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Genomic characterization of human adenovirus 36, a putative obesity agent

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Abstract

Increased levels of serum antibody titers against human adenovirus 36 (HAdV-D36) are associated with human obesity and experimental obesity in laboratory animals. While HAdV-D36 has been studied as an infectious agent implicated in obesity for over a decade, the complete genome sequence and its analysis have yet to be reported. A detailed analysis of the genome sequence of HAdV-D36 may be important to understand its role in obesity. Genomic and bioinformatic comparisons with other HAdVs identified differences that suggested unique functions. Global pairwise genome alignment with all sequenced human adenovirus D (HAdV-D) genomes revealed areas of nonconserved sequences in the hexon, E3 CR1 β , E3 CR1 γ , and fiber genes. Phylogenetic analysis of all HAdV-D36 proteins confirmed that this virus belongs to species *Human adenovirus D*. This genomic analysis of HAdV-D36 provides an important tool for comprehending the role that this unique adenovirus may play in human obesity. Low amino acid sequence identity in the E3 CR1 β and CR1 γ genes may suggest distinctive roles for these proteins. Furthermore, the predicted molecular models of the HAdV-D36 fiber protein seem to implicate a unique tissue tropism for HAdV-D36.

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1. Introduction

As many as 66% of adults in the United States are overweight or obese (Brown et al., 2009) and in the final three decades of the 20th century, the numbers of children with obesity tripled (Troiano and Flegal, 1998). Although the number of obese adults doubled between 1980 and 2004, the dramatic increase in obesity may have stabilized, with no significant change in adult obesity between 2003–2004 and 2005–2006 (Ogden et al., 2006, 2007). Adverse health consequences associated with obesity include cardiovascular disease, diabetes, hepatic dysfunction, osteoarthritis, and reproductive disorders (Brown et al., 2009). Calorie excess is the most logical cause of obesity in America. While mutations in single genes such as those of leptin and leptin receptor are rare causes of obesity (Clement et al., 1998; Montague et al., 1997), an "obesigenic" genetic profile may occur through the accumulation of many different obesity single nucleotide polymorphisms (Bouchard, 2009). Recently, adenoviruses have been added to the list of potential causes of obesity (Atkinson et al., 2005).

Human adenoviruses (HAdVs) were first isolated from civilians and military trainees with respiratory disease in the early 1950s (Hilleman and Werner, 1954; Rowe et al., 1953). They were the first respiratory viruses to be isolated and characterized. Epidemiological studies confirmed that adenoviruses are the primary cause of acute febrile respiratory disease among military recruits (Dingle and Langmuir, 1968; Ginsberg et al., 1955) and have been persistent in the global population. The diverse human pathogens in this family are categorized into 54 types of adenoviruses in the genus *Mastadenovirus* (Ishiko and Aoki, 2009). The 54 known types are grouped into seven species, based on their immunochemical responses, nucleic acid characteristics, hexon and fiber protein characteristics, biological properties, and phylogenetic analysis (Echavarria, 2009; Ishiko and Aoki, 2009). HAdVs are transmitted by direct and indirect contact, through fomites, and by fecal-oral and respiratory routes, and are associated with acute respiratory disease, epidemic ocular (Walsh et al., 2009), genitourinary, and gastrointestinal infections (Jones et al., 2007). It has recently been suggested that human adenovirus type 36 (HAdV-D36) may also play a role in obesity.

HAdV-D36 was first described in 1980 (Wigand et al., 1980) from a child with diabetes and enteritis and subsequently has been shown to increase visceral adipose tissue in chickens, mice, and monkeys (Dhurandhar et al., 1992, 2000, 2002). In these experiments, the animals were noted to be viremic and HAdV-D36 DNA was detected in adipose tissue at 13 weeks after inoculation (Dhurandhar et al., 2000). Blood transfusion from obese HAdV-D36 infected chickens to non-obese, uninfected chickens produced infection and subsequent development of obesity (Dhurandhar et al., 2001). Emerging evidence supports HAdV-D36 as a cause of human obesity. Obese adults were observed to have a 30% prevalence of HAdV-D36 antibodies compared with only 11% of non-obese adults (Atkinson et al., 2005). *In vitro* adipogenesis is accelerated by infection of preadipocytes with HAdV-D36

(Vangipuram et al., 2004), possibly related to activity of the E4 gene dUTPase (ORF1) (Rogers et al., 2008). Understanding specific mechanisms involved in the adipogenic effect of HAdV-D36 will be augmented by a detailed description of the HAdV-D36 genome and a comparison of its similarities to and divergences from other human adenoviruses.

