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Abstract: Although arthropods are important viral vectors, the biodiversity of arthropod viruses, as well as the role that arthropods have played in viral origins and evolution, is unclear. Through RNA sequencing of 70 arthropod species we discovered 112 novel viruses that appear to be ancestral to much of the documented genetic diversity of negative-sense RNA viruses, a number of which are also present as endogenous genomic copies. With this greatly enriched diversity we revealed that arthropods contain viruses that fall basal to major virus groups, including the vertebrate-specific arenaviruses, filoviruses, hantaviruses, influenza viruses, lyssaviruses, and paramyxoviruses. We similarly documented a remarkable diversity of genome structures in arthropod viruses, including a putative circular form, that sheds new light on the evolution of genome organization. Hence, arthropods are a major reservoir of viral genetic diversity and have likely been central to viral evolution.

**Impact statement:** We document extensive genetic diversity and novel genome structures in RNA viruses from arthropods, shedding important new light on the ancestry and evolutionary history of major classes of vertebrate and plant viruses.

### Introduction

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Negative-sense RNA viruses are important pathogens that cause a variety of diseases in humans 44 including influenza, hemorrhagic fever, encephalitis, and rabies. Taxonomically, those negative-45 46 sense RNA viruses described to date comprise at least eight virus families and four unassigned genera or species (King et al., 2012). Although they share (i) an homologous RNA-dependent 47 RNA polymerase (RdRp), (ii) inverted complementary genome ends, and (iii) an encapsidated 48 49 negative-sense RNA genome, these viruses display substantial diversity in terms of virion morphology and genome organization (King et al., 2012). One key aspect of genome 50 organization is the number of distinct segments, which is also central to virus classification. 51 Among negative-sense RNA viruses, the number of segments varies from one (order 52 Mononegavirales; unsegmented) to two (family Arenaviridae), three (Bunyaviridae), three-to-53 54 four (Ophioviridae), and six-to-eight (Orthomyxoviridae), and is further complicated by differences in the number, structure, and arrangement of the encoded genes. 55 Despite their diversity and importance in infectious disease, the origins and evolutionary history 56 of the negative-sense RNA viruses is largely obscure. Arthropods harbor a diverse range of RNA 57 viruses, which are often divergent from those that infect vertebrates (Ballinger et al., 2014; Cook 58 et al., 2013; Marklewitz et al., 2011; Marklewitz et al., 2013; Qin et al., 2014; Tokarz et al., 59 60 2014a; Tokarz et al., 2014b). However, those arthropod viruses sampled to date are generally those that have a relationship with vertebrates or are known to be agents of disease (Junglen and 61 62 Drosten, 2013). To determine the extent of viral diversity harbored by arthropods, as well as their 63 evolutionary history, we performed a systematic survey of negative-sense RNA viruses using 64 RNA sequencing (RNA-seq) on a wide range of arthropods.

### Results

Discovery of highly divergent negative-sense RNA viruses. We focused our study of virus 67 biodiversity and evolution on 70 potential host species from four arthropod classes: Insecta, 68 69 Arachnida, Chilopoda, and Malacostraca (Table 1 and Figure 1). From these samples, 16 separate cDNA libraries were constructed and sequenced, resulting in a total of 147.4 Gb of 100-70 base pair-end reads (Table 1). Blastx comparisons against protein sequences of negative-sense 71 72 RNA virus revealed 108 distinct types of complete or nearly complete large (L) proteins (or polymerase protein 1 (PB1) in the case of orthomyxoviruses) that encode the relatively 73 conserved RdRp (Tables 2-4). Four additional types of previously undescribed RdRp sequence 74 (>1000 amino acids) were identified from the Transcriptome Shotgun Assembly (TSA) database. 75 Together, these proteins exhibited an enormous diversity in terms of sequence variation and 76 structure. Most notably, this data set of RdRp sequences is distinct from both previously 77 described sequences and from each other, with the most divergent showing as little as 15.8% 78 amino acid sequence identity to its closest relatives (Tables 2-4). Overall, these data provide 79 80 evidence for at least 16 potentially new families and genera of negative-sense RNA viruses, defined as whose RdRp sequences shared less than 25% amino acid identity with existing taxa. 81 Next, we measured the abundance of these sequences as the number transcripts per million 82 (TPM) within each library after the removal of rRNA reads. The abundance of viral transcripts 83 84 calculated in this manner exhibited substantial variation (Figure 2, Tables 2-4): while the least abundant L segment (Shayang Spider Virus 3) contributed to less than 0.001% to the total non-85 ribosomal RNA content, the most abundant (Sanxia Water Strider Virus 1) was at a frequency of 86

21.2%, and up to 43.9% if we include the matching M and S segments of the virus. The
remaining viral RdRp sequences fell within a range (10-1000 TPM) that matched the abundance
level of highly expressed host mitochondrial genes (Figure 2).

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Evolutionary history of negative-sense RNA viruses. With this highly diverse set of RdRp sequences in hand we re-examined the evolution of all available negative-sense RNA viruses by phylogenetic analysis (Figure 3; Figure 3—figure supplement 1-3). These data greatly expand the documented diversity of four viral families/orders – the Arenaviridae, Bunyaviridae, Orthomyxoviridae, and Mononegavirales – as well as of three floating genera – Tenuivirus, Emaravirus, and Varicosavirus (King et al., 2012). Most of the newly described arthropod viruses fell basal to the known genetic diversity in these taxa: their diversity either engulfed that of previously described viruses, as in the case of phlebovirus, nairovirus, and dimarhabovirus, or appeared as novel lineages sandwiched between existing genera or families, and hence filling in a number of phylogenetic 'gaps' (Figure 3; Figure 3—figure supplement 1-3). One important example was a large monophyletic group of newly discovered viruses that fell between the major groups of segmented and unsegmented viruses (Figure 4); we name this putative new virus family the 'Chuviridae' reflecting the geographic location in China where most of this family were identified ("Chu" is an historical term referring to large area of China encompassing the middle and lower reaches of the Yangzi River). Also of note was that some of the previously defined families no longer appear as monophyletic. For example, although classified as distinct families, the family Arenaviridae fell within the genetic diversity of the family Bunyaviridae and as a sister group to viruses of the genus *Nairovirus*. Furthermore, the floating genus *Tenuivirus* was nested within the Phlebovirus-like clade, and another floating genus, *Emaravirus*, formed a monophyletic group with the Orthobunyavirus and Tospovirus genera (Figure 3C; Figure 3figure supplement 2). Hence, there are important inconsistencies between the current virus classification scheme and the underlying evolutionary history of the RdRp revealed here. A key result of this study is that the much of the genetic diversity of negative-sense RNA viruses in vertebrates and plants now appears to be contained within viruses that utilize arthropods as hosts or vectors. Indeed, it is striking that all vertebrate-specific segmented and unsegmented viruses (arenavirus, bornavirus, filovirus, hantavirus, influenza viruses, lyssavirus, and paramyxovirus) fall within the genetic diversity of arthropod-associated viruses (Figures 3 and 5). Also nested with arthropod-associated diversity were plant viruses (emaravirus, tospovirus, and tenuiviruses, nucleorhabdovirus, cytorhabdovirus, and varicosavirus) (Figures 3 and 5). Surprisingly, our phylogeny similarly placed two non-arthropod invertebrate viruses, found in nematodes (Heterodera glycines) and flatworms (Procotyla fluviatilis), within arthropodassociated diversity (Figure 3C, Figure 3—figure supplement 2), indicating that the role of nonarthropod invertebrates should be explored further. Finally, it was striking that although individual arthropod species can harbor a rich diversity of RNA viruses, many viruses seemed to be associated with different arthropod species that share the same ecological niche (Tables 2-4). Interestingly, host species in the same niche had similar viral contents that were generally incongruent with the host phylogeny (Figure 6). Such a pattern is indicative of frequent crossspecies and occasional cross-genus virus transmission in the context of ecological and geographic proximity. **Diversity and evolution of virus genome organizations.** The diversity of genome structures in

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these virus data was also striking. This can easily be documented with respect to the evolution of genome segmentation. The number of genome segments in negative-sense RNA viruses varies from one to eight. Our phylogenetic analysis revealed no particular trend for this number to

increase or decrease through evolutionary time (Figure 4). Hence, genome segmentation (i.e. genomes with >1 segment) has clearly evolved on multiple occasions within the negative-sense RNA viruses (Figure 4), such that it is a relatively flexible genetic trait. Although most segmented viruses were distantly related to those with a single segment (Figure 4), close phylogenetic ties were seen in other cases supporting the relatively recent evolution of multiple segments, with the plant-infecting varicosavirus (two segments) and orchid fleck virus (bipartite) serving as informative examples. In this context it is notable that the newly discovered chuviruses fell 'between' the phylogenetic diversity of segmented and the unsegmented viruses. Although monophyletic, the chuviruses display a wide variety of genome organizations including unsegmented, bi-segmented, and a circular form, each of which appeared multiple times in the phylogeny (Figure 4 and 7). The circular genomic form, which was confirmed by 'around-the-genome' RT-PCR and by the mapping of sequencing reads to the genome (Figure 7C), is a unique feature of the Chuviridae, and can be distinguished from a pseudo-circular structure seen in some other negative-sense RNA viruses including the family *Bunyaviridae* and the family *Orthomyxoviridae*. Furthermore, this circular genomic form was also present in both segments of the segmented chuviruses (Figure 7B). In addition, the chuviruses displayed a diverse number and arrangement of predicted open reading frames that were markedly different from the genomic arrangement seen in the order *Mononegavirales* even though these viruses are relatively closely related (Figure 4 and 7). In particular, the chuviruses had unique and variable orders of genes: the linear chuvirus genomes began with the glycoprotein (G) gene, followed by the nucleoprotein (N) gene and then the polymerase (L) gene, whereas the majority of circular chuviruses were most likely arranged in the order L-(G)-N (i.e. if displayed in a linear form) as the only low coverage point throughout

