

Reassortant Avian Influenza A(H9N2) Viruses in Chickens in Retail Poultry Shops, Pakistan, 2009–2010

Technical Appendix

Technical Appendix Table 1. Comparison of critical amino acid substitutions in hemagglutinin and neuraminidase proteins in H9N2 isolates from samples collected from chickens in live poultry retail shops, Pakistan, 2009–2010*

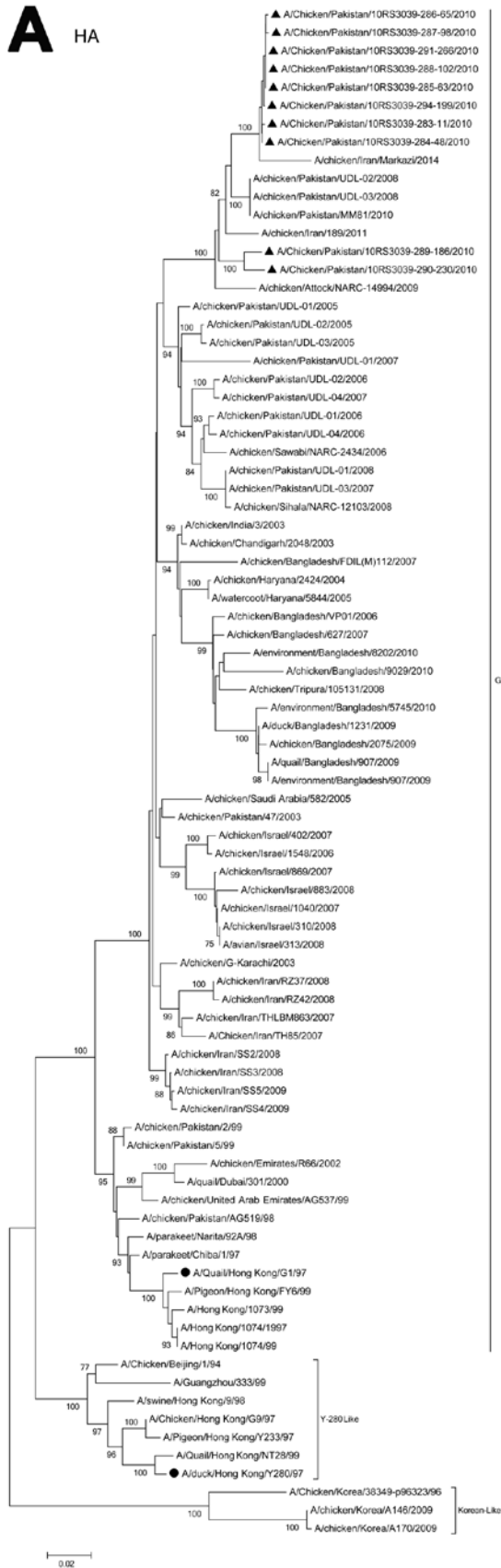
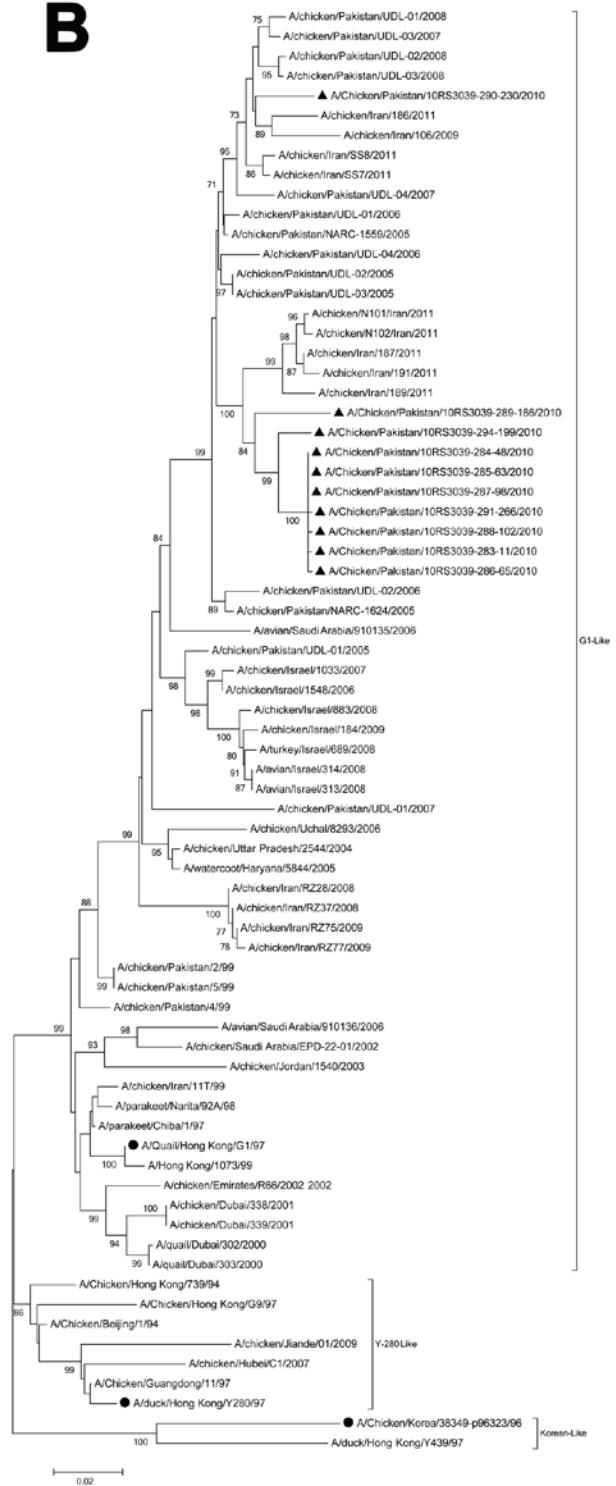
| | HA | | | | | | NA | | | | | | |
|---|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------|--------------------|-------|----------------|-------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| | HA RBS | | | | | HA1/HA2 cleavage site | Glycosylation site | | Stalk deletion | | | Semiabsorbing site | |
| Residues at HA RBS (H9N2 numbering) | 191 | 198 | 234 | 235 | 236 | 335-338 | 218 | 38-39 | 46-50 | 62-64 | 372 | 402 | 403 |
| H3 Residues at HA RBS (H3 numbering) | 183 | 190 | 226 | 227 | 228 | 326-329 | 210 | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| A/Qa/HK/G1/97 | H | E | L | Q | G | RSSR | Yes | Yes | No | No | S | I | R |
| A/duck/HK/Y280/97 ² | N | T | L | Q | G | RSSR | Yes | No | No | No | S | I | R |
| A/ck/Korea/38349-p96323/96 ³ | H | E | Q | Q | G | ASYR | Yes | No | No | No | S | N | W |
| A/Hong Kong/1073/99 ⁴ | H | E | L | Q | G | RSSR | Yes | Yes | No | No | S | N | W |
| A/ck/Pak/UDL-01/07 ⁵ | H | A | L | I | G | RSSR | No | No | No | No | S | N | W |
