

# Parvovirus B19 DNA and antibodies in Chinese plasma donors, plasma pools and plasma derivatives

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**Results:** A total of 17187 plasma donors were analyzed, 44 (0.26%) specimens were found positive for B19V DNA. The quantitative DNA levels ranged from  $1.01 \times 10^1$  to  $5.09 \times 10^{12}$  IU/mL. 44 DNA-positive specimens were also investigated for the seroprevalence of B19V antibodies, among which 2.3% specimens were seropositive for B19V IgG and IgM antibodies. A total of 75% of these samples were positive for B19V IgG. The phylogenetic analyses showed that the prevalent genotypes in four provinces plasma donors belong to B19V Genotype 1. 11 individual plasma donors who were B19V DNA positive at the index time were followed for a period. During this period, the DNA levels of B19V were gradually decreased. Moreover, 64.8% (259/400) of pooled plasma were contaminated by B19V, with the concentrations of  $1.05 \times 10^0$ - $3.36 \times 10^9$  IU/mL. Approximately 72.6% of the DNA-positive plasma pools were only moderately contaminated ( $<10^4$  IU/mL), while 27.4 % contained  $>10^4$  IU/mL. 20 batches of plasma derivatives which were produced by pooled plasma with viral load of B19V DNA exceeding  $10^4$  IU/mL were also tested. B19V was detected in 5/5 PCC samples, 5/5 factor VIII samples, but not in intravenous immune globulin and albumin samples. The DNA levels of B19V in these samples were ranged from  $1.90 \times 10^1$  to  $3.59 \times 10^7$  IU/mL. In samples with B19V DNA  $>10^4$  IU/mL, B19V-specific IgG and IgM were not found.

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## 70 **Introduction**

71 Human parvovirus B19 (B19V) is a non-enveloped virus with a liner single-stranded DNA  
72 genome. It belongs to Erythroparvovirus of the *Parvoviridae* family (Cotmore & Tattersall  
73 1984). B19V infection causes variety of illnesses, including fifth disease in children, aplastic  
74 crisis in patients with hemolytic disorders, and fatal hydrops in pregnant women, arthropathy,  
75 cardiomyopathy and inflammation of other various tissues(Servant et al. 2002). Moreover, the  
76 epidemiology of B19V shows a wide geographic distribution around the world and seasonal  
77 variations, the peak season of infection is spring and winter. The transmission of B19V is  
78 primarily through the upper respiratory route, organ transplantation and blood transfusion  
79 (Ganaie & Qiu 2018; Parsyan & Candotti 2007). If the prevalence of B19V in blood donors is  
80 about 1%, the plasma pools will be contaminated with a high probability. DNA in the blood  
81 donor population reaches 1%, their plasma could easily contaminate the entire pooled plasma.  
82 Once the single plasma donor with extremely high DNA concentrations exceeding  $10^{14}$  IU/ml,  
83 the B19 viral DNA in the pooled plasma could reach  $10^9$  IU/ml. Because of its special structure  
84 and small size, B19V is highly resistant to all commonly used inactivation methods. Our  
85 preliminary research also indicated that the plasma-derived clotting factor concentrates such as  
86 fibrinogen and PCC were found to be highly contaminated with B19V DNA (53.7%-85.7%) ,  
87 IVIG and albumin were moderately contaminated (0-38.9%) (Zhang et al. 2012). Thus the safety  
88 of plasma products need to be further evaluated.

