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3 35 **Abstract**  
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6 37 Porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus (PRRSV) is a widespread pathogen of  
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8 38 pigs causing significant economic losses to the swine industry. The expanding diversity of  
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10 39 PRRSV strains makes the diagnosis, control and eradication of the disease more and more  
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12 40 difficult. In the present study, the authors report the full genome sequencing of a Type 2  
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14 41 PRRSV strain isolated from piglet carcasses in Hungary. Next generation sequencing was  
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16 42 used to determine the complete genome sequence of the isolate (PRRSV-  
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18 43 2/Hungary/102/2012). Recombination analysis performed with the available full-length  
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20 44 genome sequences showed no evidence of such event with other known PRRSV. Unique  
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22 45 deletions and an insertion were found in the nsp2 region of PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012  
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24 46 when it was compared to the highly virulent VR2332 and JXA-1 prototype strains. A majority  
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26 47 of amino acid alterations in GP4 and GP5 of the virus were in the known antigenic regions  
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28 48 suggesting an important role for immunological pressure in PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012  
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30 49 evolution. Phylogenetic analysis revealed that it belongs to lineage 1 or 2 of Type 2 PRRSV.  
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32 50 Considering the lack of related PRRSV in Europe, except for a partial sequence from Slovakia,  
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34 51 the ancestor of PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012 was most probably transported from North-  
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36 52 America. It is the first documented type 2 PRRSV isolated in Europe that is not related to the  
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38 53 Ingelvac MLV.  
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## 55 Introduction

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57 Porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome emerged at the same time in Europe (early  
58 1990s, Wenswoort et al., 1991) and North America (late 1980s, Keffaber 1989), and since  
59 then, the virus (porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus, PRRSV) has rapidly  
60 spread throughout the world, and became endemic in almost every major swine producing  
61 country.

62 PRRSV is a member of the Arteriviridae family within the order Nidovirales  
63 (Cavanagh 1997; Faaberg et al., 2011). It has a positive-sense single stranded RNA genome of  
64 15kb in length that encodes 10 open reading frames (Snijder and Meulenberg, 1998; Firth et  
65 al. 2011; Johnson et al. 2011). Comparative nucleotide sequence analyses revealed that  
66 PRRSV strains can be classified into two distinct genotypes: type 1 (formerly named as  
67 European) and type 2 (formerly named as North American). Remarkably, the two genotypes  
68 have only 50–60% nucleotide identity (Allende et al. 1999).

69 A comprehensive phylogenetic study of the North American type 2 PRRSV strains has  
70 recently been published that was based on the Bayesian analysis of 8624 ORF5 sequences  
71 (Shi et al. 2010b). Based on their results, the authors defined 9 monophyletic lineages within  
72 this genotype and established a set of reference sequences representing the principal diversity  
73 of type 2 sequences.

74 Type 2 strains were first introduced to Europe in 1996 by the use of a modified live  
75 virus (MLV) vaccine in Denmark (Botner et al, 1997). Soon after its introduction into the  
76 population, the MLV strain, a cell culture adapted variant of the type 2 prototype VR2332  
77 strain, spread horizontally and vertically among pigs and herds as well, and showed multiple  
78 genetic mutations (Nielsen et al. 2001). The vaccine is currently registered in Germany,  
79 Poland, The Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark, Spain and Lithuania, and under special import  
80 agreements in Slovakia. According to latest results, confirmed by full genome sequence  
81 analyses in Denmark, the vast majority of the type 2 strains found in Europe are genetically  
82 related (>95% ORF5 nucleotide identity) to the aforementioned vaccine (Kvisgaard et al.,  
83 2013). A more recent study involving numerous type 2 ORF5 sequences from throughout  
84 Europe revealed a small group of sequences that are 91–94 % similar to the Ingelvac MLV,  
85 and can not unequivocally be attributed to the vaccine (Stadejek et al, 2014).

86 The aim of our study was to characterize a member of the third group of European  
87 type 2 sequences, that are 88% or less similar to the Ingelvac strain on ORF5, confirming the

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3 88 wild type nature of these strains (Balka et al. 2008). These sequences were first identified in  
4 89 2005 in multiple sites of a swine breeding company with mild clinical signs of PRRS.  
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## 8 91 **Materials and methods**

### 9 92 10 93 *Origin of the isolate*

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13 94 Lung tissue and lymph node samples were obtained from the carcass of a young growing pig  
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15 96 verified the presence of type 2 PRRSV (Balka et al., 2008). No signs of an acute outbreak  
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17 98 fatteners. No significant reproductive disorders were reported at the time of sampling.  
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### 22 100 *Cells and viruses*

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24 101 Porcine alveolar macrophages (PAMs) obtained from PRRSV-free piglets were cultured in  
25 102 RPMI-1640 medium supplemented with 10% (v/v) fetal bovine serum, 100 U/ml penicillin,  
26 103 100 µg/ml streptomycin and 2 mM L-glutamine (Sigma-Aldrich, Saint Louis, MO, USA) at  
27 104 37°C and 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. To culture PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012, approximately 0.5 g pieces of  
28 105 lung tissue were taken from dead pigs. The lung and tracheobronchial lymph node samples  
29 106 originating from the endemically infected farm were homogenized with Tissue Lyser (Qiagen,  
30 107 Hilden, Germany) in sterile phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) containing antibiotics and  
31 108 antimycotics, to obtain a 50% w/v suspension. After complete homogenization, the samples  
32 109 were centrifuged at 5000×g for 10 min to remove cellular debris. Cell-free supernatants were  
33 110 frozen at –80°C for RNA isolation. PAMs were inoculated with 100 µl of supernatant and  
34 111 incubated for five days. Besides the periodic examination of the cell cultures for the presence  
35 112 of cytopathic effects, real-time RT-PCR analysis (Balka et al., 2009) was also applied on the  
36 113 supernatants to confirm the growth of the virus. Cell-free supernatants were stored at –80°C  
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### 48 115 49 116 *RNA isolation and cDNA synthesis*

