

Interpretation of mutations (FluSurver)

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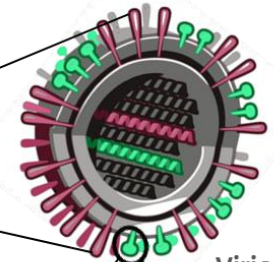
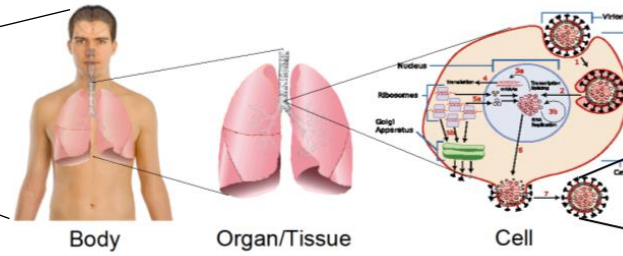
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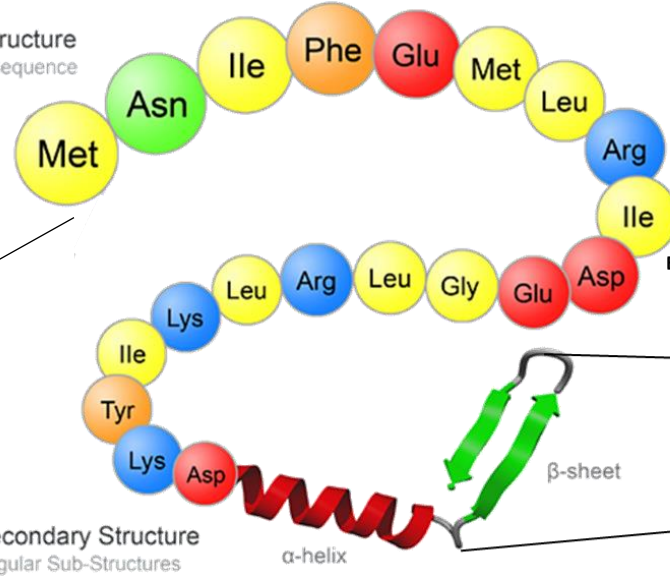
From the **sequence** and **structure** we can partially deduce important **properties** of the virus

- Infect different hosts
- Spread more easily
- More or less severe
- Antigenic drift, drug resistance



Virion
Viral Particle

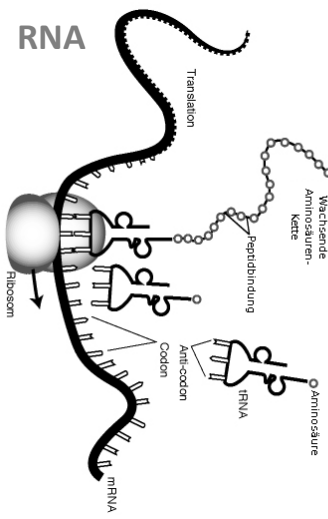
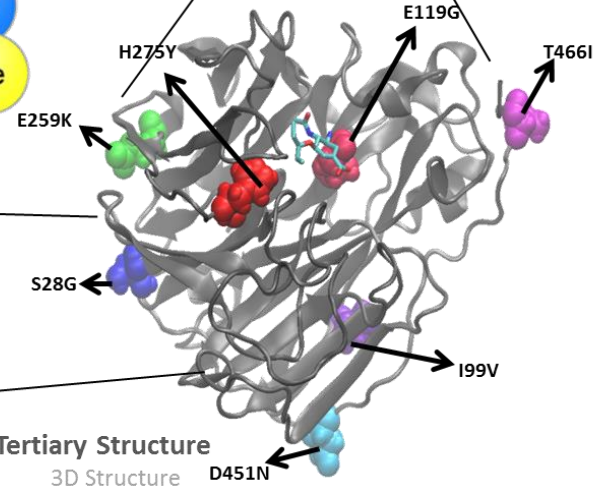
Primary Structure
Amino Acid Sequence



Secondary Structure
Regular Sub-Structures

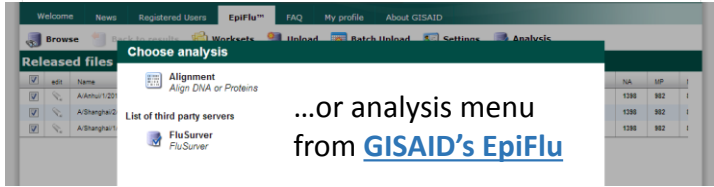


Protein Tertiary Structure
3D Structure



Simply paste/upload your sequence(s):

