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Nasıl bir dünyada yaşıyoruz

Pandemi ne zaman biter

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# Nasıl bir dünyada yaşıyoruz

Is the COVID-19 Pandemic an inevitable product of the "Publish-or-Perish" mentality that's turning both academia and popular journalism into factory farms whose primary goal is monetization – not the public good?

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# Impact of community masking on COVID-19: A clusterrandomized trial in Bangladesh

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## The Bangladesh Mask study: a Bayesian perspective

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covid infection. Given that the results of the study have been used explicitly to justify continuing or reintroducing aspects of mask mandates in the USA, UK and elsewhere, the study paper in Science needs to be corrected or withdrawn.

#### **Editor's Choice**

#### The curious case of the Danish mask study

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A study of 6,000 Danes was set to reveal whether wearing a face mask actually reduces the risk of COVID-19. The only problem is leading medical journals are refusing to publish the data, and the study's lead author hinted it's because they're not "*brave enough*" to do it.



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A Randomized Controlled Trial

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#### RESEARCH

# Impact of non-pharmaceutical interventions against COVID-19 in Europe in 2020: a quasi-experimental non-equivalent group and time series design study

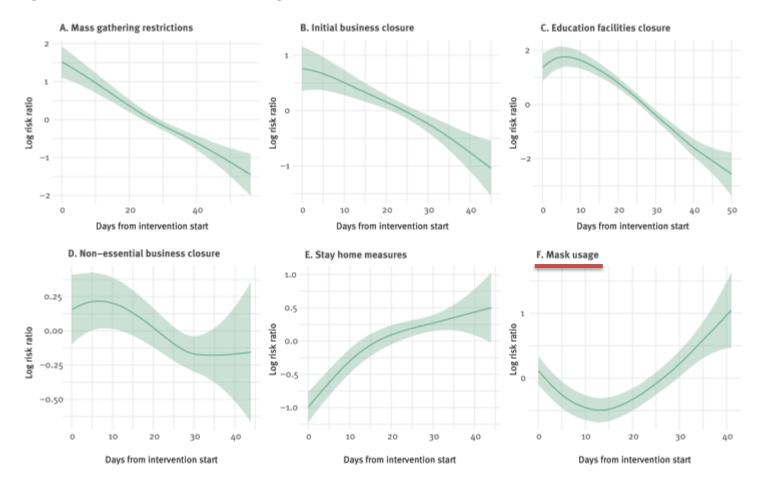
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impact. **Conclusions:** Our findings are that <u>schools</u> and some <u>non-essential businesses</u> operating 'as normal' as well as allowing mass gatherings were incompatible with suppressing disease spread. Closure of all businesses and stay at home orders are less likely to be required to keep disease incidence low. Our results help identify what were the most effective non-pharmaceutical interventions in this period.

#### FIGURE 2

Incidence rate ratios (cases) following implementation of country-level, non-pharmaceutical control measures and daily reported COVID-19 case numbers, 30 European countries, 2020



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# Lung mucosal immunity: immunoglobulin-A revisited

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# 1. Upper respiratory tract (nose, oropharynx, larynx)

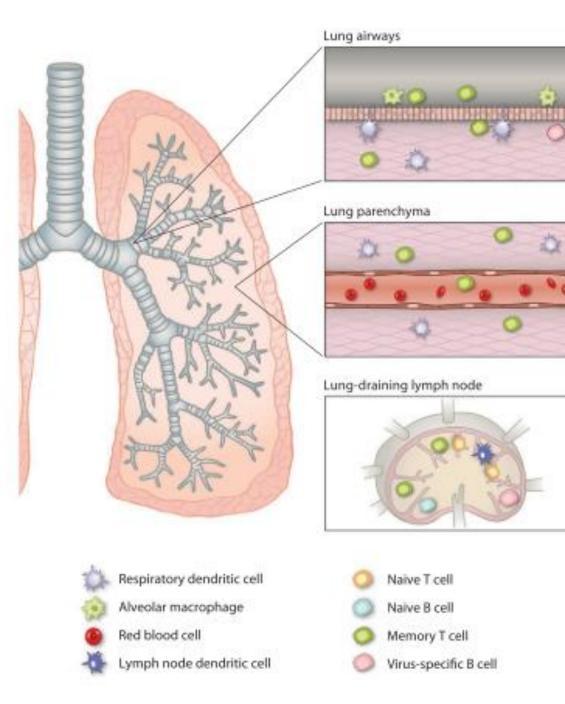
Mechanical Complement Proteases Lactoferrin Secretory immunoglobulin (Ig-A and IgM)

