Supporting Information

Table A: Effects of the NS3 W501R substitution on HCV helicase isolated from a Genotype 3a virus.

		Genotype 3a		Genotype 1b
Assay	Parameter	Wild type	W501R	Wild type
DNA Unwinding ^a	$K_{m}(nM)$	8.1 ± 3.1	320±120 (40)	24 ± 11
	V_{max} (kRFU/min)	17 ± 4	$1 \pm 0.2 (17)$	7 ±1
RNA Unwinding ^b	$K_{m}(nM)$	21±9	22±20(1)	n.d
	V_{max} (RFU/min)	$2,200\pm700$	25±7 (88)	n.d
DNA Binding ^c	$K_d(nM)$	2.5±0.3	4.5±0.8 (1.8)	5.2±0.4
Poly(U) Stim-	K _{act} (nM)	5.2±2.9	4.1±2.2 (1.3)	10±2
ulatedATPas ^d	k_{cat} (s ⁻¹)	52±4	46±3 (1.1)	24±1
Poly(A) Stim-	K _{act} (nM)	17±4	14±4 (1.2)	370±120
ulatedATPase ^d	k_{cat} (s ⁻¹)	43 ± 2	$33\pm2(1.3)$	23 ± 2

^aAnalysis of initial unwinding rates observed DNA unwinding assays with various concentrations of each protein (see Figure 1).

For each of the above assays, parameters calculated using non-linear regression analysis are shown with errors representing 95% confidence intervals in the curve fit. Fold change between the W501R allele and wildtype are shown in parentheses. n.d.=not determined.

^b Analysis of initial unwinding rates observed RNA unwinding assays with various concentrations of each protein (see Figure 2).

 $[^]c$ Analysis of the relative amount of NS3h bound to an oligonucleotide at various concentrations of each protein (See Figure 3)

^d Analysis of initial rates of NS3-catalyzed ATP hydrolysis observed with various RNA of each protein (see Figure 4).

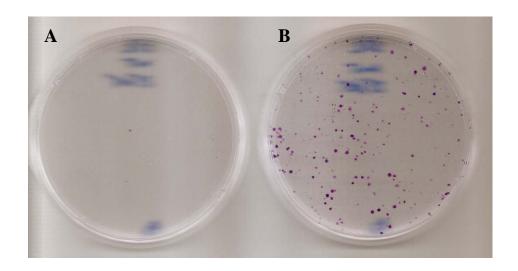


Figure A: Representative images of colony-forming assay for genotype 3a replicon cells assay. Transcribed RNAs from pS52/SG-Feo (AII) and pS52/SG-W501R-Feo were electroporated on Huh7.5 cells and treated with G418 for approximately 15 days. After two weeks only one colony was observed in the plate containing the cells electroporated with W501R mutation (A) mean while with the wild-type RNA for this mutation we observed in 259 colonies (B).