

Supplementary Materials for

Multiple lineages of monkeypox virus detected in the United States, 2021- 2022

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### **Materials and Methods**

# PCR testing

DNA was extracted from swabs collected from patient lesions using EZ-1 DNA tissue kit (Qiagen) followed by heat inactivation at  $56^{\circ}$ C for  $\geq 1$  hour. Monkeypox infection was confirmed by real-time PCR at CDC. CladeII-specific Monkeypox virus real-time PCR assay was performed as described in Li et al. (2010) (*15*). Orthopoxvirus OPX3 real-time PCR assay was performed as described (*14*), with the following changes: Each reaction (20 μL) contained 5 μL of template DNA, 0.5 μL of each primer (20 μM), 0.5 μL probe (10 μM) added to the 2X TaqMan Fast Advanced master mix (Applied Biosystems). Thermal cycling conditions for the ABI 7500 Fast Dx Real-Time PCR System (Applied Biosystems) were one cycle at 95°C for 20 seconds and 40 cycles at 95°C for 3 seconds and 60°C for 30 seconds. Primer and probe sequences for the Orthopoxvirus OPX3 real-time PCR assay (called OPX in (*14*)) are as follows:



## Sequencing

ONT: Library preparation was performed on extracted DNA using Ligation Sequencing kit (Oxford Nanopore Technologies SQK-LSK-109) following the manufacturer's protocol for genomic DNA. Libraries were sequenced (one sample per flow cell) on a MinION sequencer (MPXV\_USA\_2022\_MA001, MPXV\_USA\_2021\_MD, and MPXV\_USA\_2021\_TX) or GridION sequencer (FL001, FL002, CA001, UT001, UT002, VA001) using a MIN109 R9.4.1 flow cell (Oxford Nanopore). For MA001, CA001, and VA001 data were combined from two independent swabs collected from two locations. For all other cases, data are from a single sample/swab. Basecalling was performed using guppy version 6.1.2 with high accuracy and qscore filtering (for MinION runs) or was performed on GridION using high accuracy basecalling.

Illumina: Extracted DNA (40  $\mu$ l) was diluted to 130  $\mu$ l in water and fragmented to 500bp on a Covaris S220 instrument using SonoLab 7 application software. Genomic DNA libraries were prepared using Swift Accel-NGS® 2S Plus DNA Library Kit (Cat# 21096) plus 2S Set A+B Indexing Kit (Cat#26396), following manufacturer's protocol using 15 cycles of PCR. Size selection was performed using Swift Accel-NGS® 2S Plus DNA Library Kit (Cat# 21096) to ensure a single peak of approximately 500bp. Libraries were prepared and normalized according to the manufacturer's recommendations to create a final DNA library with a concentration of 15 - 20nM/5ul which was then sequenced on a MiSeq instrument using MiSeq® Reagent kit v3 600 cycles (Cat# MS-102-3003, Illumina). DNA from the 2021\_MD case underwent hybridization with a custom orthopoxvirus capture probe panel prior to processing and sequencing as described in (*3*). Genome Assembly

Nanopore reads were trimmed to remove 55 bp from each end (seqtk 1.0, https://github.com/lh3/seqtk) and all reads below 50 bp were removed (trimmomatic 0.39, https://github.com/timflutre/trimmomatic) before mapping to MPXV Nigeria reference MT903344 with 6,000 bp removed from the left terminus using minimap2 2.16 (https://github.com/lh3/minimap2) to remove human and other non-MPXV reads. Illumina reads were trimmed using FaQCs 1.34 (https://github.com/LANL-Bioinformatics/FaQCs ) using parameters -q 20 --5end 10 --3end 5 -n 5 - min L 30 and then mapped to MPXV Nigeria reference MT903344 with 6,000 bp removed from the left terminus using bwa mem (https://github.com/lh3/bwa). A hybrid assembly was generated from mapped Illumina and Oxford Nanopore reads using Unicyler 0.4.7 [\(https://github.com/rrwick/Unicycler\)](https://github.com/rrwick/Unicycler). Assemblies were polished by mapping reads back to draft genomes containing one complete ITR and one incomplete ITR with ~6,000 bases removed using bwa mem or minimap2 and generating a consensus

sequence using samtools 1.9 and ivar 1.0 (https://github.com/andersen-lab/ivar). Inverted Terminal Repeats (ITRs) were assembled manually by copying from one end to the other.

