

# XeriJect™: Enabling subcutaneous delivery of high-concentration monoclonal antibodies

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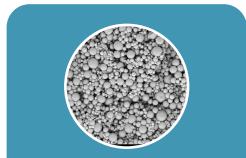
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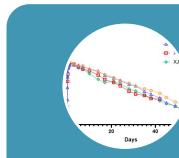
# XeriJect™ Enables Subcutaneous Delivery of High Concentration Monoclonal Antibodies



High-concentration viscoelastic suspensions



Pharmaceutical elegant presentation



Pharmacokinetics comparable to aqueous formulations



Good injection site tolerability

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from ancient Greek ξηρός  
(xērós, meaning "dry")



Corporate Headquarters &  
Product Development Center  
*Fulton Market*



Founded  
2005

2006

1<sup>st</sup> Xeriject™  
Patent



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2019



Gvoke PFS/  
HypoPen®  
FDA Approved Sep

2021



Ogluo® EMA  
Approved Feb



Xeris acquired  
StrongBridge Oct



Xeriject™  
partnership Oct



FDA Approved Dec



REGENERON

Xeriject™  
partnership Nov



171 patents globally  
issued (34 in US)  
111 patent applications  
pending globally (16 in US)  
60 technology patents

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# Subcutaneous vs. Intravenous Administration of Monoclonal Antibodies

## Benefits of SC Administration vs. IV<sup>1</sup>

- Shorter clinic/office visits for the patient
- Optimized use of resources (Cost Savings)
- Self-administration is possible
- Less invasive than IV administration
- IV requires placement of port systems with risk of systemic infections

## Challenges of SC Administration vs. IV<sup>1</sup>

- Administration of larger fluid volumes<sup>\*\*</sup>
- Minimization of adverse events at the injection site
- Absorption and bioavailability

**\*\*Xeriject™ Enables Delivery of Monoclonal Antibodies by Short SC Injection via High Concentration, Low Volume Formulation**

<sup>1</sup>Jackisch C, et.al. Subcutaneous Administration of Monoclonal Antibodies in Oncology. *Geburtshilfe Frauenheilkd.* 2014;74(4):343-349

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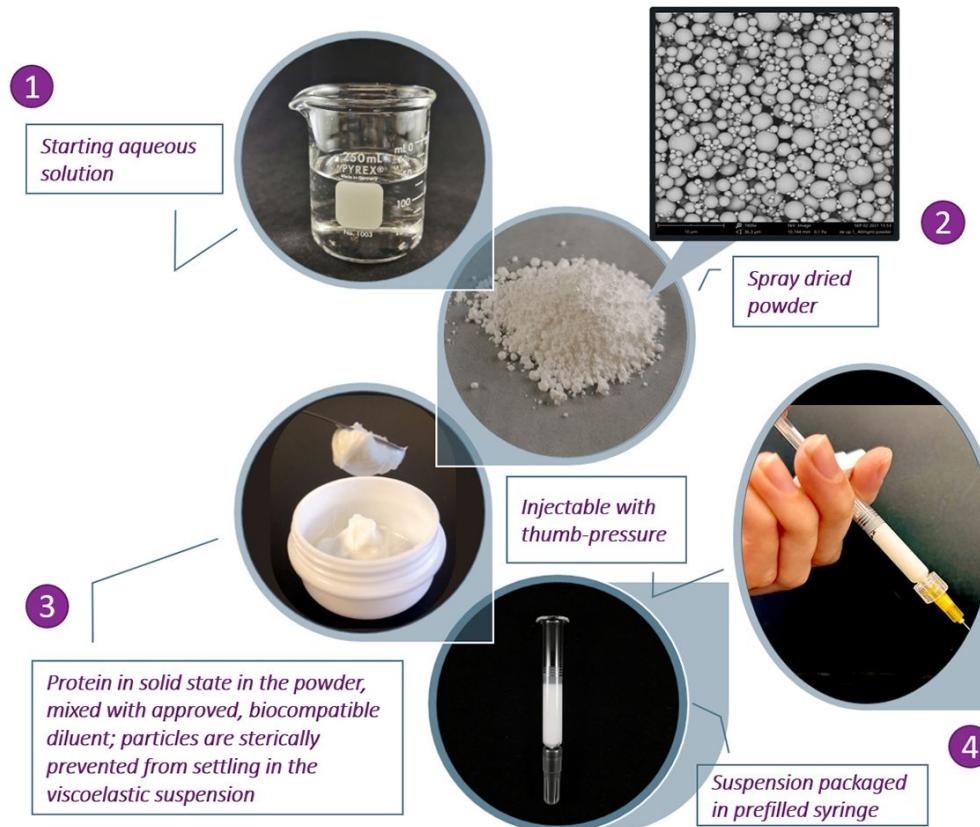
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# Xeriject™: Stability of a Solid + Syringeability of a Fluid Common, Scalable Pharmaceutical Processes<sup>1,2</sup>