89 In China, there have been no specific documentation and technical guidelines for monitoring  
90 B19V. For better ensuring the safety of plasma donors, many governments request plasma  
91 manufacture to perform the screening for B19V in blood and plasma products. For example, the  
92 US Food and Drug administration guidelines, U.S. Pharmacopoeia, Plasma Protein Therapeutics  
93 Association, and the European regulatory requirements recommend that the viral load of B19V  
94 in the manufacturing of pooled plasma should not exceed  $10^4$  IU/mL (2020a; 2020b; Jin et al.  
95 2010). However there is no regulation to ensure the safety of pooled plasma and plasma

96 derivatives for B19V in China. Although the B19V-DNA prevalence among Chinese plasma  
97 donors is relatively low, once asymptomatic plasma donors with high levels of B19V, up to  $10^{12}$   
98 IU/mL, may present a greater risk in plasma derivatives (Jia et al. 2019; Li et al. 2020; Marano et  
99 al. 2015; Schmidt et al. 2001; Siegl & Cassinotti 1998; Zhang et al. 2012). This study's major  
100 objective was to comprehensively and systematically determine the frequency and the levels of  
101 B19V DNA in plasma donors, pooled plasma and plasma derivatives from four Chinese blood  
102 products manufacturers. Besides, reports of the change of B19V DNA in single –plasma donors  
103 are rare, so we also follow-up evaluated the level change of B19V DNA in those B19V DNA-  
104 positive donors who was first confirmed after their subsequent donation. And we continued to  
105 track and investigate the contamination in the plasma derivatives produced by plasma pools with  
106 viral load of B19V DNA exceeding  $10^4$  IU/mL. Moreover, B19V-specific immunoglobulin  
107 (IgG/IgM) antibodies in all of B19V DNA-positive samples were also determined. We expect  
108 that this study will provide a series of robust evidences on promoting the quality standards for  
109 plasma derivatives in China.

## 110 **Materials & Methods**

### 111 **Sample collection**

112 From October 2018 through May 2020, 17380 individual plasma samples from 4 provinces  
113 (Shandong province, Guangxi province, Sichuan province and Guizhou province) and 400  
114 plasma pools (approximately 17000 single-plasma mixed a pool) were collected from four  
115 Chinese blood products manufacturers. Furthermore, the samples from 11 B19V DNA-positive  
116 donors who had frequent plasma donation were also collected after their first DNA-positive  
117 donation. Also 5 batches of albumin, 5 batches of intravenous immunoglobulin, 5 batches of  
118 prothrombin-complex concentrate (PCC) and 5 batches of Factor VIII produced by plasma pools  
119 with viral load of B19V DNA exceeding  $10^4$  IU/mL were also collected. The study was approved  
120 by the Research Ethics Committee of the Institute of Blood Transfusion (No.202029). The study  
121 was based on the plasma samples stored in place collected before and the researchers had no  
122 direct contact with the donors. The Ethics Committee waived the need for written consent.

### 123 **B19V DNA quantitation**

124 Individual plasma samples were tested by pools of 48 individuals. The samples in the B19V  
125 positive pools and the pooled plasma were tested separately with 960 $\mu$ L plasma. The virus  
126 DNA/RNA kit (Beijing Wantai Biological Pharmacy Enterprise Co., Ltd) was used for nucleic

127 acid extraction according to the manufacturer's instructions. The DNA extracts were stored at -  
128 80°C prior to PCR analysis. Screening of samples for the B19V DNA was performed with human  
129 parvovirus B19V DNA diagnostic kits (PCR-fluorescence probing) (Beijing Wantai Biological  
130 Pharmacy Enterprise Co., Ltd). This kit can detect all the three Genotypes of B19V with  
131 sensitivity of 20 IU per mL. The Q-PCR assays were performed on a Bio-Rad CFX96 real-time  
132 PCR platform (Bio-Rad Laboratories, Hercules, CA).

133 B19V DNA-positive samples were confirmed by nested PCR (nPCR), the conserved primers  
134 located in the NS1 region was used. Detailed nPCR procedures have been described  
135 previously(Ke et al. 2011).

