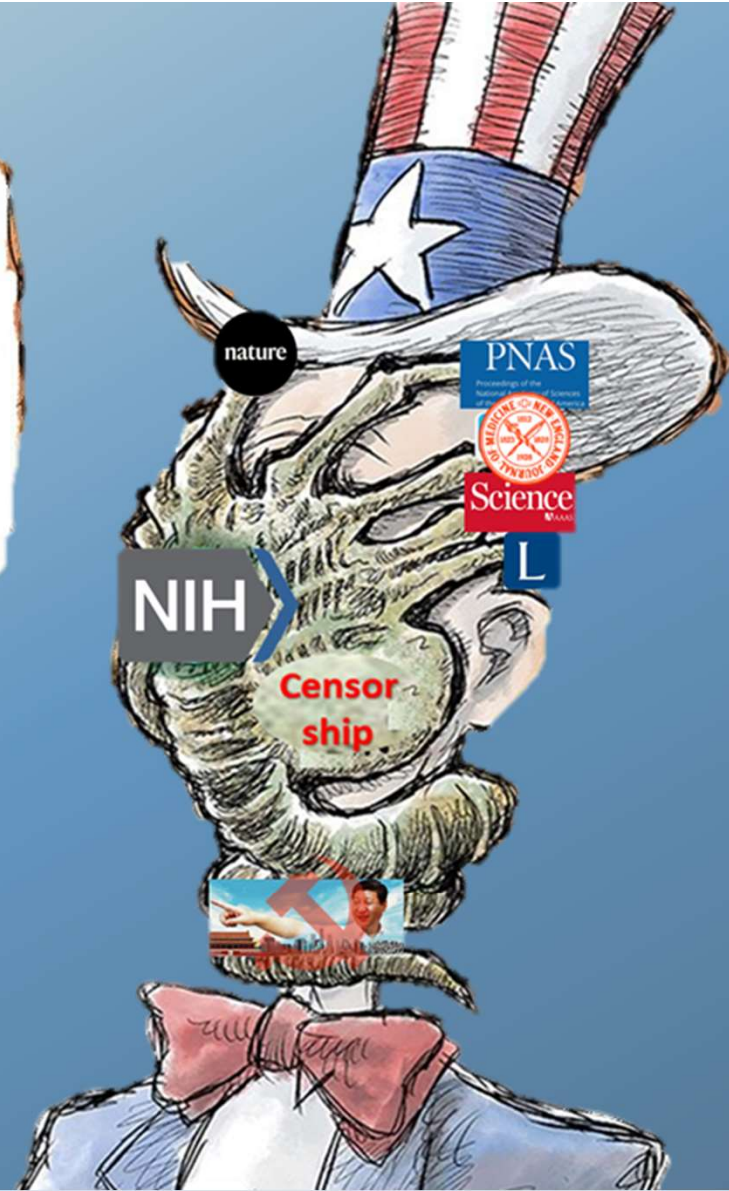


**SARS-CoV-2 & PASC/Long COVID
through the prism of Gain-of-
Function Research**

Charles Rixey

~ Outline ~

I don't see a threat to scientific scholarship...



• Censorship

• What was censored, and why?

• Implications for Long COVID/PASC

NICK ANDERSON
5.3.22
your research means
Dr. Nick

Key moments in the early pandemic

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## January~February 2020

1/11 – SARS-CoV-2 sequence released

1/13 – Moderna finishes vaccine sequence

1/27 – Anthony Fauci knows all about EHA

1/29 – Bill Gallaher announces the FCS

1/31 – *Pradhan et al* published

2/1 – Fauci/Farrar teleconference

2/2 – *Pradhan et al* retracted

2/3 – OSTP teleconference

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### Uncanny similarity of unique inserts in the 2019-nCoV spike protein to HIV-1 gp120 and Gag

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#### Abstract:

We are currently witnessing a major epidemic caused by the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV). The evolution of 2019-nCoV remains elusive. We found 4 insertions in the spike glycoprotein (S) which are unique to the 2019-nCoV and are not present in other coronaviruses. Importantly, amino acid residues in all the 4 inserts have identity or similarity to those in the HIV-1 gp120 or HIV-1 Gag. Interestingly, despite the inserts being discontinuous on the primary amino acid sequence, 3D-modelling of the 2019-nCoV suggests that they converge to constitute the receptor binding site. The finding of 4 unique inserts in the 2019-nCoV, all of which have identity/similarity to amino acid residues in key structural proteins of HIV-1 is unlikely to be fortuitous in nature. This work provides yet unknown insights on 2019-nCoV and sheds light on the evolution and pathogenicity of this virus with important implications for diagnosis of this virus.

#### Introduction

Coronaviruses (CoV) are single-stranded positive-sense RNA viruses that infect animals and humans. These are classified into 4 genera based on their host specificity: *Alphacoronavirus*, *Betacoronavirus*, *Deltacoronavirus* and *Gammacoronavirus* (Snijder et al., 2006). There are seven known types of CoVs that includes 229E and NL63 (Genus Alphacoronavirus), OC43, HKU1, MERS and SARS (Genus Betacoronavirus). While 229E, NL63, OC43, and HKU1 commonly infect humans, the SARS and MERS outbreak in 2002 and 2012 respectively occurred when the virus crossed-over from animals to humans causing significant mortality (J. Chan et al., n.d.; J. F. W. Chan et al., 2015). In December 2019, another outbreak of coronavirus was reported from Wuhan, China that also transmitted from animals to humans. This new virus has been temporarily termed as 2019-novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) by the World Health Organization (WHO) (J. F.-W. Chan et al., 2020; Zhu et al., 2020). While there are several hypotheses about the origin of 2019-nCoV, the source of this ongoing outbreak remains elusive.

The transmission patterns of 2019-nCoV is similar to patterns of transmission documented in the previous outbreaks including by bodily or aerosol contact with persons infected with the virus.

**Scientists involved in the construction of the natural-origin narrative:**

- 2/1 The teleconference held by Fauci & Farrar to discuss suspicious parts of the viral genome
- 2/3 The teleconference held by Fauci & Droegemeier to discuss how to "combat misinformation"
- 2/4 The coordination between scientists to craft a pro-zoonosis paper as discuss

**Co-authors of these key papers:**

- Prox** [The Proximal origin of SARS-CoV-2](#)
- Lnc** [The Lancet "Statement in support..."](#)
- Prox2** [The Origins of SARS-CoV-2: A Critical Review](#)
- W1** [Dissecting the early COVID-19 cases in Wuhan](#)
- WX** [Evidence Against the Veracity of SARS-CoV-2 Genome between Lineage](#)
- AO** [The animal origin of SARS-CoV-2](#)
- W2** [The Huanan market was the epicenter of SARS-CoV-2 emergence](#)
- W3** [SARS-CoV-2 emergence very likely resulted from at least two zoonotic events](#)

| 2/1 OPTIMALS | 2/1 | 2/3 | 2/4 | Prox | Lnc | Prox2 | W1 | WX | AO | W2 | W3 | #  |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Pohlmann     | 1   |     |     |      |     |       |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |
| Schrier      | 1   |     |     |      |     |       |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |
| Fouchier     | 1   |     |     |      |     |       |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |
| Drosten      | 1   |     |     |      | 1   |       |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |
| Vallance     | 1   |     |     |      |     |       |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |
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**2/1/2020 Teleconference**



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Expert Meeting  
Response for Assessment of Data Needs for 2019-nCoV

**Agenda**  
February 3, 2020  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (ET)

Keck Center, Room 103  
500 5th St NW, Washington, DC 20001

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://naem.zoom.us/>  
Telephone: [+1 202 338 3197](tel:+12023383197)  
Meeting ID: [9191 2400 0000](https://naem.zoom.us/j/91912400000)  
International numbers available: <https://naem.zoom.us/j/91912400000>

Meeting Objective: Assess what data, information, and samples are needed to understand the evolutionary origins of 2019-nCoV and more effectively respond to the outbreak and resulting misinformation.

**The Approximals**



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**The proximal origin of SARS-CoV-2**

Kristian G. Andersen<sup>1</sup>, Andrew Rambaut, Wan-lan Lipkin, Edward C. Holmes & Robert F. Garry

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**The Proximals**

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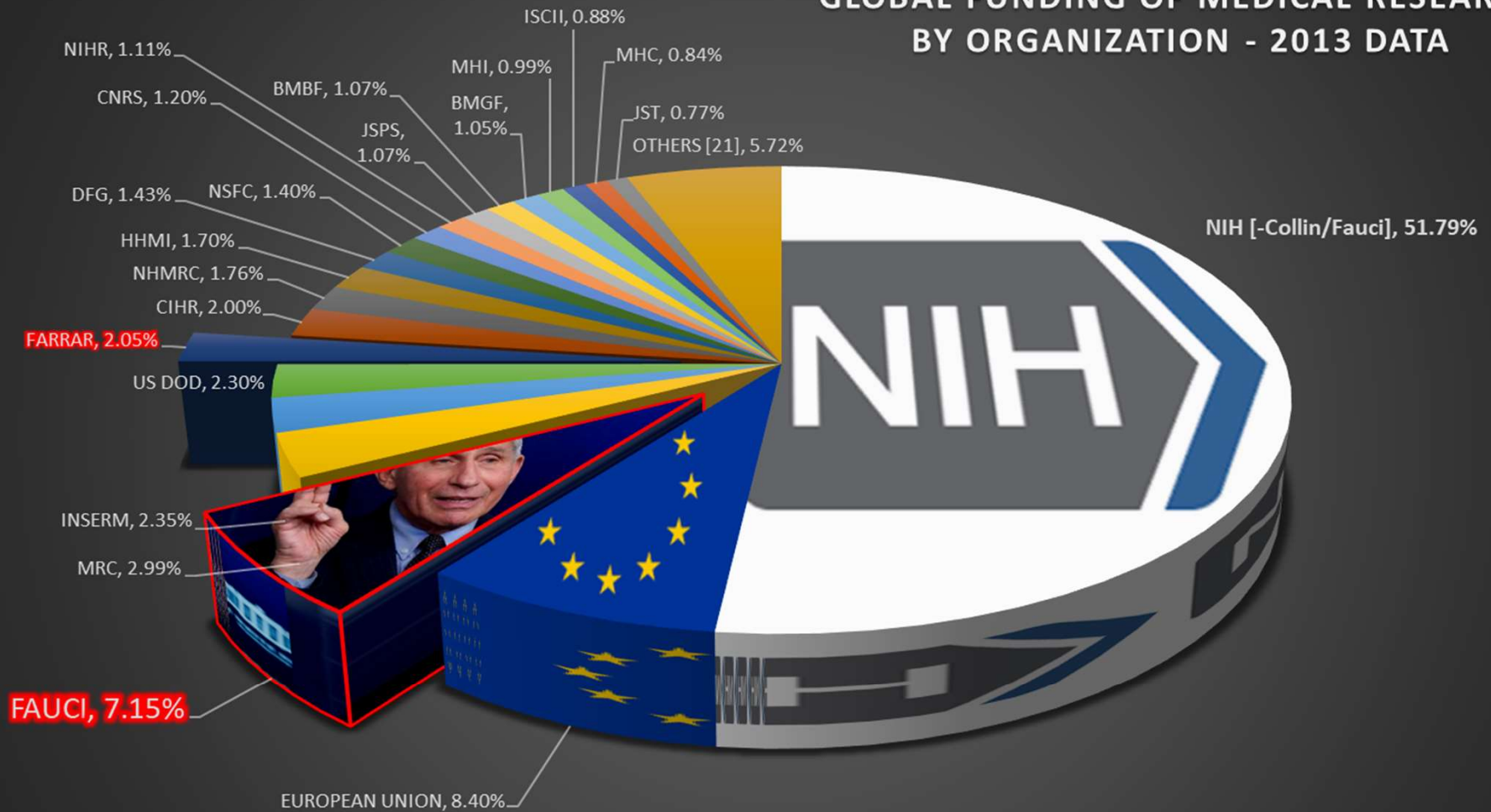
STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE SCIENTISTS, PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, AND MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS OF CHINA COMBATING COVID-19

Published: February 03, 2020

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| Holmes      | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1    |     | 1     |    |    |    | 1  | 1  | 4 |
| Andersen    | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1    |     | 1     |    | 1  |    | 1  | 1  | 5 |
| Garry       | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1    |     | 1     |    |    |    | 1  | 1  | 4 |
| Rambaut     |     |     |     | 1    |     | 1     |    | 1  |    | 1  | 1  | 5 |
| Lipkin      |     |     | 1   | 1    | 1   |       | 1  |    |    |    |    | 2 |
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| Collins     | 1   |     |     |      |     |       |    |    |    |    |    | 1 |
| Fauci       | 1   | 1   |     |      |     |       |    |    |    |    |    | 2 |
| Farrar      | 1   |     |     |      | 1   | 1     |    |    |    |    |    | 2 |
| Droegemeier |     | 1   |     |      |     |       |    |    |    |    |    | 1 |
| Koopmans    | 1   |     |     |      |     |       |    |    |    |    |    | 1 |

| LANCETEERS | 2/1 | 2/3 | 2/4 | Prox | Lnc | Prox2 | W1 | WX | AO | W2 | W3 | # |
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| Daszak     |     | 1   | 1   |      | 1   |       |    |    |    |    |    | 1 |
| Baric      |     | 1   | 1   |      |     |       |    |    |    |    |    | 1 |
| Weiss      |     |     |     |      |     | 1     |    |    |    |    |    | 1 |
| Saif       |     |     |     |      | 1   |       |    |    |    |    |    | 1 |
| Perlman    |     | 1   | 1   |      | 1   |       |    |    |    |    |    | 1 |
| Karesh     |     |     |     |      | 1   |       |    |    |    |    |    | 1 |
| Gronvall   |     | 1   |     |      |     |       |    |    |    |    |    | 1 |
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## GLOBAL FUNDING OF MEDICAL RESEARCH BY ORGANIZATION - 2013 DATA



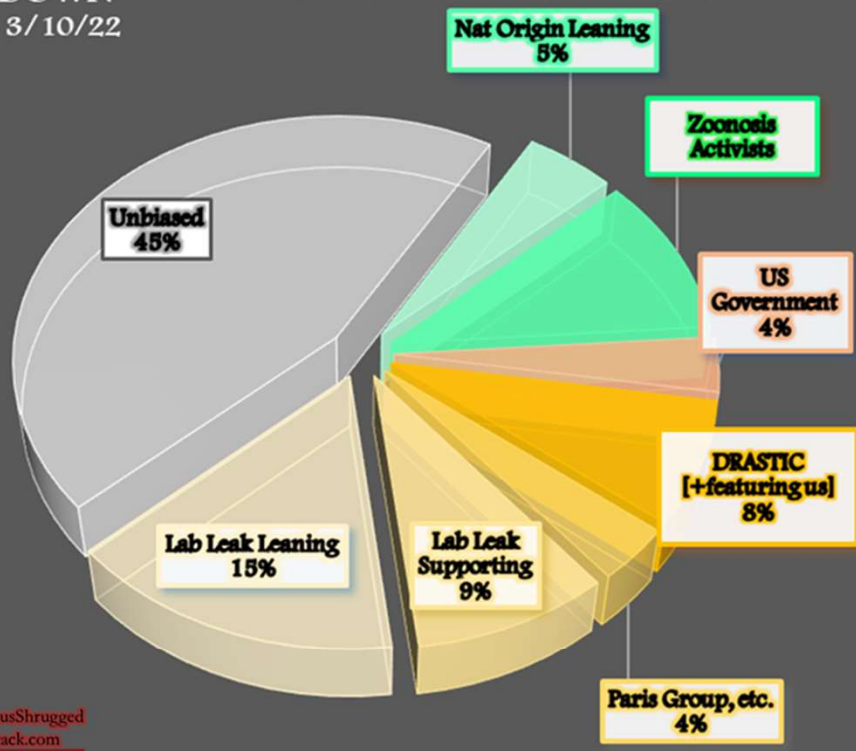
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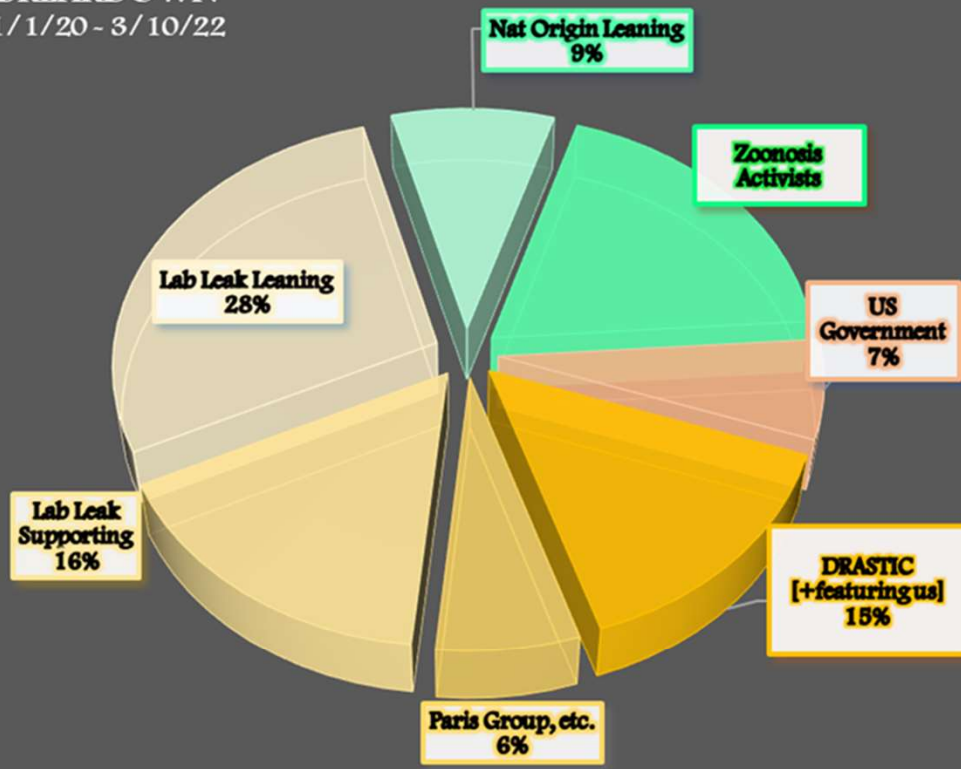
# Fauci's 13% "Consensus"

SOURCE BIAS  
BREAKDOWN  
1/1/20 - 3/10/22

### Total Articles, by Format With & Without Neutral Articles



SOURCE BIAS  
BREAKDOWN  
1/1/20 - 3/10/22



| Sources by Type & Perspective       |            | Since 1/1/20 |   |   |   |     |    |     |
|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------|---|---|---|-----|----|-----|
|                                     |            | D            | P | S | L | U   | N  | Z   |
| D DRASTIC [+coverage of]            | 0          | 0.0%         |   |   |   |     |    |     |
| P Paris Group, etc.                 | 4          | 1.6%         |   |   |   |     |    |     |
| S Lab Leak Supporting               | 0          | 0.0%         |   |   |   |     |    |     |
| L Lab Leak Leaning                  | 3          | 1.2%         |   |   |   |     |    |     |
| U Neutral/Unbiased                  | 112        | 43.4%        |   |   |   |     |    |     |
| N Natural-Origin Learning           | 26         | 10.1%        |   |   |   |     |    |     |
| Z Zoonosis Activists                | 113        | 43.8%        |   |   |   |     |    |     |
|                                     | <b>258</b> |              |   |   |   |     |    |     |
| Since 1/1/20                        |            |              |   |   |   |     |    |     |
| Type                                |            | D            | P | S | L | U   | N  | Z   |
| journal                             |            | 0            | 4 | 0 | 3 | 112 | 26 | 113 |
| Publication                         |            | D            | P | S | L | U   | N  | Z   |
| Nature                              |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16  | 15 | 22  |
| Science                             |            | 0            | 1 | 0 | 0 | 17  | 0  | 25  |
| The Lancet                          |            | 0            | 1 | 0 | 1 | 12  | 2  | 6   |
| PNAS                                |            | 0            | 1 | 0 | 2 | 8   | 1  | 5   |
| New England Journal of Medicine     |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6   | 0  | 7   |
| Nature Scientific Reports           |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10  | 0  | 2   |
| Cell                                |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4   | 0  | 6   |
| Nature Medicine                     |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4   | 1  | 5   |
| Science Magazine; NAS               |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1   | 2  | 4   |
| Nature Communications               |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3   | 0  | 2   |
| Nature Scientific American          |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1   | 1  | 3   |
| Nature Signal Transduction & Tar    |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 5   |
| The Lancet Infectious Diseases      |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3   | 0  | 2   |
| Cell Research                       |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 3   |
| Nature Cellular & Molecular Imm.    |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 3   |
| Nature Microbiology                 |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1   | 0  | 2   |
| Nature Reviews Microbiology         |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2   | 0  | 1   |
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| Cell Immunity                       |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 1  | 1   |
| Cell iScience                       |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2   | 0  | 0   |
| Cell Reports                        |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1   | 0  | 1   |
| Nature Communications Biology       |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1   | 1  | 0   |
| Nature Ecology & Evolution          |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1   | 1  | 0   |
| Science Advances                    |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2   | 0  | 0   |
| Science Immunology                  |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2   | 0  | 0   |
| The Lancet Microbe                  |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2   | 0  | 0   |
| The Lancet Planetary Health         |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 2   |
| Cell & Bioscience                   |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1   | 0  | 0   |
| Cell Death & Differentiation        |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1   | 0  | 0   |
| Cell Host & Microbe                 |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1   | 0  | 0   |
| Cell Med                            |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 1   |
| Cell Molecular Biology              |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1   | 0  | 0   |
| Cell The Innovation                 |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 1  | 0   |
| Nature [Humanities & Social Scien   |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 1   |
| Nature Biotechnology                |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1   | 0  | 0   |
| Nature Cell Death & Cell Different. |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1   | 0  | 0   |
| Nature Cell Death Discovery         |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1   | 0  | 0   |
| Nature Immunology                   |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 1   |
| Nature Machine Intelligence         |            | 0            | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| Nature Reviews Immunology           |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1   | 0  | 0   |
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| The Lancet Public Health            |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1   | 0  | 0   |
| The Lancet Respiratory Medicine     |            | 0            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1   | 0  | 0   |

Overall totals, with & without articles from the top 6 journals, as of 1/21/23

| Journals               | D | P | S | L | U  | N  | Z  | #  |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|
| Science                | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 0  | 25 | 43 |
| Other Science Journals | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6  | 2  | 4  | 12 |
| Nature                 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 15 | 22 | 53 |
| Other Nature Journals  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 4  | 25 | 58 |
| The Lancet             | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 2  | 6  | 22 |
| Other Lancet Journals  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7  | 0  | 4  | 11 |
| Cell                   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4  | 0  | 6  | 10 |
| Other Cell Journals    | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8  | 2  | 9  | 19 |
| PNAS                   | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 8  | 1  | 5  | 17 |
| NEJM                   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6  | 0  | 7  | 13 |

|                          |          |          |          |          |            |           |            |            |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| <b>Totals</b>            | <b>0</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>112</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>113</b> | <b>258</b> |
| Top 6 Journals           | 0        | 3        | 0        | 3        | 63         | 18        | 71         | 158        |
| Top 6 Specialty Journals | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 49         | 8         | 42         | 100        |

| Combined   | Main | Pub | All | L | U  | Z  | #   |
|------------|------|-----|-----|---|----|----|-----|
| Nature     | 53   | 58  | 111 | 1 | 44 | 66 | 111 |
| Science    | 43   | 12  | 55  | 1 | 23 | 31 | 55  |
| The Lancet | 22   | 11  | 33  | 2 | 19 | 12 | 33  |
| NEJM       | 13   | 0   | 13  | 0 | 6  | 7  | 13  |
| PNAS       | 17   | 0   | 17  | 3 | 8  | 6  | 17  |
| Cell       | 10   | 19  | 29  | 0 | 12 | 17 | 29  |

|               |            |            |            |          |            |            |            |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>158</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>258</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>112</b> | <b>139</b> | <b>258</b> |
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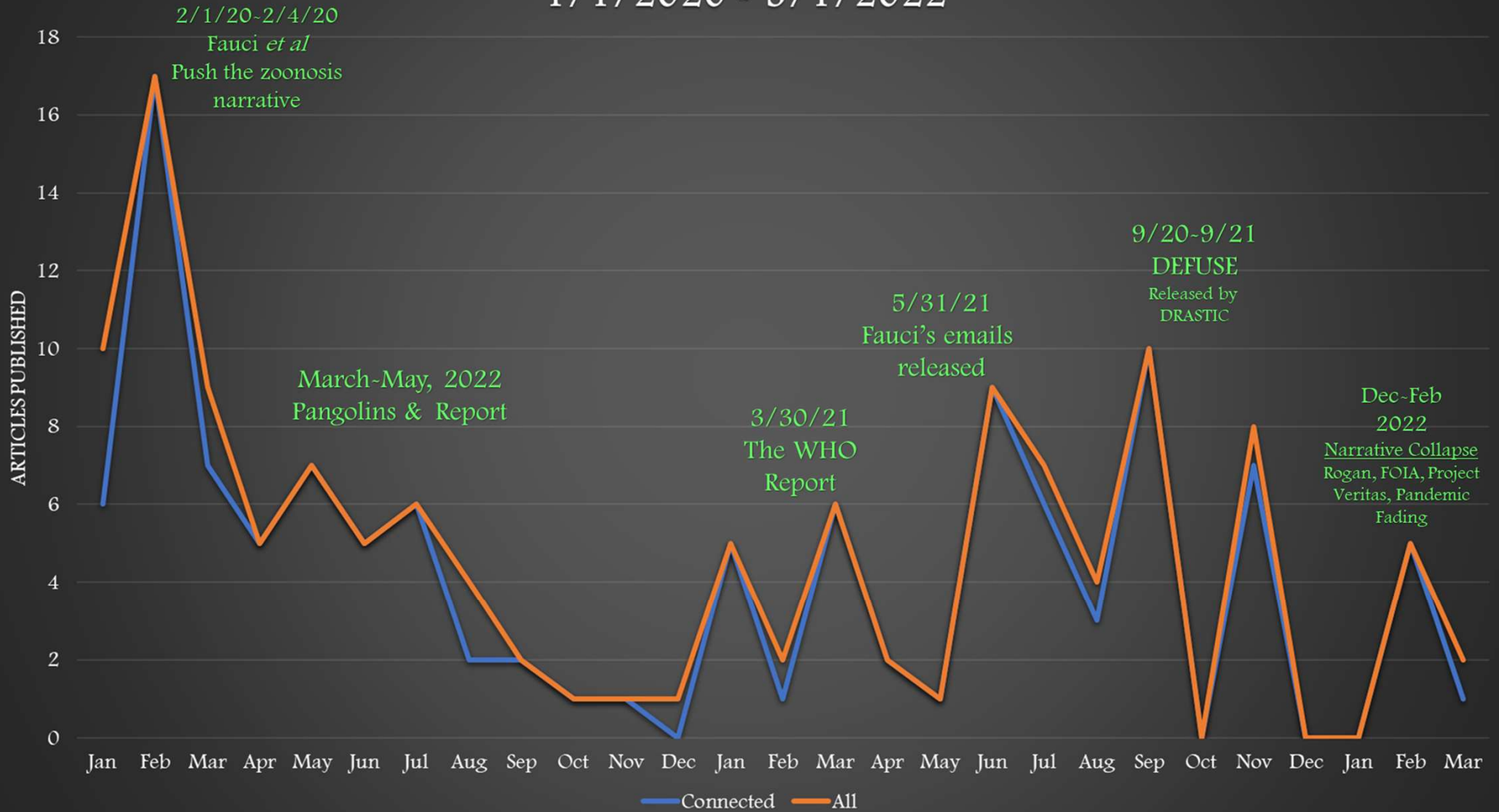
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|            | L     | U     | Z     |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Nature     | 0.9%  | 39.6% | 59.5% |
| Science    | 1.8%  | 41.8% | 56.4% |
| The Lancet | 6.1%  | 57.6% | 36.4% |
| NEJM       | 0.0%  | 46.2% | 53.8% |
| PNAS       | 17.6% | 47.1% | 35.3% |
| Cell       | 0.0%  | 41.4% | 58.6% |

|                            | D | P  | S | L  | U   | N  | Z   | #   |
|----------------------------|---|----|---|----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| All Peer-Reviewed Journals | 8 | 18 | 8 | 34 | 379 | 47 | 193 | 687 |
| Top 6 Journals             | 0 | 4  | 0 | 3  | 112 | 26 | 113 | 258 |
| All Except Top 6 Journals  | 8 | 14 | 8 | 31 | 267 | 21 | 80  | 429 |

|                            | L     | U     | Z     |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| All Peer-Reviewed Journals | 9.9%  | 55.2% | 28.1% |
| Top 6 Journals             | 2.7%  | 43.4% | 53.9% |
| All Except Top 6 Journals  | 15.9% | 62.2% | 23.5% |

