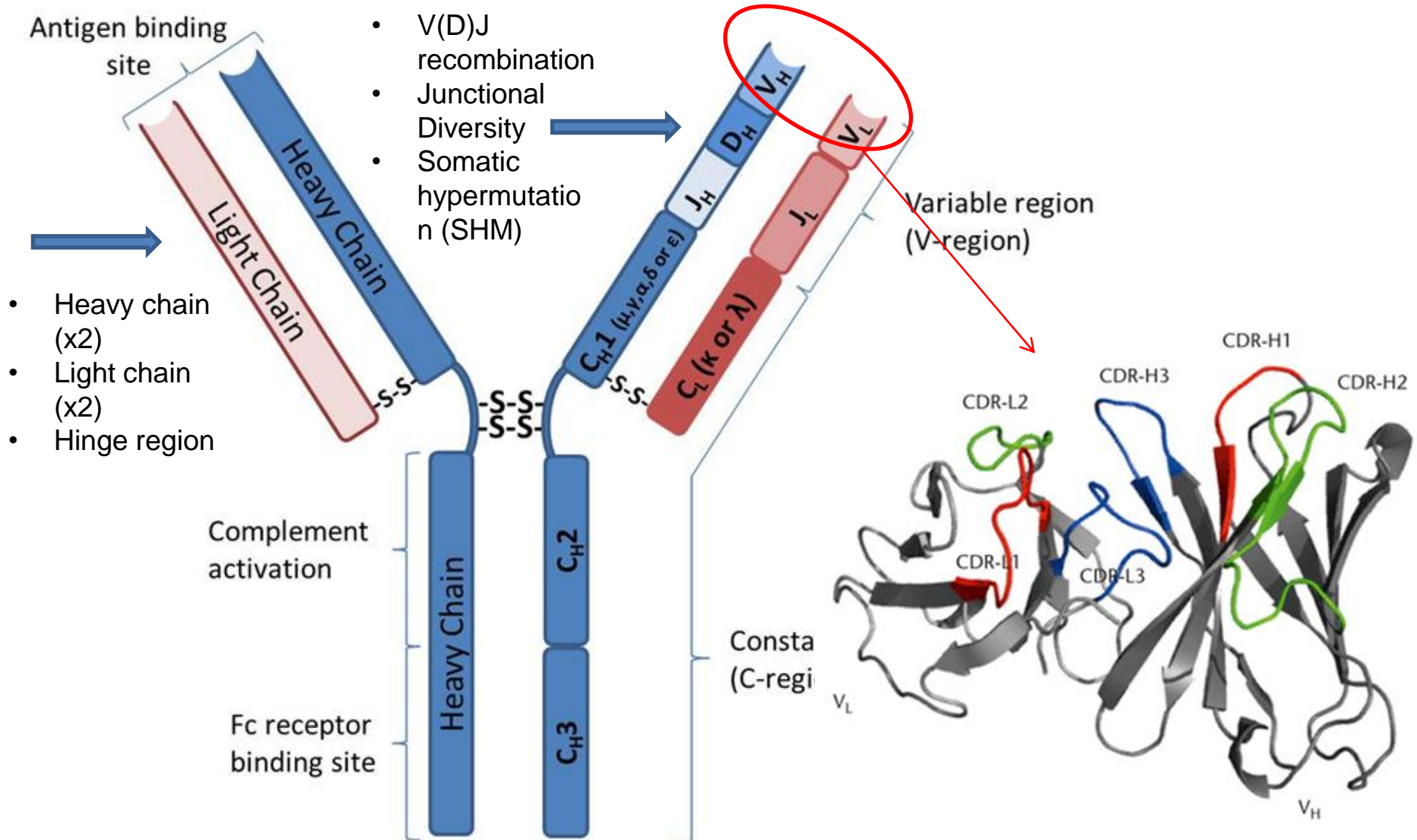


# Dissecting polyclonal responses

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# Antibody structure



# What are we trying to do?

1. Identify (and quantify) the hallmark of an FMDV specific antibody response in cattle
2. Identify antibodies that are serotype specific or cross reactive for multiple FMDV serotypes

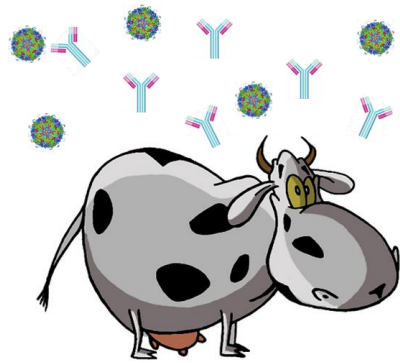
## **Requirements:**

An unbiased characterization of the antibody repertoire

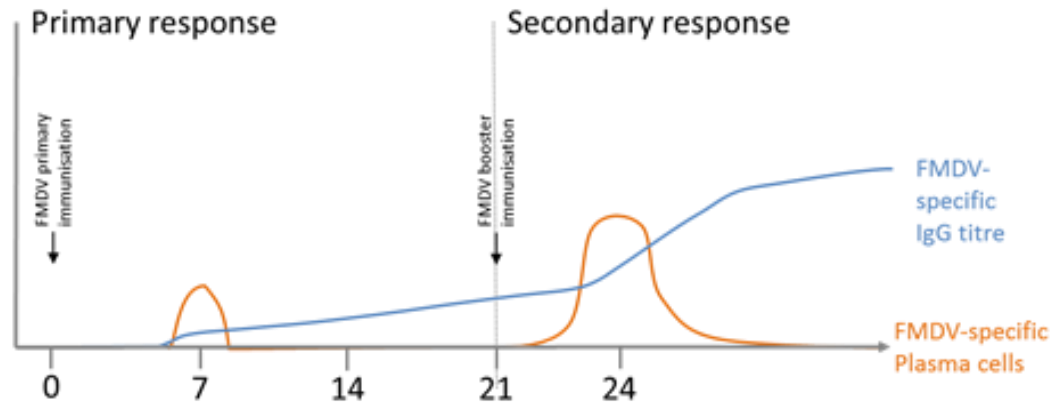
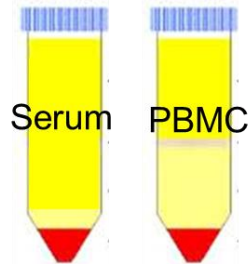
Reference-free repertoire analysis

Identification of antigen specificity within the repertoire

# How are trying to do it?



Vaccinated cattle



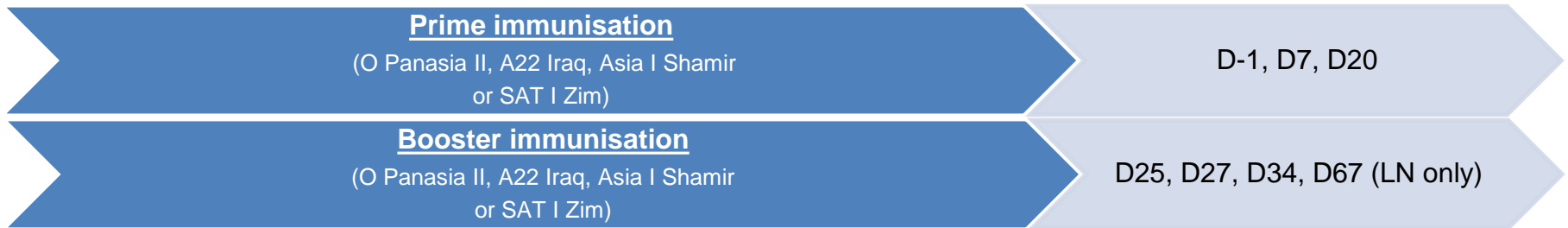
- ELISpot
- Neutralising antibody titre
- Non-neutralising antibody titre

- Heavy and light chain amplification and deep sequencing
- Single B cell sorting and amplification of heavy and light chain
- FMDV capsid pull-down and mass spec of serum antibodies

# Vaccination regimes

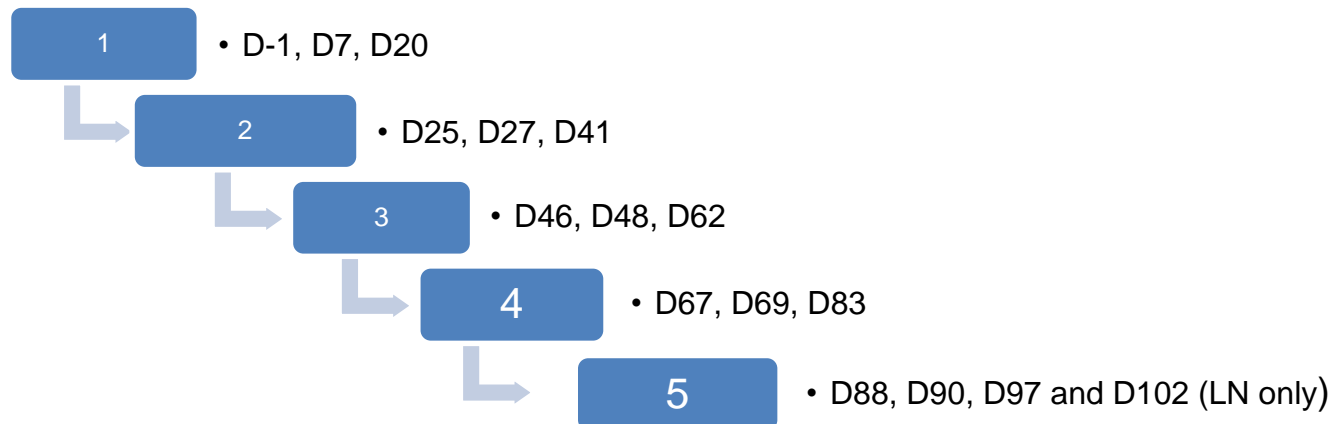
## Single serotype – Prime and boost regime.

- 4 animals per group (4 serotypes) – total 16 animals
- Booster vaccination given a day 21

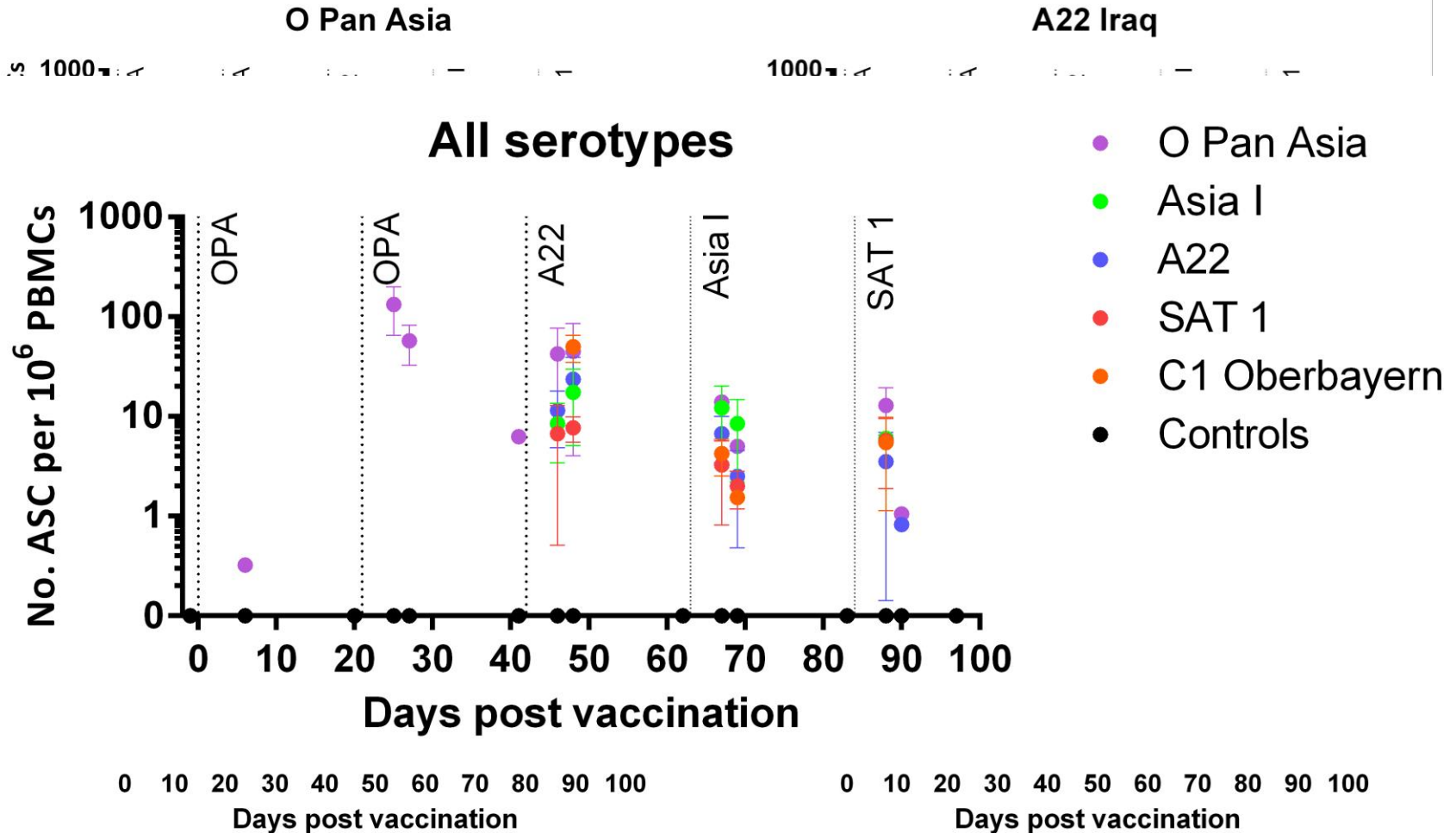


## Sequential serotype regime

- 4 animals plus 2 control animals (total 6 animals)
- Vaccinations given 21 days apart

