


**Research Article**

## Selective Profiles among Single or Double Stranded DNA or RNA Viruses Detect their Double or Single Stranded Condition

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### Abstract

I developed a test to study the probability distribution of bases in dinucleotides separated by 0, 1, 2 ... K nucleotides sites. This analysis define selective profiles of dinucleotides by their sign and selection coefficients, their distance to neutrality measured by a chi-square value and the order of significance of their distance to randomness among the 16 possible values. In double stranded (ds) DNA or RNA an index (index = I, with 5'-3' sense) dinucleotide participates in evolutionary processes together with three dinucleotides defined by base complementarity and 5'-3' sense. The anti-sense dinucleotide in the same strand, the parallel (Par, with 3'-5' sense) and anti-parallel (a-Par, with 5'-3' sense) dinucleotides in the complementary strand. Single stranded (ss) RNA or DNA do not have these set of dinucleotides and would not present similarities or differences, among those four dinucleotides. I studied viromes taken from GenBank, with ds and ss RNA and DNA by this dinucleotide analysis. The core matrix has rows with Separations (Sep) of bases and columns with their selective profiles of the Index, Par and a-Par dinucleotides. Profiles distances I-Par and I-a-Par where compared. The ds RNA or DNA showed larger selective profiles differences between I-Par than I-a-Par. Ss RNA or DNA viruses showed non-significant differences between these comparisons. Those ss virus that exist as ds virus in their hosts, as Hindbis and HIV virus behaved similarly to ds viruses. Coli phage PhiX174 an ss DNA virus showed smaller I-Par than I-a-Par selective distances.

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### Introduction

Searching for a measure of the distance to neutrality of genomes, I developed a test, based on the distance to neutrality of dinucleotides whose bases are separated by 0, 1, 2, ... K nucleotide sites [1-5]. I used as the measure of the distance to neutrality a chi-square ( $\chi^2$ ) test of the random distribution of the first base according to the second base of the dinucleotides [1-5]. This study produces a matrix where rows are the number of nucleotide sites between both bases (Separations = Sep) and whose columns are the order of the distance to neutrality the 16 dinucleotides have. This order follows the value of the  $\chi^2$  test assigned to a dinucleotide among the 16 values and it may or may not include the sign of the selection coefficient to make more or less discriminant the test. There is a total  $\chi^2$  value given by the addition of the particular  $\chi^2$  value for each dinucleotide. The particular  $\chi^2$  value has one degree of freedom ( $\chi^2_1$ ); the total  $\chi^2$  value has nine degrees of freedom ( $\chi^2_9$ ), because it correspond to the 4x4 matrix (4 rows x 4 columns, for the four bases) that loses one degree

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of freedom due to fixed marginal (rows or columns) totals. Distances to neutrality resulted enormous. The significance at the 0.05 level for  $\chi^2_1$  corresponds to 3.84; I found 377.3 (see Table 1) in *Sars-Cov-2* virus, for dinucleotide CG, with separation 0 (contiguous bases); the probability (P) is out of tables and programs; with Gaussian approximation (5),  $P < 10^{-50}$ . The significance at the 0.05 level for  $\chi^2_9$  corresponds to 16.9; I found in human chromosome 21  $\chi^2_9 = 1,885,266.8$  [5] for Sep 0 ( $P < 10^{-222,180}$ ). Unexpectedly I found periodicity with period 3 in the  $\chi^2$  value of distance to neutrality in virus and prokaryotes and period 2 and 6 in human chromosomes. This periodicity of the distance to neutrality is incompatible with neutral and nearly neutral evolution [2-5].

Selective values allow the characterization of selective profiles of dinucleotides (hereafter, pair and dinucleotide will be synonymous unless I state other precision). The selective profile of a dinucleotide includes: 1) its selective value, 2) the sign of this selection value, 3) its  $\chi^2$  value and 4) the order of significance of this value ( $1^\circ$  to  $16^\circ$ ). The  $\chi^2$  value is calculated by  $(Obs_i - Exp_i)^2/Exp_i$ , where  $Obs_i$  and  $Exp_i$  are the observed and expected numbers of the  $i_{th}$  dinucleotide, respectively. The total  $\chi^2_9$  value is the sum of the 16 values of the 16 nucleotides. The selection coefficient and its sign is the quotient  $(Obs_i - Exp_i)/Exp_i$ , where positive coefficients (selectively advantageous) apply to dinucleotides with more observed than expected pairs and negative coefficients (selectively disadvantageous) apply to dinucleotides with less observed than expected pairs. Any dinucleotide has its selective profile and this profile (a profile of an index dinucleotide or I profile) compared with the other 15 profiles produces 15 distances (to the I profile).

In double stranded (ds) RNA or DNA mutation or selection (and eventually genetic drift) of one or the two bases of one dinucleotide occur synchronously among the four dinucleotides that a pair implies due to base complementarity and 5'-3' sense involved in duplication or transcription processes. This does not happen in a single stranded (ss) DNA or RNA. Thus, the test of comparison among selective profiles can discriminate whether the nucleic acid of the organism in study is ds or ss DNA or RNA. In ds DNA as in the human genome, the Index (I) 5'G...A3' dinucleotide has a contra-sense (C-S) pair 3'A...G5' (in the same DNA strand), a parallel (Par) pair 3'C...T5', and an anti-Parallel (a-Par) pair 5'T...C3' pair in the complementary strand. These four dinucleotides evolve together and synchronously. This coordinated evolution is not possible (physically but not evolutionarily during the viral life cycle) in ss viruses. Since there is only one published strand (the index strand from GenBank) of the nucleic acid, I study the selective profile of these four dinucleotides in the index strand (all pairs in the sense 5'...3') and determine the similitude or difference among their selective profiles. Regardless (a

priori) the reproductive processes of the organism, if there are evolutionary differences in replication or transcription between the senses of the copy, or differences due to the specific pair, the test will detect these differences. In ss DNA or RNA, these differences should be impossible because there are not a complementary strand to generate those differences.

This study is on RNA or DNA viruses, however, the differences I study are not on the ss or ds physical constitution of viruses well established from the infective viral particle (virion). This study deals with on the evolutionary constitution and dynamic behavior of viruses. Either ds or ss viruses have different ds or ss processes along their life cycles. Mutation, selection, genetic drift, evolutionary contingencies occur at any stage of the reproductive or vital viral cycle with different intensities and in mono or bi-stranded constitutions. As for example, ss retroviruses having a retro-duplication of its nucleic acid and existence as a temperate or inserted virus in the DNA of the host may have rather ds (evolutionary) nucleic acid selective profile. A ds virus whose stage of mutation is mainly at the ss replication process may have ss selective profile (this is very improbable).

