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 Ireland year 2000 Clinical cases = 138. Cases identified by active surveillance of at risk cattle populations = 7. Cases identified by examination of depopulated BSE positive herds, birth cohorts and progeny animals = 4.
 Switzerland year 2000 Clinical cases = 17. Cases detected within the framework of the investigation programme = 16.
 - (e) France year 2001 Clinical cases = 91. Cases detected at rendering (bovines at risk) = 100 (out of 139,500 bovines tested). Cases detected as result of routine screening at the abattoir = 83 (out of 2,373,000 bovines tested).
 Ireland year 2001 Clinical cases = 123. Cases identified by systematic active surveillance of all adult bovines = 119. Cases identified by examination of depopulated BSE positive herds, birth cohorts and progeny animals = 4.
 Japan year 2001 Clinical cases = 1. Cases detected as result of screening at the abattoir = 2.
 - (f) France year 2002 Clinical cases = 41. Cases detected at rendering (bovines at risk) = 124 (out of 274,143 bovines tested). Cases detected as result of systematic screening at the abattoir = 74 (out of 2,915,103 bovines tested). The active BSE surveillance programmes implemented in France in 2002 led to routine examination of cattle aged over 24 months, which were slaughtered for consumption purposes, were euthanised or died due to other reasons.

Ireland year 2002 – Clinical cases = 108. Cases detected by the active surveillance programme = 221. Cases identified by examination of depopulated BSE positive herds, birth cohorts and progeny animals = 4.

Poland year 2002 - Clinical cases = 1. Cases detected as result of routine screening at the abattoir (cattle over 30 months) = 3.

- (g) France year 2003 Clinical cases = 13. Cases detected at rendering (bovines at risk) = 87. Cases detected as result of systematic screening at the abattoir = 37.
 Japan year 2003 The 9th case was a bullock aged 21 months.
 Ireland year 2003 Clinical cases = 41. Cases detected by the active surveillance programme = 140.
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- (h) France year 2004 Clinical cases = 8. Cases detected at rendering (bovines at risk) = 29. Cases detected as result of systematic screening at the abattoir = 17.
 Ireland year 2004 Clinical cases = 31. Cases detected by the active surveillance programme = 94.
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- (k) Greece Data as of 30 June 2007.

Ireland year 2007 - Cases detected by the passive surveillance programme \approx 5. Cases detected by the active surveillance programme = 20.

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Number of cases in the United Kingdom = Number of reported cases worldwide (excluding the United Kingdom)
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Number of cases of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) reported in the United Kingdom (1)

	Alderney	<u>Great Britain</u>	Guernsey ^[3]	Isle of Man ⁽²⁾	Jersey	Northern Ireland	Total United Kingdom
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2006	0	104	0	0	0	10	114
2007	. 0	53	0	0	0	14	67
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⁽¹⁾ Cases are shown by year of restriction.

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⁽²⁾ In the isle of Man BSE is confirmed on the basis of a laboratory examination of tissues for the first case on a farm and thereafter by clinical signs only. However, all cases in animals born after the introduction of the feed ban have been subjected to histopathological/scrapie-associated fibrils analysis. To date, a total of 277 animals have been confirmed on clinical grounds only.

⁽³⁾ In Guernsey BSE is generally confirmed on the basis of clinical signs only. To date, a total of 600 animals have been confirmed without laboratory examination.

⁽⁴⁾ Cases prior to BSE being made notifiable are shown by year of report, apart from cases in Great Britain which are shown by year of clinical onset of disease.