# 2. Lower respiratory tract (tracheobronchial tree)

Mucociliary clearance - Cough Bronchial-associated lymphoid tissue (BALT) Secretory IgA and IgM

# 3. Lung parenchyma (alveoli and lung interstitium)

Surfactant products (SP-A, SP-B, SP-D) Phagocytic cellular mechanisms Resident alveolar macrophages



# Immunity to Respiratory Viruses

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Annu. Rev. Immunol. 2009. 27:61-82

**Epithelial cells**, as well as alveolar macrophages and **dendritic cells (DCs)**, continually sample the constituents of the airway lumen and detect the presence of an invading virus through **pattern-recognition receptors** (PRRs)

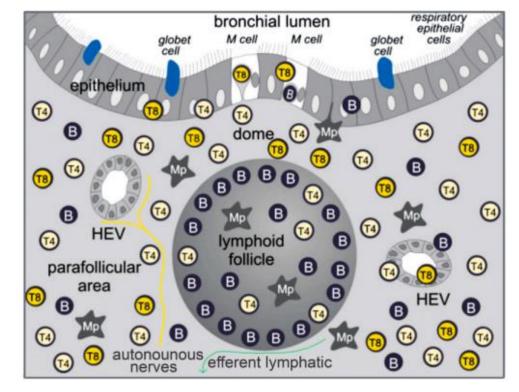
The recognition of pathogen-associated molecular patterns by these receptors initiates a cascade of signals that results in the production of cytokines and chemokines. The release of these inflammatory mediators into the surrounding environment alerts the innate immune system to the presence of infection and establishes a **localized antiviral state** 



The bronchus-associated-lymphoid tissue (BALT) an unique lymphoid organ in man and animals

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ABSTRACT: Mucosal defence mechanisms are critical in preventing colonization of the respiratory tract by pathogens and penetration of antigens through the epithelial barrier. Recent research has now illustrated the active contribution of the respiratory epithelium to the exclusion of microbes and particles, but also to the control of the inflammatory and immune responses in the airways and in the alveoli. Epithelial cells also mediate the active transport of polymeric immunoglobulin-A from the lamina propria to the airway lumen through the polymeric immunoglobulin receptor. The role of IgA in the defence of mucosal surfaces has now expanded from a limited role of scavenger of exogenous material to a broader protective function with potential applications in immunotherapy. In addition, the recent identification of receptors for IgA on the surface of blood leukocytes and alveolar macrophages provides an additional mechanism of interaction between the cellular and humoral immune systems at the level of the respiratory tract.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

# Influenza vaccination in the elderly: 25 years follow-up of a randomized controlled trial. No impact on long-term mortality

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essentially untested messenger RNA vaccines. For the first time in history medical treatment, protocols are not being formulated based on the experience of the physicians treating the largest number of patients successfully, but rather individuals and bureaucracies that have never treated a single patient—including Anthony Fauci, Bill Gates, EcoHealth Alliance, the CDC, WHO, state public health officers and hospital administrators.<sup>[23,38]</sup>

# PANDEMİ

DSÖ Bülteni - 4 May 2009

"An influenza pandemic may occur when a new influenza virus appears against which the human population has no immunity."

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#### Pandemic influenza: certain uncertainties

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| Date             | Described   | Reference      |
|------------------|---|----------------|
| Ancient, undated | Mentioned by Hebrew writers                           | [205]          |
| 1194–1184 вс     | Trojan war; 9-day epidemic; horses/dogs affected      | [68,90,92,206] |
| 713 вс           | Host of Sennacherib, Assyrian epidemic in 185 000 men | [92]           |
| 430-425 вс       | The "Plague of Athens" described by Thucydides        | [13]           |
| 415 вс           | Fatal epidemic in the Athenian army in Sicily         | [3,5,207]      |
| 393 вс           | Epidemic during the Carthaginian siege of Syracuse    | [75]           |
| 212 вс           | Epidemic during the Second Punic War                  | [208]          |
| 591–592 ad       | Epidemic "extreme cough" over "the whole earth"       | [71]           |

