



# Iterative Evolution of Cross-Species BBB-Penetrant Capsids

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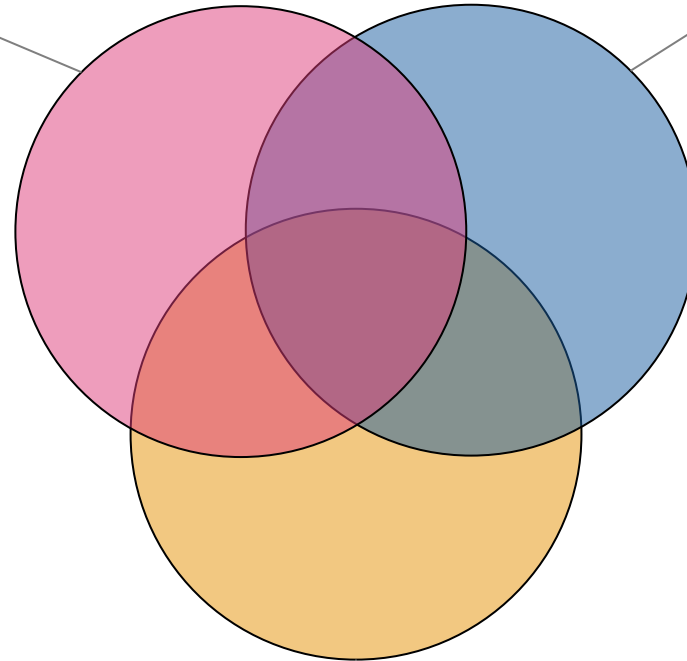
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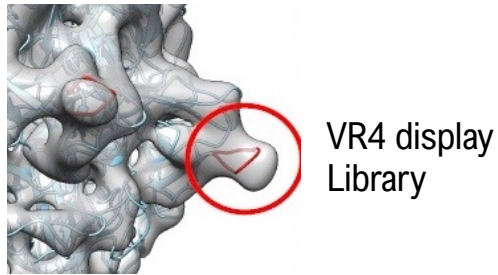


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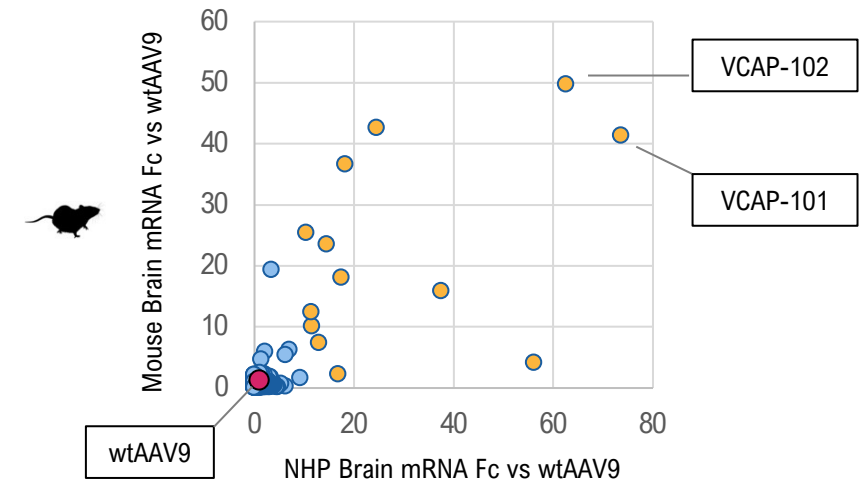
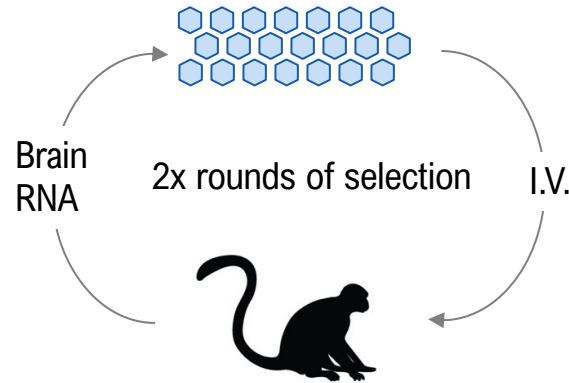
# Discovery of Cross-Species Capsids VCAP-101/102

## Scanning of capsid surface sites for peptide insertion

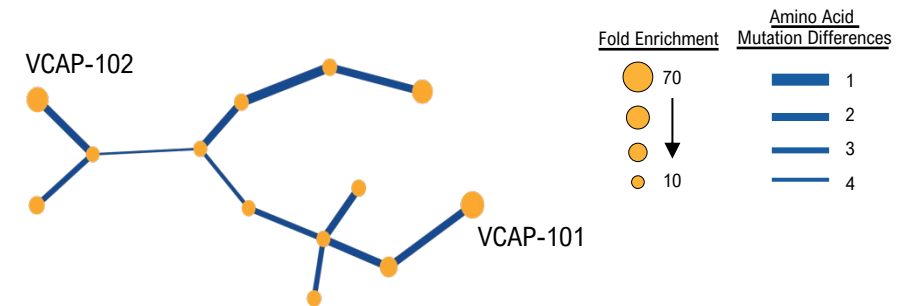


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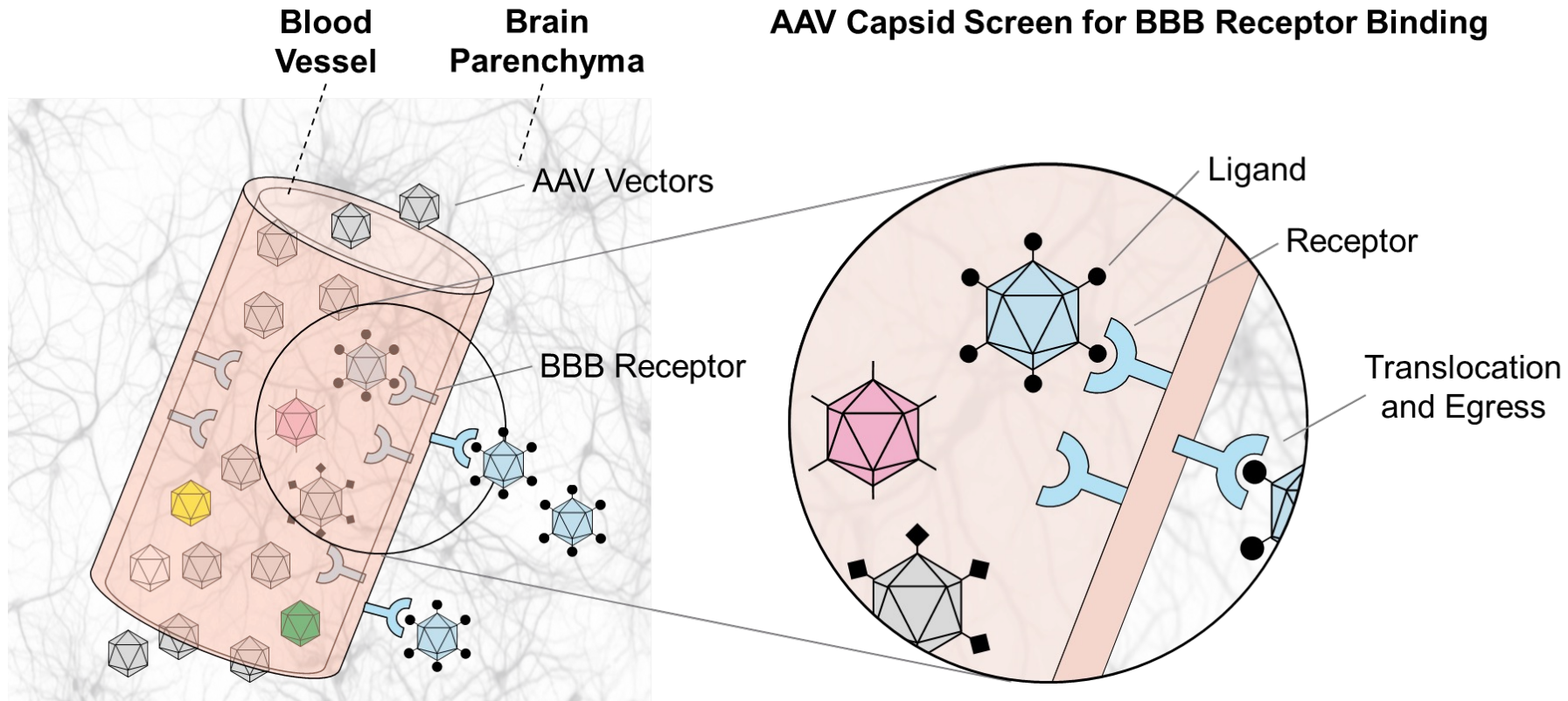
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### Network Clustering of Hits with FC/wtAAV9 > 10:



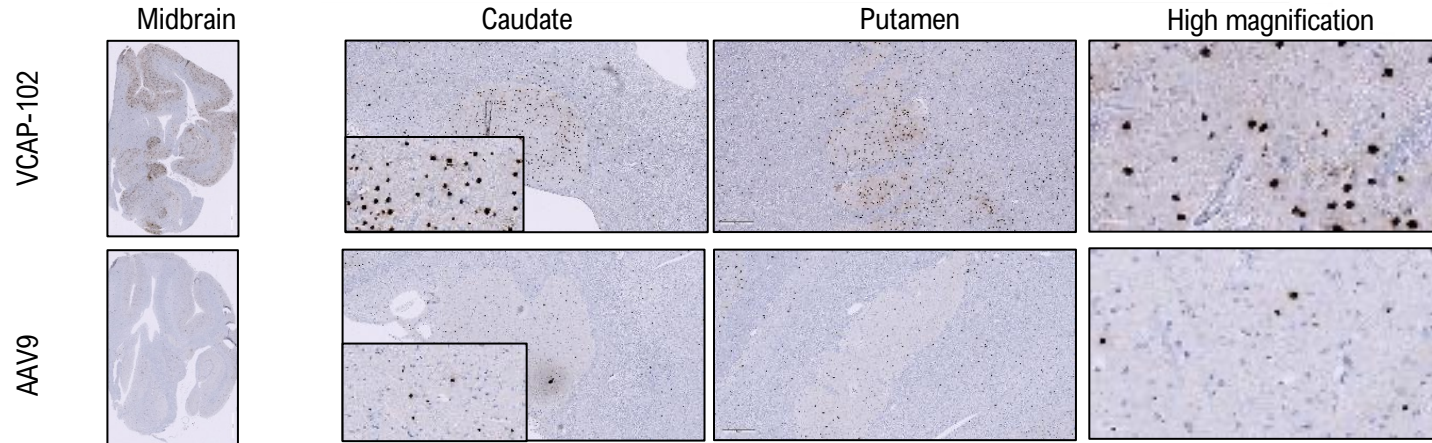
# Receptor/Ligand Paradigm in BBB-penetrant Capsid Engineering



## Known AAV-Receptor interactions:

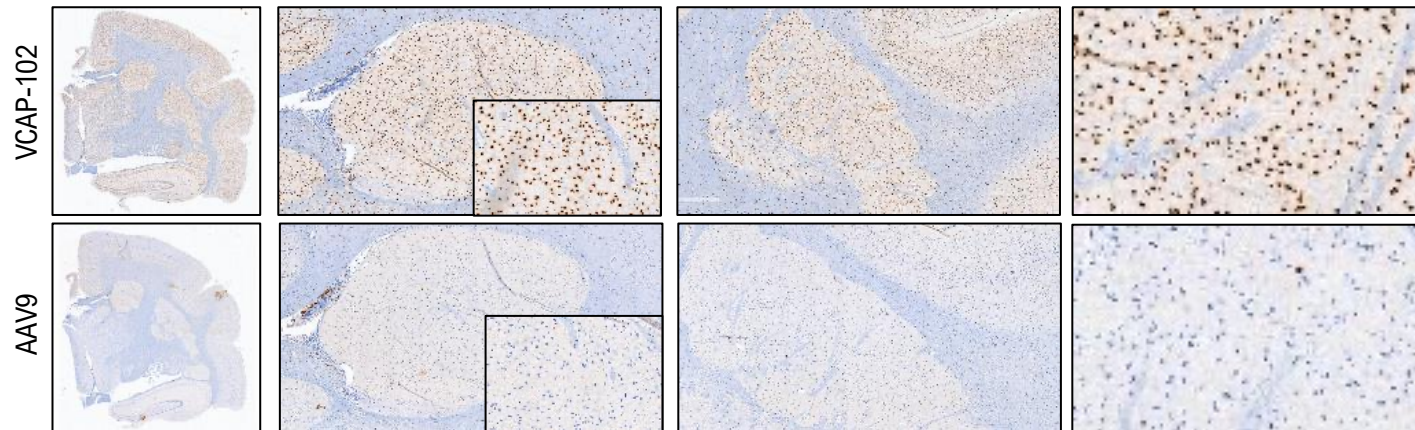
- **VCAP-101/102 – RX (Voyager)**
- PHP.B-Ly6A (Deverman, Wilson)
- 9P39-Ly6C1 (Deverman)
- 9P31-CA4 (Gradinaru)

# Characterization of a Cross-Species Capsid : VCAP-102 in AGM, Marmoset and Mouse



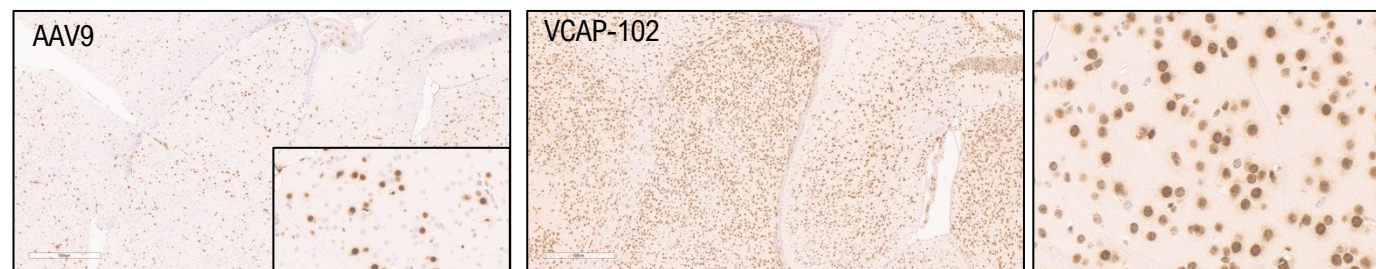
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1e13 VG/kg  
sch2B

