

## Figure S1

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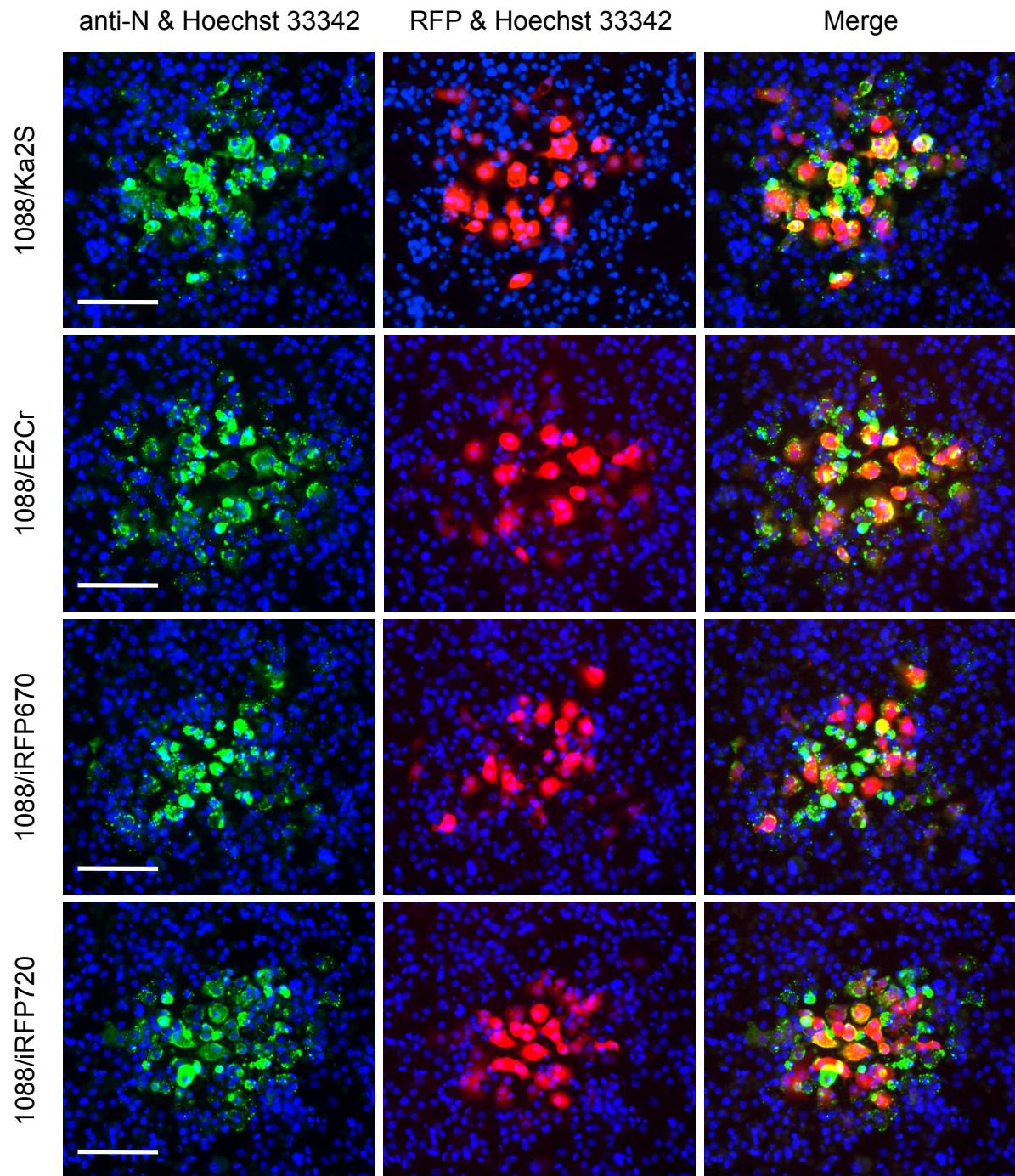
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| KC991142<br>optimized | 1 ATGGCGCGTAAGGTCGATCTCACCTCCTCGCATCGCAGGCCATCCACATCCCCGGCAGCATTCA<br>.....T..G..A..G..C..G..A.....G..A.....A.....T..T..GTCT.....A..T.....T.....C.....T..T.....A. |
| KC991142<br>optimized | 101 CGGTGCGGATCACCGCATTACGGAAAATGCCGGCGCTTCTGGACGC<br>.....C..TA.....T..C..A..A..C..G..A.....A..A.....A.....C..T.....C..A..A..G..C.....T..T..G..C.....G..A.....A. |
| KC991142<br>optimized | 201 AGCCCAGCGCTGCGAACGCAGTGGCGAGTCCCTCGATCAAAGCGACC<br>.....A.....C..A..A..T.....T..AG..AGT..C.....A..G..T..C..C.....T..C.....T..A..C..A..T.....T.....A.          |
| KC991142<br>optimized | 301 ATCTCACTGCGATCGCCATGACGGTACATCGATCATCGAGTC<br>.....C..C..T..C.....A..AGC.....A..A..A..C.....T..C..TT..A.....A.....A.....A.                                    |
