

# Environmental Causes of Autism

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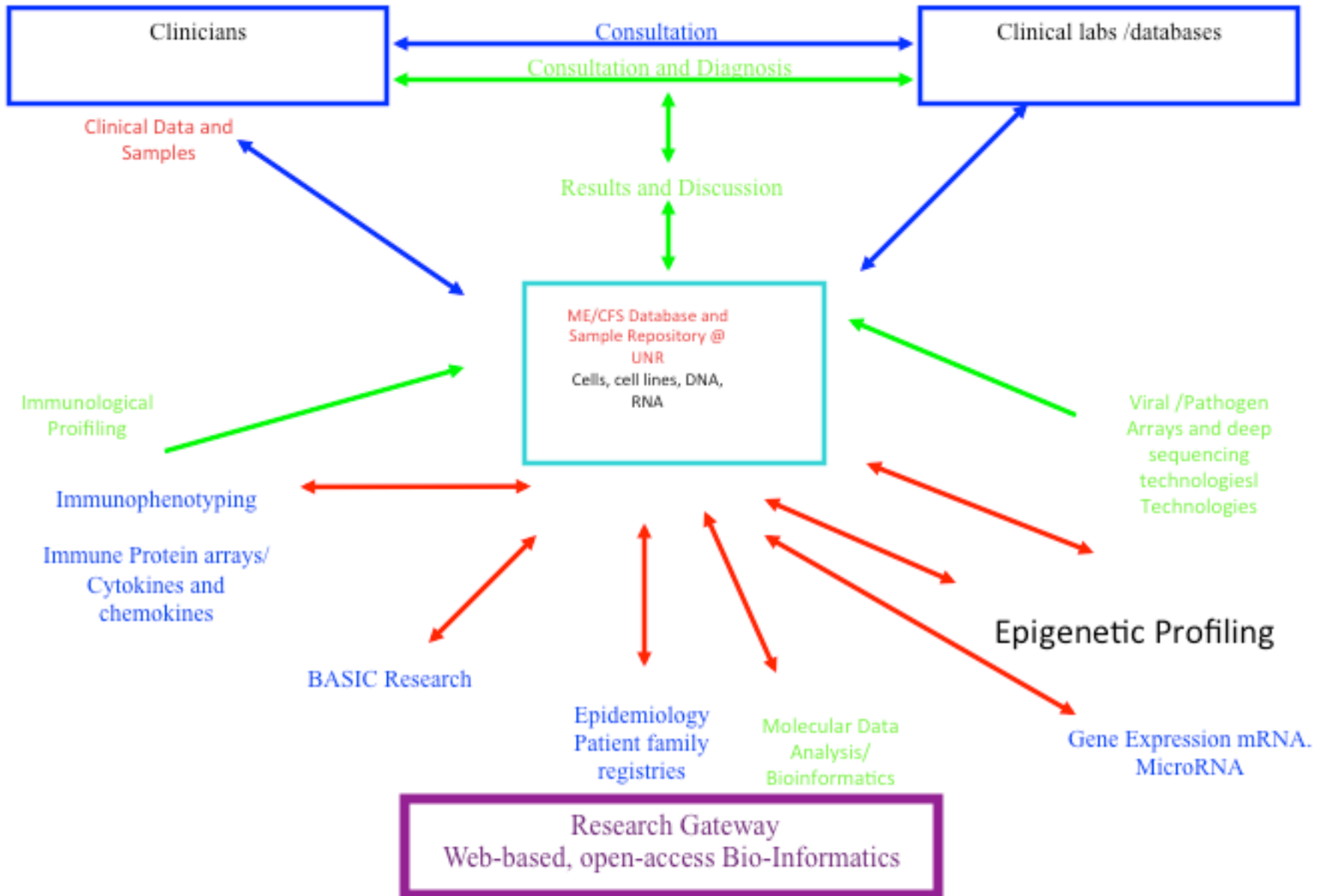
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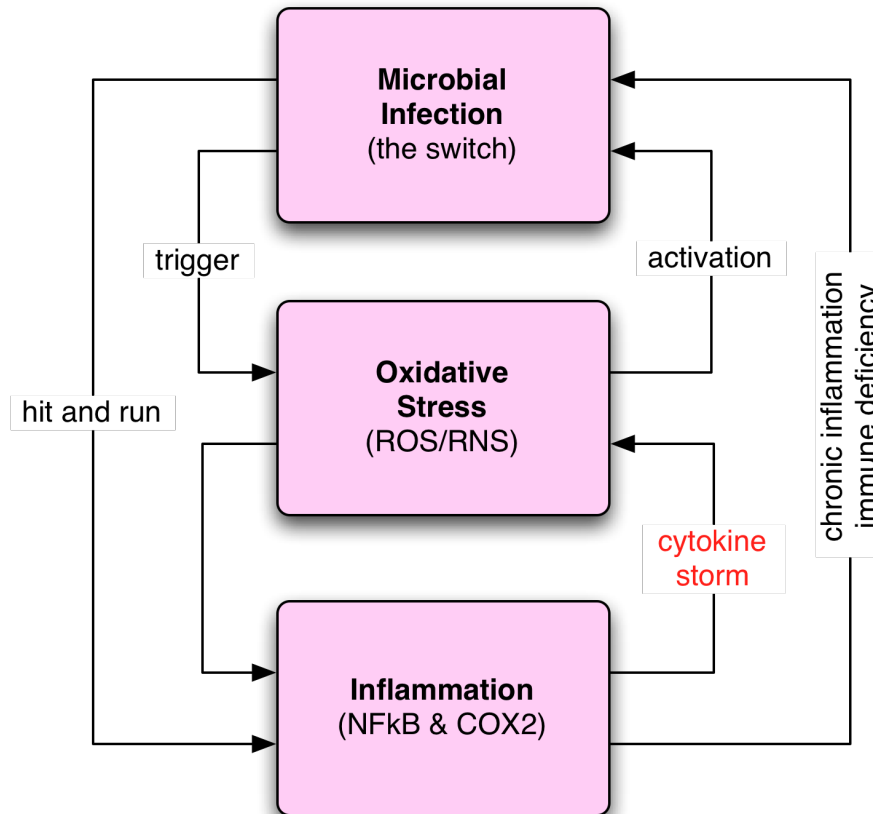
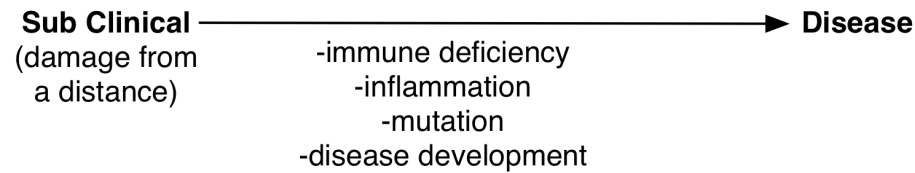
Here we are not afraid to follow the truth wherever it may lead,  
Nor tolerate error so long as freedom is left to combat it

Thomas Jefferson

# Systems Biology Approach to Chronic Disease.. 2007



# Key Contributors to Chronic Diseases



# The Environment and ASD

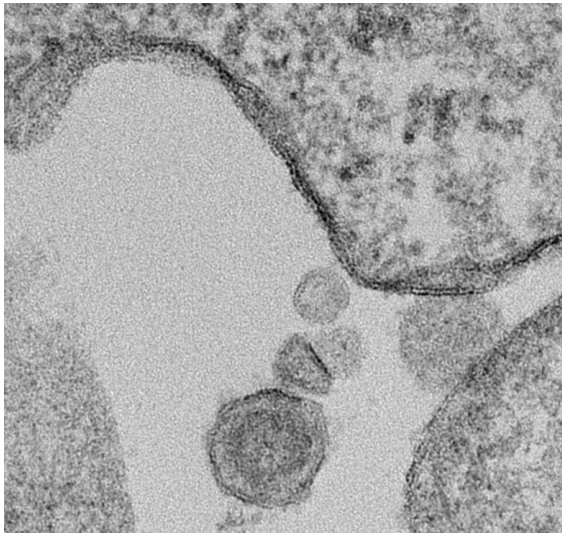
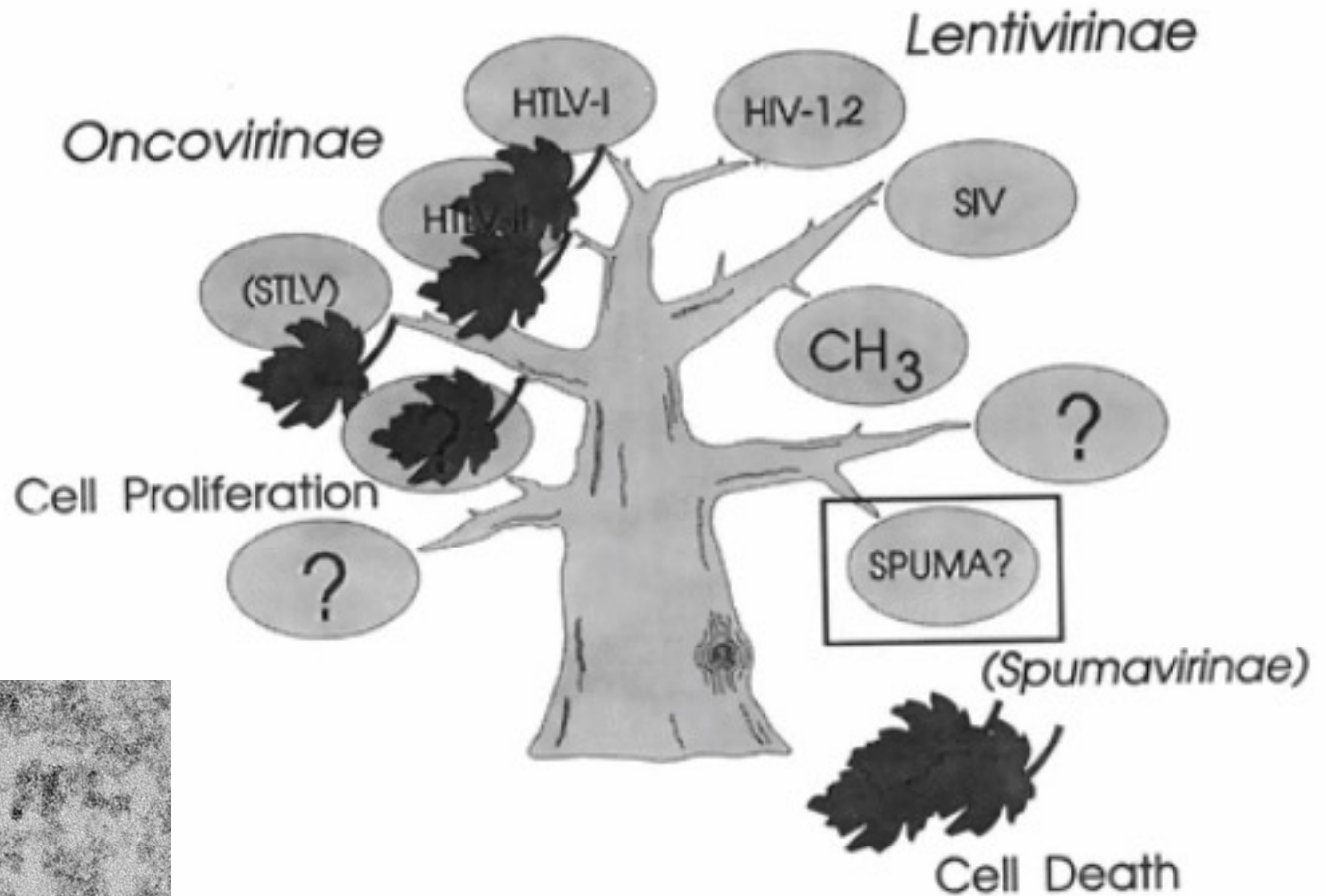
## All Chronic Disease?

- More than 200 genes associated with Autism
- Many subtypes
- Pesticides
- Toxins
- EMF
- **Lessons learned from Other human retroviral Infections**
- **Zoonotic transmission exposures**
- **Heavy metals in water-Example from the Silver state**
- **GMO**
- **Vaccinations-The Anti-hygiene Theory**
- Microbiome.

ALL ON TOP OF THE GENETICS



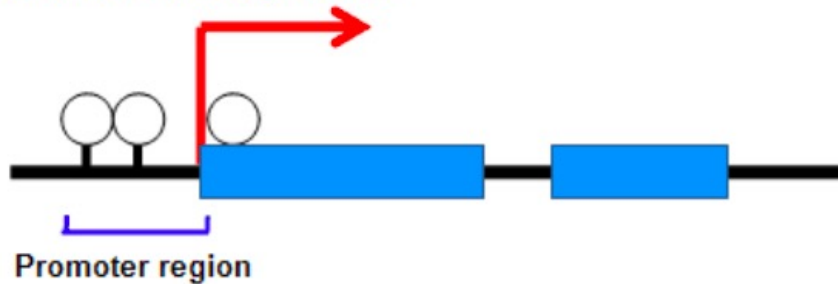
# Retrovirus Phylogeny



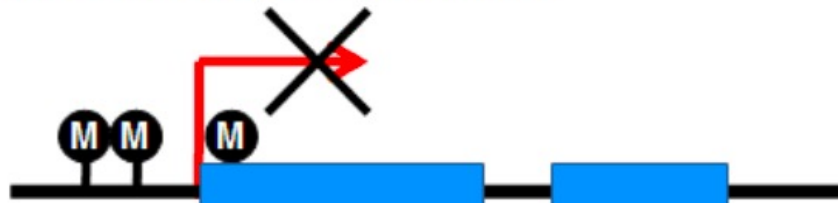
Retroviruses Integrate into genome..forever part of DNA of host

As much as 15% of human genome is made up of endogenous Retroviruses that have been crippled by the immune system That is they are not replication competent

## Genes that can be expressed



## Genes inactivated by DNA methylation



# Molecular and Cellular Biology

## Infection with Human Immunodeficiency Virus Type 1 Upregulates DNA Methyltransferase, Resulting in De Novo Methylation of the Gamma Interferon (IFN- $\gamma$ ) Promoter and Subsequent Downregulation of IFN- $\gamma$ Production

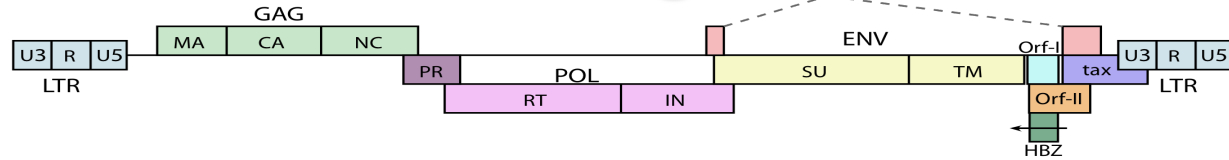
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*Mol. Cell. Biol.* 1998, 18(9):5166.

