

**Structure of human Aichi virus and implications for receptor
binding**

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Aichi virus, an unusual and poorly characterized picornavirus can cause severe gastroenteritis in children. We have determined its three dimensional structure at 3.7 Å resolution, revealing a structure intermediate between the enteroviruses and cardioviruses, with a shallow, narrow depression bounded by the prominent VP0 CD loops (linking the C and D strands of the β-barrel), replacing the depression known as the ‘canyon’, frequently the site of receptor attachment in enteroviruses. VP0 is not cleaved to form VP2 and VP4 hence the ‘VP2’ β-barrel structure is complemented with a unique extended structure on the inside of the capsid. On the outer surface, a polyproline helix structure, not seen previously in picornaviruses is present at the C-terminus of VP1, a position where integrin binding motifs are found in some other picornaviruses. A peptide corresponding to this polyproline motif somewhat attenuates virus infectivity presumably blocking host cell attachment. This may guide cellular receptor identification.

The *Picornaviridae* is a family of small (300 Å diameter) icosahedral viruses with single-stranded positive sense RNA genomes, classified into many genera. Aichivirus (AiV) is a member of the Kobuvirus genus. High resolution structures are available for representative viruses from the *Enterovirus*, *Cardiovirus*, *Aphthovirus*, *Hepatovirus*, *Senecavirus* and *Parechovirus* genera¹, but until now not for any Kobuvirus. Aichi virus usually infects humans subclinically, but can lead to acute

gastroenteritis² and deaths in children below five years old especially in developing countries³. The seroprevalence of AiV is approximately 60% in children less than 10 years old and reaches 90% later in life^{4,5}. Although AiV is considered as a potential global public health threat, there is no available vaccine or effective antiviral treatment.

AiV has limited sequence similarity with other picornaviruses (15-34% amino acid sequence identity), and it exhibits several distinctive features. Like parechoviruses, AiV capsids comprise VP0, VP1 and VP3. The extremely long VP0 (370 residues) does not undergo the final, maturation cleavage to VP2 and VP4 which is assumed to be RNA catalyzed. It remains unclear whether VP0 is myristoylated, despite having the classic myristoylation motif (GXXXT) at the N terminus⁶. The AiV genome has an unusually high C content and reportedly the highest degree of RNA secondary structure in picornaviruses⁷. Unlike most picornaviruses, both the non-structural proteins L and 2A of AiV have neither a protease nor an autocatalytic motif, but are involved in viral RNA replication and encapsidation^{6,8,9}. Furthermore, AiV is the sole picornavirus identified to contain an RNA encapsidation signal at the 5'-terminal RNA stem loop¹⁰. Finally the AiV capsid proteins possess an unusually high proline content.

We have analyzed AiV genotype A864/88 strain (Methods). Sucrose density gradient

purification yielded a band, at the density expected for picornaviruses (1.25–1.30 g cm⁻³), comprising mature viruses containing packaged RNA (**Supplementary Fig. 1**). The presence of only 3 capsid proteins, VP0, VP1 and VP3 was confirmed by SDS PAGE (**Supplementary Fig. 1**). Negative stain electron microscopy showed mature viruses with morphology indistinguishable from other picornaviruses (**Supplementary Fig. 1**).

We imaged purified AiV using cryo-EM with a Gatan K2 Summit detector (see Methods, **Supplementary Fig. 2**). A total of 25,279 particles were subjected to three-dimensional reconstruction and a ‘gold standard’ resolution of 3.68 Å (Fourier Shell correlation (FSC) = 0.143) was achieved. The map was of sufficient quality to allow the atomic modeling of most capsid proteins (Methods and **Fig. 1**). The model was refined and validated using standard X-ray crystallographic methods¹¹ (**Table 1 and Table 2**).

The AiV capsid is well ordered, apart from a number of disordered residues in VP0 (80-114) and VP1 (254-278). The capsid proteins (VP0, VP1 and VP3) adopt the classical eight-stranded anti-parallel β -barrel configuration and follow the expected pseudo T = 3 symmetry (where T is the triangulation number), such that VP1 surrounds the 5-fold axes and VP0 and VP3 alternate about the 2- and 3-fold axes (**Fig. 2 and Supplementary Fig. 3**). The AiV structure reveals the presence of

84 capsid pores similar to those seen in foot-and-mouth disease virus (FMDV,
85 aphthovirus genus) at the 5-fold axes, which are thought to be permeable to ions
86 such as Caesium¹². A structure-based phylogenetic tree constructed from the
87 biological protomers of picornaviruses and picorna-like insect viruses indicates that
88 AiV lies almost equidistant from the entero, cardio, aphtho, and hepato genera, being
89 slightly closer to the enteros and cardios (**Fig. 2b**). The external surface of AiV lacks
90 the marked protrusion from the icosahedral 5-fold axes of Ljungan virus (LV, genus
91 parechovirus), and is less angular than that of Hepatitis A virus (HAV, genus
92 hepatovirus) (**Fig. 2a**). Nevertheless in contrast to FMDV where short surface loops
93 produce a rather smooth surface, the loops at the 5-fold and 3-fold axes in AiV are
94 slightly longer and raised, giving the virus “cooling tower” structures around the
95 5-fold axes (**Fig. 2a**). AiV possesses some surface depressions analogous to those
96 referred to as the “canyon” (a continuous depression surrounding the five-fold axes
97 of symmetry) and “pit” (discrete depressions in the same region), which form the site
98 of receptor binding in many picornaviruses¹³⁻¹⁵ (**Fig. 2c**). Compared to HAV, the
99 VP1 BC loop of AiV is extended to build the north wall of the canyon while the
100 movement of the VP1 GH loop (part of the south wall) narrows the front part of the
101 depression. A long insertion in the VP0 CD loop partly compensates for the
102 reduction in the VP0 EF loop to form the back part of the depression, which is
103 broader and flatter (**Fig. 2c**).