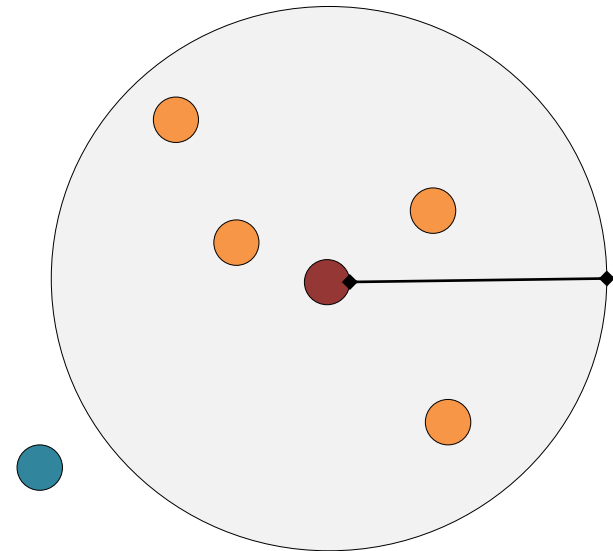
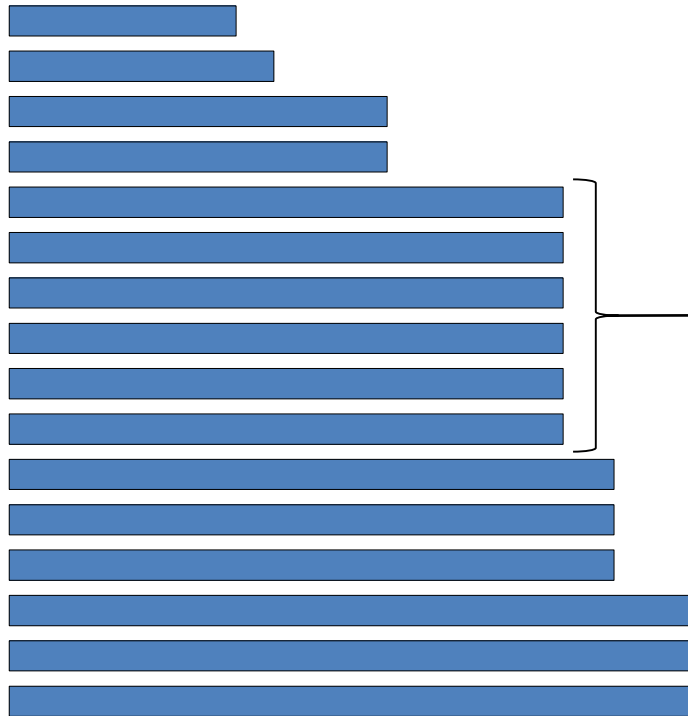
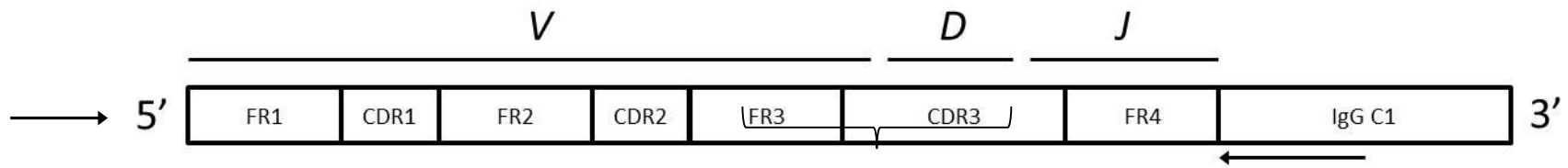


# Kinetics of the FMDV-specific plasma cell response following sequential immunisation

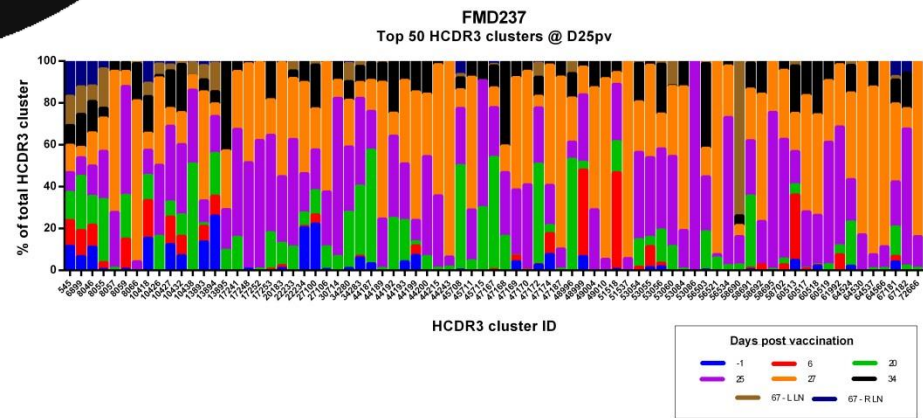
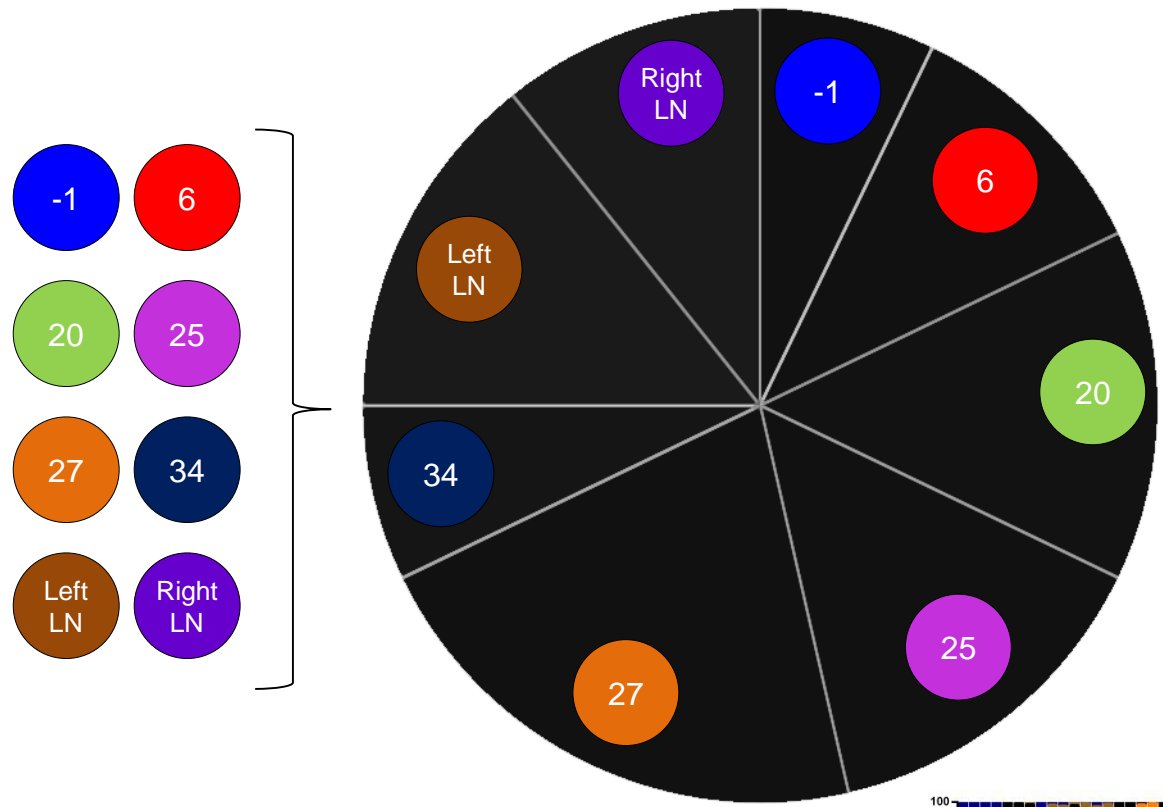


# HCDR3 clustering

218 samples ~250000 reads per sample



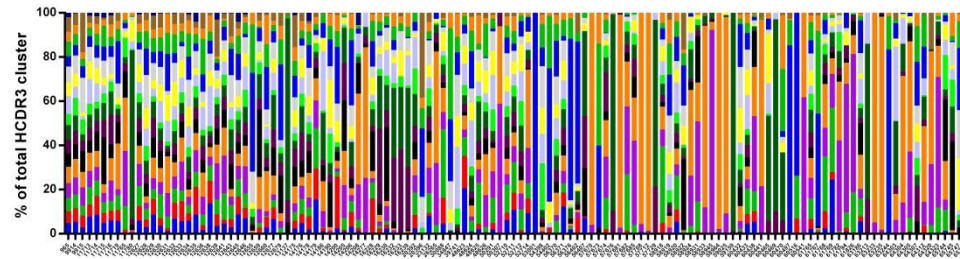
# HCDR3 clustering by animal over time



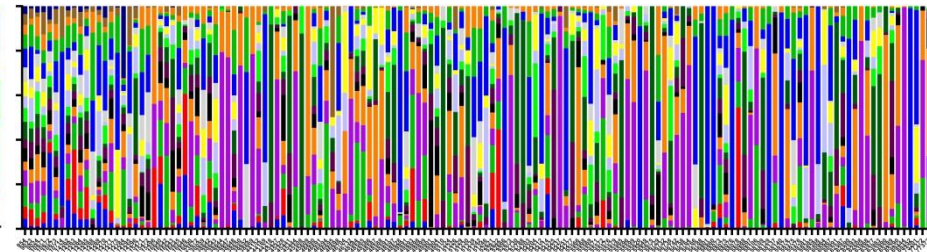


# HCDR3 clustering – Sequential serotype vaccinates

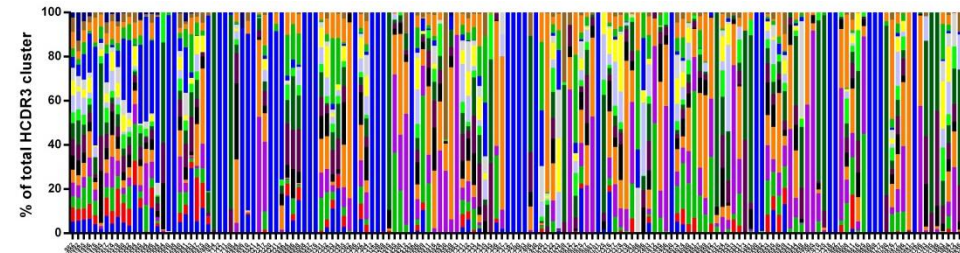
FMD251



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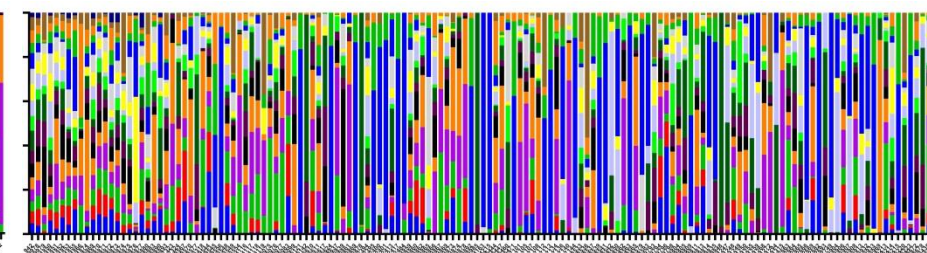