# Scientific & News Articles authored by Zoonosis-leaning Authors\* 1/1/2020 - 3/1/2022



2/1/20-2/4/20

Fauci *et al*

Push the zoonosis  
narrative

March-May, 2022  
Pangolins & Report

3/30/21  
The WHO  
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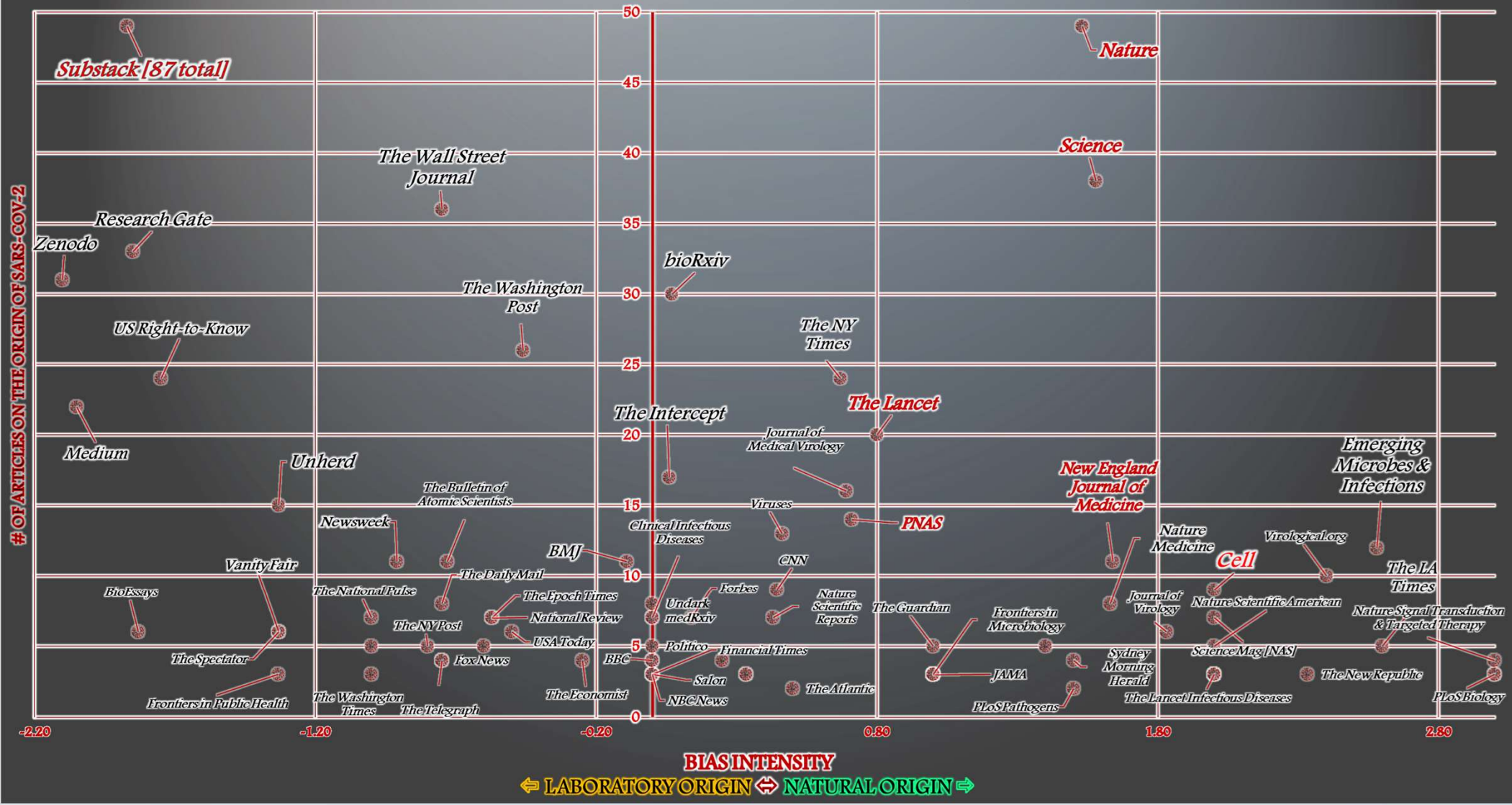
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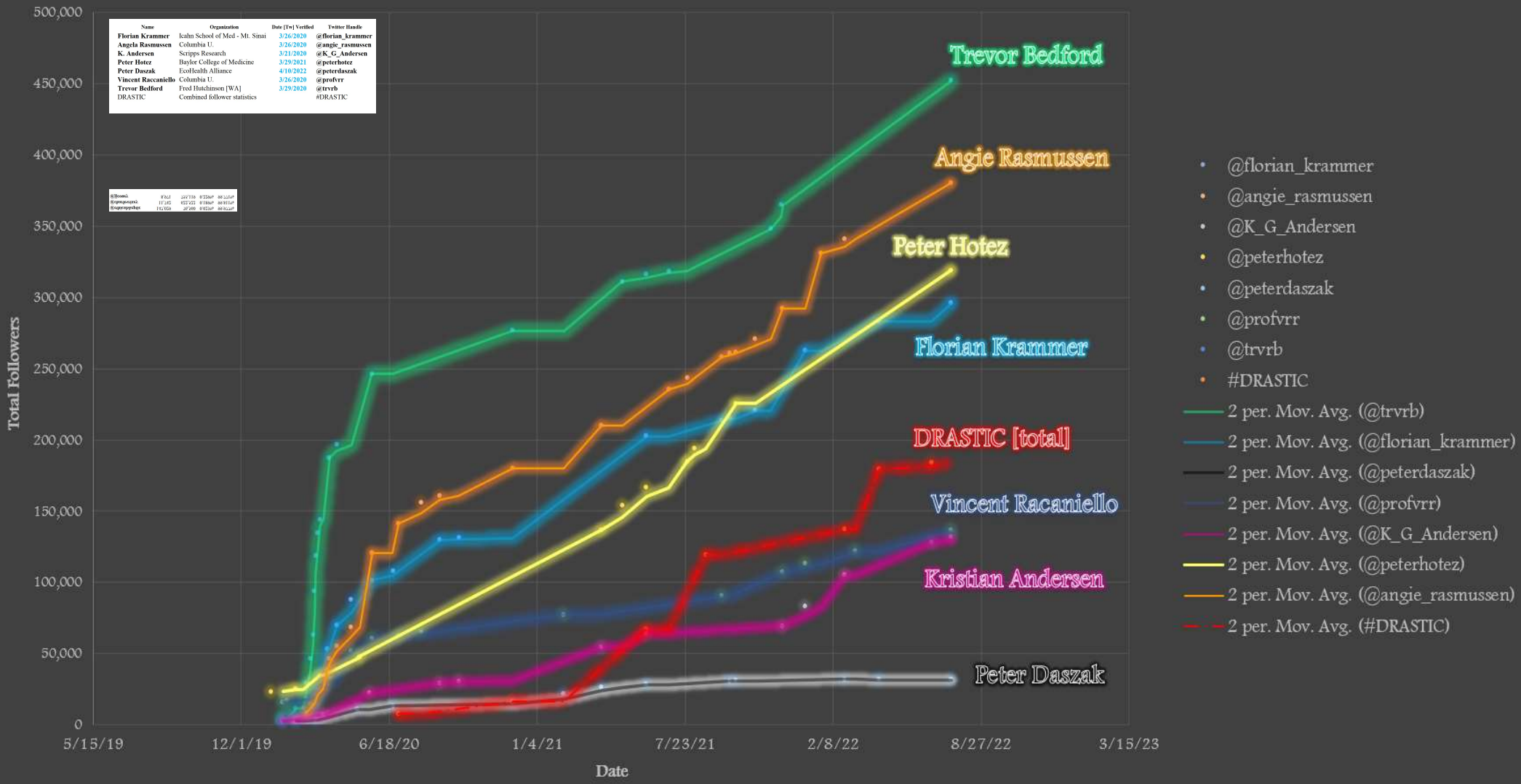
**SOURCES & SCALE OF SCIENTIFIC CENSORSHIP OF THE ORIGIN OF SARS-COV-2, 1/1/2020 - 11/6/2022**  
**THE NUMBER OF ORIGIN ARTICLES & THEIR AVERAGE INTENSITY OF BIAS, BY PUBLICATION**



## SARS-CoV-2 Origins: Number of Twitter Followers for Selected Natural Origin-Defending Scientists, 1/1/2020 - 7/20/2022

| Name               | Organization                    | Date (TW) Verified | Twitter Handle   |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Florian Krammer    | Icahn School of Med + Mt. Sinai | 3/26/2020          | @florian_krammer |
| Angie Rasmussen    | Columbia U.                     | 3/26/2020          | @angie_rasmussen |
| K. Andersen        | Scripps Research                | 3/21/2020          | @K_G_Andersen    |
| Peter Hotez        | Baylor College of Medicine      | 3/29/2021          | @peterhotez      |
| Peter Daszak       | EcoHealth Alliance              | 4/18/2022          | @peterdaszak     |
| Vincent Racaniello | Columbia U.                     | 3/26/2020          | @profvrr         |
| Trevor Bedford     | Fred Hutchinson (WA)            | 3/29/2020          | @trvr            |
| DRASTIC            | Combined follower statistics    |                    | #DRASTIC         |

| Handle           | Fall   | Spring  | Summer  | Autumn |
|------------------|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| @florian_krammer | 17,245 | 425,221 | 61,864  | 88,811 |
| @angie_rasmussen | 11,100 | 27,400  | 142,247 | 88,811 |



## ~ Outline ~

- Censorship
- What was censored, and why?
- Implications



# 2 specific elements of the SARS-CoV-2 genome

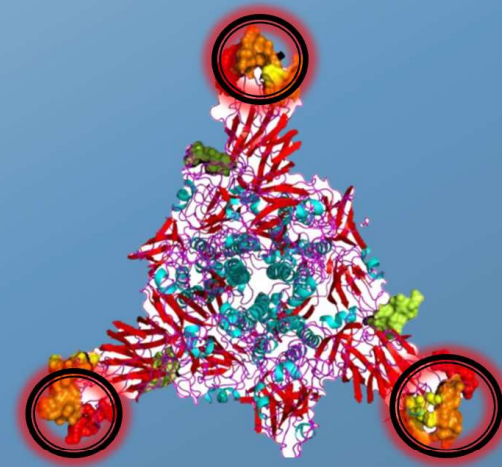
## Furin Cleavage Site

- 1<sup>st</sup> announced in Chinese on 1/21/2020
- 1<sup>st</sup> announced in English on 1/29/2020



## “HIV Inserts”

- 1<sup>st</sup> announced on 1/31/2020



**Insert 1 > TNGTKR**

**Insert 3 > RSYL--TPGDSSSG**



**Insert 2 > HKNNKS**

**Insert 4 > QTNSPRRA**



Primary human cell receptors in.....

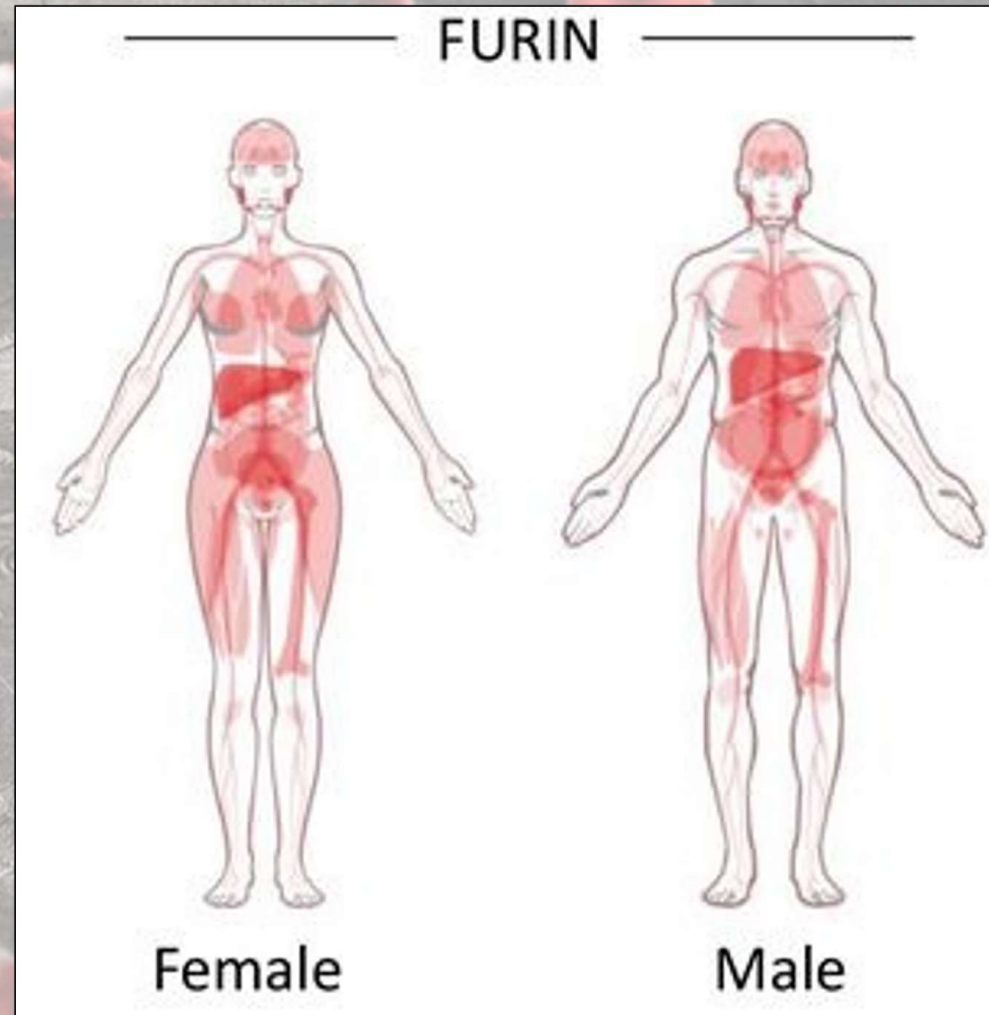
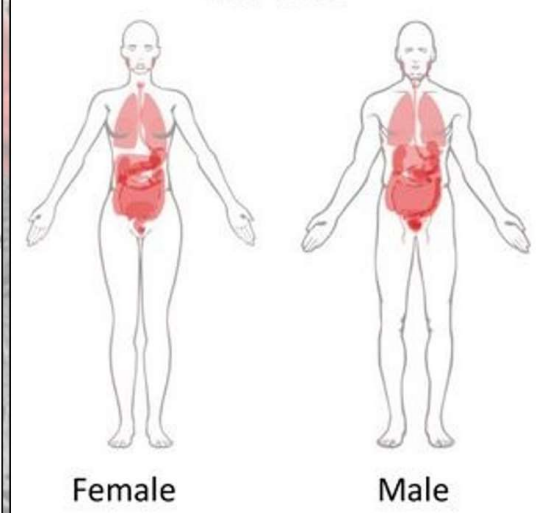
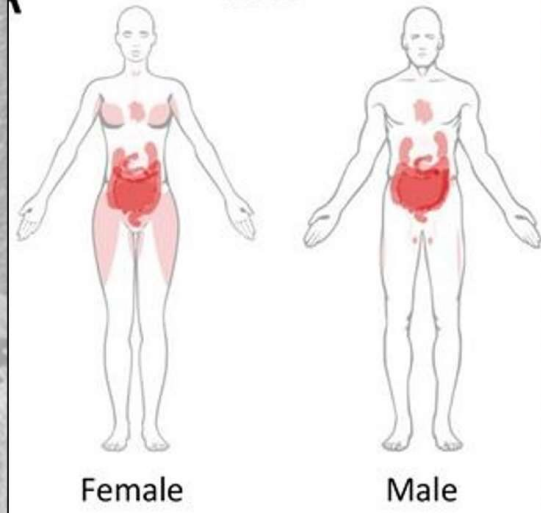
**SARS-CoV-2**

**SARS-CoV**

ACE2

TMPRSS2

FURIN



**All articles published by the WIV, EHA or scientists involved in the 2/1 & 2/3 meetings:  
[FCS mentions in red]**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Article</b>                                                                                                                     |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1/21        | <a href="#">A furin cleavage site was discovered in the spike protein of the 2019 nCoV</a>                                         |
| 1/21        | <a href="#">An emerging CoV causing pneu. outbreak in Wuhan, China: calling for dev. therapeutic &amp; prophylactic strategies</a> |
| 1/22        | <a href="#">Emerging Viruses without Borders: The Wuhan Coronavirus</a>                                                            |
| 1/23        | <a href="#">Detection of 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) by real-time RT-PCR</a>                                                |
| 1/23        | <a href="#">Complete genome characterization of an nCoV associated with severe human respiratory disease in Wuhan, China</a>       |
| 1/23        | <a href="#">Discovery of an nCoV associated with the recent pneumonia outbreak in humans and its potential bat origin</a>          |
| 1/23        | <a href="#">WHO Director-General's statement on the advice of the IHR Emergency Committee on Novel Coronavirus</a>                 |
| 1/24        | <a href="#">A Novel Coronavirus from Patients with Pneumonia in China, 2019</a>                                                    |
| 1/24        | <a href="#">Return of the Coronavirus: 2019-nCoV</a>                                                                               |
| 1/24        | <a href="#">A Novel Coronavirus Emerging in China — Key Questions for Impact Assessment</a>                                        |
| 1/24        | <a href="#">Another Decade, Another Coronavirus</a>                                                                                |
| 1/28        | <a href="#">Anti-Science kills: From Soviet embrace of Pseudoscience...</a>                                                        |
| 1/28        | <a href="#">We Made the Coronavirus Epidemic - Daszak quotes</a>                                                                   |
| 1/29        | <a href="#">Analysis of Wuhan Coronavirus: Déjà Vu - SARS-CoV-2 / nCoV-2019 Evolutionary History - Virological</a>                 |
| 1/30        | <a href="#">Genomic characterization and epidemiology of 2019 nCoV: implications for virus origins and receptor binding</a>        |
| 1/30        | <a href="#">Origins of MERS-CoV, and lessons for 2019-nCoV</a>                                                                     |
| 1/31        | <a href="#">Analysis of Wuhan Coronavirus: Déjà Vu</a>                                                                             |
| 1/31        | <a href="#">Coronavirus (COVID-19): sharing research data   Wellcome</a>                                                           |
| 2/1         | <a href="#">The continuing 2019-nCoV epidemic threat of novel CoV's to global health - The latest outbreak in Wuhan, China</a>     |
| 2/1         | <a href="#">A pneumonia outbreak associated with a new coronavirus of probable bat origin</a>                                      |
| 2/3         | <a href="#">Accelerated viral dynamics in bat cell lines, with implications for zoonotic emergence</a>                             |
| 2/3         | <a href="#">Synergistic China-US Ecological Research is Essential for Global Emerging Infectious Disease Preparedness</a>          |
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| 2/7         | <a href="#">NASEM Response to OSTP re Coronavirus February 6, 2020</a>                                                             |
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| 2/13        | <a href="#">No credible evidence supporting claims of the laboratory engineering of SARS-CoV-2</a>                                 |
| 2/16        | <a href="#">The Proximal Origin of SARS-CoV-2 [pre-print on Virological.org]</a>                                                   |
| 2/17        | <a href="#">Molecular and serological investigation of 2019-nCoV infected patients: implication of multiple shedding routes</a>    |
| 2/19        | <a href="#">Statement in support of the scientists, public health prof., and medical prof. of China combatting COVID-19</a>        |
| 2/19        | <a href="#">Is SARS-CoV-2 originated from laboratory? A rebuttal to the claim of formation via laboratory recombination</a>        |
| 2/26        | <a href="#">Escaping Pandora's Box — Another Novel Coronavirus</a>                                                                 |
| 2/27        | <a href="#">Coronavirus far more likely than Sars to bond to human cells due to HIV-like mutation, scientists say</a>              |
| 3/1         | <a href="#">2019-nCoV in context: lessons learned?</a>                                                                             |
| 3/17        | <a href="#">The Proximal Origin of SARS-CoV-2</a>                                                                                  |
| 3/17        | <a href="#">The COVID-19 coronavirus epidemic has a natural origin, scientists say</a>                                             |

## 6 Weeks & 33 papers

Fauci, Farrar, EHA, WIV, Drosten, Andersen *et al* waited >6 weeks to publish a paper about the FCS

-The element that made SARS-CoV-2 a pandemic-level virus

-The element that made SARS-CoV-2 so efficient at aerosol spread

-The element identified in a Chinese journal on 1/21/2020, & by Bill Gallaher on 1/29/2020

-They ALL stayed silent until the Narrative could be set by “Proximal Origin”

-At which point it was too late



## Chapter 1: Sounds Like It Could Be Fun

Stéphane Bancel said in a December 17, 2020, interview with Antonio Regalado of *MIT Technology Review* that NIH and Moderna independently came “to the same design.” This is apparently a reference to an explicit decision to leave intact the so-called furin-cleavage site, the spot where the spike protein normally gets split into two pieces by the furin enzyme. Graham could have made the spikes more durable by altering the furin-cleavage sequence, but he felt that cut, like a careful incision in a folded piece of origami, would provide the greater flexibility needed for a better immune response. He doubts that Moderna would have made the same counterintuitive call on its own.

# "I would make sure I did NOT include that motif in that virus"

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"If one is making viruses, intentionally, for use in manufacturing, and if I knew that there was a certain genetic motif that correlated with high transmissibility, I would make sure I did not include that motif in that virus; just as today, if there is a virus that has a polybasic cleavage site in HA which is associated with virulence we make sure - in fact we have a rule in our lab - we DO NOT make flu viruses with that motif there.

So, there is utility in knowing what are the bad actors genetically that you really don't want in your virus."

<https://youtu.be/Aw-nR6-4kQQ?t=3111>

Philip Dormitzer  
Novartis, to 2015: Led H1N1 Vax Dev [fastest ever, pre-COVID]  
Pfizer, 2015-2021: Led COVID-19 Vax Dev, through Comirnaty  
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**P. Dormitzer,  
December 2014**



In 26 HIV, SARS, MERS or SARS-CoV-2 vax prototypes [NIH/VRC or Pfizer] across 3 decades, the S1/S2 Furin Cleavage Site was retained unchanged **twice** – for the Moderna/Pfizer COVID-19 jabs. **None** before or since.