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51 117 RNA was isolated with QIAamp Viral RNA Mini Kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany) from the  
52 118 original tissue homogenates and PAM cell culture supernatants. cDNA was generated using  
53 119 Superscript III First-Strand Synthesis System for RT-PCR (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA, USA)  
54 120 kit and a T<sub>20</sub> primer, according to the protocol of the manufacturer.  
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3 122 *Overlapping PCR products for next generation sequencing*

4 123 The genome of PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012 was amplified in five overlapping parts,  
5 124 (similarly to Kvisgaard et al., 2013b), using the Phusion II HotStart PCR kit (Thermo  
6 125 Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA), in 25 µl final volume with 1 µl of cDNA template, in 1× GC  
7 126 buffer in the presence of 4% DMSO. Amplification was performed using the following  
8 127 gradient PCR program: 98°C 1', 35 × [98°C 20", 54-72°C (gradient ramp: 2°C) 20", 72°C 5'],  
9 128 72°C 5'. The primer pairs used for the amplification of the different fragments are listed in  
10 129 Table 1. Primers were designed using Primer3Plus (Untergasser et al., 2007). PCR fragments  
11 130 were purified from agarose gel slices by the QIAquick Gel Extraction Kit (Qiagen, Hilden,  
12 131 Germany). For determination of both ends of the genome, the 5' RACE System for Rapid  
13 132 Amplification of cDNA Ends, version 2.0 (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA, USA) as well as a  
14 133 forward ORF7 primer (Balca et al., 2008) and the T<sub>20</sub> primer were applied.  
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16 135 *Next generation sequencing (NGS)*

17 136 An equimolar mixture of the overlapping PRRSV PCR products was used as template for next  
18 137 generation sequencing. In brief, a DNA library was prepared using the NEBNext® Fast DNA  
19 138 Fragmentation & Library Prep Set for Ion Torrent (New England Biolabs, Beverly, MA,  
20 139 USA) with the Ion Torrent Xpress barcode adapters (Life Technologies, Carlsbad, CA, USA)  
21 140 according to the protocol recommended by the manufacturers. The emulsion PCR and  
22 141 subsequent template enrichment were carried out with the Ion OneTouch™ Template Kit on a  
23 142 OneTouch v1 instrument and an Ion OneTouch™ ES pipetting robot, respectively.  
24 143 Sequencing was carried out on a 316 chip using the Ion Torrent semiconductor sequencing  
25 144 equipment (Ion Personal Genome Machine® (PGMTM); Life Technologies). Sequences were  
26 145 assembled and aligned with SeqMan Ngen software (Lasergene, Madison, WI, USA).  
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28 147 *Phylogenetic analysis*

29 148 PRRSV whole genome sequences in Genbank, including 16 type 1 and 199 type 2 field,  
30 149 vaccine and laboratory strains, were obtained from the continents of Europe, Asia, and North  
31 150 America (n=215, Table 2). PRRSV whole genome alignment was done with the MULTIPLE  
32 151 Sequence Comparison by Log-Expectation (MUSCLE) algorithm (Edgar, 2004) in Geneious  
33 152 Pro 6.1.7 using default settings. The evolutionary history was inferred using the Maximum  
34 153 Likelihood method based on the Tamura-Nei model (Tamura and Nei, 1993). The tree with  
35 154 the highest log likelihood (-266940) is shown. Initial trees for the heuristic search were  
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3 156 using the Maximum Composite Likelihood (MCL) approach. The tree is drawn to scale, with  
4 157 branch lengths measured in the number of substitutions per site. The analysis involved 215  
5 158 genome sequences. All positions containing gaps and missing data were eliminated. There  
6 159 were a total of 12911 positions in the final dataset. Evolutionary analyses were conducted in  
7 160 MEGA6 (Tamura et al., 2013).

8 161 Additional type 2 PRRSV ORF5 sequences were added to the database to enlarge total  
9 162 genetic diversity. ORF5 nucleotide sequences were aligned with MUSCLE and phylogeny  
10 163 was determined by maximum likelihood in MEGA as described above. The closest known  
11 164 relatives to PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012 were determined by BLAST analysis in Genbank  
12 165 (Altschul et al., 1990).

13 166 Recombination analysis of the complete genome was performed with Recombination  
14 167 Analysis Tools (RAT) (Etherington et al., 2005) using the 215 Genbank accessions as  
15 168 references. Insertion-deletion analysis was visualized by the alignment of the Hungarian  
16 169 isolate to the type 2 prototype strain VR2332 (acc. number: EF536003) and to the highly  
17 170 pathogenic Chinese strain CHN-JXA1 (acc. number: EF112445).

18 171 The distribution of N-glycosylation sites was determined using NetNGlyc 1.0 Server  
19 172 web utility (<http://www.cbs.dtu.dk/services/NetNGlyc/>). The antigenic regions, T and B cell  
20 173 epitopes were determined as described using an amino acid alignment with the reference  
21 174 strains VR2332, Ch-1a (acc. number: AY032626) and NVSL 97-7895 (acc. number:  
22 175 AY545985) (Diaz et al., 2009; de Lima et al., 2006; Mokhtar et al., 2014; Plagemann et al.,  
23 176 2002; Ostrowski et al., 2002; Vashisht et al., 2008; Zhou et al., 2009).

