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RESUMO

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O papilomavírus (PV) pertence a um grupo muito diversificado de vírus que infecta grande variedade de espécies de vertebrados. O PV está relacionado com proliferações da pele e mucosa de seus hospedeiros. Em bovinos, o papilomavírus bovino (BPV) é o agente etiológico da papilomatose cutânea e dos cânceres da bexiga urinária e do trato gastrointestinal superior. Nos equinos, os sarcóides são neoplasias fibroblásticas locais com característica agressiva, reconhecidas como o tumor de pele mais comum em equinos de todo o mundo. Os sarcóides raramente regredem e, frequentemente, recorrem após a terapia. Pela identificação sucessiva do DNA do BPV em sarcóides, e a demonstração da expressão de diversos genes virais nestas lesões, o envolvimento direto do BPV na patogênese do sarcóide foi corroborado. Atualmente, doze tipos de BPV foram identificados e caracterizados em bovinos. Estes BPVs estão classificados nos gêneros *Deltapapillomavirus* (BPV1 e 2), *Xipapillomavirus* (BPV3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, e 12) e *Epsilonpapillomavirus* (BPV5 e 8), com a exceção do BPV7 que pertence a um gênero ainda indefinido. Além dos tipos de BPV caracterizados por meio da sequência completa do genoma viral, dezenas de prováveis novos tipos virais, identificados por meio de PCR com primers degenerados que amplificam fragmentos parciais do gene L1, têm sido descritos em rebanhos bovinos provenientes de regiões geográficas diversas. Recentemente, estudos realizados no Brasil revelaram notável diversidade entre os BPVs detectados em papilomas bovinos, sendo descritos quatro prováveis novos tipos virais que foram designados BPV/BR-UEL2 a BPV/BR-UEL5. O presente estudo descreve a sequência genômica completa e o posicionamento filogenético de um destes novos tipos de BPV (BPV/BR-UEL4) identificado em bovinos e tentativamente denominado de papilomavírus bovino tipo 13. Adicionalmente, o envolvimento deste novo tipo de BPV em sarcóides equinos também é relatado. Em cavalos, seis sarcóides que foram coletados cirurgicamente, a partir de várias regiões anatômicas de dois cavalos, foram avaliados com oito pares de primers degenerados. Estes primers foram desenhados para detectar regiões conservadas dos genes L1 e E1 dos PVs cutâneos. Os produtos de PCR obtidos foram sequenciados diretamente. Nos sarcóides avaliados, as quatro sequências geradas dos produtos de PCR apresentaram 100% de identidade com o BPV13. O BPV13 foi identificado em um papiloma localizado na orelha de bovino pertencente a um rebanho da região sul do Brasil. Para amplificar a sequência completa do genoma do BPV13, a amostra de DNA foi submetida à técnica de amplificação por círculo rolante (RCA). Para confirmar que o produto obtido era DNA de papilomavírus, PCR com primers degenerados foi realizada no produto RCA. Estes produtos de PCR foram sequenciados e, baseando-se nestas sequências parciais dos genes E1 e L1, dois pares de primers para PCR de fragmentos longos foram selecionados para a amplificação da maior parte do genoma do BPV13. A sequência completa dos fragmentos longos clonados foi determinada por sequenciamento contíguo, iniciando-se a partir do sítio para os primers universais no vetor de clonagem pCR4-TOPO. As falhas remanescentes nas sequências foram eliminadas por sequenciamento direto do produto RCA. A sequência genômica completa do BPV13 possui 7961 pb, com conteúdo GC de 45,1%, e oito ORFs, codificando para seis proteínas não-estruturais (E1, E2, E4, E5, E6 e E7) e duas proteínas estruturais (L1 e L2). A análise filogenética, realizada a partir do alinhamento de sequência de nucleotídeos concatenada dos genes E7, E1, E2, L2 e L1 do BPV13 e de outros PVs de ungulados, mostrou que o BPV13 é um membro do gênero

Deltapapillomavirus, que já contém os BPVs 1 e 2. A sequência do gene L1 do BPV13 apresentou identidade de 85,5-88,2% com as mesmas sequências dos BPVs 1 e 2. A identificação do BPV13 nos sarcóides examinados sugere a possibilidade de que muitos PVs isolados de sarcóides, e que foram previamente diagnosticados por meio de PCR com primers específicos para o BPV1/2, podem ter sido classificados erroneamente como BPV2, especialmente devido ao fato do sequenciamento direto não ter sido realizado para muitas amostras. Assim como o relatado para os BPVs 1 e 2, é tentador sugerir que o BPV13 também é capaz de induzir fibropapilomas em seus hospedeiros naturais. O agrupamento do BPV13 no gênero *Deltapapillomavirus*, o qual reúne PVs que determinam fibropapilomas em artiodactilos ruminantes, assim como os achados da presença do gene E5 e da perda do motivo de ligação do fator pRB na proteína E7, dão suporte a esta hipótese. Os PVs são espécie-específicos e a ocorrência de transmissão entre espécies é relatada como evento muito raro, somente ocorrendo entre espécies hospedeiras próximas, como a infecção de cavalos pelos BPVs 1 e 2. Assim como os outros representantes da espécie Delta4, este novo tipo viral foi identificado em associação com casos de sarcóide equino em rebanhos brasileiros. A caracterização de novos BPVs colabora para a compreensão da filogenia do PV e para a interpretação das enfermidades relacionadas a estes vírus. A obtenção de informações adicionais sobre a base molecular e epidemiologia dos BPVs caracterizados, assim como dos ainda não caracterizados, será necessária para a completa compreensão da patogenia das doenças associadas ao BPV.

Palavras-chave: Bovino, Equino, Papilomatose cutânea, Sarcóide, BPV, Novo tipo de BPV, Genoma completo, Análise filogenética, Histopatologia.

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Papillomaviruses (PVs) represent a large and highly diverse group of pathogens that infect a wide variety of vertebrate species. PVs are linked to epithelial proliferations of the skin or the mucosa of their hosts. In cattle, the bovine papillomavirus (BPV) is thought to be the casual agent of cutaneous papillomatosis, cancer of the urinary bladder and upper gastrointestinal tract. Equine sarcoids are locally aggressive fibroblastic neoplasms, considered as the most common skin tumor in horses worldwide. These tumors rarely regress and very often recur after therapy. Through consistent identification of BPV DNA in sarcoids as well as the demonstration of expression of diverse viral genes, the direct involvement of BPV in the pathogenesis of sarcoid tumors was corroborated. Until now, twelve BPV types were identified and characterized from cattle. These BPVs are classified in the genera *Deltapapillomavirus* (BPV1 and 2), *Xipapillomavirus* (BPV3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, and 12) and *Epsilonpapillomavirus* (BPV5 and 8), with the exception of BPV7, which belongs to an undesigned PV genus. In addition to the fully sequenced BPV types, through PCR assay employing consensus or degenerate primers which amplify partial fragments of the L1, the presence of numerous putative new BPV types have been described in cattle herds from diverse geographical regions. Recently, an investigation using the strategy above mentioned revealed notable diversity among BPVs detected in papillomas from Brazilian cattle herds. The study identified four putative new BPV types designated as BPV/BR-UEL2 to BPV/BR-UEL5. This study describes the complete genomic sequence and phylogenetic position of one of these novel BPV types (BPV/BR-UEL4) isolated from cattle: the bovine papillomavirus type 13. Additionally, it reports the involvement of this new BPV type in equine sarcoid lesions. In horses, six sarcoids which were individually and surgically collected from diverse anatomic locations of two horses were tested with eight degenerate primer pairs, designed to detect conserved regions on L1 and E1 genes of a broad-spectrum of diverse cutaneous PV strains. The obtained amplicons were directly sequenced. In the evaluated equine sarcoids, the four different sequences generated from obtained amplicons were shown to present 100% identity with the BPV13, the new BPV type identified from cutaneous warts of cattle. BPV13 was isolated from a cutaneous papilloma of the ear of a cow from a herd located in South region of Brazil. In order to amplify the total genome sequence of the BPV13, the PV genome was submitted to multiply-primed rolling circle amplification (RCA) technique. To confirm that the band was indeed PV DNA, PCR with degenerate primers specific for cutaneous PVs was performed on the RCA product. These PCR products were sequenced and based on the sequences generated, two primer sets for long template PCR were chosen in the partial obtained E1 and L1 sequences in order to amplify the most part of genome of the BPV13. The complete nucleotide sequences of the cloned long PCR products were determined by primer-walking sequencing, starting from the universal primers in the pCR4-TOPO vector. The remaining gaps in the sequences were determined by primer-walking directly on the RCA product. The complete genomic sequence of the BPV13 counts 7961 bp, with a GC content of 45.1%. BPV13 contains eight PV ORFs, coding for six early (E) proteins E1, E2, E4, E5, E6, and E7, and two late (L) proteins L1 and L2. The phylogenetic analysis using a concatenated nucleotide sequence alignment of E7, E1, E2, L2 and L1 ORFs of BPV13 isolated from a cow and other ungulate PVs showed that BPV13 is a member of the genus *Deltapapillomavirus*, closely related to BPV1 and BPV2. The entire L1 ORF of BPV13 had 85.5–88.2% sequence

identity, respectively, with Delta-PVs BPV1 and 2. The identification of BPV13 in sarcoid lesions herein examined gives rise to the hypothesis that many PV isolates from sarcoid lesions previously diagnosed worldwide through PCR employing BPV1/2 specific primers were misclassified as BPV2, specially due to the direct sequencing of numerous amplicons were not performed. As it has been described for BPVs 1 and 2-induced lesions, it is tempting to suppose that BPV13 is also capable of inducing fibropapillomas in its natural hosts. The grouping of the BPV13 in Deltapapillomavirus genus, which lump fibropapilloma-inducing artiodactyls ruminant PVs together, as well as the finding of the E5 ORF in BPV13 genome and the lack of the pRB-binding motif in E7 encoded protein, support this hypothesis. PVs have a species-specific nature, with interspecies transmission being very rare event and only occurring between closely related species, such as infection of horses with BPV1 and 2. Like other Delta4 representatives, the novel BPV type was detected in association with cases of equine sarcoid in Brazilian herds. The characterization of novel BPVs improves our understanding on PV phylogeny and our interpretation of the described pathologies related to these viruses. Additional information about the molecular basis and epidemiology of characterized and uncharacterized BPVs will be needed to fully elucidate pathogenicity regarding diseases associated with BPV.

Key Words: Bovine, Equine, Cutaneous papillomatosis, Sarcoid, BPV, New BPV type, Complete genome, Phylogenetic analysis, Histopathology.

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1. REVISÃO DE LITERATURA

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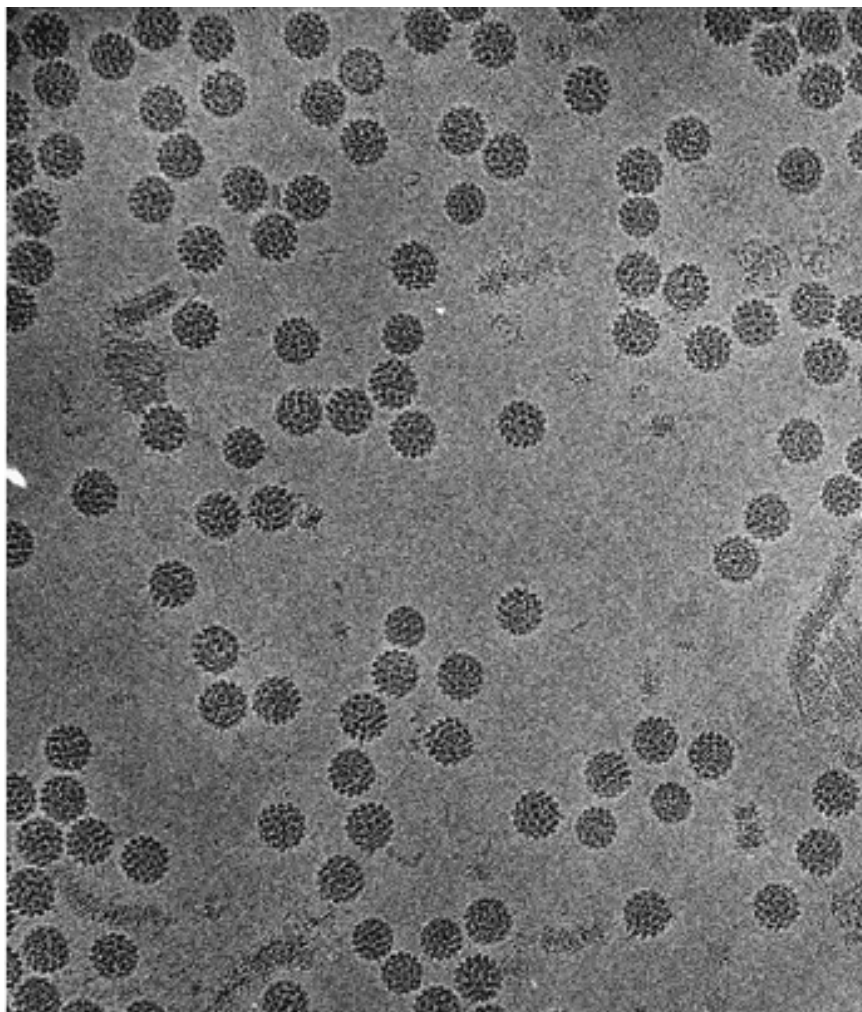
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3 a) Introdução

4 O papilomavírus (PV) é um vírus epiteliotrópico que determina lesões proliferativas
5 benignas tanto na pele (verrugas ou papilomas) quanto em mucosas (condilomas) de seus
6 hospedeiros naturais. Entretanto, também tem sido atribuído a alguns PVs o desenvolvimento
7 de lesões epiteliais malignas, especialmente casos de câncer do cérvix uterino e outros
8 tumores do trato urogenital em humanos (Howley e Lowy, 2007).

9 O primeiro oncovírus DNA reconhecido corresponde ao primeiro PV animal
10 identificado. Este vírus, denominado CRPV, foi detectado na década de 30 a partir de
11 verrugas cutâneas em coelhos cauda de algodão (do inglês, *cottontail rabbits*) (Shope e Hurst,
12 1933).

13 Os PVs são vírus pequenos, não-envelopados e icosaédricos que replicam no núcleo
14 de células epiteliais escamosas. As partículas virais apresentam diâmetro de 52 a 55
15 nanômetros (figura 1) (Howley e Lowy, 2007).



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2 **Figura 1.** Micrografia eletrônica de virones do papilomavírus bovino 1 (BPV1) (55nm de
3 diâmetro). Fonte: Howley e Lowy, 2007.

