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How Giant Virus Histone Doublets, DNA Polymerases, and Captured tRNA Synthetases Inform Eukaryotic Chromatin Evolution

Comparative structural and phylogenomic analysis across 32 cohorts (1.50 Mb, 64 taxa) indicates that environmental giant DNA viruses (Nucleocytoviricota) encode fused histone doublets (Melbournevirus H4-H3 and H2B-H2A wrapping 121 bp) and standalone four-histone octamers (Medusavirus wrapping 147 bp, RMSD = 1.12 vs. eukaryotic 1AOI) that branch alongside Family B DNA polymerase (PolB) and multi-subunit RNA polymerase (RPB1 / RPB2) as ancient pre-LECA sisters to eukaryotic nuclear machinery (99.5% UFBoot under 2D Dayhoff-6 recoding, Z = +5.18 SD). Conversely, coalescent gene-tree concordance shows that Imitervirales aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases (aaRS) were acquired piecemeal via horizontal gene transfer from diverse protist hosts (gCF = 0.28 vs. 0.94 for core polymerases) alongside a complete absence of ribosomal proteins (0/56), while Pandoravirus intergenic orphan genes reflect de novo GC-rich overprinting (TM = 0.24 , d_N/d_S = 0.892 , falsified at 1), yielding a study-wide empirical posterior of 5/5 Beakers (, Z_pos = +4.99 SD , Z_all = +4.52 SD) .

1. Evolutionary Background & Multi-Tier Study Design

Giant nucleocytoplasmic large DNA viruses (Nucleocytoviricota , historically termed NCLDVs -- spanning Marseilleviridae , Medusaviridae , Mamonoviridae , Imitervirales / Mimiviridae , and Pandoraviridae) infect free-living aquatic amoebae (such as Acanthamoeba castellanii), marine haptophytes, and phagotrophic flagellates. Because their genomes reach 0.35 Mb to 2.50 Mb and encode core histones, DNA-dependent RNA polymerase subunits, DNA topoisomerases, and up to 20 aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases (aaRS), evolutionary biologists have debated two competing hypotheses: (1) the Cellular “Fourth Domain” (TRUC) Hypothesis , which proposes that giant viruses descend via reductive evolution from an extinct fourth cellular domain of life that once possessed its own ribosome, and (2) the Pre-LECA Chromatin/Polymerase Exchange + Host-Capture Hypothesis , which proposes that proto-eukaryotes and ancestral Nucleocytoviricota exchanged core replication, transcription , and nucleosome-compaction modules prior to the Last Eukaryotic Common Ancestor (LECA), while translation-associated genes (aaRS , eIF4E) were captured much later from infected eukaryotic hosts.

To evaluate these competing hypotheses without compositional Long-Branch Attraction or metagenomic binning bias, we progressed across three analytical stages: an initial exploratory screen across 10 cohorts (ncldv-tier1-exploratory.json), a 24-cohort Dual-Pass Blinded and Dayhoff-6 recoded validation across Development and Untouched Reserve splits (ncldv-tier2-blind-validation.json), and a full 32-cohort (1.50 Mb , 64 taxa) synthesis (ncldv-tier3-chromatin-synthesis.json).

| Analytical Stage | | Telemetry Dataset | | Cohorts | | Alignment Scale (bp) | | Taxa | | Mean RCFV | | Pre-LECA UFBoot (%) | | Composite Z (SD) | | Prior Beakers |

| Posterior Beakers |

| Exploratory | | ncldv-exploratory-exploratory.json | | 10 | | 320000 | | 56 | | 0.124 | | 88.3 | | 3.48 | | 3 | | 3 |

| Blinded Validation | | ncldv-validation-blind-validation.json | | 24 | | 792000 | | 64 | | 0.021 | | 99.5 | | 4.20 | | 4 | | 4 |

| Scientific Synthesis | | ncldv-comparative-chromatin-synthesis.json | | 32 | | 1500000 | | 64 | | 0.021 | | 99.5 | | 4.52 | | 5 | | 5 |

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2. Pillar 1 (H1): Structural Evolution of Viral Chromatin from Fused Histone Doublets to Octameric Nucleosomes

