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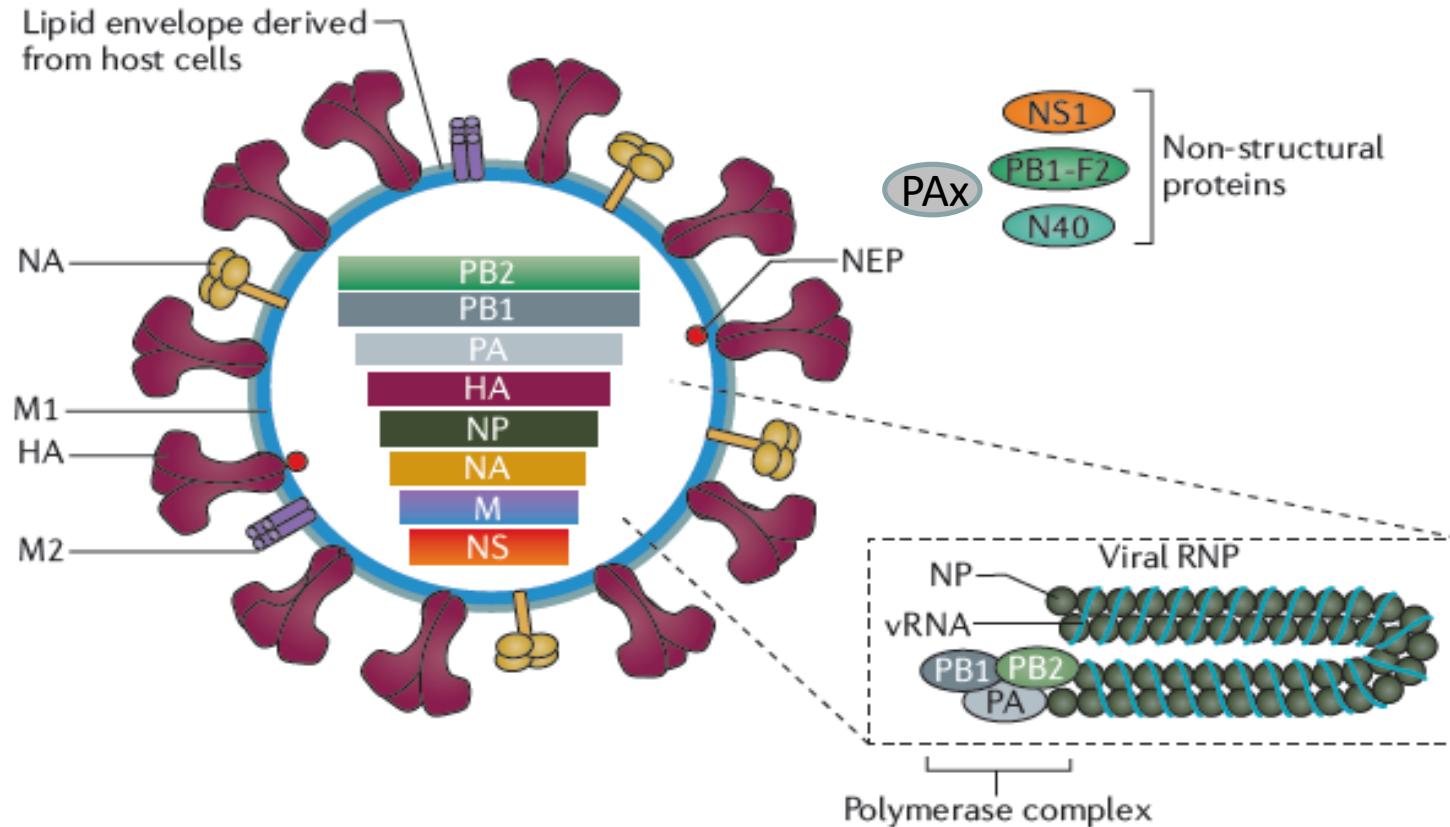
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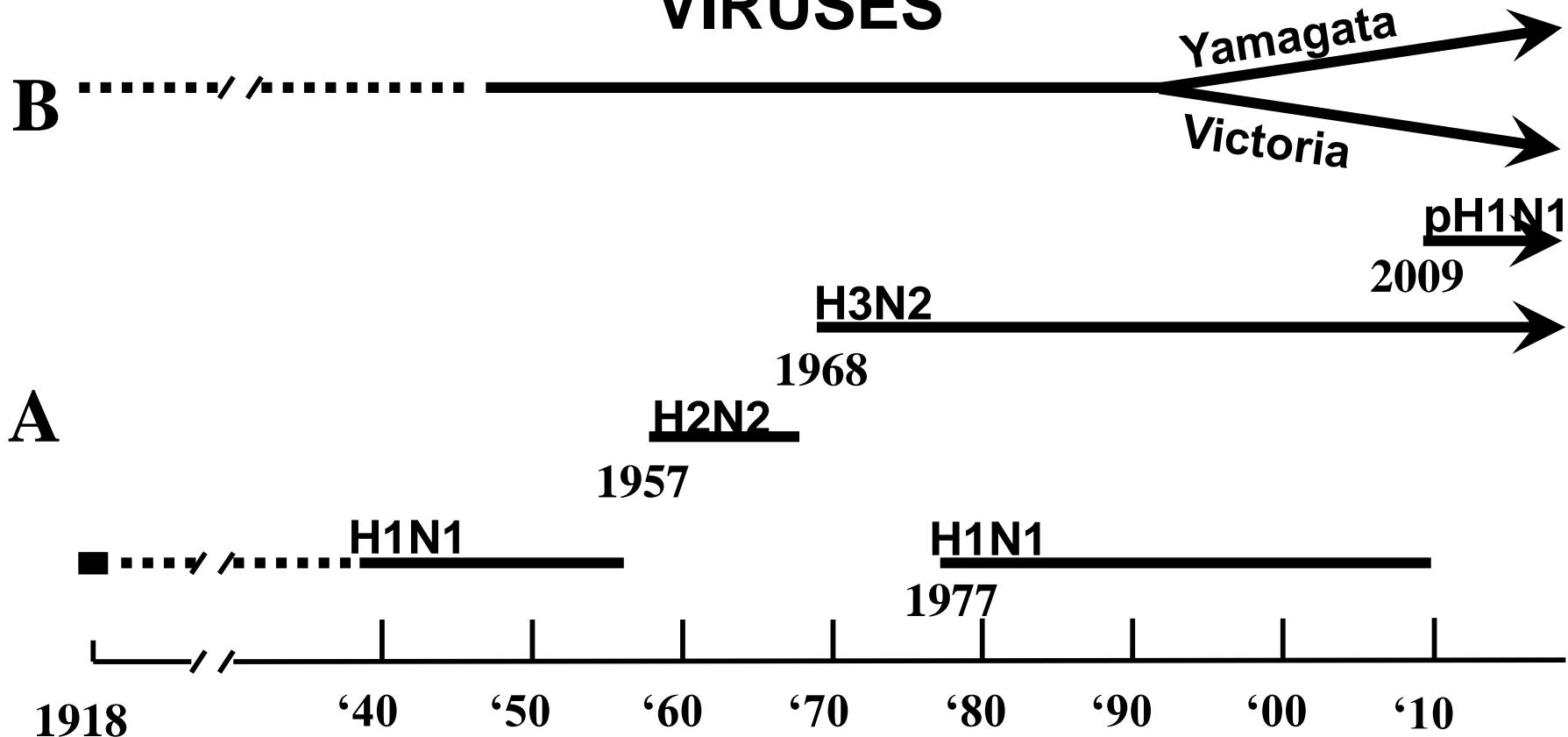
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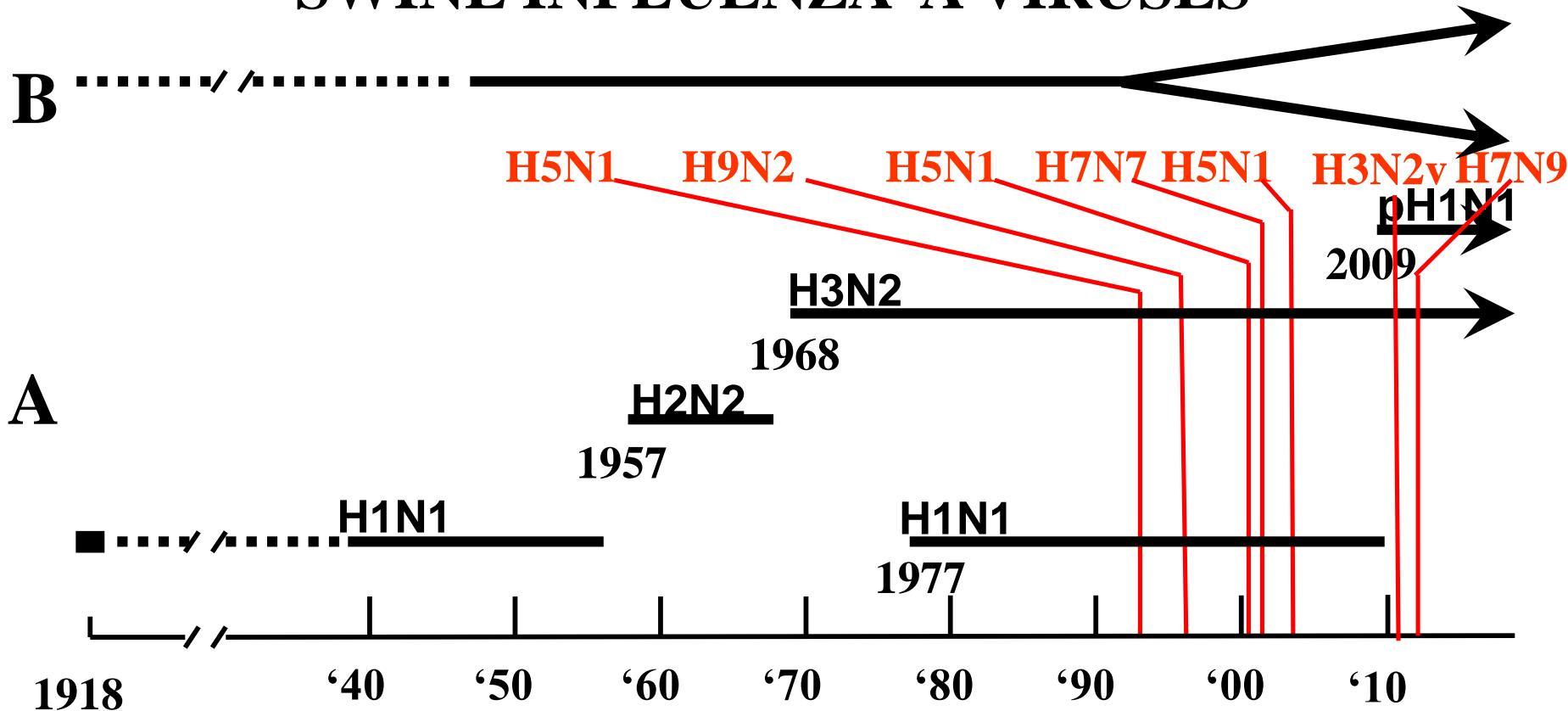
INFLUENZA VIRUSES