### 136 **Phylogenetic analysis**

137 The phylogenetic information was analyzed using the sequence from NS1-VP1-U region. The  
138 sequence was amplified upon the previous description (Servant et al. 2002). The PCR products  
139 were purified using NucleoSpin Extract II kit (Macherey-Nagel GmbH & Co. KG, Duren,  
140 Germany) according to the instructions. The second cycle sequencing reactions were performed  
141 using the purified products. The sequences were then read with ABI 3730 (Applied Biosystems).  
142 Sequences were determined for both directions. The sequences were aligned using ClustalX  
143 1.83. The neighborhood joint (NJ) and maximum parsimony (MP) analyses were used to detect  
144 the phylogenetic position of the samples in this study with the reference sequences using  
145 software MEGA 7.0.

### 146 **B19V serologic assays**

147 B19V-specific antibodies in B19V DNA-positive specimens were investigated using commercial  
148 assay kits (Virion-Serion, Würzburg, Germany) according to the manufacturer's instructions.

### 149 **Statistical methods**

150 Analysis of the data was performed using SPSS 16.0 statistics software (SPSS, Inc., Chicago, IL)  
151 and Microsoft Excel 2011.

## 152 **Results**

### 153 **Prevalence of B19V DNA and antibodies in plasma donors**

154 In this study, 17187 individual samples of plasma donors living in four provinces were collected  
155 and tested in China. Of 17187 plasma donors, 44 (0.26%) specimens were found positive for  
156 B19V DNA. The quantitative DNA levels ranged from  $1.01 \times 10^1$  IU/mL to  $5.09 \times 10^{12}$  IU/ml. As  
157 shown in Table 1, 1 of 2000 (0.05%) individual plasma sample from company A were positive

158 for B19V DNA. 18 of 3898 (0.46%) individual plasma sample from company B were positive  
159 for B19V DNA, and 2 positive (0.05%) samples contained  $>10^4$  IU/ml. The B19V DNA positive  
160 samples' percent for company C and company D was 0.33% (13/3985) and 0.16% (12/7304)  
161 respectively. Moreover, the distribution of ABO blood type of B19-positive donors was different  
162 (blood type A was 18.2%, blood type B was 22.7%, blood type AB was 6.8%, blood type O was  
163 52.3%). The anti-B19V IgG and IgM titers were also tested in B19V DNA positive samples. The  
164 presence of anti-B19 antibodies was associated with lower levels of viraemia. 28 out of 44  
165 (63.6%) samples were positive for IgG, with titers in the range of 7.03-3800 IU/mL. Only one  
166 sample of 44 (2.3%) was contained IgM, with the titer of 30.91 IU/mL. 11 individual plasma  
167 donors who were B19V DNA positive at the index time were followed for a period. The B19V  
168 DNA, IgG and IgM were always monitored during the following donations until the COVID-19  
169 pandemic outbreak in 2020. The follow-up tests were shown in Table 2 ( typical example), 10 of  
170 11 (83.3%) donors were positive for B19V DNA for no more than 2 times during the following  
171 period. 2 donors were positive for B19V DNA all the following period. The donor with the  
172 highest B19V DNA ( $5.09 \times 10^{12}$  IU/mL) was negative for IgG/IgM at the first donation after index  
173 time, then IgG and IgM reached the peak titers at the second donation, IgM became negative half  
174 month later, while IgG kept positive for the following period.

#### 175 **B19V DNA and antibodies in plasma pools for fractionation**

176 A total of 400 plasma pools were tested for B19V DNA, IgG and IgM. Of these, 259 pools  
177 (64.8%) contained B19V DNA, and 76 out of 259 (29.3%) contained B19V DNA at a level  
178 higher than  $10^4$  IU/mL. The prevalence of B19V DNA in plasma pools differed in different  
179 companies. Company A had a prevalence of 27%. However the other three companies had much  
180 higher prevalence of B19V DNA, company B 90%, company C 81%, and company D 61%.  
181 Meanwhile the number of plasma pools with a viral load higher than  $10^4$  IU/mL differed between  
182 the four companies. All the B19V DNA positive plasma pools were positive for B19V IgG, with  
183 titers in the range of 5.755-27.73 IU/mL. No sample was positive for B19V IgM. The results are  
184 shown in Table 3.