## Mechanisms of Pathogenesis:

- ◆ Lessons learned from 30 years of Human retrovirus study
- ◆ Lessons learned from 40 years of MLV study

# HTLV-I: Pathogenesis

## HTLV-I

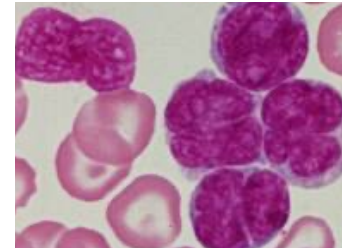


Genus: Deltaretrovirus (complex)

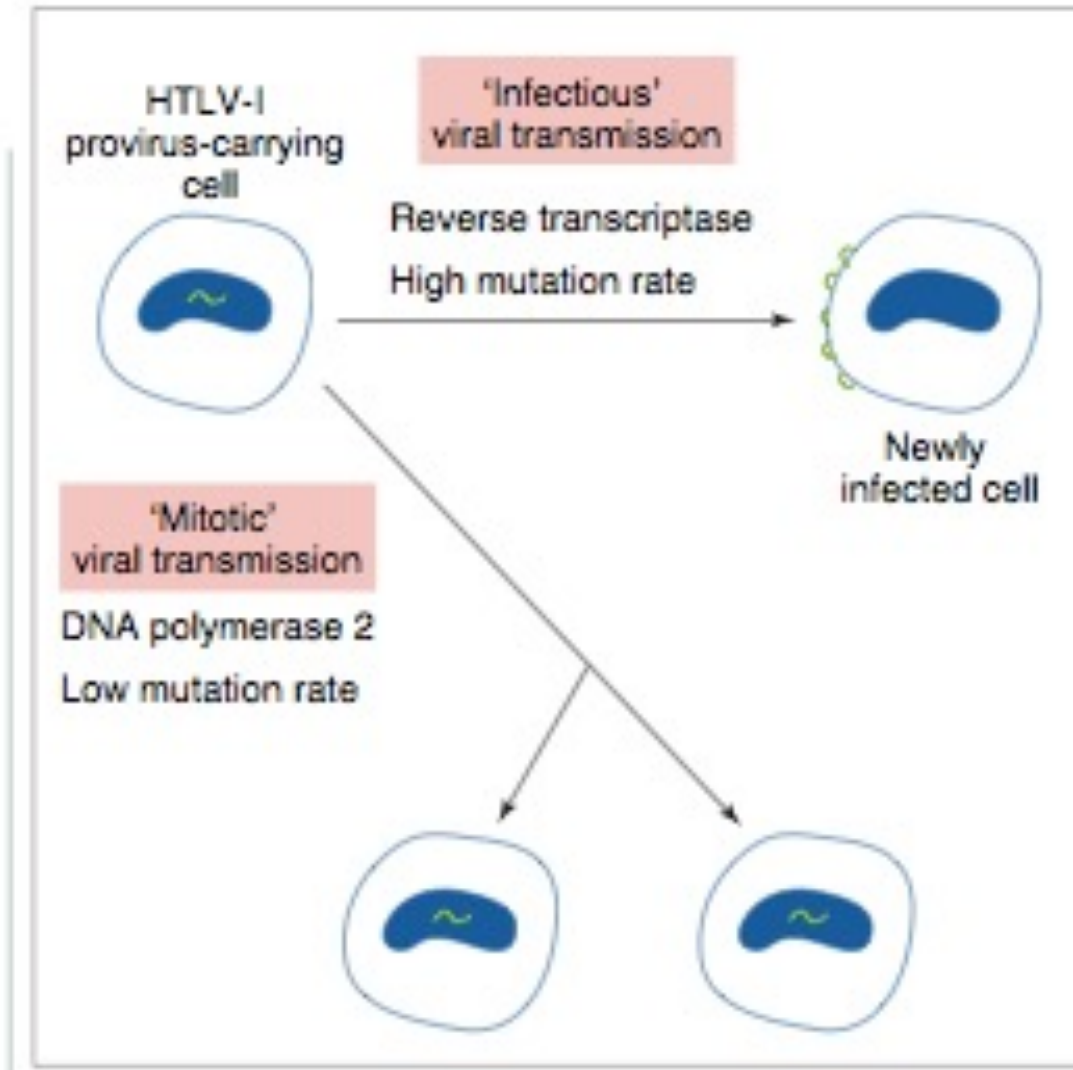
Genome: Multiple spliced RNAs for regulatory and accessory proteins

## Pathogenesis:

- Asymptomatic in majority of individuals
- 5-8% lifetime risk of developing types of disease:
  - Adult T cell leukemia
    - Clonal malignancy of CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells.
    - Long latency; Immune deficiency
    - Tax and HBZ needed for transformation
  - Inflammatory syndromes
    - HTLV-I associated myelopathy/Tropical spastic paraparesis
    - Uveitis
    - Arthropathy



# Infectious vs. Mitotic transmission of HTLV-1



# Increased Cytokine/Chemokine Production in plasma from ATL patients

Concentration in culture supernatant (pg/ml)	ATL Patient	Uninfected
IL-12p40	130	36
IL-6	2800	17
IL-1 $\beta$	162	---
TNF- $\alpha$	600	---
IP10	130	---
MCP-1	770	150
MIP-1 $\alpha$	450	90
IL-8	8500	420

- Many cytokines such as IL-4, IL-5, IL-7 and type 1 interferons are not expressed in blood of infected patients

# Dysregulated Cytokine/Chemokine Production plasma from ME/CFS patients

CYTOKINES/ CHEMOKINES	Patient N = 156	Control N=140	P value	FUNCTION IN INFLAMMATION
<b>IL-8</b>	<b>1067</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>	RNase L and CMV activated
<b>IL-13</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>	Inhibits inflammatory cytokine production
<b>MIP-1<math>\beta</math></b>	<b>1840</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>	Elevated in Neurodegenerative disease
<b>TNF-<math>\alpha</math></b>	<b>109</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>	Stimulates chronic inflammation
<b>MCP-1</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>0.003</b>	Elevated in chronic inflammatory diseases
<b>IL-7</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>	Stimulates proliferation of B and T lymphocytes and NK cells
<b>IFN-<math>\alpha</math></b>	<b>35</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>	Stimulates macrophages and NK cells to elicit an anti-viral response
<b>IL-6</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>	Stimulates chronic inflammation
<b>MIP-1<math>\alpha</math></b>	<b>673</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>0.0062</b>	Elevated in Neurodegenerative disease
<b>GM-CSF</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>	Stimulates proliferation of B and T lymphocytes and NK cells

# 3 B-Cell Lines Derived Directly From CFS Patients' PBMCs

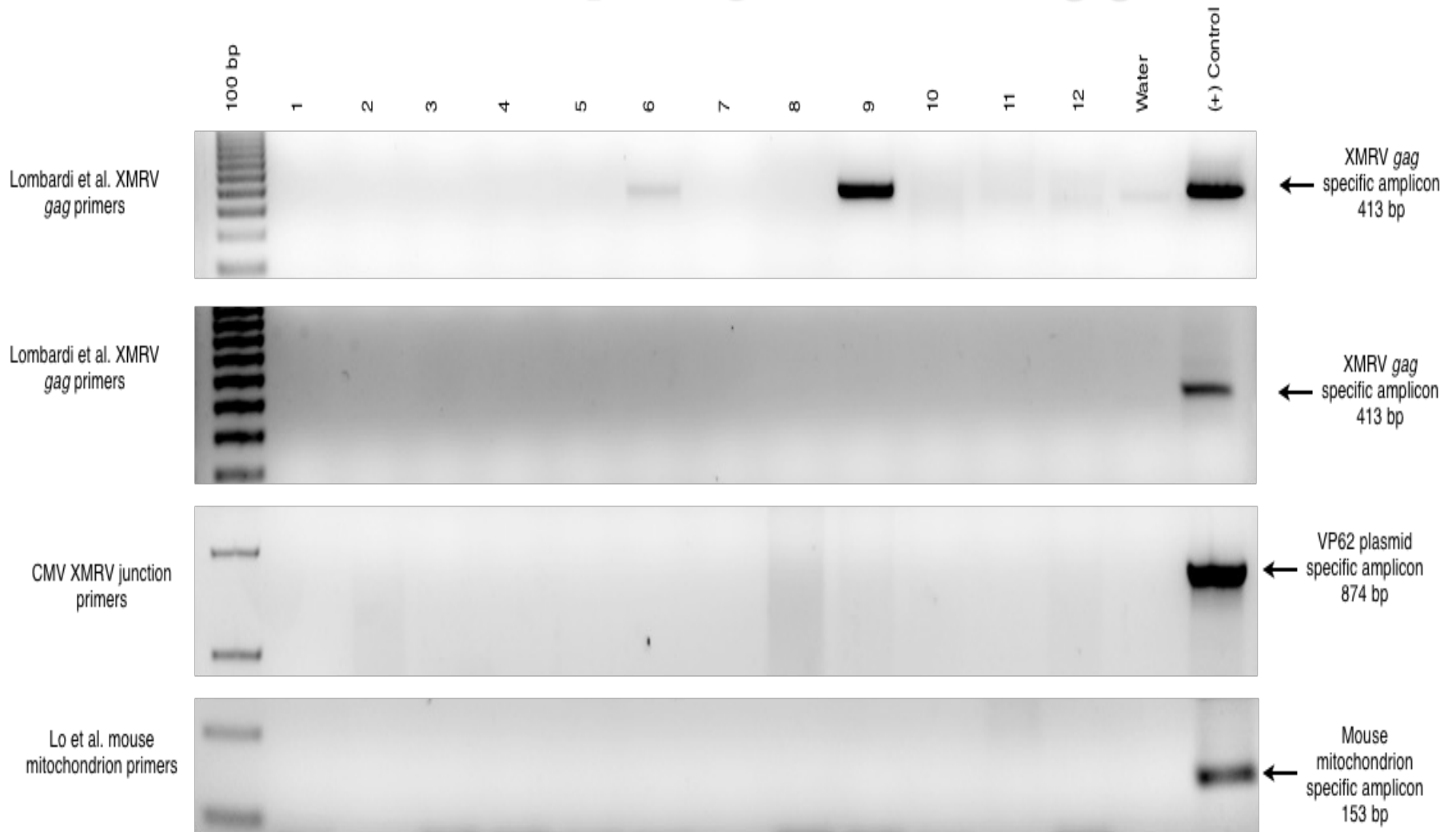
- **CFS patient PBMCs were cultured; 3 samples developed into immortalized cell lines**
- **All three showed high CD20+ expression and two showed high CD23+ expression.**
- **All three showed strong similarity to B cells seen in patients.**

Marker	MCL	WPI 1125	WPI 1186	WPI 1143
CD5	+	+	+	+
CD23	-	-	+	+
CD19	+	+	+	+
CD20	+	+	+	+
FMC7	+	+	-	-
CD3	-	-	-	-
CD4	-	-	-	-
CD7	+	-	-	-
CD8	-	-	-	-
CD10	-	-	-	-
CD38	+	+	+	+
CD45	+	+	+	+
CD56	-	-	-	-
CD122	-	-	-	-
HLA-DR	+	+	+	+
Lambda	+	+	-	-
Kappa	+	+	+	+

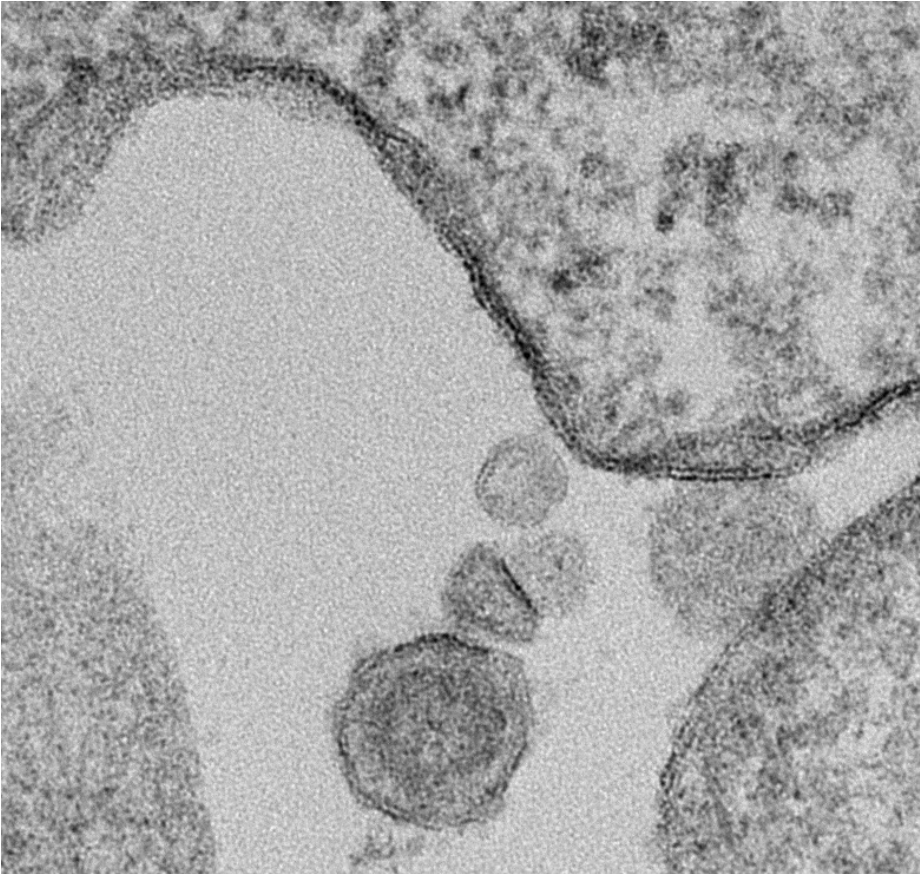
These Cell lines were developed from CFS patients. One, (1125) developed MCL; one (1186) was developed from a bone marrow biopsy, 3<sup>rd</sup> a CLL



