

Supplementary Material

Delineating the origins of *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* isolated from outbreaks of acute hepatopancreatic necrosis disease in Asia by the use of whole genome sequencing

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1 Supplementary text

Uneven role of recombination in *V. parahaemolyticus*

Recombination events were identified using RDP3 (Martin and Rybicki, 2000). Seven algorithms, including GENECONV, Bootscan, MaxChi, Chimaera, SiScan, original RDP and 3Seq were employed to detect recombinant signals, simultaneously. Recombinant segments were confirmed only if recombinant signals were detected by at least three algorithms for a particular sequence.

Results showed the relationship between high SNP density and recombination events. Overall, 201 kb region in the studied genomes were attributed to homologous recombination. There were 112 recombination events in 201 kb region which introduced 19,767 SNPs.

Most of the likely recombination sites were located within a 160 kb region (2,562,679–2,725,178 in chromosome I) which was surrounded around the O- and K-antigen encoding gene cluster (Supplementary Figure 2). Our results were consistent with a previous study which also found a high proportion of recombination regions in O- and K-antigen (Cui et al., 2013). Some of recombination were probably imported from other serovars of *V. parahaemolyticus* and led to serovar shift events.

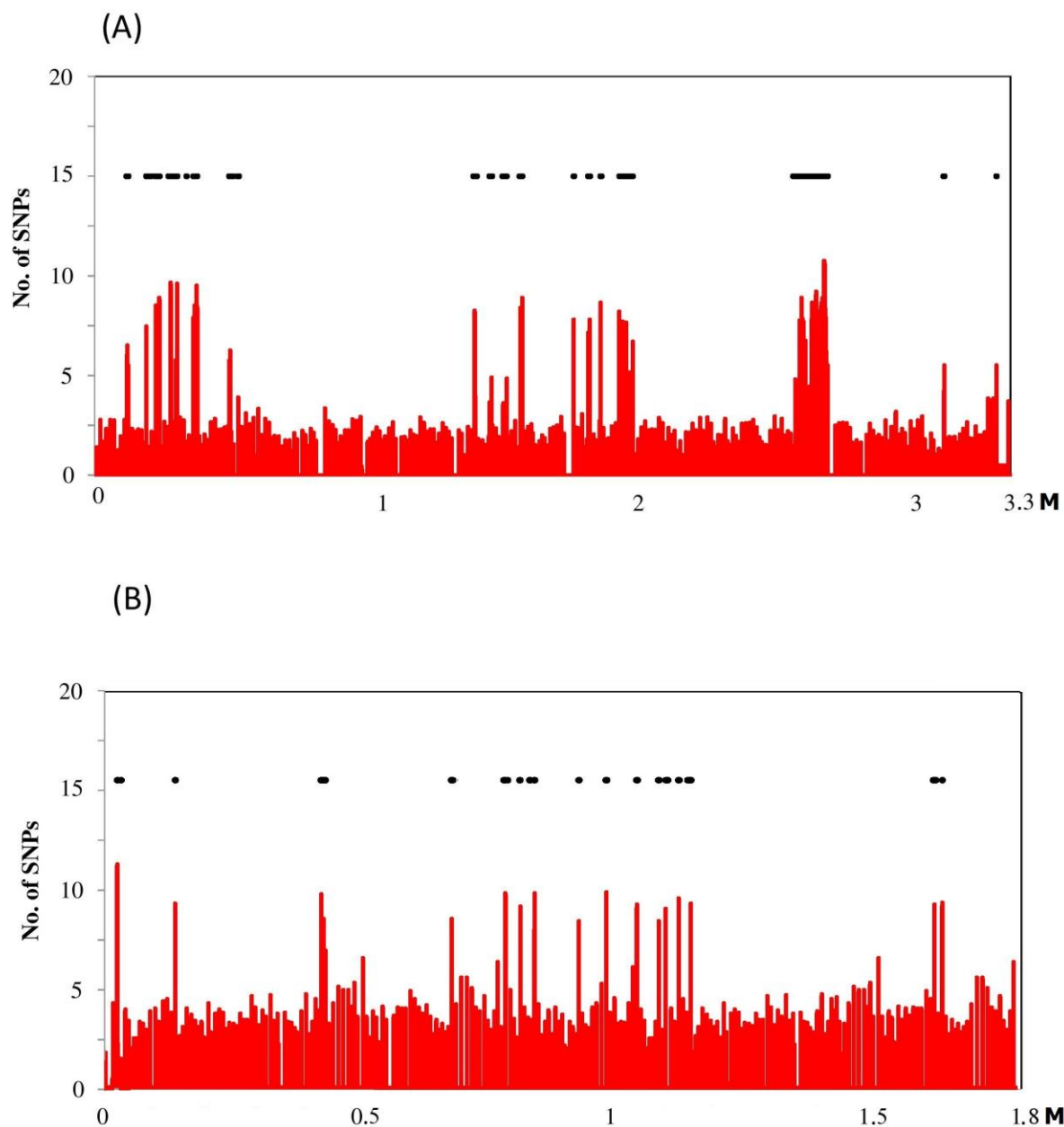
Most of the recombination regions in the genome contained a high frequency of SNPs but there were also a few of long regions with low SNPs density. However, these recombination events were rare.

