

**Title: Complete genome sequence of a divergent strain of Tibetan frog hepatitis B virus associated to concave-eared torrent frog *Odorrana tormota***

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**Abstract**

The family *Hepadnaviridae* is characterized by partially dsDNA circular viruses of approximately 3.2 kb, which are reverse transcribed from RNA intermediates. Hepadnaviruses (HBVs) have a broad host range which includes humans (Hepatitis B virus), other mammals (genus *Orthohepadnavirus*), and birds (*Avihepadnavirus*). HBVs host specificity has been expanded by reports of new viruses infecting fish, amphibians, and reptiles. The tibetan frog hepatitis B virus (TFHBV) was recently discovered in *Nanorana parkeri* (Family *Dicroglossidae*) from Tibet. To increase understanding of hepadnavirus in amphibian host, we identified the full-length genome of a divergent strain TFHBV-Ot associated to the concave-eared torrent frog *Odorrana tormota* (Family *Ranidae*) from China by searching deep sequencing data. TFHBV-Ot shared the genomic organization and a 76.6% overall genome nucleotide identity to the prototype TFHBV associated to *N. parkeri* (TFHBV-Np). TFHBV-Ot amino acid pairwise identity with TFHBV-Np predicted gene products ranged between 63.9% and 77.9%. Multiple tissue/organ specific RNAseq datasets suggest a broad tropism of TFHBV including muscles, gonads and brains. In addition, we provide for the first time evidence of virus derived small RNA from an amphibian hepadnavirus, tentatively enriched in 19-20 nt species and cytidine as first base. The results presented here expand the genetic diversity and the host range of TFHBV to *Ranidae* frogs, and warrant investigation on hepadnaviral infection of amphibian brains.

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43 Tibetan frog hepatitis B virus (TFHBV) was discovered recently in *Nanorana parkeri* (Family  
44 *Dicroglossidae*) from Tibet, expanding the diversity of hepadnaviruses to amphibians: a neglected virus  
45 host [1]. The emergent clade of amphibians and reptile HBVs has been tentatively clustered as  
46 “herpetohepadnaviruses” within the *Hepadnaviridae* family [2]. The concave-eared torrent frog  
47 (*Odorrana tormota*) distribution is restricted to the norther region of the costal Zhejiang province of  
48 China. Concave-eared male frog have a large and distinctive call repertoire, which has been linked to  
49 ultrasonic communication [3]. While exploring by BLASTX searches a transcriptome dataset of *O.*  
50 *tormota*, oriented to unravel molecular mechanisms of concave-eared frog growth and development [4]  
51 (BioProject PRJNA437724), we found a 7.9 kb long contig of a hepadnavirus-like sequence (E-value =  
52 0). This contig was flanked by identical regions at either end, typical of an assembled sequence from a  
53 circle genome. Using dotpot as implemented in <http://www.bioinformatics.nl/emboss-explorer/>, the  
54 identical region was removed to construct a circle genome of 3,144 base pairs. In addition, the  
55 1,412,314,266 raw 150 bp reads from PRJNA437724 were used to polish the contig using the Geneious  
56 v8.1.9 platform (Biommaters, USA) map to reference tool with low sensitivity parameters. The genome  
57 was supported by 40,719 reads (mean coverage = 2,348X, minimum cov. 190X, maximum cov. 6,959X)  
58 (**Table 1, Supp. Figure 1.A**). The predicted circular nature of the virus sequence was further confirmed  
59 by identifying overlapping read at both sequence termini, supported by >5,000 reads simultaneously  
60 covering both terminal regions (**Supp. Figure 1.B**). In addition, 14 small RNA datasets of the same  
61 bioproject [4], derived from diverse tissue/organs of six concave-eared torrent frogs were assessed.  
62 Interestingly, in five of the libraries of two animals we detected virus-derived small RNAs, encompassing  
63 over 5,804 reads (**Supp. Table 1**), ranging from 18-37 nt long. The specific landscape derived from  
64 sRNA mapping to the virus sequence suggested an asymmetrical distribution of reads and the presence of  
65 tentative hot-spots which could be associated to eventual regions of the virus RNA more prone to  
66 generate vsRNAs (**Supp. Figure 1.C**). Additional analyses of the small RNA datasets were conducted,  
67 and we observed that overall frog small RNAs are enriched in 21-22 nt species, as observed by Shu et al  
68 specifically for microRNA species [4], and starting mostly with a Uridine as first base (**Supp. Figure 2**  
69 **A-B**). On the other hand, virus derived sRNAs appear to be enriched in 19-20 nt species, with a more  
70 diverse set of first bases, marginally enriched in Cytidine (**Supp. Figure 2 A-B**). Given the relatively low  
71 number of virus derived sRNA species detected, further experiments should assess if the tendencies  
72 observed here are supported, or derived from low sample size. To our knowledge, this is the first time that  
73 hepadnavirus derived small RNAs are described in any amphibian, suggesting that the virus RNA is  
74 recognized by the RNA interference machinery of the frog host, which might be related to the induction  
75 of a molecular response to virus infection.

76 This hepadnavirus in concave-eared torrent frog is a novel TFHBV strain Ot (TFHBV-Ot), as it shares a  
77 76.6% overall genome nucleotide identity to the prototype TFHBV-Np. We analyzed the virus sequence

for ORFs and conserved amino acid domains, using established tools (ORFfinder, <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/orffinder/>; conserved domain database search tool, <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Structure/cdd/wrpsb.cgi> and compared with the prototype TFHBV reference. The 3,144-bp TFHBV-Ot sequence contains a typical hepadnaviral organization (**Figure 1.A**), consisting in three major overlapping ORFs associated with the Core (PreC/C), Polymerase (P) and Surface (PreS/S) genes, encoding for capsid subunits, viral DNA polymerase, and surface protein, respectively. As in the prototype TFHBV, the virus sequence presented no evidence of an X protein, which has been associated with mammal-infecting orthohepadnaviruses [6]. Multiple sequence alignments (MSA) using MAFFT v7.017 [5] (E-INS-i algorithm, BLOSUM 62 scoring matrix) showed that the predicted gene products presented a 77.9% (C), 72.1% (P), and 63.0% (S) aa identity to that of the prototype TFHBV associated to *N parkeri* (TFHBV-Np) (**Figure 1.B**).

