

Supplementary Files

Supplementary Material and Methods

Synthesis of 5'-(4-fluorosulfonylbenzoyl)guanosine (FSBG)

Guanosine monohydrate (875 mg, 2.90 mmol) was co-evaporated twice with anhydrous DMF and subsequently dissolved in DMPU with gentle warming. The clear solution was cooled in an ice bath, and 4-(fluorosulfonyl)benzoyl chloride (812 mg, 3.65 mmol) was added. After 15 minutes the mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for another 4 hours. Petroleum ether 40/60 (50 mL) was added and a white precipitate formed. The organic layer was decanted and the residue triturated twice with a 1/1 mixture of ethyl acetate/diethyl ether (2 x 50 mL). The residue was re-crystallized from MeOH/water and further purified by C18-RP-HPLC (Phenomenex Gemini C18, pore size 110Å, particle size 5 µm, 150 x 21.2 mm, gradient 20 – 50% Acetonitrile in 0.1 % aqueous TFA, 20 mL/min) to yield the title compound as a white solid (232 mg, yield 17%) (Supplementary Figure 5).

Supplementary tables

Table S1: Virus genome used for the bioinformatics analyses.

| Virus name | Species | (Sub)family | Acronym | Accession number |
|--|--|----------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Gill-associated virus | <i>Gill-associated virus</i> | <i>Roniviridae</i> | GAV | AF227196 |
| Yellow head virus | to be established | <i>Roniviridae</i> | YHV | EU487200 |
| Cavally virus | <i>Alphamesonivirus 1</i> | <i>Mesoniviridae</i> | CAVV | HM746600 |
| Casuarina virus | to be established | <i>Mesoniviridae</i> | CASV | NC_023986 |
| Dak Nong virus | to be established | <i>Mesoniviridae</i> | DKNV | AB753015.2 |
| Hana virus | to be established | <i>Mesoniviridae</i> | HanaV | JQ957872 |
| Nse virus | to be established | <i>Mesoniviridae</i> | NseV | JQ957874 |
| Meno virus | to be established | <i>Mesoniviridae</i> | MenoV | JQ957873 |
| SARS coronavirus Frankfurt 1 | <i>Severe acute respiratory syndrome-related coronavirus</i> | <i>Coronavirinae</i> | SARS-CoV | AY291315 |
| Rabbit coronavirus HKU14 | <i>Betacoronavirus 1</i> | <i>Coronavirinae</i> | RbCoV_HKU14 | JN874560 |
| Murine hepatitis virus strain 2 | <i>Murine coronavirus</i> | <i>Coronavirinae</i> | MHV-2 | AF201929 |
| Human coronavirus HKU1 | <i>Human coronavirus HKU1</i> | <i>Coronavirinae</i> | HCoV_HKU1 | AY884001 |
| Betacoronavirus Erinaceus/VMC/DEU/2012 | to be established | <i>Coronavirinae</i> | EriCoV | KC545383 |