Paste your protein or nucleotide FASTA sequence(s) into the text area below. (Sample FASTA sequences: 2009 H1N1 NA and HA)
 >HA_H1N1_Human_2009_Norway3206-3_gi269978854|gb|ACZ56080.1|hemagglutinin [Influenza A virus (A/Norway/3206-3/2009)(H1N1)]
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<http://flusurver.bii.a-star.edu.sg>



...or analysis menu from [GISAID's EpiFlu](http://www.gisaid.org)

Get list of identified mutations

FluSurver Result for comparison with reference selection: H1N1_Human_2009_California07 [Back to Reference Selection](#)

Query	Best reference hit	% AA identity	% length coverage	# mutations	List of mutations
HA_H1N1_Human_2009_Norway3206-3_gi269978854 gb ACZ56080.1	HA A/California/07/2009(H1N1) find closest related sequences	99.117	100.000	5	P100S , P154S , S220T , D239G , I338V show in structure

Get exhaustive annotation for each mutation

Quick summary

HA D239G

Key to alternative position numbering:
 FluSurver numbering (absolute as in 2009 H1N1 pandemic)
 Classical H3N2 strain numbering
 Classical H1N1 strain numbering

Chosen reference: HA_H1N1_Human_2009_California07
 Position in reference: D
 AA in reference: D
 AA in query: G

Alternative numberings

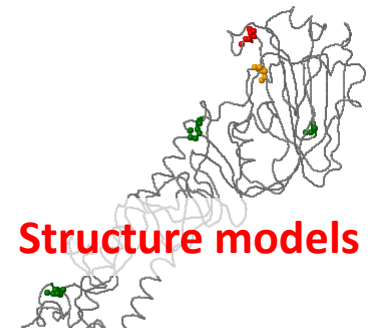
Mutation HA D239G already occurred 194 times (1.37% of all samples with HA sequence) in 28 countries. The first strain with this mutation, collected in April 2009, was A/Texas/11/2009(H1N1). The mutation most recently occurred in strain A/New York/06/2014(H1N1), collected in April 2014. ([see map](#))
[See detailed global statistics for this position](#)

A mutation at the position equivalent to HA 239 has been reported in the literature to be related to [host specificity shift](#).

A combination of mutations including the position equivalent to HA 239 has been reported in the literature to be related to [host specificity shift](#).

As seen in resolved structures of proteins from related strains, the HA position equivalent to your mutation is involved in:
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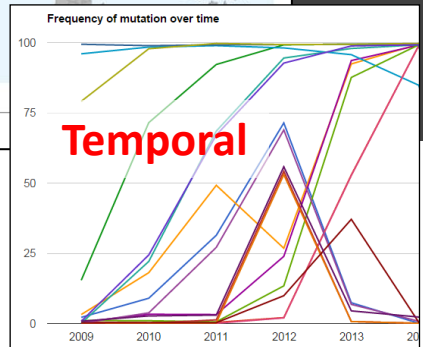
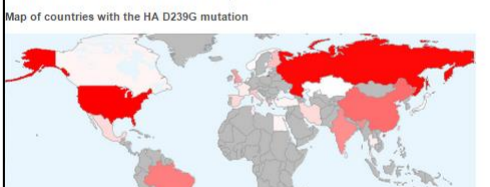
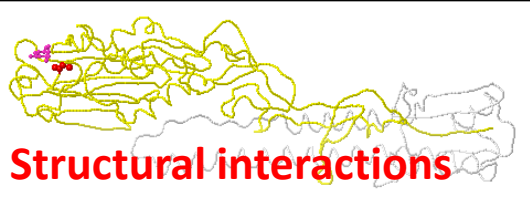
[See all interactions for this position](#)
[PubMed search for this mutation \(including alternative numbering\)](#)



Known effect(s) of mutations at position equivalent to your mutation:

Protein: HA
 Influenza type: Avian, Human H1N1 (2009)
 Mutation (as in paper): D222G or D225G
 neutral AA: D
 neg. eff. AA: G
 Effect: host specificity shift

Comment:
 HA D239G is also referred to in the literature as D222G or D225G using alternative (e.g. seasonal H1/H3) numberings. It has been found to alter host cell receptor specificity from human alpha-2,6 to also include avian-like alpha-2,3 galactose residues common in ciliated human airway epithelium and the human respiratory tract. While this mutation has been found in higher proportions in severe cases, this is IMPORTANT to note that this also can occur as a less frequent mutation. Therefore, its effect would only be relevant for surveillance if the mutation is also found in the original clinical sample.
[Literature reference](#)
 (Mutation D222G or D225G in the paper is at an equivalent position of the mutation in your query)



