Genetic diversity of species Fowl aviadenovirus D and Fowl aviadenovirus E 1 Short title: Genome sequences of FAdV-D and FAdV-E members 2 Ana Marek*¹, Győző L. Kaján², Carolin Kosiol³, Mária Benkő², Anna Schachner⁴ and 3 Michael Hess^{1, 4} 4 ¹ Clinic for Poultry and Fish Medicine, Department for Farm Animals and Veterinary 5 Public Health, Vetmeduni Vienna, Vienna, Austria 6 ² Institute for Veterinary Medical Research, Centre for Agricultural Research, 7 Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary 8 ³ Institut für Populationsgenetik, Vetmeduni Vienna, Vienna, Austria 9 ⁴ Christian Doppler Laboratory for Innovative Poultry Vaccines, University of 10 Veterinary Medicine, Vienna, Austria 11 anamarek@icloud.com 12 13 kajan.gyozo@agrar.mta.hu Carolin.Kosiol@vetmeduni.ac.at 14 benko.maria@agrar.mta.hu 15 Anna.Schachner@vetmeduni.ac.at 16 Michael.Hess@vetmeduni.ac.at 17 *Corresponding author. Tel.: +43-1250775150; fax: +43-1250775192 18 E-mail address: anamarek@icloud.com (A. Marek). 19 Address: Clinic for Poultry and Fish Medicine, Department for Farm Animals and 20 Veterinary Public Health, Vetmeduni Vienna, Veterinärplatz 1, 1210 Vienna, Austria 21 Word count of abstract: 134 22 Word count of main text: 2,800 23 The GenBank accession numbers for the genome sequences of 685, SR48, SR49, 24 CR119, YR36, TR59, 764 and 380 are KT862805 to KT862812, respectively 25 Keywords 26

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- 31 Fowl aviadenovirus A to Fowl aviadenovirus E, GoAdV-A-Goose aviadenovirus A, HAdVs-
- human adenoviruses, HHS-hepatitis-hydropericardium syndrome, IBH-inclusion body
- hepatitis, PiAdV-A-Pigeon aviadenovirus A, PsAdV-psittacine adenovirus, RAdV-raptor
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Abstract

Complete genomes of eight reference strains representing different serotypes within species *Fowl aviadenovirus D* (FAdV-D) and *Fowl aviadenovirus E* (FAdV-E) were sequenced. The sequenced genomes of FAdV-D and FAdV-E members comprise 43,287 to 44,336 bp, and have a gene organization identical to that of an earlier sequenced FAdV-D member (strain A-2A). Highest diversity was noticed in the hexon and fiber genes and ORF19. All genomes, sequenced in this study, contain one fiber gene. Phylogenetic analyses and G+C content support the division of the genus *Aviadenovirus* into the currently recognized species. Our data also suggest that the strain SR48 should be considered as FAdV-11 instead of FAdV-2 and similarly the strain HG as FAdV-8b. The present results complete the list of genome sequences of reference strains representing all serotypes in species FAdV-D and FAdV-E.