## 24 177

## 25 178 **Results**

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27 180 Tissue homogenate supernatants of pig carcasses originating from an endemically infected  
28 181 herd were used to inoculate PAM cells in order to isolate and amplify the PRRSV strain for  
29 182 further analysis. Virus induced cytopathic effect, i.e. cell lysis was observed from the 2<sup>nd</sup> day  
30 183 post infection and reached 100% by the 5<sup>th</sup> day. Marked decrease in the C<sub>t</sub> values was  
31 184 observed in the real-time RT-PCR reactions performed on the infected cell culture  
32 185 supernatants, compared to the original tissues confirming the increase in viral RNA copy  
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34 187 NGS was performed on the equimolar mixture of five overlapping fragments of the  
35 188 entire genome that were amplified by routine RT-PCR applying high fidelity DNA  
36 189 polymerase. After the assembly and alignment of the sequence fragments, the full length



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3 190 sequence of PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012 was found to be 15321 nt in length (GenBank acc.  
4 191 number: KM514315). The untranslated 5' and 3' ends (UTRs) were 189 nt and 151 nt,  
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7 193 (Genbank Accession No.: KC862584.1) with 12 nt differences in the sequences. The size of  
8 194 the 3' end of PRRSV (PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012) was identical with that of PRRSV DK-  
9 195 2004-1-7-PI (Genbank Accession No.: KC862578.1) with four nt difference.

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13 196 The phylogenetic analysis of the whole genome of PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012 and  
14 197 215 other full PRRSV genomes showed that it was a novel type 2 PRRSV isolate that was  
15 198 phylogenetically close to the progenitor type 2 PRRSV, and not related to VR2332 or  
16 199 Ingelvac PRRSV MLV (Figure 1.).

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20 200 The ORF5 dendrogram (Figure 2a) that included a larger dataset of other ORF5  
21 201 sequences showed that PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012 was clustered in lineage 2 PRRSV,  
22 202 which may have originated in Eastern Canada where the earliest isolates were found.

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25 203 BLAST comparisons of the full genome to Genbank accessions showed that even the  
26 204 most similar strain, VR2385 (JX044140), was only 87% identical. Similarly, BLAST analysis  
27 205 of the ORF5 sequences in Genbank showed that the 11 most similar hits were only 91 to 92%  
28 206 identical, and almost all of these strains were isolates from the early 2000's. Interestingly, the  
29 207 set included a Canadian PRRSV strain IAF 93-2616 (U64932), isolated in 1993, early in the  
30 208 history of PRRSV. To more stringently delineate the origin of PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012,  
31 209 the nearest BLAST hits were incorporated with lineage 1 and lineage 2 ORF5 sequences and  
32 210 re-analyzed. The results, shown in Figure 2b, indicate that PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012  
33 211 clusters near the divergence of lineages 1 and 2. The most similar matches to PRRSV-  
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41 213 To exclude the possibility that PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012 was a recombination  
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49 218 PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012 has deletions of 10 amino acids (VR3223 aa 314-323)  
50 219 and 9 amino acids (VR2332 aa 792-800) in the nsp2 that were not present in prototype strain  
51 220 VR2332 or the prototype high pathogenicity Chinese strain JXA1 (Figure 3). By contrast,  
52 221 there was a 9 aa insertion in the nsp2 (102HU aa 795-803) that was not present in VR2332 or  
53 222 JXA1. These differences were due to in-frame insertions/deletions at the corresponding  
54 223 coding regions of the genomic RNA (Figure 3).



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3 224 The antigenic regions (ARs) and glycosylation sites within GP2, GP3, GP4 and GP5  
4 225 proteins of PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012 have been analyzed and compared to references  
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8 227 At least four B cell epitopes or ARs have been inferred within GP2 (de Lima et al.,  
9 228 2006; Vanhee et al., 2011). The presence of two antigenic regions (AR<sub>41-55</sub> and AR<sub>123-135</sub>)  
10 229 were confirmed in both type 1 and type 2 PRRSV, while the presence of AR<sub>92-103</sub>, and the  
11 230 AR<sub>206-217</sub> were confirmed only in the type 1 prototype strain Lelystad virus (de Lima et al.,  
12 231 2006; Vanhee et al., 2011). However, the two latter regions are conservative between type 1  
13 232 and type 2 viruses, so it is possible that they are recognized as B cell epitopes in the type 2  
14 233 PRRSV strains as well. Only one amino acid (aa) substitution was detected in AR<sub>92-103</sub>  
15 234 between PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012 and the reference strains. No aa substitution was  
16 235 detected in AR<sub>123-135</sub> and AR<sub>206-217</sub>, and four aa substitutions were observed between the less  
17 236 similar NVSL 97-7895 and 102HU in AR<sub>41-55</sub>. Two N-glycosylation sites are present in GP2  
18 237 (Das et al., 2010). The position of these glycosylation sites remained similar in all  
19 238 investigated strains though there are some aa changes in the glycosylation recognition  
20 239 sequence of PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012 when compared to the reference strains (Figure 4A).  
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23 240 Four experimentally proven antigenic regions were shown within GP3 (de Lima et al.,  
24 241 2006; Zhou et al., 2006, Wang et al., 2014). The AR<sub>51-105</sub> contains at least five overlapping  
25 242 epitopes (AR<sub>51-65</sub>, AR<sub>67-78</sub>, AR<sub>73-85</sub>, AR<sub>81-95</sub>, AR<sub>91-105</sub>) recognized by B cells. Surprisingly, this  
26 243 region is conservative: only five aa differences were detected among the investigated strains  
27 244 and there were only three aa changes between PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012 and any of the  
28 245 analyzed strains. AR<sub>32-46</sub> and AR<sub>111-125</sub> are completely conserved, with no aa substitutions  
29 246 observed in this region. AR<sub>137-159</sub>, a variable region of GP3, had four aa substitutions in the  
30 247 AR of GP3 of PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012. The position of the seven conserved N-  
31 248 glycosylation sites predicted in GP3 is similar to the reference strains (Das et al., 2010)  
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35 250 The presence of two T cell epitopes (Díaz et al., 2008) and one B cell epitope (de Lima  
36 251 et al., 2006) were reported within GP4. AR<sub>51-65</sub> is a hypervariable region of GP4; five aa  
37 252 substitutions were detected in that of PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012 compared to the GP4 of  
38 253 the reference strains. A putative T cell epitope<sub>7-15</sub> (Tce<sub>7-15</sub>) is recognized by MHCII (described  
39 254 in PRRSV strain L-450) (Díaz et al., 2008). This sequence is very divergent in PRRSV-  
40 255 2/Hungary/102/2012, as it contains three aa substitutions in the 9 aa epitope. Tce<sub>170-178</sub>,  
41 256 recognized by MHCI (same reference as in previous sentence), has two aa substitutions in  
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3 258 in this protein were recognized in the reference strains (Das et al., 2010), an additional, fifth  
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5 260 (Figure 4C).