# Extended PBMC cell culture without manipulation shows XMRV gag infection in samples negative for XMRV gag RNA

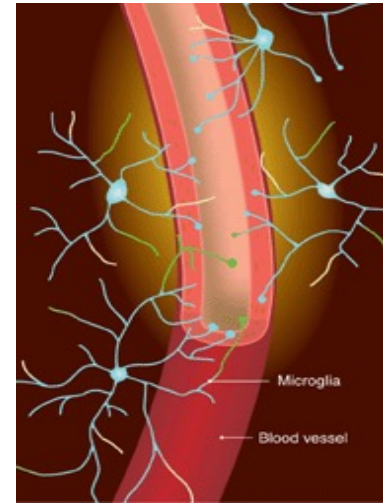
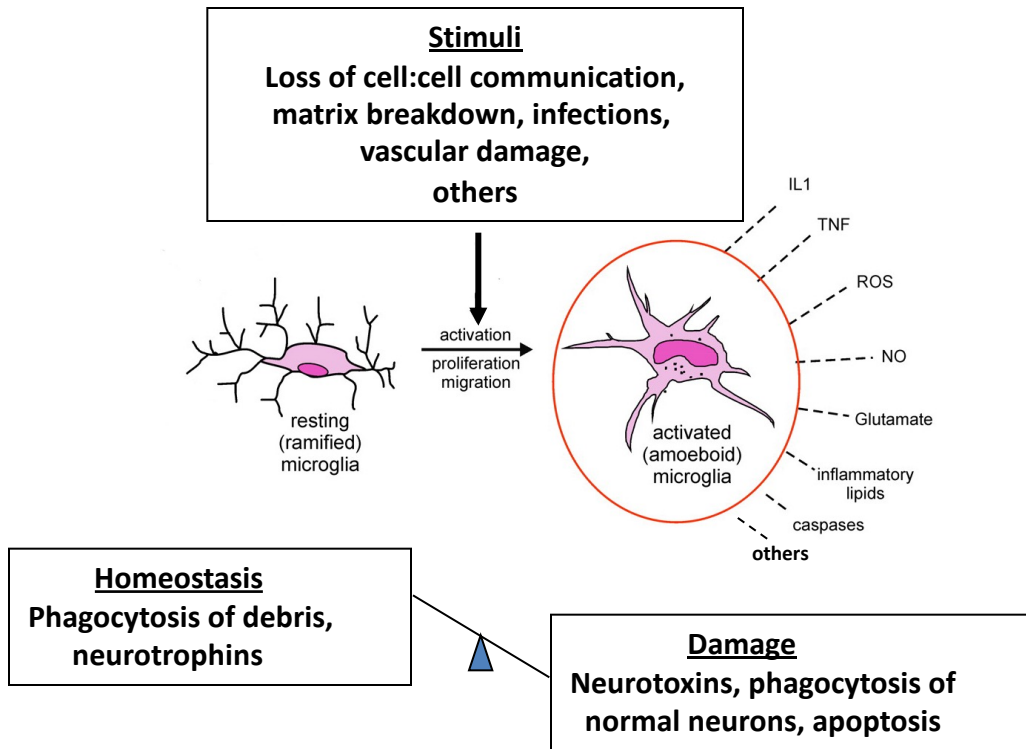


Electron Micrograph of gamma retrovirus isolated from ME/CFS patients blood cells



March 2009

# Microglia Activation in Neurodegeneration

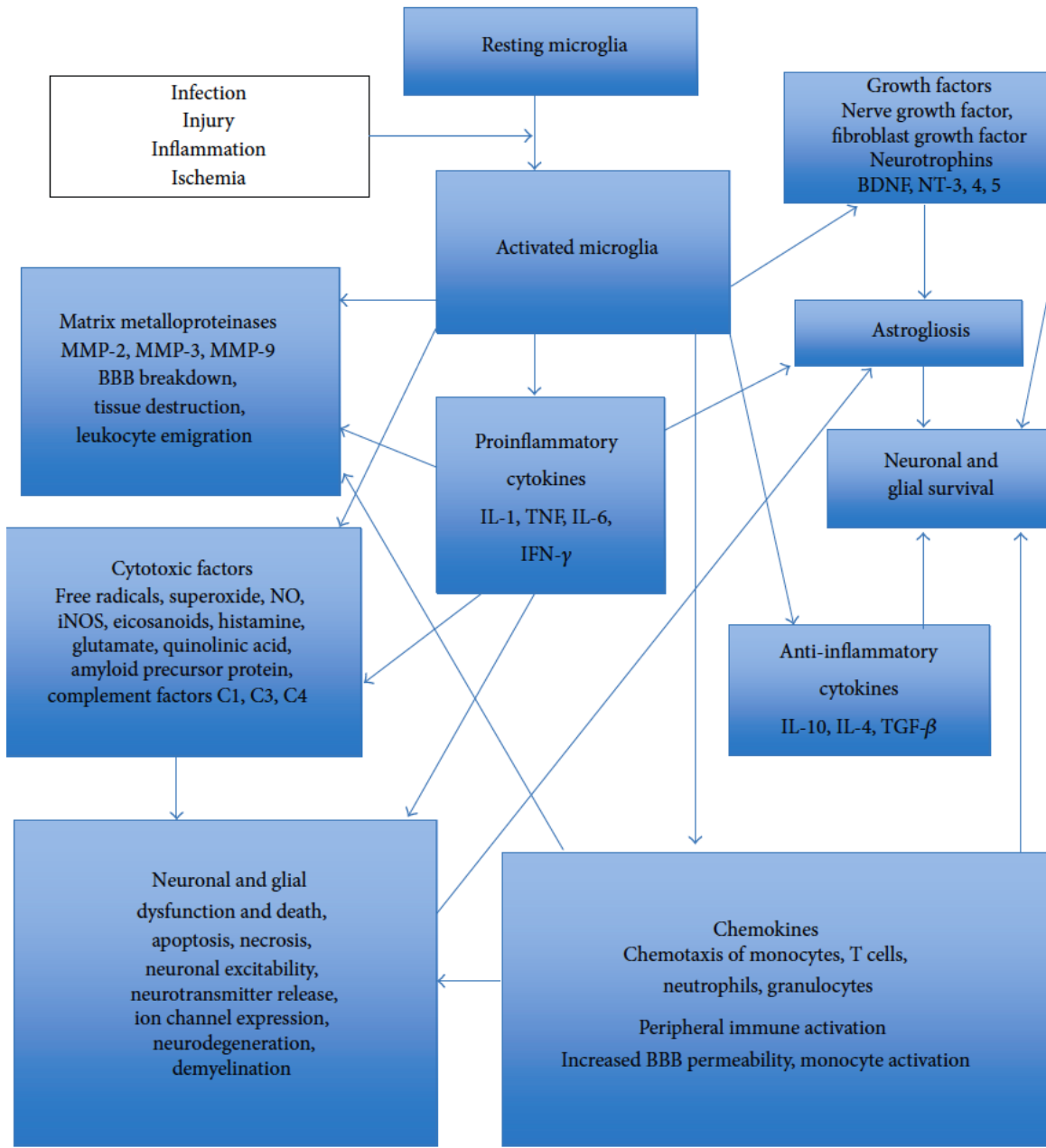


Fetler, L and S Amigorena, Science 2005, 309:392

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**Neurodegenerative disorders**

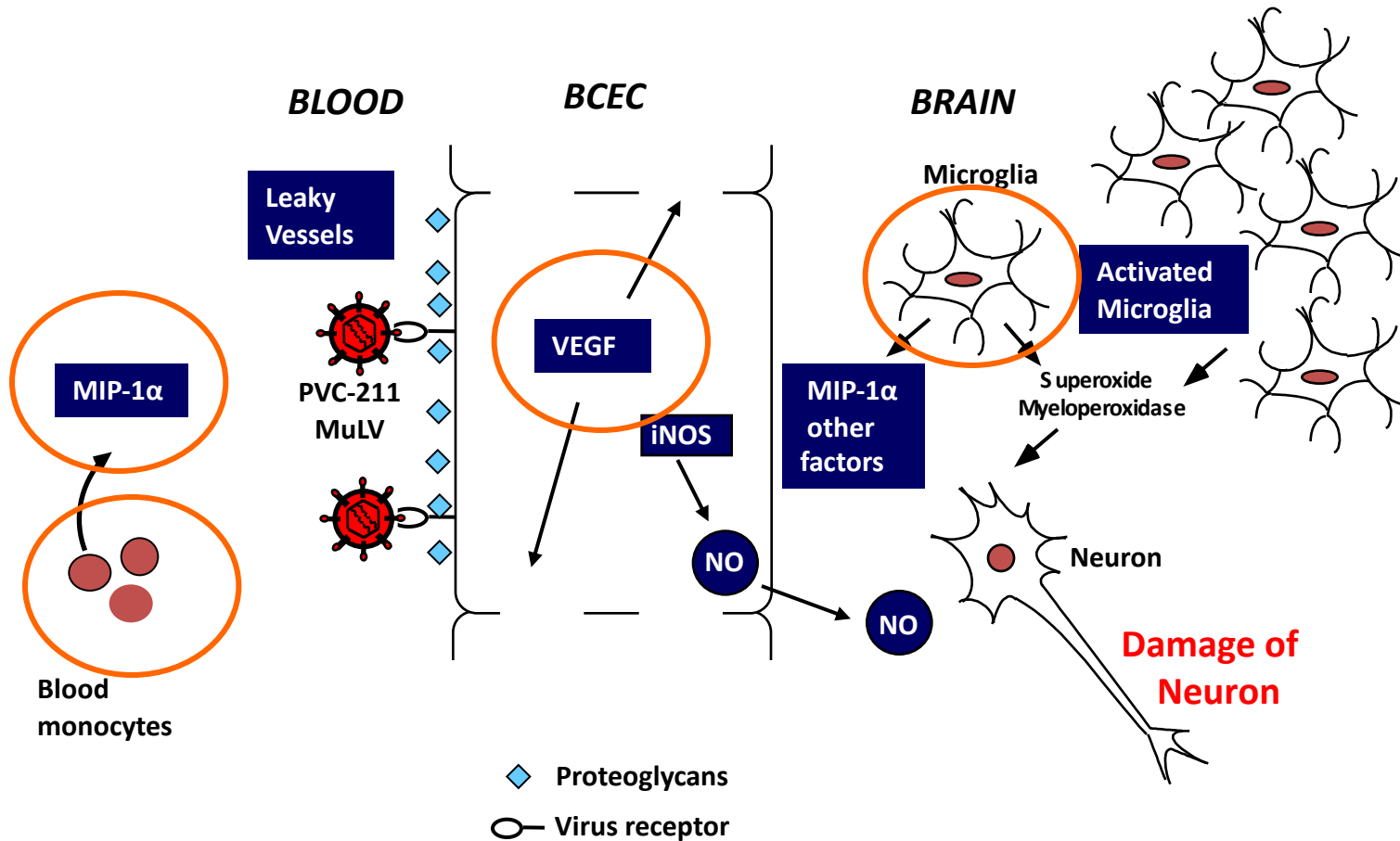
- Parkinson's disease
- Alzheimer's disease
- Multiple sclerosis

