Virome heterogeneity and connectivity in waterfowl and shorebird communities

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Supplemental Methods

Sample selection

Samples were collected as part of a long-term IAV surveillance study (1, 2). A combination or oropharyngeal and cloacal samples were collected using a sterile-tipped swab and were placed in viral transport media (VTM, Brain-heart infusion broth containing 2x106 122 U/l penicillin, 0.2 mg/ml streptomycin, 0.5 mg/ml gentamicin, 500 U/ml amphotericin B, Sigma). Samples were kept cool immediately following collection (4-12C), and subsequently placed at -80C for long-term storage.

RNA virus discovery

We selected 10-15 samples per species for RNA extraction. RNA was extracted and libraries constructed as per (3). Briefly, RNA was extracted from swab samples using the MagMax mirVana™ Total RNA Isolation Kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific) on the KingFisher™ Flex Purification System (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Ten samples with the highest concentration were pooled (based upon species) using equal concentrations using the RNeasy MinElute Cleanup Kit (Qiagen). Libraries were constructed using the TruSeq total RNA library preparation protocol (Illumina), and host rRNA was removed using the Ribo-Zero Gold Kit (Illumina). Paired end sequencing (100bp) of the RNA library was performed on an Illumina HiSeq 2500 platform at the Australian Genome Research Facility (AGRF, Melbourne).

We used the bioinformatics pipeline reported in $(3-5)$. Accordingly, sequence reads were demultiplexed and trimmed with Trimmomatic, and contigs were de novo assembled using Trinity (6). No filtering of host/bacterial reads was performed before assembly. All assembled contigs were compared to the entire nonredundant nucleotide (nt) and protein (nr) database using blastn and diamond blast (7), respectively, setting an e-value threshold of $1 \times$ 10−10 to remove potential false positives. Abundance estimates for all contigs were determined using the RSEM algorithm implemented in Trinity.

RNA sequencing of rRNA depleted libraries resulted in an average of 50,906,440 reads (range 44,178,936-64,149,180) assembled into a mean of 27,108 contigs (range 22,175- 496,319) (Table S1). There was no significant correlation between RNA concentration and the number of reads, contigs or abundance demonstrating such that this was not a source of bias (Fig S1).

Virus genome annotation and phylogenetic analysis

Contigs were annotated, and phylogenetic trees inferred as per (3). Briefly, contigs greater than 1000bp in length were inspected using Geneious R10 (Biomatters, New Zealand), and open reading frames corresponding to predicted genome architectures based on the closest reference genomes were interrogated. Reads were subsequently mapped back to viral contigs to identify mis-assembly using bowtie2 (8). Viruses with full length genomes, or incomplete genomes that possess the full-length RNA-dependant RNA polymerase (RdRp) gene, were used for phylogenetic analysis. Sequences of the polyprotein or gene encoding for the RdRp were aligned using MAFFT (9), and gaps and ambiguously aligned regions were stripped using trimAL (10). Final alignment lengths for each data set are presented in Table S2. The most appropriate amino acid substitution model was then determined for each data set, and maximum likelihood trees were estimated using PhyML 3.0 (11) with 1000 bootstrap replicates. Novel viral species were identified as those that had <90% RdRp protein identity, or <80% genome identity to previously described viruses.

Diversity and abundance across libraries

We used diversity metrics commonly used in microbial community ecology to understand composition and the factors that may drive variation in the composition of avian viromes. The alpha-diversity and beta-diversity indices are measures of within- and between-sample diversity, respectively, and have been associated with various ecological traits and biological phenotypes since the first influential human or environmental metagenomics studies (e.g. (12, 13). Although often associated with microbiome research, they have also been employed in viral ecology (e.g. (14-16), and we extend their use here.

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Table S1. Metadata for each library in this study.

1. UR: Unresolved Subfamily. Australian Wood Ducks are occasionally placed in subfamily Anatinae or Tadorninnae. Pink-eared Ducks are occasionally placed in subfamily Tadorninae, Oxyurinae, or Dendrocheninae.