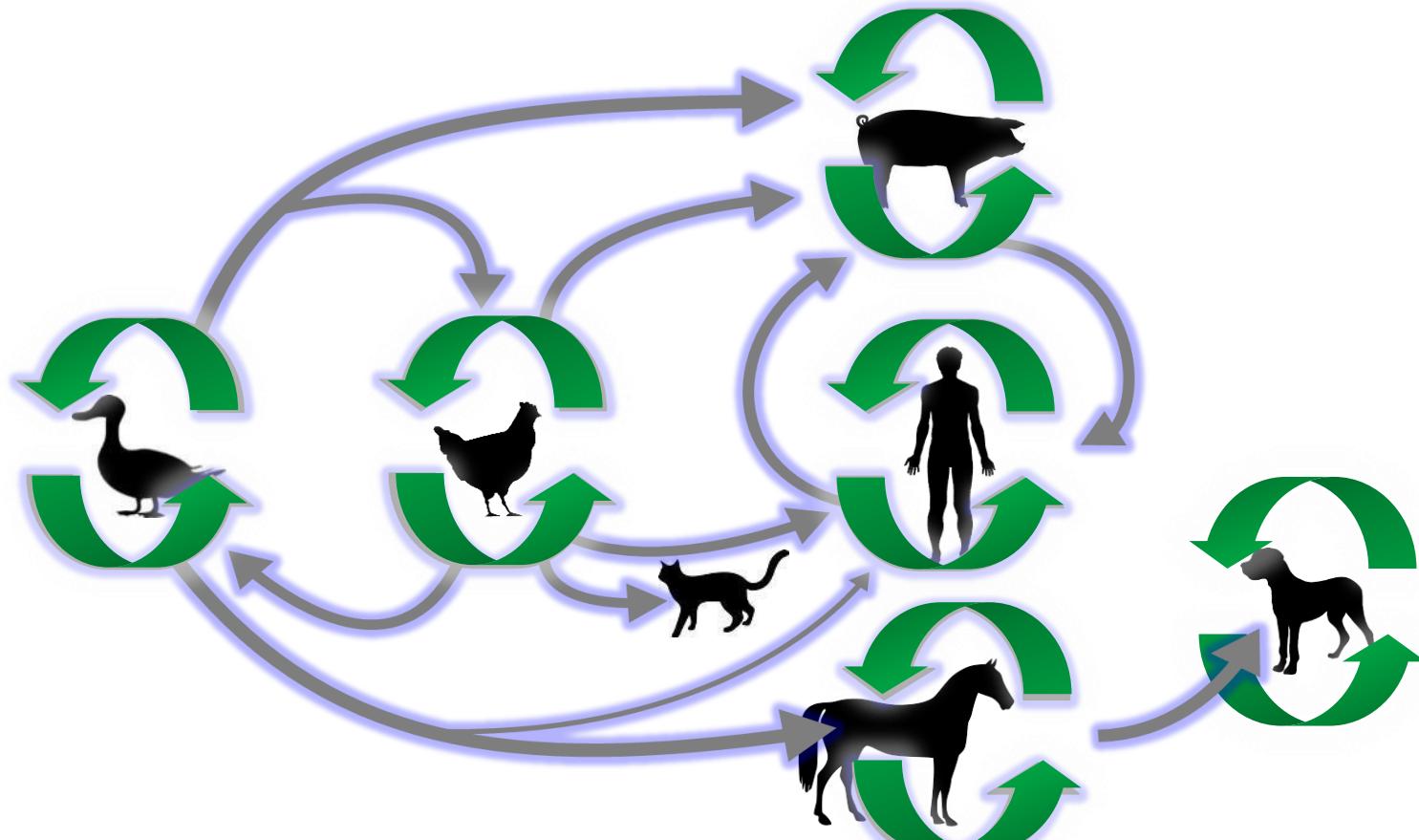
EPIDEMIOLOGY OF HUMAN INFLUENZA VIRUSES



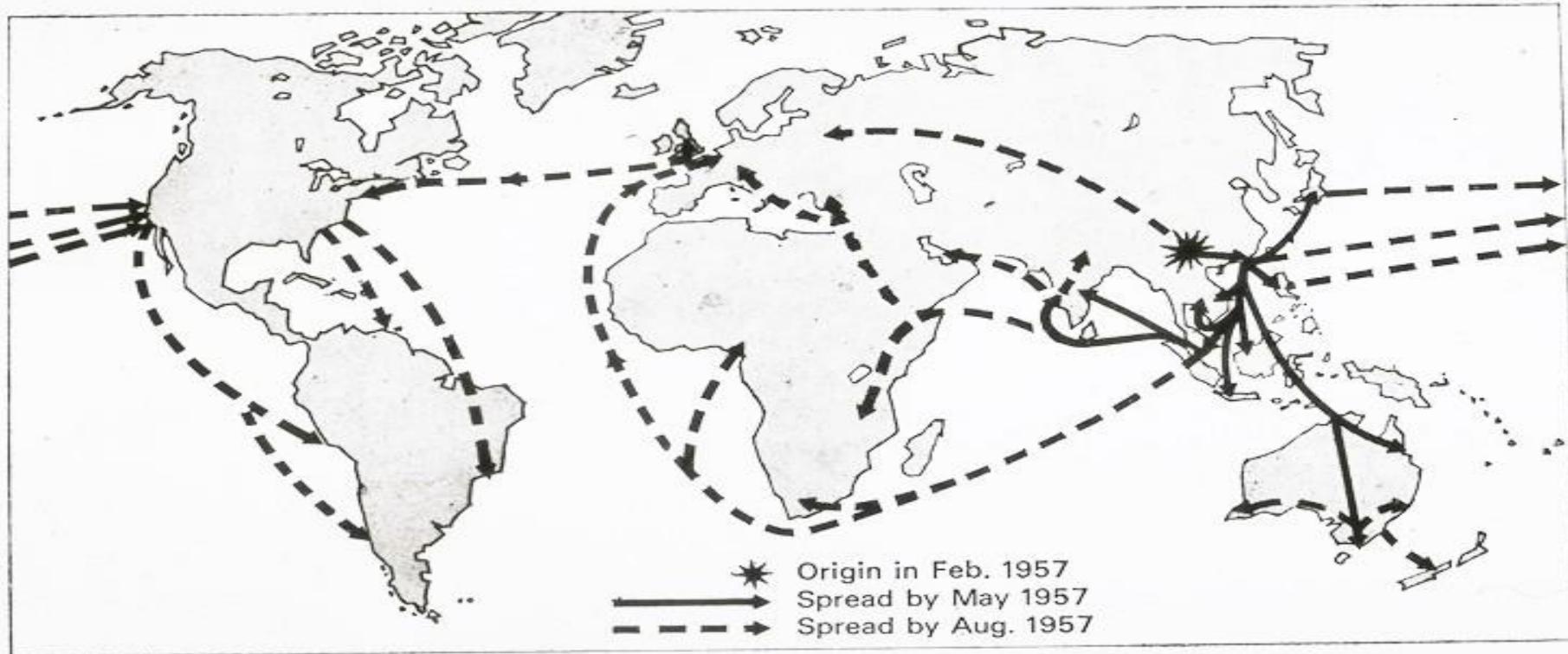
INFECTIONS IN HUMANS WITH AVIAN AND SWINE INFLUENZA A VIRUSES



Evolution and spread of flu viruses



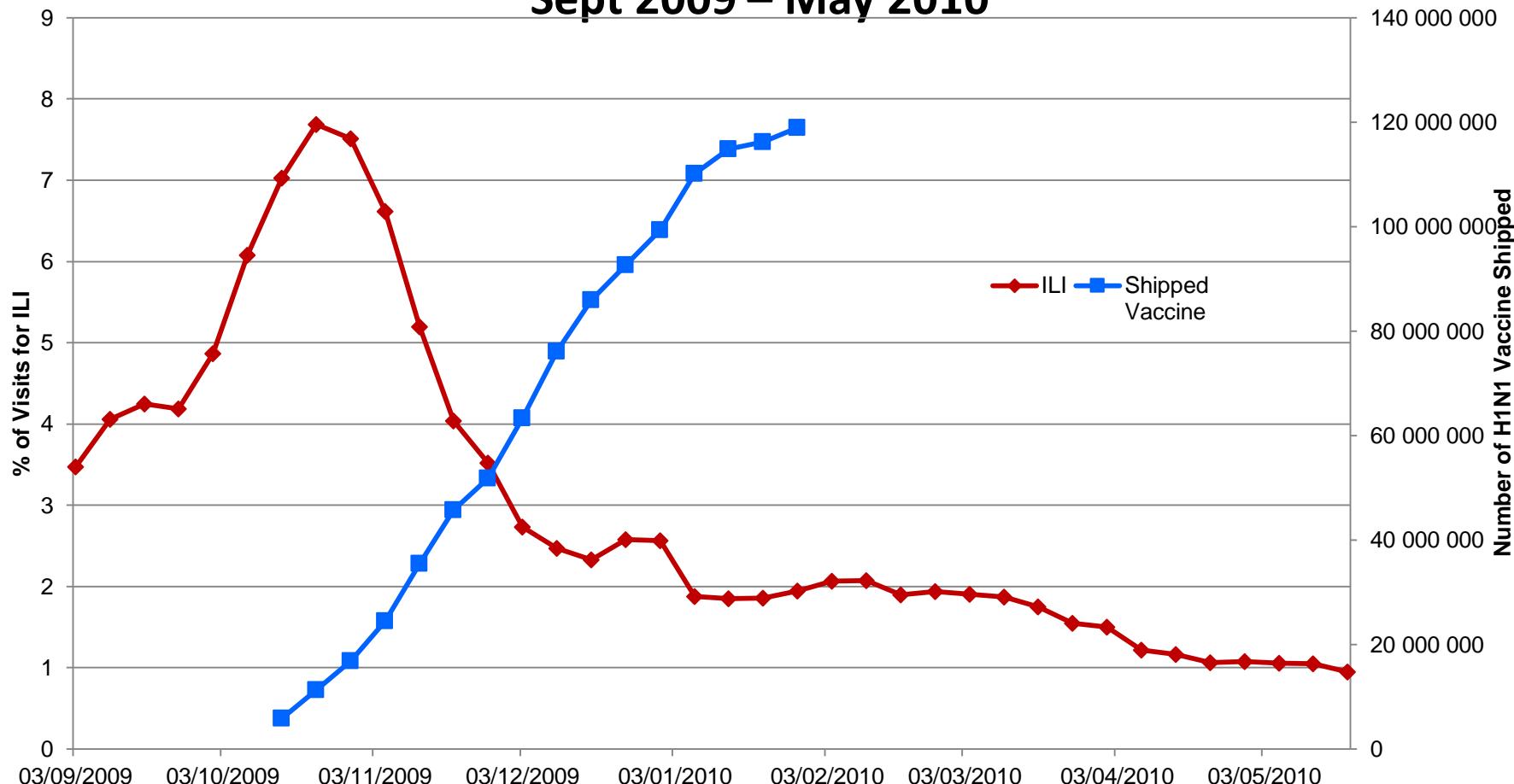
Spread of the pandemic H2N2 virus, 1957



The spread of Asian influenza around the world. It started in China in February 1957 and reached Hong Kong in April. The solid black lines indicate the spread up until May, the broken lines the spread up until August. (Data from Chronicle of World Health Organization, Sept. 1957.)

