

A STUDY ON HEAMPHILUS INFLUANZAE TYPE B DISEASE CAUSING ANTIGENS: AN APPROACH OF EPI TOPE PREDICTION, ANTIGENICITY AND IMMUNOGENICITY PREDICTION

Available online at www.ijdra.com

REVIEW ARTICLE

¹Mukhlif Z. Fawzi*, ²Ibrahim M. Suad, ²Rekha S., ³Rgb H. Hasan, ⁴Rao B.S.

¹Deptt. of Biotechnology, Institute of Science & Technology, JNTU, Hyderabad, India.

²Department of Bioinformatics, NTHRYS Biotech Labs, ,Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India.

³Dept. of Microbiology, Institute of Science and Technology, JNTUH, India.

⁴Director & Research Head of the NTHRYS Biotech Labs, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India.

*Corresponding Author's E-mail: ziadoonfawzi@yahoo.com

ABSTRACT

Vaccines work by mimicking disease agents and stimulating the immune system which in turn builds a defence mechanism against the disease causing agents. Some of the vaccines contain a part of the disease causing agents which are either weakened or dead. Apart from using vaccines only for viral infections, utilizing the same against Cancers both as therapeutic and preventative has captured huge interest. The use of Cancer vaccines in cancer therapies is called immunotherapy which is done either by specific cancer vaccine or universal cancer vaccine which contain tumour antigens that stimulate the immune system which in turn initiate various mechanisms that terminate tumour cells and prevents recurrence of these tumours. Hemophilus influenzae is a disease causing virus & here we have done a brief study about the different antigens of the b strain of Haemophilus influenzae and compare them using various bioinformatics tools to get the most effective antigen of the above mentioned strain.

Keywords: *Heamphilus Influanzae*, Antigenicity, Immunogenicity, epitope prediction.

INTRODUCTION

Haemophilus influenzae is an important human-restricted Gram-negative bacterial pathogen, which can cause severe invasive disease, such as meningitis, sepsis, and bacteremic pneumonia in susceptible individuals. Some strains of H. influenzae have a polysaccharide capsule representing the major virulence factor and antigen of this bacterial species. On the basis of the antigenic properties, six serotypes of encapsulated H. influenzae are distinguished (a, b, c, d, e, and f), and there are also non-encapsulated or nontypeable H. influenzae (NTHi). Encapsulated strains exhibit a higher ability to cause invasive disease because the capsule prevents complement-mediated bacteriolysis in the absence of opsonizing antibody. (1,2) Normal individuals can carry H. influenzae in their naso- and oropharynx, and the carriage is considered as the major factor inducing the development of natural immunity against the

pathogen, along with exposure to some cross-reactive environmental antigens. The invasive disease mostly affects young children (below 2 years of age), as well as the elderly and immunocompromised individuals. One particular serological variant, H. influenzae serotype b (Hib), was the major cause of bacterial meningitis in young children worldwide before the conjugate Hib vaccine became available in the late 1980s. Pediatric vaccination against Hib has resulted in a dramatic decrease in the incidence rates of invasive Hib disease in all countries where the vaccine has been included in the national immunization programs. However, Hib vaccination does not confer protection against other serotypes of H. influenzae. .Until recently, the significance of other serotypes of H. influenzae in the etiology of invasive bacterial infections has been largely overshadowed by Hib. (3, 4) However, it is obvious that other serological types of H. influenzae besides Hib cause significant

morbidity and mortality; moreover, their prevalence appears to be increasing in the Hib vaccine era. During the last decade, an increase in the prevalence of infections caused by NTHi has been reported worldwide, suggesting strain replacement following elimination of Hib from populations with high Hib vaccine coverage, as a new ecological niche became available for colonization with non-Hib strains of *H. influenzae*. Although an alarming trend towards an increase in the incidence of severe disease caused by NTHi has been now recognized in many countries, less attention is paid to *H. influenzae* serotype a (Hia), which appears to be present in certain geographic regions and among specific populations only. As most of cases of Hia disease are sporadic, the published reports are not always consistent in their findings. While invasive Hia disease has suffered from inadequate surveillance worldwide, Hia is now recognized as an important pathogen causing serious disease comparable to Hib in severity and case-mortality rates. For example, the case-fatality rate of invasive Hia disease among pediatric cases reported by the Canadian Immunization Monitoring Program ACTive (IMPACT) centers in 1996–2001 reached 16%. Remarkably, the highest incidence rates of invasive Hia disease have been found in some indigenous populations, such as North American Indians and Inuit of Alaska and Northern Canada, reaching the order of magnitude of the incidence rates of Hib in the pre-Hib vaccine era. The reasons for an increased susceptibility to Hia infection among specific populations groups are unknown. The goal of this paper is to summarize the current knowledge on Hia global epidemiology and to discuss potential prevention of this infection using specific immunization. (5, 6)

Clinical features

Clinical categories of invasive disease caused by Hib include meningitis, epiglottitis and a range of other infections such as septic arthritis, cellulitis and pneumonia. Hib is rarely isolated from the blood without a focal infection such as the above being evident or

developing subsequently. The classical clinical signs of meningitis – neck stiffness and photophobia – are often not detected in infants, who present with drowsiness, poor feeding and high fever. Epiglottitis (inflammation of the epiglottis) presents with respiratory obstruction, associated with soft stridor and often drooling in a pale, febrile, anxious child who remains upright to maximize his or her airway. Meningitis and epiglottitis are almost invariably fatal without appropriate treatment. The case-fatality rate for Hib meningitis in developed countries is at least 3% even with treatment and 15 to 30% of survivors have permanent neurological sequelae. There are no specific clinical features of any of the focal infections due to Hib that enable them to be differentiated from those due to other organisms. However, before the introduction of Hib vaccines, epiglottitis was due to Hib in over 95% of cases. (7-9) Non-typeable *Haemophilus influenzae* strains may occasionally cause invasive disease, but are a common cause of otitis media in children and bronchitis in adults. Hib vaccines are not effective in preventing NTHi infections.

Structure and growth factor

Haemophilus influenzae is a gram-negative coccobacillus. It is generally aerobic but can grow as a facultative anaerobe. In vitro growth requires accessory growth factors; including “X” factor (hemin) and “V” factor (nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide [NAD]). Chocolate agar media are used for isolation. *H. influenzae* will generally not grow on blood agar, which lacks NAD. The outermost structure of *H. influenzae* is composed of polyribosyl-ribitol-phosphate (PRP), a polysaccharide that is responsible for virulence and immunity. Six antigenically and biochemical distinct capsular polysaccharide serotypes have been described; these are designated types a through f. In the prevaccine era, type b organisms accounted for 95% of all strains that caused invasive disease.

Disease

Invasive disease caused by *H. influenzae* type b can affect many organ systems. The most common types of invasive disease are meningitis, epiglottitis, pneumonia, arthritis, and cellulitis. Meningitis is infection of the membranes covering the brain and is the most common clinical manifestation of invasive Hib disease, accounting for 50%–65% of cases in the prevaccine era. Hallmarks of Hib meningitis are fever, decreased mental status, and stiff neck (these symptoms also occur with meningitis caused by other bacteria). Hearing impairment or other neurologic sequelae occur in 15%–30% of survivors. The case-fatality rate is 2%–5%, despite appropriate antimicrobial therapy. (10)

Epiglottitis is an infection and swelling of the epiglottis, the tissue in the throat that covers and protects the larynx during swallowing. Epiglottitis may cause life-threatening airway obstruction.

Septic arthritis (joint infection), cellulitis (rapidly progressing skin infection which usually involves face, head, or neck), and pneumonia (which can be mild focal or severe Empyema) are common manifestations of invasive disease.