Our comparative analysis between TFHBV-Ot and the prototype genome revealed common features for this virus species. The first CDS (PreC/C) extends between the 57-857 nt coordinates, encoding a 30.6 kDa 266 aa phosphoprotein involved in assembly of subviral capsids [1]. TFHBV-Ot shares with TFHBV-Np (also 266 aa and 31.3 kDa) the specific domains of the C protein at equilocal positions, including the conserved core motifs I-II-III [1] (**Figure 1.C**). TFHBV-Ot contains a hepatitis core antigen domain (hbcag, pfam00906, E-value = 3.74e-22), with 93% AI (amino acid identity) to the prototype strain at the capsid core domain region (166-208 aa coordinates, InterPro id IPR036459). Both TFHBV strains shared the arginine rich core C-terminal region which has been associated to nuclear transport signal for pre-genome encapsidation [8]. The PreC/C CDS overlaps by 182 nt with the P CDS which is located between the 676-3,117 nt coordinates. This gene encodes a 92.3 kDa viral DNA polymerase. Similar to the prototype, TFHBV-Ot lacks the orthohepadnavirus-specific expansion in both the N-terminal of DNA polymerase domain and reverse transcriptase domain (**Supp. Figure 2**). While overall AI between TFHBV-Ot and TFHBV-Np P was 72.1%, AI reaches as high as 89.1% at functional domains such as the N-terminal of the polymerase (**Figure 1.B**). Prototype TFHBV-Np was found to potentially encode two alternative PreS/S start codon positions [1], the same configuration was detected in TFHBV-Ot as well. Even though TFHBV-Ot appears to share similar S folding and topology to the prototype, we identified an additional transmembrane signal at the C region of the longer S, absent in TFHBV-Np, which could potentially form an extra loop in the ER lumen (**Figure 1.D**; TMHMM v. 2.0 tool, <http://www.cbs.dtu.dk/services/TMHMM/>).

In general, hepadnaviruses are characterized by narrow host specificity and marked hepatotropism. Nevertheless, some avihepadnaviruses have been detected in extra-liver organs, such as pancreas, kidney and spleen [9]. There are no reports assessing the tropism of amphibian viruses in general, or hepadnaviruses in particular. Here, we analyzed multiple RNAseq datasets of *O. tormota* in order to detect potential virus derived RNAs, which could be considered as indirect evidence of a tentative tropism of TFHBV. The bioproject PRJNA437724 is composed of high throughput sequencing in HiSeq X Ten platform (Illumina, USA) of RNA extractions of dissected tissues/organs of four adult male and three female *O. tormota* frogs from the Anhui Province of China [4]. The raw 150 bp reads from each library of this bioproject were mapped to TFHBV-Ot genome using the Geneious v8.1.9 map to reference tool with low sensitivity parameters. Interestingly, at least three of the seven individual frogs presented

strong RNA evidence of TFHBV (**Table 1**). In descending order of viral reads, the virus were detected consistently in auricularis and hindlimb muscles, brain, and ovaries. In addition the frogs presenting higher virus RNA titers (Females OT1 and OT2), when assessed by sRNA sequencing, were also found to present virus derived sRNAs from both hindlimb muscles and brain libraries (**Supp. Table 1**). While further direct detection experiments are needed to support these findings, TFHBV might have a broad tropism in *O. tormota* frogs. In healthy animals, the brain is a pristine organ protected from infection by the blood-brain barrier. The presence of detectable viral RNA in the brain tissue of the three positive frogs suggest potential central nervous system infection. Even though sample contamination from blood to brain during collection cannot be ruled out, this finding warrants further investigation on potential hepadnaviral pathogenicity in brain tissue of amphibians.

To investigate the evolution of TFHBV, phylogenetic analysis were performed using MAFFT alignments (BLOSUM 62 scoring matrix; E-INS-i, L-INS-i, and G-INS-i algorithm, respectively) and maximum likelihood FastTree v2.1.10 <http://www.microbesonline.org/fasttree/> trees (JTT aa evolution model, CAT approximation, local support values with Shimodaira-Hasegawa test) of P, C, and S proteins of TFHBV-Ot and reported hepadnaviruses (**Figure 2.A-C**). The resulting trees unequivocally clustered both TFHBV strains into a monophyletic clade of frog and reptiles viruses (dubbed herpetohepadnaviruses [2]), including skink hepatitis B virus and spiny lizard hepatitis B virus, which were discovered recently in public sequence databases of *Saprosaurus basiliscus* and *Sceloporus adleri*, respectively [2]. Hepadnaviruses were suggested to harbor the most frequent virus-host co-divergence levels of any animal virus family [7]. The relatedness of the two TFHBV strains with considerably close host geographic proximity (*Nanorana parkeri* frog from Tibet and *Odorrana tormota* frog from Anhui Province of China) suggested that the evolution could be the result of virus–host co-divergence. However, in depth analysis is precluded by the limited number of amphibian hepadnavirus known. Future studies should unveil whether TFHBV might be linked to additional frog species and whether any pathogenic effect, such as brain disease, is associated to hepadnavirus infection on amphibian hosts.

#### **Data availability.**

The genome sequence reported here has been deposited in GenBank under the accession number MH700450.

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## 180 Figure Legends

181 **Figure 1.** Molecular characterization of tibetan frog hepatitis B virus associated to *Odorrana tormota*  
182 (TFHBV-Ot) (A) Genome graph depicting predicted gene products of TFHBV-Ot. The predicted coding  
183 sequences are shown in orange (PreC/C), red (P) and purple (S) arrowed rectangles. (B) Gene products  
184 architecture and comparison of TFHBV-Ot and *Nanorana parkeri* associated TFHBV. Start and end  
185 coordinates of each gene product are indicated, and nt pairwise identity are shown as percentage values  
186 (upper panel). Curved yellow rectangles represent each predicted proteins and conserved domains are  
187 shown in pink. aa pairwise identity is represented in percentage values for the overall predicted proteins,  
188 or for each specific domain (lower panel). Abbreviations: DNA\_pol\_viral\_N/C, N/C-terminal domain of  
189 the viral DNA polymerase; RVT\_1, Reverse transcriptase; vMSA, Major surface antigen from  
190 hepadnavirus; hbcag, Hepatitis core antigen. (C) Multiple aa alignment of C proteins showing the  
191 conserved core motifs I-II-III. Silhouettes illustrate representative host organism of the respective virus.  
192 TFHBV are indicated with red highlighting. For virus abbreviations please refer to **Supp Table 2**. (D)  
193 Secondary structure of TFHBV surface protein as predicted with Emboss garnier (coils in grey, alpha  
194 helix pink, turns in blue arrows and beta strands in yellow arrows). Transmembrane helices in proteins  
195 predicted by TMHMM Server v. 2.0 are indicated with blue rectangles. Asterisk shows an additional  
196 transmembrane site at the C-terminal region of TFHBV-Ot S.

