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## Computational prediction of Chlamydia polymorphic membrane protein as a potential diagnostic markers for Bovine Trichomonosis

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**Abstract.** Bovine Trichomonosis is the most neglected venereal disease of cattle in India. Identifying the infected bull or cow and isolating from the herd are the only available control strategies. Till today, there are no simple, inexpensive rapid kits developed for Identification of *Trichomonas foetus* infection. Transcriptomics and proteomics based data of the casual agent as well as comparative genomics based approach to screen for similar data of *Trichomonas vaginalis*, a closely related human parasite were analyzed to identify Adhesin proteins. TMMHM tool revealed them to be as transmembrane protein and as membrane associated protein respectively. These proteins were also analyzed using Epitope Prediction and Analysis Tools in Immune Epitope Database Analysis Resource. Adhesin proteins contain several large continuous epitopes which suggest that they can be exploited for developing point of care diagnostics

Key words: B-Cell epitope prediction, Trans membrane domains, Point of care diagnostics, Comparative genomics

### Back ground

India is the leading country in the world with regard to cattle population. Live stock is threatened by several diseases, droughts and other environments stress. [1] There exists huge disparity with the as low as the existing fertility rate of cattle of 35% to the rapid increase in the demand for animal based products.[2],[3] Though the natural breeding methods are being replaced by Artificial insemination, the practice of semen screening for sexually transmitted diseases is posing great loss. [1]

Trichomonosis has wide spread epidemiology in the world.[4] Bovine Trichomonosis is the most neglected venereal disease of cattle in India. *Trichomonas foetus*, the casual agent of the disease is a single cellular parasite exists mostly in trophozoite form[5] and some times as pseudocyst.[6] Early abortions in cows and prescence of large number of unbred cows in the herd is the indication of Trichomonosis.[7], [8], [9], [10] Identifying the infected bull or cow and isolating from the herd are the only available control strategies.[11] Till today, there are no simple, inexpensive rapid kits developed for Identification of *Trichomonas foetus* infection. We hypothesized that, screening of transcriptomics and proteomics based data of the casual agent as well as comparative genomics based approach to screen for similar data of *Trichomonas vaginalis*, a closely related human parasite would enable to identify potential markers.

## Materials and methods

Extensive literature survey in Pubmed was carried out to search for Transcriptomics and proteomics studies of *Trichomonas foetus* and *Trichomonas vaginalis*. Screening and listing of highly expressed surface proteins, virulent proteins proposed to be involved in pathogenesis of Bovine Trichomonosis was done.[12],[13],[14],[15],[16], Proposed potential virulent proteins of *T.vaginalis* are subjected to BLAST analysis to compare and identify the corresponding proteins of *T.foetus*. [17],[18] Obtained the accession numbers for corresponding highly expressed transcripts, ESTs and proteins in *T.foetus* and *T.vaginalis* from NCBI proteins data base. Downloaded the corresponding FASTA formats.[19]

Confirmation of listed proteins as potential putative surface proteins was done using TMMHM.[20]FASTA sequences of the proteins were submitted to “TMHMM Server v. 2.0” for prediction of transmembrane helices in proteins. Output was obtained with graphics. Analyzed the FASTA sequences for the putative antigenic domains of the listed virulent proteins using “Epitope Prediction and Analysis Tools” in “Immune Epitope Database Analysis Resource”. [21] “B Cell Epitope Prediction Tools” were used to identify the putative antigenic domains of proteins, which are more likely to be recognized as epitopes with regard to antibodies produced by B cell response. The “BepiPred-2.0” server was used to predict B-cell epitopes from the FASTA sequence of the protein.

## Results and discussion

Chlamydia polymorphic membrane protein are the consistently highly expressed. Proteins in several transcriptomics and proteomics studies of *Trichomonas foetus*. BLAST analysis with *Trichomonas vaginalis* proteins revealed that there exists considerable similarity.