Cellulitis is a bacterial infection involving the skin. It specifically affects the dermis and subcutaneous fat. Signs and symptoms include an area of redness which increases in size over a couple of days. The borders of the area of redness are generally not sharp and the skin may be swollen. While the redness often turns white when pressure is applied this is not always the case. The area of infection is usually painful. Lymphatic vessels may occasionally be involved and the person may have a fever and feel tired

METHODS AND MATERIAL USED

Epitope prediction

An epitope, also known as antigenic determinant, is the part of an antigen that is recognized by the immune system, specifically by antibodies, B cells, or T cells.

The part of an antibody that recognizes the epitope is called a paratope. Although epitopes are usually non-self proteins, sequences derived from the host that can be recognized are also epitopes. Prediction of antigenic epitopes on protein surface is important for vaccines design or we can say that it is a prediction of protein surface regions that are preferentially recognized by antibodies (antigenic epitopes) can help in the design of vaccines components and immune diagnostic reagents. So from this we can predict the surface of an antigen or a foreign material and through this we can design a particular drug for haemophilus influenza.

Antigenicity

The ability to cause the production of antibodies. The degree of antigenicity of a substance depends on the kind and amount of that substance and on the degree to which the host is sensitive to it and able to produce antibodies also called immunogenicity. Antigenicity is the capability of a chemical structure an antigen to bind specifically with a group of certain products that that have adaptive immunity. Antigenicity was more commonly used in the past to refer to what is now known as immunogenicity.

Table 1. Model estimates of cases and deaths from Hib disease with and without Hib vaccine delivery in the 2004 Kenyan birth cohort

Age in years	Hib cases and deaths without Hib vaccine				Hib cases and deaths with Hib vaccine					
	Meningitis cases	Non-meningitic invasive cases	Non-bacteraemic pneumonia cases	Total cases	Total deaths	Meningitis cases	Non-meningitic invasive cases	Non-bacteraemic pneumonia cases	Total cases	Total deaths
0	2021	2488	12117	7526	3917	336	287	1395	2018	451
1	889	757	3688	5334	1192	102	87	425	614	137
2	452	385	1873	2709	605	52	44	216	312	70
3	198	168	819	1185	265	23	19	94	136	31
4	99	84	410	593	132	11	10	47	68	15
Total	4558	3883	18 907	27 347	6112	525	447	2177	3149	704

Hib, *Haemophilus influenzae* type b

Immunogenicity:

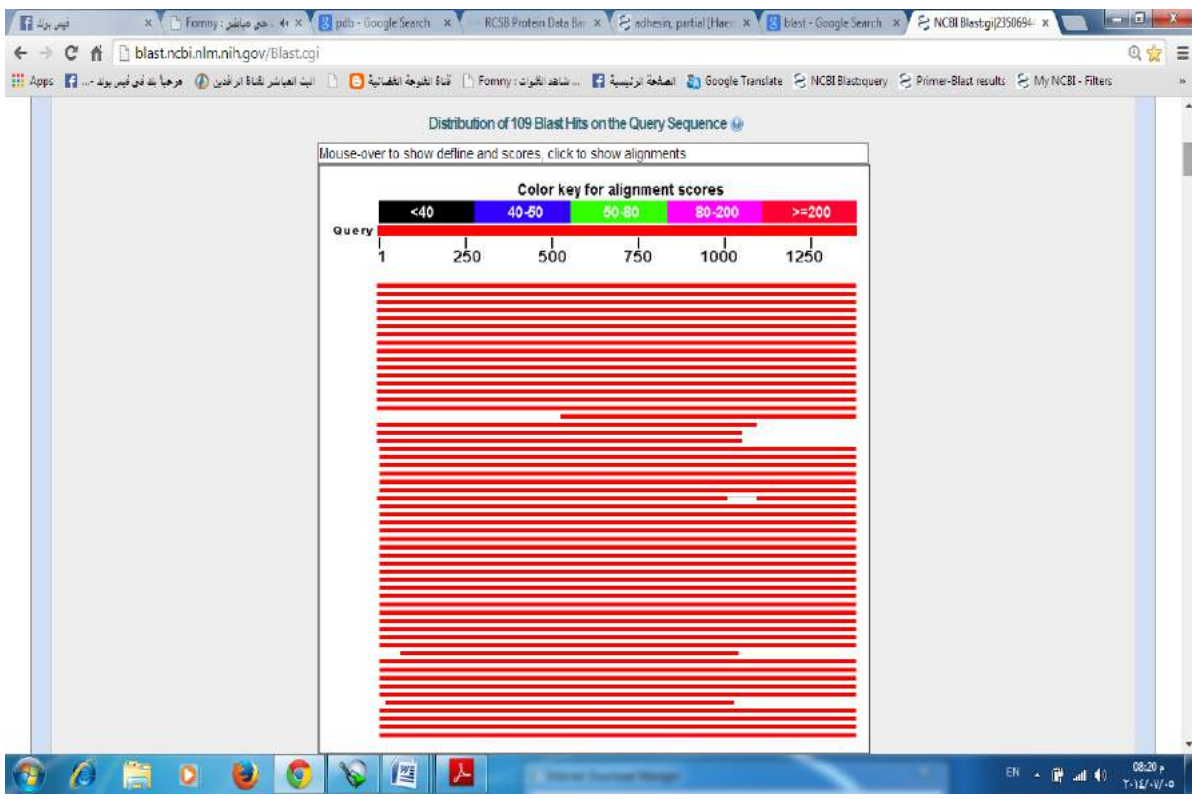
The property to being able to induce a specific immune response or a degree to which a substance is able to stimulate immune response is called immunogenicity. Or it is the ability of a particular substance such as an antigen or epitope to provoke an immune response in the body of a human or animals. Immunogenicity differentiates in two categories wanted and unwanted. Wanted

immunogenicity is typically related with vaccines where the injection of an antigen (the vaccines) has to lead to an immune response against the pathogen. Unwanted immunogenicity is when organism mounts an

immune response against an antigen which is undesired. Unwanted immunogenicity is a strongly linked with therapeutic proteins. A fraction of the patients treated with those drugs mount anti-drug-antibodies.

METHODOLOGY

1. Sequence and Structure comparison:(Blast)



2. CD domain

Conserved domains on [gi|23506944|gb|AAN37924]

adhesin [Haemophilus influenzae]

Graphical summary show options >

Query seq. Specific hits Superfamilies Multi-domains

Peptidase_S6 Trichoplein

List of domain hits

Name	Accession	Description	Interval	E-value
[H] PL1_Passenger_AT	cd01343	Pertactin-like passenger domains (virulence factors), C-terminal, subgroup 1, of ...	731-984	4.31e-51
[H] Autotransporter	pfam03797	Autotransporter beta-domain; Secretion of protein products occurs by a number of different ...	1139-1345	8.08e-15
[H] Peptidase_S6	pfam02395	Immunoglobulin A1 protease; This family consists of immunoglobulin A1 protease proteins. The ...	26-767	0e+00
[H] Trichoplein	pfam13868	tumor suppressor, Mitostatin; Trichoplein or mitostatin, was first defined as a ...	983-1172	6.64e-06

References:

- Marchler-Bauer A et al. (2011), "CDD: a Conserved Domain Database for the functional annotation of proteins.", *Nucleic Acids Res.*39(D)225-9.
- Marchler-Bauer A et al. (2009), "CDD: specific functional annotation with the Conserved Domain Database.", *Nucleic Acids Res.*37(D)205-10.
- Marchler-Bauer A, Bryant SH (2004), "CD-Search: protein domain annotations on the fly.", *Nucleic Acids Res.*32(W)327-331.

Help | Disclaimer | Write to the Help Desk
NCBI | NLM | NIH

List of domain hits

Name	Accession	Description	Interval	E-value
[H] PL1_Passenger_AT	cd01343	Pertactin-like passenger domains (virulence factors), C-terminal, subgroup 1, of ...	731-984	4.31e-51

Pertactin-like passenger domains (virulence factors), C-terminal, subgroup 1, of autotransporter proteins of the type V secretion system of Gram-negative bacteria. This subgroup includes the passenger domains of Neisseria and Haemophilus IgA1 proteases, SPATEs (senne protease autotransporters secreted by Enterobacteriaceae), Bordetella pertactins, and nonprotease autotransporters, TibA and similar AIDA-like proteins.

