



# Vaccine Development Status for COVID-19 with Patrick Soon-Shiong, M.D.

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**2010-2020**

## NantKwest & ImmunityBio

Platform Companies Developing Immunotherapy  
Products to Orchestrate the Innate and Adaptive  
Immune System for the Treatment of Cancer and  
Infectious Diseases

# ImmunityBio: The Purpose The Adaptive Immune System

The System

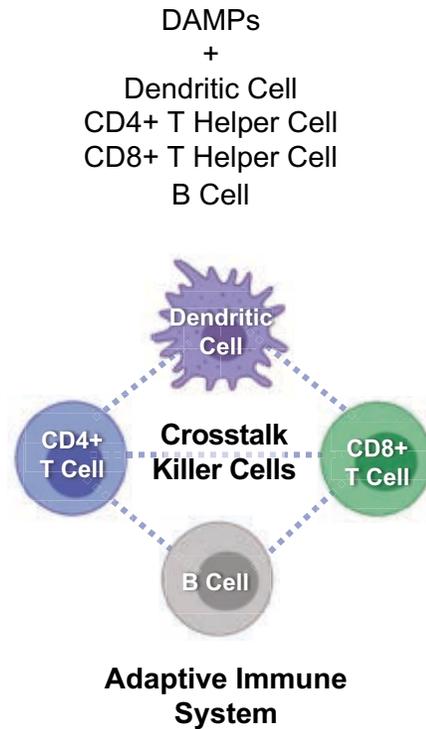
The Triangle

The Platforms

The Purpose

The Company

Adaptive Immune System



**DAMPs:**  
Abraxane  
Aldoxorubicin (Ph II)

**The Triangle:**  
GPS Neopeptide Discovery (510k)  
RP-182 Mannose Receptor (Pre-Clinical)

2<sup>nd</sup> Gen Ad5 Vaccine (Ph II)  
Yeast Vaccine (Ph II)

IL-15 Superagonist (N-803) (Ph II)

**Driving to  
Memory T &  
B Cell**

**ImmunityBio**

# NantKwest: The Purpose The Innate Immune System

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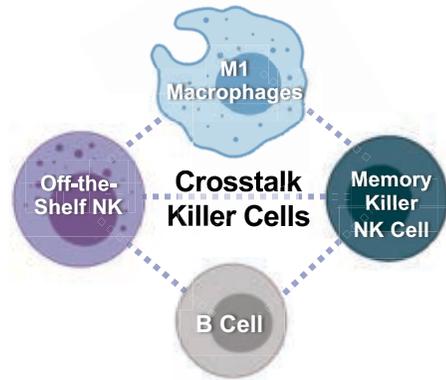
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Innate Immune System

Overcome Myeloid Suppressor Cells  
+  
M1 Macrophages  
Off-the-Shelf NK  
Memory Killer NK Cells



Innate Immune System

Overcome MDSCs  
PD-L1 t-haNK (Ph II)

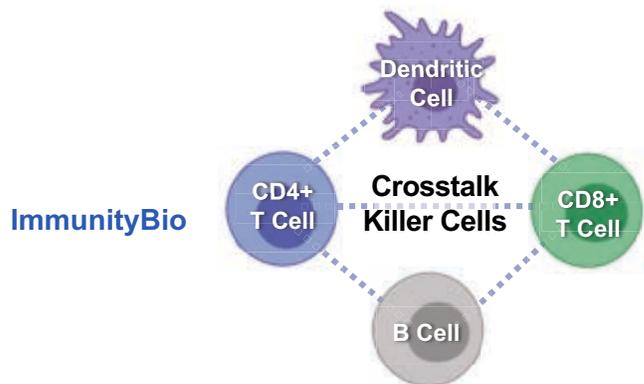
**The Triangle:**  
CD-16 haNK (Ph II)  
PD-L1 t-haNK (Ph II)  
HER2 t-haNK  
CD-19 t-haNK

Memory Like NK Cells  
GMP-in-a-Box

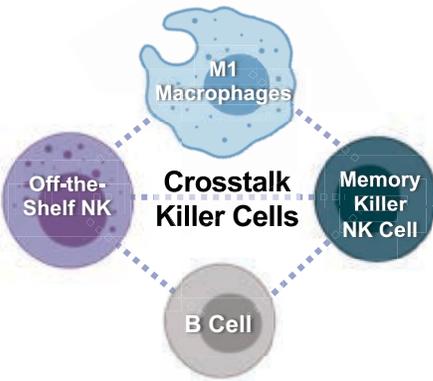
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# The Purpose: Orchestrating the Innate and Adaptive Immune Systems



ImmunityBio



NantKwest

**2016 - 2019**

**Phase I Proof of Concept: Common Treatment Arms**  
Driving to the Memory T Cell

**Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer:**  
Durable Complete Remission

**Triple Negative Breast Cancer:**  
Durable Complete Remission

**Head & Neck Cancer:**  
Durable Complete Remission

**Merkel Cell Carcinoma:**  
Durable Complete Remission

**Bladder Cancer:**  
Durable Complete Remission

**2020-2025**

**The Path Forward: Registrational Intent**  
Driving to the Memory T Cell

**Non-Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer**  
**N-803 + BCG**  
Breakthrough Therapy Designation Status  
Primary Endpoint Reached  
BLA Filing 2021

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Line Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer**  
**PD-L1 t-haNK + N-803**  
Complete Response >6 Months  
IND Authorized 1<sup>st</sup> Line  
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Activating Sites

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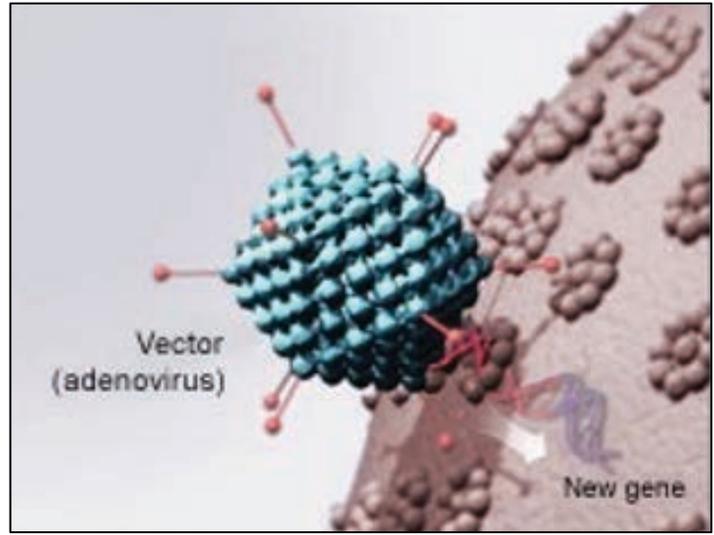
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**haNK (CD-16 NK)**  
Complete Response >4 Years  
Trial Recruiting

# hAd5: From Oncology to Vaccinology to COVID-19 Driving to the Memory T Cell

Oncology  
NANT Cancer Vaccine

2009-2019  
13 Ph I / II Clinical Trials  
in Over 125 Patients

- Ph II: Colon Cancer (CEA)
- Ph I: Advanced Tumors (MUC1, Brachyury, CEA)
- Ph I: Prostate Cancer (PSA, MUC1, Brachyury)
- All Tumor Types (Neoepitope)



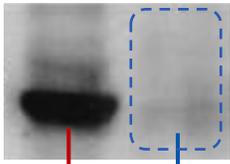
Infectious Disease  
Vaccine

2009-2020  
Pre-Clinical

- H1N1
- Lassa Fever
- HIV
- SIV
- Chikungunya
- Zika
- Influenza
- COVID-19

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Colon Cancer (CEA) - 2010

Cancer - 2009-2013

MUC1, Brachyury, CEA - 2019

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Neoepitope - 2019

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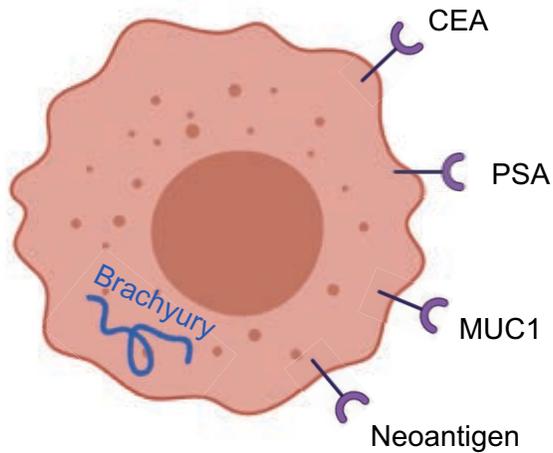
HIV - 2009

SIV - 2011

Lassa Fever - 2019

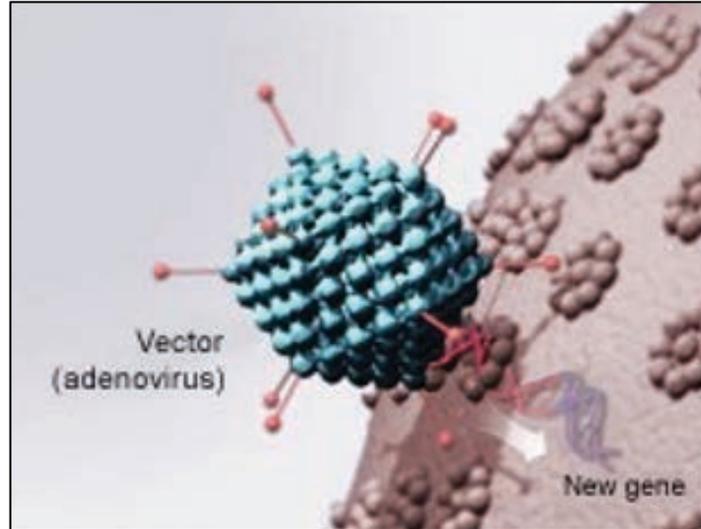
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## Oncology NANT Cancer Vaccine

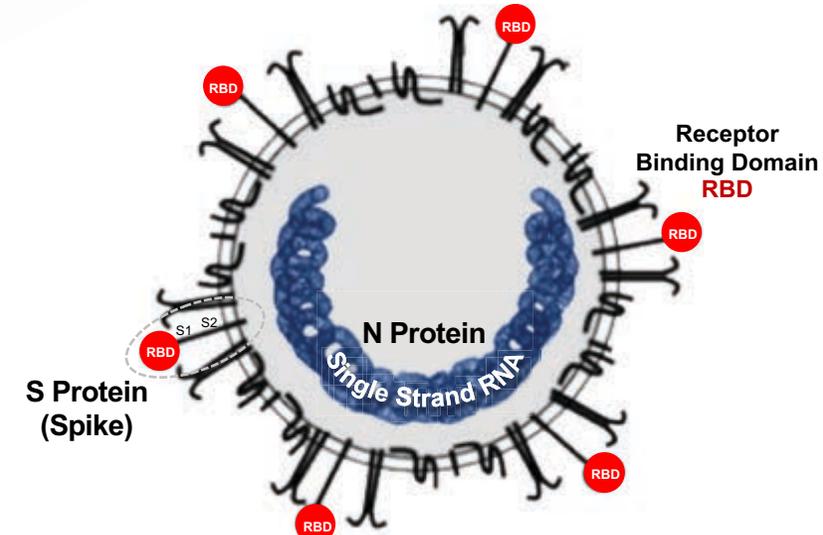


### Tumor Associated Antigens

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## Infectious Disease Vaccine



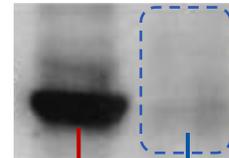
### COVID-19 Antigens

**2020**  
Phase Ib IND Pending

**1<sup>st</sup> Gen Adeno**  
E1, E3  
Deletions

**2<sup>nd</sup> Gen Adeno**  
E1, E2b, E3  
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# NantKwest & ImmunityBio: Driving to the Memory T Cell Clinical Development Pipeline



## CANCER

## COVID-19

### Non-Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer

#### N-803 + BCG



N-803 (IL-15)

- Breakthrough Therapy Designation Status
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### Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer

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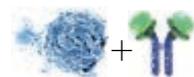


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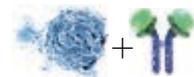


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## VACCINE

### COVID-19 Vaccine

#### Adenovirus (hAd5)



Human Adenovirus hAd5

- IND Filed
- Phase Ib Trial (Anticipated June 2020)
- cGMP Manufacturing Ready
- 100 million doses by year end

## THERAPEUTICS

### COVID-19 (Moderate Disease)

#### haNK + Convalescent Plasma



haNK (CD-16 NK)

- Pre-IND Filed

### COVID-19 (Moderate Disease)

#### N-803



N-803 (IL-15)