## Genomes and Methods

Complete genomes taken from GenBank (search in PubMed, Nucleotide, FASTA).

**Double stranded DNA:** Human adenovirus C strain KF268127.1 Human USA CL 42 1988 (35,931 bp); Human cytomegalovirus strain AD169 X17403 (229,354 bp); Escherichia phage 2 vB EcoM PhAPEC2 KF562341 (167,318 bp); His2 virus NC\_007918.1 (16,067 bp).

**Single stranded DNA:** *Penaeus monodon* hepanadenovirus 4 NC\_011545.2 (6,310 b); *Escherichia phage phi-X174* NC\_001422 (5,386 b); *Phage M13* Enterobacteria NC\_003287.2 (6,407 b).

**Double stranded RNA:** *Marmot picobirnavirus* strain HT1 KY855428.1 (4,579 bp); *Gentian Kobu virus* NC\_020252.1 (22,711 bp).

**Single stranded RNA:** *SARS-Cov-2* LR757998.1 Wuhan (29,866 b); *Sindbis virus* NC\_001547.1 (11,703 b); *HIV MN691959.1* isolate ACH2-NFLMDA13 B1 (USA) (9,943 b). *E. coli* genome strain AVS0967 NZ\_CP124398 (5,097,505 bp). The number of nucleotides used in the analyses may be less than the number in GenBank because the base identification is not complete. I did not study positive and negative condition of the viral strand to restrict the analysis.

## Method

- The nucleotide sequence of a genome, chromosome or nucleic acid segment constitute a primary file obtained from GenBank.

- From this file the sets of dinucleotides whose bases are separated by 0, 1, 2, ... K sites are constructed.
- Each of these sets yield a matrix where rows are the four bases A, T, G, and C for the first base (downstream) and columns are the four bases A, T, G, and C for the second base (upstream). This is a matrix of 4x4 for the 16 possible dinucleotides. For each of the 16 dinucleotides with bases separated by K sites a  $\chi^2$  test describes the distance to neutrality. The expected number of each dinucleotides (Exp) is calculated by  $(fB_u)(fB_d) \times N$ , where f is the observed frequency of B, a generic base (A, T, G or C), u and d denote upstream and downstream, respectively and N is the total number of observed (Obs) dinucleotides for this K. The  $\chi^2_1$  (one degree of freedom = df) values for each dinucleotide is  $[(Obs_i - Exp_i)^2 / Exp_i]$ , i going from 1 to 16. The total  $\chi^2_9$ , with 9 df is the sum of the 16 values plus a minimal value corresponding to the difference of the Obs number of each dinucleotide with the total. This specific difference is small for each dinucleotide and neglected in present calculations.
- The selection coefficient with its algebraic sign proceeds from  $((Obs_i - Exp_i) / Exp_i)$
- Data are presented in a matrix where the rows are K (Sep = separations) and columns are selective values ordered according to their distance to neutrality ( $\chi^2_1$ ) or order of significance (Sig), sign of the selection coefficient and the value of the selection coefficient (co-sel). I stopped K at 33 separations, including 0 Sep. These selective values constitutes the selective profile of this pair. I used only four Seps to short the analysis.
- The estimates of the values of the profile is directly the figures just described. From these estimates the difference between the order of significance, selection coefficient and the sign of selection between the parallel (Par) or the anti-Parallel (a-Par) and the Index dinucleotide follows by direct subtraction. I did not include the ( $\chi^2_1$ ) value in the estimation of selective differences because genomes differ in the number of dinucleotides, and this value depends greatly of this number, nor I included the profile of the contra-sense pair.
- In the present study separations go from 0 (contiguous bases) to 3 sites of separations.
- Study these traits in Table 1.

### Some ad hoc statistical considerations and tools (modified from (5))

I analyzed all the genome dinucleotides of an organism, so parameters are known, statistical tests are not necessary. I applied statistical tests to show the robustness of the analyses and sense of differences. The distance of a selective profile

between two types of dinucleotides has mean (M), variance (V) and standard deviation (SD). For example, the variable distance of Par or a-Par dinucleotides to the Index (ID) dinucleotide. These parameters consider all the possible distances occurring with equal probability. In Significance (Sig) comparisons, only absolute (differences without + - signs) distances are used. An algebraic full demonstration of estimates of M, V and SD is out of the scope of this article (OSA). I offered an intuitive but complete calculation (C.Y. Valenzuela, submitted for publication). The expected mean difference in Sigs between the Index profile and Par or a-Par profiles is  $M = 5.667$  and its SD is 3.6362. With these parameters, I tested the observed figures with one tailed t tests (with the used sample sizes it does not differ from a z test) and equal variances. The initial difference between selective coefficients (co-sel) is calculated with direct figures; this difference have a mean equal to 0 (the set of I dinucleotides is the same of the set of Par and a-Par dinucleotides). The SD must approximate that of a uniform distribution theoretically between -1.0 to +1.0 (limits of co-sels); but since selection is strongly dependent on evolutionary contingencies, I used the observed variance to construct the test because variances proceed from the same source. The definitive comparison test must be on absolute differences to avoid the difference between means that is 0, what implies distance equal to 0. The  $\chi^2_1$  value is always positive and hides the direction of selection. I ordered those values according to a cline from the most positively to the most negatively selected or vice versa. The previous analysis (C. Y. Valenzuela, submitted for publication) considered only the magnitude of the deviations to neutrality the present one includes the sense of selection; that is why the Table in reference (C. Y. Valenzuela, submitted for publication) is different with the present one. It is irrelevant for the order of dinucleotides whether they begin from the most negative or the most positive pair. The matrix ordered according the sign of selection makes unnecessary the comparison of signs of dinucleotides, because this is implicit.

The  $\chi^2$  values of these studies are often enormous and out of tables and programs. I approximated the probability values by the normal or Gaussian equivalent; this is not valid for small degrees of freedom (df), however 9 df may be approximated with a moderate error. The mean and variance of a  $\chi^2$  distribution are the degrees of freedom (df) and twice df, respectively. I made equivalent one point decimal for each two SD from the expected mean (df). With one df the application is no as valid as with nine df, but with enormous figures it yields an approximation to a qualitative intuitive evaluation.