Psam-ID: 238663 [Multi-domain] Cd Length: 233 Bit Score: 181.78 E-value: 4.31e-51

```

      10      20      30      40      50      60      70      80
gi|23506944 731 NGSINLIDMATVWINGSLAKINshvTLIDHSQFILSNWA-TQIGWIKLGN-HANAIVDMANLNGVWNLMDSAQFSL----- 803
Cdd:cd01343  1  GRLVSDGENTPAGDNGQLTLEG--GALVGSVITLNGAVLDASWANLQAAASYATLQSGNINRSTVVLGAGQFLQAlae11 78

      90     100     110     120     130     140     150     160
gi|23506944 804 --RNJHFSHQIQGGEDITVMLENATWTFPSVITLQGLLNINQVTLNQAysaismnaperrrrrsletetcptSAEHRFMT 881
Cdd:cd01343  79 1gSRAAWTQAIQGLNATVSLNLSVWTLTGSVWNLNLINGGTVDENGF-----SAGKFMPT 134

     170     180     190     200     210     220     230     240
gi|23506944 882 LTVNGLRGGQITPFTSSLEFGVRSKRLKLSNDAAEDVTLVSRVNTGREPVTFQQLILVESkdnkPLSDKHLTFLIENDHVDA 961
Cdd:cd01343 135 LTVN-TLSCNITFVMTPLAGQQGDKLVVTCASGDFNLVWVNTGREPTSSGLNLIVST----PKGGDAEFTLNGTVDL 209

     250     260
gi|23506944 962 GRLRYKLVKND-GEFLENITIKKQ 984
Cdd:cd01343 210 GRYRYTLVKDQnGHWILTIKPKES 233
    
```

[H] Autotransporter pfam03797 Autotransporter beta-domain; Secretion of protein products occurs by a number of different ... 1139-1345 8.08e-15

[H] Peptidase_S6 pfam02395 Immunoglobulin A1 protease; This family consists of immunoglobulin A1 protease proteins. The ... 26-767 0e+00

[H] Trichoplein pfam13868 tumor suppressor, Mitostatin; Trichoplein or mitostatin, was first defined as a ... 983-1172 6.64e-06

The screenshot shows the NCBI Conserved Domain Search interface. The search criteria are: INPUT_TYPE=live&SEQUENCE=AAN37924.1. The results list the domain Autotransporter beta-domain (pfam03797) with a Pssm-ID of 252169, Cd Length of 268, Bit Score of 75.22, and E-value of 8.08e-15. The description states: "Autotransporter beta-domain; Secretion of protein products occurs by a number of different pathways in bacteria. One of these pathways known as the type V pathway was first described for the IgA1 protease. The protein component that mediates secretion through the outer membrane is contained within the secreted protein itself, hence the proteins secreted in this way are called autotransporters. This family corresponds to the presumed integral membrane beta-barrel domain that transports the protein. This domain is found at the C terminus of the proteins it occurs in. The N terminus contains the variable passenger domain that is translocated across the membrane. Once the passenger domain is exported it is cleaved auto-catalytically in some proteins, in others a different protease is used and in some cases no cleavage occurs." Below the description is a sequence alignment showing the protein sequence (gi:23506944) and the conserved domain (Cdd:pfam03797) with their respective positions (1-268). The alignment shows a high degree of conservation between the protein and the domain. At the bottom, there are references to Marchler-Bauer et al. (2011), (2009), and (2004) regarding the CDD database.

The screenshot shows the NCBI Conserved Domain Search interface. The search criteria are: INPUT_TYPE=live&SEQUENCE=AAN37924.1. The results list the domain Peptidase_S6 (pfam02395) with a Pssm-ID of 261269 (Multi-domain), Cd Length of 759, Bit Score of 757.03, and E-value of 0e+00. The description states: "Immunoglobulin A1 protease. This family consists of immunoglobulin A1 protease proteins. The immunoglobulin A1 protease cleaves immunoglobulin IgA and is found in pathogenic bacteria such as Neisseria gonorrhoeae. Not all of the members of this family are IgA proteases, aspP from Escherichia coli O157:H7 cleaves human coagulation factor V and hbp is a hemoglobin protease from Escherichia coli EB1." Below the description is a sequence alignment showing the protein sequence (gi:23506944) and the conserved domain (Cdd:pfam02395) with their respective positions (1-759). The alignment shows a high degree of conservation between the protein and the domain. At the bottom, there are references to Marchler-Bauer et al. (2011), (2009), and (2004) regarding the CDD database.

www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Structure/cdd/wrpsb.cgi?INPUT_TYPE=live&SEQUENCE=AAN37924.1

g1:23506944 763 TLSRW 767
Cdd:pfam02395 755 TISGS 759

H Trichoplein pfam13868 tumor suppressor, Mitostatin, Trichoplein or mitostatin, was first defined as a ... 983-1172 6.64e-06
tumor suppressor, Mitostatin, Trichoplein or mitostatin, was first defined as a meiosis-specific nuclear structural protein. It has since been linked with mitochondrial movement. It is associated with the mitochondrial outer membrane, and over-expression leads to reduction in mitochondrial motility whereas lack of it enhances mitochondrial movement. The activity appears to be mediated through binding the mitochondria to the actin intermediate filaments (IFs).

Psm-ID: 258136 [Multi-domain] Cd Length: 350 Bit Score: 48.37 E-value: 6.64e-06

```
10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80
g1:23506944 983 EQRIKRSDLVRAQAEKRYLAKQVEQTAKTQTS-----ZARVRSRAVFSQpIpaQSILKA-----L 1038
Cdd:pfam13868 44 DENMEEERLKLALAEKRIIRKKEERERGANViqeieereKRRQEEYEEALQE---REQNDIveziqeeaeaaqekR 120

90 100 110 120 130 140 150 160
g1:23506944 1039 EARQALTTETQTSKARKVRSFRAAREfadtlpdQILQAALVIDAQQVYKKEPQTQEEFEKQKQKELISryenealSE 1118
Cdd:pfam13868 121 EQKRLREIIDFMEERLEWVEEKE-----REDEEEKILEYREKAEDEERAEKRRERAEKREY-----AR 186

170 180 190 200 210
g1:23506944 1119 LSAIVNSMLSVQDELDRLFYDQAQSAWVWENRQDMRRYDSDFRFRYQKRTNLRQ 1172
Cdd:pfam13868 187 LRAQQEAEZDEREELDLRADLYQEE---YERKERKKEKAEKRRRQKQELDR 237
```

References:

- Marchler-Bauer A et al. (2011), "CDD: a Conserved Domain Database for the functional annotation of proteins.", *Nucleic Acids Res.*39(D)225-9.
- Marchler-Bauer A et al. (2009), "CDD: specific functional annotation with the Conserved Domain Database.", *Nucleic Acids Res.*37(D)205-10.
- Marchler-Bauer A, Bryant SH (2004), "CD-Search: protein domain annotations on the fly.", *Nucleic Acids Res.*32(W)327-331.