**SARS-CoV-2 Origins Research Reference Project - HIV & SARS [Last Updated 7/26/2022] - C. H. Rixey**

| Research Articles, News & Commentary |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Source                                      |         |                                                       |                  | Research Foci |      |      |            |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|------|------|------------|
| Date                                 | Title                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Author(s)                                   | GE      | Methods/Addtl Info                                    | V <sub>1</sub> X | HIV           | SAI  | ME   | SARS-CoV   |
| 5/1/1990                             | <a href="#">Mutational analysis of the human immunodeficiency virus type 1 env gene product proteolytic cleavage site (asm.org)</a>                                                                               | Valerie Bosch & Michael Pawlita             |         | Changed FCS                                           | Vaccine          | HIV           |      |      |            |
| 1/1/1991                             | <a href="#">Biological and immunological properties of human immunodeficiency virus type 1 envelope glycoprotein: analysis of proteins with truncations at the S1/S2 cleavage site (asm.org)</a>                  | Patricia Earl et al                         | NIAID   | No FCS [Primary & Secondary CS were removed/replaced] | Vaccine          | HIV           |      |      |            |
| 1/15/2000                            | <a href="#">A Recombinant HIV-1 Envelope Glycoprotein Complex Stabilized by an Intermolecular Disulfide Bond between the gp120 and gp41 Subunits Is Immunogenic and Elicits Neutralizing Antibodies (asm.org)</a> | Binley, James et al                         |         | No FCS [Disulfide bond replaces CS]                   | Vaccine          | HIV           |      |      |            |
| 12/15/2006                           | <a href="#">Phase I Safety and Immunogenicity Evaluation of a Multiclade HIV-1 DNA Candidate Vaccine (asm.org)</a>                                                                                                | Barney Graham, John Mascola et al           | VRC     | No FCS, Multiclade/Conserved                          | Vaccine          | HIV           |      |      |            |
| 1/2/2014                             | <a href="#">Short Conserved Sequences of HIV-1 Are Highly Immunogenic and Shift Immunodominance (asm.org)</a>                                                                                                     | Otto Yang et al [UCLA]                      | UCLA    | No FCS, Conserved Epitope, ~20%                       | Vaccine          | HIV           |      |      |            |
| 2/24/2016                            | <a href="#">Control of HIV-1 replication in vitro by vaccine-induced human CD8+ T cells through conserved subdominant Pol epitopes (asm.org)</a>                                                                  | Tina Ahmed et al                            | Oxford  | No FCS, Chimeric, Conserved, Alt Clades               | Vaccine          | HIV           |      |      |            |
| 4/1/2016                             | <a href="#">Novel Conserved-region T-cell Mosaic Vaccine With High Global HIV-1 Coverage Is Recognized by Protective Responses in Untreated Infectious Monkeys (asm.org)</a>                                      | Bette Korber et al                          | LANL    | No FCS, Removed AA's 364-389, Mosaic structure        | Vaccine          | HIV           |      |      |            |
| 4/1/2016                             | <a href="#">Suppl figures1-v2.pptx [Novel Conserved Region]</a>                                                                                                                                                   | Bette Korber et al                          | LANL    | No FCS, Removed AA's 364-389, Mosaic structure        | Vaccine          | HIV           |      |      |            |
| 8/29/2017                            | <a href="#">Immunogenicity and structures of a rationally designed prefusion MERS-CoV spike antigen (asm.org)</a>                                                                                                 | Kizmetika Corbett, Barney Graham et al      | VRC     | Changed FCS [to ASVG], 2P                             | Vaccine          | HIV           |      | MERS |            |
| 11/21/2017                           | <a href="#">Structure-based design of native-like HIV-1 envelope trimers to silence non-neutralizing epitopes and eliminate CD4 binding (asm.org)</a>                                                             | Daniel W. Kulp et al                        | Scripps | No FCS & replace it with a flexible 'linker'          | Vaccine          | HIV           |      | MERS |            |
| 5/15/2018                            | <a href="#">HIV-1 Vaccines Based on Antibody Identification, B Cell Ontogeny, and Epitope Structure (asm.org)</a>                                                                                                 | Mascola, John & Kwong, Peter                | VRC     | No FCS, Prefusion                                     | Vaccine          | HIV           |      |      |            |
| 5/24/2018                            | <a href="#">Codon optimization &amp; improved delivery regimen enhance the immune response against wild-type &amp; drug-resistant HIV-1 rev-trans, preserv (asm.org)</a>                                          | AA Latanova et al                           | LANL    | No FCS, Codon optimized, smaller conserved element    | Vaccine          | HIV           |      |      |            |
| 10/25/2019                           | <a href="#">T cell-based strategies for HIV-1 vaccines (asm.org)</a>                                                                                                                                              | Bette Korber & Will Fischer                 | LANL    | No FCS, 9 mosaic/conserved prototypes                 | Vaccine          | HIV           |      |      |            |
| 3/9/2020                             | <a href="#">Structure, Function, and Antigenicity of the SARS-CoV-2 Spike Glycoprotein: Cell Surface Expression, Processing, and Membrane Topology (asm.org)</a>                                                  | Alexandra C. Walls et al                    |         | Changed FCS [removed 4 AA]                            | Vaccine          |               |      |      | SARS-CoV-2 |
| 3/16/2020                            | <a href="#">Don't rush to deploy COVID-19 vaccines and drugs without sufficient safety guarantees (nature.com)</a>                                                                                                | Shibo Jiang                                 | FUD     | Changed FCS, 2P & Disulfide Bonds                     | Vaccine          |               |      |      | SARS-CoV-2 |
| 4/26/2020                            | <a href="#">Vaccines and Broadly Neutralizing Antibodies for HIV-1 Prevention (asm.org)</a>                                                                                                                       | Bette Korber et al                          | LANL    | No FCS, 4 mosaic/conserved prototypes                 | Vaccine          | HIV           |      |      | SARS-CoV-2 |
| 6/2/2020                             | <a href="#">BioVacc-19: A candidate vaccine (asm.org)</a>                                                                                                                                                         | Sorensen, Birger, Dalgleish, Angus & Sus PG |         | Changed FCS; ~2 dozen pieces blended together         | Vaccine          | HIV           |      |      | SARS-CoV-2 |
| 8/4/2020                             | <a href="#">Structure-guided covalent stabilization of coronavirus spike glycoprotein trimers in the closed conformation (asm.org)</a>                                                                            | University of Washington team               |         | Changed FCS, 2P                                       | Vaccine          |               | SARS | MERS | SARS-CoV-2 |
| 8/5/2020                             | <a href="#">SARS-CoV-2 mRNA vaccine design enabled by prototype pathogen preparedness - PubMed (nih.gov)</a>                                                                                                      | Barney Graham et al                         | VRC     | <b>Retained unchanged FCS, 2P</b>                     | Vaccine          |               |      |      | SARS-CoV-2 |
| 8/12/2020                            | <a href="#">Phase I/II study of COVID-19 RNA vaccine BNT162b1 in adults   Nature (nature.com)</a>                                                                                                                 | Philip Dormitzer et al                      |         | <b>Retained unchanged FCS, 2P</b>                     | Vaccine          |               |      |      | SARS-CoV-2 |
| 10/26/2020                           | <a href="#">Inhibition of SARS-CoV-2 viral entry upon blocking N- and O-glycan elaboration   eLife (elifesciences.org)</a>                                                                                        | Qi Yang et al                               |         | Changed FCS [RRAR switched out with SRAS]             | Vaccine          |               |      |      | SARS-CoV-2 |
| 12/9/2020                            | <a href="#">Stabilized diverse HIV-1 envelope trimers for vaccine design (asm.org)</a>                                                                                                                            | Wang, Qian et al                            | CHN     | Changed FCS, disulfide bonds                          | Vaccine          | HIV           |      | MERS | SARS-CoV-2 |
| 3/2/2021                             | <a href="#">Introduction of Two Prolines and Removal of the Polybasic Cleavage Site Lead to Higher Efficacy of a Recombinant Spike-Based SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine (asm.org)</a>                                         | Florian Krammer et al                       | NIAID   | Changed FCS; 2P, disulfide bonds                      | Vaccine          |               |      |      | SARS-CoV-2 |
| 5/18/2021                            | <a href="#">Scalable live-attenuated SARS-CoV-2 vaccine candidate demonstrates preclinical safety and efficacy (pnas.org)</a>                                                                                     |                                             | NIAID   | No FCS, LAV, codon de-optimized                       | Vaccine          |               |      |      | SARS-CoV-2 |
| 12/9/2021                            | <a href="#">A multiclade env-gag VLP mRNA vaccine elicits tier-2 HIV-1-neutralizing antibodies and reduces the risk of heterologous SHIV infection in macaques (asm.org)</a>                                      | Anthony Fauci, John Mascola et al           | VRC     | No FCS, Multiclade/Conserved                          | Vaccine          | HIV           |      |      |            |
| 3/2/2022                             | <a href="#">A highly immunogenic live-attenuated vaccine candidate prevents SARS-CoV-2 infection and transmission in hamsters (cell.com)</a>                                                                      | Xiao-Feng Li et al                          | CHN     | No FCS, LAV                                           | Vaccine          |               |      |      | SARS-CoV-2 |



Why did **A. Fauci/B. Graham/P. Dormitzer** keep the FCS unchanged in January 2020, for a **novel CoV jab**? Why **haven't** they kept the FCS for **other prototypes since**?

The answer is critically important...



# Collateral Damage

## Top 20 COVID-19 Vaccine Manufacturers

| Company                     | doses produced | % of Total |
|-----------------------------|----------------|------------|
| Pfizer BioNTech - Comirnaty | 5,341,277,000  | 28.56%     |
| Moderna - Spikevax          | 3,229,743,000  | 17.27%     |
| AstraZeneca - Vaxzevria     | 2,142,294,000  | 11.45%     |
| SII - Covishield            | 1,675,068,000  | 8.96%      |
| Sinovac - CoronaVac         | 1,405,002,000  | 7.51%      |
| Janssen - Ad26.COV 2-S      | 1,354,644,000  | 7.24%      |
| Novavax-NUVAXOVID           | 927,553,000    | 4.96%      |
| Beijing CNBG - BBIBP-CorV   | 852,614,000    | 4.56%      |
| Bharat - Covaxin            | 384,400,000    | 2.06%      |
| Shifa - COVIran Barakat     | 350,000,000    | 1.87%      |
| Medicago - VLP              | 304,000,000    | 1.63%      |
| Sanofi GSK - Vidprevtyn     | 302,880,000    | 1.62%      |
| Gamaleya - Gam-Covid-Vac    | 270,116,000    | 1.44%      |
| Curevac - CVnCoV            | 79,780,000     | 0.43%      |
| CanSino - Convidecia        | 28,730,000     | 0.15%      |
| Finlay - Soberana-02        | 26,200,000     | 0.14%      |
| Vaxine-SpikoGen             | 18,000,000     | 0.10%      |
| Gamaleya - Sputnik-Light    | 5,835,000      | 0.03%      |
| Chumakov - Covi-Vac         | 3,012,000      | 0.02%      |
| Valneva - VLA2001           | 2,232,000      | 0.01%      |

**Total:** **18,703,380,000**

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# Peptide Fusion Inhibitors

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Yusef Klose<sup>1</sup> and Erez Y. Levron<sup>1</sup>

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Inhibition of severe acute respiratory syndrome-associated coronavirus (SARS-CoV) infectivity by peptides analogous to the viral spike protein  
Bruno Sainz Jr.,<sup>a,\*</sup> Eric C. Mosser,<sup>b,1</sup> William B. Gattaher,<sup>a</sup> William C. Wimley,<sup>c</sup> C. J. Peters,<sup>b,\*</sup> Russell B. Wilson,<sup>d</sup> and Robert F. Quary<sup>a</sup>  
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## Structure-based discovery of Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus fusion inhibitor

Lu Lu, Qi Liu, Yun Zhu, Kwok-Hung Chan, Li-Qin Yuan, Li Qian Wang, Jasper Fuk-Woo Chan, Lanying Du, Fei Yu, Cuiqing Ma, Sheng Ye, Kwok-Yung Yuen, Bonanguang Zhang, & Shibo Jiang

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## SARS-CoV-2 Origins Research Reference Project - HIV & SARS [Last Updated 7/26/2022] - C. H. Rixey

| Research Articles, News & Commentary |                                                                                                                                                                           | Source                                  |     |         |     | Research Foci |      |      |            |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----|---------|-----|---------------|------|------|------------|
| Date                                 | Title                                                                                                                                                                     | Author (s)                              | GR  | Vx      | F   | HI            | SAI  | ME   | SARS-CoV   |
| 7/31/1987                            | <a href="#">Detection of a fusion peptide sequence in the transmembrane protein of human immunodeficiency virus</a>                                                       | Gallaher, William                       | TUL |         | Fuz | HIV           |      |      |            |
| 12/16/2002                           | <a href="#">Rational design of a CD4 mimic that inhibits HIV-1 entry and exposes cryptic neutralization epitopes</a>                                                      | Vita, Claudio & Martin, Loic et al      |     |         | Fuz | HIV           |      |      |            |
| 4/8/2003                             | <a href="#">CoV as the causative agent of SARS</a>                                                                                                                        | Peiris, JSM et al                       | CHN |         | Fuz |               | SARS |      |            |
| 5/1/2003                             | <a href="#">Model of the pre-insertion region of the spike (S2) fusion glycoprotein of the human SARS CoV: implications for antiviral therapy</a>                         | Gallaher, William & Garry, Robert       | TUL |         | Fuz |               | SARS |      |            |
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| 5/1/2004                             | <a href="#">Structural similarity between HIV-1 gp41 and SARS-CoV S2 proteins suggests an analogous membrane fusion mechanism</a>                                         | Zhang, Xue Wu & Yap, Yee Leng           | CHN |         | Fuz | HIV           | SARS |      |            |
| 5/6/2004                             | <a href="#">HIV protease inhibitor nelfinavir inhibits replication of SARS-associated coronavirus - PMC (nih.gov)</a>                                                     | Rongge Yang et al                       | CHN |         | Fuz | HIV           | SARS |      | SARS-COV-2 |
| 4/12/2006                            | <a href="#">Inhibition of SARS-associated CoV infectivity by peptides analogous to the viral spike protein</a>                                                            | Gallaher, William & Garry, Robert et al | TUL |         | Fuz |               | SARS |      |            |
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| 1/1/2007                             | <a href="#">Combating the Threat of Pandemic Influenza: Drug Discovery Approaches - Chapter 7</a>                                                                         | George Gao                              | CHN |         | Fuz |               |      |      |            |
| 4/20/2007                            | <a href="#">Discovery and Optimization of a Natural HIV-1 Entry Inhibitor Targeting the gp41 Fusion Peptide</a>                                                           | Pohlmann, Stefan & Jiang, Shibo et al   | PRX |         | Fuz | HIV           |      |      |            |
| 5/1/2009                             | <a href="#">Structures and Mechanisms of Viral Membrane Fusion Proteins</a>                                                                                               | White, Judith et al                     |     |         | Fuz | HIV           | SARS |      |            |
| 12/1/2010                            | <a href="#">Peptide-based inhibitors of the HIV envelope protein and other class I viral fusion proteins</a>                                                              | Pohlmann, Stefan et al                  | PRX |         | Fuz | HIV           |      |      |            |
| 8/17/2011                            | <a href="#">Engineered Single Human CD4 Domains as Potent HIV-1 Inhibitors and Components of Vaccine Immunogens</a>                                                       | Chen, Weizao et al                      | NIH | Vaccine | Fuz | HIV           |      |      |            |
| 6/1/2012                             | <a href="#">Discovery of Critical Residues for Viral Entry and Inhibition through Structural Insight of HIV-1 Fusion Inhibitor CP621-652</a>                              | Chong, Huihui et al                     | CHN |         | Fuz | HIV           |      |      |            |
| 12/7/2012                            | <a href="#">A bivalent recombinant protein inactivates HIV-1 by targeting the gp41 prehairpin fusion intermediate induced by CD4 D1D2 domain</a>                          | Shibo Jiang et al                       | FUD |         | Fuz | HIV           |      |      |            |
| 1/22/2013                            | <a href="#">HIV-1 Fusion Is Blocked through Binding of GB Virus C E2D Peptides to the HIV-1 gp41 Disulfide Loop</a>                                                       | Shibo Jiang et al                       | FUD |         | Fuz | HIV           |      |      |            |
| 9/25/2013                            | <a href="#">Structure of the fusion core and inhibition of fusion by a heptad repeat peptide derived from the S protein of MERS-CoV</a>                                   | George Gao et al                        | CHN |         | Fuz |               |      | MERS |            |
| 1/2/2015                             | <a href="#">Design of a highly potent HIV-1 fusion inhibitor targeting the gp41 fusion peptide</a>                                                                        | Chong, Huihui et al                     | CHN |         | Fuz | HIV           |      |      |            |
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| 5/12/2017                            | <a href="#">A Lipopeptide HIV-1/2 Fusion Inhibitor with Highly Potent In Vitro, Ex Vivo, and In Vivo Antiviral Activity</a>                                               | Chong, Huihui et al                     | CHN |         | Fuz | HIV           |      |      |            |
| 4/10/2019                            | <a href="#">A pan-CoV fusion inhibitor targeting the HR1 domain of human CoV spike</a>                                                                                    | Xia, Shuai et al                        | CHN |         | Fuz |               |      |      |            |
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| 2/11/2020                            | <a href="#">Fusion mechanism of 2019-nCoV and fusion inhibitors targeting HR1 domain in spike protein</a>                                                                 | Shi, Zheng-Li et al                     | WIV |         | Fuz |               |      |      | SARS-COV-2 |
| 3/16/2020                            | <a href="#">Don't rush to deploy COVID-19 vaccines and drugs without sufficient safety guarantees (nature.com)</a>                                                        | Shibo Jiang                             | FUD | Vaccine | Fuz |               |      |      | SARS-COV-2 |
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| 6/1/2020                             | <a href="#">CoV membrane fusion mechanism offers a potential target for antiviral development</a>                                                                         | Whitaker, Gary et al                    |     |         | Fuz |               |      |      |            |
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| 10/26/2020                           | <a href="#">Inhibition of SARS-CoV-2 viral entry upon blocking N- and O-glycan elaboration   eLife (elifesciences.org)</a>                                                | Qi Yang et al                           |     | Vaccine | Fuz |               |      |      | SARS-COV-2 |
| 1/9/2021                             | <a href="#">Pan-CoV fusion inhibitors as the hope for today and tomorrow</a>                                                                                              | Wang, Ximing et al                      | CHN |         | Fuz |               |      |      |            |
| 4/13/2021                            | <a href="#">Pan-CoV fusion inhibitors possess potent inhibitory activity against HIV-1, HIV-2, and SIV</a>                                                                | Yu, Danwei et al                        | CHN |         | Fuz | HIV           |      |      |            |
| 7/29/2021                            | <a href="#">Structural and functional basis for pan-CoV fusion inhibitors against SARS-CoV-2 and its variants with preclinical evaluation</a>                             | Shibo Jiang et al                       | FUD |         | Fuz |               |      |      | SARS-COV-2 |
| 4/11/2022                            | <a href="#">CoV Entry Inhibitors</a>                                                                                                                                      | Xia, Shuai et al                        | CHN |         | Fuz |               |      |      |            |
| 4/13/2022                            | <a href="#">Peptide-Based HIV Entry Inhibitors</a>                                                                                                                        | Shibo Jiang et al                       | FUD |         | Fuz | HIV           |      |      |            |
| 6/9/2022                             | <a href="#">Conserved coronavirus proteins as targets of broad-spectrum antivirals - ScienceDirect</a>                                                                    | Ralph Baric et al                       | VRC |         | Fuz | HIV           |      |      | SARS-COV-2 |

# There's still no plan to research fusion inhibitors



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This scanning electron microscope image shows SARS-CoV-2 (yellow), the virus that causes COVID-19, isolated from a patient in the United States, emerging from the surface of cells (pink) cultured in the lab. Credit: NIAID-EMU.

**NIH** National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases



# NIAID Announces Antiviral Drug

May 18, 2022

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), part of the National Institutes of Health, has awarded **\$577,000,000** to establish nine Antiviral Drug Discovery (AViDD) Centers for Pathogens of Pandemic Concern.

The AViDD centers will conduct innovative, multidisciplinary research to develop candidate COVID-19 antivirals, especially those that can be taken in an outpatient setting, as well as antivirals targeting specific viral families with high potential to cause a pandemic in the future. These include paramyxoviruses, bunyaviruses, togaviruses, filoviruses (including Ebola viruses and Marburg virus), picornaviruses (including enteroviruses and other cold-causing viruses), and flaviviruses (including the viruses that cause yellow fever, dengue and Zika). The awards are a part of the [Antiviral Program for Pandemics \(APP\)](#), an intensive research program designed to speed development of [therapeutics for COVID-19](#). APP is led by NIAID, the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) and the Office of Research Infrastructure Programs, all part of NIH; and the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), part of HHS.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the need for new antiviral drugs, especially those that could easily be taken by patients at home while their symptoms are still mild," said [Name]. "The structure and vulnerabilities of coronaviruses greatly accelerated our response to them, and we believe that these new antivirals will better prepare us for the next pandemic."

The AViDD award recipients are:

#### Center for Antiviral Medicines & Pandemic Preparedness

Principal Investigator: Sumit Chanda, Ph.D.

Institute: Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla, California

#### UTMB-Novartis Alliance for Pandemic Preparedness

Principal Investigator: Pei-Yong Shi, Ph.D.

Institute: The University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston

#### Rapidly Emerging Antiviral Drug Development Initiative – AViDD Center

Principal Investigator: Ralph Baric, Ph.D.

Institute: The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

#### Development of Outpatient Antiviral Cocktails against SARS-CoV-2 and other Potential Pandemic RNA Viruses

Principal Investigator: Jeffrey Glenn, M.D., Ph.D.

Institute: Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, California

#### Antiviral Countermeasures Development Center

Principal Investigators: George Painter, Ph.D. and Richard Plemper, Ph.D.

Institutes: Emory University and Georgia State University, Atlanta

#### Metropolitan AntiViral Drug Accelerator

Principal Investigator: David Perlin, Ph.D.

Institute: Hackensack University Medical Center, Hackensack, New Jersey

#### QBI Coronavirus Research Group Pandemic Response Program

Principal Investigator: Nevan Krogan, Ph.D.

Institute: University of California, San Francisco

#### Midwest AViDD Center

Principal Investigator: Reuben Harris, Ph.D. + Fang Li

Institute: University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

#### AI-Driven Structure-Enabled Antiviral Platform

Principal Investigators: Ben Perry, Ph.D.; Alpha Lee, Ph.D.; John Chodera, Ph.D.

Institutes: Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative; PostEra; Sloan Kettering Institute and Memorial Sloan Kettering C

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A screenshot of a tweet from Tom Cotton (@SenTomCotton) posted on January 30, 2020. The tweet contains two paragraphs of text and a video thumbnail. The text reads: "The Wuhan coronavirus is a catastrophe on the scale of Chernobyl for China, only Chernobyl was localized. The coronavirus is spreading worldwide." and "Last night, confirmed cases increased in China by 30%. The true numbers are likely much higher." The video thumbnail shows Tom Cotton sitting at a desk with a nameplate that says "MR. COTTON". The tweet has 758 retweets, 65 quote tweets, and 1,476 likes. The interface shows icons for reply, retweet, like, and share.

**Tom Cotton** ✓  
@SenTomCotton

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# Exploration of antigenic determinants in spike glycoprotein of SARS-CoV2 and identification of five salient potential epitopes

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**HIV Inserts in Pradhan et al**

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**Table 1** List of predicted immunogenic epitopes of B cell for 2019-nCoV spike protein, their position, number of residues and scores on different IEDB scales (BepiPred, Emini accessibility prediction scale, Kolaskar and Tongaonkar antigenicity prediction scale and Parker hydrophilicity plot scale)

| S. No | Peptide sequence (Epitope) | Position  | No. of residues | BepiPred score (0.350) | Emini accessibility Score (1.000) | Kolaskar and Tongaonkar antigenicity Score (1.041) | Parker hydrophilicity plot Score (1.238) |
|-------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 1     | RTQLPPAYTNS                | 21-32     | 12              | 1.185                  | 2.868                             | 1.016                                              | 1.675                                    |
| #1    | SGTNGTKRFDN*               | 71-81     | 11              | 1.262                  | 3.464                             | 0.899                                              | 4.818                                    |
| #2    | NKSWME                     | 149-154   | 6               | 0.687                  | 2.022                             | 0.881                                              | 2.133                                    |
| 4     | GKQGNF                     | 181-186   | 6               | 0.934                  | 1.229                             | 0.927                                              | 3.483                                    |
| #3    | SYLTPG*                    | 247-252   | 6               | 1.309                  | 0.995                             | 1.045                                              | 1.400                                    |
| 6     | YQAGSTPCNGV                | 473-483   | 11              | 1.358                  | 0.444                             | 1.049                                              | 3.282                                    |
| 7     | TVCGPKKSTN                 | 523-532   | 10              | 1.121                  | 1.170                             | 1.020                                              | 4.080                                    |
| 8     | RVYST*                     | 634-638   | 5               | 0.554                  | 1.426                             | 1.068                                              | 2.060                                    |
| #4    | QTQTNSPRRARSV*             | 675-687   | 13              | 1.685                  | 8.837                             | 0.983                                              | 4.269                                    |
| 10    | VEQDKNTQE                  | 772-780   | 9               | 1.323                  | 6.923                             | 0.995                                              | 5.756                                    |
| 11    | ILPDPSKPSKRS               | 805-816   | 12              | 2.291                  | 4.690                             | 1.019                                              | 2.850                                    |
| 12    | QSAPH*                     | 1054-1058 | 5               | 1.213                  | 1.597                             | 1.052                                              | 3.760                                    |
| 13    | KNHTSPDVDLG                | 1157-1167 | 11              | 1.378                  | 1.913                             | 1.003                                              | 3.764                                    |

\*Peptides revealed a higher score than threshold in all tools.

#Peptide epitopes possess novel inserts in spike protein.

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## Multiply attenuated lentiviral vector achieves efficient gene delivery in vivo

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### Abstract

Retroviral vectors derived from lentiviruses such as HIV-1 are promising tools for human gene therapy because they mediate the in vivo delivery and long-term expression of transgenes in nondividing tissues. We describe an HIV vector system in which the virulence genes *env*, *vif*, *vpr*, *vpu*, and *nef* have been deleted. This multiply attenuated vector conserved the ability to transduce growth-arrested cells and monocyte-derived macrophages in culture, and could efficiently deliver genes in vivo into adult neurons. These data demonstrate the potential of lentiviral vectors in human gene therapy.

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*Lentiviral vectors: turning a deadly foe into a therapeutic agent*

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The past 3 years have witnessed the spectacular eruption of lentiviral vectors into the limelight of the gene therapy scene. Owing to their ability to deliver transgenes in tissues that had long appeared intractably refractory to stable gene delivery, lentiviral vectors have opened fresh perspectives for the genetic treatment of a wide array of hereditary as well as acquired disorders, and a concrete proposal for their clinical use seems imminent. This article traces the path that

has led to this rapid development and describes the current state of the art in the design and production of lentiviral vectors. The important question of biosafety is discussed. This system seems to have the edge over other gene delivery tools for particular targets, however, there remain several issues to be resolved before lentiviruses make it to the bedside. *Gene Therapy* (2000) 7, 20–23.

