

**Figure 3. Phylogenetic analyses of LUJV.** Phylogenetic relationships of LUJV were inferred based on full L (A) and 5 segment nucleotide sequence (B), as well as on deduced amino acid sequences of L (C), NP (D), Signal/G2 (E) and G1 (F) ORF's. Phylogenies were reconstructed by neighbor-joining analysis applying a Jukes-Cantor model; the scale bar indicates substitutions per site; robust bootstrap support for the positioning of LUJV was obtained in all cases (>98% of 1000 pseudoreplicates). GenBank Accession numbers for reference sequences are: ALLV CLHP2472 (AY216502, AY012687); AMAY BeAn70563 (AF512834); BCNV AVA0070039 (AY924390, AY922491), A0060209 (AY216503); CATV AVA0400135 (DQ865244), AVA0400212 (DQ865245); CHPV 810419 (EU, 260464, EU260463); CPXV BeAn119303 (AY216519, AF512832); DANV 0710-2678 (EU136039, EU136038); FLEV BeAn293022 (EU627611, AF512831); GTOV INH-95551 (AY358024, AF485258), CVH-960101 (AY497548); IPPYV DakAnB188d (DQ328878, DQ328877); JUNV MC2 (AY216507, D10072), XJ13 (AY358022, AY358023), CbaIV4454 (DQ272266); LASV LP (AF181853), 803213 (AF181854), Weller (AY628206), AV (AY179171, AF246121), Z148 (AY628204, AY628205), Josiah (U73034, J043204), NL (AY179172, AY179173); LATV MARU10924 (EU627612, AF485259); LCMV Armstrong (AY847351), ARMS53b (M20869), WE (AF004519, M22138), Marseille12 (DQ286932, DQ286931), M1 (AB261991); MACV Carvalho (AY619642, AY619643), Chicava (AY624354, AY624355), Mallele (AY619644, AY619645), MARU222688

(AY922407), 9530537 (AY571959); MOBV ACAR3080MRC5P2 (DQ328876, AY342390); MOPV AN20410 (AY772169, AY772170), Mozambique (DQ328875, DQ328874); NAAV AVD1240007 (EU123329); OLWV 3229-1 (AY216514, U34248); PARV 12056 (EU627613, AF485261); PICV (K02734), MunchiqueCoAn4763 (EF529745, EF529744), AN3739 (AF427517); PIRV VAV-488 (AY216505, AF277659); SABV SPH114202 (AY358026, U41071); SKTV AVD1000090 (EU123328); TAMV W10777 (EU627614, AF512828); TCRV (J04340, M20304); WWAV AV9310135 (AY924395, AF228063). doi:10.1371/journal.ppat.1000455.g003

In summary, our analysis of the LUJV genome shows a novel virus that is only distantly related to known arenaviruses. Sequence divergence is evident across the whole genome, but is most pronounced in the G1 protein encoded by the S segment, a region implicated in receptor interactions. Reassortment of S and L segments leading to changes in pathogenicity has been described in cultured cells infected with different LCMV strains [69], and between pathogenic LASV and nonpathogenic MOPV [70]. We find no evidence to support reassortment of the LUJV L or S genome segment (Figure 3A and 3B). Recombination of glycoprotein sequence has been recognized in NW arenaviruses [14,16,33,34,71–73], resulting in the division of the complex into four sublineages: lineages A, B, C, and an A/recombinant lineage that forms a branch of lineage A when NP and L sequence is considered (see Figure 3C and 3D), but forms an independent branch in between lineages B and C when glycoprotein sequence is considered (see Figure 3D). While recombination cannot be excluded in case of LUJV, our review of existing databases reveals no candidate donor for the divergent GPC sequence. To our knowledge is LUJV the first hemorrhagic fever-associated arenavirus from Africa identified in the past 3 decades. It is also the first such virus originating south of the equator (Figure 1). The International Committee on the Taxonomy of Viruses (ICTV) defines species within the *Arenavirus* genus based on association with a specific host, geographic distribution, potential to cause

human disease, antigenic cross reactivity, and protein sequence similarity to other species. By these criteria, given the novelty of its presence in southern Africa, capacity to cause hemorrhagic fever, and its genetic distinction, LUJV appears to be a new species.

