

Measles/Rubella Serosurvey Experiences in Japan

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National Epidemiological Surveillance of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (NESVDP)



NESVDP

- Originally started in 1962
- Annually (depending on target diseases)
- To understand the actual situation of **herd immunity** or **prevalence of pathogens**, promoting effective management of immunization program
- Conducted by the Infectious Diseases Control Division, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan supported by prefectural health authorities and NIID

Target diseases:

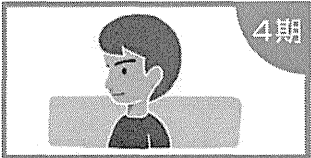
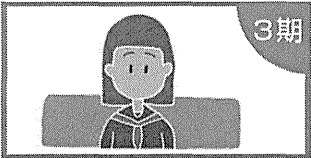
1. Poliomyelitis (Seroprevalence, pathogens)
2. Influenza (Seroprevalence, pathogens)
3. Japanese encephalitis (Seroprevalence of humans and pigs)
4. Measles (Seroprevalence)
5. Rubella (Seroprevalence)
6. Pertussis (Seroprevalence)
7. Diphtheria (Seroprevalence)
8. Tetanus (Seroprevalence)

Dec 28, 2007

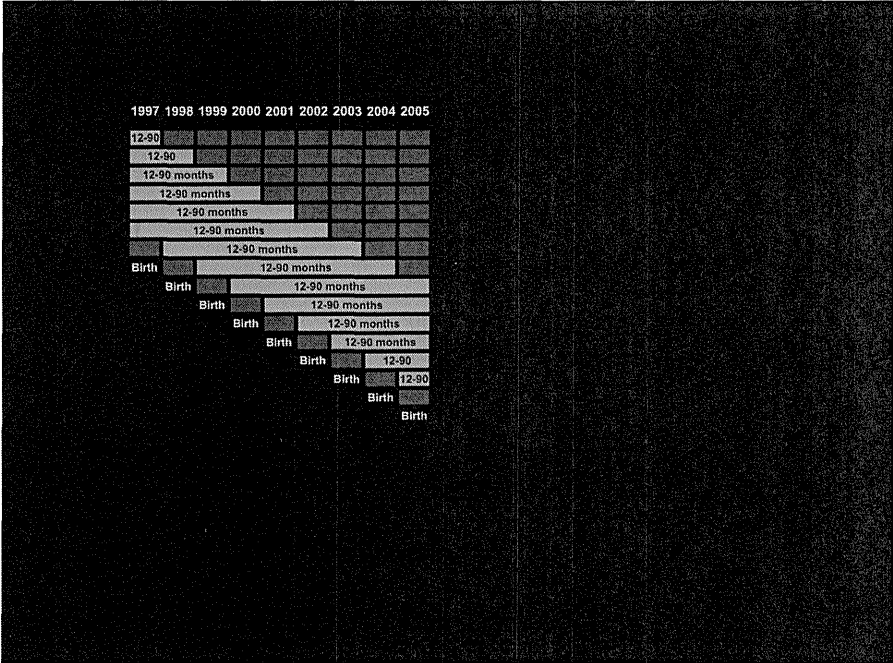
Special guidance for measles

by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan

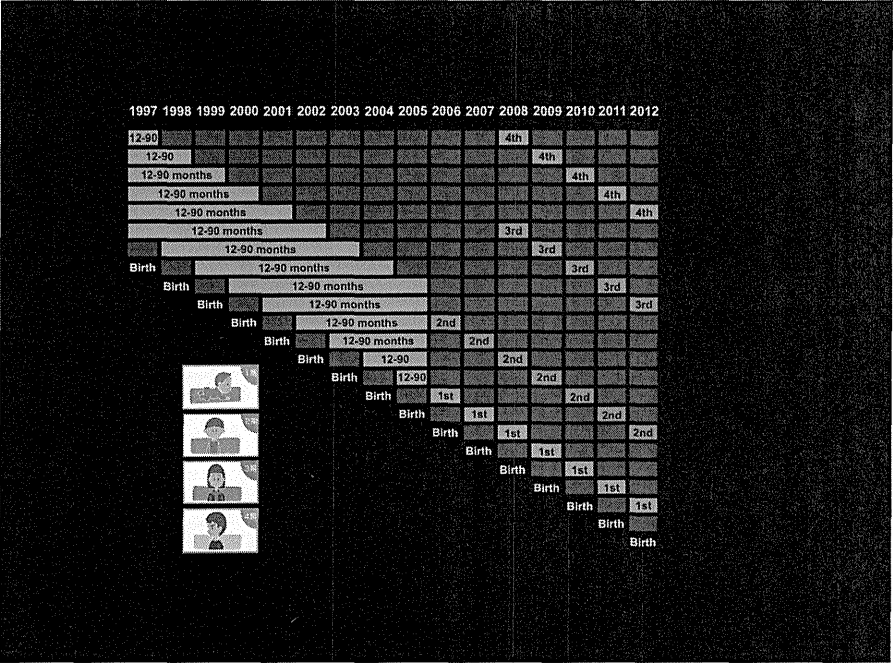
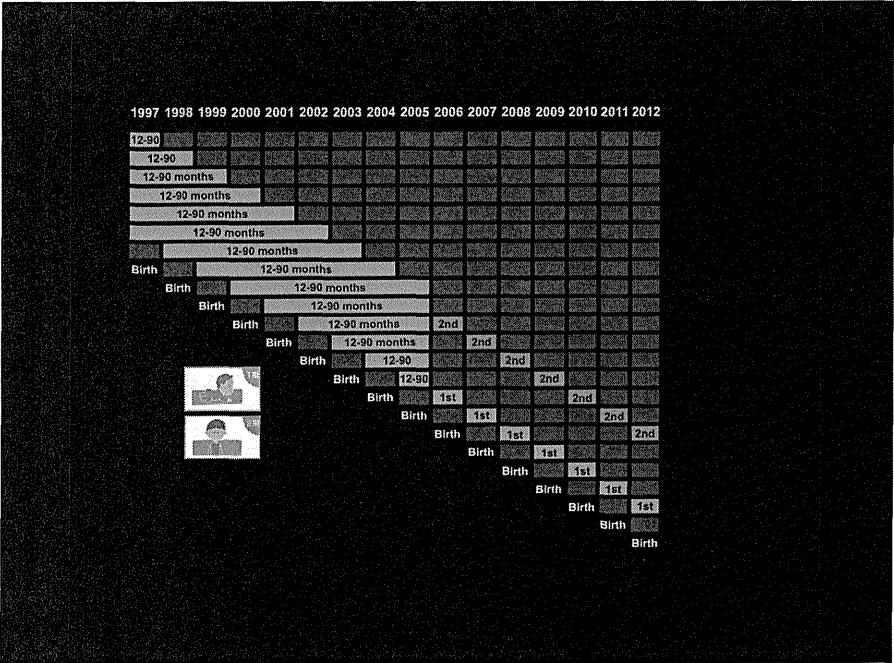
Supplementary immunization for 5 years targeting at teenagers (2008-2012)