## KEY FEATURES

**Ready-to-use:**  
No reconstitution or mixing required

**High drug loading / low injection volume**  
(> 400 mg/mL)

**Short Injection time**  
(< 30 seconds, up to 2mL)

**Administered IM and SC through**  
standard PFS syringes and needles

**Long-term 2-8° C stability**  
Improved CRT stability

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# Xeriject™ Formulation Platform



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# XeriJect™ Formulation Platform<sup>1,2</sup>

## Manufacturing Process

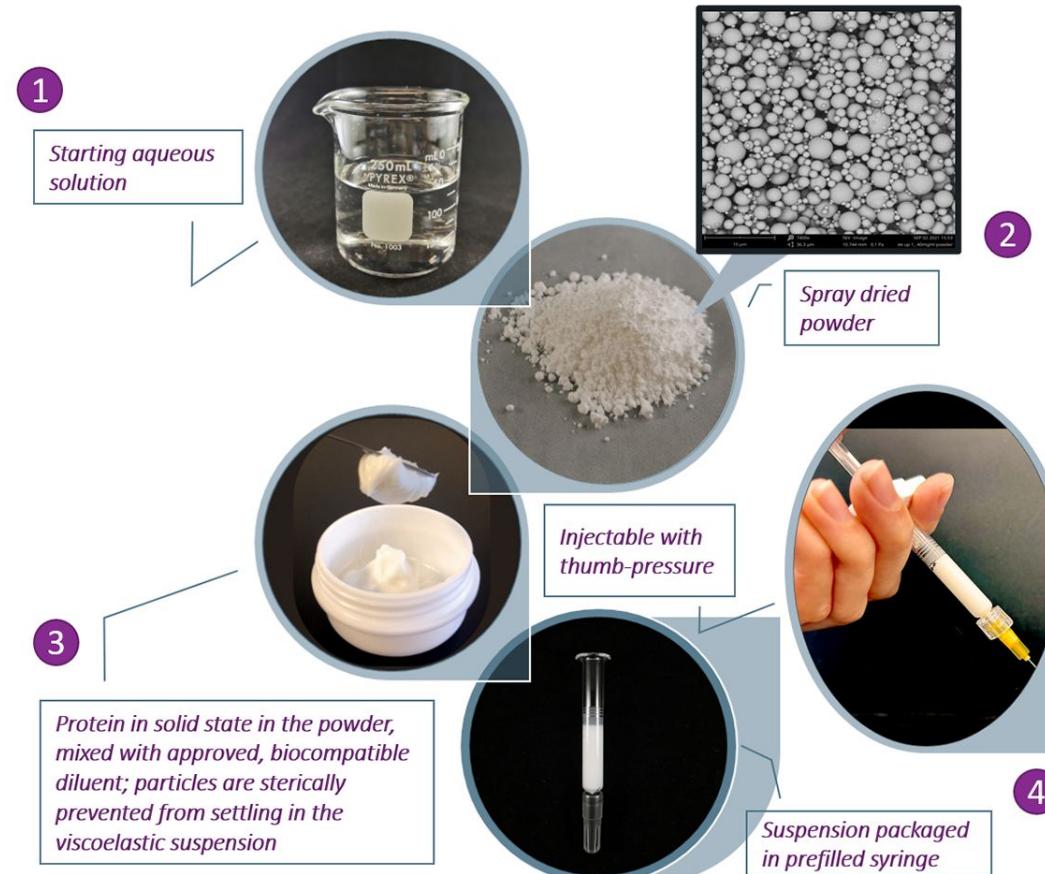
- Formulation Composition/Excipients
- Primary Powder Drying
- Secondary Powder Drying
- Powder Blending with nonaqueous diluent to form Viscoelastic Suspension (VES)

## Powder Characterization

- Morphology
- Particle Size and Size Distribution

## XeriJect™ Characterization

- Trastuzumab Concentration
- Injection Force
- Stability



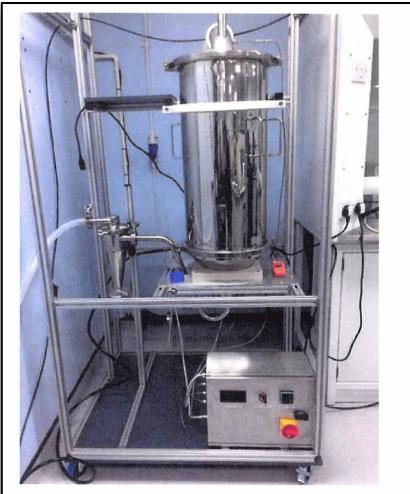
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# XeriJect™ Formulation Platform<sup>1,2</sup>

