

Comparative Pathology of Pigs Infected with Different Variants of Pandemic (H1N1pdm09) Influenza A Viruses

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What is Influenza A Virus?

- Segmented negative single stranded RNA virus
- Continuing evolving pathogen
- "Mixing vessels"



Why is IAV important?

- Fever, depression, anorexia, sneezing, abdominal breathing and increased respiratory rate
- Economic losses
- Cause for 290.000-650.000 human deaths per. Year worldwide
- Increasing evidence of human-to-swine transmissions
- DK: >30 million pigs per year → potential hotspot for new Influenza A viruses







H1N1 pandemic 2009 (H1N1pdm09)



Study design





Total viral load 1-3 DPI

Swine-adapted> Pre-pandemic> Human-adapted





Clinical signs



Lesions 3 DPI

• Red, lobular to confluent areas with atelectasis





Significant more severe lung lesions in pre-pandemic compared to human-adapted





Mild bronchiolitis to suppurative bronchointerstitiel pneumonia





Histopathological grading





Influenza A virus immunohistochemistry





Summarise

Viral load: Swine-adapted>Pre-pandemic>Human-adapted

Clinical signs: Pre-pandemic>Human-adapted>Swine-adapted

Pathology:

Pre-pandemic>Swine-adapted>Human-adapted



Discussion

- Host adaptation
- Swine-adapted: increased viral fitness but reduced virulence
 - Amat et al, 2021
 - Covid-19: Delta vs. Omicron
- Both swine-adapted and human-adapted variants in Danish pig herds
 - Clinical presentations
 - 93% identical
 - Cross reactivity?
 - Sequencing?



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