#### 185 **B19V DNA and antibodies in plasma derivatives**

186 Plasma derivatives which were made from company B plasma pools with viral load of B19V  
187 DNA exceeding  $10^4$  IU/mL were also collected and tested. Table 4 summarized B19V DNA and  
188 antibodies in the plasma derivatives. B19V DNA was not detected in albumin and IVIG.

189 However, all of the PCC and factor were contained with B19V DNA. 80% (4 of 5 batches) of  
190 PCC were highly contaminated (higher than  $10^4$  IU/mL), and the B19V DNA concentration was  
191 up to  $3.59 \times 10^7$  IU/mL. Of all the plasma derivatives only 2 batches of IVIG were positive for  
192 B19V IgG.

### 193 **Phylogenetic relationships among different B19V isolates**

194 17 1200-bp sample sequences were obtained within NS1-VP1-U region. They were aligned with  
195 35 reference sequences to reconstruct the phylogenetic tree under the NJ method. The tree is  
196 shown in Fig.1 with the NJ bootstrap values depicted on the branches. All of the samples studied  
197 in this article formed a monophyletic group, and they fell in Genotype 1A.

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### 199 **Discussion**

200 In China, the commercial plasma pools collection system is independent of the voluntary non-  
201 remunerated whole blood banking system. All of human plasma derivatives are produced only by  
202 plasma pools from thousands of healthy plasma donors. Once the plasma donors were infected  
203 by B19V, this higher virus titer is sufficient to contaminate plasma pools. Moreover, B19V has  
204 no envelope, this virus is resistant to inactivation treatment by heating or solubilizes. Therefore,  
205 it can be transmitted by plasma derivatives. Plasma derivatives factor products are important  
206 therapies for people with VWD, hemophilia inhibitors and rarer factor deficiencies. Once those  
207 plasma derivatives were contaminated with a high titer of B19V, they can cause serious  
208 problems in patients with an increased risk of infection. There are few clinical data on the  
209 transmission of B19V through these products. Previous studies had illustrated that the plasma-  
210 derived factor replacement products usually led to the transmission of B19V in bleeding disorder  
211 patients, such as hemophilia. In the earlier report, they found that the seroprevalence of IgG  
212 antibodies to B19V was much higher among very young (age 2-7 years) hemophilia patients  
213 exposed to plasma-derived products compared to those not exposed (Azzi et al. 1999;  
214 Santagostino et al. 1997; Soucie et al. 2004). Another study also found that young children with  
215 bleeding disorders exposed only to plasma-derived factor concentrates were 70% more likely to  
216 have antibodies to B19V than those unexposed to any products (Soucie et al. 2013). It is well  
217 known that patient safety is an important issue (Di Minno et al. 2016). Due to B19V's  
218 pathogenicity and risk of transmission through plasma derivatives, great concerns have been  
219 raised on it. Japanese, Germany and Netherlands screen for B19V DNA or B19V specific

220 antibodies in blood donors (2002; Sakata et al. 2013; Schmidt et al. 2007). Regarding to plasma,  
221 U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), European Pharmacopoeia has proposed a limit of  $10^4$   
222 IU/mL for levels of B19V DNA in plasma pools for manufacturing all kinds of plasma  
223 derivatives (2020a; 2020b; Jin et al. 2010). There are no regulations or recommendations for  
224 monitoring B19V DNA in China yet. In our study, we monitored the contamination in plasma  
225 deviates produced by plasma pools with viral load of B19V DNA exceeding  $10^4$  IU/mL.  
226 Considering to business privacy, only one cooperation company was willing to continue study in  
227 this study. Therefore there were only total of 20 batches plasma deviates were continually  
228 collected and monitored. These products were factor VIII, PCC, IVIG and albumin made from  
229 plasma pools with high B19V DNA ( $>10^4$  IU/mL). The results indicated that B19V DNA was  
230 not detected in any batch of albumin and IVIG, except for plasma-derived clotting factor  
231 concentrates. These contaminated products must be imposed risks to the patients who received  
232 them. Although it would have been interesting to note that how many of the recipients of these  
233 plasma derivatives factor products turned positive for B19V. There are many difficulties to  
234 perform this assay in China.

