

PORCINE PARVOVIRUS 5A, METHODS OF USE AND VACCINE

SEQUENCE LISTING

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

A. Field of the Invention

10 [0002] The present invention is in the field of animal health and relates to novel porcine
parvovirus strains, including attenuated strains for vaccination, methods of manufacture and
methods of treatment using vaccines obtained from said novel parvovirus strains.

B. Description of the Related Art

15 [0003] Parvoviruses infect a wide variety of animal species, and some of them are
responsible for severe clinical diseases, but the majority of these viruses cause only mild or
subclinical infections. They belong to the family *Parvoviridae* and form two subfamilies:
Densovirinae, whose members infect insects, and *Parvovirinae*, whose members infect
vertebrates. The latter subfamily currently includes five genera: *Dependovirus*, *Erythrovirus*,
Amdovirus, *Bocavirus* and *Parvovirus* (1).

20 [0004] Parvovirus virions are non-enveloped and contain single- stranded, linear DNA
genomes of approximately 5-6 kilobases (kb). The genome consists of two main open reading
frames (ORF) that encode the non-structural and capsid proteins. The newly described
bocaviruses carry a third ORF, between the two major ORFs (1).

25 [0005] The classical porcine parvovirus (PPV1) strains of the genus *Parvovirus* are widely
distributed around the world and are responsible for reproductive disorders of pigs, especially in
herds where vaccination protocols are not followed correctly or vaccine efficacy is decreased due
to immunosuppressive factors. During the last decade, a number of new parvoviruses have been

detected in pigs. These include porcine parvovirus 2 (PPV2) (2) and related viruses (3). A new group of porcine and bovine parvoviruses, namely the hokoviruses (PHoV, BHoV), were identified in Hong Kong (4), and these viruses were found to be genetically similar to human PARV4 and 5. Although they were originally named hokoviruses after Hong Kong, a new
5 classification of PHoV as PPV3 was proposed (5). PPV4 shows the highest similarity to bovine parvovirus 2, but the coding capacity and genome organization are similar to those of bocaviruses, as PPV4 encodes an additional ORF3 like bocaviruses, located between ORF1 and ORF2. The PPV4-encoded putative ORF3 protein, however, is quite different from that of bocaviruses (5).

10 [0006] There is an ongoing need to monitor swine for the emergence of new viruses, and to develop vaccines, treatments and methods of detection for new viruses.

SUMMARY

[0007] The present disclosure provides novel nucleotides sequences, protein sequences, immunogenic compositions, vaccines, and methods that relate to making and using
15 new parvovirus strains that infect, inter alia, domestic swine. These strains are related to the novel porcine parvovirus identified in tissue samples from clinically diseased domestic swine; based on sequence homology with known porcine parvovirus species and strains, the novel virus was denominated porcine parvovirus 5A or PPV5A.

[0008] The compositions and methods of the disclosure provide for the detection
20 of infections by said new virus, monitoring genetic changes in the viral sequences in wild and domestic animals and herds, and making and using novel vaccines for protecting animals from infection by the virus.

[0009] Immunogenic compositions and vaccines of the disclosure comprise
25 polypeptide sequences encoded by the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, or immunogenic fragments thereof, optionally including adjuvants for inducing a more robust immunogenic response.

[0010] Exemplary compositions of the disclosure comprise any one of the polypeptide sequences of SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ NO:4, or fragments thereof that are

immunoreactive to antibodies specific for PPV5A. Preferred polypeptides of the disclosure include the sequences of SEQ ID NO:2 or SEQ ID NO:4, in particular SEQ ID NO:4. Preferably those polypeptides, or fragments thereof, are immunoreactive to antibodies specific for PPV5A.

5 [0011] The disclosure provides nucleic acid sequences that encode one or more polypeptides, antibody constructs, or antibody conjugates. The gene sequences coding for the polypeptides comprise a nucleic acid sequence that is at least 95%, 90%, 85%, or even 80% homologous to and/or identical with the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, in particular, nucleotide sequences 2845-5547 of SEQ ID NO:1 (the capsid protein), or fragments of SEQ ID NO:1 coding for a polypeptide that is immunoreactive to antibodies specific for PPV5A. Exemplary
10 nucleic acid sequences of the disclosure include any one of the sequences of nucleotides 1975-2844 of SEQ ID NO:1, and nucleotides 2845-5547 of SEQ ID NO:1, and fragments thereof, that encode a polypeptide that is immunoreactive to an antibody specific for PPV5A. Preferably, the nucleic acid sequences, or genes, are those coding for a polypeptide or peptide that is immunoreactive to an antibody specific for PPV5A.

15 [0011a] In one aspect, there is provided an isolated antibody that specifically binds to a porcine parvovirus 5A (PPV5A) polypeptide encoded by a porcine parvovirus 5A (PPV5A) polynucleotide having a sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, said polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 or SEQ ID NO:3 or of a polypeptide that is encoded by a polynucleotide comprising the sequence of nucleotides 2845-5547 of SEQ ID NO: 1, and wherein said antibody does not bind to a
20 polypeptide encoded by a different parvovirus. In another aspect, there is provided a hybridoma that expresses an antibody as defined herein.

[0012] Moreover a polypeptide of the disclosure as used herein includes but is not limited to a polypeptide that comprises:

- 25 i) a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO:4;
- ii) a polypeptide that is at least 80% homologous to and/or identical with a polypeptide of i);
- iii) a fragment of the polypeptides of i) and/or ii);

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- iv) a fragment of iii) or iv) comprising at least 5, preferably 8, more preferably 10, even more preferably 15 contiguous amino acids included in the sequences of SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO:4;
 - v) a polypeptide that is encoded by a polynucleotide comprising the sequence of nucleotides 1975-2844 of SEQ ID NO:1, or nucleotides 2845-5547 of SEQ ID NO:1;
 - vi) a polypeptide that is encoded by a polynucleotide that is at least 80% homologous to or identical with polynucleotide of vi);
 - vii) a protein fragment that is encoded by a polynucleotide that comprises at least 15, preferably 24, more preferably 30, even more preferably 45 contiguous nucleotides

included in the sequences of nucleotides 1975-2844 of SEQ ID NO:1, or nucleotides 2845-5547 of SEQ ID NO:1.

[0012a] In another aspect, there is provided an isolated polynucleotide, comprising a polynucleotide

- 5 a) having the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1;
- b) having a nucleic acid sequence that encodes
 - a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2,
 - a polypeptide SEQ ID NO:3, or
 - a polypeptide that is encoded by a polynucleotide comprising the sequence of
- 10 nucleotides 2845-5547 of SEQ ID NO. 1; or
- c) having a nucleic acid sequence at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO:1, which encodes a polypeptide having a biological or immunologically-effective activity of a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2, or SEQ ID NO:3 or of a polypeptide that is encoded by a polynucleotide comprising the sequence of nucleotides 2845-5547 of SEQ ID NO:1.

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[0012b] In another aspect, there is provided an isolated polypeptide, comprising a polypeptide

- a) having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, or SEQ ID NO:3, or that is encoded by a polynucleotide comprising the sequence of nucleotides 2845-5547 of SEQ ID NO:1; or
- 20 b) having an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, or to a sequence of a polypeptide that is encoded by a polynucleotide comprising the sequence of nucleotides 2845-5547 of SEQ ID NO. 1, and having an immunologically-effective activity of a polypeptide encoded by SEQ ID NO:2, or SEQ ID NO:3 or of a polypeptide that is encoded by a polynucleotide comprising the sequence of nucleotides
- 25 2845-5547 of SEQ ID NO:1.

[0012c] In another aspect, there is provided an isolated porcine parvovirus 5A (PPV5A), comprising

- a) a nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, or

- b) a nucleic acid sequence at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO:1, which encodes a polypeptide having an immunologically-effective activity of a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2, or SEQ ID NO:3 or of a polypeptide that is encoded by a polynucleotide comprising the sequence of nucleotides 2845-5547 of SEQ ID NO:1.

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[0013] Immunogenic compositions of the disclosure which comprise at least one or more PPV5A polypeptides as defined herein may further comprise a physiologically-acceptable vehicle such as a pharmaceutically or veterinary-acceptable carrier, adjuvant, or combination thereof.

- 10 **[0014]** Any of the PPV5A polypeptides provided herewith or any immunogenic compositions comprising one or more of these PPV5A polypeptides provided herewith can be used as a medicament, preferably as a vaccine or immunogenic composition, most preferably for the prophylaxis or treatment of a subject against a PPV5A infection.

- [0014a]** In another aspect, there is provided a vaccine for treating or preventing an infection by a virulent PPV5A, comprising a killed or attenuated form of a PPV5A as defined herein. In another aspect, there is provided a vaccine for treating or preventing an infection by a virulent PPV5A, comprising a subunit of a killed or attenuated form of a PPV5A as defined herein. In another aspect there is provided a pharmaceutical composition comprising the PPV5A as defined herein for generating an immune response in a mammal. In another aspect, there is provided a pharmaceutical composition comprising the polypeptide as defined herein for generating an immune response in a mammal. In another aspect, there is provided a vaccine for use in treating or preventing an infection by a virulent PPV5A, comprising a killed or attenuated form of a PPV5A as defined herein. In another aspect, there is provided a vaccine for use in treating or preventing an infection by a virulent PPV5A, comprising a subunit of a killed or attenuated form of a porcine parvovirus as defined herein. In another aspect there is provided a pharmaceutical composition comprising the PPV5A as defined herein for use in generating an immune response in a mammal. In another aspect,
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there is provided a pharmaceutical composition comprising the polypeptide as defined herein for use in generating an immune response in a mammal.

5 **[0015]** Particularly preferred PPV5A polypeptides include those with immunogenic epitopes that induce an immunological response that is specific for PPV5A. Preferred PPVA polypeptides include those having an amino acid sequences predicted in related PPV1 to be surface antigens (Simpson et al. JMB 315, 2002) and include, but is not limited to residues 141-156, 272-278, and 329-339 of SEQ ID NO:4.

10 **[0016]** Those of skill in the art will understand that the compositions used herein may incorporate known injectable, physiologically acceptable sterile solutions. For preparing a ready-to-use solution for parenteral injection or infusion, aqueous isotonic solutions, e.g. saline or plasma protein solutions, are readily available. In addition, the immunogenic and vaccine compositions of the present disclosure can include veterinary-acceptable carriers, diluents, isotonic agents, stabilizers, or adjuvants.

15 **[0016a]** In another aspect, there is provided an immunogenic preparation comprising a polypeptide as defined herein.

20 **[0017]** Methods of the disclosure include, but are not limited to, a method of provoking an immune response against a PPV5A infection in a subject comprising the step of administering to the subject an immunogenic composition comprising one or more PPV5A polypeptides as defined herein. Preferably, the immune response is provoked against more than one serotype or strain of PPV5A. Compositions of the disclosure may be used to treat or alternatively to prevent a PPV5A infection. Preferably, such immune response reduces the incidence of or severity of one or more clinical signs associated with or caused by the infection with one or more PPV5A serotypes.

[0018] Herein, suitable subjects and subjects in need to which compositions of the disclosure may be administered include animals in need of either prophylactic or treatment for a viral, microbial, parasitic, protozoan, bacterial, or fungal associated infection, disease, or condition. Animals in which the immune response is stimulated by use of compositions or methods of the disclosure include livestock, such as porcine, bovine, poultry (e.g. chickens, ducks, geese, or turkeys) caprine, and ovine, and domestic animals, such as mice, rabbits, dogs, cats, and horses. Preferred animals include swine, murids, equids, lagomorphs, and bovids. Most preferably, an immune response is stimulated in swine.