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5 Atualmente, o PV é tido como um grupo de vírus DNA altamente diverso, tendo sido
6 demonstrado em numerosas espécies de mamíferos e em algumas aves e répteis. Além dos
7 seres humanos, os PVs foram identificados na maioria dos animais domésticos, como nos
8 bovinos (BPVs); cães (CPVs); caprinos (ChPV1); equinos (EcPVs); felinos domésticos
9 (FdPVs); ovinos (OaPVs); e suínos (SsPV1) (Bernard et al., 2010).

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11 **b) Classificação taxonômica dos PVs**

1 Originalmente, os PVs foram agrupados com os poliomavírus na família
2 *Papovaviridae*. Esta classificação inicial foi justificada pela presença de características
3 comuns aos dois vírus, tais como capsídeo não-envelopado semelhante e genoma circular
4 constituído de DNA fita dupla. Atualmente, devido ao reconhecimento de que estes grupos de
5 vírus possuem genomas com extensões e organizações diferentes e similaridades limitadas nas
6 sequências de nucleotídeos e aminoácidos, os PVs estão classificados na família
7 *Papillomaviridae* (van Regenmortel et al., 2002; de Villiers et al., 2004).

8 Os PVs são mencionados, tradicionalmente, como “tipos virais”, sendo que o tipo viral
9 representa um genoma completo, cuja sequência nucleotídica do gene L1 apresenta ao menos
10 10% de dissimilaridade com a de qualquer outro tipo de PV anteriormente reconhecido (de
11 Villiers et al., 2004).

12 A classificação dos PVs em gênero unifica espécies relacionadas filogeneticamente
13 que diferem quanto às propriedades biológicas, enquanto a classificação em espécie agrupa
14 tipos virais muito próximos filogeneticamente e que apresentam características biológicas e
15 patológicas comuns. A tradução destas relações taxonômicas para a identidade observada
16 entre sequências de nucleotídeos ocorre da seguinte forma: i) Diferentes gêneros
17 compartilham similaridade inferior a 60% na ORF L1 e entre 23 e 43% quando sequências
18 genômicas completas são comparadas; ii) Espécies diversas em um gênero apresentam
19 similaridades entre 60 e 70% na ORF L1 (tabela 1) (de Villiers et al., 2004).

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1 **Tabela 1.** Relação entre os diferentes níveis taxonômicos e a identidade observada na
 2 sequência de nucleotídeos da ORF L1.

Nível Taxonômico	Identidade ORF L1
gênero	<60%
espécie	60-70%
tipo viral	71-89%

3 Fonte: De Villiers *et al.*, 2004.
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5 Atualmente, a família *Papillomaviridae* contém 29 diferentes gêneros nos quais
 6 quase 200 tipos de PV estão classificados. O alfabeto grego foi utilizado na criação da
 7 nomenclatura dos gêneros que são denominados de *Alphapapillomavirus* a
 8 *Dyoiotapapillomavirus*. As espécies são designadas pelo tipo viral que as representam, sendo
 9 que os outros tipos de PV classificados nas mesmas são chamados de cepas virais (tabela 2).

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1 **Tabela 2.** Classificação da família *Papillomaviridae*.

Gênero	Espécies	2
<i>Alphapapillomavirus</i>	<i>Human Papillomavirus</i> 2, 6, 7, 10, 16, 18, 26, 32, 34, 53, 54, 61, 90	3
	<i>Macaca mulata Papillomavirus</i> 1	4
<i>Betapapillomavirus</i>	<i>Human Papillomavirus</i> 5, 9, 49, 92, 96	5
	<i>Macaca fascicularis Papillomavirus</i> 2	6
<i>Gammapapillomavirus</i>	<i>Human Papillomavirus</i> 4, 48, 50, 60, 88, 101, 109, 112, 116, 121	7
<i>Deltapapillomavirus</i>	<i>Alces alces Papillomavirus</i> 1	8
	<i>Bos taurus Papillomavirus</i> 1	9
	<i>Capreolus capreolus Papillomavirus</i> 1	10
	<i>Odocoileus virginianus Papillomavirus</i> 1	11
	<i>Ovis aries Papillomavirus</i> 1	12
<i>Epsilonpapillomavirus</i>	<i>Bos taurus Papillomavirus</i> 5	13
<i>Zetapapillomavirus</i>	<i>Equus caballus Papillomavirus</i> 1	14
<i>Etapapillomavirus</i>	<i>Fringilla coelebs Papillomavirus</i>	15
<i>Thetapapillomavirus</i>	<i>Psittacus erithacus Papillomavirus</i> 1	16
<i>Iotapapillomavirus</i>	<i>Mastomys natalensis Papillomavirus</i> 1	17
<i>Kappapapillomavirus</i>	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus Papillomavirus</i> 1	18
	<i>Sylvilagus floridanus Papillomavirus</i> 1	19
<i>Lambdapapillomavirus</i>	<i>Canis familiaris Papillomavirus</i> 1 e 6	20
	<i>Felis domesticus Papillomavirus</i> 1	21
	<i>Procyon lotor Papillomavirus</i> 1	22
<i>Mupapillomavirus</i>	<i>Human Papillomavirus</i> 1 e 63	23
<i>Nupapillomavirus</i>	<i>Human papillomavirus</i> 41	24
<i>Xipapillomavirus</i>	<i>Bos taurus Papillomavirus</i> 3	25
<i>Pipapillomavirus</i>	<i>Mesocricetus auratus Papillomavirus</i> 1	
	<i>Micromys minutus Papillomavirus</i> 1	
<i>Rhopapillomavirus</i>	<i>Trichechus manatus latirostris Papillomavirus</i> 1	
<i>Sigmapapillomavirus</i>	<i>Erethizon dorsatum Papillomavirus</i> 1	
<i>Taupapillomavirus</i>	<i>Canis familiaris Papillomavirus</i> 2	
<i>Upsilonpapillomavirus</i>	<i>Tursiops truncatus Papillomavirus</i> 1 e 2	
<i>Phipapillomavirus</i>	<i>Capra hircus Papillomavirus</i> 1	
<i>Chipapillomavirus</i>	<i>Canis familiaris Papillomavirus</i> 3 e 4	
<i>Psipapillomavirus</i>	<i>Rousettus aegyptiacus Papillomavirus</i> 1	

1 **Tabela 2.** Classificação da família *Papillomaviridae* (continuação).

Gênero	Espécies	2
<i>Omegapapillomavirus</i>	<i>Ursus maritimus Papillomavirus 1</i>	3
<i>Dyodeltapapillomavirus</i>	<i>Sus scrofa Papillomavirus 1</i>	4
<i>Dyoepsilonpapillomavirus</i>	<i>Francolinus leucoscepus Papillomavirus 1</i>	5
<i>Dyozetapapillomavirus</i>	<i>Caretta caretta Papillomavirus 1</i>	6
<i>Dyoetapapillomavirus</i>	<i>Erinaceus europaeus Papillomavirus 1</i>	7
<i>Dyothetapapillomavirus</i>	<i>Felis domesticus Papillomavirus 2</i>	
<i>Dyoiotapapillomavirus</i>	<i>Equus caballus Papillomavirus 2</i>	

8 Fonte: Bernard *et al.* (2010).

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10 Os PVs isolados de animais vertebrados estão classificados em 24 gêneros, enquanto
 11 as espécies virais que ocorrem exclusivamente em aves e répteis estão agrupadas em três e um
 12 gêneros. A designação taxonômica para os tipos de PV animais baseia-se no nome científico
 13 do hospedeiro, utilizando-se a indicação do gênero e espécie do mesmo, tendo-se como
 14 exemplo a denominação FdPV1 para o PV tipo 1 do *Felis domesticus* (Bernard et al., 2010).
 15 A tabela 3 apresenta os gêneros e espécies nos quais estão classificados os PVs identificados
 16 em espécies de animais domésticos.

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1 **Tabela 3.** Espécies de papilomavírus que infectam animais domésticos.

Gênero	Espécie	Cepas Virais
<i>Deltapapillomavirus</i>	<i>Bos taurus Papillomavirus 1</i>	<i>Bos taurus Papillomavirus 1</i>
		<i>Bos taurus Papillomavirus 2</i>
	<i>Ovis aries Papillomavirus 1</i>	<i>Ovis aries Papillomavirus 1</i>
		<i>Ovis aries Papillomavirus 2</i>
<i>Epsilonpapillomavirus</i>	<i>Bos taurus Papillomavirus 5</i>	<i>Bos taurus Papillomavirus 5</i> <i>Bos taurus Papillomavirus 8</i>
<i>Zetapapillomavirus</i>	<i>Equus caballus Papillomavirus 1</i>	<i>Equus caballus Papillomavirus 1</i>
<i>Lambdapapilloamvirus</i>	<i>Canis familiaris Papillomavirus 1</i>	<i>Canis familiaris Papillomavirus 1</i>
	<i>Canis familiaris Papillomavirus 6</i>	<i>Canis familiaris Papillomavirus 6</i>
	<i>Felis domesticus Papillomavirus 1</i>	<i>Felis domesticus Papillomavirus 1</i>
<i>Xipapillomavirus</i>	<i>Bos taurus Papillomavirus 3</i>	<i>Bos taurus Papillomavirus 3</i>
		<i>Bos taurus Papillomavirus 4</i>
		<i>Bos taurus Papillomavirus 6</i>
		<i>Bos taurus Papillomavirus 9</i>
		<i>Bos taurus Papillomavirus 10</i>
		<i>Bos taurus Papillomavirus 11</i> <i>Bos taurus Papillomavirus 12</i>
<i>Taupapillomavirus</i>	<i>Canis familiaris Papillomavirus 2</i>	<i>Canis familiaris Papillomavirus 2</i> <i>Canis familiaris Papillomavirus 7</i>
<i>Phipapillomavirus</i>	<i>Capra hircus Papillomavirus 1</i>	<i>Capra hircus Papillomavirus 1</i>
<i>Chipapillomavirus</i>	<i>Canis familiaris Papillomavirus 3</i>	<i>Canis familiaris Papillomavirus 3</i> <i>Canis familiaris Papillomavirus 5</i>
	<i>Canis familiaris Papillomavirus 4</i>	<i>Canis familiaris Papillomavirus 4</i>
<i>Dyodeltapapillomavirus</i>	<i>Sus scrofa Papillomavirus 1</i>	<i>Sus scrofa Papillomavirus 1</i>
<i>Dyothetapapillomavirus</i>	<i>Felis domesticus Papillomavirus 2</i>	<i>Felis domesticus Papillomavirus 2</i>
<i>Dyoiotapapillomavirus</i>	<i>Equus caballus Papillomavirus 2</i>	<i>Equus caballus Papillomavirus 2</i>
-	-	<i>Bos taurus Papillomavirus 7</i>

2 Fonte: Adaptado de Bernard *et al.* (2010).

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4 Devido ao fato dos PVs não serem passíveis de isolamento por técnicas clássicas de
5 cultivo celular e não gerarem resposta imune humoral intensa no respectivo hospedeiro, a
6 aplicação dos termos taxonômicos “cepa” e “sorotipo” não foi, inicialmente, implementada
7 para esta família viral. Consequentemente, sua classificação baseou-se nas similaridades das

1 sequências de nucleotídeos e em limitadas propriedades biológicas e médicas (de Villiers et
2 al., 2004; Fauquet et al., 2005).

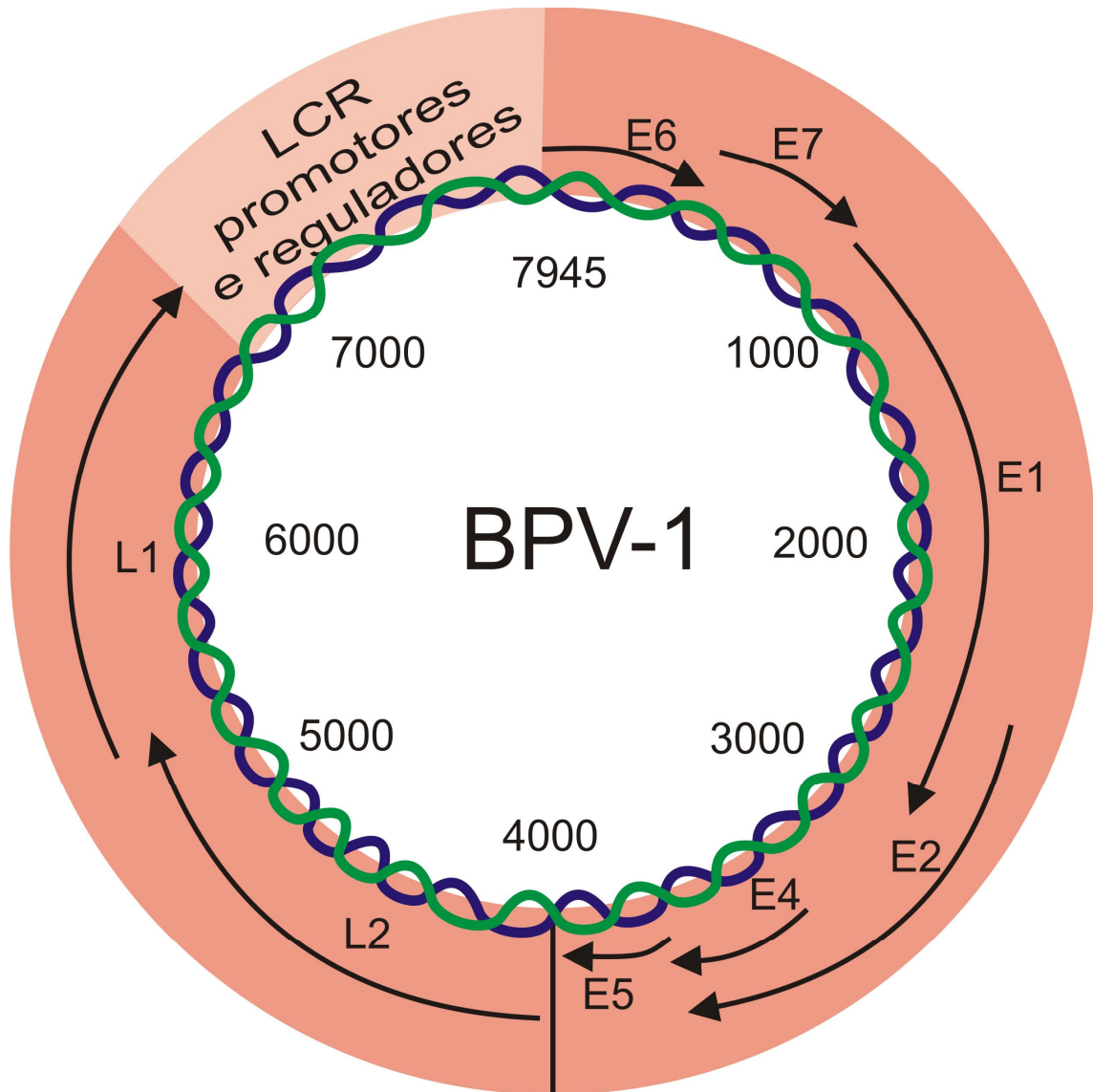
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4 **c) Organização genômica**

5 Nos anos 70, a clonagem de genomas de PVs contribuiu substancialmente no estudo
6 de suas propriedades biológicas e bioquímicas. O sequenciamento dos genomas clonados
7 tornou possível a identificação dos quadros abertos de leitura (ORFs – *open reading frames*)
8 como prováveis genes virais (Danos et al., 1982).