For quality control, separate assemblies were made with either nanopore or Illumina data since DNA extracted from separate lesions for the same patient were used for Nanopore and Illumina sequencing in three cases. Illumina-only assemblies were made using SPAdes/3.13.0 and CLC Genomics Workbench 22. Oxford Nanopore-only assemblies were made using flye 2.9 (https://github.com/fenderglass/Flye).

Annotations were transferred from MPXV Clade 3 Nigeria reference MT903345, then locus\_tags were re-named with the strain ID. Alignments used to make trees were performed using MAFFT v.7.450 (*37*). Phylogenetic analysis (Figure 1) was performed using BEAST v. 1.8.3. All sites containing gaps were removed prior to phylogenetic analysis, and all sites containing gaps or ambiguities were removed prior to haplotype network analysis. Haplotype network analysis was generated using sequence alignments generated by whole genome alignment using MAFFT v.7.450 (*37*) followed by removal of alignment columns containing gaps or ambiguities with PopArt using the Median Joining method. An analysis of evolutionary rate was performed in BEAST v.1.8.3 using an alignment of 85 monkeypox virus genomes (Figure 2) after stripping all columns containing gaps. The  $GTR+g+i$  model, fixed local clock (uniform distribution 0,1), tip dates (year  $\pm$  0.5), and a coalescent Bayesian skyline tree prior with 10 groups were used. Clades I, IIa, and Lineage A were specified as taxon sets. A secondary analysis of evolutionary rate was performed for Clades I and IIa (54 monkeypox virus genomes, Figure 2) using the same alignment after removing Clade IIb sequences; GTR+g+i model, fixed local clock (uniform distribution 0,1), tip dates (year  $\pm$  0.5), and a coalescent Bayesian skyline tree prior with 10 groups were used. Lineage A sequences and KY642617 were extracted from the alignment used in Figure 2 and evolutionary rate was analyzed using both fixed local clock (for Lineage A only) and uncorrelated lognormal relaxed clock (uniform distribution 0,1). GTR+g+i model, tip dates (year  $\pm$  0.5), and a coalescent Bayesian skyline tree prior with 4 groups were used in both analyses. Sequences of all near complete MPXV genomes that were available at the time of analysis were used. Still, many genomes contained Ns and may contain errors caused by low coverage or sequencing technology bias. Availability of complete, final genomes is expected to improve resolution of future analyses.

### APOBEC3 analysis

The sequence alignment we used began with foundational sequences from Mauldin et. al., a paper that described spread of MPXV beyond the African continent (*3*), adding additional sequences to create our baseline dataset of 85 MPXV-related sequences. Our initial alignment was generated using MAFFTv7 (*37*); ends were trimmed to exclude regions that were only sporadically sequenced. The alignment further edited to resolve poorly aligned regions; generally these were in regions with differing numbers of direct repeats or that were proximal to long gaps in sequences. A maximum likelihood tree used for defining clades of interest and reconstructing ancestral states for subsequent APOBEC3 analysis in was generated using the HIV database web interface for IQ-tree

(https://www.hiv.lanl.gov/content/sequence/IQTREE/iqtree.html) (*38*), with ModelFinder (*39*); the Bayesian information criterion (BIC) best fit model was K3Pu+F+I, and a mid-point root was used. GenBank Accession numbers for these sequences are included in Tables S6 (Lineage A) and S8 (other Clade II and Clade I).