Materials and Methods

Sequencing

Clinical specimens were inactivated in TRIzol (liver tissue, 100 mg) or TRIzol LS (serum, 250 µl) reagent (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA, USA) prior to removal from BSL-4 containment. Total RNA extracts were treated with DNase I (DNA-free, Ambion, Austin, TX, USA) and cDNA generated by using the Superscript II system (Invitrogen) and 100–500 ng RNA for reverse transcription primed with random octamers that were linked to an arbitrary, defined 17-mer primer sequence [74]. The resulting cDNA was treated with RNase H and then randomly amplified by the polymerase chain reaction (PCR; [75]); applying a 9:1 mixture of a primer corresponding to the defined 17-mer sequence, and the random octamer-linked 17-mer primer, respectively [74]. Products >70 base pairs (bp) were selected by column purification (MinElute, Qiagen, Hilden, Germany) and ligated to specific linkers for sequencing on the 454 Genome Sequencer FLX (454 Life Sciences, Branford, CT, USA) without fragmentation of the cDNA [19,76,77]. Removal of primer sequences, redundancy filtering,

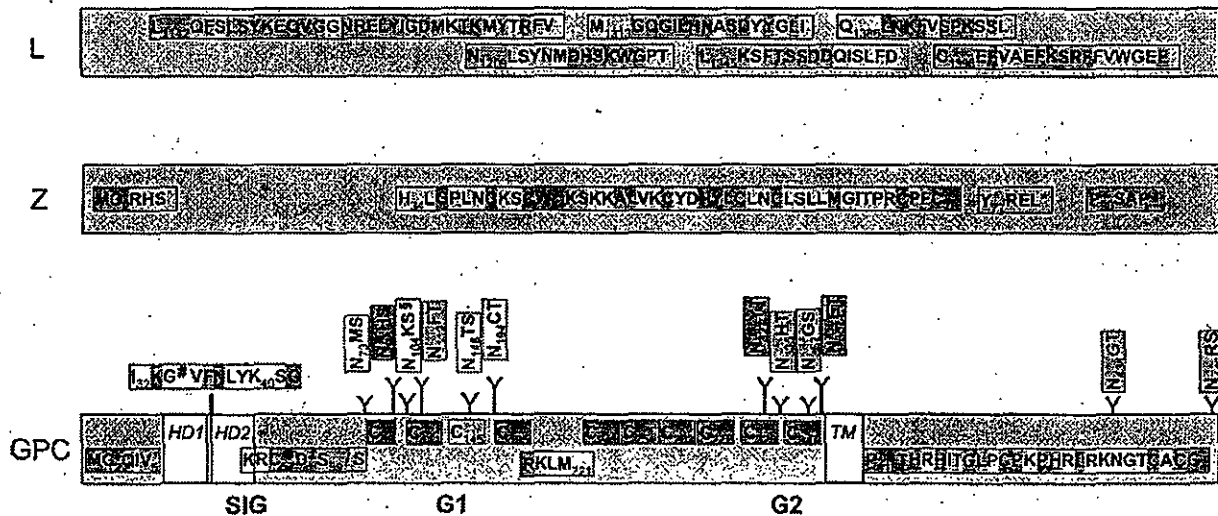


Figure 4. Schematic of conserved protein motifs. Conservation of LUJV amino acid motifs with respect to all other (green highlight), to OW (yellow highlight), or to NW (blue highlight) arenaviruses is indicated; grey highlight indicates features unique to LUJV. Polymerase motifs pre-A (L<sub>1142</sub>), A (N<sub>1209</sub>), B (M<sub>1313</sub>), C (L<sub>1345</sub>), D (Q<sub>1386</sub>), and E (C<sub>1398</sub>) are indicated for the L ORF; potential myristoylation site G<sub>2</sub>, the RING motif H<sub>34</sub>/C<sub>76</sub>, and potential late domains YXXL and PSAP are indicated for the Z ORF; and myristoylation site G<sub>2</sub>, posttranslational processing sites for signalase (S<sub>59</sub>/S<sub>60</sub>) and S1P cleavage (RKL<sub>M221</sub>), CTL epitope (I<sub>32</sub>), zinc finger motif P<sub>415</sub>/G<sub>440</sub>, as well as conserved cysteine residues and glycosylations sites (Y) are indicated for GPC. \* late domain absent in NW viruses and DANV; † PSAP or PTAP in NW viruses, except in PIRV and TCRV (OW viruses: PPPY); # G in all viruses except LCMV (=A); ‡ D in NW clade A only; § conserved with respect to OW, and NW clade A and C; HD, hydrophobic domain; TM, transmembrane anchor. doi:10.1371/journal.ppat.1000455.g004

and sequence assembly were performed with software programs accessible through the analysis applications at the GreenPortal website (<http://156.145.84.111/Tools>).

