

**Innate-adaptive immunity duo as a regimen for  
conferring rapid-sustained-broad protection  
against pathogens**

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# A litany of demands for better vaccines

**Problem:** Current vaccines confer protection in a slow motion.

**Solution:** Develop a drug-vaccine duo (DVD) by activating a protective innate-adaptive immunity duo.

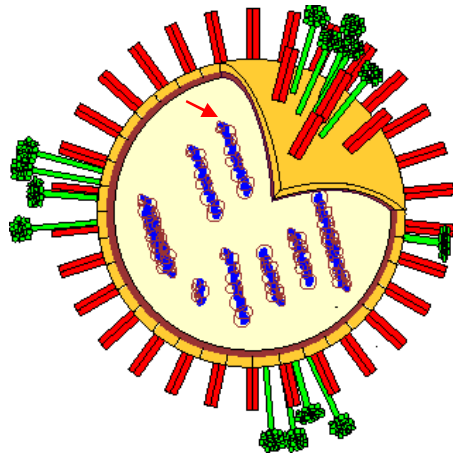
**Problem:** Current vaccines do not confer broad protection.

**Solution:** Develop a universal vaccine component within a DVD context.

**Problem:** Current injectable vaccines are associated with pain; fear; medical license; syringe needle disposal; and systemic inflammation.

**Solution:** Develop noninvasive vaccines by delivering vaccines to the interface between the body and environment (e.g., oral vaccine; nasal vaccine; skin-patch vaccine).

# Ad5-vectored influenza vaccine



Clone HA  
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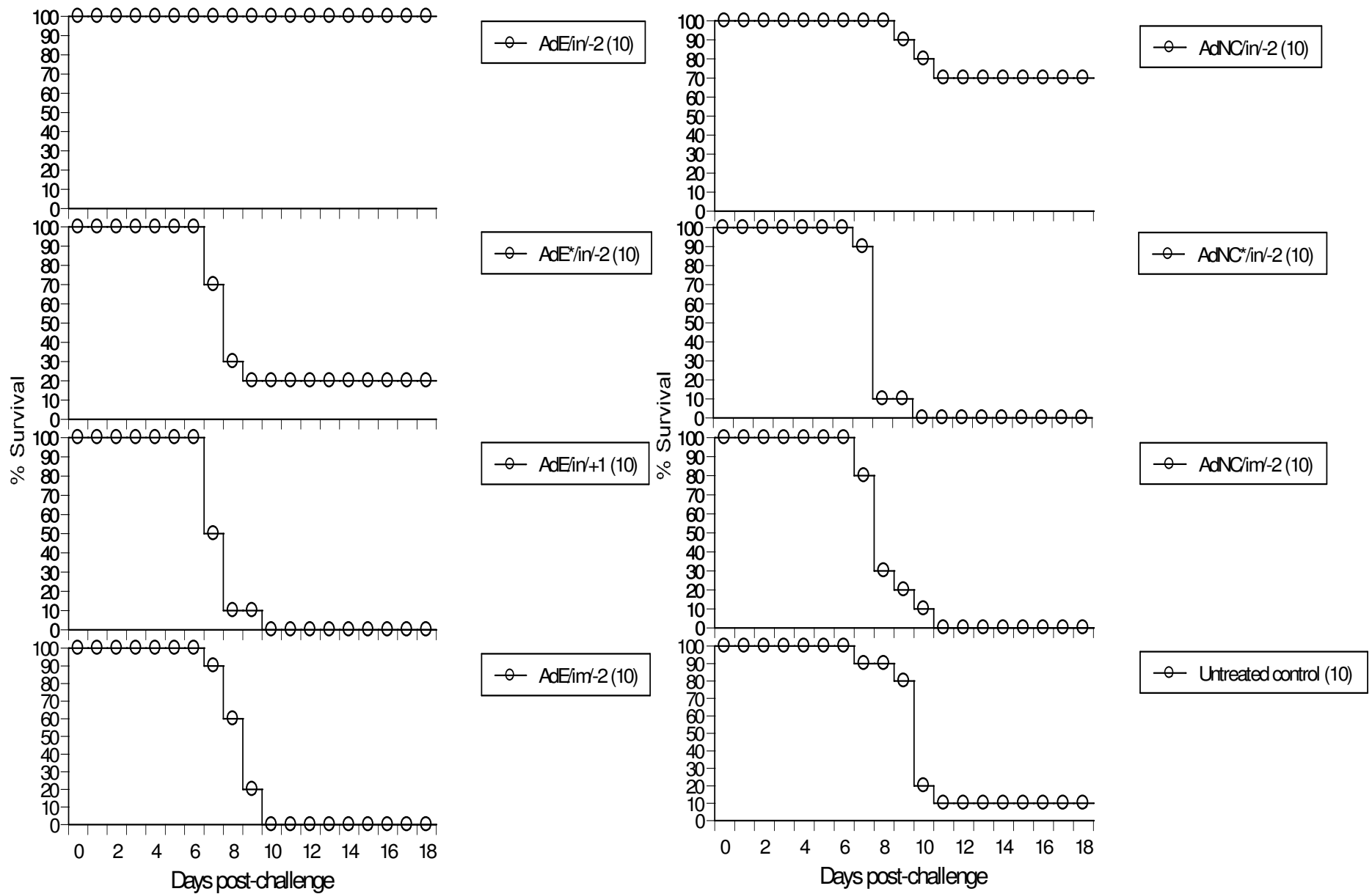
## Influenza virus