APOBEC analysis was performed by tracking all observed single nucleotide mutational events relative to the most common ancestor sequence within a given clade of interest (Figs. 2 an S2). This analysis was first performed on natural sequences (Tables S6-S8) to explore mutational patterns in subdifferent lineages within the tree. To exclude redundancy due to shared internal branches, we also compressed all SNPS observed within a clade onto a single merged sequence that included all unique mutations found within that clade (mergesnps.py, [https://zenodo.org/record/6970457#.YvAVPi-B1eg\)](https://zenodo.org/record/6970457#.YvAVPi-B1eg) (*36*). This merged sequence was then compared to the most recent common ancestor of the clade generated with IQ-tree as shown in Fig. S2, and such a merged comparisons are included in Fig. 2B and Fig S3, and Table S6 – S8.

The statistical strategies for resolving if G-to-A mutations within an APOBEC3 motif context are enhanced relative other G-to-A mutations are described in the HIV-database tool HYPERMUT (https://www.hiv.lanl.gov/content/sequence/HYPERMUT/hypermut.html). HYPERMT was written for RNA viruses, so for this study we adapted the approach to a double stranded DNA scenario and built improved visualization tools. The method makes pairwise comparisons between a reference sequence and each of a set of sequences aligned to that reference. It identifies and tallies all Gs that occur in the context of APOBEC3 motifs within a reference sequence and counts both unchanged Gs and G-to-A mutations that occur within the context of that motif. Similarly, all Gs that are not embedded in an APOBEC3 motif are tallied, and the number of G-to-A mutations that occur among those G's are counted. A Fisher's exact test is then used to determine if the G-to-A substitutions events are significantly enriched in the context of APOBEC3 motifs. Q-values were calculated to correct for multiple tests (*40, 41*). Gaps and IUPAC ambiguity codes can be present in the input sequences, but these are excluded from the comparisons. The original HYPERMUT strategy was developed for HIV-1, so we adapted it for application to MPXV by enabling simultaneously tracking G-to-A mutations in the forward and reverse complement strand using apobec.py, apocount.py, and apoplot.py (available at [https://zenodo.org/record/6970457#.YvAVPi-B1eg\)](https://zenodo.org/record/6970457#.YvAVPi-B1eg) (*36*). This was critical as what simply appears as C-to-T transition on the first strand can be embedded in the APOBEC3 motif in the reverse complement. Our original HYPERMUT enables the inclusion of more complex APOBEC3 motifs, and we also explored the use of the 3-base motif pattern including a cytosine in the +2 positions (GAC-to-AAC, or GGC-to-AGC), as pattern this can partially inhibit APOBEC3 activity (*42*); as this strategy did not substantively change our conclusions, we present the simpler version here. Also, as a cross-check we confirmed our results with ancestral reconstruction-based analysis by using natural sequences that were most proximal to ancestral nodes as a reference strain instead; theses analyses concurred. Our method distinguishes between GA-to-AA and GG-to-AG motifs, and almost all of the substitutions we observed were in the GA-to-AA context, indicative of APOBEC3D and 3F activity, not APOBEC3G (*43*).

### Sensitivity of 2022 outbreak MPXV to TPOXX

A cytopathic effect (CPE) assay was used in a 96-well format.  $0.0015 - 5 \mu M$  of tecovirimat (lot: SG-14G32-M) was added to a confluent monolayer of Vero E6 cells and incubated 1 hour at 37°C and 6.0% CO<sub>2</sub>. After incubation MPXV was added (MOI = 0.01) and incubated 72 hours at 35.5 °C and 6.0% CO2. To avoid edge effects, outer wells were filled with an equivalent volume of medium except for virus-only control wells which were located on the edge of the plate. Plates were inactivated, fixed, and stained using formalinized crystal violet, washed with water, and the absorbance at 570 nm was measured. Half-maximal effective concentration  $(EC_{50})$  was calculated using a non-linear curve fit with variable slope (four parameters) in GraphPad Prism v. 6.07 using 24 values from 4 statistical replicates from 2 biological replicates. Controls included virus-only, virus plus vehicle, cell-only, and cells plus vehicle wells as well as a drug-only plate to control for cytotoxicity.



