

EBV and Molecular Mimicry in Multiple Sclerosis

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Epstein-Barr Virus (EBV)

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Multiple
sclerosis



Rheumatoid
arthritis



Sjögren's
syndrome



SLE



EBV Infection and Latency

Multiple sclerosis



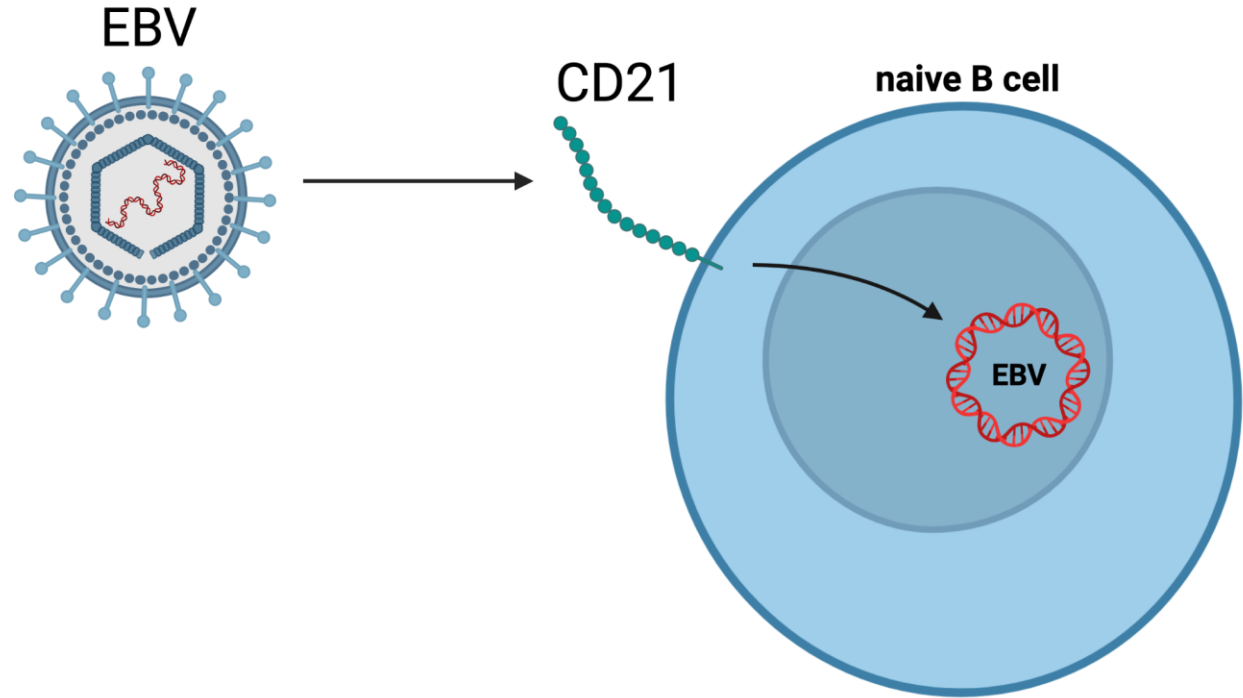
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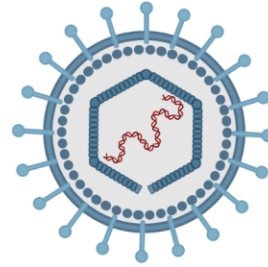
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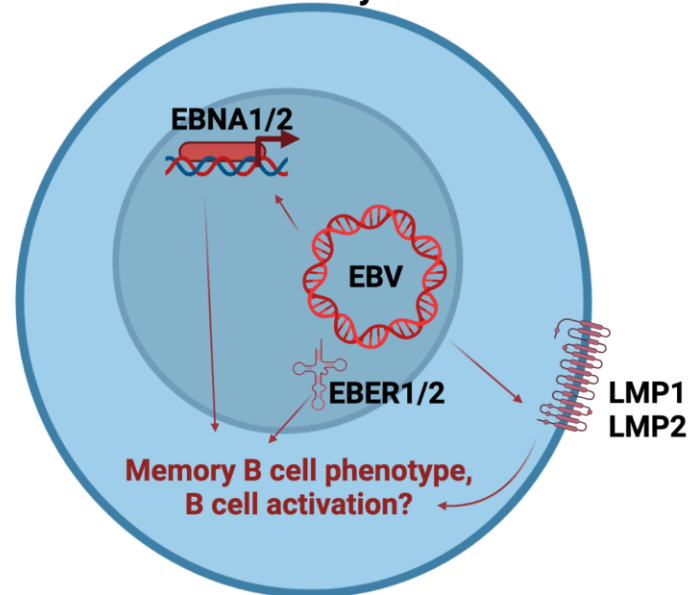
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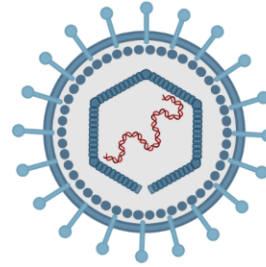
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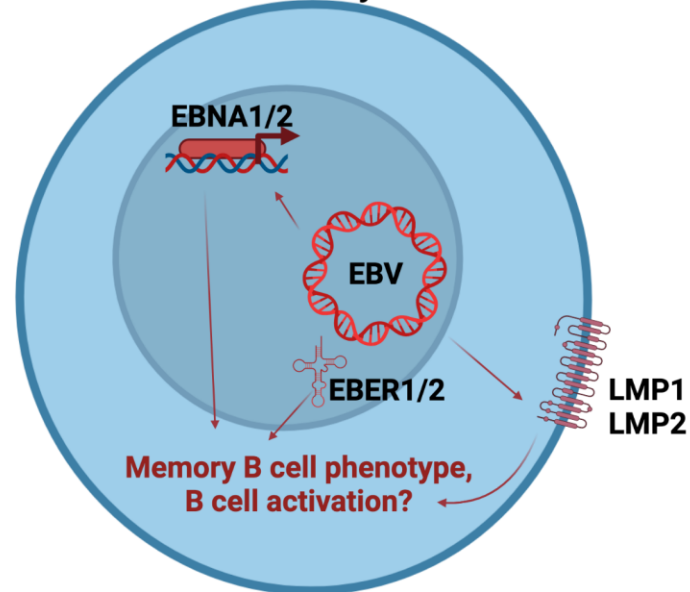
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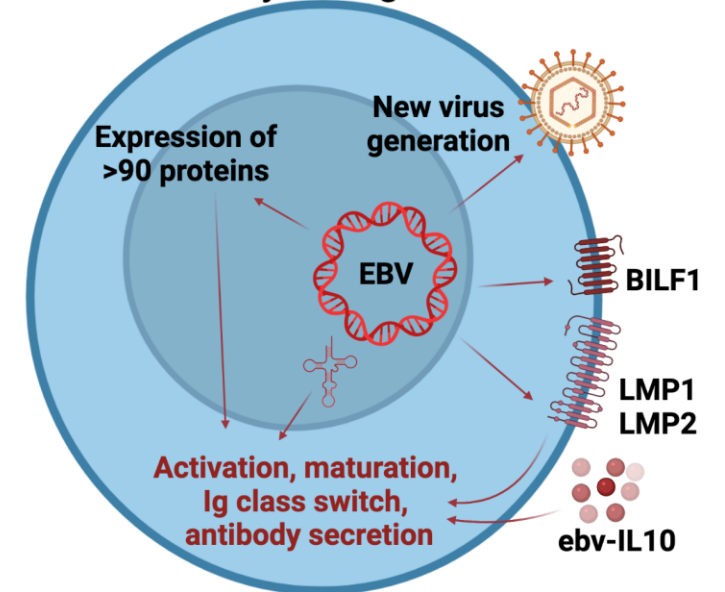
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Lytic stage



