

1 De novo profiling of RNA viruses in *Anopheles* malaria vector
2 mosquitoes from forest ecological zones in Senegal and Cambodia

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54 **Abstract**

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56 **Background**

57 Mosquitoes are colonized by a large but mostly uncharacterized natural virome of
58 RNA viruses. *Anopheles* mosquitoes are efficient vectors of human malaria, and the
59 composition and distribution of the natural RNA virome may influence the biology
60 and immunity of *Anopheles* malaria vector populations.

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62 **Results**

63 *Anopheles* vectors of human malaria were sampled in forest village sites in Senegal
64 and Cambodia, including *Anopheles funestus*, *Anopheles gambiae* group sp., and
65 *Anopheles coustani* in Senegal, and *Anopheles hyrcanus* group sp., *Anopheles*
66 *maculatus* group sp., and *Anopheles dirus* in Cambodia. Small and long RNA
67 sequences were depleted of mosquito host and de novo assembled to yield non-
68 redundant contigs longer than 500 nucleotides. Analysis of the assemblies by
69 sequence similarity to known virus families yielded 125 novel virus sequences, 39
70 from Senegal *Anopheles* and 86 from Cambodia. Important monophyletic virus
71 clades in the *Bunyavirales* and *Mononegavirales* orders are found in these
72 *Anopheles* from Africa and Asia. Small RNA size and abundance profiles were used
73 to cluster non-host RNA assemblies that were unclassified by sequence similarity.
74 39 unclassified non-redundant contigs >500 nucleotides strongly matched a
75 pattern of classic RNAi processing of viral replication intermediates, and 1566
76 unclassified contigs strongly matched a pattern consistent with piRNAs. Analysis
77 of piRNA expression in *Anopheles coluzzii* after infection with O'nyong nyong virus

78 (family *Togaviridae*) suggests that virus infection can specifically alter abundance
79 of some piRNAs.

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81 **Conclusions**

82 RNA viruses ubiquitously colonize *Anopheles* vectors of human malaria
83 worldwide. At least some members of the mosquito virome are monophyletic with
84 other arthropod viruses. However, high levels of collinearity and similarity of
85 *Anopheles* viruses at the peptide level is not necessarily matched by similarity at
86 the nucleotide level, indicating that *Anopheles* from Africa and Asia are colonized
87 by closely related but clearly diverged virome members. The interplay between
88 small RNA pathways and the virome may represent an important part of the
89 homeostatic mechanism maintaining virome members in a commensal or
90 nonpathogenic state, and host-virome interactions could influence variation in
91 malaria vector competence.

92 **Introduction**

93 *Anopheles* mosquitoes are the only vectors of human malaria, which kills at least
94 400,000 persons and causes 200 million cases per year, with the greatest impact
95 concentrated in sub-Saharan Africa and South-East Asia [1]. In addition to malaria,
96 *Anopheles* mosquitoes also transmit the alphavirus O'nyong nyong (ONNV, family
97 *Togaviridae*), which is the only arbovirus known to employ *Anopheles* mosquitoes
98 as the primary vector [2, 3].

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100 *Anopheles* mosquitoes harbor a diverse natural virome of RNA viruses [4-7]. A
101 recent survey found evidence of at least 51 viruses naturally associated with
102 *Anopheles* [2]. The *Anopheles* virome is composed mainly of insect specific viruses
103 (ISVs) that multiply only in insects, but also includes relatives of arboviruses that
104 can replicate in both insects and vertebrate cells.

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106 Culicine mosquitoes in the genera *Aedes* and *Culex* transmit multiple arboviruses
107 such as dengue (DENV, family *Flaviviridae*) Zika (ZIKV, family *Flaviviridae*),
108 chikungunya (CHIKV, family *Togaviridae*) and others, but do not transmit human
109 malaria. This apparent division of labor between culicine and *Anopheles*
110 mosquitoes for transmission of arboviruses and *Plasmodium*, respectively, has led
111 to a relative lack of study about *Anopheles* viruses. *Anopheles* viruses have been
112 discovered by isolation from cultured cells exposed to mosquito extract, serology,
113 specific amplification and sequencing, and more recently, deep sequencing and de
114 novo assembly [2]. Although this work has increased the number of ISVs
115 discovered in *Anopheles*, it appears that there are many still unknown.

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117 Here, we assembled small and long RNA sequences from wild *Anopheles*
118 mosquitoes captured in forest ecologies in central and northern Cambodia and
119 eastern Senegal. The sites are considered disease emergence zones, with high
120 levels of fevers and encephalopathies of unknown origin. Sequence contig
121 evidence of a number of novel RNA viruses and variants was detected, and
122 potentially many unclassified viruses.

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124 It is likely that persistent exposure to ISVs, rather than the relatively infrequent
125 exposure to arboviruses such as ONNV, has been the main evolutionary pressure
126 shaping *Anopheles* antiviral immunity. *Anopheles* resistance mechanisms against
127 arbovirus infection may be quite efficient, based on their lack of virus
128 transmission despite highly anthropophilic feeding behavior, including on viremic
129 hosts. Nevertheless, ONNV transmission is the exception that indicates arbovirus
130 transmission by *Anopheles* is possible, so it is a biological puzzle that transmission
131 is apparently restricted to just one virus. Identifying the complement of natural
132 viruses inhabiting the *Anopheles* niche will help clarify the biology underlying the
133 apparent inefficiency of arbovirus transmission by *Anopheles*, and may suggest
134 new tools to raise the barrier to arbovirus transmission by the more efficient
135 *Aedes* and *Culex* vectors.

136 **Results**

137 **Mosquito species estimation**

138 Metagenomic sequencing of long and small fractions of RNA was carried out for
139 four biological replicates pools of mosquitoes from Ratanakiri and Kampong
140 Chnang provinces in central and northern Cambodia near the border with Laos,
141 and four replicate pools from Kedougou in eastern Senegal near the border with
142 the Republic of Guinea (Conakry). Mosquito species composition of sample pools
143 was estimated using sequences of transcripts from the mitochondrial cytochrome
144 c oxidase subunit 1 (COI) gene, which were compared with *Anopheles* sequences
145 from the Barcode of Life COI-5P database (Figure 1, Additional File 1: Table S1).
146 In the Senegal samples, the most frequent mosquito species were *Anopheles*
147 *rufipes*, *Anopheles funestus*, *Anopheles gambiae* group sp., and *Anopheles coustani*,
148 which are all human malaria vectors, including the recently incriminated *An.*
149 *rufipes* [8]. In the Cambodia samples, the most frequent species were *Anopheles*
150 *hyrcanus* group sp., *Anopheles maculatus* group sp., *Anopheles karwari*, *Anopheles*
151 *jeyporeisis*, *Anopheles aconitus* and *Anopheles dirus*. All are considered human
152 malaria vectors [9-12]. Elevated rates of human blood-feeding by a mosquito
153 species is a prerequisite for malaria vectorial capacity [13], and therefore the main
154 *Anopheles* species sampled for virome discovery in this study display consistently
155 high levels of human contact in nature.

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157 **Virus discovery by de novo RNAseq assembly and classification by sequence
158 similarity**

159 Small and long RNA reads were de novo assembled after removal of mosquito
160 sequences. Non-redundant contigs longer than 500 nucleotides from assemblies

161 of both countries, Cambodia and Senegal, were used to search the GenBank
162 protein sequence database using BLASTX with an e-value threshold of 1e-10. This
163 allowed identification of 125 novel assembled virus sequences, 39 from the
164 Senegal samples (virus ID suffix “Dak”, Table 1), and 86 from the Cambodia
165 samples (virus ID suffix “Camb”, Table 2), possibly pointing to higher viral
166 diversity in mosquitoes from Cambodia. Some of the 125 virus sequences showed
167 remote similarity by BLASTX to 24 reference viruses in GenBank that include
168 ssRNA-negative strand viruses of the families *Orthomyxoviridae*, *Rhabdoviridae*
169 and *Bunyaviridae*, ssRNA positive-strand viruses of the families *Virgaviridae*,
170 *Flaviviridae* and *Bromoviridae*, dsRNA viruses of the family *Reoviridae* and
171 multiple unclassified viruses of both ssRNA and dsRNA types (Table 3). Most of
172 these remote similarities were with viruses characterized in a recent virus survey
173 of 70 different arthropod species collected in China [14], which emphasizes the
174 importance of high throughput surveys of arthropod virosphere in the
175 identification of viruses associated with different arthropod species.

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177 In order to place these 125 novel virus assemblies in an evolutionary context,
178 phylogenetic trees were constructed from conserved regions of the RNA-
179 dependent RNA polymerase gene annotated in the 125 virus sequences, along
180 with related virus sequences from GenBank. This allowed the placement of 44 of
181 the 125 assembled viruses in phylogenetic trees, revealing clusters of highly
182 related viruses in the analyzed wild *Anopheles*. Notable examples include five
183 novel virus assemblies from Cambodian *Anopheles* placed near Wuhan Mosquito
184 Virus 1 in a monophyletic group of the Phasmavirus clade (*Bunyavirales*) (Figure
185 2). Also, within the order *Mononegavirales*, 14 novel *Anopheles* virus assemblies

186 (7 from Cambodia and 7 from Senegal) formed a monophyletic group that includes
187 Xincheng Mosquito Virus and Shungao Fly Virus. Finally, 10 novel virus assemblies
188 (9 from Cambodia, 1 from Senegal) formed a monophyletic group that includes
189 Beaumont Virus and a rhabdovirus from *Culex tritaeniorhynchus* within the
190 Dimarhabdovirus clade (Figure 3A). TBLASTX comparisons of virus sequences in
191 these groups with the closest reference viruses in the phylogenetic trees showed
192 high levels of collinearity and similarity at protein level that was not matched by
193 comparable levels of similarity at the nucleotide level, indicating that populations
194 of closely related but diverged viruses colonize *Anopheles* from widely separated
195 geographic locations (Figure 3B).

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197 **Quantification of novel virus sequences in mosquito sample pools**

198 In order to evaluate the prevalence of novel virus sequences across the analyzed
199 mosquito samples, host-filtered small and long RNA reads were mapped over the
200 125 novel virus sequences identified by de novo sequence assembly. Based on
201 long RNAseq reads, the abundance profiles of the 125 virus assemblies display a
202 non-overlapping distribution across different sample pools, and virus sequences
203 can be localized to particular sample pools from the abundance profiles (Figure 4,
204 left panel). This probably indicates a patchy prevalence and abundance of the
205 different viruses among individual mosquitoes, such that an individual mosquito
206 highly infected with a given virus could potentially generate a strong signal for the
207 virus in the sample pool. The sample pools from Cambodia share a higher fraction
208 of common viruses, while there is less overlap in virus abundance distribution
209 across sample pools from Senegal. The representation of virus distribution based
210 on small RNA sequence reads displayed profiles broadly similar to the long RNA-

211 based abundance distribution (Figure 4, right panel). This observation may be
212 consistent with the expectation that small RNA representation is a signature of
213 virus double-stranded RNA (dsRNA) processing by the mosquito RNA
214 interference (RNAi) machinery [15], and therefore was specifically examined next.

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216 **Small RNA size profiling**

217 The processing of virus sequences by small RNA pathways of the insect host
218 generates diagnostic patterns of small RNA read sizes from different viruses. In
219 order to evaluate this phenomenon in the 125 novel virus assemblies
220 characterized by sequence similarity in the analyzed sample pools, small RNA
221 reads that mapped to each virus assembly were extracted, and their size
222 distributions were normalized with a z-score transformation. This allowed
223 comparison of the z-score profiles among virus assemblies by pairwise correlation
224 analysis and hierarchical clustering. The relationship between the small RNA
225 profiles of the different viruses could then be visualized as a heat map. The results
226 of this analysis revealed the presence of four major groups of virus sequences
227 based on small RNA size profiles (Figure 5). Cluster 1 consists of 7 virus
228 assemblies generating small RNAs predominantly in the size range of 23-29 nt
229 mapping over the positive, and to a lesser extent negative, strand. Cluster 2
230 includes 7 viruses, all from Senegal, and displays a similar size profile as viruses
231 of Cluster 1 with reads in the 23-29 nt size range, but also with a higher frequency
232 of 21 nt reads mapping over the positive and negative strands, emblematic of virus
233 cleavage through the mosquito host RNAi pathway. Cluster 3 includes 15 viruses
234 that exhibit the classic pattern of viruses processed by the host RNAi pathway,
235 with predominantly reads of 21 nt in length mapping over virus positive and

236 negative strands (Additional File 2: Figure S1). Finally, Cluster 4 includes 59
237 viruses with small RNA size profiles dominated by reads of 23-29 nt mapping
238 predominantly over the negative strand of virus sequences. Because of the strong
239 strand bias of small RNAs observed, this pattern could correspond to degradation
240 products of virus RNAs, although alternatively, there appears to be size
241 enrichment in the 27-28 nt size peaks characteristic of PIWI-interacting RNAs
242 (piRNAs).