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<u></u>		報告	企業の意見	,		今	後の対応	た画分からポリエチレングリコール4000処理、 DEAEセファデックス処理等により抗HBs人免疫グ
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	般 版企 HBイ【最遺【遺パウれA【CIウインる原外の元業 A】Aで、3も】はドートのでで、4、1、1、1、1、1、1、1、1、1、1、1、1、1、1、1、1、1、1	である	一般的名称 ①乾燥抗 HBs 人免疫グロブリン ②ポリエチレングリコール処理抗 H 販売名 (企業名) ②静注用ヘブスブリンーIH (ベネシス) ②静注用ヘブスブリンーIH (ベネシーに対り期間を明確にすることが必要である。 【研究デザイン及び方法】 最小感染価を求めるために、遺伝型 A、または遺伝型 A と遺伝型 Cの HBV の最小感染価を接種 【結果】 遺伝型 A と遺伝型 Cの 50%チンパンジー感 パンジーにおいて、HBV DNA のウインドウ期は、遺伝型 A 及び遺伝型 Cでそれぞれ 69-れぞれ 3.4 日及び 1.9 日であった。この 2 つの A よりも著しく短かった。 【結論】 CID50 は約 10 コピーで 2 つの遺伝型で類似しウインドウ期間 (〈100 コピー/mL)は、遺伝型 ウインドウ期間 (〈100 コピー/mL)は、遺伝型 でがシジーにおける HBV の遺伝型 A と遺伝型 C の における報告である。 原料血漿にHBVが混入したとしても、BVD及び	一般的名称 ①乾燥抗 HBs 人免疫グロブリン ②ポリエチレングリコール処理抗 HBs 人免疫グロブリン 販売名 ①ヘブスブリン (ベネシス) ②静注用ヘブスブリンーIH (ベネシス) ②静注用ヘブスブリンーIH (ベネシス) 【背景】 HBV 血液スクリーニングの最適な戦略を計画するには、最小感はインドウ期間を明確にすることが必要である。 【研究デザイン及び方法】 最小感染価を求めるために、遺伝型 A、または遺伝型 Cの HBV を遺伝型 A と遺伝型 Cの HBV の最小感染価を接種した 2 対のチン 【結果】 遺伝型 A および遺伝型 C の 50%チンパンジー感染価 (CID50) はパンジーにおいて、HBV DNA のウインドウ期は、遺伝型 A およいウ期は、遺伝型 A 及び遺伝型 C でそれぞれ 69-97 日及び 50-64 れぞれ 3.4 日及び 1.9 日であった。この 2 つの遺伝型の間での A よりも著しく短かった。 【結論】 CID50 は約 10 コピーで 2 つの遺伝型で類似していたが、ダブウインドウ期間 (く100 コピー/山L) は、遺伝型 A よりも遺伝型 マインドウ期間 (く100 コピー/山L) は、遺伝型 A よりも遺伝型 お告である。 「一、原料血漿にHBVが混入したとしても、BVD及びBHVをモデルウィース 「原料血漿にHBVが混入したとしても、BVD及びBHVをモデルウィース 「原料血漿にHBVが混入したとしても、BVD及びBHVをモデルウィース 「原料血漿にHBVが混入したとしても、BVD及びBHVをモデルウィース 「原料血漿にHBVが混入したとしても、BVD及びBHVをモデルウィース 「原料血漿にHBVが混入したとしても、BVD及びBHVをモデルウィース 「関する報告である。」 「一般的な 1 回り 「1 回り 1 回り 1 回り 1 回り 1 回り 1 回り 1 回	一般的名称	機的名称 ① ・ 報告回数 ② 2008 年 2 月 18 日 ② ② 2008 年 2008 年 2 月 18 日 ② 2008 年 2 月 2008 年 2 月 2008 年 2 月 18 日 ② 2008 年 2 月 2008 年 2 月 18 日 ② 2008 年 2 月 2008 年 2 月 18 日 ② 2008 年 2 月 2008 年 2008 年 2 月 2008 年 2008 年 2008 年 2008 年 2008	一般的名称 ②ボリエチレングリコール処理抗 HBs 人免疫グロブリン	機的名称

Minimum infectious dose of hepatitis B virus in chimpanzees and difference in the dynamics of viremia between genotype A and genotype C

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BACKGROUND: In planning optimal hepatitis B virus (HBV) blood screening strategies, the minimum infectious dose and early dynamics of HBV need to be determined for defining the window period for HBV DNA as well as for hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg).