[0019] The disclosure also provides a method of reducing the incidence of or severity of one or more clinical signs associated with or caused by PPV5A infection, comprising the step of administering an immunogenic composition of the disclosure that comprises one or more PPV5A peptides as provided herewith and preferably a carrier molecule, such that the incidence of or the severity of a clinical sign of the PPV5A infection is reduced by at least 10%, preferably at least 20%, even more preferred at least 30%, even more preferred at least 50%, even more preferred at least 70%, most preferred at least 100% relative to a subject that has not received the immunogenic composition as provided herewith. Such clinical signs include viremia and immunosuppression as a result from an infection with PPV5A alone. Such clinical signs may include neurological signs (depression, ataxia, lethargy), diarrhea, dyspnea, loss of body condition, swelling of joints (resulting in lameness and recumbency), decreased average daily weight gain, mortality, and polyserositis as a result of a co-infection with another organism, e.g., *Mycoplasma hyorhinis*.

[0020] Further, the present disclosure also relates to a method for the prophylaxis of a PPV5A infection, wherein said PPV5A infection may be caused by PPV5A having 100% sequence identity with the nucleotide sequences of SEQ ID NOs 1, 2, 3 and/or 4, having at least 95% sequence identity with the nucleotides sequences of SEQ ID NOs 1, 2, 3 and/or 4, having at least 90% sequence identity with the nucleotides sequences of SEQ ID NOs 1, 2, 3 and/or 4, or having at least 85% sequence identity with the nucleotides sequences of SEQ ID NOs 1, 2, 3 and/or 4, comprising the step of administering an immunogenic composition of the disclosure that comprises one or more PPV5A peptides as provided herewith.

[0021] The disclosure also provides a method of preparing any of the immunogenic compositions provided herewith that method comprises mixing one or more PPV5A peptides as provided herewith with a carrier molecule, preferably such that the one or more PPV5A peptides and carrier molecule are covalently coupled or conjugated to one another.

5 Such conjugates may be multivalent or univalent. Multivalent compositions or vaccines include an immuno-conjugation of multiple PPV5A peptides with a carrier molecule. Further,

the disclosure provides a method of producing one or more PPV5A peptides that method comprises transforming a host cell, preferably a prokaryotic cell such as E. coli with a nucleic acid molecule that codes for any of the PPV5A peptides as provided herewith.

10 Alternatively, the host cell may be a eukaryotic cell such as an animal cell, an insect cell, a protist cell, a plant cell, or a fungal cell. Preferably the eukaryotic cell is a mammalian cell such as CHO, BHK or COS, or a fungal cell such as Saccharomyces cerevisiae, or an insect cell such as Sf9. Baculovirus expression of the nucleic acids of the instant disclosure are also preferred. In another aspect, there is provided a host cell comprising a vector as defined herein.

15 [0022] The disclosure provides a method of producing one or more PPV5A peptides that induce an immune response against at least one genetic variants of PPV5A and more preferably two or more genetic variants of PPV5A. This comprises culturing a transformed expression vector coding for and expressing one or more PPV5A peptides disclosed herein. In another aspect, there is provided a vector or plasmid that comprises a polynucleotide

20 as defined herein. The expressed proteins are either retained by the expression organism or secreted into the culture medium. Expression is conducted under conditions sufficient to produce a PPV5A peptide capable of inducing an immune response to PPV5A. The PPV5A serotypes to which the PPV5A peptides induce an immune response include but are not limited to sequences having at least 99, 98, 97, 96, 95, 94, 93, 92, 91 or 90% identity.

25 [0023] Methods of making compositions of the disclosure may further comprise admixing the conjugate of one or more PPV5A peptides and a carrier molecule with a physiologically-acceptable vehicle such as a pharmaceutically- or veterinary-acceptable carrier, adjuvant, or combination thereof. Those of skill in the art will recognize that the choice of vehicle, adjuvant, or combination will be determined by the delivery route, personal preference,

30 and animal species among others.

[0024] The disclosure provides a method of diagnosing a PPV5A infection in a subject. That method comprises providing one or more PPV5A peptides; contacting the one or more PPV5A peptides with a sample obtained from the subject; and identifying the subject as having a PPV5A infection if an antibody capable of binding the one or more PPV5A peptides is detected in the sample.

[0025] In another respect, the disclosure provides a method of ascertaining that a subject has been previously exposed to a PPV5A infection and is able to express an immune response to PPV5A. That method comprises providing one or more PPV5A peptides; contacting the one or more PPV5A peptides with a sample obtained from the subject; and identifying the subject as having a PPV5A infection if an antibody capable of binding the one or more PPV5A peptides is detected in the sample. In another aspect, there is provided a method of identifying the presence of PPV5A in a biological sample, comprising (a) contacting the biological sample with an antibody as defined herein, (b) detecting the formation of a complex between the antibody and a PPV5A polypeptide, wherein the presence of said complex indicates the presence of PPV5A in the biological sample.

[0026] The disclosure also provides kits that comprise an immunogenic composition that comprises one or more PPV5A peptides, preferably together with a carrier molecule; a container for packaging the immunogenic composition; a set of printed instructions; and a dispenser capable of administering the immunogenic composition to an animal. Optionally, the one or more PPV5A peptides and the carrier molecule may be packaged as a conjugate or as separate compounds. When supplied separately, a means of conjugating the one or more PPV5A peptides and carrier molecule, as well as appropriate printed instructions, is also supplied. In another aspect, there is provided a diagnostic kit for identifying the presence of PPV5A in a biological sample, comprising (a) an antibody as defined herein, and (b) reagents for detecting the formation of a complex between the antibody and a PPV5A polypeptide.

[0027] The disclosure also provides kits for vaccinating an animal comprising a set of printed instructions; a dispenser capable of administering the immunogenic composition provided herewith comprising one or more PPV5A peptides to an animal; and wherein at least one of PPV5A peptides effectively immunizes the animal against at least one disease associated

with PPV5A infection. Preferably, the one or more PPV5A peptides are selected from those provided herewith. Kits of the disclosure may further comprise a veterinary acceptable carrier, adjuvant, or combination thereof. In another aspect, there is provided an immunogenic kit, comprising (a) at least one immunogenic PPV5A peptide as defined herein which is

5 effective to immunize an animal against at least one disease associated with PPV5A infection; (b) at least one carrier or adjuvant molecule; (c) a container for packaging the immunogenic composition containing the peptide of a) and the carrier or adjuvant molecule of b); (d) a set of printed instructions; and (e) a dispenser capable of administering the immunogenic composition to an animal.

10 **[0028]** The dispenser in a kit of the disclosure is capable of dispensing its contents as droplets; and the immunogenic composition comprises the PPV5A peptides as provided herewith included in the kit is capable of reducing the severity of at least one clinical sign of a PPV5A infection when administered intranasally, orally, intradermally, or intramuscularly to an animal.

Preferably, the severity of a clinical sign is reduced by at least 10% preferably by at least 20%, even more preferred by at least 30%, even more preferred by at least 50%, even more preferred by at least 70%, most preferred by at least 100% as compared to an untreated, infected animal.

[0029] Methods for the treatment or prophylaxis of infections caused by PPV5A are also disclosed. The method comprises administering an effective amount of the immunogenic composition of the present disclosure to a subject, wherein said treatment or prophylaxis is selected from the group consisting of reducing signs of PPV5A infection, reducing the severity of or incidence of clinical signs of PPV5A infection, reducing the mortality of subjects from PPV5A infection, and combinations thereof.

[0030] Compositions of the disclosure further comprise a veterinary-acceptable carrier, adjuvant, or combination thereof. Such compositions may be used as a vaccine and comprise one or more additional attenuated vaccines, inactivated vaccines, or combinations thereof. Such vaccines elicit a protective immunological response against at least one disease associated with viruses selected from the group consisting of porcine parvoviruses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5A, 5B, other porcine parvovirus species, other porcine pathogenic viruses and bacteria, and combinations thereof. Other types of vaccines that could be co-administered in combination with a vaccine to PPV5A include, but are not limited to, porcine circovirus type 2 (e.g., Ingelvac® CircoFLEX, Ingelvac® CircoFLEX-MycoFLEX), porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus (e.g., Ingelvac® PRRS ATP, Ingelvac® PRRSV MLV), porcine parvovirus (e.g., ReproCyc® PRRSV-PLE), Mycoplasma (e.g., Ingelvac® MycoFLEX), etc.

[0031] Those of skill in the art will understand that the compositions used herein may incorporate known injectable, physiologically acceptable sterile solutions. For preparing a ready-to-use solution for parenteral injection or infusion, aqueous isotonic solutions, e.g. saline or plasma protein solutions, are readily available. In addition, the immunogenic and vaccine compositions of the present disclosure can include pharmaceutical- or veterinary-acceptable carriers, diluents, isotonic agents, stabilizers, or adjuvants.

[0032] Methods of the disclosure may also comprise admixing a composition of the disclosure with a veterinarily acceptable carrier, adjuvant, or combination thereof. Those of skill

in the art will recognize that the choice of carrier, adjuvant, or combination will be determined by the delivery route, personal preference, and animal species among others.

[0033] The disclosure also provides a method of reducing the severity of an ongoing PPV5A infection in an animal by administration of a composition to the animal. The composition may include an attenuated viral culture or one or more PPV5A peptides in combination with an acceptable veterinary carrier.

[0034] Preferred routes of administration include intranasal, oral (e.g., in drinking water), intradermal, and intramuscular. Intramuscular administration, most preferably in a single dose, is preferred. The skilled artisan will recognize that compositions of the disclosure may also be administered in two or more doses, as well as, by other routes of administration. For example, such other routes include subcutaneously, intracutaneously, intravenously, intravascularly, intraarterially, intraperitoneally, intrathecally, intratracheally, intracutaneously, intracardially, intralobally, intramedullary, intrapulmonarily, or intravaginally. Depending on the desired duration and effectiveness of the treatment, the compositions according to the disclosure may be administered once or several times, also intermittently, for instance on a daily basis for several days, weeks or months and in different dosages.

[0035] The disclosure also provides kits for vaccinating an animal comprising a set of printed instructions; a dispenser capable of administering a vaccine to an animal; and at least one isolate from a cell culture, including but not limited to a bacterial, fungal, insect or mammalian cell culture that effectively immunizes the animal against at least one disease associated with PPV5A, other parvovirus strains, other pathogens, and/or a combination thereof.

Kits of the disclosure may further comprise a veterinary-acceptable carrier, adjuvant, or combination thereof.

[0036] The dispenser in a kit of the disclosure is capable of dispensing its contents as droplets; and the isolate included in the kit is capable of reducing the severity of at least one clinical sign of a PPV5A infection when administered intranasally, orally, intradermally, or intramuscularly to an animal. In some kits, the isolate is also capable of reducing the severity of at least one clinical sign of a PPV5A infection. Preferably, the severity of a clinical sign is reduced by at least 10% as compared to an untreated, infected animal.

[0037] Other objects, features and advantages of the present disclosure will become apparent from the following detailed description. It should be understood, however, that the detailed description and the specific examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the disclosure, are given by way of illustration only, since various changes and
5 modifications within the spirit and scope of the disclosure will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this detailed description.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0038] The following drawings form part of the present specification and are included to
10 further demonstrate certain aspects of the present invention. The invention may be better understood by reference to one or more of these drawings in combination with the detailed description of specific embodiments presented herein. The application contains at least one drawing executed in color. Copies of this patent application publication with color drawing(s) will be provided by the Office upon request and payment of the necessary fee.

15 [0039] FIG. 1. shows the nucleic acid sequence of PPV5A (SEQ ID NO:1).

[0040] FIG. 2. shows the protein sequence of the PPV5A replicase (SEQ ID NO:2).