9 A organização genômica dos diversos PVs é muito similar. Uma característica
10 compartilhada pelos PVs é o fato de todas as ORFs estarem contidas em uma das fitas do
11 DNA viral, demonstrando que somente uma das fitas desempenha a função de molde na
12 transcrição. A fita codificante pode apresentar até 10 ORFs que são classificadas, segundo a
13 fase da diferenciação celular em que são expressas, em iniciais (E – *early*) e tardias (L – *late*).
14 O segmento inicial do genoma (E) é constituído por até oito ORFs que são expressas em
15 células epiteliais em fase inicial de maturação, enquanto o segmento final (L) geralmente
16 contém duas ORFs que são expressas em queratinócitos diferenciados. Uma terceira região, a
17 qual é desprovida de ORFs, tem sido identificada em todos os genomas dos PV. Esta região
18 tem sido denominada de LCR (*long control region*) ou URR (*upstream regulatory region*) e
19 contém tanto a origem de replicação quanto elementos de controle da transcrição (figura 2)
20 (Howley e Lowy, 2007).

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2 **Figura 2.** Representação esquemática do genoma do papilomavírus bovino 1 (BPV1).

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4 A expressão das seis proteínas não-estruturais e regulatórias mais comuns (E1, E2, E4,
 5 E5, E6 e E7), codificadas pela região inicial do genoma viral, ocorre em células basais ou em
 6 etapas intermediárias de maturação. A expressão das duas proteínas estruturais virais (L1 e
 7 L2), codificadas pelo segmento final do genoma, ocorre em queratinócitos em fase final de
 8 maturação (Zheng e Baker, 2006).

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1 **d) Proteínas virais**

2 *1) Proteínas E1 e E2*

3 A proteína E1 é codificada pela maior ORF encontrada no segmento inicial dos
4 genomas dos PVs. Na comparação das sequências inferidas para as proteínas codificadas pelo
5 gene E1, foi observada homologia significativa entre os diferentes PVs (Wilson et al., 2002).

6 Conjuntamente com a proteína viral E2, a proteína E1 reconhece a origem de
7 replicação, representando o fator central da replicação dos PVs, sem a qual o mecanismo de
8 replicação do DNA viral não poderia ser iniciado. Além desta função principal, a E1 está
9 envolvida no recrutamento de proteínas da replicação da célula hospedeira, apresenta
10 atividade intrínseca de ATPase/helicase, que proporciona tanto o relaxamento da torção da
11 molécula de DNA na região da origem, quanto a progressão da abertura da forquilha de
12 replicação (Wilson et al., 2002).

13 A realização de estudos de transformação com o BPV1 demonstrou que a presença da
14 ORF E1, na forma intacta, é fundamental para que ocorra a manutenção estável do genoma
15 viral na célula, por meio de múltiplas cópias do genoma na forma epissomal (Sarver et al.,
16 1984; Lusky et al., 1985; Rabson et al., 1986).

17 No entanto, a interação da proteína E1 com a origem de replicação se dá com baixa
18 especificidade. O reconhecimento específico e eficiente da origem é obtido somente através
19 da ligação cooperativa das proteínas E1 e E2 aos sítios adjacentes a origem. Portanto, a
20 proteína E2 participa neste mecanismo como um fator de agregação que promove o
21 recrutamento da helicase E1 na origem de replicação (Sanders e Stenlund, 2001).

22 A ORF E2 do BPV1 codifica uma família de proteínas que compõem o sistema
23 regulatório central do vírus, exercendo controle na expressão gênica e replicação viral. A
24 proteína E2 também modula a transcrição dos promotores virais iniciais através dos seus
25 sítios de ligação (Spalholz et al., 1985). Além disso, a E2 participa da manutenção do genoma

1 viral, na sua forma episomal, por meio da ligação que promove entre estes genomas e os
2 cromossomos mitóticos durante a divisão celular (Ilves et al., 1999; Lehman e Botchan,
3 1998).

4 2) *Proteína E4*

5 A proteína não-estrutural E4 é encontrada abundantemente no citoplasma de
6 queratinócitos diferenciados dos papilomas. Portanto, embora o gene que codifica para esta
7 proteína esteja localizado na região inicial do genoma viral, a produção da E4 ocorre
8 tardiamente. A proteína E4 do HPV16 tem sido associada ao colapso dos filamentos de
9 citoqueratina, sugerindo a função de auxiliar no processo de saída do vírus da célula (Howley
10 e Lowy, 2007).

11 3) *Proteínas E5, E6 e E7*

12 Em humanos, as oncoproteínas E5, E6 e E7, codificadas pelos genomas de alguns
13 HPVs, representam os fatores virais primários relacionados ao início e progressão do câncer
14 do cérvix uterino. Tais produtos gênicos, têm se mostrado capazes de ultrapassar as barreiras
15 do processo de regulação negativa do crescimento celular, mediados por proteínas das células
16 hospedeiras. Além disso, acredita-se que estas oncoproteínas virais promovam a instabilidade
17 genômica que é observada nos cânceres associados à infecção pelo HPV (Moody e Laimins,
18 2010).

19 A principal maneira pela qual a proteína E7 colabora no escape da célula infectada dos
20 mecanismos de regulação negativa do crescimento celular é através da sua ligação com
21 proteínas membros da família retinoblastoma. No caso do HPV, a E7 interage com estes
22 fatores celulares, direcionando-os à degradação (Dyson et al., 1989). O resultado desta ligação
23 é a liberação e ativação dos fatores da transcrição E2F que comandam a expressão dos genes
24 da fase S do ciclo celular. A interação eficiente da E7 com estes fatores desencadeia a inibição

1 compensatória do crescimento celular e apoptose, mediadas pela via dependente da proteína
2 supressora de tumores p53 (Moody e Laimins, 2010).

3 O encaminhamento da proteína p53 para a degradação, conduzido pela proteína viral
4 E6 de HPVs de alto risco, evita a inibição do crescimento celular tanto em células
5 indiferenciadas quanto nas diferenciadas (Moody e Laimins, 2010). A ação destes dois
6 produtos virais, E6 e E7, na inviabilização destes fatores regulatórios do ciclo celular, permite
7 que células infectadas em processo de diferenciação permaneçam na fase S. Como resultado
8 deste processo, tem-se o cancelamento de muitos pontos de checagem do ciclo celular. Como
9 consequência, o acúmulo de mutações e progressão ao câncer ocorrem nas células
10 persistentemente infectadas por estes vírus (Duensing e Munger, 2004).

11 Em bovinos com hematúria enzoótica, tem-se a expressão da oncoproteína E5 do
12 BPV2 na maioria dos tumores de animais afetados (Campo et al., 1992; Borzacchiello et al.,
13 2003a; Roperto et al., 2008). O início da transformação celular desencadeada pela E5 deve
14 ocorrer, principalmente, por meio de sua interação e ativação do receptor β do fator de
15 crescimento derivado de plaquetas (PDGF). Desta maneira, faz-se o início de uma resposta
16 mitogênica que ocorre mesmo na ausência de PDGF (DiMaio e Mattoon, 2001; Borzacchiello
17 et al., 2006).

18 4) *Proteínas L1 e L2*

19 O capsídio viral é constituído pelas duas proteínas estruturais (L1 e L2). A principal
20 proteína do capsídio (L1) tem aproximadamente 55 kD e representa cerca de 80% da
21 quantidade total de proteína do vírus. Por outro lado, a proteína L2 tem tamanho molecular
22 aproximado de 70 kD (Frave, 1975). Além disso, sabe-se que partículas semelhantes ao vírus
23 (VLP – *virus-like particles*) podem ser produzidas a partir de diferentes PVs somente pela
24 expressão da L1 ou pela combinação da L1 com a L2, utilizando tanto sistemas de expressão
25 protéica de mamíferos quanto outros sistemas eucarióticos e procarióticos (Rose et al., 1993;

1 Zhou et al., 1993). Embora a L2 não seja necessária para o processo de montagem viral, ela é
2 incorporada em VLPs quando co-expressa com a L1. Quando visualizadas por microscopia
3 crioeletrônica, a morfologia das VLPs, contendo somente a L1, parece ser idêntica à das
4 partículas virais intactas (Hagensee et al., 1994). Os epítomos que induzem a produção de
5 anticorpos neutralizantes estão presentes principalmente na L1, sendo também localizados na
6 L2 (Roden et al., 1994).

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8 e) BPVs

9 A infecção por diversos tipos de papilomavírus bovino (BPV – *bovine papillomavirus*)
10 tem sido relacionada a diferentes quadros clínicos em bovinos. A ocorrência de tumores
11 cutâneos benignos, caracterizando a papilomatose cutânea, pode ser verificada em diversas
12 regiões do corpo do animal. Na dependência da extensão das lesões, há o comprometimento
13 do desenvolvimento corporal dos animais, predisposição a infecções e/ou infestações
14 secundárias, depreciação do couro, entre outras consequências que podem acarretar prejuízos
15 econômicos à exploração pecuária de corte e, principalmente, leiteira. Papilomas localizados
16 no úbere e nos tetos de vacas em lactação dificultam a amamentação dos bezerros, a ordenha
17 tanto manual quanto, principalmente, mecânica e, devido às infecções bacterianas
18 secundárias, predispõem a mastites clínicas e/ou subclínicas ascendentes (Campo, 2002).

19 A interação entre tipos específicos do BPV e a ingestão prolongada da planta
20 samambaia (*Pteridium aquilinum*), tem sido apontada como a etiologia tanto da hematúria
21 enzoótica crônica quanto do câncer do trato gastrointestinal superior em bovinos. No primeiro
22 caso, acredita-se que inicialmente ocorra uma infecção latente ou subclínica pelo BPV1 ou 2
23 na mucosa da bexiga. Uma vez que a bexiga urinária representa o maior alvo das toxinas desta
24 planta, após o estabelecimento do vírus, a infecção seria reativada e induzida à neoplasia por

1 meio de compostos químicos imunossupressivos e carcinogênicos presentes na samambaia,
2 culminando na progressão à malignidade (Roperto et al., 2010).

3 A incidência destes tumores é variável entre rebanhos alocados em pastos
4 contaminados pela samambaia, porém este índice pode alcançar percentuais maiores que 90
5 em animais adultos (Pamukcu et al., 1976; Roperto et al., 2010).

6 Quanto aos tumores do canal alimentar, a imunossupressão causada pela ingestão da
7 samambaia define a persistência dos papilomas, induzidos pelo BPV4, que por ação de
8 elementos carcinogênicos da planta podem evoluir para carcinomas malignos (Campo et al.,
9 1994, Campo, 1997; Borzacchiello et al., 2003b).

10 Portanto, embora a infecção por estes BPVs tenha participação central na patogênese
11 destas neoplasias em bovinos, a presença de co-fatores ambientais e biológicos é fundamental
12 no desenvolvimento das lesões (Roperto et al., 2006, 2008).

13 Enquanto cerca de 120 tipos de HPVs já foram definidos, até o início da década de
14 1980 apenas seis tipos de BPV (BPV1 a BPV6) tinham sido identificados a partir de casos de
15 papilomatose cutânea e câncer em bovinos (Pfister et al., 1979; Campo et al., 1980, 1981;
16 Campo e Coggins, 1982; Chen et al., 1982; Jarrett et al., 1984).

17 Entretanto, estudos realizados a partir do início da década passada, com o objetivo de
18 investigar a real diversidade do BPV, têm indicado a existência de numerosos tipos de BPV, a
19 exemplo do que ocorre nos seres humanos. O primeiro trabalho realizado envolveu o emprego
20 dos *primers* genéricos FAP59/FAP64 em amostras (*swabs*) provenientes de pele saudável de
21 animais pertencentes a 19 espécies de vertebrados. Dentre os dez bovinos analisados, e que
22 não apresentavam qualquer sinal clínico compatível com a infecção pelo BPV, em seis foram
23 detectados um ou dois prováveis novos tipos de BPV. Estes prováveis novos tipos virais
24 foram denominados BAA1 a BAA5 (Antonsson e Hansson, 2002).

1 Posteriormente, visando à determinação da prevalência do BPV em papilomas e pele
2 saudável de tetos, um estudo que envolveu a utilização dos *primers* FAP59/FAP64 e
3 MY09/MY11, analisou 15 papilomas de teto e 122 *swabs* de pele saudável de animais,
4 provenientes de cinco municípios do Japão (Ogawa et al., 2004). Neste estudo, quatro tipos
5 previamente caracterizados de BPV (BPV1, 3, 5 e 6), dois prováveis novos tipos de BPV
6 anteriormente identificados (BAA1 e 5) e 11 prováveis novos tipos (designados BAPV1 a 10
7 e BAPV11MY) foram encontrados nas 39 amostras positivas para o BPV. Porém, os
8 prováveis novos tipos BAA1 e BAPV7 a 10 foram somente detectados a partir de amostras
9 obtidas de pele saudável. Adicionalmente, em um surto de papilomatose mamária (tetos),
10 ocorrido no Japão em um rebanho constituído por 560 novilhas, foi confirmada a presença do
11 BPV6 na maioria das 14 amostras analisadas (Maeda et al., 2007). Nessa amostragem também
12 foram identificados os prováveis novos tipos BAA5 e BAPV1, anteriormente descritos.