Pandemic H1N1 cases and vaccinations in US

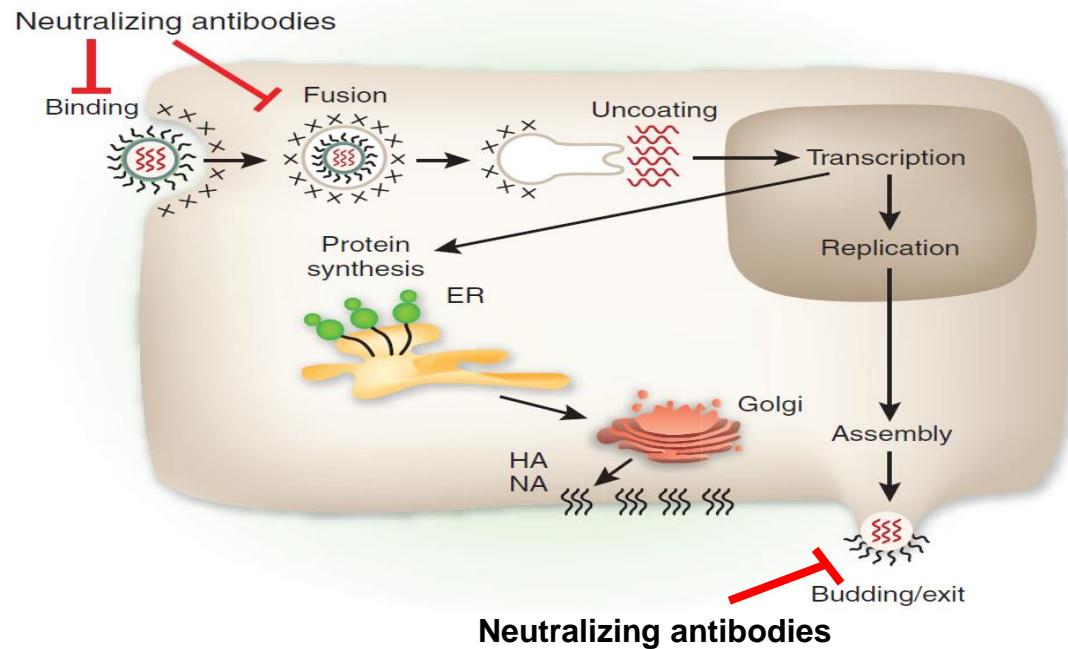
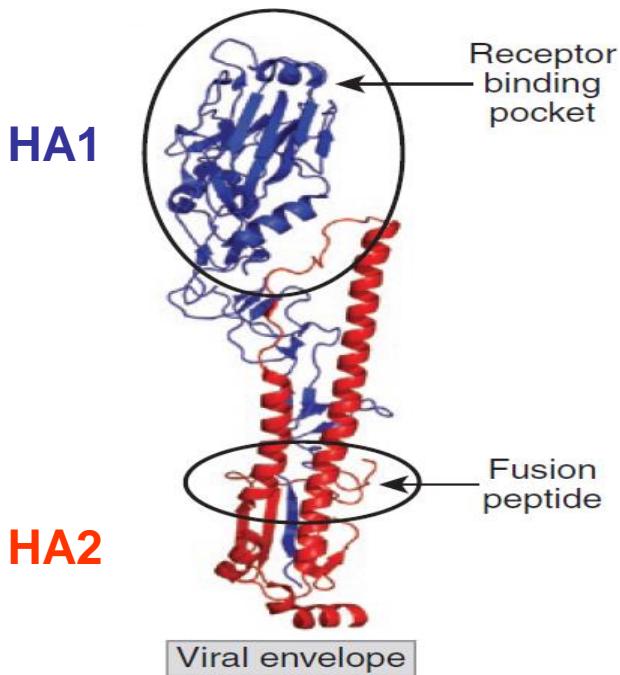
Sept 2009 – May 2010



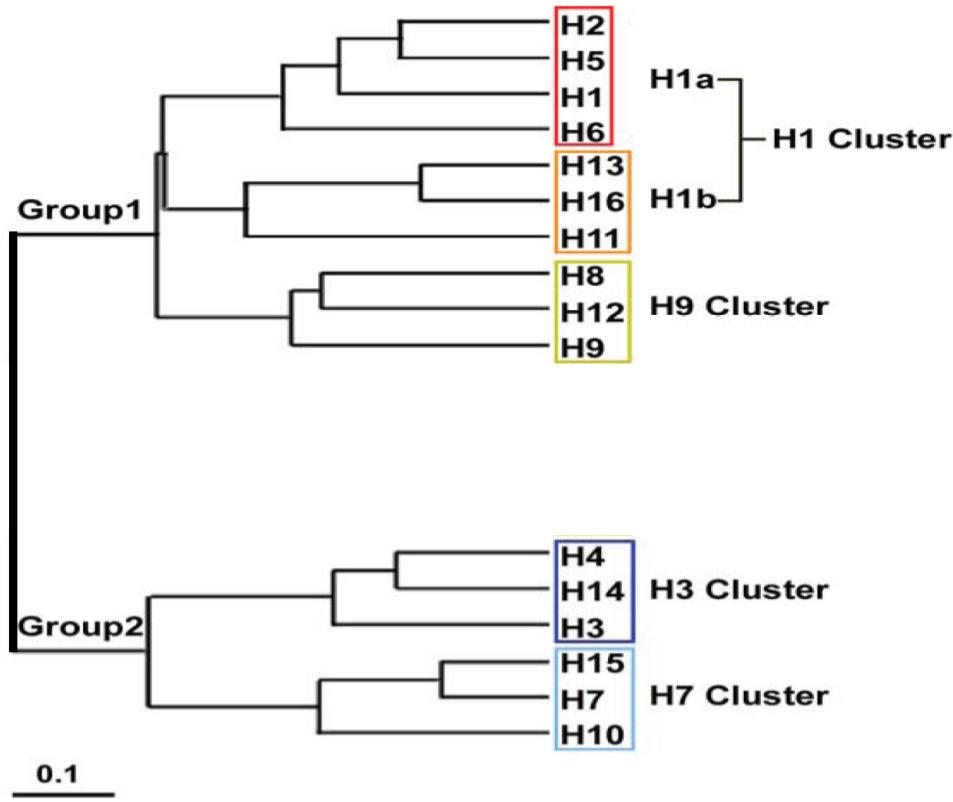
Source: CDC ILI and Vaccine Distribution Data

**Universal flu
vaccines?**

Neutralization of influenza viruses



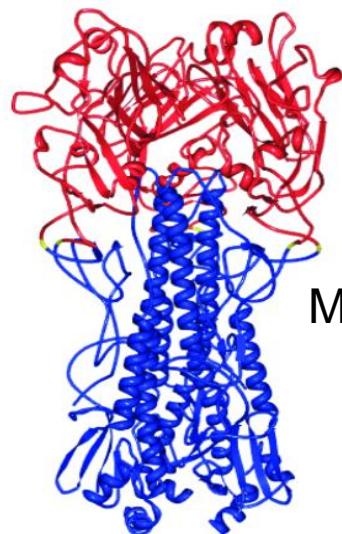
Hemagglutinin subtypes



HA-STEM BASED UNIVERSAL FLU VACCINES?

Strategies to overcome HA-head immunodominance

Head domain
(red)
Stalk domain
(blue)



1. Use of headless constructs

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UNIVERSAL FLU VACCINES?