FMD252



HCDR3 cluster ID

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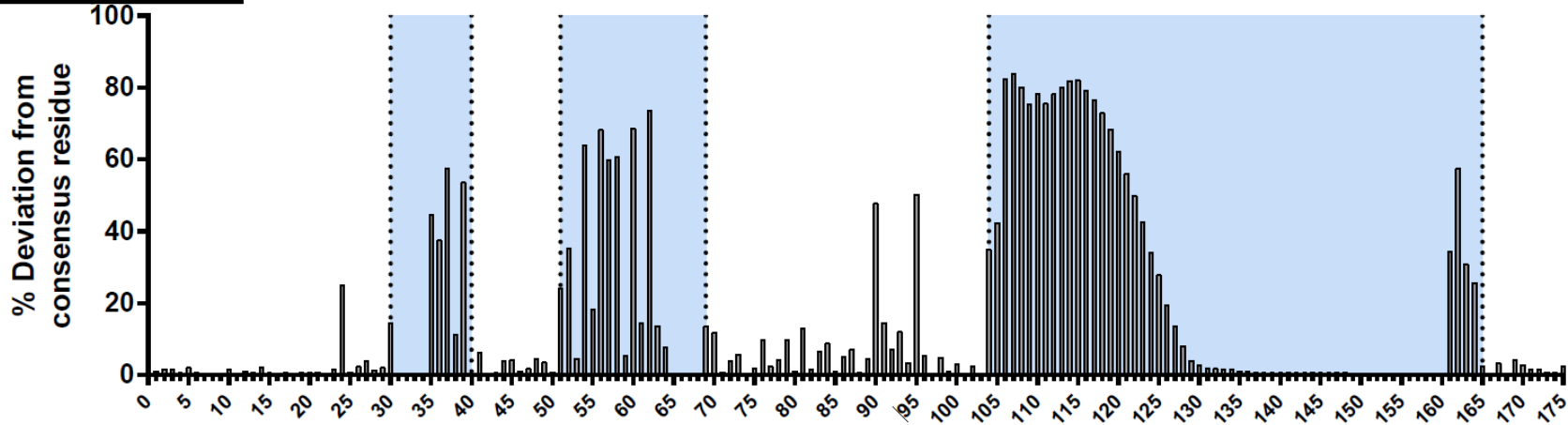


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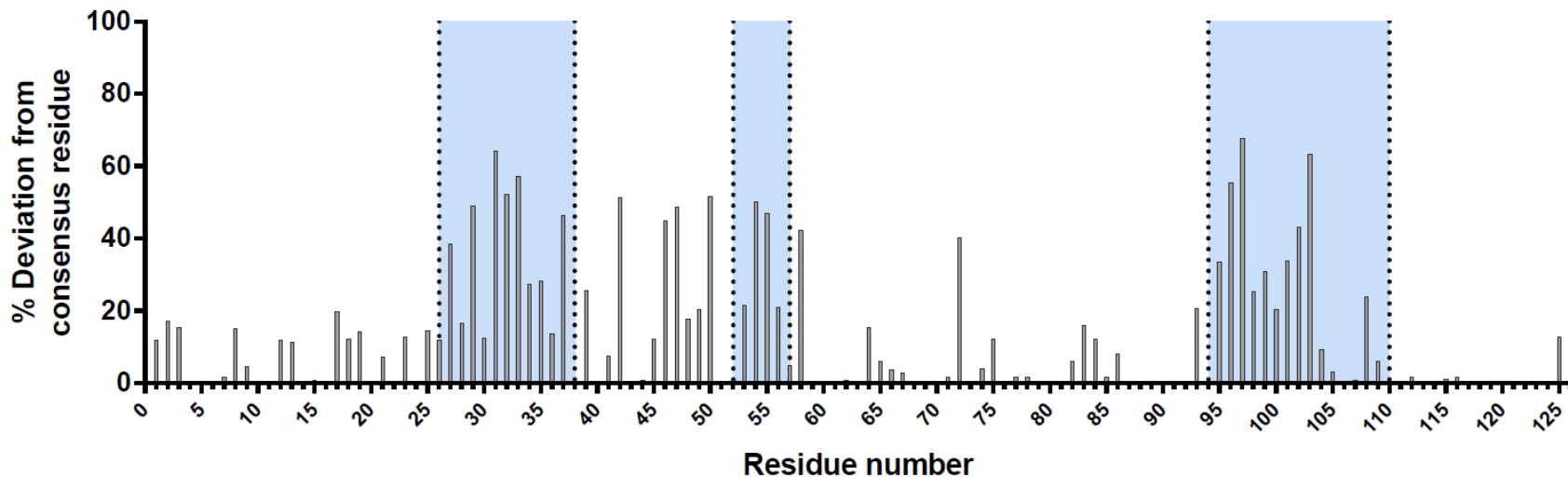
# Amino acid variation in IgH and IgL V regions



## Heavy chain



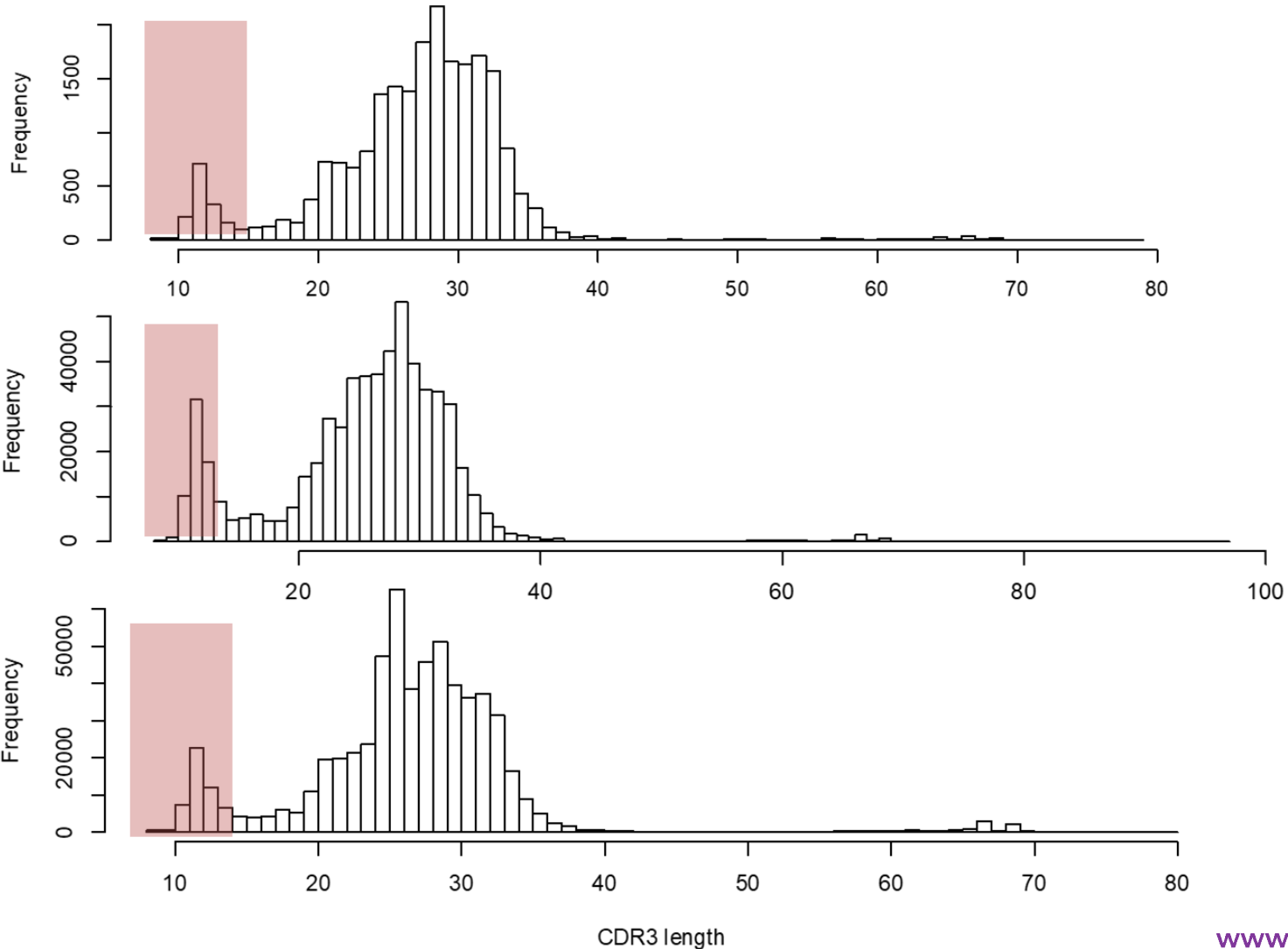
## Light chain





# Long and consistent cattle CDR3 length compared to human and mouse (shaded)

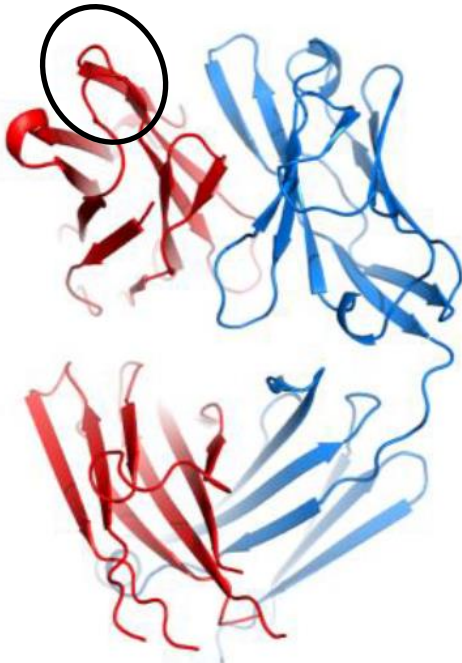
*Representative animal during the course of a prime boost vaccine trial*



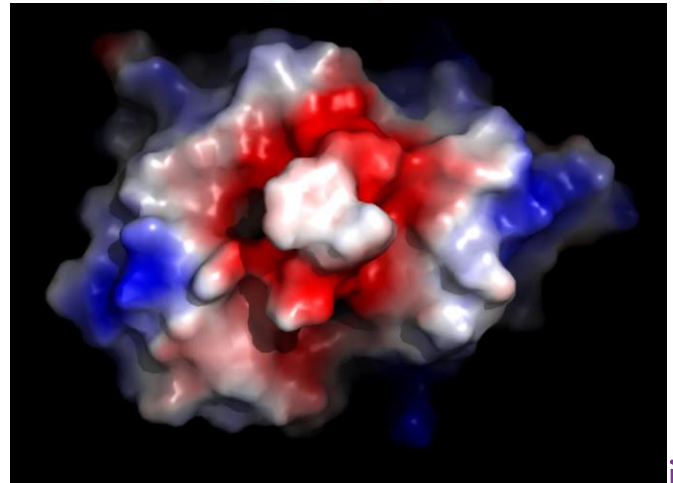
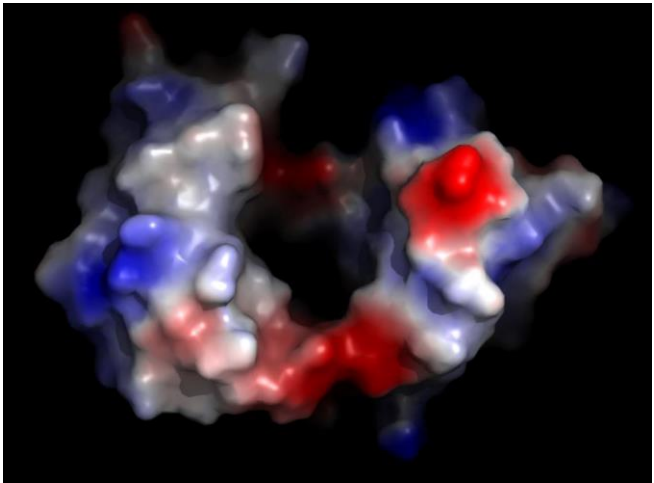
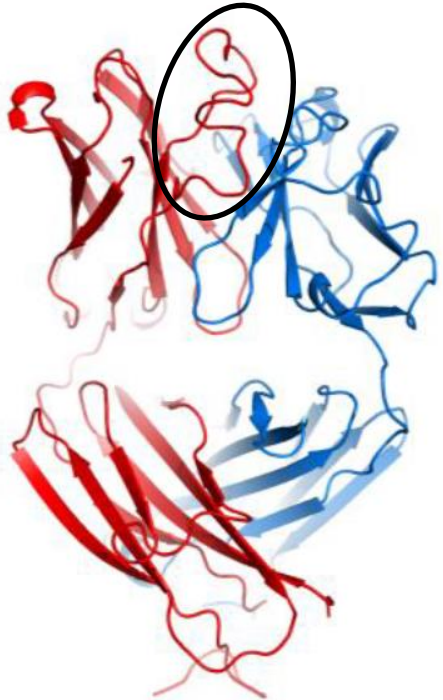
# Bovine IgH CDR3 region structural diversity