Conventional PCRs at CU were performed with HotStar polymerase (Qiagen) according to manufacturer's protocols on PTC-200 thermocyclers (Bio-Rad, Hercules, CA, USA): an enzyme activation step of 5 min at 95°C was followed by 45 cycles of denaturation at 95°C for 1 min, annealing at 55°C for 1 min, and extension at 72°C for 1 to 3 min depending on the expected amplicon size. A two-step RT-PCR protocol was also followed at CDC using Invitrogen's ThermoScript RT at 60 degrees for 30 min followed by RNase H treatment for 20 min. cDNA was amplified using Phusion enzyme with GC Buffer (Finnzymes, Espoo, Finland) and 3% DMSO with an activation step at 98°C for 30 sec, followed by the cycling conditions of 98°C for 10 sec, 58°C for 20 sec, and 72°C for 1 min for 35 cycles and a 5 min extension at 72°C. Specific primer sequences are available upon request. Amplification products were run on 1% agarose gels, purified (MinElute, Qiagen), and directly sequenced in both directions with ABI PRISM Big Dye Terminator 1.1 Cycle Sequencing kits on ABI PRISM 3700 DNA Analyzers (Perkin-Elmer Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA).

#### Sequence analyses

Programs of the Wisconsin GCG Package (Accelrys, San Diego, CA, USA) were used for sequence assembly and analysis; percent sequence difference was calculated based on Needleman-Wunsch alignments (gap open/extension penalties 15/6.6 for nucleotide and 10/0.1 for aa alignments; EMBOSS [78]), using a Perl script to iterate the process for all versus all comparison. Secondary RNA structure predictions were performed with the web-based version of mfold (<http://mfold.bioinfo.rpi.edu>); data were exported as .ct files and layout and annotation was done with CLC RNA Workbench (CLC bio, Århus, Denmark). Protein topology and targeting predictions were generated by employing SignalP, and NetNGlyc, TMHMM (<http://www.cbs.dtu.dk/services>), the web-based version of TopPred (<http://mobyle.pasteur.fr/cgi-bin/portal.py?form=toppred>), and Phobius (<http://phobius.sbc.su.se/>). Phylogenetic analyses were performed using MEGA software [79].

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#### Supporting Information

**Figure S1** Phylogenetic tree based on deduced Z amino acid sequence. In contrast to phylogenetic trees obtained with the other ORFs (Figure 2), poor bootstrap support (43% of 1,000 pseudoreplicates) for the branching of LUJV off the LCMV clade was obtained with Z ORF sequence. For GenBank accession numbers see Figure 2.

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**Figure S2** Pairwise sliding-window distance analysis of GPC sequence. LUJV and members of the OW (LASV, MOPV, IPPYV, LCMV, DANV) and NW (GTOV, CPXV, BNCV, PIRV, OLVV, SABV, MACV) arenavirus complex were compared using LASV NL (A) or GTOV CVH (B) as query (10 aa step; 80 aa window).

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**Table S1** Pairwise nucleotide and amino acid differences between LUJV and other OW and NW arenaviruses. \* NAAV, North American arenavirus. † Values <30% (amino acid) or <33% (nucleotide) are highlighted in green.

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研究報告の概要	<p>問題点：ユンガンウイルスがヒトにおける子宮内胎児死亡に関連していることが示唆された。</p> <p>ユンガンウイルス（パレコウイルス属、ピコルナウイルス科）は、実験用マウスにおいて胎児の死亡や奇形を起こすことが知られている。研究データ及び疫学的データからこのウイルスがヒトにおける子宮内胎児死亡に関連していることが示唆された。</p> <p>このウイルスは、スウェーデン中央部のユンガン川の近くに生息するハタネズミ（野生齧歯類宿主の一種）から分離された。ユンガンウイルスは、米国の野生の齧歯類においても確認されている。また、同様に齧歯類を主な宿主とするカルディオウイルス属やピコルナウイルス属と関係があるとされている。</p> <p>実験用マウスでの研究では、妊娠中にユンガンウイルスに感染し、ストレスにさらされた母親の半数以上は周産期に死産した。その中には、水頭症や無脳症といった中枢神経系の奇形が認められた子マウスもいた。</p> <p>スウェーデンでの最近の研究で、子宮内胎児死亡があったヒトの胎盤及び組織において、免疫組織化学的手法及びリアルタイム PCR によってユンガンウイルスが検出された。コントロールとした正常妊婦の胎盤からはウイルスは検出されなかった。子宮内胎児死亡の発生と周期的な齧歯類の密度との間に興味ある関連が認められている。米国の子宮内胎児死亡例においても、ユンガンウイルスが確認されている。</p>				使用上の注意記載状況・ その他参考事項等
	報告企業の意見				今後の対応
別紙のとおり			今後とも関連情報の収集に努め、本剤の安全性の確保を図っていきたい。		