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the genome lay between the 5' end of N gene and the 3' end of L gene (Figure 7B). In addition, the genome organizations of the chuviruses were far more concise than those of the order Mononegavirales, with ORFs encoding only 2-3 major (> 20kDa) proteins (Figure 7), and hence showing more similarity to segmented viruses in this respect. Although our phylogenetic analysis focused on the relatively conserved RdRp, in the case of segmented viruses we searched for other putative viral proteins from the assembled contigs. Accordingly, we were able to find the segments encoding matching structural proteins (mainly glycoproteins and nucleoproteins) for many of the viral RdRp sequences (Figure 8), although extensive sequence divergence prevented this in some cases. Surprisingly, M segments were apparently absent in a group of tick phleboviruses whose RdRps and nucleoproteins showed relatively high sequence similarity to Uukuniemi virus (genus *Phlebovirus*; Table 3 and Figure 8). Genomes with missing glycoprotein genes were also found in the chuviruses (Changping Tick Viruses 3 and 5, Wuhan Louse Viruses 6 and 7, Figure 7) and the unsegmented dimarhabdovirus (Taishun Tick Virus, Wuhan Tick Virus 1, Tacheng Tick Virus 6, Figure 9). Although it is possible that the glycoprotein gene may have been replaced with a highly divergent or even non-homologous sequence, we failed to find any candidate G proteins within the no-Blastx-hit set of sequences under the following criteria: (i) structural resemblance to G proteins, (ii) similar level of abundance to the corresponding RdRp and nucleoprotein genes, and (iii) comparable phylogenies or levels of divergence (among related viruses) to those of RdRps and nucleoproteins. The cause and biological significance of these seemingly "incomplete" virus genomes requires further study. Finally, it was also of interest that a virus with four segments was discovered in the horsefly pool. Although the predicted proteins of all four segments showed sequence homology to their counterparts in Tenuivirus (Falk and Tsai, 1998), this virus lacked

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the ambisense coding strategy of tenuiviruses (Figure 10). While the capability of this virus to infect plants is unknown, it is possible that it represents a transitional form between plant-infecting and arthropod-specific viruses.

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Novel Endogenous Virus Elements (EVEs). As well as novel exogenous RNA viruses, our metagenomic analysis also revealed a large number of potential EVEs (Katzourakis and Gifford, 2010) in more than 40 arthropod species; these resembled complete or partial genes of the major proteins – the nucleoprotein, glycoprotein and RdRp – but without fully intact genomes (Table 5). As expected given their endogenous status, most of these sequences have disrupted reading frames and many are found within transposon elements, suggesting that transposons have been central to their integration. Interestingly, in some cases, such as the putative glycoprotein gene of chuviruses, the homologous EVEs from within a family (Culicidae) or even an order (Hymenoptera) form monophyletic groups (Figure 11). However, they are unlikely to be orthologous because they do not share homologous integration sites in the host genome as determined by an analysis of flanking sequences, which in turn limited the applicability of molecular-clock based dating techniques. Furthermore, phylogenetic analyses of those EVEs shared among different host species revealed extremely complex tree topologies which do not exhibit simple matches to the host phylogeny at both the species and genera levels (Figure 11B-C). In sum, these results suggest that EVEs are relative commonplace in arthropod genomes and have been often generated by multiple and independent integration events.

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#### Discussion

Our study suggests that arthropods are major reservoir hosts for many, if not all, of the negative-sense RNA viruses in vertebrates and plants, and hence have likely played a major role in their evolution. This is further supported by the high abundance of viral RNA in the arthropod transcriptome, as well as by the high frequencies of endogenous copies of these viruses in the arthropod genome, greatly expanding the known biodiversity of these genomic "fossils" (Cui and Holmes, 2012; Katzourakis and Gifford, 2010). The often basal position of the arthropod viruses in our phylogenetic trees is also compatible with the idea that the negative-sense RNA viruses found in vertebrates and plants ultimately have their ancestry in arthropods, although this will only be confirmed with a far wider sample of virus biodiversity.

The rich genetic and phylogenetic diversity of arthropod RNA viruses may in part reflect the enormous species number and diversity of arthropods, and that they sometimes live in large and very dense populations that provide abundant hosts to fuel virus transmission. Furthermore, arthropods are involved in almost all ecological guilds and actively interact with other eukaryotes, including animals, plants and fungi, such that it is possible that they serve as both sources and sinks for viruses present in the environment. In addition, not only were diverse viruses present, but they were often highly abundant. For example, in the pool containing twelve individuals (representing two species) from the Gerridae (Water striders) collected at the same site, we identified at least five negative-sense RNA viruses whose TPM values are well above 100, and where the viral RNA collectively made up more than 50% of the host total RNA (rRNA excluded). Determining why arthropods are able to carry such a large viral diversity and at such frequencies clearly merits further investigation.

The viruses discovered here also exhibited a huge variation in level of abundance. It is possible that this variation is in part due to the stage or severity of infection in individual viruses, and may

be significantly influenced by the process of pooling, since most of our libraries contain an uneven mixture of different host species or even genera. In addition, it is possible that some low abundance viruses may in fact be derived from other eukaryotic organisms present in the host sampled, such as undigested food or prey, gut micro flora, and parasites. Nevertheless, since the majority of the low abundance viruses appear in the same groups as the highly abundant ones in our phylogenetic analyses, these viruses are most likely associated with arthropods. Viral infections in vertebrates and plants can be divided into two main categories: (i) arthropoddependent infections, in which there is spill-over to non-arthropods but where continued virus transmission still requires arthropods, and (ii) arthropod-independent infections, in which the virus has shifted its host range to circulate among vertebrates exclusively (Figure 12). The first category of infections is often associated with major vector-borne diseases (Zhang et al., 2012; Zhang et al., 2011). Given the biodiversity of arthropod viruses documented here, it seems likely that arthropod-independent viruses were ultimately derived from arthropod-dependent infections, with subsequent adaptation to vertebrate-only transmission (Figure 12). One of the most notable discoveries was that of a novel family, the Chuviridae. The identification of this diverse virus family provides a new perspective on the evolutionary origins of segmented and unsegmented viruses. In particular, the chuviruses occupy a phylogenetic position that is in some sense 'intermediate' between the segmented and unsegmented negativesense RNA viruses, and display genomic features of both. Indeed, our phylogenetic analysis reveals that genome segmentation has evolved multiple times within the diversity of chuviruses (Figure 7), such that this trait appears to be more flexible than previously anticipated. In addition, the majority of the chuviruses possess circular genomes. To date, the only known circular RNA virus is (hepatitis) deltavirus, although this potentially originated from the human genome

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(Salehi-Ashtiani et al., 2006) and requires hepatitis B virus for successful replication. As such, the chuviruses may represent the first report of autonomously replicating circular RNA viruses, which opens up an important line of future research.

Our results also provide insights into the evolution of genome segmentation. Within the Bunya-

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arena-like viruses (Figure 3C and 4), the three-segment structure is the most common, with the viral polymerase, nucleoprotein, and surface glycoproteins present on different segments. Notably, our phylogenetic analysis seemingly revealed independent occurrences of both increasing (Tenuivirus and Emaravirus) and decreasing (Arenavirus) of segment numbers from the three-segment form (Figure 4). Independent changes of genome segmentation numbers are also observed in the mononegavirales-like viruses (Figure 4) and, more frequently, in the chuviruses (Figure 7A). Consequently, the number of genome segments appears to be a relatively flexible trait at a broad evolutionary scale, although the functional relevance of these changes remains unclear. While the segmented viruses (bunya-arenaviruses, orthomyxoviruses, and ophioviruses) appear to be distinct from the largely unsegmented mononegavirales-like viruses in our phylogenetic analysis, this may be an artifact of under-sampling, especially given that only a tiny fraction of eukaryotes have been sampled to date. With a wider sample of eukaryotic viruses it will be possible to more accurately map changes in segment number onto phylogenetic trees and in so doing come to a more complete understanding of the patterns and determinants of the evolution of genome segmentation.

In sum, our results highlight the remarkably diversity of arthropods viruses. Because arthropods interact with a wide range of organisms including vertebrate animal and plants, they can be seen as the direct or indirect source of many clinically or economically important viruses. The viral genetic and phenotypic diversity documented in arthropods here therefore provides a new

perspective on fundamental questions of virus origins, diversity, host range, genome evolution, and disease emergence.

#### **Materials and Methods**

Sample collection. Between 2011 and 2013 we collected 70 species of arthropods from various locations in China (Table 1). Among these, ticks were either directly picked from wild and domestic animals, or captured using a tick drag-flag method; mosquitoes were trapped by light-traps; common flies were captured by fly paper; horseflies were picked from infested cattle; bed bugs and cockroaches were trapped indoors; louse flies were plucked from the skin of bats; millipedes were picked up from the ground; spiders were collected from their webs; water striders were captured using hand nets from river surfaces, and crabs and shrimps were bought (alive) from local fisherman. In addition, three pools of mixed insect samples (Table 1) were collected from a rural area adjacent to rice fields (Insect Mix 1), from a lakeside (Insect Mix 3), and from a mountainous area near Wuhan (Insect Mix 4). After brief species identification by experienced field biologists, these samples were immediately stored in liquid nitrogen and were later put on dry ice for shipment to our laboratory.