CDR3 = 8aa

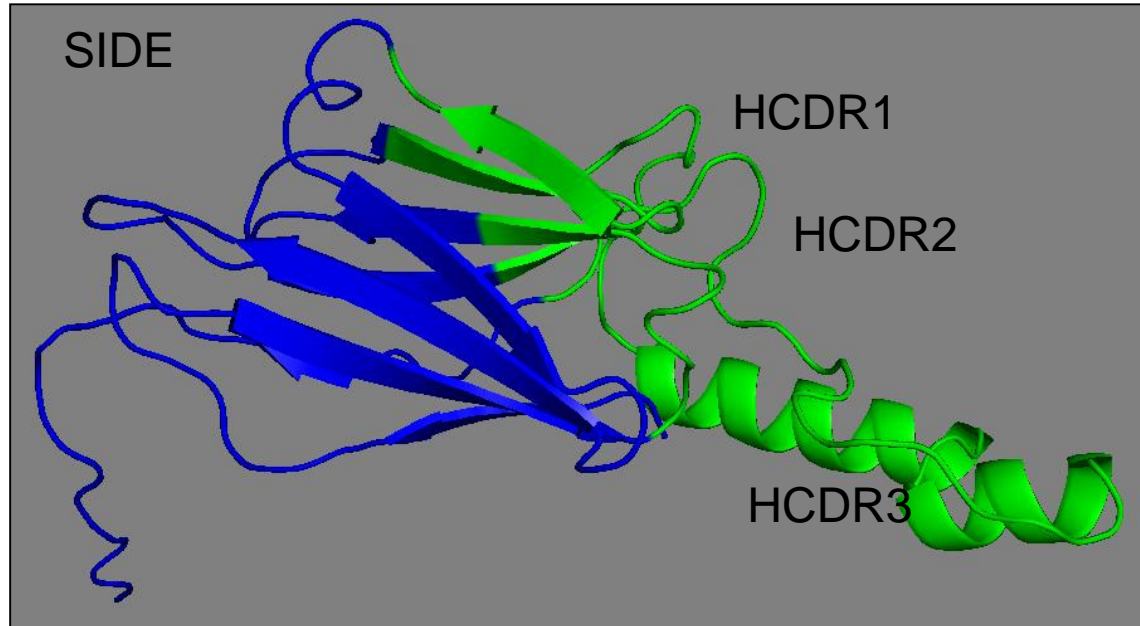
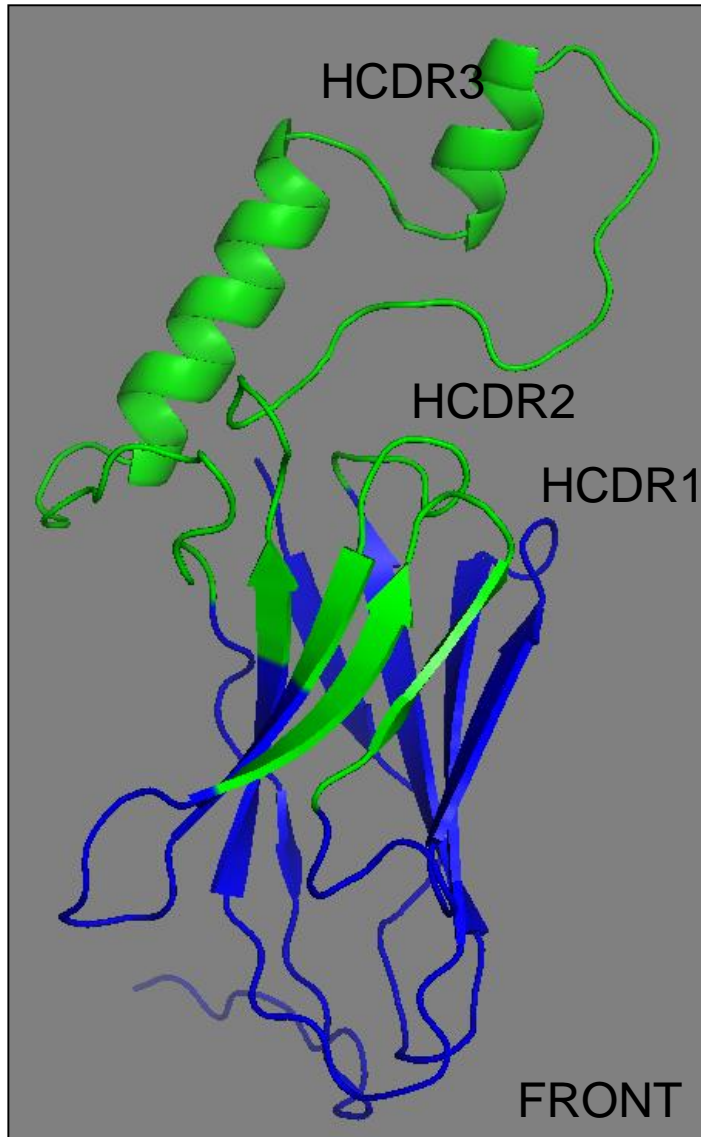


CDR3 = 26aa





# Predicted structures: bovine super long CDR3 region (60aa)



## [Reshaping antibody diversity.](#)

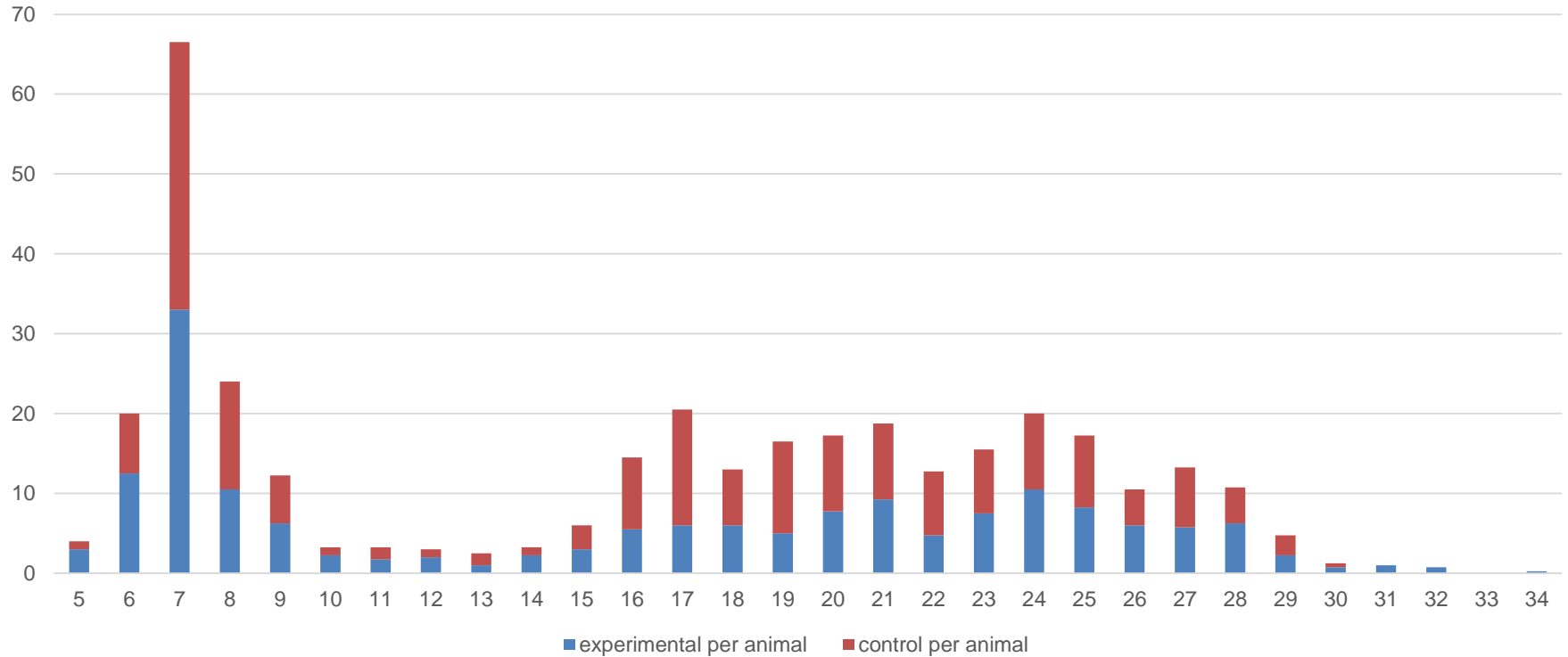
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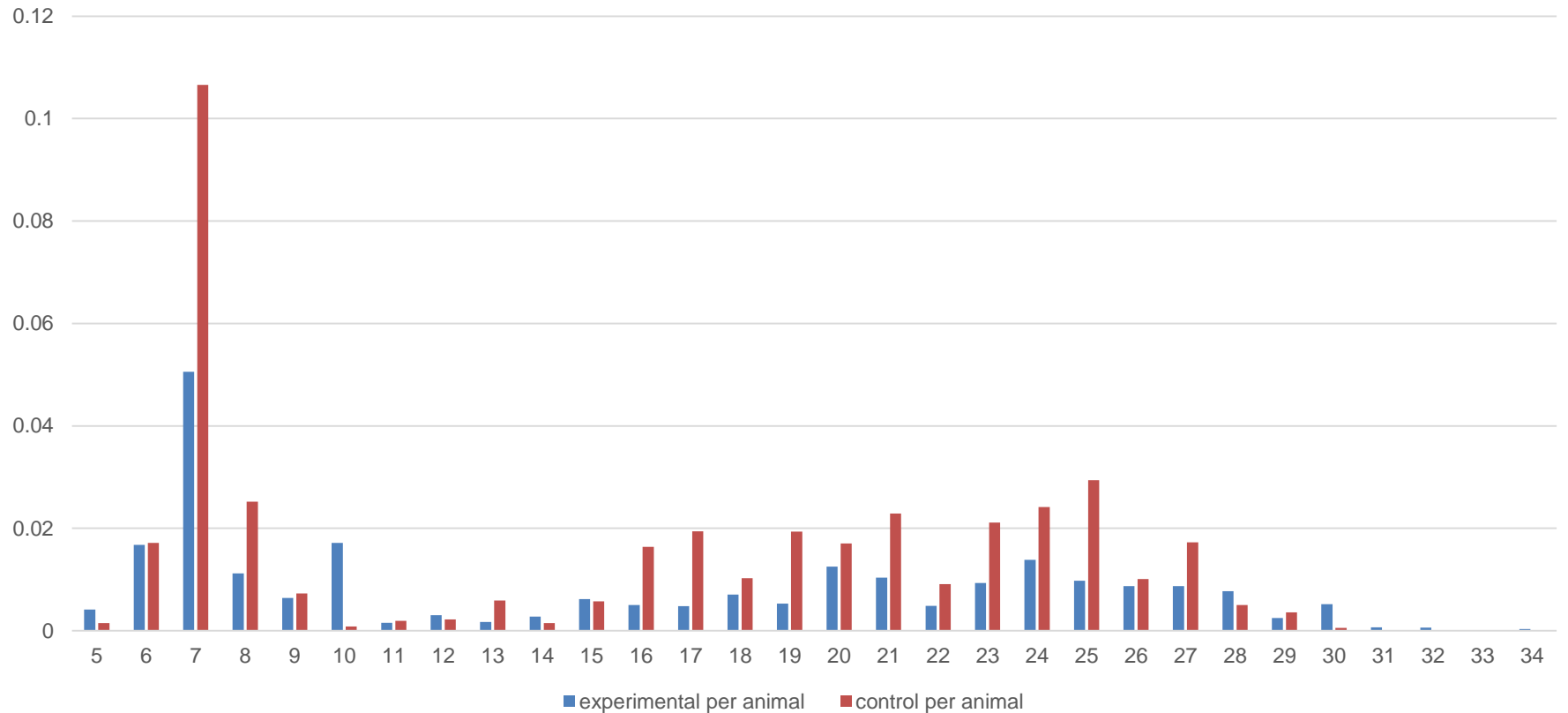
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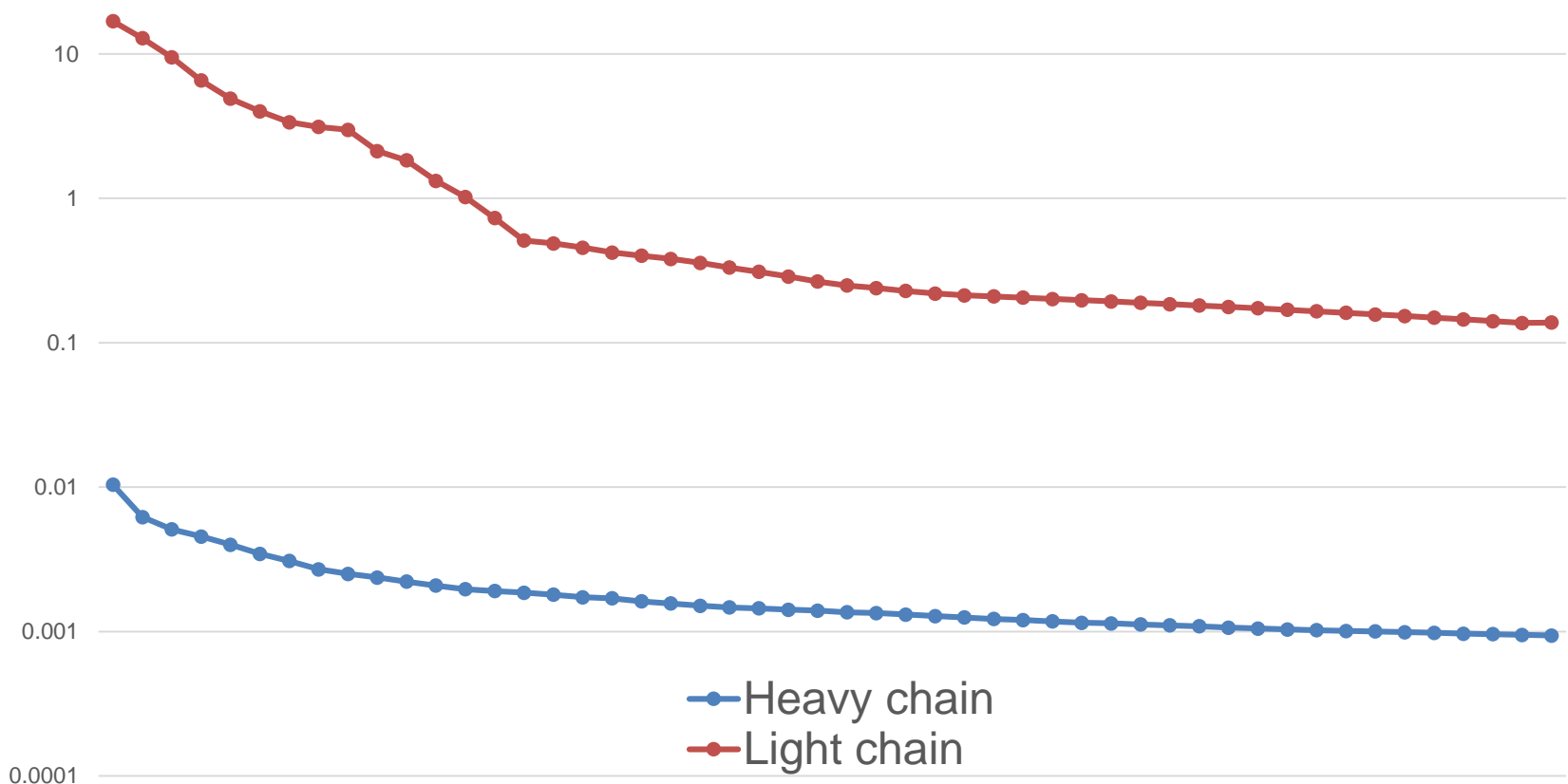
# CDR3 length does not vary between experimental and control groups



