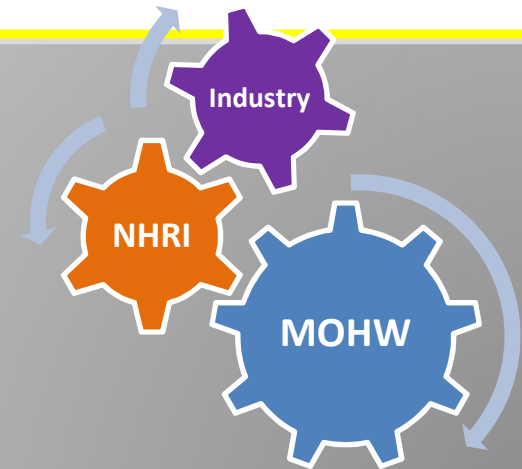


Update of cell-based influenza pandemic vaccine development

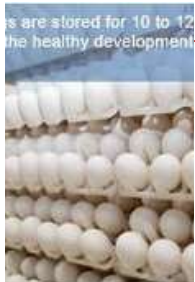
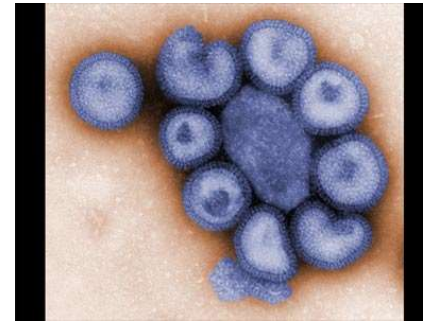
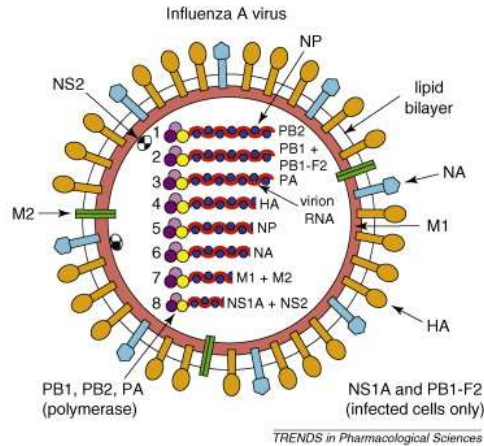
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Current Influenza (Flu) Vaccines on Market

Global market: US \$4.4 billions in 2016

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Egg-Based Flu Vaccines



2007 (Optaflu)

Cell-Based Flu Vaccines



2013 (FluBlok)

Recombinant Flu Vaccines

Cumulative number of confirmed human cases for avian influenza A(H5N1) reported to WHO, 2003-2019

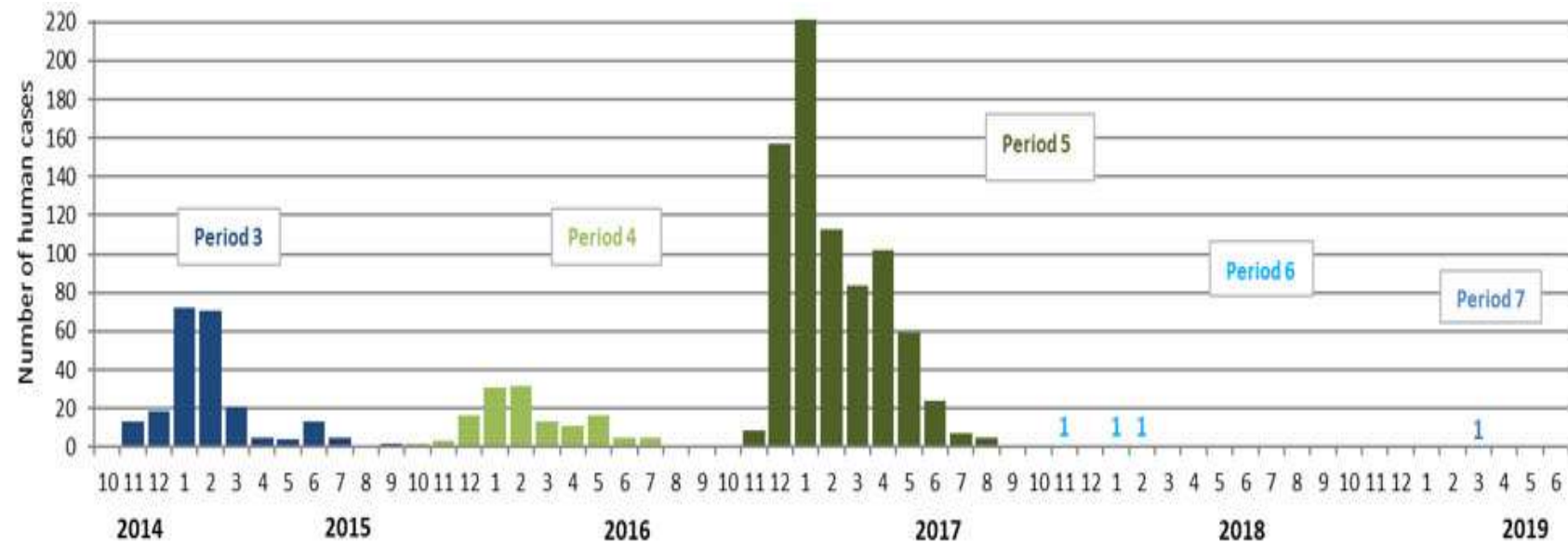
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Country	2003-2009*		2010-2014**		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		Total	
	cases	deaths	cases	deaths	cases	deaths	cases	deaths	cases	deaths	cases	deaths	cases	deaths	cases	deaths
Azerbaijan	8	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	5
Bangladesh	1	0	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	1
Cambodia	9	7	47	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	37
Canada	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
China	38	25	9	5	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	31
Djibouti	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Egypt	90	27	120	50	136	39	10	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	359	120
Indonesia	162	134	35	31	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	200	168
Iraq	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2
Lao People's Democratic Republic	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Myanmar	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Nepal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
Nigeria	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Pakistan	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
Thailand	25	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	17
Turkey	12	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	4
Viet Nam	112	57	15	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	127	64
Total	468	282	233	125	145	42	10	3	4	2	0	0	1	1	861	455

* 2003-2009 total figures. Breakdowns by year available on subsequent tables.
 ** 2010-2014 total figures. Breakdowns by year available on subsequent tables.
 Total number of cases includes number of deaths.
 WHO reports only laboratory cases.
 All dates refer to onset of illness.
 Source: WHO/GIP, data in HQ as of 24 June 2019



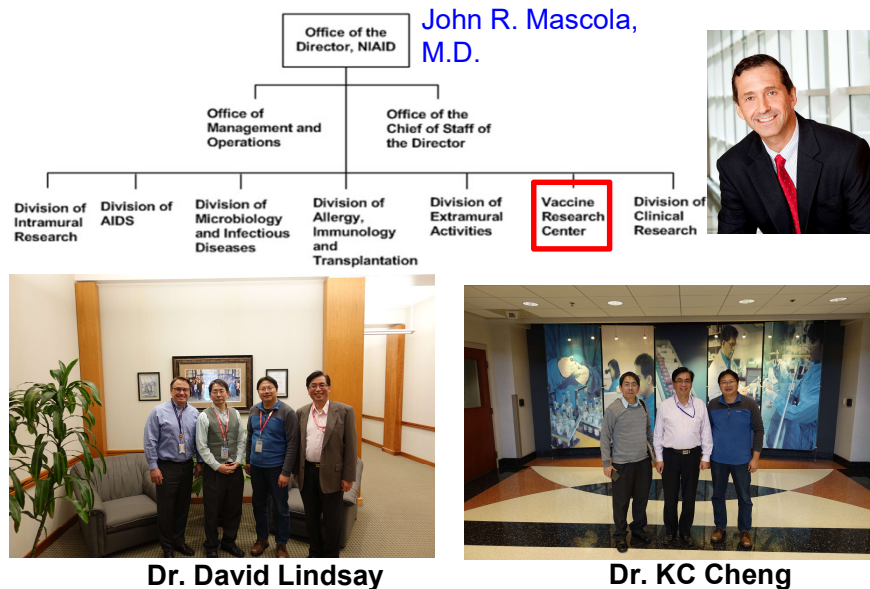
Incidence of officially reported human cases by month, based on onset date from October 2014 (beginning of period 3) to 03 July 2019



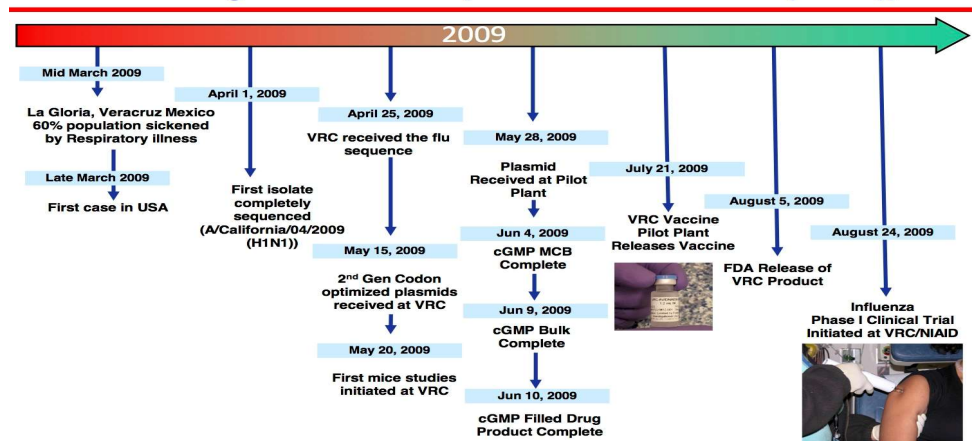
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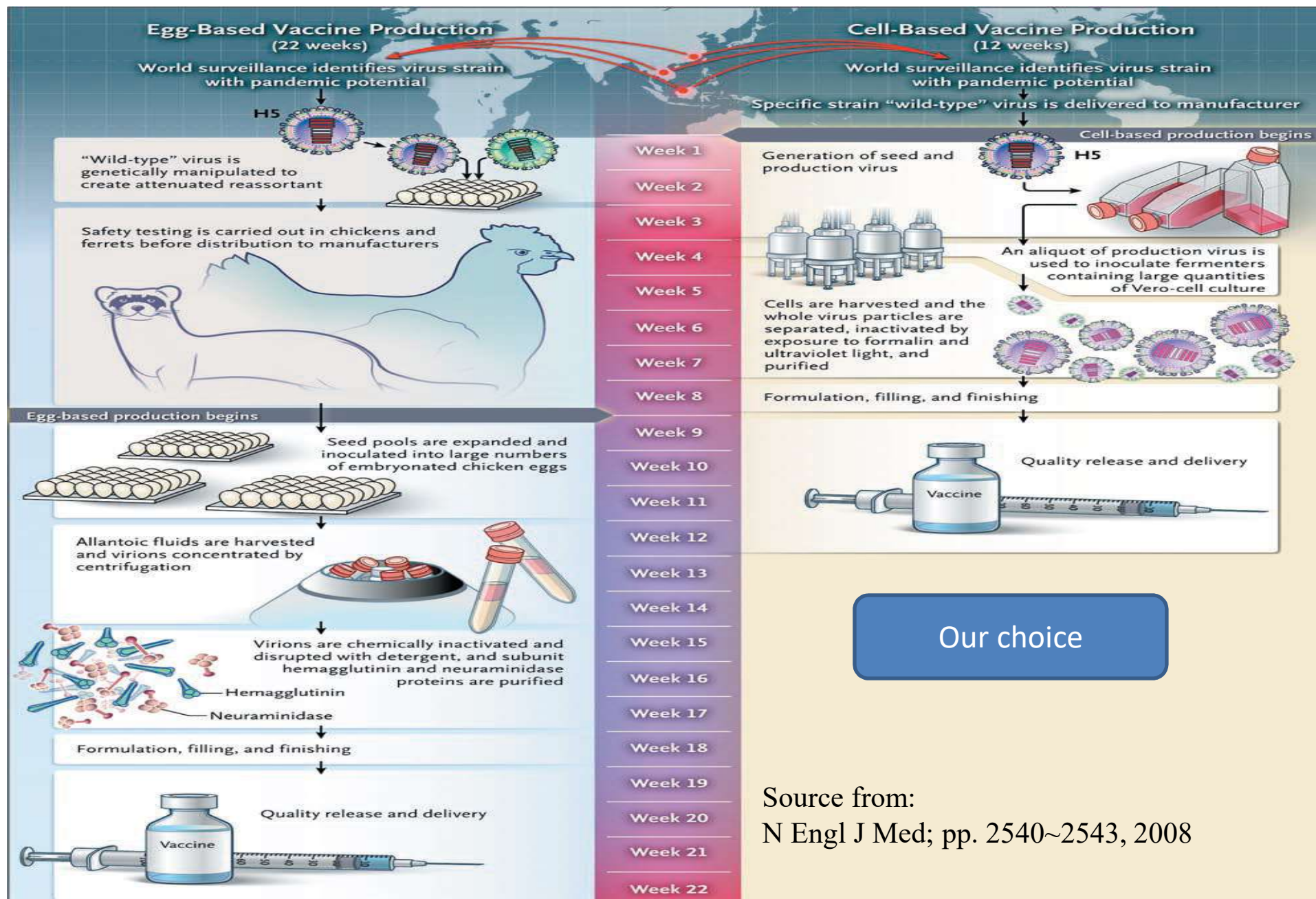