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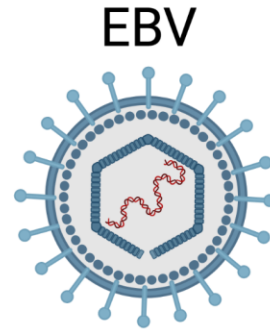
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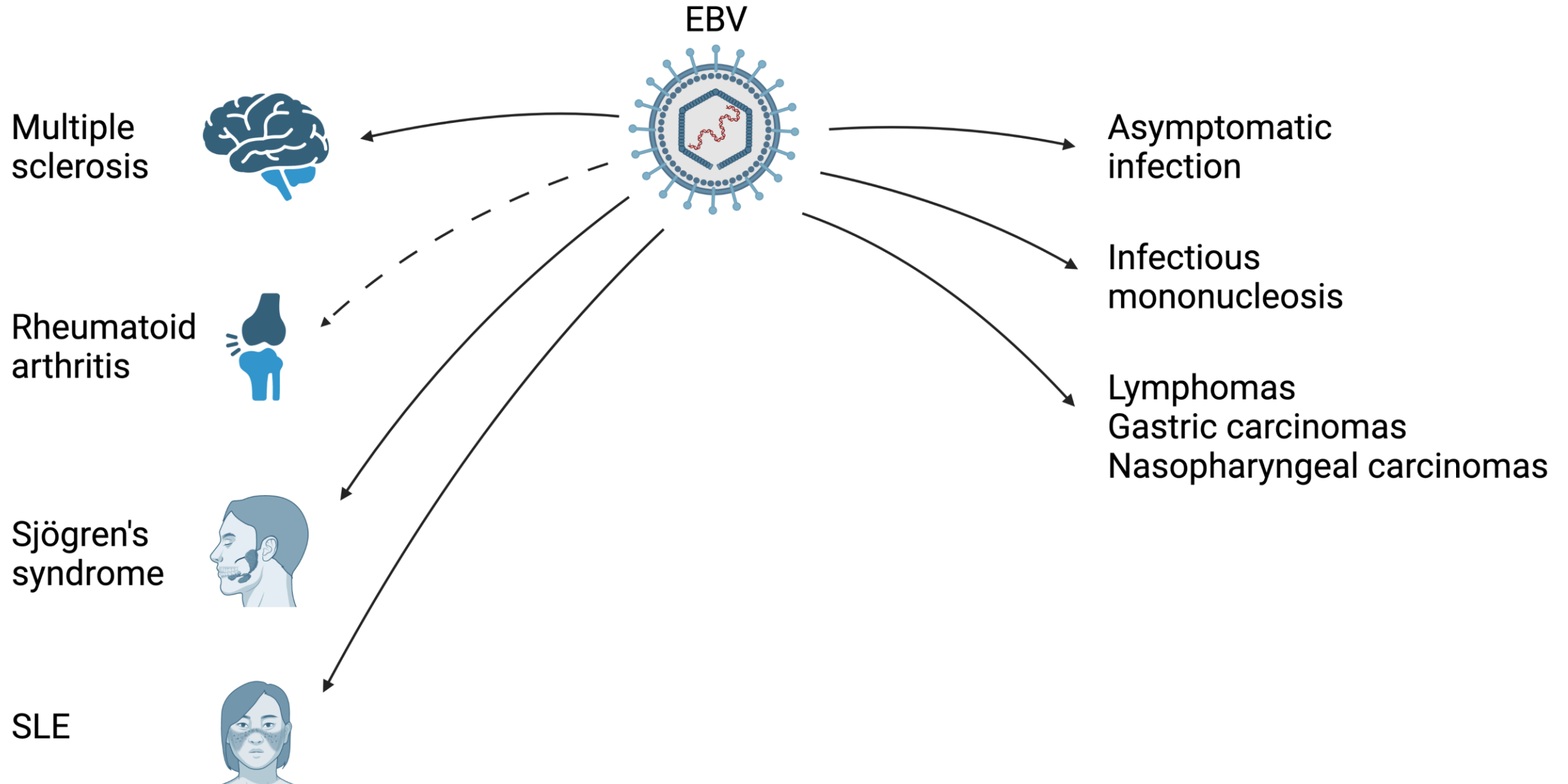
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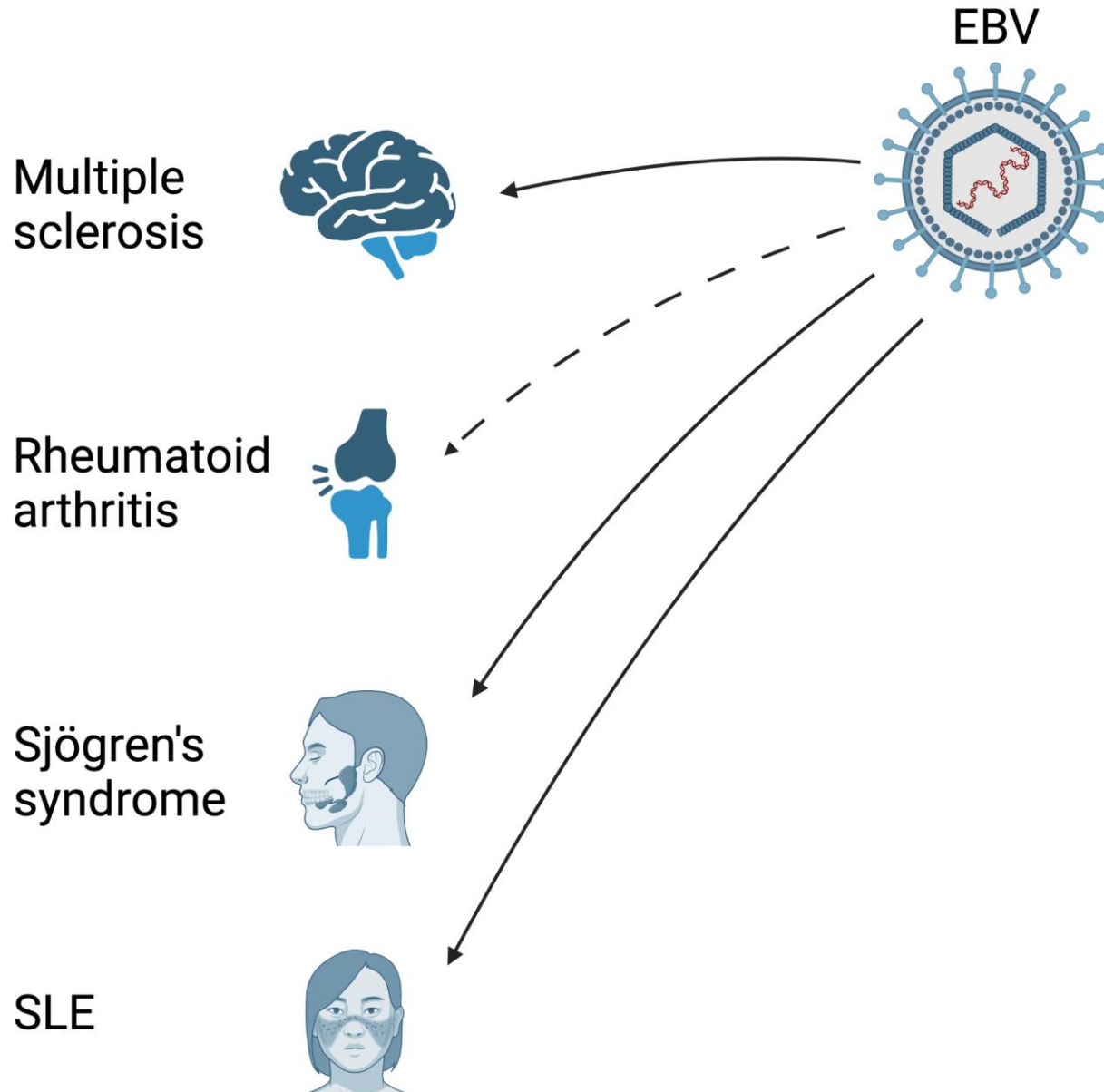
Infectious mononucleosis

Lymphomas
Gastric carcinomas
Nasopharyngeal carcinomas

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EBV in Autoimmunity



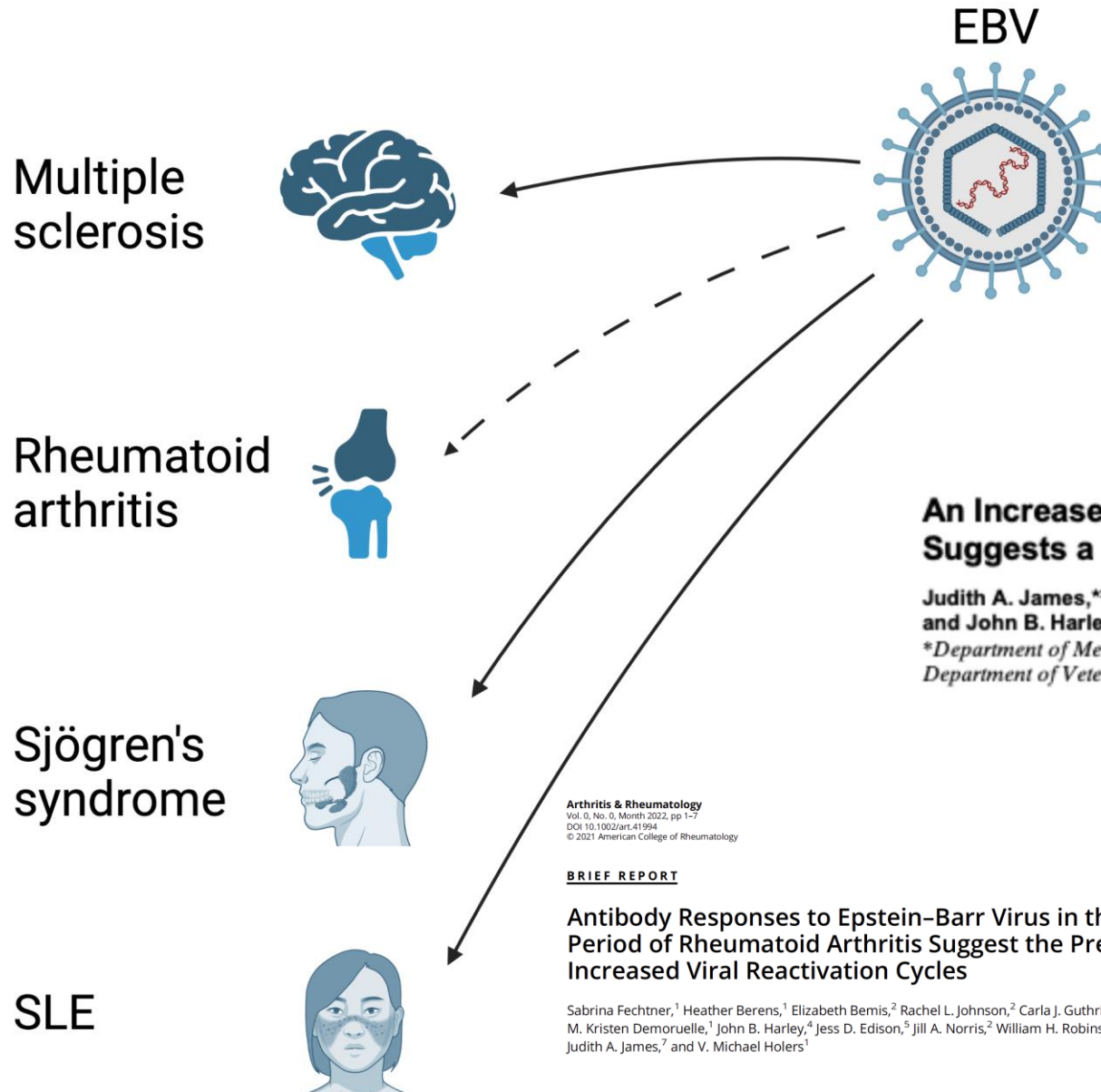
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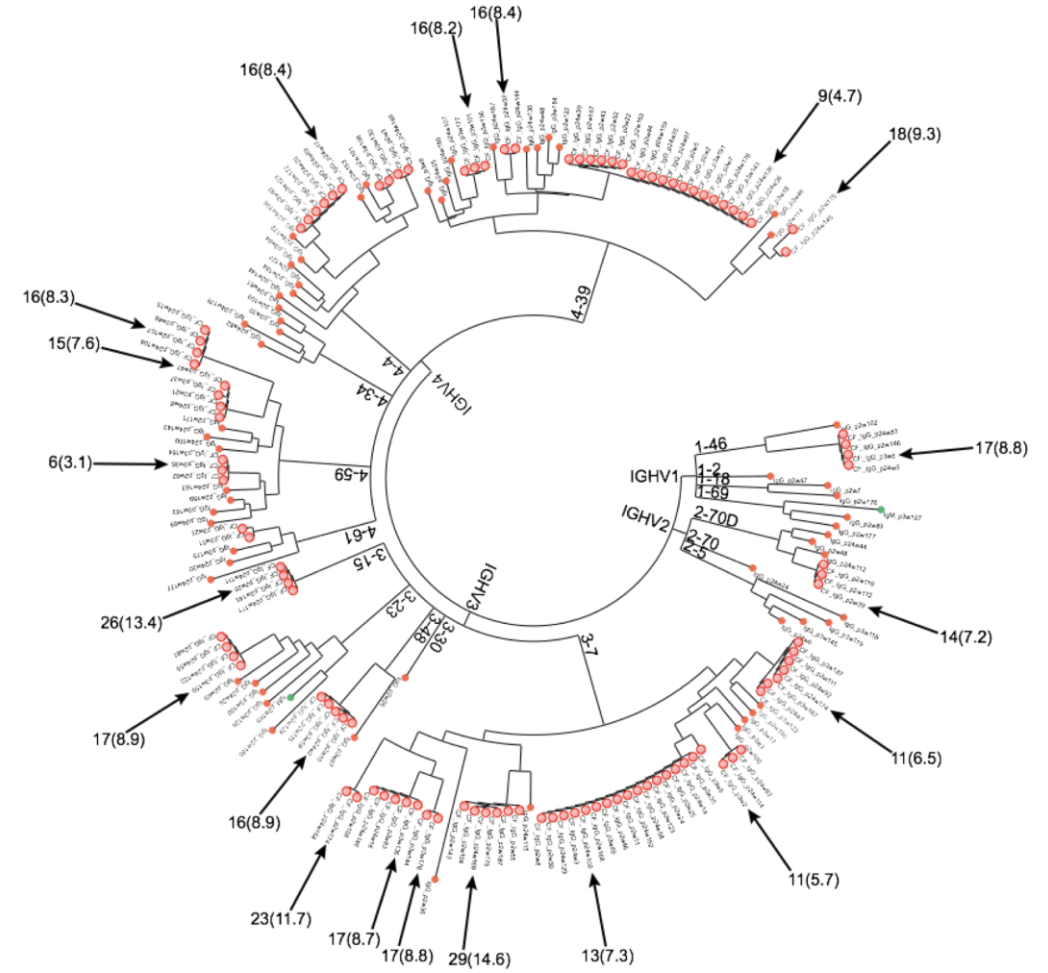
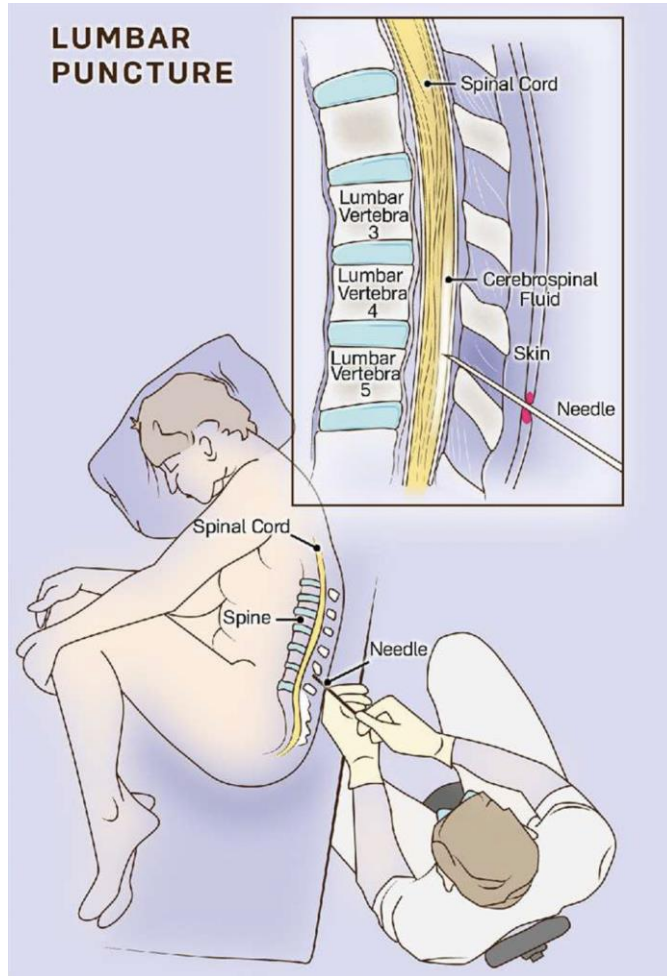
Serological Evidence for the Association Between Epstein-Barr Virus Infection and Sjögren's Syndrome