Introduction

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Aviadenoviruses infect avian hosts exclusively. Fowl aviadenoviruses (FAdVs) are 51 grouped into five species (Fowl aviadenovirus A to Fowl aviadenovirus E) in the genus 52 Aviadenovirus based on genome organization and phylogeny (Harrach et al., 2011; Harrach & 53 Kajan, 2011). An informal abbreviation of FAdV species such as for example FAdV-A for 54 Fowl aviadenovirus A will be used in the following part of this paper. FAdVs are widely 55 56 distributed, and some of them cause inclusion body hepatitis (IBH), hepatitishydropericardium syndrome (HHS) and adenoviral gizzard erosions (AGE) in chickens (Hess, 57 2013). FAdV strains belonging to species FAdV-D and FAdV-E have been isolated mostly 58 from IBH cases and members of species FAdV-C from HHS outbreaks (Hess et al., 1999; 59 Ojkic et al., 2008; Slavec et al., 2013; Steer et al., 2011; Zadravec et al., 2011). AGE, 60 associated with FAdV-1 infection, have been described in chickens in Japan and Europe 61 62 (Domanska-Blicharz et al., 2011; Kecskeméti et al., 2012; Manarolla et al., 2009; Marek et al., 2010a; Ono et al., 2001). Before the era of DNA sequencing, serology was the principal 63 means of identifying aviadenovirus types and the 12 serotypes have been grouped into five 64 FAdV species recognized to date as follows: FAdV-A (FAdV-1), FAdV-B (FAdV-5), FAdV-65 C (FAdV-4 and FAdV-10), FAdV-D (FAdV-2, FAdV-3, FAdV-9 and FAdV-11) and FAdV-66 E (FAdV-6, FAdV-7, FAdV-8a and FAdV-8b) (Harrach et al., 2011; Hess, 2000). DNA 67 sequencing of the loop 1 (L1) region of the hexon gene is now used frequently for typing 68 FAdVs (Kajan et al., 2013; Marek et al., 2010b; Meulemanns et al., 2004; Raue & Hess, 69 1998). 70 High-throughput sequencing became popular in recent years since it permits the rapid 71 and comprehensive analysis of complete aviadenovirus genomes. At least one complete 72 73 genome sequence is available now for all FAdV species, including: FAdV-A (FAdV-1, also known as CELO virus), FAdV-B (FAdV-5 strain 340), FAdV-C (FAdV-4 strains ON1 and 74 KR5), FAdV-D (FAdV-9 strain A-2A) and FAdV-E (FAdV-8 strain HG) (Chiocca et al., 75

1996; Grgic et al., 2011; Griffin & Nagy, 2011; Marek et al., 2012, 2013; Ojkic & Nagy, 2000). In addition, the whole genome of numerous non-chicken aviadenoviruses have also been sequenced. They are TAdV-1 (*Turkey aviadenovirus B*, TAdV-B), GoAdV-4 (*Goose aviadenovirus A*, GoAdV-A), TAdV-4 (*Turkey aviadenovirus C*, TAdV-C), TAdV-5 (*Turkey aviadenovirus D*, TAdV-D), PiAdV-1 (*Pigeon aviadenovirus A*, PiAdV-A) and DAdV-2 (*Duck aviadenovirus B*, DAdV-B) (Kajan et al., 2010, 2012; Marek et al., 2014a, 2014b).

Adenoviruses in general are thought to have co-evolved with a wide range of vertebrate hosts, and thus the genus *Aviadenovirus* with the birds (Harrach, 2014). In this genus, we can indeed observe at least two major clusters containing the AdVs of the anseriform birds (DAdV-B and GoAdV-A), and the other the AdVs originating from the galliformes, i.e. turkey and fowl adenoviruses (Marek et al., 2014b). The two species that seem to contain the majority of FAdV sero- and genotypes are FAdV-D and -E encompassing eight different FAdV types (Marek et al., 2010b). This might indicate that the viruses in these species have been coevolving with chickens for a long period. However, the close relatedness and mixed phylogenetic position of the turkey and fowl adenoviruses within the galliform AdV clade (Marek et al. 2014a), as well as the high pathogenicity of certain FAdV types imply that host switches also might have occurred. The increased pathogenicity of a virus is often the consequence of a host switch (Benko & Harrach, 2003; Kohl et al., 2012).

For the correct reconstruction of the aviadenovirus evolution, it is important to analyze the whole genomes of additional isolates, first of all strains representing yet not examined FAdV types. The main purpose of this study was to obtain the complete genome sequences of reference strains of different types belonging to species FAdV-D and FAdV-E by high-throughput sequencing technology. With the completion of these genome sequences, we expected to gain additional insights into the evolution of the genus *Aviadenovirus*.

