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# To realize the unknowns about COVID-19 vaccines

- Infection mechanisms of SARS-CoV-2
- New nucleotide-based vaccines:  
characteristics
- Efficacy and adverse events

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# Self introduction

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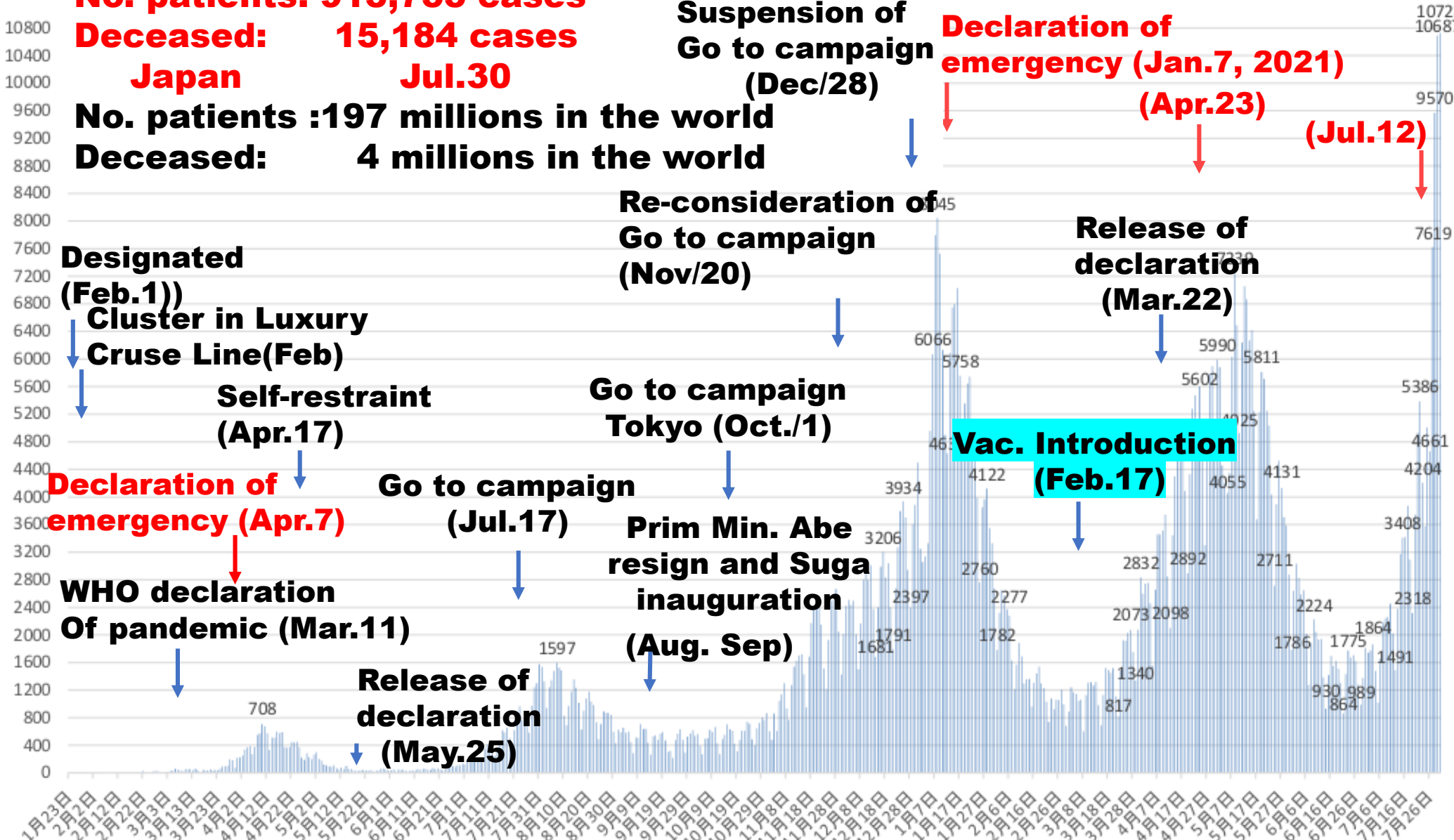
# Epidemiology of COVID-19 and control strategy



2021. Jul.30

**No. patients: 913,755 cases**  
**Deceased: 15,184 cases**  
**Japan Jul.30**

**No. patients :197 millions in the world**  
**Deceased: 4 millions in the world**

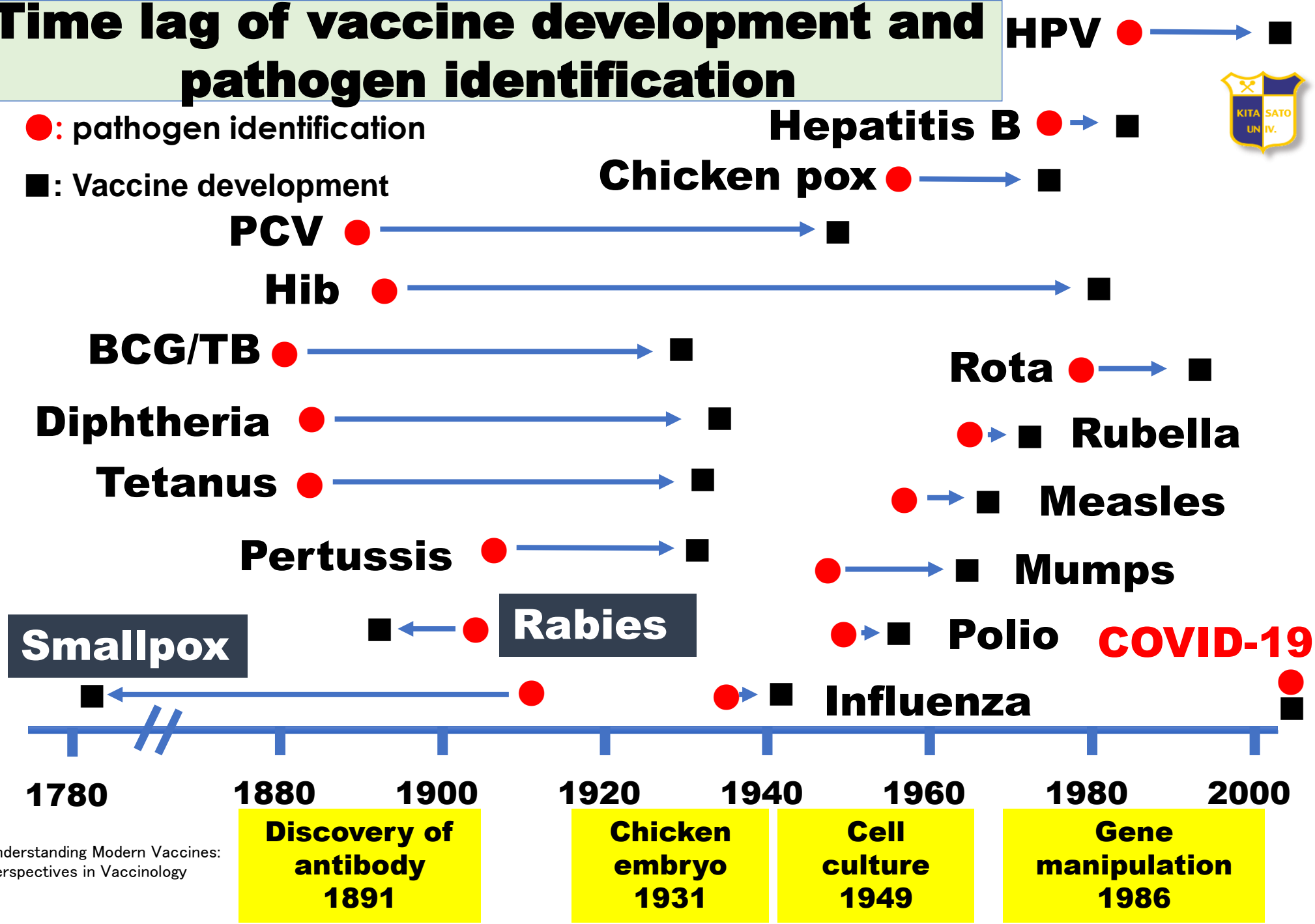


# Time lag of vaccine development and pathogen identification



●: pathogen identification

■: Vaccine development



**Discovery of antibody 1891**

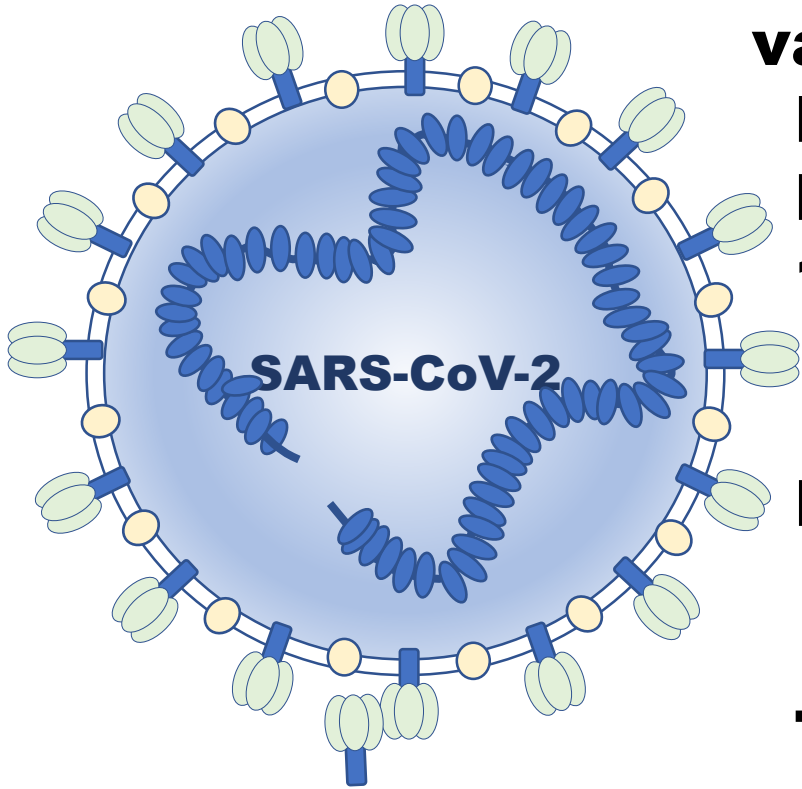
**Chicken embryo 1931**

**Cell culture 1949**

**Gene manipulation 1986**



# SARS-CoV-2 ?



**Corona viruses were detected in various animals.**

**BC 8000 : origin of CoV**

**BC 3000 :  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\delta$  CoV**

**1964: identification of human CoV as pathogen of common cold**

**Feline infectious peritonitis**

**First place of cause of death for kitten (ADE)**

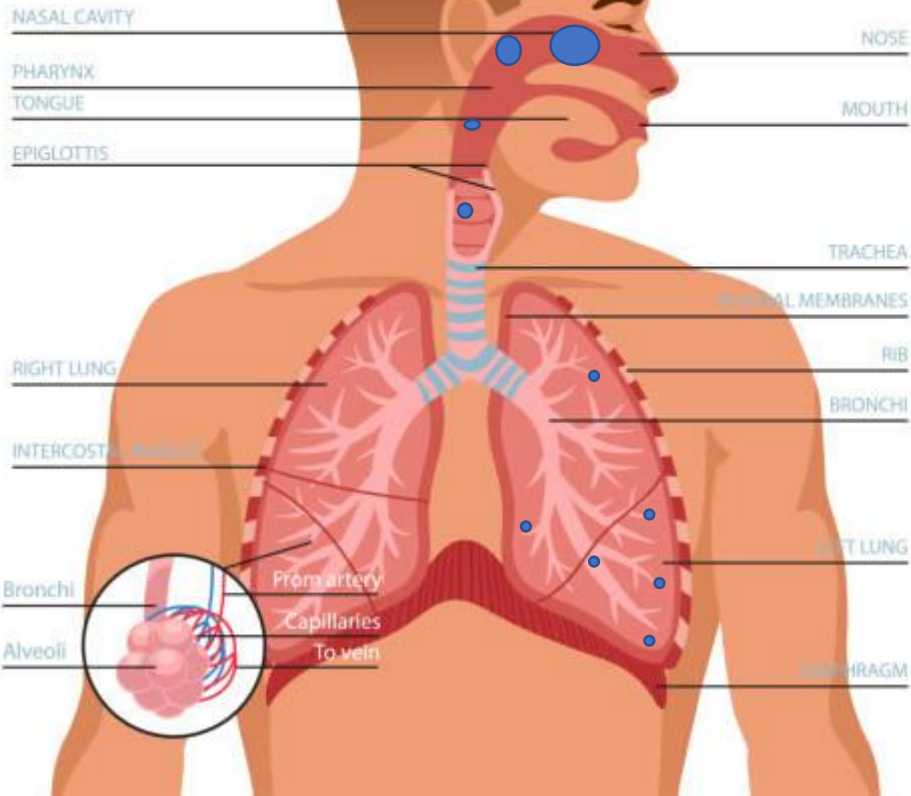
**Transmissible gastroenteritis of swine diarrhea**