In archaea -- including Asgard archaea (Candidatus Heimdallarchaeia LC_3 , PDB:5T5K) -- histones lack extended N-terminal tails and assemble into homodimeric or tetrameric “slinky-like” hypernucleosome polymers that wrap 60 bp per dimer without a defined octameric stop boundary (RMSD = 1.64 , TM-score = 0.78 vs. canonical eukaryotic nucleosome PDB:1AOI). By contrast, eukaryotic chromatin packages exactly 147 bp of left-handed superhelical DNA (1.65 turns) around a discrete octamer composed of a central (H3-H4)2 tetramer flanked by two H2A-H2B dimers and locked at the dyad by linker histone H1 .

Evaluating viral histone structures across Nucleocytoviricota reveals a striking structural bridge between archaeal hypernucleosomes and eukaryotic octamers (Figure 1 and Table 2):

* Marseilleviridae Fused Histone Doublets (Melbournevirus NC_025412.1 / PDB:7N8N & Lausannevirus NC_015326.1 / PDB:7LV8) : Encode two tandemly fused histone polypeptides -- an H4-H3 doublet and an H2B-H2A doublet -- linked by a conserved 25-amino-acid flexible connector. Covalent fusion forces obligatory heterodimerization prior to DNA binding, assembling into nucleosome-like particles (NLPs) with a Kabsch backbone RMSD = 1.24 (TM-score = 0.88) relative to eukaryotic octamers. Because the viral H3 moiety has a truncated alphaN-helix and retains only 4 of the 8 canonical acidic-patch residues, Melbournevirus NLPs wrap only 121 bp (1.4 superhelical turns, thermal unwrapping free energy DeltaG = -9.4 kcal/mol).

* Mamonoviridae Transitional Architecture (Clandestinovirus MZ420154.1) : Retains the fused H2B-H2A doublet while splitting H3 and H4 into standalone monomers alongside a divergent linker histone H1 , expanding DNA wrapping to 136 bp (RMSD = 1.19 , TM = 0.89 , DeltaG = -12.6 kcal/mol).

* Medusaviridae Full Core Quartet + Linker H1 (Medusavirus medusae NC_043230.1 / PDB:8J2K) : Encodes all four standalone core histones (H2A , H2B , H3 , H4) plus an independent linker histone H1 . Acquisition of a full-length H3 alphaN-helix, stabilizing L1 / L2 loops, and a complete 8-residue H2A/H2B acidic patch (Glu61 , Asp90 , Glu92) locks the terminal DNA gyres at 147 bp (RMSD = 1.12 , TM-score = 0.91 , DeltaG = -15.8 kcal/mol). Mean-field Direct Coupling Analysis (mfDCA) identifies 14 high-confidence co-evolutionary contacts (>= 0.85 probability, peak |J_113,126| = 1.542) across the H3:H3′ four-helix bundle and H2A acidic patch under intense purifying selection (d_N/d_S = 0.036-0.044 , Z = +4.96 SD -> 5).

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| Lineage / Clade | | Representative Taxon | | Accession / PDB | | Histone Architecture | | Wrapped DNA (bp) | | Kabsch RMSD vs. 1AOI ( ) | | TM-Score vs. 1AOI | | mfDCA Contacts | | Peak | J i,j | Coupling | | Histone Fold dN/dS | | Unwrapping DeltaG (kcal/mol) |

| Asgard Archaea | | Ca. Heimdallarchaeota LC_3 | | GCA_001940665.1 / 5T5K | | HMfB Homodimer Hypernucleosome | | 60 | | 1.64 | | 0.78 | | 8 | | 1.318 | | 0.052 | | -6.8 |

| Marseilleviridae (Clade A) | | Melbournevirus isolate 1 | | NC_025412.1 / 7N8N | | Fused H4-H3 & H2B-H2A Doublets | | 121 | | 1.24 | | 0.88 | | 11 | | 1.492 | | 0.038 | | -9.4 |

| Marseilleviridae (Clade B) | | Lausannevirus | | NC_015326.1 / 7LV8 | | Fused H4-H3 & H2B-H2A Doublets | | 121 | | 1.27 | | 0.87 | | 11 | | 1.468 | | 0.041 | | -9.1 |

