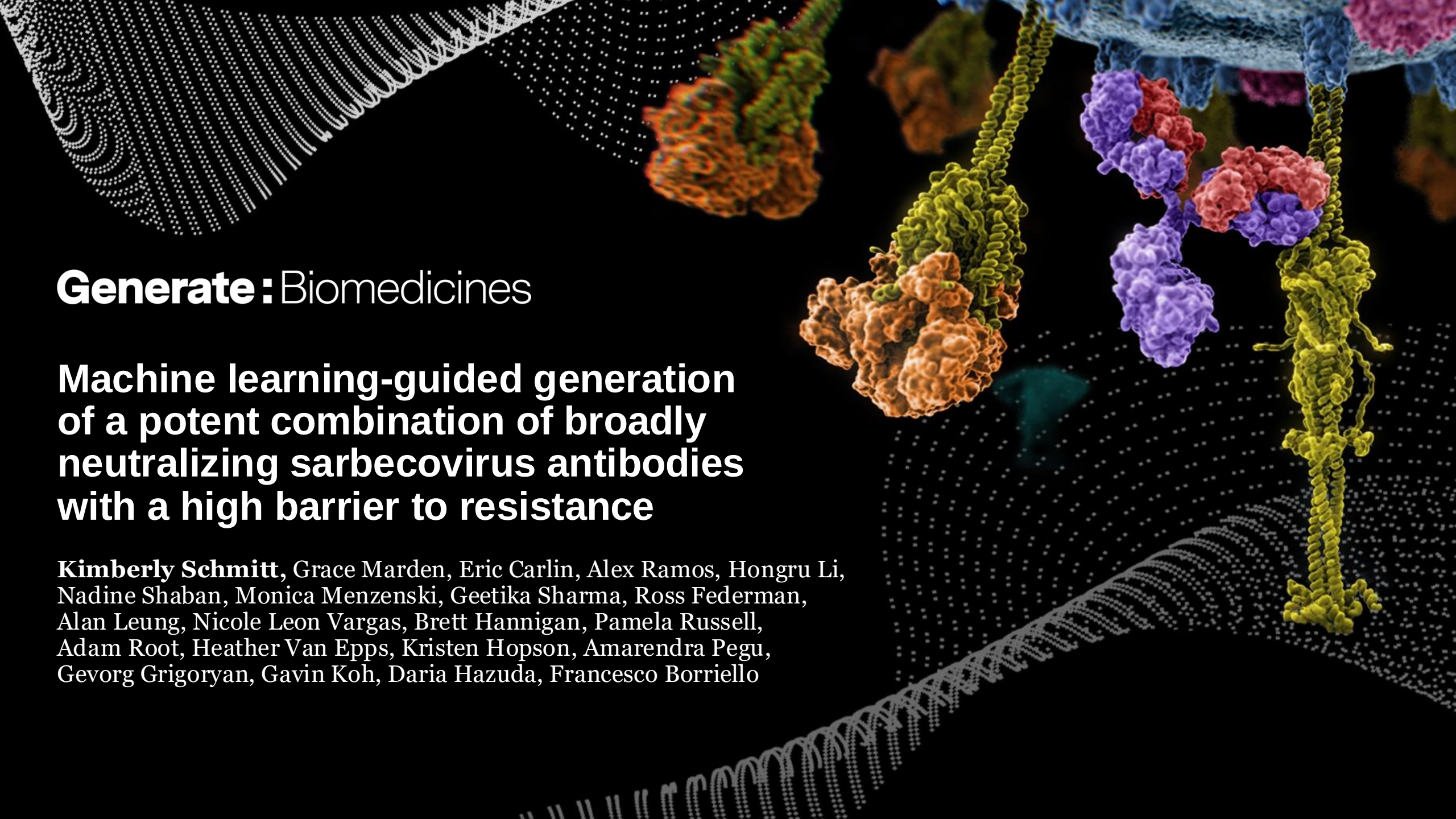


A detailed 3D molecular model showing a sarbecovirus spike protein (yellow) embedded in a host cell membrane (blue). The spike protein is shown in a conformation that suggests it is interacting with a receptor (orange and red) on the membrane. The background features a grid of white dots and lines, suggesting a computational or structural biology context.