**Total RNA extraction**. The specimens were first grouped into several units (Table 1).

Depending on the size of specimens, one unit could include from 1 to 20 individual arthropods belonging to the same species and sampling location. These units were first washed with phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) three times before homogenized with the Mixer mill MM400 (Restsch). The resultant homogenates were then subjected to RNA extraction using TRIzol LS

reagent (Invitrogen). After obtaining the aqueous phase containing total RNA, we performed purification steps from the E.Z.N.A Total RNA Kit (OMEGA) according to the manufacturer's instructions. The concentration and quality of final extractions were examined using a ND-1000 UV Spectrophotometer (Nanodrop). Based on host types and/or geographic locations, these extractions were further merged into 16 pools for RNA-seq library construction and sequencing (Table 1). **Species identification**. To verify the field species identification, we took a proportion of the homogenates from each specimen or specimen pool for genomic DNA extraction using E.Z.N.A. DNA/RNA Isolation Kit (OMEGA). Two genes were used for host identification: the partial 18S rRNA gene (~ 1100nt) which was amplified using primer pairs 18S#1 (5'-CTGGTGCCAGCGAGCCGCGGYAA-3') and 18S#2RC (5'-TCCGTCAATTYCTTTAAGTT-3'), and partial COI gene (~ 680nt) using primer pairs LCO1490 (5'-GGTCAACAAATCATAAAGATATTGG-3') and HCO2198 (5'-TAAACTTCAGGGTGACCAAAAAATCA -3'). PCR reactions were performed as described previously (Folmer et al., 1994; Machida and Knowlton, 2012). For taxonomic determination, the resulting sequences were compared against the nt database as well as with all COI barcode records on the Barcode of Life Data Systems (BOLD). **RNA-seq sequencing and reads assembly.** Total RNA was subjected to a slightly modified

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RNA-seq library preparation protocol to that provided by Illumina. Briefly, following DNase I

digestion, total RNA was subjected to an rRNA removal step using Ribo-Zero<sup>TM</sup> Magnetic Gold

Kit (Epidemiology). The remaining RNA was then fragmented, reverse-transcribed, ends

repaired, dA-tailed, adaptor ligated, purified, and quantified with Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer and ABI StepOnePlus Real-Time PCR System. Pair-end (90bp or 100bp) sequencing of the RNA library was performed on the HiSeq 2000 platform (Illumina). All library preparation and sequencing steps were performed by BGI Tech (Shenzhen, China). The resulting sequencing reads were quality trimmed and assembled *de novo* using the Trinity program (Grabherr et al., 2011). All sequence reads generated in this study were uploaded onto NCBI Sequence Read Achieve (SRA) database under the BioProject accession SRP051790.

**Discovery of target virus sequences**. The assembled contigs were translated and compared (using Blastx) to reference protein sequences of all negative-sense RNA viruses. Sequences yielding e-values larger than 1E<sup>-5</sup> were retained and compared to the entire nr database to exclude non-viral sequences. The resulting viral sequences were merged by identifying unassembled overlaps between neighboring contigs or within a scaffold using the SeqMan program implemented in the Lasergene software package v7.1 (DNAstar, Madison, WI). To prevent missing highly divergent viruses, the newly found viral sequences were included in the reference protein sequences for a second round of Blastx.

Sequence confirmation and repairing by Sanger methods. For each potential viral sequence, we first used nested RT-PCR to examine which unit contained the target sequence, utilizing primers designed based on the deep-sequencing results. In the case of segmented viruses this information was also used to determine whether and which of the segments recovered from the pool belonged to the same virus. We next designed overlapping primers to verify the sequence obtained from the deep sequencing and assembly processes. Based on the verified sequences, we

determined the sequencing depth and coverage by mapping reads to target sequences using bowtie2 (Langmead and Salzberg, 2012). All virus genome sequences generated in this study have been deposited in the GenBank database under accession numbers KM817593-KM817764.

Quantification of relative transcript abundances. Before quantification, we first removed the rRNA reads from the data sets to prevent any bias due to the unequal efficiency of rRNA removal steps during library preparation. To achieve this, we blasted the Trinity assembly results against the SILVER rRNA database (Quast et al., 2013), and then used the resulting rRNA contigs as a template for mapping using BOWTIE2 (Langmead and Salzberg, 2012). The remaining reads from each library were then mapped on to the assembled transcripts and analyzed with RSEM (Li et al., 2010), using the run\_RSEM\_align\_n\_estimate.pl scripts implemented in the Trinity program (Grabherr et al., 2011). The relative abundance of each transcript is presented as transcripts per million (TPM) which corrects for the total number of reads as well as for transcript length (Li et al., 2010).

Genome walking. Some of the sequences obtained were substantially shorter than expected. To obtain longer sequences, we used a Genome walking kit (TaKaRa). Briefly, three gene-specific primers close to the end of the known sequence were designed. RNA from positive samples was used as input for reverse transcription primed by random primer N6. TAIL-PCR (thermal asymmetric interlaced PCR) was performed according to the manufacturer's protocol. The cDNA was used as a template for PCR with specific primers and the manufacturer-supplied degenerate primers. After three rounds of amplification, the products were analyzed on 1.0% agarose gels, and single fragments were recovered from the gels and purified using an agarose

gel DNA extraction kit (TaKaRa). The purified products were then ligated into pMD19-T vector (TaKaRa) which contains the gene for ampicillin resistance. The vector was transformed into DH5α cells, which were spread on agar plates and incubated overnight at 37°C. A total of 10 clones were randomly selected and sequenced using M13 primers on ABI 3730 genetic analyzer (Applied Biosystems).

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**Determination of genome/segment termini**. The extreme 5' sequences were recovered by performing a 5'-Full RACE kit with TAP (TaKaRa) according to the manufacturer's protocol. Briefly, two gene-specific primers close to the end of the known sequence were designed. The 5' end of RNA was ligated to the 5'RACE adaptor (without 5' end dephosphorylating and decapping) and then reverse-transcribed using random 9 mers. The resulting cDNA was used as a template for nested PCR with 5' RACE primers provided by the kit and gene-specific reverse primers. The PCR products were separated on an agarose gel, cloned into pMD19-T cloning vector, and subsequently sequenced. The extreme 3' sequences were recovered by performing a 3'-full RACE Core Set with PrimeScript RTase (TaKaRa) according to the manufacturer's protocols. Because the RNA template lacks a polyadenylated tail, a Poly(A) Tailing Kit (Applied Biosystems) was used to add this to the RNAs prior to first-strand 3'-cDNA synthesis. 20µL of the Poly(A)-tailing reaction mixture was prepared according to the manufacturer's instructions and was incubated at 37°C for 1 hr before reverse transcription using PrimeScript Reverse Transcriptase. The cDNA was then amplified by nested PCR using the 3' RACE primers provided by the kit and genespecific reverse primers. The PCR products were separated on agarose gels, cloned into pMD19-

T cloning vector, and subsequently sequenced. The 5' and 3' ends of the genome fragment were

also determined by RNA circularization. RT-PCR amplification was performed across the ligated termini and the resulting PCR products were subsequently cloned and sequenced.

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**Phylogenetic analyses.** Potential viral proteins identified from this study were aligned with their corresponding homologs of reference negative-sense RNA viruses using MAFFT version 7 and employing the E-INS-i algorithm (Katoh and Standley, 2013). The sequence alignment was limited to conserved domains, with ambiguously aligned regions removed using TrimAl (Capella-Gutierrez et al., 2009). The final alignment lengths were 224 amino acids (aa), 412aa, 727aa, and 364aa for data sets of overall, bunya-arena-like, mononega-like, and orthomyxo-like data sets, respectively. Phylogenetic trees were inferred using the maximum likelihood method (ML) implemented in PhyML version 3.0 (Guindon and Gascuel, 2003), with the WAG+Γ amino acid substitution model and a Subtree Pruning and Regrafting (SPR) topology searching algorithm. Phylogenetic trees were also inferred using a Bayesian method implemented in MrBayes version 3.2.2 (Ronquist and Huelsenbeck, 2003), with the same substitution model as used in ML tree inference. In the MrBayes analyses, we used two simultaneous runs of Markov chain Monte Carlo sampling, and the runs were terminated upon convergence (standard deviation of the split frequencies <0.01). The phylogeny was subsequently summarized from both runs with an initial 10% of trees discarded as burn-in.

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**Prediction of protein domains and functions**. For each of the putative viral protein sequences, we used TMHMM v2.0 (http://www.cbs.dtu.dk/services/TMHMM/) to predict the transmembrane domains, SignalP v4.0 (http://www.cbs.dtu.dk/serv-ices/SignalP/) to determine

signal sequences, and NetNGlyc v1.0 (http://www.cbs.dtu.dk/services/NetNGlyc/) to identify N-linked glycosylation sites. For some of the highly divergent viruses belonging to the Mononegavirales and the Chuviridae, a protein was regarded as a potential glycoprotein if it contained (i) a N-terminal signal domain, (ii) a C-terminal transmembrane domain, and (iii) glycosylation sites in cytoplasmic domains.

Identification and characterization of endogenous viruses. Endogenous copies of the exogenous negative-sense RNA viruses newly described here were detected using the tBlastn algorithm against arthropod genomes available in the Reference Genomic Sequences Database (refseq\_genomic) and Whole Genome Shotgun Database (WGS) in GenBank, and using viral amino acid sequences as queries. The threshold for match was set to 1e-05 for the e-value and 50 amino acids for matched length. The query process was reversed for each potential endogenous virus to determine their corresponding phylogenetic group. Orthologous insertion events were determined by examining flanking gene sequences. Sequence alignment and phylogenetic analyses were carried out as described above.

Characterization of bi-segmented viruses in the Chuviridae. Within the Chuviridae, Wuhan Louse Fly Virus 6 and 7, Wenzhou Crab Virus 2, Lishi Spider Virus 1, and Wuchang Cockroach Virus 3 possessed bi-segmented genomes. Both segments were discovered using Blastx against pools of predicted proteins from unsegmented chuvirus or mononegavirales sequences. To determine that these sequences were indeed from separate segments, we performed all combinations of head-to-tail RT-PCR which allowed us to ascertain whether the sequence fragments came from a single genome. Furthermore, checking sequencing depth can help

eliminate the possibility of separate contigs being generated due to inadequate sequencing coverage. To prove that a pair of segments belonged to the same virus, we checked; (i) sequencing depth for both segments, (ii) the presence of conserved regulatory sequences at non-coding regions of the genome, (iii) whether there is match for PCR-positive units, and (iv) the phylogenetic positions of the different viral proteins (Figure 7A).