STUDY DESIGN AND METHODS: Pairs of chimpanzees were inoculated with preacute-phase inocula containing HBV of genotype A or genotype C to determine the minimum infectious dose, and two pairs of chimps infected with the lowest infectious dose of genotypes A and C were followed for HBV markers.

RESULTS: The minimum 50 percent chimpanzee infectious dose (CID_{50}) was estimated to be approximately 10 copies for genotype A and for genotype C. In the two chimps inoculated with the lowest infectious dose, the HBV DNA window was 55 to 76 days for genotype A and 35 to 50 days for genotype C, respectively. The HBsAg window was 69 to 97 days for genotype A and 50 to 64 days for genotype C, respectively. The doubling times of HBV DNA were 3.4 days (95% confidence interval [CI], 2.6-4.9 days) for genotype A and 1.9 days (95% CI, 1.6-2.3 days) for genotype C. When comparing the replication velocity of HBV DNA between the two genotypes, the doubling time of genotype C was significantly shorter than that of HBV genotype A (p < 0.01).

CONCLUSION: Although the CID₅₀ of approximately 10 copies was similar for the two HBV genotypes, the doubling time and pre-HBV nucleic acid amplification technology (<100 copies/mL) window period in chimps infected with the lowest infectious dose seemed to be shorter for genotype C than for genotype A.

osttransfusion infection with hepatitis B virus (HBV) has decreased dramatically since screening for hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) was introduced in the early 1970s. The number of reported posttransfusion hepatitis B cases has been further reduced after screening for antibody to HBV core (anti-HBc) was implemented in the late 1980s in the United States and Japan. 12 Japan introduced HBV DNA screening by nucleic acid amplification technology (NAT) in minipools (MPs) in 1999. Since introduction of MP-NAT, more than 500 seronegative donations with detectable HBV DNA have been interdicted, although there are still units of blood in an early or late phase of HBV infection

ABBREVIATIONS: CID₅₀ = 50 percent chimpanzee infectious dose; CLIA = chemiluminescent immunoassay; JRC = Japanese Red Cross; MP(s) = minipool(s).

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with low viral load that can escape detection by NAT.3 Interestingly, the lookback program of the Japanese Red Cross (JRC) demonstrated that low viral load donations in the window phase were more than 10-fold more often implicated in HBV transmission reports than were occult carriers with anti-HBc titers below the exclusion limit of the anti-HBc hemagglutination inhibition screening assay.3 Bearing in mind the relatively high infectivity of HBV in the window phase, exact knowledge on early dynamics of HBV replication is important for residual risk estimations.4-7 It will determine the threshold of NAT in identifying blood donors during the preacute phase of HBV infection, which is important for planning and executing evidence-based hepatitis B blood screening strategies. 7.8 In this context, the relative infectivity of HBV in the early window phase is an important factor for measuring the effect of NAT screening systems on the residual risk of HBV transmission by blood transfusion.7-9

Chimpanzees are the only experimental animals susceptible to human hepatitis viruses and have been very useful in transmission studies. 10 As early as the mid-1970s, it was demonstrated that blood units from HBV carriers, especially those positive for the presence of hepatitis B e antigen (HBeAg), have a tremendously high infectious potential and can transmit infection to chimps by intravenous inoculation with 1 mL of plasma diluted to 1:108.11 Now that NAT enables detection of HBV DNA in blood donors even in individual-donation format, it can be estimated by mathematical modeling what the residual risk would be depending on the minimum copy number required for infection.9 More conservative risk modeling assumes that a single copy of HBV, if it successfully reaches a hepatocyte in susceptible hosts, may be enough to establish infection. 5 To pursue strategies for preventing HBV infections by blood transfusions, additional information on the infectivity of HBV is crucially required. It is imperative to define not only the minimum copy number

