

1 Possible nosocomial transmission of virus-associated hemorrhagic cystitis after allogeneic  
2 hematopoietic stem cell transplantation

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1    **Abstract**

2    Adenovirus (ADV) or BK virus (BKV)-associated hemorrhagic cystitis (HC) is a common complication  
3    after allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (allo-HSCT). Several risk factors have been  
4    previously reported; however, it is unclear whether virus-associated HC can be transmitted. To clarify  
5    this point, we performed a retrospective cohort study on 207 consecutive patients who underwent  
6    allo-HSCT at Kyoto University Hospital between 2012 and 2018. We evaluated the incidence and  
7    risk factors of virus-associated HC and performed a phylogenetic analysis of the ADV partial  
8    sequence. The median age at transplantation was 50 (range, 17–68) years. Fifty-eight patients (28%)  
9    developed HC. ADVs were detected in 18 cases, BKVs were detected in 51, both were detected in  
10    12, and only John Cunningham virus (JCV) was detected in 1 case. No factor was significantly  
11    associated with HC. However, both ADV- and BKV-HC occurred intensively between April 2016 and  
12    September 2017, which suggested possible nosocomial transmission of ADV and BKV. Genome  
13    sequencing of the hexon, E3, and penton regions of detected ADVs identified 7 cases of ADV type  
14    11, 2 cases of type 35, and 3 cases of a type 79-related strain. A sequence analysis revealed that  
15    these strains in each type were almost identical, except for one case of a type 79-related strain.  
16    In conclusion, ADV-HCs with possible nosocomial transmission were described based on genotyping  
17    of the virus and partial sequencing of the viral genome. Although viral HC after allo-HSCT is thought  
18    to mainly be due to reactivation of a latent virus, nosocomial transmission of ADV or BKV should also  
19    be considered.

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21    Key Word: allogeneic transplantation, hemorrhagic cystitis, adenovirus, BK virus, nosocomial  
22    transmission

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1    **Introduction**

2    Virus-associated hemorrhagic cystitis (HC) is a common complication after allogeneic hematopoietic  
3    stem cell transplantation (allo-HSCT) , with an incidence of 10 to 30% [1-3]. The causative virus of  
4    HC is frequently adenovirus (ADV), BK virus (BKV), JC virus (JCV), and, in rare cases,  
5    cytomegalovirus (CMV) [4]. The clinical presentation of HC varies from microscopic hematuria to  
6    uncontrollable gross bleeding, urinary obstruction, and acute renal failure, and is often accompanied  
7    by pollakiuria and dysuria. In severe cases, prolonged anemia or bladder perforation can be fatal. It  
8    is often difficult to treat severe HC despite maintenance of urinary output by hydration, continuous  
9    bladder perfusion, bladder cauterization, reduction of immunosuppressive drugs, administration of  
10    ciprofloxacin, and/or intravesicular instillation or intravenous injection of cidofovir (CDV) [5-9], and a  
11    standard management of severe HC after allo-HSCT has not yet been established. Risk factors such  
12    as male, young patient, graft-versus-host disease (GVHD), unrelated donor, myeloablative  
13    conditioning and post-transplant mycophenolate were previously reported. Several studies  
14    suggested that virus-associated HC after allo HSCT is caused by reactivation of latent ADV or BKV  
15    [10, 11], but nosocomial transmission of ADV or BKV has rarely been reported. Two previous studies  
16    suggested the possibility that BKV-HC could develop due to nosocomial transmission [12, 13]. While  
17    there have been no reports of ADV-HC due to nosocomial transmission, nosocomial ADV pneumonia,  
18    conjunctivitis and enteritis have been previously reported [14, 15]. HC due to ADV or BKV nosocomial  
19    transmission is possible, because these non-enveloped viruses are relatively resistant to disinfection  
20    such as by alcohol or chlorhexidine in routine practice [16, 17]. If HC is caused not only by virus  
21    reactivation but also by de novo virus infection or nosocomial transmission, sufficient infection  
22    prevention measures would reduce the incidence of HC, and improve transplant outcomes and QOL  
23    of patients. At our institution, we have often encountered the frequent occurrence of HC over a short  
24    duration. To examine the possibility of nosocomial transmission, we performed a single-center

1 retrospective study of 207 patients who underwent allo-HSCT at Kyoto University Hospital between  
2 2012 and 2018.

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## 5 **Methods**

### 6 **Patients**

7 A total of 207 consecutive patients who received allo-HSCT from January 2012 to March 2018 at  
8 Kyoto University Hospital were included in this retrospective cohort study. Clinical data and  
9 laboratory results were reviewed and collected from medical records. This study was approved by  
10 the Institutional Review Board of Kyoto University Hospital in accordance with the Declaration of  
11 Helsinki, and informed consent was obtained from each participant.

