



Identification of a novel PC2 ORF2 in the genome of PC2 virus ORF1 and ORF3

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ABSTRACT

The genome of PC2 virus (PC2) contains five open reading frames (ORF1, ORF2, ORF3, ORF4, and ORF5). ORF1 and ORF3 encode the nucleocapsid protein (N) and the matrix protein (M), respectively. ORF2 encodes a protein of unknown function. In this study, we identified a novel PC2 ORF2 in the genome of PC2 virus. The ORF2 protein was shown to be highly conserved among PC2 viruses. The ORF2 protein was shown to be highly conserved among PC2 viruses. The ORF2 protein was shown to be highly conserved among PC2 viruses.

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Introduction

Porcine circovirus (PCV) is a DNA virus, first identified in 1971 (Tinline et al., 1982). PCV is a non-enveloped virus with a diameter of 17 nm (Tinline et al., 1982). PCV is highly conserved among PCV strains. The PCV genome contains two open reading frames (ORF1 and ORF2). ORF1 encodes the capsid protein (CP) and ORF2 encodes the non-coding region (NCR). The CP is a highly conserved protein among PCV strains. The NCR is a non-coding region that is highly conserved among PCV strains. The CP is a highly conserved protein among PCV strains. The NCR is a non-coding region that is highly conserved among PCV strains.

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2008; El et al., 2003; Kim et al., 2004; O et al., 2007; Li et al., 2006). Both ORF2 and ORF3 are DNA dependent RNA polymerases (NTPase) and are essential for the replication and transcription of PCV2 DNA. ORF2 is a DNA dependent RNA polymerase (NTPase) and is essential for the replication and transcription of PCV2 DNA. ORF3 is a DNA dependent RNA polymerase (NTPase) and is essential for the replication and transcription of PCV2 DNA. In this study, we have investigated the expression of ORF2 and ORF3 in PCV2 infected cells. The results show that ORF2 and ORF3 are expressed in PCV2 infected cells. The expression of ORF2 and ORF3 is increased in PCV2 infected cells. The expression of ORF2 and ORF3 is increased in PCV2 infected cells. The expression of ORF2 and ORF3 is increased in PCV2 infected cells. The expression of ORF2 and ORF3 is increased in PCV2 infected cells.

Results

In vitro expression of mammalian expression vector

The ORF2 and ORF3 genes were amplified from PCV2 DNA by PCR. The PCR products were ligated into the pORF2 and pORF3 expression vectors. The expression of ORF2 and ORF3 was confirmed by IPMA. The results show that ORF2 and ORF3 are expressed in PCV2 infected cells. The expression of ORF2 and ORF3 is increased in PCV2 infected cells. The expression of ORF2 and ORF3 is increased in PCV2 infected cells. The expression of ORF2 and ORF3 is increased in PCV2 infected cells. The expression of ORF2 and ORF3 is increased in PCV2 infected cells.

Table 1
PCV2 infection induced cellular immune responses.

Group	IL-1	IL-6	CD4 ⁺ (%)	CD8 ⁺ (%)
ORF2 + CI	1.54	0.32	15.80	0.67
ORF2 + ORF1	1.38	0.13	14.00	2.87
ORF2 + ORF3	1.36	0.20	13.07	1.75
DNA only	1.00	0.00	9.40	3.80

IL-1 and IL-6 levels were significantly higher in the ORF2 + CI group ($P < 0.05$).

Cap-specific cellular immune responses

The cellular immune responses to PCV2 Cap protein were measured. The results show that ORF2 + CI, ORF2 + ORF1, and ORF2 + ORF3 significantly increased CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ T cell counts. The expression of ORF2 and ORF3 is increased in PCV2 infected cells. The expression of ORF2 and ORF3 is increased in PCV2 infected cells. The expression of ORF2 and ORF3 is increased in PCV2 infected cells. The expression of ORF2 and ORF3 is increased in PCV2 infected cells.