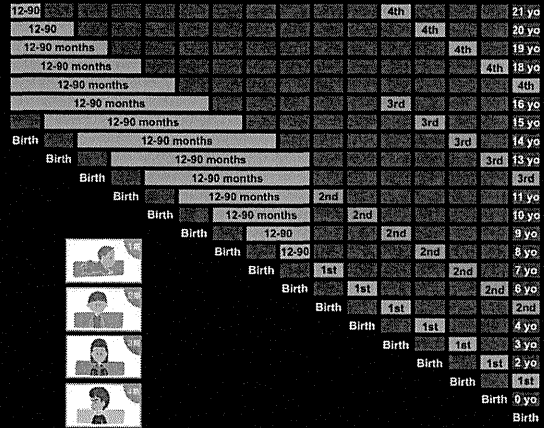
(3rd cohort) at 1st grade age of junior high school (7th graders)
(4th cohort) at 3rd grade age of high school (12th graders)



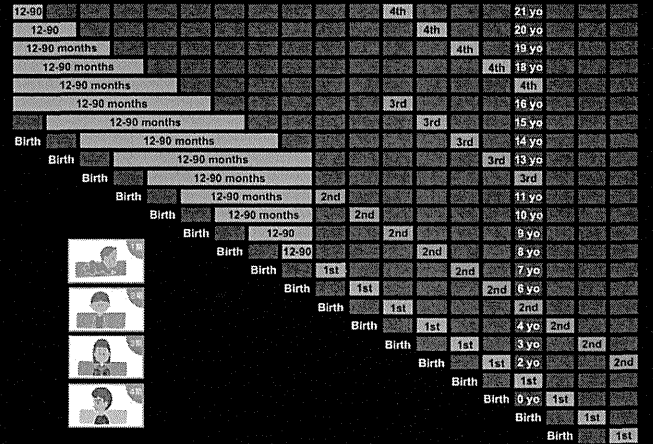
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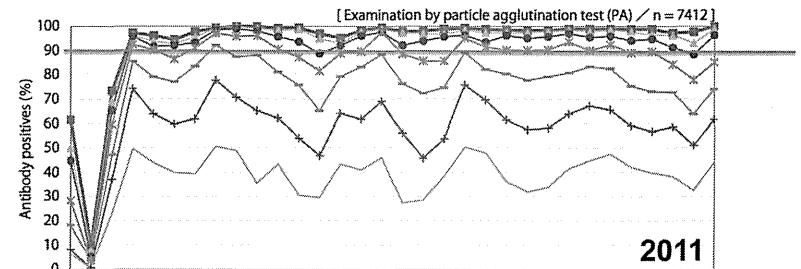
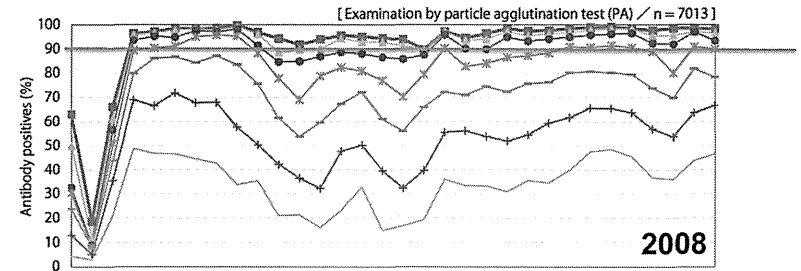


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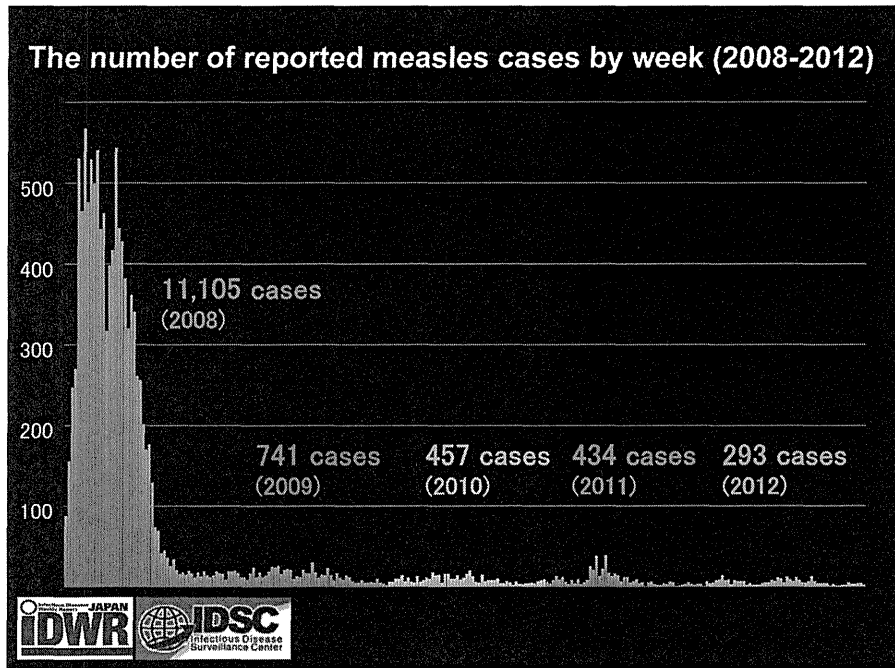
MCV (MR) immunization coverage

		FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Routin vaccination programs	12 - 23 months	94.3%	93.6%	95.6%	95.3%
	5 - 6 years	91.8%	92.3%	92.2%	92.8%
Catch-up vaccination programs	7 th graders	85.1%	85.9%	87.2%	88.1%
	12 th graders	77.3%	77.0%	78.8%	81.4%



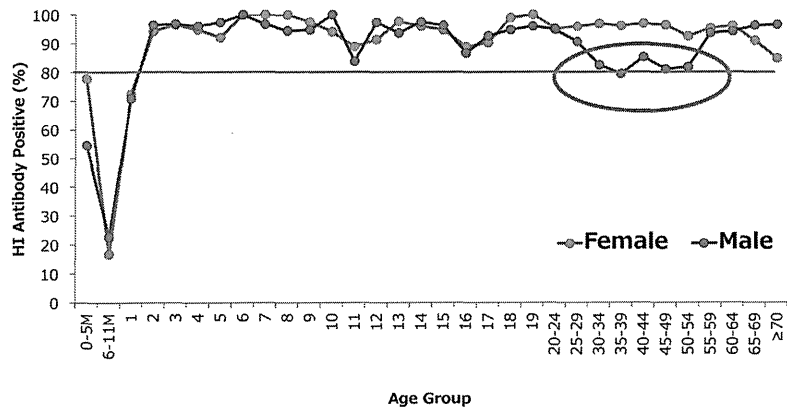
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PA titer —■— 1:16 —▲— 1:32 —●— 1:64 —*— 1:128 —◇— 1:256 —+— 1:512 —○— 1:1024