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Characterization of a circular genome form within the Chuviridae. The circular genome organization within the Chuviridae was identified after we found that their genome sequences were "over assembled" (i.e. generating contigs that contained more than one genome connected head-to-tail). This circular genomic form was also observed in both segments of the segmented chuviruses (Figure 7B). In addition, RT-PCR and sequencing over the entire genome did not reveal any break-points. As a control, the same protocol failed to connect the genome termini within the Mononegavirales, suggesting the circular genomic form is unique to the chuviruses. To further validate that these genomes are circular, we mapped the high-throughput sequencing reads to these assembled genomes. The coverage and depth was adequate throughout the genome with the exception of one location upstream to the 3' end of the ORF encoding RdRp (Figure 7C). This genomic location had only 0-20 X coverage depending on the virus, although all RT-PCRs were successful across this location. Interestingly, sequencing of the cloned PCR products revealed extensive sequence variation (i.e. insertions and deletions) (Figure 7C), which is the likely cause of the low sequence coverage in this location. Collectively, these data provide strong evidence for circular genomes in the chuviruses, although this does not exclude the potential presence of linear genomic forms.

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### Figure legends

**Figure 1**. Host component of each pool used in the RNA-seq library construction and sequencing. The taxonomic units in the tree correspond to the unit samples used in the RNA extraction. Species or genus information is marked to the left of the tree.

**Figure 2**. Abundance level (transcripts per million – TPM) of the RdRp genes from the negative-sense RNA viruses detected in this study. Abundance is calculated after the removal of ribosomal RNA reads. As a comparison, we show the abundance of the two well characterized (positive-sense) RNA viruses: Japanese encephalitis virus and Gill-associated virus found in the Mosquito-Hubei and Shrimp libraries, respectively, as well as the range of abundance of host mitochondrial COI genes in these same multi-host libraries.

Figure 3. Evolutionary history of negative-sense RNA viruses based on RdRp. This is initially displayed in an unrooted maximum likelihood (ML) tree including all major groups of negative-sense RNA viruses (A). Separate and more detailed ML phylogenies are then shown for the Orthomyxoviridae-like (B), Bunya-Arenaviridae-like (C), and Mononegavirales-like viruses (D). In all the phylogenies, the RdRp sequences described here from arthropods are either shaded purple or marked with solid grey circles. The names of previously defined genera/families are labeled to the right of the phylogenies. Based on their host types, the branches are shaded red (vertebrate-specific), yellow (vertebrate and arthropod), green (plant and arthropod), blue (non-arthropod invertebrates) or black (arthropod only). For clarity, statistical supports (i.e. approximate likelihood-ratio test (aLRT) with Shimodaira-Hasegawa-like procedure / posterior probabilities) are shown for key internal nodes only.

Figure 3—figure supplement 1-1. A fully labelled ML phylogeny for Orthomyxoviridae-like viruses. The phylogeny is reconstructed using RdRp alignments. Statistical support from the approximate likelihood-ratio test (aLRT) is shown on each node of the tree. The names of the viruses discovered in this study are shown in red. The names of reference sequences, which contain both the GenBank accession number and the virus species name, are shown in black. The names of previously defined genera/families are shown to the right of the phylogenies.

**Figure 3**—**figure supplement 1-2**. A fully labelled ML phylogeny for Bunya-Arenaviridae-like viruses. The phylogeny is reconstructed using RdRp alignments. Statistical support from the aLRT is shown on each node of the tree. The names of the viruses discovered in this study are shown in red. The names of reference sequences, which contain both the GenBank accession number and the virus species name, are shown in black. The names of previously defined genera/families are shown to the right of the phylogenies.

**Figure 3—figure supplement 1-3**. A fully labelled ML phylogeny for Mononegavirales-like viruses. The phylogeny is reconstructed using RdRp alignments. Statistical support from the aLRT is shown on each node of the tree. The names of the viruses discovered in this study are shown in red. The names of reference sequences, which contain both the GenBank accession number and the virus species name, are shown in black. The names of previously defined genera/families are shown to the right of the phylogenies.

**Figure 4**. The unrooted ML phylogeny based on RdRp showing the topological position of segmented viruses within the genetic diversity of negative-sense RNA viruses. The segmented viruses are labeled with segment numbers and shaded red. The unsegmented viruses are shaded green. The Chuviridae, which exhibit a wide variety of genome organizations, are shaded cyan. Three major types of putative chuvirus genomes (circular, circular and segmented, and linear) are shown in the right panel and are annotated with predicted ORFs: putative RdRp genes are shaded blue, putative glycoprotein genes are shaded orange, and the remaining ORFs are shaded grey.

**Figure 5**. The unrooted ML phylogeny of negative-sense RNA viruses (RdRp) with the common names of the principle arthropod hosts analyzed in this study indicated. Vertebrate-specific viruses are shaded red, those infecting both vertebrates and arthropods (or with unknown vectors) are shaded yellow, those infecting both plants and arthropods are shaded green, those infecting non-arthropod invertebrates are shaded blue, and the remainder (arthropod only) are shaded black.

**Figure 6**. Phylogenetic congruence between viruses (M segments) and hosts, including (A) Wuhan Horsefly Virus, (B) Wuhan Fly Virus 1, (C) Wuhan Mosquito Virus 2, and (D) Wuhan Mosquito Virus 1. Different host species/genera are distinguished with different colors, which are then mapped onto virus phylogeny to assess the phylogenetic congruence. ML phylogenetic trees were inferred in all cases.

Figure 7. The differing genome organizations in the Chuviridae. (A) ML trees of three main putative proteins conserved among the chuviruses. Viruses with circular genomes (Type I) are shaded blue, while those with segmented genomes (Type II) are shaded red. (B) Structures of all complete chuvirus genomes. Circular genomes are indicated with the arrow (blue) situated at the 3' end, and the genome is drawn in a linear form for ease of comparison only, being broken at the region of variable sequence (refer to the materials and methods). (C) An example showing mapping of sequencing reads to the circular chuvirus genome. The template for mapping contains two genomes connected head-to-tail. The two boxes magnify the genomic region containing abundant sequence variation.

Figure 8. Genome structures of segmented negative-sense RNA viruses. Predicted viral proteins

homologous to known viral proteins are shown and colored according to their putative functions.

The numbers below each ORF box give the predicted molecular mass.

**Figure 9**. Genome structures of unsegmented negative-sense RNA viruses. Predicted ORFs

encoding viral proteins with > 10kDa molecular mass are shown and colored according to their

putative functions. The numbers below each ORF box give the predicted molecular mass.

Figure 10. Comparison of the genome structure of a potential tenui-like virus from horsefly with

a prototype tenuivirus (Rice grassy stunt virus) genome.

Figure 11. ML phylogeny of EVEs based on the glycoprotein of chuviruses in the context of

exogenous members of this family (A), with subtrees magnified for (B) the Culicidae clade and

(C) the Hymenoptera clade. The EVEs used in the phylogeny covered the complete or near complete length of the glycoprotein gene, and are shown in red and labeled according to host taxonomy in the overall tree. For clarity, monophyletic groups are collapsed based on the host taxonomy. Only bootstrap values >70% are shown.

Figure 12. Transmission of negative-sense RNA viruses in arthropods and non-arthropods.

Three types of transmission cycle are shown: (i) those between arthropods and plants are shaded green; (ii) those between arthropods and vertebrates are shaded yellow; and (iii) those that are vertebrate-only are shaded red. Viruses associated with each transmission type are also indicated.

# **Tables**

 Table 1. Host and geographic information and data output for each pool of arthropod samples

Pool	No of unit	Order	Species	Locations	Data generated (bases)
Mosquitos - Hubei	24	Diptera	Aedes sp, Armigeres subalbatus, Anopheles sinensis, Culex quinquefasciatus, Culex tritaeniorhynchus	Hubei	26,606,799,000
Mosquitos - Zhejiang	26	Diptera	Aedes albopictus, Armigeres subalbatus, Anopheles paraliae, Anopheles sinensis, Culex pipiens, Culex sp, Culex tritaeniorhynchus,	Zhejiang	7,233,954,480
True flies	24	Diptera	Atherigona orientalis, Chrysomya megacephala, Lucilia sericata, Musca domestica, Sarcophaga dux, S. peregrina, S. sp	Hubei	6,574,954,320
Horseflies	24	Diptera	unidentified Tabanidae (5 species)	Hubei	8,721,642,060
Cockroaches	24	Blattodea	Blattella germanica	Hubei	6,182,028,000
Water striders	12	Hemiptera	unidentified Gerridae (2 species)	Hubei	3,154,714,200
Insects mix 1	6	Diptera, Coleoptera, Lepidoptera, Neuroptera	Abraxas tenuisuffusa, Hermetia illucens, unidentified Chrysopidae, unidentified Coleoptera, Psychoda alternata, unidentified Diptera, unidentified Stratiomyidae	Zhejiang	7,745,172,660
Insects mix 2	4	Diptera, Hemiptera	unidentified <i>Hippoboscidae</i> (2 species), <i>Cimex hemipterus</i>	Hubei	5,916,431,520
Insects mix 3 (insect near water)	10	Odonata, Hemiptera, Hymenoptera, Isopoda	Pseudothemis zonata, unidentified Nepidae (2 species), Camponotus japonicus, Diplonychus sp, Asellus sp	Hubei	11,973,368,200
Insects mix 4 (insect in the mountain)	12	Diptera, Orthoptera, Odonata, Hymenoptera, Hemiptera	Psychoda alternata, Velarifictorus micado, Crocothemis servilia, unidentified Phoridae, unidentified Lampyridae, Aphelinus sp, Hyalopterus pruni, Aulacorthum magnolia,	Hubei	6,882,491,800
Ticks	16	Ixodida	Dermacentor marginatus, Dermacentor sp, Haemaphysalis doenitzi, H. longicornis, H. sp, H. formosensis, Hyalomma asiaticum, Rhipicephalus microplus, Argas miniatus	Hubei, Zhejiang, Beijing, Xinjiang	24,708,479,580
Ticks Hyalomma asiaticum	1	Ixodida	Hyalomma asiaticum	Xinjiang	2,006,000,100
Spiders	32	Araneae	Neoscona nautica, Parasteatoda tepidariorum, Plexippus setipes, Pirata sp, unidentified Araneae	Hubei	11,361,912,300
Shrimps	48	Decapoda	Exopalaemon carinicauda, Metapenaeus sp, Solenocera crassicornis, Penaeus monodon, Litopenaeus vannamei	Zhejiang	5,365,359,900
Crabs and barnacles	35	Decapoda, Scalpelliformes	Capitulum mitella, Charybdis hellerii, C. japonica, Uca arcuata	Zhejiang	5,833,269,360
Millipedes	12	Polydesmida	unidentified <i>Polydesmidae</i> (2 species)	Hubei, Beijing	7,176,702,400