Results

Genome organization

After filtering for contaminating chicken chromosomal sequence reads, the average coverage for all sequenced genomes was between 250 and 27,000 reads per nucleotide. *De novo* assembly was optimal when using 1 to 100% of these data (depending on the coverage). Gap closure by PCR and Sanger sequencing resulted in final genome sequences ranging between 43,287 and 44,336 bp with nucleotide composition ranging between 52.8 and 58.0% G+C content (Table 1). The percentage sequence identities to available complete aviadenovirus genome sequences are summarized in Table 2. The intraspecies sequence identities varied between 89.4 and 97.1% for different FAdV-D strains and 92.7 and 97.1% for different FAdV-E strains. The interspecies nucleotide sequence identities varied between 71.2 and 75.4% for FAdV-D and FAdV-E strains. Strain SR48 (FAdV-2) showed higher sequence identity to strain 380 (FAdV-11, 97.1%) than to strain 685 (FAdV-2, 95.8%). Strain HG (FAdV-8) showed higher sequence identity to strain 764 (FAdV-8b, 97.1%) than to strain 7R59 (FAdV-8a, 94.1%). Interestingly, strain CR119 (FAdV-6) shared very high sequence identity (97.0%) with strain YR36 (FAdV-7).

All sequenced genomes had a gene organization identical to that of the previously sequenced FAdV-9 (FAdV-D strain A-2A) (Fig. 1).

Global pairwise sequence alignment analyses identified areas of great interspecies diversities. The results for one member of the FAdV-D and FAdV-E species (685 and CR119, respectively) are shown in Fig.1 and for all other FAdV-D and FAdV-E members in Fig. S1. The genomes of FAdV-D and FAdV-E members display high sequence conservation in the central genomic region (from IVa2 to fiber gene) with all aviadenovirus genomes, and in the terminal genomic regions with each other as well. The terminal regions show lower sequence conservation or none with other aviadenoviruses.

All FAdV-D members sequenced until now show high sequence conservation throughout the genome. However, strain 685 has an additional non-coding sequence region

near the right genome end in comparison to other sequenced FAdV-D strains (Fig. 1). Strain SR49 shows lower sequence conservation with other sequenced FAdV-D strains in the region from approximately 20 kb to 37 kb (Fig. S1). Strain A-2A showed lower sequence conservation with most FAdV-D strains within hexon and fiber genes and has an additional sequence region near the right genome end in comparison to other sequenced FAdV-D strains. Strains HBQ12 and BJH13 also have an additional sequence region near the right genome end in comparison to all FAdV-D strains sequenced in this study.

The hexon, fiber, and ORF19 are among the most variable genes among the FAdV-E members (Fig. 1 and Fig. S1). Hexon shows lower sequence conservation in all FAdV-E strains (only strains 764 and HG have similar hexon genes). Strains CR119 and TR59 show lower sequence conservation within fiber gene as compared to other FAdV-E strains, whilst strains YR36, 764 and HG possess similar fiber genes. ORF19 was similar in strains CR119, YR36 and TR59, but different to that of strains 764 and HG. Sequence region near the right genome end was similar in strains CR119 and YR36, but different from that of strains TR59, 764 and HG. In addition, strain HG shows lower sequence conservation with FAdV-E strains sequenced in this study within the pTP gene.

Phylogeny

Phylogenetic analyses of the whole genomes (Fig. 2) or selected proteins (Fig. 3) of various AdVs supported the division of the genus *Aviadenovirus* into the currently recognized species. Strains SR48 and 380, and also strains HG and 764 are monophyletic in the whole genome and in the hexon analysis, too (Fig. 2, Fig. 3).

Discussion

The genus *Aviadenovirus* encompasses fowl aviadenoviruses (FAdVs), which were grouped into 12 serotypes (FAdV-1 to -8a and -8b to -11) based on cross-neutralization tests (Hess, 2000). Recently, at least 12 genotypes were revealed by sequence analysis of the hexon

loop 1 (L1) region (Marek et al., 2010b). The 12 serotypes constitute five "groups" (now species *Fowl aviadenovirus A* to *Fowl aviadenovirus E*) initially established on the basis of restriction enzyme digest pattern of whole genomes (Zsak & Kisary, 1984). Phylogenetic and sequence analyses of whole genomes supported the division of the genus *Aviadenovirus* into the currently recognized species (Marek et al., 2012, 2013, 2014a, 2014b, Pauly et al., 2015).