DNA Vaccine Development Timeline - An Example Swine-Origin Influenza A (A/California/04/2009 (H1N1))



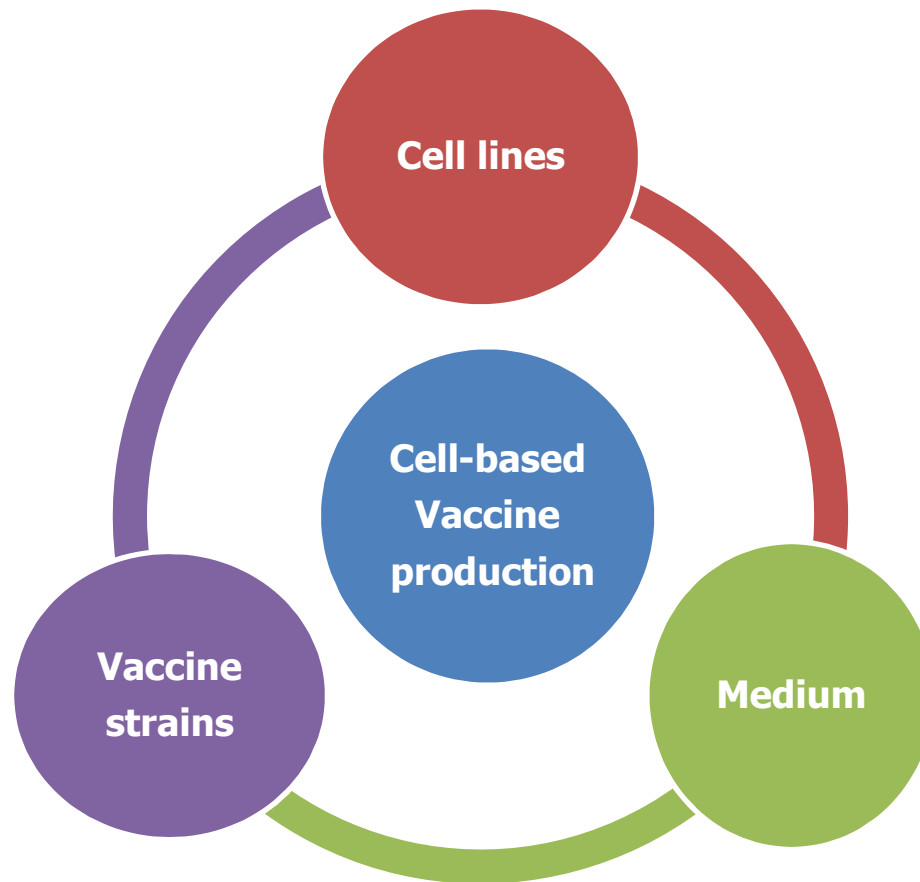
Zika DNA vaccine development: from discovery to FDA release for phase I trial: **61** days

- Site visit of four production trains
- The update of single-use concept
- Good understand of VRC mission to national need
- Initializing collaboration of HEK-based VLP platform



Key elements for cell-based vaccine development

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Upstream process

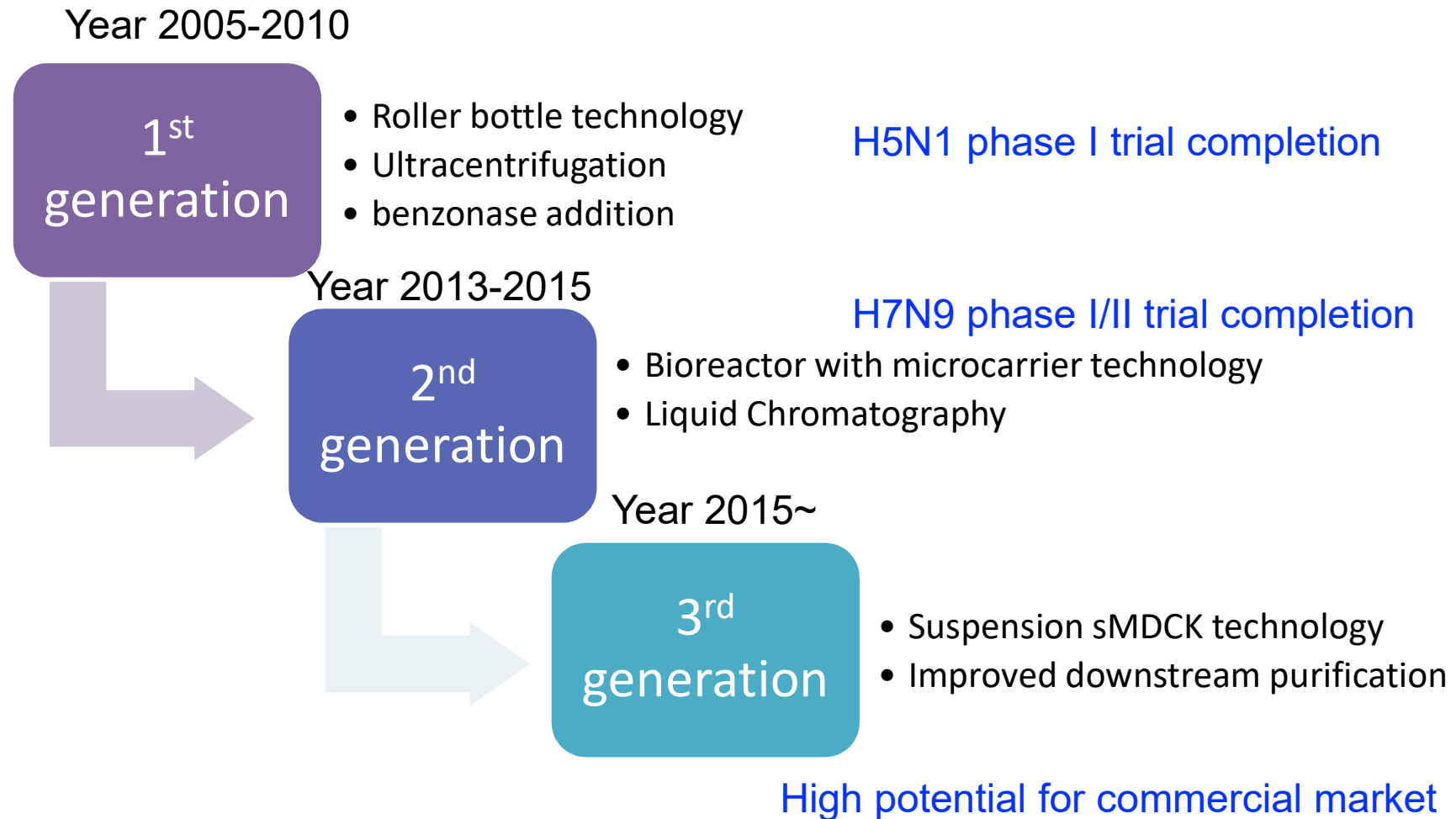
- Single use bioreactor
- Scaling-up strategy

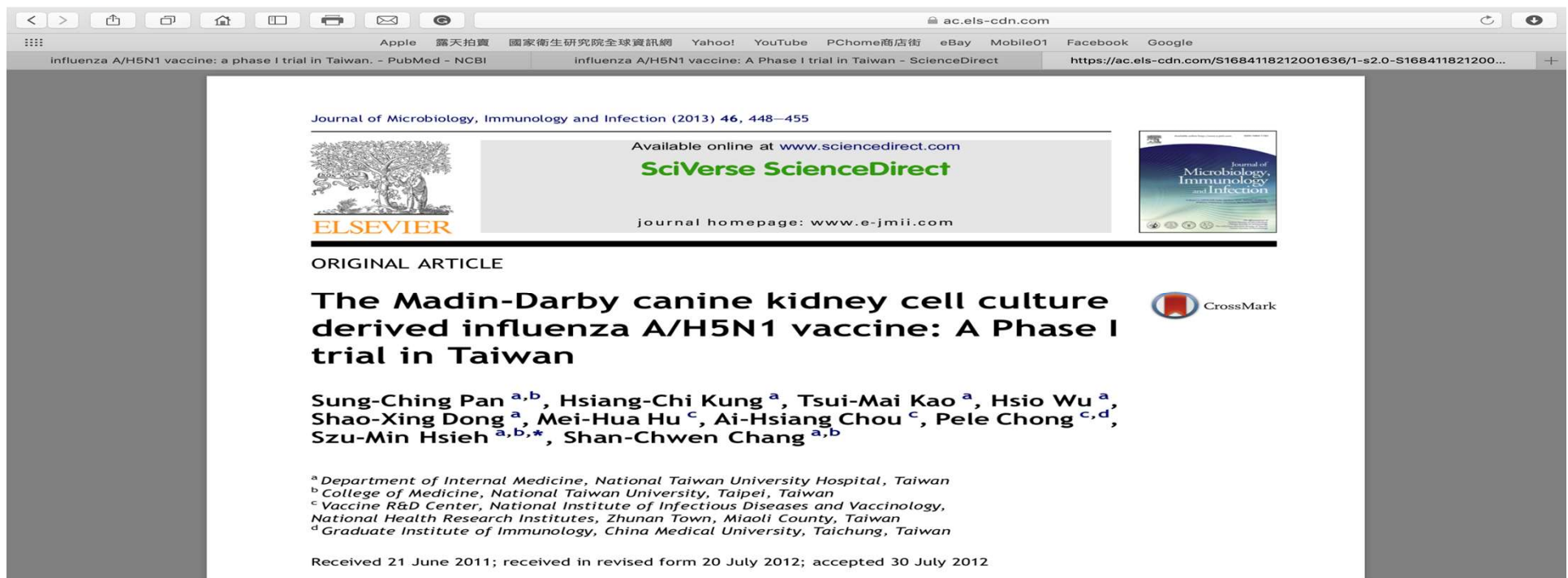


Downstream process

- TFF
- Chromatography

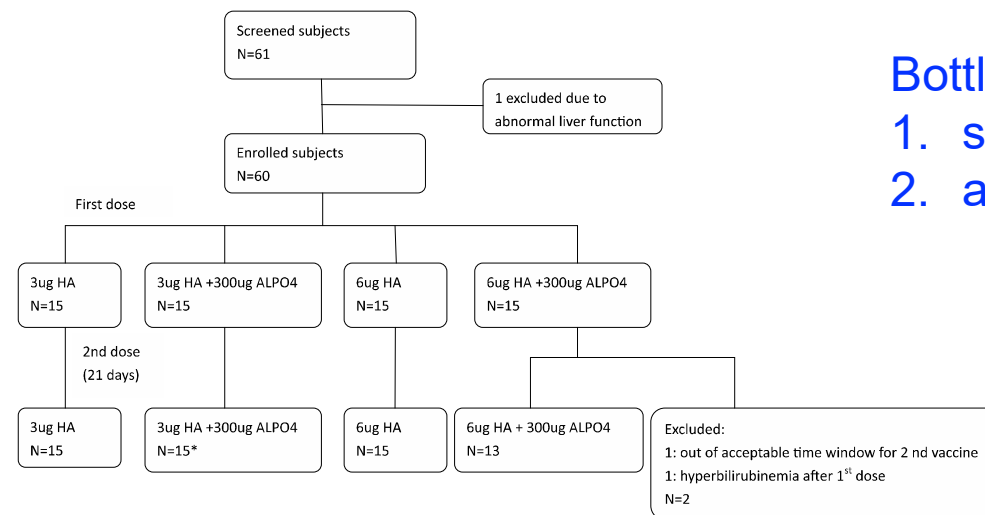
Development history - Process development of influenza vaccine production





Phase I study of MDCK cell line H5N1 vaccine

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Bottle-neck issues:
 1. scaling-up
 2. antigen quality

Figure 1. Enrollment and follow up of the study participants. *One participant was excluded from immunogenicity analysis, even though they received two doses of vaccination, due to receiving another investigational vaccine.