Table 2. Mononegavirales-related RdRp sequences discovered in this study

Virus name	Length of RdRp	Classification	Pool	Abundance	Putative arthropod host	Closest relative (aa identity)
Bole Tick Virus 3	2155	chuvirus	ticks	202.35	Hyalomma asiaticum	Midway virus (17.1%)
Changping Tick Virus 2	2156	chuvirus	ticks	185.73	Dermacentor sp	Midway virus (17.6%)
Changping Tick Virus 3	2209	chuvirus	ticks	41.80	Dermacentor sp	Midway virus (16.5%)
Lishi Spider Virus 1	2180	chuvirus	spiders	5.82	Parasteatoda tepidariorum	Midway virus (16.9%)
Shayang Fly Virus 1	2459	chuvirus	true flies	8.99	Atherigona orientalis	Maize mosaic virus (16.8%)
Shuangao Fly Virus 1	2097	chuvirus	insect mix 1	23.63	unidentified Diptera	Lettuce big-vein associated virus (16.3%)
Shuangao Insect Virus 5	2291	chuvirus	insect mix 1	209.31	unidentified <i>Diptera</i> , <i>Abraxas tenuisuffusa</i> , unidentified <i>Chrysopidae</i>	Potato yellow dwarf virus (16.3%)
Shuangao Lacewing Virus	2145	chuvirus	insect mix 1	44.48	unidentified Chrysopidae	Potato yellow dwarf virus (16.8%)
Tacheng Tick Virus 4	2101	chuvirus	ticks	137.22	Argas miniatus	Midway virus (17.5%)
Tacheng Tick Virus 5	2201	chuvirus	ticks	276.32	Dermacentor marginatus	Midway virus (16.8%)
Wenzhou Crab Virus 2	2208	chuvirus	crabs and barnacles	4054.25	Charybdis japonica, Charybdis lucifera, Charybdis hellerii	Midway virus (15.8%)
Wenzhou Crab Virus 3	2077	chuvirus	crabs and barnacles	169.21	Charybdis japonica	Midway virus (16.3%)
Wuchang Cockroach Virus 3	2203	chuvirus	cockroaches	440.14	Blattella germanica	Midway virus (16.3%)
Wuhan Louse Fly Virus 6	2182	chuvirus	insect mix 2	4.12	unidentified Hippoboscidae	Midway virus (16.4%)
Wuhan Louse Fly Virus 7	2174	chuvirus	insect mix 2	99.83	unidentified Hippoboscidae	Midway virus (17.2%)
Wuhan Mosquito Virus 8	2159	chuvirus	mosquito hubei	300.33	Culex tritaeniorhynchus, C. quinquefasciatus, Anopheles sinensis, Armigeres subalbatus	Midway virus (16.7%)
Wuhan Tick Virus 2	2189	chuvirus	ticks	154.46	Rhipicephalus microplus	Midway virus (16.7%)
					Culex tritaeniorhynchus, C.	(-417.5)
Culex tritaeniorhynchus rhabdovirus	2142	Culex tritaeniorhynchus rhabdovirus	mosquito hubei	3517.32	quinquefasciatus, Anopheles sinensis, Armigeres subalbatus, Aedes sp	Isfahan virus (38.5%)
Wuhan Insect virus 4	2105	cytorhabdovirus	insect mix 4	94.92	Hyalopterus pruni OR Aphelinus sp	Lettuce necrotic yellows virus (40.6%)
Wuhan Insect virus 5	2098	cytorhabdovirus	insect mix 4	622.97	Hyalopterus pruni OR Aphelinus sp	Persimmon virus A (47.9%)
Wuhan Insect virus 6	2079	cytorhabdovirus	insect mix 4	991.99	Hyalopterus pruni OR Aphelinus sp	Persimmon virus A (45.2)
Wuhan Louse Fly Virus 5	2123	Kolente virus like	insect mix 2	98.92	unidentified Hippoboscidae	Kolente virus (54.5%)
Yongjia Tick Virus 2	2113	Nishimuro virus like	ticks	13.14	Haemaphysalis hystricis	Nishimuro virus (54.2%)
Shayang Fly Virus 2	2170	sigmavirus like	true flies	36.83	Musca domestica, Chrysomya megacephala	Isfahan virus (44.1%)
Wuhan Fly Virus 2	2134	sigmavirus like	true flies	18.37	Musca domestica, Sarcophaga sp	Vesicular stomatitis Indiana virus (43.4%)
Wuhan House Fly Virus 1	2098	sigmavirus like	true flies	31.04	Musca domestica	Isfahan virus (42.8%)
Wuhan Louse Fly Virus 10	2146	sigmavirus like	insect mix 2	235.94	unidentified Hippoboscidae	Drosophila melanogaster sigmavirus (51.2%)
Wuhan Louse Fly Virus 8	2145	sigmavirus like	insect mix 2	292.11	unidentified Hippoboscidae	Drosophila melanogaster sigmavirus (50.6%)
Wuhan Louse Fly Virus 9		sigmavirus like	insect mix 2	69.37	unidentified Hippoboscidae	Drosophila melanogaster sigmavirus (51.4%)
Bole Tick Virus 2	2171	unclassified dimarhabdovirus 1	ticks	38.19	Hyalomma asiaticum	Isfahan virus (38.1%)
Huangpi Tick Virus 3	2193	unclassified dimarhabdovirus 1	ticks	15.81	Haemaphysalis doenitzi	Eel virus European X (40%)
Tacheng Tick Virus 3	2182	unclassified dimarhabdovirus 1	ticks	96.30	Dermacentor marginatus	Eel virus European X (39.8%)
Taishun Tick Virus	2226	unclassified dimarhabdovirus 1	ticks	24.56	Haemaphysalis hystricis	Vesicular stomatitis Indiana virus (36.6%)
Wuhan Tick Virus 1	2191	unclassified dimarhabdovirus 1	ticks	119.92	Rhipicephalus microplus	Eel virus European X (38.3%)
Wuhan Insect virus 7 Lishi Spider Virus 2	2120 2201	unclassified dimarhabdovirus 2 unclassified mononegavirus 1	insect mix 4 spiders	241.7 5.57	Hyalopterus pruni OR Aphelinus sp unidentified Araneae	Isfahan virus (42.6%) Maize fine streak virus (19.6%)
Sanxia Water Strider Virus 4	2108	unclassified mononegavirus 1	water striders	4767.82	unidentified Gerridae	Orchid fleck virus (20.5%)
Tacheng Tick Virus 6	2068	unclassified mononegavirus 1	ticks	17.92	Argas miniatus	Maize mosaic virus (20.6%)
Shuangao Fly Virus 2	1966	unclassified mononegavirus 2	insect mix 1	25.94	Psychoda alternata	Midway virus (21.3%)
Xincheng Mosquito Virus	2026	unclassified mononegavirus 2	mosquito hubei	400.12	Anopheles sinensis	Midway virus (19.2%)
Wenzhou Crab Virus 1	1807	unclassified mononegavirus 3	crabs and barnacles	382.29	Capitulum mitella, Charybdis japonica, Charybdis lucifera	Midway virus (22.2%)
Tacheng Tick Virus 7	2215	unclassified rhabdovirus 1	ticks	35.86	Argas miniatus	Orchid fleck virus (24.5%)
Jingshan Fly Virus 2	1970	unclassified rhabdovirus 2	true flies	4.43	Sarcophaga sp	Maize fine streak virus (23.4%)
Sanxia Water Strider Virus 5	2264	unclassified rhabdovirus 2	water striders	4373.68	unidentified Gerridae	Northern cereal mosaic virus (22.6%)
Shayang Fly Virus 3	2231	unclassified rhabdovirus 2	true flies	27.73	Chrysomya megacephala, Atherigona orientalis	Maize fine streak virus (22.6%)
Shuangao Bedbug Virus 2		unclassified rhabdovirus 2	insect mix 2	16.29	Cimex hemipterus	Maize fine streak virus (22.5%)
Shuangao Insect Virus 6	2088	unclassified rhabdovirus 2	insect mix 1	14.37	unidentified Diptera, Abraxas tenuisuffusa	Potato yellow dwarf virus (21.2%)
Wuhan Ant Virus	2118	unclassified rhabdovirus 2	insect mix 3	169.79	Camponotus japonicus	Lettuce necrotic yellows virus (21.4%)
Wuhan Fly Virus 3	2230	unclassified rhabdovirus 2	true flies	6.00	Musca domestica, Sarcophaga sp	Maize fine streak virus (21.9%)
Wuhan House Fly Virus 2	2233	unclassified rhabdovirus 2	true flies	221.04	Musca domestica	Northern cereal mosaic virus (23.4%)
Wuhan Mosquito Virus 9	2260	unclassified rhabdovirus 2	mosquito hubei	56.19	Culex tritaeniorhynchus, C. quinquefasciatus, Aedes sp	Persimmon virus A (23.2%)
Wuhan Louse Fly Virus 11	2110	Vesiculovirus like	insect mix 2	6.11	unidentified Hippoboscidae	Vesicular stomatitis Indiana virus (52.9%)