### Results

Table 1 shows the matrix: Selective profiles (columns) vs Separations (Sep) for this strain of the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

Only 4 Seps are in this Table modified from unpublished result (C. Y. Valenzuela, submitted for publication). Here, the order of significance include its sign of selection. The most significant pair is CG (-) at Sep 0 with  $\chi^2_1 = 377.3$ , whose probability value is  $P < 10^{-133}$ . There are dinucleotides where the Index has the same Par and a-Par dinucleotide: AA, TT, GG and CC whose Par and a-Par are TT, AA, CC and GG, respectively. Other dinucleotides have different Par and equal a-Par as AT, TA, GC and CG whose Par pairs are TA, AT, CG and GC, and whose a-Par pairs are AT, TA, GC, and CG respectively. I analyzed both subsets of pairs only in the comparison of *SARS-CoV-2* with *E. coli* to show a sharp difference in selective profiles with a known big ds DNA genome (see below).

Dinucleotides with different Par and a-Par pairs are AG, AC, TG, TC, GA, GT, CA and CT pairs. I studied this last group of pairs and the first four separations (0, 1, 2 and 3). To explain friendly the method, the result with *SARS-CoV-2* is used. Remember selective profiles include four traits: 1) the order of significance (Sig, 1 to 16) given by 2) the  $\chi^2_1$

value, 3) the selection coefficient (co-sel), with its 4) sign of selection (+ or -). I compared three of these four traits, but not  $\chi^2_1$  values between both species due to their difference in genome sizes; the comparison of selective signs is direct and implicit. The difference in selective traits between Par or a-Par and the Index dinucleotides is direct from Table 1. Let us choose TG as the index pair, with 0 Sep, it has Sig = 16° (place), co-sel = +0.377 and Sign = +. Its Par pair is AC with Sig = 14°, co-sel = +0.231 and Sign = +; its a-Par pair is CA with Sig = 15° (place), co-sel = +0.269 and sign = +. The absolute difference in these three traits with the Index is for I-Par pair: 2° Sig, 0.146 co-sel and (+ +) Sign, respectively. The absolute difference in these three traits with the Index is for I-a-Par pair: 1° Sig, 0.108 co-sel and (+ +). Table 2 presents the selective profile comparisons of the Index, Par, and a-Par for the 8 Index dinucleotides having different Par and a-Par pairs, for the four Separations. The Significance distance I-Par was smaller than that of the I-a-Par, but the difference was not significant (minimal significance is  $P = 0.05$ ). As I mentioned the comparison of signs of selection in the following tables is not included. The differences in the

**Table 1:** Significance vs Separations of dinucleotides from *SARS-CoV-2*. Four Separations

Sep	1° Significance			2° Significance			3° Significance			4° Significance		
	dinuc[s]	$\chi^2_1$	co-sel	dinuc[s]	$\chi^2_1$	co-sel	dinuc[s]	$\chi^2_1$	co-sel	dinuc[s]	$\chi^2_1$	co-sel
0	CG[-]	377.3	-0.5921	AT[-]	110	-0.1959	TA[-]	85.7	-0.1728	TC[-]	69	-0.198
1	GT[+]	28.6	0.1232	TC[+]	8	0.0673	AA[+]	5.6	0.0459	CA[+]	3	0.0424
2	GG[+]	55.5	0.2197	TT[+]	21.2	0.083	CC[+]	8.7	0.0927	AG[+]	1.7	0.0315
3	TG[+]	15.5	0.0907	CT[+]	6.9	0.0627	GT[+]	4.7	0.0498	TA[+]	2	0.0264
	5° Significance			6° Significance			7° Significance			8° Significance		
0	CC[-]	15	-0.1218	GA[-]	11.4	-0.0805	GG[-]	3	-0.0508	AG[-]	0.098	-0.0075
1	AG[+]	1.1	-0.0168	TG[+]	0.47	0.0158	CG[+]	0	0.0053	AC[-]	0.079	-0.0069
2	AA[+]	0.597	0.015	CA[+]	0.189	0.0107	TC[+]	0	0.0044	TA[-]	0.039	-0.0037
3	GC[+]	1.6	0.0389	AG[+]	1.5	0.0293	AC[+]	0.2	0.0099	CC[+]	0.011	0.0033
	9° Significance			10° Significance			11° Significance			12° Significance		
0	TT[+]	5.96	0.044	GT[+]	6.2	0.0573	GC[+]	7.8	0.0852	AA[+]	14.3	0.073
1	CT[-]	0.372	-0.0145	TT[-]	0.9	-0.0168	CC[-]	2.5	-0.0494	GC[-]	3.1	-0.0532
2	AC[-]	0.32	-0.014	GA[-]	1.3	0.015	CT[-]	1.8	-0.0316	AT[-]	1.8	-0.0252
3	GA[-]	0.014	-0.0028	AT[-]	0.1	-0.0066	CA[-]	0.3	-0.0136	AA[-]	0.9	-0.0136
	13° Significance			14° Significance			15° Significance			16° Significance		
0	CT[+]	57.6	0.1809	AC[+]	87.7	0.2312	CA[+]	118.8	0.269	TG[+]	267.19	0.377
1	TA[-]	3.2	-0.0336	GA[-]	5.3	-0.0547	GG[-]	5.4	-0.0683	AT[-]	8.3	-0.0539
2	CG[-]	2.8	-0.0514	GC[-]	5.7	-0.0726	GT[-]	8.6	-0.0677	TG[-]	33.9	-0.1342
3	TC[-]	2.1	-0.0349	CG[-]	7.8	-0.0849	TT[-]	11.1	-0.0601	GG[-]	14.8	-0.1136

Sep = n° sites of separation; dinuc[s] = dinucleotide with its sign of selection;  $\chi^2_1$  = chi-square value for the dinucleotide at the left hand; co-sel = selection coefficient

selection coefficient followed the same pattern as Significance, with a higher probability of significance (a less significant result). It is remarkable that this result is different from a previous study (C.Y. Valenzuela, submitted for publication) with distances of the chi-squared value without specifying the sign of selection (OSA).

Before presenting the study of twelve viruses, I present the dinucleotide analysis of the *E. coli* genome to establish clear differences with a rather big (5 million pb) ds DNA. This is necessary because there is not another researcher working in this field and the reader must know what happens with big ds genomes. Table 3 presents the dinucleotide spectrum of the genome analysis of *E coli* with 4 Sep.