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### 13 **Definition**

14 HC was diagnosed by symptoms of bladder irritation and microscopic or macroscopic hematuria,  
15 and etiology was determined by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) for ADV, BKV, and JCV to prove  
16 the presence of virus in samples extracted from urine. PCR Screening of these viruses and screening  
17 for hematuria was not routinely performed before and after HCST, but was done when symptoms of  
18 bladder irritation, hematuria, or renal dysfunction appeared. In all HCST cases, CMV screening  
19 performed once a week with blood, but not with urine. Following previous reports, HC was graded  
20 as follows: grade 1, microscopic hematuria with symptoms of bladder irritation, grade 2, macroscopic  
21 hematuria, grade 3, macroscopic hematuria with clots, and grade 4, macroscopic hematuria with  
22 necessary intervention for clot evaluation and/or urinary retention [18]. We analyzed the incidence  
23 and risk factors for virus-associated HC and examined the possibility of nosocomial transmission  
24 based on the overlap of the hospitalization period between patients and partial sequencing of hexon,

1 E3, and penton regions with ADV-DNA detected in HC patients' urine. The ADV type was identified  
2 based on hexon and penton sequences.

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#### 4 **Detection of ADV, BKV, and JCV**

5 DNA was extracted from urine samples of HC cases (Qiamp MinElute Virus Spin kit, Qiagen, Hilden,  
6 Germany), and qualitative and quantitative tests were performed by PCR[19]. To examine the  
7 possibility of the nosocomial transmission of detected ADVs, hexon, E3 and penton coding regions  
8 were sequenced and analyzed using samples from patients who developed HC between April 2016  
9 and September 2017.

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#### 11 **Phylogenetic analysis of the partial sequence of the hexon, E3, and penton regions of ADV**

12 Genome sequencing of detected adenoviruses was used to determine the adenovirus genotype. The  
13 partial sequences of the hexon, E3, and penton regions were compared with Ad11 (AF532578.1 and  
14 KF268121.1), Ad34 (AY737797.1), Ad35 (AY128640.2), Ad55 (FJ643676.1) and Ad79 (LC177352.1).  
15 The genome sequences were obtained from a public database (GenBank:  
16 [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore>]). Multiple alignments and phylogenetic tree analysis were  
17 performed using MEGA 7.0 software (<https://www.megasoftware.net/>). DNA sequences were aligned  
18 by ClustalW with an open gap penalty of 15, a gap extension penalty of 6.66, a transition weight of  
19 0.5 with IUB DNA weight matrix and a delay divergent cutoff (%) of 30. The Neighbor-joining method  
20 was applied for the phylogenetic tree analysis, the reliability of which was assessed by bootstrap  
21 resampling (1000 pseudoreplicates). Genetic distances were calculated using Kimura's 2-parameter  
22 method[20].

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#### 24 **Statistical analysis**

1    Categorical variables were compared using the chi-square test or Fishers' exact test, as appropriate.  
2    The probabilities of virus-associated hemorrhagic cystitis were estimated based on cumulative  
3    incidence curves. The competing event was death without hemorrhagic cystitis. Fine and Gray's  
4    proportional hazards model was used for the evaluation of risk factors for hemorrhagic cystitis.  
5    Factors with P-values of less than 0.20 in the univariate analysis were included in the multivariate  
6    analysis. P values of less than 0.05 were considered statistically significant. Statistical analyses were  
7    performed with Stata version 13.5 (Stata Corp, College Station, TX).

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## 9    **Results**

### 10    **Patient and transplant characteristics**

11    Patient and transplant characteristics are listed in **Table 1**. Of the 207 patients, 130 were male and  
12    77 were female. The median age at transplantation was 50 (range, 17-68) years. Underlying  
13    diagnoses were acute myeloid leukemia (39.1%), acute lymphoblastic leukemia (15.9%),  
14    myelodysplastic syndrome (16.9%), malignant lymphoma (15.9%), adult T-cell leukemia/lymphoma  
15    (5.3%), aplastic anemia (1.9%) and others (4.8%). Other underlying diagnoses included severe  
16    blastic plasmacytoid dendritic cell neoplasm, chronic myeloid leukemia, chronic lymphocytic  
17    leukemia, myelofibrosis, and plasmacytoma. Donor sources were related (6.8%) or unrelated  
18    (41.5%) bone marrow, related peripheral blood stem cells (14.0%), and unrelated cord blood (37.7%).  
19    A total of 91 patients (44.0%) received myeloablative preparative regimens and the remaining 116  
20    (56.0%) received reduced-intensity conditioning. GVHD prophylaxis was based on tacrolimus or  
21    cyclosporine, and mycophenolate mofetil (MMF) and short-term methotrexate (MTX) were added as  
22    needed. Pretransplant conditioning and GVHD prophylaxis were determined at the discretion of the  
23    attending physician.

