

# Programme influenza aviaire ARDIGRIP

**New therapeutic and vaccine strategies  
against avian influenza**

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# Objectives

- Development of new therapeutic approaches
- Development of new vaccine approaches
- Development of tools
  - serology : sensitivity to neutralizing antibodies and cross-reactivity
  - sensitivity to inhibitors targeting the virus surface proteins

High through-put

Biosecurity

Sensitive

Quantitative

Transferable

# Therapeutic approaches

## **SPECIFIC**

antivirals

immunotherapy

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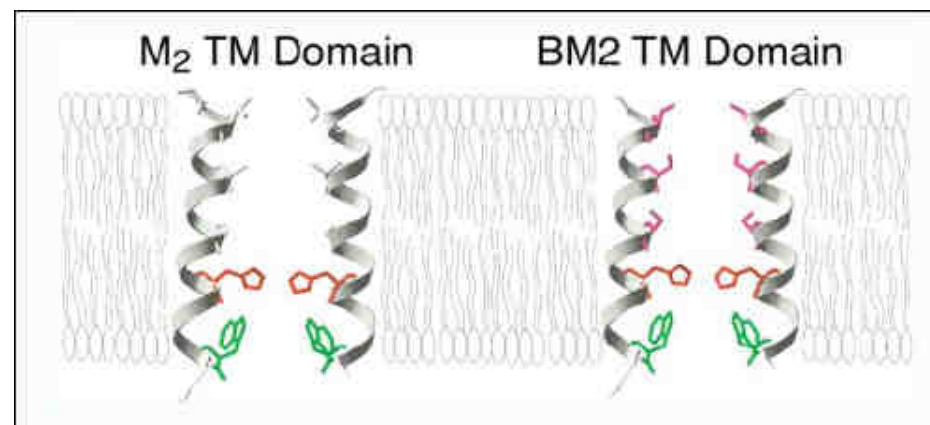
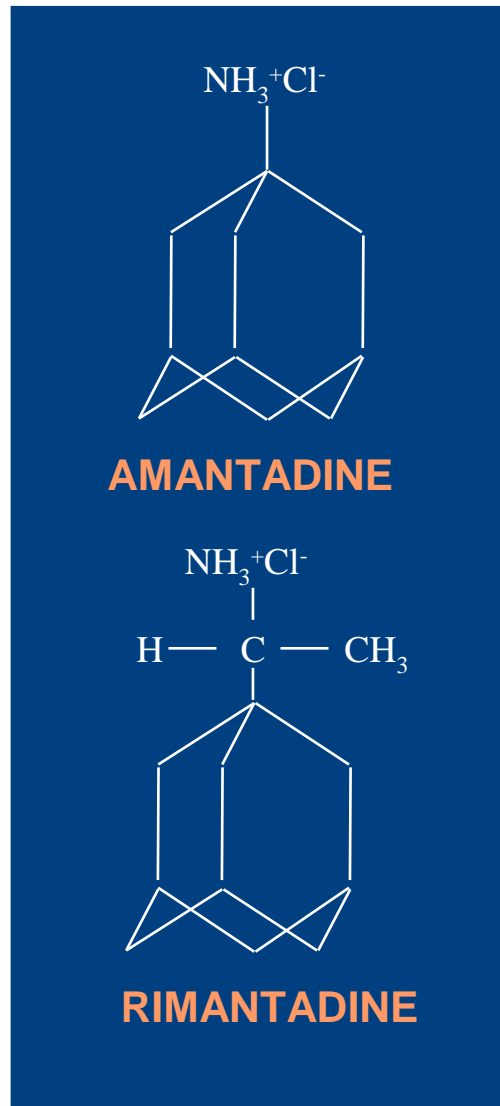
# Adamantanes