13 Recentemente, a realização de análises complementares de alguns prováveis novos
14 tipos de BPV, por meio da determinação da sequência completa do genoma viral, permitiu a
15 caracterização de novos tipos virais (Bernard et al., 2010). O primeiro novo tipo caracterizado
16 foi o BPV7, inicialmente denominado BAPV6. Como a sequência de nucleotídeos da ORF L1
17 do BPV7 foi mais relacionada àquela de PVs membros dos gêneros *Betapapillomavirus*,
18 *Gamapapillomavirus* e *Pipapillomavirus*, os quais contêm representantes responsáveis por
19 lesões cutâneas em humanos e em mucosa de hamsters, este novo tipo de BPV, constituiu um
20 novo gênero ainda não nominado (Ogawa et al., 2007).

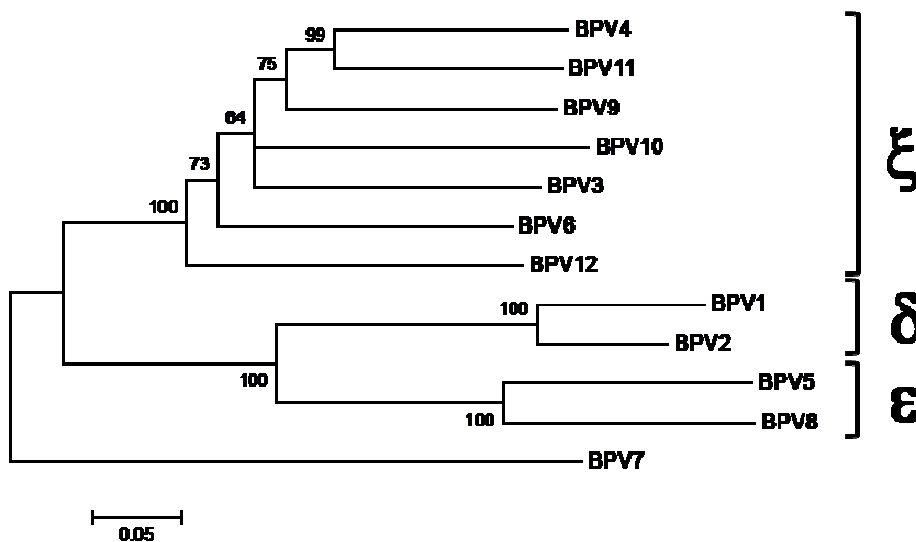
21 O segundo tipo de BPV recentemente descrito foi o BPV8, anteriormente designado
22 como BAPV2 e identificado no Japão. A definição deste novo tipo viral foi realizada
23 juntamente com a descrição da sua variante denominada BPV8-EB, proveniente de um caso
24 de papilomatose cutânea em um bisão europeu nascido na Itália (Tomita et al., 2007). Nesta
25 análise, a elevada similaridade observada entre as sequências da ORF L1 do BPV8 e do BPV5

1 (75%), assim como a análise filogenética, constituíram a base para a classificação deste novo
2 tipo viral no gênero *Epsilonpapillomavirus*. Adicionalmente, a estrutura genômica das regiões
3 inicial e tardia destes dois diferentes membros do gênero se mostrou quase idêntica, diferindo
4 apenas na ORF E4, que está presente no BPV8 e ausente no BPV5.

5 Recentemente, dois tipos de BPV, os BPVs 9 e 10, foram identificados a partir de
6 papilomas de tetos (Hatama et al., 2008). Inicialmente estes tipos virais foram denominados
7 prováveis novos tipos BAPV1 e BAA5 (Antonsson e Hansson, 2002; Ogawa et al., 2004). A
8 análise filogenética e a constatação da maior similaridade na ORF L1 com o BPV3 (74,2 e
9 71,2%, respectivamente) classificaram os dois novos isolados no gênero *Xipapillomavirus*
10 (Hatama et al., 2008).

11 Por meio de PCR, clonagem e sequenciamento, Hatama et al. (2011) avaliaram os
12 genótipos virais presentes em 167 verrugas cutâneas coletadas de rebanhos bovinos japoneses.
13 Entre as lesões avaliadas, 124 apresentaram resultado positivo para a presença do BPV na
14 PCR. Das sequências parciais obtidas no sequenciamento dos produtos de PCR obtidos, três
15 prováveis novos tipos de BPV, assim como oito tipos de BPV anteriormente descritos (BPVs
16 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 e 10), foram identificados. A determinação da sequência completa de um
17 destes prováveis novos tipos de BPV (BPV11), e a comparação da sua sequência nucleotídica
18 no gene L1 com a de outros representantes desta família viral, determinou a sua classificação
19 no gênero *Xipapillomavirus* (Hatama et al., 2011). A sequência completa do genoma de outro
20 isolado, identificado a partir de lesão do epitélio da língua de bovino do Japão, foi
21 recentemente determinada, culminando na designação deste isolado como BPV12 (Zhu et al.,
22 2011). A comparação da sequência de nucleotídeos do gene L1 do BPV12 com outros tipos
23 virais isolados de bovinos sugere sua classificação também no gênero *Xipapillomavirus*
24 (figura 3).

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2 **Figura 3.** Reconstrução filogenética baseada nas sequências nucleotídicas do gene L1 dos 12
 3 tipos de BPV. Com exceção do BPV7, os gêneros nos quais os diversos tipos virais estão
 4 classificados estão representados pelas letras gregas δ (delta), ϵ (épsilon) e ξ (xi).

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6 No Brasil, a associação entre a infecção pelo BPV e a ocorrência de papilomatose
 7 cutânea, hematúria enzoótica e neoplasias do trato digestório superior, tem sido confirmada
 8 em bovinos (Dos Santos et al., 1998; Claus et al., 2007, 2008; Wosiacki et al., 2005). Estudos
 9 anteriormente realizados, empregando *primers* específicos para um único tipo viral,
 10 demonstraram a presença do BPV1 em lesões cutâneas, sangue total e plasma sanguíneo de
 11 animais adultos com papilomatose cutânea, e em placenta e líquido amniótico provenientes de
 12 uma vaca apresentando o mesmo quadro clínico (De Freitas et al., 2003). O BPV2 foi
 13 identificado em sangue periférico e bexiga urinária de animais com hematúria enzoótica, e em
 14 amostras de papilomas e do trato reprodutivo feminino de bovinos (De Carvalho et al., 2003;
 15 Wosiacki et al., 2005, 2006).

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Apesar da papilomatose cutânea representar um problema sanitário considerável, tanto
 para rebanhos bovinos de corte quanto, principalmente, leiteiros, a realização de estudos

1 visando à identificação dos tipos de BPV envolvidos na determinação de lesões cutâneas em
2 bovinos no Brasil ainda é esporádica. Recentemente, a detecção do BPV1, 2, 6 e 8 em
3 papilomas provenientes de rebanhos bovinos do Estado do Paraná foi possível por meio da
4 utilização dos *primers* genéricos FAP (Claus et al., 2007, 2009). Em outro estudo, a
5 identificação de quatro prováveis novos tipos de BPV, denominados BPV/BR-UEL2 a 5,
6 ainda não descritos no mundo, apontou para a ocorrência de considerável diversidade viral
7 nos rebanhos bovinos brasileiros (Claus et al., 2008). A caracterização genética de um destes
8 prováveis novos tipos de BPV, o BPV/BR-UEL2, por meio do sequenciamento da sequência
9 completa do gene L1, confirmou a sua classificação no gênero *Xipapillomavirus* (Lunardi et
10 al., 2010).

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12 **f) EcPVs**

13 Em cavalos, a infecção pelo PV tem sido descrita extensivamente no contexto do
14 sarcóide equino (Otten et al., 1993; Bloch et al., 1994; Yuan et al., 2007; Wobeser et al.,
15 2010). Sarcóides podem ser definidos como tumores de pele fibroblásticos que são localmente
16 invasivos. Estes tumores representam a neoplasia mais comum em eqüinos, com taxas de
17 prevalência variando entre 12,9 e 67% dentre todos os tipos de tumores equinos (Sullins et al.,
18 1986). Após muita especulação quanto ao papel do PV como agente etiológico do sarcóide
19 equino, atualmente, tem-se muitos relatos na literatura demonstrando o envolvimento do BPV
20 tipos 1 e 2 na patogênese deste tumor (Otten et al., 1993; Bloch et al., 1994; Nasir e Reid,
21 1999; Yuan et al., 2007; Wobeser et al., 2010) . Contudo, uma vez que os PVs são tidos como
22 altamente espécie-específicos, devido à associação com o BPV, esta neoplasia cutânea tem
23 sido considerada uma exceção dentre as afecções determinadas pelos PVs (Howley e Lowy,
24 2007).

1 Além do sarcóide equino, ao menos três outras neoplasias epiteliais potencialmente
2 associadas com o PV, os papilomas equinos clássicos, os papilomas genitais e as placas
3 aurais, são descritas em equinos (Scott e Miller, 2003).

4 Os papilomas equinos clássicos tem sido associados ao papilomavírus equino tipo 1
5 (EcPV1). Estas lesões cutâneas são tipicamente observadas em cavalos com menos de 3 anos
6 de idade e ocorrem, principalmente, no focinho e lábios destes animais (Scott e Miller, 2003;
7 Ghim et al., 2004).

8 A ocorrência de papilomas genitais, tanto em fêmeas quanto em machos, também tem
9 sido relacionada à infecção pelo PV. A regressão espontânea destas lesões parece ser rara,
10 sendo que a progressão para o carcinoma pode ocorrer ocasionalmente (Smith et al., 2009).

11 Os papilomas aurais ou placas aurais dos equinos têm sido descritos em animais de
12 todas as idades. Embora tal neoplasia apresente um caráter progressivo, a evolução para o
13 câncer não tem sido relatada (Scott e Miller, 2003).

14 Recentemente, por meio da caracterização genética de DNA viral purificado de um
15 caso de papiloma peniano que evoluiu para carcinoma *in situ*, e de um caso de placa aural, foi
16 possível o reconhecimento do envolvimento dos EcPV2 e 3 em casos de papilomas genitais e
17 placas aurais, respectivamente, em equinos (Lange et al., 2011).

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2. OBJETIVOS

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2.1. Objetivo geral

- Determinar a sequência genômica completa de um provável novo tipo de BPV (BPV/BR-UEL4), confirmar o seu posicionamento taxonômico na família *Papillomaviridae* e investigar sua associação com lesões de sarcóide em equinos.

2.2. Objetivos específicos

- Delinear estratégia para amplificação e seqüenciamento do genoma completo da cepa viral BPV/BR-UEL4;
- Determinar o posicionamento taxonômico deste novo tipo viral por meio da comparação da sequência do gene L1 desta cepa viral com a de outros representantes da família *Papillomaviridae*;
- Identificar os prováveis quadros de leitura na sequência genômica do BPV13 e inferir algumas propriedades biológicas por meio da comparação com as sequências correspondentes de tipos de PV anteriormente caracterizados;
- Amplificar e sequenciar fragmentos parciais dos genes L1 e E1 dos PVs associados a lesões de sarcóides equinos.

3. ARTIGOS PARA PUBLICAÇÃO

**GENETIC CHARACTERIZATION OF A NOVEL BOVINE PAPILLOMAVIRUS
MEMBER OF THE *DELTAPAPILLOMAVIRUS* GENUS**

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1 the lack of the pRB-binding motif in E7 encoded protein, support the hypothesis that BPV13
2 is also capable of inducing fibropapillomas in its natural host.

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4 Keywords: Cattle; Bovine papillomavirus; New BPV type; BPV13; BPV/BR-UEL4 strain;
5 Complete genome sequence; Deltapapillomavirus; Taxonomic classification.

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1 **1. Introduction**

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3 Papillomaviruses (PVs) form a large and highly diverse group of pathogens that are
4 widespread among vertebrate species. These viruses have been considered the causative
5 agents of epithelial proliferative lesions of the skin or mucosa of their natural hosts (De
6 Villiers et al., 2004). In cattle, bovine papillomavirus (BPV) induces cutaneous papillomatosis
7 and cancer of the urinary bladder and upper alimentary canal (Campo, 2002). Besides the fact
8 of PVs being known as strictly species specific pathogens, BPVs 1 and 2 represent the only
9 case of interspecies infection of heterologous host species. This is the case of infection of
10 equids by BPVs 1 and 2, giving rise to sarcoids, the most common equine neoplasm (Nasir
11 and Campo, 2008).

12 Currently, the family *Papillomaviridae* is composed of 29 genera
13 (*Alphapapillomavirus* to *Dyoyiotapapillomavirus*), grouping about 189 viral types. While most
14 viral strains were characterized from humans (120), 64 viral types were identified from non-
15 human mammals, three from birds, and two from reptiles. In cattle, only twelve BPV types
16 were fully characterized, and are classified in the genera *Deltapapillomavirus* (BPV1 and 2),
17 *Xipapillomavirus* (BPV3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11 and 12) and *Epsilonpapillomavirus* (BPV5 and 8),
18 with the exception of BPV7, which belongs to an as yet undesignated PV genus (Bernard et
19 al., 2010).

20 By PCR assay using consensus or degenerate primers which amplify partial
21 fragments of the L1 gene, the presence of numerous putative new BPV types have been
22 described in cattle herds from diverse geographical regions. Initially, by using the primer pairs
23 FAP59/FAP64 and MY09/MY11, 11 putative new BPV types were detected in skin warts
24 from teat and healthy skin of cattle from Japan and Sweden (Manos et al., 1989; Forslund *et*
25 *al.*, 1999; Antonsson and Hansson, 2002; Ogawa *et al.*, 2004).

1 Recently, investigations using the strategy above mentioned revealed notable
2 diversity among BPVs detected in papillomas from Brazilian cattle herds (Claus et al., 2008;
3 Lunardi et al., 2010). These studies identified four putative new BPV types designated as
4 BPV/BR-UEL2 to BPV/BR-UEL5. This report describes the complete genomic sequence and
5 taxonomic position of the BPV/BR-UEL4 strain, herein designated as bovine papillomavirus
6 type 13.

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8 **2. Materials and Methods**

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10 *2.1. DNA extraction*

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12 BPV13 was isolated from a cutaneous papilloma from the ear of a cow belonging to a
13 herd located in Southern Brazil. Total genomic DNA was extracted from the lesion, which did
14 not harbor any other BPV or putative BPV types (Claus et al., 2008), by using the protocol for
15 purification of total DNA from animal tissues of the DNeasy Blood and Tissue kit (Qiagen,
16 Hilden, Germany).

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18 *2.2. DNA amplification*

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20 In order to amplify the BPV13 genome, the purified DNA isolated from the
21 papilloma was submitted to the multiply-primed rolling circle amplification (RCA) technique,
22 by using the illustra TempliPhi 100 amplification kit (GE Healthcare, Little Chalfont, UK),
23 following an optimized protocol for amplification of papillomaviral genomes (Rector et al.,
24 2004).