| KC991142<br>optimized | 401 CGCGCACAAAGAAACTGAAGTCGCTCGAAGAGATGCCGAC<br>.....A..G..T..G..G.....AGCT..G.....T.....A..A..C.....A..T.....G.....A.....C..T.....A.                             |
| KC991142<br>optimized | 501 CGCGGACGACGGCTCGGGATGGTATCGCGAGGCGAAC<br>.....T..C.....T..AAGT..C.....T.....T..A..A..TC..TT..G.....C..T..G.....T..C..T.....CT..T..C.....A                     |
| KC991142<br>optimized | 601 GCGCGCTACTGTACTTGAGAAACCGGATCCCGTGGTCTCG<br>.....T..T..G.....C.....A..A..C..G..T..AGTA..A..G..TC..TCTA..T.....T..T..T..A..T..T.                               |
| KC991142<br>optimized | 701 TCGATCTGCTCGCGACCTCGCGAC<br>.....T..C.....C..T..C..T..GTCA..T.....G..G..C..A.....T.....AAGC..AGC.....A.....T..  |
| KC991142<br>optimized | 801 TGACGGCACGCTATGGGATTGATCATCGTC<br>.....C.....T..C.....TC.....C..C.....TA..G.....C..A.....C..A..A..T.....G.....T.....C..G                                      |
| KC991142<br>optimized | 901 TCGCTGCACTTCACCGCCGCCACCACCAACGCTAA<br>.....AGT.....T..G..T..A.....T..GA..A..G.   |

