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# ***CCHFV: meccanismi di interazione virus-vettore-ospite vertebrato***

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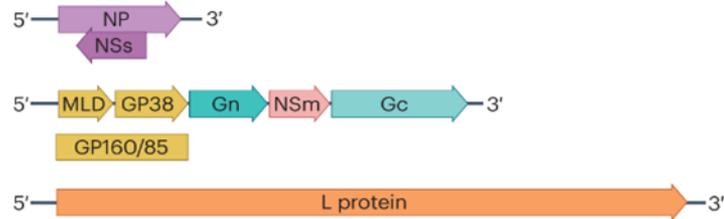
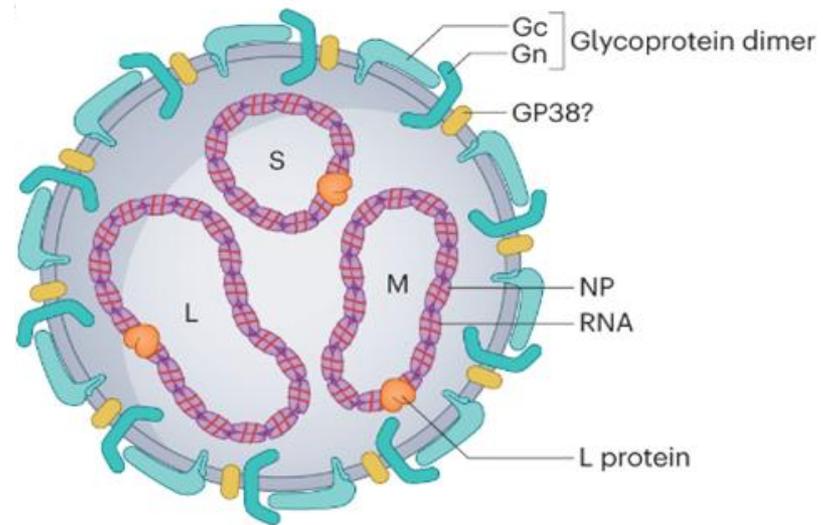
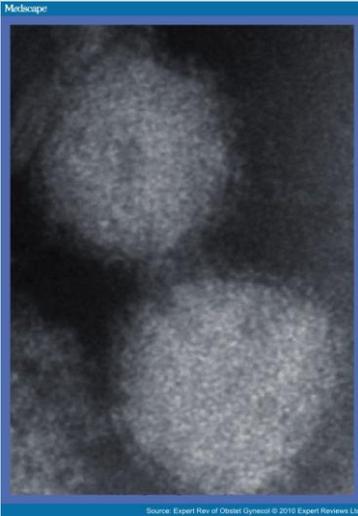


# Virus della Febbre Emorragica della Crimea e Congo

Membro del genere *Orthonairovirus*, famiglia *Nairoviridae*, che comprende virus con RNA a filamento singolo segmentato, circolare, con senso negativo.

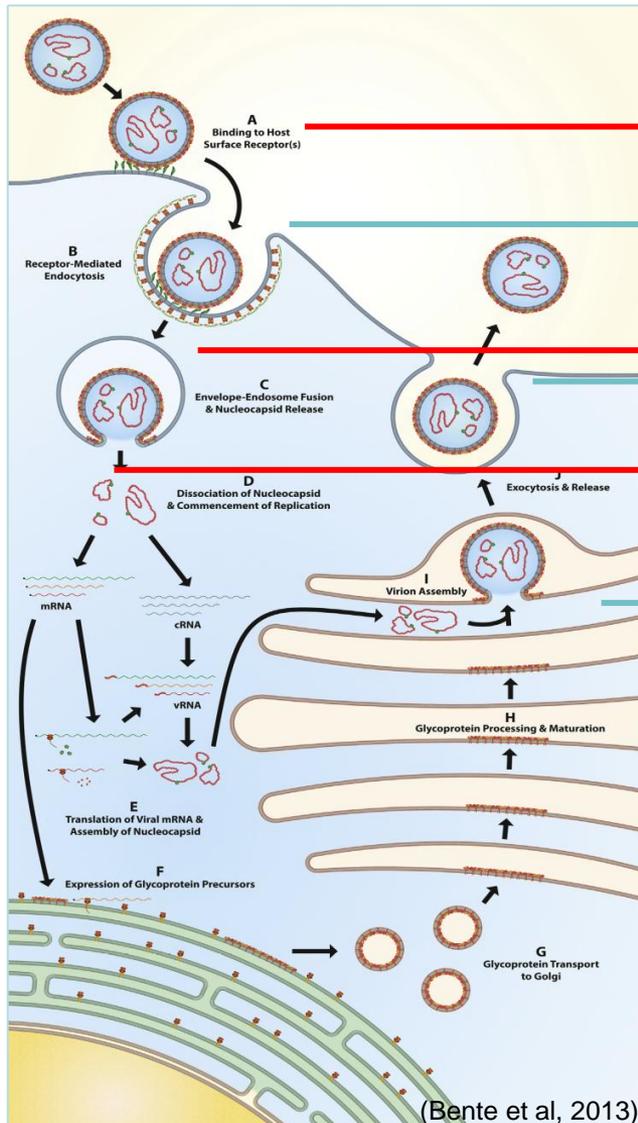
CCHFV deve essere maneggiato in BSL-4

TEM of CCHFV



(modificato da Hawman and Feldmann, 2023)

# Ciclo replicativo del CCHFV



Legame a LDLR (Monteil et al 2024, Xu et al 2024, Ritter et al 2024)

Ingresso tramite endocitosi mediata da clatrina, influenzata dal colesterolo (Simon et al 2009).

I processi di internalizzazione, assemblaggio e uscita del virus dipendono dal funzionamento dei microtubuli (Simon et al 2009).

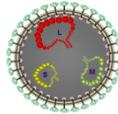
Fusione dipendente dal pH, avviene a livello dei MVB (Simon et al 2009; Shtanko et al 2014).

L'assemblaggio e gemmazione delle particelle virali mature avvengono a livello del Golgi (Bertolotti-Ciarlet et al 2005; Haferkamp et al 2005).

La glicoproteina è processata da endoproteasi SKI-1/S1P (Bergeron et al 2007).

# Infezione e conseguenze dell'infezione

Ingresso del virus  
nel corpo



Infezione e amplificazione



Fagociti mononucleati  
(cellule mobili)

**Apoptosi delle cellule infettate**  
**C'è una soppressione dell'apoptosi?**

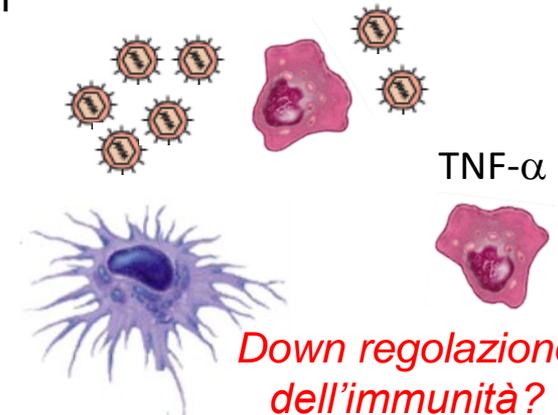
I macrofagi trasportano il virus ai linfonodi regionali

Diffusione dei virioni liberi e associati ai monociti  
attraverso i canali linfatici e il sangue

Aumento di macrofagi e cellule dendritiche in  
linfonodi, milza, fegato e altri tessuti.