197 **Figure 2.** Phylogenetic insights of TFHBV-Ot based on MAFFT alignments and maximum likelihood  
198 trees generated with P (A), C (B), and S proteins (C) of TFHBV-Ot and reported hepadnaviruses. The  
199 scale bar indicates the number of substitutions per site. Node labels indicate FastTree support values.  
200 Silhouettes illustrate representative host organism of the respective virus. Viruses clustering into genera  
201 *Avihepadnavirus*, *Orthohepadnavirus* and the putative herpetohepadnavirus clade are indicated with  
202 green, blue and red rectangles, respectively. The right inset of panel A mirrors the phylogenetic tree on  
203 the left indicating the reported host of each virus.

204 **Supplementary Figure 1.** Coverage landscape per position obtained by mapping of total RNA virus  
205 derived reads to TFHBV-Ot (A) or small RNA virus derived reads (C). Scale represents nt coverage per  
206 position. In (B) total RNA reads were mapped to the terminal region of TFHBV-Ot and flanking 150 bp  
207 showing high coverage of overlapping reads mapping to both terminal regions, supporting the circular  
208 nature of the virus sequence. Position one of TFHBV-Ot is highlighted in red.

209 **Supplementary Figure 2.** Virus derived small RNA of TFHBV-Ot. (A) Total virus derived sRNAs  
210 classified by length from bioproject PRJNA437724 (left upper panel) or only from library SRX3826253  
211 (right upper panel) obtained from dissected brain of a female frog. For comparison, the same  
212 classification of all sRNA reads is depicted for the complete bioproject (left lower panel) or only from  
213 library SRX3826253 (right lower panel). Asterisks denote the two most prevalent sRNA species found in  
214 each dataset. (B) sRNA first base as percentage of total small RNA reads for the complete bioproject  
215 PRJNA437724 (right panel) or only considering virus derived small RNAs (left panel).

216 **Supplementary Figure 3.** Multiple aa alignment of P proteins of TFHBV-Ot and reported  
217 hepadnaviruses generated by MAFFT. Only N/C terminal domains and reverse transcriptase domains are  
218 shown. TFHBV are indicated with blue highlighting. Red rectangles depict specific expansions.  
219 Similarity is shown from white (low) to black (100% identity).

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231 **Table 1** - Tibetan frog hepatitis B virus derived reads in diverse NGS RNAseq datasets obtained from  
 232 total RNA of dissected tissue/organs from *Odorrana tormota*. Data is paired 150bp reads obtained with  
 233 HiSeq X Illumina instrument. Viral reads less than 100 would be treated as typical sequencing bleed over.

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Sample id	Run	BioSample	Experiment	Sex	Tissue	Total reads	Virus reads	Virus RPM
OT1FB	<a href="#">SRR6896130</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08683453</a>	<a href="#">SRX3845984</a>	female	Brain	50925040	1846	36.2
OT1FE	<a href="#">SRR6896129</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08683456</a>	<a href="#">SRX3845985</a>	female	Auricularis muscle	50767620	10317	203.2
OT1FM	<a href="#">SRR6896120</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08683463</a>	<a href="#">SRX3845994</a>	female	Hindlimb muscle	50832762	2374	46.7
OT1FS	<a href="#">SRR6896132</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08683459</a>	<a href="#">SRX3845982</a>	female	Ovaries	50809536	173	3.4
OT1MB	<a href="#">SRR6896119</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08683466</a>	<a href="#">SRX3845995</a>	male	Brain	51520470	40	0.8
OT1ME	<a href="#">SRR6896122</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08683469</a>	<a href="#">SRX3845992</a>	male	Auricularis muscle	51145732	33	0.6
OT1MM	<a href="#">SRR6896144</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08683477</a>	<a href="#">SRX3845970</a>	male	Hindlimb muscle	50581552	30	0.6
OT1MS	<a href="#">SRR6896127</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08683472</a>	<a href="#">SRX3845987</a>	male	Testis	51398962	43	0.8
OT2FB	<a href="#">SRR6896131</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08683454</a>	<a href="#">SRX3845983</a>	female	Brain	51227736	2459	48.0
OT2FE	<a href="#">SRR6896134</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08683457</a>	<a href="#">SRX3845980</a>	female	Auricularis muscle	51446264	17031	331.0
OT2FM	<a href="#">SRR6896121</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08683464</a>	<a href="#">SRX3845993</a>	female	Hindlimb muscle	50894374	4673	91.8
OT2FS	<a href="#">SRR6896133</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08683460</a>	<a href="#">SRX3845981</a>	female	Ovaries	50794092	398	7.8
OT2MB	<a href="#">SRR6896124</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08683467</a>	<a href="#">SRX3845990</a>	male	Brain	50484980	34	0.7
OT2ME	<a href="#">SRR6896123</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08683470</a>	<a href="#">SRX3845991</a>	male	Auricularis muscle	51127928	38	0.7
OT2MM	<a href="#">SRR6896143</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08683478</a>	<a href="#">SRX3845971</a>	male	Hindlimb muscle	50731628	0	0.0
OT2MS	<a href="#">SRR6896141</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08683473</a>	<a href="#">SRX3845973</a>	male	Testis	50758148	4	0.1
OT3MF	<a href="#">SRR6896138</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08683476</a>	<a href="#">SRX3845976</a>	male	Skin	54287526	0	0.0
OT3MS	<a href="#">SRR6896139</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08683475</a>	<a href="#">SRX3845975</a>	male	Testis	51007646	0	0.0
OT4FB	<a href="#">SRR6896128</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08683455</a>	<a href="#">SRX3845986</a>	female	Brain	54737374	0	0.0
OT4FE	<a href="#">SRR6896135</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08683458</a>	<a href="#">SRX3845979</a>	female	Auricularis muscle	55143698	3	0.1
OT4FF	<a href="#">SRR6896137</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08683462</a>	<a href="#">SRX3845977</a>	female	Skin	50844636	0	0.0
OT4FM	<a href="#">SRR6896118</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08683465</a>	<a href="#">SRX3845996</a>	female	Hindlimb muscle	54540910	0	0.0
OT4FS	<a href="#">SRR6896136</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08683461</a>	<a href="#">SRX3845978</a>	female	Ovaries	55815918	4	0.1
OT4MB	<a href="#">SRR6896125</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08683468</a>	<a href="#">SRX3845989</a>	male	Brain	55649520	153	2.7
OT4ME	<a href="#">SRR6896126</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08683471</a>	<a href="#">SRX3845988</a>	male	Auricularis muscle	54601460	645	11.8
OT4MM	<a href="#">SRR6896142</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08683479</a>	<a href="#">SRX3845972</a>	male	Hindlimb muscle	54529624	214	3.9
OT4MS	<a href="#">SRR6896140</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08683474</a>	<a href="#">SRX3845974</a>	male	Testis	55709130	207	3.7