# There are fewer high frequency clusters in experimental animals

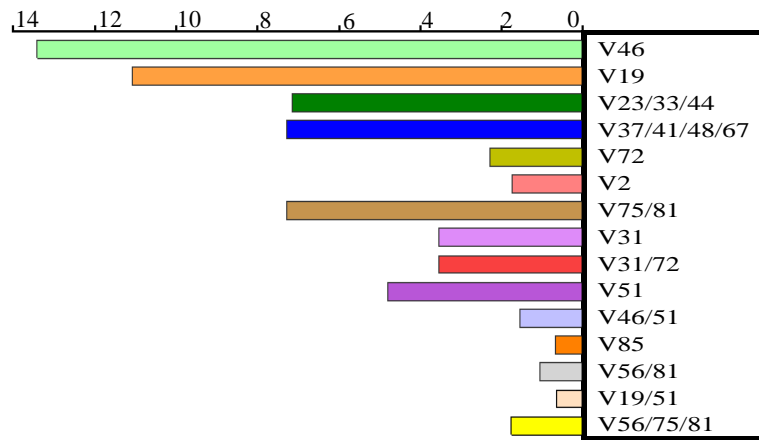
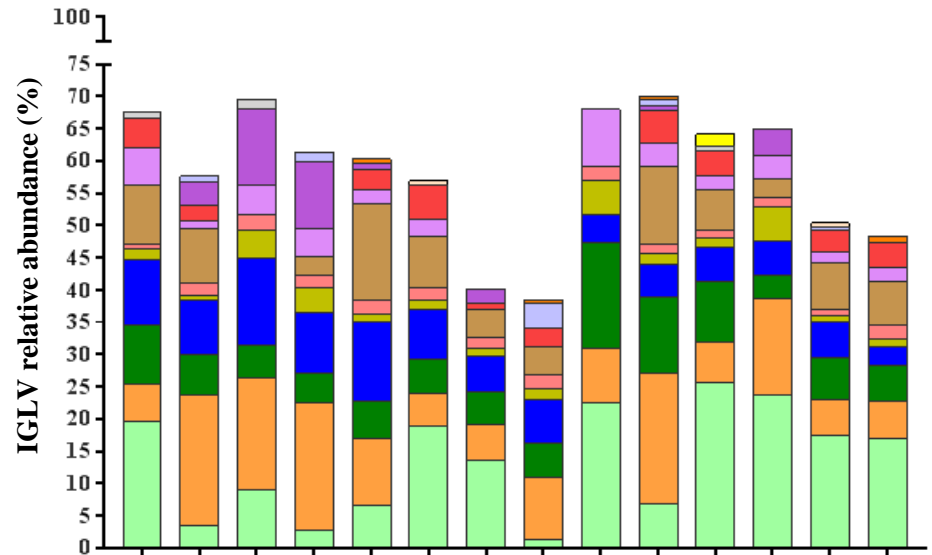
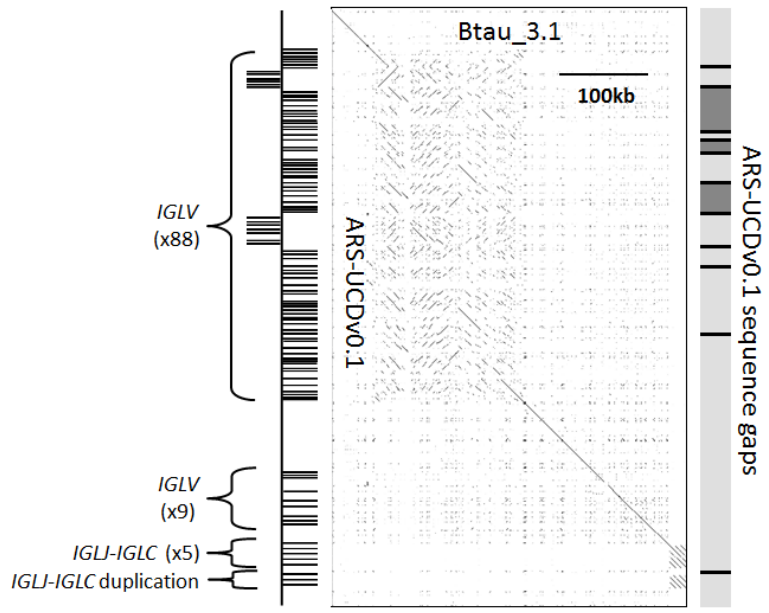


# Average proportion of the most abundant 50 heavy and light chain antibody clusters from 18 cattle





# The IGL repertoire is dominated by relatively few genes

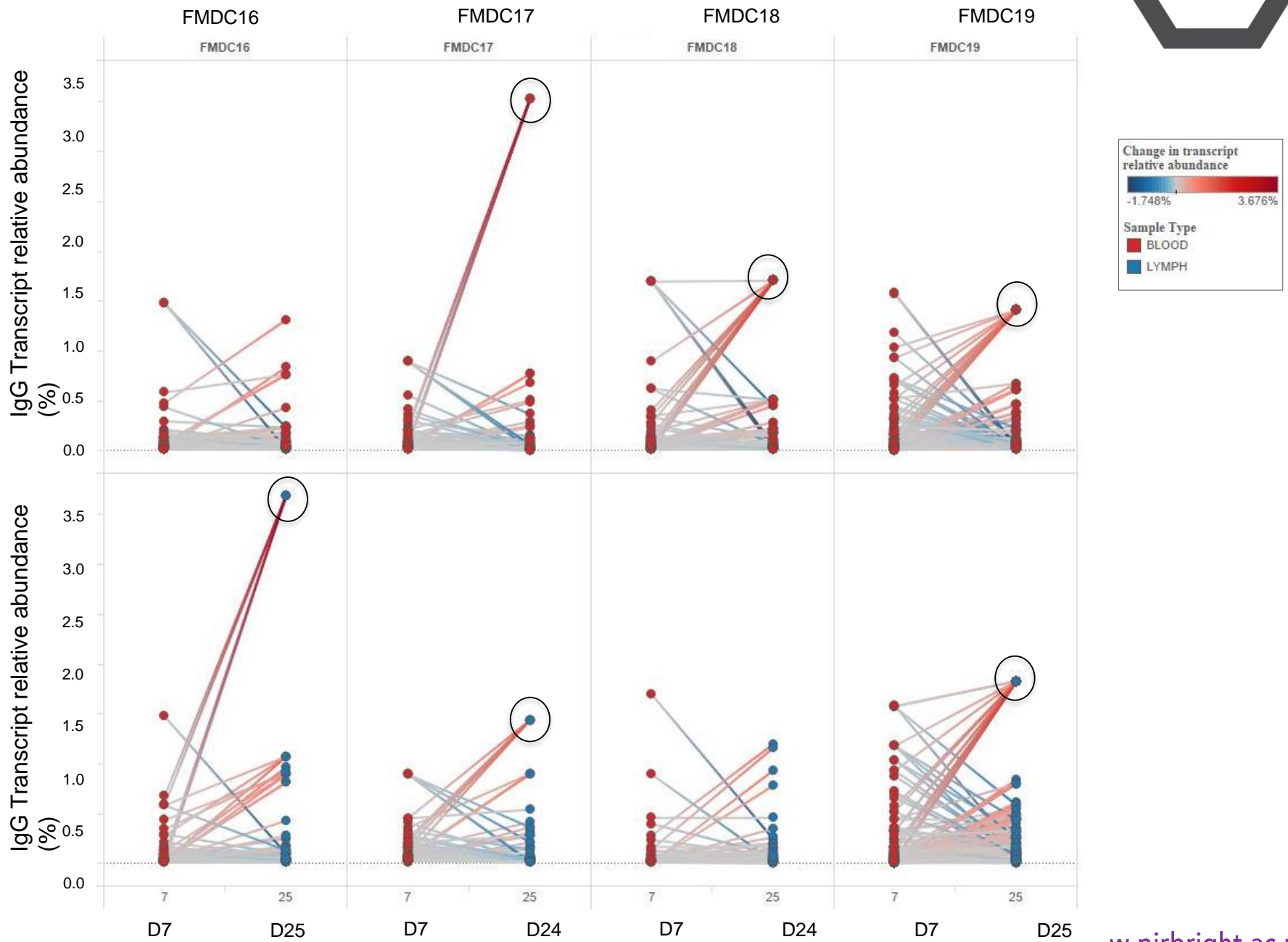


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V46	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
V19	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
V23/33/44	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
V37/41/48/67	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
V72	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
V2	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
V75/81	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
V31	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
V31/72	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
V51	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
V46/51	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
V85	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
V56/81	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
V19/51	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
V56/75/81	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Total % of IGLV repertoire	67.547%	57.667%	69.585%	61.355%	60.248%	56.901%	40.155%	38.483%	67.967%	70.026%	64.067%	64.913%	50.333%	48.336%

