

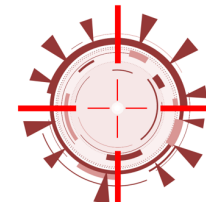


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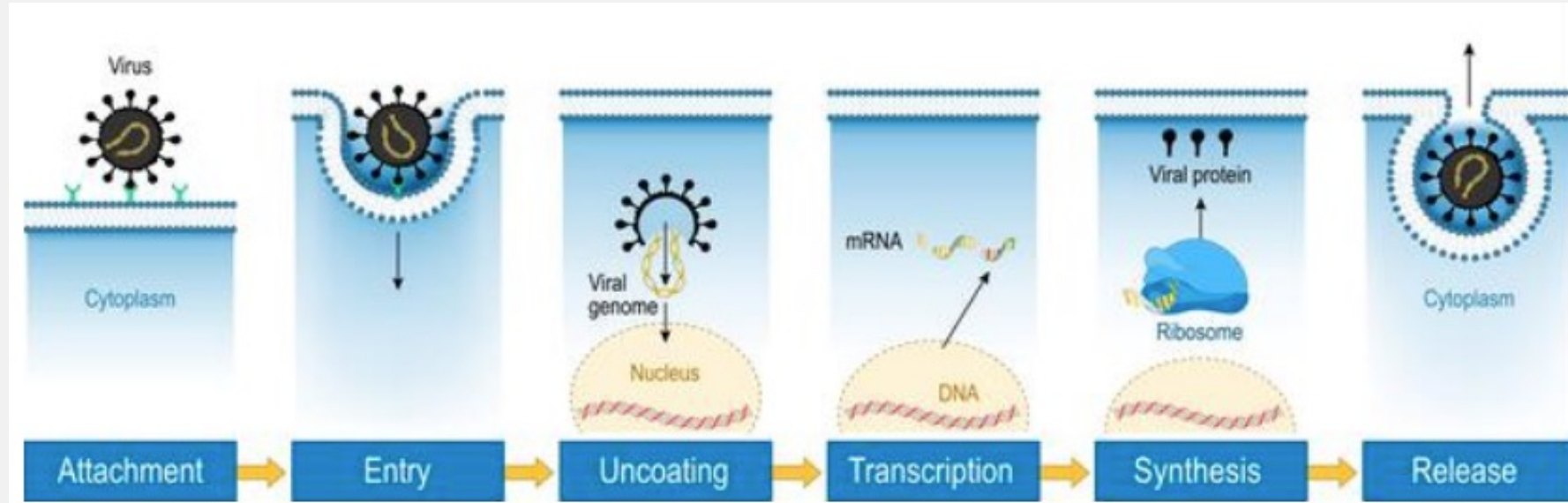


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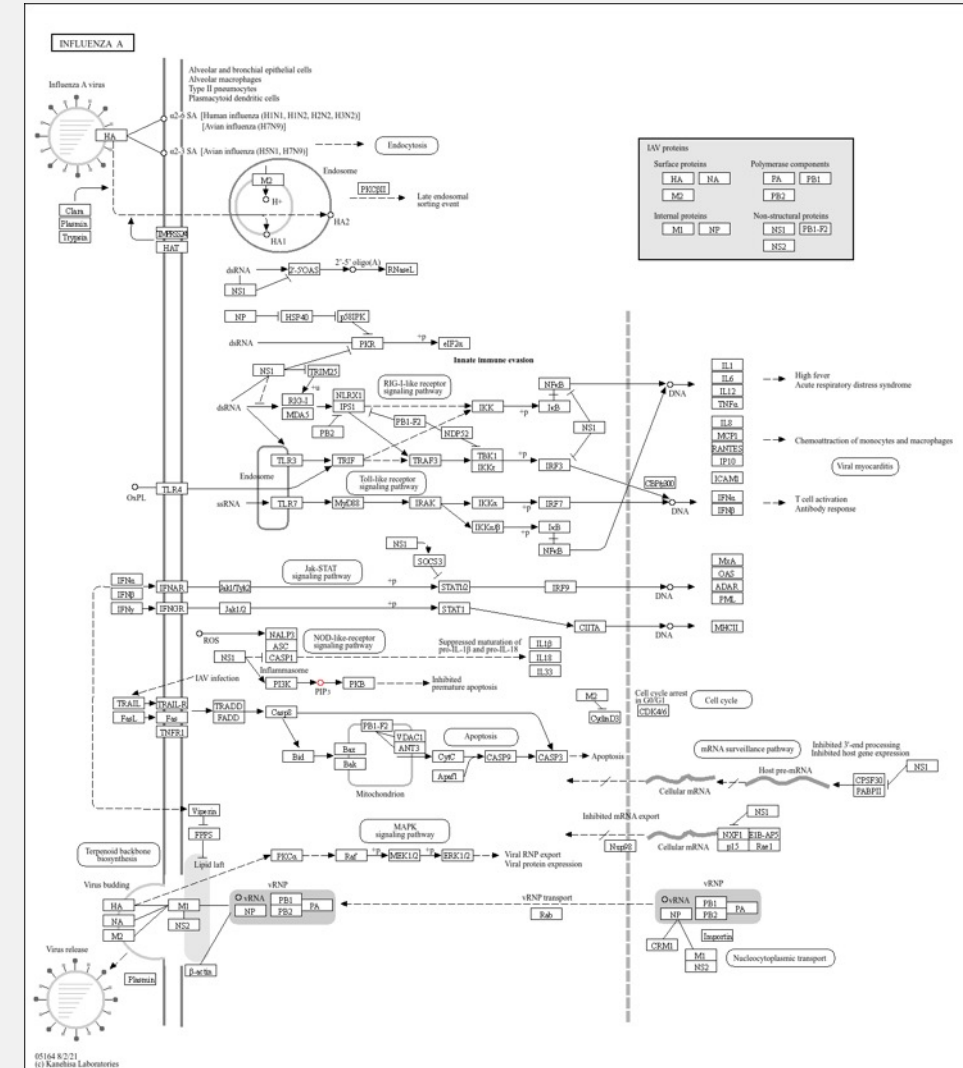
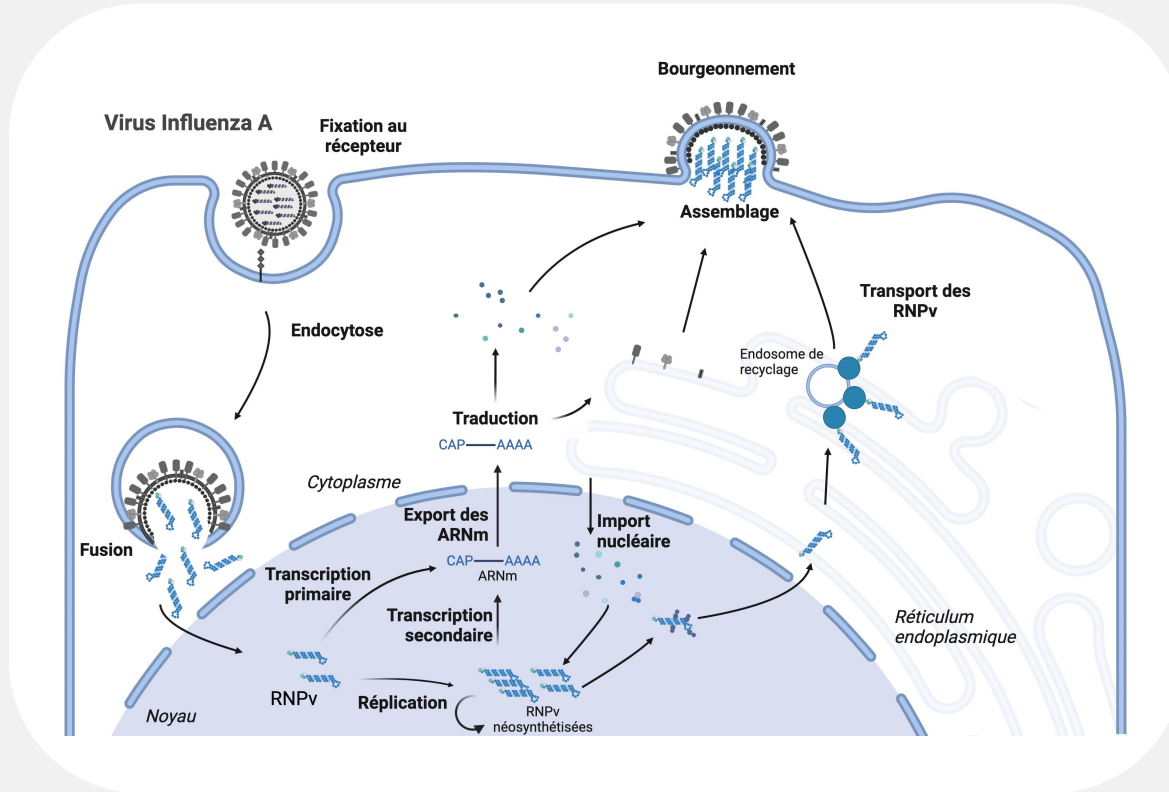


APPEAL: to identify broad spectrum host-directed antiviral drugs

Viruses are obligatory intracellular parasites

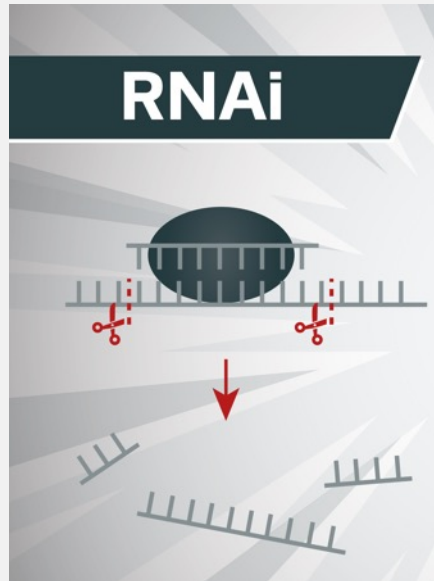


Influenza virus



APPEAL: a better knowledge of virus/host cell relations to identify key host factors

Since 2000: Multi-omics and genome-wide studies



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i.e.: RNAi screens and influenza virus to unravel host-dependency factors (HDRs) involved in viral replication