1 To investigate whether PV DNA had been amplified, 2 μ l of the RCA product was
2 run on a 0.8% agarose gel to look for a band consistent with multiple copies *in tandem* of the
3 full-length PV DNA. Additionally, PCR with degenerate primers specific for cutaneous PVs
4 was performed on the RCA product. The following primer pairs were used: AR-E1F1/AR-
5 E1R2, AR-E1F2/AR-E1R4, AR-L1F8/AR-L1R9, AR-E1F2/AR-E1R3, AR-L1F1/AR-L1R3
6 and MY09/MY11 (Table 1). PCR reactions were carried out with 1 μ l of 10-fold-diluted RCA
7 product as the template. PCR amplification was performed with the following cycling
8 conditions: an initial denaturation of 5 min at 94°C, followed by 40 cycles of 1 min at 94°C, 1
9 min at an optimum temperature for primer annealing, and 1 min at 72°C, and a final
10 elongation step of 5 min at 72°C. With all primer pairs used, amplicons suggestive of PV-
11 specific amplification were generated (data not shown). These PCR products were purified
12 through extraction of the PV-specific bands from the agarose gel by using illustra GFX PCR
13 DNA and Gel Band Purification kit (GE Healthcare, Little Chalfont, UK) and sequenced with
14 the same degenerate primers as those used for PCR.

15 Based on the sequences generated, two primer sets for long template PCR were
16 chosen in the partial obtained E1 and L1 sequences in order to amplify the most part of
17 genome of the BPV13 in two long PCR fragments: L1/E1 fragment of approximately 2 kb,
18 amplified with forward and reverse primers 3121 L1 fp 1 fw (5'-
19 CAAAGGAAGACCCGTATG3') and 3121 E1 fa 1 rv (5'- TTCCGCACTCCCAATAAC3'),
20 and E1/L1 fragment of approximately 3 kb, amplified with primers 3121 E1 fp 1 fw (5'-
21 GTCAC TTTTGGCTTGCTTC3') and 3121 L1 fa 1 rv (5'-
22 CTTGCTTACTGGGGTTGGAG3').

23 PCR amplification was performed with the following cycling conditions: an initial
24 denaturation of 5 min at 94°C, followed by 40 cycles of 1 min at 94°C, 1 min at 56°C (L1/E1
25 fragment) or 58°C (E1/L1 fragment), and 4 min at 72°C, and a final elongation step of 12 min

1 at 72°C. Amplicons of the appropriate sizes were excised from the agarose gel and purified by
2 using illustra GFX PCR DNA and Gel Band Purification kit (GE Healthcare, Little Chalfont,
3 UK).

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5 *2.3. Molecular cloning and DNA sequencing*

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7 The two long fragments obtained were ligated into the pCR4-TOPO vector, followed
8 by transformation into One Shot TOP10 competent cells (TOPO TA Cloning kit for
9 Sequencing, Invitrogen). One clone containing the 2 kb L1/E1 DNA fragment and another
10 containing the 3 kb E1/L1 DNA fragment were selected. The complete nucleotide sequences
11 of the L1/E1 and E1/L1 inserts were determined by primer-walking sequencing, starting from
12 the universal primers sites in the pCR4-TOPO vector. The remaining gaps in the sequences
13 were determined by primer-walking directly on the RCA product, with the use of 23
14 sequencing primers to cover the complete genome.

15 Sequencing was performed by using the BigDye Terminator v.3.1 Cycle Sequencing
16 kit (Applied Biosystems, Carlsbad, USA) on the 3500 Genetic Analyzer (Applied Biosystems,
17 Carlsbad, USA). The sequences obtained were examined with the PHRED software for
18 quality analysis of chromatogram readings. The sequences were accepted if the base quality
19 was equal to or higher than 20. Consensus sequences were assembled by PHRAP software
20 and sequence identities were compared with all sequences deposited in GenBank using the
21 BLAST program.

22 Putative open reading frames (ORFs) were located by using the ORF Finder tool
23 (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gorf/gorf.html>) and through comparison with BPVs 1 and 2
24 genomes. The molecular weight of the putative proteins was estimated with the ExPASy
25 Compute pI/Mw tool (http://www.expasy.org/tools/pi_tool.html). Peptide motif searches were

1 performed with ScanProsite tool (<http://prosite.expasy.org/scanprosite/>). Prediction of
2 transmembrane regions in the amino acid sequences were made through TMHMM server v 2
3 (<http://www.cbs.dtu.dk/services/TMHMM/>).

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5 *2.4. Phylogenetic analysis*

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7 Pairwise sequence alignments and sequence similarities were calculated using
8 ClustalW and identity matrix option on BioEdit (Hall, 1999). Multiple sequence alignments at
9 nucleotide and amino acid levels were performed on MEGA v 4 software (Tamura et al.,
10 2007). Initially, the sequences were aligned at the amino acid level, after which the nucleotide
11 sequences were aligned according to the aligned amino acid sequences. The unambiguously
12 alignable parts of E7, E1, E2, L2, and L1 ORFs were pasted together to form a concatenated
13 sequence. Phylogenetic trees were reconstructed from the concatenated sequence alignment
14 by the neighbor-joining method with the Kimura two-parameter distance estimate (Kimura,
15 1980). Bootstrap support values were determined for 1000 replications.

16 All previously characterized BPV types as well as other ungulate PVs were included
17 in the analysis. The GenBank accession numbers of the above mentioned sequences are:
18 AaPV1 (M15953), CcaPV1 (EF680235), EcPV1 (AF498323), EcPV2 (EU503122), EcPV3
19 (GU384895), OaPV1 (U83594), OaPV2 (U83595), OvPV1 (M11910), RtPV1 (AF443292),
20 BPV1 (X02346), BPV2 (M20219), BPV3 (AF486184), BPV4 (X05817), BPV5 (AF457465),
21 BPV6 (AJ620208), BPV7 (DQ217793), BPV8 (DQ098913), BPV9 (AB331650), BPV10
22 (AB331651), BPV11 (AB543507), and BPV12 (JF834523).

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24 **3. Results**

1 The complete genomic sequence of the BPV13 contains 7961 bp, with a GC content
2 of 45.1%. Eight ORFs were identified in BPV13 genome, encoding for six early (E) proteins,
3 E1, E2, E4, E5, E6, and E7, and two late (L) proteins, L1 and L2. The relative location of the
4 ORFs in BPV13 genome and their predicted molecular masses are represented in Figure 1.
5 The position of the first nucleotide of the BPV13 genome corresponds to the start of the first
6 ORF in the early region, E6.

7 The putative BPV13 E6 protein presents two typical zinc-binding domains,
8 CxxC29/30(x)CxxC, separated by 36 amino acids. Similarly, the putative E7 protein contains
9 one such domain (figure 2). The retinoblastoma tumor suppressor-binding domain (LxCxE) is
10 absent in the BPV13 putative E7 protein. Similarly to BPVs 1 and 2 E5 proteins, the BPV13
11 E5 ORF encodes a leucine-rich small transforming protein which contains a hydrophobic
12 transmembrane domain. The E1 ORF encodes for the largest BPV13 protein (606 amino
13 acids), and has the conserved ATP-binding site (GPPNTGKS) in its ATP-dependent
14 helicase carboxy-terminal part. The BPV13 E4 ORF is found completely overlapping E2 ORF
15 but in a different frame. In its predicted amino acid sequence, a start codon was identified,
16 which is not the case in most other PVs. Additionally, a high proline content, which is typical
17 for the E4 ORF, was observed (14 proline residues out of 113 amino acids). The late region
18 contains the major (L1) and minor (L2) capsid protein genes. Both BPV13 putative L1 and L2
19 proteins contain a series of arginine and lysine residues at their carboxy terminus, likely to
20 function as a nuclear localization signal.

21 The non-coding region (NCR) between the stop codon of L1 and the start codon of
22 E6 has 854 bp length in BPV13, from nt 7115 to 7. PVs usually contain an E1 recognition site
23 (E1BS) in the middle of two E2-binding sites, for binding of an E1/E2 complex in order to
24 activate the origin of replication. In the BPV13 NCR, an E1BS could not be identified.

1 Diferently, nine typical E2-binding sites (E2BS) with the consensus sequence ACC-N6-GGT
2 were found in the BPV13 NCR at nt 7214–7225, 7376–7387, 7420–7431, 7471–7482, 7604–
3 7615, 7633–7644, 7772–7783, 7793–7804, and 7912–7922 (Androphy et al., 1987; Li et al.,
4 1989). One additional modified E2-binding site (E2BS*), with the sequence AAC-N4-GGT at
5 nt 7142–7151, was also identified. The NCR 5'end presented two polyadenylation sites
6 (AATAAA) at nt 7131–7136 and 7167–7172; the second site is located upstream of a CA
7 dinucleotide and a G/T cluster, probably being necessary for the processing of late mRNA
8 transcript. In the NCR, the characteristic TATA box of the E6 promoter could not be
9 recognized at the 3' end.

10 The phylogenetic analysis using an E7, E1, E2, L2, and L1 concatenated nucleotide
11 sequence alignment of the BPV13 and other ungulate PVs (Figure 3) demonstrated that
12 BPV13 is a member of the genus *Deltapapillomavirus*, being closely related to other BPV
13 representatives classified as Delta-PVs. The entire L1 ORF of the BPV13 had 85.5 and 88.2%
14 sequence identity, respectively, with Delta-BPVs 1 and 2. The identities obtained through
15 pairwise comparison of the L1 nucleotide sequence with corresponding sequences of PVs also
16 classified in *Deltapapillomavirus* genus is indicated in Table 2.

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18 **4. Discussion**

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20 BPV13 presents the core PV E1, E2, L1, and L2 genes, comparable in length and
21 position with other PVs. The proteins encoded by these ORFs are extremely important to the
22 functionality of structural and biochemical properties of every PV sequenced so far
23 (Narechania et al., 2004).

24 The phylogenetic analysis showed that the novel BPV13, isolated from a cutaneous
25 benign lesion of a cow, is sorted into *Deltapapillomavirus* genus which held a group

1 dominated by artiodactyl ruminant PVs. This group is notable in that PV infection largely
2 results in the development of fibropapillomas, indicating that the pathogenic mechanism of
3 Delta-PVs appears to be unique among papillomaviruses (Narechania et al., 2004).
4 Interestingly, BPVs lead to two types of pathology (Jarrett et al., 1984). BPVs 3, 4, 6, 9, 10,
5 11, and 12, which are classified in *Xipapillomavirus* genus induce epithelial papillomas in
6 cattle without fibroblast involvement, whereas BPVs 1 and 2 (Delta-PVs) cause
7 fibropapillomas in their natural hosts. In the case of BPV5, a single PV appears to present a
8 dual pathology (De Villiers et al., 2004).

9 The PV classification criteria defines an isolate as a new PV type if the DNA
10 sequence of the L1 ORF differed by more than 10% from the closest known PV type. PVs
11 that share between 60 and 70% nucleotide similarity in L1 gene are considered distinct
12 species whereas different PV genera share less than 60% nucleotide sequence identity in the
13 L1 ORF (de Villiers et al., 2004). Once that highest identity observed in BPV13 L1 nucleotide
14 sequence was 88.2% with the corresponding sequence of BPV 2, this new isolate meets the
15 main criteria established to declare detection of a new PV type. Consequently, BPV13 is herein
16 recognized as a new PV type to be classified in the *Deltapapillomavirus* genus, being the third
17 representative of the Delta4 species.

18 Although not considered ubiquitous among animal PVs, E4 and E5 are largely
19 conserved among the artiodactyl PVs. The close similarity observed in alignments of the
20 artiodactyl PV E5 ORFs, indicates that the protein encoded by this gene is likely to participate
21 on transformation among this group of PVs. Since the pathological and typical feature of
22 artiodactyls PVs is the development of fibropapillomas, the molecular basis of fibroblast
23 transformation is thought to involve the E5 transforming factor (Munger and Howley, 2002).

24 The E6 and E7 oncogenes are thought to interfere with host cell-cycle through
25 ligation with p53 and pRB factors, respectively (Moody and Laimins, 2010). While binding to

1 p53 prevents the anti-proliferative signaling system of differentiated cells, binding to pRB
2 prevents its interaction with E2F transcription factor, promoting activation of cell replication
3 (Munger et al., 2001). Interaction of E7 protein with pRB factor has been pointed by
4 recognition of the pRB-binding motif (LxCxE), shared by most E7 ORFs (Chan et al., 2001;
5 Dahiya et al., 2000; Dick and Dyson, 2002). Conversely, as is the case of BPV13, there is no
6 evidence for presence of the pRB-binding domain in E7 encoded protein in artiodactyl PV
7 group. In fact, it has been observed that the ability to cause fibropapillomas almost exactly
8 coincide with the pRB-binding motif loss. Consequently, it has been shown that every animal
9 PV known that induce fibropapillomas lacks the pRB-binding motif, including those PVs
10 which seem to determine lesions with dual patterns (Narechania et al., 2004).

11 The grouping of the BPV13 in *Deltapapillomavirus* genus, which lump
12 fibropapilloma-inducing artiodactyls ruminant PVs together, as well as the finding of the E5
13 ORF in BPV13 genome and the lack of the pRB-binding motif in E7 encoded protein, support
14 the hypothesis that BPV13 is also capable of inducing fibropapillomas in its natural hosts.
15 The identification of these shared molecular features is thought to be expected since other
16 BPV representatives classified in Delta4 species are known for causing fibropapillomas in
17 their hosts. These observations are in agreement with criteria previously established by De
18 Villiers et al. (2004) in which it is stated that different PV types classified in a specific species
19 present close phylogenetic relationship as well as shared biological and pathological
20 properties.

21 PVs have a species-specific nature, with interspecies transmission being a very rare
22 event and only occurring between closely related species, such as infection of horses with
23 BPVs 1 and 2 (De Villiers et al., 2004). Like other Delta4 representatives, the novel BPV type
24 was detected in association with cases of equine sarcoid in Brazilian herds (Lunardi,
25 unpublished data). Thus, exclusive biological properties shared by Delta4 PVs such as

1 potential to have fibroblasts as primary target cells, ability to promote fibroblast proliferation,
2 and to cross the host species barrier, are also present in BPV13.

3 Based on close phylogenetic relationship, and shared molecular features evidenced
4 through the comparison of genomic and amino acid sequences between BPV13 and BPVs 1
5 and 2, it can be theorized that the BPV13 might also be associated with PV-related
6 malignancies that occur in cattle (e.g. urinary bladder tumors). So far this cattle distressing
7 disease have been exclusively associated with representatives of Delta4 species in
8 *Deltapapillomavirus* genus (Nasir and Campo, 2008).