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1    **Incidence of HC**

2    Among the 207 patients, 58 (28.0%) developed HC. The median date of onset was day 48 (day 0-  
3    1410) and the median duration of HC was 28 days (3-196 days) (**Table 2**). ADVs were detected in  
4    18 cases, BKVs in 51 cases, both in 12 cases and only JCVs in 1 case by PCR on urine samples.  
5    Most cases of ADV-HC were grade 3 or 4, and the duration of ADV-HC was more than 2 weeks.  
6    ADV-HC tended to be more severe ( $P < 0.001$ ) and more prolonged ( $P = 0.021$ ) than BKV-HC.

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8    In the multivariate analysis, the number of HLA allele mismatches (4-6 mismatches vs. match, hazard  
9    ratio (HR) 1.90,  $P=0.080$ ) and diagnosis (lymphoid vs. myeloid malignancies, HR 1.62,  $P=0.083$ )  
10    were marginally associated with the risk of HC. Myeloablative conditioning, patient age, and  
11    transplantation source did not affect the risk of HC (**Table 3**). The diagnosis was also marginally  
12    associated with the risk of severe HC (lymphoid vs. myeloid malignancies; HR 2.12,  $P=0.070$ )  
13    (**Supplemental Table 1**).

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15    **Phylogenetic analysis of the partial sequences of the hexon, E3, and penton regions of ADV**  
16    ADV-HC and BKV-HC were more frequent from the spring of 2016 to the summer of 2017 than in  
17    other periods (**Figure 1 and Supplemental Table 2**). This trend suggests the occurrence of HC  
18    epidemics. Between April 2016 and September 2017, 23 patients developed HC. ADV and BKV were  
19    detected in 12 and 18 cases, respectively. Therefore, we performed conventional typing of ADV and  
20    a phylogenetic analysis of the partial sequences of the hexon, E3, and penton regions of ADV.  
21    Genome sequencing of detected adenoviruses on the hexon, E3, and penton regions identified 7  
22    cases of ADV type 11, 2 cases of type 35, and 3 cases of a type 79-related strain. The sequences of  
23    these strains were almost identical among all the cases of type 11 and type 35, and in 2 of the 3  
24    cases of the type 79-related strain (i.e., cases 10 and 11) (**Figure 2**). The results of genome

1    sequencing and the overlap of hospitalization for each patient strongly suggested nosocomial

2    transmission during this period (**Figure 3**).

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1 **Discussion**

2 ADV- or BKV-associated HC is a common complication after allo-HSCT. It strongly affects the quality  
3 of life of patients and sometimes leads to a fatal complication. Several previous studies have  
4 analyzed the incidence of HC. While age at HSCT, unrelated donor, myeloablative conditioning and  
5 post-transplant mycophenolate mofetil administration have been reported as risk factors for HC [10,  
6 11], these were not associated with HC in our study. Patients with lymphoid malignancies or HLA  
7 allele mismatches showed a tendency to develop HC, but this trend was not statistically significant.  
8 Repetitive and lymphosuppressive chemotherapy for lymphoid malignancies may have increased  
9 the risk of viral infection. HLA mismatches may have led to the risk of GVHD and subsequent viral  
10 infection. A weak association may be partly explained by the stronger impact of nosocomial  
11 transmission of HC at our center. The difference in patient and transplant backgrounds between the  
12 studies may also explain the different findings.

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14 HC developed frequently during the short study period, and there were several cases of HC that had  
15 the potential for nosocomial transmission based on genotyping of the virus and partial sequencing  
16 of the viral genome. Since both ADV and BKV are non-enveloped viruses, which are resistant to  
17 disinfection such as by alcohol in routine medical care and benzalkonium chloride in environment  
18 cleaning[21], and an HC patient's urine contains enormous amounts of viral virions, it is possible that  
19 nosocomial transmission can occur via medical personnel, medical instruments or common toilets.  
20 The importance of environmental cleaning in the care of HC patients has not been stressed enough.  
21 Two previous studies suggested the possibility of nosocomial transmission based on a partial  
22 sequence of the BKV genome detected from BKV-HC patients after allo-HSCT[12, 13]. Sammons et  
23 al. suggested nosocomial transmission of ADV type 3 respiratory tract infection in the NICU based  
24 on the complete homology of the whole genome sequence of ADV [15]. In our 7 cases of ADV type

