

## Supplementary Materials

Supplementary Table S1: Primers used for the whole genome sequencing of the EV-A71 genome

Name of Primer	Sequences (5→3)
5'-UTR Forward	TTAAAACAGCTGTGGTTGTAC
5'-UTR Reverse	GTGGAGCCTCTGTAGCTGAAT
VP4_VP2 Forward	CAATCAAACATGGGCTCACAGG
VP4_VP2 Reverse	TGATTCTTCCTGGTTTGGCT
VP3 Forward	GATTTGACCAAGGGGCAACTC
VP3 Reverse	GCTGGAACCTCACCAAGTGTCTA
VP1 Forward	GCTTACATAATAGCACTAGCGGC
VP1 Reverse	GTAGCGAGGTGACGATTAAACCA
2A_2B Forward	ACTGTGGTTCATCATCAAAGTCCA
2A_2B Reverse	CTGCTGGAACAATCTTCTCCCT
2C Forward	AACCTGATTCAAGCGCTAGTGA
2C Reverse	AATCCAGCCTGTTCCCTACAG
3A_3B_3C Forward	GTCGCAGGTTCTACATGGATTG
3A_3B_3C Reverse	AAACAGGGCTTGTCAAAGTCG
3D_3'-UTR Forward	AAGAGGAGCTACTTGCGAG
3D_3'-UTR Reverse	GCTATTCCGGTTATAACAAATTAAACC

Supplementary Table S2: PSI-BLAST of the VP1 protein sequence of the EV-A71 parental strain.

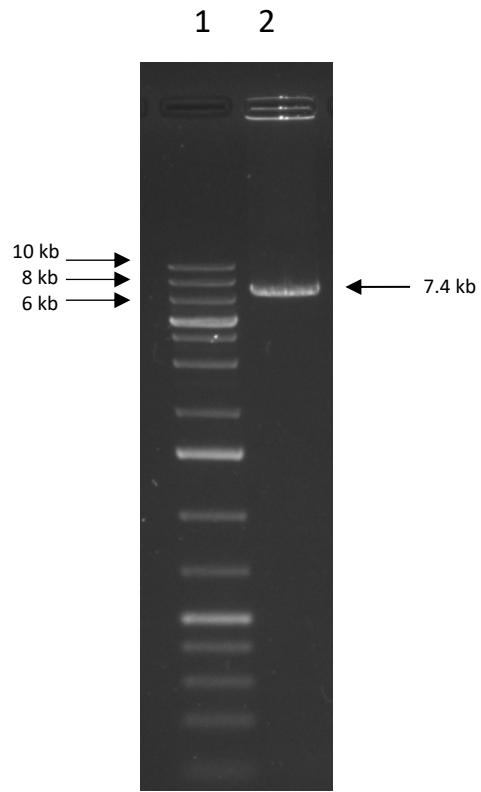
<sup>1</sup> The templates were chosen by protein blast of the VP1 protein sequence of the EV-A71 parental

No.	PDB ID	Percentage Identity (%)	Query Cover (%)	Resolution (Å)
1	4AED_A	99.33	100	3.80
2	612K_A	97.64	100	3.40
3	4CDQ_A	95.96	100	2.65
4	3VBF_A	95.62	100	2.60

strain in NCBI using PDB database and PSI-BLAST (Position-Specific Iterated BLAST) algorithm.

Supplementary Table S3: Unpaired t-test analysis of the EV-A71/BP and the EV-A71/SP plaque variant using GraphPad Prism.

Unpaired t-test analysis:	MEAN PLAQUE SIZES RD	MEAN PLAQUE SIZES VERO
Column B	BP	BP
vs.	vs.	vs.
Column A	SP	SP
Unpaired t test		
P value	<0.0001	<0.0001
P value summary	****	****
Significantly different (P < 0.05)?	Yes	Yes
One- or two-tailed P value?	Two-tailed	Two-tailed
t, df	t=48.1 df=794	t=62.85 df=780
How big is the difference?		
Mean ± SEM of column A	293 ± 2.021, n=399	176.7 ± 1.68, n=408
Mean ± SEM of column B	518.6 ± 4.239, n=397	380.6 ± 2.851, n=394
Difference between means	225.6 ± 4.689	203.9 ± 3.245
95% confidence interval	216.4 to 234.8	197.6 to 210.3
R squared (eta squared)	0.7445	0.8351
F test to compare variances		
F, DFn, Dfd	4.376, 396, 398	2.639, 373, 407
P value	<0.0001	<0.0001
P value summary	****	****
Significantly different (P < 0.05)?	Yes	Yes