**Fig. S1. Nucleotide changes among Clade IIb MPXV genome sequences**. The predominant 2022 MPXV outbreak variant B.1 and outbreak variant A.2 are highlighted in blue and orange, respectively. The USA\_2021\_MD sequence is highlighted in dark blue. The large node at the center of variant B.1 represents 13 identical sequences; country abbreviations are given for sake of space (sequences used can be found in Table S1). GenBank accession numbers are given for all other samples. Sequence differences between nodes are indicated by the numbers on the branches. Unlabeled nodes represent hypothetical common ancestors, lines connecting nodes do not represent direct links between cases. GBR: United Kingdom; USA: United States of America; FRA: France; BEL: Belgium; PRT: Portugal; ITA: Italy; ESP: Spain; NLD: Netherlands; CHE: Switzerland; SVN: Slovenia.



**Fig. S2. A detailed version of the ML tree shown in main text Fig. 2A.** Ancestral nodes of interest are noted here, and these are used to track the statistical exploration of G-to-A mutations in an APOBEC context through different lineages in the tree summarized in Fig. 2B in the main text and provided in detail in Tables S6 (for Lineage A) and S8 (for Clade I and II outside Lineage A). The sequence name of each of the taxa are shown, preceded by their GenBank accession number.





 $\mathsf B$  Regional distribution of monkeypox B.1 sequences available at the time of sampling, July 15, 2022

European region expanded, by country



**Figure S3. A. Details of mutational patterns among 397 variant B.1 sequences available through GISAID that were sampled between May 1, 2022, and July 15, 2022.** Each horizontal line represents a unique sequence, and tick marks indicate all mutations relative to the ancestor of the 2022 outbreak variant B.1. Sequences that are phylogenetically similar based on shared mutations are proximal to each other along the Y-axis, and so vertical columns of mutations are indicative of shared mutations between sequences. One would expect roughly the same number of red and blue mutations if G-to-A mutations were randomly occurring; the preponderance of blue ticks indicates the extreme bias favoring G-to-A

mutations embedded in a 5' GA-to-AA context among these international 2022 outbreak strains. The GAto-AA pattern dominates (dark blue) over the alternative APOBEC motif 5' GG-to-AG (cyan), as we have seen throughout Lineage A. 114 sequences among the 397 variant B.1 sequences had no SNPS relative to the ancestral form of the genome and these are not shown in the figure.  $\overrightarrow{GY}$ -to-AY (red) indicates a G-to-A change followed by a C or T, the G-to-A mutations that are not in an APOBEC motif. **B. Geographic distribution of sampling of the 397 sequences used for part A, based on the sequences available from GISAID sampled between May 1, 2022, and July 15, 2022.** The relative area of a given red circle reflects the number of available sequences. This map captures the level of contributions of early monkeypox genomes to GISAID the geographic distribution of the available data and is not meant to reflect the confirmed cases. The GISAID acknowledgments tables are provided in Tables S10 and S11.



 $\blacktriangle$  Mismatches relative to Variant B.1 ancestor

**Fig. S4. Chimeric sequences within Clade IIb. A**. We acquired 400 full genome MPXV sequences from GISAID sampled between May 1, 2022, and July 15, 2022, for APOBEC analysis. While confirming their lineage association, we identified 3 related sequences that were chimeric in that they carried 5