- IND Authorized

### COVID-19 (Severe Disease)

#### Mesenchymal Stem Cell (MSC)

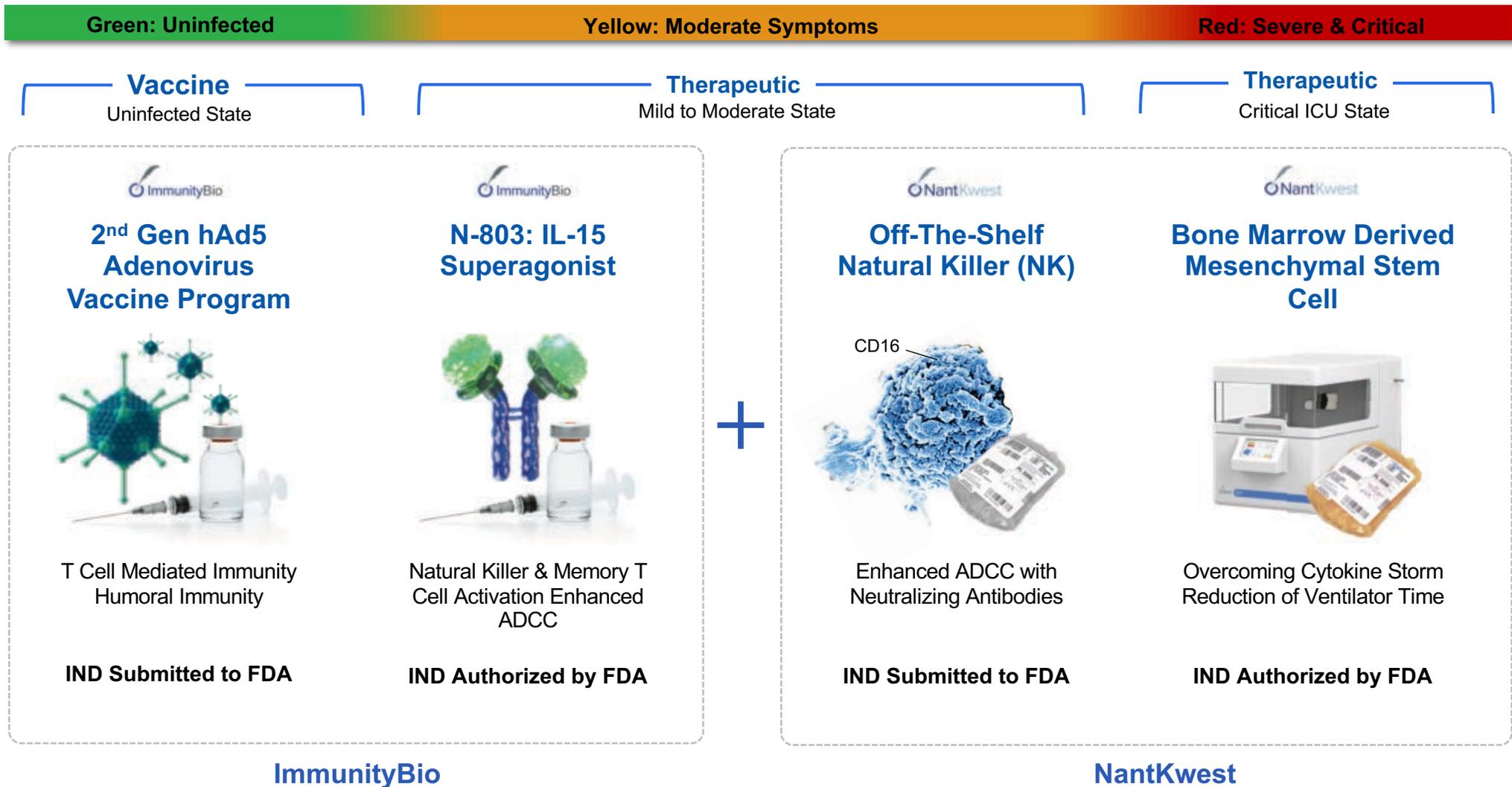


Mesenchymal Stem Cells

- IND Authorized

# COVID-19: From Prevention to Treatment

## THE NANTKWEST / IMMUNITYBIO JOINT COVID-19 AGREEMENT





## ImmunityBio & NantKwest Sign COVID-19 Joint Development, Manufacturing and Marketing Agreement; ImmunityBio Selected for 'Operation Warp Speed' to Develop Novel Adenovirus COVID-19 Vaccine

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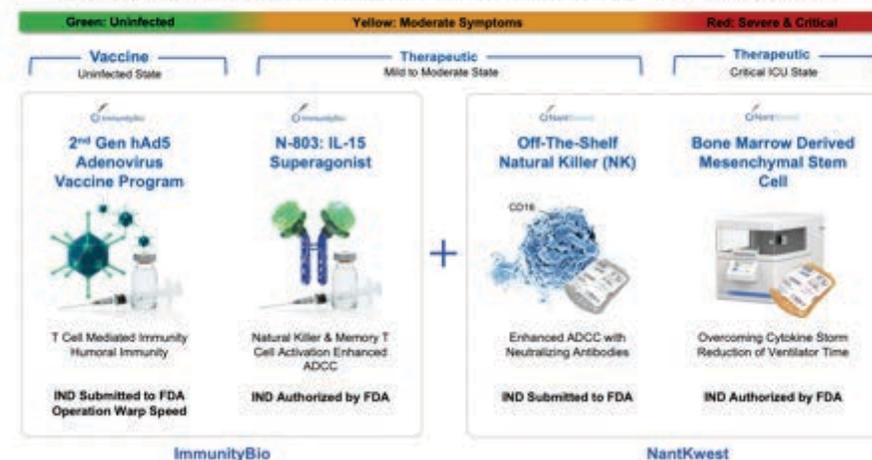
### Agreement to Jointly Develop, Manufacture and Market COVID-19 Therapeutics and Vaccine

On May 22, 2020, NantKwest and ImmunityBio entered into a binding term sheet to pursue collaborative joint development, manufacturing, and marketing of certain COVID-19 therapeutics and vaccines. The parties agree to jointly develop haNK, mesenchymal stem cells (MSC), adenovirus constructs (Ad5), and N-803 for the prevention and treatment of SAR-CoV-2 viral infections and associated conditions, including COVID-19. NantKwest will contribute the haNK, MSC, and certain of its manufacturing capabilities, and ImmunityBio will contribute Ad5, IL-15, and certain manufacturing equipment.

Under the terms of the agreement, the parties will share equally in all costs relating to developing, manufacturing, and marketing of the product candidates globally, and the global net profits from the collaboration products will be shared 60%/40% in favor of the party contributing the product on which the sales are based. All net profits from sales of combined collaboration products will be shared equally. This collaboration will be supervised by joint committees, comprised of an equal number of representatives from both companies.

## COVID-19: From Prevention to Treatment

THE NANTKWEST / IMMUNITYBIO JOINT COVID-19 AGREEMENT



# Over 100+ COVID-19 Vaccines in Development

Table 1 Advantages and disadvantages of different vaccine strategies.

From: [The outbreak of SARS-CoV-2 pneumonia calls for viral vaccines](https://www.nature.com/articles/s41541-020-0170-0/tables/1)

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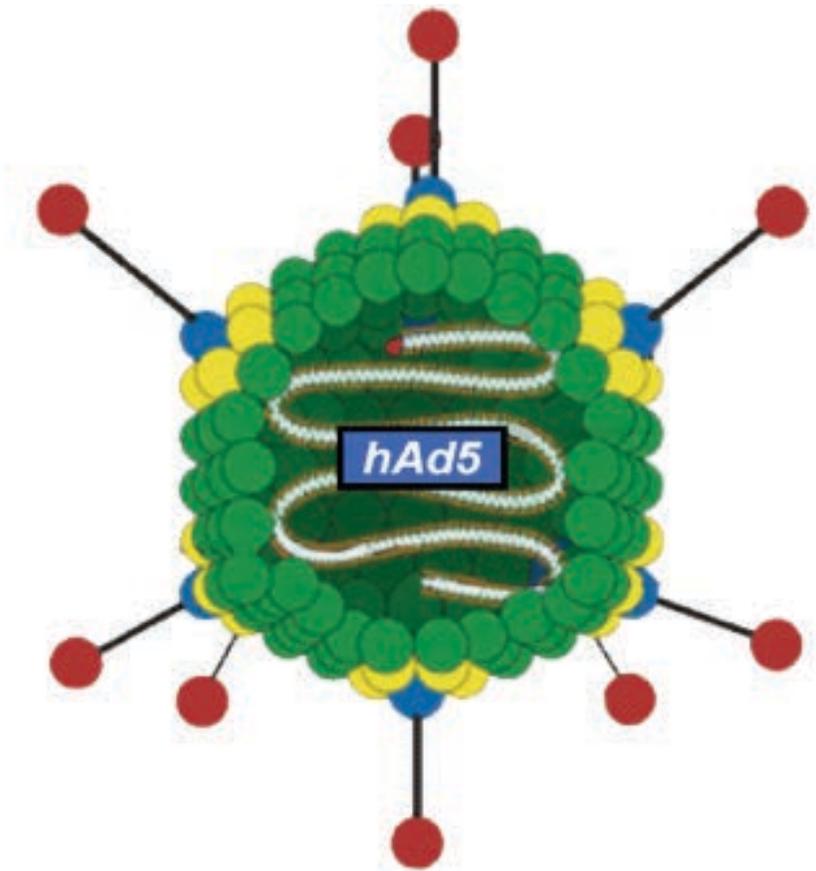
Vaccine strategy	Advantages	Disadvantages	References
Inactivated virus vaccines	Easy to prepare; safety; high-titer neutralizing antibodies	Potential inappropriate for highly immunosuppressed individuals	25
Attenuated virus vaccines	Rapid development; induce high immune responses	Phenotypic or genotypic reversion possible; can still cause some disease	25
Subunit vaccines	High safety; consistent production; can induce cellular and humoral immune responses; high-titer neutralizing antibodies	High cost; lower immunogenicity; require repeated doses and adjuvants	12,14
✓ Viral vector vaccines	Safety; induces high cellular and humoral immune responses	Possibly present pre-existing immunity	12
DNA vaccines	Easier to design; high safety; high-titer neutralizing antibodies	Lower immune responses in humans; repeated doses may cause toxicity	23
mRNA vaccines	Easier to design; high degree of adaptability; induce strong immune responses	Highly unstable under physiological conditions	23

# Key Elements of a Vaccine

- Safety
- Efficacy
- Long-Term Durability
- Universal for all SARS-CoV
- Acceptance by the Public