(b)

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| KC991145<br>optimized | 1 ATGGCGGAAGGATCCGTCGCCAGGCAGCCTGACCTTGTAC<br>.....C.....G..A..G..TC..A.....T..GC.....G.....T..C.....C..A..G..A..T..T..G..A.....C..T..T..G..      |
| KC991145<br>optimized | 101 CCCTCGCCGCCACATGACGATCGTGGCGCAGC<br>.....T..G..T.....T..C..T.....T..C..T..G..G..T..C..T..C..T.....A..G..A.....G..A.....T..C..                 |
| KC991145<br>optimized | 201 CTTCGACTCGGAGACGCACAACCGTCTGACGAT<br>.....G..T..AGC.....A..G..C..C..T..AC..T.....A..A..A..T..G..A.....C..T..T..A..T..T..C..G..A..             |
| KC991145<br>optimized | 301 GCAGGCTTCATCGGCCCTGGCATGCCATGAC<br>.....T..G..T.....AGT.....CA..A..C.....G.....G..A.....A..A..A.....A..A..T.....T.....A..GA                   |
| KC991145<br>optimized | 401 GCACCAACAGCGCCATCCGCCGCTGCAGGCCGCC<br>.....G.....TC.....T..TA..AT.....A.....T..G..TC.....GTCT..T..T..A..T..A..A..G.....CA..A.....C..T..G..T.. |
| KC991145<br>optimized | 501 GGTGATGATCTATCGCTCGCCCTCGACTTC<br>.....C..A.....A.....TT..C..AGT.....T..C..A.....A.....G..AAGC..G..G..A.....A..G..A.....T..G..                |
| KC991145<br>optimized | 601 TCATTTCATCCGGCGCAGGCCCGTGGCT<br>.....AGC.....T..A..A..A..A..T..G..G..T..C..T..C..GA..A.....C..C.....C..T..T..A..A.....T..T..G..               |
| KC991145<br>optimized | 701 ATCCGGTCACCGGGCGGCCGAT<br>.....T..G..A..A.....A..A..C..G..T.....T..C..GTCT.....A.....T..C.....T.....T..T..                                    |
| KC991145<br>optimized | 801 GATGTCGATCTCGATTTGCGCGGCCAGCGACT<br>.....C..AGC.....C..CC..CA..A..A..CT.....CC.....G.....T..C..A..C.....T..C..T..C..TA..G..G.....T            |
| KC991145<br>optimized | 901 GAGCTAGTCGCCAGGTTCTGGCTGGCAGATCGCGT<br>.....A..C..T..A.....C.....T.....T.....G.....   |