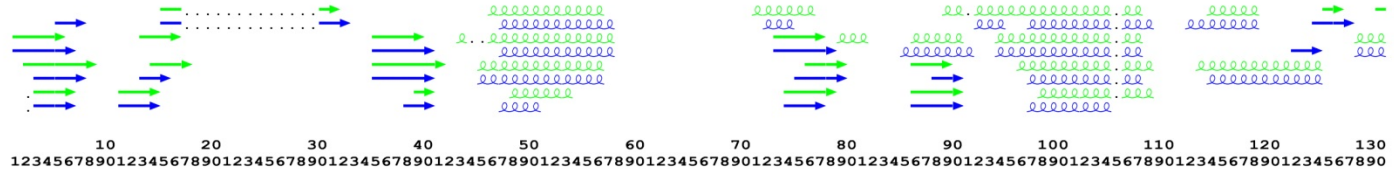
| Virus name | Species | (Sub)family | Acronym | Accession number |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Bat coronavirus (BtCoV/133/2005) | <i>Tylonycteris bat coronavirus HKU4</i> | <i>Coronavirinae</i> | BtCoV/133/2005 | DQ648794 |
| Bat coronavirus HKU5-1 | <i>Pipistrellus bat coronavirus HKU5</i> | <i>Coronavirinae</i> | BtCoV_HKU5 | EF065509 |
| MERS coronavirus EMC/2012 | to be established | <i>Coronavirinae</i> | MERS-CoV | JX869059.2 |
| Bat coronavirus HKU9-10-2 | <i>Rousettus bat coronavirus HKU9</i> | <i>Coronavirinae</i> | BtCoV_HKU9 | HM211101 |
| Bat coronavirus CDPHE15/USA/2006 | to be established | <i>Coronavirinae</i> | BtCoV_CDPHE15 | KF430219 |
| Human coronavirus NL63 | <i>Human coronavirus NL63</i> | <i>Coronavirinae</i> | HCoV-NL63 | AY567487 |
| Miniopterus bat coronavirus HKU8 | <i>Miniopterus bat coronavirus HKU8</i> | <i>Coronavirinae</i> | BtCoV_HKU8 | EU420139 |
| Rhinolophus bat coronavirus HKU2 | <i>Rhinolophus bat coronavirus HKU2</i> | <i>Coronavirinae</i> | BtCoV_HKU2 | EF203064 |
| Bat coronavirus 1A | <i>Miniopterus bat coronavirus 1</i> | <i>Coronavirinae</i> | BtCoV_1A | EU420138 |
| Alpaca respiratory coronavirus | <i>Human coronavirus 229E</i> | <i>Coronavirinae</i> | ACoV | JQ410000 |
| Bat coronavirus (BtCoV/512/2005) | <i>Scotophilus bat coronavirus 512</i> | <i>Coronavirinae</i> | BtCoV/512/2005 | DQ648858 |
| Porcine epidemic diarrhea virus | <i>Porcine epidemic diarrhea virus</i> | <i>Coronavirinae</i> | PEDV | KC140102 |
| Rousettus bat coronavirus HKU10 | to be established | <i>Coronavirinae</i> | BtCoV_HKU10 | JQ989271 |
| Mink coronavirus strain WD1127 | to be established | <i>Coronavirinae</i> | MCoV | HM245925 |
| Feline coronavirus UU2 | <i>Alphacoronavirus 1</i> | <i>Coronavirinae</i> | FCoV_UU2 | FJ938060 |
| Infectious bronchitis virus | <i>Avian coronavirus</i> | <i>Coronavirinae</i> | IBV | KC008600 |
| Bottlenose dolphin coronavirus HKU22 | <i>Beluga whale coronavirus SW1</i> | <i>Coronavirinae</i> | BdCoV_HKU22 | KF793824 |
| Sparrow coronavirus HKU17 | to be established | <i>Coronavirinae</i> | SpCoV_HKU17 | JQ065045 |
| Munia coronavirus HKU13-3514 | <i>Munia coronavirus HKU13</i> | <i>Coronavirinae</i> | MuCoV_HKU13 | FJ376622 |
| Common-moorhen coronavirus HKU21 | to be established | <i>Coronavirinae</i> | CMCoV_HKU21 | JQ065049 |
| Bulbul coronavirus HKU11-934 | <i>Bulbul coronavirus HKU11</i> | <i>Coronavirinae</i> | BuCoV_HKU11 | FJ376619.2 |

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|---|--|----------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Thrush coronavirus HKU12-600 | <i>Thrush coronavirus HKU12</i> | <i>Coronavirinae</i> | ThCoV_HKU12 | FJ376621 |
| White-eye coronavirus HKU16 | to be established | <i>Coronavirinae</i> | WECoV_HKU16 | JQ065044 |
| Night-heron coronavirus HKU19 | to be established | <i>Coronavirinae</i> | NHCoV_HKU19 | JQ065047 |
| Wigeon coronavirus HKU20 | to be established | <i>Coronavirinae</i> | WiCoV_HKU20 | JQ065048 |
| Porcine torovirus | <i>Porcine torovirus</i> | <i>Torovirinae</i> | PToV_SH1 | NC_022787 |
| Breda virus | <i>Bovine torovirus</i> | <i>Torovirinae</i> | BRV-1 | AY427798 |
| White bream virus | <i>White bream virus</i> | <i>Torovirinae</i> | WBV | DQ898157 |
| Fathead minnow nidovirus | to be established | <i>Torovirinae</i> | FHMNV | GU002364.2 |
| Ball python nidovirus | to be established | <i>Torovirinae</i> | BPNV | NC_024709 |
| Possum nidovirus | to be established | <i>Arteriviridae</i> | WPDV | JN116253 |
| Simian hemorrhagic fever virus | <i>Simian hemorrhagic fever virus</i> | <i>Arteriviridae</i> | SHFV-LVR | AF180391 |
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| Porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus | <i>Porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus</i> | <i>Arteriviridae</i> | PRRSV-2 | JX138233 |
| Porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus | <i>Porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus</i> | <i>Arteriviridae</i> | PRRSV-1 | GU737264.2 |
| Lactate dehydrogenase-elevating virus | <i>Lactate dehydrogenase-elevating virus</i> | <i>Arteriviridae</i> | LDV-C | L13298 |
| Lactate dehydrogenase-elevating virus | <i>Lactate dehydrogenase-elevating virus</i> | <i>Arteriviridae</i> | LDV-P | U15146 |
| Equine arteritis virus | <i>Equine arteritis virus</i> | <i>Arteriviridae</i> | EAV | DQ846750 |

