

PLATEFORMES VACCINALES

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Vaccines : the legacy of Jenner and Pasteur

- ✓ Understand the disease, its transmission, its protection
- ✓ Isolate the responsible agent
- ✓ Conceive a biological product safe, efficacious, easy to manufacture and to deliver at low cost



Jenner, the doctor who empirically inoculated vaccinia virus to humans



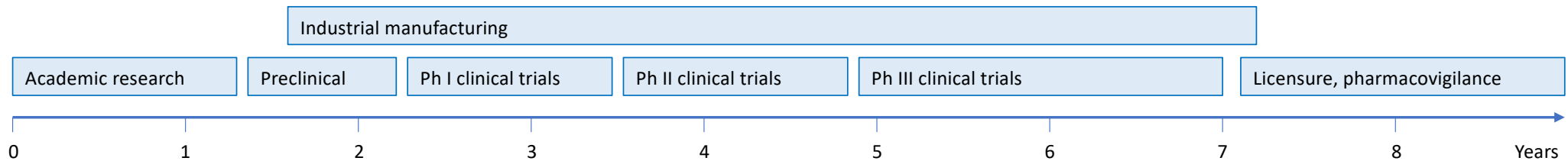
Pasteur, the chemist who revolutionized medicine by inactivating microbes

Antiviral vaccines

Live-attenuated viruses	Inactivated-killed viruses	Pseudo-particles	New technologies
Smallpox Yellow fever Polio Measles Mumps Rubeola Varicella, zona Dengue Rotavirus	Rabies Influenza Polio Hepatitis A JEV, TBE	HBV HPV	DNA/mRNA Viral vectors Adjuvants, Proteins

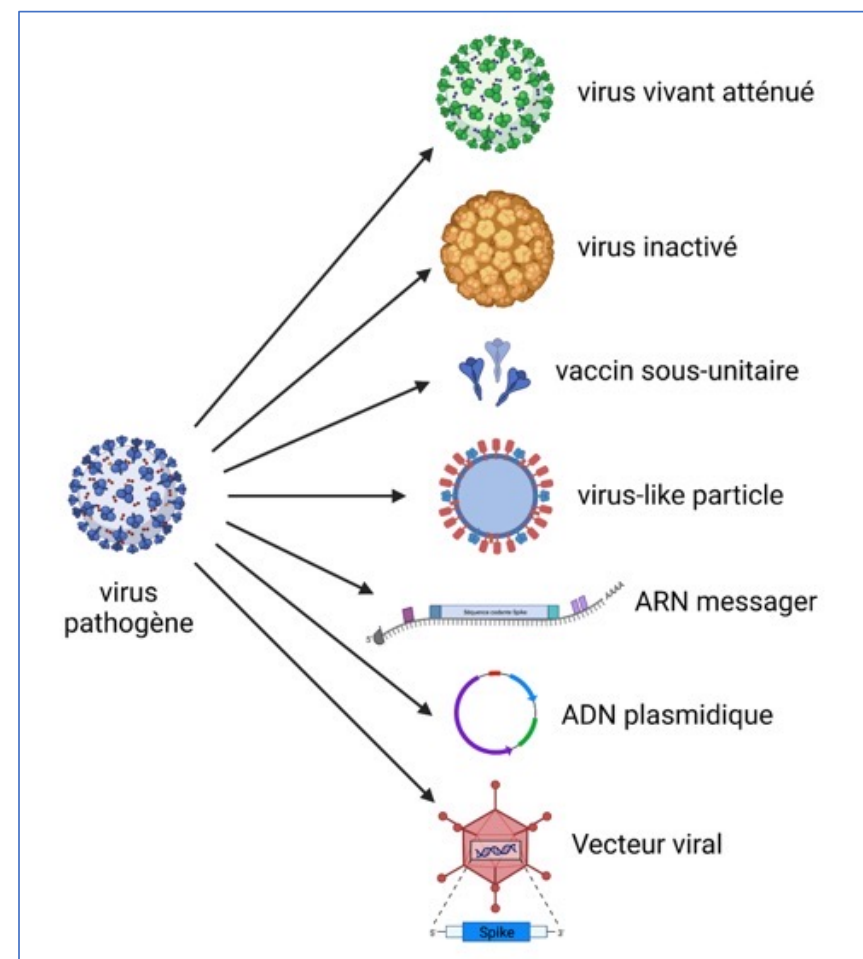


Usual steps to develop a vaccine (mean durations)



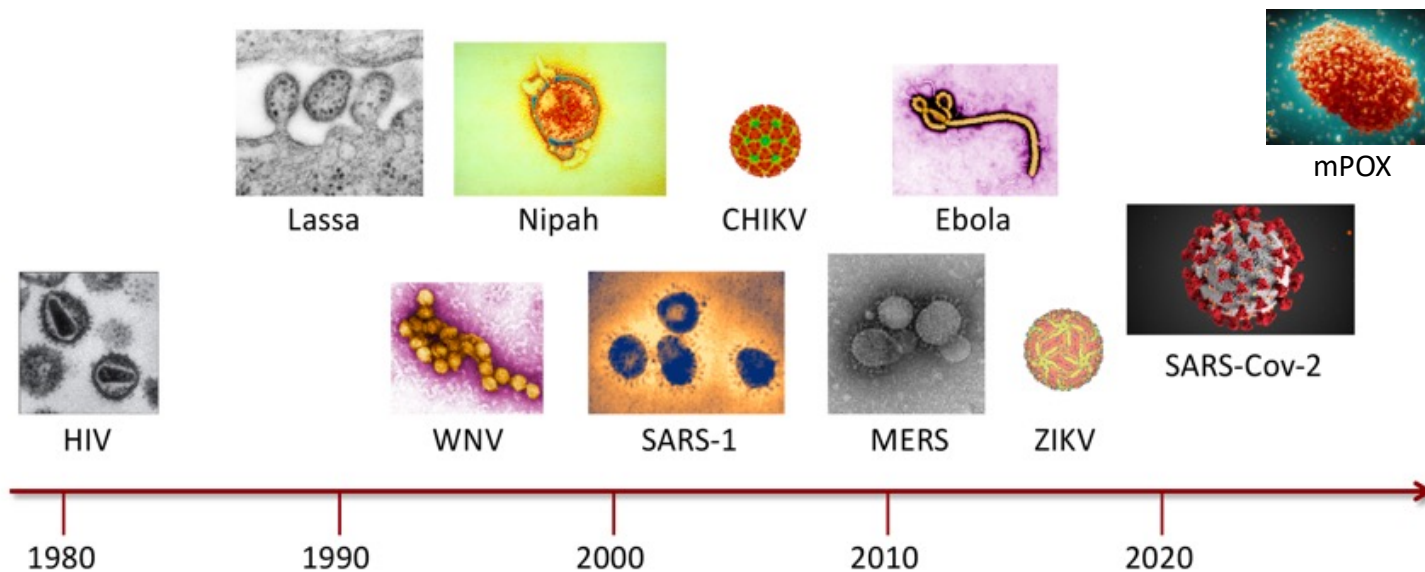
200 years to develop new vaccines

1796 Variole	1964 Rougeole
1879 Choléra	1967 Oreillons
1882 Rage	1970 Rubéole
1890 Tétanos, diphtérie	1974 Varicelle
1897 Peste	1978 Méningite
1926 Coqueluche	1981 Hépatite B
1927 Tuberculose	1985 Méningite bactérienne
1932 Fièvre jaune	1992 Hépatite A
1945 Grippe	1998 Maladie de Lyme
1952 Poliomyélite	2004 Papillomavirus (HPV)
2020 COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2)	



Emerging or re-emerging lethal viral infections threaten humans since ever

Globalization, increasing population, travels, warming



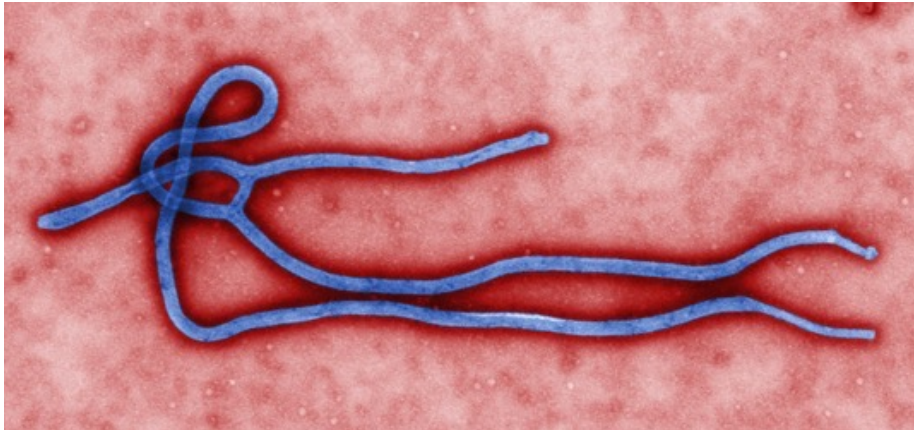
New human respiratory viruses (1997-2013)

Virus	Family	Year
H5N1	Influenza virus	1997
Hendra-Nipah	Paramyxovirus	2000
hMPV	Paramyxovirus	2001
SARS-CoV	Coronavirus	2003
H7N7	Influenza virus	2003
HCoV-NL63	Coronavirus	2004
HCoV-HKU1	Coronavirus	2005
HBoV	Parvovirus	2005
KI/WU-PyV	Polyomavirus	2007
MeIV (Kam V)	Orthoreovirus	2007
H1N1v	Influenza virus	2009
HPBV	Picobimavirus	2010
H3N2 porcine	Influenza virus	2011
HCoV-EMC	Coronavirus	2012
H7N9	Influenza virus	2013
MERS-CoV	Coronavirus	2012

The loss due to Covid for the world Gross Domestic Product (GDP) estimated to be 3 – 82 trillion dollars in 5 years (1 trillion = 10^{18})

<https://www.jbs.cam.ac.uk/faculty-research/centres/risk/>

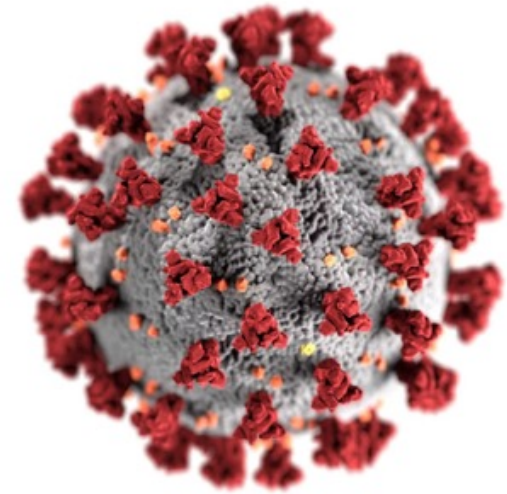
Ebola recurrent outbreaks



Zika virus mother to child transmission



2019 Covid-19 pandemic



mPOX comes back



Vaccines are a public health medicine

They need to elicit long-term memory and herd immunity

Memory is essential

Live attenuated vaccines

- Smallpox (eradicated)
- Poliomyelitis (95-100% morbidity reduction)
- Measles (95-100% morbidity reduction)
- Mumps (95-100% morbidity reduction)
- Rubella (95-100% morbidity reduction)
- Yellow fever (95-100% efficacy)
- Varicella (70-80% morbidity reduction)

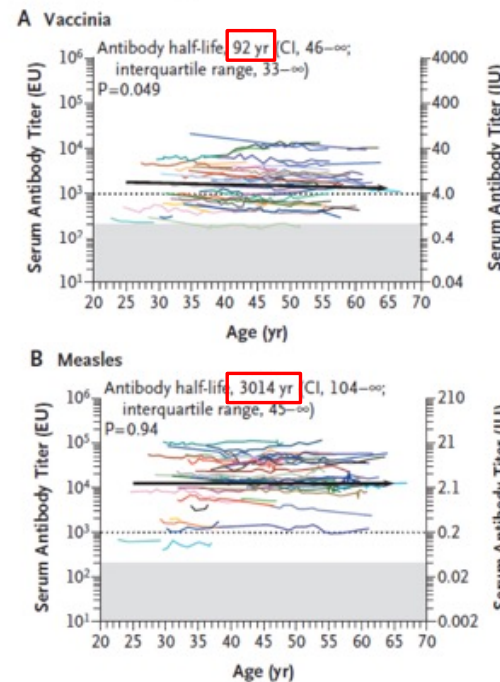
Practical needs

- Pediatric vaccines/adolescents
- 1 or 2 administrations
- Absolute safety
- Humoral and cellular immunity
- Long-term memory
- Low cost and large-scale manufacturing

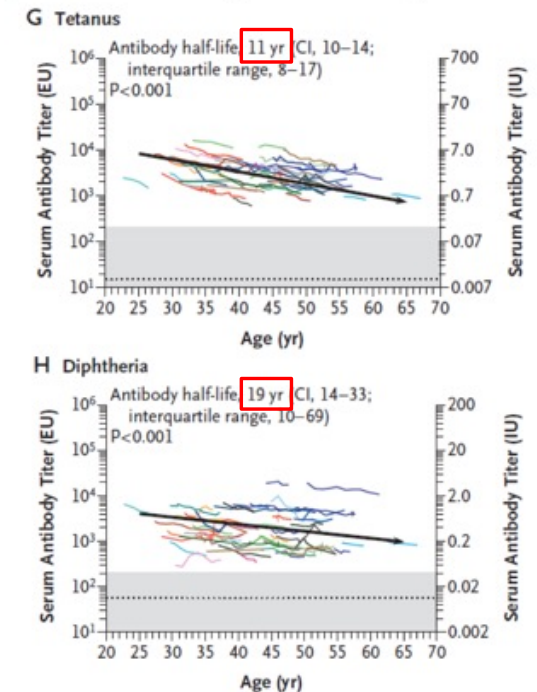
Vaccine memory

Live attenuated

Serum antibody levels were measured on serial samples collected over a period of several years



Toxoids



Amanna et al, N Engl J Med 2007;357:1903-15.

Measles had long been endemic around the world – and it remains a worldwide epidemic disease ($R_0 = 18$). Before vaccination, mortality rates were high, with approximately 30 million cases and over 2 million deaths occurring each year.



Measles live attenuated vaccine



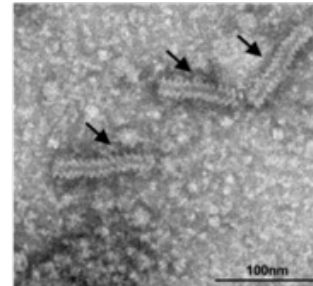
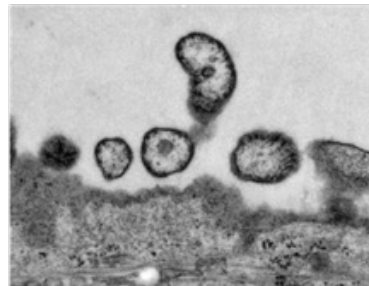
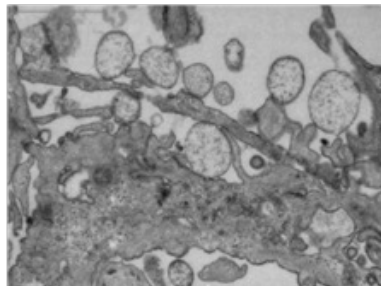
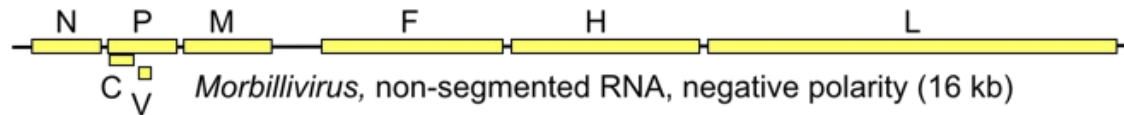
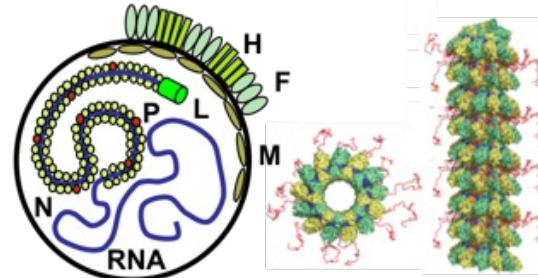
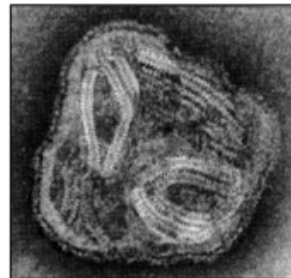
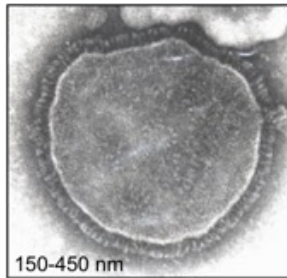
Edmonston strain
Wildtype pathogenic

