



### Progress toward an HIV vaccine



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# Vaccines teach our immune systems to memorize harmful agents and respond to them quickly if seen again.



### **Vaccine Development History**

Time to Develop a Vaccine: Duration between discovery of microbiologic cause of selected infectious diseases and development of a vaccine





- HIV/AIDS is a leading cause of mortality and morbidity worldwide.
- Safe, effective HIV vaccines remain a necessity for the durable control of the epidemic.
- An HIV vaccine may induce an immune response against HIV (active vaccination) or consist of preformed antibodies against HIV (passive vaccination).
- An HIV vaccine is a potential vaccine that could be either a preventive vaccine or a therapeutic vaccine.

## HIV genome (A) and structure (B)



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### **Types of Vaccines**



### **HIV vaccines in clinical trials**

Vaccine Modality	No. of Trials
DNA/Pox Virus	8
DNA/Ad Virus	5
DNA/Pox/Protein	3
Viral vector - Pox	3
Viral vector - Ad	11
Protein	8
Protein/Pox	3





### **HIV vaccine development challenges**





No roadmap of protection

#### Viral Variability

### Immune-targeting

Nobody has ever eliminated HIV with their own immune system HIV makes many copies of itself and mutates, making it unrecognizable to the immune system and leading to different subtypes of the virus throughout the world HIV kills the very immune cells the body uses to defend against disease

### **Eliciting HIV Immune Responses**



T cell-mediated response: Stimulate branch of immune system (mainly T cells) that recognizes and destroys cells infected with HIV so it cannot multiply and spread



Neutralizing antibody response: Induce antibodies that block HIV in the blood, preventing HIV from infecting the body's cells



Non-neutralizing antibody response: Induce antibodies that recognize HIV and recruit other immune cells to help destroy the virus



**Combination responses:** Stimulate multiple parts of the adaptive immune system to recognize and defend the body against HIV

 With the exception of RV144, the so-called Thai Trial, which found a 31% lower infection rate among those who received the vaccine, strategies that elicit non-neutralising responses have not been effective.

### **Broadly neutralizing antibodies (bNAbs)**

- Specialized antibodies that bind to and neutralize multiple strains of HIV
- Numerous bNAbs discovered since 2009
- Five main targets of bNAbs on the virus envelope



### **Mosaic Vaccines**

- A so-called "mosaic" vaccine is designed to create immune responses to multiple HIV clades
- Several mosaics used together in a vaccine could provide broader coverage
- Mosaic immunogens can be inserted into viral vectors, e.g. Adenoviruses



https://www.avac.org/sites/default/files/resourcefiles/THIS%20IntroMosaicVaxx\_AVACposting\_notes%5B1%5D.pdf

### **Sustaining HIV Vaccine Research**

#### **HIV VACCINE RESEARCH PIPELINE (FEBRUARY 2020)**

Scientists are exploring many types of vaccines to try to elicit immune responses that would protect from HIV. These vaccines can be organized, imperfectly, under three buckets: vaccines designed to elicit broadly neutralizing antibodies, non-neutralizing antibodies or T-cell responses. Some vaccines are trying to elicit a combination of these responses. We don't yet know which of these immune responses will protect against HIV. To learn more about immune responses and the vaccine regimens below, check out: www.avac.org/hvad



https://www.avac.org/infographic/vaccine-pipeline

### **HIV Vaccine Trials**

	ALVAC (HVTN 702/Uhambo) Immunizations halted for non-efficacy	
Preventive HIV vaccine	Ad26 (HVTN 705/HPX2008/Imbokodo)	
	Ad26 (HVTN 706/HPX3002/Mosaico)	
PrEP and vaccine		
Ongoing ///// Planned * Phase IIa trial	AVAC www.avac.org	

- The past few years have been difficult for HIV vaccine research, with several high profile trials being stopped early and with negative results.
- Now the focus seems to be on broadly neutralising antibodies (bnAbs), either by giving infusions of bnAbs or by eliciting the immune system to generate its own bnAbs.



- AVAC: <u>www.avac.org/vaccines</u>
- Center for HIV/AIDS Vaccine Immunology and Immunogen Discovery (CHAVI-ID)
  - At Duke: <u>www.chavi-id-duke.org</u>
  - At Scripps: <u>www.cavi-id.org</u>
- Collaboration for AIDS Vaccine Discovery: <u>www.cavd.org</u>
- European AIDS Vaccine Initiative (EAVI 2020): <u>www.eavi2020.eu</u>
- European HIV Vaccine Alliance (EHVA): <u>www.ehv-a.eu</u>
- Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise: <u>https://www.iasociety.org/Global-HIV-Vaccine-Enterprise</u>
- HIV Px R&D Database (PxRD): <u>http://www.avac.org/pxrd</u>
- HIV Vaccines & Microbicides Resource Tracking Working Group: <u>www.hivresourcetracking.org</u>
- HIV Vaccine Trials Network (HVTN): <u>www.hvtn.org</u>
- International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI): <u>www.iavi.org</u>
- NIAID: <u>www.niaid.nih.gov/topics/hivaids/research/vaccines/Pages/default.aspx</u>





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