Supplementary Figure S1: Agarose gel electrophoresis of the full-length genomic cDNA of EV-A71/WT. The cDNA was produced with the LongAmp DNA polymerase. (1) Lane 1: DNA ladder (2) Lane 2: cDNA of the full-length EV71 genome, 7400 bp in length.

Supplementary Table S4: Amino acid changes observed on the genomes of EV-A71/BP and EV-A71/SP variants.

Position of amino acid	EV-A71 Variant	Change in amino acids	Type of mutation
VP1 <sup>97</sup>	EV-A71/BP	Isoleucine (I) → Leucine (L)	Non-synonymous
VP1 <sup>104</sup>	EV-A71/BP	Asparagine (N) → Serine (S)	Non-synonymous
VP1 <sup>246</sup>	EV-A71/BP	Serine (S) → Proline (P)	Non-synonymous
VP1 <sup>282</sup>	EV-A71/BP	Asparagine (N) → Aspartic Acid (D)	Non-synonymous
VP1 <sup>97</sup>	EV-A71/SP	Isoleucine (I) → Threonine (T)	Non-synonymous
VP1 <sup>237</sup>	EV-A71/SP	Asparagine (N) → Threonine (T)	Non-synonymous
VP1 <sup>292</sup>	EV-A71/SP	Threonine (T) → Alanine (A)	Non-synonymous

\*The amino acid sequence of both the EV-A71/BP and EV-A71/SP variants were compared against the genome of the EV-A71/WT.

The amino acid sequence of the EV-A71/WT (parental EV-A71 strain) against EV-A71/BP and EV-A71/SP. Analysis was performed via Geneious Software and Clustal Omega and significant mutations of EV-A71/BP are: I97L, N104S, S246P and N282D. Significant mutations of EV-A71/SP are: I97T, N237T and T292A.

