

HEPATITIS A VIRUS CAPSID

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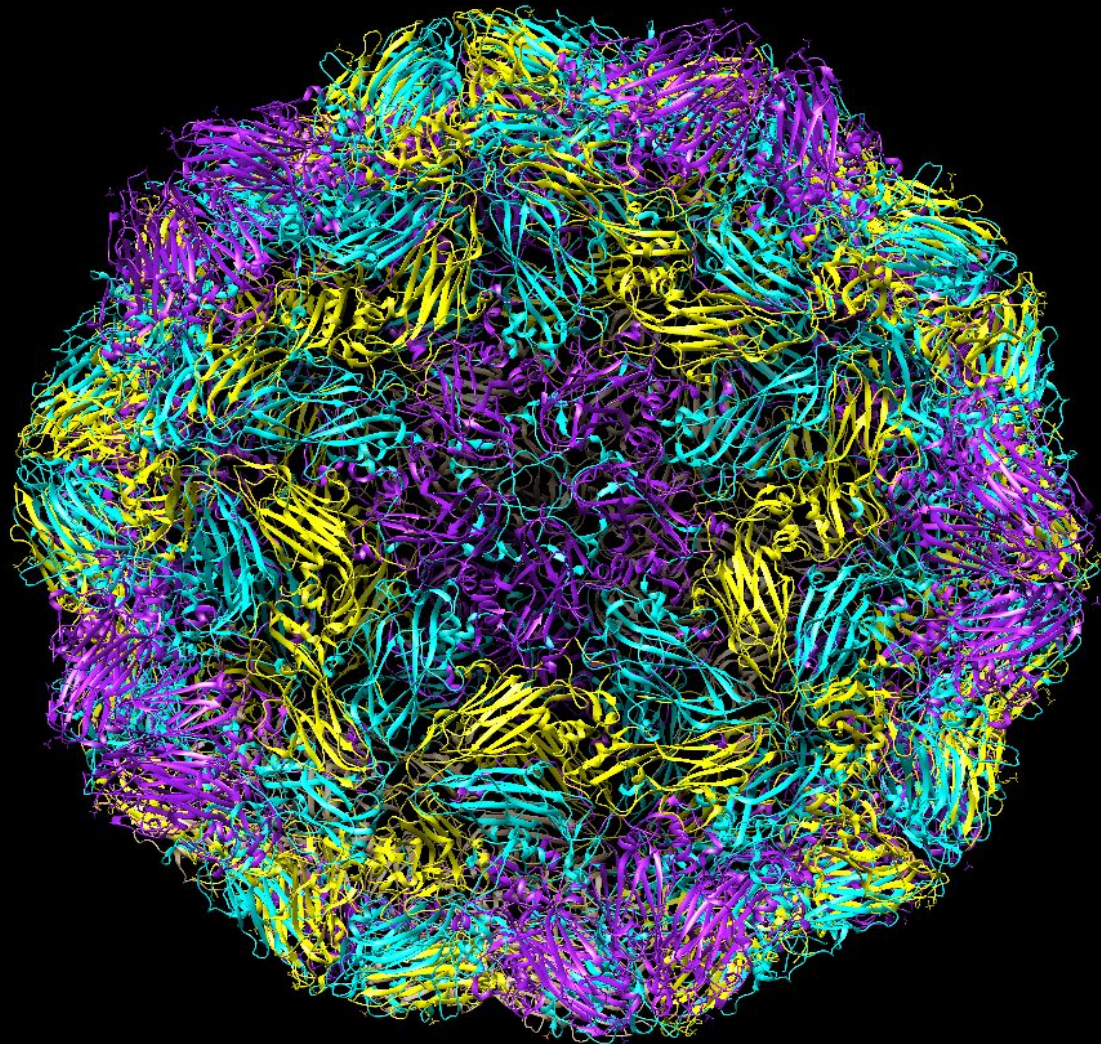
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BACKGROUND

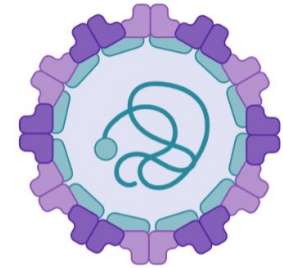


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MILLION CASES WORLDWIDE

Picornavirus characteristics

- Small viruses
- Naked 30nm **icosahedral capsid** → 60 identical packed protomers
- Single-stranded RNA-positive viruses



Examples: poliovirus, rhinovirus, and hepatitis A virus

Reproductive cycle

Virus attachment (1)

Cell entry: Endocytosis (2)

Viral genome released into the cytoplasm (3)

Synthesis of viral proteins (4)

Capsid assembly (5) and maturation (6)

Virus release by cell lysis or budding (7)

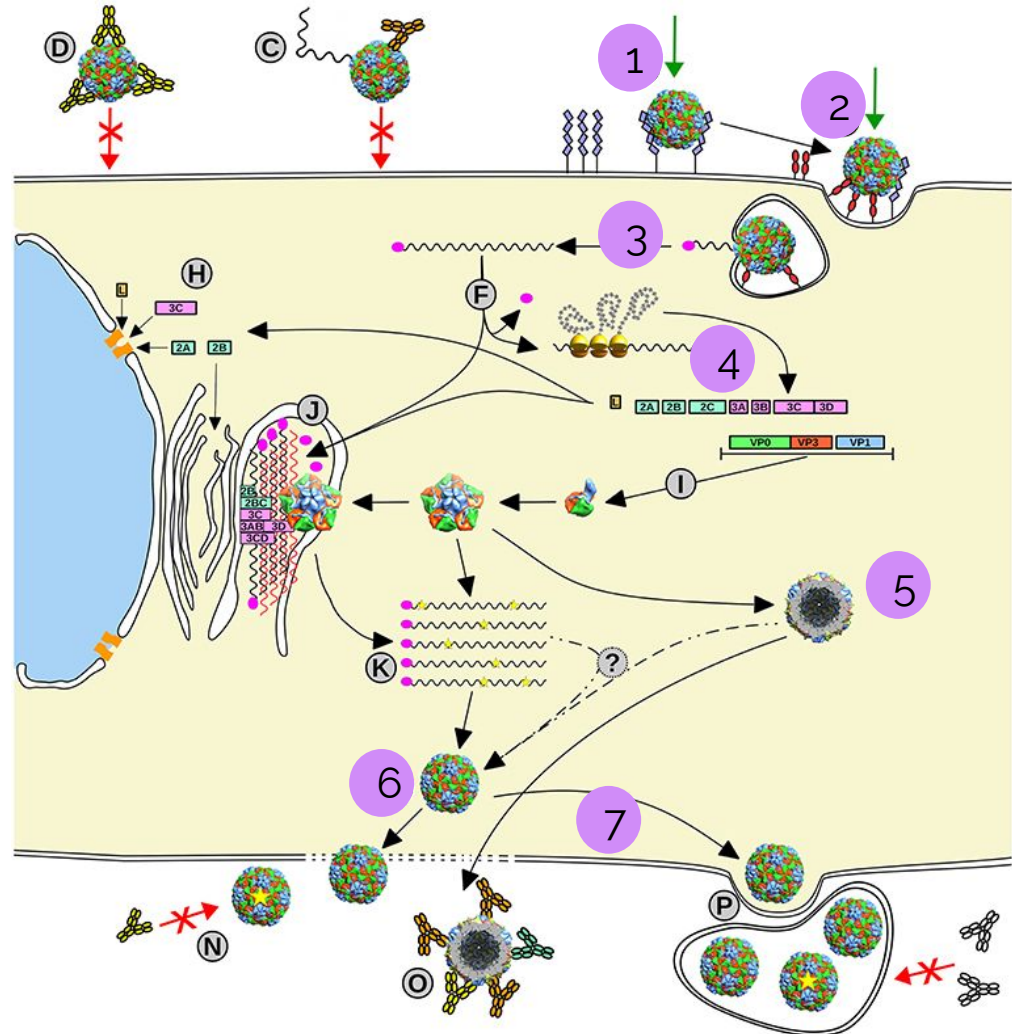


Figure 1. Life cycle of the Picornavirus life cycle. Adapted from Cifuentes J, Moratorio G (2019).

Phylogeny

Family

Picornaviridae

Genus

Enterovirus
Cardiovirus
Aphthovirus
Hepatovirus
Parechovirus
Erbovirus
Kobuvirus
Teschovirus
Senecavirus
Tremovirus
Avihepatovirus

A. P1 (capsid)

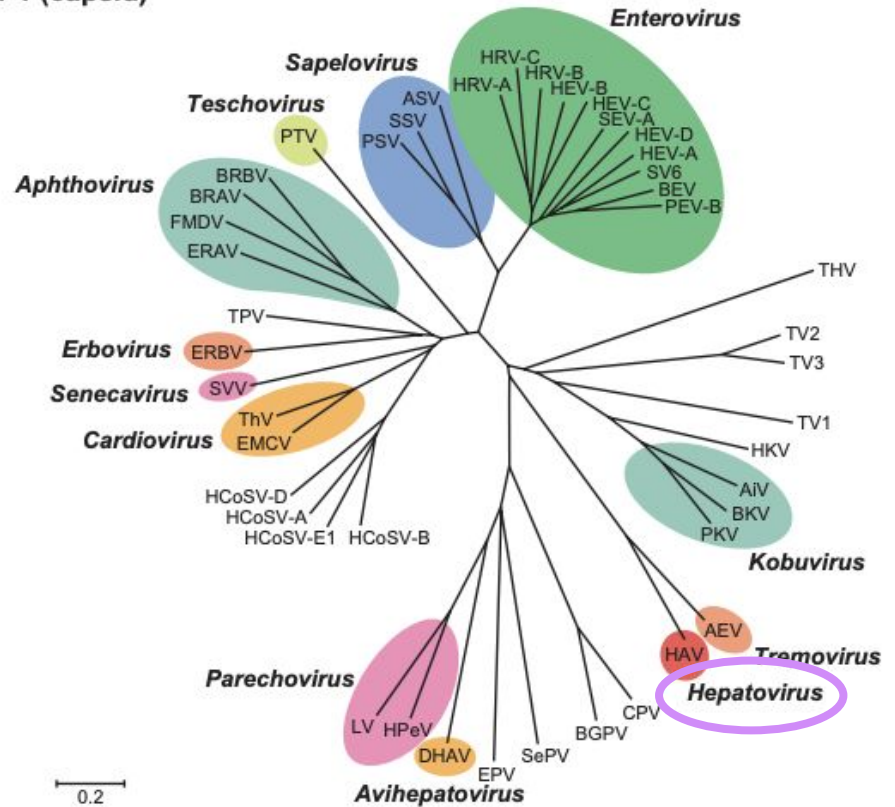
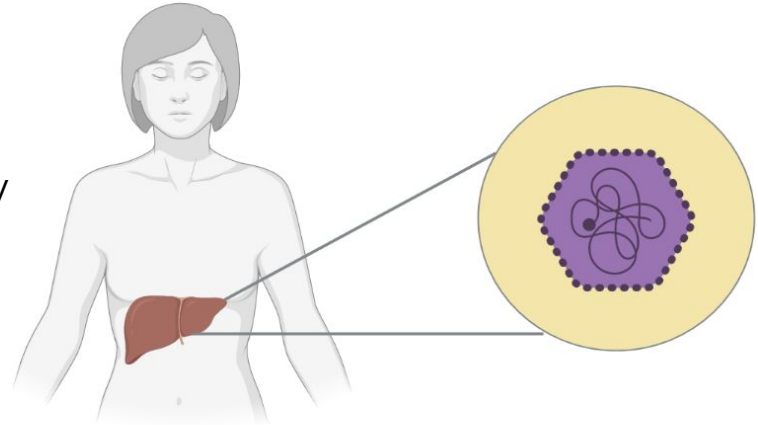


Figure 2. Phylogenetic trees showing the relationships between the genera, species and unclassified members of the family Picornaviridae regarding protein P1. Adapted from King, Lefkowitz, Adams & Carstens, 2011.

Clinical manifestations of Hepatitis A

- Liver disease caused by HAV (hepatitis A virus).
- Symptoms include: fever, loss of appetite, diarrhea, jaundice...
- Not chronic, rarely fatal
- Transmitted by contaminated food and water (by faeces of an infected individual) or oral-anal sex.



Worldwide distribution of Hepatitis A

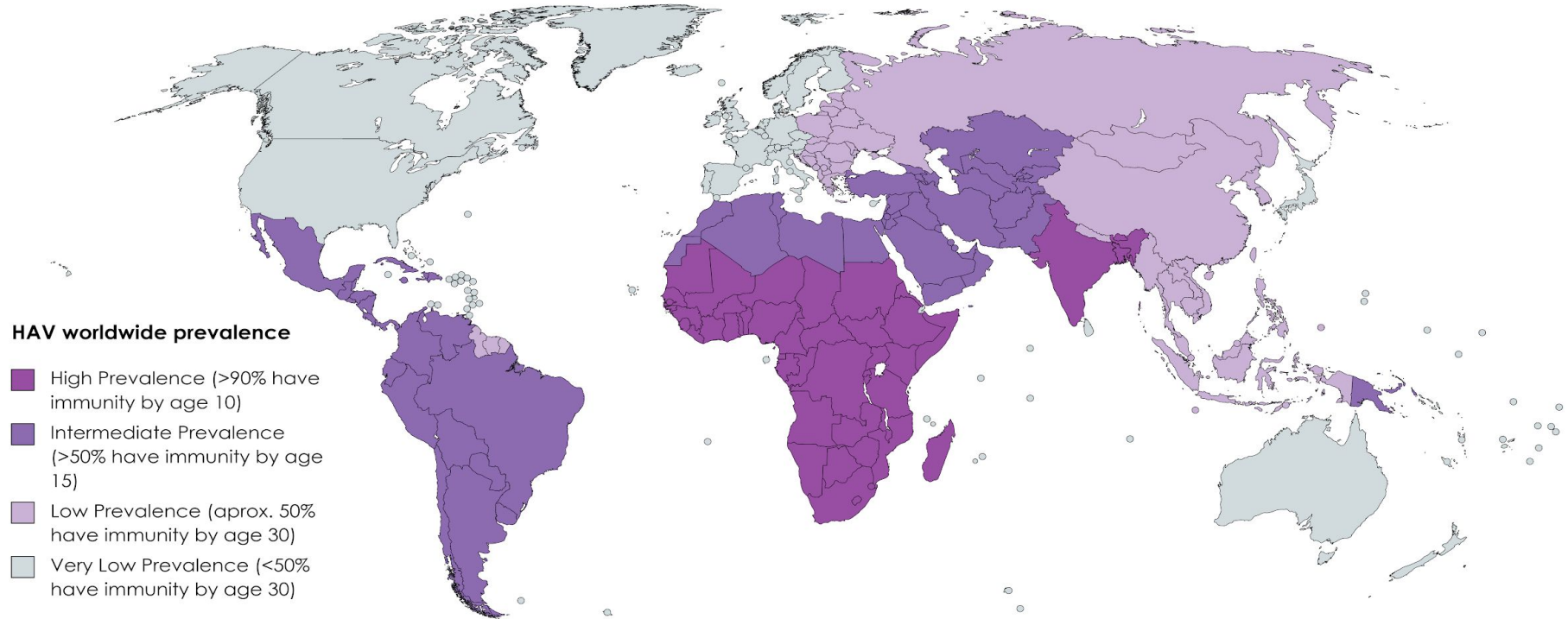
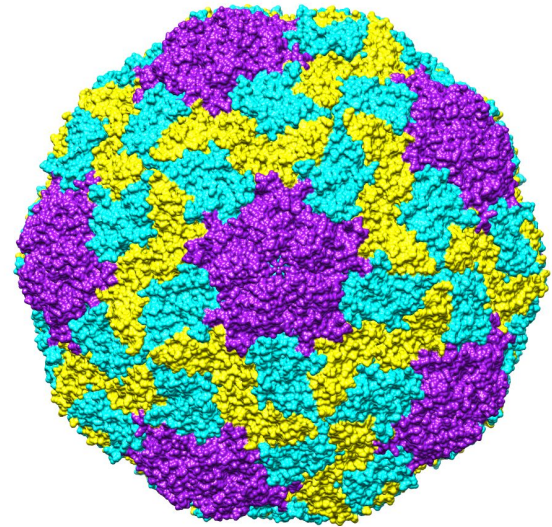


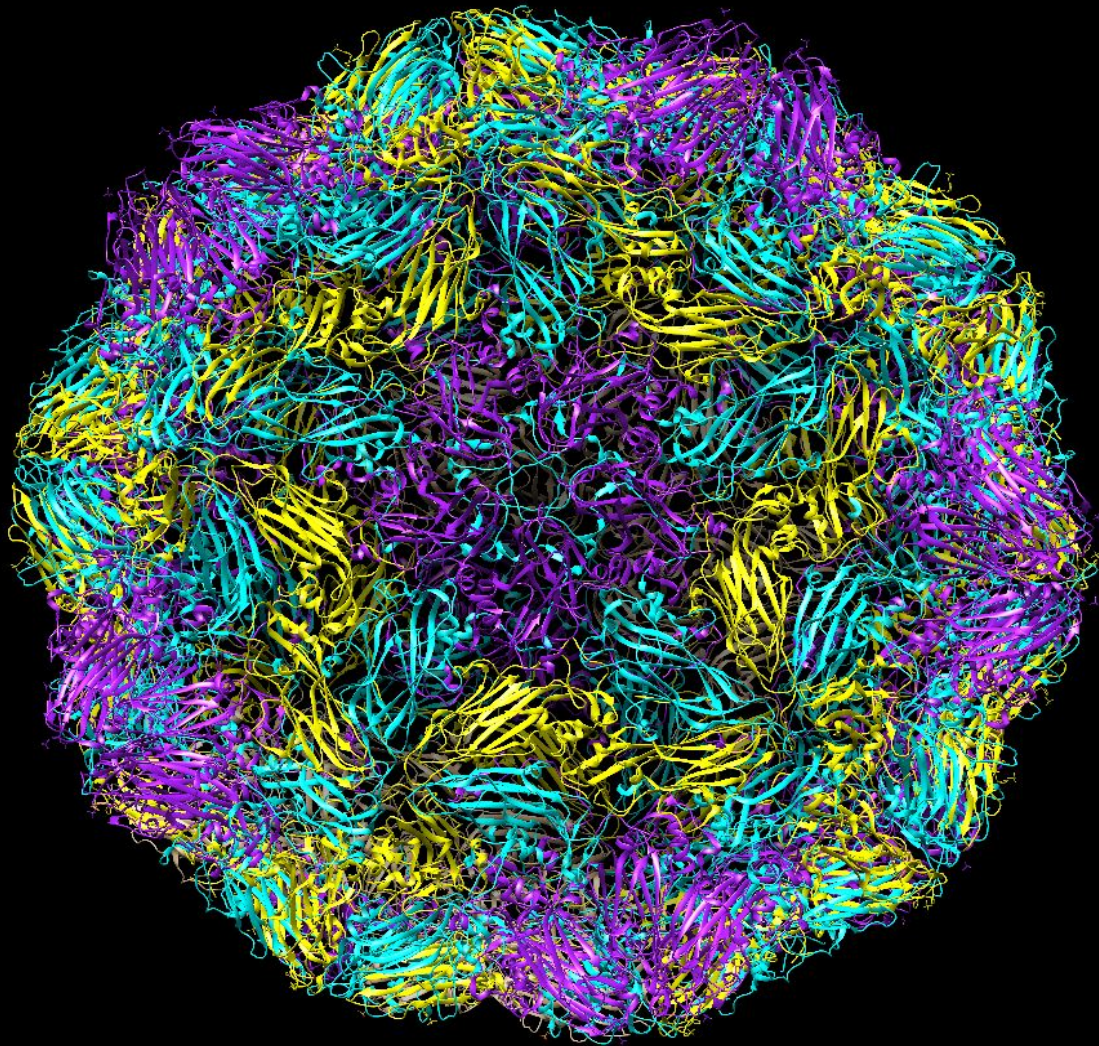
Figure 3. Hepatitis A (HAV) worldwide prevalence map. Adapted from Jacobsen K (2018) with MapChart.

HAV general characteristics

- Different properties than other picornaviruses
- It also exists in a quasi-enveloped form
- Can perform transcytosis (primitive-like)
- Highly stable
 - $T = 80\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
 - pH = as low as 2



CAPSID ASSEMBLY



Genomic organization of HAV

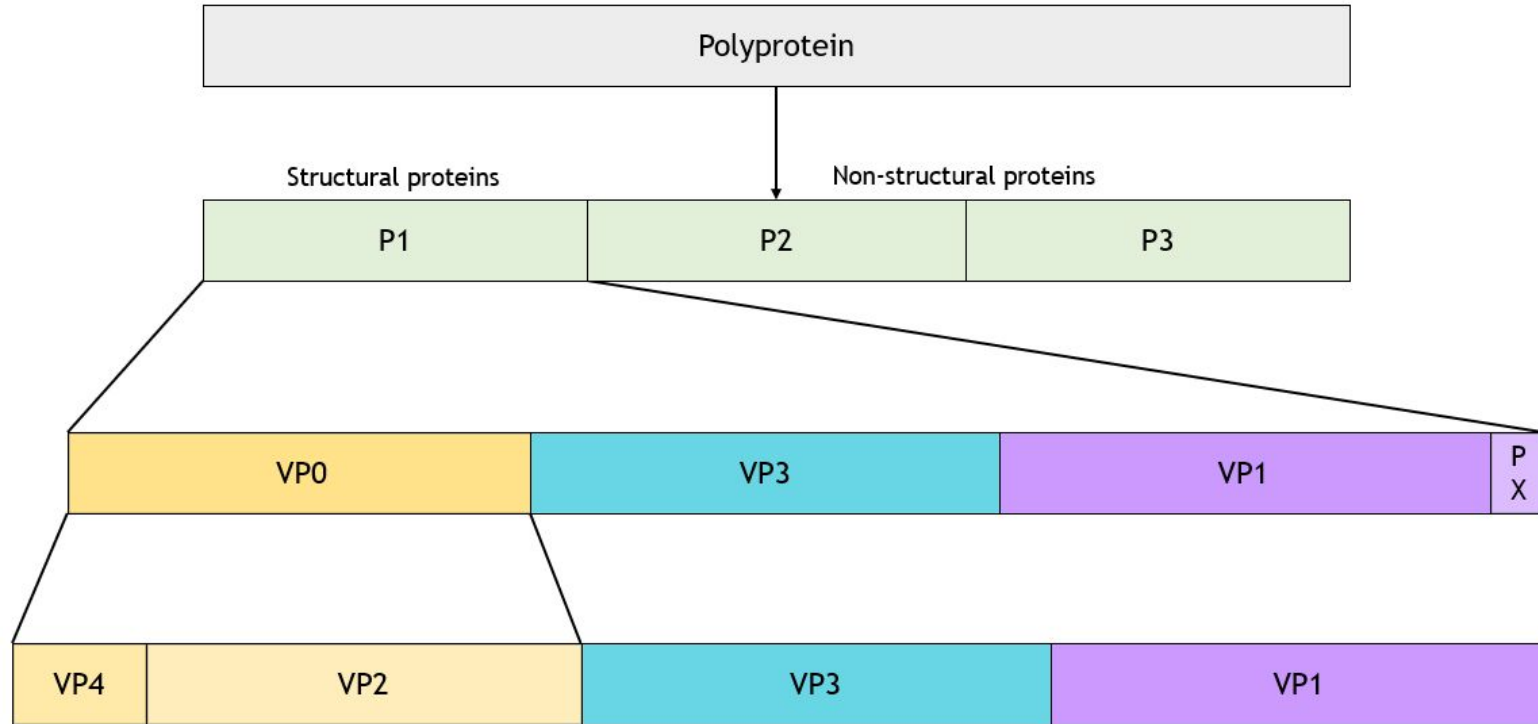


Figure 4. Organization of the hepatitis A virus (HAV) RNA genome and processing of the polyprotein. Adapted from McKnight et al, 2018.

VP0 cleavage → VP2, VP4



Residue 23



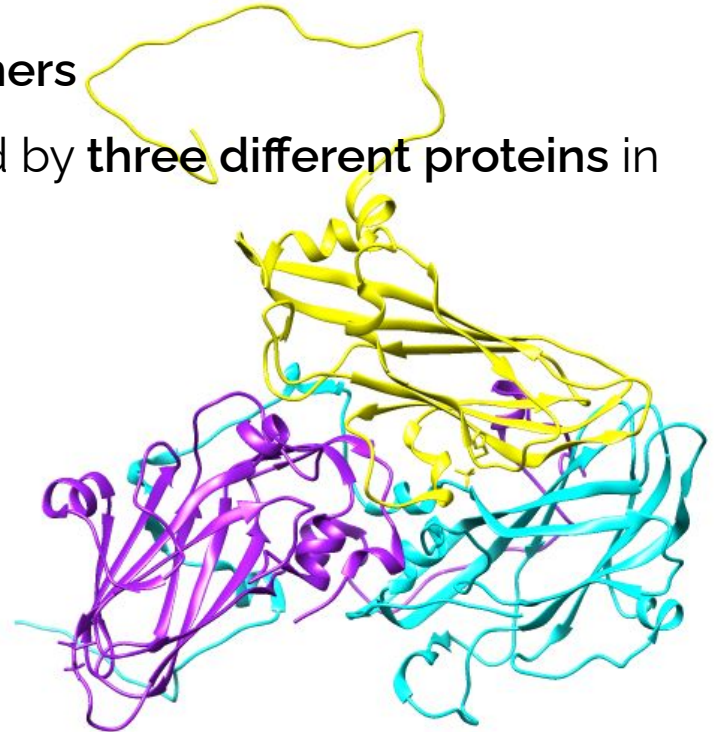
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51	61	71	81	91
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101	111	121	131	141
PFQQGGLICAMVPGDQSYGSIASLT VYPHGLLNCNINN VVR IKVPFIYTR				
151	161	171	181	191
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201				
PLST				

Autocatalytic cleavage

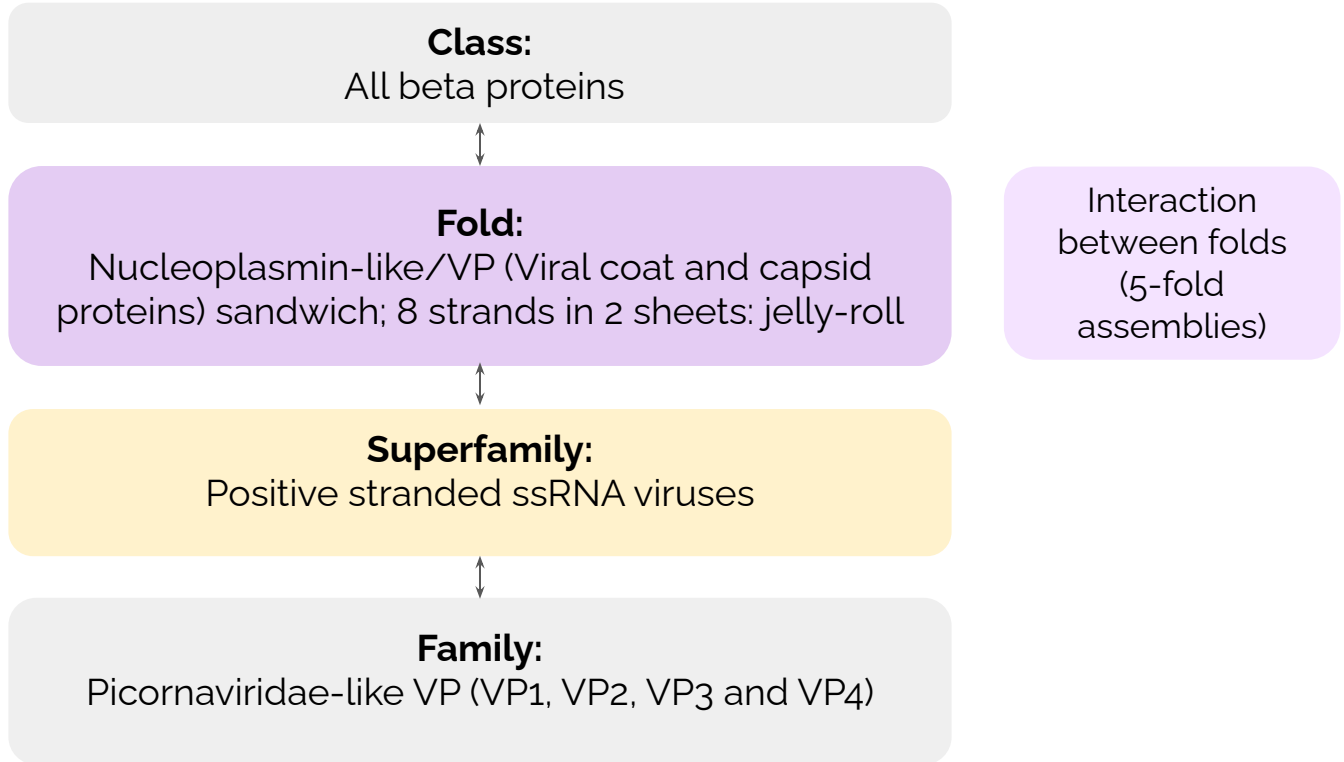
RNA-dependent (?)