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Overall AiV VP1 most closely resembles that from aphthoviruses and cardioviruses than from other picornaviruses with an r.m.s. deviation of ~ 2.8 - 3.0 Å for ~ 80 - 85% matched C α s for these five viruses based on a comparison of 15 known structures (**Supplementary Fig. 4**). AiV VP1 has a unique ‘puff’ structure connecting the α A helix and β B strand, which is absent in other picornaviruses (**Supplementary Fig. 3**). In-line with AiV’s similarity to the aphtho- and cardioviruses, it does not contain the hydrophobic pocket seen in the enteroviruses where expulsion of a lipidic moiety is a pre-requisite for uncoating^{13,16}. In AiV, compared to enteroviruses the VP1 β -barrel is compressed, a shift in the β C strand and reorganization of the CD loop directly block the entrance to the pocket, and the remaining space is filled by large side chains (**Fig. 2d**). The VP1 BC, EF and GH loops, important antigenic sites in other picornaviruses¹⁵, vary in length and fold in AiV (**Supplementary Fig 5**). The overall fold of AiV VP3 is similar to other picornaviruses, (**Supplementary Fig. 4**), but it does not bear the N-terminal A/LRM (arginine/lysine-rich motif), which mediates RNA attachment in parechoviruses¹⁷. This might reflect differences in the mechanism of genome encapsidation.

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At 370 residues AiV VP0 is the longest of known picornaviruses, and there is no reported cleavage of VP0 into VP2 and VP4 in the genus *Kobuvirus*. Sequence and structural comparisons show that the VP0 core domain (VP2 counterpart) is most similar to VP2 in Mengovirus (RMSD for 83% of C α s is 1.9 Å) (**Supplementary**

126 **Fig. 4**), however the VP0 N-terminal domain (VP4 counterpart) exhibits little
127 similarity to other VP4s (**Fig. 2e** and **Supplementary Fig. 6**). AiV does not possess
128 the VP2 N-terminal domain swap configuration observed in HAV, LV and insect
129 picorna-like viruses across the 2-fold axis, where it enhances interactions with the
130 neighboring pentamers^{17,18}. An approximately 30 residue insertion in the CD loop of
131 the AiV VP0 core domain (residues 195-253), is strikingly exposed on the external
132 surface, forming the south wall of the depression, leaving an extremely short β C
133 strand (**Fig. 2c** and **Supplementary Fig. 3**), this CD loop might play a role in
134 receptor binding and we propose this to be an epitope of significant antigenicity. The
135 VP0 N-terminal domain (predicted to be 113 residues in length based on the
136 structural alignment of AiV VP0 with VP2 of other picornaviruses) is ~30-50
137 residues longer than VP4s in other picornaviruses. There is a disordered region
138 (residues 80-114) which may interact with the RNA genome. VP4 or its equivalent is
139 the most diverse of the picornavirus capsid proteins, varying in length, location and
140 conformation between genera (**Fig. 2e** and **Supplementary Fig. 6**). Notably, the
141 long VP4 counterpart in AiV folds back on itself forming a “bow and arrow” shape
142 and has a greater number of interactions with other protomers in a pentamer. As in
143 other picornaviruses the N-termini of the capsid proteins form an extensive network
144 at the inner surface, which links 5-fold related protomers together to form pentamers.
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146 Determination of the stability of virus particles is critical for decontamination and to

147 guide vaccine design. The 2-fold interaction mediated by the VP2 α A helices, which
148 separate during the initial stages of enterovirus uncoating^{13,16}, play key roles in the
149 stability of particles¹⁹. The separation of the VP2 α A helices at the icosahedral 2-fold
150 of AiV is 5.3 Å compared to HAV-3.8 Å, EV71-7.3 Å, polio-7.6 Å and FMDV-8.2 Å
151 (**Fig. 3a**), presenting a relatively tight packing. Despite this relatively tight packing
152 AiV displayed the stability of a typical enterovirus and became unstable at lower pH
153 (**Fig. 3b, 3c**). The low fluorescence signals at low temperature using SYTO9 dye to
154 detect RNA exposure implies that even at pH 4 AiV does not expose its RNA at
155 room temperature. To correlate particle stability with the structure, we systematically
156 analyzed the interactions between any one subunit and its environment within the
157 protomer, within the pentamer and between pentamers by PISA²⁰ (**Supplementary**
158 **Table 1**). Together with our previous results, FMDV (O serotype), AiV, EV71,
159 CVA16, LV and HAV release their genomes under neutral pH at 50°C, 55°C, 58°C,
160 59°C, 61°C and 68°C respectively by heat-treatment^{16,18,19,21,22}. We found that the
161 interactions between pentamers determine the particle stability with a compelling
162 correlation of 0.923 (**Fig. 3d**). This supports the proposal that enhancing the
163 interactions between pentamers would be a target for the rational design of
164 picornavirus vaccines with improved stability¹⁹.