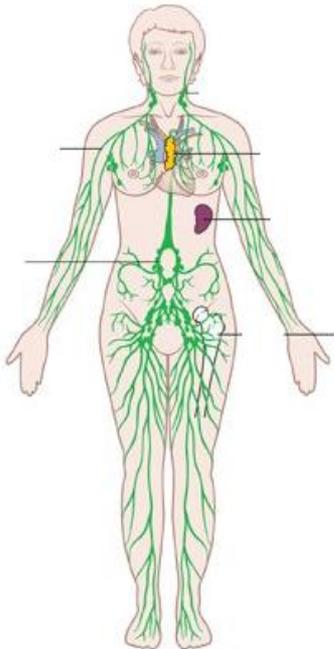
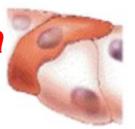
Infezione delle cellule parenchimali circostanti  
(epatociti, corteccia surrenale)

Espansione dei focolai di necrosi



*Down regulation  
delle integrine?*

*Alterazione vascolare legata  
alle cellule endoteliali?*



# CCHFV e apoptosi

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## Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever Virus-Infected Hepatocytes Induce ER-Stress and Apoptosis Crosstalk

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**CCHFV induce**

**ER-stress**

**Attivazione dei mediatori infiammatori**

**Modulazione dei pathways apoptotici**

**mitocondriale e «death receptor»**

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Hepatocyte pathway alterations in response to *in vitro* Crimean Congo hemorrhagic fever virus infection

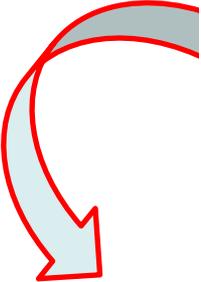
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**Coinvolti pathway cellulari legati all'infiammazione, allo stress ossidativo e apoptosi, all'ubiquitinazione e sumoilazione, alla regolazione del trasporto nucleocitoplasmatico e nell'ingresso del virus.**

# CCHFV e apoptosi

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## Induction of Caspase Activation and Cleavage of the Viral Nucleocapsid Protein in Different Cell Types during Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever Virus Infection\*

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***I risultati suggeriscono che il CCHFV sopprime l'attivazione della caspasi nelle fasi iniziali del ciclo di replicazione virale, il che forse favorisce l'instaurarsi dell'infezione. Inoltre, la risposta cellulare dell'ospite nelle fasi avanzate post-infezione induce molecole pro-apoptotiche cellulari dell'ospite attraverso il percorso del «death receptor»***

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## Crimean–Congo haemorrhagic fever replication interplays with regulation mechanisms of apoptosis

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(*Pediatr Infect Dis J* 2015;34:208–213)

PATHOGENESIS AND HOST RESPONSE

## Evaluation of Serum Perforin, Caspase-3, sFasL and M-30 Levels as Apoptotic Markers in Children With Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

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## Apoptosis and its relation with clinical course in patients with Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

## Apoptosis-Related Gene Expression in an Adult Cohort with Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever

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*CCHFV induce apoptosi sia in vitro che in vivo e biomarker dell'apoptosi sono sovra-regolati in pazienti con CCHF, sebbene non vi sia correlazione con la severità della malattia.*

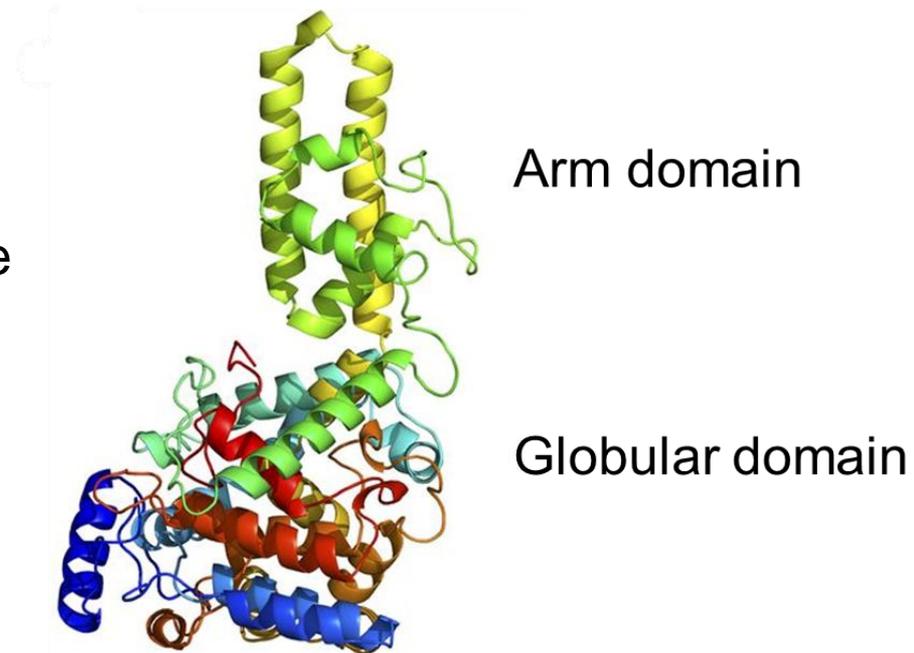


*Il processo apoptotico è coinvolto nella patogenesi dell'infezione*

# Nucleoproteina

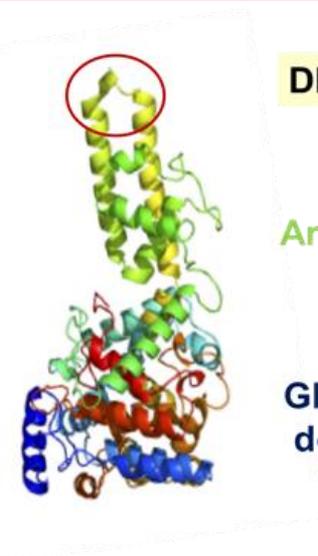
Proteina multifunzionale che:

- Interagisce con l'RNA genomico virale (complessi RNP)
- Interagisce con RdRp e le glicoproteine virali
- Interagisce con l'actina cellulare e le proteine Hsp70
- Aumenta la traduzione degli mRNA
- Ha una forte attività endonucleasica del DNA metallo-dipendente
- **Ritarda l'induzione dell'apoptosi**
- **Ha un motivo di scissione «DEVD» specifico per la caspasi-3 che è molto conservato**



(modificato da Wang et al, 2012)