### *Retrieving FASTA Sequence*

FASTA sequence of Chlamydia polymorphic membrane protein with NCBI Protein accession number OHS93232.1 was obtained.

>OHS93232.1 hypothetical protein TRFO\_40483 [Trichomonas foetus]

MSKENRPNFKDLKDTTLDIDNKFRKLDRFSSQSFNKRTERSYLESVVYITSTSF  
TECFSYGSTYFLGC

GGAIFLCNSQLSIKGNTLFTKNSARVGGAGLYASNVFIEGSSSSLVKFTSNKADF  
LGGAIFSTQGDSDD

MKAQNFFQISFCDFGTGNEAKEISGAVCIYSVFDSWIDHCIFDNNRAQHLGALGF  
YNCQGMFVFKSTFVN

NTSGHRAFIQSNSFQPYQLKSFRKLNHLKGGGGIFVQVKENTRKDLTSDDYRAK  
LVFATQHCFANNTCD

SKLRTEPYNQGFIDILFGGIVTYQSYTDIFLNVKNVSLGGHMNTDFIFAGTTFYDQ  
DTEWDTLTSNINQFF

MVEERFPNLKSDIYDKLSVDKYEWPTAALTDIPAGPVNNAADSIDNNDLPAN  
TAPATKLPERTTRGGQ

PAASTILPEWHVSSVSRTVHYVSPSMSPTESPTESATESATESPTESPTESATESAT  
ESPTESPTESATE

SPTESPTESATXSATESPTESPTESATESATESPTESPTESATESATESPTESPTESAT  
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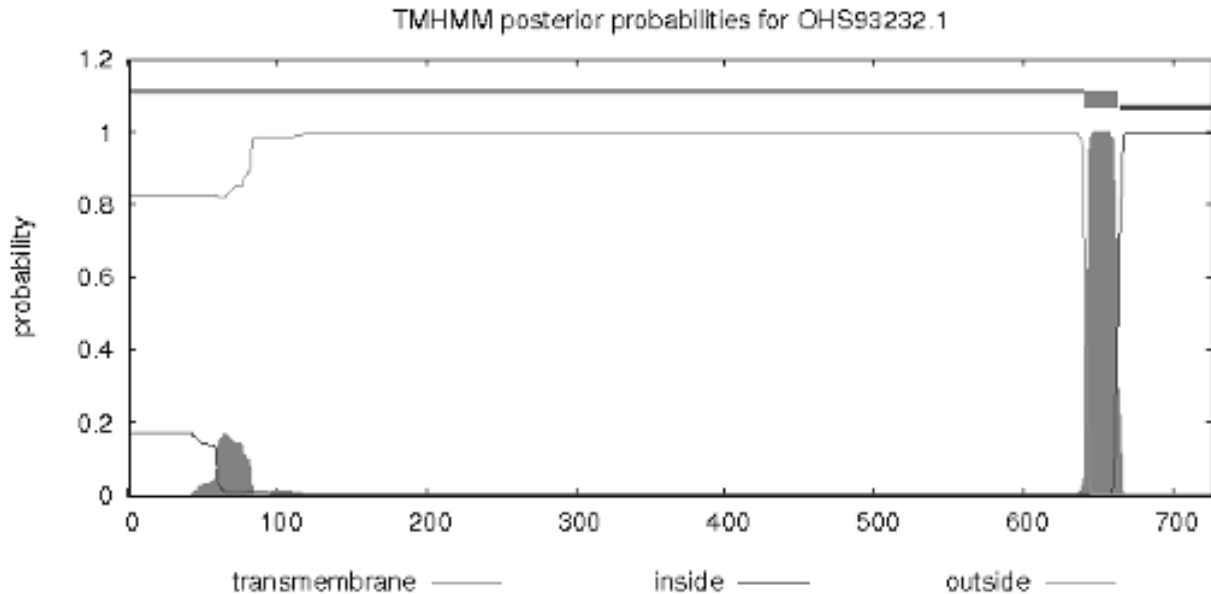
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DRPETRMSNTETMSV

VSMNDTIDDPFAEDFDENIIQICAPL

Genpept data sheet revealed that, It is a huge protein with 726 amino acids.