	Group 1 15 μ HA	Group 2 15 μ HA+ Al(OH) ₃	Group 3 30 μ HA	Group 4 30 μ HA+ Al(OH) ₃
SPR	42.2%	39.6%	51.0%	64.6%

Safety and immunogenicity of an inactivated cell culture-derived H7N9 influenza vaccine in healthy adults: A phase I/II, prospective, randomized, open-label trial

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Table 2

Summary of GMT, seroconversion rates, seroconversion factors, and seroprotection rates for serum anti-HA antibody titers.

		n	Group 1 15 μ g HA	n	Group 2 15 μ g HA + Al(OH) ₃	n	Group 3 30 μ g HA	n	Group 4 30 μ g HA + Al(OH) ₃
GMT ^a	Day 1	45	6.1 (5.4, 6.8)	49	6.2 (5.5, 7.0)	50	5.9 (5.3, 6.6)	49	6.4 (5.6, 7.3)
	Day 22	45	11.7 (9.3, 14.7)	49	9.4 (7.9, 11.3)	50	15.2 (11.9, 19.2)	49	12.4 (9.6, 15.9)
	Day 43	45	24.1 (19.1, 30.4)	48	21.8 (17.7, 26.8)	49	32.8 (25.9, 41.6)	48	36.2 (28.5, 45.9)
SCR	Day 22	45	11.1% (3.7%, 24.1%)	49	4.1% (0.5%, 14.0%)	50	20.0% (10.0%, 33.7%)	49	10.2% (3.4%, 22.2%)
	Day 43	45	40.0% (25.7%, 55.7%)	48	37.5% (24.0%, 52.6%)	49	46.9% (32.5%, 61.7%)	48	64.6% (49.5%, 77.8%)
SCF	Day 22	45	1.9 (1.5, 2.4)	49	1.5 (1.3, 1.8)	50	2.6 (2.0, 3.3)	49	1.9 (1.5, 2.5)
	Day 43	45	3.9 (3.1, 5.0)	48	3.6 (2.9, 4.4)	49	5.5 (4.2, 7.3)	48	5.7 (4.4, 7.4)
SPR	Day 22	45	11.1% (3.7%, 24.1%)	49	6.1% (1.3%, 16.9%)	50	22.0% (11.5%, 36.0%)	49	12.2% (4.6%, 24.8%)
	Day 43	45	42.2% (27.7%, 57.8%)	48	39.6% (25.8%, 54.7%)	49	51.0% (36.3%, 65.6%)	48	64.6% (49.5%, 77.8%)

Data are expressed as value (2-sided 95% CI).

GMT: geometric mean titer; HA: hemagglutinin; SCR: seroconversion rate; SCF: seroconversion factor; SPR: seroprotection rate.

^a GMT were compared among the groups using one-way ANOVA. *P* value = 0.852 (day 1); 0.031 (day 22); 0.004 (day 43).

Is it possible to develop suspension MDCK cells?

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Collaboration with Irvine Scientific (US)

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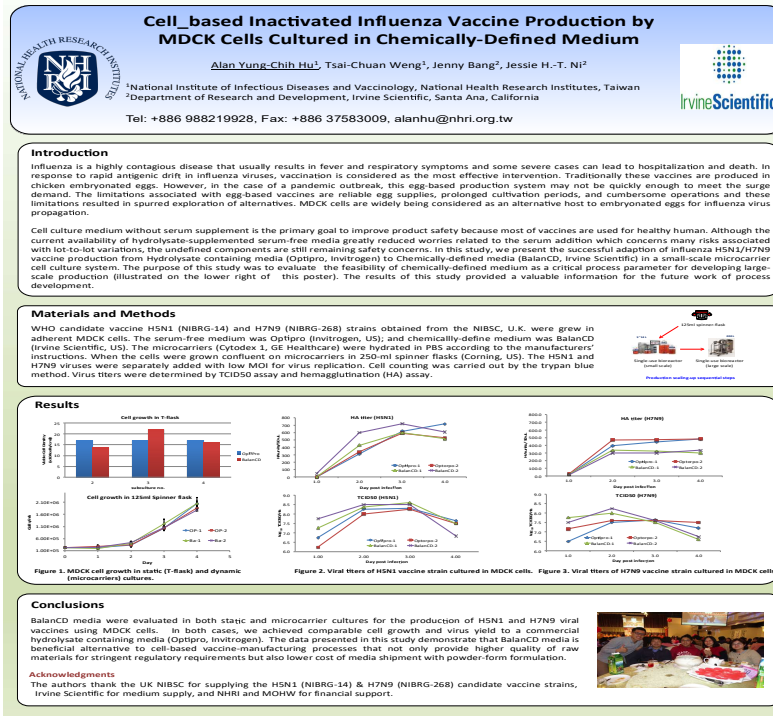
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Production of Inactivated Influenza H5N1 Vaccines from MDCK Cells in Serum-Free Medium

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Attached cells:
BalanCD MDCK, BalanCD Vero



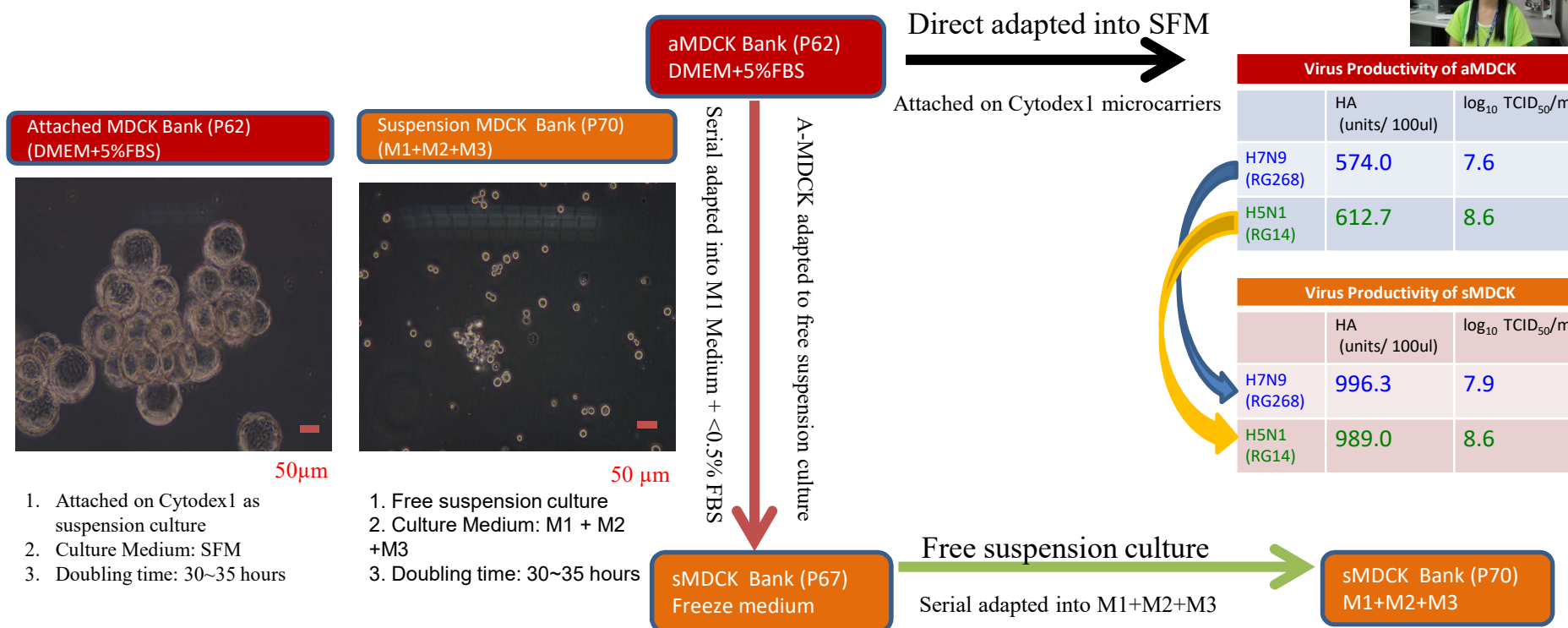
2013
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The development of sMDCK cells -- 3rd generation

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A suitable cell culture medium for a cell-based vaccine manufacturing process is critical because it can significantly affect the overall efficiency, consistency of production, and reduces contamination risks and potential inhibitors.

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Value from Innovation



Fujifilm completes acquisition of Irvine Scientific Sales Company and IS Japan, leading companies of cell culture media

FUJIFILM Corporation (President: Kenji Sukeno) announced today that it has completed the acquisition of Irvine Scientific Sales Company, Inc. (ISUS) and IS JAPAN CO.,LTD. (ISJ), leading companies in cell culture media for about **US\$800 millions** Jun 04, 2018

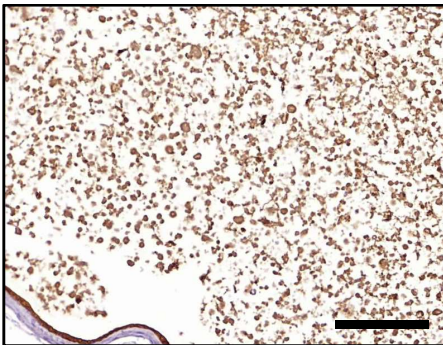
Tumorigenicity in mice

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- **FDA guidance for industry:**
 - Test animals: BALB/c nude female mice
 - Age: 8-9 weeks old
 - Test cells:
 - ✓ Positive control cells (Hela cells)
 - ✓ Exp cells (No.1-4)
 - Cell number: 1×10^7 /1XPBS
 - Injection site: between the scapulae

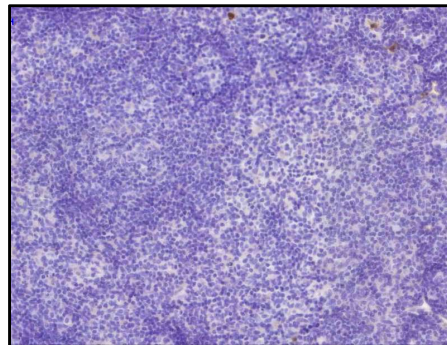
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Canine Ezrin