~ 40X



Marmoset  
2e12 VG/kg  
sch2B

~ 400X

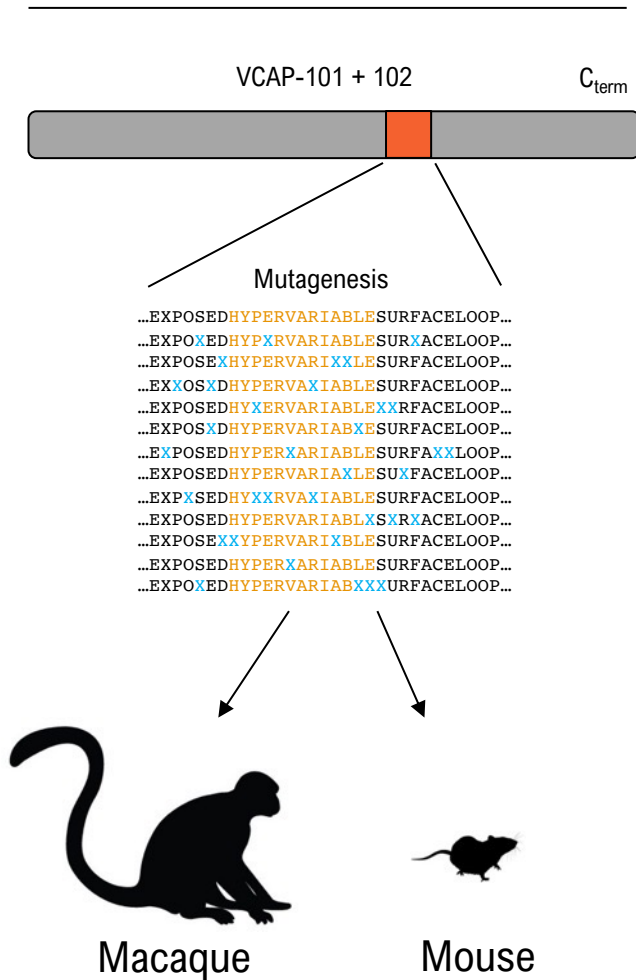


Mouse  
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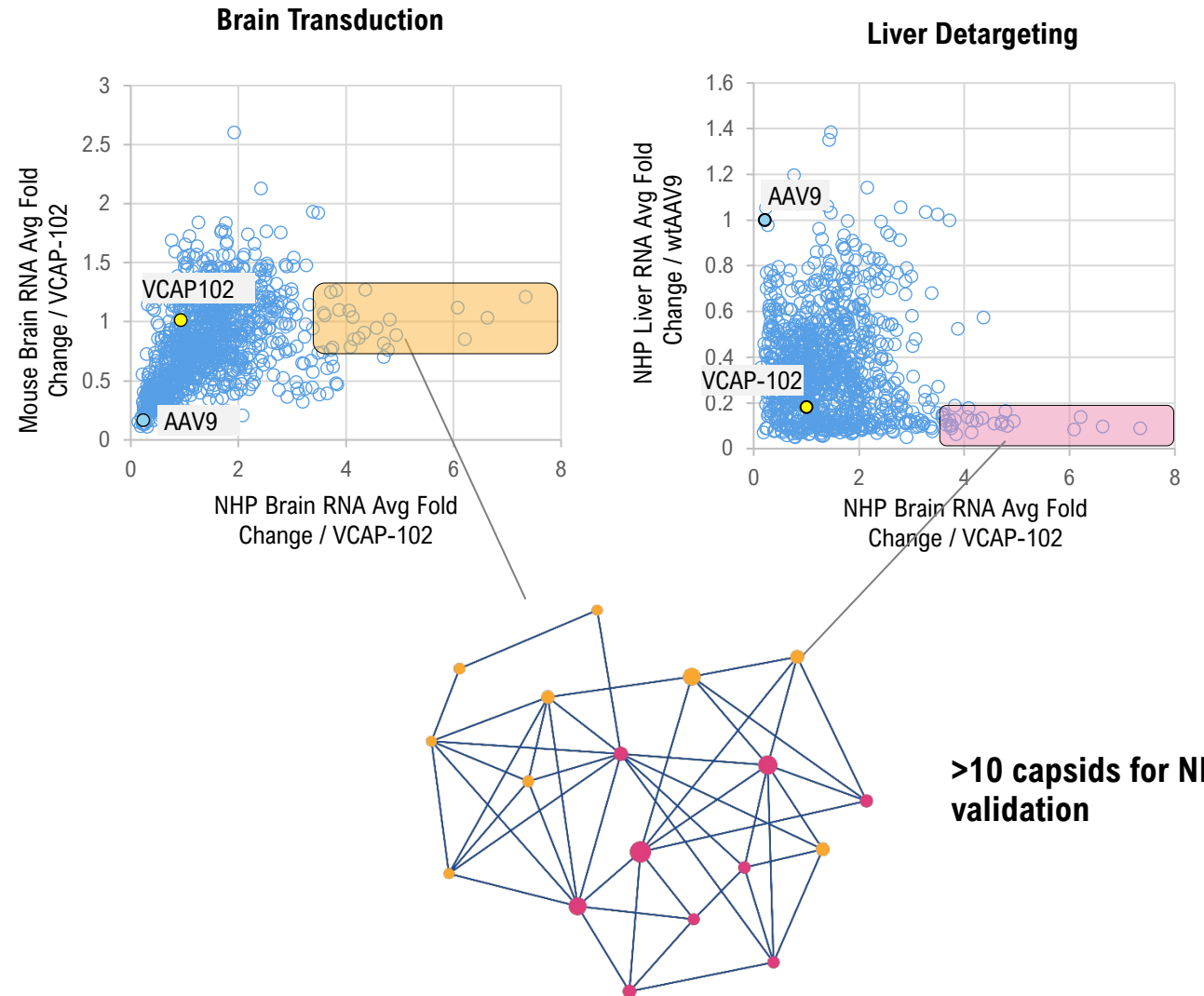
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# Gen2 Variant Engineering by Saturation Mutagenesis

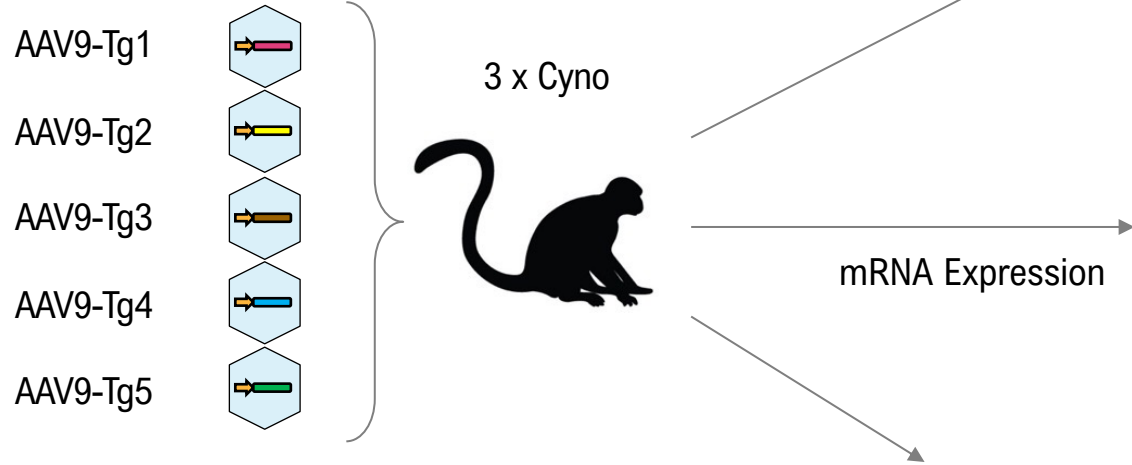
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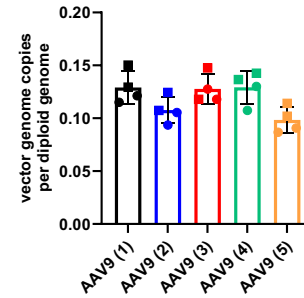
## Gen2 Candidates Selection



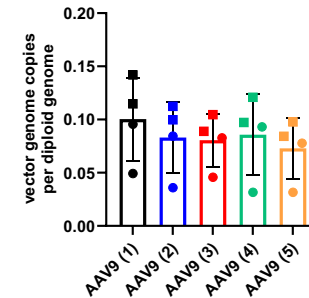
# Multiplexed Capsid Evaluation in NHP – Multi-Tag Approach



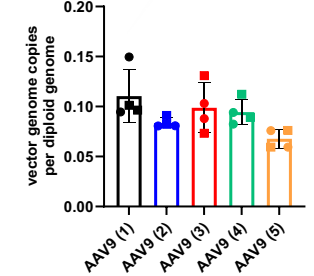
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Motor Cortex