#### *Membrane protein prediction*

TMHMM analysis reveals that it has single trans membrane domain with a large extracellular domain measuring 726 amino acids shown in the fig.1.



**Figure.1 TMHMM analysis Chlamydia polymorphic membrane protein of T.foetus**

#### *Immunogenic domain analysis*

Immunogenic nature of the protein was analyzed by IEDB resource, which is freely available resource for prediction of immunogenic domains maintained by National institute of Allergy and Infectious diseases, USA. B-Cell linear epitope prediction tools reveal that Chlamydia polymorphic membrane protein has several large antigenic domains at 0.500 threshold value shown in Fig.2, with the largest epitope domain measuring 333 amino acids shown in the Fig 3

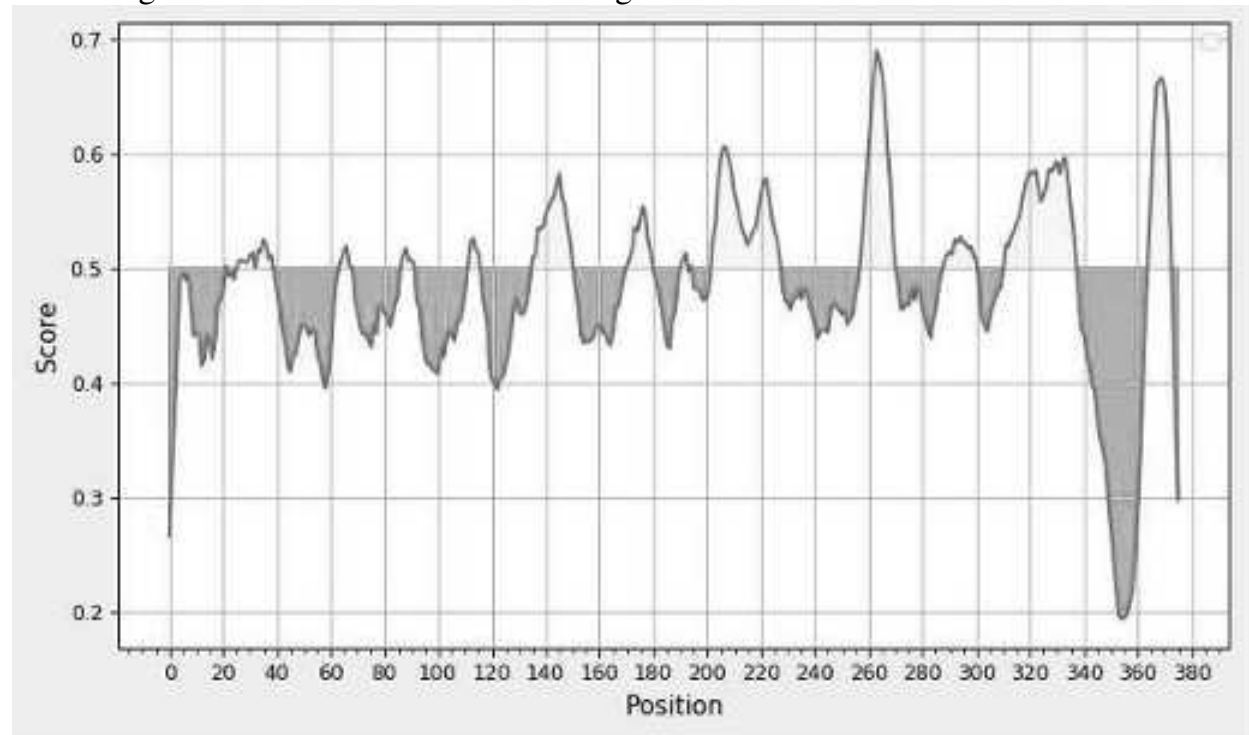


Figure.2 Graphic representations of epitope domains of Chlamydia polymorphic membrane protein of *T.foetus*

