

# **Prototype Pathogen Approach for Vaccine Development Filoviruses**

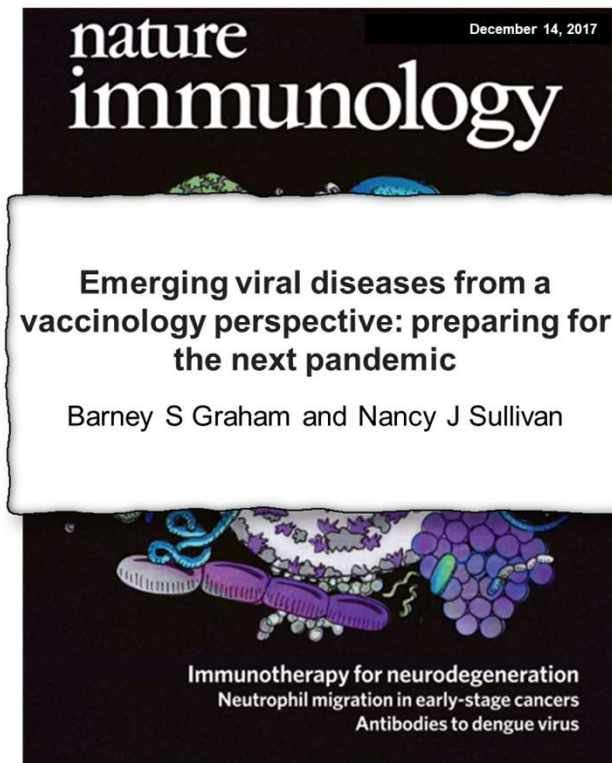
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## Prototype pathogen approach for vaccine preparedness

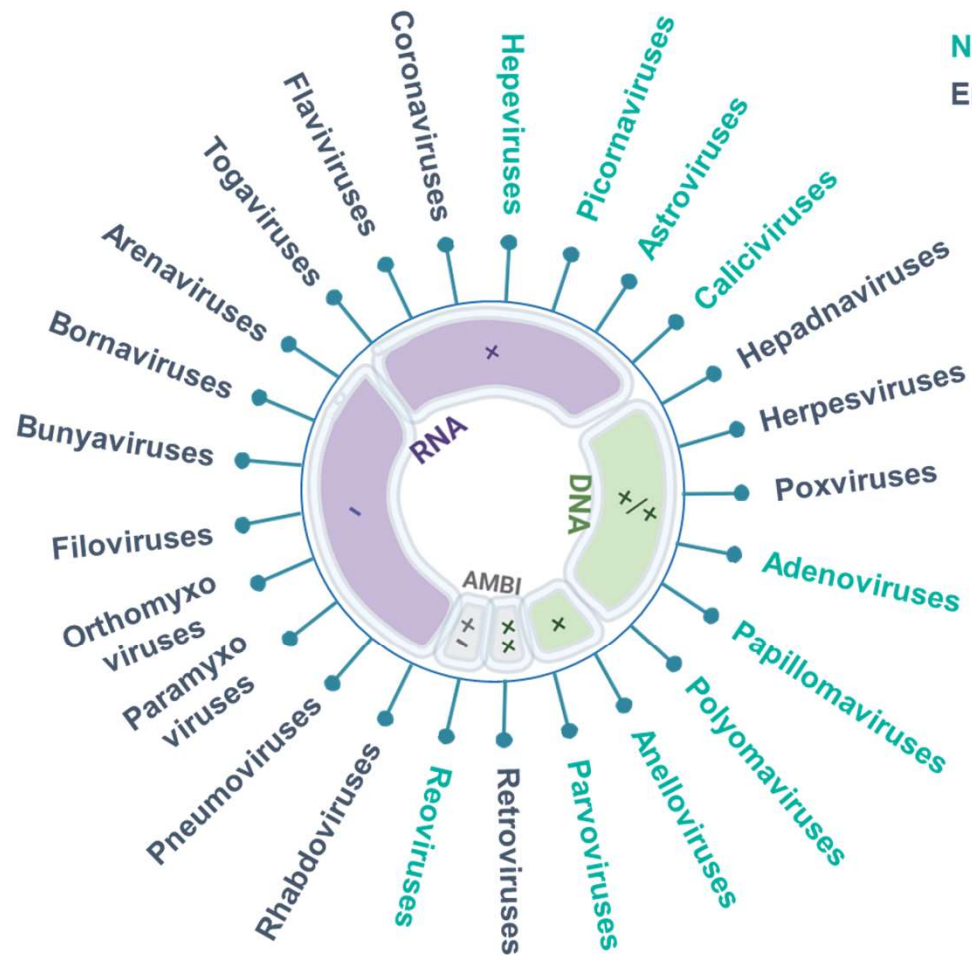


- Basic research to identify prototype categories
- Define transmission, pathogenicity, immunity
- Develop prototype vaccines through Phase 1

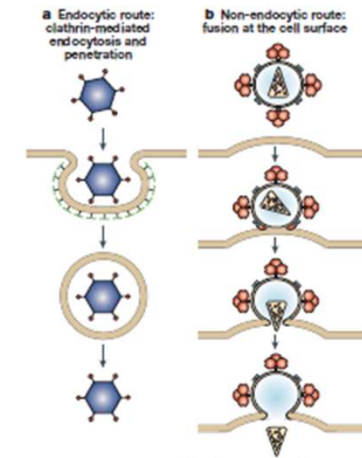
# How do we categorize pathogens to define “prototypes”?