Help | Disclaimer | Write to the Help Desk
NCBI | NLM | NIH

3. Secondary structure Prediction

GOR4 result for : UNK_179900

[Abstract](#) GOR secondary structure prediction method version IV, J. Garnier, J.-F. Gibrat, B. Robson, Methods in Enzymology R.F. Doolittle Ed., vol 266, 540-553, (1996)

View GOR4 in: [\[AnTheProt \(PC\)\]](#), [\[Download...\]](#), [\[HELP\]](#)

```

      10      20      30      40      50      60      70
KAPMIDF SVYSRNGVAILVGDQYIVSVAHMNGYNSVDFGAEFGNFDQHRFTYQIVKRNNTYFGKDNFPIYH
G
DYMRLRHFVTDALPIGHTTMDGKVYANRNDYPERVRI GSGHQVWRITKQDEETNAYSVDISGAINVYL
IAGNTHIQSSGDNNTVHFSQNVIRENHVYFLPIGGAQDSSGSPMFIYDAEKQWFINVQLTGHFVYORG
NGFQLIREWFYTEVLAVDTPSVFRAYIPASINGHYSFVSNNDSTGKLTLRPRKDGSKAKSEVGVKLFN
PSLEKTAERAKAAPGVNIVQPMREHGMIVFGDRGTGLTIENINIQGAGGLYFEGNFTVSENNAITWQ
GAGSVVSEDSVTWVWVGVENDRLSHIGKTLHVHAKGENRGSISVGDGKVVLEQQADDQNKQAFDEIG
LVSGRGTVLNDKQFUTDKFYFGFRGRLDLNGHSLTFRKIQNTDEGAMIVNHNITQVANITITGHESEI
IAPTTKRNINKLDVYSKELAVNGWFGETDRNKHNGRL

```

Sequence length : 526

GOR4 :

Alpha helix (Hh) :	51 is	9.70%
3 ₁₀ helix (Gg) :	0 is	0.00%
Pi helix (Ii) :	0 is	0.00%
Beta bridge (Bb) :	0 is	0.00%
Extended strand (Ee) :	160 is	30.42%
Beta turn (Tt) :	0 is	0.00%
Bend region (Ss) :	0 is	0.00%
Random coil (Cc) :	315 is	59.89%
Ambiguous states (?) :	0 is	0.00%
Other states :	0 is	0.00%

Sequence length : 526

GOR4 :

Alpha helix (Hh) :	51 is	9.70%
3 ₁₀ helix (Gg) :	0 is	0.00%
Pi helix (Ii) :	0 is	0.00%
Beta bridge (Bb) :	0 is	0.00%
Extended strand (Ee) :	160 is	30.42%
Beta turn (Tt) :	0 is	0.00%
Bend region (Ss) :	0 is	0.00%
Random coil (Cc) :	315 is	59.89%
Ambiguous states (?) :	0 is	0.00%
Other states :	0 is	0.00%

Prediction result file (text): [\[GOR4\]](#)

4. Functional analysis

ProtParam (Hydropathicity)

The screenshot displays the ProtParam tool interface on the website web.expasy.org/cgi-bin/protparam/protparam. The user-provided sequence is as follows:

```

10      20      30      40      50      60
KAPMIDESVV SRNGVALLVG DQYIVSVAHN GGYNSVDFGA EIGPNPQHRF TYQIVKRNHY
70      80      90     100     110     120
KFGKINPYHG DYRMPRLKRF VTRAEFIGMT TMDGKYVAH RNDYPERVRI GSGHQYWRID
130     140     150     160     170     180
KDEZTNAYSS YDISGAYNYL IAGNTHIQSS GDNQTVHFSQ NVIRPNHYQP LPIGGAQSDS
190     200     210     220     230     240
GSPMFIYDAE KQKWFINCVL QTCHPFVGRG NGPQLIREEN FYTEVLAVDT DSVFARYIPS
250     260     270     280     290     300
INGHYSEVEN NDGTGKLLTL RPSKDGSKAK SEVGVTKLPN PSLEKTAKER AKAAPGYNLY
310     320     330     340     350     360
QFPMHGGKNI YFGDRGTGLL TIENNINGEA GGLYFEGHFT VSSEMMATWQ GAGVHVSEDS
370     380     390     400     410     420
TVTKWNGVE NDRLSKIGK ILHVAKAGEN KGISVVDGR VILEQQADDQ NKRQAFSEIG
430     440     450     460     470     480
LVSGRETVQL NDDKQFDIDE FYFGRGSRLL DLNGHSLTFK RIQNTDEGAM IVNHNTIQVA
490     500     510     520
MITITNESI IAPPTKRVIN KLDVSRRLAY NGWFGETDM RHNKRL
    
```

References and documentation are available.