[0041] FIG. 3. shows the protein sequence of the PPV5A open reading frame (ORF) protein (SEQ ID NO:3).

[0042] FIG. 4. shows the protein sequence of the PPV5A capsid protein (SEQ ID NO:4).

20 [0043] FIG. 5. shows pair-wise amino acid identity comparisons of the protein sequences of the PPV5A capsid protein and numerous other viral sequences. References for the viral sequences are listed in Table 1:

TABLE 1

Sequence	GenBank ID	Journal Info	Authors
[1] Bovine	DQ_335247	J. Virol. 81 (21), 12080-12085 (2007)	Qiu,J., Cheng,F., Johnson,F.B. and Pintel,D
[2] CanineMinute	NP_758521	Virology 302 (2), 219- 223 (2002	Schwartz,D., Green,B., Carmichael,L.E. and Parrish,C.R.
[3] GboV	NC_014358	PLoS ONE 5 (7), E11948 (2010)	Kapoor,A., Mehta,N., Esper,F., Poljsak- Priatelj,M., Quan,P.L., Qaisar,N., Delwart,E. and Lipkin,W.I
[4] PBoV1a	HM_053693	PLoS ONE 5 (10), E13583 (2010)	Cheng,W.X., Li,J.S., Huang,C.P., Yao,D.P., Liu,N., Cui,S.X., Jin,Y. and Duan,Z.J.
[5] PBoV1b	HM_053694	PLoS ONE 5 (10), E13583 (2010)	Cheng,W.X., Li,J.S., Huang,C.P., Yao,D.P., Liu,N., Cui,S.X., Jin,Y. and Duan,Z.J.
[6] HuBoca	NC_007455	Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 102 (36), 12891-12896 (2005)	Allander,T., Tammi,M.T., Eriksson,M., Bjerkner,A., Tiveljung-Lindell,A. and Andersson,B.
[7] HuBoca2	NC_012042	J. Infect. Dis. 199 (2), 196-200 (2009	Kapoor,A., Slikas,E., Simmonds,P., Chieochansin,T., Naeem,A., Shaukat,S., Alam,M.M., Sharif,S., Angez,M., Zaidi,S. and Delwart,E.
[8] HuBoca3	NC_012564	PLoS Pathog. 5 (4), E1000391 (2009)	Arthur,J.L., Higgins,G.D., Davidson,G.P., Givney,R.C. and Ratcliff,R.M.
[9] HuBoca4	NC_012729	J. Infect. Dis. 201 (11), 1633-1643 (2010)	Kapoor,A., Simmonds,P., Slikas,E., Li,L., Bodhidatta,L., Sethabutr,O., Triki,H., Bahri,O., Oderinde,B.S., Baba,M.M., Bukbuk,D.N., Besser,J., Bartkus,J. and Delwart,E.
[10] Densovirus	NC_004287	DIRECT SUBMISSION TO GENBANK	Nonaka,K., Chiba,T., Nakahara,S., Kajiura,Z. and Nakagaki,M.
[11] Hokovirus_a	GQ_869543	Virol. J. 7, 171 (2010)	Adlhoch,C., Kaiser,M., Ellerbrok,H. and Pauli,G.

[12] Hokovirus_b	EU_200677	J. Gen. Virol. 89 (PT 8), 1840- 1848 (2008)	Lau,S.K., Woo,P.C., Tse,H., Fu,C.T., Au,W.K., Chen,X.C., Tsoi,H.W., Tsang,T.H., Chan,J.S., Tsang,D.N., Li,K.S., Tse,C.W., Ng,T.K., Tsang,O.T., Zheng,B.J., Tam,S., Chan,K.H., Zhou,B. and Yuen,K.Y.
[13] PPV4a	HM_031135	Virol. J. 7 (1), 333 (2010)	Huang,L., Zhai,S.L., Cheung,A.K., Zhang,H.B., Long,J.X. and Yuan,S.S
[14] PPV4b	GQ_387499	Arch. Virol. 155 (5), 801-806 (2010)	Cheung,A.K., Wu,G., Wang,D., Bayles,D.O., Lager,K.M. and Vincent,A.L.
[15] PPV5A			
[16] PPV1	NC_001718	Virology 197 (1), 86-98 (1993)	Bergeron,J., Menezes,J. and Tijssen,P.

[0044] FIG. 6 shows a phylogenetic analysis of VP1/CAP region of PPV5A as compared with other viral VP1 and capsid proteins listed in Table 1.

[0045] FIG. 7 shows identities of the PPV5A capsid protein (residues 55-792 of SEQ ID NO:4) to the closest related protein of PPV4 (GenBank accession # AFM73871 (SEQ ID NO: 5)), showing a sequence identity of 40% (310/774).

[0046] FIG. 8 shows identities of the PPV5A replicase protein (residues 15-516 of SEQ ID NO:2) to the closest related protein of PPV4 (GenBank accession # ADB20210 (SEQ ID NO: 11)), showing a sequence identity of 58% (292/504).

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0047] The invention provides nucleic acids and fragments thereof, polypeptides and immunologically-effective fragments thereof, vaccines, immunologically-effective preparations, antibodies, diagnostic assays and kits, and methods of making and using said compositions and preparations, related to the herein-disclosed novel porcine parvovirus 5A and variants thereof.

[0048] The practice of the present invention will employ, unless otherwise indicated, conventional techniques of molecular biology, microbiology, recombinant DNA technology, protein chemistry and immunology, which are within the skill of the art. Such techniques are explained fully in the literature. See, *e.g.*, Sambrook, Fritsch & Maniatis, *Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual*, Vols. I, II and III, Second Edition (1989); *DNA Cloning*, Vols. I and II (D. N. Glover ed. 1985); *Oligonucleotide Synthesis* (M. J. Gait ed. 1984); *Nucleic Acid Hybridization* (B. D. Hames & S. J. Higgins eds. 1984); *Animal Cell Culture* (R. K. Freshney ed. 1986); *Immobilized Cells and Enzymes* (IRL press, 1986); Perbal, B., *A Practical Guide to Molecular Cloning* (1984); the series, *Methods In Enzymology* (S. Colowick and N. Kaplan eds., Academic Press, Inc.); *Protein purification methods – a practical approach* (E.L.V. Harris and S. Angal, eds., IRL Press at Oxford University Press); and *Handbook of Experimental Immunology*, Vols. I-IV (D. M. Weir and C. C. Blackwell eds., 1986, Blackwell Scientific Publications).

[0049] Before describing the present invention in detail, it is to be understood that this invention is not limited to particular DNA, polypeptide sequences or process parameters as such may, of course, vary. It is also to be understood that the terminology used herein is for the purpose of describing particular embodiments of the invention only, and is not intended to be limiting. It must be noted that, as used in this specification and the appended claims, the singular forms "a", "an" and "the" include plural referents unless the content clearly dictates otherwise. Thus, for example, reference to "an antigen" includes a mixture of two or more antigens, reference to "an excipient" includes mixtures of two or more excipients, and the like.

A. Definitions

[0050] Unless defined otherwise, all technical and scientific terms used herein have the same meaning as is commonly understood by one of skill in the art to which this invention belongs at the time of filing. The meaning and scope of terms should be clear; however, in the event of any latent ambiguity, definitions provided herein take precedent over any dictionary or extrinsic definition. Further, unless otherwise required by context, singular terms shall include pluralities and plural terms shall include the singular. Herein, the use of "or" means "and/or" unless stated otherwise. Furthermore, the use of the term "including", as well as other forms

such as “includes” and “included” is not limiting. All patents and publications referred to herein are incorporated by reference herein.

[0051] “Protection against disease,” “protective immunity,” “functional immunity” and similar phrases, means a response against a disease or condition generated by administration of one or more therapeutic compositions of the invention, or a combination thereof, that results in fewer deleterious effects than would be expected in a non-immunized subject that has been exposed to disease or infection. That is, the severity of the deleterious effects of the infection are lessened in a vaccinated subject. Infection may be reduced, slowed, or possibly fully prevented, in a vaccinated subject. Herein, where complete prevention of infection is meant, it is specifically stated. If complete prevention is not stated then the term includes partial prevention.

[0052] Herein, “reduction of the incidence and/or severity of clinical signs” or “reduction of clinical symptoms” means, but is not limited to, reducing the number of infected subjects in a group, reducing or eliminating the number of subjects exhibiting clinical signs of infection, or reducing the severity of any clinical signs that are present in one or more subjects, in comparison to wild-type infection. For example, it should refer to any reduction of pathogen load, pathogen shedding, reduction in pathogen transmission, or reduction of any clinical sign symptomatic of infection with PPV5A. Preferably these clinical signs are reduced in one or more subjects receiving the therapeutic composition of the present invention by at least 10% in comparison to subjects not receiving the composition and that become infected. More preferably clinical signs are reduced in subjects receiving a composition of the present invention by at least 20%, preferably by at least 30%, more preferably by at least 40%, and even more preferably by at least 50%.

[0053] The term “increased protection” herein means, but is not limited to, a significant reduction of one or more clinical symptoms which are associated with infection by an infectious agent, preferably PPV5A, in a vaccinated group of subjects vs. a non-vaccinated control group of subjects. The term “significant reduction of clinical symptoms” means, but is not limited to, the frequency in the incidence of at least one clinical symptom in the vaccinated group of subjects is at least 10%, preferably 20%, more preferably 30%, even more preferably 50%, and even more

preferably 70% lower than in the non-vaccinated control group after the challenge the infectious agent.

[0054] “Long-lasting protection” shall refer to “improved efficacy” that persists for at least 3 weeks, but more preferably at least 3 months, still more preferably at least 6 months. In the case of livestock, it is most preferred that the long lasting protection shall persist until the average age at which animals are marketed for meat.

[0055] An “immunogenic or immunological composition” refers to a composition of matter that comprises at least one PPV5A protein or polypeptide, or immunogenic portion thereof, that elicits an immunological response in the host of a cellular or antibody-mediated immune response to the composition. In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, an immunogenic composition induces an immune response and, more preferably, confers protective immunity against one or more of the clinical signs of a PPV5A infection.

[0056] An “immunogenic” PPV5A polypeptide, or “antigen” as used herein refer to a polypeptide or protein that elicits an immunological response as described herein. An “immunogenic” PPV5A protein or polypeptide includes the full-length sequence of any of the coding sequences identified herein or analogs or immunogenic fragments thereof. The term “immunogenic fragment” or “immunogenic portion” refers to a fragment or truncated and/or substituted form of an amino acid sequence of a PPV5A protein that includes one or more epitopes and thus elicits the immunological response described herein. In general, such truncated and/or substituted forms, or fragments will comprise or encode at least six contiguous amino acids from the full-length protein, e.g., the capsid protein. More preferably, the truncated or substituted forms, or fragments will have at least 10, more preferably at least 15, and still more preferably at least 19, and even more preferably 30 contiguous amino acids from the full-length protein, e.g., the capsid protein.

[0057] The term “epitope” means a segment or fragment of a composition of matter, e.g., a protein or polypeptide, which is recognized by the immune system, specifically by antibodies, B cells, or T cells. In the present invention, the epitope is generally a fragment or fragments of a polypeptide sequence of a viral protein.