Lymph node

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Hela cells

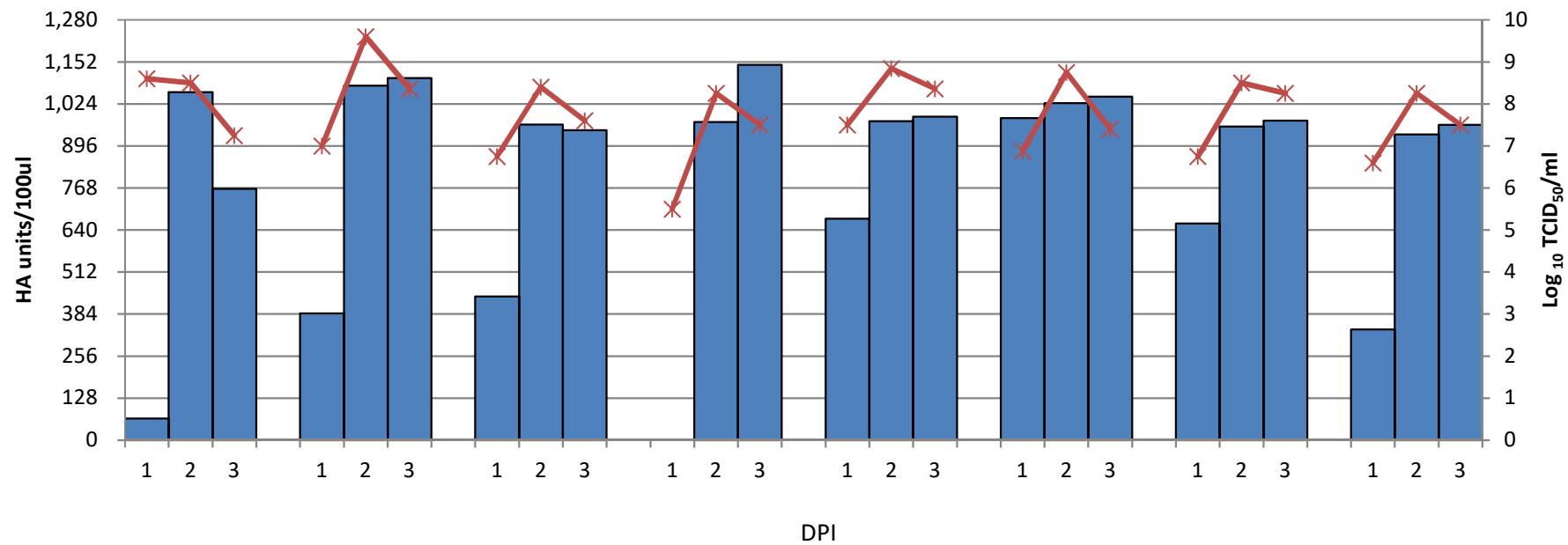
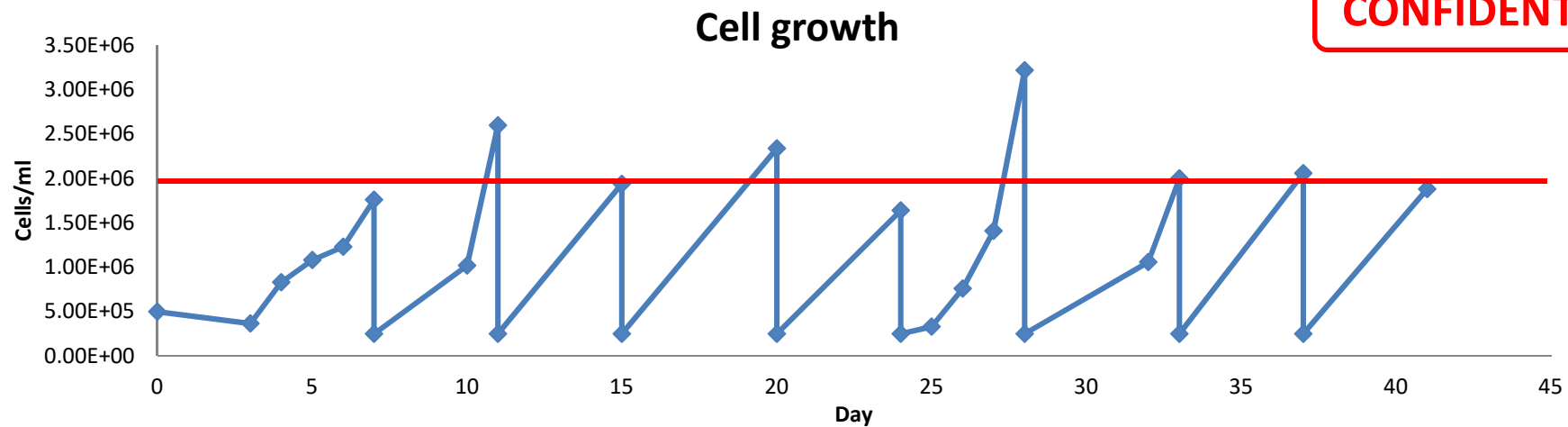


NO.3 cells (sMDCK)



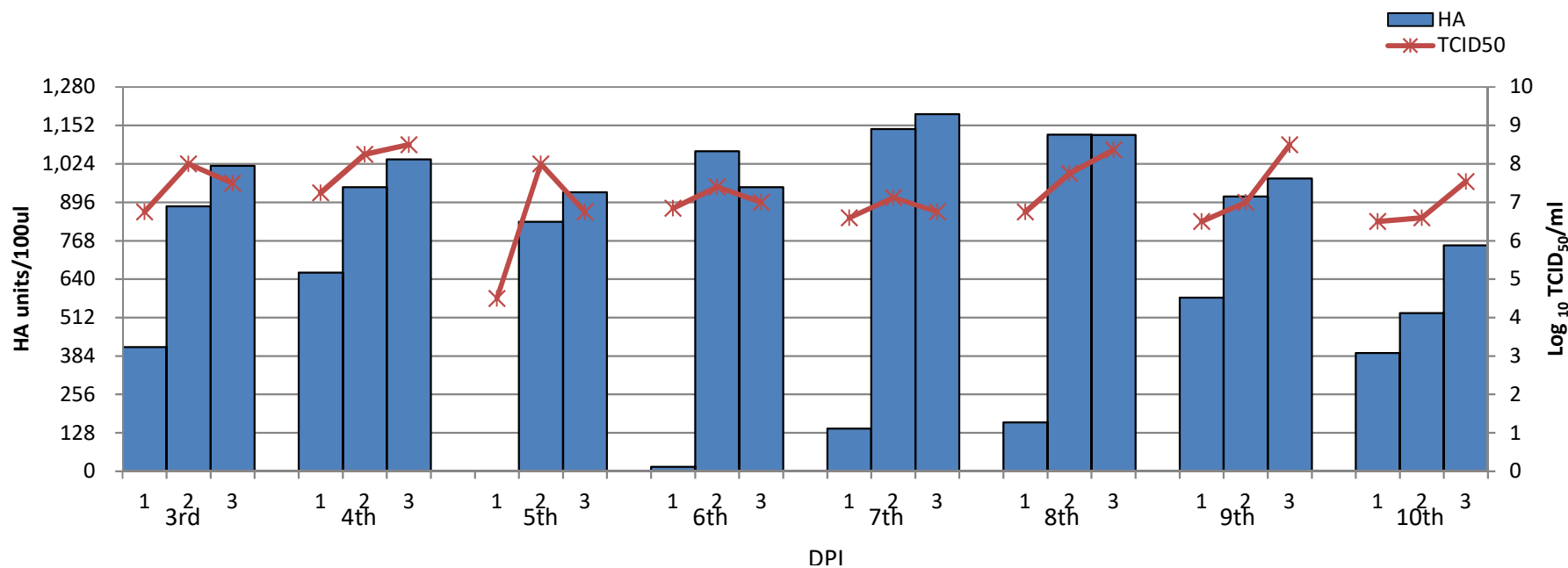
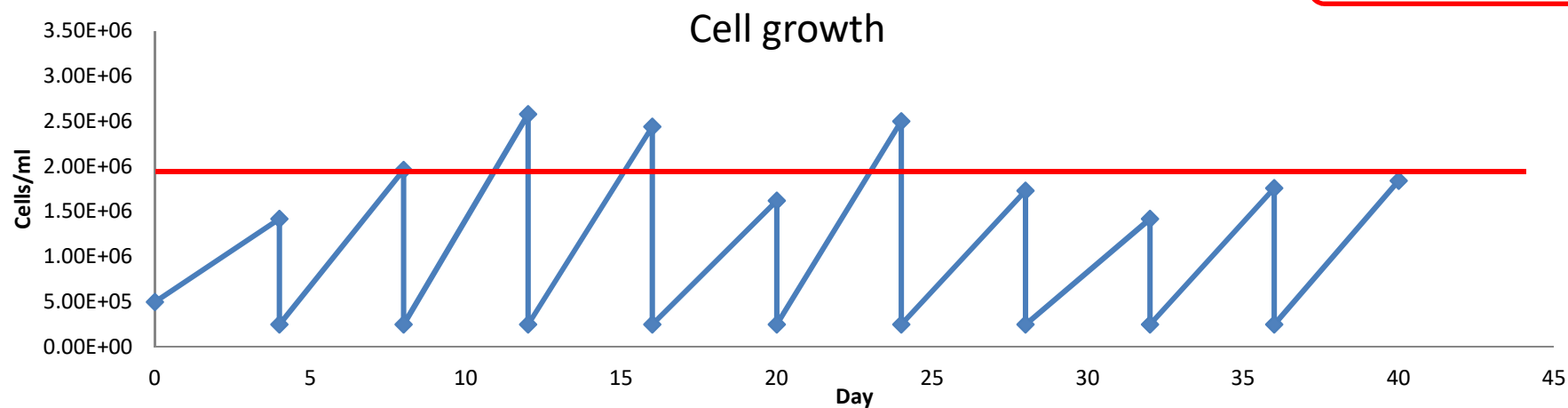
H5N1 flu virus production test (3rd ~10th passages)