Number of amino acids: 526

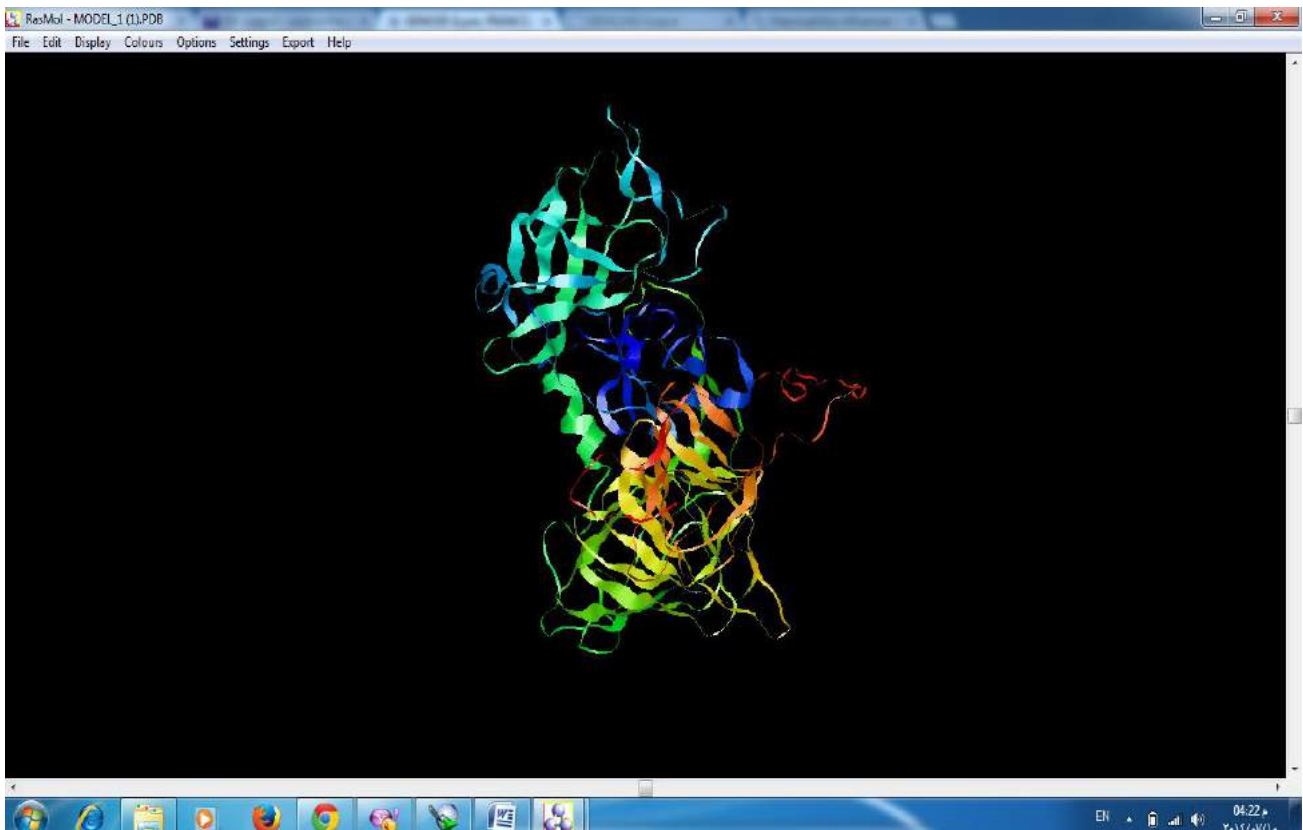
Molecular weight: 58159.3

Theoretical pI: 8.31

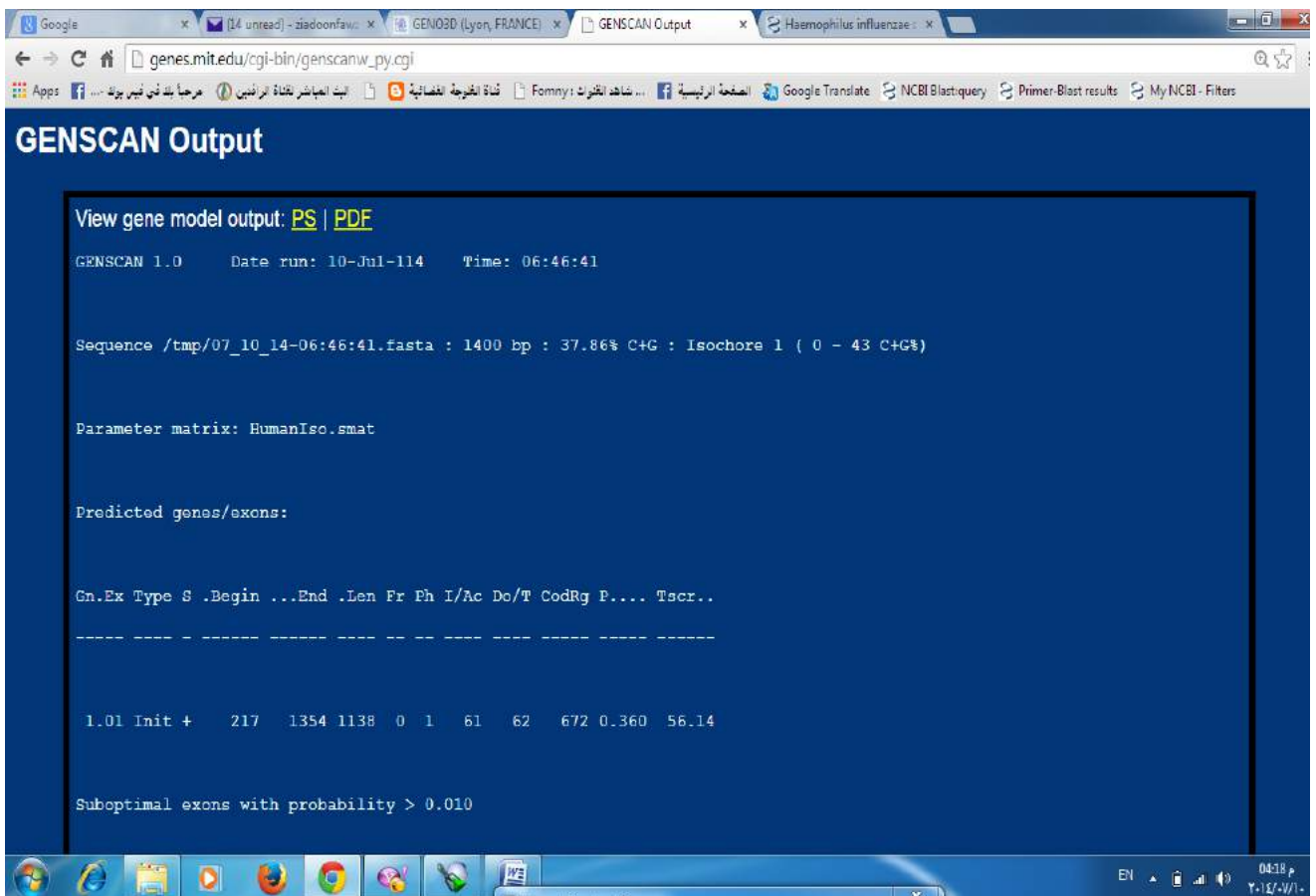
Amino acid composition:

Ala (A)	27	5.1%
Arg (R)	23	4.4%
Asn (N)	46	8.7%
Asp (D)	32	6.1%
Cys (C)	0	0.0%
Gln (Q)	20	3.8%
Glu (E)	25	4.8%
Gly (G)	62	11.8%
His (H)	17	3.2%
Ile (I)	30	5.7%
Leu (L)	23	4.4%
Lys (K)	36	6.8%
Met (M)	7	1.3%
Phe (F)	23	4.4%
Pro (P)	20	3.8%
Ser (S)	33	6.3%

5.1 Geno 3D



5.2 Gene scan



View gene model output: [PS](#) | [PDF](#)

GENSCAN 1.0 Date run: 10-Jul-114 Time: 06:46:41

Sequence /tmp/07_10_14-06:46:41.fasta : 1400 bp : 37.86% C+G : Isochore 1 (0 - 43 C+G%)

Parameter matrix: HumanIso.smat

Predicted genes/exons:

Gn.Ex	Type	S	.Begin	...	End	.Len	Fr	Ph	I/Ac	Do/T	CodRg	F....	Tscr..
1.01	Init	+	217	1354	1138	0	1	61	62	672	0.360	56.14	

Suboptimal exons with probability > 0.010

5.3 Gene mark

Immunogenicity predictions - Prediction Results

Masking: default

Masked variables: [1, 2, 'cterm']

Predictions:

Peptide	Length	Score
FYIEVLAVDTPSFRNVIPIPSINGHYSF	27	0.40462
SEWFIYD	7	0.18692
AFSEIGLVGG	10	0.13739
GVATLVGGQYIVSVAH	16	0.09113
GANVYLIA	8	0.09057
KGTLHYK	7	0.0718
QGAGVHVSE	9	0.05563
AKSEVGTVKLFN	12	0.05429
FINGVLQTGHPF	12	0.03912
GIVHFSGN	8	0.03282
HMERLHKFVTD	11	0.0269
HYGPLPI	7	-0.0214
HRFTYQI	7	-0.03568
MIDFSVVS	9	-0.06906
GSISVGGDRVILE	13	-0.06077
DLNGRSLTF	9	-0.07891
AYSSYDI	7	-0.20289