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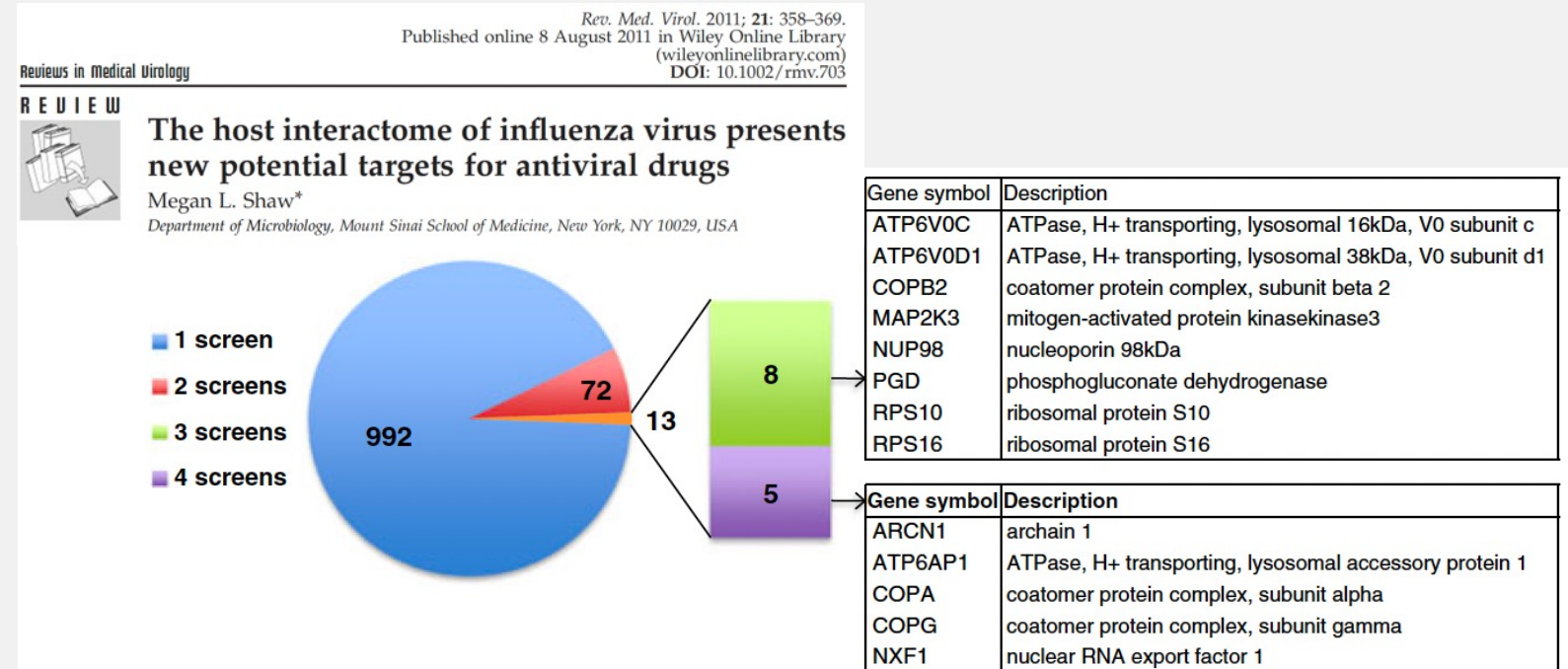
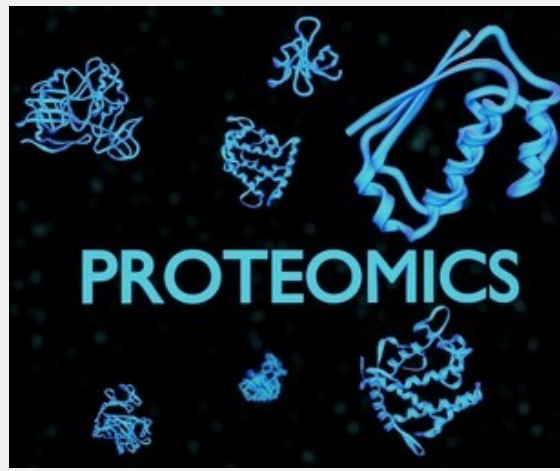
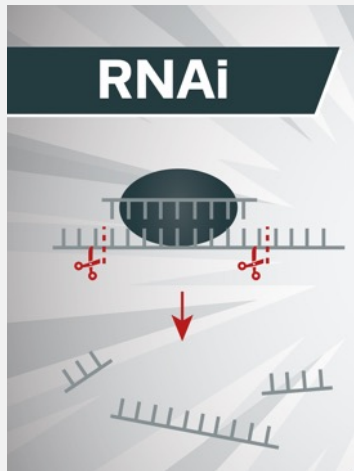


Figure 2. Representation of the number of common hits among five influenza virus RNAi screens [21–25]. 992 genes were unique to one of the screens, 72 were identified in two screens, 8 were identified in three screens and 5 were identified in four screens. The genes in the latter two categories are shown in the tables on the right

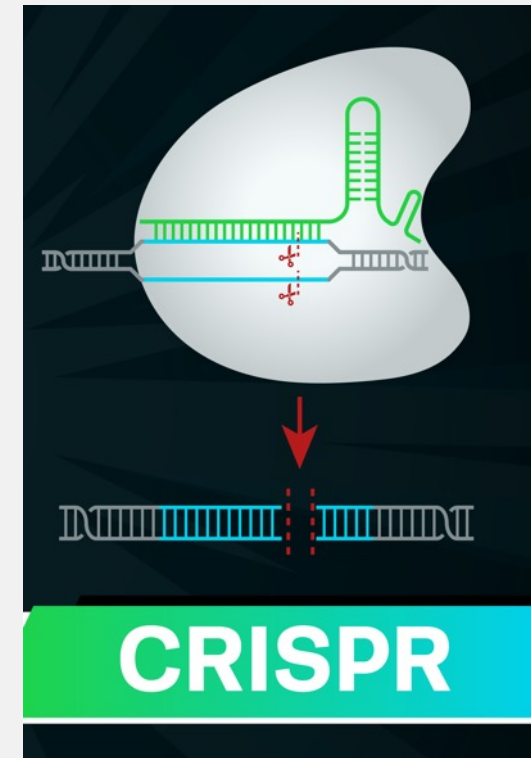
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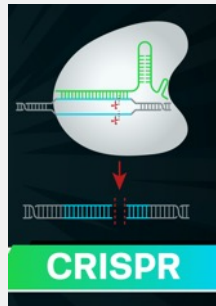
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2012: CRISPR

(Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats)





Vero E6 (online 20/10/2020)



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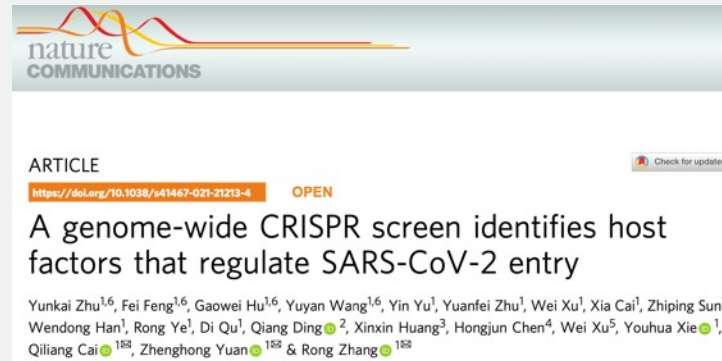
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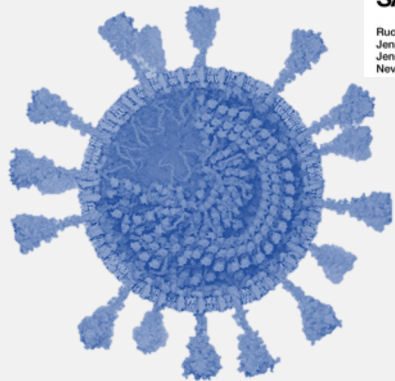
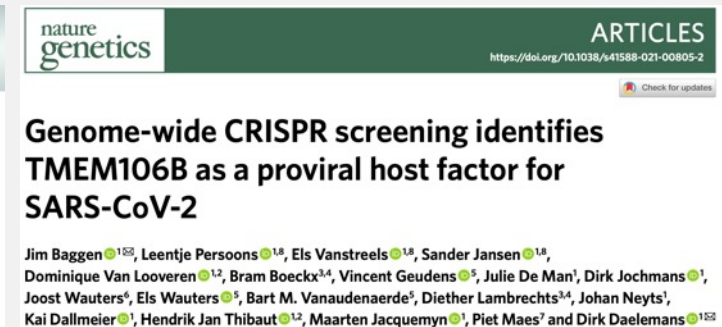
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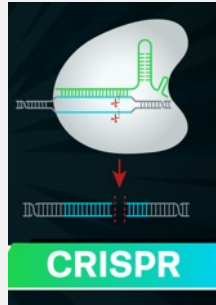


