# Viral Vector Core Facility

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#### **Recombinant Viral Vectors**

We can remove pathogenic features from the genomes of viruses and replace them with genes of our interest, while retaining their ability to infect and transport genes into target cells. Such engineered viral vectors are excellent gene delivery vehicles for ex vivo and in vivo applications. Viral vectors facilitate the delivery of foreign genes into target cells within intact organs, allowing precise manipulation of cellular functions or therapeutic intervention. Some vectors can integrate their genetic cargo into the host genome, enabling sustained gene expression, which is advantageous when persistent transgene expression is required for therapeutic benefit.

#### Viral vectors as gene delivery vehicles

to introduce genes of interest for various functional studies **Anatomical mapping-**GFP, mCherry,... Optogenetic channels-ChR, HaloR,... Pharmacogenetic receptors- DREADD, PSAM Optogenetic imaging-GCaMP, CaMPARI

to manipulate expression of a gene of interest in cells grown in a petriplate or in intact organs, using RNA interference and CRISPR/Cas technology

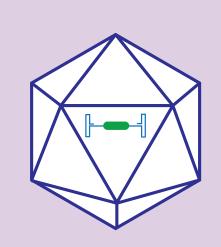
in combination with transgenics, specific cell-types can be addressed

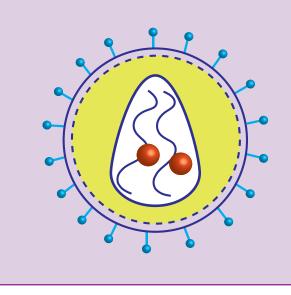
conditional and temporal expression of a transgene is possible

can attain cell-type specific gene expression by creating novel viral vectors, using cell-type specific gene regulatory elements

recently, viral vectors are used as delivery vehicles for gene-therapy and vaccines

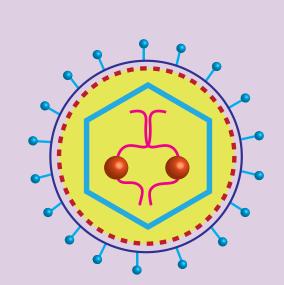
## Types Of Viral Vectors In Our Toolkit

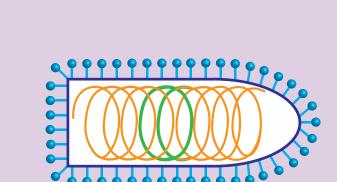




Adeno-associated virus: Replication defective, non-pathogenic vector popular tool in research and in clinics

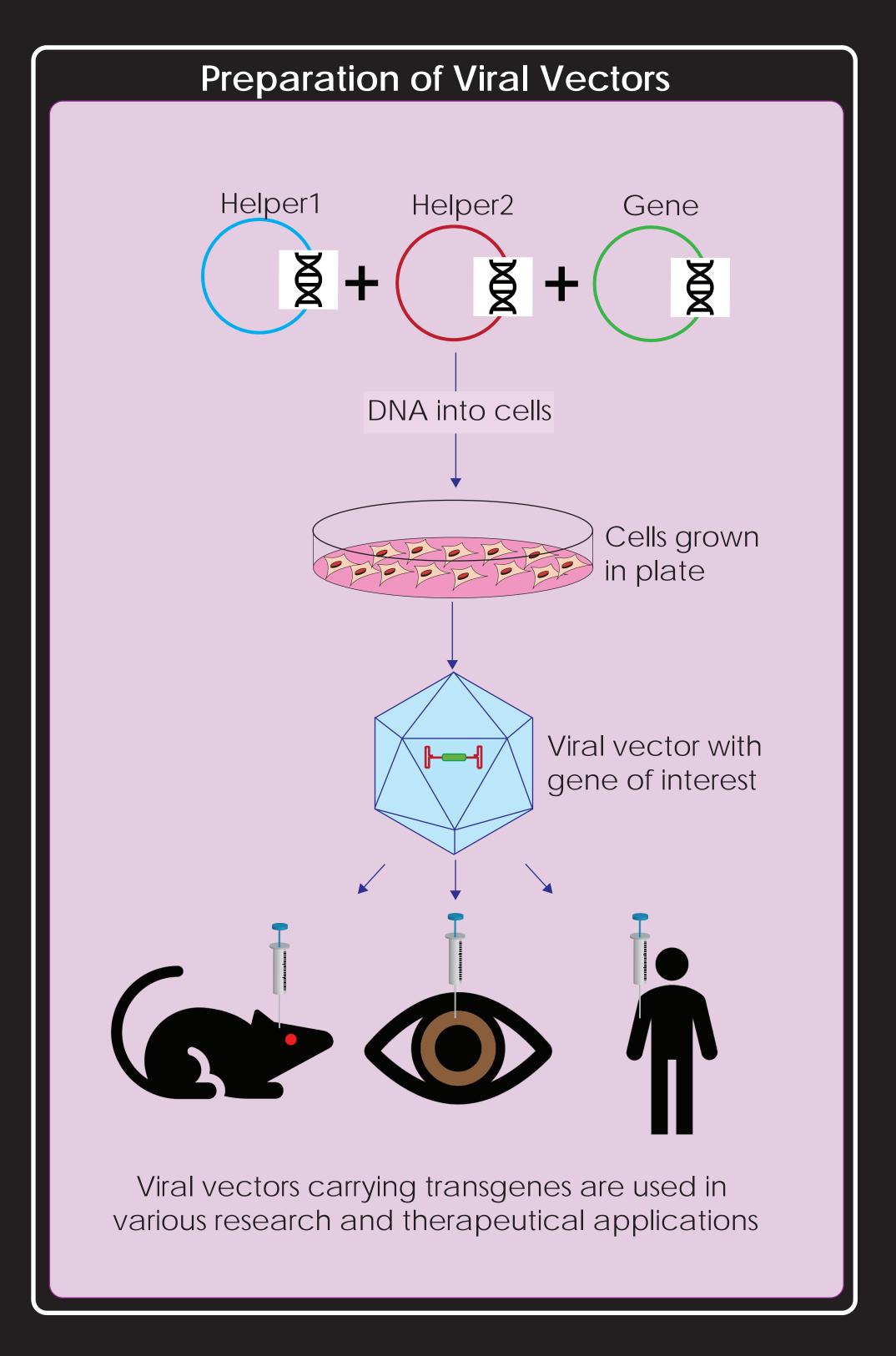
Lenti virus: For stable, long-term gene expression, stable integration into host cell's genome