Average: 0.481 Minimum: 0.194 Maximum: 0.689

Predicted peptides:

No.	Start	End	Peptide	Length
1	22	22	C	1
2	27	39	KWIVSKFVPOYNF	13
3	64	68	TNSTG	5
4	87	92	IKTYKD	6
5	112	116	INTEG	5
6	136	151	NSINQMILLKSSGEGS	16
7	171	180	QSEAAVVEGK	10
8	191	193	VEY	3
9	195	195	K	1
10	203	228	SHSMADIGTALFYSSYHSSITTKSEG	26
11	258	270	AAQWQDEGSNGG	13
12	289	301	ADDSNLTLTVAS	13
13	312	338	LVIKKQSEDDGEDIPTDKSQTLNRH	27
14	365	373	KKRNQSPGF	9

**Figure.3** Antigenic domains of Chlamydia polymorphic membrane protein of *T.foetus*

The above graphic representation in Fig2. clearly indicates that adhesions have several antigenic domains shown above the threshold value. There are several larger domains between 203-228 amino acids and 312-338 amino acids. The region between 200 and 340 are more suitable domains that can be used to produce recombinant proteins for use in diagnostics..

### Conclusion and future prospects

Chlamydia polymorphic membrane proteins of *T.vaginalis* are well known surface proteins mediate host-pathogen interactions and cell aggregations leading to virulence. These Proteins were found to be mediating the initial binding of the obligate intracellular pathogen and eventual invasion into the host cell. Chlamydia polymorphic membrane protein are the consistently highly expressed in several transcriptomics and proteomics studies of *Trichomonas foetus*. Both the proteins contain several large continuous epitopes. Both the proteins are highly immunogenic in nature, which suggest that they can be exploited for developing point of care diagnostics like, Lateral flow assay (LFA) Rapid kits to be useful for screening for *Trichomonas foetus* infection in resource limited stations and ELISA for bulk screening in organized farms. These proteins can be further evaluated to develop vaccine.

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**Computational prediction of Hypothetical protein TRFO 10391 as a potential diagnostic markers for Bovine Trichomonosis**

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**Abstract.**

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## Results and discussion

Hypothetical proteins are the consistently highly expressed. Proteins in several transcriptomics and proteomics studies of *Trichomonas foetus*. BLAST analysis with *Trichomonas vaginalis* proteins revealed that there exists considerable similarity.

### Retrieving FASTA Sequence

FASTA sequence of Hypothetical with NCBI Protein accession number OHS95735.1 was obtained.

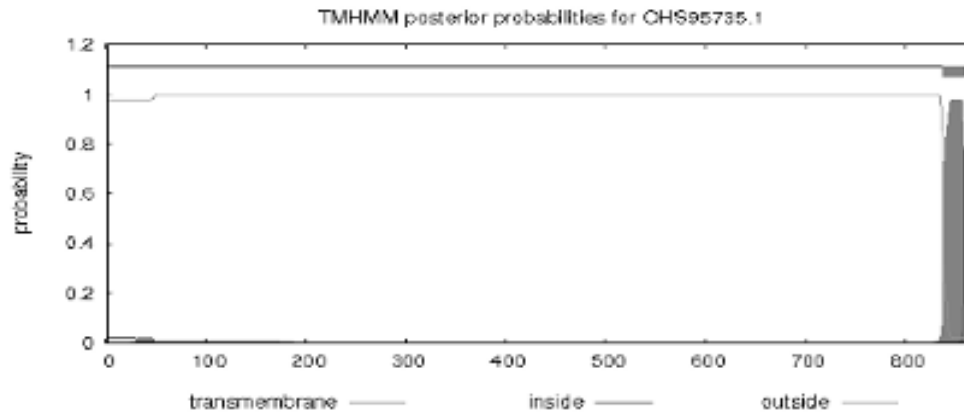
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- Genpept data sheet revealed that, it is a huge protein with 870 amino acids.