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244 **Viral origin of unclassified transcripts by small RNA size profiling**

245 A major drawback of sequence similarity-based identification of novel viruses in
246 de novo sequence assemblies is the dependence of detection upon existing records
247 of close relatives in public databases. It was proposed that the small RNA size
248 profiles of arthropod-derived viruses detected by sequence similarity could be
249 used as signature to recruit unclassified contigs from de novo sequence
250 assemblies of potential viral origin [15]. We implemented this strategy in order to
251 identify additional sequences of putative viral origin in the set of 2114 contigs
252 with at least 100 small RNA sequence reads left unclassified by sequence
253 similarity searching.

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255 Of these unclassified contigs, a likely viral origin is supported for 4 and 35 contigs
256 that display strong association by small RNA profile with Cluster 2 and Cluster 3,
257 respectively (Spearman correlation>0.9, Additional File 3: Figure S2). These
258 clusters display small RNA size profiles mapping to both genome strands, and
259 characteristic of classic RNAi processing of viral dsRNA replication intermediates.
260 Thus, in addition to the 125 novel virus assemblies classified by sequence

261 similarity to known viruses, 39 unclassified novel *Anopheles* virus assemblies
262 were identified, without sequence similarity to identified viruses but meeting the
263 quality criteria of non-redundant assemblies longer than 500 nucleotides. Further
264 work will be necessary to characterize the biology of these unclassified novel virus
265 assemblies.

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267 Of the other assemblies unclassified by sequence similarity, 1566 showed strong
268 associations between their small RNA size profiles and the small RNA size profiles
269 of virus contigs detected by sequence similarity (Spearman correlation>0.9).
270 Among these, the majority were associated with Cluster 4 virus assemblies (1219
271 unclassified contigs) and to less extent with Cluster 1 (309 unclassified contigs).
272 Both clusters were characterized by a strong bias towards reads from a single
273 strand (positive for Cluster 1 and negative for Cluster 4).

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275 To evaluate how specific these latter profiles of 1219 and 309 contigs are for virus-
276 related sequences, we designed a reconstruction control experiment using the
277 same small RNA size profiling and clustering analysis as above, but instead using
278 669 RNA contigs known to map to the mosquito reference assembly, thus strictly
279 of host origin. As above, contigs with at least 100 small RNA sequence reads were
280 used. 561 of these mosquito contigs could be grouped with small RNA size profiles
281 of virus contigs (Spearman correlation>0.9), most of them (98.21%) with Cluster
282 4 (78.6%) and Cluster 1 (19.6%) profiles.

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284 However, many somatic piRNAs map to only one strand in *Drosophila* and other
285 arthropods [16, 17]. Notably, many virus-related piRNAs in *Aedes*, which are

286 largely ISV-derived, mainly map only to the virus strand antisense to the viral ORF
287 [18]. In *An. coluzzii*, about half of expressed piRNAs display a strong or exclusive
288 strand bias, which is a greater proportion of unidirectional piRNAs than
289 *Drosophila* [19]. Until the current study, *Anopheles* piRNAs have not previously
290 been examined for relatedness to ISVs. Overall, these results are probably most
291 consistent with an interpretation that RNA profile Cluster 1 and Cluster 4 detect
292 strand-biased piRNAs derived from the natural ISV virome of wild *Anopheles*. On
293 that interpretation, the above host-sequence control contigs that share the Cluster
294 1 and Cluster 4 RNA profiles are most likely also piRNAs, but instead derived from
295 endogenous host templates. Previous results showed that most *An. coluzzii*
296 piRNAs target long-terminal repeat retrotransposons and DNA transposable
297 elements [19]. Our current results add wild ISVs as a likely source of template for
298 *Anopheles* piRNA production, and indicate that further work is warranted in the
299 interpretation of small RNA profiles for discovery of unclassified viruses. Our
300 results also suggest the possibility that piRNAs may be involved in *Anopheles*
301 response to viruses, a phenomenon found for only *Aedes* among a wide range of
302 arthropods, but *Anopheles* were not yet tested [17].

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304 **O'nyong nyong alphavirus infection influences expression of piRNAs in**
305 ***Anopheles coluzzii***

306 piRNAs are endogenous small noncoding RNAs of about 24-30 nt that ensure
307 genome stability by protecting it from invasive transposable elements such as
308 retrotransposons and repetitive or selfish sequences [17]. In addition, in *Aedes*
309 mosquito cells, piRNAs can probably mediate responses to arboviruses or ISVs
310 [17, 18, 20, 21]. *Anopheles* mosquitoes express piRNAs from genomic piRNA

311 clusters [19, 22], but piRNA involvement in response or protection to virus
312 infection in *Anopheles* has not been reported to our knowledge. To examine the
313 potential that *Anopheles* piRNAs could be involved in response to viruses, we
314 challenged *An. coluzzii* mosquitoes with the alphavirus, ONNV by feeding an
315 infectious bloodmeal, and sequenced small RNAs expressed during the primary
316 infection at 3 d post-bloodmeal. Mosquitoes fed a normal bloodmeal were used as
317 the control condition.

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319 Analysis of the small RNA expression data using Cuffdiff and DESeq2 detected 86
320 potential significantly differentially expressed transcripts between ONNV infected
321 mosquitoes and normal bloodmeal controls (Additional File 4: Table S2). Filtering
322 for appropriate length of contiguous expressed region for piRNA <40 nt, and high
323 abundance of expression in ONNV and control samples taken together, yielded
324 two annotated piRNA candidates. The candidates were both downregulated after
325 ONNV infection as compared to uninfected controls (p=5e-5, q=6.7e-3, locus
326 XLOC_012931, coordinates UNKN:19043685-19043716; and p=9.5e-4, q=0.046,
327 locus XLOC_012762, coordinates UNKN:13088289-13088321; Figure 7).

328 **Discussion**

329 The current study contributes to a growing body of work defining the deep
330 diversity of the invertebrate virosphere [14, 23, 24]. Because mosquitoes transmit
331 viral infections of humans and animals, there is particular interest in discovery of
332 ISVs comprising the mosquito virome [6, 25-27]. Here, we sampled *Anopheles*
333 mosquitoes from two zones of forest exploitation in Africa and Asia, considered
334 disease emergence zones with likely zoonotic exposure of the human and
335 domestic animal populations. Using assembly quality criteria of non-redundant
336 contigs at least 500 nt in length, we identified 125 novel RNA virus assemblies by
337 sequence similarity to known virus families, and an additional 39 high-confidence
338 virus assemblies that were unclassified by sequence similarity, but display
339 characteristic products of RNAi processing of replication intermediates. Finally,
340 1566 unclassified contigs possessed comparable assembly quality, and lacked a
341 strong RNAi processing signature, but displayed a signature consistent with
342 piRNA origin. This latter group will require additional work to filter bona fide
343 virus-derived piRNA sequences, which have been previously reported in *Aedes*
344 mosquitoes [17, 18, 20, 21], from other potential sources of piRNAs such as
345 retrotransposons and DNA transposable elements, as well as possible physical
346 degradation.

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348 Nevertheless, taken together at least 164 novel and non-redundant virus
349 assemblies, and possibly many more, were identified in wild *Anopheles*
350 mosquitoes in the current report. Small and long RNAs were sequenced from pools
351 of 5-10 mosquitoes. Pooled sample analysis obscures the distribution and
352 abundance of viruses among individuals in the population. Individual mosquito

353 analysis will likely become a research focus as sequencing costs drop. However,
354 some insight about virus distribution can be gained from comparison of sample
355 pools collected from the same site, for example Senegal or Cambodia. The
356 abundance heat map shown in Figure 5 indicates that virus diversity is high in the
357 population, and evenness is relatively low among sample pools from the same site.
358 This suggests that the number of viruses per individual is probably also low, with
359 a patchy distribution among individuals. This expectation is consistent with a
360 small number of individual mosquitoes with RNAs deep sequenced and de novo
361 assembled in our laboratory, which identifies <5 distinct viruses per individual.

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363 The dynamics of the virome may thus be different from the bacterial microbiome,
364 in which tens of taxa are typically present per individual, and microbial diversity
365 is thought to lead to homeostasis or resilience of the microbiota as an ecosystem
366 within the host [28, 29]. By comparison, very little is known about the function of
367 the mosquito virome within the host. At least three important topics are worth
368 exploring. First, unlike the bacterial microbiota, the stability and resilience over
369 time of the viral assemblage in an individual mosquito is unknown. Members of
370 the virome could persist in individual host populations over time in commensal
371 form, or the uneven and patchy viral distribution observed among sample pools
372 could be a consequence of successive waves of epidemic infection peaks and
373 valleys passing through local populations. The commensal or epidemic models
374 could have distinct biological implications for the potential influence of the
375 virome, including on host immunity and competence for transmission of
376 pathogens.

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378 Second, the individual and population-level effect of ISV carriage on vector
379 competence for pathogen transmission is a key question. In the current study, the
380 predominant host species sampled are *Anopheles* vectors of human malaria, and
381 in Africa, some of these species are also vectors of ONNV. ISVs have not been tested
382 for influence on *Plasmodium* or ONNV infection in *Anopheles*, to our knowledge.
383 ISVs could affect host immunity and malaria susceptibility, or even cause
384 temporary vector population reduction during a putative ISV epidemic. A similar
385 concept may apply to ISV interactions with the mosquito host for arbovirus
386 transmission [26]. We identified relatives of Phasi Charoen-like virus (PCLV) in
387 *Anopheles* from Senegal and Cambodia. PCLV relatives also infect *Aedes*, where
388 they were observed to reduce the replication of ZIKV and DENV arboviruses [30].
389 Palm Creek virus, an insect specific flavivirus, causes reduced replication of the
390 West Nile virus and Murray Valley encephalitis arboviruses in *Aedes* cells [31]. In
391 any case, ISV co-infection of mosquito vectors with *Plasmodium* and/or
392 arboviruses in nature is highly probable as a general case, because all *Anopheles*
393 sample pools in the current work were ISV-positive, so more research is
394 warranted.

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396 Third, characterization of the arthropod virome may shed light on the evolution
397 of mosquito antiviral immune mechanisms, as well as the evolution of pathogenic
398 arboviruses. ISV replication is restricted to insect cells, but the potential of most
399 mosquito-associated viruses for transmission to humans or other vertebrates is
400 currently unknown, because few studies of host range and transmission have been
401 done. Some viruses may have a host range restricted to only *Anopheles*. For
402 example, *Anopheles* cypovirus and *Anopheles* C virus replicate and are

403 maintained by vertical transmission in *An. coluzzii*, but were not able to infect *Ae.*
404 *aegypti* in exposure experiments [4]. Both of these viruses were able to replicate
405 in *Anopheles stephensi* after exposure, but *Anopheles* C virus was not stably
406 maintained and disappeared after several generations. Thus, these two viruses
407 may be *Anopheles*-specific, and possibly restricted only to certain *Anopheles*
408 species.

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410 It is likely that the main evolutionary pressure shaping mosquito antiviral
411 mechanisms in general is their persistent exposure in nature to members of the
412 natural virome, rather than the probably less frequent exposure to vertebrate-
413 pathogenic arboviruses. Maintenance of bacterial microbiome commensals in the
414 non-pathogenic commensal state requires active policing by basal host immunity
415 [32]. By analogy, the maintenance of persistent ISVs as non-pathogenic may also
416 result from a dialog with host immunity. Presumably, the same antiviral
417 mechanisms used in basal maintenance of ISVs are also deployed against
418 arboviruses when encountered, which are often in the same families as members
419 of the insect virome [2]. Knowledge of the mechanisms that allow *Anopheles* to
420 carry a natural RNA virome, but apparently reject arboviruses, may provide new
421 tools to raise the barrier to arbovirus transmission by the more efficient *Aedes* and
422 *Culex* vectors.

