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IMMUNOGENICITY IN MICE OF PLASMID DNA ENCODING HCV CORE AND ALTERNATIVE READING FRAME PROTEINS

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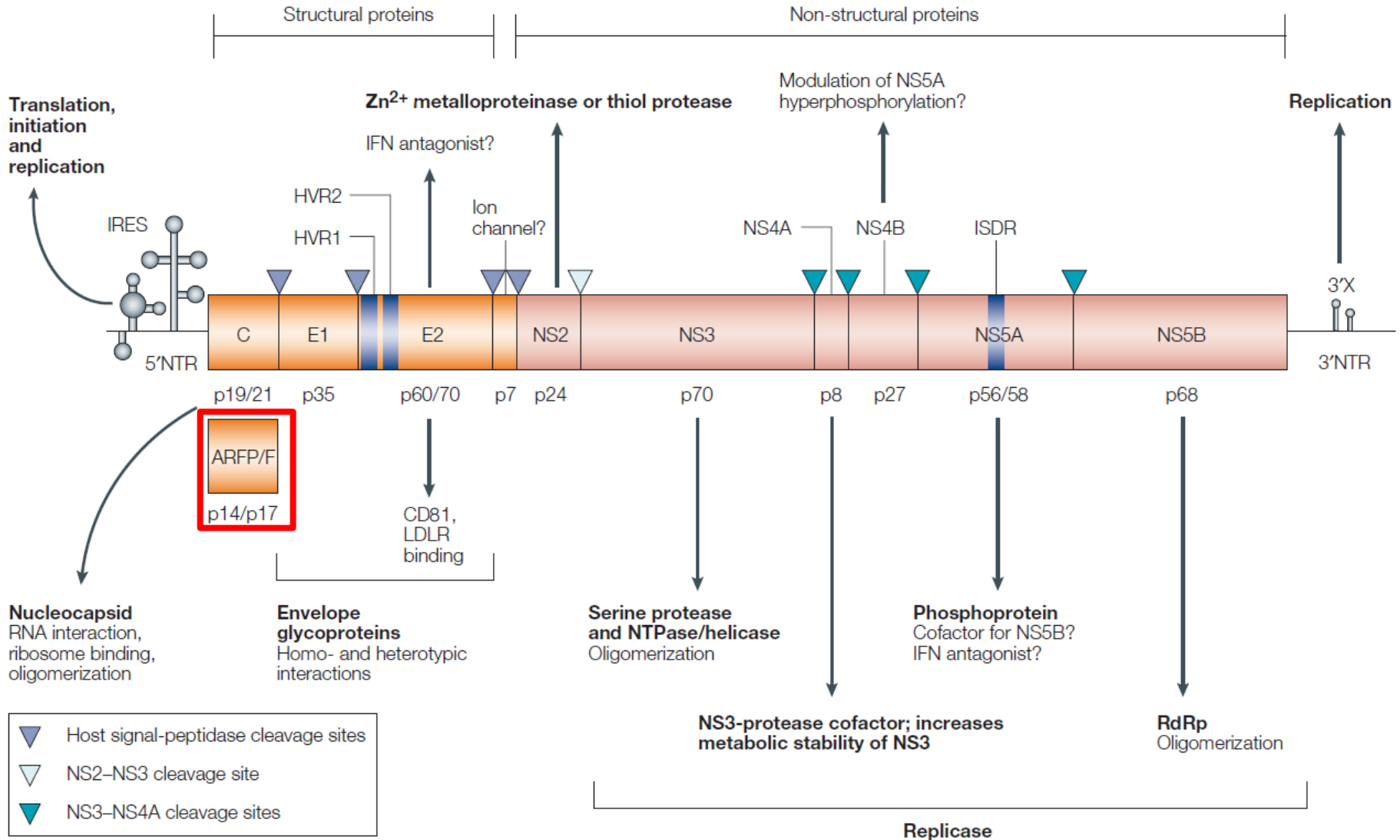
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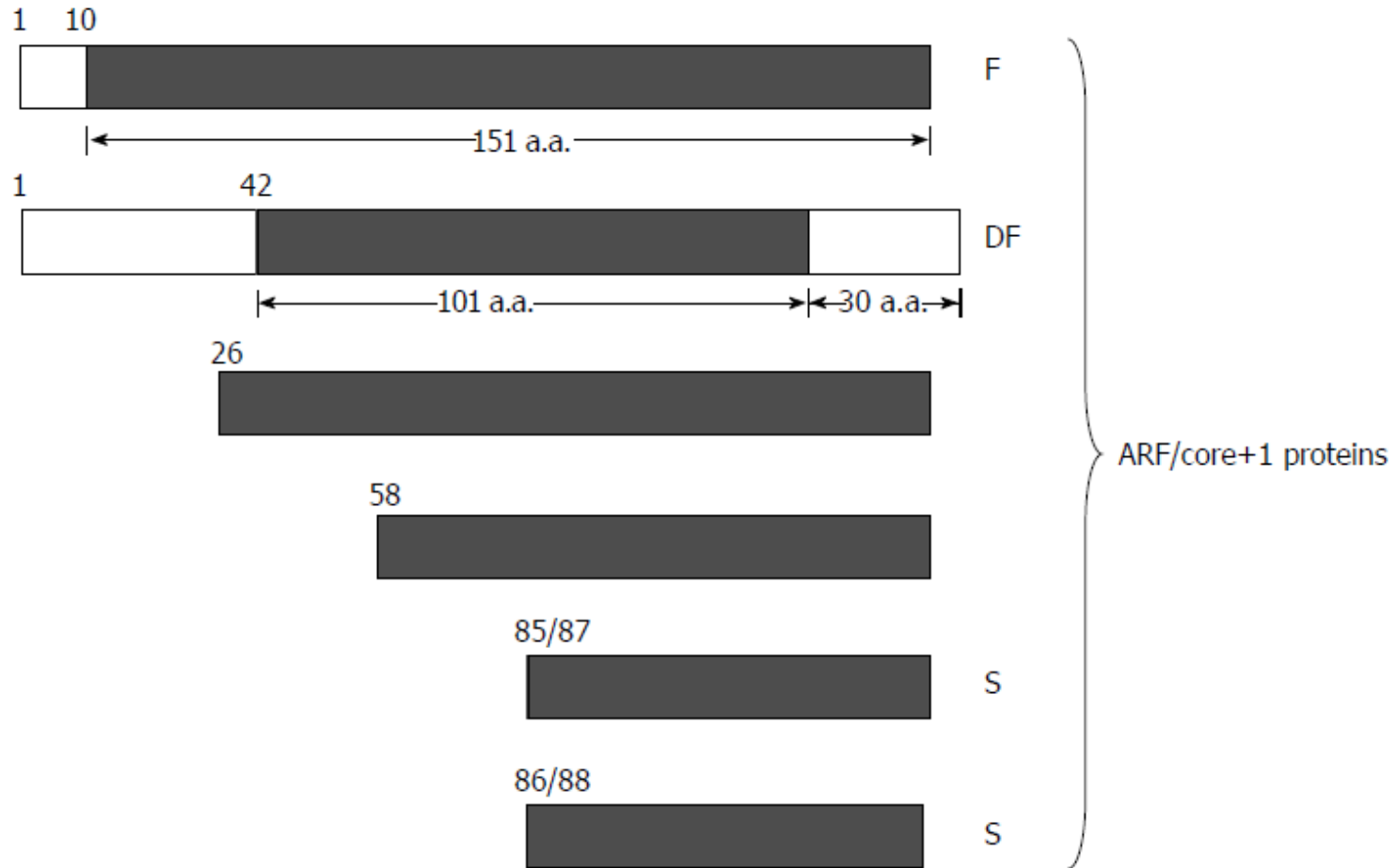
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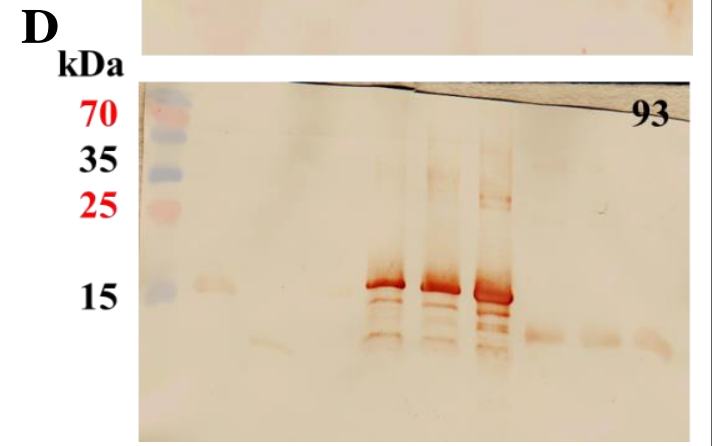
