

# General virology and detection techniques



## What is virus?

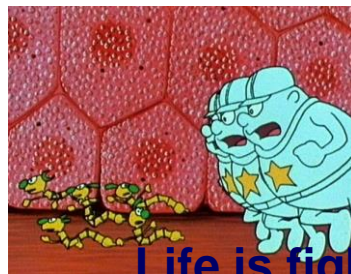
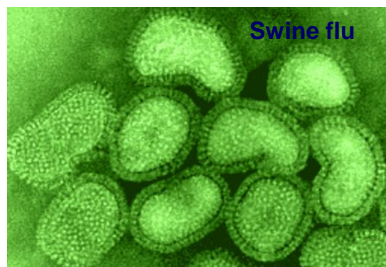
**It is a submicroscopical pathogen containing the nucleic acid and proteins, which infects and reproduces in host cells.**

**Proliferation and multiplication of the virus is possible only in infected cells.**

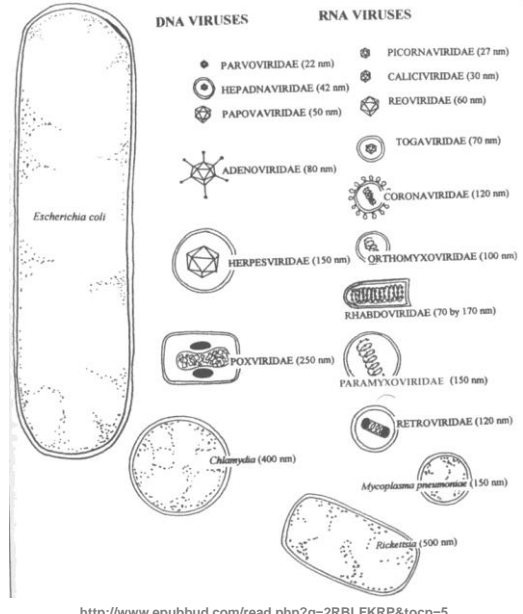
Viruses do not have translation system (ribosomes and transfer RNA) necessary for proteosynthesis. That is the reason why proliferation is possible in host cells only (bacterias, animals and plants).

**Some viruses (poxviruses, herpesviruses or rhabdoviruses..) contains enzymes important for viral reproduction inside the virions.**

**Virion is complete fully matured viral particle able to infect the cell.**

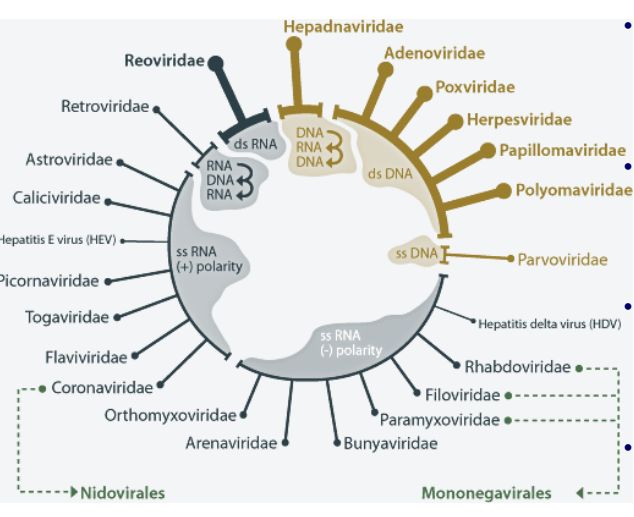


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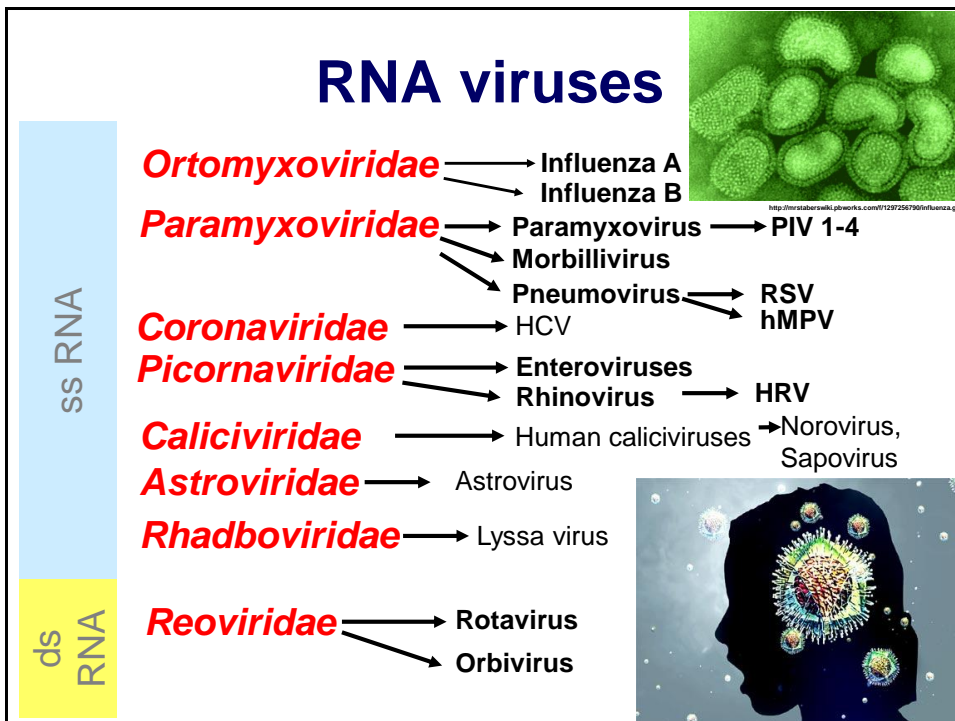
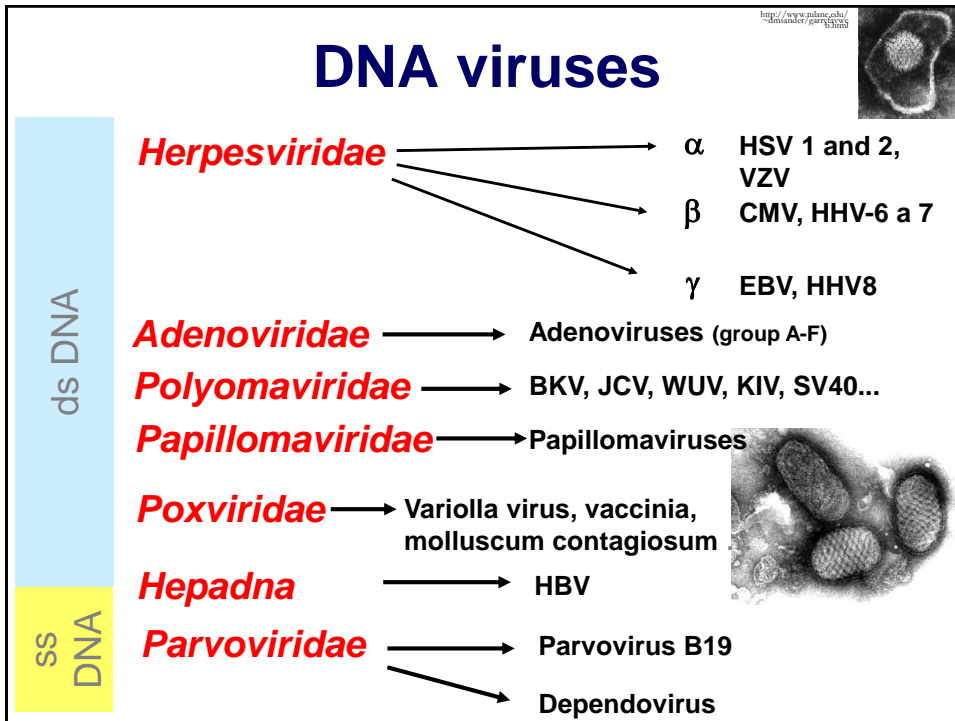


- Different capsid symmetry (22 nm-250nm)
- May be enveloped or non-enveloped
- For infection are important molecules on the viral surface which determines the cell receptors for virus binding and so specificity of viral infection for different cell types.

# How they look like?



- Coding nucleic acid can be both ss or ds and RNA and DNA
- Size of the genome is approx. between 3 kB and ≈ 200 kB
- Genome may be segmented or non-segmented
- Linear or circular



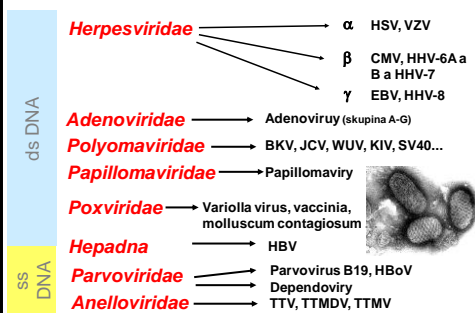
# Does it make sense to know it?