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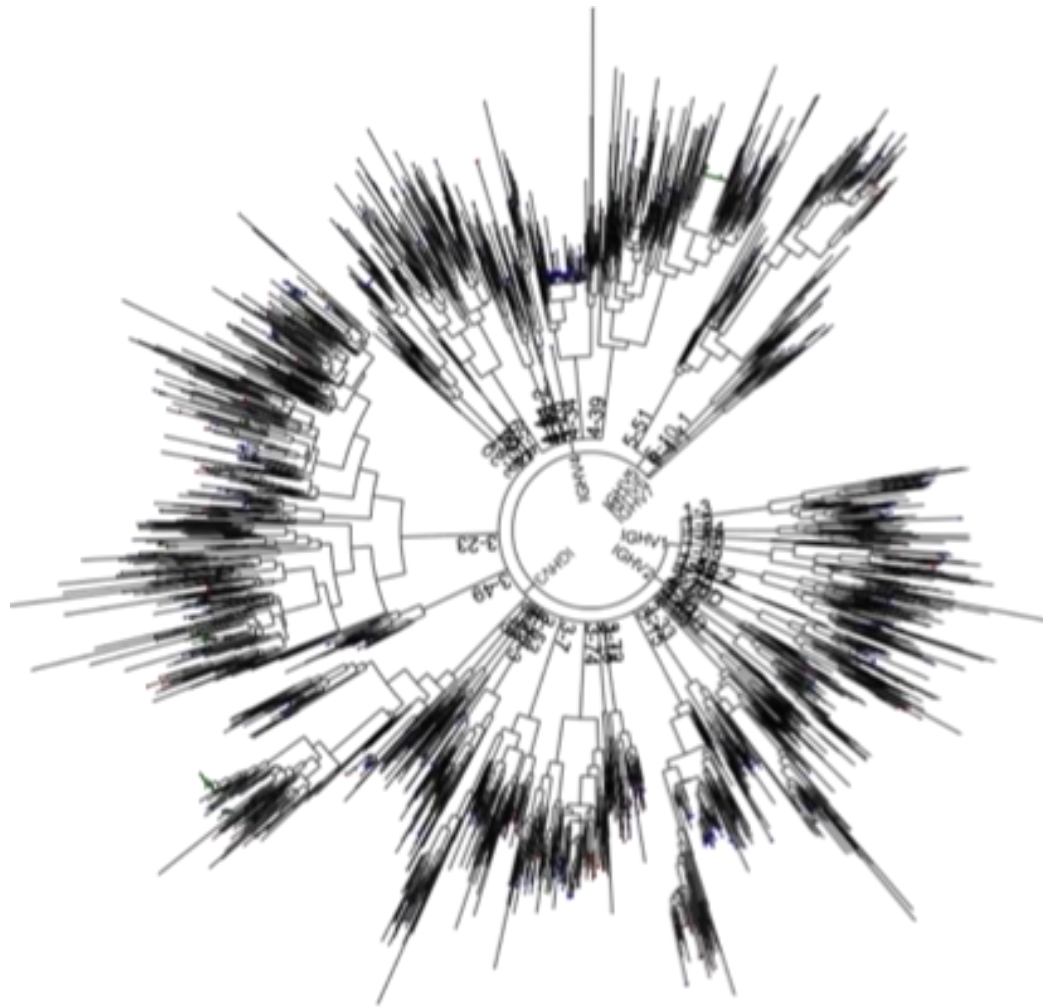
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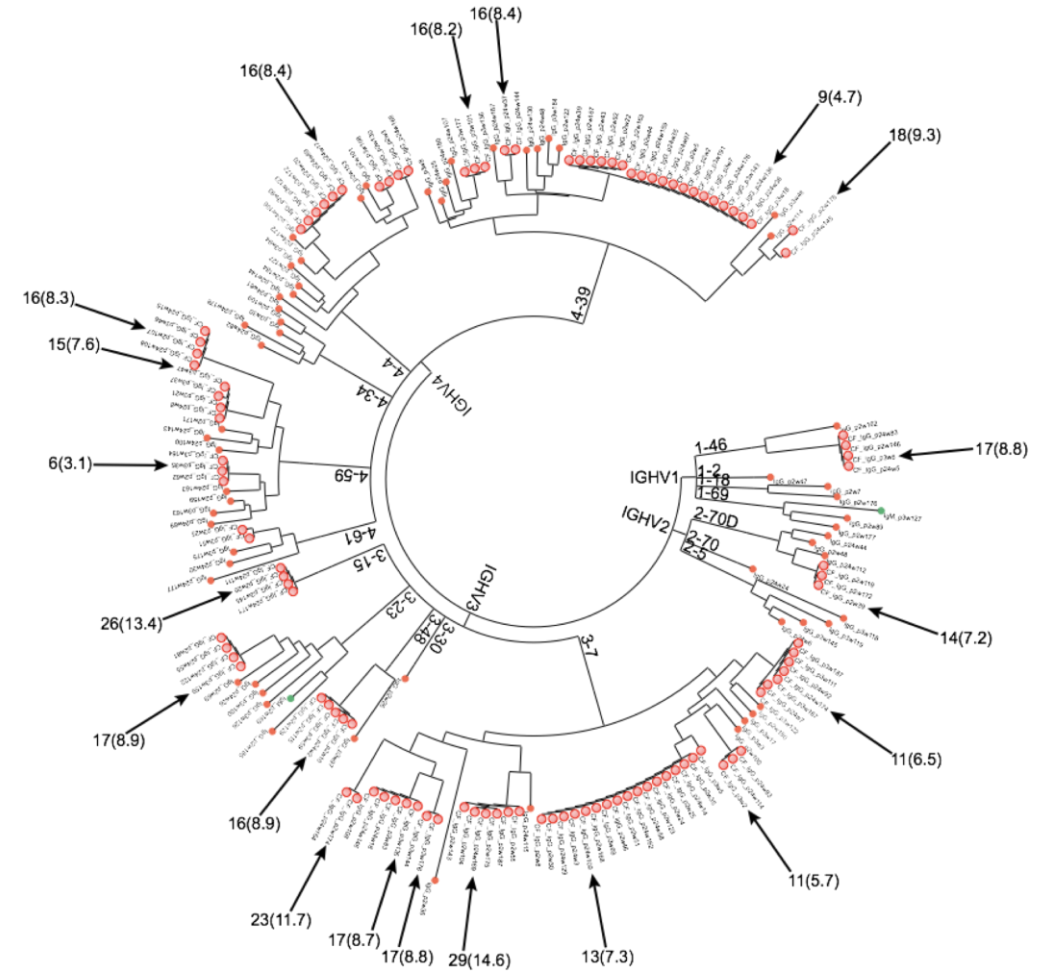