[0058] Such fragments can be identified using any number of epitope mapping techniques, well known in the art. *See, e.g.,* Epitope Mapping Protocols in Methods in Molecular Biology, Vol. 66 (Glenn E. Morris, Ed., 1996) Humana Press, Totowa, New Jersey. For example, linear epitopes may be determined by concurrently synthesizing large numbers of peptides on solid supports, the peptides corresponding to portions of the protein molecule, and reacting the peptides with antibodies while the peptides are still attached to the supports. Such techniques are known and described in the art, *see e.g.,* U.S. Patent No. 4,708,871; Geysen et al. (1984) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 81:3998-4002; and Geysen et al. (1986) Molec. Immunol. 23:709-715. Similarly, conformational epitopes are readily identified by determining spatial conformation of amino acids such as by, *e.g.,* x-ray crystallography and two-dimensional nuclear magnetic resonance. *See* Epitope Mapping Protocols, *supra*. Synthetic antigens are also included within the definition, for example, polypeptides, flanking epitopes, and other recombinant or synthetically derived antigens. *See, e.g.,* Bergmann et al. (1993) Eur. J. Immunol. 23:2777-2781; Bergmann et al. (1996), J. Immunol. 157:3242-3249; Suhrbier, A. (1997), Immunol. and Cell Biol. 75:402-408; and Gardner et al., (1998) 12th World AIDS Conference, Geneva, Switzerland, June 28-July 3, 1998. (The teachings and content of which are all incorporated by reference herein.)

[0059] An "immune response" or "immunological response" means, but is not limited to, the development of a cellular and/or antibody-mediated immune response to the composition or vaccine of interest. Usually, an immune or immunological response includes, but is not limited to, one or more of the following effects: the production or activation of antibodies, B cells, helper T cells, suppressor T cells, and/or cytotoxic T cells, directed specifically to an antigen or antigens included in the composition or vaccine of interest. Preferably, the host will display either a therapeutic or a protective immunological (memory) response such that resistance to new infection will be enhanced and/or the clinical severity of the disease reduced. Such protection will be demonstrated by either a reduction in number of symptoms, severity of symptoms, or the lack of one or more of the symptoms associated with the infection of the pathogen, a delay in the onset of viremia, reduced viral persistence, a reduction in the overall viral load and/or a reduction of viral excretion.

[0060] Herein, “specifically immunoreactive” refers to an immunoreactive protein or polypeptide that recognizes an antigen characteristic of PPV5A infection but does not react with an antigen characteristic of a strict challenge control. To determine the specificity of a potential PPV5A immunoreactive protein or other polypeptide, various immunoassays (ELISA, IFA, WesternBlot) would be used to test the protein against animal sera containing genetically similar viruses. The protein would also be tested in various immunoassays against material containing proteins related to the expression method (Baculovirus, Sf9 cells, etc.).

[0061] As used herein, “a pharmaceutical- or veterinary-acceptable carrier” or “excipient” includes any and all solvents, dispersion media, coatings, adjuvants, stabilizing agents, diluents, preservatives, antibacterial and antifungal agents, isotonic agents, adsorption delaying agents, and the like. In some preferred embodiments, and especially those that include lyophilized immunogenic compositions, stabilizing agents for use in the present invention include stabilizers for lyophilization or freeze-drying.

[0062] In some embodiments, the immunogenic composition of the present invention contains an adjuvant. “Adjuvants” as used herein, can include aluminum hydroxide and aluminum phosphate, saponins *e.g.*, Quil A, QS-21 (Cambridge Biotech Inc., Cambridge MA), GPI-0100 (Galenica Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Birmingham, AL), water-in-oil emulsion, oil-in-water emulsion, water-in-oil-in-water emulsion. The emulsion can be based in particular on light liquid paraffin oil (European Pharmacopea type); isoprenoid oil such as squalane or squalene; oil resulting from the oligomerization of alkenes, in particular of isobutene or decene; esters of acids or of alcohols containing a linear alkyl group, more particularly plant oils, ethyl oleate, propylene glycol di-(caprylate/caprates), glyceryl tri-(caprylate/caprates) or propylene glycol dioleate; esters of branched fatty acids or alcohols, in particular isostearic acid esters. The oil is used in combination with emulsifiers to form the emulsion. The emulsifiers are preferably nonionic surfactants, in particular esters of sorbitan, of mannide (*e.g.* anhydromannitol oleate), of glycol, of polyglycerol, of propylene glycol and of oleic, isostearic, ricinoleic or hydroxystearic acid, which are optionally ethoxylated, and polyoxypropylene-polyoxyethylene copolymer blocks, in particular the Pluronic products, especially L121. *See* Hunter *et al.*, The Theory and Practical Application of Adjuvants (Ed. Stewart-Tull, D. E. S.), John Wiley and Sons, NY, pp51-94 (1995) and Todd *et al.*, Vaccine 15:564-570 (1997). Exemplary adjuvants are the SPT

emulsion described on page 147 of “Vaccine Design, The Subunit and Adjuvant Approach” edited by M. Powell and M. Newman, Plenum Press, 1995, and the emulsion MF59 described on page 183 of this same book.

[0063] A further instance of an adjuvant is a compound chosen from the polymers of acrylic or methacrylic acid and the copolymers of maleic anhydride and alkenyl derivative. Advantageous adjuvant compounds are the polymers of acrylic or methacrylic acid which are cross-linked, especially with polyalkenyl ethers of sugars or polyalcohols. These compounds are known by the term carbomer (Phameuropa Vol. 8, No. 2, June 1996). Persons skilled in the art can also refer to U.S. Patent No. 2,909,462 which describes such acrylic polymers cross-linked with a polyhydroxylated compound having at least 3 hydroxyl groups, preferably not more than 8, the hydrogen atoms of at least three hydroxyls being replaced by unsaturated aliphatic radicals having at least 2 carbon atoms. The preferred radicals are those containing from 2 to 4 carbon atoms, *e.g.* vinyls, allyls and other ethylenically unsaturated groups. The unsaturated radicals may themselves contain other substituents, such as methyl. The products sold under the name Carbopol ; (BF Goodrich, Ohio, USA) are particularly appropriate. They are cross-linked with an allyl sucrose or with allyl pentaerythritol. Among them, there may be mentioned Carbopol 974P, 934P and 971P. Most preferred is the use of Carbopol 971P. Among the copolymers of maleic anhydride and alkenyl derivative, are the copolymers EMA (Monsanto), which are copolymers of maleic anhydride and ethylene. The dissolution of these polymers in water leads to an acid solution that will be neutralized, preferably to physiological pH, in order to give the adjuvant solution into which the immunogenic, immunological or vaccine composition itself will be incorporated.

[0064] Further suitable adjuvants include, but are not limited to, the RIBI adjuvant system (Ribi Inc.), Block co-polymer (CytRx, Atlanta GA), SAF-M (Chiron, Emeryville CA), monophosphoryl lipid A, Avridine lipid-amine adjuvant, heat-labile enterotoxin from *E. coli* (recombinant or otherwise), cholera toxin, IMS 1314 or muramyl dipeptide, or naturally occurring or recombinant cytokines or analogs thereof or stimulants of endogenous cytokine release, among many others.

[0065] It is expected that an adjuvant can be added in an amount of about 100 µg to about 10 mg per dose, preferably in an amount of about 500 µg to about 5 mg per dose, more preferably in an amount of about 750 µg to about 2.5 mg per dose, and most preferably in an amount of about 1 mg per dose. Alternatively, the adjuvant may be at a concentration of about 0.01 to 50%, preferably at a concentration of about 2% to 30%, more preferably at a concentration of about 5% to 25%, still more preferably at a concentration of about 7% to 22%, and most preferably at a concentration of 10% to 20% by volume of the final product.

[0066] “Diluents” can include water, saline, dextrose, ethanol, glycerol, and the like. Isotonic agents can include sodium chloride, dextrose, mannitol, sorbitol, and lactose, among others. Stabilizers include albumin and alkali salts of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid, among others.

[0067] “Isolated” means altered “by the hand of man” from its natural state, *i.e.*, if it occurs in nature, it has been changed or removed from its original environment, or both. For example, a polynucleotide or polypeptide naturally present in a living organism is not “isolated,” but the same polynucleotide or polypeptide separated from the coexisting materials of its natural state is “isolated”, as the term is employed herein.

[0068] “Safety” refers to the absence of adverse consequences in a vaccinated animal following vaccination, including but not limited to: potential reversion of a live viral-based vaccine to virulence, clinically significant side effects such as persistent, systemic illness or unacceptable inflammation at the site of vaccine administration.

[0069] The terms “vaccination” or “vaccinating” or variants thereof, as used herein means, but is not limited to, a process which includes the administration of an immunogenic composition of the invention that, when administered to an animal, elicits, or is able to elicit - directly or indirectly- an immune response in the animal against PPV5A.

[0070] “Mortality”, in the context of the present invention, refers to death caused by PPV5A infection, and/or co-infections with other organisms which are potentiated by PPV5A infections, and includes the situation where the infection is so severe that an animal is euthanized to prevent suffering and provide a humane ending to its life.

[0071] “Attenuation” means reducing the virulence of a pathogen. In the present invention “attenuation” is synonymous with “avirulent.” In the present invention, an attenuated virus is one in which the virulence has been reduced so that it does not cause clinical signs of a PPV5A infection but is capable of inducing an immune response in the target mammal, but may also mean that the clinical signs are reduced in incidence or severity in animals infected with the attenuated PPV5A in comparison with a “control group” of animals infected with non-attenuated PPV5A and not receiving the attenuated virus. In this context, the term “reduce/reduced” means a reduction of at least 10%, preferably 25%, even more preferably 50%, still more preferably 60%, even more preferably 70%, still more preferably 80%, even more preferably 90% and most preferably of 100% as compared to the control group as defined above. Thus, an attenuated, avirulent PPV5A strain is one that suitable for incorporation into an immunogenic composition comprising a modified live PPV5A virus.

[0072] “Killed” or “inactivated” means treated with a physical or chemical agent which renders the PPV5A virus dead and/or otherwise incapable of reproduction. PPV5A may be killed by conventional means, such as, for example, heat, radiation or psoralen in the presence of ultraviolet light. PPV5A can be inactivated by conventional means such as, for example, through chemical inactivation using one or more chemical inactivating agents including, but not limited to, one or more of binary ethyleneimine (BEI), beta-propiolactone, formalin, gluteraldehyde, and/or sodium dodecyl sulfate. Methods of attenuating virulent strains of these viruses and methods of making an inactivated viral preparation are known in the art and are described in, *e.g.*, U.S. 4,567,042 and 4,567,043. Antigens from PPV5A for use in the vaccine compositions of the present invention can thus be in the form of a whole virus which is a modified and/or attenuated live viral preparation or a killed or inactivated viral preparation, *inter alia*.

[0073] “Antibodies” as used herein includes anti-PPV5A antibodies, *e.g.*, monoclonal and polyclonal antibodies, single chain antibodies, chimeric antibodies, humanized, human, porcine, and CDR-grafted antibodies, including compounds which include CDR sequences which specifically recognize a PPV5A polypeptide of the invention. The term “specific for” indicates that the variable regions of the antibodies of the invention recognize and bind a PPV5A polypeptide exclusively (*i.e.*, are able to distinguish a single PPV5A polypeptide from related

polypeptides despite sequence identity, homology, or similarity found in the family of polypeptides), and which are permitted (optionally) to interact with other proteins (for example, *S. aureus* protein A or other antibodies in ELISA techniques) through interactions with sequences outside the variable region of the antibodies, and in particular, in the constant region of the antibody molecule. Screening assays to determine binding specificity of an antibody of the invention are well known and routinely practiced in the art. For a comprehensive discussion of such assays, see Harlow et al. (Eds), *Antibodies A Laboratory Manual*: Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory; Cold Spring Harbor, NY (1988), Chapter 6. Antibodies that recognize and bind fragments of the PPV5A polypeptides of the invention are also contemplated, provided that the antibodies are first and foremost specific for, as defined above, a PPV5A polypeptide of the invention from which the fragment was derived. For the purposes of clarity, "antibody" refers to an immunoglobulin molecule that can bind to a specific antigen as the result of an immune response to that antigen. Immunoglobulins are serum proteins composed of "light" and "heavy" polypeptide chains having "constant" and "variable" regions and are divided into classes (e.g., IgA, IgD, IgE, IgG, and IgM) based on the composition of the constant regions. Antibodies can exist in a variety of forms including, for example, as, Fv, Fab', F(ab')₂, as well as in single chains, and include synthetic polypeptides that contain all or part of one or more antibody single chain polypeptide sequences.

