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Hepatitis C virus genome-wide analysis for development of efficient culture systems and unravelling of antiviral resistance in genotype 4

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J8cc	G	M.F	.SRL	Q.V	V.RK.R
DH8CC TNCC			.SR	VKQ.V	V.RK.NSISK.R
H77Ccc	AAQ	AHL.	.SRCQ	LSQDEV	V.AK.NSVSK
HCV1cc DBN3acc	VAAQ	AHL. H.L.	.SRCQ	L. D. KTA EV	V.AK.NSVSK V.ER. K. M. T. A.V.
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H77Ccc	F.VQKST	s	AC.D.DPQV.	KLTR.	.EN
DBN3acc		QVH	EC.N.EPKV	SC	.AQ
HK2cc	M.RSV		C.S.Q.DPA.K.V	vsvv	
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DH8cc TNcc	QD.V	ND			HDGA K V
H77Ccc	RLQDCC	.A.VQAAS		Q	HDGA.K.V
HCV1cc DBN3acc	RLQDCC.	.A.VQAAS			
HK2cc	RN.KDYDC	.A.VQTAS	D	А.Q.Т	HDGD.K.Y
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J6cc J8cc	V			S	LPRSATA.
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HK6acc		QS.EQ	Q.GKA.D.DIVT.	QMA	L.GPVNGACVT.
ED43	T.VVI	QS.EA	A.EKA.D.DVT.	.ITQS	TL.GPNGVA.
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J8cc	AQ.ARI	•••••	G SR G	G.ҮН	L.LC.S.I.
TNcc	RHNR.LRIK.	R	.IAA.GRG	A.YSG	WFWSCAAIYN.
H77Ccc	RHSR.LR.I.K.	R	.IAA.GRG	A.YSGH	WFWRCAAIYN.
DBN3acc	RHKAQKIL.	RTN	A.GQG		H. LYTI
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		510	520	530	540	550	560	570	580	590	600
ED43-consensus	SSVCGPV		. VGTTDHVGVP	TYTWGENETD	VFLLNSTRPP		.	. APPCEVNTNN	. GTWHCPTDCF	RKHPETTYAK	
ED43cc											
		610	620	630	640	650	660	670	680	690	700
ED43-consensus	PWITPRC	LIDYPYRLW	HFPCTANFSV	FNIRTFVGGI	EHRMQAACNW	TRGEVCGLEH	RDRVELSPLL	LTTTAWQILP	CSFTTLPALS	TGLIHLHQNI	VDVQ
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ED43-consensus		TSLGINAVA		PTSGDVVVCA	TDALMTGETG			. 	.	BEGETGEGEL	 GTYB
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Supplemental Figure 1. Aligment of different HCV sequences. (A) Alignment of HCV NS5B genotypes 1-4 and 6. NS5B sequences from JFH1cc (2a)(1), J6cc (2a)(2), J8cc (2b)(2), DH8cc (2b)(3), TNcc (1a)(4), H77Ccc (1a)(5), HCV1cc (1a)(5), DBN3acc (3a)(6), HK2cc (6a)(7), and HK6acc (6a)(7) viruses were aligned with corresponding sequence of ED43 (4a)(8). Red boxes indicate residues of ED43, which are different from JFH1 and all other culture strains included from our prior studies. (B) Alignment of HCV sequences from ED43 consensus clone and ED43cc. The polyprotein sequence of ED43 consensus (8) was aligned with the corresponding sequence of ED43cc virus. The red, blue, and pink boxes indicate the NS3/4A (aa 1027-1711), NS5A (aa 1973-2417), and NS5B (aa 2418-3008) sequences, respectively.



Supplemental Figure 2. Viability of the recombinant ED43-22m following transfection of Huh7.5 cells and emergence of substitutions during virus passages. ED43-22m originated from ED43-20m with the addition of substitutions L1466M(NS3) and K2597N(NS5B), the first dominant changes emerging during passage of ED43-20m viruses (see Figure 1B). (A) The infectivity titers were determined by FFU assays and shown by mean of triplicates \pm SEM (y-axis). J6/JFH1 was included as a control. Y-axis break indicates cut-off of the assay. (B) NGS analysis of recovered viruses. Only substitutions that developed in > 20% of the virus population at any time points are shown. Samples were not collected during the transfection (T). Black dashed lines showed samples taken during the indicated cell-free passages of supernatant viruses (P1, 2, 3, etc.).