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166 Although receptors have been identified for many picornaviruses²³⁻²⁵, the receptor
167 for AiV remains unknown. Certain picornaviruses possess an

168 arginine-glycine-aspartic acid (RGD) or KGD motif at the C-terminus of VP1 which
169 is involved in integrin recognition^{26,27}. Whilst this is not present in AiV there is
170 instead, a proline-rich fragment with sequence P₂₂₈XPPPPXPPXP₂₄₀ at this same
171 position, presenting an extended poly-L-proline type II (PPII) helix, on the external
172 surface of AiV (**Fig. 4a** and **Fig. 4b**). As noted AiV has an unusually high proline
173 content and there are two other PPII helices in the capsid (residue 50-63 in VP0 and
174 residue 228-240 in VP1), however the VP1 C-terminal helix is the longest. Likely
175 due to their peculiar propensity to be solvent-exposed, PPII helices are frequently
176 involved in protein-protein interactions in signal transduction, antigen recognition,
177 cell-to-cell communication and viral pathogenesis^{28,29}). This PPII helix might serve
178 as a recognition signal for cellular receptor(s) or virulence factors to manipulate the
179 host's cellular machinery²⁹. Such a PPII helix is unprecedented in picornaviruses,
180 although they are observed in other viruses. A prototypical example is represented by
181 the HIV-1 Nef, which necessarily functions through protein-protein interaction by its
182 polyproline segment (P₆₉VRPQVPLRP₇₈) for full pathogenicity of the virus³⁰. To
183 understand if there might be a role for this structure in cell attachment we
184 investigated if a peptide version of the helix might inhibit infection. The results (**Fig.**
185 **4c**) do indeed show a partial inhibition, in particular, pre-attachment of peptides to
186 cells was able to inhibit by nearly 50% infection of Aichi virus, suggesting that this
187 structure is capable of partially competing with the virus.

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189 In summary AiV exhibits a number of distinctive features and seems to occupy an
190 evolutionary position between the enteroviruses and other picornaviruses, using an
191 uncoating mechanism yet to be determined but different to that of enteroviruses.
192 Furthermore we suggest that a highly exposed polyproline helix at the C-terminus of
193 VP1 is a recognition motif for binding to the enteric receptor. This would imply a
194 mode of engagement with the host cell unlike others described for picornaviruses.

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197 **METHODS**

198 **Virus production and purification**

199 The AiV stock was strain A846/88, GenBank: BAA31356.1. The virus was amplified
200 using 40 x 175 cm² flasks of Vero cells inoculated at a multiplicity of infection
201 (MOI) of 1. Vero cells were cultured in Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium
202 (DMEM; Sigma-Aldrich) supplemented with 1% fetal bovine serum (FBS; Gibco)
203 and grown at 37°C in a humidified atmosphere containing 5% CO₂. After 90% of
204 cells showed CPE, the flasks were frozen and thawed three times, and the cultures
205 centrifuged to remove cell debris. The supernatant was centrifuged for 3 h at 95,000
206 g and virus pellets resuspended in PBST buffer (phosphate-buffered saline
207 containing 0.01% Triton X-100), then loaded onto 15-45% (w/v) sucrose density
208 gradients and centrifuged at 222,000 g for 4 h in a SW41 rotor at 4 °C. The lower
209 band was pooled and subjected to 35-55% (w/w) discontinuous sucrose gradient
210 centrifugation at 28,000 rpm for 20 h.

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212 **Negative stain electron microscopy**

213 Purified AiV was concentrated to ~0.3 mg/mL and applied onto glow-discharged,
214 Formvar/carbon-coated copper grids (Electron Microscopy Sciences). After 60
215 seconds incubation, excess sample was blotted away and the grids washed twice with
216 deionized water. Samples were stained with 1% (w/v) uranyl acetate for 60 s and
217 excess stain removed. We examined the grids on a Tecnai T12 (FEI, Hillsboro, OR)
218 transmission electron microscope operated at 80kV. Images were taken using a 4k x 4k
219 high-sensitivity FEI Eagle camera (FEI, Hillsboro, OR) at a nominal magnification of
220 67,000 \times .

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222 **Cryo-EM and data collection**

223 A 3 μ L aliquot of purified AiV virions (~3 mg/mL) was deposited onto freshly
224 glow-discharged 400-mesh holey carbon-coated copper grids (C-flat, CF-2/1-2C;;
225 Protochips Inc.) followed by 3 s blotting in 70% relative humidity for
226 plunge-freezing (Vitrobot; FEI, Hillsboro, OR) in liquid ethane. Images were
227 acquired with a Tecnai G2 Polara microscope (FEI, Hillsboro, OR) fitted with a K2
228 Summit direct electron detector (Gatan, Abingdon, UK) operating at 300 kV high
229 tension voltage. Micrographs were collected at defociuses between 1.6 and 3 μ m as
230 movies (25 frames, each 0.2 s, giving a total dose of 25 $e^- \text{Å}^{-2}$) in single electron
231 counting mode using SerialEM at a calibrated magnification of 37,027 \times , resulting in

232 a pixel size of 1.35 Å.

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234 **Image processing and 3D reconstruction**

235 Frames 3-22 were used and corrected for beam-induced drift by aligning and
236 averaging the individual frames of each movie using MOTIONCORR³¹. Particles
237 were picked automatically by ETHAN³² and false-positives manually removed using
238 the boxer program in EMAN³³. Gctf³⁴ was used to estimate the CTF parameters for
239 drift corrected micrographs and micrographs with significant astigmatism or drift
240 were discarded. A total of 25,279 particles from 776 micrographs were picked for the
241 2D alignment and 3D reconstruction using Relion 1.3³⁵ using recommended
242 gold-standard refinement procedures and applying icosahedral symmetry I4. The
243 initial model for AiV was generated by low-pass filtering the reconstructed HAV
244 structure to 30 Å. We conducted two rounds of 2D classification and 3D refinement
245 to further select the particles for final refinement. The final resolution was evaluated
246 using the “gold standard” Fourier shell correction (threshold = 0.143 criterion)^{36,37}.
247 The dataset and refinement statistics are summarized in **Table. 1**.