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424 In addition to the canonical immune signaling pathways, piRNAs can be involved
425 in antiviral protection, although this research is just beginning [18, 33]. One
426 function of genomic piRNA clusters appears to be storage of a molecular archive
427 of genomic threats such as transposable elements, linked to an effector

428 mechanism to inactivate them. This is analogous to bacterial molecular memory
429 mediated by the CRISPR/Cas system. We identified two candidate piRNAs that are
430 downregulated upon ONNV infection in *An. coluzzii*. Involvement of piRNAs during
431 viral infection has not been previously demonstrated in *Anopheles*. piRNA
432 monitoring of the virome may be part of the normal basal management of ISVs,
433 which could potentially be pathogenic if not controlled, but more work is required
434 to draw these connections.

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436 The current report shows that the *Anopheles* virome is complex and diverse, and
437 can be influenced by the geography of mosquito species. This is exemplified by the
438 fact that some viruses are restricted to Senegalese *Anopheles* and others to
439 *Anopheles* from Cambodia (Table 3). Similar results were seen in *Ae. aegypti*, where
440 five ISVs were specific to the Australian host population, while six others were
441 found only in the Thai host population [34]. Differences in the *Anopheles* virome
442 across geography could be explained by climate, environmental conditions,
443 breeding sites, and mosquito bloodmeal sources, among other factors. The
444 presence in this study of such a large number of novel and unclassified virus
445 assemblies highlights the fact that the malaria vector virome is understudied. The
446 same observation has been made during metagenomics surveys in *Drosophila*,
447 *Aedes* and *Culex* [24, 35, 36] among other arthropods, indicating that the vast
448 majority of insect viruses are not yet discovered.

449 **Methods**

450 **Sample collections**

451 Mosquitoes were collected in Cambodia in Kres village, Ratanakiri province
452 (sample pools Cam5-02 and Cam10-02) and Cheav Rov village, Kampong Chnang
453 province (sample pools Cam5-01 and Cam10-01). The majority of inhabitants are
454 engaged in forest-related activities (agriculture, logging and hunting) and may
455 spend the night in forest plots during the harvest period. Vegetation varies from
456 evergreen forest to scattered forest, and the dry season typically runs from
457 November to May and the rainy season from June to October. In Senegal, sampling
458 sites were located in the department of Kedougou in southeastern Senegal.
459 Kedougou lies in a transition zone between dry tropical forest and the savanna
460 belt, and includes the richest and most diverse fauna of Senegal. Recent arbovirus
461 outbreaks include Chikungunya in 2009-2010, Yellow Fever in 2011, Zika in 2010,
462 and Dengue in 2008-2009.

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464 Permission to collect mosquitoes was obtained by Institut Pasteur Cambodia from
465 authorities of Ratanakiri and Kampong Chnang, and by Institut Pasteur Dakar
466 from authorities of Kedougou. Wild mosquitoes visually identified as *Anopheles*
467 spp. at the collection site (non-*Anopheles* were not retained) were immediately
468 transferred into RNAlater stabilization reagent kept at 4°C, and then returned to
469 the laboratory and stored at -80°C until RNA extraction.

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471 **RNA extraction, library construction, and sequencing**

472 Total RNA was extracted from four pools of mosquitoes from each of Senegal and
473 Cambodia (Senegal sample pools: 5 mosquitoes, Dak5-03, Dak5-04, 10

474 mosquitoes, Dak10-03, Dak10-04; Cambodia sample pools: 5 mosquitoes, Cam5-
475 01, Cam5-02, 10 mosquitoes, Cam10-01, Cam10-02) using the Nucleospin RNA kit
476 (Macherey-Nagel) following the supplied protocol. Library preparation and
477 sequencing steps were performed by Fasteris (Plan-les-Ouates, Switzerland,
478 www.fasteris.com). Long RNA libraries from the eight mosquito pools were made
479 from total RNA depleted of ribosomal RNA by treatment with RiboZero (Illumina,
480 San Diego, CA). Libraries were multiplexed and sequenced on a single lane of the
481 Illumina HiSeq 2500 platform (Illumina, San Diego, CA) by the paired-ends
482 method (2x125 bp), generating on average 36 million high-quality read pairs per
483 library. Small RNA libraries with insert size 18-30 nt were generated from the
484 same eight mosquito pools as above, multiplexed and sequenced in duplicate (two
485 technical replicates per pool) in two lanes of the Illumina HiSeq2500 platform
486 (Illumina, San Diego, CA) by the single-end method (1x50 bp) generating on
487 average 34 million reads of high-quality small RNA reads per library.

488

489 **Pre-processing of long and small RNA libraries**

490 Cutadapt 1.13 [37] was used for quality filtering and adaptor trimming of reads
491 from long and small RNA libraries. Low-quality 3' ends of long RNA reads were
492 trimmed by fixing a phred quality score of 15, and reads smaller than 50 bp after
493 quality filtering and adaptor trimming were removed. In the case of small RNA
494 libraries, reads shorter than 15 bp after quality filtering and adaptor trimming
495 were removed.

496

497 In order to filter sequences originating in the mosquito host, sequences passing
498 the above quality filter step were mapped against a custom database consisting of

499 24 *Anopheles* genomes available in Vectorbase in February 2016 [38]. Bowtie 1.2.0
500 [39] was used to map small RNA libraries with two mismatches allowed, whereas
501 the BWA-MEM algorithm from BWA-0.7.12 [40] with default parameters was used
502 to map long RNA libraries. Sequence reads that did not map against *Anopheles*
503 genomes, herein referred to as non-host processed reads, were retained and used
504 for de novo assembly and subsequent binning of virus transcripts.

505

506 **Estimation of *Anopheles* species composition of mosquito sample pools**

507 Quality-filtered long RNA read pairs were mapped with SortMeRNA [41] against a
508 custom database of *Anopheles* sequences of the mitochondrial cytochrome c
509 oxidase subunit 1 gene (COI-5P database) extracted from the Barcode of Life
510 database [42]. 98% identity and 98% alignment coverage thresholds were fixed
511 for the operational taxonomic unit (OTU) calling step of SortMeRNA. OTU counts
512 were collapsed at species level and relative abundances of *Anopheles* species with
513 at least 100 reads and 1% frequency in the sample pool were represented as
514 piecharts using the ggplots2 R package.

515

516 **De novo sequence assembly and identification of virus contigs by sequence
517 similarity**

518 Processed reads from each country (Cambodia and Senegal) were combined and
519 de novo assembled using different strategies for long and small RNA libraries.
520 Small RNA reads were assembled using the Velvet/Oases pipeline [43] using a
521 range of k-mer values from 13 to 35. Long RNA reads were assembled using both
522 the Velvet/Oases pipeline with a range of k-mer values from 11 to 67 and Trinity
523 [44].

524

525 Contigs produced by parallel assembly of Cambodia and Senegal processed reads
526 were filtered in order to remove trans-self chimeric sequences using custom shell
527 scripts, and the resulting contigs were merged with cd-hit-est [45] (95%
528 nucleotide identity over 90% alignment length) in order to generate a final set of
529 non-redundant contig sequences. Non-redundant contigs longer than 500
530 nucleotides were compared against the GenBank protein sequence reference
531 database using BLASTX [46] with an e-value threshold of 1e-10, and the results
532 were imported into MEGAN6 in order to classify contigs taxonomically using the
533 LCA algorithm [47]. Contigs of viral origin were further manually curated by
534 comparing their sequence with that of the closest virus reference genomes by
535 using Artemis Comparison Tool [48].

536

537 **Structural and functional annotation of virus assemblies**

538 Assembled contigs of viral origin were annotated as follows: ORFs were predicted
539 with MetaGeneMark [49], and functionally annotated using Prokka [50] with Virus
540 kingdom as primary core reference database for initial BLASTP searches and
541 including also as reference Hidden Markov Models (HMMS) of virus protein
542 families defined in vFam database [51]. Also, protein sequences of predicted ORFs
543 were processed with the Blast2GO pipeline [52], that generates functional
544 annotation of proteins from BLASTP results against the virus subdivision of
545 GenBank as well as Gene Ontology annotations from top BLASTP results.
546 Prediction of InterPro signatures over viral proteins was also carried out with the
547 InterProScan tool integrated in Blast2GO. The results of the different strategies of
548 structural and functional annotation were integrated and manually curated with

549 Artemis [53].

550

551 **Prediction of unclassified contigs of viral origin by small RNA size profiling**

552 In order to recruit contigs of potential viral origin from the pool of unclassified
553 transcripts, we use the approach of Aguiar and collaborators [15]. This approach
554 uses the size profiles of small RNA reads that maps over positive and negative
555 strands of viruses detected by sequence similarity as a signature to identify
556 unclassified transcripts by sequence similarity of potential viral origin. For this
557 purpose, processed small RNA reads were re-mapped over virus contigs and
558 unclassified contigs by sequence similarity using bowtie 1.2.0 [39] allowing at
559 most one mismatch. From the mapped small RNA reads over each contig, the small
560 RNA size profiles were defined as the frequency of each small RNA read of size
561 from 15 to 35 nucleotides that map over the positive and negative strand of the
562 reference sequence. To compute these small RNA size profiles, reads mapped over
563 positive and negative strands of each reference sequence were extracted with
564 Samtools [54], and the size of small RNA reads were computed with the Infoseq
565 program of the EMBOSS package [55]. Custom shell scripts were used to parse
566 Infoseq output to a matrix representing the frequency of reads of different sizes
567 and polarity across virus/unclassified contigs. This matrix was further processed
568 in R (version 3.3.2). In order to normalize the small RNA size profiles, a z-score
569 transformation is applied over the read frequencies of each contig
570 (virus/unclassified). The similarity between small RNA size profiles of virus and
571 unclassified contigs is computed as the Pearson correlation coefficient of the
572 corresponding z-score profiles, and the relationship between small RNA size
573 profiles of virus/unclassified contigs was defined from this similarity values using

574 UPGMA as linkage criterion with the R package Phangorn [56]. These relationships
575 were visualized as heatmaps of the z-score profiles in R with gplots package
576 (version 3.0.1) using the UPGMA dendrogram as the clustering pattern of
577 virus/unclassified sequences. Unclassified contigs with a Pearson correlation
578 coefficient of at least 0.9 with virus contigs and coming from the same mosquito
579 sample pool were regrouped into clusters.

580

581 **Phylogenetic analyses**

582 In order to place the new virus sequences characterized in the present study into
583 an evolutionary context, the peptide sequences of RNA dependent RNA
584 polymerase ORFs detected in the annotation step were aligned with the
585 corresponding homologs in reference positive-sense and negative-sense single-
586 strand RNA viruses (ssRNA) and double strand RNA viruses (dsRNA) using MAFFT
587 v7.055b with the E-INS-i algorithm [57]. Independent alignments were generated
588 for all ssRNA and dsRNA viruses and for different virus families (Bunya-
589 Arenavirus, Monenegavirus, Orthomyxovirus, Flavivirus, Reovirus). The
590 resulting alignments were trimmed with TrimAI [58] in order to remove highly
591 variable positions, keeping the most conserved domains for phylogenetic
592 reconstruction. Phylogenetic trees were reconstructed by maximum likelihood
593 with RAxML [59] with the WAG+GAMMA model of amino acid substitution and
594 100 bootstrap replicates. Phylogenetic trees were visualized with the R package
595 Ape [60].

596

597 **ONNV infection and candidate piRNA gene regulation**

598 Infection of *An. coluzzii* with ONNV, library preparations, and sequencing were
599 described [61]. Briefly, small RNA sequence reads from 2 pools of 12 mosquitoes
600 each fed an ONNV-infected bloodmeal (unfed mosquitoes removed), and 2 control
601 pools of 12 mosquitoes each fed an uninfected normal bloodmeal were mapped to
602 the *An. gambiae* PEST AgamP4 genome assembly using STAR version 2.5 with
603 default parameters [62]. The resulting SAM files were analyzed using
604 featureCounts [63] with default parameters to count mapped small RNAs
605 overlapping with previously annotated *An. coluzzii* piRNA genes in 187 genomic
606 piRNA clusters, in the file, GOL21-bonafide-piRNAs-24-29nt.fastq, from [19].
607 featureCounts considers a small RNA sequence read as overlapping a piRNA
608 feature if at least one base of the small RNA read overlaps the piRNA feature. Small
609 RNA sequence reads are not counted if they overlap more than one piRNA feature.
610 piRNAs in *An. coluzzii* are annotated by George et al. [19] as novel genes (denoted
611 XLOC loci) as well as piRNAs produced from loci within existing genes of the *An.*
612 *gambiae* PEST reference (AGAP loci). The Cuffdiff function in Cufflinks version
613 2.2.1 and DESeq2 version 1.20.0 were used to count and test for significant
614 differential expression levels between ONNV infected and control uninfected
615 samples, yielding 86 piRNA features that were potentially differentially
616 represented in the small RNA sequences between the ONNV and control treatment
617 conditions (Additional File 4: Table S2). The 86 candidates were filtered for a)
618 length of the contiguous region expressed in small RNA less than 40 nt, and b) in
619 the upper 10% of small RNA sequence read depth in all sequence samples
620 combined.

