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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides an influenza B virus M gene with a modification of at least one nucleotide proximate to the N-terminus of the M gene, more specifically at any one of nucleotide positions 265 to 294 of the M gene as well as an influenza B virus comprising said modified M gene. Further, its use for the preparation of a vaccine and methods for preparing said modified influenza virus are disclosed.