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156 passages

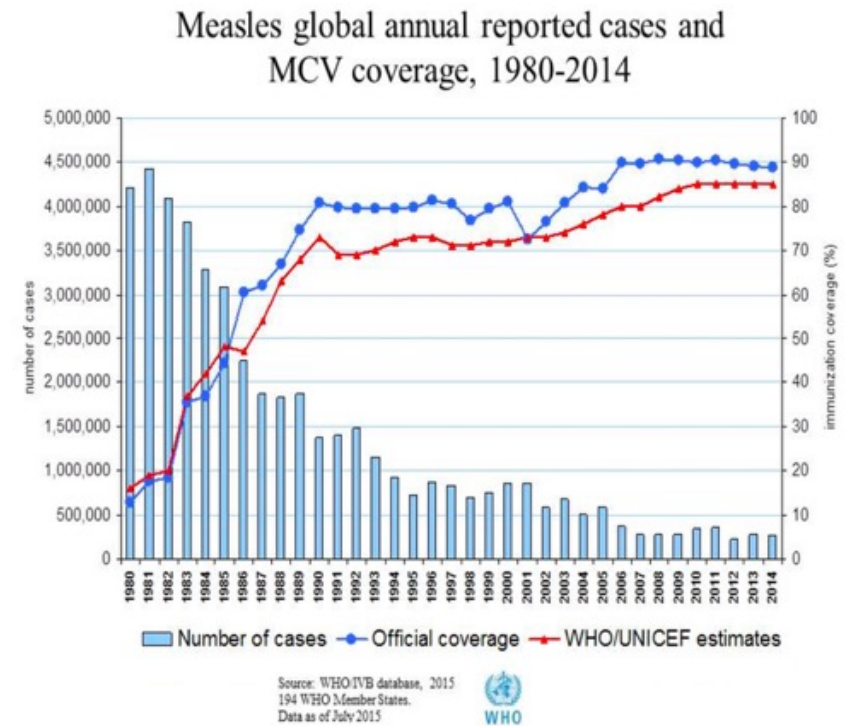
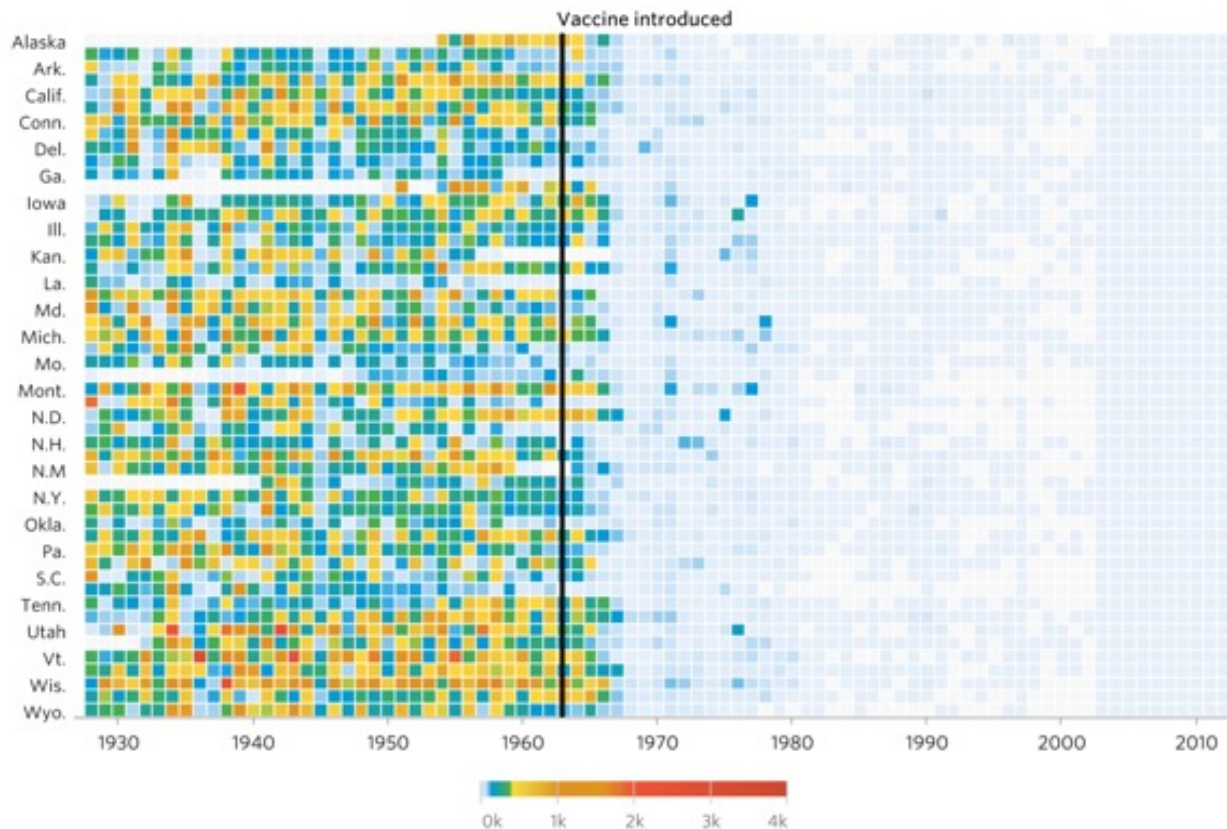


Schwarz strain
Attenuated non-pathogenic

- ❑ One low-dose injection
- ❑ Life-long protective immunity
- ❑ Safety / efficacy track record over 2 billion children
- ❑ High genetic stability
- ❑ Established manufacturing



Measles live attenuated vaccine is very efficient

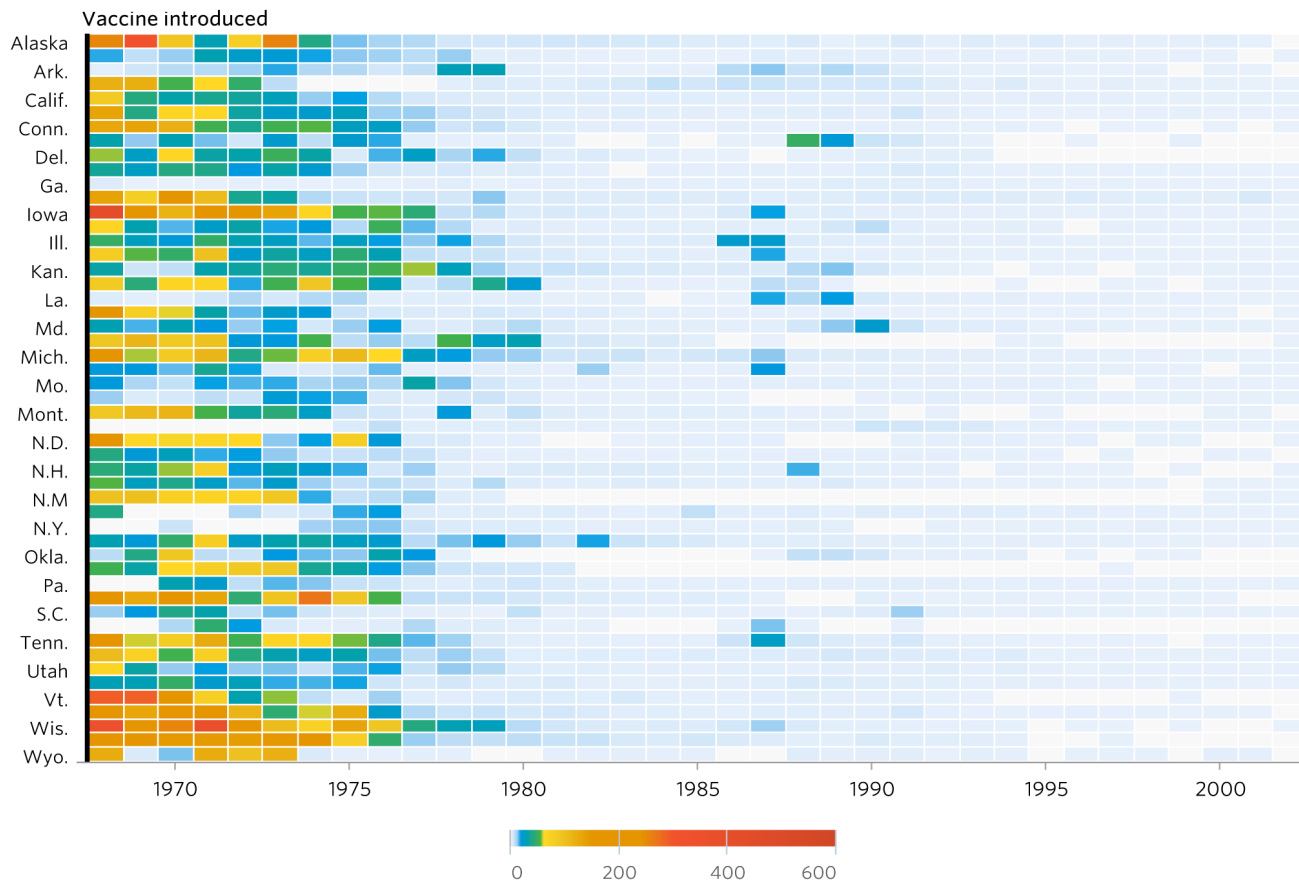


Measles reported cases in USA, 1930 – 2013
Vaccine introduction 1964

Mumps control in USA

Heat maps showing the number of infected people measures over 70 years in USA
(Tynan DeBold & Doc Friedman)

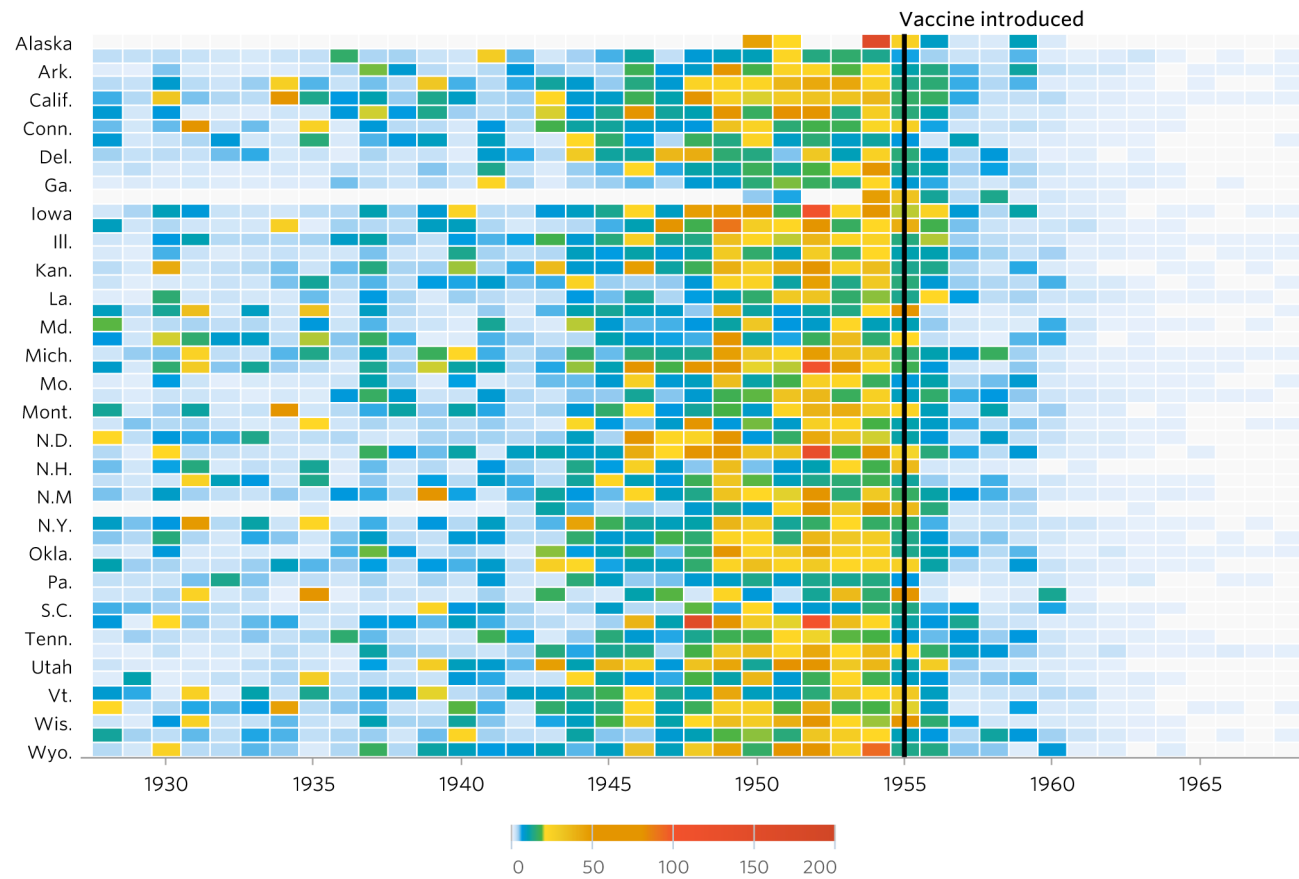
Mumps



Polio control in USA

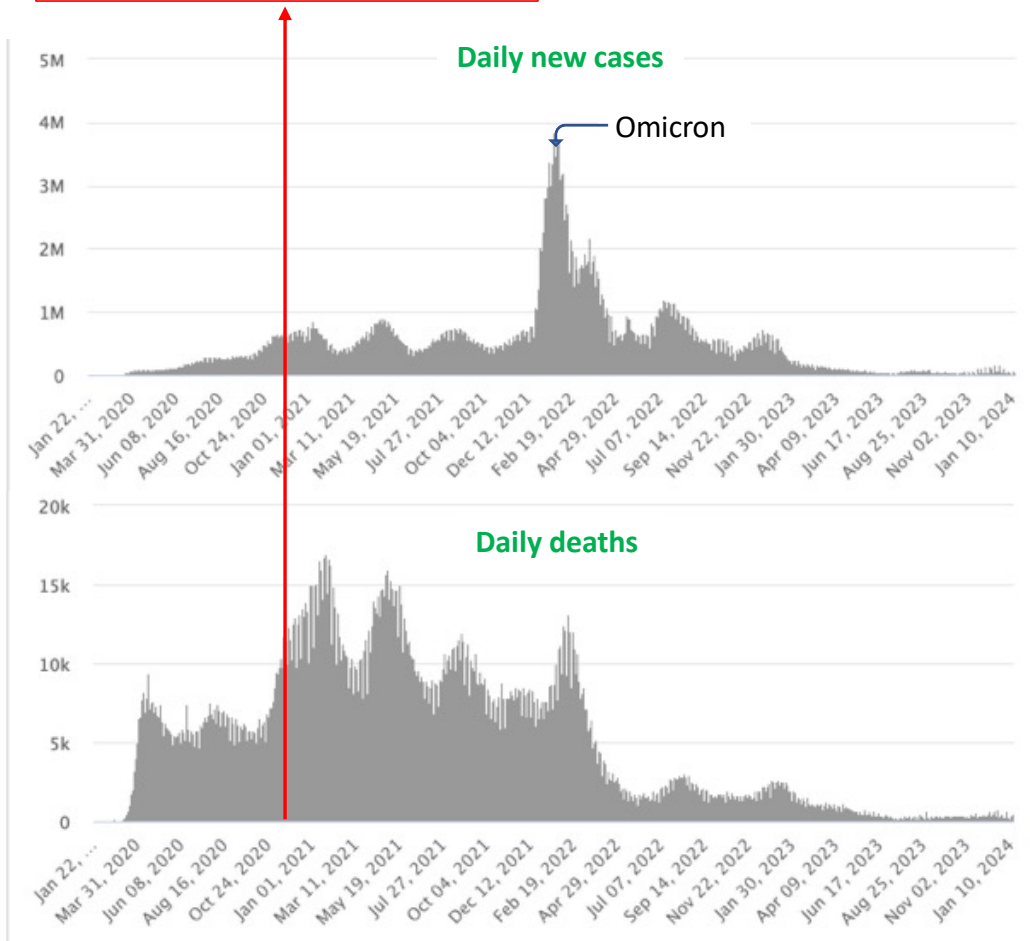
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Polio



Did SARS-CoV-2 vaccines control the COVID-19 pandemic?

Covid vaccines introduction



World Covid-19 numbers, Jan 2024

Covid-19 Cases: **> 705 million**

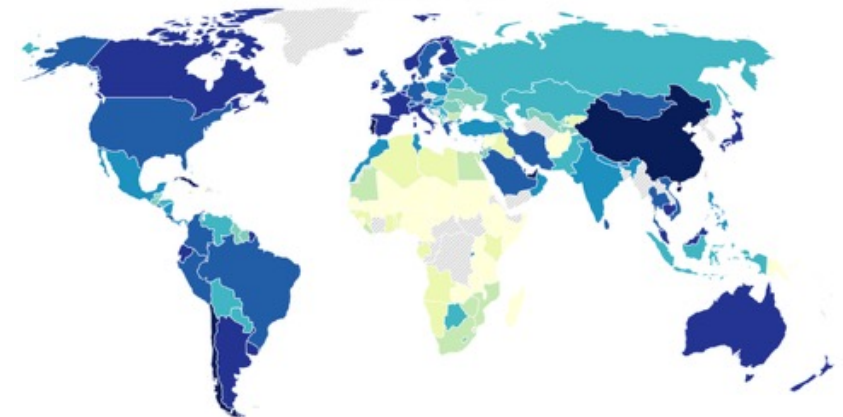
Deaths: **> 7 million**

Recovered: **> 675 million**

Vaccine doses administered: **> 10 billion**
(including 5.7 billion doses in China and India)

World population: **7.9 billion**

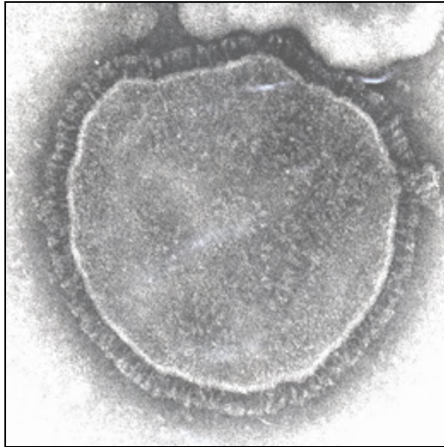
World Covid-19 vaccine coverage



Is polio eliminated ?