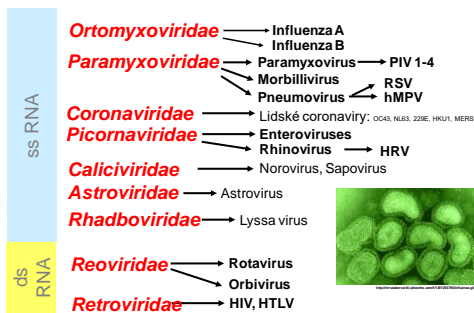
## Many viruses around

**Enveloped / non-enveloped** – different physical and chemical stability  
**RNA / DNA** - difference in stability and contagiousness

### DNA



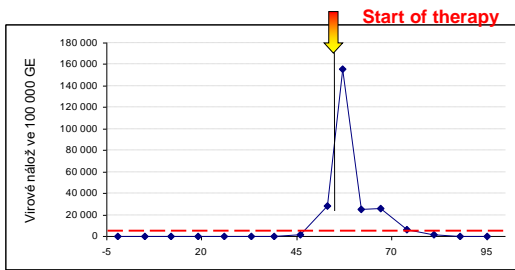
### RNA



**Bigger, usually more genes.**  
**Often – chronic and latent infections.**  
**Immune systém manipulation.**  
**Changes in cell cycle regulations genes**  
**– anti-apoptotic.**

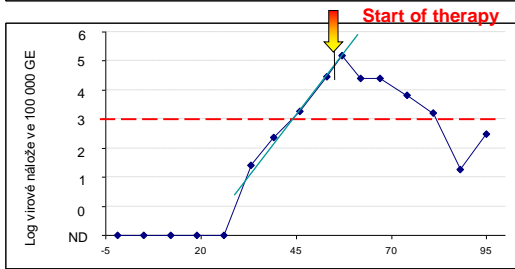
**Smaller, less genes.**  
**Rapid and acute disease.**  
**Through TLR, IFN- bigger systemic**  
**impact of the infection.**  
**Higher mutation rate.**

# Exponential virus proliferation



In vivo CMV doubling time

**48-72 hours**



Day	Diff. in days	CMV NVCs	Vypočítaná nálož do dalšího vyšetření při čase 48 hodin
19	7	0	
26	7	0	
33	7	260	
39	6	2 300	2 980
46	7	18 700	27 500
53	7	281 700	374 400

Patient with AML dg. after allo-HSCT

# Rapid changes in CMV genome

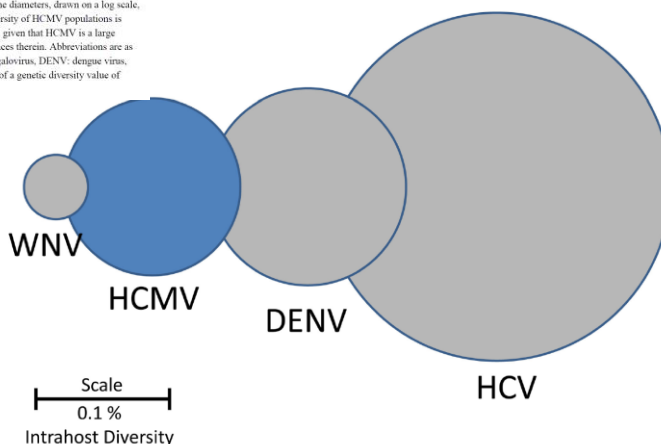
Whole genome sequencing – NGS.

Human Cytomegalovirus Intra-host Evolution – A New Avenue for Understanding and Controlling Herpesvirus Infections

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Figure 1. HCMV Intra-host genetic diversity as compared to RNA viruses. Viral intra-host diversities are represented as circles with the diameters, drawn on a log scale, representing reported values of diversity. The genetic diversity of HCMV populations is comparable to those of RNA viruses, an unexpected result given that HCMV is a large dsDNA virus. Values were obtained from [16] and references therein. Abbreviations are as follows: WNV: West Nile Virus, HCMV: human cytomegalovirus, DENV: dengue virus, HCV: hepatitis C virus. Scale bar represents the diameter of a genetic diversity value of 0.1%.

Re-infections in 10%  
Predominant sequence in about 90% of viral population



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## Balance in the (immunocompromised) patient



**Immune system**  
(immunocompromised  
treatment,  
chemotherapy, ...)



**Pathogens**  
Lymphocyte regulated – viruses,  
mycoses

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*In patient with steroids and immunosuppressive therapy, symptoms do not have to develop completely, or might be modified including the rapid and severe course of infection. **Vaccination may fail.***

**Always higher risk of symptomatic end-organ disease.**

## Detection methods in virology

- Microscopic **Direct detection**
- Cultivation
- Detection of the antigen
- Detection of the nucleic acid

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- Detection of the antibodies
- (Signs of disease)

**Indirect detection**

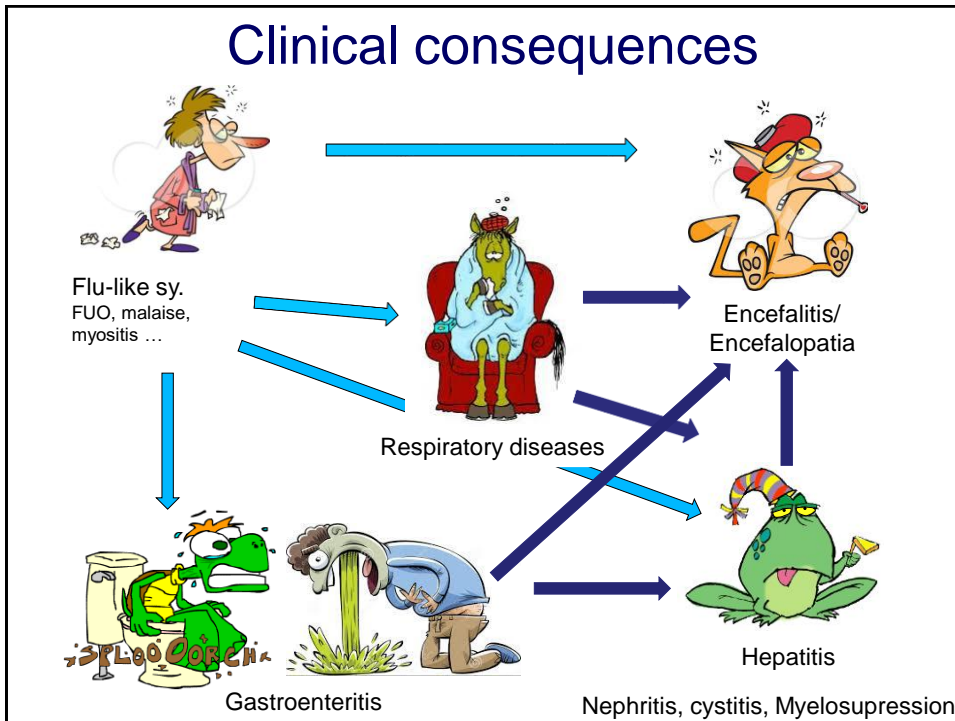
## Signs of the disease

Clinical signs of disease leading to suspicion of viral infection (poliomyelitis) were described first 3 700 BC in Egypt.

Typical signs are e.g. in:

- varicella
- zoster
- fully developed IM
- papillomaviral infection (wart)
- also in HHV-8 and other viral infections





MAJOR ARTICLE

## Astrovirus VA1/HMO-C: An Increasingly Recognized Neurotropic Pathogen in Immunocompromised Patients

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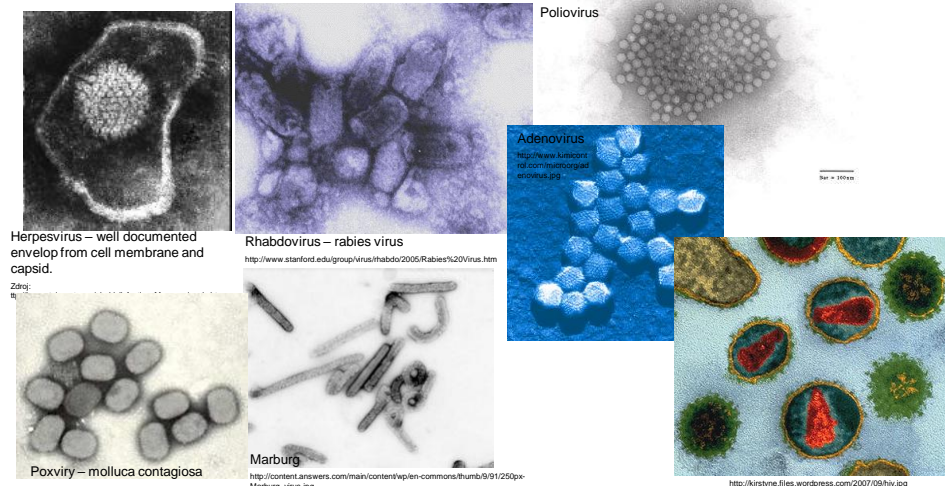


## Microscopic techniques

- Elektronmicroscopic detection of virus
  - In liquid materials after virus concentration
  - In the tissues
  - Immunoelectron microscopic detection after signing of virus with specific antibody
- Immunohistochemical detection of virus in the cells
  - Methods for histology testing of biopsies
  - Cytological technique

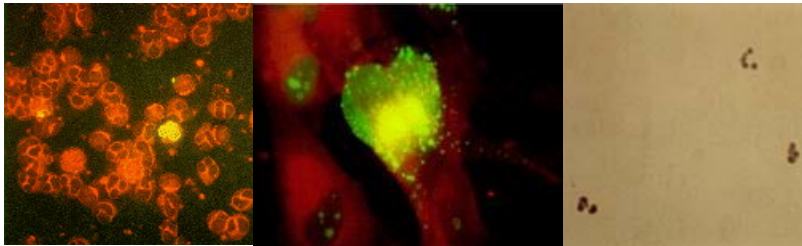
## Electronmicroscopic evidence

First photography of virus was published in 1939. Further development of electronmicroscopy established this technique in routine diagnostic of viral infections. Different morphology and size of viral particles makes this technique still very useful in clinical detection.