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622 **Ethics approval and consent to participate**

623 There were no human or animal subjects. Permission to collect wild mosquitoes
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628 **Consent for publication**

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631 **Availability of data and material**

632 All sequence files are available from the EBI European Nucleotide Archive
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875 **Figure Legends**

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878 mitochondrial cytochrome C oxidase subunit I gene sequences (COI-5P) from
879 Barcode of Life Database. Taxa represented by >100 sequence reads and 1%
880 frequency in the sample pool were plotted in pie charts. White wedges represent
881 the proportion of sequence matches present at less than 1% frequency. All data
882 are presented in tabular form in Additional File: Table S1.

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884 **Figure 2. Phylogenetic tree of reference and novel virus assemblies from the**
885 ***Bunyaviridae* family.** Novel viruses characterized from Cambodia and Senegal
886 *Anopheles* sample pools (red labels) are placed within the Phasmavirus clade and
887 in a basal position of the Phebovirus-Tenuivirus clade.

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889 **Figure 3. Phylogenetic tree of reference and novel virus assemblies from the**
890 ***Mononegavirales* order. A)** Novel virus assemblies characterized from Cambodia
891 and Senegal *Anopheles* sample pools (red labels) are predominantly placed within
892 the Dimarhabdovirus clade and as close relative of the Nyamivirus clade. **B)** In this
893 latter group close to Nyamivirus, the novel virus assemblies identified are close
894 relatives of Xincheng mosquito virus, sharing a high degree of genome collinearity
895 based on TBLASTX comparisons of novel and reference Xinxeng mosquito
896 reference sequences.

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898 **Figure 4. Viral abundance profiles across mosquito sample pools based on**
899 **small and long RNA sequence mapping.** Heatmap of log2-transformed reads per

900 kilobase per million reads (RPKM) abundance values of novel virus assemblies
901 identified from Cambodia and Senegal pools based on long and small RNA
902 sequence libraries. Broadly similar viral abundance profiles are observed for
903 different pools based on small and long RNA sequence data. Representation of
904 particular viruses is uneven among pools, possibly indicating inter-individual
905 mosquito differences for virus carriage.

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907 **Figure 5. Small RNA size profiles of novel virus assemblies from Cambodia**
908 **and Senegal sample pools.** Hierarchical clustering of novel virus assemblies
909 based on Pearson correlation of z-score transformed small RNA size profiles (the
910 frequency of small RNA reads of size 15 to 35 nucleotides that maps over the
911 positive and negative strand of the reference sequence). Four main clusters were
912 defined based on these small RNA size profiles, among which the classical siRNA
913 size profile (21 nt reads mapping over positive and negative strand) is
914 represented in the Cluster 3.

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917 **Supporting information**

918 **Additional File 1: Table S1. *Anopheles* mosquito taxa represented in the**
919 **collections from Senegal and Cambodia, as detected by comparison to**
920 ***Anopheles* sequences from the Barcode of Life COI-5P database.** Data
921 corresponds to pie charts of *Anopheles* taxa by country and sample pool depicted
922 in Figure 1.

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924 **Additional File 2: Figure S1. Small RNA size profiles (A) and coverage profiles**

925 **(B) of 15 novel virus assemblies with classic RNAi processing pattern.** Virus
926 assemblies shown are in Figure 5, Cluster 3, and are classified by sequence
927 similarity to known virus assemblies. Red vertical bars represent reads mapped
928 over the positive strand of reference viral sequence, and blue bars represent reads
929 mapped over the negative strand.

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931 **Additional File 3: Figure S2. Small RNA size profiles of contigs left**
932 **unclassified by sequence similarity grouping.** Unclassified contigs that display
933 strong association by small RNA profile with Figure 5, Cluster 2 and Cluster 3. Red
934 bars represent reads mapped over the positive strand of reference viral sequence,
935 and blue bars represent reads mapped over the negative strand.

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937 **Additional File 4: Table S2. Anopheles coluzzii piRNAs potentially**
938 **differentially represented in the small RNA sequences between the ONNV**
939 **and control treatment conditions.**

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Table 1. Summary of virus assemblies, Senegal *Anopheles* sample pools.

Reference virus	NCBI classification reference virus	Closest relative	Assembled sequence	Length
DsRNA virus environmental sample clone mill.culi_contig84	Viruses; dsRNA viruses; environmental samples.	gi 766989332 gb AJT39580.1 proline-alanine-rich protein [dsRNA virus environmental sample]	PrAlaRichProt_EnvVirDak	1345
Homalodisca vitripennis reovirus segment S3	Viruses; dsRNA viruses; Reoviridae; Sedoreovirinae; Phytoreovirus; unclassified Phytoreovirus	gi 226423326 ref YP_002790886.1 major core protein [Homalodisca vitripennis reovirus]	CP_HVreovirusDak	5674
Daeseongdong virus 1 strain A12.2708/ROK/2012	Viruses; unclassified viruses.	gi 959121745 ref YP_009182191.1 putative RNA-dependent RNA polymerase [Daeseongdong virus 1].	RdRP_DaeseondongVirDak	2530
Ixodes scapularis associated virus 2 isolate A1, partial genome	Viruses; unclassified viruses.	gi 669132782 gb AII01812.1 hypothetical protein, partial [Ixodes scapularis associated virus 2]	HP1.1_IxodesVirDak HP1.2_IxodesVirDak	2820 2561
Uncultured virus isolate acc_7.4	Viruses; environmental samples.	gi 545716017 gb AGW51759.1 RNA-dependent RNA polymerase-like protein [uncultured virus]	RdRP_UncVir1Dak	1488
Uncultured virus isolate acc_1.3	Viruses; environmental samples.	gi 545716010 gb AGW51755.1 RNA-dependent RNA polymerase-like protein, partial [uncultured virus]	RdRP_UncVir2Dak	2011
American dog tick phlebovirus isolate Fl3	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; Bunyaviridae; Phlebovirus; unclassified Phlebovirus.	gi 734669629 gb AJA31764.1 nucleocapsid, partial [American dog tick phlebovirus]	NuICap1.1_ADTphlebovirusDak NuICap1.2_ADTphlebovirusDak	1105 1148
Culex tritaeniorhynchus rhabdovirus RNA, complete genome, strain:TY	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; Mononegavirales; Rhabdoviridae; unclassified Rhabdoviridae.	gi 700895640 ref YP_009094323.1 large protein [Culex tritaeniorhynchus rhabdovirus]	LP_CulexRhabdovDak	1526
Phasi Charoen-like virus	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; Bunyaviridae; unclassified Bunyaviridae.	gi 664682120 gb AIF71032.1 nucleocapsid [Phasi Charoen-like virus]	NuICap1.1_PCLVDak	1187
			NuICap1.2_PCLVDak	1104
			NuICap1.3_PCLVDak	1125
			NuICap1.4_PCLVDak	1144

	gi 870898373 gb AKP18600.1 glycoprotein [Phasi Charoen-like virus]	GP_PCLVDak	3887	
	gi 664682116 gb AIF71030.1 RNA-dependent RNA polymerase [Phasi Charoen-like virus]	RdRP_PCLVDak	6711	
Wellfleet Bay virus isolate 10-280-G segment 4	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; Orthomyxoviridae; Quaranjavirus; unclassified Quaranjavirus.	Nuclprot1.1_WBvirDak	1973	
	gi 727361119 ref YP_009110683.1 nucleoprotein [Wellfleet Bay virus]	Nuclprot1.2_WBvirDak	3252	
Wuhan Mosquito Virus 9 strain JX1-13	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; unclassified ssRNA negative-strand viruses.	gi 752455731 gb AJG39214.1 ORF1 [Wuhan Mosquito Virus 9]	ORF1_Wuhan9virDak	1574
Wuhan Mosquito Virus 1 strain WT3-15	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; unclassified ssRNA negative-strand viruses.	gi 752455880 gb AJG39296.1 glycoprotein precursor [Wuhan Mosquito Virus 1].	GP_Wuhan1virDak	3547
Wuhan Spider Virus strain SYZZ-2	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; unclassified ssRNA negative-strand viruses.	gi 752455826 gb AJG39269.1 RNA-dependent RNA polymerase [Wuhan Spider Virus]	RdRP1.1_WSVDak	998
			RdRP1.2_WSVDak	2083
			RdRP1.3_WSVDak	1070
Xincheng Mosquito Virus strain XC1-6	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; unclassified ssRNA negative-strand viruses.	gi 752455743 gb AJG39224.1 ORF1 [Xincheng Mosquito Virus]	ORF1_XinchengVirDak	947
		gi 752455744 gb AJG39225.1 ORF2 [Xincheng Mosquito Virus]	ORF2_XinchengVirDak	1726
		gi 752455745 gb AJG39226.1 glycoprotein [Xincheng Mosquito Virus]	GP_XinchengVirDak	5993
			RdRP1.1_XinchengVirDak	11707
			RdRP1.2_XinchengVirDak	11722
			RdRP1.3_XinchengVirDak	11710
		gi 752455746 gb AJG39227.1 RNA-dependent RNA polymerase [Xincheng Mosquito Virus]	RdRP1.4_XinchengVirDak	11694
			RdRP1.5_XinchengVirDak	11728
			RdRP1.6_XinchengVirDak	11716
			RdRP1.7_XinchengVirDak	6128

Xinzhou Mosquito Virus strain XC3-5	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; unclassified ssRNA negative-strand viruses.	gi 752455830 gb AJG39271.1 RNA-dependent RNA polymerase [Xinzhou Mosquito Virus].	RdRP1.1_XinzhouVirDak	7527
			RdRP1.2_XinzhouVirDak	7524
Sunn-hemp mosaic virus	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA positive-strand viruses, no DNA stage; Virgaviridae; Tobamovirus.	gi 12643499 sp P89202.2 RDRP_SHMV RecName: Full=Replicase large subunit]	RdRP_SHMVDak	1216
Omono River virus	Viruses; dsRNA viruses	gi 307933351 dbj BAJ21511.1 RNA-dependent RNA polymerase [Omono River virus]	RdRP_OmonoVirDak	613
Jurona virus	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; Mononegavirales; Rhabdoviridae; Vesiculovirus.	gi 701219310 ref YP_009094377.1 polymerase [Jurona virus]	RdRP_JuronaVirDak	818
Beaumont virus strain 6	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; Mononegavirales; Rhabdoviridae; unclassified Rhabdoviridae.	gi 550631504 gb AGX86091.1 RNA-dependent RNA polymerase, partial [Beaumont virus]	RdRP_BeaumontVirDak	805

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Table 2. Summary of virus assemblies, Cambodia *Anopheles* sample pools.