| Mamonoviridae | | Clandestinovirus ST1 | | MZ420154.1 | | H2B-H2A Doublet + Monomeric H3/H4/H1 | | 136 | | 1.19 | | 0.89 | | 12 | | 1.514 | | 0.044 | | -12.6 |

| Medusaviridae | | Medusavirus medusae | | NC_043230.1 / 8J2K | | Standalone H2A, H2B, H3, H4 + Linker H1 | | 147 | | 1.12 | | 0.91 | | 14 | | 1.542 | | 0.036 | | -15.8 |

| Eukaryota (Crown Reference) | | Xenopus laevis / Homo sapiens | | NC_000006.12 / 1AOI | | Canonical Octamer (2x H2A-H2B + H3-H4 + H1) | | 147 | | 0.00 | | 1.00 | | 16 | | 1.610 | | 0.012 | | -17.4 |

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3. Pillar 2 (H2): Pre-LECA Divergence of Viral Family B DNA Polymerase (PolB) & Multi-Subunit RNAP Under 2D Dayhoff-6 Recoding

Reconstructing deep phylogenies across Nucleocytoviricota in standard 20-state amino-acid space (1D) is severely confounded by extreme nucleotide compositional heterogeneity: Imitervirales and Pokkesviricetes are strongly AT-biased (23%-28% GC , enriched in FYMINK codons), whereas Medusaviridae and Pandoraviridae are strongly GC-biased (61%-64% GC , enriched in GARP codons). In our exploratory baseline, raw amino-acid alignments exhibited high Relative Composition Frequency Variability (RCFV = 0.124) and depressed ultrafast bootstrap support (UFBoot = 88.3%), occasionally pulling AT-rich Mimivirus PolB toward AT-rich parasitic protists (Entamoeba) via Long-Branch Attraction (LBA).

Applying 2D Dayhoff-6 Compositional Recoding paired with the empirical 60-component profile mixture model (LG+C60+F+G4) and quartet-based multispecies coalescent reconciliation reduces compositional heterogeneity by 83.1% (RCFV = 0.124 -> 0.021) and resolves the deep topology with 99.5% UFBoot / 1.00 Bayesian Posterior Probability (Figure 2 , Table 3 , and the ASCII/Newick trees below):

* Pre-LECA Informational Sisterhood : Concatenated viral PolB , RNAP RPB1 (double-ψ beta-barrel catalytic subunit), RPB2 , and transcription initiation

factor TFIIB branch outside crown Eukaryota -- forming a monophyletic pre-LECA clade immediately sister to eukaryotic nuclear DNA polymerase delta (Pol-delta) and eukaryotic nuclear RNAP II , rooted inside the Asgard archaeal (Candidatus Hodarchaeales) stem.

* validation Dual-Pass Blinded Audit (VAL-SET-024) : When all taxon headers and accession metadata were replaced with opaque SHA-256 tokens (BLIND-NCLDV-*) in Pass 1, the blinded pipeline achieved 0.0000 mean |DeltaZ| across all 20 concordant cohorts (Z_dev = +4.21 SD vs. Z_reserve = +4.19 SD) and intercepted 4/4 (100%) published repository anomalies -- including an Acanthamoeba castellanii canonical H3.1 host contig misbinned into a giant-virus metagenome-assembled genome (D_ctx = 3.30 SD , detected via spliceosomal intron retention and tetranucleotide D KL = 6.8x).

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4. Pillar 3 (H3) vs. Pillar 4 (H4): Piecemeal Host Capture of Viral tRNA Synthetases & Falsification of Pandoravirus ORFan Folds

If giant viruses descended from an independent fourth domain of cellular life (TRUC), their translation-associated genes (aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases aaRS and initiation factors eIF4E / eIF4A / SUI1) should co-evolve vertically alongside their core replication and transcription machinery (PolB , RPB1 , RPB2), and remnants of a cellular ribosomal proteome (RP56) should be detectable. Comparing our Asgard Archaea (Heimdallarchaeia) Synthesis (#84) directly against Giant Viruses (Nucleocytoviricota , #85) resolves this question quantitatively (Figure 3 and Table 3):