of HBV DNA or number of virions required for transmission of HBV, but also the early dynamics of HBV replication in the circulation of infected hosts. This can be established more accurately in chimpanzee experiments. In this report on experimental transmission of hepatitis B in chimps, the minimum infectious dose was determined separately for HBV of genotypes A and C, and the copy number of HBV DNA for establishing infection was defined for each of them. Moreover, the doubling time and logarithmic time of HBV DNA were determined by following the viral dynamics in the preacute phase of chimpanzees who had received the minimum infectious dose of HBV.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Chimpanzees

Six chimps entered this study. Their age, sex, and weight. as well as the HBV inocula that they received are listed in Table I along with the infection outcome. Every chimp was kept in an individual cage and received humane care in accordance with all relevant requirements for the use of primates in an approved institution. None of the six chimps had serologic or molecular biologic evidence of past or present HBV infection prior to the inoculation. They were also not infected with hepatitis C virus (HCV) and human immunodeficiency virus type-1. Chimps were inoculated intravenously while they were under anesthesia by intramuscular injection with ketamine hydrochloride. After the inoculation, serum samples were obtained once a week or more frequently as required, until 16 weeks or longer. They were tested for HBV DNA, HBsAg, anti-HBc, anti-HBs, and alanine aminotransferase as well as . aspartate aminotransferase.

Inocula containing HBV

The chimpanzees received four kinds of inocula (Table 1). Inocula I and III were fresh-frozen plasma (FFP) units from blood donors acutely infected with HBV genotypes A and C, respectively. Inocula II and IV were plasma samples from chimps infected with inoculum I of genotype A and inoculum III of genotype C, respectively (see Figs. IA and IB). Inocula II and IV were: 1) recovered in the preacute phase of HBV infection before immune responses of the host had developed; 2) positive for the presence of HBV DNA in the highest titer before anti-HBc developed; and 3) taken with utmost care to maintain the infectious activity and avoid attenuation during serial processing from blood collection until storage. Immediately after blood drawing

Chimpanzee	Age, sex, weight	HBV DNA copies	Outcome	
Inoculum I: FFP f genotype A	rom a human donor in the p	preacute phase of HBV infection	n of	
1 Chimp 246	13 years, male, 60.7 kg	1 mL (6.9 × 104 copies/mL)	Infected	
Inoculum II: Prea 2 Chimp 272 3 Chimp 279 3 Chimp 279 4 Chimp 280	cute-phase plasma of Chim, 9 years, male, 58.7 kg 8 years, male, 51:4 kg Reinoculation 8 years, male, 39.4 kg	p 246 containing HBV (2.6 x 10 1 mL (1:10° dilution) 1 mL (1:10° dilution) 1 mL (1:10° dilution) 1 mL (1:10° dilution)	⁶ copies/mL) Not infected Not infected Infected Infected	
noculum III: FFP genotype C 2 Chimp 272	from a human donor in the Reinoculation	preacute phase of HBV infection 5 mL (5.3 × 10 ⁵ copies/mL)	on of Infected	
Inoculum IV: Prea 5 Chimp 269	acute-phase plasma of Chim 11 years, male, 62.5 kg	np-272 containing HBV (3.0 × 1 1 mL (1:10 ⁶ dilution)	0 ⁶ copies/mL) Not infected	

TABLE 1. Six chimpanzees and HBV inocula and HBV

infection outcomes

Not infected

Infected

Infected

1 mL (1:10⁶ dilution)

1 mL (1:105 dilution)

1 mL (1:105 dilution)