Measles elimination ?

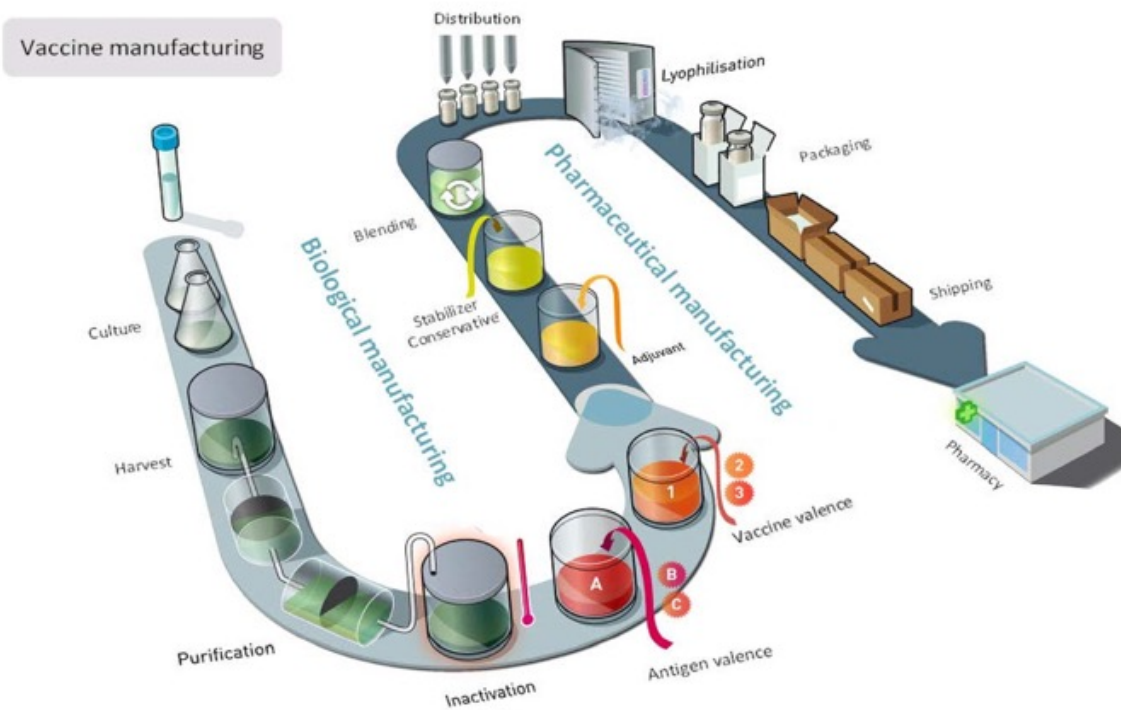


Expanded Program of Immunization (WHO)

EPI: current programme (AFRO)

Vaccines	Period/Age	Number doses			
BCG	Birth	01	Dose-1		
DTP	6 weeks 10 weeks 14 weeks	03	Dose-1	Dose-2	Dose-3
Polio	Birth 6 weeks 10 weeks 14 weeks	04	Dose-1	Dose-2	Dose-3 Dose-4
Measles	09 months	01	Dose-1		
ATV (pregnant women)	1 st contact latest 15days before delivery	02	Dose-1	Dose-2	
Yellow fever	09 months	01	Dose-1		
Hepatitis B	6 weeks 10 weeks 14 weeks	03	Dose-1	Dose-2	Dose-3
Hib	6 weeks 10 weeks 14 weeks	03	Dose-1	Dose-2	Dose-3

Industrial manufacture



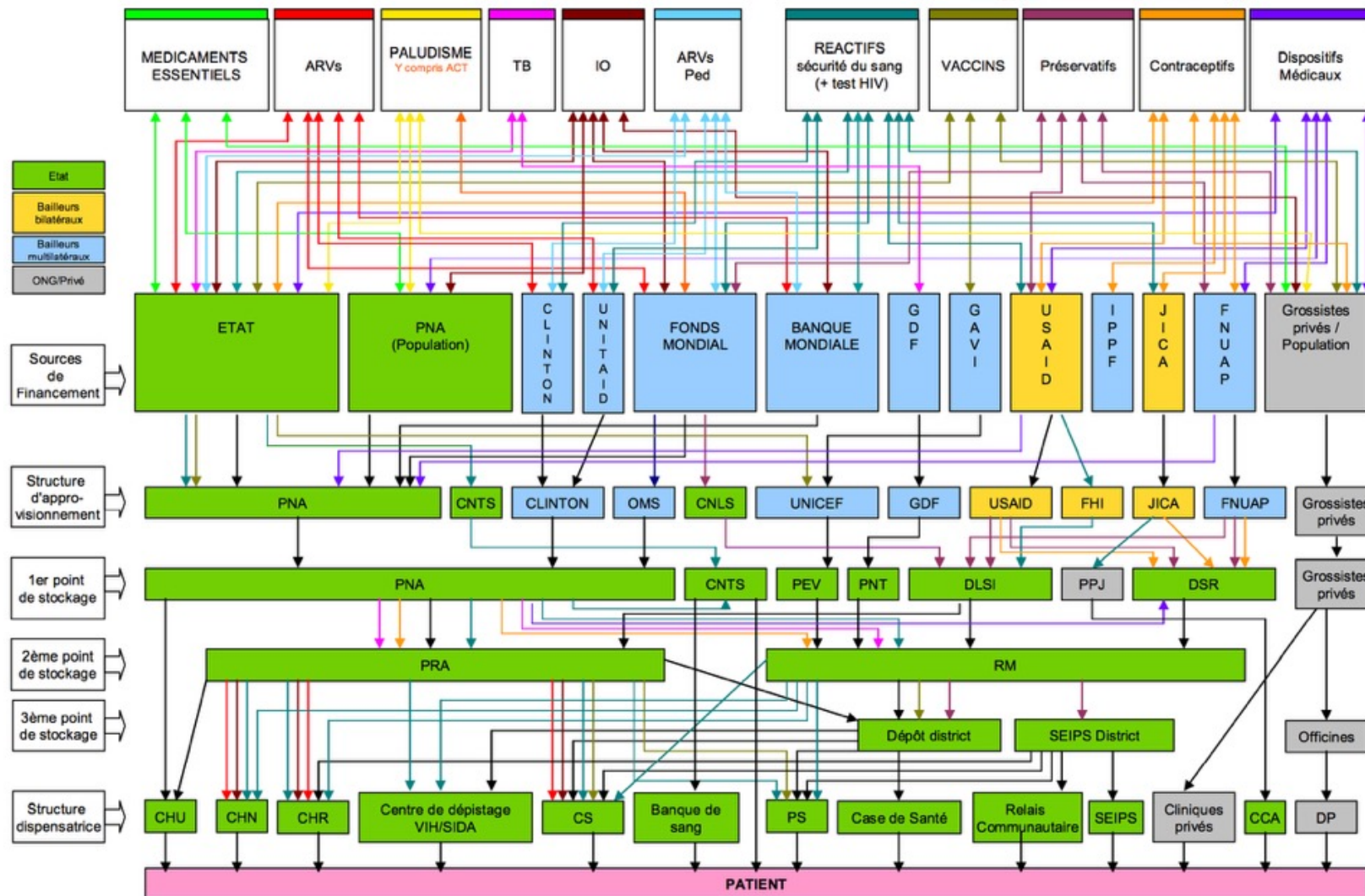
Systèmes d'approvisionnement des produits pharmaceutiques au SENEGAL. Avril 2008



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Distribution of vaccines

Campaigns (Polio, Measles, YF, MenA and TT) further increase the pressure on already challenged systems



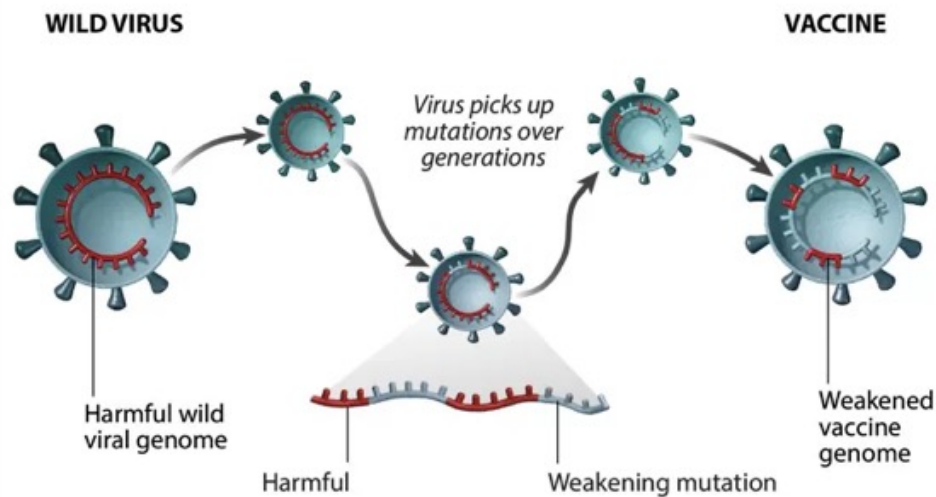
World Health Organization



Live attenuated vaccines

What are Live, Attenuated Vaccines?

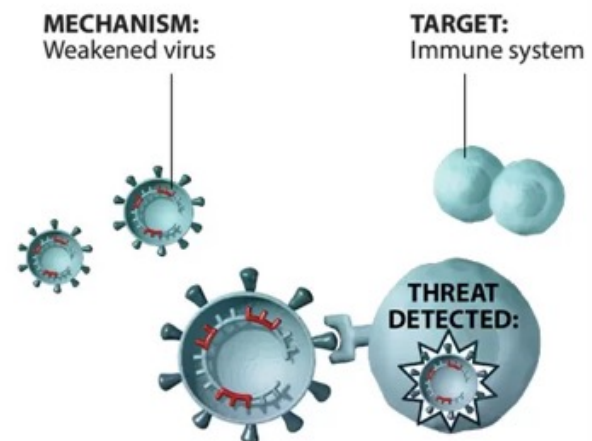
Live vaccines are “wild” viruses or bacteria that have been weakened.* In the lab, generally the virus is passed through many generations of cells to pick up genetic mutations which weaken it - so much it won't cause disease in your body.



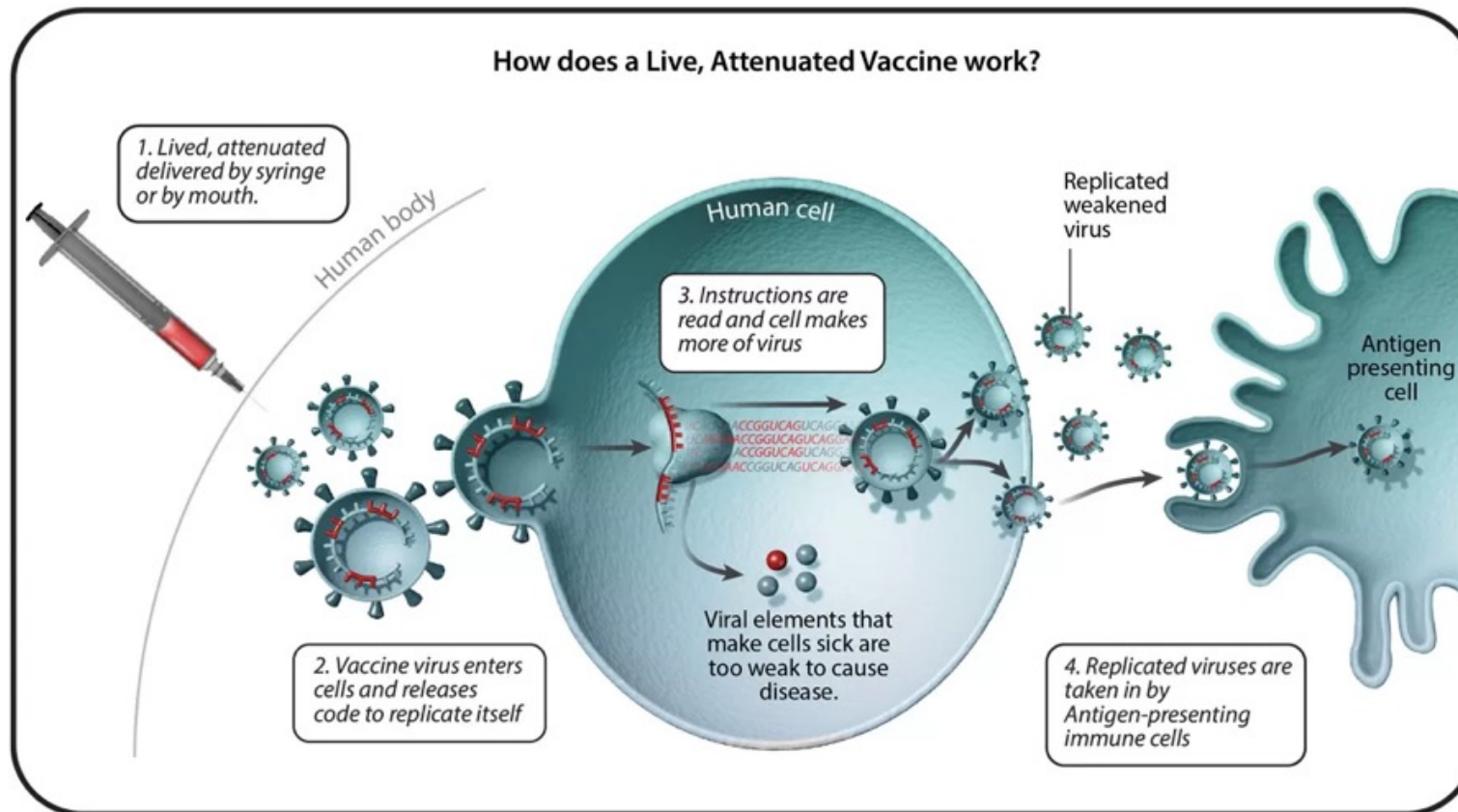
*Did You Know?: “Attenuated” means weakened.

Vaccine Target

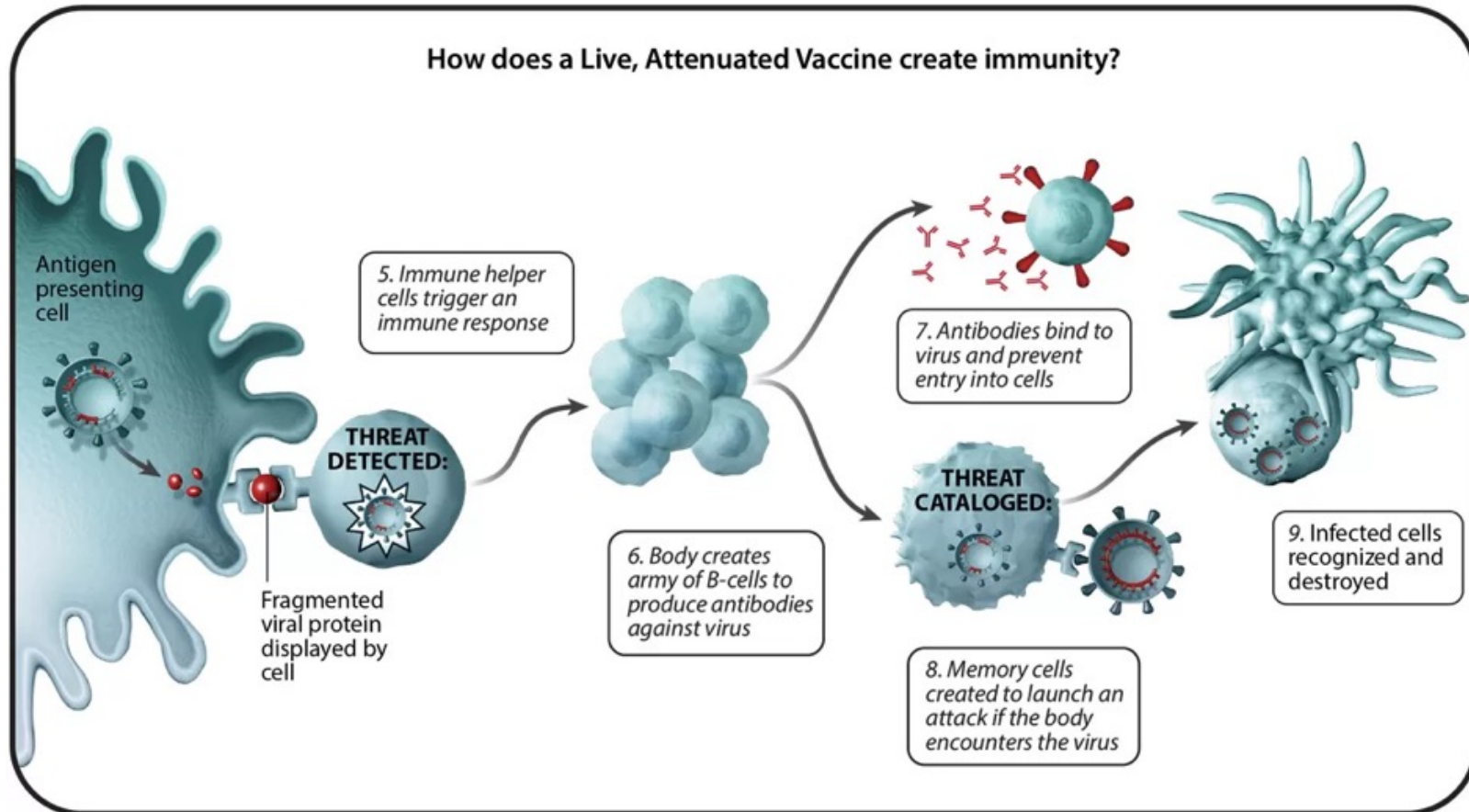
Live, attenuated vaccines target your body's immune system directly. They are strong enough to trigger the immune response, but too weak to cause disease.