2. Materials and methods

2.1. Preparation of HAdV-D36 genome for sequencing

HAdV-D36p stock was acquired from Dr. David Schnurr at the California Department of Public Health. Virus was passed once onto monolayers of A549 cells in 25cm^2 flasks to verify cytopathic effect and subsequently amplified in monolayers of A549 cells in 75cm^2 flasks for intracellular viral DNA extraction by the method developed by Shinagawa and colleagues with modifications as previously described (Kajon and Erdman, 2007). For quality control of both identity and purity, 1 µg of viral DNA was digested with restriction endonuclease BamHI.

2.2. Amplification and sequencing of the HAdV-D36 genome

To amplify regions of HAdV-D36, we designed primers based on conserved adenovirus sequences in species – HAdV-D from GenBank. Amplicons of the predicted size were sequenced on an Applied Biosystems 3130x Genetic analyzer using the Big Dye Terminator kit (Applied Biosystems).

2.3. Bioinformatics

The proteins and genes of HAdV-D36 were compared to homologs in other HAdV-D genomes. Percent identities between proteins of HAdV-D36 and other HAdVs were determined using Fasta3 [EBI] and Blastp software (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST/Blast.cgi). Sequence alignments was performed using the mVISTA Limited Area Global Alignment of Nucleotides (LAGAN) program (http://genome.lbl.gov/vista/index.shtml) (Brudno et al., 2003) to compare all fully sequenced genomes in species HAdV-D to HAdV-D36.

2.4. Sequence analysis and genome annotation

Sequence data was filtered and assembled using SeqMan (Lasergene 8, Madison, WI). The genome assembly contained 957 high quality reads with an average length of 524 bp. Eight-fold was achieved for both strands of the genome. The average quality score was 52.7. Genome annotation was partially performed manually as well as by ORFinder (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/gorf/). An online sequence alignment program, mVISTA LAGAN [VISTA] was used for global pairwise sequence alignment (Brudno et al., 2003). Splice sites were predicted manually.

2.5. Nucleotide sequence accession numbers

The HAdV-D36 genome and annotation have been deposited in GenBank prior to manuscript submission: accession number GQ384080. The following HAdV genomes (GenBank accession numbers) were used for comparative analysis: HAdV-D8 (AB448767),

HAdV-D9 (AJ854486), HAdV-D17 (AC_000006), HAdV-D19 (EF121005), HAdV-D22 (FJ404771), HAdV-D26 (EF153474), HAdV-D28 (FJ824826), HAdV-D37 (DQ900900), HAdV-D46 (AY875648), HAdV-D48 (EF153473), HAdV-D49 (DQ393829), HAdV-D53 (FJ169625), and HAdV-D54 (AB333801). The following accession numbers were used for HAdV fiber genes analysis: HAdV-D8 (BAD11146), HAdV-D9, (BAD24678), HAdV-D17 (AAD20325), HAdV-D19, (EF121005), HAdV-D22, (BAG69149), HAdV-D37 (ABK59080) HAdV-D53 (ACI04198), HAdV-A12 (NP_040933), HAdV-B3 (YP_002213796), HAdV-B14 (AAW33140), HAdV-C5 (AP_000226), HAdV-G52 (ABK35058), and HAdV-G52 (ABK35059). The following accession numbers were used for the HAdV-E3 CR1β genes: HAdV-D53 (ACI04194), HAdV-D22 (ACR81620), HAdV-D37 (BAH19189), HAdV-D46 (AAX70938), HAdV-D9 (AAL01123), HAdV-D19 (BAH18937), HAdV-D8 (BAC78833), and HAdV-D28 (ACQ91166).

