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Protection Conferred by Infectious bronchitis Virus Spike Ectodomain (S1 + S2 ectodomain)



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## Protection against infectious bronchitis virus by spike ectodomain subunit vaccine



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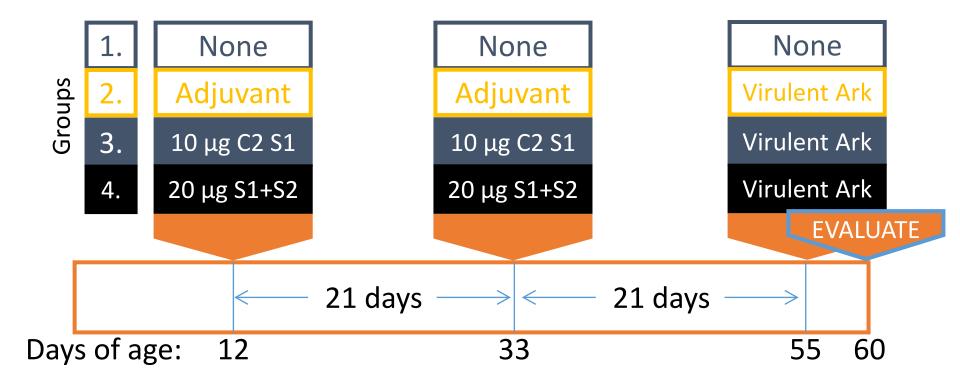
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Trimeric recombinant S1 and S1+S2 ectodomain proteins were expressed in 293T cells using synthetic genes representing a distinct IBV Ark-type vaccine subpopulation selected in chickens

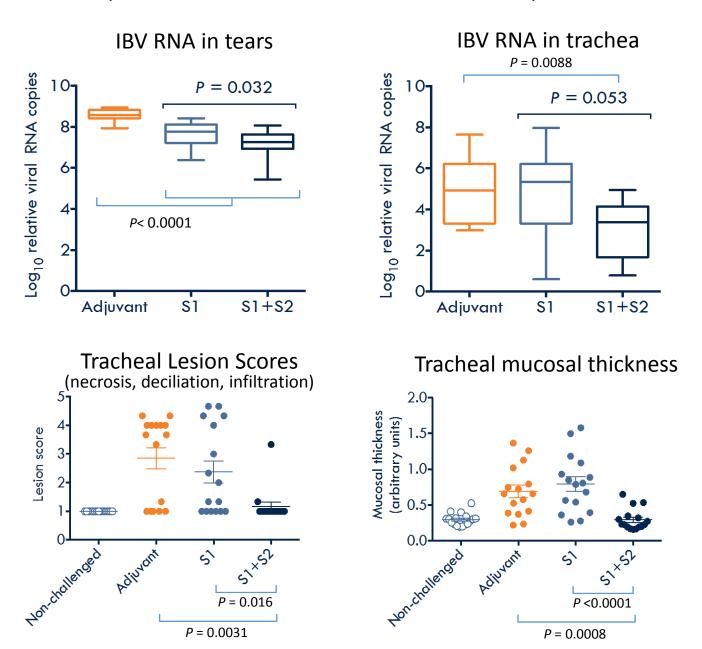
Chickens were immunized to determine the effect of the extension of the S1 domain with S2 ectodomain on protection against IBV.

### Experimental design



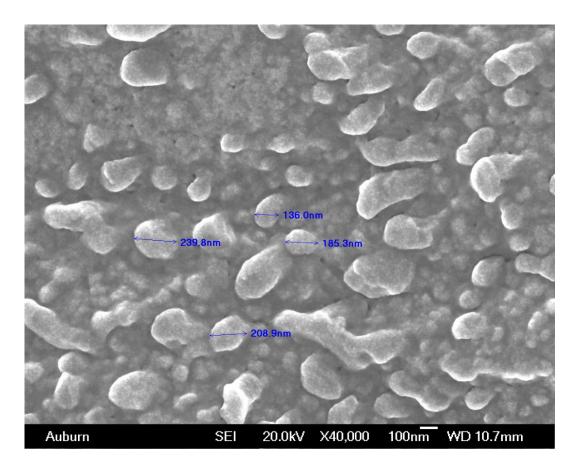
- 16 SPF white leghorn chickens/group
- Commercial mineral oil emulsion adjuvant MONTANIDE™ ISA 71 VG
- Ocular challenge: 10<sup>5</sup> EID<sub>50</sub> virulent Ark IBV