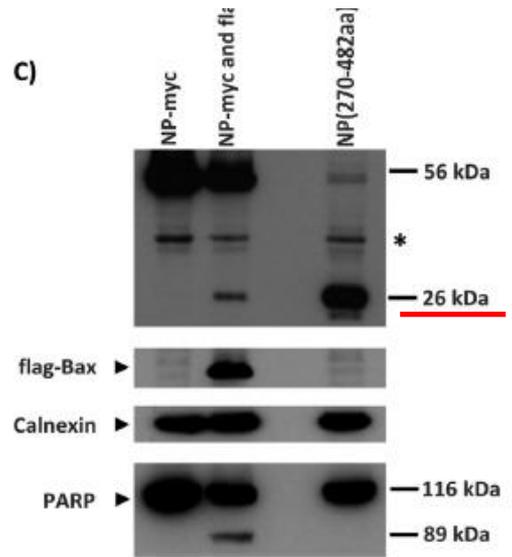
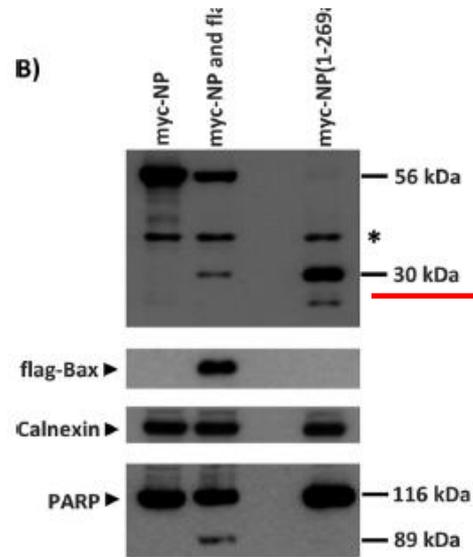
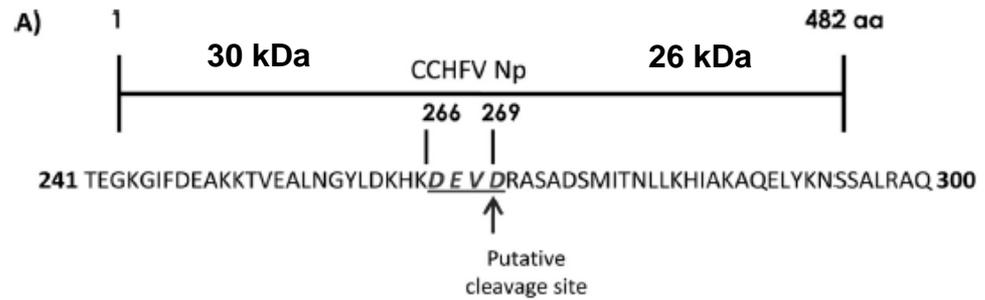
# Nucleoproteina e apoptosi



DEVD motif

Arm domain

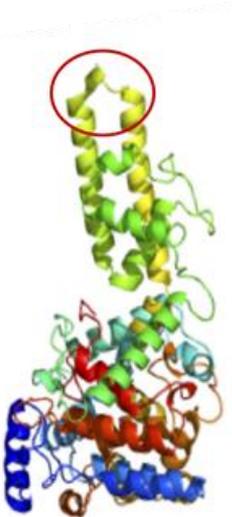
Globular domain



(Karlberg et al, 2011)

L'inibizione dell'apoptosi nelle cellule dei mammiferi induce un aumento di ~1 log del titolo virale

# Nucleoproteina e apoptosi

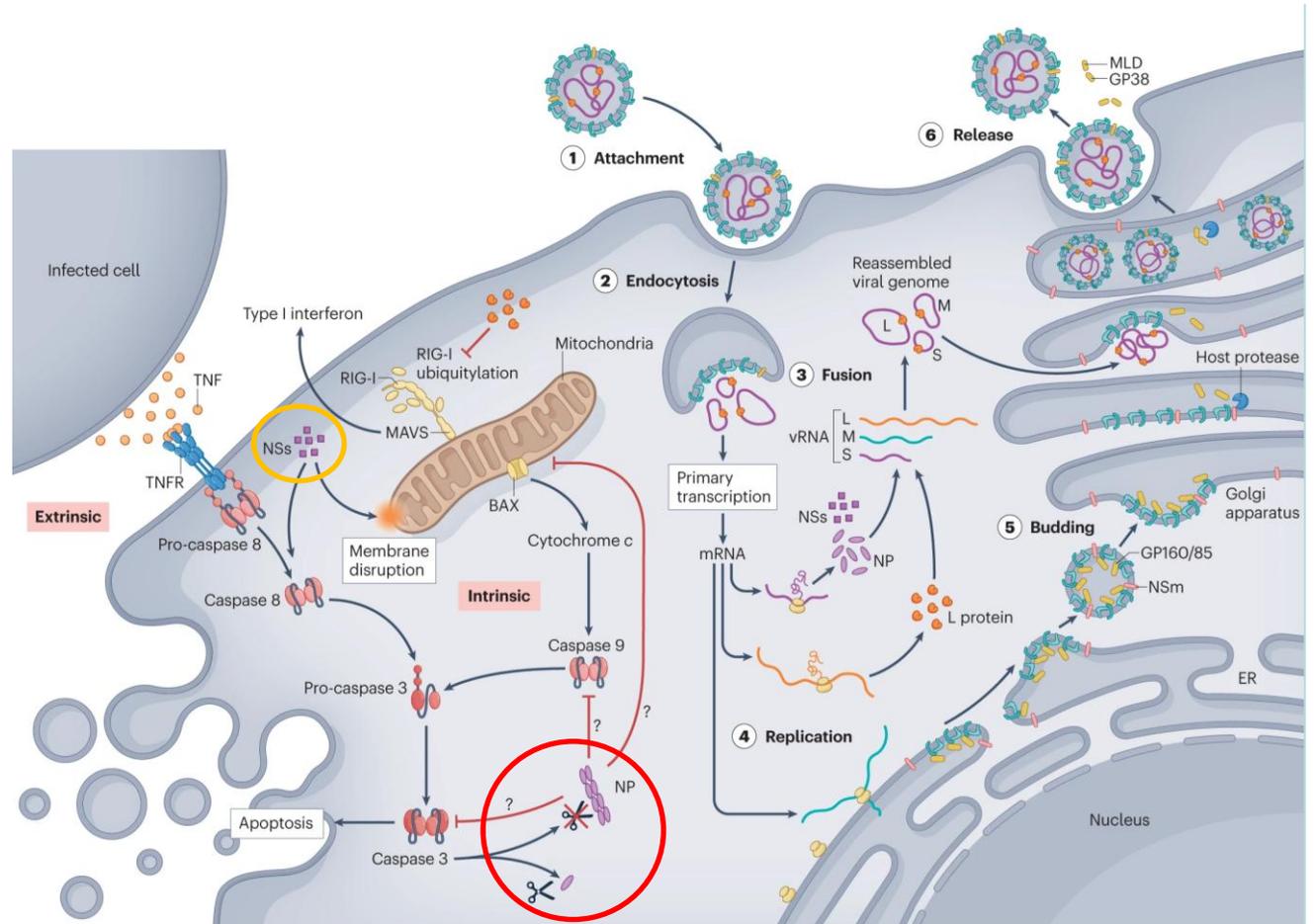


DEVD motif

Arm domain

Globular domain

*N ritarda l'apoptosi agendo sulle Caspasi 3 e 9 e sui mitocondri*



(modificato da Hawman and Feldmann, 2023)

# CCHFV e risposta immunitaria

Il CCHFV è sensibile agli interferoni di tipo I (IFN- $\alpha$  e IFN- $\beta$ ), è inibito dagli IFN naturali e sintetici e da mediatori come l'ossido nitrico e la proteina MxA (Andersson et al 2004, 2006; Simon et al 2006; Karlberg et al 2010).