## Immunohistochemical detection of viral proteins

At the present time, detection of viral proteins is based on using of monoclonal antibodies fluorescent microscopy.

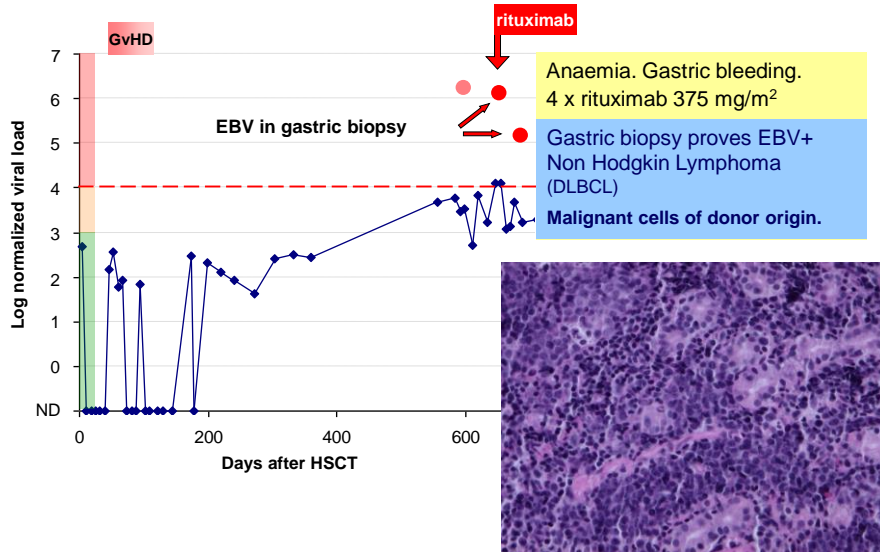


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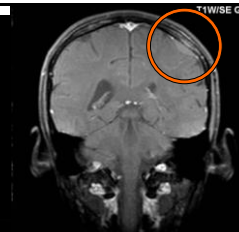
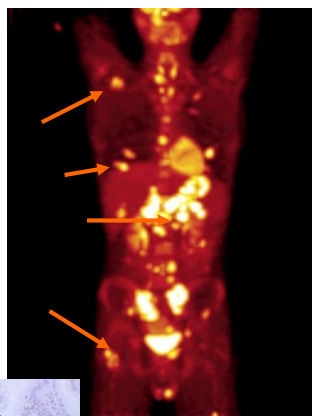
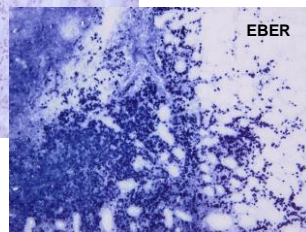
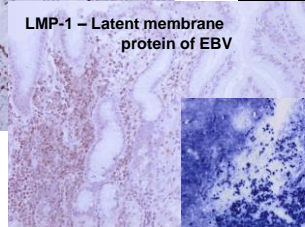
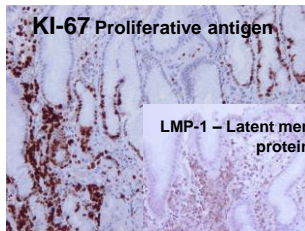
## Using of microscopical techniques

- Histochemical detection
  - Especially during pathological testing
- Electron microscopy
  - For particular types of samples and viruses
  - Lower sensitivity comparing to the cultivation and PCR
- Optical microscopy
  - Might be useful supplemental technique
    - Signs of inflammation without bacterias suggests viral ethiology

## Localised EBV-LPD (NHL)



Treatment according to the **BFM NHL 2004** protocol.  
During last block of chemotherapy  
*Pseudomonas aeruginosa* sepsis.



## Methods of cultivation

- Cultivation on cell (tissue) cultures
  - Classic with cytopathic effect
  - Rapid with immunochemical visualization of the virus
- Cultivation on chicken embryos
- Test on the animal

## Tissue cultivation

### Pros

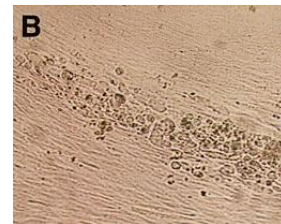
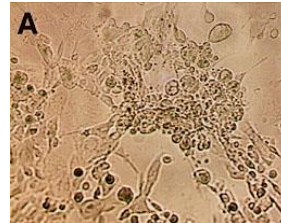
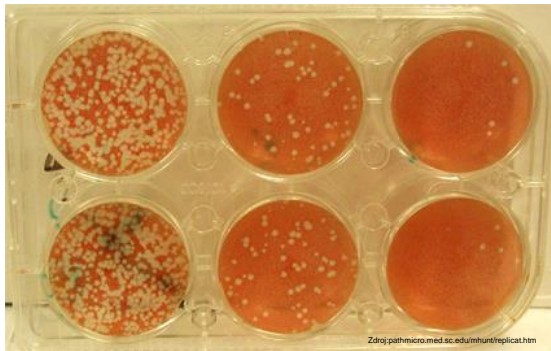
- Proving a „living“ virus
- Ability to do additional tests
- Detection wider spectrum of viruses

### Cons

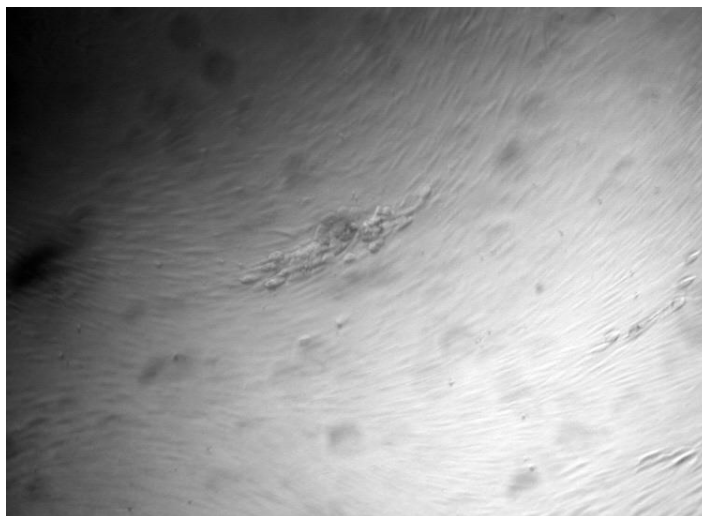
- Sensitive to transport conditions
- Some viruses are badly cultivated in *vitro* (longer time to detection)
- Difficulties in work with tissue monolayers (contamination with bacterias and mycoses)

## Viral cultivation

Additional possibility for viral detection is cultivation on tissue monolayers. J. Enders used it for the first time for poliovirus in 1949. Plaque forming assay was first used in 1952 by R. Dulbecco. Subsequently, plaque forming units (PFU) were established. Shell vial cultivation shortened the time.