Literature-curated genotype to phenotype effect annotations

Effect Type	# Annotations
host specificity shift	136
virulence	106
antigenic drift / escape mutant	84
strong drug sensitivity change	40
mild drug sensitivity change	30
other	23
total (2015)	419

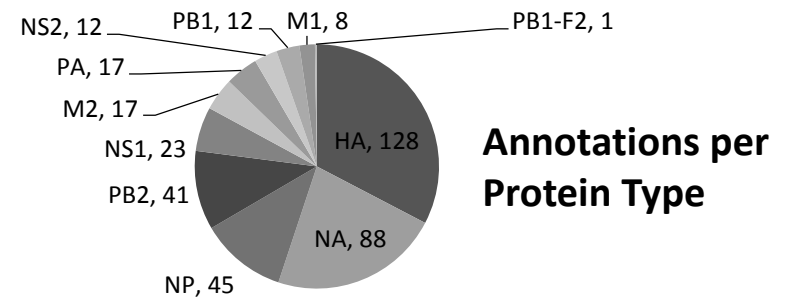
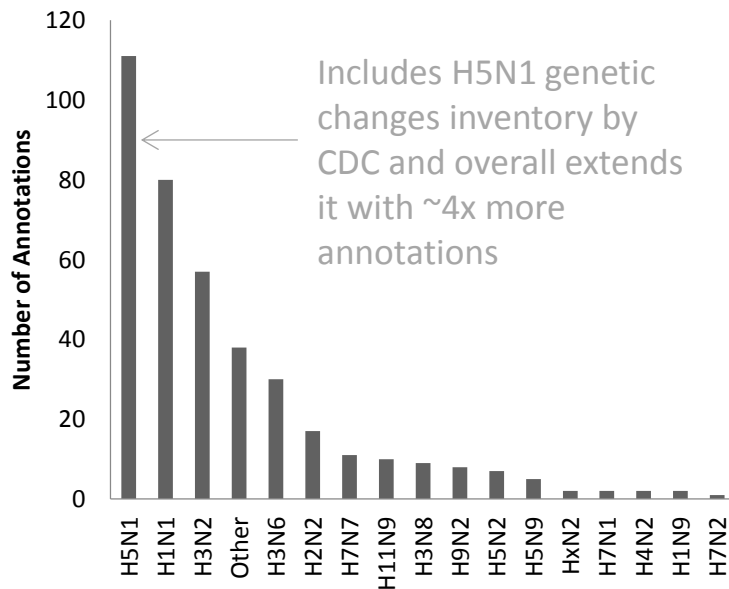
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[Literature reference](#)
 (Mutation D222G or D225G in the paper is at an equivalent position of the mutation in your query)

Annotations per Subtype



Important – FluSurver for Mutation Interpretation



Query	Best reference hit	% AA identity	% length coverage	# mutations
HA_A18949H3N2_108718	HA_A18949H3N2_108718T	98.871	98.432	22
HA_A18949H3N2_108717	HA_A18949H3N2_108717T	98.871	98.432	22
HA_A18949H3N2_108717	HA_A18949H3N2_108717T	98.871	98.432	22

HA Q242L
Key to alternative position numbering:
240 Pulverer numbering (8830M as in 2009 H1N1 pandemic)
HA1 238 Classical H3N2 strain numbering
HA1 223 Classical H1N1 strain numbering
Chosen reference: HA_A1767_Human_2003_Netherlands219
Position in reference: 242
AA in reference: Q
AA in query: L

Protein: HA
Influenza type: Human H3N2 (N/A)
Mutation (as in paper): Q226L
neutral AA: Q
neg. eff. AA: L
Effect: host specificity shift