Tuttavia, la replicazione del CCHFV è insensibile al successivo trattamento con IFN- $\alpha$ , suggerendo un meccanismo di evasione immunitaria dell'ospite.

Journal of Medical Virology 80:1397-1404 (2008)

## Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever Virus Delays Activation of the Innate Immune Response

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**E' stato dimostrato che la replicazione di CCHFV ritarda la risposta dell'IFN, probabilmente interferendo con la via di attivazione dell'IRF-3**

# RdRp e inibizione dell'interferone

## RIG-I Mediates an Antiviral Response to Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever Virus

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## Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever Virus Suppresses Innate Immune Responses via a Ubiquitin and ISG15 Specific Protease

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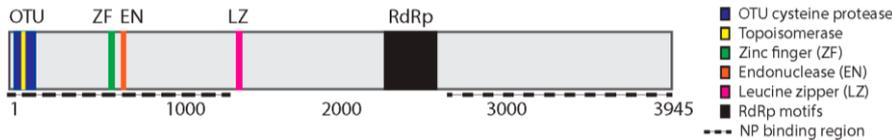
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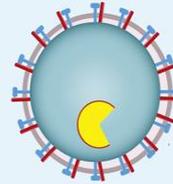
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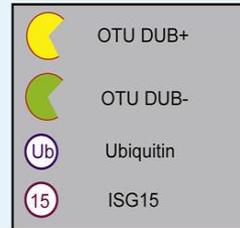
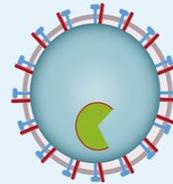


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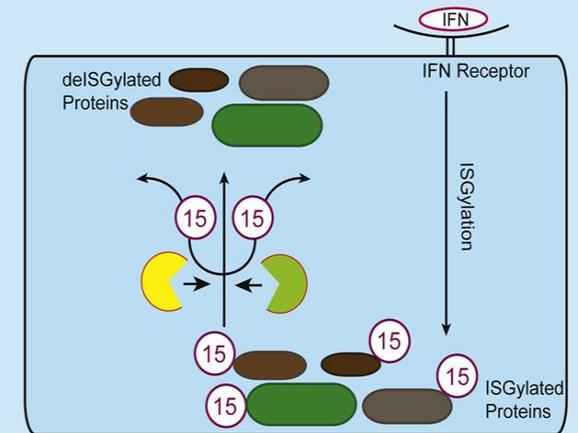
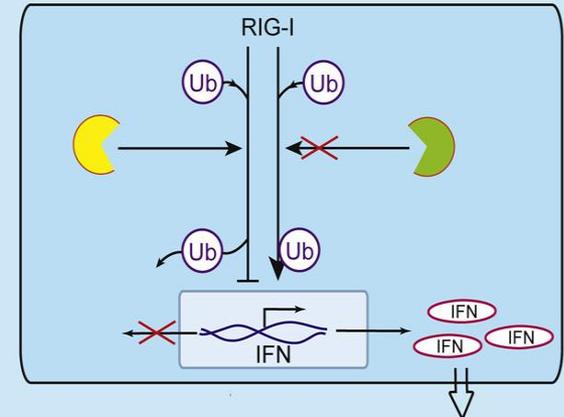
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OTU Mutant CCHFV

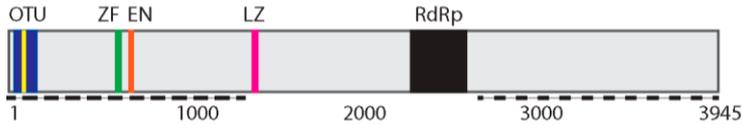


Ub-dependent signaling



(Scholte et al, 2016)