2.6. Phylogenetic analysis of HAdV-D36

The protein sequences were aligned with the program ClustalW2, available on the homepage of the European Bioinformatics Institute (http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/clustalw2/). Nucleotide alignment of the whole genomes of HAdV-D was made with the program MAFFT (Multiple Alignment using Fast Fourier Transform, http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/mafft/). Phylogenetic calculations were performed using the programs of the PHYLIP package. The calculations of the protein data were made by the distance matrix analysis programs named Protdist (by applying the categories model) and Fitch (by global rearrangements option) (Felsenstein, 1989). Whole nucleotide genome analysis was performed with the programs Dnadist (by F84 model) and Fitch (by global rearrangements). To confirm the results of the above calculations, bootstrap datasets (created new datasets from the original alignment) were made with the program Seqboot, analyzed with the above-described programs, and the program Consense was used to calculate the consensus tree (Felsenstein, 1989). The analyses were repeated with maximum likelihood method, too (data not shown), using the program PhyML (Guindon and Gascuel, 2003). This analysis resulted in similar tree topology as the distance matrix method. The phylogenetic trees were visualized using the program MEGA 4 (Tamura et al., 2007). In the cases of some HAdV-D types, we had to identify the E3 CR1 genes by reannotating this part of the genome (HAdV-D22 (CR1 γ only), -D26, -D48, and -D49) from the available whole genome sequences (GenBank accession numbers: FJ404771, EF153474, EF153473, and DQ393829).

2.7. Molecular modeling

The molecular modeling of the fiber knob was performed with the SWISS-MODEL server (http://swissmodel.expasy.org/) and visualized using DeepView (http://www.expasy.org/spdbv/) (Guex and Peitsch, 1997).

3. Results

3.1. Physical features of the HAdV-D36 genome

The genome length of HAdV-D36 is 35,152 bp, with a base composition of 22.5% A, 20.3% T, 28.7% G, 28.5% C, with the GC content at 57.2%, consistent with members of species HAdV-D (57.0% mean). The organization of the 39 open reading frames (ORFs) was similar

to that of other mastadenoviruses (Fig. 1). The inverted terminal repeat (ITR) sequences for HAdV-D36 were determined to be 86 bp in length. Thus HAdV-D36 has the smallest ITR amongst all sequenced HAdVs.

3.2. Genetic analysis of the HAdV-D36 genome

Comparison of HAdV-D36 with HAdV-D8, -D9, -D17, -D19, -D22, -D26, -D28, -D37, -D46, -D48, -D49, -D53, and -D54 using global sequence alignment revealed significant sequence divergence in the hexon, $CR1\beta$, $CR1\gamma$, and fiber coding sequences (Fig. 2).

3.2.1. Penton—The Arg-Gly-Asp (RGD) motif binds to specific integrins to facilitate viral internalization into the host cell (Wickham et al., 1993). The RGD motif in HAdV-D36 was located at amino acids 310–312 of the HAdV-D36 penton gene. Recently it was demonstrated that recombination is common in the penton base gene in species HAdV-D (Robinson et al., 2009). By Bootscan and Simplot analysis, we found no evidence of recombination in the HAdV-D36 penton base gene (data not shown). The penton base protein from HAdV-D19 was the nearest relative of the HAdV-D36 penton, with 93.9% amino acid identity (Table 1).

3.2.2. Hexon—Recombination in the hexon gene of viruses in species HAdV-D is a welldocumented phenomenon (Walsh et al., 2009). Recombination analysis did not reveal any evidence of recombination in the hexon gene of HAdV-D36 (data not shown). Overall, the HAdV-D36 hexon protein was on average 90.8% similar to other HAdV-Ds (Fig. 3 and Table 2). However, diversity was seen in the protruding regions of the hexon (loops 1 and 2) as evidenced by the low amino acid identity to other HAdVs in those regions (Table 2). This was expected since the primary serum neutralization epitopes of HAdVs are concentrated in loops 1 and 2 (Rux et al., 2003), both of which are recognized as being hypervariable.

3.2.3. E3—It has been established that E3 proteins gp 19, RIDa, RIDB, and 14.7K interact with host cell proteins to disrupt the immune system (Elsing and Burgert, 1998; Horwitz, 2004). Three E3 genes encoding membrane proteins called CR1 (conserved region) genes have relatives in primate cytomegaloviruses (subfamily Betaherpesvirinae in the Herpesviridae) (Davison et al., 2003). CR1a functions together with RID protein complex to downregulate a set of TRAIL receptors thereby preventing the action of these important immune mediators (Lichtenstein et al., 2004). The exact functions of the E3 proteins CR1ß and CR1 γ are not known. The nearest relative to the HAdV-D36 CR1 γ coding sequence was the HAdV-D19 CR1 γ gene with 87% amino acid identity (Table 1). In contrast, the CR1y homologs of HAdV-D37 and HAdV-D53 CR1y proteins were 99 and 100% identical to HAdV-D19 and HAdV-D8, respectively (data not shown). Interestingly, only the HAdV-D49 CR1^β coding sequence was similar to the HAdV-D36 CR1^β coding sequence, with 85% amino acid identity (Table 1). All other CR1ß coding sequences had very low amino acid identity with the HAdV-D36 CR1ß protein (Table 1). In contrast, HAdV-D37 and HAdV-D53 CR1^β proteins were identical to HAdV-D19 and HAdV-D8, respectively (data not shown). Our analysis of the HAdV-E3 proteins CR1 β and CR1 γ suggests they are uniquely divergent in HAdV-D36