| A/ck/Pak/10RS3039-283-11/2010 | H | V | L | I | G | KSSR | No | No | No | No | A | N | R |
| A/ck/Pak/10RS3039-284-48/2010 | H | A | L | I | G | KSSR | No | No | No | No | A | N | R |
| A/ck/Pak/10RS3039-285-63/2010 | H | A | L | I | G | KSSR | No | No | No | No | A | N | R |
| A/ck/Pak/10RS3039-286-65/2010 | H | A | L | I | G | KSSR | No | No | No | No | A | N | R |
| A/ck/Pak/10RS3039-287-98/2010 | H | A | L | I | G | KSSR | No | No | No | No | A | N | R |
| A/ck/Pak/10RS3039-288-102/2010 | H | A | L | I | G | KSSR | No | No | No | No | A | N | R |
| A/ck/Pak/10RS3039-289-186/2010 | H | A | L | I | G | KSSR | No | No | No | No | A | N | R |
| A/ck/Pak/10RS3039-199-199/2010 | H | A | L | I | G | KSSR | No | No | No | No | A | N | R |
| A/ck/Pak/10RS3039-290-230/2010 | H | A | L | I | G | KSSR | No | No | No | No | A | N | R |
| A/ck/Pak/10RS3039-291-266/2010 | H | A | L | I | G | KSSR | No | No | No | No | A | N | R |

*Residual differences and similarities are compared with reference strains of lineages: G1-lineage (1), Y280-like (2), and Korea-like (3), vaccine strain (4), and previous H9N2 isolate originating in Pakistan (5). HA, hemagglutinin; NA, neuraminidase; RBS, receptor binding site; –, not applicable; A, alanine; D, aspartic acid; E, glutamic acid; G, glycine; H, histidine; I, isoleucine; K, lysine; L, leucine; N, asparagine; Q, glutamine; R, arginine; S, serine; T, threonine; V, valine.