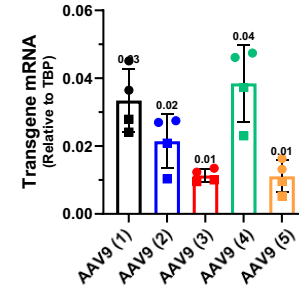
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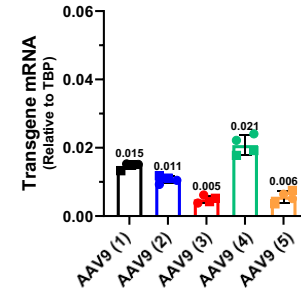
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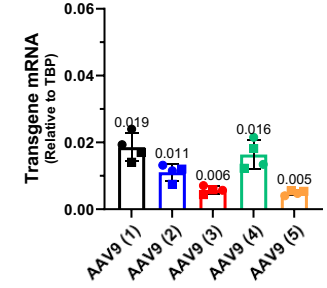
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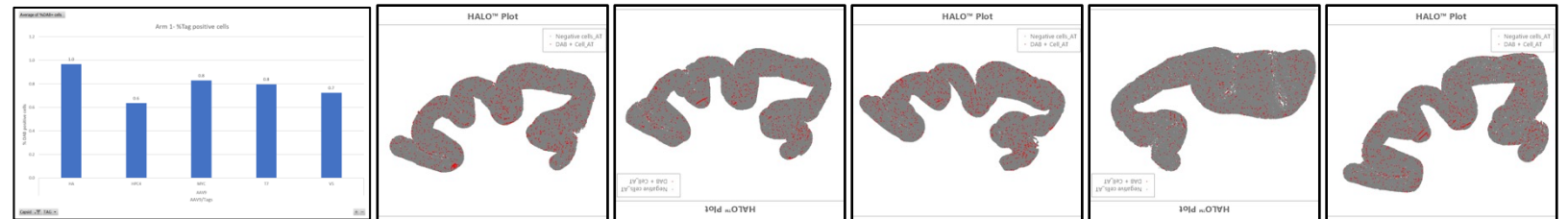
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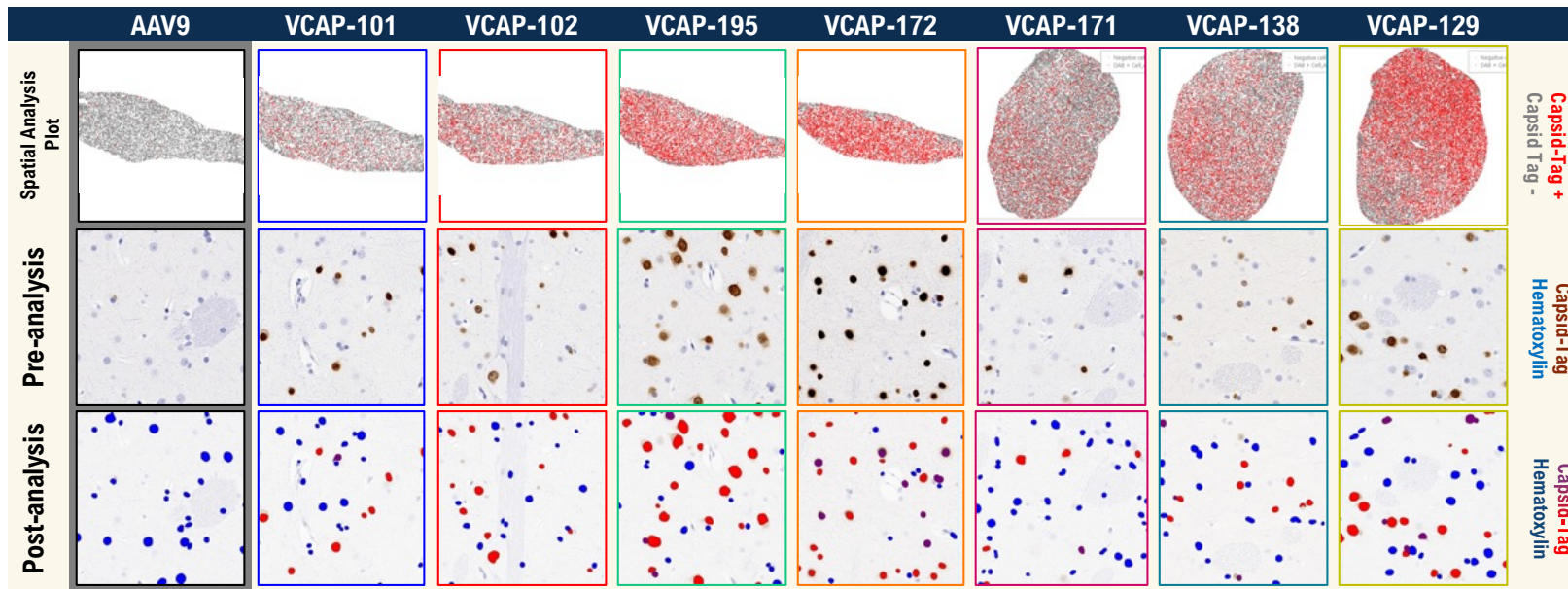
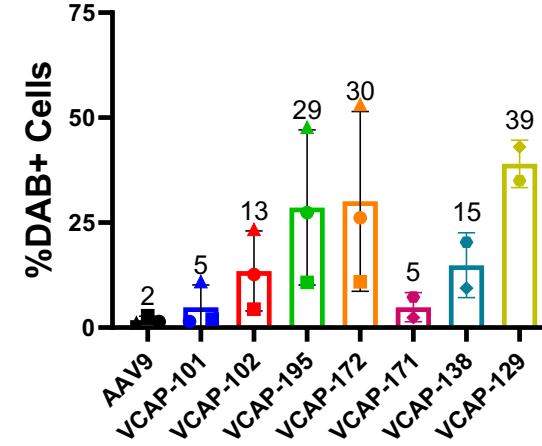
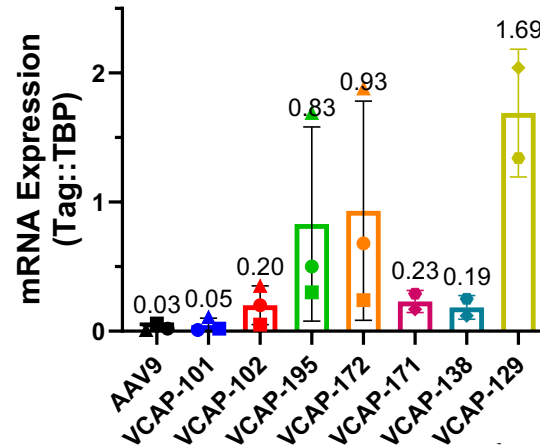
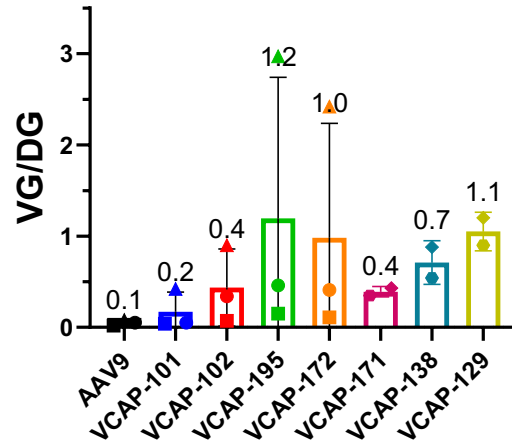
% transduced cells  
(IHC – Halo)



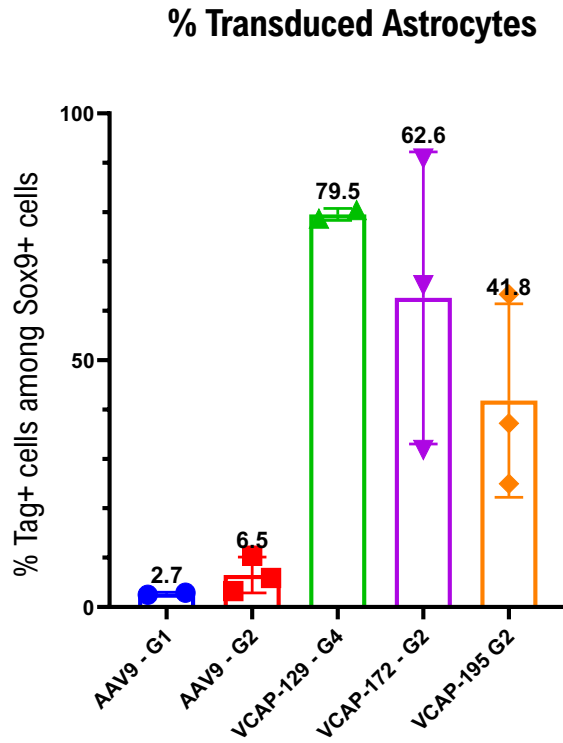
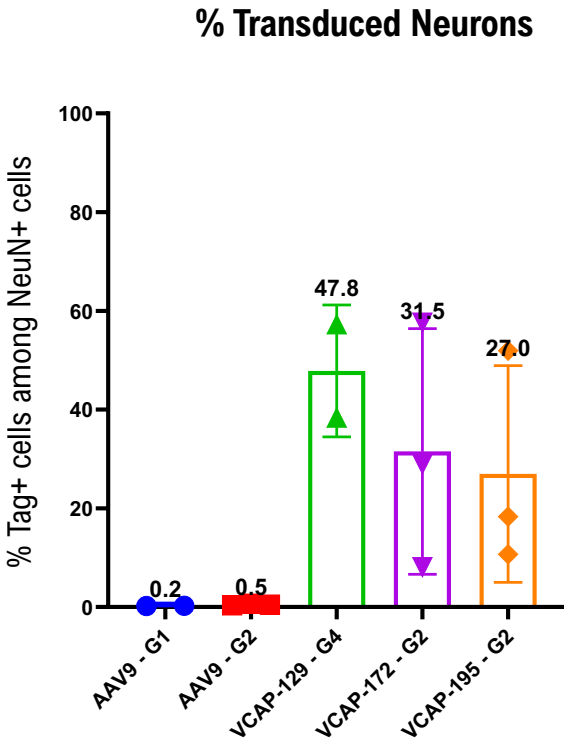
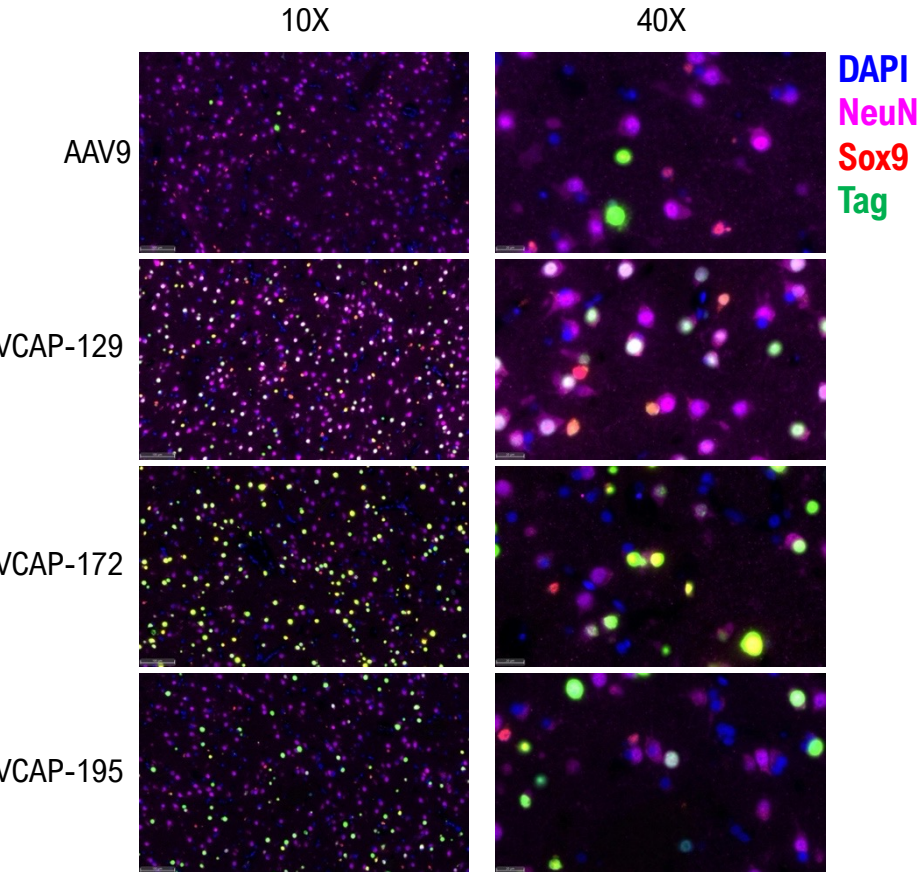


