

Table 1 | Elemental composition, genome lengths and radii of selected viral heads

Virus	Carbon (atoms)	Nitrogen (atoms)	Phosphorus (atoms)	C/N/P*	Genome length (bp) [‡]	Radius (nm)	Refs
Enterobacteria phage T4	7,339,851	2,309,461	337,806	22.3/6.6/1	168,903	46.3 [§]	78,84
<i>Escherichia</i> spp. phage N4	2,765,271	891,989	140,306	17.9/5.9/1	70,153	34.8	79
<i>Synechococcus</i> phage Syn5	1,664,612	563,058	92,428	17.3/5.9/1	46,214	30	80
Enterobacteria phage λ	1,897,088	621,823	97,004	19.2/6.3/1	48,502	31.5	21,78
Enterobacteria phage HK97	1,640,059	536,465	79,464	20.6/6.8/1	39,732	33	81
Enterobacteria phage T7	1,550,638	517,474	79,874	18.1/6.1/1	39,937	30	21,82
<i>Bacillus</i> spp. phage Φ 29	1,058,584	326,209	38,564	23.3/7.3/1	19,282	22.8 [§]	83

*Composition based on sequence information and experimentally validated stoichiometry of structural proteins. [‡]The GenBank accession numbers of the DNA sequences are: NC_000866.4 (T4), NC_008720.1 (N4), NC_009531.1 (Syn5), NC_001416.1 (λ), NC_002167.1 (HK97), NC_001604.1 (T7), NC_011048 (ϕ 29). [§]The reported radius is equivalent to that of the sphere with the same volume as an ellipsoid with the dimensions of the corresponding phage prolate head.

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