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249 **Model building, refinement and structure analysis**

250 The atomic models of AiV capsid proteins VP0, VP1 and VP3 were manually built
251 into the density map with the structures of ERAV capsid proteins as a guide in
252 COOT³⁸. Amino acid registration was accomplished solely based on the clear

densities for “landmark” stretches of residues. REFMAC³⁹ was used to calculate difference maps to highlight errors in the model. These full-atom models were further improved in a pseudo-crystallographic manner by iterative positional and B-factor refinement in real space using Phenix¹¹ and rebuilt in COOT³⁸, against the Relion map. This procedure was used only to improve atomic models, not to modify the 3.7 Å cryo-EM density map. Densities for individual proteins were segmented, put in artificial crystal lattices, and then used to calculate their structural factors. The amplitudes and phases of these structural factors were used as pseudo-experimental diffraction data for model refinement in Phenix¹¹. The quality of the final model was confirmed visually by analyzing the match between map densities and coordinates and by the calculation of correlation coefficients and R-factors with REFMAC³⁹. Refinement statistics are given in **Table 2** as evaluated by Molprobity⁴⁰ functions integrated in Phenix¹¹. Structure-based phylogenetic trees were constructed as described by Riffel et al⁴¹.

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268 **Inhibition of AiV infection in Vero cells by VP1 C-terminal peptide**

For pre-attachment assays, peptide (P₂₂₈XPPPPXPPXPXP₂₄₀) at concentrations ranging from 5 nM to 50 µM was incubated with AiV at a multiplicity of infection (MOI) of 0.5 or with Vero cells at 37 °C for 1h, then the virus-peptide mixtures were added into Vero cells or the cells incubated with peptides were inoculated with AiV at MOI of 0.5 and using AiV without peptides as a control. For the post-attachment

274 assay, Vero cells were infected with AiV at MOI of 0.5 at 37 °C for 1h and peptide at
275 varying concentrations was subsequently added. Cells exposed to concentrations of
276 peptide ranging from 5 nM to 50 µM alone were used to evaluate the cytotoxicity.
277 Cells were cultured in DMEM supplemented with 1% FBS and grown at 37 °C with
278 5% CO₂. At 48h post infection (p.i.), cells were observed to evaluate the appearance
279 of CPE.

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281 **Thermal stability assay**

282 PaSTRy⁴² experiments were performed using a MX3005p RT-PCR instrument
283 (Agilent) employing both SYTO9 and SYPRO-Red (Invitrogen) dyes to detect the
284 presence of RNA and the exposed hydrophobic regions of proteins respectively. 50
285 µL reactions were set up in a thin-walled PCR plate (Agilent), containing ~1 µg of
286 the Aichi virus, 5 mM SYTO9 (excitation 492 nm, emission 517 nm) and 3 ×
287 SYPRO-Red (excitation 535 nm, emission 665 nm) in PBS (pH 7.4), and the
288 temperature ramped from 25 to 99 °C in 1 °C intervals with fluorescence recorded in
289 triplicate, always at 25 °C. This results in an expanding saw-tooth temperature
290 profile which reduces the self-quenching effect of temperature on the dyes.

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292 **Accession code:** The atomic coordinates of Aichivirus has been submitted to the
293 Protein Data Bank with accession number PDB: XXX. The cryo-EM density map of
294 Aichivirus has been deposited with the Electron Microscopy Data Bank:

295 EMD-XXX.

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320 **Table 1**321 **Cryo-EM imaging and data processing statistics.**

Statistics	AiV
Micrographs (total)	776
Micrographs (used)	668
Particles selected	25,279
Particles included in final reconstruction	18,566
Sampling, Å per pixel	1.35
Defocus range, µm	1.5-3.0
Resolution, Å	3.68
(gold standard FSC = 0.143 criterion)	

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326 **Table 2**327 **Model refinement statistics.**

Statistics	AiV
Rmsd (bond angles, °)	1.5
Rmsd (bond lengths, Å)	0.010
Ramachandran statistics	
Most favoured (%)	90.7
Allowed	8.0
Outliers	1.3
Rwork/Rfree* (%)	32.6/32.9

328 *Rfree was calculated for 5% of reflections randomly excluded from the refinement

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331 **Figures**

332 **Figure 1** | The 3.68 Å resolution (overall) cryo-EM structure of Aichi. **(a)** Cryo-EM
333 image of AiV. **(b)** The gold-standard FSC curves of the final maps with a resolution
334 of 3.68 Å at FSC=0.143. **(c)** and **(d)** The final AiV map was analyzed by ResMap
335 showing resolution distribution from 2.9 to 4.4 Å. Most of the capsid has a
336 resolution of better than 3.0 Å, the resolution of the interior parts of the map
337 (corresponding to RNA genome) is ~8-30 Å. Electron density map for a protomeric
338 unit of AiV capsids **(e)**, VP1, VP0 and VP3 are colored in blue, green and red
339 respectively. **(f)** Sections of VP1, VP0 and VP3.