HAV Capsid

- Icosahedral capsid formed by **60 asymmetric units**.
- These units assemble forming **12 pentamers**
- The asymmetric unit (protomer) is formed by **three different proteins** in the mature capsid:
 - Viral protein 1: **VP1 (225 residues)**
 - Viral protein 2: **VP2 (204 residues)**
 - Viral protein 3: **VP3 (246 residues)**
- **Pseudo T = 3** arrangement.



SCOP Classification



Viral Protein 1 (VP1)

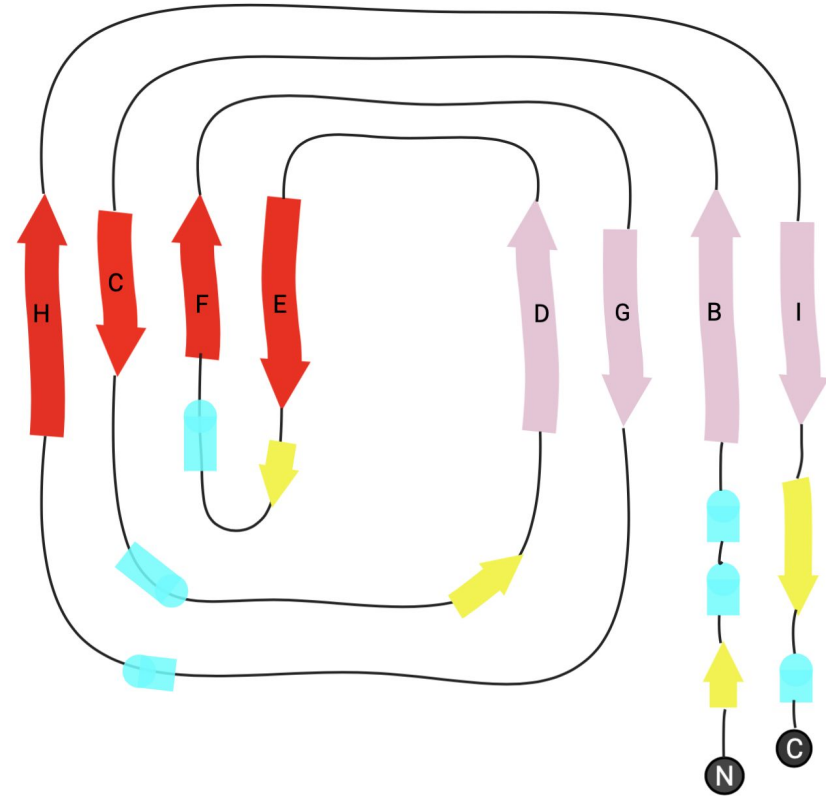
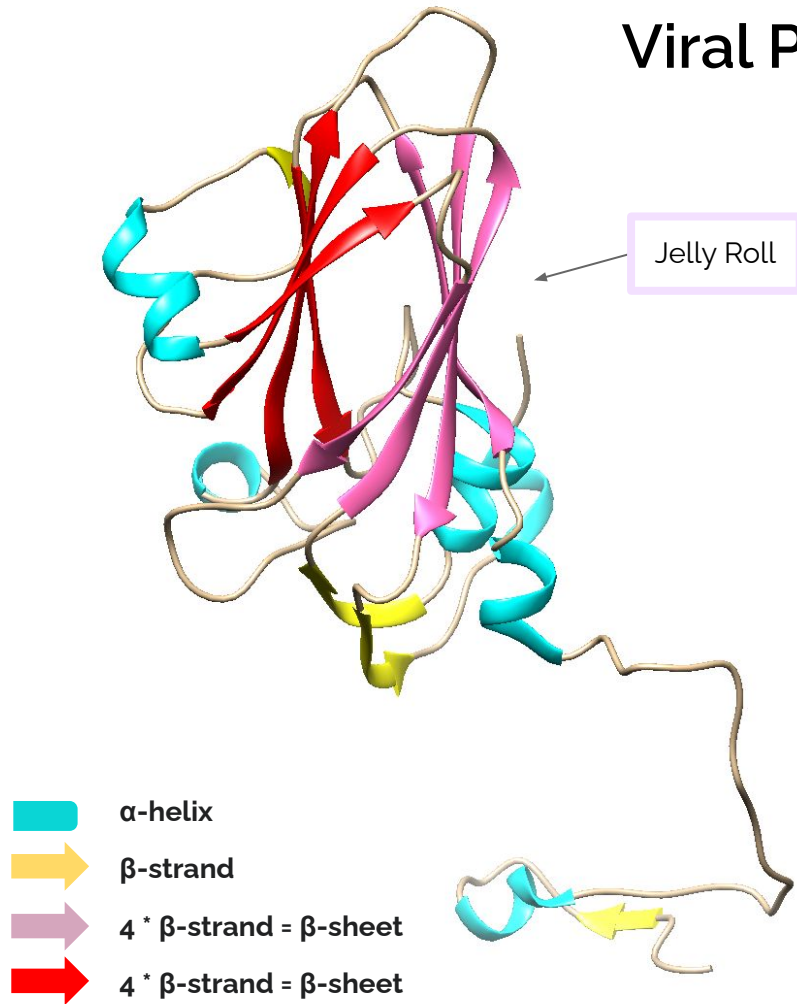


Figure 5. Topological diagram of VP1 from HAV.

Viral Protein o (VPo = VP4+VP2)

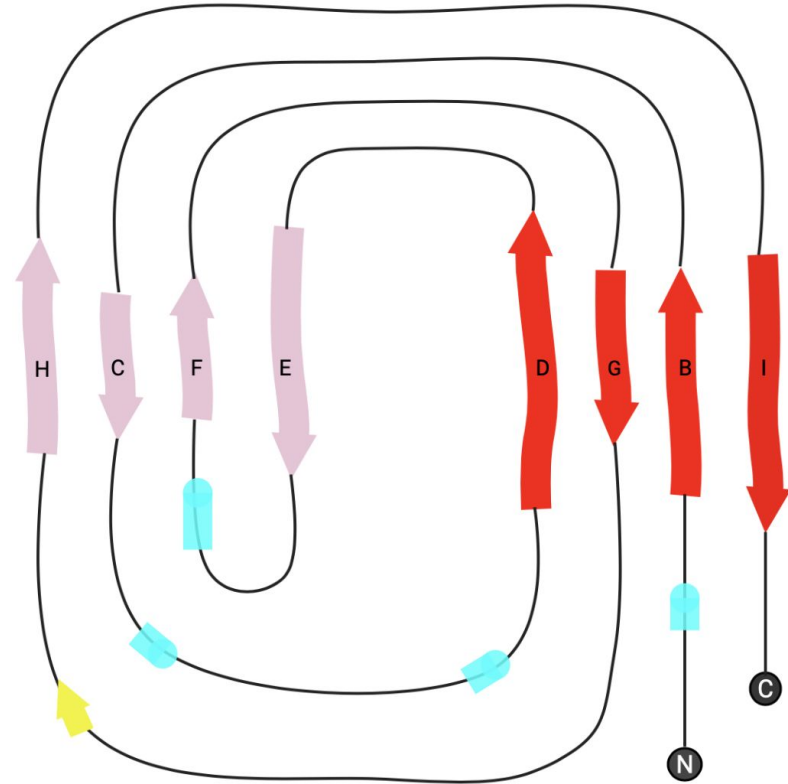
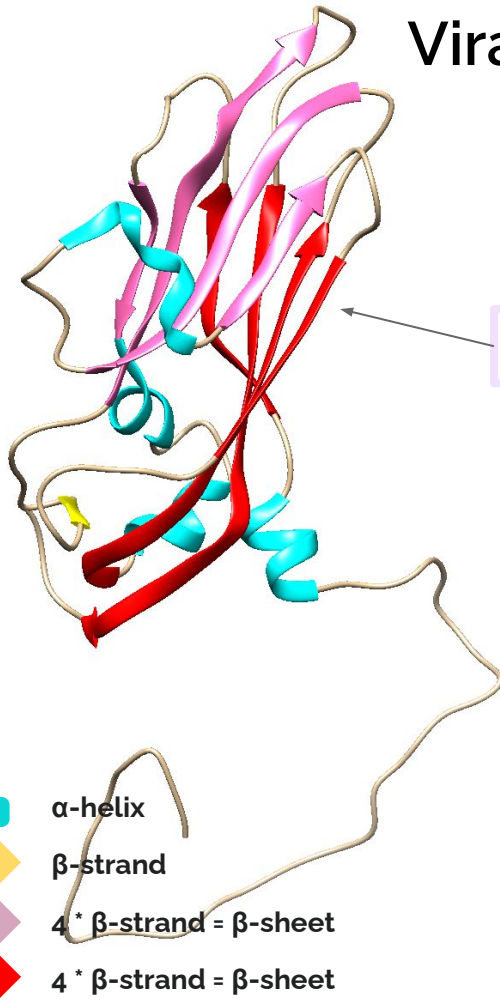


Figure 6. Topological diagram of VPo from HAV.

Viral Protein 3 (VP3)

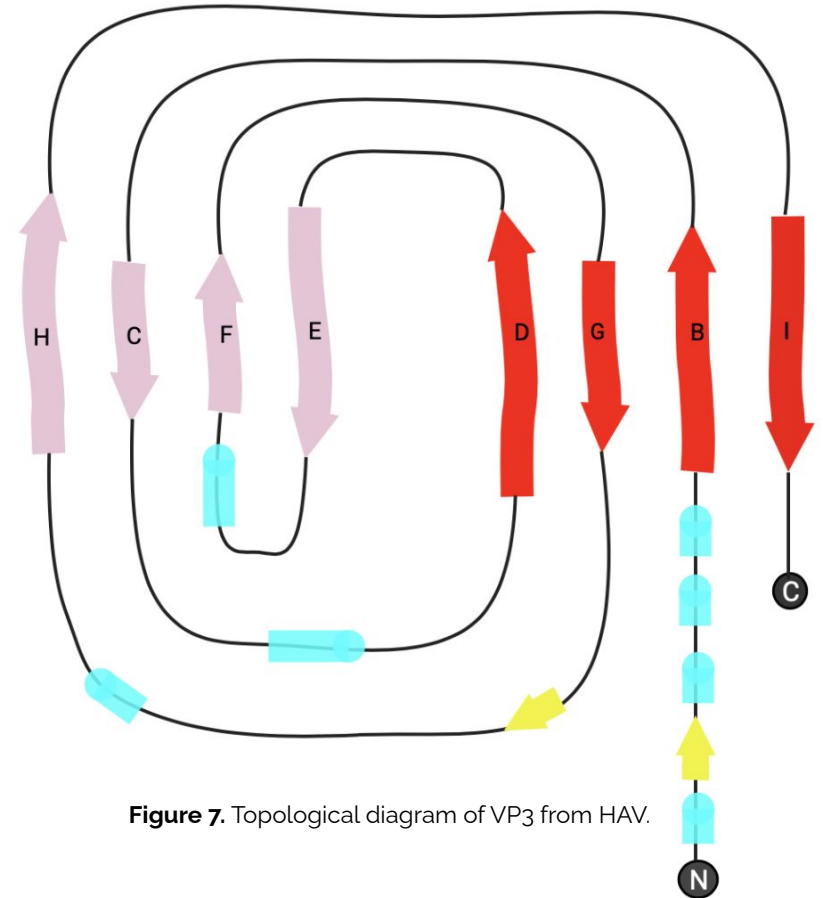
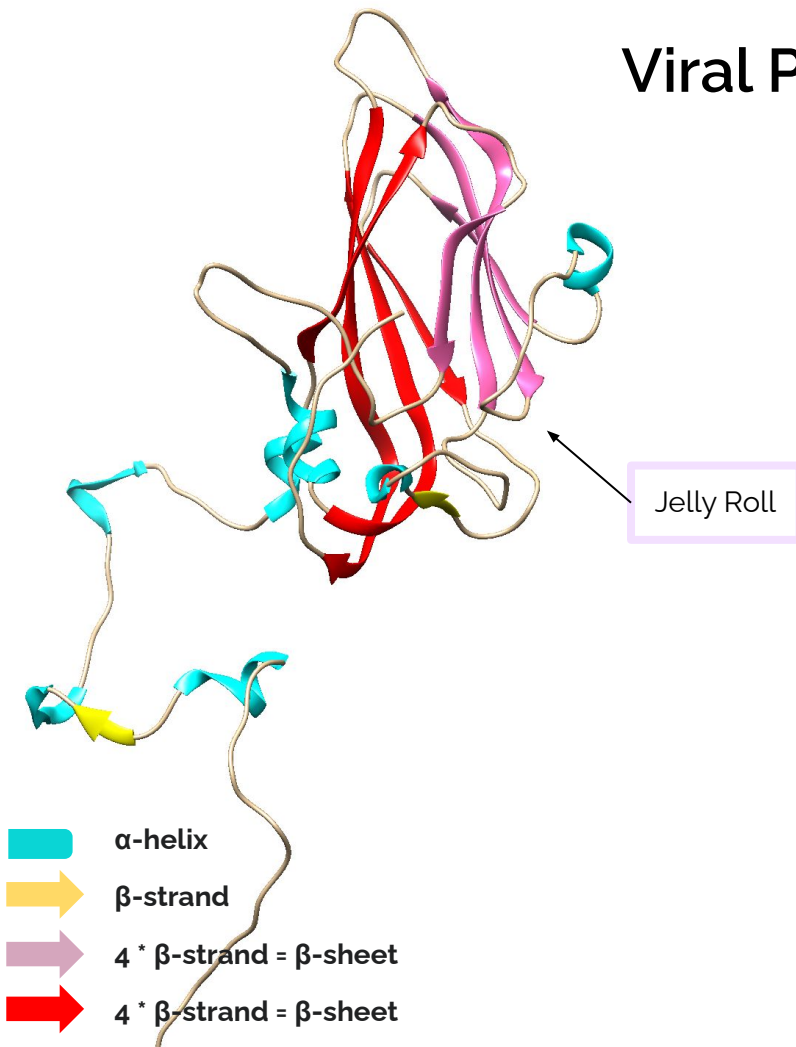


Figure 7. Topological diagram of VP3 from HAV.

Representation of VP loops





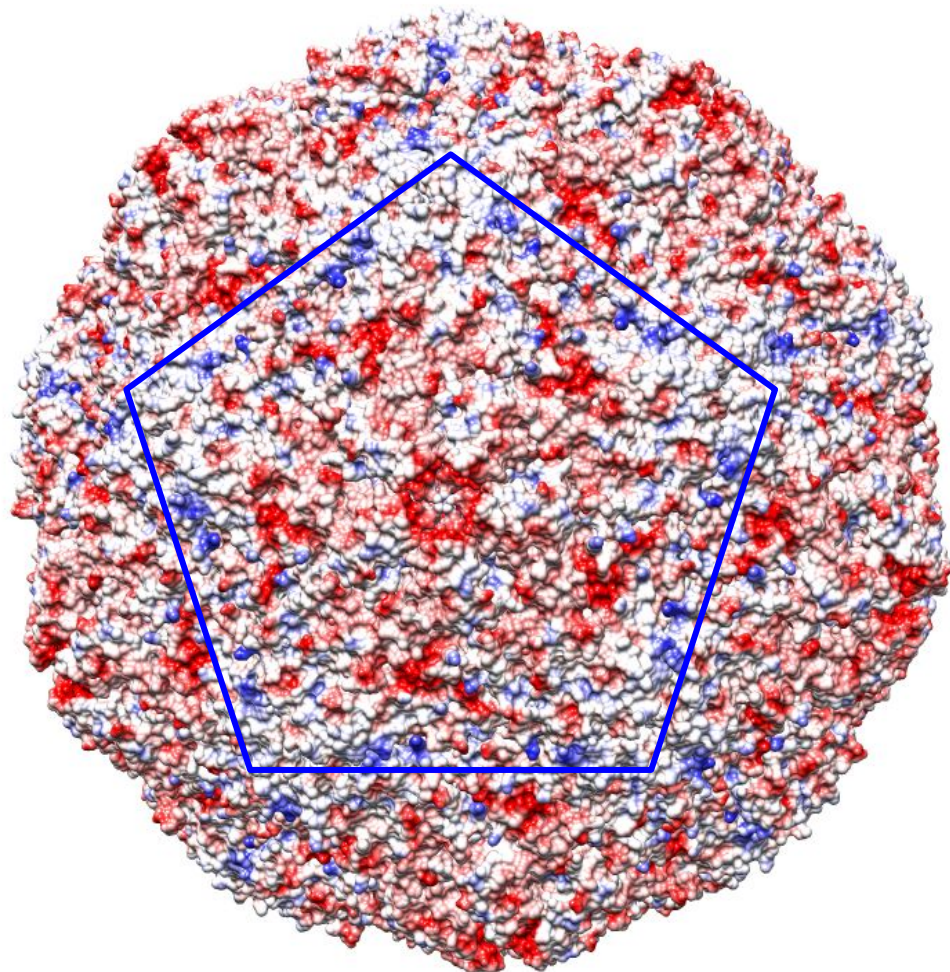
Viral Proteins Superimposition



Electrostatic potential

HAV surface appears to be more negatively charged, but the fringes between pentamers have positive charge.

-  Negative charges
-  Positive charges



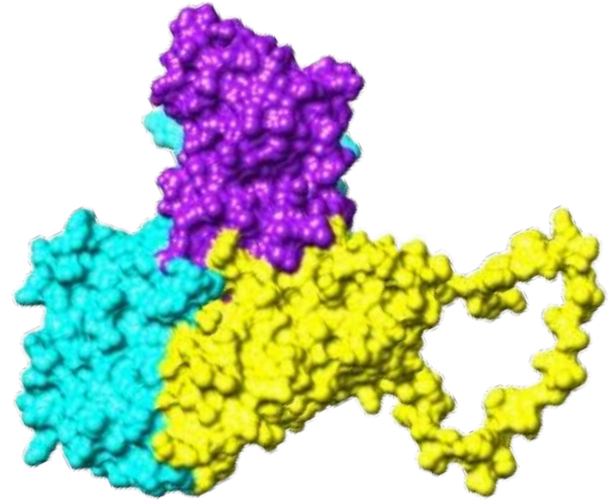
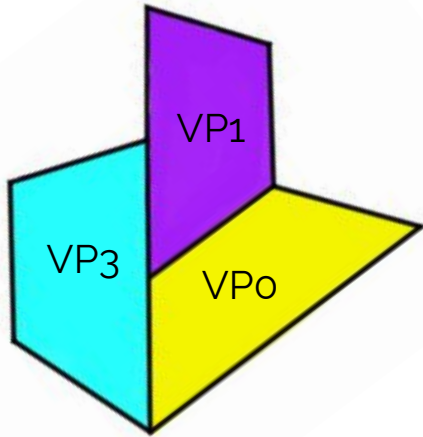
Electrostatic potential, Coulombic Surface Coloring

Capsid assembly: global vision

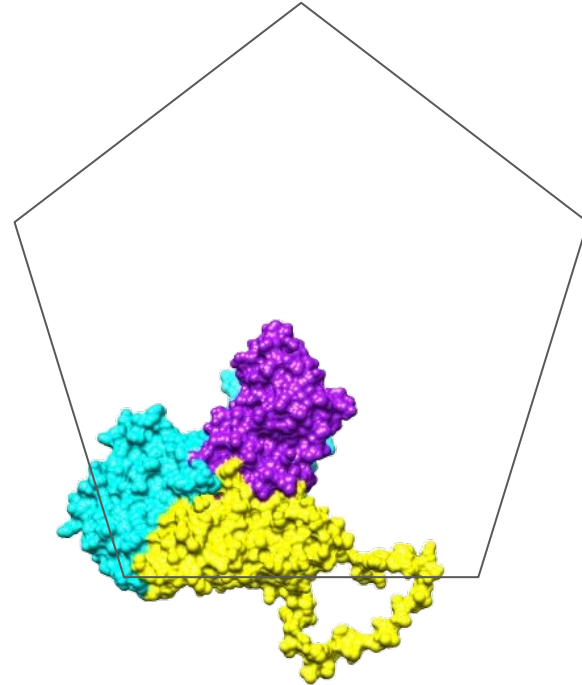
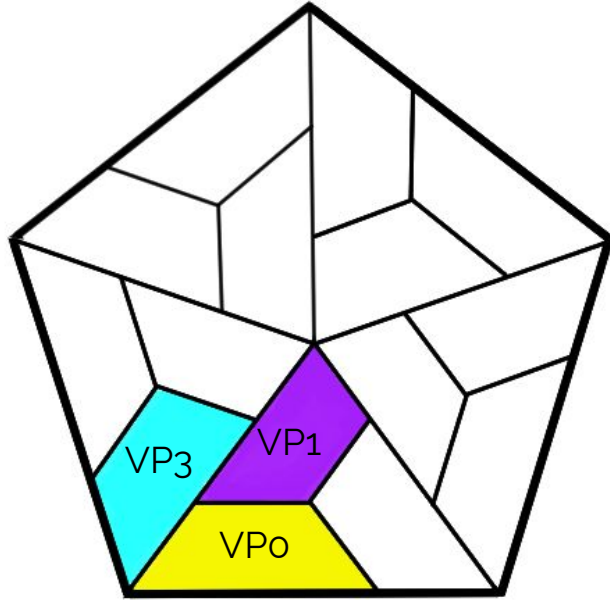
- 1) 5S Protomer: (VP₀, VP₁, VP₃)
- 2) 14S Pentamer: (VP₀, VP₁, VP₃)₅
- 3) 75S Empty Capsid: [(VP₀, VP₁, VP₃)₅]₁₂
- 4) *Preprovirion* [(VP₀, VP₃, VP₁-pX)₅]₁₂RNA
- 5) *Provirion*: [(VP₀, VP₁, VP₃)₅]₁₂RNA
- 6) *Mature Virions*: [(VP₄, VP₂, VP₃, VP₁)₅]₁₂RNA

Capsid assembly likely follows a **dodecahedral pathway**

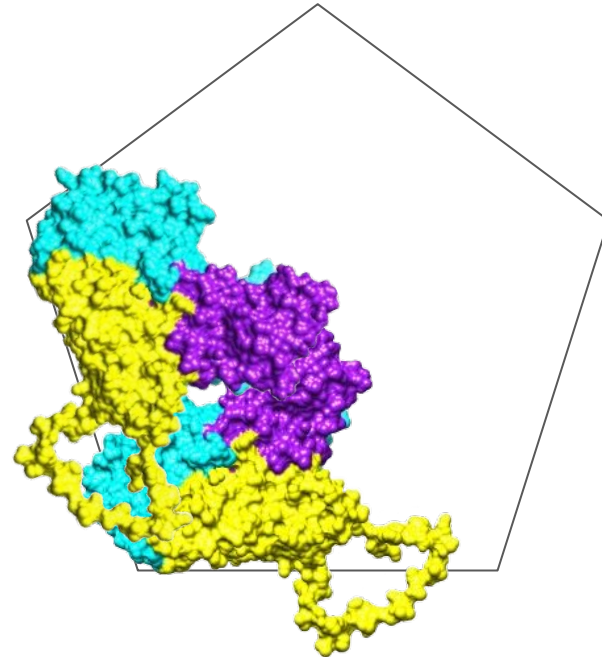
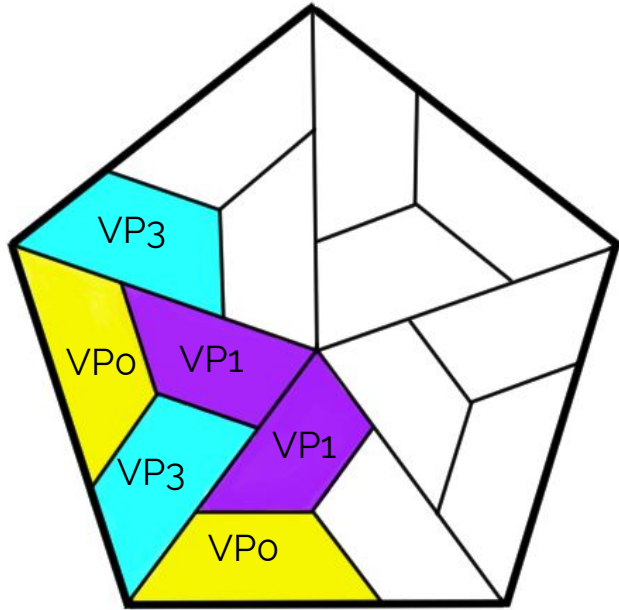
Capsid assembly: **5S Protomer**: (VP0, VP1, VP3)