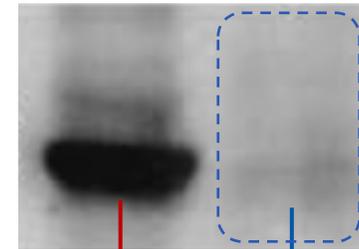


# A Unique Vector: 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Human Adenovirus (hAd5)



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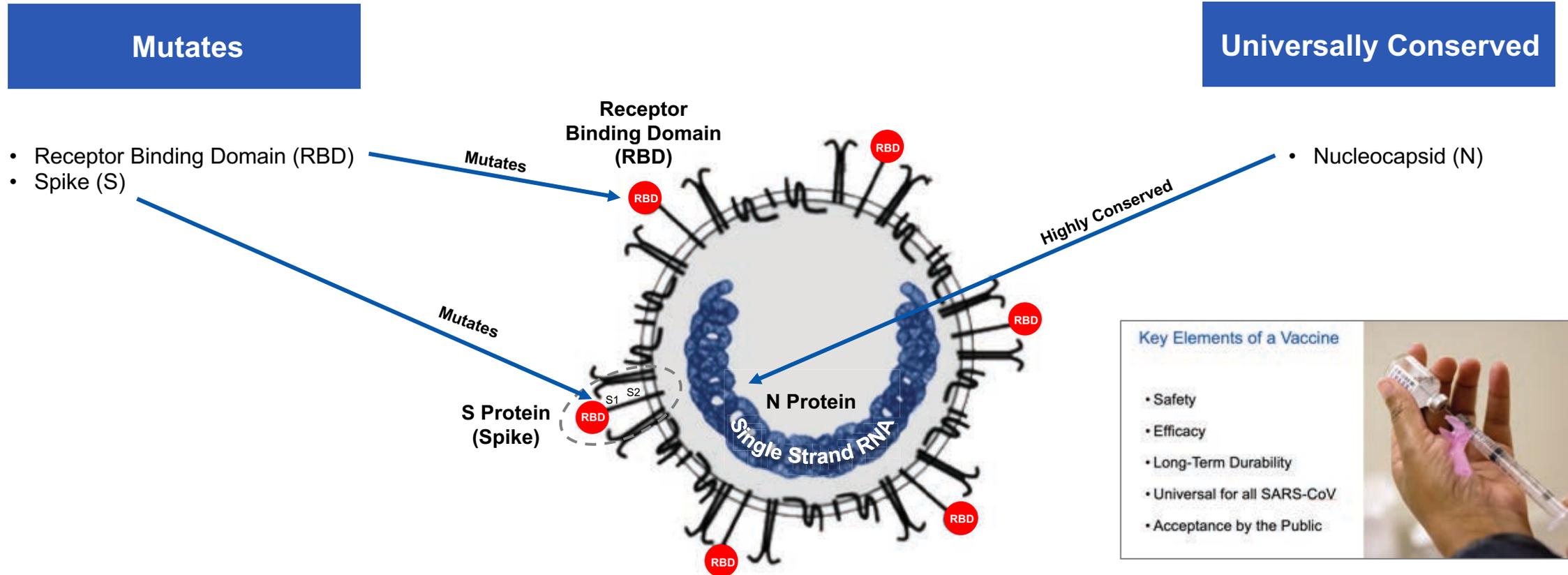
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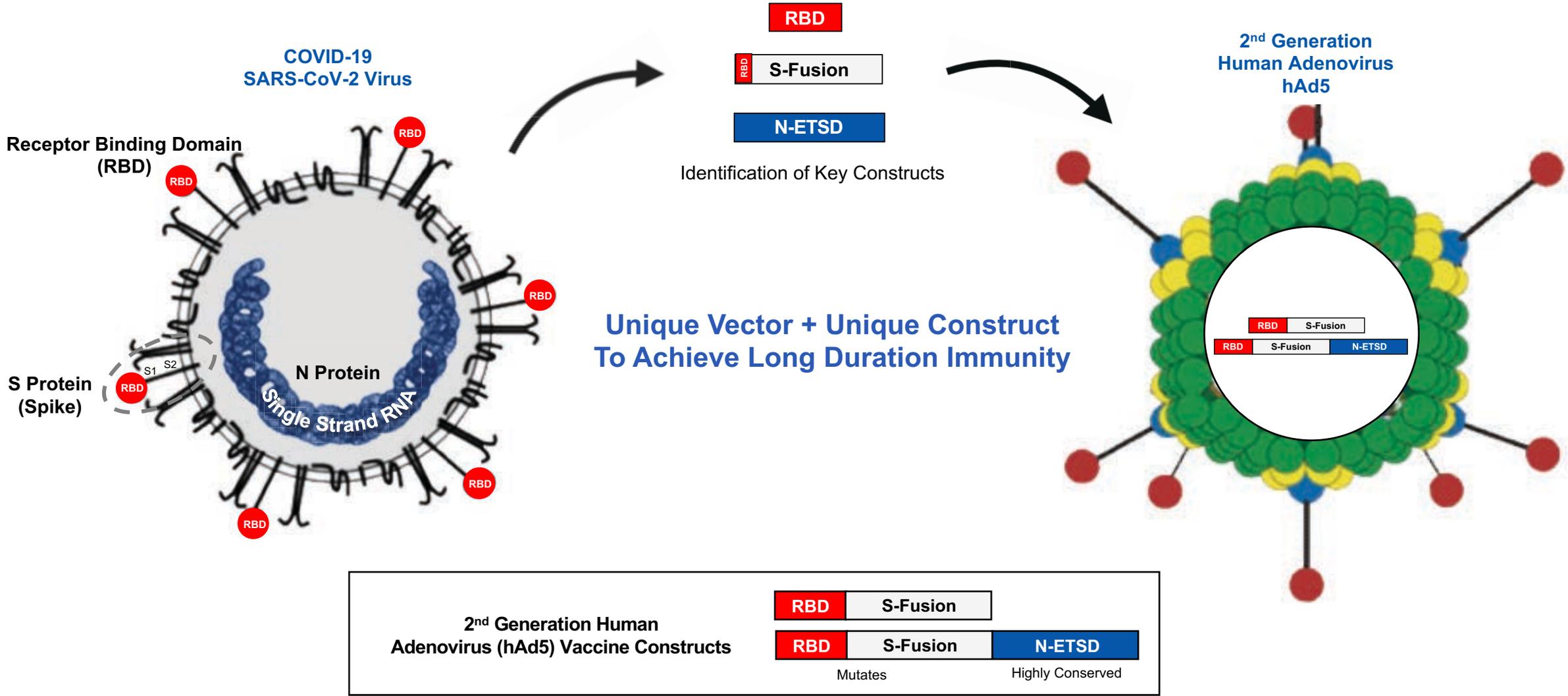
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# A Unique Construct Addressing SARS-CoV-1 and SARS-CoV-2 Virus



The N Protein Provides an Opportunity to Generate Durable Immunity and Immunity to Future Mutations of SARS-CoV Viruses

# A Unique Construct Combining S+N for a Universal SARS-CoV Vaccine with Long-Term Durable Immunity

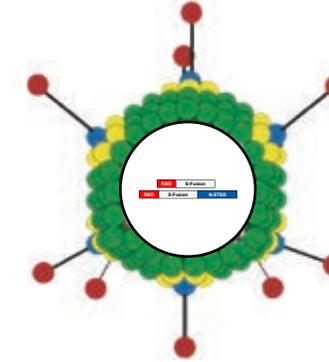


# Maximizing B and T Cell Mediated Immunity to COVID-19 for Durable Immunity

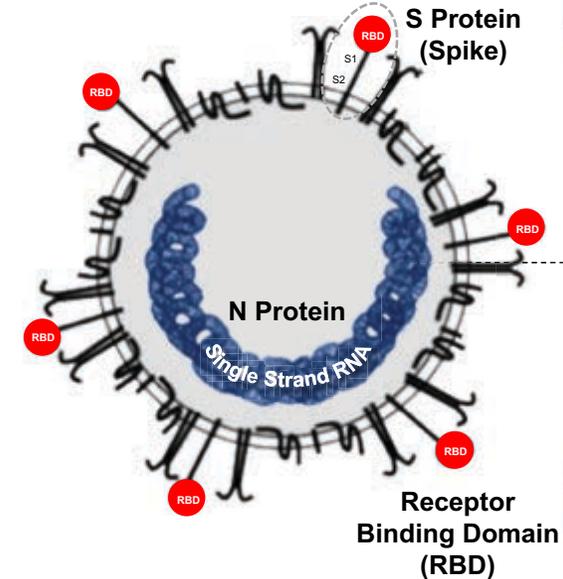
## Pre-Clinical, Clinical and Manufacturing Development of COVID-19 Vaccine to Date:

- ✔ Demonstrated safety of 2<sup>nd</sup> generation human adenovirus in 13 Phase I/II trials in oncology (N = >125) with tumor associated cell mediated immunity in the presence of adenoviral immunity.
- ✔ Performed molecular dynamic modeling of trimeric spike (S) and receptor binding domain (RBD) to ACE2 receptor (>100 terabytes of data to date; 10 milliseconds)
- ✔ Identified and constructed COVID-19 sequences of proteins with maximal number of B and T cell epitopes: S, RBD, and N
- ✔ Demonstrated that Nucleocapsid (N) enhances protein expression and stimulates Th1 cell mediated cytokine responses in vaccinated mouse models
- ✔ Demonstrated that Wildtype-S is less immunogenic than S-Fusion + N-ETSD
- ✔ Demonstrated that the addition of N enhances antibody response to Wildtype S
- ✔ Developed novel intracellular trafficking construct for N to enhance T cell stimulation (N-ETSD)
- ✔ Developed novel optimized S protein (S-Fusion) to maximize RBD expression on transfected cell surface
- ✔ Confirmed proper protein folding of exposed RBD on transfected live cells using anti-COVID-19 antibodies from patient's serum recovered from COVID-19
- ✔ Demonstrated CD4<sup>+</sup> and CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell mediated immunity (CMI) post vaccination in BALB/c mice with hAd5: S-Fusion + N-ETSD vaccine
- ✔ Demonstrated that antibodies and T cells from multiple patients recovered from COVID-19 infection recognize the vaccine antigens presented by the patient's dendritic cells following hAd5: S-Fusion + N-ETSD transduction
- ✔ Completed finished dosage form of hAd5: S-Fusion + N-ETSD and hAd5: S-Fusion
- ✔ Initiated GMP manufacture at large scale at-risk for hAd5: S-Fusion + N-ETSD and hAd5: S-Fusion
- ✔ Non-Human Primate (NHP) studies in progress with NIAID & BARDA
- ✔ IND filed: Phase 1b human trials anticipated July, 2020

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Human Adenovirus hAd5

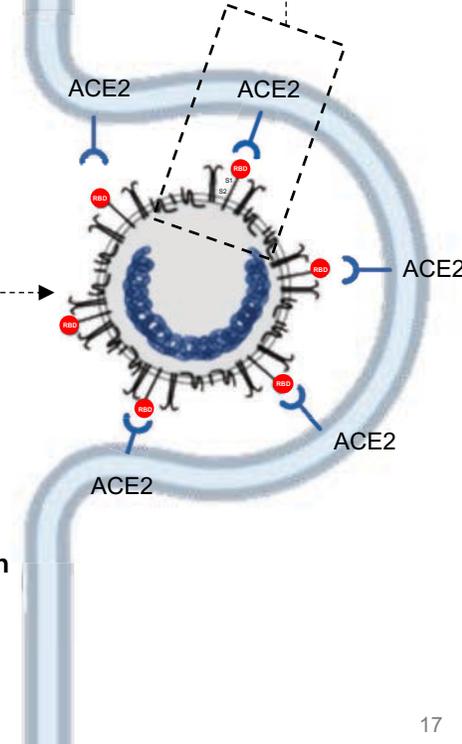
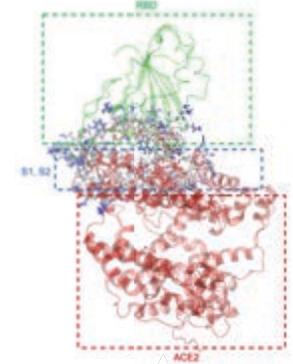


## COVID-19 Proteins



## COVID-19 Infection of Lung Cell

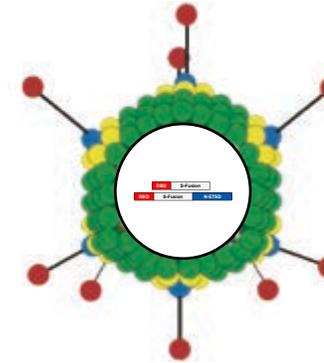
RBD to ACE2 Receptor



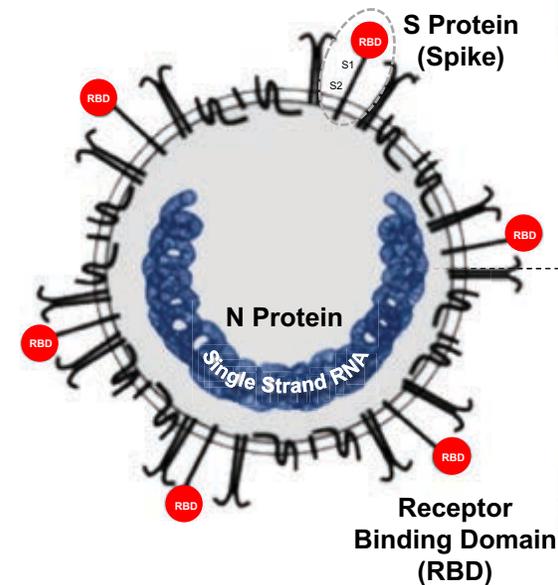
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- Wildtype S protein alone may induce antibodies but may be insufficient to induce long-duration cell mediated immunity and CD4<sup>+</sup> / CD8<sup>+</sup> activation
- Novel S-fusion construct enables RBD surface expression in the proper conformation recognizing antibodies from recovered COVID-19 patients
- S-fusion when combined with N-ETSD enhances RBD surface expression even further
- N protein induces long-term T cell memory and has large number of T cell epitopes
- N protein is immunogenic and enhances antibody response of Wildtype S in yeast vaccine
- Novel N-ETSD intracellular trafficking construct enables MHC-II expression of N protein with CD4<sup>+</sup> Th1 response
- hAd5: S-Fusion + N-ETSD induces CD4<sup>+</sup> and CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell activation
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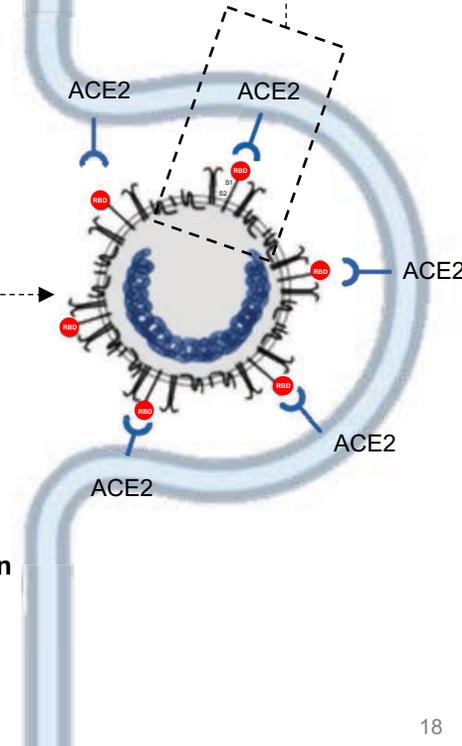
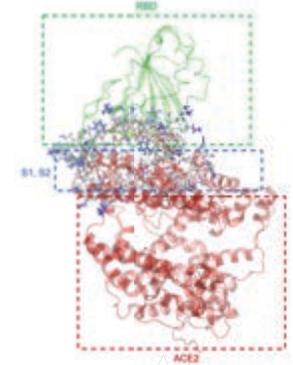