## Amantadine and Rimantadine

### M2 blockers

Target the M2 of influenza A viruses

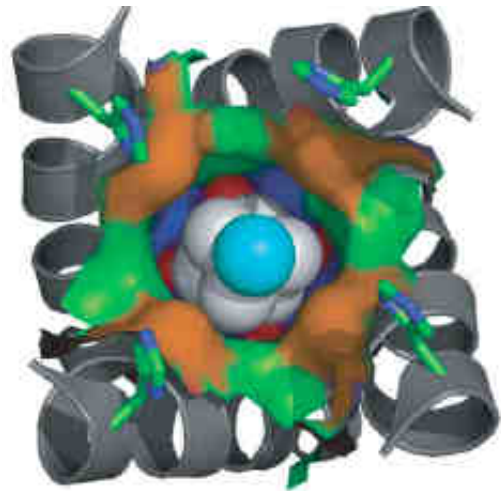
NOT active against influenza B viruses



*Pinto & Lamb 2006 JBC 281*



# Resistance to Adamantanes



Stouffer et al. 2008 Nature 451

	M2 aa residue				
	26	27	30	31	34
<b>S</b>	Leu	Val/Ile	Ala	Ser	Gly
<b>R</b>	Phe <i>His</i>	Ala Thr Ser	Val Thr Ser	Asn	<i>Glu</i>

## Resistance of H5N1 viruses

clade 1 and clade 2.1 resistant

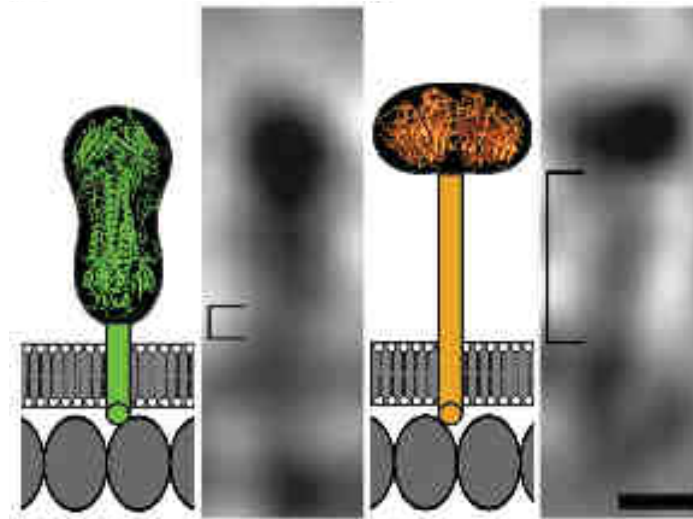
clade 2.2 and 2.3 sensitive

**No alteration of virus fitness**

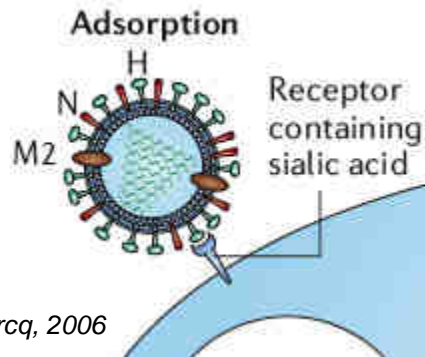


# Anti-neuraminidase inhibitors

HA  
Receptor binding  
Attachment

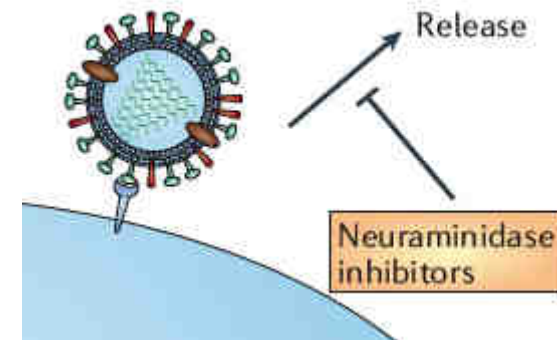


NA  
cleavage of receptor  
Virus Diffusion

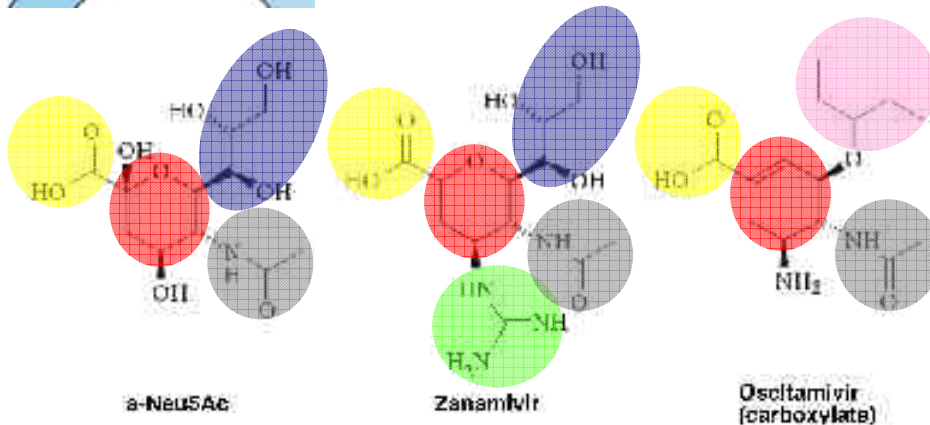


de Clercq, 2006

Harris et al, 2006



Oseltamivir (Tamiflu®)  
Zanamivir (Relenza®)