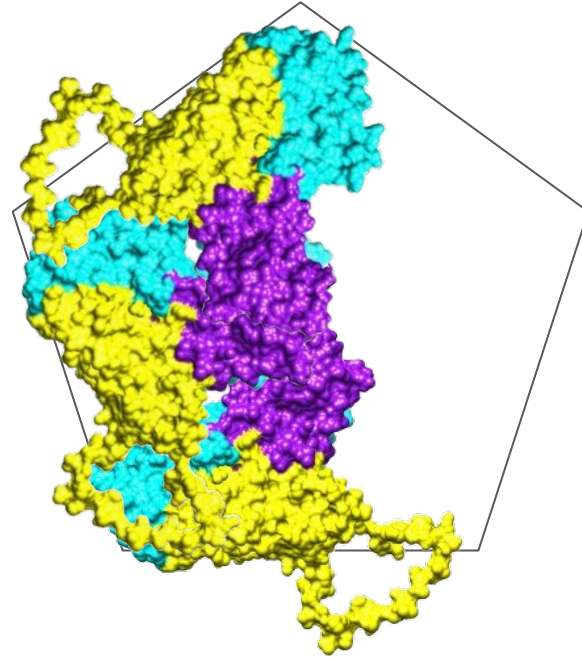
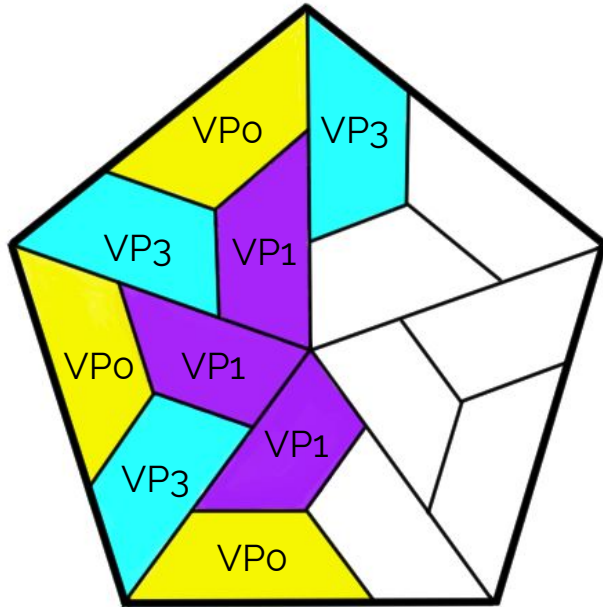
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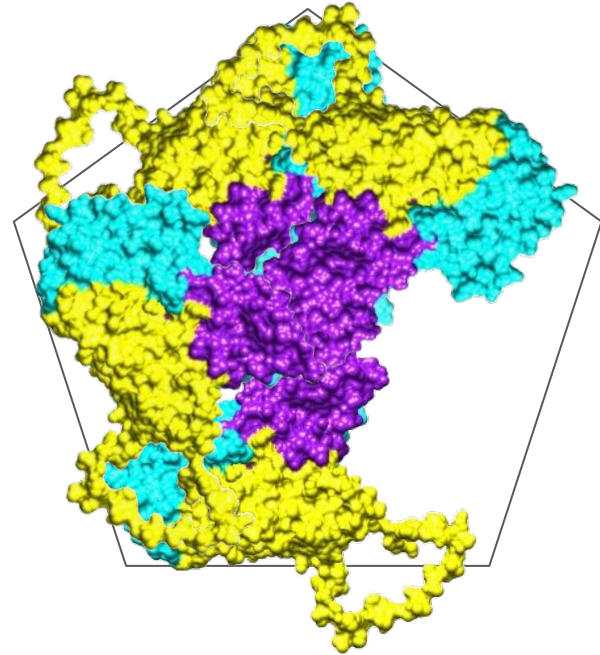
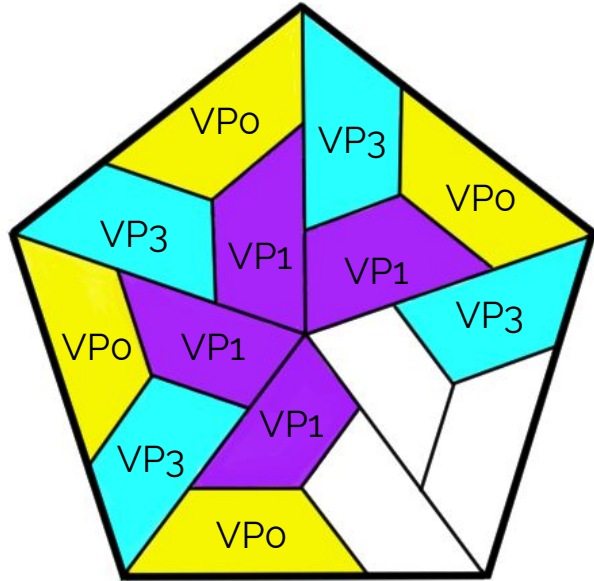
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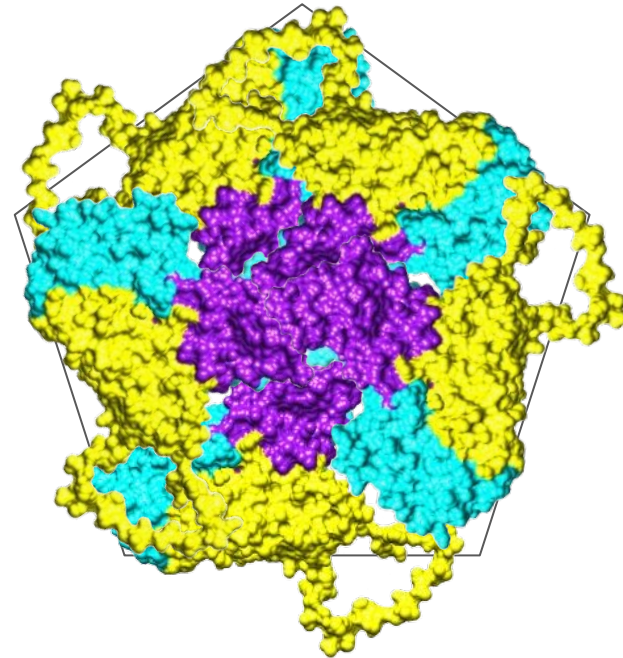
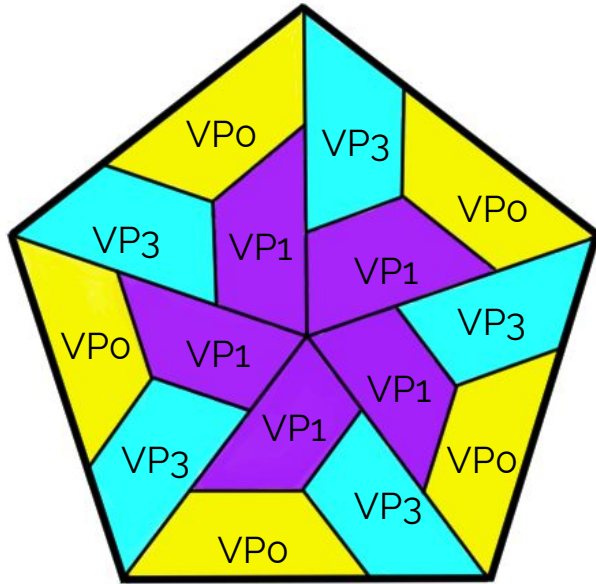
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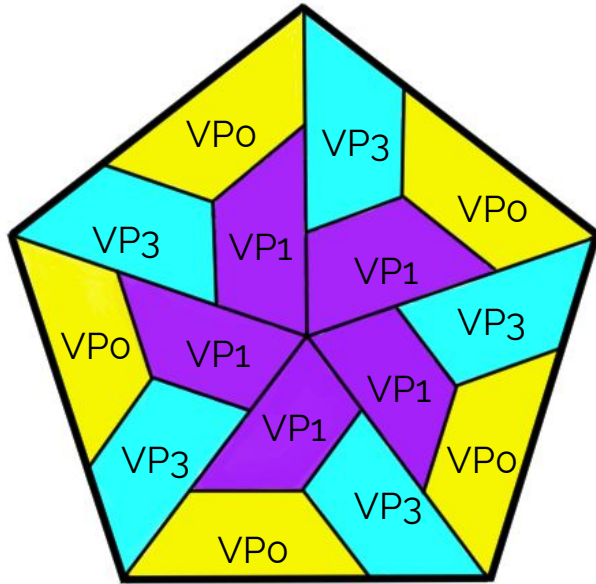
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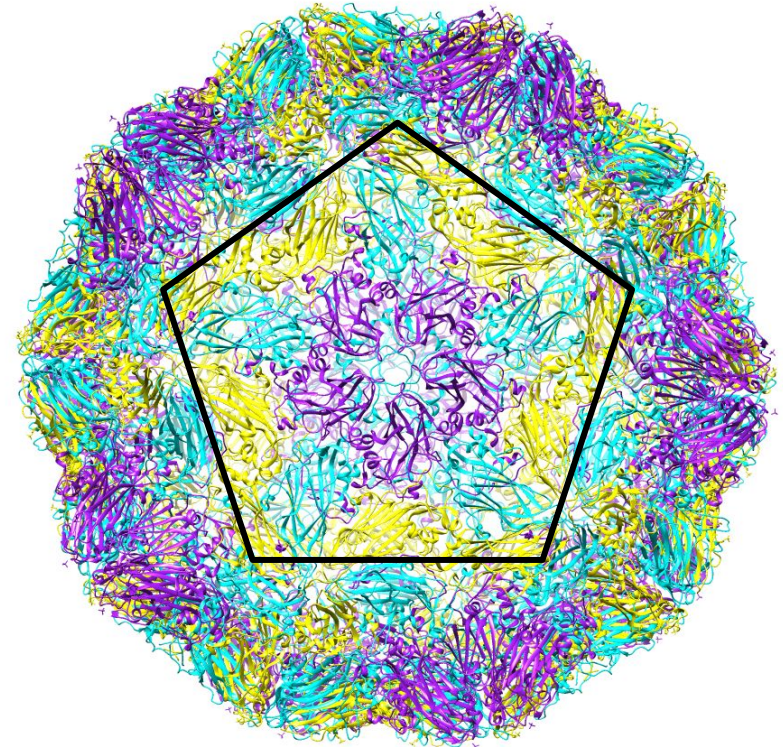
Capsid assembly: 14S Pentamer: (VPo, VP1, VP3)₅



Capsid assembly: 75S Empty Capsid: [(VPo, VP1, VP3)₅]₁₂



x12 =

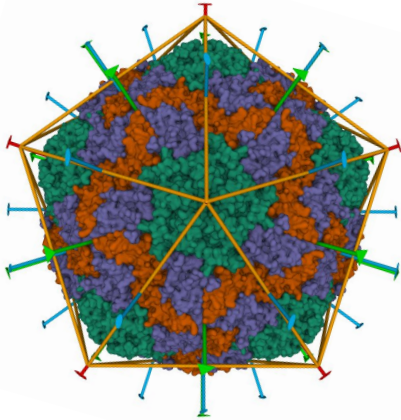


12 pentamers form the capsid

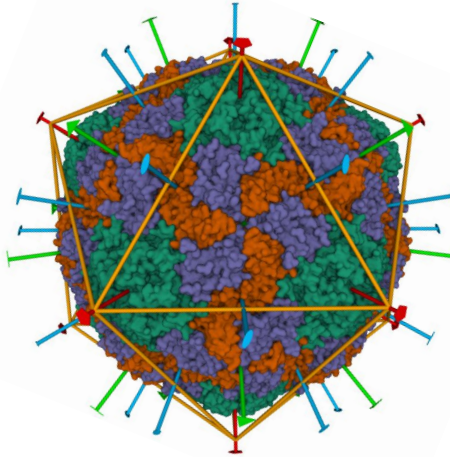
Capsid Symmetry

The association of protomers to form the icosahedral particle defines **3 symmetry axes**

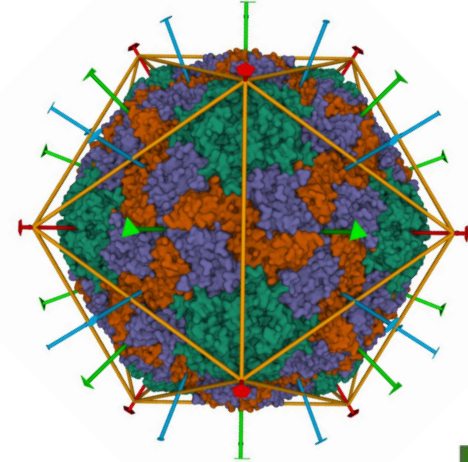
5-fold axis



3-fold axis

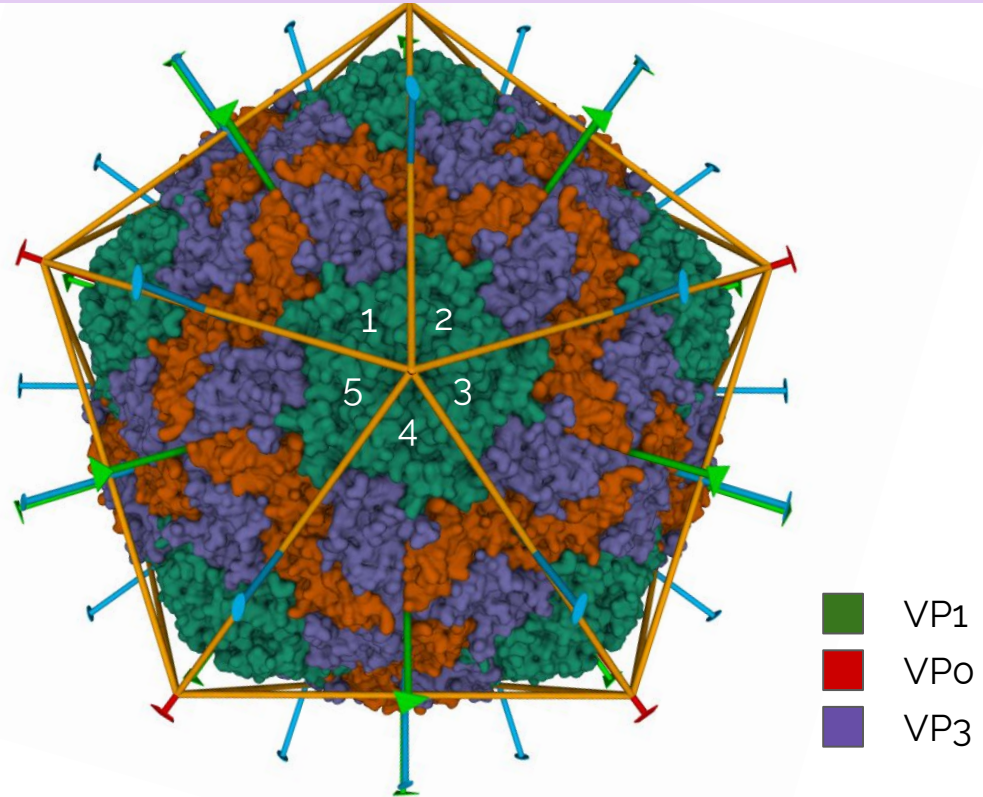


2-fold axis

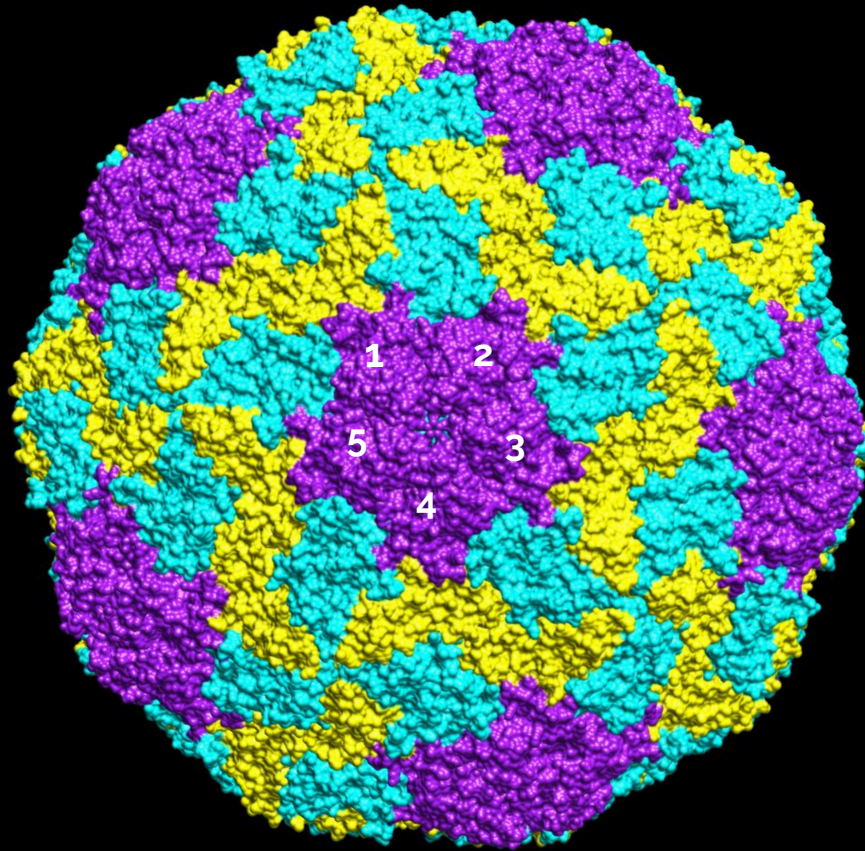


Capsid Symmetry: 5-fold axis

5 copies of VP1 assemble in the five-fold axis



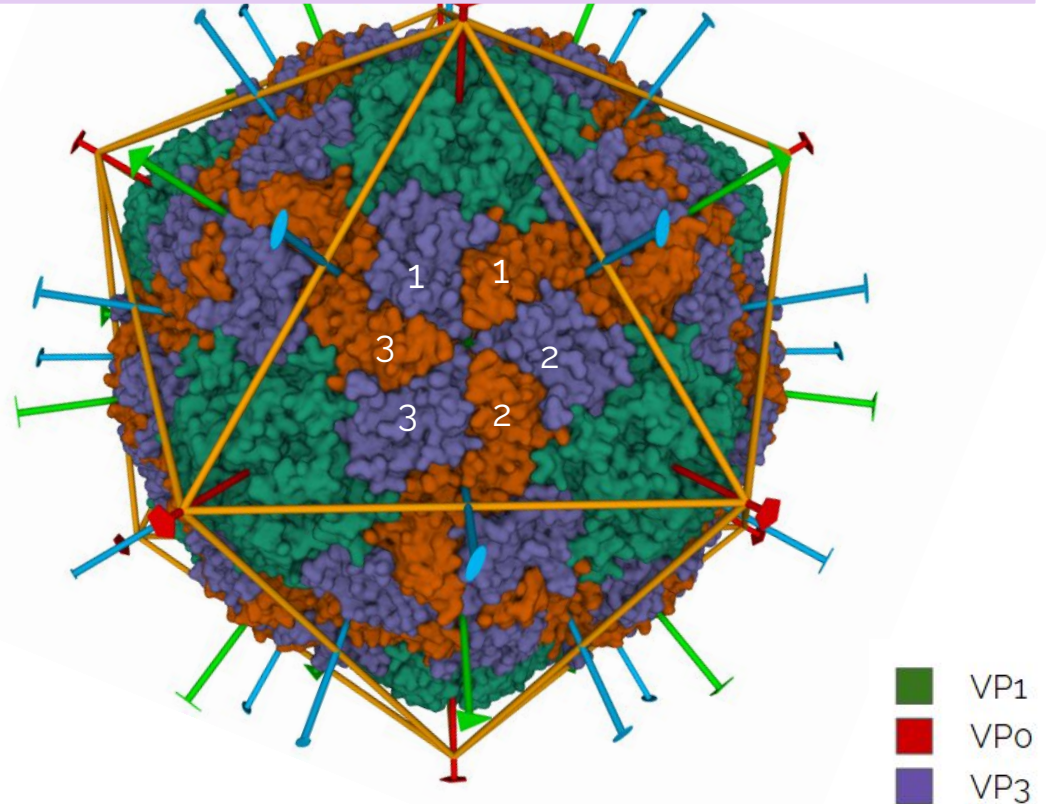
5-fold axis



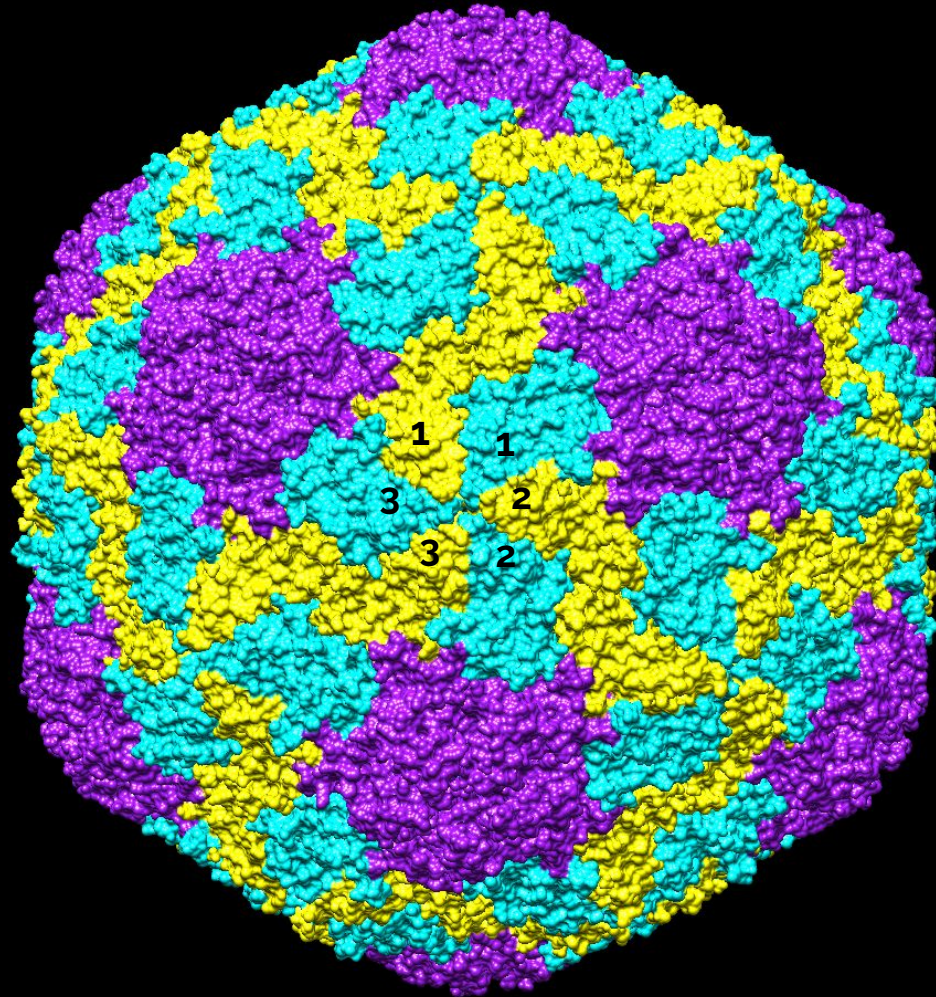
VP1
VP0
VP3

Capsid Symmetry: 3-fold axis

3 alternate copies of **VP0 (VP2)**
and **VP3** assemble in the 3 fold
axis



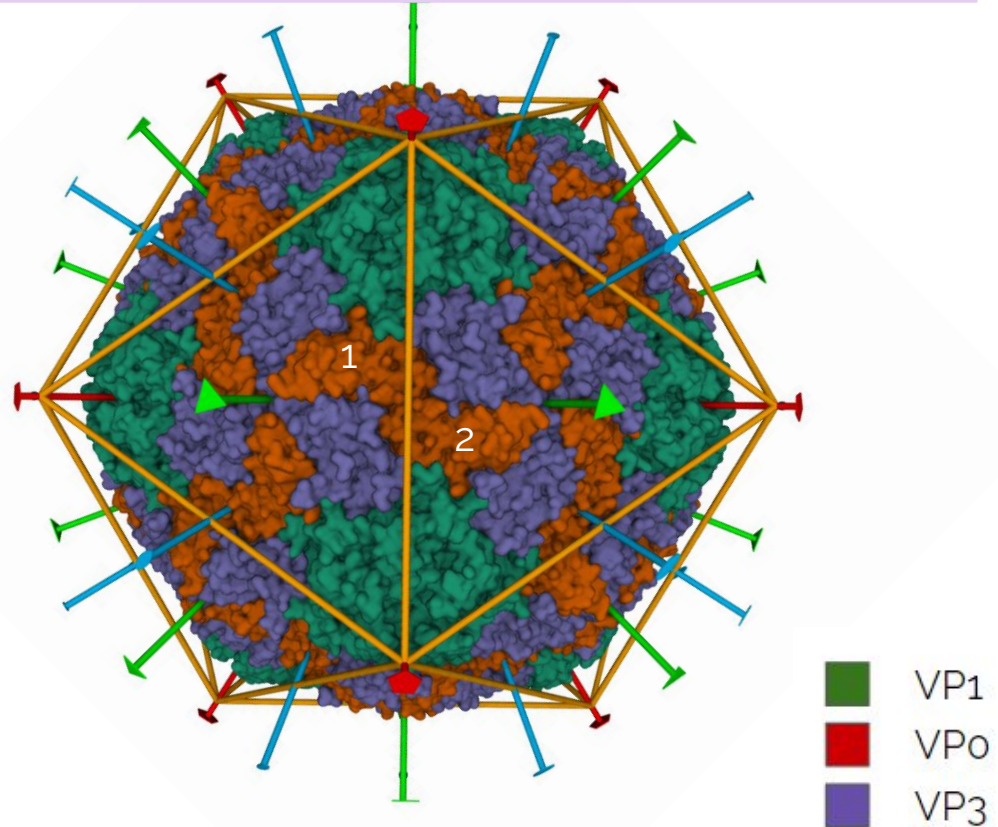
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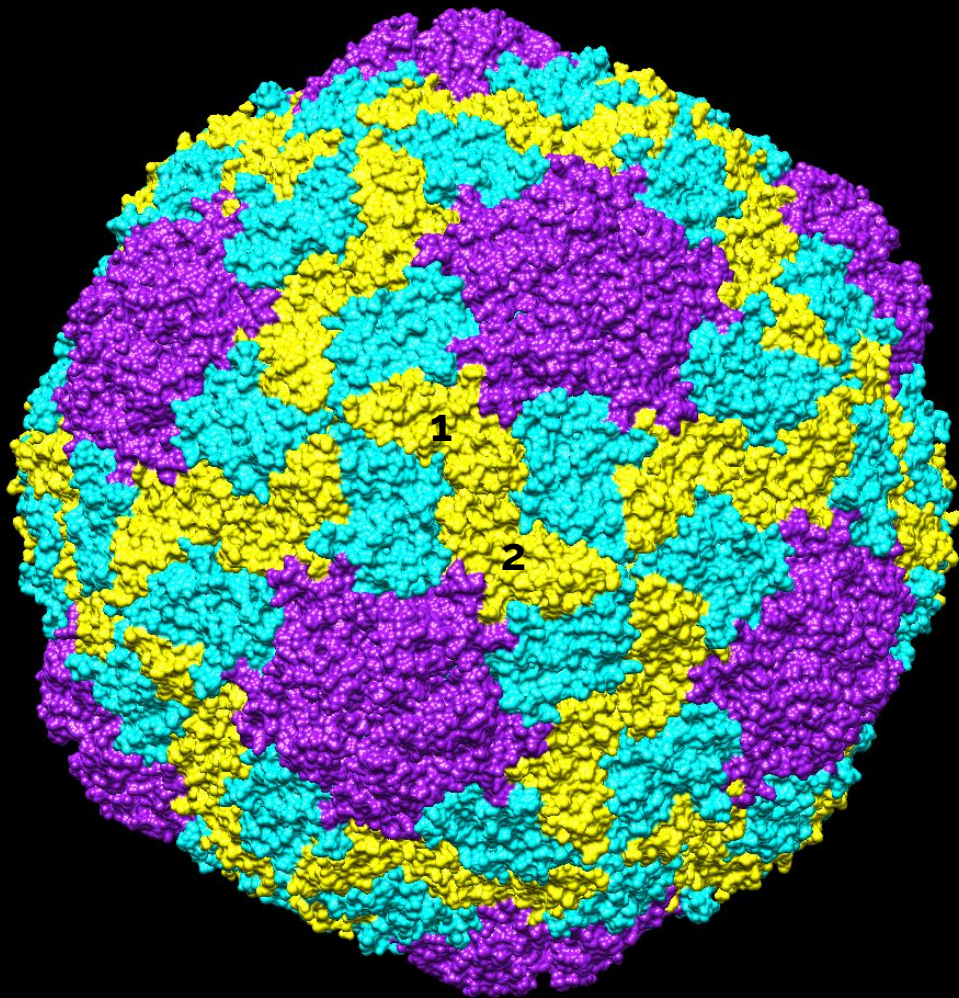
VP1
VP0
VP3