# Central role of microglia in Neuroinflammation



Rameshe Et. Al. 2013  
Mediators of inflammation

# Model for the Induction of Neurodegeneration by one strain of MLV in an animal model



*these immune pathways see in ASD and Other Chronic neurological diseases*

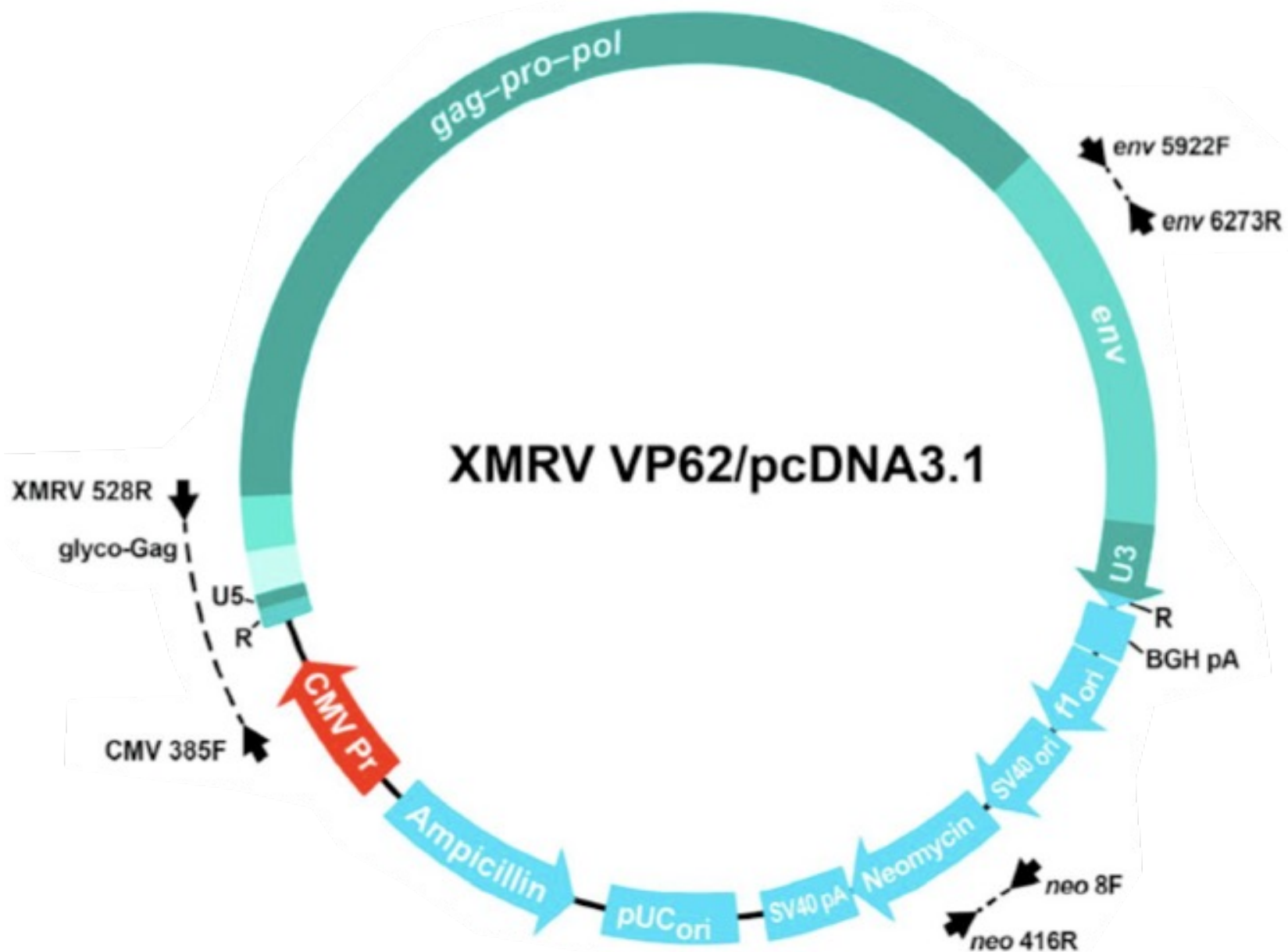
## Two important lessons learned from studying MuLVs

- While insertional mutagenesis by MuLVs can result in transformation of cells and the development of leukemias and lymphomas, the envelope proteins encoded by these viruses can also have profound biological effects. **So it's important to study the biological effects of the XMRV envelope protein.**
- MuLVs can be expressed in the CNS, triggering an inflammatory response that can cause severe neurological damage. **Since similar inflammatory responses are associated with ME/CFS, XMRV could be playing a role.**

# XMRV Controversy

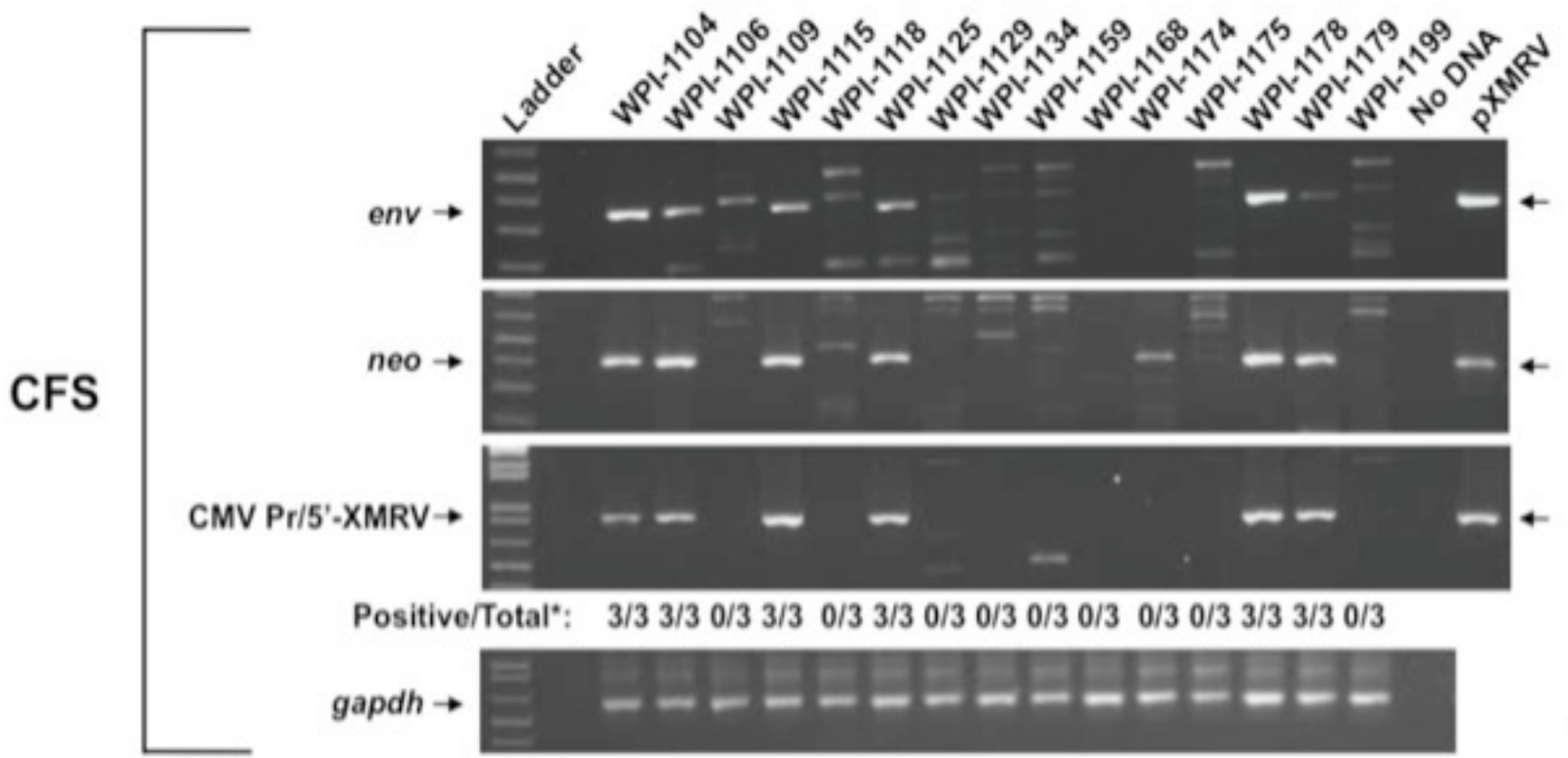
- What happened?
- What did we learn?
- Where do we go from here?

# Schematic of Plasmid containing XMRV/VP62

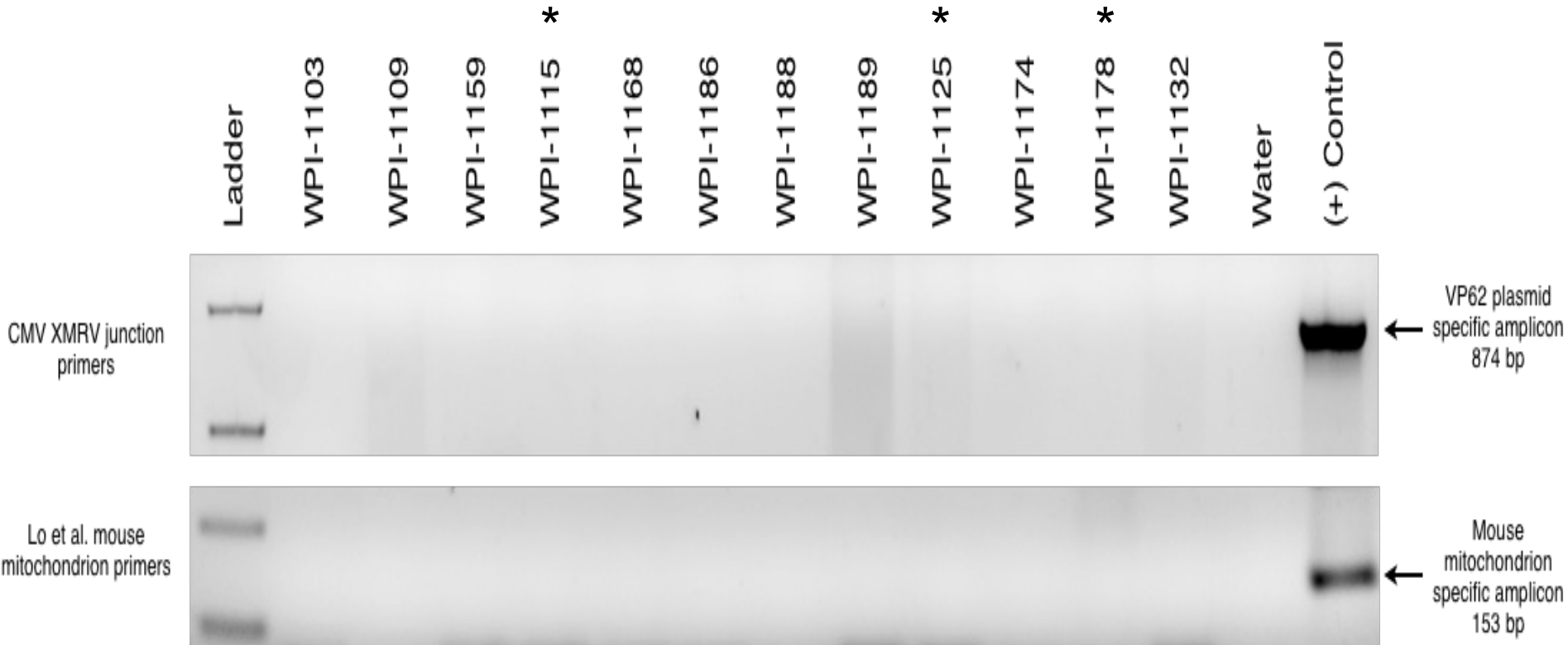




Six WPI DNA Samples shown in Fig. 1 of the original study analyzed by the Silverman Lab in 2009 contained VP-62 plasmid

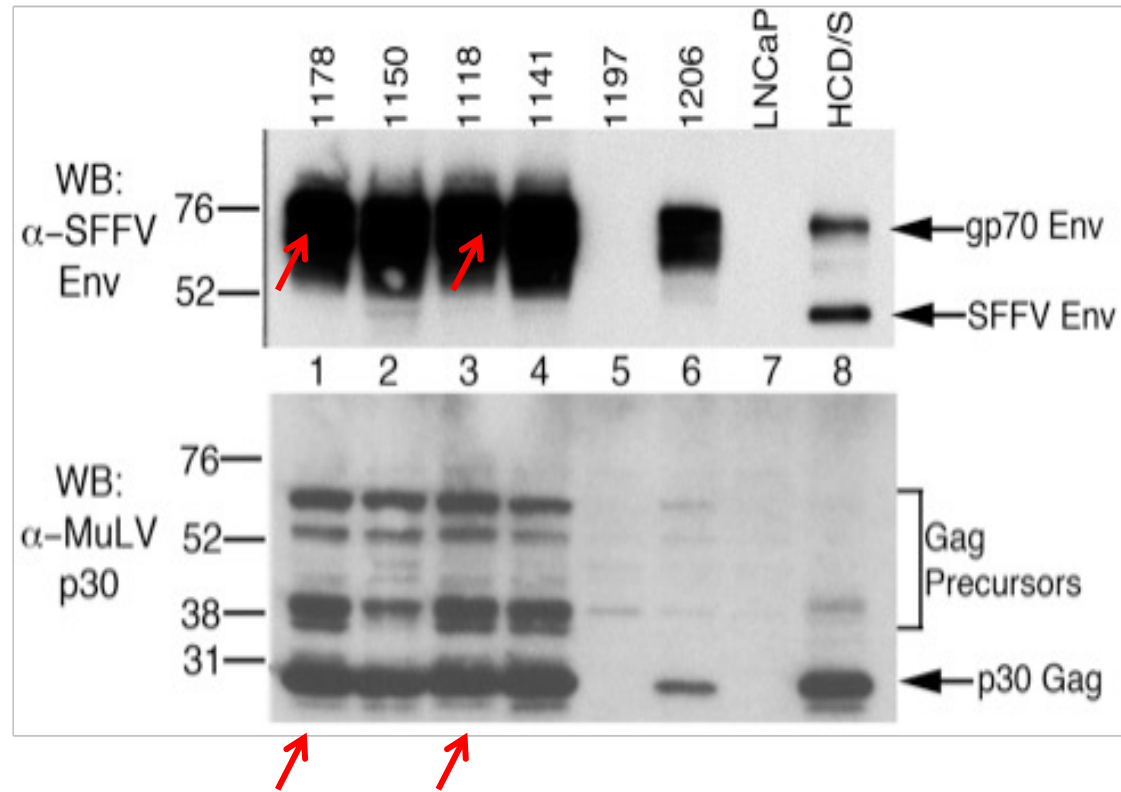
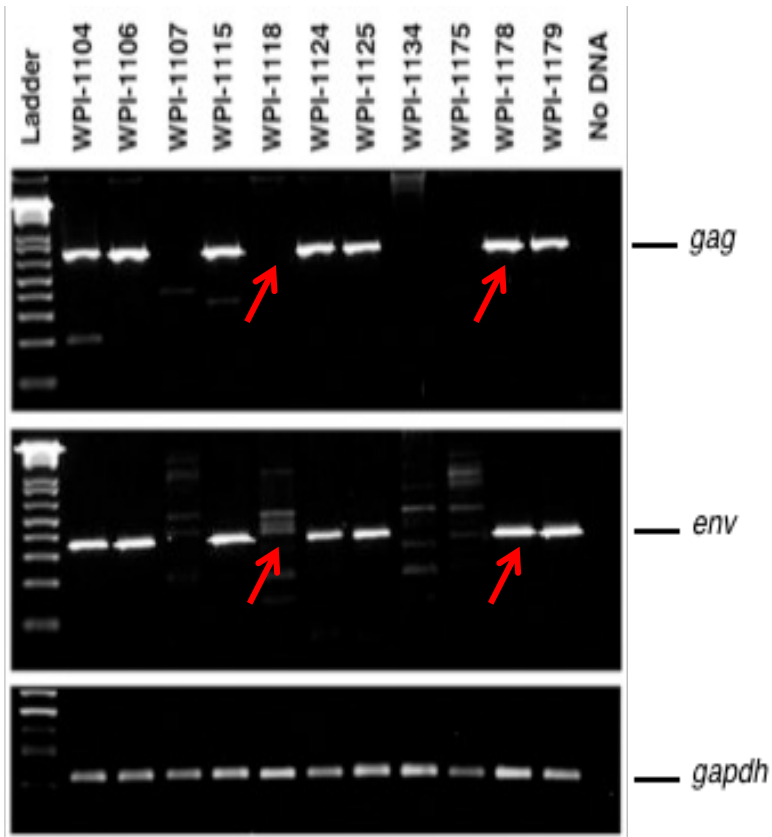