**Spike antigens look like a crown or sun corona.**

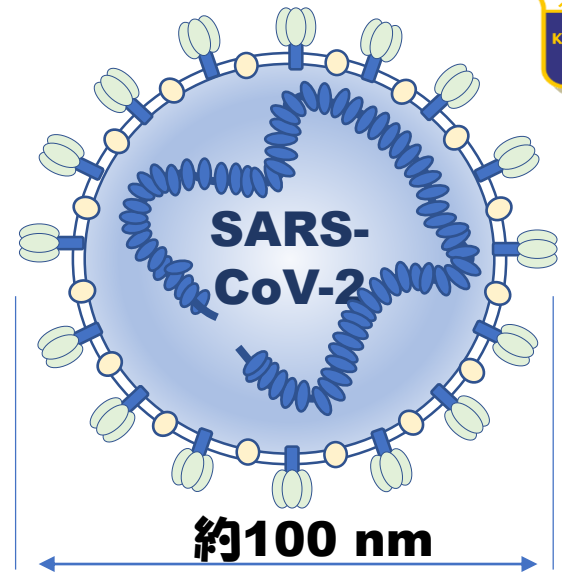
# COVID-19; airborne infection aerosol infection



## HUMAN RESPIRATORY SYSTEM



UPPER RESPIRATORY TRACT  
LOWER RESPIRATORY TRACT



●	1 m		
●	1 mm	1/1000 m	
●	<5 μm	1 μm	1/1000 mm
●		1 nm	1/1000 μm

**Vaccine induces IgG antibodies in blood stream not in respiratory tracts. Recently, it was reported that IgA antibodies were detected in respiratory tracts after vaccination with mRNA vaccine.**

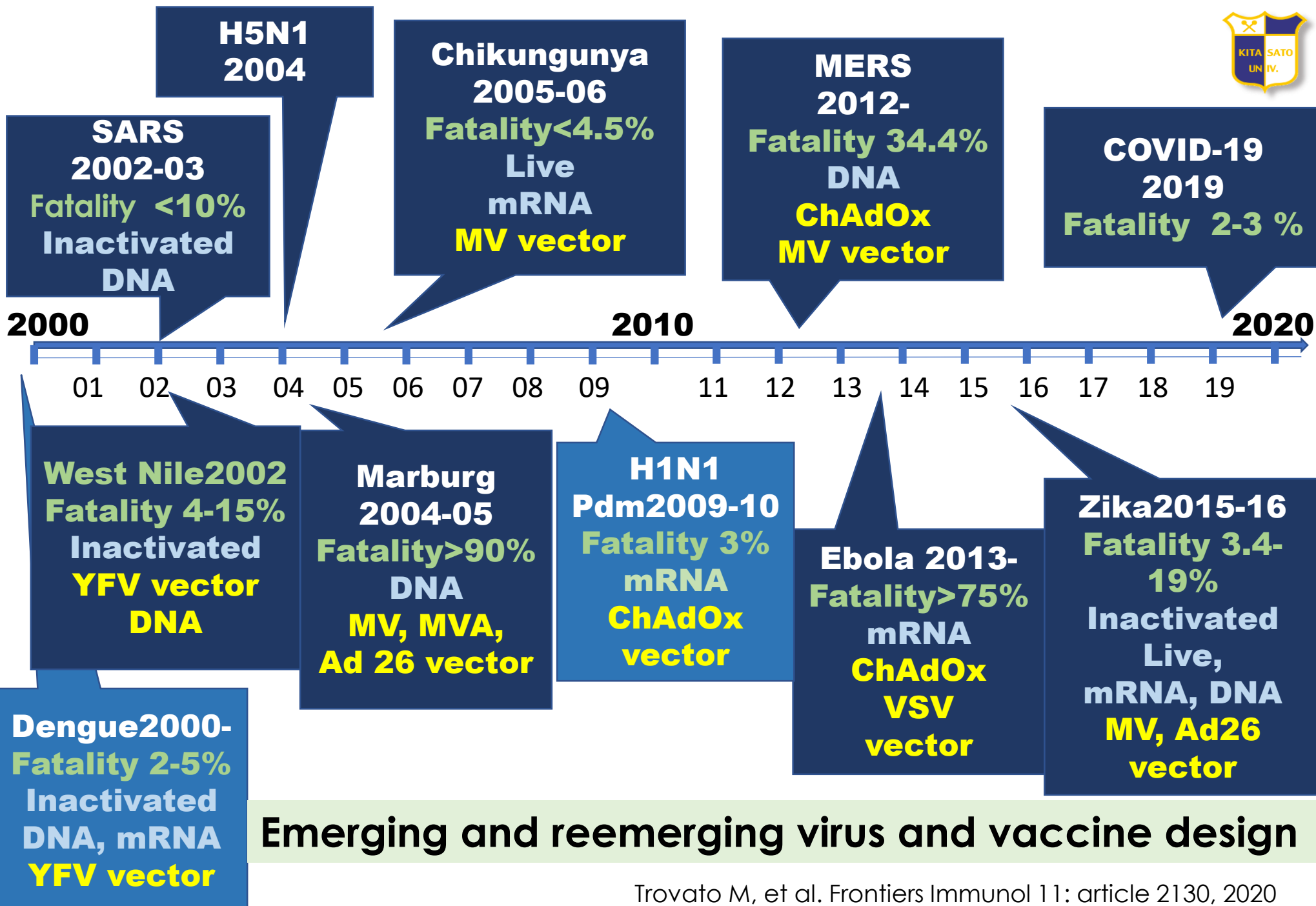
# Platform for vaccine development

## \* Live vaccines

- 1) **Conventional vaccine; measles, rubella, mumps vaccines propagated through animal cells, establishing *ts* phenotype**
- 2) **Usage of animal pathogens other than human pathogen; BCG, Rota virus**
- 3) **Viral vectored vaccine**
  - 3-1) **non-replicating vector (single round infectious vector)**  
**Sendai virus, **adenovirus**, Lentivirus**
  - 3-2) **replicating viral vector**  
**conventional viral vector: vaccinia virus (MVA, LC16m8), measles vaccine, parainfluenza virus**

## \* Inactivated vaccines: with or without adjuvant

- 1) **whole virus inactivated vaccine: JEV, Hepatitis A**
- 2) **subunits: influenza**
- 3) **VLP, purified protein: Hepatitis B, HPV**
- 4) **new platform: DNA, mRNA vaccine (Lipid nano-particle)**





# Characteristics of vaccine platforms



	<b>Live attenuated</b>	<b>Whole virus Inactivated</b>	<b>Purified protein</b>	<b>Genome-based</b>
<b>Merits</b>	<b>Long history of clinical usage</b>			
	<b>Cell-mediated immunity</b> <b>High antibody</b>			<b>Cell-mediated immunity</b> <b>High antibody</b>
	<b>Long duration of immunity</b>	<b>High antibody</b>	<b>High antibody response with adjuvants</b>	<b>Rapid development and production</b>
<b>Demerits</b>	<b>Adverse events</b>	<b>Short duration of immunity</b>	<b>Short duration of immunity</b>	<b>No experience of large-scale clinical usage</b>
	<b>Long time to develop</b>	<b>Multiple dosages</b>	<b>Multiple dosages</b>	

# Characteristics of gene-based vaccines



	mRNA	Virus vector	DNA
<b>Characteristics</b>	<b>Rapid development</b> Disappear within several days. Not enter into nucleus	<b>Rapid development</b> Once vector system is established. Large scale production	<b>Rapid development</b> Large scale production
<b>Demerits</b>	Fragile Thermostability Lower production scale	Integration into genome (lentivirus). Pre-exist antibody reduces immune response	Device to deliver DNA into cell nucleus
	<b>Pfizer</b>	<b>AstraZeneca</b>	<b>Inovio</b>
	<b>Moderna</b>	<b>ChanSino</b>	
		<b>Janssen</b>	
		<b>Gamaleya</b>	

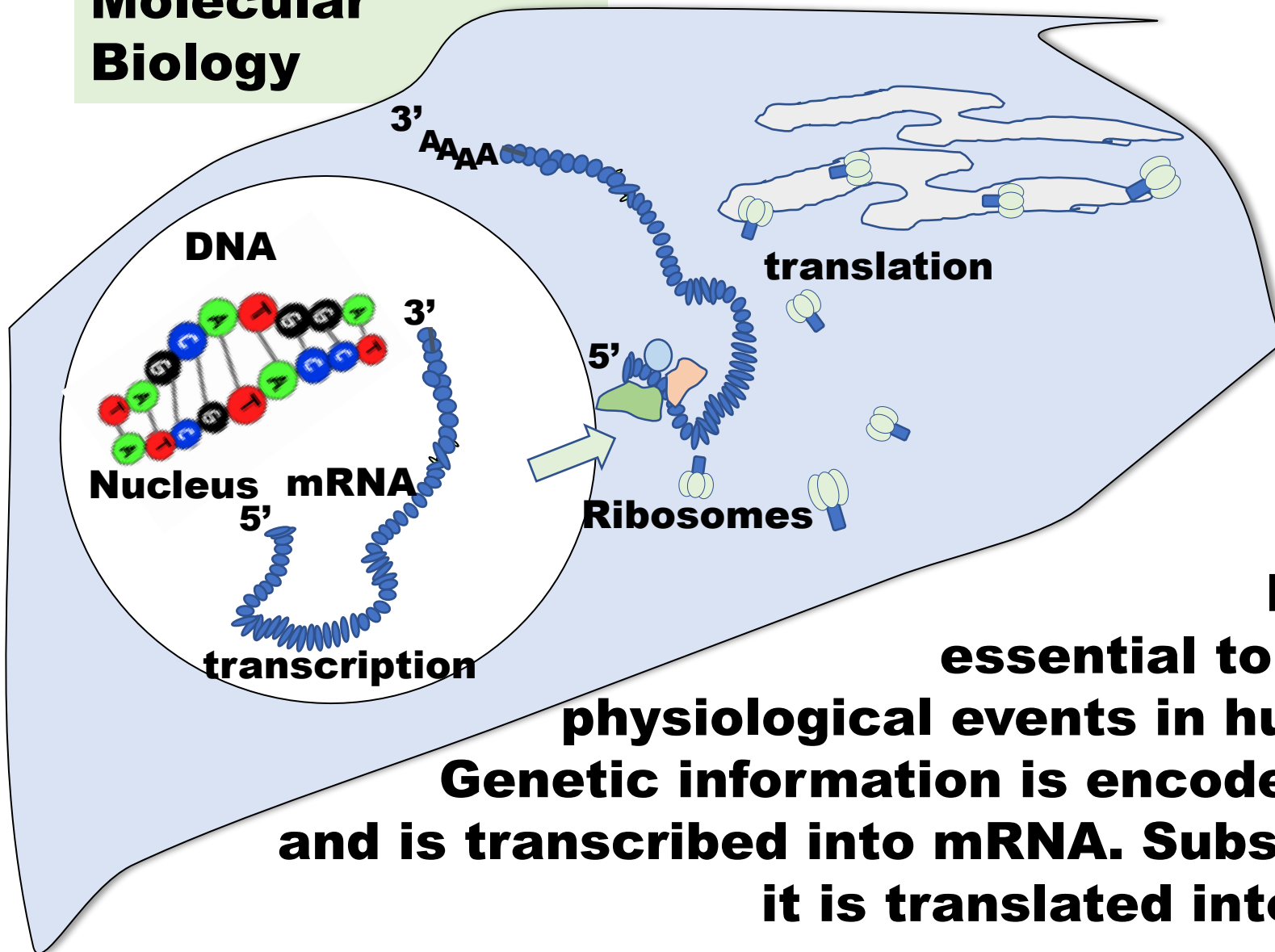
Domestic COVID-19 Vaccines in Japan Under investigation

Daiichi-Sankyo

KM Biologics (Whole virion inactivated), Shionogi (Purified protein)

Anges

# Central dogma of Molecular Biology



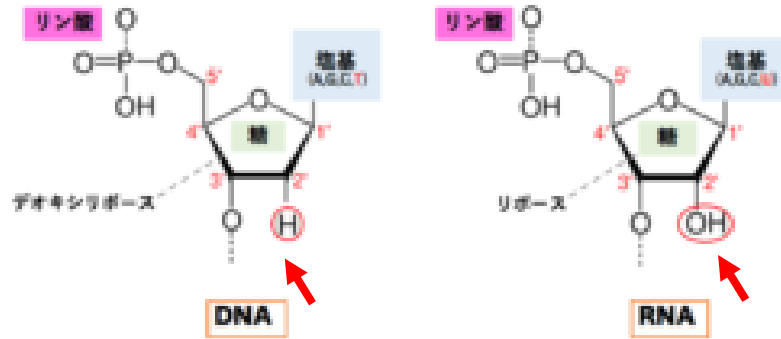
**Protein is essential to maintain physiological events in human life. Genetic information is encoded in DNA and is transcribed into mRNA. Subsequently, it is translated into protein.**