# Vector Genome, mRNA Expression and % Cells in NHP Putamen

## Up to 30% Cells Transduced in the Putamen at an IV dose of 4E12 vg/kg

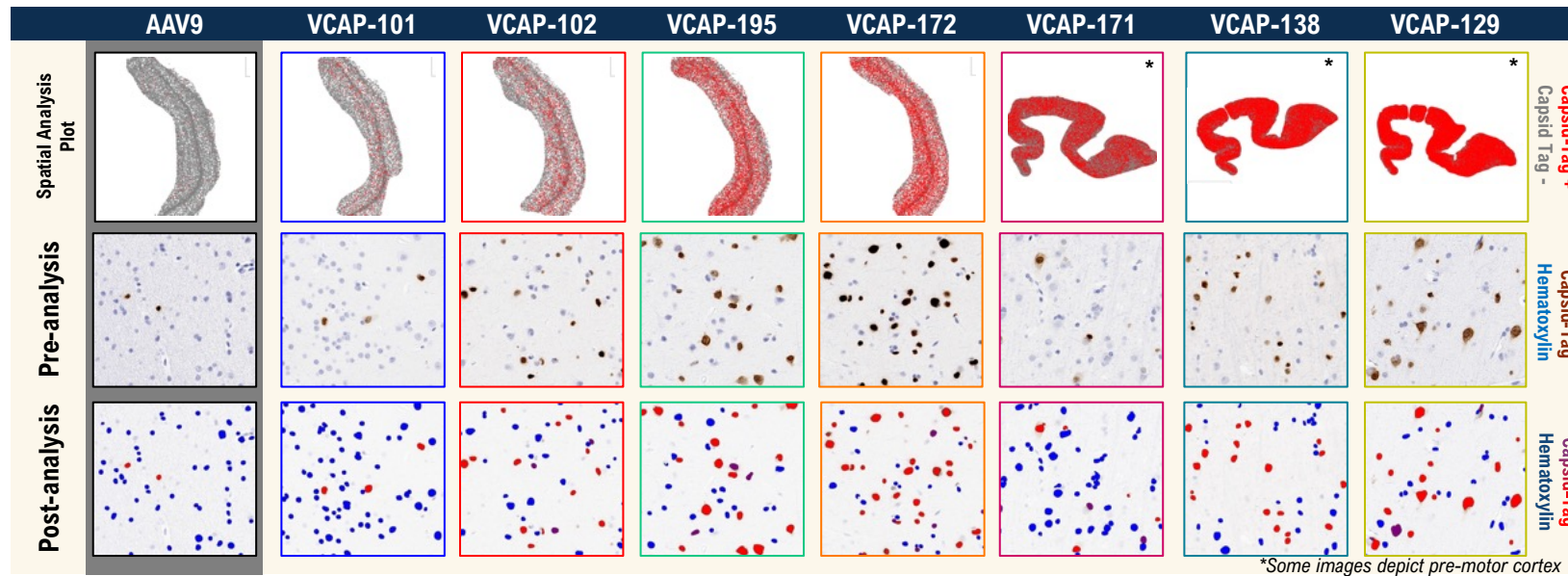
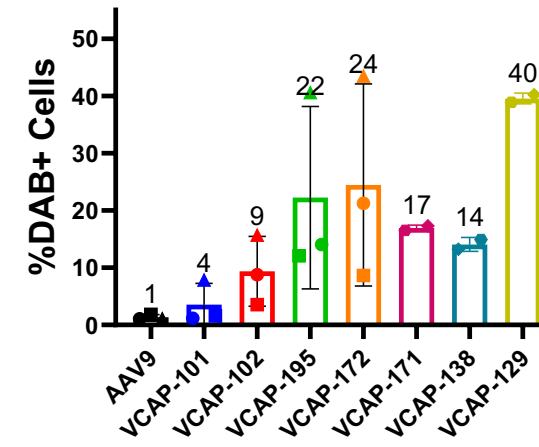
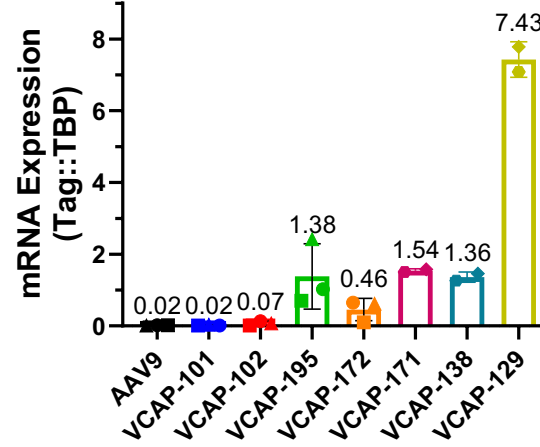
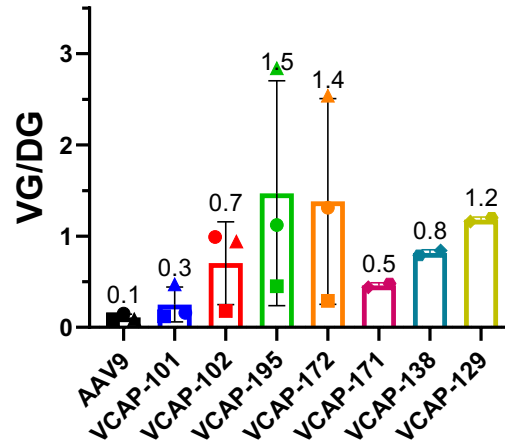