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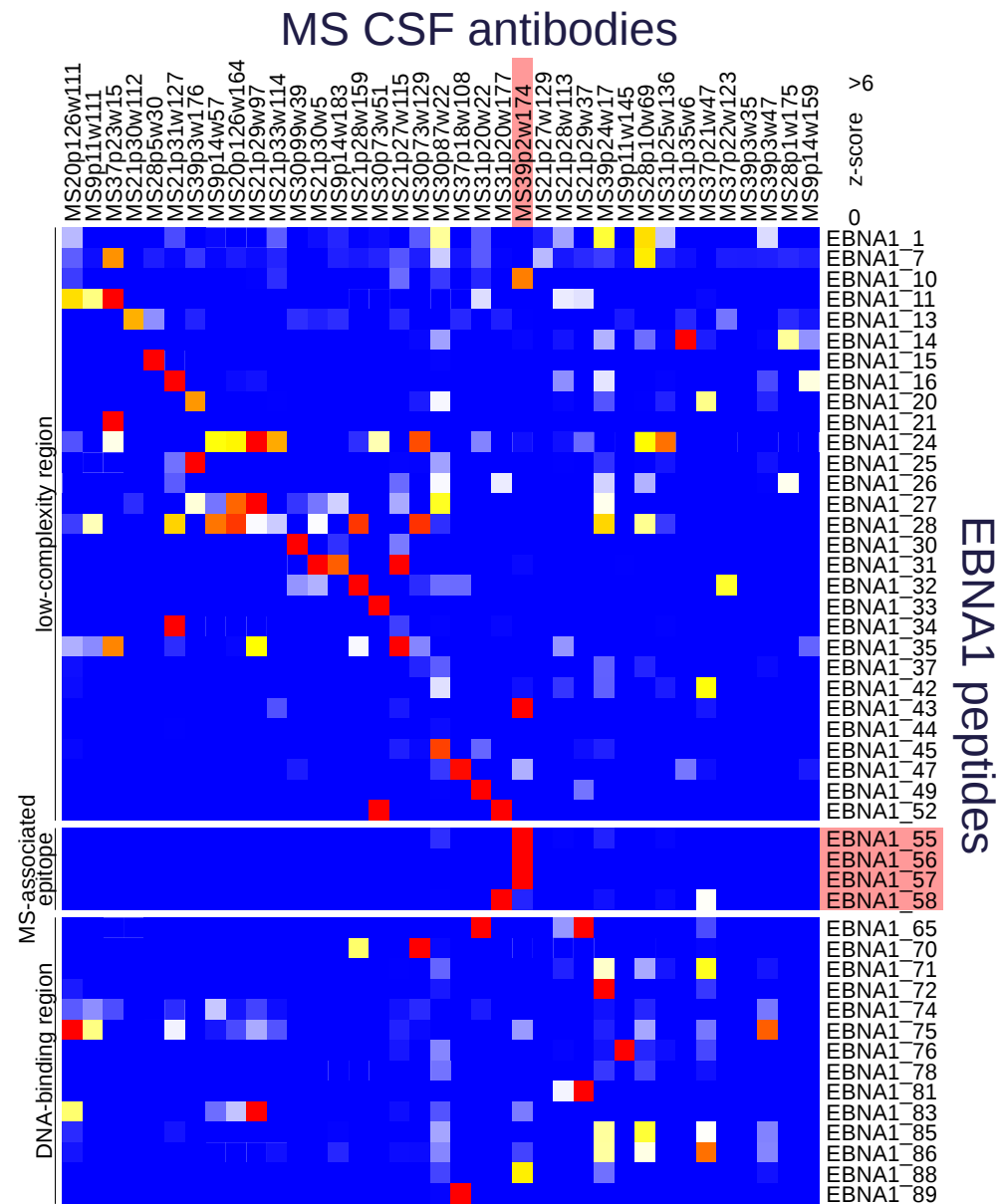
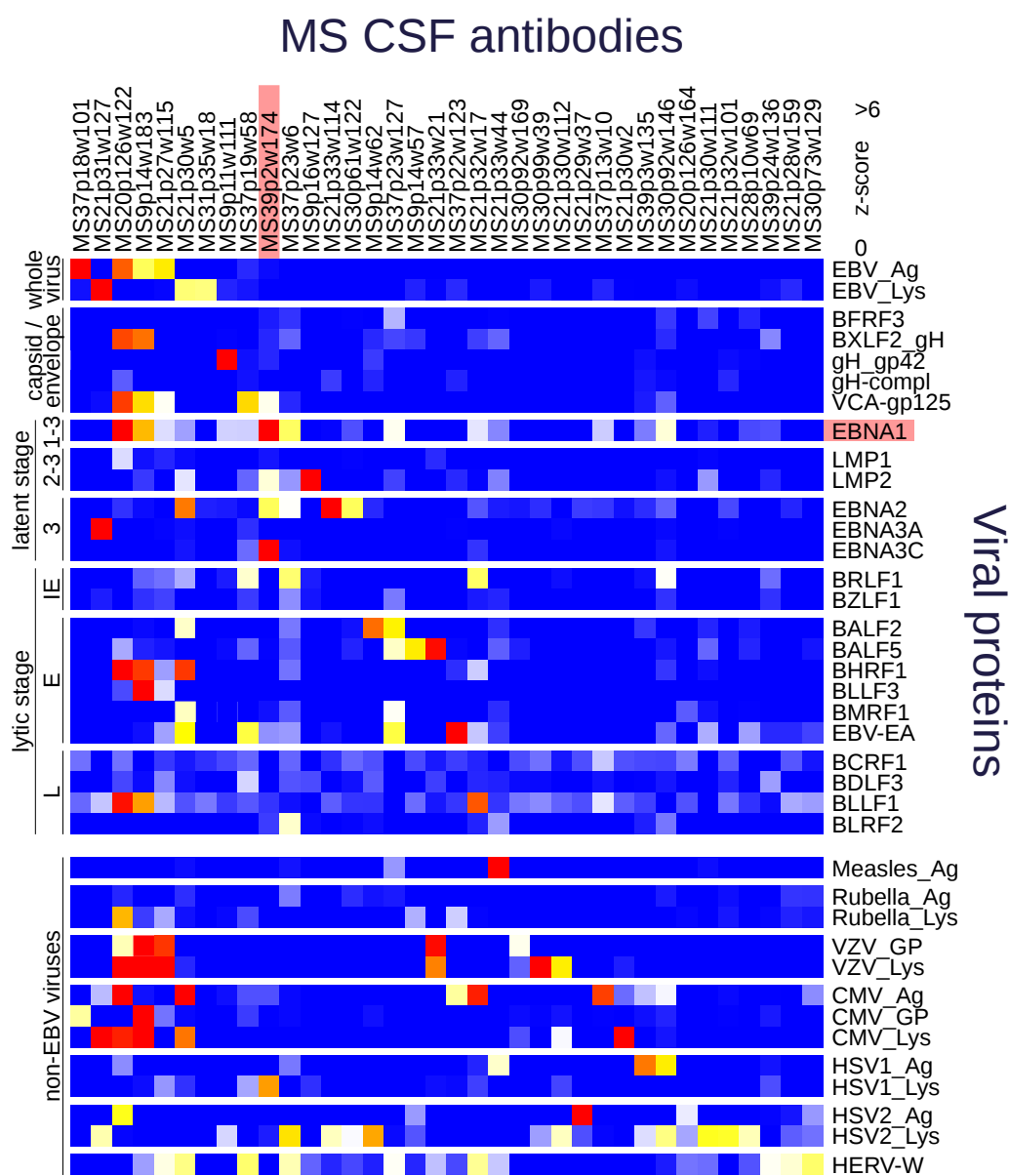


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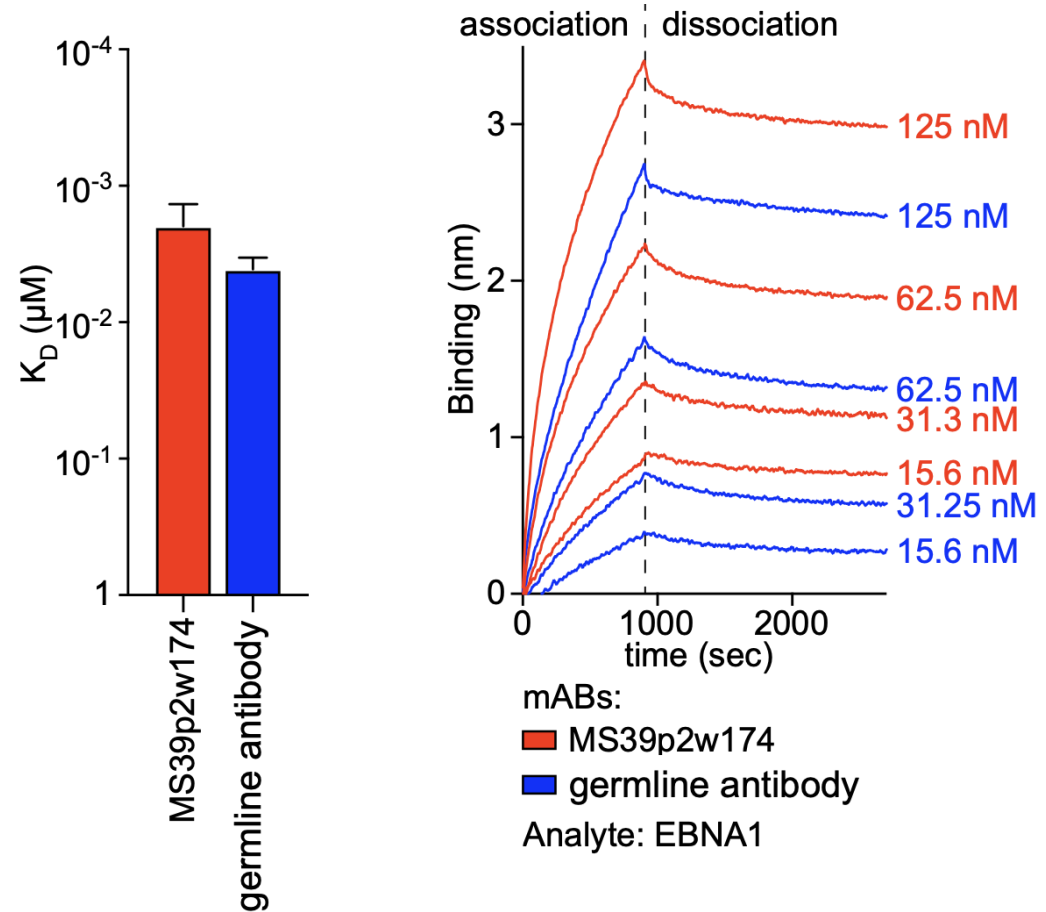


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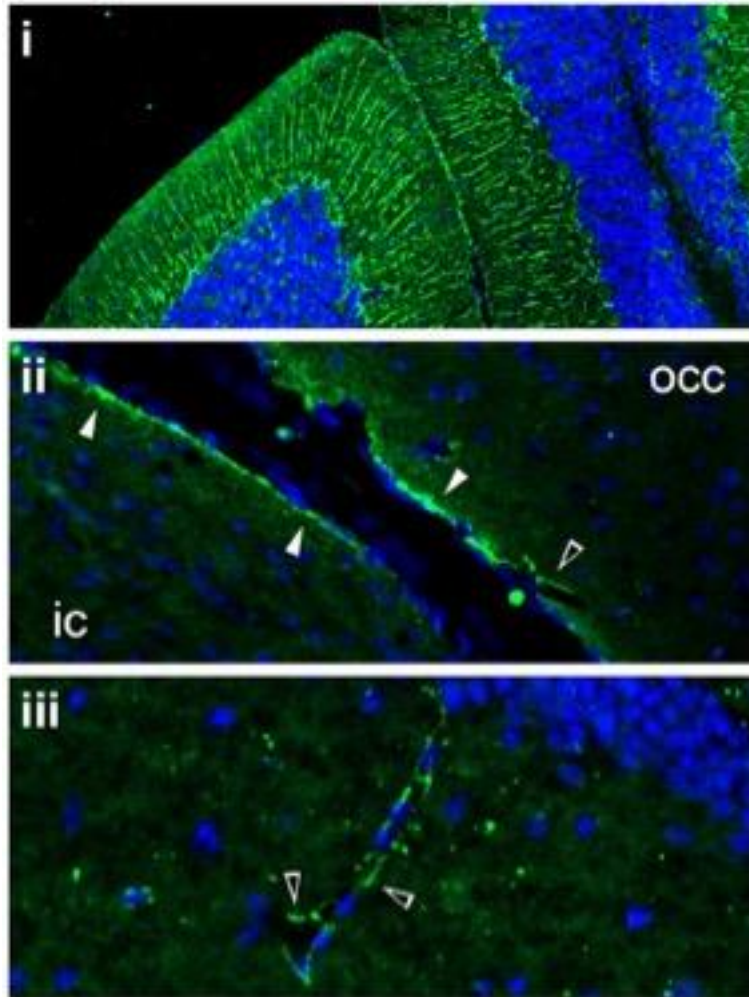
MS Spinal Fluid B Cells Bind Viral Antigens