		<u>Pandemic Potential</u>	
		High	Moderate
<u>Existing Resources or Existing Countermeasures</u>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orthomyxoviridae</li> <li>• Coronaviridae</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retroviridae</li> <li>• Poxviridae*</li> <li>• Papillomaviridae*</li> <li>• Hepadnaviridae*</li> </ul>
	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bunyavirales order                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arenaviridae</li> <li>• Phenuiviridae</li> <li>• Peribunyaviridae</li> <li>• Hantaviridae</li> <li>• Nairoviridae</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Filoviridae</li> <li>• Flaviviridae</li> <li>• Paramyxoviridae</li> <li>• Togaviridae</li> <li>• Picornaviridae</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arteriviridae</li> <li>• Pneumoviridae</li> <li>• Herpesviridae</li> <li>• Bornaviridae</li> <li>• Rabdoviridae</li> <li>• Adenoviridae</li> <li>• Anelloviridae</li> <li>• Astroviridae</li> <li>• Caliciviridae</li> <li>• Hepeviridae</li> <li>• Parvoviridae</li> <li>• Picobirnaviridae</li> <li>• Reoviridae</li> <li>• Polyomaviridae</li> </ul>

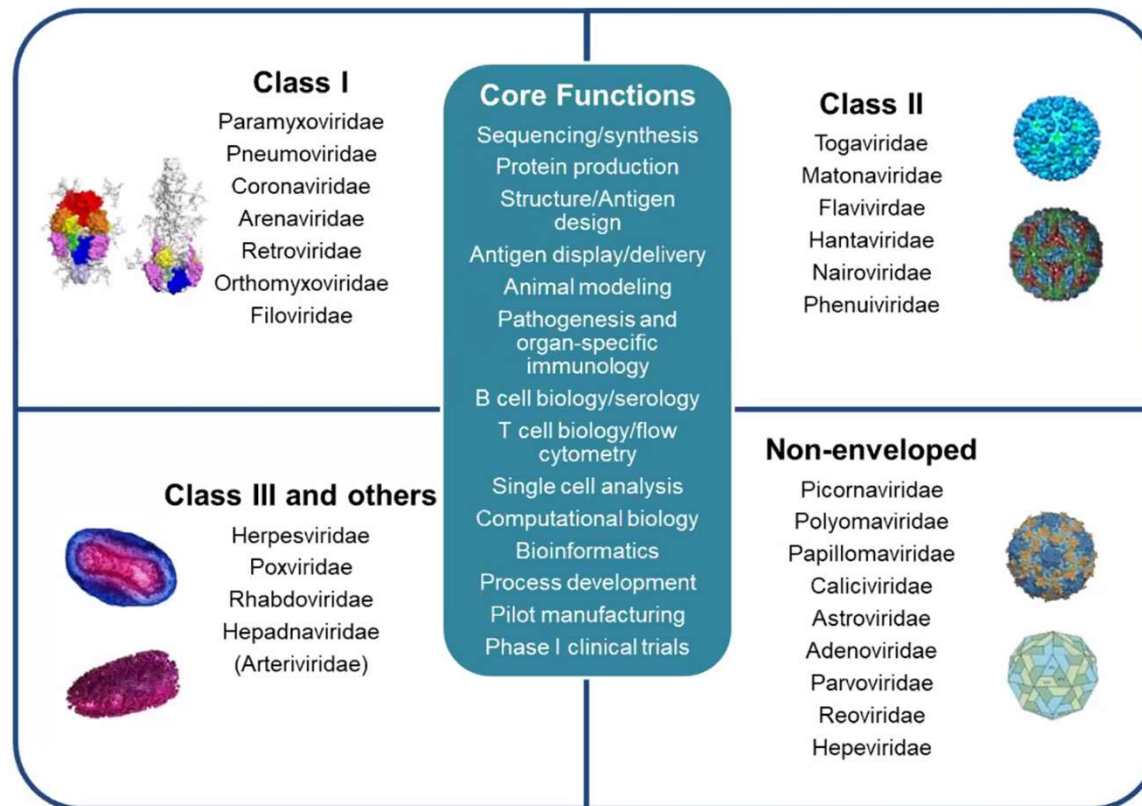
# Virus features that can inform prototype design