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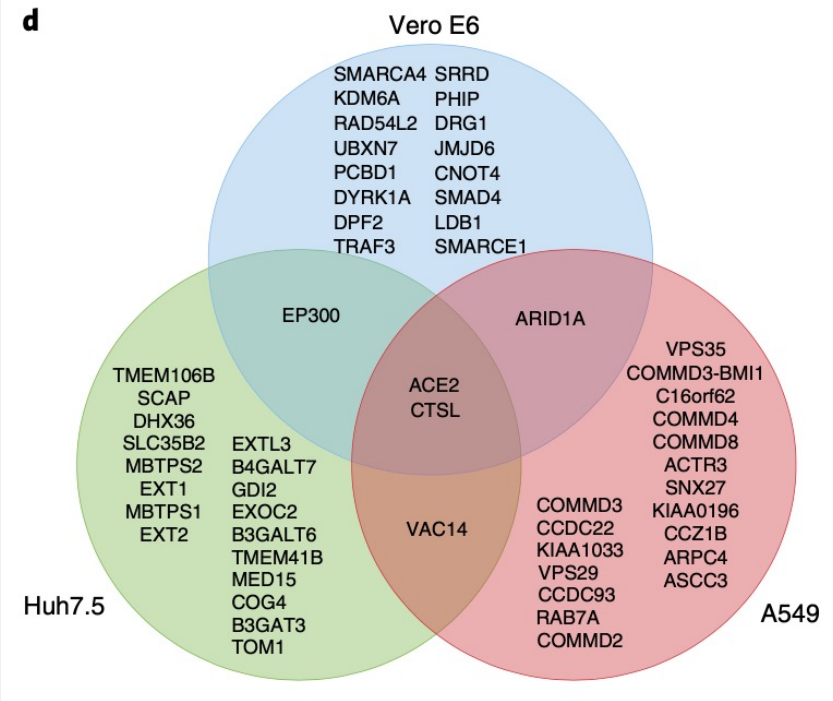
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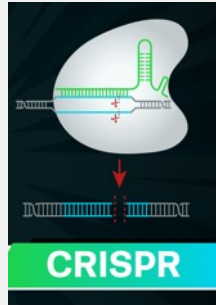
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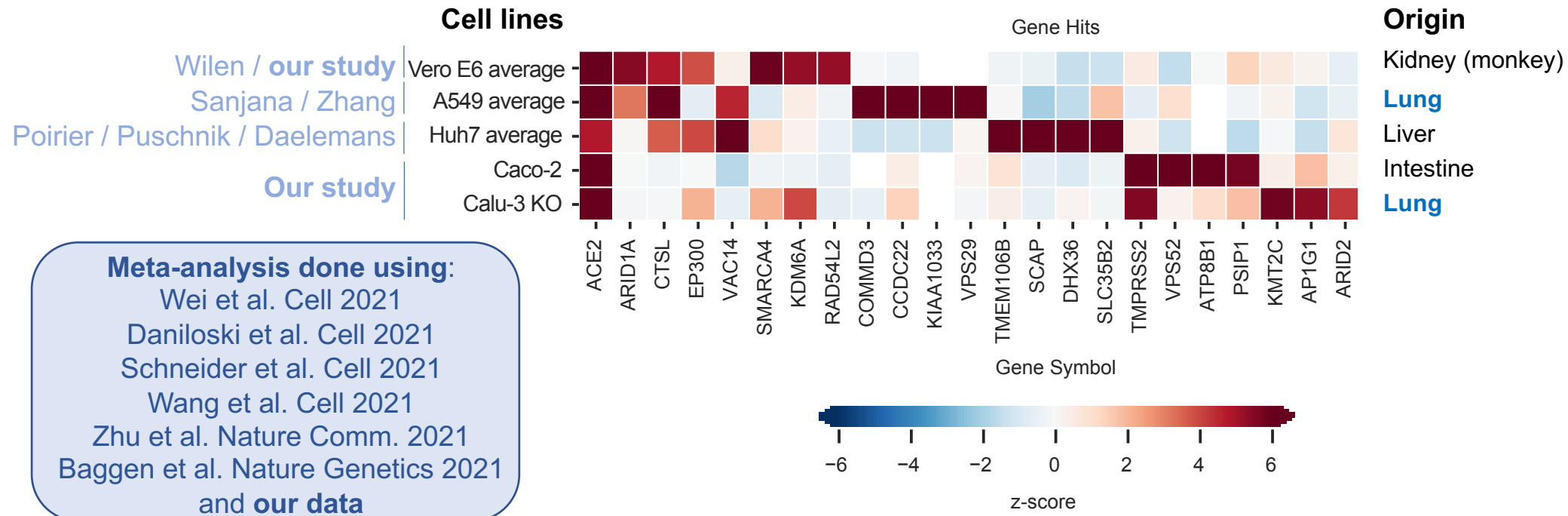
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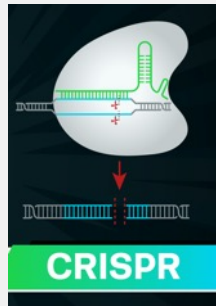


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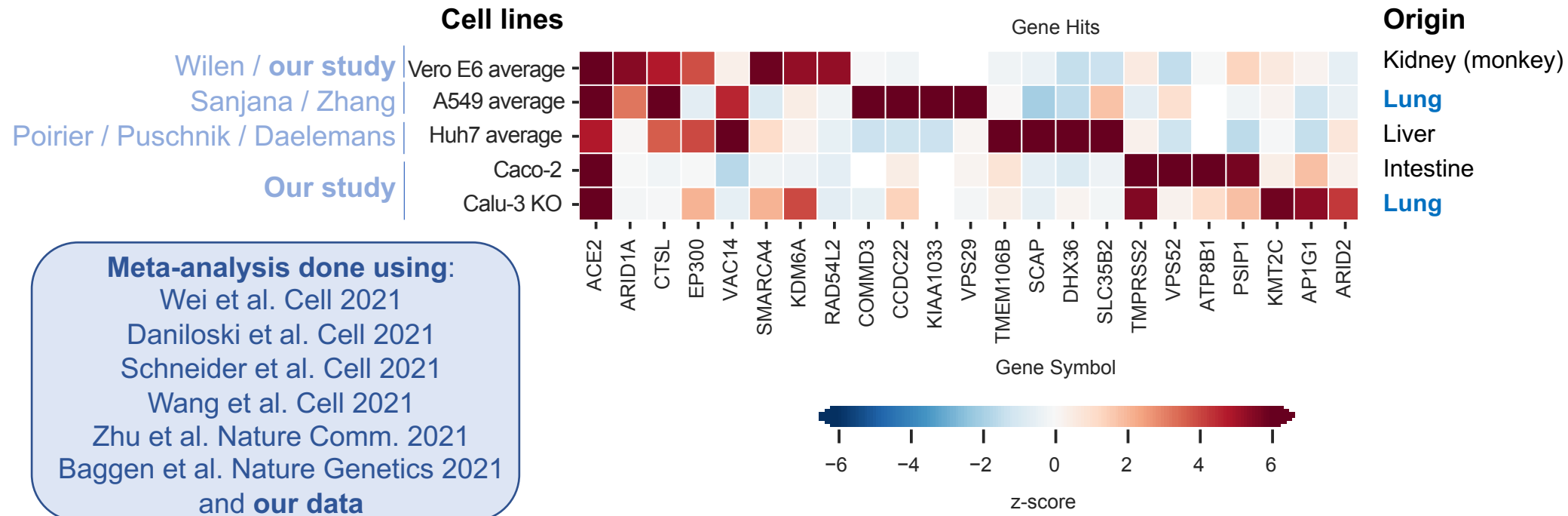
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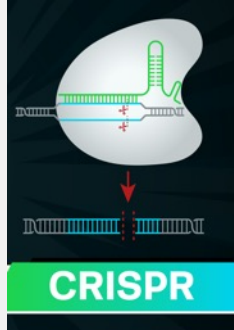
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The cellular model is the primary source of variability

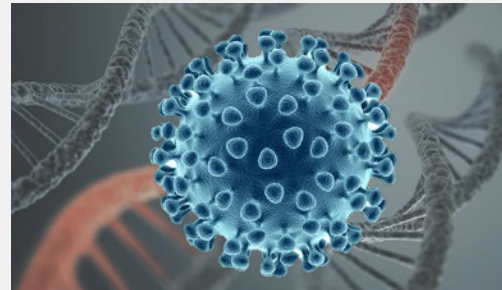


- The hits identified in CRISPR genome-wide screens aiming at defining the landscape of genes modulating SARS-CoV-2 replication are highly dependent on the cell line used***
- Scientific relevance of certain factors?***
- Cost! Between \$100,000 and \$500,000 for a scientific publication!***
- This flaw is not only true for CRISPR or siRNA screens***

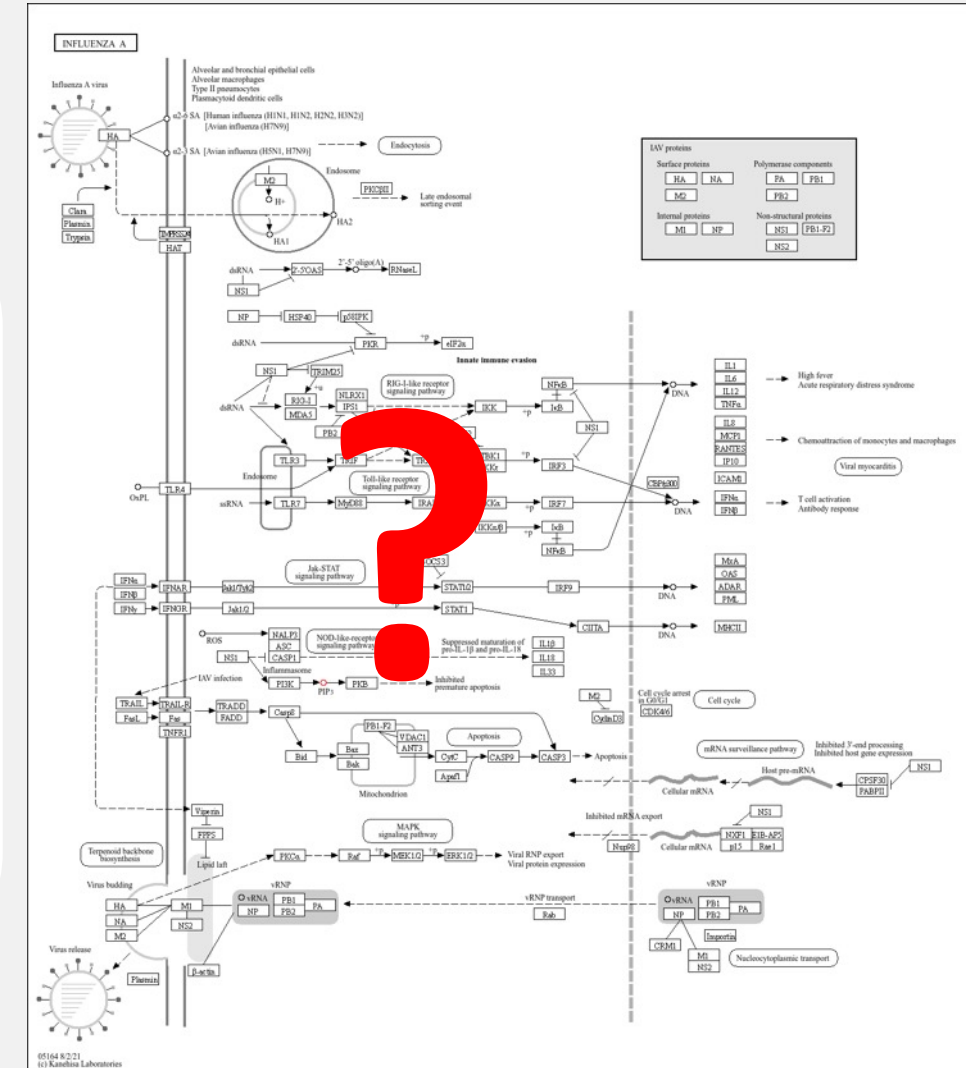
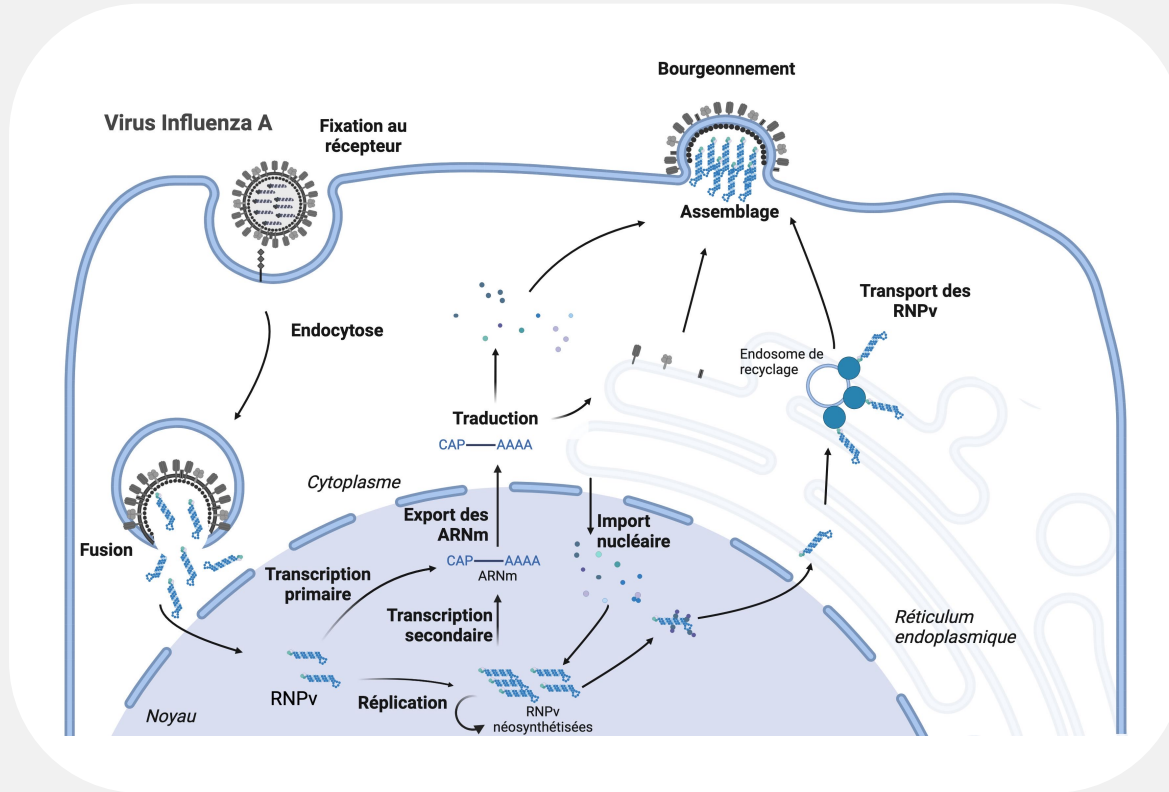
The OMICS era (in cell lines): good or bad?