# The IgL repertoire is dominated by relatively few genes

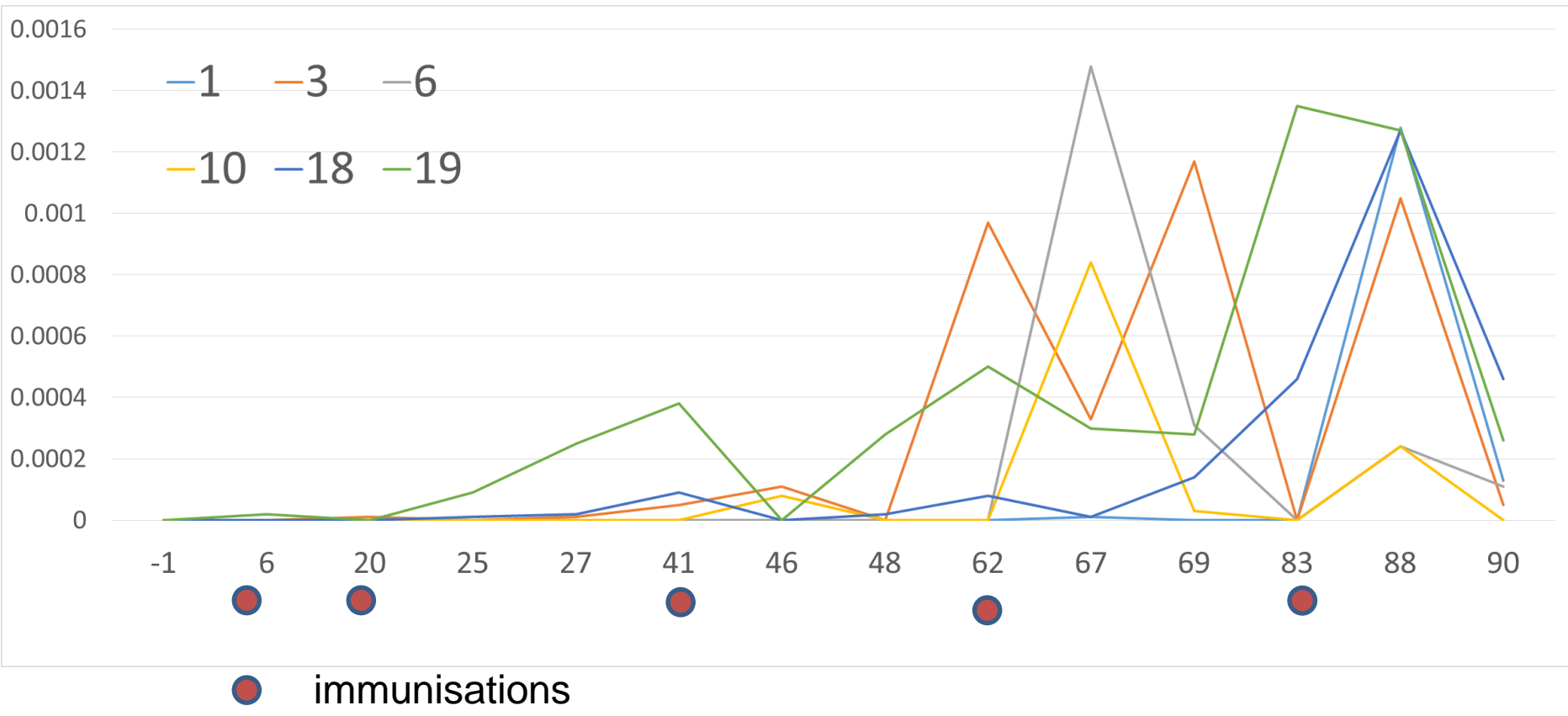


# The antibody response becomes focussed during the immune response

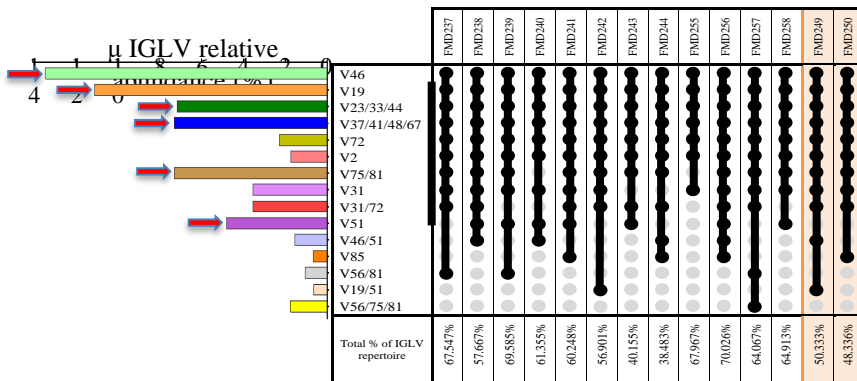
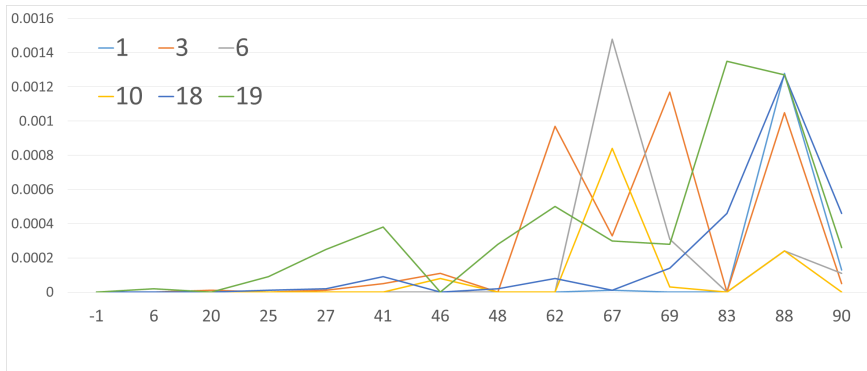




# The abundance pattern of several high-abundance clusters correlates with vaccine boosting



# Transient expression of Fabs to assess potential binding



HEK cell transient transfection  
 -HIS tagged Fabs  
 -whole cattle Ig

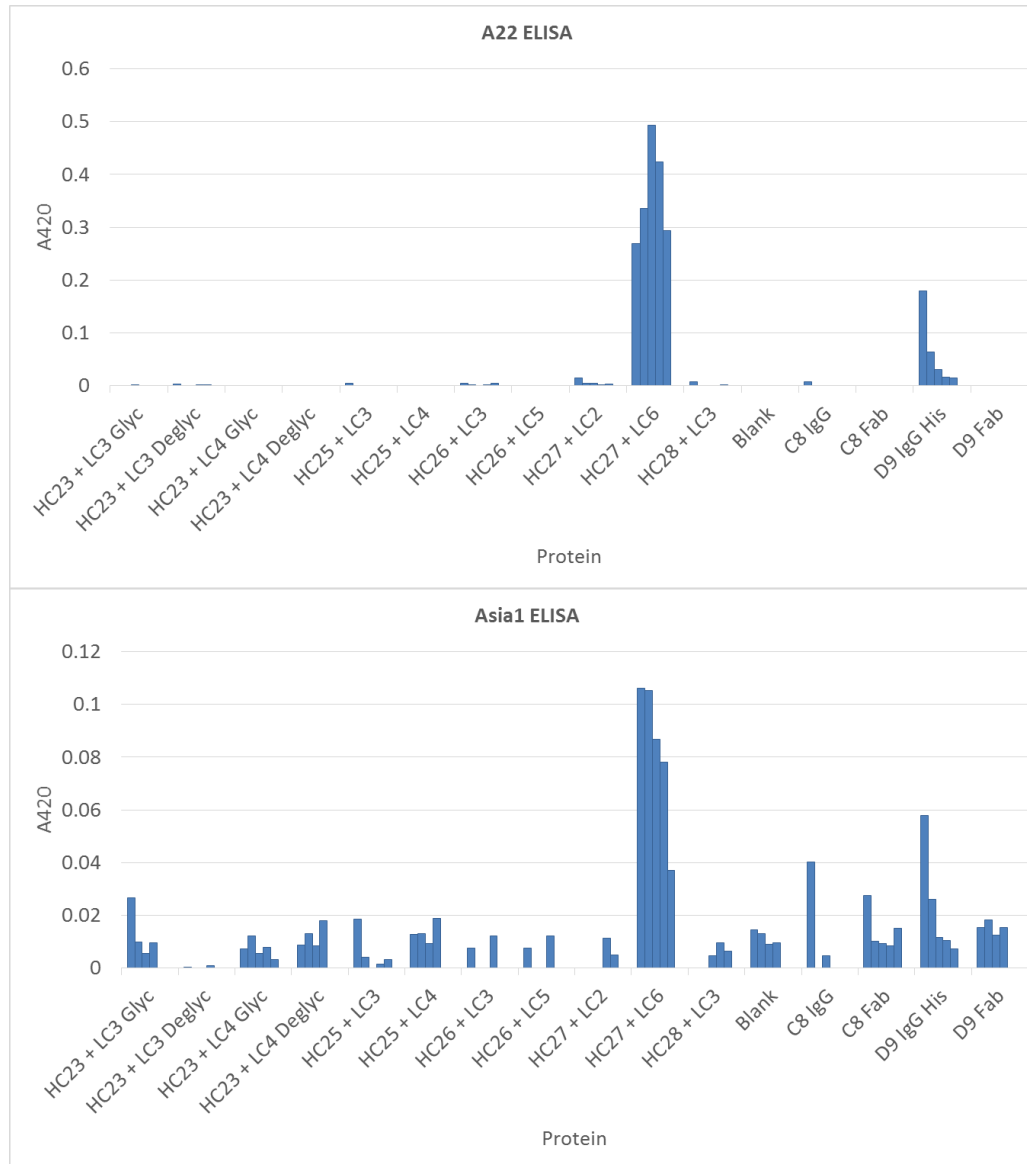
Protein expression measured  
 Assembly ELISA developed

Cryo EM

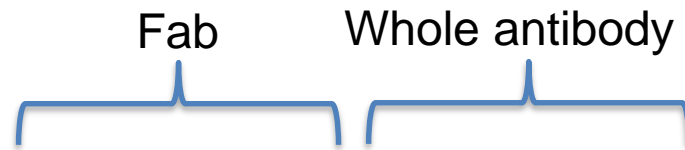


# One IgH and IgL pair shows binding to two FMDV serotypes

Immunisation:  
O Pan Asia  
Asia 1  
A22  
SAT 1



# Whole antibody expression increases avidity.

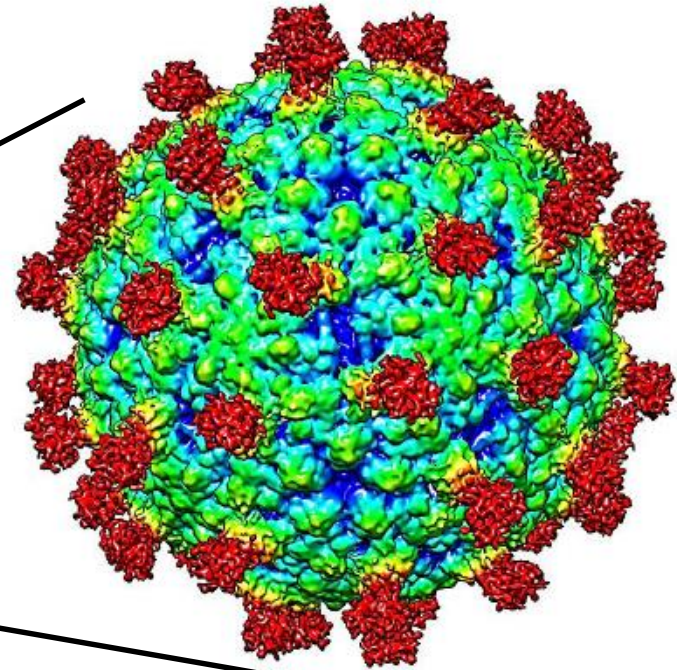
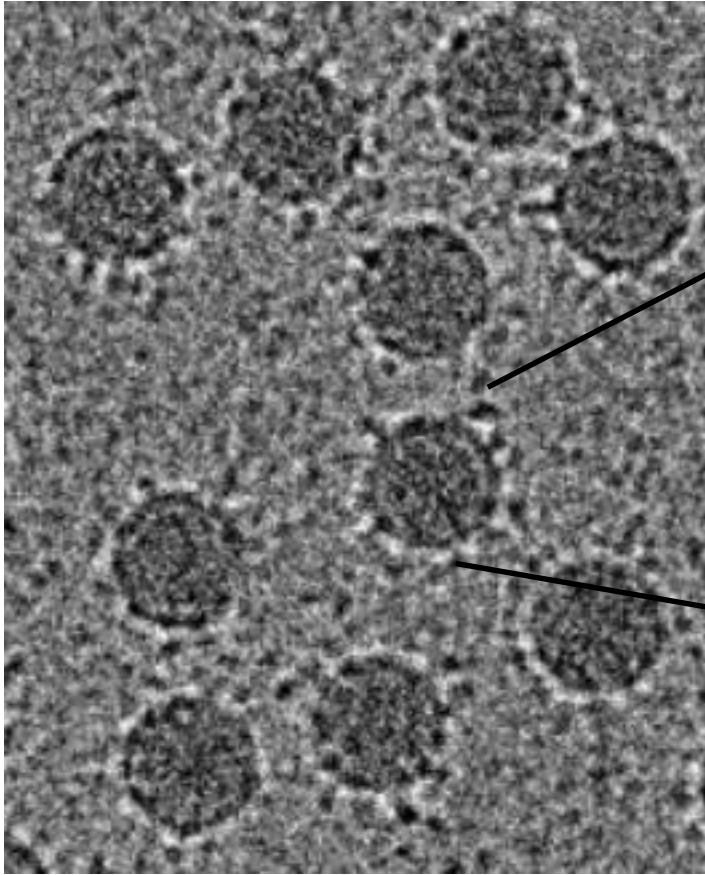


D9 IgG binding to Polio?