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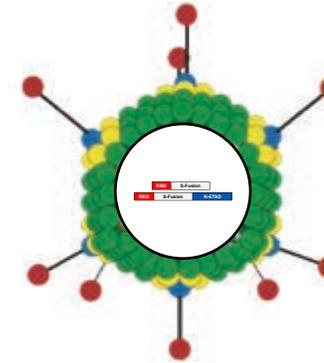
RBD to ACE2 Receptor



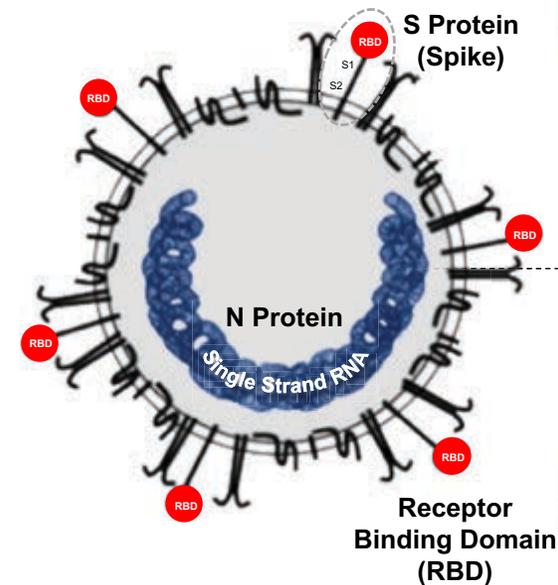
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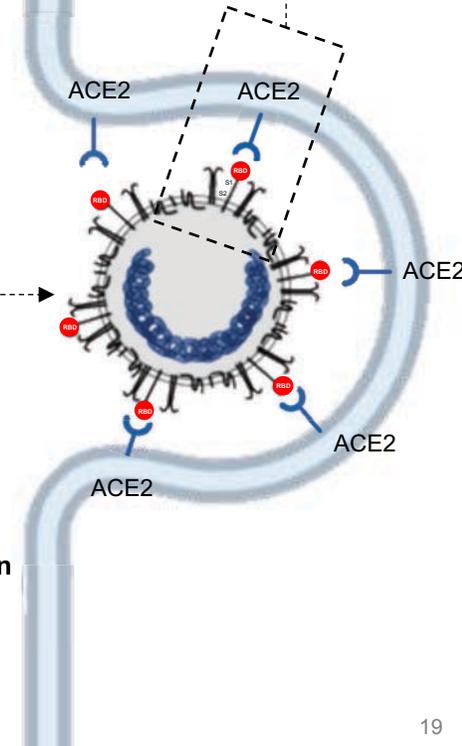
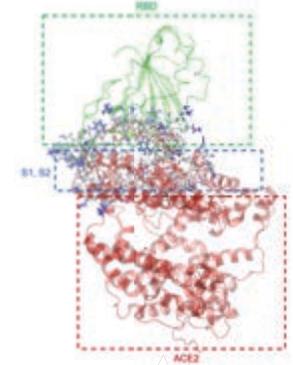


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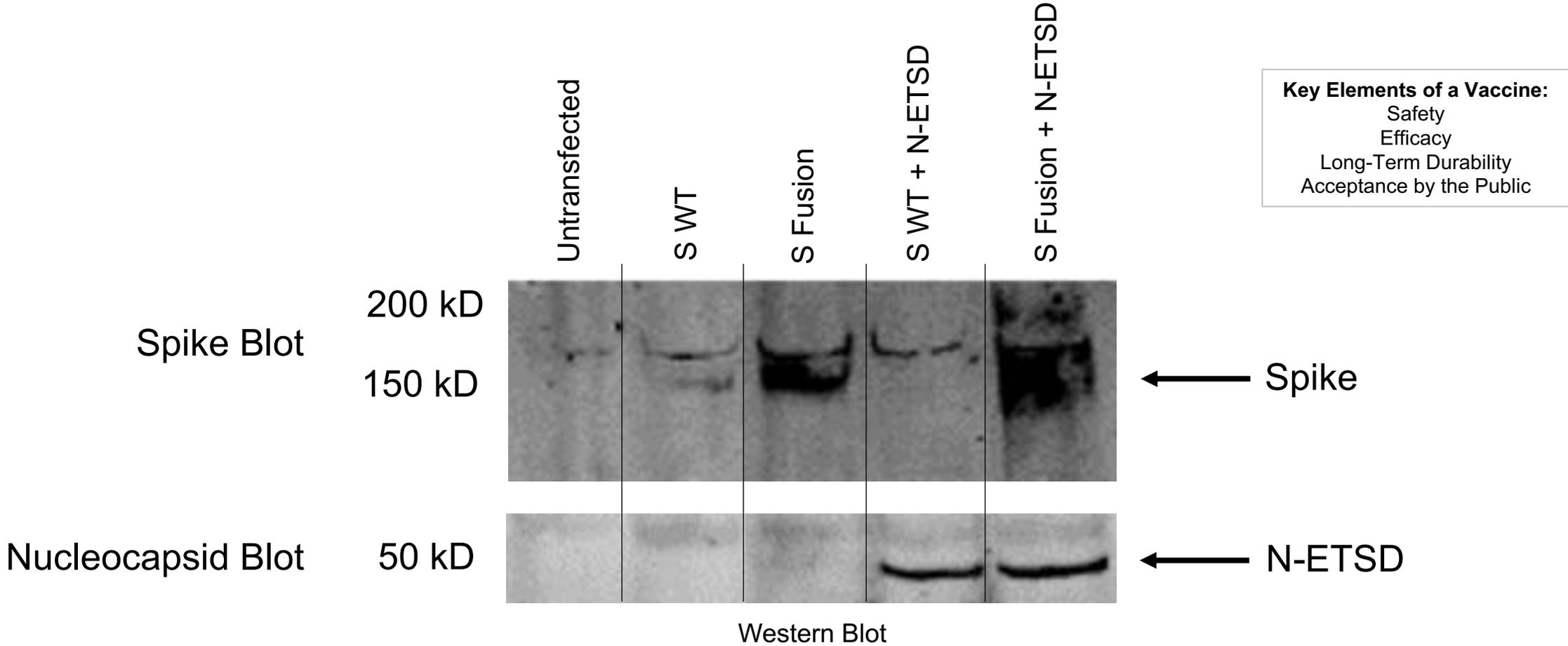


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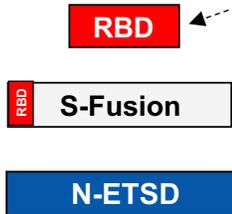
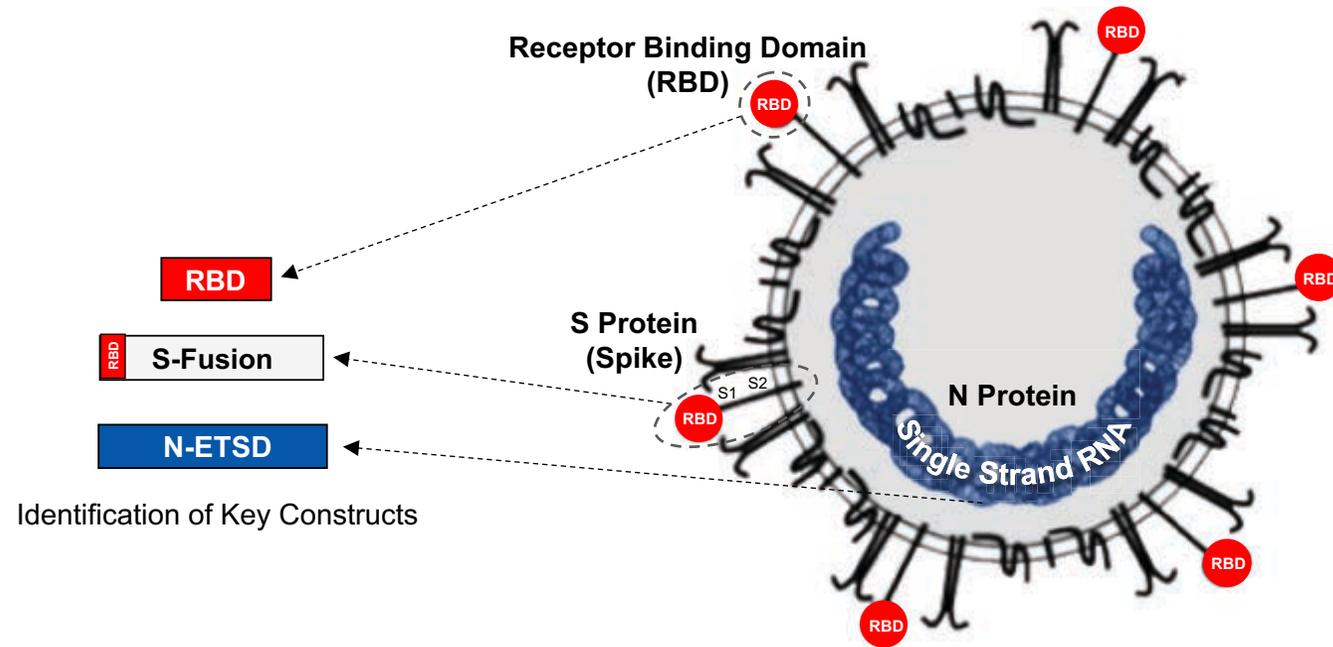
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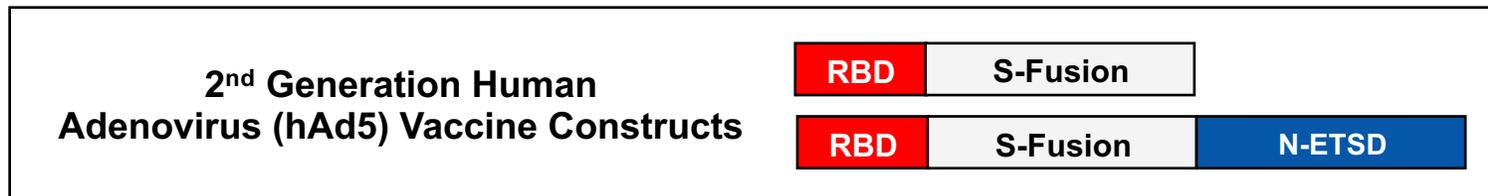
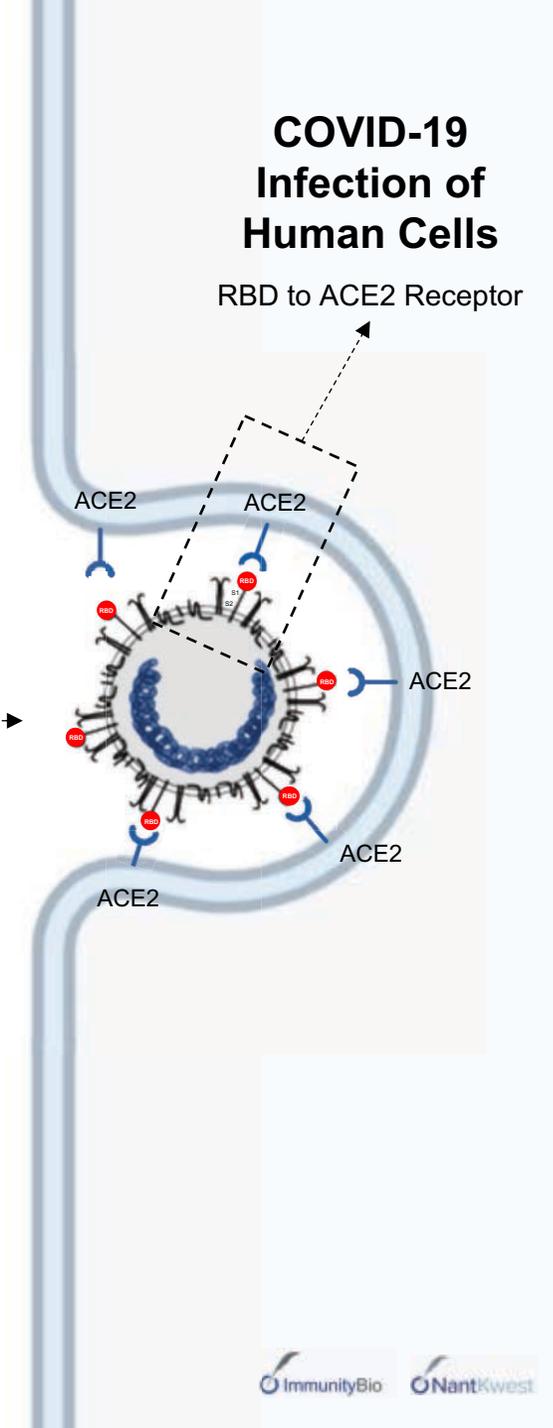
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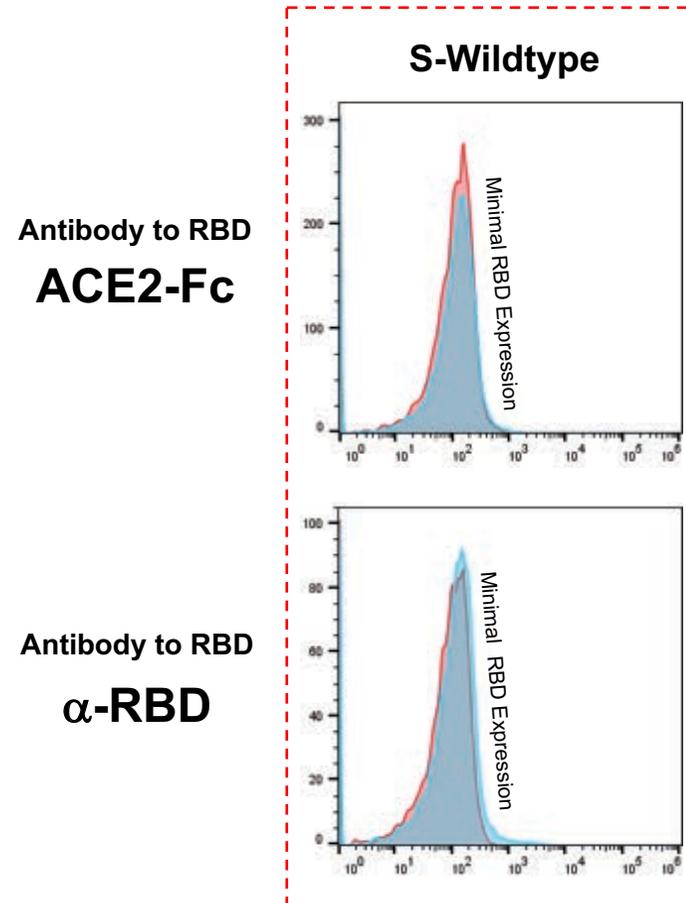
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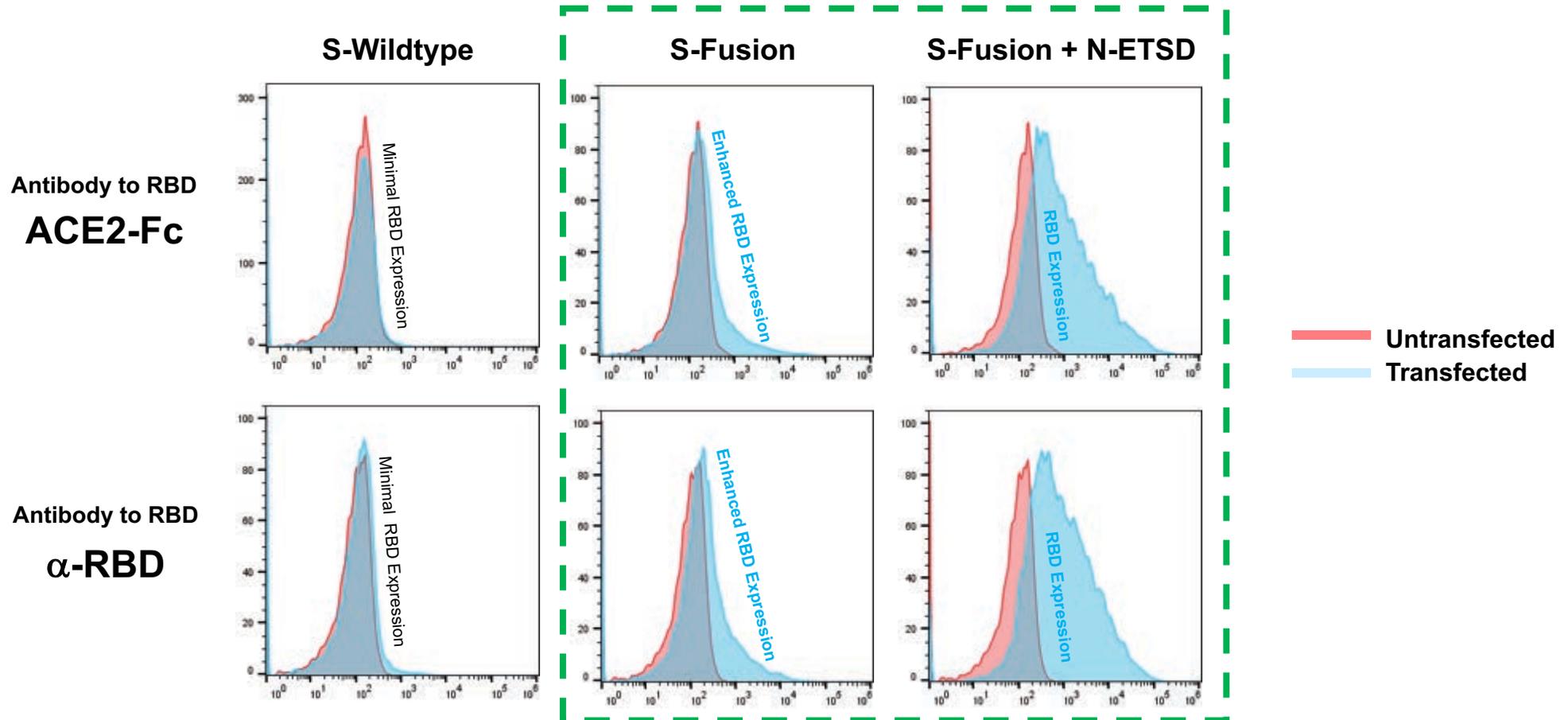