## Spray drying

- Standard spray drying process with custom designed proprietary equipment
- Highly scalable



## Suspension mixing

- Planetary-centrifugation mixer to create viscoelastic suspensions



## Syringe filling/piston placement

- Commercial suspension filling and piston placement instruments



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# Formulation Components<sup>1,2</sup>

Aqueous mAb solution is processed to a powder

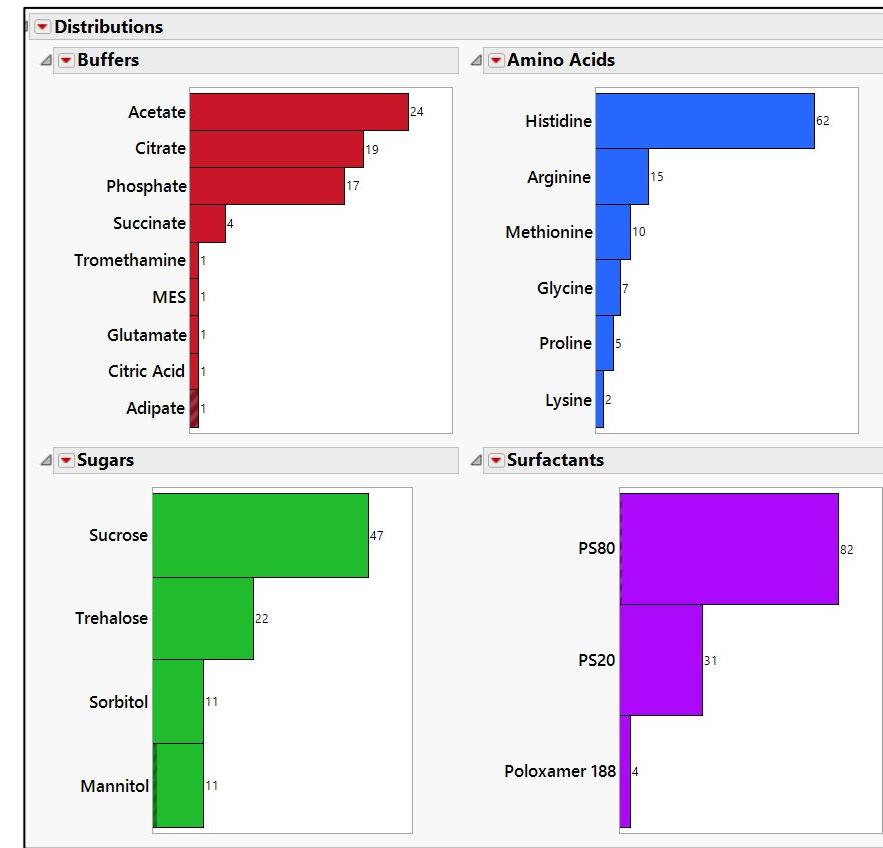
- Spray drying in a common approach

Spray dryer feed solution contains mAb and common excipients found in commercial mAb drug products selected from:

- Buffers
- Amino Acids
- Sugars
- Surfactants

Powders are secondary dried to reduce moisture content to < 2% (w/w) before blending into VES formulation

Formulation Excipients found in 124 Commercial mAb Drug Products<sup>2,3</sup>



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<sup>3</sup>FDA Purple Book. Updated July 11, 2023. Accessed July 1, 2023. <https://purplebooksearch.fda.gov/>

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# XeriJect™ Viscoelastic Suspension (VES)

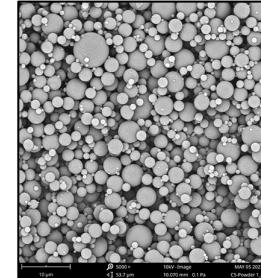
Spray dried powder is blended with diluent to yield viscoelastic suspension<sup>1,2</sup>

- Powder concentration in the VES exceeds > 600 mg/mL
- Blending process does not impact particle size and morphology

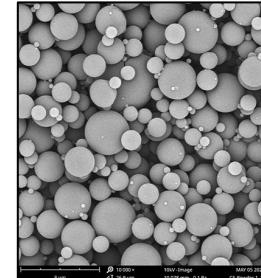
Spray Dried Powder



Powder (5kx)