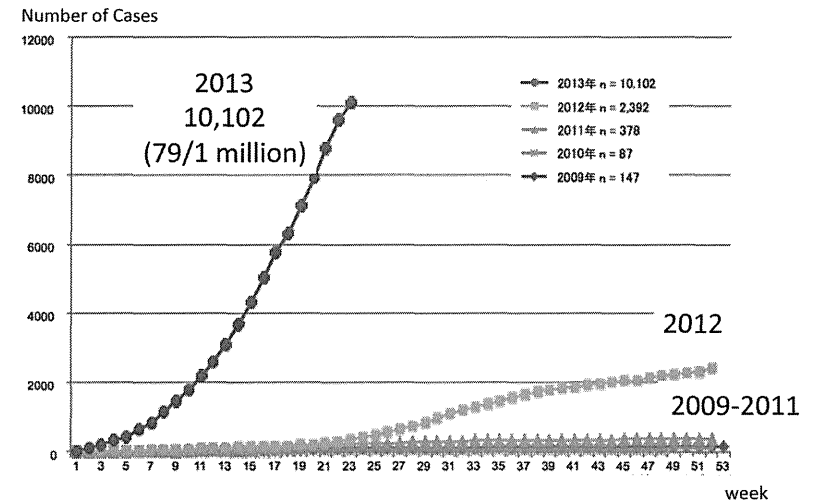
Rubella

Age and sex distribution of rubella HI antibody positive (HI titer: ≥ 8) in 2011

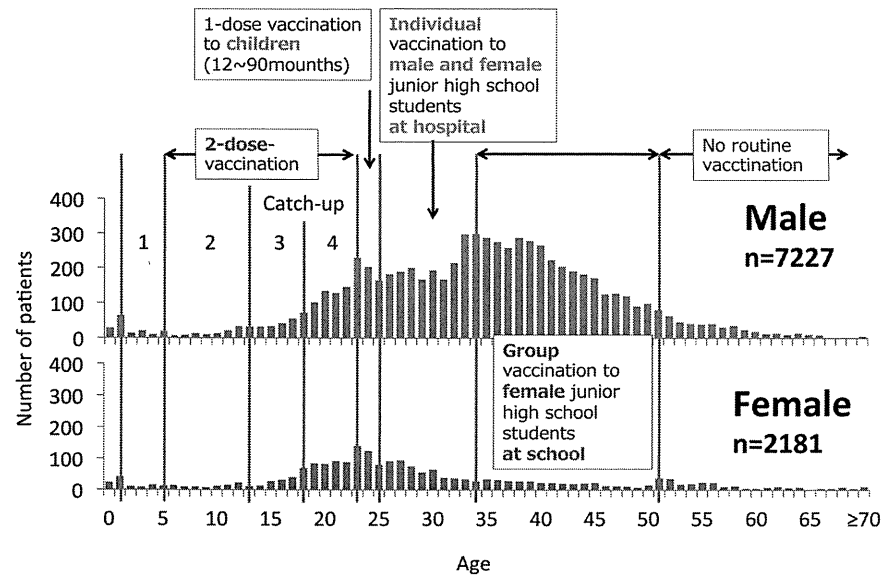


Examination by hemagglutination inhibition (HI) test/n=2824(F), 2445(M)

Cumulative rubella cases by week (2009~2013.23w)



Rubella patients reported in 2013 (1-22w) in Japan



Summary

- National surveillances for seroprevalence to Measles and Rubella are conducted regularly in Japan.
- The data collected from this program are useful to indicate susceptible groups and should be used to promote effective management of immunization program.

Historical transition of vaccination strategies for rubella control in Japan

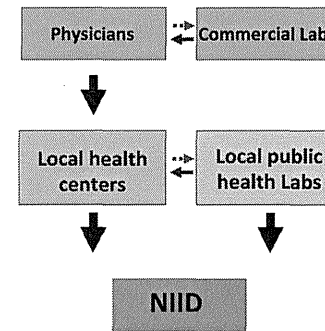
- 1977 - 1994
Group immunization for female junior-high school students at school
- 1995 - 2006
Immunization to children (boys and girls) at 12-90 months + Individual immunization for male and female junior-high school students at hospitals
- 2006 – present
Two-dose schedule of MR combined vaccines
(1st cohort) 1 year children
(2nd cohort) One year before primary school entrance
- 2008 - 2012
Supplementary immunization for 5 years targeting at ages (teens)
(3rd cohort) at 1st grade age of junior high school
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CRS surveillance in Japan

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Surveillance system for rubella and CRS in Japan



Rubella
based on clinical or laboratory diagnosis
case-based reporting from 2008

CRS
Clinically- and laboratory-confirmed
case-based reporting from 1999

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Criteria for CRS reporting in Japan

Clinical symptoms

based on criteria for "clinically confirmed CRS cases" defined by WHO

Laboratory diagnosis

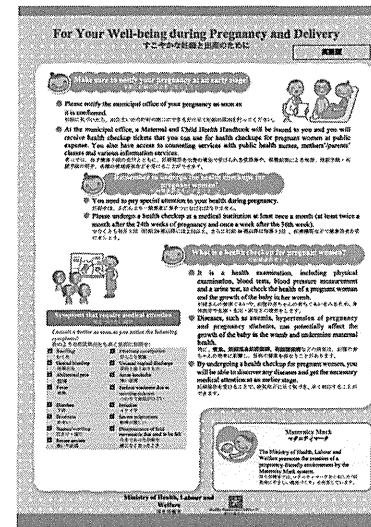
Serological testing or viral detection

Collection data

History of maternal rubella infection

Week of gestational age at rubella onset
Area of rubella infection
Vaccination history
etc.