Reference virus	NCBI classification reference virus	Closest relative	Assembled sequence	Length
uncultured virus	Viruses; environmental samples.	RNA-dependent RNA polymerase-like protein, partial [uncultured virus] (KF298266.1)	vcambTR48403_c0_g1_i2	857
			RdRP1.2_UncVir2Camb	797
			RdRP1.3_UncVir2Camb	2177
			RdRP1.4_UncVir2Camb	2574
			RdRP1.5_UncVir2Camb	2722
Culex tritaeniorhynchus rhabdovirus RNA, complete genome; NC_025384	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; Mononegavirales; Rhabdoviridae; unclassified Rhabdoviridae.	gi 700895639 ref YP_009094322.1 glycoprotein [Culex tritaeniorhynchus rhabdovirus]	GP_CulexRhabdovCamb	2866
		gi 700895640 ref YP_009094323.1 large protein [Culex tritaeniorhynchus rhabdovirus]	LP1.1_CulexRhabdovCamb	755
			LP1.2_CulexRhabdovCamb	1454
Phasi Charoen-like virus	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; Bunyaviridae; unclassified Bunyaviridae	gi 870898373 gb AKP18600.1 glycoprotein [Phasi Charoen-like virus]	GP1.1_PCLVCamb	642
		gi 870898376 gb AKP18601.1 Nucleocapsid [Phasi Charoen-like virus]	GP1.2_PCLVCamb	933
			NuclCap1.1_PCLVCamb	1104
			NuclCap1.2_PCLVCamb	533
			NuclCap1.3_PCLVCamb	535
			NuclCap1.4_PCLVCamb	2157
Bivens Arm virus isolate UF 10	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; Mononegavirales; Rhabdoviridae; Tibrovirus	gi 751997168 gb AJG05818.1 nucleoprotein N [Bivens Arm virus]	NProt_BivArmsVirCamb	516
Jurona virus	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; Mononegavirales; Rhabdoviridae; Vesiculovirus.	gi 701219310 ref YP_009094377.1 polymerase [Jurona virus] >gnl ... 176 2e-43	RdRP_JuronaVirCamb	1329
Puerto Almendras virus isolate LO-39	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; Mononegavirales; Rhabdoviridae; unclassified Rhabdoviridae.	gi 701219331 ref YP_009094394.1 L protein [Puerto Almendras vir... 213 2e-54	Lprot1.1_PAvirCamb	1869
			Lprot1.2_PAvirCamb5	3895

		gi 701219327 ref YP_009094389.1 N protein [Puerto Almendras virus]	Nprot_PAvirCamb	4449
Beaumont virus strain 6	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; Mononegavirales; Rhabdoviridae; unclassified Rhabdoviridae.	gi 550631504 gb AGX86091.1 RNA-dependent RNA polymerase, partial [Beaumont virus]	RdRP1.1_BeaumontVirCa mb	586
			RdRP1.2_BeaumontVirCa mb	633
			RdRP1.3_BeaumontVirCa mb	594
			RdRP1.4_BeaumontVirCa mb	1359
			RdRP1.5_BeaumontVirCa mb	1606
			RdRP1.6_BeaumontVirCa mb	1141
			RdRP1.7_BeaumontVirCa mb	1667
Wellfleet Bay virus isolate 10-280-G segment 4	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; Orthomyxoviridae; Quaranjavirus; unclassified Quaranjavirus.	gi 727361119 ref YP_009110683.1 nucleoprotein [Wellfleet Bay virus]	Nuclprot1.1_WBvirCamb	1011
			Nuclprot1.2_WBvirCamb	1139
			Nuclprot1.3_WBvirCamb	2942
Xinzhou Mosquito Virus strain XC3-5	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; unclassified ssRNA negative-strand viruses.	gi 752455830 gb AJG39271.1 RNA-dependent RNA polymerase [Xinzhou Mosquito Virus]	RdRP_XinzhouVirCamb	8129
Wuhan Mosquito Virus 1 strain WT3-15	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; unclassified ssRNA negative-strand viruses.	gi 752455822 gb AJG39267.1 RNA-dependent RNA polymerase [Wuhan Mosquito Virus 1]	RdRP1.1_Wuhan1virCam b	3576
			RdRP1.2_Wuhan1virCam b	2929
			RdRP1.3_Wuhan1virCa mb	3943
			RdRP1.4_Wuhan1virCa mb	686
			RdRP1.5_Wuhan1virCa mb	518
			RdRP1.6_Wuhan1virCam b	6431
			RdRP1.7_Wuhan1virCam b	6435
			GP1.1_Wuhan1virCamb	523

	gi 752455880 gb AJG39296.1 glycoprotein precursor [Wuhan Mosquito Virus 1]	GP1.2_Wuhan1virCamb	1127	
		GP1.3_Wuhan1virCamb	1282	
		GP1.4_Wuhan1virCamb	2434	
		GP1.5_Wuhan1virCamb	2231	
		GP1.6_Wuhan1virCamb	2205	
		GP1.7_Wuhan1virCamb	2219	
	gi 752455945 gb AJG39330.1 nucleopasid protein [Wuhan Mosquito Virus 1]	NuclCap1.1_Wuhan1virC amb	645	
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		NuclCap1.9_Wuhan1virC amb	3081	
		NuclCap1.10_Wuhan1vir Camb	1473	
		NuclCap1.11_Wuhan1vir Camb	1791	
		NuclCap1.12_Wuhan1vir Camb	2147	
Wuhan Mosquito Virus 9 strain JX1-13	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; unclassified ssRNA negative-strand viruses.	gi 752455734 gb AJG39217.1 glycoprotein [Wuhan Mosquito Virus 9]	GP1.1_Wuhan9virCamb	658
			GP1.2_Wuhan9virCamb	924
			GP1.3_Wuhan9virCamb	2429
			ORF1.1_Wuhan9virCamb	1872

	gi 752455731 gb AJG39214.1 ORF1 [Wuhan Mosquito Virus 9]	ORF1.2_Wuhan9virCamb	1625	
		ORF1.3_Wuhan9virCamb	1202	
Xincheng Mosquito Virus strain XC1-6	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; unclassified ssRNA negative-strand viruses	gi 752455743 gb AJG39224.1 ORF1 [Xincheng Mosquito Virus]	ORF1_XinchengVirCamb	1329
		gi 752455745 gb AJG39226.1 glycoprotein [Xincheng Mosquito Virus]	GP1.1_XinchengVirCamb	509
			GP1.2_XinchengVirCamb	953
			GP1.3_XinchengVirCamb	1635
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			GP1.6_XinchengVirCamb	3076
			GP1.7_XinchengVirCamb	1314
			GP1.8_XinchengVirCamb	2660
			GP1.9_XinchengVirCamb	1757
		gi 752455746 gb AJG39227.1 RNA-dependent RNA polymerase [Xincheng Mosquito Virus]	RdRP1.1_XinchengVirCa	925
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			RdRP1.5_XinchengVirCa	1354
			mb	
			RdRP1.6_XinchengVirCa	2062
			mb	
			RdRP1.7_XinchengVirCa	3974
			mb	
Nienokoue virus isolate B51/CI/2004	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA positive-strand viruses, no DNA stage; Flaviviridae	gi 655454925 ref YP_009041466.1 polyprotein [Nienokoue virus]	PolProt1.1_FlavivirusCam	1008
			b	
			PolProt1.2_FlavivirusCam	2193
			b	
			PolProt1.3_FlavivirusCam	1010
			b	

			PolProt1.4_FlavivirusCam b	1061 0
Tobacco streak virus isolate pumpkin segment RNA1	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA positive-strand viruses, no DNA stage; Bromoviridae; Iilarvirus	gi 254554401 gb ACT67442.1 replicase [Tobacco streak virus]	Replicase_TSvirCamb	1565
Oat golden stripe virus RNA1	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA positive-strand viruses, no DNA stage; Virgaviridae; Furovirus	gi 9635455 ref NP_059511.1 replicase [Oat golden stripe virus]	Replicase_OatGSvirCamb	1661

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948 **Table 3. Similarity of Senegal and Cambodia virus assemblies by BLASTX to**
 949 **24 reference viruses in GenBank.** 10 targets are shared, 9 are Senegal-specific,
 950 and 5 are Cambodia-specific.

Reference virus	Viral taxonomy	Senegal Libraries	Cambodia Libraries
Culex tritaeniorhynchus rhabdovirus RNA, complete genome	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; Mononegavirales; Rhabdoviridae; unclassified Rhabdoviridae.		
Phasi Charoen-like virus	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; Bunyaviridae; unclassified Bunyaviridae.		
Uncultured virus isolate acc_1.3	Viruses; environmental samples.		
Wellfleet Bay virus isolate 10-280-G segment 4	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; Orthomyxoviridae; Quaranjavirus; unclassified Quaranjavirus.		
Wuhan Mosquito Virus 1 strain WT3-15	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; unclassified ssRNA negative-strand viruses.		
Wuhan Mosquito Virus 9 strain JX1-13	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; unclassified ssRNA negative-strand viruses.		
Xincheng Mosquito Virus strain XC1-6	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; unclassified ssRNA negative-strand viruses.		
Xinzhou Mosquito Virus strain XC3-5	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; unclassified ssRNA negative-strand viruses.		
Beaumont virus strain 6	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; Mononegavirales; Rhabdoviridae; unclassified Rhabdoviridae.		
Jurona virus	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; Mononegavirales; Rhabdoviridae; Vesiculovirus.		
Omono River virus	Viruses; dsRNA viruses		
American dog tick phlebovirus isolate FI3	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; Bunyaviridae; Phlebovirus; unclassified Phlebovirus.		
Daeseongdong virus 1 strain A12.2708/ROK/2012	Viruses; unclassified viruses.		
DsRNA virus environmental sample clone mill.culi_contig84	Viruses; dsRNA viruses; environmental samples.		
Homalodisca vitripennis reovirus segment S3	Viruses; dsRNA viruses; Reoviridae; Sedoreovirinae; Phytoreovirus; unclassified Phytoreovirus		
Ixodes scapularis associated virus 2 isolate A1, partial genome	Viruses; unclassified viruses.		
Sunn-hemp mosaic virus	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA positive-strand viruses, no DNA stage; Virgaviridae; Tobamovirus.		
Uncultured virus isolate acc_7.4	Viruses; environmental samples.		
Wuhan Spider Virus strain SYZZ-2	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; unclassified ssRNA negative-strand viruses.		
Nienokoue virus isolate B51/CI/2004	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA positive-strand viruses, no DNA stage; Flaviviridae		
Oat golden stripe virus RNA1	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA positive-strand viruses, no DNA stage; Virgaviridae; Furovirus		
Puerto Almendras virus isolate LO-39	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; Mononegavirales; Rhabdoviridae; unclassified Rhabdoviridae.		
Tobacco streak virus isolate pumpkin segment RNA1	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA positive-strand viruses, no DNA stage; Bromoviridae; Ilovirus		
Bivens Arm virus isolate UF 10	Viruses; ssRNA viruses; ssRNA negative-strand viruses; Mononegavirales; Rhabdoviridae; Tirovirus		