#### Effective protection by IBV S ectodomain recombinant protein





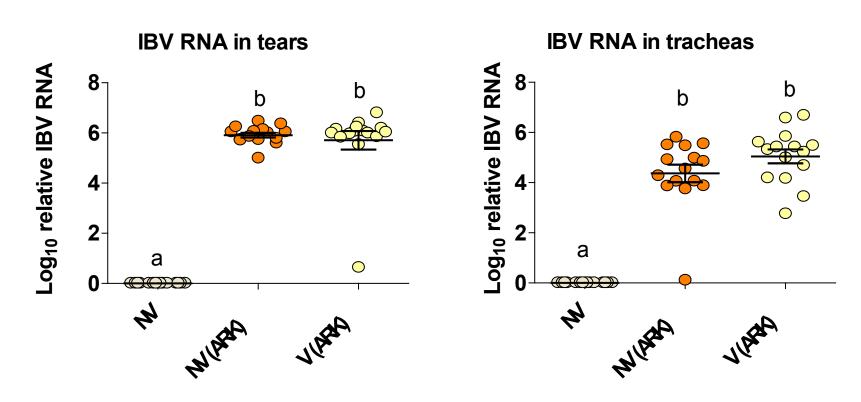
# Recombinant IBV Spike Ectodomain Protein Encapsulated in Chitosan Nanoparticles



Scanning electron microscope of Chitosan–S protein nanoparticles



Viral load (IBV RNA) in tears and trachea of chickens vaccinated via nostrils at 7 days-old with Chitosan- S protein nanoparticles and challenged at 28 days old with virulent Ark IBV



IBV RNA determined 5 days post-challenge by qRT-PCR (5UTR gene).

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In ovo Vaccination with Recombinant IBV S Ectodomain Protein Encapsulated in Chitosan Nanoparticles

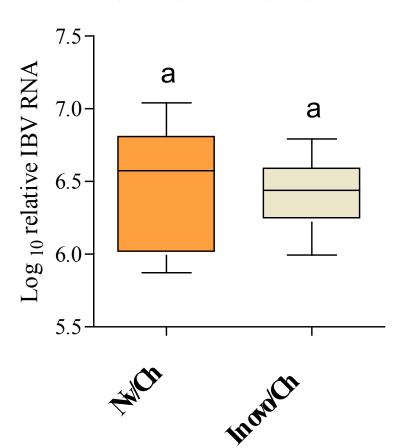


# Viral load (IBV RNA) in tears of chickens vaccinated *in ovo* with Chitosan- S protein nanoparticles and challenged at 21 days old with virulent Ark IBV

	Groups		
	Nv	Nv/Ch	V/Ch
In ovo D 18	-	Chitosan	Chitosan/ S ectodomain
Challen. D 21	-	Ark	Ark

n=12 chickens/group

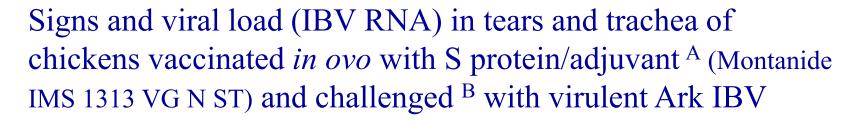
#### **IBV RNA** in tears



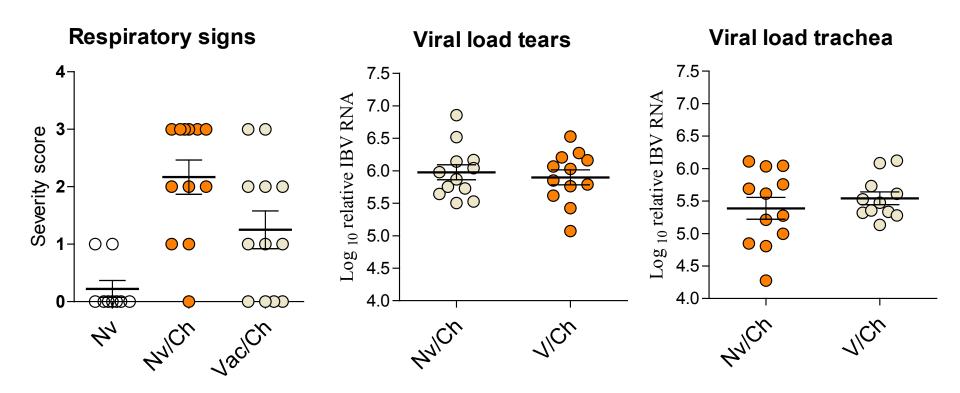
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In ovo Vaccination with Recombinant IBV S Ectodomain Protein Delivered with Seppic Adjuvant (Montanide IMS 1313 VG N ST)