BP1	GDRVADVISSIGDSVSRALTQALPAPTGQNTQVSSHRLDTGEVPALQAAEIGASSNTSD	60
BP2	GDRVADVISSIGDSVSRALTQALPAPTGQNTQVSSHRLDTGEVPALQAAEIGASSNTSD	60
BP3	GDRVADVISSIGDSVSRALTQALPAPTGQNTQVSSHRLDTGEVPALQAAEIGASSNTSD	60
BP4	GDRVADVISSIGDSVSRALTQALPAPTGQNTQVSSHRLDTGEVPALQAAEIGASSNTSD	60
WT	GDRVADVISSIGDSVSRALTQALPAPTGQNTQVSSHRLDTGEVPALQAAEIGASSNTSD	60
SP1	GDRVADVISSIGDSVSRALTQALPAPTGQNTQVSSHRLDTGEVPALQAAEIGASSNTSD	60
SP2	GDRVADVISSIGDSVSRALTQALPAPTGQNTQVSSHRLDTGEVPALQAAEIGASSNTSD	60
SP3	GDRVADVISSIGDSVSRALTQALPAPTGQNTQVSSHRLDTGEVPALQAAEIGASSNTSD	60
SP4	GDRVADVISSIGDSVSRALTQALPAPTGQNTQVSSHRLDTGEVPALQAAEIGASSNTSD	60
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BP1	ESMIETRCVLNSHSTAETTLDSFFSRAGLVGEIDLPIEGTINP <sup>97/97</sup> SGYANWDIDITGYAQMR	120
BP2	ESMIETRCVLNSHSTAETTLDSFFSRAGLVGEIDLPIEGTINP <sup>97/97</sup> SGYANWDIDITGYAQMR	120
BP3	ESMIETRCVLNSHSTAETTLDSFFSRAGLVGEIDLPIEGTINP <sup>97/97</sup> SGYANWDIDITGYAQMR	120
BP4	ESMIETRCVLNSHSTAETTLDSFFSRAGLVGEIDLPIEGTINP <sup>97/97</sup> SGYANWDIDITGYAQMR	120
WT	ESMIETRCVLNSHSTAETTLDSFFSRAGLVGEIDLPIEGTINP <sup>97/97</sup> SGYANWDIDITGYAQMR	120
SP1	ESMIETRCVLNSHSTAETTLDSFFSRAGLVGEIDLPIEGTINP <sup>97/97</sup> SGYANWDIDITGYAQMR	120
SP2	ESMIETRCVLNSHSTAETTLDSFFSRAGLVGEIDLPIEGTINP <sup>97/97</sup> SGYANWDIDITGYAQMR	120
SP3	ESMIETRCVLNSHSTAETTLDSFFSRAGLVGEIDLPIEGTINP <sup>97/97</sup> SGYANWDIDITGYAQMR	120
SP4	ESMIETRCVLNSHSTAETTLDSFFSRAGLVGEIDLPIEGTINP <sup>97/97</sup> SGYANWDIDITGYAQMR	120
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BP2	RKVELFTYMRFDAEFTFVACTPTGQVVQPQLLQYMFMVPPGAPKPKPESRESLAWQTATNPSVF	180
BP3	RKVELFTYMRFDAEFTFVACTPTGQVVQPQLLQYMFMVPPGAPKPKPESRESLAWQTATNPSVF	180
BP4	RKVELFTYMRFDAEFTFVACTPTGQVVQPQLLQYMFMVPPGAPKPKPESRESLAWQTATNPSVF	180
WT	RKVELFTYMRFDAEFTFVACTPTGQVVQPQLLQYMFMVPPGAPKPKPESRESLAWQTATNPSVF	180
SP1	RKVELFTYMRFDAEFTFVACTPTGQVVQPQLLQYMFMVPPGAPKPKPESRESLAWQTATNPSVF	180
SP2	RKVELFTYMRFDAEFTFVACTPTGQVVQPQLLQYMFMVPPGAPKPKPESRESLAWQTATNPSVF	180
SP3	RKVELFTYMRFDAEFTFVACTPTGQVVQPQLLQYMFMVPPGAPKPKPESRESLAWQTATNPSVF	180
SP4	RKVELFTYMRFDAEFTFVACTPTGQVVQPQLLQYMFMVPPGAPKPKPESRESLAWQTATNPSVF	180
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BP1	VKLTDPPAQVSVPFMSPASAYQWFYDGYPTFGEHKQEKDLEYGACPNMMGTFSVRIVGS	240
BP2	VKLTDPPAQVSVPFMSPASAYQWFYDGYPTFGEHKQEKDLEYGACPNMMGTFSVRIVGS	240
BP3	VKLTDPPAQVSVPFMSPASAYQWFYDGYPTFGEHKQEKDLEYGACPNMMGTFSVRIVGS	240
BP4	VKLTDPPAQVSVPFMSPASAYQWFYDGYPTFGEHKQEKDLEYGACPNMMGTFSVRIVGS	240
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SP1	VKLTDPPAQVSVPFMSPASAYQWFYDGYPTFGEHKQEKDLEYGACPNMMGTFSVRIVGS	240
SP2	VKLTDPPAQVSVPFMSPASAYQWFYDGYPTFGEHKQEKDLEYGACPNMMGTFSVRIVGS	240
SP3	VKLTDPPAQVSVPFMSPASAYQWFYDGYPTFGEHKQEKDLEYGACPNMMGTFSVRIVGS	240
SP4	VKLTDPPAQVSVPFMSPASAYQWFYDGYPTFGEHKQEKDLEYGACPNMMGTFSVRIVGS	240
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BP1	SKSKY <sup>246</sup> PLVVRIYMRMKHVRAWI <sup>282</sup> PRPMRNQNYL <sup>292</sup> FKANP <sup>297</sup> NYAGNSIKPTGTSRAITTL	297
BP2	SKSKY <sup>246</sup> PLVVRIYMRMKHVRAWI <sup>282</sup> PRPMRNQNYL <sup>292</sup> FKANP <sup>297</sup> NYAGNSIKPTGTSRAITTL	297
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BP4	SKSKY <sup>246</sup> PLVVRIYMRMKHVRAWI <sup>282</sup> PRPMRNQNYL <sup>292</sup> FKANP <sup>297</sup> NYAGNSIKPTGTSRAITTL	297
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SMALL PLAQUE:  , BIG PLAQUE:  AND WILD TYPE: 