Supplemental Figure 3. Evolution of substitutions and synonymous mutations in culture adaptation of ED43 full-length recombinant ED43-20m, determined by NGS. Only SNPs with frequencies of >20% at any time points are shown. For SNPs that emerged with similar patterns, means \pm SEM are shown instead. Black dashed lines showed samples taken during the indicated passages (P1, 2, 3, etc.). (A,B)

SNP frequencies of substitutions (panel A) and synonymous mutations (panel B), determined from intracellular viral RNA. The numbers refer to amino acid positions of the ED43 polyprotein (panel A) or nucleotide positions of the ED43 genome (panel B). Samples were not collected during the transfection (T) and serial passages P2-5. (C) SNP frequency of synonymous mutations determined from extracellular viral RNAs. The numbers refer to nucleotide positions of the ED43 genome. Samples were not collected during the transfection (T) from days 0 to 27. See also Figure 1B.



Supplemental Figure 4: Efficacy of protease inhibitors (PIs) against HCV genotype 4a (ED43) fulllength culture viruses. Huh7.5 cells were seeded on 96-well plates overnight, then infected with the indicated viruses for 24 hours. The cells were subsequently treated with specific inhibitors for an additional 48 hours before analysis as described (7, 9). Values are means of triplicates ±SEM. The original ED43 virus was used in these 2 experiments as a control. TN (1a) virus was included for comparison. See also Figure 2D,E.



Supplemental Figure 5. NGS analysis of complete ORFs of ED43 escape viruses from treatments with protease inhibitors. (A-C) The frequencies of non-synonymous mutations in ORFs of the escape viruses under treatments with paritaprevir (A), grazoprevir (B) and glecaprevir (C), were analyzed by NGS as described (7). Only SNPs forming less than 20% of the genome population at day 0 that then emerged to represent more than 20% at least one-time point during treatment are shown. The putative RASs are shown in red with protein-specific numbers (in parentheses). Dashed line indicates HCV-antigen positive cells during the treatment. Shaded backgrounds indicate 1st- and 2nd passages without drugs (drug-free) using the samples from the last timepoint in each treatment experiment. See also Figure 2A-C.



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 Supplemental Figure 6: Efficacy of NS5A inhibitors against HCV genotype 4a (ED43) viruses.

Huhu7.5 cells were seeded on 96-well plates overnight, then infected with the indicated viruses for 24 hours. The cells were subsequently treated with specific inhibitors for an additional 48 hours before analysis as described (7, 9). Values are means of triplicates \pm SEM. The original ED43 virus was used as a control. TN (1a) virus was included for comparison. See also Figure 3F,G.



Supplemental Figure 7. NGS analysis of complete ORFs of ED43 escape viruses from treatments with NS5A inhibitors. (A-E) The frequencies of non-synonymous mutations in ORFs of the escape viruses under treatments with ombitasvir (A), elbasvir (B), ledipasvir (C), velpatasvir (D) and pibrentasvir (E), were analyzed by NGS as described (7). Only SNPs forming less than 20% of the genome population at day 0 that then emerged to represent more than 20% at least one-time point during treatment are shown. The putative RASs are shown in red with protein-specific numbers (in parentheses). Dashed line indicates HCV antigen positive cells during the treatment. Shaded backgrounds indicate 1st- and 2nd passages without drugs (drug-free) using the samples from the last timepoint in each treatment experiment. See also Figure 3A-E.



Supplemental Figure 8. NGS analysis of complete ORFs of ED43 escape viruses from treatments with sofosbuvir. The frequencies of non-synonymous mutations in ORFs of the escape viruses under treatment with sofosbuvir, were analyzed by NGS as described (7). Only SNPs forming less than 20% of the genome population at day 0 that then emerged to represent more than 20% at least one-time point during treatment are shown. The putative RASs are shown in red with protein-specific numbers (in parentheses). Dashed line indicates HCV-antigen positive cells during the treatment. Shaded backgrounds indicate 1st- and 2nd passages without drugs (drug-free) using the samples from the last timepoint in each treatment experiment. See also Figure 4A.