Table S2. Multiple sequence alignment of NiRAN of nidoviruses (see a separate file in fasta format).

Supplementary figures

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Roniviridae
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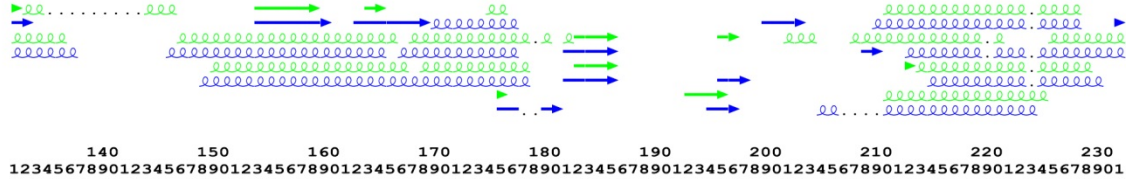
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Arteriviridae
 WPDV I.TIVPRS.RTFIC.....GAFNIKVLPL...TRKREINN.....TPAGSYDLENG.....CMIRPHYP..SLIDKLLA.AIH.....
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Roniviridae

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Mesoniviridae

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Coronavirinae

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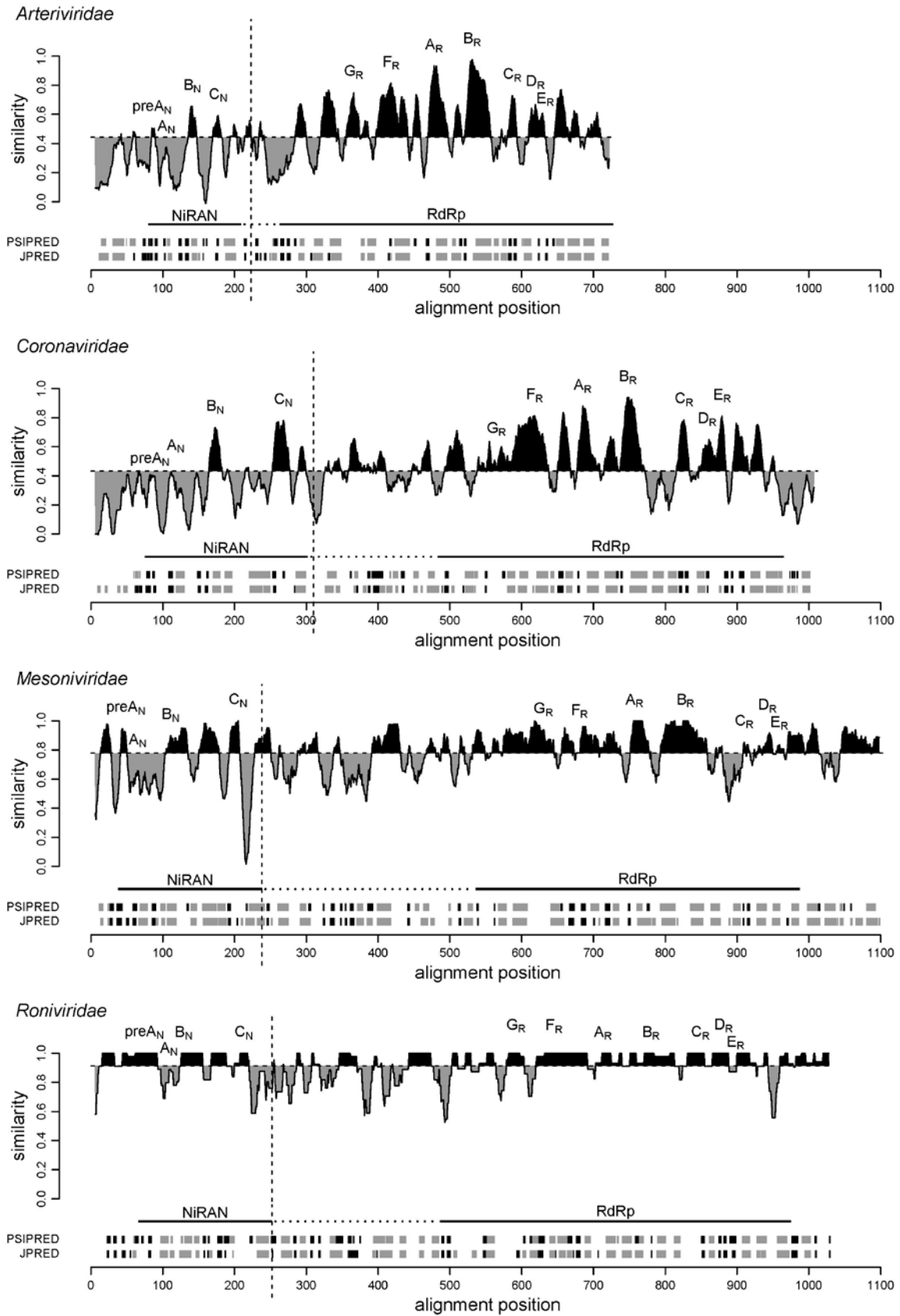