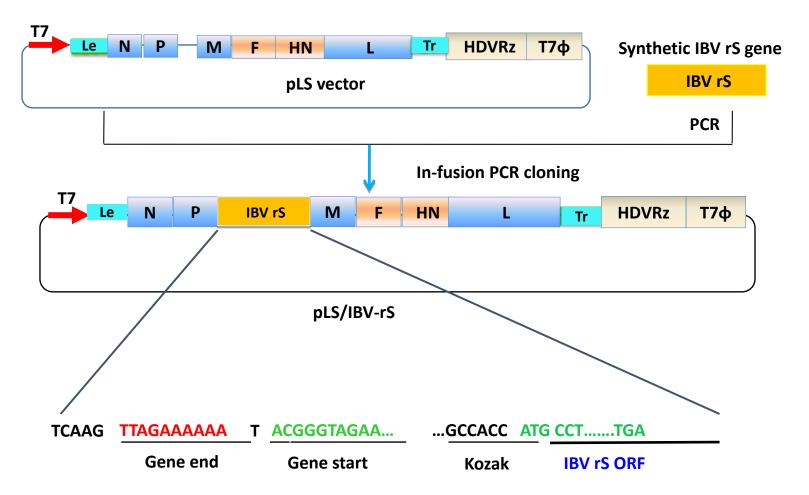


A 50μg of protein diluted 1:1 in adjuvant / chicken egg.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>B</sup> 10<sup>5</sup> EID<sub>50</sub> virulent Ark at 21 days of age

# Generation of recombinant NDV with S ectodomain gene of IBV ArkDPI

Yu et al, World J. Vaccines 3:130-139, 2013



IBV ArkDPI population C2 S ectodomain gene (GenBank accession ABY66333) was synthesized with codon optimized for chicken.

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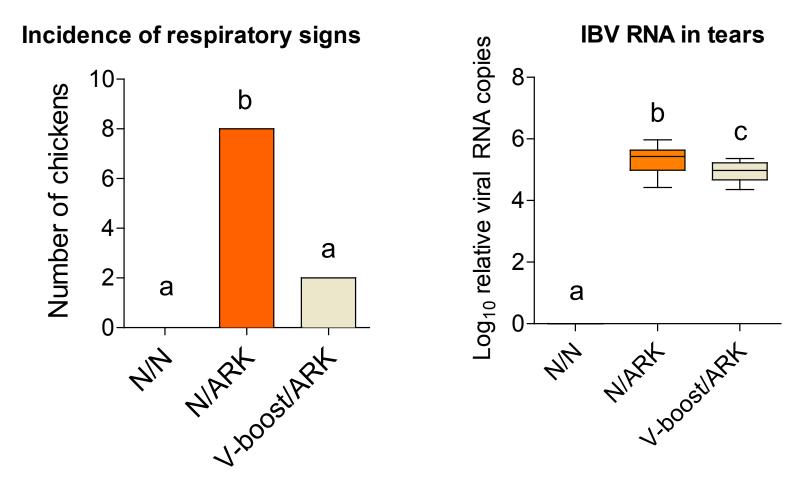
- Confirmed the fidelity of rLS/IBV-S by sequencing.
- Titrated rLS/IBV-S by EID<sub>50</sub> and TCID<sub>50</sub>.
- Detected IBV S protein expression by immunofluorescence.
- Determined the pathogenicity of rLS/IBV-S by MDT and ICPI.
- Evaluated protection conferred by rLS/IBV-S.

## Properties of recombinant rLS expressing recombinant soluble trimeric IBV S-ectodomain protein.

rLS.S had an intracerebral pathogenicity index (ICPI) in day-old chickens of 0.0 and mean death time in embryonating eggs >150 hours, indicating even lower pathogenicity than the already low pathogenicity of the parental LaSota virus.