# Viral genome

**RNA virus: has ribonucleic acid (A, C, G, U)**

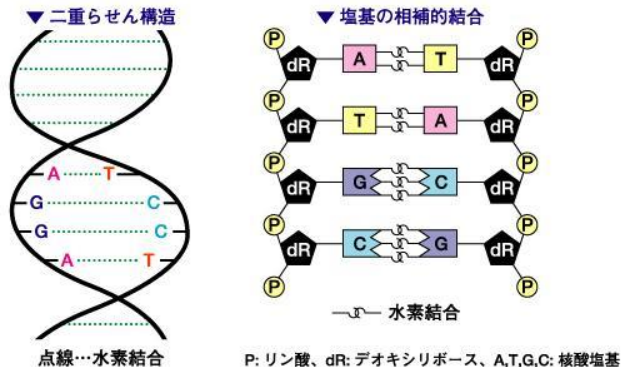
**DNA virus: has deoxy ribonucleic acid (A, C, G, T)**



**Hydrogen-bond: A-T, G-C nucleic acid bonds**  
**Phosphate bond: elongation of nucleic acids**

図2 DNAの二重らせん構造

DNA塩基の相補的結合-A(アデニン)とT(チミン)、C(シトシン)とG(グアニン)間でのみ起こり、一方の塩基配列が決まれば、相手の塩基配列が決まる。



**Triplet of A, C, G, T determines 20 essential amino acids and protein is synthesized along with the extension of amino acids.**  
**ATG: start codon (initiation signal)**  
**TAG, TAA: stop codon (termination signal)**

**DNA**



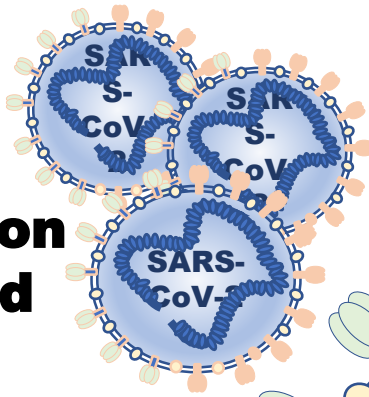
**Messenger RNA (mRNA)**



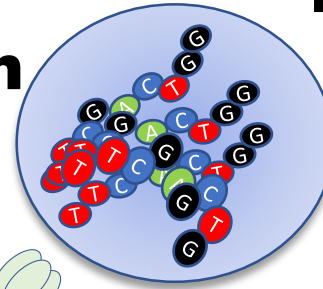
**Protein synthesis**

# Schematic image of COVID-19 vaccines

**Whole virion inactivated**



**Spike protein**

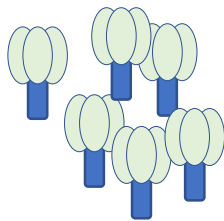


**mRNA-LNP**

Pfizer (US)  
Moderna (US)  
**95% efficacy**

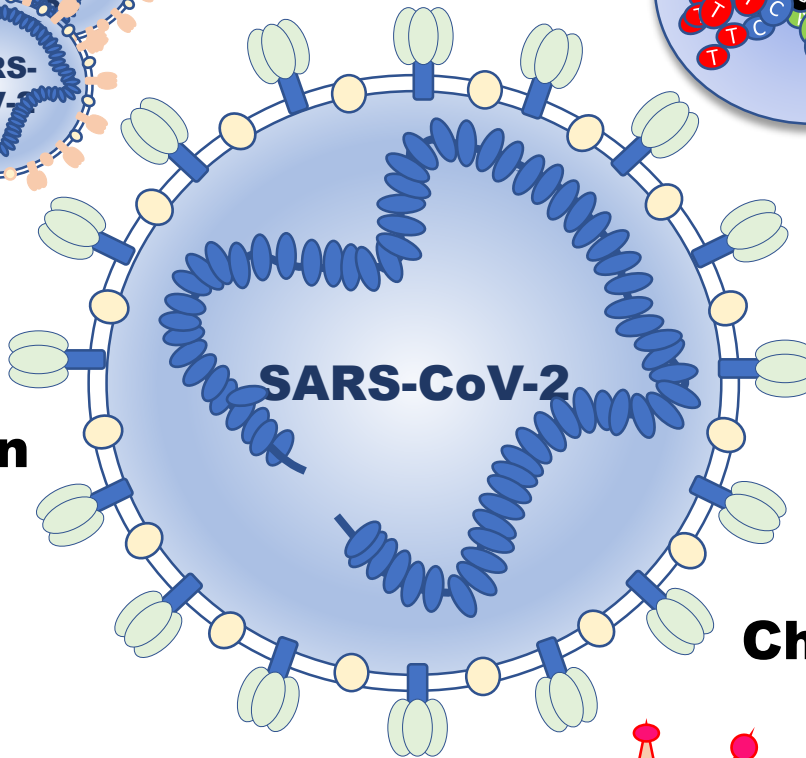
**SinoVac (China)**  
**73% efficacy**

**Purified Protein + Matrix M**

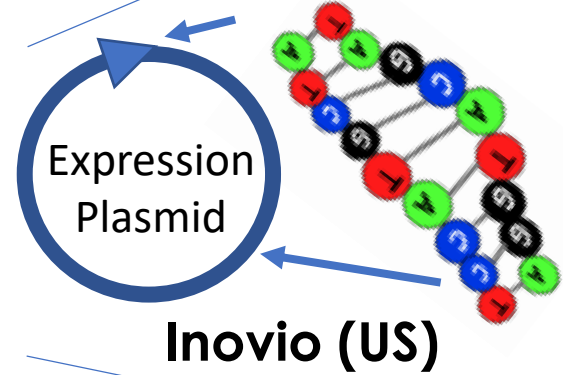


**Novavax (US)**  
**89.3% efficacy**

**Red letters: vaccine efficacy**

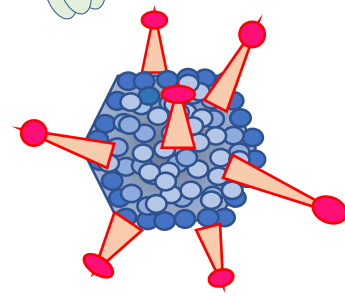


**DNA**



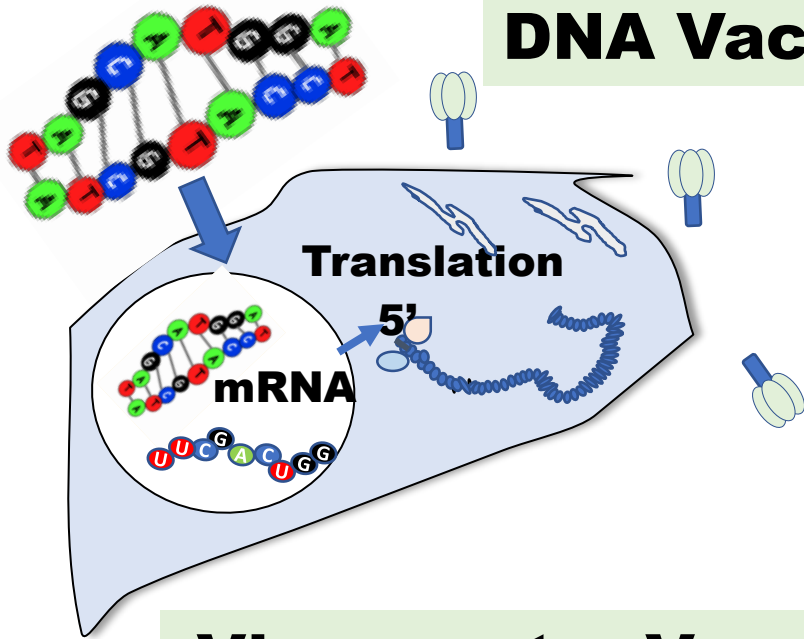
**Chimpanzee Adenovirus Vector**

AstraZeneca (Engl)  
Janssen (US)  
CanSino (China)  
Gamaleya (Russia)  
**62 – 91% efficacy**

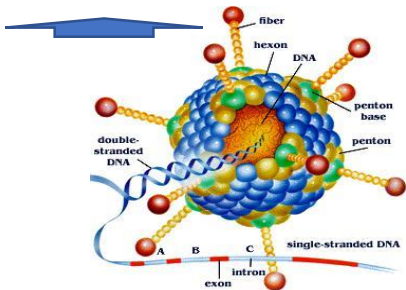
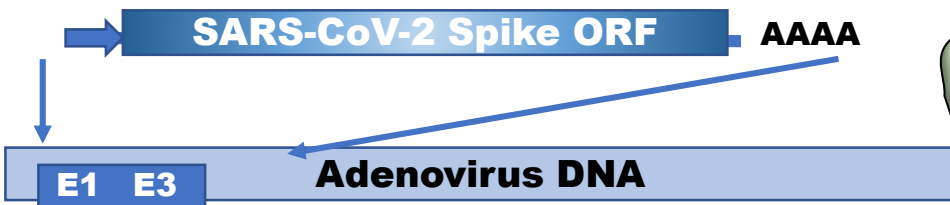


# Immune response by new vaccines

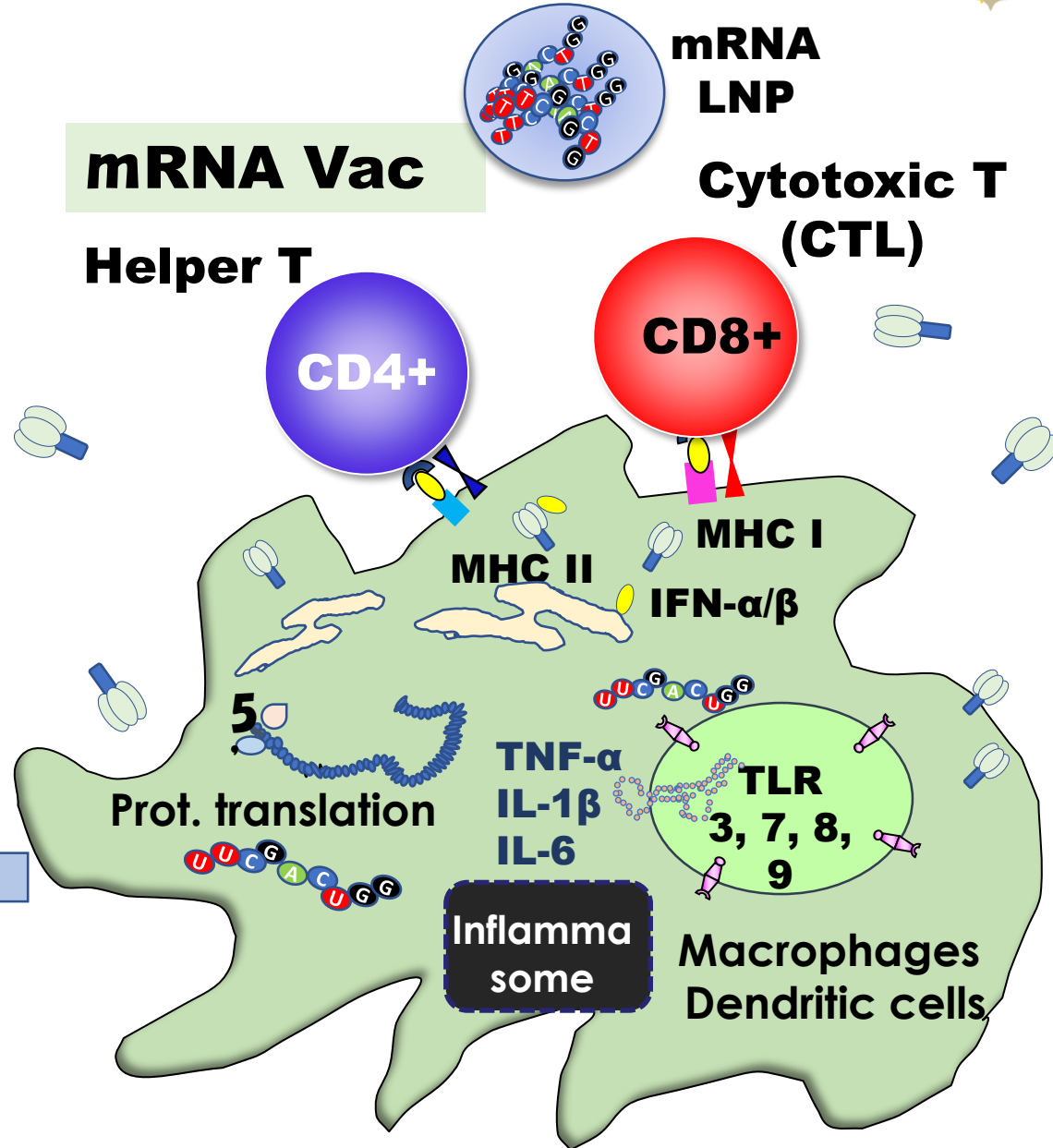
## DNA Vac.