Total IgG antibody response to PCV2 Cap protein

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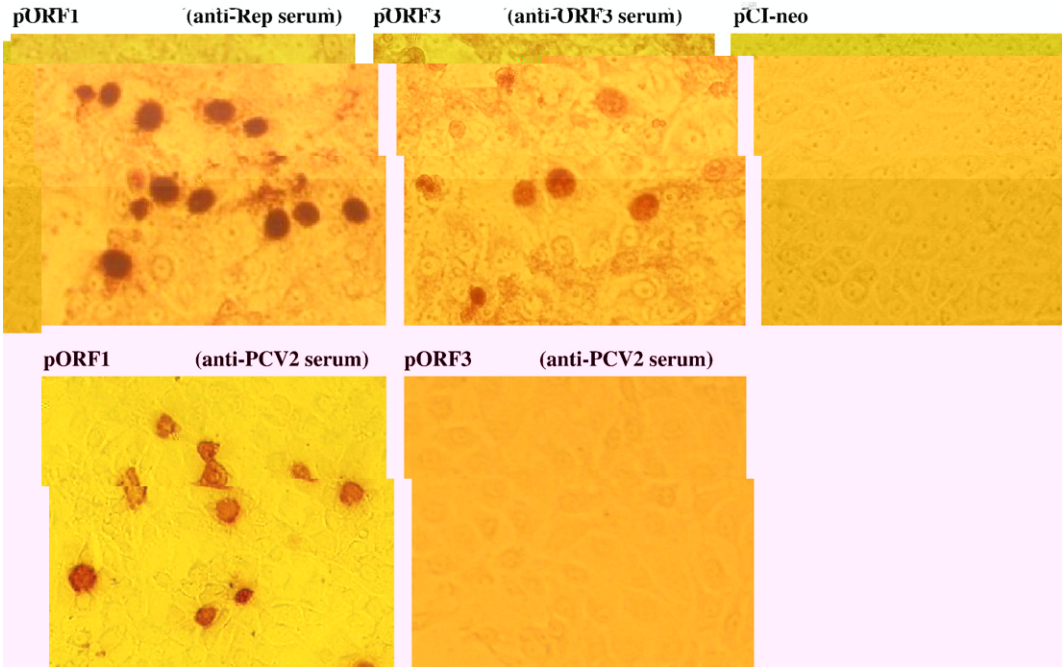


Fig. 1. Expression of ORF1 and ORF3 in PCV2 infected cells. PCV2-infected cells were transfected with pORF1, pORF3 or pCI-neo. Cells were stained with anti-Rep serum, anti-ORF3 serum, or anti-PCV2 serum. The results show that ORF1 and ORF3 are expressed in PCV2 infected cells.