**Selective for influenza  
inhibit influenza A and B  
Minor adverse effects**

# Resistance to anti-neuraminidase inhibitors

## Seasonal influenza viruses

- Natural Resistance low (0-<1%) until 2007

NISM (Antivir Res, 2005); Ferraris et al (Antivir Res, 2005);

- Emergence of resistant H1N1 viruses in 2007/2008

Lackenby et al (Eurosurveillance 2008)

- Resistance following treatment : higher in children (4-18%)

Ison et al (JID 2006); Whitley et al (Pediatr Infect Dis, 2001); Kiso et al (Lancet, 2004)

## H5N1 Viruses

- Resistance following treatment

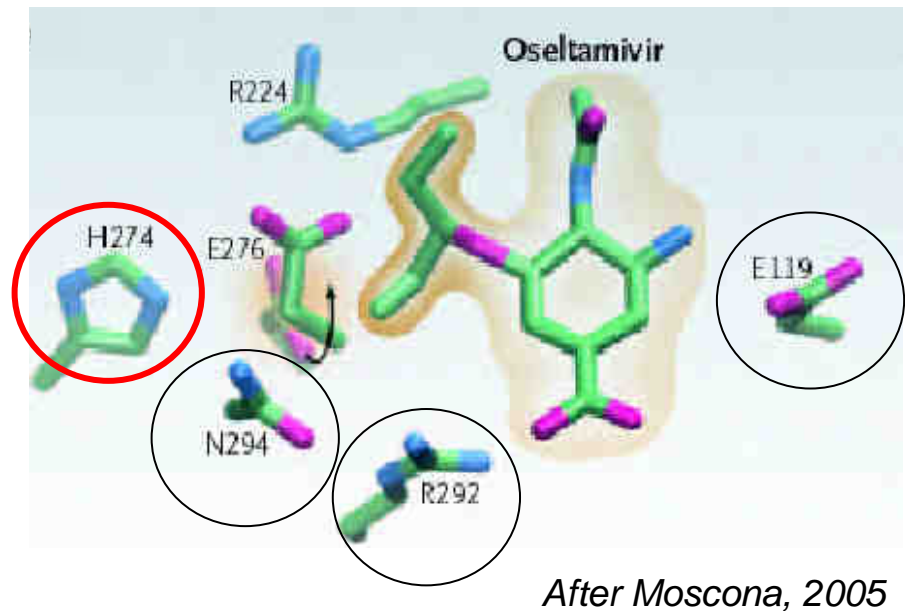
deJong et al (NEJM, 2005)

- Variations in natural sensitivity

Increased : clade 1 viruses

Reduced : clade 2 viruses (Egypt N294S)