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Sample id	Run	BioSample	Experiment	Sex	Tissue	Total reads	Virus reads	Virus RPM
OT1FBmiRNA	<a href="#">SRR6872795</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08714513</a>	<a href="#">SRX3826260</a>	female	Brain	28765745	650	22.6
OT1FMmiRNA	<a href="#">SRR6872796</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08714514</a>	<a href="#">SRX3826259</a>	female	Hindlimb muscle	28254413	948	33.6
OT1FSmiRNA	<a href="#">SRR6872797</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08714515</a>	<a href="#">SRX3826258</a>	female	Ovaries	28222189	197	7.0
OT1MBmiRNA	<a href="#">SRR6872798</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08714516</a>	<a href="#">SRX3826257</a>	male	Brain	28399684	0	0.0
OT1MMmiRNA	<a href="#">SRR6872801</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08714517</a>	<a href="#">SRX3826254</a>	male	Hindlimb muscle	27133835	1	0.0
OT1MSmiRNA	<a href="#">SRR6872799</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08714518</a>	<a href="#">SRX3826256</a>	male	Testis	28887872	0	0.0
OT2FBmiRNA	<a href="#">SRR6872802</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08714519</a>	<a href="#">SRX3826253</a>	female	Brain	28005713	1233	44.0
OT2FMmiRNA	<a href="#">SRR6872804</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08714520</a>	<a href="#">SRX3826251</a>	female	Hindlimb muscle	26703096	2774	103.9
OT2FSmiRNA	<a href="#">SRR6872800</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08714521</a>	<a href="#">SRX3826255</a>	female	Ovaries	26627948	1	0.0
OT2MBmiRNA	<a href="#">SRR6872803</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08714522</a>	<a href="#">SRX3826252</a>	male	Brain	26547642	0	0.0
OT2MMmiRNA	<a href="#">SRR6872791</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08714523</a>	<a href="#">SRX3826264</a>	male	Hindlimb muscle	28416610	0	0.0
OT2MSmiRNA	<a href="#">SRR6872792</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08714524</a>	<a href="#">SRX3826263</a>	male	Testis	29990793	0	0.0
OT4FMmiRNA	<a href="#">SRR6872793</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08714525</a>	<a href="#">SRX3826262</a>	female	Hindlimb muscle	29180483	0	0.0
OT4MMmiRNA	<a href="#">SRR6872794</a>	<a href="#">SAMN08714526</a>	<a href="#">SRX3826261</a>	male	Hindlimb muscle	28776201	0	0.0

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**Supplementary Table 2** – Viruses, GenBank accession numbers, and abbreviations used in this study.