Prophage diversity of sequenced strains

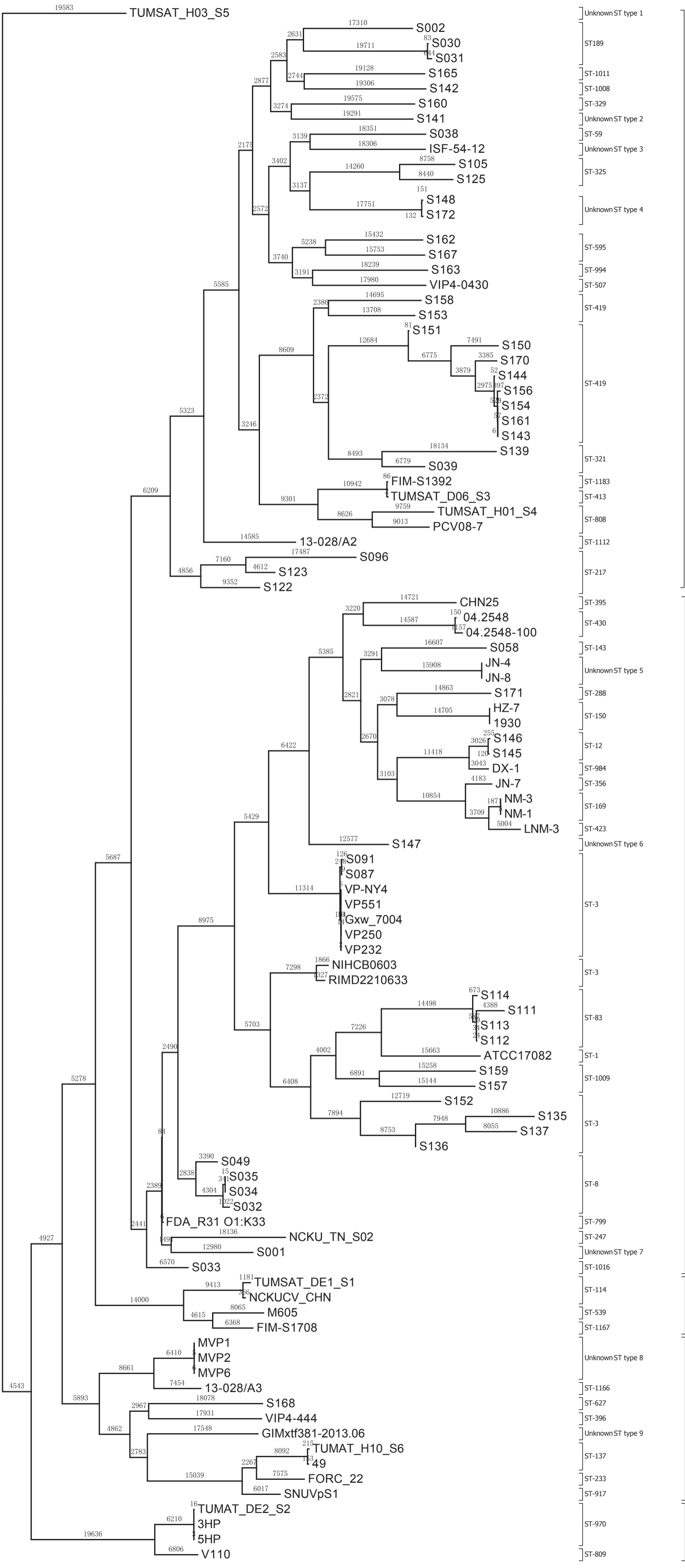
The nine sequenced strains exhibited differences in prophages, plasmids, and antibiotic resistance genes profiles. In total, 14 prophages or prophage remnants, including VfO3K6, VCY_phi, 12B8, VFJ, 12B12 and VEJphi, were identified among the nine *V. parahaemolyticus* genomes (Table S4).