**Keywords:** lentiviral vectors; retroviral vectors; HIV; nondividing cells; in vivo gene delivery

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### Expression cloning of functional receptor used by SARS coronavirus

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### Retroviruses Pseudotyped with the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus Spike Protein Efficiently Infect Cells Expressing Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme 2

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Infection of receptor-bearing cells by coronaviruses is mediated by their spike (S) proteins. The coronavirus (SARS-CoV) that causes severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) infects cells expressing the receptor angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 (ACE2). Here we show that codon optimization of the SARS-CoV S-protein gene substantially enhanced S-protein expression. We also found that two retroviruses, simian immunodeficiency virus (SIV) and murine leukemia virus, both expressing green fluorescent protein and pseudotyped with SARS-CoV S protein or S-protein variants, efficiently infected HEK293T cells stably expressing ACE2. Infection mediated by an S-protein variant whose cytoplasmic domain had been truncated and altered to include a fragment of the cytoplasmic tail of the human immunodeficiency virus type 1 envelope glycoprotein was, in both cases, substantially more efficient than that mediated by wild-type S protein. Using S-protein-pseudotyped SIV, we found that the enzymatic activity of ACE2 made no contribution to S-protein-mediated infection. Finally, we show that a soluble and catalytically inactive form of ACE2 potently blocked infection by S-protein-pseudotyped retrovirus and by SARS-CoV. These results permit studies of SARS-CoV entry inhibitors without the use of live virus and suggest a candidate therapy for SARS.

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# T cell-based strategies for HIV-1 vaccines

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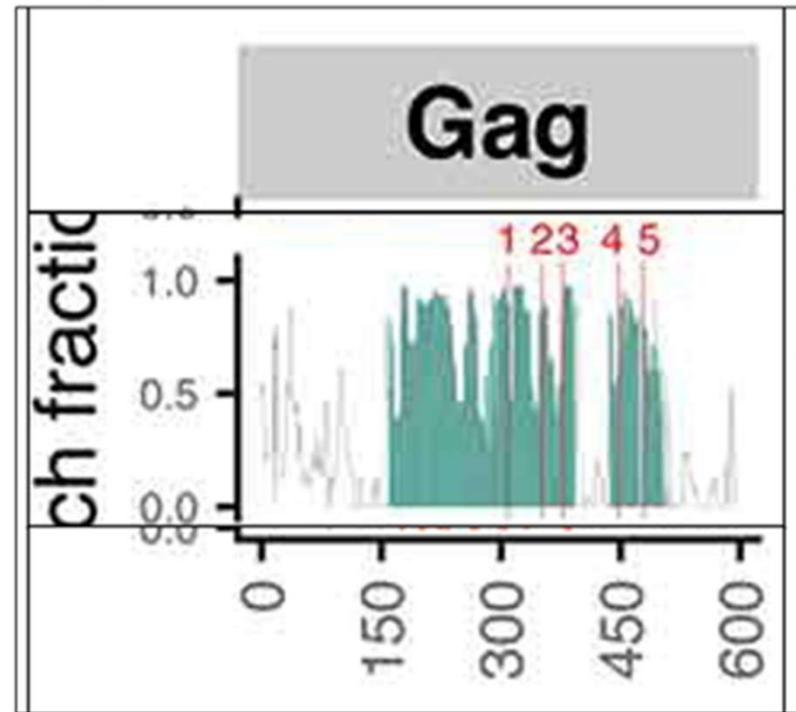
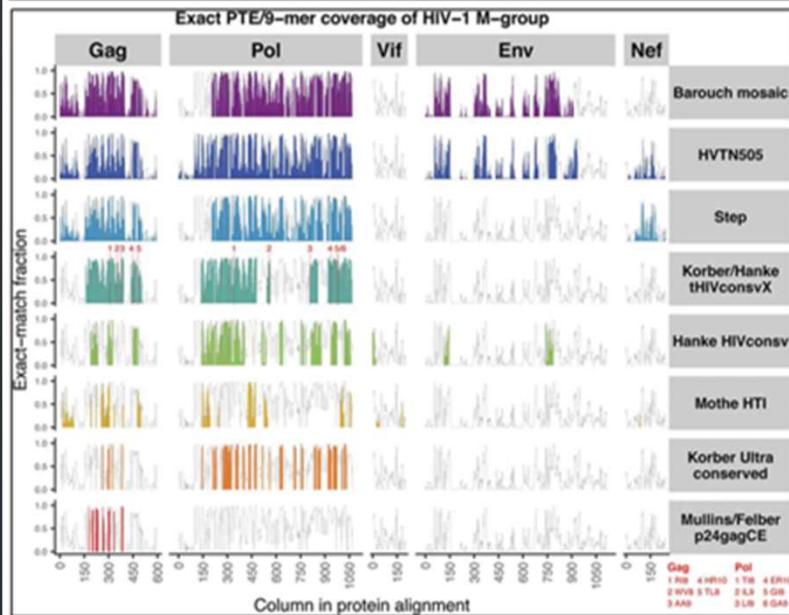


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Figure 1. Exact 9-mer coverage of M group HIV by vaccine. For each graph, a position in the alignment marks the beginning of a 9-mer (a PTE); gray lines indicate the frequency in the HIV-1 M group alignment (see methods) of the most common form of 9-mer for sliding windows starting at positions 1–9, advancing to 2–10, then 3–11. For each 9-mer included in a vaccine, a colored bar indicates the summed frequencies of 9-mers that are present in (covered by) each vaccine. Brief descriptions of the vaccines: Barouch mosaic: two global mosaics for each of Gag and Pol, and Env;<sup>37</sup> these were the same inserts that were used in the MVA constructs in Barouch et al.<sup>38</sup> One of the Envs in the original vaccine<sup>37</sup> has been redesigned for stability and production reasons for use in the Adenovirus vector for the Imbokodo clinical trial.<sup>38</sup> HVTN505: natural HIV isolates: 1 each of Gag, Pol, and Nef, and 3 modified Envs (gp145). Step 2008: one Gag, Pol, and Nef protein, derived from natural HIV-1 B clade sequences.<sup>39</sup> Korber/Hanke tHIVconsvX 2015: 2 global mosaics spanning 6 highly conserved fragments of Gag and Pol.<sup>19</sup> Red numbers mark 5 epitopes in Gag and 6 in Pol that are included in this conserved vaccine that was subsequently found to be strongly associated with viral control *in vitro* and *in vivo* (the key to these epitopes is at bottom right).<sup>40,41</sup> Hanke HIVconsv 2007: 14 concatenated peptide fragments derived from different subtype consensus sequences (median length 40, range 27–130 amino acids (aa));<sup>17</sup> Mothe HTI 2015: 16 fragments (median length 22.5, range 11–78 aa), concatenated with three joining alanine residues, based on regions that were preferentially targeted by individuals with low viral loads, published as European Patent EP2620446A1;<sup>25</sup> Korber Ultra CE: 40 highly conserved peptides (median length 18, range 14–22 aa), selected based on contiguous HIV-1 M group 9-mer coverage >80%, designed using the Epigraph tools,<sup>42</sup> currently under study, and first published here; Mullins p24 CE: Two variants each, of 7 regions of Gag (median 18, range 12–24 aa), concatenated with 2–4 aa alanine-rich linkers.<sup>43</sup>

This is why the DOE leans lab origin –

They recognized unnaturally precise & unnaturally positioned HIV-like inserts within the SARS-CoV-2 Spike Genome

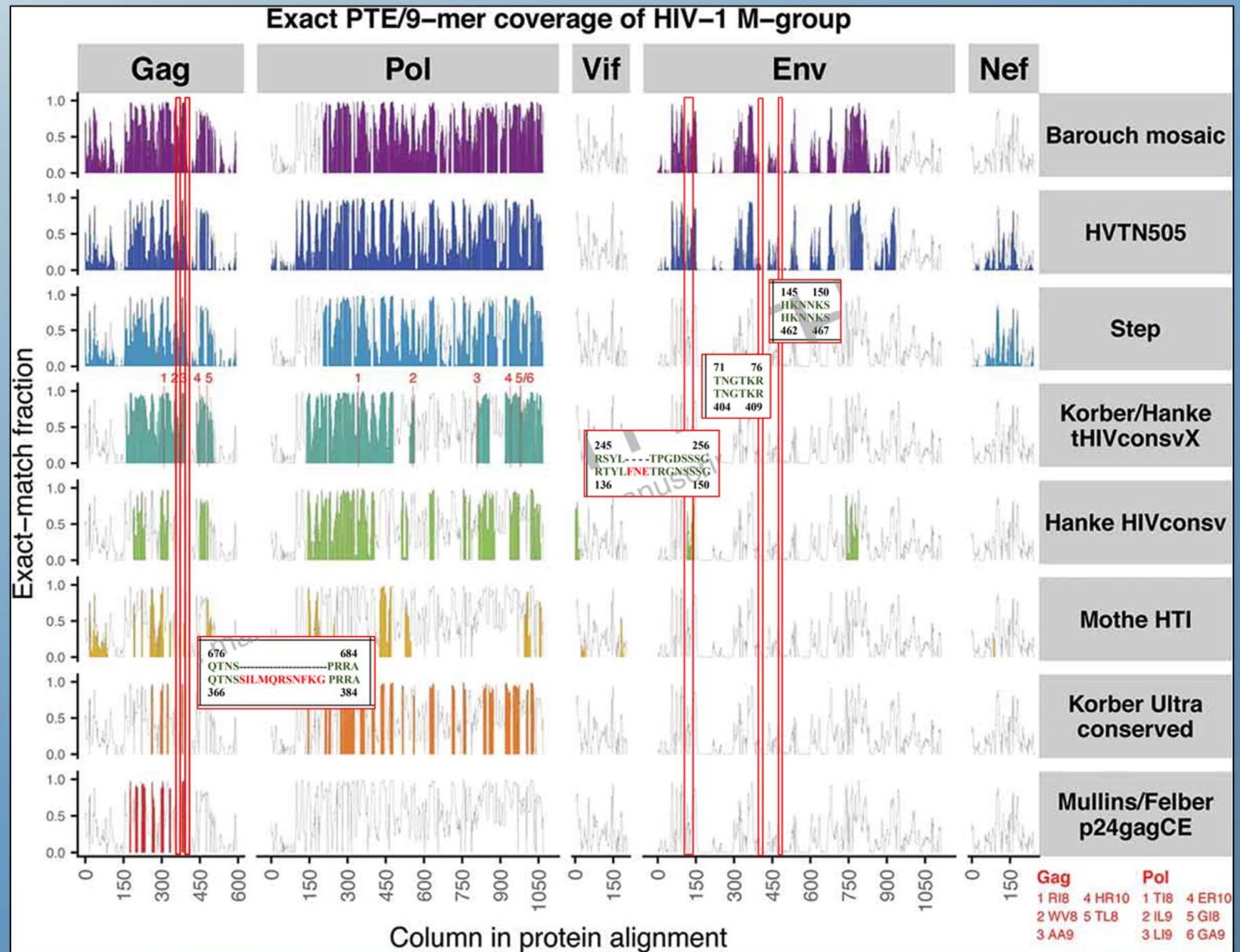
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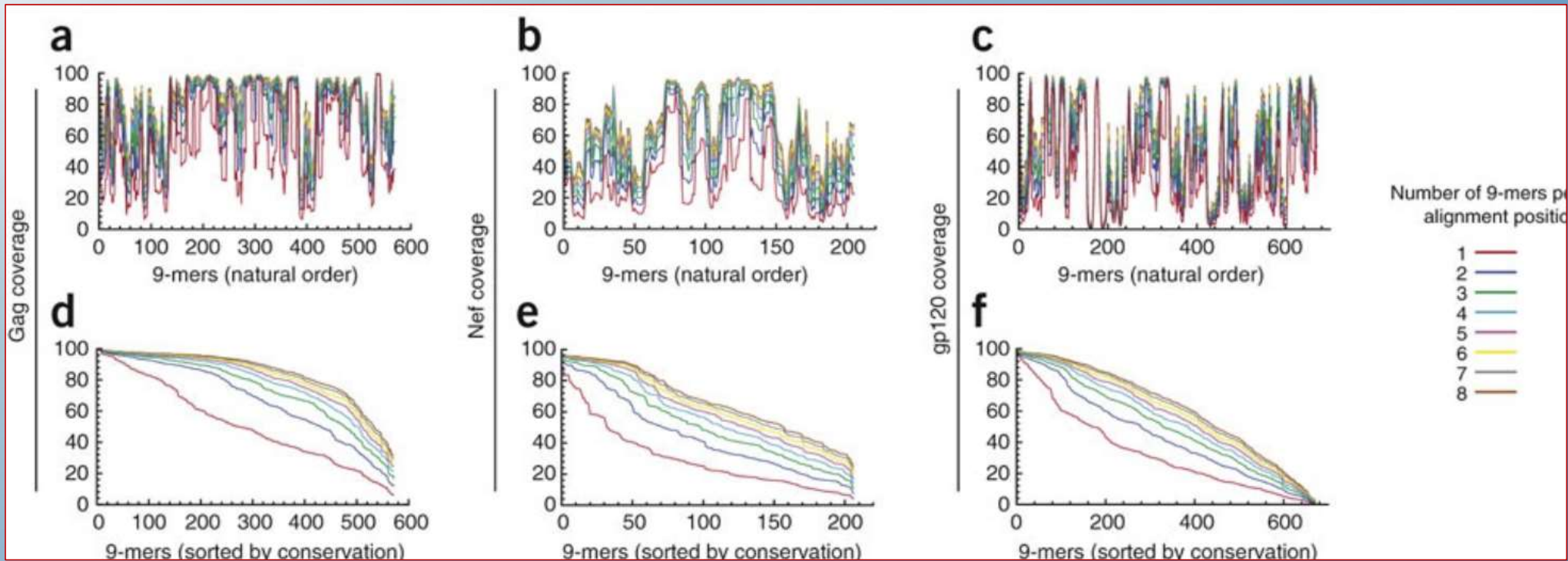
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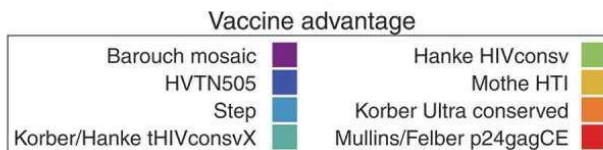
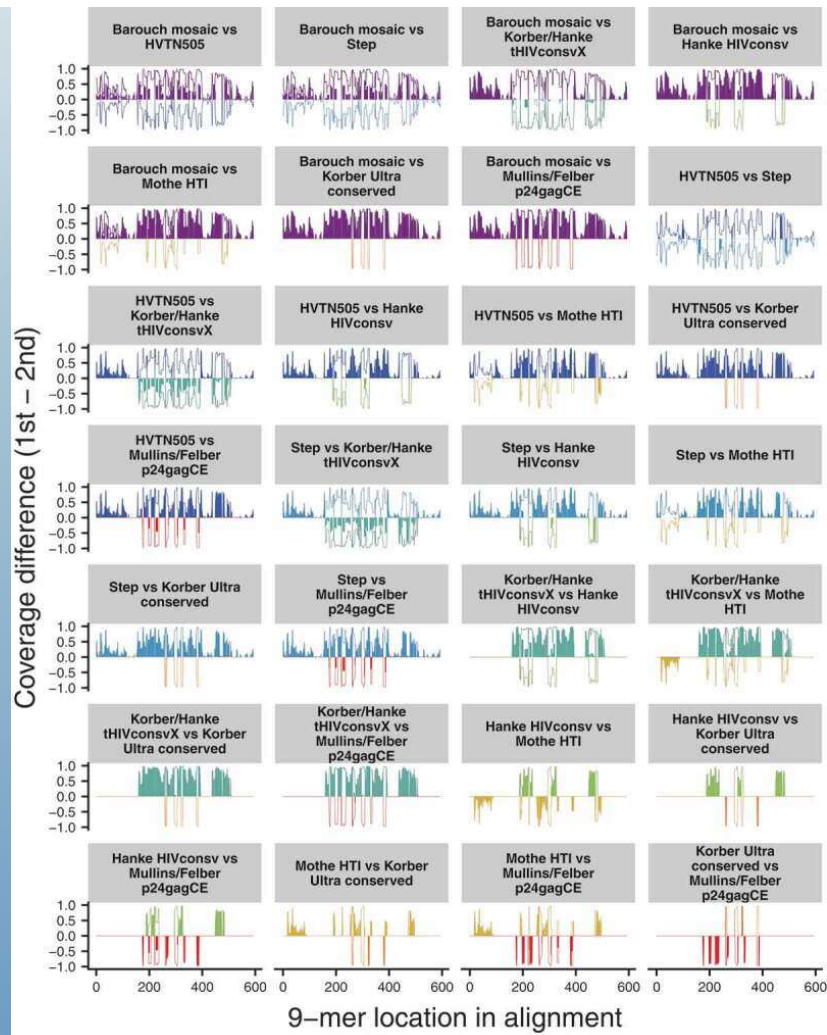
| Motifs   | Virus Glycoprotein               | Motif Alignment                                                        |
|----------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Insert 1 | 2019- nCoV (GP)<br>HIV1(GP120)   | 71 76<br>TNGTKR<br>TNGTKR<br>404 409                                   |
| Insert 2 | 2019- nCoV (GP)<br>HIV1(GP120)   | 145 150<br>HKNNKS<br>HKNNKS<br>462 467                                 |
| Insert 3 | 2019- nCoV (GP)<br>HIV1(GP120)   | 245 256<br>RSYL----TPGDSSSG<br>RTYLFN <del>ET</del> RGNSSSG<br>136 150 |
| Insert 4 | 2019- nCoV (Poly P)<br>HIV1(gag) | 676 684<br>QTNS-----PRRA<br>QTNSSILMQRSNFKG PRRA<br>366 384            |

Table 1: Aligned sequences of 2019-nCoV and gp120 protein of HIV-1 with their positions in primary sequence of protein. All the inserts have a high density of positively charged residues. The deleted fragments in insert 3 and 4 increase the positive charge to surface area ratio. \*please see Supp. Table 1 for accession numbers



Polyvalent vaccines for optimal coverage of potential T-cell...







# Mind the Gaps

The QTNSPRRA insert in SARS-CoV-2 corresponds to a part of the HIV-1 Gag Protein that is always **removed** in HIV-1 vaccine candidates

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**Mosaic 1 Gag 2 391-459**  
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| 2019-nCoV | MFVFLVLLPLVSSQCVNLTTRTQ--LPPAYTN--SFRGVYYPDKVFRSSVLHSTQDLFLPFFSNVTFHAIHVS                                                   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| SARS-G202 | MFIFLLFLTLTSGDRLCTTFDDVQAPNYTQHTSSRGGVYYPDEIFRSDTLYLTDQLFLPFFSNVTFHAIHVS                                                    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Consensus | MFIFLLlLpLsqqdL#rcTrf#...qaPaYT#...SfrGGVYYPDE!FRSDtLhLTDQLFLPFFSNVTFHAIHVS                                                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|           | 131                                                                                                                         | 140 | 150 | 160 | 170 | 180 | 190 | 200 | 210 | 220 | 230 | 240 | 250 | 260 |
| 2019-nCoV | VIKVCDFQCNDFPLGYYHKNKNSMESEFRVYSSANNCCTFEYVSOPFLMDLEGKQGNFKLREFVFNKIDGVYKISKHTP                                             |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| SARS-G202 | VIRACNFELCONPFFAV---SKPHTQTHTMIFDNFNCTFEYISDAFSLDVEKSGNFKHREFVFNKIDGVYKISKHTP                                               |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Consensus | VIRacF#IC#PFlav...nnkn#sefr!%dnANCTFEYISaF!\$DleekG#GNFKLREFVFNKIDG%Ik!YkghqPI#VRDLPqGfnaLePifdLPiGINITrFraiLa...aZLpaqDs.. |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|           | 261                                                                                                                         | 270 | 280 | 290 | 300 | 310 | 320 | 330 | 340 | 350 | 360 | 370 | 380 | 390 |
| 2019-nCoV | GHTAGAAAYVGYLQPRFTLLKYNENGTIDAVDCAIDPLSETKCTLKSFVEKGIYQTSNFRVQPTESIVRFPNITNLCPFG                                            |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| SARS-G202 | HGTSAAAYVGYLQPTFTLLKYNENGTIDAVDCAIDPLSETKCTLKSFVEKGIYQTSNFRVQPTESIVRFPNITNLCPFG                                             |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Consensus | GtagAAAYVGYLqPrTf#LKY#ENGTIDAVDcaq#pLaELKcSLKSF#!KGIYQTSNFRVqPard!VRFPNITNLCPFG                                             |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|           | 391                                                                                                                         | 400 | 410 | 420 | 430 | 440 | 450 | 460 | 470 | 480 | 490 | 500 | 510 | 520 |
| 2019-nCoV | LNDLCFTNYYADSFYIRGDEVRIAPGQGTGIADYNYKLPDDFGCVIAHNSNNLDSKVGNYNYLRYLFRKSNLKPFRDIS                                             |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| SARS-G202 | LNDLCFSNYYADSFYKGGVRIAPGQGTGIADYNYKLPDDFGCVIAHNSNNLDSKVGNYNYLRYLFRKSNLKPFRDIS                                               |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Consensus | LNDLCFSNYYADSFY!rGD#VRQIAPGQGTGIADYNYKLPDDFGCVIAHNSrNiDaksgNYNYLYRlRhnLrPFRDISneI%qadgkPCng.eaINCYFPL#dYGFqPnG!GYQPYRVVLSFE |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|           | 521                                                                                                                         | 530 | 540 | 550 | 560 | 570 | 580 | 590 | 600 | 610 | 620 | 630 | 640 | 650 |
| 2019-nCoV | LLHAPATVCGPKSLNVLKNCVNFNGLTGTGVLTPSSKRFQPFQDFGRDIAIDTAVRDPQLLEILDIPCSFGGVSITPGTNS                                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| SARS-G202 | LLHAPATVCGPKSLNVLKNCVNFNGLTGTGVLTPSSKRFQPFQDFGRDIAIDTAVRDPQLLEILDIPCSFGGVSITPGTNS                                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Consensus | LhAPATVCGPKSL#L!KNqCVNFNGLTGTGVLTeSnKRFqPqQDFGRD!aDfTDAVRDPqTLEILDIPCSFGGVSITPGTNSn#VAVLYQDVNCT#vP#AIHADQLTPa#R!YSTGnVVFQTr |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|           | 651                                                                                                                         | 660 | 670 | 680 | 690 | 700 | 710 | 720 | 730 | 740 | 750 | 760 | 770 | 780 |
| 2019-nCoV | AGCLIGAETHVNSYECDIPIGAGICASQTQTNSPRRASVRSISIAYTHSLGAEHSVAYSNNISAIPTNFTISVTEILPVSHKTSVDC                                     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| SARS-G202 | AGCLIGAETHVNSYECDIPIGAGICASHTVSS---LLRSTSQSIIVAYTHSLGADSSAYSNNITAIPTNFTISITIEVMPVSHKTSVDCNHYICGDS                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Consensus | AGCLIGAETHVnSYECDIPiGAGICASq!qs....raRSTsqSI!AYTHSLG#nS!AYSNNISAIPTNfSIS!TTE!#pVShKTSVDCnHYICGDSecANLLLYQGSFCTQLNRLSgIaEQDR |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |

|          |           |     |     |     |     |                     |    |   |       |
|----------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------------|----|---|-------|
| Insert 4 | HIV1(gag) | 676 | 684 | 684 | Gag | India* <sup>c</sup> | 6  | 2 | 12.00 |
|          |           | 366 | 384 | 384 |     |                     | 12 | 4 | 12.30 |

## Scorpion-Toxin Mimics of CD4 in Complex with Human Immunodeficiency Virus gp120

Crystal Structures, Molecular Mimicry, and Neutralization Breadth

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**Mutations, Functional Elements & Antigenic Properties in the SARS-CoV-2 S Protein - Specifically, within the Receptor Binding Domain [RBD], N-Terminal Domain [NTD] Loops, & the HIV- Homologous Inserts identified by Pradhan et al, Gallaher et al & Sorenson et al**

| Inserts |                  |                 |                   | C-19 |         | Locations               |               | HIV     |         | Elements |      |     |     |      | Interactions [working] |        |         |       |
|---------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------|---------|-------------------------|---------------|---------|---------|----------|------|-----|-----|------|------------------------|--------|---------|-------|
| Pr*     | SSD <sup>†</sup> | GI <sup>‡</sup> | N-Lp <sup>§</sup> | Regn | AA      | AA Sequence             | AA            | Regn    | Details | Details  | Glyc | SAg | PLD | CD4+ | CD8+                   | B-cell | DC-SIGN | hACE2 |
|         |                  |                 |                   | 1    | 1       | NTD 14-26               | QCVNLTTRTQLPP |         |         |          |      |     |     |      |                        |        |         |       |
| 1       | 1                | 2               | 2                 | NTD  | 71-76   | TNGTKR                  |               | 404-409 | ENV     | VL4      |      |     |     | CD4+ |                        | B      | N74     |       |
| 1       | 2                | 2               | 2                 | NTD  | 67-81   | AHVSGTNGTKRFDN          |               |         |         |          |      |     |     |      |                        |        |         |       |
| 2       | 3                | 3               | 3                 | CTD  | 140-158 | FLGVVYHKNKNSWMESEFR     |               |         |         |          |      | SAg |     |      |                        |        |         |       |
| 2       | 2                | 3               | 3                 | CTD  | 145-150 | HKNNKS                  |               | 462-467 | ENV     | VL5      |      |     |     | CD4+ |                        | B      | N149    |       |
|         |                  |                 |                   | CTD  | 178-180 |                         |               |         |         |          |      |     |     |      |                        |        |         |       |
| 3       | 3                | 5               | 5                 | CTD  | 241-263 | LLALHRSYLTSGDSSSGWTAGAA |               |         |         |          |      | SAg |     |      |                        |        |         |       |
| 3       | 3                | 5               | 5                 | CTD  | 245-256 | RSYL---TPGDSSSG         |               | 136-150 | ENV     | VL1      |      | SAg |     | CD4+ |                        |        |         |       |

| C-19 |         | Locations               |         | HIV  |         |
|------|---------|-------------------------|---------|------|---------|
| Regn | AA      | AA Sequence             | AA      | Regn | Details |
| NTD  | 14-26   | QCVNLTTRTQLPP           |         |      |         |
| NTD  | 71-76   | TNGTKR                  | 404-409 | ENV  | VL4     |
| NTD  | 67-81   | AHVSGTNGTKRFDN          |         |      |         |
| CTD  | 140-158 | FLGVVYHKNKNSWMESEFR     |         |      |         |
| CTD  | 145-150 | HKNNKS                  | 462-467 | ENV  | VL5     |
| CTD  | 178-180 |                         |         |      |         |
| CTD  | 241-263 | LLALHRSYLTSGDSSSGWTAGAA |         |      |         |
| CTD  | 245-256 | RSYL---TPGDSSSG         | 136-150 | ENV  | VL1     |