 Table 3. Bunya-arenaviridae-related RdRp sequences discovered in this study

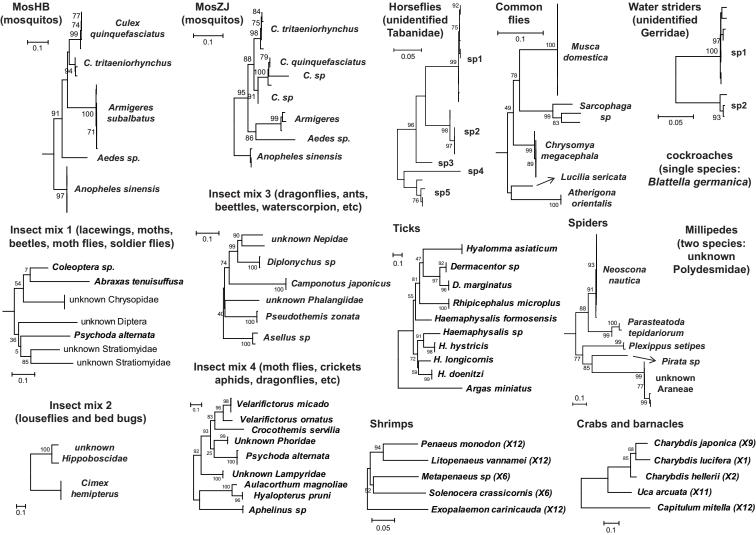
Virus Name	Length of RdRp	Classification	Pool	Abundance	Putative arthropod host	Closest relative (aa identity)
Huangpi Tick Virus 1	3914	Nairovirus like	ticks	11.32	Haemaphysalis doenitzi	Hazara virus (39.5%)
Tacheng Tick Virus 1	3962	Nairovirus like	ticks	88.91	Dermacentor marginatus	Hazara virus (39.6%)
Wenzhou Tick Virus	3967	Nairovirus like	ticks	44.30	Haemaphysalis hystricis	Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever virus (39.1%)
Shayang Spider Virus 1	4403	Nairovirus like	spiders	90.95	Neoscona nautica, Parasteatoda tepidariorum, Plexippus setipes	Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever virus (26.2%)
Xinzhou Spider Virus	4037	Nairovirus like	spiders	3.79	Neoscona nautica, Parasteatoda tepidariorum	Erve virus (22.9%)
Sanxia Water Strider Virus 1	3936	Nairovirus like	water striders	26483.38	unidentified Gerridae	Hazara virus (23.4%)
Wuhan Louse Fly Virus 1	2250	Orthobunyavirus	insect mix 2	67.06	unidentified Hippoboscoidea	La Crosse virus (57.8%)
Shuangao Insect Virus 1	2335	Orthobunyavirus like	insect mix 1	7.97	unidentified Chrysopidae, Psychoda alternata	Khurdun virus (29.1%)
Wuchang Cockroach Virus 1	2125	phasmavirus like	cockroaches	11283.22	Blattella germanica	Kigluaik phantom virus (35.9%)
GAQJ01007189	1554	phasmavirus like	database	N/A	Ostrinia furnacalis	Kigluaik phantom virus (35.9%)
Shuangao Insect Virus 2	1765	phasmavirus like	insect mix 1 mosquito Hubei,	36.32	Abraxas tenuisuffusa, unidentified diptera Culex tritaeniorhynchus, Anopheles	Kigluaik phantom virus (31.9%)
Wuhan Mosquito Virus 1	2095	phasmavirus like	mosquito Zhejiang	3523.08	sinensis, Culex quinquefasciatus	Kigluaik phantom virus (39.5%)
Wuhan Mosquito Virus 2	2111	phasmavirus like	mosquito Hubei, mosquito Zhejiang	39.66	Culex tritaeniorhynchus, Anopheles sinensis, Culex quinquefasciatus, Aedes sp	Kigluaik phantom virus (39.6%)
Huangpi Tick Virus 2	2121	Phlebovirus	N/A	N/A	Haemaphysalis sp	Uukuniemi virus (49.3%)
Bole Tick Virus 1	2148 2194	Phlebovirus Phlebovirus	ticks ticks	67.86 335.25	Hyalomma asiaticum  Dermacentor sp	Uukuniemi virus (37.9%) Uukuniemi virus (39.7%)
Changping Tick Virus 1 Dabieshan Tick Virus	2194	Phlebovirus	ticks	250.62	Haemaphysalis longicornis	Uukuniemi virus (39.7%)
Lihan Tick Virus	2151	Phlebovirus	ticks	60.40	Rhipicephalus microplus	Uukuniemi virus (38.6%)
Tacheng Tick Virus 2	2189	Phlebovirus	ticks	132.59	Dermacentor marginatus	Uukuniemi virus (39.0%)
Yongjia Tick Virus 1	2138	Phlebovirus	ticks	119.49	Haemaphysalis hystricis	Uukuniemi virus (40.5%)
GAIX01000059	2151	Phlebovirus like	database	N/A	Pararge aegeria	Cumuto virus (24.1%)
GAKZ01048260	1583	Phlebovirus like	database	N/A	Procotyla fluviatilis	Cumuto virus (22.8%)
GAQJ01008681	2261	Phlebovirus like	database	N/A	Ostrinia furnacalis	Gouleako virus (22.0%)
Shuangao Insect Virus 3	2050	Phlebovirus like	insect mix 1	339.41	unidentified Chrysopidae, unidentified Diptera	Cumuto virus (23.7%)
Wuhan Louse Fly Virus 2	2327	Phlebovirus like	insect mix 2	3.57	unidentified Hippoboscoidea	Uukuniemi virus (25.2%)
Wuhan Insect virus 1	2099	Phlebovirus like	insect mix 3	178.53	Asellus sp, unidentified Nepidae, Camponotus japonicus	Cumuto virus (24.8%)
<b>Huangshi Humpbacked Fly Virus</b>		Phlebovirus like	insect mix 4	13.13	unidentified <i>Phoridae</i>	Cumuto virus (18.1%)
Yichang Insect virus	2100	Phlebovirus like	insect mix 4	71.50	Aulacorthum magnoliae	Gouleako virus (45.3%)
Wuhan Millipede Virus 1	1854	Phlebovirus like	millipedes and insect mix 3	825.66	unidentified Polydesmidae	Cumuto virus (25.3%)
Qingnian Mosquito Virus	2243	Phlebovirus like	mosquito Hubei	17.09	Culex quinquefasciatus	Razdan virus (21.0%)
Wutai Mosquito Virus	2185	Phlebovirus like	mosquito Hubei	70.72	Culex quinquefasciatus	Rice stripe virus (26.4%)
Xinzhou Mosquito Virus	2022	Phlebovirus like	mosquito Hubei	98.95	Anopheles sinensis	Cumuto virus (24.7%)
Zhee Mosquito Virus	2443	Phlebovirus like	mosquito Hubei, mosquito Zhejiang	308.98	Anopheles sinensis, Armigeres subalbatus	Cumuto virus (22.6%)
Whenzhou Shrimp Virus 1	2051	Phlebovirus like	shrimps	5859.37	Penaeus monodon	Uukuniemi virus (32.2%)
Wuhan Spider Virus	2251	Phlebovirus like	spiders	17.71	Neoscona nautica, Parasteatoda tepidariorum, Plexippus setipes	Uukuniemi virus (21.7%)
Wuhan Fly Virus 1	2192	Phlebovirus like	true flies	68.58	Atherigona orientalis, Chrysomya megacephala, Sarcophaga sp, Musca domestica	Grand Arbaud virus (27.8%)
Wuhan horsefly Virus	3117	Tenuivirus like	horseflies	13.50	unidentified Tabanidae	Uukuniemi virus (28.2%)
Jiangxia Mosquito Virus 1	1889	Unclassified segmented virus 1	mosquito Hubei	11.55	Culex tritaeniorhynchus	Gouleako virus (16.7%)
Shuangao Bedbug Virus 1	2015	Unclassified segmented virus 2	insect mix 2	12.71	Cimex hemipterus	Murrumbidgee virus (16.3%)
Jiangxia Mosquito Virus 2	1860	Unclassified segmented virus 2	mosquito Hubei	2.81	Culex tritaeniorhynchus	Hantavirus (18.9%)
Shuangao Mosquito Virus	1996	Unclassified segmented virus 2	mosquito Zhejiang	11.67	Armigeres subalbatus	Hantavirus (18.7%)
Whenzhou Shrimp Virus 2	2241	Unclassified segmented virus 3	shrimps	3824.55	Penaeus monodon, Exopalaemon carinicauda	La Crosse virus (19.0%)
Shayang Spider Virus 2	2165	Unclassified segmented virus 4	spiders	12.75	Neoscona nautica, Pirata sp, Parasteatoda tepidariorum, unidentified Araneae	Akabane virus (16.6%)
Wuhan Insect virus 2	2377	Unclassified segmented virus 5	insect mix 4	223.06	Hyalopterus pruni OR Aphelinus sp	Kigluaik phantom virus (19.2%)
Sanxia Water Strider Virus 2	2349	Unclassified segmented virus 5	water striders	707.09	unidentified Gerridae	Kigluaik phantom virus (19.8%)
Wuhan Millipede Virus 2	3709	Unclassified segmented virus 6	millipedes	1513.41	unidentified Polydesmidae	Dugbe virus (17.2%)
Wuhan Insect virus 3	2231	Unclassified segmented virus 7	insect mix 3	3.50	Asellus sp	Herbert virus (17.2%)