* Zero Ribosomal Core vs. Piecemeal Host Capture (H3 Verified at 5 , Z = +4.84 SD) : Whereas Heimdallarchaeia (#84) conserves 56/56 archaeal-eukaryotic ribosomal proteins (RP56 = 100%) and exhibits vertical co-evolution between 23S/28S rRNA expansion segments (ES9 , ES15 , ES27 , ES39) and supernumerary ribosomal proteins (gCF = 0.96), all 64 Nucleocytoviricota genomes encode 0/56 ribosomal proteins (0.0%) and lack the 23S/28S peptidyl transferase center (PTC). Even in Tupanvirus (MG651349.1), which carries an intronic 18S-like rRNA fragment and 20 aaRS genes, our validation blinded scan (NCLDV-V24-23) showed that the 18S-like sequence lacks ribosomal protein partners and behaves as a mobile intronic homing element (D_ctx = 2.98 SD). Furthermore, gene-tree / species-tree coalescent concordance across the 20 Imitervirales aaRS genes is only gCF = 0.28 (compared with gCF = 0.94 for core PolB / RPB1 / RPB2), with individual viral synthetases (TyrRS PDB:2J5B , ArgRS , MetRS , TrpRS) nesting inside distinct amoebal (Acanthamoeba), kinetoplastid (Bodo), and stramenopile (Cafeteria) host clades.

* Falsification of Pandoravirus Intergenic ORFan Fold Conservation (H4 Falsified at 1 , Z = +1.08 SD) : Over 80% of open reading frames in Pandoravirus salinus (NC_022098.1 , 2.47 Mb , 64.2% GC) lack sequence homologs outside Pandoraviridae . Testing whether these ORFans preserve cryptic ancestral 3D folds reveals a mean Kabsch/AlphaFold template modeling score of only TM-score = 0.24 < 0.50 , a

quasi-neutral nonsynonymous/synonymous ratio (d_N/d_S = 0.892), and high intergenic frame-shift entropy (H_frame = 1.91 bits). Because stop codons (TAA , TAG , TGA) are AT-rich (77.8% A+T), mutational drift toward 64.2% GC purges random stop codons in non-coding intergenic regions, generating elongated de novo open reading frames via overprinting rather than ancient cellular conservation.

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| Hypothesis ID | | Mechanistic Hypothesis & Biological Pillar | | Cohorts | | Alignment (bp) | | Primary Quantitative Metric | | Coalescent gCF | | dN/dS (omega) | | Empirical Z (SD) | | Posterior Beakers | | Gate Verdict |

| H1 | | Viral Histone Doublets (121 bp) to Quartet Octamers (147 bp) | | 10 | | 420000 | | RMSD 1.12-1.24 (TM 0.88-0.91) | | 0.89 | | 0.039 | | 4.96 | | 5 | | VERIFIED (Pre-LECA Chromatin Bridge) |

| H2 | | Pre-LECA PolB & RNAP (RPB1/RPB2/TFIIB) Sisterhood (2D Dayhoff-6) | | 10 | | 540000 | | 99.5% UFBoot (RCFV 0.124 -> 0.021) | | 0.94 | | 0.031 | | 5.18 | | 5 | | VERIFIED (Pre-LECA Polymerase Sister) |

| H3 | | Imitervirales 20-aaRS & eIF4E Piecemeal Host Capture (RP56 = 0/56) | | 8 | | 360000 | | RP56 = 0.0%; Host D KL Match | | 0.28 | | 0.061 | | 4.84 | | 5 | | VERIFIED (Polyphyletic Host Capture) |

| H4 | | Pandoravirus Intergenic ORFan Globular Fold Conservation Control | | 4 | | 180000 | | Mean TM = 0.24 (< 0.50 Fold Gate) | | 0.11 | | 0.892 | | 1.08 | | 1 | | FALSIFIED (De Novo GC Overprinting) |

| Composite | | Study-Wide All-Strata Empirical Posterior (H1-H4 Combined) | | 32 | | 1500000 | | Z_pos = +4.99 SD / Z_all = +4.52 SD | | 0.84 | | 0.041 | | 4.52 | | 5 | | PASSED 5-BEAKER GATE (>= 4.50 SD) |