- **Transcriptomics:** Analysis of the transcriptome (all RNA transcripts)
- **Proteomics:** Examination of the proteome (all proteins)
- **Metabolomics:** Study of the metabolome (all metabolites)
- **Epigenomics:** Study of epigenetic modifications
- **Lipidomics:** Analysis of cellular lipids
- **Glycomics:** Study of the complete set of glycans
- **Interactomics:** Analysis of molecular interactions
- **Ubiquitinomics:** Examination of ubiquitin modifications
- ...
- **Multi-omics:** Integration of multiple omics data types

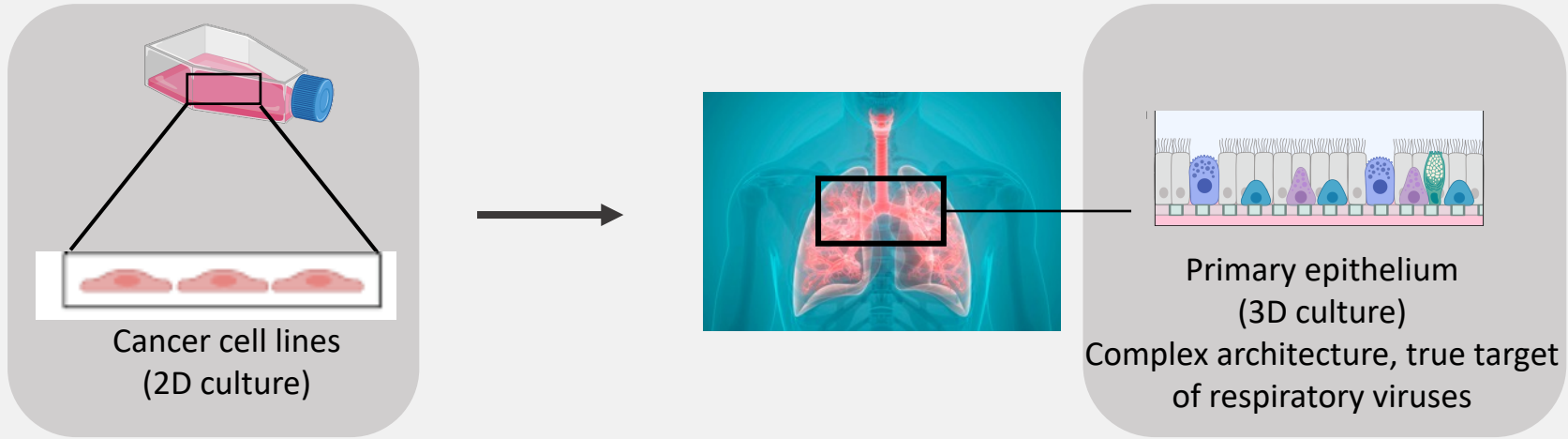


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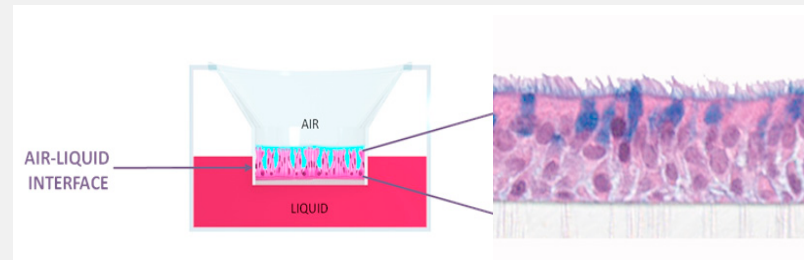
What are the real key cellular factors?

Need for more relevant cellular models



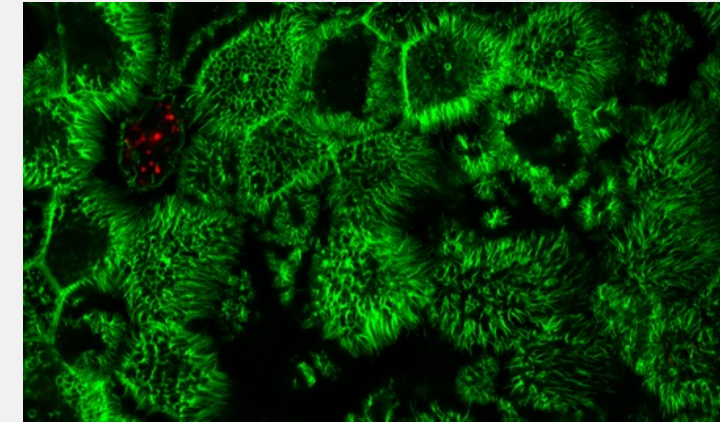
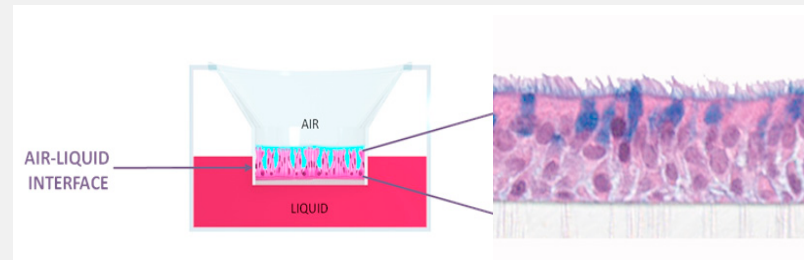


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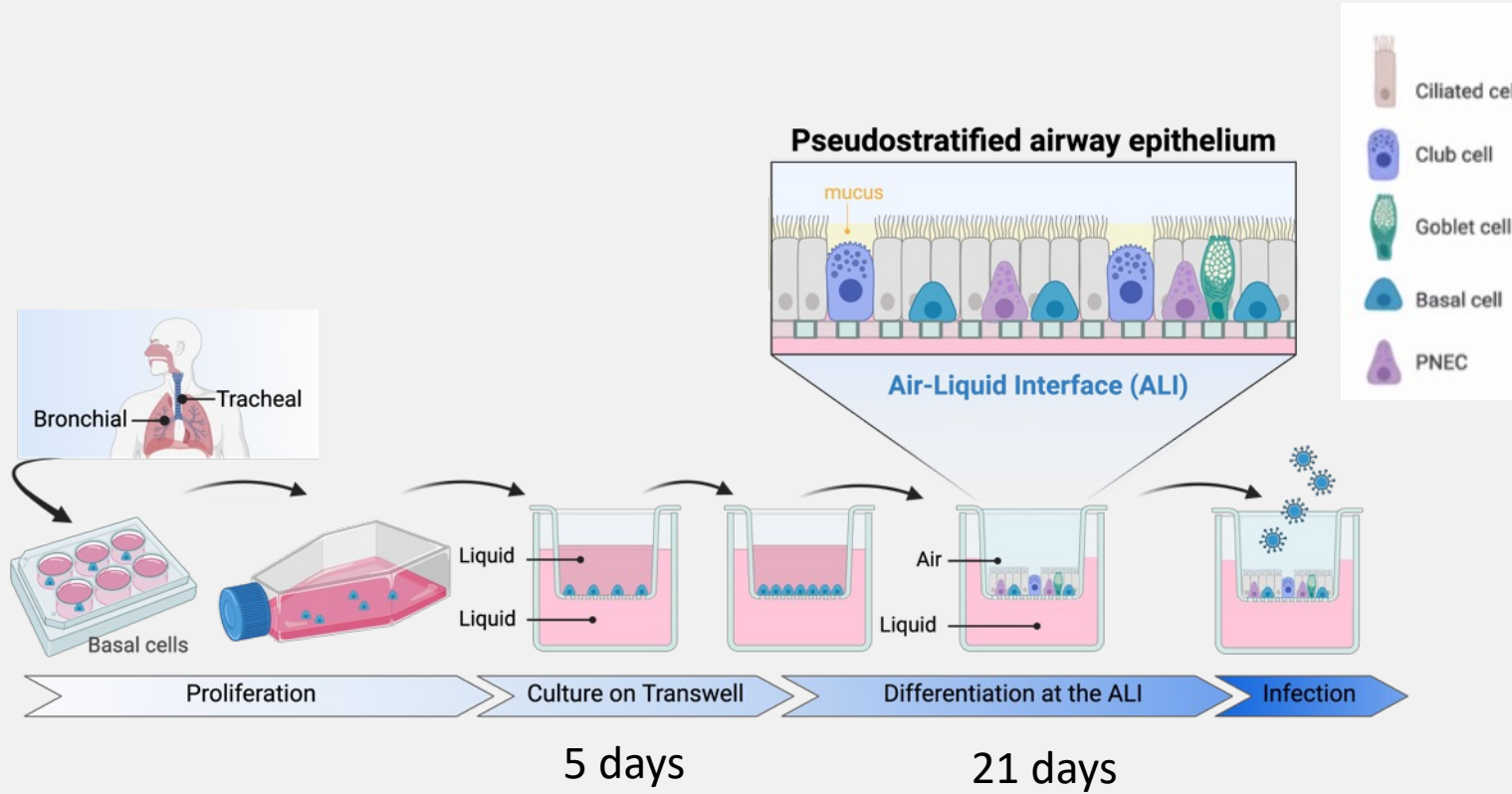