# Neuron / Astrocyte Transduction by Gen2 Capsids in NHP Putamen



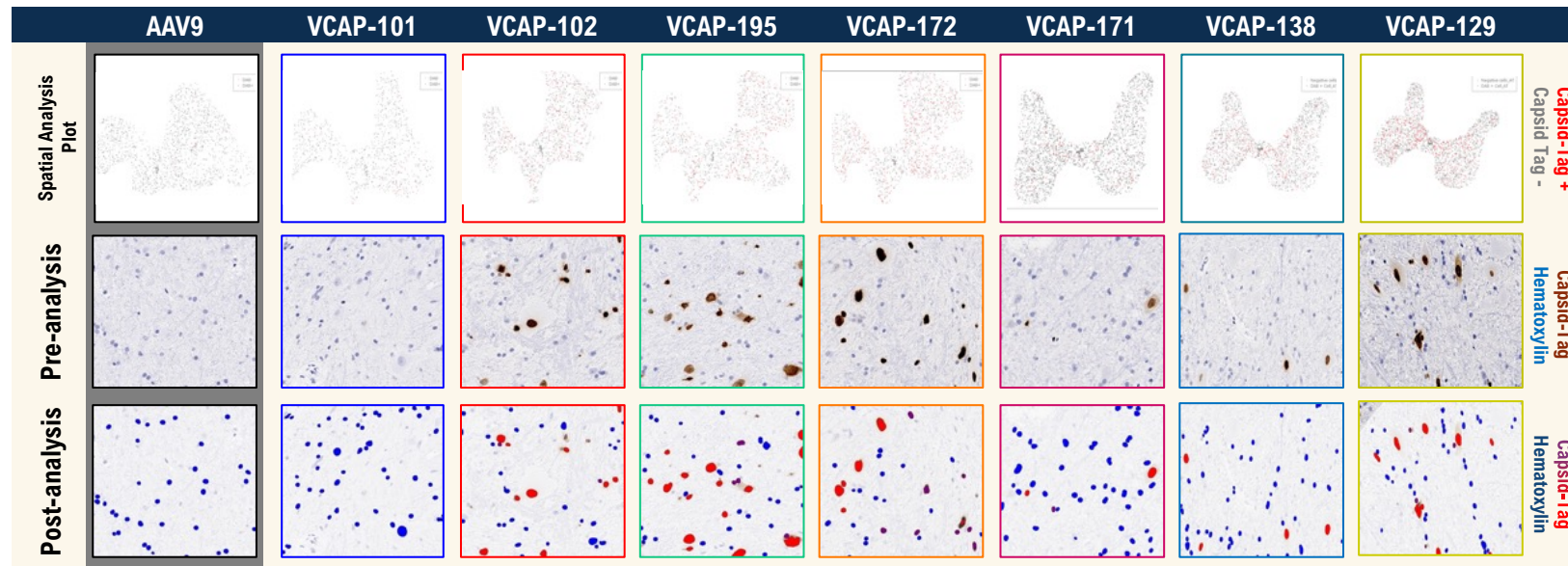
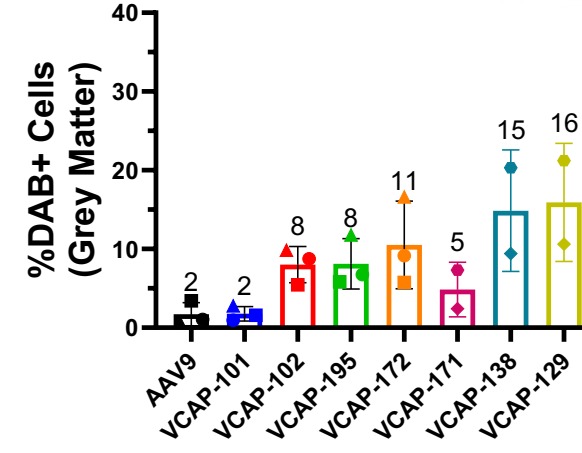
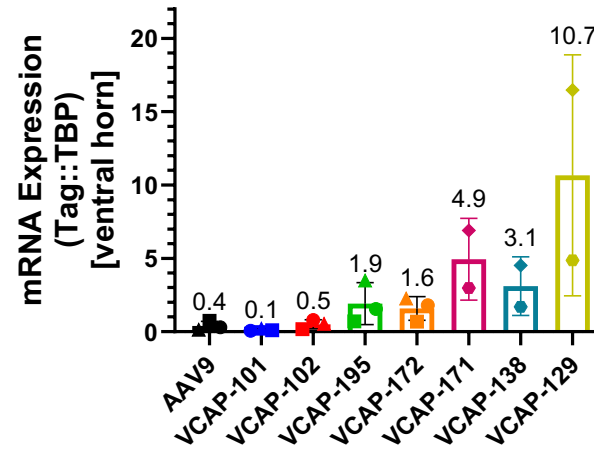
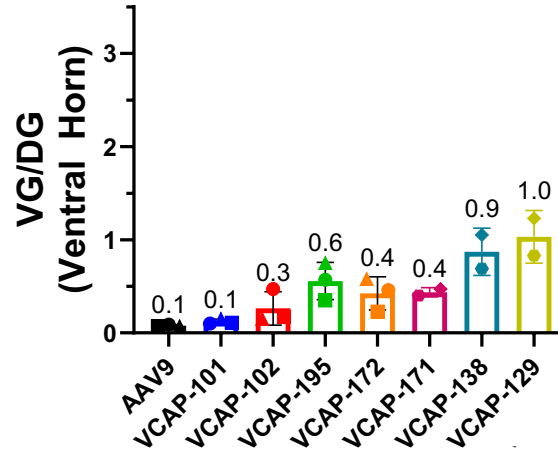
# Vector Genome, mRNA Expression and % Cells in NHP Motor Cortex\*

## Up to 40% Cells Transduced in the Motor Cortex at an IV dose of 4E12 vg/kg

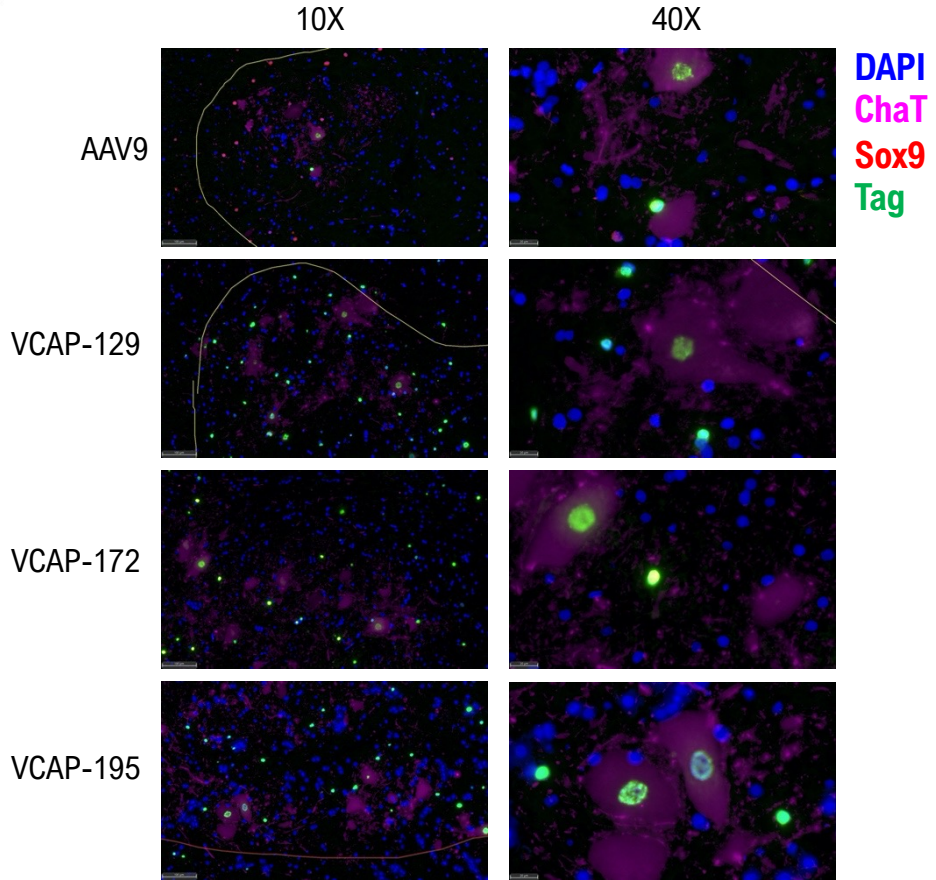


# Vector Genome, mRNA Expression, and % Cells in NHP Cervical Spinal Cord

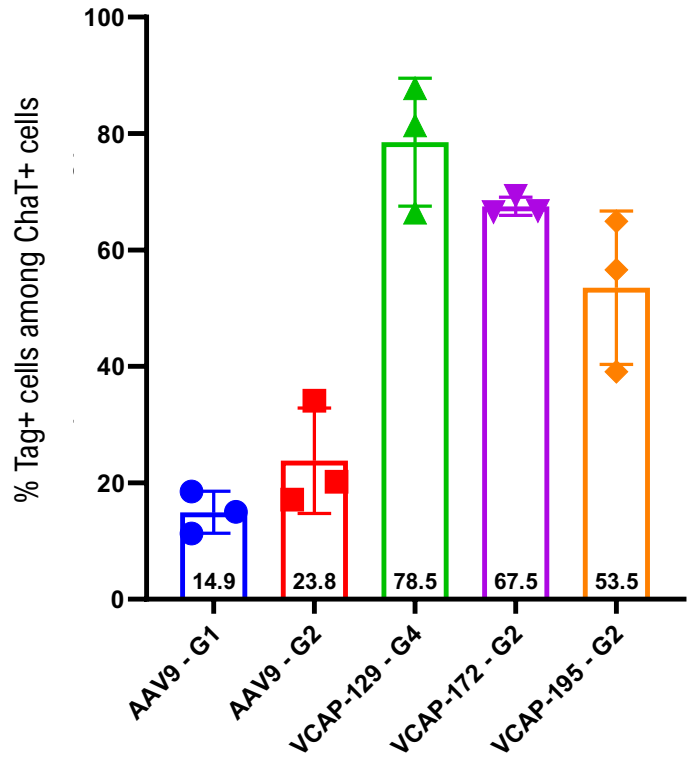
## Improved Delivery relative to AAV9 and VCAP102 at an IV dose of 4E12 vg/kg