## Entry mechanism

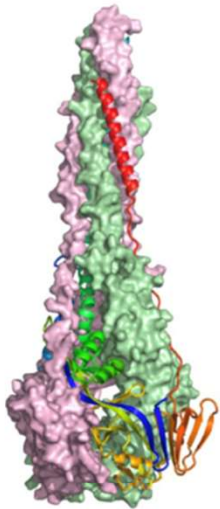


# Virus entry mechanisms as basis for prototype design



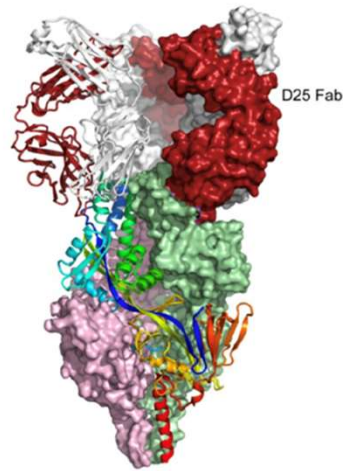
# Design target antigen prototype

RSV F



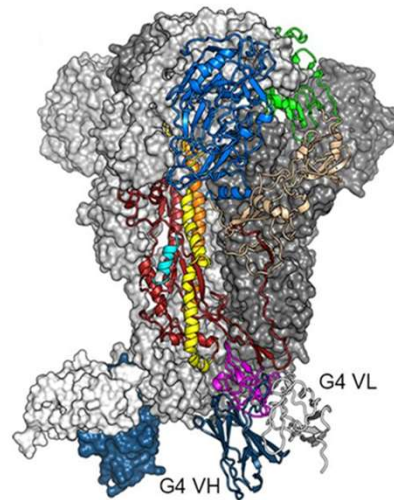
post-fusion

RSV F



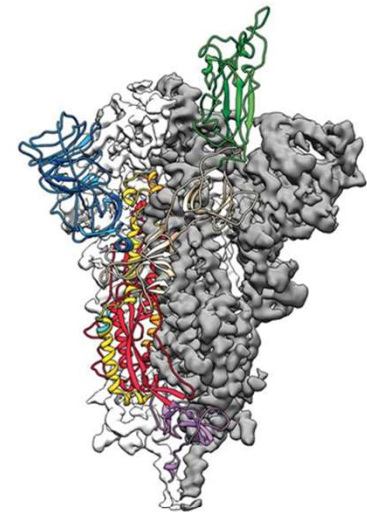
Stabilized prefusion  
(complex with D25 mAb)

MERS-CoV S-2P



Stabilized prefusion  
(complex with G4 mAb)

SARS-CoV-2 S-2P



Stabilized prefusion

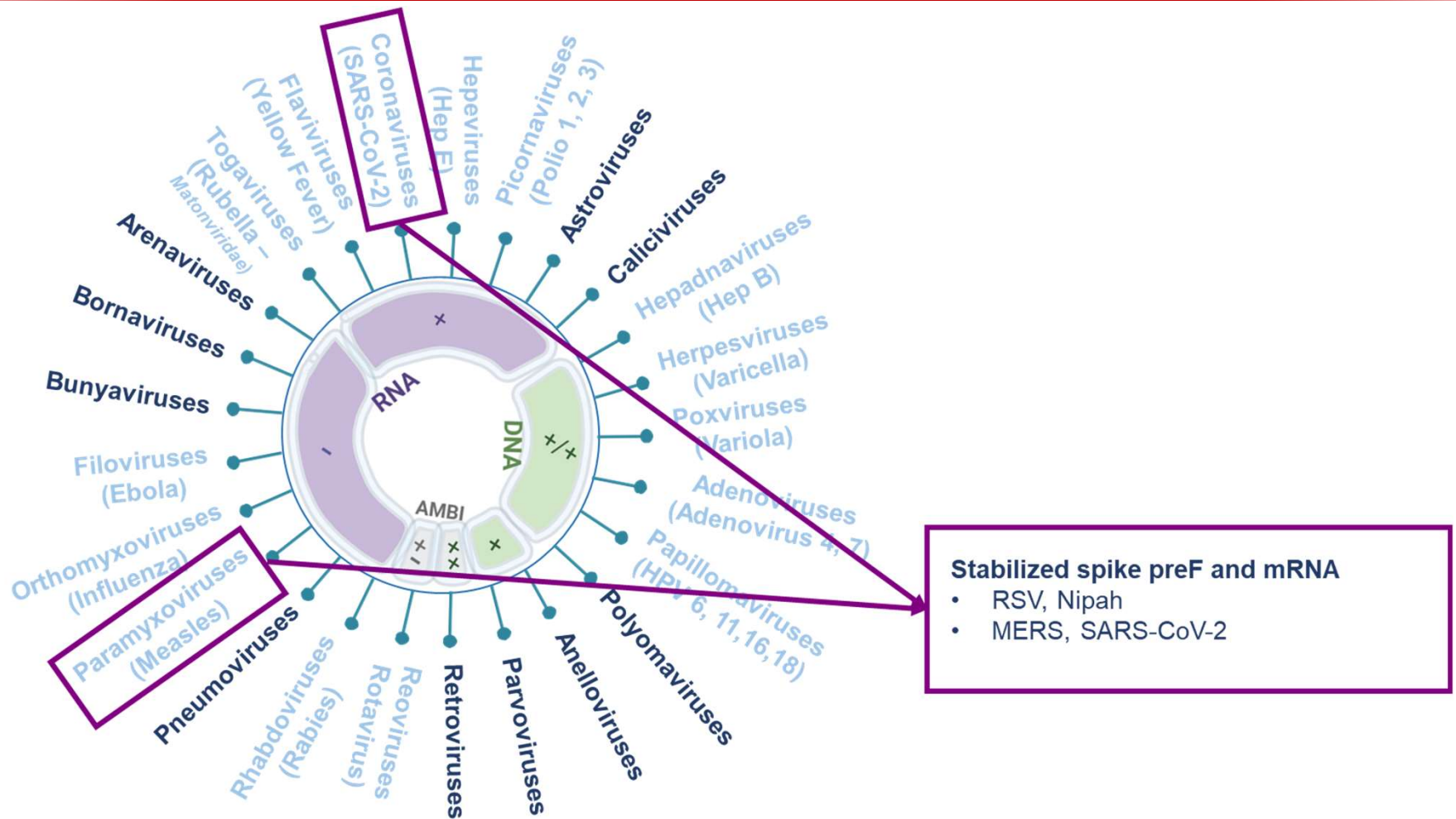
*McLellan et al, Curr Top Microbiol Immunol, 2013*