[0074] Herein, "effective dose" means, but is not limited to, an amount of antigen that elicits, or is able to elicit, an immune response that yields a reduction of clinical symptoms in an animal to which the antigen is administered.

[0075] As used herein, the term "effective amount" means, in the context of a composition, an amount of an immunogenic composition capable of inducing an immune response that reduces the incidence of or lessens the severity of infection or incident of disease in an animal. Particularly, an effective amount an attenuated live virus preparation, as measured by the number of plaque forming units (PFU) per dose or equivalent measure, is monitored by the median tissue culture infective dose (TCID₅₀), i.e. the amount of a pathogenic agent that will produce pathological change in 50% of inoculated and susceptible cell cultures. For a killed vaccine or antigenic subunit, the effective amount refers to the relative antigen content (RAC), i.e. the inclusion level of antigen per effective dose. Alternatively, in the context of a therapy, the term

“effective amount” refers to the amount of a therapy which is sufficient to reduce or ameliorate the severity or duration of a disease or disorder, or one or more symptoms thereof, prevent the advancement of a disease or disorder, cause the regression of a disease or disorder, prevent the recurrence, development, onset, or progression of one or more symptoms associated with a disease or disorder, or enhance or improve the prophylaxis or treatment of another therapy or therapeutic agent.

[0076] “Sequence identity” as it is known in the art refers to a relationship between two or more polypeptide sequences or two or more polynucleotide sequences, namely a reference sequence and a given sequence to be compared with the reference sequence. Sequence identity is determined by comparing the given sequence to the reference sequence after the sequences have been optimally aligned to produce the highest degree of sequence similarity, as determined by the match between strings of such sequences, with gaps introduced if necessary. Upon such alignment, sequence identity is ascertained on a position-by-position basis, *e.g.*, the sequences are “identical” at a particular position if at that position, the nucleotides or amino acid residues are identical. The total number of such position identities is then divided by the total number of nucleotides or residues in the reference sequence to give % sequence identity. Sequence identity can be readily calculated by known methods, including but not limited to, those described in Computational Molecular Biology, Lesk, A. N., ed., Oxford University Press, New York (1988), Biocomputing: Informatics and Genome Projects, Smith, D.W., ed., Academic Press, New York (1993); Computer Analysis of Sequence Data, Part I, Griffin, A.M., and Griffin, H. G., eds., Humana Press, New Jersey (1994); Sequence Analysis in Molecular Biology, von Heinge, G., Academic Press (1987); Sequence Analysis Primer, Gribskov, M. and Devereux, J., eds., M. Stockton Press, New York (1991); and Carillo, H., and Lipman, D., SIAM J. Applied Math., 48: 1073 (1988); the teachings of which are incorporated herein by reference. Preferred methods to determine the sequence identity are designed to give the largest match between the sequences tested. Methods to determine sequence identity are codified in publicly available computer programs which determine sequence identity between given sequences. Examples of such programs include, but are not limited to, the GCG program package (Devereux, J., et al., Nucleic Acids Research, 12(1):387 (1984)), BLASTP, BLASTN and BLASTX (Altschul, S. F. et al., J. Molec. Biol., 215:403-410 (1990)). The BLASTX program is publicly available from NCBI and

other sources (BLAST Manual, Altschul, S. et al., NCVI NLM NIH Bethesda, MD 20894, Altschul, S. F. et al., J. Molec. Biol., 215:403-410 (1990), the teachings of which are incorporated herein by reference). These programs optimally align sequences using default gap weights in order to produce the highest level of sequence identity between the given and reference sequences. As an illustration, by a polynucleotide having a nucleotide sequence having at least, for example, 85%, preferably 90%, even more preferably 95% “sequence identity” to a reference nucleotide sequence, it is intended that the nucleotide sequence of the given polynucleotide is identical to the reference sequence except that the given polynucleotide sequence may include up to 15, preferably up to 10, even more preferably up to 5 point mutations per each 100 nucleotides of the reference nucleotide sequence. In other words, in a polynucleotide having a nucleotide sequence having at least 85%, preferably 90%, even more preferably 95% identity relative to the reference nucleotide sequence, up to 15%, preferably 10%, even more preferably 5% of the nucleotides in the reference sequence may be deleted or substituted with another nucleotide, or a number of nucleotides up to 15%, preferably 10%, even more preferably 5% of the total nucleotides in the reference sequence may be inserted into the reference sequence. These mutations of the reference sequence may occur at the 5' or 3' terminal positions of the reference nucleotide sequence or anywhere between those terminal positions, interspersed either individually among nucleotides in the reference sequence or in one or more contiguous groups within the reference sequence. Analogously, by a polypeptide having a given amino acid sequence having at least, for example, 85%, preferably 90%, even more preferably 95% sequence identity to a reference amino acid sequence, it is intended that the given amino acid sequence of the polypeptide is identical to the reference sequence except that the given polypeptide sequence may include up to 15, preferably up to 10, even more preferably up to 5 amino acid alterations per each 100 amino acids of the reference amino acid sequence. In other words, to obtain a given polypeptide sequence having at least 85%, preferably 90%, even more preferably 95% sequence identity with a reference amino acid sequence, up to 15%, preferably up to 10%, even more preferably up to 5% of the amino acid residues in the reference sequence may be deleted or substituted with another amino acid, or a number of amino acids up to 15%, preferably up to 10%, even more preferably up to 5% of the total number of amino acid residues in the reference sequence may be inserted into the reference sequence. These alterations of the reference sequence may occur at the amino or the carboxy terminal positions of the reference

amino acid sequence or anywhere between those terminal positions, interspersed either individually among residues in the reference sequence or in the one or more contiguous groups within the reference sequence. Preferably, residue positions which are not identical differ by conservative amino acid substitutions. However, conservative substitutions are not included as a match when determining sequence identity.

[0077] “Sequence homology” as used herein refers to a method of determining the relatedness of two sequences. To determine sequence homology, two or more sequences are optimally aligned, and gaps are introduced if necessary. However, in contrast to “sequence identity,” conservative amino acid substitutions are also counted as a match when determining sequence homology. In other words, to obtain a polypeptide having 95% sequence homology with a reference sequence, 85%, preferably 90%, even more preferably 95% of the amino acid residues in the reference sequence must match or comprise a conservative substitution with another amino acid, or a number of amino acids up to 15%, preferably up to 10%, even more preferably up to 5% of the total amino acid residues, not including conservative substitutions, in the reference sequence may be inserted into the reference sequence. Preferably the homologous sequence comprises at least a stretch of 50, even more preferred of 100, even more preferred of 250, even more preferred of 500 nucleotides encoding homologous amino acids.

[0078] A “conservative substitution” refers to the substitution of an amino acid residue with another amino acid residue having similar characteristics or properties including size, hydrophobicity, etc., such that the overall functionality does not change significantly. It can also mean a nucleotide substitution that results in a conservative amino acid substitution.

B. Carrier Molecules

[0079] The carrier molecules to which the PPV5A proteins or peptides of the invention can be conjugated or covalently linked are preferably those described above. Preferred carriers for animal use are bovine serum albumin and Keyhole Limpet Hemocyanin. Preferably, the carrier protein itself is an immunogen.

[0080] The PPV5A proteins or peptides of the invention may be covalently coupled to the carrier by any convenient method known to the art. While use of a symmetric linker such as

adipic acid dihydrazide, as described by Schneerson et al, J. Experimental Medicine, 152, 361-376 (1980), or a heterobifunctional linker such as N-succinimidyl 3-(2-pyridyldithio) propionate as described by Fattom et al, Infection and Immunity, 56, 2292-2298 (1988) are within the scope of the invention, it is preferred to avoid the use of any linker but instead couple a PPV5A peptide of the invention directly to the carrier molecule. Such coupling may be achieved by means of reductive amination as described by Landi et al J. Immunology, 127, 1011-1019 (1981).

[0081] The size of the immunogenic composition, as defined by average molecular weight, is variable and dependent upon the chosen PPV5A protein(s) or peptide(s) and the method of coupling of the PPV5A protein(s) or peptide(s) to the carrier. Therefore, it can be as small as 1,000 daltons (10^3) or greater than 10^6 daltons. With the reductive amination coupling method, the molecular weight of the PPV5A protein(s) or peptide(s) is usually within the range of 5,000 to 500,000 or more; *e.g.*, for the capsid protein of SEQ ID NO:4, the molecular weight is predicted to be approximately 80,000 daltons, which is predicted to form virus like particles (VLP) comprised of 60 monomeric proteins.

[0082] Carrier molecules, *i.e.* peptides, derivatives and analogs thereof, and peptide mimetics that specifically bind a PPV5A protein or peptide of the invention can be produced by various methods known in the art, including, but not limited to solid-phase synthesis or by solution (Nakanishi et al., 1993, Gene 137:51-56; Merrifield, 1963, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 15:2149-2154; Neurath, H. et al., Eds., The Proteins, Vol II, 3d Ed., p. 105-237, Academic Press, New York, N.Y. (1976), incorporated herein in their entirety by reference).

[0083] The PPV5A proteins or peptides of the invention or the antibodies or binding portions thereof of the present invention may be administered in injectable dosages by solution or suspension of in a diluent with a pharmaceutical or veterinary carrier.

[0084] Safety and efficacy of such molecules are determined by standard procedures in cell cultures or experimental animals as described and regulated by the Center for Veterinary Biologics (CVB). Toxicity and therapeutic efficacy of such molecules can be determined by standard pharmaceutical procedures in cell cultures or experimental animals, *e.g.*, for determining the LD₅₀ (the dose lethal to 50% of the population).

[0085] The vaccines of the invention may be multivalent or univalent. Multivalent vaccines are made from immuno-conjugation of multiple PPV5A proteins or peptides with a carrier molecule.

[0086] In one aspect, the PPV5A protein or peptide compositions comprise an effective immunizing amount of the immunogenic conjugate, preferably in combination with an immunostimulant; and a physiologically acceptable vehicle. As used in the present context, "immunostimulant" is intended to encompass any compound or composition which has the ability to enhance the activity of the immune system, whether it is a specific potentiating effect in combination with a specific antigen, or simply an independent effect upon the activity of one or more elements of the immune response. Immunostimulant compounds include but are not limited to mineral gels, *e.g.*, aluminum hydroxide; surface active substances such as lysolecithin, pluronic polyols; polyanions; peptides; oil emulsions; alum, and MDP. Methods of utilizing these materials are known in the art, and it is well within the ability of the skilled artisan to determine an optimum amount of stimulant for a given vaccine. More than one immunostimulant may be used in a given formulation. The immunogen may also be incorporated into liposomes, or conjugated to polysaccharides and/or other polymers for use in a vaccine formulation.

[0087] The compositions may, if desired, be presented in a pack or dispenser device which may contain one or more unit dosage forms containing the active ingredient. The pack may for example comprise metal or plastic foil, such as a blister pack. The pack or dispenser device may be accompanied by instructions for administration preferably for administration to a mammal, especially a pig.

C. Adjuvants

[0088] In order to further increase the immunogenicity of the immunogenic compositions provided herewith, and which contain one or more PPV5A proteins or peptides may also comprise one or more adjuvants.