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FIGURE 1

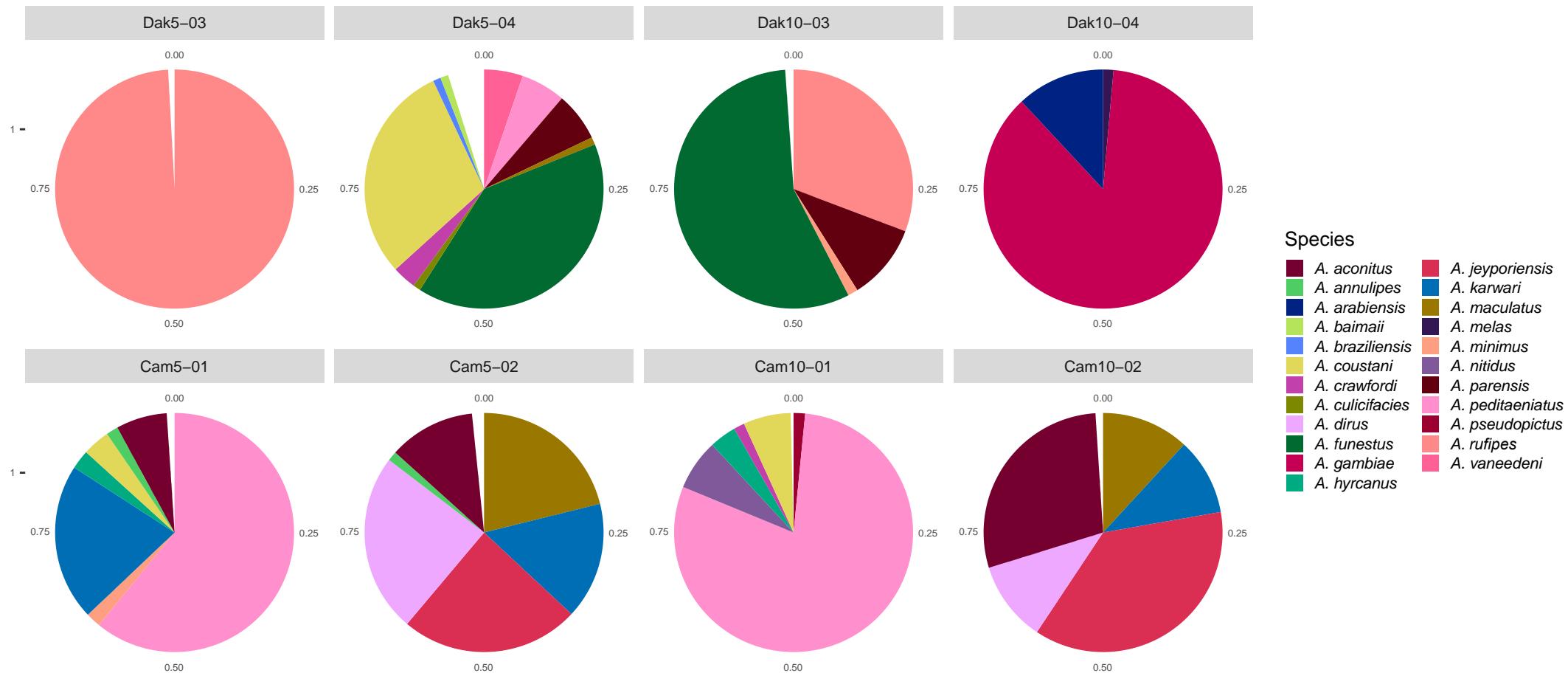


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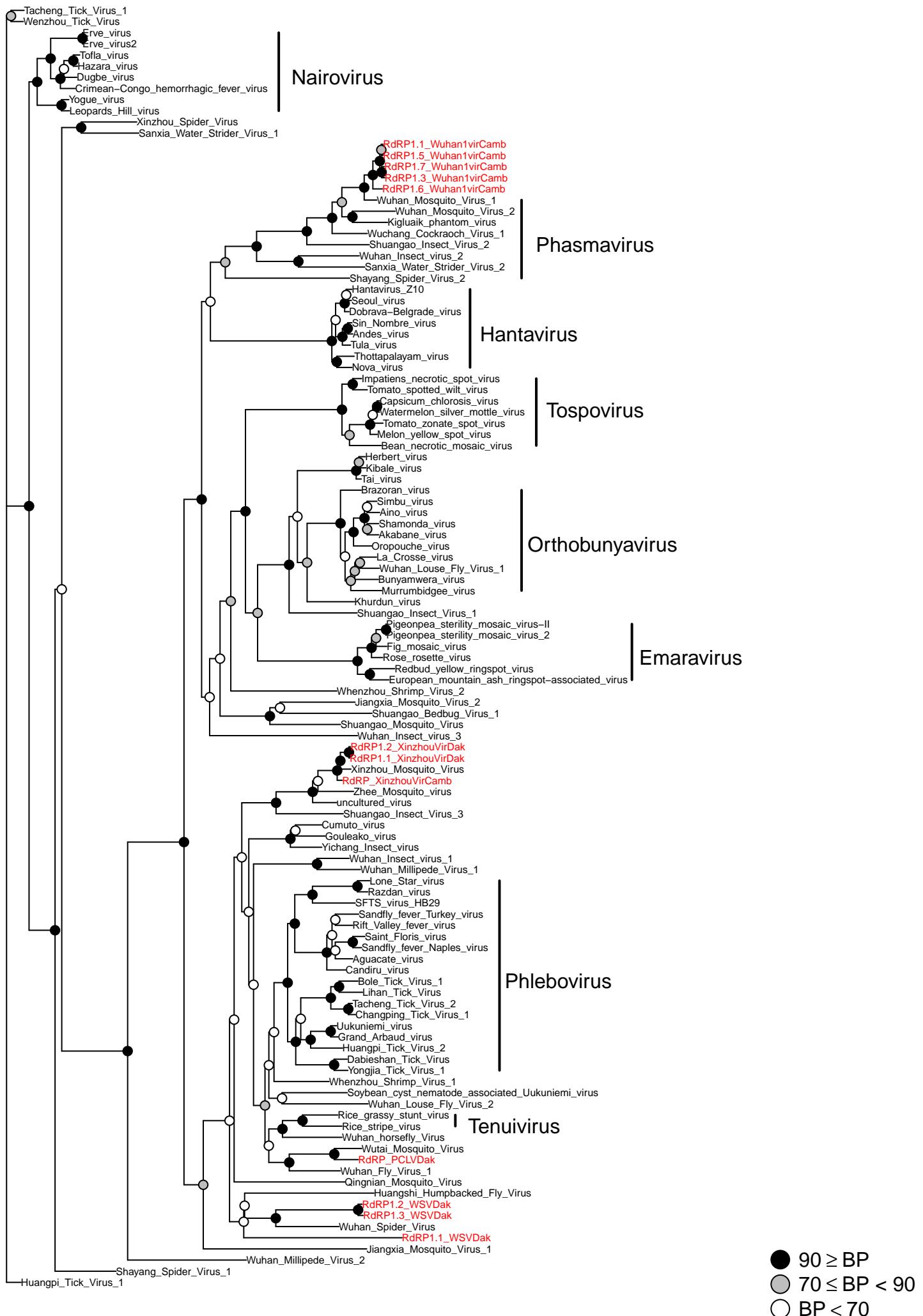
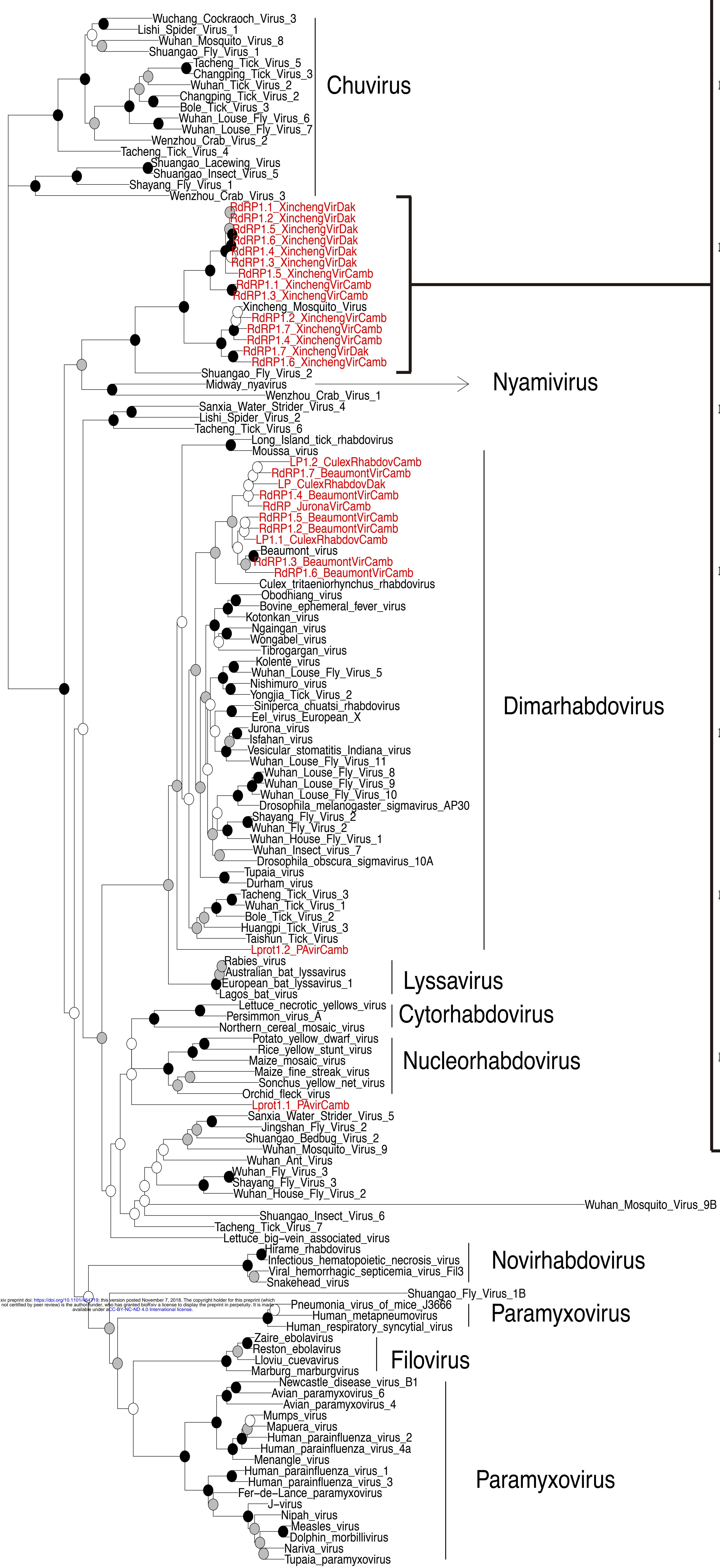
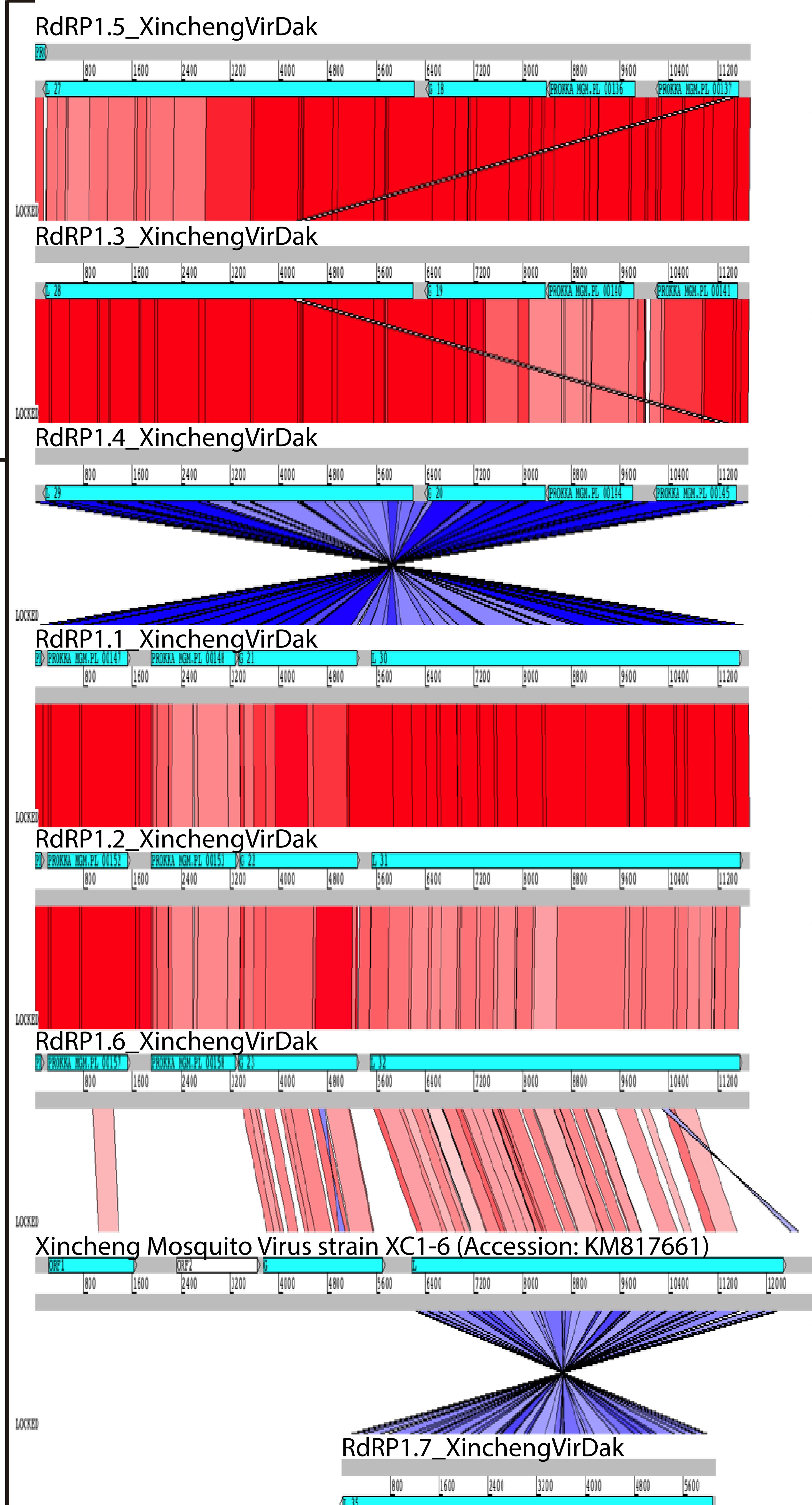