*Pallesen et al, PNAS, 2017*

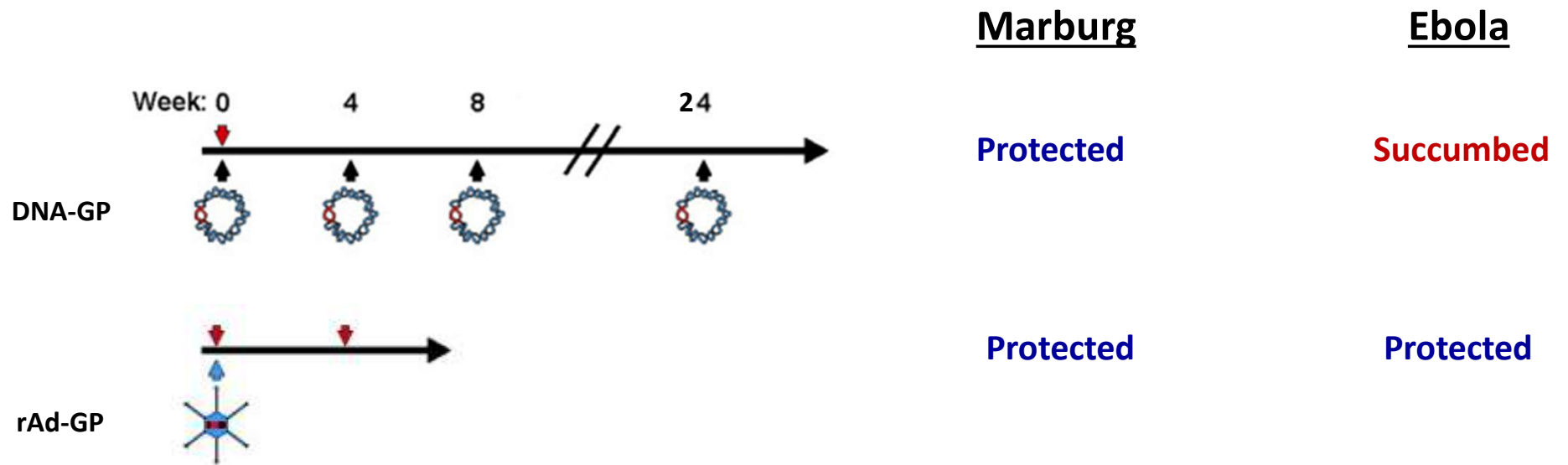
*Wrapp et al, Science, 2020*



# Prototypes may span virus families



## Filoviruses: “Prototypes” may not protect across virus family

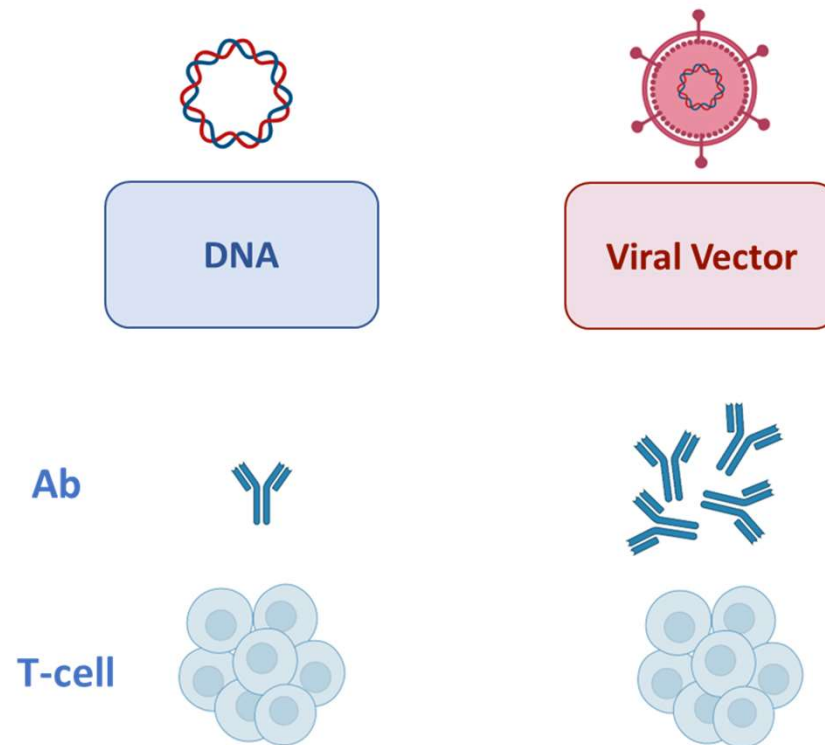


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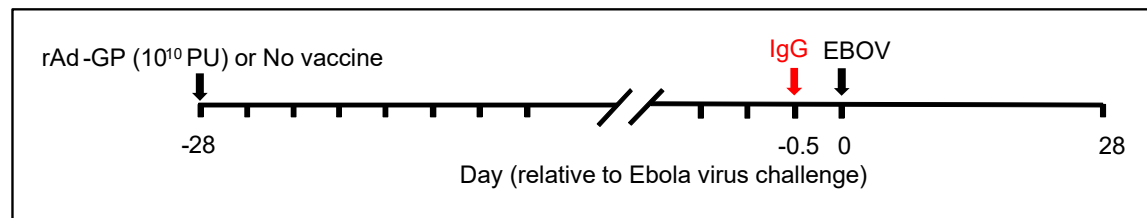