9 We suggest BPV13 to be classified in *Deltapapillomavirus* genus due to two main
10 facts: i) highest L1 nucleotide identity observed by pairwise comparisons of the
11 corresponding region of Delta-PVs was obtained with BPV2 (88.2%) which was confirmed
12 by its position in obtained phylogenetic trees; ii) likely participation of the BPV13 in etiology
13 of equine sarcoids, as has been classically reported for BPVs 1 and 2, demonstrates common
14 phenotypic features shared by these three BPV types.

15 In the present study, the taxonomic classification and specific genomic properties of
16 BPV13 isolated from cattle from Brazil was depicted. This BPV type represents the third
17 member to be grouped in Delta4 species from *Deltapapillomavirus* genus. The
18 characterization of novel PVs is useful for both understanding of PV phylogeny and
19 interpretation of the described pathologies related to these viruses. Additional information
20 about the molecular basis and epidemiology of characterized and uncharacterized BPVs will
21 be needed to fully elucidate pathogenicity regarding cattle and horse diseases associated with
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1 **Table 1**

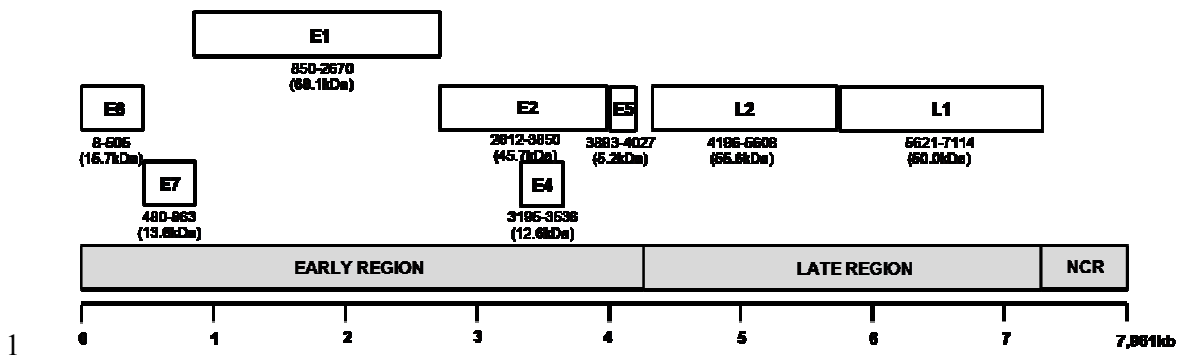
2 Sequences and features of degenerate primers used for PCR amplification of partial sequences of the RCA product

Primer	Genomic		Sequence (5' – 3') ¹	Nucleotide positions ²	Degree of Degeneracy	Expected amplicon length (bp)
	region	Polarity				
AR-E1F1 ³	E1	forward	CAGGGVMWTTCCCTGBARYTGTTYC	962–986	288	836
AR-E1R2 ³	E1	reverse	TCATANGCCCACTGNACCAT	1797–1778	16	
AR-E1F2 ³	E1	forward	ATGGTNCAGTGGGCNTATGA	1778–1797	16	552
AR-E1R4 ³	E1	reverse	ATTNCCATCHADDGCAITTTCT	2329–2309	108	
AR-L1F8 ³	L1	forward	GGDGAYATGDGKGAMATWGG	6016–6035	144	704
AR-L1R9 ³	L1	reverse	GGRCATTTKGTWGCWADGGA	6719–6697	48	
AR-E1F2 ³	E1	forward	ATGGTNCAGTGGGCNTATGA	1778–1797	16	371
AR-E1R3 ⁴	E1	reverse	TTNCCWSTATTTNGGNGNCC	2148–2129	1024	
AR-L1F1 ³	L1	forward	TTDCAGATGGCNGTNTGGCT	5425–5444	48	600
AR-L1R3 ³	L1	reverse	CATRTCHCCATCYTCWAT	6024–6007	24	

MY09 ⁵	L1	forward	GCMCAGGGWCATAAAYAATGG	6379–6398	8
MY11 ⁵	L1	reverse	CGTCCMARRGGAWACTGATC	6830–6811	16

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 - 2 ¹Degenerate nucleotides: B = T, C or G; D = A, T, or G; H = A, T, or C; K = T or G; M = A or C; N = A, G, C, or T; R = A or G;
 - 3 S = C or G; V = A, C or G; W = A or T; Y = C or T.
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2 **Fig. 1.** Diagrammatic genomic organization of BPV13. The three main regions of the genome
3 are shown as gray rectangles above the ruler. The viral genome is represented as linear, with
4 ORF as white rectangles. Numbers below each ORF indicate nucleotide position from the
5 start to the stop codon and the corresponding molecular mass for the putative proteins.

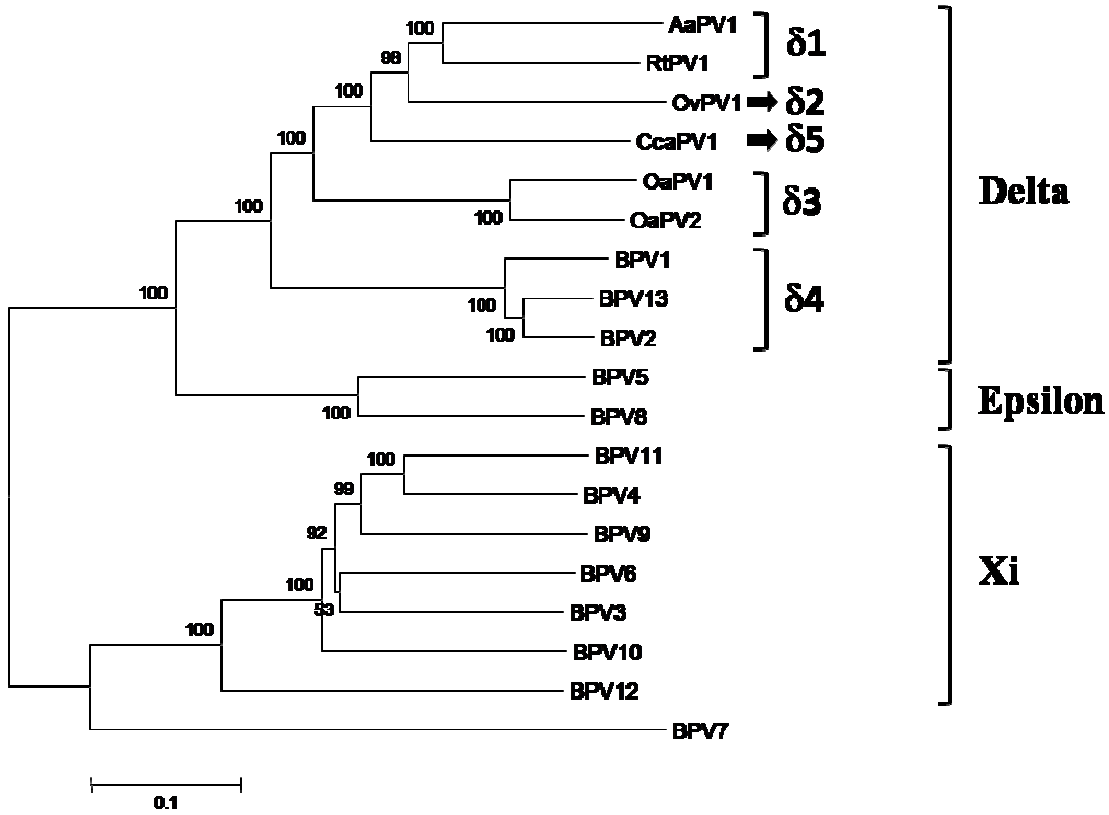


Fig. 3. Neighbor-joining phylogenetic tree of a E7, E1, E2, L2, and L1 concatenated nucleotide sequence of ungulate PVs, including that of the BPV13. Besides the undesignated PV genus represented by BPV7, the genera *Deltapapillomavirus*, *Epsilonpapillomavirus*, and *Xipapillomavirus*, which group the remaining BPVs are indicated in the tree. Additionally, the five species classified within *Deltapapillomavirus* genus are shown. The numbers at the internal nodes represent the bootstrap support values determined for 1000 replications.

1 **Table 2**

2 Identities shared among Delta-PVs on the L1 nucleotide sequence

	BPV13	BPV1	BPV2	CcaPV1	OvPV1	AaPV1	RtPV1	OaPV1	OaPV2
BPV13	-	0,857	0,882	0,684	0,671	0,679	0,669	0,679	0,681
BPV1		-	0,847	0,687	0,683	0,687	0,688	0,684	0,693
BPV2			-	0,690	0,674	0,675	0,680	0,679	0,691
CcaPV1				-	0,731	0,730	0,716	0,682	0,692
OvPV1					-	0,734	0,746	0,669	0,671
AaPV1						-	0,772	0,681	0,689
RtPV1							-	0,684	0,696
OaPV1								-	0,796
OaPV2									-

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3 **Abstract**

4 Equine sarcoids are locally aggressive fibroblastic neoplasms, considered as the most
5 common skin tumor of horses worldwide. BPV types 1 and 2 have been classically associated
6 with sarcoids in equids. Investigations aiming to identify papillomavirus (PV) strains other
7 than BPV1 and 2 that might be associated with sarcoidal lesions are still lacking. The aim of
8 this study was to report the involvement of a third BPV type, the BPV13, in equine sarcoids.
9 Six sarcoids were collected from diverse body sites of two horses from Southern Brazil. In
10 order to detect a broad- spectrum of PV strains, eight degenerate primer pairs, designed to
11 detect conserved regions on L1 and E1 genes, were tested on the DNA samples. Then, direct
12 sequencing was performed on the obtained amplicons and sequence identities were compared
13 with sequences from all BPV types. The FAP59/FAP64, MY09/MY11, and AR-E1F2/AR-
14 E1R4 sequences generated from the sarcoids were shown to present 100% identity with the
15 BPV13, a new BPV type previously described in cattle. The results from this study suggest
16 the need for investigations aiming to identify the BPV13 type as well as other PV strains that
17 might be associated with sarcoids collected from herds from diverse geographical areas. In
18 that way, the frequency of occurrence of this viral type could be evaluated in this common
19 tumor of equids.

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21 Keywords: Horses; Equine sarcoid; Bovine papillomavirus; new BPV type; BPV13;
22 BPV/BR-UEL4 strain; phylogenetic analysis; histopathology.

1 **1. Introduction**

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3 Equine sarcoids are locally aggressive fibroblastic neoplasms, considered the most
4 common skin tumor in horses worldwide. Other equids also affected are zebras, donkeys, and
5 mules. These tumors rarely regress and very often recur after therapy. Clinically, sarcoids can
6 vary in their gross aspect, being classified into four different clinical types: verrucous,
7 fibroblastic, mixed, and occult (Goldschmidt and Hendrick, 2002; Ginn et al., 2007).

8 Once equine sarcoids histologically resemble the fibrotic section of bovine
9 fibropapillomas, the participation of bovine papillomaviruses (BPVs) in their etiology was
10 suspected in the past (Lancaster et al., 1977; Sundberg et al., 1977). However, intradermal
11 inoculation of cell-free extract from cattle warts into healthy horses represented the first
12 successful attempt to demonstrate an association of this clinical entity with BPVs, resulting in
13 the growth of sarcoid-like lesions (Olson and Cook, 1951). More recently, both the consistent
14 identification of BPV DNA in sarcoids as well as the demonstration of expression of diverse
15 viral genes have corroborated the direct involvement of BPV in the pathogenesis of sarcoids
16 (Otten et al., 1993; Nasir and Reid, 1999; Carr et al., 2001a; Chambers et al., 2003; Yuan et
17 al., 2007; Wobeser et al., 2010).

18 BPV types 1 and 2, which are known to cause bovine fibropapillomas, have been
19 classically associated with sarcoids in equids. Previous investigations have established this
20 association either through DNA-DNA hybridization, using BPV1 and 2 labeled genomes as
21 probes, or by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) assays with type-specific primers (Lancaster et
22 al., 1979; Angelos et al., 1991; Otten et al., 1993).

23 Variation in the frequency of recovery of BPV1 and 2 from sarcoids has been
24 demonstrated by studies conducted in diverse geographic areas. While BPV1 has been shown

1 as more prevalent in affected horses from Europe and Australia (Teifke and Weiss, 1991;
2 Otten et al., 1993; Bloch et al., 1994), BPV2 has been more commonly reported in lesions
3 from horses in Western United States and Canada (Carr et al., 2001b; Wobeser et al., 2010).

4 Currently, twelve BPV types were identified and characterized from cattle. These
5 BPVs are classified in the genera *Deltapapillomavirus* (BPV1 and 2), *Xipapillomavirus*
6 (BPV3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, and 12) and *Epsilonpapillomavirus* (BPV5 and 8), with the exception
7 of BPV7, which belongs to an as yet undesignated PV genus (Bernard et al., 2010). In
8 addition to the fully sequenced BPV types, through PCR assay employing consensus or
9 degenerate primers which amplify partial fragments of the L1, the presence of numerous
10 putative new BPV types have been described in cattle herds from diverse geographical
11 regions (Antonsson and Hansson, 2002; Ogawa *et al.*, 2004). Recently, an investigation using
12 PCR with degenerate primers revealed notable diversity among BPVs detected in papillomas
13 from Brazilian cattle herds. The study identified four putative new BPV types designated as
14 BPV/BR-UEL2 to BPV/BR-UEL5 (Claus *et al.*, 2008). Recently, the sequencing of the
15 complete genome of BPV/BR-UEL4 strain allowed its classification as a third member of
16 *Deltapapillomavirus* genus (Lunardi, unpublished data).

17 Investigations aiming to detect and characterize papillomavirus (PV) strains other
18 than BPV1 and 2 that might be associated with sarcoids are still lacking. The aim of this study
19 was to report the involvement of a third BPV type, the BPV13, in equine sarcoids.

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21 **2. Materials and Methods**

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23 *2.1. Sarcoidal lesions*

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1 Six sarcoids were individually and surgically collected from diverse anatomic
2 locations of two horses from a farm located in the northern region of Parana state, Southern
3 Brazil (Table 1). A portion of each lesion was fixed in 10% buffered formalin, and routinely
4 processed for histopathological evaluation. The remaining fragment of each tumor was kept at
5 -20°C for molecular analyses.