# Original DNA Samples were negative for XMRV plasmid

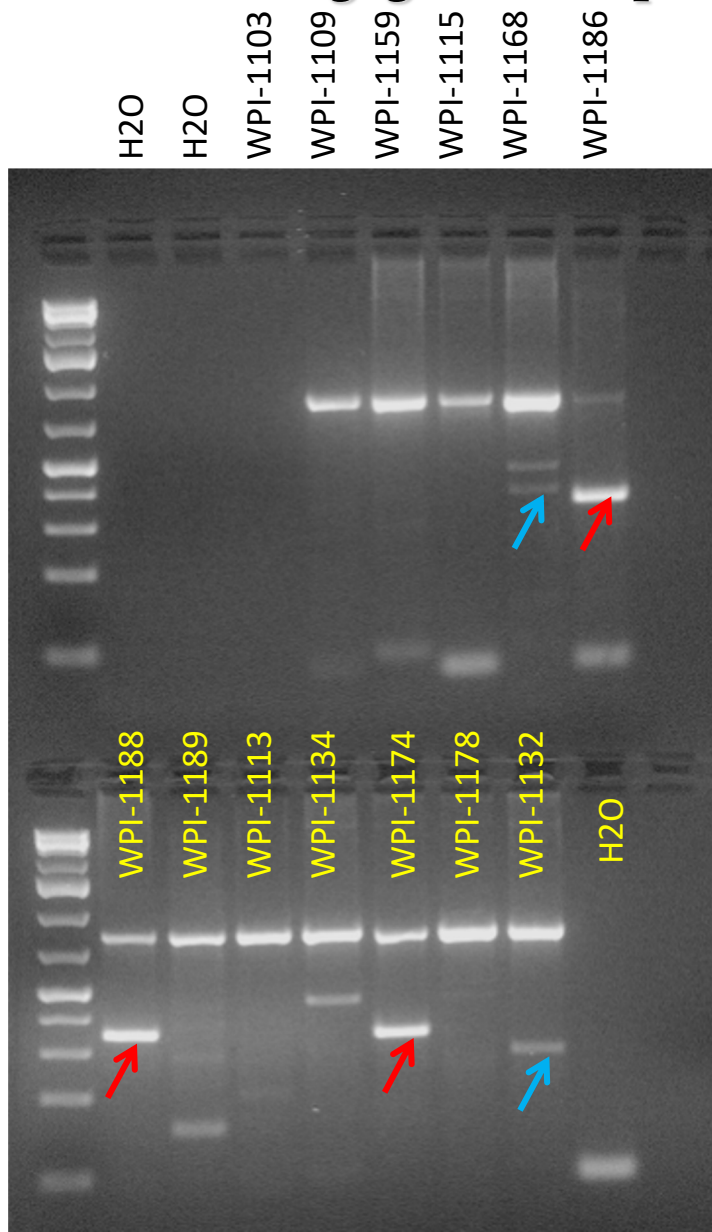


◆ Pitfall: Choose your collaborators wisely!!

# Cell-Free Transmission of XMRV from PCR-negative CFS Patients' Plasma to LNCaP cells



# Independent Reanalysis of archival samples used in Original Study Detected XMRV gag without plasmid or mouse contamination





PCR performed with USB HotStart-IT Fidelity Master Mix

94°C 2 min  
45 cycles:  
94°C 30 sec, 54.8°C 30 sec, 72°C , 30 sec  
72°C 3 min.

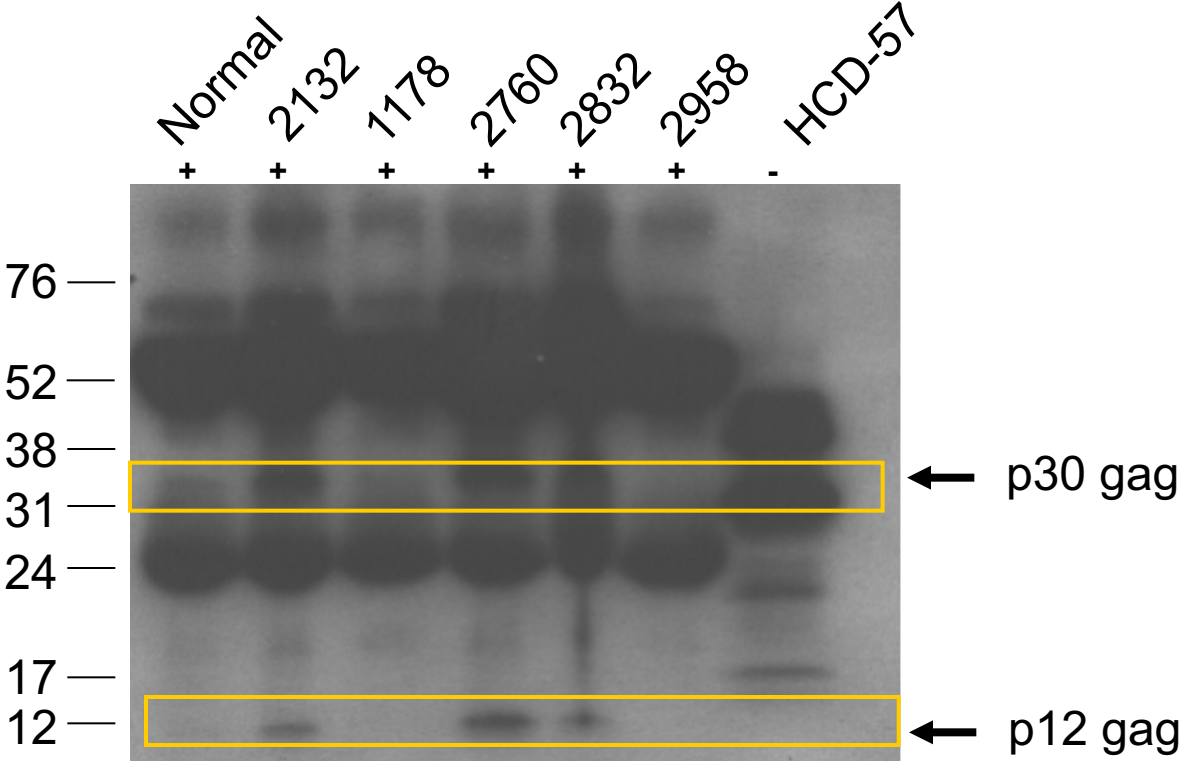
All three are negative for IAP and negative for CMV385F/XMRV528R primers for VP62 junction fragment

Sequencing of bands:

-  Non-specific (Human DNA)
-  XMRV Gag

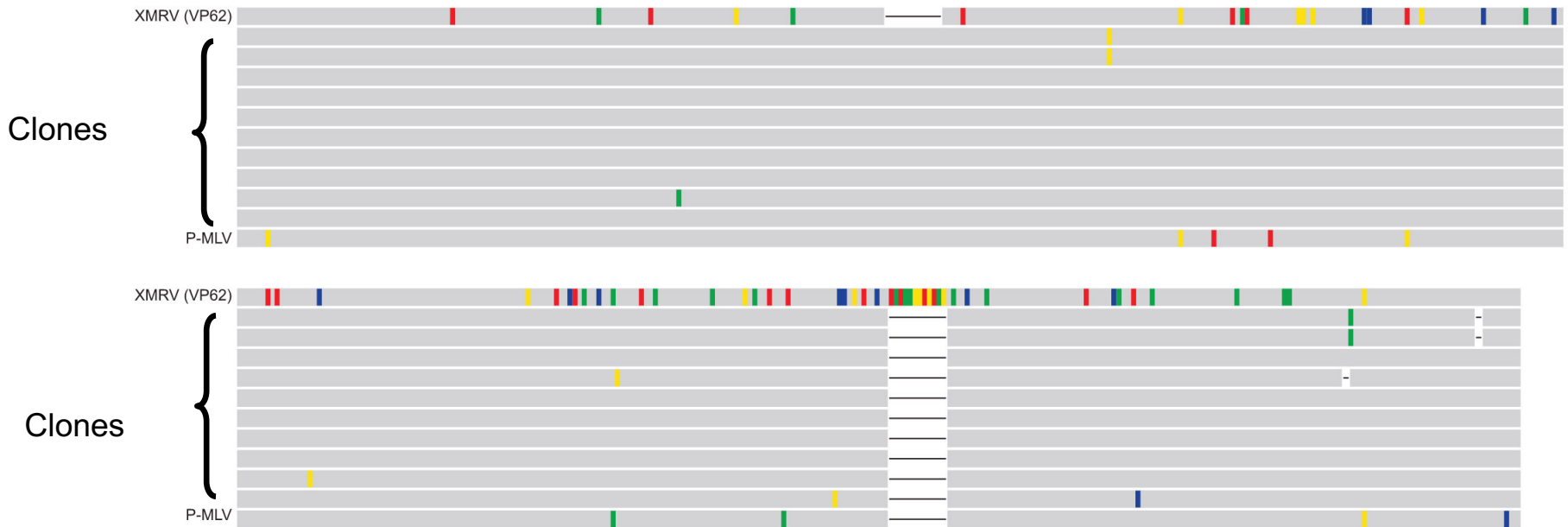
# Direct Isolation of XMRV Protein From Plasma of CFS Patients By Immunoprecipitation with Anti-X-MLV Antibodies

IP: Goat  
anti-X-MLV  
(BALB-V2)



Blot: Goat anti-R-MuLV Gag

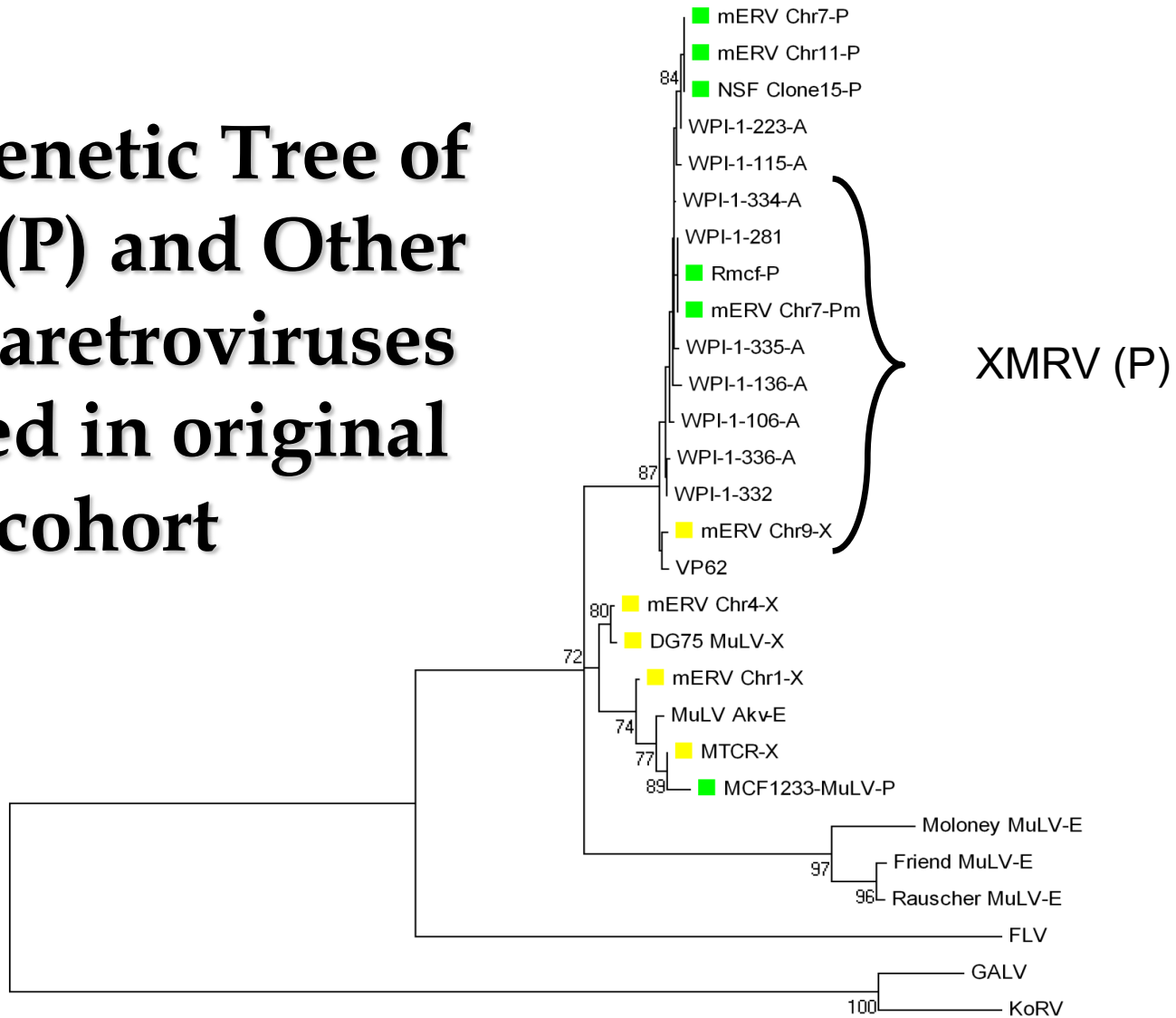
# Clones of XMRV Env SU Similar to Polytropic XMRVs