| Year | Virus | Nickname      | Descriptions   |
|------|-------|---------------|--|
| 1918 | H1N1  | Spanish flu   | "devastating pandemic" (US CDC) <sup>40</sup>  |
|      |       |               | "severe" (US CDC) <sup>41</sup>  |
|      |       |               | "exceptional" (WHO)42  |
| 1957 | H2N2  | Asian flu     | "comparatively mild" (WHO) <sup>42</sup>   |
|      |       |               | "substantial pandemic" (WHO) <sup>17</sup>   |
|      |       |               | "severe" (US CDC)41  |
|      |       |               | "moderate" (US HHS) <sup>43</sup>  |
| 1968 | H3N2  | Hong Kong flu | "moderate" (US CDC) <sup>41</sup>  |
|      |       |               | "huge economic and social disruption" (UK DoH)44                                       |
|      |       |               | "mild" (WHO) <sup>45</sup>   |
|      |       |               | "substantial pandemic" (WHO) <sup>17</sup>   |
|      |       |               | "Few people who lived through it even knew it occurred."<br>(John Barry) <sup>46</sup> |
| 1977 | H1N1  | Russian flu   | "mild" (US CDC) <sup>41</sup>  |
|      |       |               | "benign pandemic" (WHO) <sup>17</sup>  |
| 2009 | H1N1  | Swine flu     | "moderate" (WHO) <sup>5,47</sup>   |
|      |       |               | "largely reassuring clinical picture" (WHO)48  |

#### Table 2. Descriptions of influenza outbreaks<sup>a</sup> that have carried the "pandemic" label

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# **How Pandemics End**

An infectious outbreak can conclude in more ways than one, historians say. But for whom does it end, and who gets to decide?

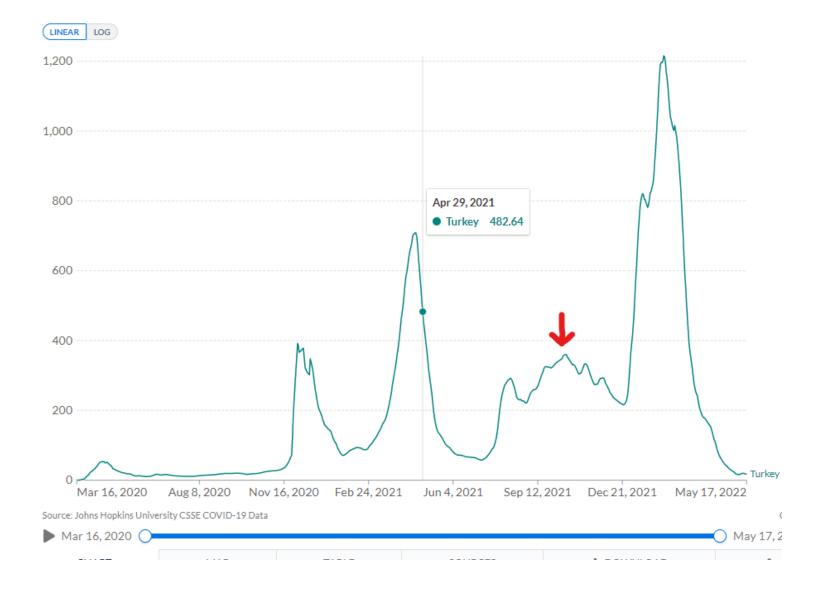
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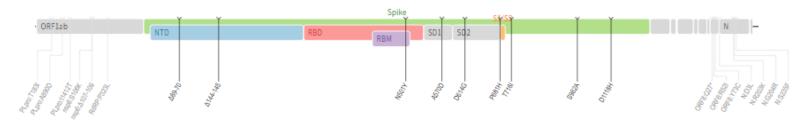
When will the Covid-19 pandemic end? And how?

According to historians, pandemics typically have two types of endings: the medical, which occurs when the incidence and death rates plummet, and the social, when the epidemic of fear about the disease wanes.

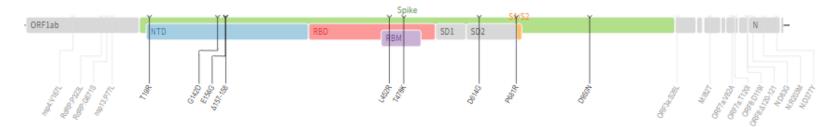
"When people ask, 'When will this end?,' they are asking about the social ending," said Dr. Jeremy Greene, a historian of medicine at Johns Hopkins.