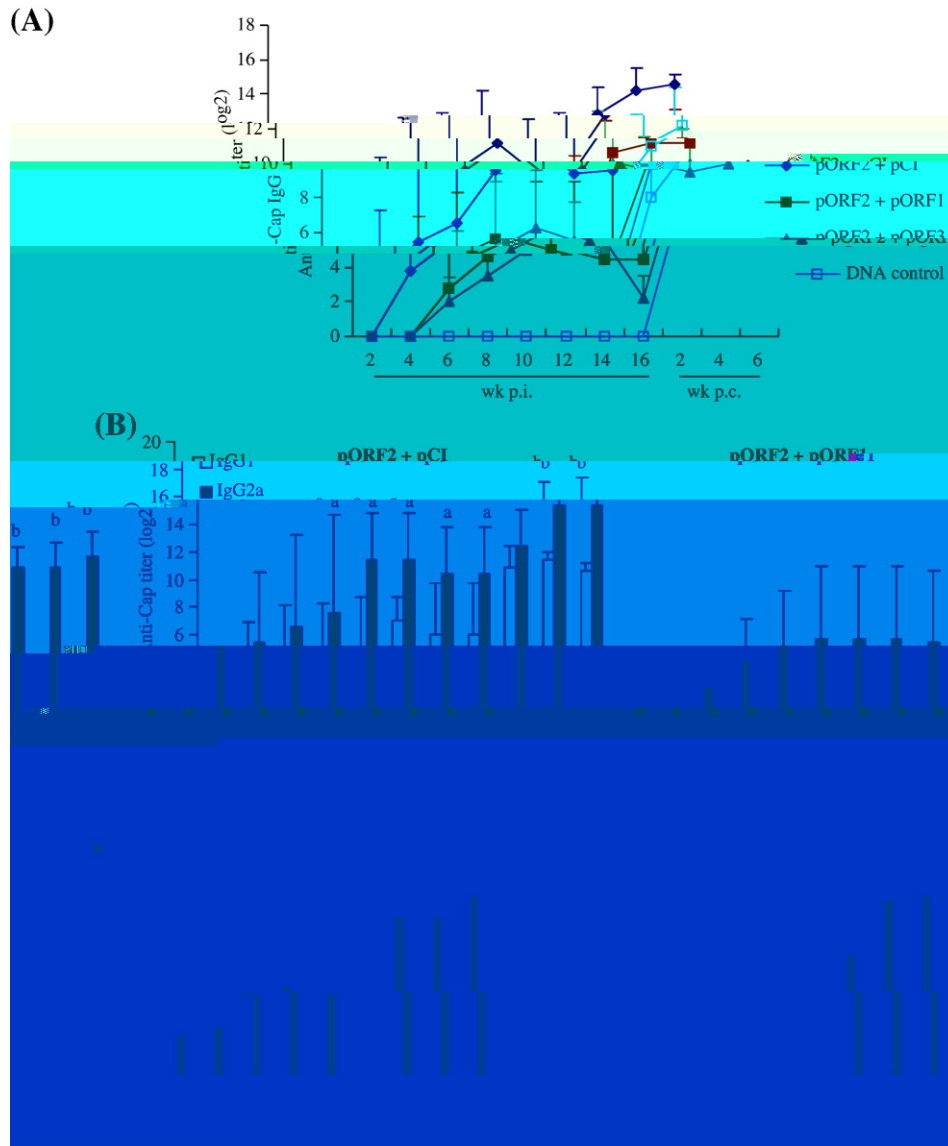


Fig. 2. Kinetics of anti-PCV2 Cap IgG. (A) Anti-Cap IgG titer (log₂) in the sera of mice immunized with pORF2 + pORF1, pORF2 + pORF3, pORF2 + pORF1 + pORF3, or DNA control. (B) Anti-Cap titer (log₂) of IgG1, IgG2a, and IgG2b in the sera of mice immunized with pORF2 + pORF1 or pORF2 + pORF3 at 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 2, 4, and 6 weeks post-infection (p.i.) or post-challenge (p.c.). Data are expressed as mean ± SD (n = 5). Different letters indicate significant differences (P < 0.05) by one-way ANOVA.

0.2 (10 weeks post-infection), 6.3, 3.4, 0.2 (12 weeks post-infection), 5.5 (15 weeks post-infection), 5.5 (15 weeks post-infection) ORF2 + pORF1 (5–12 weeks post-infection), ORF2 + pORF3 (5–10–12 weeks post-infection) or (P < 0.05). The 5.5 (15 weeks post-infection) ORF1 or ORF3 (5–12 weeks post-infection) were significantly lower than ORF2 (P < 0.05).

IgG isotype profiles against PCV2 Cap protein

The 15-week post-infection sera were analyzed for IgG isotype profiles. The anti-Cap titer (log₂) of IgG1, IgG2a, and IgG2b in the sera of mice immunized with pORF2 + pORF1, pORF2 + pORF3, pORF2 + pORF1 + pORF3, or DNA control are shown in Fig. 2B. The anti-Cap titer (log₂) of IgG1, IgG2a, and IgG2b in the sera of mice immunized with pORF2 + pORF1, pORF2 + pORF3, pORF2 + pORF1 + pORF3, or DNA control are shown in Fig. 2B. The anti-Cap titer (log₂) of IgG1, IgG2a, and IgG2b in the sera of mice immunized with pORF2 + pORF1, pORF2 + pORF3, pORF2 + pORF1 + pORF3, or DNA control are shown in Fig. 2B.

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Total IgG and isotype profiles to PCV2 Rep and ORF3 proteins

The 5-week post-infection sera were analyzed for total IgG and isotype profiles. The anti-Rep titer (log₂) of IgG1, IgG2a, and IgG2b in the sera of mice immunized with pORF2 + pORF1, pORF2 + pORF3, pORF2 + pORF1 + pORF3, or DNA control are shown in Fig. 3A. The anti-Rep titer (log₂) of IgG1, IgG2a, and IgG2b in the sera of mice immunized with pORF2 + pORF1, pORF2 + pORF3, pORF2 + pORF1 + pORF3, or DNA control are shown in Fig. 3A.