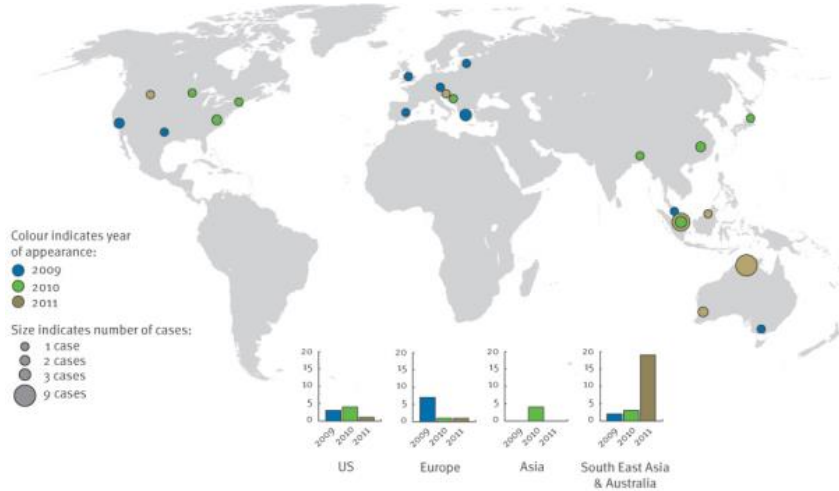
Comment:
Increasing affinity of receptor-binding to SA_{2,6Gal} and decreasing affinity to SA_{2,3Gal} (Table1).
Literature reference
Mutation Q226L in the paper is at an equivalent position of the mutation in your query!

Important disclaimer:

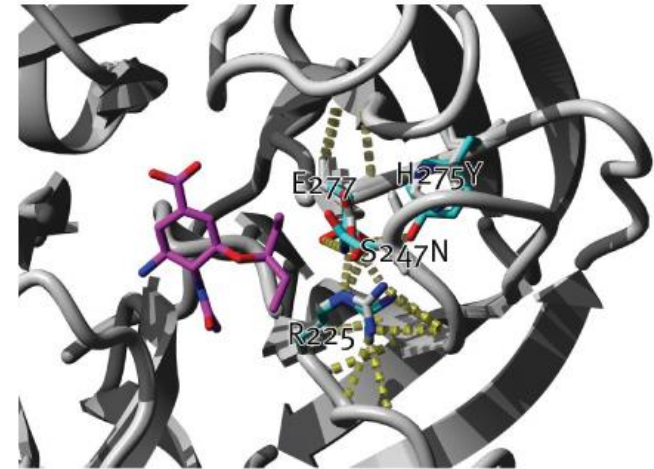
FluSurver makes it very easy to link mutations with prior literature and potential phenotypic effects.

While we have placed great emphasis on avoiding false positive alerts and provide tutorials, one still needs to read the associated papers and interpret the provided evidence carefully to judge any effect realistically.