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**Machine learning-guided generation
of a potent combination of broadly
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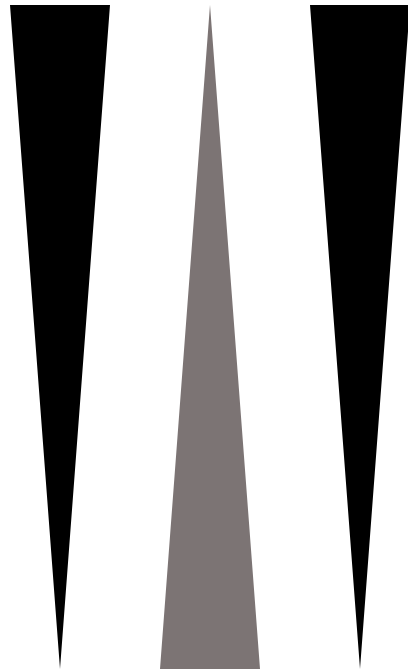
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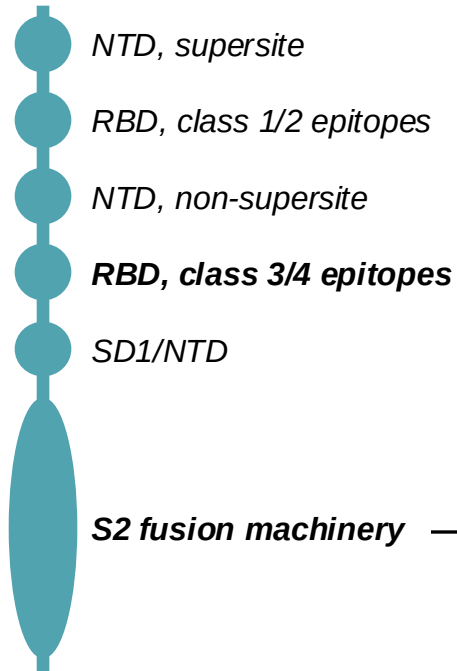
Tackling SARS CoV-2 viral evolution through an understanding of the antigenic landscape of the Spike protein and immune escape

*Immunogenicity
Pressure by NAb* *Probability of
escape mutations*



**Sequence
Conservation**

**SARS-CoV-2
Spike**



Escape mutations develop under evolutionary pressure exerted by neutralizing antibodies (NAbs) during natural infection and/or as a consequence of vaccination

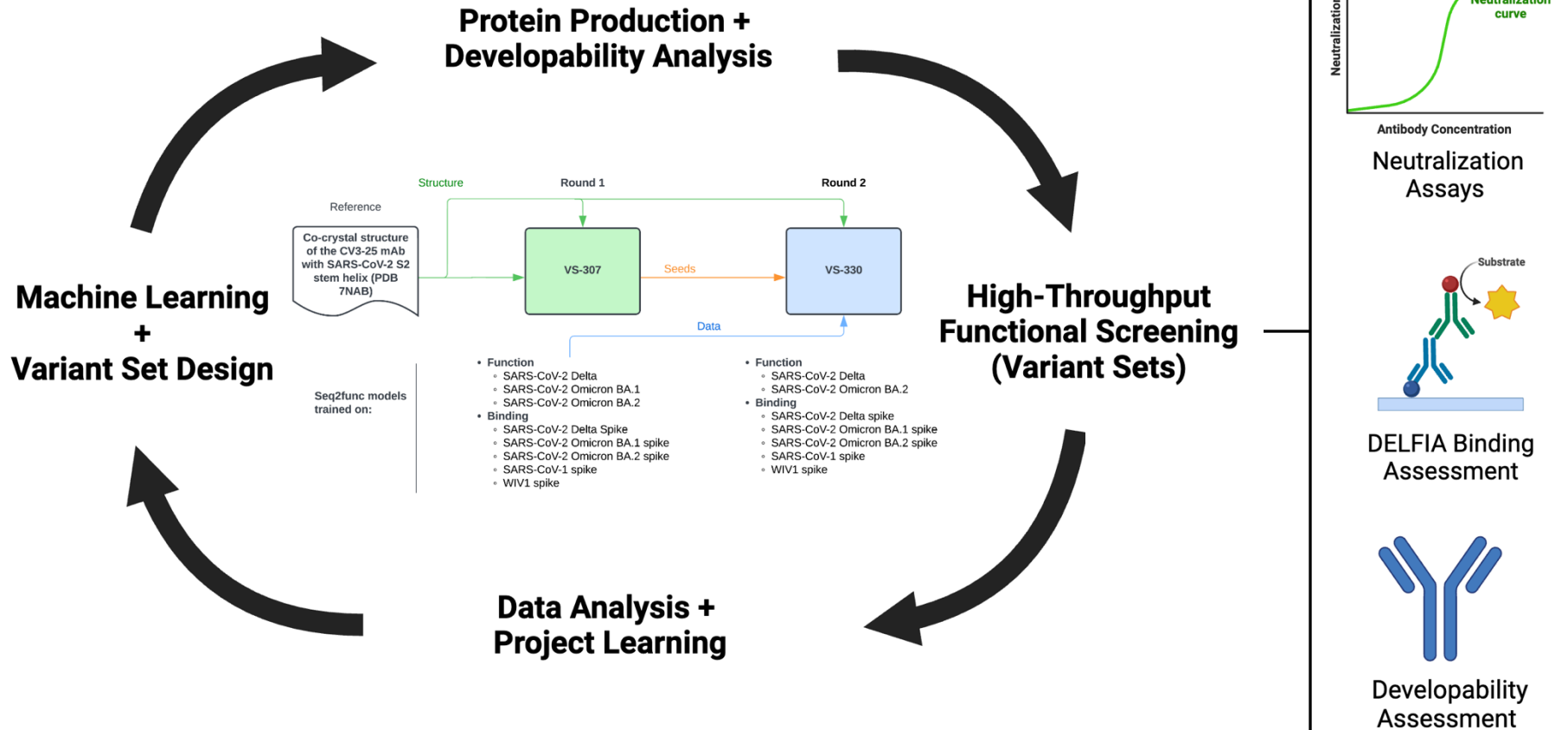
Most NAb target immunodominant, generally non-conserved epitopes (RBD and NTD)