## Alignment of sequencing results for the EV-A71/BP variant:

### VP4 alignment for big plaque isolates

WT	MGSQVSTQRSGSHENSNSATEGSTINYTTINYYKDSYAATAGKQSLKQDPDKFANPVKDI	60
BP1	MGSQVSTQRSGSHENSNSATEGSTINYTTINYYKDSYAATAGKQSLKQDPDKFANPVKDI	60
BP2	MGSQVSTQRSGSHENSNSATEGSTINYTTINYYKDSYAATAGKQSLKQDPDKFANPVKDI	60
BP3	MGSQVSTQRSGSHENSNSATEGSTINYTTINYYKDSYAATAGKQSLKQDPDKFANPVKDI	60
BP4	MGSQVSTQRSGSHENSNSATEGSTINYTTINYYKDSYAATAGKQSLKQDPDKFANPVKDI	60
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WT	FTEMAAPLK	69
BP1	FTEMAAPLK	69
BP2	FTEMAAPLK	69
BP3	FTEMAAPLK	69
BP4	FTEMAAPLK	69
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### VP2 alignment for the big plaque isolates:

WT	SPSAEACGYSDRVQLTIGNSTITTQEAAANIIVGYGEWPSYCSDDDATAVDKPTRPDVSV	60
BP1	SPSAEACGYSDRVQLTIGNSTITTQEAAANIIVGYGEWPSYCSDDDATAVDKPTRPDVSV	60
BP2	SPSAEACGYSDRVQLTIGNSTITTQEAAANIIVGYGEWPSYCSDDDATAVDKPTRPDVSV	60
BP3	SPSAEACGYSDRVQLTIGNSTITTQEAAANIIVGYGEWPSYCSDDDATAVDKPTRPDVSV	60
BP4	SPSAEACGYSDRVQLTIGNSTITTQEAAANIIVGYGEWPSYCSDDDATAVDKPTRPDVSV	60
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WT	NRFYTLDTKLWEKSSKGWYWKFPDVLTETGVFGQNAQFHYLYRSGFCIHVQCNASKFHQG	120
BP1	NRFYTLDTKLWEKSSKGWYWKFPDVLTETGVFGQNAQFHYLYRSGFCIHVQCNASKFHQG	120
BP2	NRFYTLDTKLWEKSSKGWYWKFPDVLTETGVFGQNAQFHYLYRSGFCIHVQCNASKFHQG	120
BP3	NRFYTLDTKLWEKSSKGWYWKFPDVLTETGVFGQNAQFHYLYRSGFCIHVQCNASKFHQG	120
BP4	NRFYTLDTKLWEKSSKGWYWKFPDVLTETGVFGQNAQFHYLYRSGFCIHVQCNASKFHQG	120
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WT	ALLVAILPEYVIGTVAGGTGTEDSHPPYKQTQPGADGFELQHPYVLDAGIPISQLTVCPH	180
BP1	ALLVAILPEYVIGTVAGGTGTEDSHPPYKQTQPGADGFELQHPYVLDAGIPISQLTVCPH	180
BP2	ALLVAILPEYVIGTVAGGTGTEDSHPPYKQTQPGADGFELQHPYVLDAGIPISQLTVCPH	180
BP3	ALLVAILPEYVIGTVAGGTGTEDSHPPYKQTQPGADGFELQHPYVLDAGIPISQLTVCPH	180
BP4	ALLVAILPEYVIGTVAGGTGTEDSHPPYKQTQPGADGFELQHPYVLDAGIPISQLTVCPH	180
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WT	QWINLRTNNCATIIVPYMNTLPFDSDLNHCNFGLLVPISPLDFDQGATPVIPITITLAP	240
BP1	QWINLRTNNCATIIVPYMNTLPFDSDLNHCNFGLLVPISPLDFDQGATPVIPITITLAP	240
BP2	QWINLRTNNCATIIVPYMNTLPFDSDLNHCNFGLLVPISPLDFDQGATPVIPITITLAP	240
BP3	QWINLRTNNCATIIVPYMNTLPFDSDLNHCNFGLLVPISPLDFDQGATPVIPITITLAP	240
BP4	QWINLRTNNCATIIVPYMNTLPFDSDLNHCNFGLLVPISPLDFDQGATPVIPITITLAP	240
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WT	MCSEFAGLRQAVTQ	254
BP1	MCSEFAGLRQAVTQ	254
BP2	MCSEFAGLRQAVTQ	254
BP3	MCSEFAGLRQAVTQ	254
BP4	MCSEFAGLRQAVTQ	254
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### VP3 alignment for big plaque isolates:

WT	GFPTEPKPGTNQFLTDDGVSAPILPNFHPTPCIHIPGEVRNLLELCQVETILEVNNVPT	60
BP1	GFPTEPKPGTNQFLTDDGVSAPILPNFHPTPCIHIPGEVRNLLELCQVETILEVNNVPT	60
BP2	GFPTEPKPGTNQFLTDDGVSAPILPNFHPTPCIHIPGEVRNLLELCQVETILEVNNVPT	60
BP3	GFPTEPKPGTNQFLTDDGVSAPILPNFHPTPCIHIPGEVRNLLELCQVETILEVNNVPT	60
BP4	GFPTEPKPGTNQFLTDDGVSAPILPNFHPTPCIHIPGEVRNLLELCQVETILEVNNVPT	60
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WT	NATSLMERLRFPVSAQAGKGECAVFRADPGRDGPWQSTMLGQLCGYYTQWSGSLEVTFM	120
BP1	NATSLMERLRFPVSAQAGKGECAVFRADPGRDGPWQSTMLGQLCGYYTQWSGSLEVTFM	120
BP2	NATSLMERLRFPVSAQAGKGECAVFRADPGRDGPWQSTMLGQLCGYYTQWSGSLEVTFM	120
BP3	NATSLMERLRFPVSAQAGKGECAVFRADPGRDGPWQSTMLGQLCGYYTQWSGSLEVTFM	120
BP4	NATSLMERLRFPVSAQAGKGECAVFRADPGRDGPWQSTMLGQLCGYYTQWSGSLEVTFM	120
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WT	FTGSFMATGKMLIAYTPGGPLPKDRATAMLGTHVIWDFGLQSSVTLVIPWISNTHYRAH	180
BP1	FTGSFMATGKMLIAYTPGGPLPKDRATAMLGTHVIWDFGLQSSVTLVIPWISNTHYRAH	180
BP2	FTGSFMATGKMLIAYTPGGPLPKDRATAMLGTHVIWDFGLQSSVTLVIPWISNTHYRAH	180
BP3	FTGSFMATGKMLIAYTPGGPLPKDRATAMLGTHVIWDFGLQSSVTLVIPWISNTHYRAH	180
BP4	FTGSFMATGKMLIAYTPGGPLPKDRATAMLGTHVIWDFGLQSSVTLVIPWISNTHYRAH	180
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WT	ARDGVFDYTTGLVSIWYQTNYVVPIGAPNTAYIIALAAAQNFTMKLCKDTSHILQTA	240
BP1	ARDGVFDYTTGLVSIWYQTNYVVPIGAPNTAYIIALAAAQNFTMKLCKDTSHILQTA	240
BP2	ARDGVFDYTTGLVSIWYQTNYVVPIGAPNTAYIIALAAAQNFTMKLCKDTSHILQTA	240
BP3	ARDGVFDYTTGLVSIWYQTNYVVPIGAPNTAYIIALAAAQNFTMKLCKDTSHILQTA	240
BP4	ARDGVFDYTTGLVSIWYQTNYVVPIGAPNTAYIIALAAAQNFTMKLCKDTSHILQTA	240
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WT	IQ	242
BP1	IQ	242
BP2	IQ	242
BP3	IQ	242
BP4	IQ	242
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Alignment of sequencing results for the EV-A71/SP variant:

### VP4 alignment for all small plaque isolates:

WT	MGSVSTQRSGSHENSNSATEGSTINYTTINYKDSYAATAGKOSLKQDPDKFANPVKDI	60
SP1	MGSVSTQRSGSHENSNSATEGSTINYTTINYKDSYAATAGKOSLKQDPDKFANPVKDI	60
SP2	MGSVSTQRSGSHENSNSATEGSTINYTTINYKDSYAATAGKOSLKQDPDKFANPVKDI	60
SP3	MGSVSTQRSGSHENSNSATEGSTINYTTINYKDSYAATAGKOSLKQDPDKFANPVKDI	60
SP4	MGSVSTQRSGSHENSNSATEGSTINYTTINYKDSYAATAGKOSLKQDPDKFANPVKDI	60
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WT	FTEMAAPLK	69
SP1	FTEMAAPLK	69
SP2	FTEMAAPLK	69
SP3	FTEMAAPLK	69
SP4	FTEMAAPLK	69
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### VP2 alignment for all small plaque isolates:

WT	SPSAEACGYSDRVQLTIGNSTITTQEAANIIVGYGEWPSYCSDDDATAVDKPTRPDVSV	60
SP1	SPSAEACGYSDRVQLTIGNSTITTQEAANIIVGYGEWPSYCSDDDATAVDKPTRPDVSV	60
SP2	SPSAEACGYSDRVQLTIGNSTITTQEAANIIVGYGEWPSYCSDDDATAVDKPTRPDVSV	60
SP3	SPSAEACGYSDRVQLTIGNSTITTQEAANIIVGYGEWPSYCSDDDATAVDKPTRPDVSV	60
SP4	SPSAEACGYSDRVQLTIGNSTITTQEAANIIVGYGEWPSYCSDDDATAVDKPTRPDVSV	60
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WT	NRFYTLDTKLWEKSSKGWYWKFPDVLTETGVFGQNAQFHYLYRSGFCIHVQCNASKFHQG	120
SP1	NRFYTLDTKLWEKSSKGWYWKFPDVLTETGVFGQNAQFHYLYRSGFCIHVQCNASKFHQG	120
SP2	NRFYTLDTKLWEKSSKGWYWKFPDVLTETGVFGQNAQFHYLYRSGFCIHVQCNASKFHQG	120
SP3	NRFYTLDTKLWEKSSKGWYWKFPDVLTETGVFGQNAQFHYLYRSGFCIHVQCNASKFHQG	120
SP4	NRFYTLDTKLWEKSSKGWYWKFPDVLTETGVFGQNAQFHYLYRSGFCIHVQCNASKFHQG	120
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WT	ALLVAILPEYVIGTVAGGTGTEDSHPPYKQTQPGADGFELQHPYVLDAGIPISQLTVCPH	180
SP1	ALLVAILPEYVIGTVAGGTGTEDSHPPYKQTQPGADGFELQHPYVLDAGIPISQLTVCPH	180
SP2	ALLVAILPEYVIGTVAGGTGTEDSHPPYKQTQPGADGFELQHPYVLDAGIPISQLTVCPH	180
SP3	ALLVAILPEYVIGTVAGGTGTEDSHPPYKQTQPGADGFELQHPYVLDAGIPISQLTVCPH	180
SP4	ALLVAILPEYVIGTVAGGTGTEDSHPPYKQTQPGADGFELQHPYVLDAGIPISQLTVCPH	180
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WT	QWINLRTNNCATIIVPYMNTLPFDSDLNHCNFGLLVVPISPLDQDQATPVIPITITLAP	240
SP1	QWINLRTNNCATIIVPYMNTLPFDSDLNHCNFGLLVVPISPLDQDQATPVIPITITLAP	240
SP2	QWINLRTNNCATIIVPYMNTLPFDSDLNHCNFGLLVVPISPLDQDQATPVIPITITLAP	240
SP3	QWINLRTNNCATIIVPYMNTLPFDSDLNHCNFGLLVVPISPLDQDQATPVIPITITLAP	240
SP4	QWINLRTNNCATIIVPYMNTLPFDSDLNHCNFGLLVVPISPLDQDQATPVIPITITLAP	240
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WT	MCSEFAGLRRQAVTQ 254	
SP1	MCSEFAGLRRQAVTQ 254	
SP2	MCSEFAGLRRQAVTQ 254	
SP3	MCSEFAGLRRQAVTQ 254	
SP4	MCSEFAGLRRQAVTQ 254	
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### VP3 alignment for all small plaque isolates:

WT	GFPTEPKPGTNQFLTTDDGVSAIPILPNFHPTPCIHIPGEVRNLLELCQVETILEVNNVPT	60
SP1	GFPTEPKPGTNQFLTTDDGVSAIPILPNFHPTPCIHIPGEVRNLLELCQVETILEVNNVPT	60
SP2	GFPTEPKPGTNQFLTTDDGVSAIPILPNFHPTPCIHIPGEVRNLLELCQVETILEVNNVPT	60
SP3	GFPTEPKPGTNQFLTTDDGVSAIPILPNFHPTPCIHIPGEVRNLLELCQVETILEVNNVPT	60
SP4	GFPTEPKPGTNQFLTTDDGVSAIPILPNFHPTPCIHIPGEVRNLLELCQVETILEVNNVPT	60
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WT	NATSLMERLRFPVSAQAGKGELCAVFRADPGRDPWQSTMGLQLCGYYTQWWSGSLEVTFM	120
SP1	NATSLMERLRFPVSAQAGKGELCAVFRADPGRDPWQSTMGLQLCGYYTQWWSGSLEVTFM	120
SP2	NATSLMERLRFPVSAQAGKGELCAVFRADPGRDPWQSTMGLQLCGYYTQWWSGSLEVTFM	120
SP3	NATSLMERLRFPVSAQAGKGELCAVFRADPGRDPWQSTMGLQLCGYYTQWWSGSLEVTFM	120
SP4	NATSLMERLRFPVSAQAGKGELCAVFRADPGRDPWQSTMGLQLCGYYTQWWSGSLEVTFM	120
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WT	FTGSFMATGKMLIAYTPPGGPLPKDRATAMLGTHVIWDFGLQSSVTLVIPHISNTHYRAH	180
SP1	FTGSFMATGKMLIAYTPPGGPLPKDRATAMLGTHVIWDFGLQSSVTLVIPHISNTHYRAH	180
SP2	FTGSFMATGKMLIAYTPPGGPLPKDRATAMLGTHVIWDFGLQSSVTLVIPHISNTHYRAH	180
SP3	FTGSFMATGKMLIAYTPPGGPLPKDRATAMLGTHVIWDFGLQSSVTLVIPHISNTHYRAH	180
SP4	FTGSFMATGKMLIAYTPPGGPLPKDRATAMLGTHVIWDFGLQSSVTLVIPHISNTHYRAH	180
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WT	ARDGVFDYTTGLVSIWYQTNYVVPIGAPNTAYIIALAAAQKNFTMKLCKDTSHILQTA	240
SP1	ARDGVFDYTTGLVSIWYQTNYVVPIGAPNTAYIIALAAAQKNFTMKLCKDTSHILQTA	240
SP2	ARDGVFDYTTGLVSIWYQTNYVVPIGAPNTAYIIALAAAQKNFTMKLCKDTSHILQTA	240
SP3	ARDGVFDYTTGLVSIWYQTNYVVPIGAPNTAYIIALAAAQKNFTMKLCKDTSHILQTA	240
SP4	ARDGVFDYTTGLVSIWYQTNYVVPIGAPNTAYIIALAAAQKNFTMKLCKDTSHILQTA	240
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WT	IQ 242	
SP1	IQ 242	
SP2	IQ 242	
SP3	IQ 242	
SP4	IQ 242	
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Supplementary Figure S2: Raw genome sequencing data of EV-A71/BP and EV-A71/SP.