Rameix-Welti et al. 2006 AAC; McKimm-Breschkin et al. 2007 EID

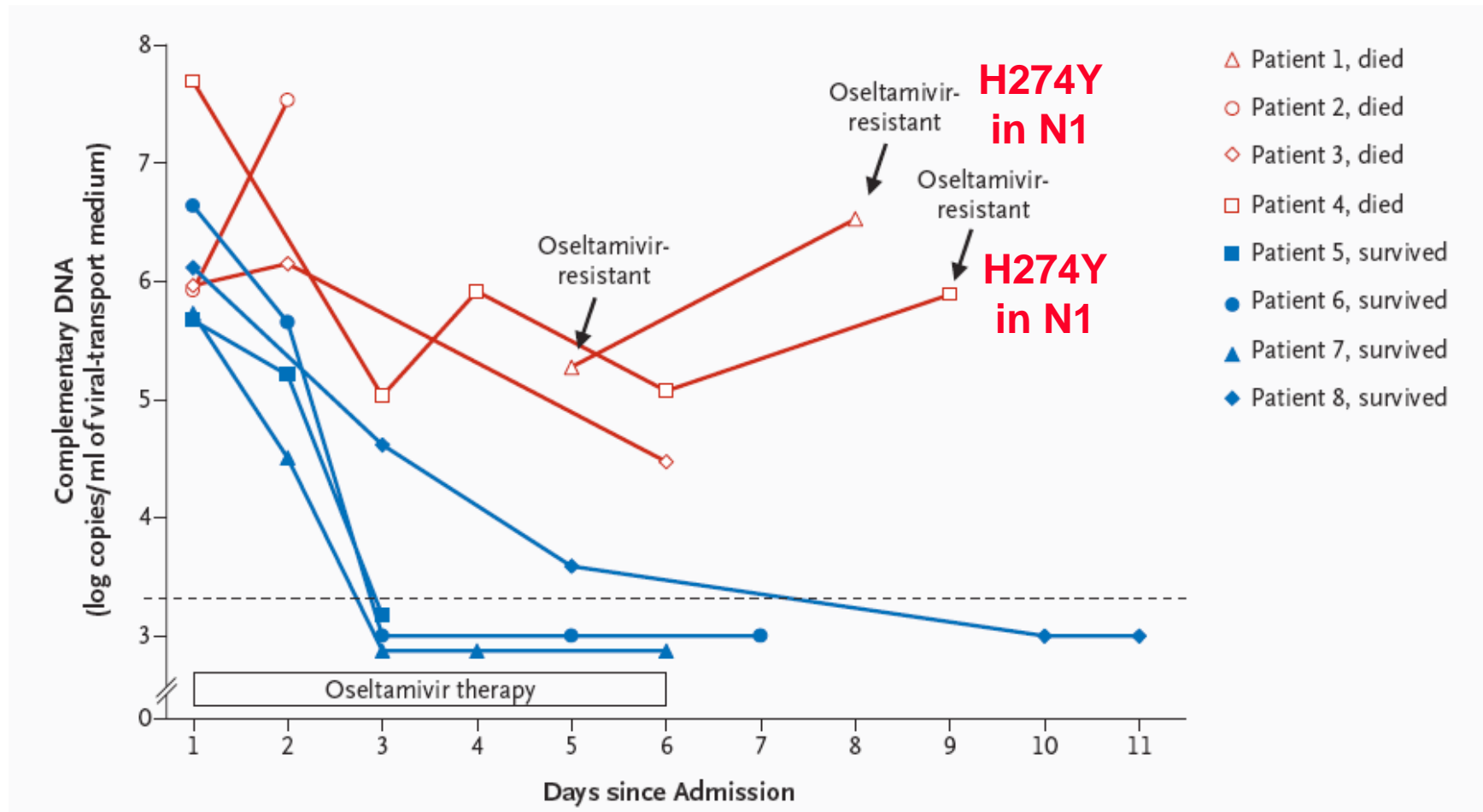


- N1 sub-type **H274Y mutation**
- sensitivity to zanamivir

**Effect on virus fitness?**



# Emergence of H5N1 resistant viruses

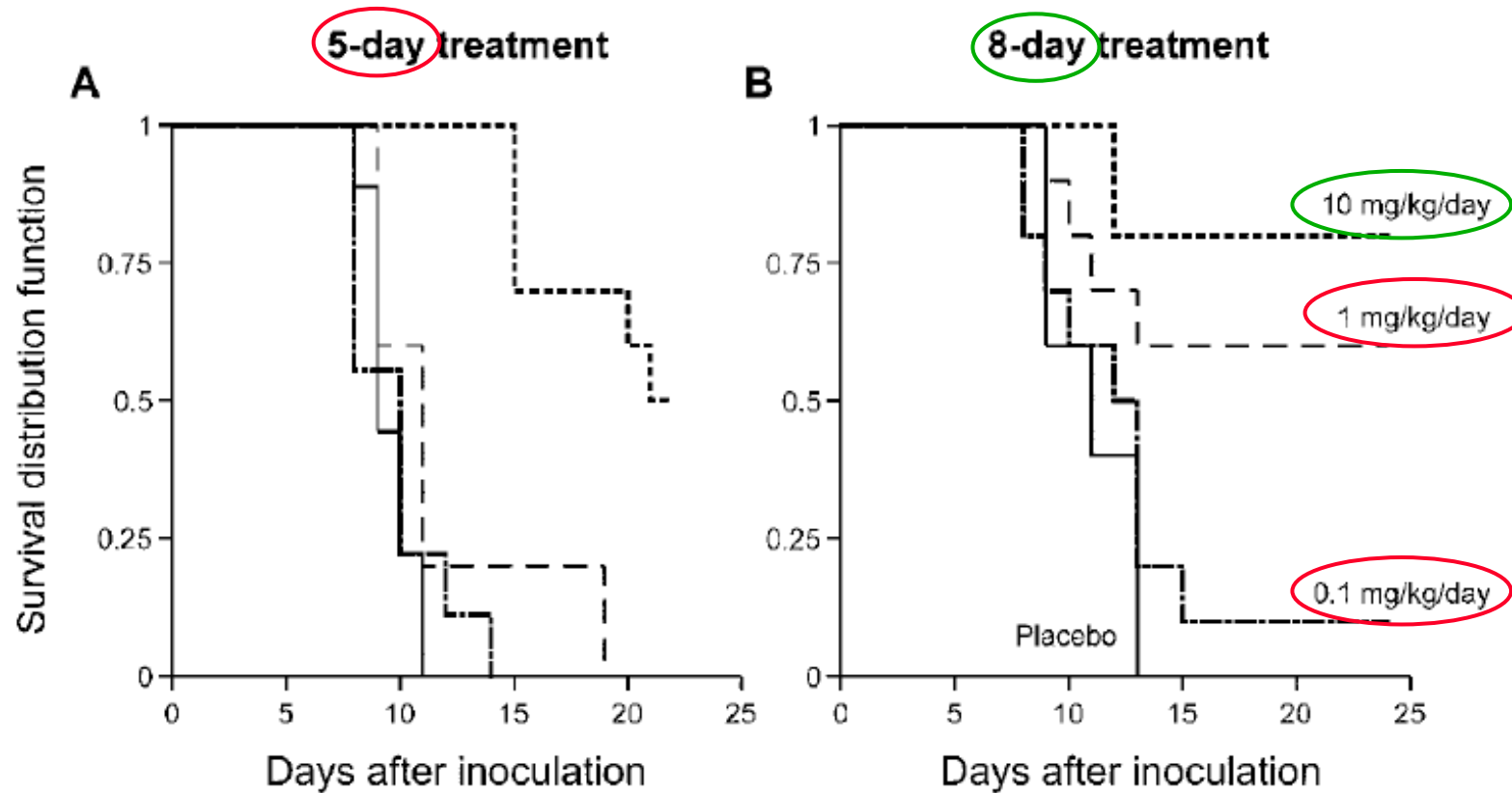


(de Jong et al, 2005)



# Antivirals and H5N1 influenza viruses

## Dose, Duration of treatment ?



Survival of BALB/c mice inoculated with  
5 MLD<sub>50</sub> of VN 1203/04 (H5N1) virus

(Yen et al, 2005)



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# Human monoclonal antibodies

## Virus neutralization

### Vietnam04

		H3N2 Strain	H5N1 Strains <sup>a</sup>					
		Cal/7/2004	HK/491/97	HK/213/03	VN/1203/04	JPHN/30321/05	Indo/5/05	
Sheep antisera <sup>b</sup>	Not known	<10	2,032	2,560	806	1,613	806	
FLA5.10	1 mg/ml	<10	127	4,064	508	806	<10	
FLA3.14	1 mg/ml	<10	403	508	226	508	508	
<b>Pos</b>	FLD20.19	1 mg/ml	<10	905	5,120	1,613	6,451	5,120
<b>Neg</b>	FLD21.140	1 mg/ml	<10	32	>14,882	5,120	12,902	<10
	A146 <sup>c</sup>	0.31 mg/ml	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10