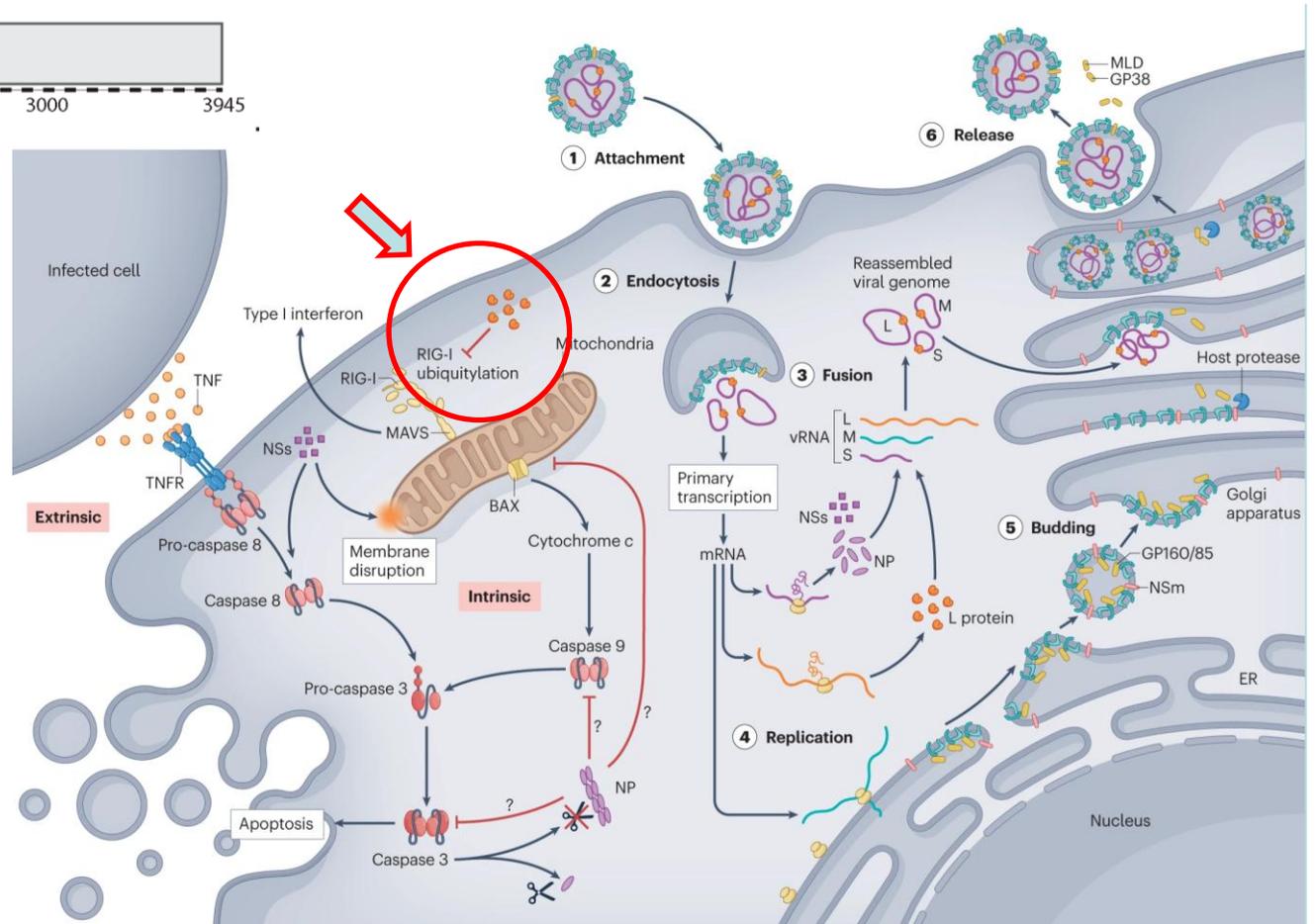
# RdRp e inibizione dell'interferone



- OTU cysteine protease
- Topoisomerase
- Zinc finger (ZF)
- Endonuclease (EN)
- Leucine zipper (LZ)
- RdRp motifs
- NP binding region

(modificato da Zivcec et al, 2016)

La RdRp (L protein) inibisce la via di attivazione dell'interferone



(modificato da Hawman and Feldmann, 2023)

# CCHFV e sensibilità all'interferone

Crimean–Congo hemorrhagic fever virus infection is lethal for adult type I interferon receptor-knockout mice

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Pathogenesis and Immune Response of Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever Virus in a STAT-1 Knockout Mouse Model<sup>†</sup>

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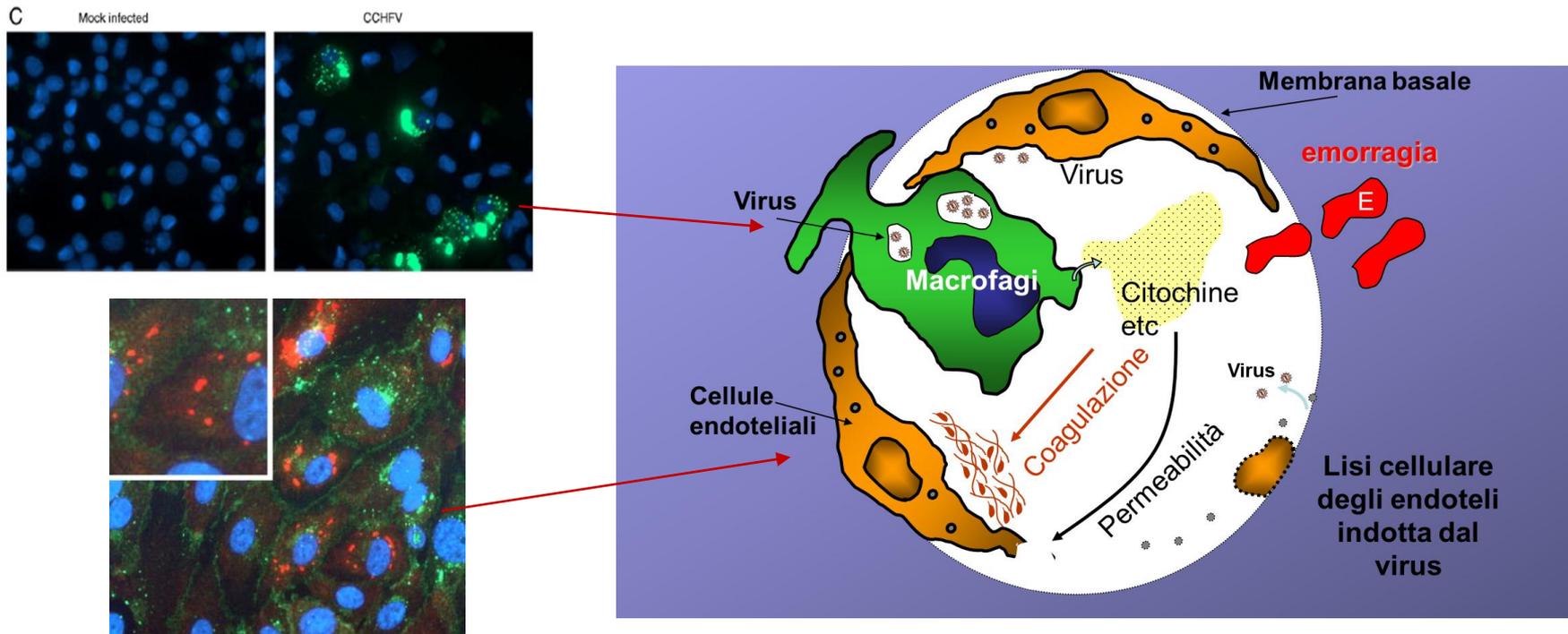
JOURNAL OF VIROLOGY, Nov. 2010, p. 11089–11100

Lethal Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever Virus Infection in Interferon  $\alpha/\beta$  Receptor Knockout Mice Is Associated With High Viral Loads, Proinflammatory Responses, and Coagulopathy

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JID 2013:207 (15 June) • 1909

# CCHFV infezione e danno vascolare



- ❖ Macrofagi producono TNF-alfa che attiva le cellule endoteliali
- ❖ Cellule endoteliali infettate da CCHFV presentano marcatori di attivazione
- ❖ Il virus provoca lisi degli endoteli e tramite le citochine la coagulazione
- ❖ Danno diretto da proteine virali?

# CCHFV infezione e danno vascolare

Golden *et al.*, *Sci. Adv.* 2019; 5 : eaaw9535 10 July 2019

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HEALTH AND MEDICINE

## GP38-targeting monoclonal antibodies protect adult mice against lethal Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever virus infection

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### GP38:

- ✓ Induce disfunzione della barriera endoteliale in vitro interrompendo lo strato di glicocalice innescando iperpermeabilità.
- ✓ Causa perdite vascolari in un modello murino.
- ✓ Incrementa i danni vascolari in vivo nei topi infettati, facilitando la disseminazione di CCHFV nei tessuti bersaglio come il fegato.

Anticorpi protettivi contro GP38 inibiscono l'iperpermeabilità endoteliale in vitro e la perdita vascolare in vivo durante l'infezione da CCHFV.