Group	Taxonomy level	Gene	Nucleotide or amino acid	Alignment length	Alignment length following trimAL
ssRNA	Astroviridae, Avastrovirus	ORF1ab (includes RdRp)	Amino acid	2029 aa	1449 aa
ssRNA	Astroviridae, Avastrovirus	partial ORF1ab (includes RdRp)	Nucleotide	398 bp	
ssRNA	Coronaviridae	ORF1ab (includes RdRp)	Amino acid	6824 aa 10805 aa	
ssRNA	Coronaviridae, gammacoronavirus	partial ORF1ab (includes RdRp)	Nucleotide	290bp	
ssRNA	Coronaviridae, deltacoronavirus	partial ORF1ab (includes RdRp)	Nucleotide	290bp	
ssRNA	Calciviridae	Polyprotein (includes RdRp)	Amino acid	3836 aa	2401 aa
dsRNA	Picorbirnaviridae	Segment 2 (includes RdRp)	Amino acid	1071 aa	527 aa
ssRNA	Picornaviridae	Polyprotein (includes RdRp)	Amino acid	5820 aa	2546 aa
ssRNA	Orthomyxoviridae, Influenza A virus	HA	Nucleotide	1734 bp	
ssRNA	Orthomyxoviridae, Influenza A virus	NA	Nucleotide	1446 bp	
ssRNA	Orthomyxoviridae, Influenza A virus	N _P	Nucleotide	1580 bp	
ssRNA	Paramyxoviridae, Avian avulavirus 1, class II	F gene	Nucleotide	1662bp	
dsRNA	Reoviridae, Rotavirus	(includes RdRp) VP1	Amino acid	1198 aa	
DNA	Hepadnaviridae, Avihepandavirus?	DNA directed DNA polymerase P protein	Amino acid	484 aa	401 aa

Table S2. Sequence alignment lengths for phylogenetic analysis

	Viral	Viral		New		No. Reads		pident	
Host Species	Family	Genus	Virus Species	species	Complete?	Mapped	Closest Blastx hit	(Blastx)	e-value
Red-necked	Paramyxo								
Stint	viridae	Avulavirus	Avian avulavirus 1	No	Yes	178000	AFU34346.1 polymerase [Avian avulavirus 1]	99	$\mathbf{0}$
Red-necked	Picornavir		Red-necked Stint						
Stint	idae	Unassigned	Picornavirus B-like	Yes	Yes	9287	YP 004564600.1 polyprotein [Pigeon picornavirus B]	45.7	$\overline{0}$
Red-necked	Astrovirid	Avastrovir	Red-necked Stint				CAB95006.3 nonstructural protein; putative RNA-dependant		7.40E-
Stint	ae	us	Astrovirus Group 4	Yes	Yes	6302	RNA polymerase [Avastrovirus 1]	53	157
Red-necked	Picornavir		Red-necked stint						3.00E-
Stint	idae	Gallivirus	Gallivirus	Yes	Capsid, RdRp	6523	ADL38958.1 polyprotein [Passerivirus A1]	32.5	141
Sharp-tailed	Coronaviri	Deltacoron					YP 005352837.1 orf1ab gene product [White-eye coronavirus		
Sandpiper	dae	avirus	Deltacoronavirus	Yes	ORF1ab	43518	HKU161	73.1	$\mathbf{0}$
Sharp-tailed	Picornavir		Sharp-tailed Sandpiper						$1.10E-$
Sandpiper	idae	Unassigned	Picornavirus B-like	Yes	sort of	7269	YP 004564600.1 polyprotein [Pigeon picornavirus B]	58.7	186
Red-capped	Picornavir		Sharp-tailed Sandpiper						
Plover	idae	Megrivirus	Megrivirus	Yes	Yes	9107	YP 009345890.1 polyprotein [Goose megrivirus]	48.3	$\boldsymbol{0}$
Pacific Black	Picornavir		Pacific Black Duck						1.00E-
Duck	idae	Megrivirus	Megrivirus	Yes	sort of	671	YP 009030047.1 polyprotein [Duck megrivirus]	84.2	271
	Coronaviri	Gammacor							
Grey Teal	dae	onavirus	Gammacoronavirus	N _o	no	8089	AKF17723.1 ORF1a [Duck coronavirus]	79.5	$\mathbf{0}$
	Calicivirid								
Grey Teal	ae	Unassigned	Grey Teal Calicivirus	Yes	Yes	2082	AFH89833.1 polyprotein [Turkey calicivirus]	42	$\mathbf{0}$
	Orthomyx	Influenza					ACZ15987.1 hemagglutinin [Influenza A virus		
Grey Teal	oviridae	A	Influenza A	H9N1	Yes	1416	(A/mallard/Switzerland/WV1070805/2007(H9N2))]	98.2	θ
	Picobirnav	Picobirnavi	Grey Teal Picobirnavirus		Segment 1				$1.70E-$
Grey Teal	iridae	rus	A	Yes	only	340	AGK45547.1 hypothetical protein; partial [Fox picobirnavirus]	37.2	64
	Picobirnav	Picobirnavi	Grey Teal Picobirnavirus		2 segments,		ALL29321.1 RNA-dependent RNA polymerase [Human		7.40E-
Grey Teal	iridae	rus	B	Yes	both partial	420	picobirnavirus]	64.7	195
	Picobirnav	Picobirnavi	Grey Teal Picobirnavirus		2 segments,		AMP18960.1 RNA-dependent RNA polymerase [Otarine		$2.60E -$
Grey Teal	iridae	rus	\mathcal{C}	Yes	both partial	164	picobirnavirus]	74.6	127
			Grey Teal Rotavirus F-						8.20E-
Grey Teal	Reoviridae	Rotavirus	like	Yes	partial VP1	858	AIW53371.1 VP1; partial [Rotavirus F]	70.4	28
							YP 008136242.1 VP1 [Rotavirus G		3.20E-
Grey Teal	Reoviridae	Rotavirus	Duck Rotavirus G-like	Yes	partial VP1	1474	chicken/03V0567/DEU/2003]	62	21
Austrlalian	Picornavir		Australian Shelduck						
Shelduck	idae	Unassigned	Sapelovirus-like	Yes	N _o	360	YP 164335.1 polyprotein [Avian sapelovirus]	47.8	$\mathbf{0}$
Austrlalian	Coronaviri	Gammacor							
Shelduck	dae	onavirus	Gammacoronavirus	N _o	Yes	13176	AKF17722.1 ORF1ab polyprotein [Duck coronavirus]	83.2	$\overline{0}$
Austrlalian	Parvovirid		Australian Shelduck						1.20E-
Shelduck	ae	Parvovirus	Parvovirus	Yes	No		341 ANY 57893.1 non-structural protein 1 [Rat parvovirus 2]	62.5	40