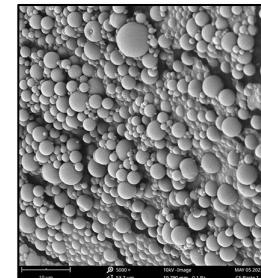
Powder (10kx)



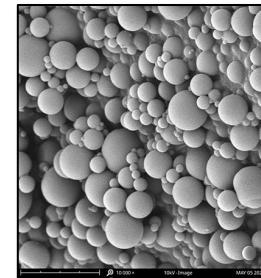
Blended VES



VES (5kx)



VES (10kx)



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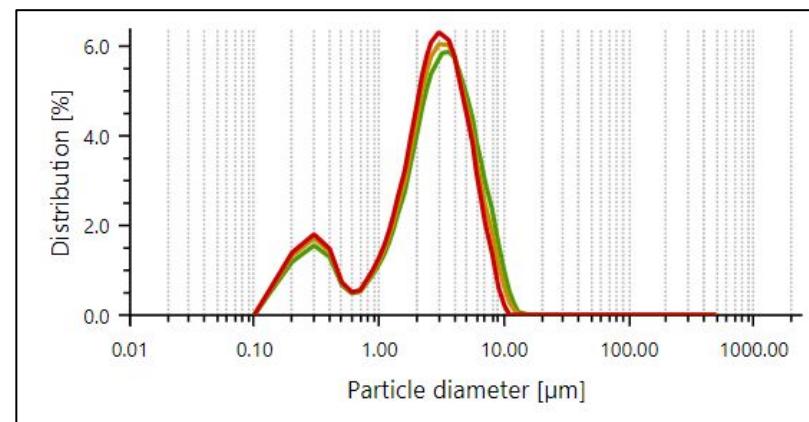
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# Powder Particle Size Distribution<sup>1,2</sup>

- The spray drying process parameters yield small particle populations ( $D_{90} < 10 \mu\text{m}$ ) having distinct fines population
- Smaller particles fill in the void volumes between larger particles and maximize powder loading

| Particle size distribution requirements | $D_{10}$            | $D_{50}$                | $D_{90}$           | Span $(D_{90} - D_{10}) / D_{50}$ |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
|   | < 0.8 $\mu\text{m}$ | 2.0 – 4.0 $\mu\text{m}$ | < 10 $\mu\text{m}$ | 1.5 – 2.5                         |

Typical Particle Size Distribution



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# XeriJect™ Syringe Filling<sup>1,2</sup>

- XeriJect™ formulations are filled into standard 1 mL and 2.25 mL syringes



Lab-Scale  
Syringe Filler



Syringes Filled  
and Stoppered



XeriJect™ Filled  
1-mL Long PFS

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# XeriJect™ Monoclonal Antibody Stability<sup>1,2</sup>

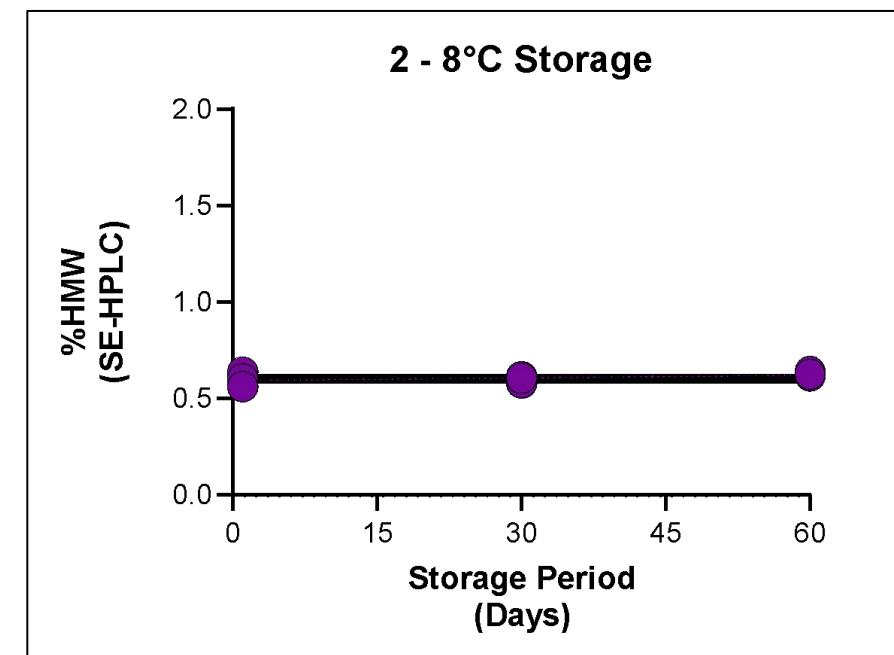
**XeriJect™ Trastuzumab formulations supporting non-clinical studies exhibited excellent short-term stability**