GP38 si dimostra essere un fattore coinvolto nella patogenesi

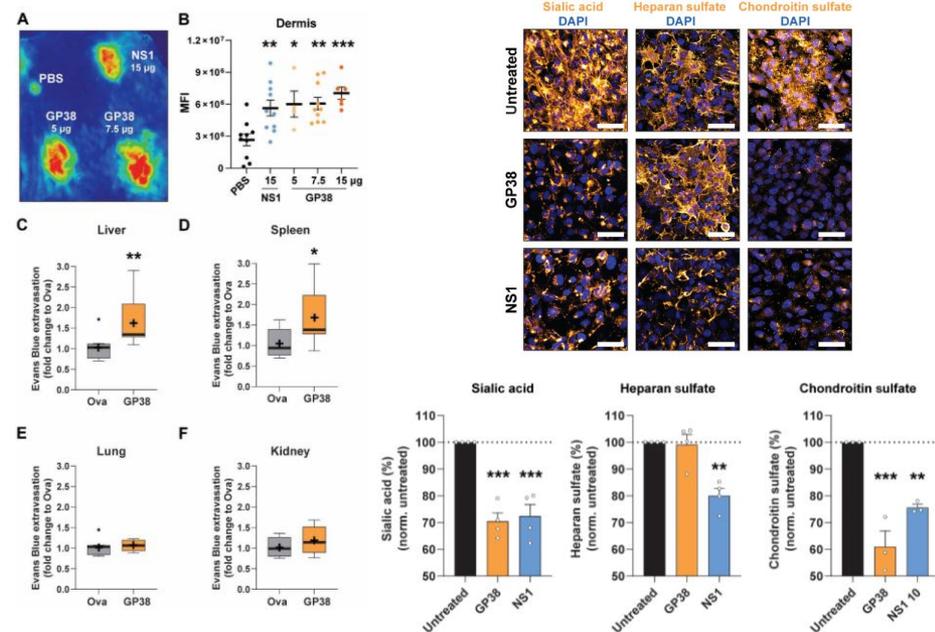
Pahmeier *et al.*, *Sci. Transl. Med.* 17, eadq5928 (2025) 19 February 2025

SCIENCE TRANSLATIONAL MEDICINE | RESEARCH ARTICLE

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

## Antibodies targeting Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever virus GP38 limit vascular leak and viral spread

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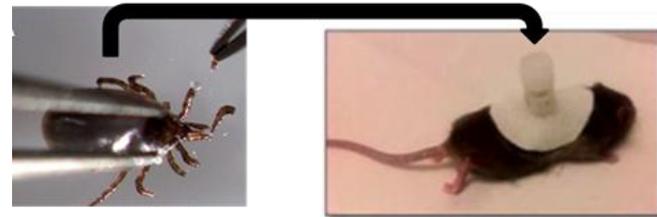


# Modelli di studio delle interazioni virus-vettore



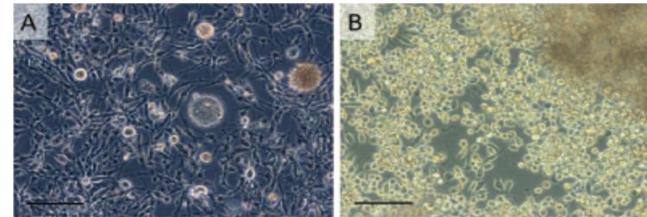
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- In vivo

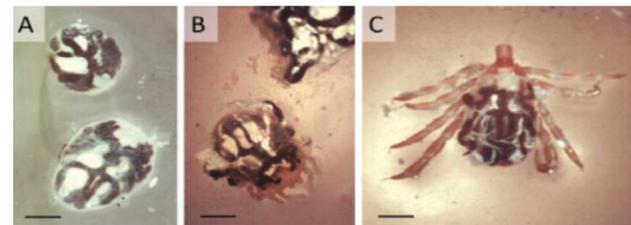


(Xia et al. 2016; Thangamani and Bente, 2014)

- In vitro



(Salata et al., 2018; Bell-Sakyi et al., 2012)



(Salata et al., 2021)

# Studio delle interazioni virus-vettore in vivo

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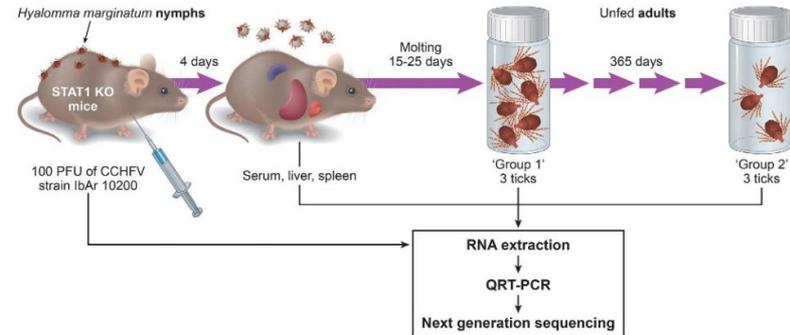
### Transstadial Transmission and Long-term Association of Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever Virus in Ticks Shapes Genome Plasticity

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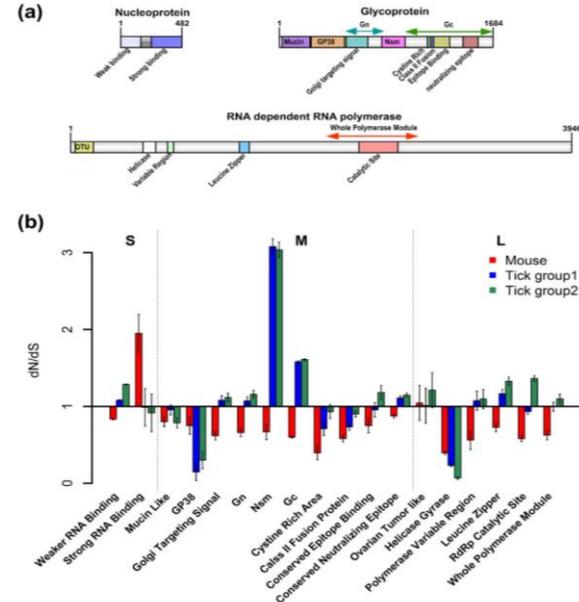
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The trade-off hypothesis, the current paradigm of arbovirus evolution, proposes that cycling between vertebrate and invertebrate hosts presents significant constraints on genetic change of arboviruses. Studying these constraints in mosquito-borne viruses has led to a new understanding of epizootics. The trade-off hypothesis is assumed to be applicable to tick-borne viruses too, although studies are lacking. Tick-borne Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever virus (CCHFV), a member of the family *Bunyaviridae*, is a major cause of severe human disease worldwide and shows an extraordinary amount of genetic diversity compared to other arboviruses, which has been linked to increased virulence and emergence in new environments. Using a transmission model for CCHFV, utilizing the main vector tick species and mice plus next generation sequencing, we detected a substantial number of consensus-level mutations in CCHFV recovered from ticks after only a single transstadial transmission, whereas none were detected in CCHFV obtained from the mammalian host. Furthermore, greater viral intra-host diversity was detected in the tick compared to the vertebrate host. Long-term association of CCHFV with its tick host for 1 year demonstrated mutations in the viral genome become fixed over time. These findings suggest that the trade-off hypothesis may not be accurate for all arboviruses.

I risultati suggeriscono l'esistenza di una pressione selettiva unica per CCHFV nella zecca e l'inadeguatezza dell'ipotesi «trade-off» per i virus trasmessi dalle zecche.

