Figure legends

Fig. S1. Sequence analysis of the mutations in Rluc gene. The sequence of the 5' end of the Rluc expression cassette is shown. The asterisk represents a stop codon. Two-nucleotide insertion (TT) detected in Rluc gene of rOC43-ns2DelRluc (P11), rOC43-ns2FusionRluc (P4) and rOC43-ns2FusionRluc (P6) is shown in boldface.

Fig. S2. Virulence and stability of rOC43-ns2DelRluc *in vivo*. (A) Typical symptom of an infected BALB/C mouse at an advanced stage of disease when the animal presented a severe symptom of twitching limbs (3 days post-inoculation). (B) The survival curves of mice after intracerebral inoculated with either rOC43-ns2DelRluc or HCoV-OC43. Two groups of 12-day-old BALB/c mice (Four mice of each group) were intracerebral inoculation (IC) with 100 TCID₅₀ of rOC43-ns2DelRluc or HCoV-OC43-WT, another group was intracerebral inoculation with 20 μ l of DMEM. (C) Illustration of the virus passage procedure in BALB/c mice. Mice were intracerebral inoculation with 500 TCID₅₀ of rOC43-ns2DelRluc (P0) in 20 μ l of DMEM and sacrificed at 3 days post-inoculation, and then brains were homogenized in 500 μ l of PBS. Then Brain homogenate were clarified by low-speed centrifugation at 3,000 rpm for 12 min to obtain passage 1 virus (P1). After 5 rounds of serial passages, the rOC43-ns2DelRluc was passaged to P5. (D) Analysis of genetic stability of the rOC43-ns2DelRluc after several passages in mice. Viral RNA was

extracted from each passage, and RT-PCR was performed with a primer set flanking the Rluc gene. The resulting RT-PCR products were resolved by 1% agarose gel electrophoresis. (E) Viral titers of rOC43-ns2DelRluc during passages in mice. BHK-21 cells were infected with rOC43-ns2DelRluc of each passage and titrated using the IFA-based viral titration assay. Data represent three independent experiments and are shown as means \pm standard deviation. (F) Rluc activity of reporter viruses of each passage. BHK-21 cells were infected with rOC43-ns2DelRluc (MOI = 0.01) of each passage in 48-well plates and assayed for the Rluc activity in RLUs at 72 h post-infection. Data represent mean values of three independent experiments with error bars representing the standard deviations of the means.







P5

| Primers | Sequences (5'-3') | |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Primers for cloning | GC <u>TCTAGA</u> ATGAGTCATGTGGCAGTGGAA | |
| DDX3X-F | CG <u>GGATCC</u> TCAGTTACCCCACCAGTCAACC | |
| DDX3X-R | CGG <u>GGTACC</u> ATGGCTGTCGCTTATGCAGAC | |
| ns2-EGFP-F | CGC <u>GGATCC</u> TTAATATTCTTCAACTGAAGATTC | |
| ns2-EGFP-R | | |
| Primers for semi-quantitative RT-PCR | | |
| q-HCoV-OC43-WT-ns2-F | CAATTTCAAATTCTCGATGAAGG | |
| q-HCoV-OC43-WT-ns2-R | CTATGCATCTTCCTAGGATGTGA | |
| q-HCoV-OC43-WT-ns129-F | CGGTTTTAATGTCTCAGAATTAG | |
| q-HCoV-OC43-WT-ns129-R | GCTGTGAAACCATTTATTACTC | |
| q-Rluc-F | TCTGGTAATGGTTCTTATAGGT | |
| q-Rluc-R | ATTCAATCACATCTACTACACTT | |
| q-GAPDH-F | GTGTTCCTACCCCCAATGTGT | |
| q-GAPDH-R | ATTGTCATACCAGGAAATGAGCTT | |
| q-IFN-β-F | TAGCACTGGCTGGAATGA | |
| q-IFN-β-R | GTTTCGGAGGTAACCTGTAAG | |
| q-IFITM3-F | ATGTCGTCTGGTCCCTGTTC | |
| q-IFITM3-R | GTCATGAGGATGCCCAGAAT | |
| q-TRIM56-F | CATACCTACTGCCAAGAC | |
| q-TRIM56-R | CCATTGACGAAGAAGTTG | |
| q-OASL-F | AGGGTACAGATGGGACATCG | |
| q-OASL-R | AAGGGTTCACGATGAGGTTG | |
| q-TRIM22-F | ACCAAACATTCCGCATAAAC | |
| q-TRIM22-R | TCCAGCACATTCACCTCACC | |
| q-NRAMP-F | CCATCTCTACTACCCTAAG | |
| q-NRAMP-R | GAGGAAGAGGAAGAAGAAG | |
| q-EFTUD2-F | GCCTAATAAGAAGAACAAGA | |
| q-EFTUD2-R | GAGTATCATCCACCAGAA | |
| q-PKR-F | GATATTATCAGAAGAAACCTCAG | |
| q-PKR-R | TTCTTCGTTGCTTATGAATG | |
| q-DDX3X-F | TATATCTTCTTGGCTGTAGG | |
| q-DDX3X-R | TCTGGAGGATTTCTTATACC | |

TABLE S1. Primers used for cloning and semi-quantitative RT-PCR

Restriction enzyme sites are underlined.

| Virus | Instability during passages | Percentage of clones positive |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | for Rluc gene |
| rOC43-ns2DelRluc | P11 | 3/4 |
| rOC43-ns2FusionRluc | P4 | 3/4 |
| rOC43-ns12.9StopRluc | undetected | 4/4 |
| rOC43-ns12.9FusionRluc | P6 | 3/4 |

TABLE S2. Genetic stability of rHCoVs-OC43 during passages in BHK-21 cells