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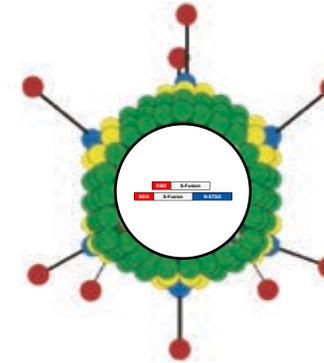


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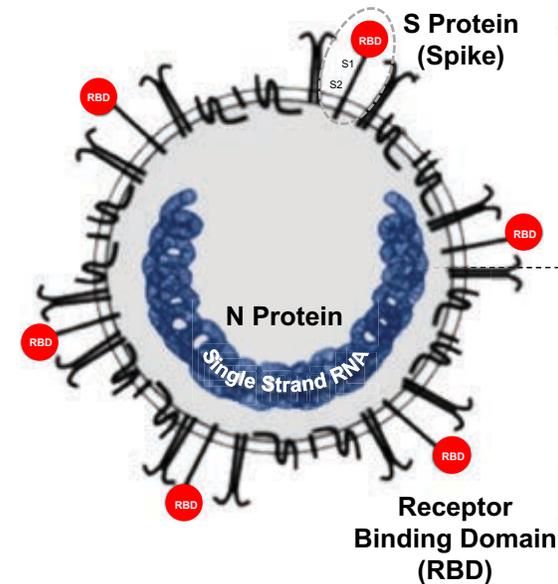
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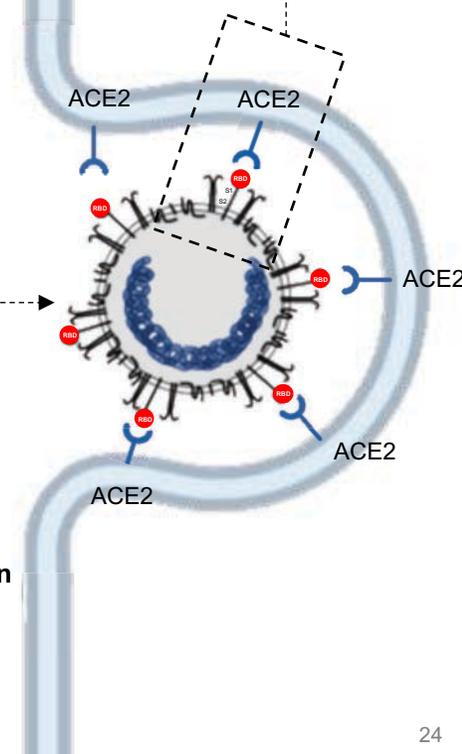
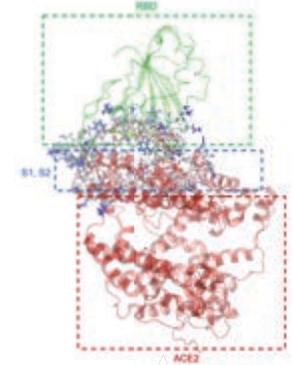


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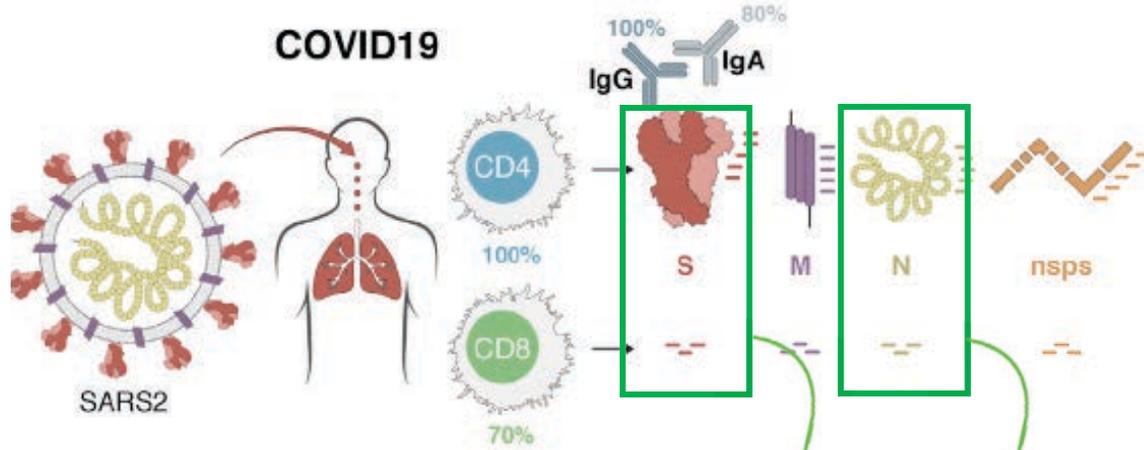
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CD4 & CD8 T Cells in Patients Recovered from COVID-19 Infection



**Table 3. IEDB Inventory of Coronavirus B and T Cell Epitopes**

SARS-CoV Proteins	B Cell	T Cell
Spike glycoprotein	279	48
Nucleoprotein	113	33
Membrane protein	20	4
Replicase polyprotein 1ab	8	9
Protein 3a	2	7
Envelope small membrane protein	2	0
Non-structural protein 3b	2	0
Protein 7a	2	0
Protein 9b	2	0
Non-structural protein 6	1	0
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T cell epitope total includes epitopes recognized in humans and/or transgenic mice.

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Summary of T cell responses in SARS-recovered subjects at 9 or 11 years post-infection, identified from screening by ELISpot and confirmation by ICS. Percentages of T cell responses represent that of CD4<sup>+</sup> or CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells over total T cell population after *in vitro* expansion in the presence of SARS peptide mixtures.