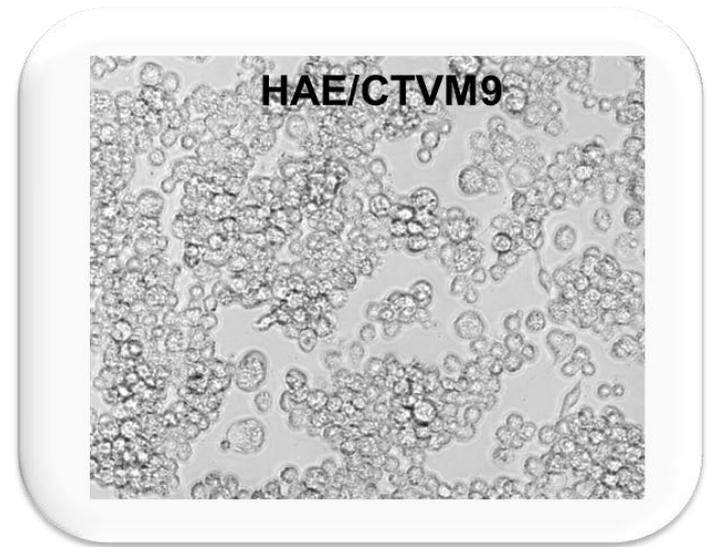


#### dN/dS ratio for functional domains



# Studio delle interazioni virus-vettore in vitro

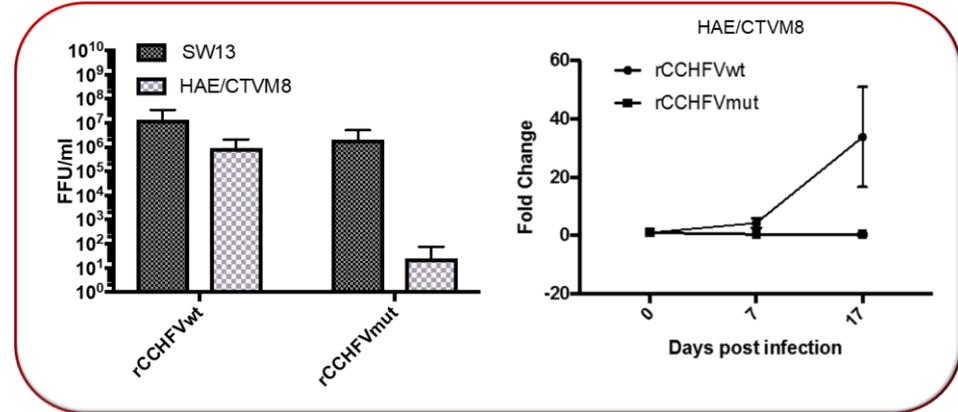
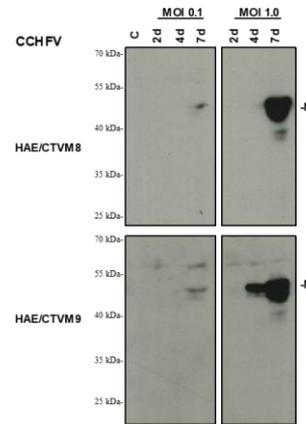
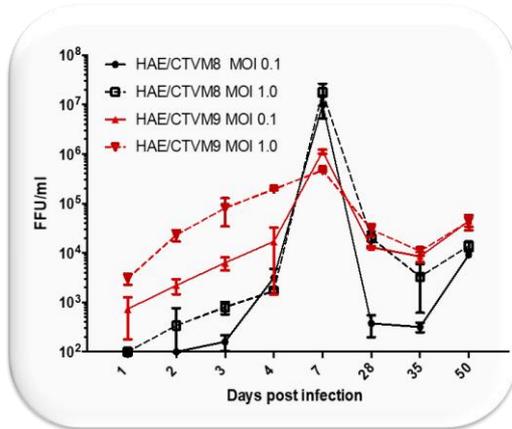
HAE/CTVM8 e HAE/CTVM9: linee cellulari stabilizzate da tessuti embrionali di zecche *Hyalomma anatolicum anatolicum*



HAE/CTVM8 e HAE/CTVM9 possono essere infettate con CCHFV e non mostrano effetti citopatici

Bell-Sakyi L et al,2012

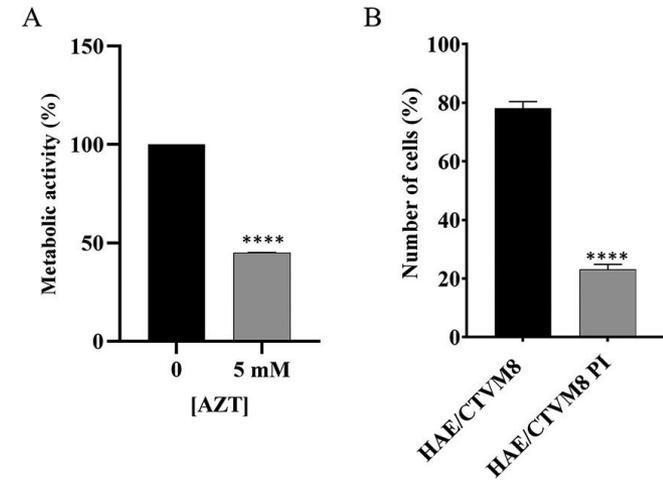
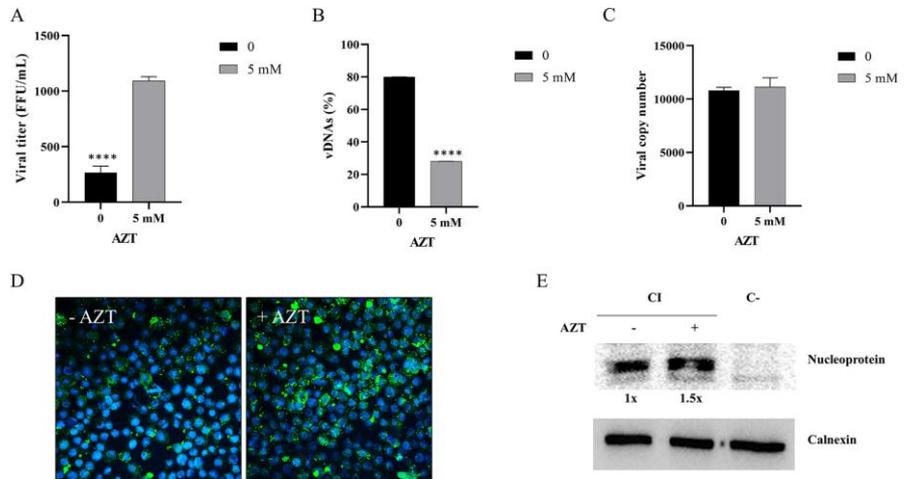
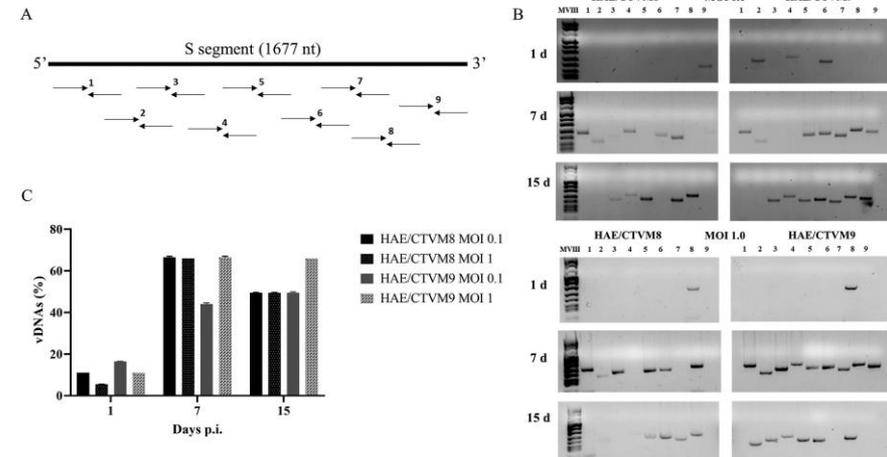
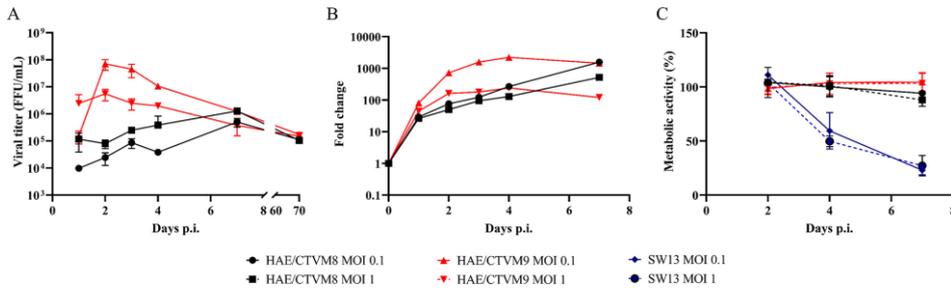
# Valutazione dell'infezione di CCHFV in linee cellulari di zecca



