

Virological Medicine

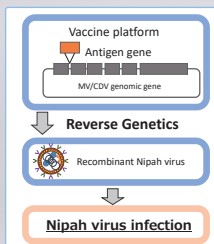
[COVID-19 Vaccines Made in JAPAN]

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Utilizing reverse genetics by producing viruses from genes, Project professor Misako Yoneda has succeeded in creating the world's first 'Nipah virus'. Through this innovation, the reasons for the high mortality from the Nipah virus and transmission across animal species have been researched and discovered.



In September 2020, with the support of the Japan Agency for Medical Research (AMED), we have succeeded in producing recombinant measles virus that can express the spike (S) protein (Antigen, target of vaccine). This virus was produced based on the knowledge and technique of the previously developed Nipah virus vaccine. In hamster experiments, we have obtained preliminary results showing that this recombinant virus can exert a preventive effect against Covid-19 infection.

With the goal of starting clinical trials in early 2022, we are collaborating with Project Professor Kai. We hope that our vaccine will help save the world from Covid-19.

Anti-CoV-S antibody titer in vaccinated hamsters