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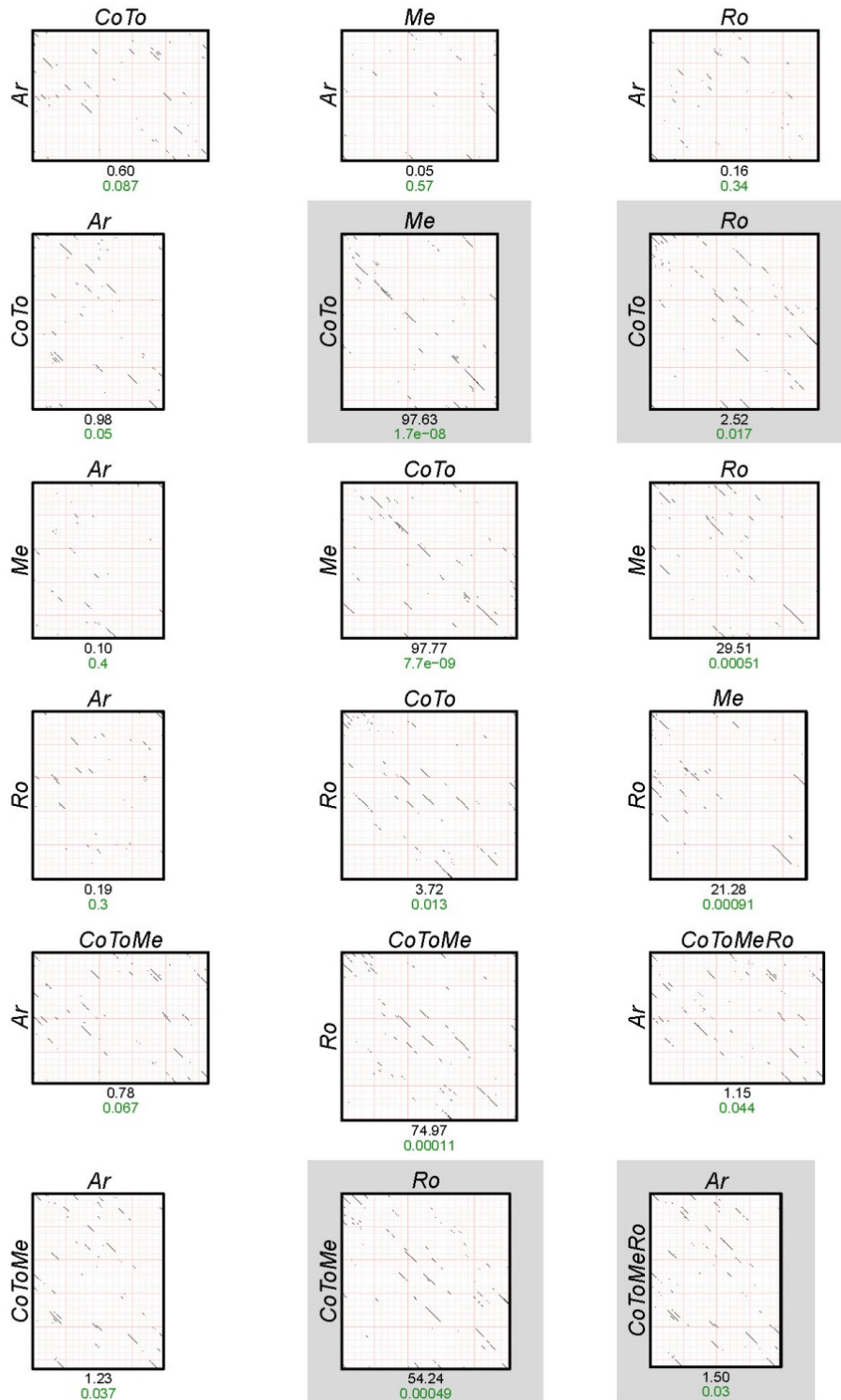
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Supplementary Figure 1: The nidovirus-wide NiRAN MSA encompassing conserved motifs. Virus names and accession numbers are listed in Table S1. Fully and partially conserved residues are depicted in white font with red background and red font, respectively. Sequence motifs are indicated by stars. Secondary structure predictions are shown on the top of the MSA. The name of each prediction indicates software used (Jpred 3 or PSIPRED) and which family-specific NiRAN MSA (R, *Roniviridae*; M, *Mesoniviridae*; C, *Coronaviridae*; A, *Arteriviridae*) were used to produce it. The plot was generated with ESPript.

