

# H5N1 Merry-Go- Round

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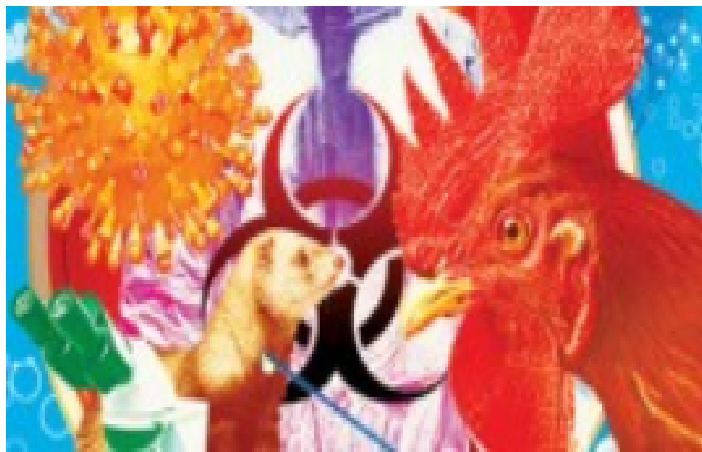
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## Deliberating Over Danger

The creation of H5N1 bird flu strains that are transmissible between mammals has thrown



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# Timeline of Events, 2006/2011

- Call for proposal (NIAID) and grant submission
- Construction of Influenza Research Institute
- UW-Madison Review [biosafety and dual use]
  - Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC)
  - Biosecurity Task Force (BTF)
- Risk assessment; BSL3+/BSL3Ag



# Timeline of Events, Continued 2011/2012

- Aug: Manuscript submitted to Nature (cc. CDC)
- Aug 30: Meeting with the Chancellor, et al.
- Sep 09: The Movie, Contagion



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# The UW-Madison Conclusion

- The point is that we are conducting well-thought out important research in first-rate facilities under the strictest conditions of biosafety and security, which ensures that the asymptote of risk is as close to zero as possible.

