

1. Fundamental lab research on mutations in the SARS-CoV-2 virus

To better understand mechanisms and impact of mutations in the SARS-CoV-2 virus spike protein that will help in developing new effective vaccines in the future.

Situation: Lab
Organism: Virus
Application: Medical

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2. Modification of bacteria for degradation of PET in the environment

To help solving world-wide pollution of oceans with macro and micro plastics.

Situation: Test field
Organism: Bacteria
Application: Environment

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3. Modification of a non-conventional yeast using CRISPR-Cas9

For more cost efficient and sustainable production of fine chemicals, oils and recombinant proteins.

Situation: Lab
Organism: Fungus
Application: Industrial

scenario card

4. Testing modified tobacco plants with improved photosynthesis in the field

To study the effects of photosynthesis modifications to increase yields in a model plant.

Situation: Test field
Organism: Plant
Application: Food/product

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5. Inoculate honeybees against deadly mites and viruses

Use genetically engineered bacteria to protect honeybees from a deadly trend known as colony collapse due to varroa mites and deformed wing virus.

Situation: Test field
Organism: Bacteria
Application: Animals

scenario card

6. Gene editing of chicken cells in the lab

To apply in chicken breeding and prevent outbreaks of bird flu in chicken farming. This will limit the chance of new human flu virus varieties developing.

Situation: Lab
Organism: Animal
Application: Food/product

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7. Gene drives in rats, possums and weasels

To get rid of invasive mammals that pose a threat to native birds in New Zealand.

Situation: Lab
Organism: Animals
Application: Animals

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8. Genetically modified T cells for immunotherapy

Recognise a patient's cancer cells and fight the cancer when returned to the patient.

Situation: Lab
Organism: Humans
Application: Medical

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9. Engineering metabolism of plants for specific root exudates

To promote plant growth on acid soils that suffer from aluminium toxicity stress.

Situation: Test field
Organism: Plant
Application: Improve resistance

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10. Engineering soil bacterium to become a microbial cell factory

Engineer the *Pseudomonas putida* bacterium to produce isoprenoids (such as lycopene) which can be used in pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, nutrition, colourants and biofuel.

Situation: Lab
Organism: Bacteria
Application: Food/product

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11. Create chimeric viruses by combining noroviruses from various animals

To study disease course, multiplication and host specificity of norovirus. Combinations of the virus comes from humans, mice and pigs, among other things.

Situation: Lab
Organism: Virus
Application: Disease course study

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12. Develop a vaccine by genetic modification

Modify the African Swine Fever Virus in High Containment in Lelystad. ASFV can cause a highly contagious and serious disease in pigs and is therefore classified in pathogenicity class 4.

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Organism: Virus
Application: Animals

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13. SARS-CoV-2 research team is strengthened with new employees due to pandemic

A new employee from outside the EU makes long days and continues work in the weekends. Neither direct colleagues nor supervisor are aware of how often this person works alone.

Situation: Lab
Organism: Virus
Application: Medical

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14. Non-pathogenic strain has developed pathogenic properties

When discussing the results of an experiment, a non-pathogenic bacterial strain has developed pathogenic properties. This gives new insights into genetic factors.

Situation: Lab
Organism: Bacteria
Application: Medical

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15. Confidential report is taken home on a USB

An employee decides to work from home on a confidential report. The sensitive information is home with them on an USB drive.

Situation: Home
Organism: Humans
Application: Confidentiality

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16. Police officer enters high-risk lab unprotected

A forced lock to a high containment laboratory is investigated. It looks like a burglary. The police investigating the scene enters the lab unprotected.

Situation: Lab
Application: Security and safety

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17. Fire department starts extinguishing fire without lab supervision

The fire department is dispatched in the middle of the night after the fire alarm went off. They start fire extinguishing procedures immediately.

Situation: Lab
Application: Safety procedures

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18. Sensitive communication of high risk experiment results via email

During international collaboration, techniques and results are communicated via email. These technique and results include high-risk laboratory experiments at BSL-3 level.

Situation: Lab
Organism: Various
Application: Collaboration

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