- ~ 0.2% increase in High Molecular Weight (HMW) products over 2mo. (2 – 8°C)

**Longer-term (6 month) storage stability with other XeriJect™ monoclonal antibody formulations showed similar profiles**

- Refrigerated (2 – 8°C): < 0.50% increase in HMW products
- Controlled Room Temperature (25°C): < 2.0% increase in HMW products

## XeriJect™ Trastuzumab Formulation Short-term Stability



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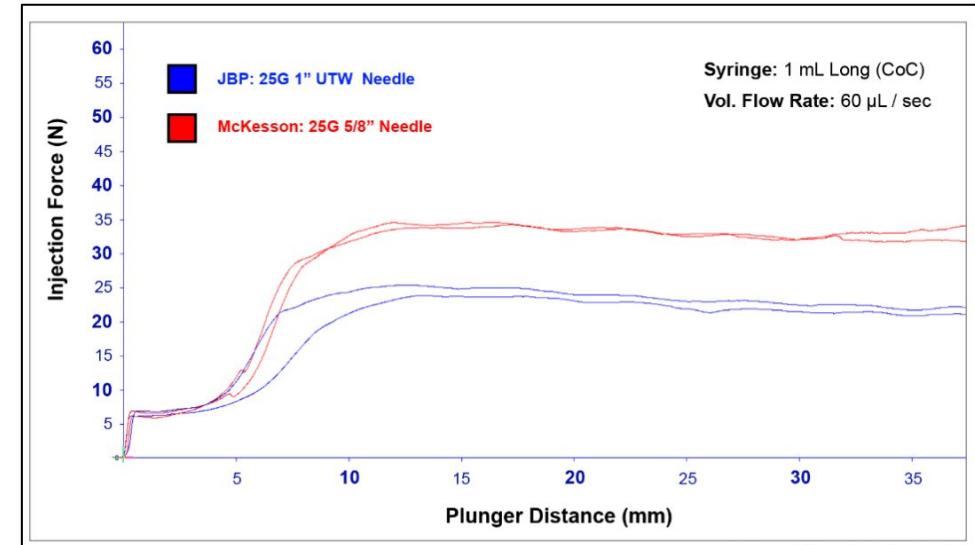
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# XeriJect™ Injectability<sup>1,2</sup>

- XeriJect™ formulations are Non-Newtonian fluids with shear-thinning behavior
- XeriJect™ formulations are viscous but can be delivered through standard syringes and needles with suitable injection forces
- Multiple XeriJect™ trastuzumab formulations prepared during development have antibody contents > 400 mg/mL with injection forces < 30 N

## Injection Force of 1 mL Syringe with 25G Needles



| % Solids Content (w/w) | Trastuzumab Content (mg/mL) | Break-Loose Force (N) | Mean Glide Force (N) |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 60                     | 477                         | 5.0                   | 21.4                 |
| 60                     | 429                         | 5.4                   | 21.3                 |
| 64                     | 522                         | 4.0                   | 26.1                 |
| 62                     | 451                         | 6.8                   | 19.9                 |

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# Xeriject™ Preclinical Results

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# Nonclinical Evaluation of XeriJect™ Formulated Monoclonal Antibodies for Subcutaneous Injection

- **Pharmacokinetics in Minipigs**

- XeriJect™ Trastuzumab SC vs. Herceptin® IV and Herceptin Hylecta® SC <sup>1,2,3,5</sup>
- XeriJect™ Bevacizumab vs. Avastin® administered IV and SC <sup>1,2,4,6</sup>

- **Local Tolerance<sup>2</sup>**

- XeriJect™ Vehicle local tolerance in minipigs
- XeriJect™ Trastuzumab vs. Herceptin Hylecta® local tolerance in rabbits

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# XeriJect™ Trastuzumab Pharmacokinetics<sup>1-4</sup>

## Pharmacokinetic Study Design

- 12 Female Göttingen Minipigs
- Single dose (IV or SC)
- Plasma samples over 21 days

## Groups

| Formulation           | Dose                 | N | Body Weight | Dose Conc (mg/mL) | Dose (mL) |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---|-------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Herceptin®            | 10 mg/kg IV (90 min) | 4 | 11.4 kg     | 21 mg/mL          | 5.3 mL    |
| Herceptin Hylecta®    | 120 mg SC            | 4 | 10.6 kg     | 120 mg/mL         | 1 mL      |
| XeriJect™ Trastuzumab | 120 mg SC            | 4 | 10.9 kg     | 432 mg/mL         | 0.28 mL   |