D9 IgG is a different control to previous (D9 IgG His)

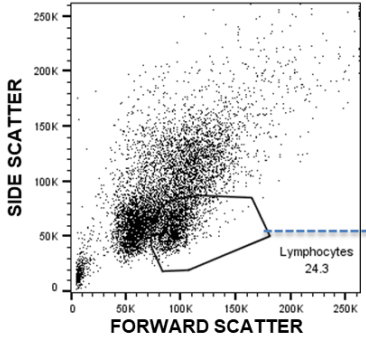


# Three expressed bovine Fabs bind FMDV

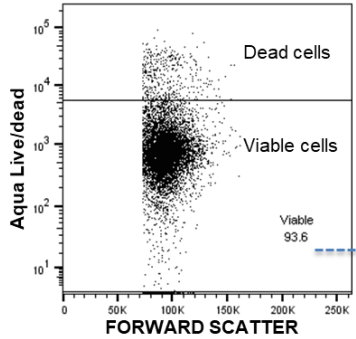


But..... low avidity binding. Selection of natural heavy and light chain pairs is essential.

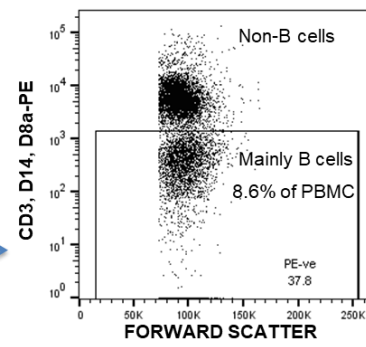
# Identification of putative bovine plasma cells



Lymphocytes gated based on light scattering properties; Forward (size) and side (granularity)

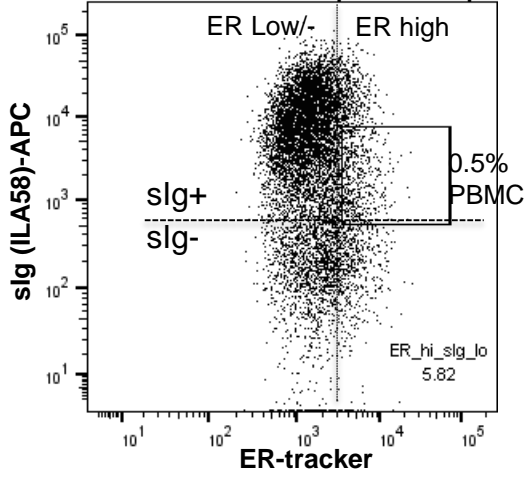


Staining with Aqua live/dead dye used to distinguish between live and dead cells

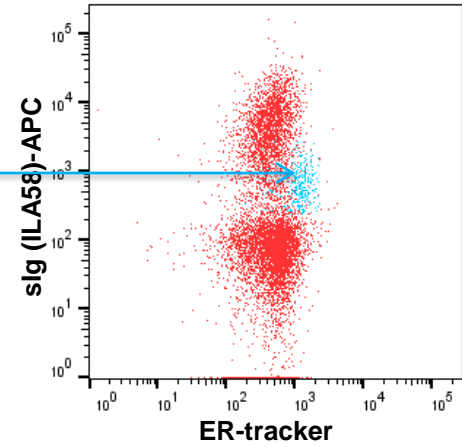
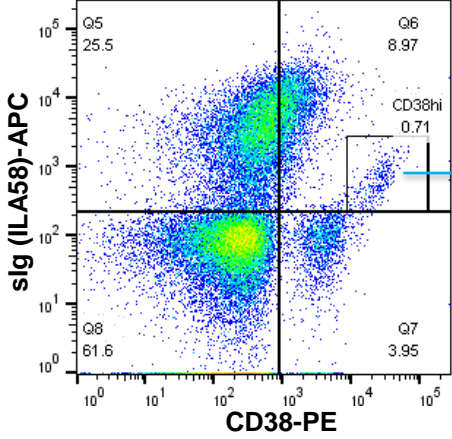


A cocktail of antibodies against T cells and monocytes used to exclude non-B cells in a non-B cell dump channel

Observed ER-tracker<sup>hi</sup> slg<sup>low</sup> levels of 0.5-1% from multiple samples



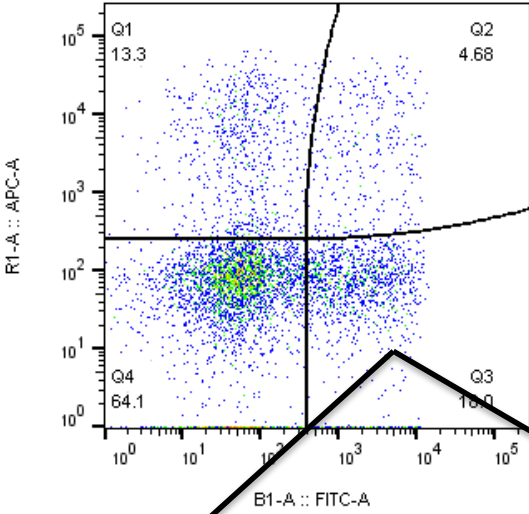
Anti-CD38 stains the same ER tracker high/IgL low population.



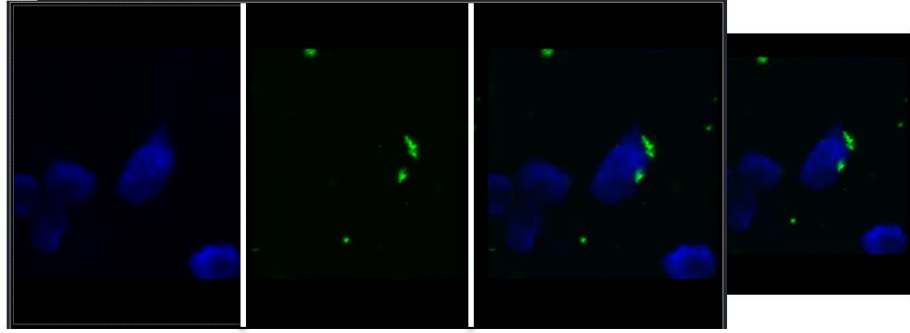
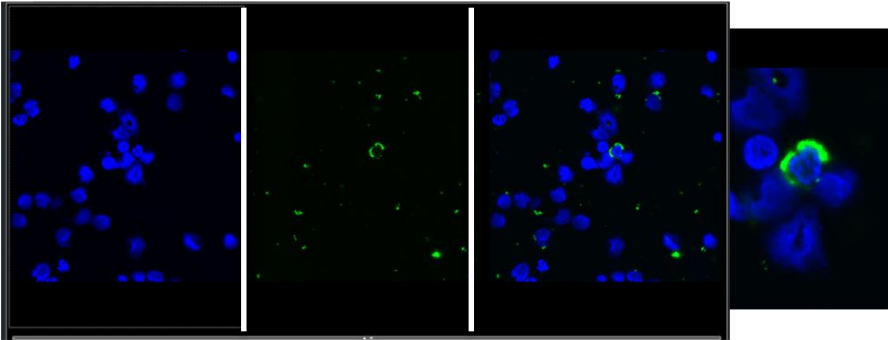
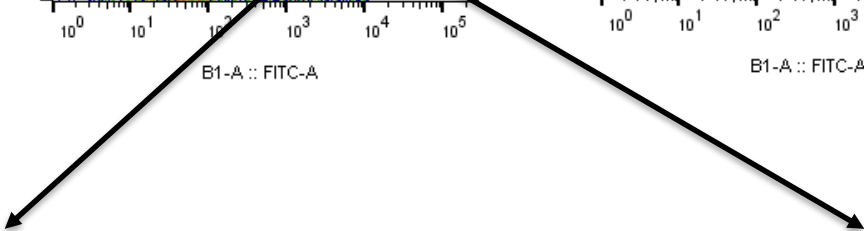
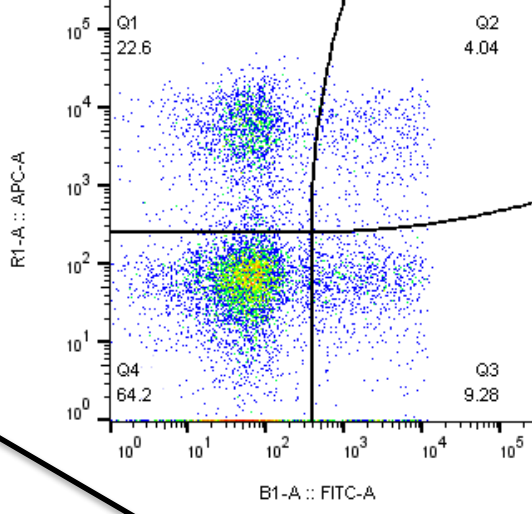
# Identification of FMDV specific plasma cells



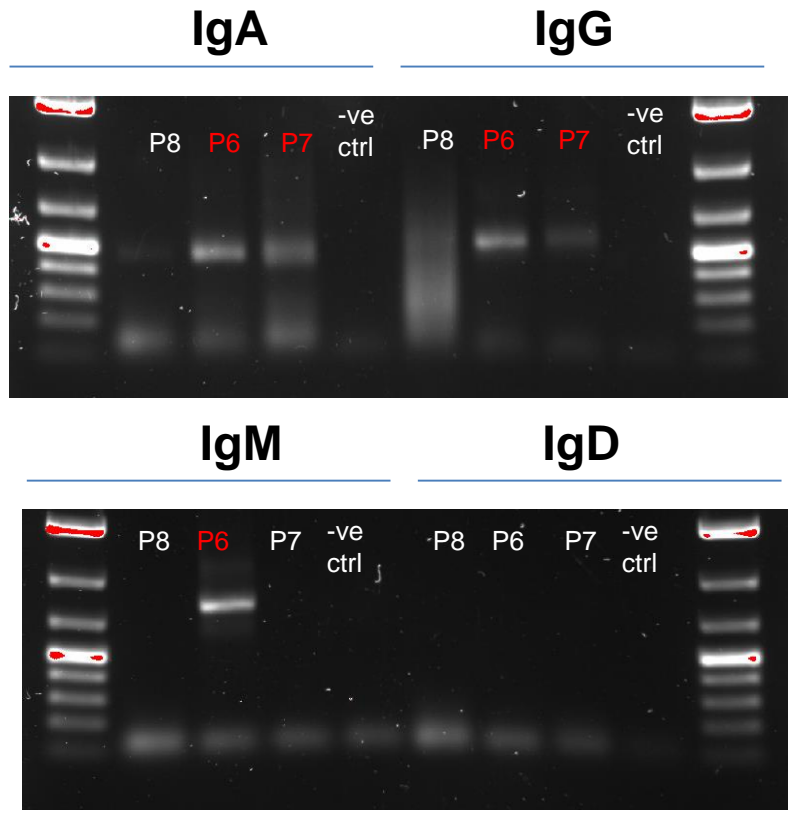
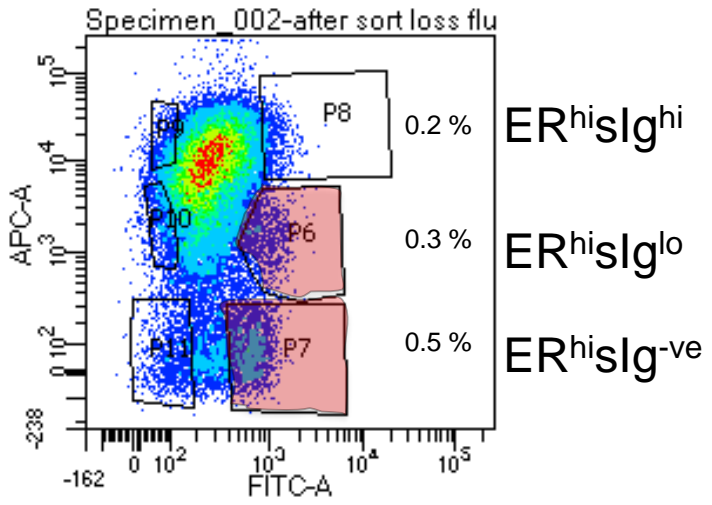
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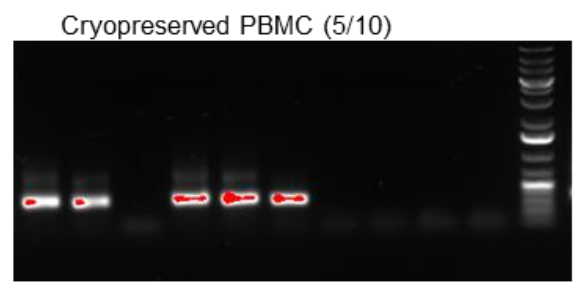
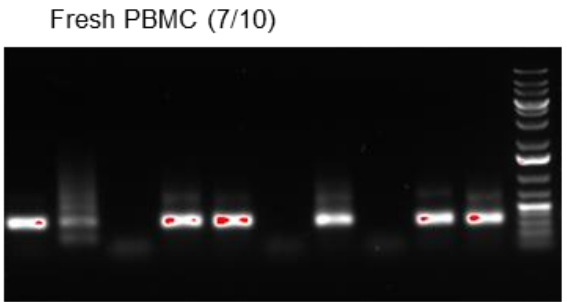
PBMC sample permeabilized