- Within the RBD, the class 1 and 2 epitopes (receptor binding motif, RBM) are under even more evolutionary pressure compared to class 3 and 4 epitopes (RBD core)
- The fusion machinery of the S2 domain (fusion peptide, stem helix, heptad repeats) is highly conserved and under less evolutionary pressure – with few mutations

Targeting less immunogenic conserved domains (class 3/4 RBD, SD1/NTD and S2 epitopes) provides rationale for developing broadly NAb with decreased potential for immune escape

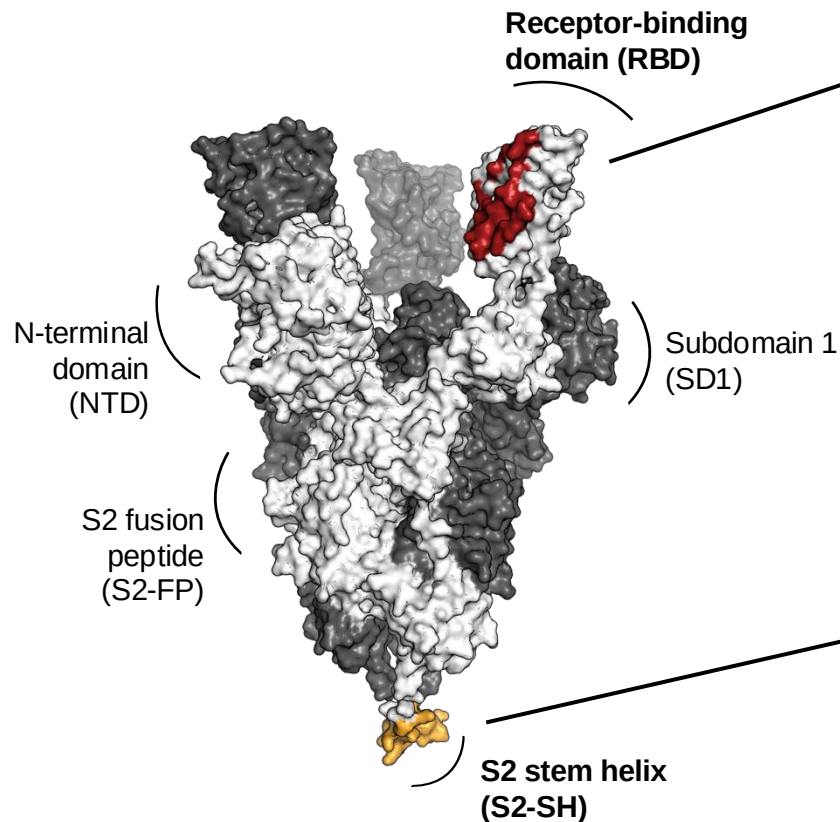
Screening and identification of anti-S2 stem helix and Class 4 anti-RBD antibodies with improved neutralization potency and breadth

Antibody Screening Pipeline



Combination of Generative and Sequence-to-Function ML models enables efficient sequence co-optimization of developability, binding, and function.