❖ The main XMRV/ in this patient is unlikely to be VP-62

**Pitfall: Extraordinary measures are required to rule out contamination!**

# Phylogenetic Tree of XMRV(P) and Other Gammaretroviruses detected in original cohort



# Detection of MLV-related virus gene sequences in blood of patients with chronic fatigue syndrome and healthy blood donors

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- Showed gag sequences of MRV more closely related to polytropic MLV related by nested PCR replication of Lombardi et. al. nested PCR
- PMRV DNA in 86.5 of CFS and 6.8% of healthy from samples drawn in 1991-4
- Rigorously ruled out contamination
- 8/9 CFS patients showed same gag sequences upon fresh draw 15 years later



# N-Terminus of SFFV ENV allows recognition of most potential XMRVs using monoclonal antibody 7C10

## Comparison of N-terminal Env regions of SFFV and XMRV

VQLDSPHQVSNVTWRVTNLMTGQTANATSLLG  
**VQRDSPHQVFNVTWKITNLMTGQTANATSLLG**

TMTEAFPPLYFDLCLMGDDWDE TGLGC  
**TMTDTFPKLYFDLCLVGDHWDDPEPDIGDGC**

RTPGGRKRARTFDYVCPGHTVPTGCGGPREG  
**RSPGGRKRRLYDFYVCPGHTVLTGCGGPREG**  
I G

YCGKWGCETTQQAYWKPSSSWDLISLKRGN  
**YCGKWGCETTQQAYWKPSSSWDLISLKRGN**

TPKDQGPCYDSSVSSGVL GATPGGRCNPLVL  
**TPKGQGPCFDSSVGSIGSIQGATPGGRCNPLVL**  
**RN**

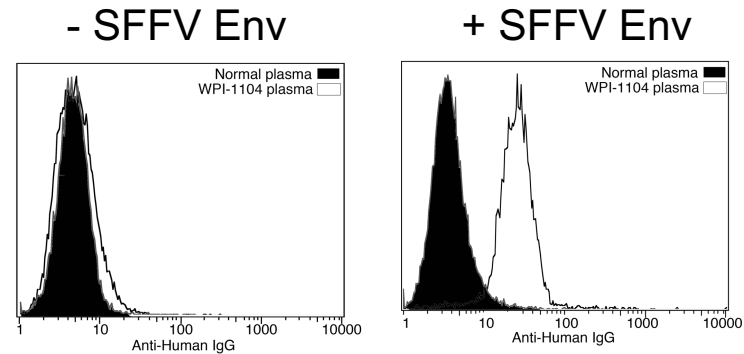
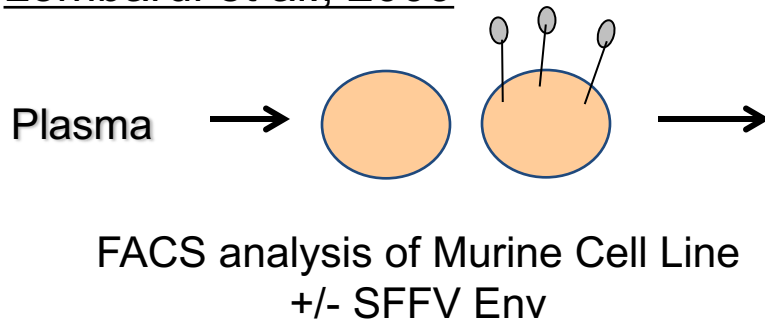
EFTDAGRKASWDAPKVWGLRLYRSTGTDPVTR  
**EFTDAGKRASWDAPKTWGLRLYRSTGADPVTL**

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**FSLTRQVLNVGPRVPIGPNPVTTE**

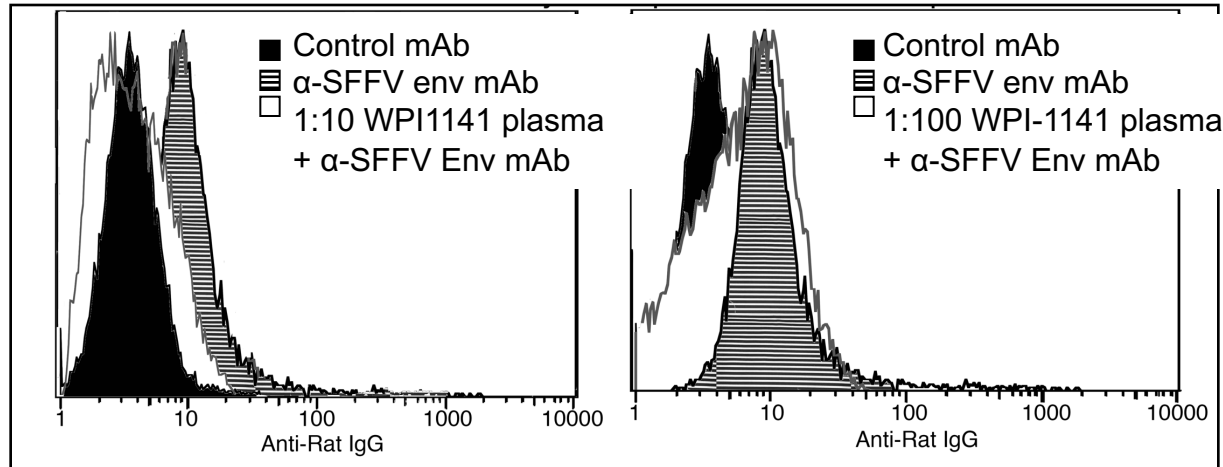
- SFFV
- **XMRV (bold shows differences from SFFV)**
- Xeno MuLV
- Mol MCF MuLV

# Assay used to Detect Anti-XMRV/HGRV Antibodies

Lombardi et al., 2009



Plasma from CFS patients block binding of SFFV Env rat mAb to the B cell line expressing SFFV Env, demonstrating specificity



An ANTIBODY POSITIVE RESULT DOES NOT NECESSARILY SHOW THE PRESENCE OF A REPLICATION COMPETENT RETROVIRUS

# Antibodies to XMRV ENV Reproducibly Detected in Human Population

TABLE 3 Equivalent levels of XMRV sequences and anti-XMRV antibodies in CFS (chronic fatigue syndrome) patients and matched controls

Lab site	Analysis	Sample	CFS/ME cases ( <i>n</i> = 147)		Controls ( <i>n</i> = 146)	
			Total studied	No. positive (%)	Total studied	No. positive (%)
CDC	RT-PCR	Plasma	147	0 (0.0)	146	0 (0.0)
FDA	RT-PCR	Plasma	121 <sup>a</sup>	0 (0.0)	110 <sup>a</sup>	0 (0.0)
	PCR	PBMC	121 <sup>a</sup>	0 (0.0)	111 <sup>a</sup>	0 (0.0)
Mikovits, Ruscetti, and Hanson	PCR of cultured PBMC	PBMC	117 <sup>b</sup>	0 (0.0)	126 <sup>b</sup>	0 (0.0)
Mikovits and Ruscetti	Serology	Plasma	147	9 (6.1)	146	9 (6.2)

<sup>a</sup> Numbers represent all samples available for analysis at that site.

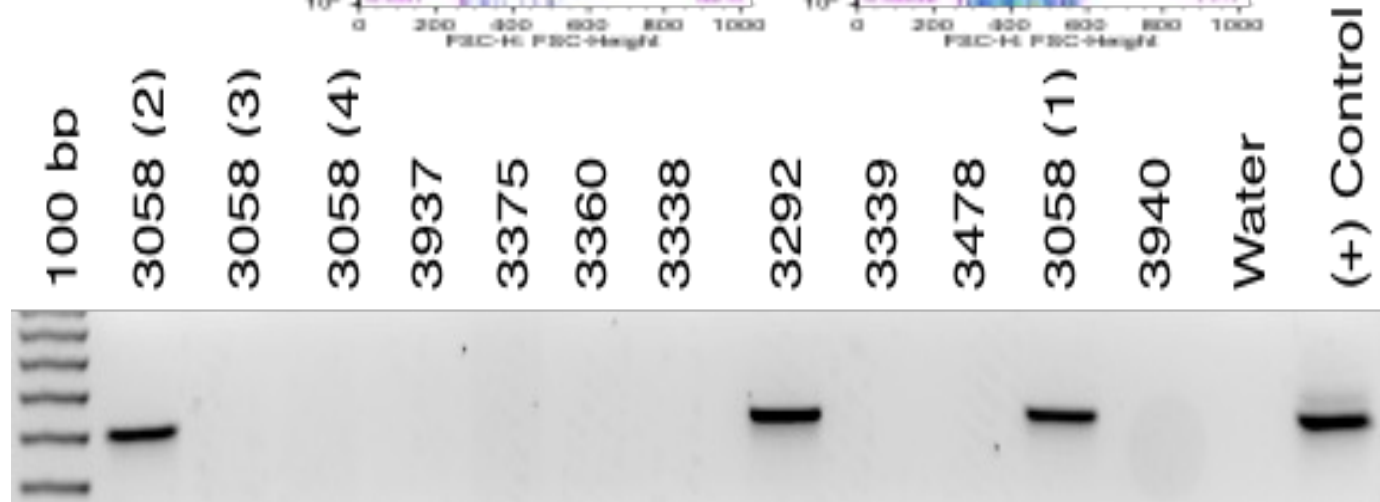
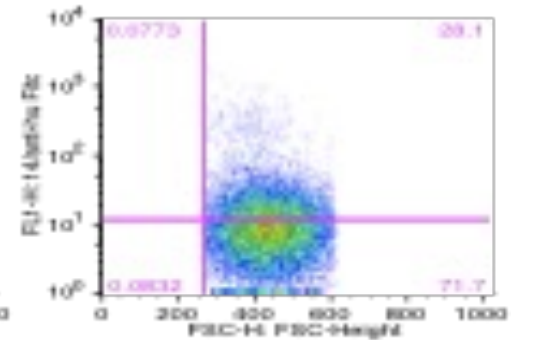
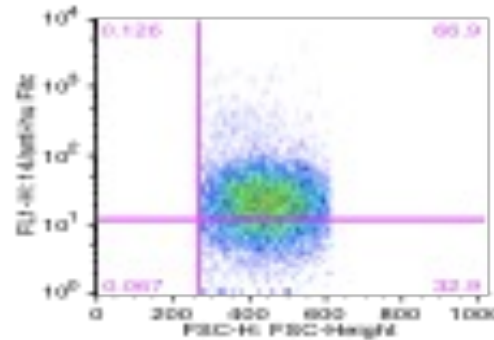
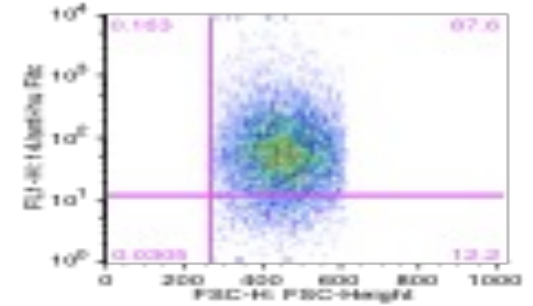
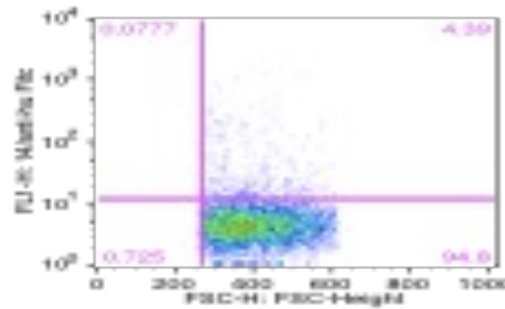
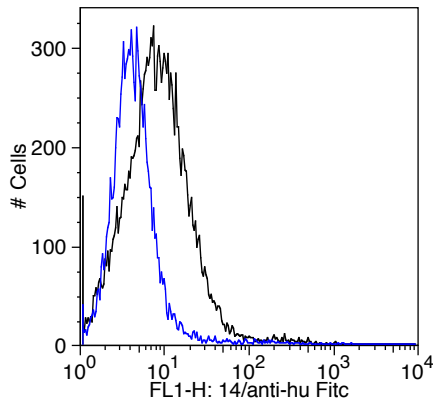
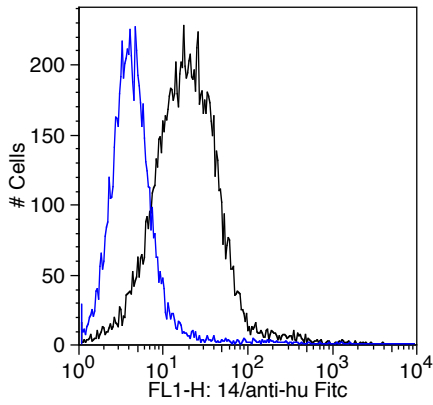
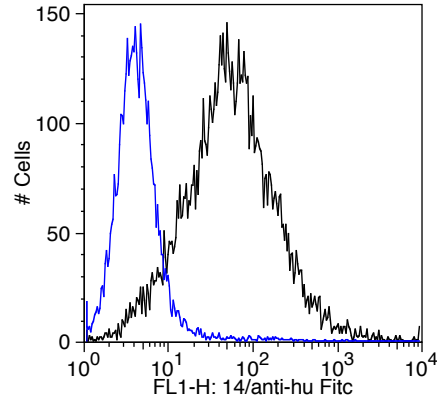
<sup>b</sup> Fifty samples (30 cases; 20 controls) were unable to be assayed because at least one of two aliquots from each set of subject PBMC did not grow in tissue culture.