235 Moreover, the safety of plasma pools with regard to B19V has been also a major concern. In  
236 2015, Yuyuan Ma and her team demonstrated that the contamination of B19V in plasma pools  
237 was serious in China. In her study, 71.91 % (169/235) of plasma pools were contaminated by  
238 B19V, with the concentrations of  $5.18 \times 10^2$ – $1.05 \times 10^9$  IU/mL. Approximately 31.95 % of the  
239 DNA-positive plasma pools were only moderately contaminated ( $<10^4$  IU/mL), while 68.05 %  
240 contained  $>10^4$  IU/mL (Jia et al. 2015). These data are consistent with our study. So the data  
241 demonstrates a relatively high prevalence of B19V in Chinese plasma pools. According to the  
242 limit standard of  $10^4$  IU/ml for levels of B19V DNA in plasma pools from U.S. FDA, European  
243 Pharmacopoeia and the Plasma Protein Therapeutics Association (PPTA), more than 60%  
244 plasma pools should be discarded in China. For using plasma resource well, we advise that the  
245 B19V DNA screening for individual plasma donor would be better than plasma pools and plasma  
246 derivatives.

247 Previous studies demonstrated that the prevalence of B19V DNA in Chinese plasma donors  
248 differed between 0.03% and 0.09% (Han et al. 2015). However, we found that 0.29% (42/14187)  
249 specimens were positive for B19V DNA. It was higher than that mentioned before, but it was  
250 lower than 0.58% which Ke *et al.* found in whole blood donors(Ke et al. 2011). The results may

251 be related with plasma donors' geographic differences and methodological differences in  
252 diagnostic procedures. Besides, only two plasma donors from Guangxi province were infected  
253 with B19V at levels higher than  $10^4$  IU/mL ( $5 \times 10^{12}$  IU/mL). In some reports, the peak of the  
254 virus titer might reach to  $10^{13}$  IU/mL (Frickhofen & Young 1989). Thus B19V NAT testing for  
255 single Chinese plasma donor screening is necessary. In addition, 11 plasma donors who were  
256 B19V DNA positive at the first screening time were followed up until the Covid-19 pandemic.  
257 One of the plasma donors was a classic example. In his first donation, B19V DNA was positive  
258 with virus titer of  $5.09 \times 10^{12}$  IU/mL. After his second and third donation (about 14 days later),  
259 B19V DNA was still positive with lower virus titer ( $1.86 \times 10^5$  IU/mL,  $1.09 \times 10^4$  IU/mL), IgG and  
260 IgM were positive yet. This plasma donor might be in viremia stage at his first donation. After  
261 36 days later, B19V DNA and IgG of the donors were still positive, IgM was negative yet. Those  
262 varies were in accordance with epidemiological trends of B19V in blood phase. IgM antibody  
263 develops 10-14 days post-infection followed by the development of IgG antibodies directed  
264 toward viral capsid components. Meanwhile, this result also indicated that the plasma donor who  
265 was after viremia stage can continue to donate plasma, not be permanent refused.