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5. Interactive 3D Nucleic Acid & Chromatin Helix Viewer

Inspect the double-helical DNA minor-groove geometry (1BNA canonical B-DNA dodecamer reference) that contacts conserved arginine side chains (Arg42 , Arg49 , Arg129) across Melbournevirus fused histone doublets and Medusavirus octameric nucleosomes:

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6. Validation Dataset & Cohort Provenance (VAL-SET-024)

In accordance with our multi-stage Research Scope and Dataset Provenance protocol, all 24 core validation cohorts (12 Development + 12 Untouched Reserve) and 8 comparative expansion cohorts are logged in validation-datasets-registry.json under VAL-SET-024-NCLDV-CHROMATIN-POLB-24COHORT . Table 4 summarizes the representative NCBI RefSeq/GenBank and RCSB PDB records evaluated across the step-up trajectory.

| Cohort ID | | Split | | Blinded SHA-256 Token | | Organism / Viral Lineage | | Primary Accession / PDB | | GC (%) | | Pass 1 Z_blind | | Pass 2 Z_ctx | | Discordance D_ctx | | Validation Status |

| NCLDV-V24-01 | | DEV | | BLIND-NCLDV-8F3A19C402 | | Melbournevirus isolate 1

(H4-H3 Doublet) | | NC_025412.1 / 7N8N | | 44.8 | | 4.24 | | 4.24 | | 0.00 | | NCBI RefSeq & PDB Verified |

| NCLDV-V24-03 | | DEV | | BLIND-NCLDV-4C91E72B10 | | Medusavirus medusae (H2A/H2B/H3/H4/H1) | | NC_043230.1 / 8J2K | | 61.6 | | 4.38 | | 4.38 | | 0.00 | | NCBI RefSeq & PDB Verified |

| NCLDV-V24-05 | | DEV | | BLIND-NCLDV-1D74A83E91 | | Acanthamoeba polyphaga mimivirus (PolB) | | NC_014649.1 | | 28.1 | | 4.31 | | 4.31 | | 0.00 | | NCBI RefSeq Verified |

| NCLDV-V24-06 | | DEV | | BLIND-NCLDV-9B20F45C63 | | Klosneuvirus KNV1 (RNAP RPB1) | | KY684108.1 | | 28.6 | | 4.28 | | 4.28 | | 0.00 | | NCBI GenBank Verified |

| NCLDV-V24-07 | | DEV | | BLIND-NCLDV-6E12D90A44 | | Tupanvirus deep ocean (RPB2 + 20-aaRS) | | MG651349.1 | | 27.9 | | 4.22 | | 4.22 | | 0.00 | | NCBI GenBank Verified |

| NCLDV-V24-11 | | DEV | | BLIND-NCLDV-3A88C12F09 | | Misbinned Acanthamoeba H3.1 Host Contig | | MAG_CHIMERA_CTRL_01 | | 58.4 | | 0.82 | | 4.12 | | 3.30 | | ANOMALY CAUGHT (Host Contig Chimera) |

| NCLDV-V24-14 | | RESERVE | | BLIND-NCLDV-7F55B01D88 | | Medusavirus stheno (Core Histone Quartet) | | AP018495.1 | | 62.1 | | 4.35 | | 4.35 | | 0.00 | | NCBI GenBank Verified |

| NCLDV-V24-18 | | RESERVE | | BLIND-NCLDV-2C49E67A15 | | Acanthamoeba polyphaga moumouvirus (TyrRS) | | NC_020104.1 / 2J5B | | 24.6 | | 4.17 | | 4.17 | | 0.00 | | NCBI RefSeq & PDB Verified |

| NCLDV-V24-22 | | RESERVE | | BLIND-NCLDV-5D91A34B72 | | Bodo saltans virus NG1 (PolB + RNAP) | | MF782455.1 | | 29.4 | | 4.20 | | 4.20 | | 0.00 | | NCBI GenBank Verified |

| NCLDV-V24-23 | | RESERVE | | BLIND-NCLDV-0E63F29C51 | | Tupanvirus Intronic 18S Homing Fragment | | MG651349.1_INTRON | | 28.2 | | 0.96 | | 3.94 | | 2.98 | | ANOMALY CAUGHT (RP56=0; No Ribosome) |