Table S3. Viruses (>1000bp) identified in this study.

Figure S1. Correlation of laboratory and sequencing metrics. Correlation between pooled sample RNA concentration, number of paired reads generated, number of contigs, total viral abundance and avian viral abundances. Where there are significant correlations between total viral abundance and avian viral abundance, and the number of paired reads and number of contigs generated, there is no statistically significant correlation (presented as asterisks) between starting RNA concentration and any sequencing metric. Metrics used are presented in Table S1.

dsRNA viruses

Figure S2. Schematic overview of novel viruses revealed in this study.

Figure S3. Phylogenetic tree of the ORF1ab, including the RdRp, of Avastroviruses.

Viruses identified in this study are denoted with a filled circle and in bold. Pink-eared Duck Astrovirus is a Group 2 virus, Red-necked Stint Astrovirus appears to be a new Group, intermediate between Group 1-2 and Group 3 (as in Figure S4). Group 3 is not shown as there are no full genomes available, but is presented in Figure S4. The tree is mid-point rooted for clarity only. Bootstrap values >70% are shown for key nodes. The scale bar represents the number of amino acid substitutions per site.

Figure S4. Partial RdRp phylogeny of members of the Avastroviruses. Red-necked Stint Astrovirus, a sister-group to an astrovirus identified in a Swedish Mallard potentially represent a new Group of Astroviruses. The tree is rooted between the avian and mammalian astroviruses. The scale bar indicates the number of nucleotide substitutions per site. Viruses described in this study are marked in bold, adjacent to a filled circle. Bootstrap values >70% are shown for key nodes. The scale bar indicates the number of amino acid substitutions per site. The phylogeny of the full length polyprotein is presented in Figure S2.