1    11 and 2 cases of ADV type 35, the partial sequences of the hexon, E3, and penton regions were  
2    almost identical, and the overlap of hospitalization (Figure 3) strongly suggested nosocomial  
3    transmission. In 2 of 3 cases of an ADV type 79-related strain, nosocomial transmission is thought  
4    to be possible, because of the identical partial sequences and overlapping hospitalization. Although  
5    sequencing was not performed for BKV, BKV HC frequently developed within a short period (Figure  
6    3) and BKV nosocomial transmission was also suggested. In several studies, the causative ADV of  
7    HC was mainly ADV species B type 11, and sometimes type 34 and 35[22-24]. We analyzed the E3  
8    and penton regions for 3 cases in which ADV type 34 was suspected by hexon analysis and judged  
9    that these cases were caused by an ADV type 79-related strain. The present study is the first to show  
10   that ADV-79 causes HC. ADV-79 was formerly detected only in sewage water in Japan[25]. Seven  
11   cases received transplants from family donors, and 16 did from unrelated donors (6 were adult  
12   unrelated donors and 10 were cord blood units). Although 13 of donors lived in Kinki region which  
13   contains Kyoto prefecture, geographical origins of donors and stem cell collection dates were diverse  
14   and similar to the non-HC population. National Institute of Infectious Diseases publishes Japanese  
15   annual ADV surveillance reports. In 2016 and 2017, adenovirus was detected in 2121 cases  
16   throughout Japan. Among them, ADV type 11 was detected in 5 cases, ADV type 35 was in 1 case,  
17   and ADV type 79 was in no case. In Kyoto Prefecture, there was no detection of these 3 viruses  
18   during the period. [Infectious Agents Surveillance Report: National Institute of Infectious Diseases  
19   (<https://www.niid.go.jp/niid/ja/iasr>)]

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21   We should acknowledge that this study was not definitive because we did not sample the virus from  
22   the environment or check the whole genome sequence. Although the detailed transmission route is  
23   unknown, it could include direct transurethral infection from the external urethral meatus or spread  
24   from oral infection and viremia. Since both ADV and BKV are non-enveloped viruses that are

1 relatively resistant to disinfection in routine practice, nosocomial transmission can occur via medical  
2 personnel, medical instruments or common toilets. To prevent nosocomial transmission, private room  
3 management of HC patients, wearing of disposable gloves and aprons by staff when caring for HC  
4 patients, autoclaving of used medical instruments, and sufficient disinfection of toilets and common  
5 spaces with a chlorine-based disinfectant may be necessary. In order to obtain further confirmation  
6 of nosocomial transmission, viral screening of pre-hospital HCST patients, donors, medical staff and  
7 visitors, whole-genome analysis of the viruses, and comparison of detected ADV or BKV with strains  
8 that are prevalent in the region are future tasks.

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10 In conclusion, HC developed frequently during a short period, and there were several cases of ADV-  
11 HCs that may have involved nosocomial transmission based on genotyping of the virus and partial  
12 sequencing of the viral genome. Although viral HC after allo-HSCT is mainly due to reactivation of a  
13 latent virus, nosocomial transmission of ADV or BKV should also be considered.

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Table 1 Patient characteristics

		Number of patients (n=207)	
Gender	Male	130	62.8%
	Female	77	37.2%
Patient age, years, median (range)	50	(17-68)	
	Age < 50	99	47.8%
	Age ≥ 50	108	52.2%
Underlying diagnosis	AML	81	39.1%
	ALL	33	15.9%
	MDS	35	16.9%
	ATL	11	5.3%
	Lymphoma	33	15.9%
	AA	4	1.9%
	Others	10	4.8%
Disease risk	Standard	107	51.7%
	High	100	48.3%
Stem cell source	Related		
	Bone marrow	14	6.8%
	Peripheral blood Stem cells	29	14.0%
	Unrelated		
	Bone marrow	86	41.5%
	Cord Blood	78	37.7%



Number of HLA allele mismatches (HLA-A, -B, -C, -DRB1)	0	91	44.0%
	1	37	17.9%
	2	20	9.7%
	3	26	12.6%
	4	22	10.6%
	5	7	3.4%
	6	2	1.0%
Conditioning intensity	MAC	91	44.0%
	RIC	116	56.0%
Conditioning regimen			
Cyclophosphamide	Yes	97	46.9%
	No	110	53.1%
Busulfan	Yes	44	21.3%
	No	163	78.7%
Total body irradiation	Yes	141	68.1%
	No	66	31.9%
GVHD prophylaxis			
Calcineurin inhibitor	Tacrolimus	192	92.8%
	Cyclosporine	15	7.3%
Methotrexate	Yes	129	61.8%
	No	78	36.7%
Mycophenolate mofetil	Yes	106	51.2%
	No	101	48.8%

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AML, acute myelogenous leukemia; ALL, acute lymphoblastic leukemia; MDS, myelodysplastic

syndrome; ATL, adult T-cell leukemia/lymphoma; AA, aplastic anemia; HLA, human leukocyte antigen;