FIGURE 3

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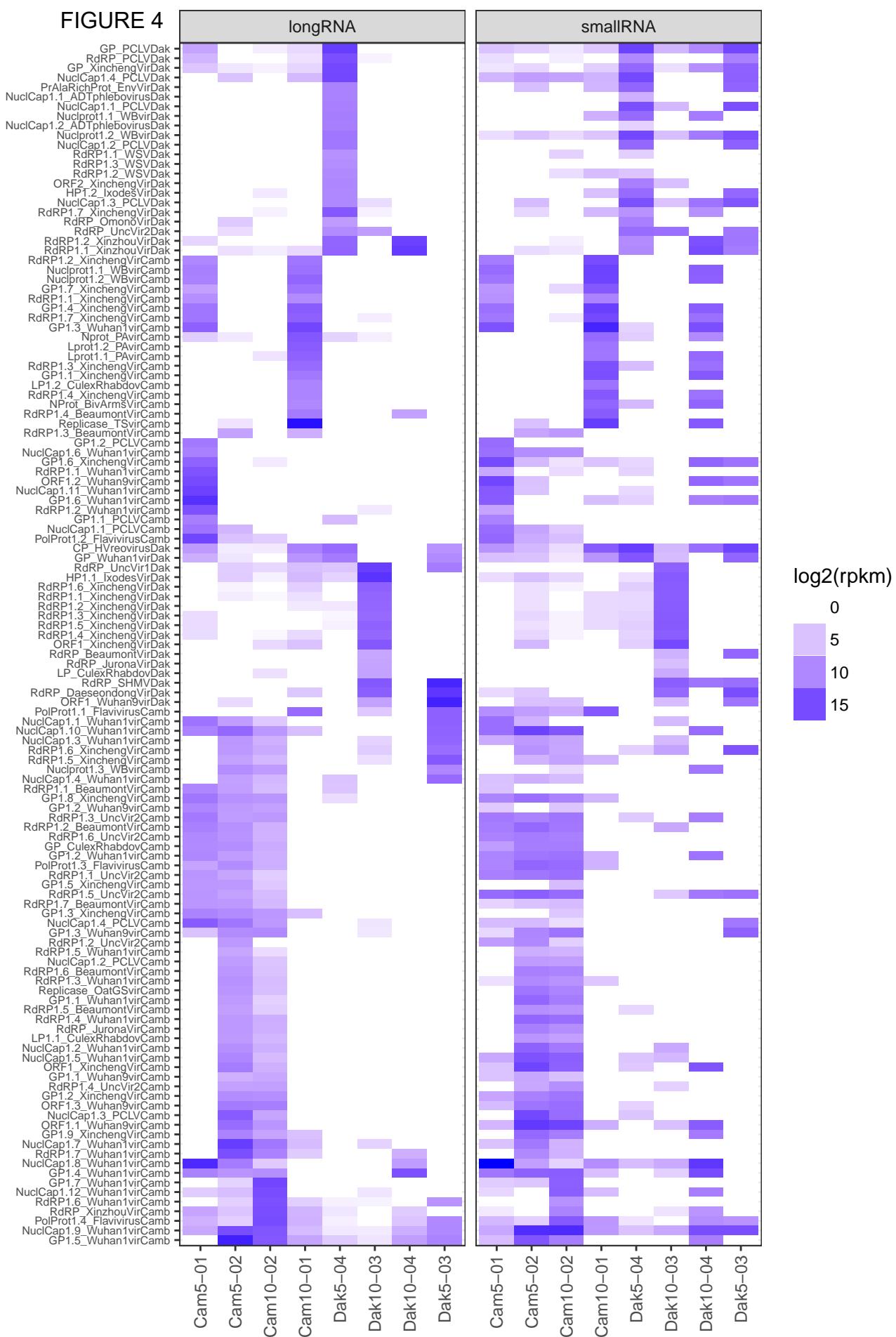
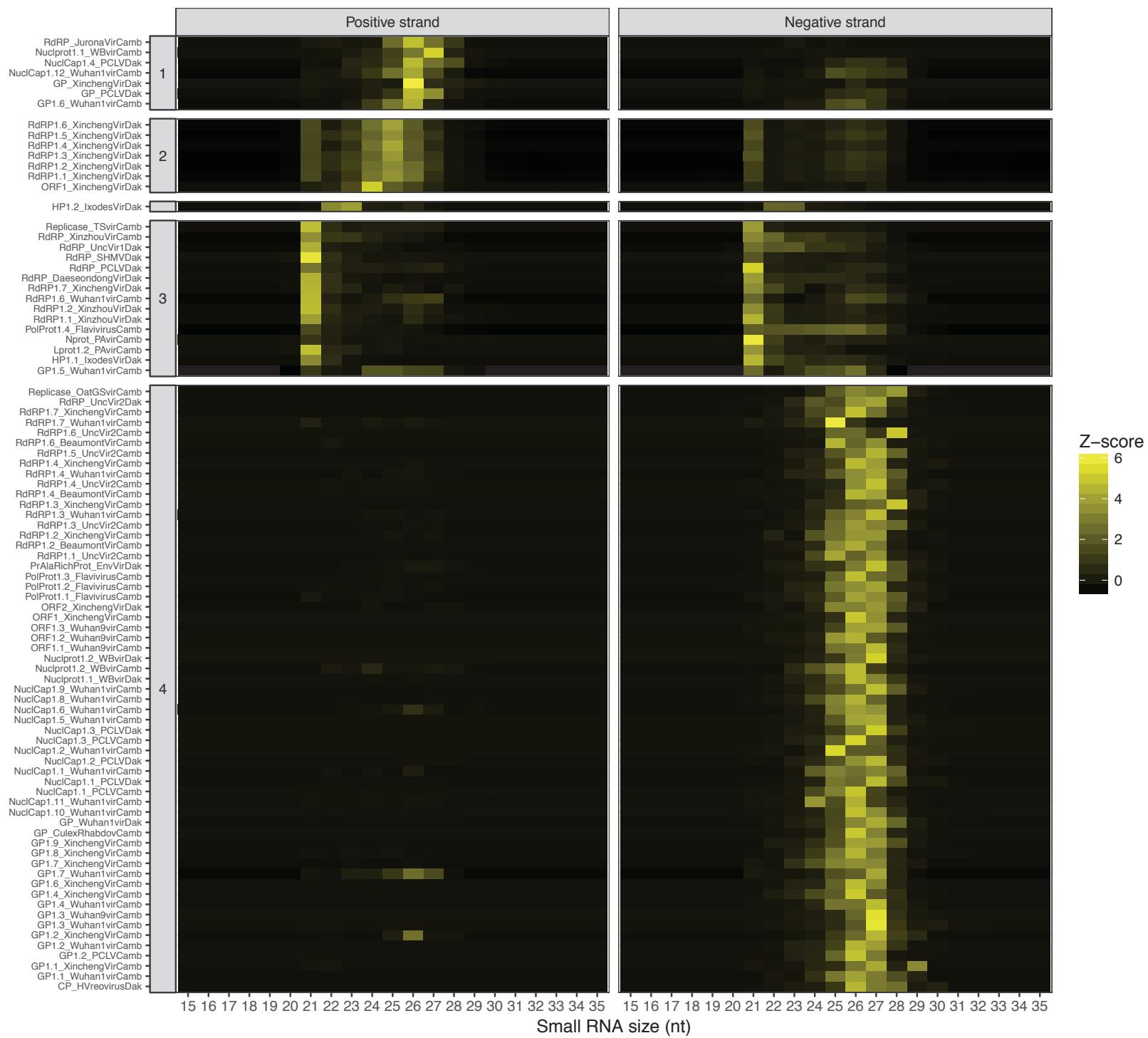
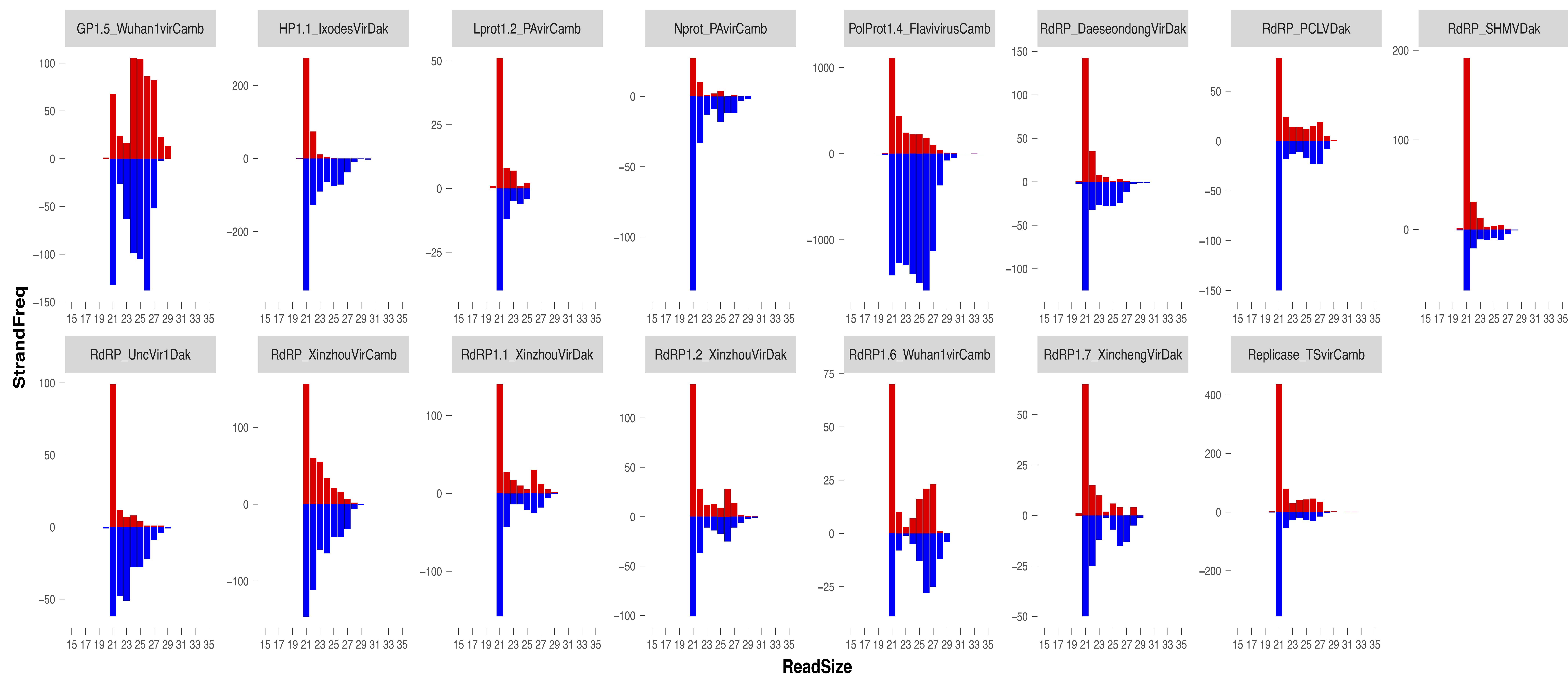
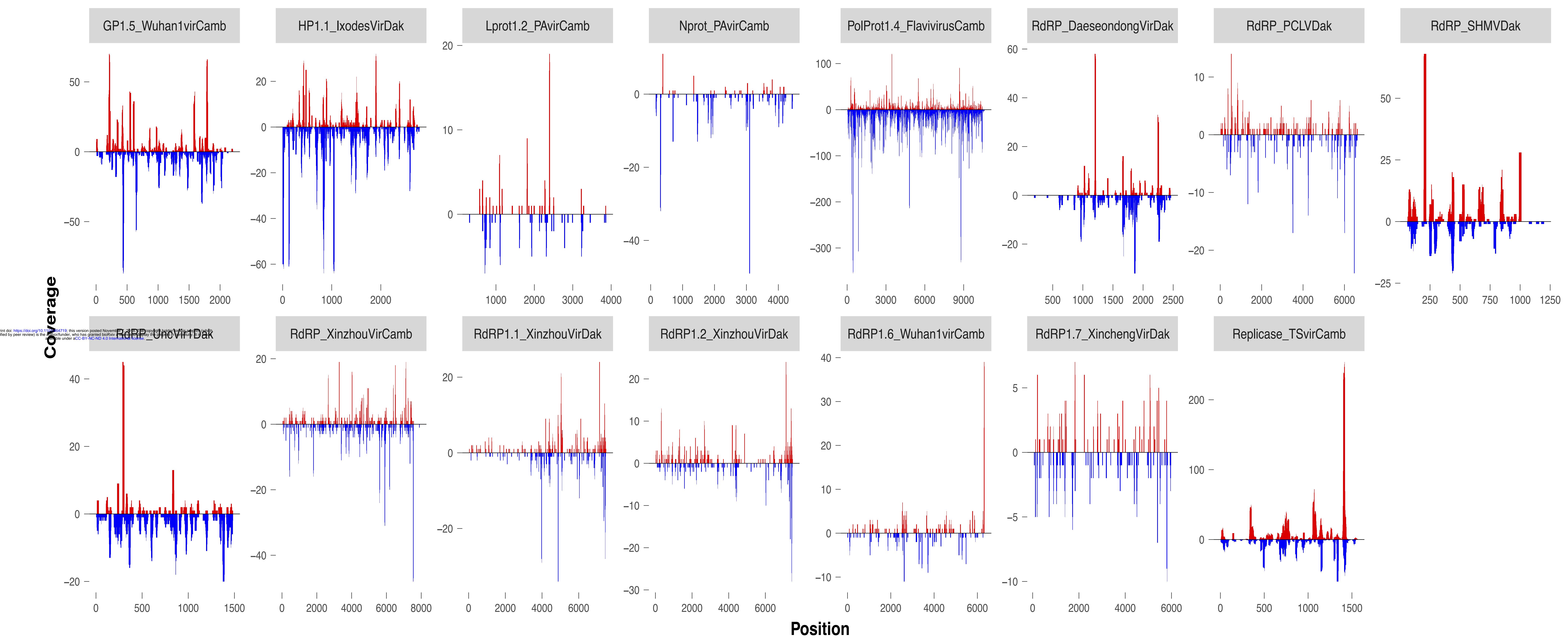