**Table 2:** SARS-CoV-2. Index dinucleotides with different Par and a-Par pairs. Four Separations

Sep	Indexes		Par		a-Par		D Ind-Par		D Ind-a-Par		I Par		I a-Par	
	dinuc[s]	co-sel	dinuc[s]	co-sel	dinuc[s]	co-sel	D Si	D Se	D Si	D Se	AB Se	AB Se	AB Se	AB Se
0	AG[-] 8°	-0.00747	TC[-] 4°	-0.198	CT[+] 13°	0.1809	4	-0.1905	5	0.1884	0.1905	0.1884		
1	AG[+] 5°	-0.01681	TC[+] 2°	0.0673	CT[-] 9°	-0.0145	3	0.0841	4	0.0023	0.0841	0.0023		
2	AG[+] 4°	0.03148	TC[+] 7°	0.0044	CT[-] 11°	-0.0316	3	-0.0271	7	-0.0631	0.0271	0.0631		
3	AG[+] 6°	0.02928	TC[-] 13°	-0.0349	CT[+] 2°	0.0627	7	-0.0641	4	0.0334	0.0641	0.0334		
0	AC[+] 14°	0.2312	TG[+] 16°	0.377	GT[+] 10°	0.0573	2	0.1458	4	-0.1739	0.1458	0.1739		
1	AC[-] 8°	-0.00692	TG[+] 6°	0.0158	GT[+] 1°	0.1232	2	0.0227	7	0.1302	0.0227	0.1302		
2	AC[-] 9°	-0.01397	TG[-] 16°	-0.1342	GT[-] 15°	-0.0677	7	-0.1202	6	-0.0538	0.1202	0.0538		
3	AC[+] 7°	0.00987	TG[+] 1°	0.0907	GT[+] 3°	0.0498	6	0.0809	4	0.0399	0.0809	0.0399		
0	TG[+] 16°	0.37697	AC[+] 14°	0.2312	CA[+] 15°	0.269	2	-0.1458	1	-0.108	0.1458	0.108		
1	TG[+] 6°	0.01581	AC[-] 8°	-0.0069	CA[+] 4°	0.0424	2	-0.0227	2	0.0266	0.0227	0.0266		
2	TG[-] 16°	-0.1342	AC[-] 9°	-0.014	CA[+] 6°	0.0107	7	0.1202	10	0.1449	0.1202	0.1449		
3	TG[+] 1°	0.09072	AC[+] 7°	0.0099	CA[-] 11°	-0.0136	6	-0.0809	10	-0.1043	0.0809	0.1043		
0	TC[-] 4°	-0.19796	AG[-] 8°	-0.0075	GA[-] 6°	-0.0805	4	0.1905	2	0.1175	0.1905	0.1175		
1	TC[+] 2°	0.06726	AG[+] 5°	-0.0168	GA[-] 14°	-0.0547	3	-0.0841	12	-0.122	0.0841	0.122		
2	TC[+] 7°	0.00437	AG[+] 4°	0.0315	GA[-] 10°	0.015	3	0.0271	3	0.0106	0.0271	0.0106		
3	TC[-] 13°	-0.03486	AG[+] 6°	0.0293	GA[-] 9°	-0.0028	7	0.0641	4	0.0321	0.0641	0.0321		
0	GA[-] 6°	-0.08048	CT[+] 13°	0.1809	TC[-] 4°	-0.198	7	0.2614	2	-0.1175	0.2614	0.1175		
1	GA[-] 14°	-0.05474	CT[-] 9°	-0.0145	TC[+] 2°	0.0673	5	0.0402	12	0.122	0.0402	0.122		
2	GA[-] 10°	0.01495	CT[-] 11°	-0.0316	TC[+] 7°	0.0044	1	-0.0466	3	-0.0106	0.0466	0.0106		
3	GA[-] 9°	-0.00278	CT[+] 2°	0.0627	TC[-] 13°	-0.0349	7	0.0654	4	-0.0321	0.0654	0.0321		
0	GT[+] 10°	0.05733	CA[+] 15°	0.269	AC[+] 14°	0.2312	5	0.2116	4	0.1739	0.2116	0.1739		
1	GT[+] 1°	0.12324	CA[+] 4°	0.0424	AC[-] 8°	-0.0069	3	-0.0808	7	-0.1302	0.0808	0.1302		
2	GT[-] 15°	-0.06772	CA[+] 6°	0.0107	AC[-] 9°	-0.014	9	0.0784	6	0.0538	0.0784	0.0538		
3	GT[+] 3°	0.04977	CA[-] 11°	-0.0136	AC[+] 7°	0.0099	8	-0.0634	4	-0.0399	0.0634	0.0399		
0	CA[+] 15°	0.26897	GT[+] 10°	0.0573	TG[+] 16°	0.377	5	-0.2116	1	0.108	0.2116	0.108		
1	CA[+] 4°	0.04243	GT[+] 1°	0.1232	TG[+] 6°	0.0158	3	0.0808	2	-0.0266	0.0808	0.0266		
2	CA[+] 6°	0.01072	GT[-] 15°	-0.0677	TG[-] 16°	-0.1342	9	-0.0784	10	-0.1449	0.0784	0.1449		
3	CA[-] 11°	-0.01358	GT[+] 3°	0.0498	TG[+] 1°	0.0907	8	0.0634	10	0.1043	0.0634	0.1043		
0	CT[+] 13°	0.1809	GA[-] 6°	-0.0805	AG[-] 8°	-0.0075	7	-0.2614	5	-0.1884	0.2614	0.1884		
1	CT[-] 9°	-0.01453	GA[-] 14°	-0.0547	AG[+] 5°	-0.0168	5	-0.0402	4	-0.0023	0.0402	0.0023		
2	CT[-] 11°	-0.0316	GA[-] 10°	0.015	AG[+] 4°	0.0315	1	0.0466	7	0.0631	0.0466	0.0631		
3	CT[+] 2°	0.06265	GA[-] 9°	-0.0028	AG[+] 6°	0.0293	7	-0.0654	4	-0.0334	0.0654	0.0334		
	Mean	0.031		0.031		0.031	4.94	0	5.31	0	0.099	0.0844		
	SD	0.1099		0.1099		0.1099	2.36	0.1196	3.06	0.102	0.0672	0.0572		
	P t test							P t Si	0.2952		P t Se	0.3626		

Par = parallel; a-Par = anti-parallel; dinuc[s] = dinucleotide; co-sel = selection coefficient; D Ind-Par = distance Index-Par; D Ind-a-Par = distance Index a-Par; D Si = difference in Significance; D Se = difference in co-sel; AB Si = absolute difference in D Si; AB Se = absolute difference in D Se; SD =standard deviation; P t test = probability under a one tailed t test. with equal variance for the comparisons of D Si and D Se. respectively