6. A. Phylogenic analysis (DNA sequence)

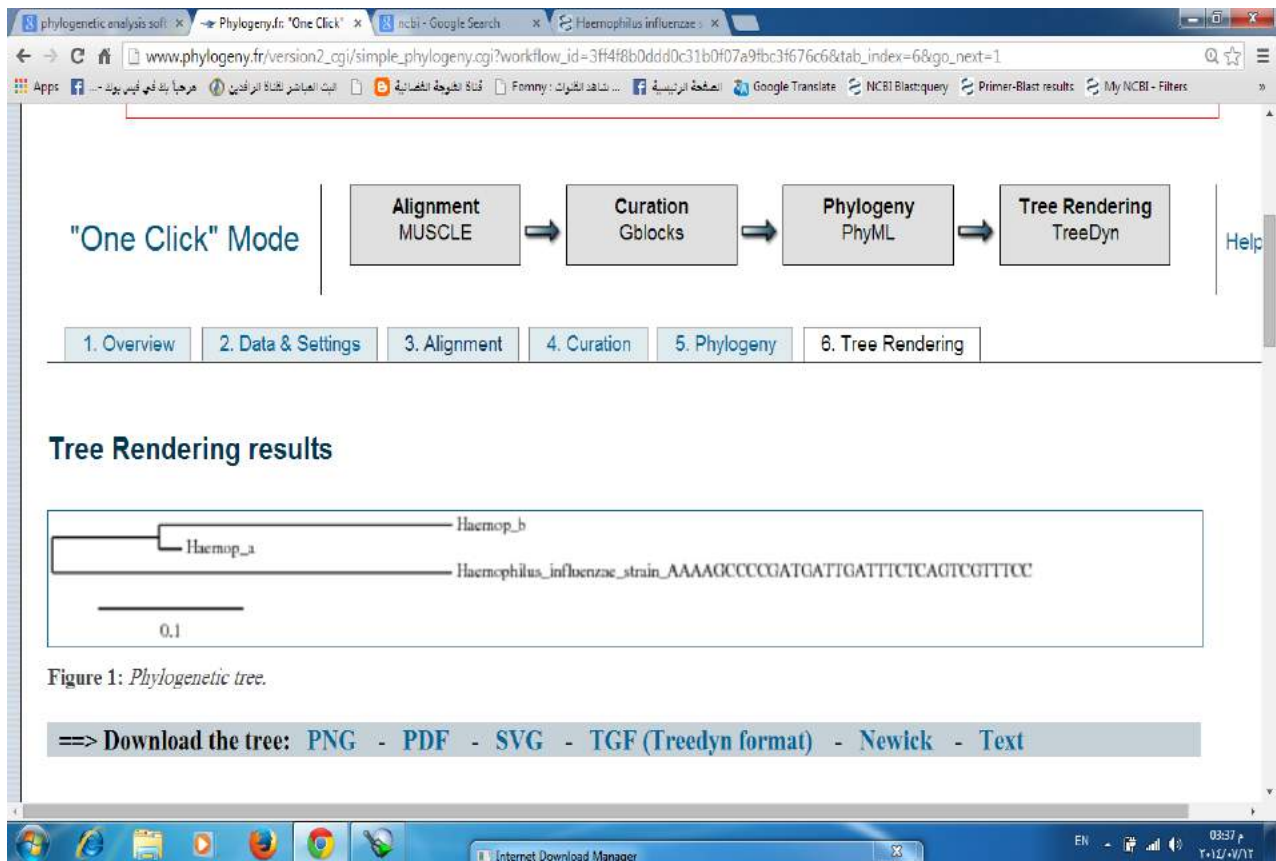


Figure 1: Phylogenetic tree.

6. B. Phylogenic analysis (Protein sequence)

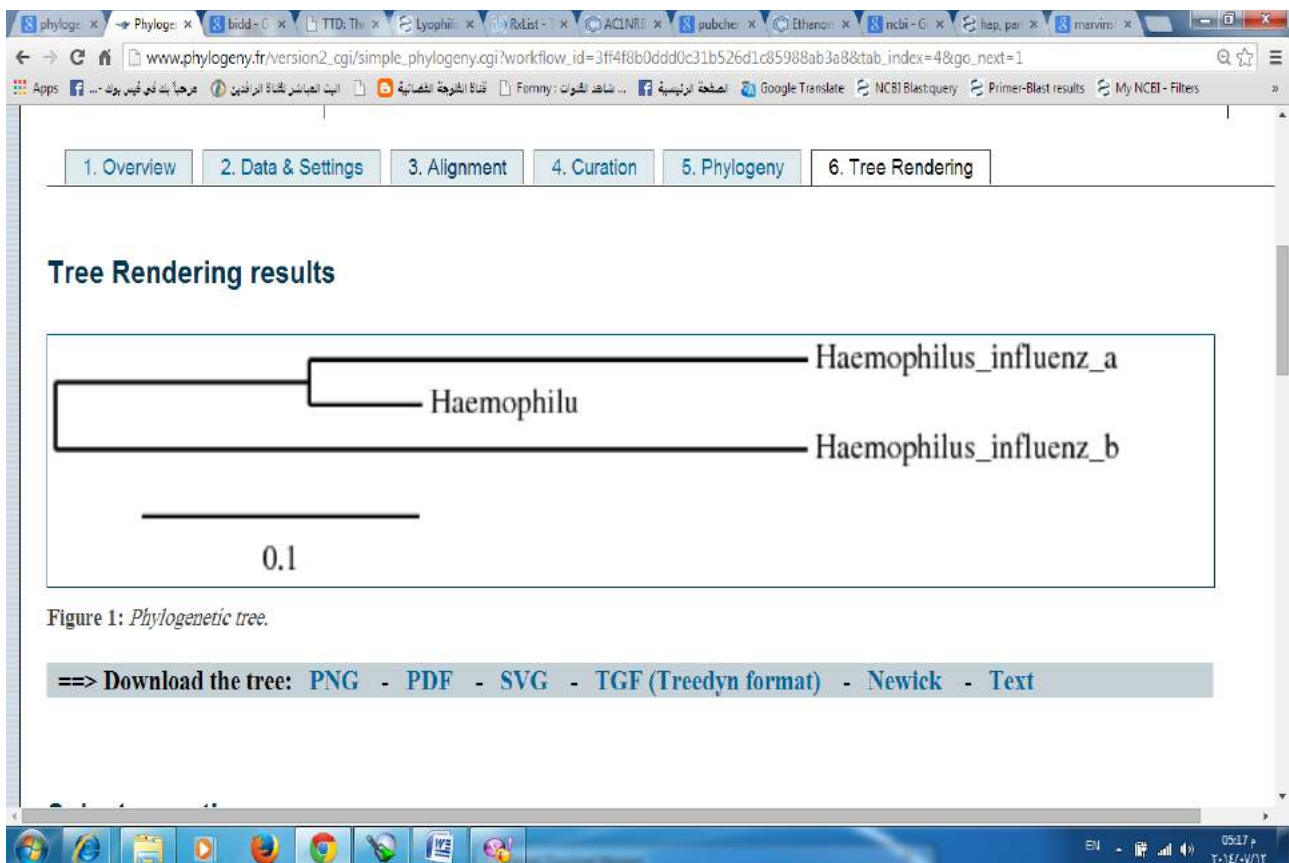


Figure 1: Phylogenetic tree.

7. A. Immunogenicity prediction (Hap protein)

tools.immuneeptope.org/mhci/result/

MHC-I Binding Prediction Results

Input Sequences

#	Name	Sequence
1	sequence 1	KAPMIDFSVSRGCVAVLPGDQIVSVVAHNGSYWVDFDAEGSNTPDQERF IYQTVKRNIVYKPGKPNPBGDYHMPFLHKFVDAEIGMTDNDGKVPAN RNDYPERVLISSGQVWRIIDDEETNAYSSTDSEALNLLAGNTHIQQS GNGVTFVPSRNVIPNIVGSLPIGSMQDSGSPWFIYDAEKQKQVINGVL QIQGKPPVSGHSPQLIKREWFTEVLAVDVSFVRAIYIPSTNAGYSPSK YDGTGKLLTRPSKSGSKAFSTVVKLNPALKMTAKERAKRPGYHIV QSRMERGKQIVFGDGTGLIIENIDGAGGLYFEGHITVSEINIAIWO GAPVWVSEDSIVTRKIVGVENDLAKI GSKGLIYVGGKGNKGI SVSGDR VILEQADDDQERKQAFSEKGLVSGRTVQLDDKQFDTKFYQFRGGRL DLGKRSLLIYKGIQITDEGMLTVNHTTQVAMITITGNESTIAFTTKRIN KLDGSKELIAYGHWGSETDQKHWKGL

Prediction method: IEDB recommended | Low percentile_rank = good binders

Download result

Citations

Check to expanded the result:

Allele	#	Start	End	Length	Peptide	Method used	Percentile rank	ANN IC50(nM)	AIN rank	SMM IC50(nM)	SMM rank	Comblib_Sidney2000 score	Comblib_Sidney2000 rank
HLA-A*02:01	1	225	233	9	VLAVDIPSV	Consensus (anncomblib_sidney2000/smm)	0.4	9	0.4	27.38	0.5	6e-06	0.4
HLA-A*02:01	1	199	207	9	VLQTRDFVY	Consensus (anncomblib_sidney2000/smm)	0.8	19	0.8	48.10	0.8	2.13e-05	1.3
HLA-A*02:01	1	17	25	9	TIVQDQIVY	Consensus (anncomblib_sidney2000/smm)	1.5	50	1.6	62.97	1.2	2.54e-05	1.5
HLA-A*02:01	1	139	147	9	YLIAGNTHI	Consensus (anncomblib_sidney2000/smm)	1.8	53	1.7	111.07	1.8	0.000111	6.2
HLA-A*02:01	1	333	341	9	LYTEBNFTY	Consensus (anncomblib_sidney2000/smm)	2.6	141	2.6	117.52	1.8	4.99e-05	2.8
HLA-A*02:01	1	240	248	9	SINGRYSFY	Consensus (anncomblib_sidney2000/smm)	3.7	107	2.3	311.97	3.7	0.000310	16
HLA-A*02:01	1	376	384	9	KIGRGIHWY	Consensus (anncomblib_sidney2000/smm)	4	228	3.1	351.65	4	0.000365	19
HLA-A*02:01	1	1	9	9	KAPMIDPSV	Consensus (anncomblib_sidney2000/smm)	4.8	512	4.2	500.16	4.8	0.000896	32

imed.med.ucm.es/Tools/antigenic.pl

Results

Your sequence is 526 residues long

Average antigenic propensity for this protein is 0.9965

Antigenic plot for sequence

AC: (526 bases)