Technical Appendix Table 2. Comparison with validated host-specific amino acids residue and pathogenicity determinants in the M1, NP, PB2, PB1, and NS1 protein in H9N2 viruses isolated from 280 composite samples in 280 live poultry retail shops of Lahore, Pakistan*

| x | M1 | | M2 | | | M2 drug resistance | | Deletion of amino acid 80-84 | NS | | NP | | | PA | | PA-X | | PB1 | | PB1-F2 | | | | PB2 | | | | |
|----------------------------------|----|----------|----|-----|----------|--------------------|-----|------------------------------|-----------|-------------|----|-----|-----|-----|----------|------|-----|-----|-----|----------|-----|-----------|----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|
| | 15 | 16 | 20 | 28 | 55 | 26 | 31 | | NS1 (227) | PL motif | 33 | 109 | 214 | 313 | 372 | 57 | 409 | 108 | 134 | 13 | 336 | Size (aa) | 73 | 79 | 82 | 87 | 256 | 355 |
| Predicted Avian | V | E | S | I | L | NA | NA | NA | E | NA | V | I | R | F | E | R | T | D | K | L | V | | | | | | | |
| Predicted Mammalian | I | G/D | N | I/V | F | NA | NA | NA | R/K | NA | I | V | K | Y | D | Q | S | | | P | I | | | | | | | |
| Predicted amantadine resistant | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | F | N/G | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Predicted amantadine sensitive | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | L | S | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| A/Qa/HK/G1/97 ¹ | U | U | U | U | U | U | U | No | E | EPEV | U | U | U | U | U | U | U | U | U | U | U | U | U | U | U | U | U | U |
| A/duck/HK/Y280/97 ² | U | U | U | U | U | U | U | | E | EPEV | U | U | U | U | U | U | U | U | U | U | U | U | U | U | U | U | U | U |
| A/Hong Kong/1073/99 ³ | I | | | | | | | | E | EPEV | | I | R | F | E | R | S | | | P | V | | | | | | | |
| A/ck/Pak/10RS3039-283-11/2010 | I | G | K | I | F | L | S | No | K | KSEI | V | I | R | F | D | R | S | D | K | P | V | 90 | K | R | L | E | D | R |
| A/ck/Pak/10RS3039-284-48/2010 | I | G | K | I | F | L | S | | K | KSEI | V | I | R | F | D | R | S | D | K | P | V | 90 | K | R | L | E | D | R |
| A/ck/Pak/10RS3039-285-63/2010 | I | G | K | I | F | L | S | | K | KSEI | V | I | R | F | D | R | S | D | K | P | V | 90 | K | R | L | E | D | R |
| A/ck/Pak/10RS3039-286-65/2010 | I | G | K | I | F | L | S | | K | KSEI | V | I | R | F | D | R | S | D | K | P | V | 90 | K | R | L | E | D | R |
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| A/ck/Pak/10RS3039-288-102/2010 | I | G | K | I | F | L | S | | K | KSEI | V | I | R | F | D | R | S | D | K | P | V | 90 | K | R | L | E | D | R |
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| A/ck/Pak/10RS3039-291-266/2010 | I | G | K | I | F | L | S | | K | KSEI | V | I | R | F | D | R | S | D | K | P | V | 90 | K | R | L | E | D | R |

*Residues differences and similarities are compared with reference strains of lineages (G1-lineage¹, Y280-like²), and vaccine strain³. Amino acids in boldface indicate the host-associated amino acid signature changes identical to those in influenza viruses isolated from humans. A, alanine; D, aspartic acid; E, glutamic acid; G, glycine; H, histidine; I, isoleucine; K, lysine; L, leucine; N, asparagine; Q, glutamine; R, arginine; S, serine; T, threonine; V, valine; NA, Not applicable; ND, No data; U, unknown.