The identification of potent, half-life extended therapeutics targeting two distinct epitopes on SARS-CoV-2 Spike



Anti-RBD Class 4 mAb (PRO-37587):

Recovery and improvement of neutralization potency against escape variants of antibodies targeting conserved epitopes within sarbecovirus subgenus



Anti-S2-SH mAb (GB-0669):

The epitope of GB-0669 is >99% conserved and subject to limited immune pressure

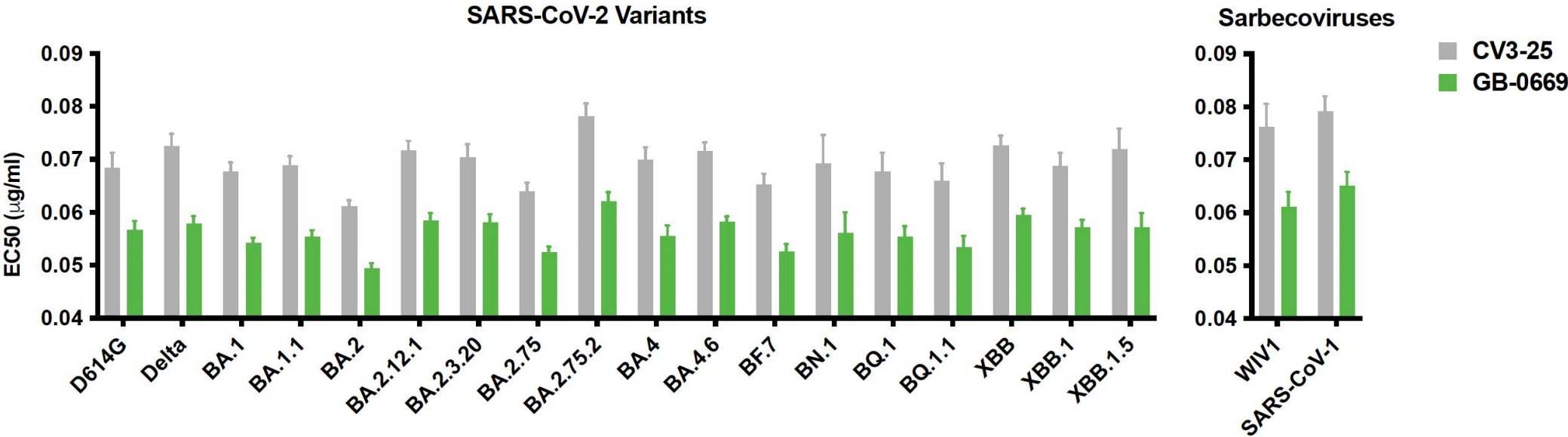
Highly conserved epitopes, less prone to immune escape

Broadly neutralizing combination targeting non-overlapping epitopes

Generated and tested with mutations to **extend half-life** and promote **mucosal translocation** while preserving Fc effector functions

The anti-S2 mAb, GB-o669, shows improved neutralization potency and binding as compared to reference mAb, CV3-25