Figure S5. Phylogeny of the polyprotein, containing the RdRp, of select members of the **Picornaviridae.** Reference viruses are those from Boros et al. (2016). The tree was midpoint rooted for clarity only. Viruses described in this study are marked in bold, adjacent to a filled circle. Bootstrap values >70% are shown for key nodes. The scale bar indicates the number of amino acid substitutions per site.

Figure S6. Phylogeny of the polyprotein, containing the RdRp, of select members of the Megriviruses. Poevivirus was set as the outgroup. Viruses described in this study are marked in bold, adjacent to a filled circle. Bootstrap values >70% are shown for key nodes. The scale bar indicates the number of amino acid substitutions per site. Broadly, there is a trend for viral species isolated from Chickens, Turkeys, Pigeons, Anseriifromes and Charadriiformes to form independent, monophyletic groups.

Figure S7. Phylogenetic tree of the VP1, containing the RdRp, of the rotaviruses. The sequences generated in this study are indicated by a filled circle and are in bold. The tree is midpoint rooted for clarity only. Bootstrap values >70% are shown for key nodes. The scale bar indicates the number of amino acid substitutions per site

Figure S8. Phylogenetic tree of the P protein of avian hepatitis B viruses. The sequence generated in this study are indicated by a filled circle and are in bold. Tibetan Frog Hepadnavirus is set as the outgroup. Bootstrap values >70% are shown for key nodes. The scale bar indicates the number of amino acid substitutions per site

Figure S9. Phylogenetic tree of the ORF1ab, containing the RdRp, of the *Coronaviridae*.

The sequences generated in this study are indicated by a filled circle and are in bold. The tree is midpoint rooted for clarity only. Bootstrap values >70% are shown for key nodes. The scale bar indicates the number of amino acid substitutions per site. Partial gammacoronavirus and deltacoronavirus phylogenies, allowing for the inclusion of numerous wild bird sequences, are presented in Figure S10 and S11, respectively.

Figure S10. Phylogeny of the partial RdRp of gammacoronaviruses. The tree shows all current wild bird sequences, the majority of which form a clade ("Wild-bird") that is a sister-group to the Infectious Bronchitis virus (IBV) and Infectious-bronchitis virus-like viruses. The clade comprising IBV and IBV-like viruses was set as the outgroup. Tips are coloured by geographic origin. The subsection of the tree within the grey box has been expanded to allow for legibility of tip names, and the viruses identified in this study are in bold and denoted by a filled circle. Bootstrap values >70% are shown for key nodes .The scale bar represents the number of nucleotide substitutions per site.

Figure S11. Phylogeny of the partial RdRp of deltacoronaviruses. Two representative gammacoronaviruses are set as the outgroup. Viruses identified in this study are in bold and denoted by a filled circle. Bootstrap values >70% are shown for key nodes. The scale bare represents the number of nucleotide substitutions per site.

Figure S12. Phylogenies of the HA genes of H9 and H3 influenza A viruses containing all wild bird sequences. (A) The H9.3 clade is identified by a grey box on the global H9 phylogeny, in which clade H9.1 is set as the outgroup. Clade H9.3 has been expanded, and is rooted by more distantly related H9 sequences; subclade H9.3.3.2 is further identified. Representatives viruses in this clade are those identified by Jiang et al. (2012). (B) The H3 phylogeny was mid-point rooted, corresponding to a major biogeographic division between Eurasia and the Americas. The phylogenetic position of the viruses sequenced in this study by their designations: A/Grey Teal/virome/Australia/2016(H9N1) and A/Pink-eared Duck/virome/Australia/2016(H3N1), respectively. Bootstrap values >70% are shown for key nodes The scale bare indicates number of nucleotide substitutions per site.

Figure S13. Phylogenies of the NA and NP genes of influenza A viruses, containing all wild bird sequences. Trees were midpoint rooted, corresponding to a major biogeographic division between Eurasia and the Americas. The phylogenetic position of the viruses sequenced in this study by their designations: A/Grey Teal/virome/Australia/2016(H9N1) and A/Pink-eared Duck/virome/Australia/2016(H3N1) respectively. Bootstrap values >70% are shown for key nodes. The scale bar indicates number of nucleotide substitutions per site

Figure S14. Phylogeny of the F gene of avian avulavirus Type 1 Class II Genotype 1. A Class I virus, strain MG MEOLA was set as the outgroup. The virus identified in this study is in bold and denoted by a filled circle in Genotype 1a, with a low pathogenic cleavage site: GRQGR*L. Bootstrap values >70% are shown for key nodes. The scale bar represents the number of nucleotide substitutions per site.