2. Repeated vaccination with influenza virus chimeric HA vaccines induce protective antibodies against multiple subtypes of influenza virus.

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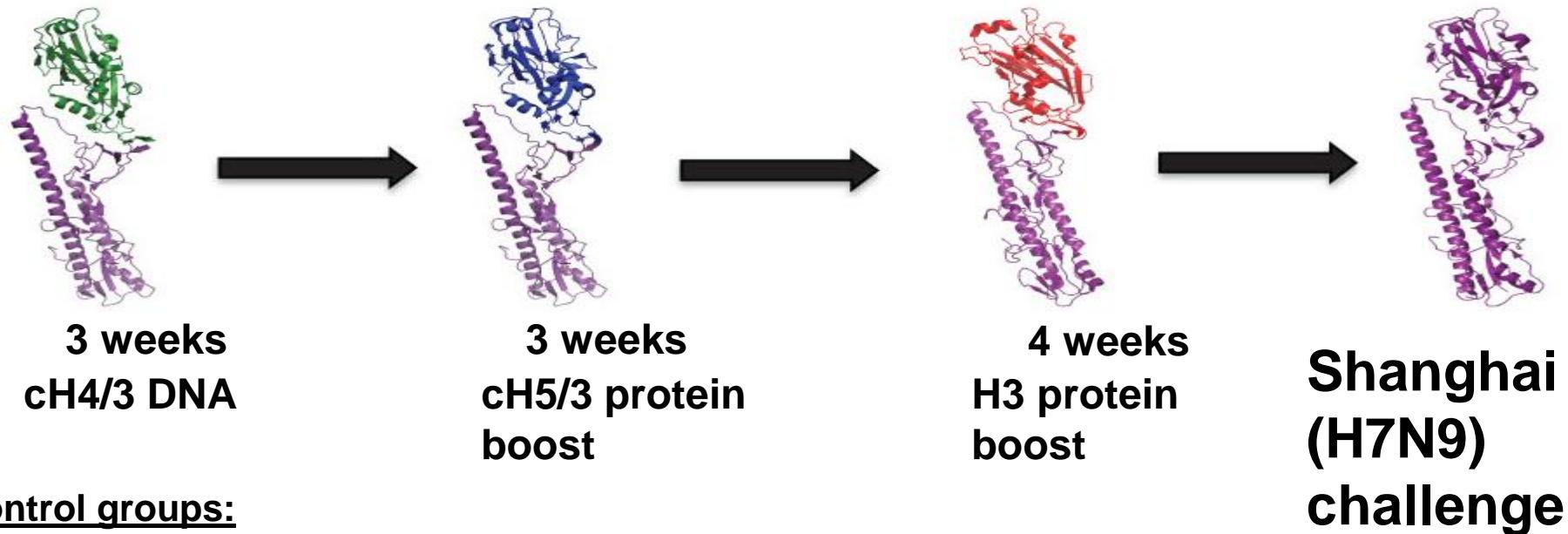
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Induction of protective levels of stalk-reactive antibodies using chimeric HA constructs in mice

Proof of principle



Control groups:

cH4/3 DNA + BSA + BSA

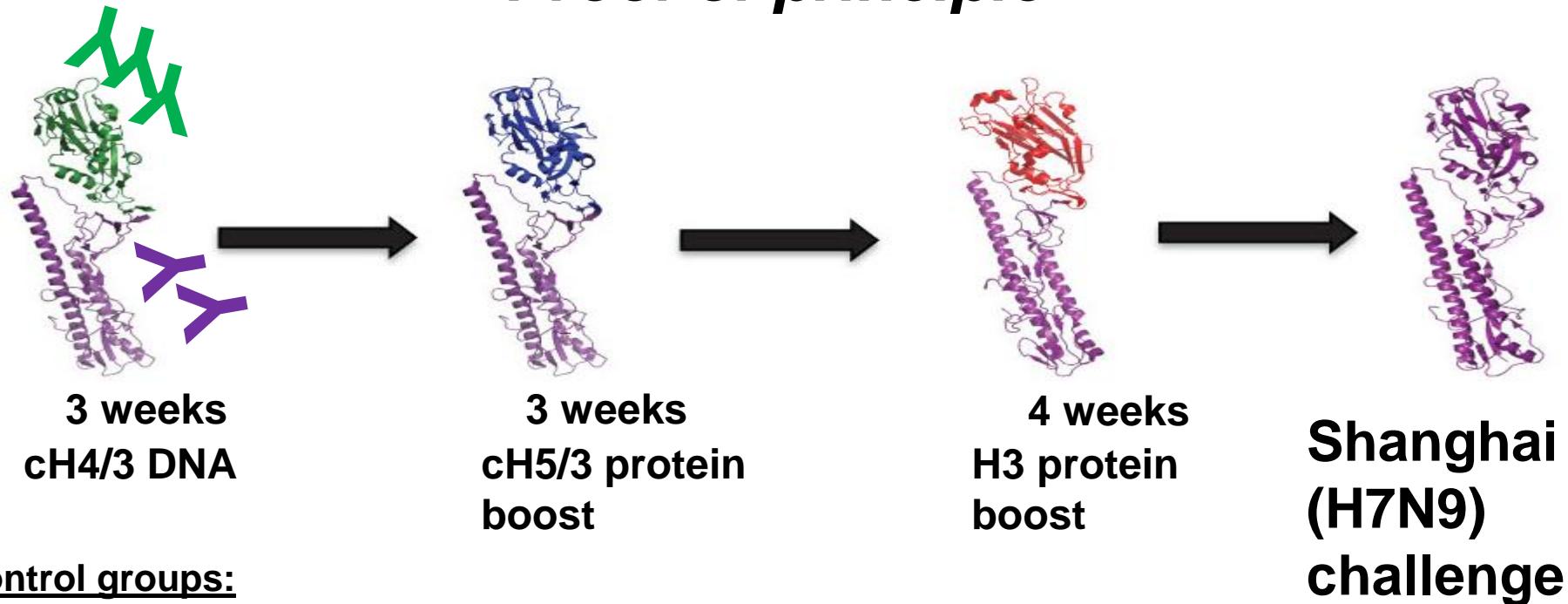
naïve (neg. contr.)

matched vaccine (pos. contr.)