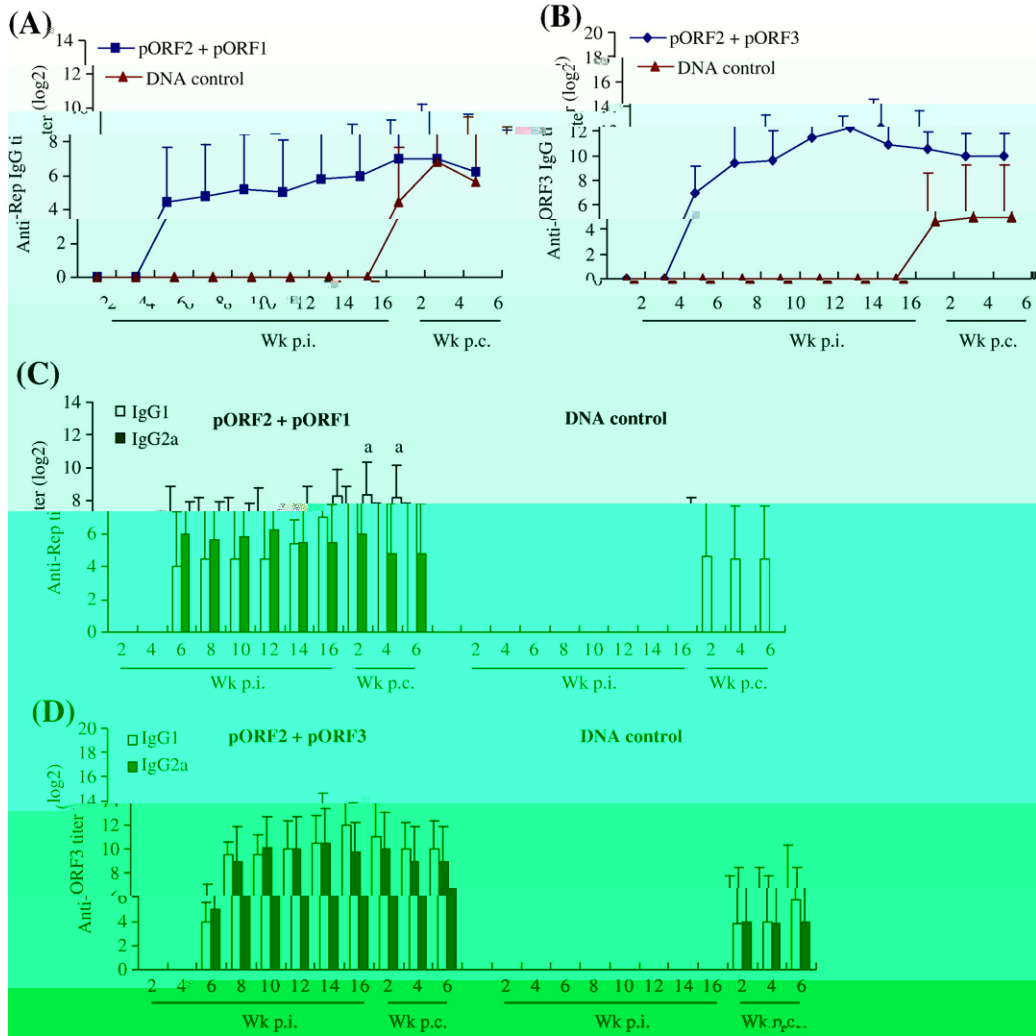


Fig. 3. Kinetics of anti-ORF2 and anti-ORF3 IgG titers. (A) Anti-Rep IgG titer for pORF2 + pORF1 and DNA control. (B) Anti-ORF3 IgG titer for pORF2 + pORF3 and DNA control. (C) Anti-Rep titer for IgG1 and IgG2a in pORF2 + pORF1 and DNA control groups. (D) Anti-ORF3 titer for IgG1 and IgG2a in pORF2 + pORF3 and DNA control groups. Error bars represent standard deviation. Asterisks indicate significant differences ($P < 0.05$). Scale bars represent 516 cells.

ORF2 + ORF1 (Fig. 3A). Anti-ORF3 IgG titers were significantly higher ($P < 0.05$) in the pORF2 + pORF3 group compared to the DNA control group (Fig. 3B). Anti-Rep titers for IgG1 and IgG2a were significantly higher ($P < 0.05$) in the pORF2 + pORF1 group compared to the DNA control group (Fig. 3C). Anti-ORF3 titers for IgG1 and IgG2a were significantly higher ($P < 0.05$) in the pORF2 + pORF3 group compared to the DNA control group (Fig. 3D).

Table 2

Number of mice protected from PCV2 challenge in different groups.

Group	No. of mice protected (N56)	No. of mice challenged (D)	Total mice (n)
ORF2 + CI	3/5 (320)	320	320
ORF2 + ORF1	0/5 (0)	12	11
ORF2 + ORF3	0/5 (0)	0	0
DNA control	0/5 (0)	4	9

N56 = number of mice protected from PCV2 challenge. D = number of mice challenged. n = total number of mice. * indicates significant difference ($P < 0.05$).

VN antibody responses to PCV2

Anti-ORF2 and anti-ORF3 VN antibody responses were measured in mice from different groups. The anti-ORF2 VN antibody response was significantly higher ($P < 0.05$) in the pORF2 + pORF1 group compared to the DNA control group (Fig. 4A). The anti-ORF3 VN antibody response was significantly higher ($P < 0.05$) in the pORF2 + pORF3 group compared to the DNA control group (Fig. 4B). The anti-ORF2 VN antibody response was significantly higher ($P < 0.05$) in the pORF2 + pORF1 group compared to the pORF2 + pORF3 group (Fig. 4A). The anti-ORF3 VN antibody response was significantly higher ($P < 0.05$) in the pORF2 + pORF3 group compared to the pORF2 + pORF1 group (Fig. 4B).

Protection from PCV2 challenge

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