

1 **Adaptation of H9N2 AIV in guinea pigs enables efficient transmission by direct**
2 **contact and inefficient transmission by respiratory droplets**

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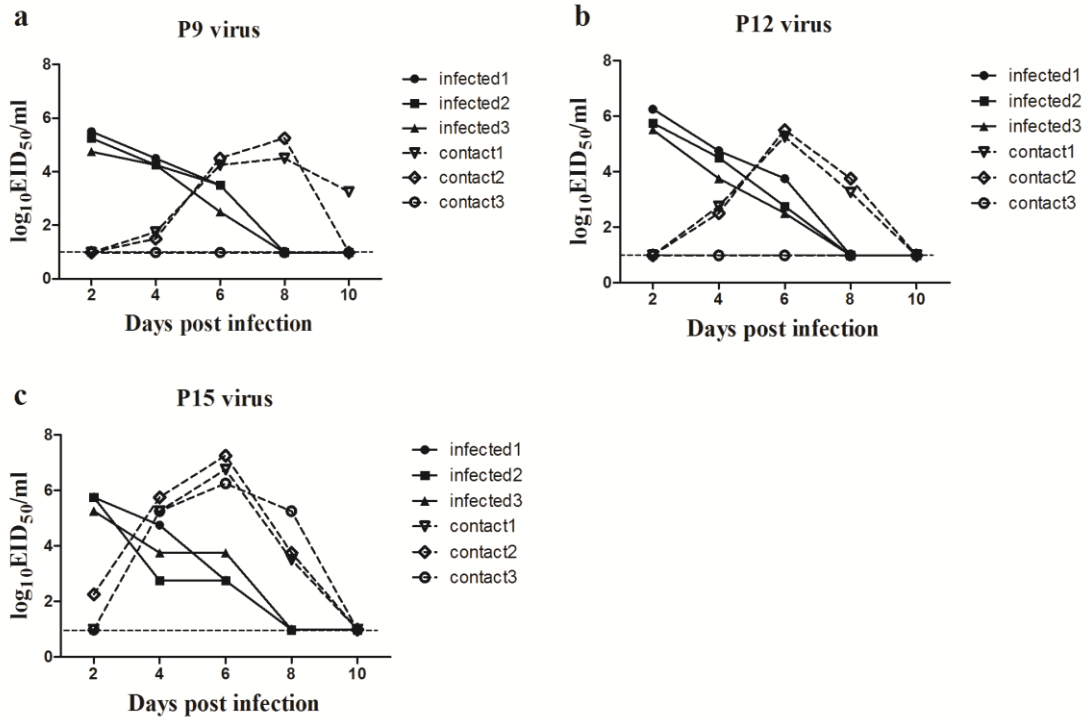
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3 **Figure S1. Transmission of guinea pig-adapted H9N2 AIV by direct contact.** Direct
4 contact-mediated transmission of guinea pig-adapted H9N2 virus was assessed using
5 viruses generated after 9 serial passages (P9, panel a), 12 serial passages (P12, panel b) and
6 15 serial passages (P15, panel c). Each line represents the virus titer for an individual
7 animal. The dashed lines indicate the lower limit of detection.



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