

EDITORIAL

JEM goes viral

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Viral pathogens continue to put people’s lives at risk, from Ebola to Zika, dengue, Chikungunya, influenza, HIV, and more. While prominent progress has been made to treat HIV infection and reduce its spread, HIV and many other viruses, including influenza, remain a major menace. In the midst of the search for new vaccines (see Rappuoli et al. 2019. *J. Exp. Med.* <https://doi.org/10.1084/jem.20182160>) and treatments and faced with counterproductive anti-vaccination movements, we believe it is more important than ever for *JEM* to emphasize the journal’s interest in studies related to viral infection and to microbiology in general. With this intention, we welcome Sara Cherry to the *JEM* editorial board.

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