



# TRAIN: synergies with other projects

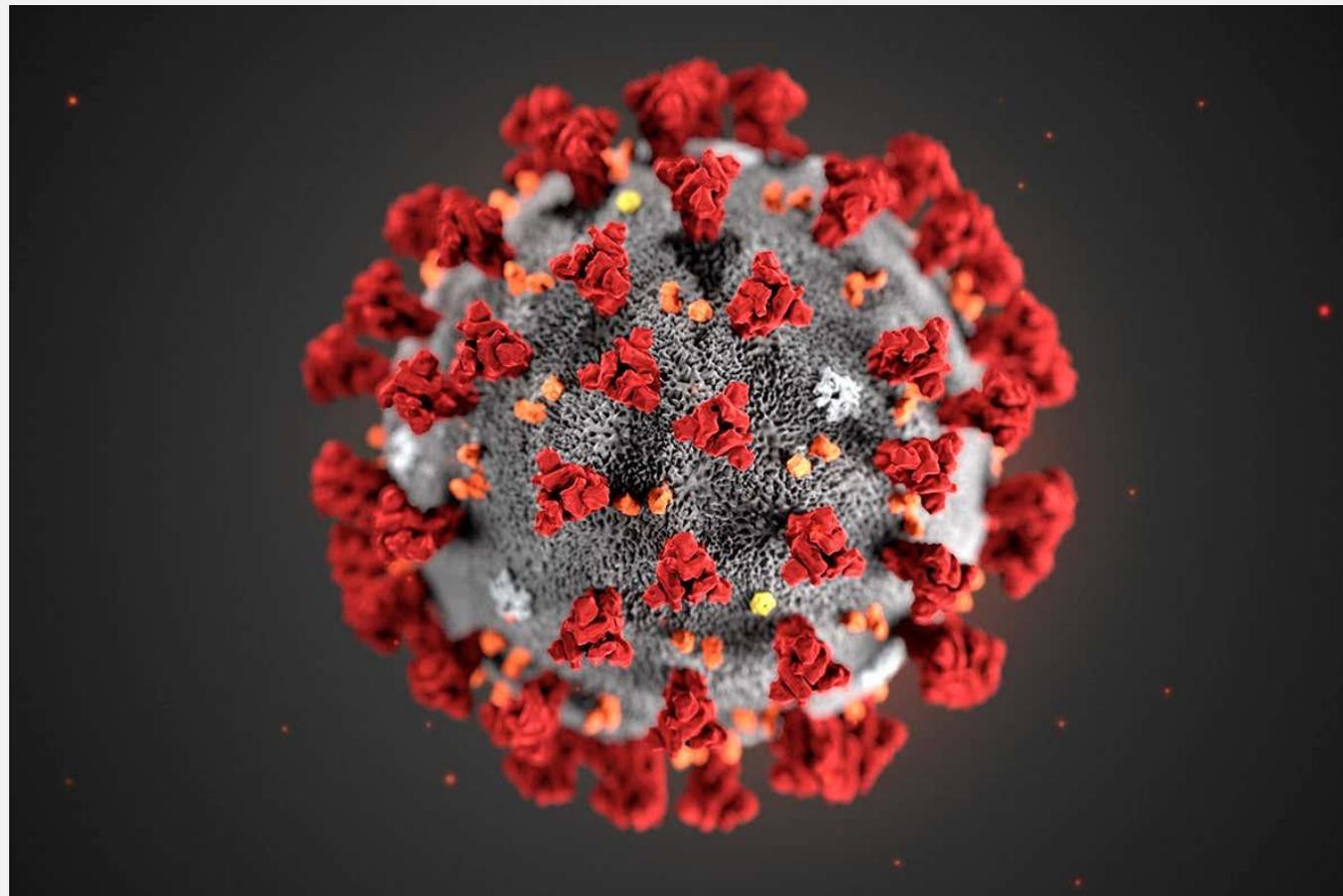
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## Aim of TRAIN project