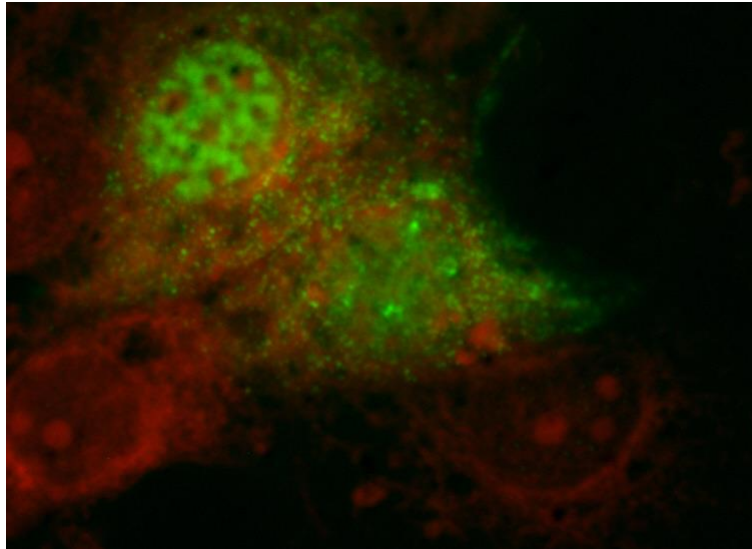


## Cytopatic effect - CMV



## Influenza A virus on tissue monolayers

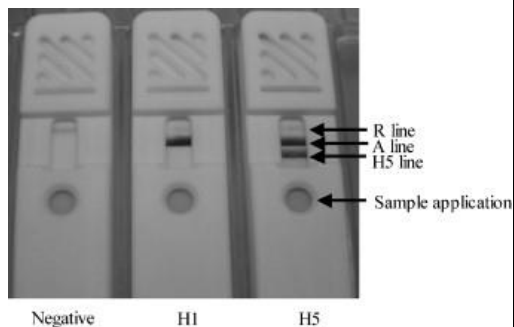
- monoclonal antibody stained with FITC



Methods of the viral detection - DIRECT

### Viral antigen detection

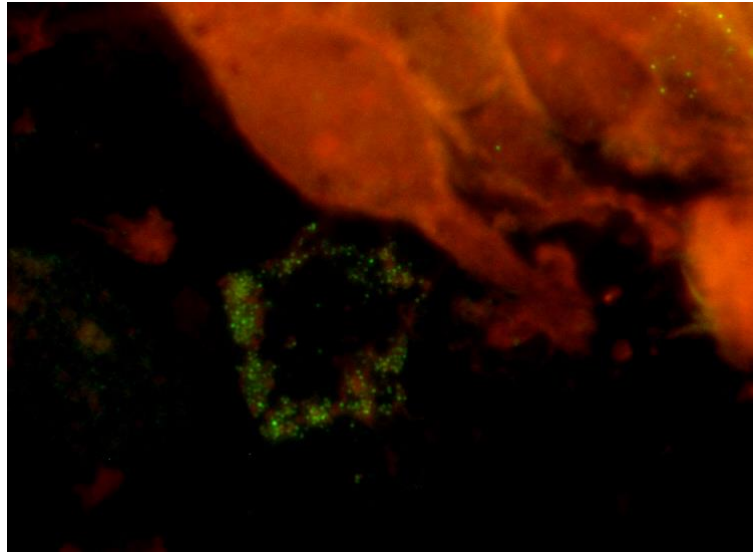
- Detection of single or only couple of pathogens
- Detection of presence/absence; sometimes possibility of (semi-) quantification.
- Based on antigen-antibody reaction



**Sensitivity approx. about 30-40% compared to PCR (real ≈20%).**

**Price approx. 4-6 €**

## Antigen detection of Adenovirus in the lung tissue



Methods of the viral detection - DIRECT

### Using of antigen detection

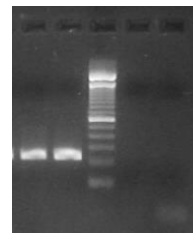
- In case of infection with defined clinical picture and only few possible pathogens (e.g. respiratory tract inf.)
- Infection necessary to be monitored in defined group of patients (e.g. CMV in the immunocompromised host).
- Infection, in which is antigen present regularly in huge amounts (hepatitis B)

## Nucleic acid detection

- Detection of one or couple agens only
  - Amplification (PCR, NASBA) - sensitive
  - Without amplification (gene probes) – less sensitive
- Rapid and perspective

## PCR reactions

- Qualitative
  - Basic diagnostics
  - Detection of presence/absence of single agens only
- Multiplex
  - Detection of more pathogens in a single reaction
  - Important is detection of product
- Quantitative
  - Competitive
  - Real - time PCR



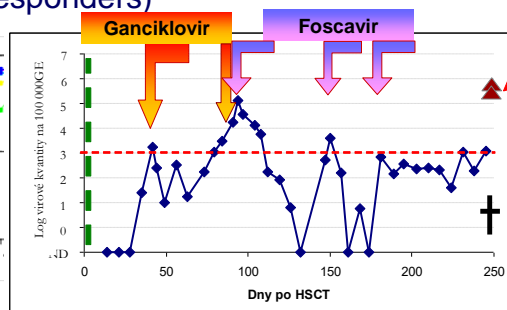
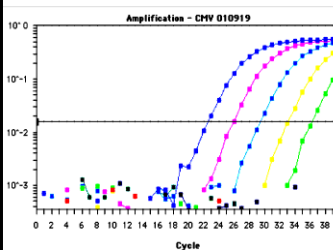


## Using of PCR

- **Pros**
- High sensitivity
- rapid
- Highly specific
- Possibility of quantification
- **Cons**
- Sensitive for manipulation
- Detection of vial and non-vial agents
- Risk of inhibition and false positivity

## Using of Real-time PCR

- Quantification of microbial agents to find diagnosis and prognosis
- Monitoring of patients in immunosuppression (quick start of the treatment)
- Monitoring of virostatic treatment (detection of resistance in patient - nonresponders)

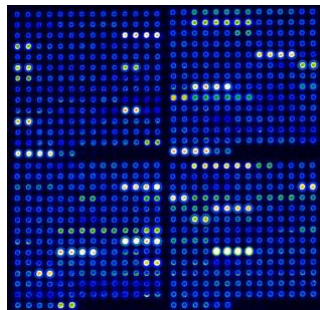


## Sequencing and detection of agent according to the database

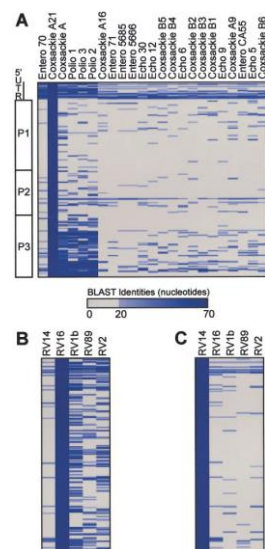
- Detection of nucleotid sequence according to the database
- Less useful in virology
- Quality of database matters
- At the present time more supplementary

## Detection of nucleic acids using CHIP technique

Since 2000, there are first papers describing possibility of viral detection by CHIP technique.



This approach was used also for discovery of two new human polyomaviruses WU and KI in 2007 which were isolated from respiratory tract.



## **Comparing of techniques – sensitivity**

- PCR and cultivation amplified samples quantity of the agents - sensitive
  - PCR depends on type of techniques (primers, multiplex...)
- Cultivation is easily influenced by experience and type of agents (growth factors)
- Detection of antigens in sampled quantity only – less sensitive
- Microscopy is more or less for orientation only

## **Comparing of techniques – specificity**

- Cultivation has minimum of false positive reactions
- PCR – depends on quality of detection and primers – detects all not only viable virus
- Antigen detection has lower specificity

## **Comparing of techniques – necessary time**

- Antigen detection – results normally within 30 minutes
- PCR – result can be generated within couple of hours
- Cultivation – takes usually days to weeks

## **Comparing of techniques – possibility of wide detection**

- PCR and antigen detection detects only particular pathogens (with exception of sequencing)
- Cultivation can detect more viruses
- Electron microscopy detect widest spectra of viruses (limited by staff experience)

**Detection of antibodies reflects only reaction of part of the immune system against infection.**

### **Detection of antibodies**

- Can detect immunoglobulins in different classes (IgG, IgM, IgA)
- At the beginning of the infection, there is no specific antibody production
- Not suitable for monitoring of the treatment

## **Main usage of the antibody detection**

- Viral infections with huge systemic response (influenza, rubella, hepatitis)
- More severe bacterial infections (pertusse, syphilis)
- Systemic infections with single cell parasites (toxoplasmosis)

## **Limited or small impact of antibody detection**

- Infections with intracellular bacterias (Mycobacterium tuberculosis)
- Local infections (uncomplicated salmonellosis, tonsillitis, urinary tract infections)
- Reactivation of persistent infections (herpes)

## Classical methods of antibody detection

- Complement fixation
  - Good specificity, reasonable sensitivity, cheap.
  - Application: especially for respiratory tract infection
- Haemagglutinin inhibition
  - specific, reasonable sensitivity, cheap.
- Agglutination and precipitation
  - specific, less sensitive, cheap.

**Major disadvantage is necessity of pair serum testing.**

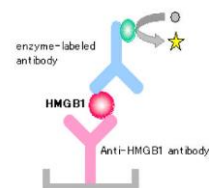
## Immunochemical methods

EIA (enzyme immunoanalysis),

IF (immunofluorescence),

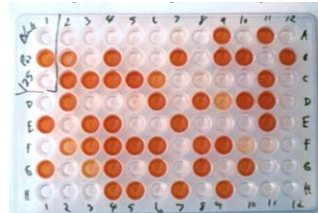
RIA (radio-immunoanalysis),

ELISA (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay)



**Advantage: very good reproducibility of result, discrimination of immunoglobulin classes, high sensitivity**

**Disadvantage: more expensive, sometime unspecific results**



## Why can antibody detection fail?

- Significant part of infection is destroyed by unspecific immunity  
(no activation of specific immunity)
- Detection has limited sensitivity, method is inappropriate or blood sample has been drawn too early
- Infection was caused by another than tested pathogen.

