duced the cDNA for the nonstructural (NS) gene by RT-PCR (Fig. $4\,A$, lane 8). The generation of two fragments after digestion with the restriction endonuclease NcoI (Fig. $4\,B$, lane 8) and sequence analysis of the amplified fragment confirmed

has been passaged in mouse brain and is well adapted for growth in cell culture. To evaluate the efficiency of the eight-plasmid system for the generation of a virus from cloned cDNA that is not already adapted for growth in cell culture, we sought to