

Virus Name: Hughes		Abbreviation: HUGV
Status Probable Arbovirus	Select Agent No	SALS Level 2
SALS Basis Results of SALS surveys and information from the Catalogue.		
Other Information		
Antigenic Group Hughes		

SECTION I - Full Virus Name and Prototype Number

Prototype Strain Number / Designation	Accession Number	Original Date Submitted 2/12/1985
Family Bunyaviridae	Genus Nairovirus	
Information From Dr. C.M. Clifford	Address Rocky Mountain Lab., Hanilton, Montana	
Information Footnote Reviewed by editor		

Section II - Original Source

Isolated By (name) L.E. Hughes (1,9)	Isolated at Institute	
Host Genus Ornithodoros capensis group (2), pool of 12 ticks	Species	Host Age/Stage Adults
Sex Not Answered		
<u>Isolated From</u>	<u>Isolation Details</u>	
Signs and Symptoms of Illness	Arthropod	
Time Held Alive before Inoculation		
Collection Method Beating limbs of dead bay cedar and white mangrove	Collection Date 1/1/1962	
Place Collected (Minimum of City, State, Country) Bush Key, Dry Tortugas Island, Florida, USA		
Latitude 24° 40' N	Longitude 82° 90' W	
Macrohabitat Coral reef, with subclimax type of plant communities	Microhabitat Dead limbs of bay cedar; white mangrove, abandoned nests and litter	Method of Storage until Inoculated Humidity jars, room temp. 75-80% RH
Footnotes		

Morphogenesis

Site of Constituent Formation in Cell	Site of Virion Assembly	Site of Virion Accumulation
Inclusion Bodies	Other	

Hemagglutination

Hemagglutination No	Antigen Source SMB; serum ext. by sucrose- acetone; acetone-ether	Erythrocytes (species used)
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pH Range	pH Optimum
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Temperature Range	Temperature Optimum
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Remarks

Serologic Methods Recommended
CF, NT

Footnotes

Section V - Antigenic Relationship and Lack of Relationship to Other Viruses

Hemagglutination-inhibition. Acetone-ether and sucrose-acetone extracted mouse brain and serum antigens were prepared and tested for hemagglutination properties according to the method of Clarke and Casals, with negative results.

Complement-fixation. The acetone-ether extracted brain was used as a complement-fixing antigen in a screen test (1:8 dilution of antigen tested against 1:4 dilution of serum in the presence of 2 exact units of complement) against about 70 hyperimmune mouse serum. No positive reactions were found except with homologous systems [1].

Neutralization. None of about 70 specific immune sera available at the RML (see [1]) gave any demonstrable protection, whereas, the homologous sera neutralized at least 3 dex of virus.

In CF tests by Jordi Casals at the Rockefeller Foundation Laboratories, negative results were obtained in tests with Hughes antigen against immune sera of 15 strains representing 10 different tick agents, including Ganjam, Bhanja, Wanowrie, and Silverwater [1].

Later studies at YARU have shown a relationship by CF test of Hughes virus with Soldado and with other viruses including CalAr 913, Farallon, Zirqa and Punta Salinas [4].

Puffin Island virus, presently unregistered, is antigenically related to but distinct from Hughes virus and other members of HUG serogroup [10].

Section VI - Biologic Characteristics

Virus Source (all VERTEBRATE isolates)
Blood (LV)

Lab Methods of Virus Recovery (ALL ISOLATIONS)
Newborn and weanling mice

Cell system (a)	Virus passage history (b)	Evidence of Infection						
		CPE			PLAQUES			Growth Without CPE +/- (g)
		Day (c)	Extent (d)	Titer TCD50/ml (e)	Day (c)	Size (f)	Titer PFU/ml (e)	
Vero (CL)	P-17				6	1 mm	7.5* (7)	
LLC-MK2 (CL)					6	2 mm	>7.7 (7)	
XTC-2 (CL)						Plaques (10)		

* Expressed in dex

Section VII - Natural Host Range (Additional text can be added below table)

Vertebrate (species and organ) and arthropod	No. isolations/No. tested	No. with antibody/No. tested Test used	Country and region
O. denmarki ticks	3		Dry Tortugas, Florida, USA; 1962
Ornithodoros sp.	1		Farallon Islands, CA; FL, USA and Mexico(3)
Ornithodoros denmarki	1		Raza Island, Gulf of California, Mexico(5)
O. capensis group	7		Soldado Rock, Trinidad (6)
Sterna fuscata (sooty tern; blood)	8/33		

Section VIII - Susceptibility to Experimental Infection (include viremia)

Experimental host and age	Passage history and strain	Inoculation Route-Dose	Evidence of infection	AST (days)	Titer log ₁₀ /ml
Mice (nb)	P-2	ic .02	Paralysis and death	5-7	
Mice (nb)	P-4	ip 0.1	Paralysis and death	5-7	4.25
Mice (nb)		sc			
Mice (wn)		ic .03	Tremors convulsions	8-10	3.75
Mice (wn)		ip	Antibody		
Mice (nb)	P-24	ic .02	Paralysis and death	6	5.15
Mice (nb)	P-41	ic .02	Death	5-6	6.15
house mice(10 day)	P-4	ic and ip .02	Paralysis and death	9-10	
house mice (ad)		ic .03	Paralysis and death	11	4.75
hamsters (9 day)	P-3	ic .05	Paralysis and death	9	
hamsters (ad)		ip .25	Antibody		
Peromyscus sp.(ad) P-9		ic .03	None	9	
guinea pigs (yg)	P-1, P-3	ic 0.25	Tremors, temp. and convulsions		
rhesus monkey (ad)	P-4	ic	6 days fever after 14 day incubation period		
embryonated eggs (6 day)		ys 0.25	Death	5-6	
chicks (1-2 day)		ic .02	Paralysis and death	5-8	
chicks (1-2 day)		ip 0.1	None, no antibody prod.		
sooty terns (juv.) (caught wild)	P-5	sc 0.1	Viremia (8)		<3.40
noddy terns (juv.) (caught wild)		sc 0.1	Viermia (8)		<3.40

Section IX - Experimental Arthropod Infection and Transmission

Arthropod species & virus source(a)	Method of Infection log ₁₀ /ml (b)		Incubation period (c)		Transmission by bite (d)		Assay of arthropod, log ₁₀ /ml (e)		
	Feeding	Injected	Days	°C	Host	Ratio	Whole	Organ	System

Ornithodoros denmarki: Nymphs fed virus; virus recovered up to 840 days after feeding (8).

Section X - Histopathology

Character of lesions (specify host)

See paper by Hughes, et al. 1964 (1). Lesions in mice and hamsters inoculated ic limited to CNS

Inclusion Bodies

Intranuclear

Organs/Tissues Affected

Brain (LV), spinal cord (LV)

Category of tropism

Section XI - Human Disease

In Nature

Residual

Death

Subclinical

Overt Disease

Clinical Manifestations

Number of Cases

Category (i.e. febrile illness, etc.)

Section XII - Geographic Distribution

Known (Virus detected)

Trinidad; Dry Tortugas Island, Florida; California, USA; Raza Island, Gulf of California, Mexico

Suspected (Antibody only detected)

Section XIII - References

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Remarks