**Table 3:** Significance vs Separations of dinucleotides from *E. coli*. Four Separations

Sep	dinuc(s)	$\chi^2_1$	co-sel	dinuc(s)	$\chi^2_1$	co-sel	dinuc(s)	$\chi^2_1$	co-sel	dinuc(s)	$\chi^2_1$	co-sel
1° Significance				2° Significance			3° Significance			4° Significance		
0	GC[+]	24073.2	0.2715	TT[+]	12324.3	0.1998	AA[+]	11833.5	0.1946	CG[+]	6535.8	0.1415
1	CG[+]	27665.5	0.2911	AC[+]	4121	0.1136	GT[+]	3967	0.1117	TA[+]	2204	0.0842
2	GC[-]	8072.1	-0.1572	TG[-]	6440.1	-0.1424	CA[-]	6434.2	-0.142	GT[-]	1547.7	-0.0698
3	TA[-]	7439.1	-0.1547	GC[-]	2552	-0.0884	AG[-]	526.3	-0.0406	CT[-]	462.2	-0.0382
5° Significance				6° Significance			7° Significance			8° Significance		
0	CA[+]	4858.4	0.1234	TG[+]	4746.1	0.1222	AT[+]	3154.5	0.1008	GA[-]	1757.2	-0.0742
1	TT[+]	292.3	0.0308	AA[+]	279.4	0.0299	GA[+]	0.4	0.0012	TC[-]	4	-0.0034
2	AC[-]	1418.3	-0.0666	AT[-]	1245.2	-0.0633	TA[-]	876.4	-0.0531	CG[-]	167.9	-0.0227
3	CG[-]	195.2	-0.0245	CC[-]	53.4	-0.0128	GG[-]	38.2	-0.0108	AT[-]	5.7	-0.0043
9° Significance				10° Significance			11° Significance			12° Significance		
0	TC[-]	1818.6	-0.0757	GG[-]	2513.4	-0.0877	CC[-]	2557.2	-0.0885	AC[-]	4003.1	-0.112
1	GC[-]	83.6	-0.016	AT[-]	805.5	-0.0509	CT[-]	2682.8	-0.0919	CC[-]	2756.3	-0.0919
2	AG[+]	245.4	0.0277	CT[+]	252.7	0.0282	TC[+]	2621.8	0.0909	GA[+]	2766.3	0.093
3	AA[+]	13.4	0.0066	TT[+]	25.4	0.0091	GT[+]	356.2	0.0335	AC[+]	470	0.0384
13° Significance				14° Significance			15° Significance			16° Significance		
0	GT[-]	4147.5	-0.1143	AG[-]	9941.2	-0.1764	CT[-]	10128.4	-0.1786	TA[-]	18837.6	-0.2462
1	AG[-]	2778.5	-0.0932	GG[-]	2872.4	-0.0937	TG[-]	3769.3	-0.1089	CA[-]	4032	-0.1124
2	AA[+]	3295.6	0.1027	TT[+]	3501.9	0.1065	GG[+]	5864.6	0.1339	CC[+]	5873.5	0.1342
3	TC[+]	1361.2	0.0655	GA[+]	1481.5	0.0681	CA[+]	1844.5	0.076	TG[+]	1887.2	0.0771

Nomenclature as in Table 1

The difference between *SARS-CoV-2* and *E. coli* is evident at the first inspection and comparison between Table 1 and Table 3. Significances in *E. coli* are 50 or more times those of *SARS-CoV-2*. The  $\chi^2_1$  value of the first dinucleotide GC+ is 24,073.2, this implies a probability (Gaussian approximation; no as valid as in  $\chi^2_9$  test) less than  $10^{-4.250}$ . Dinucleotides with equal Par and a-Par complementary dinucleotides shows sharp differences. In *SARS-CoV-2* AA and TT, and GG and CC separate at the places of significances (Sigs). For example at Sep 0, AA is at 12° Sig while TT is at 9°, the difference in Sig is 3°, at Sep 1 the difference is 7° (3° and 10°, respectively), at Sep 2 is 3° (5° and 2°, respectively), and at Sep 3 it is 3° (12° and 15°, respectively). In *E. coli* AA and TT are contiguous (distance 1°) in the four Seps. GG and CC behave equally, while in *SARS-CoV-2* the distances between both are 2°, 4°, 3° and 4° for Seps 0, 1, 2 and 3, respectively, in *E. coli* they are 1°, 2°, 1° and 1°, respectively. It is evident that in a ds genome (*E. coli*) complementary dinucleotides behave different as in *SARS-CoV-2*, a ss genome, where complementary nucleic acid do not exist. (However, it is remarkable that the difference is not as big as expected; I shall discuss that). This occurs equally with the human genomes (C. Y. Valenzuela, submitted for publication). I remember that the expected mean difference in Sig profile is 5.667 and the standard deviation is 3.636. The

following analysis in *E. coli* is similar to that presented in Table 2 for *SARS-CoV-2* on the distance of selective profiles from Par and a-Par dinucleotides to their Index; these Index pairs have different Par and a-Par dinucleotides. Table 4 presents it. In this Table the mean Sig distance I-a-Par is 1.06 (contiguous dinucleotides) while in I-Par is 6.06 (t test  $P < 10^{-9}$ ) and in Sel distance the mean is 0.0679 for I-Par and for I-a-Par is 0.0013 ( $P < 10^{-13}$ ). Selective profile of the 5'-3' a-Par dinucleotide is practically the same as the selective profile of the Index. The 5'-3' parallel dinucleotide differs from the Index. Remark that it is not possible to analyze the true 3'-5' parallel dinucleotide, because we have only one strand from GenBank. The correction of this possible error is, at present OSA. Statistical tests were done as compliance of statistical norms, because values of differences in Sigs and co-sel are significant by the simple inspection. Differences in co-sel in the I-Par comparisons are at the order of tenths or hundredths, and the differences in I-a-Par are at the order of thousandths or ten thousandths. In Table 4 only absolute distances I-Par and I-a-Par are considered.