6 261 The presence of at least six B cell epitopes (de Lima et al., 2006; Zhou et al., 2009)  
7 262 and three T cell epitopes were reported within GP5. Three antigenic regions in the C-terminus  
8 263 of GP5 protein are conserved (Zhou et al., 2009). AR<sub>166-181</sub> and AR<sub>192-200</sub> of PRRSV-  
9 264 2/Hungary/102/2012 have only one aa substitution each and AR<sub>149-156</sub> is completely conserved  
10 265 compared to the reference strains. Two ARs in the N-terminus of the protein are variable.  
11 266 Three aa substitutions were observed in AR<sub>1-15</sub> and five aa substitutions in AR<sub>27-35</sub> (Thaa et al.,  
12 267 2013). A B cell epitope (AR<sub>37-51</sub>) of the GP5 is highly conserved (Plagemann et al., 2002;  
13 268 Ostrowski et al., 2002), only one aa substitution was found between PRRSV-  
14 269 2/Hungary/102/2012 and Ch1a. The three T cell epitopes are also highly conserved in GP5.  
15 270 Tce<sub>60-74</sub>, which is recognized by MHCII (described in PRRSV strain L-450), and Tce<sub>149-163</sub>  
16 271 (described in NADC-9 and NVSL-14) do not contain aa substitutions in PRRSV-  
17 272 2/Hungary/102/2012 when compared to the reference strains (Díaz et al., 2008; Vashisht et al.,  
18 273 2008; Mokhtar et al., 2014). In Tce<sub>115-126</sub>, which is recognized by MHCI (described in  
19 274 PRRSV strain L-450), one aa substitution was observed among the investigated strains (Díaz  
20 275 et al., 2008; Vashisht et al., 2008; Mokhtar et al., 2014). GP5 contains five potential N-  
21 276 glycosylation sites in PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012. Two sites (N44 and N51) are highly  
22 277 conserved (Israrul et al., 2006; Meulenber, 2000) and were found within AR<sub>37-51</sub>. The other  
23 278 three glycosylation sites (N30, N34 and N35) were within the heterogeneous AR<sub>27-35</sub> (Figure  
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## 41 281 **Discussion**

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43 283 Type 2 PRRSV strains are predominant in North America and Asia while in Europe fully  
44 284 sequenced type 2 strains were closely related to Ingelvac PRRS MLV (Kvisgaard et al. 2013a).  
45 285 In case of ORF5 sequences of European type 2 strains they were at least 91% identical to the  
46 286 aforementioned vaccine strain. Our previous results of genetic analysis of a PRRSV Type 2  
47 287 ORF5 sequence from Hungary and a similar one in Slovakia (one of Hungary's neighboring  
48 288 countries) indicated that there are type 2 strains circulating in these countries that are much  
49 289 more distant to Ingelvac PRRS MLV. In this study we described the genetic, and antigenic  
50 290 characteristics of the complete genome of the first European, wild, type 2 isolate, which is  
51 291 clearly not related to Ingelvac PRRS MLV. Moreover, the genome of PRRSV-

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3 292 2/Hungary/102/2012 was only 87% identical to the most similar genome available in  
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5 293 GenBank proving its unique status.  
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7 294 Phylogenetic analyses performed with the whole genome of PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012 and  
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9 295 215 GenBank full genome accessions, as well as ORF5 sequences from type 2 PRRSV  
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11 296 isolates globally, revealed that it is a member of an ancient lineage 1 or lineage 2 cluster  
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13 297 whose earliest sequence was reported from Eastern Canada in the early 1990's (Brar et al.,  
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17 299 Our previous analyses with the use of limited sequences suggested that it might belong  
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19 300 to lineage 1 (quite similar to lineage 2) (Stadejek et al., 2014) indicating the importance of  
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21 301 using an appropriate, broad-range reference set when genotyping otherwise similar type 2  
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25 303 The Eastern Canadian origin of both lineages 1 and 2 and their cross-border  
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27 304 transmission primarily to the North Central USA (Shi et al., 2010b, Brar et al., 2011) suggests  
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29 305 that our Hungarian strain may have become established in eastern Europe following the  
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31 306 introduction of pigs or germplasm harboring a PRRSV from these regions within the past 10  
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33 307 to 15 years. It then evolved independently for an extended period of time to reach its current  
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35 308 level of divergence. As no reliable data are available about pig importation to Hungary from  
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37 309 that period, it cannot be excluded that a wild-type 2 PRRSV was introduced elsewhere in the  
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39 310 region and then transported to Hungary.