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341 **Figure 2** | Overall structures, phylogeny and structural features. **(a)** Comparison of
342 capsids from AiV with LV, HAV, FMDV and Enterovirus 71 (EV71). The capsids are
343 coloured by radius from blue to red according to the scale bar shown. **(b)**
344 Structure-based evolutionary relationship among viruses from *Picornaviridae*
345 (circled by dashed lines) and *Dicistroviridae* (circled by solid line): CVB3,
346 coxsackievirus B3; PV1, poliovirus type 1; HRV14, human rhinovirus 14; BEV1,
347 bovine enterovirus type 1; EV71, EV-A71; TMEV, Theilers virus; MEV, Mengo
348 virus; SVV, Seneca valley virus; FMDV, foot-and-mouth disease virus; ERAV,
349 equine rhinitis A virus; HAV, hepatitis A virus; AiV, Aichi virus; TrV, triatoma virus;
350 CrPV, cricket paralysis virus. **(c)** Surface of the biological protomer of AiV,
351 poliovirus and HAV. Loops forming the canyon walls in poliovirus are drawn thicker,

the CD loop constituting the “pit” in AiV is also labeled. **(d)** Close up view of pocket. β C strand (left) and β H strand for EV71 (orange, pocket factor magenta), HRV14 (yellow), FMDV (blue) and AiV (green) are presented in ribbon format. Bulky side chains shown as sticks occlude the AiV and FMDV pockets. **(e)** The unique structure of VP0 N-terminus (VP4 counterpart) in AiV shown in cartoon representation, whilst the remaining structure is rendered as a surface. A pentamer of icosahedral protomeric units is shown, the colouring scheme uses the signature colours (VP1 blue, VP2 counterpart green and VP3 red). The view is from the inside of the virus.

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Figure 3 | Particle stability and the correlation between particle stability and interaction areas. **(a)** The separation of VP2 α -helices at the icosahedral two fold of HAV (green, 3.8 Å), AiV (blue, 5.3 Å), EV71 (sky blue, 7.3 Å), Polio (grey, 7.6 Å), FMDV (orange, 8.2 Å) and 80S-like EV71 (red, 12.2 Å). **(b, c)** The thermal stability of AiV. The stability of AiV across the pH range from 4.0 to 9.5 was determined by scanning fluorimetry assay PaSTRy using the dye SYTO9 to detect RNA exposure. **(b)** The raw fluorescence traces of AiV incubated with SYTO9; their first derivatives are shown in **(c)**. The colour scheme is red (pH 4.0), orange (pH 5.0), yellow (pH 6.0), green (pH 7.0), sky blue (pH 8.0), blue (pH 9.0) and purple (pH 9.5). **(d)** Correlation plot of interaction areas between pentamers versus experimental particle stability. Particle stability for representative viruses was characterized experimentally at pH 7.0.

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374 **Figure 4** | A proline-rich motif, a potential receptor binding site in AiV. **(a)** Location
375 of proline-rich motifs on the external surface of the AiV pentamer. The colour
376 scheme is the same as **Fig. 2e**, the proline-rich motifs are highlighted in blue. **(b)**
377 Side view of a proline-rich motif at the C-terminus of VP1. **(c)** Peptides of the
378 proline-rich motif in VP1 decrease AiV infection in Vero cells at 48h. The inhibitory
379 ability of the peptides was detected by cytopathic effects (CPE) when cells were
380 exposed to the peptides before or after the virus was allowed to infect cells. The
381 result showed that high concentrations of peptide exhibited a partial inhibition, in
382 particular pre-attachment of peptides to cells nearly halved AiV inhibition.. All data
383 were obtained in triplicate.