MAC, myeloablative conditioning; RIC, reduced-intensity conditioning; GVHD, graft-versus-host disease

Table 2 Characteristics of virus-associated hemorrhagic cystitis

	Number		Number		Number		Number	
All grades of HC	58	28.0%						
Mild HC (G1, G2)	35	60.3%		[G1: 15 (25.8%), G2: 20 (34.5%)]				
Severe HC (G3, G4)	23	39.7%		[G3: 15 (25.8%), G4: 8 (13.8%)]				
Urine RT-PCR	All grades	Mild (G1, G2)		Severe (G3, G4)				
ADV +, BKV +	12	20.7%	1	1.7%	11	19.0%		
ADV +, BKV -	6	10.3%	1	1.7%	5	8.6%		
ADV -, BKV +	39	67.2%	32	55.2%	7	12.1%		
Onset date of HC	All HC	ADV(+)BKV(+)HC		ADV(+)BKV(-)HC		ADV(-)BKV(+)HC		
day 0-30	18	31.0%	3	25.0%	2	33.3%	13	33.3%
day 31-100	28	48.3%	4	33.3%	1	5.6%	22	56.4%
day 101-	12	20.7%	5	41.7%	3	50.0%	4	10.3%

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Median onset date	day48 (range,0-1410)							
	All HC		ADV(+)BKV(+)HC		ADV(+)BKV(-)HC		ADV(-)BKV(+)HC	
Duration of HC								
≤ 2 weeks	17	29.3%	1	8.3%	0	0.0%	15	38.5%
> 2 weeks, ≤ 6 weeks	21	36.2%	6	50.0%	4	66.7%	11	28.2%
> 6 weeks	20	34.5%	5	41.7%	2	33.3%	13	33.3%
Median duration of HC	28 days (3-196)							

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HC, hemorrhagic cystitis; RT-PCR, real-time polymerase chain reaction: ADV, adenovirus; BKV, BK virus; G, grade.

Table 3 Analysis of factors associated with virus-associated hemorrhagic cystitis

Variables		Univariate analysis			Multivariate analysis		
		HR	95% CI	P value	HR	95% CI	P value
Gender	Male	1.00		Reference			
	Female	0.99	0.58-1.71	0.981			
Age (y)	< 50	1.00		Reference	1.00		Reference
	≥ 50	0.68	0.41-1.15	0.152	0.71	0.42-1.22	0.216
Underlying diagnosis	Myeloid neoplasms	1.00		Reference	1.00		Reference
	Lymphoid neoplasms	1.68	0.99-2.84	0.055	1.62	0.94-2.79	0.083
	Benign diseases	2.41	0.68-8.54	0.172	2.03	0.53-7.84	0.303
Disease risk	Standard	1.00		Reference			
	High	1.03	0.61-1.73	0.912			
Stem cell source	Related						
	BM	1.00		Reference			
	PB	1.20	0.39-3.66	0.747			
	Unrelated						
	BM	0.85	0.31-2.33	0.753			
	CB	1.18	0.43-3.19	0.748			
HLA allele mismatch (HLA-A, -B, -C, -DRB1)	0	1.00		Reference	1.00		Reference
	1-3	0.94	0.52-1.71	0.845	0.99	0.55-1.80	0.985

	4-6	1.92	0.96-3.85	0.066	1.90	0.93-3.89	0.080
Conditioning	MAC	1.00		Reference			
	RIC	0.94	0.56-1.58	0.817			
Cyclophosphamide	Yes	1.00		Reference			
	No	1.17	0.69-1.96	0.562			
Busulfan	Yes	1.00		Reference			
	No	0.84	0.44-1.61	0.606			
TBI	Yes	1		Reference			
	No	1.39	0.78-2.49	0.263			
Calcineurin inhibitor	Tac	1.00		Reference			
	CsA	0.81	0.33-1.98	0.648			
MTX	Yes	1.00		Reference			
	No	1.00	0.58-1.72	0.991			
MMF	Yes	1.00		Reference			
	No	1.26	0.75-2.12	0.386			

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BM, bone marrow; PB, peripheral blood stem cell; CB, cord blood; HLA, human leukocyte antigen; MAC, myeloablative conditioning; RIC, reduced-intensity conditioning; TBI, total body irradiation; Tac, tacrolimus; CsA, cyclosporine, MTX, methotrexate; MMF, mycophenolate mofetil; HR, hazard ratio; CI, confidence interval.







1    **Figure legends**

2    **Figure 1 Number of cases of adenovirus or BK virus hemorrhagic cystitis**

3    Solid black bars    indicate adenovirus hemorrhagic cystitis (ADV HC) cases; hashed bars  
4    indicate BK virus hemorrhagic cystitis (BK HC) cases. A significant difference in the incidence  
5    of HC between Apr-Dec 2016 and other periods by Fisher's exact test is indicated by " \* " .