[0089] The adjuvant may be purified by any of the techniques described previously or known in the art. The preferred purification technique is silica gel chromatography, in particular

the "flash" (rapid) chromatographic technique, as described by W. Clark Still et al, J. Organic Chemistry, 43, 2923-2925 (1978). However, other chromatographic methods, including HPLC, may be used for purification of the adjuvant. Crystallization may also be used to purify the adjuvant. In some cases, no purification is required as a product of analytical purity is obtained directly from the synthesis.

[0090] The vaccine compositions of the invention are prepared by physically mixing the adjuvant with the PPV5A protein(s) or peptide(s) under appropriate sterile conditions in accordance with known techniques to produce the adjuvanted composition. Complexation of the PPV5A proteins(s) or peptide(s) and the adjuvant is facilitated by the existence of a net negative charge on the conjugate which is electrostatically attracted to the positive charge present on the long chain alkyl compound adjuvant.

D. Physiologically-Acceptable Vehicles

[0091] The vaccine compositions of this invention may be formulated using techniques similar to those used for other pharmaceutical polypeptide compositions. Thus, the adjuvant and PPV5A protein(s) or peptide(s), preferably conjugated to carrier molecule and/or admixed with an adjuvant may be stored in lyophilized form and reconstituted in a physiologically acceptable vehicle to form a suspension prior to administration. Alternatively, the adjuvant and conjugate may be stored in the vehicle. Preferred vehicles are sterile solutions, in particular, sterile buffer solutions, such as phosphate buffered saline. Any method of combining the adjuvant and the conjugate in the vehicle such that improved immunological effectiveness of the immunogenic composition is appropriate.

[0092] The volume of a single dose of the vaccine of this invention may vary but will be generally within the ranges commonly employed in conventional vaccines. The volume of a single dose is preferably between about 0.1 ml and about 3 ml, preferably between about 0.2 ml and about 1.5 ml, more preferably about 1.0 ml at the concentrations of conjugate and adjuvant noted above.

[0093] The vaccine compositions of the invention may be administered by any convenient means.

E. Formulation

[0094] Immunogenic conjugates comprising a PPV5A protein(s) or peptide(s) coupled to a carrier molecule can be used as vaccines for immunization against one or more serotypes of PPV5A. The vaccines, comprising the immunogenic conjugate in a physiologically acceptable vehicle, are useful in a method of immunizing animals, preferably swine, for treatment or prevention of infections by PPV5A.

[0095] Antibodies generated against immunogenic conjugates of the present invention by immunization with an immunogenic conjugate can be used in passive immunotherapy and generation of antiidiotypic antibodies for treating or preventing infections of PPV5A.

[0096] The subject to which the composition is administered is preferably an animal, including but not limited to cows, horses, sheep, pigs, poultry (*e.g.*, chickens), goats, cats, dogs, hamsters, mice and rats; most preferably pigs.

[0097] The formulations of the invention comprise an effective immunizing amount of one or more immunogenic compositions or antibodies thereto and a physiologically acceptable vehicle. Vaccines comprise an effective immunizing amount of one or more immunogenic compositions and a physiologically acceptable vehicle. The formulation should suit the mode of administration.

[0098] The immunogenic composition, if desired, can also contain minor amounts of wetting or emulsifying agents, or pH buffering agents. The immunogenic composition can be a liquid solution, suspension, emulsion, tablet, pill, capsule, sustained release formulation, or powder. Oral formulation can include standard carriers such as pharmaceutical grades of mannitol, lactose, starch, magnesium stearate, sodium saccharine, cellulose, magnesium carbonate, etc.

F. Effective Dose

[0099] The compounds described herein can be administered to a subject at therapeutically effective doses to treat PPV5A-associated diseases. The dosage will depend upon the host receiving the vaccine as well as factors such as the size, weight, and age of the host.

[0100] The precise amount of immunogenic conjugate or antibody of the invention to be employed in a formulation will depend on the route of administration and the nature of the subject (e.g., species, age, size, stage/level of disease), and should be decided according to the judgment of the practitioner and each subject's circumstances according to standard clinical techniques. An effective immunizing amount is that amount sufficient to treat or prevent a PPV5A infectious disease in a subject. Effective doses may also be extrapolated from dose-response curves derived from animal model test systems and can vary from 0.1 mg/kg to 20 mg/kg, preferably 1 mg/kg to 10 mg/kg.

[0101] Immunogenicity of a composition can be determined by monitoring the immune response of test subjects following immunization with the composition by use of any immunoassay known in the art. Generation of a humoral (antibody) response and/or cell-mediated immunity, may be taken as an indication of an immune response. Test subjects may include animals such as pigs, mice, hamsters, dogs, cats, rabbits, cows, horses, sheep, and poultry (e.g. chickens, ducks, geese, and turkeys).

[0102] The immune response of the test subjects can be analyzed by various approaches such as: the reactivity of the resultant immune serum to the immunogenic conjugate, as assayed by known techniques, e.g., enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA), immunoblots, immunoprecipitations, etc.; or, by protection of immunized hosts from infection by the pathogen and/or attenuation of symptoms due to infection by the pathogen in immunized hosts as determined by any method known in the art, for assaying the levels of an infectious disease agent, e.g., quantitative PCR, virus isolation or other technique known in the art.. The levels of the infectious disease agent may also be determined by measuring the levels of the antigen against which the immunoglobulin was directed. A decrease in the levels of the infectious disease agent or an amelioration of the symptoms of the infectious disease indicates that the composition is effective.

[0103] The therapeutics of the invention can be tested *in vitro* for the desired therapeutic or prophylactic activity, prior to *in vivo* use in animals. For example, *in vitro* assays that can be used to determine whether administration of a specific therapeutic is indicated include *in vitro* cell culture assays in which appropriate cells from a cell line or cells cultured from a subject

having a particular disease or disorder are exposed to or otherwise administered a therapeutic, and the effect of the therapeutic on the cells is observed.

[0104] Alternatively, the therapeutic may be assayed by contacting the therapeutic to cells (either cultured from a subject or from a cultured cell line) that are susceptible to infection by the infectious disease agent but that are not infected with the infectious disease agent, exposing the cells to the infectious disease agent, and then determining whether the infection rate of cells contacted with the therapeutic was lower than the infection rate of cells not contacted with the therapeutic. Infection of cells with an infectious disease agent may be assayed by any method known in the art.

[0105] In addition, the therapeutic can be assessed by measuring the level of the molecule against which the antibody is directed in the animal model subject at suitable time intervals before, during, or after therapy. Any change or absence of change in the amount of the molecule can be identified and correlated with the effect of the treatment on the subject. The level of the molecule can be determined by any method known in the art.

[0106] After vaccination of an animal to a PPV5A using the methods and compositions of the present invention, any binding assay known in the art can be used to assess the binding between the resulting antibody and the particular molecule. These assays may also be performed to select antibodies that exhibit a higher affinity or specificity for the particular antigen.

G. Detection and Diagnostic Methods

[0107] Antibodies, or binding portions thereof, resulting from the use of native PPV5A, attenuated virus, proteins or peptides of the present invention are useful for detecting in a sample the presence of PPV5A. This detection method comprises the steps of providing an isolated antibody or binding portion thereof raised against a native PPV5A, attenuated virus, protein or peptide of the invention, adding to the isolated antibody or binding portion thereof a sample suspected of containing a quantity of PPV5A virus and detecting the presence of a complex comprising the isolated antibody or binding portion thereof bound to PPV5A virus.

[0108] The antibodies or binding portions thereof of the present invention are also useful for detecting in a sample the presence of a PPV5A protein or peptide. This detection method comprises the steps of providing an isolated antibody or binding portion thereof raised against native PPV5A, attenuated virus, protein or peptide, adding to the isolated antibody or binding
5 portion thereof a sample suspected of containing a quantity of the PPV5A protein or peptide, and detecting the presence of a complex comprising the isolated antibody or binding portion thereof bound to the PPV5A protein or peptide.

[0109] Immunoglobulins, particularly antibodies, (and functionally active fragments thereof) that bind a specific molecule that is a member of a binding pair may be used as
10 diagnostics and prognostics, as described herein. In various embodiments, the present invention provides the measurement of a member of the binding pair, and the uses of such measurements in clinical applications. The immunoglobulins in the present invention may be used, for example, in the detection of an antigen in a biological sample whereby subjects may be tested for aberrant levels of the molecule to which the immunoglobulin binds, and/or for the presence of
15 abnormal forms of such molecules. By "aberrant levels" is meant increased or decreased relative to that present, or a standard level representing that present, in an analogous sample from a portion of the body or from a subject not having the disease. The antibodies of this invention may also be included as a reagent in a kit for use in a diagnostic or prognostic technique.

[0110] In one aspect, an antibody of the invention that immunospecifically binds to a
20 PPV5A native or attenuated virus, protein or peptide may be used to diagnose, prognose or screen for a PPV5A infection.

[0111] In another aspect, the invention provides a method of diagnosing or screening for the presence of a PPV5A infection or immunity thereto, comprising measuring in a subject the level of immunospecific binding of an antibody to a sample derived from the subject, in which
25 the antibody immunospecifically binds a PPV5A protein or peptide in which an increase in the level of said immunospecific binding, relative to the level of said immunospecific binding in an analogous sample from a subject not having the infectious disease agent, indicates the presence of PPV5A.

[0112] Examples of suitable assays to detect the presence of PPV5A peptides or antagonists thereof include but are not limited to ELISA, radioimmunoassay, gel-diffusion precipitation reaction assay, immunodiffusion assay, agglutination assay, fluorescent immunoassay, protein A immunoassay, or immunoelectrophoresis assay.

5 [0113] Immunoassays for the particular molecule will typically comprise incubating a sample, such as a biological fluid, a tissue extract, freshly harvested cells, or lysates of cultured cells, in the presence of a detectably labeled antibody and detecting the bound antibody by any of a number of techniques well-known in the art.

[0114] The binding activity of a given antibody may be determined according to well
10 known methods. Those skilled in the art will be able to determine operative and optimal assay conditions for each determination by employing routine experimentation.

[0115] An additional aspect of the present invention relates to diagnostic kits for the detection or measurement of PPV5A. Kits for diagnostic use are provided, that comprise in one or more containers an anti- PPV5A antibody, and, optionally, a labeled binding partner to the
15 antibody. Alternatively, the anti-PPV5A antibody can be labeled (with a detectable marker, *e.g.*, a chemiluminescent, enzymatic, fluorescent, or radioactive moiety). Accordingly, the present invention provides a diagnostic kit comprising, an anti- PPV5A antibody and a control immunoglobulin. In a specific embodiment, one of the foregoing compounds of the container can be detectably labeled. A kit can optionally further comprise, in a container, a predetermined
20 amount of a PPV5A virus, protein or peptide recognized by the antibody of the kit, for use as a standard or control.

H. Administration to a Subject

[0116] Routes of administration include but are not limited to intranasal, oral (*e.g.*, in drinking water), intradermal, and intramuscular. Intramuscular administration is particularly
25 preferred. The skilled artisan will recognize that compositions of the invention may also be administered in one, two or more doses, as well as, by other routes of administration. For example, such other routes include subcutaneously, intracutaneously, intravenously, intravascularly, intraarterially, intraperitoneally, intrathecally, intratracheally, intracardially,

intralobally, intramedullary, intrapulmonarily, and intravaginally. Depending on the desired duration and effectiveness of the treatment, the compositions according to the invention may be administered once or several times, also intermittently, for instance on a daily basis for several days, weeks or months and in different dosages.

5 **[0117]** The following examples are included to demonstrate preferred embodiments of the invention. It should be appreciated by those of skill in the art that the techniques disclosed in the examples which follow represent techniques discovered by the inventors to function well in the practice of the invention, and thus can be considered to constitute preferred modes for its practice. However, those of skill in the art should, in light of the present disclosure, appreciate
10 that many changes can be made in the specific embodiments which are disclosed and still obtain a like or similar result without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

[0118] This application is related to the application filed on even date entitled “Porcine Parvovirus 5B, Methods of Use and Vaccine,” Attorney Docket No. BIC-1153, the contents of which are incorporated by reference herein, in its entirety.