Salata et al, 2018

- CCHFV infetta le cellule delle zecche senza evidenti effetti deleteri
- CCHFV stabilisce un'infezione persistente che è stata monitorata per 282 giorni
- Nessun segno di scissione nucleoproteica
- rCCHFVmut (DEVD->AEVA) ha mostrato una forte compromissione della replicazione dell'RNA (>99%) rispetto a rCCHFVwt nelle cellule di zecca
- Ruolo del motivo DEVD nelle zecche?

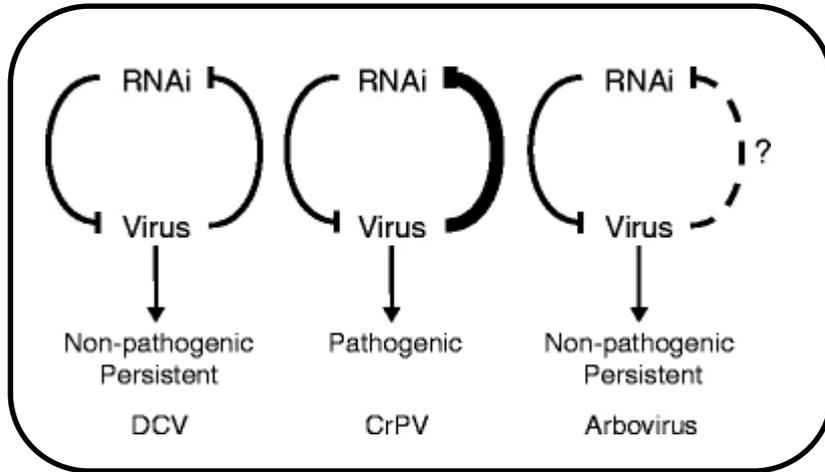
# vDNA e modulazione dell'infezione nelle cellule di zecca



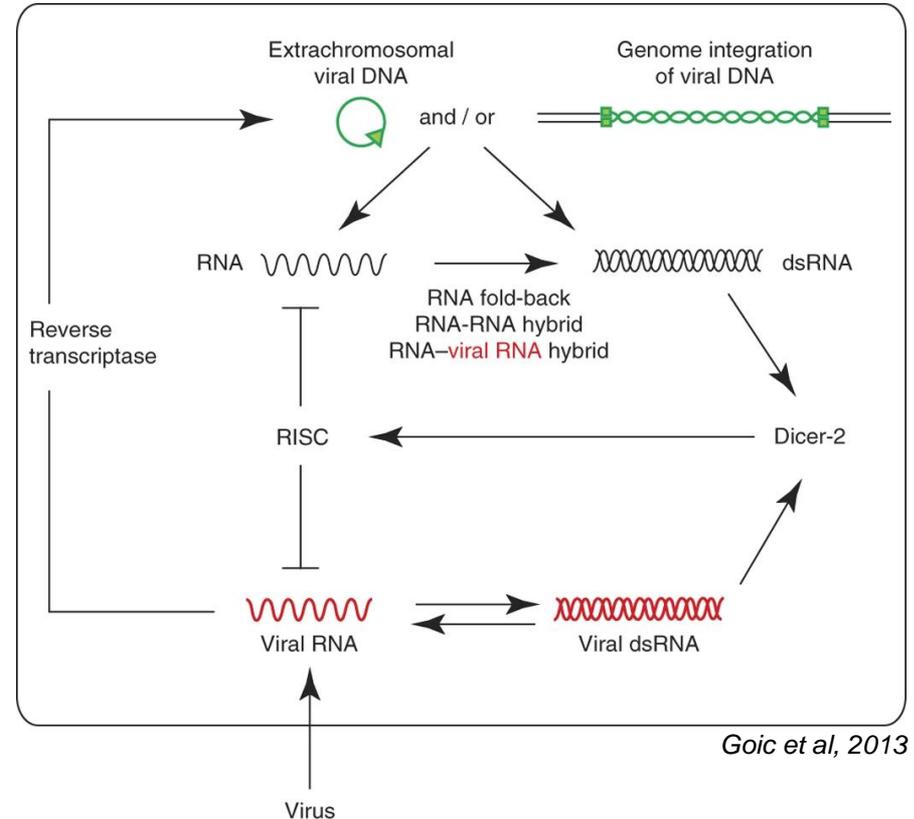
La presenza di vDNA è associata a riduzione della replicazione virale e alla sopravvivenza delle cellule infettate

Salvati et al, 2021

# vDNA: mediatore della risposta antivirale



**Le vDNA potrebbero contribuire alla definizione della competenza vettoriale**



Goic et al, 2013

# Conclusioni

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- ❖ Le interazioni CCHFV-ospite vertebrato ed invertebrato sono ancora largamente sconosciute
- ❖ E' importante caratterizzare in dettaglio la biologia del virus e la patogenesi della CCHF per trovare target terapeutici
- ❖ Lo studio dell'interazione virus-vettore può portare a nuovi approcci di controllo della diffusione del virus

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