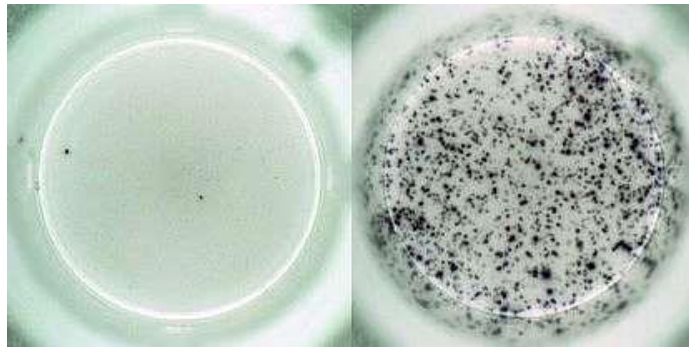
## Is antigen detection really easy?

- Technically is antigen detection easy
- Difficult is interpretation of result
  - There is no „normal range“
  - Sensitivity of methods depend on type of used antigen – **no standardisation**
  - Immune system of every person react in a unique way.

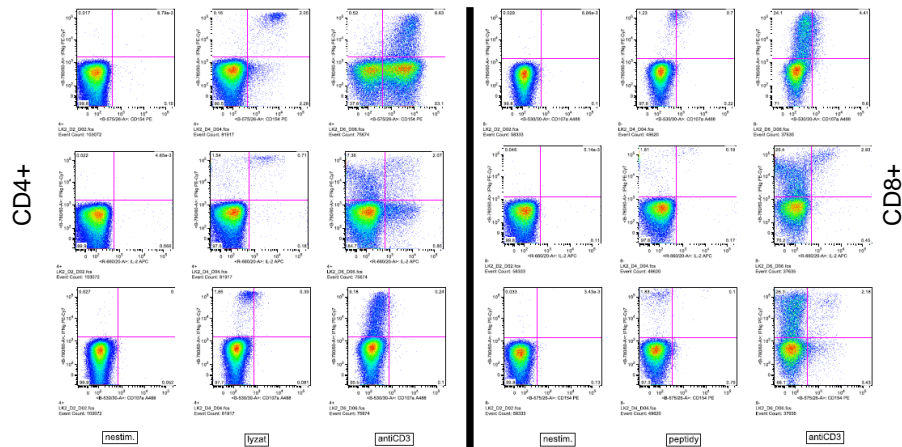


## Detection of specific lymphocytes

Further step in detection of viral infection consequence using molecular biology.  
Detection of lymphocytes producing IFN- $\gamma$  after antigen stimulation – by  
ELISPOT assay or flow cytometry.



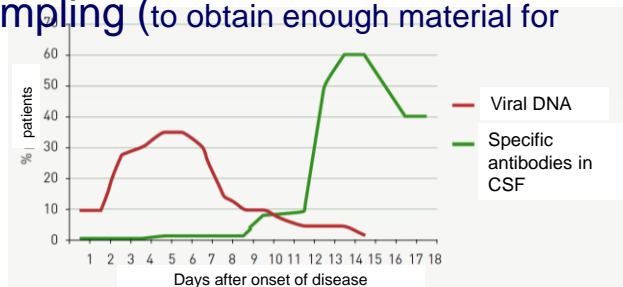
## Detection of specific lymphocytes



## Sampling of material for cultivation

- In an acute phase of infection
  - Smaller viability in latter phases
- Sampling from the place with highest pathogen concentration
  - Important is the knowledge about pathogenesis of infection
- Vigorous sampling (to obtain enough material for testing)

PCR and antibody response against herpesvirus infection in CSF



## Sampling for direct detection

- Antigen detection (and Nucleic Acid) without amplification
  - Very important is sampling of vigorous volume of material in acute phase
- Nucleic acid detection with amplification
  - Can be used also in situation when number and viability of pathogens decrease (but there are also some limitations!)
  - There is necessary to use special clean sampling and transport sets (due to risk of DNA and especially RNA destruction)

## **Transport**

- **Cultivation**
  - transport medium according to the suggestion of the lab
  - Maintaining and transport at fridge temperature
  - Important is length of transport (up to 24 hours)
- **Antigen detection**
  - It is important to avoid sample destruction
- **Nucleic acid detection**
  - It is important to avoid sample destruction (destruction of NA or adding of inhibitors into the samples)

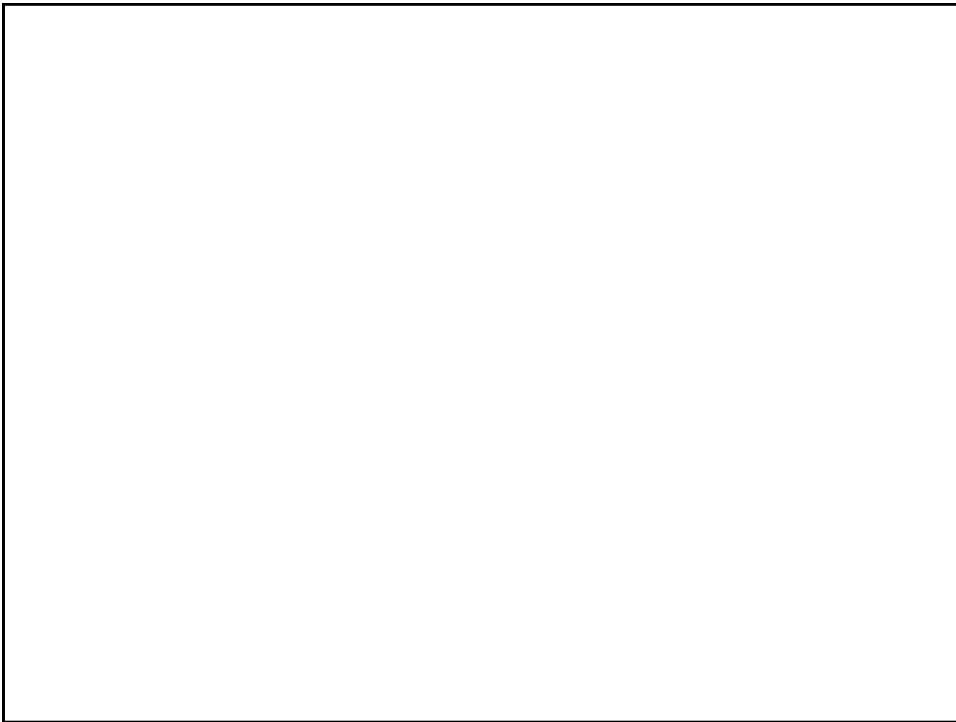
## **What is important for communication with the lab**

- To know what I need  
(Ask a proper question – differential diagnostics)
- To know what and how quickly can be tested
- To know pathogenesis of infection and test the samples according to the phase of infection
- To be able to communicate with people from lab

## What should good lab do

- Standard result in a reasonable time
- Express testing in severe clinical situations
- Consultation of diagnostic possibilities
- Interpretation of the result and advise with further steps in diagnostics and therapy
- Inform clinical staff about diagnostic impact of the result (sensitivity, specificity, negative and positive predictive value)

Before sampling a sample, you have to know what will be impact of the result for management in case of positivity or negativity  
If there will be no difference in both cases – test is senseless.



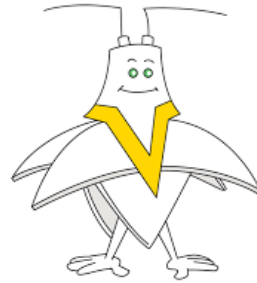
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**Direct**

**Indirect**

## How long does it take to produce detectable specific antibodies?

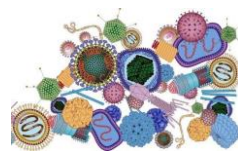
- A) 0.5 day
- B) 3 days
- C) approx. a week
- D) approx. 3 weeks
- E) approx. 6 weeks



## Possibilities of influence of viral infection



**Immune system**  
(immunosuppressive treatment, chemotherapy, ...)




**Pathogens**  
Lymphocyte regulated – viruses, mykoses

1. Prevention – vaccination
2. Decrease of immunosuppressive therapy
4. Improvement of lymphocyte function
6. Improvement/adding specific lymphocytes

3. Decrease of viral proliferation by virostatic therapy
5. Destruction of permissive cells


# 1. Prevention - Vaccination

Acyclovir






TBE  
Influenza  
Rotaviruses  
Human papillomaviruses  
Hepatitis A

**Travel and special vaccin**  
Lyssa  
Yellow fever  
...



## CHŘIPKOVÉ VAKCÍNY


Dnes jediná vysoce účinná prevence chřipky

celovirionové vakcíny	vakcíny typu „split“	subjednotkové vakcíny
		
obsahují kompletní viry	obsahují virové částice ve vysoce purifikované formě	obsahují pouze purifikované HA a NA antigeny

Vakcíny sezónní i pandemické s adjuvantním prostředkem nebo bez něj, injekční do svalu či kůže nebo ve spreji na sliznici nosní