	HLA Class I		Years post-SARS infection	Peptide	Amino acid position	Type of T cell response	Percentages of T cell responses after <i>in vitro</i> expansion
SARS subject 1	A*2402	A*0206	9 years	S104	516–530	CD4 <sup>+</sup>	3.9%
	B*1502	B*1525		S109	541–555	CD4 <sup>+</sup>	3.1%
	C*0801	C*0403		N21	101–115	CD4 <sup>+</sup>	4.7%
				M29	141–155	CD8 <sup>+</sup>	1.0%
SARS subject 2	A*1101	A*3303	9 years	N21	101–115	CD4 <sup>+</sup>	0.2%
	B*5502	B*5801					
	C*0302	C*0303					
SARS subject 3	A*0201	A*1101	11 years	S217	1081–1095	CD4 <sup>+</sup>	0.3%
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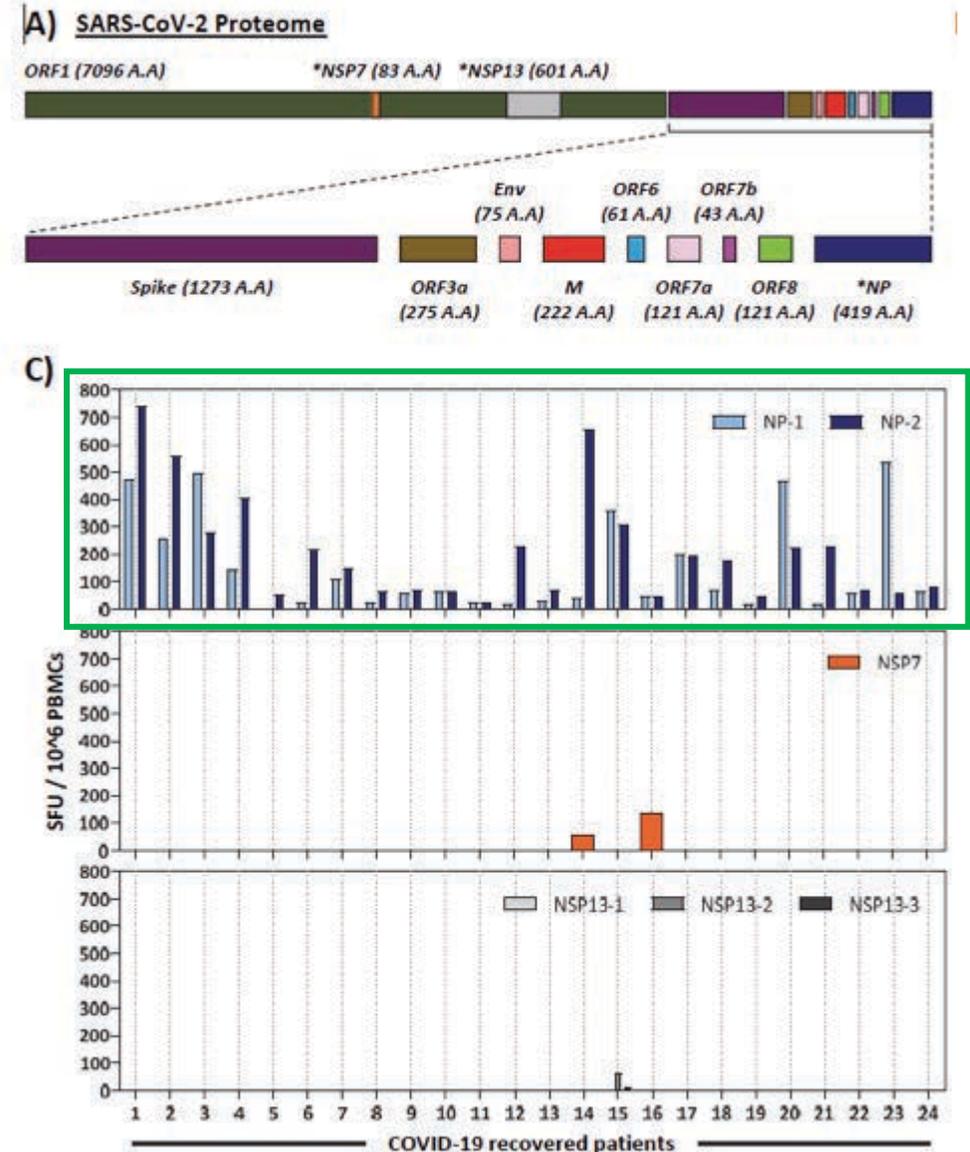
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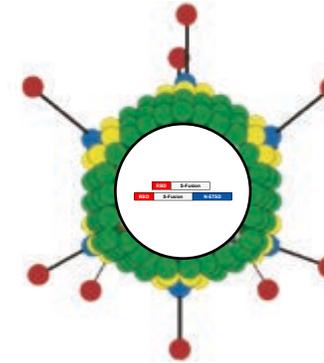
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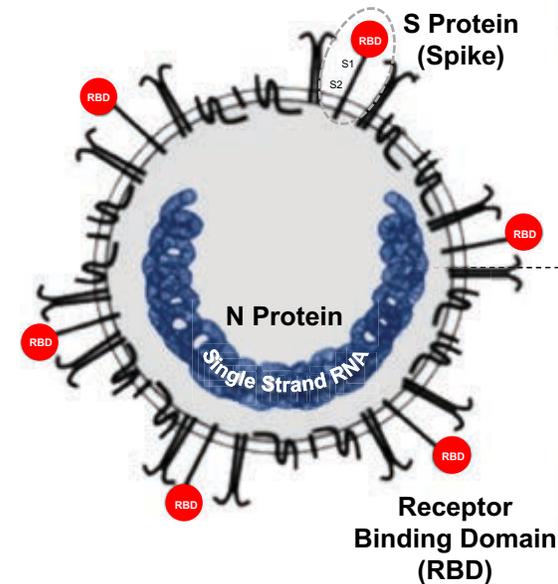
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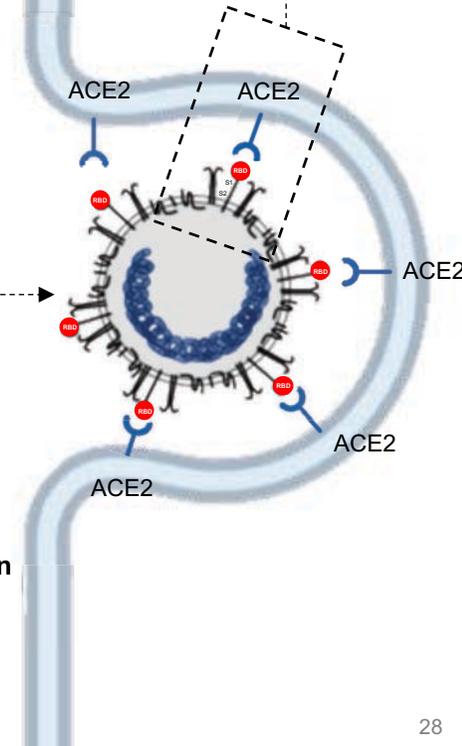
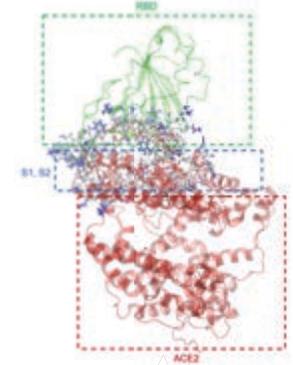


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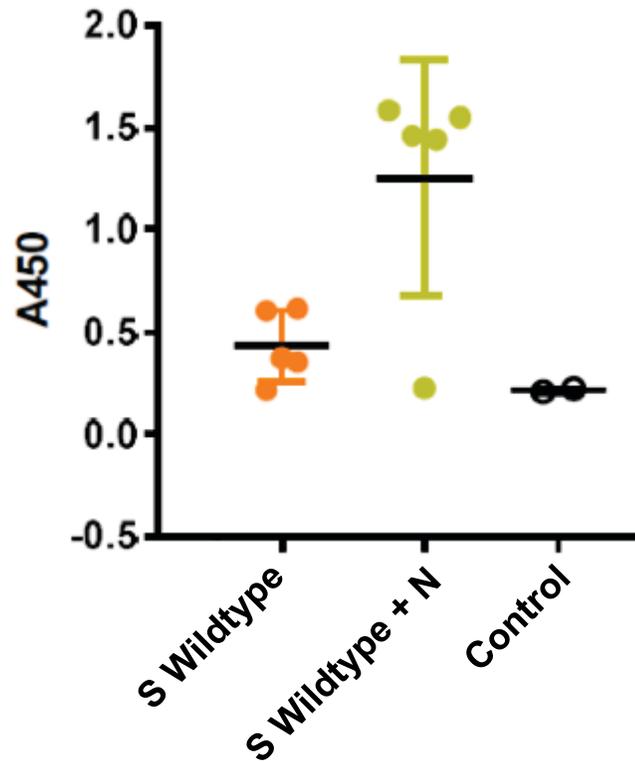
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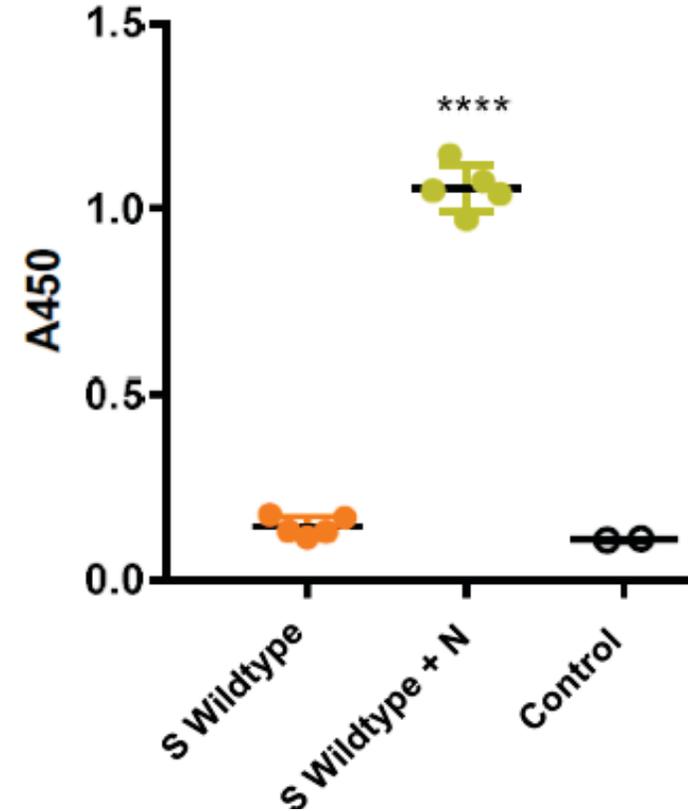


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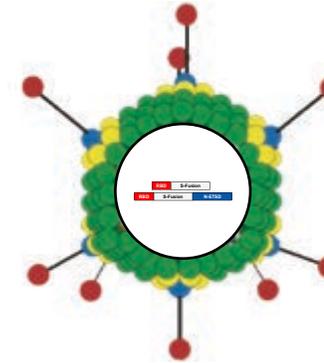


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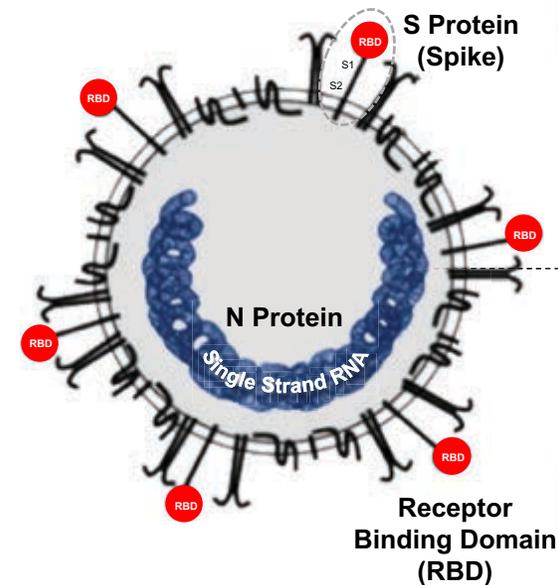
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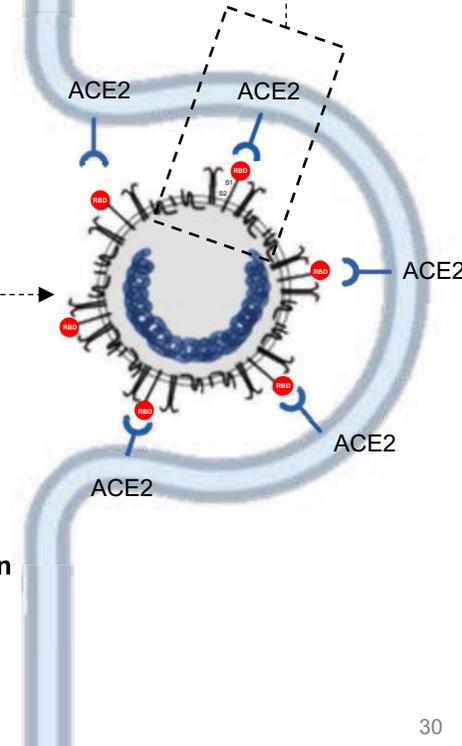
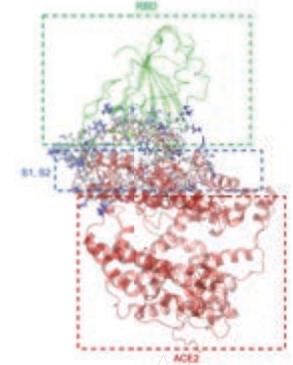