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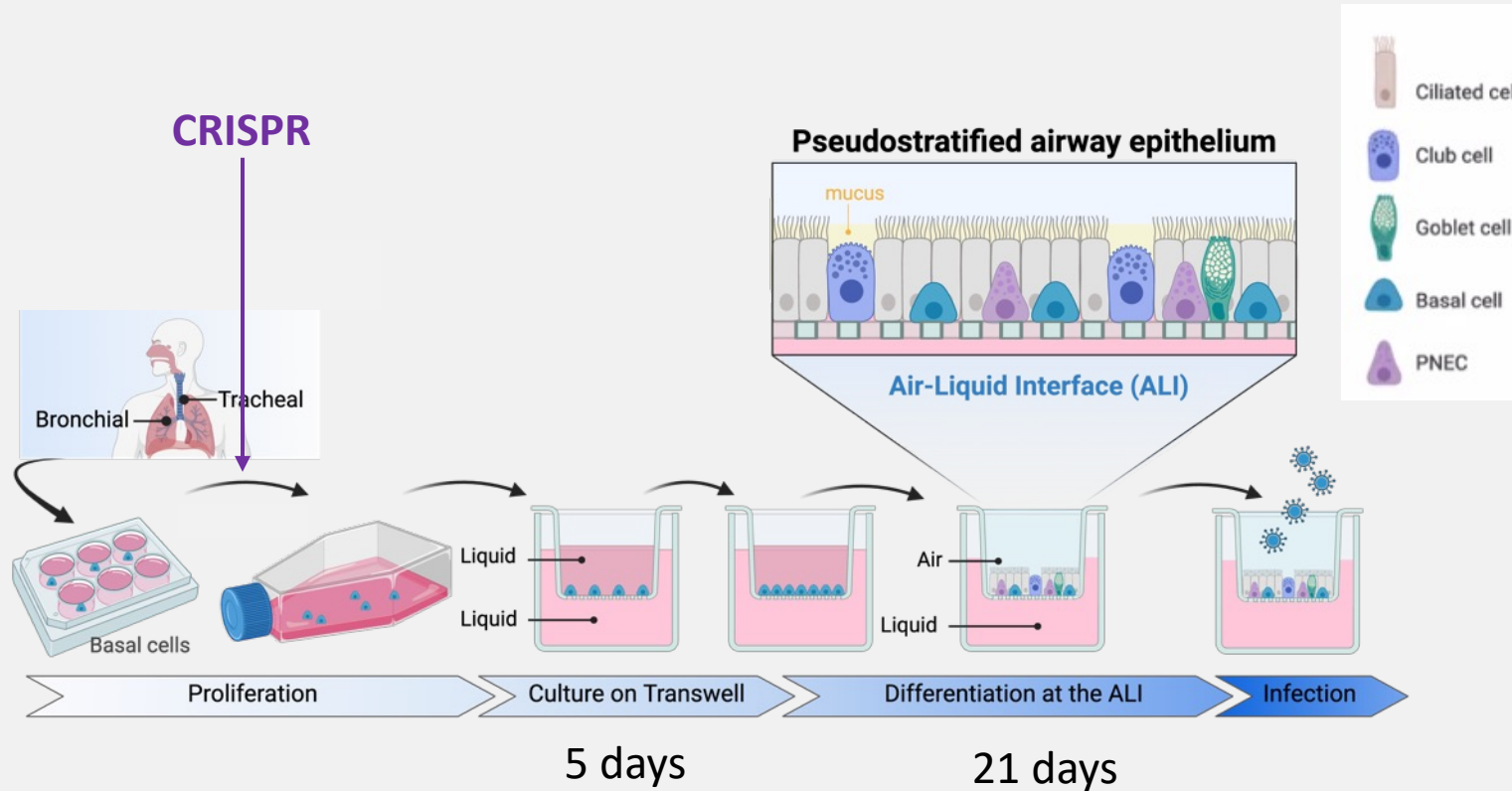