# 2. Decrease of the immunosuppression treatment intensity

Acyclovir



Autoimmune disease  
Transplant patients  
iatrogenic immunosuppression

**STEROIDS**  
> 2 mg/kg leads to lymphopenia

**„BIOLOGIC TREATMENT“**  
infiximab (anti TNF-α)  
basiliximab (anti CD25 – α řetězec IL-2R)  
Campath (anti CD-52)  
Antithymocytární globulin (ATG)

buňky zánětu  
KORTIKOSTEROIDY  
tkáňové buňky

eosinofily (+ poškození)  
T lymfocyty (+ cytolýza)  
mastocyty (+ poškození)  
makrofágy (+ cytolýza)  
dendritické buňky (+ poškození)

fasinkové buňky (+ cytokiny, mediátory)  
endoteliální buňky (+ propustnost)  
hlavní slizniční žlázy (+ sekrece hlenu)

<http://www.remedia.cz/Oleuly-kemal/Alergologie/Nezdrav-kortikosteroidy-a-ovlivneni-ocich-priznaku-alergicko-misty/2008.wfumbalidatol.szhv>

### 3. Decrease of viral proliferation

Acyclovir

**Aiming proliferation important viral genes**

DNA/RNA polymerase  
herpesviruses, AdV

Reverse transcriptase  
Protease  
Neuraminidase

**Antibodies against permissive cells**

anti CD20 - rituximab

**Neutralising antibodies**

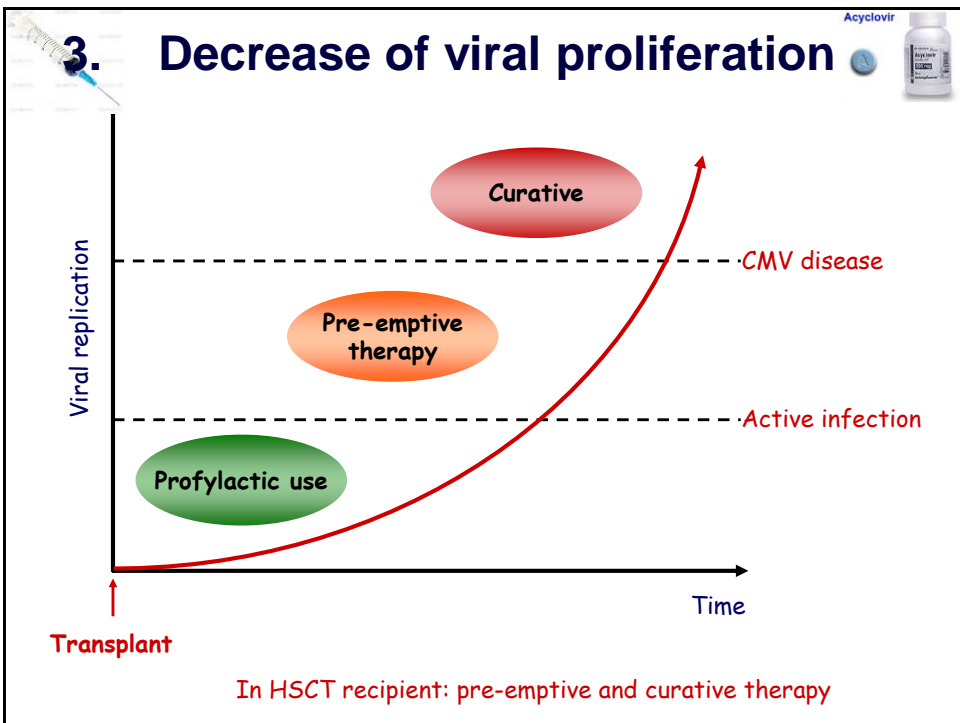
**Prophylactic prevention**

motavizumab  
palivizumab (Synagis)  
Humanised neutralizing antibody against F- protein of RSV

**HCV, HBV, HIV  
herpesviruses**

The diagram illustrates the stages of viral fusion: Pre-fusion, Pre-hairpin, Hairpin, and Post-fusion. It shows the interaction between the target cell membrane and the viral membrane. Key components include HR-N and HR-C. Inhibition points are marked: 'No inhibition' at the Pre-fusion stage, 'inhibition?' at the Pre-hairpin stage, and 'inhibition' at the Hairpin stage. Assays mentioned include Virus attachment assay, Lipids mixing assay, Virus transcription assay, and Cell-to-cell fusion assay.

Huang K et al. J. Virol. 2010;84:8132-8140

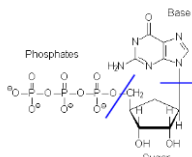




# Virostatic drugs impact

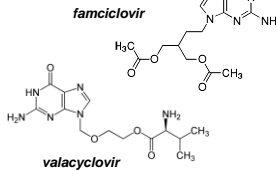
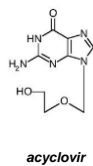
## Virostatics

usually cellular nucleotides analogues blocking (more or less specifically) viral polymerase (acyclovir, ganciklovir, cidofovir...), or polymerase directly blocking drugs without similarity to nucleosides (e.g. foscarnet) or viral protein blocking drugs (neuraminidase inhibitors..)

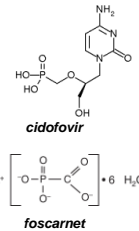


Guanidine trifosfát (GTP)

Nejčastěji používaná virostatika používaná při léčbě  $\alpha$ -herpesvirových infekcí (podle ECIL3).



valacyclovir  
Léky první volby.

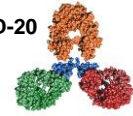


foscarnet  
Léky používané při HSV rezistentní k léčbě.

## Antibodies with virostatic effect

Neutralising antibodies against certain proteins important in pathogenesis of viral disease (F protein in RSV) or aimed against target cells (anti-CD20 in EBV).

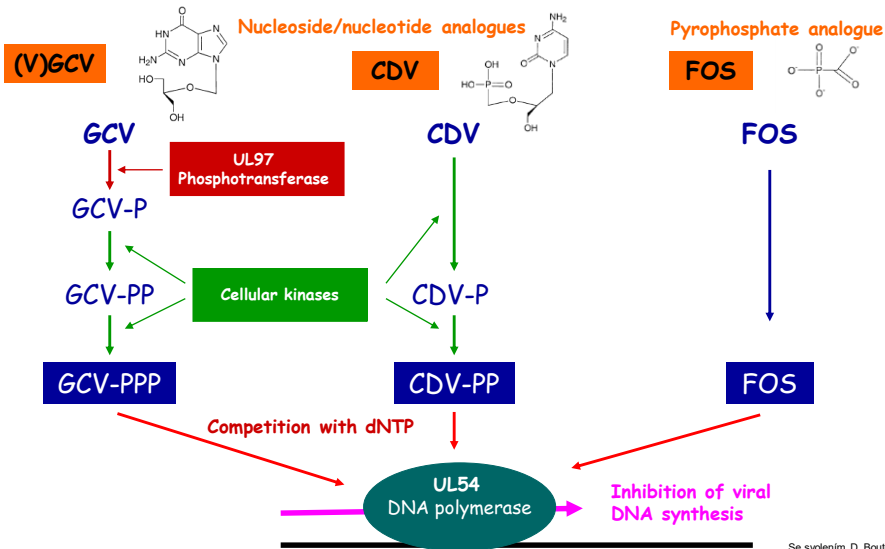
## Anti CD-20

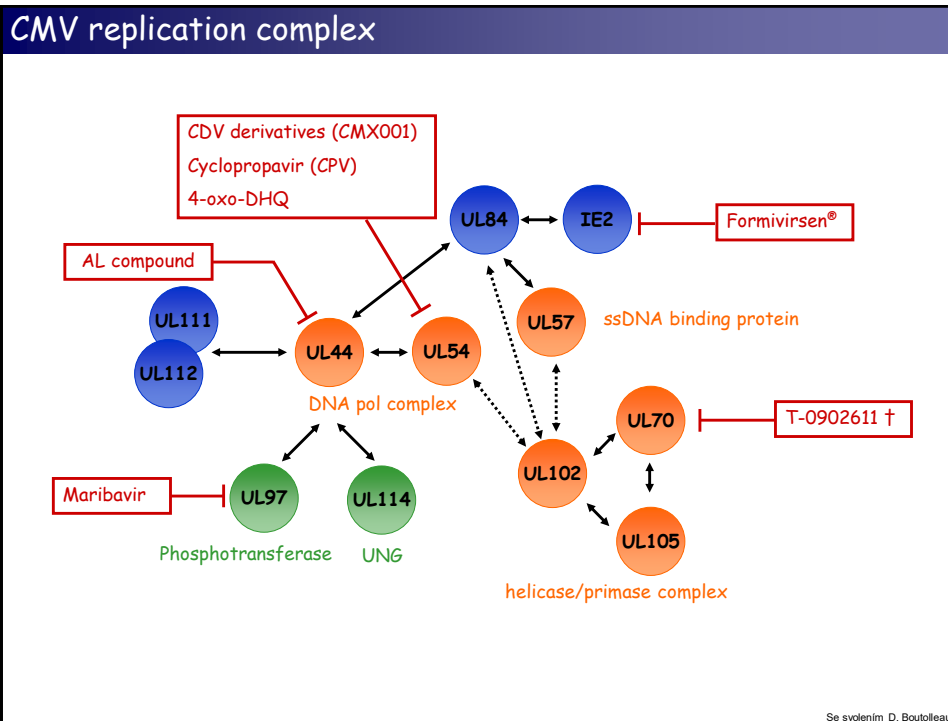


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## 3. Decrease of viral proliferation