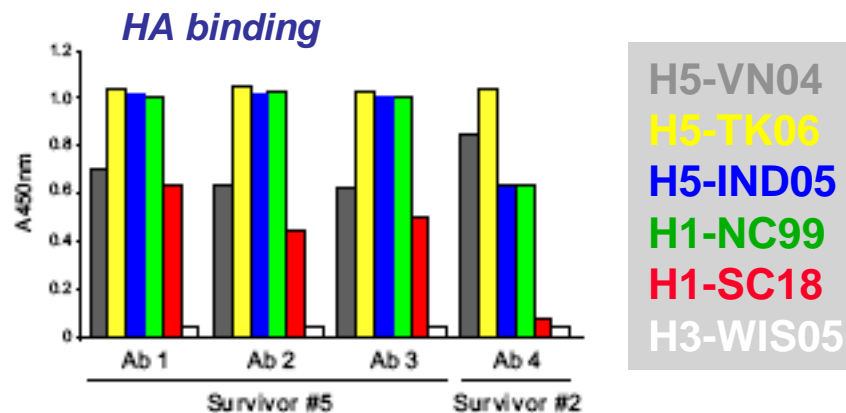
Simmons et al. PLOS Medicine 2007

### Turkey06

## Virus neutralization

Antibody	H5			H1	H3		
	A/Vietnam/ 1203/04*	A/Vietnam/ 1203/04*	A/Indonesia/ 5/05	A/Turkey/ 65596/06	A/Egypt/ 14725/06	A/New Caledonia/ 20/99	A/Hong Kong/68
Ab 1*	11-21	2.3-9.3	9.3	9.3	1.2-2.3	9	>333
Ab 2*	63	54-217	27	108	7-13	54-108	>333
Ab 3*	58	18	16	31	4-8	8-16	>333
Ab 4*	1.7-6.3	0.5-2.2	>333	Not done	Not done	>333	>333

Kashyap et al. 2008 PNAS 105



# Post-infection therapy with anti-H5N1 monoclonal antibodies

## VN04

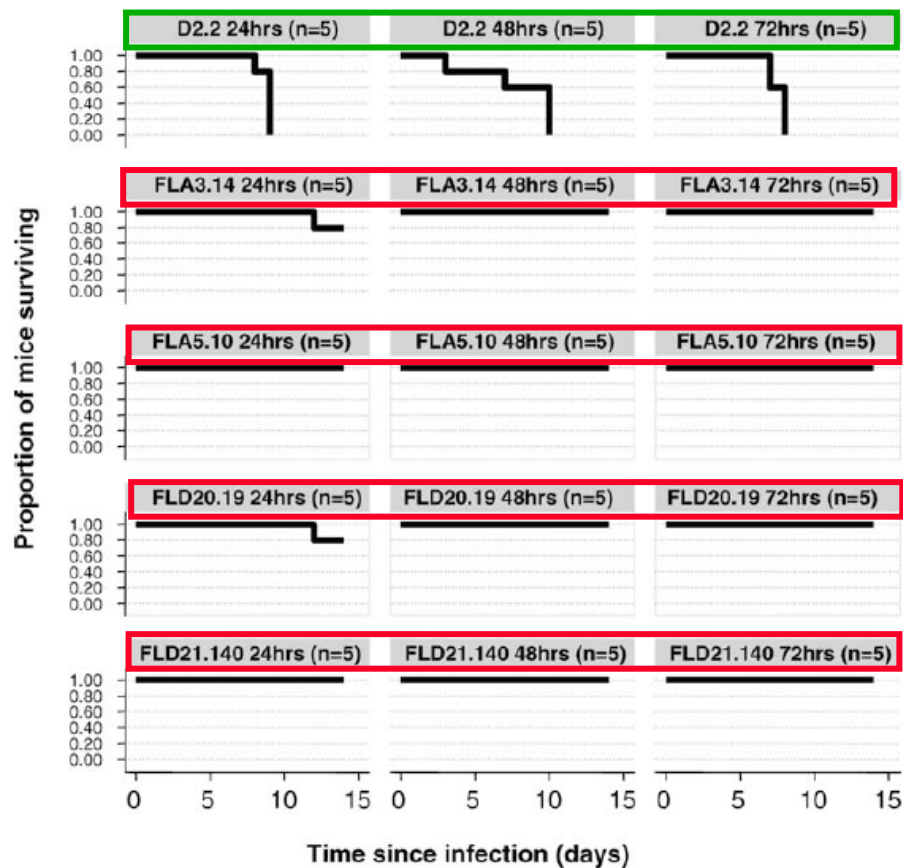


Figure 4. mAb Therapy and Survival in Mice with Established A/Vietnam/1203/04 (H5N1) Infection