## Virus vector Vac.

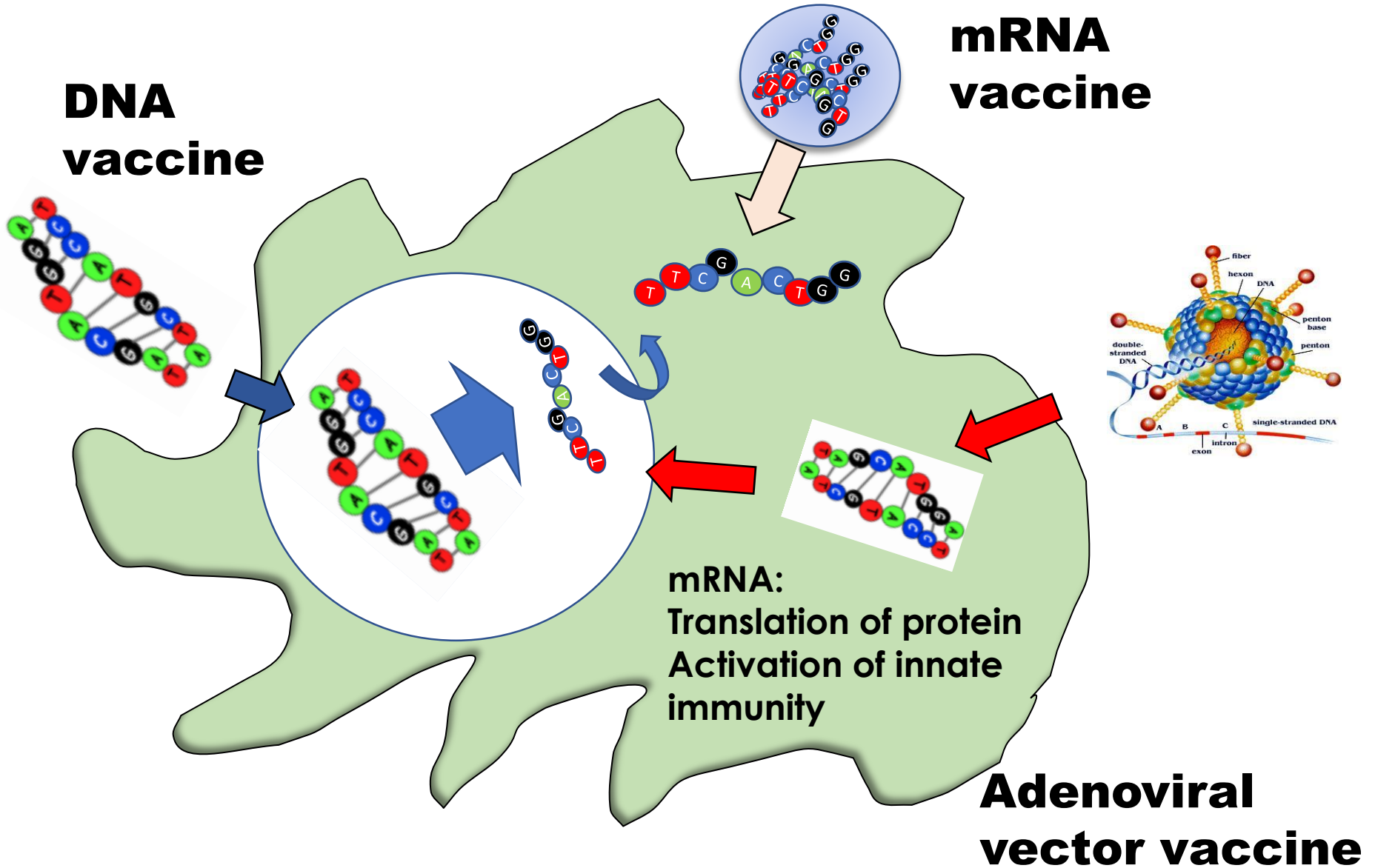


## mRNA Vac

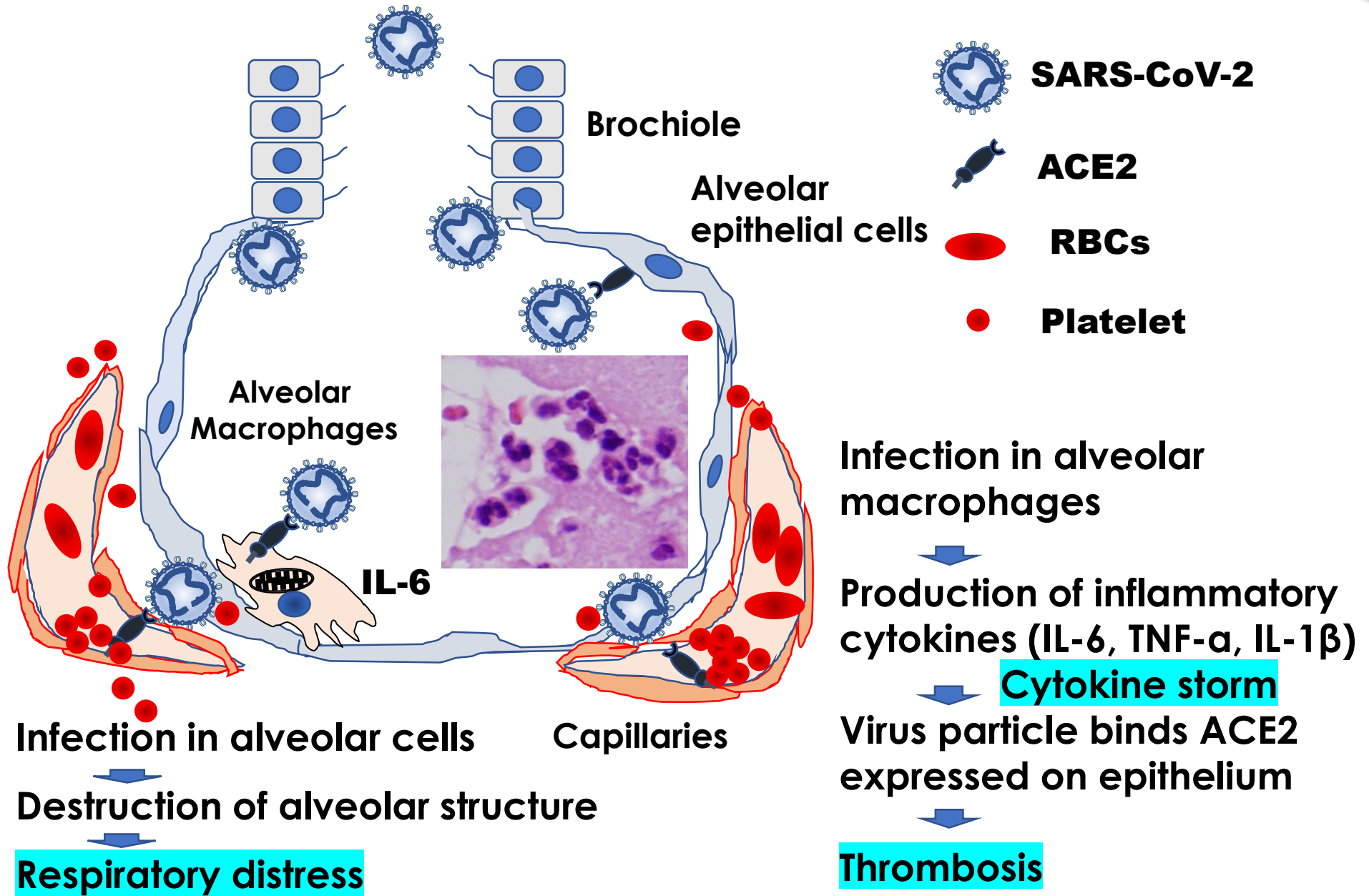




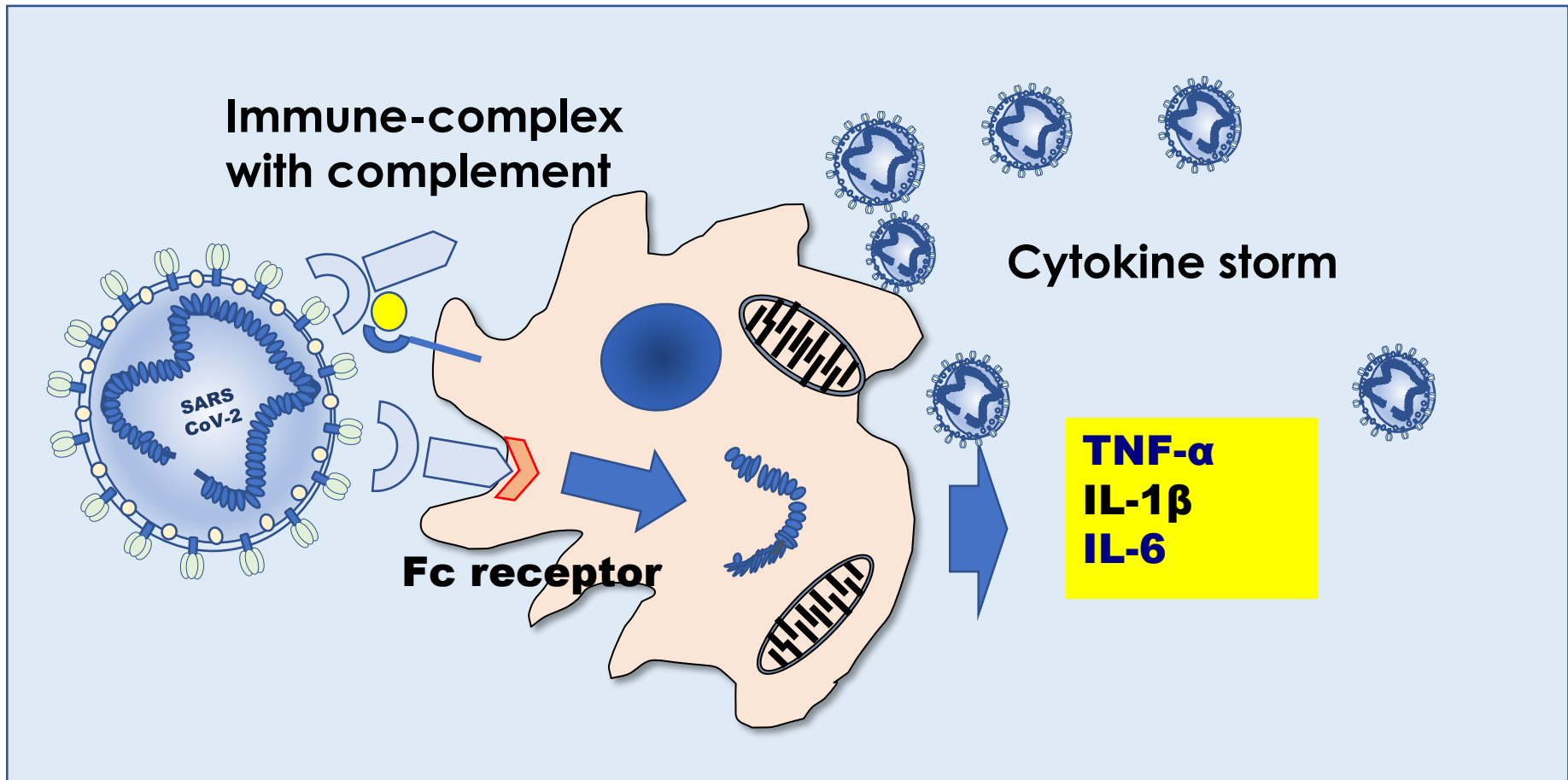
# What is the difference among three vaccines?



# Pathogenesis of serious pneumonia



# Antibody dependent enhancement (ADE)



**ADE : Binding antibodies without neutralizing activity binds with virus particle, internalizes into cells, and enhances virus growth, inducing inflammatory cytokines**





# Brief summary of laboratory examinations

## Detection of antibodies:

**EIA antibody: binding antibody against SARS-Co-V2**

(Only binding, not reflecting protective neutralizing activity)

**S, RBD antibodies: post infection and vaccination,**

**N antibody: post infection**

**Neutralizing antibody: protective antibody,  
but protective level is not known.**

## Detection of antigen:

**becomes positive when  $>10^{3-4}$  virus (infectious level).**

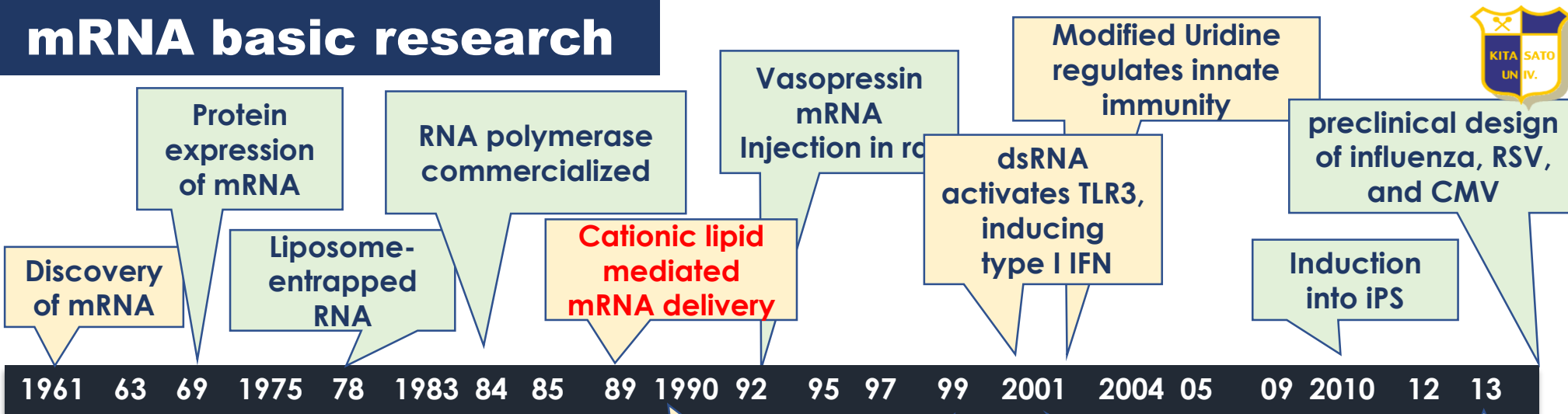
**Negative does not mean free of virus particles.**