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7    **Figure 2 Molecular Phylogenetic Analysis by the Neighbor-joining Method**

8    Phylogenetic analysis of adenovirus strains detected in this study, compared to several other  
9    human adenovirus reference strains. Hexon (A), E3 (B) and penton (C) partial sequences  
10    were aligned using ClustalW in MEGA7 (<https://www.megasoftware.net>), and the  
11    evolutionary history was inferred by using the Neighbor-Joining method[26]. The percentages  
12    of replicate trees in which the associated taxa clustered together in the bootstrap test (1000  
13    replicates) are shown next to the branches[27]. The tree is drawn to scale, with branch  
14    lengths    in the same units as those of the evolutionary distances used to infer the  
15    phylogenetic tree. The evolutionary distances were computed using the Kimura 2-parameter  
16    method and are in the units of the number of base substitutions per site. The analysis  
17    involved 20 nucleotide sequences. Codon positions included were 3<sup>rd</sup> (A), 1<sup>st</sup> (B) and 2<sup>nd</sup> (C).  
18    All ambiguous positions were removed for each sequence pair. Evolutionary analyses were  
19    conducted in MEGA7[28].

20    \*The lengths of the partial sequences of the hexon, E3 and penton regions were as follows;  
21    755bp, 581bp and 870bp.

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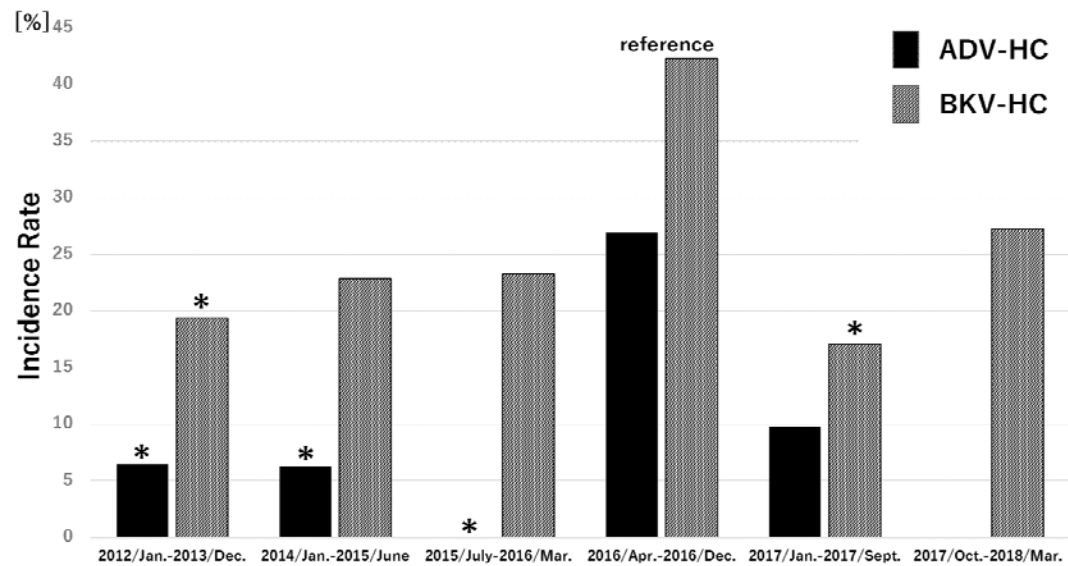
23    **Figure 3 Hospitalization periods and cases of hemorrhagic cystitis**

24    Rectangles indicate hospitalization periods and triangles indicate the onset of hemorrhagic

1    cystitis. The possibility of nosocomial transmission cannot be denied on the basis of  
2    overlapping hospitalization periods for each patient. (A) adenovirus type 11 – hemorrhagic  
3    cystitis (ADV type 11), (B) adenovirus type 35 – hemorrhagic cystitis (ADV type 35), (C)  
4    adenovirus type 79 and 55 – hemorrhagic cystitis (ADV type 79 and ADV type 55), (D) BK  
5    virus – hemorrhagic cystitis (BKV-HC)

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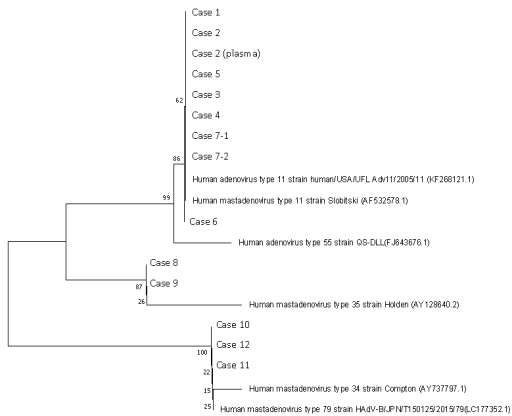