3.2.4. Fiber—The fiber gene with the highest amino acid identity to HAdV-D36 was that of HAdV-D8 with 69% amino acid identity (Table 1). The HAdV-D36 fiber protein contains Tyr315 and Lys350 (present in all species HAdV-D fiber proteins) which are critical amino acids for binding sialic acid (Figs. 4 and 5A). The HAdV-D36 fiber protein contained 4 of the 13 residues known to contact the coxsackie-adenovirus-receptor (CAR) in CAR-binding HAdVs. The HAdV-D36 fiber does not contain Arg279 or Arg280 (Fig. 4), which are known to interact with CD46, the receptor for several viruses in species HAdV-B (Nemerow et al., 2009). The electrostatic surface potential, generated from a molecular model of the HAdV-D36 fiber knob, suggests that the HAdV-D36 fiber knob has a less positive surface charge in the area near the sialic acid binding site (Fig. 6).

3.2.5. E4—Previous studies showed that seven amino acids in domain 2 of the HAdV-D9 ORF1 dUTPase (G40, V41, D65, L89, F91, H93, and F97) are important for binding to a 70-kDa cellular phosphoprotein (Chung et al., 2007). Furthermore, the trimerization (TRI) and PDZ domain-binding motif (PBM) elements have also been shown to be important for tumor transformation (Chung et al., 2007). The dUTPase of HAdV-D36 contains an arginine at position 120 whereas position 120 is lysine in all other HAdVs for which we have sequence for in species HAdV-D (Fig. 7). For the three functional domains, this was the only unique feature of the HAdV-D36 dUTPase that we observed.

3.3. Phylogenetic analysis

Phylogenetic analysis using the full genomes of all sequenced HAdV-D types as well as the amino acid sequences of selected proteins clearly showed HAdV-D36 to be a member of species HAdV-D (Fig. 8). This was confirmed by the high bootstrap values for all proteins greater than 400 amino acids in length. Full fiber sequences are generally not used for phylogenetic calculations partly because there is a recombination hot spot at the fiber shaft/ fiber knob border of species HAdV-D (Darr et al., 2009). Notably, Darr et al. indicated that HAdV-D36 itself was recombinant at this hot spot because the fiber knob sequence of HAdV-D36 was unique whereas its fiber shaft sequence was identical with three other HAdV-D types. We applied the knob region in these calculations (even if its length yielded only limited reliability as mirrored in the bootstrap values).

4. Discussion

The presence of anti-HAdV-D36 antibodies is associated with obesity in humans (Atkinson et al., 2005). We set out to sequence this virus to shed light on potentially interesting genes in the HAdV-D36 genome. Complete genome sequencing of HAdV-D36 revealed that the CR1 β , CR1 γ , and fiber genes were quite divergent from their respective HAdV homologs.

The tropism for HAdV-D36 has not been determined. However, it is known that HAdV-D36 is able to enter preadipocytes, adipocytes, primary human adipose-derived stem/stromal cells, and several animal tissues (Dhurandhar et al., 2000, 2002; Pasarica et al., 2008). Since the key amino acids for binding CD46, a receptor for several adenoviruses in species HAdV-B, are not present in the HAdV-D36 fiber knob, it is unlikely that CD46 is used by HAdV-D36. The HAdV-D36 knob contains 4 of 13 residues that are known to contact CAR, (utilized by many HAdVs as a primary attachment receptor). If HAdV-D36 does attach to

CAR, it would be the only virus from species HAdV-D with that capability (Nemerow et al., 2009). Moreover, CAR is not expressed on 3T3-L1 cells (Orlicky et al., 2001), which HAdV-D36 is known to infect (Rogers et al., 2008), further decreasing the probability that HAdV-D36 uses CAR. Among HAdV-D fiber knobs, Tyr315 and Lys350, also found in HAdV-D36 (Fig. 4), are well conserved. This suggests that HAdV-D36 may use sialic acid for attachment to a host cell. We generated a molecular model of the HAdV-D36 fiber knob, based on a crystal structure of HAdV-D37, to predict where the important amino acids for sialic acid binding are located in three-dimensional space. Tyr315 and Lys350 were located in similar locations as the corresponding amino acids of HAdV-D37 (Fig. 5). In comparison to HAdV-D37, the electrostatic surface potential model of the HAdV-D36 fiber knob predicts that it has a less positive and more negative surface charges (Fig. 6). This implicates that HAdV-D36 may use a different receptor than HAdV-D37, a common cause of epidemic keratoconjunctivitis. However, this does not prove or disprove that HAdV-D36 binds sialic acid nor does it rule out unknown receptor(s) for this virus. HAdV-D36 is known to infect adipose, liver, and brain cells in rats (Pasarica et al., 2008), and it will be important in the future to determine its attachment and internalization receptors.

