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# Study shows COVID-19 vulnerability is highly dependent on host genetic architecture

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A new US study available on the preprint server <code>medRxiv</code> <code>(https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1f01/2020.05.01.20088054v1)\* reveals certain genetic variations that are associated with infection susceptibility and diverse clinical presentation Medical Devices (/Clinical-and-Diagnostics) of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) – including asymptomatic cases and severe forms of the disease in younger patients. <code>Interviews</code> (/medical/interviews)</code>

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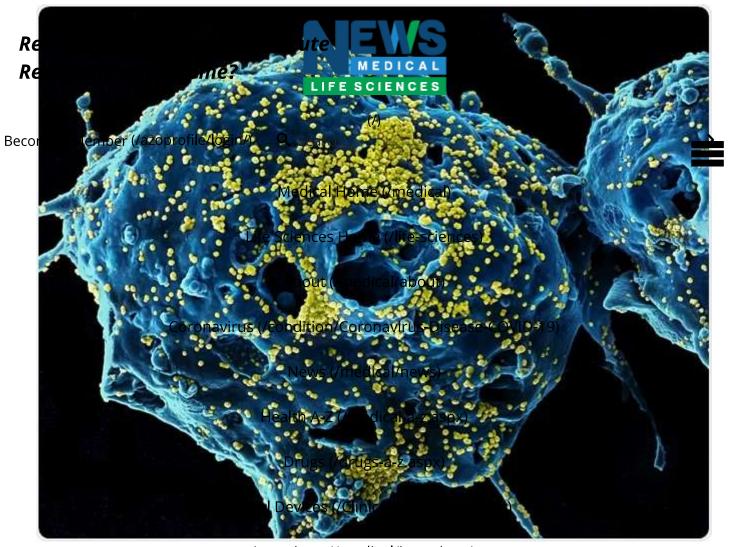
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Humans and viruses have evolved together for millennia resulting in genetic Newsletters (medical newsletters) polymorphisms that guide the host responses to viral infection. Consequently, clinical variation in COVID-19 sevently and symptometric or special of differences in host genetic factors related to the immune response.

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This is why researchers from the University of California San Francisco, the University of Texas at Austin, and St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis (United States) decided to appraise the genetic architecture of host response to viral infection, especially taking Advertise (https://www.azonetwork.com/marketing-science/news-medical#medical) We use Marketing to browse this site you agree to our use of cookies.

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Accordingly, they have conducted integrative gentions wides analyses of antibody response and positivity to viral antigens. Pleiotropic associations About (/medical/about) between lead variants affecting antibody levels and several chronic diseases with viral risk factors were explored in depth Coronavirus (/condition/Coronavirus-Disease-COVID-19)

## Symptom span explained by HLA genetic variations

Study findings confirm that hulled the disconfigure (FIDA) class II and III genes are pivotal host genetic factors implicated in regulating the immune response to diverse viral antigens, with potential implications for complex diseases.

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Furthermore, the researchers have also discovered that specific HLA alleles linked to multiple common infections are associated with SARS-CoV-2 positive tests. More specifically, based on 1028 subjects tested for SARS-CoV-2, they have identified seven class II HLA susceptibility alleles (five associated with other viruses)e Papers (/medical/whitepapers)

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"Understanding the interplay between host genetic factors and immune response Interviews (/medical/interviews) has implications for public health and may facilitate the discovery of novel therapeutics including vaccines," said study authors. White Papers (/medical/whitepapers)

"Upon further elucidation of the gisk of infection and COVID-19 severity, our results suggest that HLA typing may be a feasible tool in the SARS-CoV-2 response for identifying at-risk properties of the conclude.

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Naturally, further research is ne **Coetain** (Indexical Cooders and the viability of this approach in diverse populations, whereas therapeutic research on ACE2 inhibitors will elucidate what is happening behind the down egulation of SARS—COV-270 eptors after infection.

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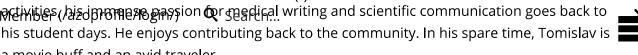
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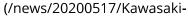
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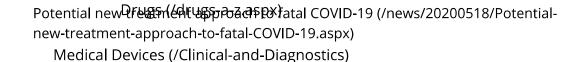


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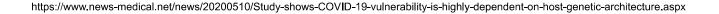
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