# Vaccine vector-specific immune skewing

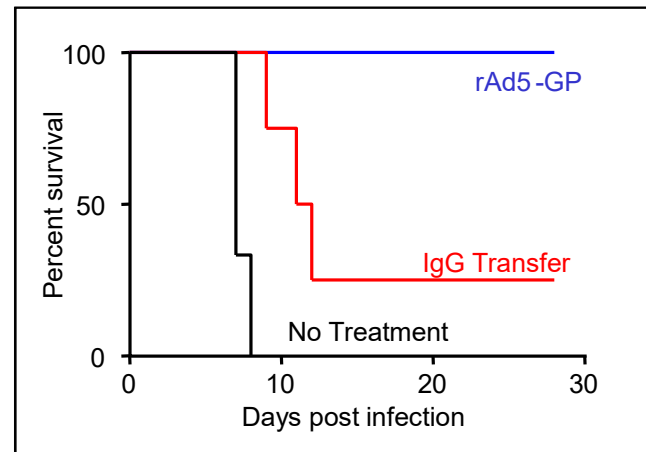
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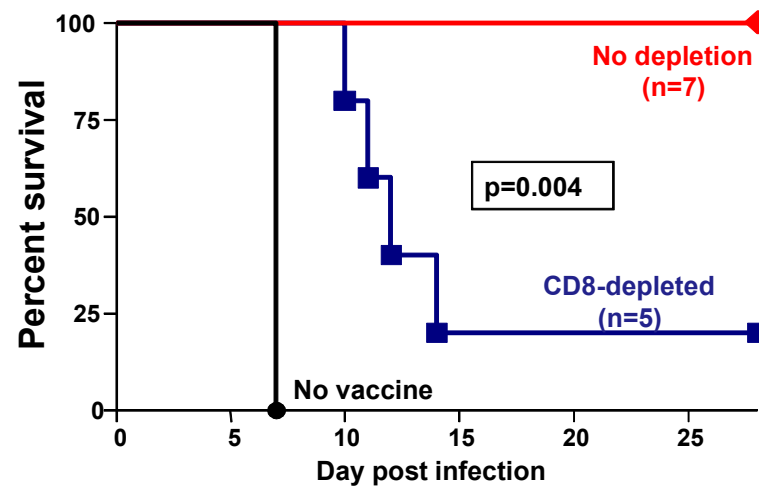
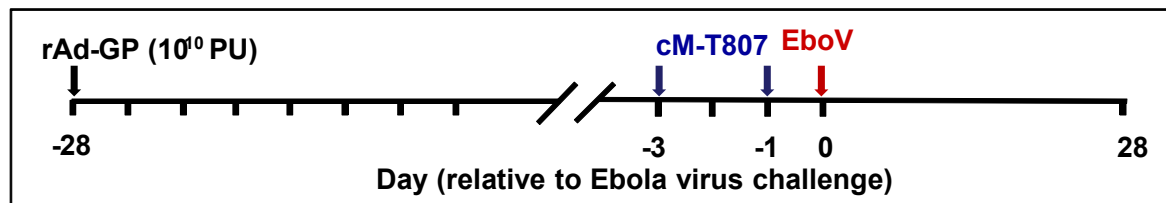
# Antibodies are not sufficient for protection by rAd5-GP against Ebola infection