Table 5 for DNA and Table 6 for RNA viruses present the comparisons for 12 viruses with the same format of *SARS-CoV-2* and *E. coli*. Only mean, SD and t test probability appear. The single or double stranded DNA or RNA condition

**Table 4:** *E. coli*. Index dinucleotides with different Par and a-Par pairs, four Separations

Sep	Indexes			Par			a-Par			D Ind - Par		D Ind - a-Par	
	dinuc[s]	co-sel	Sig	dinuc[s]	co-sel	Sig	dinuc[s]	co-sel	Sig	D Si	D Se	D Si	D Se
1	AG[-]	-0.1764	14	TC[-]	-0.0757	9	CT[-]	-0.1786	15	5	0.1007	1	0.0023
2	AG[-]	-0.0932	13	TC[-]	-0.0034	8	CT[-]	-0.0919	11	5	0.0899	2	0.0013
3	AG[+]	0.0277	9	TC[+]	0.0909	11	CT[+]	0.0282	10	2	0.0632	1	0.0005
4	AG[-]	-0.0406	3	TC[+]	0.0655	13	CT[-]	-0.0382	4	10	0.1061	1	0.0024
1	AC[-]	-0.112	12	TG[+]	0.1222	6	GT[-]	-0.1143	13	6	0.2342	1	0.0023
2	AC[+]	0.1136	2	TG[-]	-0.1089	15	GT[+]	0.1117	3	13	0.2225	1	0.0019
3	AC[-]	-0.0666	5	TG[-]	-0.1424	2	GT[-]	-0.0698	4	3	0.0757	1	0.0032
4	AC[+]	0.0384	12	TG[+]	0.0771	16	GT[+]	0.0335	11	4	0.0387	1	0.0049
1	TG[+]	0.1222	6	AC[-]	-0.112	12	CA[+]	0.1234	5	6	0.2342	1	0.0011
2	TG[-]	-0.1089	15	AC[+]	0.1136	2	CA[-]	-0.1124	16	13	0.2225	1	0.0034
3	TG[-]	-0.1424	2	AC[-]	-0.0666	5	CA[-]	-0.142	3	3	0.0757	1	0.0004
4	TG[+]	0.0771	16	AC[+]	0.0384	12	CA[+]	0.076	15	4	0.0387	1	0.0011
1	TC[-]	-0.0757	9	AG[-]	-0.1764	14	GA[-]	-0.0742	8	5	0.1007	1	0.0015
2	TC[-]	-0.0034	8	AG[-]	-0.0932	13	GA[+]	0.0012	7	5	0.0899	1	0.0045
3	TC[+]	0.0909	11	AG[+]	0.0277	9	GA[+]	0.093	12	2	0.0632	1	0.0022
4	TC[+]	0.0655	13	AG[-]	-0.0406	3	GA[+]	0.0681	14	10	0.1061	1	0.0026
1	GA[-]	-0.0742	8	CT[-]	-0.1786	15	TC[-]	-0.0757	9	7	0.1045	1	0.0015
2	GA[+]	0.0012	7	CT[-]	-0.0919	11	TC[-]	-0.0034	8	4	0.0931	1	0.0045
3	GA[+]	0.093	12	CT[+]	0.0282	10	TC[+]	0.0909	11	2	0.0648	1	0.0022
4	GA[+]	0.0681	14	CT[-]	-0.0382	4	TC[+]	0.0655	13	10	0.1062	1	0.0026
1	GT[-]	-0.1143	13	CA[+]	0.1234	5	AC[-]	-0.112	12	8	0.2376	1	0.0023
2	GT[+]	0.1117	3	CA[-]	-0.1124	16	AC[+]	0.1136	2	13	0.2241	1	0.0019
3	GT[-]	-0.0698	4	CA[-]	-0.142	3	AC[-]	-0.0666	5	1	0.0722	1	0.0032
4	GT[+]	0.0335	11	CA[+]	0.076	15	AC[+]	0.0384	12	4	0.0425	1	0.0049
1	CA[+]	0.1234	5	GT[-]	-0.1143	13	TG[+]	0.1222	6	8	0.2376	1	0.0011
2	CA[-]	-0.1124	16	GT[+]	0.1117	3	TG[-]	-0.1089	15	13	0.2241	1	0.0034
3	CA[-]	-0.142	3	GT[-]	-0.0698	4	TG[-]	-0.1424	2	1	0.0722	1	0.0004
4	CA[+]	0.076	15	GT[+]	0.0335	11	TG[+]	0.0771	16	4	0.0425	1	0.0011
1	CT[-]	-0.1786	15	GA[-]	-0.0742	8	AG[-]	-0.1764	14	7	0.1045	1	0.0023
2	CT[-]	-0.0919	11	GA[+]	0.0012	7	AG[-]	-0.0932	13	4	0.0931	2	0.0013
3	CT[+]	0.0282	10	GA[+]	0.093	12	AG[+]	0.0277	9	2	0.0648	1	0.0005
4	CT[-]	-0.0382	4	GA[+]	0.0681	14	AG[-]	-0.0406	3	10	0.1062	1	0.0024
M		-0.0178	9.41		-0.0178	4.41		-0.0178	9.41	6.06	0.1172	1.06	0.0022
SD		0.0938	4.48		0.0938	4.48		0.0938	4.48	3.67	0.0679	0.24	0.0013
P t												1.10E-10	7.00E-14

Nomenclature as in Table 2. D Ind-Par = absolute distance Index-Par; D Ind -a-Par = absolute distance Index-a-Par

is in the first row of each set of viruses. Names are those used in current language and in GenBank and not necessarily scientific species nomenclature (excepting *SARS-CoV-2* and *E.coli*, see accession numbers of genomes).

These results were expected; ds DNA viruses showed

differences between I-Par larger than differences between I-a-Par. Cytomegalovirus had the largest difference very probably because it is the largest virus. On the contrary, ss DNA viruses disagreed with this tendency. *Penaeus monodon* did not present significant difference between I-Par and I-a-Par