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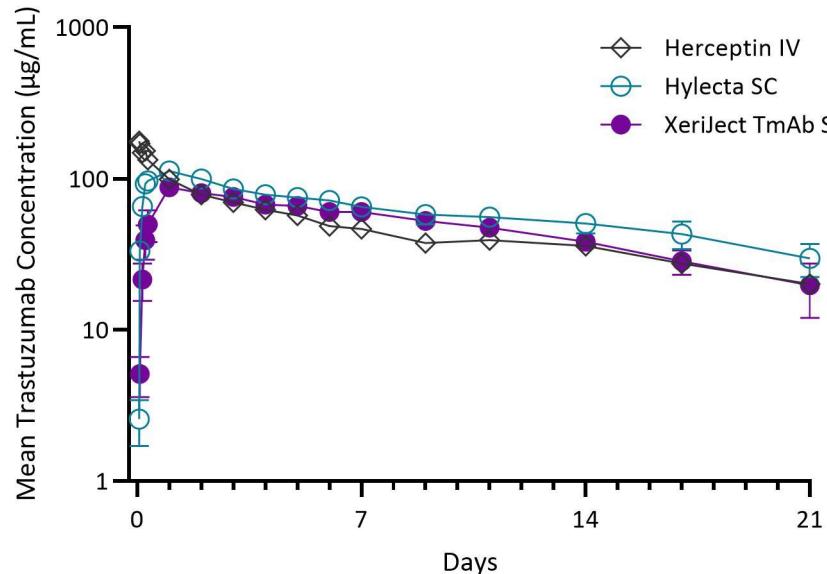
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# XeriJect™ Trastuzumab Pharmacokinetics<sup>1-4</sup>



## Absorption

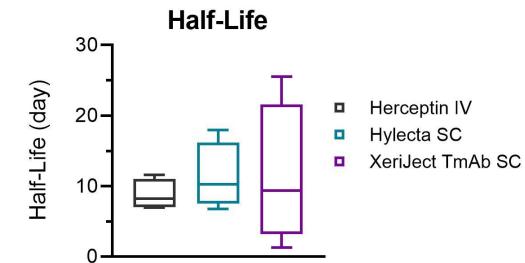
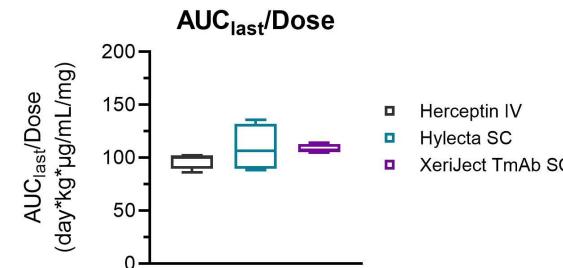
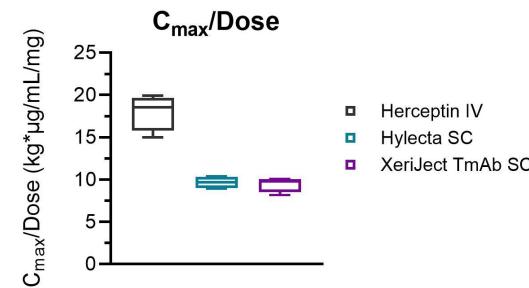
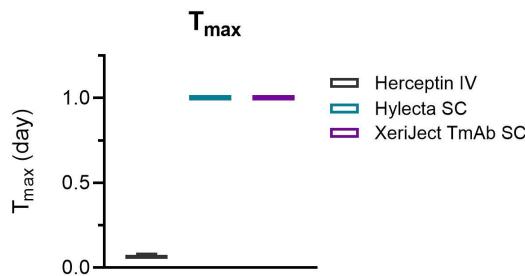
XeriJect™ group demonstrates similar absorption to reference drug administered SC

## Exposure

XeriJect™ group demonstrates similar exposure to reference drug administered SC

## Elimination

XeriJect™ group demonstrates similar elimination curve to reference drugs administered IV and SC



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# XeriJect™ Bevacizumab Pharmacokinetics<sup>1-4</sup>

## Pharmacokinetic Study Design

- 12 Female Göttingen Minipigs
- Single dose (IV or SC)
- Plasma samples over 60 days

## Groups

| Formulation           | Dose      | N | Body Weight | Dose Conc (mg/mL) | Dose (mL) |
|-----------------------|-----------|---|-------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Avastin®              | 100 mg IV | 4 | 11 kg       | 26 mg/mL          | 4.1 mL    |
| Avastin®              | 100 mg SC | 4 | 11 kg       | 26 mg/mL          | 4.1 mL    |
| XeriJect™ Bevacizumab | 100 mg SC | 4 | 11 kg       | 439 mg/mL         | 0.21 mL   |