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7 *2.2. DNA extraction*

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9 Fragments from each specimen were grounded in liquid nitrogen before DNA
10 extraction procedure. DNA extraction was done by using the protocol for purification of total
11 DNA from animal tissues of the DNeasy Blood & Tissue kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany)

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13 *2.3. PCR amplification*

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15 In order to detect potential additional PV strains that might have been associated with
16 equine sarcoids, eight degenerate primer pairs, designed to detect conserved regions of the L1
17 and E1 genes of a broad-spectrum of diverse cutaneous PV strains, were tested on all of the
18 DNA samples. Table 2 shows the sequences and features of the primers employed.

19 PCR reactions were set using 2 µl of the extracted DNA and 48 µl of PCR-mix
20 consisting of 1 µM from each primer; 200 µM of each dNTP (Invitrogen, Life Technologies,
21 Carlsbad, USA); 2.5 units of Platinum *Taq* DNA polymerase (Invitrogen, Life Technologies,
22 São Paulo, BR); 1× PCR buffer (20 mM Tris– HCl, pH 8.4 and 50 mM KCl); 1.5 mM of

1 MgCl₂ and ultrapure sterile water to the final volume. Amplification was performed in a
2 thermocycler (PTC 200, MJ Research Co., USA) with the following cycling profile: an initial
3 step of 5 min at 94°C, followed by 45 cycles of 1 min at 94°C, 1 min at an optimum
4 temperature for primer annealing, 1 min at 72°C, and a final extension step of 5 min at 72°C.
5 Aliquots from the PCR amplified products were analyzed by electrophoresis in 1.5% agarose
6 gel, stained with ethidium bromide (0.5 mg/ml), and examined under UV light.

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8 *2.4. Sequencing and sequence analyses*

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10 Initially, all PCR products were purified using illustra GFX PCR DNA and Gel Band
11 Purification kit (GE Healthcare, Little Chalfont, UK). Then, direct sequencing was performed
12 by using the BigDye Terminator v.3.1 Cycle Sequencing kit (Applied Biosystems, Carlsbad,
13 USA) with the forward and reverse corresponding primers, in the 3500 Genetic Analyzer
14 (Applied Biosystems, Carlsbad, USA), according to the manufacturer's instructions. The
15 sequences obtained were examined with the PHRED application for quality analysis of
16 chromatogram readings. The sequences were accepted if base quality was equal to or higher
17 than 20. Consensus sequences were determined by CAP3 software and sequence identities
18 were compared with all sequences deposited in GenBank using the BLAST program.

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20 *2.5. Phylogenetic analysis*

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22 Alignment and degree of similarity between sequences at nucleotide and amino acid
23 levels were determined by using MEGA v 4 software (Tamura et al., 2007). Phylogenetic
24 trees were reconstructed from multiple nucleotide sequence alignments of concatenated E1/L1
25 sequences by the neighbor-joining method with the Kimura two-parameter

1 distance estimate (Kimura, 1980). Bootstrap support values were determined for 1000
2 replications.

3 All previously characterized BPV types as well as the new viral type BPV13
4 (Lunardi, unpublished data) were included in the analysis. The GenBank accession numbers
5 of the sequences used are: BPV1 (X02346), BPV2 (M20219), BPV3 (AF486184), BPV4
6 (X05817), BPV5 (AF457465), BPV6 (AJ620208), BPV7 (DQ217793), BPV8 (DQ098913),
7 BPV9 (AB331650), BPV10 (AB331651), BPV11 (AB543507), and BPV12 (JF834523).

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9 **3. Results**

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11 Following the pathological classification of equine sarcoids proposed by
12 Goldschmidt and Hendrick (2002), in which four different gross morphological types can be
13 recognized, the lesions herein evaluated were categorized as fibroblastic or verrucous (table
14 1).

15 The six skin lesions were confirmed as equine sarcoids by the histopathological
16 evaluation. Characteristic features such as epithelial extensions projecting into the underlying
17 dermis (*rete pegs*) and proliferating dermal fibroblasts forming whorls or interlacing bundles
18 were observed in the sarcoid tumor specimens. In addition, epidermal hyperplasia and
19 hyperkeratosis, particularly in verrucous tumors, as well as fibroblasts perpendicularly
20 arranged at the dermo-epidermal junction (*picket fence*) were also identified (Figure 1).

21 PCR reactions employing the primer pairs FAP59/FAP64, MY09/MY11, and AR-
22 E1F2/AR-E1R4, yielded amplicons of the expected molecular size on DNA samples from all
23 lesions evaluated.

1 By using nBLAST program, all the sequences generated from the sarcoids were
2 shown to demonstrate 100% identity with the viral type BPV13, a new BPV type
3 characterized from a cutaneous wart isolated from a cow (Lunardi, unpublished data).

4 In order to obtain a longer sequence from the L1 gene, the alternative combination
5 FAP59/MY11 of the primers was tested on all DNA samples, generating an amplicon of
6 approximately 1100bp length (data not shown).

7 The partial nucleotide (nt) sequence of the putative E1 gene obtained from all equine
8 lesions presented identities of 90.7% and 91.4% with the Delta-PVs classically associated
9 with sarcoids, BPVs 1 and 2, respectively. Their predicted amino acid (aa) sequences showed
10 similarities of 97.7 and 96.5% with the same viral types. The identities shared with BPVs
11 classified in other genera varied from 44.9 to 61% (nt) and from 39.2 to 57.9% (aa).

12 For the L1 partial DNA fragment obtained from the same equine samples, the
13 identities exhibited at nt sequence with BPVs 1 and 2 were 84.3 and 86.4%, respectively,
14 whereas the predicted aa sequence showed similarities of 94.6 and 94.0 with the same BPV
15 types. Similarities with other BPVs ranged from 51.1 to 61.8% (nt) and from 41.4 to 59.5%
16 (aa).

17 The phylogenetic analysis using an E1/L1 combined nucleotide sequence from the
18 BPV13 obtained from equine sarcoid DNA samples, and the corresponding sequence from all
19 other previously described BPV types, confirmed that this viral strain is grouped together with
20 other *Deltapapillomavirus* representatives (Figure 3).

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22 **4. Discussion**

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1 In this study, we describe the presence and participation of the BPV type 13 in equine
2 sarcoids from two horses that were maintained in Southern Brazil. This viral strain was firstly
3 detected by PCR using the degenerate FAP primer pair in three cutaneous papillomas from
4 cattle derived from two different herds within Parana state and designated as the putative new
5 BPV type BPV/BR-UEL4. Through sequence analysis of a partial L1 ORF fragment, 440 bp
6 length, it was shown that this viral type was putatively grouped together with other
7 *Deltapapillomavirus* genus representatives (Claus et al., 2008).

8 The *Deltapapillomavirus* genus comprises papillomaviruses that are known to infect
9 diverse species of wild or domestic ungulates. Currently, five different species are classified
10 in this genus: i) Delta-PV 1 groups viral strains from *Alces alces* (European elk) and *Rangifer*
11 *tarandus* (Reindeer); ii) Delta-PV 2 contains the isolate identified in *Odocoileus virginianus*
12 (American white-tailed deer); iii) Delta-PV 3 clusters PVs obtained from *Ovis aires* (domestic
13 sheep); iv) Delta-PV 4 lumps together viral types that infect *Bos taurus* (domestic cow); and
14 v) Delta-PV 5 includes a representative isolated from *Capreolus capreolus* (Western roe
15 deer). Apart from causing fibropapillomas in their respective host, some representatives of
16 this genus were related to trans-species transmission. BPVs 1 and 2, which were firstly
17 isolated from cattle, have been detected in equine sarcoids worldwide (De Villiers et al., 2004;
18 Bernard et al., 2010).

19 The phylogenetic tree obtained by employing L1/E1 combined sequences (1569 bp
20 length) from BPV type 13 isolated from equine sarcoids and other previously described BPV
21 types showed the grouping of this viral strain with representatives from species delta4. In
22 addition to this grouping pattern, the highest identity presented with BPV2 in the L1 pairwise
23 alignment, the histopathological alterations similar to those verified in BPVs 1 and 2-induced
24 sarcoids, and the ability to infect both cattle and horses confirms the probable classification of
25 this strain into the *Deltapapillomavirus* genus. Since all viral types that were initially isolated

1 from cutaneous warts from cattle and have been consistently associated with sarcoids are
2 classified in *Deltapapillomavirus* genus, the fact that BPV type 13 is a candidate to be
3 classified in this genus makes its association with sarcoid pathogenesis to be biologically
4 expected.

5 The presence of PV has been confirmed in sarcoids from many geographical areas by
6 using PCR assay with BPV1/2 specific primers. These studies have focused on the frequency
7 variation of recovery of BPVs 1 and 2 from lesions examined in diverse regions (Teifke and
8 Weiss, 1991; Otten et al., 1993; Bloch et al., 1994; Carr et al., 2001b; Wobeser et al., 2010).

9 In order to evaluate if the BPV type 13 could be amplified by a PCR assay widely
10 employed in previous epidemiological investigations, DNA samples from the six lesions
11 herein examined were tested with primers designed by Teifke and Weiss et al. (1991) (data
12 not shown). Interestingly, an amplicon of the expected size (approximately 250 bp),
13 representing a partial sequence of E5 ORF, was obtained from each sample evaluated. The
14 nucleotide sequence generated from these amplicons presented a 94% identity with the
15 corresponding E5 fragment of BPV2, confirming the infection with a different BPV type, in
16 this case BPV13 strain. Once the distinction between BPVs 1 and 2 on these PCR products
17 has been achieved through verification of presence (BPV1) or absence (BPV2) of *BstXI*
18 restriction site, an *in silico* analysis of the sequences obtained indicated that the BPV type 13
19 could be misclassified as BPV2 by using this diagnostic system.

20 The detection of the BPV/BR-UEL4 strain, through amplification and sequencing of a
21 partial L1 gene fragment, in a lesion obtained from an affected horse from another
22 geographical area in Brazil, Southeastern region (Rio de Janeiro state) confirms our finding
23 (Silva et al., 2010).

1 Due to the information that there were around 40 papillomatosis-infected cattle on
2 this farm, which were kept in close contact with the two evaluated horses, the authors believe
3 that those sarcoid-affected horses were likely infected by direct or indirect contact with cattle
4 presenting warts (Bogaert et al., 2005). The previous identification of the BPV/BR-UEL4
5 strain in cattle warts collected from two other farms located in nearby cities sustains this
6 speculation (Claus et al., 2008).

7 Although the equine sarcoid occurrence is reported in equids worldwide,
8 investigations with the aim of genotyping PVs associated with these lesions from herds from
9 South America are virtually absent. According to the findings presented in this study,
10 investigations aiming to identify the BPV type 13 as well as other PV strains that might be
11 associated with sarcoids collected from herds from diverse geographical areas are needed to
12 evaluate the frequency of occurrence of this new viral type in this common tumor of equids.

13 The identification of BPV13 in sarcoids herein examined give rise to the hypothesis
14 that many PV isolates previously diagnosed from sarcoids worldwide by PCR using BPV1/2
15 E5 specific primers were probably misclassified as BPV2, specially because direct sequencing
16 of numerous amplicons were not performed (Block et al., 1994; Martens et al., 2001a,b;
17 Bogaert et al., 2005; Wobeser et al., 2010). In order to avoid misidentification of PV types
18 the use of general PCR with broad-spectrum primers, and sequencing, seems reasonable in
19 investigations aiming to genotype PV types involved in this disease from now on.

20 The importance of our findings relies on the possibility of the implementation of
21 adjustments to the diagnostic tools currently employed for the genotyping of PV strains found
22 in association with sarcoid tumors. Furthermore, once that the use of both protective and
23 curative vaccines, based on VLPs produced from BPVs 1 and 2, have been considered
24 promising alternatives in preventing or treating equine sarcoids, the identification of a

- 1 third BPV type (BPV13 strain) in equine sarcoids becomes relevant for the future design of an
- 2 immunogen against this common disease of equids.

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1 **Table 1**

2 Anatomical distribution and pathological classification of evaluated sarcoids

Animal	Age (months)	Gender	Breed	Anatomical location	Pathological classification
A	20	male	American Quarter Horse	right ear	verrucous
				muzzle	verrucous
				cheek	fibroblastic
				ear	verrucous
B	17	female	American Quarter Horse	neck	verrucous
				cheek	fibroblastic

1 **Table 2**
 2 Sequences and features of degenerate primers used for PCR amplification of partial sequences of BPV/BR-UJEL4 strain

Primer	Genomic		Sequence (5' - 3') ¹	Nucleotide positions ²	Degree of Degeneracy	Expected amplicon length (bp)
	region	Polarity				
AR-E1F1 ³	E1	forward	CAGGGVMWTTCCCTGBARYTGTTYC	962–986	288	836
AR-E1R2 ³	E1	reverse	TCATANGCCCCACTGNACCAT	1797–1778	16	
AR-E1F2 ³	E1	forward	ATGGTNCAGTGGGCNTATGA	1778–1797	16	552
AR-E1R4 ³	E1	reverse	ATTNCCATCHADDGCATTCT	2329–2309	108	
AR-L1F1 ³	L1	forward	TTDCAGATGGCNGTNTGGCT	5425–5444	48	974
AR-L1R5 ⁴	L1	reverse	CCATTRTTHWKDCCYTG	6398–6382	144	
AR-L1F8 ³	L1	forward	GGDGAYATGDGKGAMATWGG	6016–6035	144	704
AR-L1R9 ³	L1	reverse	GGRCATTTKGTWGCWADGGA	6719–6697	48	
AR-E1F2 ³	E1	forward	ATGGTNCAGTGGGCNTAIGA	1778–1797	16	371
AR-E1R3 ⁴	E1	reverse	TTNCCWSTATNNGGNGNCC	2148–2129	1024	