SARS-CoV-2 / Actin

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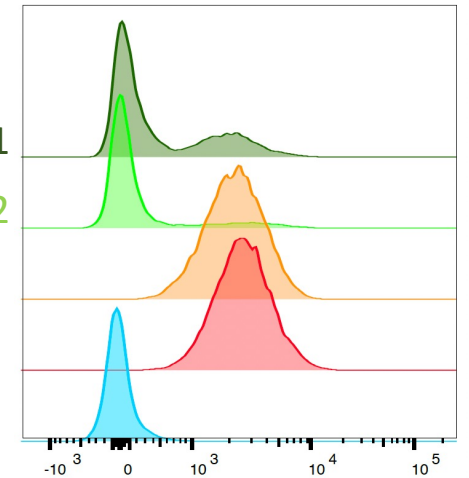
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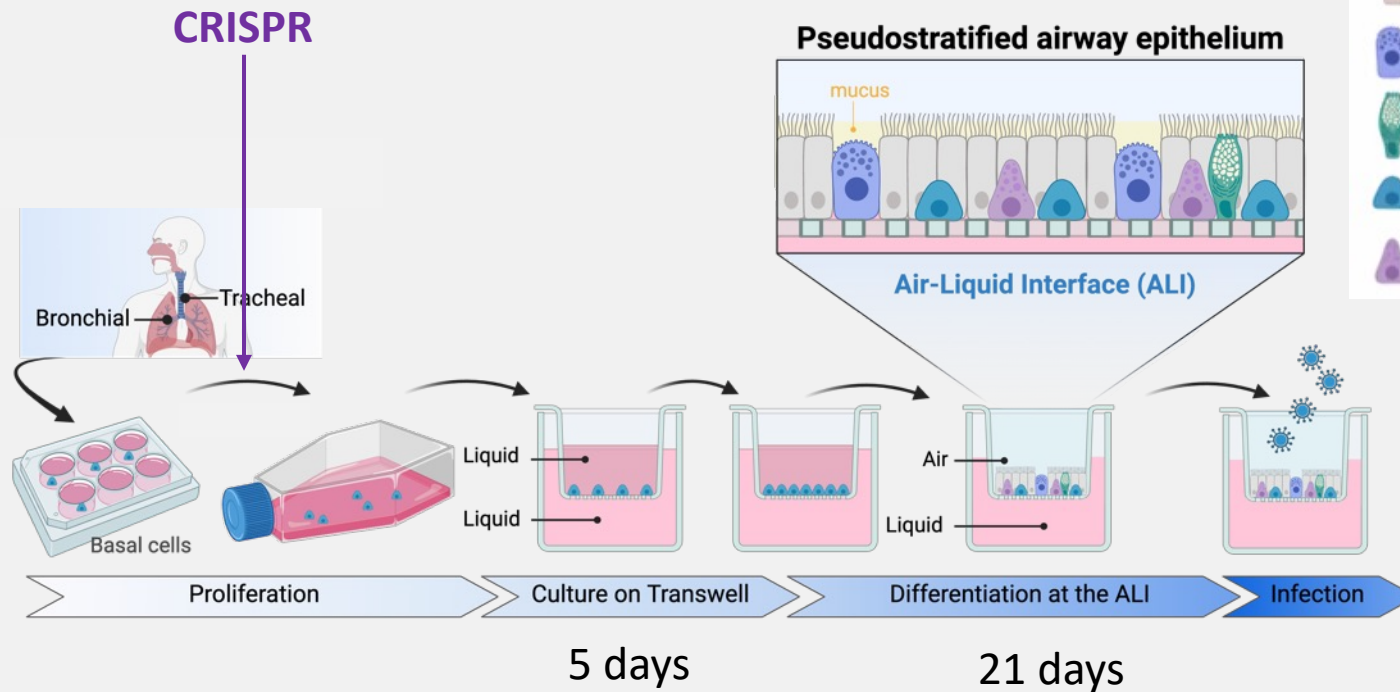
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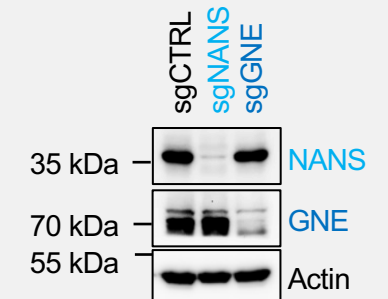
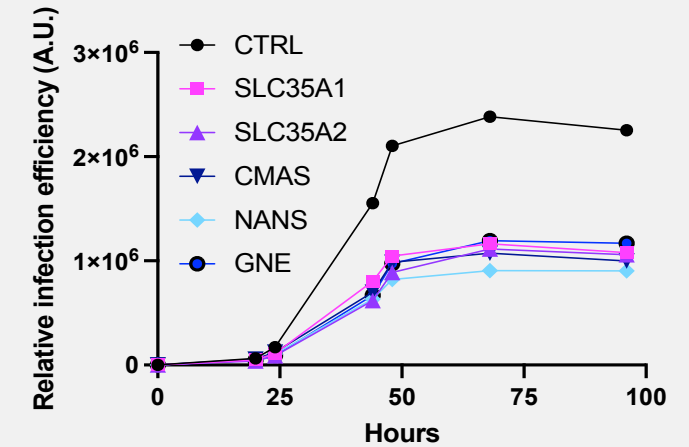
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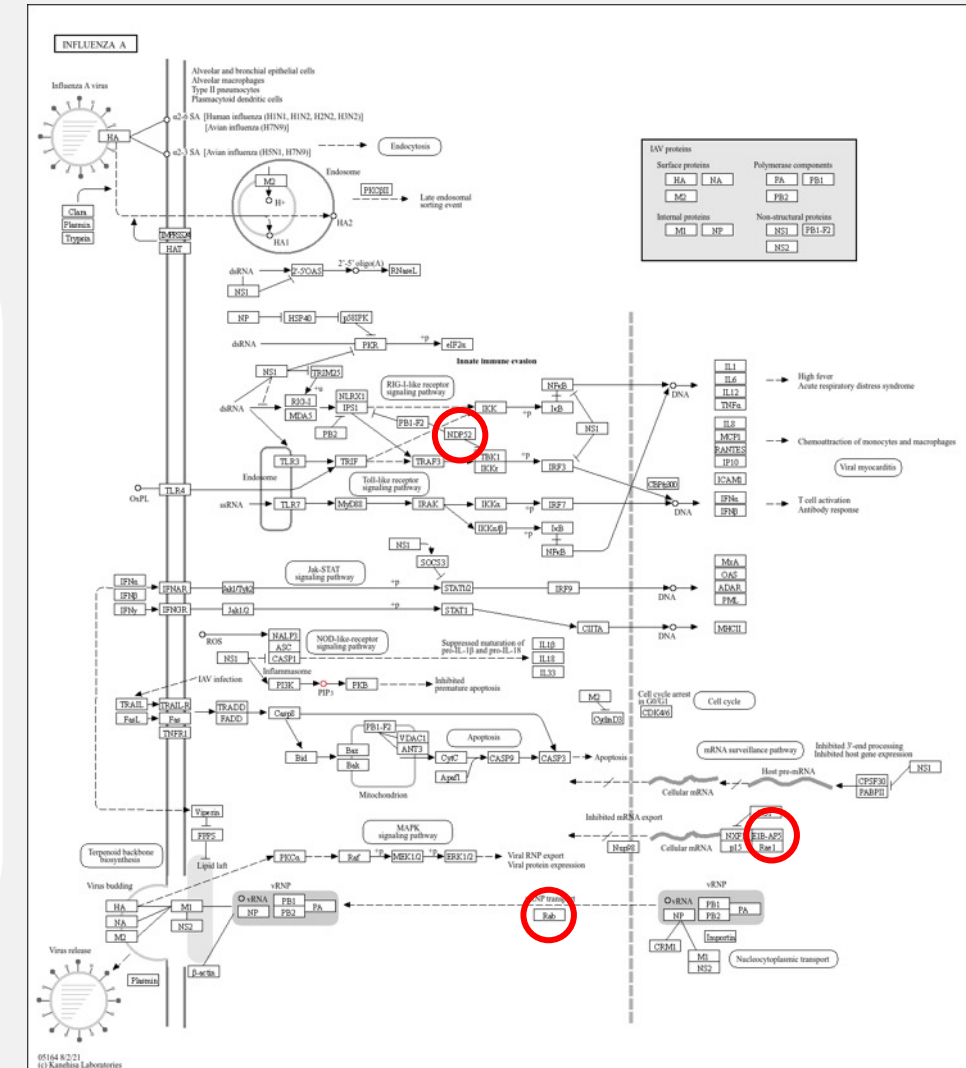
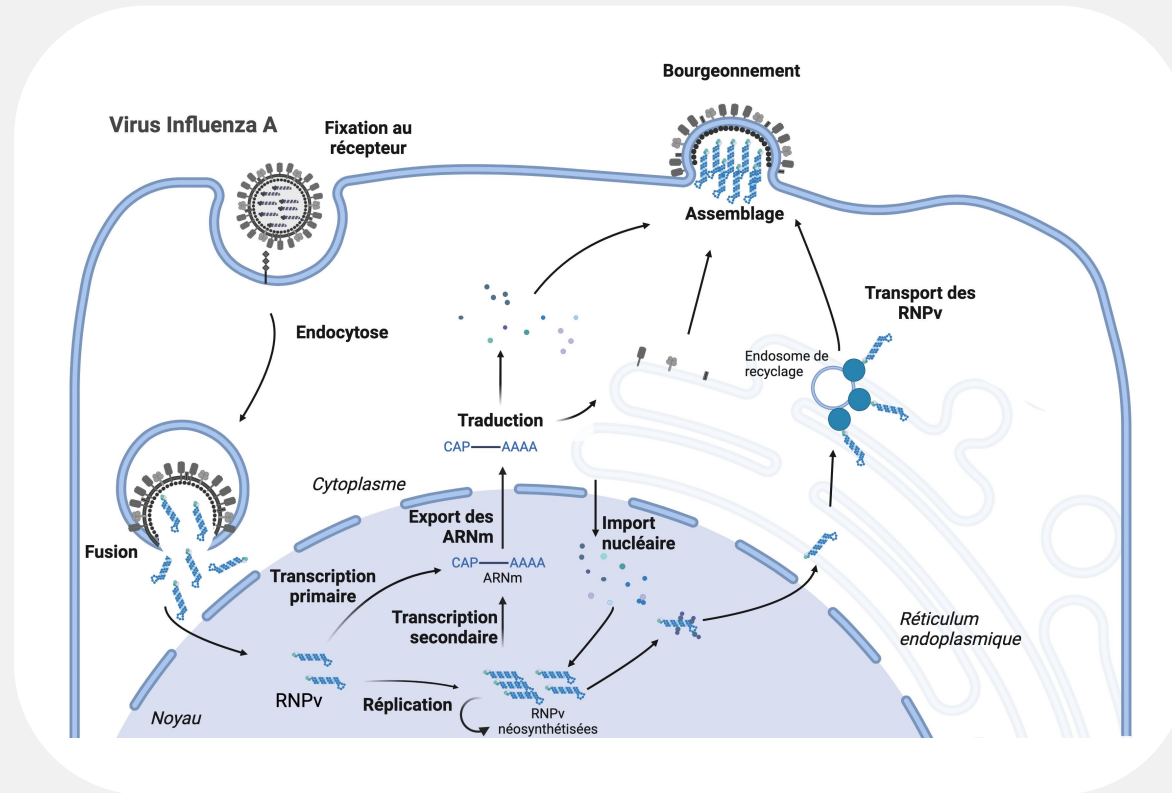
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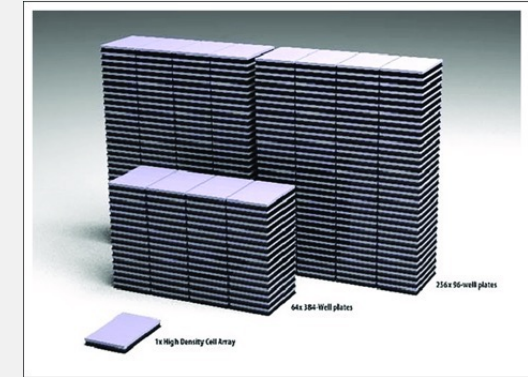
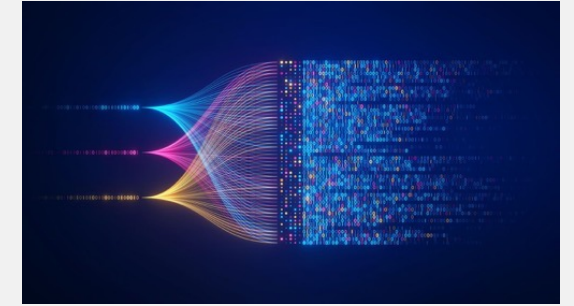


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And identification of inhibitors for therapeutic intervention

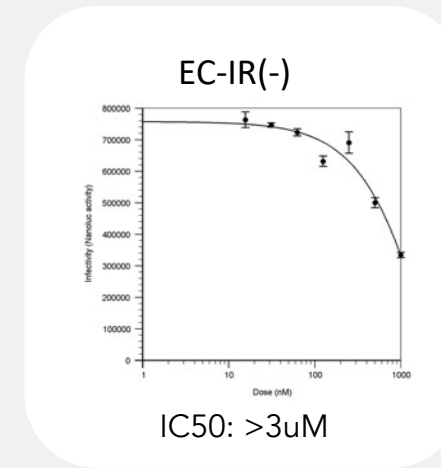
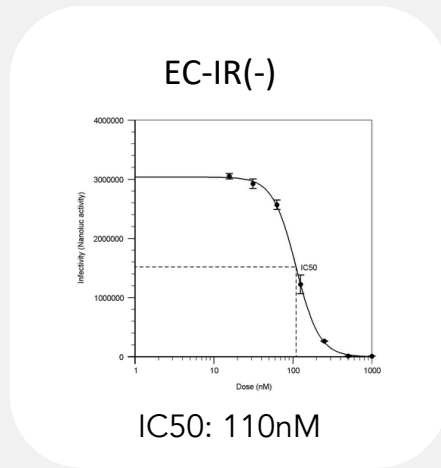
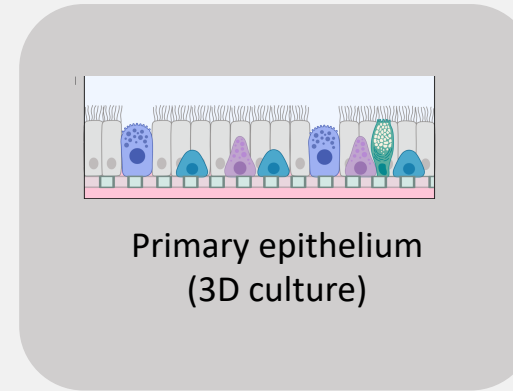
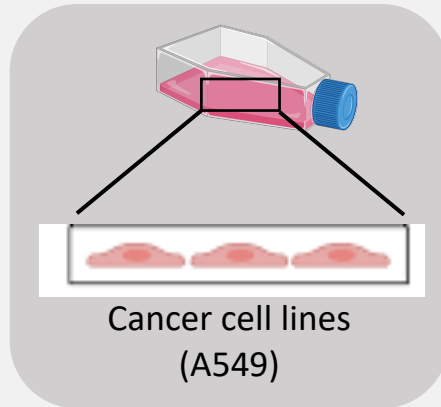
- Selection of broad-spectrum candidate genes using **machine learning** based on available data and our data
- Emerging, re-emerging viruses, pandemic potential: BSL2 (influenza A and B), BSL3 (influenza A H5N1, SARS-CoV-2, SARS-CoV, MERS) and **BSL4** (Lassa, Nipah) viruses
- Validations on **High Density Cell Arrays** (HDCA)
- Use of **primary cell cultures** (MatTek)
- **Drug repurposing** strategy targeting key cellular gene products/pathway