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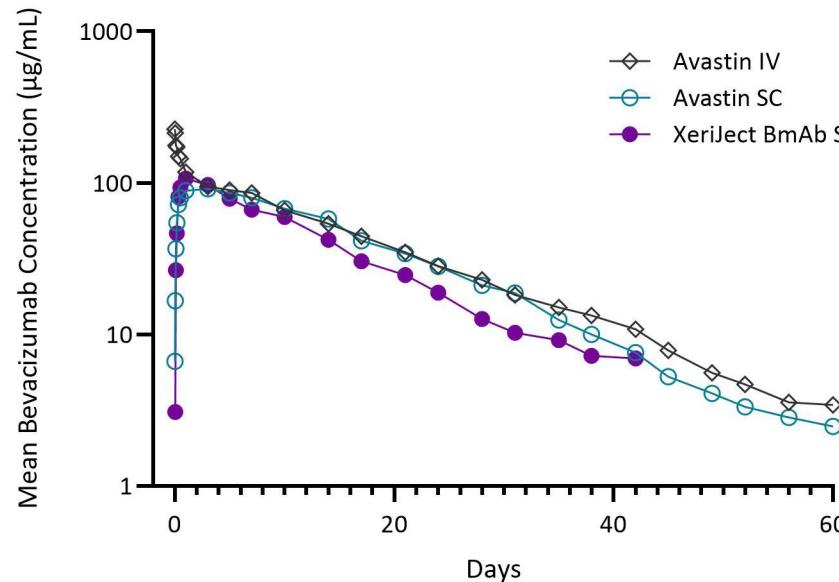
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# XeriJect™ Bevacizumab Pharmacokinetics<sup>1-4</sup>



## Absorption

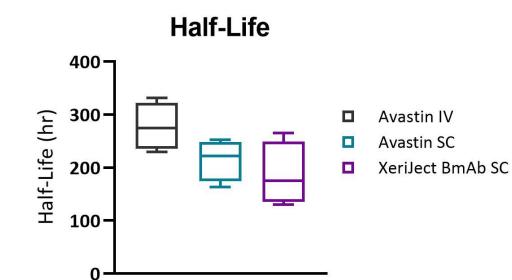
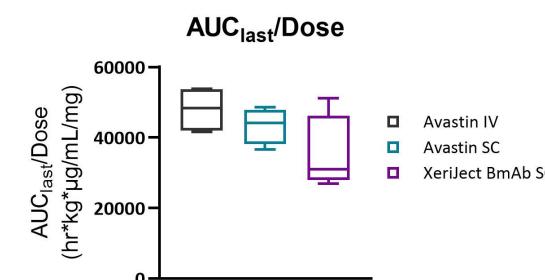
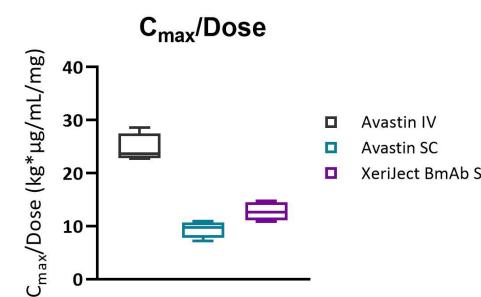
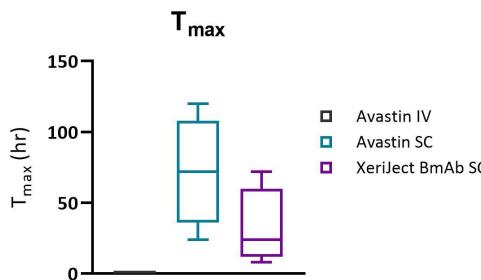
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## Exposure

XeriJect™ group demonstrates similar exposure to reference drug administered SC

## Elimination

XeriJect™ group demonstrates similar elimination curve to reference drugs administered SC



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# XeriJect™ Vehicle Local Tolerance in Minipigs<sup>1</sup>

## Local Tolerance Study Design

- 6 Female Göttingen Minipigs
- Single injection SC
- Monitor daily for 14 days (Draize)

## Groups

| Formulation           | N | Body Weight | Dose (mL) |
|-----------------------|---|-------------|-----------|
| XeriJect™ Vehicle – 1 | 3 | 17-23 kg    | 0.3 mL    |
| XeriJect™ Vehicle - 3 | 3 | 17-23 kg    | 0.3 mL    |