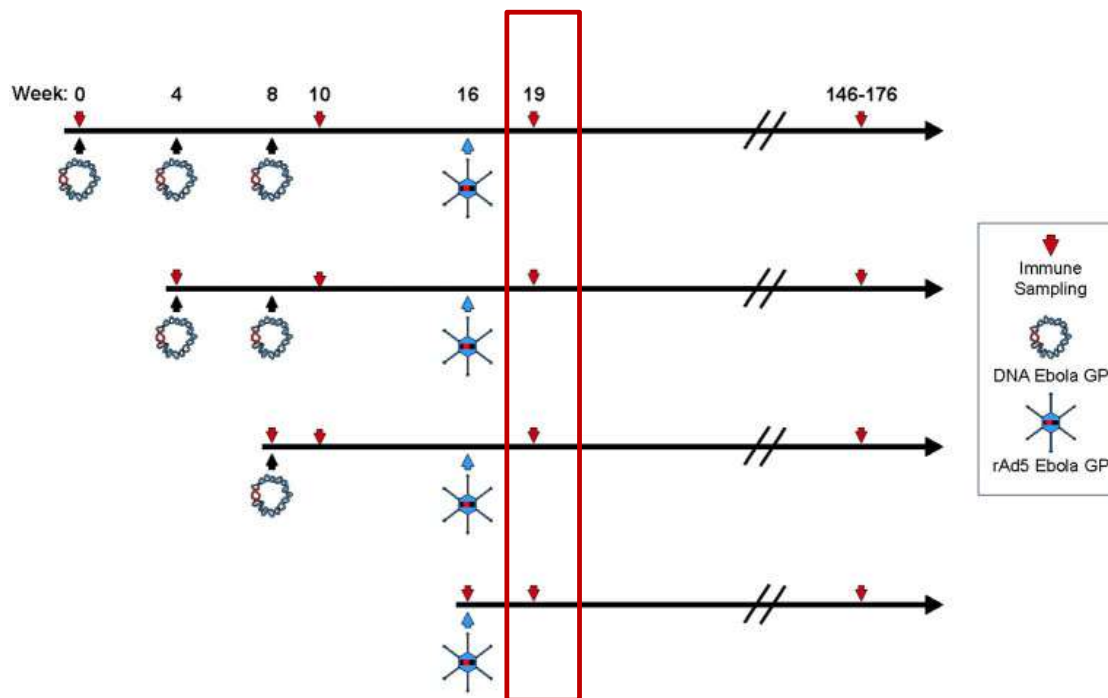
Subject	Vaccine	Treatment	ELISA Ab
A03859	rAd5-GP	None	3300
A02012	rAd5-GP	None	3000
A05856	rAd5-GP	None	3300
A03669	None	EBOV-IgG	22600
A02750	None	EBOV-IgG	16600
A03860	None	EBOV-IgG	23800
A05830	None	EBOV-IgG	23200
A01693	None	None	0
A02024	None	None	0
A05853	None	None	0



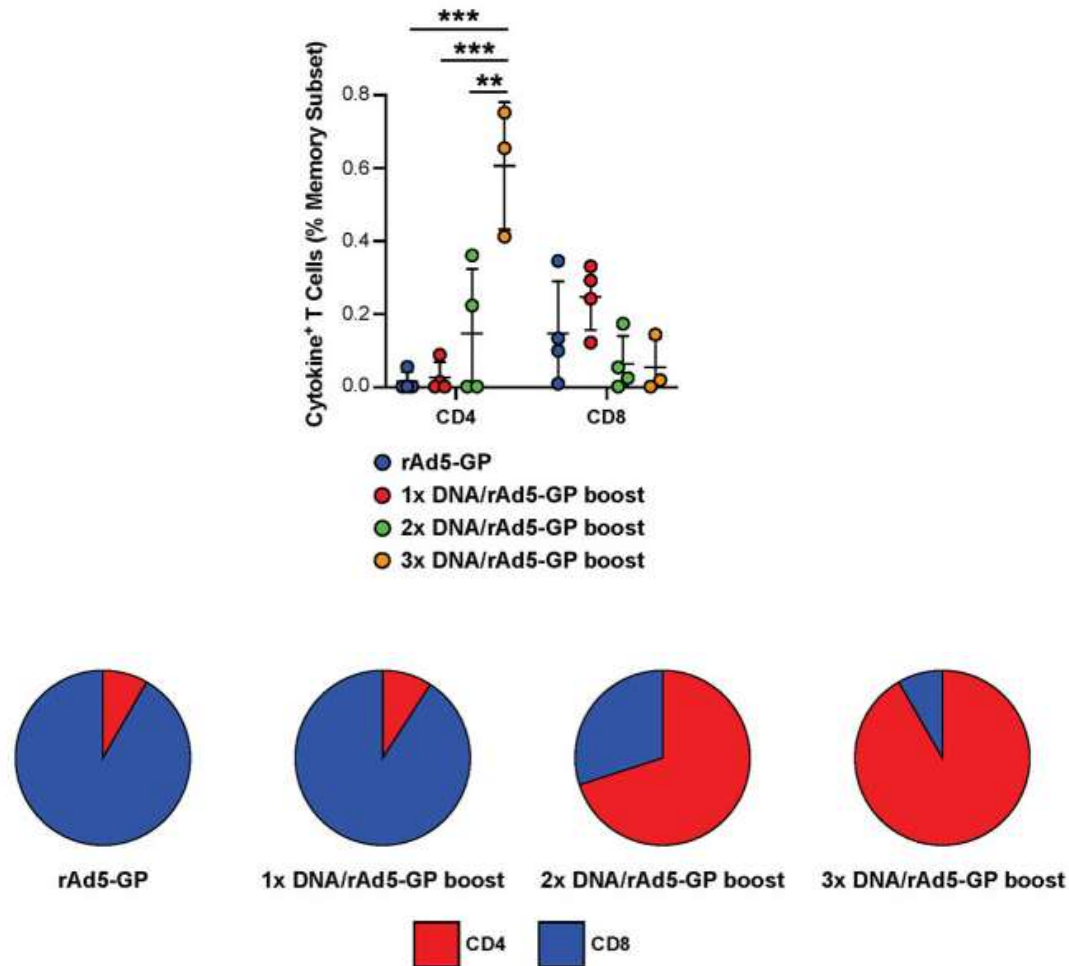
## CD8+ T-cells are required for rAd-GP Ebola vaccine protection