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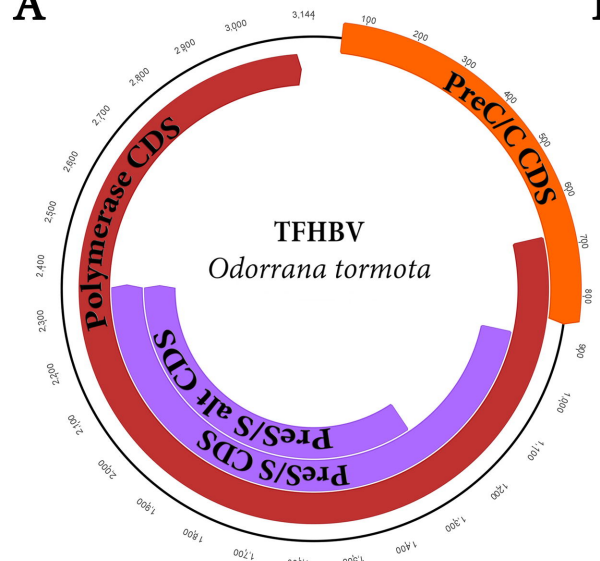
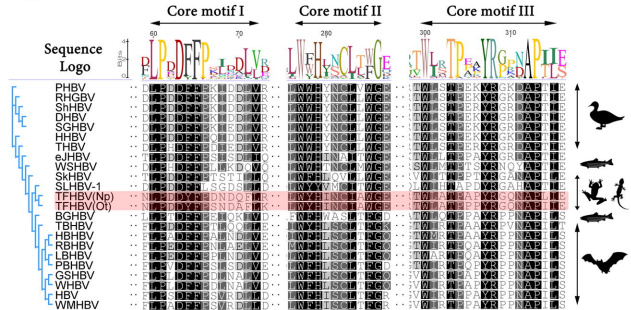
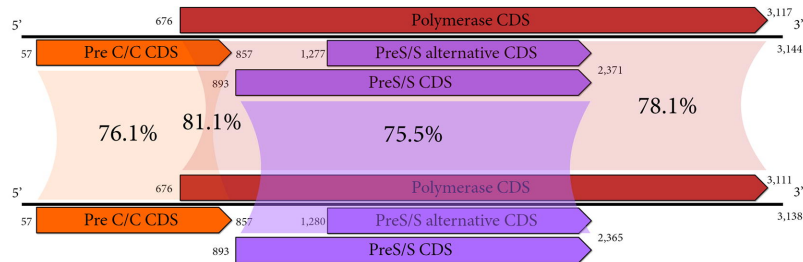
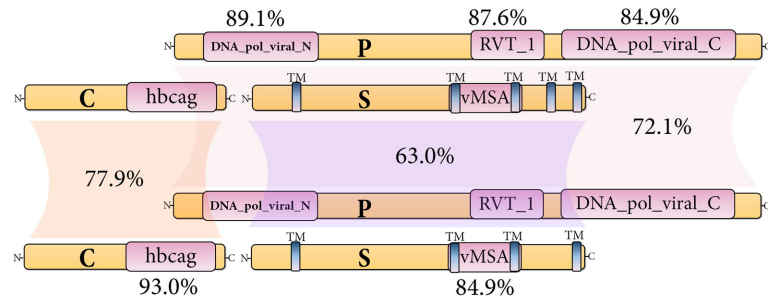
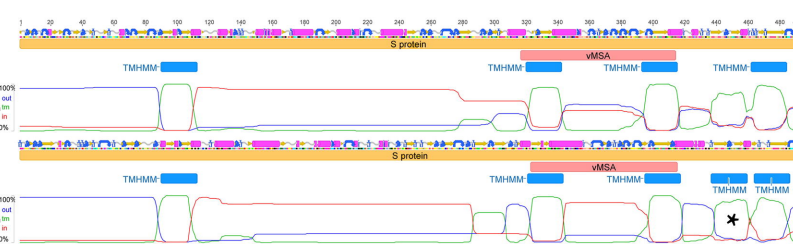
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Sheldgoose hepatitis B virus	NC_005890.1	ShHBV
Skink hepatitis B virus	SRX213382 <sup>b</sup>	SkHBV
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Spiny lizard hepatitis B virus	SRX542351 <sup>b</sup>	SLHBV-1
Tent-making bat hepatitis B virus	NC_024445.1	TBHBV
Tibetan frog hepatitis B virus (N. parkeri)	NC_030446.1	TFHBV-Np
Tibetan frog hepatitis B virus (O. tormota)	MH700450	TFHBV-Ot
Tinamou hepatitis B virus	NC_035210.1	THBV
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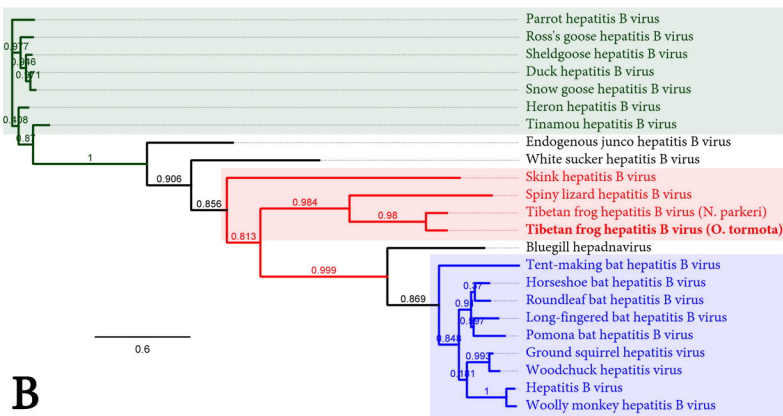
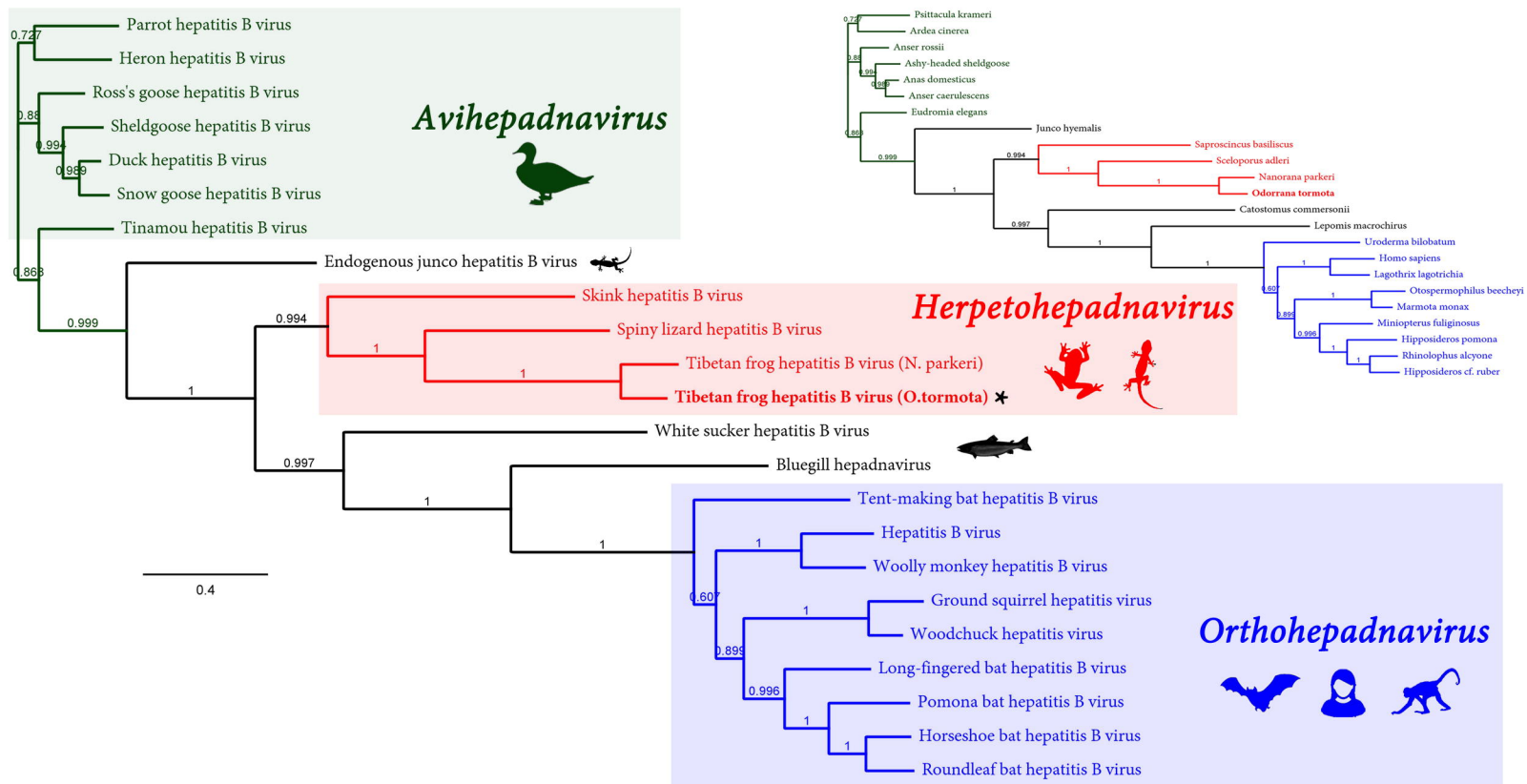
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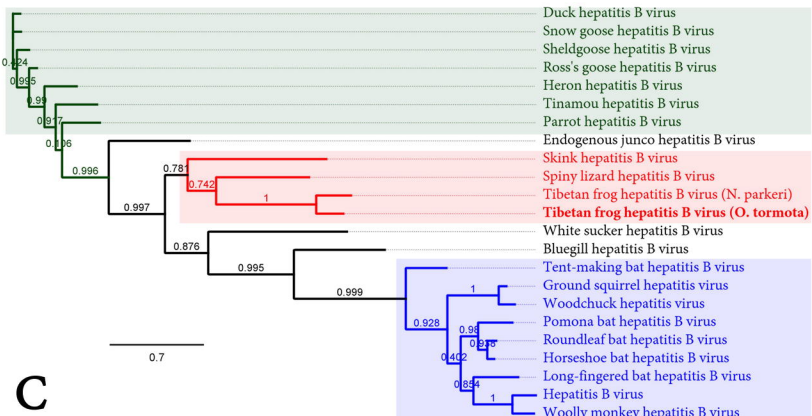
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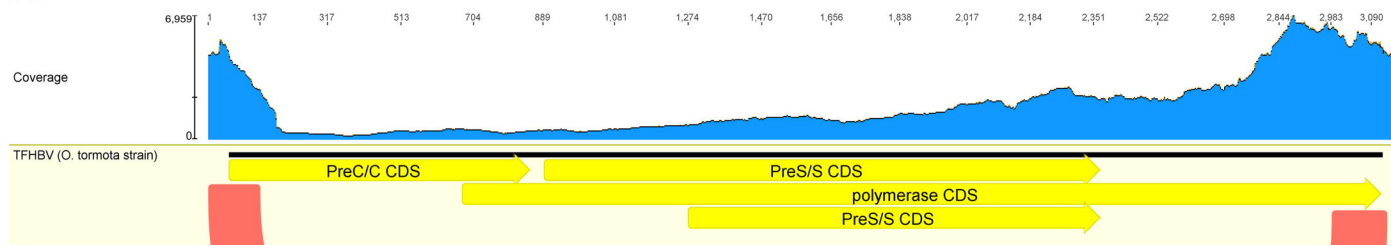