**Table 3 Contact Surface Areas by Residue of gp120 for CD4, CD4M33, and F23 Complexes**

| YU2   | CD4/HXBc2 (821.8 Å²) |      |       | CD4/YU2 (874.1 Å²) |      |       | CD4M33/YU2(1) (527.6 Å²) |      |       | CD4M33/YU2(2) (543.1 Å²) |      |       | F23/YU2(1) (363.8 Å²) |      |       | F23/YU2(2) (398.0 Å²) |      |       |     |
|-------|----------------------|------|-------|--------------------|------|-------|--------------------------|------|-------|--------------------------|------|-------|-----------------------|------|-------|-----------------------|------|-------|-----|
|       | Main                 | Side | Total | Main               | Side | Total | Main                     | Side | Total | Main                     | Side | Total | Main                  | Side | Total | Main                  | Side | Total |     |
| 123 T |                      |      |       | 0.0                | 4.1  | 4.1   |                          |      |       |                          |      |       |                       |      |       |                       |      |       |     |
| 124 P | 3.9                  | 28.4 | 32.3  | 9.3                | 37.9 | 47.2  | 0.0                      | 9.7  | 9.7   | 0.0                      | 8.8  | 8.8   | 0.0                   | 5.7  | 5.7   | 0.0                   | 8.6  | 8.6   |     |
| 125 L | 3.3                  | 0.0  | 3.3   | 1.7                | 0.0  | 1.7   |                          |      |       |                          |      |       |                       |      |       |                       |      |       |     |
| 126 C | 17.9                 | 28.0 | 45.9  | 15.8               | 29.8 | 45.5  |                          |      |       |                          |      |       |                       |      |       |                       |      |       |     |
| 127 V | 5.6                  | 3.9  | 9.5   | 2.8                | 0.0  | 2.8   |                          |      |       |                          |      |       |                       |      |       |                       |      |       |     |
| 128 G | 2.8                  | 0.0  | 2.8   | 15.0               | 0.0  | 15.0  |                          |      |       |                          |      |       |                       |      |       |                       |      |       |     |
| 194 G |                      |      |       | 12.6               | 0.0  | 12.6  |                          |      |       |                          |      |       |                       |      |       |                       |      |       |     |
| 196 C | 0.0                  | 6.9  | 6.9   | 0.0                | 20.1 | 20.1  |                          |      |       |                          |      |       |                       |      |       |                       |      |       |     |
| 255 V |                      |      |       |                    |      |       | 0.0                      | 18.1 | 18.1  | 0.0                      | 16.5 | 16.5  |                       |      |       |                       |      |       |     |
| 256 S |                      |      |       |                    |      |       | 8.2                      | 0.0  | 8.2   | 7.4                      | 0.0  | 7.4   |                       |      |       |                       |      |       |     |
| 257 T | 0.0                  | 5.7  | 5.7   | 0.0                | 4.1  | 4.1   | 0.0                      | 15.1 | 15.1  | 0.0                      | 10.8 | 10.8  | 0.0                   | 6.5  | 6.5   | 0.0                   | 6.5  | 6.5   |     |
| 278 T | 0.8                  | 0.0  | 0.8   |                    |      |       |                          |      |       |                          |      |       |                       |      |       |                       |      |       |     |
| 279 N | 2.0                  | 16.3 | 18.3  | 0.0                | 15.6 | 15.6  |                          |      |       |                          |      |       |                       |      |       |                       |      |       |     |
| 280 N | 10.4                 | 31.8 | 42.3  | 13.4               | 29.1 | 42.6  | 0.0                      | 2.5  | 2.5   | 0.0                      | 1.9  | 1.9   | 0.4                   | 0.7  | 1.1   | 0.0                   | 0.9  | 0.9   |     |
| 281 A | 13.5                 | 25.9 | 39.4  | 17.4               | 22.2 | 39.6  | 8.8                      | 3.8  | 12.6  | 7.9                      | 4.4  | 12.3  | 8.5                   | 6.2  | 14.7  | 0.2                   | 2.0  | 2.2   |     |
| 282 K | 0.0                  | 9.2  | 9.2   | 3.7                | 10.7 | 14.4  |                          |      |       |                          |      |       |                       |      |       |                       |      |       |     |
| 283 T | 1.4                  | 14.7 | 16.1  | 3.2                | 13.2 | 16.4  | 0.0                      | 0.2  | 0.2   |                          |      |       |                       |      |       |                       |      |       |     |
| 364 S | 0.0                  | 1.4  | 1.4   |                    |      |       | 0.0                      | 2.8  | 2.8   | 0.0                      | 1.1  | 1.1   |                       |      |       | 0.0                   | 1.5  | 1.5   |     |
| 365 S | 16.2                 | 30.9 | 47.1  | 9.9                | 27.1 | 37.1  | 13.9                     | 18.4 | 32.3  | 12.2                     | 20.7 | 32.9  | 12.2                  | 20.7 | 32.9  | 12.9                  | 22.2 | 35.0  |     |
| 366 G | 20.1                 | 0.0  | 20.1  | 20.8               | 0.0  | 20.8  | 18.3                     | 0.0  | 18.3  | 23.5                     | 0.0  | 23.5  | 16.7                  | 0.0  | 16.7  | 23.8                  | 0.0  | 23.8  |     |
| 367 G | 21.8                 | 0.0  | 21.8  | 21.9               | 0.0  | 21.9  | 17.0                     | 0.0  | 17.0  | 26.6                     | 0.0  | 26.6  | 17.9                  | 0.0  | 17.9  | 25.4                  | 0.0  | 25.4  |     |
| 368 D | 7.1                  | 45.2 | 52.3  | 8.6                | 41.8 | 50.4  | 7.5                      | 29.3 | 36.8  | 9.4                      | 40.2 | 49.6  | 7.2                   | 30.7 | 37.8  | 8.5                   | 44.3 | 52.8  |     |
| 369 P |                      |      |       |                    |      |       |                          |      |       |                          |      |       |                       |      |       |                       | 0.0  | 0.7   | 0.7 |
| 370 E | 0.0                  | 19.1 | 19.1  | 0.0                | 17.6 | 17.6  | 0.0                      | 29.2 | 29.2  | 0.0                      | 30.4 | 30.4  | 0.0                   | 21.2 | 21.2  | 0.0                   | 18.7 | 18.7  |     |
| 371 I | 0.0                  | 39.3 | 39.3  | 0.0                | 38.1 | 38.1  | 0.0                      | 44.8 | 44.8  | 0.0                      | 40.2 | 40.2  | 0.0                   | 40.3 | 40.3  | 0.0                   | 41.1 | 41.1  |     |
| 375 S |                      |      |       |                    |      |       | 4.0                      | 11.6 | 15.7  | 0.0                      | 14.1 | 14.1  |                       |      |       |                       |      |       |     |
| 376 F |                      |      |       |                    |      |       | 10.7                     | 0.0  | 10.7  | 13.0                     | 0.0  | 13.0  |                       |      |       |                       |      |       |     |
| 377 N |                      |      |       |                    |      |       | 2.2                      | 5.2  | 7.4   | 3.5                      | 5.3  | 8.8   |                       |      |       |                       |      |       |     |
| 382 F |                      |      |       |                    |      |       | 0.0                      | 19.4 | 19.4  | 0.0                      | 23.1 | 23.1  |                       |      |       |                       |      |       |     |
| 384 Y |                      |      |       |                    |      |       | 0.0                      | 9.0  | 9.0   | 0.0                      | 7.4  | 7.4   |                       |      |       |                       |      |       |     |
| 424 I |                      |      |       |                    |      |       | 0.0                      | 9.8  | 9.8   | 0.0                      | 7.9  | 7.9   |                       |      |       |                       |      |       |     |
| 425 N | 6.5                  | 20.3 | 26.8  | 7.7                | 24.0 | 31.6  | 9.7                      | 11.4 | 21.1  | 11.3                     | 11.1 | 22.4  | 6.8                   | 9.0  | 15.5  | 5.5                   | 9.9  | 15.4  |     |
| 426 M | 13.8                 | 0.0  | 13.8  | 12.7               | 0.0  | 12.7  | 15.3                     | 0.0  | 15.3  | 15.4                     | 0.0  | 15.4  | 14.8                  | 0.0  | 14.8  | 13.9                  | 0.0  | 13.9  |     |
| 427 W | 18.2                 | 12.3 | 30.5  | 15.5               | 18.2 | 25.7  | 20.2                     | 22.0 | 42.2  | 17.2                     | 22.1 | 39.3  | 16.4                  | 9.3  | 25.6  | 19.2                  | 8.3  | 27.5  |     |
| 428 Q | 2.4                  | 0.0  | 2.4   | 2.6                | 0.0  | 2.6   | 2.0                      | 0.0  | 2.0   | 3.2                      | 0.0  | 3.2   | 1.3                   | 0.0  | 1.3   | 2.8                   | 0.0  | 2.8   |     |
| 429 K | 10.5                 | 3.2  | 13.7  | 8.0                | 4.1  | 12.1  | 11.3                     | 0.0  | 11.3  | 11.2                     | 0.0  | 11.2  | 9.7                   | 0.0  | 9.7   | 11.5                  | 0.0  | 11.5  |     |
| 430 V | 14.2                 | 54.8 | 69.0  | 17.7               | 55.9 | 73.6  | 8.0                      | 34.2 | 42.2  | 7.2                      | 33.8 | 41.0  | 7.1                   | 32.7 | 39.8  | 8.4                   | 36.4 | 44.8  |     |
| 431 G | 1.4                  | 0.0  | 1.4   | 2.3                | 0.0  | 2.3   | 1.5                      | 0.0  | 1.5   | 2.1                      | 0.0  | 2.1   | 1.5                   | 0.0  | 1.5   | 1.1                   | 0.0  | 1.1   |     |
| 432 K | 0.0                  | 1.7  | 1.7   | 8.0                | 2.8  | 2.8   |                          |      |       |                          |      |       |                       |      |       |                       |      |       |     |
| 455 T | 0.0                  | 12.8 | 12.8  | 1.8                | 8.3  | 10.0  | 0.0                      | 3.1  | 3.1   | 0.0                      | 2.8  | 2.8   | 0.0                   | 0.2  | 0.2   | 0.0                   | 0.9  | 0.9   |     |
| 456 R | 7.8                  | 0.0  | 7.8   | 7.0                | 3.8  | 0.0   | 3.8                      |      |       |                          |      |       |                       |      |       |                       |      |       |     |
| 467 D | 5.9                  | 21.0 | 26.9  | 6.3                | 20.7 | 27.0  | 3.0                      | 1.9  | 4.9   | 1.6                      | 1.1  | 2.6   | 1.5                   | 0.6  | 2.2   | 2.0                   | 4.2  | 6.2   |     |
| 458 G | 5.2                  | 0.0  | 5.2   | 9.8                | 0.0  | 9.8   | 2.6                      | 0.0  | 2.6   |                          |      |       | 1.5                   | 0.0  | 1.5   |                       |      |       |     |
| 459 G | 29.2                 | 0.0  | 29.2  | 11.8               | 0.0  | 11.8  |                          |      |       |                          |      |       |                       |      |       |                       |      |       |     |
| 460 K | 8.5                  | 25.0 | 33.5  | 12.2               | 49.2 | 61.4  |                          |      |       |                          |      |       |                       |      |       |                       |      |       |     |
| 461 D | 1.7                  | 0.0  | 1.7   | 1.1                | 8.5  | 9.6   |                          |      |       |                          |      |       |                       |      |       |                       |      |       |     |
| 469 N | 0.0                  | 6.6  | 6.6   | 0.0                | 7.0  | 7.0   |                          |      |       |                          |      |       |                       |      |       |                       |      |       |     |
| 471 G | 0.7                  | 0.0  | 0.7   | 0.8                | 0.0  | 0.8   |                          |      |       |                          |      |       |                       |      |       |                       |      |       |     |
| 472 G | 22.4                 | 0.0  | 22.4  | 17.6               | 0.0  | 17.6  | 5.1                      | 0.0  | 5.1   | 6.5                      | 0.0  | 6.5   | 6.7                   | 0.0  | 6.7   | 6.2                   | 0.0  | 6.2   |     |
| 473 G | 23.5                 | 0.0  | 23.5  | 23.2               | 0.0  | 23.2  | 25.5                     | 0.0  | 25.5  | 26.1                     | 0.0  | 26.1  | 21.4                  | 0.0  | 21.4  | 21.1                  | 0.0  | 21.1  |     |
| 474 D | 12.7                 | 26.2 | 38.9  | 5.4                | 27.3 | 32.7  | 7.5                      | 13.6 | 21.1  | 10.1                     | 13.0 | 23.1  | 9.9                   | 12.3 | 22.2  | 8.0                   | 13.6 | 21.6  |     |
| 475 M | 0.0                  | 7.0  | 7.0   | 0.0                | 6.1  | 6.1   | 0.0                      | 10.5 | 10.5  | 0.2                      | 11.0 | 11.2  | 0.0                   | 6.3  | 6.3   | 0.0                   | 6.1  | 6.1   |     |
| 476 R | 0.0                  | 3.8  | 3.8   | 0.0                | 3.4  | 3.4   |                          |      |       |                          |      |       |                       |      |       |                       |      |       |     |
| 477 D | 0.0                  | 9.5  | 9.5   | 0.0                | 7.1  | 7.1   |                          |      |       |                          |      |       |                       |      |       |                       |      |       |     |

\*Main, "side," and "total" refer to the surface area of the main chain atoms, the surface area of the side chain atoms, and the total surface area for each gp120 residue specified. Residues are colored blue if they have a contact surface common to CD4, CD4M33, and F23, black if the contact is not conserved, and red if the contact is unique to both independent copies of CD4M33 in the P2<sub>1</sub> crystal.

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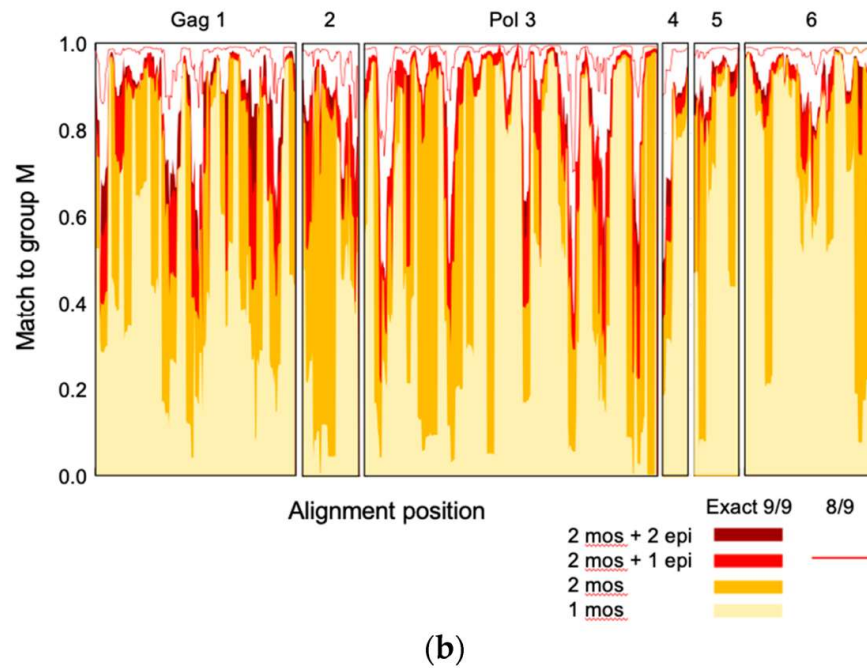
## Tetravalent Immunogen Assembled from Conserved Regions of HIV-1 and Delivered as mRNA Demonstrates Potent Preclinical T-Cell Immunogenicity and Breadth

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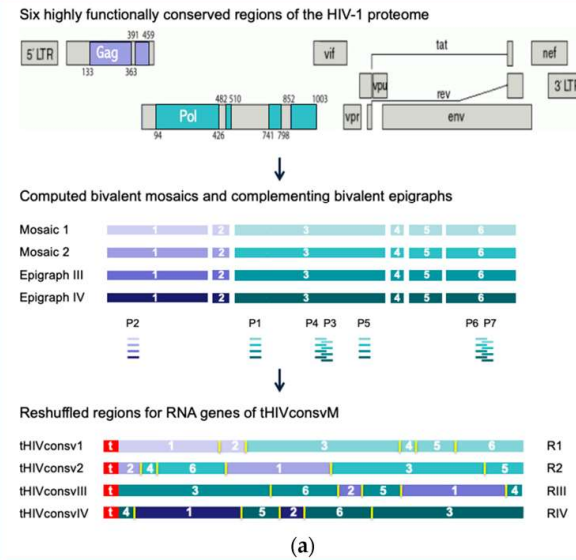
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**Figure 1.** The HIVconsV vaccine design. (a) Curated full-length-protein amino acid sequences of HIV-1 present in the Los Alamos National Laboratory HIV Molecular Immunology Database (LANL-HMID) were used to compute first two mosaics (September 2013) and then sequentially two complementing epigraphs (September 2017; 4925 Gag and 2703 Pol sequences) [22,25]. The same dataset as used for mosaics was used to select 6 highly conserved regions of the HIV-1 proteome, which were reshuffled into unique orders to minimize the chance of inducing strong T-cell responses to potential non-HIV-1 neopeptides irrelevant for protection [5], which might have been generated by two juxtaposed regions [11]. Mosaics 1 and 2, and epigraphs III and IV (color-coded) differ in approximately 1 amino acid per epitope and together maximize the match of the vaccines to globally circulating HIV-1 isolates of group M. Small 't' in front of the name indicates the presence of the human tissue plasminogen activator leader sequence [23]. The tetravalent immunogens were collectively called HIVconsV and consisted of 4 mRNA molecules designated R1, R2, RIII or RIV. Pools P1 to P7 depicted under the regions indicate the approximate positions of the studied epitopes. (b) The 9-mer potential T-cell epitope coverage provided by the 6 vaccine regions is based on sliding window of 9 amino acids across the immunogen. Mosaics 1 and 2, being designed together, alternate the most common variants between themselves and the coverages of one (pale yellow) and both mosaics together (gold) are shown. The gain by adding epigraph III (red) and epigraphs IV (brown) into the cocktail are also shown. Finally, the thin red line shows the fraction of 9-mers in each 9-mer window that matches 8/9 amino acids. Additionally, see Figure S1.



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## Optimal sequence-based design for multi-antigen HIV-1 vaccines using minimally distant antigens

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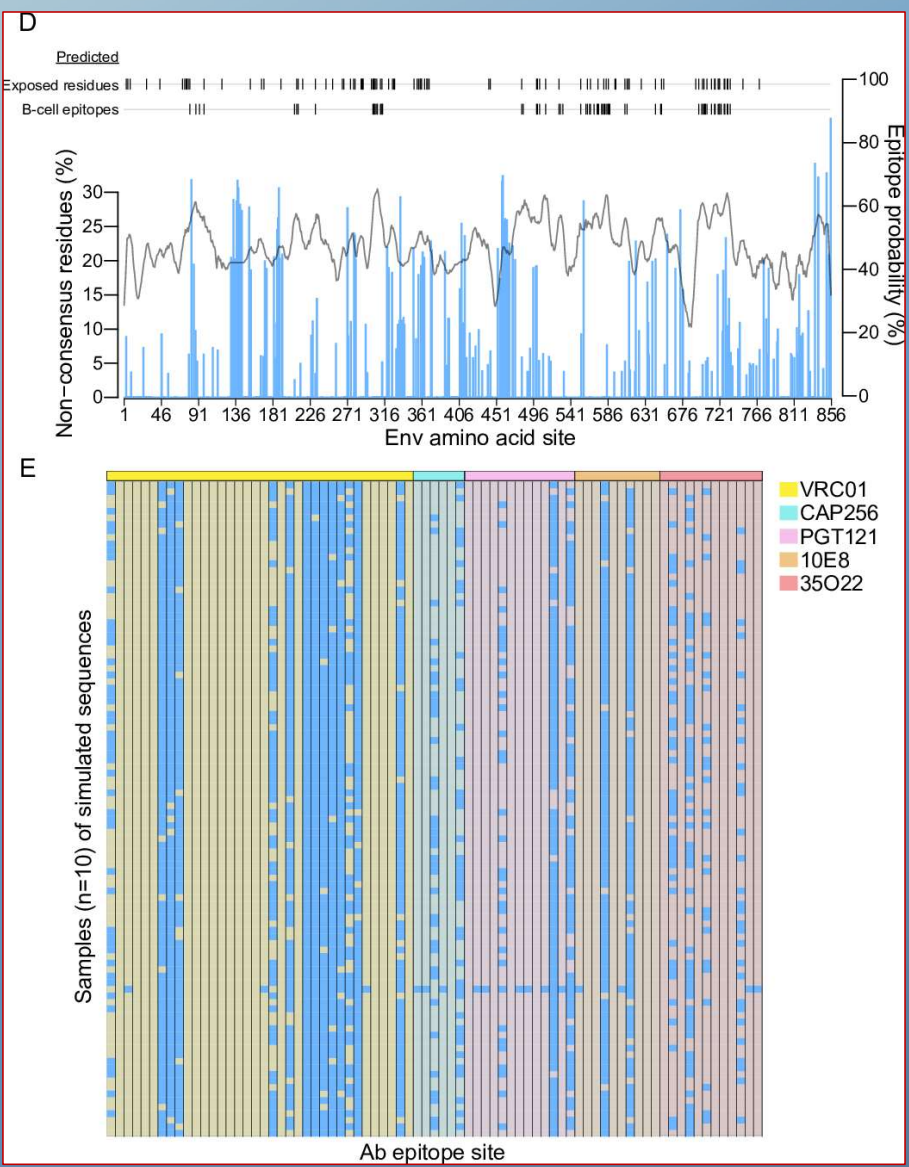
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### Abstract

The immense global diversity of HIV-1 is a significant obstacle to developing a safe and effective vaccine. We recently showed that infections established with multiple founder variants are associated with the development of neutralization breadth years later. We propose a novel vaccine design strategy that integrates the variability observed in acute HIV-1 infections with multiple founder variants. We developed a probabilistic model to simulate this variability, yielding a set of sequences that present the minimal diversity seen in an infection with multiple founders. We applied this model to a subtype C consensus sequence for the Envelope (Env) (used as input) and showed that the simulated Env sequences mimic the mutational landscape of an infection with multiple founder variants, including diversity at antibody epitopes. The derived set of multi-founder-variant-like, minimally distant antigens is designed to be used as a vaccine cocktail specific to a HIV-1 subtype or circulating recombinant form and is expected to promote the development of broadly neutralizing antibodies.