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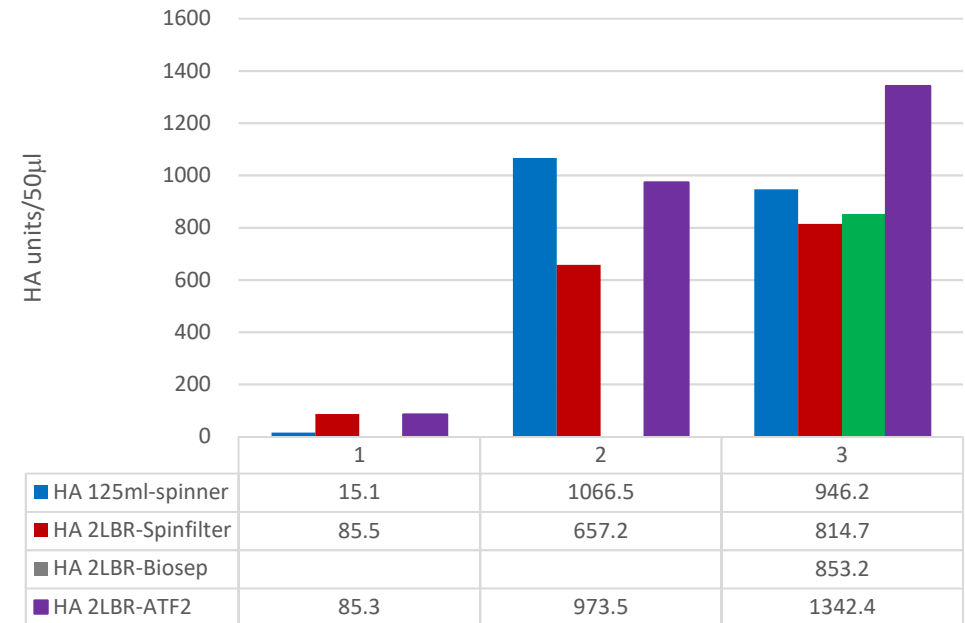
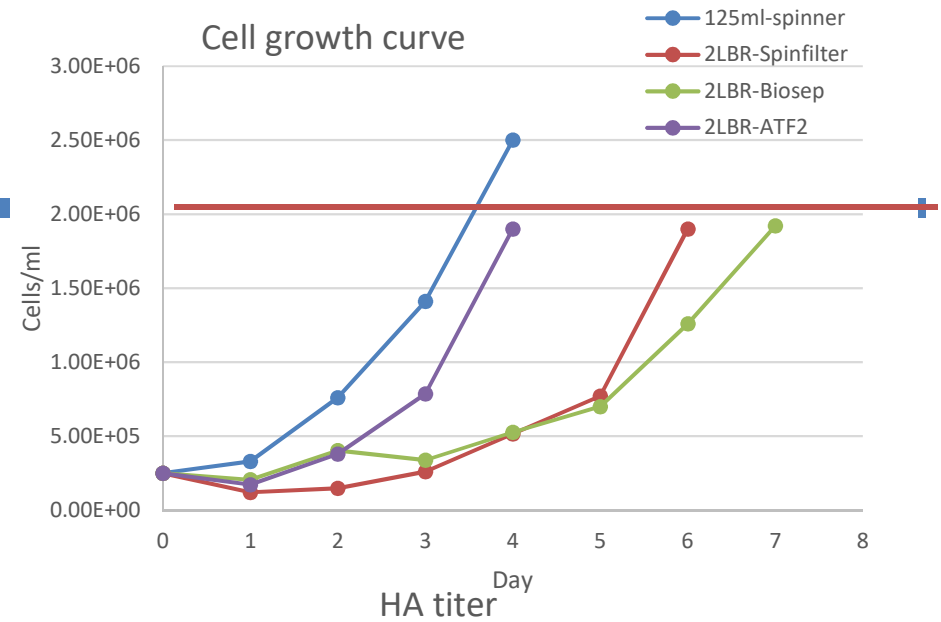
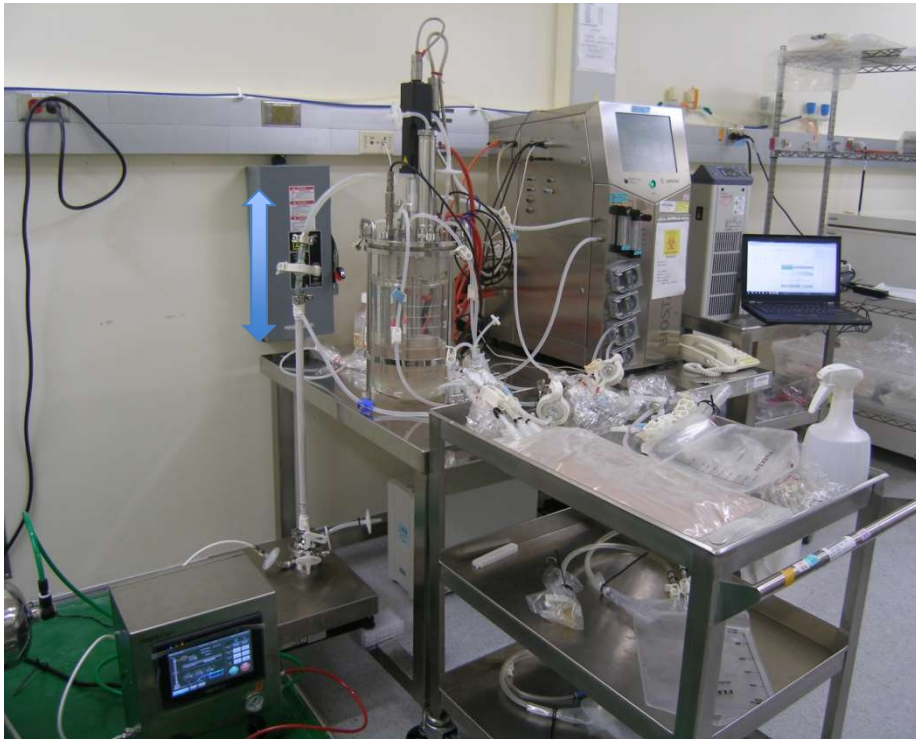
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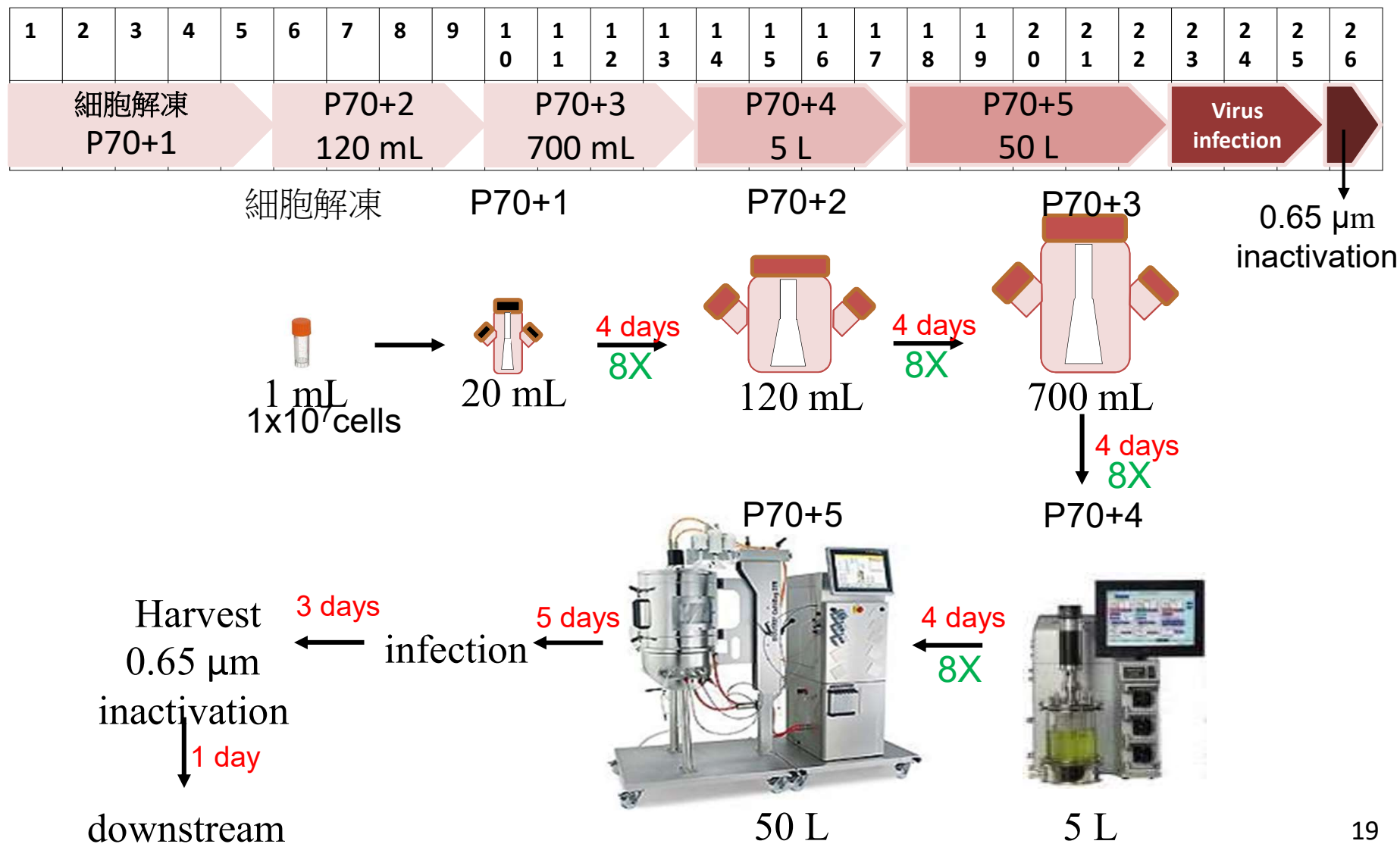
Bioreactor run with cell retention on H7N9 virus

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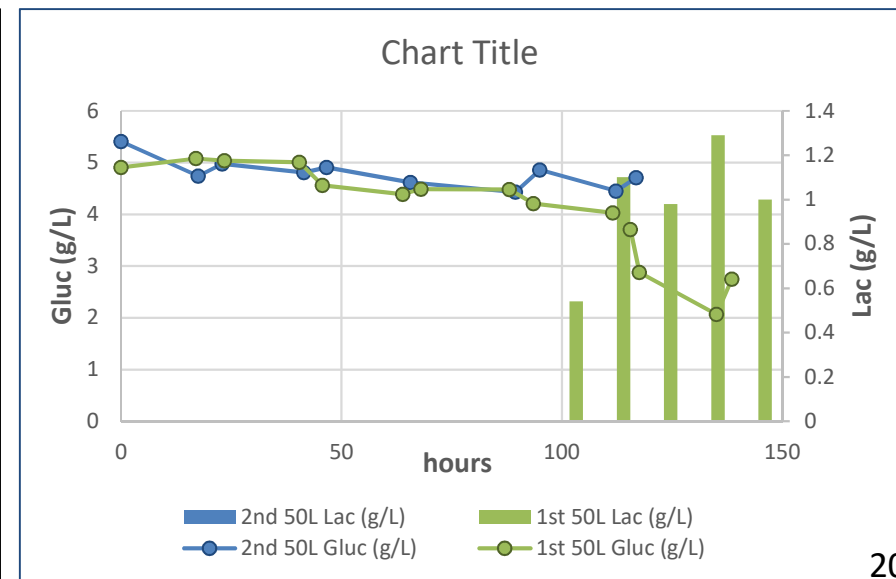
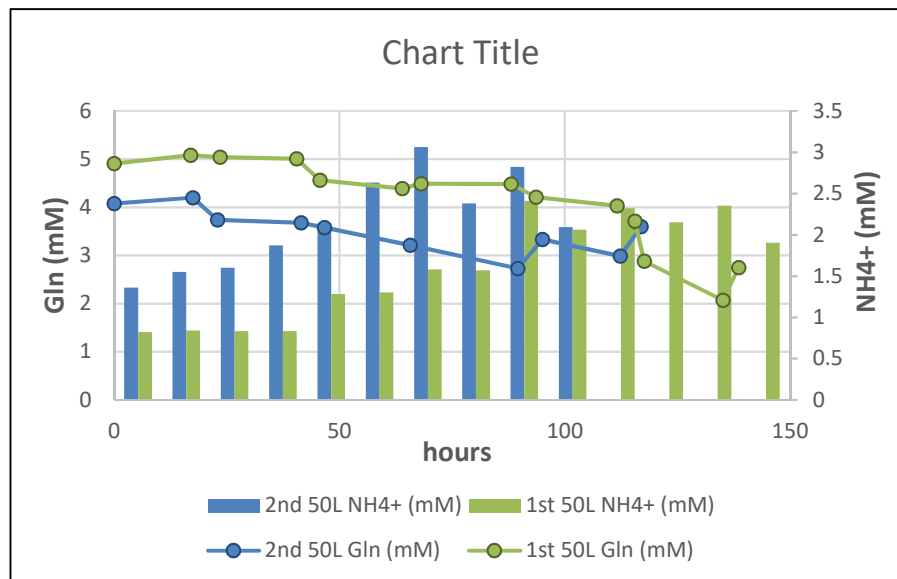
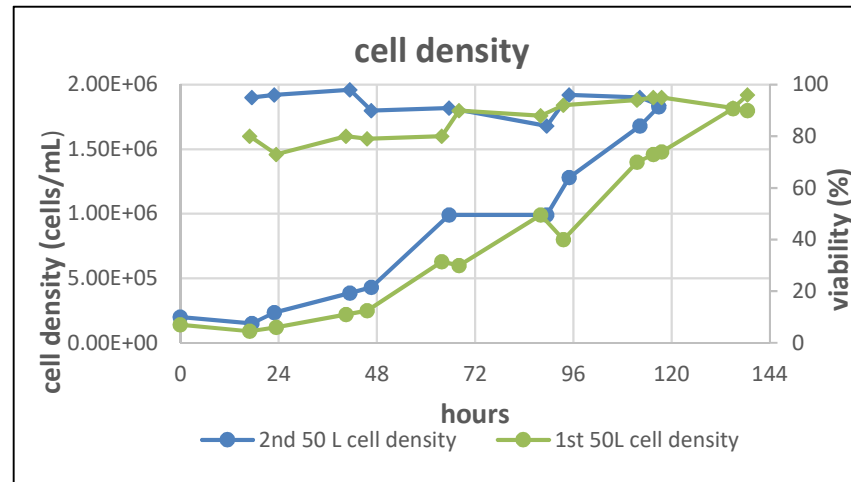
Upstream process development of 50L single-use bioreactor