Capsid Symmetry: 2-fold axis

2 copies of **VPo (VP2)** lean on each other in the 2-fold axis assembly

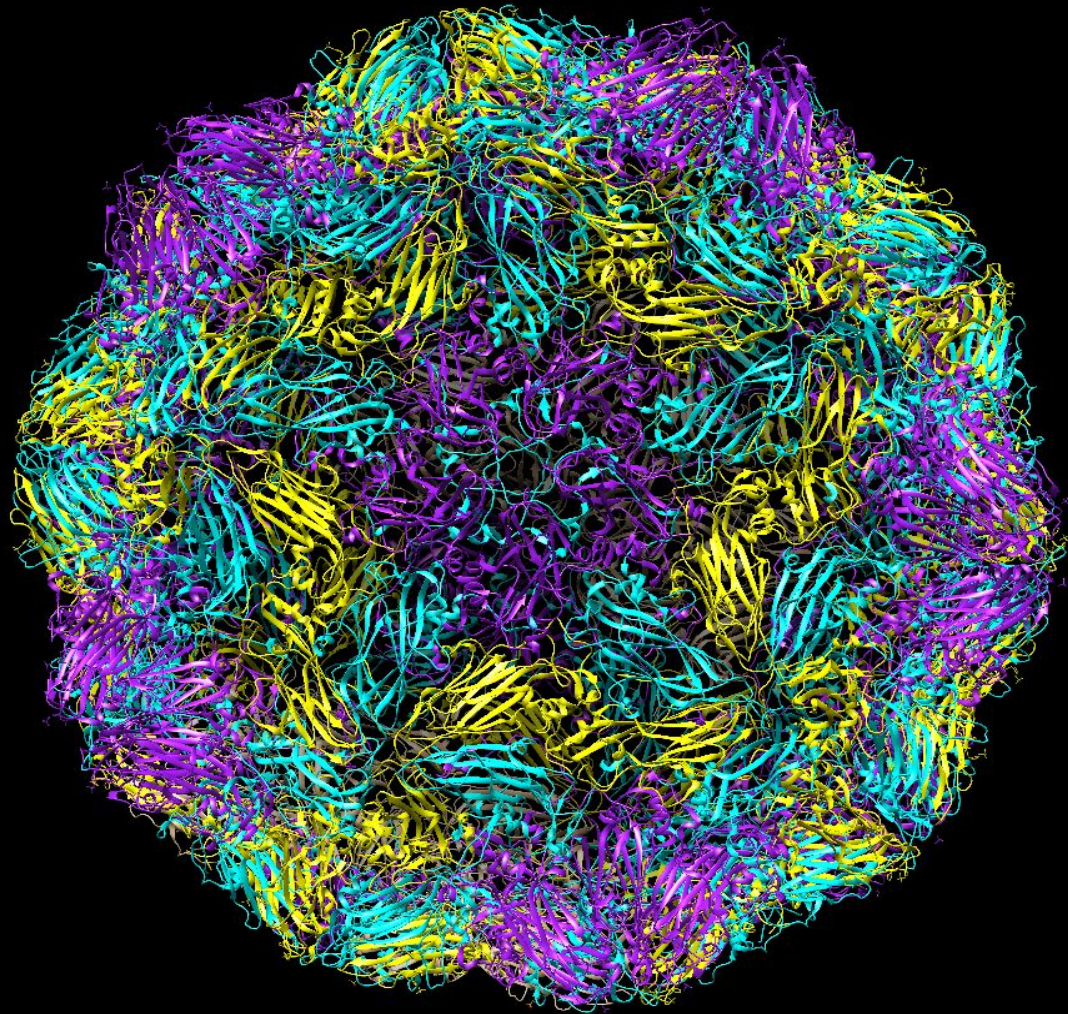


2-fold axis



VP1
VP0
VP3

CAPSID FEATURES



General features of picornavirus capsid

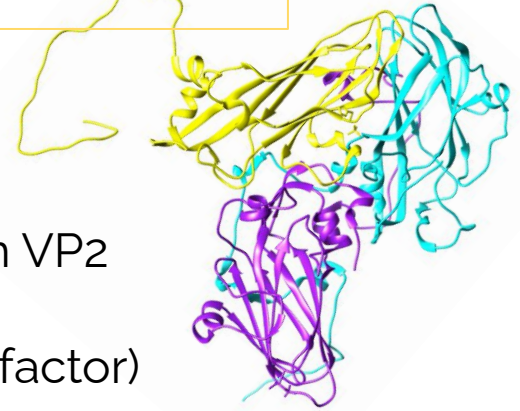
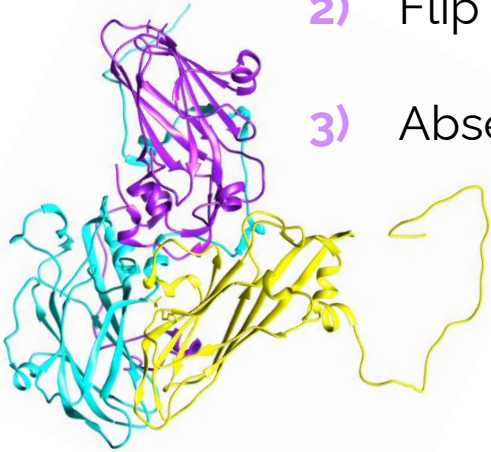
Main characteristics of picornavirus capsid	Does HAV share these characteristics?
VP1–3 adopt an eight-stranded antiparallel “ β -barrel” fold.	✓
Some picornavirus have a depression called ‘canyon’	✗
Some picornavirus have a hydrophobic pocket in VP1.	✗
They present several loops in their structure	✓

The differences in the loops are what distinguishes the several picornaviruses

Characteristic features of HAV

What distinguishes HAV from the other picornaviruses?

- 1) Absence of canyon
- 2) Flip in the ψ torsion angle of residue 53 in VP2
- 3) Absence of hydrophobic pocket (pocket factor)



Absence of canyon

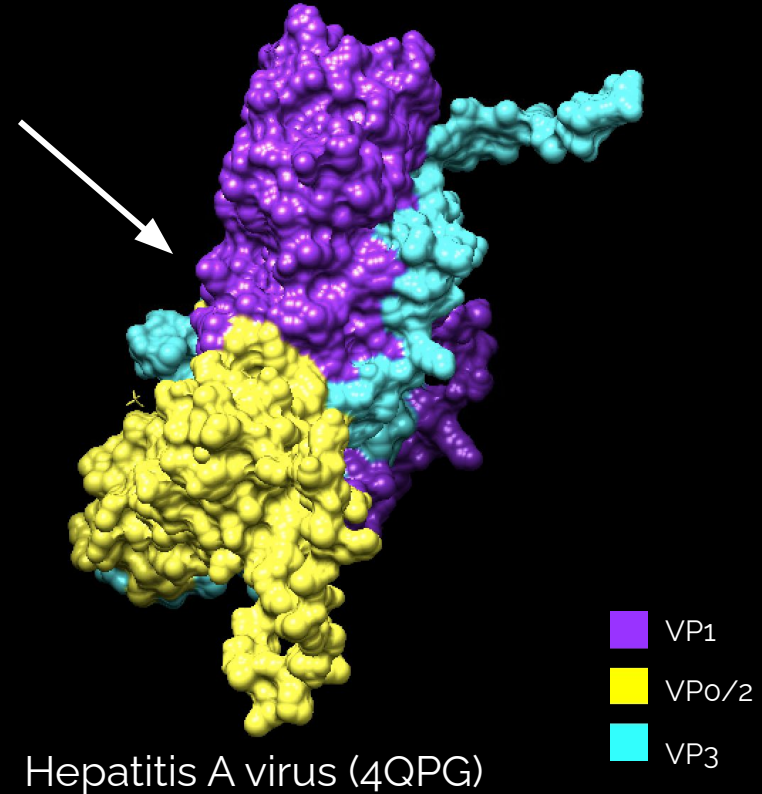
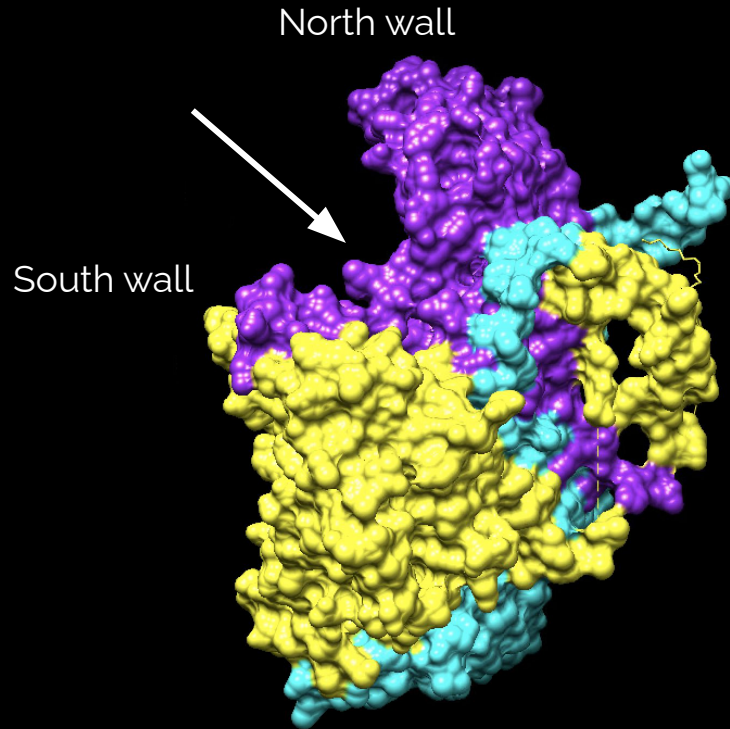
The surface of HAV capsid has **no canyon** compared with other picornavirus.



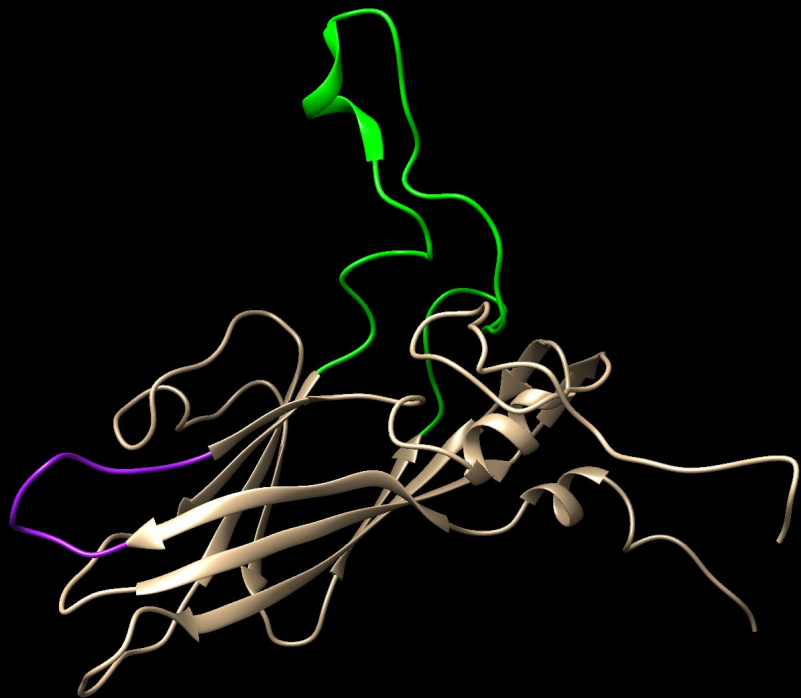
Why is that?

North wall lowers → BC loop of VP1 shortens
South wall disappears → EF VP2 loop and GH VP1 loop get reduced

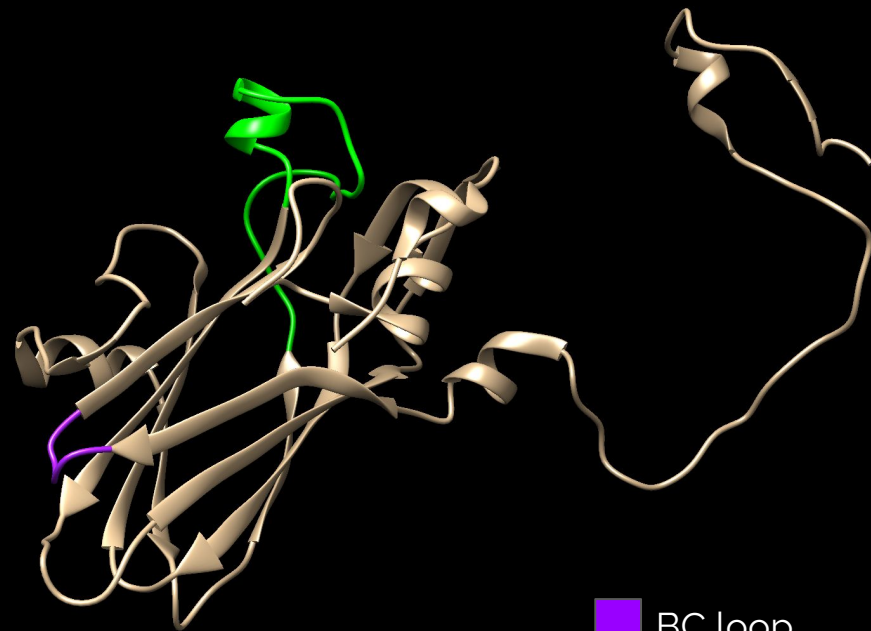
HAV presents no canyon



VP1 BC and GH loops



Poliovirus (1POV)



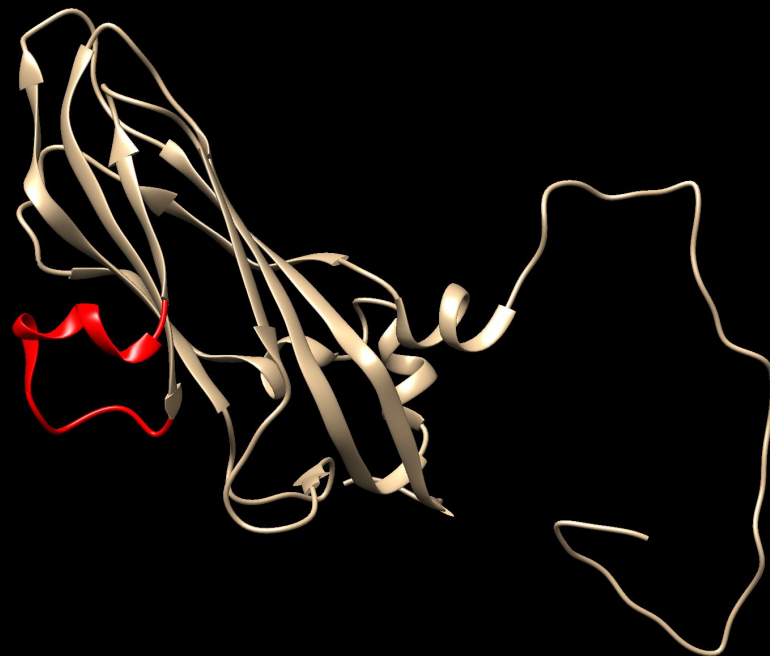
Hepatitis A virus (4QPG)

BC loop
GH loop

VP2 EF loop



Poliovirus (1POV)

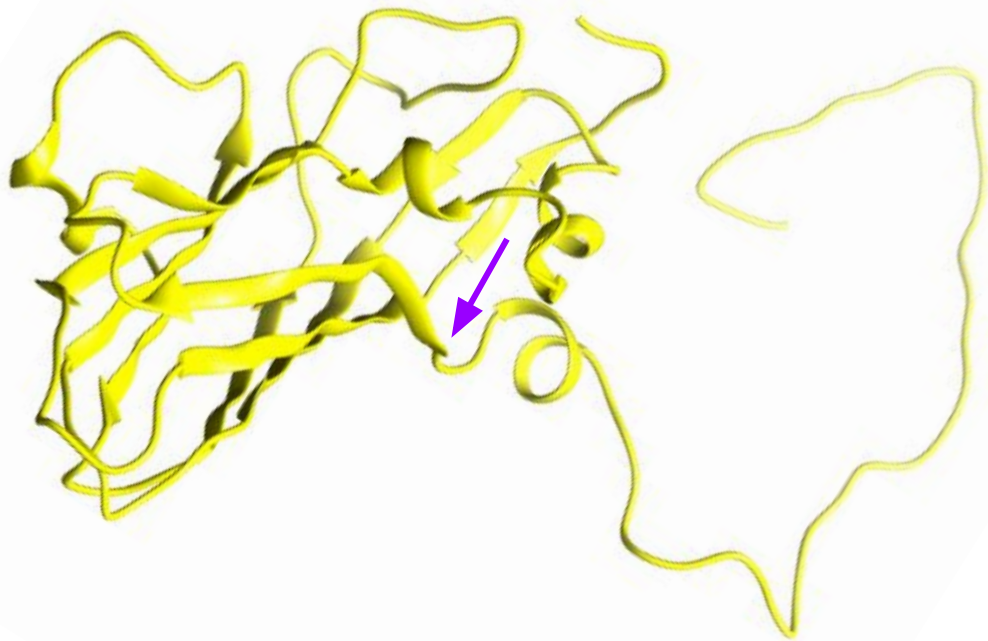


Hepatitis A virus (4QPG)

 EF loop

VP2 ψ angle flip

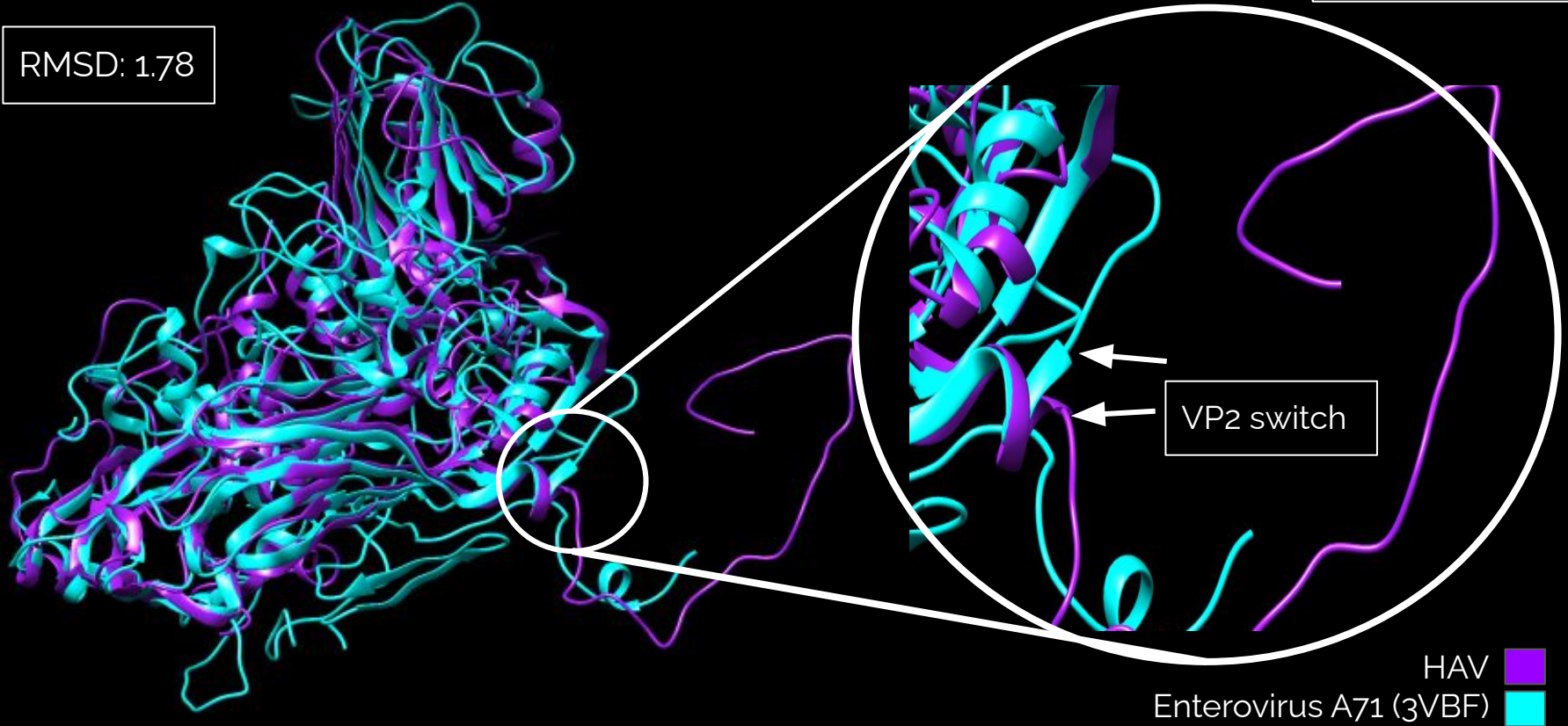
Flip in the ψ torsion angle of residue 53 (alanine) in VP2



EV-A71 and HAV superimposition

RMSD: 1.78

VP2 switch
appears in
HAV

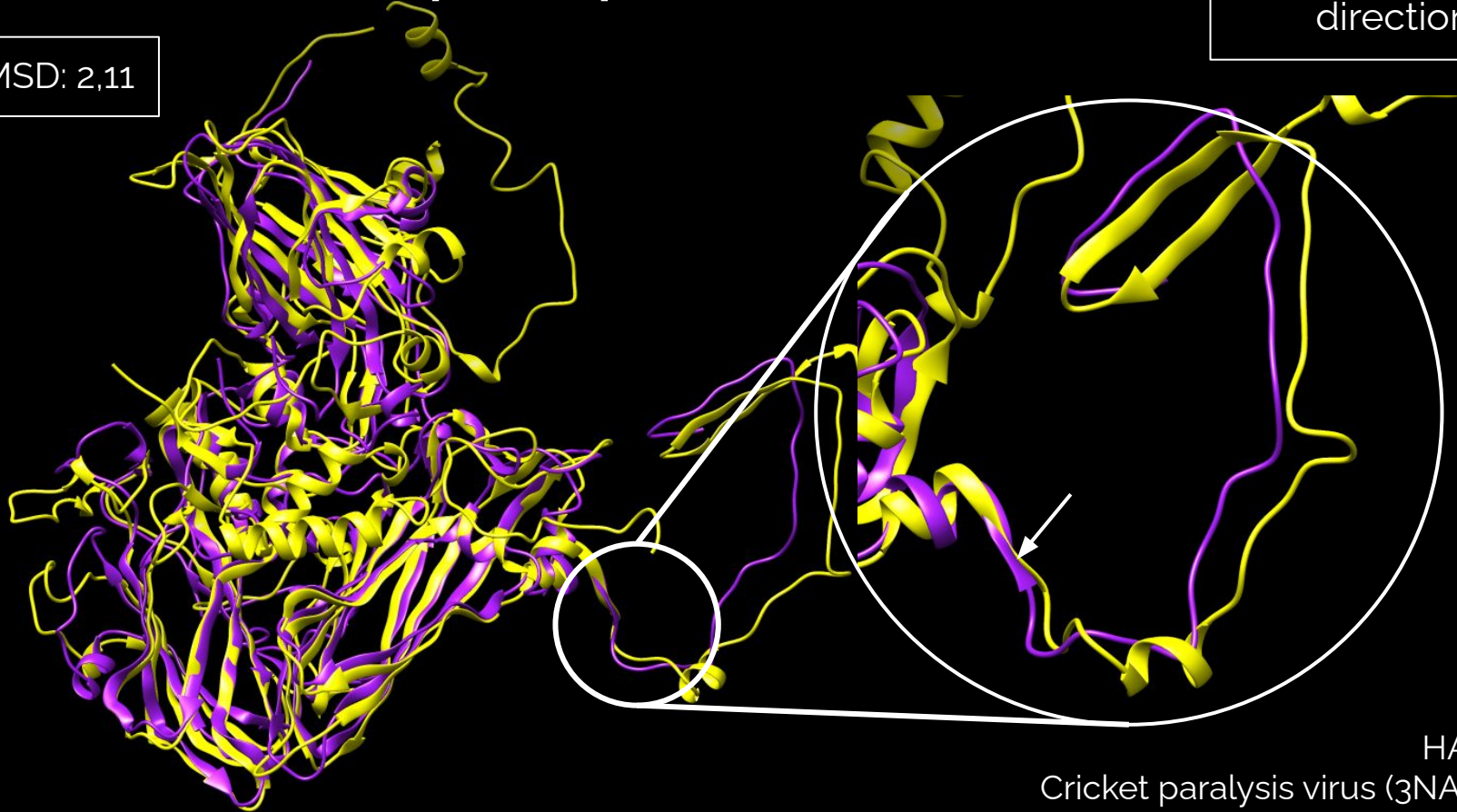


HAV 
Enterovirus A71 (3VBF) 

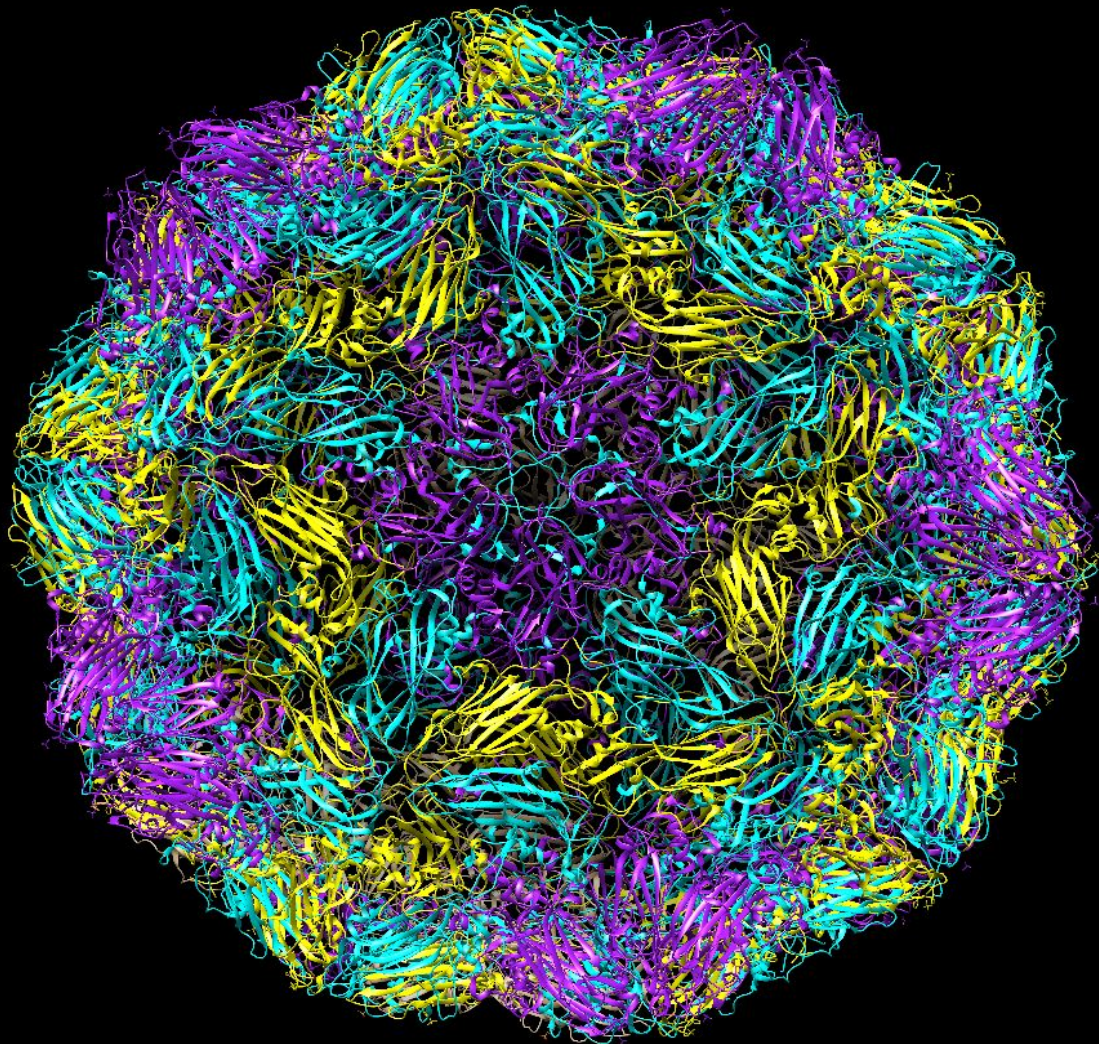
CrPV and HAV superimposition

RMSD: 2,11

Both viruses "go"
in the same
direction



CONSERVATION STUDY



Conservation Analysis (VP1, VP2 and VP3)

Hepatitis A Virus
(4QPG)

Insect picorna-like viruses

Cricket Paralysis
Virus (1B35)

Triatoma Virus
(3NAP)

Enteroviruses

Human Rhinovirus
B 14 (4RHV)

Human Enterovirus
A 71 (3VBF)

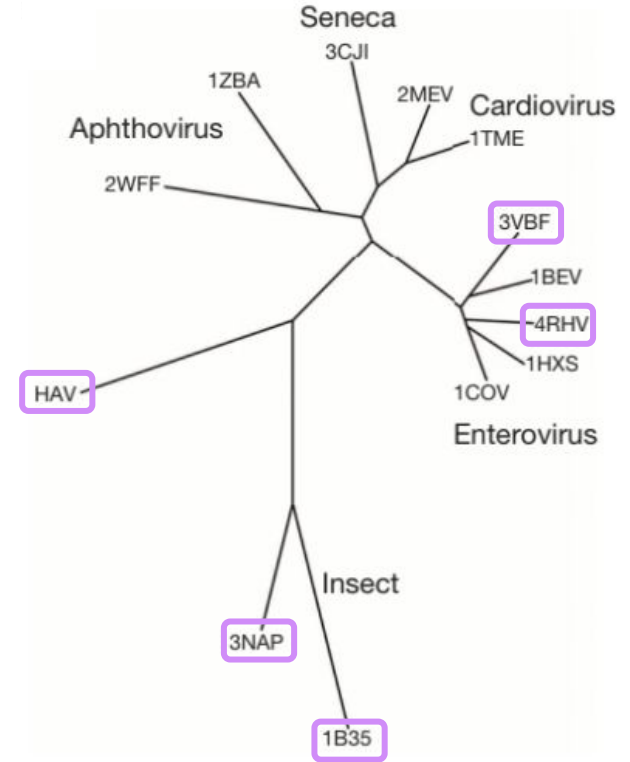


Figure 8. Structure-based phylogenetic tree of representative picornaviruses and cricaviruses (Adapted from Wang et al, 2014).