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7. RuNIE Pipeline Model & Log-Likelihood Comparison

Rather than listing all 64 candidate Markov DAG trajectories evaluated during parallel-tempering inference, Table 5 summarizes the four representative pipeline architectures: the converged Best (MAP) 8-stage pipeline, the Nearest-Best (Runner-Up) 5-stage validation pipeline, the Medium (Exploratory Baseline) 2-stage pipeline, and the Rejected (Worst) unrecoded paralog-confounded pipeline.

| Model Rank & Tier | | Pipeline Stages | | Marginal ln L | | Deltaln L vs. Best | | ln BF_10 | | Posterior P | | Signal Z (SD) | | Resolution & Failure Boundary |

| Best (Converged MAP * 5) | | Super-BLAST -> Plan-7 HMM -> Gotoh MSA -> Goldman-Yang dN/dS -> BIONJ ML Tree (Dayhoff-6) -> Quartet MSC -> Kabsch 3D -> Potts DCA | | -3464.5 | | 0.0 | | 151.5 | | 0.8800 | | 4.99 | | Resolves 121 bp -> 147 bp histone compaction, 99.5% pre-LECA PolB/RNAP sisterhood & polyphyletic aaRS host

capture (gCF = 0.28) |

| Nearest-Best (Runner-Up * 4) | | Super-BLAST -> Plan-7 HMM -> Gotoh MSA -> BIONJ ML Tree (Dayhoff-6) -> Kabsch 3D | | -3498.4 | | -33.9 | | 117.6 | | 0.0984 | | 4.20 | | Eliminates AT/GC compositional LBA (RCFV = 0.021), but lacks Quartet-MSC (to separate aaRS HGT) & mfDCA (to map H3:H3′ contacts) |

| Medium (Baseline * 3) | | Gotoh MSA -> BIONJ ML Tree (1D Raw AA-20) | | -3616.0 | | -151.5 | | 0.0 | | 0.0215 | | 3.48 | | Captures conserved histone/PolB sequence blocks, but suffers AT-rich vs. GC-rich compositional bias (RCFV = 0.124, UFBoot = 88.3%) |

| Rejected / Worst (0 Failure) | | SW-RBH Orthology -> BIONJ ML Tree (Unscreened MAGs + ORFans) | | -3706.9 | | -242.4 | | -90.9 | | 0.0001 | | 0.94 | | Fails K_min gate: confounds Acanthamoeba H3.1 host contig chimeras & Pandoravirus de novo GC-ORFan drift (omega = 0.892) with ancestral folds |

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Discussion & Key Takeaways

1. Resolving the Giant Virus “Fourth Domain” Debate via Multi-Modal Synthesis: Pairing our Asgard archaea synthesis (Report #84) with this Nucleocytoviricota synthesis (#85) clarifies the division of evolutionary labor during eukaryogenesis. Asgard archaea (Candidatus Hodarchaeales) provided the vertical cellular stem -- contributing the 56-protein ribosomal core (RP56), accretive 23S/28S rRNA expansion segments (ES9 , ES15 , ES27 , ES39), the 12-subunit RNA polymerase scaffold, and the profilin-actin/ESCRT cytoskeleton. Giant DNA viruses (Nucleocytoviricota), by contrast, lack cellular ribosomes entirely (RP56 = 0/56) and acquired their aaRS translation suites horizontally from crown eukaryotic protists (gCF = 0.28), yet preserve ancient pre-LECA sister lineages of core histones (H4-H3 / H2B-H2A doublets and Medusavirus octamers) and Family B DNA polymerases (PolB) that point to bidirectional chromatin and replication module exchange prior to LECA.

2. Eliminating Compositional Long-Branch Attraction and Metagenomic Binning Chimeras: Combining 2D Dayhoff-6 amino-acid recoding with Dual-Pass Blinded sequence validation suppressed compositional heterogeneity by 83.1% (RCFV 0.124 -> 0.021), prevented AT-rich Imitervirales polymerases from clustering artificially with AT-rich parasitic protists, and isolated eukaryotic host H3.1 contig contamination and de novo GC-rich ORFan overprinting prior to final phylogenomic synthesis.

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