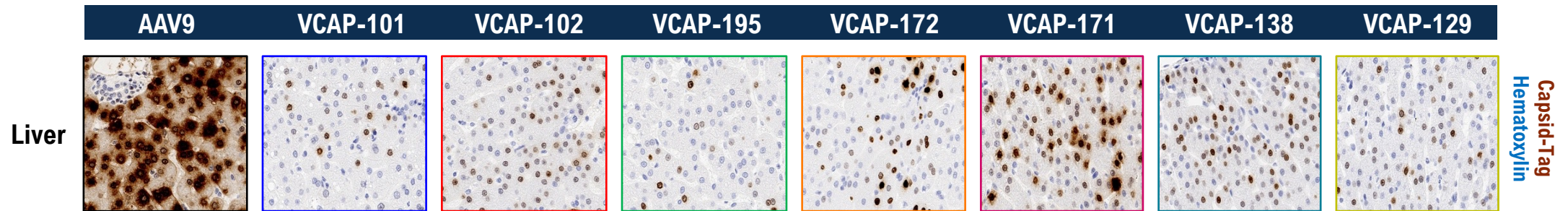
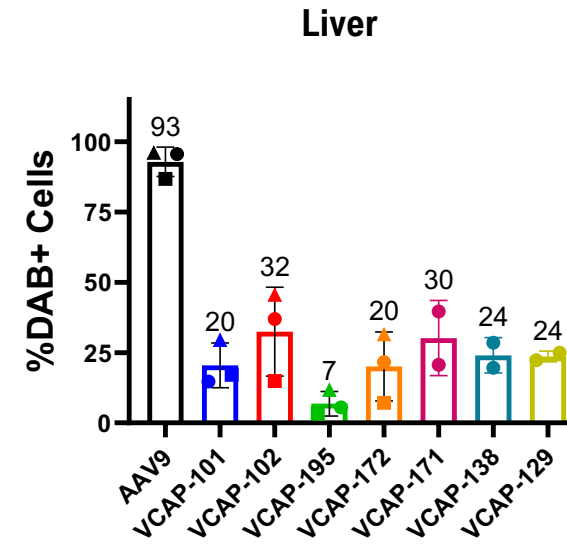
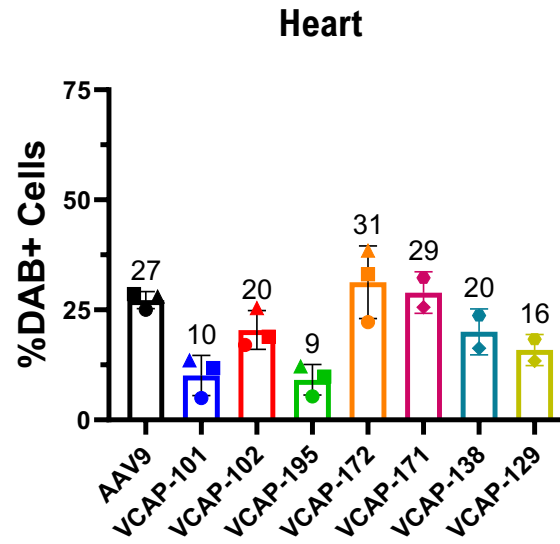
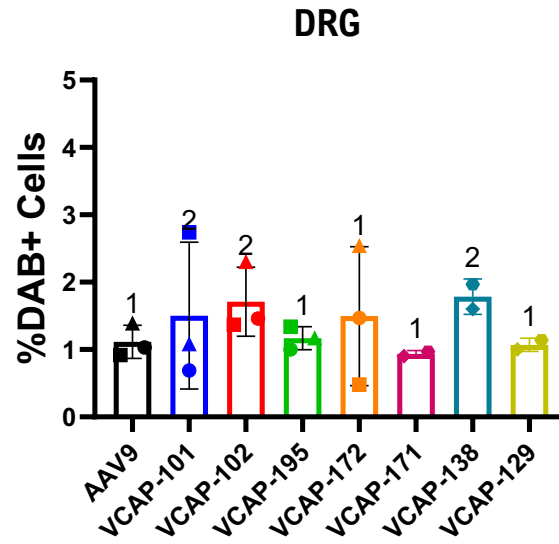
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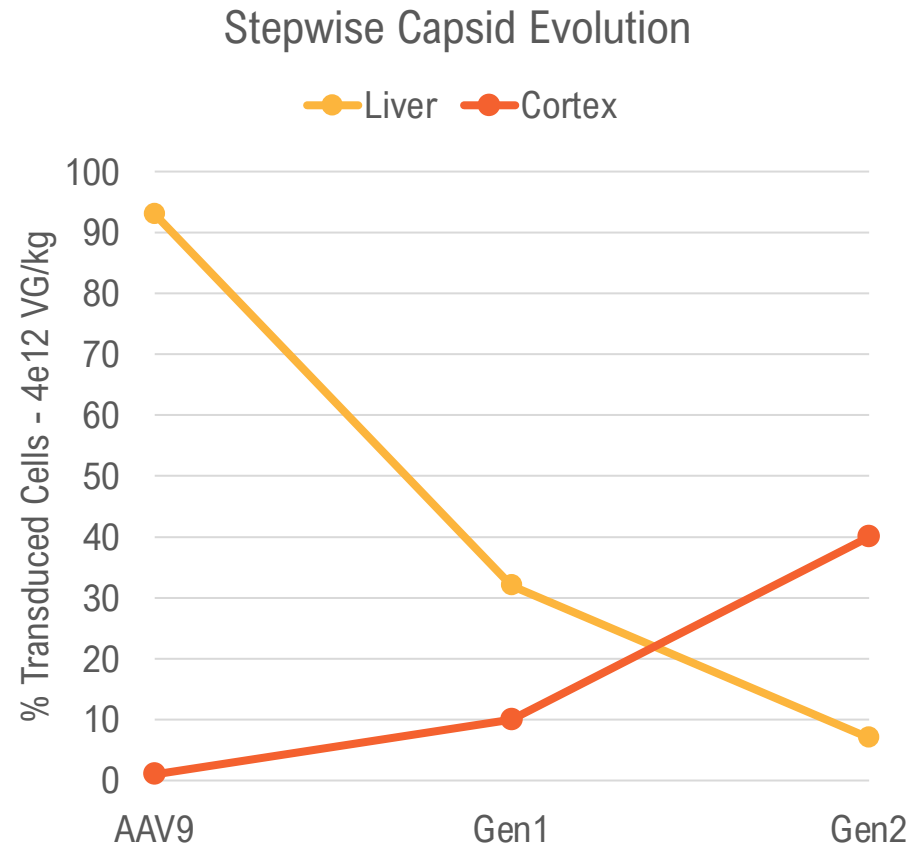
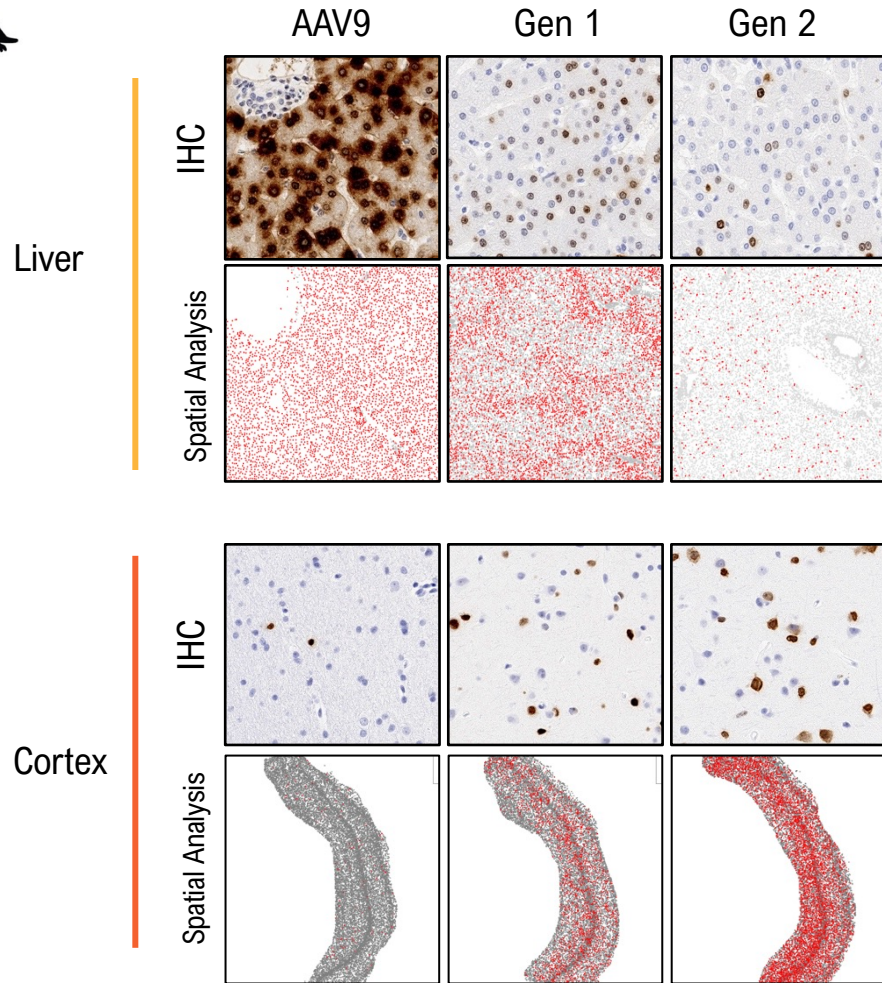
**% Transduced Motor Neurons in Cervical, Thoracic and Lumbar SC**