It is noteworthy that the coding sequence for the HAdV-D36 CR1 β gene is 85% identical to the homologous coding sequence in HAdV-D49, yet unlike other CR1 β coding sequences in species HAdV-D. Since little is known about the function of CR1 β , we analyzed it using the Uniprot database to theorize a potential function. Proteins suggested by Uniprot as distant homologs did not have similar functions to one another and had identities equal to or lower than 20% (data not shown). Since CR1 γ has low amino acid identity to homologous coding sequences, its roles in adipogenesis should be explored. Transcriptome analysis of adenoviral and host genes in adipocytes infected with HAdV-D36 would help elucidate which genes, human as well as viral, are involved with adipogenesis.

Phylogenetic analyses confirmed the earlier classification of HAdV-D36 into species HAdV-D either by using the full genome sequence, or the amino acid sequence of any proteins in species HAdV-D. On the other hand, it is not possible to conclude a more detailed relationship between types inside species HAdV-D because there are 20 prototype genomes which remain to be sequenced. Therefore, many proteins are not available for comparison. Secondly, adenoviruses in species HAdV-D are closely related to each other in such a way that the mathematical analysis methods cannot resolve their phylogeny with adequate reliability. The latter fact is mirrored in the low bootstrap values when short and highly variable proteins were used. The E3 proteins were so variable that only types within the same species could be applied in reliable alignments. Therefore we decided to calculate a phylogenetic tree based only on proteins from HAdV-D while the other trees reflect the evolutionary distance of all sequenced human, ape, and monkey adenovirus types (SAdV-1, 3, 6, 7, and 20-25; HAdV-1 to 54). The calculation problems may be better solved by completing the full genome sequencing of all known HAdV types. The available sequences (the calculated phylogenetic trees and the similarity plotting or bootstrap analyses) have not suggested any recombination events in the genome of HAdV-D36 (beside the one in the fiber at the shaft/knob border), which is noteworthy considering that recombination occurs frequently within species HAdV-D (Robinson et al., 2009; Walsh et al., 2009).

In this study we analyzed the complete genomic sequence of HAdV-D36. Although the organization of the HAdV-D36 genome is similar to other viruses in species HAdV-D, it contains great diversity in the CR1 β , CR1 γ , and fiber genes. Phylogenetic analysis of HAdV-D36 proteins confirmed HAdV-D36 as a member of species HAdV-D but did not reveal any further recombination events beside the one identified in the fiber.

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Pairwise comparison of adenovirus genomes from species HAdV-D to HAdV-D36.

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36	GAPN	SSQ	WTDKERQNGGQPPTTKDVI	'K'	FGVA	ARG	GLHI	TDKG	LQI	IGEDENNEDGEEEIYA	ADKTFQPE	PQVGI	EENW	QDTDVFYG	GRALK	KETKMKPCY
3		Р	EQA-KTGA -VDQNQKE	R	Y	Т	YN	KE		I TK PNNK		I	N	N		
3			LA -DTAGDQALK	Н	Н	Μ	TD	A		V TTENKN- P	NEIY		L	VEN		
19			DAQ-EK QGGNDMVTK	Н		Μ	TN	NQ	L	TE TAHNPPKE F	L			NA		
22			AQ -KTGEDNQTE	R		Μ	IL	DKN		T TKPN-NKEV		I		G	TI	
37		Р	T EK TG-AE D		L	Μ	SN	SKD		T KT-ANA KP				N EY		D
3			AQ -KTGEDNQTE	R		Μ	IL	DKN		T TKP -NKE		K		G	TI	
54			IT -QTAGNETTK	Н	Y	Μ	AD	I		V KTENKN- P	NEIY		L	VENY		