**Table 5:** Means, standard deviations and t test probability for distances Index-Par and Index-a-Par. DNA viruses

	Indexes	Par	a-Par	D Ind - Par		D Ind - a-Par		Ind Par	Ind a-Par
	co-sel	co-sel	co-sel	D Si	D Se	D Si	D Se	AB Se	AB Se
Double stranded DNA viruses									
Human adenovirus C strain KF268127.1; 35,931 bp									
Mean	-0.0414	-0.0414	-0.0414	4.7188	0	3.5	0	0.0752	0.0417
SD	0.0649	0.0649	0.0649	2.2533	0.1002	1.7854	0.0456	0.0662	0.0184
Prob t					P t Si =	0.0107		P t Se =	0.0043
Human cytomegalovirus; 229,354 bp									
Mean	-0.0304	-0.0304	-0.0304	4.1875	0	11,875	0	0.0491	0.0088
SD	0.058	0.058	0.058	2.7207	0.0582	0.3903	0.0127	0.0312	0.0091
Prob t					P t Si =	4.10E-08		P t Se =	1.70E-09
Escherichia phage 2; 167,318 bp									
Mean	0.0089	0.0089	0.0089	4.75	0	2.625	0	0.0555	0.0346
SD	0.0554	0.0554	0.0554	3.0923	0.0745	1.9325	0.0512	0.0498	0.0378
Prob t					P t Si =	0.0009		P t Se =	0.0339
His2 virus; 16,067 bp									
Mean	0.05	0.05	0.05	3.5313	0	1.5313	0	0.07576	0.0368
SD	0.1099	0.1099	0.1099	2.1935	0.1026	0.8286	0.0441	0.0692	0.0244
Prob t					P t Si =	6.30E-06		P t Se =	0.0022
Single stranded DNA Viruses									
Penaeus monodon hepadensovirus 4; 6,310 b									
Mean	0.0186	0.0186	0.0186	5.25	0	4.875	0	0.1034	0.1016
SD	0.1034	0.1034	0.1034	3.4369	0.1507	3.2763	0.1341	0.1096	0.0875
Prob t					P t Si =	0.3308		P t Se =	0.4731
Escherichia phage phi-X174; 5,386 b									
Mean	0.0038	0.0038	0.0038	3.4375	0	7.125	0	0.1038	0.1721
SD	0.1174	0.1174	0.1174	2.0606	0.1343	2.966	0.2016	0.0852	0.1051
Prob t					P t Si =	1.90E-07		P t Se =	0.0033
Phage M13 Enterobacteria; 6,407 b									
Mean	-0.0271	-0.0271	-0.0271	4.3125	0	5.9375	0	0.0952	0.1062
SD	0.0939	0.0939	0.0939	3.0765	0.1309	3.7992	0.1442	0.0899	0.0975
Prob t					P t Si =	0.0345		P t Se =	0.3234

Nomenclature as in Table 2



**Table 6:** Means, standard deviations and t test probability for distances Index-Par and Index-a-Par. RNA viruses

	Indexes	Par	a-Par	D Ind - Par		D Ind - a-Par		Ind Par	Ind a-Par
	co-sel	co-sel	co-sel	D Si	D Se	D Si	D Se	AB Se	AB Se
Double stranded RNA Viruses									
Marmot picobirnaviridae; 4,579 bp									
Mean	0.0257	0.0257	0.0257	4.6875	0	4.0625	0	0.0837	0.0717
SD	0.0679	0.0679	0.0679	2.9521	0.1041	2.8607	0.0842	0.0619	0.0442
Prob t					P t Si =	0.2003		P t Se =	0.1907
Gentian Kobu virus; 22,711 bp									
Mean	0.0251	0.0251	0.0251	4.9375	0	2.3125	0	0.0758	0.0445
SD	0.0768	0.0768	0.0768	3.3998	0.1162	1.2609	0.0592	0.0881	0.039
Prob t					P t Si =	0.00005		P t Se =	0.0378
Single stranded RNA Viruses									
SARS-CoV-2 LR757998.1 Wuhan; 29,866 b									
Mean	0.0309	0.0309	0.0309	4.9375	0	5.3125	0	0.099	0.0844
SD	0.1099	0.1099	0.1099	2.3577	0.1196	3.0561	0.102	0.0672	0.0572
Prob t					P t Si =	0.2952		P t Se =	0.3626
Sindbis virus; 11,703 b									
Mean	0.0122	0.0122	0.0122	5.125	0	3.4375	0	0.081	0.0583
SD	0.0752	0.0752	0.0752	3.3889	0.0752	2.5365	0.1001	0.0588	0.0375
Prob t					P t Si =	0.0151		P t Se =	0.0376
HIV; 9,488 b									
Mean	-0.0021	-0.0021	-0.0021	6.875	0	4.6563	0	0.1994	0.0879
SD	0.112	0.112	0.112	3.8548	0.1904	2.9005	0.1111	0.118	0.0679
Prob t					P t Si =	0.0064		P t Se =	0.0073

Nomenclature as in Table 2

differences. However and unexpectedly Coliphage phi-X174 presented an inverse difference of the differences: I-Par difference is significant smaller than the I-a-Par difference.

Table 6 shows RNA viruses. In ds RNA viruses Marmot picobirnaviridae virus presented the expected larger difference in I-Par pair, but no significantly, while Gentian Kobu virus did. In this case, the small size of the viruses may explain the non-significant result. As expected the ss RNA virus SARS-CoV-2 did not presented difference between I-Par and I-a-Par, while Sindbis virus presented a small but significant difference and HIV virus a large and significant difference.

I mentioned these distances to neutral evolution were periodical. It seems important to examine whether these viromes present periodicity because this is the first time the method applies to a set of viruses. SARS-CoV-2 is periodical (C. Y. Valenzuela, submitted for publication) the 12 viromes

and *E coli* are in Table 7. The pivot distance (the largest) of the period is in italics it follows and precedes smaller values. Asterisks show the element of the series that do not accomplish partially or completely this criterion. The first three values and sometimes the six ones are influenced by the first and second values that have regulatory dinucleotides. Those values less than 17 are not significant and do not alter necessarily the periodicity in this set of values. This is because the variance of the test is  $2\chi^2 = 18.0$  and the SD is 4.243; random fluctuation near those values blurs the periodicity. Besides the  $\chi^2$  value is less significant in ss DNA or RNA and smaller viruses. Regardless these restrictions the periodicity is impressive. Moreover, we see that single or double stranded viruses that may incorporate to the host dsDNA present a clear periodicity similar as the host one without exceptions (HIV presents only one exception at Sep 23).

