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## **REVIEWERS' COMMENTS:**

## Reviewer #1 (Remarks to the Author):

I have reviewed the revisions made by the authors and in my opinion the additional data and text that has been added addresses all of the concerns about the manuscript that were originally made. I think this is an important paper that will impact the field of therapeutic viruses.

## Reviewer #2 (Remarks to the Author):

This is a review of the revised manuscript initially submitted to [Redacted]. I found that the authors have adequately addressed reviewers' comments and the manuscript is suitable for a publication in Nature Communications.