New drug sensitivity altering mutation NA S247N

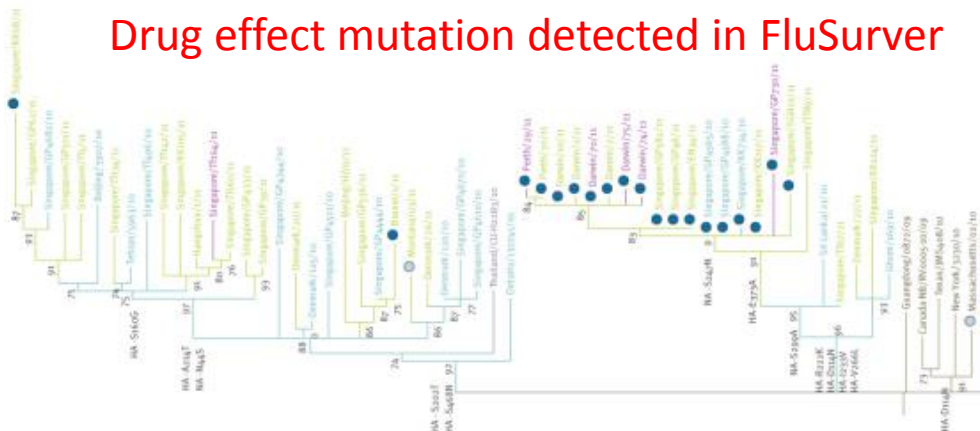


Global occurrence of new variant



Structural context of mutation

Drug effect mutation detected in FluSurver



Phylogenetic context of new variant

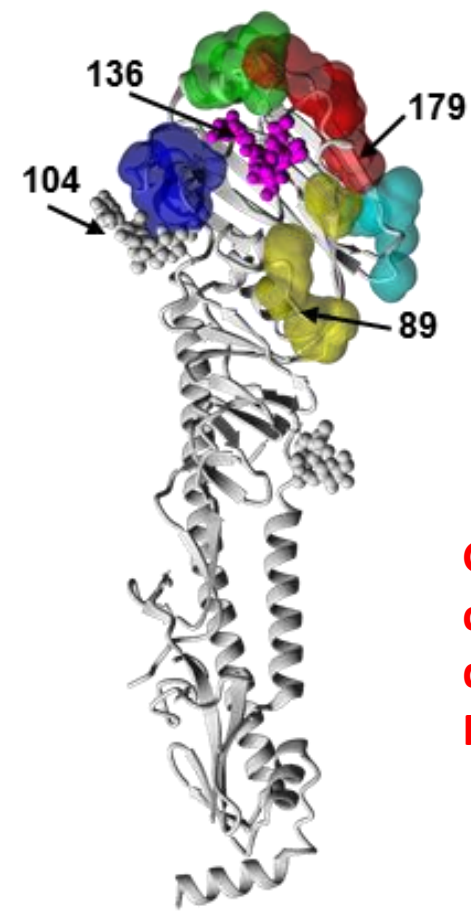
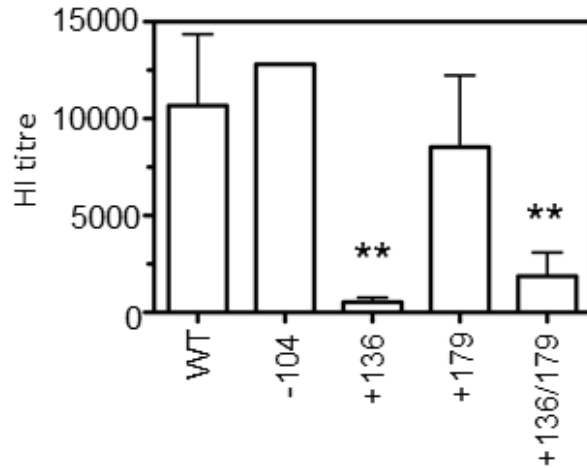
Found circulating in 10% of samples in Singapore and 30% of samples in Northern Australia in early 2011.

Experimentally measured increase of IC50 for Tamiflu by 6-fold and Relenza by 3-fold but normally administered dose of drugs still sufficient.

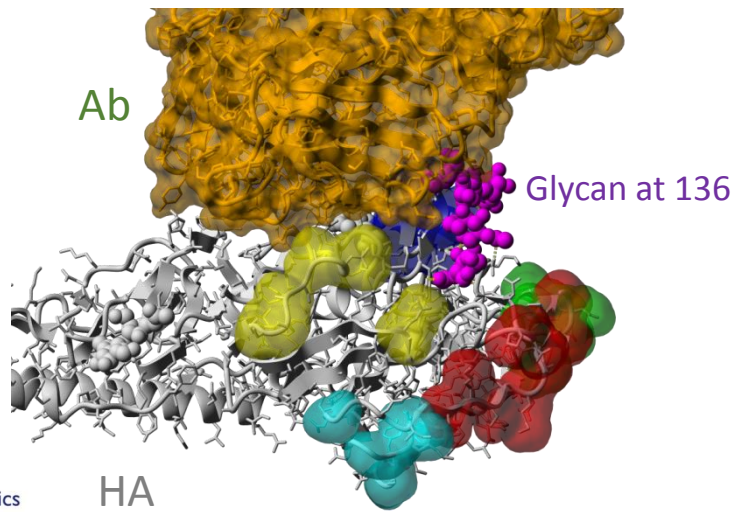
Hurt AC, Lee RT, Leang SK, Cui L, Deng YM, Phuah SP, Caldwell N, Freeman K, Komadina N, Smith D, Speers D, Kelso A, Lin RT, Maurer-Stroh S, Barr IG. *Increased detection in Australia and Singapore of a novel influenza A(H1N1)2009 variant with reduced oseltamivir and zanamivir sensitivity due to a S247N neuraminidase mutation.* Euro Surveill. 2011 Jun 9;16(23). pii: 19884.

Addition of Glycosylation to Influenza A Virus Hemagglutinin Modulates Antibody-Mediated Recognition of H1N1 2009 Pandemic Viruses.

Job ER, Deng YM, Barfod KK, Tate MD, Caldwell N, Reddiex S, Maurer-Stroh S, Brooks AG, Reading PC.
J Immunol. 2013 Mar 1;190(5):2169-77.