- Growth varies from strain to strain
- Some strains are lethal
- Prone to reassortment/mutation events
- Low-titer production in eggs

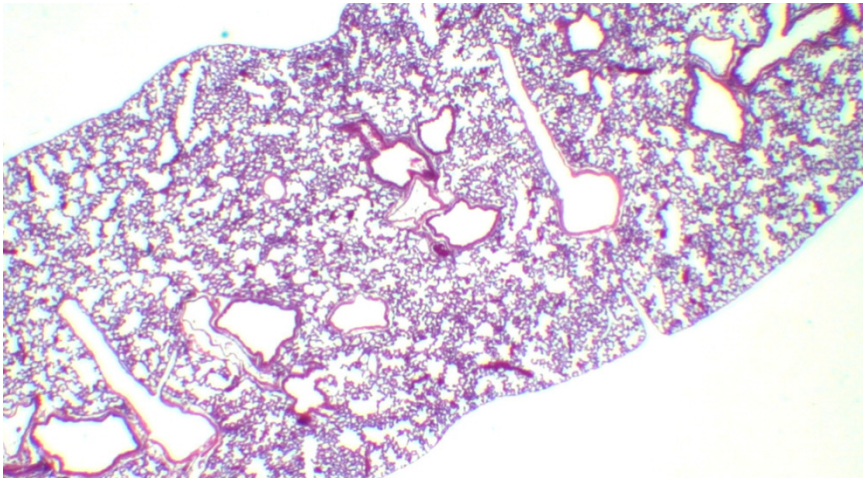
## Ad5 vector encoding influenza HA

- More consistent growth rates
- Benign vectors
- No reassortment events
- High-titer production in cultured cells
- A new RCA-free Ad5 can be generated by the AdHigh system within one month

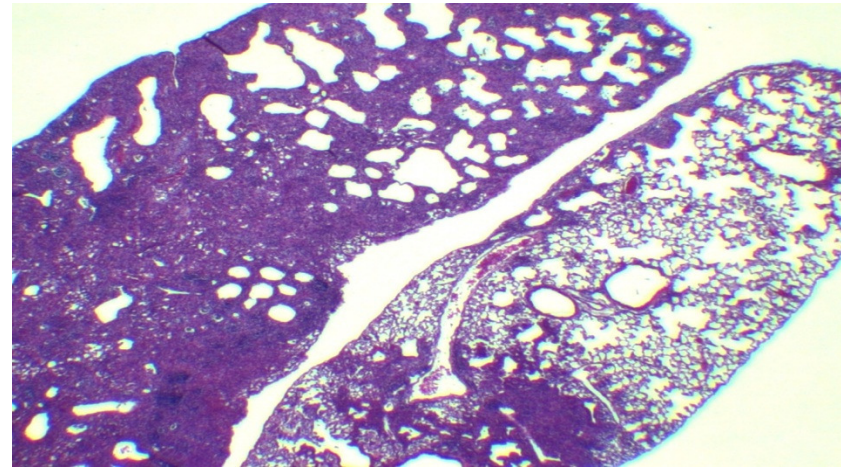
# Prophylactic influenza therapy by Ad5-vectored drug-vaccine duo