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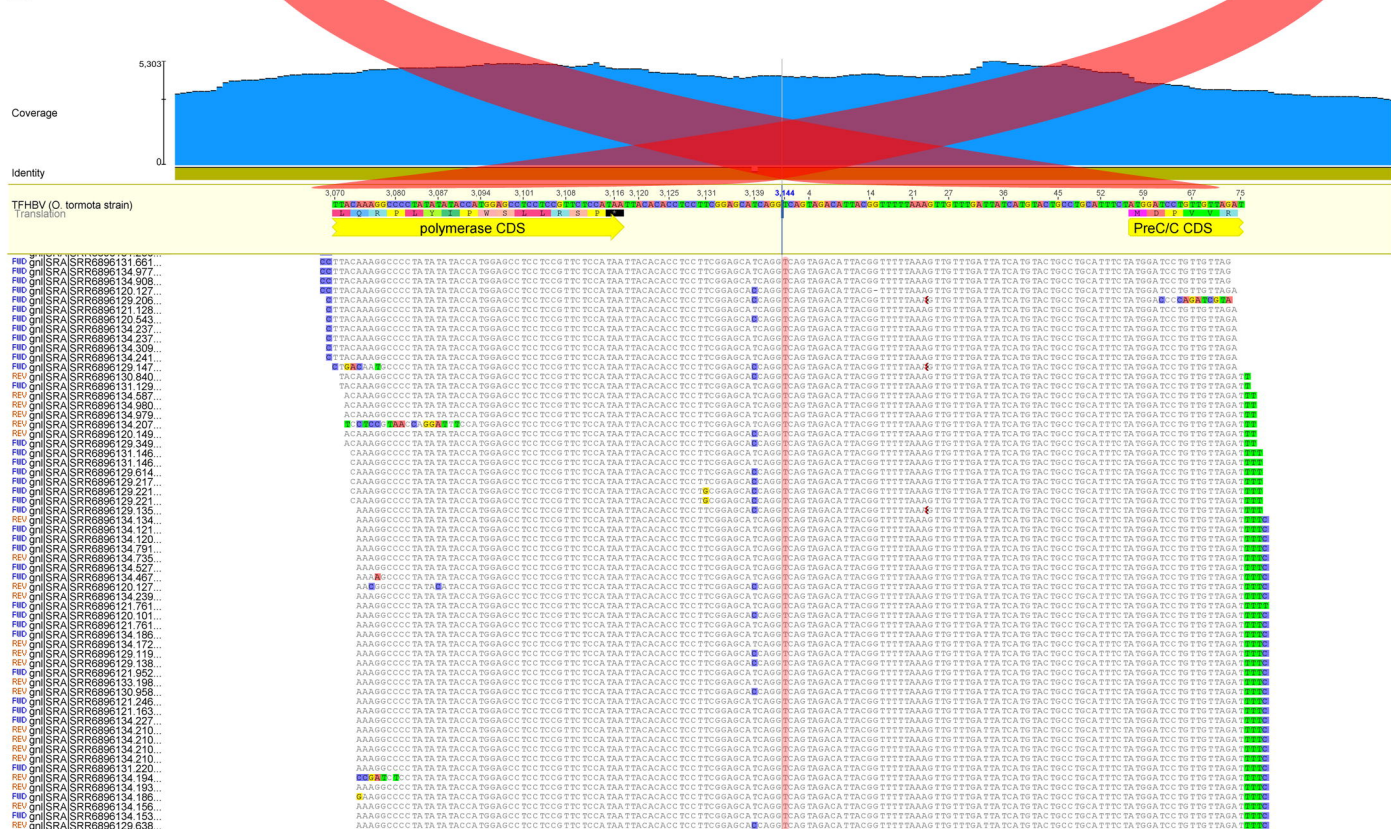


