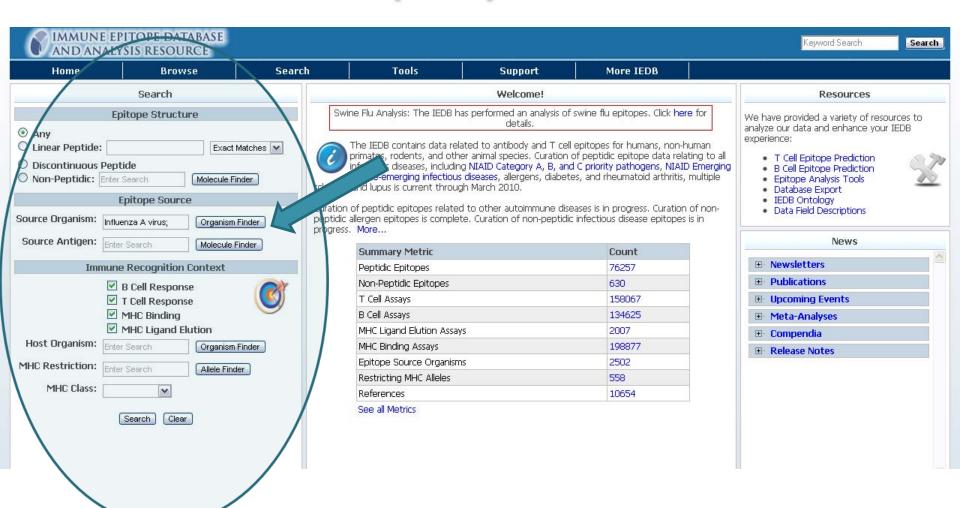


MAST results



Pandemic 97 0-1 vs Swine 27

Immune Epitope Database





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Epitope

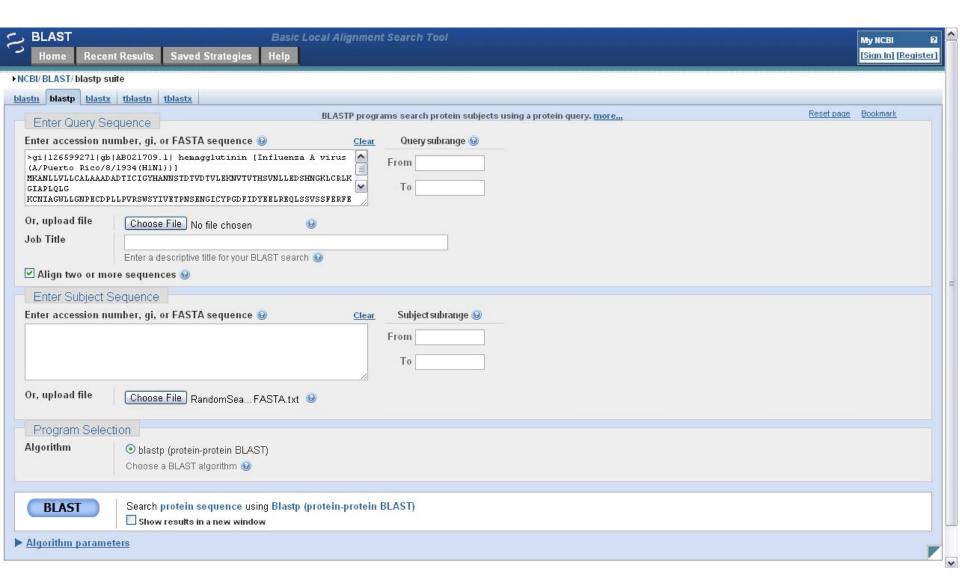
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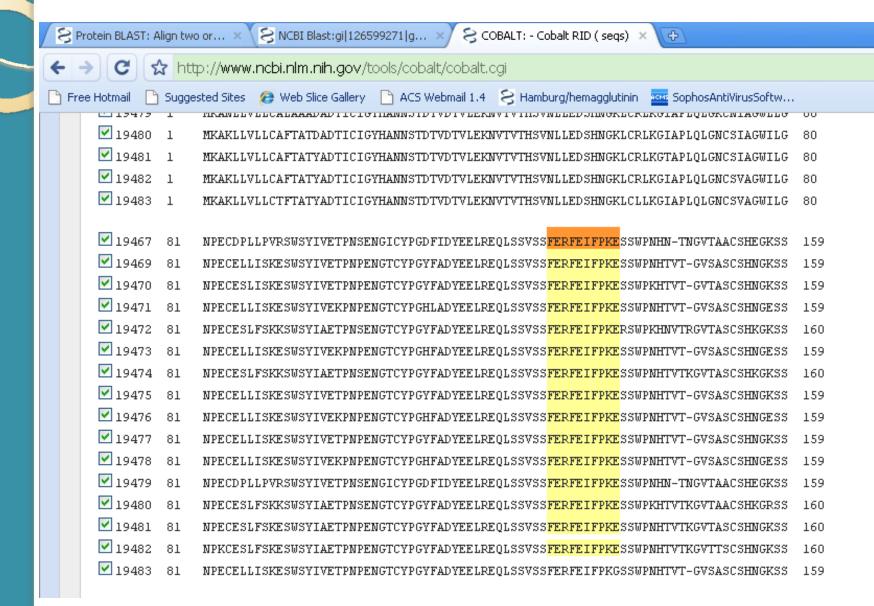
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Epitope ID 🕇	Structure	Source Antigen	Source Organism
133	AAFEDLRVLSFIRG	nucleoprotein	Influenza A virus
134	AAFEDLRVLSFIRGTKVSPR	Nucleoprotein	Influenza A virus
360	AAPIEHIASM	Polymerase acidic protein	Influenza A virus (A/Wilson- Smith/1933(H1N1))
570	ACKRGPGSGFFSRLN	Hemagglutinin (1 more)	Influenza A virus (1 more)
695	ADKRITEMI	Polymerase basic protein 2	Influenza A virus (A/Ann Arbor/6/1960(H2N2))
714	ADLKSTQAAIDQING	Hemagglutinin precursor	Influenza A virus (A/X-31(H3N2))
729	ADMSIGVTV	RNA-directed RNA polymerase catalytic subunit	Influenza A virus (A/Ann Arbor/6/1960(H2N2))
730	ADMSIGVTVI	RNA-directed RNA polymerase catalytic subunit	Influenza A virus (A/Ann Arbor/6/1960(H2N2))
754	ADQKSTQNAI	Hemagglutinin precursor	Influenza A virus (A/Wilson- Smith/1933(H1N1))