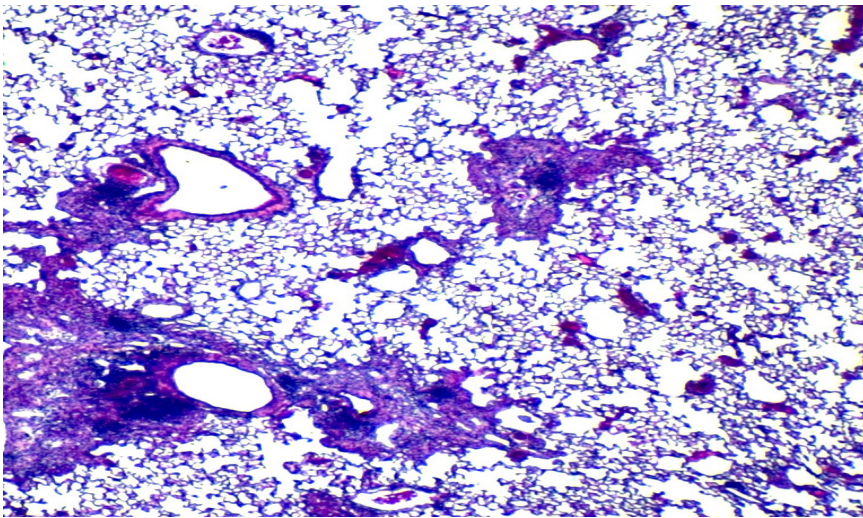
## Lung histopathology 19 days post-influenza virus infection (2X)