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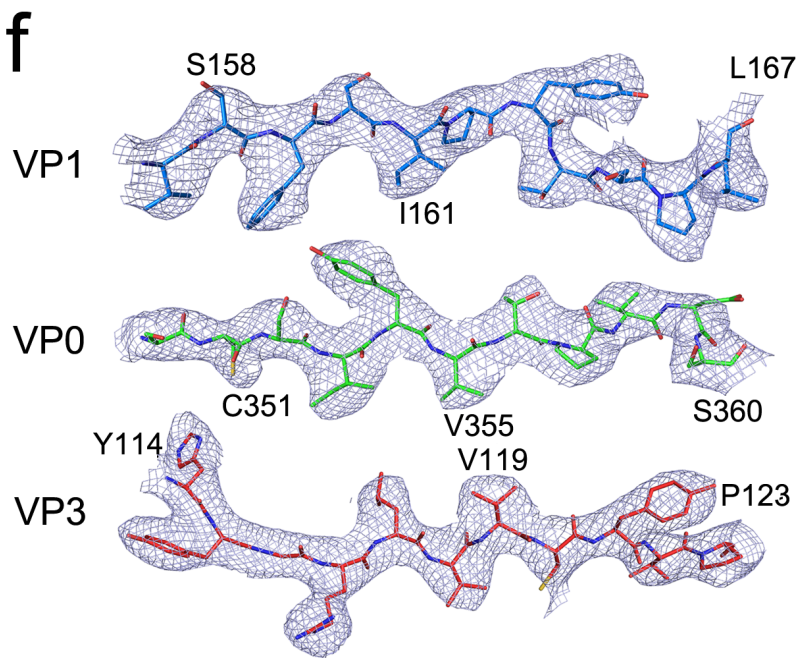
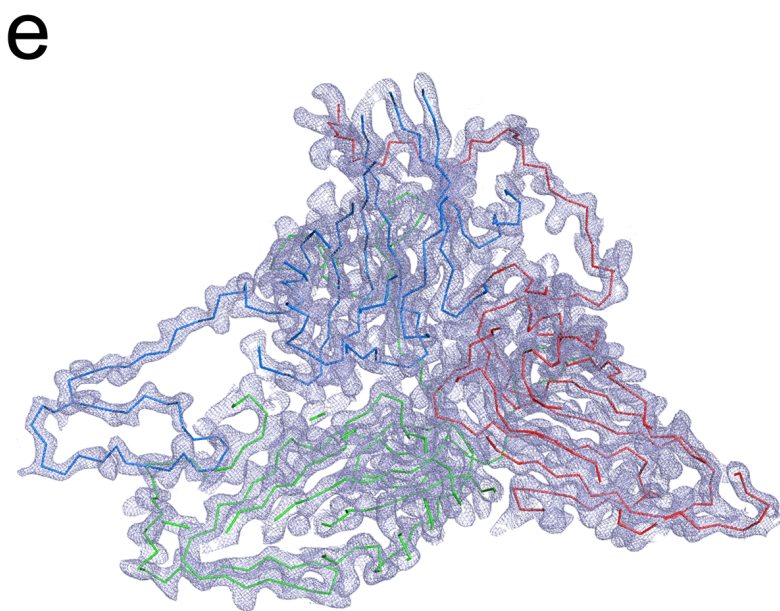
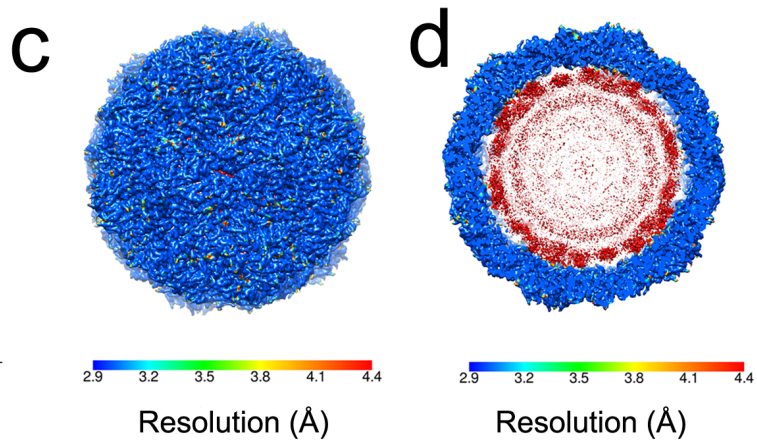
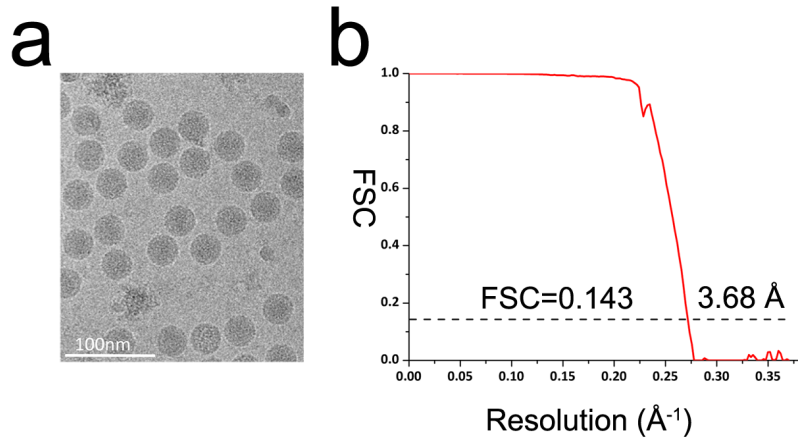
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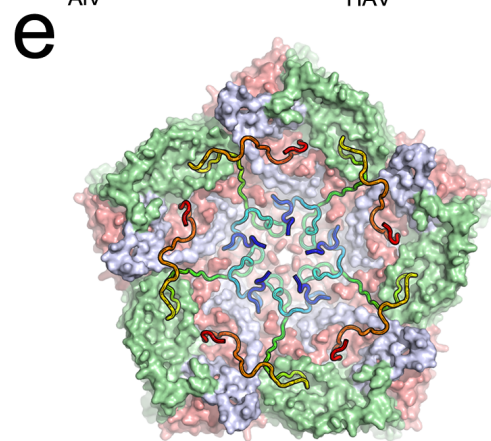