## PCR:

**becomes positive when 10-100 copies are present, even  
dead virus debris.**

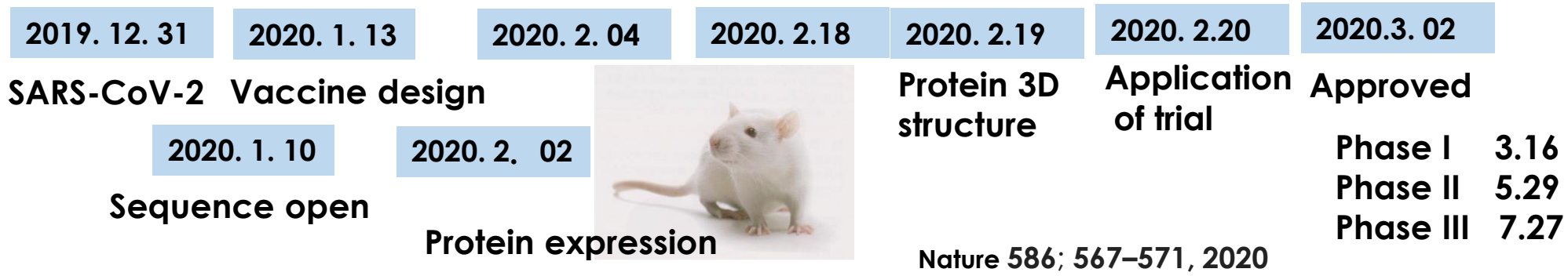


# mRNA basic research



# Moderna mRNA development

Nature Rev 13; 759-780, 2014





# Development of Virus Vector System

2020

MVA vector system

MVA-BN-Filo 2016, phase I

2010

MVA/Flu H5N1/HA  
2014 Phase I and II

2000

MVA/Malaria TRAP  
2003 Phase I and II

2000

Measles Vector

Leukemia in patients with ADA deficiency treated with Lentivirus vector

Transfer defective gene

2003

Gene therapy in patients with ornithine transcarbamylase deficiency

1995

Sendai virus vector

1999

Try on patients with Cystic fibrosis

1997

1990

ADA deficiency  
*Ex vivo* Gene therapy

Animal study - - - - -

1990

MVA/Flu HA 1994  
Mouse

Retro virus vector

Adenovirus vector

1980

West Nile  
Chikungunya  
H5N1  
SARS  
MERS  
TB

Proliferative vector

Non-proliferative vector

1970

MVA 1968  
Chicken embryo fibroblast

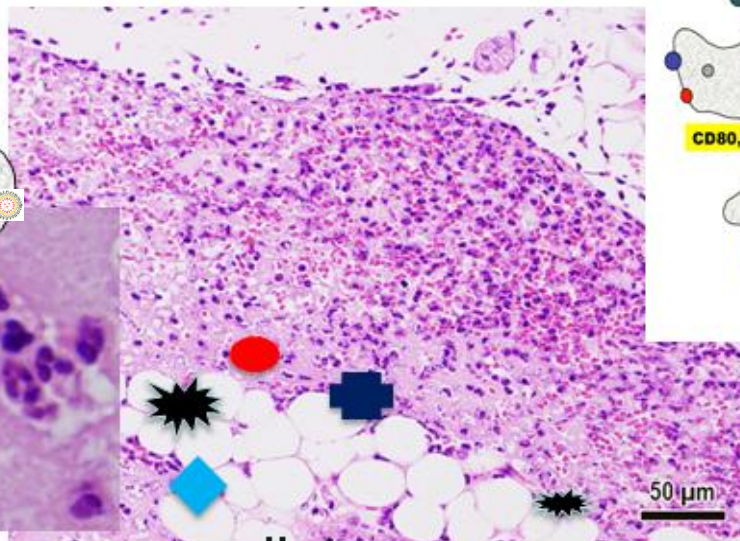
Retrovirus, Adenovirus, Lentivirus, Sendai virus were developed as virus vector to transfer the genome

1960

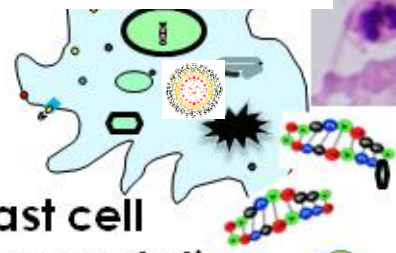
CVA 1953



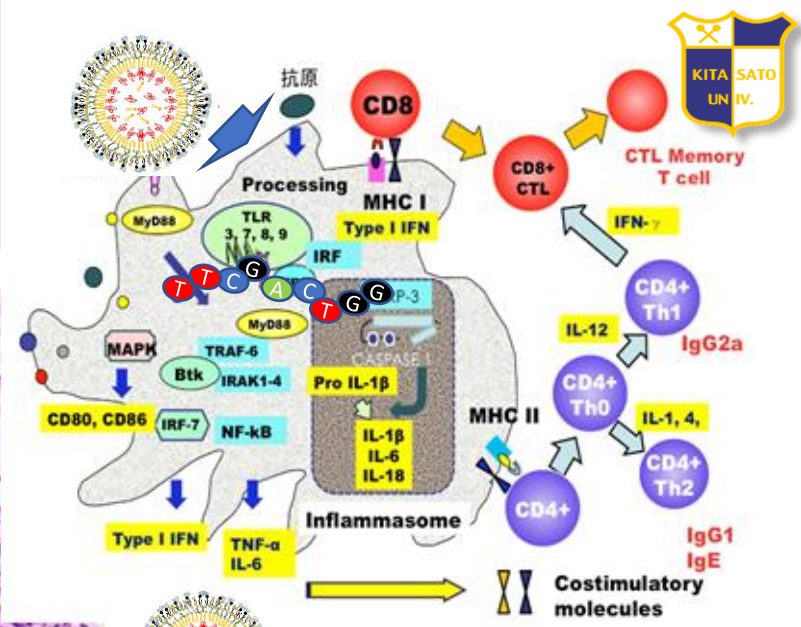
# How about following vaccination?



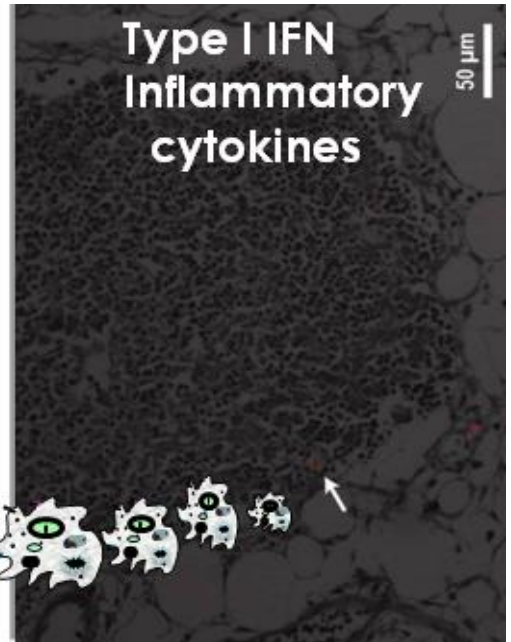
Accumulation of neutrophils and NETs



TNF- $\alpha$  IL-6  
Inflammatory cytokines  
IL-1 $\beta$



Regional lymph nodes



# Unknowns of COVID-19 vaccine

1. Persistence of immunity
2. Vaccine prevents serious diseases, not infection.
3. Application for pregnant women and school-aged children
4. Mutated strains
  - Are vaccines effective?
5. How did the clinical trial perform?
6. Vaccine adverse events
  - Anaphylaxis, Thrombosis, Cardiomyopathy, ADE, Death
7. Groundless rumors
  - mRNA integrates into human genome.
  - Unknown serious diseases will develop several years later.
  - mRNA moves to gonadal tissues, causing infertility.
  - COVID-19 is not serious among young adults, and no serious complication even if infected.
  - Vaccines increase the number of death.



**COVID-19 is serious in pregnant women, but no influence on fetus.**

**Among 58 cases of COVID-19 in pregnant women, 40 were infected before the 2nd trimester.**

**3 (7.5%) had oxygen therapy.**

**Remaining 18 were infected during the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester.**

**7 (38.9%) had oxygen therapy,**

**and 1 assisted with respirator passed away.**

**There was a tendency of increased number of premature birth but no influence on fetus.**

# Immunization for pregnant women



**Immunization is not recommended because of the paucity of clinical data. Medical Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology announces.**

**「Pregnant women are not excluded from vaccination. When immunized, please explain the long-term safety issue because of paucity of evidence and obtain the consent. And refrain from immunization until 12 weeks of pregnancy. Please check fetal heartbeat.」**

**In 827 immunization in the US, no increase in the incidence of abortion, low birth weight, congenital malformation, and fetus death was noted.**



# Immunological feature during pregnancy



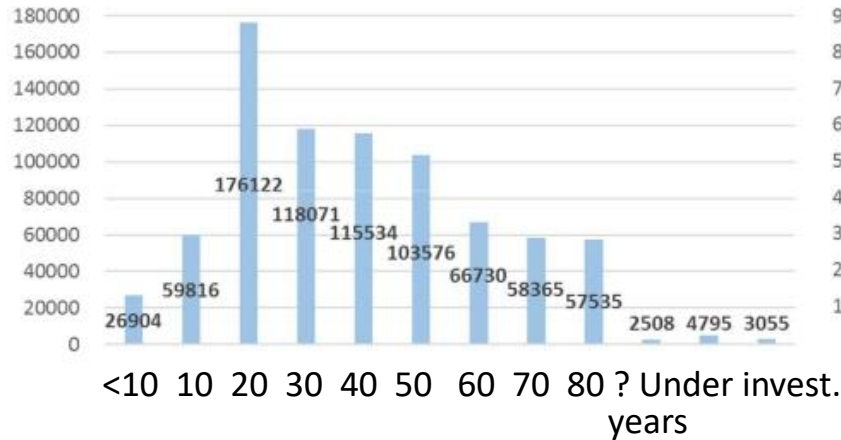
- Protect pregnant women themselves and fetus from infectious diseases.
- During pregnancy, decreased level of cell-mediated immunity and neutrophil functions during the 1st trimester. No influence on the antibody response.
- Rare case of serious adverse events are observed, but not increasing compared with healthy subjects.
- Live vaccines are prohibited but not inactivated vaccines.



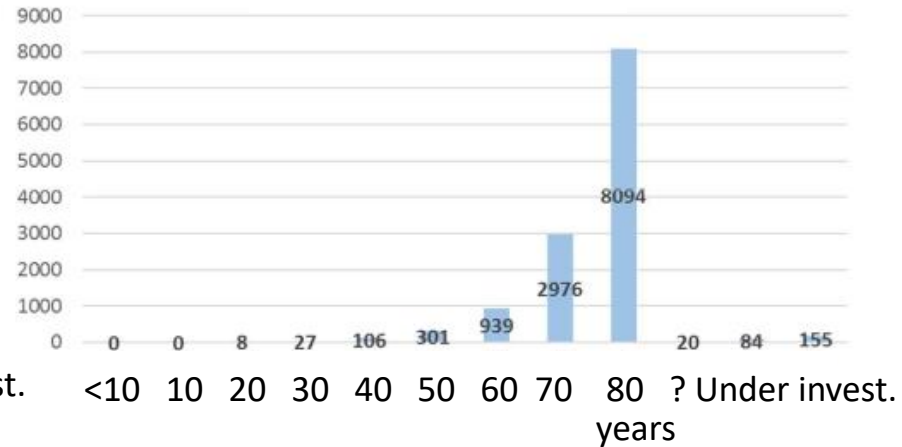
# Number of COVID-19 infection and death