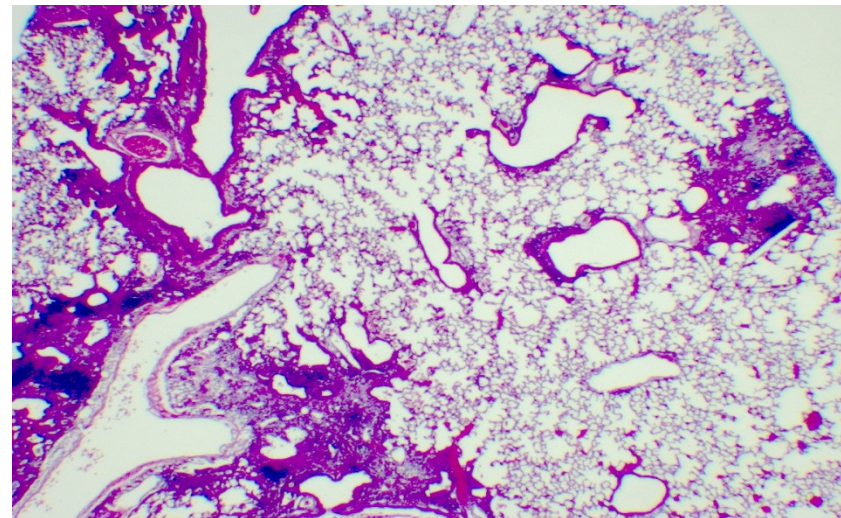
Normal; no PR8



No Ad5 pre-exposure; PR8 challenge

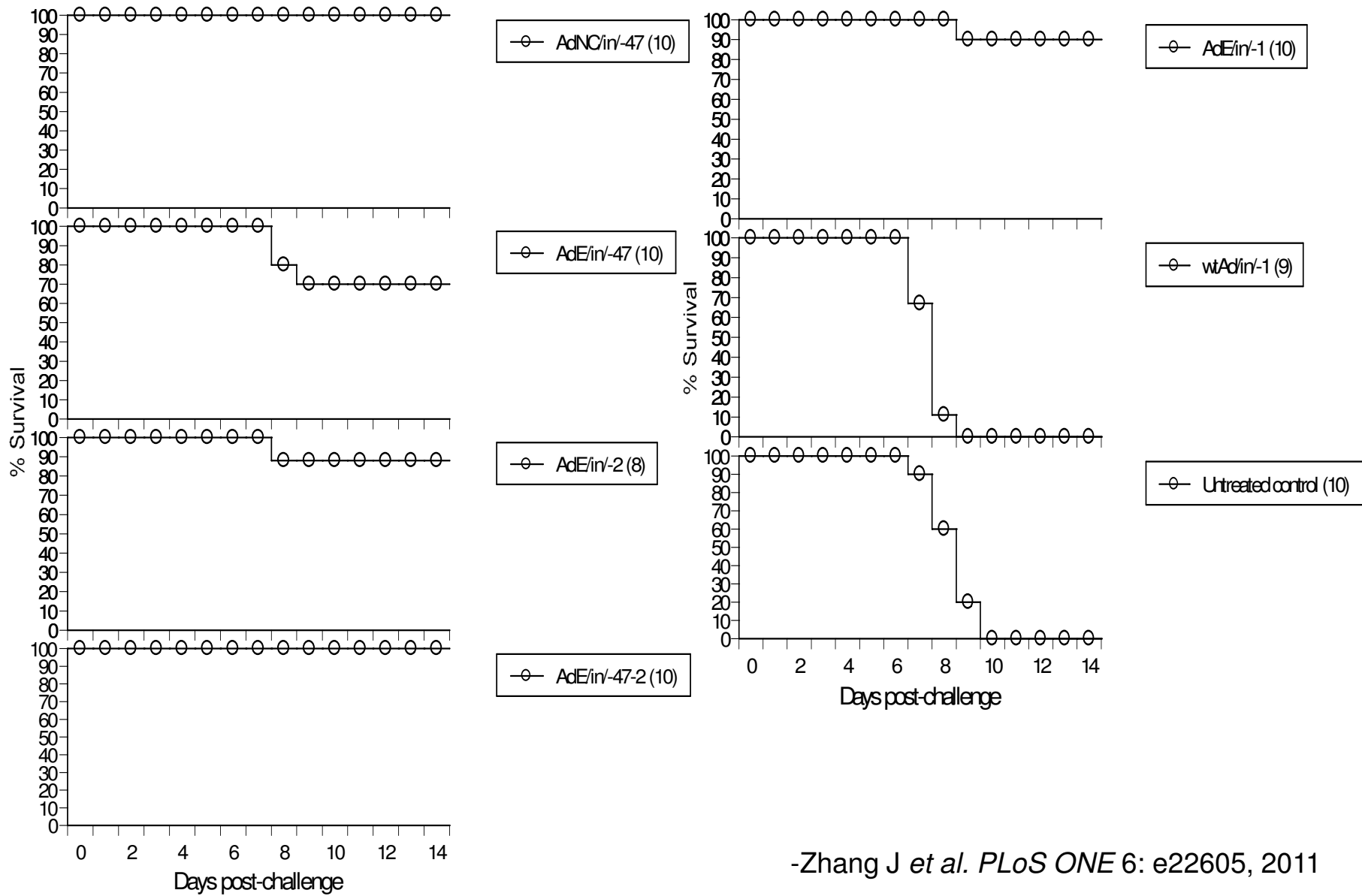


Pre-exposure to AdE; PR8 challenge



Pre-exposure to AdNC.H1.1; PR8 challenge

# Ad5-vectored drug-vaccine duo induces rapid-sustained protection against influenza – a vaccine more than just a vaccine