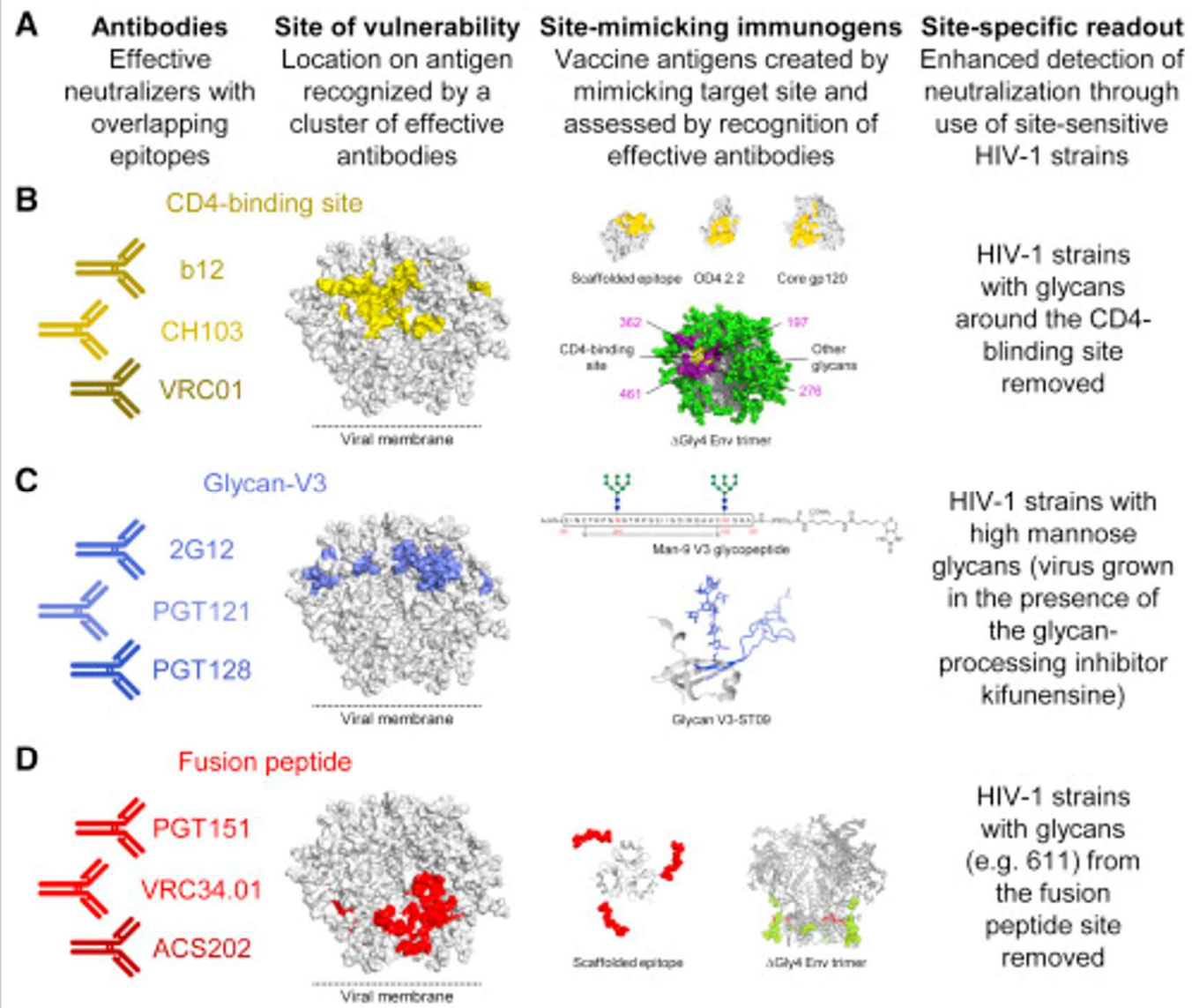
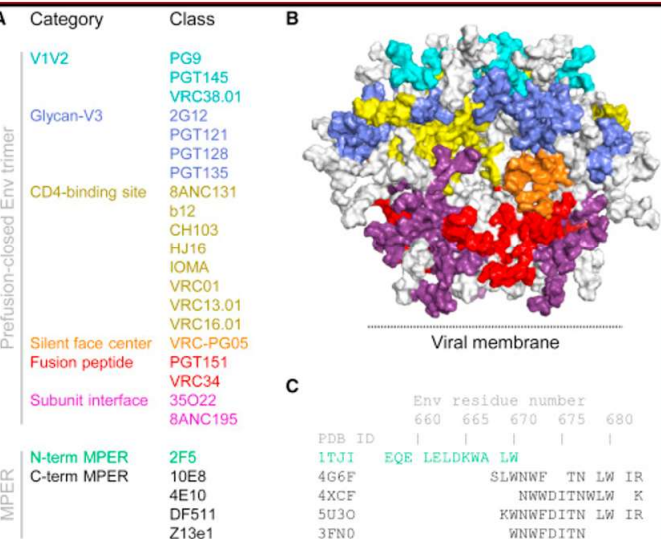


HIV-1 Vaccines Based on Antibody Identification, B Cell Ontogeny, and Epitope Structure

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HIV-1 vaccine development has been stymied by an inability to induce broadly reactive neutralizing antibodies to the envelope (Env) trimer, the sole viral antigen on the virion surface. Antibodies isolated from HIV-1-infected donors, however, have been shown to recognize all major exposed regions of the prefusion-closed Env trimer, and an emerging understanding of the immunological and structural characteristics of these antibodies and the epitopes they recognize is enabling new approaches to vaccine design. Antibody lineage-based design creates immunogens that activate the naive ancestor-B cell of a target antibody lineage and that mature intermediate-B cells toward effective neutralization, with proof of principle achieved with select HIV-1-neutralizing antibody lineages in human-gene knock-in mouse models. Epitope-based vaccine design involves the engineering of sites of Env vulnerability as defined by the recognition of broadly neutralizing antibodies, with cross-reactive neutralizing antibodies elicited in animal models. Both epitope-based and antibody lineage-based HIV-1 vaccine approaches are being readied for human clinical trials.



# Not just a Furin Cleavage Site....

**Mutations, Functional Elements & Antigenic Properties in the SARS-CoV-2 S Protein - Specifically, within the Receptor Binding Domain [RBD], N-Terminal Domain [NTD] Loops, & the HIV- Homologous Inserts identified by Pradhan et al, Gallaher et al & Sorenson et al**

| Inserts |                  |                 |                   | C-19 |         | Locations               | HIV                  | Elements |         |         |         | Interactions [working] |      |      |        |         |       |
|---------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------|---------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|------------------------|------|------|--------|---------|-------|
| Pr#     | SSD <sup>1</sup> | GI <sup>6</sup> | N-Lp <sup>7</sup> | Regn | AA      | AA Sequence             | AA                   | Regn     | Details | Details | Glyc    | PLD                    | CD4+ | CD8+ | B-cell | DC-SIGN | hACE2 |
| 1       | 1                | 2               | 1                 | NTD  | 14-26   | QCVNLTIRTQLPP           |                      |          |         | Ω       |         |                        |      |      |        |         |       |
| 1       | 1                | 2               | 2                 | NTD  | 71-76   | INGTKR                  | 404-409              | ENV      | VL4     |         | 74-76   |                        | CD4+ |      | B      | N74     |       |
| 1       | 2                | 2               | 2                 | NTD  | 67-81   | AIHVSNGTHKRFDN          |                      |          |         | Ω       |         |                        |      |      |        |         |       |
| 2       | 3                | 3               | 3                 | CTD  | 140-158 | FLGVYYHKNNKSWMESEFR     |                      |          |         | Ω       |         |                        |      |      |        |         |       |
| 2       | 2                | 3               | 3                 | CTD  | 145-150 | HKNNKS                  | 462-467              | ENV      | VL5     |         |         |                        | CD4+ |      | B      | N149    |       |
|         |                  | 4               | 4                 | CTD  | 178-180 |                         |                      |          |         | Ω       |         |                        |      |      |        |         |       |
| 3       | 3                | 5               | 5                 | CTD  | 241-263 | LLALHRSYLTSGDSSSGWTAGAA |                      |          |         | Ω       |         | Ω                      |      |      |        |         |       |
| 3       | 3                | 5               |                   | CTD  | 245-256 | RSYL---TPGDSSSG         | 136-150              | ENV      | VL1     |         |         |                        | CD4+ |      |        |         |       |
|         |                  |                 |                   |      | 269-277 | Ω                       |                      |          |         |         |         | PLD                    |      | CD8+ |        |         |       |
|         |                  |                 |                   |      | Ω       | 274-294                 | LQPRITFLKKYNGTITDAVD |          |         | Ω       |         |                        |      |      |        |         |       |
|         | 4                | 6,7             |                   | RBD  | 414-506 | QTGK....GVGVY           |                      |          |         |         | 414-506 |                        |      |      | Ω      |         | 10x   |
|         | 5                | 7               |                   | RBD  | 473-510 | IYQAGST..NGVGYY         |                      |          |         |         |         | PLD                    |      |      | Ω      |         | 6x    |
|         |                  |                 |                   |      | 608-613 | VAVLYQ                  |                      |          |         |         |         | PLD                    |      |      |        |         |       |
|         |                  |                 |                   |      | 614     | D to G                  |                      |          |         |         |         |                        |      |      |        |         |       |
| 4       |                  | 8               |                   | FCS  | 674-680 | QTQTNS                  | 366-384              | GAG      |         | FCS     |         |                        | CD4+ |      | Ω      |         |       |
| 4       | 6                | 8               |                   | FCS  | 679-687 | TNSPRRARSV              | 366-384              | GAG      |         | FCS/SEB |         |                        | CD4+ |      | Ω      |         |       |
| 4       |                  | 8               |                   | FCS  | 681-684 | PRRA/                   | 366-384              | GAG      |         | FCS     |         |                        | CD4+ |      | Ω      |         |       |
|         |                  |                 |                   | FCS  | 685-689 | /RSVAS                  | 366-384              | GAG      |         | ENaC    |         |                        | CD4+ |      | Ω      |         |       |
|         |                  |                 |                   | S2   | 689-697 | SQSIAYTM                |                      |          |         |         |         | PLD                    | CD4+ |      |        |         |       |

[Killer T-Cell] [accrued mutations]

| Mutations within or adjacent to HIV-homologous inserts within the SARS-CoV-2 S Protein, by variant |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|--|
| Ins                                                                                                | Strt | Stp | α   | β   | γ   | δ   | o1  | o2  |  |  |
| I1                                                                                                 | 14   | 26  | 0   | 0   | 3   | 1   | 0   | 5   |  |  |
| I2                                                                                                 | 67   | 74  | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 3   | 0   |  |  |
| I3                                                                                                 | 143  | 149 | 1   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 4   | 1   |  |  |
| I4                                                                                                 | 178  | 180 | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |  |  |
| I5                                                                                                 | 241  | 252 | 0   | 3   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |  |  |
| I6                                                                                                 | 444  | 450 | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 2   | 1   |  |  |
| I7                                                                                                 | 474  | 488 | 0   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 3   | 3   |  |  |
| I8                                                                                                 | 675  | 684 | 1   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 2   | 2   |  |  |
| Inserts                                                                                            |      |     | 4   | 4   | 4   | 5   | 14  | 12  |  |  |
| Total                                                                                              |      |     | 7   | 10  | 9   | 10  | 31  | 25  |  |  |
| %                                                                                                  |      |     | 57% | 40% | 44% | 50% | 45% | 48% |  |  |

## Inserts & Loops

|                             |                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Gallaher et al <sup>6</sup> | <a href="#">Gallaher et al - Spike protein mutations in novel SARS-CoV-2 'variants of concern' commonly occur in or near indels - Virological</a>                 |
| Pradhan et al <sup>1</sup>  | <a href="#">Pradhan et al - Uncanny similarity of unique inserts in the 2019-nCoV spike protein to HIV-1 gp120 and Gag</a>                                        |
| Sorensen et al <sup>2</sup> | <a href="#">Sorensen et al - Biovac-19: A Candidate Vaccine for Covid-19 (SARS-CoV-2) Developed from Analysis of its General Method of Action for Infectivity</a> |
| NTD Loops <sup>7</sup>      | <a href="#">Evolutionary remodelling of N-terminal domain loops fine-tunes SARS-CoV-2 spike</a>                                                                   |
| RBD                         | Consensus Receptor Binding Domain [RBD]                                                                                                                           |

## Antigens & Elements

|      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Glyc | <a href="#">N-Linked Glycan sites of interest, as listed by Gallaher</a>                                                                                                                                                                           |
| SEB  | <a href="#">Superantigenic character of an insert unique to SARS-CoV-2 spike supported by skewed TCR repertoire in patients with hyperinflammation</a>                                                                                             |
| ENaC | <a href="#">SARS-CoV-2 strategically mimics proteolytic activation of human ENaC</a>                                                                                                                                                               |
| PLD  | <a href="#">Prion-like Domains in Spike Protein of SARS-CoV-2 Differ across Its Variants and Enable Changes in Affinity to ACE2</a>                                                                                                                |
| Ω    | <a href="#">Another PLD starts just after Insert #3, at AA 262-270 - also, just after the N5 Loop, and doubles as a Killer T-Cell epitope</a>                                                                                                      |
| Ω    | <a href="#">Emergence of immune escape at dominant SARS-CoV-2 killer T cell epitope</a>                                                                                                                                                            |
| Ω    | <a href="#">Immuno-dominant B cell epitopes at 404-424, 439-451, 455-478, 483-493, 497-507, 673-691 [other epitopes outside of the inserts:RBD at 330-356, 370-395, 516-535]</a>                                                                   |
| Ω    | <a href="#">Mutations in the residues of the NTD Loops of SARS-CoV-2 during the pandemic</a>                                                                                                                                                       |
| Ω    | <a href="#">An immuno-suppressive domain in S1 with homology to HIV-1 &amp; Ebola, etc. at AA 274-294 [Gallaher, in <i>deja vu</i>]</a>                                                                                                            |
| Ω    | <a href="#">The N4 Loop can utilize bilirubin to evade antibody immunity</a>                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Ω    | <a href="#">Sorensen et al - The CoV-2 specific Cys538-Cys590 bridge brings in additional charge from 526-560, via the Cys391-Cys525 to positions right next to the RBM.</a>                                                                       |
|      | <a href="#">Sorensen et al - "We postulate that there are 2 charged domains on SADS that are likely to contribute to attachment receptor binding located in domains 330-360 and 540-560 respectively. Recollect that we have identified a simi</a> |
|      | <a href="#">Difference in Receptor Usage between SARS-CoV &amp; SARS-like CoV of Bat Origin [Interchanging RBD's between bat &amp; human SARS viruses]</a>                                                                                         |

# SARS-CoV-2 Spike Protein: AA 661 – 697

ECDIPIGAGICAS YQTQTNSPRRA/RSVASQSIIAYTM

**Superantigen SEB: 661 – 685**

**Furin Cleavage Site: 681 – 685**

**ENaC: ~ 686 – 689**

**Prion-Like Domain: 686 – 697**



This isn't natural – 2 GOF elements in a row [SEB+FCS]

# How Special is SARS-CoV-2?

No other sarbecovirus has a polybasic furin cleavage site

No other  $\beta$ -CoV has an SEB-analog sequence

No other coronavirus has higher human ACE2 affinity than SARS-CoV-2

No other coronavirus has a prion-like domain in its receptor-binding domain [RBD]

No other coronavirus contains prion-like domains in the spike protein

No other coronavirus has as many prion-like domains in its genome

No other coronavirus has an ENaC motif adjacent to an S1/S2 cleavage site

ORF6 & ORF10 contain amyloidogenic peptides; those two ORFs don't even exist in related CoVs in nature

No other coronavirus can transmit as efficiently via the aerosol route

No other viral spike protein interacts with 28 of 55 human tissues

ORF8 Protein of SARS-CoV-2 Mediates Immune Evasion through Potently Downregulating MHC-I - unlike SARS-CoV-1



**Each of these traits would be suspicious special by themselves**



**Yes, but life finds a way....**



**Life doesn't find a way to turn a virus into a quantum Decepticon**

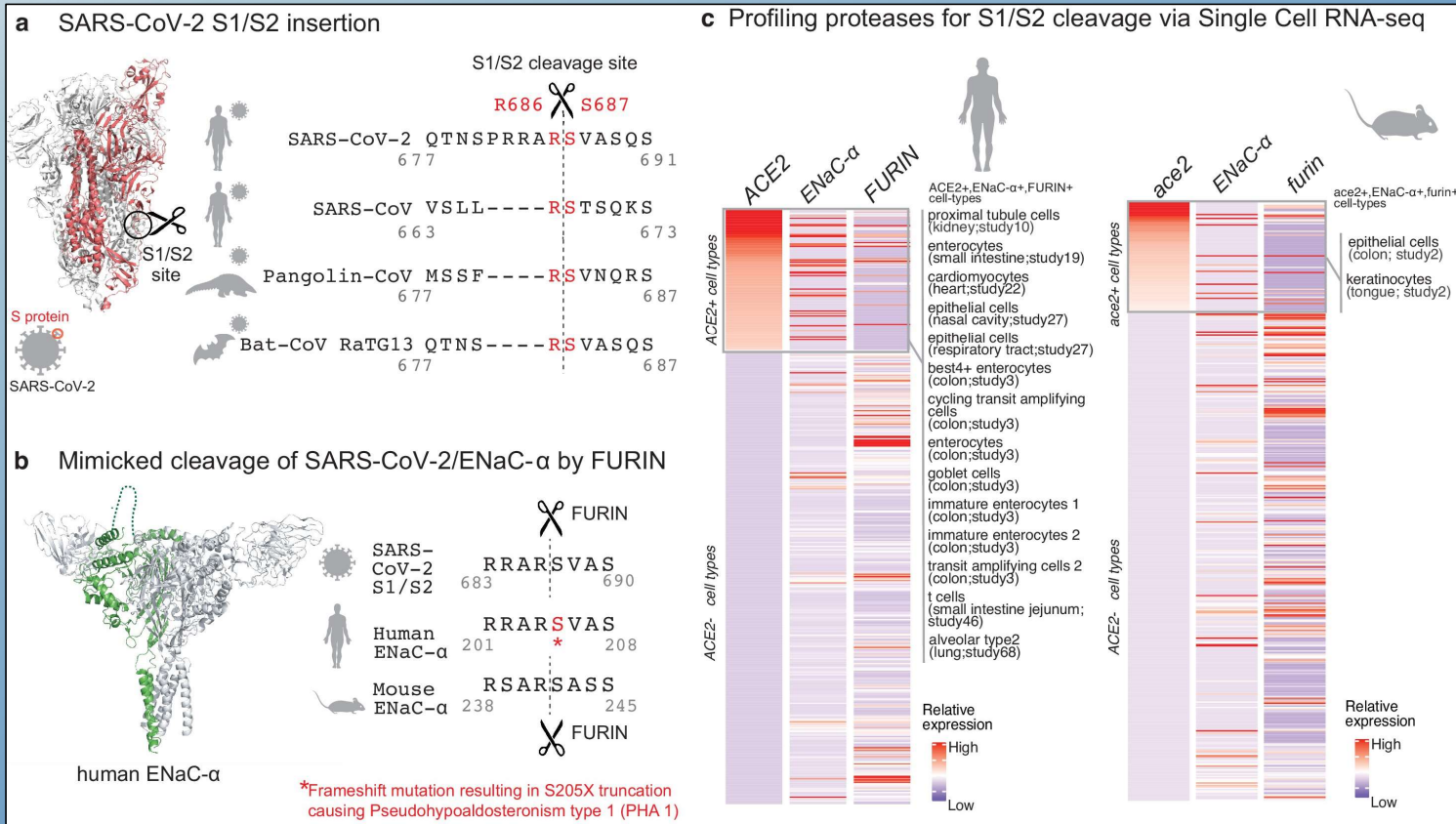
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### Analysis of 8-mers of the human proteome

[Request a detailed protocol](#)

We enumerated 10,257,893 (10.26M) 8-mers from 20,350 reviewed uniprot reference sequences from human proteome (Proteome ID: UP000005640, as accessed on May 4th 2020). The previously identified SARS-CoV-2 8-mer 'RRARSVAS' was in fact found in ENaC- $\alpha$  protein (Uniprot ID: P37088; p-value  $\approx 10.26M/20^8 = 4E-4$ ; chance of finding that particular 8-mer anywhere in the reference sequences).



ECDIPIGAGICASYQTQTNSPRRA/RSVASQSIIAYTM

**Prion-Like Domain: 686 – 697**

| Peptide   | Amino acid sequence <sup>a</sup> | MW (Da) <sup>b</sup> | pI   | ThT kin | Congo Red | Ultrastructure |
|-----------|----------------------------------|----------------------|------|---------|-----------|----------------|
| Spike192  | FVFKNIDGYFKIYSKHTPIN             | 2431                 | 9.4  | +       | +         | fibril         |
| Spike258  | WTAGAAAYVGYLQPRTFLLK             | 2389                 | 9.5  | -       | +         | fibril         |
| Spike365  | KKKGGGYSVLYNSASFSTFK             | 2169                 | 10.0 | -       | +         | amorphous      |
| Spike532  | NLVKNKCVNFNFGLTGTGV              | 2139                 | 9.3  | +       | +         | amorphous      |
| Spike601  | GTNTSNQVAVLYQDVNCTEV             | 2155                 | 3.7  | +       | +         | fibril         |
| Spike685  | KKKRSVASQSIIAYTMSLGA             | 2139                 | 10.5 | -       | -         | ribbons        |
| Spike1166 | LGDISGINASVVNIQKEIDR             | 2141                 | 4.6  | +       | +         | fibril         |

SARS-CoV-2 S1, S2, human prion protein (note also AGAA/A/A sequences)

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Prion Pr : QGGTHGQWNKPSKPKTNMKHVAGAAAAGAVVGGLGGYMLGSAMSRPLIHFGXDY
Spike S1 : QTLALHRSYLTPGDSSSGWTAGAAAY - - YVGYLQ - PRTFLLKYNENGTITDAV
Spike S2 : DEMIAQYTSALLAGTITSGWTFGAGAA - - - - - LQIPFAMQMAYRFNGIGVTQN

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## **Furin Cleavage Site: 681 – 685**

### **Furin Cleavage Site**

- Side note: Furin also plays a role in the pathogenesis of bacillus anthracis. [**anthrax**]
- Side note: Furin also plays a role in helping **Pseudomonas Aeruginosa** Exotoxin A get to the endoplasmic reticulum.
- Side note: Furin expression is **exacerbated** by Hypoxia, which fuels **cancer & amyloid** formation.
- Side note: GP120 is also a superantigen, that can cause ADE. [**SEB**]
- Side note: Guess what can cause IgG4 class-switching? – GP120 [**Pradhan et al HIV inserts**]
- Side note: Guess what else can cause IgG4 class-switching? **Superantigens**

In other words, each of the elements "**naturally**" found within SARS-CoV-2's spike is exacerbated by furin expression – except for the superantigen, which triggers massive inflammation from the immune system – and each element adds to the cascade of effects that overwhelm your body, quickly [**COVID-19, dying suddenly**] or slowly [**cancer, neurodegeneration**]

In addition to **Furin**, each element also shares another common trait:

**All** of them are extensively tied to historical **biological weapons** development

& **ALL** of those elements were kept in the Spike protein of the two mRNA jabs\*

[\*After always being removed from vaccines, for decades]

Now you should turn to Anthony Fauci and ask

**Why did he keep those elements in, this time?**

**Why did he intentionally hide their existence in the genome from the public?**

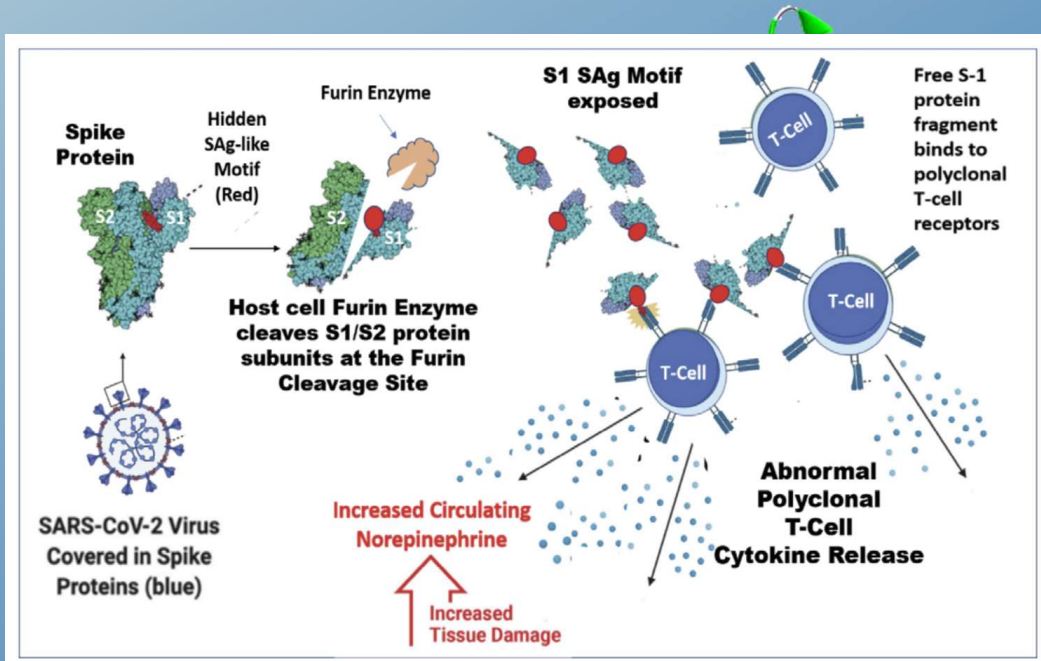
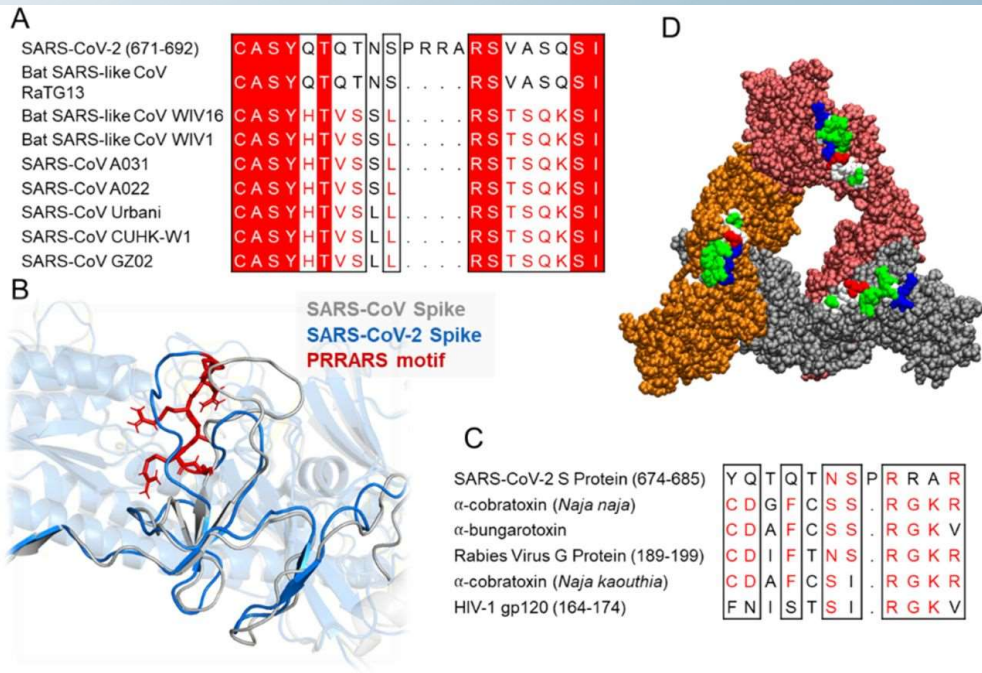
**Why did he do so while understanding the dangerous risks [IgG4, etc]**

**And WHY would he keep the original Wuhan spike in the Bivalent booster?**

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**Superantigen SEB: 661 – 685**