## CONCLUSION

Taken together these data suggest there are additional human gamma retroviruses which may be involved in the Pathogenesis of neuroimmune diseases?

Is there evidence beyond these data to support this conclusion?

# Case report 3058 : plasma Gag RNA + and seropositive CFS/CLL



# ARVs provide therapeutic benefit in some patients with autoimmune, Neuroimmune Disease and Cancer

Beneficial Effects could be against:

- ◆ An exogenous Replication Competent Retroviruses
- ◆ An expressed endogenous virus in an immune compromised individual
- ◆ A defective virus expressing only viral proteins
- ◆ Aberrantly expressed cellular RNA including microRNA (regulatory)

# Identification of additional retrovirus isolated 15 years ago in ME/CFS

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## Partial molecular cloning of the JHK retrovirus using gammaretrovirus consensus PCR primers

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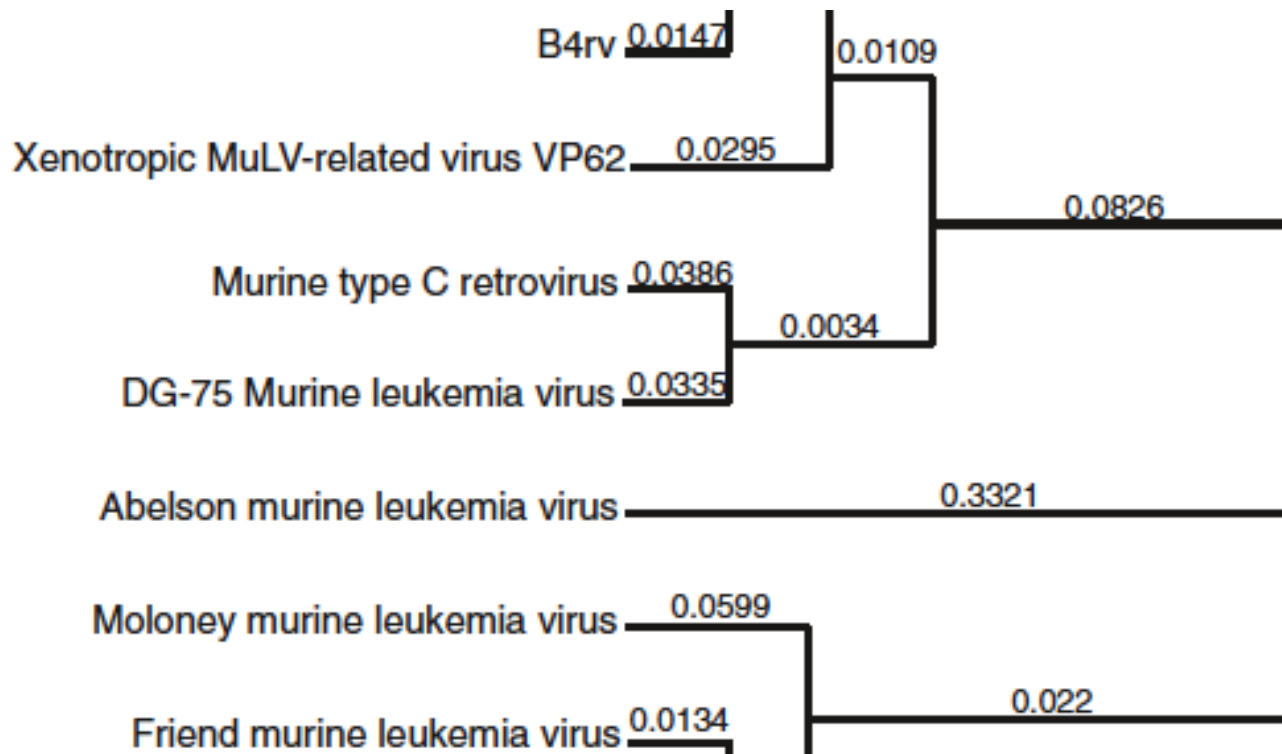
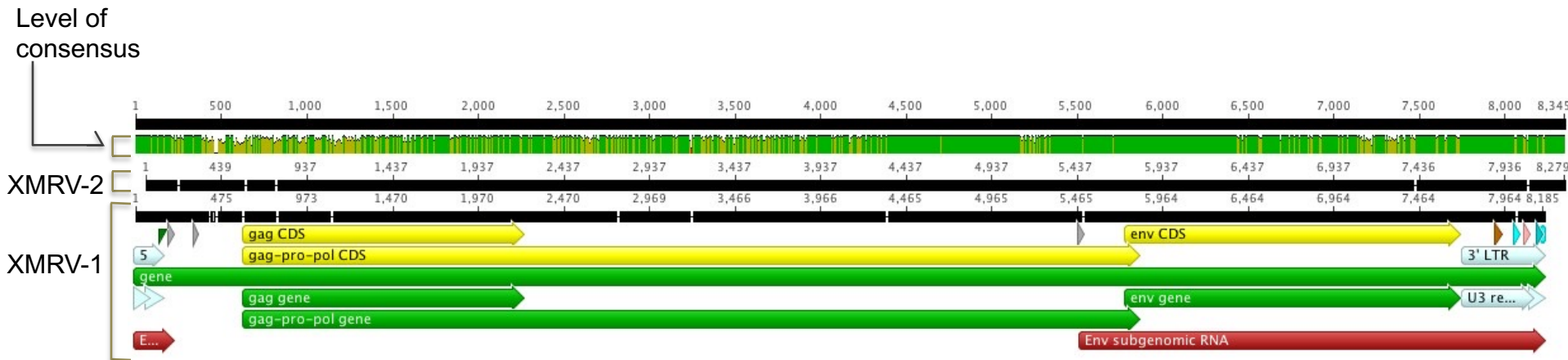
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The JHK virus (JHKV) was previously described as a type C retrovirus that has some distinctive ultrastructural features and replicates constitutively in a human B-lymphoblastoid cell line, JHK-3. In order to facilitate the cloning of sequences

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# Sequence and phylogenetic analysis of a novel xenotropic XMRV-like MLV B4rv



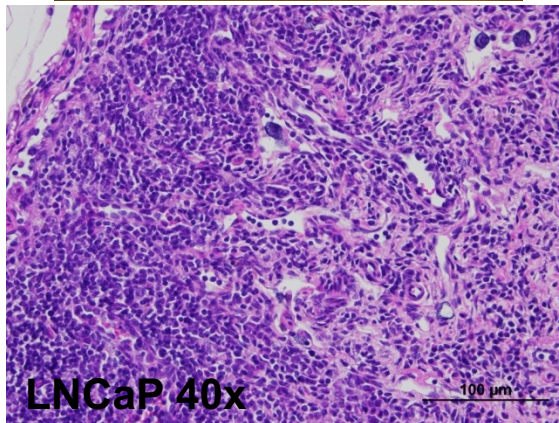
93% overall homology

Gary Owens lab  
November 10, 2009  
Published 2013

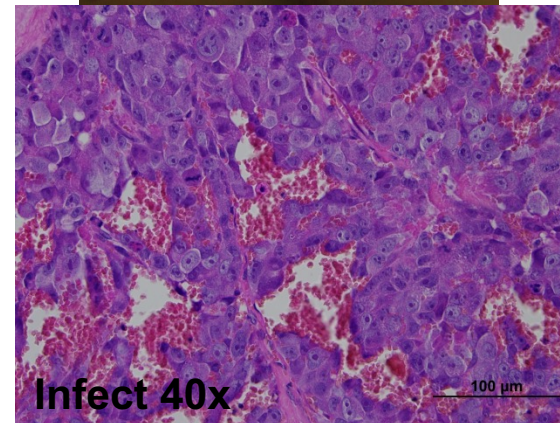


# XMRV2 (B4RV) Infected Tumors were Hemorrhagic

**LNCaP**



**LNCaP-XMRV2  
Infect**



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# Xenotropic MLV envelope proteins induce tumor cells to secrete factors that promote the formation of immature blood vessels

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ENV proteins from both viruses impact tumor pathogenesis (change microvasculature)

Similarities to Vascular Pathologies seen in ME/CFS

These Microvasculature aberrations caused solely by XMRV ENV protein

Although it is highly unlikely that either XMRV VP62 or B4Rv themselves infect humans and are pathogenic, the results suggest that xenograft approaches commonly used in these studies of human cancer promote the evolution of novel retroviruses with pathogenic properties.

Similar retroviruses may have evolved to infect humans!

# What did we learn?

- Human Retroviruses could be transmitted through aerosolization
- Additional gamma retroviruses in humans with chronic Disease?
- Recombinants of RVs which were replication competent (that is could be infectious new virus!)

# Horizontal Spread of Gammaretroviruses in Tissue Culture

**Table 4.** Characterization of murine leukemia viruses (MLV) detected in human non-xenograft cultures in xenograft culture laboratories<sup>1</sup>

Cell line type	MLV positive cell lines <sup>1</sup>	MLV sequence homology <sup>2</sup>	RT Enzyme (nU/ $\mu$ l)	Mouse DNA <sup>3</sup>	Other sources or passages <sup>4</sup>	Source: Lab PI
NSCLC	NCI-H460	ND	Negative	-	Negative	C. Rudin
NSCLC	NCI-H1155	MLV N417	ND	-	ND	A. Gazdar (NCI) <sup>6</sup>
SCLC	NCI-H60	MLV N417	$3.6 \times 10^6$	-	Negative	A. Gazdar (NCI) <sup>6</sup>
SCLC	NCI-H82	MLV NZB	$1.3 \times 10^6$	-	Negative	C. Rudin
SCLC	NCI-H1092	MLV N417	$8.0 \times 10^3$	-	Negative	A. Gazdar (NCI) <sup>6</sup>
SCLC	NCI-H182	MLV N417	ND	-	ND	A. Gazdar (NCI) <sup>6</sup>
SCLC	NCI-H289	MLV N417	ND	-	Negative	A. Gazdar (NCI) <sup>6</sup>
SCLC	NCI-H1514	MLV N417	ND	-	ND	A. Gazdar (NCI) <sup>6</sup>
Colon	RKO	XMRV	$2.9 \times 10^3$	-	Negative	A. Maitra
Prostate	PrEC2	ND	ND	-	ND	J.T. Hsieh
Prostate	LNCaP	Multiple MLV strains <sup>5</sup>	ND	++++	Negative	J.T. Hsieh
Prostate	PC3	ND	ND	-/+	Negative	J.T. Hsieh
SCLC	NCI-H146	MLV NZB likely	$7.2 \times 10^5$	-/+	Negative	C. Rudin

Zhang et al., Cancer, Biol. Ther. 2011, 12:617

**Learned : ability of these viruses to spread to uninfected cells through aerosolization**

# Replication competent Retroviruses in 10 Days!



## Generation of Multiple Replication-Competent Retroviruses through Recombination between PreXMRV-1 and PreXMRV-2

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- Are two RCRs made by passing human prostate tissue through mouse; XMRV, BRV4 (second recombinant infectious virus occurring in human cells)
- Additional XMRV-like viruses may exist
- They do not have to be the exact sequence of XMRV (VP62)

# Emerging Concepts

- Recombination events in animal and human cells can generate families of infectious related gamma retroviruses
- Greatest concern is that they may acquire the ability to infect humans
- XMRV-like sequences and proteins important in human disease pathogenesis



# New Technologies: Comprehensive Sequence Analysis of Nuclear mitochondrial genes

- NGS for variants in the nuclear mitochondrial exome that contribute to neurological disorders whose symptoms resemble mitochondrial disease.

## Case Report Results:

- Abnormal autosomal dominant Variant was found in SCN4A gene that is likely a pathological mutation
- Pathological mutations found in two other patients also with multiple functional conditions (ME/CFS)

### Incidental finding:

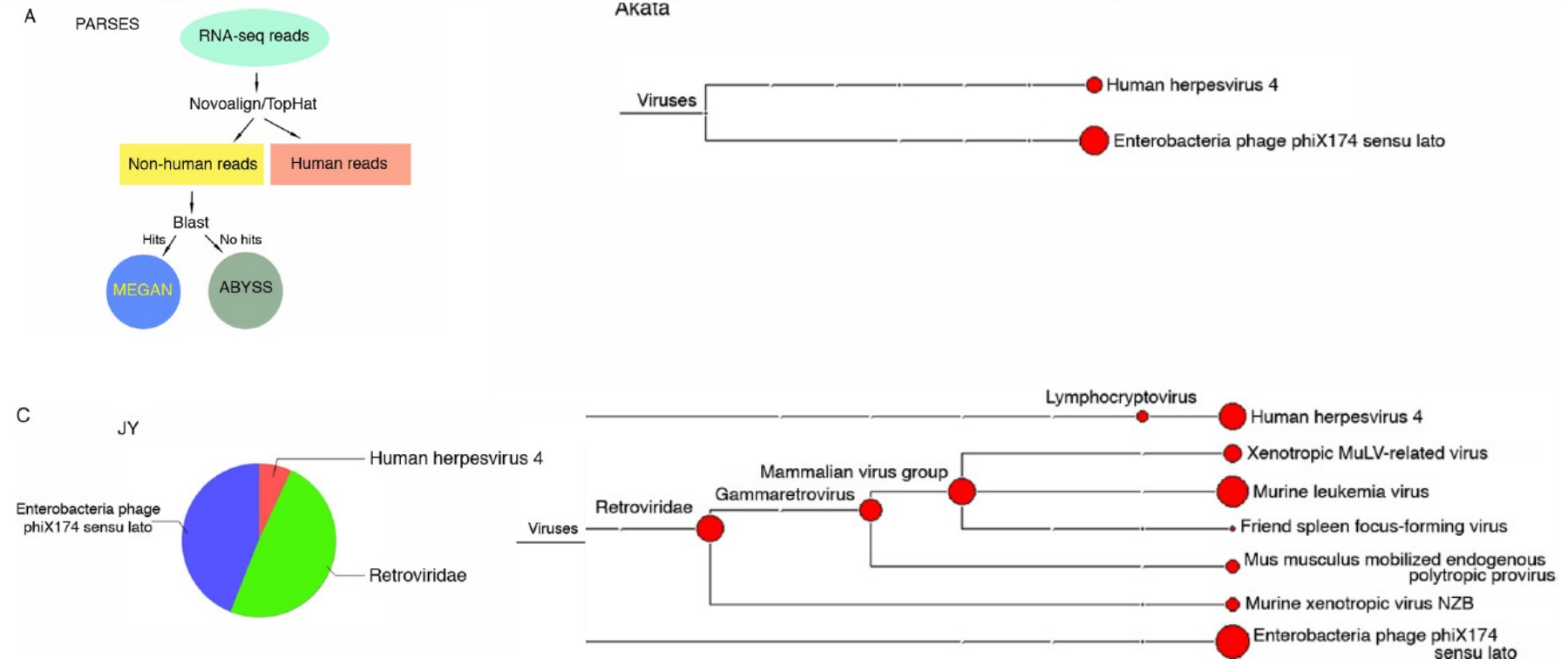
This patient has three variants in *RNASEL*. Mutations in this gene have been associated with predisposition to prostate cancer and this gene is a candidate for the hereditary prostate cancer 1 (HPC1) allele. One of these variants, p.E265\*, has been reported in the literature in 4 brothers with prostate cancer.

