Supplementary Figures

Identification of a Small Interface between the Methyltransferase and RNA Polymerase Domain of NS5 that is Essential for Zika Virus Replication

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Supplementary Figure 1 Comparison of strain-specific RdRp RNA synthesis activities.

a, Denaturing SDS gels showing purified RdRp encoded by Brazilian (SPH2015) and Asian (PRVABC59) strains. **b**, Schematic of RNA elongation assay (top). Denaturing gels showing a time course of single nucleotide incorporation by the indicated RdRp proteins. Template sequence indicated. (left). Plot showing % extension over time (right). **c**, Schematic of *de novo* RNA synthesis assay. Template sequence indicated. (left). Denaturing gel showing *de novo* synthesis performed by the indicated RdRp proteins in quadruplicate (middle). Bar chart showing relative intensities of *de novo* synthesis generated by the indicated RdRp proteins from middle gel. *p* value determined by non-paired, two-tailed student's *t*-test. Data represent mean, $n = 4, \pm s.d$. RU = relative units. Uncropped and variable contrast gel images are presented in Supplementary Figure 6.

Supplementary Figure 2 Controls for *de novo* RNA synthesis.

a, Non-denaturing gel showing lack of RNA 3' terminal nucleotidyl transferase activity by NS5 in the presence of ATP. **b**, Schematic of initiation assay (left). Denaturing gel showing *de novo* synthesis for 30 min by NS5 wild-type and mutant proteins on indicated template with 10 μ M NTPs (middle). Bar chart showing average *de novo* synthesis products generated after 30 min by NS5 wild-type and NS5 mutant enzymes. Data represent mean, n = 4, ± s.d. RU = relative units (right). Uncropped and variable contrast gel images are presented in Supplementary Figure 6.

Supplementary Figure 3

a, Uncropped scan of denaturing gel image of Figure 1d (left) and high-contrast scan of Figure 1d (right) in quadruplicate. **b**, Uncropped scan of denaturing gel image scan of Figure 1e (left) and high-contrast scan of Figure 1e in quadruplicate.

Supplementary Figure 4

a, Uncropped scan of denaturing gel image of Figure 2a (left) and high-contrast scan of Figure 2a. (right) in quadruplicate **b**, Uncropped scan of denaturing gel image scan of Figure 2b (left) and high-contrast scan of Figure 2b (right) in quadruplicate.

Supplementary Figure 5

a, Uncropped scan of denaturing gel image of Figure 3b. **b**, Uncropped scan of denaturing gel image of Figure 4c in triplicate. **c**, Uncropped scan of denaturing gel image scan of Supplementary Figure 2 in triplicate (left) and Figure 4d (right).

Supplementary Figure 6

a, Uncropped scan of denaturing gel image of Supplementary Figure 1b. **b**, Uncropped scan of denaturing gel image scan of Supplementary Figure 1c in quadruplicate.

Supplementary Figure 7

a. Denaturing gel showing time course of single nucleotide incorporation by Asian RdRp on the indicated template (left). Scatter plot showing % extension over time by RdRp (right). Data represent mean. n = 3, ± s.d.
b. Denaturing SDS gels showing Asian NS5 and Asian RdRp after the indicated incubation period at 37° C in RNA elongation buffer lacking BSA, RNA template and NTPs.



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5' UGAAGUACUUCGGUACU 3'







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Full-length gel - Fig. 1d



High contrast gel - Fig. 1d



Full-length gel - Fig. 1e



High contrast gel - Fig. 1e

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High contrast gel - Fig. 2a





Full length gel - Fig. 2b

High contrast gel - Fig. 2b

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Full length gel - Fig. 4c

Full length gel - Fig. 3b

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Full length gel – Supplementary Fig. 2

Full length gel – Fig. 4d

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Full length gel – Supplementary Fig. 1b

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Full length gel – Supplementary Fig. 1c