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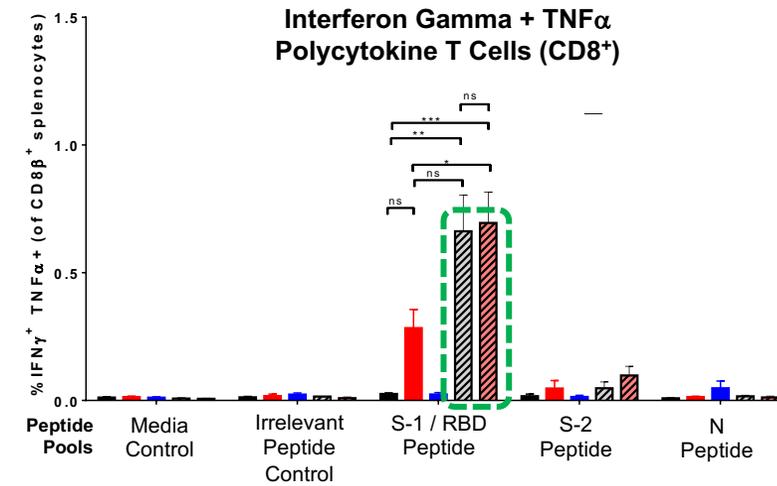
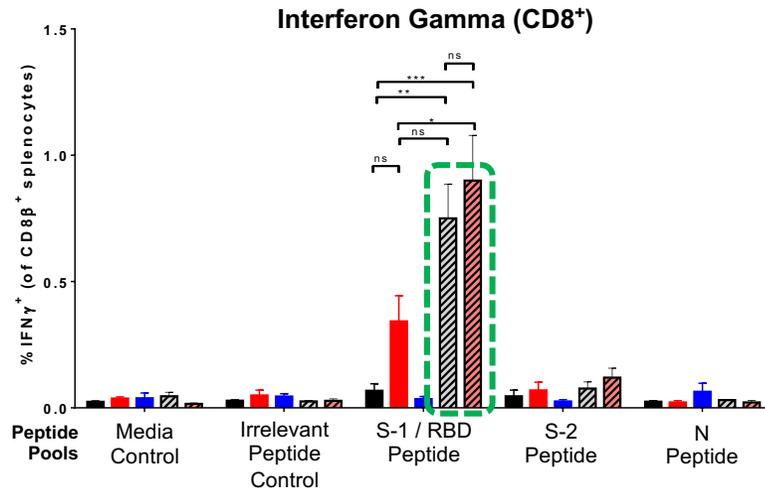
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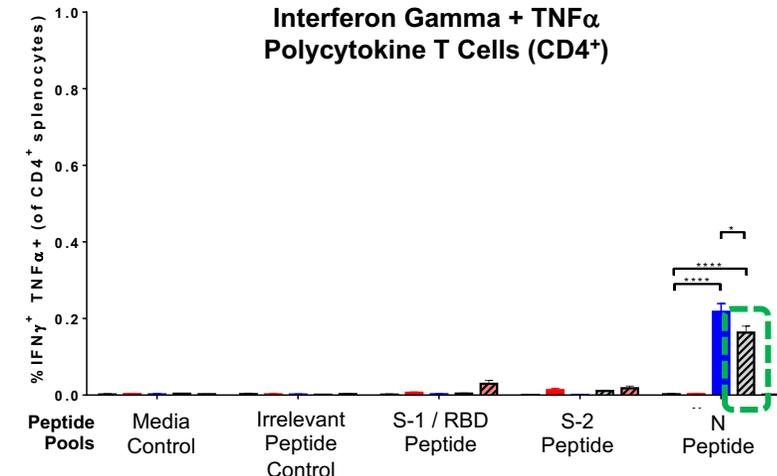
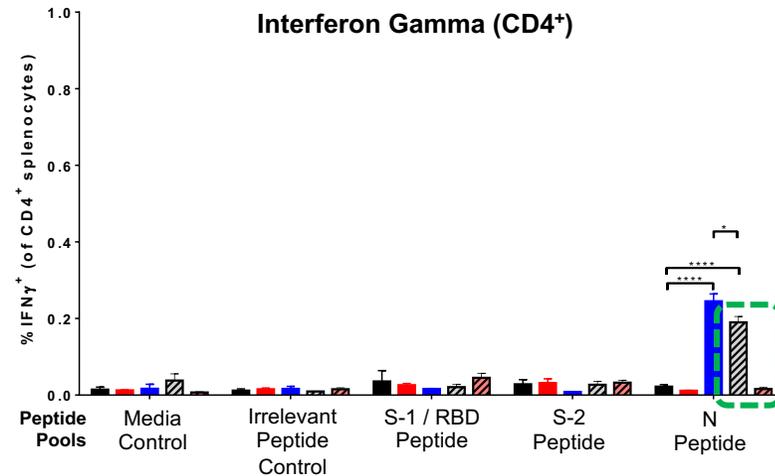


BALB/c mice

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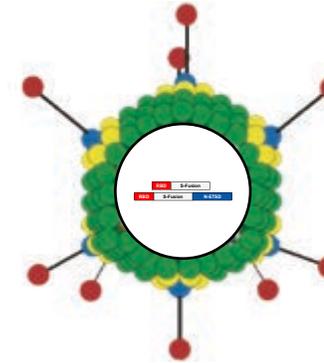
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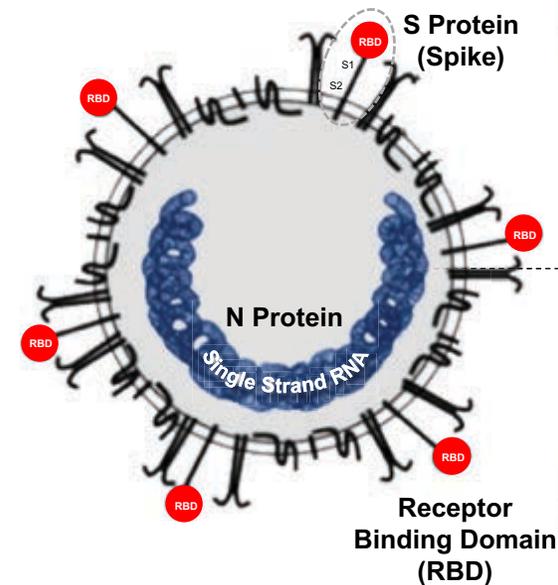
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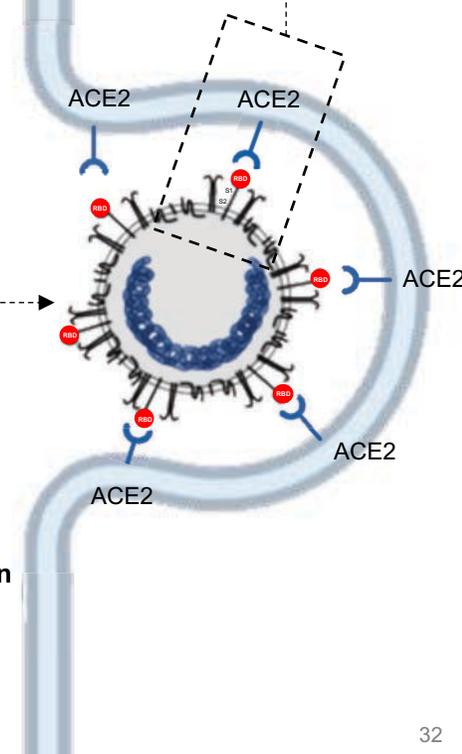
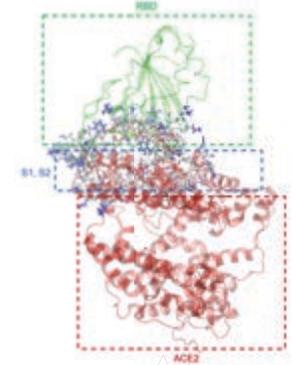


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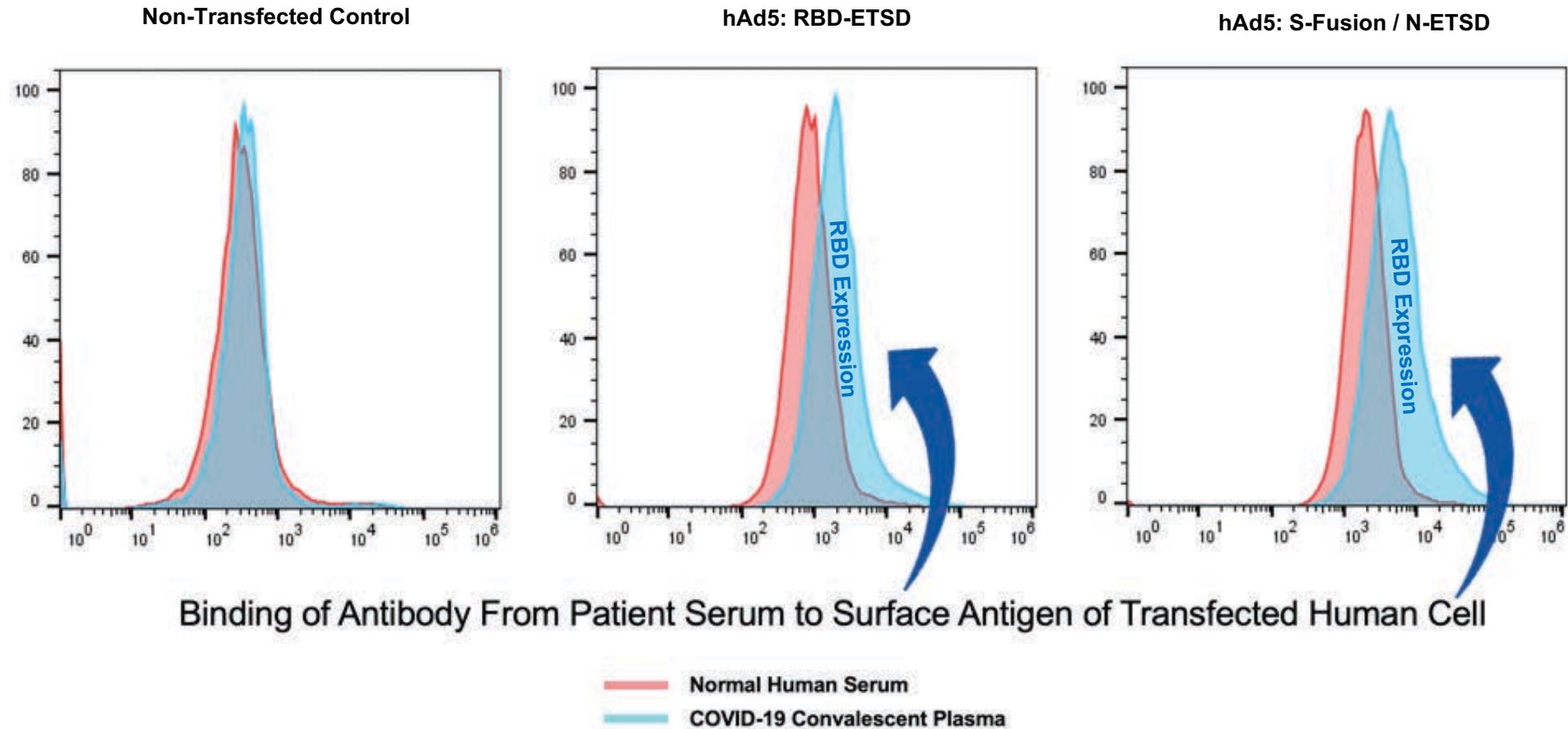


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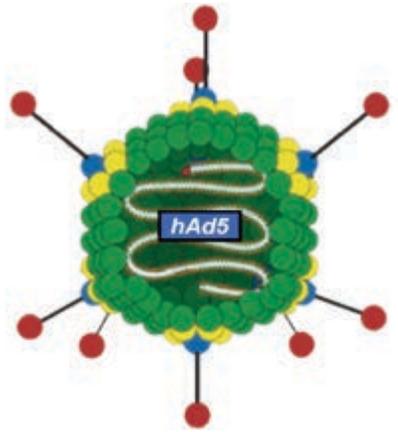


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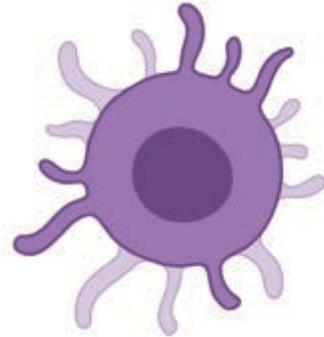
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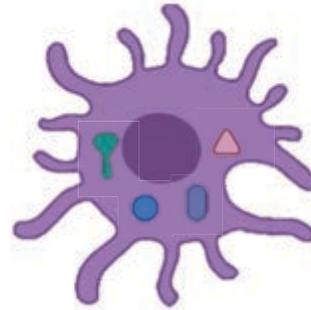
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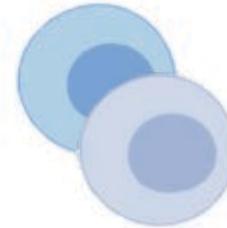
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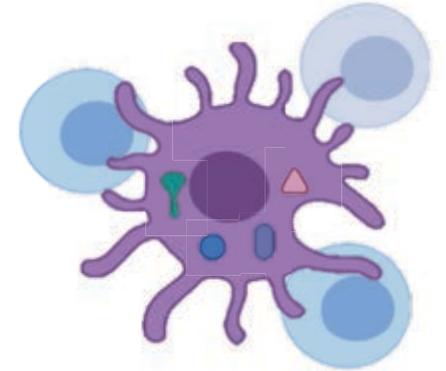
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Patient's T Cells From Same Patients Recovered After COVID-19 Infection

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**Readout: T Cell Production of IFN- $\gamma$**