-Zhang J *et al. PLoS ONE* 6: e22605, 2011

# Influenza drugs

## Class I: M2 ion channel blockers – impaired by drug resistance

- Amantadine
- Rimantadine

## Class II: Neuraminidase inhibitors – impaired or to be impaired by drug resistance

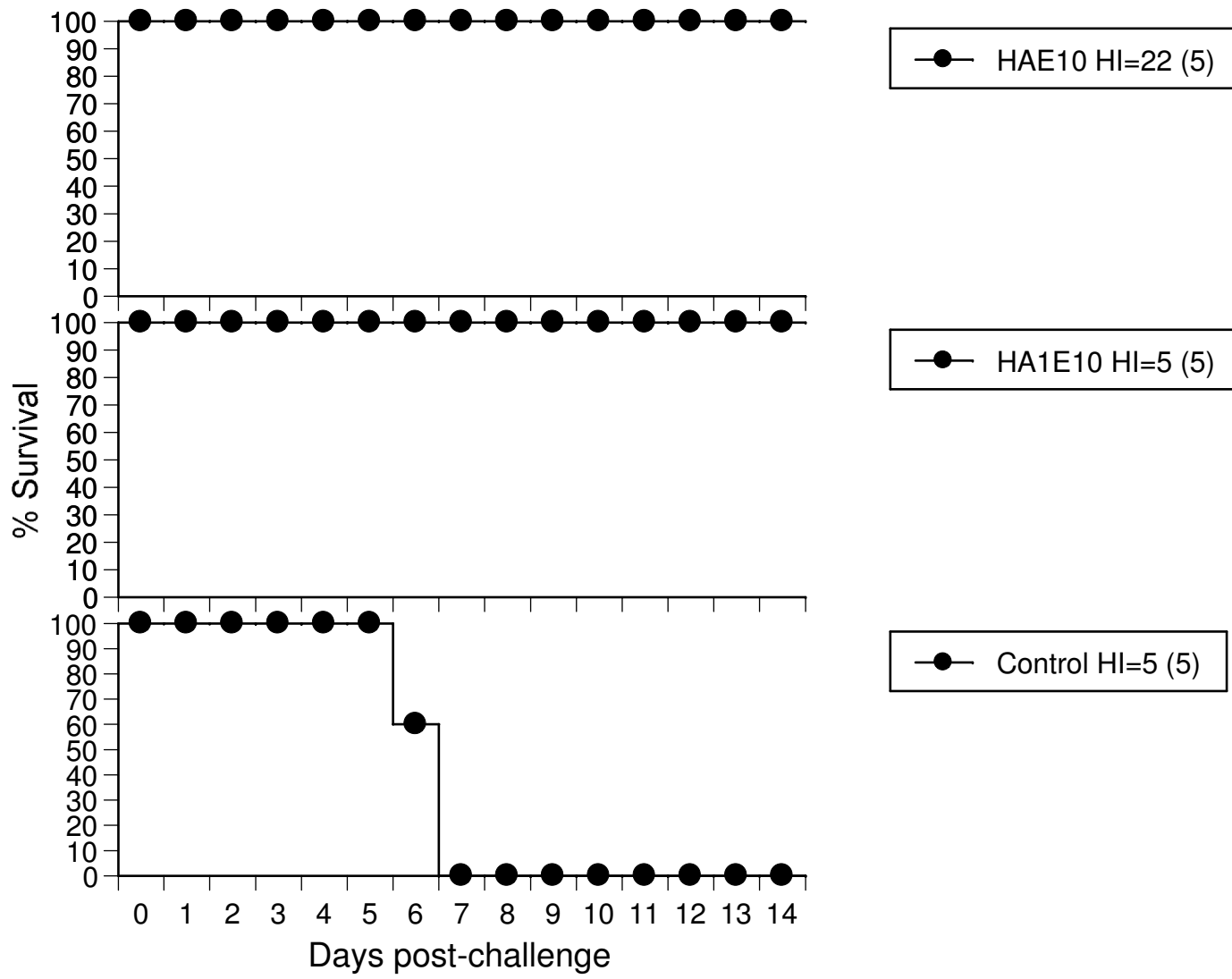
- Oseltamivir (Tamiflu)
- Zanamivir (Relenza)
- Peramivir

To bypass drug resistance: Taking the way a licensed drug works as we know how it works, then doing the exact opposite.

## Class III: Induction of an anti-influenza state – may not induce drug resistance

- Adenovirus-vectored drug-vaccine duo (DVD)

## Ad5-vectored nasal influenza vaccine protected ferrets against the A/VN/1203/04 (H5N1) avian influenza virus



Ferrets were immunized i.n. on Day 0; and challenged with A/VN/1203/04 at a dose of 10 FLD<sub>50</sub> (10<sup>2</sup> EID<sub>50</sub>) at SRI on Day 56. HA, Ad encoding HA1+HA2; HA1, Ad encoding HA1; E10, 10<sup>10</sup> vp; HI, GMT of serum HI titers on Day 51.



# Human Phase I clinical trial of an Ad5-vectored nasal avian influenza vaccine

## Study design

- Ad<sub>h</sub> VN1203/04.H5 vector encodes HA1+HA2 of the A/VN/1203/04 (H5N1) avian influenza virus
- Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, single-site study
- Three cohorts at an escalating dose of  $10^8$ ,  $10^9$ , and  $10^{10}$  vp
- Administered by nasal spray
- Two doses on Days 0 and 28
- Total of 48 healthy volunteers, aged 19 – 49
- Sixteen human subjects per dose cohort, including 4 placebo controls per cohort
- RCA free, cell culture based manufacturing in PER.C6 suspension cells in serum-free medium at SAFC
- Human clinical trial was performed by Dr. Scott Parker at UAB



# Rationale to develop an Ad5-vectored nasal influenza vaccine

	Licensed TIV	Licensed LAIV (FluMist)	Ad5-vectored nasal influenza vaccine
IFV required	Yes	Yes	No
Egg required	Yes	Yes	No
Mode of administration	Intramuscular injection	Nasal spray	Nasal spray
Replication postvaccination	No	Yes	No
Reassortment	No	Yes	No
Antiviral co-administration	Yes	No	Yes
Nearly-immediate protection	No	Yes (animal model)	Yes (animal model)
Systemic inflammation	Yes	No	No (conceivably)

# Inflammation induced by noninvasive vaccination tends to be benign



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