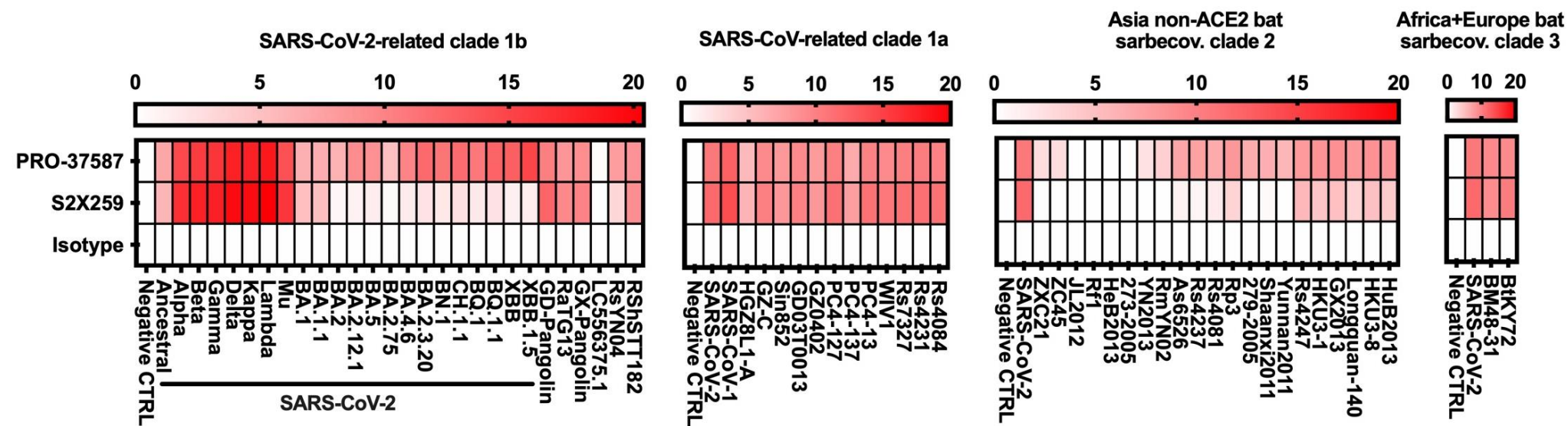
Binding to Spike trimers representative of SARS-CoV-2 variants and non-SARS-CoV-2 sarbecoviruses



Pseudovirus Neutralization, EC50 [ng/ml]													
	SARS-CoV-1	WIV1	SARS-CoV-2 D614G	SARS-CoV-2 Delta	SARS-CoV-2 BA.1	SARS-CoV-2 BA.2	SARS-CoV-2 BA.2.3.20	SARS-CoV-2 BA.2.75.2	SARS-CoV-2 BA.4.6	SARS-CoV-2 CH.1.1	SARS-CoV-2 BF.7	SARS-CoV-2 BQ.1	SARS-CoV-2 XBB.1.5
GB-0669	12	63	19	39	6.4	9.6	12	4.9	9.4	3.8	8.9	8.5	8.8
CV3-25	220	1100	180	800	64	160	100	62	170	28	78	94	93

The Class 4 anti-RBD mAb, PRO-37587, shows improved neutralization potency and increased breadth across SARS-CoV-2 Omicron variants compared to reference mAb, S2X259

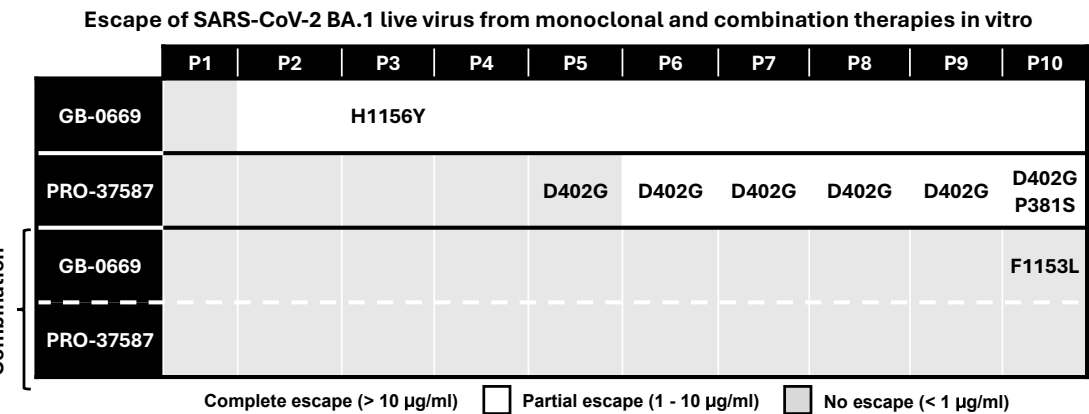
Binding to RBDs representative of SARS-CoV-2 and non-SARS-CoV-2 sarbecoviruses