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50 L bioreactor run

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ABSTRACT

In recent years, cell-based influenza vaccines have gained a great interest over the egg-based vaccines. Several inactivated H7N9 vaccines have been evaluated in clinical trials, including whole-virion vaccines, split vaccines and subunit vaccines. Recently, we developed a new suspension MDCK (sMDCK) cell line for influenza viruses production. However, the properties of purified antigen from sMDCK cells remain unclear. In this study, the stability of influenza H7N9 vaccine bulk derived from sMDCK cells was investigated, and the data were compared with the vaccine antigen derived from our characterized adhesion MDCK (aMDCK) cells in serum-free medium. The influenza H7N9 bulks derived from sMDCK and aMDCK cells were stored at 2–8 °C for different periods of time, and a number of parameters selected to monitor the H7N9 vaccine antigen stability were evaluated at each interval (1, 3 and 12 months). The monitored parameters included virus morphology, hemagglutinin (HA) activity, HA concentration, antigenicity, and immunogenicity. The sMDCK-derived H7N9 bulk showed similar morphology to that of the aMDCK-derived H7N9 bulk, and there were no obvious changes after the extended storage periods. Furthermore, the HA titer, HA concentration, and antigenicity of sMDCK-derived H7N9 bulk were stable after 28 months of storage. Finally, the results of hemagglutination inhibition and neutralization tests showed that sMDCK- and aMDCK-derived H7N9 vaccines had comparable immunogenicity. These results indicated that sMDCK-derived H7N9 bulk has good stability compared to that of aMDCK-derived H7N9 bulk. Thus, the newly developed suspension MDCK cell line shows a great alternative for manufacturing cell-based influenza vaccines.

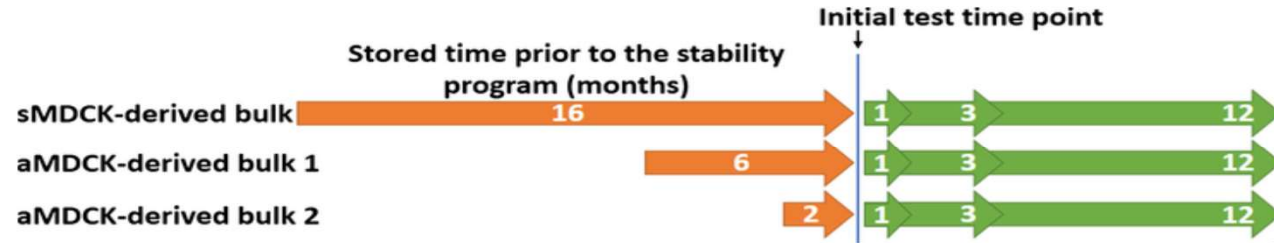


Fig. 1. Test schedule for the stability program of H7N9 bulks derived from different manufacturing platforms. sMDCK- and aMDCK-derived H7N9 bulks were stored at 2–8 °C for different periods of time, and a number of parameters were measured to monitor the H7N9 vaccine antigen stability at different periods (1st, 3rd and 12th month). These monitoring parameters included virus morphology, HA titer, HA concentration, antigenicity, and immunogenicity.

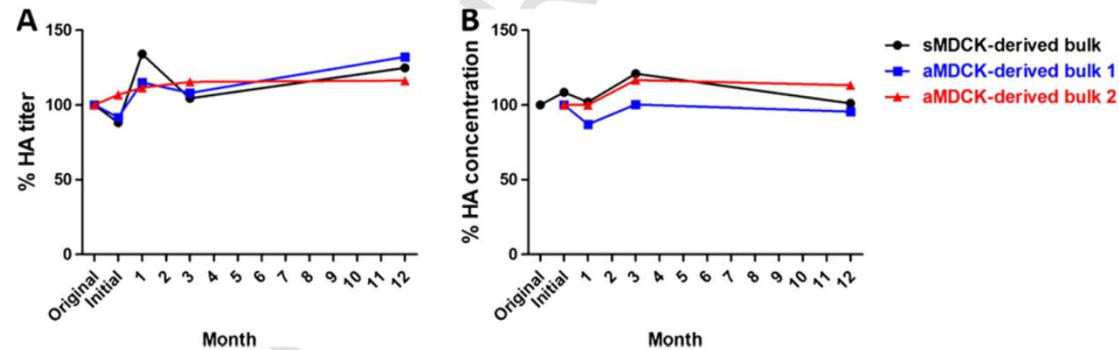


Fig. 3. HA titer and HA concentration of H7N9 bulks from different platforms during the stability study. sMDCK- and aMDCK-derived H7N9 bulks were stored at 2–8 °C, and their HA titer (A) and HA concentration (B) were measured at the indicated time points by HA and SRID assays, respectively. The relative HA titer and HA concentration were expressed as a percentage relative to the original value or the value detected at the initial time point of the stability program.

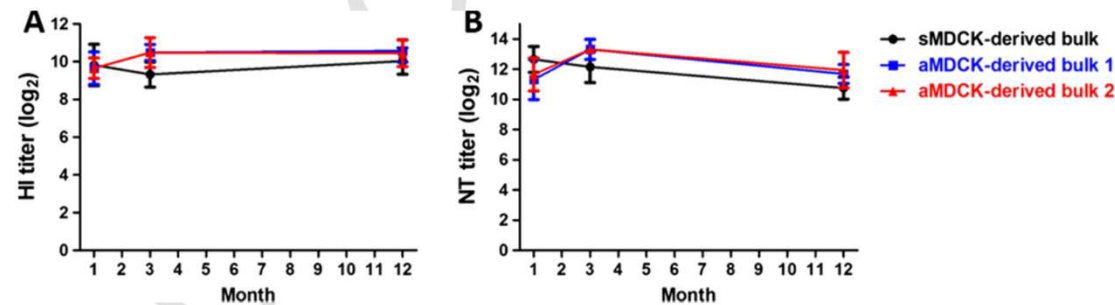


Fig. 4. Immunogenic analysis of various H7N9 bulks during the stability study. sMDCK- and aMDCK-derived H7N9 bulks were stored at 2–8 °C. 0.2 g of the HA antigen dose of MDCK-derived H7N9 bulks from the indicated time points were mixed with Al(OH)₃ adjuvant, and administered in BALB/c mice (n=6 per group) intramuscularly at day 0 and day 14. The immunogenicity of various bulks was confirmed by HI and NT assays, using the serum collected at day 28. Error bars represent the 95% confidence interval.

TEM images of H7N9 bulks from sMDCK- and aMDCK-derived cells

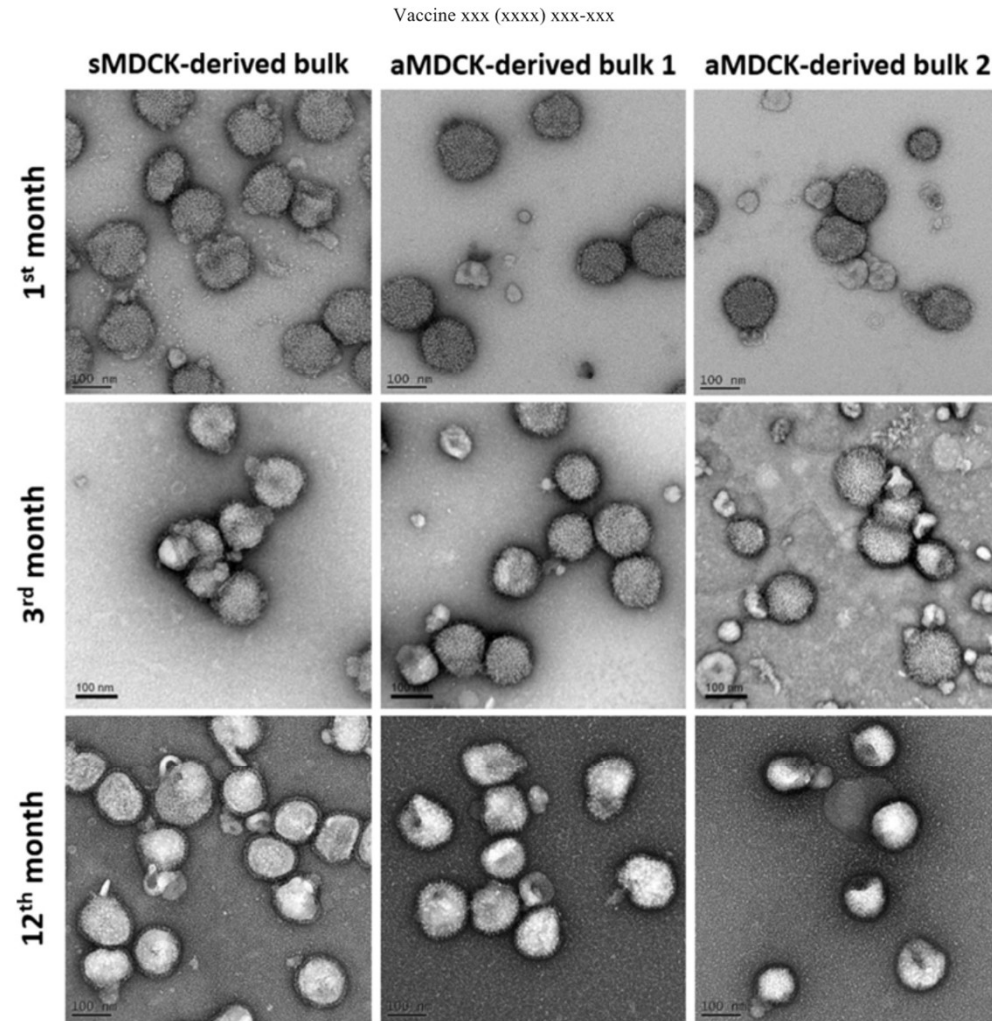
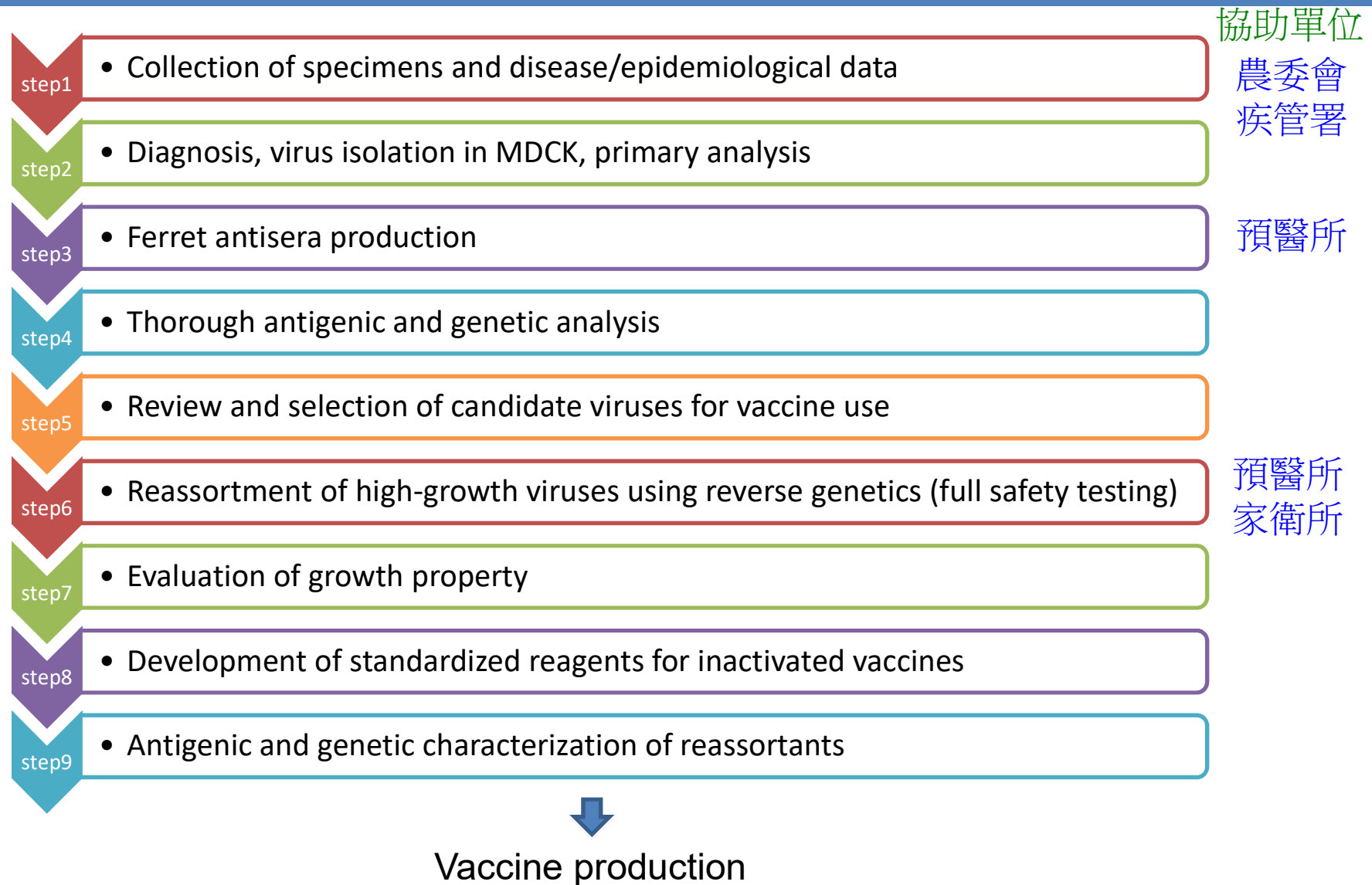