>Wild type parental sequence 15 reads de novo assembled using Geneious Software

## >EV-A71\_small plaque isolate (SP1) DE NOVO ASSEMBLY

GGTGGGTTGACCACTCACAGGCCAACGGCGTAGCACTGGTCTCGGGACCTTGTCGCCTGTTTACGCCCCCCCAATTGCAACT  
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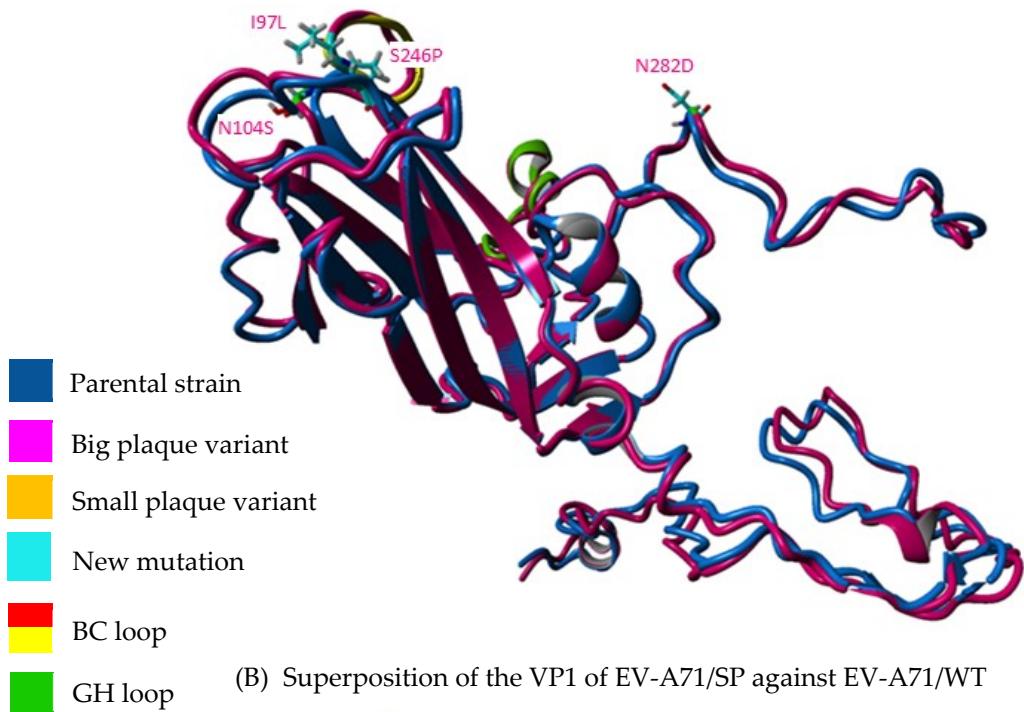
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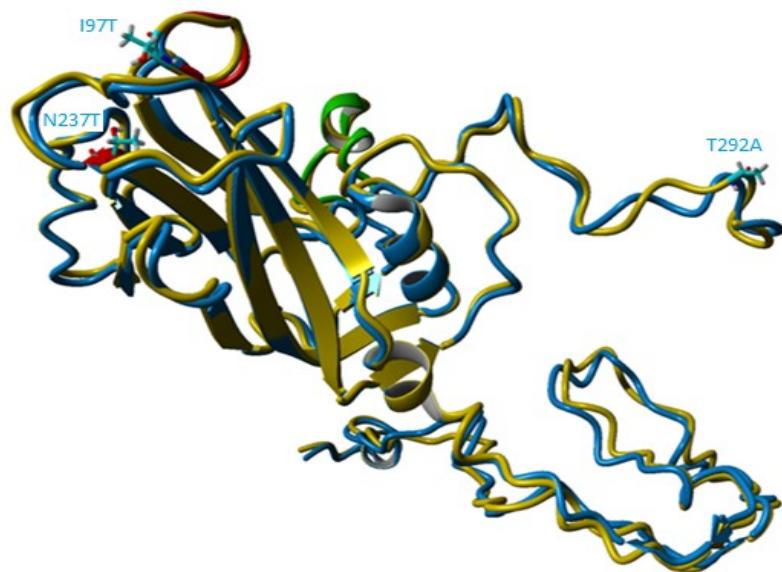
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(A) Superposition of the VP1 of EV-A71/BP against EV-A71/WT



(B) Superposition of the VP1 of EV-A71/SP against EV-A71/WT



Supplementary Figure S3: The 3D structure of the VP1 protein of the EV-A71/WT superposed against the EV-A71/BP and EV-A71/SP variants. The EV-A71/WT (blue) is showed against the (A) EV-A71/BP (magenta) and (B) EV-A71/SP variant (yellow) was performed using YASARA. The 4 amino acid substitutions in the EV-A71/BP variant (I97L, N104S, S246P and N282D) and the 3 amino acid substitutions in the EV-A71/SP variant (I97T, N237T and T292A).