Public support for health checkup of pregnant women



Tickets for health checkups

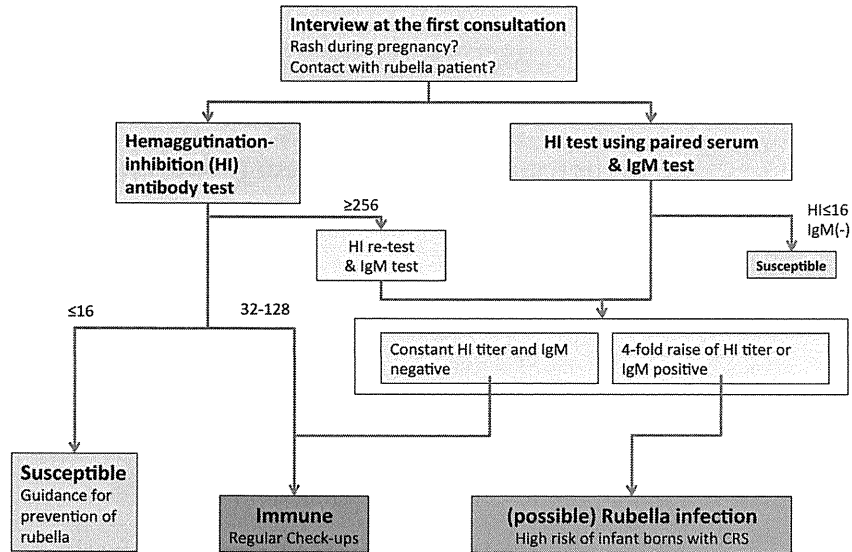
1. Basic health checkups

- Blood testing including that for anti-Rubella antibody

2. Medical checkups

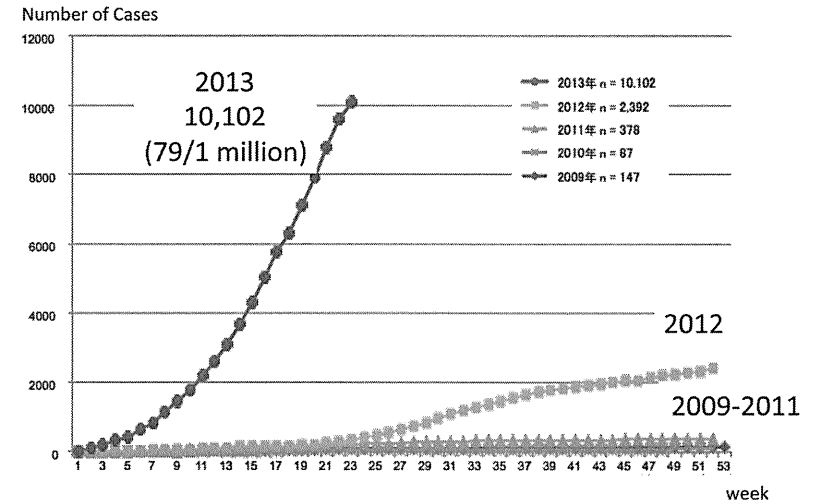
- Biopsy for cervical cancer
- Ultrasonography
- Testing for group B Streptococcus
- Testing for chlamydia infection

Algorithm for evaluation of pregnant women with rubella in Japan



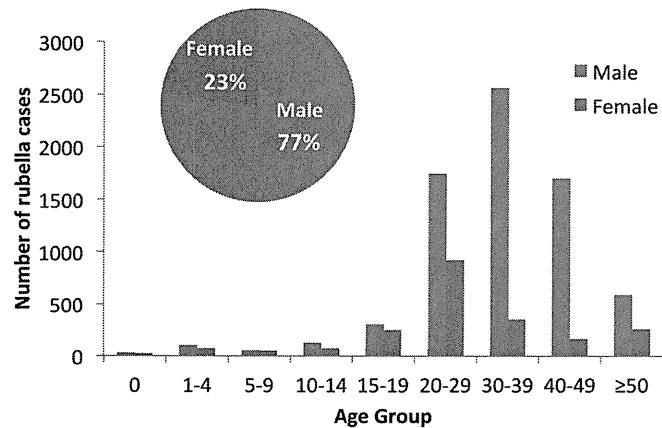
Based on Clinical guidelines for obstetrical practice in Japan (2011)
by the Japan Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the Japan Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

Cumulative rubella cases by week (2009~2013.23w)



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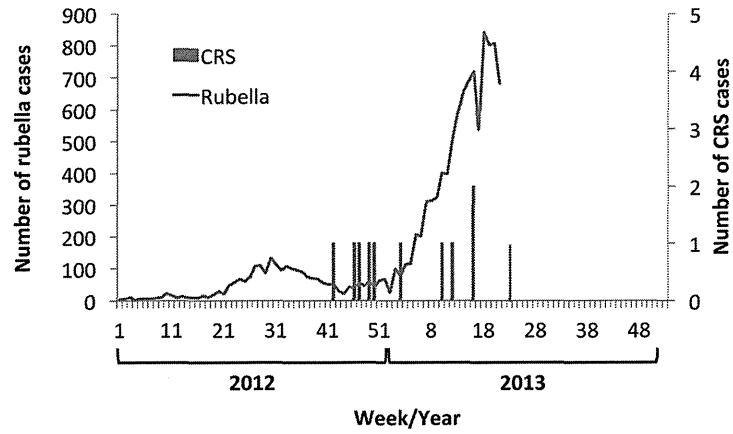
Age and sex distribution of rubella patients (2013.1-22w)



Number of reported CRS cases (1999~2013.5)

Year	Number of CRS	Number per 1 million birth	comments
1999	0	0	1 dose-rubella vaccination at 12-90 month-old (since 1995)
2000	1	0.8	
2001	1	0.9	
2002	1	0.9	
2003	1	0.9	
2004	10	9.0	Epidemic with estimated 39 thousand rubella cases
2005	2	1.9	Maternal infection in India (1)
2006	0	0	2 dose-MR vaccination at 1 and 5 year-old
2007	0	0	
2008	0	0	Catch-up MR vaccination at 12 and 17 year-old (until 2012)
2009	2	1.9	Maternal infection in Phillipine (1)
2010	0	0	
2011	1	1.0	Maternal infection in Vietnam (1)
2012	5	4.8	
2013	6		
Total	30		

Weekly rubella and CRS cases (2012.1-2013.22)



Summary

- 11 infants with CRS were reported between Jan. 2012 and Jun 2013 in Japan.
- The majority of rubella patients in the present epidemic are 20-40's men and 20's women, leading to concern about increase of CRS cases.

Nationwide Rubella Epidemic – Japan, 2013. MMWR 62(23), 2013

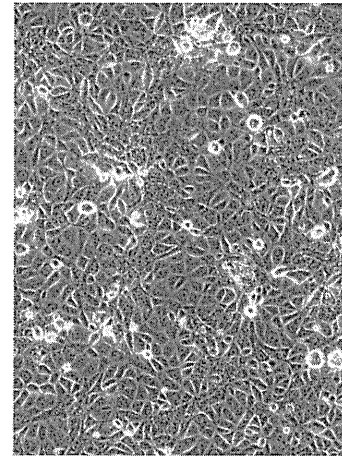
Improving survival of Vero/hSLAM in the deep-freezing *Plans for a novel cell line for isolation of MV and RV*