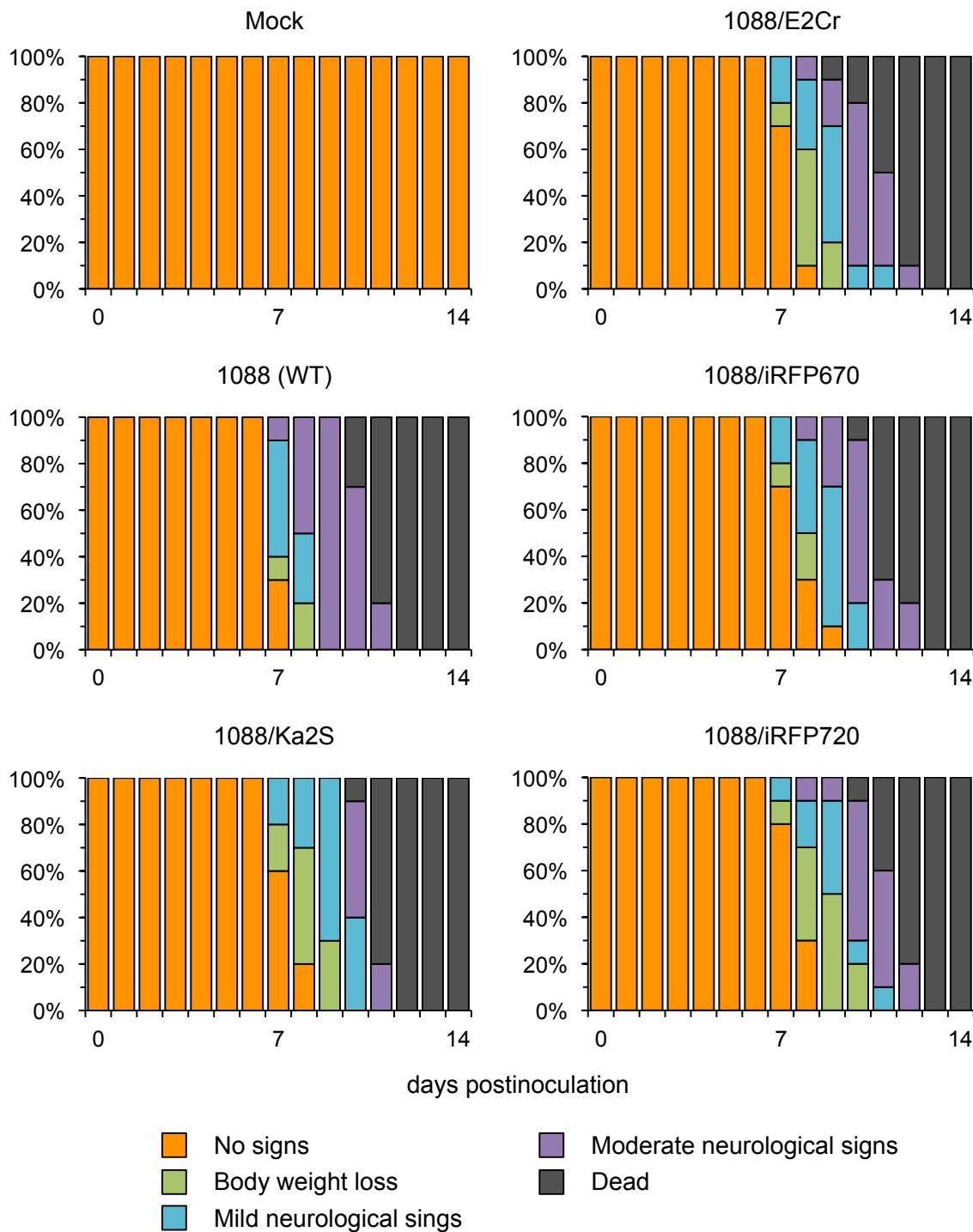
**Fig. S1.** DNA sequences of codon-optimized (a) iRFP670 and (b) iRFP720 genes. KC991142 and KC991145 are the GenBank accession nos. for iRFP670 and iRFP720, respectively. Dots indicate identical nucleotides.