Live attenuated vaccines



Live attenuated vaccines



Inactivated vaccines

What are Inactivated Vaccines?

Live vaccines are "wild" viruses or bacteria that have been inactivated.* In the lab, a wild virus is "killed" with heat or chemicals so it cannot replicate or cause disease in your body, and is safe for immunodeficient people.

WILD VIRUS



Virus is "killed" using chemicals or heat



VACCINE



*Did You Know?: "Inactivated" means the virus cannot replicate or cause harm.

Vaccine Target

Inactivated vaccines target your body's antibody production. This is weaker than natural infection or live vaccines, so inactivated vaccines often require multiple doses.

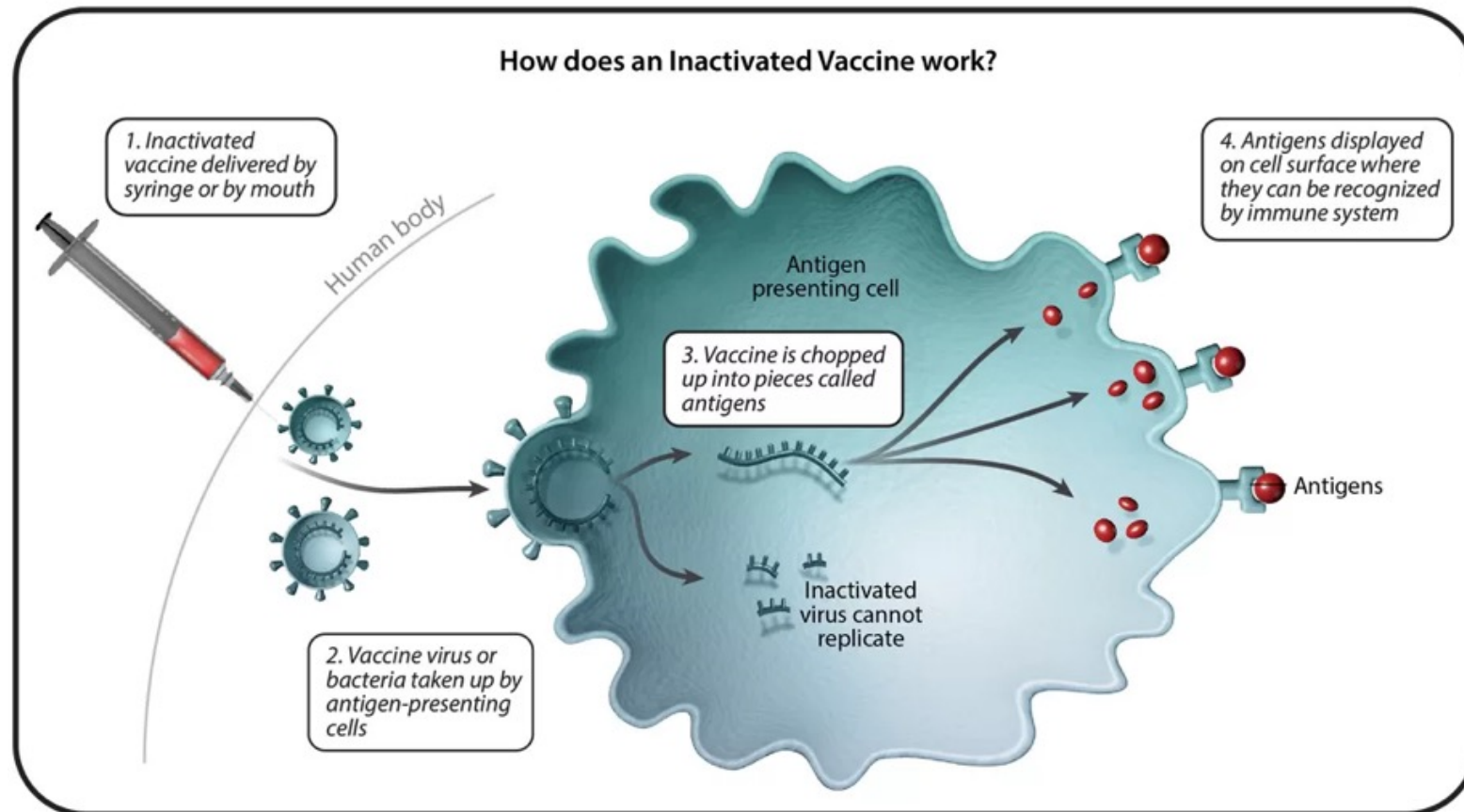
MECHANISM:
Inactivated virus



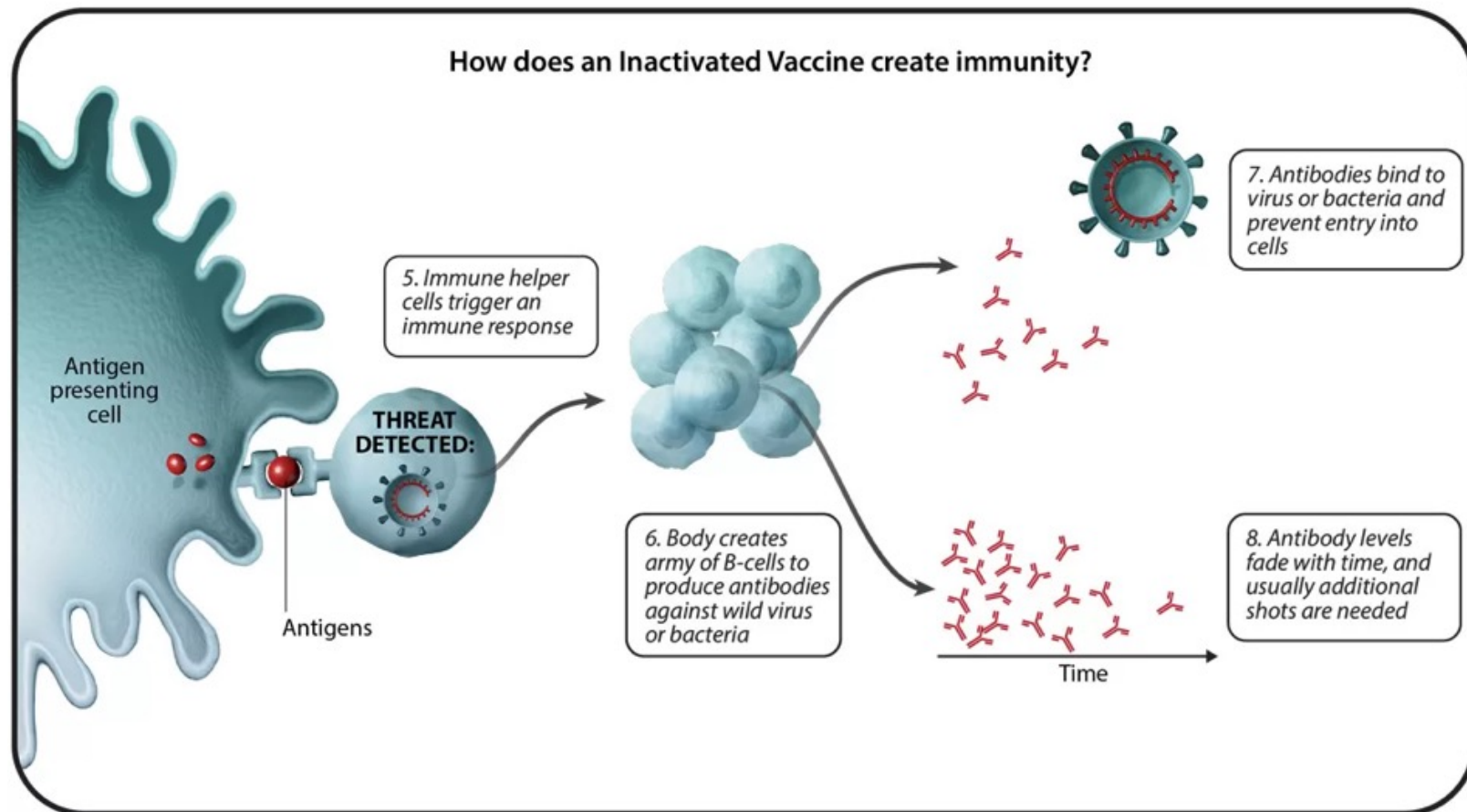
TARGET:
Immune system
antibody response



Inactivated vaccines



Inactivated vaccines



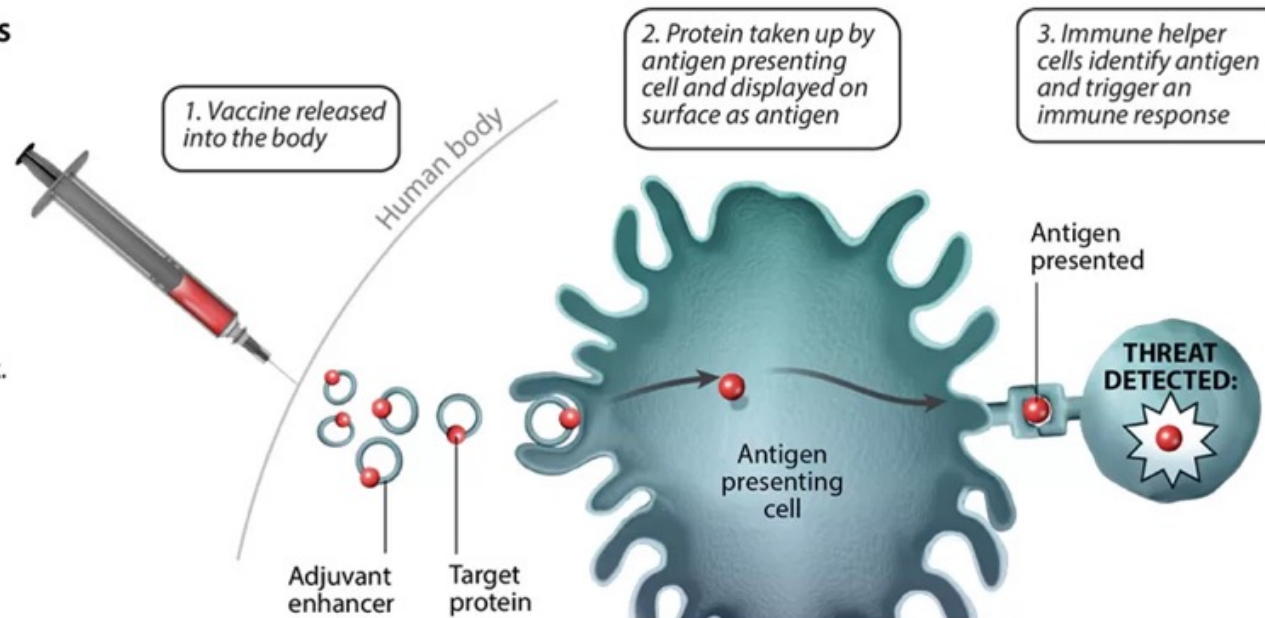
Subunit vaccines

What are Subunit (recombinant, polysaccharide, and conjugate) vaccines?

Subunit vaccines use a portion of a bacteria or virus to cause an immune response independent of its virus or bacteria of origin. Elements of subunit vaccines can be proteins, polysaccharide chains, or a combination of these.

PROTEIN VACCINES

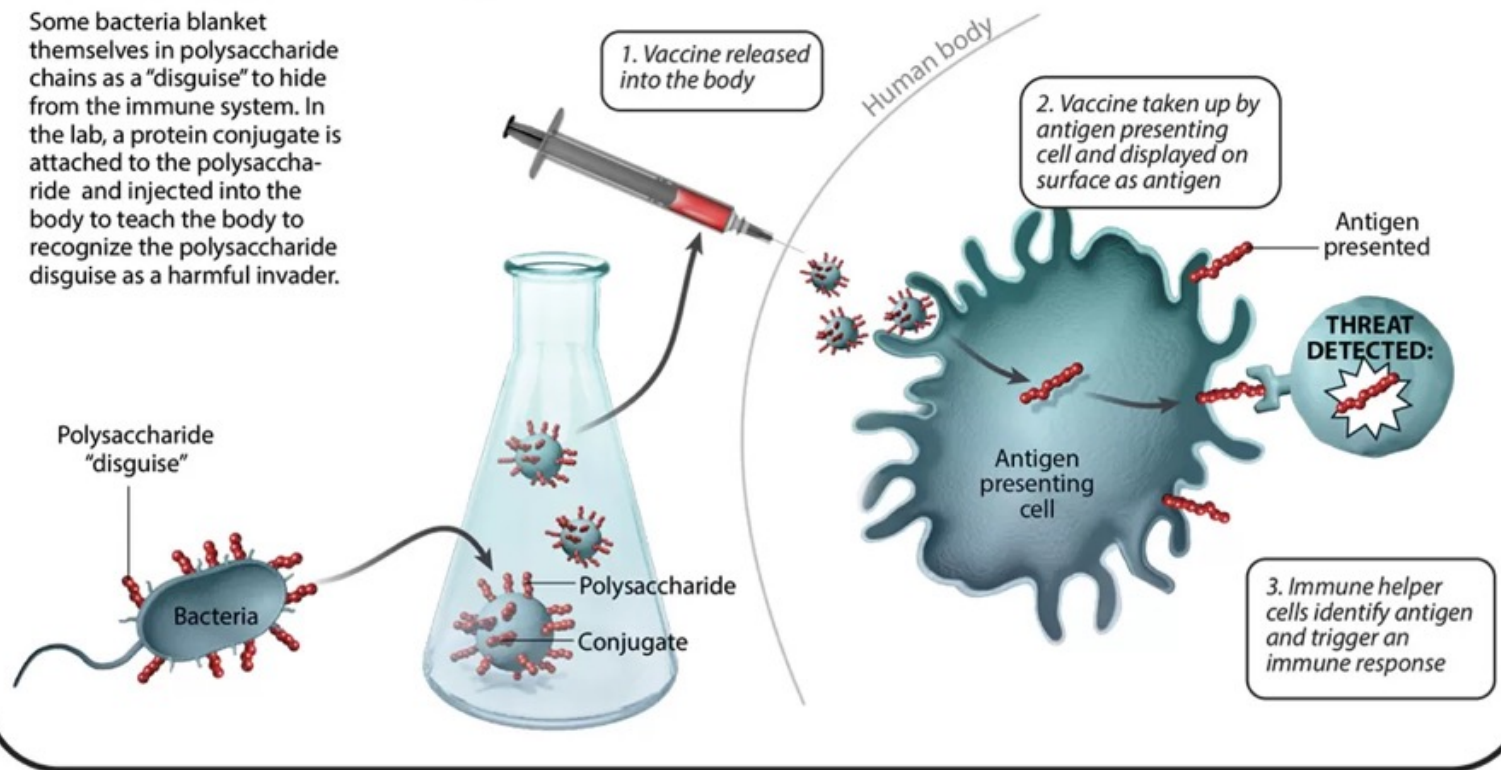
Viral proteins are isolated in a lab, mixed with an adjuvant immune-system stimulator, and injected into the body to cause an immune response without the virus that makes you sick.



Subunit vaccines

POLYSACCHARIDE AND CONJUGATE VACCINES

Some bacteria blanket themselves in polysaccharide chains as a "disguise" to hide from the immune system. In the lab, a protein conjugate is attached to the polysaccharide and injected into the body to teach the body to recognize the polysaccharide disguise as a harmful invader.

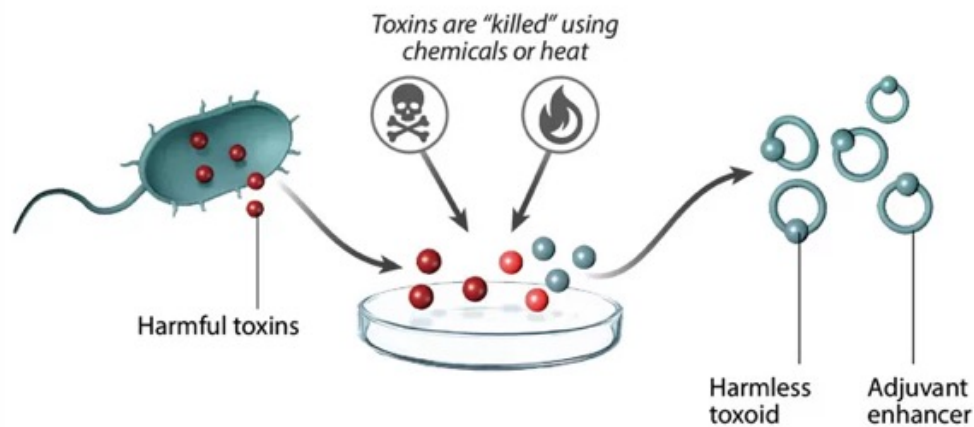


Subunit vaccines

What are Toxoid Vaccines?

Toxoid* vaccines neutralize the toxic activity created by bacteria, instead of the harmful bacteria itself, neutralizing activity which normally makes you sick.

WILD BACTERIA PRODUCING TOXINS



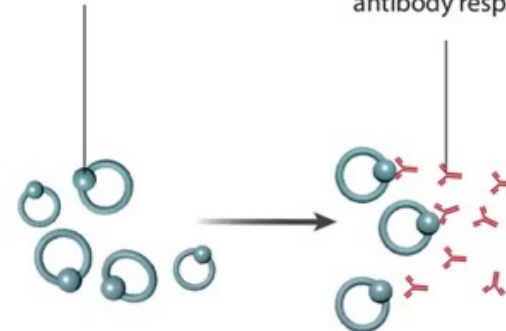
*Did You Know?: A toxoid is an inactivated, harmless form of a toxin.