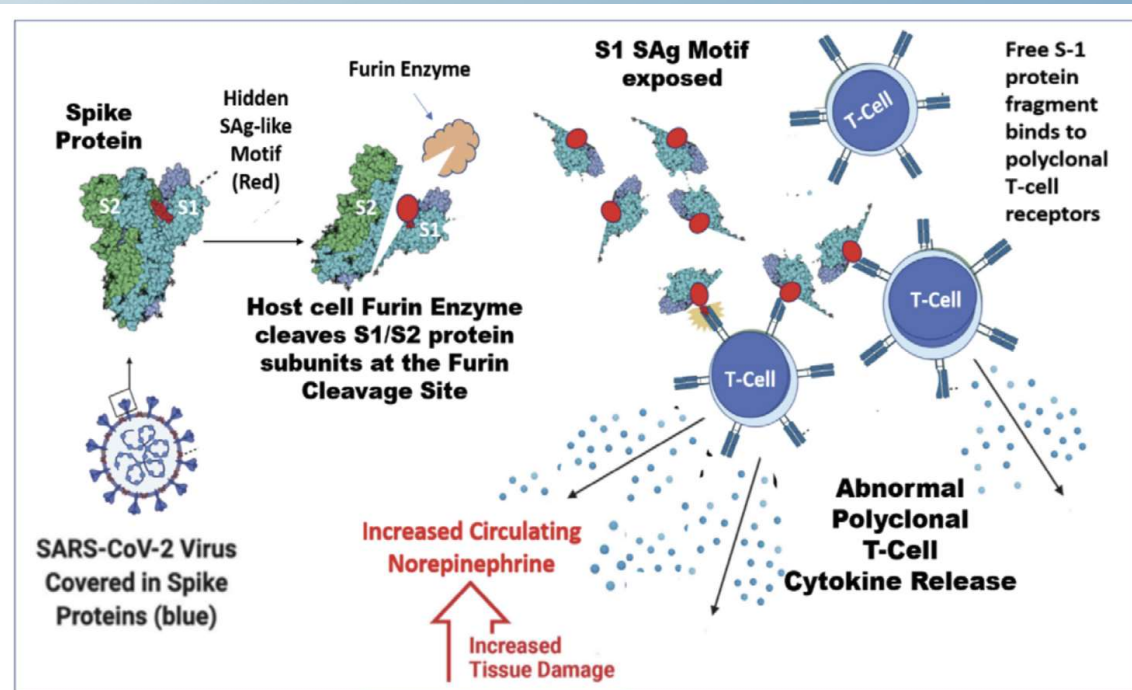
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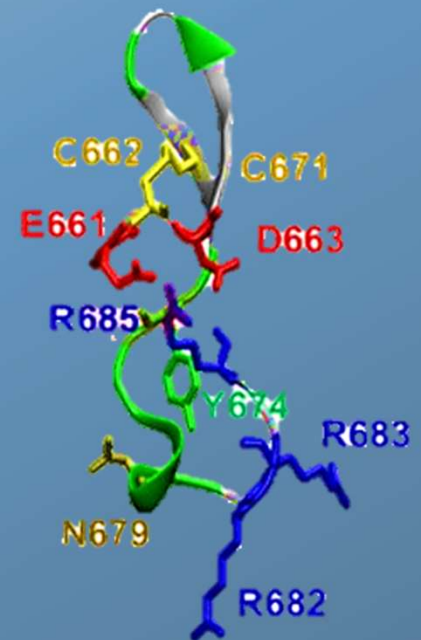
**Figure 2.** Conformation Changes in the Free-floating Fragment of the S1 Protein after Furin Cleavage of the SARS-CoV-2 Spike Protein

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**Superantigen SEB: 661 – 685**



SARS-CoV-2 spike proposed superantigen



**Figure 2.** Conformation Changes in the Free-floating Fragment of the S1 Protein after Furin Cleavage of the SARS-CoV-2 Spike Protein

### Manipulation of Innate and Adaptive Immunity by Staphylococcal Superantigens

| <b>SAg</b> | <b>Grp</b> | <b>kDa</b>    | <b>Emetic</b> | <b>Human V<math>\beta</math> Specificity</b> | <b>MHC-II</b>              | <b>Associated Mobile Genetic Elements</b>   |
|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| SEA        | III        | 27.1 +        |               | 1, 5, 6, 7, 9, 15, 16, 18, 21, 22, 24        | $\alpha + \beta$           | $\phi$ Sa3n                                 |
| <b>SEB</b> | <b>II</b>  | <b>28.3 +</b> |               | <b>1, 3, 6, 12, 13.2, 14, 15, 17, 20</b>     | <b><math>\alpha</math></b> | <b>SaPI</b>                                 |
| SEC        | II         | 27.5 +        |               | 3, 12, 13.2, 14, 15, 17, 20                  | $\alpha$                   | SaPI                                        |
| SED        | III        | 26.4 +        |               | 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 12, 14                        | $\alpha + \beta$           | Plasmid (pIB485-like)                       |
| SEE        | III        | 26.4 +        |               | 5, 6, 8, 9, 13.1, 16, 18, 21                 | $\alpha + \beta$           | Integrated Plasmid                          |
| SEG        | II         | 27 +          |               | 3, 12, 13, 14, 15                            | $\alpha$                   | vSA $\beta$ (egc)                           |
| SEH        | III        | 25.2 +        |               | V $\alpha$ 8, V $\alpha$ 10                  | $\beta$                    | $\phi$ Sa3mu                                |
| SEI        | V          | 24.9 b        |               | 1, 5, 6, 23                                  | $\beta$                    | vSA $\beta$ (egc)                           |
| SEJ        | III        | 28.5 NK       |               | 8, 21                                        | $\alpha + \beta$           | SaPI/ $\phi$ Sa3n/Plasmid (pF5/pIB485-like) |
| SEIK       | V          | 26 -          |               | 1, 5, 6                                      | $\beta$                    | SaPI                                        |
| SEIL       | V          | 26 -          |               | 1, 5, 7, 16, 22, 23                          | $\alpha + \beta$           | SaPI                                        |
| SEIM       | V          | 24.8 b        |               | 8, 9, 18, 21                                 | $\alpha + \beta$           | vSA $\beta$ (egc)                           |
| SEIN       | III        | 26.1 b        |               | 7, 8, 9, 17                                  | $\alpha + \beta$           | vSA $\beta$ (egc)                           |
| SEIO       | III        | 26.7 b        |               | 5, 7                                         | $\alpha + \beta$           | vSA $\beta$ (egc)                           |
| SEIP       | III        | 27 b          |               | 5, 8, 16, 18, 21                             | $\alpha + \beta$           | $\phi$ Sa3n                                 |
| SEIQ       | V          | 28 -          |               | 6, 21                                        | $\alpha + \beta$           | SaPI/ $\phi$ Sa3n                           |
| SER        | II         | 27 +          |               | 3, 12, 14                                    | $\alpha$                   | Plasmid (pF5/pIB485-like)                   |
| SES        | III        | 26.2 +        |               | 9, 16                                        | $\alpha + \beta$           | Plasmid (pF5)                               |
| SET        | I          | 22.6 b        |               | NK                                           | $\alpha$                   | Plasmid (pF5)                               |
| SEIU/U2    | II         | 27.1 NK       |               | 13.2, 14                                     | $\alpha$                   | vSA $\beta$ (egc)                           |
| SEIV       | V          | 25 NK         |               | 6, 18, 21                                    | $\alpha + \beta$           | vSA $\beta$ (egc)                           |
| SEIW       | III        | 27.3 NK       |               | NK                                           | NK                         | Chromosomal (Core genome)                   |
| SEIX       | I          | 19.3 NK       |               | 1, 6, 18, 21                                 | NK                         | Chromosomal (Core genome)                   |
| SEIY       | I          | 22.5 +c       |               | NK                                           | NK                         | Chromosomal                                 |
| SEIZ       | II         | 27 NK         |               | NK                                           | NK                         | Chromosomal                                 |
| TSST-1     | I          | 22 -          |               |                                              | 2 $\alpha$                 | SaPI                                        |

### Superantigen toxins

#### Staphylococcal SAg

- Staphylococcal enterotoxin A, B, C, D, E, G, H, I, J, (most studied A, B and TSST1)
- TSST-1 [staphylococcal enterotoxin F]
- Staphylococcal protein A (SpA) [B-cell Superantigen]

#### EB Virus

- HERV-K18 env

#### Peptostreptococcus magnus

- Protein L (B-cell SAg)

#### Streptococcal SAg

- Streptococcal pyrogenic exotoxins (SPE): SPE-A, SPE-B, SPE-C, SPE-D, SPE-F, SPE-G, SPE-H, SPE-J
- SMEZ
- Mitogenic factor (MF)
- SSA

#### HIV

- HIV-gp120 (B-cell SAg)

#### Mycoplasma arthritis SAg

- MAM (mycoplasma arthritis -derived Superantigen)

#### Human liver sialoprotein

- Protein Fv (B-cell SAg)

#### Yersinia pseudotuberculosis

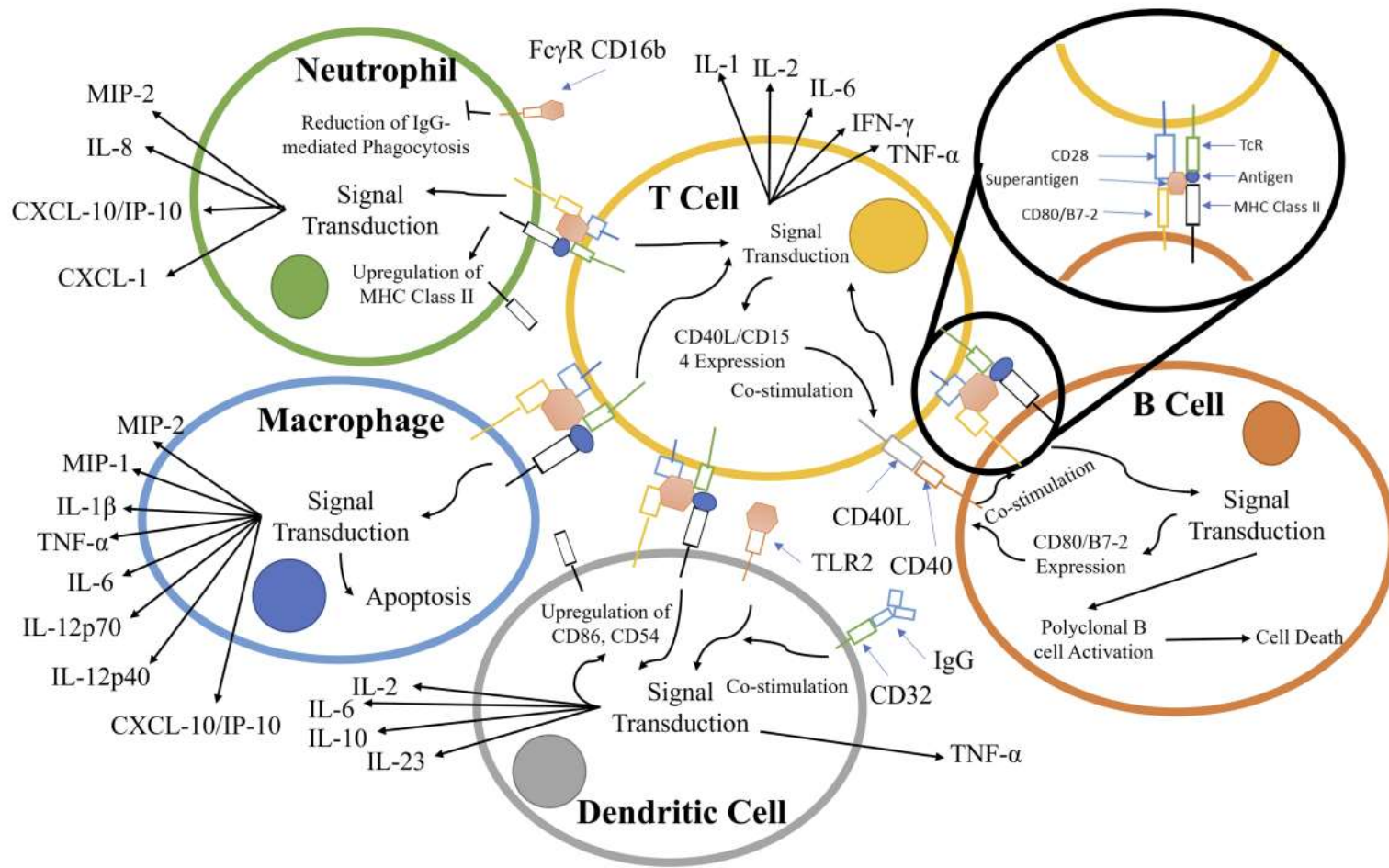
- YPM

### Immunomodulatory drugs useful for SAg-associated diseases

- Intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIg)
- Cyclosporin
- Pentoxifylline (PF)
- Corticosteroids
- Thalidomide and its analogues
- Chinese herb: Baicalin
- STA-5236: A potent IL12/IL23 inhibitor
- TNF- $\alpha$  inhibitors: e.g. Adalimumab, Etanercept, Infliximab
- Monoclonal antibody and fusion protein: Alefacept, Efalizumab
- Vaccine
- Receptor antagonist: Genetically engineered proteins that interfere with binding of SAg to V $\beta$  of TCR.

### Factors affecting SAg-induced response

- MHC-II binding.
- Concomitant infection.
- Dose: low, high: dose lower than maximum, T-cell response and dose higher than that, produce different effect.
- Rechallenge: T-cell response to injected SAg is very transient and more rapidly eliminated than primary response.
- Type of SAg, e.g. T cell, B cell.
- Host-immune status: during early stages of life with developing immune system there may be immune cell tolerance to SAg. In later stages with developed immune system produce specific immune response.



**FIGURE 2** | Principal components involved in the superantigen activation of T-cells, B-cells, macrophages, and neutrophils. The interactions displayed are based on material from references (28–49). The responses contribute to and escalate the hyper-activation of T-cells and subsequent cytokine storm.



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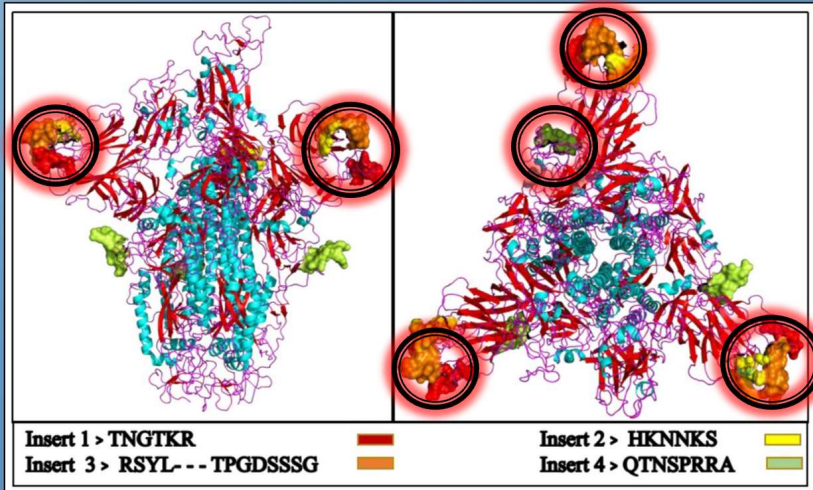
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Potential autoimmunity resulting from molecular mimicry between SARS-CoV-2 Spike and human proteins

| Motif  | Protein                                          | Species                           | RMSD | Z-Sco | EpiScol_1 | PDB_cha |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------|-------|-----------|---------|
| DPSKP  | 60S ribosomal protein L3                         | Human                             | 0.1  | -1.7  | 50        | 6LU8_B  |
| EELDKY | Fusion Glycoprotein for RSV                      | Human                             | 0.12 | -1.68 | 41.67     | 6EAE_F  |
| DKYFK  | Cytoplasmic interacting protein FMR1-1           | Human                             | 0.14 | -1.66 | 35.71     | 4N78_A  |
| LLQYG  | Ankyrin 1                                        | Human                             | 0.2  | -1.6  | 25        | 1N11_A  |
| DPSKP  | Alanine and proline-rich secreted protein apa pr | <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> | 0.21 | -1.59 | 23.81     | 5ZXA_A  |
| EELDK  | Kynureninase                                     | Human                             | 0.22 | -1.58 | 22.73     | 2HZP_A  |
| EHVNN  | Casein kinase 2 alpha isoform                    | Human                             | 0.29 | -1.51 | 17.24     | 2ZJW_A  |
| LPDPS  | BRCA1-A complex subunit BRE                      | Human                             | 0.32 | -1.48 | 15.62     | 6GVW_C  |
| SFKEE  | Small subunit processome component 20 homol      | Human                             | 0.32 | -1.48 | 15.62     | 7MQA_SP |
| QLPPA  | SMYD3 protein                                    | Human                             | 0.38 | -1.42 | 13.16     | 5CCL_A  |
| TQLPP  | Thrombopoietin                                   | Human                             | 0.46 | -1.34 | 10.87     | 1V7N_X  |
| YSTGS  | Argininosuccinate lyase                          | Human                             | 0.48 | -1.31 | 10.42     | 1K62_B  |
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| NLLQ   | DNA polymerase subunit gamma-1                   | Human                             | 0.57 | -1.22 | 8.77      | 5CS1_A  |
| GEVFN  | Integrin beta 1                                  | Human                             | 0.63 | -1.16 | 7.94      | 7NWL_B  |
| FTVEKG | Pollen Allergen                                  | <i>Phleum Pratense</i>            | 0.76 | -1.03 | 7.89      | 1WHP_A  |
| HAPAT  | Activator of 90 kDa heat shock protein ATPase    | Human                             | 0.74 | -1.05 | 6.76      | 7DME_A  |
| IAARD  | Talin                                            | <i>mus musculus</i>               | 0.74 | -1.05 | 6.76      | 6R9T_A  |
| LPDPS  | Semaphorin 7a                                    | Human                             | 0.84 | -0.91 | 5.95      | 3NVQ_A  |
| NLNRE  | Toll-like receptor 8                             | Human                             | 0.87 | -0.92 | 5.75      | 6WML_D  |
| GNCDV  | Tryptophan-tRNA ligase                           | Human                             | 0.91 | -0.88 | 5.49      | 1OST_A  |

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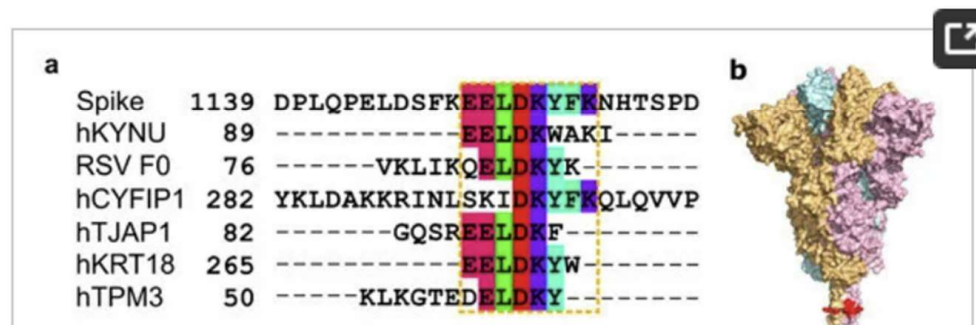
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intermolecular contacts are formed between charged-apolar, polar-apolar, and apolar-apolar residues (**Table S4**). In COVID-19, stronger antibody responses to the epitope containing the ELDKY motif have been recorded for severe (requiring hospitalization) vs. moderate cases, while fatal cases had a weaker response than surviving cases [16]. A synthetic epitope containing the ELDKY motif has also been shown to elicit antibody production following COVID-19 immunization [70]. Together with the 3D mimics identified here, these results suggest interesting possibilities for the ELDKY motif from the perspective of both protective immunity and an autoimmune response. First, while not an example of molecular mimicry but evolutionary conservation across beta-coronaviruses, prior exposure to an endemic cold-causing coronavirus (ex. HCoV-OC43) could result in the production of a broadly neutralizing antibody against an epitope containing the ELDKY motif that would be effective against SARS-CoV-2 infection, which could result in milder or asymptomatic infection. Further, a protective effect due to molecular mimicry is suggested by the 3D-mimic identified for the fusion F0 glycoprotein of RSV, a common virus that infects most children in the United States by the time they are 2 years old [71], where antibodies against the ELDKY-containing epitope in RSV may be effective in combatting SARS-CoV-2 infection. In contrast, the potential for an autoimmune response against this motif is suggested by its presence in both two human 3D- and AF-3D-mimics (**Figure 6**).



# Collateral Damage – Hypoxia, Furin & Cancer

- xii. Jean-Claude Perez & Luc Montagnier [who was awarded the 2008 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for his discovery of the HIV-1 virus in 1983] showed that the location of the PRRA insert within the SARS-CoV-2 genome *was already an optimal cleavage site BEFORE this insertion.*<sup>lxxv</sup>
- xiii. As oxygen levels decrease<sup>lxxvi</sup> [hypoxia] in the lungs, furin expression increases<sup>lxxvii</sup> which can contribute to rapid declines in patient disposition as a snowball effect. This also plays a role in reducing the suppression of cancerous cells.<sup>lxxviii</sup>
- xiv. Even mild hypoxia [~10% reduction] was enough to allow SARS-CoV-2 to pass through the Blood-Brain Barrier [BBB].<sup>lxxix</sup>
- xv. The existence of many arginine residues within a small region that contains the FCS follows the pattern associated with the mechanism known as binding of cell penetrating peptides.<sup>lxxx</sup> The goal of building up a high cumulative positive charge<sup>lxxxi</sup> is to enhance cell affinity towards the virus.<sup>lxxxii</sup> SARS-CoV-2's ability to utilize the human sodium channel ENaC<sup>lxxxiii</sup> is unlikely to be fortuitous.

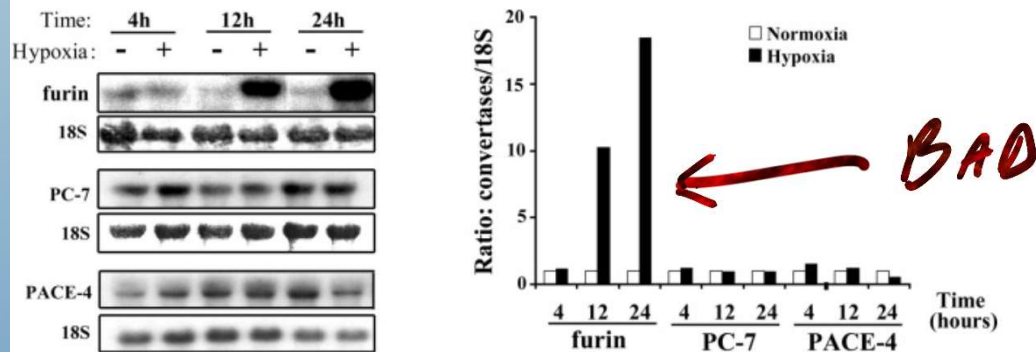


Fig. 1 **Expression of furin in hypoxic conditions.** Kinetics of *fur*, PACE-4, and PC7 mRNA accumulation. HepG2 cells were cultured in normoxia (21% O<sub>2</sub>) or hypoxia (1% O<sub>2</sub>) for various time periods as indicated. Total mRNA (5 µg/lane) was probed with specific furin, PACE-4, and PC7 rat riboprobes. A 18 S probe was used as an internal control. The autoradiogram and the densitometry ratio of each convertase/18 S (controls set to 1) are represented.

## HIV-1 Envelope Triggers Polyclonal Ig Class Switch Recombination through a CD40-Independent Mechanism Involving BAFF and C-Type Lectin Receptors<sup>1</sup> **FREE**

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Paradoxically, hyperactivated B cells from HIV-1 viremic individuals respond poorly to T cell-dependent stimuli both in vivo and in vitro ([4](#), [76](#)). This humoral immunodeficiency is thought to stem from CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell depletion, GC disruption, CD40L down-regulation, and CD40 dysfunction ([1](#), [66](#), [77](#)). Protective T cell-dependent Ab responses could be further impaired by chronic activation of B cells by gp120 and gp120-induced BAFF. These T cell-independent stimuli would cause terminal differentiation and functional exhaustion, thereby lowering the number of B cell precursors available for the initiation of protective T cell-dependent Ab responses. In addition, nonspecific and low-affinity B cells polyclonally expanded by T cell-independent stimuli might compete with high-affinity B cells emerging from the T cell-dependent Ab pathway for survival factors and favorable anatomical niches. This competition would be particularly disadvantageous for B cells producing neutralizing Abs due to their physiologically low precursor frequency. Consistent with this point, early polyclonal hypergammaglobulinemia is inversely correlated with the initiation of virus-neutralizing Ab responses ([78](#)). In light of these considerations, administration of BAFF-blocking agents to individuals chronically infected by HIV-1 might not only attenuate the clinical manifestations of B cell hyperactivation disorders, but also improve the quality of Ab responses to HIV-1 infection, opportunistic pathogens, and vaccines.