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# COVID-19

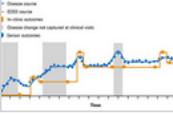


# Macro-Trends in biotech



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# How TRAIN accelerated other projects on COVID-19

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- **2020-03-13:** ICGEB isolated COVID-19 virus and built a bio-bank
- **2020-03-21:** BIP analysed rapid tests suggested by Sheridan (Nature, March 23th, 2020) and those suggested by Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND).
- **2020-03-30:** BIP compared the performance form 8 producers.
- **2020-04-05:** BIP bought 200 tests from 2 top EU producers.
- **2020-04-14:** ICGEB Validated those rapid tests

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- **2020-06-09:** We are validating the rapid tests on 500 hospital workers

## Case 2: antiviral drug for COVID-19

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**Companies:** Biovalley Investments Partner (BIP)

- **Biovalley provided an anti-viral drug and ICGEB tested it on COVID-19 in vitro**
- 2020-03-18: the idea of using the anti-viral was born
- 2020-03-24: the drug was in ICGEB
- 2020-05-18: the paper was in preview on BioRxiv:  
<https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.05.18.101691v1>

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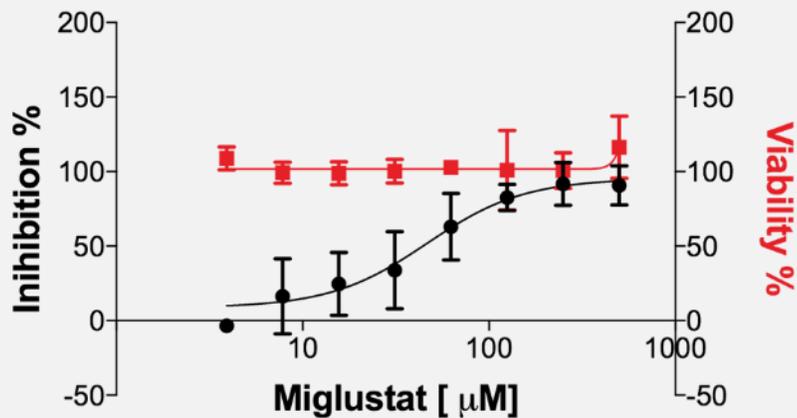
$EC_{50}$  : 44.1  $\mu$ M

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● inhibition%

■ viability %



- We are going to test it in clinical environment

# How TRAIN inspired a new project on HPC

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*Establishing a world-leading artificial intelligence computing and data infrastructure in Europe: a comprehensive data and computing infrastructure using as a basis High Performance Computing (HPC) centres and edge computing capacities, through the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking. The deployment of a next generation high performance computing infrastructure will be complemented by a European federation of interoperable, flexible and scalable cloud and computing infrastructures and targeted cloud-based artificial intelligence services (to be funded through Horizon Europe and the Digital Europe Programme). Supporting the deployment of common European data spaces to facilitate pooling and sharing of data from across Europe is also crucial and will be addressed in a specific initiative.*

## Case 3: HPC

**Research:** SISSA + ICTP

**Industrialization:** Trieste Valley, Eurotech

**Trieste Valley:**  
the first step toward an HPC based on European hardware technology (Eurotech) available for AI/biotech development

## Case 3: HPC

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**Industrialization and funding:** Trieste Valley, Eurotech

- 2020-01-10: the idea of having an HPC for private companies was born
- 2020-01-24: preliminary location was identified
- 2020-03-06: the first node of HPC has been ordered
- 2020-07-01: the HPC will be operative and running

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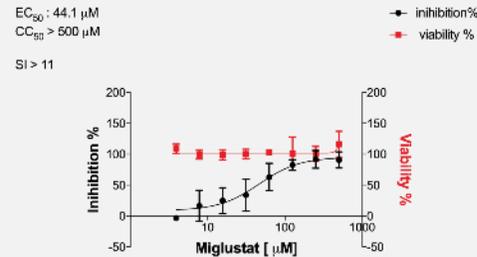
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### Private HPC for AI in health





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