Conservation study: MSA of VP1

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* 4rhv_VP1	-----TVASISSGPKHTQKVPLTANETGATMPVLP	4rhv_VP1	YTWQSASNPVSFFKVGDT--SRFSVPVGLASAYNCFYDGYS-----HDDAETQYGITVL
4qpg_VP1	-----PVGATTTIEDPVLAKKVP	4qpg_VP1	IDYKTALGAVRFNTRRTGN-IQIRUPWYSYLAVVSGALDGLG-----DKTD
3nap_VP1	-----VGFASAGTRDIRSSYVEGKFIQDITGMSRNHELDEQP	3nap_VP1	YSTDFCSSNIYENFVTKGI-AEVQTPYYSRVNTSVVSAPVLY-----NA
1b35_VP1	-----VMGEDQQIPRNEAQHGVPITSIDTHRISNNWSP	1b35_VP1	SSSAVTTTVLPSTINMGPTQVIPTVEGLIEVEVPYYNIS-----HITPA
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3vbf_VP1	ESMIETRCVLNSHSTAETTLDSFFSRAGLVCEIDLPLKGTTPN-----GYANWDIDIT	3vbf_VP1	NMMGTFSVRTVGTGTS-KSKYPLVVRIMRMKHWRAWIPRPMRNQNYLFKANPNYAGNSIKP
* 4rhv_VP1	SDSIETRTTYMHFNGSETDVECLGRAACVHTEIQNKDATGIDNHREAKLFNDWKINLS	4rhv_VP1	NHNGSMAFRIVNEHDEHKTLLVKIRVYHRAKHVEAWIPRAPRALPYTSIGRTNYPKNTEPV
4qpg_VP1	ETFPPELKPGEsrHTSDHMSIYKFMGRSHFLCTFTFNSNNKEYTFP---ITLSSTSNPPHG	4qpg_VP1	STFGLVSIQIANYNHSDYLSFSCYLSVTEQSEFYFPRAPLNSNAMLST-----
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* 4rhv_VP1	SLVQLRKKLELFTYRFDSEYTLATASQPDSSANYSSN--LVVQAMVYPPGAPNPKEWDD	4rhv_VP1	IKKRKGDIKSY
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3nap_VP1	FPTLLTSIGANYAFYRGGIRLKIVP-----GVADQPKP--LVEALFTMQDQGYIISKAND	3nap_VP1	SLPTFSNFYLS
1b35_VP1	Y-TQFDYYYVLYAFVRCSMRIKNVAETQDGTGTPRKKTNFTWVRFMFSNLQDSFNSLIST	1b35_VP1	GVPLLVNVARA
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Examples of residues conserved among all picornavirus

Examples of residues conserved among enteroviruses

Examples of residues conserved among insect picorna-like virus

3VBF: Human Enterovirus A71
 4RHV: Human Rhinovirus B14
 4QPG: Human Hepatitis A Virus
 3NAP: Triatoma Virus
 1B35: Cricket Paralysis Virus

VP1 Sequence identity

	3VBF (Enterovirus A71)	4RHV (Rhinovirus B14)	4QPG (Hepatitis A virus)	3NAP (Triatoma Virus)	1B35 (Cricket paralysis virus)
3VBF (Enterovirus A71)	100%				
4RHV (Rhinovirus B14)	34,8%	100%			
4QPG (Hepatitis A virus)	15,11%	15,56%	100%		
3NAP (Triatoma virus)	6,44%	9,47%	12,98%	100%	
1B35 (Cricket paralysis virus)	10,77%	6,92%	9,78%	19,62%	100%

Superimposition: VP1

RMSD: 2.24



-  Human Hepatitis A Virus
-  Human Enterovirus A71
-  Human Rhinovirus B14
-  Cricket Paralysis Virus
-  Triatoma Virus

Conservation study, MSA: VPo (VP4 + VP2)

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4rhv_VP0 -----INYYKDAASTSSAGQSLMDPSKFTEPVKDLMLKGAPALNGY
3vbf_VP0 SHENSNSATEGSTINYTTINYYKDSYAATAGQSLKQDPDKFANPVKIDIFTEMAAPLK--
4qpg_VP0 -----
3nap_VP0 -----KQMNVNSSQDITFEQRSQEKVQAGEINESIEF
1b35_VP0 -----ENSHIENEDKRLTSEQK-----
  
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4rhv_VP0 SDRVQQITLGNSTTTQEAANAVVCYAEVPEYLP--DVDASDVNKTSKPDTSVCRFYTL
3vbf_VP0 SDRVAQLTIGNSTTTQEAANIIVGYCEHPSYCS--DSDATAVDKPTRPDVSVNRFYTL
4qpg_VP0 -----GASYITSDQDS--SVHTAEVGS HQI--EPLKTSVDKPGSKKTQGEKFFLIH
3nap_VP0 RNQITTFVHDNPIITTEQLIGDSPQPSGDYRSVSD--ARTHSIIDFLERPQFIGS--FLWN
1b35_VP0 --EIVHVFSEGVTFSTALPDIVNLSNYLDKNTREDRIHSIDFLSRPIIIATNLWSVS
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4rhv_VP0 SKTWTTGSGKGCWKLPDALKDMGVFGQN-----MFFHSLGRSGYTVHVQCNA TKFHSGC
3vbf_VP0 TKLWEKSSKGWYKFPDVL TETGVFGQN-----AQFHYLYRSGFCI HVQCNA SKFHQGA
4qpg_VP0 SARWLT-THALFHEVAKLDVVKLLYNEQFAVQGLLRHYTYARFGIEIQVQINPTPFQGG
3nap_VP0 TSDIEN-KEIFSLKLPDALMSPIREKLS-----GFTSFS-ASTVFHIQVNAHPFQCGR
1b35_VP0 DP---VEKQLYTANFPEVLISNAMYQDKLK-----GFVGLR-ATLVVXVQVNSQPFQQGR
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LLVVVPIEHLQASHEGGN----VSVKYTFTHPGERGIDLSSANEVGGPVKDVLYNMNGTL
LLVAVLPEVYIGTVAGGTGTEDTHPPYKQTQPGADGFELQHP----YVLD----AGIP
LICAMVPGDQSYGS-----
LVLAAPVPDILPLHRLN-----MLSF
LMLQYIPYAQYMPNVRTL-----INET
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LGNLLIFPHQFINLRTNNTATIVPIYINSVPIDSMTR--HNNVSLNVIPIAPLTVP TG--
ISQLTVCPHOFINLRTNNTATIIIVPIYINLPFDSALN--HCNFGLLVVPISPLDYDQG--
IASLTVPHGLLNCINNVVRIKVPFIYTRGAYHFKDPQYPVWELTIRVWSELNIGTG--
VSNVITLPHYQLDTSKETEVLLKIPVSPFVQYDLVTKFTPWAAF LAHVYAPLNTPSA--
LQGRSGCPRTDLEISVGTEVEMRIPVSPHLYYNLITGQGSFGSIYVVVYSOLHDOVSGT
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ATPSLPITVTIAPMCTEFSGIRSKSIVPQ-----
ATPVIPITITLAPMCSEFAGLR--QAVTQ-----
TSAYTSLNVLARFTDELHGLTPLST-----
ASLQVNVFAHFEDIKLGFTPSAIVAQ-----
GSIEYTVWAHLEDVDVQYPTGANIFTGNEAYIKGTSRYDAAQKAHAA
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- Examples of residues conserved among all picornavirus
- Examples of residues conserved among enteroviruses
- Examples of residues conserved among insect picorna-like virus
- Sequence highly conserved among picornavirus

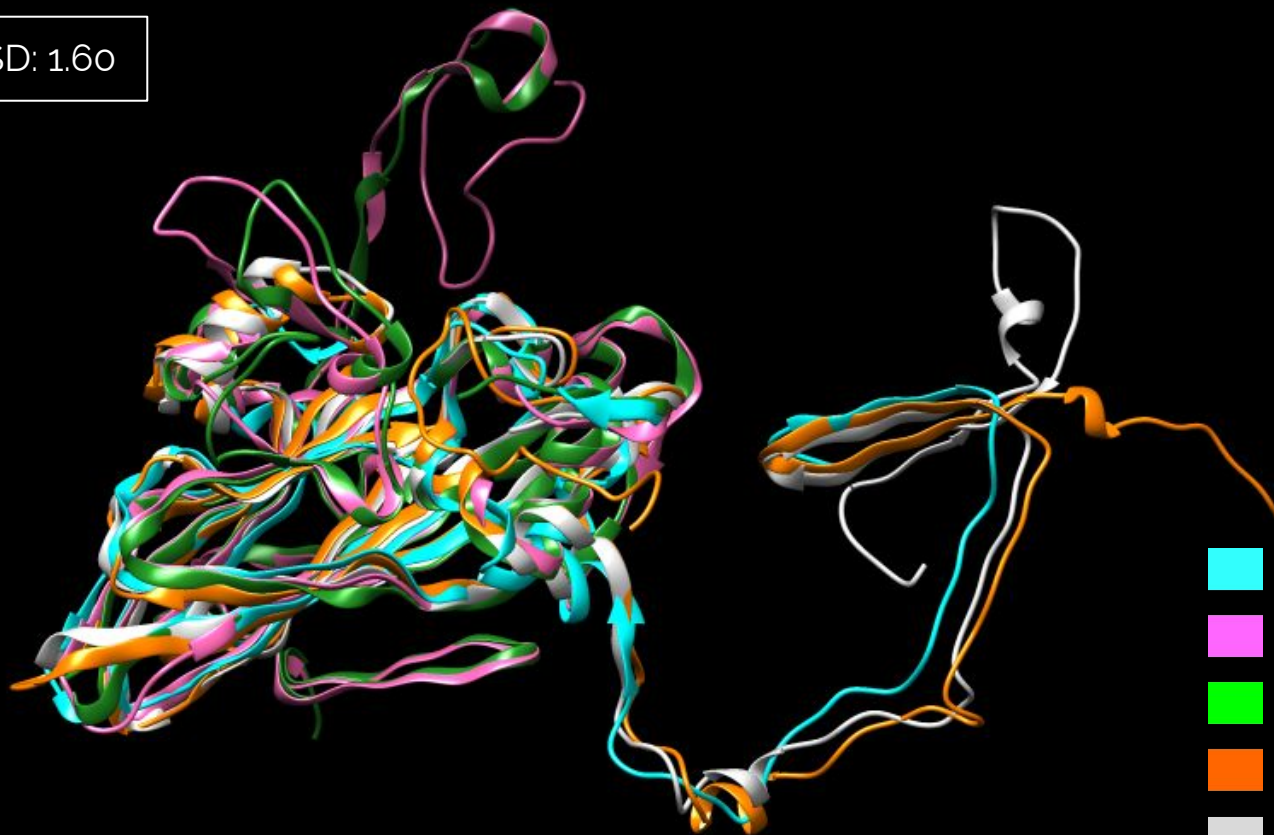
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 3NAP: Triatoma Virus
 1B35: Cricket Paralysis Virus

VPO Sequence identity

	3VBF (Enterovirus A71)	4RHV (Rhinovirus B14)	4QPG (Hepatitis A virus)	3NAP (Triatoma Virus)	1B35 (Cricket paralysis virus)
3VBF (Enterovirus A71)	100%				
4RHV (Rhinovirus B14)	52,54%	100%			
4QPG (Hepatitis A virus)	22,55%	20,59%	100%		
3NAP (Triatoma virus)	15,38%	15,38%	14,71%	100%	
1B35 (Cricket paralysis virus)	13,33%	12,94%	12,25%	25,10%	100%

Phylogenetic Analysis: VP0 (VP4 + VP2)

RMSE: 1.60



- Human Hepatitis A Virus
- Human Enterovirus A71
- Human Rhinovirus B14
- Cricket Paralysis Virus
- Triatoma Virus

Conservation study, MSA: VP3

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3vbf_VP3      GFPTELKPGTNQFLTDDGVSAPILP-NFHTPCIHIPGEVRNLLLELCQVETILEVNNV
4rhv_VP3      GLPTTTTLPGSGQFLTDDRQSPSALP-NYEPTPRIHIPGKVHNLLEIIQVDTLIPMNNT
* 4qpg_VP3      ----MMRNETRSTTENVVNLNSYE-DARAKMSFALDQEDWKSSDPSQGGGIKITHFTT
1b35_VP3      --SKPTVQGIKECKLRGQGRMANFGDDMSHKMALSSNEIETNEGLAGTSLDVMLSR
3nap_VP3      --SKPLTTIPTIVVQRPSQYFNADGVDGLPLSLKYGNEVILKTPFAGTSSDEMALEY
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3vbf_VP3      PTNATSLMERLRFPVSAQAGKGELCA-----VFRADPGRNGPWQSTLLGQLCGYYTQWS
4rhv_VP3      HTKDEVNSYLIPLNANRQNEQVFGTN-----LFIGD-----GVFKTLIGEIVQYYTHWS
* 4qpg_VP3      WTSIPTLAAQFFFNASDSVGQIKVIPVDPY-FFQMTNTNPDQKCTALASICQMFCFWR
1b35_VP3      VLSIPNYWDRFTWKTSSDVINTVLWDNYVSPFKVKPYSATITDRFRCTHMGKVANAFTVWR
3nap_VP3      VLKIPNYFSRFKYSSTSLPKQVLWTSSPVHPQIRNHVTVVDAPGQPTLLAYATGFFKVR
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3vbf_VP3      GSLEVTFMFTGSFMATGKMLIAYPPGGPLPKD-----RATAMLGTHVIWDFG-LQSSVT
4rhv_VP3      GSLRFSLMYTGALSSAKLILAYPPGARGPQD-----RREAMLGTHVWIDIG-LQSTIV
* 4qpg_VP3      GOLVDFDQVFPTKYHSGRLLFCFPGNELIDVTGIT--LKQATTAPCAVMDIAGVQSTLR
1b35_VP3      GSMVYTFKFVKTKQYHSGRLRISFPYYNTTISTG---TPDVSRTQKIVYDLR-TSTAVS
3nap_VP3      GGLVYTFRFVKTKNYHSGRVQITFHPGVGYDDVMSDGGKIVRDEYVYRVVYDLR-DQTEAT
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3vbf_VP3      LVIPNISNTHYRAH-----ARDGVFDYYTTG-----LVSIWYQTNVYVPI
4rhv_VP3      MTIPNTSGVQFRYT-----DPD---TYTSAG-----FLSCWYQTSILIPP
4qpg_VP3      FRVPNISDTPYRVNRYTK-----EAHQKGEYTAIG-----KLIVYCYNRLTSPS
1b35_VP3      FT/PIYISRPWLVCIRPESSWLSKDNTDGALMYNCVSG-----IVRVEVLNQLVAAQ
3nap_VP3      LV/PFTSLTPYKVCADVFNSANRPKYNEPRDFKVYDNTTDQFFTGTLCSALTPLVSSS
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3vbf_VP3      GAPN-TAYITIALAAQKNFTMK-----LCKDASDILQTGTIQ-----
4rhv_VP3      ETTG-QVYLLSFISACPDFKLR-----LMKDTQTISQTVALTE-----
4qpg_VP3      NVAH-HVRVNVYLSAENLECA-----PLYHAMDVTTQ-----
1b35_VP3      NVFS-EIDVICEVNGGPDLEFAGPTCPRYVPYAGDFTLADTRKIEAERTQEYSNND
3nap_VP3      AVVSSTIOLVLEVKASDDDFEAVPN-----TPLWLPVDSLTERP-----
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Examples of residues conserved among all picornavirus

Examples of residues conserved among enteroviruses

Examples of residues conserved among insect picorna-like virus

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VP3 Sequence identity

	3VBF (Enterovirus A71)	4RHV (Rhinovirus B14)	4QPG (Hepatitis A virus)	3NAP (Triatoma Virus)	1B35 (Cricket paralysis virus)
3VBF (Enterovirus A71)	100%				
4RHV (Rhinovirus B14)	42,37%	100%			
4QPG (Hepatitis A virus)	15,29%	17,80%	100%		
3NAP (Triatoma virus)	15,70%	11,86%	23,17%	100%	
1B35 (Cricket paralysis virus)	12,81%	11,44%	19,92%	29,71%	100%

Phylogenetic Analysis: VP3

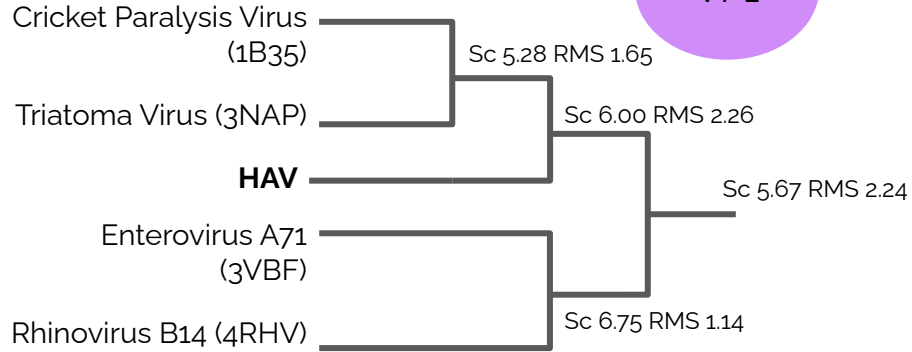
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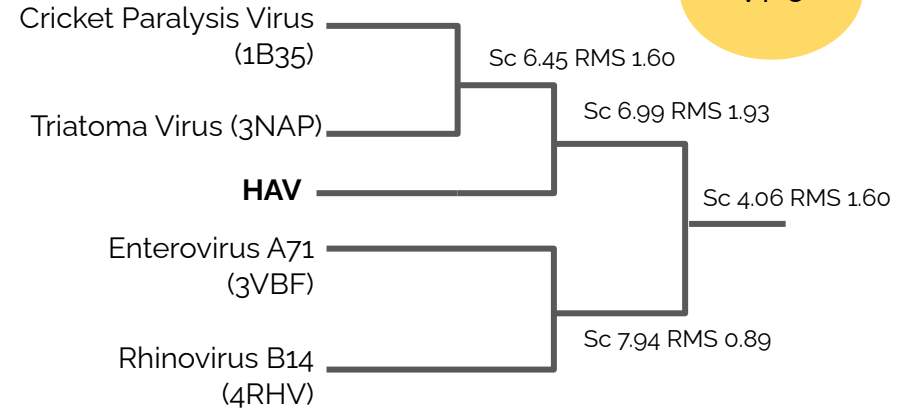
- Human Hepatitis A Virus
- Human Enterovirus A71
- Human Rhinovirus B14
- Cricket Paralysis Virus
- Triatoma Virus

Cluster Analysis

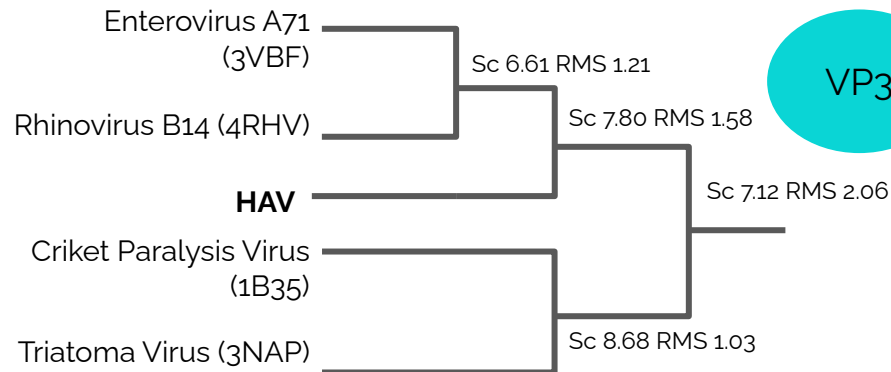
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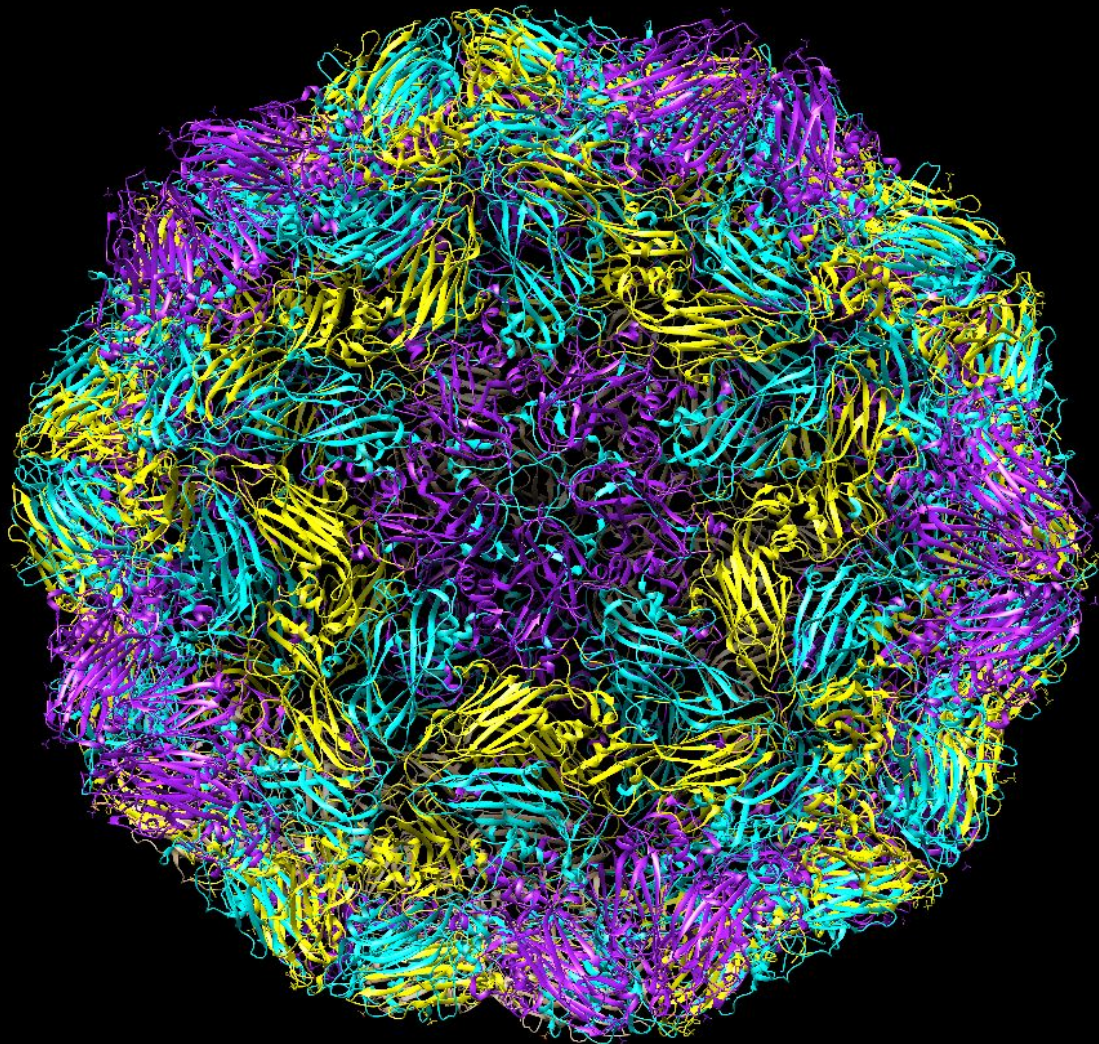
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VP3

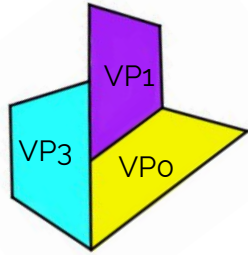


CAPSID INTERACTIONS



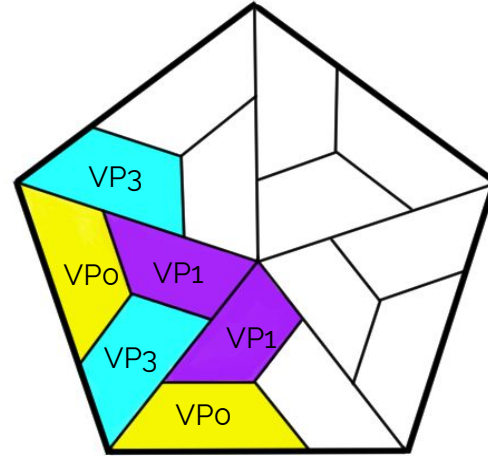
Types of capsid interactions

INTRAPROTOMERIC



VP0-VP1
VP0-VP3
VP3-VP1

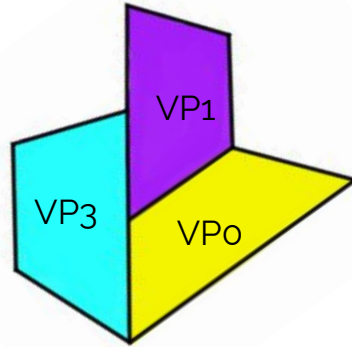
INTERPROTOMERIC



VP1-VP1
VP0-VP3
VP1-VP3

Types of capsid interactions

INTRAPROTOMERIC



VP0-VP1
VP0-VP3
VP3-VP1

Interactions between VPo-VP1

Hydrogen bonds

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##	Structure 1	Dist. [Å]	Structure 2
1	B:ASN 173[ND2]	3.42	A:GLU 56[OE1]
2	B:ARG 190[NH2]	3.17	A:TYR 207[OH]
3	B:ARG 190[NH1]	2.57	A:ASP 223[OD1]
4	B:THR 189[OG1]	2.61	A:ASP 223[OD2]
5	B:ARG 190[NH1]	2.51	A:ASP 223[OD2]
6	B:SER 160[N]	2.98	A:PRO 263[O]
7	B:PRO 153[O]	3.46	A:ARG 261[NH2]
8	B:ASP 155[O]	2.89	A:ARG 261[NH1]
9	B:TYR 158[O]	3.15	A:ASN 265[N]
10	B:THR 189[O]	2.90	A:TYR 209[N]
11	B:THR 189[O]	3.20	A:ALA 210[N]
12	B:GLN 199[O]	3.79	A:GLY 219[N]
13	B:GLN 199[OE1]	3.24	A:THR 222[OG1]

Salt bridges

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##	Structure 1	Dist. [Å]	Structure 2
1	B:ARG 190[NH2]	3.66	A:ASP 223[OD1]
2	B:ARG 190[NH1]	2.57	A:ASP 223[OD1]
3	B:ARG 190[NH1]	2.51	A:ASP 223[OD2]