Vaccine Target

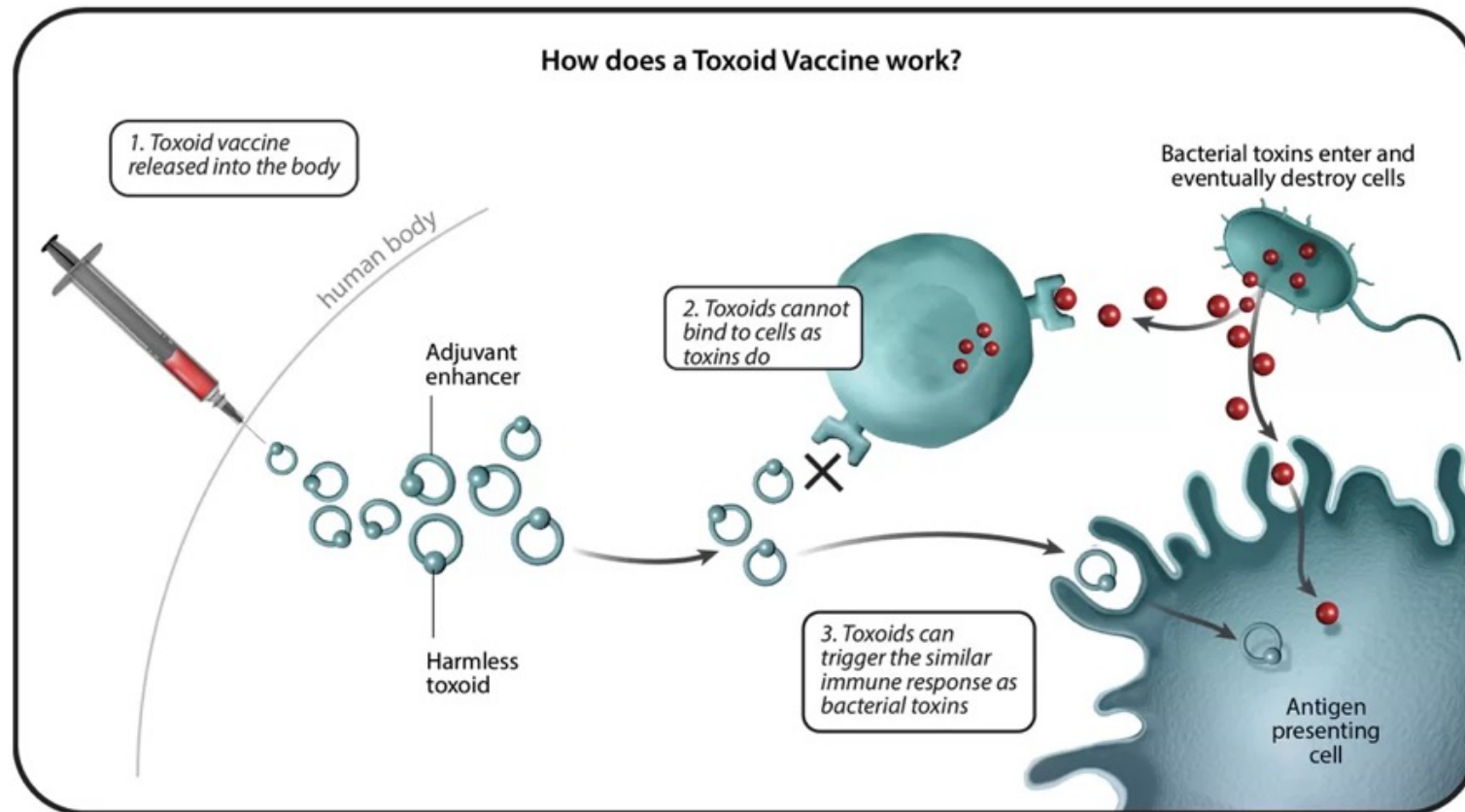
The vaccine targets toxic activity, creating an antibody response to that toxin.

MECHANISM: Inactivated toxins

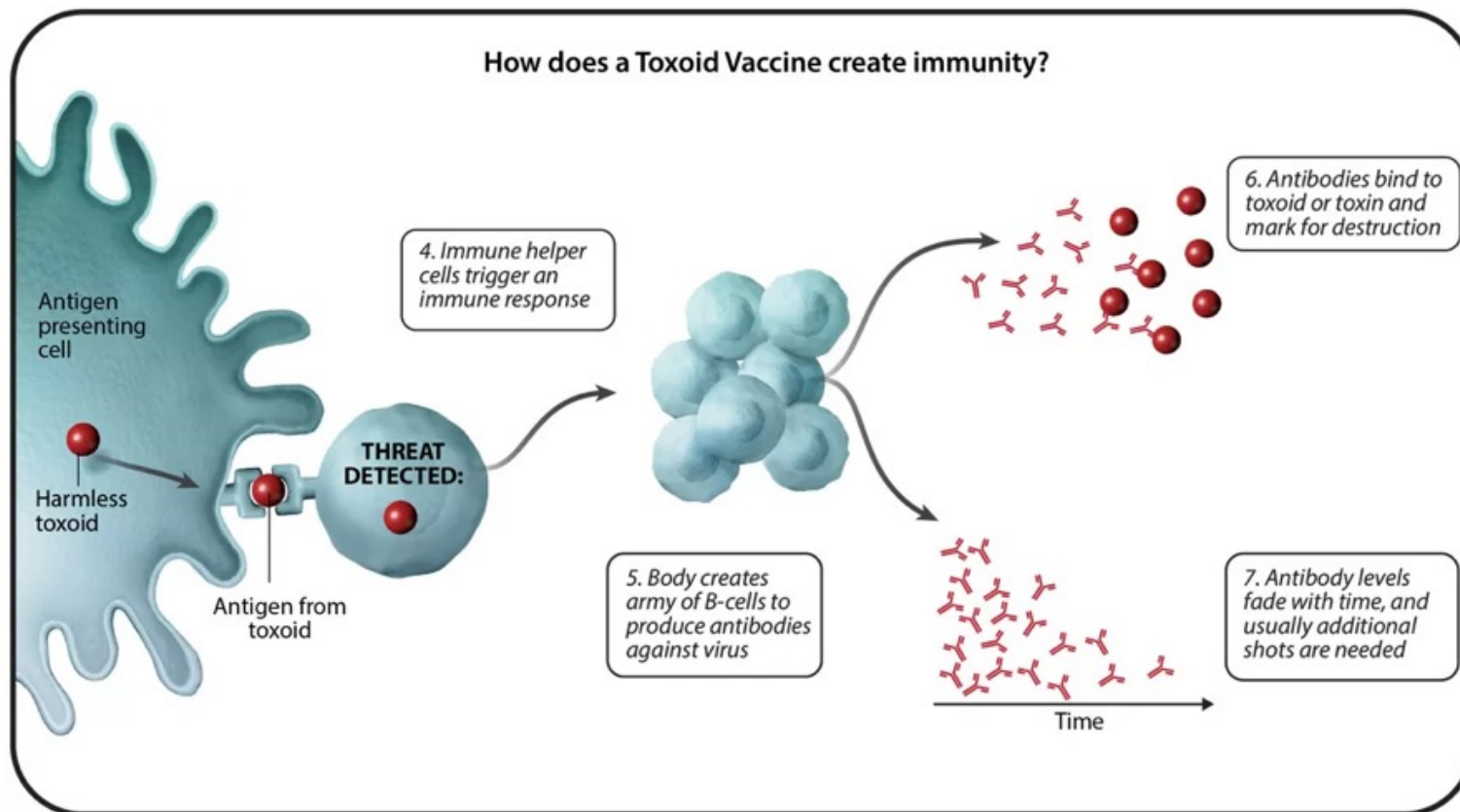
TARGET: Immune system antibody response



Subunit vaccines



Subunit vaccines



Genetic vaccines

RECOMBINANT VACCINES

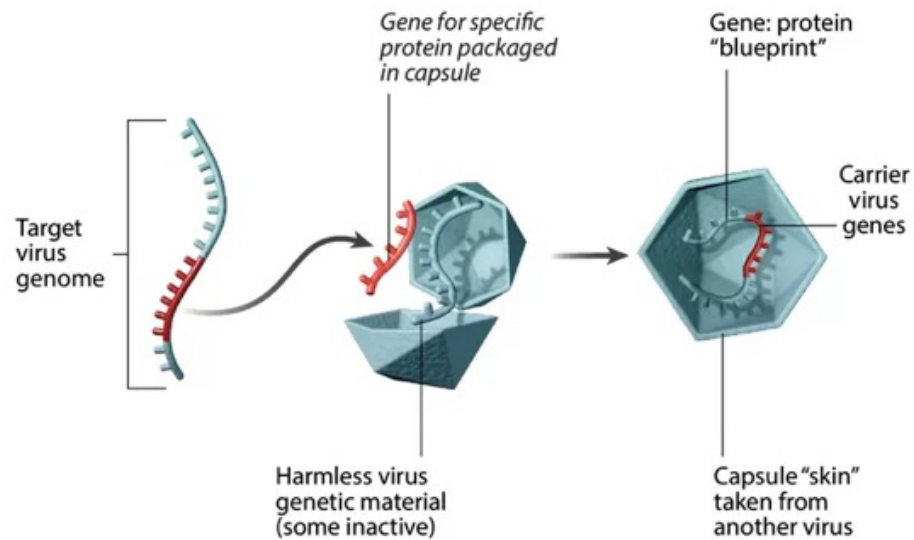
Viruses, bacteria, or cells can be created in the lab which carry DNA coding for surface proteins from a virus or bacteria. These harmless hybrids can be injected into the body to cause an immune response to the viral surface proteins without making you sick.



Viral vector vaccines

What is a Viral Vector Vaccine?

Made of a small section of a virus' genetic material - the instructions or 'blueprint' for a specific protein. The viral capsule or shell from another virus carries the gene safely to your cells.



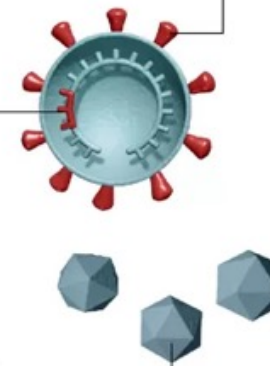
Vaccine Target

The AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson COVID viral vector vaccines carry genetic code for the spike protein, and build immunity against invaders carrying it on their surface.

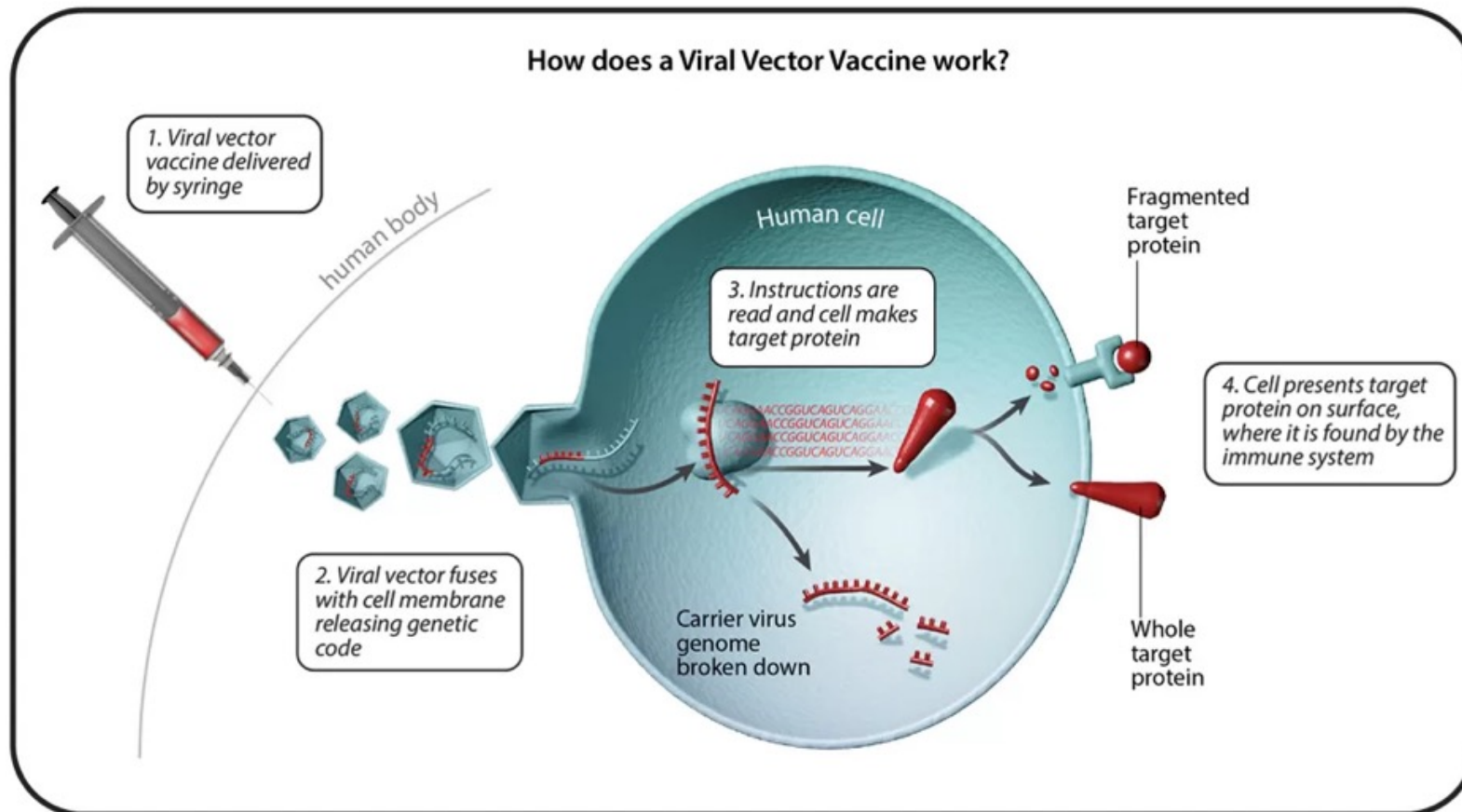
MECHANISM:
Genetic "blueprint" for spike protein

TARGET:
Spike protein

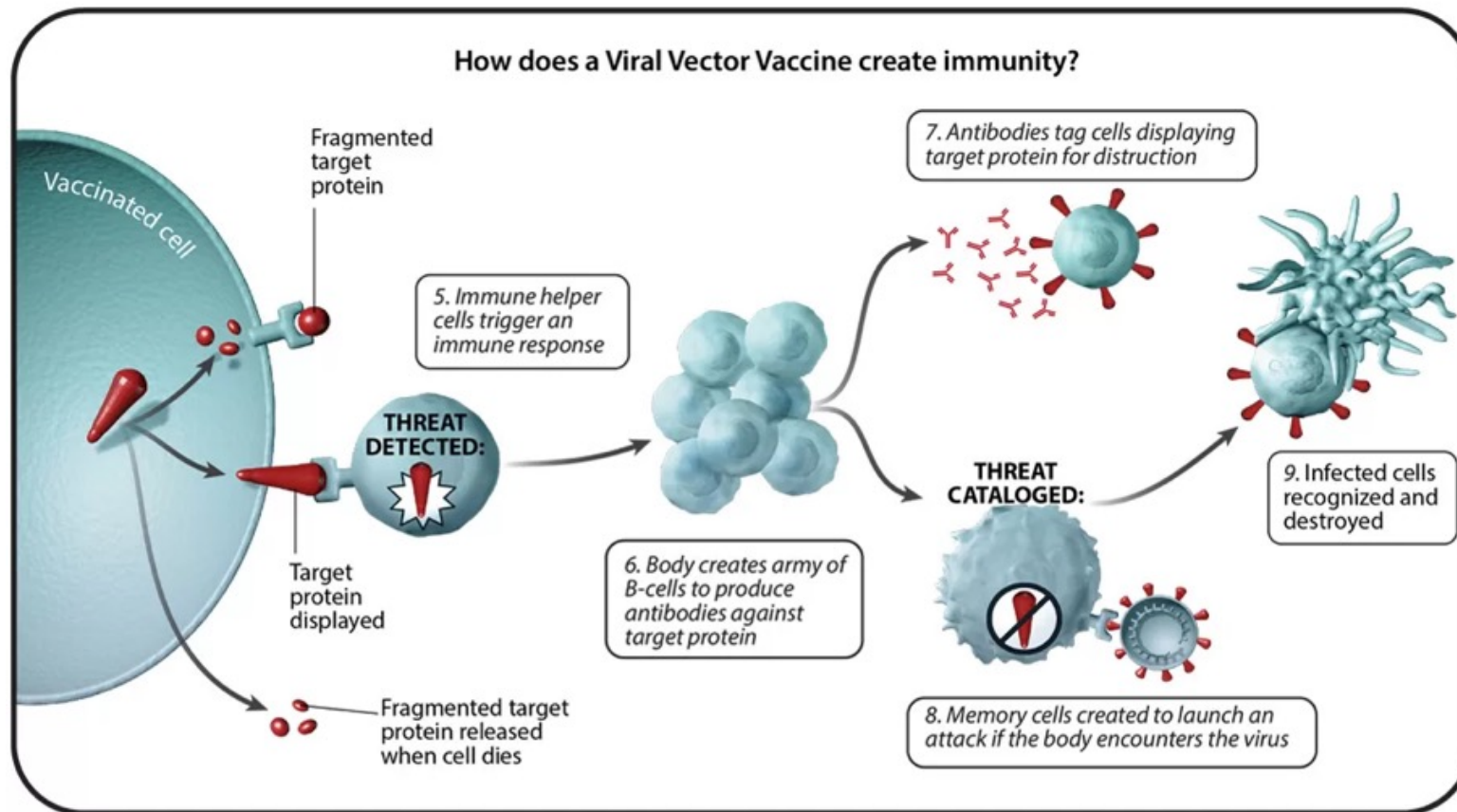
Transport:
Virus capsule from different virus