**Shanghai
(H7N9)
challenge**

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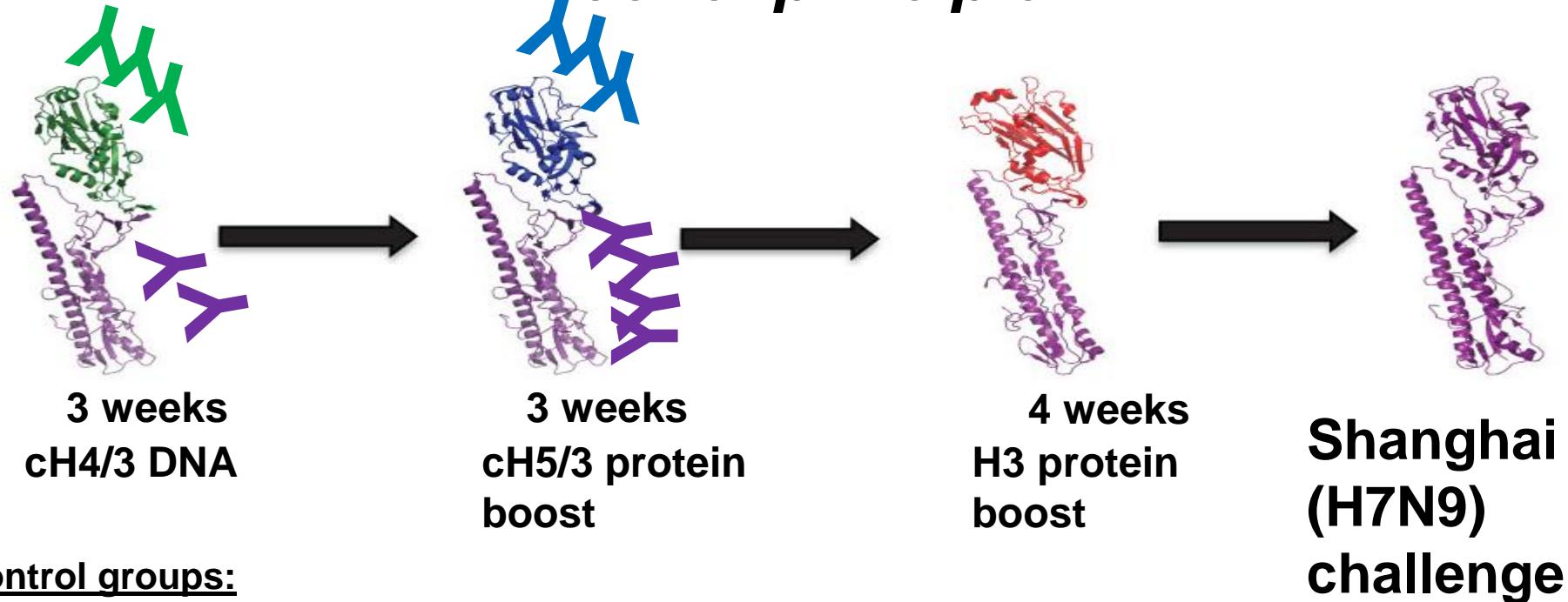
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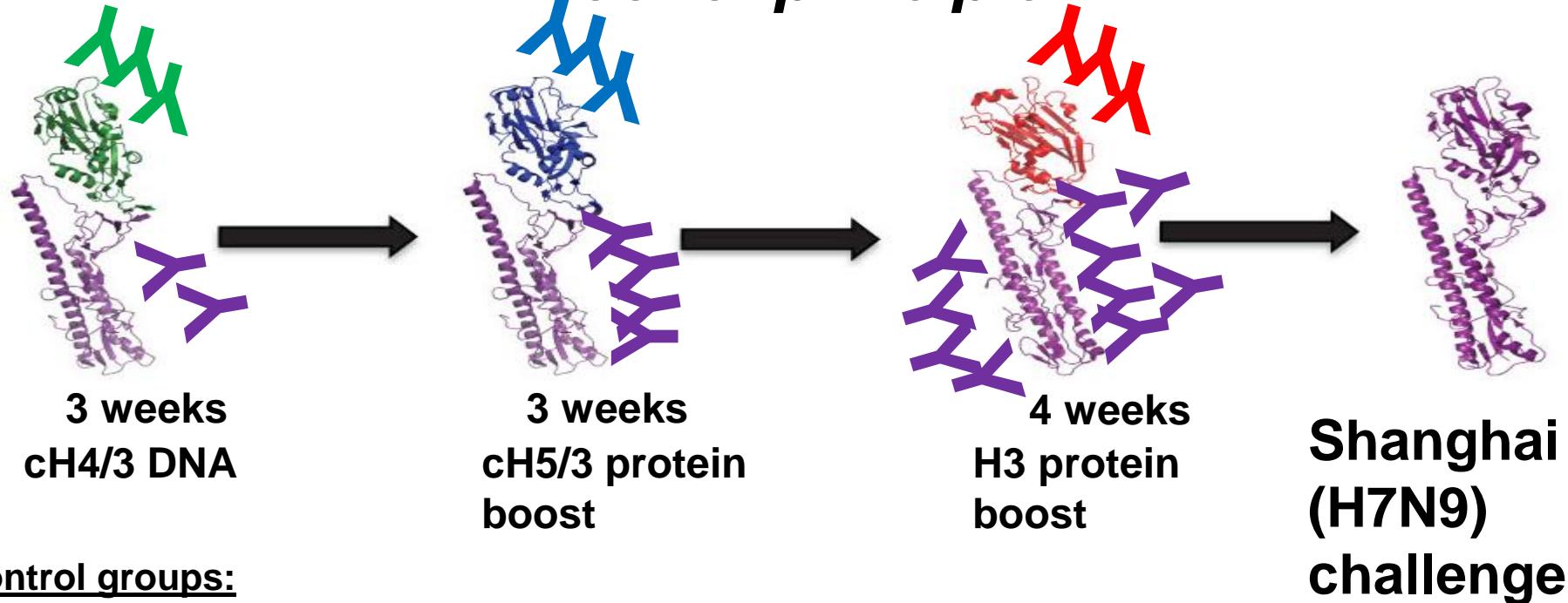
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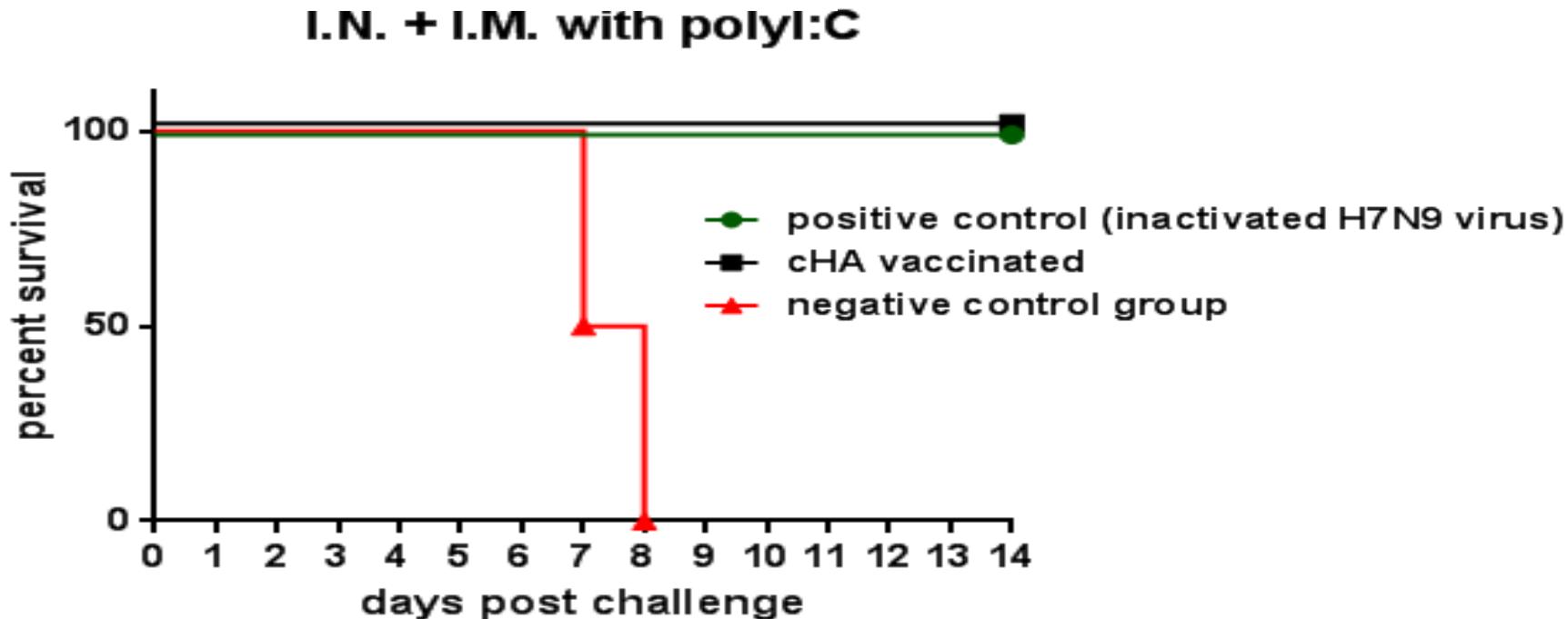
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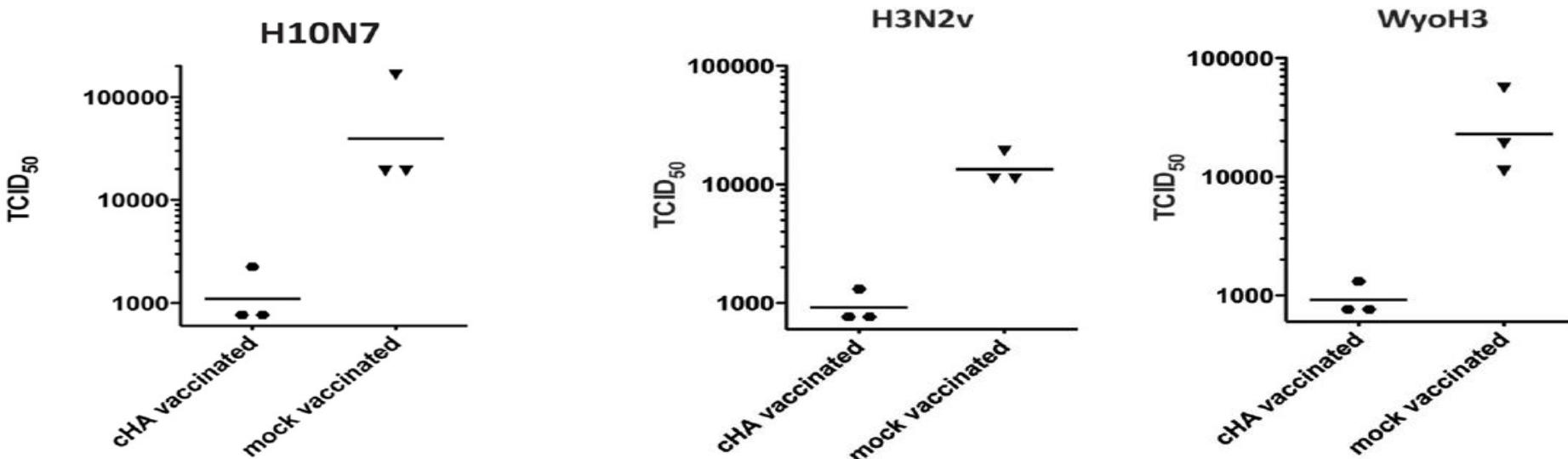
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cHA vaccine protects against challenge with novel H7N9 virus