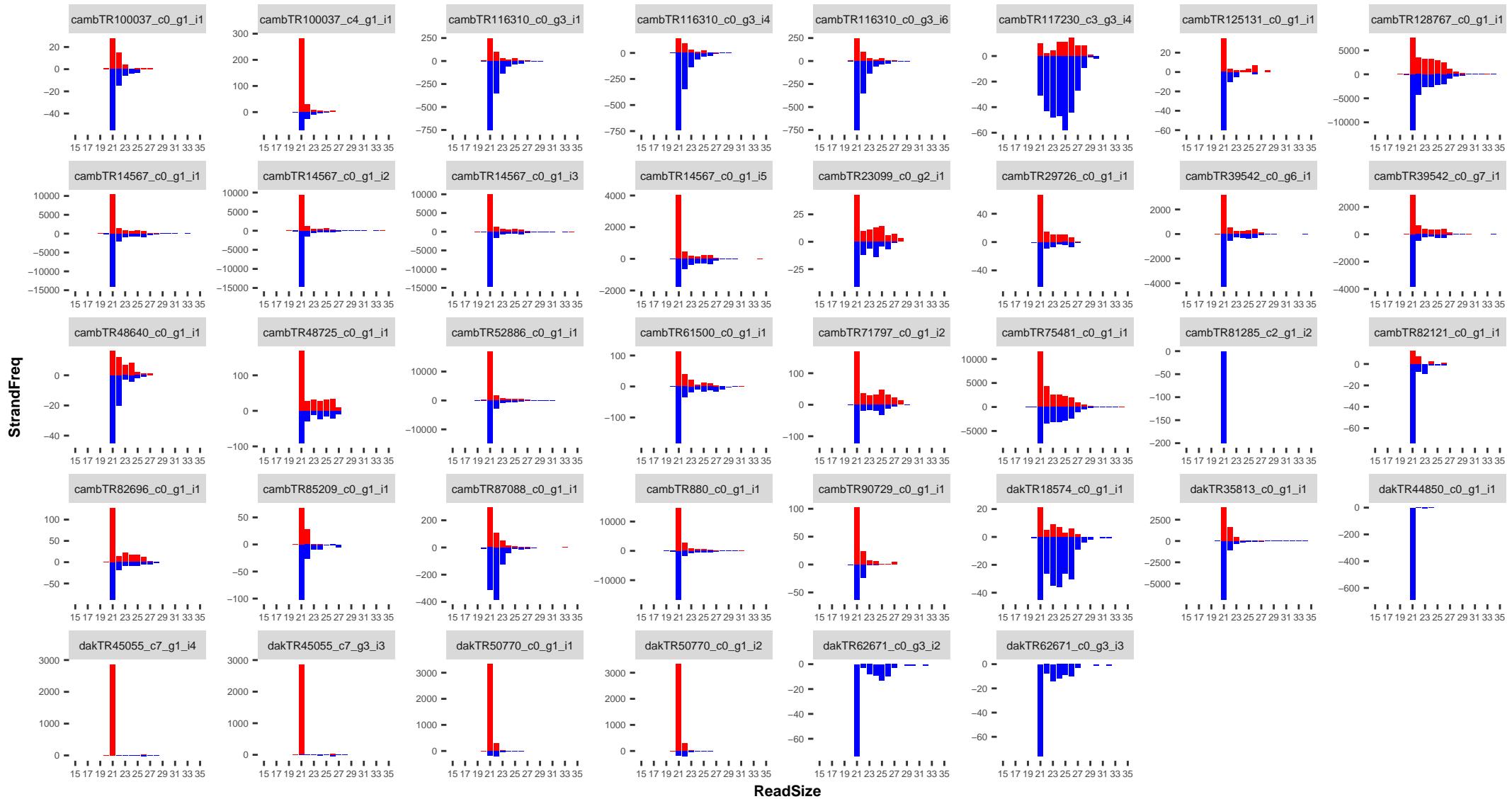
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Additional File 1: Table S1

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Additional File 3: Figure S2



Additional File 4: Table S2

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XLOC_003170	XLOC_003170	AGAP013159	2R:2206678-2207523	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	5.15807	0	#NAME?	#NAME?	0.0002	0.0164039	yes
XLOC_005339	XLOC_005339	AGAP001766	2R:9595495-9599152	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	0.970736	30.7241	4.98415	4.72935	0.0002	0.0164039	yes
XLOC_007766	XLOC_007766	AGAP012104	3L:37739157-37740909	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	1.24432	21.2666	4.09516	3.63244	0.0002	0.0164039	yes
XLOC_013018	XLOC_013018	-	UNKN:21393264-21393309	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	155175	25359.5	-2.6133	-2.74495	0.0002	0.0164039	yes
XLOC_013265	XLOC_013265	AGAP000512	X:9067174-9086241	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	6.95754	43.4702	2.64338	2.85258	0.0002	0.0164039	yes
XLOC_003066	XLOC_003066	-	2L:49358643-49359203	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	83.4691	6.45484	-3.69279	-3.54425	0.00025	0.0186741	yes
XLOC_003118	XLOC_003118	AGAP001193	2R:1214535-1215158	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	11.0928	94.5411	3.09131	2.66549	0.00025	0.0186741	yes
XLOC_005856	XLOC_005856	AGAP002725	2R:26248499-26263468	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	0.647863	27.4159	5.40318	4.64829	0.00025	0.0186741	yes
XLOC_009067	XLOC_009067	AGAP012316	3L:40151687-40152337	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	63.347	493.51	2.96173	2.82786	0.00025	0.0186741	yes
XLOC_013634	XLOC_013634	AGAP000161	X:2822717-2830085	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	18.6049	140.804	2.91994	2.91297	0.00025	0.0186741	yes
XLOC_000374	XLOC_000374	AGAP005471	2L:16024035-16067199	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	3.90664	31.7458	3.02257	2.84024	0.0003	0.0205721	yes
XLOC_009185	XLOC_009185	AGAP007807	3R:1269162-1276293	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	4.76588	28.6619	2.58832	2.85996	0.0003	0.0205721	yes
XLOC_012530	XLOC_012530	AGAP012733	UNKN:25901560-25901634	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	58151.9	615148	3.40303	2.98813	0.0003	0.0205721	yes
XLOC_012723	XLOC_012723	-	UNKN:13287-13355	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	14193.8	154814	3.44721	3.08318	0.0003	0.0205721	yes
XLOC_013099	XLOC_013099	AGAP000153	X:2466315-2477593	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	3.62868	34.2534	3.23873	3.06399	0.0003	0.0205721	yes
XLOC_004039	XLOC_004039	AGAP002899	2R:29098112-29099864	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	1.92092	34.7746	4.17816	3.39816	0.00035	0.0228758	yes
XLOC_009111	XLOC_009111	AGAP012367	3L:41132772-41134888	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	2.74448	15.4118	2.48943	2.60117	0.00035	0.0228758	yes
XLOC_012913	XLOC_012913	-	UNKN:18155787-18227928	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	131005	1.16409e+06	3.15151	2.77219	0.00035	0.0228758	yes
XLOC_000179	XLOC_000179	AGAP005048	2L:8818558-8821078	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	2.54486	13.4692	2.40401	2.62317	0.0004	0.0253515	yes
XLOC_006567	XLOC_006567	AGAP004089	2R:49539478-49541388	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	2.67665	19.1152	2.83622	2.81591	0.0004	0.0253515	yes
XLOC_007549	XLOC_007549	AGAP011679	3L:31282268-31291171	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	1.0905	7.18386	2.71978	2.81192	0.00045	0.0272804	yes
XLOC_008857	XLOC_008857	AGAP011940	3L:35411761-35414327	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	5.06537	30.3991	2.58529	2.73761	0.00045	0.0272804	yes
XLOC_013939	XLOC_013939	AGAP000779	X:13969856-13978437	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	6.96099	44.2185	2.66729	2.8695	0.00045	0.0272804	yes
XLOC_007976	XLOC_007976	AGAP010394	3L:2612104-2635382	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	0.649364	6.80942	3.39043	3.07317	0.0005	0.0290486	yes
XLOC_010550	XLOC_010550	AGAP007741	3R:174262-175359	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	2.30264	27.8833	3.59804	3.14014	0.0005	0.0290486	yes
XLOC_014019	XLOC_014019	AGAP000932	X:17600516-17626487	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	1.55142	84.0543	5.75966	3.97556	0.0005	0.0290486	yes
XLOC_000668	XLOC_000668	AGAP006103	2L:26687470-26689494	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	7.42012	52.2227	2.81516	2.6142	0.00055	0.0302717	yes
XLOC_010196	XLOC_010196	AGAP009634	3R:37363064-37364183	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	0	4.24369	inf	#NAME?	0.00055	0.0302717	yes
XLOC_012896	XLOC_012896	-	UNKN:17601427-17601819	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	456.588	73.4723	-2.63562	-2.60231	0.00055	0.0302717	yes
XLOC_013015	XLOC_013015	-	UNKN:21005541-21006053	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	141.232	28.3442	-2.31694	-2.5282	0.00055	0.0302717	yes
XLOC_012808	XLOC_012808	-	UNKN:14354764-14354960	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	1224.08	236.904	-2.36932	-2.68354	0.0006	0.0325948	yes
XLOC_012788	XLOC_012788	-	UNKN:13913203-13913289	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	69965.9	13685.6	-2.35399	-2.32151	0.0007	0.0375397	yes
XLOC_012827	XLOC_012827	-	UNKN:14872675-14872943	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	304.222	57.8351	-2.39511	-2.59354	0.00075	0.039712	yes
XLOC_011959	XLOC_011959	AGAP012443	UNKN:1191148-1197633	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	8.41662	71.4601	3.08582	2.63358	0.0008	0.04183	yes
XLOC_003276	XLOC_003276	AGAP001496	2R:5638254-5642700	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	1.20935	13.2958	3.45867	2.92038	0.00085	0.0438957	yes
XLOC_012868	XLOC_012868	-	UNKN:16650281-16650527	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	353.849	78.9974	-2.16326	-2.41936	0.0009	0.0448179	yes
XLOC_012877	XLOC_012877	-	UNKN:16852075-16852325	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	318.32	63.365	-2.32872	-2.58497	0.0009	0.0448179	yes
XLOC_012924	XLOC_012924	-	UNKN:18747438-18747661	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	912.636	161.017	-2.50282	-2.50507	0.0009	0.0448179	yes
XLOC_003345	XLOC_003345	AGAP001649	2R:7281481-7283417	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	1.92372	12.5225	2.70256	2.4525	0.00095	0.0462076	yes
XLOC_012762	XLOC_012762	-	UNKN:13088289-13088321	Uninfected	ONNVirus	OK	656738	151656	-2.11451	-2.38627	0.00095	0.0462076	yes