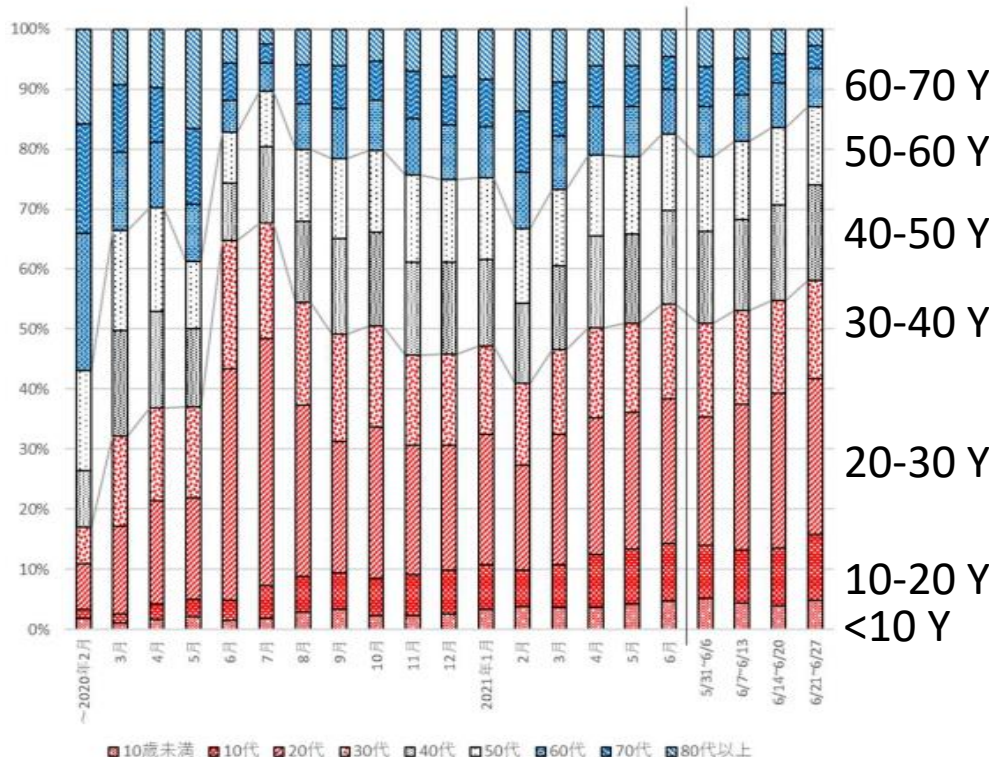
Number of infection



Number of death



年齢階級別新規陽性者数の構成割合の推移



**Most of the infection is 20-40 years of age. There are few cases of serious diseases, but proportionally, the number of serious cases increases. Several cases with sensory loss of smell and taste, prolonged cough, respiratory distress, fatigue, and alopecia are noted as late complication.**

**To cope with immunization for children**

# Number of COVID-19 infection and death in different age groups



Age	Population (thousands)	COVID Infection	Infection /million	COVID Death	Death /million	Death after vaccination/million
<10	9859	26904	2729	0	-	Overall incidence is 17.3/million
10-19	11171	59816	5355	0	-	
20-29	12628	176122	13947	8	0.63	
30-39	14303	118071	8255	27	1.68	
40-49	18520	115534	6238	106	5.72	
50-59	16278	103576	6363	301	18.80	
60-69	16227	66730	4112	939	57.87	
70-79	15927	58365	3665	2976	186.85	
>80	11249	57535	5115	8094	719.45	
		<b>Infection in Vaccine recipients</b>				
		<b>5,186/157 million</b>		<b>33/million</b>		

# Clinical trial of Pfizer mRNA vaccine in 12-15 years, compared with 16-25 years



Pfizer	1st dose		2nd dose	
	12~15Y (n=1131)	16~25Y (n=537)	12~15Y (n=1131)	16~25Y (n=537)
<b>Local pain</b>	<b>86%</b> (cont:23%)	<b>83%</b> (cont: 16%)	<b>79%</b> (cont: 18%)	<b>78%</b> (cont: 12%)
<b>Fever</b>	<b>10%</b> (cont: 1%)	<b>7%</b> (cont: 1%)	<b>20%</b> (cont: 1%)	<b>17%</b> (cont: 0%)
<b>Fatigue</b>	<b>60%</b> (cont: 41%)	<b>60%</b> (cont: 39%)	<b>66%</b> (cont: 25%)	<b>66%</b> (cont:23%)
<b>Headache</b>	<b>55%</b> (cont: 35%)	<b>54%</b> (cont: 37%)	<b>65%</b> (cont: 24%)	<b>61%</b> (cont:24%)
<b>Muscle pain</b>	<b>24%</b> (cont: 13%)	<b>27%</b> (cont: 14%)	<b>32%</b> (cont: 8%)	<b>41%</b> (cont:10%)

Vaccine seems to be safe and effective. But, pediatric generation is less infectious with very mild illness. We have limited data on immunization in young teenagers and have more cautious attitude.

# Phase III clinical trial design of Pfizer mRNA vaccine ?



 **Vaccine group**  
 **Control group**

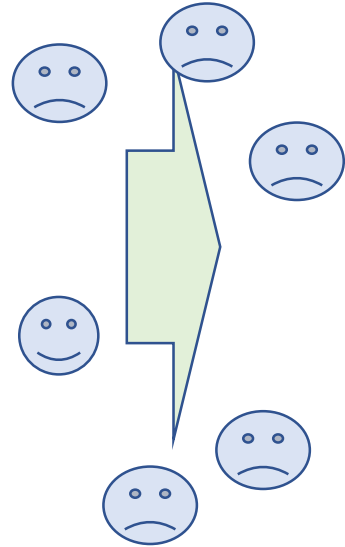
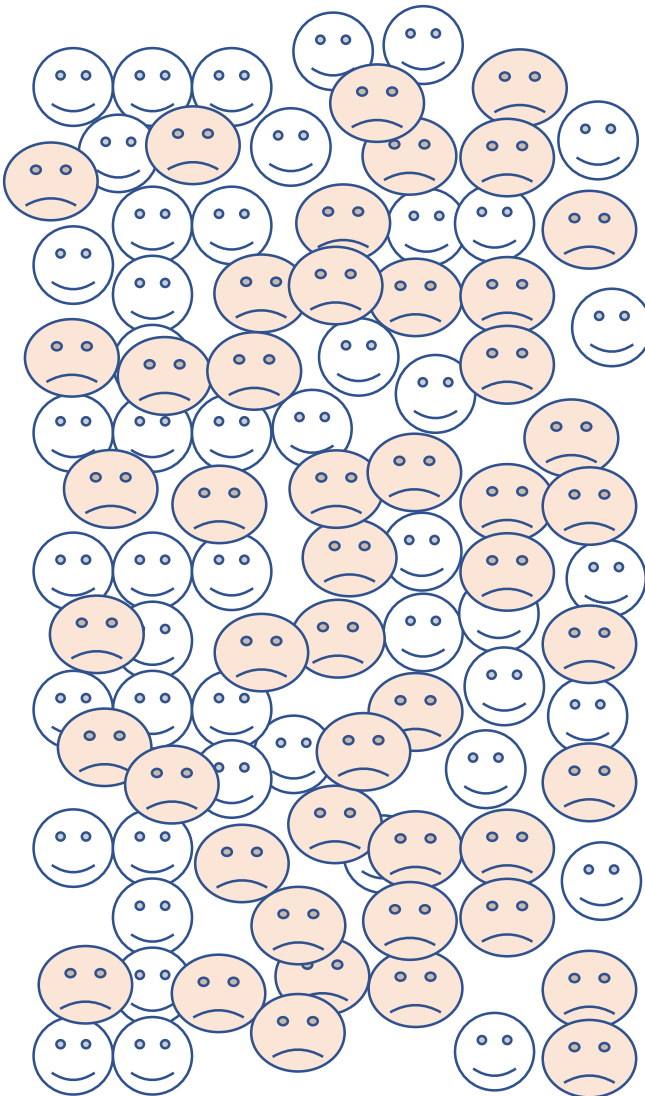
 **Patients**

**Control group**

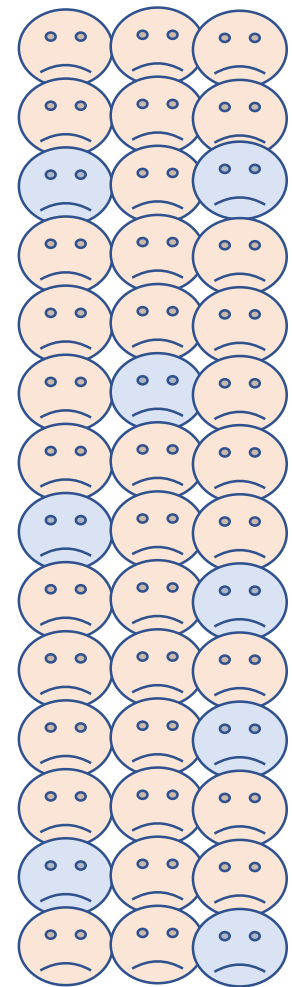
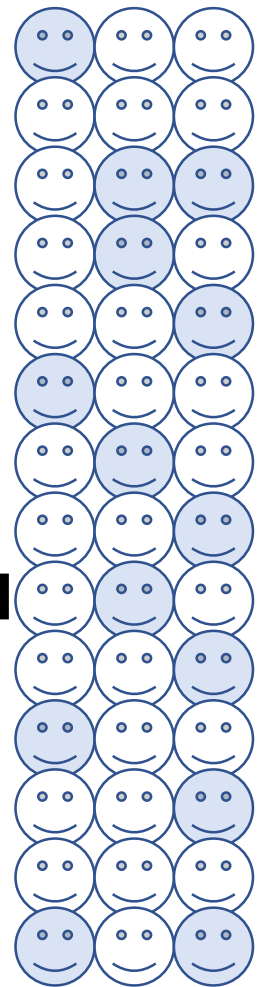
**Vaccine group**

**162/17,511**

**8/17,411**

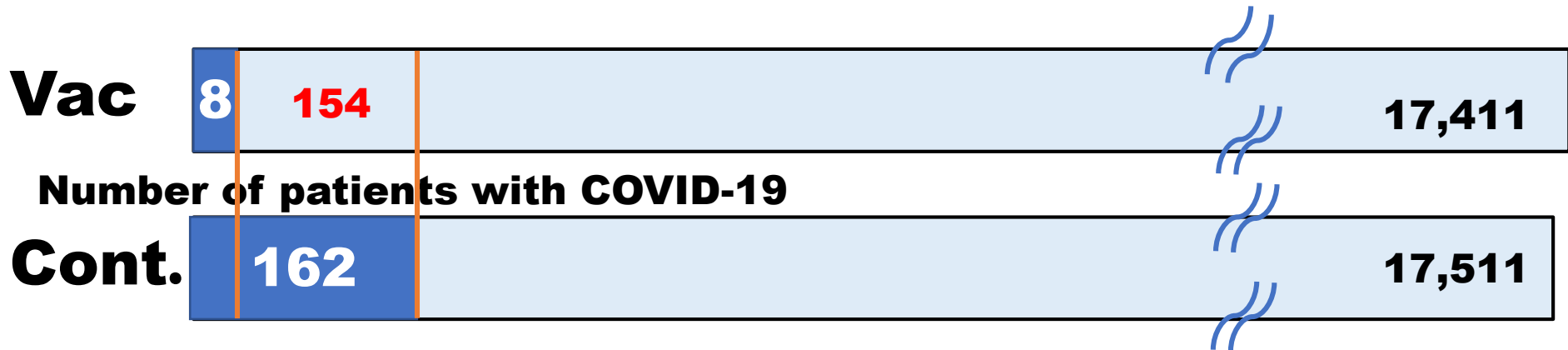


**Event based  
Study:  
170 cases  
With  
COVID-19**





# Vaccine efficacy



Infection rate in vaccine group:  $8/17,411=0.00046$

Infection rate in control group :  $162/17,511=0.00925$

Risk ratio =  $0.00925/0.00046=20.11$

Efficacy:  $1-1/\text{risk ratio}=1-1/20.11=1-0.0497=0.95(95\%)$

Among 162 COVID-19 patients who did not have immunization, 95% of them (154 patients) would escape from infection if they were immunized.

# How does vaccine induce specific immune response?



**Immune response: host defense mechanisms against pathogens**

**Humoral immunity**  
**Antibody**



- **Anti-toxin**
- **Antibodies against pathogen components**
- **Protection from infection**

**Cellular immunity**  
**Cytotoxic T cells, helper T cells**



- **Damage infected cells**
- **Helper function to produce antibodies**
- **Prevention of further expansion of infection**

**Vaccine : prevent infection, onset of illness, and serious illness through host immune responses**

# Innate immunity recognizes molecular pattern



**PAMPs:**  
**pathogen-associated  
molecular pattern**

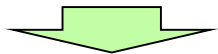
TLRs, RIG-I, C-lectin

**DAMPs:**  
**damage-associated  
molecular pattern**

Inflammasome

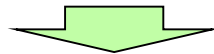
Induce cytokines and chemokines

**IL-1 $\beta$ ,**  
**IL-6, 18**  
**TNF- $\alpha$**



Helper T cells  
Command B cells  
to produce  
antibodies

**IFN- $\alpha/\beta$**



Cytotoxic T cell  
prevent further  
expansion of infection

Immunological  
memory

**IL-1 $\beta$ ,**  
**IL-6, 18,**  
**TNF- $\alpha$**



Helper T cells  
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# Vaccination

Innate immunity

Acquired immunity  
Immune memory



DC  
MΦ  
PAMPs

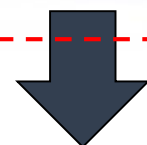
IFN-α/β

IL-1β,  
IL-6,  
TNF-α

Cellular immunity

Antibody

T, B Lymph



G-CSF  
IL-8

Neutrophil

Inflammation

IL-1β, IL-6, TNF-α

M1 macrophages

NETs  
autolysis

DNA  
ROS

Innate immunity  
DAMPs

M2 macrophages

G-CSF, IL-8  
IL-1β, IL-6, TNF-α

IL-1β, IL-6, TNF-α

Inflammatory  
nodule



Adverse events  
Fever, local pain

## **Vaccine effect (main reaction)**

Vaccine induces acquired immune responses against pathogen to prevent infection, onset of illness, and serious illness.