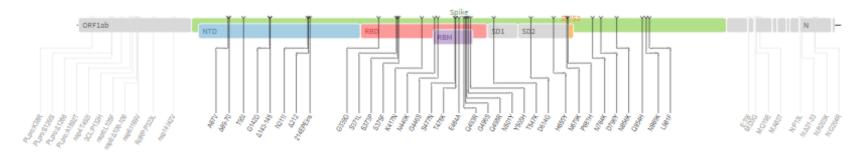
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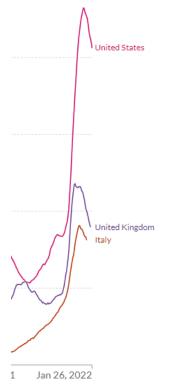


## Omicron



Prof. Dr. Haluk VAHABOGLU @HalukVAHABOLU · Jan 29 ··· omicron süratle yükselip süratle düşüyor. farklı ve yeni bir virüs gibi düşünmek lazım. oldukça hafif seyrediyor Herhangi bir aşı işe yaramıyor, C19 geçirenler bile hastalanabiliyor ve hafif geçiriyor.

omicrona yeni bir soğuk algınlığı virüsü gözüyle bakmak lazım.. Pandemi bitti



Gain of function experiments aim to improve the ability of a pathogen to cause disease. "Select agents" are biological agents and toxins that have the potential to pose a severe threat to public health and safety.

The "government's decision to suspend all gain-of-function experiments on a variety of select agents" refers to the Obama administration's <u>moratorium</u> on gain-of-function research, officially called the 2014 U.S. Government Deliberative Process Research Funding Pause on Selected Gain-of-Function Research Involving Influenza, MERS and SARS Viruses.

Baric, Zhengli and their team acknowledged in their <u>published study</u>.....that their work was allowed only because it was initiated before the 2014 funding pause on gain-offunction research involving SARS viruses, and also because the National Institutes of Health approved an exemption requested by the researchers.

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## Understanding the Risk of Bat Coronavirus Emergence

Project Number 1R01AI110964-01 Contact PI/Project Leader DASZAK, PETER Awardee Organization ECOHEALTH ALLIANCE, INC.

## Description

#### Abstract Text

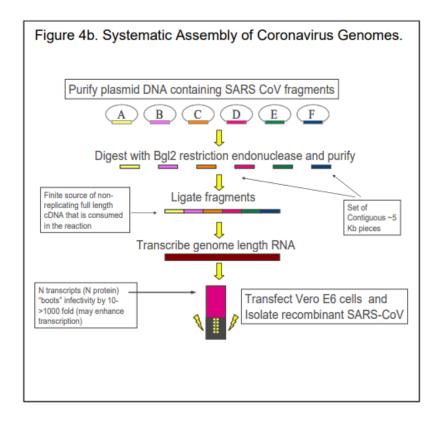
DESCRIPTION (provided by applicant): This project will examine the risk of future coronavirus (CoV) emergence from wildlife using investigations across the human-wildlife interface in China, molecular characterization of novel CoVs and host receptor binding do

## Synthetic Viral Genomics: Risks and Benefits for Science and Society

## **Ralph S. Baric**

## **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

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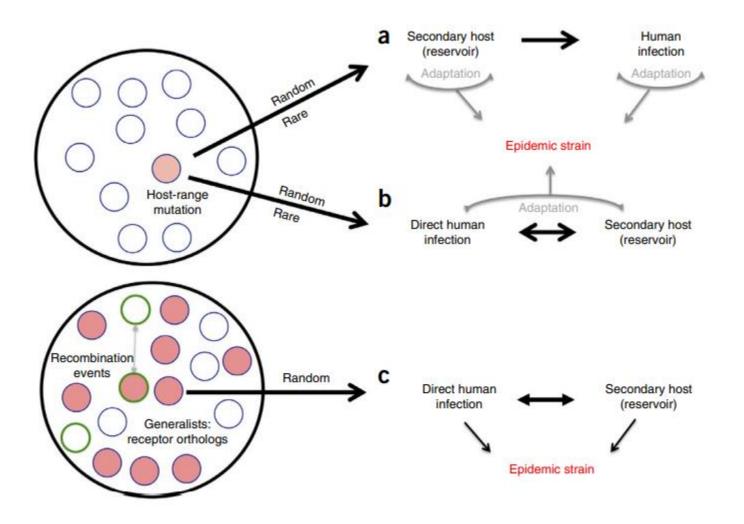


# A SARS-like cluster of circulating bat coronaviruses shows potential for human emergence

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Baric is known as the Coronavirus Hunter. Zhengli's nickname is Bat Woman.