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41 311 Jackova et al. (2013) published a partial 432 base ORF5 sequence corresponding to the  
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43 312 ectodomain of GP5 of a Slovakian isolate from 2003 (strain 36M, acc. number: KC522648),  
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45 313 that is 95% similar at nucleotide and 97% similar at amino acid level. As the strain analyzed  
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47 314 in our study was isolated from a farm located close to the Slovakian border, and since no  
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49 315 other related strains from independent locations were present in public and private databases,  
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51 316 this virus is the most likely recent ancestor giving rise to the family of isolates including  
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53 317 PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012, HU12 (DQ366650) and HU21 (EF406336). The latter two  
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55 318 isolates from 2005 showed only 3% nucleotide and 1% amino acid differences in comparison  
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57 319 to PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012. This relatively slow rate of evolution in one of the most  
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59 320 variable part of the PRRSV genome might suggest that use of a type 1 modified live vaccine  
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321 used in the herd to control endemic type 1 PRRSV did not provoke a strong selective pressure  
322 against the type 2 isolate. Hence, it remained conserved over a period of at least 7 years.

323 Although nsp2 insertions and deletions were present in the genome compared to  
324 JAX1 and VR2332, unusual characteristics of pathogenicity or infectivity were not observed  
325 under field conditions. However, exact statements on these parameters can only be given after

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3 326 controlled challenge studies. Whether these deletions and the insertion had a negative effect  
4 327 on tissue tropism, growth rate and/or speed of the genetic change of PRRSV-  
5 328 2/Hungary/102/2012 further investigations are needed.

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7 329 Antigenic regions of GP2 are relatively conserved, so it is likely that they are  
8 330 functionally important and PRRSV does not tolerate amino acid changes in these regions. The  
9 331 majority of amino acid changes among the investigated strains are positioned in the N-  
10 332 terminal (GP2<sub>1-40</sub>) and the C-terminal (GP2<sub>240-256</sub>) regions of GP2. The N-terminal region  
11 333 contains a hydrophobic stretch of amino acids (GP2<sub>27-40</sub>) that has the potential to be a  
12 334 conditional membrane binding site and/or part of a signal peptide. Although mutations are  
13 335 common in this region, the physicochemical character of the protein remains well conserved,  
14 336 reinforcing the putative functional significance of this site. Similar hypermutability with  
15 337 conserved physicochemical characters can be observed in the amino-terminal hydrophobic  
16 338 regions of all GP proteins (GP3<sub>1-30</sub>, GP4<sub>1-20</sub> and GP5<sub>1-31</sub>) and all of them are signal peptides  
17 339 (Das et al., 2010; Thaa et al., 2013; Meulenburg, 2000; Kim et al., 2013). The N-glycan  
18 340 addition at N184 in GP2 is critical for recovery of infectious virus but the lack of glycan in  
19 341 N178 does not effect virus growth (Das et al., 2010). A mutation was found within the  
20 342 glycosylation recognition sequence of N184 in PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012 compared to the  
21 343 reference strains but this change most probably does not inhibit glycosylation of the site.

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23 344 Excluding AR<sub>137-159</sub>, the predicted B cell epitopes of GP3 are conserved. The reasons  
24 345 for conservation might be similar to those of GP2. A previous study demonstrated that six  
25 346 sites (Das et al., 2010) of GP3 have glycan moieties from seven potential N-linked  
26 347 glycosylation sites, and N195 is not used for glycosylation. All glycosylation sites are present  
27 348 on GP3 of PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012. Mutations are present in two motifs (N29 and N152),  
28 349 but are not likely to affect the glycosylation status.

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30 350 AR<sub>51-65</sub>, a hypervariable region in GP4, is considered as neutralization epitope in type  
31 351 1 PRRSV Lelystad virus. Previous studies have demonstrated that this epitope is susceptible  
32 352 to monoclonal antibody-induced immunoselection *in vitro* (Costers et al., 2010), thus  
33 353 explaining the high variability of this antigenic region. The conserved C terminal anchor  
34 354 (GP3<sub>181-197</sub>) of GP3 overlaps with the variable N-terminus of GP4, which serves as a signal  
35 355 peptide and contain a T-cell epitope (Tce<sub>7-15</sub>). Interestingly, similar overlaps can be observed  
36 356 between the conserved GP2 C-terminal membrane anchor (GP2<sub>210-232</sub>) and the hypervariable  
37 357 N-terminal signal peptide of GP3. This sequence pattern suggests that the amino acids in  
38 358 membrane anchors of GP2 and GP3 have additional sequence specific functions (e.g. protein-

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5 360 conservation.

6 361 All the four potential glycosylation sites of GP4 of VR2332 were shown to be  
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8 362 glycosylated. GP4 of PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012 contains a fifth N-glycosylation site (N57)  
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10 363 in the AR<sub>51-65</sub>. It can be speculated that this potential glycosylation site might function as an  
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12 364 anchor point for glycan shielding.