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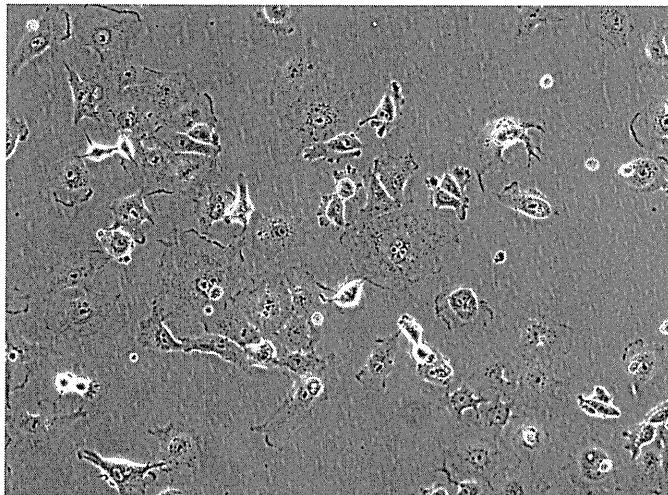
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Vero/hSLAM cells



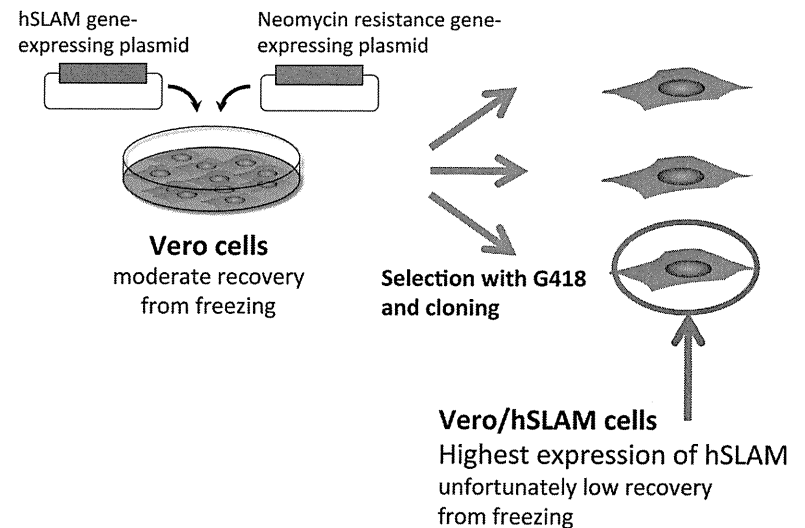
- Established by Dr. Yanagi's group (Ono et al, J. Virol., 2001)
- Stably express human SLAM, which is one of cellular receptors for wild type MV
- Useful for isolation of wild type MV
- Also available for isolation of RV
- Distributed to all over the world
- Low recovery from freeze stocking
- Regulated by CITES

Vero/hSLAM cells at 24 hours after thawing



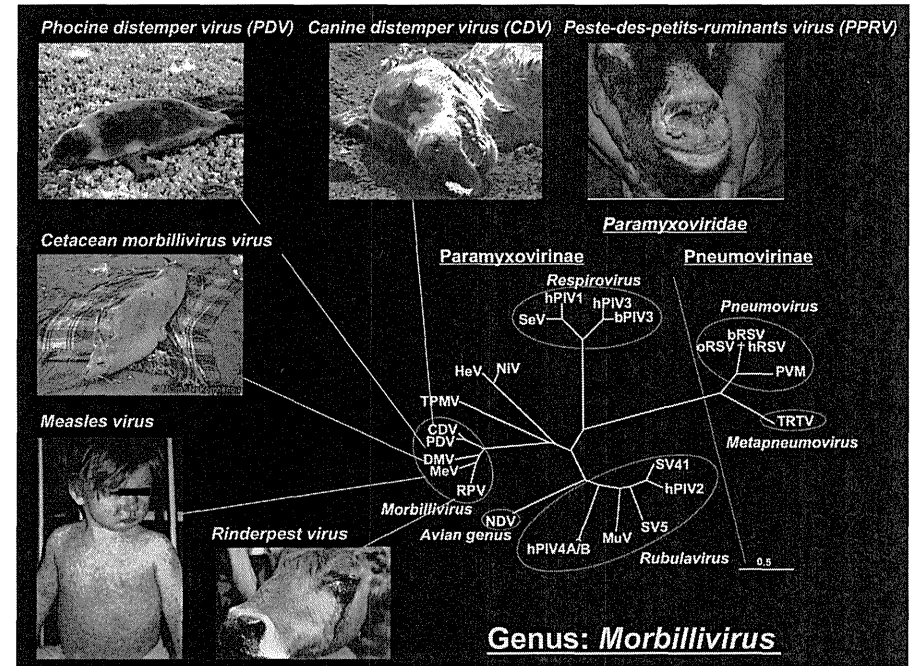
1×10⁶ cells at φ60mm dish

Method for establishment of Vero/hSLAM cells

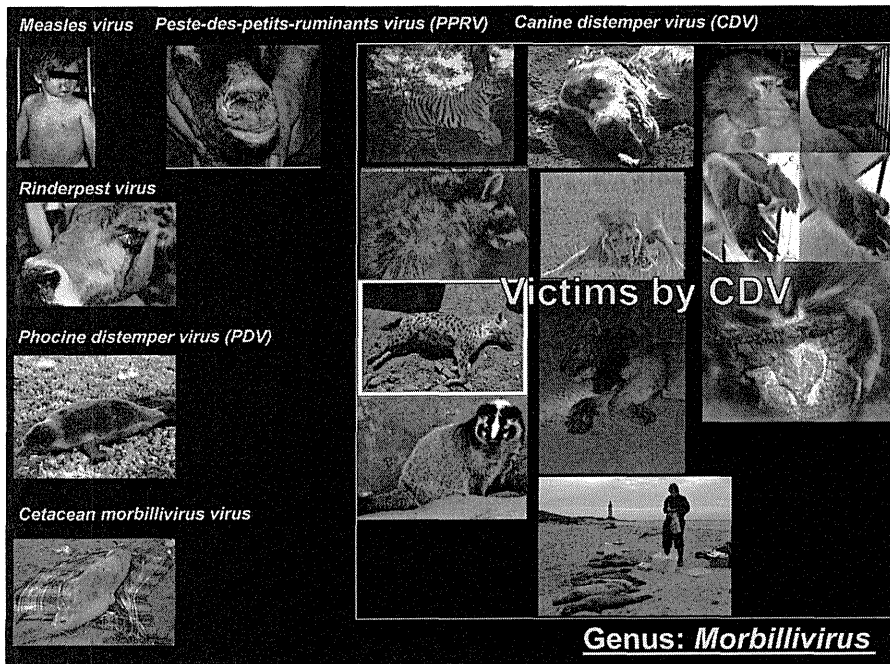


To improve survival of Vero/hSLAM cells from deep-freezing

- Optimize methods for freezing and thawing (eg, cell density during freezing and plating just after thawing)
- Re-establishment of a new cell line based on high expression of hSLAM and high recovery rate from deep-freezing



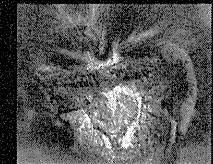
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Recent CDV outbreaks in monkeys