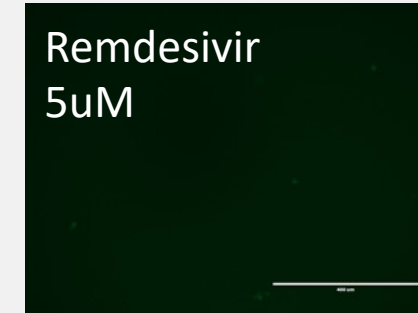
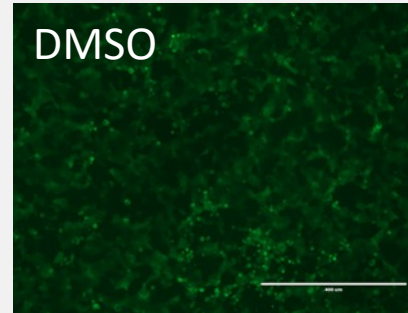
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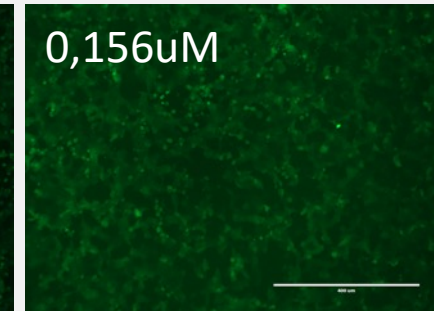
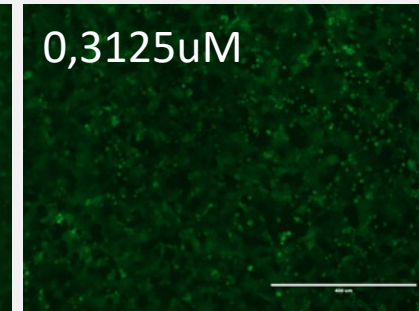
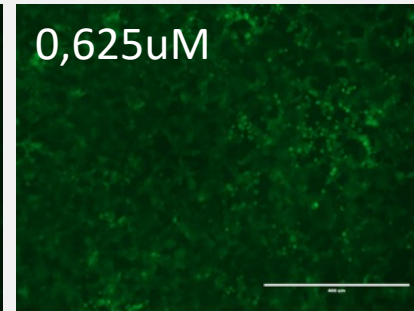
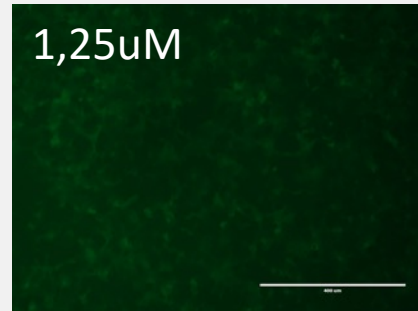
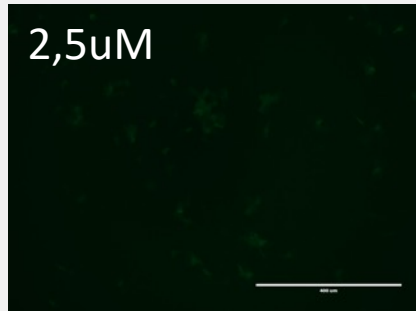
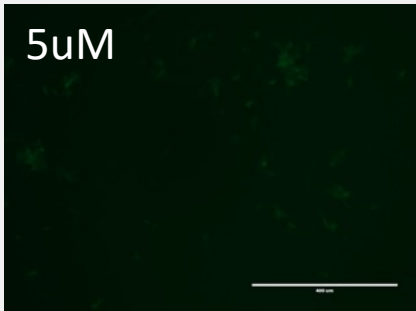
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Example #2: hit compound against SARS-CoV-2 in Vero E6 cell line

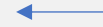
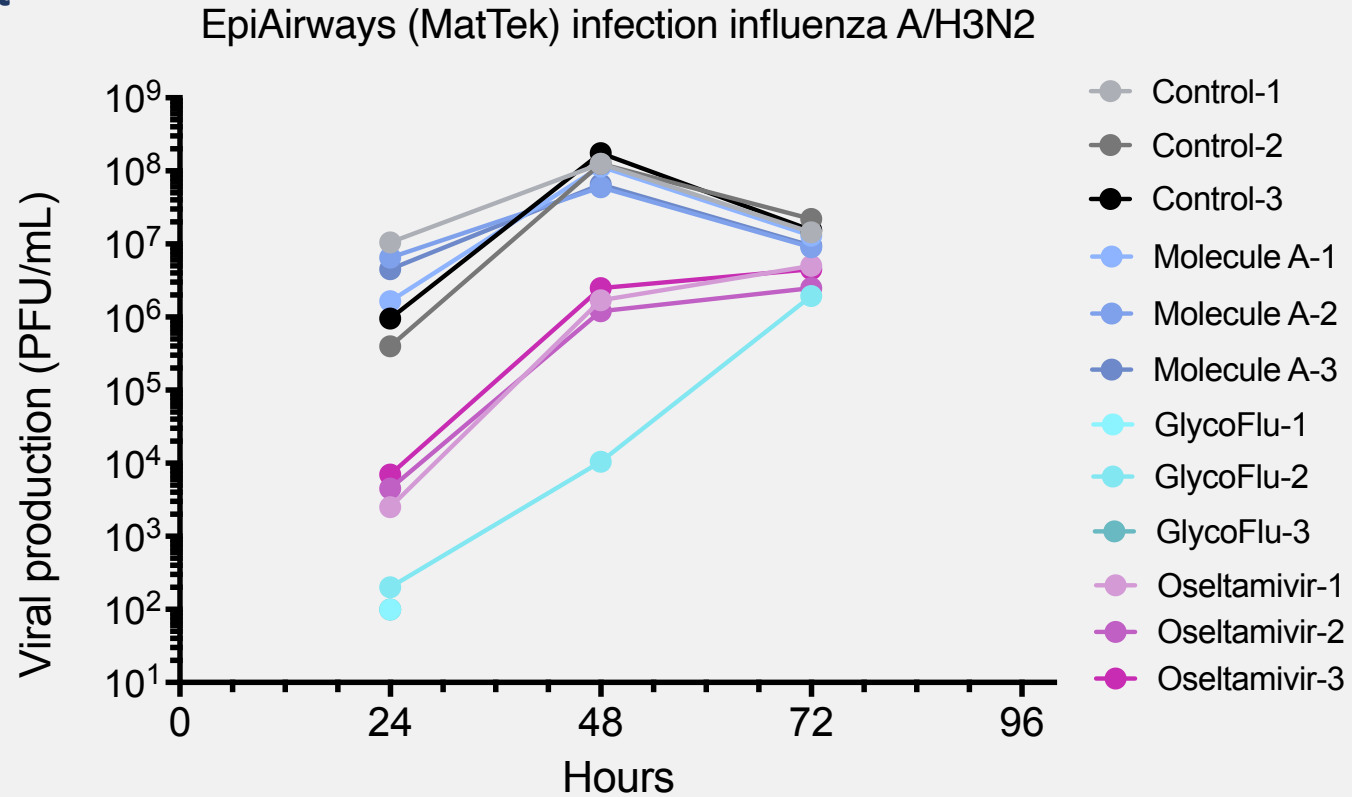


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... but no activity in human primary airway epithelia ...