EXAMPLES

Materials and Methods

[0119] **Source of Materials**: Tissue homogenates from three pigs were received from an unusual outbreak investigation. The clinical history on the farm was of 200 lb pigs with full body muscle tremors which were present upon rest but exaggerated during movement. Following extensive testing at a veterinary diagnostic laboratory which suggested a viral agent (based on microscopic lesions) but only resulted in the identification of Agent X (a non-classical swine fever virus associated pestivirus), samples were provided to the inventors to help determine the underlying cause of the CNS signs in these animals.

[0120] **DNA and Protein Analysis**: DNA analysis of samples from affected pigs was conducted using high throughput sequencing from 454 Life Sciences (Branford CT) (“454 technology”), performed by Operon (Huntsville AL). Samples were enriched for viral sequences through nuclease treatment of viral particle protect nucleic acids followed by extraction, random amplification and high throughput sequencing; performed generally as described in Victoria et. al PLoS pathogen 2008 Sep 26;4(9):e1000163.

[0121] Resultant sequences were initially characterized by BLASTx analysis as divergent members of the *Parvoviridae* family. Sequences were assembled using Sequencher software and the results of these DNA analyses coupled with targeted sequencing yielded the DNA sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, which is the putative complete coding sequence of the virus denoted as PPV5A. Further analysis of the DNA sequence using Sequencher software resulted in identification of three putative coding regions corresponding to those found in other parvovirus species, comprising the viral replicase (SEQ ID NO:2), an open reading frame “ORF3” (SEQ ID NO:3) and the viral capsid protein (SEQ ID NO:4).

EXAMPLE 1: Identification of a Novel Virus

[0122] DNA sequences were identified by 454 technology (viral metagenomics) in samples of lung homogenates of two unrelated pigs from different states. BLASTn and BLASTx analysis revealed the closest identity to porcine parvovirus 4, with a maximum of 67% nucleotide identity in conserved regions of the replicase gene (REP), while the capsid (CAP) coding regions did not

exhibit a discernable match at the nucleotide level. At the protein level, the putative replicase protein exhibited ~60% amino acid identity and ~50% identity in the capsid protein. The virus was denoted as a new species, porcine parvovirus 5A (PPV5A). Specific primers were developed based on the capsid coding sequence and PCR based screening of homogenates that were similar in tissue and pathological/clinical characteristics revealed presence of the agent in ~16% of samples. Based on reported clinical signs and virology data associated with the tissues screened, statistically significant association was observed with several other viral agents and clinical pathologies/histopathology.

EXAMPLE 2: Identification of PPV5A as a Novel Parvovirus and Phylogentic

Analysis

[0123] Pair-wise amino acid identities for both the putative replicase (REP) and capsid (VP1/CAP) proteins of multiple known viral species are shown in Fig. 5. PPV5A sequence identity to PPV4, the closest relative, with both REP and CAP (~60% / 50%, respectively) supporting designation of PPV5A as a new species.

[0124] Phylogenetic analysis (Fig. 6) reveals the virus to be a novel species within the *Parvoviridae* family and parvovirus genus, based on the conserved region of the CAP protein. Similar results are achieved using the more conserved REP protein sequence (not shown).

EXAMPLE 3: Confirmation of the PPV5A as an Agent of Disease

[0125] Three PPV5a PCR positive tissue homogenates from ISU were used to inoculate cesarean-derived-colostrum-deprived (CDCD) animals in an attempt to amplify virus and determine whether co-infection with the novel parvoviruses and PRRSV resulted in increased clinical respiratory signs. In this study, there were an unexpected, high number of mortalities (20-22%) in groups inoculated with the tissue homogenate containing the novel parvoviruses and high titers of PPV5A were identified in serum using PPV5A-specific PCR targeting the capsid coding region. Tissues from one animal in this study were then used to challenge CDCD pigs to reproduce clinical signs. In this study, a systemic infection with high titers of viremia was noted in the majority of infected animals. In groups that received inocula containing PPV5A, there

was a high incidence of mortality (20%), lameness, decreased average daily gain, pyrexia, and both macro- and microscopic lesions.

EXAMPLE 4: Culturing, Isolation and Purification of PPV5A

[0126] Small sections of PCR positive tissues (e.g. spleen, brain, lung, intestine etc) are ground up using sterile mortar and pestle. The ground tissue is resuspended in 5-10 ml modified EMEM containing HEPES buffer and antibiotics and clarified to eliminate larger tissue masses. The supernatants are collected and serially passed through various filters to eliminate most of the larger particles including bacteria. Additionally, fecal sample suspension and serum from PCR positive animals are also being processed by serial filtration for virus isolation.

[0127] Dilutions of the filtrate are treated with trypsin or left untreated and are adsorbed onto established and primary cell cultures (listed below) in 6-well plates at specific temperatures. The inoculum is aspirated and replaced with 2ml fresh maintenance medium. The plates are then incubated at 33-37°C in a 5% CO₂ atmosphere and are observed daily for cytopathic effects such as cell rounding, cell-cell fusion, sloughing, cell clustering etc as compared to mock (plain media) inoculated controls. Potential positive wells are screened for virus growth/isolation by PCR.

[0128] Established cell lines useful in isolation of virus included: ST (swine testes), SK6 (swine kidney), BHK-21 (baby hamster kidney), VIDO R1 (fetal porcine retina), PK-15 NADC (porcine kidney), PK/WRL (porcine kidney), HRT-180 (human colorectal adenocarcinoma), Hep2 (human epithelial), Vero (African green monkey kidney) and RK-13 (rabbit kidney) among others.

[0129] Primary cell cultures useful in the process include: Embryonic porcine lung, kidney, testes, trachea, and intestine cultures, among others.

[0130] As the virus is isolated, it is purified by multiple rounds of plaque purification or limiting dilutions and amplified in larger quantities and generate stock cultures for animal experiments.

EXAMPLE 5: Preparation of a Inactivated Virus and Vaccine

[0131] Inactivation is performed between about 35-39°C and in the presence of 2 to 15 mM BEI, still more preferred in the presence of about 10 mM BEI. Inactivation is performed for at least 24 hours, up to 24 to 72 hours. An equivalent amount of an agent that neutralizes the inactivation agent within the solution is then added; e.g., sodium thiosulfate to an equivalent amount. An inactivated virus preparation is prepared in accordance with methods known in the art, e.g., as disclosed in Preuss, T., *et al.*, Comparison of Two Different Methods for Inactivation of Viruses in Serum, CLINICAL AND DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY IMMUNOLOGY, (1997), 504–508 or Bahnemann, H.G., Inactivation of viral antigens for vaccine preparation with particular reference to the application of binary ethylenimine, VACCINE, (1990), 299-303. Once an inactivated virus is prepared, the material is combined with a carrier preparation for final vaccine formulation.

EXAMPLE 6: Preparation of an Attenuated Virus and Vaccine

[0132] An attenuated virus preparation is prepared in accordance with methods known in the art, e.g., as disclosed in Vaccine Protocols, 2nd edition; Robinson, Husdon, Cranage, eds, Humana Press 2003. For example, “...wild type viruses are extensively passaged in tissue culture/animal hosts until an acceptable balance is reached between loss of virulence and retention of immunogenicity...”

[0133] Attenuated virus is purified by multiple rounds of plaque purification or limiting dilutions. PCR assays, deep sequencing or immunofluorescence assays are utilized to determine the specificity of the culture material.

[0134] An attenuated viral vaccine is prepared by combining a purified attenuated virus preparation with a carrier preparation.

EXAMPLE 7: Preparation of a Subunit Vaccine Comprising a Capsid Protein

[0135] The capsid protein of SEQ ID NO:4 was prepared by expression of the cloned SEQ ID NO:4, or fragments thereof, in various protein expression systems.

[0136] Baculovirus expression: PPV5A capsid protein of SEQ ID NO:4 was expressed in a baculovirus expression system, generally in accordance with the methods disclosed in Kost et al.

(6), 2012. The protein was found in low quantity within the insoluble fraction upon initial purification. Methods to increase yield and solubility include, but are not limited to, use of alternative buffer conditions (e.g. urea or guanidine hydrochloride), alternative binding and purification conditions (e.g. cobalt or nickel affinity columns, anion or cation exchange columns), or alternative expression conditions (e.g. temperature, time, alternative cell lines).

[0137] Bacterial expression: PPV5A capsid protein of SEQ ID NO:4 was expressed in a bacterial expression system, generally in accordance with the methods disclosed in EMD Chemicals Inc. Novagen User Protocol TB184. This method included the addition of an inherent HIS-tag contained in the bacterial vector (EMD Chemicals Inc., 2011 (7)) to facilitate purification of the produced protein. Bacterially expressed HIS-tagged capsid protein was purified generally in accordance with the methods disclosed in GE Healthcare, 2012 (8) and resultant products used to generate PPV5A specific antibodies as described in Example 8.

[0138] An attenuated subunit vaccine was prepared by combining a purified capsid protein preparation with a carrier preparation.

EXAMPLE 8: Preparation of Antibodies that Specifically Bind to PPV5A

[0139] Antibodies that specifically bind to PPV5A are prepared by immunizing rabbits with antigenic preparations of PPV5A virus, or subunit protein preparations of capsid (SEQ ID NO:4) proteins or fragments thereof. Serum samples from the inoculated rabbits are screened for polyclonal antibodies which bind to the PPV5A antigens. Spleens from inoculated mice which were determined to produce antibodies to the antigen are fused with myeloma cells to produce hybridomas. The hybridomas are then screened for binding to PPV5A antigen.

[0140] Polyclonal antibodies: The HIS-tagged bacterially expressed capsid protein prepared in accordance with Example 7 was used to immunize two New Zealand White rabbits at a custom antibody production service (Rockland Antibodies and Assays; Gilbertsville, PA). Rabbits were immunized with approximately 100µg antigen/rabbit at D0, D7, D14 and D28. For D0 and D7 inoculation, animals were inoculated intradermally; inoculations given at D14 and 28 were administered subcutaneously. Complete Freund's adjuvant was used in the first

inoculation; incomplete Freud's adjuvant was used in subsequent inoculations. Serum samples from both rabbits were collected before immunization and at 38 and 45 days post immunization.

[0141] Polyclonal antibody preparations were screened for anti-PPV5A specificity by Rockland Antibodies and Assays. Antibodies were produced having binding specificity to purified or partially purified PPV5A protein by immunofluorescent assay (IFA), western blot, and enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA). Parameters for specificity of each assay were as follows: western blot specificity were measured by detection of the predicted 88.8 kDa sized protein, IFA specificity measured by comparison to uninfected cells, and ELISA specificity by coating plate with non-relevant protein.

[0142] Monoclonal antibodies: HIS-tagged baculovirus expressed capsid protein prepared in accordance with Example 7 are used to generate monoclonal antibodies in Balb/c mice at a custom antibody production service (Rockland Antibodies and Assays; Gilbertsville, PA). Mice are immunized with various PPV5A antigenic preparations according to standard protocols designed by the custom antibody production facility. The immune response following inoculation is monitored by the custom antibody production facility and antibody candidates are selected for generation of hybridomas. Standard protocols for generation of monoclonal antibodies are well known to those in the art, e.g. as disclosed in Gabriele et al. (9), p.117-135.