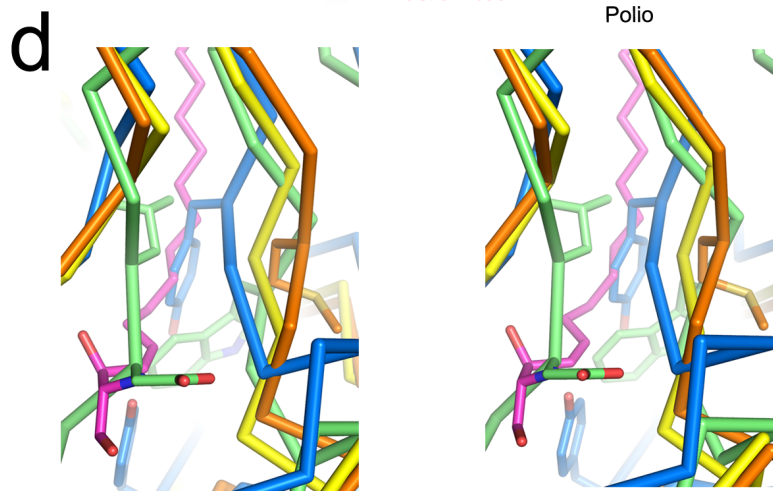
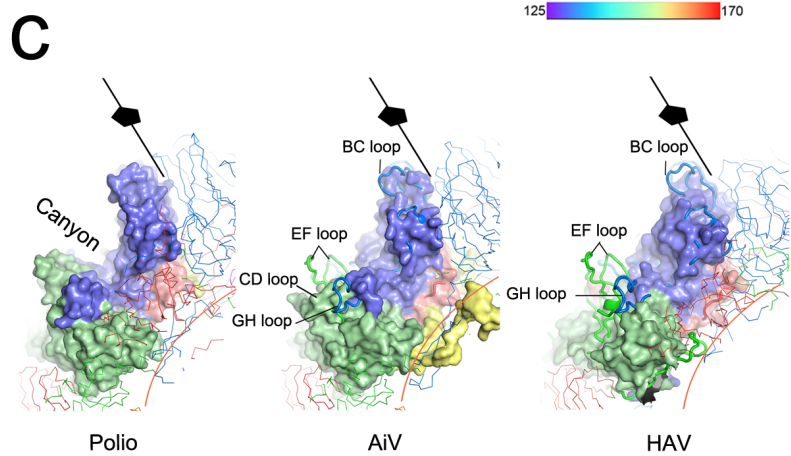
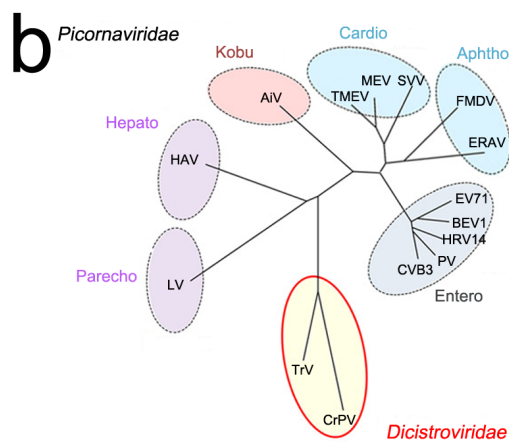
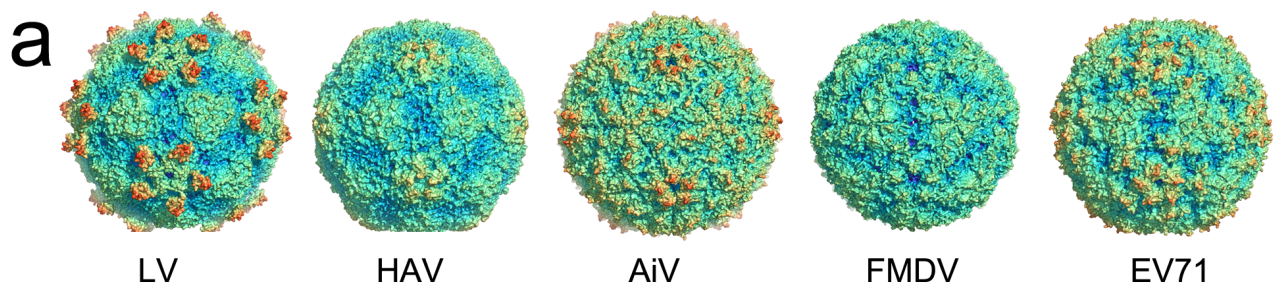
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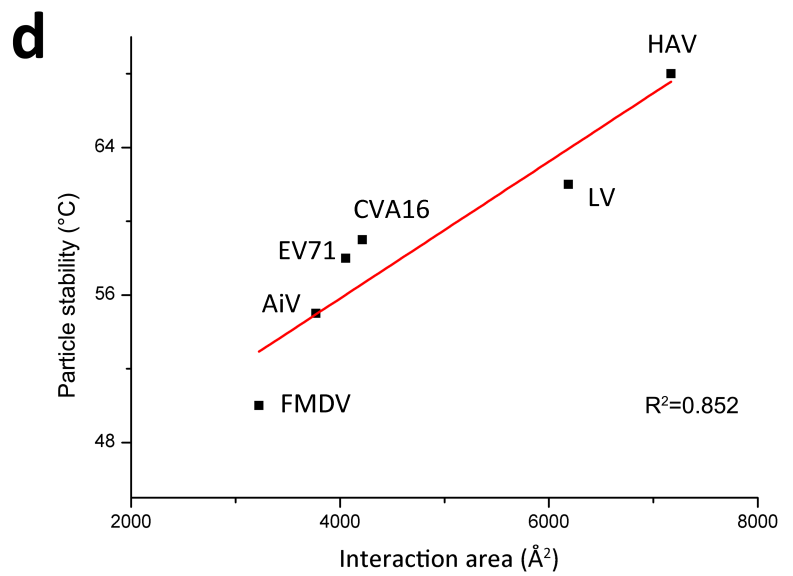