cHA vaccine protects against challenge with H10 and H3 viruses

Titers in mouse lungs, day 3 postinfection



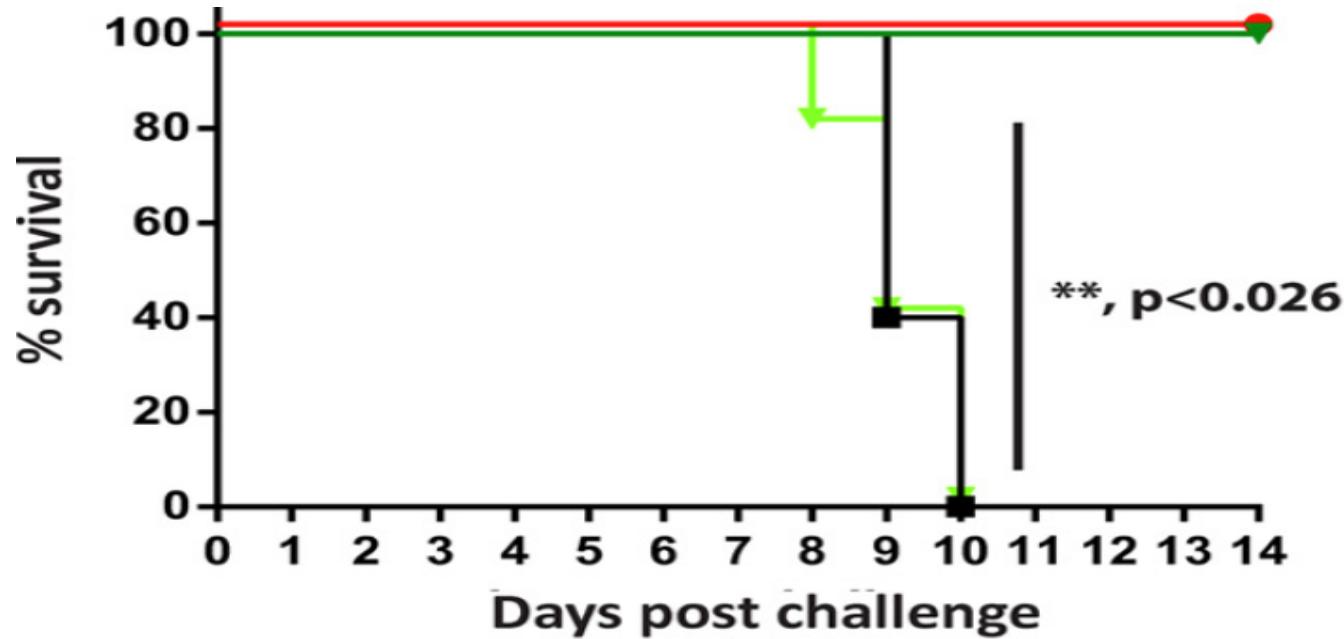
cH4/3 DNA + cH5/3 protein + H3 protein

cH4/3 DNA + cH5/3 protein + cH7/3 protein

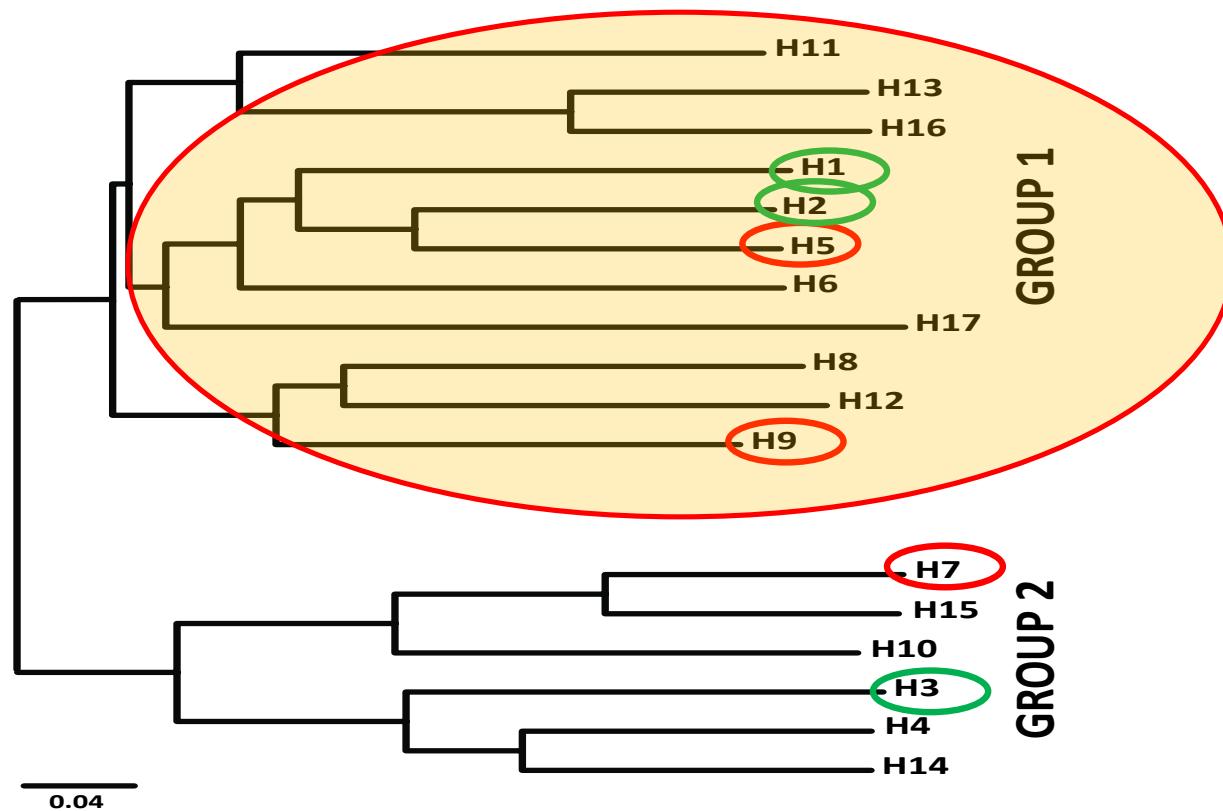
Abs mediate protection

- BcH7/3 + cH5/3 protein + cH4/3 protein
- BcH7/3 + BSA + BSA
- Bwt+ BSA + BSA
- Naive
- Positive control

Passive transfer (Phil82) H3N2

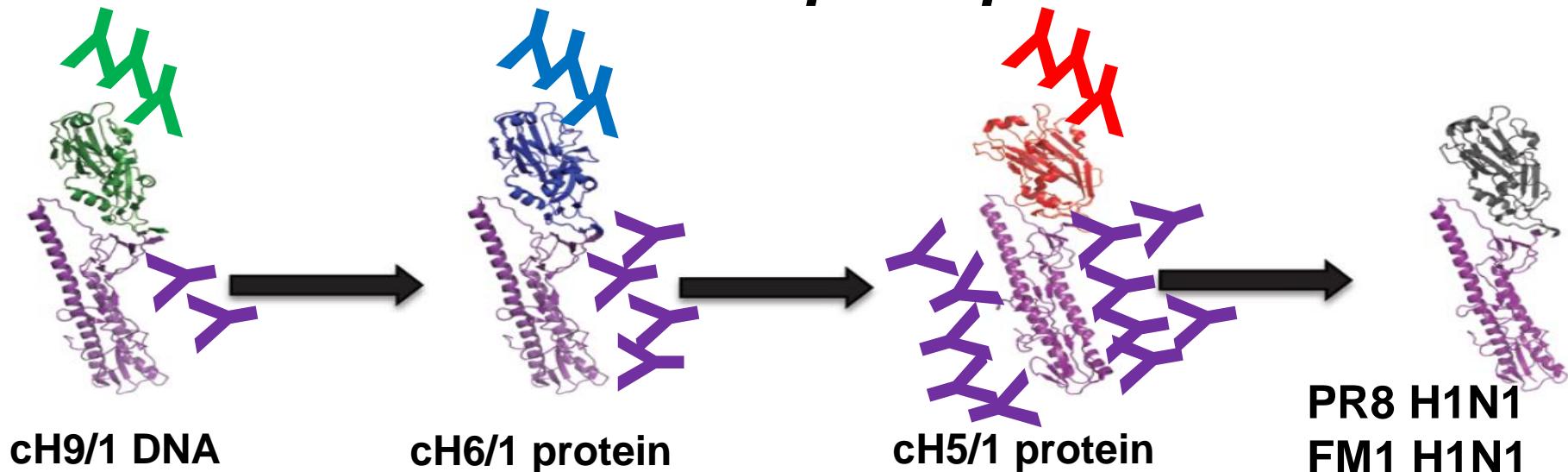


Targeting group 1 HA viruses



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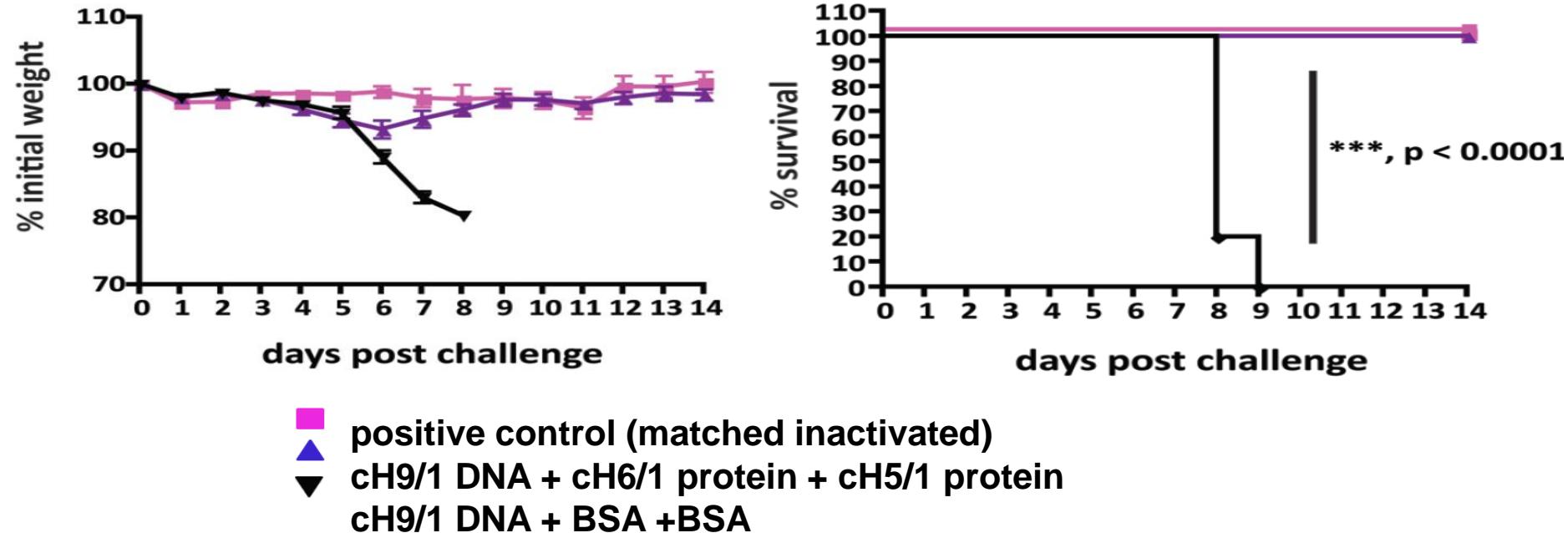


Control groups:

cH9/1 DNA + BSA + BSA

matched vaccine (pos. contr.)