Simmons et al. PLOS Medicine 2007

## INDO5

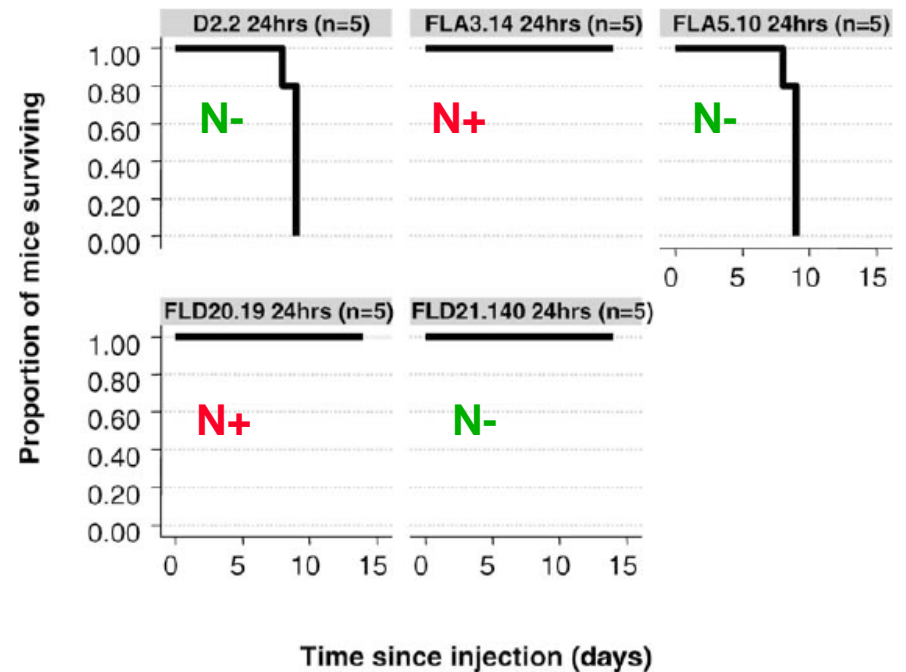


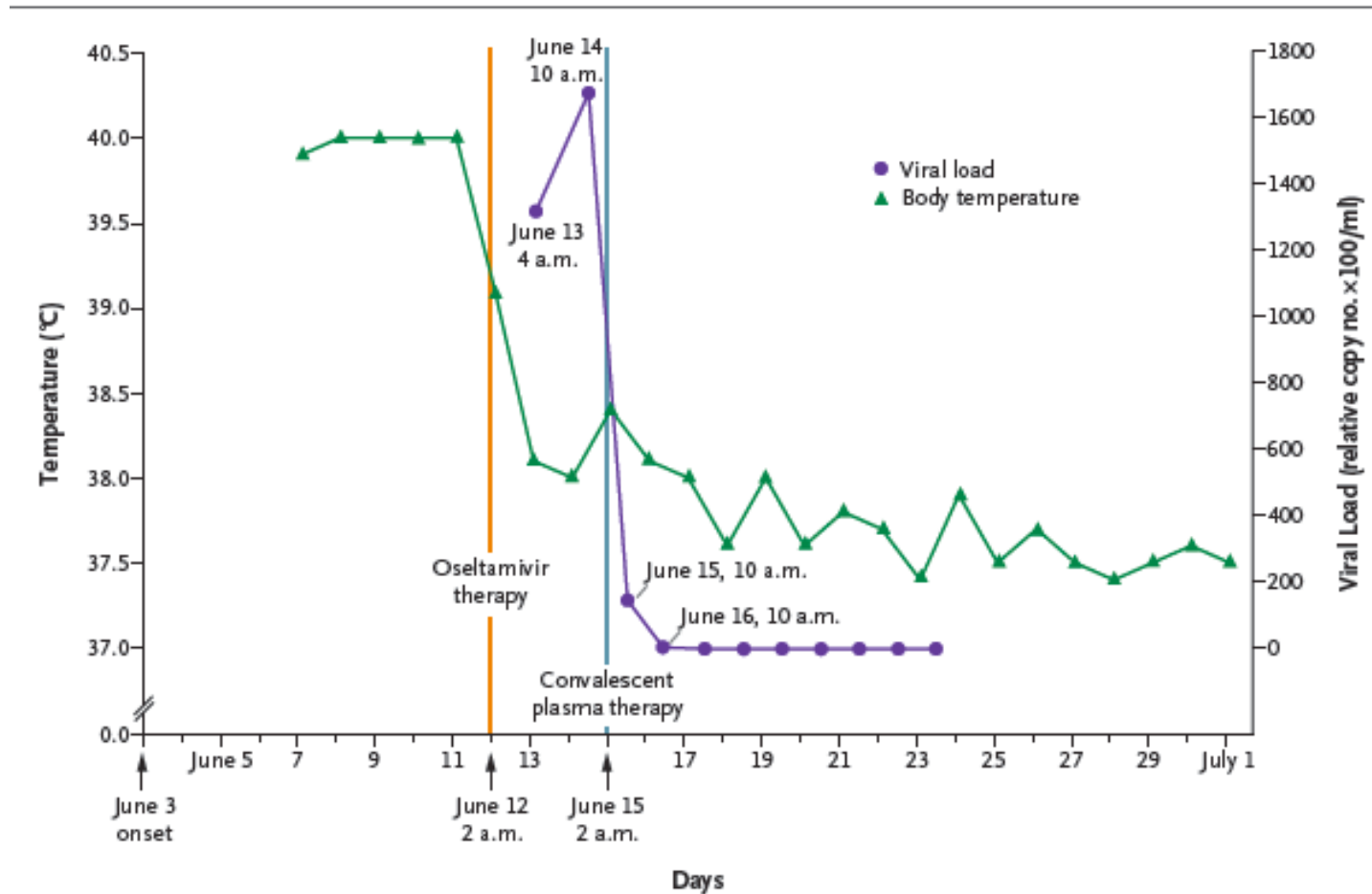
Figure 5. mAb Therapy and Survival in Mice with Established A/Indonesia/5/2005 (H5N1) Infection