## **Vaccine adverse reaction**

Undesirable events following vaccination, being scientifically related to the vaccination.

## **Vaccine adverse events**

Undesirable events following vaccination, their causal relation to the vaccination is scientifically uncertain. They are reported as questionable adverse reaction



# Safety profile on common adverse reactions in clinical trial in Japan



<b>Pfizer</b>	<b>1x %</b>	<b>2x %</b>
<b>Local pain</b>	<b>86.6%</b> <b>(2.4%)</b>	<b>79.3%</b> <b>( - )</b>
<b>Fatigue</b>	<b>40.3%</b> <b>(9.8%)</b>	<b>60.3%</b> <b>(2.4%)</b>
<b>Muscle pain</b>	<b>14.3%</b> <b>(2.4%)</b>	<b>16.4%</b> <b>( - )</b>
<b>Headache</b>	<b>32.8%</b> <b>(14.6%)</b>	<b>44.0%</b> <b>(12.2%)</b>
<b>Chill</b>	<b>25.2%</b> <b>(4.9%)</b>	<b>45.7%</b> <b>(2.4%)</b>
<b>Joint pain</b>	<b>14.3%</b> <b>(4.9%)</b>	<b>25.0%</b> <b>( - )</b>
<b>Fever &gt;37.5°C</b>	<b>14.3%</b> <b>( - )</b>	<b>32.8%</b> <b>( - )</b>

**Vaccine group 120 subjects**  
**Control group 40 subjects**

<b>Moderna</b>	<b>1x %</b>	<b>2x %</b>
<b>Local pain</b>	<b>82.7%</b> <b>(8.0%)</b>	<b>85.0%</b> <b>(2.0%)</b>
<b>Fatigue</b>	<b>18.7%</b> <b>(10.0%)</b>	<b>63.3%</b> <b>(8.0%)</b>
<b>Muscle pain</b>	<b>37.3%</b> <b>(4.0%)</b>	<b>49.7%</b> <b>(10.0%)</b>
<b>Headache</b>	<b>13.3%</b> <b>( - )</b>	<b>47.6%</b> <b>(10.0%)</b>
<b>Chill</b>	<b>5.3%</b> <b>(2.0%)</b>	<b>50.3%</b> <b>( - )</b>
<b>Joint pain</b>	<b>8.0%</b> <b>( - )</b>	<b>32.0%</b> <b>( - )</b>
<b>Fever &gt;38°C</b>	<b>2%</b> <b>(2%)</b>	<b>40.1%</b> <b>( - )</b>

**Vaccine group 150 (147) subjects**  
**Control group 50 subjects**

# Diagnosis of anaphylaxis should be based on Brighton Criterion

## Anaphylaxis:

- 1) abrupt onset,
- 2) rapid progress of symptoms,
- 3) including two or more symptoms related to multi-organs  
hives, cardio-vascular illness, wheezing, difficulty in breath, etc.

## Differential diagnosis

### Immunization stress-related responses: ISRR

#### Acute reaction:

##### activation of sympathetic nerve

tachycardia, palpitation, shortness of breath, hyper ventilation  
different sensation of heat and cold, sweating

##### activation of parasympathetic nerve Vagal reflex

bradycardia, hypotension, vertigo, dimmed vision,

Delayed reaction: fatigue, and different sensation

PEG is suspected as causative agent

Pdizer and Modera: PEG 2000 (MW:2000)

AstraZeneca: Polysorbate 80 (emulsifiers)

# Incidence of anaphylaxis reported in VEARS

	<b>Pfizer n=50</b>	<b>Moderna n=21</b>
<b>Median age (range)</b>	<b>38.5 (26-63)</b>	<b>39 (24- 63)</b>
<b>Number of female</b>	<b>47 (94%)</b>	<b>21 (100%)</b>
<b>Onset of symptom</b>	<b>10 (&lt;1 - 120 )</b>	<b>10 (&lt;1 -45)</b>
<b>within 15 min</b>	<b>37 (74%)</b>	<b>18 (86%)</b>
<b>within 30 min</b>	<b>45 (90%)</b>	<b>19 (90%)</b>
<b>Past history of allergy</b>	<b>40 (80%)</b>	<b>18 (86%)</b>
<b>Past history of anaphylaxis</b>	<b>12 (24%)</b>	<b>5 (24%)</b>
<b>Shot (1x, 2x, unknown)</b>	<b>(42, 3, 5)</b>	<b>(19, 1, 1)</b>
	<b>9,943,247 Doses</b>	<b>7,581,429 Doses</b>
	<b>5.0/million</b>	<b>2.8/million</b>

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**Reported case 289/ 39,218,786 doses**

**Incidence of anaphylaxis in Japan 7/million**

# Cardiomyopathy is discussed on mRNA vaccines

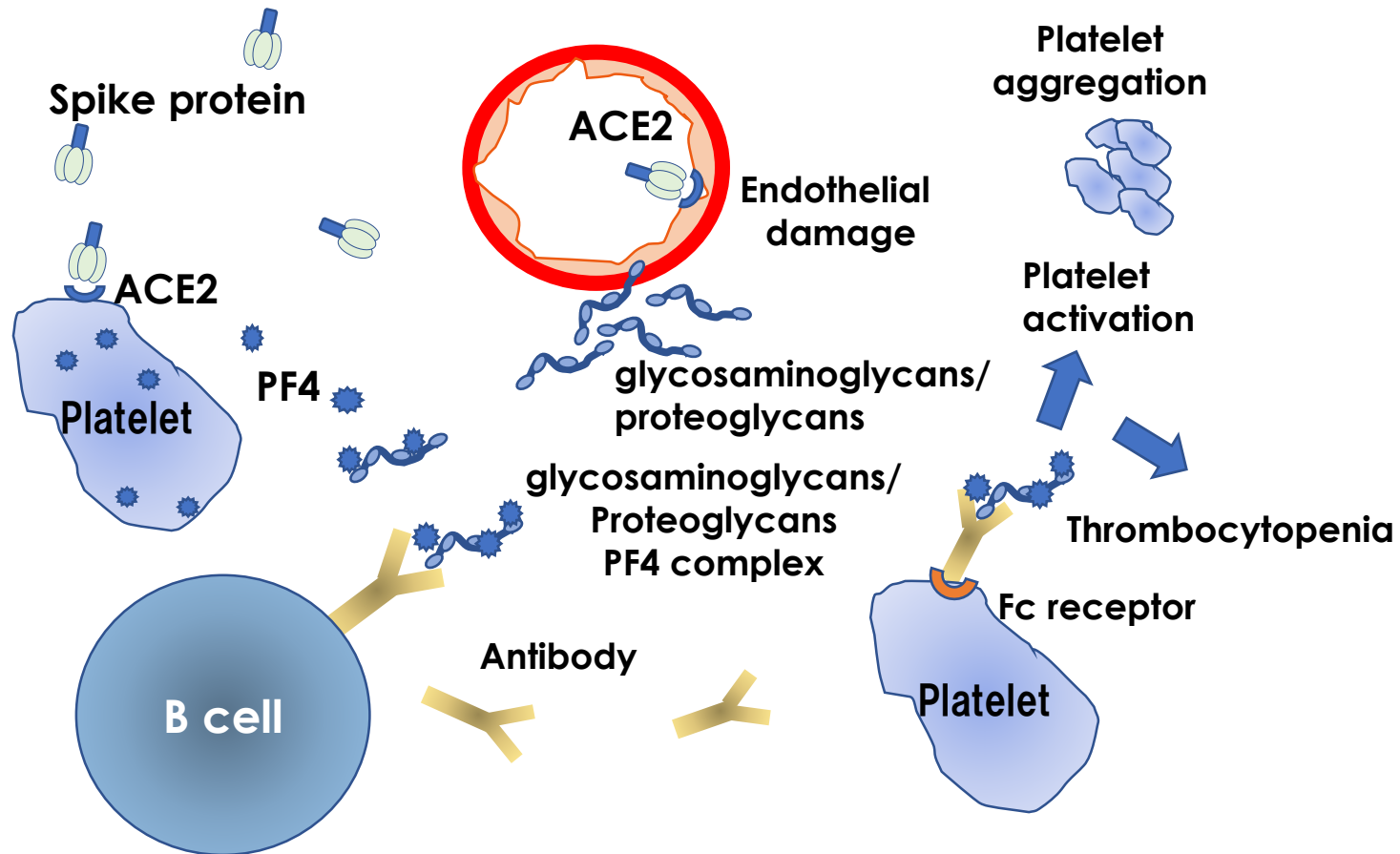


	Pfizer		Moderna	
	Reported case /dose	/million	Reported case /dose	/million
<b>Japan</b>	<b>20/39,218,786</b>	<b>0.5/million</b>	<b>1/959,165</b>	<b>1.0/million</b>
<b>USA *</b>	<b>1,226/300 million</b>	<b>4.1/million</b>	<b>1,226/300 million</b>	<b>4.1/million</b>
<b>England</b>	<b>Carditis 60 Pericarditis 42 /29 million</b>	<b>Carditis 2.1/ Pericarditis 1.5/</b>	<b>Carditis 5, pericarditis 2/ 0.88 million</b>	<b>Carditis 5.7/ Pericarditis 2.3/</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>Carditis 122, Pericarditis 126/ 160 million</b>	<b>Carditis 0.8/ Pericarditis 0.8/</b>	<b>Carditis 16, Pericarditis 18/ 19 million</b>	<b>Carditis 0.8/ pericarditis 0.9/</b>

**\* In USA, cases were reported without discrimination.**

**Cardiomyopathy was reported higher in male at the second shot.**

# Thrombosis is discussed on AstraZeneca vaccine



**Thrombosis was reported after immunization with AstraZeneca vaccine with 6.5 cases/million doses. Otherwise, 35 cases with thrombosis was reported following in 54 million subjects immunized with Pfizer vaccine.**



# Vaccine adverse events (death after vaccination)



## Pfizer vaccine (2021.2.27 – 6.27)

**1st dose: 26,238,793, 2nd dose: 12,979,993**

**Suspected adverse reaction: 15,991 cases**

**serious reactions: 2,262 cases**

**Death: 453 (>65 years 420 cases, <65 years 31 cases, unknown 2 cases)**

<b>Pfizer</b>	<b>Death case/doses</b>	<b>Incidence/million</b>	
<b>Japan</b>	<b>453/39,218,786</b>	<b>17.3/million</b>	<b>Ministry</b>
<b>USA</b>	<b>510/28,374,410</b>	<b>18.0/million</b>	<b>CDC</b>
<b>England</b>	<b>439/29,000,000</b>	<b>15.1/million</b>	<b>MHRA</b>
<b>Moderna</b>			
<b>Japan</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>Ministry</b>
<b>USA</b>	<b>456/26,738,383</b>	<b>17.0/million</b>	<b>CDC</b>
<b>England</b>	<b>5/880,000</b>	<b>5.7/million</b>	<b>MHRA</b>

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare,  
CDC, and MHRA

**For reference**

**PPSV23**

**3.2 cases/million**

**Influenza vaccine**

**0.2 cases/million**

# Number of COVID-19 infection and death in different age groups



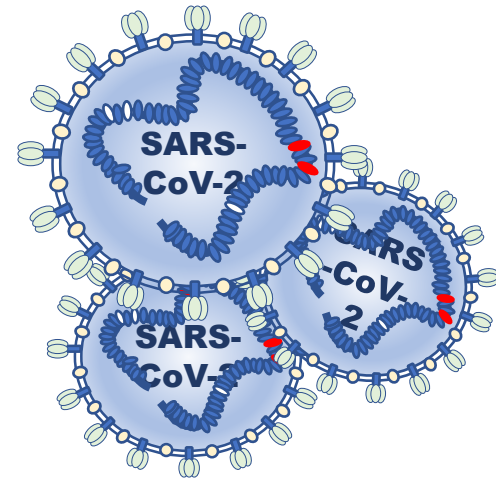
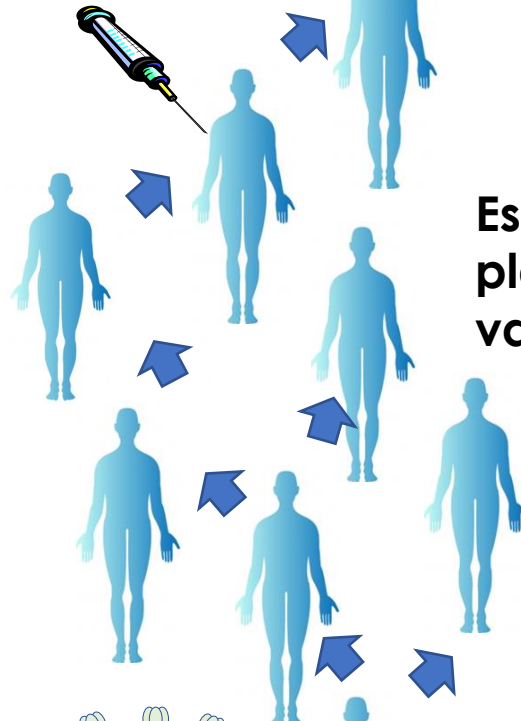
Age	Population (thousands)	COVID Infection	Infection /million	COVID Death	Death /million	Death after vaccination/million
<10	9859	26904	2729	0	-	Overall incidence is 17.3/million
10-19	11171	59816	5355	0	-	
20-29	12628	176122	13947	8	0.63	
30-39	14303	118071	8255	27	1.68	
40-49	18520	115534	6238	106	5.72	
50-59	16278	103576	6363	301	18.80	
60-69	16227	66730	4112	939	57.87	
70-79	15927	58365	3665	2976	186.85	
>80	11249	57535	5115	8094	719.45	