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Supplementary Figure 2. Positions of recombinant regions in chromosome I (A) and II (B) based on the *V. parahaemolyticus* reference genome FDA_R31. The X-axis indicated the genomic position in chromosome I (A) and II (B). Recombinant segments are detected by RDP3 and indicated as horizontal black lines spanning regions. The red lines indicated the SNP density, which represented the average number of SNPs among 102 genomes counted within 10-kb windows across the chromosome.

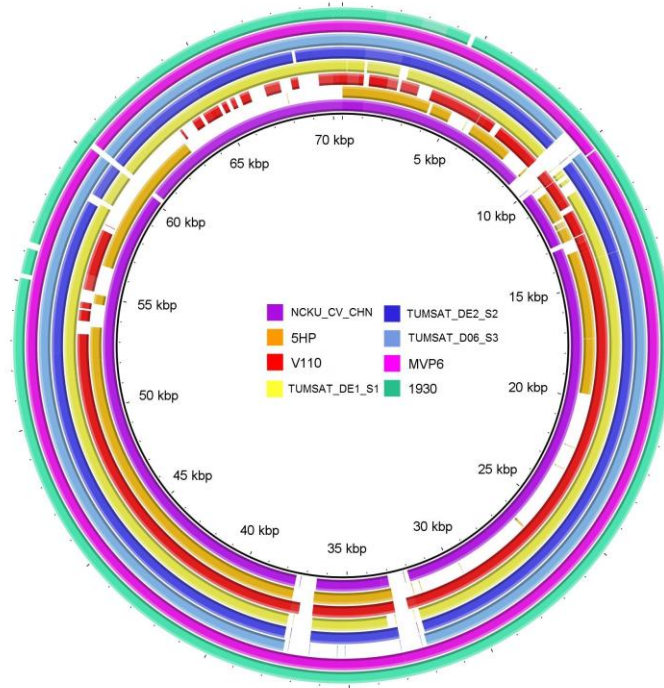


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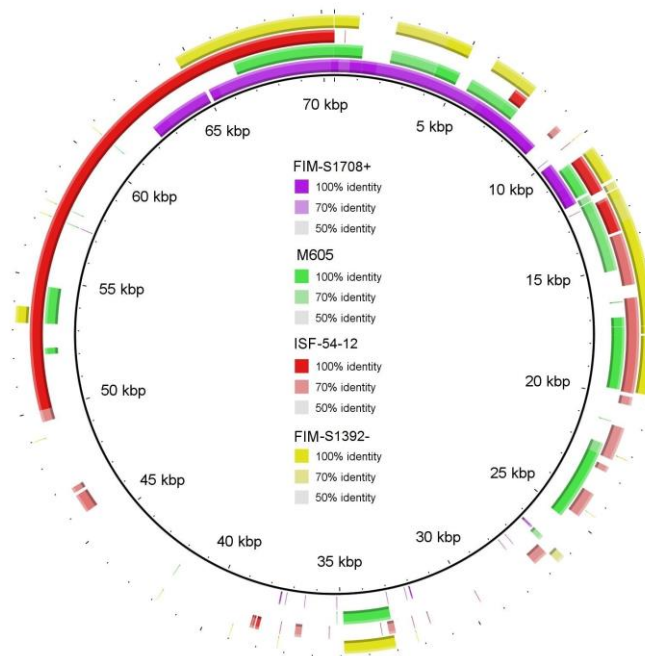
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Supplementary Figure 3. Comparison of MLST typing with core genome typing. The STs were indicated in the right-hand side of Maximum-parsimony tree of *V. parahaemolyticus* genomes.