### **Membrane protein prediction**

TMHMM analysis reveals that it has single transmembrane domain with a large extracellular domain measuring 870 amino acids shown in the fig.1.



**Figure.1 TMHMM analysis Hypothetical protein of T.foetus**

### **Immunogenic domain analysis**

Immunogenic nature of the protein was analyzed by IEDB resource, which is freely available resource for prediction of immunogenic domains maintained by National institute of Allergy and Infectious diseases, USA. B-Cell linear epitope prediction tools reveal that Hypothetical protein has several large antigenic domains at 0.5 threshold value shown in Fig.2, with the largest epitope domain measuring 33 amino acids shown in the Fig 3

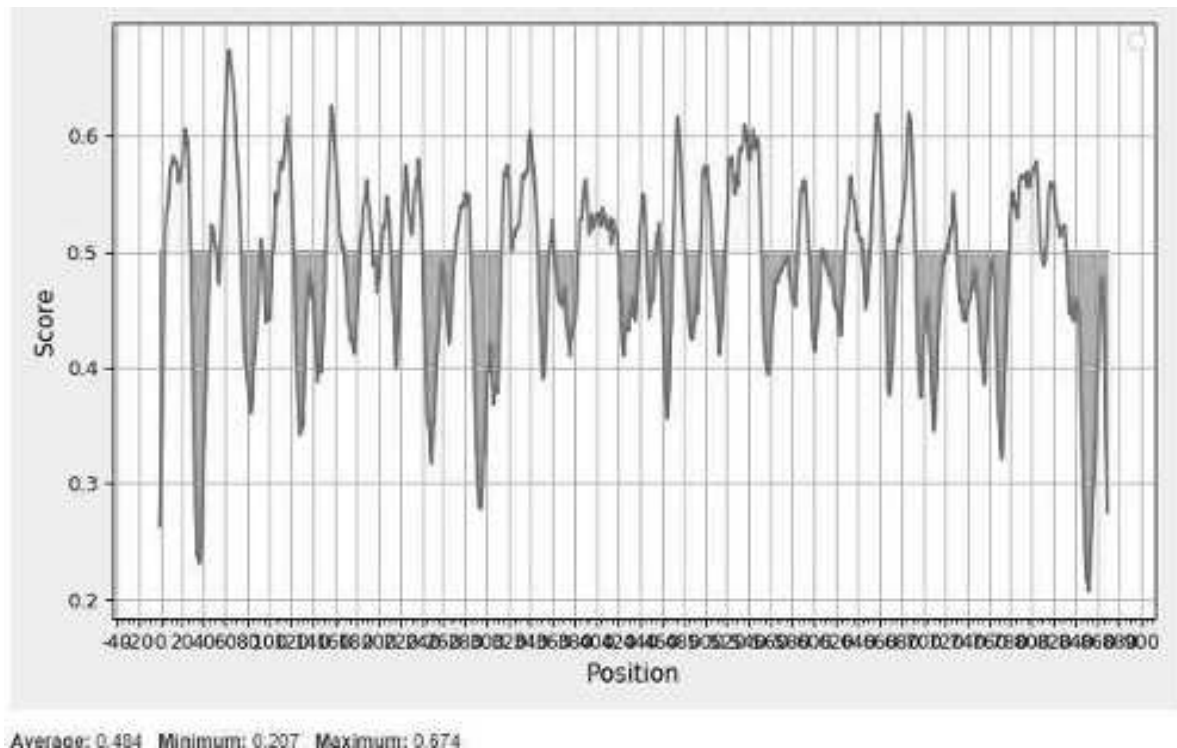


Figure.2 Graphic representations of epitope domains of Hypothetical Protein of *T.foetus*

Predicted peptides:

No.	Start	End	Peptide	Length
1	6	28	SELTRFQHQSGGFYDNVREANAR	23
2	47	52	DTQRCP	6
3	57	75	TLRNARDGGAGLVPGSKSSV	19
4	93	94	ID	2
5	104	123	SCYDEPSGLFRDSPSEPSI	20
6	154	169	NDHLNDHFEFDGVSL	16
7	185	195	LTPVYHRISF	11
8	204	212	IKDKLDNE	9
9	223	241	LFGDEAIPQLSASFKSSG	19
10	276	285	LIDFEKDGLT	10
11	315	323	IGDEAPTTE	9
12	325	347	LKIDVQTGLFNSQRISSINKLQ	23
13	360	362	FGT	3
14	365	404	WLSADEPIPVSGEIVPGVNF	20
15	406	421	VQLNGKLDIIDLKLED	16
16	441	447	FEDFKQ	7
17	456	459	SLAL	4
18	472	482	DKVNGIHTKE	11
19	497	507	EVPANRLSDV	11
20	520	552	EAPVPFTNEKFFEGDLRDATGEAFYPQTASEAQ	33
21	587	597	NVNNLDFATG	11
22	608	609	GS	2
23	611	611	P	1
24	630	645	VEAQPLVSGAVDYGSK	16
25	653	665	KQEDSGNYLEAGR	13
26	678	693	RTVLLEKKAKILSDKY	16
27	723	731	VQTAQGSPF	9
28	781	810	GNAVAELPLAQMKKGSRLSMESGDAKGEVK	30

**Figure.3** Antigenic domains of Hypothetical Protein of *T.foetus*

The above graphic representation in Fig2. Clearly indicates that adhesions have several antigenic domains shown above the threshold value. There are several larger domains between 520-552 amino acids and 781-810 amino acids. The region between 200 and 340 are more suitable domains that can be used to produce recombinant proteins for use in diagnostics..

## Conclusion and future prospects

Hypothetical proteins of *T.vaginalis* are well known surface proteins mediate host-pathogen interactions and cell aggregations leading to virulence. These Proteins were found to be mediating the initial binding of the obligate intracellular pathogen and eventual invasion into the host cell. Hypothetical proteins are the consistently highly expressed in several transcriptomics and proteomics studies of *Trichomonas foetus*. The application of proteomics to uncover proteins that are differentially expressed on the surface of parasite strains with varying pathogenic properties has similar limitations and requires biochemical analyses of identified proteins to reveal their functions. Both the proteins contain several large continuous epitopes. Both the proteins are highly immunogenic in nature, which suggest that they can be exploited for developing point of care diagnostics like, Lateral flow assay (LFA) Rapid kits to be useful for screening for *Trichomonas foetus* infection in resource limited stations and ELISA for bulk screening in organized farms. Although recent analyses of the *T. vaginalis* genome have provided clues to possible surface proteins with potential roles in pathogenesis, such data are limited as localization or proposed activity on the basis of sequence similarity to proteins of known function does not necessarily confer these properties. These proteins can be further evaluated to develop vaccine.