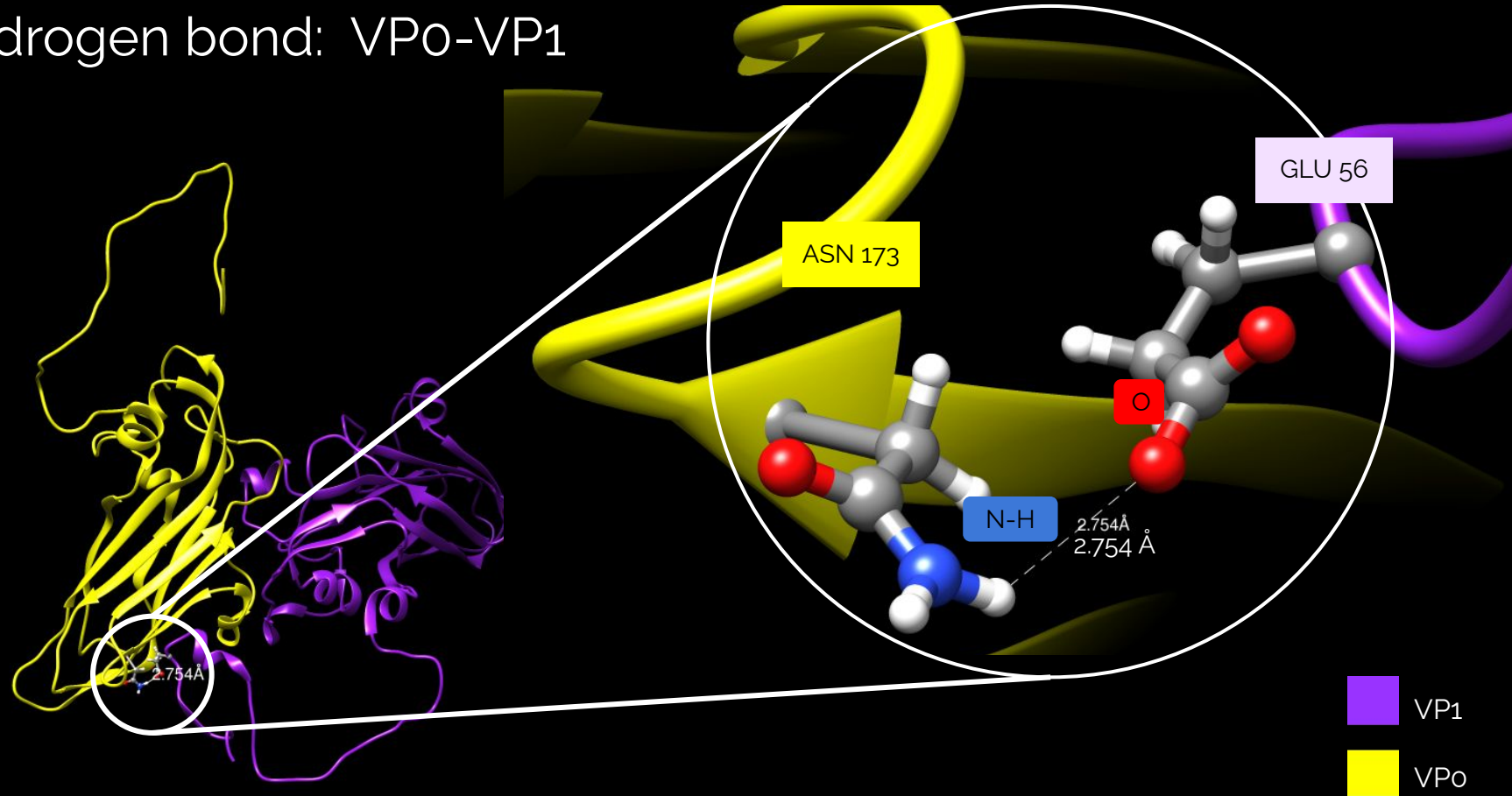
Interactions between VP0-VP1

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Conservation									
4rhv_VP0	L I F P H Q F I N L		R T N N T A T I V I		P Y I N S V P I D S		M T - - R H N N V S		L M V I P I A P L T
3vbf_VP0	T V C P H Q W I N L		R T N N C A T I I V		P Y I N A L P F D S		A L - - N H C N F G		L L V V P I S P L D
4qpg_VP0	T V Y P H G L L N C		N I N N V V R I K V		P F I Y T R G A Y H		F K D P Q Y P V W E		L T I R V W S E L N
3nap_VP0	I T L P H V Q L D I		S K E T E V L L K I		P Y V S P F V Q Y D		L V T K F T P W A A		F L A H V Y A P L N
1b35_VP0	S G C P R T D L E L		S V G T E V E M R I		P Y V S P H L Y Y N		L I T G Q G S F G S		I Y V V V Y S Q L H

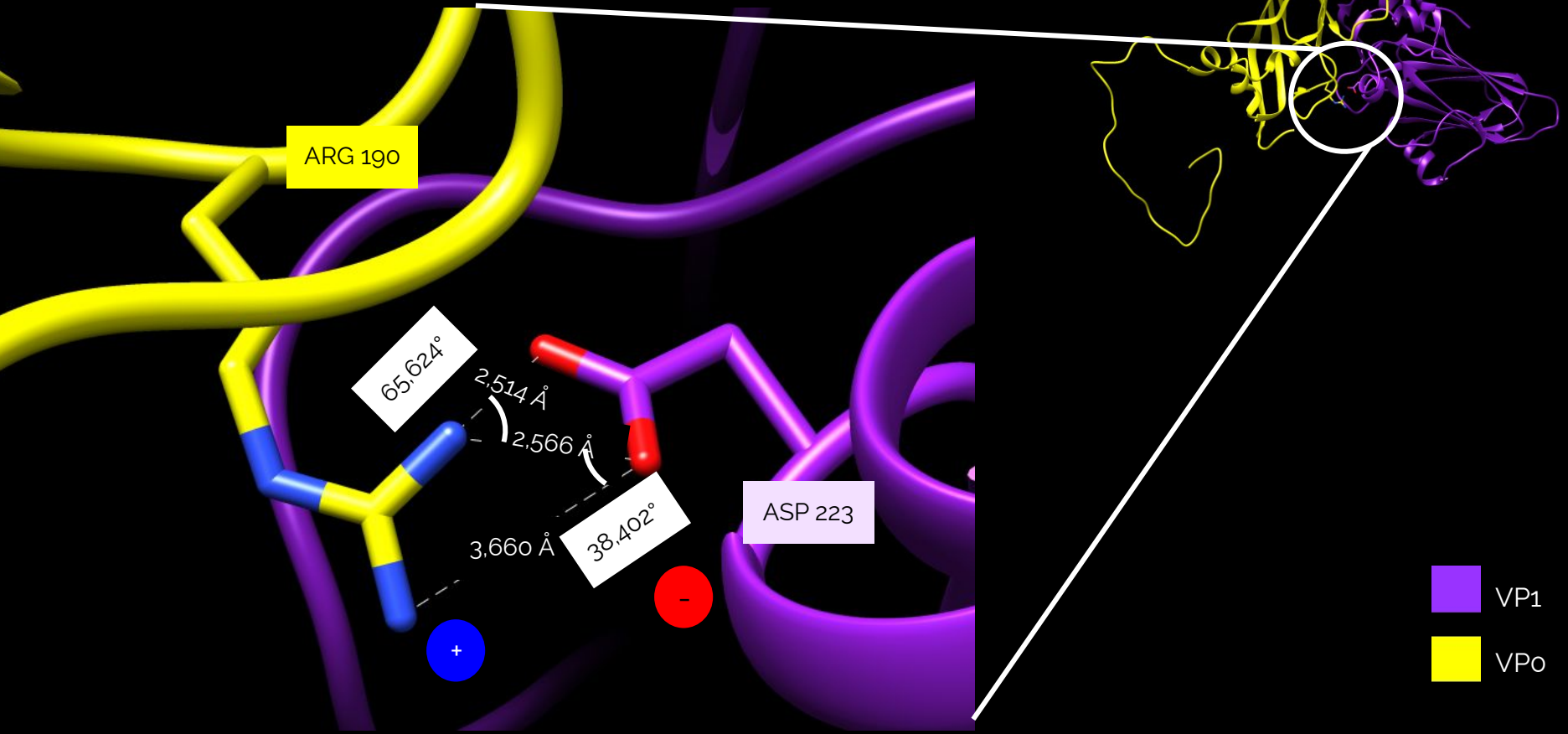
Asparagine (N) is conserved among Human Hepatitis A Virus, Human Enterovirus A71 and Human Rhinovirus B14

3VBF: Human Enterovirus A71
4RHV: Human Rhinovirus B14
4QPG: Human Hepatitis A Virus
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Hydrogen bond: VPo-VP1



Salt bridge: VPo-VP1



Interactions between VP3 and VP1

Hydrogen bonds

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##	Structure 1	Dist. [Å]	Structure 2
1	C:ARG 170[N]	2.91	A:ALA 51[O]
2	C:GLN 120[NE2]	2.64	A:GLU 56[OE1]
3	C:SER 167[OG]	2.69	A:GLU 56[OE2]
4	C:ARG 170[NH1]	3.11	A:ALA 61[O]
5	C:ARG 170[NH1]	2.80	A:LYS 63[O]
6	C:ARG 172[NH2]	3.05	A:PRO 65[O]
7	C:ARG 172[N]	2.75	A:THR 67[OG1]
8	C:ARG 172[NH1]	3.65	A:GLU 70[OE2]
9	C:TYR 181[OH]	3.23	A:SER 76[OG]
10	C:HIS 50[NE2]	2.55	A:ASP 81[OD1]
11	C:PHE 51[N]	3.10	A:MET 83[O]
12	C:HIS 50[ND1]	3.07	A:MET 83[O]
13	C:CYS 233[N]	3.61	A:MET 83[SD]
14	C:TYR 20[OH]	2.73	A:ASP 142[OD2]
15	C:ASN 13[ND2]	2.91	A:THR 195[O]
16	C:LYS 26[N]	2.72	A:GLN 199[O]
17	C:MET 27[N]	3.42	A:GLN 199[O]
18	C:PHE 29[N]	3.20	A:ARG 201[O]
19	C:TRP 36[NE1]	3.37	A:TRP 204[O]
20	C:LEU 31[N]	3.03	A:TYR 205[OH]
21	C:SER 41[N]	3.30	A:TYR 209[OH]
22	C:GLY 43[N]	3.15	A:TYR 209[OH]
23	C:TYR 20[OH]	3.23	A:GLU 253[OE1]
24	C:TRP 36[N]	2.62	A:GLN 254[OE1]

25	C:ASP 39[N]	3.12	A:GLU 256[OE1]
26	C:SER 38[OG]	2.54	A:GLU 256[OE2]
27	C:ILE 48[N]	2.69	A:PHE 257[O]
28	C:SER 38[OG]	3.74	A:TYR 258[OH]
29	C:ASP 39[N]	3.75	A:TYR 258[OH]
30	C:TRP 54[NE1]	3.20	A:ARG 261[O]
31	C:LYS 96[N]	3.47	A:ASN 267[OD1]
32	C:TYR 238[OH]	3.06	A:LEU 270[O]
33	C:ASN 13[O]	2.95	A:ASN 197[ND2]
34	C:ASN 13[OD1]	3.65	A:THR 195[OG1]
35	C:LEU 17[O]	3.58	A:SER 92[N]
36	C:SER 18[O]	2.70	A:ARG 91[NE]
37	C:TYR 20[OH]	3.50	A:ARG 201[NH2]
38	C:ASP 22[O]	2.84	A:GLN 199[NE2]
39	C:ALA 23[O]	2.95	A:GLN 199[NE2]
40	C:MET 27[O]	2.82	A:ARG 201[N]
41	C:GLU 34[OE1]	2.77	A:TYR 205[OH]
42	C:ASP 35[OD1]	2.91	A:GLN 254[NE2]
43	C:LYS 37[O]	2.49	A:ARG 138[NH2]
44	C:ASP 39[O]	3.75	A:ARG 138[NE]
45	C:ASP 39[O]	2.47	A:TYR 209[OH]
46	C:ILE 46[O]	3.03	A:PHE 259[N]
47	C:THR 49[O]	3.18	A:ILE 85[N]
48	C:LYS 96[O]	3.35	A:SER 266[N]
49	C:SER 103[OG]	2.92	A:TRP 129[NE1]
50	C:GLN 166[OE1]	2.67	A:THR 54[OG1]

52	C:THR 168[OG1]	3.49	A:ILE 55[N]
53	C:ARG 170[O]	2.78	A:THR 67[OG1]
54	C:GLU 232[OE2]	3.03	A:SER 76[OG]
55	C:GLU 232[OE2]	3.42	A:HIS 78[NE2]
56	C:PRO 236[O]	3.57	A:ARG 91[NH1]
57	C:MET 241[O]	2.73	A:SER 266[OG]

Salt bridges

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1	C:ARG 172[NE]	3.32	A:GLU 70[OE1]
2	C:ARG 172[NE]	3.60	A:GLU 70[OE2]
3	C:ARG 172[NH1]	3.65	A:GLU 70[OE2]
4	C:HIS 50[NE2]	2.55	A:ASP 81[OD1]
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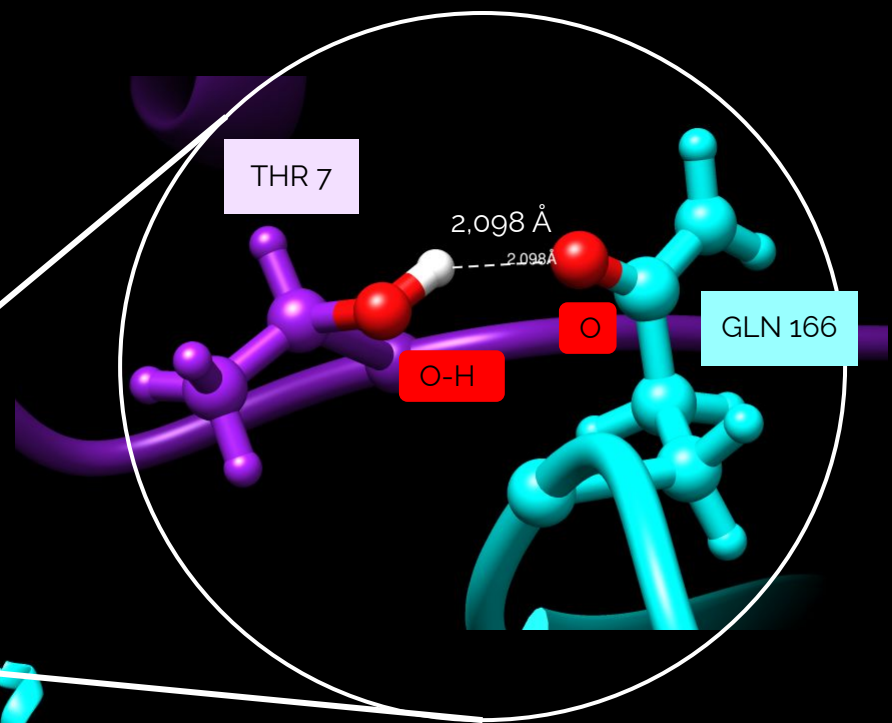
Interactions between VP3-VP1

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Conservation									
3vbf_VP3	P K D - - - - R A	T A M L G T H V I W	D F G - L Q S S V T		L V I P W I S N T H		Y R A H - - - - -		
4rhv_VP3	P Q D - - - - R R	E A M L G T H V V W	D I G - L Q S T I V		M T I P W T S G V Q		F R Y T - - - - -		
4qpg_VP3	D V T G I T - - L K	Q A T T A P C A V M	D I A G V Q S T L R		F R V P W I S D T P		Y R V N R Y T K - -		
1b35_VP3	T I S T G - - - T P	D V S R T Q K I V V	D L R - T S T A V S		F T V P Y I G S R P		W L Y C I R P E S S		
3nap_VP3	D V M D S D G K I V	R D E Y V Y R V V V	D L R - D Q T E A T		L V V P F T S L T P		Y K V C A D V F N S		

Glutamine (Q) is conserved among Human Hepatitis A Virus, Human Enterovirus A71, Human Rhinovirus B14 and Cricket Paralysis virus

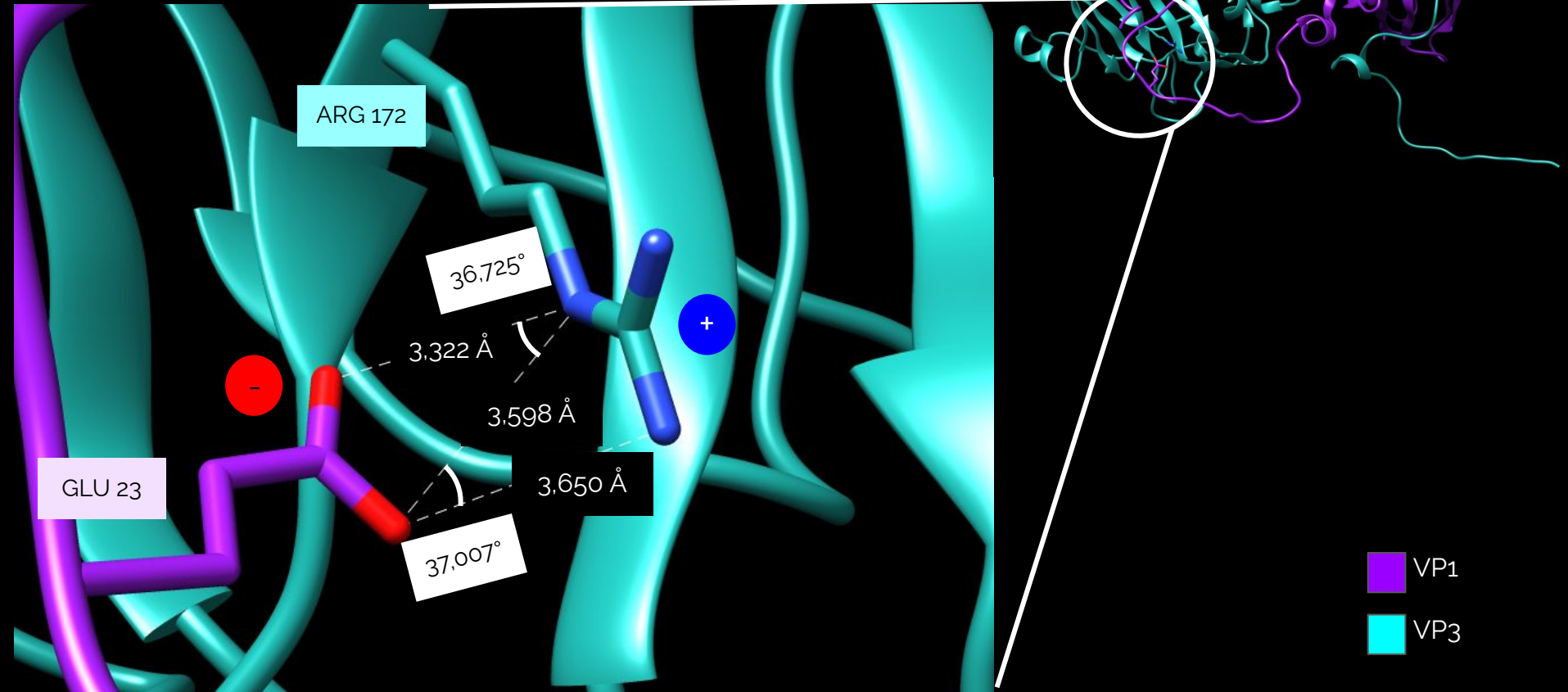
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Hydrogen bond: VP3-VP1



VP1
VP3

Salt bridge: VP3-VP1



Interactions between VP3 and VPo

Hydrogen bonds				Salt bridges			
##	Structure 1	Dist. [Å]	Structure 2	##	Structure 1	Dist. [Å]	Structure 2
1	C:GLN 95[NE2]	3.58	B:GLY 159[O]	1	C:ARG 221[NH1]	3.80	B:GLU 212[OE1]
2	C:ILE 98[N]	3.07	B:SER 160[OG]	2	C:ARG 221[NE]	3.46	B:GLU 212[OE2]
3	C:LEU 60[N]	2.92	B:ALA 162[O]	3	C:ARG 221[NH1]	3.50	B:GLU 212[OE2]
4	C:ALA 100[N]	3.16	B:SER 163[OG]				
5	C:LYS 125[NZ]	3.27	B:ASN 175[O]				
6	C:GLY 43[N]	3.84	B:PHE 186[O]				
7	C:GLY 44[N]	3.49	B:PHE 186[O]				
8	C:ASN 223[ND2]	3.15	B:TRP 210[O]				
9	C:ARG 221[NH2]	3.52	B:ASN 214[OD1]				
10	C:SER 41[O]	2.88	B:ARG 128[NH1]				
11	C:GLN 42[O]	3.29	B:TYR 188[N]				
12	C:GLN 42[OE1]	2.99	B:ARG 128[NH1]				
13	C:GLN 42[OE1]	3.23	B:ARG 128[NE]				
14	C:PRO 58[O]	2.90	B:THR 165[OG1]				
15	C:ILE 98[O]	2.55	B:SER 160[OG]				
16	C:ILE 98[O]	3.27	B:SER 163[OG]				
17	C:VAL 121[O]	2.70	B:ASN 173[ND2]				
18	C:PHE 122[O]	3.51	B:GLN 144[NE2]				
19	C:GLY 164[O]	3.26	B:ASN 175[ND2]				
20	C:ASN 215[O]	3.54	B:THR 219[OG1]				
21	C:HIS 219[O]	2.98	B:GLN 144[NE2]				
22	C:TYR 225[OH]	2.49	B:TRP 210[NE1]				

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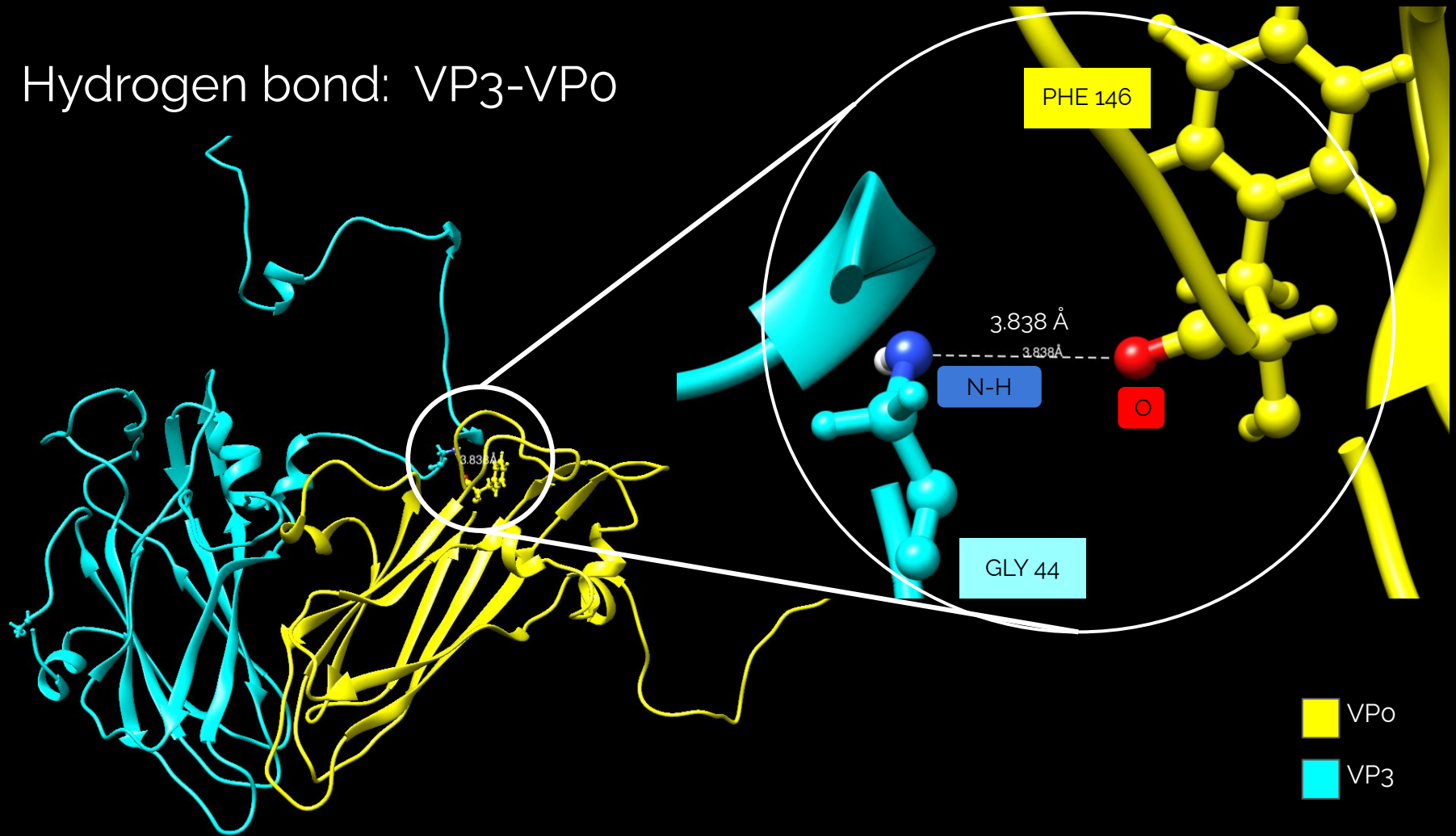
Interactions between VP3 and VPo

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Conservation					
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4rhv_VP3	G L P T T T L P G S	G Q F L T T D D R Q	S P S A L P - - N Y	E P T P R I H I P G	K V H N L L E I I Q
4qpg_VP3	- - - - - M M R N E	T R V S T T E N V V	N L S N Y E - - D A	R A K M S F A L D Q	E D W K S D P S Q G
1b35_VP3	- - S K P T V Q G K	I G E C K L R G Q G	R M A N F D G M D M	S H K M A L S S T N	E I E T N E G L A G
3nap_VP3	- - S K P L T T I P	P T I V V Q R P S Q	Y F N N A D G V D Q	G L P L S L K Y G N	E V I L K T P F A G