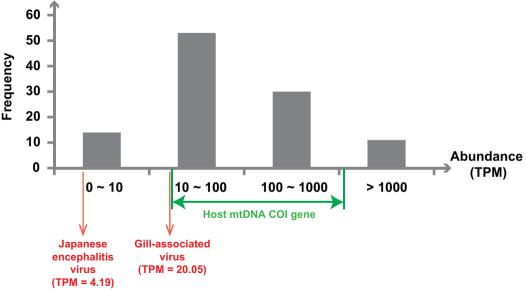
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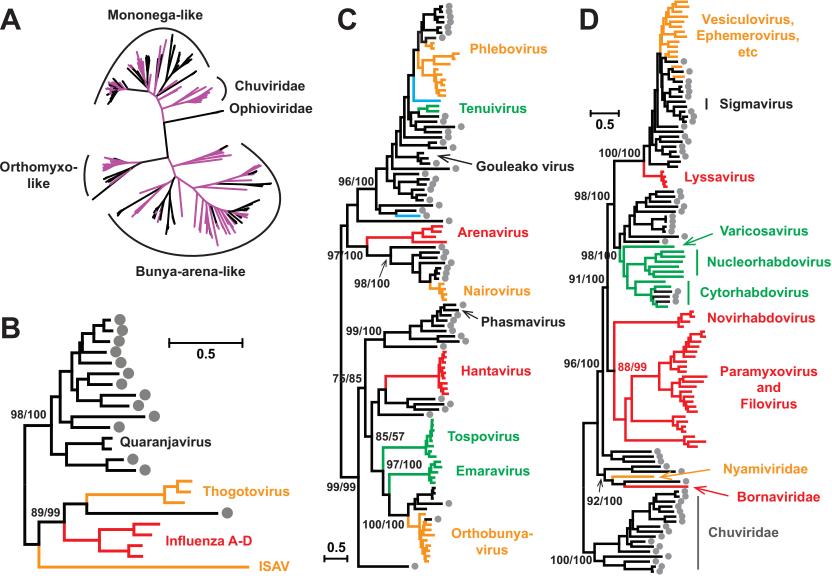
Virus Name	Length of RdRp	Classification	Pool	Abundance	Putative arthropod host	Closest relative (aa identity)
Jingshan Fly Virus 1	795	Quaranjavirus	true flies	21.93	Atherigona orientalis, Chrysomya megacephala, Sarcophaga sp, Musca domestica	Johnston Atoll virus (36.9%)
Jiujie Fly Virus	653	Quaranjavirus	horseflies	10.30	unidentified Tabanidae	Johnston Atoll virus (39.7%)
Sanxia Water Strider Virus 3	789	Quaranjavirus	water striders	1101.03	unidentified Gerridae	Johnston Atoll virus (36.7%)
Shayang Spider Virus 3	768	Quaranjavirus	spiders	1.95	Neoscona nautica	Johnston Atoll virus (38.5%)
Shuangao Insect Virus 4	793	Quaranjavirus	insect mix1	59.90	unidentified <i>Diptera</i> , unidentified <i>Stratiomyidae</i>	Johnston Atoll virus (36.9%)
Wuhan Louse Fly Virus 3	784	Quaranjavirus	insect mix2	500.77	unidentified Hippoboscoidea	Johnston Atoll virus (37.7%)
Wuhan Louse Fly Virus 4	783	Quaranjavirus	insect mix2	96.80	unidentified Hippoboscoidea	Johnston Atoll virus (38.2%)
Wuhan Mosquito Virus 3	801	Quaranjavirus	mosquito Hubei	40.07	Culex tritaeniorhynchus, Culex quinquefasciatus, Armigeres subalbatus	Johnston Atoll virus (35.6%)
Wuhan Mosquito Virus 4	792	Quaranjavirus	mosquito Hubei	86.21	Culex tritaeniorhynchus, Culex quinquefasciatus, Armigeres subalbatus	Johnston Atoll virus (34.8%)
Wuhan Mosquito Virus 5	806	Quaranjavirus	mosquito Hubei	75.05	Culex tritaeniorhynchus, Culex quinquefasciatus, Armigeres subalbatus	Johnston Atoll virus (35.5%)
Wuhan Mosquito Virus 6	800	Quaranjavirus	mosquito Hubei	56.30	Culex quinquefasciatus	Johnston Atoll virus (34.2%)
Wuhan Mosquito Virus 7	779	Quaranjavirus	mosquito Hubei	20.74	Anopheles sinensis, Culex quinquefasciatus	Johnston Atoll virus (34.1%)
Wuhan Mothfly Virus	710	Quaranjavirus	insect mix4	14.47	Psychoda alternata	Johnston Atoll virus (39.7%)
Wuchang Cockroach Virus 2	671	Unclassified orthomyxovirus 1	cockroaches	4.01	Blattella germanica	Influenza C virus (27.0%)

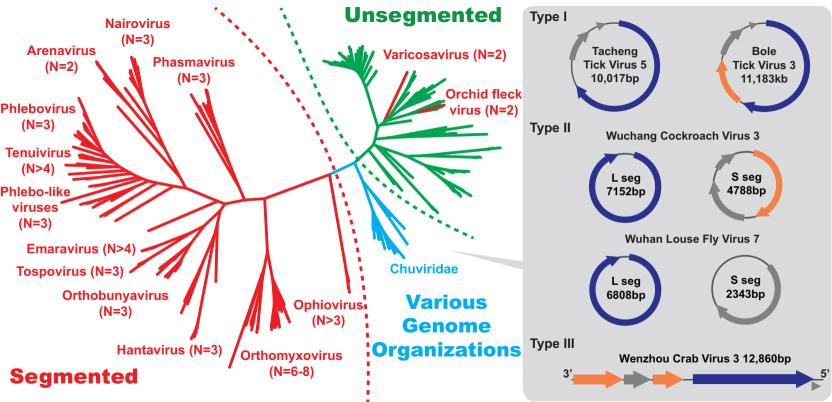
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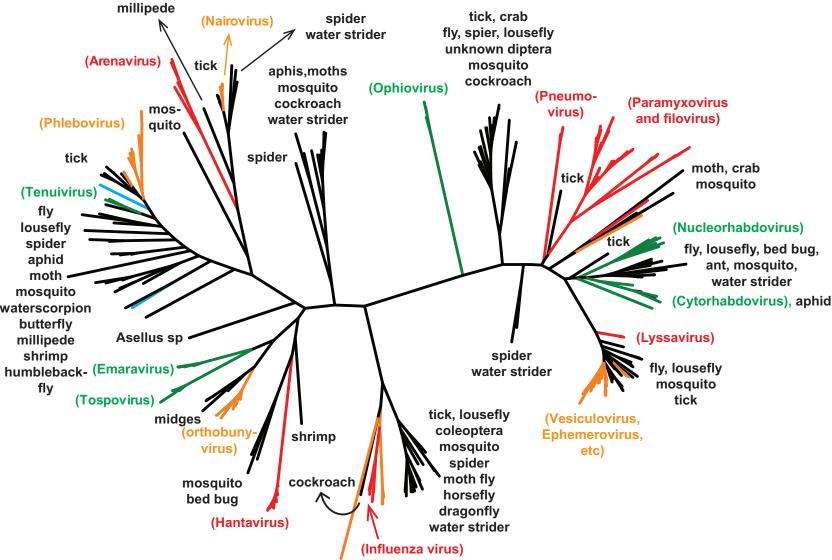
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		Chuvirus	G, N
		Dimarhabdovirus	RdRp, N
Chelicerata	Ixodes scapularis	Nairovirus like	N
		Phlebovirus	RdRp, N
		Quaranjavirus	RdRp
	Tetranychus urticae	Dimarhabdovirus	N
	Daphnia pulex	Phlebovirus like	RdRp
	Eurytemora affinis	Chuvirus	G
Crustacea		Dimarhabdovirus	RdRp, N
	Hyalella azteca	Chuvirus	G, N
		Unclassified mononegavirus 3	RdRp, N
	Lepeophtheirus salmonis	Phlebovirus like	N, G
	Dendroctonus ponderosae	Chuvirus	G
Insecta: Coleoptera		Phasmavirus	G, N
	Tribolium castaneum	Chuvirus	G
		Chuvirus	RdRp
		Dimarhabdovirus	RdRp, N
	Aedes aegypti	Phasmavirus	G
		Phlebovirus like	N
		Quaranjavirus	RdRp
		Chuvirus	G
		Dimarhabdovirus	RdRp, N
Insecta: Diptera	Anopheles spp.	Phasmavirus	G, N
	The France of Fr	Phlebovirus like	N
		Quaranjavirus	RdRp
		Chuvirus	G, N
	Culex quinquefasciatus	Dimarhabdovirus	N
		Dimarhabdovirus	RdRp, N
	Drosophila spp.	Phasmavirus	N
	Бгоѕорниа ѕрр.	Unclassified rhabdovirus 2	RdRp, N
Insecta: Isoptera	Zootermopsis nevadensis	Chuvirus	N N
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		Chuvirus	G, N
	Acyrthosiphon pisum	Dimarhabdovirus	N
		Phlebovirus like	N
Insecta: Hemiptera		Quaranjavirus	RdRp
		Unclassified mononegavirus 1	RdRp, N
	Rhodnius prolixus	Chuvirus	G
	-	Phasmavirus	G
	Atta cephalotes	Unclassified mononegavirus 2	RdRp
	Acromyrmex echinatior	Chuvirus	G
	Tiereniyimen centinanor	Unclassified mononegavirus 2	RdRp
		Chuvirus	G
	Camponotus floridanus	Unclassified mononegavirus 1	N
	Campononis frontamis	Unclassified mononegavirus 3	RdRp
Insecta: Hymenoptera		Unclassified rhabdovirus 2	RdRp
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	Linepithema humile	Chuvirus	G
	Nasonia spp.	Chuvirus	G
	Pogonomyrmex barbatus	Chuvirus	G
		Chuvirus	G
	Solenopsis invicta	Unclassified mononegavirus 1	N
		Unclassified mononegavirus 3	RdRp, N
		Chuvirus	RdRp, G
	Bombyx mori	Quaranjavirus	RdRp
		Unclassified rhabdovirus 2	RdRp
Insecta: Lepidoptera		Dimarhabdovirus	N
Insecta: Lepidoptera	Melitaea cinxia	Dimarhabdovirus Ouaraniavirus	
Insecta: Lepidoptera		Quaranjavirus	RdRp
Insecta: Lepidoptera	Plutella xylostella	Quaranjavirus Dimarhabdovirus	RdRp N, G
Insecta: Lepidoptera  Myriapoda		Quaranjavirus	RdRp