Med 23 Jul 2014 at 13:05

8. A. Immunogenicity prediction (D15 protein)

Immunogenicity predictions - Prediction Results

Masking: default
Masked variables: [1, 2, 'cterm']

Predictions:

Peptide	Length	Score
ASAELIVFTFFVVS	13	0.41193
LAITFVVDAA	9	0.28292
TIVFARPFVAKD	12	0.25648
KVGDVLIIR	8	0.1754
VANIVRSLSFVS	11	0.1738
LGERVTI	7	0.13982
RRLTVRQ	7	0.12438
DEVVDVYK	8	0.11165
IKVNVII	7	0.08363
NSYVYGL	7	0.06718
VRTSLFVDAAS	11	0.06629
LQIDLRS	7	0.05904
FARSVKHYASVGRYMATVEPIVN	24	0.04943
YGSNVTLGF	9	0.02697
IKGNSVIPTE	10	0.02219
FEFDLQAIRD	10	0.00811
RLFFYQT	7	0.00156

8. B. Immunogenicity prediction (D15 protein)

MHC-I Binding Prediction Results

Input Sequences

#	Name	Sequence
1	sequence 1	MHKLLASLFGITTTVFAAFVARDIRVDVQDLEQQIRASLIVRAQQ RVTDNDVANIVRSLSFVSERFDVKARQEGDWLWVSVAKSIIADVKIKEN SVIPTLAKQNLDAAGFKVGDVLIKREKLSFAKSVKHYASVGRYMATVE PIVNTLPMRAEILIQINEDDKARLASLTKFNGSVSSSTLQEQMELQPD SWSKLNHNFEBGAQFERDLQALIDVYVLLNNGYAKAQTITDVTQVNDERTKV NVTIDVNEGLQYDLRSARIIENLQGMASLEFPLSALHLNDTFRSDIAD YENAIKAKLGERGYENTVNSVDFDANKTLAITFVVDAGRRITVBRQLR FEGNTVSADSLRQEMRQEGSTWYNSQLVELGKIRLDRTPFFIVENRID PINGSNDEVVDVYKVKERTGTSINFGIYGTESGSIYQTSIKQDMLFLGTG ALVSIAGTNDVYGTSVNLGYTFEFTKDGVSLEGNIFENYDMSKSDTSS NVRKTTYGSNVTLGFPPVNNNSVYVGLGHTYKINISFALEYNRNLYIQSM NFKGNGIKINDVDFSGFNYSINRGGYFTKGVKASLGRVITPGSDNRY YKLSADVQGFYPLDRDHRWVVSASASAGYANGFGNRLPFYQITAGGIG SLRGPAYSGIPNAIYAEHNGTFFNKISSDVIIGNAITTSARLIVPTPF VSDWSQNTVRTSLFVDAASVWNTKMSDKNGLESKVKLDLPDYGKSSRIR ASTGVGPFQWQSPIGPLVFSYAKFIKRYVNDVVEQPFQFSIGGSF

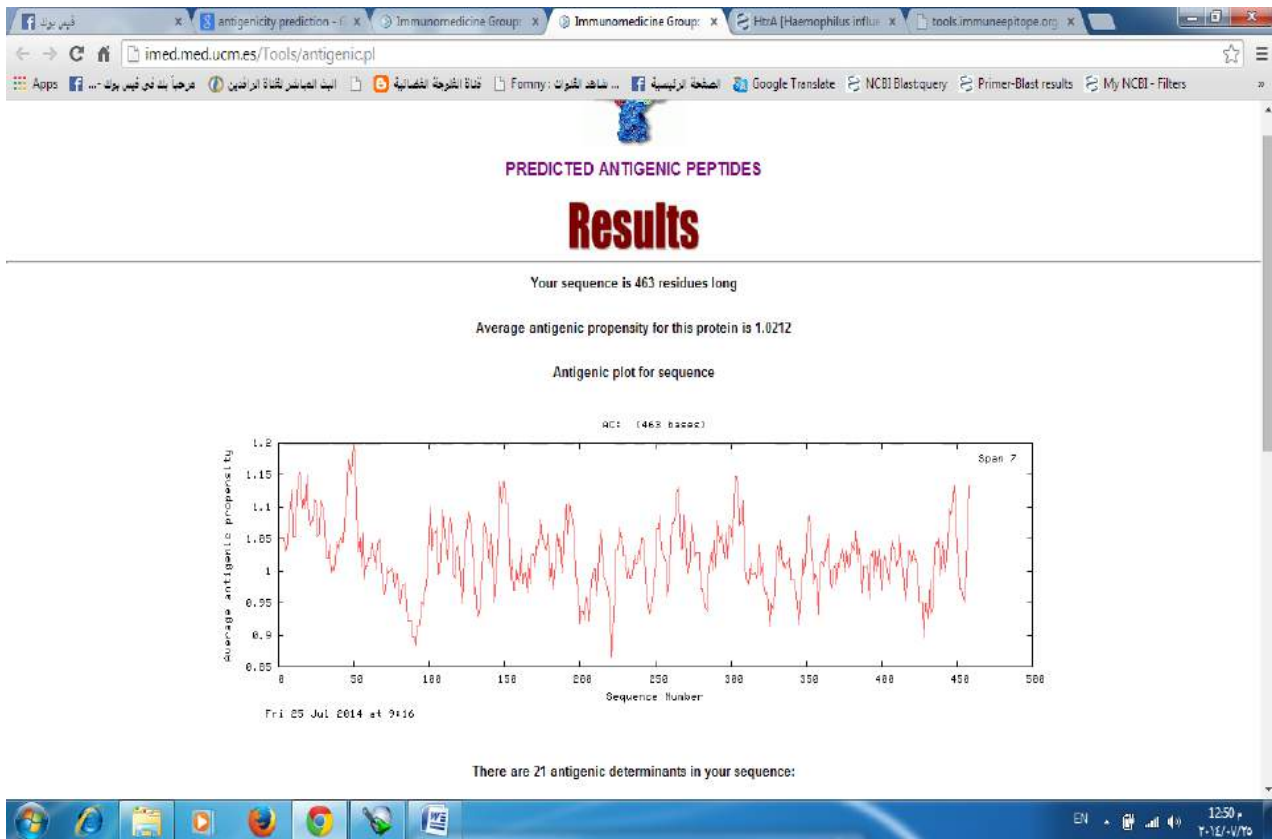
Prediction method: IEDB recommended | Low percentile_rank = good binders

[Download result](#)

Citations

Check to expanded the result:

Allele	#	Start	End	Length	Peptide	Method used	Percentile rank	ANN IC50(nM)	ANN rank	SMM IC50(nM)	SMM rank	Comblib_Sidney2008 score	Comblib_Sidney2008 rank
HLA-A*02:01	1	9	17	9	LLFGITTTV	Consensus (anncomblib_sidney2008/smm)	0.5	10	0.5	18.67	0.4	1.16e-05	0.6
HLA-A*02:01	1	330	338	9	KTLAIFVYV	Consensus (anncomblib_stone2008/smm)	0.9	10	0.5	59.86	1.2	1.39e-05	0.9
HLA-A*02:01	1	712	720	9	SLFVDAASV	Consensus (anncomblib_sidney2008/smm)	1	26	1	31.20	0.6	2.88e-05	1.7
HLA-A*02:01	1	127	135	9	KLIEFAKSV	Consensus (anncomblib_sidney2008/smm)	1.3	31	1.1	68.41	1.3	4.26e-05	2.4
HLA-A*02:01	1	111	119	9	HLDANGFVY	Consensus (anncomblib_sidney2008/smm)	1.7	93	2.2	105.71	1.7	1.56e-05	1
HLA-A*02:01	1	226	234	9	YLAINGYAKA	Consensus (anncomblib_sidney2008/smm)	2	53	1.7	131.88	2	0.000708	28