High Affinity Interaction with Pro/Arg-rich Region on EBNA1



Cross-Reactivity to GlialCAM

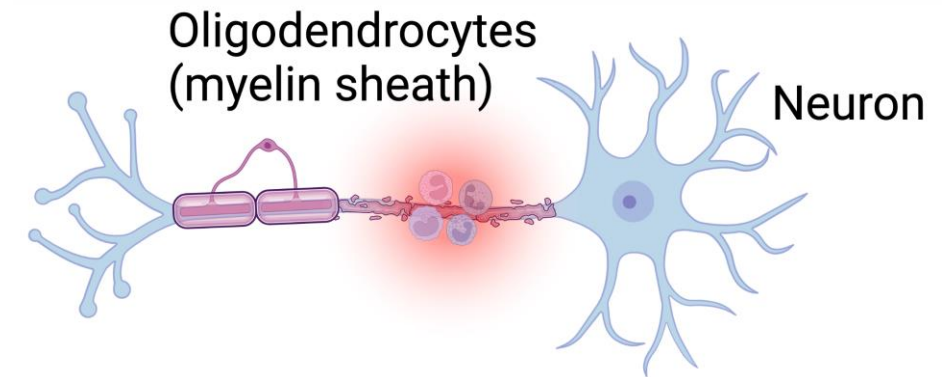


MS39p2w174 / ctrls

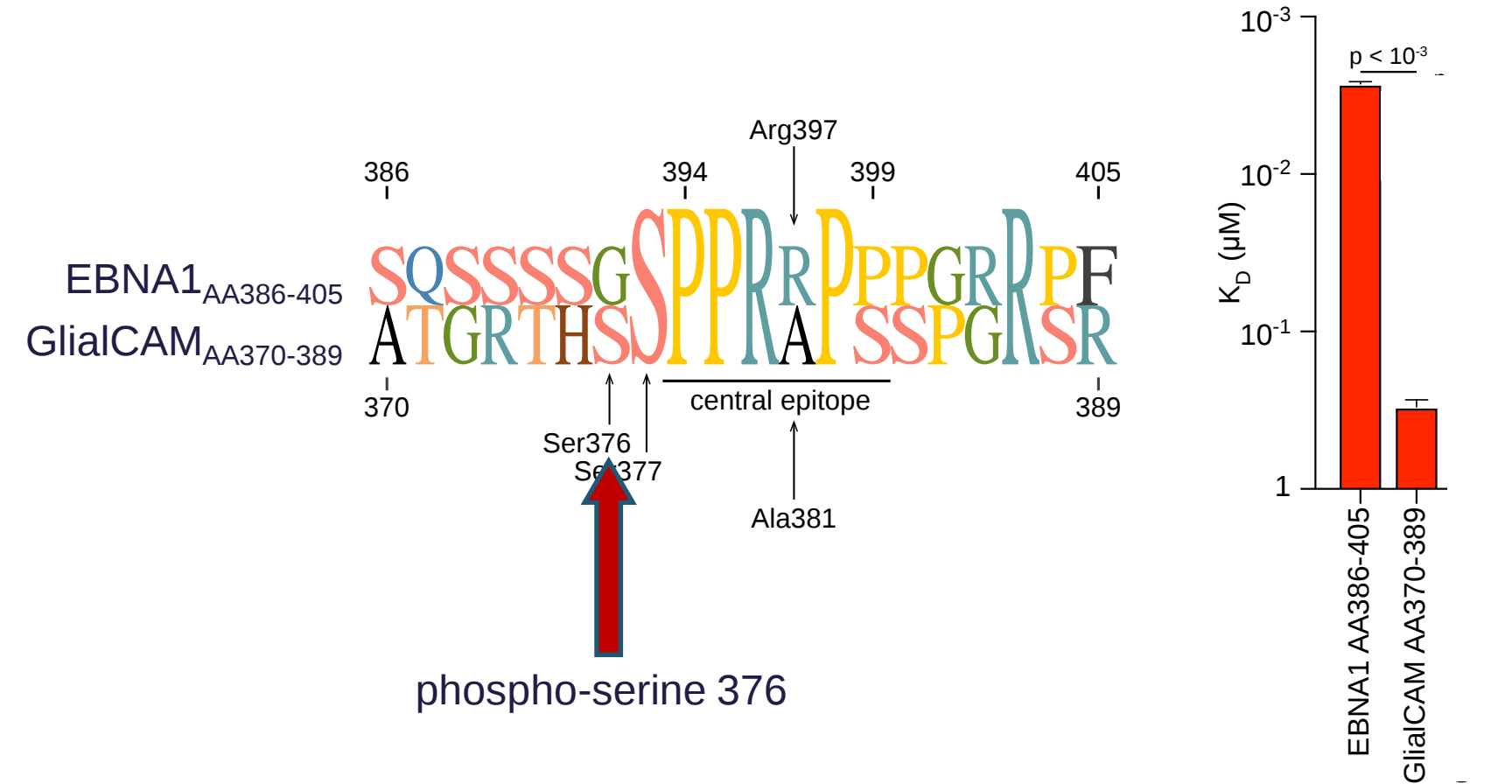
GLIALCAM	Red
MEF2B	Orange
MTFR2	Orange
SHD	Yellow
ANKRD13D	Yellow
SNRPN	Yellow
AFAP1	Yellow
Q6ir13-frag	Yellow
SF3B4	Yellow
TRMT44	Yellow
NFAM1	Yellow
NFKBIE	Yellow
MEN1	Yellow
PPHLN1	Yellow
TSGA10IP	Yellow
PRRG2	Blue

GlialCAM

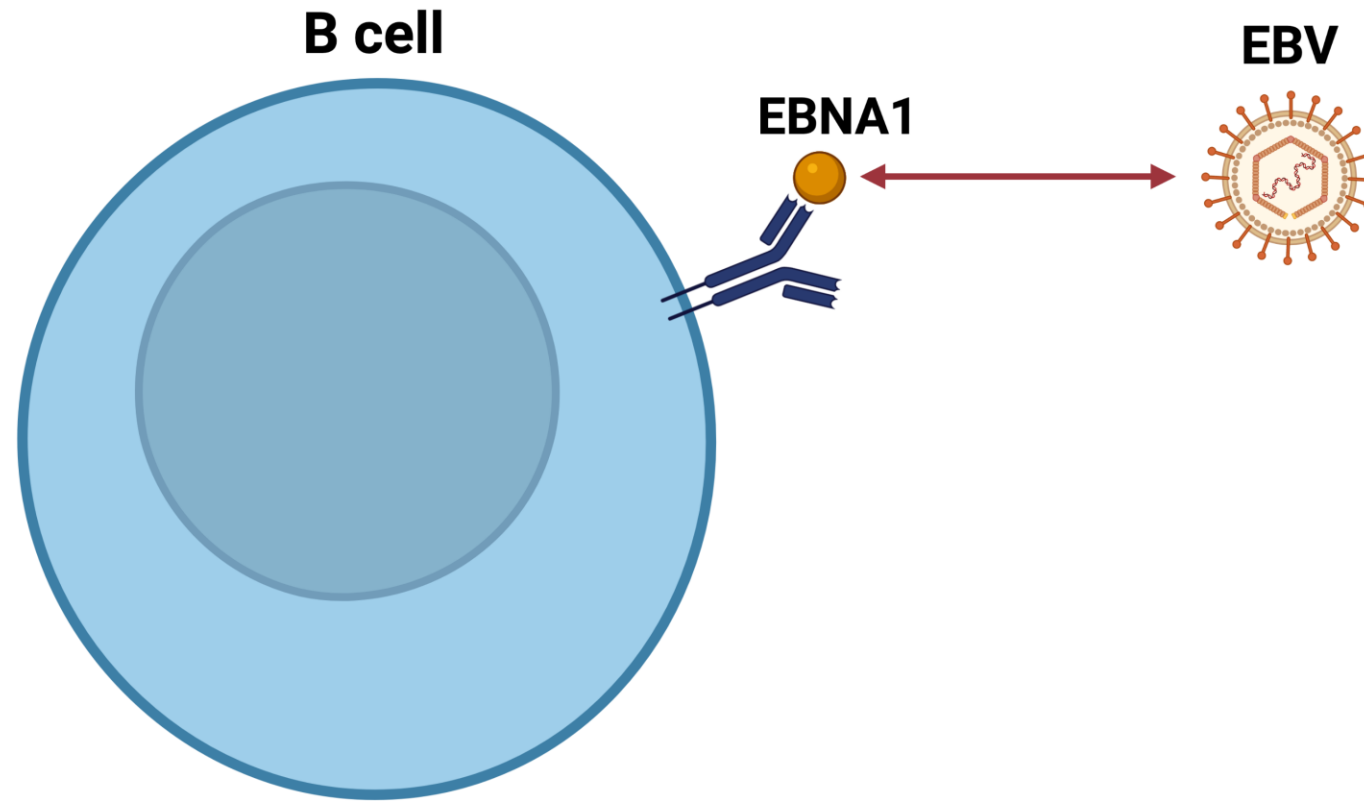
- Glial cellular adhesion molecule
- Glial water and chloride homeostasis
- Expression in astrocytes and oligodendrocytes