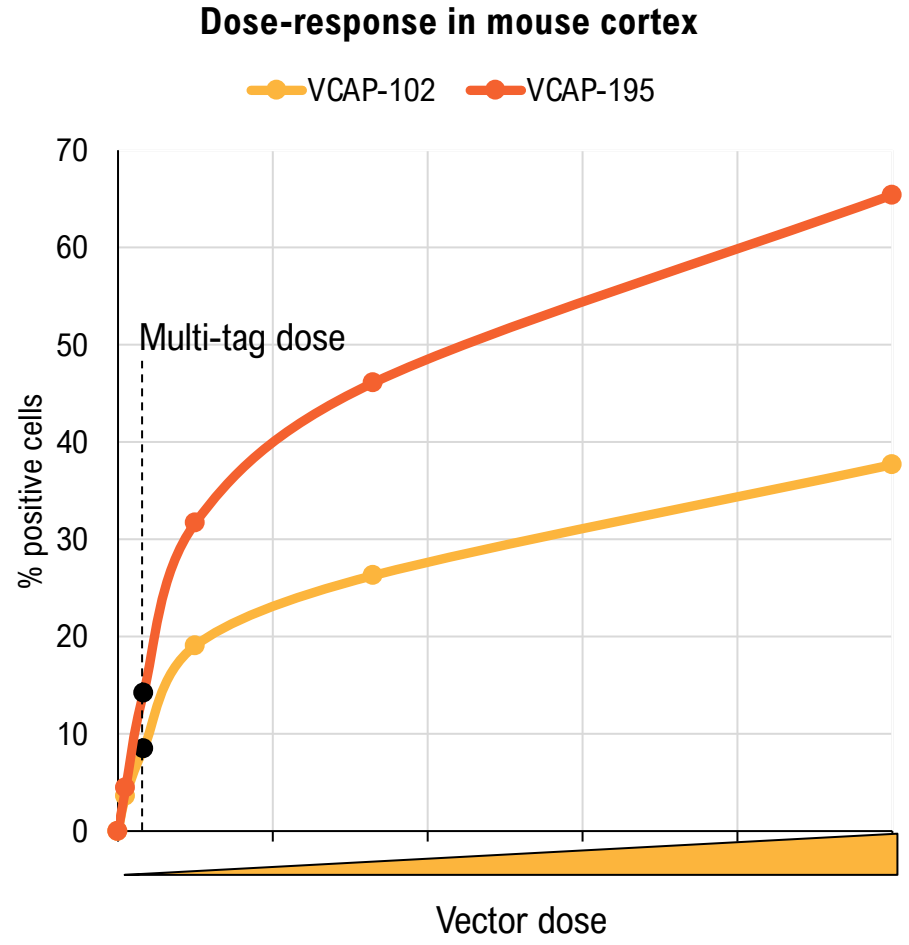
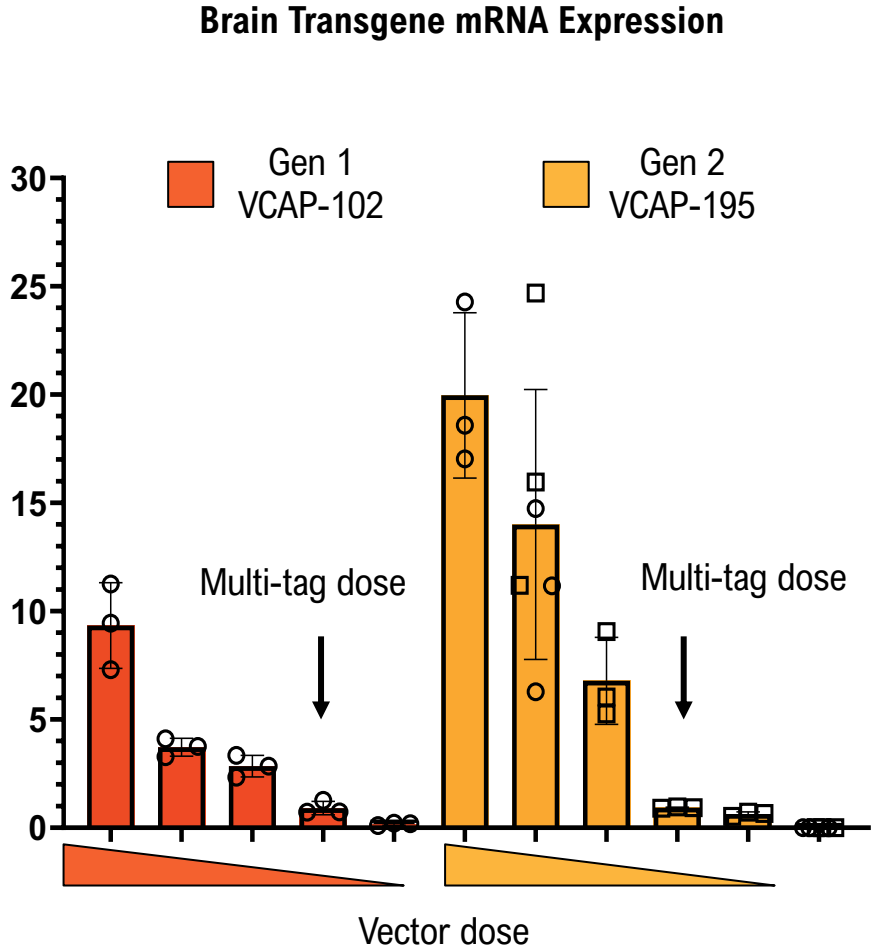
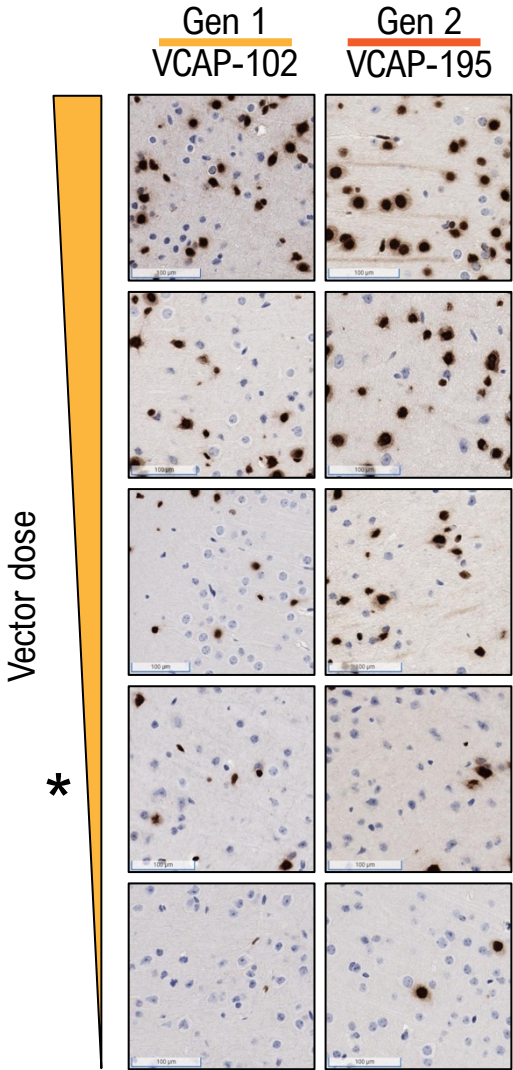
# Transduction in NHP Peripheral Tissues - % Positive Cells



# Stepwise Capsid Evolution : NHP Results



# Dose-Response of Gen1 vs Gen2 Capsids in Mouse

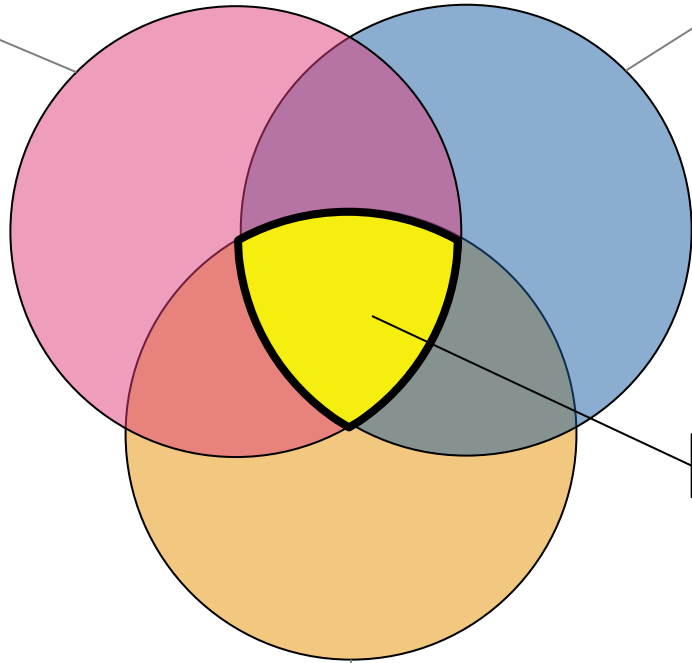




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