Pseudovirus Neutralization, EC50 [ng/ml]										≤ 50 ng/ml
	SARS-CoV-1	WIV1	SARS-CoV-2 D614G	SARS-CoV-2 Delta	SARS-CoV-2 BA.2	SARS-CoV-2 BA.4/5	SARS-CoV-2 BQ.1.1	SARS-CoV-2 XB.1.5	SARS-CoV-2 EG.5.1	51-200 ng/ml
PRO-37587	0.77	0.38	22	12	27	15	38	12	12	201-1000 ng/ml
S2X259	2.2	1.7	21	25	ND*	ND*	ND*	ND*	ND*	>1000 ng/ml

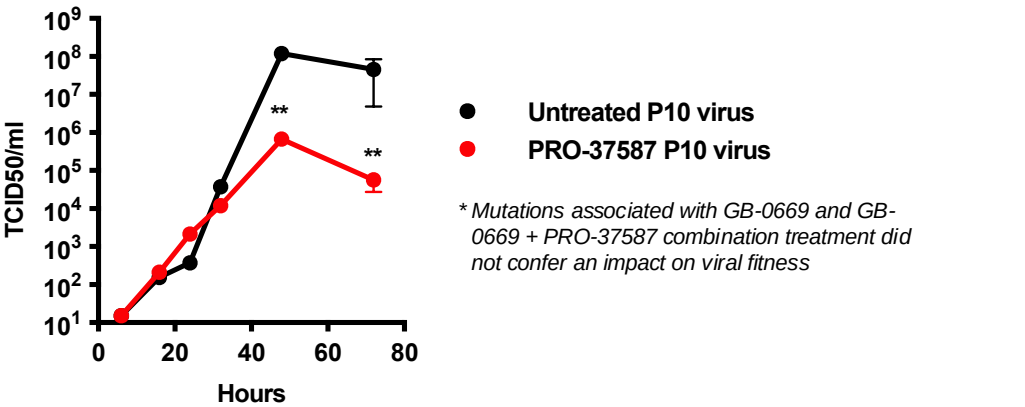
ND* (Not determined), poor or incomplete best fit value, unable to determine the confidence interval

The combination of GB-0669 and PRO-37587 exhibits a high resistance barrier to in vitro live SARS-CoV-2 BA.1 escape; escape-associated mutations are highly infrequent across SARS-CoV-2 variants and non-SARS-CoV-2 sarbecoviruses



Frequency of escape mutations across circulating SARS-CoV-2 variants and non-SARS-CoV-2 sarbecoviruses

Mutation	Region	Relative Frequency SARS-CoV-2 Variants (Mar 2023 - Mar 2024)	Relative Frequency SARS-CoV-2 Variants (Jan 2020 - Mar 2024)	Relative Frequency non-SAR-CoV-2 Sarbecoviruses
381S	Class 4 RBD (PRO-37587)	0.00010	0.00016	0.0175
402G	Class 4 RBD (PRO-37587)	0	0.0000095	0
381S + 402G	Class 4 RBD (PRO-37587)	0	0	0
1153L	S2 stem helix (GB-0669)	0.0000074	0.000026	0
1156Y	S2 stem helix (GB-0669)	0.00012	0.000055	0



- The GB-0669 + PRO-37587 combination shows no evidence of complete or partial escape through 10 passages
- All escape mutations identified are present at a very low frequency in SARS-CoV-2 genomic sequences deposited over the past year or since the beginning of the pandemic
- With the exception of P381S, these mutations were also not observed across a range of non-SARS-CoV-2 sarbecoviruses
- Mutations in the RBD that leads to escape from PRO-37587 are unlikely to occur due to a cost in viral fitness

Conclusions

Using our platform and by focusing on epitopes less prone to immune escape, we generated two half-life extended antibodies which target the SARS-CoV-2 Spike S2 stem helix and Class 4 site on the RBD, both of which retain broad activity across SARS-CoV-2 variants and non-SARS-CoV-2 sarbecoviruses

- This unique combination of antibodies has the potential for pandemic response/preparedness
- Contact residues identified in the epitopes of both GB-0669 and PRO-37587 are highly conserved across SARS-CoV-2 variants and related sarbecoviruses
- Mutations selected in vitro that confer escape from GB-0669 are unlikely to arise because of limited population-level immune pressure
- Mutations in the RBD selected in vitro that confer escape to PRO-37587 are unlikely to occur due the associated cost to viral fitness
- This approach used for SARS-CoV-2 validates a framework for identifying broadly neutralizing mAbs against other genetically diverse pathogens