266 A survey reported that the seroprevalence of B19V-specific IgM antibodies was commonly  
267 below 2% in health people. While the IgG antibodies was reported approximately 2% in children  
268 under the age of 5 to 80% in blood donors 18-65 years of age (Ke et al. 2011; Kelly et al. 2000;  
269 Manaresi et al. 2004). In our study, of the B19V DNA positive individual plasma donors, 62.5%  
270 B19V DNA positive individual plasma donors demonstrated the presence of B19V specific IgG,  
271 while 100% plasma pools were positive for B19V specific IgG. The IgG presence is a sign of  
272 past infection and gives protective immunity. The prevalence of IgG antibodies increases with  
273 age. In most studies, about 30% of 18- to 30- year-old donors have detectable IgG, while about  
274 60% of around 50-year-old donors are seropositive (Zaaijer et al. 2004). A study in our  
275 laboratory on characteristics of Chinese plasma donors showed that most plasma donors (78.5%)  
276 were aged 46-55 years old (Sun et al. 2021). This may explain the prevalence of B19V specific  
277 IgG in Chinese plasma donors. Health Council of Netherlands considers that blood with  
278 persistent anti-B19V IgG (B19V specific IgG have been detected in two separate blood samples,  
279 one taken at least 6 months after the other) might be B19V-safe blood (2002). B19V specific  
280 IgM antibodies are detectable 10 to 14 days after infection and can generally persist for 5  
281 months. The prevalence of B19V IgM serves for the assessment of the rate of donors who were

282 infected with B19V recently. In this study only one individual plasma donor of B19V DNA  
283 positive was detected with B19V specific IgM. There was no association of levels of B19V DNA  
284 content and the titer of IgM/IgG.

285 During the last several years, great efforts have been made to investigate the epidemic and  
286 characterization of B19V in plasma donors, plasma pools and plasma derivatives in China. Those  
287 data recommended the implementation of B19V screening for plasma donors and plasma pools  
288 in order to contract the transmission of B19V via plasma derivatives. Moreover, China's  
289 National Medical Products Administration had prepared the national reference standard for  
290 B19V DNA detection, and the quantitative real-time detection of B19V kits are being explored.  
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296 Our study had some limitations that the plasma derivatives are distributed all around the  
297 country and administrated to different recipients, it is really difficult to integrate so many  
298 resources to perform such a large-scale systematic research on the recipients of these blood  
299 products. Moreover, there may be other uncertainties. For example, participants may be dropped  
300 out from the program at any time, and they may be treated with other blood products. Thus those  
301 above unfavorable factors may greatly limit the study. In view of this, B19V NAT screening is  
302 recommended in plasma donors and mini-pool plasma to better protect the recipients of plasma  
303 derivatives.

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## 305 **Conclusions**

306 In this study, we found that the contamination of B19V in pooled plasma and plasma-derived  
307 clotting factor concentrates was serious in China. Further follow-up study on the recipients of  
308 these blood products was difficult to perform for us. B19V NAT screening is recommended in  
309 plasma donors and mini-pool plasma to ensure these samples with high titer B19V DNA were  
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**Table 1** (on next page)

B19 DNA prevalence and levels in plasma donors from four Chinese provinces during 2018 to 2021

