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PMPs for isolation of equine influenza subtype H7N7

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Equine influenza (horse flu)

- 2 main subtypes H7N7 - A/equine/Prague/56
H3N8 - A/equine/Miami/63
- H7N7 last time isolated at 1979, but according to serological evidence still circulating in horse population.
- All of influenza isolated from horses over the past 30 years belongs to H3N8 subtype.



Equine influenza (horse flu)

- Very high rate of transmission among species.
- Short incubation time (1 – 5 days).
- Fever, hacking cough, runny nose.
- Horses become depressed and reluctant to eat or drink.
- Recovery in two to three weeks.
- Vaccination, but flu was observed in both vaccinated as well as unvaccinated cases.

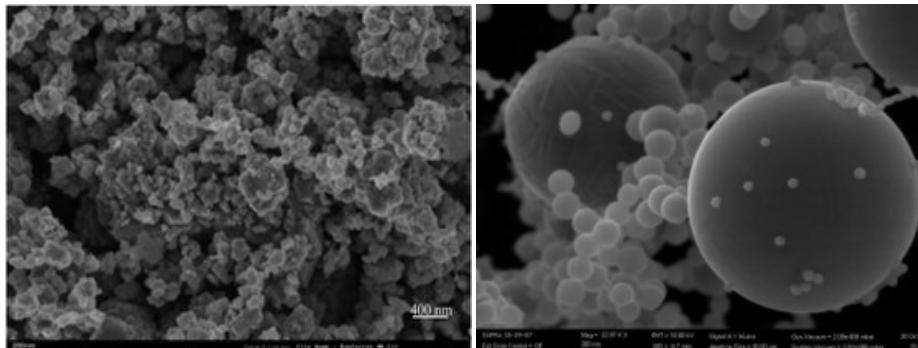


Why equine influenza?

- No zoonotic properties – ideal model for basic influenza research.
- Transmission described only between horses (*Equus caballus*), their hybrids with donkey (*Equus asinus f. domestica*) and dogs (*Canis lupus f. familiaris*).

AIMS

- Synthesis of paramagnetic microparticles able to bind influenza virions.
- Optimization of conditions for influenza binding.
- IELC analysis of influenza@PMPs with expression of total amino acids amount.



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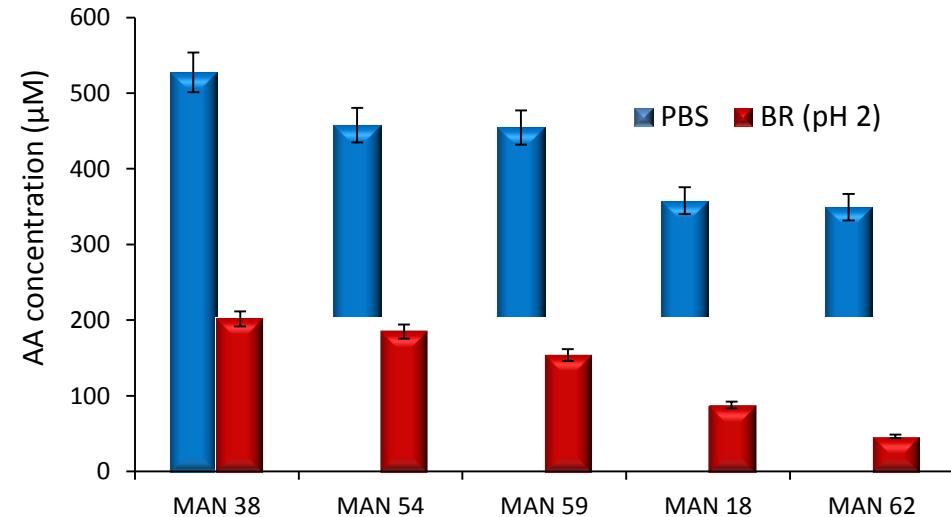
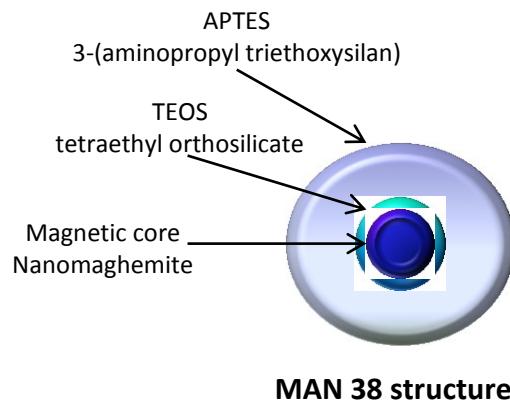
- Optimization of ultracentrifuge isolation of virions – few problems?