Supplemental Figure 9: Distributions of haplotypes in viruses after treatment with DAA combinations containing PIs and NS5A inhibitors. (A-C) Linkage analysis showed distributions of haplotypes in viruses that escaped from treatments with paritaprevir/ombitasvir (A), grazoprevir/elbasvir (B), and glecaprevir/pibrentasvir (C). For each combination, 2 different concentrations of PIs were used as outlined in Figure 5. Only haplotypes accounting for $\geq 2\%$ of the viral population are shown. PAR, OMB, GRA, ELB, GLE, and PIB: paritaprevir, ombitasvir, grazoprevir, elbasvir, glecaprevir, and pibrentasvir, respectively. PAResc, GRAesc, GLEesc, OMBesc, ELBesc, and PIBesc: the virus that escaped from single treatments with paritaprevir, grazoprevir, glecaprevir (as shown in Figure 2), ombitasvir, elbasvir, and pibrentasvir (as shown in Figure 3), respectively. See also Figure 5.



Supplemental Figure 10: Distributions of haplotypes in viruses after treatment with DAA combinations containing NS5A inhibitors and sofosbuvir. (A,B) Linkage analysis showed distributions of viral haplotypes after treatments with ledipasvir/sofosbuvir (A) and velpatasvir/sofosbuvir (B). For each DAA combination, the concentrations of 5x-EC₅₀ of NS5A inhibitors were used in combination with either 1x- or 2x-EC₅₀ of sofosbuvir. For details, see legend of Supplemental Figure 9. LED, VEL, and SOF: ledipasvir, velpatasvir, and sofosbuvir, respectively. LEDesc, VELesc, and SOFesc: the virus that escaped from single treatments with ledipasvir, velpatasvir (as shown in Figure 3), and sofosbuvir (as shown in Figure 4), respectively. See also Figure 6.





Supplemental Figure 11. Distributions of viral haplotypes after treatment with DAA combination glecaprevir/pibrentasvir. The concentrations of 4x-EC₅₀ of glecaprevir in combination with 5x-EC₅₀ of pibrentasvir were used for treatments. For details, see Supplemental Figure 9 legend. GRAesc, PAResc: the virus escaped from single treatments with grazoprevir, paritaprevir (as shown in Figure 2), respectively. See also Figure 7.

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		HCV gene	NS2	NS3	NS3	NS3	NS4A	NS4B	NS4B	NS4B	NS4B	NS5A
		ED43 nucleotide position	2819	4211	4733	5054	5354	5697	5804	5933	5949	7578
		Original nucleotide	Α	А	А	Т	G	С	Α	Α	G	Α
Recombinant virus	Second passage titer (day) ^a	Synonymous mutation										
ED43(C5A)-2m	4.0 (13)	T547C, T4303T/C, T5365A, T7255C, T7495T/C	G/a	A/G			т	Т	G	G	G/A	
ED43(C5A)-7m	4.1 (13)	None	G	G		T/c/a	Т	Т	G	G	A	
ED43(C5A)-9m	4.2 (11)	None	G	G	G		Т	Т	G	G	A	G
		ED43 amino acid position	827	1291	1465	1572	1672	1786	1822	1865	1870	2413
		H77 amino acid position	827	1291	1465	1572	1672	1786	1822	1865	1870	2416
		Amino acid change	T-A	I-V	S-G	F-L/I ^b	A-S	A-V	T-A	T-A	S-N	D-G

Supplemental Table 1. Sanger sequencing analysis of recovered ED43(C5A) viruses.

Note: Nucleotide changes resulting in amino acid substitutions are shown. Letters with shaded background indicate the engineered mutations. Acquired mutations are indicated with only capital letters (complete nucleotide changes), or capital/capital letters (50/50 quasispecies), or capital/lower letters (major/minor change). "Dots" indicate identical nucleotides with the original sequence. "None"; no synonymous mutations were found in recovered viruses. See also Figure 1A.

^aThe infectivity titers are shown as log₁₀FFU/mL.

^bNucleotide change T to C and T to A results in amino acid substitution F to L and F to I, respectively.

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