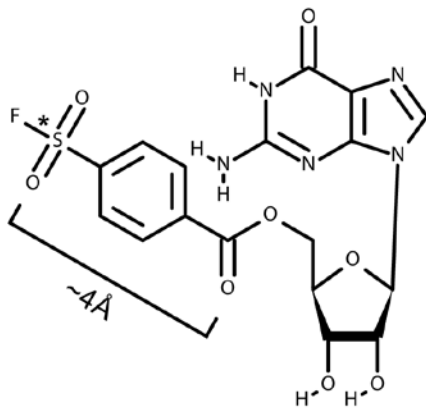
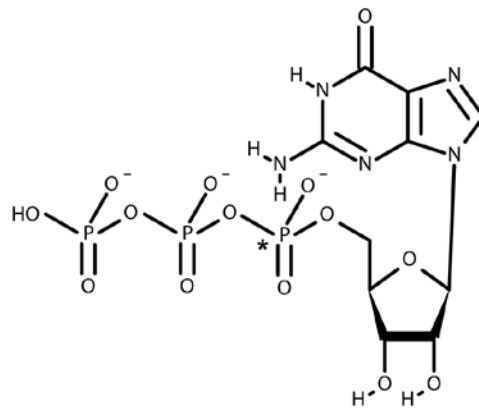


Supplementary Figure 2: Sequence variation, domain organization, and secondary structure of NiRAN-RdRp-containing proteins of nidovirus families. For each family, the similarity density plot obtained for the MSA of proteins including the NiRAN and RdRp domains is shown. To highlight the

regional deviation of conservation from that of the MSA average, areas above and below the mean similarity are shaded in black and gray, respectively. Sequence motifs of NiRAN and RdRp are labelled. Uncertainty in respect to the domain boundary between NiRAN and RdRp is indicated by dashed horizontal lines. Domain boundaries used for all bioinformatics analyses are indicated by dashed vertical lines. Below each similarity density plot predicted secondary structure elements are presented in gray for α -helices and black for β -strands.



Supplementary Figure 3: Pairwise MSA-based HMM-HMM comparison of NiRANs of different origins. Each MSA of NiRAN was converted into an HMM profile, all possible pairs of different HMMs were aligned using HH-align. The label at the left and top of each plot specifies the group of viruses used as query and target in HMM-HMM comparison, respectively. Below each dot-plot the confidence (%) of the target being homologous to the query and the E value of the top local hit are shown in black and green, respectively. The four plots highlighted with grey background are also presented in Fig. 3.