**Overnight Transfection**



**Overnight Co-Culture**

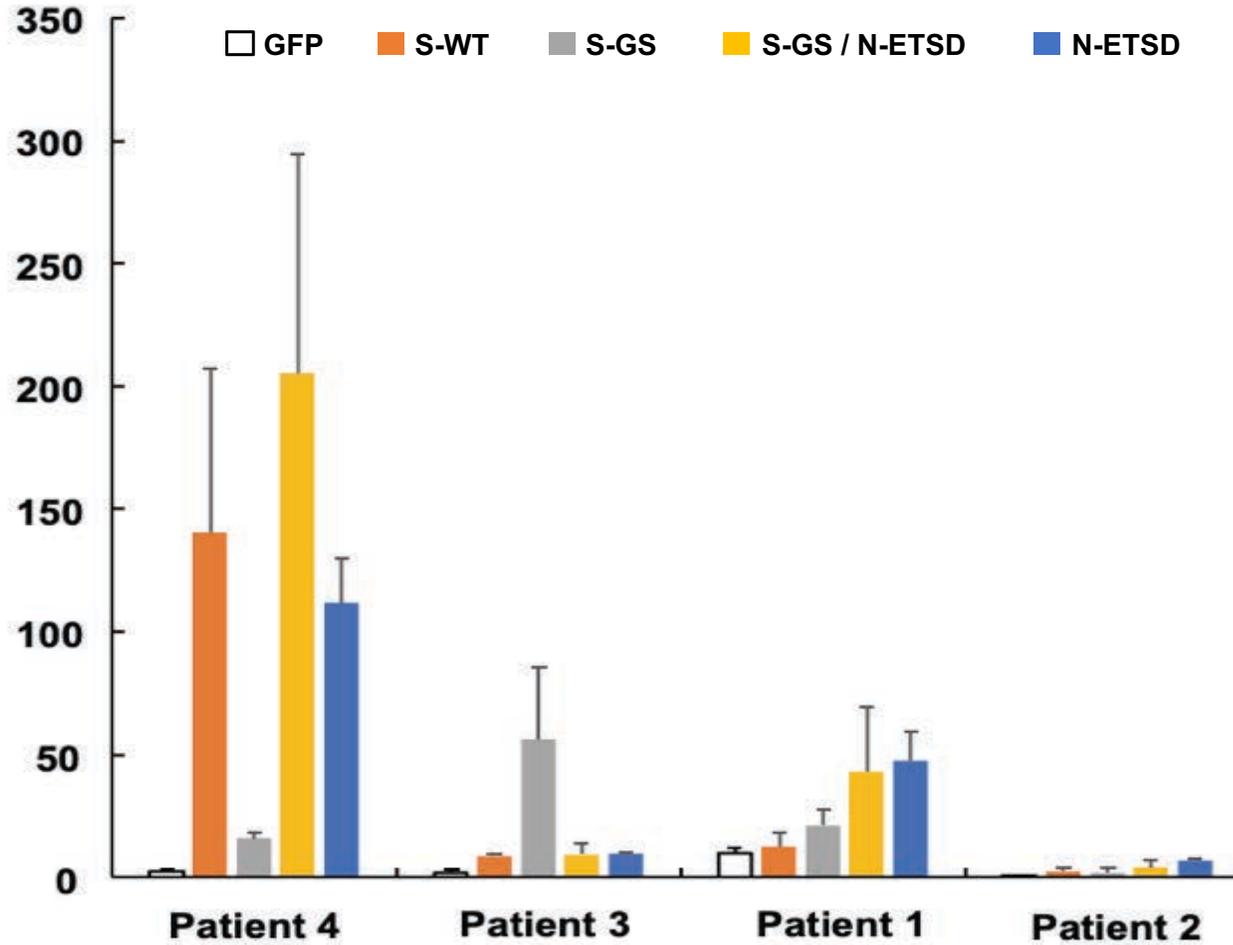


**Outcome**

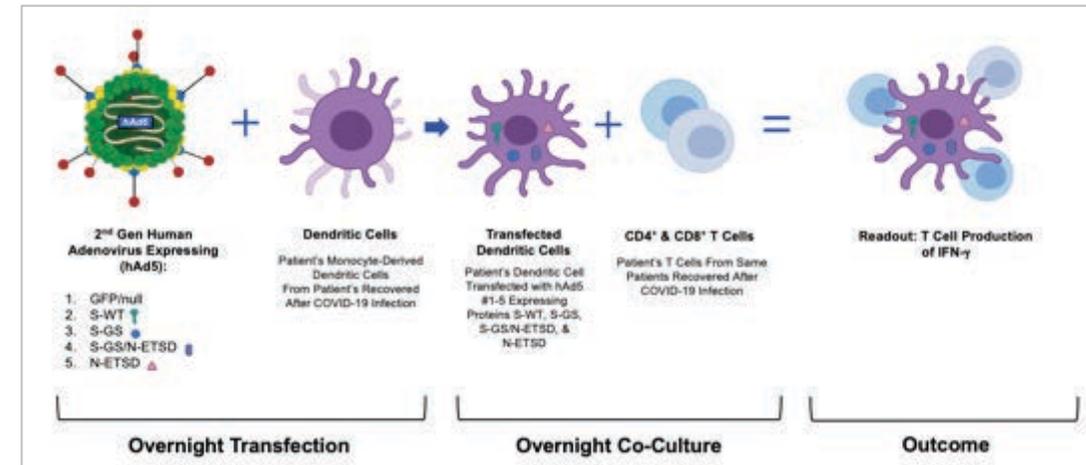
# Cell Mediated Immunity Demonstrated with T Cells From Patients Recovered From COVID-19 Infection

## Effective T Cell Recognition of Proteins Expressed By hAd5: S-Fusion + N-ETSD Vaccine to Induce Long-Term Immunity

**IFN- $\gamma$  SFC/10<sup>5</sup>**



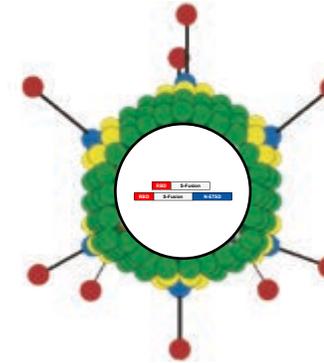
**Recovered COVID-19 Patients**



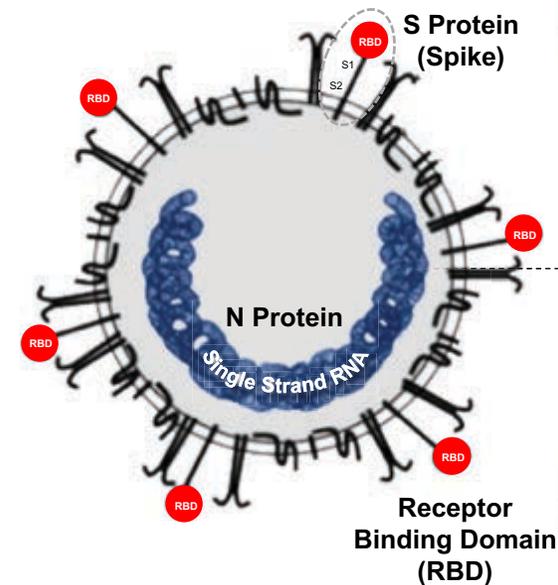
# Key Findings to Date of 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Human Adenovirus (hAd5) COVID-19 Vaccine:

- RBD in wildtype spike (S) is minimally exposed from the surface of the transfected cell
- Wildtype S protein alone may induce antibodies but may be insufficient to induce potent cell mediated immunity and CD4<sup>+</sup> / CD8<sup>+</sup> activation
- Novel S-fusion construct enables RBD surface expression in the proper conformation recognizing antibodies from recovered COVID-19 patients
- S-fusion when combined with N-ETSD enhances RBD surface expression even further
- N protein induces long-term T cell memory and has large number of T cell epitopes
- N protein is immunogenic and enhances antibody response of Wildtype S in yeast vaccine
- Novel N-ETSD intracellular trafficking construct enables MHC-II expression of N protein with CD4<sup>+</sup> Th1 response
- hAd5: S-Fusion + N-ETSD induces CD4<sup>+</sup> and CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell activation
- Antibodies and T cells from patients recovered from COVID-19 infection recognize the proteins from hAd5: S-Fusion + N-ETSD vaccine
- **hAd5: S-Fusion + N-ETSD vaccine potentially maximizes epitope presentation for long-term humoral and Th1 cell mediated immunity**

2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Human Adenovirus hAd5

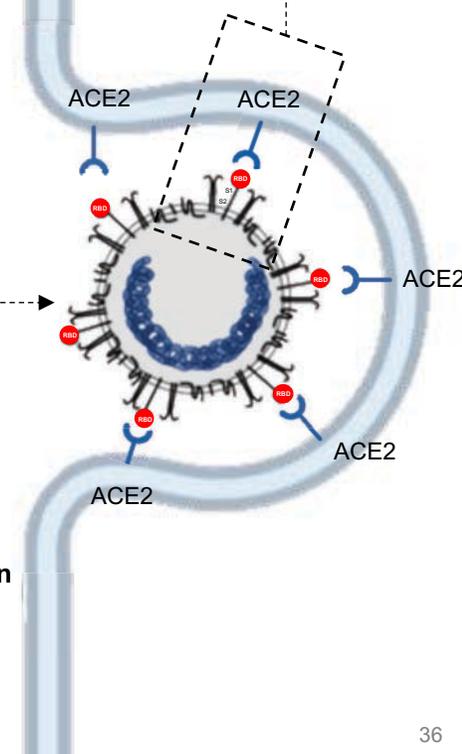
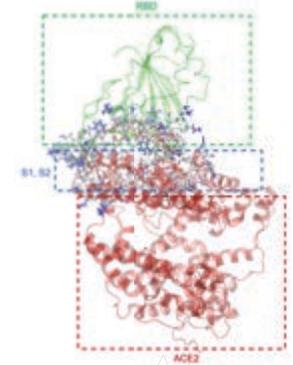


COVID-19 Proteins



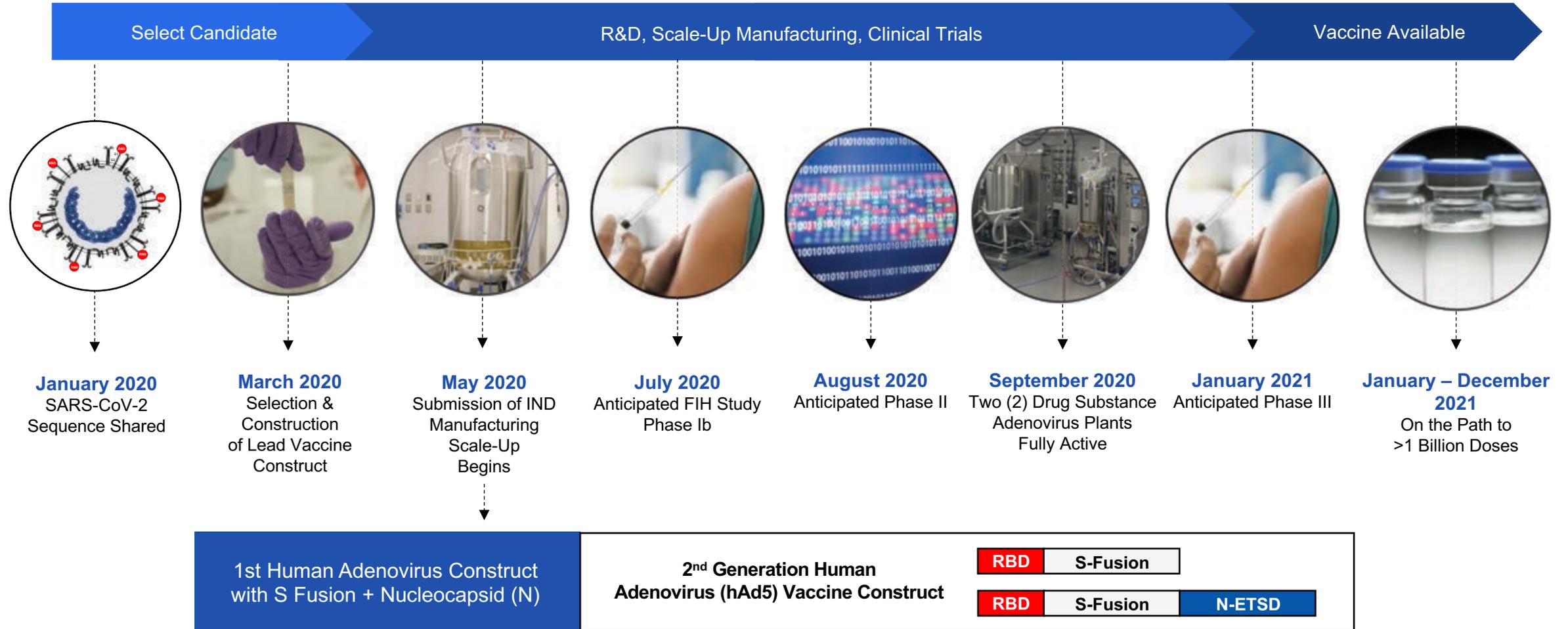
COVID-19 Infection of Lung Cell

RBD to ACE2 Receptor



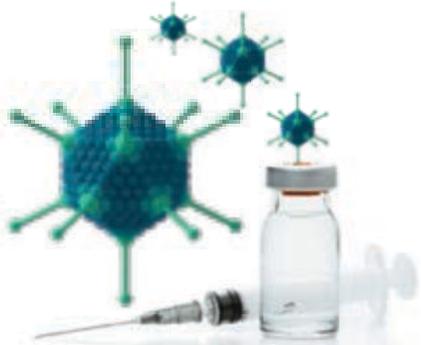
# COVID-19 Vaccine Timeline

Accelerating R&D and Manufacturing in Parallel to Achieve >1 Billion Doses



# NantKwest & ImmunityBio Manufacturing, Development and Marketing Partnership

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Gen hAd5 Adenovirus Vaccine Program



T Cell Mediated Immunity  
Humoral Immunity



# Key Elements of a Vaccine

- Safety
- Efficacy
- Long-Term Durability
- Universal for all SARS-CoV
  - Spike Mutates
  - N is Highly Conserved
- Acceptance by the Public