798	ADYEELREQLSSVSSFERFE	Hemagglutinin precursor	Influenza A virus
825	AEAIIVAMV	Polymerase basic protein 2	Influenza A virus (A/Ann Arbor/6/1960(H2N2))
B26	AEAIIVAMVF	Polymerase basic protein 2	Influenza A virus (A/Ann Arbor/6/1960(H2N2))
B57	AEDMGNGCF	Hemagglutinin	Influenza A virus (A/Moscow/343/2003(H3N2))
984	AEIEDLIFL	nucleocapsid protein (2 more)	Influenza A virus (A/Viet Nam/1194/2004(H5N1)) (2 more)
985	AEIEDLIFS	Nucleoprotein	Influenza A virus (A/Bilthoven/4791/81(H3N2))
1021	AEKPKFLPDL	Polymerase acidic protein	Influenza A virus (A/Ann Arbor/6/1960(H2N2))
1055	AELLVALEN	hemagglutinin	Influenza A virus (A/Memphis/102/1972(H3N2))

BLAST



Multiple alignment





Creating FASTA files

 Created FASTA files from BLAST results to get MEME results

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MEME

Motif Overview

Motif 1 1.6e-347

Motif 2 2.0e-111

Motif 3 8.7e-055

Motif 4 5.4e-014

Motif 5 5.3e+004

Further Analysis

Submit all motifs to MAST

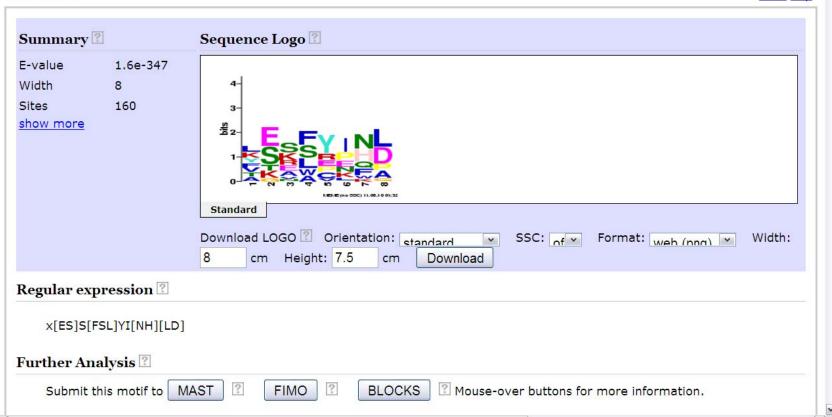
FIMO

BLOCKS

? Mouse-over buttons for more information.

