





Supplementary Figure 4. High Expression Ratio of M1 to M2 Protein in Human Cells is Dependent upon Viral M Segment Host Origin.

293T and MDCK cells were inoculated at MOI=5 with PR8 viruses possessing M segments from human or avian host-derived strains and incubated at 37° C for 8 hours, then cells were lysed with whole cell lysis buffer. Western blot analysis of virus-infected 293T cells (**A**) and MDCK cells (**G**). Vinculin expression was measured to allow normalization of viral protein levels. NP expression was measured to assess viral replication. Levels of M1 and M2 protein expression were assessed using an antibody (Mab E10) to a common epitope at the amino terminus of M1 and M2 proteins, allowing relative expression to be assessed. Levels of LC3B I and II were assessed using an antibody that detects both the precursor and activated forms of LC3B protein. M1 protein (**B**, **H**) and M2 protein (**C**, **I**) were normalized to vinculin, quantitated and displayed as a percentage of total protein expressed from the M gene. The ratio of M1:M2 protein expression was calculated and is plotted in (**D**, **J**). LC3B I protein (**E**, **K**) and LC3B II protein (**F**, **L**) were normalized, quantitated and displayed as a percentage of total LC3B protein. Graphs in **B-F**, and **H-K** show the means with SD from three independent experiments. For each experiment, two replicate Western blots were performed and quantitated. Statistical significance was assessed using ordinary one-way ANOVA.