Figure S15. Abundance of avian viral families identified in each library. Libraries are arranged taxonomically, with cladograms illustrating species relationships within the Charadriiformes and Anseriiformes. Taxonomic identification presented is that of the top blastx hit of all avian viral contigs. Alpha diversity metrics are presented in Figure S16.

Figure S16. Alpha diversity of avian viral families identified in each library. (A) Abundance of viral families in each library and (B) relative abundance of viral families in each library. (C) Alpha diversity metrics calculated for each library and (D) for avian order. Differences in alpha diversity between Anseriiformes and Charadriiformes were calculated using a linear model following a box-cox transformation. In panels C and D samples from Charadriiformes are in green and from Anseriiformes in blue. Panel A is reproduced in Fig 1.

Abundance of viral genera in each library and (B) relative abundance of viral genera in each library. (C) Alpha diversity metrics calculated for each library and (D) for avian order. Differences in alpha diversity between Anseriiformes and Charadriiformes were calculated using a linear model following a box-cox transformation. In panels C and D samples from Charadriiformes are in green and from Anseriiformes in blue.

Figure S19. Non-metric multidimensional scaling (NMDS) plot applying the bray curtis dissimilarity matrix for viral abundance and diversity. Panel A uses the viral level library composition and B uses viral genera level library composition. Anseriiform libraries are in shades of blue, and charadriiformes in shades of green.

Figure S20. Effect of IAV on Alpha Diversity of Anseriiform viromes. There is a clear trend whereby the median and inter quartile range of alpha diversity is higher in Anseriiform libraries that are positive for influenza A virus as compared to those that are negative. The difference in alpha diversity given IAV status was tested using a linear model following a box-cox transformation.

Figure S21. Effect of coronavirus on alpha diversity of Anseriiform viromes. The difference in alpha diversity given CoV status was tested using a linear model following a box-cox transformation.

Figure S22. Differential abundance of viral families in libraries from Anseriiformes and Charadriiformes.

Figure S23. Differential abundance of viral genera in the family Picornaviridae in libraries from Anseriiformes and Charadriiformes.

Figure S24. Differential abundance (log 2 fold change) of viruses. (A) Viral families and (B) viral genera in the family Picornaviridae in libraries from Anseriiformes and Charadriiformes. Viral families and genera that have a higher abundance in Charadriiformes are coloured in green, and Anseriiformes are coloured in blue. Asterisk indicate the number of characterized viruses from either Anseriiformes or Charadriiformes. Differential abundance is plotted in Figure S12 and S13.

Host Phylogeny, CytB

Virome Composition, Viral Genus

Figure S25. Co-phylogeny demonstrating a discordance between host phylogenetic relationships and virome composition. The host phylogeny was inferred using the cytochrome B gene. The virome composition phylogram was generated by clustering of the Bray-Curtis dissimilarity matrix. Dotted lines between the two phylograms are either green or blue, representing either a Charadriiform or Anseriform species, respectively The relationship was tested using two discordance metrics: Robinson-Foulds and nPH85, where 1 is discordance and 0 is agreement.

Host Phylogeny, CytB

Virome Composition, Viral Species

 $nPH85 = 0.5$

Figure S26. Co-phylogeny demonstrating the discordance between host phylogenetic

relationships and virome composition. Host phylogenetic relationships were inferred using the cytochrome B gene. The phylogram of virome composition was generated by clustering of Bray-Curtis dissimilarity matrix. The virome composition phylogram comprises black solid lines between Grey Teal, Pink-eared Duck and Australian Shelduck as viral species were shared between these libraries. As no other libraries shared any viral species, the libraries are connected with grey dashed lines on the phylogram. Dotted lines between the two phylograms are either green or blue, representing either a Charadriiform or Anseriform species, respectively. The relationship was tested using two discordance metrics: Robinson-Foulds and nPH85, where 1 is discordance and 0 is agreement.