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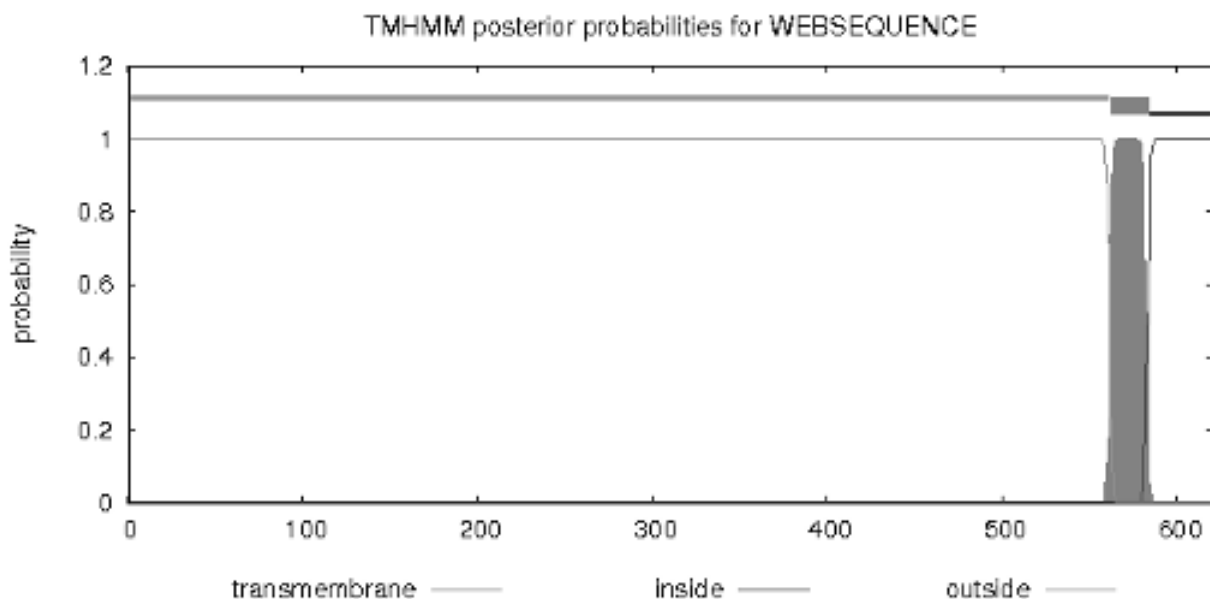
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#### *Membrane protein prediction*

TMHMM analysis reveals that it has single trans membrane domain with a Single transmembrane domain containing protein a large extracellular domain measuring 561 amino acids shown in the fig.1.

The extracellular domain offers antigenicity, cell to cell communication. This can be exploited for epitope prediction.



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#### *Immunogenic domain analysis*

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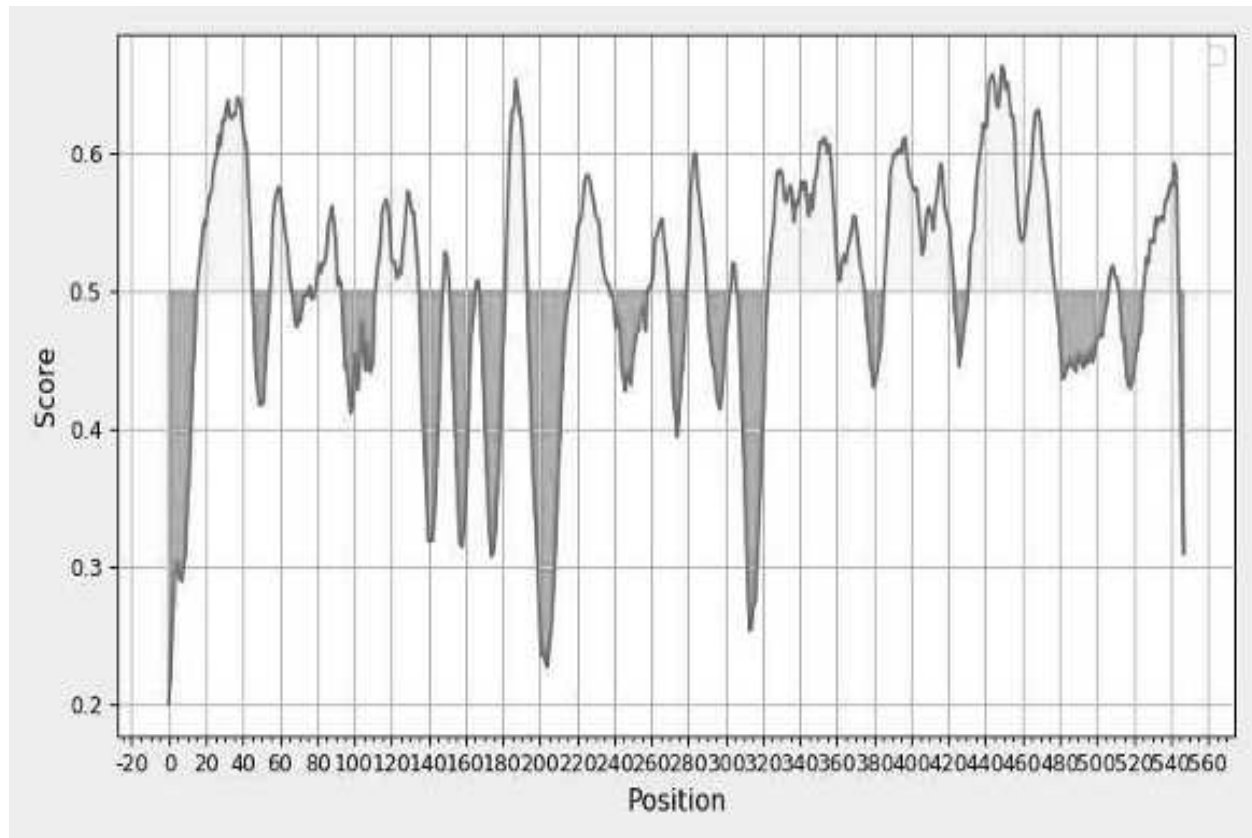