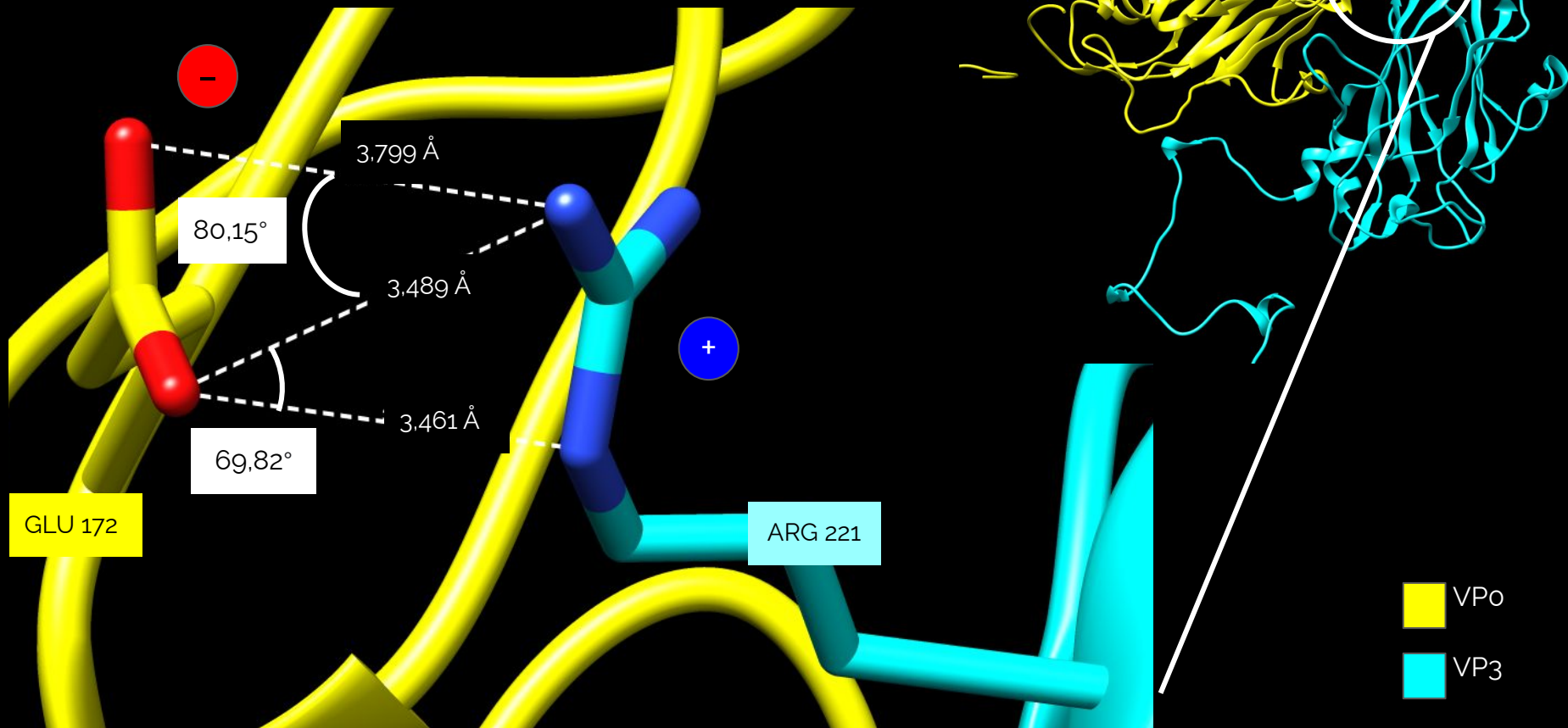
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Hydrogen bond: VP3-VP0

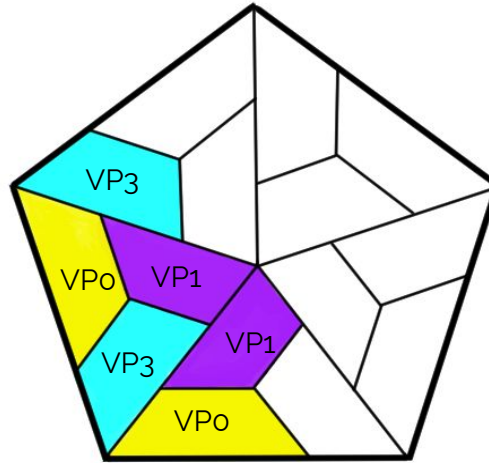


Salt bridge: VP3-VP0



Types of capsid interactions

INTERPROTOMERIC



Interactions between VP1 and VP3

Hydrogen bonds				XML
##	Structure 1		Dist. [Å]	Structure 2
1	C:LEU	17[N]	3.18	A:ALA 187[O]
2	C:SER	18[OG]	3.67	A:ALA 187[O]
3	C:VAL	15[N]	2.96	A:ARG 189[O]
4	C:THR	11[N]	2.86	A:ASN 197[OD1]
5	C:THR	10[OG1]	2.62	A:GLN 199[OE1]
6	C:TYR	181[N]	3.76	A:TYR 207[O]
7	C:THR	187[OG1]	3.24	A:ALA 165[N]
8	C:SER	18[OG]	3.49	A:ALA 187[N]
9	C:VAL	15[O]	2.94	A:ARG 189[N]

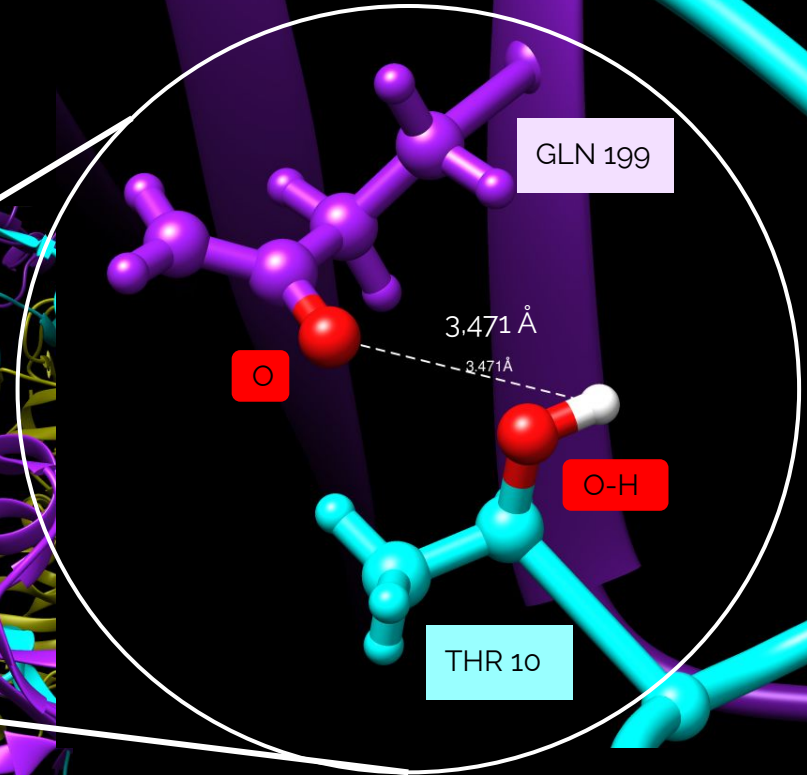
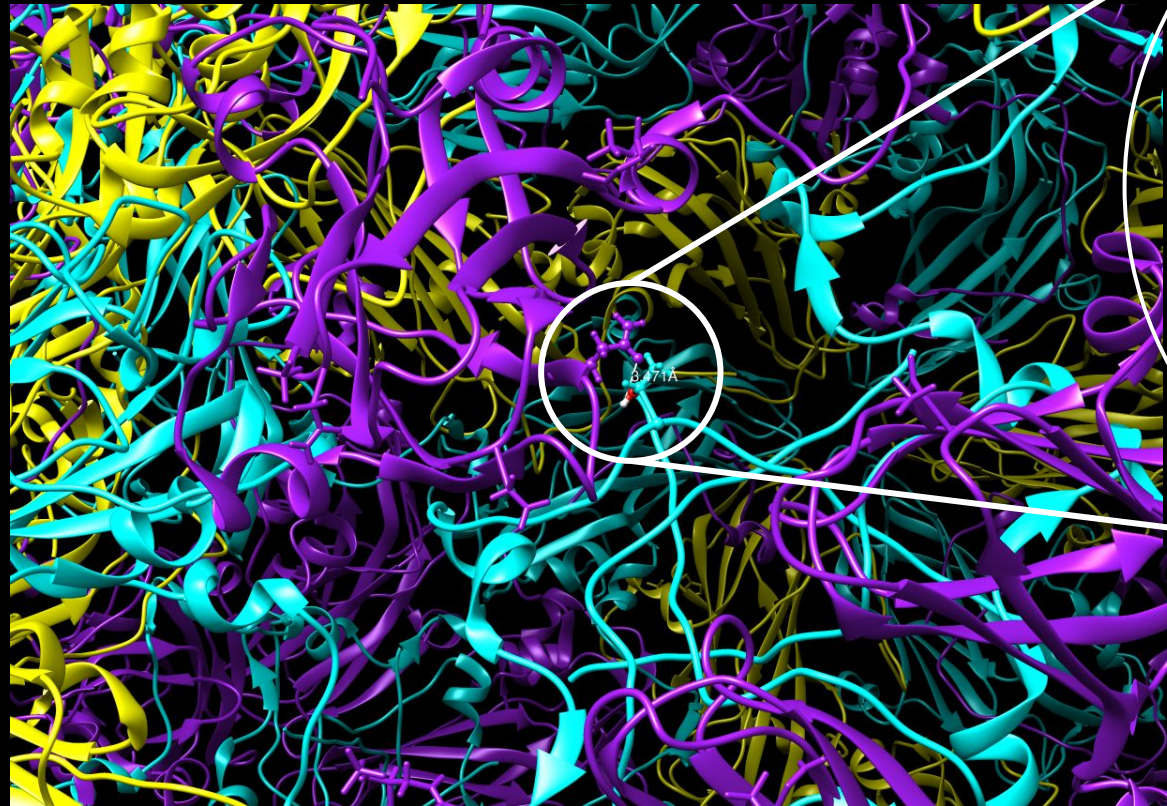
Interactions between VP1 and VP3

	201		211		221		231		241
Consensus	a q v s v P y y s y		a s a y q v f y d g		y s - - - - -		- - - - - i t p a		n t i g p v s p r i
Conservation									
3vbf_VP1	A Q V S V P F M S P		A S A Y Q W F Y D G		Y P T F G E H K Q E		K D L E Y G A M P N		N M M G T F S V R T
4rhv_VP1	S R F S V P Y V G L		A S A Y N C F Y D G		Y S - - - - H D D		A E T Q Y G I T V L		N H M G S M A F R I
4qpg_VP1	I Q I R L P W Y S Y		L Y A V S G A L D G		L G - - - - -		- - - - - D K T D		S T F G L V S I Q I
3nap_VP1	A E V Q T P Y Y S R		V N T S V V S A P V		L Y - - - - -		- - - - - N A		G N I S P L M P N V
1b35_VP1	T Q V I D P T V E G		L I E V E V P Y Y N		I S - - - - -		- - - - - H I T P A		V T I D D G T P S M

Glutamine (Q) is conserved among Human Hepatitis A Virus, Human Enterovirus A71 and Cricket Paralysis virus

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Hydrogen bond: VP1-VP3



- VP1 (chain #1)
- VP3 (chain #2)

Interactions between VP3 and VP0

Hydrogen bonds

[XML](#)

##	Structure 1	Dist. [Å]	Structure 2
1	C:VAL 159[N]	3.45	B:THR 46[O]
2	C:ASP 161[N]	3.40	B:VAL 48[O]
3	C:ARG 130[NH2]	3.67	B:VAL 48[O]
4	C:ARG 130[NH1]	3.20	B:ASP 49[OD2]
5	C:ARG 130[NH2]	3.15	B:ASP 49[OD2]
6	C:ARG 182[NH2]	3.24	B:TYR 126[OH]
7	C:LYS 193[NZ]	3.29	B:ASP 197[OD1]
8	C:TYR 196[OH]	3.79	B:ASP 197[OD2]
9	C:CYS 157[O]	3.14	B:THR 46[N]
10	C:VAL 159[O]	3.13	B:VAL 48[N]
11	C:GLN 166[O]	2.93	B:GLN 50[NE2]
12	C:PRO 137[O]	3.69	B:THR 125[OG1]
13	C:GLY 138[O]	3.13	B:TYR 126[OH]
14	C:GLY 194[O]	3.53	B:ARG 190[NH2]
15	C:ASP 178[O]	2.72	B:GLY 191[N]
16	C:ASP 178[O]	3.25	B:ALA 192[N]

Salt bridges

[XML](#)

##	Structure 1	Dist. [Å]	Structure 2
1	C:ARG 130[NH1]	3.20	B:ASP 49[OD2]
2	C:ARG 130[NH2]	3.15	B:ASP 49[OD2]
3	C:LYS 193[NZ]	3.29	B:ASP 197[OD1]
4	C:LYS 193[NZ]	3.43	B:ASP 197[OD2]
5	C:ASP 178[OD2]	3.04	B:ARG 190[NE]

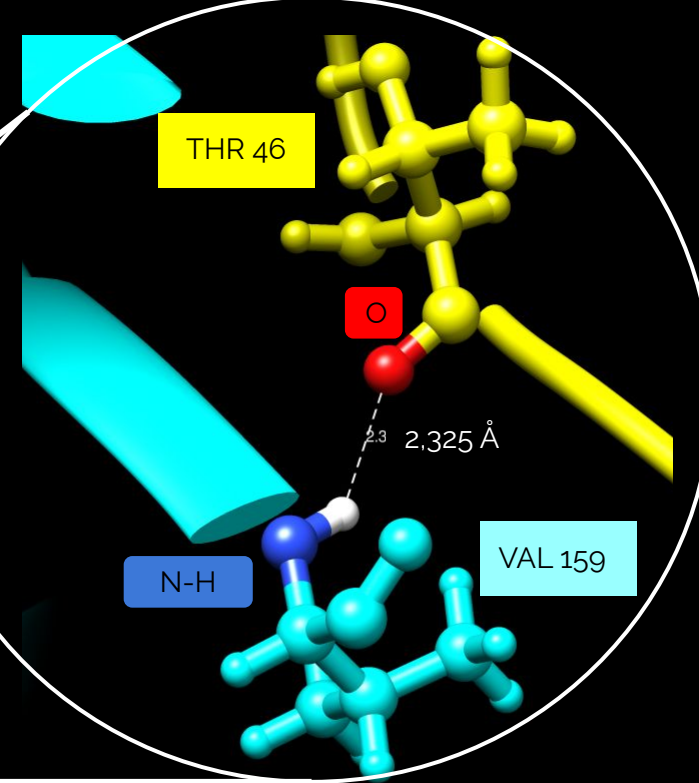
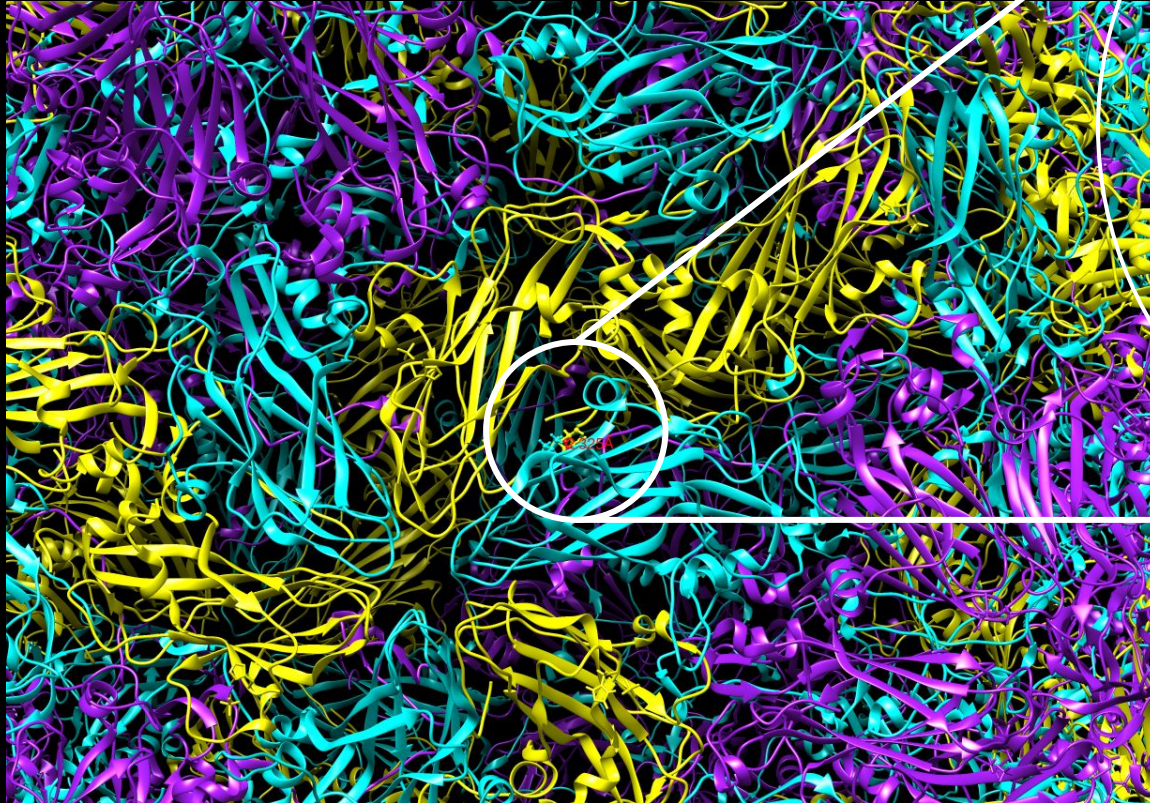
Interactions between VP3 and VPo

	151	161	171	181	191
Consensus	p v d - - - - r a	q a m l g t h v V w	D i r - l Q s t v t	l t v P w i S s t p	y r y c - - - - -
Conservation					
3vbf_VP3	P K D - - - - R A	T A M L G T H V I W	D F G - L Q S S V T	L V I P W I S N T H	Y R A H - - - - -
4rhv_VP3	P Q D - - - - R R	E A M L G T H V V W	D I G - L Q S T I V	M T I P W T S G V Q	F R Y T - - - - -
4qpg_VP3	D V T G I T - - L K	Q A T T A P C A V M	D I A G V Q S T L R	F R V P W I S D T P	Y R V N R Y T K - -
1b35_VP3	T I S T G - - - T P	D V S R T Q K I V V	D L R - T S T A V S	F T V P Y I G S R P	W L Y C I R P E S S
3nap_VP3	D V M D S D G K I V	R D E Y V Y R V V V	D L R - D Q T E A T	L V V P F T S L T P	Y K V C A D V F N S

Valine (V) is conserved among Human Hepatitis A Virus, Human Rhinovirus B14, Triatoma Virus and Cricket Paralysis virus

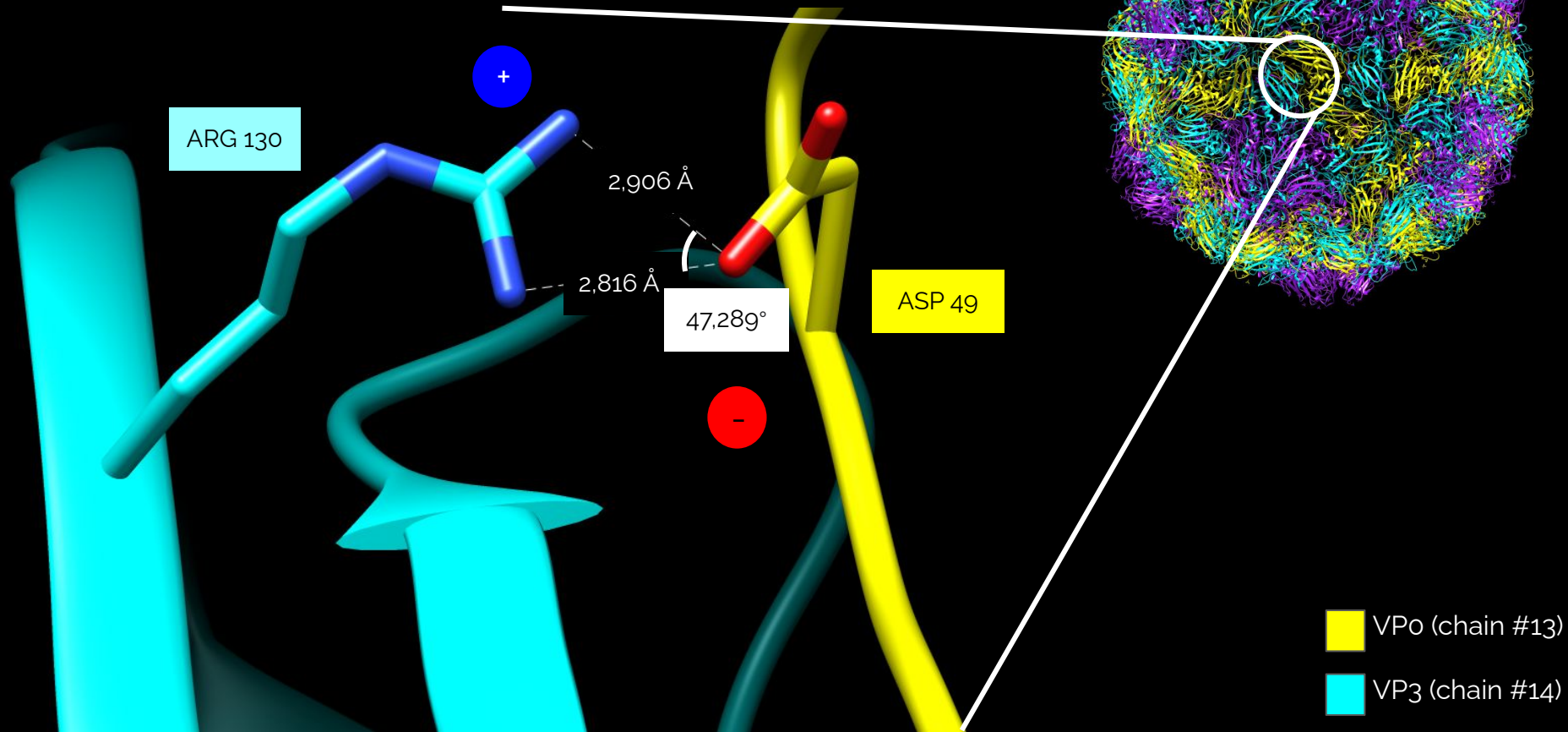
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Hydrogen bond: VP3-VPo



- VPo (chain #13)
- VP3 (chain #14)

Salt bridge: VP3-VPo



Interactions between VP1 and VP1

Hydrogen bonds

[XML](#)

##	Structure 1	Dist. [Å]	Structure 2
1	A:TYR 242[OH]	3.73	A:ASN 104[OD1]
2	A:THR 148[OG1]	3.00	A:ASP 154[OD2]
3	A:THR 272[OG1]	3.27	A:ASP 180[OD1]
4	A:THR 272[N]	3.19	A:ASP 180[OD2]
5	A:ARG 91[NH1]	2.68	A:ALA 184[O]
6	A:SER 271[OG]	2.98	A:GLN 178[NE2]
7	A:TYR 248[OH]	3.20	A:ARG 189[NH1]
8	A:THR 148[OG1]	3.05	A:ARG 189[NH2]
9	A:SER 246[OG]	2.82	A:ARG 189[NH2]
10	A:ARG 193[O]	3.55	A:ARG 194[NE]
11	A:THR 192[O]	2.43	A:ARG 194[NH2]
12	A:TYR 242[OH]	3.60	A:ASN 235[N]
13	A:GLU 241[OE2]	3.41	A:ASN 235[ND2]
14	A:GLY 149[O]	3.81	A:ASN 235[ND2]

Data from PDBePISA

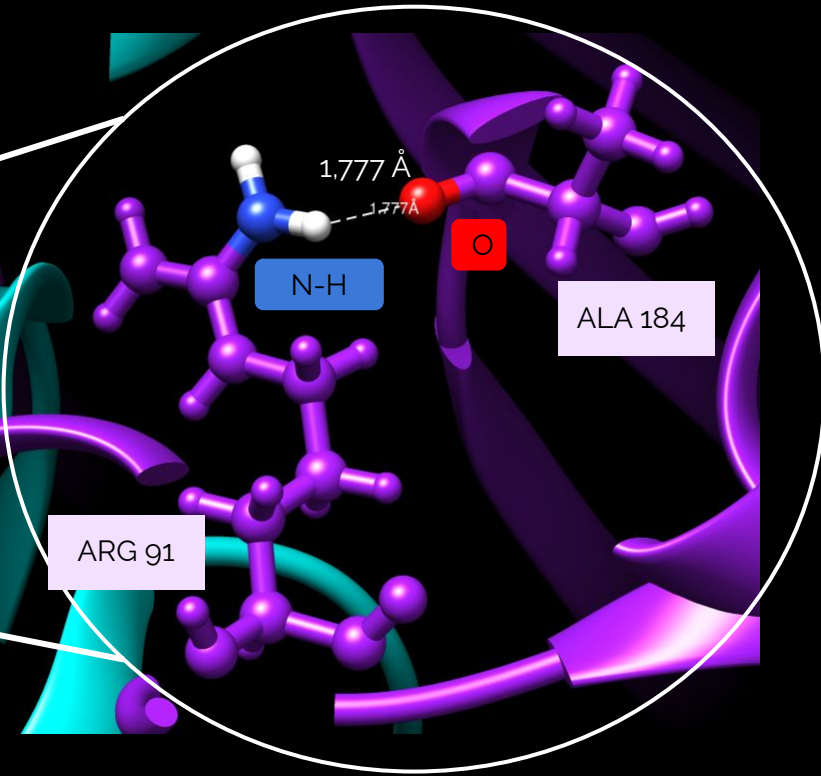
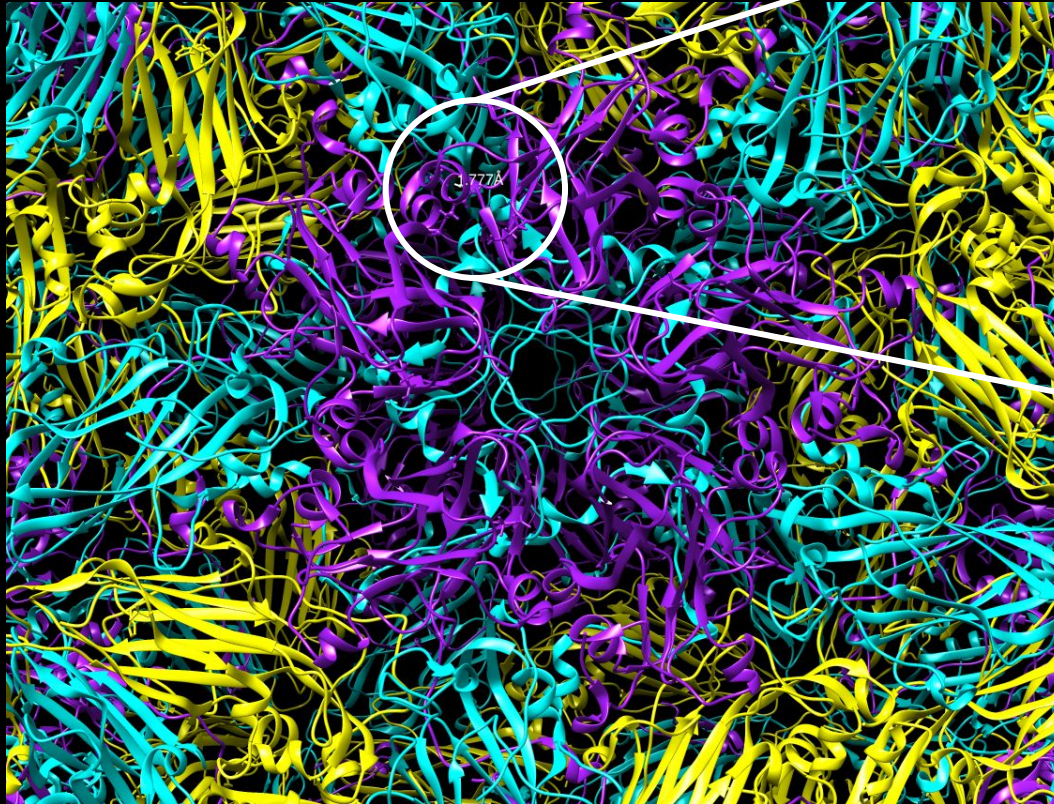
Interactions between VP1 and VP1

	51	61	71	81	91
Consensus	e i g a s a n a s P	s q m i e t r k v l	s i h q l i k r - -	y k f f g r a a s l	i y i a i q f k n a
Conservation	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
3vbf_VP1	E I G A S S N A S D	E S M I E T R C V L	N S H S T A E T T L	D S F F S R A G L V	G E I D L P L K G T
4rhv_VP1	E T G A T M P V L P	S D S I E T R T T Y	M H F N G S E T D V	E C F L G R A A C V	H V T E I Q N K D A
4qpg_VP1	E D P V L A K K V P	E T F P E L K P G E	S R H T S D H M S I	Y K F M G R S H F L	C T F T F N S N N K
3nap_VP1	S R N H E L D E Q P	S Q E C I G E R I L	S F S E L I K R N S	W R Y V S D E K S L	I Y P A Y A F D N P
1b35_VP1	T H R I S N N W S P	Q A M C I G E K V V	S I R Q L I K R - -	F G I F G D A N T L	Q A D G S S F V V A

Arginine (R) is conserved among Human Hepatitis A Virus, Human Enterovirus A71 and Human Rhinovirus B14

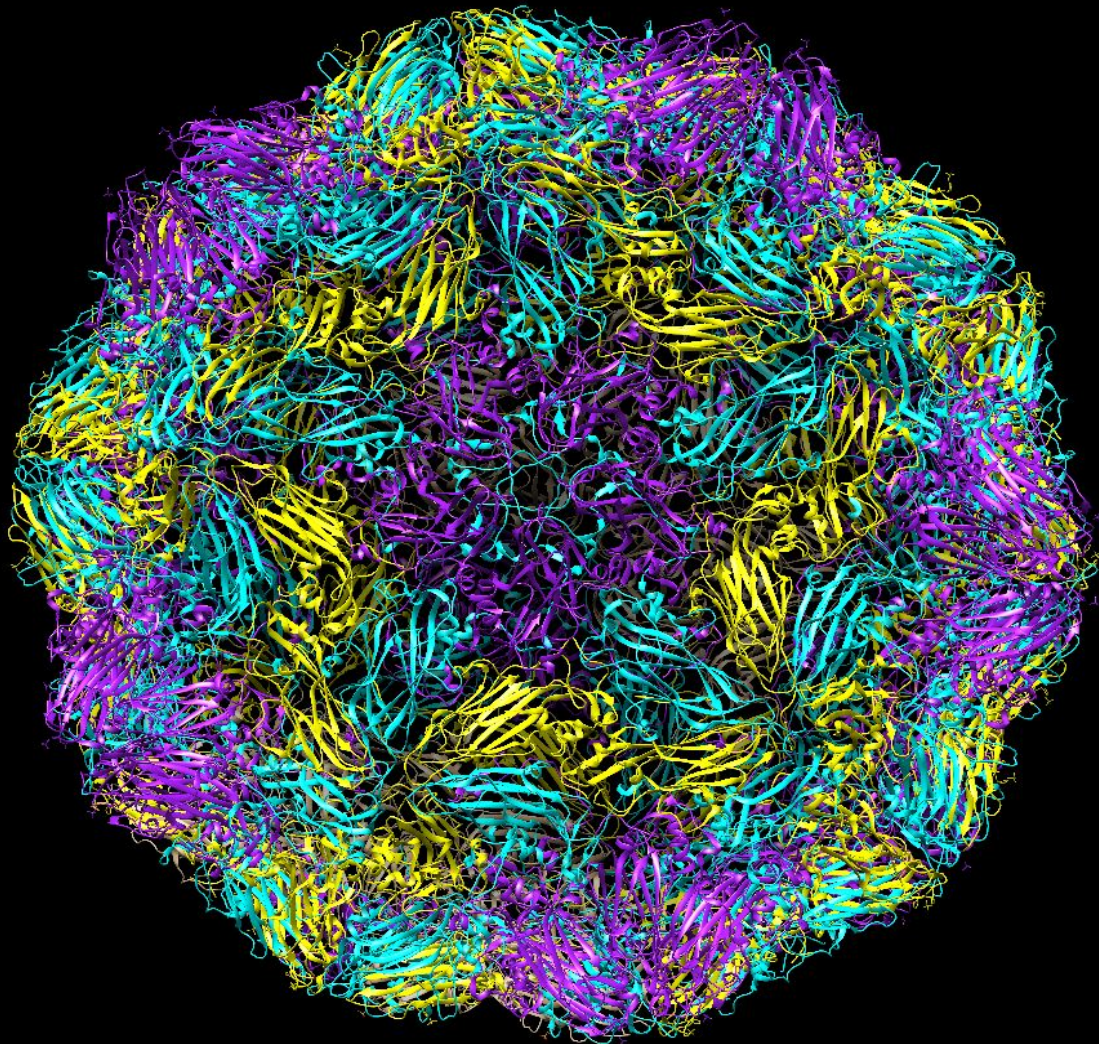
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Hydrogen bond: VP1-VP1



- VP1 (chain #47)
- VP1 (chain #48)

STUDY CASE: R10
ANTIBODY AND HAV



Hepatitis A issue

HAV infects 1,4 million people annually

There is a vaccine



But there are **no** licensed therapeutic drugs



What problems does HAV imply?

