I have noticed that too, probably happened when we tried to simplify the chimeric virus paragraph, and I think Ralph had added the attenuation sentence relative to M15 in mice…

What was reported in the NM paper was that the SHC014-rMA15 chimeric virus was less pathogenic than M15, but more so than the chimeric M15 virus with the original Urbani Spike-gene in M15, probably due to one of the 6 mutations in the M15 S gene.

See old sentence:
Due to the elevated pathogenic activity of the SHC014-MA15 chimeric virus relative to the original human Urbani S-MA15 chimeric virus in mice, such experiments with SHC014- MA15 chimeric virus are considered as gain of function (GOF) studies…

I will try to fix this.

Thanks,

-Lishan
highlighted in yellow lines 124-133. The first part says chimeric virus is attenuated producing less antigen than MA15 but the next part says it has elevated activity- this seems contradictory

I remain concerned about the insertion of the furin site

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We agreed to add this link to the proof to the third paragraph regarding RaTG13.

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