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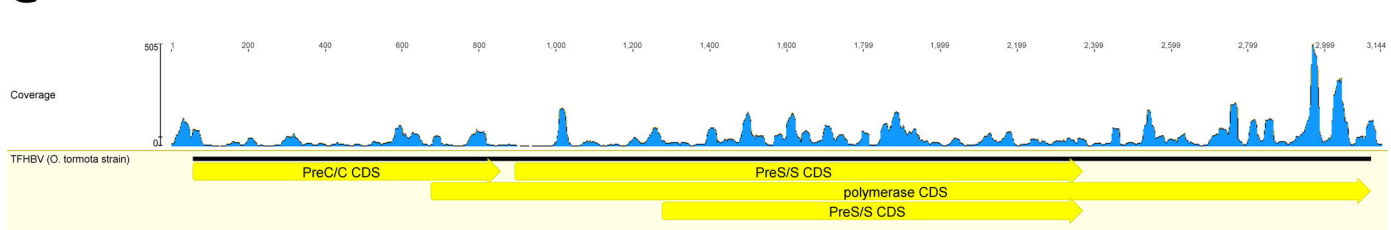
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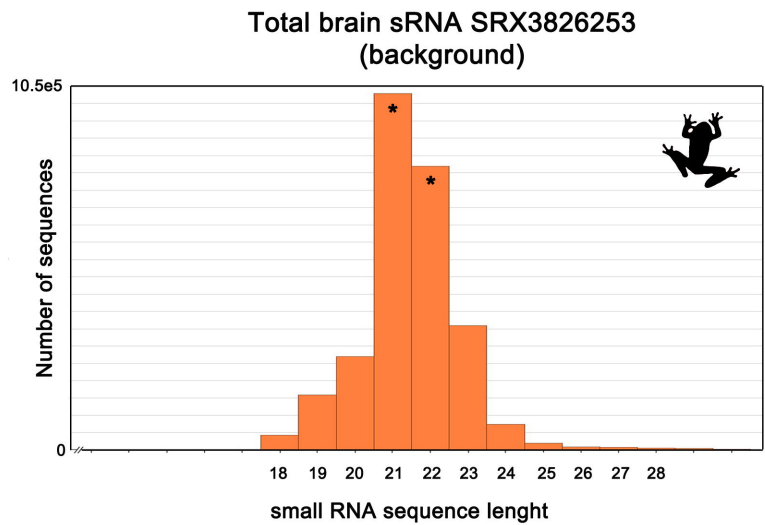
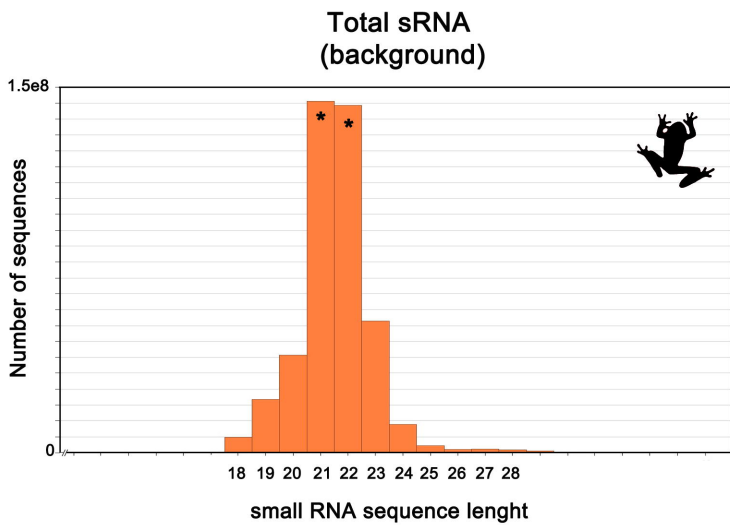
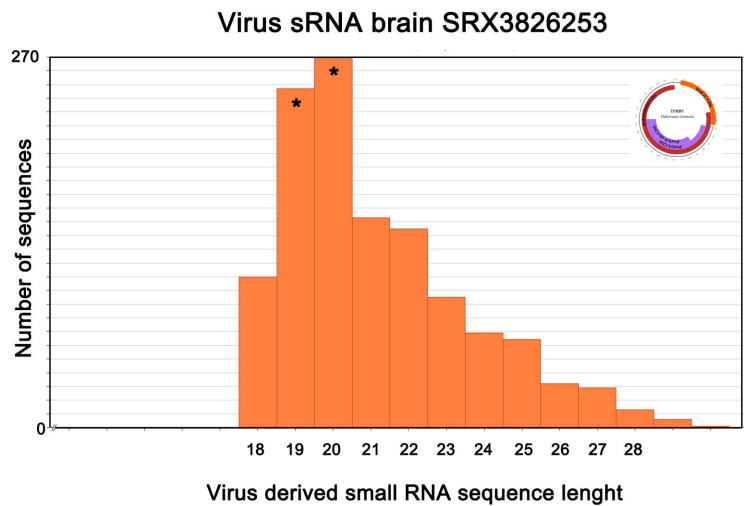
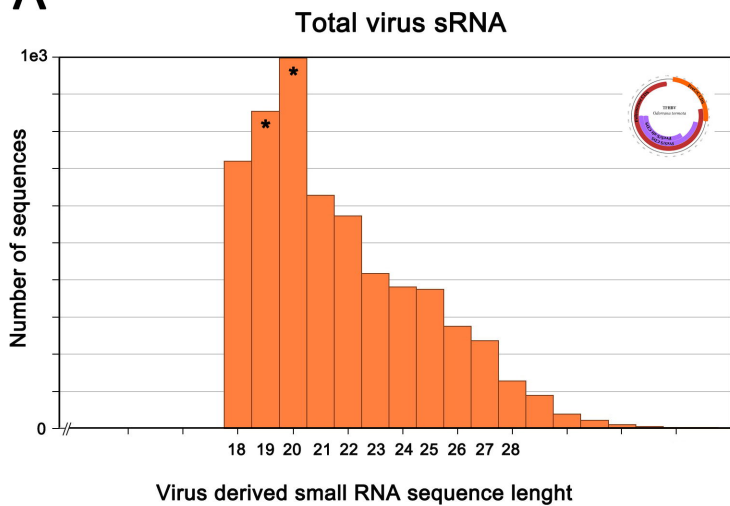
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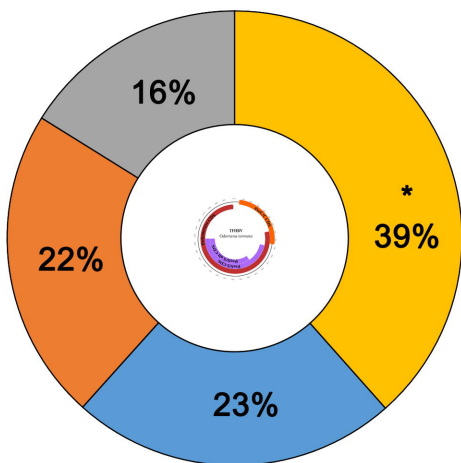
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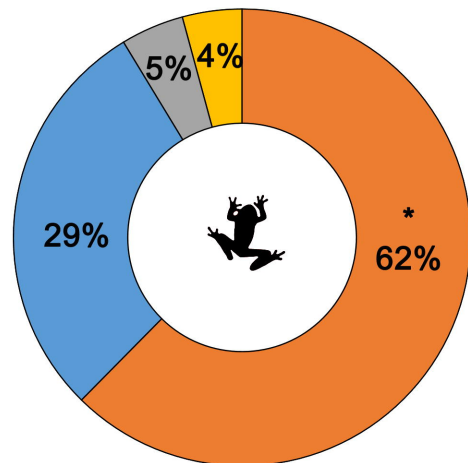
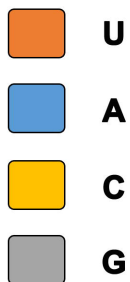