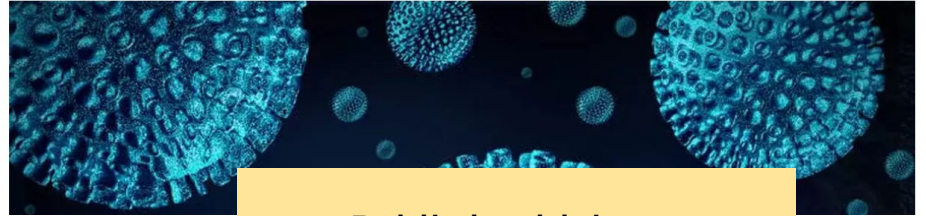
It is unusually **stable**, making disinfection difficult.

Lack of information

NEWS

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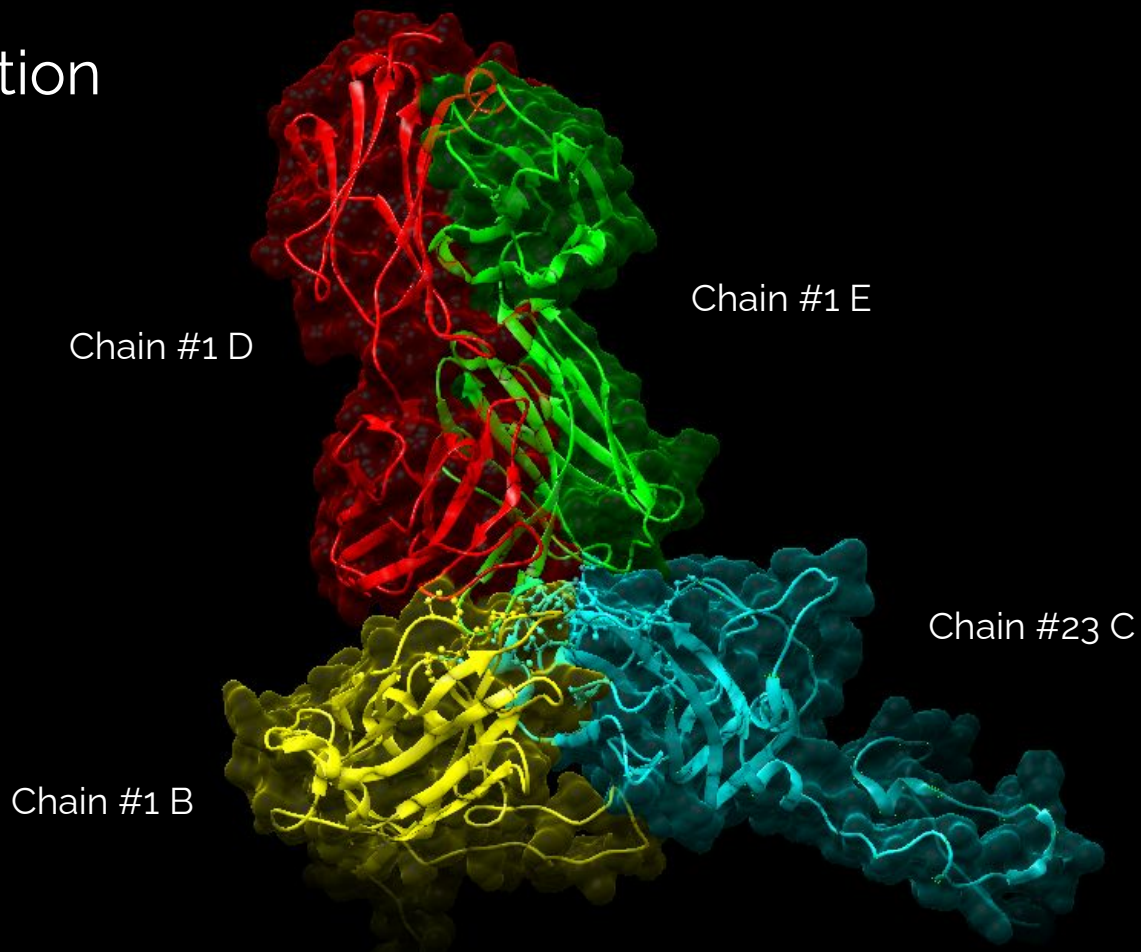
CDC Issues Health Alert Over Hepatitis A Outbreaks



Public health issue

R10 NAb - HAV interaction



- HAV VP2 (chain B)
- HAV VP3 (chain C)
- R10 heavy chain (chain E)
- R10 light chain (chain D)



R10 CDRs

Interaction surface comprises four of the six complementary determining regions (CDRs):

- H1 (residues 28–32)
- H2 (residues 52–57)
- H3 (residues 100–106)
- L1 (residues 30–31)

 R10 heavy chain (chain E)
 R10 light chain (chain D)



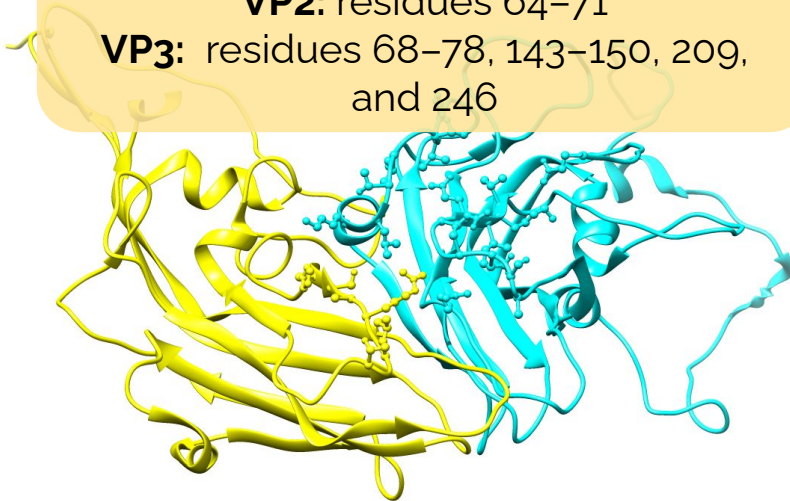
HAV Epitope: Strain Analysis

Conservation analysis of the R10 epitope on HAV capsids of 6 human strains.

HAV R10 Epitope

VP2: residues 64–71

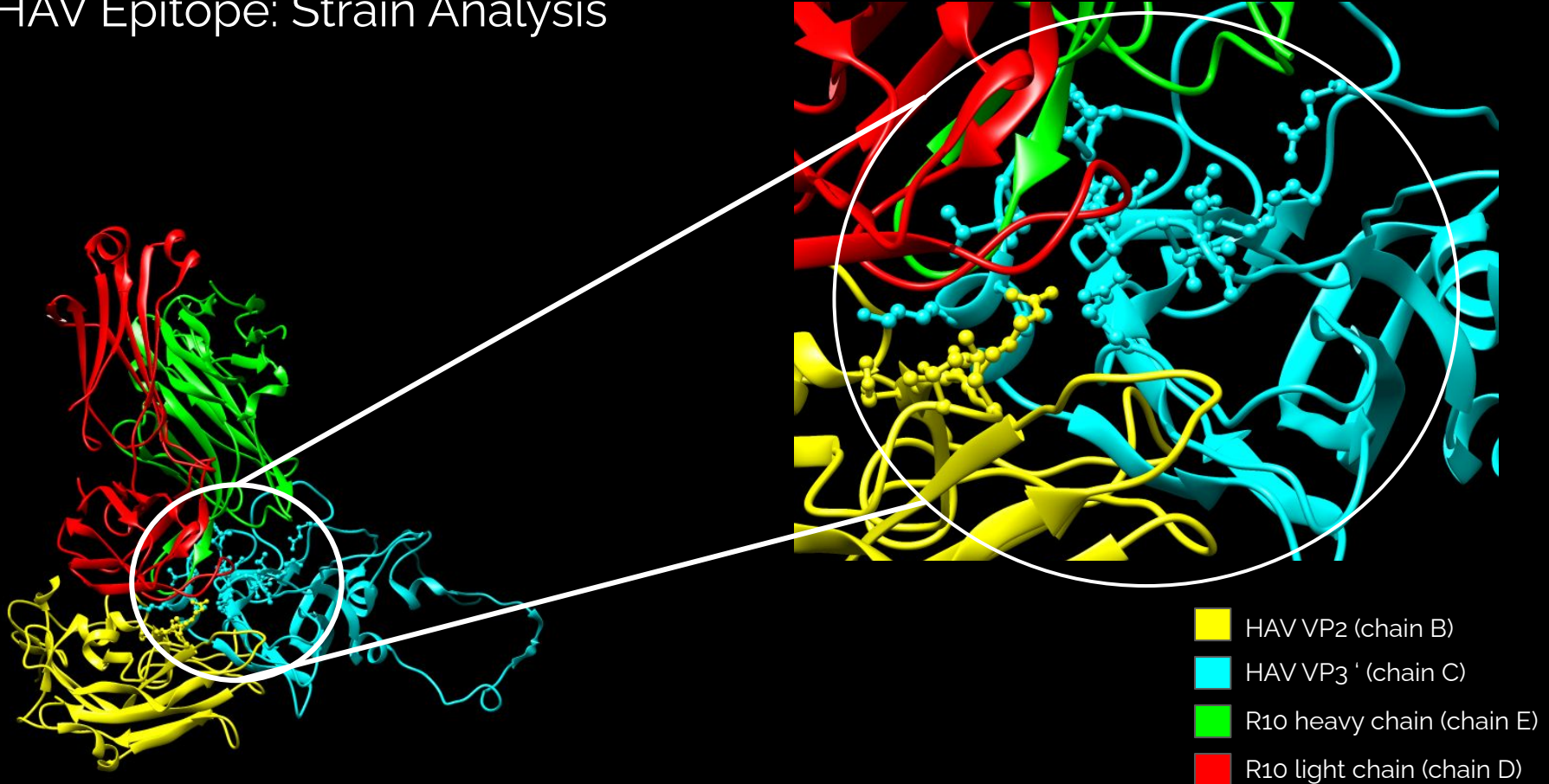
VP3: residues 68–78, 143–150, 209,
and 246



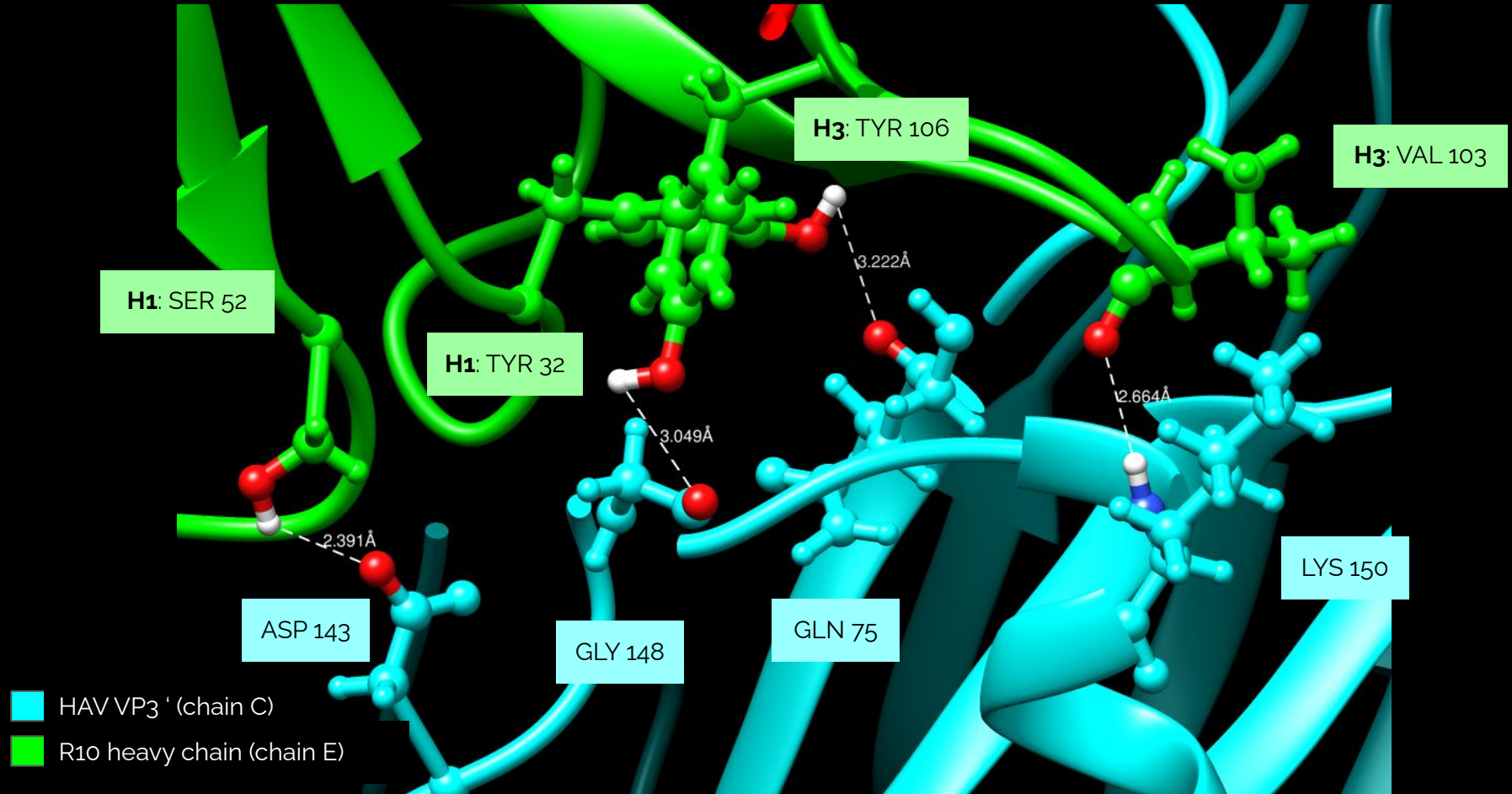
HAV strains analysed

IA → Germany (Q67825)
IB → Australia (P08617)
IIA → France (Q5Y944)
IIB → Sierra Leone (Q8VoN6)
IIIA → Norway (Q9DWR1)
IIIB → Japan (A5LGW7)

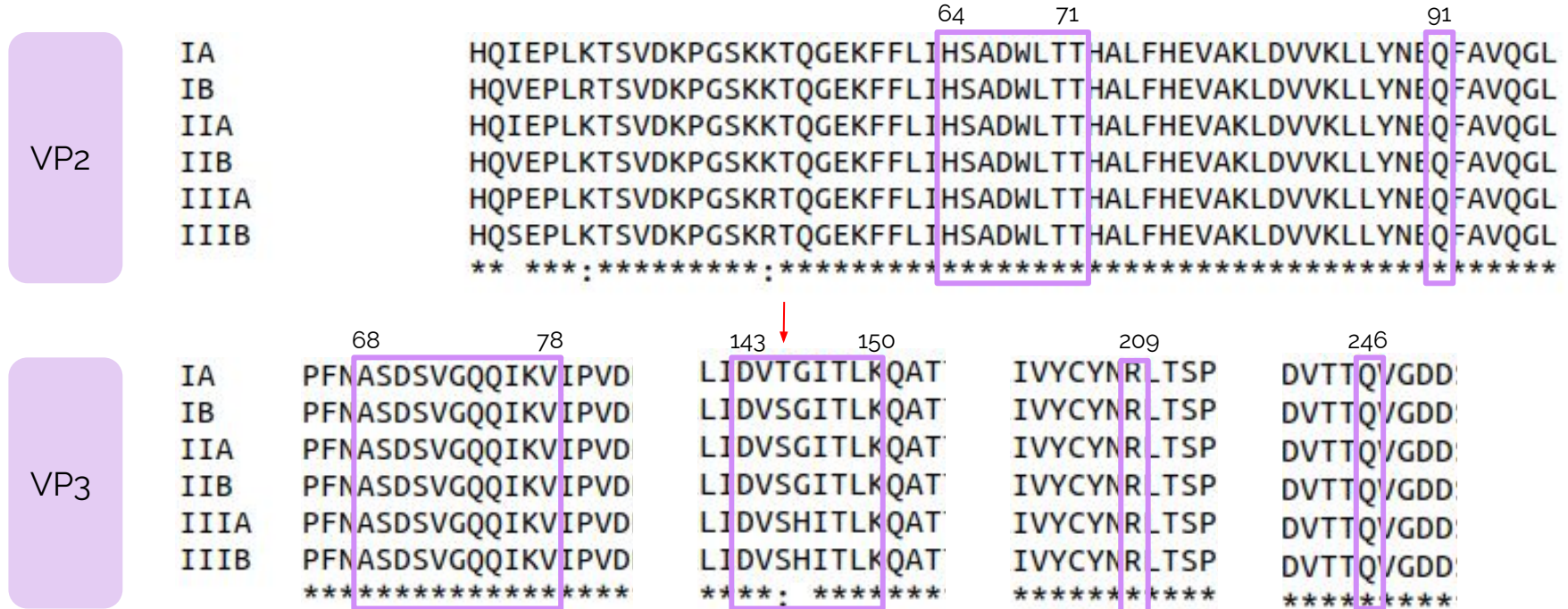
HAV Epitope: Strain Analysis




Some hydrogen bonds between R10 and HAV



HAV Epitope: Strain Analysis (MSA)



IA: Germany (Q67825) **IB:** Australia (Po8617) **IIA:** France (Q5Y944) **IIB:** Sierra Leone (Q8VoN6) **IIIA:** Norway (QgDWR1) **IIIB:** Japan (A5LGW7)

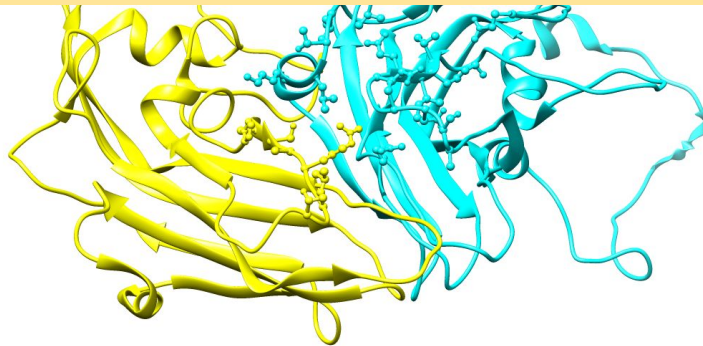
 Epitope residues location

HAV Epitope: Strain Analysis

The R10 epitope is **highly conserved** among the six strains



R10 antibody is likely to strongly bind to most human HAVs strains, so it is able to destabilize the capsid and neutralize virus infection.



Final remarks

HAV shares characteristics from both “classical” mammalian picornaviruses and insect picorna-like viruses.



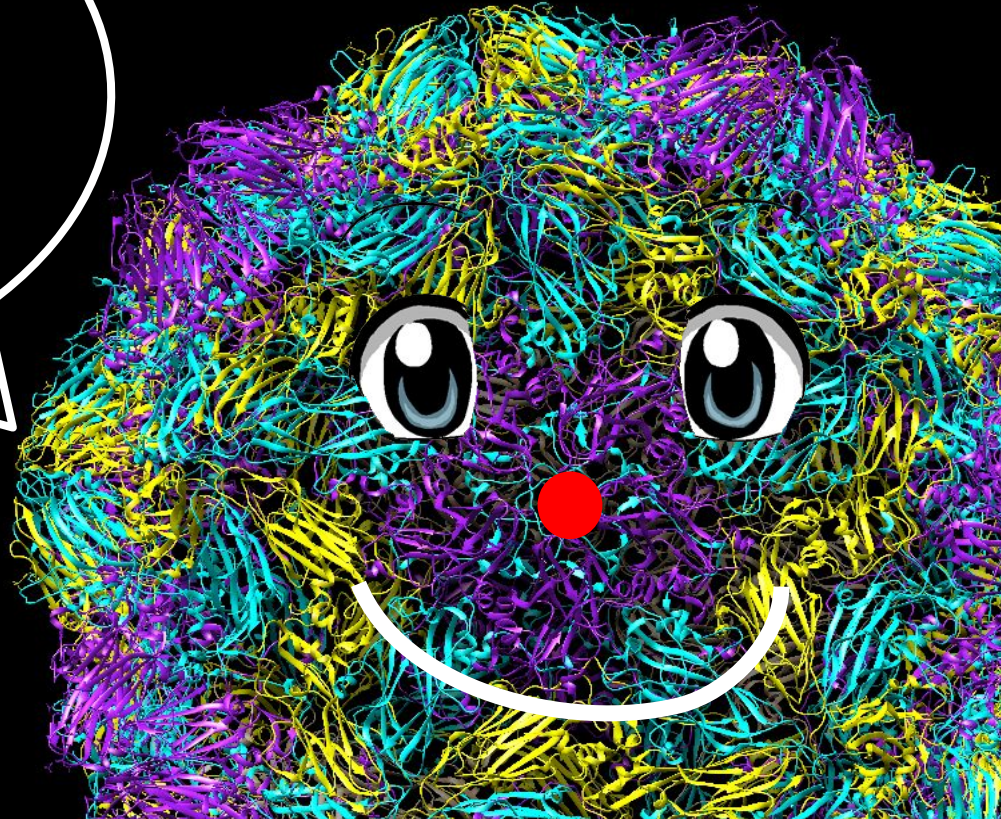
HAV may represent a **link** between them

Further research is needed to to explain more of its unique biology:

- Structural analyses of the capsid
- Capture of assembly states

Thank you for your
attention!

Do you have any
questions?



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Questions (?)

1. HAV belongs to the family of:

- a) Coronaviridae
- b) Onaviridae
- c) Circoviridae
- d) Picornaviridae
- e) Retroviridae

2. HAV capsid has:

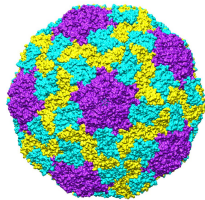
- a) 6-fold axis of symmetry
- b) 5-fold axis of symmetry
- c) 3-fold axis of symmetry
- d) 2-fold axis of symmetry
- e) B, C and D are correct

3. Choose the false statement. HAV has...

- a) An icosahedral capsid
- b) A jelly roll supersecondary structure
- c) A canyon
- d) An angle switch at VP2
- e) No hydrophobic pocket

4. How many pentamers form the HAV capsid?

- a) 160
- b) 10
- c) 5
- d) 12
- e) 26



Questions ?

5. VP2 angle switch makes HAV more similar to:

- a) Classical mammalian picornavirus
- b) Insect picornavirus
- c) Enterovirus
- d) All are correct
- e) None are correct

6. SCOP classifies HAV viral proteins as:

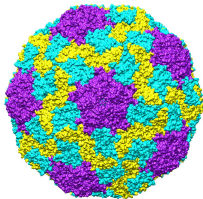
- a) Alpha and Beta proteins (a/b)
- b) Small proteins
- c) All-alpha proteins
- d) Alpha and Beta proteins (a+b)
- e) All-beta proteins

7. VP0 cleaves into:

- a) VP1 and VP3
- b) VP1 and VP2
- c) VP2 and VP3
- d) VP3 and VP4
- e) VP2 and VP4

8. Which interactions can be found in the HAV capsid?

- a) Hydrogen bonds
- b) Salt bridges
- c) a and b are correct
- d) Disulfide bonds
- e) No hydrophobic pocket



Questions ?

9. Choose the true statement about the study case:

- a) R10 Antibody interacts with VP1
- b) R10 Antibody neutralizes the HAV
- c) Six CDRs of R10 Antibody are involved in the interaction with the epitope
- d) The R10 epitope is not highly conserved
- e) R10 Antibody is not able to destabilize the HAV capsid.

10. Choose the true statement:

- a) HAV is a single-stranded RNA-positive virus
- b) HAV is chronic and highly fatal
- c) HAV infects the gastrointestinal-tract
- d) HAV is transmitted mainly by air
- e) All the above are incorrect