# PCR of bovine Ig using one-step RT-PCR

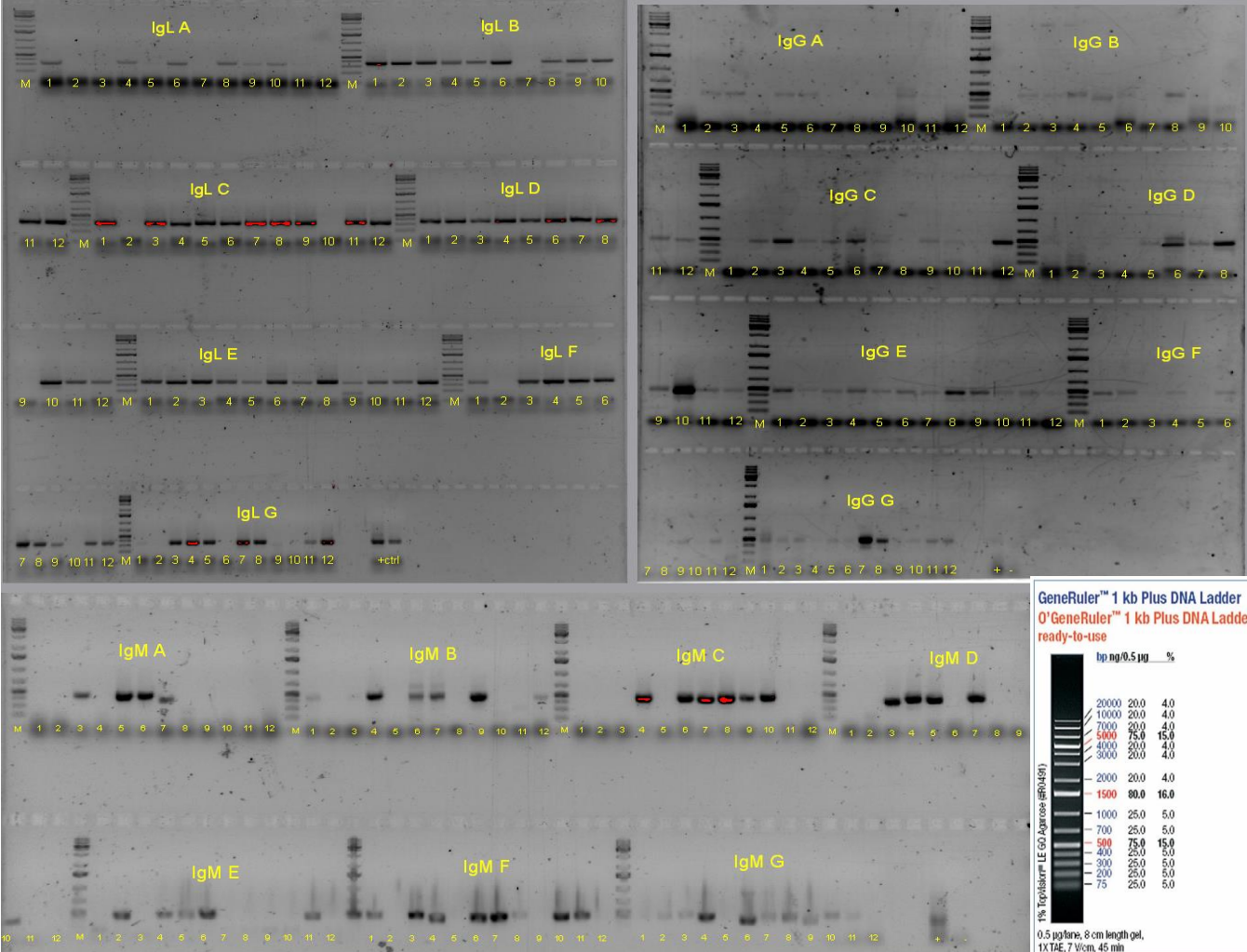


Now enables us to do single cell sorting and sequencing





# Single cell cDNA amplification and sequencing

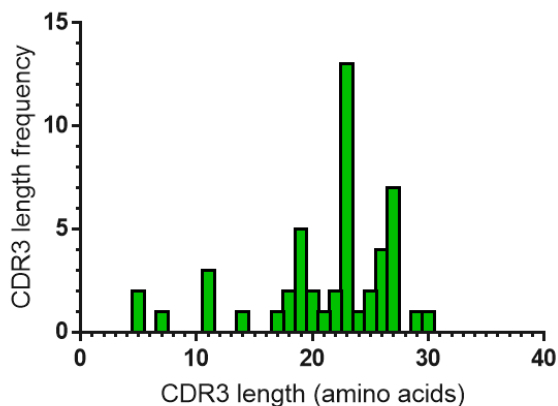


- Gel extraction of amplicons
- Ligation in pGEMTe
- JM109 transformation and Sanger seq

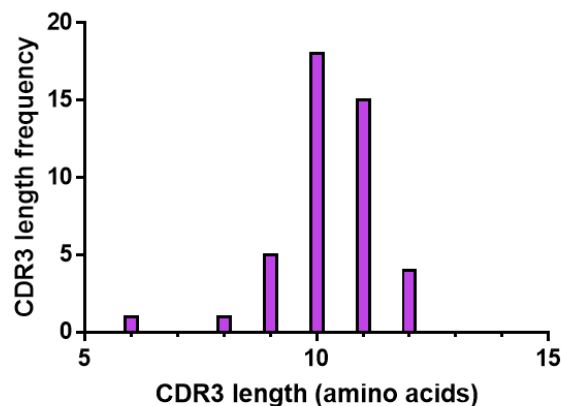
# Abundant IgL cluster from single cell sequencing match the whole repertoire data

IgL cluster	Previously abundant	Number of IgH CDR3																		
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Cluster2	Yes	3		V19	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Cluster3&4	Yes	7		V23/33/44	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Cluster5	Yes	5		V37/41/48/67	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Cluster6	Yes	1		V72	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Cluster7	No	3		V2	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Cluster8	No	2		V75/81	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Cluster9	No	5		V31	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
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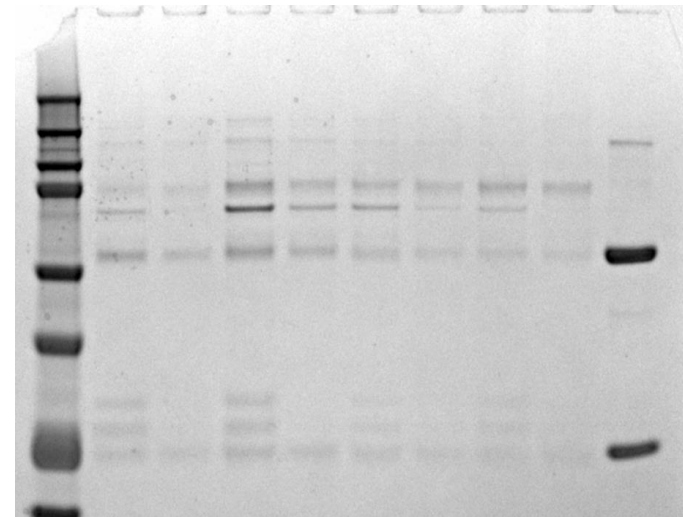
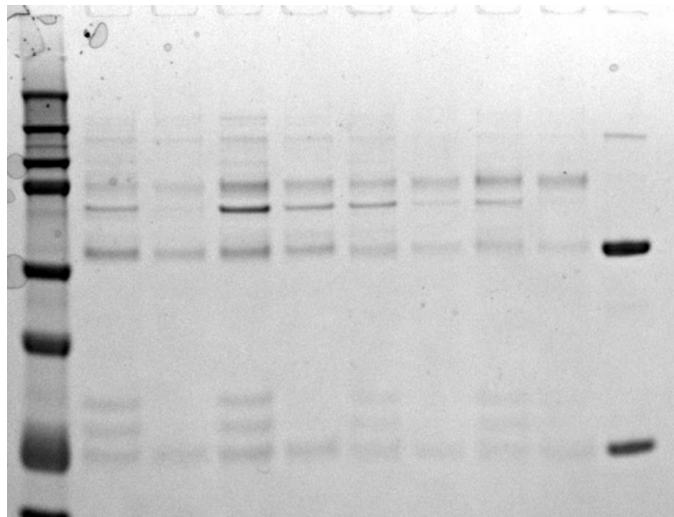
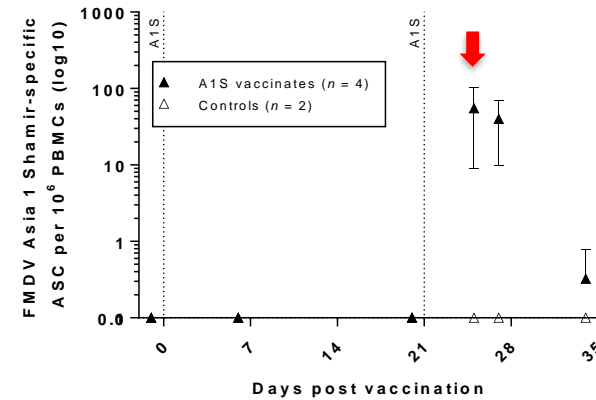
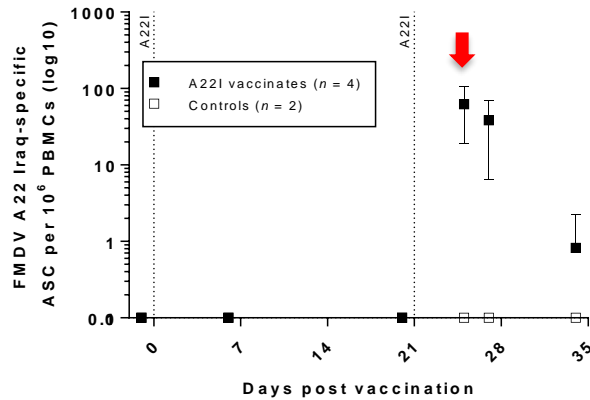
Distribution of IgH CDR3 lengths



Distribution of IgL CDR3 lengths



# Pulling out FMDV antibodies from serum samples for identification with mass spectrometry



Heavy chain

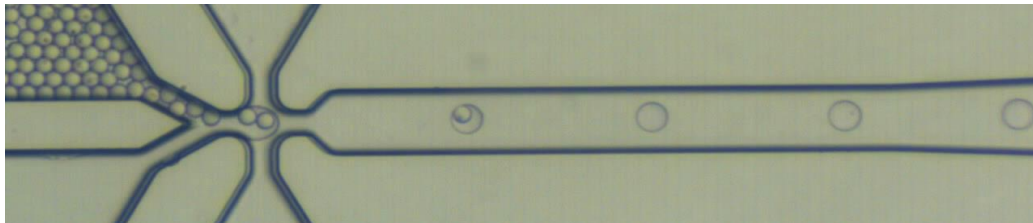
Light chain

IgG2340

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# Current and future work

- Focusing on paired Ig reads and single cell amplification
- Adding labelled FMDV capsids into high-throughput cell sorting protocols
- Studying structural constraints of heavy and light chain pairing
- RNA-seq to define cattle B cell/plasma cell markers
- Refining the analysis of mass spec data
- Studying the mechanisms that diversify the cattle antibody repertoire



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