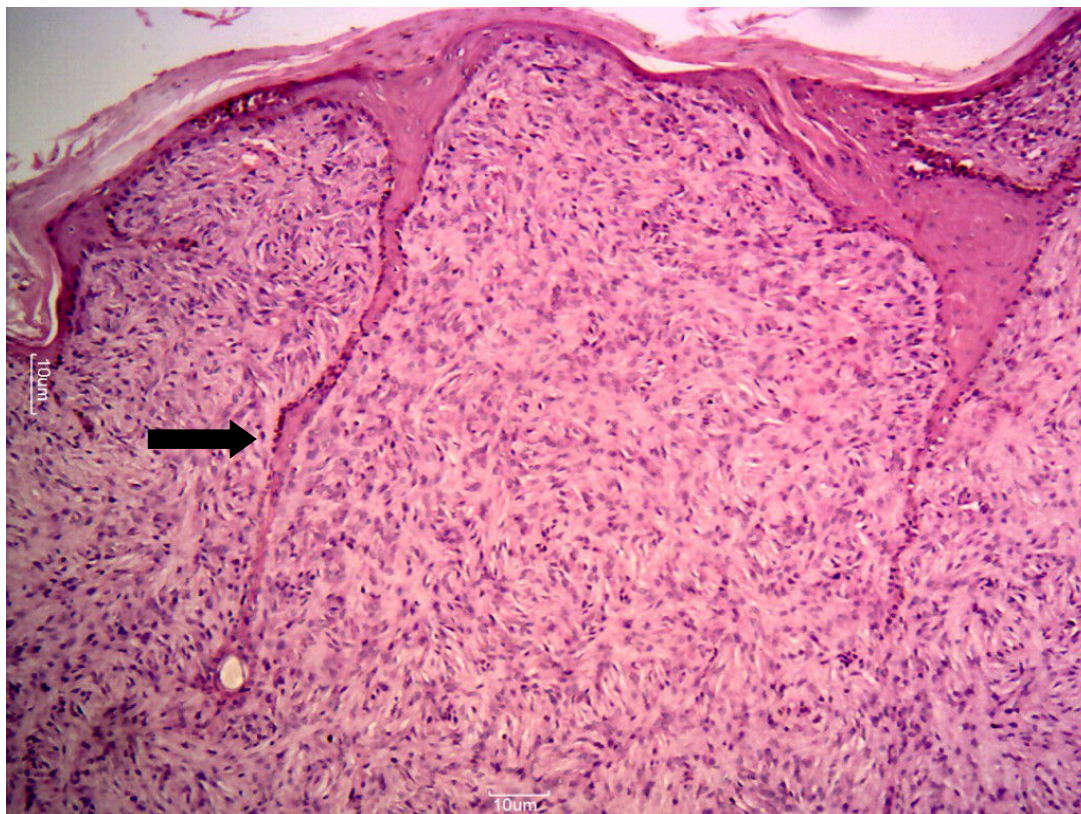
AR-L1F1 ³	L1	forward	TTDCAGATGGCNGTNTGGCT	5425–5444	48	600
AR-L1R3 ³	L1	reverse	CATRICHCCATCYTCWAT	6024–6007	24	
FAP59 ⁵	L1	forward	TAAACWGTNGGNCAYCCWTATT	5558–5578	128	480
FAP64 ⁵	L1	reverse	CCWATAATCWWVHCATNTCNCATC	6035–6013	576	
MY09 ⁶	L1	forward	GCMCAGGGWCATAAAYAATGG	6379–6398	8	450
MY11 ⁶	L1	reverse	CGTCCMARRGGAWACTGATC	6830–6811	16	

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2 ¹Degenerate nucleotides: B = T, C or G; D = A, T, or G; H = A, T, or C; K = T or G; M = A or C; N = A, G, C, or T; R = A or G;

3 S = C or G; V = A, C or G; W = A or T; Y = C or T.

4 ²Position relative to the sequence of HPV1a.5 ³Rector *et al.* (2005).6 ⁴Rector *et al.* (2004).7 ⁵Forslund *et al.* (1999).8 ⁶Manos *et al.* (1989).



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2 **Fig. 1.** Histological features characteristic of equine sarcoid observed in lesion collected from
3 right ear of animal A and macroscopically classified as verrucous type. Discrete epidermal
4 hyperplasia and inward projections of the epidermis (*rete pegs* – arrow) into the dermis can be
5 observed as well as proliferation of fibroblasts arranged in short interlacing bundles.
6 Hematoxylin and eosin (HE) stain. Bar=10µm.

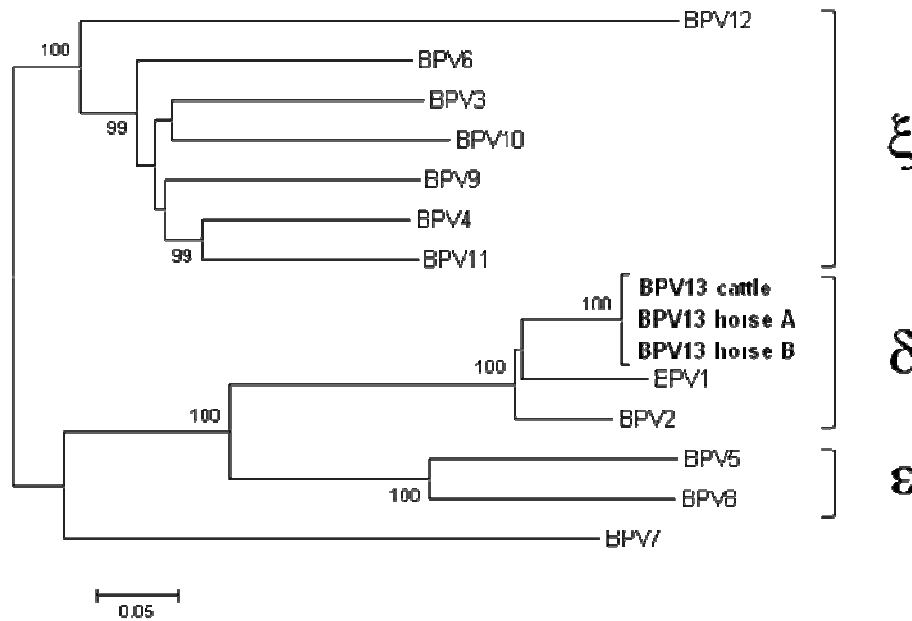


Fig. 3. Neighbor-joining phylogenetic tree reconstructed from E1/L1 combined sequences (nt) of BPVs, including that of the BPV type 13 obtained from equine sarcoid DNA samples. The tree is divided into the previously determined genera *Deltapapillomavirus* (BPV1, 2, and 13), *Epsilonpapillomavirus* (BPV5 and 8), *Xipapillomavirus* (BPV3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, and 12) and an undesigned PV genus (BPV7). *Deltapapillomavirus*, *Xipapillomavirus* and *Epsilonpapillomavirus* genera are represented by their corresponding greek letter, δ , ξ , and ϵ , respectively. The numbers at the internal nodes represent the bootstrap support values (percentage) determined for 1000 replications.

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- A estratégia de amplificação e sequenciamento delineada neste trabalho permitiu a obtenção da sequência genômica completa do BPV13 (BPV/BR-UEL4);
- A comparação da sequência representativa do gene L1 do BPV13 com seqüências do mesmo gene de PVs isolados de outros animais ungulados, permitiu a classificação deste novo tipo de BPV no gênero *Deltapapillomavirus*;
- A comparação das seqüências nucleotídicas e/ou de aminoácidos dos diferentes genes identificados no genoma do BPV13, com as de outros PVs, possibilitou a caracterização molecular do genoma deste novo tipo viral, assim como a inferência de propriedades biológicas comumente relatadas para os outros representantes deste gênero;
- A genotipagem dos PVs associados a lesões de sarcóides equinos, utilizando PCR com *primers* degenerados e sequenciamento direto dos amplicons, evidenciou a participação do BPV13, novo representante do gênero *Deltapapillomavirus*, na etiologia do sarcóide equino.

APÊNDICES

APÊNDICE A: Lista de Reagentes

1. 100 mM dNTP Set, 4 x 250 µL; 25 µmol each (100 mM dATP Solution, 100 mM dCTP Solution, 100 mM dGTP Solution, 100 mM dTTP Solution) (Invitrogen Life Technologies®)
2. 10 x PCR-Buffer (200 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.4, 500 mM KCl) (Invitrogen Life Technologies®)
3. 123 bp DNA Ladder (Invitrogen Life Technologies®)
4. Ácido bórico (H_3BO_3) P.M. 61,83
5. Ácido clorídrico (HCl) P.M. 36,46 (Reagen®)
6. Agarose (Gibco BRL®)
7. Ágar (Himedia Laboratories®)
8. Azul de bromofenol (Sigma®)
9. Cloreto de Potássio, P.A. (KCl) P.M. 74,56 (Reagen®)
10. Cloreto de Sódio, P.A. (NaCl) P.M. 58,45 (Reagen®)
11. DNeasy Blood & Tissue Kit (50) (Qiagen®)
12. Ethidium bromide ($C_{21}H_{20}N_3Br$) P.M. 394,3 (Sigma®)
13. Extrato de Levedura (USB®)
14. Glicina, P.A. (Nuclear®)
15. Hidróxido de Sódio, P.A. (NaOH) P.M. 40,00 (Dinâmica®)
16. Hidroximetil amino metano – TRIS 99% P.M. 121,14 (Inlab®)
17. illustra GFX PCR DNA and Gel Band Purification kit (GE Healthcare®)
18. illustra plasmidPrep Mini Spin (GE Healthcare®)
19. illustra TempliPhi 100 Amplification Kit (GE Healthcare®)
20. Lambda DNA - (Invitrogen Life Technologies®)
21. *Platinum* Taq DNA Polymerase recombinant 500 units (Invitrogen Life Technologies®)
22. Sacarose, P.A. – sucrose ($C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$) P.M. 342,31 (Reagen®)
23. TOPO TA Cloning kit for Sequencing (Invitrogen Life Technologies®)
24. Triptona (Acumedia Manufacturers®)

APÊNDICE B: Soluções e Tampões

- **Tampão de Amostra**
 - Azul de bromofenol 0,25%
 - Sacarose – sucrose ($C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$) 45%

- **Tampão de corrida: TBE (TRIS – Ácido bórico – EDTA) 10 x []**
 - 0,89 M TRIS
 - 0,89 M ácido bórico
 - 0,02 M EDTA dissodium
 - Água bidestilada qsp. 1 litro
 - pH = 8,4

- **Meio Luria Bertani (LB) sólido para 500 mL**
 - 5 g de triptona
 - 2,5 g de extrato de levedura
 - 2,5 g de NaCl
 - Dissolver em 400 mL de água destilada
 - Completar para 500 mL (becker).
 - Pesar 3,25 g de ágar em cada erlenmeyer.
 - Adicionar 250 mL da solução a 3,25g de ágar em cada erlenmeyer que será autoclavado.

- **Meio LB líquido**
 - 5 g de triptona
 - 2,5 g de extrato de levedura
 - 2,5 g de NaCl
 - Dissolver em 400 mL de água destilada e completar para 500 mL.
 - Aliquotar a solução em tubos de 3 mL e 5 mL e autoclavar.

APÊNDICE C: Protocolo de Técnicas

- **Gel de agarose a 2%**

- 1 g de agarose
- 50 mL TEB 1 x
- 30 μ L de brometo de etídio

- **Ligação do produto da PCR ao vetor**

1. Em um tubo de microcentrífuga (0,6 mL) adicionar:

Solução do DNA a ser clonado	0,5 a 4 μ L
Solução salina	1,0 μ L
H ₂ O estéril	6 μ L q.s.p
Vetor TOPO	1,0 μ L

2. Homogeneizar a reação delicadamente e incubar por 1h.
3. Manter a reação em gelo até proceder a transformação.

- **Pré-inoculação de *E.coli* One Shot®**

1. 3 mL de meio LB líquido autoclavado.
2. Acrescentar 15 μ L de células para cada 3 mL de LB.
3. Homogeneizar lentamente o tubo com LB.
4. Incubar em *Shaker* à 37°C e 180 rpm, *overnight*.

- **Preparação de células competentes**

1. Diluir a pré-cultura (150 μ L em 5 mL de meio LB líquido) e incubar à 37°C, 180 rpm, até DO_{600nm}=0,4-0,6 (aproximadamente 1h).
2. Logo após, deixar o tubo em banho de gelo por 5 min.
3. Centrifugar 3 mL da cultura em 2 tubos de microcentrífuga (1,5 mL em cada tubo), a 5000 rpm / 5 min.

OBS: Manter as células e soluções em banho de gelo.

4. Eliminar o sobrenadante por inversão do tubo e adicionar ao precipitado 500 μ L de 50mM CaCl_2 .
5. Homogeneizar.
6. Transferir o conteúdo dos 2 tubos para outro tubo.
7. Manter em banho de gelo por 10 min.
8. Centrifugar a 5000 rpm / 5 min e eliminar o sobrenadante posteriormente.
9. Ressuspender as células em 300 μ L de 50mM CaCl_2 .
10. Manter em banho de gelo por 20 min.
11. Aliquotar 50 μ L de células competentes em tubos de microcentrífuga e estocar a 20°C.

- **Transformação**

1. Adicionar 3 μ L do produto da ligação a 50 μ L de células competentes e colocar em banho de gelo por 20 min.
2. Incubar a mistura por 2 min a 42°C em banho-maria.
3. Transferir imediatamente para banho de gelo.
4. Adicionar 1 mL de LB líquido e incubar por 1h a 37°C sob agitação (180 rpm).
5. Centrifugar a 5.000 rpm / 10 min.
6. Descartar o sobrenadante.
7. Ressuspender o sedimento em 100 μ L de LB líquido.
8. Semear em duas placas com LB sólido, contendo 75 μ g / mL de ampicilina, com o auxílio da alça de Drigalsk.
9. Incubar em estufa a 37°C por 24h.

ANEXO A: Sequência nucleotídica completa do BPV13

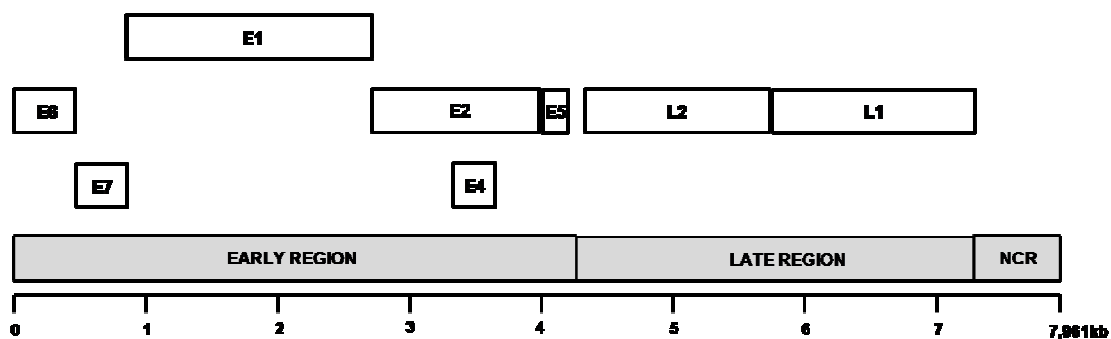
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ANEXO B: Representação da organização do genoma do BPV13



ANEXO D: Reconstrução filogenética com os 13 representantes de BPV