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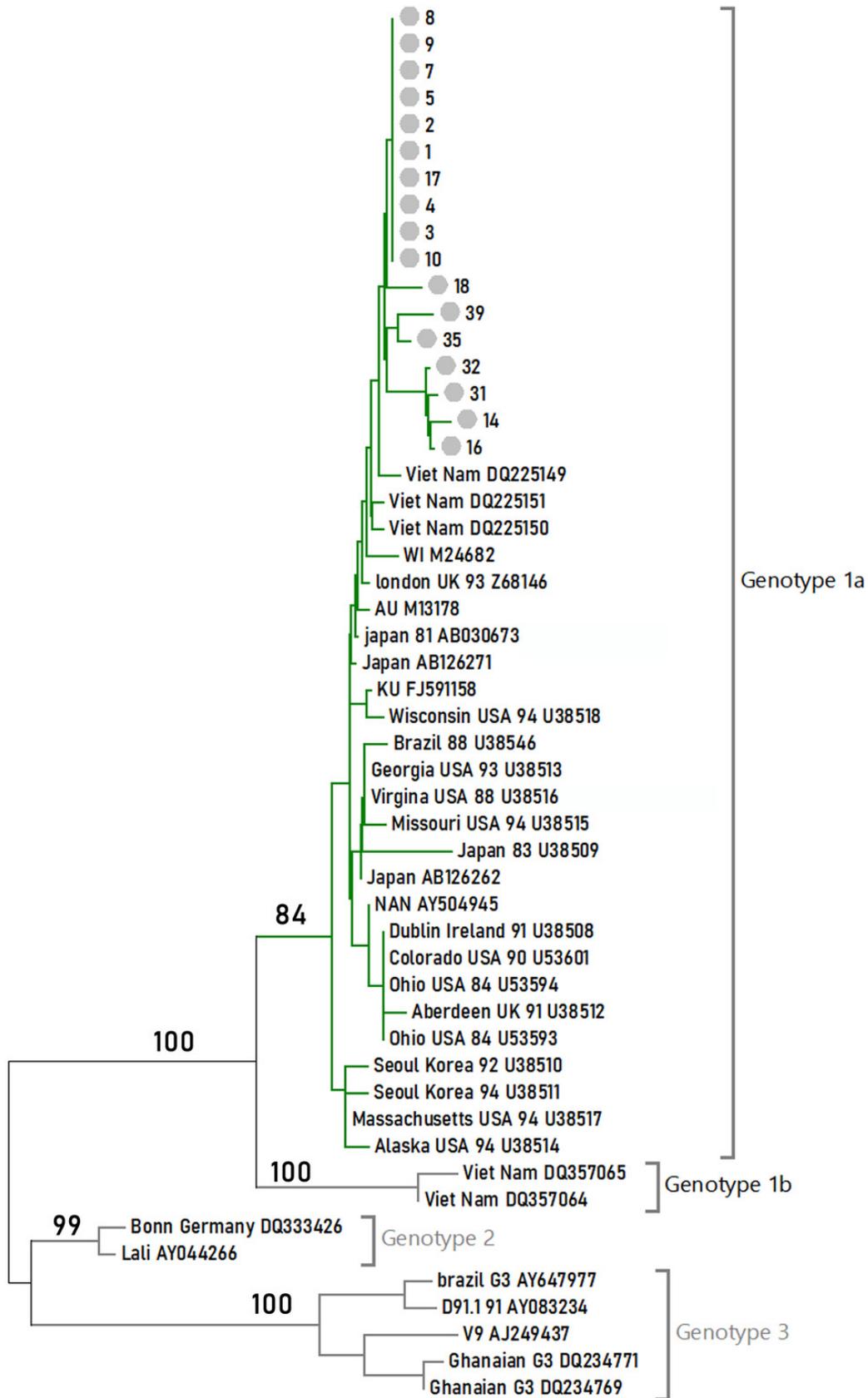
<b>Blood products manufactures</b>	<b>Areas of plasma samples</b>	<b>Samples detection (n)</b>	<b>B19 DNA positive (n)</b>	<b>Prevalence of B19V DNA (%)</b>	<b>95% confidence interval [CI]</b>
A	Sichuan	2000	1	0.05	0.00~0.15
B	Guangxi	3898	18	0.46	0.24~0.66
C	Shandong	3985	13	0.33	0.15~0.50
D	Guizhou	7304	12	0.16	0.07~0.26
Total	/	17187	44	0.26	0.18~0.33

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# Figure 1

Fig.1 Phylogenetic relationships of NS1-VP1-U region of different clones.

Values on the nodes indicate NJ/MP bootstrap values. 24 sequences from this study (labeled with Arabic numerals) and a set of reference sequences downloaded from GenBank (labeled with their GenBank accession number) were analyzed



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**Table 2** (on next page)

Varies of viral load and antibody level in a typical B19 DNA-positive donor during his different plasma donation

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Donor	Sex	Age	Blood group	Donation date	Viral load (IU/mL)	IgM	IgG
				10/18/2019	$5.09 \times 10^{12}$	-	-
				11/04/2019	$1.86 \times 10^5$	*	-
				11/18/2019	$1.09 \times 10^4$	*	#
1	Male	18	O	12/02/2019	$5.15 \times 10^3$	-	#
				12/16/2019	$4.96 \times 10^3$	-	#
				12/31/2019	$3.34 \times 10^3$	-	#
				01/15/2020	$3.04 \times 10^3$	-	#