consecutive SNPs that were mirrored in each ITR that were shared with more ancestral sequences from Lineage A and Clade IIb but not found in variant B.1. Otherwise, these sequences were B.1-like throughout the remainder of the genome. These sequences originated from three different European laboratories\*. The graphic is a "Highlighter" plot ([a www.hiv.lanl.gov](http://www.hiv.lanl.gov/) tool) that shows every SNP relative to the USA 2022 MA001 sequence for a small set of background sequences used to explore that hypothesis that the chimeric viruses were the result of recombination. Using the Recombination Analysis Program (RAPR) (PMID: 29765018 [https://www.hiv.lanl.gov/content/sequence/RAP2017/rap.html\)](https://www.hiv.lanl.gov/content/sequence/RAP2017/rap.html), and excluding the 5' ITR from the analysis so we did not overcount the repeated mutations in both ITRs (marked in gray). The putative recombinant sequence from Spain was incomplete and did not span the 5' ITR region, therefore we used the 3' region for analysis to enable including all three related forms. We determined that a string of 5 mutations in series that differed from the representative variant B.1 sequences and that are shared with more ancestral Clade IIb sequences is unlikely to have occurred by chance alone (p-value 3.71e-07). Thus, the RAPR analysis supports this being a recombinant lineage, although alternatively this pattern may have emerged as a systematic sequencing artifact. In either case, the analysis indicated these sequences were chimeric and not simple variant B.1 viruses, and so we removed them from the subsequent analysis of variant B.1 sequences in Fig. S3. Red sequence names indicate sequences identified by RAPR as representative of candidate parental lineages, and blue the putative recombinant lineage. **B.** The pattern of interest in the ITR was consistently found in sequences throughout Clade IIb, including samples from the 1970s through contemporary samples excluding the B.1 variant. In the 2021\_MD sequence, four of the five variant B.1 mutations were apparent. The GISAID acknowledgments tables are provided in Tables S10 and S11.

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**Fig. S5. Sensitivity of 2022 outbreak MPXVs to tecovirimat (TPOXX). A.** Aggregate results of cytopathic effect (CPE) assay showing cell growth in the presence of MPXV after treatment with different doses of TPOXX. Error bars indicate 95% confidence intervals based on four statistical and two biological replicates at each dose per group. **B.** Half-maximal effective concentration EC<sub>50</sub> of TPOXX for different MPXV isolates. Average plus 95% confidence intervals were based on 24 values from four statistical and two biological replicates.



**Table S1. List of GenBank accession numbers for sequences used in haplotype network analysis (Fig. S1).**



**Table S2. Variant table showing differences in genomes of USA\_2022\_MA001 (ON563414.3) and USA\_2021\_MD (ON676708.1) compared to MT903344.1 UK-P2**. Changes shared among USA\_2022\_MA001 and USA\_2021\_MD are highlighted in green. Position and annotation information is based on reference MT903344.1.



**Table S3. Variant table showing differences in genomes of U.S. variant A.2 USA\_2022\_FL001 (ON674051.1), USA\_2022\_VA001 (ON675438.1) and USA\_2021\_TX (ON676707.1) compared to MT903344.1 UK-P2.** Changes shared among all three A.2 sequences are highlighted in green. Position and annotation information is based on reference MT903344.1.



**Table S4. Details for U.S. MPXV genomes from nine 2021 – 2022 cases**.



**Table S5. Summary PCR results for OPX3 (***15***) and Clade II-specific (***14***) real-time PCR assay.** Average Ct value is based on triplicate testing for each assay. Difference (diff) was calculated by subtracting Clade II-specific average Ct from OPX3 average Ct value.