[0143] Hybridomas are generated by combining B-cell tumor cells cultivated in hybridoma medium to the proliferation phase with spleen cells harvested from inoculated mice determined to produce antibodies to PPV5A antigens according to standard protocols, as disclosed in Gabriele et al. (9), p.117-135. After fusion and culturing the hybridomas, the hybridomas are screened for binding to PPV5A antigens, and anti-PPV5A producing hybridomas are selected. Monoclonal antibodies produced by hybridomas are purified using affinity chromatography according to standard protocols, as disclosed in Gabriele et al. (9), p.209-232.

[0144] High affinity antibodies specific for PPV5A are identified and further characterized, including determining the epitopes to which they bind, the specificity of the antibody with respect to other related virus species, and suitable high affinity antibodies with high specificity for the PPV5A viral antigen(s) are selected, using immunological techniques well known to the art, e.g. ELISA, Westernblot analysis and epitope mapping (Epitope Mapping Protocols in

Methods in Molecular Biology, Vol. 66 (Glenn E. Morris, Ed., 1996) Humana Press, Totowa, New Jersey).

EXAMPLE 9: Diagnostic Assays for PPV5A

[0145] ELISA Assay: Antibodies prepared in accordance with Example 8 are used to measure PPV5A in a biological sample using ELISA procedures. The assay is conducted as follows:

[0146] Coating antigen selected from the capsid protein of SEQ ID NO:4 is diluted in coating buffer (0.05 M carbonate-bicarbonate buffer; pH 9.6) to achieve a final concentration of 8ng/ μ l. Plates (High protein binding 96-well ELISA plates Phenix cat no. MPG-655061) are coated with 50 μ l/well of coating antigen. Plates are sealed and incubated for 1 hr. at 37°C or overnight at 4°C. The coating solution is removed and the plate is wash plate three times with 200 μ l/well PBST (1X PBS + 0.05%Tween-20). The plate is coated with 300 μ l/well blocking solution (0.5% w/v non-fat dry milk in PBS), sealed and incubated for 1 hr. at 37°C. The blocking solution is removed and the plate is and washed three times with 200 μ l/well PBST. Samples are diluted 1:100 in blocking solution; 100 μ l/well of serum samples are added to the plate. Plates are sealed and incubated for 1 hr. at 37°C. Serum samples are removed and the plate is washed three times with 200 μ l/well PBST. The secondary antibody (HRP-conjugated-goat anti-swine IgG (H+L); Jackson Immuno-Research 114-035-003) is diluted to 1:10,000 in blocking solution and used to coat the plate with 100 μ l/well. Plates are sealed and incubated for 1 hr. at 37°C. The secondary antibody is removed and the plate is washed three times with 200 μ l/well PBST. Plates are coated with 50 μ l/well TMB (3,5,3',5'-tetramethylbenzidine; KPL cat no. 53-00-01). Plates are incubated at room temperature in the dark for approximately ten minutes. Plates are coated with 50 μ l/well stop solution (2 M H₂SO₄; KPL cat no. 50-85-04). The optical density is read at 450nm.

[0147] PCR Assays: Gel-based PCR and qPCR assays for PPV5A have been optimized. These assays are conducted as follows: For the qPCR assay, each reaction is prepared by adding the following reagents: 10 μ l/reaction of 2X SsoFast probe supermix (BioRad, cat no. 172-5233), 5 μ l/reaction DEPC-treated water, 1 μ l/reaction of the forward primer at a 6 μ M concentration (AAT GCG TGT GCT TAC GCT TA: SEQ ID NO:6), 1 μ l/reaction of the reverse primer at a

6µM concentration (TGG GTT CGA ATA TGA AGA GG: SEQ ID NO:7), 1 µl/reaction of the probe at a 4µM concentration (6-FAM/TC ATC AGG AAC CCT GGA GTG ATC TCA /BHQ_1: SEQ ID NO:8) and 2 µl/reaction of extracted DNA. The reaction is performed on a T100 thermal cycler (Bio-Rad) for one cycle at 95°C for 2 minutes followed by forty cycles at the following two temperatures: 95°C for 5 seconds followed by 60°C for 5 seconds. Data is read using a CFX96 optical imaging system (Bio-Rad). For the gel-based assay, each reaction is prepared by adding the following reagents: 12.5µl/reaction of 2X AmpliTaq Gold Mastermix (Applied Biosystems, cat no.4302758), 8.0 µl/reaction DEPC-treated water, 1.25 µl/reaction of the forward primer (GTA CTA TGA ATT TCC AAA CGA TCT TCC TTT CG: SEQ ID NO:9) at a 10µM concentration, 1.25 µl/reaction of the reverse primer (TTA CAC CAA ATC TGG GAC TCT AAA CAG GC: SEQ ID NO:10) at a 10µM concentration, and 2 µl/reaction of extracted DNA. The reaction is performed on a T100 thermal cycler (Bio-Rad) for one cycle at 95°C for 5 minutes followed by forty cycles at the following temperatures: 95°C for 30 seconds, 60°C for 30 seconds and 72°C for 45 seconds followed by a final extension at 72°C for 10 minutes.

EXAMPLE 10: Evaluation of the Efficacy of PPV5A Vaccine in Pigs

[0148] To evaluate the efficacy of the composition of matter that comprises at least one PPV5A protein or polypeptide (prototype PPV5A vaccine) in pigs, a randomized study using five week old colostrum-deprived-cesarean-derived (CDCD) animals randomized into three groups (see Table 2) is performed. Animals are vaccinated with a composition or a placebo (phosphate buffered saline; PBS) at study day 0 (D0) and D14. Animals are challenged on D28 with material known to contain PPV5A. Clinical observations, rectal temperatures, weight measurements and blood collection are monitored. At D56, animals are necropsied to evaluate macroscopic lesions. The efficacy of the PPV5A vaccine is determined by statistically comparing the percent mortality, viremia (titers and duration), seroconversion (titers and duration) and clinical signs between vaccinated and non-vaccinated animals.

Table 2.

Group no.	Group	N	Room	Vaccination	Challenge
1	PPV5A-Vx	10	1 and 2	PPV5A prototype	Yes
2	PBS-Vx	10	1 and 2	PBS	Yes
3	Strict control	5	3	None	No

[0149] All of the compositions and methods disclosed and claimed herein can be made and executed without undue experimentation in light of the present disclosure. While the compositions and methods of this invention have been described in terms of preferred embodiments, it will be apparent to those of skill in the art that variations may be applied to the compositions and methods and in the steps or in the sequence of steps of the method described herein without departing from the concept, spirit and scope of the invention. More specifically, it will be apparent that certain agents which are both chemically and physiologically related may be substituted for the agents described herein while the same or similar results would be achieved. All such similar substitutes and modifications apparent to those skilled in the art are deemed to be within the spirit, scope and concept of the invention as defined by the following claims.

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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An isolated polynucleotide, comprising a polynucleotide
 - a) having the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1;
 - b) having a nucleic acid sequence that encodes
 - a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2,
 - a polypeptide SEQ ID NO:3, or
 - a polypeptide that is encoded by a polynucleotide comprising the sequence of nucleotides 2845-5547 of SEQ ID NO. 1; or
 - c) having a nucleic acid sequence at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO:1, which encodes a polypeptide having a biological or immunologically-effective activity of a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2 or SEQ ID NO:3 or of a polypeptide that is encoded by a polynucleotide comprising the sequence of nucleotides 2845-5547 of SEQ ID NO:1.
2. An isolated polypeptide, comprising a polypeptide
 - a) having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 or SEQ ID NO:3, or that is encoded by a polynucleotide comprising the sequence of nucleotides 2845-5547 of SEQ ID NO:1; or
 - b) having an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, or to a sequence of a polypeptide that is encoded by a polynucleotide comprising the sequence of nucleotides 2845-5547 of SEQ ID NO. 1, and having an immunologically-effective activity of a polypeptide encoded by SEQ ID NO:2 or SEQ ID NO:3 or of a polypeptide that is encoded by a polynucleotide comprising the sequence of nucleotides 2845-5547 of SEQ ID NO:1.

3. An isolated porcine parvovirus 5A (PPV5A), comprising
 - a) a nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, or
 - b) a nucleic acid sequence at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO:1, which encodes a polypeptide having an immunologically-effective activity of a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2 or SEQ ID NO:3 or of a polypeptide that is encoded by a polynucleotide comprising the sequence of nucleotides 2845-5547 of SEQ ID NO:1.
4. The PPV5A of claim 3, comprising an attenuated, non-virulent form of a porcine parvovirus.
5. A vaccine for treating or preventing an infection by a virulent PPV5A, comprising a killed or attenuated form of a PPV5A of claim 3.
6. A vaccine for treating or preventing an infection by a virulent PPV5A, comprising a subunit of a killed or attenuated form of a PPV5A of claim 3.
7. A vaccine of claim 6, wherein the subunit is a capsid protein, wherein said capsid protein is a polypeptide that is encoded by a polynucleotide comprising the sequence of nucleotides 2845-5547 of SEQ ID NO: 1.
8. An immunogenic preparation comprising a polypeptide of claim 2.
9. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the porcine parvovirus of claim 3 for generating an immune response in a mammal.
10. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 2 for generating an immune response in a mammal.

11. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 9 or 10 or the vaccine of any one of claims 5 to 7, wherein the mammal is a swine, and the immune response provides protective immunity to disease caused by porcine parvovirus infection.
12. An isolated antibody that specifically binds to a PPV5A polypeptide encoded by a PPV5A polynucleotide having a sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, said polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 or SEQ ID NO:3 or

of a polypeptide that is encoded by a polynucleotide comprising the sequence of nucleotides 2845-5547 of SEQ ID NO: 1, and wherein said antibody does not bind to a polypeptide encoded by a different parvovirus.

13. A method of identifying the presence of PPV5A in a biological sample, comprising
 - a) contacting the biological sample with an antibody of claim 12,
 - b) detecting the formation of a complex between the antibody and a PPV5A polypeptide,wherein the presence of said complex indicates the presence of PPV5A in the biological sample.
14. A vector or plasmid that comprises a polynucleotide of claim 1.
15. A host cell comprising a vector of claim 14.
16. A hybridoma that expresses an antibody of claim 12.
17. A diagnostic kit for identifying the presence of PPV5A in a biological sample, comprising
 - a) an antibody of claim 12, and
 - b) reagents for detecting the formation of a complex between the antibody and a PPV5A polypeptide.
18. An immunogenic kit, comprising
 - a) at least one immunogenic PPV5A peptide of claim 2 which is effective to immunize an animal against at least one disease associated with PPV5A infection;
 - b) at least one carrier or adjuvant molecule;
 - c) a container for packaging the immunogenic composition containing the peptide of a) and the carrier or adjuvant molecule of b);
 - d) a set of printed instructions; and
 - e) a dispenser capable of administering the immunogenic composition to an animal.

19. The immunogenic kit of claim 18, further comprising at least one immunogenic protein which is effective to immunize said animal against at least one other porcine pathogenic virus or bacteria which causes a disease associated with an infection with said virus or bacteria.
20. A vaccine for use in treating or preventing an infection by a virulent PPV5A, comprising a killed or attenuated form of a PPV5A of claim 3.
21. A vaccine for use in treating or preventing an infection by a virulent PPV5A, comprising a subunit of a killed or attenuated form of a PPV5A of claim 3.
22. The vaccine for use of claim 21, wherein the subunit is a capsid protein, wherein said capsid protein is a polypeptide that is encoded by a polynucleotide comprising the sequence of nucleotides 2845-5547 of SEQ ID NO: 1.
23. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the PPV5A of claim 3 for use in generating an immune response in mammal.
24. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 2 for use in generating an immune response in a mammal.
25. The pharmaceutical composition for use of claim 23 or 24 or the vaccine for use of any one of claims 20 to 22, wherein the mammal is a swine, and the immune response provides protective immunity to disease caused by PPV5A infection.