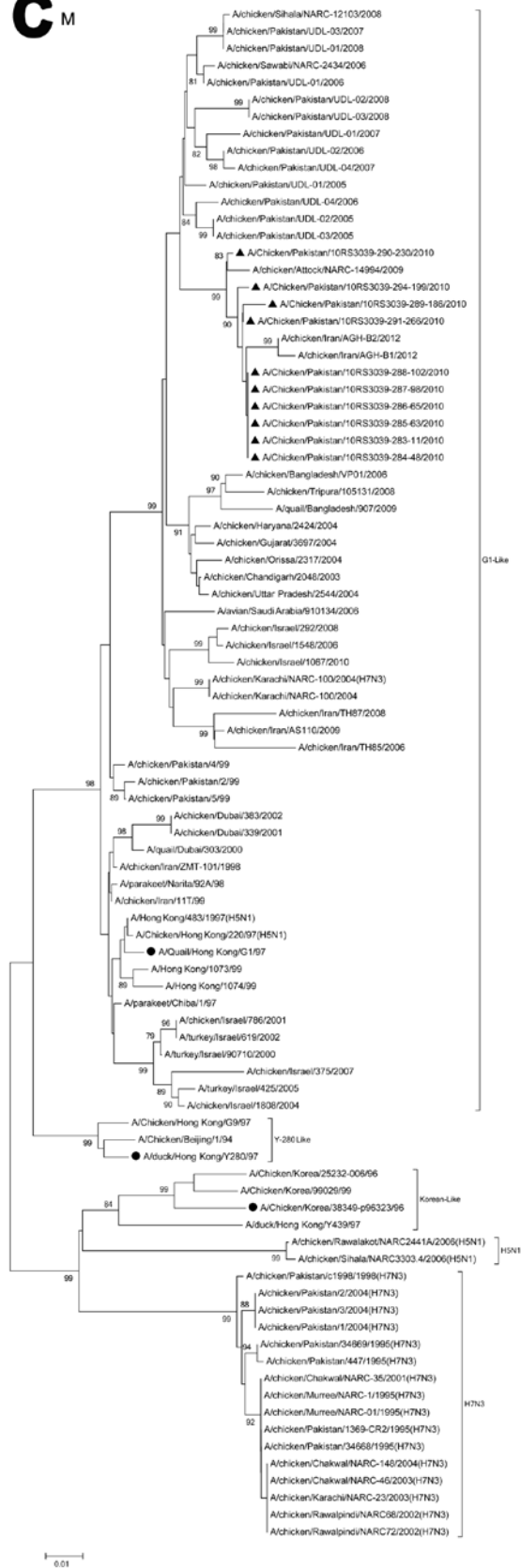
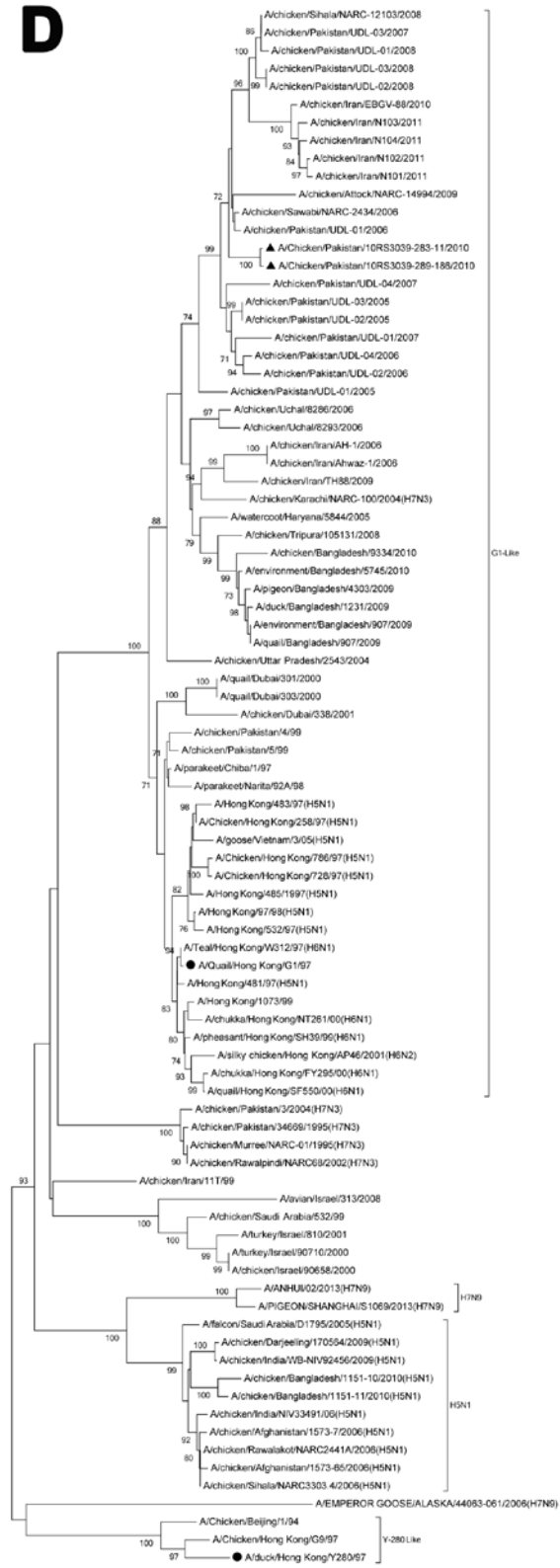
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G1-Like

