AgBR1 antibodies delay lethal *Aedes aegypti*-borne West Nile virus infection in *mice*

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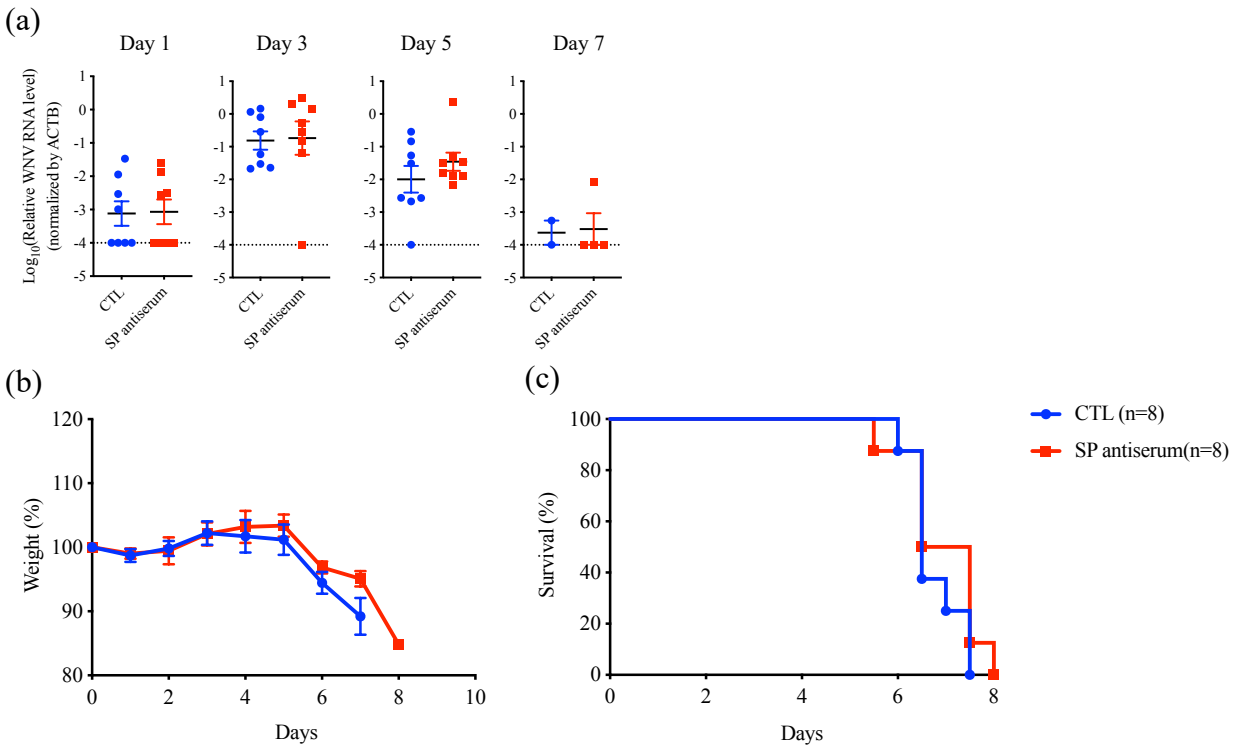
Supplementary Information

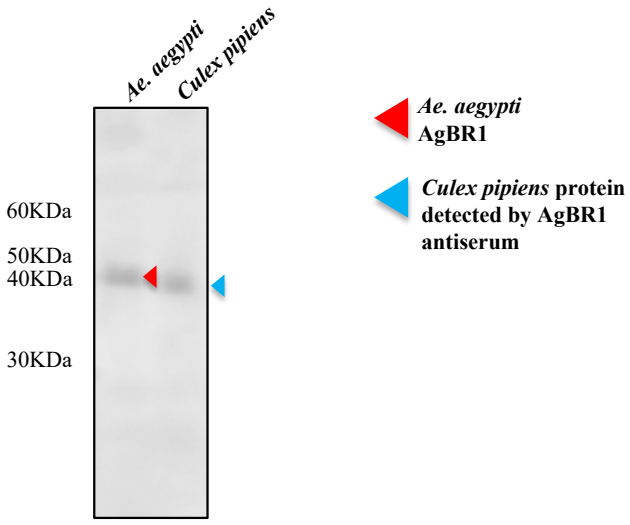


Supplementary Figure 1 Antiserum against SP was not protective against mosquito-borne West Nile virus infection.

(a) The virus levels in blood of mice treated with SP antiserum, fed by an infected mosquito. Blood was collected every other day for 7 days from mice fed on by WNV-infected mosquitoes and analyzed by qRT-PCR. WNV RNA levels were normalized to mouse β actin RNA levels. Mice immunized with naïve serum served as controls. Error bars represent mean ± SEM. Each data point represents one mouse. Normalized viral RNA levels were analyzed using one-tailed Wilcoxon–Mann–Whitney test.

(b) The weight of mice fed by an infected mosquito. Mice were monitored daily after WNV infection. Error bars represent mean ± SEM. Weight at each time point were compared using one-tailed Wilcoxon–Mann–Whitney test.

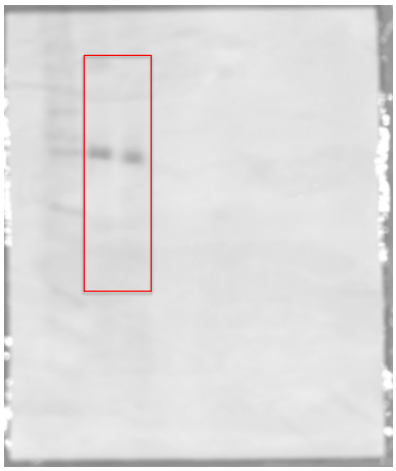
(c) Survival was assessed by a Gehan-Wilcoxon test (n=8/each group biologically independent samples pooled from two separate experiments).



Supplementary Figure 2 Reactivity of AgBR1 serum against *Aedes aegypti* salivary glands and *Culex pipiens*.

Immunoblot of *Ae. aegypti* and *Culex pipiens* salivary glands. Blot was probed with rabbit AgBR1 antiserum.

Supplementary Fig. 2



Supplementary Figure 3 The uncropped original blot.