BUT

- We have successfully identified amino acids bound on PMPs, as will be shown.

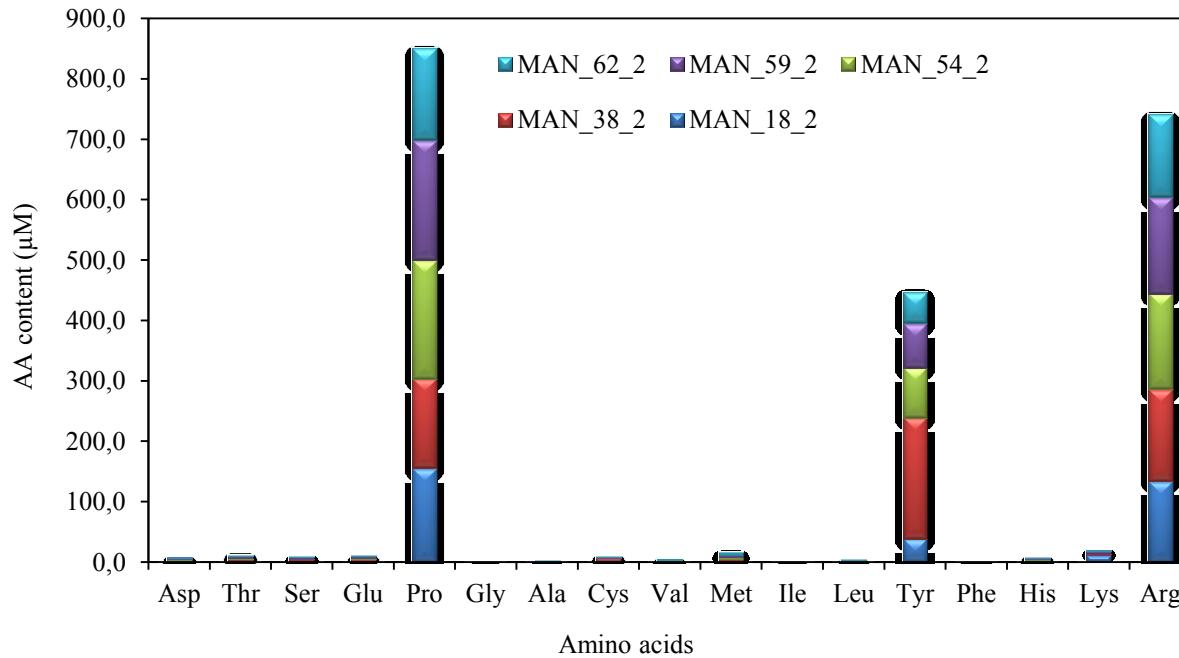
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- Previously we have optimized the conditions for PMPs utilization, using BR buffer (pH 2) for washing of particles and protonation of analyte (Zitka *et al.*, Electrophoresis).
- PBS was shown to exhibit higher yields.



Results

- Amino acids representation – Pro, Tyr, Arg – any connection?



Future Outlooks

- Improving of virions isolation (ultracentrifugation).
- PMPs application (i. e. Lab-on-a-chip platform or biosensor – 3D printing device) linked with probably electrochemical detection.
- Rapid and cheap detection of influenza – probably without determination of subtype.
- **Definitely a matter for our discussion.**

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Thank you for attention