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**Wicked Research Division:
The Flare Virus**

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The Flare Virus: General Overview:



Virus code name VC321xb47: "The Flare Virus" is classed as a deadly and highly contagious disease, capable of spreading and contaminating organisms from host to host through skin to skin contact, or being airborne. The Flare Virus had first originated back in 2030, in which was responsible for exterminating 99% of humanity exactly one year after the catastrophic solar flares that ravaged the planet thus giving it it's name.

At first, the virus seemed to be almost harmless, making its hosts exhibit flu-like symptoms with only 30% of all cases going critical, unfortunately, due to residual radiation and fallout left behind by the flares, the virus started mutating with the end result being a deadly pathogen that corrodes the minds of it's hosts. These individuals then start to lose their sanity, eventually becoming animal-like creatures relying on instincts and the desire to cause bodily harm to other biological beings including their own kind, these creatures have been given the name "Cranks".



Composition & Behavior Of The Flare Virus:



In its earliest form, The Flare Virus was a basic enveloped virus cell containing higher than average amounts of CO₂. Upon entering the body, the virus would spread through the circulatory system until it reaches the digestional tract, where it settles in the blood vessels connected to the inner walls of the stomach.

The virus would then drop off it's CO₂ in the parietal cells which produce Hydrochloric acid (HCL). Virus cells would receive this acid and travel once again through the circulatory system until it reaches the brain, slowly eating it away.

Upon entering the neural networks through the circulatory system, the virus would cling on to a neuron using it's spikes on its outer membrane; once attached, the virus would dissolve it's inner membrane and its Cytoplasm, by doing so, the virus takes over the neuron and alters its DNA.

These new host neurons would function as normal neurons would, except their chemical form of the action potential they send contains the acid that was formerly absorbed by the virus, this means that the neuron is now spreading acid through the neural network, slowly rotting away the brain.

This new cell now starts pumping HCL alongside neural signals making it so that corrosion of the brain cells occurs more rapidly in an active brain triggered stress or other stimuli.

This early form of the flare was somewhat controllable using acid-control medication, however, modern forms of the virus have mutated and grown their own parietal glands making the virus able to synthesize its own acid rendering previous remedies useless, furthermore increasing the danger.

The virus evolved so that it doesn't fully corrode neurons but it instead rebuilds new neural cells using the previously corroded neurons, this is what lead to the primal instinctive aggression found in "cranks", the flare also became able to corrode muscle mass and organs of the human body.



Symptoms and Scientific Treatments



S1:| Flare Virus: Symptoms |

Research on the Flare Virus is not complete, therefore all symptoms are not fully discovered. However, the Flare Virus may cause minor to life threatening symptoms to a patient's health and wellbeing, should you have any symptoms, a medical personnel of WICKED is to be consulted immediately.

Symptoms of the Flare Virus include:

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- Flu-like symptoms
 - Irritation
 - Change to skin (in colour or shape)
 - Aggressive behaviour
 - Nausea
 - Abnormal or excessive loss of blood
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S2:| Flare Virus: Treatment |

As of now, there is no permanent vaccine, cure, or any other sort of medication that will produce a sufficient number of antibodies for a patient to be immune to the flare virus entirely. However, there is one fully developed prototype, which will however, not grant a patient immunity to the flare virus, but shall eradicate the flare virus completely from the patient if they have not developed into “the gone” stage.

WICKED however, has another hope for the development of another cure, one that is permanent and may restart humanity anew again. The WICKED Research Division discovered that Flare Immunes (certain young teenagers) may hold a key to the creation of a cure within their blood. Further research is still required and there is very little intelligence of this. Though, if such a thing is true, humanity may be reborn again.



Containment of VC321xb47, Flare Virus



There is still very little intelligence and knowledge on the Flare Virus. However, despite the deadliness of the infection there are still a few ways for WICKED personnel to professionally contain this disease. Due to the fact that the disease is harmful, the 'Standard Containment Procedures' are obliged to be abided. Failure to abide by them or any other unapproved form of containment will result in the prosecution of that personnel.

A member of the WICKED Research Division should immediately be called to handle the contaminated patient through radio communications, from there a member of the WICKED Research Division will shortly arrive to investigate into the matter and determine which is the best course of action that needs to be taken. If a WICKED Research Division personnel does not respond within a matter of 3 minutes after being requested or is not available, one of the following should be done:

:|| Euthanization of the contaminated patient **ONLY IF** they have reached stage 3 of the Flare Virus longer than at least 20 seconds. Some individuals, despite being on stage 3, are still capable of receiving a cure. **DO NOT EXECUTE UNLESS THE PERSON ISN'T CAPABLE OF RECEIVING A CURE.**

:|| Requesting a member of the WICKED Research Division through Discord.

:|| Purchasing prototype-1A cure sample from a scrap store.

:|| Euthanization of the contaminated patient **ONLY IF** ordered by a WICKED Research Division personnel through radio, regardless of stage.

:|| Extermination of the patient if they have already fully developed into the form of a crank.

:|| Exterminating all victims of a mass infection inside of a public training. [HOST ONLY WILL HAVE THE ABILITY TO AUTHORIZE EXTERMINATION/ EXTERMINATE]