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	1													1		1
D36	FARPI	NEKGGQA	AKFLNGENG	QPSKDQD	DITLAF	FDLKQNDTO	GTTQNQP	DVVM	IYTE	NVYLE	ETPDTHVVYKPGKEI	TS	SAAN	LTQQS	MPNRPNYIG	FR
D8		K	V TT D	TENF	D	IP AG	NDNLD	MII	A	N	D	A				
D9			TDGD	LT NH	TMN	TPGGTVG	D ELEA	Ι	А	Н	TS	Е	Е	V		
D19	Y	TS	LKT D I	DT F	D	TPGGNPPAGGS	EEYKA	I		Ν		Е	Е	V		
D22			KTNAE	TEEL	DN	INGGA	DNEFN	М	А	MN	TS	D	Е	А		
D37	K	KE	LKETP	-TDPQY	VDM	S	-SII	I		D		D	Е			
D53			KTNAE	TEEL	DN	INGGA	DNEFN	М	А	MN	TS	D	E	A		
D54			V KT ND	TTEH	Μ	TPGDTNAI	ED ELEA	I		N	PLE	ED	ΕI			

	354	392					4	444
D36	TELSYQLLLDSLGDRTRYFSMWNSAVDSYDPDVRIIENHGVEDELPNY	CFPLDGSG	SN	ITAY	YQGVKYENGAGNGSWKVDGEVA:	SQNQIA	KGNLYAME	2
D8		т	т	AT	EPD A-QGQNDK EK A	A C	I	
D9		A	т	AT	VK G-QD DV AD E PNL	R C	IF	
D19			т	А	VQDG-ED DKETE E TK 1	DR LC	IF	
D22		Т	т	ST	ETAA-QN E PN A	A C	I	
D37		VÇ	T_{S}	S	LKPDQTG GV D V DDISA	AH G	IF	
D53		т	т	ST	ETAA-QN E PN A	A C	I	
D54		A	т	AT	VK G-QD DN AE E NA 1	DR C	IV	

Fig. 3.

Multiple-sequence alignment of hexon loops 1 and 2 from species HAdV-D. Loop 1 is highlighted in grey and loop 2 is highlighted in aqua. Parts of the conserved regions were deleted to save space. (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of the article.)