Whole genome sequence identities among members of the various officially accepted

aviadenovirus species range from 42.4% (between TAdV-1 (TAdV-B) and GoAdV-4 (GoAdV-A)) to 72.2% (between FAdV-9 (FAdV-D) and FAdV-8b (FAdV-E)) (Marek et al., 2013). In the present study, phylogenetic and sequence analyses confirmed the present division of the genus *Aviadenovirus* into species. The lowest genome sequence identity between the FAdV-D and FAdV-E members and members of different aviadenovirus species was 45.9% (between the FAdV-2 (strain 685) and DAdV-2 (DAdV-B)) and 45.0% (between the FAdV-8b (strain HG) and DAdV-2 (DAdV-B)), respectively. The highest genome sequence identity was 75.4% (between FAdV-8b (FAdV-E strain 764) and FAdV-3 (FAdV-D strain SR49)) (Table 2). Phylogenetic analysis based on the amino acid sequence of the DNA polymerases show phylogenetic differences greater than the required 5-15% (Fig. 3b). Therefore, although FAdV-D and FAdV-E are closely genetically related (Grgic et al., 2011; Marek et al., 2010b, 2012, 2013, 2014a, 2014b), they represent two different aviadenovirus species which is also supported by differences in the G+C content (Table 1).

Up to now, the complete genome sequence for a member of FAdV-E was only available for the isolate HG (Grgic et al., 2011). This strain was labeled as FAdV-8 and was so far not assigned to a FAdV type (FAdV-8a or -8b). However, based on partial hexon gene sequences, the clustering of this strain together with FAdV-8b strains was already observed (Marek et al., 2014a). This is now supported by the full genome sequence. Originally, typing of FAdV was achieved by cross-neutralization test and the strain SR48 was considered as a reference strain of FAdV-2 (McFerran & Connor, 1977). However, partial hexon gene

sequences demonstrated the grouping of this strain together with FAdV-11 strains (Marek et al., 2010b; Meulemanns et al., 2004). The present study confirms the grouping of strain SR48 within FAdV-11, based on adequate phylogenetic and genome sequence similarities, which should be considered in future studies (Table 2, Fig. 2, Fig. 3). This re-assignment is also supported by recently published neutralization assay in which SR48 was used as reference strain (Steer et al., 2011).

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Genes, inherited by all modern AdVs from their common ancestor, are located centrally in the genome and additional, niche specific genes, have accumulated in each lineage, mostly near the genome termini (Davison et al., 2003). In this study, it was shown that the terminal regions of the genome have the most variable sequences in members of aviadenovirus species as well (Fig. 1, Fig. S1). However, it is still not clear which genetic features enable a virus to cause specific disease. Recently, the genomic conservation and diversity among human adenoviruses (HAdVs) were examined and the penton base, hexon and fiber ORFs and E3 regions were shown to be among the most variable in the HAdV-D genomes (Robinson et al., 2011). As their protein products mediate uptake of the virus into the target cell and/or host immune system recognition of the virus, they may be targets for selective evolutionary pressure. In the present study, hexon, fiber and ORF19 were shown to be among the most variable in the FAdV-D and FAdV-E genomes (Fig. S1). For HAdVs, the areas of greatest intraspecies diversity were different for different species. In this study, the same phenomenon could be observed even between strains belonging to different types within the same species. It would be interesting to further analyze the whole genomes of additional isolates belonging to different aviadenovirus species.

Viruses co-evolving for long time with their host are thought to be well adapted and not markedly pathogenic. We suggested earlier that viruses in species FAdV-D and FAdV-E have been coevolving with chickens for a long period (Marek et al., 2014b). However, FAdVs most commonly isolated from IBH cases in chickens belong to FAdV-D and FAdV-E (Kajan

et al., 2013; Marek et al., 2010b; Ojkic et al., 2008). Beach *et al.* (2009) noticed genetic differences between virulent and non-virulent turkey haemorrhagic enteritis virus isolates (a member of the genus *Siadenovirus*) within ORF1, E3 and the fiber protein. However, Grgic *et al.* (2014) did not notice significant differences between fibers of virulent and apathogenic FAdV isolates, which was recently confirmed by Schachner *et al.* (2016). In order to estimate the influence of viral genetics on pathology, experimental infections with different molecularly manipulated isolates would be necessary.