13 365 AR<sub>1-15</sub> within GP5 is part of signal peptide which is cleaved during peptide processing.  
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15 366 AR<sub>27-35</sub> may function as a decoy epitope, which is hypervariable and is not involved in  
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17 367 neutralization. However, recently it has experimentally been proved, that this epitope is only  
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19 368 present at very low frequencies as a result of an alternative cleavage site of the signal peptide  
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21 369 after the aa 26. (Ostrowski et al., 2002; Thaa et al., 2013). A previous study has demonstrated  
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23 370 that aa positions at 32, 33 and 34 of GP5 are under significant positive selection (Delisle et al.,  
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25 371 2012). AR<sub>27-35</sub> contains a functional glycosylation site N34 in NVSL 97-7895, while three  
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27 372 potential sites (N30 N34 and N35) can be found in the same region of PRRSV-  
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29 373 2/Hungary/102/2012. N30, N34 and N35, together with the highly conserved N44 and N51  
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31 374 compose a very rare combination of N-glycosylation sites on the GP5 of type 2 PRRSVs, less  
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33 375 than 1% of the strains contain this pattern (Delisle et al., 2012). The close proximity of N30,  
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35 376 N34 and N35 makes it improbable (because of steric inhibition) that all the three sites would  
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37 377 be glycosylated together on the same GP5 molecule of PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012. On the  
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39 378 other hand, considering the positive selection pressure in the region (Delisle et al., 2012), it is  
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41 379 also unlikely that the presence of the three glycosylation sites on GP5 would be just a  
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43 380 functionless arbitrary event. Most probably these sites are glycosylated in several  
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45 381 combinations on different GP5 molecules that compose a set of glycoforms in the PRRSV-  
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47 382 2/Hungary/102/2012 envelope similarly as it was shown in the VR2332 virion (Thaa et al.,  
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49 383 2013). Alternatively, it cannot be excluded that glycosylation patterns are not under selection,  
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51 384 but instead are derivative to changes in ORF5a (Robinson et al., 2013).

52 385 As a large majority of the amino acid alterations in GP4 and GP5 of our isolate were  
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54 386 found in the previously described antigenic regions, we hypothesize that immunological  
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56 387 pressure played an important role in the evolution of the virus. It is possible that an early, fast  
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58 388 evolution period might have occurred in the early 2000's when an exponential increase in  
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60 389 genetic diversity has been observed among type 2 strains (Shi et al. 2010b). Similar strains  
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391 390 were first identified in 2005 by our research team (Balka et al., 2008), and anecdotal  
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393 391 information suggested the import of boars from Canada to the herd in previous years. The  
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395 392 comparison of these early strains and the recent isolate revealed the slowing down of the



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3 393 genetic change as only 1% amino acid change occurred in the ORF5 ectodomain in the 7  
4 394 years between initial sequencing and the recent viral isolation in 2012. These findings indicate  
5 395 a biphasic evolution with a fast, early developmental stage, when the virus may have been  
6 396 surrounded by other type 2 isolates, and a second slower phase after the virus was introduced  
7 397 to this region, and was not influenced by immunity against other type 2 strains.

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11 398 We conclude that PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012 is the first type 2 PRRSV isolated in  
12 399 Europe that belongs to the lineage 1 or 2, and unlike every other European type 2 strain, it is  
13 400 proved to be not related to the Ingelvac MLV. Lineages 1 and 2 were exclusively formed by  
14 401 North American sequences until now. These data suggest that the strain was imported directly  
15 402 from North America during the early stages of PRRSV diversification (most likely from  
16 403 Canada or the North Central USA), and the divergent evolution of the viruses in the two  
17 404 continents resulted in marked genetic differences among PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012 and  
18 405 other type 2 viruses.

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6 595 Molecular phylogenetic analysis of PRRSV whole genomes by maximum likelihood method.

7 596 Lineage designations are from Shi et al., 2010b.

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10 599 Maximum likelihood phylogenetic trees for PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012 ORF5 (A.)

11 600 designations are from Shi et al., 2010b. (B.) Representative lineage 1 and 2 sequences

12 601 including closest Genbank BLAST hits to PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012 (arrow). Closed

13 602 circles are all sequences with 92% sequence similarity. Open circle has 91% similarity. MB

14 603 CA: Manitoba, Canada; MN, Minnesota; AR, Arkansas; ?, source not provided in Genbank.

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16 605 Figure 3.

17 606 Insertion/deletion analysis of PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012 by the alignment to the type 2

18 607 prototype strain VR2332 and the Chinese highly pathogenic reference strain JXA-1.

19 608 (A) Whole genome sequence schematic with open reading frames (B) Expanded view of the

20 609 nsp2 nucleotide sequence region showing insertions and deletions (C) Amino acid sequence

21 610 analysis of nsp2 ORF insertion and deletion pattern.

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23 612 Figure 4.

24 613 Alignments and analysis of envelope glycoproteins (GP) 2, 3, 4, and 5 of isolates PRRSV-

25 614 2/Hungary/102/2012, VR2332, Ch-1a and NVSL 97-7895. Experimentally confirmed and

26 615 identifiable B-cell epitopes are highlighted by grey boxes. Antigenic regions (AR) are