D36	DTRTLWTTPDP-SPNCKVETARDSKLTLALTKCGSOILATVSLLVVTGKYAI
D 0	
D8	FNKKEDKRILWIIPDI-SPNCRIDQDKDSKLILVLIKCGSQILANVSLIVVAGRIKI
D9	FNKKEDKRTLWTTPDT-SPNCRIDQDKDSKLTLVLTKCGSQILANVSLIVVAGRYKI
D17	WNPKYDTRTLWTTPDT-SPNCRIDKEKDSKLTLVLTKCGSOILANVSLIVVSGKYOY
D10	
DIA	WNPRYDTRTLWTTPDT-SPNCTIAQDKDSKLTLVLTKCGSQILANVSLIVVAGRYHI
D22	WNKKDDRRTLWTTPDP-SPNCTISEDKDSKLTLILTKCGSQILASFSLLVVKGTYAT
D37	WNPKYDTRTLWTTPDT-SPNCTIAODKDSKLTLVLTKCGSOILANVSLIVVAGKYHI
DE2	
D53	FINKREDARILWIIPDI-SPICRIDQDADSKLILVLINCGSQILANVSLIVVAGRIKI
A12	SNTPYDPLTLWTTPDP-PPNCSLIQELDAKLTLCLTKNGSIVNGIVSLVG <mark>VK</mark> GNLLN
B7	INDNINTLWTGVNPTRANCOIMASSESNDCKLTLTLVKTGALVTAFVYVIGVSNDFNM
B11	TODNINTIWTGUNDTEANCOIMNSSESNDCKLTLTUVKTGALVTAEVYVIGVSNNENM
de la companya de la comp	
05	-NKNNDKLTLWITPAP-SPNCKLNAEKDAKLTLVLTKCGSQILATVSVLAVKGSLAP
G52	GIQTLWTPPTS-NPNCTVYTESDSLLSLCLTKCGAHVLGSVSLTGVAGTMTN
UNAU DOG	
HAUV-D36	13D1VNP KQF51KLLFNDKGVLL3D3N LDG11WN1K3NNNN1GFP1KEAVGFMP3
D8	INNN'TN PALKGFTIKLLFDKNGVLMESSN LGKSYWNFRNQNSIMSTAYEKAIGFMPN
D9	INNNTQPALKGFTIKLLFDKNESLWNSSNLGKSSWNFRNENSIMSTAYEKAIGFMPN
D17	IDHATNPTIKSEKIKI. FONKGULLOSSNLOSTYWNERSDNLTUSEAYKNAVEEMPN
D10	
DIA	INNKINPKIKSFIIKLEFNKNGVLEDNSNLGKAIWNFRSGNSNVSIAIEKAIGFMPN
D22	VDKNTTKKEFSIKLLFDANGKLKSESNLSG-YWNYRSDNSVVGTAYNNAVPFMPN
D37	INNKTNPKIKSFTIKLLFNKNGVLLDNSNLGKAYWNFRSGNSNVSTAYEKAIGFMPN
D53	INNNTN PALKGETIKLLEDKNGVLMESSN LGKSYWN FRNONS IMSTAYEKA I GEMPN
710	
AIZ	IQSIIIIVGVHLVPDEQGKLIISIPIALVPQASWGIRQGQSVSINIVINGLGFMPN
B7	LTTHKNINFTAELFFDSTGNLLTSLSSLKTPLNHKSGQNMATGALTNAKGFMPS
B11	LTTHRNINFTAELFFDSTGNLLTRLSSLKTPLNHKSGQNMATGAITNAKGFMPS
C5	ISGTVOSAHLIIRFDENGVILNNSFL DPEY WNFRNGDLTEGTA <mark>Y</mark> TNAVGFMPN
CEO	
652	MAE15DATEFITDDIGALDASEDVMAIF51KQD5FASAFIINADAFMEN
	Tyr 315
HAdV-D36	TTAYPKPTNNTSTDPDKKVSOGKNKIVSNIVLGGEVYOPGFIVVKFNTDANC
D8	LVAY PERTTGSKEYABDIVYGNINGGEPHOPUTIETTENOFTGCE
20	
D9	LVAYPRPTIGSKKYARDIVIGNILGGRPHQPATIKTIFNQEIGCE
D17	LVAYPKPTTGSKKYARDIVYGNI <mark>Y</mark> LGGLAYQPVVIKVTFNEEADSA
D19	LVAYPKPSNSKKYARDIVYGTILGGKPDQPAVIKTTFNQETGCE
D22	TTAY PKI I DSTTNPADKKSS-AKKI I VGNVI GGNPGOPVAVA I SFNKETTAD
D22	
D37	LVAIPRPSNSKRIARDIVIGIIILGGRPDQPAVIRIIPNQEIGCE
D53	LVAYPKPTTGSKKYARDIVYGNI <mark>Y</mark> LGGKPHQPVTIKTTFNQETGCE
A12	VSAYPRPNASEAKSOMVSLTLOGDTSKPITMKVAFNGITSLNG
B7	TTAY PENVINS REK - ENVIVGTOY TASDHTAFPIDI SVMINORAL NNETS
D11	
BIT	
C5	LSAYPKSHGKTAKSNIVSQV <mark>M</mark> LNGDKTKPVTLTITLNGTQETGDTTPS
G52	STLYARGGSGEPRNNYYVQTLRGNVQRPITLTVTFNSAATG
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HAdv-D36	AYSITFDFGWGKVYKDPIPYDTSSFTFSYIAQE
D22	-YSITFDFAWGKAYETPVPFDTSSMTFSYIAQENEDKTQ
D8	-YSITFDFSWAKTYVN-VEFETTSFTFSYIAOE
D53	
2000	
D9	-YSITFDFSWAKTYVN-VEFETTSFTFSYIAQE
D19	-YSITFNFSWSKTYEN-VEFETTSFTFSYIAQE
D37	-YSITFNFSWS
D17	
710	
AIZ	-1311r/WSGLSNIIN-QFF51F5C5F5111QE
B'7	-YCIRVIWSWNIGVAPEVQTSATTLVTSPFTFYYIREDD
B11	-YCIRITWSWNTGDAPEVQTSATTLVTSPFTFYYIREDD
C5	AYSMSFSWDWSGHNYIN-EIFATSSYTFSYIAOE
G52	
0.52	TOPOLIUIT AVAIL DILIMINIOLOTITEQ

Fig. 4.

Multiple alignment of adenovirus fiber knob sequences from species HAdV-D. Alignment contains adenovirus fiber knob from sequences from species HAdV-D (-8, -9, -17, -19, -22, -37, and -53), HAdV-A, HAdV-B, HAdV-C, and HAdV-G. Tyr315 and Lys350, the vital amino acids that form the sialic acid binding site, are highlighted in red. The conserved residues are highlighted in grey. Amino acids contacting CAR in the HAdV-A12–CAR complex crystal structure are shown on an aqua background. The residues in the HAdV-C5 fiber protein that were found to interact with CAR by mutagenesis (Kirby et al., 1999, 2000)

are highlighted in magenta. Residues that interact with CD46 are highlighted in green. (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of the article.)