**Figure S2**



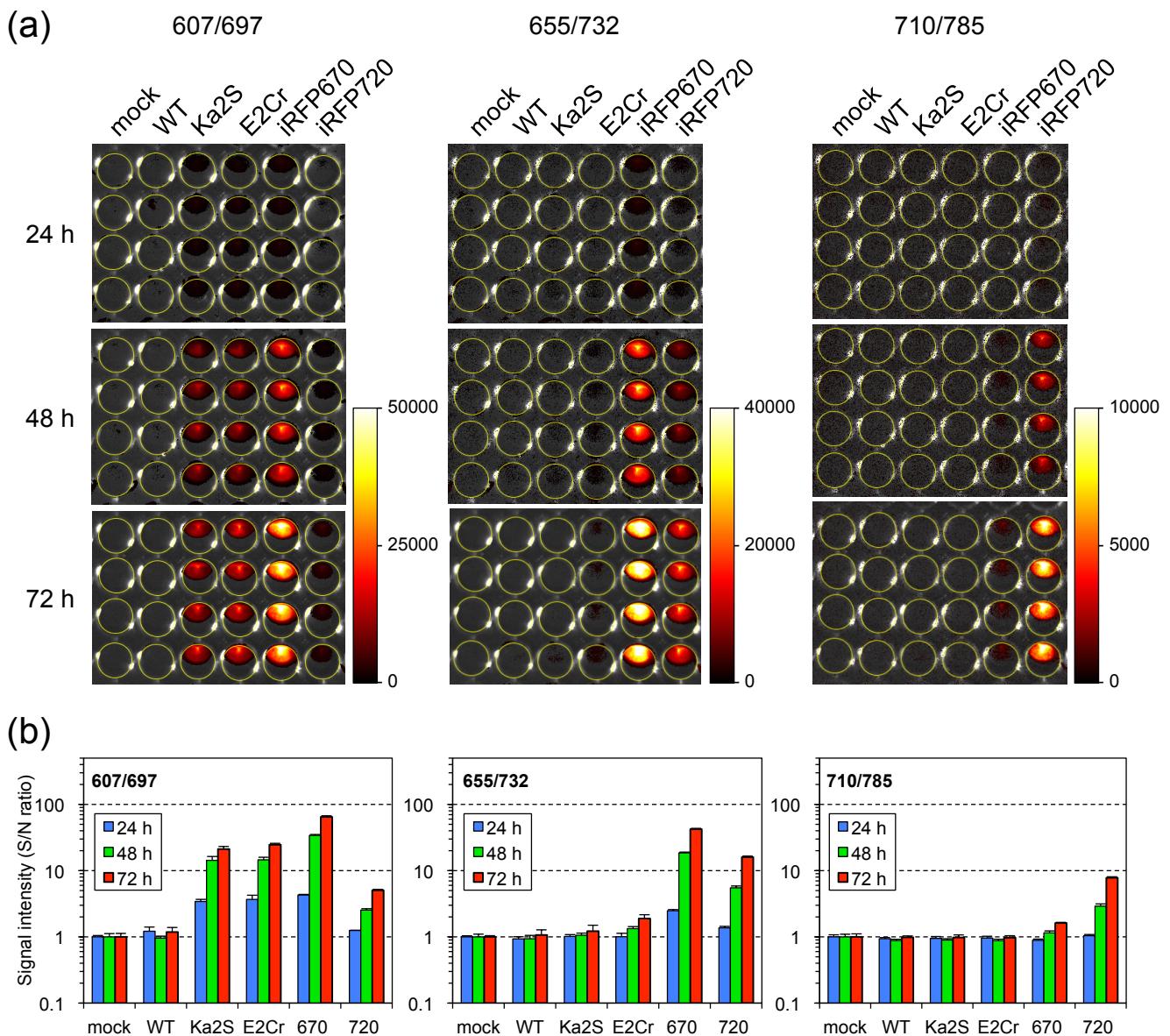
**Fig. S2.** Fluorescence focus assay of recombinant viruses was performed as illustrated in Fig. 2. In addition, nuclei were stained with Hoechst 33342. Images were obtained using the EVOS FL fluorescence microscope with Light Cubes for DAPI (Hoechst 33342), GFP (the N protein), Texas Red (Ka2S and E2Cr), and Cy5.5 (iRFP670 and iRFP720). Bars indicate 100  $\mu$ m.