Conclusion

The complete genome sequence of FAdV reference strains 685, SR48, SR49, 380, CR119, YR36, TR59 and 764 were obtained by Illumina sequencing. Phylogenetic and sequence analyses of the whole genomes support the division of the genus *Aviadenovirus* into the currently recognized species. The sequenced genomes of FAdV-D and FAdV-E members have a genome organization identical to that of earlier sequenced FAdV-D member (strain A-2A). The data suggest a common evolutionary origin of strains SR48 and 380, and also of strains HG and 764. Complete genome sequence information of aviadenoviruses is important for taxonomy, diagnostics and pathogenicity studies.

Materials and methods

Virus isolates

Eight reference FAdV strains (Kawamura et al., 1964, McFerran et al., 1972) representing different types within the species FAdV-D and FAdV-E (Table 1) were propagated, after plaque purification, on confluent monolayers of chicken embryo liver cells as described previously (Marek et al., 2010b).

DNA extraction

Cell culture supernatants were clarified by low speed centrifugation (10 min at 2,000 g) and then ultracentrifuged (3 h at 140,000 g). The pelleted cell-free virions were used for

DNA isolation (Marek et al., 2012). The presence of virus DNA in the sample was verified by PCR targeting the hexon gene (HexA/HexB) (Meulemans et al., 2004).

Illumina sequencing

Whole genome sequencing was performed by using an Illumina system (HiSeq2000, BGI, Hong Kong for 685 and GAIIx, Central Service Facility NGS Unit, Vienna, Austria for SR48, SR49, 380, CR119, YR36, TR59 and 764). Paired-end libraries were generated. Multiple virus samples were sequenced in a single lane and sequence reads corresponding to the individual strains were separated by barcoding. Due to propagation of the strains in chicken cells, contamination by chicken genome reads was anticipated. Therefore, all reads were mapped initially against the available genome of *Gallus gallus* (v. 3.0) and the mitochondrial genome of *Gallus sonneratii* (AP006746.1), and only the unmapped reads were used for assembly of the viral genomes (Marek et al., 2012).

De novo assembly

Excess coverage might hamper *de novo* assembly. Therefore, we sub-sampled different numbers of reads for different strains (Marek et al., 2013). The whole genome sequences were then assembled by using the CLC Genomics Workbench v. 4.0 (CLC bio, Aarhus, Denmark). By comparison with sequences available for various complete aviadenovirus genomes and for the left and right ends of several additional FAdV genomes (Corredor et al., 2008; Corredor et al., 2006), the resulting contigs were manually ordered and orientated (Marek et al., 2012). The contig sequences were aligned by using the Accelrys Gene version 2.5 (Accelrys, San Diego, CA).

Gap closure using PCR and Sanger sequencing

In order to close the gaps between contigs by Sanger sequencing, PCR primers were designed on the basis of the sequences at contig ends. Oligonucleotide primers for amplifying the sequences at one genome end were designed based on obtained sequences from the other

genome end because of the symmetric nature of the inverted terminal repeat. Primer sequences are available from the authors upon request. Sanger sequencing services were provided by the LGC Genomics (Berlin, Germany). The complete genome sequences for strains 685, SR48, SR49, CR119, YR36, TR59, 764 and 380 were submitted to the GenBank database and assigned to accession numbers KT862805 to KT862812, respectively (Table 1).

Annotation and phylogenetic analyses

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FAdV genomes were annotated as described earlier (Marek et al., 2014b). Percentage sequence identities of whole aviadenovirus genome sequences were calculated using the Lasergene software (DNASTAR Inc., Madison, WI). Three phylogenetic calculations were performed to assess the correct relationship of the examined strains: based on the complete genome, the amino acid sequence of the viral DNA polymerase, and the amino acid sequence of the hexon, the major capsid protein. The genomes were aligned using PRANK (Löytynoja & Goldman, 2010), while the protein sequences were aligned using MAFFT and the alignments were edited manually using BioEdit (Hall 1999; Katoh & Toh, 2008). The edited alignment lengths were 106,920 nt, 1020 aa and 896 aa for the complete genome, DNA polymerase and hexon alignments, respectively. The best evolutionary model was GTR+ Γ for the tree inference of complete genomes, and it was predicted using ProtTest (Darriba et al., 2011) for the protein sequences (DNA polymerase: LG+I+ Γ , hexon: LG+ Γ +F). Phylogenetic analyses were performed using maximum likelihood methods within the RAxML software package (Stamatakis, 2014). Clade support was assessed by using non-parametric bootstrapping with 1000 replicates, the sequenced strains were compared to all published genome sequences of avian AdVs. Global pairwise alignments to assess sequence identities were performed using mVISTA LAGAN (Brudno et al., 2003).