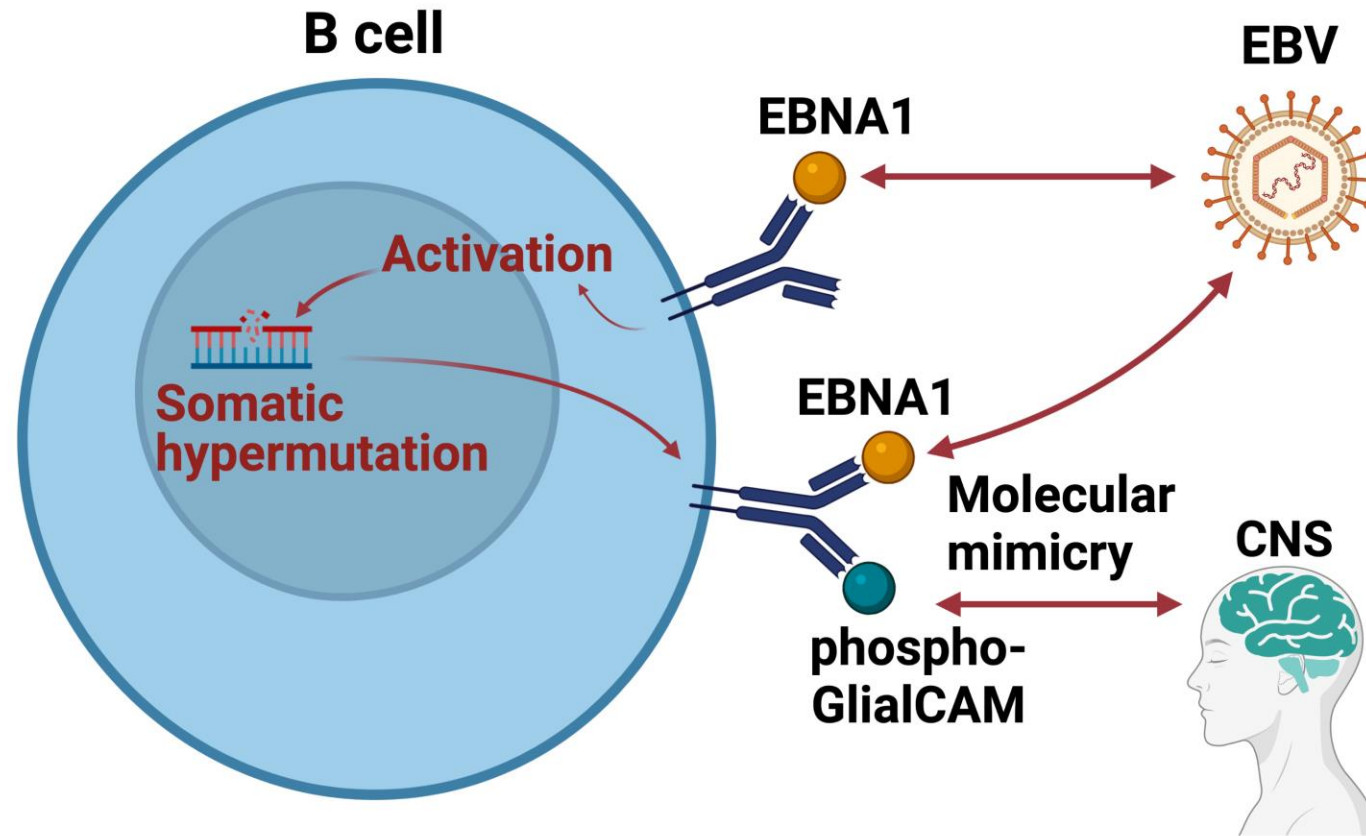
Affinity Maturation and Serine Phosphorylation are Necessary for High Affinity Interaction



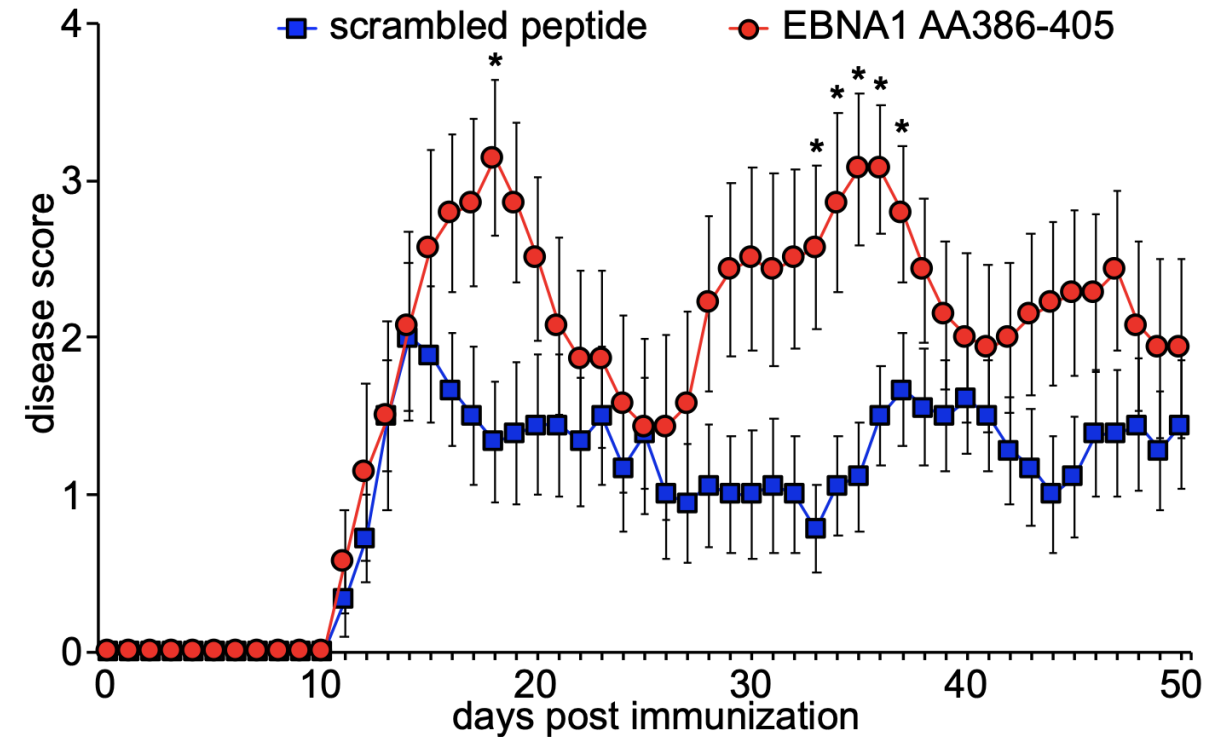
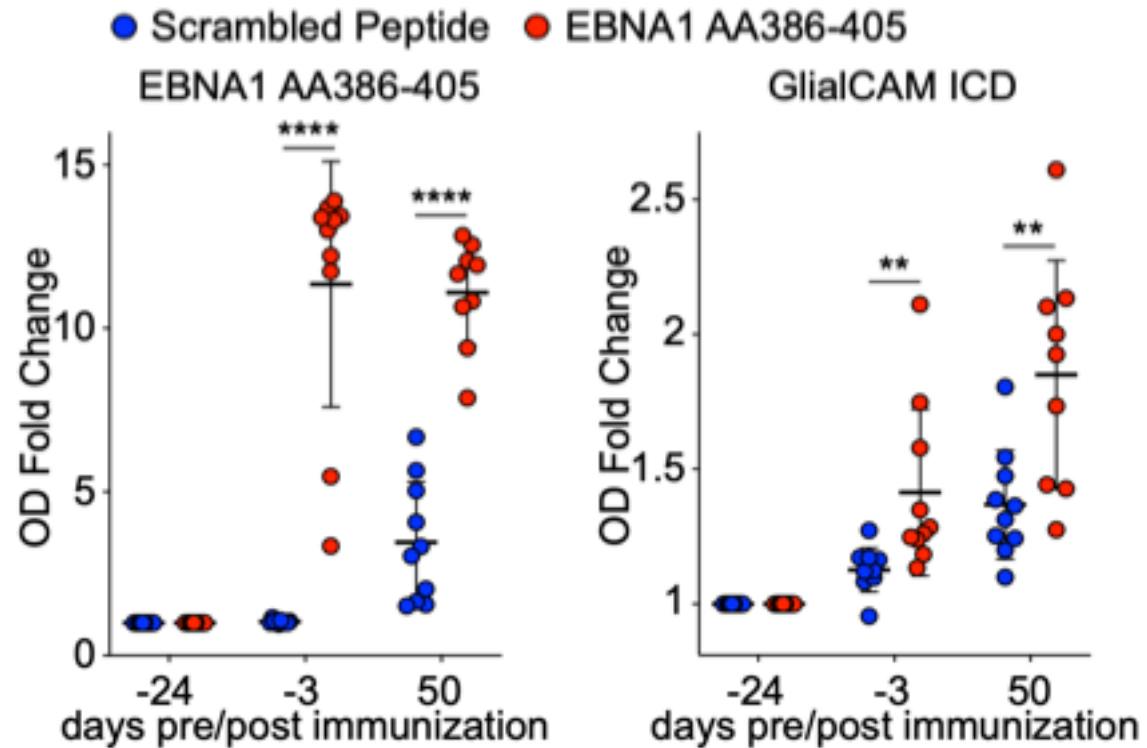
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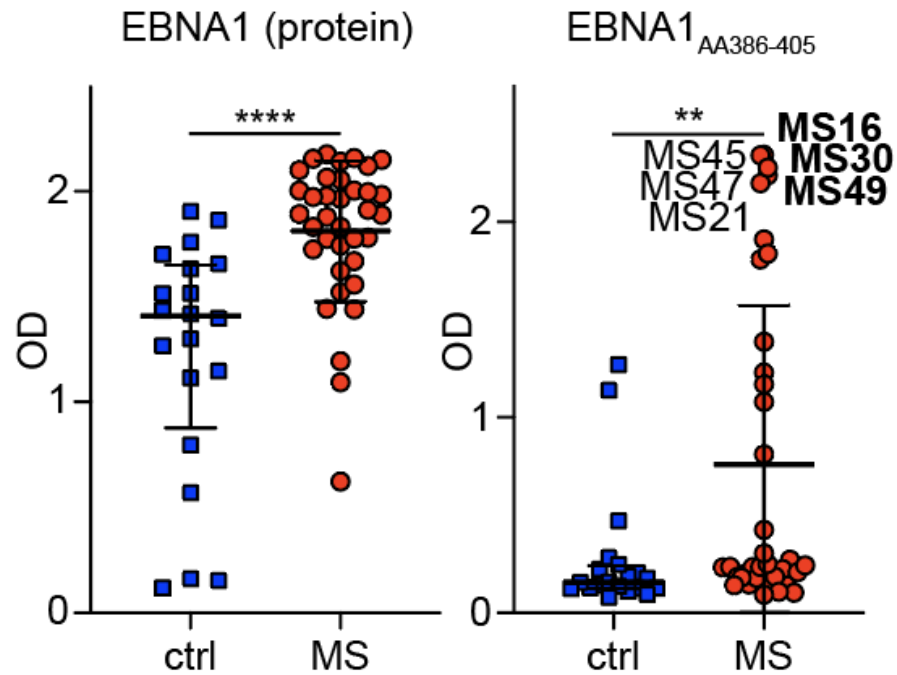
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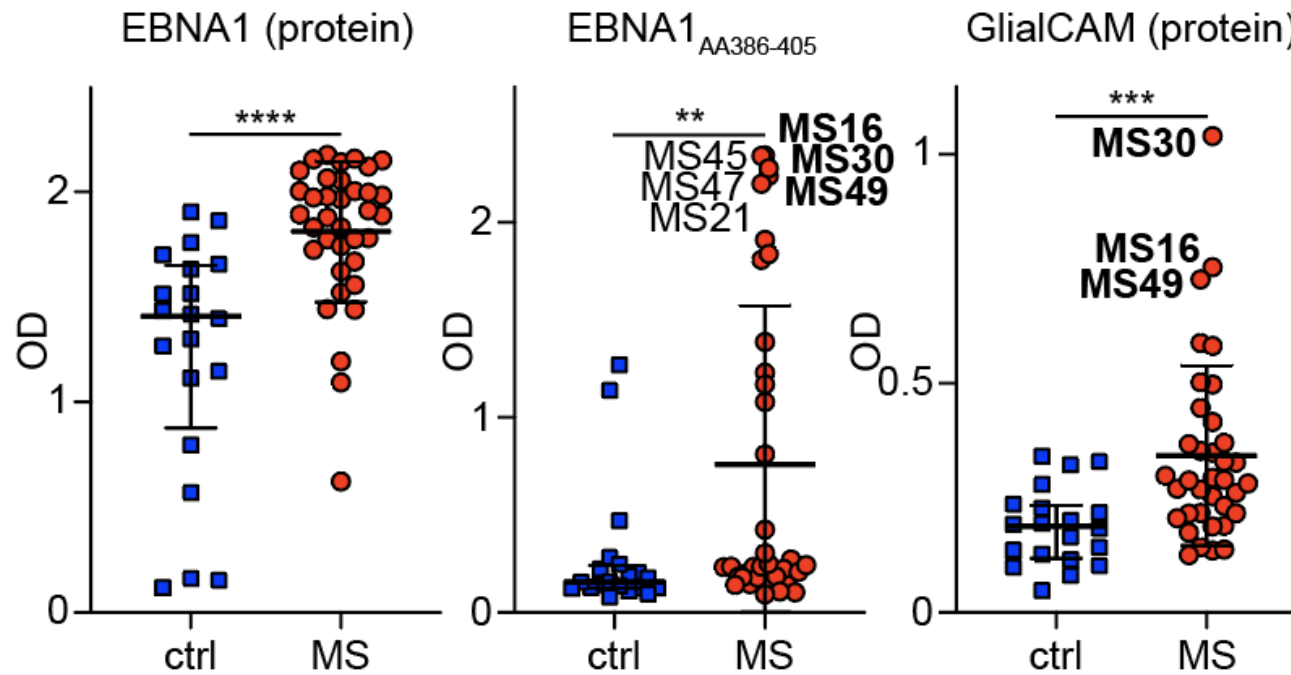
EBNA1 Immunization Generates Anti-GlialCAM Antibodies and Aggravates Neuroinflammation