## Pre-exposure to mRNA-LNP inhibits adaptive immune responses and alters innate immune fitness in an inheritable fashion

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| Motifs   | Virus Glycoprotein         | Motif Alignment                                          | HIV protein and Variable region | HIV Genome Source Country/ subtype | Number of Polar Residues | Total Charge | pI Value       |
|----------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Insert 1 | 2019-nCoV (GP) HIV1(GP120) | 71 76<br>TNGTKR<br>1200RKR<br>404 409                    | gp120-V4                        | Thailand<br>CRF01_AE               | 5<br>5                   | 2<br>2       | 11<br>11       |
| Insert 2 | 2019-nCoV (GP) HIV1(GP120) | 145 150<br>HNNKNS<br>136 141<br>462 467                  | gp120-V5                        | Kenya<br>G                         | 6<br>6                   | 2<br>2       | 10<br>10       |
| Insert 3 | 2019-nCoV (GP) HIV1(GP120) | 245 256<br>RSYL...-TPGDSSG<br>R111L...TPGDSSG<br>136 150 | gp120-V1                        | India*<br>C                        | 8<br>10                  | 2<br>1       | 10.84<br>8.75  |
| Insert 4 | 2019-nCoV (Pol) HIV1(gag)  | 676 684<br>QTNS...PRRA<br>366 384                        | Gag                             | India*<br>C                        | 6<br>12                  | 2<br>4       | 12.00<br>12.30 |

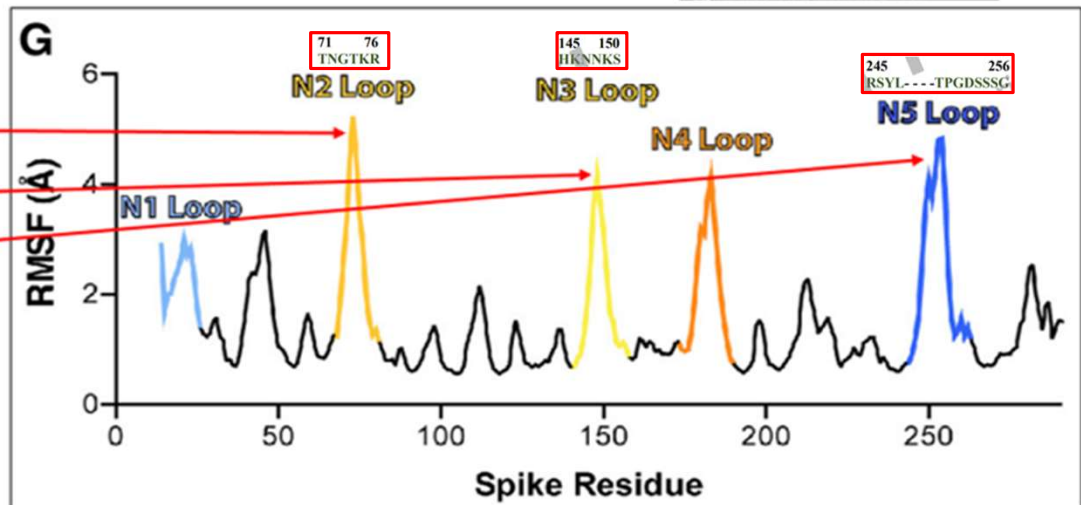


Table 1: Aligned sequences of 2019-nCoV and gp120 protein of HIV-1 with their positions in primary sequence of protein. All the inserts have a high density of positively charged residues. The deleted fragments in insert 3 and 4 increase the positive charge to surface area ratio. \*please see Supp. Table 1 for accession numbers

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are absent (e.g. clade 5 has little/no N3 or N5 loops, clade 3 no N2 loop). This evokes a scenario in which NTD loops can be gained or lost through genetic insertion/deletion. Indeed, a recent study indicates that template switching by SARS-CoV-2 polymerase allows insertion of RNA sequence of viral and host origin at these sites (Peacock *et al*, 2021a, 2021b). However, our analyses suggest there is a potential limit on loop length. The N2, 3 and 5 loops of SARS-CoV-2 are amongst the longest observed thus far, suggestive of a functional ceiling on loop length. Notably, it is these loops that are becoming shorter in the majority of emergent variants.

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# Collateral Damage

## Pan-coronavirus fusion inhibitors possess potent inhibitory activity against HIV-1, HIV-2, and simian immunodeficiency virus

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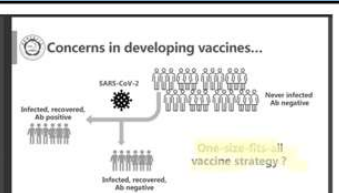
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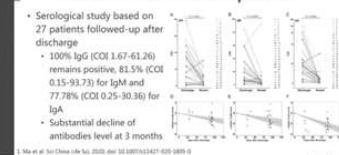
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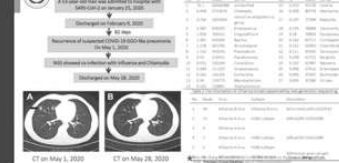
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- IgM and IgA would be 150 and 108 days
- Our result suggests humoral immunity diminish in short period, losing the protection for the virus
- Together with previous studies, triggering strong cellular immune response and immune recovery is the key for SARS-CoV-2 vaccine development.



### Decline of SARS-CoV-2 specific antibodies in convalescent patients



### Next-generation sequencing revealed influenza and Chlamydia infection in recurrent pneumonia in a recovered COVID-19 patient



News & Views | Published: 20 December 2021

T CELLS

## Role of the T cell vitamin D receptor in severe COVID-19

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New research provides evidence of an impaired vitamin D gene signature in CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells in patients with severe COVID-19. Mechanistically, it is shown that vitamin D alters the epigenetic landscape of CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells, as well as inducing key transcription factors such as STAT3, BACH2 and JUN that reduce levels of IFN- $\gamma$  and increase IL-10. These changes generate pro-resolving T<sub>H</sub>1 cells that may be beneficial in resolving or preventing severe COVID-19.

# Collateral Damage

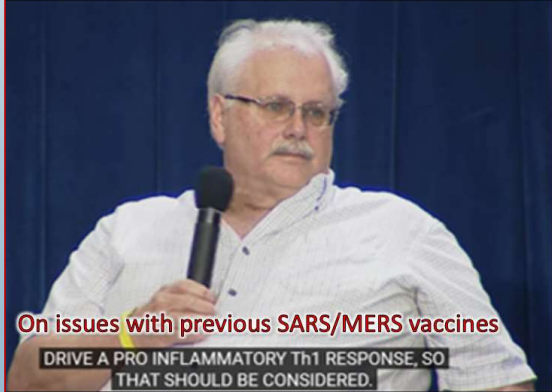
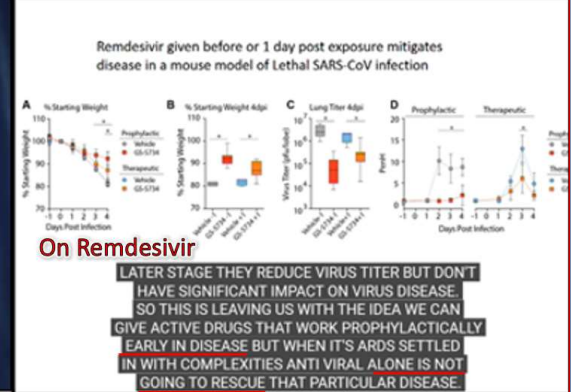
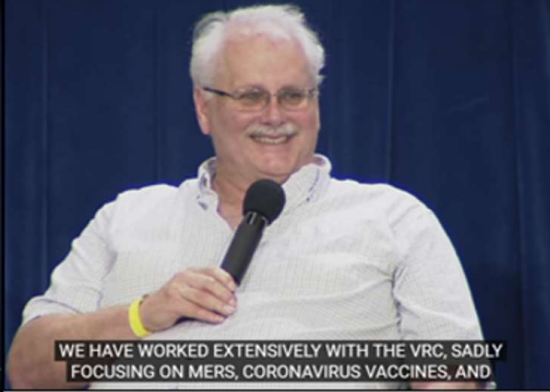
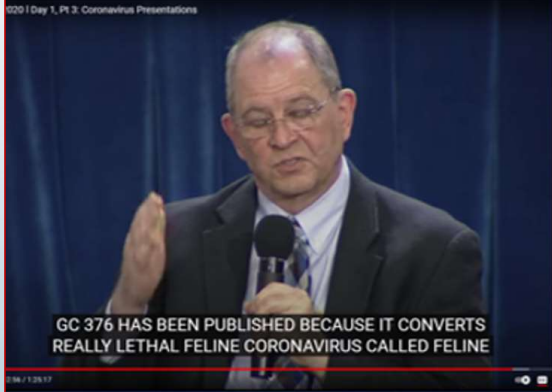
## % Excess Deaths (Non-COVID-19) by Age Group, Sex & Month (that week ended in) England

Weeks Ending 27Mar20 - 18Nov22

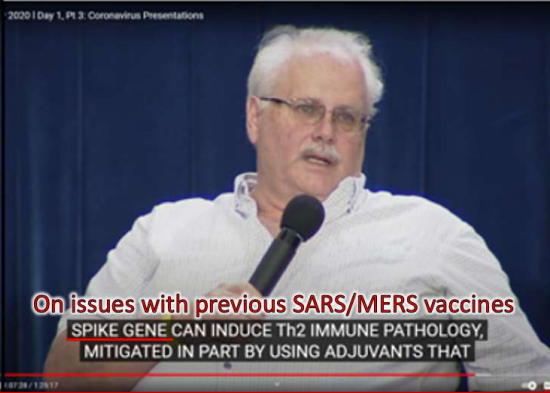
Source Data:- Office for Health Improvement and Disparities

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|------|-------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|-------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
|      |       | Females | Males  | Females | Males  | Females | Males | Females | Males  | Females | Males  | Females | Males  |
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| 2020 | 4     | -5.2%   | -20.8% | 7.4%    | 0.4%   | 12.4%   | 16.1% | 13.5%   | 18.2%  | 25.3%   | 25.9%  | 40.5%   | 36.1%  |
| 2020 | 5     | -14.0%  | -12.6% | -1.6%   | -2.4%  | 3.8%    | 5.0%  | -1.8%   | -4.1%  | -0.5%   | -1.7%  | 10.9%   | 0.2%   |
| 2020 | 6     | -22.4%  | -21.0% | -7.9%   | -7.4%  | -5.8%   | -2.4% | -3.3%   | -8.0%  | -8.6%   | -10.6% | -11.3%  | -13.2% |
| 2020 | 7     | -15.6%  | -9.0%  | 0.9%    | 0.2%   | -6.5%   | 2.6%  | -3.1%   | -4.8%  | -7.0%   | -7.4%  | -9.2%   | -13.9% |
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Ralph Baric & Mark Denison,  
2/14/2020  
2 of the co-inventors/developers of  
Remdesivir



# The EcoHealth Alliance DEFUSE Proposal

## DRASTIC RESEARCH

### Project DEFUSE

DARPA - PREEMPT (HR001118S0017)

**PROPOSAL: VOLUME I**  
DARPA - PREEMPT (HR001118S0017)  
LEAD ORGANIZATION: EcoHealth Alliance (Other Nonprofit)  
OTHER TEAM MEMBERS:  
Duke NUS Medical School (Other Educational)  
University of North Carolina (Other Educational)  
Wuhan Institute of Virology (Other Educational)  
USGS National Wildlife Health Center (Other Nonprofit)  
Palo Alto Research Center (Large Business)

**Project DEFUSE: Defusing the Threat of  
Bat-borne Coronaviruses**



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Identifying Number: HR001118S0017-PREEMPT-PA-001  
Award Instrument Requested: Grant  
Places and Periods of Performance: 12/1/18 - 5/31/22; Palo Alto, CA; Kunming and  
Wuhan, China; Chapel Hill, NC; New York, NY; Singapore; Madison, WI  
Total funds requested: \$14,209,245  
Proposal validity period: 6 months  
Date proposal submitted: 3/27/18

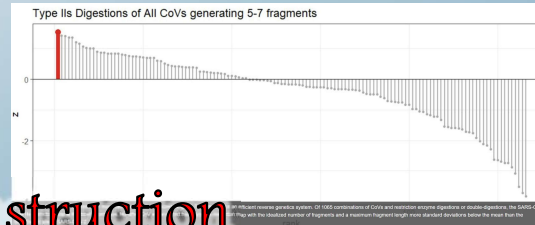
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### 11. THE PROPOSAL SET A CLEAR PATHWAY FOR CHIMERIC VIRUS CONSTRUCTION

The use of known backbones is specified in the proposal:

"Synthesis of Chimeric Novel SARSr-CoV QS: We will commercially synthesize<sup>2</sup> SARSr-CoV S glycoprotein genes, designed for insertion into SHC014 or WIV16 molecular clone backbones (88% and 97% S-protein identity to epidemic SARS-Urbani). These are BSL-3, not select agents or subject to P3CO (they use bat SARSr-CoV backbones which are exempt) and are pathogenic to hACE2 transgenic mice"<sup>(D1, p.13)</sup>

**Chimaeric construction**



### 16. THE PROPOSAL INCLUDES THE INTRODUCTION OF "HUMAN-SPECIFIC CLEAVAGE SITES"

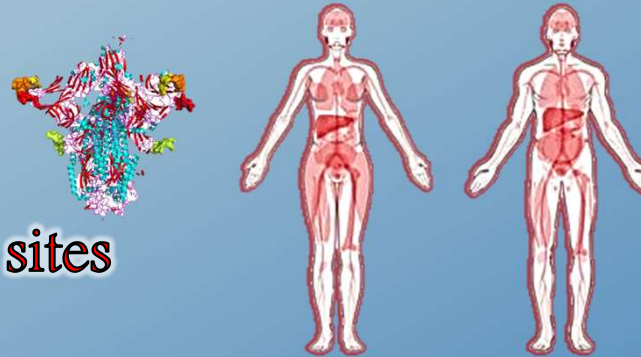
Human protease-specific site insertion was proposed. The proposal does not specify exactly which protease, but does discuss Furin in the preceding text.

"We will analyze all SARSr-CoV S gene sequences for appropriately conserved proteolytic cleavage sites in S2 and for the presence of potential Furin cleavage sites"<sup>(D1, p.13)</sup>.

SARSr-CoV S with mismatches in proteolytic cleavage sites can be activated by exogenous Trypsin or Cathepsin L.

Where clear mismatches occur, we will introduce appropriate human-specific cleavage sites and evaluate growth potential in Vero cells and HAE cultures."<sup>(D1, p.13)</sup>

**Human cleavage sites**

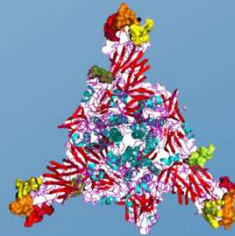


### 18. THE PROPOSAL PLANNED TO RESEARCH ALTERNATE RECEPTORS TO ACE2

"To evaluate this, we will sequentially introduce clade 2 disrupting residues of SARS-CoV and SHC014 and evaluate virus growth in Vero cells, non-permissive cells ectopically expressing DC-SIGN, and in human monocytes and macrophages anticipating reduced virus growth efficiency."<sup>(D1, p.13)</sup>

**DC-SIGN**

We note that while SARS-CoV was documented to use DC-SIGN as an attachment receptor (Marzi et al. 2004), L-SIGN and DC-SIGN act as entry receptors for SARS-CoV-2 (Amraei et al. 2020; Thépaut et al. 2021).



### 19. THE PROPOSAL PLANNED TO INTRODUCE "KEY RBD RESIDUES" INTO LOW RISK STRAINS TO TEST PATHOGENICITY IN HUMAN AIRWAY CELLS AND IN hACE2 MICE

"Low abundance micro-variations:

We will structurally model and identify highly variable residue changes in the SARSr-CoV S RBD, use commercial gene blocks to introduce these changes singly and in combination into the S glycoprotein gene of the low risk, parental strain and test ACE2 receptor usage, growth in HAE and in-vivo pathogenesis".<sup>(D1, p.13)</sup>

**High ACE2 affinity**

Elements  
Of the  
DEFUSE  
proposal  
found within  
SARS-CoV-2

# 18 U.S. Code § 175 - Prohibitions with respect to biological weapons

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**(a) IN GENERAL.—**

Whoever knowingly develops, produces, stockpiles, transfers, acquires, retains, or possesses any [biological agent, toxin, or delivery system for use as a weapon](#), or knowingly assists a foreign state or any organization to do so, or attempts, threatens, or conspires to do the same, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned for life or any term of years, or both. There is extraterritorial Federal jurisdiction over an offense under this section committed by or against a [national of the United States](#).

**(b) ADDITIONAL OFFENSE.—**

Whoever knowingly possesses any [biological agent, toxin, or delivery system](#) of a type or in a quantity that, under the circumstances, is not reasonably justified by a prophylactic, protective, bona fide research, or other peaceful purpose, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both. In this subsection, the terms "[biological agent](#)" and "[toxin](#)" do not encompass any [biological agent](#) or [toxin](#) that is in its naturally occurring environment, if the [biological agent](#) or [toxin](#) has not been cultivated, collected, or otherwise extracted from its natural source.

**(c) DEFINITION.—**

For purposes of this section, the term "[for use as a weapon](#)" includes the development, production, transfer, acquisition, retention, or possession of any [biological agent, toxin, or delivery system](#) for other than prophylactic, protective, bona fide research, or other peaceful purposes.

(Added [Pub. L. 101-298, § 3\(a\)](#), May 22, 1990, [104 Stat. 201](#); amended [Pub. L. 104-132, title V, § 511\(b\)\(1\)](#), Apr. 24, 1996, [110 Stat. 1284](#); [Pub. L. 107-56, title VIII, § 817\(1\)](#), Oct. 26, 2001, [115 Stat. 385](#); [Pub. L. 107-188, title II, § 231\(c\)\(1\)](#), June 12, 2002, [116 Stat. 661](#).)

## In Summary ...

- Scientific censorship
- What was censored, and why
- Ties to historical bioweapons research
- Implications for Long COVID/PASC

# A COVID-19 Origin Project: The arc of Inquiry bends towards Enlightenment

A DRASTIC collection of references related to investigating the origin of SARS-CoV-2

| Tab | Collections                       | Sources | Description                                                                                                              | Last Upd.  |
|-----|-----------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 1   | Main / Censorship                 | 1,928   | A list of references regarding aspects of the SARS-CoV-2 origin debate, color-coded by the authors' perspective          | 11/29/2022 |
| 2   | Links & Addtl Resources           | -       | Links to other recommended resources, FOIA repositories and other information                                            | 9/11/2022  |
| 3   | Essential Key Articles            | 25      | My list of the 25 most influential/important articles & findings related to the search for SARS-CoV-2's origin           | 9/11/2022  |
| 4   | Key References                    | 150     | Significant articles, news stories & documents culled from the full list                                                 | 1/12/2022  |
| 5   | Key Videos                        | 53      | Significant episodes, livestreams, TV specials, etc.                                                                     | 9/11/2022  |
| 6   | Pandemic Prep & Coverage          | 60      | Key Videos on Preparedness, Early News Coverage & US Narrative Distractions                                              | 9/11/2022  |
| 7   | Research Path to SARS-CoV-2       | 96      | A list of key research articles which                                                                                    | 11/29/2022 |
| 8   | Evidence of Unnatural Origin      | 194     | A [rough] working list of suspicious elements within, or characteristics of, the SARS-CoV-2 virus & the pandemic         | 11/29/2022 |
| 9   | Significant Elements of the Spike | -       | A breakdown of most of the significant features of the S1 portion of the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein                        | 11/29/2022 |
| 10  | Mutations within the RBD          | -       | A rough breakdown of the number & location of mutations within the S1 portion of the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein            | 11/29/2022 |
| 11  | Article Breakdown by Month        | -       | A chart showing the volume of origin-related articles published by month, by bias of the author [s]                      | 11/29/2022 |
| 12  | Censorship Stats                  | -       | Data from ~1,200 articles, categorized by the authors' perspectives/bias                                                 | 4/2/2022   |
| 13  | Cumulative bias ratings           | -       | Measuring the natural-lab leak leanings of major publishers, newspapers, etc.                                            | 11/2/2022  |
| 14  | 6 Narrative Waves                 | 115     | The 6 clear 'waves' of false-narrative protection, led by Fauci, the Proximals & the Lanceteers                          | 4/2/2022   |
| 15  | 7th Narrative Wave                | 32      | Chronicle 32 pro-zoonosis articles published over a few days in late July 2022 to support the market narrative           | 9/11/2022  |
| 16  | Censorship Charts                 | -       | 6 images/graphics depicting various censorship figures/narrative methods                                                 | 11/29/2022 |
| 17  | Censorship Charts 2               | -       | 6 more images/graphics depicting various censorship figures/narrative methods                                            | 11/29/2022 |
| 18  | Proximal Origin Biblio. Edits     | -       | <a href="#">I list the references from the first &amp; final drafts of "Proximal Origin of SARS-CoV-2" in parallel</a>   | 11/29/2022 |
| 19  | Censorship Timeline               | 48      | <a href="#">[This page also available as a PDF with active links on Research Gate]</a>                                   | 1/15/2022  |
| 20  | Censorship [prev]                 | 450     | <a href="#">The original iteration of my censorship calculations from May 2021 [also found within this compiled PDF]</a> | 8/8/2021   |
| 21  | Censorship-Top 6 [1st]            | -       | My original censorship analysis from May 15th, 2021                                                                      | 8/22/2021  |
| 22  | Censorship-Top 6 [2nd]            | 117     | <a href="#">All articles from the Main tab, for all of the Top 6 journals [click to read my article on this topic]</a>   | 3/22/2022  |
| 23  | Censorship - Top 6 [3rd]          | 262     | All articles from the Main tab, for all of the Top 6 journals [Main & Subordinate Journals, & Select Others]             | 9/11/2022  |
| 24  | Primary Sources                   | 125     | All FOIA collections, other government documents & similar primary source materials                                      | 6/1/2022   |
| 25  | Key FOIA Timeline                 | 34      | <a href="#">[This page also available as a PDF with active links on Research Gate]</a>                                   | 1/16/2022  |
| 26  | Baric FOIA Guide                  | -       | An overview of the contents & structure of US Right-to-Know's 83K pages of Ralph Baric FOIA documents                    | 5/22/2021  |
| 27  | Wuhan Outbreak                    | 79      | <a href="#">A list of references used for my Wuhan epidemiological analysis [the paper in progress now has 180]</a>      | 7/2/2022   |
| 28  | Most-Read Origin Articles         | 50      | A list of the 50 most-read articles on the origin of the SARS-CoV-2 virus [all articles for which such data is public]   | 11/29/2022 |
| 29  | Most-Watched Origin Videos        | 24      | A list of the 24 most-viewed videos on the origin of the SARS-CoV-2 virus                                                | 9/11/2022  |
| 30  | First lab-leaking articles        | 14      | A list of the absolute earliest                                                                                          | 11/29/2022 |
| 31  | DRASTIC                           | 77      | Key written works by DRASTIC                                                                                             | 11/29/2022 |
| 32  | DRASTIC Findings                  | 54      | A list of DRASTIC's major discoveries, projects & achievements                                                           | 5/14/2022  |
| 33  | DRASTIC in the News               | 85      | A list of articles discussing DRASTIC and our findings                                                                   | 11/29/2022 |
| 34  | Lab Leak-Leaning                  | 289     | Written works by other lab-leak hypothesis proponents                                                                    | 4/2/2022   |
| 35  | Natural Origin-Leaning            | 291     | Proponents of a Zoonotic [Natural] Emergence of SARS-CoV-2                                                               | 4/2/2022   |
| 36  | Daszak EHA works                  | 193     | Articles published by Daszak with EH Alliance, looking at author relationships                                           | 5/27/2021  |
| 37  | Daszak EHA-sorted                 | 193     | Articles published by Daszak with EH Alliance, looking at author relationships - sorted and counted                      | 5/27/2021  |
| 38  | HIV/SARS                          | 504     | <a href="#">Articles related to the FCS/HIV Inserts, as described in The Myth of the Blind Watchmaker</a>                | 11/29/2022 |
| 39  | HIV/SARS - Vaccine Research       | 96      | HIV & Coronavirus Vaccine Research & Development                                                                         | 9/11/2022  |
| 40  | HIV/SARS - Fusion Inhibitors      | 66      | Class I Viral Fusion Peptide Inhibitor Research                                                                          | 9/11/2022  |
| 41  | HIV/SARS - Chinese Research       | 84      | Chinese Coronavirus Research                                                                                             | 9/11/2022  |
| 42  | Gain-of-Function                  | 404     | Articles related to Gain-of-Function [GOF] research & the debates over its risks                                         | 1/15/2022  |
| 43  | GOF Sorted                        | 404     | Articles related to Gain-of-Function [GOF] research & the debates over its risks, sorted between the two categories      | 1/16/2022  |
| 44  | EHA Fed Contracts                 | -       | A list of US federal contracts with EcoHealth Alliance under Peter Daszak [unhide for full 2002-2021]                    | 8/22/2021  |
| 45  | EHA Fed Grants                    | -       | A list of US federal grants awarded to EcoHealth Alliance under Peter Daszak [unhide for full 2002-2021]                 | 8/22/2021  |
| 46  | NIH Grant Budget                  | -       | The full grant budget for the National Institutes of Health, 2011-2020                                                   | 8/22/2021  |
| 47  | Global Funding                    | -       | The Largest Global Public & Private Funders of Biomedical Research, 2013, By Share of World Total                        | 1/16/2022  |
| 48  | Top Articles (H-I)                | -       | COVID-19 articles amongst the Top 250 academic articles, by H-Index score                                                | 8/22/2021  |
| 49  | Top Articles (Alt)                | -       | COVID-19 articles amongst the top 100 academic articles, by Altmetric score                                              | 8/22/2021  |

## Tab 1 total References

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| Sources by Type & Perspective | Since       | Pre        |
|-------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| US Gov Publications           | 36          | 21         |
| DRASTIC                       | 115         | 0          |
| Paris Group, etc.             | 47          | 0          |
| Lab Leak Supporting           | 120         | 0          |
| Lab Leak Leaning              | 254         | 0          |
| Neutral/Unbiased              | 708         | 150        |
| Natural-Origin Leaning        | 97          | 12         |
| Zoonosis Activists            | 266         | 102        |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>1643</b> | <b>285</b> |

- Complete List**
- Evidence of Unnatural Origin
  - Scientific Censorship
  - FOIA
  - Wuhan Outbreak
  - DRASTIC & Lab-Leaning
  - Natural-Origin Leaning
  - HIV-SARS Homology/Links
  - Gain-of-Function Research
  - Grant Funding of BioMed Research
  - Top Articles [Altmetric]

| Updates    |   |       |     |
|------------|---|-------|-----|
| Date       | # | Refs  | Tab |
| 5/14/2021  | - | 520   | 5   |
| 7/1/2021   | 1 | 598   | 7   |
| 8/13/2021  | 2 | 703   | 9   |
| 9/15/2021  | 3 | 798   | 9   |
| 10/14/2021 | 4 | 925   | 14  |
| 1/15/2022  | 5 | 1,036 | 24  |
| 5/14/2022  | 6 | 1,368 | 31  |
| 9/11/2022  | 7 | 1,684 | 40  |
| 11/29/2022 | 8 | 1,905 | 49  |

### My other origin resources:

- [Prometheus Shrugged: Censorship & the Legacy of COVID-19 - Collects 173 pages of key emails from 94,000](#) 6/17/2021
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- [The Ties that Bind: A Timeline of Key FOIA requests & other Primary Source Documents in the Investigation](#) 1/9/2022
- [Linked Topical Bibliography - Wuhan's House of Cards: Proponents of COVID-19's natural-origin continue](#) 2/28/2022
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