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一 般 的 名 称	①人血清アルブミン、②人血清アルブミン、③人血清アルブミン*、④人免疫グロブリン、⑤乾燥ペプシン処理人免疫グロブリン、⑥乾燥スルホ化人免疫グロブリン、⑦乾燥スルホ化人免疫グロブリン*、⑧乾燥濃縮人活性化プロテインC、⑨乾燥濃縮人血液凝固第Ⅷ因子、⑩乾燥濃縮人血液凝固第Ⅸ因子、⑪乾燥抗破傷風人免疫グロブリン、⑫抗HBs人免疫グロブリン、⑬トロンビン、⑭フィブリノゲン加第ⅩⅢ因子、⑮乾燥濃縮人アンチトロンビンⅢ、⑯ヒスタミン加入免疫グロブリン製剤、⑰人血清アルブミン*、⑱人血清アルブミン*、⑲乾燥ペプシン処理人免疫グロブリン*、⑳乾燥人血液凝固第Ⅸ因子複合体*、㉑乾燥濃縮人アンチトロンビンⅢ
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報 告 企 業 の 意 見	<p>エンガンウイルスが属するパレコウイルス属は、9つあるピコルナウイルス科の属の1つで、他にヒトパレコウイルスが属している。ピコルナウイルス科ウイルスは、一本のプラス鎖RNAを核酸として持ち、直径22~30nmでエンベロープを持たない。ヒトパレコウイルスは呼吸器と消化器で増殖する。幼児を中心として感染するが、ほとんどが無症候性で見られている。呼吸器感染や下痢症に加え、中枢神経系の感染症も報告されている。エンガンウイルスは野ネズミから分離されているが、情報は少ない。</p> <p>本研究報告はエンガンウイルスの垂直感染に関する報告であり、ヒト血液を原材料とする本剤に直ちに影響があるものではない。仮に、ウイルスが原材料に混入していたとしても、本剤の製造工程には冷エタノール分画工程、ウイルス除去膜ろ過工程あるいは加熱工程等の原理の異なるウイルス除去及び不活化工程が存在しているため、ウイルスクリアランスが期待される。各製造工程のウイルス除去・不活化効果は、「血漿分画製剤のウイルスに対する安全性確保に関するガイドライン（医薬発第1047号、平成11年8月30日）」に従い、ウシウイルス性下痢ウイルス（BVDV）、仮性狂犬病ウイルス（PRV）、ブタパルボウイルス（PPV）、A型肝炎ウイルス（HAV）または脳心筋炎ウイルス（EMCV）をモデルウイルスとして、ウイルスプロセスバリデーションを実施し、評価を行っている。今回報告したエンガンウイルスは、エンベロープの有無、核酸の種類等からモデルウイルスとしてはHAVまたはEMCVが該当すると考えられるが、上記バリデーションの結果から、本剤の製造工程がこれらのウイルスの除去・不活化効果を有することを確認している。また、これまでに本剤によるエンガンウイルスの感染の報告例は無い。</p> <p>以上の点から、本剤はエンガンウイルスに対する安全性を確保していると考えられる。</p>

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**Ljungan virus associated with intrauterine fetal death in humans (Sweden)**

Ljungan virus (genus *Parechovirus*, family *Picomaviridae*) has been shown to cause fetal death and malformations in laboratory mice. The virus now has been associated with intrauterine fetal deaths in humans based on both laboratory and epidemiological evidence. This virus was isolated from one of its wild rodent reservoirs, the bank vole (*Myodes glareolus*), near the Ljungan River in central Sweden (1, 2). Ljungan virus also has been identified in wild rodents in the USA (3, 4). Ljungan virus is related to cardioviruses, picornaviruses which also have rodents as their main reservoir hosts.

Cardioviruses and their role as potential human pathogens recently were discussed on ProMED — see ProMED archive refs. below.

Studies with laboratory mice showed that more than half of the dams infected with Ljungan virus during pregnancy and then exposed to stress gave birth to pups that died during the perinatal period (5). Malformations of the central nervous system, including hydrocephaly [water on the brain] and anencephaly [lack of brain], were seen in some of these offspring.

Recent studies in Sweden found Ljungan virus in placenta and tissue from human cases of intrauterine fetal death (IUFD) using both immunohistochemistry and real time RT-PCR (6, 7). Placentas from normal pregnancies have been used as controls and found to be Ljungan virus-negative. An intriguing association between the incidence of IUFD and cyclic rodent density has been observed. Ljungan virus also was found in one IUFD case in the United States.

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