## Injection Site Reactions

No adverse injection site reactions

Highest score = 1: slight erythema/very slight edema

- 5 animals score = 0
- 1 animal score = 1

| Draize Score Key |   |       |  |
|------------------|---|-------|--|
| Erythema         |   | Edema |  |
| 0                | None  | 0     | None   |
| 1                | Slight  | 1     | Very Slight  |
| 2                | Well-defined  | 2     | Slight (well-defined edges)                                      |
| 3                | Moderate or severe                                    | 3     | Moderate (raised > 1 mm)   |
| 4                | Severe or slight eschar formation (injuries in depth) | 4     | Severe (raised > 1 mm and extending beyond the area of exposure) |

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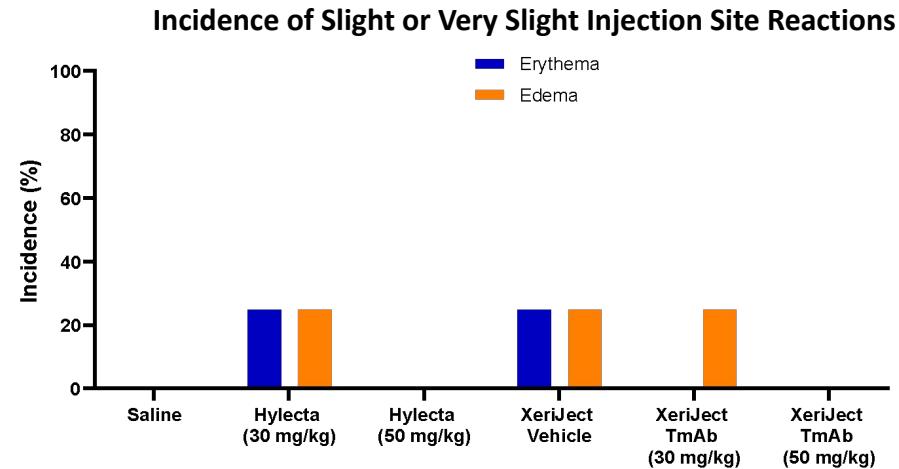
# XeriJect™ Trastuzumab Local Tolerance in Rabbits<sup>1</sup>

## Local Tolerance Study Design

- 24 Female NZW Rabbits
- Single injection SC
- Monitor daily for 14 days (Draize)

## Groups

| Formulation           | Dose        | N | Body Weight | Dose Conc (mg/mL) | Max Dose Vol (mL) |
|-----------------------|-------------|---|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Saline                | 0 mg/kg SC  | 4 | 3 kg        | -                 | 1.3 mL            |
| Herceptin Hylecta®    | 30 mg/kg SC | 4 | 3 kg        | 120 mg/mL         | 0.8 mL            |
| Herceptin Hylecta®    | 50 mg/kg SC | 4 | 3 kg        | 120 mg/mL         | 1.3 mL            |
| XeriJect™ Vehicle     | 0 mg/kg SC  | 4 | 3 kg        | -                 | 0.4 mL            |
| XeriJect™ Trastuzumab | 30 mg/kg SC | 4 | 3 kg        | 376 mg/mL         | 0.24 mL           |
| XeriJect™ Trastuzumab | 50 mg/kg SC | 4 | 3 kg        | 376 mg/mL         | 0.4 mL            |



## Injection Site Reactions

No adverse injection site reactions

Highest score = 1: (slight erythema/very slight edema)

- Low incidence (1 out of 4)
- Not observed in every XeriJect™ group

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# Xeriject™ Formulation Technology<sup>1,2</sup>

**Xeriject™ viscoelastic suspension enables delivery of high concentration monoclonal antibodies in a low SC injection**

- Standard pharmaceutical operations and excipients (proprietary parameters)
- Delivered by standard syringes and needles SC with suitable injection forces
- Long term stability at 2-8° C, with potential for CRT stability
- Preclinical validation in pharmacokinetic model, no adverse injection site reactions

<sup>1</sup> US Patent Publ. No. 2023/0085357 A1 <sup>2</sup>Data on file, Xeris Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 2023

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# XeriJect™ is rapidly progressing to GMP manufacturing and clinical studies

- Routine formulation development at lab scale
  - 3 processing suites
- In-house production for GLP toxicology studies
  - Very low bioburden, endotoxin
- 3 Internal research and development projects
  - 2 mAbs, 1 recombinant protein
- Preclinical validation in large animal model
  - Favorable PK/Tolerance results

GLP Toxicology Study in progress
- Active collaborations with top biopharma companies
  - Several in late-stage negotiations
- Demonstrate Clinical trial material production (est 2024)
  - Next step: First-in-Human study with XeriJect mAb Formulation

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