Korean-Like

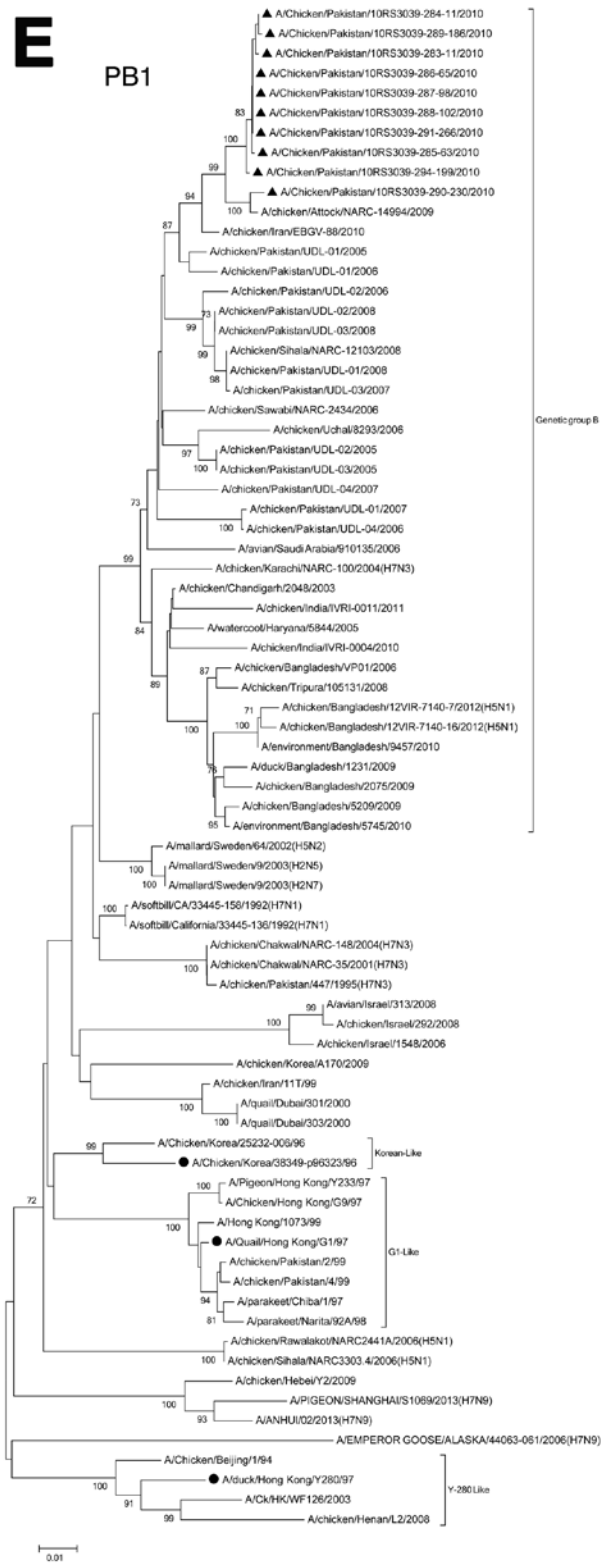
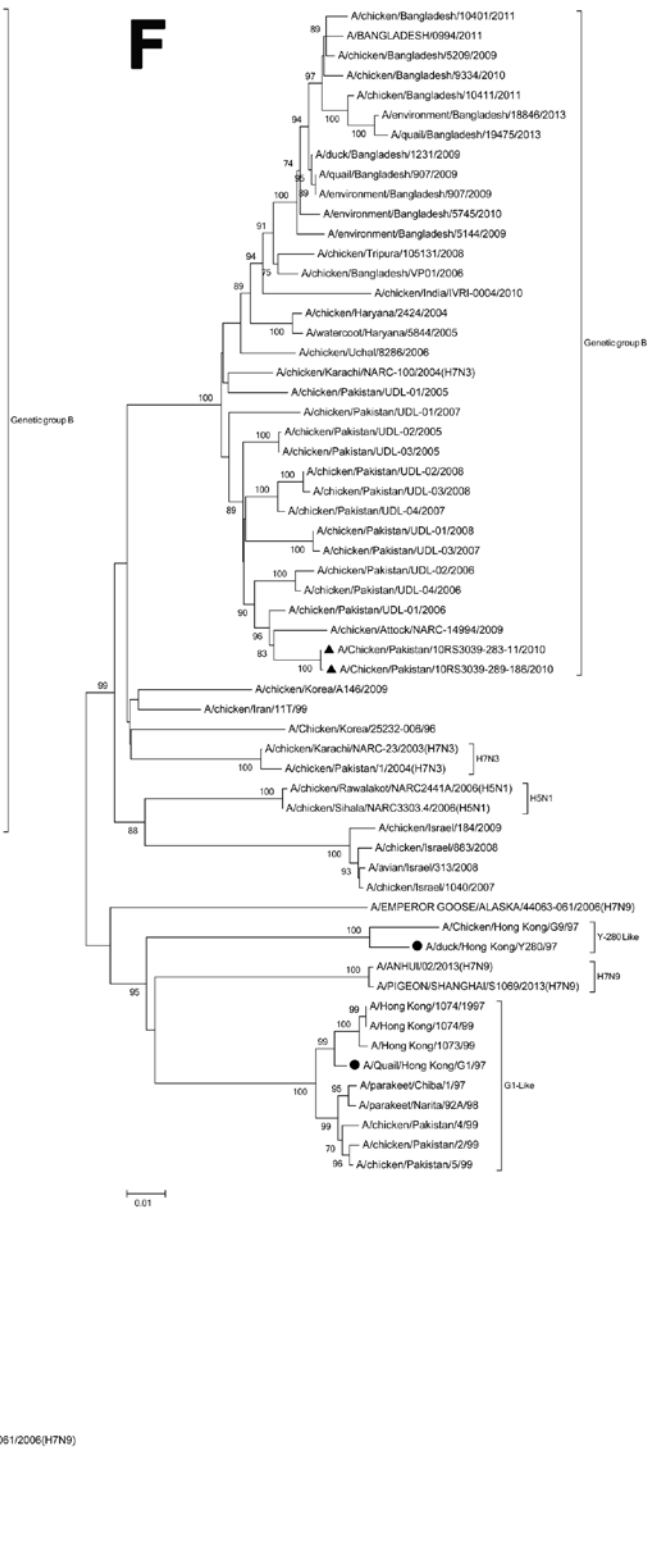
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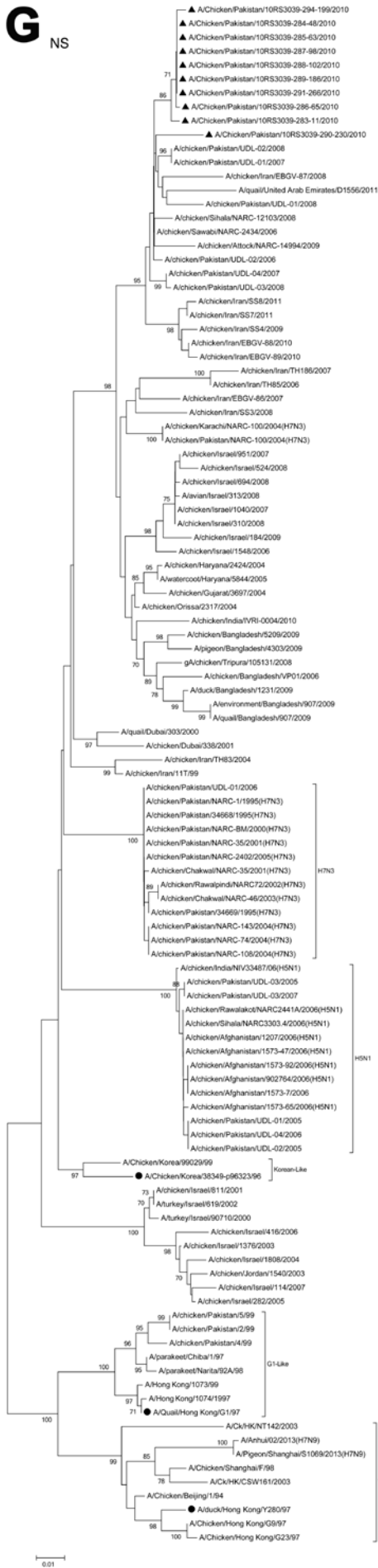
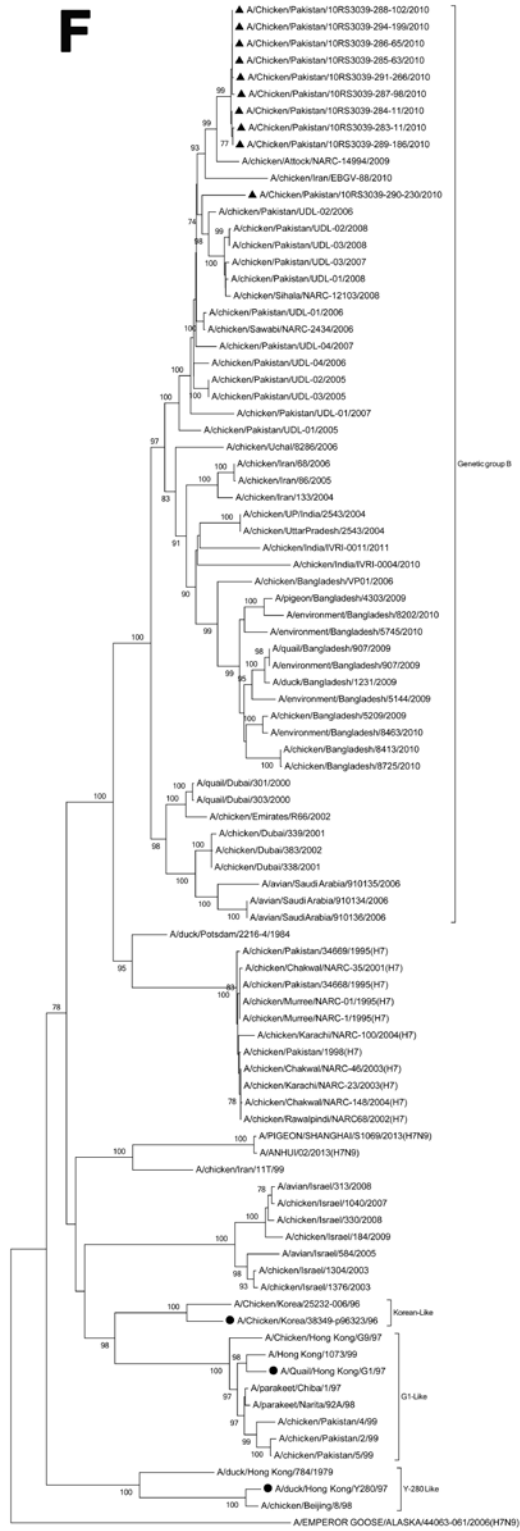
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C^M**D**

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PB1

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NS**F**

Technical Appendix Figure. Phylogenetic distribution of 10 sequenced viruses (GenBank accession nos. KF975457–KF975503 and KP223678–KP223693) from 280 live poultry retail shops in selected towns of Lahore, Pakistan. The phylogenetic trees were generated by using the neighbor-joining method with maximum composite likelihood using the Tamura-Nei model (5) with MEGA (version 5.2.2). Number below branches indicates bootstrap value percentages from 1,000 replicates; bootstrap values of >70% were considered to be significant. Triangle shows viruses collected in current study; circles show the reference lineage viruses. Scale bars indicate nucleotide substitutions per site. Panels shown on subsequent pages: Hemagglutinin (HA); neuraminidase (NA); matrix (M); nucleoprotein (NP); polybasic 1 (PB1) polymerase (PA); nonstructural (NS); polybasic 2 (PB2).

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