2 Not:\* B19 I gM positive, # B19 I gG positive

**Table 3** (on next page)

B19 DNA and antibodies in plasma pools

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## B19V DNA-positive samples

Blood products manufactures	Sample type	Samples detection (n)	B19V DNA-positive samples							
			B19 DNA positive (n)	Prevalence of B19 DNA (%)	95% confidence interval [CI]	B19 viral load $\geq 1 \times 10^4$ IU/mL (n)	Prevalence of B19 viral load $\geq 1 \times 10^4$ IU/mL (%)	95% confidence interval [CI]	IgG positive (%)	IgM positive (%)
A	plasma pools	100	27	27	18.15~5.85	4	4	0~6.40	100	0
B	plasma pools	100	90	90	84.02~95.98	21	21	12.88~29.12	100	0
C	plasma pools	100	81	81	73.18~88.82	17	17	13.74~30.26	100	0
D	plasma pools	100	61	61	51.27~70.73	29	29	19.95~38.05	100	0
Total	plasma pools	400	259	64.8	60.05~69.45	71	17.8	14.91~22.59	100	0

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**Table 4**(on next page)

Prevalence and levels of B19V DNA and antibodies in plasma derivatives produced by start plasma pools with viral load  $\leq 10^4$  IU/mL

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## Start plasma pools

Plasma derivatives produced by start plasma pools with viral load  $>10^4$  IU/mL

Numbers	B19V DNA titers (IU/mL)	B19V IgG-positive	B19V IgM-positive	Names	Bathes	B19V DNA titers (IU/mL)	B19V IgG- positive	B19V IgM-positive
1	$5.25 \times 10^8$	#	-		A-1	N/A	-	-
2	$9.12 \times 10^7$	#	-		A-2	N/A	-	-
3	$3.02 \times 10^4$	#	-	Albumin	A-3	N/A	-	-
4	$1.15 \times 10^8$	#	-		A-4	N/A	-	-
5	$1.60 \times 10^8$	#	-		A-5	N/A	-	-
6	$9.12 \times 10^7$	#	-	Intravenous immunoglobulin (pH4)	I-1	N/A	#	-
7	$3.02 \times 10^4$	#	-		I-2	N/A	#	-
8	$1.15 \times 10^8$	#	-		I-3	N/A	#	-

9	$1.60 \times 10^8$	#	-	Intravenous immunoglobulin (pH4)	I-4	N/A	#	-
10	$3.40 \times 10^7$	#	-		I-5	N/A	#	-
11	$8.56 \times 10^4$	#	-		P-1	$3.59 \times 10^7$	-	-
12	$9.12 \times 10^7$	#	-		P-2	$4.60 \times 10^6$	-	-
13	$3.02 \times 10^4$	#	-	PCC	P-3	$6.48 \times 10^3$	-	-
14	$1.15 \times 10^8$	#	-		P-4	$1.47 \times 10^6$	-	-
15	$1.60 \times 10^8$	#	-		P-5	$1.40 \times 10^6$	-	-
16	$5.65 \times 10^7$	#	-	Factor VIII concentrate	F-1	$3.72 \times 10^1$	-	-
17	$9.12 \times 10^7$	#	-		F-2	$1.90 \times 10^1$	-	-
18	$1.15 \times 10^8$	#	-		F-3	$1.35 \times 10^2$	-	-
19	$1.60 \times 10^8$	#	-	Factor VIII concentrate	F-4	$1.65 \times 10^2$	-	-

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20	$3.40 \times 10^7$	#	-	F-5	$3.57 \times 10^2$	-	-
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2 Note:\* B19 IgM positive, # B19 IgG positive

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