

A virus causing respiratory tract illness in susceptible mammals.

Abstract

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The invention relates to the field of virology. The invention provides an isolated essentially mammalian negative-sense single stranded RNA (MPV) within the sub family *Pneumovirinae* of the family *Paramyxoviridae* and identifiable as phylogenetically corresponding to the genus *Metapneumovirus* and components thereof.

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