**Infection in Vaccine recipients (breakthrough infection)**  
**5,186/157 million      33/million**

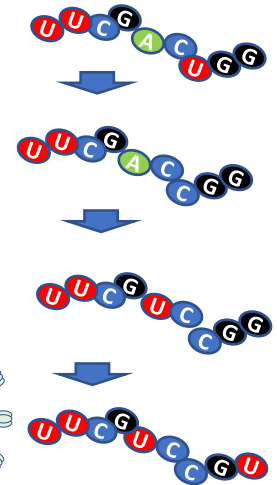
Vaccine efficacy; 96.2% (- 2 M)  
 decreased 6% per 2 months  
 90.1% (2 months after 2<sup>nd</sup> dose)  
 83.7 % (4-6 month)  
 Among 42,000 participants

# Mutated strains emerged

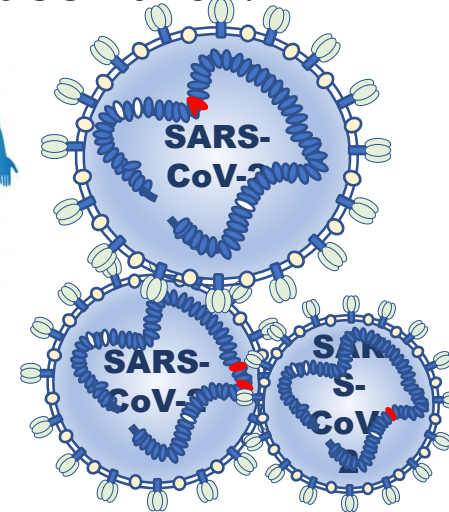
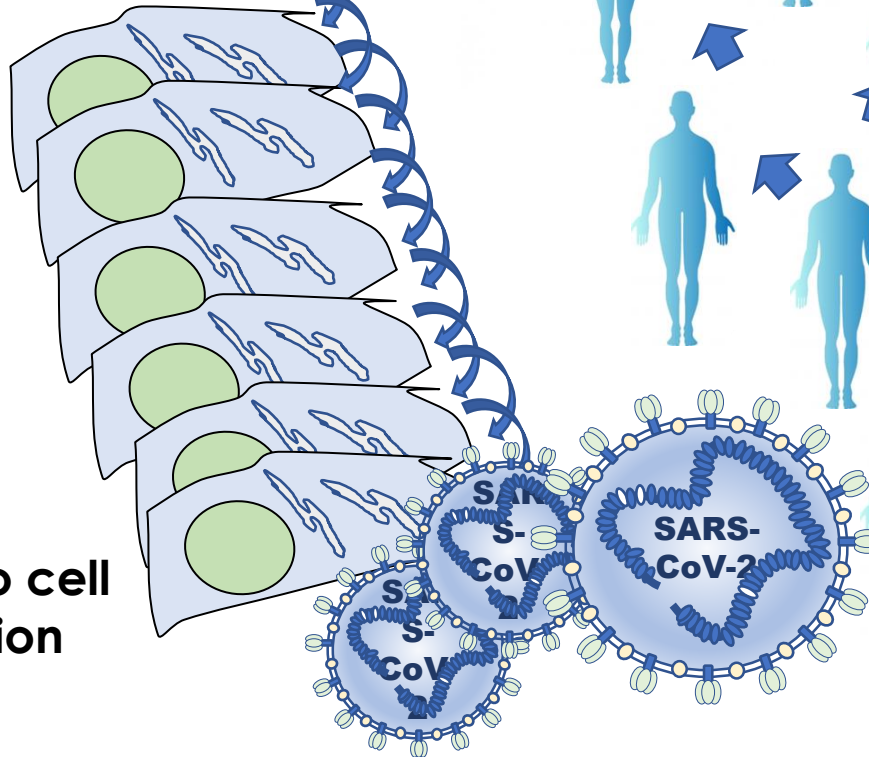
Convalescent  
Plasma therapy



Escaped mutants emerge after  
plasma therapy or increased  
vaccination.



Cell to cell  
infection



Well proliferative strain  
survives among a variety of  
mutated strains.

# Increasing number of mutated strains

So called	No. of countries	Strain Name	Mutations
England type	172	$\alpha$	<b>N501Y</b> , A570D, D614G, P681H
South Africa type	120	$\beta$	K417N, <b>E484K</b> , <b>N501Y</b> , D614G
Brazil type	72	$\gamma$	K417N/T, <b>E484K</b> , <b>N501Y</b> , D614G
India type	29	$\delta$	<b>L452R</b> , <b>E484Q</b> , D614G, P681R,

**N501Y: Increased infectivity**

**E484K/Q :Escaped from neutralizing antibody**

**L452R: Escaped from CTL activity**

CDC : SARS-CoV-2 Variants. Updated Jan.31. 21021

Risk related to the spread of new SARS-CoV-2 Variants of concern in the EU/EEA-first update. Jan. 21, 2021, ECDC

# Different antigenicity of mutated strains



	Wuhan	EU	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$	California
TN 2X 1W	32	32	16	4	4	ND
TN 2X 1M	4	4	< 4	< 4	4	< 4
1 2X 1M	32	32	16	8	16	16
2 2X 1M	64	128	32	64	64	32
3 2X 1M	16	64	32	32	64	64
4 2X 1M	32	32	16	8	16	16
5 2X 1M	32	32	16	8	16	4
6 2X 1M	128	128	64	64	64	128
7 2X 1M	64	64	32	32	64	64
8 2X 1M	64	128	128	32	64	64
9 2X 1M	128	256	64	64	64	64
10 2X 1M	64	32	32	32	64	64
11 2X 1M	64	32	32	32	64	32
Natural ainfect 1X 1M	$\geq 512$	$\geq 512$	$\geq 512$	$\geq 512$	$\geq 512$	$\geq 512$

They had no adverse reactions after vaccination.

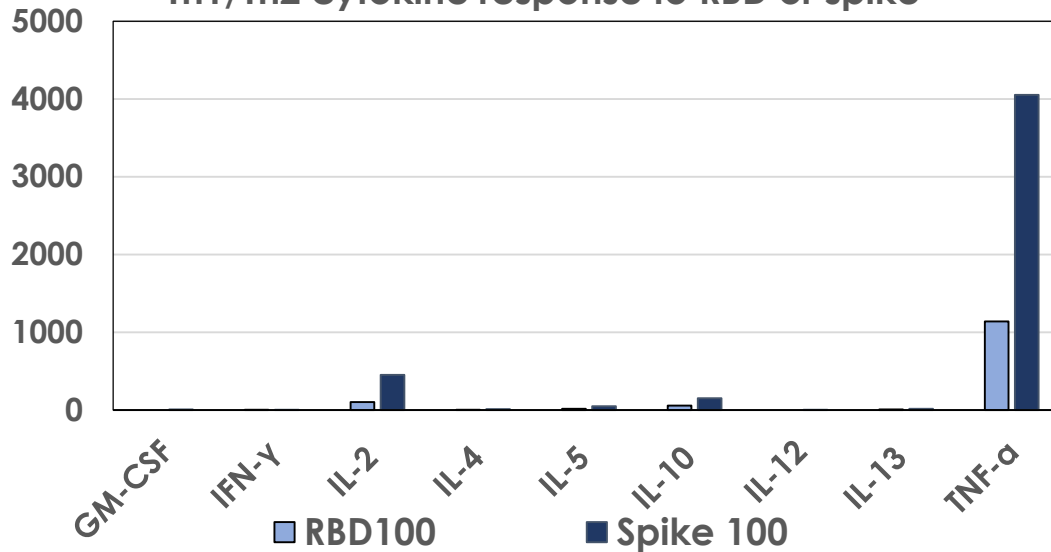
Low titer NT antibody against Wuhan is less cross reactivity against mutated strains.



# Cell-mediated Immunity



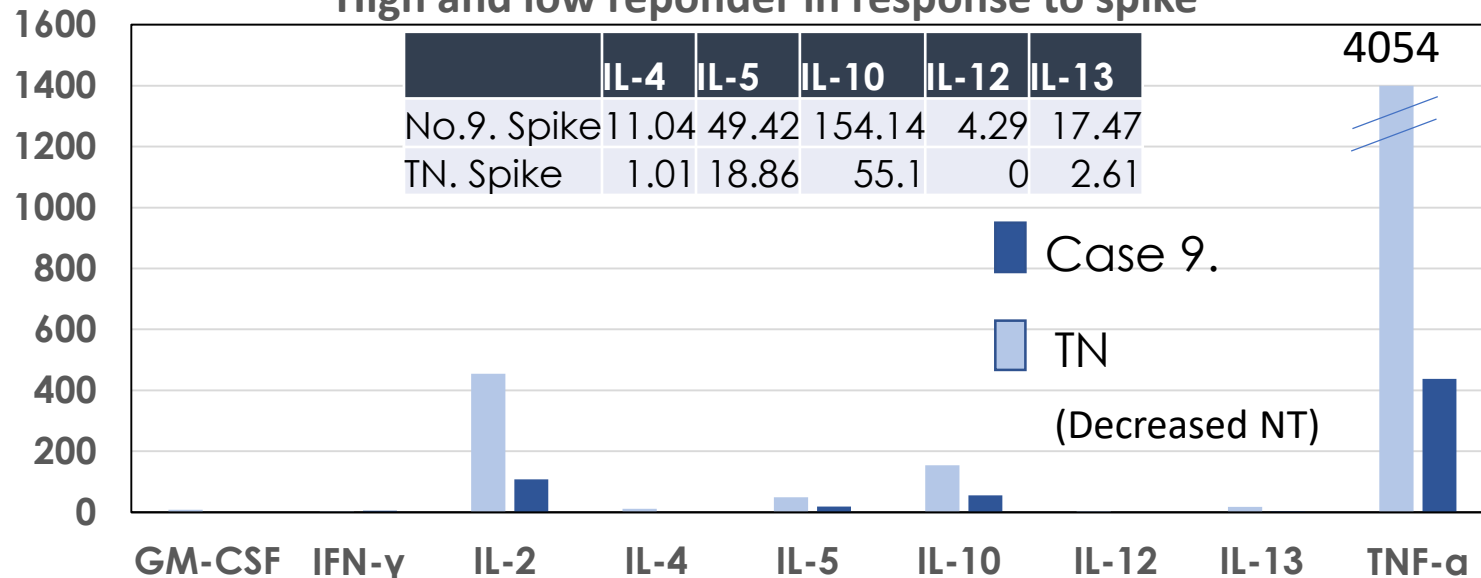
Th1/Th2 cytokine response to RBD or spike



Whole blood was cultured for 24 h stimulated with RBD and spike protein. Higher cytokine production in response to spike antigen than RBD in Case No. 9 (NT antibody+).

As for TN, NT antibody decreased to 4 3 months after the 2nd dose, but positive for IFN-γ, IL-2. Poor response of Th2 cytokines compared with Case 9.

High and low responder in response to spike



	IL-4	IL-5	IL-10	IL-12	IL-13
No.9. Spike	11.04	49.42	154.14	4.29	17.47
TN. Spike	1.01	18.86	55.1	0	2.61

# Cellular immune response stimulated with spike protein

	IFN- $\gamma$	IL-2	IL-4	IL-5	IL-10	TNF- $\alpha$
No.6. 2X 3M	8.78	10.16	<	1.87	2.77	136.54
No.8. 2X 3M	4.88	4.38	<	1.38	<	86.88
No.7.2X 3M	7.44	8.55	<	2.36	1.49	83.79
No.1.2X 3M	2.33	3.79	<	<	<	50.54
No.9. 2X 1M	2.65	453.98	11.04	49.42	154.14	4054.32
No.9. 2X 3M	5.68	144.78	4.94	15.7	83.58	1123.24
TN 2X 1M	4.37	108.22	1.01	18.86	55.1	437.9
TN 2X 3M	<	<	<	0.34	4.51	25.77

**In Jenner's time, why did mothers take their kids to smallpox vaccination?**

**Science is to properly understand.**

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### COVID-19

- Morbidity rate: 0.8%、Mortality rate: 1.8%  
difficulty in breath, fatigue, disorder sense of smell and taste as complications
- Vaccine adverse events are extremely rare.
- Vaccination effects >90%

Kanji (Japanese letter) of vaccine is White God (白神).