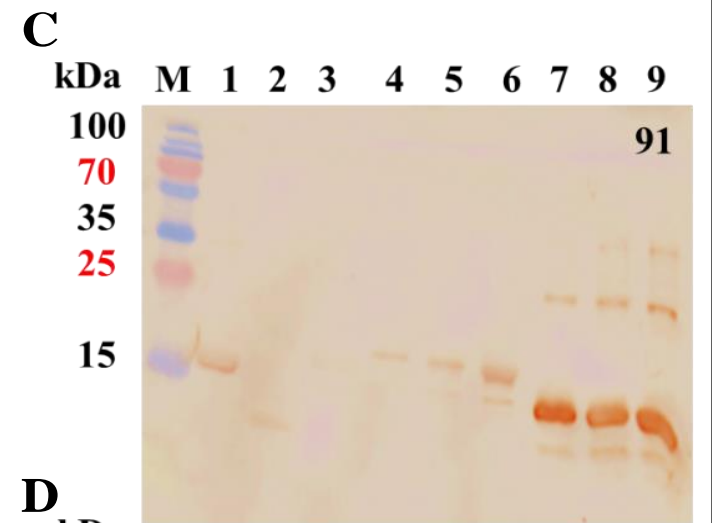
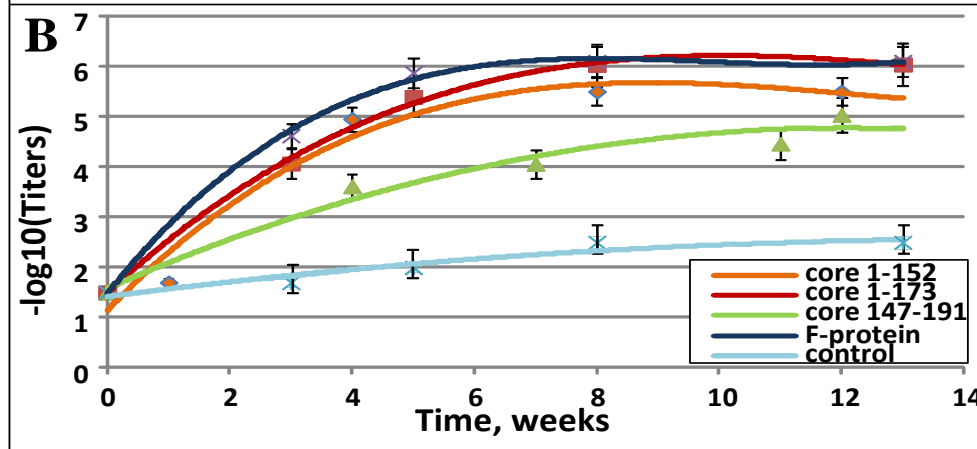
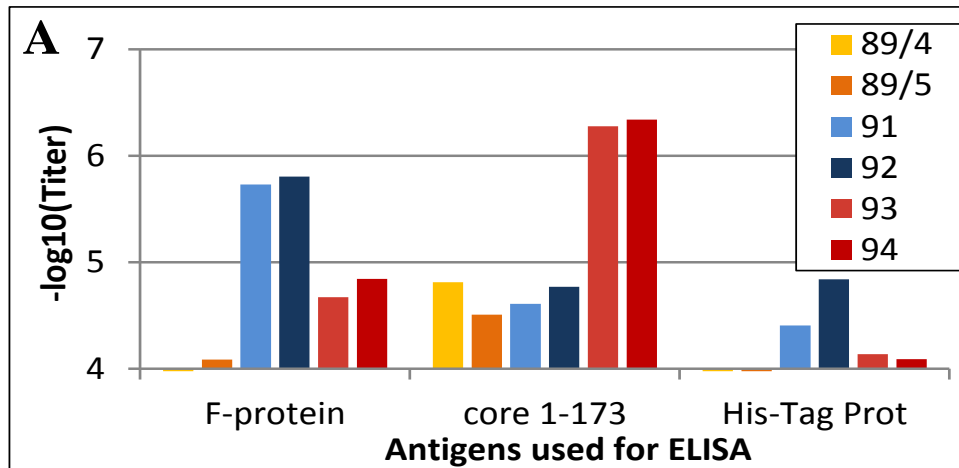
HCV Alternate Reading Frame Protein (ARFP)



Different alternative reading frame proteins



Immunogenicity in rabbits of bacteria expressed core ARFP proteins



Aims of the study:

To characterize the immunogenicity of plasmids expressing proteins encoded by the 5' terminus of HCV RNA in DNA-immunization, and define the correlates of immunogenicity.

Conclusions

1. Efficacy of ARFP expression by the natural ribosome frameshift mechanism was low and obviously insufficient to induce a specific immune response in DNA-immunization.
2. Anti-ARFP immune response is not competing with that against HCV core, and cannot explain low immunogenicity of the latter in DNA-immunization performed with the virus-derived genes.

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