Conserved Element Responses Induced by SIV Infection and Vaccination

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Summary for Community

Key question of research:

Can a therapeutic vaccine increase responses to conserved regions of the virus?

Key finding and take home message:

A conserved elements (CE) vaccine could increase responses to conserved regions, whereas as a standard vaccine could not.

Why is this important?

This supports the feasibility of using a CE vaccine for an HIV cure.

How is this related to cure?

This vaccine could provide durable control of viral replication after ART withdrawal.

Why should we be excited about this?

The CE vaccine worked and we are moving forward to determine if it can provide a therapeutic benefit in the monkey model.