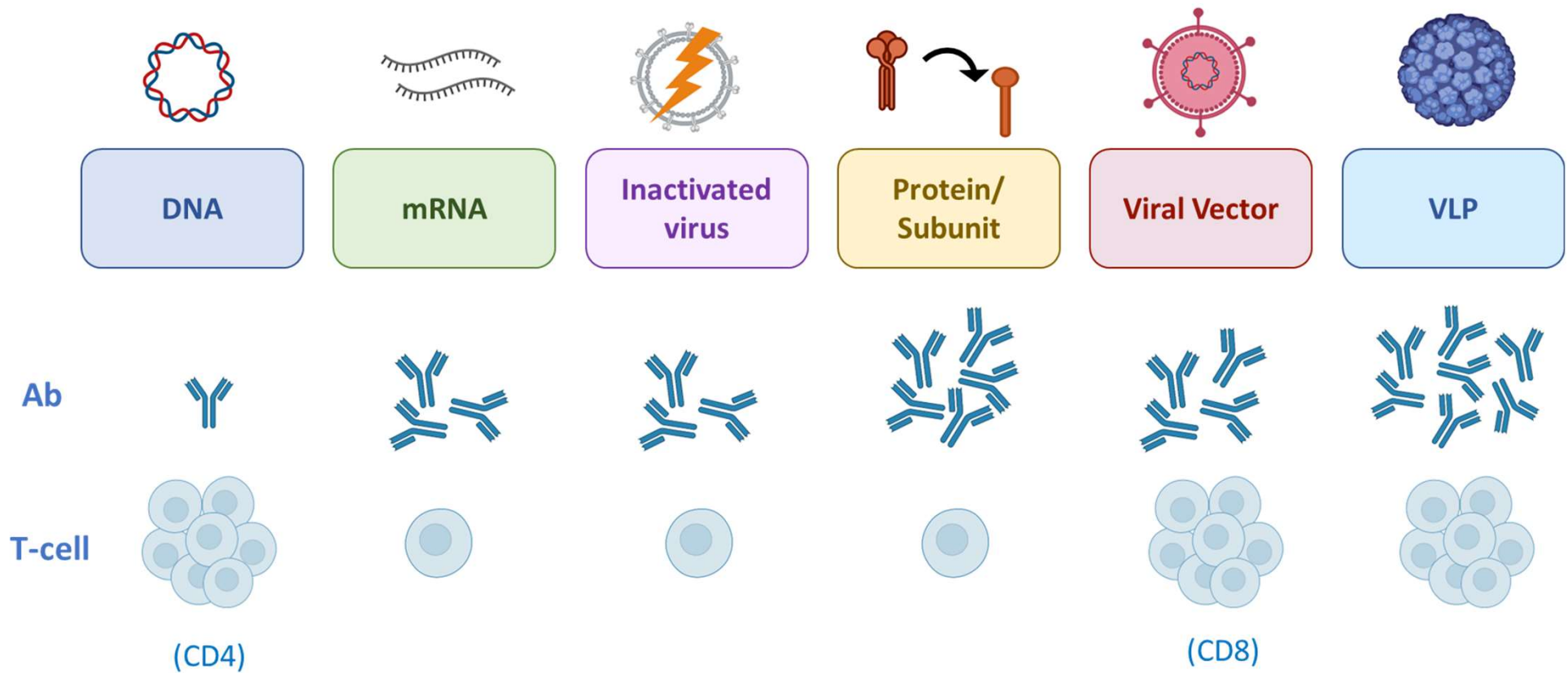
## Vaccine vector choice to “tune” immune responses