Fig. 5.

Molecular model of the HAdV-D36 fiber knob. (A) Molecular model of HAdV-D36 knob with Tyr315 and Lys350 highlighted in red. (B) Structure of the HAdV-D37 fiber knob bound to sialic acid (white). Lys345 and Tyr312, which bind sialic acid are highlighted in red. (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of the article.)



Fig. 6.

Electrostatic surface potential of HAdV-D36 fiber knob. Side view of fiber knobs from (A) HAdV-B3, (B) HAdV-C5, (C) HAdV-D36, and (D) HAdV-D37. The figure was prepared with DeepView (http://www.expasy.org/spdbv/) (Guex and Peitsch, 1997). The green dots demarcate the location of the conserved Tyr residues which are associated with binding sialic acid. Coloring of the surface potential ranges from +5 kT (blue) to -5 kT (red). (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of the article.)

							TRIBPM			
HAdV-36	MAESLYAN	FIDSPGGIAPVQ	EGASNRYI	FFCPES	FHIPPH	JV ILLHLRVSV	/LVPTGYQGRFMALN	DYHARGILTQS	DVIFAGRRHDLSVILFNHTDRFLYVRE	GHPVGTLLLERVIFPSV <mark>RIATLV</mark>
HAdV-9			Т			V K		D	QE T	K
HAdV-22			T N	K		V K		D	QE T	K
HAdV-46			T N			V K		D	QE T	K
HAdV-53	С	М	K I		YF	V VY K	Т		QE A	KK K
HAdV-54	KC		ΚI	Q	YF	VVYK	I	Т	QE T	K K

Fig. 7.

Multiple-sequence alignment of adenovirus dUTPase (E4-ORF1) proteins from species HAdV-D. Domain 2 is highlighted in grey, TRI is highlighted in green, and the PBM element is highlighted in aqua. Amino acids that are critical for the function of domain 2 (G40, V41, D65, L89, F91, H93, and F97) are in bold and in black boxes. (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of the article.)

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Fig. 8.

Phylogenetic analysis of HAdV-D36. Analysis of HAdV-D36 is based on the nucleic acid sequence of (A) complete genomes, as well as the predicted amino acid sequences of (B) DNA polymerase, (C) hexon, (D) CR1 β , (E) CR1 γ , and (F) fiber.

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Table 1

Percent identities of the amino acid sequences of selected HAdV-D36 proteins and their homologs. Penton base, hexon, and fiber were chosen because they are important determinants of tropism. All other proteins in the table are shown here, because they had less than 92% amino acid identity to the corresponding proteins in HAdV-D36.

	HAdV-D8	6 Q- APAH	HAdV-D19	HAdV-D22	HAdV-D28	HAdV-D37	HAdV-D49	HAdV-D53
Penton base	91.4	92.1	93.3	92.3	92.3	90.6	91.7	90.6
Hexon	91	90.5	90.1	91	90.5	90.7	91.8	91
CRIB	46.5	48.6	48.3	46	51	45.8	85	47.1
$CR1\gamma$	6.69	64.3	87	69	61	70.1	6.99	69.69
Fiber	69	64.3	62.4	68.7	65	62.4	66	63.5
ORF4	90.8	91.7	89.2	91	83.5	90	91.7	91.7
ORF3	88.9	88	88	86	87.2	88	88	88.9
ORF2	86.2	86.9	86.9	86	93.8	86.9	87.7	86.2
ORFI	84	92	47.2 ^a	91.2	91.2	47.2 ^a	91.2	84.8

Table 2

Percent identities of the HAdV-D36 amino acids in hexon loops 1 and 2 to other HAdVs.

	Loop 1	Loop 2
HAdV-D8	66.9	65.4
HAdV-D9	64.3	59.3
HAdV-D19	64.7	57.4
HAdV-D22	63.5	68.6
HAdV-D37	67.4	56.4
HAdV-D53	64.6	68.6
HAdV-A18	43	47.1
HAdV-B7	51.3	51
HAdV-C2	48.3	49.1
HAdV-E4	52.4	51.9
HAdV-F40	43	50
HAdV-G52	41	41