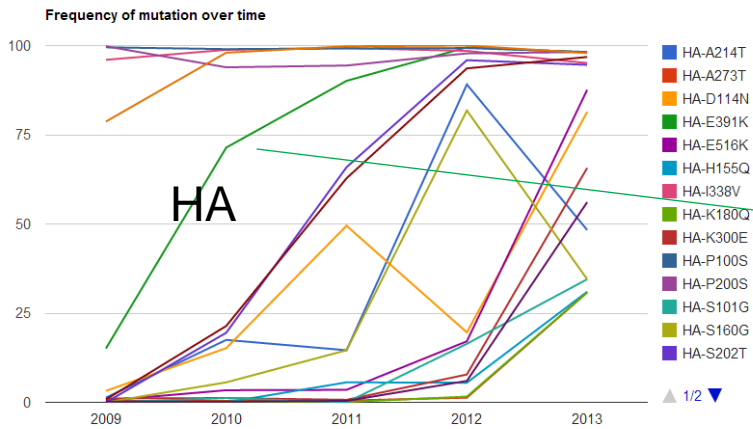
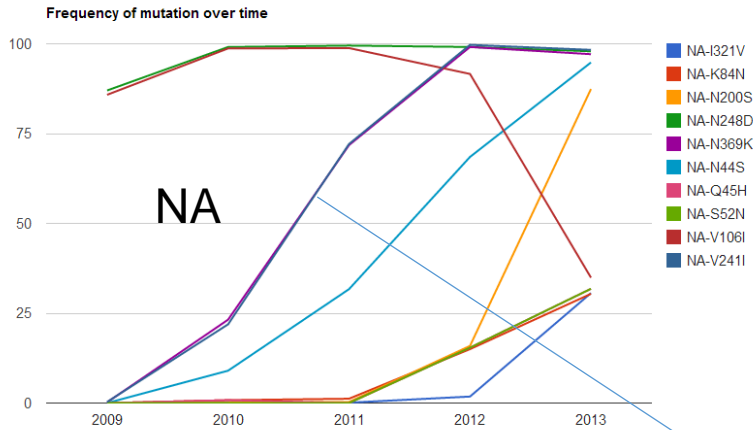


**Glycosylation
change
detection in
FluSurver**

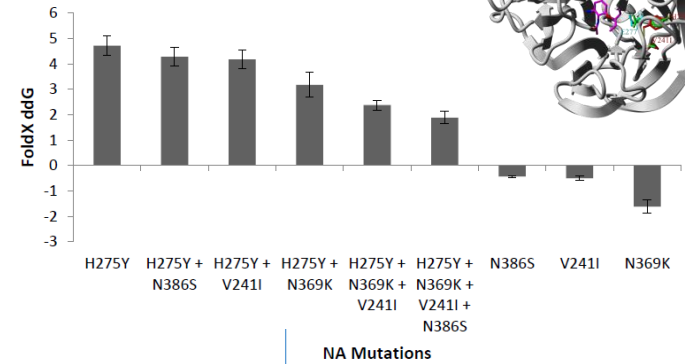


Addition of a glycan to A(H1N1)pdm HA through a K136N mutation was associated with resistance to neutralizing Abs and showed enhanced growth in A(H1N1)pdm-vaccinated mice, consistent with evasion of Ab-mediated immunity in vivo.