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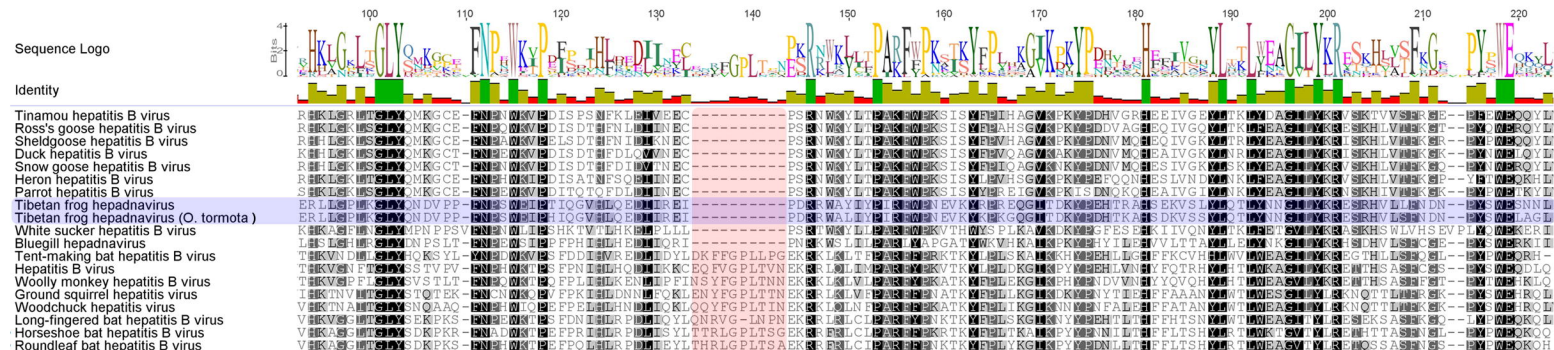
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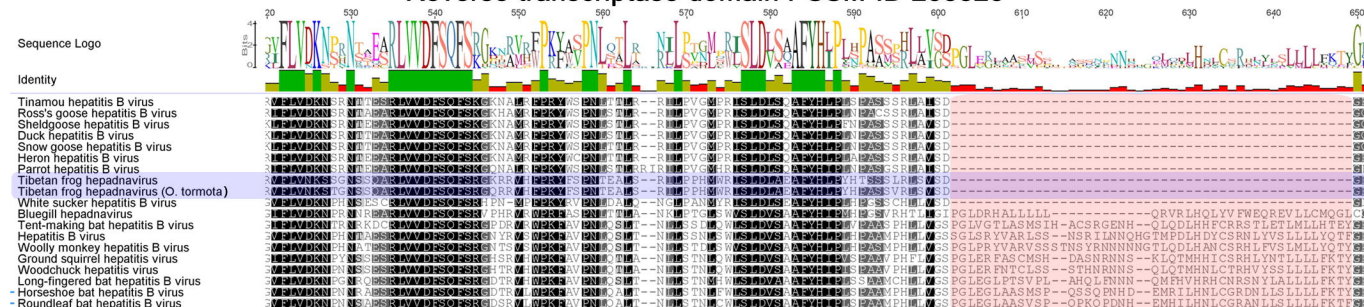
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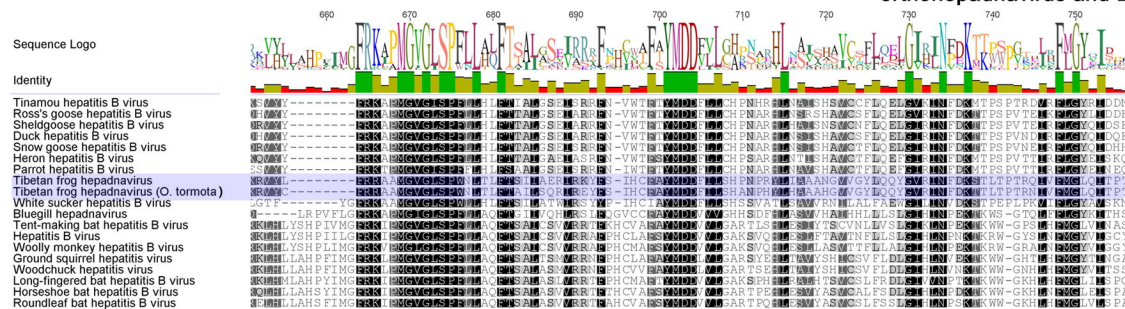


### orthohepadnavirus specific-expansion

## Reverse transcriptase domain PSSM-ID 238825



### orthohepadnavirus and GBHBV specific-expansion



## C-terminal domain Viral DNA polymerase