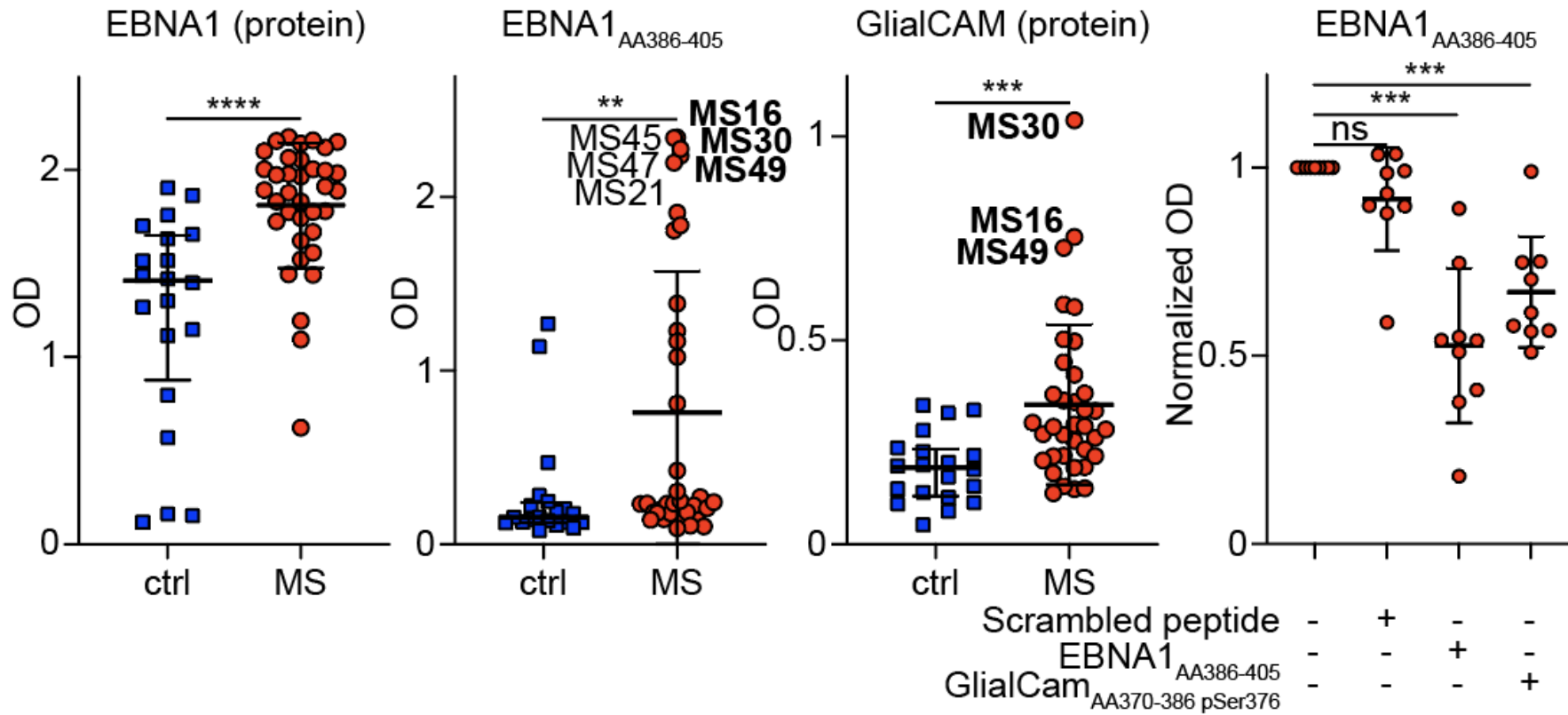
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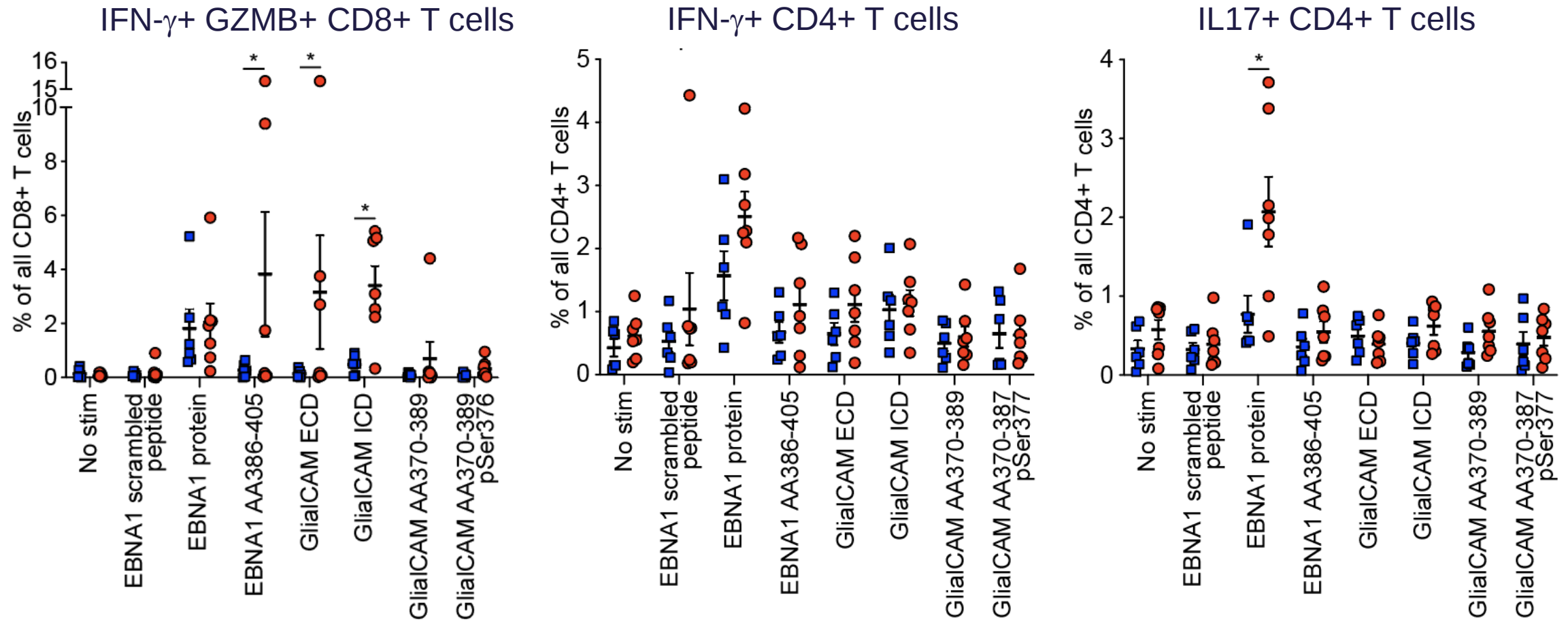


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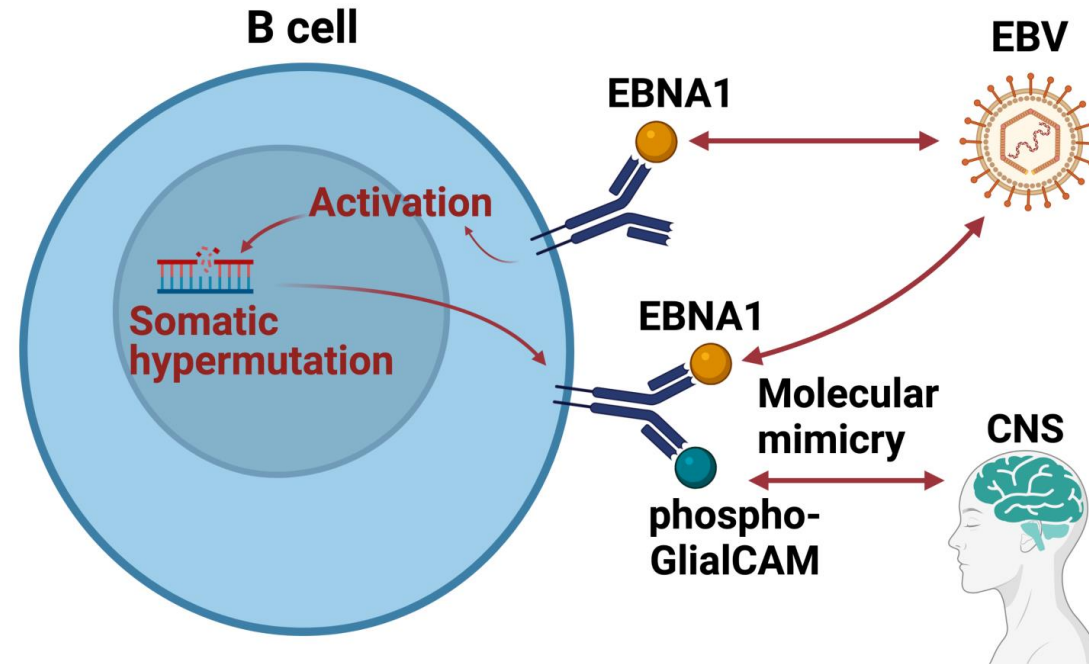