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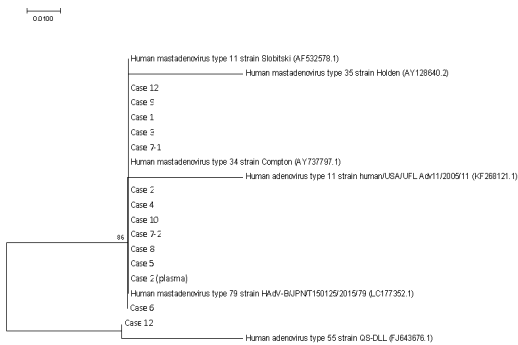
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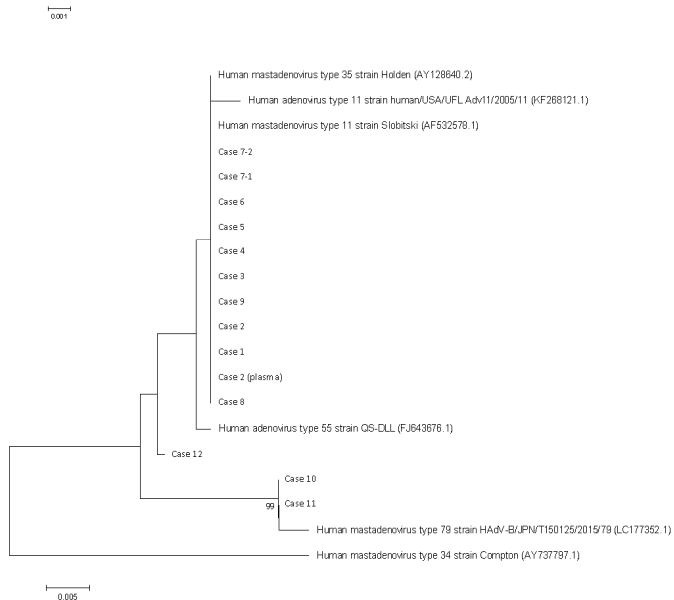
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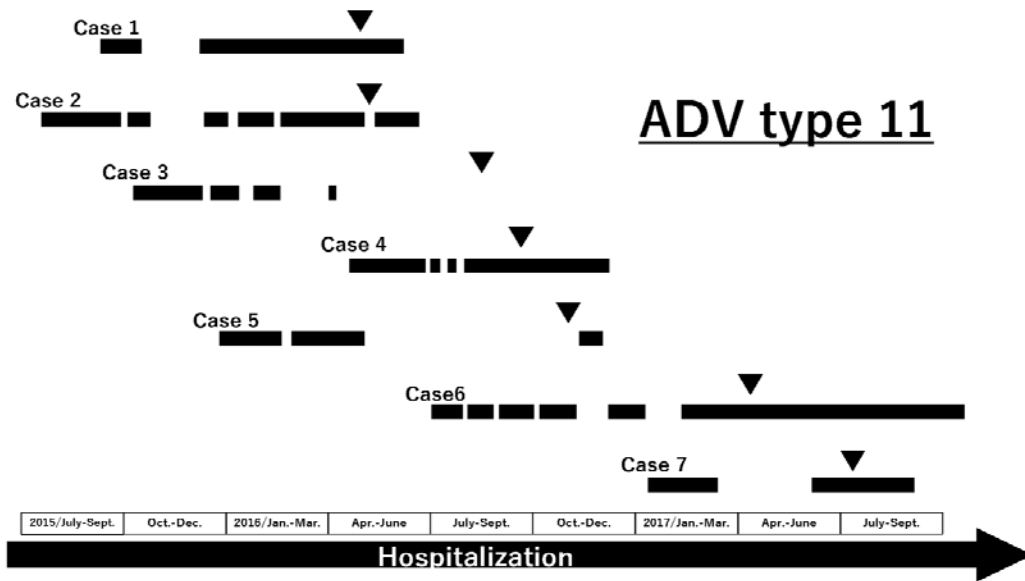