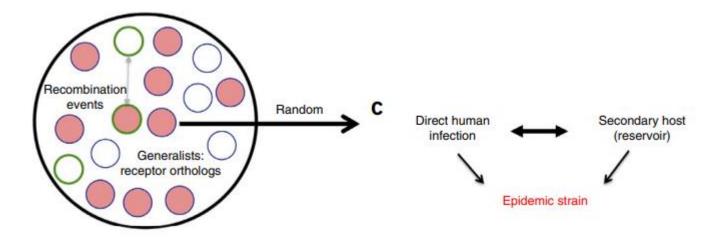
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# WHO's Six Pandemic Phases

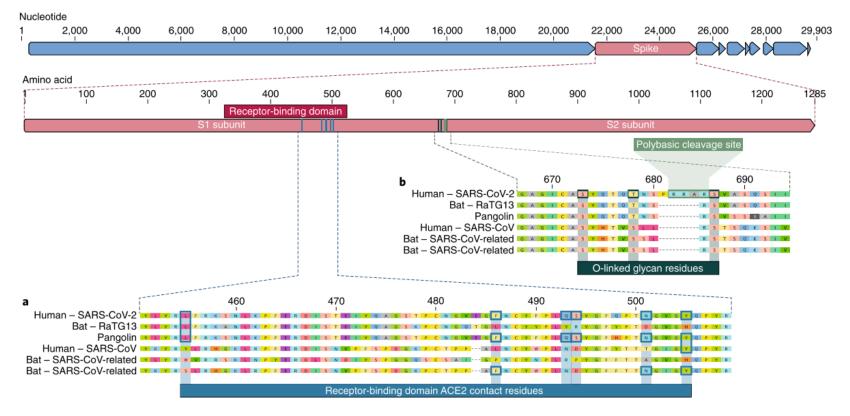
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- Phase 1, the virus circulates only within animals and no human infection has been
- Phase 2, the virus circulates in wild and domesticated animals and human infection has been reported
- Phase 3, sporadic cases and small clusters of disease in humans have been reported

World Health Organization. *WHO Pandemic Phase Descriptions and Main Actions By Phase*; available at <a href="http://www.who.int/influenza/resources/documents/pandemic\_phase\_descriptions\_and\_actions.pdf">http://www.who.int/influenza/resources/documents/pandemic\_phase\_descriptions\_and\_actions.pdf</a> (last accessed 11 Nov 2019).



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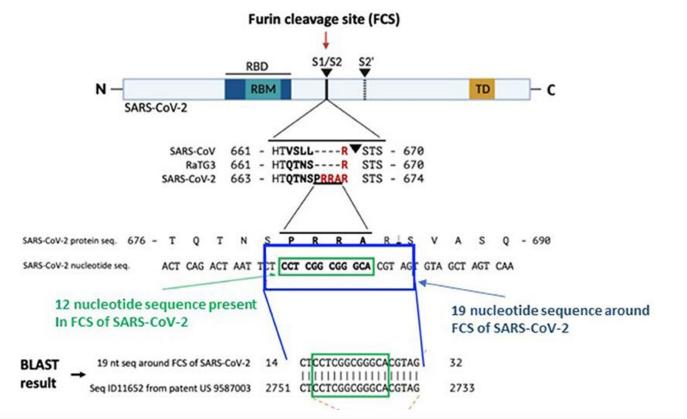
The genetic structure of SARS-CoV-2 does not rule out a laboratory origin

#### PERSPECTIVE article Front.Virol, 21 February 2022 | https://doi.org/10.3389/fwro.2022.834808

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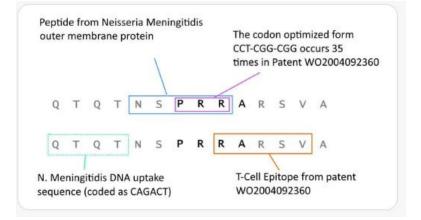
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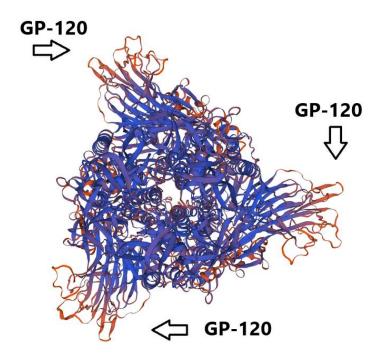
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The correlation between this SARS-CoV-2 sequence and the reverse complement of a proprietary mRNA sequence is of uncertain origin. Conventional biostatistical analysis indicates that the probability of this sequence randomly being present in a 30,000-nucleotide viral genome is  $3.21 \times 10^{-11}$  (Figure 2).