Viral vector vaccines

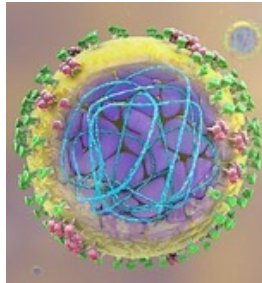


Viral vector vaccines



Viral vaccine vectors

- Non-pathogenic DNA or RNA viruses
 - Enveloped or non-enveloped
 - Replicative or non-replicative
 - Live attenuated human viruses or viruses from other species
- Deliver heterologous antigens to host APC
- Elicit broad immune responses (Innate, Ab, CD4, CD8)
- Intrinsic adjuvant properties
- Easy to prepare thanks to viral genomics, reverse genetics and cell culture
- Based on known viruses with safety/efficacy and manufacturing track record

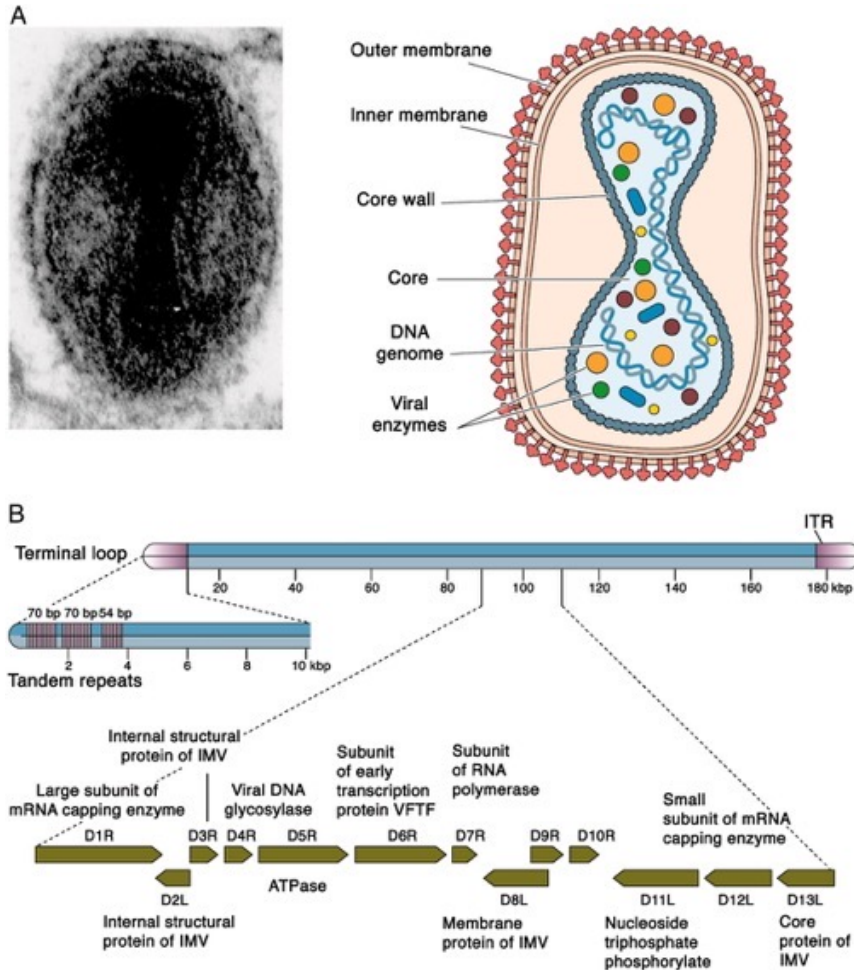


Licensed vectors

- Sanofi IMOJEV, Japanese encephalitis vaccine based on YFV17D live attenuated vaccine
- Sanofi Dengvaxia, ChimeriVax-Dengue vaccine
- GSK RTSS vaccine against malaria based on HBS particles
- Merck Ebola vaccine VSV-Zebov
- Covid-19 vaccines: Oxford/AstraZeneca chimp adenovirus vector and Janssen (J&J) or Sputnik based on Ad5 and Ad26

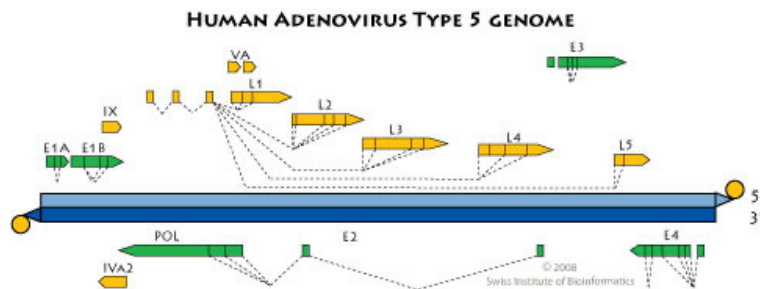
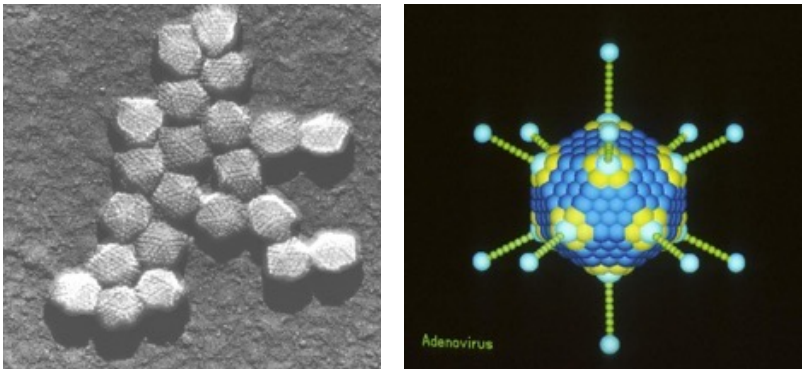
DNA	{	Poxvirus: Vaccinia, MVA, ALVAC, NYVAC
		Adenovirus (Ad5, Ad26, ChAd)
		HBV: HBs VLP particles
RNA	{	Flavivirus: 17-D Yellow Fever vaccine, Dengue 4
		Negative RNA virus: Measles, VSV

Vaccinia virus Ankara strain (vecteur MVA)



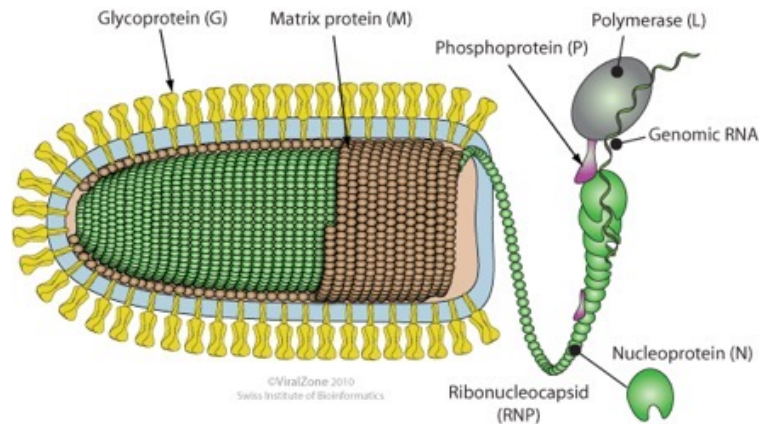
- Modified Vaccinia virus Ankara is licensed as a third-generation vaccine against smallpox
- Attenuated by 570 serial culture passage in primary CEF
- Fails to replicate in most mammalian cells
- Large packaging capacity for heterologous DNA
- Lack of virus persistence in the host
- Recombinant MVA safely tested in numerous clinical trials (doses between 5×10^7 and 2×10^8 pfu)
 - Malaria, HIV, Influenza, TB, SARS, MERS, H5N1, Ebola, WNV
- Induction of antibodies and moderate CD4 and CD8 T-cell responses when used as a booster

Human adenovirus vectors (HuAd)



- Small non-enveloped DNA viruses (> 30 kb) icosahedric capsid
- Hundred types (40 infect humans), 52 serotypes
- Broad tropism (CAR receptor)
- Pharyngitis, conjunctivitis, pneumonia, gastro-enteritis
- **Repeated infections**
- Replication incompetent vectors, early genes deletion
 - 35% of adults living in the USA have neutralizing antibodies to **Ad5** and over 90% in individuals living in Côte d'Ivoire
 - Antibodies to the so-called rare **Ad26** are below 20% in the USA and Europe but above 90% in South Africa
- CAR is not expressed on dendritic cells and stimulation of T cells largely depends on cross-priming
- Stimulation of strong CD8 T cell response
- Stimulation of vigorous innate immune responses
- **High doses are necessary (10^{10} pfu) -> toxicity**
- Hundreds of clinical trials have been performed, few efficacy trials (against Malaria, HIV, Influenza, TB, Ebola, Influenza)
- Last year, several Ad SARS-CoV-2

Vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV)

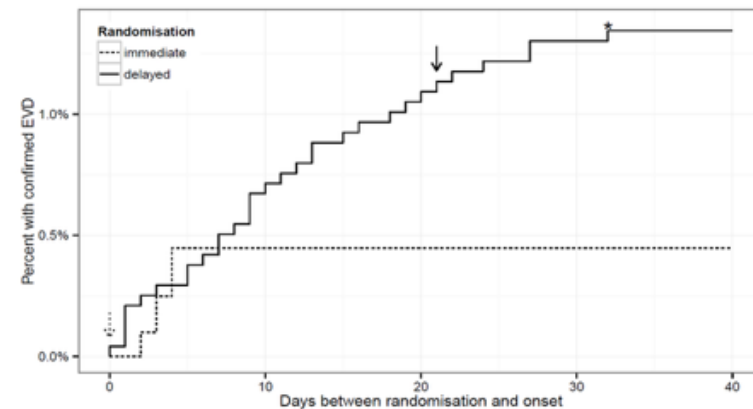


- Rhabdoviridae, mononegavirales
- Transmitted by sandfly
- Infects cattle, horses, pigs
- Zoonosis in humans

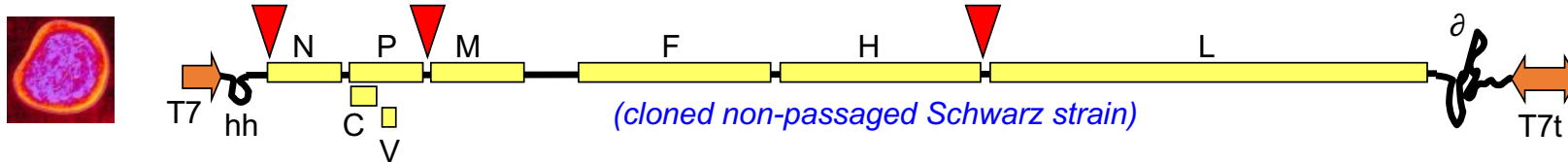


"Ebola ça suffit"

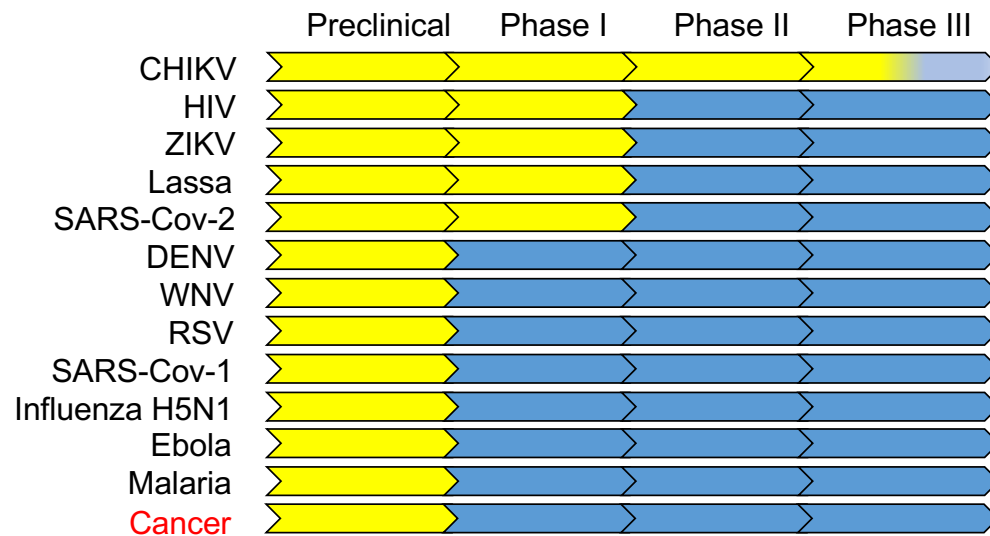
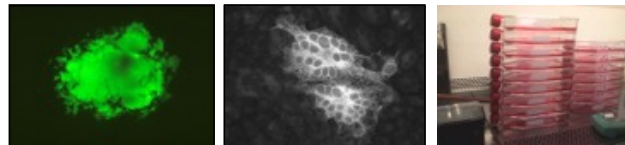
Ring vaccination efficacy trial of rVSV-ZEBOV candidate Ebola vaccine in Guinea, July 2015



Recombinant measles vaccine platform



- ☐ Cloning
- ☐ Reverse genetics
- ☐ Amplification
- ☐ Characterization

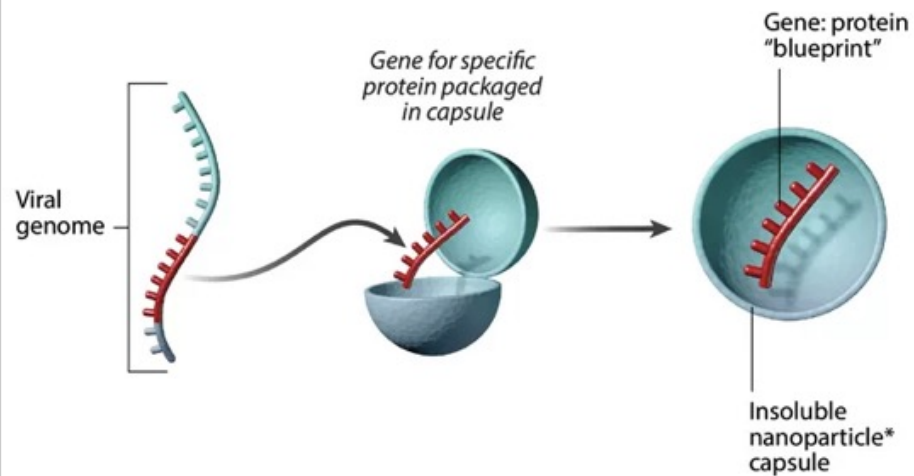


This vaccine platform has demonstrated its safety and immunogenicity in numerous preclinical and clinical trials in presence of preexisting anti-measles immunity.

mRNA vaccines

What is the Messenger RNA (mRNA) vaccine?

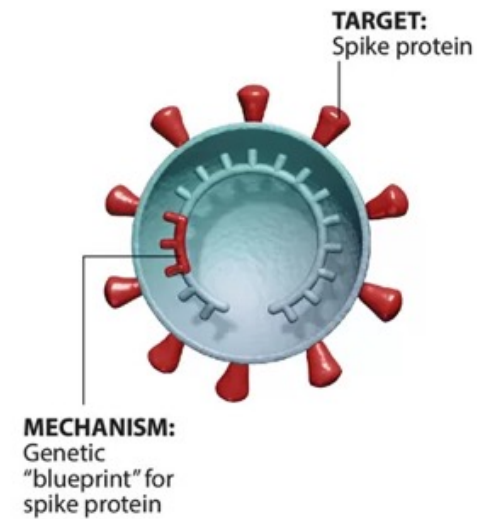
Made of a small section of a virus' genetic material - the instructions or 'blueprint' for a specific protein. A insoluble nanoparticle* capsule carries the gene safely to your cells.