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Figure legends

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- Figure 1. Global comparisons of the genome sequences of (a) FAdV-2 (FAdV-D strain 685) 441 and (b) FAdV-6 (FAdV-E strain CR119) with those of other aviadenoviruses. Peaks show 442 443 regions having >50% sequence identity. At the top, the rightward- and leftward-transcribed strands of the genome are shown in grey with indicated a 2,000-nucleoide scale on the latter 444 one. The six reading frames are shown in light grey above and below the genome. Protein-445 encoding regions are depicted as colored arrows and bars (the ORF prefix omitted). The genes 446 marked by red arrows are conserved in every AdV sequenced to date. Those colored green 447 have orthologues in other aviadenoviruses only. Splice sites are indicated by diagonal lines. 448 DBP, DNA-binding protein; ITR, inverted terminal repeat (colored blue); pTP, terminal 449 protein precursor; * proposed FAdV-11 450 Figure 2. Phylogenetic tree based on all available whole genome sequences of avian AdVs. 451 Genomes of strains 685, SR48, SR49, 380, CR119, YR36, TR59 and 764 (printed in bold) 452 453 were sequenced in this study whereas the other avian AdV genome sequences have been published previously (Chiocca et al., 1996; Grgic et al., 2011; Griffin and Nagy, 2011; Hess et 454 al., 1997; Kajan et al., 2010, 2012; Kovacs and Benko, 2011; Marek et al., 2012, 2013, 2014; 455 Ojkic and Nagy, 2000; Park et al., 2012; Pitcovski et al., 1998; To et al., 2014; Vera-456 Hernández et al., 2015; Zhao et al., 2015). Branch lengths are given in number of 457 substitutions per site (see the scale). Bootstrap values are given in percentage for 1000 458 datasets, the tree was rooted at the midpoint. * Proposed FAdV-11. AdV, adenovirus; DAdV, 459 duck AdV; FAdV, fowl AdV; GoAdV, goose AdV; PiAdV, pigeon AdV; PsAdV, psittacine 460 461 AdV; RAdV, raptor AdV; SPSkAdV, South Polar skua AdV; SkAdV-A, Skua siadenovirus A; TAdV, turkey AdV. 462 Figure 3. Phylogenetic trees based on derived amino acid sequences of adenoviral DNA 463
 - polymerase (A) and hexon (B) sequences. The inset in (B) shows the close-up of species *Fowl*

aviadenovirus D and Fowl aviadenovirus E. Branch lengths are given in number of substitutions per site (see the scale). Bootstrap values are given in percentage for 1000 datasets if they exceeded 75%. The viruses, sequenced in this study, are printed in bold. The trees were rooted at the midpoint. * proposed FAdV-11. ** The fowl aviadenovirus 9 DNA polymerase amino acid sequence was derived from the given NCBI Nucleotide sequence. AdV, adenovirus; DAdV, duck AdV; FaAdV, falcon AdV; FAdV, fowl AdV; GoAdV, goose AdV; GTAdV, great tit AdV; GuAdV, gull AdV; PiAdV, pigeon AdV; PsAdV, psittacine AdV; RAdV, raptor AdV; SPSkAdV, South Polar skua AdV; SkAdV-A, Skua siadenovirus A; TAdV, turkey AdV.

Figure S1. Global comparisons of the genome sequences of FAdV-D and FAdV-E members with those of other aviadenoviruses. Peaks show regions sharing sequence identity higher than 50%. * proposed FAdV-11.