New Concepts: drugs targeting channelopathies (Diamox) and key mitochondrial targets mTOR

# Detection of Murine Leukemia Virus in the Epstein-Barr Virus-Positive Human B-Cell Line JY, Using a Computational RNA-Seq-Based Exogenous Agent Detection Pipeline, PARSES

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- Endogenous retroviruses (sleeping giants) are reactivated in immune deficient individuals (ME/CFS, CLD, CLL, ASD, HIV/AIDS), likely because of dysregulated DNA methylation
- Co-infections, reactivated viruses, GMOs, genetic susceptibilities can create perfect storm of aberrant methylation immune activation (including microglia and inflammation seen in ASD, ME/CFS, other neuroimmune disease and cancer

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# LETTER

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## **Resurrection of endogenous retroviruses in antibody-deficient mice**

George R. Young<sup>1</sup>, Urszula Eksmond<sup>1</sup>, Rosalba Salcedo<sup>2</sup>, Lena Alexopoulou<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan P. Stoye<sup>4</sup> & George Kassiotis<sup>1</sup>

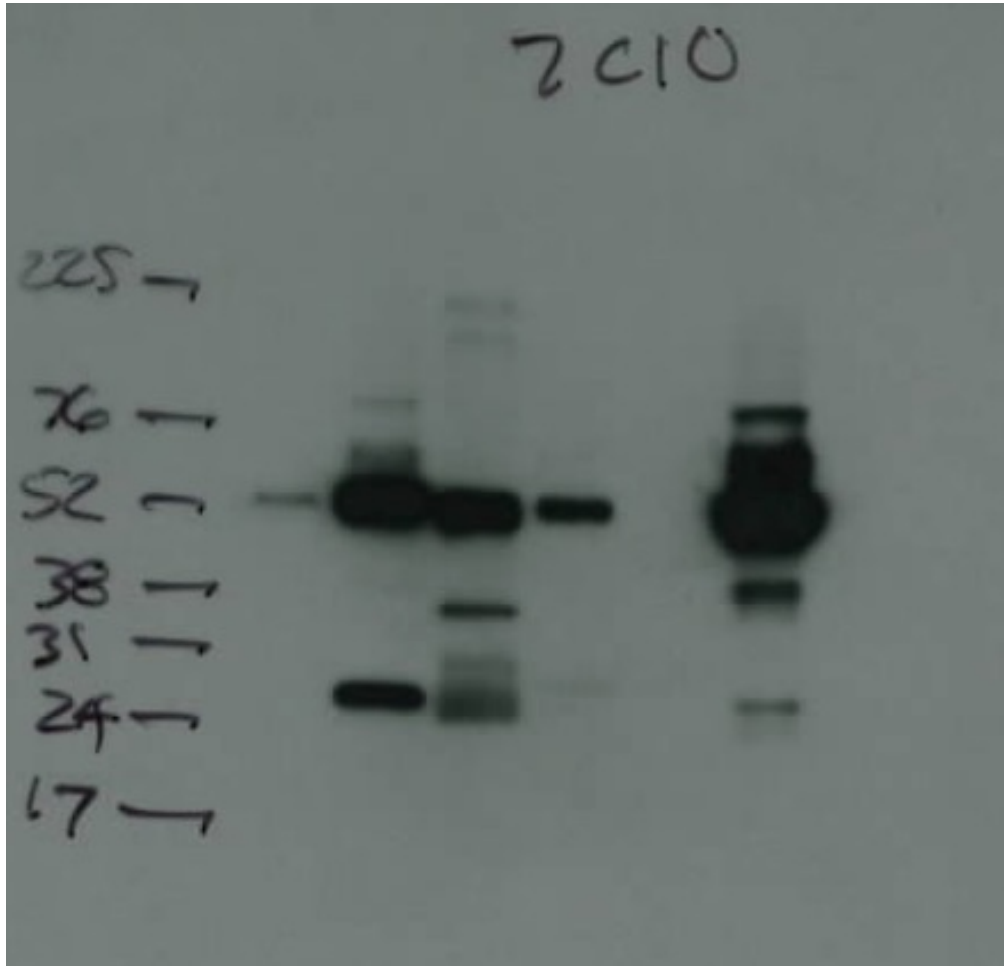
Our results shed light onto a previously unappreciated role for immunity in the control of ERVs and provide a potential mechanistic link between immune activation by microbial triggers and a range of pathologies associated with ERVs, including cancer.

**Plasmacytoid Dendritic Cells in the Duodenum of Individuals Diagnosed with Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Are Uniquely Immunoreactive to Antibodies to Human Endogenous Retroviral Proteins**

[KENNY L. DE MEIRLEIR<sup>3</sup> et al., In Vivo, 27:177 \(2013\)](#)

[This manuscript claims that SFFV antibodies cross react with human endogenous retroviral proteins like HERV-K env](#)

# Monoclonal Antibody 7C10 Does Not recognize primary HERVs (HERV-K)



Are significant amounts of protein recognized by SFFV ENV monoclonal antibody used in all of our studies

Could This ENV protein be toxic to PDC Independent of presence of RCR?

NP-7 - mouse line expressing lots of SFFV gp55

MCF-7 human breast line expressing HervK env

7C10 rat monoclonal Antibody against SFFV gp55

6H5 mouse moAB against HERV K env

MCF lysate western with 7c10 did not give same band (ie non specific) as 6H5

# The replicative activity of human endogenous retrovirus K102 (HERV-K102) with HIV viremia

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**Results:** Both the peptide serology and ddCt qPCR excess ratio methods suggested the activation of HERV-K102 in about 70–80% of HIV viremic cases whereas only 2–3% of normal healthy adults had marginally activated HERV-K102 ( $P < 0.0001$ ). Moreover, by

**Conclusions:** Our work uniquely suggests the common activation of HERV-K102 with HIV viremia and may be first to directly demonstrate HERV-K102 cDNA production *in vivo*. The potential implications of the induction of HERV-K102 activation and replication for the prevention and control of HIV are discussed.

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# Hypothesis

Aberrant evolution of the human genome by:

- RCRs generated in current vaccines
- Increased zoonosis of novel retroviruses in human population

# Vaccine Schedules=The anti-Hygiene hypothesis

- Sterile environments result lack of educated immune systems
- Vaccination schedules result in anergic immune systems that is the inability to mount an immune response to the antigen
- Reappearance of disease is BECAUSE of inappropriate vaccinations

# Effects of environmental change on zoonotic disease risk: an ecological primer

Trends in Parasitology, April 2014, Vol. 30, No. 4 205

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*Review*

## **The New Genetics and Natural *versus* Artificial Genetic Modification**

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# Hazards of GMOs

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| <p>1. Uncontrollable, unpredictable impacts on safety due to the genetic modification process *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Scrambling the host genome *</li><li>Widespread mutations *</li><li>Inactivating genes *</li><li>Activating genes *</li><li>Creating new transcripts (RNAs) including those with regulatory functions *</li><li>Creating new proteins *</li><li>Creating new metabolites or increasing metabolite to toxic levels *</li><li>Activating dormant viruses *</li><li>Creating new viruses by recombination of viral genes in GM insert with those in the host genome *</li></ul> |
| <p>2. Toxicity of transgene protein(s) introduced (intentionally or otherwise)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Transgene protein toxic *</li><li>Transgene protein allergenic or immunogenic *</li><li>Trangenic protein becoming allergenic or immunogenic due to processing *</li><li>Unintended protein created by sequence inserted may be toxic or immunogenic</li></ul>  |
| <p>3. Effects due to the GM insert and its instability *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Genetic rearrangement with further unpredictable effects *</li><li>Horizontal gene transfer and recombination *</li><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Spreading antibiotic and drug resistance *</li><li>Creating new viruses and bacteria that cause diseases</li><li>Creating mutations in genomes of cells to which the GM insert integrate including those associated with cancer *</li></ul></ul>  |
| <p>4. Toxicity of herbicides used with herbicide tolerant GM crops *</p>   |

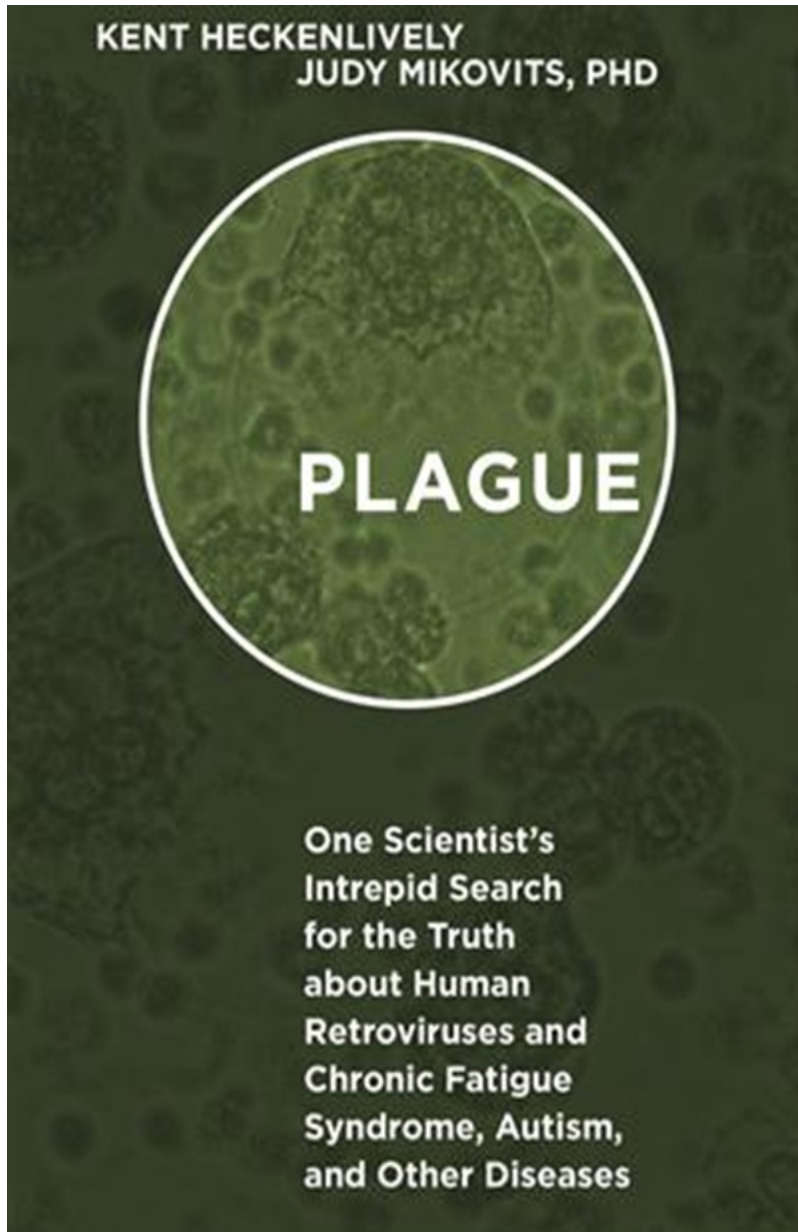
# Chronic Diseases Potentially Associated with Human Retroviral Infection

Cancer	Auto-Immune Diseases	CNS
Prostate* Breast* Non Hodgkin's Lymphoma* Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia* Mantle Cell Lymphoma* Hairy Cell Leukemia Bladder* Colorectal Kidney* Ovarian*	Lupus Crohn's* Hashimoto's Thyroiditis* Polymyositis Sjogren's syndrome Bechet's Disease* Primary Biliary Cirrhosis*	ME/CFS* Gulf War Syndrome* Autism* MS* Parkinson's* ALS* Lyme Borreliosis Complex (LBC)* HAND*
* RT Activity, RV sequences or proteins, antibodies to RV proteins		

# CONCLUSION

Therapies to counteract environmentally induced aberrant gene RCR expression, inflammation immune dysregulation urgently need to be addressed

# The best scientist in jail story since Galileo.



How politics corrupts scientific research

Particularly research involving human subjects

“they find what they want to find”

No funding = no associations

Difference between associations found in research  
associations found in MEDIA