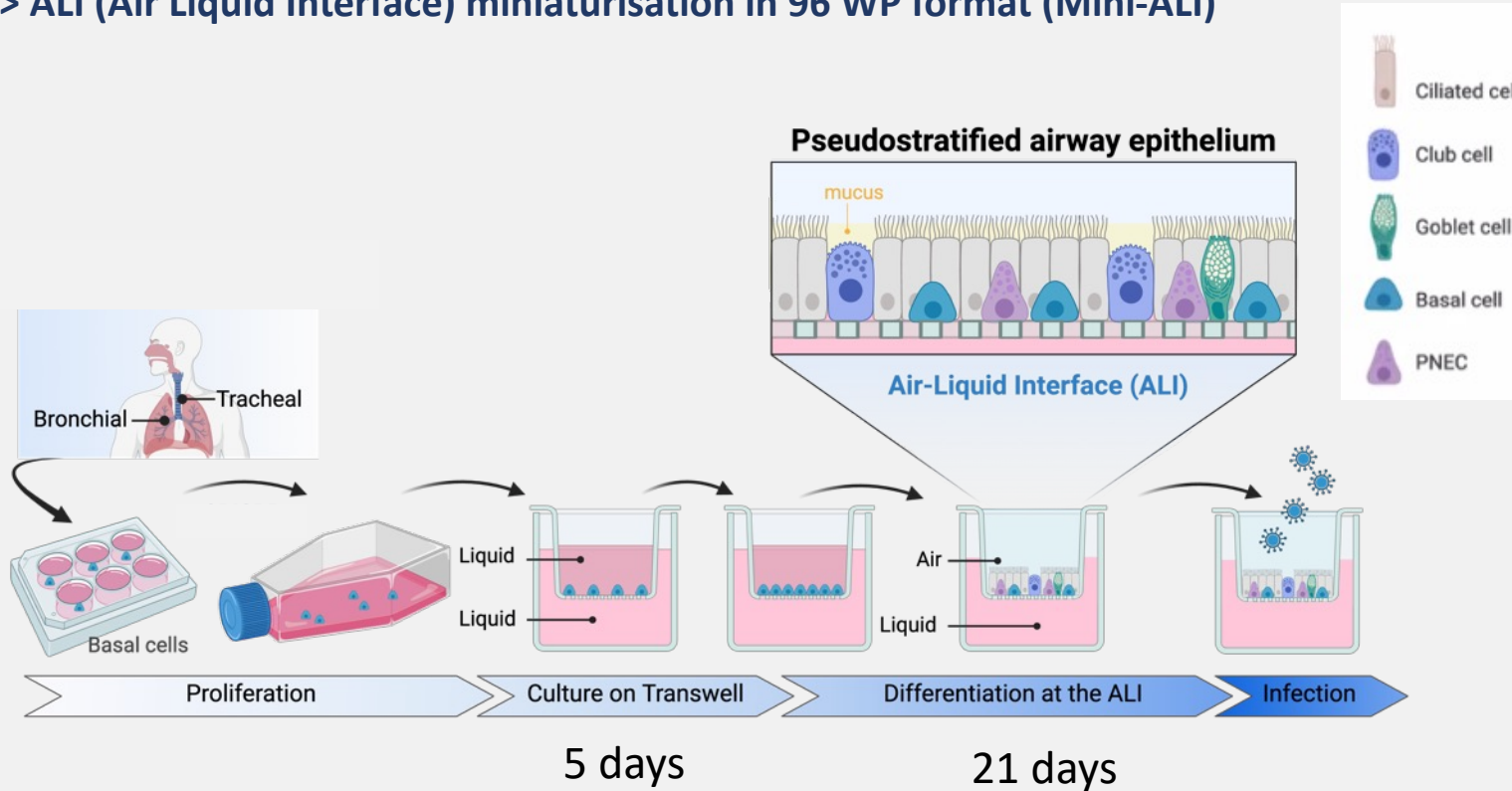
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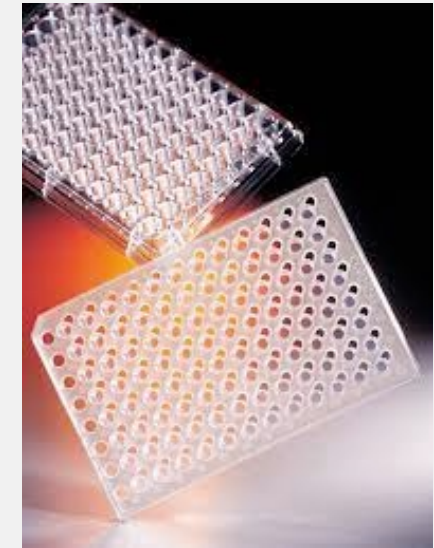
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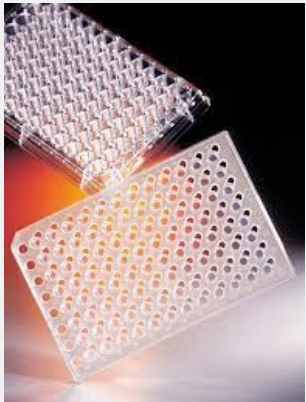
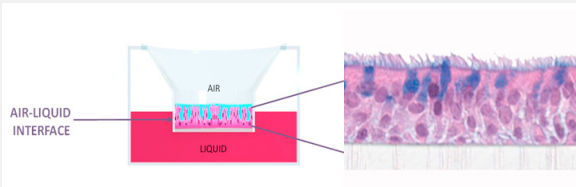
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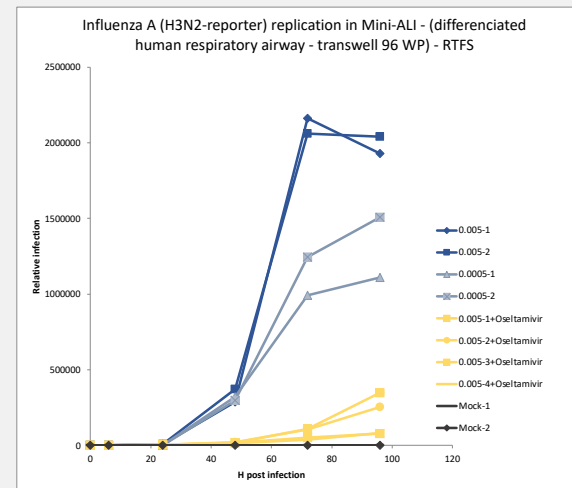


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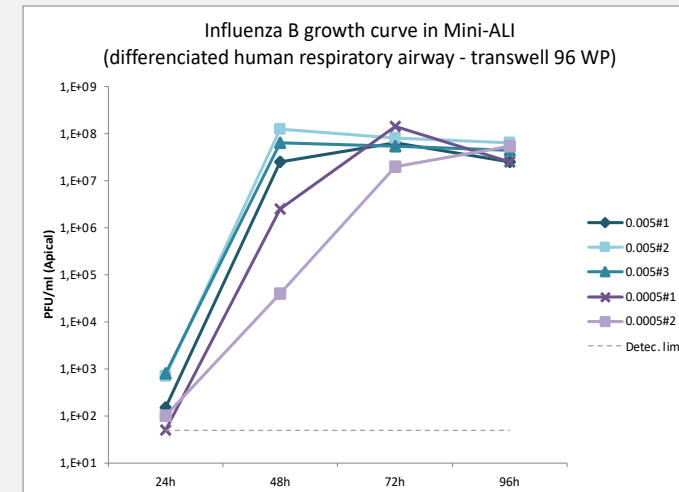


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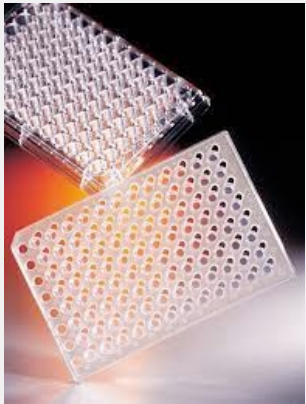
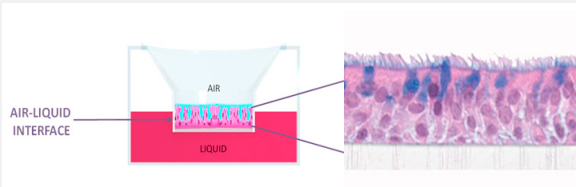


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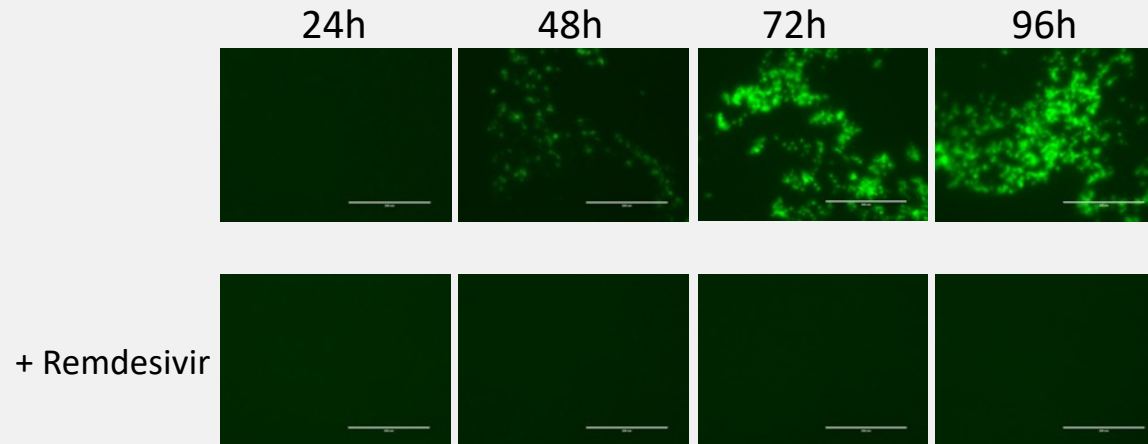
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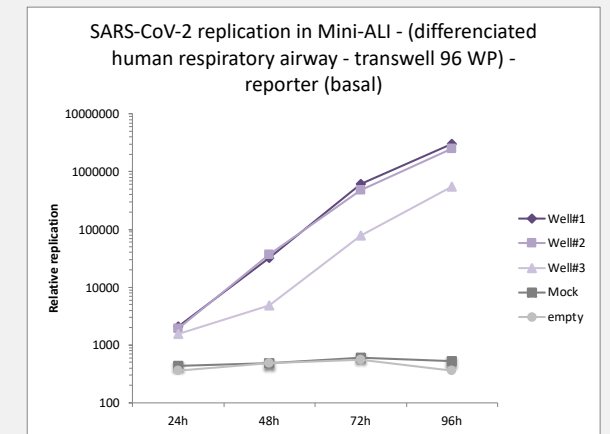


Viral replication in Mini-ALI

SARS-CoV-2 (mNeonGreen)



SARS-CoV-2 (NanoLuc)



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See Alice's poster for more details



- Careful with OMICS data / data obtained with only 1 cell line
- Use more relevant cellular models (primary, organoids, iPSC, ...)
- Particularly true for respiratory viruses
- Primary cells are still a model... and a model is never perfect
- By using machine learning, assays in primary cells, we hope to identify key cellular factors whose inhibition will prevent replication of several viruses



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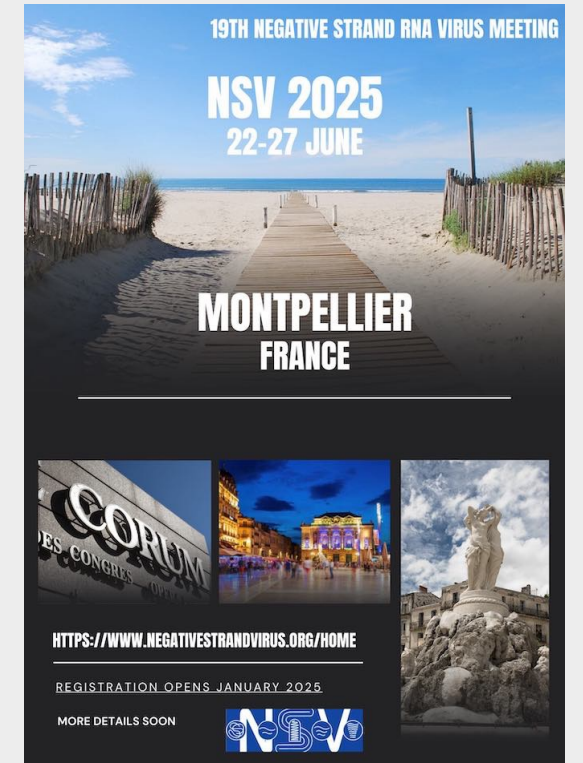


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