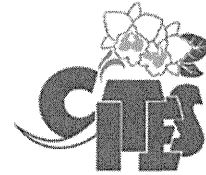
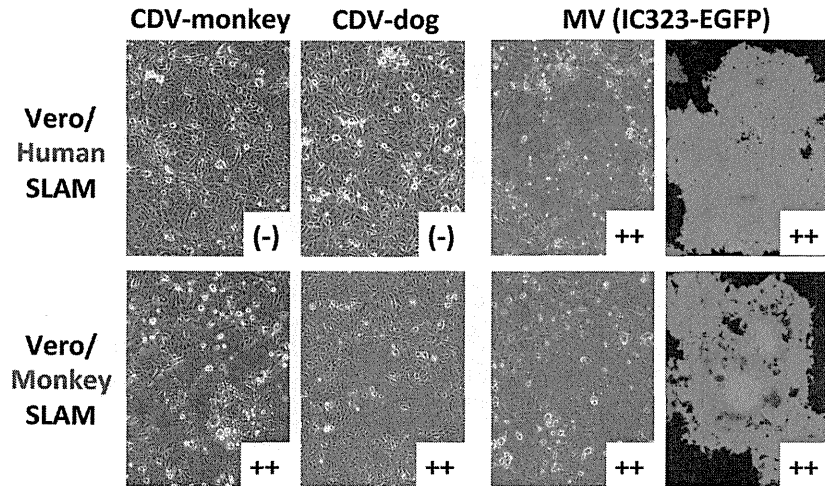
Year	Location	Affected	Died	Mortality rate	Reference
2006-2008	China Guangxi	~ 10,000		5 - 30%	Que et al.
2008	China Beijing	20	12	60%	Sun et al.
2008	Japan	439	46	~ 10%	Sakai et al.

Qiu W et al. (2011) *Emerg Infect Dis* 17:1541-3.
 Sun Z et al. (2010) *Vet Microbiol* 141:374-8.
 Sakai K et al. (2013) *J Virol* 87:1105-14.



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Monkey (Macaca) SLAM works as a receptor for MV and CDV



Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

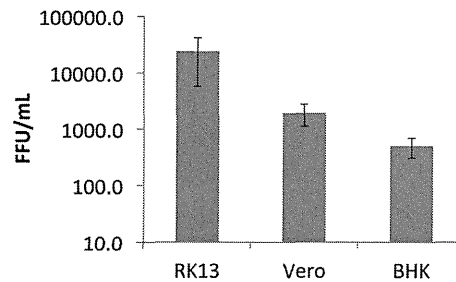
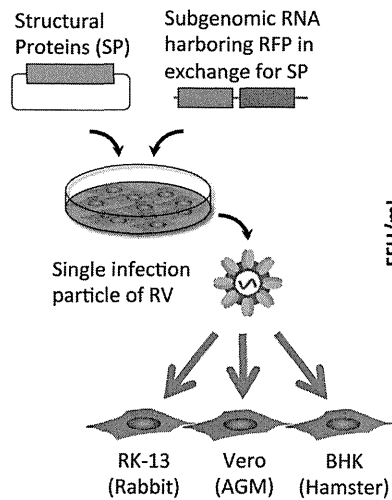


African Green Monkey (*Chlorocebus aethiops*)

- Vero cells were originally established in 1962 from Kidney cells of African green monkey, which was a species listed on Appendix II of CITES.
- Formal procedures are required for international transportation of Vero cells.

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RK-13 rabbit cell line is highly susceptible to RV



Summary

- Vero/hSLAM cell line holds some problems.
 - Low survival from deep-freezing
 - CITES
- Establishment of a novel cell line for isolation of MV and RV are planned.

Human SLAM or monkey SLAM?
Vero or RK-13 cells?

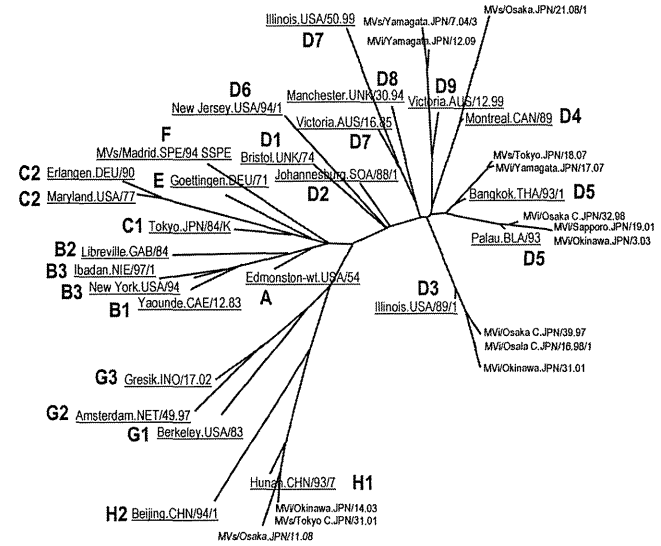


Functional Constraints on the Measles H Protein Prevent Escape from Neutralization

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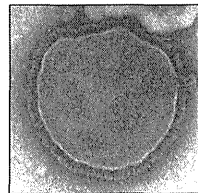
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24 genotypes of MV