| Motifs      | Virus<br>Glycoprotein               | Motif Alignment                                       | HIV<br>protein<br>and<br>Variable<br>region | HIV<br>Genome<br>Source<br>Country/<br>subtype |
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| Insert<br>1 | 2019- nCoV (GP)<br>HIV1(GP120)      | 71 76<br>TNGTKR<br>TNGTKR<br>404 409                  | gp120-<br>V4                                | Thailand<br>*/<br>CRF01_<br>AE                 |
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| Insert<br>4 | 2019- nCoV (Poly<br>P)<br>HIV1(gag) | 676 684<br>QTNS————————————————————————————————————   | Gag   | India*/C                                       |







# HIV-1 gp120: A Target for Therapeutics and Vaccine Design

Authors: Cicala, Claudia; Nawaz, Fatima; Jelicic, Katija; Arthos, James; S. Fauci, Anthony Source: Current Drug Targets, Volume 17, Number 1, 2016, pp. 122-135(14)

# **PROPOSAL: VOLUME I**

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Project DEFUSE: Defusing the Threat of Bat-borne Coronaviruses

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We will analyze all SARS-CoV § gene sequences for appropriately conserved proteolytic cleavage sites in 52 and for the presence of potential **furin** cleavage sites".

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SARS- CoV with mismatches in proteolytic cleavage sits can be activated by exogenous trypsin or cathepsin L Where clear mismatches occur, we wil **introduce** appropriate human specific cleavage sites and evaluate growth potential in Vero cel and HAE cultures.

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# Statement in support of the scientists, public health professionals, and medical professionals of China combatting COVID-19

We are public health scientists who have closely followed the emergence of 2019 novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and are deeply concerned about its impact on global health and wellbeing. We have watched as the scientists, public health professionals, and medical professionals of China, in particular, have worked diligently and effectively to rapidly identify the pathogen behind this outbreak, put in place significant measures to reduce its impact, and share their results transparently with the global health community. This effort has been remarkable.

We sign this statement in solidarity with all scientists and health professionals in China who continue to save lives and protect global health during the challenge of the COVID-19 outbreak. We are all in this together, with our Chinese counterparts in the nothing but create fear, rumours, and prejudice that jeopardise our global collaboration in the fight against this virus. We support the call from the Director-General of WHO to promote scientific evidence and unity over misinformation and conjecture.<sup>14</sup> We want you, the science and health professionals of China, to know that we stand with you in your fight against this virus.

We invite others to join us in supporting the scientists, public health professionals, and medical professionals of Wuhan and across China. Stand with our colleagues on the frontline!

We speak in one voice. To add your support for this statement, sign our letter online. LM is editor of ProMED-mail. We declare no competing interests.

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The Wuhan Connection: What did Charité Professor Christian Drosten know about risky virus experiments in China? / dpa

Origin of the coronavirus

# Drosten rows back: Dangerous experiments in Wuhan

At the beginning of the pandemic, Christian Drosten described the fact that the coronavirus could have come from a Chinese laboratory as a conspiracy theory. Now the Berlin star virologist admits: "Things were done in Wuhan that could be described as dangerous."



# Use of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza A(H5N1) Gain-Of-Function Studies for Molecular-Based Surveillance and Pandemic Preparedness

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(GOF). Influenza virus GOF studies have focused on several research areas: *in vitro* and/or *in vivo* replication in mammalian cell culture or animal hosts, adaptive mutations conferring changes in host susceptibility, alteration of receptor binding profiles and/or tropism for mammalian airway tissues, enhanced polymerase activity, changes in host antiviral response (e.g., cell signaling pathways), susceptibility to antiviral drugs, and pathogenesis and/or transmissibility in mammalian animal models. Such GOF experlecular basis for avian versus mammalian influenza virus receptor binding ( $\alpha 2,3$  versus  $\alpha 2,6$  sialylated glycans) has been elucidated largely through GOF experiments, and some recent studies that identified specific HA mutations conferring a switch from avian to mammalian host receptor specificity also demonstrated the impact of these mutations on the ability of H5N1 virus to more