MOTIF 1

MOTIF 1



PSPM –Position Specific Scoring Matrix

- Protein alphabet:
 - ACDEFGHIKLMNPQRSTVWY

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Data Formats 🛚
  View the motif in ● PSPM Format 🏻
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SEARCH RESULTS Top Top Scoring Sequences ? Each of the following 97 sequences has an E-value less than 10. The motif matches shown have a position p-value less than 0.0001. Click on the arrow (I) next to the E-value to view more information about a sequence. Motif 5 E-value **Block Diagram** Sequence ACT21579 2.1e-13 ¥ 66 220 Change the portion of annotated sequence by dragging the buttons; hold shift to drag them individually. Comment: A/Israel/277/2009 2009/04/ HA Combined p-value: 2.16e-15 Annotated Sequence Motif 1 Motif 3 Motif 4 Motif 2 Motif 3 Motif 1 Motif 2 5.8e-06 1.2e-10 1.8e-07 4.5e-06 1.2e-08 1.3e-06 1.6e-08 VNSY R C AGATS VNS RVERWYIOD CHAGATS --GWILGNPECESLSTASSWSYIVETSSSDNGTCYPGDFID EELREQLSSVSSFERFEIFPKISSWPN DSNKGVT AAC AGAKSFYKNLIWLVKKGNS KKSKSYINDKGKEVLVLWGI STSADQQSLYQNADAYVFVG ACR15748 2.1e-13 I ADB89151 2.1e-13 ¥ ACR08500 2.2e-13 I ACR08498 2.2e-13 I ACR78158 2.2e-13 I ACY77573 2.2e-13 I ACY77613 2.2e-13 I

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Aim 2: Model mutations known to occur in pandemic strains into the circulating swine flu strain

 Did some work on Aim 2 but could not carry it further since Aim 1 was not accomplished

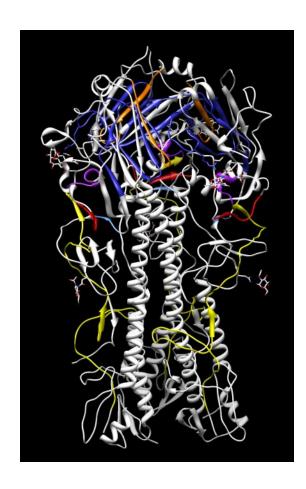
Chimera



IRVX aligned with 3LZG and IRUY



IRVT LSTc



IRUY_mappedMEME swine motifs



3LZG_mapped MEME pandemic94 motifs



Results

- Found motifs using MEME
 - Changed number of expected repetitions
 - Changed length
 - Categorized by pandemic, seasonal and swine
 - Immune Epitopes
 - Overall MEME E-values showed that most motifs are statistically significant
- Submitted MEME results to MAST
 - Most pandemic motifs were found in swine and seasonal strains as well (and vice versa)
 - E-values were very small numbers signifying that the MEME motifs found in pandemic strains were conserved in swine and seasonal hemagglutinin strains as well



Results cont...

- Learned: Most hemagglutinin strains are conserved.
 - Which may explain why most papers focus more on specific amino acid changes instead of motifs
 - Difficult to tell whether a motif is significant (may result from functional, structural or evolutionary relationships between sequences)
- Next steps
 - Motifs found by MEME need to be analyzed further
 - background check through literature
 - Use other resources available through the internet to check the significance of the motifs



Significance

- Knowing signature motifs that correlate to potential virulence for cross-species infection of swine flu viruses into humans would be very useful for diagnostic assay development.
- It provides markers for monitoring the circulating swine flu viruses and whether the changes occurring would give rise to potentially pandemic viruses.
- Further research can also be done on **other proteins** of the virus to see if having the same signature motifs do indeed suggest potential for virulence.



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