Anti-EBNA1/GlialCAM T cells in MS

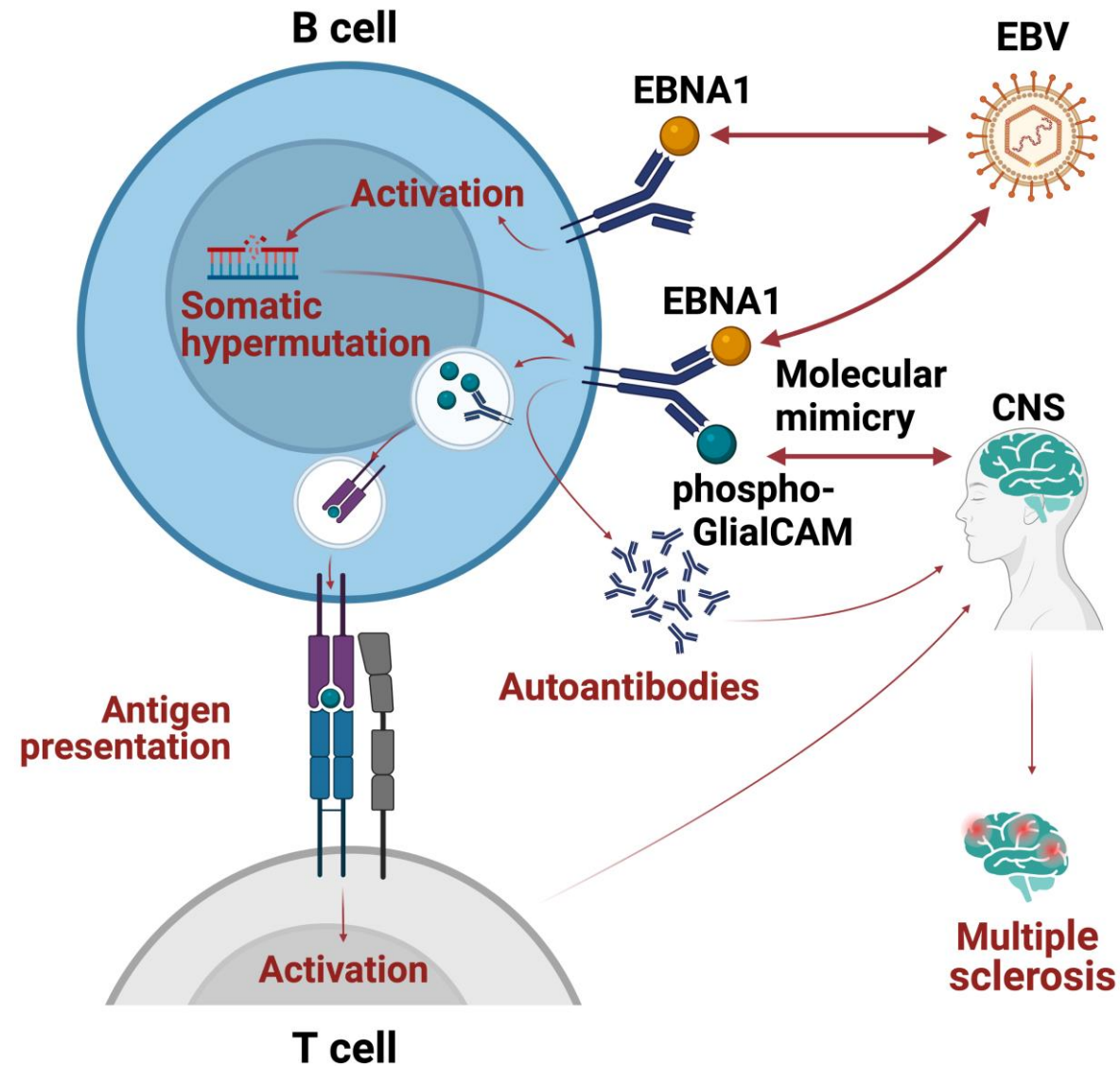
■ Healthy controls
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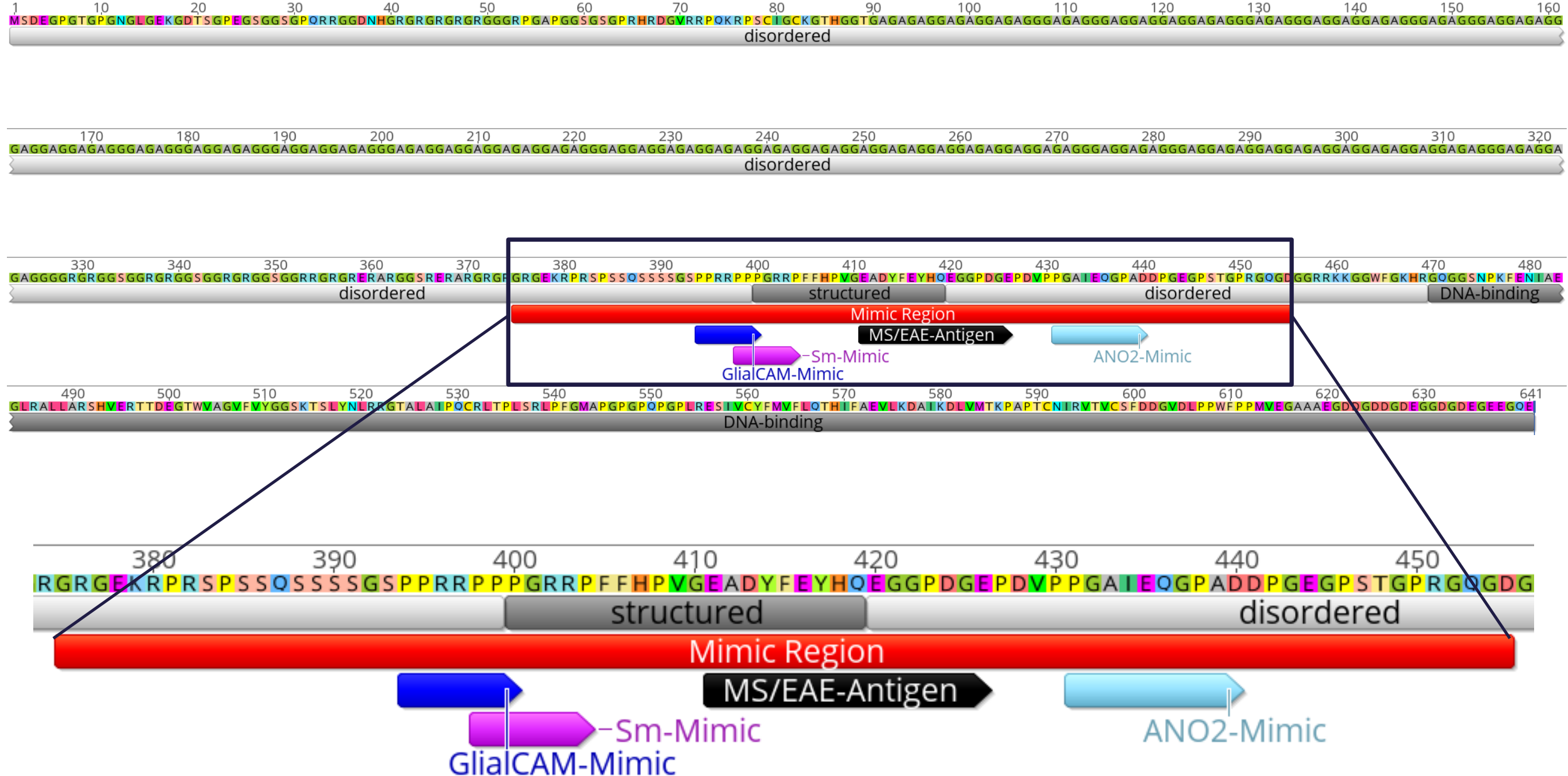
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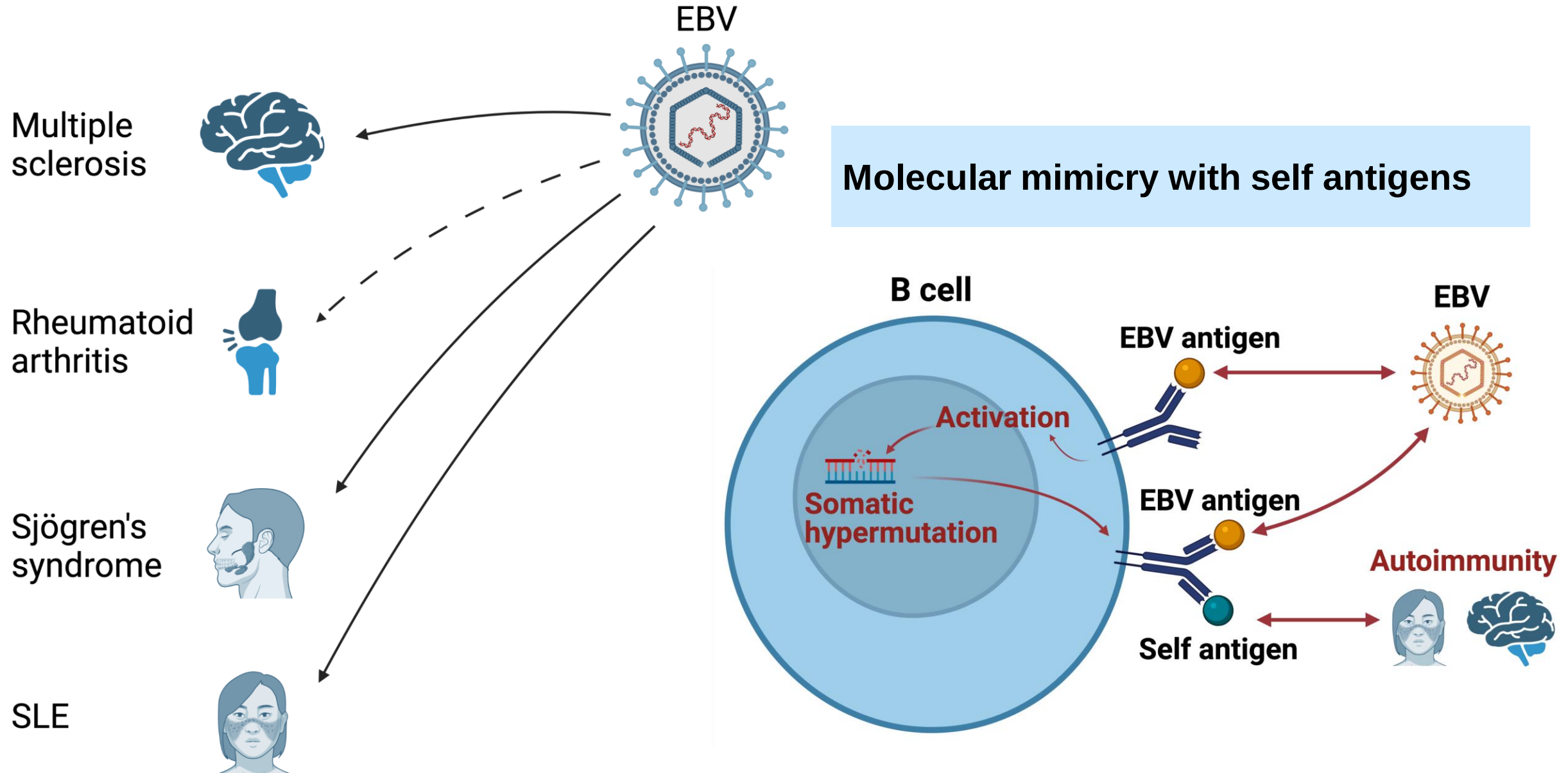
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Multiple Autoimmune Mimics in a Small Region of EBNA1



Summary: Molecular Mimicry between EBV and Self Antigens



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