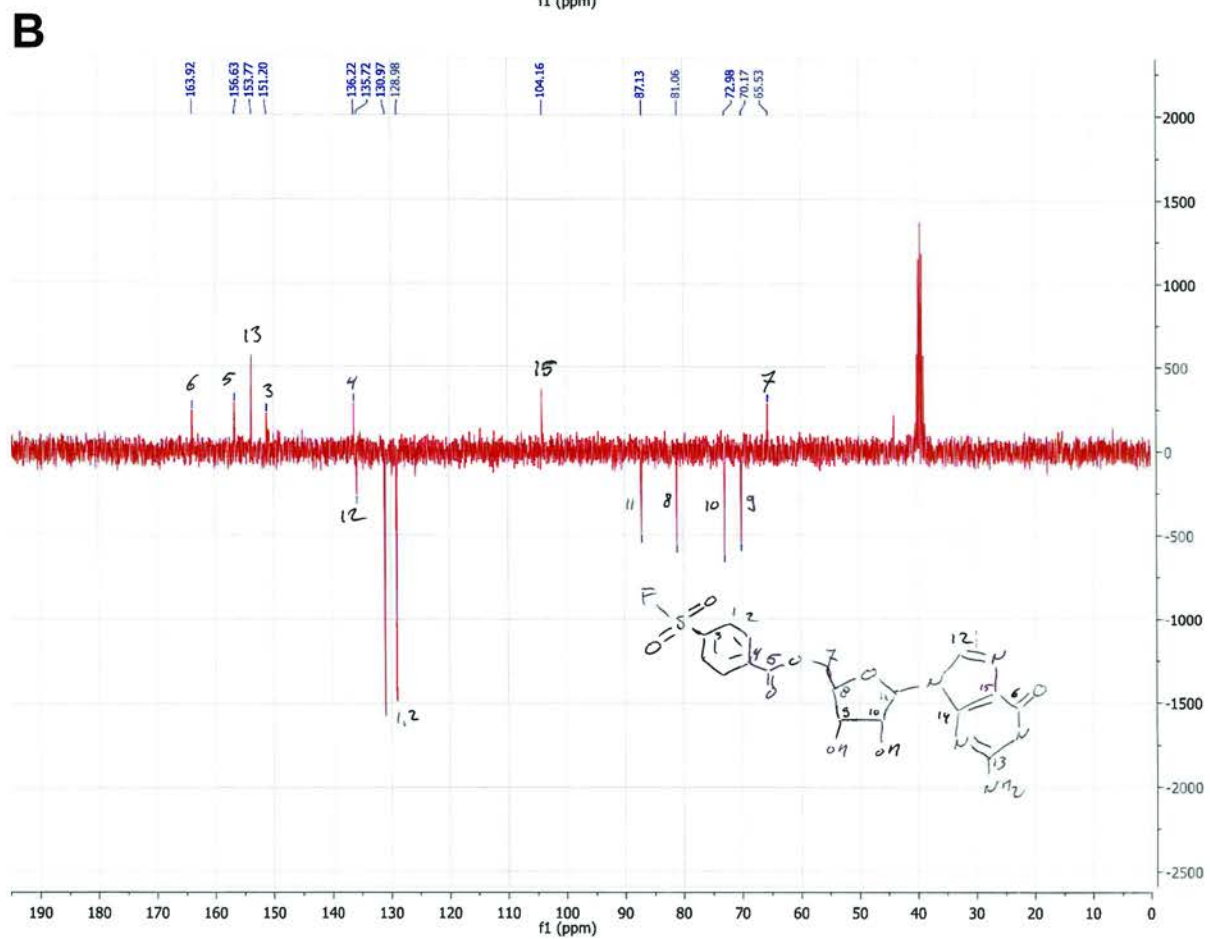
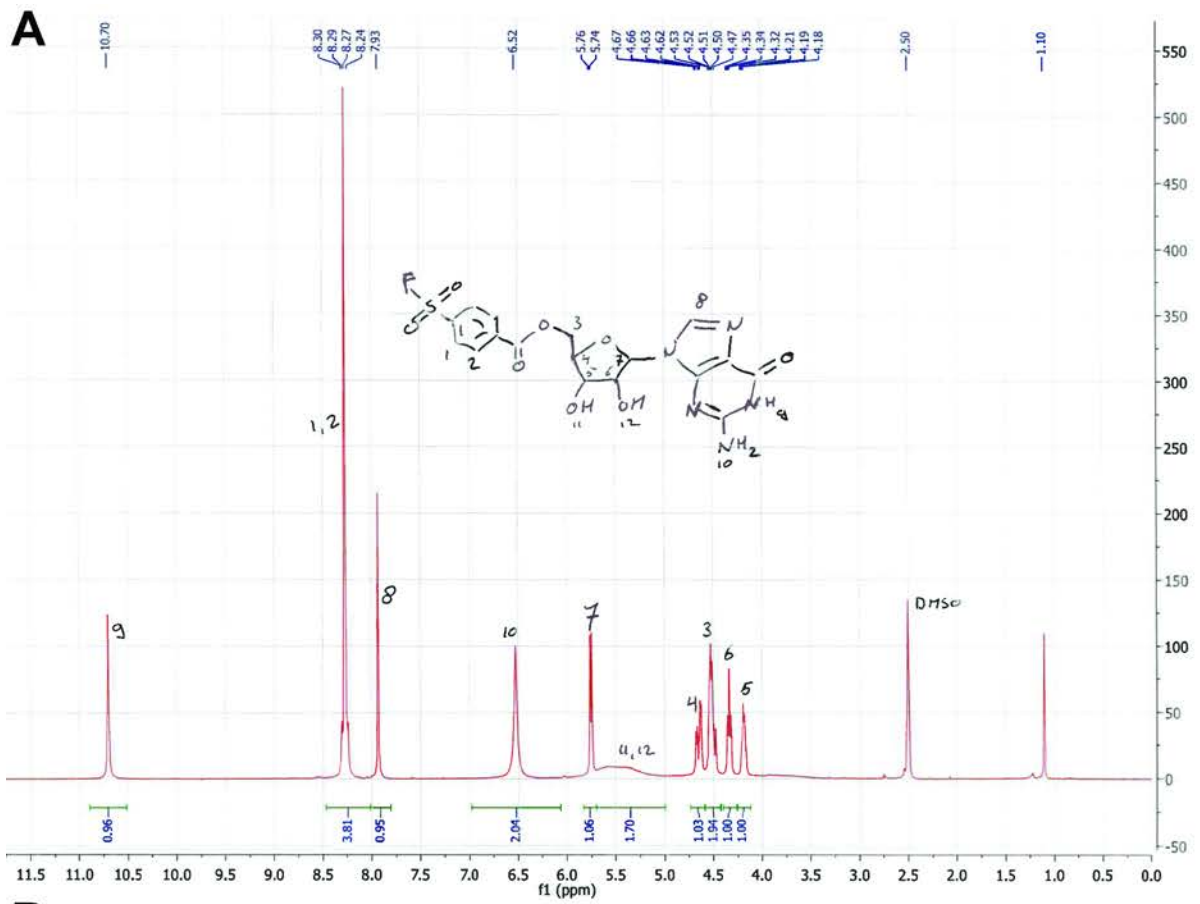
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Supplementary Figure 4: (A) FSBG and (B) GTP structures indicating the spatial separation of the points of attack in FSBG and GTP. Asterisks mark the positions of the nucleophilic attack. (C) Mass spectrometry analysis of FSBG-linked EAV nsp9 identified seven unique, modified peptides (outlined) located either in vicinity of the NiRAN (dark gray background) or within the C-terminal RdRp domain (light gray background). Residues carrying the sulfonylbenzoyl modification are colored in red. Sequence or structural motifs are indicated by dashed lines above the sequence in the order preA_N, A_N, B_N, C_N, A_R, and E_R. See also Fig. 2A.



Supplementary Figure 5: NMR analysis of 5'-(4-fluorosulfonylbenzoyl)guanosine. **(A)** ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 10.70 (s, 1H), 8.38 – 8.12 (m, 4H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 6.52 (broad s, 2H), 5.75 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.75 (broad s, 2H), 4.65 (dd, $J = 11.9, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.59 – 4.42 (m, 2H), 4.34 (t, $J = 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.25 – 4.12 (m, 1H). **(B)** ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 163.92, 156.63, 153.77, 151.20, 136.22, 135.72, 130.97, 128.98, 104.16, 87.13, 81.06, 72.98, 70.17, 65.53. Corresponding peaks and atoms are indicated by numbers.