**Table 7:** Periodicities of distances to evolutionary neutrality in viromes and *E. coli* genome

Sep	Adenov	Cytome	Ph 2	His2	phiX	hepand	ph M13	marmot	Gentian	SARS	Sindbis	HIV	<i>E. coli</i>
0	509.1	2981.2	1237.4	306.6	132	196.2	144.9	41.5	684.3	1236.9	107.4	464.5	123230
1	140.3	1581.4	888.9	318.1	92.8	46.9	61.9	32.3	83.3	75.7	95.8	83.7	58312.6
2	424.2	3808.1	488.1	150.6	61	33.6	33.2	26.7	76.1	144	55.2	61.3	50623.7
3	44.3	379.9	432.3	73.5	53.6	10.9	24	10.8	38.7	69.5	24.9	22.4	18711.1
4	13.4	308.8	254.3	66.6	25.8	18.7	20.9	11.9	14.4	88.8	5.8	34.7	5443.7
5	413.2	2660.8	392	59.3*	47.6	18.4*	32.3	22.2	24.7	72.1*	15.7*	23.0*	8927.9
6	22	112.8	292.8	46	18.7	8.4	20.4	5.4	18.7	72.7	16.2	31.2	1363.4
7	23.6	61.6	247.3	78.9	29.9	17.7	11.4	7.8	8.2	44.9	16.3	11.4	2052.5
8	356.3	2419.4	523.6	120	87.2	30.8	50.8	8.5*	42.9	127.6	12.0*	45.9	10597
9	13.4	47.1	320.6	33.4	28.3	12.6	20.9	12.1	15.6	56	3.3	10	2138.6
10	9.3	112	309.2	17.3	40	13.7	26.5	15.5	29.4	40.4	14.7	18.9	2346
11	311	2530.4	583.1	95.1	68.4	29.7	60.6	20.6	53.2	131.6	24.3	47.2	16223.7
12	25.8	107.7	243.6	44.5	44.8	27	32.4	18.5	40.8	85.8	18.1	35.2	1986.7
13	13.5	51.7	213.1	36.4	28.1	6.1	26.1	13.1	12.4	70.3	19.8	15.1	1676.3
14	278.7	1978.6	468.1	64.6	47.9	32.8	72	18	9.4*	101.1	13.4*	23.9	9563.7
15	11.8	69.4	157.9	15.4	38.4	7.7	28.5	14.9	29.9	57.1	7.2	14.8	1647.4
16	18.6	88.9	200.7	25.5	46.9	15.5	35.2	9	25.9	61.4	31.7	17.2	2235.3
17	287.6	1989.8	423	54	49.6	22.6	52.4	12.4	42.7	86.4	18.1*	36.8	9725.6
18	3.4	38.2	155.4	16.8	25.7	9.2	39.9	7.1	15.5	46.5	9.3	10	1566.9
19	18.3	74.4	176.4	25.3	26.8	11.8	44.1	9.7	13.4	57.3	12.5	28	1940.5
20	254.3	1935	534.5	70.3	69.6	34.8	54.7	20.8	30	93.9	21.8	34.8	13582.1
21	24.4	82.5	183.1	28.9	20.7	17.4	20.8	18.2	27.5	87.4	11.2	7.4	2220.1
22	12	61.3	235.3	23	29.2	14.4	31.8	30.7	26.4	63.3	20.8	18	1661
23	225.4	1821.7	500.8	78.9	42.6	39.3	61.9	14.8*	25.6*	124.8	31.3	15.6*	12420.6
24	22.3	79.9	153.9	9.4	27	16.6	37.1	17	16.4	67.8	15.9	17.7	2320.9
25	15.1	57.1	190.1	12.5	31.3	19.6	20.4	7.3	17.1	54.7	20.9	8.9	1684.5
26	234.6	1651.8	482	68	42.6	37.9	58.6	25	20.2*	74.1	18.7*	18.4	10400.1
27	24.2	79.8	209	10.7	20.9	11.8	28.7	17.1	27.5	59.1	6.7	13.6	2078.5
28	22.4	51.8	240.3	14.6	27	11.3	20.3	18.1	5	45	15.5	9.1	1926.3
29	189.4	1805.1	456.9	72.5	59.4	10.6*	55.1	12.5*	34.2	64.2	18.5	22.4	10553.1
30	23.8	45.4	206	25.6	28.1	13.4	17.1	13.6	4.7	42.5	9.7	11.2	2215.2
31	15.7	44.4	180.8	19.9	27.6	17.4	14.4	15.9	14.1	40.2	6.9	7	1817.7
32	172.3	1593	534.8	62.2	65	15.8*	32.3	42.6	35.4	124.9	11.3	44.3	12264.9

In italics the largest distance among the triplet of the period measured by the total  $\chi^2$ . For names of viruses see Genomes. \*figure that does not fit partially or completely the condition of the largest distance

## Discussion

This is the first time this statistical tool is used to search for the single or double stranded nature of RNA and DNA viruses and their implications on evolution. Results are according to the theoretical expected behavior of ds or ss viruses with some important exceptions. Escherichia phage phi X174, a ss DNA virus presented a more similar selective profile between Indices and Par pairs than between Indices and a-Par pairs. A plausible explanation is the fact that this virus replicates by using a negative DNA strand after constructing a dsDNA [6, 7]. The Marmot Picobirnaviridae a dsRNA virus [8] shows a non-significant larger selective profile difference between I-Par than I-a-Par, this is perhaps it is a very small virus (4.579 bp). However, Gentician Kobu sho-associated virus also a dsRNA virus [9] according to the Oxford database shows a big significant difference as expected; however, other authors present it as an ssRNA virus [10]. According to my analysis, this virus behaves as an evolutionary or replicative dsRNA virus. Arguments in favor or against are present in these analyses and Tables but their study is OSA. In the group of ssRNA, viruses *SARS-CoV-2* did not presented differences between I-Par and I-a-Par pairs selective profiles, while Sindbis virus and HIV showed a significant difference where I-Par differences were larger than I-a-Par differences. This was more significant in HIV than in Sindbis virus perhaps for HIV is a retrovirus that exists as a double stranded DNA segment incorporated in the host DNA; however, Sindbis virus needs ds RNA phase in its replication cycle [11]. These data, methods and analyses were presented in international and national congresses [12, 13].

The present analyses indicate that the classification in single or double stranded DNA or RNA virus based on the virion physical constitution is useful but it does not include evolutionarily functional double or single stranded constitution mostly produced at the replicative or transcription stage of the viral vital cycle. This new conceptualization seems useful and offers a different understanding of the viral behavior and evolution, which is also useful in epidemiological studies. However, to analyze more precisely these hypotheses need a deep research (OSA).

As for the impressive periodicities, two hypotheses may be advanced. The structural hypothesis proposes these periodicities of the distance to neutrality originated in a basic property of nucleic acids that has different structural stability in triplets of nucleotides; triplets for the genetic code are a result of adaptation to this primary periodicity. The functional hypothesis proposes the periodicity has evolved as the genetic code installed. During and after this installation the genome segments (coding or non-coding for proteins) optimize an organization that dances at the rhythm of trinucleotides. Arguments in favor or against of these hypotheses are OSA.

## Conclusion

The comparisons of differences in selective profiles between an index (I) dinucleotide with its complementary parallel (Par) and anti-parallel (a-Par) dinucleotide informs on the double or single stranded (ds or ss) nature of the nucleic acid of any organism. The foundation of this discrimination happens because ds DNA or ds RNA have parallel and antiparallel strands that evolve together, but ss DNA or ss RNA do not. The single and double stranded evolutionary functional constitution of viruses appears as a useful tool to understand the life cycle of viruses and their epidemiological properties. The article demonstrates that this methods works without exceptions in the 13 examined genomes.

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