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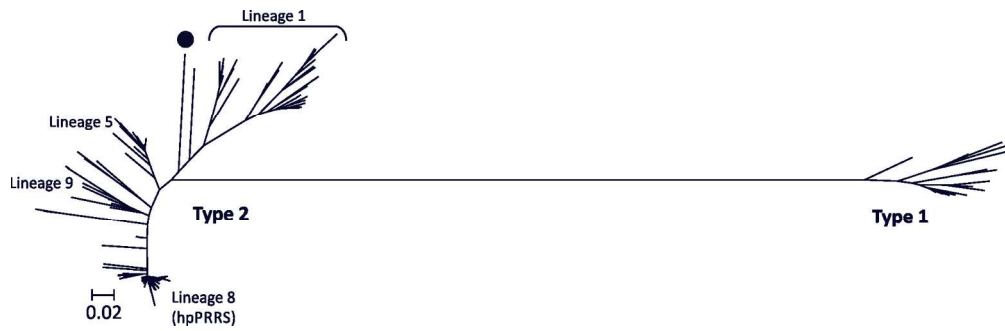
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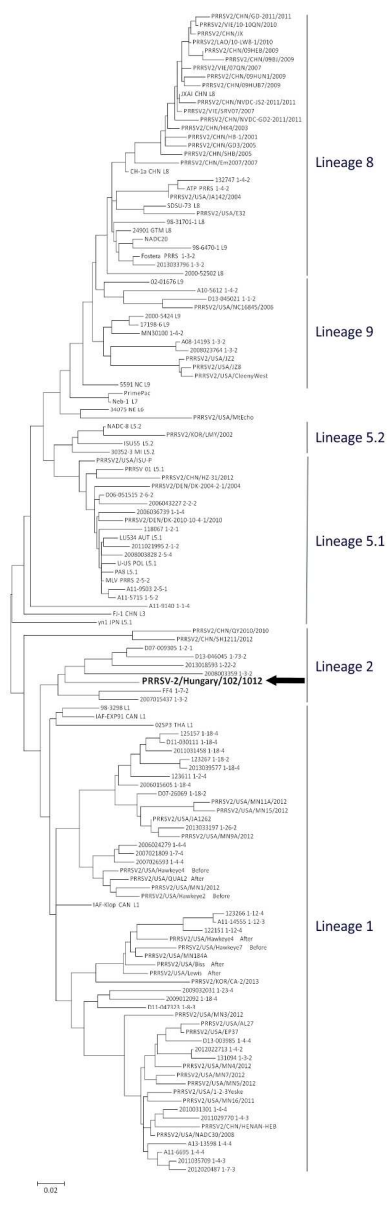
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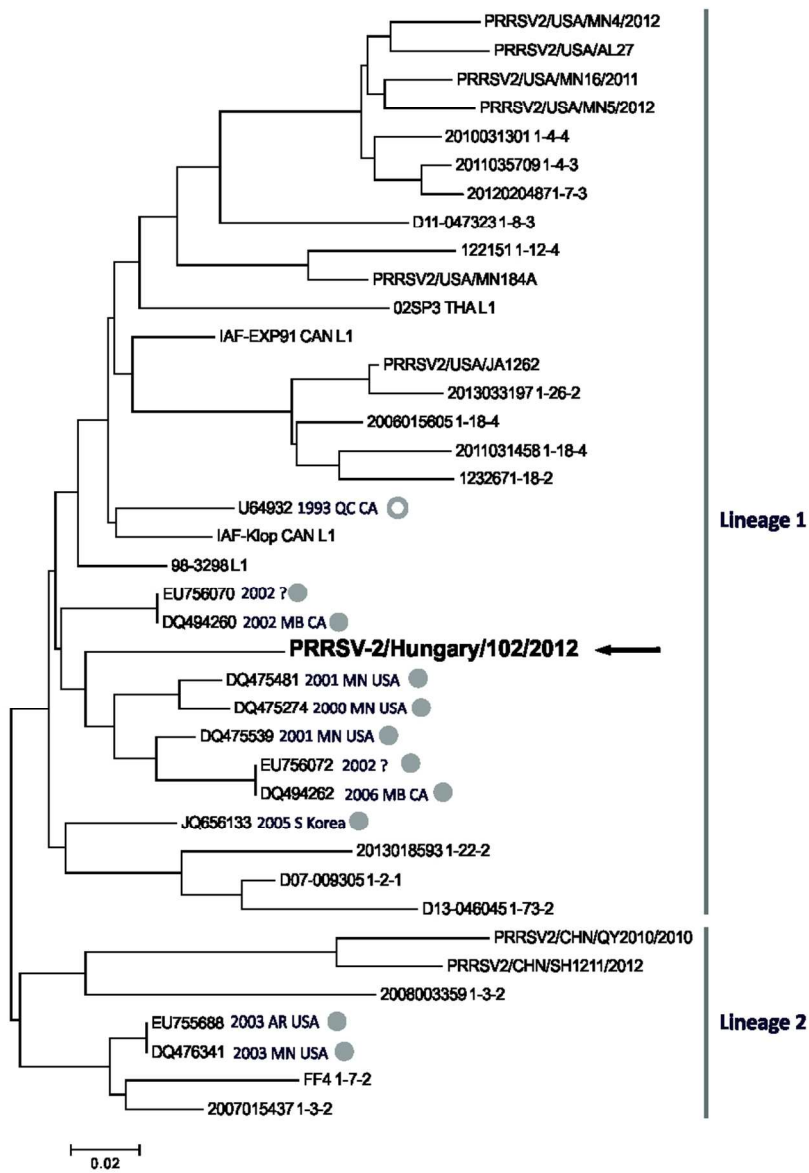
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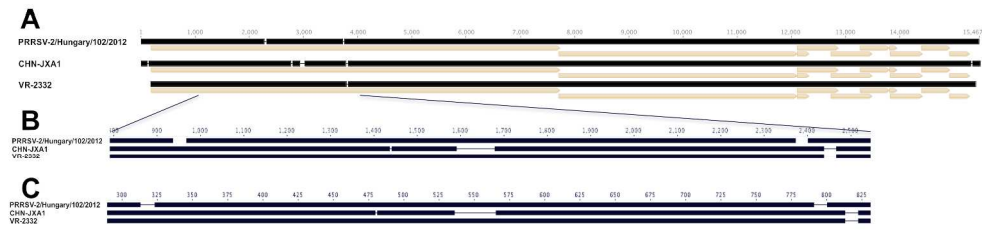