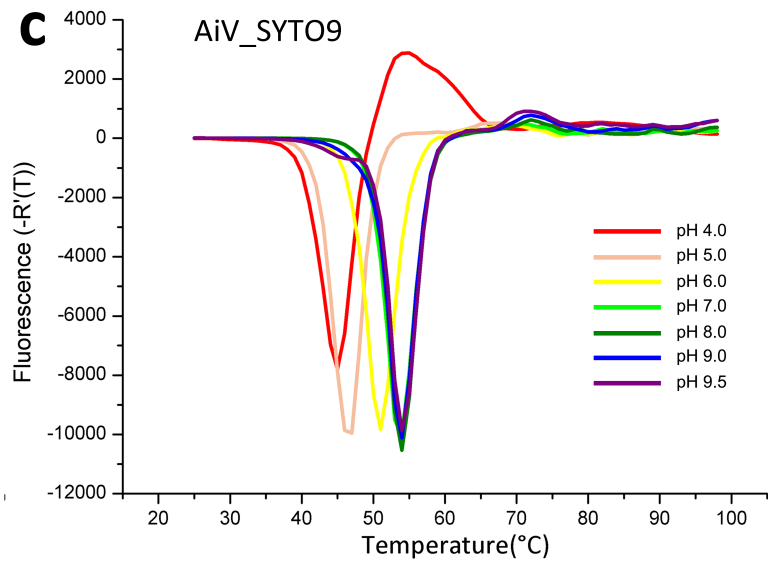
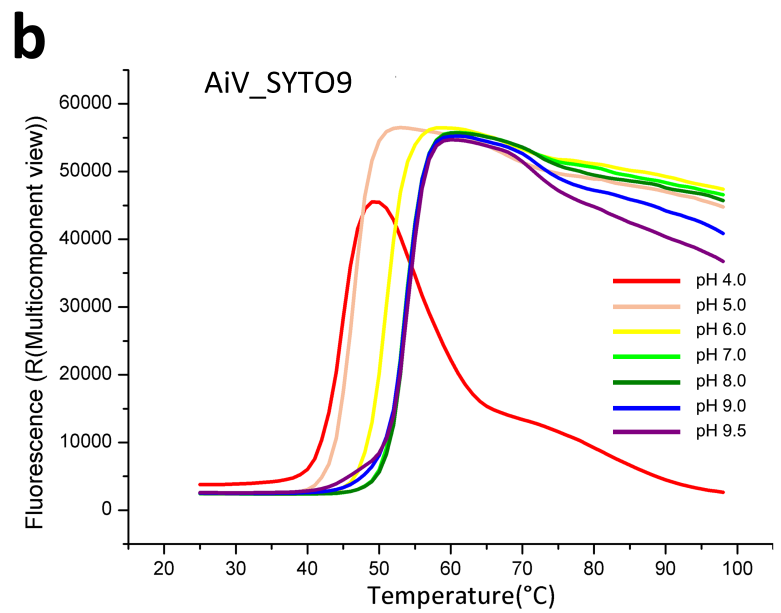
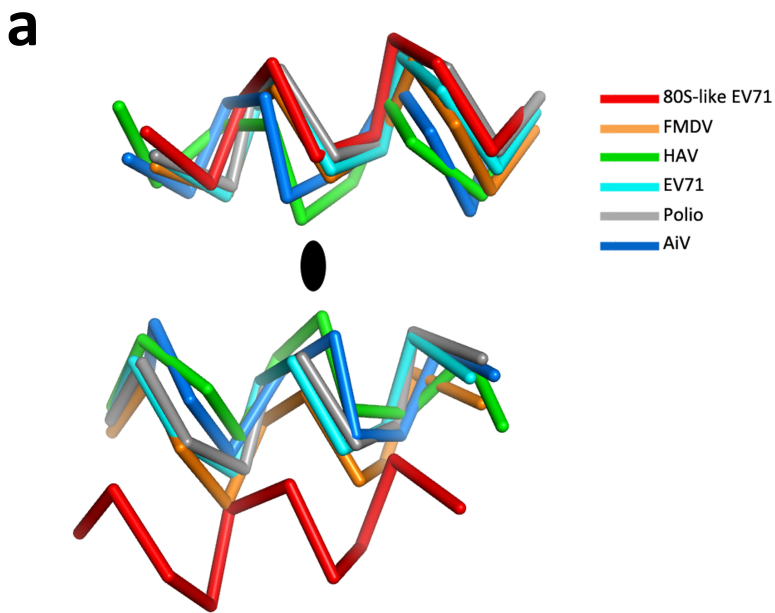
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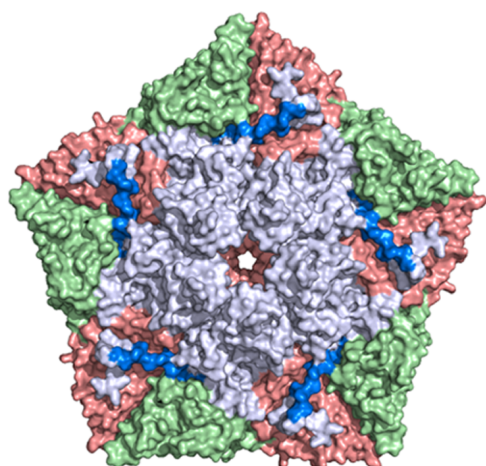
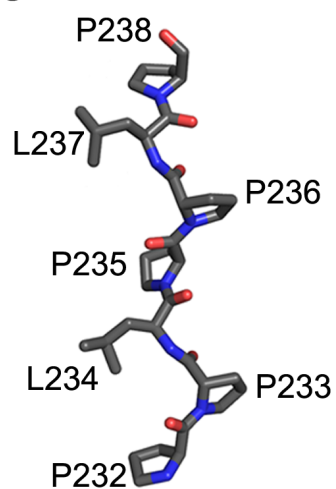
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