Fig. 2. EM images of H7N9 bulks from different platforms. sMDCK- and aMDCK-derived H7N9 bulks were stored at 2–8 °C, and the morphology of the H7N9 viral particles was analyzed at the 1st, 3rd and 12th month of the stability program. Viral particles were negatively stained with 2% uranyl acetate and the images were captured using electron microscopy.



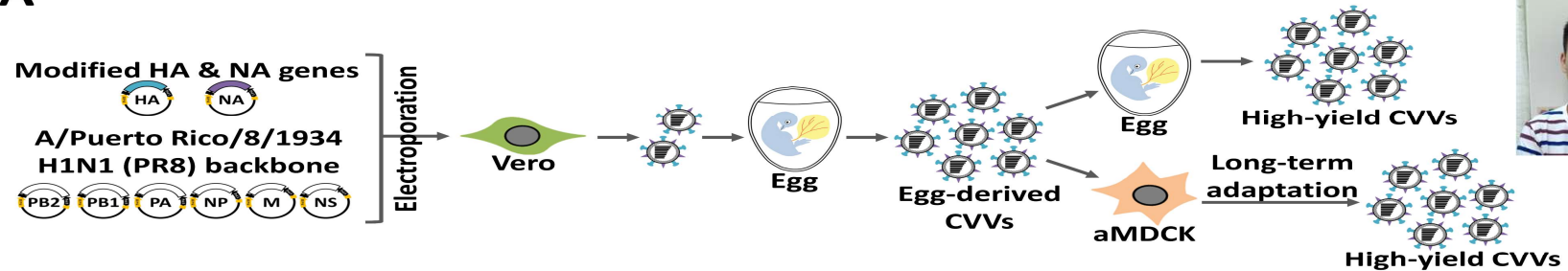
Flowchart of generation candidate vaccine viruses



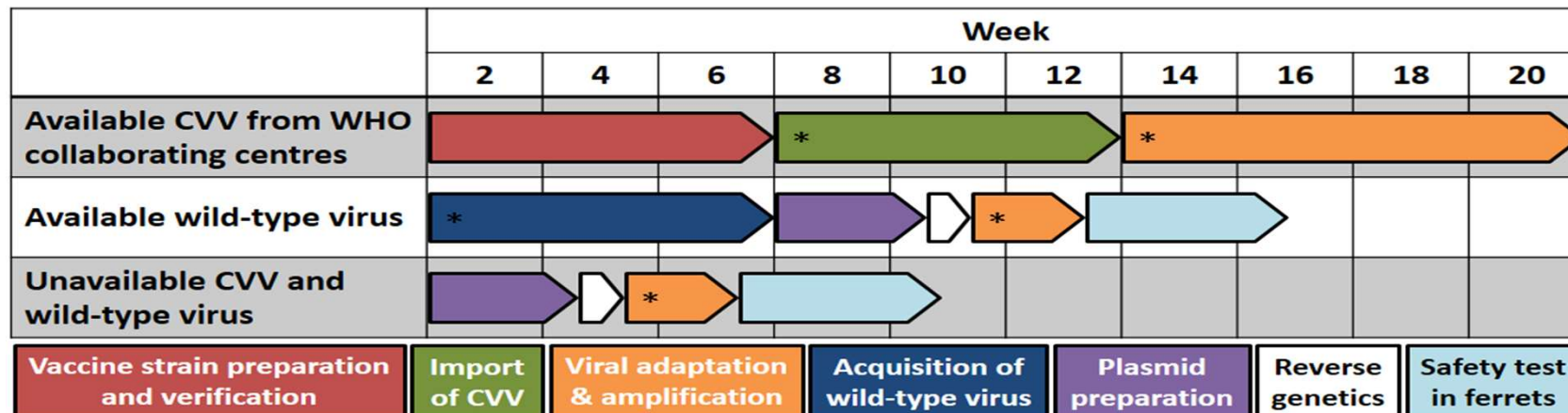
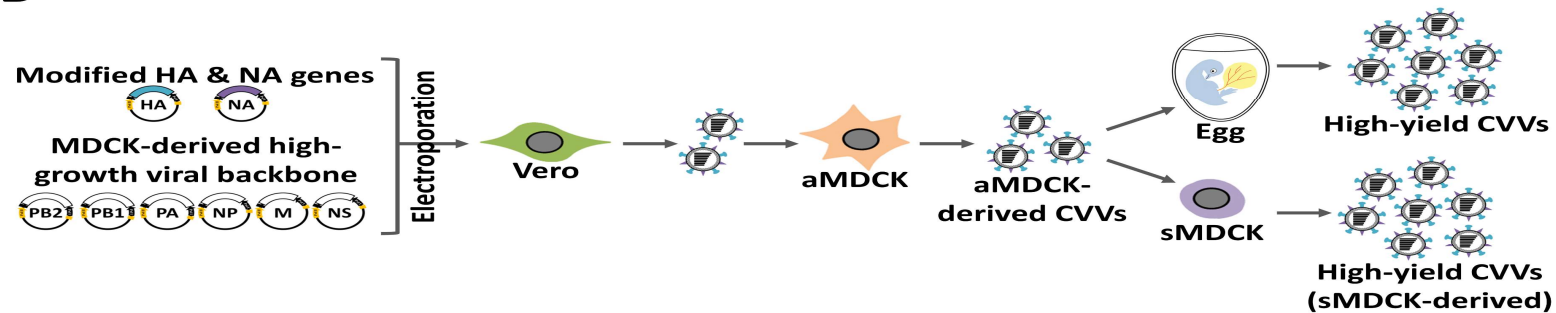
Timeline for the generation of candidate vaccine viruses by reverse genetic technology

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A



B





Viral titers of H7N9 CVVs after serial passaging in Vero cells, aMDCK cells, and chicken embryonic eggs.

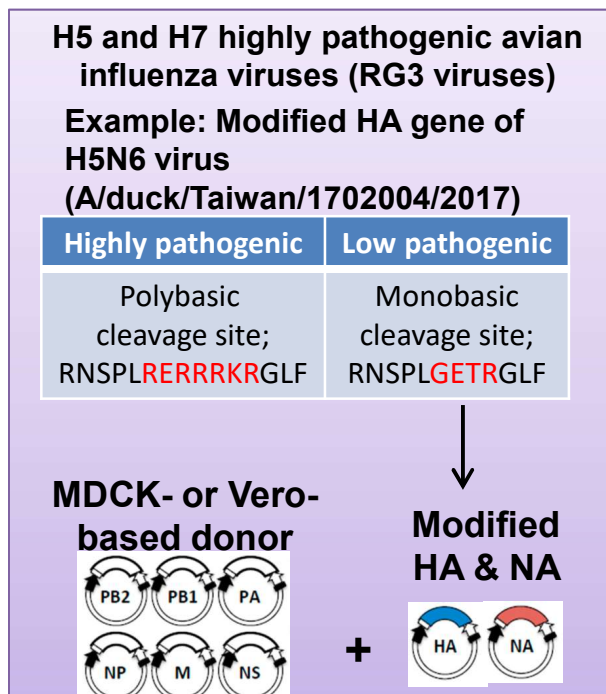
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	HA titer (HAU/50 μ L) at each passage					TCID ₅₀ (Virions/ml)	
CVVs	V1*	V1aM1*	V1aM2*	V1aM3*	V1aM3E1 *	V1aM3*	V1aM3E1 *
NHRI-RG3	4	64	64	256	2048	$10^{7.30}$	$10^{7.04}$
NHRI-RG4	8	64	64	256	2048	$10^{7.40}$	$10^{7.04}$
NHRI-RG5	64	256	256	256	2048	$10^{7.51}$	$10^{7.80}$
NHRI-RG6	64	128	256	256	2048	$10^{7.77}$	$10^{7.04}$

Candidate vaccine virus preparation using synthetic HA& NA plasmids and reversed genetics

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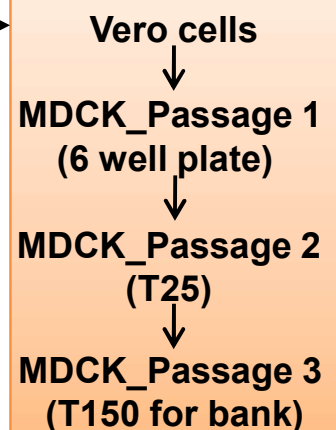
Plasmids preparation



Spent one year still could not received H5N6 wide type virus from the Council of Agriculture