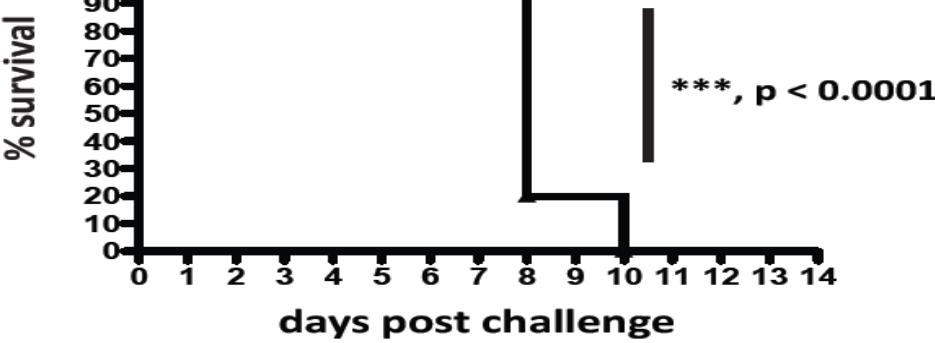
Vaccination with cHA constructs protects from pH1N1 (A/Netherlands/602/09) challenge



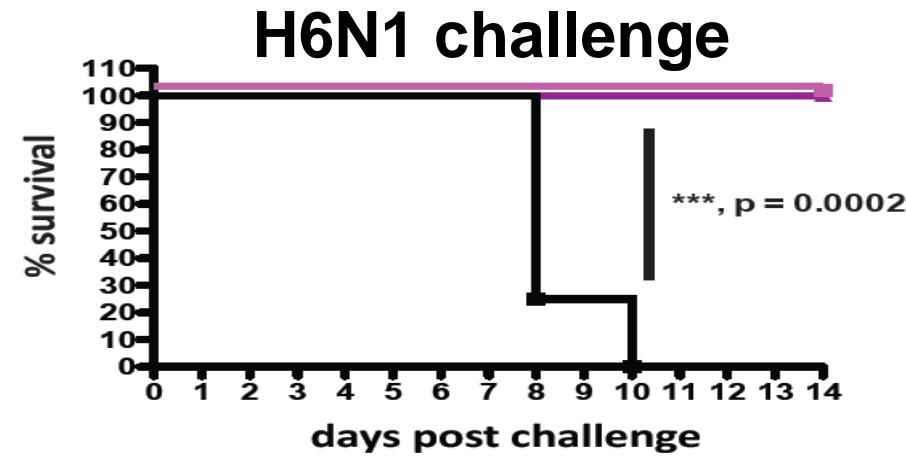
Similar results for A/PR/8/34 H1N1 and A/FM/1/47 challenges

cHA constructs protect mice from heterosubtypic challenge

H5N1 challenge



H6N1 challenge

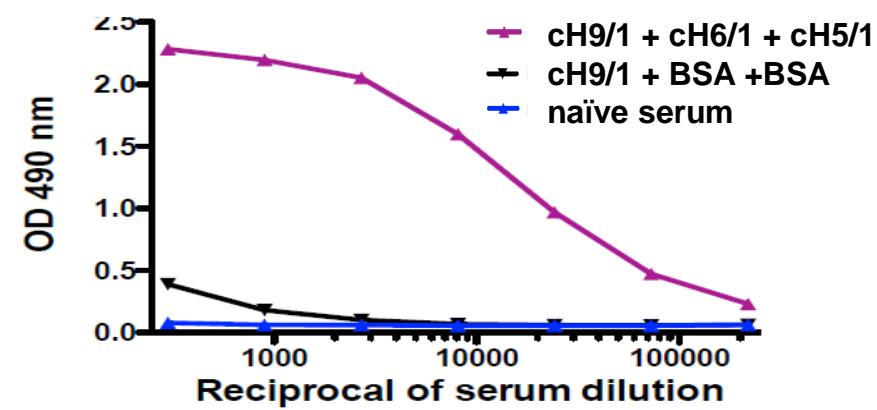


- positive control (matched inactivated)
- cH9/1 DNA + H1 protein/cH6/1 protein + cH5/1 protein/H1 protein
- cH9/1 DNA + BSA + BSA

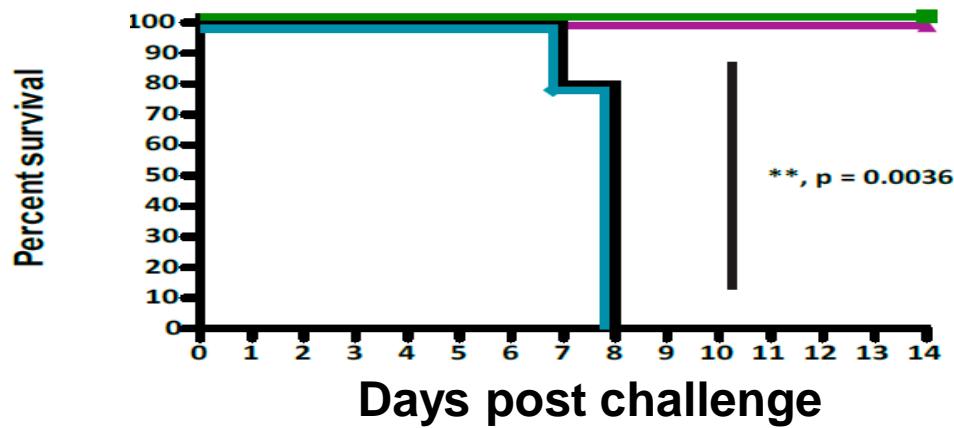
cH5/1 (H5 challenge) or cH6/1 (H6 challenge) protein was replaced by full length H1 protein to exclude head-based protection

Protection is antibody mediated

ELISA reactivity to Cal09 (pH1N1) protein



Passive transfer of serum protects from viral challenge



- Naïve
- Positive control
- vector +BSA+BSA
- cH9/1 + cH6/1 + cH5/1

Prime-Boost cHA vaccines based in LAIV and IIIV platforms

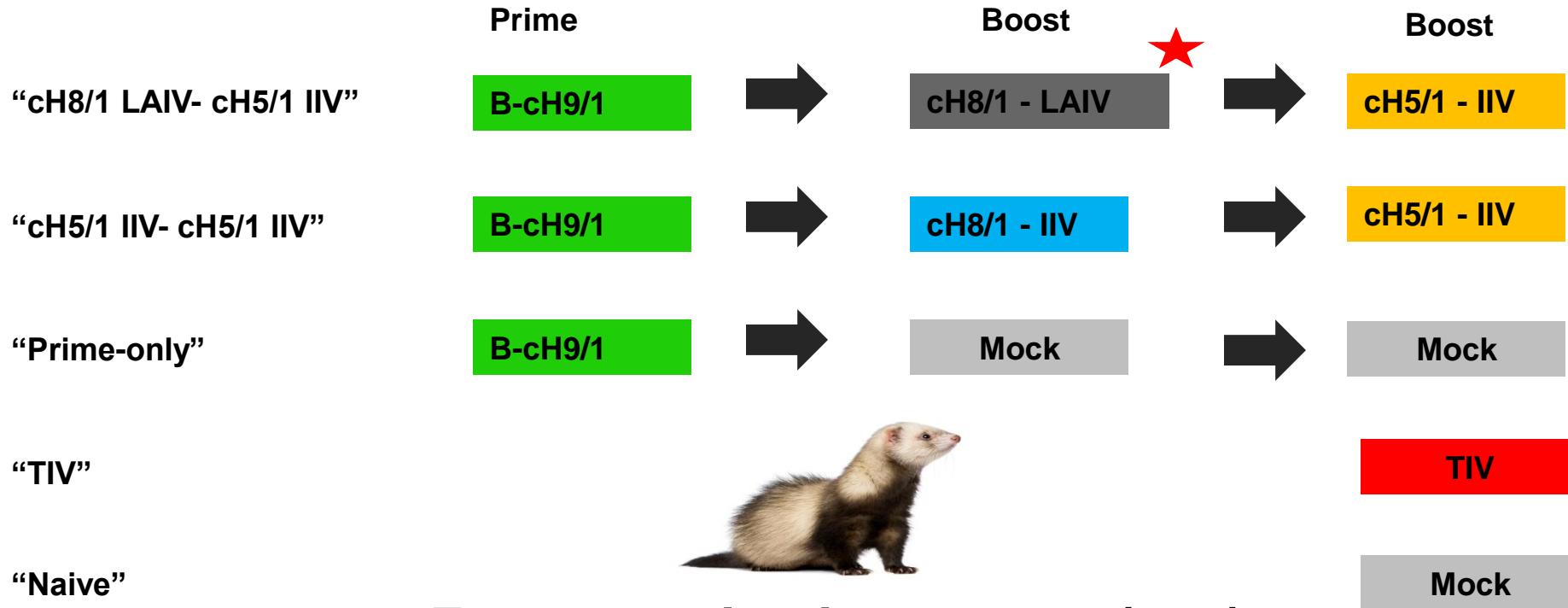
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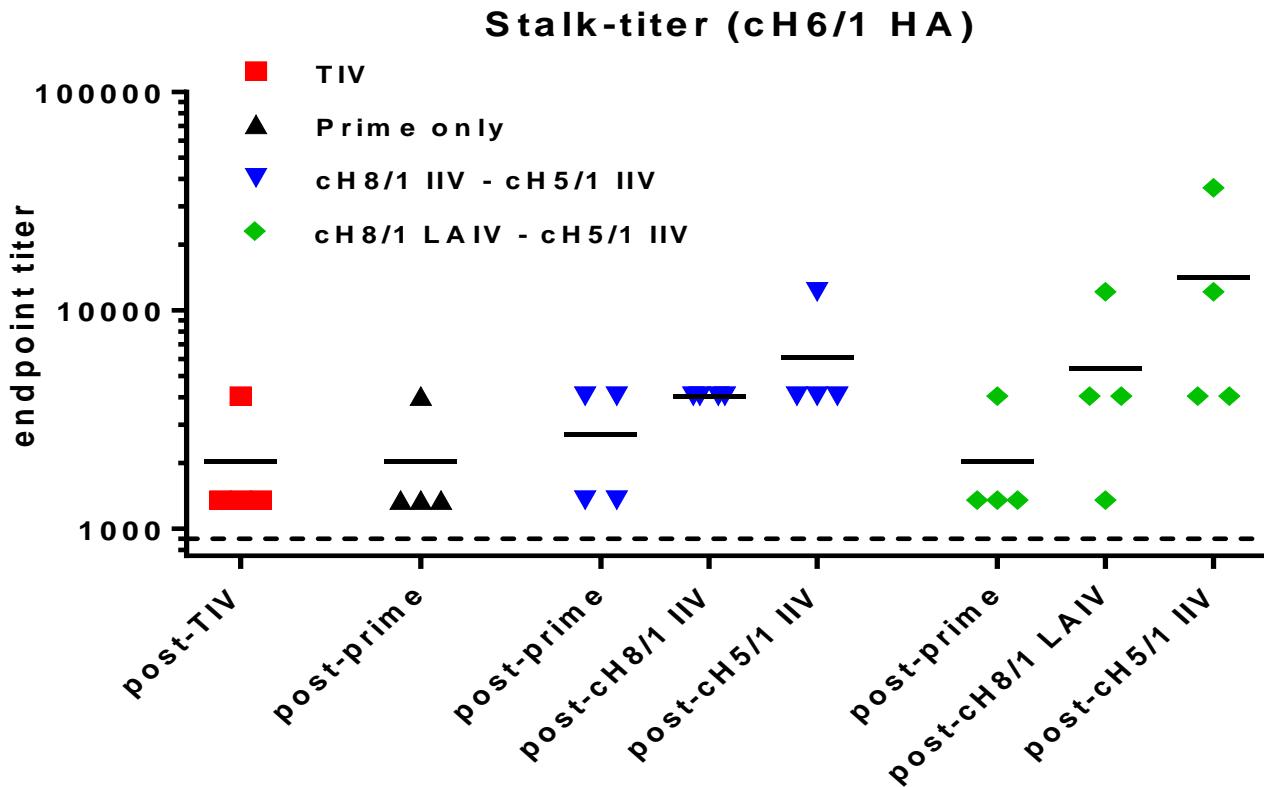
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Ferret vaccination groups (n=4)