**Figure S3**



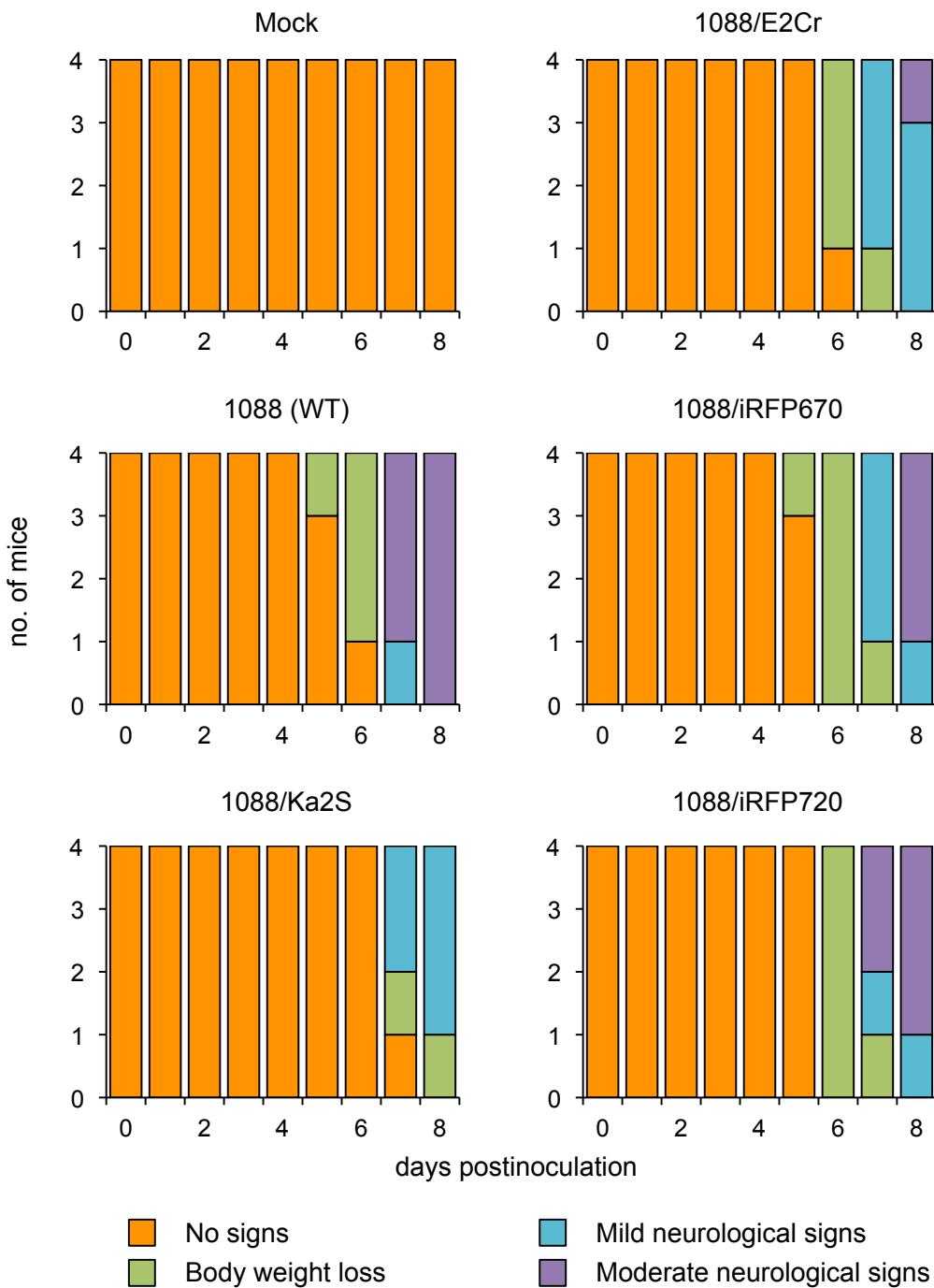
**Fig. S3.** Progression of disease in ddY mice inoculated i.c. with  $10^2$  f.f.u. of each virus shown in Fig. 3. “Mild neurological signs” indicates that mice showed a foot slip on a stainless steel wire top clip of a mouse cage without paralysis. “Moderate neurological signs” indicates that mice showed paralysis of the hind limb(s). Mice that showed severe neurological signs such as opisthotonus or were moribund (i.e., in a deep coma) were humanely euthanized and classified as “dead”.