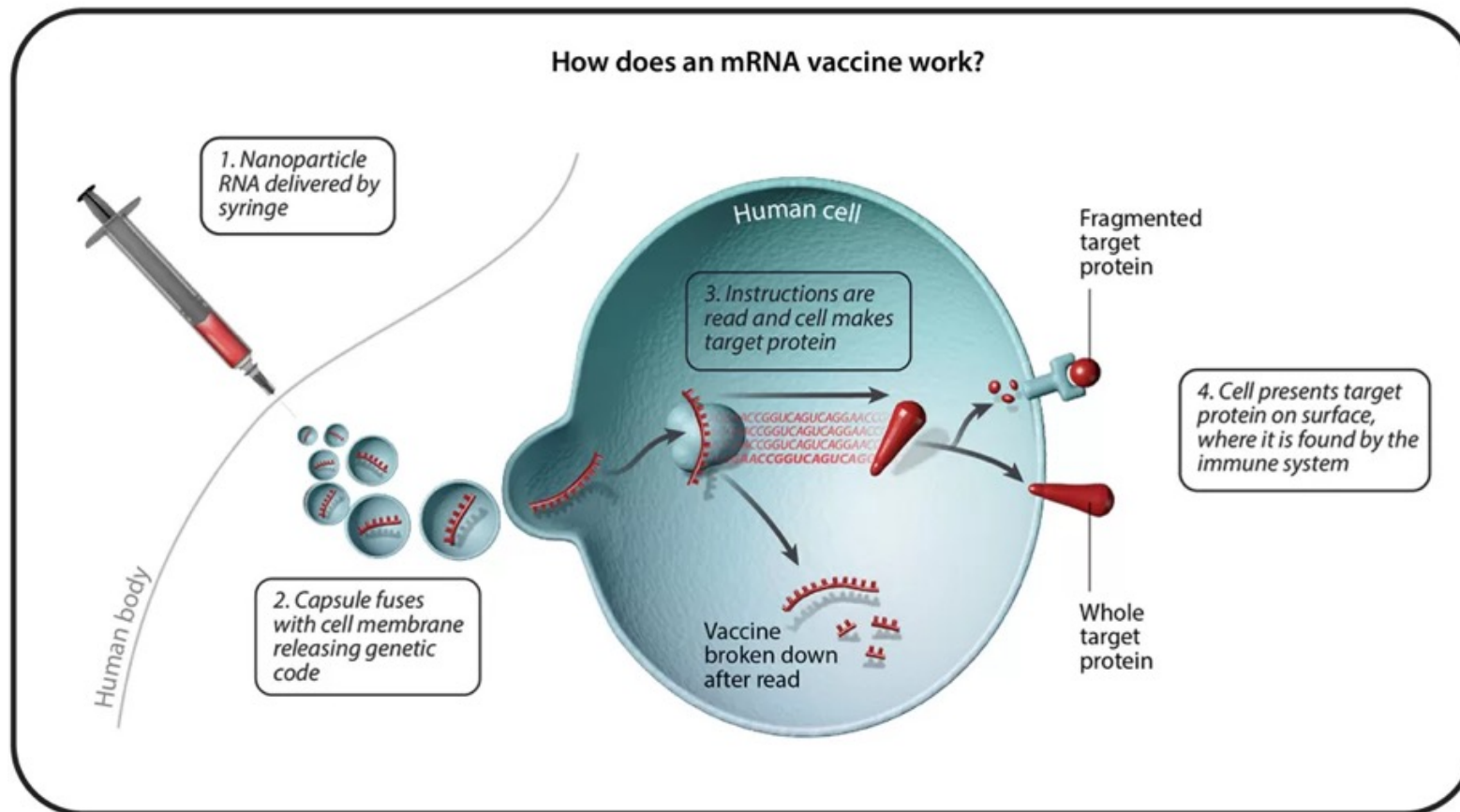
*Did You Know?: "Nano" means small.

Vaccine Target

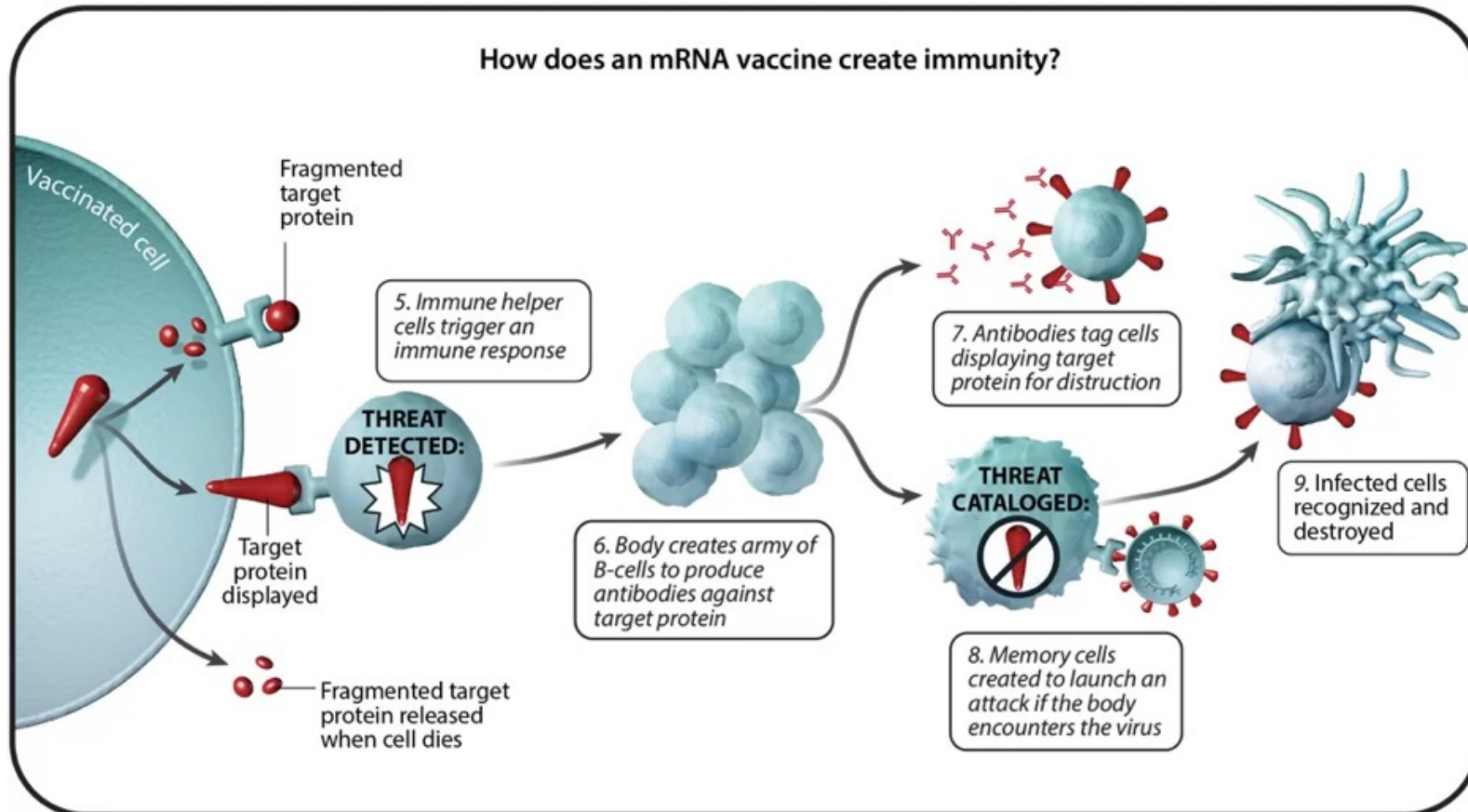
Pfizer's mRNA COVID vaccine carries the genetic blueprint for the spike protein. Your body will make this protein and build immunity against any invaders carrying it on their surface.



mRNA vaccines

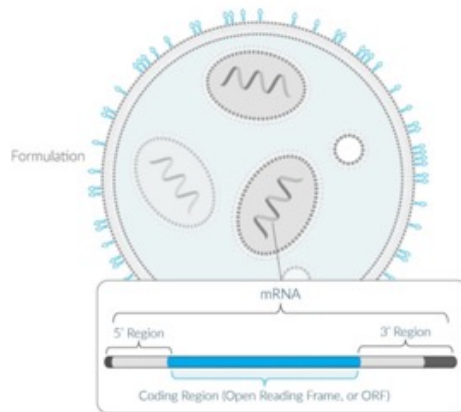


mRNA vaccines

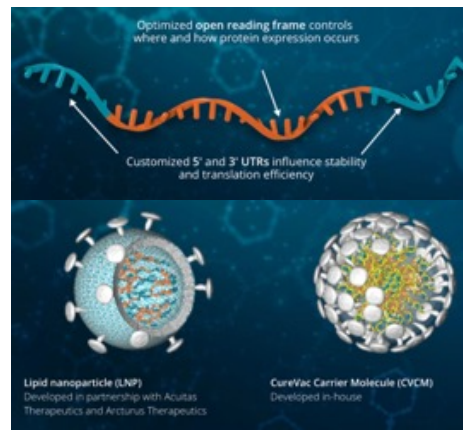


SARS-Cov-2 vaccines have used new technologies

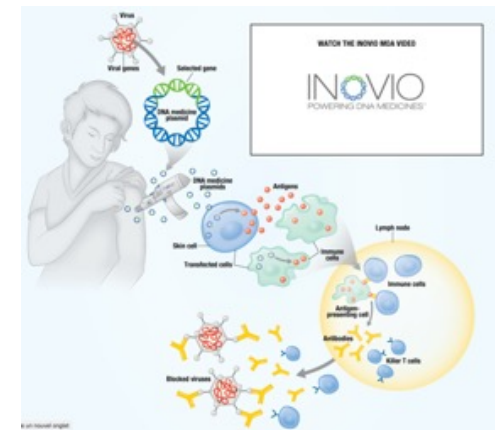
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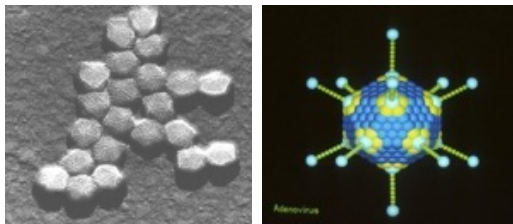
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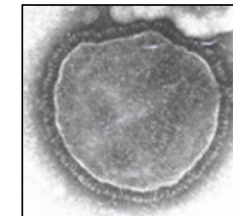
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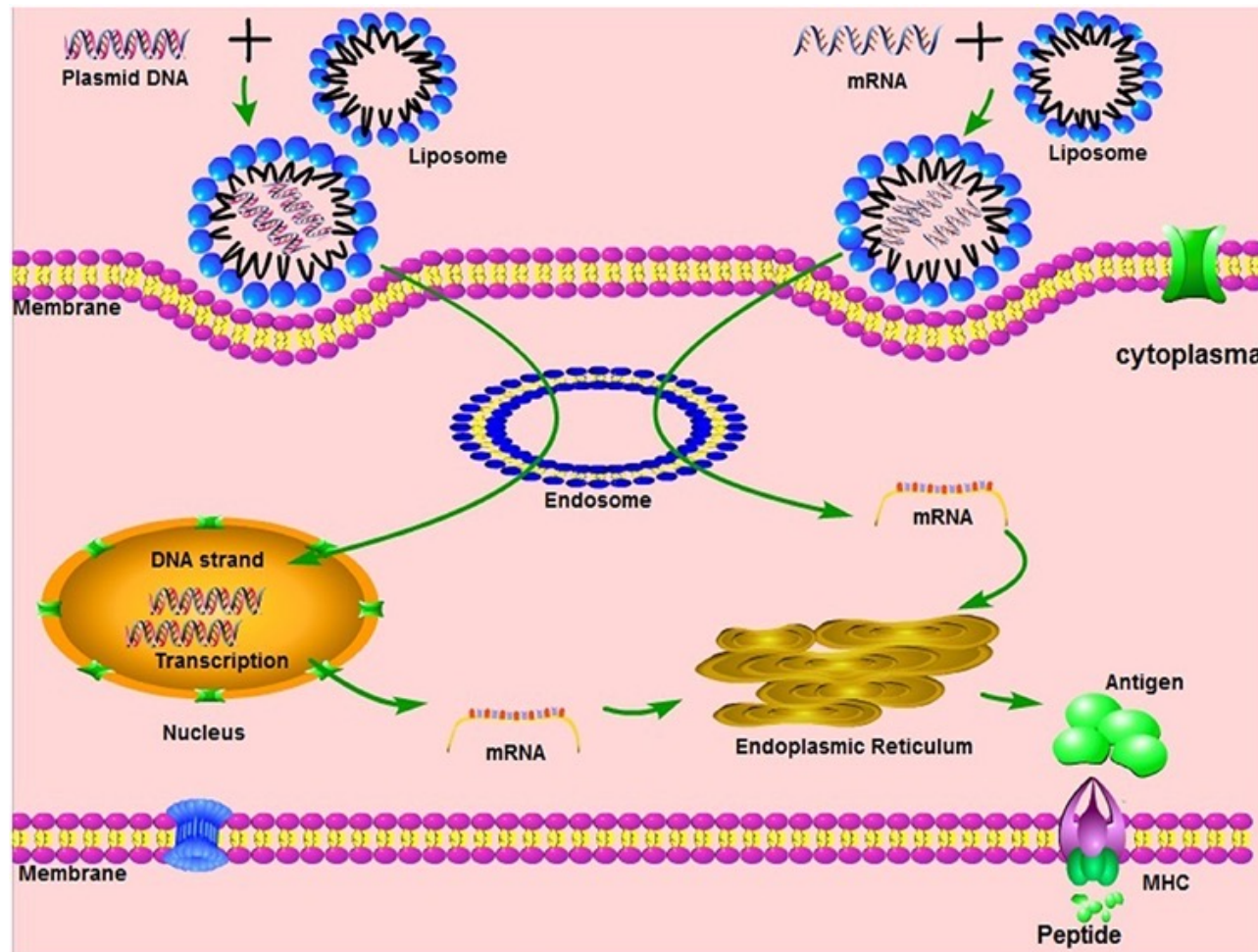
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Genetic vaccines



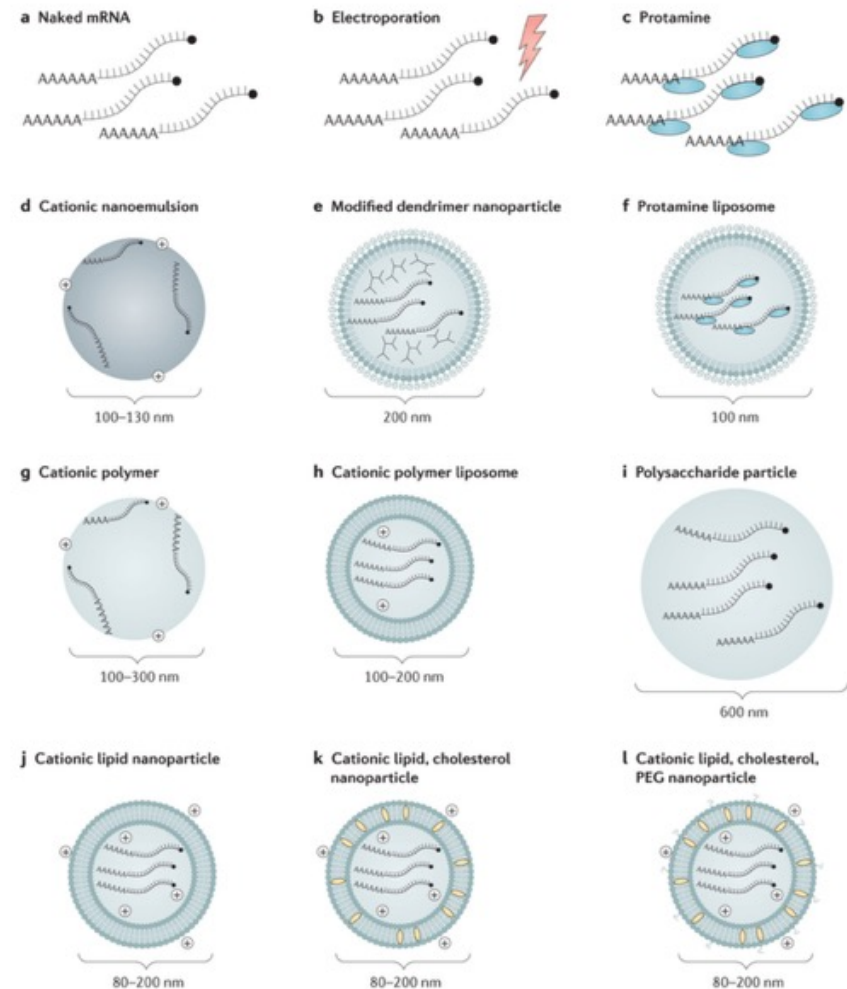
Formulation and delivery methods of mRNA vaccines

Box 1

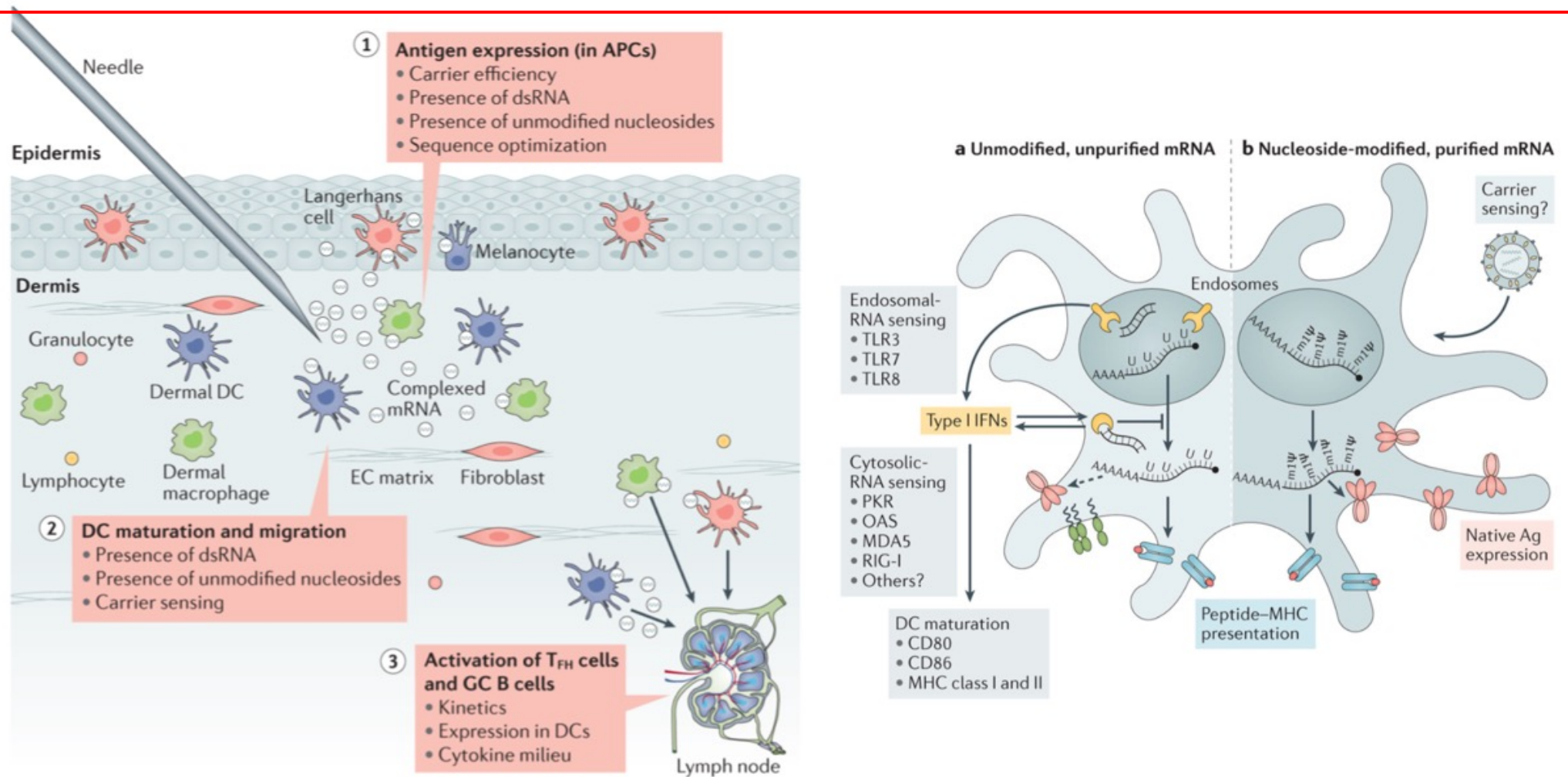
Strategies for optimizing mRNA pharmacology

A number of technologies are currently used to improve the pharmacological aspects of mRNA. The various mRNA modifications used and their impact are summarized below.

