# SO21 Virtue Ethics AC Frontlines

### AT Autonomy

#### [1] Extend Opderbeck 2 and 3 – A) Practices that create an ethical community come first – only an ethical community can dictate and pass on what it means to be virtuous in the first place. Autonomy can’t be a virtue since it is only concerned with a single individual, so their offense doesn’t apply B) C/A procedural offense comes first. The aff outweighs – it allows more people to engage under the framework instead of a selective amount of pharma companies – their autonomy offense doesn’t affect the ability of agents to pursue a good character.

#### [2] Turn – extend Opderbeck 3 – pharma companies are limiting the freedom of agents since the information normal people can develop is dependent on the choice of pharma companies – reducing patents allows agents to be free from these constraints.

### AT Innovation

#### [1] Turn – the framework allows more people to be able to create ideas – open sourcing means that people will have a higher chance at being able to invent new ideas.

#### [2] NUQ – there’s no reason why pharma companies need patents to innovate – double bind either a) they’re doing it for the money which is bad because they’re greedy, which is a vice, or b) they’re doing it because they want to which means they’ll still innovate and be creative so they can still have those virtues

#### [3] Extend Opderbeck – researchers enter into an agreement when they use public benefits like other people’s research so not reducing patent protections destroys the purpose of research, which hinders excellence.

### AT Sportsmanship

#### [1] Turn – the framework allows more people to be able to test each other’s ideas – open sourcing means that people will have a higher chance at being able to invent new things and critique them instead of having them locked behind patents.

#### [2] NUQ – there’s no reason why pharma companies need patents to compete – double bind either a) they’re doing it for the money which is bad because they’re greedy, which is a vice, or b) they’re doing it because they want to which means they’ll still compete and be creative so they can still have those virtues

#### [3] Turn – having patent protections makes companies more secretive and less likely to share, which means they won’t be able to develop sportsmanship – removing patents removes the pressure so they’ll be able to be virtuous without fearing for the consequences

### AT Honor/Free Riding

#### [1] Not free riding – companies in the future develop vaccines knowing that there will be reduced IP protections, so they take their own risks

#### [2] Withholding info is a vice – double bind either companies do it for the profit which is the vice of greed or they don’t do it for the profit and have no reason to care if people use their ideas.