**Figure S4**



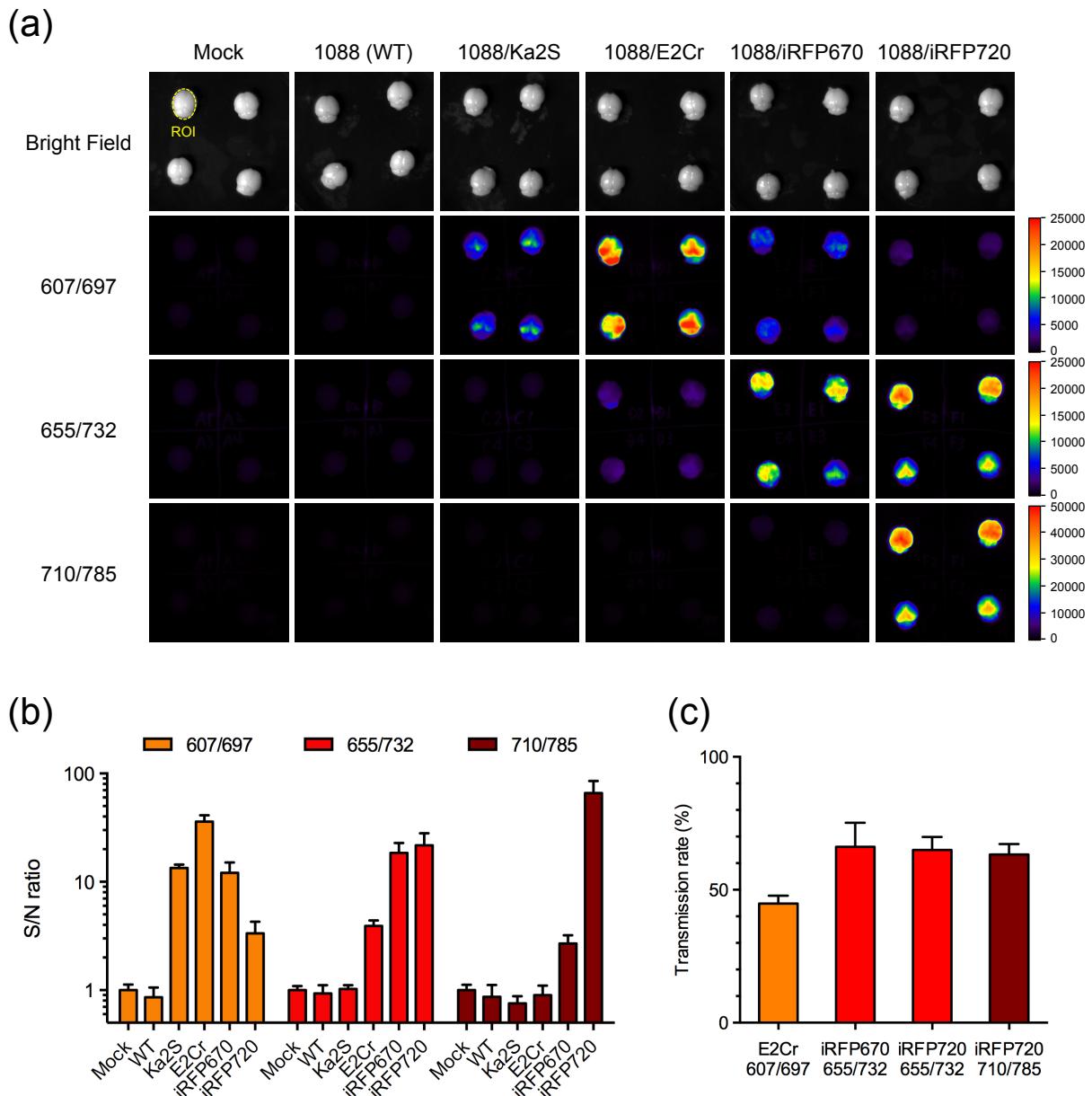
**Fig. S4.** Detection of fluorescence signals from NA cells infected with recombinant viruses using the Lumazone imaging system. (a) Each virus solution was mixed with NA cells ( $4 \times 10^4$  cells/well) at a m.o.i. of 3, and the mixture was seeded on Sumilon 96-well black plates (Sumitomo Bakelite). After 24, 48, or 72 h of incubation, cells were fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde and then imaged using filter sets, 607/697 (607/36 nm for excitation; 697/75 nm for emission), 655/732 (655/40 nm; 732/68 nm), and 710/785 (710/40 nm; 785/62 nm). Because the source of the excitation light was obliquely placed, signals were detected only from the upper half of the well. Color bars indicate relative signal intensities. (b) S/N ratios (test well/mock well) were calculated for each filter set and time point and are presented as means and standard deviations (SD);  $n = 4$ .

**Figure S5**



**Fig. S5.** Progression of disease in nude mice inoculated i.c. with  $10^4$  f.f.u. of each virus as illustrated in Figs. 4 and 5. As described in the legend for Fig. S3, “mild neurological signs” indicates that mice showed a foot slip without paralysis, and “moderate neurological signs” indicates that mice showed paralysis of the hind limb(s).

**Figure S6**



**Fig. S6.** *Ex vivo* fluorescence imaging of nude mice inoculated i.c. (a) After live imaging at 8 days postinoculation (as shown in Fig. 4), all mice were euthanized, and their brains were isolated. Before being subjected to titration, these brains were imaged using the Lumazone imaging system with the filter sets 607/697, 655/732, and 710/785. Color bars indicate relative signal intensities. (b) S/N ratios (test/mock at the region of interest, ROI) were calculated for each filter set and are presented as means and SD ( $n = 4$ ). (c) The transmission rate [(signal intensity with subtraction of mock signal at *in vivo* imaging)/(signal intensity with subtraction of the mock signal at *ex vivo* imaging)] were calculated for selected combinations that showed a clear signal in live imaging (see Fig. 4), and are presented as means and SD ( $n = 4$ ).