7 years, male, 41.1 kg

Reinoculation

Reinoculation

6 Chimp 285

Chimp 269

Chimp 285

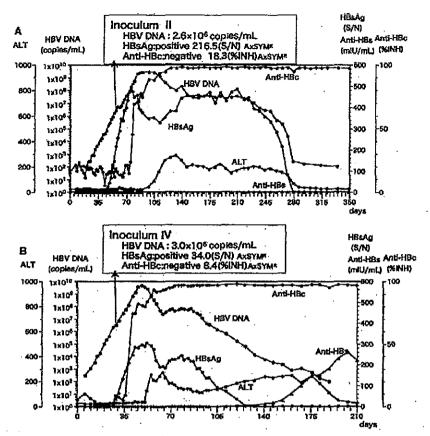


Fig. 1. Time course of HBV serum markers in chimps used as a source of inoculation of HBV genotype A and genotype C. (A) Chimp 246 was inoculated with human plasma of HBV genotype A. Inoculum II for chimp infectivity studies was harvested in the ramp-up phase of viremia before anti-HBc seroconversion at the time HBV DNA had reached a concentration of 2.6×10^6 copies per mL and the HBsAg response had increased to a signal-to-noise (S/N) ratio of 216.5 (cutoff S/N = 2.0). (B) Chimp 272 was inoculated with human plasma of HBV genotype C. Inoculum IV was harvested in the ramp-up phase of viremia before anti-HBc seroconversion at the time HBV DNA had reached a concentration of 3.0×10^6 copies per mL and HBsAg had increased to an S/N ratio of 34.0.

from chimps, plasma samples were separated. They were divided into 15 tubes in 1-mL aliquots, snap-frozen in liquid nitrogen, and kept in a deep freezer at -80°C until used for transmission experiments. For each experiment, the plasma in one tube was thawed gently by immersing it in a water bath at 37°C, and the required amounts were used.

Laboratory tests

HBsAg, anti-HBc, and antibody to HBsAg (anti-HBs) were determined by chemiluminescent immunoassay (CLIA) with commercially available kits (AxSYM, Abbott Japan, KK, Tokyo, Japan), with the index of 2.0 (signal-to-noise [S/N]), 50 percent inhibition, and 5.0 mIU per mL

as cutoff values, respectively. Qualitative assay for HBV DNA was performed by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) with primers deduced from the S region of HBV DNA. 12 HBV DNA was quantitated by the PCR (TaqMan, Roche Diagnostics KK, Tokyo, Japan) with a sensitivity of 100 copies per mL. Quantitative assays for HBV DNA were performed simultaneously for an accurate comparison of data.

Calculation for doubling time and logarithmic time of HBV DNA

To calculate the doubling time and the logarithmic time (time for reaching 10 times the amount) of HBV DNA at ramp-up after the infection, HBV DNA copy numbers were evaluated statistically by log linear regression analysis. The comparison of regression slope (the doubling time and the logarithmic time) between HBV genotypes was evaluated by growth curve analysis (Vonesh-Carter-Ohtaki method). 13,14

RESULTS

Inocula and copy numbers of HBV genotype A or genotype C recovered from chimpanzees in the preacute phase of infection

Chimp 246 was injected intravenously with 1 mL of FFP from a blood donor in the preacute phase of HBV infection (Table 1); the donor had been screened by NAT at a JRC Blood Center. His

plasma sample contained 6.9×10^4 copies per mL of HBV DNA genotype A and was positive for the presence of HBsAg but negative for the presence of anti-HBc (inoculum I). Plasma was harvested from Chimp 246, in the preacute phase of HBV infection 57 days after inoculation (inoculum II). It contained 2.6×10^6 copies per mL HBV DNA and was positive for the presence of HBsAg but still negative for the presence of anti-HBc and anti-HBs (Fig. 1A).

Likewise, Chimp 272 was injected intravenously with 5 mL of FFP from a blood donor in the preacute phase of HBV infection who had been screened by NAT at JRC (Table 1). It contained 5.3 × 10⁵ copies per mL of HBV DNA genotype C and was positive for the presence of HBsAg but negative for the presence of anti-HBc and anti-HBs (inoculum III). Thus, Chimp 272 was inoculated with

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