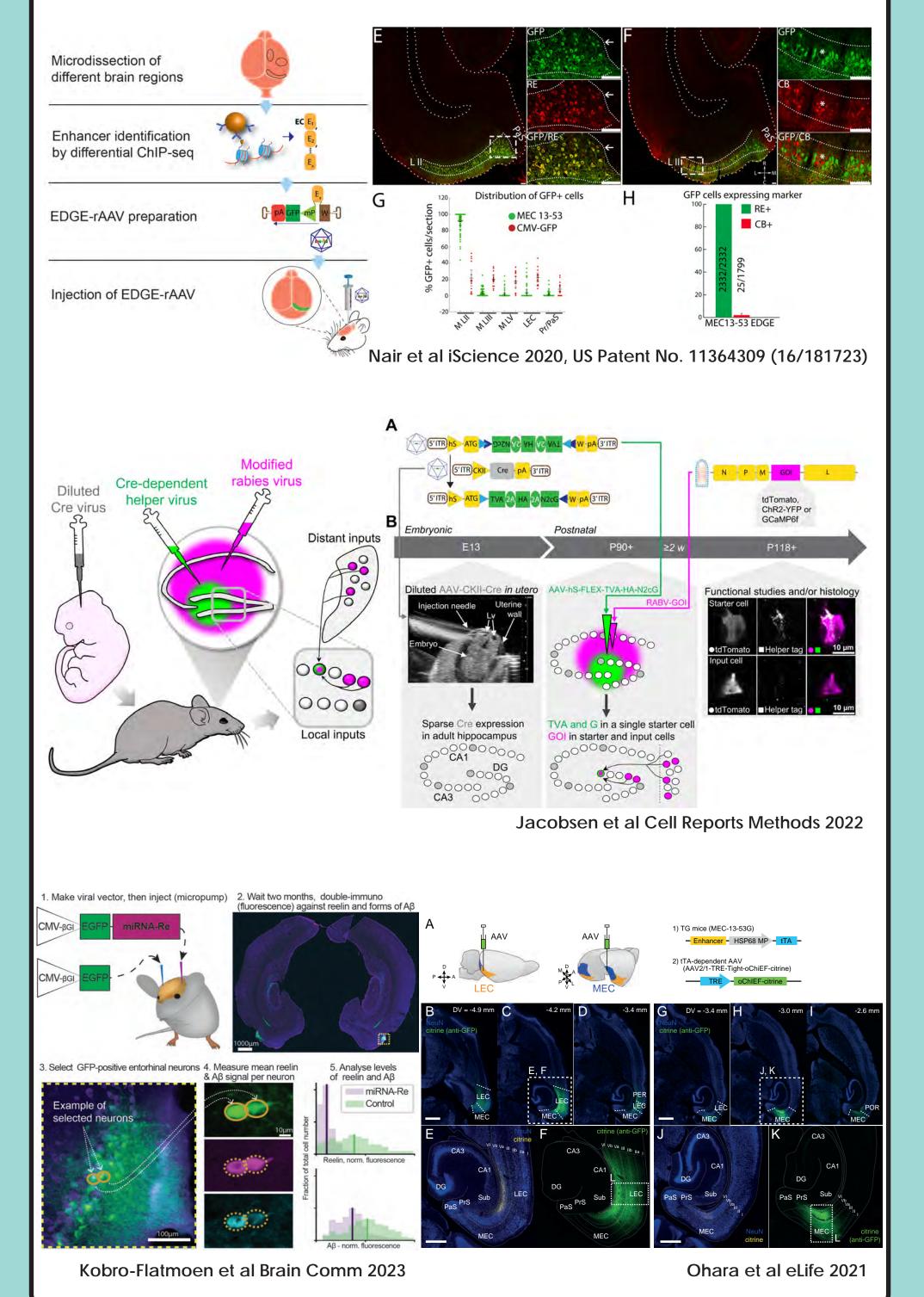


Moloney murine leukemia virus: For stable, long-term gene expression, stable integration into host cell's genome, used to target dividing cells

Rabies virus: Pseudotyped G protein-deleted virus, complemented with G, used for transsynaptic input tracing



#### Viral Vector Applications: Unlocking Possibilities



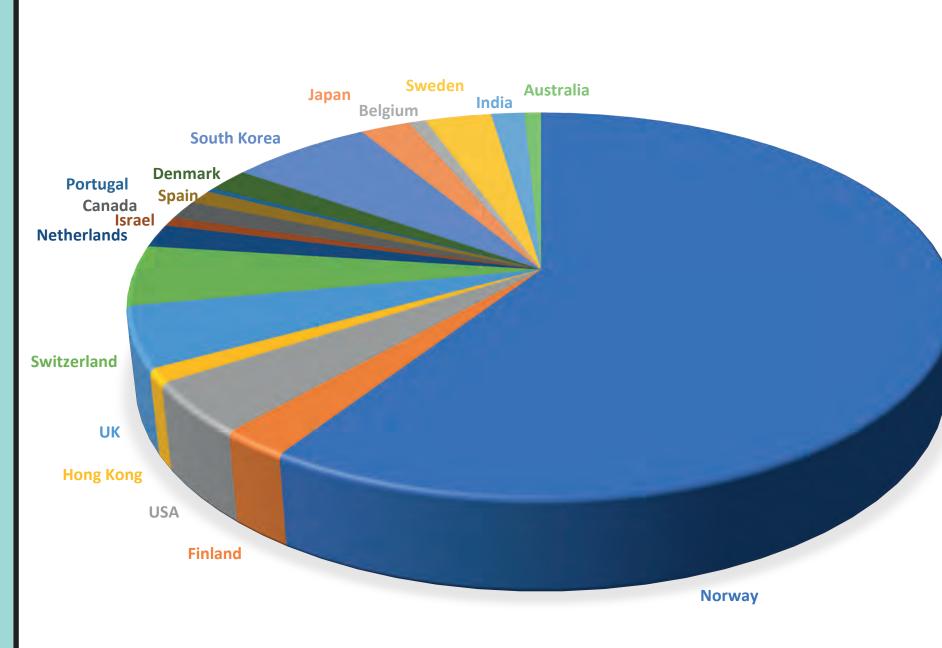
### Viral Viral Core: Our Progress Thus Far

Unique expertise in designing and preparing various high-quality research-grade viral vectors

VVC developed a range of vectors for 70 national and international research labs

Several collaborative endeavors have yielded numerous efficient novel vectors and publications

Developed numerous innovative viral vector strategies for life science research



Provided viral vectors to multiple research laboratories

across different countries

### Viral Viral Core: Our Service Spectrum

Custom viral vector productions

Consultations and designing of novel viral vectors

Maintenance and distribution of ready-to-inject high-titer stock viruses

Research and Development of novel viral tools

Open for collaborative projects for building next-gen tools

#### Viral Vector Core

Storage & distribution of various hightiter stock viral vectors

Consultation, designing & production of various viral vectors

Collaborative research & developments of novel viral vectors

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