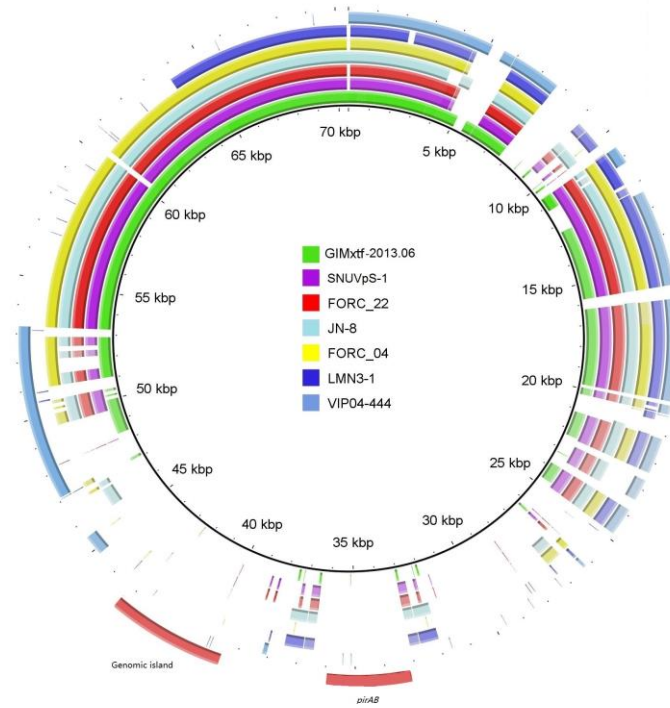
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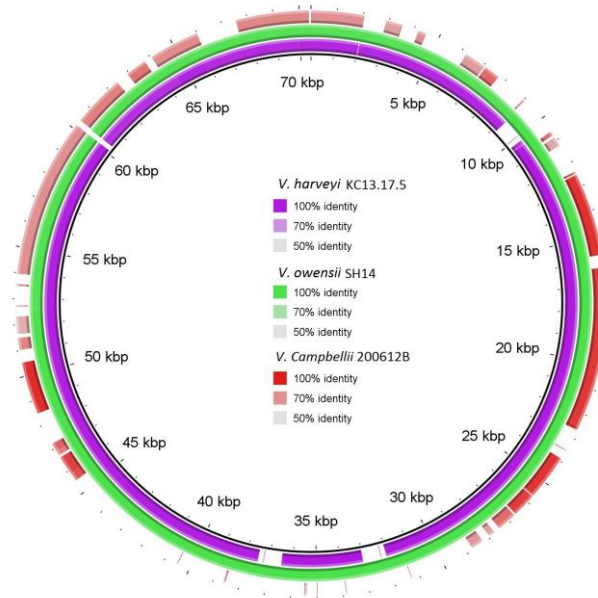
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Supplementary Figure 4. Multiple genome comparisons using BRIG with pVA-1 as the reference. Multiple genome comparisons of plasmids from AHPND related isolates in Asian (A); Multiple genome comparisons of plasmids from AHPND related isolates in Mexico and Canada (B); Multiple genome comparisons of pVA-1 like plasmids from non-AHPND related isolates (C); the positions of genomic island

and *pirAB* were indicated in outer ring; Multiple genome comparisons of plasmids from other *Vibrio* sp. (D). Coloured rings indicate the sequence similarity between different genomes.