9. A.Immunogenicity prediction (Htra protein)

Masking: default

Masked variables: [1, 2, 'c-term']

Predictions:

Peptide	Length	Score
DKLAVGDFIVAI	12	0.35152
GINTAIIIS	8	0.31286
GIAFALIPS	8	0.28452
KISSFAEIRA	10	0.16874
LGGSVII	7	0.14588
LSDIALVQL	9	0.13594
SMTELEALDG	10	0.13218
SMGFVLIN	8	0.0698
LETESSAVALMI	12	0.04344
SGALVNL	7	0.03585
VRRGLLS	7	0.02980
DRIIVQL	7	0.01342
VISEIVSA	8	0.00924
HAKLVSK	7	-0.00906
ASNLVQQILEF	11	-0.02424
RSRDVEM	7	-0.12950
NADLAHARIVNSAQQAIFVSEVLEK	24	-0.15374
AWVDSRPFID	11	-0.1542
QENSIAAQR	9	-0.1772
NSLAPMLEKVVQAVVILEVEG	21	-0.26062
IRFVLSIALGLSFLSFEVRAQLPSTVSE	31	-0.31458

9. B

tools.immuneepitope.org/mhc-i/result/

MHC-I Binding Prediction Results

Input Sequences

#	Name	Sequence
1	sequence 1	MKKTREVLNGLALGLVLTSTFVAQATLPSFVSEQNGLAFMLEKVQPAVV TLQVEGKAKVDSRSPFLDDIPEDFRKFFGDRFREQPGRGEGSRNFRGLG SGVIINASKGYVLTNNHVIDEADKFTYQIQDGRFRKLVGKDELSDIAL VQLEKPSNLTETIKFADSDKLRVGDFTVAIGNPFLGLQPTVTSGLVSLGRS TGSDSSTYENYIQDAAVNRGNSGGALVNLNGELIGINTAITSPSGNAG IAFAPSNQASNLVQQILEFCQVVRGLLSIKGGLNADLAKAFNYSIQQG AFVSEVLFKSAAEKAGLKAGDITAMNGQAISSFAEIPAKIATTGAGKEI SLTYLRDGRSHDVRMKLQADDSQLSQRTELPALDQATLRDYDAKGVKGI EITRIQFNSLAAQRGLRSGDIIGINRQMIENIREINKVLETEPGAVALN ILRGDSNYLLVQ

Prediction method: IEDB recommended | Low percentile_rank = good binders
[Download result](#)

Citations
 Check to expanded the result:

Allele	#	Start	End	Length	Peptide	Method used	Percentile rank	ANN IC50(nM)	ANN rank	SMM IC50(nM)	SMM rank	Comblib score	Comblib Sidney2008 rank
HLA-A*02:01	1	37	45	9	SLAEMLEKV	Consensus (ann/comblib_sidney2008/smm)	0.7	16	0.7	40.99	0.8	2.4e-06	0.2
HLA-A*02:01	1	41	49	9	MLEKVQPAVV	Consensus (ann/comblib_sidney2008/smm)	1.3	38	1.3	88.13	1.5	1.96e-05	1.2
HLA-A*02:01	1	66	74	9	FLDDIPEEF	Consensus (ann/comblib_sidney2008/smm)	1.9	122	2.5	119.15	1.9	7.69e-06	0.5
HLA-A*02:01	1	7	16	9	VLSIALGL	Consensus (ann/comblib_sidney2008/smm)	2	64	1.9	132.47	2	7.56e-05	4.3
HLA-A*02:01	1	428	436	9	QMIENIREL	Consensus (ann/comblib_sidney2008/smm)	2.2	88	2.2	113.01	1.8	0.000489	22
HLA-A*02:01	1	169	177	9	KLRVGDFTV	Consensus (ann/comblib_sidney2008/smm)	2.3	103	2.3	121.65	1.9	0.000138	7.6

imed.med.ucm.es/Tools/antigenicity.pl

PREDICTED ANTIGENIC PEPTIDES Results

Your sequence is 463 residues long
 Average antigenic propensity for this protein is 1.0212

Antigenic plot for sequence

There are 21 antigenic determinants in your sequence:

RESULT

Generalized study of sequence and structure comparison studies, To find out which is the best disease causing target antigens we perform epitope prediction for binding site analysis among the predicted antigens which is showing best antigenicity and immunogenicity score, basing on propensity values for antigenicity and Immunogenicity values and ranking of immunogenicity considered, we select the best targets of HPV type b strains. Among the all selected antigens, Hap, HtrA 1.0024 are showing best Antigenicity and also showing best Immunogenicity Hap (immunogenicity score(IM score) 0.64 for 48 residues ; P-value -1.22023e).

CONCLUSION

Cancer vaccines in cancer therapies is called immunotherapy which is done either by specific cancer vaccine or universal cancer vaccine which contain tumor antigens that stimulate the immune system which in turn initiate various mechanisms that terminate tumor cells and prevents recurrence of these tumors. Here best antigens are identified these target antigens may helpful for further studies and there may be scope to develop new drugs which can better interact with selected targets. In these studies finally three best targets are identified as specified in result part.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We thank the staff and students of NTHRYS Biotech Labs.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The authors report no conflict of interest.

REFERENCES

1. Kelly DF, Moxon ER, Pollard AJ. Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugates vaccines. *Immunology*. 2004; 113(2): 163-74.
2. Verez-Bencomo V, Fernandez-Santana V, Hardy E, Toledo ME, Rodriguez MC, Heynngnezz L, et al. A synthetic conjugate polysaccharide vaccine against *Haemophilus influenzae* type b. *Science*. 2004; 305(5683): 522-24.
3. Allan I, Loeb MR, Moxon ER. Limited genetic diversity of *Haemophilus influenzae* type b. *Microb Pathog*.1987; 2(2):139-45.
4. Manzalawy EL, Honavar. *Immunome Research*. 2010; 6(Suppl2):S2.
5. Puri J, Talwar V, Juneja M, Agarwal KN, Gupta HC. Prevalence of antimicrobial resistance among respiratory isolates of *Haemophilus influenzae*. *Indian Pediatr*.1999; 36(10): 1029-32.
6. Expanded Programme on Immunization. Immunization schedules in the WHO European Region, 1995. *Wkly Epidemiol Rec*. 1995; 70:221-8.
7. Murphy TF, Nelson MB, Dudas KC, Mylotte JM, Apicella MA. Identification of a specific epitope of *Haemophilus influenzae* on a 16,600-dalton outer membrane protein. *J Infect Dis*. 1985; 152(6):1300-7.
8. Kennedy WA, Chang SJ, Purdy K, LE T, Kilgore PE, Kim JS. et al. Incidence of bacterial meningitis in Asia using enhanced CSF testing: polymerase chain reaction, latex agglutination and culture. *Epidemiol*. 2007; 135(7):1217- 26.
9. Van Alphen L, Riemens T, Poolman J, Hopman C, Zanen HC. Homogeneity of cell envelope protein subtypes, lipopolysaccharide serotypes, and biotypes among *Haemophilus influenzae* type b from patients with meningitis in the Netherlands. *J Infect Dis*. 1983 Jul; 148(1):75-81.
10. Nilsson S, Bengtsson MT, Norberg O. Solid-phase synthesis of a fragment of the capsular polysaccharide of *Haemophilus influenzae* using H-phosphonate intermediates. *J. Carbohydr. Chem*. 1992; 11:265-85.