Mutation frequency pattern highlights relevant changes

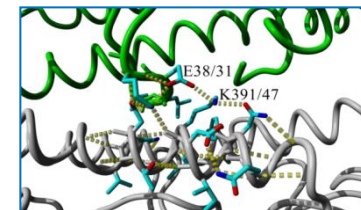


FoldX stability for N1pdm in FluSurver



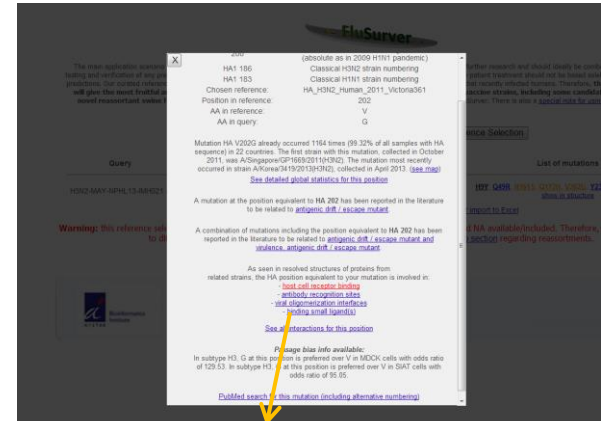
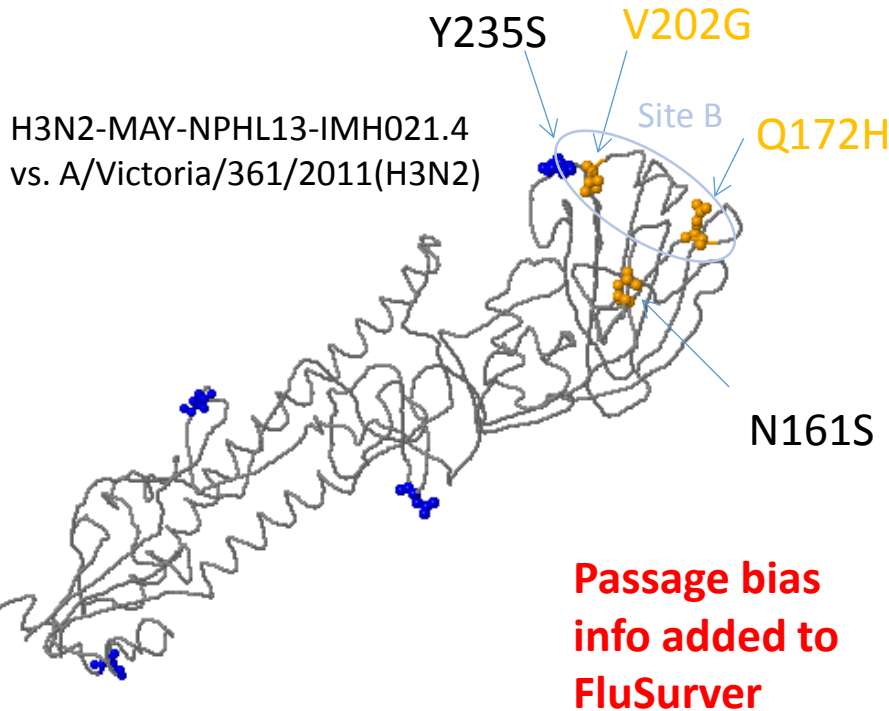
New H275Y permissive mutations
 Hurt *et al.* J Infect Dis. 2012 Jul 15;206(2):148-57.
 Butler *et al.* PLoS Pathog. 2014 Apr 3;10(4):e1004065.

Change in pH-dependency of fusion
 Maurer-Stroh *et al.* PLoS Curr. 2010 Jun 1;2:RRN1162.
 Cotter *et al.* PLoS Pathog. 2014 Jan;10(1):e1003831.



Temporal frequency plot in FluSurver

Current H3N2 strains with HA passage bias mutations in antigenic sites



As seen in resolved structures of proteins from related strains, the HA position equivalent to your mutation is involved in:

- [host cell receptor binding](#)
- [antibody recognition sites](#)
- [viral oligomerization interfaces](#)
- [binding small ligand\(s\)](#)

V202G

[See all interactions for this position](#)

Passage bias info available:

In subtype H3, G at this position is preferred over V in MDCK cells with odds ratio of 129.53. In subtype H3, G at this position is preferred over V in SIAT cells with odds ratio of 95.05.

Q172H

As seen in resolved structures of proteins from related strains, the HA position equivalent to your mutation is involved in:

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- [antibody recognition sites](#)
- [binding small ligand\(s\)](#)

- is involved in [binding host protein\(s\)](#)
- [viral oligomerization interfaces](#)

[See all interactions for this position](#)

Passage bias info available:

In subtype H3, H at this position is preferred over Q in SIAT cells with odds ratio of 67.59.

Same isolate but different passage

(A/SINGAPORE/22/2012 NPHL: GP1187-2012)

GISAID ID	Submitter	Passage	Mutations relative to Victoria/361
EPI_ISL_128750	WHO CC Melbourne via NPHL	MDCK0, MDCK1	H9Y, Q49R, N161S, Q172H, V202G, Y235S , N294K
EPI_ISL_135838	US CDC via WHO CC Melbourne	E4/E1	H9Y, Q49R, N161S, N294K

H5N8 sequence analysis with FluSurver@GISAID

Allows detailed analysis of mutations relative to A/baikal teal/Korea/Donglim3/2014(H5N8)

Together with FLI Germany
Emerg Infect Dis. 2015
May;21(5):860-3.

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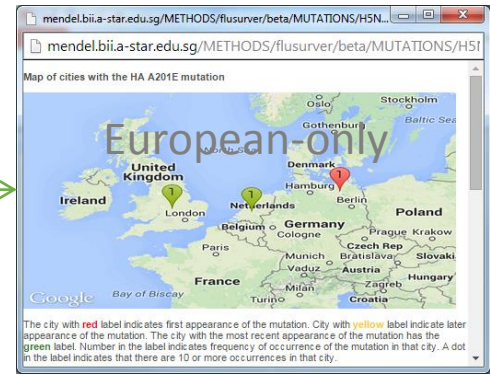
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FluSurver

The main application scenario for FluSurver is to highlight phenotypically or epidemiologically interesting candidate mutations for further research and should ideally be combined with experimental testing and verification of any predicted phenotypes. Importantly, any direct diagnostic use, assumed severity or recommendation on patient treatment should not be based solely on these computational predictions. Our curated reference sequences used for annotation transfer of equivalent mutations are mainly comprised of strains that recently infected humans. Therefore, the usage scenario that will give the most fruitful and reliable results are current surveillance sequences with very close relation to used vaccine strains, including some candidates for avian flu and novel reassortant swine flu H3N2v. Please take a look at the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and [Tutorial](#) if you are new to FluSurver. There is also a [special note for using FluSurver results in publications](#).