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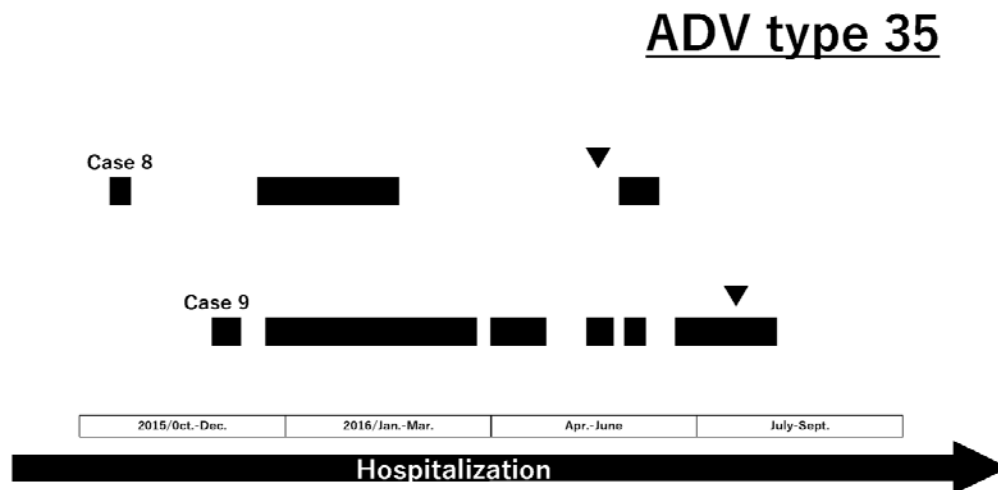
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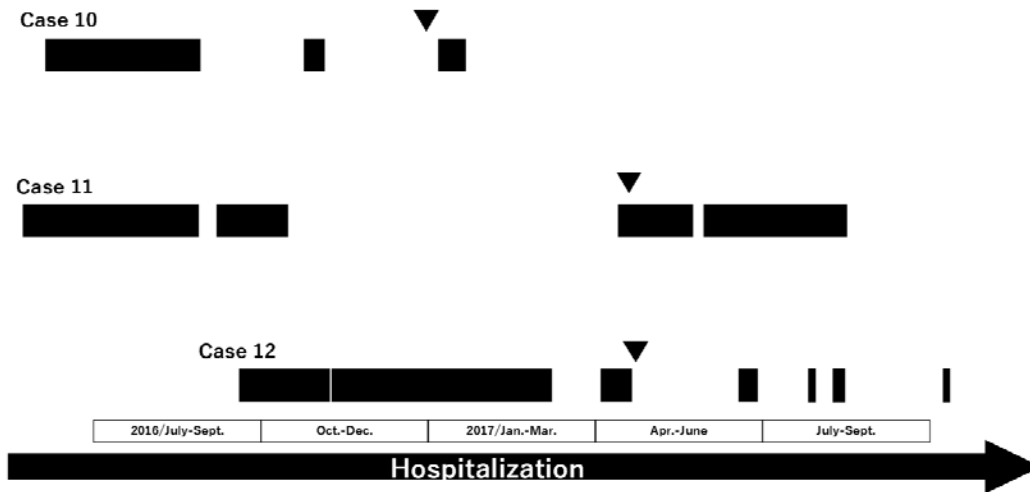
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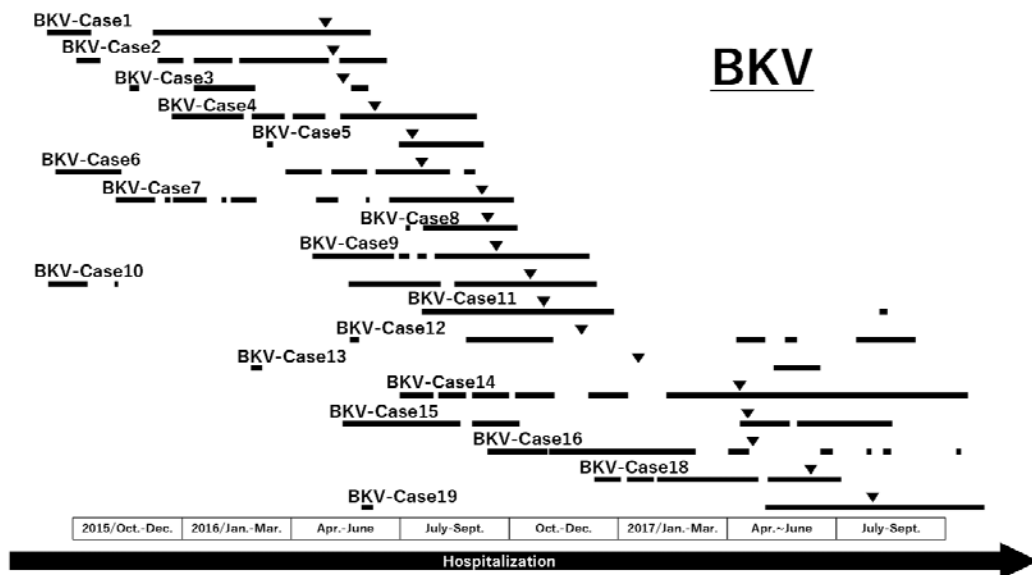
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