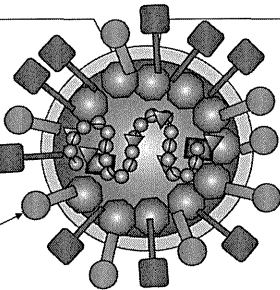
Measles virus

Nonsegmented negative-strand RNA genome ~ 16 kb



H protein

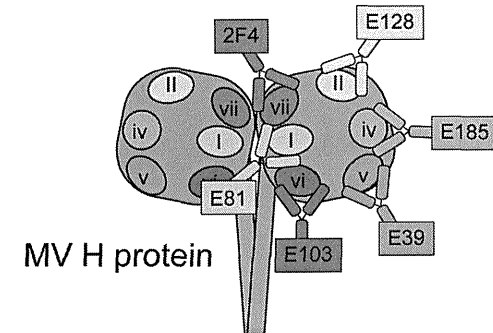
F protein



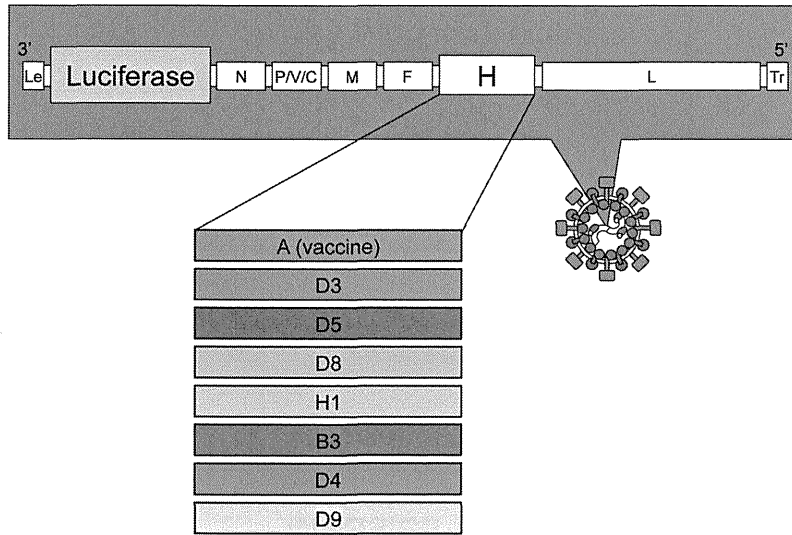
Antibody selection

mAbs used in the present study

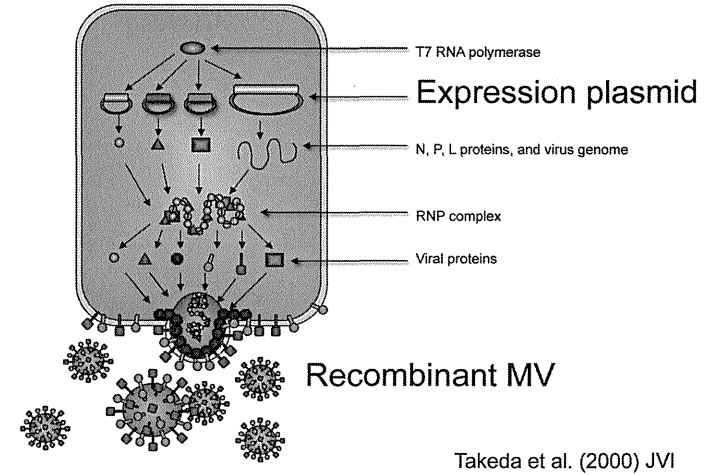
epitope	I	II	iv	v	vi	vii
mAb	E81	E128	E185	E39	E103	2F4



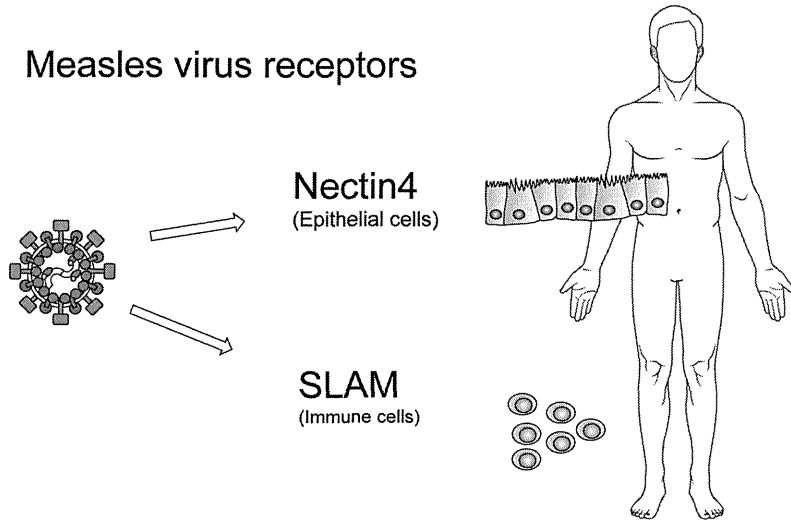
Generation of neutralizing targets (recombinant MVs)



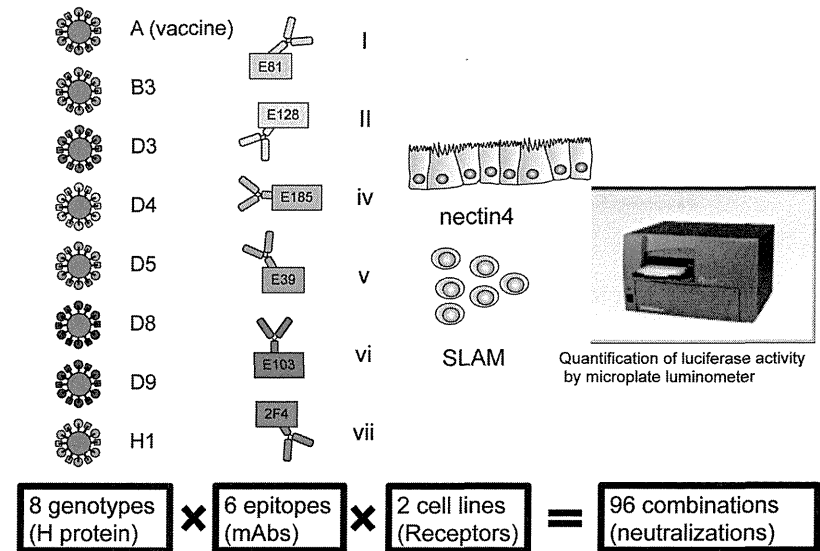
Reverse genetics system to engineer MV



Measles virus receptors



Luciferase-based quantitative neutralization assay



Neutralization titers of 96 combinations

SLAM-mediated infection

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Epitopes I, vi and vii are conserved effective neutralizing epitopes

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Epitopes II is an effective neutralizing epitope, but not conserved.

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Epitopes I, vi and vii are conserved among these 8 genotypes

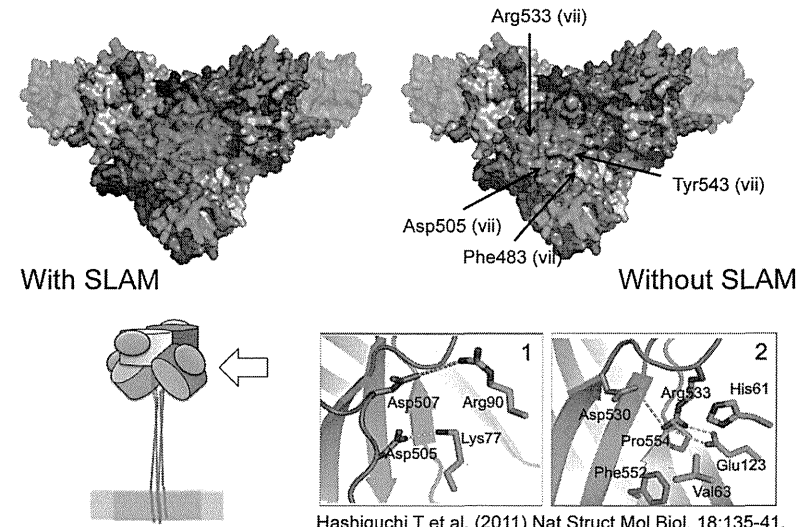
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Epitope vii (conserved epitope)



