

GENERAL REMARKS

This seventieth volume of the *IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans* is the fourth volume devoted to viruses and the fifth volume devoted to biological agents. Volume 59 (IARC, 1994a) covered three human hepatotropic viruses — hepatitis B virus, hepatitis C virus and hepatitis D virus (also known as the delta agent); Volume 64 (IARC, 1995) addressed human papillomaviruses and Volume 67 (IARC, 1996), human immunodeficiency viruses and human T-cell lymphotropic viruses. Volume 61 (IARC, 1994b) covered schistosomes, liver flukes and *Helicobacter pylori*.

Epstein-Barr virus is a gamma-1 herpesvirus found in all human populations, with a prevalence of over 90% in adults. It is found in Burkitt's lymphoma, sinonasal angio-centric T-cell lymphoma, immunosuppression-related lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and nasopharyngeal carcinoma.

Kaposi's sarcoma herpesvirus/human herpesvirus 8 is a gamma-2 herpesvirus that was detected in 1994 in Kaposi's sarcomas in a patient with acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

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