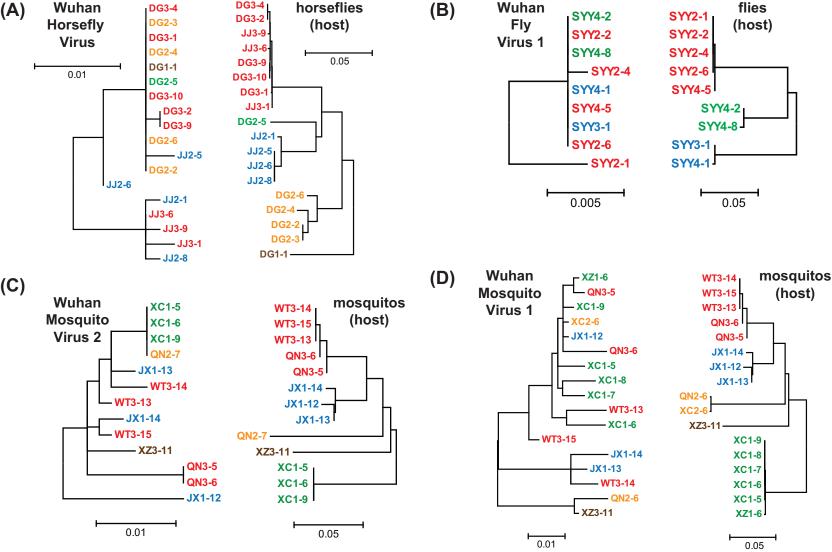


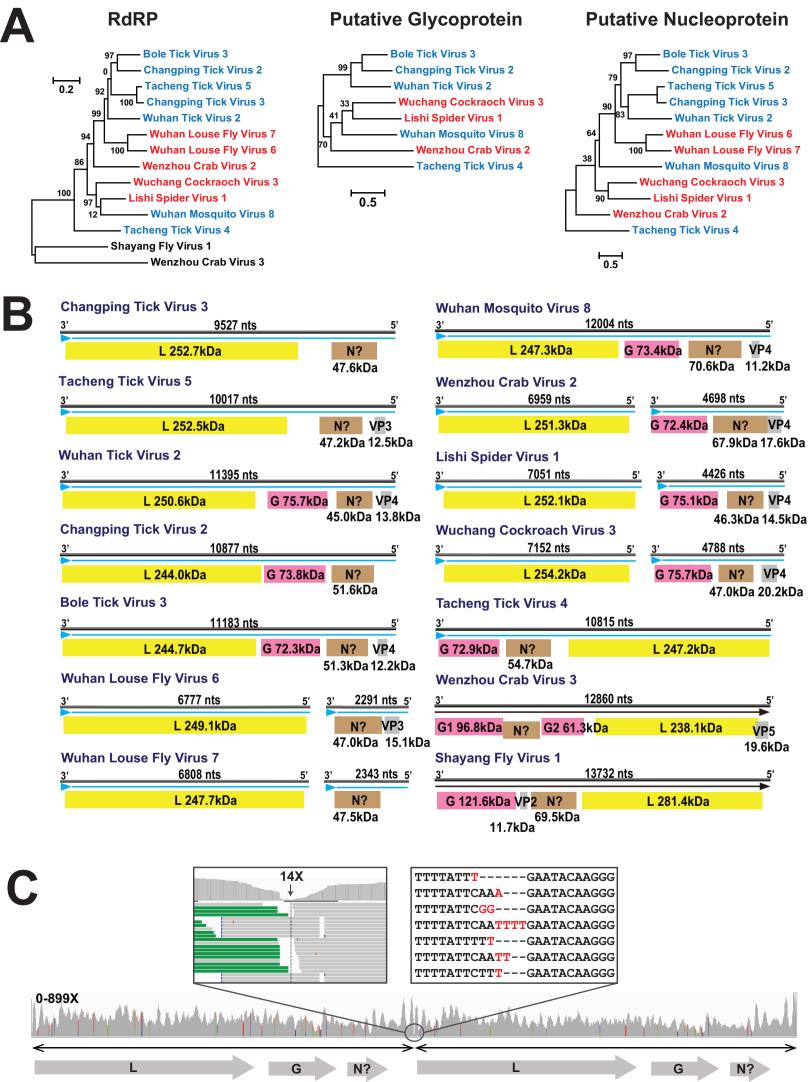




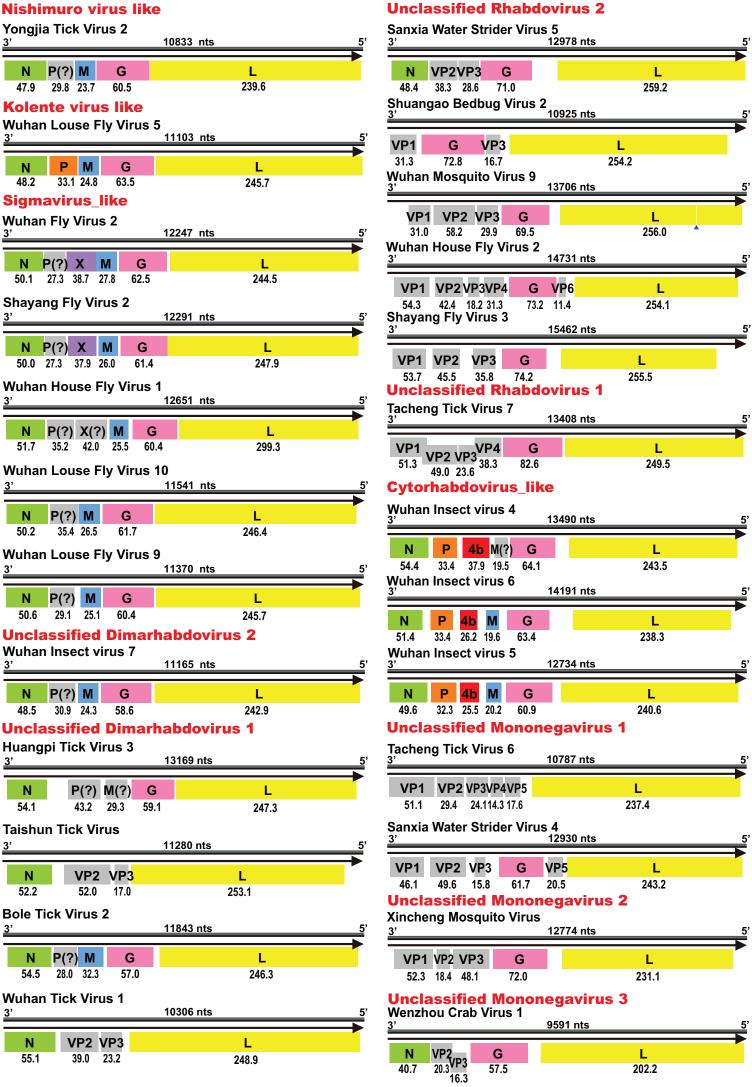


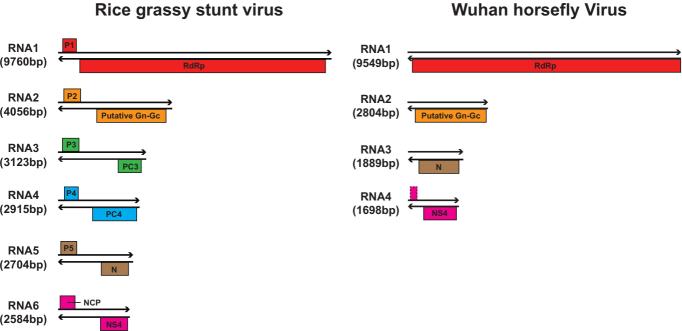


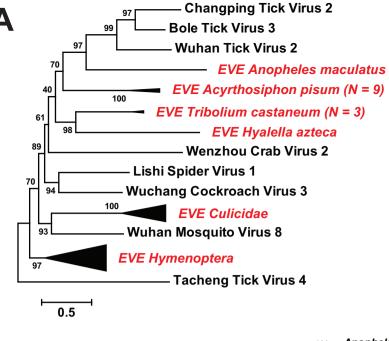


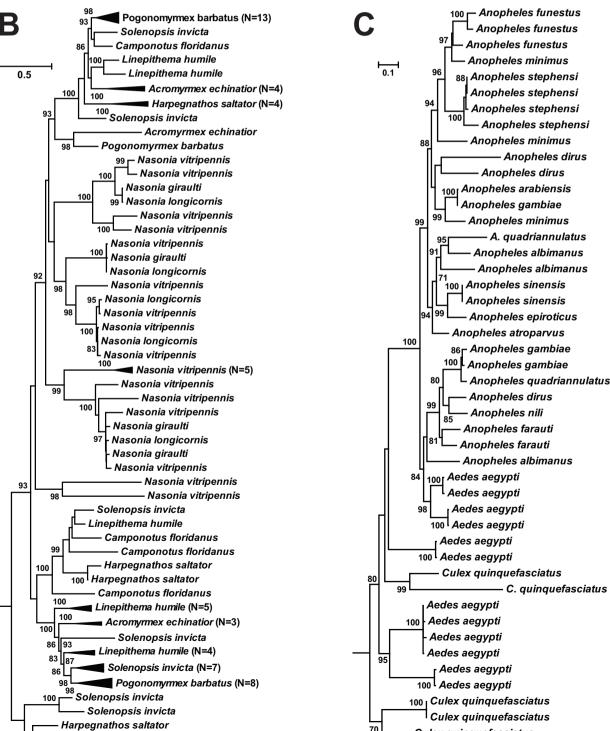


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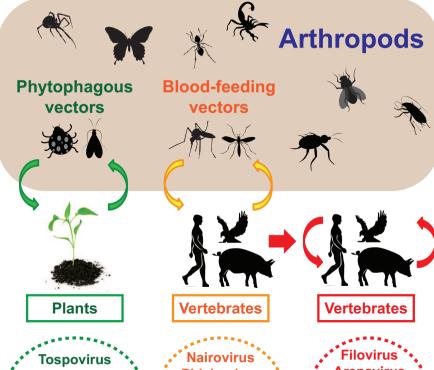


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Culex quinquefasciatus



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