Reverse genetics and Viral amplification



Characterization/Verification

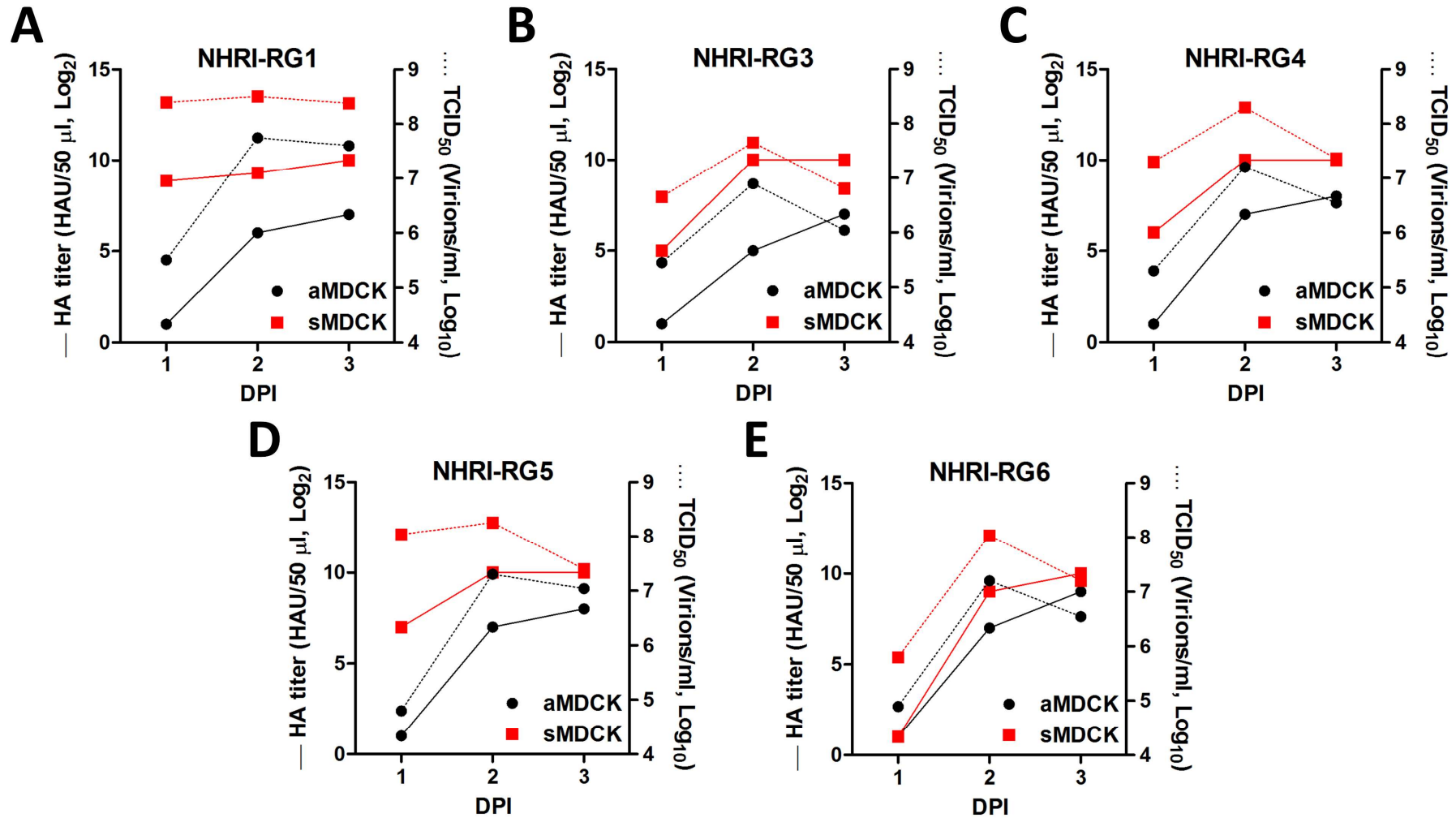
- Candidate vaccine virus**
- ◆ Growth property (HA & TCID₅₀ titer)
 - ◆ Antigenicity (HI titer)
 - ◆ Immunogenicity
 - ◆ Genetic stability (gene sequence)
 - ◆ Biosafety
 - Pathogenicity in ferret & egg embryo
 - Plaque-forming ability without trypsin

Candidate vaccine strain

Viral strain	H5N1	1 st H7N9	H5N6	A/Guangdong/17SF03/2016	A/Hong Kong/125/2017	A/Guangdong/SP440/2016	A/Taiwan/1/2017
			NHRI-RG1	NHRI-RG3	NHRI-RG4	NHRI-RG5	NHRI-RG6
aMDCK	612	574	689	128	256	256	128
sMDCK	989	996	1409	1024	1024	1024	1024

Growth properties of reassortant H5N6 and H7N9 viruses in aMDCK and sMDCK cells

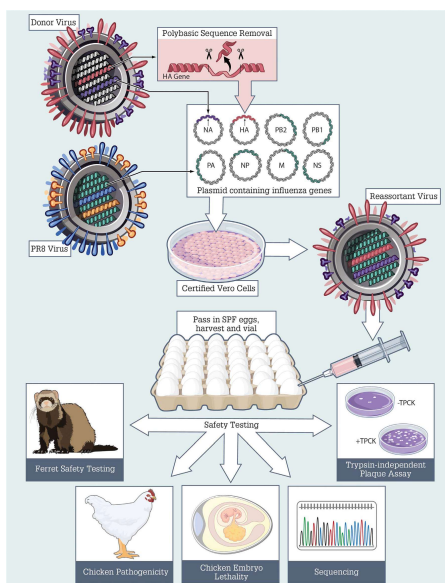
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HI activity of mouse serum against the 1st and 5th wave H7N9 viruses

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Mouse serum										
Alum (30 mg)						AddaVax				
Antigens	NIBRG-268	NHRI-RG3	NHRI-RG4	NHRI-RG5	NHRI-RG6	NIBRG-268	NHRI-RG3	NHRI-RG4	NHRI-RG5	NHRI-RG6
NIBRG-268	508.0	160.0	89.8	285.1	144.9	579.7	237.8	237.8	320.0	359.2
NHRI-RG3	113.1	71.3	25.2	127.0	80.0	118.9	118.9	88.3	176.7	118.9
NHRI-RG4	142.5	63.5	80.0	201.6	80.0	160.0	107.7	262.5	289.8	131.3
NHRI-RG5	142.5	80.0	25.2	226.3	44.2	201.4	118.9	118.9	262.5	118.9
NHRI-RG6	80.0	71.3	20.0	113.1	88.3	118.9	131.3	80.0	195.0	160.0

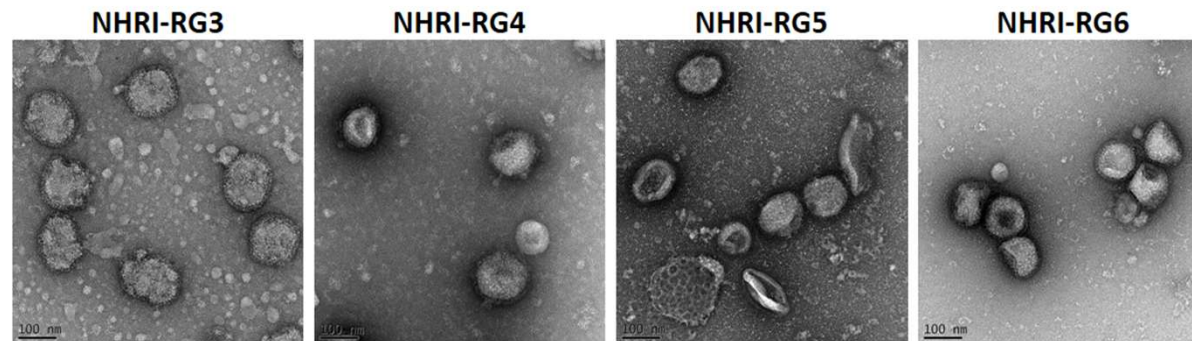
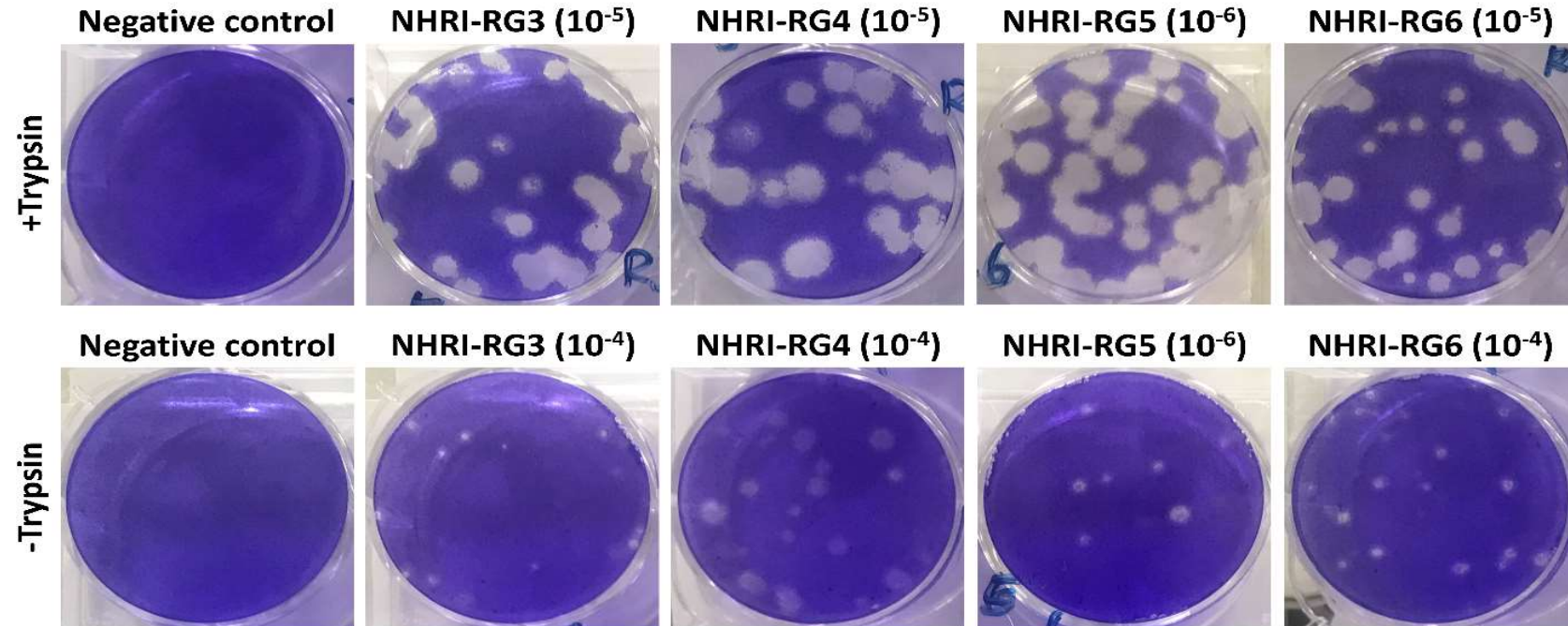


Chicken embryo lethality test

Viruses	Pathogenicity	CELD ₅₀
Wild type H7N9 (A/Taiwan/1/2017)	HPAI	<1.7E+02 TCID ₅₀
NHRI-RG2 (A/Anhui/1/2013)	HPAI	>2.50E+07 TCID ₅₀
NHRI-RG3 (A/Guangdong/17SF003/2016)	HPAI	>4.45E+06 TCID ₅₀
NHRI-RG4 (A/Hong Kong/125/2017)	LPAI	>1.06E+07 TCID ₅₀
NHRI-RG5 (A/Guangdong/SP440/2017)	HPAI	>4.45E+07 TCID ₅₀
NHRI-RG6 (A/Taiwan/1/2017)	HPAI	>4.45E+06 TCID ₅₀

Plaque-forming ability of H7N9 reassortant viruses in MDCK cells with or without trypsin

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Medium cost estimation in the USP

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	aMDCK (H7N9)	aMDCK (H7N9)	sMDCK 3rd DSP	egg_based
Medium	Opti-Pro	BalanCD MDCK	BalanCD simple	
HA titer	438.1	512.0	1160	
Medium required ratio (medium usage/harvest volume)	3.1	3.1	2.0	
one dose required HA (ug)	15	15	15	
downstream recovery rate	0.3	0.3	0.7	
US \$ /dose	3.5x2	1.51x2	0.22x2	0.5~0.8

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16X reduction

1L= ~200 doses
1000L= ~200,000 doses
Based on 30 µg/dose



Suspension MDCK-33016 cells
Serum-free medium
150 millions/year
US\$ 1 billions
Holly Springs, USA

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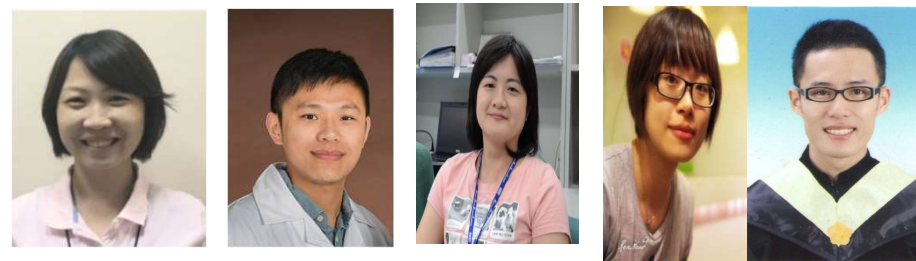
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