478	Virus strain	genome length (bp)	G+C%	accession number	species/type							
479	685	44,336	53.3	KT862805	FAdV-D/FAdV-2							
480	SR48	43,632	53.3	KT862806	FAdV-D/FAdV-2*							
481	SR49	43,337	52.8	KT862807	FAdV-D/FAdV-3							
482	380	43,347	53.3	KT862812	FAdV-D/FAdV-11							
483	CR119	43,810	57.8	KT862808	FAdV-E/FAdV-6							
484	YR36	43,525	57.8	KT862809	FAdV-E/FAdV-7							
485	TR59	43,287	58.0	KT862810	FAdV-E/FAdV-8a							
486	764	43,666	57.8	KT862811	FAdV-E/FAdV-8b							
487	* proposed FAdV-11											

Table 1. List of isolates used in this study.

	685 FAdV-2 FAdV-D	SR48 FAdV-2* FAdV-D	SR49 FAdV-3 FAdV-D	HBQ12 FAdV-D	BJH13 FAdV-D	380 FAdV-11 FAdV-D	A-2A FAdV-9 FAdV-D	CR119 FAdV-6 FAdV-E	YR36 FAdV-7 FAdV-E	TR59 FAdV-8a FAdV-E	764 FAdV-8b FAdV-E	HG FAdV-8b FAdV-E	CELO FAdV-1 FAdV-A	340 FAdV-5 FAdV-B	KR5 FAdV-4 FAdV-C	ONI FAdV-4 FAdV-C	JSJ13 FAdV-C	MX-SHP95 FAdV-C	D90/2 TAdV-1 TAdV-B	TNII TAdV-4 TAdV-C	1277BT TAdV-5 TAdV-D	IDA4 PiAdV-1 PiAdV-A	GR DAdV-2 DAdV-B	P29 GoAdV-4 GoAdV-A
685	100	95.8	89.5	95.6	95.5	95.5	91.3	74.2	74.1	74.2	74.5	73.8	52.7	63.3	57.5	57.6	57.0	57.8	51.5	64.7	52.6	48.0	45.9	46.0
SR48		100	90.8	96.8	96.5	97.1	93.4	74.6	74.5	74.3	74.9	74.2	53.1	64.2	57.9	57.9	57.3	57.9	51.7	64.8	52.8	48.1	46.0	46.5
SR49			100	90.2	90.3	90.7	89.4	75.0	75.0	74.7	75.4	74.5	53.0	63.5	57.6	57.7	56.9	57.6	51.5	64.1	52.8	48.0	46.0	46.3
HBQ12				100	99.8	95.8	94.5	74.0	73.9	73.7	74.4	73.7	53.2	64.3	58.1	58.0	57.5	58.1	51.7	64.7	52.8	48.2	46.2	46.5
BJH13					100	96.0	94.2	74.1	74.0	73.9	74.5	73.5	53.2	64.3	58.0	58.0	57.3	58.0	51.9	64.5	53.0	48.4	46.2	46.5
380						100	92.4	74.7	74.5	74.6	75.0	74.0	52.8	63.7	57.6	57.7	56.9	57.6	51.5	64.4	52.6	48.1	45.9	46.2
A-2A							100	71.5	71.4	71.5	71.9	71.2	51.6	62.6	56.5	56.4	55.9	56.5	49.9	63.0	51.2	46.4	46.4	46.9
CR119								100	97.0	94.0	93.5	92.7	52.7	63.9	57.5	57.5	56.8	57.5	53.0	63.7	52.1	48.8	45.4	45.6
YR36									100	93.9	94.0	93.1	52.9	64.0	57.7	57.7	56.9	57.7	53.0	63.9	52.3	48.9	45.6	45.6
TR59										100	94.8	94.1	52.6	63.8	57.3	57.3	56.5	57.3	52.9	63.7	52.0	48.6	45.2	45.3
764											100	97.1	53.1	64.2	57.8	57.8	57.0	57.8	53.1	64.1	52.4	49.0	45.6	45.6
HG												100	52.4	63.5	57.2	57.2	56.4	57.2	52.3	63.5	51.6	48.2	45.0	45.0
* proposed	l FAd	V-11																						

Table 2. Percentage sequence identities of complete aviadenovirus genomes.