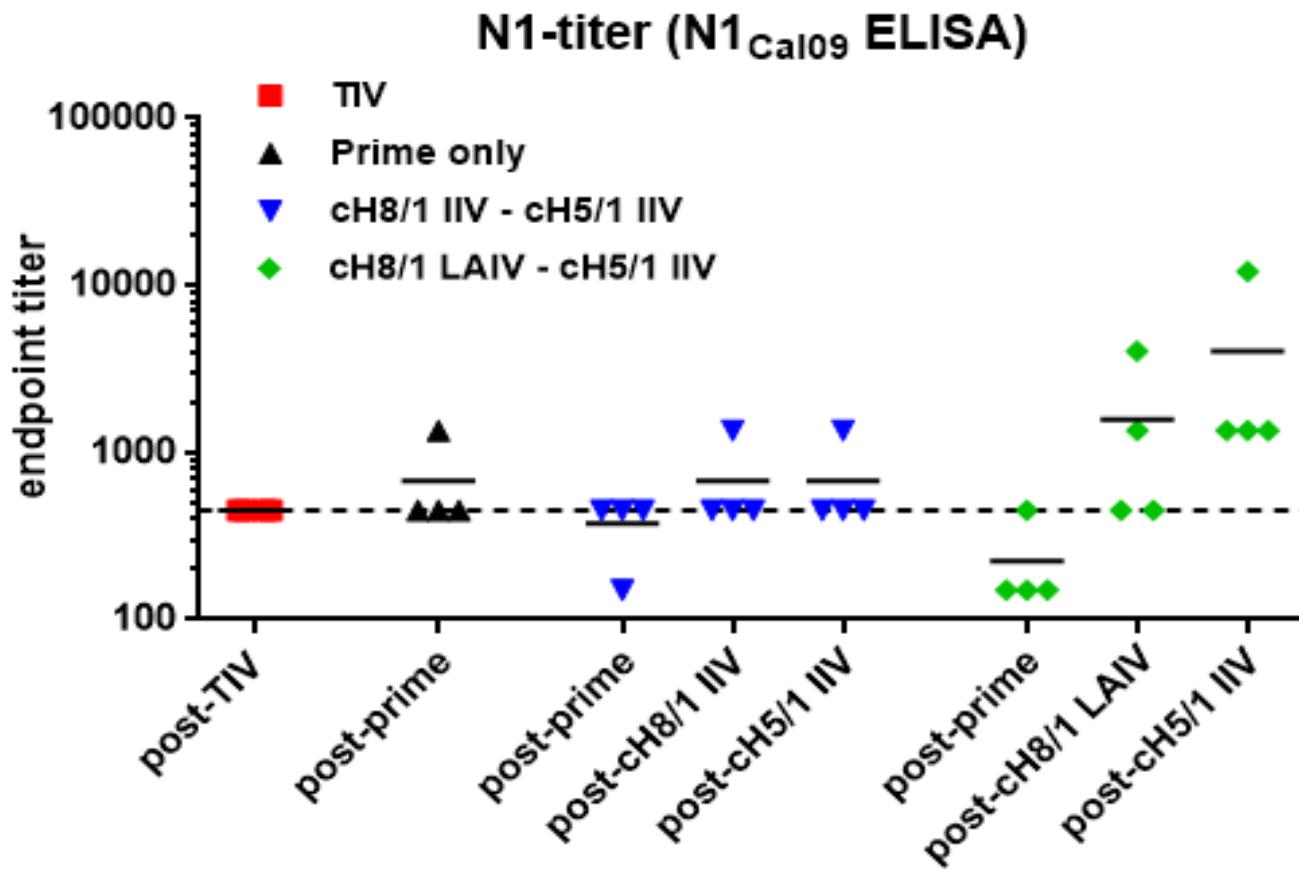
★ LAIV is based on the Ann Arbor backbone

Induction of HA stalk-specific antibodies (ELISA)

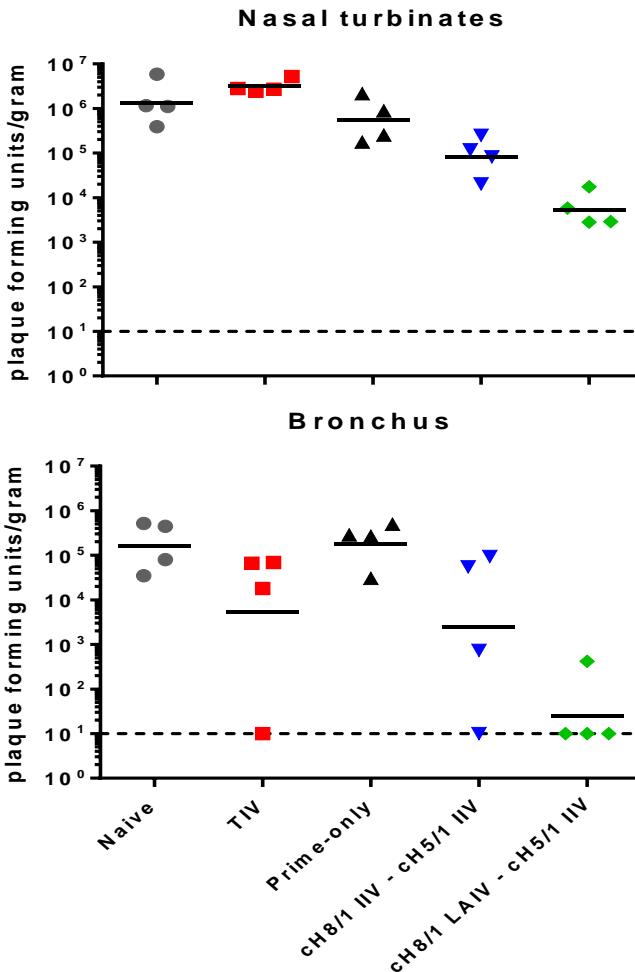
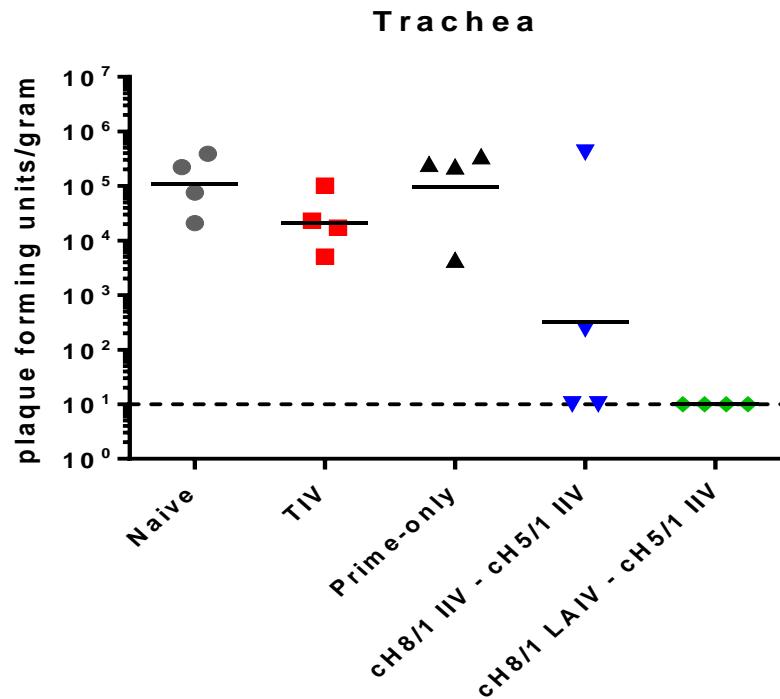


*No detectable HI titers following vaccination

Induction of NA-specific antibodies (ELISA)



Viral titers in tissues following H1N1 challenge infection, day 4



CONCLUSIONS

LIVE ATTENUATED FOLLOWED BY INACTIVATED
CHIMERIC HA VACCINES INDUCE HA STEM AND NA
ANTIBODIES,
AND HIGH LEVELS OF PROTECTION AGAINST
HETERO SUBTYPIC CHALLENGE IN FERRETS

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