GB-0669 is currently undergoing Phase I evaluation in healthy volunteers: #89 “First-in-human study of a novel half-life extended monoclonal antibody (GB-0669) against SARS-CoV-2 and related sarbecoviruses”, presented by Dr. Dinesh De Alwis

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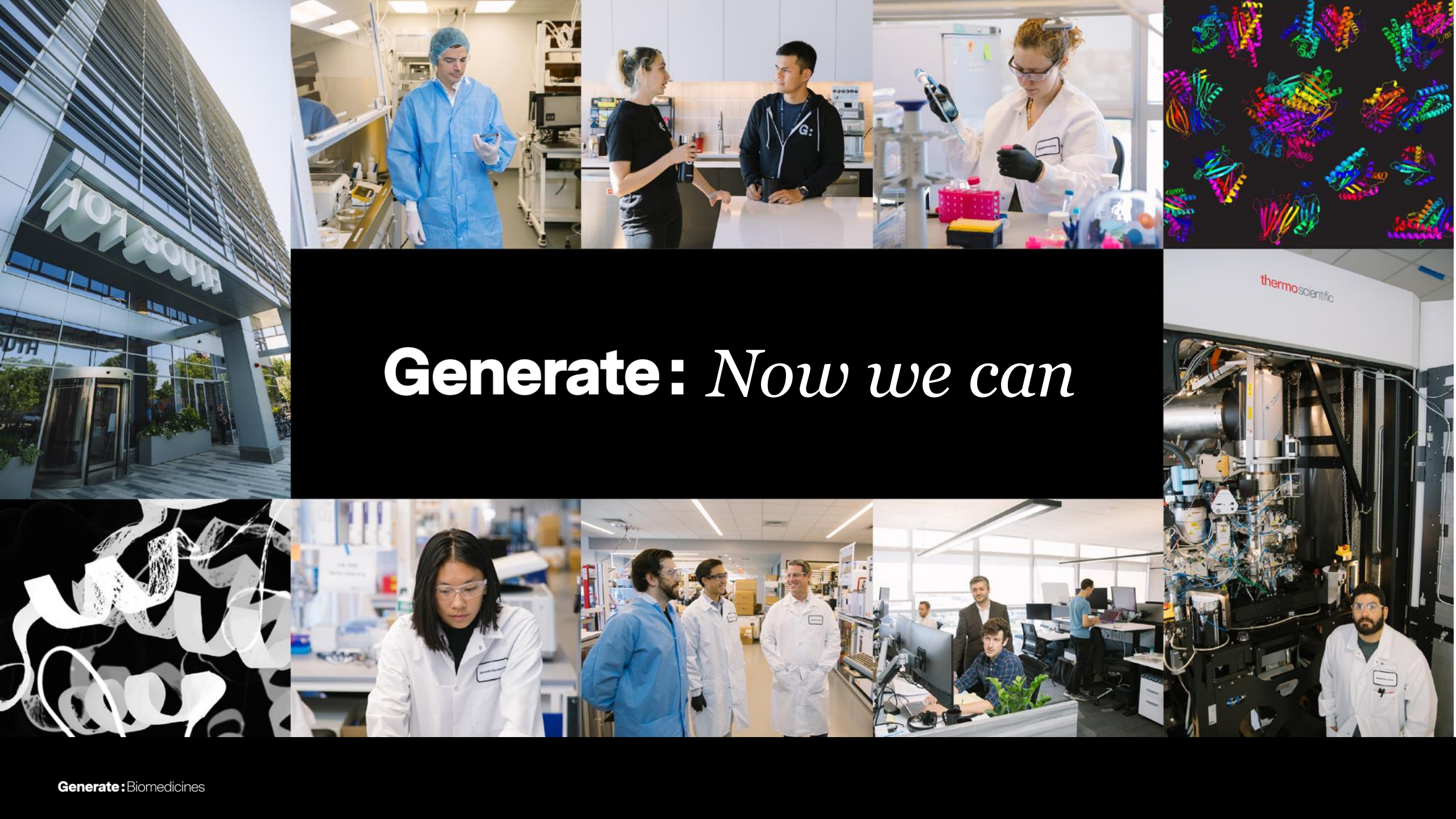
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