### → Inhibitors of CMV DNA polymerase UL54





### 3. Decrease of viral proliferation

#### Inhibition of herpesviruses and the possible resistance

HSV, VZV Thymidine Kinase

ACV → ACV - mono P → ACV - PPP → Inhibition of viral DNA polymerase

PEN → PEN - mono P → PEN - PPP → Inhibition of viral DNA polymerase

GCV → GCV - mono P → GCV - PPP → Inhibition of viral DNA polymerase

CMV UL97

Drugs bypassing monophosphorylation pathway: Foscarnet, Cidofovir, Trifluorothymidine

HSV, VZV drug resistance due to viral enzyme alterations at positions 1 and 3  
 CMV drug resistance due to viral enzyme alterations at positions 2 and 3

ACV = aciclovir    PEN = penciclovir    GCV = ganciclovir    P = phosphate

[http://biology.kerryon.edu/stenc/bc33stanckl\\_02acyclovir\\_fig2.JPG](http://biology.kerryon.edu/stenc/bc33stanckl_02acyclovir_fig2.JPG)

Acyclovir (ACV)

extracellular    intracellular

activation by phosphorylation

thymidine kinase → Acyclovir-MP

GMP kinase → Acyclovir-DP

cellular phosphatases → Acyclovir-TP

viral DNA polymerase → competitive inhibition


deoxy-guanosine triphosphate (dGTP)

nonfunctional complex

DNA chain termination

template    primer

phosphate strand ends (nucleotides)

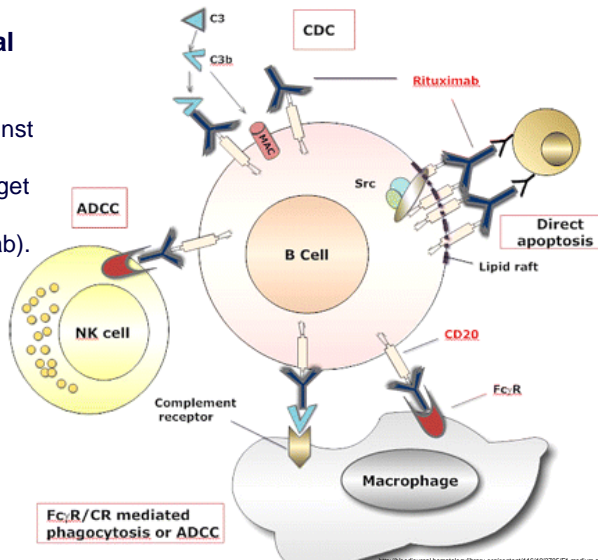
Acyclovir 

### 3. Decrease of viral proliferation

#### Antibodies

**Antibodies with antiviral effect**

Neutralising antibodies against proteins important in viral pathogenesis or against target cells of virus (anti-CD20 u EBV - rituximab).



**Fc<sub>γ</sub>R/CR mediated phagocytosis or ADCC**

**Direct apoptosis**

**ADCC**

**CDC**

**Rituximab**

**B Cell**

**NK cell**

**Macrophage**

**CD20**

**Fc<sub>γ</sub>R**

**Complement receptor**

**Src**

**Lipid raft**

**C3**

**C3b**

**ADCC**

<http://www.courtesy.com/images/img18.jpg>

<http://bloodjournal.hematologylibrary.org/content/116/19/3705-F1.medium.gif>

## Dosing of most frequently used virostatic drugs

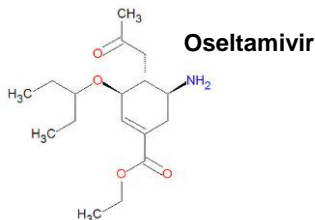
- **acyclovir** (HSV, VZV)
  - **Prophylactical dosing** – 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/dose in infusion for 60 minut twice daily with maximum 750 mg/dose
  - **Therapeutical dosing** – for 7–10 days  
250 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/dose in infusion for 60 minutes á 8 hours with maximum of 500 mg/dose (resp. 10-15 mg/kg/dose)
- **ganciclovir** (CMV, HHV-6, HHV-7)
  - **Therapeutical dosing** – at least 3 weeks  
2 weeks 5 mg/kg/dose in infusion for 60 min á 12 hours, 2 týdny; subsequently 5 mg/kg/dose in infusion for 60 min/ day
- **foscarnet** (CMV, HHV-6, HHV-7, HSV, VZV)
  - **Therapeutical dosing** – for 3 weeks  
60 mg/kg/dose in infusion for 60 min (or i.v.) á 12 hours, 1- 2 weeks; subsequently 90 mg/kg/dose in infusion for 60 min (or i.v.) á 24 hours
- **cidofovir** (CMV, HHV-6, HHV-7, HSV, VZV, adenoviruses, BKV, ... )
  - In case of CMV disease 5 mg/kg/dose in infusion (1/1 physiological solution) 1x week
- **oseltamivir** (Influenza)
  - **Prophylactical dosing** - 30-60 mg in children younger 12 yrs. according to the weight (>15 kg - 30 mg, 15 to 23 kg - 45 mg, 23 to 40 kg – 60 mg), in patients older 13 yrs. and heavier 40 kg then 75 mg for at least 10 dni.
  - **Therapeutical dosing** – at least 10 days in children and adults; dvojnásobek prophylactic dosing – in adults 75 mg 2x day, in very severe cases 150 mg 2x day.

## Adverse effects of the virostatic drugs

- **Acyclovir/valaciclovir**
  - **AE usually reversible**, usually in patients with hepatopathy.
  - rarely haematopoietic and lymphatic system disorders (anaemia, leucopenia, thrombocytopenia), hepatitis, nephrotoxicity.
- **Ganciclovir/valganciclovir**
  - **myelosuppressive effects** (neutropenia (25–40 %), thrombocytopenia (9-20 %)
  - nauzea, vomiting and diarrhea, increase of the liver enzymes: confusion and seizures; renal insufficiency (rarely in patients after heart tx.); enormously rare exanthema or eosinophilia
- **Foscarnet**
  - **Nephrotoxicity**- rarely acute renal failure (uremia and polyuria), potentially metabolic acidosis and diabetes insipidus
  - Increase of the liver enzymes, LDH, ALP and amylase; often nauzea, vomiting nad diarrhea, rash (exanthema), tremor, muscle weakness and increase in body temperature, thrombocytopenia, hypokalemia, hypomagnezemia, hypo- or hyperfosfataemia, **hypocalcemia** (shortly after infusion or tonic-clonic seizures) – increased risk in CNS disorder or ciprofloxacin administration
  - Headache, tiredness, paresthesia, tremor, ataxia. Neuropathy, hypestazia, confusion, depression, psychosis, agresive reactions, psychosis, agresive reactions; changes in ECG, hyper- hypotension, rarely even chamber arhythmias
  - Often Phlebitis (thrombophlebitis) in administration of concentrated solutions (> 12 mg/ml) to peripheral vein.

## Adverse effects of the virostatic drugs

- **Cidofovir**
  - **nephrotoxicity** – proteinuria, creatinine increase; acute and even with delay; - good hydration, together with probenecid
  - potentially to **chronic renal failure** with dialysis
  - other more common neutropenia, headache, nauzea, vomiting, alopecia, rash, weakness and fever. Described also ocular toxicity.
- **Oseltamivir**
  - most frequent AE are nausea, vomiting and belly pain
- **Ribavirine**
  - **Haematopoietic disorders, depression, teratogenic effect (inhalation)** from that reason there must not be expomed men or women about the conception. In case of higher cumulative dose risk of teratogenicity lasts for months; nausea, pain in belly....



[http://en.cdbond.com/image/thumb/618/Oseltamivir\\_structure.jpg/550x-Oseltamivir\\_structure.jpg](http://en.cdbond.com/image/thumb/618/Oseltamivir_structure.jpg/550x-Oseltamivir_structure.jpg)

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## 4. Improvement of the lymphocyte function

### Antibodies

**ADCC**

– antibody dependent cellular cytotoxicity

Both „non-specific“ IVIG, and hyperimmune globulins (e.g. Cytotect®) might be used.