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Maximum likelihood phylogenetic trees for PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012 ORF5 (B.) Representative lineage 1 and 2 sequences including closest Genbank BLAST hits to PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012 (arrow). Closed circles are all sequences with 92% sequence similarity. Open circle has 91% similarity. MB CA: Manitoba, Canada; MN, Minnesota; AR, Arkansas; ?, source not provided in Genbank.  
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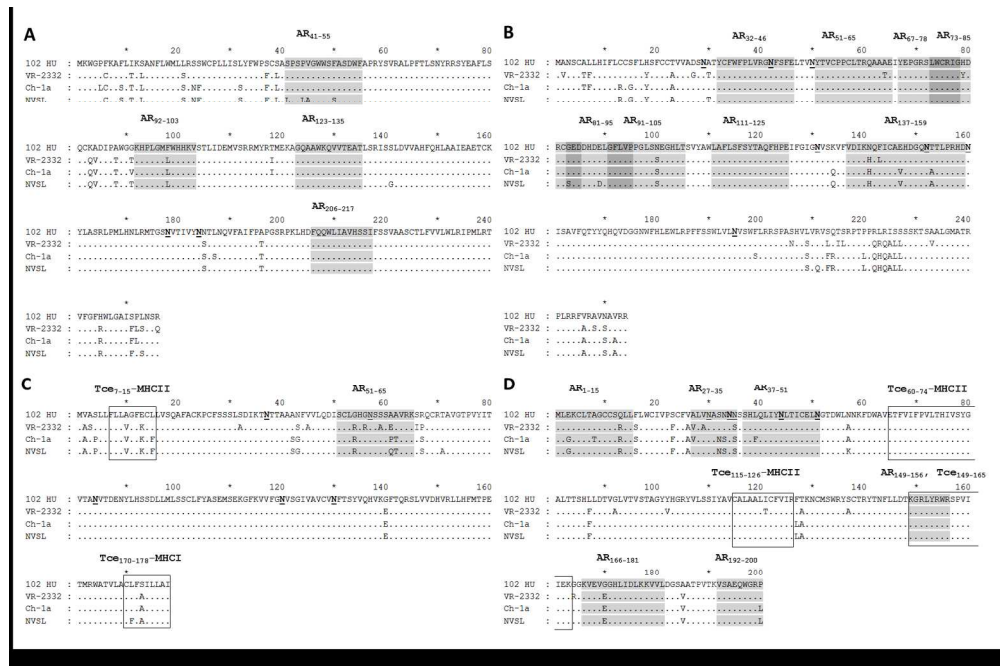


Insertion/deletion analysis of PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012 by the alignment to the type 2 prototype strain VR2332 and the Chinese highly pathogenic reference strain JXA-1.

(A) Whole genome sequence schematic with open reading frames (B) Expanded view of the nsp2 nucleotide sequence region showing insertions and deletions (C) Amino acid sequence analysis of nsp2 ORF insertion and deletion pattern.

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Alignments and analysis of envelope glycoproteins (GP) 2, 3, 4, and 5 of isolates PRRSV-2/Hungary/102/2012, VR2332, Ch-1a and NVSL 97-7895. Experimentally confirmed and identifiable B-cell epitopes are highlighted by grey boxes. Antigenic regions (AR) are numbered by position. The overlapping regions of ARs are highlighted by dark grey boxes. (A.) GP2. Experimentally confirmed glycosylation sites are underlined and set in bold (de Lima et al., 2006; Vanhee et al., 2011; Das et al., 2010). (B.) GP3. Experimentally confirmed glycosylation sites are underlined and set in bold (de Lima et al., 2006; Das et al., 2010; Zhou et al., 2006; Wang et al., 2014). (C.) GP4. Potential glycosylation sites are underlined and experimentally confirmed sites are set in bold (de Lima et al., 2006; Das et al., 2010; Diaz et al., 2009; Costers et al., 2010). (D.) GP5. Antigenic regions (AR) are numbered by position. T cell epitopes (Tce) are highlighted by open boxes. Potential glycosylation sites are underlined, the experimentally confirmed ones are set in bold (de Lima et al., 2006; Diaz et al., 2009; Plagemann et al., 2002; Ostrowski et al., 2002; Zhou et al., 2009; Mokhtar et al., 2014; Vashisht et al., 2008).

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7	PRRSV2/USA/JZ1	JZ1	USA
8	PRRSV2/USA/JZ4	JZ4	USA
9	PRRSV2/USA/JA1262	JA1262	USA
10	PRRSV2/USA/AL27	AL27	USA
11	PRRSV2/USA/EP37	EP37	USA
12	PRRSV2/USA/1-2-3 Yeske	1-2-3 Yeske	USA
13	PRRSV2/USA/Cleeny West	Cleeny West	USA
14	PRRSV2/USA/E32	E32	USA
15	PRRSV2/USA/JZ2	JZ2	USA
16	PRRSV2/USA/JZ8	JZ8	USA
17	PRRSV2/USA/Mt. Echo	Mt. Echo	USA
18	PRRSV2/USA/K9/2009	K9 (Kingston 2009)	USA
19	PRRSV2/USA/K10/2010	K10 (Kingston 2010)	USA
20	PRRSV2/USA/K11/2011	K11 (Kingston 2011)	USA
21	PRRSV2/USA/K12/2012	K12 (Kingston 2012)	USA
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17	Xinjiang	2012
18	Hubei	2012
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20	Yunnan	2011
21	Guangxi	2010
22	Shanghai	2008
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30	Jiangsu	2011
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16	Henan	2009
17	Dongbei	2009
18	Hebei	2009
19	Shandong	2009
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21	Jiangsu	2009
22	Hunan	2009
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37	Shanghai	2012
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39	Henan	2013
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