Figure.2 Graphic representations of epitope domains of GP-63 protein of T.foetus

Average: 0.500 Minimum: 0.200 Maximum: 0.663

**Predicted peptides:**

No.	Start	End	Peptide	Length
1	17	46	DSLQSQINIRKLQFPDPGLMDEDEIIERE	30
2	56	67	SLTSDYDPSVCR	12
3	77	77	G	1
4	80	94	EICTKDDIITPEKIS	15
5	113	135	VTRLKGGFDISNITDITVLERHV	23
6	149	152	GTHR	4
7	167	168	VH	2
8	183	194	IPAEPQNESSFD	12
9	217	238	PSWIDPNTNQPYEHLPIIEYSA	22
10	260	270	ERFGVEYFAPD	11
11	280	290	GGGVGTFGSHA	11
12	304	307	TIGQ	4
13	324	375	YDVSYEKAEKSAWGLGESLNLSPITTFPNTAPQHAFPKHYMCDPSDIDTOVC	52
14	387	424	GVKVDCLPSDEDDQKFCMRNFTDPLRIGLRGRSEVH	38
15	432	478	PYSNSRCSDISRNTDSAYKNGELYGGESLCFMSTLLRSSFSFYTYH	47
16	508	513	QKLSFS	6
17	527	545	ACGIRKFYGVGPTVPSP	19

**Figure.3** Antigenic domains of GP-63 of *T.foetus*

The above Graphic representation in Fig2. clearly indicates that GP-63 have several antigenic domains shown above the threshold value. There are several larger domains between 324-375 amino acids and 432-478 amino acids. The region between 320 and 480 are more suitable domains that can be used to produce recombinant proteins for use in diagnostics..

### Conclusion and future prospects

GP63 protease family is the largest surface protease family and the second largest surface protein family, There are 48 members of the GP63 protease family in *Trichomonas vaginalis* [23] according to our BLAST Analysis it is predicted that there is similarity between the two. Further experiments have indicated that adherence is also cell-specific and species specific. *T. vaginalis* can adhere to human vaginal epithelial cells (hVECs) and produce cytotoxic effects, but neither adherence nor cytotoxicity has been observed when *T. vaginalis* is exposed to human vaginal fibroblasts or bovine vaginal epithelial cells. Similarly, the bovine parasite *Tritrichomonas foetus* had no cytotoxic effects on hVECs. [23] Both the proteins contain several large continuous epitopes. Both the proteins are highly immunogenic in nature, which suggest that they can be exploited for developing point of care diagnostics like, Lateral flow assay (LFA) Rapid kits to be

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