Result for comparison with reference selection: autorefall [Back to Reference Selection](#)

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HA_A/duc/k/England/36254/14_167904	HA A/baikal teal/Korea/Donglim3/2014(H5N8) find closest related sequences	99.295	100.000	4	S197P A201E H289Y I390V show in structure
HA_A/turkey/Germany-MV/R2472/2014_167140	HA A/baikal teal/Korea/Donglim3/2014(H5N8) find closest related sequences	99.467	99.295	3	S197P A201E I390V show in structure
NA_A/Ch/Netherlands/14015526/2014_167905	NA A/baikal teal/Korea/Donglim3/2014(H5N8) find closest related sequences	99.787	99.787	1	A190T show in structure
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			99.787	1	A190T show in structure
					NA drug sensitivity positions: 27_0_0
			100.000	4	I67V V338I R497S K699R show in structure
			100.000	4	V338I R497S V511L K699R show in structure



E.g. 3 HA mutations relative to Korean H5N8 shared among European cases

New reference strains (e.g. H7N9, H5N8) constantly added to FluSurver

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NORTH AMERICA SOUTH AMERICA AFRICA AUSTRALIA EUROPE

Atlantic Ocean Pacific Ocean

A201E (A189E)
Strong surface change at common epitope (antibody binding site)

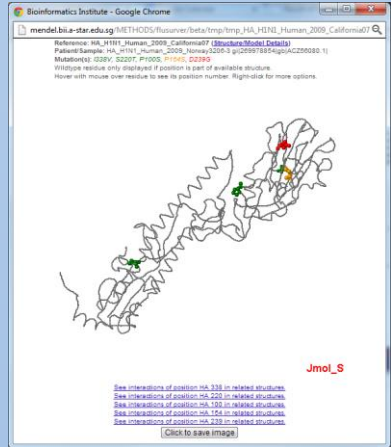
S197P (S185P)
Structural change near receptor binding site but effect not yet reported in literature

I390V (I45V)
Conservative change at site recognized by "universal" stem antibodies

H5N8 analysis available on GISAID platform

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Summary of FluSurfer features

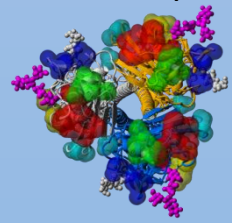
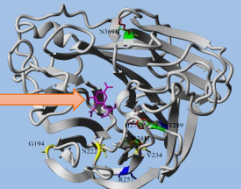


Map mutations to structure

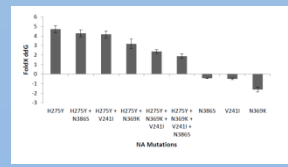
300+ reference homology models

1568	self/oligomerization
975	other small ligand
268	antibody
188	host protein
182	antigen-presenting MHC molecule
132	other viral protein
46	drug
45	nucleic acids
13	host cell receptor
3417	total interactions for 2062 positions

Interactions



Glycosylation site changes



FoldX stability calculations (for high frequency mutations in N1pdm)

Mutation numbering scheme conversion (e.g. H3, H1, H1pdm) and direct PubMed search link



Passage bias (egg/cell adaptation) for ~1300 mutations

Updated Literature-curated mutation effect database
~400 entries

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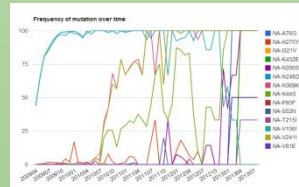
Structure

Literature

Epidemiology

Closest DB hits

Temporal pattern



Genomic co-occurrence

Regional & global occurrence

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- Duke-NUS Emerging Infectious Disease Programme, Singapore
- University of Melbourne, Australia
- Global Initiative for Sharing All Influenza Data 
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Atlanta, USA
- Research and Policy for Infectious Disease Dynamics (RAPIDD)
- Health Protection Agency of Canada
- Friedrich Loeffler Institute, Germany

... and thank all of you!



Fishing for Flu Mutations since 2009!