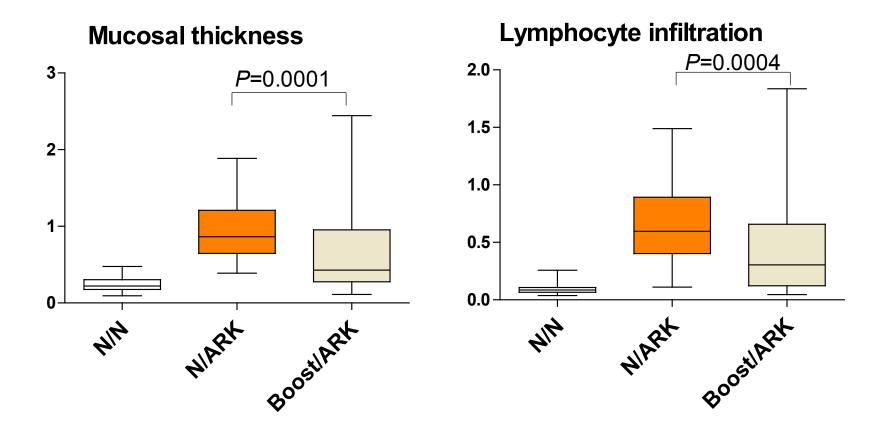
Expression of the recombinant S protein in NDV.S-infected cells *in vitro* was confirmed by indirect immunofluorescence using sera both from chickens vaccinated with Ark-type live vaccine and chickens vaccinated with recombinant Ark-type S-ectodomain protein

Incidence of signs and viral load in tears of chickens vaccinated ocularly at 1 and again at 14 days of age with rLS encoding S ectodomain and challenged A with Ark



Vaccination: rLS.Se 10<sup>5</sup> EID<sub>50</sub>; challenge: 10<sup>6</sup> EID<sub>50</sub> virulent Ark 18 days after 2<sup>nd</sup> vaccination

Tracheal histomorphometry after Ark challenge. Chickens vaccinated ocularly at 1 day-old and boosted on day 14 with rLS encoding IBV S ectodomain



Two tailed t test.

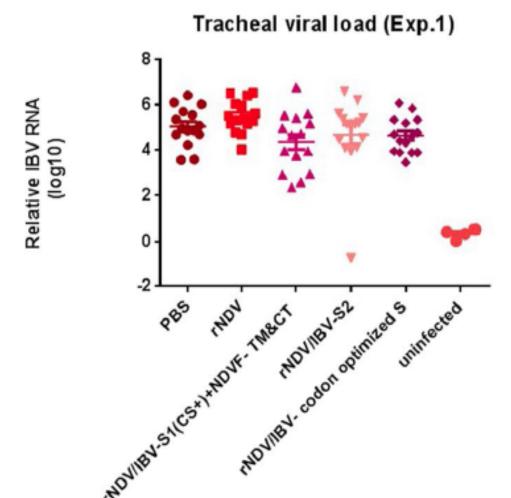


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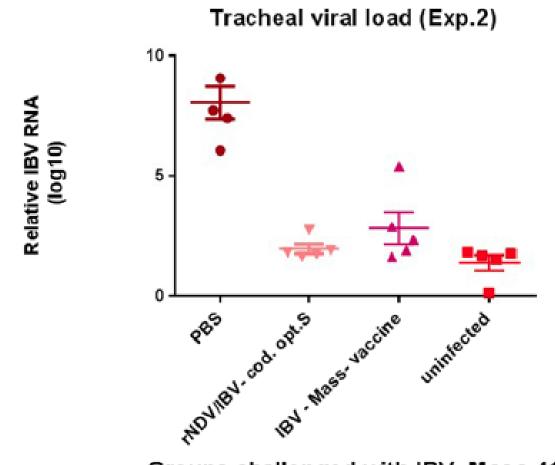
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Groups challenged with IBV- Mass-41

Vaccinated at 1-d-old 10<sup>7</sup> EID50 Challenge 3 weeks PV with 10<sup>3.1</sup> EID<sub>50</sub> Mass



Groups challenged with IBV- Mass-41

Vaccinated at 4 weeks old 10<sup>7</sup> EID50 Challenge 3 weeks PV with 10<sup>3.1</sup> EID<sub>50</sub> Mass

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