**Table S6. Details and statistical analysis of mutational patterns within Lineage A, based on the trees shown in Fig. 2 and Fig. S2.** Here we compare the frequencies of G-to-A substitutions in APOBEC3 and non-APOBEC3 contexts in Lineage A and each relevant sub-lineage within Lineage A. This table details the mutational patterns throughout the entire Lineage A, and G-to-A mutations in an APOBEC3 context are highly enriched relative to other mutations. First, to determine the overall level of enrichment for these mutations in Lineage A, we compressed every unique SNP mutation that arose within Lineage A onto a single sequence we call "All unique SNPs in Lineage A merged"; the analysis of the merged data is highlighted in gray at the top of the table, and this summary was also used in Figure 2 in the main text. Within Lineage A, 167 G-to-A mutations arose in an APOBEC3 context (5' GA-to-AA or GG-to-AG, in blue); 36,415 Gs in a APOBEC context, GA or GG in the ancestral sequence, did not change. In contrast, only 9 G-to-A mutations arose out of *outside* of an APOBEC3 context (GY-to-AY, where Y is C or T, in red), while 30,669 GY's remained unchanged. A simple two-sided Fisher's exact text was used to test the null hypothesis that the distributions between the two mutational patterns was random; q-values (*37, 38*) were calculated based on all p-values included Tables S6 and S8 to correct for multiple tests. The G-to-A mutations are obviously highly enriched. When the odds ratio is greater than one (highlighted in light blue) it is indicative more G-to-A mutations in an APOBEC3 context. We also tallied all other SNPs that were not G-to-A (in gray); these were rare, there were only 14 of these in all of Lineage A. To resolve if the enrichment pattern for G-to-A mutations in an APOBEC context was observed throughout Lineage A, we compared the mutational patterns on the internal branches within Lineage A, and we found all partitions of the data throughout Lineage A were enriched for G-to-A in an APOBEC3 context. While variant B.1, the predominant 2022 outbreak, had too few changes between the ancestor and any one leaf for a single sequence to be significant, all of the 8 mutations observed in the 12 earliest sequences from variant B.1 available for our initial analysis were G-to-A in an APOBEC3 context, and this enrichment was significant when considered together as a merged sequence. There were enough mutations in the longer branches in variant A.2 for statistical significance of the pattern to be evident for each of the 3 taxa independently. G-to-A in an APOBEC3 context was also enriched among the Nigerian sequences, in 2018/2019 export set, and on each of 4 major internal branches within Lineage A.

**Table S7. G-A substitutions are enriched in an APOBEC3 context among 397 variant B.1 sequences available in GISAID through mid-July and among 4 additional variant A.2 sequences\*.** To confirm the enrichment for G-to-A substitutions was retained in the rapidly expanding available outbreak sequence data, we extended our original analysis to include an additional 397 variant B.1 sequences that were available in GISAID as of July 15, 2022; these data supported our initial findings. A summary of all merged unique mutations in this set of 397 sequences is provided in this table, and the merged data is presented in Fig. 2B in the main text; a detailed graphic displaying the details of the analyses is provided in the supplemental Fig. S3. We also identified four additional variant A.2 sequences, two from Thailand and two from India, that became available through GISAID later in July. These too were highly enriched for G-to-A substitutions, and the statistics are provided in this table. The column headers are described in Table S6. \***EPI\_ISL\_14011193:** Bangkok Hospital Phuket, Thai Red Cross Emerging Infectious Diseases Clinical Center and Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University; **EPI\_ISL\_13953611**: Indian Council of Medical Research-National Institute of Virology; **EPI\_ISL\_14049245**, Indian Council of Medical Research-National Institute of Virology; **EPI\_ISL\_13983888**: Bangkok Hospital Phuket, National Institute of Health, Department of Medical Sciences, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand**.** The GISAID acknowledgments tables for these two data sets are provided in Tables S10 and S11.



**Table S8. Details and statistical analysis of mutational patterns outside of Lineage A, based on the trees shown in Fig. 2 and Fig. S2.** Here we compare Clade I, Clade IIa and Clade IIb data prior to the emergence of Lineage A. In these clades, there was no evident enrichment for G-to-A changes in APOBEC3 context. Instead, there was a modest, but overall significant, enrichment for G-to-A substitutions to occur *not* in a APOBEC3 context (the two-sided p-values were for the merged data for Clades I and IIa were significant) and the Odds Ratios were less than one throughout these clades indicating G-to-A changes in APOBEC3 context were relatively diminished compared to other G-to-A mutations.



**Table S9. Rate estimates for Lineage A, Clade I and Clade IIa.** Analysis was performed in BEAST

v1.8.3 using the alignment from Figure 2. Mean rates are shown with 95% highest posterior density

intervals in parenthesis.

**Table S10. GISAID acknowledgement table for variant B.1 sequences**

**Table S11. GISAID acknowledgement table for variant A.2 sequences**