Acyclovir

http://img.mf.cz/014656a.jpg

## Therapeutical possibilities of virostatics and specific antibodies

More or less specific for certain viral groups:

ds DNA	Viral Group	Specificity	Therapeutics
ds DNA	<b>Herpesviridae</b>	$\alpha$ HSV, VZV	ACV, VACV, FCS...
		$\beta$ CMV, HHV-6 a 7	GCV, VGCV, FCS, CDV, MBV, AIC246..
		$\gamma$ EBV,	Anti CD-20
	<b>Adenoviridae</b>	Adenoviruses (group A-F)	CDV, MBV...
<b>Polyomaviridae</b>	BKV, JCV, WUV, KIV, SV40...		
ss RNA	<b>Ortomyxoviridae</b>	Influenza A, Influenza B	Osetamivir, zanamivir, (rimantadine amantadine)...
	<b>Paramyxoviridae</b>	Paramyxovirus	PIV
		Morbillivirus	Ribavirine
	<b>Coronaviridae</b>	Pneumovirus	Palivizumab, motavizumab, ribavirine
		HCV	Ribavirine, interferon, boceprevir,...
	<b>Picornaviridae</b>	Enteroviruses	
		Rhinovirus	HRV
<b>Caliciviridae</b>	Human caliciviruses		
ds RNA	<b>Astroviridae</b>	Norovirus	
	<b>Rhabdoviridae</b>	Lyssa-virus	
	<b>Reoviridae</b>	Rotavirus	
		Orbivirus	

**p.o. ribavirine 10-30 mg/kg/D ve 3 dávkách**

Fourth European Conference on Infections in Leukaemia (ECLIL-4): Guidelines for Diagnosis and Treatment of Human Respiratory Syncytial Virus, Parainfluenza Virus, Metapneumovirus, Rhinovirus, and Coronavirus  
ALICIA ANTICIA CID 2013

Oral ribavirin for treatment of respiratory syncytial virus and parainfluenza 3 virus infections post allogeneic haematopoietic stem cell transplantation  
J. Cases, K. Morris, M. Narayani, M. Nakagaki and GA Kennedy

BMT 2011

## 4. Zlepšení funkce lymfocytů

### Interferon $\alpha$



Acyclovir



Používá se zejména při léčbě hepatitidy B a C.

Na trhu několik přípravků lišících se typem interferonu I –  $\alpha 2a$

Např. (rekombinantní Roferon A),  $\alpha 2b$  (rekombinantní - INTRON A), případně pegylované interferony tj. s polyetylglykolem (Pegasys<sup>TM</sup>, PEG-INTRON)

Dávka: obvykle 2,5 - 5,0 milionů IU/m<sup>2</sup>, resp. až 10 milionů IU/m<sup>2</sup> u dětí s.c., 3x týdně po dobu 4–6 měsíců.

Dávkování může být v případě nežádoucích účinků upraveno.

Není-li po 3–4 měsících léčby zlepšení, je třeba uvažovat o přerušení terapie.

Pacientům nad 18 let je v současnosti doporučen pegylovaný interferon-  $\alpha 2a$  v dávce 180  $\mu$ g/týden v jedné dávce s.c.; délka léčby dle odpovědi na léčbu - při dobré odpovědi trvá 48 týdnů.

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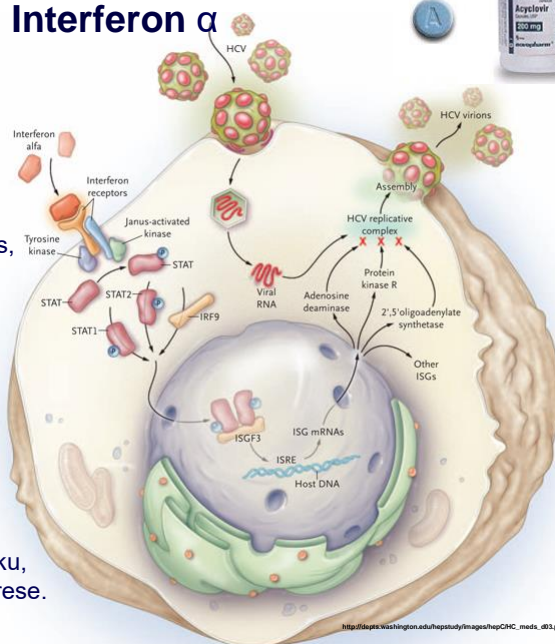
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#### NÚ:

„flu-like“: únava, zimnice, bolest svalů nebo kloubů, bolest hlavy, pocení nebo horečka.

Vzácněji pneumonie a herpes, anémie, trombocytopenie, Leukopenie, autoimunitní stavy, sarkoidóza, poruchy štítné žlázy, zažívání, hypo- a hypertenze, proteinurie a poruchy renálních funkcí, glykémie a homeostázy. Případně účinky na CNS např. poruchy citlivosti, spánku, nervozita, stavy úzkosti, deprese.



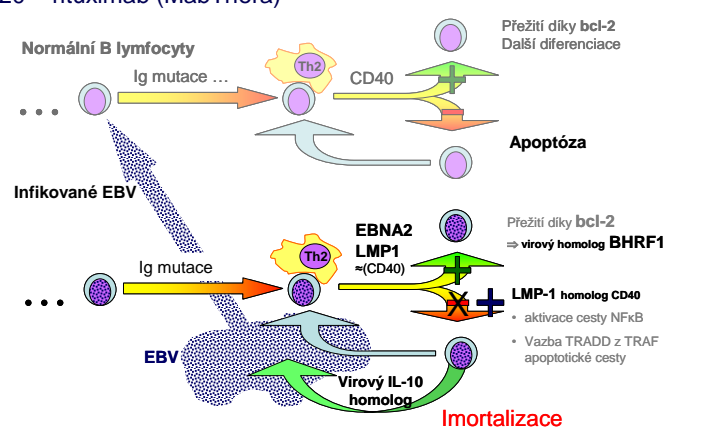
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## 5. Destruction of permissive cells

Used in EBV associated malignant disease (HL, NHL), or post-transplant EBV-LPD.

Anti CD-20 – rituximab (MabThera)

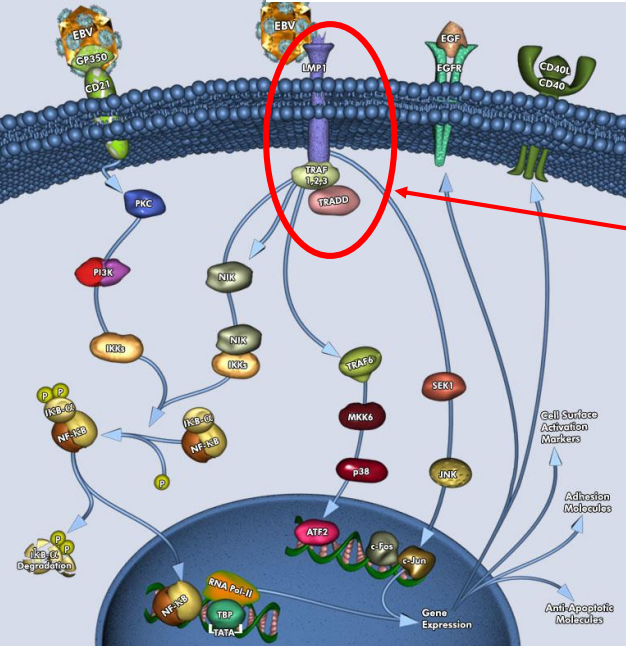


**Normální B lymfocyty**  
Ig mutace ... Th2 CD40  
Přežití díky *bcl-2*  
Další diferenciace  
Apoptóza

**Infikované EBV**  
Ig mutace EBNA2 LMP1 ≈(CD40)  
Přežití díky *bcl-2*  
⇒ virový homolog BHRF1  
LMP-1 homolog CD40  
• aktivace cesty NFκB  
• Vazba TRADD z TRAF apoptotické cesty  
Virový IL-10 homolog  
**Imortalizace**

### NF-κB Activation by EBV


## Etiopatogenesis of EBV-LPD




**EBER**  
– ↓kaspase 3, PARP  
– ↑ *bcl-2* – ↓PKR fosf.

**LMP1**  
– homologue CD40  
– binds TRADD from TRAF apoptotic pathway  
– NFκB activation, AP1, STAT1/3

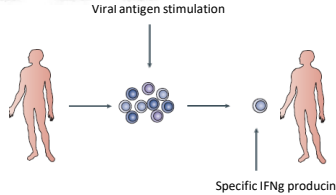
**BHRF1**  
– viral homologue *bcl-2*

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## 6. Present possibilities of specific cell production and its limitations



Viral antigen stimulation



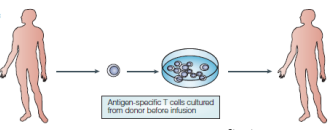
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Specific IFNγ producing T lymphocyte selection

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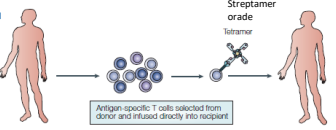
4-12 weeks of production, ATMP (advanced therapeutic medicinal product)

So far - for prophylactic use only!

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Antigen-specific T cells selected from donor and infused directly into recipient


Streptamer orade Tetramer

HLA-string, technically and financially difficult


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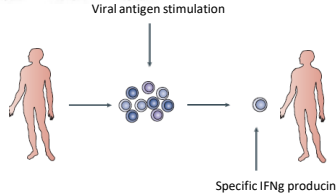
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**Promised results, however so far not useful for wide clinical practice. Price approx. 8-14 000 Eur**

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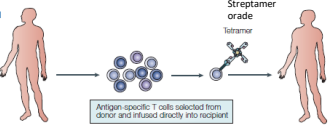
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