- Synthetic cap analogues and capping enzymes^{26,27} stabilize mRNA and increase protein translation via binding to eukaryotic translation initiation factor 4E (EIF4E)
- Regulatory elements in the 5'-untranslated region (UTR) and the 3'-UTR²³ stabilize mRNA and increase protein translation
- Poly(A) tail²⁵ stabilizes mRNA and increases protein translation
- Modified nucleosides^{9,48} decrease innate immune activation and increase translation
- Separation and/or purification techniques: RNase III treatment (N.P. and D.W., unpublished observations) and fast protein liquid chromatography (FPLC) purification¹³ decrease immune activation and increase translation
- Sequence and/or codon optimization²⁹ increase translation
- Modulation of target cells: co-delivery of translation initiation factors and other methods alters translation and immunogenicity



Mode of immune sensing and activation by mRNA vaccines

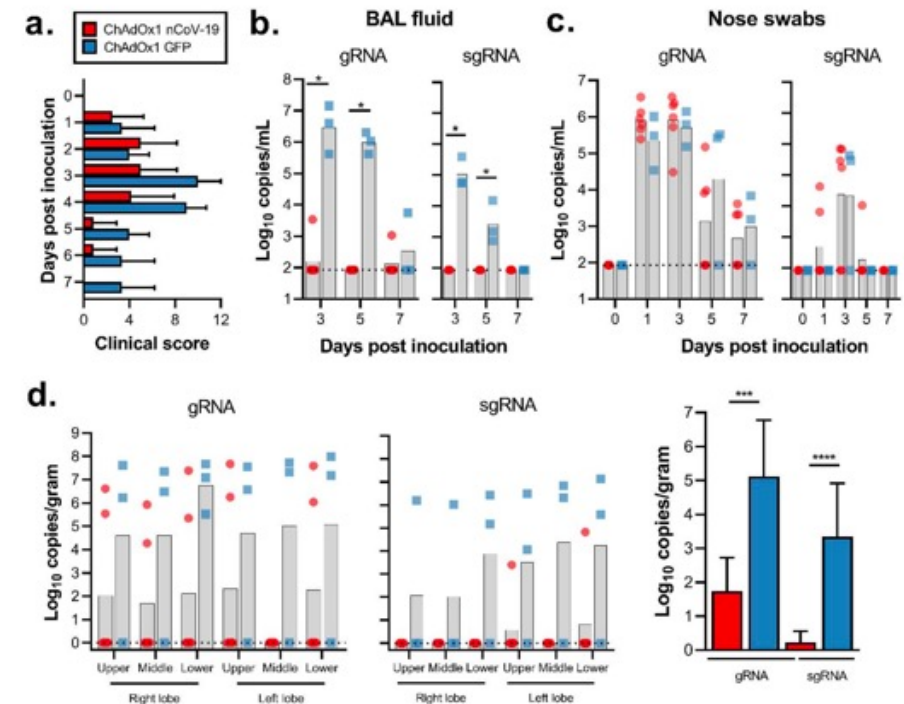
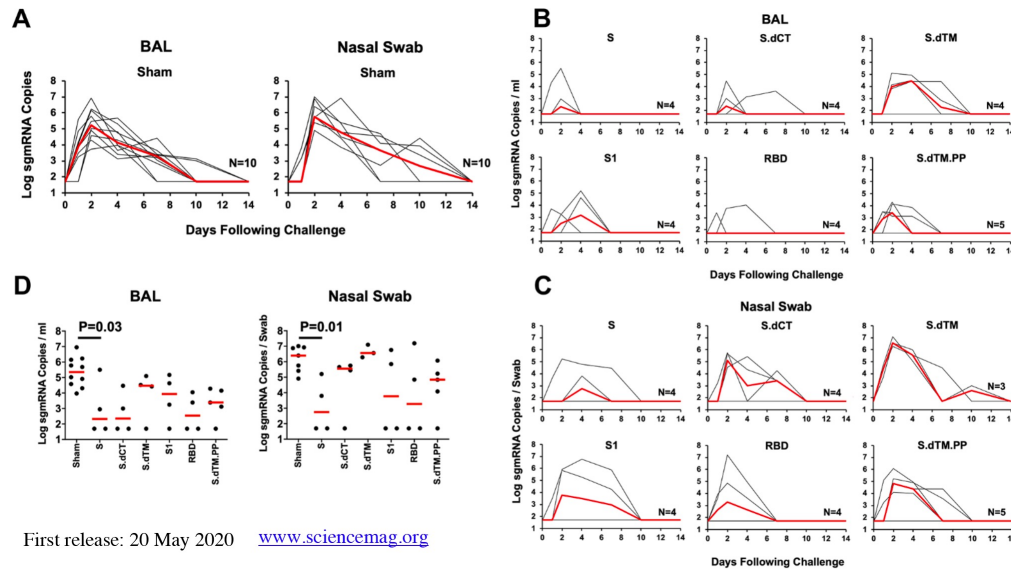


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First preclinical results of COVID vaccines showed partial protection

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DNA vaccine

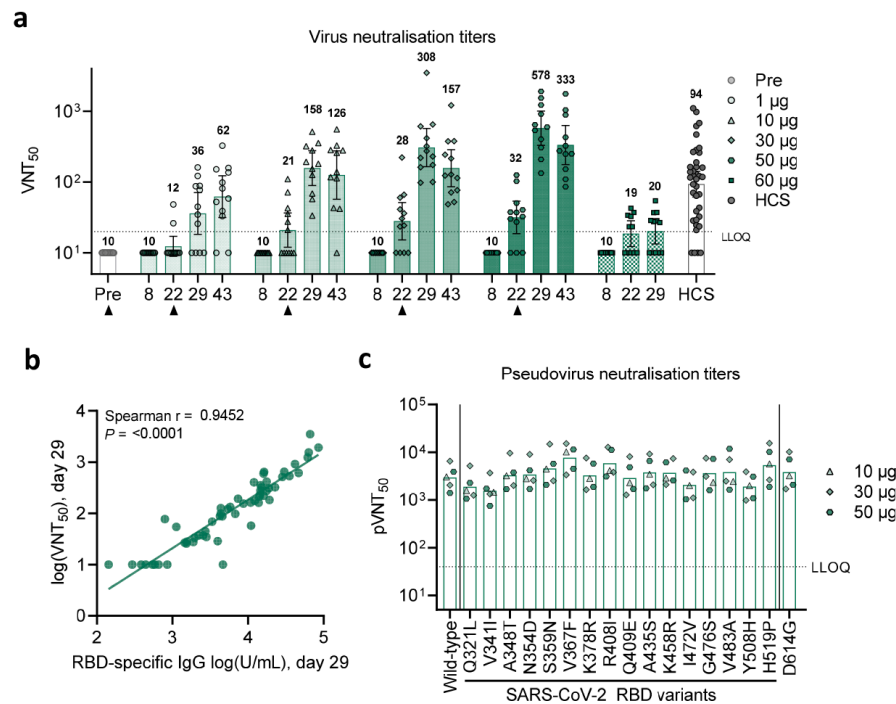
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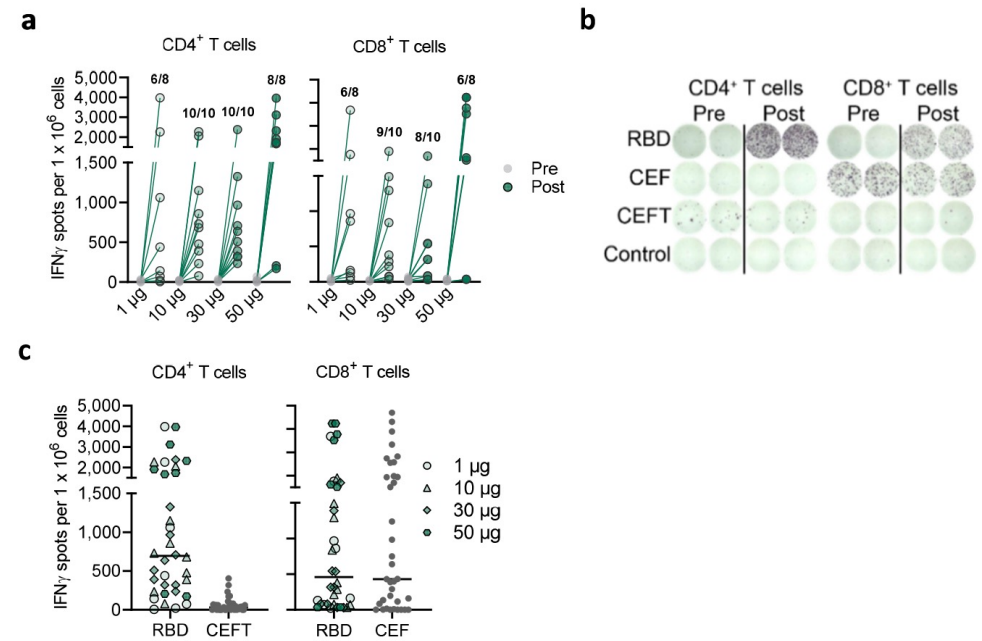
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Phase I/II clinical trial results of Biontech/Pfizer mRNA candidate

Antibody response



T cell response

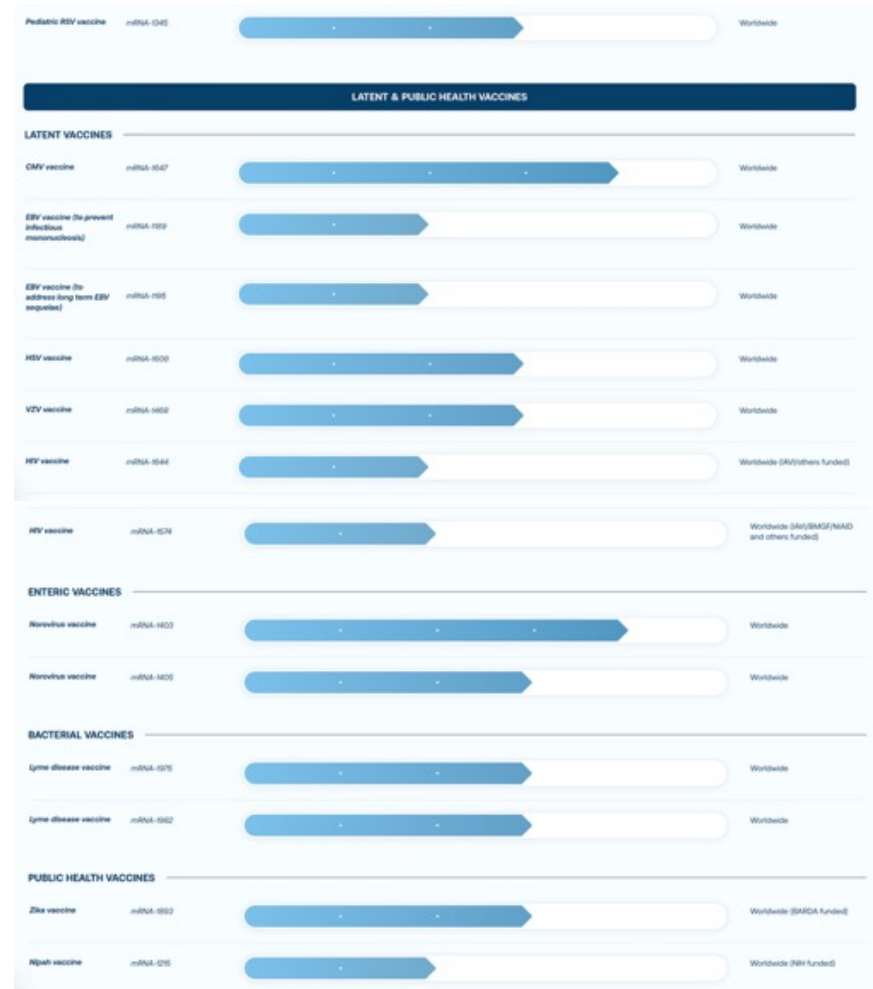
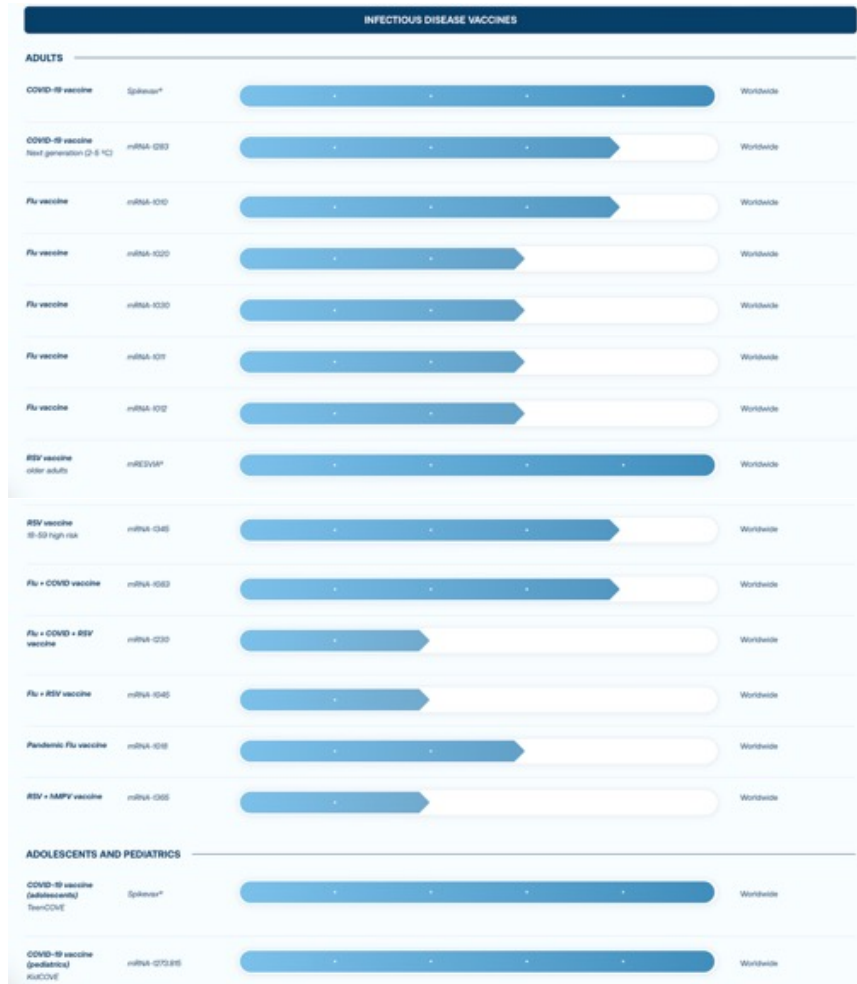


Phase III efficacy clinical trial results of Biontech/Pfizer mRNA candidate

Table 2. Vaccine Efficacy against Covid-19 at Least 7 days after the Second Dose.*

Efficacy End Point	BNT162b2		Placebo		Vaccine Efficacy, % (95% Credible Interval)‡	Posterior Probability (Vaccine Efficacy >30%)§
	No. of Cases	Surveillance Time (n)†	No. of Cases	Surveillance Time (n)†		
Covid-19 occurrence at least 7 days after the second dose in participants without evidence of infection	8	(N=18,198) 2.214 (1,7411)	162	(N=18,325) 2.222 (17,511)	95.0 (90.3–97.6)	>0.9999
Covid-19 occurrence at least 7 days after the second dose in participants with and those without evidence of infection	9	(N=19,965) 2.332 (18,559)	169	(N=20,172) 2.345 (18,708)	94.6 (89.9–97.3)	>0.9999

Moderna mRNA vaccines pipeline (49 vaccines)



Moderna mRNA vaccines pipeline