**N+ : neutralizing in vitro**

**N- : non neutralizing in vitro**



# Treatment with convalescent plasma



**Figure 1.** Influenza A (H5N1) Viral RNA Load in Tracheal Aspirates and the Patient's Response to Treatment.

The green line represents the patient's body temperature, and the purple line represents the viral load. The orange line represents the beginning of oseltamivir therapy, and the blue line represents the beginning of convalescent plasma therapy.



# Human anti-H5N1 monoclonal antibodies

- Human antibodies obtained by **immortalization of B-memory lymphocytes** of contact subjects.
  - Infected Subjects (Turkey, Egypt)
  - Vaccinated Subjects
- Human antibodies selected from “**naive**” human antibody phage libraries
- Test reactivity
  - Target Proteins
  - Neutralizing potential
  - Cross-reactivity
- Evaluation of therapeutic and prophylactic potential in mice and ferrets

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# Role of microbicides of human and animal hosts

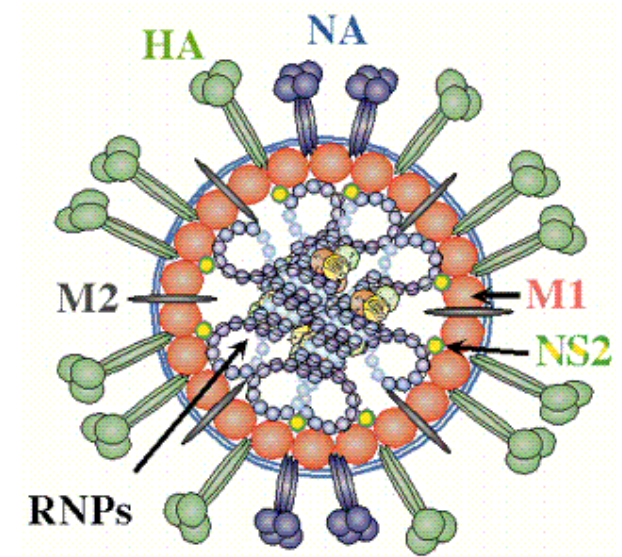
## Natural Microbicides, innate response to viral infections

- Inductors of microbicides
- Cell lines and respiratory epithelial cells (bronchial, pulmonary) or enteric epithelium of human and avian hosts
- Evaluation of virus multiplication in vitro
  - Reference strains (H1N1, H3N2, B ; H5N1, other)
  - Therapeutic and prophylactic potential
  - Induction of cytokines/chemokines, mediators of inflammation
- Evaluation of therapeutic and prophylactic potential in vivo in mice and ferrets
- Other respiratory viruses?

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# **Vaccine approaches**

# Development of tools



- Retroviral Pseudoparticles (PPV) expressing virus surface proteins (HA, NA, M2)
  - various reference strains or primary isolates H1N1, H3N2, H5N1
  - Infectivity Tests
  - Fusion Test
  - HA-NA Balance
  - Receptor Specificity
  - Neutralization by antibodies
  - Inhibition by inhibitors targeting surface proteins
- Serological surveys (« South » partners) and technology transfer

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# Interactions