Linkage between the growth defect and escape

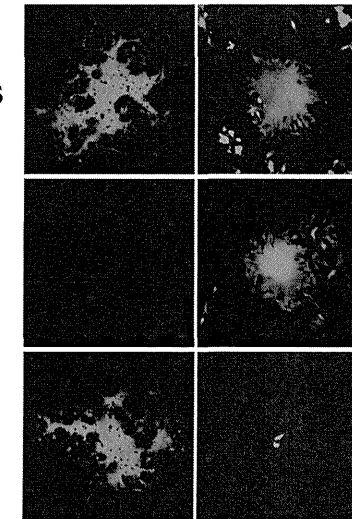
Cell	Mutation	Neutralization titer			Growth in	
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		E81	E103	2F4	SLAM	Nectin4
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	F483A	1727	10231	<346	++	(-)
	Y543S	1727	2558	692	++	(-)
II-18		27631	20462	11070	++	++
	D505S	13815	20462	<5	(-)	++
	R533A	27631	20462	173	(-)	++

SLAM+ B95a cells Nectin4+ II-18 cells

Parental virus

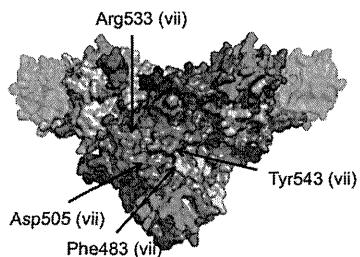
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Summary of the conserved epitope vii

- Receptor-interacting residues themselves constitute an important neutralizing epitope.
- Consequently, MV became incapable of utilizing either SLAM or nectin4, when it possessed an escape mutation on the epitope.



Epitopes I, vi and vii are conserved effective neutralizing epitopes

SLAM-mediated infection

	epitope		I	II	iv	v	vi	vii
	IgG	1 mg/ml	E81	E128	E185	E39	E103	2F4
B95a	A (vaccine)		863	1968	494	<27	2558	22141
	B3		1727	1968	987	<27	10231	11070
	D3		1727	15	31	<27	10231	22141
	D4		1727	31	62	<27	20462	22141
	D5		863	15	494	<27	10231	11070
	D8		1727	1968	987	<27	20462	44281
	D9		1727	15	987	<27	20462	11070
	H1		1727	1968	494	<27	20462	22141

Nectin4-mediated infection

	epitope		I	II	iv	v	vi	vii
	IgG	1 mg/ml	E81	E128	E185	E39	E103	2F4
II-18	A (vaccine)		27631	62977	124	1750	10231	11070
	B3		27631	62977	1974	1750	10231	11070
	D3		27631	123	62	<27	20462	11070
	D4		27631	31	<8	<27	10231	11070
	D5		27631	<4	1974	<27	20462	22141
	D8		27631	62977	987	<27	10231	22141
	D9		27631	123	1974	<27	10231	11070
	H1		13815	62977	494	1750	10231	22141

Comparison of neutralizing titers by mAbs and vaccinees' serum

II-18 cell	mAbs*					
	E81 (I)	E128 (II)	E185 (iv)	E39 (v)	E103 (vi)	2F4 (vii)
A	27631	62977	124	1750	10231	11070
D3	27631	123	62	<27	10231	11070
D3 (Q311R/Q391R)	<3	ND**	ND	ND	20	11070
D3 (Q311R/Q391R/R533A)	3	ND	ND	ND	40	346
D3 (Q311R/Q391R/D505S)	<3	ND	ND	ND	20	<5

*1mg/ml of Ig. **Very low (titers were not determined)

Antibody	>25000	10000-25000	5000-10000	2500-5000	1000-2500	<1000

Comparison of neutralizing titers by mAbs and vaccinees' serum

II-18 cell	mAbs*						Vaccinees						
	E81 (I)	E128 (II)	E185 (iv)	E39 (v)	E103 (vi)	2F4 (vii)	Vac9	Vac12	Vac27	Vac31	Vac40	Vac41	Vac49
A	27631	62977	124	1750	10231	11070	80	640	80	80	80	160	160
D3	27631	123	62	<27	10231	11070	160	640	80	160	160	160	320
D3 (Q311R/Q391R)	<3	ND**	ND	ND	20	11070							
D3 (Q311R/Q391R/R533A)	3	ND	ND	ND	40	346							
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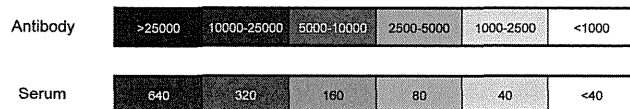
Antibody	>25000	10000-25000	5000-10000	2500-5000	1000-2500	<1000

Serum	640	320	160	80	40	<40

Comparison of neutralizing titers by mAbs and vaccinees' serum

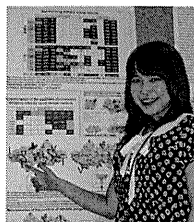
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D3	27631	123	62	<27	10231	11070	160	640	80	160	160	160	320
D3 (Q311R/Q391R)	<3	ND**	ND	ND	20	11070	80	320	160	160	320	320	320
D3 (Q311R/Q391R/R533A)	3	ND	ND	ND	40	346	160	320	160	160	160	320	320
D3 (Q311R/Q391R/D505S)	<3	ND	ND	ND	20	<5	160	640	80	320	320	320	320

*1mg/ml of Ig. **Very low (titers were not determined)



- MVs are neutralized by vaccinees' serum, even at the cost of reduced affinity for one of the receptors or lower replication capacity.
- MV does not undergo a major antigenic drift, and global measles elimination is biologically feasible with currently used MV vaccines.

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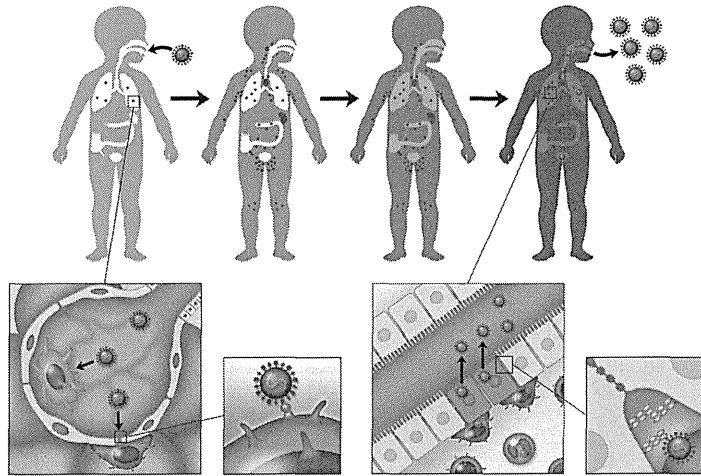
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Escape mutations from 2F4

	epitope	Mutation	Neutralization titer		
			i	vi	vii
Cell			E81	E103	2F4
B95a	D3/		1727	10231	22141
	D3/	F483A	1727	10231	<346
	D3/	Y543S	1727	2558	692
II-18	D3/		27631	20462	11070
	D3/	D505S	13815	20462	<5
	D3/	R533A	27631	20462	173