## DNA Primes Tune the Dominance of Post Boost Responses from CD8+ to CD4+ T-Cells

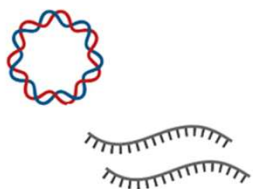


## Choice of vaccine platform to “tune” immune response





# Vaccine platform technologies help define prototypes

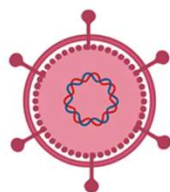


## Genetic Immunization

**DNA and RNA**

Licensed vaccine:  
**- SARS-CoV-2**

**Ebola, Nipah  
WNV, Zika  
MERS, SARS-CoV-2  
Influenza**



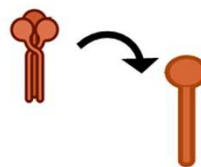
## Viral Vectors

**Ex. VSV, Adenovirus  
(replicating or not)**

Licensed vaccine:  
**- Ebolavirus**

**Ebola  
Marburg  
Sudan**

Nanoparticles Influenza



## Protein/Subunit

**Protein with  
adjuvants (Ex. MF59,  
ASO1)**

Licensed vaccine:  
**- Influenza**

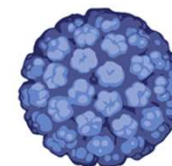
**SARS-CoV-2  
HIV  
Measles, Mumps**



## Killed/Inactivated virus

**Virus inactivated by  
heat/chemicals**

Licensed vaccine:  
**- Polio, Rabies**



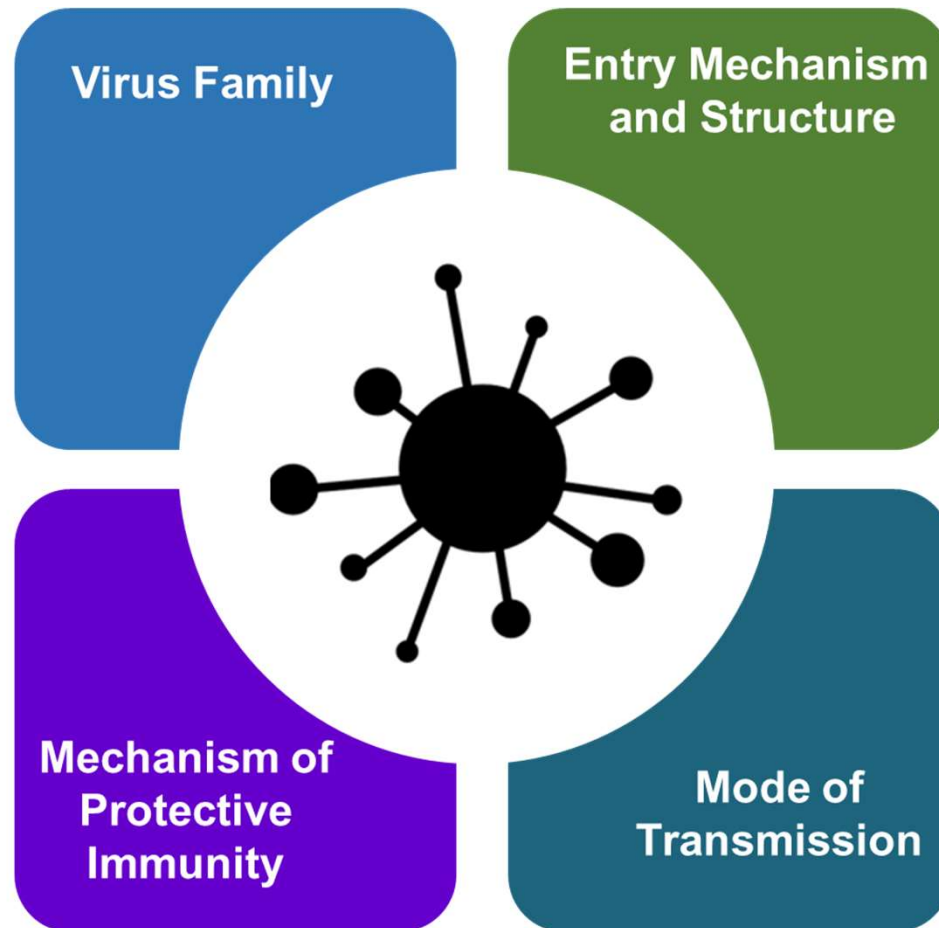
## Virus-like particles

**No genome; non  
infectious**

Licensed vaccine:  
**- HepB**

**Chikungunya  
WEE  
VEE  
EEE**

## Prototype Vaccines – Scientific Approach



- ~120 viruses known to infect humans with potential for epidemic outbreaks
- Strong basic and clinical research builds encyclopedia of prototypes

## Summary

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1. Vaccine prototype antigen designs can cross virus families
2. Choice of “family” prototype should account for differences in immune clearance mechanisms
3. Vaccine vector combinations can be used to “tune” immune responses
4. A comprehensive prototype program requires definition of immune mechanism, replication, pathogenesis and transmission